Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., 11, 6845–6874, 2011 www.atmos-chem-phys-discuss.net/11/6845/2011/ doi:10.5194/acpd-11-6845-2011 © Author(s) 2011. CC Attribution 3.0 License.



This discussion paper is/has been under review for the journal Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics (ACP). Please refer to the corresponding final paper in ACP if available.

α -Pinene Nitrates: synthesis, yields and atmospheric chemistry

S. X. Ma¹, J. D. Rindelaub¹, K. M. McAvey¹, P. D. Gagare¹, B. A. Nault¹, P. V. Ramachandran¹, and P. B. Shepson^{1,2}

¹Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, 560 Oval Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47907, USA ²Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Purdue University, 550 Stadium Mall Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47907, USA

Received: 1 February 2011 - Accepted: 16 February 2011 - Published: 28 February 2011

Correspondence to: P. B. Shepson (pshepson@purdue.edu)

Published by Copernicus Publications on behalf of the European Geosciences Union.

6845

Abstract

The biogenic volatile organic compound α -pinene is one of the dominant monoterpenes emitted to the Earth's atmosphere at an estimated rate of ~50 Tg yr⁻¹. Its atmospheric oxidation products in the presence of NO can lead to ozone production, as

- s well as production of secondary organic aerosol (SOA). The major oxidation pathway of α -pinene is reaction with OH, which in the presence of NO can form either α -pinene nitrates or convert NO to NO₂, which can photolyze to form ozone. In this work, we successfully synthesized four α -pinene hydroxy nitrates through three different routes, and have identified the 4 individual isomers in α -pinene/OH/NO reaction chamber ex-
- ¹⁰ periments. From the experiments, we determined their individual production yields, estimated the total RONO₂ yield, and calculated the relative branching ratios of the nitrate precursor peroxy radicals (RO₂). The combined yield of the four α -pinene nitrates was found to be 13.0 (±0.7) % at atmospheric pressure and 296 K, and the total organic nitrate yield was estimated to be 0.19 (+0.10/-0.06). We also determined the
- ¹⁵ OH rate constants for two of the isomers, and have calculated their overall atmospheric lifetimes, which range between 22 and 38 h.

1 Introduction

Biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) account for more than 1200 Tg yr^{-1} of emitted carbon in the atmosphere (Guenther et al., 2003), which include isoprene

- ²⁰ (C₅H₈), monoterpenes (C₁₀H₁₆), and sesquiterpenes (C₁₅H₃₂). Isoprene and monoterpenes account for over 50% of global BVOC emissions, with isoprene emitted at a rate of ~500 Tg yr⁻¹ and monoterpenes emitted at a rate of ~127 Tg yr⁻¹ (Guenther et al., 2003, 2006). While not as dominant as isoprene in terms of total emissions, global α -pinene emissions of 50–60 Tg yr⁻¹ (Guenther et al., 2003, 2006) are on the
- order of global anthropogenic hydrocarbon emissions (Isaksen and Hov, 1987). In mid-latitude regions, such as the Mediterranean, α -pinene has been measured to sig-

Discussion Paper

nificantly exceed isoprene (Kalabokas et al, 1997; Owen et al., 1997; Seufert et al., 1997). When compared to isoprene, α -pinene has ~3 times lower reactivity to the hydroxyl radical (OH), but relatively higher reactivity to ozone (O₃) and nitrate (NO₃) radicals, making its atmospheric oxidation significant in the accounting of regional tro-

⁵ pospheric O_3 and NO_x concentrations (Atkinson and Arey, 2003a, b). The oxidation products of α -pinene, similar to other terpene species, have recently been determined to generate large amounts of secondary organic aerosols (SOA) in the atmosphere, which impacts the global radiation budget (Andreae and Crutzen, 1997; Larsen et al., 2001; Lee et al., 2006; Librando and Tringali, 2005; Pathak et al., 2007; Steinbrecher et al., 2009).

A BVOC (R-H) reacting with OH undergoes either hydrogen abstraction (Reaction R1) or OH-addition (Reaction R2) across an olefinic double bond (if present).

$R - H + OH \rightarrow R + H_2O$ (hydrogen abstraction)	(R1)
\rightarrow RHOH(+O ₂) \rightarrow RO ₂ (OH addition)	(R2)

 $_{15} R \cdot + O_2 \rightarrow RO_2 \tag{R3}$

$RO_2 + NO + M \rightarrow RONO_2 + M$ (R4)

Both pathways can produce a radical that combines with O_2 (Reaction R3) to form a peroxy radical (RO₂). Peroxy radical (RO₂) species originating from the OH-initiated

oxidation of BVOCs can react either with NO through reactions 4 and 5 or, in the absence of NO_x, with HO₂ or RO₂to produce an organic peroxide or carbonyl compound (Atkinson and Arey, 2003a,b). Among the products, RO₂ can react with NO to form an unstable peroxy nitrite intermediate [ROONO^{*}] that decomposes into NO₂ and RO-(Reaction R5) or, less often, will rearrange to form a stable organic nitrate (Reaction R4) (Atkinson et al., 1982; Barker et al., 2003; Monks et al., 2009). The organic

6847

nitrate, RONO₂, formed from Reaction (R4) can serve as a reservoir of NO_x in the atmosphere. Although this pathway is often treated as a termination step in the oxidation pathway, it is likely that significant NO_x recycling occurs through further reactions with radical species, such as OH, as well as via photolysis (Horowitz et al., 2007; Monks et al., 2009).

₅ al., 2009).

At present, much is unknown regarding the α -pinene oxidation mechanism. Previous laboratory studies of α -pinene oxidation products (Aschmann et al., 2002; Grosjean et al., 1992; Hakola et al., 1994; Hatakeyama et al., 1991; Larsen et al., 2001; Lee et al., 2006; Nozière et al., 1999; Reissell et al., 1999; Ruppert et al., 1999; Orlando

- et al., 2000; Wisthaler et al., 2001; van den Bergh et al., 2000; Vinckier et al., 1998) focused on the yields of one or more key α -pinene aldehyde and ketone products such as pinonaldehyde, formaldehyde, and acetone. Aschmann et al. (2002) and Nozière et al. (1999) presented the only studies of the total gas-phase organic nitrate yields from α -pinene oxidation initiated by OH attack. However, the data from the two studies
- are considerably divergent (<1% for Aschmann et al. (2002) and 18% for Noziere et al., 1999), necessitating further experimental study of the reaction mechanism for α -pinene nitrate formation.

In this work, we have successfully synthesized four α -pinene hydroxy nitrates. They were separated, identified and detected in photochemical reaction chamber experi-

²⁰ ments. The individual production yields, total RONO₂ yield and the value for the branching ratios (α) were determined. We also measured the rate coefficients for the reaction of OH radical with two α -pinene hydroxy nitrates at atmospheric pressure and 296 K.

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

(R5)

2 Experimental

2.1 Synthesis of α -pinene hydroxy nitrates

We developed three methods to synthesize α -pinene hydroxy nitrates (APNs). Four compounds were synthesized: 2-hydroxypinene-3-nitrate (APN-A), 3-hydroxypinene-

- ⁵ 2-nitrate (APN-B), 6-hydroxy-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl nitrate (APN-C), and 6-hydroxymenthen-8-nitrate (APN-D) (Fig. 1). The synthetic procedures applied in this study are modifications of several techniques (Wängberg et al., 1997; Constantino et al., 2007; Rollins et al., 2010a) and are described in detail therein. All the reagents used for the synthesis and chromatography were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich (at ana-
- ¹⁰ lytical grade) and were used without further purification. The 'H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded with a Varian Inova 300 MHz spectrometer using $CDCl_3$ as the solvent. *Method 1*: method 1 employs α -pinene diol (99%) as the starting reagents for the synthesis of APN-A (Wängberg et al., 1997). The basic principle underlying this technique is the use of mild nitration reactions that differentiate between two unequivalent
- ¹⁵ OH groups in the reagent diol. A solution consisting of 17 mL 65% HNO₃ in 24 mL acetic anhydride was prepared by dropwise addition of HNO₃ and stirred. It was subsequently cooled to 0 °C via a methanol bath in a CryoCool immersion cooler before a solution containing 1.3 g α -pinene diol dissolved in 25 mL acetic anhydride was added. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at 0–10 °C and poured onto ice salt mixture into a
- separatory funnel. The mixture was extracted with 140 mL diethyl ether. The organic fraction was washed with 3 small portions of brine solution and dried over Na₂SO₄. The product, APN-A, was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:ethyl acetate, 9:1).

Method 2: α -Pinene hydroxy nitrates were also prepared using reactions between α -pinene epoxide (97%) with NbCl₅ (99%) (Constantino et al., 2007) followed by silver nitrate. A solution of α -pinene epoxide (1.52 g, 10.00 mmol) in anhydrous ethyl acetate

(10 mL) was added to a solution of niobium pentachloride (1.32 g, 5.00 mmol) in anhydrous ethyl acetate (10 mL) (maintained at -78 °C and under nitrogen atmosphere).

6849

The reaction mixture was stirred at the same temperature for 5 min. The reaction mixture was quenched with 20 mL of a 1:1 water:THF solution. The mixture was diluted with water and ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated and washed three times with 10 mL aliquots of 5% aqueous sodium bicarbonate and twice with 10 mL aliquots of

⁵ brine solution (NaCl). The organic layer was then dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate. The solvent was removed under vacuum, and the products were purified by silica gel column chromatography using a mixture of hexane and ethyl acetate (8:2) as eluent to give the chlorohydrins (I and II in Fig. 2) as pale yellow oils.

Powdered silver nitrate, at a 2:1 molecular ratio, was added to the chlorohydrins (I or 10 II) in 10 mL pure dry ether, and it was stirred at room temperature overnight to yield the products APN-C and APN-D.

Method 3: α -Pinene hydroxy nitrates were prepared by nitration of α -pinene epoxide (Rollins et al., 2010a). A 25 mL round bottom flask was flame dried, equipped with a stir bar, and a solution was added containing 6.52 mmol (1.07 mL) of α -pinene oxide

- ¹⁵ in 8 mL of dry diethyl ether. 3 mL of dry diethyl ether and 7.39 mmols (0.3 mL) of fuming nitric acid were added to another separate flame dried 25 mL round bottom flask, equipped with a stir bar. Under nitrogen, these flasks were cooled to -94 °C via a hexane/LN₂ bath. After cannulating the acid solution into the epoxide solution, the new mixture was kept at -94 °C for an additional hour. The reaction flask was then allowed
- ²⁰ to warm to room temperature over 12 h. The solution was washed several times with sodium bicarbonate to remove excess HNO_3 and then dried over sodium sulfate. Flash chromatography was extensively used for separating and obtaining α -pinene hydroxy nitrates. This synthesis procedure generated four α -pinene hydroxy nitrate isomers. A pure APN-C was purified by silica gel column chromatography.
- ²⁵ Identification of the two pure α -pinene hydroxy nitrates (APN-A and APN-C) was accomplished using ¹H and ¹³C NMR and GC-MS (EI, CI and negative CI), respectively. APN-D was identified using GC-MS analysis, which had a 104 *m/z* fragment ((CH₃)₂C⁺-ONO₂) and comparison of the chromatograms from method 2 and method 3 on a Varian 450-GC with a thermionic specific detector (GC-TSD), which had the

same retention time and the same elution temperature (~245 °C); additionally, method 2 could only yield product APN-D from the corresponding chlorohydrin II. The fourth α -pinene hydroxy nitrate produced from method 3 was determined as isomer APN-B, with a structure similar to APN-A, because of the similar mass spectrum and it is a possible product from method 3. Figures 1 and 2 show the structure of the four synthesized

 α -pinene hydroxy nitrates and the α -pinene hydroxy nitrates synthesis chemistry.

2.2 Photochemical reaction chamber experiments

A 5500 L Teflon photochemical reaction chamber was used to determine the yield of α -pinene nitrates from the reaction of OH with α -pinene in the presence of NO. UV

- radiation was provided to the chamber using 12 solar simulator lamps (UVA-340) surrounding the chamber. α -Pinene, isopropyl nitrite (IPN) and NO were injected into the chamber in a stream of N₂ to avoid oxidation of NO to NO₂. Initial concentrations were 200 ppb to 2 ppm of α -pinene, 20 ppm of IPN, and 200 ppb to 2 ppm of NO. IPN was used as the source of OH radicals, as shown in reactions 6–8 below. The chamber
- was irradiated for periods of 5 to 15 minutes and left dark during periods of analysis to suppress the production of O₃ and NO₃, ensuring that all α -pinene was consumed via reaction with OH and all RO₂ react with NO.

 $CH_3CH(ONO)CH_3 + h\upsilon \rightarrow CH_3CH(O)CH_3 + NO$ (R6)

$$CH_3CH(O)CH_3 + O_2 \rightarrow CH_3C(O)CH_3 + HO_2$$

$$HO_2 + NO \rightarrow OH + NO_2$$

The consumption of α -pinene during the photochemical reaction chamber experiments was measured using a HP 5890 Series II gas chromatograph with a flame ionization detector (GC-FID) that employed a RTX-1 column (30 m, 0.53 mm i.d., 1.0 µm film thickness, Restek). NO and NO_y concentrations were determined using a Chemiluminaceanae NO NO.

²⁵ luminescence NO-NO₂-NO_x Analyzer (Model 42, Thermo Environmental Instruments 6851

Inc, Franklin, MA). A UV Photometric O_3 Analyzer (Model 49, Thermo Environmental Instruments Inc, Franklin, MA) was used to determine ozone concentrations throughout the experiment.

- A Varian 450-GC with a thermionic specific detector (GC-TSD), which is specific for nitrogen and phosphorus compounds, was employed using a RTX-1701 column (30 m, 0.32 mm i.d., 1.0 μ m film thickness, Restek) to separate, identify and quantify the synthesized α -pinene nitrates. Samples were injected from a 10 ml sample loop connected to a 6-port valve. The GC temperature program was as follows: 80 °C for 2 min, 20 °C min⁻¹ to 250 °C, and held at 250 °C for 5 min. The PFA-Teflon sample line
- ¹⁰ and the 10 mL sample loop were heated to 70 °C and 100 °C, respectively, to avoid surface losses. The GC-TSD inlet, sample loop, and column were conditioned with a large gas phase concentration of the synthesized α -pinene nitrates to alleviate adsorptive losses of the APNs during experiments. The GC-TSD was calibrated using the pure synthesized 2-hydroxypinene-3-nitrate (APN-A) prepared in a PFA-Teflon bag. ¹⁵ We then assume identical sensitivity for all the α -pinene nitrates.

The total and individual α -pinene nitrate yields were determined using GC-TSD sampling from the photochemical reaction chamber. The GC peak assignments were conducted by comparing chromatograms from the synthesized APN standards with those from α -pinene/NO_x irradiation chamber experiments.

20 2.3 OH Rate Constant Experiments

The rate constants for the reaction of α -pinene hydroxy nitrates with OH were determined using the relative rate method (Aschmann and Atkinson, 2008). OH radicals were generated via photolysis of hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂) and approximately ~200–500 ppb of each synthesized α -pinene hydroxy nitrate was rapidly injected into the

chamber. Toluene and benzene were used as the relative rate reference compounds for APN-A and APN-C, respectively. The compounds were allowed to mix for 5 min. The mixture was irradiated with solar simulator lamps that surround the reaction chamber. The peak heights for the APNs were determined throughout the experiment using

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper |

(R7) (R8) GC/TSD as described above. The consumption of the relative rate reference compound during the photochemical reaction chamber experiments was measured using GC-FID as described above. Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

$$\frac{1}{t} \cdot \ln\left\{\frac{\text{APN}_0}{\text{APN}_t}\right\} = \frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{k_{\text{APN}}}{k_{\text{REF}}} \ln\left\{\frac{\text{REF}_0}{\text{REF}_t}\right\} + k_{\text{wl}}$$
(1)

The APN rate constants were determined by plotting $(1/t)\cdot\ln([APN]_0/[APN]_t)$ vs. (1/t)·ln([REF]_0/[REF]_t) and fitting the data linearly. APN₀, REF₀, APN_t, and REF_t are the concentrations of each APN isomer and reference compound (REF) at time t_0 and t, respectively. The slope and intercept of the least squares fit were equal to k_{APN}/k_{REF} and k_{wl} , respectively. Equation (1) shows the relative rate equation, where k_{wl} is the

appropriate first order APN wall loss rate constant (s⁻¹). The OH rate constants used for the reference compounds were $5.63(\pm 0.26) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ (toluene) and $1.22(\pm 0.09) \times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ (benzene) (Atkinson and Arey, 2003a).

3 Results and discussion

Six experiments involving the OH oxidation of α -pinene in the presence of NO were conducted in the photochemical reaction chamber. During each experiment, samples were taken from the chamber at 15 min intervals.

A typical chromatogram from an α -pinene/OH/NO irradiation experiment is shown in Fig. 3. The four identified α -pinene nitrates eluted from the column at retention times ranging from ~10–11 min. The letters in Fig. 3 correspond to the APNs pro-

duced in the yield experiment, 2-hydroxypinene-3-nitrate (APN-A), 3-hydroxypinene-2-nitrate (APN-B), 6-hydroxy-1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl nitrate (APN-C), and 6-hydroxymenthen-8-nitrate (APN-D) (Fig. 1). Some isopropyl nitrate, which elutes at ~4.0 min, was also produced from the 2-propoxy radicals generated by the photolysis of isopropyl nitrite. This nitrate was not included in the integrated total organic

6853

nitrate concentration. A major objective for this study was the determination of the yields of the identified individual APN isomers.

3.1 Possible reaction mechanism

Here we propose and discuss the likely mechanism supporting a major result of this work, which is the identification and quantification of α -pinene hydroxy nitrates A-D. The products of reaction of α -pinene and OH radicals in the presence of NO include two α , β -hydroxy nitrates named APN-A and APN-B, as well as two hydroxy nitrates from rearrangement named APN-C and APN-D. In particular, identification of APN-C and APN-D has important implications for the α -pinene oxidation mechanism.

- The degradation of α -pinene is initiated primarily by the OH radical addition to the C = C double bond, producing the α -pinene-OH adduct radicals which can lead to either P1OH, a secondary radical, or P2OH, a tertiary radical, as seen in Fig. 4. The P1OH adduct will react rapidly with O₂, forming the corresponding peroxy radical R1. Under atmospheric conditions with NO present, peroxy radical R1 will quickly form a
- peroxynitrite that will, in part, isomerize to nitrate APN-A. The major pathway of the peroxynitrite is dissociation to form the alkoxy radical and NO₂. The subsequent C-C bond cleavage in the alkoxy radical (proposed by Nozière et al., 1999) and O₂ addition produces pinonaldehyde, a compound that is expected to be a major product under atmospheric conditions.
- The tertiary radical, P2OH, can react rapidly with O₂, forming the corresponding peroxy radical R2 (Fig. 4). R2 will quickly react to form a peroxynitrite in the presence of NO, of which a minor fraction will, as noted above, isomerize to form nitrate APN-B. The major pathway of the peroxynitrite is dissociation to the alkoxy radical and NO₂. The very fast subsequent C-C bond cleavage of the alkoxy radical, followed by reaction with molecular every fast subsequent R1OH.
- ²⁵ with molecular oxygen, yields pinonaldehyde, as discussed above for the similar P1OH mechanism.

However, as discussed by Peeters et al. (2001) and Vereecken et al. (2007), ring strain for radical P2OH can be relieved by either of the two pathways: migration of

6854

the isopropyl group or ring opening. Migration of the isopropyl group could involve an isomerization of the chemically activated P2OH to its isomer P3OH (Fig. 4), the P3OH adduct will react rapidly with O_2 , forming the corresponding peroxy radical R3. Under atmospheric conditions with NO present, this peroxy radical R3 will quickly react to a

- ⁵ peroxynitrite that will, in part, isomerize to nitrate APN-C. The major pathway of the peroxynitrite will be dissociation to the alkoxy radical and NO₂. The subsequent C-C bond cleavage of the alkoxy radical followed by reaction with O₂ yields campholenealdehyde and, ultimately, nitrate APN-E. This isomerization has previously been proposed by Van den Bergh et al. (2000) and Vanhees et al. (2001) to explain their observed yield
- of campholenealdehyde from α -pinene. Ring opening of P2OH is believed to account for approximately 30% of this adduct, forming 6-hydroxymenthen-8-yl radical P4OH, which reacts with O₂ to form the 6-hydroxymenthen-8-peroxyl radical R4. R4 can then form the nitrate APN-D or a 6-hydroxymenthen-8-oxy radical, which can then dissociate to acetone and a 2-methyl-3-hydroxycyclohex-1-en-5-yl radical. The radical can
- ¹⁵ further react with O_2 and NO to yield a nitrate APN-F and an alkoxy radical, which will react further to produce a hydroxy-cyclohexenone. More recent work (Vereecken et al., 2007; Aschmann et al., 1998), however, indicates that ring closure reactions by the R4 peroxy radical may also lead to the formation of a six-membered ring.

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

(R9)

(R10a)

(R10b)

(3)

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Another channel for the reaction of α -pinene with OH radicals occurring 5% of the time is H-abstraction, leading to a α -pinenyl radical and H₂O. These α -pinenyl radicals can then combine with O₂ to form a peroxy radical, which will quickly react with NO to form a peroxynitrite that will, in part, isomerize to an alkyl nitrate. In Fig. 4, we show the production of APN-G, as one example. As discussed below, the overall yield of alkyl nitrates resulting from H-atom abstraction is expected to be ~0.9%.

25 **3.2** α -Pinene nitrate yields

Each measured APN concentration was corrected for consumption by OH using the method described by Atkinson et al. (1982). For any individual nitrate, APN_i , we have

6855

the following reactions accounting for individual isomeric APN production.

$$OH + \alpha - pinene + O_2 \rightarrow \gamma_i \cdot RO_{2,i}$$

 $RO_{2,i} + NO \rightarrow RONO_{2,i}$

 $\rightarrow RO_i + NO_2$

⁵ Here γ_i is the fractional yield of the appropriate precursor peroxy radical. Assuming steady state in RO_{2,*i*}, and where "R" represents the reaction rate, R₉· γ_i = R₁₀ and R₉ = k_9 [OH][α -pinene]. Equation (2) describes the α -pinene decay rate.

$$-d[\alpha - \text{pinene}]/dt = R_{10}/\gamma_i = k_{10}[\text{RO}_{2,i}][\text{NO}]/\gamma_i$$
(2)

$$d[\text{RONO}_{2,i}]/dt = \text{R}_{10a} = k_{10a}[\text{RO}_{2,i}][\text{NO}]$$

- ¹⁰ If $\Delta[\text{RONO}_{2,i}]$ vs. $-\Delta[\alpha$ -pinene] is plotted, the slope of the least squares fit = $k_{10a}[\text{RO}_{2,i}][\text{NO}]/(k_{10}[\text{RO}_{2,i}][\text{NO}]/\gamma_i) = \gamma_i \cdot k_{10a}/k_{10}$. Thus if γ_i is known, the branching ratio for RONO_{2,i} formation, $\alpha_i = k_{10a}/k_{10}$, can be determined. If $\Delta\Sigma[\text{RONO}_{2,i}]$ vs. $-\Delta[\alpha$ -pinene] is plotted, the slope of the least squares fit is equal to the overall average (γ -weighted) branching ratio α . The resulting plot for all the six experiments is shown in
- Fig. 5, revealing a slope of 0.130 ± 0.007 and thus a total yield for these four α -pinene hydroxy nitrates of 13.0 (± 0.7)%. The concentrations of each individual isomer, APNs A-D, were plotted against the loss of α -pinene to obtain the individual yields, which are listed in Table 1.

3.3 RO₂ + NO branching ratio

²⁰ The relationship between size and structure of organic peroxy radicals and the branching ratio α has been studied for simple molecules, but not as much for multiply functionalized RO₂ radicals due to difficulty in measurements (Espada and Shepson, 2005). The branching ratio, $\alpha = k_4/(k_4+k_5)$, has been measured for several alkyl and β -hydroxy

Discussion Paper Discussion Paper Discussion Paper Discussion Paper

peroxy radical species (O'Brien et al., 1998; Arey et al., 2001; Aschmann et al., 2001). Previous experimental work by O'Brien et al. (1998) and Arey et al. (2001) has shown that the branching ratio increases with increasing carbon number for both alkyl and β hydroxy alkyl peroxy radicals. In an empirical mechanistic model, Zhang et al. (2004)

- found a linear dependence between the branching ratio and carbon number (CN) of 5 $\alpha = 0.0174 \cdot CN + 0.0088$ for C₁ to C₇ systems. Aschmann et al. (2001) performed experiments to determine three different C_{10} alkyl nitrate branching ratios with an average branching ratio of 0.233 ± 0.040 . This is ~30% higher than estimated value (0.18) from the Zhang et al. (2004) linear relationship for a C_{10} compound.
- In Table 1, we list the individual calculated yields, from the plots of Δ [RONO_{2 i}] vs. $-\Delta[\alpha$ -pinene]. As discussed in Peeters et al. (2001) and Vereecken et al. (2007), a structure-activity relationship indicates that 95% of the OH + α -pinene reactions occur by addition across the double bond rather than through abstraction of a hydrogen atom. After OH addition, O2 adds to the other carbon atom associated with the double
- bond. According to Kwok and Atkinson (1995), the calculated site-specific OH-addition 15 ratio is 65:35 in favor of P2OH formation. It has been estimated (Peeters et al., 2001; Vereecken et al., 2007) that ~ 30% of the APN-B precursor P2OH rearranges to form the APN-D precursor radical P4OH and ~50% of the APN-B precursor rearranges to form the APN-C precursor radical P3OH (Fig. 4), and thus we estimate that the
- precursor radical P2OH to APN-B is produced 20% of the time. We then can calculate the values for γ_i for the precursor peroxy radicals for APN-B, APN-C, APN-D as $0.95 \cdot 0.65 \cdot 0.2 = 0.124$; $0.95 \cdot 0.65 \cdot 0.5 = 0.309$ and $0.95 \cdot 0.65 \cdot 0.3 = 0.185$. The calculated value for γ_i for APN-A is $0.95 \cdot 0.35 = 0.332$. The branching ratio α is then found by dividing the yield of individual APNs by the fraction of the time, γ_i , the precursor RO₂
- radical is formed in OH-addition. Using these values for γ_i , the calculated α_i values 25 for the α -pinene hydroxy nitrates are shown in Table 1. These agree reasonably well with what we expect from the literature, except for APN-B, for which we would expect the α_i to be similar to that for APN-A. Further relative branching ratio experimental studies should be pursued for α -pinene and other monoterpenes to compare against

6857

this set of results. Additional studies of alkyl and alkene nitrates with carbon number $(CN) \ge 10$ should be conducted to expand the branching ratio information, e.g. for other terpenes and sesquiterpenes. As this data set increases significantly, a more reliable structure-activity relationship may be developed and tested against observations.

5 3.4 Total α-Pinene nitrate yields

In the course of these experiments, an unidentified group of peaks with retention times of 8.5-10 min and 11-14 min was observed. The reaction scheme shown in Fig. 4 results in the expectation of predicted significant yields of two other nitrates, APN-E and APN-F (not identified here), from OH radical addition to α -pinene. These two com-

- pounds were presumed to be present in the chromatogram in Fig. 3. The yield of the alkoxy radical formed from radical R3 in the presence of NO could be calculated as $0.309 \cdot (1-0.16) = 0.26$. Vanhees et al. (2001) measured the yield of campholenealdehyde as 5.5 (± 0.7) %, thus the fractional yield of the appropriate precursor peroxy radical to APN-E is $0.26 \cdot 0.84 \cdot 0.75 = 0.16$. If we assume that the value for the branching
- ratio α is 0.16, then the yield of nitrate APN-E will be 0.16.0.16 = 0.026. For nitrate 15 APN-F, the yield of the alkoxy radical formed from radical R4 in the presence of NO can be calculated as $0.185 \cdot (1-0.17) = 0.15$. If the alkoxy radical produced from R4 only follows the path shown in Figure 4 and the value for the branching ratio α is 0.16, then we calculate the yield for APN-F as $0.185 \cdot (1-0.17) \cdot 0.16 = 0.024$.
- As discussed above, the production of RO2 radicals from abstraction of a hydrogen atom from a saturated carbon was calculated to occur 5% of the time, based on structure-activity relationships. According to the relationship between the branching ratio and carbon number (Zhang et al., 2004), $\alpha = 0.0174 \cdot CN + 0.0088$, the yield of APN-G formed from H-abstraction of α -pinene can be calculated as
- $0.05 \cdot (0.0174 \cdot 10 + 0.0088) = 0.009$. We can then calculate the upper limit of the total α -pinene nitrate yield as 0.009 + 0.024 + 0.026 + 0.130 = 0.19. This yield 0.19 is consistent with the Nozière et al. (1999) results of 0.18 (±0.09), derived from comparison of the FTIR spectra with a reference spectrum published in a previous study that

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

(4)

reacted NO₃ directly with α -pinene (Wängberg et al., 1997). However, due to the observation of several unidentified peaks in GC-TSD chromatograms, it is likely that we have not quantified all the organic nitrate products. If we hypothesize that all these peaks in the chromatogram that represent primary products are organic nitrates and plot each

⁵ one, with an assumed sensitivity (as the average of the α -pinene nitrate sensitivities), we determine the upper limit to the total organic nitrate yield as 0.29. Thus, our best estimate of the overall yield of α -pinene nitrates from OH reaction with α -pinene in the presence of NO is 0.19 (+0.10/-0.06).

3.5 α -Pinene nitrate lifetimes

- ¹⁰ The data obtained from the OH radical reactions with the α -pinene hydroxy nitrates are plotted in accordance with Eq. (1). Relative rate plots for APN-A and APN-C are shown in Fig. 6, with toluene and benzene used as a reference compound, respectively. Very good linear correlations were obtained, with $r^2 \ge 0.97$ in both cases. The slopes of the plots were obtained by least-squares fit of the en-
- ¹⁵ tire set of data and placed on an absolute basis using the following rate coefficients for the reference compounds: $k_{OH} = 5.63(\pm 0.26) \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecules}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for toluene and $k_{OH} = 1.22(\pm 0.09) \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecules}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for benzene (Atkinson and Arey, 2003a). The determined k_{OH} values for APN-A and APN-C were $6.6(\pm 0.3) \times 10^{-12}$ and $1.2(\pm 0.1) \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively. These val-
- ²⁰ ues can be compared with the calculated values from the EPA website (http://www. epa.gov/opptintr/exposure/pubs/episuite.htm) of 6.5×10^{-12} cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ and 1.0×10^{-12} cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹. To our knowledge, this is the first study of the OH radical reaction with α -pinene hydroxy nitrates, and thus a comparison with literature values is not possible.
- The main atmospheric sinks of the hydroxyalkyl nitrates are assumed to be gasphase reactions with OH radicals, photolysis, and wet and dry deposition. For these compounds, photolysis is relatively unimportant, and their removal is dominated by OH

6859

reaction and wet deposition, depending on atmospheric conditions (Shepson et al., 1996).

On the basis of the rate coefficients determined in this study, the atmospheric lifetimes of the investigated hydroxyalkyl nitrates, with respect to their removal by reaction

- ⁵ with OH radicals, are derived assuming an ambient 24 h average OH concentration of 1×10^6 molecules cm⁻³ (Prinn et al., 2005). The calculated average lifetime by reaction with OH radicals is 1.9 days for APN-A and 9.6 days for APN-C. It should be pointed out that the actual tropospheric lifetimes against reaction with OH radicals may be longer than those calculated here since the OH radical rate coefficients at the typical tropo-
- ¹⁰ spheric temperature (277 K) are expected to be smaller than those measured during this study (296 K).

Shepson et al. (1996) indicate that the Henry's law constants for hydroxy nitrates are large enough that a significant fraction (i.e., 10–50%) of hydroxy nitrates would be in the aqueous phase in cloud, and thus it is likely that rainout will be an important removal process for these species. Here we assume that the hydroxy nitrates are removed by

wet deposition as a first-order loss process. The first order removal constant by wet deposition, k_{wd} , is given by the following:

$$k_{\rm wd} = (R_r E e^{(-z/Zx)})/Z_x[(HRT)^{-1} + L_{\rm wc}))$$

where R_r is the assumed annual rainfall rate, taken to be $3.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m s}^{-1} (1 \text{ m yr}^{-1})$, *E* is an enhancement factor due to droplet evaporation (assumed to be 1.33), *z* is a characteristic height for clouds (assumed to be 3.5 km), Z_x is the scale height for the species (assumed to be 1.0 km), L_{wc} is the dimensionless liquid water content of the cloud (4.2×10^{-7}), and *H* is the Henry's law constant. Assuming that the Henry's Law constant for the α -pinene hydroxyl nitrates is similar to the average value,

 5.6×10^4 M/atm at 283 K (a typical summer time cloudwater temperature), for β -hydroxy alkyl nitrates from Shepson et al. (1996) and Treves (2003), then the calculated k_{wd} is 1.1×10^{-6} s⁻¹ and the calculated (average) lifetime (1/k_{wd}) for these species is 10.5 days for removal by wet deposition.

The hydroxy nitrates can also be removed from the atmosphere by dry deposition. Although there is no information in the literature on dry deposition velocities for these compounds, we might expect that dry deposition rates are significant for these difunctional nitrates. Using $v_d = 1.0 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$, and a scale height for these compounds of 1.0 km (as for wet removal discussed above), the first-order removal rate constant would be $k_{DD} = v_d/Z_X = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Since dry deposition is unimportant at night (Shepson et al., 1996), the diurnal average first-order removal rate for dry deposition can be

estimated to be $1.0 \times 10^{-5}/2 = 5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

We can now estimate the overall lifetime of these species in the atmosphere using Eq. (5).

$$t_{\text{APN}} = 1/(k_{\text{OH}}[OH] + k_{\text{DD}} + k_{\text{WD}})$$

(5)

For APN-A, we have $\tau_{APN-A} = (6.6 + 5 + 1.1) \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1})^{-1} = 22 \text{ h}$, and 38 h for APN-C. Interestingly, APN-D still possesses a carbon-carbon double bond, which could

- react with OH radicals to produce significant yields of a dihydroxy dinitrooxy product. Thus, unlike for the other three α -pinene hydroxy nitrates identified here, it is likely that for APN-D, the reaction with OH and O_3 will represent the most important loss route. Rate constants were calculated from the EPA website as $k_{OH} = 9.9 \times 10^{-11}$ cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ and $k_{O3} = 4.3 \times 10^{-16}$ cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹. Thus the atmospheric lifetime, calculated as $(1/k_{OH}[OH]+1/k_{O3}[O_3])$, for APN-D, where
- we assume $[O_3]=1 \times 10^{12}$ molecules cm⁻³, is 3.4 h. Thus we expect that, under most atmospheric conditions, APN-D will be unimportant as an organic nitrate, compared to its oxidation products (which are likely to retain the nitrooxy group).

4 Conclusions

The production of α -pinene hydroxy nitrates in the presence of OH can sequester NO_x and transport it to the regional troposphere. The relatively long residence time of indi-25

vidual APNs (3.4-38 h) in the atmosphere makes it appropriate to include in regional 6861

and global atmospheric chemistry models. The reaction of OH radicals with α -pinene can produce at least seven organic nitrates, which will likely partition to the aerosol phase, as observed by Rollins et al. (2010b). Four α -pinene hydroxy nitrates were identified in the smog chamber experiments and reported here: 2-hydroxypinene-3nitrate (APN-A), 3-hydroxypinene-2-nitrate (APN-B),

6-hydroxy-1,7,7-trimethyl bicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl nitrate (APN-C), and 6hydroxymenthen-8-nitrate (APN-D). These studies suggest that a variety of organic nitrates and/or secondary organic nitrates could be formed in the gas phase and serve as a reservoir for NO_x. The individual α -pinene hydroxy nitrate yields from reaction

- of OH radical with α -pinene in the presence of NO were as follows: 2.7(±0.3)% for 10 APN-A, 2.2(±0.3)% for APN-B, 4.9(±0.5)% for APN-C, and 3.1(±0.5)% for APN-D. However, the total organic nitrate yield is estimated to be 0.19(+0.10/-0.06). The atmospheric lifetimes of these nitrates are on the order of days, making it possible for them to contribute to NO_v and atmospheric transport of nitrogen. Furthermore, they
- may contribute significantly to aerosol mass, and especially for APN-D, could react further in the aerosol phase, e.g. with sulfate radicals, SO₄, as discussed by Nozière et al. (2010). In the future, we intend to measure the concentration of α -pinene hydroxy nitrates in the aerosol phase and their gas/particle partitioning coefficients as well as the free NO₂ yield from OH reaction with the α -pinene nitrates.
- Acknowledgements. We gratefully acknowledge support by the National Science Foundation grant.

References

Andreae, M. O. and Crutzen, P. J.: Atmospheric aerosols: Biogeochemical sources and role in atmospheric chemistry, Science, 276, 1052-1058, 1997.

25 Arey, J., Aschmann, S. M., Kwok, E. S. C., and Atkinson, R.: Alkyl nitrate, hydroxyalkyl nitrate, and hydroxycarbonyl formation from the NO_x-air photooxidations of C_5-C_8 n-alkanes, J. Phys. Chem. A, 105, 1020–1027, 2001.

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

- Aschmann, S. M. and Atkinson, R.: Rate constants for the gas-phase reactions of OH radicals with *E*-7-tetradecene, 2-methyl-1-tridecene and the C_7-C_{14} 1-alkenes at 295±1K, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 10, 4159–4164, 2008.
- Aschmann, S. M., Reissell, A., Atkinson, R., and Arey, J.: Products of the gas phase reactions of the OH radical with α and β -pinene in the presence of NO, J. Geophys. Res., 103, 25553–25561, 1998.
- Aschmann, S. M., Arey, J., and Atkinson, R.: Atmospheric chemistry of three C10 alkanes, J. Phys. Chem., 105, 7598–7606, 2001.

Aschmann, S. M., Atkinson, R., and Arey, J.: Products of reaction of OH radicals with α -pinene, J. Geophys. Res., 107(D14), 4191–4197,2002.

Atkinson, R. and Arey, J.: Atmospheric degradation of volatile organic compounds, Chem.Rev., 103, 4605–4638, 2003a.

Atkinson, R. and Arey, J.: Gas-phase tropospheric chemistry of biogenic volatile organic compounds: a review, Atmos. Environ., 37, S197–S219, 2003b.

- Atkinson, R., Aschmann, S. M., Carter, W. P. L., Winer, A. M., Pitts Jr., J. N.: Alkyl nitrate formation form the NO_x-air photooxidations of C₂–C₈ n-alkanes, J. Phys. Chem., 86, 4563– 4569, 1982.
 - Barker, J. R., Lohr, L. L., Shroll, R., and Reading, S.: Modeling the organic nitrate yields in the reaction of alkyl peroxy radicals with nitric oxide, 2. Reaction simulations, J. Phys. Chem. A, 107, 7434–7444, 2003.
- Constantino, M. G., Lacerda, V., Invernize, P. R., da Silva, L. C., da Silva, G. V. J.: Opening of Epoxide Rings Catalyzed by Niobium Pentachloride, Synthetic Commun., 37, 3529–3539, 2007.
- Espada, C., Grossenbacher, J., Ford, K., Couch, T., Shepson, P. B.: The Production of Organic Nitrates from Various Anthropogenic Volatile Organic Compounds, Int. J. Chem. Kinet, 37,
 - 675–685, 2005. Grosjean, D., Williams II, E. L., and Seinfeld, J. H.: Atmospheric oxidation of selected terpenes and related carbonyls: Gas-phase carbonyl products, Environ. Sci. Technol., 26, 1526–1533, 1992.
- Guenther, A. B., Zimmerman, P. R., Harley, P. C., Monson, R. K., and Fall, R.: Isoprene and monoterpene emission ratevariability-model evaluations and sensitivity analyses, J. Geophys. Res., 9, 12609–12617, 2003.

Guenther, A., Karl, T., Harley, P., Wiedinmyer, C., Palmer, P. I., and Geron, C.: Estimates

of global terrestrial isoprene emissions using MEGAN (Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature), Atmos. Chem. Phys., 6, 3181–3210, doi:10.5194/acp-6-3181-2006, 2006.

- Hakola, H., Arey, J., Aschmann, S. M., and Atkinson, R.: Product formation from the gas-phase reactions of OH radicals and O₃ with a series of monoterpenes, J. Atmos. Chem., 18(1),
- 75-102, 1994.

10

20

- Hatakeyama, S., Izumi, K., Fukuyama, T., Akimoto, H., and Washida, N.: Reaction of OH with α -pinene and β -pinene in air: estimate of global CO production from the atmospheric oxidation of terpenes, J. Geophys. Res., 96, 947–958, 1991.
- Horowitz, L. W., Fiore, A. M., Milly, G. P., Cohen, R. C., Perring, A., Wooldridge, P. J., Hess, P. G., Emmons, L. K., and Lamarque, J. F.: Observational constraints on the chemistry of isoprene nitrates over the eastern United States, J. Geophys. Res., 12, D12S08, doi:10.1029/2006JD007747, 2007.

Isaksen, I. S. A. and Hov., O.: Calculation of trends in the tropospheric concentration of ozone, hydroxyl, carbon monoxide, methane, and nitrogen oxides, Tellus, 39B, 271–285, 1987.

- Kalabokas, P., Bartzis, J. G., Bomboi, T., Ciccioli, P., Cieslik, S., Dlugi, R., Foster, P., Kotzias, D., and Steinbrecher, R.: Ambient atmospheric trace gas concentrations and meteorological parameters during the first BEMA measuring campaign on May 1994 at Castelporziano, Italy, Atmos. Environ., 31(S1), 67–77, 1997.
- Kwok, E. S. C. and Atkinson, R.: Estimation of hydroxyl radical reaction rate constants for gas-phase organic compounds using a structure-reactivity relationship: an update, Atmos. Environ., 29(14), 1685–1695, 1995.
- Larsen, B. R., Di Bella, D., Glasius, M., Winterhalter, R., Jensen, N. R., and Hjorth, J.: Gasphase OH oxidation of monoterpenes: gaseous and particulate products, J. Atmos. Chem., 38, 231–276, 2001.
- Lee, A., Goldstein, A. H., Kroll, J. H., Ng, N. L., Varutbangkul, V., Flagan, R. C., and Seinfeld, J. H.: Gas-phase products and secondary aerosol yields from the photooxidation of 16 different terpenes, J. Geophys. Res., 111, D17305, 1–25, 2006.
- Libardoni, M., Waite, J. H., and Sacks, R.: Electrically Heated, Air-Cooled Thermal Modulator and at-Column Heating for Comprehensive Two-Dimensional Gas Chromatography, Anal. Chem., 77, 2786–2794, 2005.
 - Monks, P. S., Granier, C., Fuzzi, S., Stohl, A., Williams, M. L., Akimoto, H., Amann, M., Baklanov, A., Baltensperger, U., Bey, I., Blanke, N., Blake, R. S., Carslaw, K., Cooper, O. R., Den-

tener, F., Fowler, D., Fragkou, E., Frost, G.J., Generoso, S., Ginoux, P., Grewe, V., Guenther, A., Hansson, H. C., Henne, S., Hjorth, J., Hofzumahaus, A., Huntrieser, H., Isaksen, I.S.A., Jenkin, M. E., Kaiser, J., Kanakidou, M., Klimont, Z., Kulmala, M., Laj, P., Lawrence, M. G., Lee, J. D., Liousse, C., Maione, M., McFiggans, G., Metzger, A., Mieville, A., Moussiopoulos,

- ⁵ N., Orlando, J.J., O' Dowd, C.D., Palmer, P. I., Parrish, D. D., Petzold, A., Platt, U., Pöschl, U., Prévôt, A. S. H., Reeves, C. E., Reimann, S., Rudich, Y., Sellegri, K., Steinbrecher, R., Simpson, D., ten Brink, H., Theloke, J., van der Werf, G. R., Vautard, R., Vestreng, V., Vlachokostas, Ch., and von Glasow, R.: Atmospheric composition change: global and regional air quality, Atmos. Environ., 43, 5268–5350, 2009.
- Nozière, B., Barnes, I., and Becker, K. H.: Product study and mechanisms of the reactions of α-pinene and pinonaldehyde with OH radicals, J. Geophys. Res., 104, 23645–23656, 1999.
 - Nozière, B., Ekström, S., Alsberg, T., and Holmström, S.: Radical-initiated formation of organosulfates and surfactants in atmospheric aerosols, Geophys. Res. Lett., 37, L05806, doi:10.1029/2009GL041683, 2010.
- ¹⁵ O'Brien, J. M., Czuba, E., Hastie, D. R., Francisco, J. S., and Shepson, P. B.: Determination of the hydroxy nitrate yields from the reaction of C2–C6 alkenes with OH in the presence of NO, J. Phys. Chem. A, 102, 8903–8908, 1998.
 - Orlando, J. J., Nozière, B., Tyndall, G. S., Orzechowska, G. E., Paulson, S. E., and Rudich, Y.: Product studies of OH- and ozone-initiated oxidation of some monoterpenes, J. Geophys. Res., 105, 11561–11572, 2000.

20

15

- Owen, S., Boissard, C., Street, R. A., Duckham, S. C., Csiky, O. and Hewitt, N. C.: Screening of 18 Mediterranean plant species for volatile organic compound emissions, Atmos. Environ., 31(S1), 101–117, 1997.
- Pathak, R. K., Presto, A. A., Lane, T. E., Stanier, C. O., Donahue, N. M., and Pandis, S. N.: Ozonolysis of α -pinene: parameterization of secondary organic aerosol mass fraction,
 - Atmos. Chem. Phys., 7, 3811–3821, doi:10.5194/acp-7-3811-2007, 2007.
 Peeters, J., Vereecken, L., and Fantechi, G.: The detailed mechanism of the OH initiated atmospheric oxidation of *α*-pinene: a theoretical study, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 3, 5489–5504, 2001.
- Prinn, R. G., Huang, J., Weiss, R. F., Cunnold, D. M., Fraser, P. J., Simmonds, P. G., McCulloch, A., Harth, C., Reimann, S., Salameh, P., ODoherty, S., Wang, R. H. J., Porter, L. W., Miller, B. R., and Krummel, P. B.: Evidence for variability of atmospheric hydroxyl radicals over the past quarter century, Geophys. Res. Lett., 32, L07809, doi:10.1029/2004GL022228, 2005.

6865

- Reissell, A., Harry, Ch., Aschmann, S. H., Atkinson, R., and Arey, J.: Formation of acetone from the OH radical- and O_3 -initiated reactions of a series of monoterpenes, J. Geophys. Res., 104(13), 13869–13,880, 1999.
- Rollins, A. W., Fry, J. L., Hunter, J. F., Kroll, J. H., Worsnop, D. R., Singaram, S. W., and Cohen,
 R. C.: Elemental analysis of aerosol organic nitrates with electron ionization high-resolution mass spectrometry, Atmos. Meas. Tech., 3, 301–310, doi:10.5194/amt-3-301-2010, 2010.
 - Rollins, A. W., Smith, J. D., Wilson, K. R., and Cohen, R. C.: Real time in situ detection of organic nitrates in atmospheric aerosols, Enivron. Sci. Technol., 44, 5540–5545, 2010b.
- Ruppert, L., Becker, K. H., Nozière, B., and Spittler, M.: Development of monoterpene oxidation mechanisms: results from laboratory and smog chamber studies, eited by: Borrell, P. M. and Borrell, P., Transport and Chemical Transformation in the Troposphere, Proceedings of the EUROTRAC-2 Symposium, 8, 63–68, 1999.
 - Shepson, P. B., Mackay, E., and Muthuramu, K.: Henry's law constants and removal processes for several atmospheric β -hydroxy alkyl nitrates, Environ. Sci. Technol., 30, 3618–3623, 1996.
- Steinbrecher, R., Smiatek, G., Köble, R., Seufert, G., Theloke, J., Hauff, K., Ciccioli, P., Vautard, R., and Curci, G.: Intra- and inter-annual variability of VOC emissions from natural and seminatural vegetation in Europe and neighboring countries, Atmos. Environ., 43(7), 1380–1391, 2009.
- Seufert, G., Bartzis, J., Bomboi, T., Ciccioli, P., Cieslik, S., Dlugi, R., Foster, P., Hewitt, C. N., Kesselmeier, J., Kotzias, D., Lenz, R., Manes, F., Perez Pastor, R., Steinbrecher, R. Torres, L., Valentin, R., and Versino, B.: An overview of the Castelporziano experiments, Atmos. Environ., 31(S1), 5–17, 1997.
- Treves, K. and Rudich, Y.: The atmospheric fate of C3–C6 hydroxyalkyl nitrates, J. Phys. Chem. A, 107, 7809–7817, 2003.
- Vereecken, L., Muller, J. F., and Peeters, J.: Low-volatility poly-oxygenates in the OH-initiated atmospheric oxidation of α -pinene: impact of non-traditional peroxyl radical chemistry, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 9, 5241–5248, 2007.
- Vinckier, C., Compernolle, F., Saleh, A. M., Van Hoof, N., and Van Hees, I.: Product yields of
 the *α*-pinene reaction with hydroxyl radicals and the implication on the global emission of
 trace compounds in the atmosphere, Fresen. Environ. Bull., 7, 361–368, 1998.
 - Vanhees, I., Van den Bergh, V., Schildermans, V. R., De Boer, R., Compernolle, F., and Vinckier, C.: Determination of the oxidation products of the reaction between a-pinene and hydroxyl

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

radicals by high-performance liquid chromatography, J. Chromatogr. A, 915, 75–83, 2001. Van den Bergh, V., Vanhees, I., De Boer, R., Compernolle, F. and Vinckier, C.: Identification of the oxidation products of the reaction between a-pinene and hydroxyl radicals by gas and high-performance liquid chromatography with mass spectrometric detection, J. Chromatogr. A, 896, 135–148, 2000.

Wängberg, I., Barnes, I., and Becker, K. H.: Product and mechanistic study of the reaction of NO₃ radicals with *α*-pinene, Environ. Sci. Technol., 31, 2130–2135, 1997.

Wisthaler, A., Jensenb, N. R., Winterhalterb, R., Lindingera, W., and Hjorthb, J.: Measurements of acetone and other gas phase product yields from the OH-initiated oxidation of terpenes

- by proton-transfer-reaction mass spectrometry (PTR-MS), Atmos. Environ., 35, 6181–6191, 2001.
 - Zhang, J., Dransfield, Y., and Donahue, N. M.: On the Mechanism for Nitrate Formation via the Peroxy Radical + NO Reaction, J. Phys. Chem. A, 108, 9082–9095, 2004.

6867

Table 1. α -pinene hydroxy nitrate data.

APN Identification	Calculated Relative RO_2 Yield (γ)	Individual Yield	Calculated $RO_2 + NO$ Branching Ratio (α)
APN-A	0.332	0.027 ± 0.003	0.08 ± 0.01
APN-B	0.124	0.022 ± 0.003	0.18 ± 0.02
APN-C	0.309	0.049 ± 0.005	0.16 ± 0.02
APN-D	0.185	0.031 ± 0.006	0.17 ± 0.03
APN-E	0.16 ^a	0.026 ^a	0.16 ^b
APN-F	0.15 ^a	0.024 ^a	0.16 ^b
APN-G	0.05	0.009 ^a	0.18 ^a

^acalculated value

5

^bassumed value



Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Fig. 1. Structure of the four α -pinene hydroxy nitrate isomers.

6869



Fig. 2. α -Pinene hydroxy nitrate synthesis chemistry.



Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper





Fig. 4. Schematic of the mechanism for the OH-initiated degradation of α -pinene to first generation products in the presence of NO.



Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper

Discussion Paper | Discussion Paper

Fig. 5. Total α -pinene nitrate yield. Total [APN] is plotted vs. the loss of α -pinene over time. The data plotted are from multiple experiments.



Fig. 6. OH rate constant data for the two α -pinene hydroxy nitrate isomers, APN-A (top), APN-C (bottom).

6873