

1 **Secondary formation of nitrated phenols: insights from observations**
2 **during the Uintah Basin Winter Ozone Study (UBWOS) 2014**

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18 **Abstract**

19 We describe the results from online measurements of nitrated phenols using a time
20 of flight chemical ionization mass spectrometer (ToF-CIMS) with acetate as reagent ion
21 in an oil and gas production region in January and February of 2014. Strong diurnal
22 profiles were observed for nitrated phenols, with concentration maxima at night. Based
23 on known markers (CH_4 , NO_x , CO_2), primary emissions of nitrated phenols were not
24 important in this study. A box model was used to simulate secondary formation of
25 phenol, nitrophenol (NP) and dinitrophenols (DNP). The box model results indicate that
26 oxidation of aromatics in the gas phase can explain the observed concentrations of NP
27 and DNP in this study. Photolysis was the most efficient loss pathway for NP in the gas
28 phase. We show that aqueous-phase reactions and heterogeneous reactions were minor
29 sources of nitrated phenols in our study. This study demonstrates that the emergence of
30 new ToF-CIMS (including PTR-TOF) techniques allows for the measurement of
31 intermediate oxygenates at low levels and these measurements improve our
32 understanding of the evolution of primary VOCs in the atmosphere.

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34 1. Introduction

35 Nitrated phenols are a family of aromatic compounds with both nitro (-NO₂) and
36 hydroxyl groups (-OH) connected to a benzene ring. Nitrated phenols have been detected
37 in the gas phase, aerosol, cloud water and rainwater (Harrison et al., 2005a). Many
38 studies have shown that nitrated phenols are one of the important components of brown
39 carbon in aerosol (Desyaterik et al., 2013; Mohr et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2013; Lin et al.,
40 2015), as they absorb light in the atmosphere (Bejan et al., 2007). Photolysis of some
41 nitrated phenols was reported to produce nitrous acid (HONO) (Bejan et al., 2006) and
42 hydroxyl (OH) radicals (Cheng et al., 2009), while the oxidation and photolysis of them
43 contribute to secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation, especially in biomass burning
44 plumes (Mohr et al., 2013; Kitanovski et al., 2012; Lauraguais et al., 2014). There is also
45 evidence that nitrated phenols are phytotoxic and contribute to forest decline (Rippen et
46 al., 1987; Natangelo et al., 1999). Some nitrated phenols are known to be mutagenic and
47 are of concern to human health (Fernandez et al., 1992).

48 Sources of nitrated phenols in the atmosphere include emissions from vehicle
49 exhaust (Inomata et al., 2013; Tremp et al., 1993; Sekimoto et al., 2013) and biomass
50 burning (Mohr et al., 2013). Nitrated phenols are also produced from photooxidation of
51 aromatic hydrocarbons in the atmosphere: for example benzene oxidizes to 2-nitrophenol
52 (2-NP) and 4-nitrophenol (4-NP), and toluene oxidizes to methylnitrophenols (MNP)
53 (Harrison et al., 2005a). Figure 1 shows the reactions leading to secondary formation of
54 NP and dinitrophenols (DNP) in the atmosphere (Jenkin et al., 2003). Oxidation of
55 benzene by OH radicals forms phenol and further reactions of phenol with either OH or
56 NO₃ radicals yield phenoxy (C₆H₅O) radicals, which react further with NO₂ to generate
57 NP. In addition to benzene oxidation, C₆H₅O radical is also generated from the reaction
58 of NO with phenyl peroxy (C₆H₅O₂) radicals, a product from reactions of some other
59 aromatic precursors, e.g. benzaldehyde (Caralp et al., 1999). Further oxidation of nitrated
60 phenols by obtaining another nitro- group produces dinitrophenols (DNP). The yields of
61 NP from phenol oxidation by OH radicals (Atkinson et al., 1992; Olariu et al.,
62 2002; Berndt and Boge, 2003) and NO₃ radicals (Atkinson et al., 1992; Bolzacchini et al.,
63 2001) have been reported. Berndt and Boge (2003) also showed that the NP yield from

64 OH oxidation of phenol increases at higher NO₂ concentrations. In addition to gas phase
65 reactions, nitrated phenols are formed from aqueous-phase reactions in aerosol or cloud
66 water (Vione et al., 2001, 2005). The importance of the aqueous reactions compared to
67 gas-phase reactions is highly dependent on liquid water content in the atmosphere
68 (Harrison et al., 2005b).

69 The sinks of nitrated phenols in the gas phase include reactions with OH radicals
70 (Atkinson et al., 1992;Bejan et al., 2007), with NO₃ radicals (Atkinson et al., 1992), with
71 chlorine atoms (Bejan et al., 2015) and photolysis (Bejan et al., 2007;Chen et al., 2011).
72 It has been proposed that photolysis is the dominant gas phase atmospheric loss for
73 nitrated phenols (Bejan et al., 2007). Despite the importance of photolysis of nitrated
74 phenols, the photolysis frequency of nitrated phenols under ambient conditions was only
75 reported in a single non-peer reviewed publication (1.4% of photolysis frequency of NO₂)
76 (Bardini, 2006). The chemical products from photolysis of nitrated phenols were
77 proposed, but the proposed products were not fully evaluated against experimental results
78 (Bejan et al., 2006). Nitrated phenols are also removed by various processes in the
79 aqueous phase, including reactions with OH, NO₃ and photolysis (Vione et al., 2009).

80 Measurements of nitrated phenols have been mainly conducted using offline
81 methods (Harrison et al., 2005a). Air samples are usually collected on filters or cartridges
82 and then analyzed by liquid chromatography (LC) methods (Rubio et al., 2012;Harrison
83 et al., 2005a;Delhomme et al., 2010). These detection methods are time-consuming and
84 measurements as a function of the time of day are not usually possible (Delhomme et al.,
85 2010). The lack of fast-response online measurements has prevented, at least partially, a
86 thorough investigation of sources and sinks of nitrated phenols. Recently, Mohr et al.
87 (2013) deployed a chemical ionization mass spectrometer (CIMS) using acetate as the
88 reagent ion to measure nitrated phenols online in the particle phase in winter in London
89 and based on their measurements the authors concluded that nitrated phenols were mainly
90 from wood burning in this region of the atmosphere.

91 In this study, we conducted high time resolution measurements of nitrated phenols
92 in the gas phase at a site in an oil and gas production region in winter. High
93 concentrations of ozone and secondary products (Edwards et al., 2014) were observed at

94 this site, as the result of photochemical degradation of large amounts of alkanes and
95 aromatics emitted from oil and gas production in this region (Warneke et al., 2014).
96 Using the present dataset, we investigate diurnal variations, sources and sinks of nitrated
97 phenols. We use a box model to analyze the budget of nitrated phenols in the atmosphere,
98 and provide insights into the formation mechanism of nitrated phenols.

99 **2. Measurements**

100 The Uintah Basin Winter Ozone Study (UBWOS 2014) was conducted in January
101 and February of 2014 at the Horse Pool site in the Uintah Basin, where over 10,000
102 active oil and gas wells are located.

103 **2.1 Acetate ToF-CIMS**

104 2.1.1 Instrument operation

105 An Aerodyne time-of-flight (ToF) CIMS (Lee et al., 2014) that uses acetate
106 ($\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}^-$) as the reagent ion was deployed at the Horse Pool site during the UBWOS
107 2014 to measure organic acids, inorganic acids and nitrated phenols. These compounds
108 are ionized in the ion-molecule reaction region (IMR, 61.8 ± 0.3 mbar) via proton
109 abstraction (Veres et al., 2008) or by a sequence of clustering-declustering/deprotonation
110 reactions (Brophy and Farmer, 2015) in the reaction with acetate ions. Acetate ions were
111 produced by introducing saturated acetic anhydride/ N_2 mixture (5 mL/min) mixed with
112 another flow of N_2 (2.5 L/min) into a polonium-210 (^{210}Po) radioactive source. The
113 instrument was operated at strong de-clustering conditions by applying voltages in the
114 first quadruple ion guide (i.e. SSQ, 2.50 ± 0.01 mbar) during UBWOS 2014, with the ratio
115 of acetate cluster ($\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}^- \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OH}$)/acetate ($\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}^-$) at $0.4\% \pm 0.1\%$. Under
116 such de-clustering conditions, the conjugate anions were usually observed as the product
117 ions, with little contribution from cluster ions. The reagent ions and product ions are
118 analyzed using a high-resolution time of flight mass spectrometer (TOFWERK,
119 Switzerland). The signal of acetate ion was approximately $1\text{-}2 \times 10^6$ count per second
120 (cps) during the campaign (ToF extraction frequency=25 kHz). The mass resolution for
121 the ToF during UBWOS 2014 was approximately 3200 for ions of $m/z > 200$.

122 Background signals associated with the instrument were measured every 2 hours
123 for 15 min by passing ambient air through three stages of zero air generation: a platinum
124 catalytic converter heated to 350 °C, nylon wool coated with sodium bicarbonate
125 (NaHCO₃), and activated charcoal, which were used in series to remove acidic gases
126 from the sample air and determine instrument backgrounds. During the UBWOS 2014
127 study, two CIMS inlets constructed from Teflon heated to ~40 °C with similar lengths
128 (~10 m) placed at heights of 1 m and 18.5 m above ground were switched automatically
129 every 30 min during the period of January 24- February 1, to measure the vertical
130 concentration gradient of nitrated phenols and other acidic gases. Inlet switching between
131 a long-heated and a short-unheated inlet was also conducted during February 1-5, to
132 explore possible inlet interferences to CIMS measurements of nitrated phenols from the
133 long-heated inlet. We did not observe differences in signals between the long and short
134 inlets for nitrated phenols except DNP (Figure S1), indicating that potential loss in
135 sampling line was minimal for the reported single nitrated phenols in this study. The inlet
136 issues for DNP will be discussed in Section 2.1.2.

137 2.1.2 Data processing

138 The ToF-CIMS data was processed using the TOFware software package
139 (www.tofwerk.com/tofware) written in Igor Pro (Wavemetrics Inc., USA). The detailed
140 data processing procedures are presented in recent studies (Yatavelli et al., 2014; Stark et
141 al., 2015). Post-measurement mass calibrations were performed using nine isolated ions,
142 including m/z 31.9904 (O₂⁻), m/z 34.9694 (Cl⁻), m/z 44.9982 (CHO₂⁻), m/z 59.0139
143 (C₂H₃O₂⁻), m/z 61.9884 (NO₃⁻), m/z 143.9840 (C₃F₄O₂⁻), m/z 162.9824 (C₃F₅O₂⁻), m/z
144 193.9808 (C₄F₆O₂⁻) and m/z 243.9776 (C₅F₈O₂⁻). The four fluorine-containing ions in the
145 list were released from Teflon inlet during UBWOS 2014 and their persistent presence
146 was used for mass calibration. The accuracy of mass calibration was 4.7±1.9 ppm for the
147 whole campaign and the errors of mass calibration for individual ions were usually within
148 10 ppm (average+3σ). The fitted raw signals for the targeted compounds were
149 normalized using an acetate signal at the level of 1×10⁶ cps.

150 The fitted m/z used for quantification of concentrations of nitrated phenols in the
151 acetate CIMS are m/z 138.0197 (C₆H₄NO₃⁻) for NP, m/z 152.0353 (C₇H₆NO₃⁻) for MNP,

152 m/z 166.0510 ($C_8H_8NO_3^-$) for dimethylnitrophenol+ ethylnitrophenol (DMNP) and m/z
153 183.0047 ($C_6H_3N_2O_5^-$) for DNP. Compounds with same molecular formulas as nitrated
154 phenols include phenyl nitrates/benzyl nitrates, methoxynitrobenzenes, nitrobenzyl
155 alcohols and hydroxycarboxylic acids derived from pyridine. The first three groups of
156 compounds have lower acidities than acetic acid (Bartmess, 2015) and hence they are
157 unlikely to be observed in acetate CIMS, while hydroxycarboxylic acids derived from
158 pyridine are expected to be small in the atmosphere.

159 High-resolution (HR) peak fitting to m/z 138, m/z 152 and m/z 183 in the averaged
160 mass spectra of ToF-CIMS on a typical day (January 25, 2014) are shown as examples in
161 Figure 2. Isotope signals from lower masses (dark green lines) accounted for small
162 fractions of the m/z signals. Multiple overlapping ion peaks were identified in the m/z
163 channels. In addition to nitrated phenols, several ions without deprotonation were also
164 present in the even m/z (e.g. $C_8H_{10}O_2^-$ at m/z 138), possibly due to electron transfer
165 reactions and/or fragmentation in the quadrupole ion guides (Stark et al., 2015). The
166 signals of NP and MNP were either the largest or significant larger than their neighboring
167 peaks at their respective m/z , whereas the signal of DNP was much smaller than its
168 neighboring peaks on January 25, 2014. Smaller ratios of the signals between the targeted
169 peak and its neighboring peaks have been shown to deteriorate the precision of fitted
170 signals for the targeted peak (Cubison and Jimenez, 2015; Müller et al., 2011; Corbin et al.,
171 2015). Based on the provided equations in Cubison and Jimenez (2015), the imprecision
172 arising from mass calibration (not including counting error) for the signals of NP, MNP
173 and DNP are 3.2%, 1.8% and 47% based on the mass spectra of January 25, respectively.
174 Imperfect mass calibration can also affect fitted magnitudes of ion signals. Figure S2
175 shows the sensitivity of the fitted signals of various masses as a function of the errors in
176 mass calibration. The signal changes at a 10 ppm (average+ 3σ) error of mass calibration
177 relative to perfect mass calibration (error=0 ppm) for NP, MNP and DNP signals are as
178 high as 14%, 5% and 81%, respectively. The results from both precision calculation and
179 sensitivity of fitted magnitudes indicate that the peak signals of NP and MNP can be
180 fitted well with low uncertainties. The peak fitting at m/z 166 for DMNP shows similar
181 results as m/z 138 for NP and m/z 152 for MNP. However, large uncertainties are
182 associated with the peak signals of DNP on January 25, 2014, which is mainly affected

183 by the $C_3F_6HO_2^-$ ions (m/z 182.9886) as indicated by the opposite behaviors of the DNP
184 ion and $C_3F_6HO_2^-$ ion in Figure S2C.

185 The $C_3F_6HO_2^-$ ion (m/z 182.9886) was released from the heated Teflon inlet along
186 with other fluorine-containing ions that were used for mass calibration. The release of
187 $C_3F_6HO_2^-$ ion was supported by much higher signals from the long-heated inlet compared
188 to the short-unheated inlet, when inlet-switching experiments were conducted in February
189 2-5 (Figure S1). Long-heated inlets were used for most of the time during UBWOS 2014
190 (January 23- February 13), except during January 18-22, when a short-unheated inlet was
191 used. The averaged mass spectra of m/z 183 measured on January 18 is shown in Figure
192 2D. Compared to the mass spectra on January 25, $C_3F_6HO_2^-$ signals on January 18 were
193 lower and the signals of DNP were larger than of $C_3F_6HO_2^-$ ions. As a result, the
194 uncertainty from peak fitting for the DNP ion was much lower on January 18 (Figure
195 S2D). Thus, we will only use measured DNP data in the beginning of the campaign
196 (January 18-22), when the long heated inlet was not connected to the acetate CIMS and
197 no inlet switching was performed.

198 The response of the CIMS instrument for nitrated phenols, including 2-NP, 4-NP, 2-
199 methyl-4-nitrophenol and 2,5-dinitrophenol, was calibrated using a Liquid Calibration
200 Unit (LCU, IONICON Analytik). In the LCU, a water solution with known
201 concentrations of the targeted compounds is nebulized and diluted by another gas stream
202 at different flow rates to produce a gas standard at various concentrations (Kaser et al.,
203 2013). The results of the calibrations to various nitrated phenols are shown in Table 1.
204 The sensitivity of 4-NP in our instrument was determined to be higher than that of 2-NP
205 by a factor of 2.1. A higher sensitivity of 4-NP in acetate CIMS was reported in Mohr et
206 al. (2013), but in that study the difference was significantly larger at three orders of
207 magnitude (Mohr et al., 2013). The different sensitivity ratios of 4-NP/2-NP can be
208 caused by many different instrumental conditions between our instrument and that in
209 Mohr et al. (2013), such as the amount of acetic anhydride introduced into instrument,
210 IMR and SSQ pressures, and de-clustering settings in the quadrupole ion guides, all of
211 which affect sensitivities of acetate CIMS significantly (Stark et al., 2012). The main
212 reagent ions in IMR were shown to be acetic acid-acetate clusters rather than acetate
213 (Bertram et al., 2011) and the cluster distributions in IMR may depend on operated

214 pressure in IMR and the amount of acetic anhydride into the ion source. While de-
215 clustering in SSQ helps the interpretation of recorded mass spectra, de-clustering also
216 obscures a precise understanding of cluster distributions in IMR and hence accurately
217 prediction of sensitivities in acetate CIMS. This result also emphasizes the importance of
218 instrument calibrations in deriving concentration from acetate CIMS. We note that 3-
219 nitrophenol (3-NP) is not usually present in the atmosphere (Harrison et al., 2005a).
220 Thus, the average of the sensitivities of 2-NP and 4-NP was used for calculating
221 concentrations of NP. DMNP was not calibrated in this study and we assumed the same
222 sensitivity as determined for MNP.

223 The accuracies of nitrated phenols measurements by the CIMS are conservatively
224 estimated to be around 40% for NP and 50% for other nitrated phenols, mainly arising
225 from uncertainties in the concentrations output of the LCU (~10%), uncertainties
226 associated with calibration procedures (~5%), errors in high-resolution (HR) peak fittings
227 to mass spectra (see above and Figure S2), and the representativeness of the calibrated
228 species to other isomers (0-30% for NP and 0-40% for other nitrated phenols). Assuming
229 random errors in the observed ion counts follow a Poisson distribution, detection limits of
230 nitrated phenols, i.e. concentrations with a signal to noise ratio (S/N) of 3, are calculated
231 to be 0.1-0.3 ppt for 1-min average data (Table 1). Following the discussions in Bertram
232 et al. (2011), the measured background ion counts in ToF-CIMS drift over time and thus
233 detection limits are more appropriately calculated as the concentrations at three times of
234 the standard deviation of the measurement background counts. The determined detection
235 limits of nitrated phenols increase to the range of 0.3-0.5 ppt based on this approach
236 (Bertram et al., 2011) (Table 1).

237 **2.2 Other measurements**

238 Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including hydrocarbons and oxygenates, were
239 measured using an online gas chromatography-mass spectrometer (GC-MS) (Gilman et
240 al., 2013). A commercial proton transfer reaction time of flight mass spectrometer (PTR-
241 TOF) (IONICON Analytik, Austria) was also deployed at the Horse Pool site to measure
242 various VOC species (Warneke et al., 2015). Measurements of phenol, cresols and
243 dimethylphenols+ethylphenols (DMP) were accomplished by the PTR-TOF at m/z

244 95.0491 ($C_6H_6OH^+$), m/z 109.0648 ($C_7H_8OH^+$) and m/z 123.0804 ($C_8H_{10}OH^+$),
245 respectively. An example of high-resolution peak fitting to m/z 95 in the mass spectra of
246 PTR-TOF is shown in Figure S3. The sensitivities to these phenols are estimated here
247 from the calibrated sensitivities of m/z 93.0699 (toluene), m/z 107.0855 (C8-aromatics)
248 and m/z 121.1012 (C9-aromatics) and the ratio of proton-transfer rate coefficients (k) of
249 the phenols versus the aromatic hydrocarbons (Cappellin et al., 2012) (see details in the
250 SI). Considering the uncertainties in the rate coefficients k , the accuracies of the
251 determined concentrations of phenols can be up to 50% (de Gouw and Warneke, 2007).

252 Measurements of NO_3 and N_2O_5 were conducted by a cavity ring-down
253 spectroscopy instrument (Dubé et al., 2006). NO_x ($NO+NO_2$), NO_y and O_3 were
254 measured with another cavity ring-down spectroscopy instrument (Wild et al., 2014).
255 Measurements of methane (CH_4) and carbon dioxide (CO_2) were performed with a
256 commercial cavity ring-down spectrometry instrument (Picarro G2301). A pair of
257 commercial spectral radiometers (Metcon Inc.) was used to measure photolysis
258 frequencies of ozone and NO_2 .

259 **3. Results and Discussions**

260 **3.1 Diurnal variations**

261 Measured diurnal profiles of NP, MNP and DMNP during the UBWOS 2014 are
262 shown in Figure 3. Very strong diurnal variations in concentrations of these nitrated
263 phenols were observed. Concentrations of nitrated phenols were higher at night and lower
264 in the daytime. The ratios between the concentrations in the two hours around midnight
265 (23:00-1:00 MST) and in the two hours around noon (11:00-13:00 MST) are 2.9, 3.9 and
266 4.7 for NP, MNP and DMNP, respectively. This indicates that the substituted alkyl
267 groups enhance the diurnal variations of nitrated phenols, either through larger source at
268 night or larger sink in the daytime.

269 Primary emissions of VOCs and NO_x at the Horse Pool site are predominantly due
270 to oil and gas production activities, as the Horse Pool site is surrounded by oil and gas
271 production wells. VOCs and NO_x emitted from nearby oil and gas wells led to periodic
272 concentration spikes during the UBWOS campaigns (Warneke et al., 2014; Yuan et al.,
273 2015). Figure 4 shows two types of episodes encountered during UBWOS 2014. The first

274 was associated with high concentrations of methane and benzene, as an example of
275 fugitive emissions from oil and gas wells. No enhancement of nitrated phenols was
276 observed for the first emission episode. The second episode was associated with high
277 concentrations of NO_y , NO_x and CO_2 , as an example of either vehicle emissions or other
278 fuel combustion activities related to oil and gas extractions (e.g., compressors,
279 dehydrators and pump jacks). High NO_x/NO_y ratios (0.96 ± 0.01) indicate that a fresh
280 combustion plume was encountered. We observed small enhancement of NP during the
281 second emission episode. The enhancement ratio of NP/ NO_y in this plume is determined
282 to be $4.6 \pm 0.7 \times 10^{-3}$ ppt/ppb, which is comparable with the reported NP/ NO_x emission
283 ratios ($1-50 \times 10^{-3}$ ppt/ppb) from gasoline and diesel vehicles (Inomata et al.,
284 2013; Sekimoto et al., 2013). Using the obtained enhancement ratio of NP/ NO_y , we
285 determine that primary emissions from combustion sources only account for less than 2%
286 of NP concentrations during UBWOS 2014. In addition to these primary sources,
287 biomass burning was not observed in the UBWOS campaigns, based on the absence of
288 any enhancement of biomass burning markers like acetonitrile. We conclude that primary
289 emissions of nitrated phenols were not significant during UBWOS 2014.

290 In addition to primary emissions, secondary formation from oxidation of phenols is
291 an important source for nitrated phenols (Harrison et al., 2005a). Phenol exhibited a
292 concentration maximum in the afternoon (Figure 3B). The diurnal profile of phenol is
293 more similar to that of secondary acetaldehyde, than that of primary emitted benzene. It
294 suggests that secondary formation was the most important source of phenol. Substituted
295 phenols (cresols and DMP) also had similar diurnal variations as phenol.

296 **3.2 Modeling analysis for NP**

297 3.2.1 Box model results

298 We will focus on NP to understand the budget of nitrated phenols, because NP had
299 higher concentrations than the substituted nitrated phenols (MNP and DMNP) and there
300 is more information on sources and sinks of NP in the literature. A series of zero-
301 dimensional box model simulations on the formation of phenol and NP were conducted
302 using the online AtChem tool (<https://atchem.leeds.ac.uk>). The MCM v3.2 (Jenkin et al.,
303 2012) was used as the chemical mechanism in the box model. We note that ambient

304 temperature (-5 ± 5 °C) during UBWOS 2014 was much lower than the temperature
305 (around 25 °C) at which rate constants of many reactions are usually measured. Rate
306 constants as a function of temperature are only available for the reactions of OH radical
307 with benzene and phenol among those shown in Figure 1 and they were already included
308 in MCM v3.2. The model ran in a time-dependent mode and a 48-hour spin-up time was
309 applied in the box model. Measured concentrations of various hydrocarbons, NO_x, O₃,
310 NO₃ and photolysis frequencies (Table S2) were used as constraints in the box model.
311 The simulation period of the model was chosen to be January 18-27, a period associated
312 with several buildup episodes of ozone and other secondary products, with high measured
313 concentrations of NP and without precipitation. Following previous box model studies
314 (Yuan et al., 2015; Edwards et al., 2014), dilution and deposition processes were
315 represented together using a diurnally varying first-order physical loss parameter in the
316 box model. The physical loss rate at night (5.8×10^{-6} s⁻¹) was calculated from the decrease
317 rate of NP concentration between 0:00-6:00 am when the chemical loss was expected to
318 be low (see section 3.3.4). A higher physical loss rate (2.0×10^{-5} s⁻¹) during daytime was
319 used to account for larger turbulent mixing during daytime (Edwards et al., 2014), which
320 results in the decrease of concentrations of inert tracers in the afternoon, e.g. benzene
321 (Figure 3) and methane. Based on sensitivity tests of the box model, increase and
322 decrease of the physical loss rate terms by a factor of two resulted in a -48% and +39% of
323 change in the modeled NP concentrations.

324 As shown in the introduction, photolysis has been recognized as an important sink
325 for nitrated phenols. However, the photolysis of NP (and other nitrated phenols) is not
326 included in the MCM v3.2. We added the photolysis frequency of NP from Bardini
327 (2006) (1.4% of photolysis frequency of NO₂) into the MCM v3.2 and this model run is
328 referred to as the base simulation. Here, we assume that photolysis of NP produces 2-
329 phenoxy biradicals and HONO, as proposed in Bejan et al. (2006) (Figure 1 Route1).
330 There are other possible chemical routes for photolysis of NP: producing phenoxy
331 radicals (C₆H₅O) by losing NO₂ (Route2 in Figure 1) and producing nitrophenoxy radical
332 by hydrogen abstraction (Route3 in Figure 1). The simulation test in Figure S4 indicates
333 that the pathway forming C₆H₅O radicals and NO₂ is an ineffective sink for NP, since
334 C₆H₅O radical will re-form NP by reacting with NO₂. However, we cannot exclude this

335 pathway to occur along with that producing 2-phenoxy biradicals and HONO. The
336 photolysis frequency determined in Bardini (2006) from concentration changes of 2-
337 nitrophenol in a chamber may not include this pathway as well. As a result, attributing
338 the photolysis rates determined in Bardini (2006) to other pathways other than Route2 is
339 reasonable. The route producing nitrophenoxy radical will be discussed in Section 3.3.

340 The simulated results for phenol and NP from the base case of the box model are
341 shown in Figure 5. The modeled diurnal variations agreed reasonably well with the
342 observation for both NP and phenol in the base simulation, except for the phenol
343 nighttime levels that will be discussed below. Although modeled NP concentrations are
344 higher than the measurements for both daytime and nighttime, the agreement between
345 measurements and model results is still within their combined uncertainties.

346 The average measured concentrations of phenol at night are higher than 10 ppt, but
347 the modeled phenol concentrations are usually less than 2 ppt. At night, the production of
348 phenol from benzene oxidation halts, and the fast reaction with NO_3 ($2.8 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3$
349 $\text{molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at 298 K) removes phenol quickly (Figure 7 and discussion in section
350 3.2.3). Measured nighttime NO_3 radicals were quite low during UBWOS 2014 (1.4 ± 2.4
351 ppt). As a check on the possible uncertainties in measurements of NO_3 at these low
352 levels, simulations by varying NO_3 concentrations by a factor of 2 result in little
353 improvement for the modeled concentrations of phenol (Figure S5). Another simulation
354 using calculated NO_3 concentrations from the equilibrium between NO_3 and N_2O_5
355 (Figure S5) also indicates that uncertainties in NO_3 measurements cannot account for the
356 discrepancies between measured and modeled phenol at night. The high phenol
357 concentrations measured at night might be a result of primary emissions. Indeed, the
358 measured phenol concentration was slightly enhanced in the plume with high methane
359 concentrations (see Figure 4A). However, a simulation using the measured phenol
360 concentrations as a constraint in the box model, predicted much higher NP concentrations
361 than measurements (Figure S4). Perhaps a more likely explanation for the enhanced
362 phenol concentrations at night is that the measurements of phenol by PTR-TOF suffer
363 from chemical interferences at night. Vinylfuran might be a candidate (Karl et al.,
364 2007; Stockwell et al., 2015). Thus, the modeled concentrations of phenol shown in
365 Figure 5 will be used in the following discussions.

366 3.2.2 NO₂ dependence of NP yields

367 As shown in Figure 1, NP is generated from the reaction of NO₂ with phenoxy
368 radicals (C₆H₅O·) (Berndt and Boge, 2003), which is an intermediate from the reactions
369 of OH and NO₃ radicals with phenol and the reaction of phenylperoxy radicals (C₆H₅O₂)
370 with NO. In addition to NO₂, C₆H₅O· radicals also react with NO and O₃ (Platz et al.,
371 1998) (see Figure 1), thus the yield of NP has been reported to depend on NO₂
372 concentrations in the atmosphere (Berndt and Boge, 2003).

373 In the MCM v3.2, only the reactions of C₆H₅O radical with O₃ and NO₂ are
374 included and here we added the reaction of C₆H₅O with NO ($k=1.88\times 10^{-12}$ cm³ molecule⁻¹
375 s⁻¹) for a new simulation. Compared to the base simulation, the modeled concentrations
376 of NP are lower, especially for the period of 11:00-17:00, as the effective yield of NP is
377 reduced (Figure 5). The small enhancement during the period of 11:00-17:00 in NP
378 concentrations from the base simulation is absent in the simulation with the reaction of
379 C₆H₅O with NO. The variations of modeled NP concentrations in the daytime from the
380 new simulation are in better agreement with the measurements (Figure 5). This indicates
381 the reaction of NO and C₆H₅O radical should be considered to account for the NO₂
382 dependence of NP formation.

383 Another simulation using fixed NP yields from phenol oxidation reported in
384 Atkinson et al. (1992) (6.7% for OH oxidation and 25.1% for NO₃ oxidation) is also
385 performed. This simulation neglects any dependence of NP yield from phenol oxidation
386 on concentrations of NO₂, O₃ and NO. We observed lower concentrations during both the
387 day and night compared to the base simulation (Figure 5). However, the enhancement of
388 modeled NP in the period of 11:00 -17:00 is distinctly observed with the simulation using
389 the fixed yields in Atkinson et al. (1992), which is in contrast to the lowest concentration
390 in the afternoon from our observations. This, again, indicates there must be a dependence
391 of NP yield from phenol oxidation on NO₂ concentrations in the atmosphere.

392 3.2.3 Gas-particle partitioning of NP

393 NP formed in the gas phase can partition into particles (Harrison et al., 2005a).
394 Measurements in several studies demonstrated that 2-NP and MNP were mainly found in
395 the gas phase (Herterich and Herrmann, 1990; Cecinato et al., 2005; Morville et al., 2006).

396 However, the reported particle fractions of 4-NP and DNP exhibit a broad range in
397 values: the particle fractions of 4-NP and DNP reported in Herterich and Herrmann
398 (1990) were both lower than 15%, whereas most of the concentrations of 4-NP (>75%)
399 (Cecinato et al., 2005) and DNP (>95%) (Morville et al., 2006) were detected in particles
400 in these other two studies.

401 The concentrations of NP and other nitrated phenols in particles were not measured
402 in this study. We acknowledge that some fractions of nitrated phenols in particles may
403 evaporate into gas phase in the heated inlets. If it holds true, the measured concentrations
404 of nitrated phenols in this study would fall somewhere between concentrations in gas-
405 phase and the total gas+particle concentrations. Here, the gas-particle partitioning of NP
406 as a function of time was estimated using the equilibrium absorption partitioning theory
407 (Pankow, 1994; Donahue et al., 2006) (see details in the SI), based upon pure compound
408 liquid vapor pressure of 2-NP and 4-NP (Schwarzenbach et al., 1988) (Table 2) and
409 measured organic aerosol (OA) concentrations with an aerosol mass spectrometer
410 (AMS). The dependence with temperature was accounted for using the Clausius-
411 Clapeyron relationship with reported enthalpies of evaporation (H_{vap}) (Schwarzenbach et
412 al., 1988). Although vapor pressures from Schwarzenbach et al. (1988) might have
413 significant uncertainties, Schwarzenbach et al. (1988) provided the only comprehensive
414 measurements of sub-cooled liquid vapor pressures of nitrated phenols reported in the
415 literature.

416 The calculated fractions in particle (F_p) for 2-NP were generally very low (campaign
417 average: $1.1 \pm 0.9 \times 10^{-4}$, max: 7.3×10^{-4}), whereas F_p for 4-NP were higher (average:
418 0.053 ± 0.048 , max: 0.38). The variability of the determined F_p values is the result of
419 variations of both OA concentrations ($12.5 \pm 8.7 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, min: $<1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, max: $42.6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
420 and ambient temperature ($-5 \pm 5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, min: $-17 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$, max: $10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) during the campaign. The
421 higher F_p for 4-NP is expected, as 4-NP (1.4×10^{-3} Torr at 298 K) has much lower vapor
422 pressure than 2-NP (0.20 Torr at 298 K) (Table 2). In addition to absorption, partitioning
423 of NP into aqueous phase of particles is another possible pathway affecting F_p . This
424 mechanism is estimated using Henry's law constants (Sander, 2015) and determined
425 liquid water content (LWC) ($8.4 \pm 7.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) in aerosol using the ISORROPIA model
426 (Fountoukis and Nenes, 2007). The estimated F_p values based on aqueous phase

427 partitioning for 2-NP (1.3×10^{-7}) and 4-NP (3.0×10^{-5}) are both much lower than F_p
 428 estimated from the equilibrium absorption partitioning theory, indicating partitioning of
 429 NP into particle aqueous phase was not important during UBWOS 2014.

430 The gas-particle partitioning of 2-NP and 4-NP determined above was incorporated
 431 into the box model by constraining the estimated F_p in the determination of gas-particle
 432 mass transport rates. The mass transport rates (R_{in} and R_{out}) of a species into and out of
 433 particles with radius r are approximated by (Jacob, 2000):

$$R_{in} = \left(\frac{r}{D_g} + \frac{4}{v\alpha} \right)^{-1} A \times c_g = \frac{1}{\tau} \times c_g \quad (1)$$

$$R_{out} = \left(\frac{r}{D_g} + \frac{4}{v\alpha} \right)^{-1} A \times \frac{c_p}{K_{ep}} = \frac{1}{\tau} \times \frac{c_p}{K_{ep}} \quad (2)$$

434 where c_g and c_p are concentrations of the species in the gas and particle phase. D_g
 435 is the gas-phase molecular diffusion coefficient ($\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$), v is the mean molecular speed
 436 (m s^{-1}), α is the mass accommodation coefficient. A is the aerosol surface area per unit
 437 volume of air ($\text{m}^2 \text{m}^{-3}$). K_{ep} is the equilibrium constant, i.e. c_p/c_g , or $/(1 - F_p)$. The
 438 characteristic time scale of mass transfer (τ) is estimated to be on the order of minutes for
 439 particles in the troposphere (Bowman et al., 1997; Jacob, 2000). Thus, rather than
 440 determining the characteristic time scale explicitly, we assume that the equilibrium is
 441 maintained at each model step ($\tau=5$ min). After entering into particles, no further reaction
 442 of NP was prescribed in the model. The modeled diurnal profiles of NP associated with
 443 the inclusion of gas-particle partitioning are shown in Figure 6. Compared to the base
 444 simulation, the modeled NP concentrations in the gas phase using the estimated F_p from
 445 4-NP are lower (4-8%) for most of the day and slightly higher (2-3%) in the morning
 446 when NP concentrations decreased quickly. Since the predicted F_p from 2-NP is very
 447 small, the modeled NP concentrations in the gas phase using the estimates from 2-NP
 448 were almost identical to the base simulation. In contrast with the modeled concentrations
 449 of NP in the gas phase, the modeled total concentrations of NP in gas and particle phase
 450 are consistently higher than the base simulation that do not consider gas-particle
 451 partitioning. In summary, we observe relatively small changes of the modeled gaseous
 452 NP concentrations after the inclusion of gas-particle partitioning in the box model.

453 Further measurements of the gas/particle partitioning of nitrated phenols are needed to
454 explain the variety of F_p values observed in different studies and/or the potential
455 differences between measurements and prediction from the equilibrium absorption
456 partitioning model.

457 3.2.4 Budget analysis of phenol and nitrophenol

458 Diurnal profiles of formation and loss rates derived from the base simulation of the
459 box model for both phenol and NP are shown in Figure 7. Production of phenol only
460 occurs in the daytime from OH oxidation of benzene. The magnitudes of losses of phenol
461 due to OH oxidation (21 ppt/day) and NO_3 oxidation (19 ppt/day) are comparable on a
462 daily basis. From morning to afternoon (8:00-15:00), production of phenol is larger than
463 the losses, resulting in continuous growth of phenol concentrations in this period. After
464 15:00 pm, the losses start to surpass the production and phenol concentrations decrease
465 quickly. With fast reduction of phenol concentrations in the evening, phenol loss from the
466 reaction with NO_3 is mainly occurred before midnight.

467 As shown in Figure 7, NP is produced during both daytime and night, with more
468 production in the daytime. As mentioned earlier, the only formation pathway of NP is
469 from the reaction of phenoxy radicals ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$) with NO_2 , so the contribution from
470 different pathways to NP formation can be derived from source analysis of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$
471 radicals (Figure 7C). The production of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$ radicals is dominated by the reaction of
472 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$ radicals with NO during daytime (71% for 24-hour average) and the reaction of
473 phenol with NO_3 radicals at night (27% for 24-hour average). There are several sources
474 contributing to the formation of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}_2$ radicals in the MCM, including photolysis of
475 benzaldehyde and peroxybenzoic acid, OH oxidation of benzoic acid and phenyl
476 hydroperoxide, and degradations of other radicals (e.g., phenylperoxyacyl radical
477 $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CO}_3$), suggesting a wide range of aromatic compounds as the precursors of NP in
478 the daytime. The reaction of phenol with OH radicals only accounts for a small fraction
479 of the production of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$ radicals (2% for 24-hour average), due to the small yield of
480 NP (6%) from the reaction of OH with phenol in the MCM. It indicates phenol is not an
481 important precursor for NP during daytime. The destruction of NP is mainly due to
482 photolysis (17 ppt/day), with some contributions from NO_3 reaction (1.7 ppt/day). The

483 reaction with OH radicals is not important for the losses of NP in the UBWOS 2014.
484 Dilution/deposition processes account for 20% of the total loss of NP in the box model.
485 Our results are consistent with previous proposal on photolysis as the dominant chemical
486 loss pathway for nitrated phenols (Bejan et al., 2007). Based on the conditions at the
487 Horse Pool site, the lifetime of NP due to photolysis at noontime is calculated to be ~80
488 min. As the result of the short lifetime of NP during daytime, the production (23.6
489 ppt/day) and loss rates (23.1 ppt/day) of NP maintain a balanced budget of NP on a daily
490 basis. The inclusion of the reaction of phenoxy radicals (C_6H_5O) with NO discussed in
491 section 3.2.2 would mainly affect NP budget in the noontime, with smaller production
492 and loss in this period.

493 The different diurnal variations of production and loss rates of NP explain the
494 measured diurnal profile of NP concentrations shown in Figure 3. The increase of loss
495 rates from photolysis result in the quick decline of NP concentrations in the morning. The
496 formation of NP from NO_3 oxidation of phenol in the evening exceeds the destruction of
497 NP, which accounts for the enhancement of NP in this period. The formation and loss
498 rates of NP are comparable in the afternoon and relatively constant concentrations of NP
499 were observed.

500 A previous study showed that photolysis of nitrated phenols contributes to HONO
501 formation (Bejan et al., 2006). If we assume photolysis of nitrated phenols at rates of
502 $1.4\% \times J(NO_2)$ yields HONO at a 100% yield (upper limit), photolysis of NP, MNP and
503 DMNP together accounted for a formation rate of HONO of 1.5 ± 1.9 ppt/hour around
504 noontime (9:00-15:00) during UBWOS 2014. This photolysis source would increase the
505 steady state concentrations of HONO by 0.5 ppt in early morning (7:00-8:30) and 0.2 ppt
506 during the noontime period (9:00-15:00), which are only small fractions of measured
507 HONO concentrations (50-100 ppt) during UBWOS 2014 (Edwards et al., 2014).

508 **3.3 Dinitrophenol**

509 Further oxidation of NP in the presence of NO_x produces DNP. The measured time
510 series of DNP in January 18-22 is shown in Figure 8. A similar diurnal profile was
511 observed for DNP as other nitrated phenols, associated with higher concentrations at
512 night and lower in the daytime. We also notice that the peak time of DNP concentrations

513 at night was somewhat later than NP, consistent with further oxidation of NP as the
514 source of DNP.

515 In the MCM v3.2, reactions of NP with OH or NO₃ radicals generate nitrophenoxy
516 radicals (NO₂C₆H₅O·), which react further with NO₂ to form DNP. Here, we assume
517 DNP has the same photolysis rate as NP (1.4% of photolysis frequency of NO₂) (Bardini,
518 2006) and we added the photolysis into the MCM v3.2. The simulated concentrations of
519 DNP from the box model are also displayed in Figure 8. The agreement between
520 measurements and simulation is quite good from the base simulation. DNP has also been
521 observed in the particle phase at significant fractions (Morville et al., 2006). Using the
522 equilibrium absorption partitioning theory described in section 3.3.3 and vapor pressures
523 of two different DNP isomers (2,4-DNP and 2,5-DNP) (Table 2), we incorporated the
524 calculated particle fractions of DNP (Table 2) into the box model as a sensitivity
525 simulation. The predicted DNP concentrations from this simulation are around 5% lower
526 than the base simulation at night. Considering the limited information on DNP formation,
527 the agreement between measured and modeled concentrations of DNP from both
528 simulations is encouraging. This degree of agreement implies that DNP concentrations
529 measured in UBWOS 2014 is explainable by known chemical reactions in the gas phase.

530 As described in Section 3.2, photolysis is the dominant sink for NP and box
531 model results indicate that photolysis of NP may not generate phenoxy radical (by losing
532 NO₂). The other possible product from photolysis of NP is nitrophenoxy radical (Figure 1
533 Route 3), which would act as a secondary source of DNP. This assumption is evaluated
534 as a new simulation. The simulation predicted concentration peaks of DNP in the
535 morning (the orange line in Figure 8), which are not observed in our measurements.
536 Thus, we exclude nitrophenoxy radical as the main products of photolysis of NP.
537 However, the products and exact chemical mechanisms for photolysis of NP remain
538 unclear and thus the photolysis of NP warrants further detailed studies.

539 **3.4 Non-gas phase reactions**

540 The box model only considers gas phase reactions that produce nitrated phenols. In
541 addition to gas phase reactions, aqueous reactions in particles and heterogeneous
542 reactions are other potential sources of nitrated phenols (Harrison et al., 2005a). As

543 shown in section 3.3.3, using chemical compositions of aerosol at the Horse Pool site and
544 the ISORROPIA model (Fountoukis and Nenes, 2007), the liquid water content (LWC) in
545 aerosol during UBWOS 2014 was estimated to be $8.4 \pm 7.5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (whole campaign
546 average), or $8.4 \pm 7.5 \times 10^{-12}$ expressed as the volume fraction. Based on the box modeling
547 results in Harrison et al. (2005b), aqueous reactions contribute less than 2% of NP
548 production at 3×10^{-9} volume fraction LWC. Thus, aqueous reactions in UBWOS 2014
549 should not be a significant source for nitrated phenols compared to gas phase reactions.

550 The Uintah Basin was covered by snow during UBWOS 2014. The importance of
551 heterogeneous reactions on snow surface to formation of nitrated phenols is evaluated
552 using measurements of the vertical gradients of these species. Here, the concentration
553 gradient is defined as the concentrations measured at 18.5 m subtracted from those
554 measured at 1 m. As shown in Figure 9, we observed negative concentration gradients for
555 nitrated phenols at night, indicating that deposition was playing a role and consequently
556 ground snow was a net sink for nitrated phenols at night. A previous study suggested
557 heterogeneous reaction of N_2O_5 with phenol in the aqueous phase produces NP (Heal et
558 al., 2007). Strong deposition of N_2O_5 to the snow surface was observed at night during
559 UBWOS 2014, but as discussed no production of nitrated phenols near the snow surface
560 was detected at night (Figure 9). The vertical gradients for nitrated phenols in the daytime
561 fluctuated around zero with large variations, which might be a result of their low
562 concentrations during daytime. The analysis of vertical gradients implies that
563 heterogeneous reactions on snow surface may not be important for formation of nitrated
564 phenols in the atmosphere during UBWOS 2014.

565 **4. Conclusions**

566 In this study, nitrated phenols in the gas phase were measured using an online
567 acetate ToF-CIMS in an oil and gas production region during winter. Strong diurnal
568 profiles were observed for nitrated phenols, with concentration maxima at night. As the
569 dominant sink for nitrated phenols, photolysis accounted for lower concentrations of
570 nitrated phenols during daytime. We determined that the photolysis of nitrated phenols
571 was not an important source of HONO during UBWOS 2014. Based on box model
572 results, NP was mainly formed in the daytime (73%) from a wide range of precursors,

573 with significant contribution from the reaction of phenol with NO₃ radicals at night
574 (27%). Box model results also indicated that gas phase oxidation of aromatics was able to
575 explain the measured concentrations of NP and DNP. We demonstrated that box model
576 results provided valuable information on the detailed chemical mechanisms in the
577 formation and destruction of NP, e.g., the NO₂ dependence of NP yields from phenol
578 oxidations and chemical products of NP photolysis. We determined that aqueous-phase
579 reactions and heterogeneous reactions were minor sources of nitrated phenols in this
580 study. Although the dataset of nitrated phenols was collected in an oil and gas production
581 region, the chemistry in secondary formation of nitrated phenols and the dynamics of the
582 budget of nitrated phenols in other regions, e.g., urban areas, should behave similarly to
583 those shown in this study.

584 Biomass burning activity did not affect the UBWOS 2014 measurements, and the
585 concentrations of phenols and nitrated phenols were mainly from oxidations of aromatics
586 in the atmosphere. The measurements during UBWOS 2014 provided a great opportunity
587 to study secondary formation of nitrated phenols in the absence of other confounding
588 sources. The UBWOS 2014 campaign also represented the first coincident and high time-
589 resolution measurements of aromatic hydrocarbons, phenols and nitrated phenols in
590 ambient air. The measurements of phenol and nitrated phenols provided a better
591 understanding of their sources, budgets and roles in atmospheric chemistry and for the
592 evaluation of the oxidation mechanisms of aromatics. This is achieved by the emergence
593 of the new ToF-CIMS and PTR-TOF techniques. We envision that these techniques will
594 provide the ability to detect many other intermediate compounds in the atmosphere and
595 that the measurements will advance the understanding of atmospheric oxidation
596 processes.

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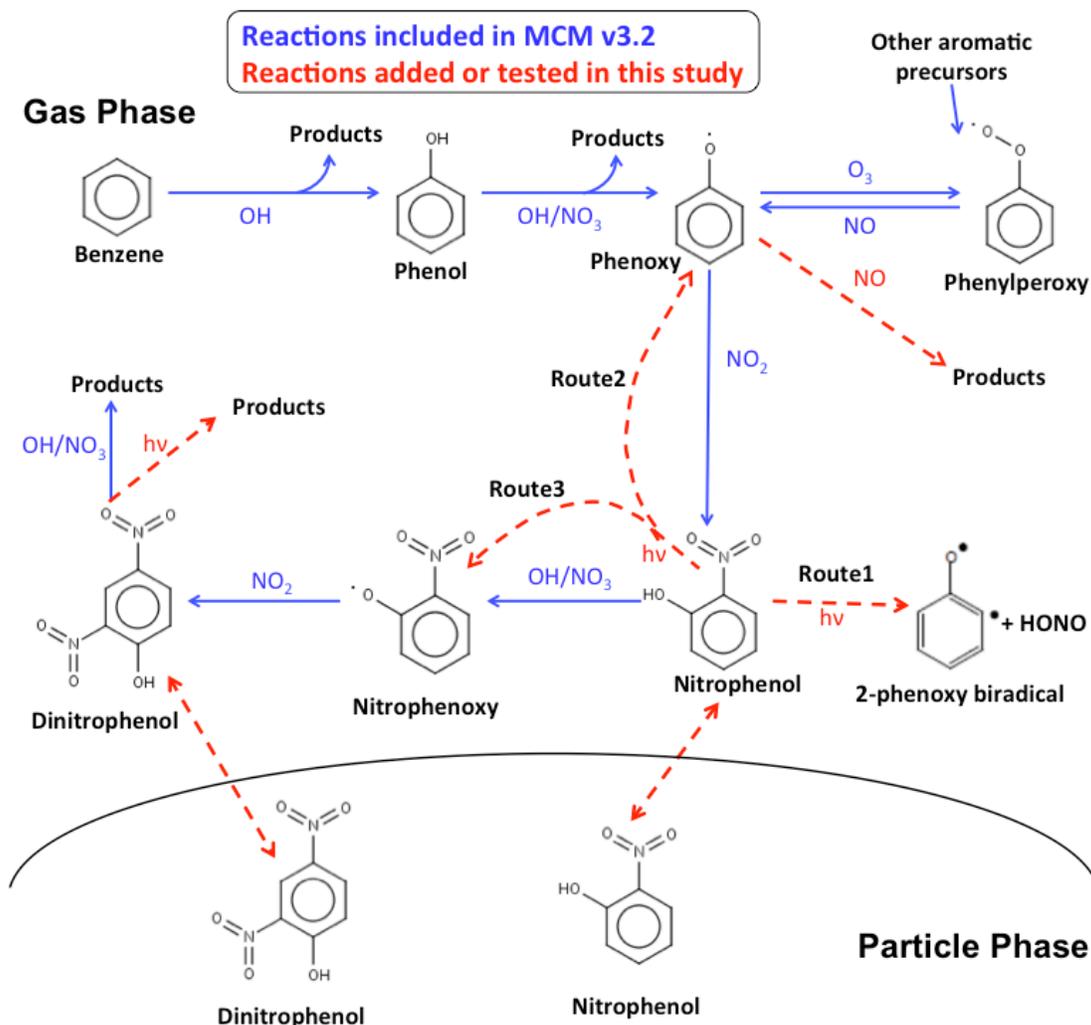
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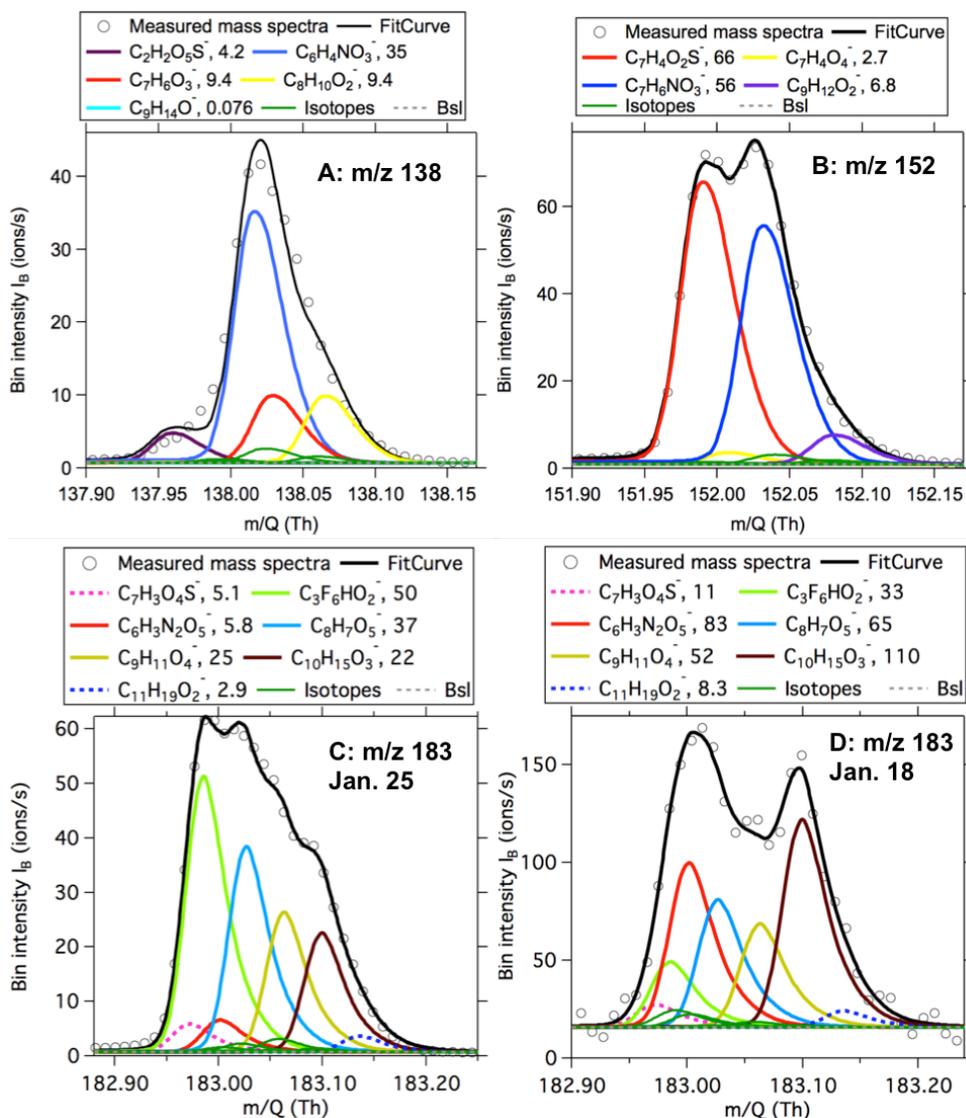
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871 **Figures**

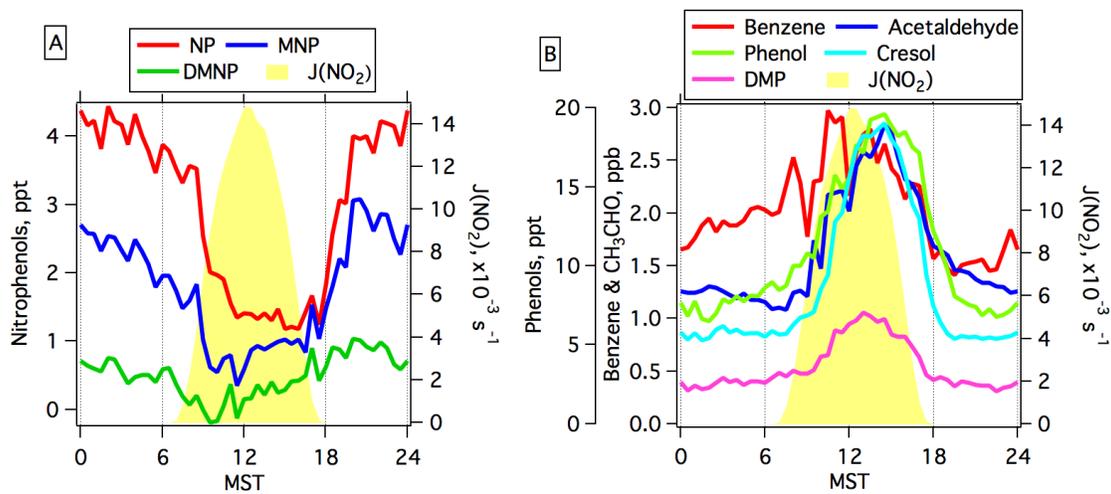


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 873 Figure 1. Formation of phenol, nitrophenol (NP) and dinitrophenol (DNP) from the
 874 photo-oxidation of benzene in the atmosphere (Jenkin et al., 2003). Reactions in blue are
 875 included in the MCM v3.2, whereas reactions in red are added or evaluated in this study.
 876 For NP, DNP and the intermediate radicals, other isomers are expected but not shown for
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Figure 2. High-resolution peak fitting to the averaged mass spectra of acetate ToF-CIMS for m/z 138 (A), m/z 152 (B) and m/z 183 (C) on January 25, 2014 and m/z 183 (D) on Jan. 18, 2014 during UBWOS 2014. The dark green lines indicate the calculated isotope signals from lower masses.



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Figure 3. (A) Diurnal profiles of measured NP, MNP, DMNP. (B) Diurnal profiles of

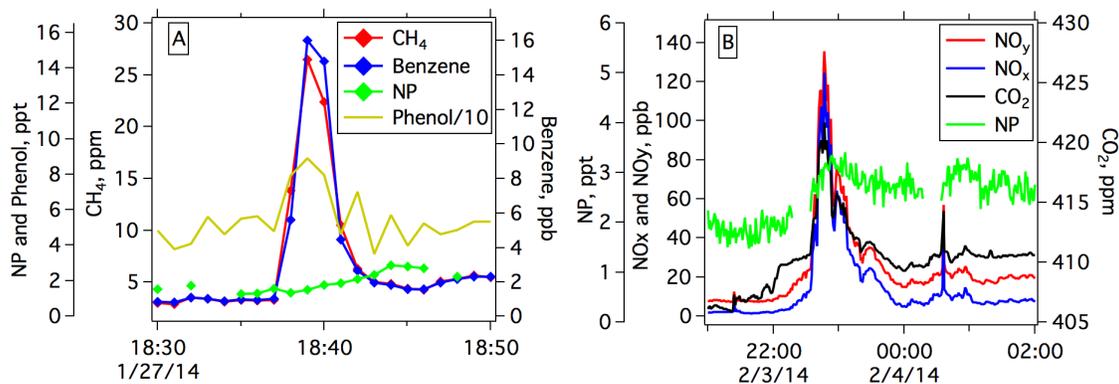
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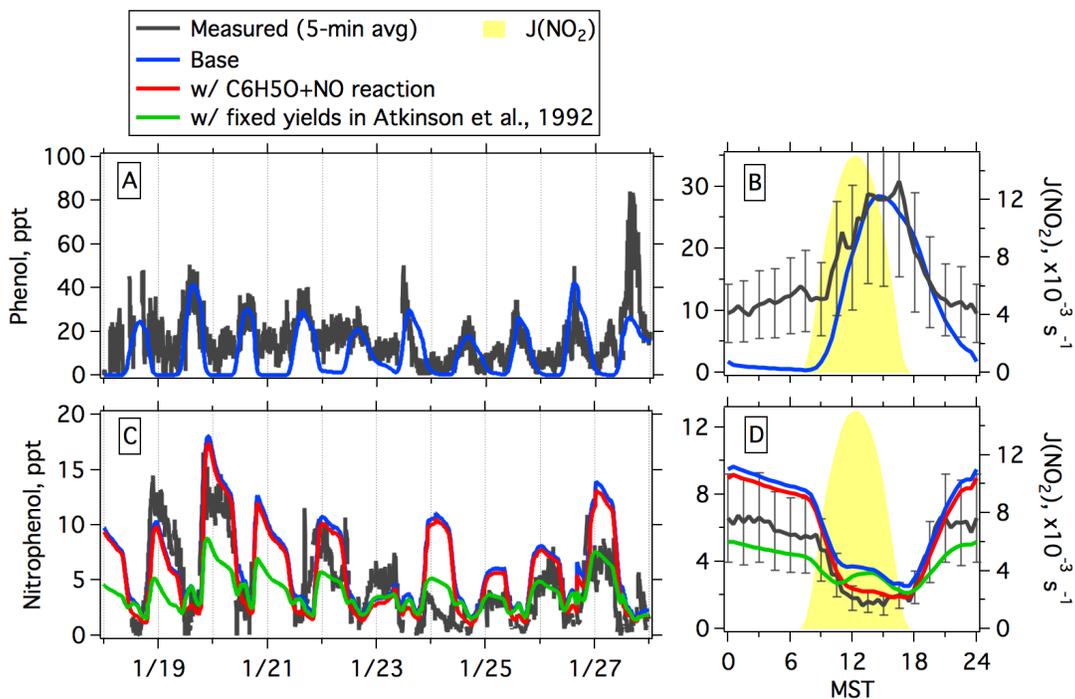
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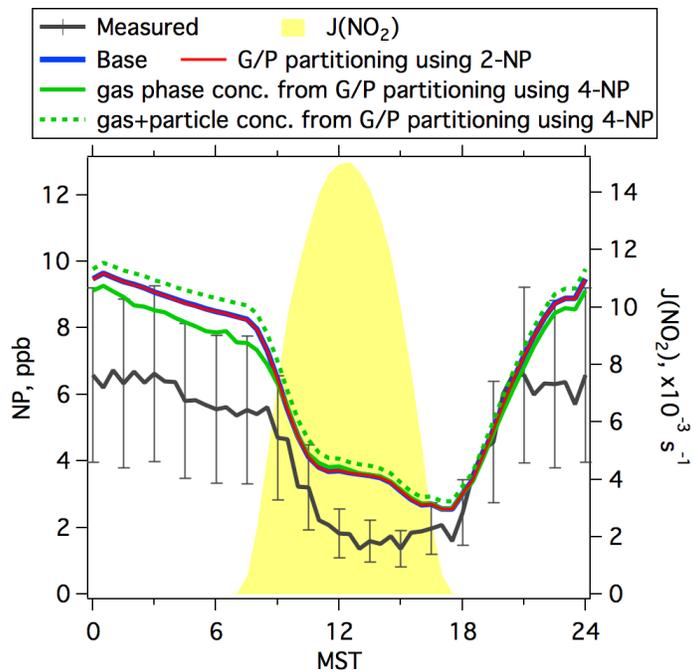


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 892 Figure 4. (A) An episode with high concentrations of methane and benzene on January
 893 27, 2014 during UBWOS 2014. The source for this episode was fugitive emissions from
 894 oil and gas activities. (B) An episode with high concentrations of NO_y and CO₂ on
 895 February 3, 2014 during UBWOS 2014. The source for this episode was fuel combustion
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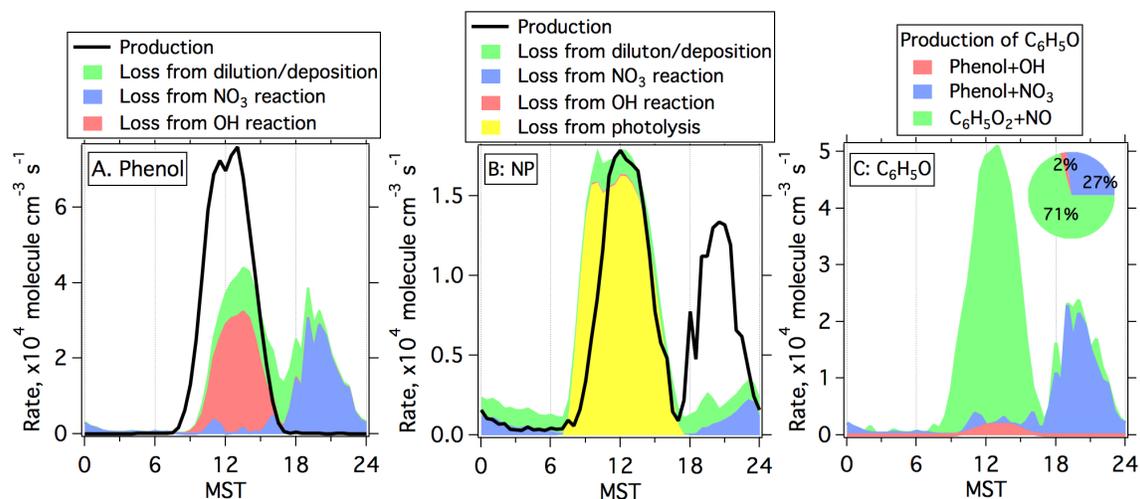


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Figure 5. (A and C) Comparison of measured and modeled time series of phenol (A) and NP (C). (B and D) Diurnal profiles of measured and modeled concentrations of phenol (B) and NP (D). Photolysis frequencies of NO₂ are shown in B and D for reference. Error bars in (B) and (D) indicate the accuracies of concentrations of phenol (50%) and NP (40%), respectively.

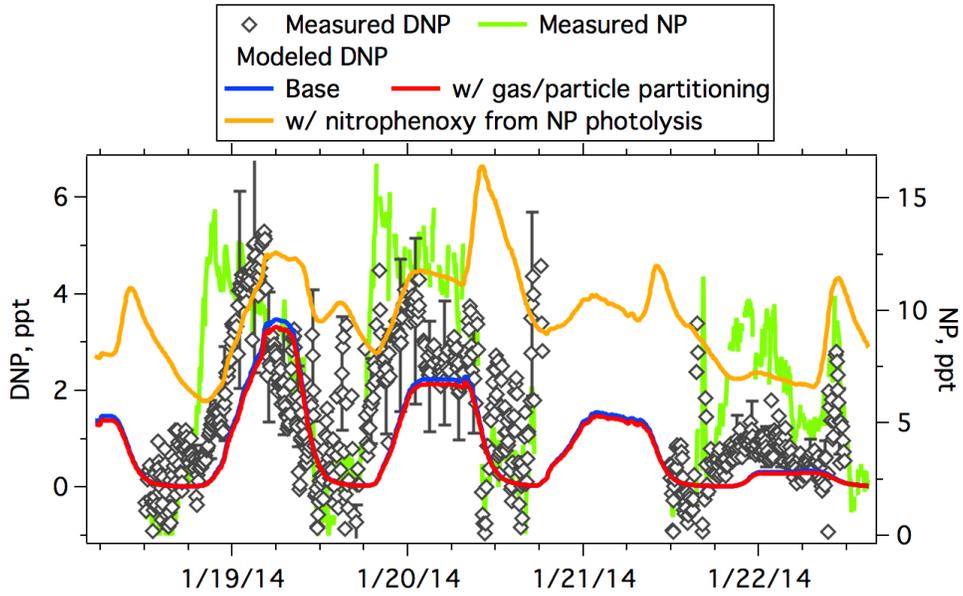


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 905 Figure 6. Diurnal profiles of measured and modeled concentrations of NP from the base
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 908 concentrations of NP (40%).
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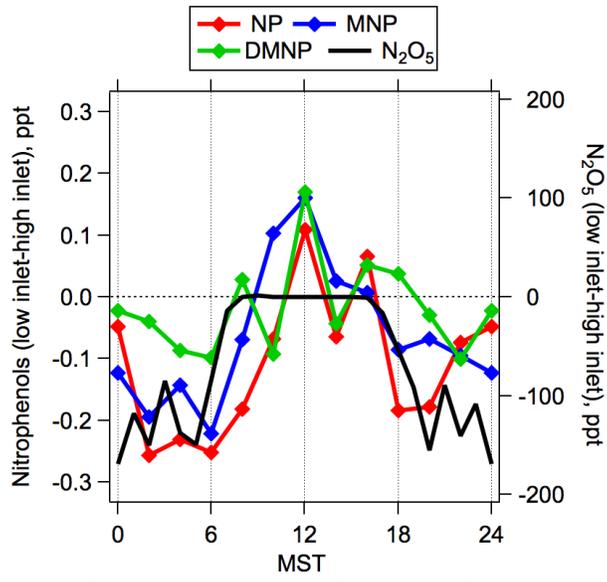
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 911 Figure 7. Diurnal profiles of production and loss rates from different pathways for phenol
 912 (A) and NP (B) derived from the base simulation of the box model. (C) Diurnal profiles
 913 of production rates from different pathways for $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$ radicals. The inserted pie in C
 914 shows contributions from three different pathways to the formation of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{O}$ radicals on
 915 a daily basis.

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 918 Figure 8. Comparison of measured and modeled time series of DNP. Measured time
 919 series of NP is also shown for comparison. Error bars indicate the accuracies of DNP
 920 concentrations (50%).

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 924 Figure 9. Diurnal profiles of vertical gradients for nitrated phenols measured in January
 925 22 – February 1. The measured vertical gradient of N₂O₅ measured in February 6- 14 is
 926 also shown for comparison.
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928 **Tables**

929 Table 1. Sensitivities and detection limits of nitrated phenols in acetate ToF-CIMS

Species	Abbreviation	Ion	m/z	Sensitivity, ncps/ppt	Ratio to Formic acid ^e	Detection Limit, ppt ^f	
						Method 1	Method 2
Nitrophenol	NP	C ₆ H ₄ NO ₃ ⁻	138.0197	13.2 ^a	2.6	0.18	0.45
Methylnitrophenol	MNP	C ₇ H ₆ NO ₃ ⁻	152.0353	16.6 ^b	3.3	0.24	0.36
Dimethylnitrophenol + ethylnitrophenol	DMNP	C ₈ H ₈ NO ₃ ⁻	166.0510	16.6 ^c	3.3	0.14	0.36
Dinitrophenol	DNP	C ₆ H ₃ N ₂ O ₅ ⁻	183.0047	10.3 ^d	2.0	0.23	0.58

930 a: Average from calibrations of 2-NP (8.4 ncps/ppt) and 4-NP (18.0 ncps/ppt).

931 b: Calibration of 2-methyl-4-nitrophenol.

932 c: Using the same value as MNP.

933 d: Calibration using 2,5-dinitrophenol.

934 e: Based on the determined sensitivity of formic acid at 5.0 ncps/ppt during UBWOS 2014.

935 f: Method 1 is based on the random errors of observed counts follow Poisson distribution,

936 whereas method 2 is calculated as the concentrations with counts at three times of standard

937 deviations of measured background counts (see discussions in text and in Bertram et al. (2011)).

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944 Table 2. Vapor pressure, enthalpy of evaporation (ΔH_{vap}) and calculated concentration945 fractions in particle phase (F_p) for several nitrated phenols

Species	Vapor pressure at 298 K, Torr ^a	ΔH_{vap} , kJ/mol ^a	F_p
2-NP	0.20	53.1	$1.1 \pm 0.9 \times 10^{-4}$
4-NP	1.4×10^{-3}	80.0	$5.3 \pm 4.8 \times 10^{-2}$
2,4-DNP	8.4×10^{-3}	70.4	$4.6 \pm 4.4 \times 10^{-3}$
2,5-DNP	1.2×10^{-3}	68.5	$2.8 \pm 2.7 \times 10^{-3}$

946 a: Calculated from data in Schwarzenbach et al. (1988).