

Supplementary Information for

Nitrate radicals and biogenic volatile organic compounds: oxidation, mechanisms and organic aerosol

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Supplementary Info to section 2.3

The lifetime (τ) of a single component, liquid organic particle with respect to loss by reaction with NO_3 at concentration $[\text{NO}_3]$ is partially governed by the uptake coefficient (γ) (Robinson et al., 2006; Gross et al., 2009b):

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$$\tau_{liquid} = \frac{2\rho_{org}N_A D_p}{3M_{org}\bar{c}\gamma[\text{NO}_3]} \quad (1)$$

Where D_p is the particle diameter, ρ_{org} and M_{org} are the density and molecular weight of the organic component, respectively and \bar{c} is the mean molecular velocity of gas-phase NO_3 . Thus defined, τ is the time required for all the organic molecules in a spherical (i.e. liquid) particle to be oxidised once. The lifetimes of some particle bound, low volatility organics can be reduced to seconds at night time due to the reaction of NO_3 whilst daytime lifetimes are significantly longer (Kaiser et al., 2011).

20 For a solid particle, the following expression has been used (Gross et al., 2009a)

$$\tau_{solid} = \frac{N_{tot}}{\bar{c}\gamma[\text{NO}_3]} \quad (2)$$

Where N_{tot} is the number of organic molecules on the surface.

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For a reactive organic coating on a non-reactive core the following expression has been used to derive the uptake coefficient:

$$\gamma = \frac{(R_p^3 - R_c^3)\rho_{org}N_A\eta_{org}}{3M_{org}R_p D \bar{c} t} \quad (3)$$

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Where R_p and R_c are the radii of the particle and the non-reactive core, respectively. η_{org} is the ratio of consumption of the organic species per NO_3 reaction, D is the diffusion coefficient of NO_3 to the particle and t is the average NO_3 exposure (molecule $\text{cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$).

If the reaction takes place throughout the particle, the uptake of NO_3 may be parameterised in terms of bulk accommodation and reaction within a resistor framework (Hanson et al., 1994):

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\alpha_b} + \frac{\bar{c}}{4HRT(D_b k'_{org})^{0.5}} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Where α_b is the bulk accommodation coefficient, H is the solubility, D_b is the bulk-phase diffusion coefficient of NO_3 and k'_{org} is the pseudo first order rate coefficient for reaction of NO_3 with the organic component of interest and is usually proportional to its concentration.

5 For aqueous particles and surfaces, the diffusion of NO_3 through the liquid is characterised by a value of D_b which is close to $1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$. For gas uptake by amorphous (semi-)solid organics, inhomogeneous mixing with strong concentration gradients is expected in the bulk phase. In such case, more complex depth-resolved kinetic models (Pöschl et al., 2007; Pfrang et al., 2010; Shiraiwa et al., 2010; Shiraiwa et al., 2012; Roldin et al., 2014) are required that

10 treat bulk diffusion and chemical reactions at the surface and in the bulk to fully evaluate the uptake and reaction of NO_3 . The key kinetic input parameters include the second-order surface and bulk reaction rate coefficients between NO_3 and organics (see section 2c2), the bulk diffusion coefficients of NO_3 and organics as well as the surface accommodation coefficient of NO_3 (α_s), desorption lifetime of NO_3 (τ_d), and Henry's law coefficient for NO_3

15 ($K_{\text{sol},cc}$). Typical ranges for these parameters the interactions between organic surfaces and NO_3 are: $\alpha_s = 10^{-3} - 1$, $\tau_d = 10^{-10} - 1$, and $K_{\text{sol},cc} = 10^{-4} - 10^{-3} \text{ mol cm}^{-3} \text{ atm}^{-1}$ (Shiraiwa et al., 2012). These parameters can be estimated by quantum chemical calculations such as molecular dynamic simulations and density functional theory. Otherwise, they need to be constrained by fitting experimental data using the depth-resolved kinetic models.

Table SI-1 Summary of experimental measurements of uptake coefficients and products formed in the interaction of NO_3 with organic surfaces.

Organic surface or particle	Methods	$\gamma (10^{-3})$	Products / Comments	Reference
Alkanes				
n-hexadecane [1]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	2.6 ± 0.8 (293 K)	Uptake coefficient greatly reduced for frozen samples. N1	(Moise et al., 2002)
n-hexadecane [2]	CWFT, (SAM)	14 ± 2 (293 K)	RH ~0 %, In the absence of O_2	(Knopf et al., 2006)
squalane [3]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	5.2 ± 0.4 (278 K)		(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
squalane [4]	AFT, in N_2 VUV-MS	< 7.8 (293 K)	100 nm diameter particles of pure squalene. Gas-phase NO_2 observed at close to unit yield.	(Lee et al., 2013)
1-octadecanethiol	CWFT, (SAM) IR, SIMS	298 K	RONO_2 formation on the surface observed. N2	(Gross and Bertram, 2009)
1-octadecanethiol [5]	CWFT, (SAM) XPS,	0.88 ± 0.225 (298 K)	Conversion of alkane to oxidized, condensed phase organics.	(Knopf et al., 2006)
heptamethyl nonane [6]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	2.1 ± 0.8 (253 K)	Uptake coefficient greatly reduced for frozen samples. N1	(Moise et al., 2002)
Saturated alcohols and carbonyls				
<i>n</i> -octanoic [8]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	2.1 ± 0.3 (290 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
1-octanol [9]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	7.1 ± 1.6 (258 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
glycerol [10]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	$0.8 - 1.7$ (268-293 K)		(Gross and Bertram, 2009)
16-mercapto-1-hexadecanol [11]	UHV, (SAM) RAIRS	6 ± 1 N3	Organic nitrates formed simultaneously with loss of terminal CH_2OH groups.	(Zhang and Morris, 2015)
Levoglucosan [12]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	~ 1.4 (298 K) N4	RH < 0.5 %, O_2 present.	(Knopf et al., 2011) (Shiraiwa et al., 2009)
Diethyl sebacate (DES) [13]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	$3.5 - 4.5$ (278-298 K)		(Gross and Bertram, 2009)
Diethyl sebacate (DES) [14]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	4.4 ± 0.4 (278 K)		(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
Diethyl sebacate (DOS) [15]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	3.9 ± 0.3 (278 K)		(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
Tridecanal (in DES)	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	$\sim 1.4-12$ (275 K)	$\sim 0.06-0.27 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ tridecanal	(Iannone et al., 2011)
Tridecanal (in DOS)	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	$\sim 0.5-5$ (275 K)	$\sim 0.02-0.11 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ tridecanal	(Iannone et al., 2011)
Tridecanal (in squalene)	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	$\sim 0-1$ (275 K)	$\sim 0.02-0.1 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ tridecanal	(Iannone et al., 2011)

Alkenes				
1-octadecene [17]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	1.6 ± 0.3 (293 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
1-hexadecene [18]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	2.3 ± 0.9 (277 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
7-tetradecene [19]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	5.8 ± 2.0 (246 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
Methyl oleate [20]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	140 ⁺⁸⁶⁰ ₋₅₀ (278 K)		(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
Methyl oleate (in DES)	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	15-95 (278 K)	~ 0.3- 2.3 wt % methyl oleate	(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
Methyl oleate (in DOS)	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	15 – 30 (278 K)	~ 0.6 – 2.6 wt % methyl oleate	(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
methyl oleate (in squalane)	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	10-25 (278 K)	~ 0.7 – 3.1 wt % methyl oleate	(Xiao and Bertram, 2011)
Undec-10-ene-1-thiol [21]	CWFT, (SAM)	34 ⁺⁴⁴ ₋₁₈ (298 K)	γ decreased (> factor 10) with reaction time as number of double bonds were depleted. Condensed phase products were organonitrates and carbonyls.	(Gross and Bertram, 2009)
Squalene [22]	AFT, in N ₂ (<i>lp</i>) VUV-MS	180 ± 30 (293 K)	γ (calculated assuming that only NO ₃ was lost to surface) increased (to 820 ± 110) with reaction time.	(Lee et al., 2013)
17-octadecene-1-thiol [23]	UHV, (SAM) RAIRS, XPS	2.3 ± 0.5	Reaction at terminal double bond to form organic nitrate via addition. N3	(Zhang et al., 2014c)
Unsaturated Acids				
Abietic [25]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	~3 (298 K)	RH < 0.5 % N5	(Knopf et al., 2011) (Shiraiwa et al., 2012)
Linoleic (conj.) [26]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	7.9 ± 1.2 (273 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
Linoleic (unconj.) [27]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	15.0 ± 2.0 (288 K)		(Moise et al., 2002)
Linoleic (conj.) [28]	AFT, (<i>lp</i>)	1010 ± 180 (295 K)		(Zhao et al., 2011)
Linoleic [29]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	400 ⁺⁴⁵⁰ ₋₃₁₀ (298 K)	RH ~ 0 %, In the absence of O ₂	(Knopf et al., 2011)
Linoleic (unconj.) [30]	AFT, (<i>lp</i>)	530 ± 120 (295 K)		(Zhao et al., 2011)
Linoleic (conj.) [31]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	>120 (278-298 K)		(Gross et al., 2009a)
Linoleic (unconj.) [32]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	>130 (288 K)		(Gross et al., 2009a)
Linolenic [33]	AFT, (<i>lp</i>)	720 ± 170 (295 K)		(Zhao et al., 2011)
Oleic	ATR-IR, GC-MS, LC-MS (<i>l</i>)	(298 K)	Products are carbonyl compounds which contain -ONO ₂ , -O ₂ NO ₂ and -NO ₂ functional groups. Also high molecular weight products formed.	(Hung et al., 2005)
Oleic [34]	AFT, (<i>lp</i>)	270 ± 60 (295 K)	In the presence of O ₂ , products are organo-nitrate (acid) with alcohol and carbonyl functional groups.	(Zhao et al., 2011)
Oleic [35]	AFT, (<i>lp</i>)	140 ± 30	Experiment conducted at room temperature	(Renbaum-Wolff et al., 2013)
Oleic [36]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	290 ⁺⁷¹⁰ ₋₂₁₀ (288 K)	RH ~0 %, In the absence of O ₂	(Knopf et al., 2011)
Oleic [37]	CWFT, (<i>l</i>)	>70 (285-302 K)		(Gross et al., 2009a)
Aromatics and PAHs				

Pyrene	Coated Glass Fibre Filter (<i>s</i>)		Formation (yield of ~ 100%) of 1-nitropyrene attributed to reaction with N ₂ O ₅ .	(Pitts et al., 1984)
Pyrene [39]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	>100 (293 K)		(Atkinson et al., 1995)
Pyrene [40]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	380 ⁺⁶²⁰ ₋₃₀₀ (273 K) 790 ⁺²¹⁰ ₋₆₇₀ (293-297 K)	Initial uptake coefficient on a fresh surface. γ decreased with NO ₃ exposure at 263 K but not at 297 K. HNO ₃ and NO ₂ observed as gas-phase products.	(Gross and Bertram, 2008a)
Pyrene	XPS, DRIFTS, GC-MS		Pyrene on a Teflon disc. Nitropyrene observed and attributed to reaction with NO ₃ /and/or N ₂ O ₅ .	(Atkinson et al., 1990)
Pyrene	AFT, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		Pyrene coated on an azelaic acid particle. Bulk samples coated on glass. Main product is 1-nitro-pyrene. N6	(Atkinson et al., 1988)
Pyrene [41]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS	370 (287 K)	Pyrene coated on an azelaic acid particle. 1-nitropyrene. N7	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Pyrene	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		2-nitropyrene formed at RH = 0.5 %, 1-nitropyrene observed at RH = 43 % N8	(Atkinson et al., 1985; Zhang et al., 2014a)
Benz[a]pyrene	10L glass bulb AMS		Nitrated benz[a]pyrene. N9	(Lu et al., 2011)
1-nitro-pyrene [42]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS	60 (287 K)	1-nitro-pyrene coated on an azelaic acid particle. 1,3-, 1,6-, and 1,8-dinitropyrenes observed. N7	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
1-hydroxy-pyrene [43]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS	570 (287 K)	1-hydroxy-pyrene coated on an azelaic acid particle. N7	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Anthracene	AFT, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		Anthracene coated on an azelaic acid particle. Bulk samples coated on glass. Main product is 9-nitro-anthracene. N10	(Atkinson et al., 1988)
Anthracene	XPS, DRIFTS, GC-MS XPS,		Anthracene on a Teflon disc. 9-Nitroanthracene observed and attributed to reaction with NO ₃ /and/or N ₂ O ₅ .	(Atkinson et al., 1990)
Benz[a]anthracene [44]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	59 ⁺¹¹⁰ ₋₄₉ (273 K) 130 ⁺⁵³⁰ ₋₉₆ (293-297 K)	Initial uptake coefficient on a fresh surface. γ decreased with NO ₃ exposure rapidly at 263 K, more slowly at 297 K.	(Gross and Bertram, 2008a)
Benz[a]anthracene	AFT, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		Benz[a]anthracene coated on an azelaic acid particle. Bulk samples coated on glass. Products are benz[a]anthracene-7,12-dione and mono-nitrobenz[a]anthracene.	(Atkinson et al., 1988)
Benz[a]anthracene [45]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS	290 (287 K)	Benz[a]anthracene coated on an azelaic acid particle. 7-Nitrobenzo(a)anthracene and benzo(a)anthracene-7,12-dione observed. N7	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Perylene	Coated Glass Fibre Filter (<i>s</i>)		No reaction products attributable to N ₂ O ₅ or NO ₃ uptake observed.	(Baker et al., 2004)

Fluoranthene [46]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	87^{+280}_{-63} (273 K)	Initial uptake coefficient on a fresh surface. γ decreased with NO_3 exposure at 263 K but not at 297 K.	(Gross and Bertram, 2008a)
Fluoranthene	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		2-nitro-fluoranthene formed at RH = 0.5 % 1-,3-, 7-, and 8-nitrofluoranthene observed at RH = 43 %, N8	(Zhang et al., 2014b)
Phenanthrene	AFT, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		Phenanthrene coated on an azelaic acid particle. Bulk samples coated on glass. Main products are mono-nitrophenantracenes. N11	(Atkinson et al., 1988)
Carbaryl	AFT, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS		Carbaryl coated on an azelaic acid particle. Initial product is (nitro-1-naphthyl) M-methylcarbamate. N12	(Barnes et al., 1990)
Syringaldehyde [47]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS	330	Syringaldehyde coated on an azelaic acid particle. 2,6-dimethoxybenzoquinone produced. seen as product following H-abstraction by NO_3 . N13	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Vanillic acid [48]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS	310	Vanillic acid coated on an azelaic acid particle. 4,6-dinitrogaiacol and protocatechic acid observed. N14	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Coniferyl aldehyde [49]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS	280	Coniferyl aldehyde coated on an azelaic acid particle. Products observed formed via a combination of abstraction and addition reactions of NO_3 . N15	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Chrysene [50]	Chamber, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC/MS	180 (287 K)	Chrysene coated on an azelaic acid particle. 6-nitrochrysene and dinitrochrysene observed. N7	(Atkinson et al., 1984)
Triphenylene	AFT, (<i>lp</i>) VUV-AMS GC-MS		Triphenylene coated on an azelaic acid particle. Bulk samples coated on glass. Products are 1-nitroepiphenylene (major) and 2-nitrotriphenylene.	(Benter and Schindler, 1988)
Nitroguaiacol [51]	CWFT, (<i>s</i>)	~ 22 (298 K) ^{N16}	RH < 0.5 %	(Knopf et al., 2011)
Deuterated PAHs	Filter GC-MS		Equal parts mixture of deuterated Pyrene, Fluoranthene and Triphenylene. Deuterated 1-nitro-pyrene and 8-nitro-fluoranthene were major products. N10	(Berndt and Boge, 1997)
Ambient PAHs	Filter GC-MS		Collection of ambient particles and subsequent exposure to $\text{NO}_3/\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$. Nitropyrenes, nitrofluoranthenes, anthracene, nitro-chrysene and nitrobenzo(a)pyrene observed.	(Berndt and Boge, 1997)
Other				
SOA (limonene)	Chamber , (<i>lp</i>)	50-200 (295 K)	γ derived by modelling NO_3 and particle composition	(Fry et al., 2011)

Numbering: The number in square brackets following the organic name refers to the number on the x-axis of Figure 2c1.

Surface state: *l*= liquid, *lp* = liquid particle, *s* = solid, SAM = self-assembled monolayer.

Methods: AFT = Aerosol flow tube, IR = Infra-red, ATR = Attenuated total reflection, CWFT = coated wall flow tube, SIMS = secondary ion mass spectrometry, VUV-AMS = vacuum ultraviolet photoionisation aerosol mass spectrometry, UHV = ultra high vacuum chamber, RAIRS = reflection absorption infrared spectroscopy, XPS = X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy.

Chemicals: 1-octadecanethiol is C₁₈H₃₈S. Abeitic acid (C₂₀H₃₀O₂) is Abieta-7,13-dien-18-oic acid. Anthracene is C₁₄H₁₀ (Tricyclo[8.4.0.0^{3,8}]tetradeca-1,3,5,7,9,11,13-heptaene). Anthrone is C₁₄H₁₀O (10H-Anthracen-9-one). Benzo[a]anthracene is C₁₈H₁₂. Benzo[a]pyrene is C₂₀H₁₂. Carbaryl is C₁₂H₁₁NO₂ (1-naphthyl methylcarbamate). Chrysene (C₁₈H₁₂) is 1,2-Benzophenanthrene. Coniferyl aldehyde, C₁₀H₁₀O₃, is a methoxyphenol ((Z or E)-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)prop-2-enal). DES (di-ethyl sebacate) is C₂H₅OC(O)(CH₂)₈C(O)OC₂H₅). DOS (di-octyl sebacate) is (CH₂)₈(C(O)OC₈H₁₇)₂. Fluoranthene is C₁₆H₁₀. Levoglucosan (C₆H₁₀O₅) is (1*R*,2*S*,3*S*,4*R*,5*R*)-6,8-Dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-2,3,4-triol. Linoleic acid is C₁₈H₃₂O₂ ((9*Z*,12*Z*)-9,12-octadecadienoic acid). Linoleic acid (conj.) is a mixture of cis- and trans-9,11 octadecadienoic acid and -10,12 octadecadienoic acid. Linolenic acid is C₁₈H₃₀O₂ ((9*Z*,12*Z*,15*Z*)-9,12,15-octadecatrienoic acid). Methyl oleate is CH₃(CH₂)₇CH=CH(CH₂)₇CO₂CH₃. Nitroguaiacol (C₇H₇NO₄) is 2-methoxy-5-nitrophenol. Oleic acid is C₁₈H₃₄O₂ , ((9*Z*)-Octadec-9-enoic acid). PAHs = polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Phenanthrene is C₁₄H₁₀ (Tricyclo[8.4.0.0^{2,7}]tetradeca-1,3,5,7,9,11,13-heptaene). Pyrene is C₁₆H₁₀ (benzo[def]phenanthrene). SOA (limonene) is secondary organic aerosol formed by reaction with limonene with both O₃ and NO₃. Squalane is C₃₀H₆₂ (2,6,10,15,19,23-Hexamethyltetracosane). Squalene (triterpene with 6 double bonds) is (6*E*,10*E*,14*E*,18*E*)-2,6,10,15,19,23-hexamethyltetracos-2,6,10,14,18,22-hexaene. Syringaldehyde, C₉H₁₀O₄, is a methoxyphenol (4-Hydroxy-3,5-dimethoxybenzaldehyde). Triphenylene (C₁₈H₁₂) is 9,10-benzophenanthrene. Undec-10-ene-1-thiol is C₁₁H₂₂S. Vanillic acid, C₈H₈O₄, is a methoxyphenol (4-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzoic acid).

Comments: **N1.** n-hexadecane: Uptake coefficient decreased by a factor ~7 when the surface was frozen at 283-289 K, which was attributed to the reduced rate of diffusion of NO₃ into the bulk sample. **N2.** Reaction proceeds via abstraction to form an alkyl radical, R which reacts with O₂ to form RO₂. The peroxy radical reacts with NO₃ to form RO, which is converted to RONO₂ via reaction with NO₂ present. **N3.** Experiment in UHV (no O₂ present). Derivation of γ required calculation of NO₃ concentration close to the surface from a N₂O₅ dosing pressure and the NO₂-NO₃-N₂O₅ equilibrium. **N4.** Uptake coefficient increased (to $\sim 3 \times 10^{-3}$) when the NO₃ concentration was reduced but decreased (~ factor of 10) with exposure time as reactive sites were depleted on the solid surface of levoglucosan. The NO₃ concentration- and time-dependence of the uptake coefficient could be described with a multilayer model of surface and bulk reactions and bulk diffusion of NO₃ with a diffusion coefficient of $10^{-8} - 10^{-7}$ cm² s⁻¹. **N5.** Uptake coefficient increased (to $\sim 6 \times 10^{-3}$) when the NO₃ concentration was reduced but decreased (~ factor of 10) with exposure time as reactive sites were depleted on the solid surface of abeitic acid. The NO₃ concentration- and time-dependence of the uptake coefficient could be described with a multilayer model of surface and bulk reactions and bulk diffusion of NO₃ with a diffusion coefficient of $10^{-8} - 10^{-7}$ cm² s⁻¹. **N6.** Three dinitropyrenes (1,3-, 1,6- and 1,8-dinitropyrene) were also observed. **N7.** γ needed to be corrected to take non-diffusive transport of NO₃ to the particles into account, which was achieved by normalising γ to values obtained by (Gross and Bertram, 2008b) and (Mak et al., 2007). **N8.** Mixture of NO₃/N₂O₅ and NO₂. RH dependence of yields of the different nitro-PAH isomers interpreted in terms of switch from NO₃ as nitration agent at low RH to N₂O₅ (via ionisation to NO₂⁺) at high RH. Similar change could be induced by changing the NO₃ to N₂O₅ ratio. At low RH the initial addition of radical to site with most electron density is followed by

NO_2 addition to the 2-position (ortho). At high RH the nitration occurs by electrophilic nitration by NO_2^+ . **N9**. Changes in particle optical properties observed following nitration. **N10**. Other products were anthraquinone, 1,8-dihydroxyanthraquinone, 9,10-dinitroanthracene and anthrone. **N11**. Other products were hydroxynitrates of phenanthrene. **N12**. Also observed as secondary products: (dinitro-1-naphthyl)N-methylcarbamate, (hydroxy-1-naphthyl)N-methylcarbamate and (hydroxy-nitro-1-naphthyl)N-methylcarbamate. Relative loss rate of particulate carbaryl and isoprene (g) monitored to derive an effective rate constant for $\text{NO}_3 + \text{particulate carbaryl}$ of $4.4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$. **N13**. 2,6-dimethoxybenzoquinone produced following H-abstraction by NO_3 and addition of O_2 following by further elimination of CO_2 and addition of NO_3 . **N14**. 4,6-dinitrogaiacol proposed to be formed via NO_3 addition followed by reactions and eliminations involving NO_2 , HNO_3 and a further NO_3 radical and with 5-nitrovanilllic acid as intermediate product. **N15**. Oxalic acid ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$, ethanedioic acid), Vanillin (4-Hydroxy-3-methoxybenzaldehyde), 4,6-dinitrogaiacol, 5-nitrovanillin and vanillin observed. **N16**. Uptake coefficient increased (to $\sim 30 \times 10^{-3}$) when the NO_3 concentration was reduced. γ was independent of exposure time, possibly due to volatilisation of surface products exposing fresh nitroguaiacol. **N17**. Also observed (in order of decreasing concentration): 3-nitro-fluoranthene, 8-nitro-fluoranthene, 7-nitro-fluoranthene and 1-nitro-fluoranthene. Authors suggest that these products are formed from N_2O_5 rather than NO_3 interactions as the main gas-phase product of NO_3 reaction (2-nitro-fluoranthene) was only very minor. This may have been a result of the large concentration of N_2O_5 and NO_2 relative to NO_3 used. Detection of 2-nitro-fluoranthene as dominant nitro-PAH in ambient particles led the authors to suggest that gas-phase processes were more important than particle reactions for its formation.

Table SI-2. Compilation of kinetic data on reactions of NO_3 with aliphatic VOCs and OVOCs in the aqueous phase taken from the CAPRAM kinetic database (Bräuer et al., 2016).

Compound	SMILES string	k_{298} ^(a)	A ^(a)	E_A / R ^(b)	Reference/Comment
Alkenes					
Isoprene	C=C(C)C=C	$1.0 \cdot 10^9$			(Raabe, 1996)
Monoalcohols					
Methanol	CO	$5.1 \cdot 10^5$	$9.4 \cdot 10^{11}$	4300	Average of (Exner et al., 1993 and Rousse and George 2004)
Ethanol	CCO	$2.2 \cdot 10^6$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{11}$	3300	(Herrmann and Zellner, 1998)
Propanol	CCCO	$3.2 \cdot 10^6$			(Herrmann et al., 1994)
Butanol	CCCCO	$1.9 \cdot 10^6$			(Shastri and Huie, 1990)
Pentanol	CCCCCC	$2.4 \cdot 10^6$			(Shastri and Huie, 1990)
Hexanol	CCCCCCCO	$3.3 \cdot 10^6$			(Shastri and Huie, 1990)
Heptanol	CCCCCCCO	$3.6 \cdot 10^6$			(Shastri and Huie, 1990)
Octanol	CCCCCCCO	$5.8 \cdot 10^6$			(Shastri and Huie, 1990)
Iso-propanol	CC(O)C	$3.7 \cdot 10^6$	$3.1 \cdot 10^8$	1323	(Herrmann et al., 1994) with E_A/R of (Ito et al., 1989)
Iso-butanol	CC(C)CO	$1.6 \cdot 10^6$			(Shastri and Huie, 1990)
Tert-butanol	CC(C)CO	$6.6 \cdot 10^4$			(Herrmann et al., 1994)
Allyl alcohol	C=CCO	$2.2 \cdot 10^8$			Average of (Alfassi et al., 1993) and (Ito et al., 1989)
2-Butenol	CC=CCO	$2.1 \cdot 10^9$			(Alfassi et al., 1993)
3-Methyl 3-Buten-1-ol	C=C(C)CCO	$2.4 \cdot 10^9$			(Alfassi et al., 1993)
Diols and polyols					
Ethylene glycol	OCCO	$6.6 \cdot 10^6$	$7.1 \cdot 10^9$	2117	(Hoffmann et al., 2009)
1,2-Propanediol	CC(O)CO	$9.9 \cdot 10^6$	$6.8 \cdot 10^{10}$	2622	(Hoffmann et al., 2009)
Glycerol	OCC(O)CO	$1.3 \cdot 10^7$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{12}$	3452	(Hoffmann et al., 2009)
Aldehydes and gem-diols					
Formaldehyde	C=O	$3.5 \cdot 10^6$	$3.4 \cdot 10^6$	674	Average of (Ito et al., 1989) ¹ and (Wayne et al., 1991) with E_A/R of (Wayne et al., 1991)
Hydrated formaldehyde	OCO	$1.0 \cdot 10^6$	$3.6 \cdot 10^{12}$	4500	(Exner et al., 1993)
Acetaldehyde	CC=O	$1.9 \cdot 10^6$			(Zellner et al., 1996)
Hydrated acetaldehyde	CC(O)O	$2.0 \cdot 10^6$			Average of (Zellner et al., 1996) ³ and (Rousse and George, 2004)
Propionaldehyde	CCC=O	$5.8 \cdot 10^7$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{11}$	2646	(de Semailville et al., 2007)
Butyraldehyde	CCCC=O	$5.6 \cdot 10^7$	$4.9 \cdot 10^{10}$	2045	(de Semailville et al., 2007)
Iso-butyraldehyde	CC(C)C=O	$6.3 \cdot 10^7$	$3.7 \cdot 10^8$	529	(Wayne et al., 1991)
2,2-Dimethyl propanal	CC(C)(C)C=O	$7.0 \cdot 10^7$	$3.8 \cdot 10^8$	505	(Wayne et al., 1991)
Methacrolein	C=C(C)C=O	$4.0 \cdot 10^7$	$5.8 \cdot 10^8$	842	(Schöne et al., 2014)
Methyl vinyl ketone		$9.7 \cdot 10^6$	$6.2 \cdot 10^8$	1203	(Schöne et al., 2014)
Glyoxal	O=CC=O	$4.5 \cdot 10^6$	$6.2 \cdot 10^{12}$	9897	(Schaefer et al., 2015)
Hydrated glyoxal	OC(O)C(O)O	$1.1 \cdot 10^6$	$8.9 \cdot 10^{10}$	3368	(Raabe, 1996)
Ketones					
Acetone	CC(=O)C	$3.7 \cdot 10^3$	$7.6 \cdot 10^9$	4330	(Herrmann and Zellner, 1998)
Hydroxy acetone	CC(=O)CO	$1.8 \cdot 10^7$	$4.0 \cdot 10^9$	1564	(de Semailville et al., 2007)

Compound	SMILES string	k_{298}^(a)	A^(a)	$E_A / R^{(b)}$	Reference/Comment
Methyl ethyl ketone	CC(=O)CC	$9.7 \cdot 10^6$	$6.2 \cdot 10^8$	1200	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
<i>Monocarboxylic acids</i>					
Formic acid	C(=O)O	$3.8 \cdot 10^5$	$3.4 \cdot 10^{10}$	3400	(Exner et al., 1994)
Formate	C(=O)[O-]	$5.1 \cdot 10^7$	$8.2 \cdot 10^{10}$	2200	(Exner et al., 1994)
Acetic acid	CC(=O)O	$1.3 \cdot 10^4$	$4.9 \cdot 10^9$	3800	(Exner et al., 1994)
Acetate	CC(=O)[O-]	$2.9 \cdot 10^6$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{12}$	3800	(Exner et al., 1994)
Propionic acid	CCC(=O)O	$7.7 \cdot 10^4$			(Rousse and George, 2004)
Crotonic acid	CC=CC(=O)O	$5.1 \cdot 10^7$			(Neta and Huie, 1986)
Glycolic acid	OCC(=O)O	$9.1 \cdot 10^5$	$4.5 \cdot 10^{11}$	3969	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
Glycolate	OCC(=O)[O-]	$1.0 \cdot 10^7$	$1.8 \cdot 10^{11}$	3007	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
Lactic acid	CC(O)C(=O)O	$2.1 \cdot 10^6$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{11}$	3248	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
Lactate	CC(O)C(=O)[O-]	$1.0 \cdot 10^7$	$8.3 \cdot 10^{10}$	2646	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
Pyruvic acid	CC(=O)C(=O)O	$2.4 \cdot 10^6$	$8.8 \cdot 10^8$	1804	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
Pyruvate	CC(=O)C(=O)[O-]	$1.9 \cdot 10^7$	$3.7 \cdot 10^{11}$	2887	(de Semainville et al., 2007)
Acrylic acid	C=CC(=O)O	$6.9 \cdot 10^6$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{13}$	4450	(Schöne et al., 2014)
Acrylate	C=CC(=O)[O-]	$4.4 \cdot 10^7$	$2.2 \cdot 10^9$	1200	(Schöne et al., 2014)
Methacrylic acid	C=C(C)C(=O)O	$9.2 \cdot 10^7$			(Schöne et al., 2014)
Methacrylate	C=C(C)C(=O)[O-]	$1.7 \cdot 10^8$			(Schöne et al., 2014)
<i>Dicarboxylic acids</i>					
Oxalic acid	OC(=O)C(=O)O	$2.4 \cdot 10^4$			(Yang et al., 2004)
Oxalate monoanion	OC(=O)C(=O)[O-]	$6.1 \cdot 10^7$	$8.4 \cdot 10^9$	-2180	Average of (Yang et al., 2004) and (de Semainville et al., 2010) with E _A /R of (Raabe, 1996)
Oxalate dianion	[O-]C(=O)C(=O)[O-]	$2.2 \cdot 10^8$	$2.2 \cdot 10^{12}$	2766	Average of (Yang et al., 2004) and (de Semainville et al., 2010) with E _A /R of (de Semainville et al., 2010)
Malonic acid	OC(=O)CC(=O)O	$5.1 \cdot 10^4$			(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Malonate monoanion	OC(=O)CC(=O)[O-]	$5.6 \cdot 10^6$	$5.0 \cdot 10^{11}$	3368	(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Malonate dianion	[O-]C(=O)CC(=O)[O-]	$2.3 \cdot 10^7$	$6.3 \cdot 10^{11}$	3007	(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Succinic acid	OC(=O)CCC(=O)O	$5.0 \cdot 10^3$			(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Succinate monoanion	OC(=O)CCC(=O)[O-]	$1.1 \cdot 10^7$			(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Succinate dianion	[O-]C(=O)CCC(=O)[O-]	$1.8 \cdot 10^7$	$6.2 \cdot 10^{11}$	3127	(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Mesoxalic acid	OC(=O)C(=O)C(=O)O	$1.7 \cdot 10^6$	$5.1 \cdot 10^8$	1564	(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Mesoxalate monoanion	OC(=O)C(=O)C(=O)[O-]	$2.3 \cdot 10^7$			(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Mesoxalate dianion	[O-]C(=O)C(=O)C(=O)[O-]	$4.9 \cdot 10^7$	$1.4 \cdot 10^{12}$	3127	(de Semainville et al., 2010)
Fumaric acid	OC(=O)/C=C/C(=O)O	$<1.0 \cdot 10^6$			(Neta et al., 1988)
<i>Ethers and esters</i>					
Methyl tert-butyl ether	CC(C)(C)OC	$3.9 \cdot 10^5$			(Rousse and George, 2004)
Methyl formate	COC=O	$3.5 \cdot 10^6$			(Buxton et al., 2001) ⁶
Ethyl formate	CCOC=O	$4.7 \cdot 10^6$			(Buxton et al., 2001)
Methyl acetate	CC(O)OC	$<10^4$			(Buxton et al., 2001)
Ethyl acetate	CC(=O)OCC	$<10^4$			(Buxton et al., 2001)
Dimethyl malonate	COC(=O)CC(=O)OC	$2.6 \cdot 10^4$			(Rousse and George, 2004)
Dimethyl succinate	COC(=O)CCC(=O)OC	$3.4 \cdot 10^4$			(Rousse and George, 2004)
Dimethyl carbonate	COC(=O)OC	$8.4 \cdot 10^4$			(Rousse and George, 2004)

Compound	SMILES string	k_{298} ^(a)	A^(a)	E_A /R^(b)	Reference/Comment
Diethyl carbonate	CCOC(=O)OCC	$1.5 \cdot 10^4$			(Rousse and George, 2004)
Sugars					
Erythritol	OCC(O)C(O)CO	$1.4 \cdot 10^7$	$3.4 \cdot 10^{10}$	2321	(Hoffmann et al., 2009)
Arabitol	OCC(O)C(O)C(O)CO	$1.5 \cdot 10^7$	$1.1 \cdot 10^{10}$	1997	(Hoffmann et al., 2009)
Mannitol	OCC(O)C(O)C(O)C(O)CO	$1.4 \cdot 10^7$	$5.1 \cdot 10^{10}$	2466	(Hoffmann et al., 2009)
Levoglucosan	OC1C(O)C(O)C2OC1OC2	$1.6 \cdot 10^7$	$2.3 \cdot 10^{10}$	2150	(Hoffmann et al., 2010)

^(a) in M⁻¹ s⁻¹; ^(b) in K

¹as given in (Wayne et al., 1991); ²as given in (Toyota et al., 2004); ³as given in CAPRAM database available at <http://projects.tropos.de/capram/>; ⁴as given in NIST database (Ross et al., 1998); ⁵as given in (de Semainville et al., 2007); ⁶as given in (Herrmann, 2003)

Table SI-3. Correlation of OH and NO₃ rate expressions and statistical analysis data calculated from kinetic data of hydroxyl radical and nitrate radical of the reactions with organic compounds for the various compound classes. Kinetic data are based on the CAPRAM4.0 database (Bräuer et al., 2016) and recent data presented in the review of (Herrmann et al., 2015).

Compound class	A	B	R ²	N
Alcohols	1.283	-5.935	0.741	11
Di- and polyols	4.603	-35.44	0.859	10
Carbonyl compounds	1.097	-3.179	0.372	11
Monocarboxylic acids	1.151	-3.584	0.642	14
Dicarboxylic acids	0.701	0.848	0.161	13
Overall	0.599	1.247	0.205	59

Notes: Parameters of the regression equations $\log(k_{\text{NO}_3} = \text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}) = A \cdot \log(k_{\text{OH}} = \text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}) + B$. N = Number of molecules in the regression.

Table SI-4. Summary of studies (offline methods) reporting the compounds originating from the reactions of BVOC and NO₃ in ambient samples

Location	Sample	Reported as	Technique	Reference
<i>Europe</i>				
Waldstein, Germany	PM _{2.5}	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(Iinuma et al., 2007)
K-Puszta, Hungary	PM _{1.5}	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI- FTICR-MS	(Schmitt-Kopplin et al., 2010)
Silkeborg, Denmark	PM ₁	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(Kristensen and Glasius, 2011)
Brasschaat, Belgium	PM _{2.5}	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-Ion Trap MS	(Gómez-González et al., 2012)
Hamme, Belgium	PM ₁₀	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-Ion Trap MS	(Kahnt et al., 2013)
Hyytiälä, Finland	PM ₁	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-Orbitrap MS	(Kourtchev et al., 2013)
Greenland and Svalbard, Arctic region	PM ₁₀	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(Hansen et al., 2014)
Copenhagen, Denmark	PM ₁	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(Nguyen et al., 2014)
Cork, Ireland	PM ₁	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-Orbitrap MS	(Kourtchev et al., 2014)
<i>North America</i>				
Riverside, California, USA	PM _{2.5}	(Monoterpene) OS and NOS ^a	Direct infusion (-)ESI- FTICR-MS	(Reemtsma et al., 2006)
Southeastern USA	PM _{2.5}	Monoterpene OS and NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-Ion Trap MS	(Gao et al., 2006)
Southeastern USA	PM _{2.5}	(Isoprene) and monoterpene OS and NOS ^a	UPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(Surratt et al., 2008)
New Jersey, USA	Rainwater	Monoterpene OS and NOS ^b	Direct infusion (-)ESI- FTICR-MS	(Altieri et al., 2009b, a)
Fresno, California, USA	Fog	(Monoterpene) OS and NOS ^b	Direct infusion (-)ESI- FTICR-MS	(Mazzoleni et al., 2010)
Steamboat Springs,	PM	CHOS and CHONS	Direct infusion ESI-	(Mazzoleni et al.,

Colorado, USA		compounds	FTICR-MS	2012)
Steamboat Springs, Colorado, USA	Cloud water	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion ESI-FTICR-MS	(Zhao et al., 2013)
Toronto, Canada	Rainwater	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion ESI-FTICR-MS	(Cottrell et al., 2013)
Bakersfield, California, USA	PM ₁₀ (MOUDI) and PM _{2.5}	Monoterpene OS and NOS	Nano DESI-Orbitrap MS UPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(O'Brien et al., 2014)
Los Angeles, USA	0.32-0.56 μm PM	CHOS compounds	Nano DESI-Orbitrap MS	(Tao et al., 2014)
North Atlantic Ocean	TSP (WSOC) ^c	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI-FTICR-MS	(Wozniak et al., 2014)
North Atlantic Ocean	TSP (WISOC) ^d	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI-FTICR-MS	(Willoughby et al., 2014)
North Carolina, USA	Rainwater	CHOS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI-FTICR-MS	(Mead et al., 2015)
Pico Mountain, Vermont, USA	Free tropospheric PM _{2.5}	CHOS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI-FTICR-MS	(Dzepina et al., 2015)
<i>Asia</i>				
Beijing, China	PM ₁₀ (Berner)	Monoterpene NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(van Pinxteren et al., 2009)
Pearl River Delta, China	PM _{2.5}	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI-Orbitrap MS	(Lin et al., 2012)
Pearl River Delta, China	PM _{2.5}	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion (-) or (+)ESI-Orbitrap MS	(Lin et al., 2012a)
Taiwan	PM _{2.5}	CHOS and CHONS compounds	Direct infusion (-)ESI-Orbitrap MS	(Lin et al., 2012b)
Pearl River Delta, China	PM _{2.5}	Isoprene and monoterpene NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-QqQMS	(He et al., 2014)
Shanghai, China	0.4-0.7 μm PM	CHOS compounds	Nano DESI-Orbitrap MS	(Tao et al., 2014)
Three mega cities along Yangtze River, China	PM _{2.5}	Monoterpene OS and NOS	UHPLC/(-)ESI-Orbitrap MS	(Wang et al., 2015)
<i>Oceania</i>				

Melbourne, Australia	PM ₁₀	Monoterpene NOS	HPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS UPLC/(-)ESI-TOFMS	(Iinuma et al., 2016)
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^a: isoprene OS and NOS were not attributed to the products originating from nitrate radical reactions

^b: reported as chemical formulas that correspond to OS and NOS reported in Surratt et al., (2008)

^c: Water Soluble Organic Carbon

^d: Water Insoluble Organic Carbon

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