

1 **Secondary organic aerosol production from pinanediol, a semi-**  
2 **volatile surrogate for first-generation oxidation products of**  
3 **monoterpenes**

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19 **Abstract**

20 We have investigated the production of secondary organic aerosol (SOA) from pinanediol  
21 (PD), a precursor chosen as a semi-volatile surrogate for first-generation oxidation  
22 products of monoterpenes. Observations at the CLOUD facility at CERN have shown that  
23 oxidation of organic compounds such as PD can be an important contributor to new-particle  
24 formation. Here we focus on SOA mass yields and chemical composition from PD photo-  
25 oxidation in the CMU smog chamber. To determine the SOA mass yields from this semi-  
26 volatile precursor, we had to address partitioning of both the PD and its oxidation products  
27 to the chamber walls. After correcting for these losses, we found OA loading dependent  
28 SOA mass yields from PD oxidation that ranged between 0.1 and 0.9 for SOA  
29 concentrations between 0.02 and 20  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , these mass yields are 2–3 times larger than  
30 typical of much more volatile monoterpenes. The average carbon oxidation state measured  
31 with an Aerosol Mass Spectrometer was around -0.7. We modeled the chamber data using  
32 a dynamical two-dimensional volatility basis set and found that a significant fraction of the  
33 SOA comprises low volatility organic compounds that could drive new-particle formation  
34 and growth, which is consistent with the CLOUD observations.

## 35 **1 Introduction**

36 Particulate matter (PM) in the atmosphere affects human health and life expectancy (Pope  
37 et al., 2009) and also influences Earth's climate by absorbing and scattering radiation  
38 (Solomon, 2007). Organic compounds constitute a large fraction of that PM, making up  
39 around 20–90% of the aerosol mass in the lower troposphere (Kanakidou et al., 2005).  
40 Secondary organic aerosol (SOA), formed from oxidation of gas-phase organic compounds  
41 in the atmosphere, accounts for a significant fraction of the organic aerosol (OA) in PM  
42 (Zhang et al., 2007). In the atmosphere, OA is dynamic due to constant photo-oxidation  
43 and associated evolution in thermodynamic properties (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006;  
44 Donahue et al., 2005). However, classical smog-chamber experiments encompass only the  
45 early stages of SOA formation, including one generation or at most a few generations of  
46 oxidation chemistry (Pandis et al., 1991; Odum et al., 1996a). While those experiments  
47 may include some later-generation chemistry, the commonly used two-product model  
48 (Odum et al., 1996a) treats the (quasi) first-generation products as effectively non-reactive.  
49 Further oxidation (aging) of SOA may add more functional groups to the carbon backbone,  
50 causing the second-generation oxidation products to be even less volatile and more water  
51 soluble than the first-generation products, which will also enhance the SOA mass (Donahue  
52 et al., 2005). However, ongoing oxidation must eventually fragment products and drive  
53 down the SOA mass because the end state of organic oxidation is CO<sub>2</sub> formation (Kroll et  
54 al., 2009; Chacon-Madrid et al., 2012; Donahue et al., 2013). There is considerable  
55 evidence that the ongoing oxidation chemistry can increase SOA mass and oxidation state,  
56 both from smog-chamber experiments (Donahue et al., 2012a; Henry and Donahue, 2012;  
57 Qi et al., 2012) and also from flow tubes that simulate many days of oxidation using intense

58 UV radiation to drive photochemistry (Lambe et al., 2011; Wong et al., 2011; Cubison et  
59 al., 2011). The flow-tube results also confirm that oxidation will eventually cause mass  
60 loss via fragmentation (Tkacik et al., 2014). The volatility basis set (VBS) was developed  
61 to treat this ongoing chemistry by condensing the enormous ensemble of organic  
62 compounds involved onto a basis grid described by volatility and the carbon oxidation state  
63 (Donahue et al., 2006; Donahue et al., 2011a; Donahue et al., 2012b; Chuang and Donahue,  
64 2016b; Tröstl et al., 2016), with coupling constants constrained by chemical behavior of  
65 representative or average compounds (Chacon-Madrid et al., 2012; Donahue et al., 2013).

66 Bulk SOA aging experiments show that later-generation chemistry will influence SOA  
67 properties, but those experiments provide limited mechanistic insight due to the extreme  
68 complexity of the chemistry involving multiple generations of multiple products. A  
69 complementary approach is to use selected first-generation products from SOA formation  
70 to probe second-generation chemistry systematically, and to proceed through  
71 representative later-generation products. For example, the known products of  $\alpha$ -pinene  
72 oxidation include pinonaldehyde, which is one of the most volatile products, and acids such  
73 as cis-pinonic acid and pinic acid which are some of the least volatile monomer products  
74 (Jang and Kamens, 1999; Jaoui and Kamens, 2001). Smog-chamber experiments at  
75 Carnegie Mellon have shown that pinonaldehyde is a modest but significant source of SOA  
76 at both high NO (Chacon-Madrid and Donahue, 2011) and low NO (Chacon-Madrid et al.,  
77 2013) conditions. Aldehyde chemistry is dominated by OH radical attack on the terminal -  
78 CHO moiety, causing fragmentation (Chacon-Madrid et al., 2010), but OH attack along  
79 the carbon backbone leads to functionalized products that condense to enhance SOA  
80 formation from the first-generation parent  $\alpha$ -pinene, with mass yields of roughly 10%

81 under atmospherically relevant conditions. If the most volatile  $\alpha$ -pinene product can  
82 enhance SOA production, it stands to reason that less volatile SVOC products would have  
83 an even greater effect. Indeed, we have observed very low volatility products from cis-  
84 pinonic acid oxidation, such as MBTCA (Müller et al., 2012), but we have not  
85 systematically explored the SOA mass yields from first-generation SVOC products. Here  
86 we use pinanediol (PD) as a surrogate for semi-volatile first-generation oxidation products  
87 of monoterpenes to study this aging chemistry. PD has a volatility similar to cis-pinonic  
88 acid ( $C^* \sim 300 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) but it is commercially available and easier to handle.

89 One reason that SOA mass yields from SVOCs are not commonly reported is that SVOCs  
90 are hard to handle and measure, and mass-yield determinations require accurate values for  
91 the amount of oxidized precursor because the mass yield by definition is the ratio of formed  
92 SOA to oxidized precursor mass. There are two reasons why this is challenging for SVOCs.  
93 First, they are sticky and hard to measure. Second, and more challenging, SVOCs may be  
94 lost to Teflon chamber walls (Matsunaga and Ziemann, 2010) and may even return from  
95 the chamber walls as oxidation perturbs a putative gas-Teflon equilibrium. This means any  
96 measured change in the SVOC concentration, even if an instrument is well characterized,  
97 may not reflect the actual amount of oxidized SVOC.

98 Sorption of SVOCs into Teflon chamber walls has recently become a matter of significant  
99 concern. Matsunaga and Ziemann (2010) showed that various organic compounds broadly  
100 in the intermediate volatility range (IVOCs, (Donahue et al., 2011a)) appear to sorb  
101 reversibly to Teflon chamber walls, and more recent work has confirmed this finding. The  
102 fraction of organic vapors left in gas phase appears to depend on the volatility and the  
103 molecular structure of the organics, but Matsunaga and Ziemann suggested that IVOCs

104 partition into a disrupted surface layer of the Teflon as if the Teflon had an equivalent mass  
105 of between 2 and 10 mg m<sup>-3</sup>, depending on molecular structure (for a several cubic meters  
106 chamber). As an example, an 8 m<sup>3</sup> chamber has a surface area of 24 m<sup>2</sup>, and if the disrupted  
107 Teflon surface layer postulated by Matsunaga and Ziemann were 1 μm thick it would have  
108 a volume of 12 x 10<sup>-6</sup> m<sup>3</sup> and thus a mass of roughly 10 g considering the density of the  
109 Teflon is 0.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; projected to the chamber volume this gives an equivalent mass  
110 concentration of roughly 1 g m<sup>-3</sup>. To have an effective "partitioning mass" of 1-10 mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
111 this material would thus need to have a mass-based activity coefficient of 100-1000 (Trump  
112 et al., 2016). This is consistent with weak interactions involving non-polarizable Teflon  
113 and also a low degree of interactions among sorbed organics within the walls at the Henry's  
114 law, low-concentration limit. However, we must stress that the exact mechanism of organic  
115 sorption to Teflon chamber walls remains unclear.

116 More recently, Ye et al. (Ye et al., 2016a) and Krechmer et al. (Krechmer et al., 2016)  
117 showed that SVOCs are lost to the Teflon walls steadily, with a time constant of roughly  
118 15 minutes (again for a several cubic-meter chamber). The SVOCs in these studies had 1  
119  $C^* < 300 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  and so would be expected to leave only a small fraction ( $\ll 10\%$ ) in the  
120 gas phase; this quasi-irreversible loss is thus broadly consistent with the reversible  
121 equilibration reported earlier for IVOCs.

122 We expect PD to partition substantially to the walls of a Teflon chamber. Even 2-decanol  
123 showed significant vapor loss (Matsunaga and Ziemann, 2010), and the additional OH  
124 group in PD decreases the vapor saturation concentration of PD by around 2.3 decades  
125 (Donahue et al., 2011a). This should cause larger mass loss to the chamber walls. In order  
126 to get an accurate SOA mass yield from oxidation of PD, we need to determine how much

127 PD exists in the gas phase vs the chamber walls, and ultimately how much PD reacts during  
128 SOA formation experiments.

129 Another reason we are interested in SOA formation from PD is that it has already been  
130 used as a surrogate for the first-generation terpene oxidation products to explore the role  
131 of gas-phase aging in new-particle formation, and we wish to compare SOA formation with  
132 new-particle formation. The Cosmics Leaving OUtdoor Droplets (CLOUD) facility at  
133 CERN is designed to study the effects of cosmic rays on new-particle formation (nucleation  
134 and growth) (Kirkby et al., 2011; Duplissy et al., 2016). Early experiments focused on  
135 sulfuric acid vapor and different stabilizing species that include the ammonia, amines and  
136 oxidation products of organic precursors (Kirkby et al., 2011; Schobesberger et al., 2013;  
137 Riccobono et al., 2014). PD was used to mimic first-generation oxidation products of  
138 monoterpene formed in the atmosphere (Schobesberger et al., 2013). Specifically the  
139 experiments addressed the hypothesis that oxidation of these first-generation products by  
140 OH radicals could produce later-generation products with sufficient supersaturation to  
141 participate in nucleation (Donahue et al., 2011c). The PD oxidation experiments were  
142 among the first to observe highly oxidized, extremely low volatility organic compounds  
143 (ELVOCs) (Donahue et al., 2011a), with the original 10 carbon atoms decorated by up to  
144 12 oxygen atoms (Schobesberger et al., 2013; Riccobono et al., 2014). The composition of  
145 these highly oxidized organic molecules (HOMs) and possible mechanisms for their  
146 formation remains an active research topic (Ehn et al., 2014).

147 In this study, we focus on SOA formation following oxidation of PD by OH radicals. Our  
148 first objective is to extend our understanding of SOA aging via experiments addressing  
149 carefully selected first-generation products from common SOA precursors. Our second

150 objective is to compare the properties of bulk SOA produced at relatively high  
151 concentrations ( $0.3\text{-}30\ \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) with the PD oxidation products observed condensing onto  
152 particles during the CLOUD nucleation experiment. Our third objective is to use PD as a  
153 model compound to explore the complications of precursor losses to Teflon walls in smog-  
154 chamber SOA formation experiments. We explore the wall sorption of PD by comparing  
155 the total amount of PD injected into the chamber to the PD concentration observed in the  
156 gas phase. We also investigate the release of sorbed PD from the chamber walls by heating  
157 or diluting the chamber. We then calculate the SOA mass yields, accounting for the loss of  
158 PD and also the loss of oxidation products to the Teflon chamber walls. Finally, we  
159 describe the elemental composition of the formed SOA. We analyze the SOA volatility  
160 distribution and oxidation state within the two-dimensional volatility-oxidation set (2D-  
161 VBS) and compare the properties of bulk SOA to the ELVOCs observed in CLOUD.

## 162 **2 Materials and methods**

163 We conducted experiments in the Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) Smog Chamber, a  
164  $10\ \text{m}^3$  Teflon bag suspended in a temperature-controlled room. The chamber and our  
165 methodology have been described extensively in the literature (Hildebrandt et al., 2009).  
166 Before each experiment, we cleaned the bag by flushing it with clean, dry air and exposing  
167 it to UV irradiation at  $\sim 35^\circ\text{C}$ . We subsequently maintained the chamber at a constant  
168 temperature unless otherwise noted.

169 For the experiments in this paper, we introduced organic compounds into the chamber via  
170 a flash vaporizer (Robinson et al., 2013). We used a small, resistive metal heater enclosed  
171 in a stainless-steel sheath to evaporate the organics inside the chamber, placing the organics



172 into an indentation on the stainless-steel surface before inserting the heater into the  
173 chamber on the end of a long stainless-steel tube. With a flow of clean, dry dispersion air  
174 flowing through the tube for mixing, we power-cycled the heater until the organics  
175 completely evaporated. For various experiments, we used *n*-tridecane, 1-tridecene, 2-  
176 nonanone, 2-nonanol, oxy-pinocamphone, and pinanediol (Sigma-Aldrich, 99%). For SOA  
177 formation experiments we used ammonium sulfate seed particles ((NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, Sigma  
178 Aldrich, 99.99%), which we formed by atomizing a 1 g L<sup>-1</sup> (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> solution in ultrapure  
179 deionized water to produce droplets that passed through a diffusion dryer and a Po-210  
180 neutralizer before they entered the chamber. These seed particles served as a condensation  
181 sink for condensable vapors in order to reduce vapor wall losses. To form OH radicals  
182 during oxidation experiments we added nitrous acid (HONO) to the chamber by bubbling  
183 filtered air through a HONO solution for 20 minutes.

184 We measured gas-phase organic species using both a proton-transfer-reaction mass  
185 spectrometer (PTRMS, Ionicon Analytik) and a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer  
186 (GC/MS) (Agilent, 6890 GC/5975 MS) equipped with a thermal desorption and injection  
187 system (TDGC/MS, Gerstel, MA) and a capillary column (Agilent HP-5MS, 30 m × 0.25  
188 mm) (Zhao et al., 2014). We maintained the temperature of the PTRMS inlet line at 60°C  
189 to minimize line losses. For the thermal desorption GC measurements, we collected  
190 samples by drawing chamber air through Tenax<sup>®</sup> TA filled glass tubes (Gerstel 6mm OD,  
191 4.5mm ID glass tube filled with ~290 mg of Tenax TA) at a flow rate of 0.5 L min<sup>-1</sup> for 2  
192 minutes. We tracked the recovery of organics during analysis using C12, C16, C20, C24,  
193 C30, C32, C36 deuterated *n*-alkanes as standards that we spiked into each Tenax tube prior  
194 to the thermal desorption.

195 We measured particle number and volume concentrations inside the chamber using a  
196 scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS, TSI classifier model 3080, CPC model 3772 or  
197 3010). We measured size-resolved and bulk particle composition and mass concentrations  
198 with a high-resolution time-of-flight aerosol mass spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS, Aerodyne  
199 Research, Inc.). We operated the HR-ToF-AMS following the common protocol with the  
200 vaporizer temperature at 600°C and electron ionization at 70 eV. We collected mass spectra  
201 and particle time-of-flight (pToF) measurements in V-mode, which provides high mass  
202 resolution (2000 m/ $\Delta$ m) and excellent transmission efficiency. We analyzed the AMS data  
203 using the SQUIRREL V1.53G and PIKA 1.12G.

## 204 **3 Results and Discussion**

### 205 **3.1 Correction for the loss of the precursors, pinanediol, to the Teflon chamber walls.**

206 Because SVOCs should sorb to the Teflon walls, we expect a portion of PD to be lost after  
207 PD was injected into our chamber. To constrain this, we injected equal quantities of six  
208 compounds into our chamber simultaneously: PD, oxy-pinocamphone, *n*-tridecane, 1-  
209 tridecene, 2-nonanone, and 2-nonanol. The first two are an SVOC and an IVOC, while the  
210 last four are VOCs that should have very limited wall partitioning at equilibrium. We then  
211 measured the resulting gas-phase concentrations in the chamber using both TD-GC/MS  
212 and PTRMS and compared the observed signals to those we expected based on the injected  
213 amounts. We finished the injection in 15 mins and collected Tenex tube samples at 15 mins  
214 after the injections were completed.

215 In Fig. 1, we compare the TD-GC/MS measurements with the amounts of organics we  
216 injected. We averaged the concentrations from the time when the gas concentration got

217 stable to right before the next injection. The VOCs, *n*-tridecane, 1-tridecene, 2-nonanone  
218 and 2-nonanol, all fall along the 1:1 line, demonstrating that they have minimal wall losses  
219 and excellent recovery, consistent with our expectations. However, PD and oxy-  
220 pinocamphone show large discrepancies between the measured and injected amounts. The  
221 recovered gas-phase values show that 43% of the injected oxy-pinocamphone and 86% of  
222 the PD were lost; only 14% of the PD remained in the gas phase.

223 In Fig. 2, we show the results of an experiment where we injected a succession of aliquots  
224 of 1-tridecene, 2-nonanone, oxy-pinocamphone and PD into the chamber, with expected  
225 stepwise incremental increases of 11 ppbv each, and measured the gas-phase  
226 concentrations with a PTRMS. We put the mixture the compounds in a flash vaporizer  
227 consisting of a stainless-steel tip with a machined trough for compounds containing a  
228 resistive heating element, all inserted well into the chamber at the end of a stainless-steel  
229 tube through which we passed purified, heated air. We used the purified air flow to transfer  
230 the vapors into the chamber while heating the mixture. We observed that the PTRMS signal  
231 stabilized after each injection, and each injection with the same amount of organics resulted  
232 in a similar step-wise vapor concentration increase. The two VOCs, 1-tridecene and 2-  
233 nonanone, both showed concentration increases consistent with expectations. The PTRMS  
234 sensitivity to nonanone is higher than its sensitivity to 1-tridecene, and so the signal to  
235 noise is substantially higher. The 2-nonanone shows nearly square-wave response with a  
236 brief (~ 5 to 10 mins) overshoot related to the chamber mixing timescale, and the 1-  
237 tridecene signal displayed the same behavior. Oxy-pinocamphone and PD show lower than  
238 expected stepwise increases in concentration with a longer rise time. The step-wise  
239 increases for oxy-pinocamphone and PD are consistent with near constant wall-loss factors

240 in the concentration range in this study, but the signals are not consistent with instantaneous  
241 evaporation and subsequent wall partitioning. If that was the case we would expect a large  
242 initial spike similar and equal in magnitude to the spike in 2-nonanone (i.e. we would  
243 expect the full 11 ppb to appear initially in the gas phase); we would then expect the SVOC  
244 signal to drop to an equilibrium value on the equilibrium timescale for wall interactions –  
245 10-15 minutes for our chamber (Ye et al., 2016a), as observed by Krechmer et al using a  
246 core-flow inlet CIMS and nitrate chemical ionization (Krechmer et al., 2016). The slow  
247 increase in signal we observe may be the convolution of two effects: less than instantaneous  
248 evaporation from the flash vaporizer for the SVOCs and slow equilibration of the PTRMS  
249 sampling line. Regardless, the signals in the PTRMS stabilize to values consistent with the  
250 TD-GC/MS results; these experiments are both consistent with relatively rapid, reversible  
251 equilibration of SVOCs (represented by the PD) and IVOCs (represented by the oxy-  
252 pinocamphone) between the gases and the Teflon chamber walls.

253 In order to calculate SOA mass yields, we must determine the amount of precursor oxidized  
254 based on the change in precursor signals (e.g. the gas-phase PTRMS measurements). This  
255 is straightforward for a VOC with minimal wall interactions, but for the SVOCs we must  
256 account for their significant interaction with the Teflon walls. It is not sufficient to simply  
257 measure the change in the gas-phase PD concentration, because of the apparently rapid  
258 equilibration suggested by the theory put forward by Matsunaga and Ziemann and  
259 supported by the rapid change of the SVOC concentration change in the gas phase due to  
260 the saturation concentration change caused by the temperature vibration in our previous  
261 paper (Ye et al., 2016a). If PD were in equilibrium with the walls there would be a  
262 substantial source of PD to the gas phase from the Teflon walls as PD was lost from the

263 gas phase due to oxidization or any other sink. Simply put, the results suggest that, at  
264 equilibrium, for every 10 units of PD in the gas phase, roughly 100 units are sorbed in or  
265 on the Teflon walls. Therefore, removal of a small amount from the gas phase (say 1 unit)  
266 should result in replenishment of 90% by the walls to maintain the equilibrium.  
267 Consequently, if we observe a decrease of 1 unit of PD vapor, that implies that 10 units are  
268 actually lost from the gas phase since the evaporation of PD from the Teflon walls re-  
269 establish the equilibrium. This, obviously, has large implications for the calculated SOA  
270 mass yields above and beyond any possible wall losses for products of the PD oxidation.

271 We use two methods, heating and isothermal dilution, to test whether the Teflon chamber  
272 walls in fact serve as an accessible reservoir of PD. Increasing the chamber temperature  
273 raises the saturation concentration of PD and thus decreases the activity of PD vapors.  
274 Heating by 30°C should raise the saturation concentration of PD by a factor of 30 and lower  
275 the gas-phase activity (the concentration divided by the saturation concentration) by the  
276 same factor. Some PD sorbed to the Teflon should then evaporate to lower the condensed-  
277 phase activity. To test this, we injected 866  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (118 ppbv, the middle value we  
278 measured to make sure it is not saturated in the gas phase) of PD vapor into the chamber at  
279 13°C and subsequently increased the chamber temperature to 44°C. As shown in Fig. 3, the  
280 PD vapor concentration measured by the PTRMS increased rapidly after heating and  
281 reached a steady value after the temperature stabilized at 44°C. The concentration rose by  
282 a factor of 2.5-3. To be certain that desorption from the walls was the only possible source,  
283 we also monitored the suspended aerosol mass using an HR-AMS. The total organic mass  
284 in particles was around 5  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , far less than the increase of the PD vapor concentration.  
285 Particle evaporation thus contributed negligibly to the increase of PD vapors; therefore, the

286 PD adsorbed or absorbed by the Teflon chamber walls was the only possible source of the  
287 increased gas-phase burden.

288 Increasing temperature by 30°C should increase the saturation concentration ( $C^*$ ) of PD by  
289 roughly a factor of 30 (May et al., 2012). All else being equal, this should cause a 30-fold  
290 increase in the activity ratio of the sorbed PD to the gas-phase PD and thus drive a large  
291 return flux to the gas phase, with the equilibrium vapor fraction increasing from 13% to  
292 around 80%. This is consistent with our observations though we observe a factor of 2-3  
293 less than this simple calculation would suggest. However, if PD is absorbed into the Teflon  
294 walls, it is likely that the activity coefficient of the PD in Teflon walls would drop  
295 substantially upon heating, so this would allow the activities to equilibrate with a smaller  
296 net change in absolute concentration. Acknowledging these large uncertainties, the heating  
297 experiment is broadly consistent with the postulated reversible equilibration of PD between  
298 the gas-phase and the Teflon chamber walls.

299 Our SOA formation experiments are isothermal, but during the experiments the gas-phase  
300 PD concentration (and thus activity) drops due to oxidation. To reproduce these conditions,  
301 we used isothermal dilution to mimic the PD loss during SOA formation. We maintained  
302 the chamber temperature at 22°C and injected PD along with acetonitrile into the chamber,  
303 and then measured their concentration ratio using the PTRMS. We used acetonitrile as a  
304 passive tracer because it is highly volatile, should not have wall losses, and it is readily  
305 measured with the PTRMS. In one hour after injecting PD and acetonitrile into the  
306 chamber, we turned on a slow flow of dilution air, initially at a rate of 100 Lpm (1% min<sup>-1</sup>)  
307 and later at a rate of 300 Lpm (3% min<sup>-1</sup>). These rates roughly bracket the loss rate of PD  
308 via OH oxidation in our SOA formation experiments. We tracked the ratio of PD to

309 acetonitrile. If the PD sorbed to the Teflon chamber wall were released continuously  
310 because it was in (a necessarily reversible) equilibrium, the PD concentration should fall  
311 more slowly than acetonitrile, and the ratio of PD to acetonitrile should rise steadily. The  
312 bottom plot in Fig. 4 shows a simulation of the expected signals. As shown in the top plot,  
313 the concentrations of both PD and acetonitrile steadily decreased after we started to flush  
314 the chamber. However, we did not observe any increase in the PD to acetonitrile ratio;  
315 instead, the ratio remained almost constant, and even showed a slight decrease. This  
316 suggests that PD does not return to the gas phase from the Teflon walls at 22°C, but instead  
317 still shows a modest loss to the chamber walls. This indicates slow diffusion into the bulk  
318 Teflon, and is inconsistent with the observations in Zhang et al (Zhang et al., 2015b).

319 During the dilution experiments, only after the PD concentration reached  $2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (2% of  
320 the initial concentration), 5.5 h after we started dilution, did the ratio of PD to acetonitrile  
321 start to increase. This confirms that PD can return to the gas phase from the chamber walls  
322 even during isothermal dilution (or any other isothermal loss from the gas phase), but only  
323 after substantial depletion of gas-phase concentrations of PD. Thus, while reversible  
324 partitioning to the walls is the most straightforward explanation for the losses of PD we  
325 have presented, and even the results of chamber heating are broadly consistent with this  
326 explanation, we see no sign of reversibility under the conditions of our SOA formation  
327 experiments. This is a paradox, for which we have no explanation.

328 Therefore, based on the empirical evidence we conclude that the measured decrease in PD  
329 from PTRMS during SOA formation experiments is equal to the amount of PD oxidation,  
330 and that no further correction for wall equilibration is necessary. There is no reason for the  
331 PD to “know” whether its gas-phase concentration is decreasing because of reaction or

332 isothermal dilution, and so we conclude that the dilution experiment accurately simulates  
333 the PD response to reactive loss. However, as a precaution against return flux after  
334 substantial PD depletion, we shall limit our analysis to the first 1.5 e-folding lifetimes in  
335 PD oxidation (we only use the data where the PD concentration is above 22% of its initial  
336 value).

### 337 **3.2 Correction for particle wall loss.**

338 We conducted experiments to measure the SOA production from oxidation of PD by OH  
339 radicals generated via HONO photolysis at five different initial PD concentrations: 1, 2,  
340 4, 5, and 6 ppbv. We used equation 1 to calculate SOA mass yields ( $Y$ ).

$$341 \quad Y = \frac{C_{SOA}}{\Delta C_{PD}} \quad (1)$$

342 where  $C_{SOA}$  is the measured mass concentration of SOA, and  $\Delta C_{PD}$  is the mass  
343 concentration of the reacted PD. We measured the PD concentration using PTRMS with a  
344 unique mass fragment,  $m/z=135$ , and then calculated the  $\Delta C_{PD}$ . As we have discussed, we  
345 do not correct the measured concentration change in PD for any interaction with the  
346 chamber walls. However, in order to calculate the  $C_{SOA}$ , we must also account for wall  
347 losses of both particles and the condensable SOA products.

348 We employed three traditional methods to correct the particle wall loss, based on the  
349 assumption that particles deposited to the chamber walls function the same as the  
350 suspended particles for the SOA condensation. The corrected SOA production,  $C_{SOA}$ , is  
351 determined by the ratio of suspended SOA ( $C_{SOA}^{SUS}$ ) to suspended ammonium sulfate seed



352 ( $C_{seed}^{sus}$ ) and the initial concentration of ammonium-sulfate seed particles at time 0 h  
353 ( $C_{seed}^{sus}(t = 0)$ ), as shown in equation 2 (Hildebrandt et al., 2009).

$$354 \quad C_{SOA}(t) = \frac{C_{SOA}^{sus}(t)}{C_{seed}^{sus}(t)} C_{seed}^{sus}(t = 0) \quad (2)$$

355 The essential term is the SOA to seed ratio,  $\frac{C_{SOA}^{sus}(t)}{C_{seed}^{sus}(t)}$ . We calculated this ratio directly from  
356 the organic and seed (sulfate + ammonium) concentrations measured by the HR-AMS  
357 (method 1). We also used the SMPS data. We determined the  $C_{seed}^{sus}(t)$  by applying an  
358 exponential function to fit the measured decay of the pure ammonium-sulfate seeds before  
359 photo-oxidation and then extrapolating that decay for the duration of each experiment  
360 (method 2). We also calculated  $C_{seed}^{sus}(t)$  by scaling the total particle number concentration  
361 (method 3). Because both coagulation and nucleation were minimal during the  
362 experiments, we can correct for particle wall losses based on either mass or number loss.  
363  $C_{seed}^{sus}(t)$  is proportional to the total suspended particle number concentration. We  
364 demonstrate method 2 and 3 in Fig. S1. We calculated  $C_{SOA}^{sus}(t)$  as the difference between  
365 the total particle mass and the  $C_{seed}^{sus}(t)$  after correcting with the SOA density,  $1.4 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ ,  
366 which we calculated following the method of Nakao et al. (Nakao et al., 2013). As shown  
367 in Fig. S2, the SOA to seed ratios from these three methods agree to within roughly 20%.  
368 Consequently, we focused on the HR-AMS data (method 1) to perform the particle wall-  
369 loss correction. We demonstrate one example of the temporal depletion of PD and SOA  
370 formation in Fig. S3. Around 80% of PD reacted in the first hour. As mentioned previously,  
371 we excluded all data where the PD concentration was less than 22% of its initial value from  
372 the analysis; those data are plotted in gray.

### 373 3.3 Correction for vapor wall loss.

374 In addition to correcting for the loss of SOA as suspended particles, we also determine the  
375 amount of condensable SOA vapors that condense directly to the Teflon chamber walls  
376 after PD oxidation. This also reduces the observed SOA mass (Ye et al., 2016a; Krechmer  
377 et al., 2016). If the condensing species are functionally non-volatile (their saturation ratios  
378 are much larger than their particle-phase activity (Donahue et al., 2011b)), then  
379 condensation to the suspended particles will be quasi-irreversible. Furthermore, for the  
380 relatively low saturation concentration values required, there should be efficient wall losses  
381 of the vapors. We thus assume that vapor wall losses are the same per unit condensation  
382 sink as condensation to the suspended particles.

383 The condensation sink ( $CS$ ) represents the loss frequency of vapors to the suspended  
384 aerosol surface (Donahue et al., 2014); it can be thought of as the mean speed of the vapors  
385 multiplied by the aerosol surface area, but modified for the gas-phase diffusion near the  
386 particle surface and accounting for accommodation from the gas phase to the condensed  
387 phase when that is rate limiting. We calculated the  $CS^P$  using equation 3 (Trump et al.,  
388 2014),

$$394 \quad CS^P = \sum_k N_k \frac{v}{4} \pi d_{p,k}^2 \beta_k \quad (3)$$

389 where  $k$  refers to a particle size bin,  $N_k$  is the number concentration of particles in this bin,  
390  $v$  is the mean thermal speed of the gas phase molecules,  $d_{p,k}$  is the particle diameter, and  
391  $\beta_k$  is the transition-regime correction factor (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006), which is a  
392 function of the mass accommodation coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) and the mean free path of the organic  
393 vapor in air. We used two accommodation coefficient values, 0.1 and 1, as limiting cases

395 as the available evidence suggests that  $0.1 < \alpha < 1$  (Saleh et al., 2013). When  $\alpha = 1$ , the  
396 condensation sink will be the same as the collision frequency between the gas molecules  
397 and suspended particles.

398 Fig. 5 shows the suspended collision frequency versus time together with the number and  
399 mass concentration of the suspended particles during an SOA formation experiment. The  
400 collision frequency decreased initially due to particle wall losses. However, when the SOA  
401 formation started, the SOA condensation increased the particle surface area and thus  
402 increased the collision frequency. Later in the experiment, after the SOA formation was  
403 almost complete, the particle wall loss again dominated and the collision frequency  
404 decreased.

405 As shown in Scheme 1, the fraction of the oxidation products that initially condenses on  
406 the suspended particles versus the chamber walls is determined by the ratio of the  
407 suspended-particle condensation sink to the wall loss frequency (the wall condensation  
408 sink). We previously measured a wall condensation sink for SVOCs in the CMU chamber  
409 of  $0.063 \text{ min}^{-1}$  (Ye et al., 2016a). In Fig. 6 we compare the suspended-particle condensation  
410 sink to the wall condensation sink for the two limiting values of the mass accommodation  
411 coefficient: 0.1 and 1. When  $\alpha = 1$ , the suspended-particle condensation sink is much larger  
412 than the wall condensation sink. In this case, only a very small fraction of the condensable  
413 vapors are lost to the walls, at least initially. When  $\alpha = 0.1$ , the condensation sink of the  
414 suspended particles and the chamber wall are comparable, which makes vapor wall loss  
415 significant.

416 The interactions of semi-volatile oxidation products with the two different sinks  
417 (suspended particles and the walls) can be complex, but products that are effectively  
418 nonvolatile (with very high steady-state saturation ratios while the PD is being oxidized  
419 (Donahue et al., 2011b)) should simply condense in proportion to the two condensation  
420 sinks. In this case the mass that condenses on the walls is given by the mass observed to  
421 condense on the suspended particles multiplied by the ratio of the wall condensation sink  
422 to the suspended condensation sink. In Fig. 7 we show the products lost to the chamber  
423 walls together with the SOA mass on the suspended particles and the particles lost to the  
424 chamber walls. The direct deposition of the product vapors to the chamber wall may have  
425 been as much as 1/3 of the total SOA mass at the lower limit of  $\alpha = 0.1$  or as little as a few  
426 percent if  $\alpha = 1$ . This vapor wall loss correction is thus significant but not excessively large.

#### 427 **3.4 Correction for Delayed Condensation.**

428 Some condensable products will be accumulated in the gas phase in a steady state between  
429 production and loss even if they have a very low saturation concentration. This is especially  
430 significant early in an experiment when the oxidation rate (and thus production rate of  
431 condensable vapors) is high (Donahue et al., 2011b). We can estimate this simply by  
432 assuming that the condensable vapors are produced with a constant mass yield during PD  
433 oxidation (that the mechanism is invariant) and that their saturation concentrations are very  
434 low. We then apply a constant mass fraction to the amount of oxidized PD to estimate the  
435 total concentration of condensable products in any phase. In Fig. 8, we show an example  
436 calculation for  $\alpha = 0.1$  and a constant mass yield of 0.88 as a dashed black curve; except  
437 for early in the reaction, this provides a good match to the total condensed organics, but for  
438 times less than 2 condensation lifetimes (21 min, indicated with the vertical dashed red line)

439 the observed SOA concentration is substantially less than 0.88 times the oxidized PD  
440 (shown with the gray fill). The SOA mass yields during the first 10-20 minutes thus may  
441 be underestimated if delayed condensation is ignored (Donahue et al., 2011b). On the other  
442 hand, lower mass yields at lower OA concentrations can be interpreted in terms of semi-  
443 volatile partitioning (Odum et al., 1996b; Donahue et al., 2005).

### 444 **3.5 SOA mass yields from PD oxidation by OH radicals.**

445 In Fig. 9 we show calculated SOA mass yields from the 6 ppb PD experiment for three  
446 cases, first considering only particle wall loss, and then treating both particle and vapor  
447 wall loss for  $\alpha = 1$  and for  $\alpha = 0.1$ . When  $\alpha = 1$ , the difference with and without vapor wall  
448 losses (i.e. the first two cases) is very small. However, the mass yield increases by 30%  
449 after correcting for vapor wall loss with  $\alpha = 0.1$ . We further estimate the delayed  
450 condensation of ELVOC and LVOC products by finding the mass yield after two  
451 condensation lifetimes, as illustrated in Fig. 8. The dashed horizontal lines indicate these  
452 values. The true equilibrium SOA mass yields may be closer to the dashed lines than the  
453 observed values due to delayed condensation.

454 In Fig. 10 we summarize data from five experiments with five different initial PD  
455 concentrations: 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 ppbv. The shaded area shows the range of SOA yields  
456 when  $\alpha$  values vary from 0.1 to 1. The instantaneous SOA mass yields are from 0.1 to 0.9  
457 under the different SOA concentrations. As with the single case we present in Fig 9,  
458 accounting for delayed condensation introduces a low-concentration asymptotic mass yield  
459 between 0.4 and 0.8. The bottom line is that regardless of the mass accommodation

460 coefficient the SOA mass yields are high, with yields above 0.5 for  $C_{OA} > 10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . PD  
461 oxidation by OH is thus a very efficient source of second-generation SOA.

462 The yields for  $\alpha = 0.1$  accounting for delayed condensation are implausibly high, implying  
463 that essentially all of the oxidation products have extremely low volatility and thus the only  
464 reason for the observed rising mass yields is the dynamical delay early in the experiment  
465 (which lasts for a relatively long time,  $\sim 20$  min, due to the low condensation sink associated  
466 with the low mass accommodation coefficient). On the other hand, the yields for  $\alpha = 1$  are  
467 plausible, implying that approximately half of the condensable oxidation products consist  
468 of highly oxidized products formed via “auto oxidation” (Ehn et al., 2014) while the other  
469 half are SVOCs that partition reversibly into the particles (Ye et al., 2016b; Ye et al., 2016c).

470 PD oxidation has much higher SOA mass yields than  $\alpha$ -pinene oxidation. When  $C_{OA} = 20$   
471  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , the SOA mass yields from  $\alpha$ -pinene oxidation (by ozone or OH) are in the range  
472 0.1–0.2 (Hallquist et al., 2009), whereas the SOA mass yields from PD oxidation by OH  
473 are in the range 0.6–0.9, roughly five times larger. This finding holds regardless of wall  
474 effects or other complications to quantitative interpretation of the product volatility  
475 distribution, as those issues should be shared in common for each system. PD is a much  
476 more effective source of SOA than  $\alpha$ -pinene. This can be well explained by the structure  
477 of PD. PD has two OH groups replacing the C=C double bond in  $\alpha$ -pinene and yet it retains  
478 the bicyclic backbone of that monoterpene. PD can be considered as a first-generation of  
479 oxidation product of  $\alpha$ -pinene; the likely atmospheric formation mechanism is hydrolysis  
480 of a  $\beta$ -hydroxy nitrate formed after OH addition to the double bond in high- $\text{NO}_x$  conditions.  
481 When PD is oxidized, C-C bond cleavage is unlikely because of the bicyclic backbone.  
482 Therefore, most PD oxidation products will be less volatile than PD and so more

483 condensable compared to comparable products from  $\alpha$ -pinene. One exception to this is that  
484 a major oxidation product of PD is oxy-pinocamphone, which is formed when OH abstracts  
485 a hydrogen atom from the hydroxymethylene moiety in PD and  $O_2$  immediately abstracts  
486 the second hydrogen from the OH group, analogous to acetone formation from 2-propanol.  
487 All of the other oxidation products of PD are plausibly condensable. It is thus sensible that  
488 the molar yields of condensable products from PD oxidation are in the range 0.5–0.8 and  
489 that the corresponding mass yields are significantly higher due to the added oxygen.

### 490 **3.6 Elemental analysis of the SOA.**

491 In Fig. 11, we plot the observed average carbon oxidation state,  $\overline{OS}_C = 2O:C - H:C$  of  
492 the SOA formed from PD as a function of the SOA mass concentration.  $\overline{OS}_C$  decreases as  
493 the SOA mass increases, consistent with other studies of biogenic SOA (Donahue et al.,  
494 2006; Shilling et al., 2009). The SOA that condenses very early in the experiment (at low  
495  $C_{OA}$ ) is also highly oxidized. These promptly condensing organic products are ELVOCs or  
496 LVOCs, with sufficiently low volatility to build up a high saturation ratio early in the  
497 experiment. We also consistently observe a slight increase of  $\overline{OS}_C$  at the end of each  
498 experiment. This may be due to the further oxidation (aging) of the products. The SOA  
499 formed from a lower initial PD concentration also shows a higher  $\overline{OS}_C$  at the same SOA  
500 concentration than the SOA formed from a higher initial PD charge. When the initial PD  
501 concentration is low, the oxidation products may have more chance to react with OH  
502 radicals and become more oxidized. However, it is also possible that the higher absolute  
503 oxidation rate with higher PD concentrations drives up the gas-phase activity of SVOCs  
504 with relatively lower  $\overline{OS}_C$ . Finally, it is possible that relatively more volatile (and less  
505 oxidized) products are lost from SOA particles near the end of each experiment due to

506 sorption to the Teflon walls. As shown in Fig. S4, the ratio of organic to sulfate mass  
507 decreased slightly after 2 hours, consistent with some SOA mass loss from the particles.

508 The composition findings are thus consistent with the mass-yield results for a relatively  
509 high mass accommodation coefficient; there is a substantial mass yield of ELVOC and  
510 LVOC products with very high  $\overline{OS}_C$  but also a significant yield of SVOC products,  
511 probably with  $\overline{OS}_C \lesssim 1$ , that dilute the (E)LVOC condensate once conditions favor their  
512 condensation.

513 In Fig. 11 we also compare the  $\overline{OS}_C$  of the SOA formed from PD in these experiments with  
514 the  $\overline{OS}_C$  of PD oxidation products observed to participate in nucleation in the CLOUD  
515 experiment. We plot values for CLOUD for molecular clusters with a single C<sub>10</sub> molecule  
516 and clusters with 4 C<sub>10</sub> molecules; these values are based on molecular formulas in  
517 negatively-charged clusters measured with an atmospheric pressure interface time of flight  
518 mass spectrometer (APITOF) where the negative charge resides on a bisulfate anion  
519 clustering with the (presumably neutral) C<sub>10</sub> organic molecules formed from PD oxidation  
520 (Schobesberger et al., 2013). The CLOUD values are thus based on a much different  
521 technique than the highly fragmenting bulk particle electron ionization used in the AMS.  
522 Despite these differences, the  $\overline{OS}_C$  values we observe are similar to those seen in the  
523 CLOUD experiments. The oxidized organics observed in the CLOUD experiments have  
524 molecular compositions C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub>, where x = 12, 14, 16 and y = 2–12 (Schobesberger et al.,  
525 2013). They appear in four progressive bands from growing clusters, which contained 1-4  
526 C<sub>10</sub> organic molecules, respectively. The  $\overline{OS}_C$  in the first band is relatively high, -0.2, but  
527 this decreases to -0.8 for the fourth band. The decrease of  $\overline{OS}_C$  with increasing cluster size



528 is consistent with what we observed in this study. We observed the  $\overline{OS}_C$  of the bulk SOA  
529 at relatively high loading was around -0.7, which corresponds to the value measured in the  
530 CLOUD experiments for larger clusters.

531 A self-consistent interpretation of these observations is that the least-volatile, early  
532 condensing species forming SOA at low  $C_{OA}$  in our experiments are ELVOCs that also  
533 help form the smallest clusters in the CLOUD experiments, while the later condensing  
534 species are LVOCs and SVOCs that also contribute to cluster growth in the CLOUD  
535 experiment after initial nucleation.

### 536 **3.7 Representation of PD SOA in the two-dimensional volatility-oxidation space.**

537 Following the procedures in the literature (Presto and Donahue, 2006; Donahue et al.,  
538 2011a), we mapped the distribution of volatility and  $\overline{OS}_C$  in the two-dimensional volatility-  
539 oxidation space (2D-VBS). The constraints are relatively crude – just the observed mass  
540 concentrations and bulk composition, and so we present 2D-VBS yield distribution that is  
541 consistent with those constraints but still coarse grained. Specifically, we assume a long  
542 "tail" toward extremely low volatility with roughly constant mass yield, a cluster of  
543 products with slightly lower volatility than PD, and a large yield of oxy-pinocamphone,  
544 while is more volatile than PD. We present the full yield distribution, which conserves  
545 carbon, in the following section.

546 In Fig. 12 we show the product distribution, classifying organics in the broad classes of  
547 ELVOCs, LVOCs, SVOCs or IVOCs when  $\alpha = 1$ . The top panel is a 2D representation.  
548 We show PD as a filled yellow circle. The blue contours show the oxidation products from  
549 PD, with higher values indicating higher yields. The lower panel is a consolidation of the

550 two-dimensional product contours into a 1D-VBS, showing the total mass yields in each  
551 decadal spaced volatility bin. A majority of the condensed products fall to the upper left  
552 of PD, with a lower volatility and higher  $\overline{OS}_C$ . These compounds are produced  
553 mostly by the addition of oxygen containing moieties to the PD backbone. However, some  
554 products located on the right of PD show slightly higher  $\overline{OS}_C$ , but also higher volatility.  
555 They may be formed by two possible reaction pathways. One is fragmentation, which  
556 breaks the carbon backbone and produces smaller molecules with higher volatility than the  
557 reactants. Another pathway is formation of oxy-pinocamphone, as discussed above.

558 The products at the end of the low-volatility tail extending toward the upper left in the top  
559 panel of Fig. 12 may contribute to the new-particle formation observed in the CLOUD  
560 experiments. These ELVOCs, with  $\log C^0 < -3.5$  are the most likely to form new particles  
561 because with constant mass yields the saturation ratio in each progressively less volatile  
562 bin will grow by an order of magnitude. The  $\overline{OS}_C$  of these LVOC products ranges from 0  
563 to 1, and they represent around 15 % of total SOA mass. This is consistent with CLOUD  
564 observations showing that ~10% of the PD oxidation products could drive new-particle  
565 formation (Schobesberger et al., 2013; Riccobono et al., 2014).

566 Employing the method of Chuang and Donahue (2016a), we conducted a dynamical  
567 simulation of SOA production following oxidation of 6 ppb PD in the CMU chamber,  
568 assuming a mass accommodation coefficient  $\alpha = 1$ . As shown in Fig. 13, the simulation  
569 describes the formation of condensable vapors and subsequent production of SOA mass.  
570 The suspended SOA mass in the simulation matches the smog-chamber data very well. The  
571 particle mass and SOA vapors lost to the Teflon chamber wall are also comparable with  
572 the calculated values from the experimental data. Especially during the first 15 minutes,

573 the simulation shows there is a large fraction of condensable SOA vapors in the gas phase.  
574 This agrees with the observed condensation delay due to the condensation sink timescale.

#### 575 **4 Conclusions**

576 Our studies show that oxidation of pinanediol, a semi-volatile surrogate for first-generation  
577 oxidation products of monoterpenes, can produce SOA with very high mass yields. The  
578 SOA is also highly oxidized. This is thus a model system to describe chemical aging of  
579 first-generation SOA. Along with previously studied model systems for first-generation  
580 products, this shows that aging of semi-volatile SOA is a significant source of additional  
581 SOA mass, with higher mass yields typical of less volatile first-generation products. The  
582 second-generation oxidation products with sufficiently low volatility represent 15% of the  
583 total SOA mass in a 2D-VBS model that reproduces the chamber data; these may contribute  
584 to new-particle formation. The oxidation state of the chamber SOA produced from  
585 oxidation of PD is also consistent with the observations during new-particle formation  
586 experiments at CERN. Thus, while first-generation oxidation is a substantial source of both  
587 SOA mass and new-particle formation, ongoing oxidation of first-generation vapors, which  
588 typically comprise the large majority of the first-generation oxidation products from  
589 common precursors, should also be considered as a significant source of both particle  
590 number and mass.

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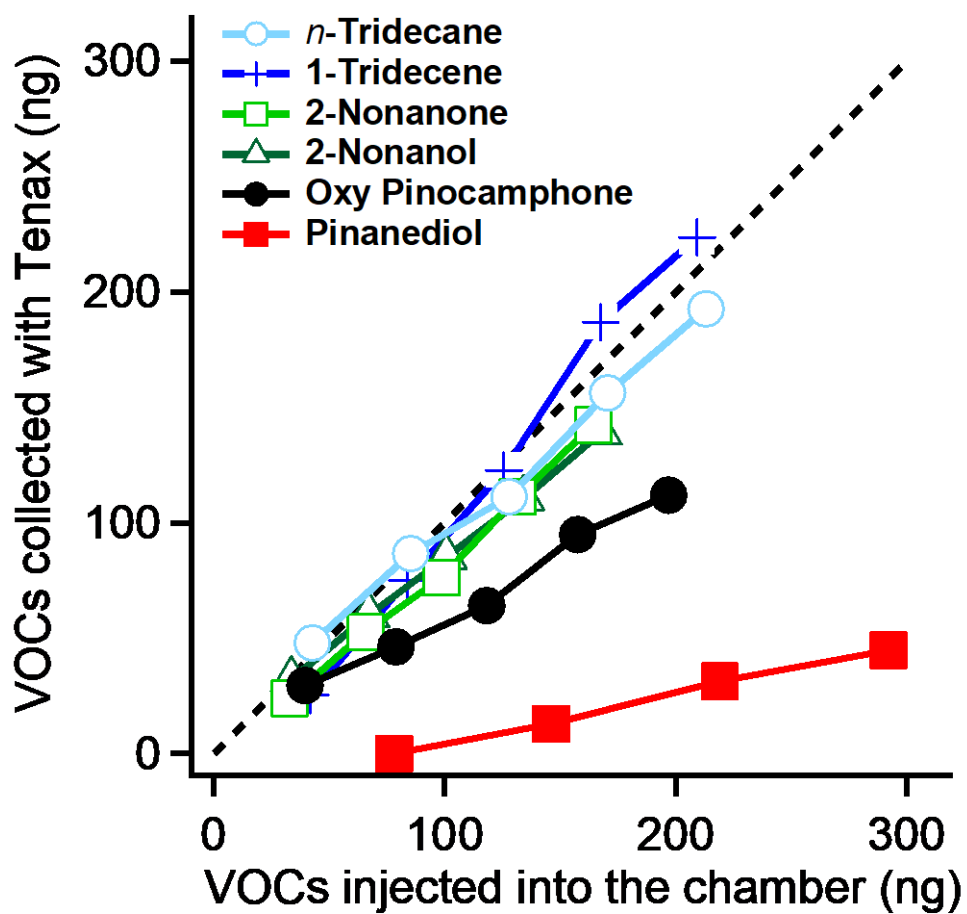
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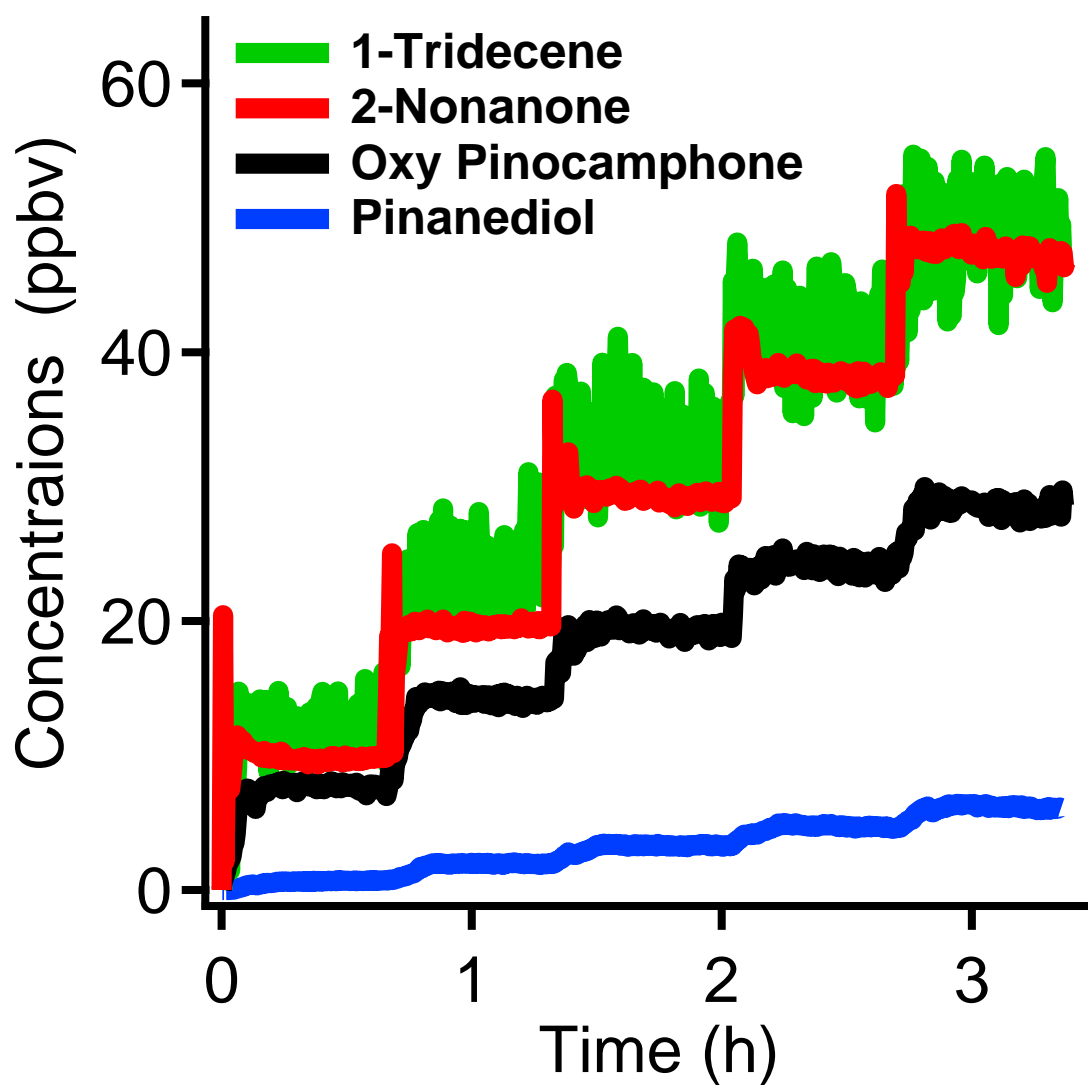
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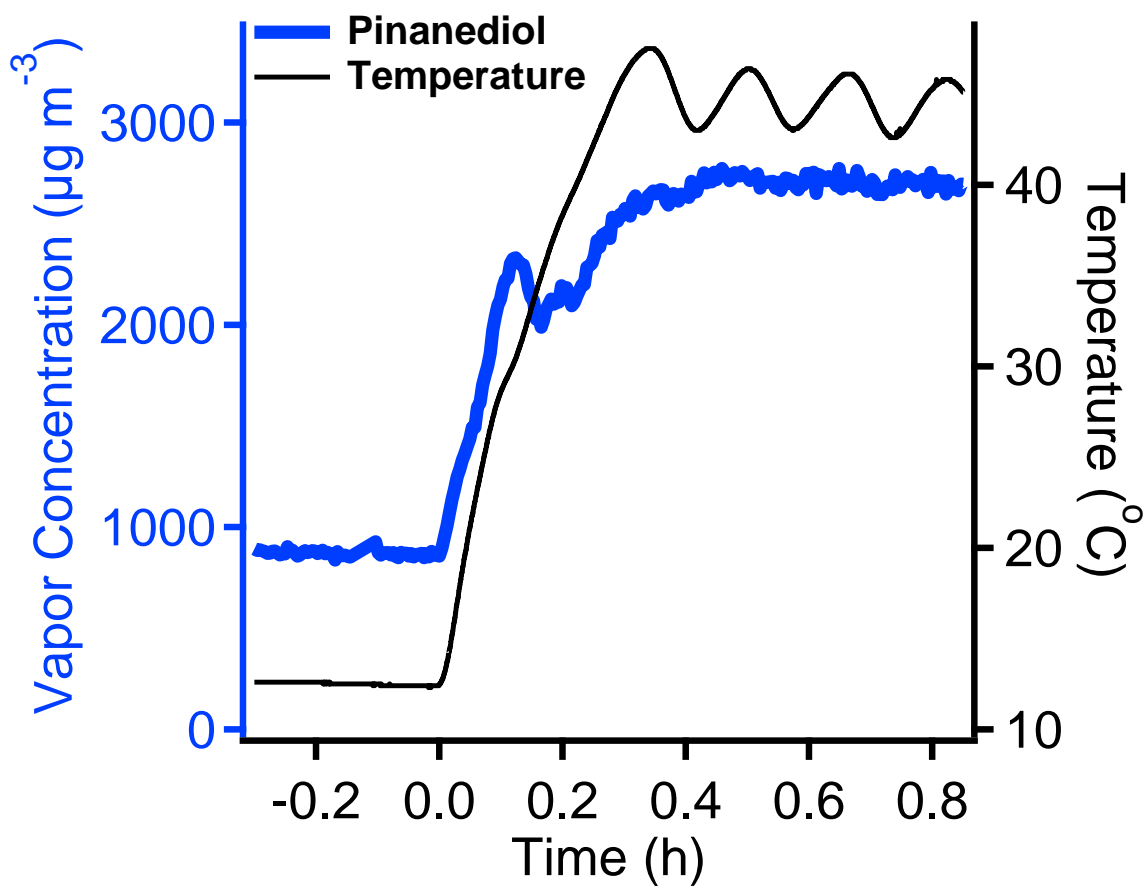
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836 **Figure 1.** The gas phase concentrations of *n*-tridecane, 1-tridecene, 2-nonanone, 2-Nonanol, oxy-  
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 838 injected into the chamber, *n*-tridecane, 1-tridecene, 2-nonanone and 2-nonanol show almost no vapor wall  
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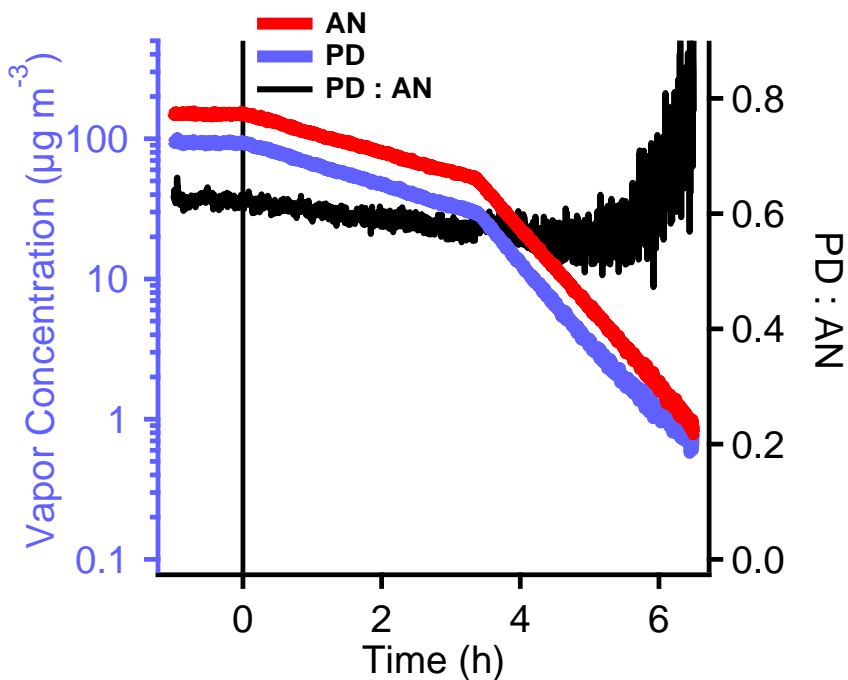
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841 **Figure 2.** The temporal concentrations of the organics after we injected a series of aliquots of 1-tridencene,  
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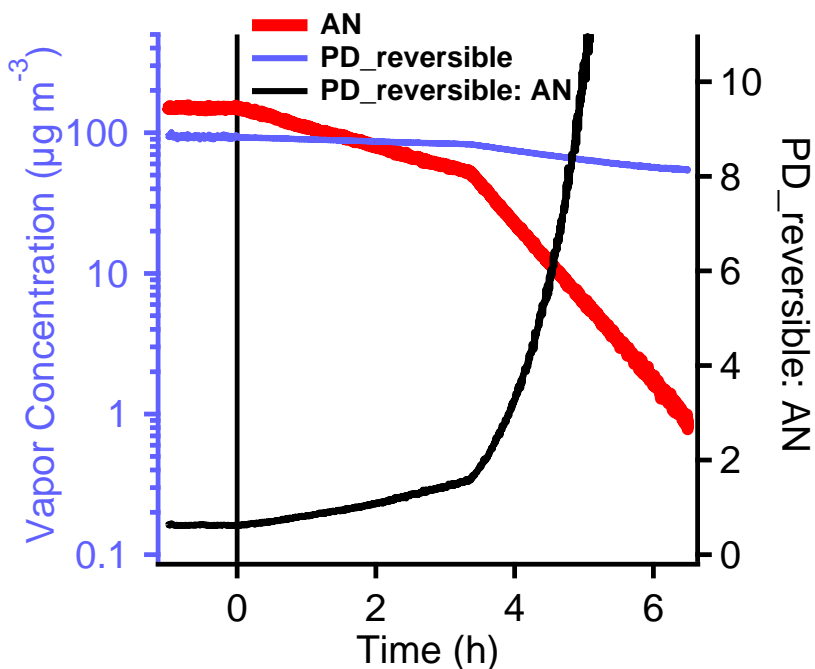


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847 **Figure 3.** The increase of the pinanediol vapor concentration after increasing the chamber temperature from  
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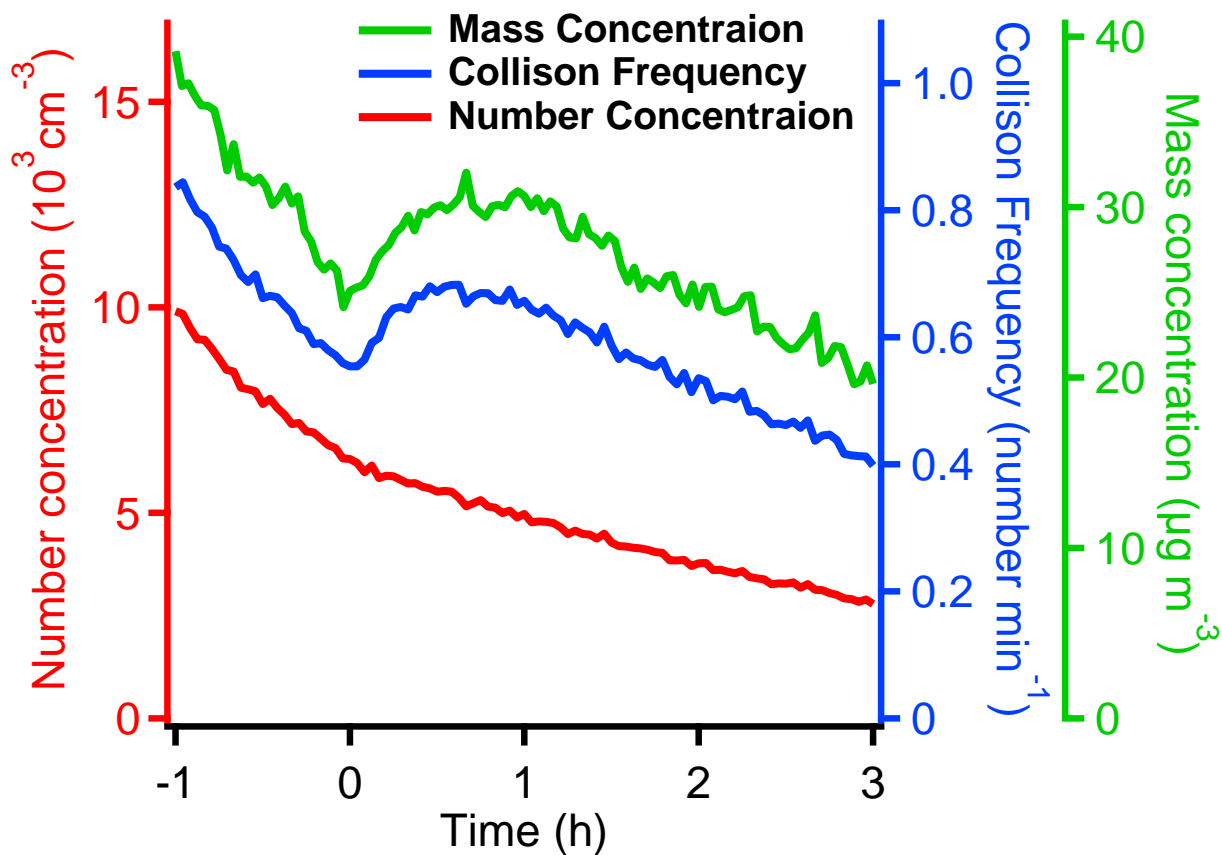


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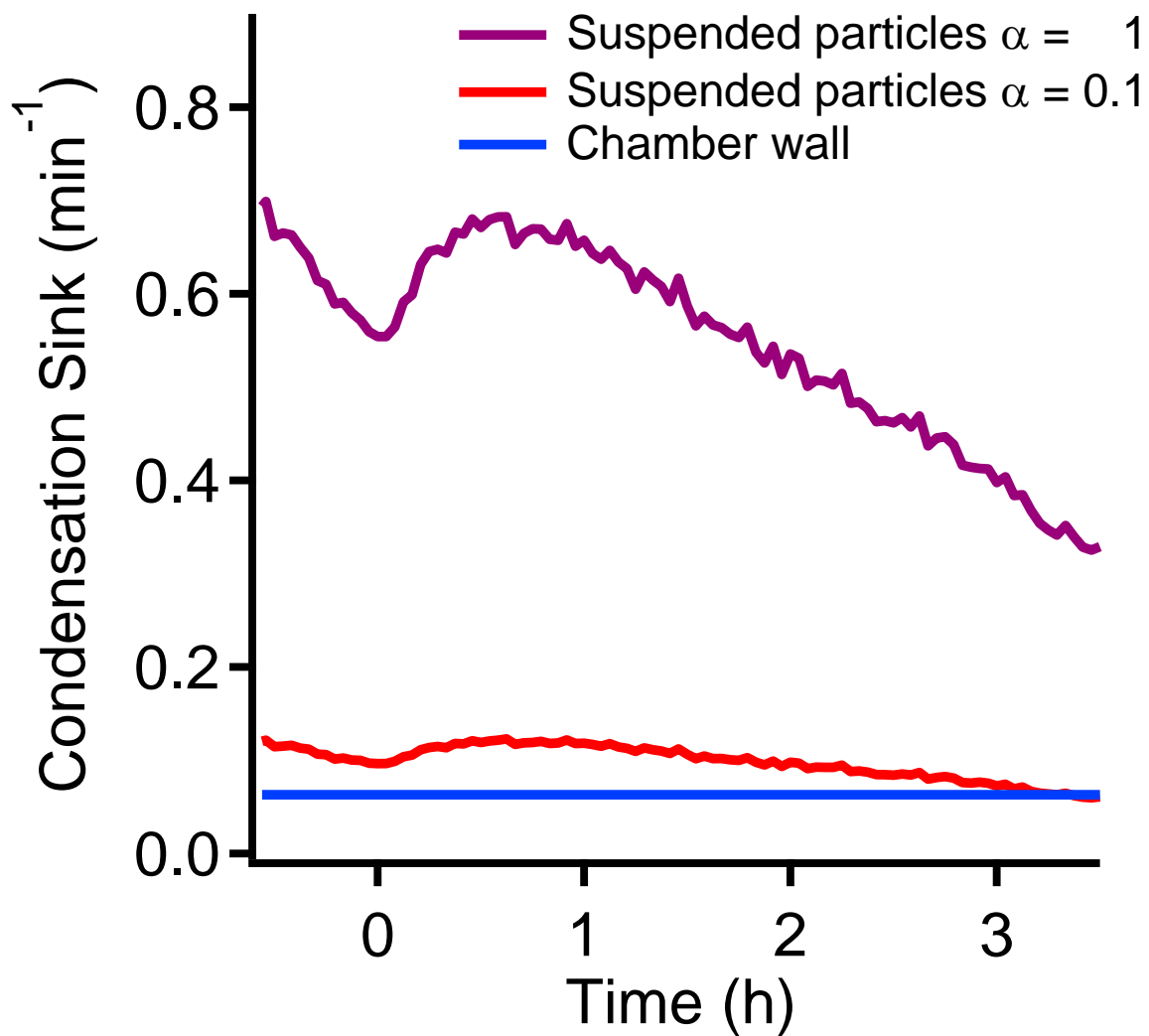
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853 **Figure 4.** The change of PD and AN concentrations during isothermal dilution of the chamber with fresh air,  
 854 which mimics the depletion of PD during the SOA formation (Top). The ratio of PD to AN shows very small  
 855 change until the PD concentration dropped below  $2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . When considering the deposition of PD on the  
 856 Teflon chamber walls as reversible partitioning, the predicted PD and AN concentration change during the  
 857 dilution was shown at the bottom. The decrease of the predicted PD concentration should be slower than the  
 858 decrease of AN. The ratio of the predicted PD to AN concentration should keep increasing. These indicate  
 859 that PD does not return to the gas phase from the Teflon at  $22^\circ\text{C}$ , but instead still shows a modest loss to the  
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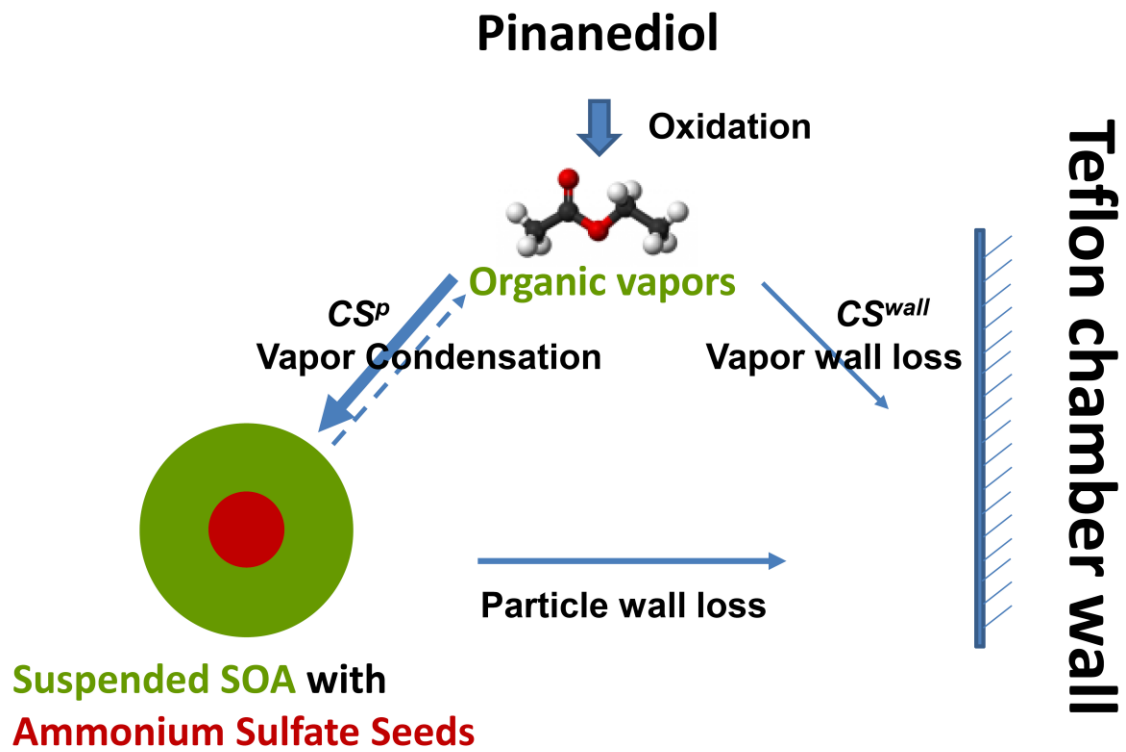
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863 **Figure 5.** The change of collision frequency and number, mass concentration of the suspended particles  
 864 during the SOA formation. The collision frequency has the same value as condensation sink when  $\alpha=1$ . After  
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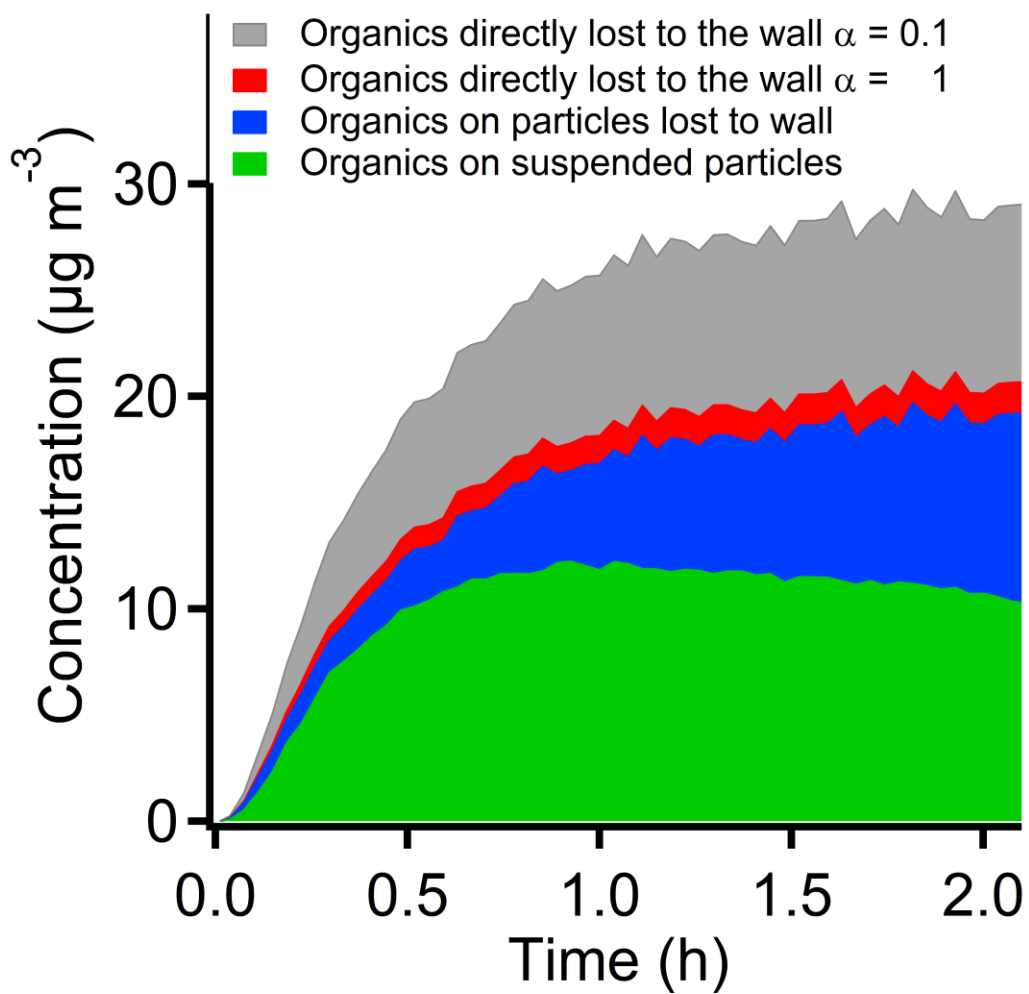
870 **Figure 6.** The difference of the condensation sink between the chamber wall with the suspended particles  
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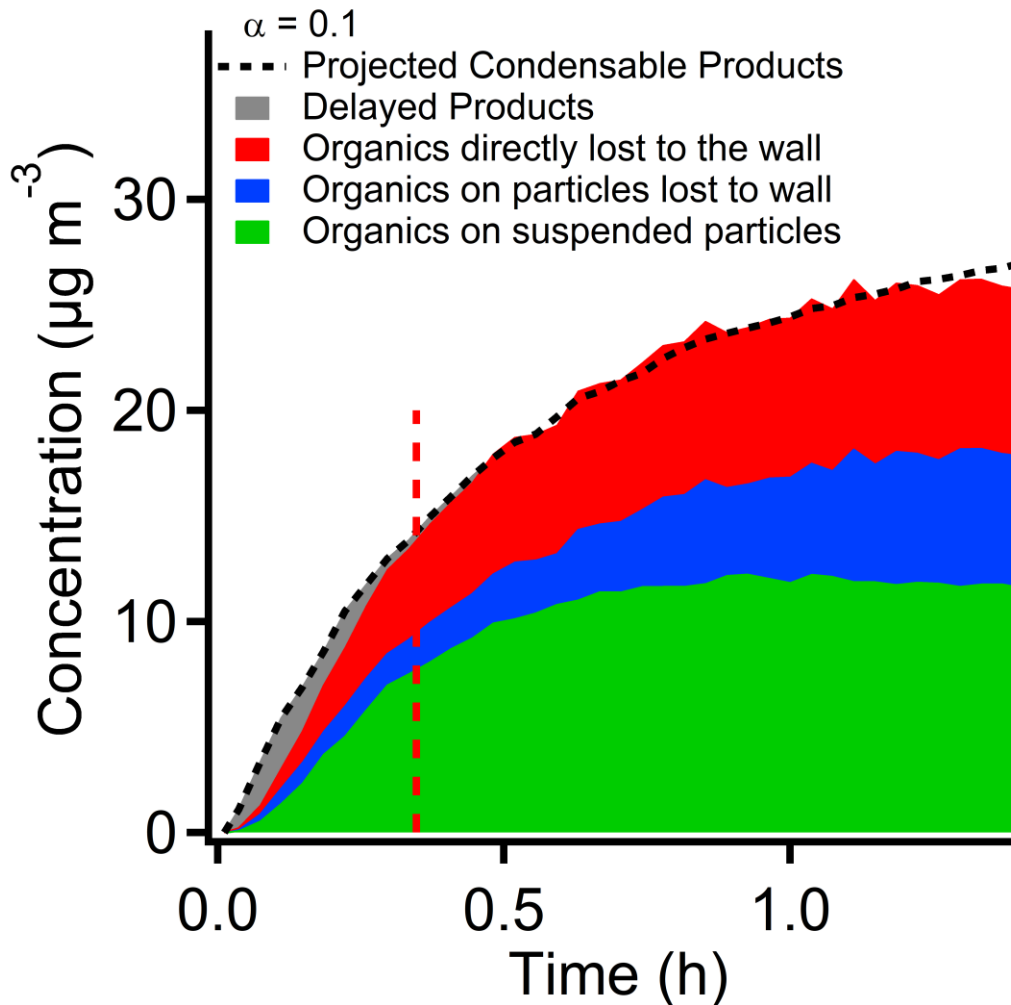
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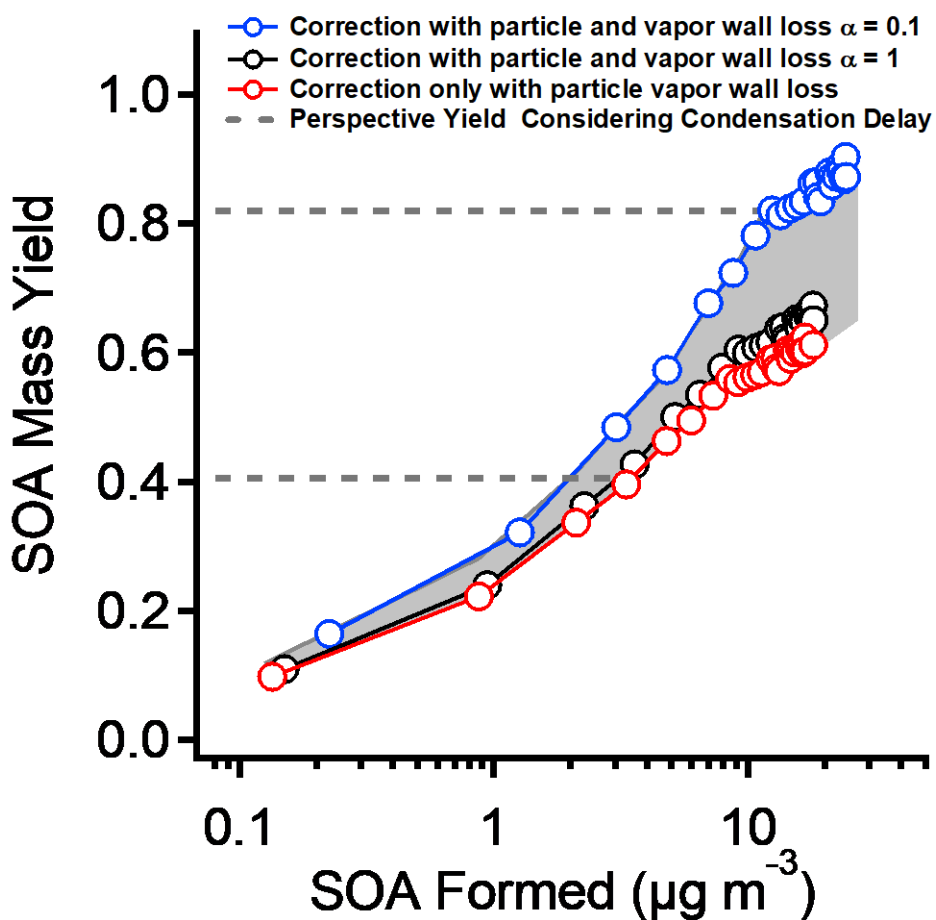
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879 **Figure 7.** The SOA mass on the suspended particles, lost to chamber wall due to particle wall loss and  
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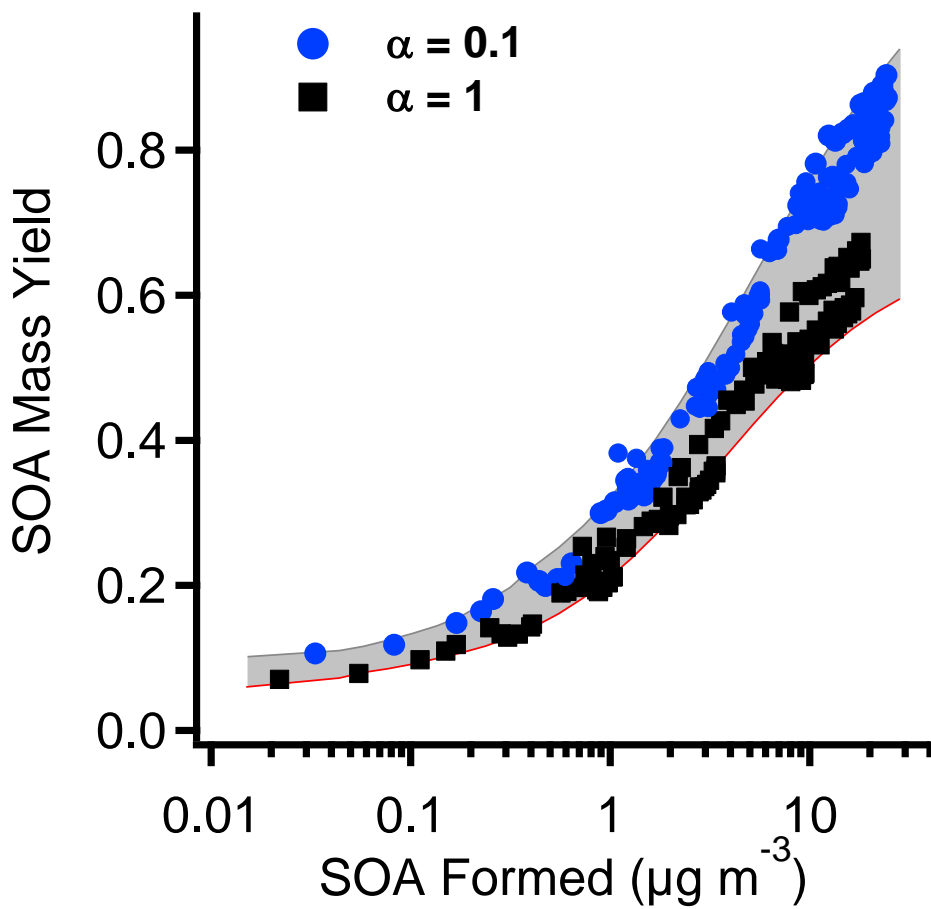
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885 **Figure 8.** The discrepancy of the observed SOA caused by the condensation delay. The black dash line  
 886 shows the estimated concentration of condensable vapors from the reacted PD. The dashed area at 0-0.3  
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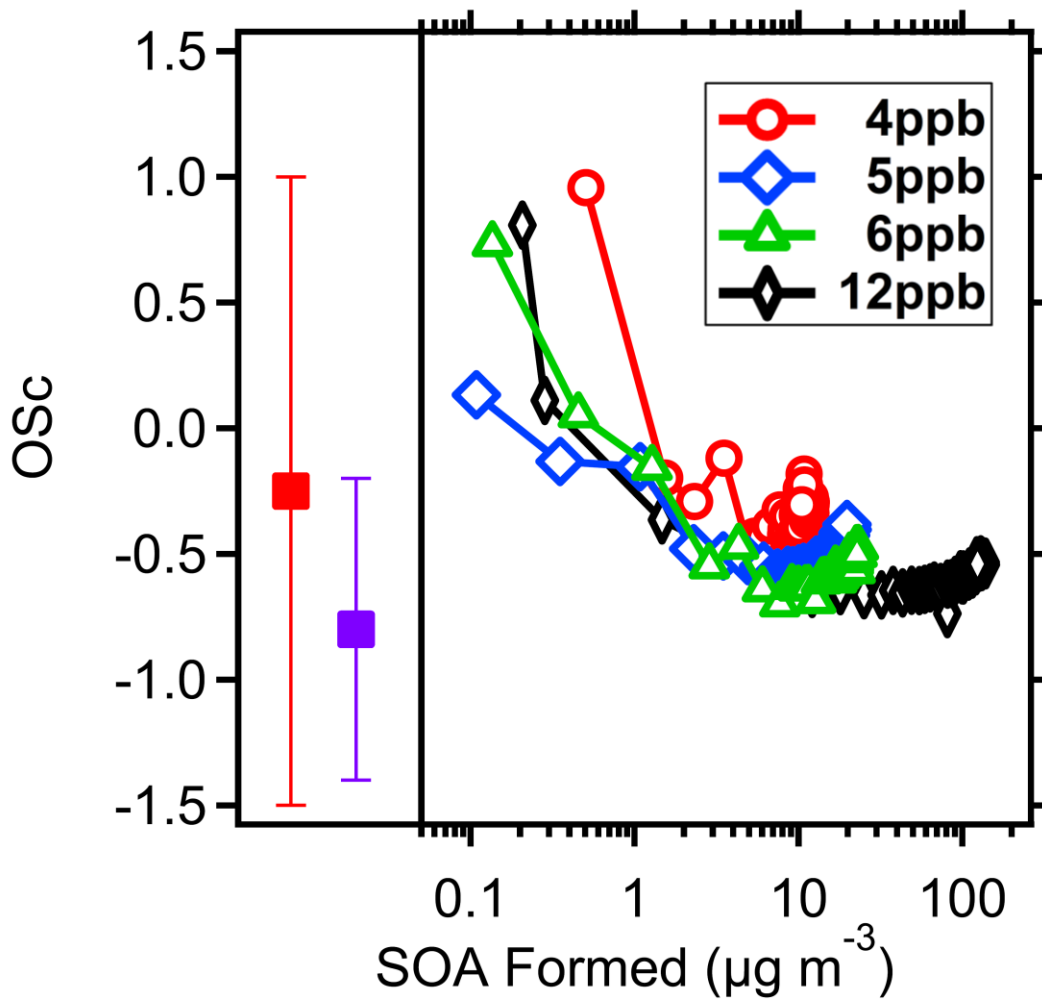
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891 **Figure 9.** The SOA yield from pinanediol photo-oxidation after correction for particle wall loss and vapor  
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 893 with  $\alpha = 1$ ; and correction for vapor wall loss with  $\alpha = 0.1$ . For the first two methods the mass yields are  
 894 similar. For the third, when  $\alpha = 0.1$ , the mass yield is 30% higher than for the other two methods. The  
 895 horizontal dashed lines indicate the mass yields at a time equal to twice the gas-phase lifetime of vapors  
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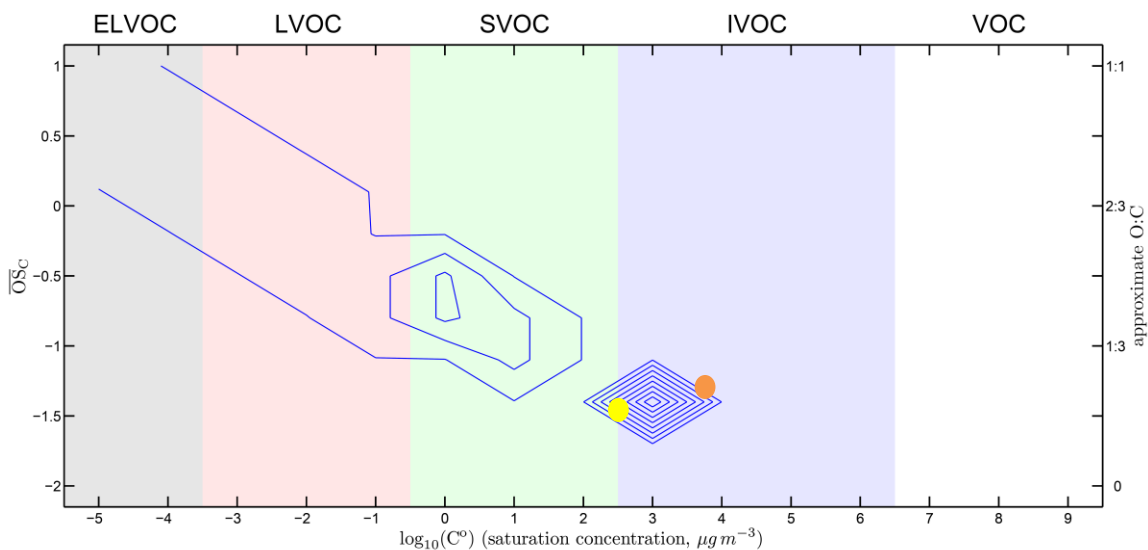
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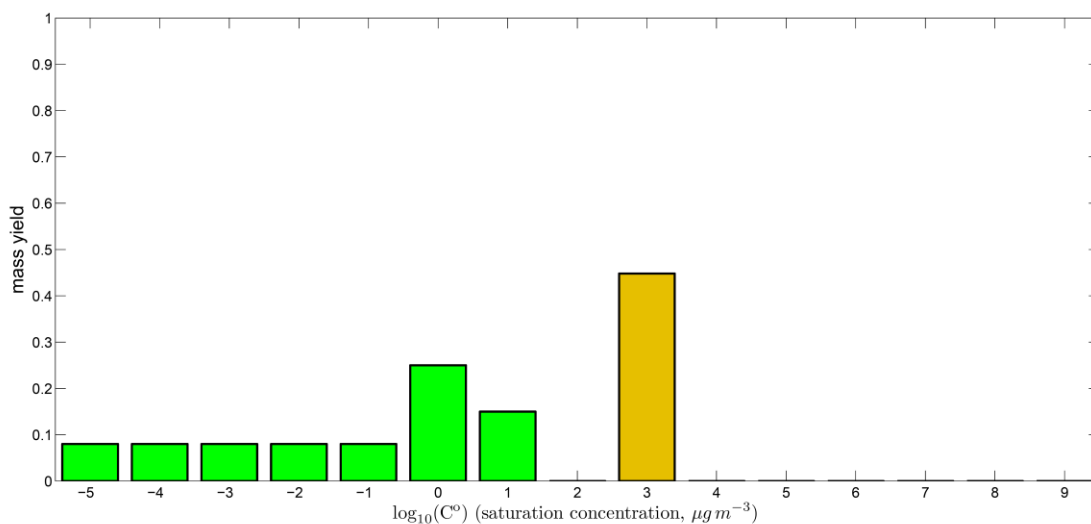
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903 **Figure 11.** The  $\overline{OSc}$  of the SOA from PD with initial concentrations at 4, 5, 6 and 12 ppb on the right panel.  
 904 The left panel shows the  $\overline{OSc}$  of the oxidation products from PD in the clusters observed in the CLOUD  
 905 experiments, which contained 1 (red solid square) and 4 (blue solid square)  $C_{10}$  organics. The SOA formed  
 906 at the very early stage (low yields) shows highly oxidized. The  $\overline{OSc}$  in this study are comparable to the results  
 907 from the CLOUD experiments.

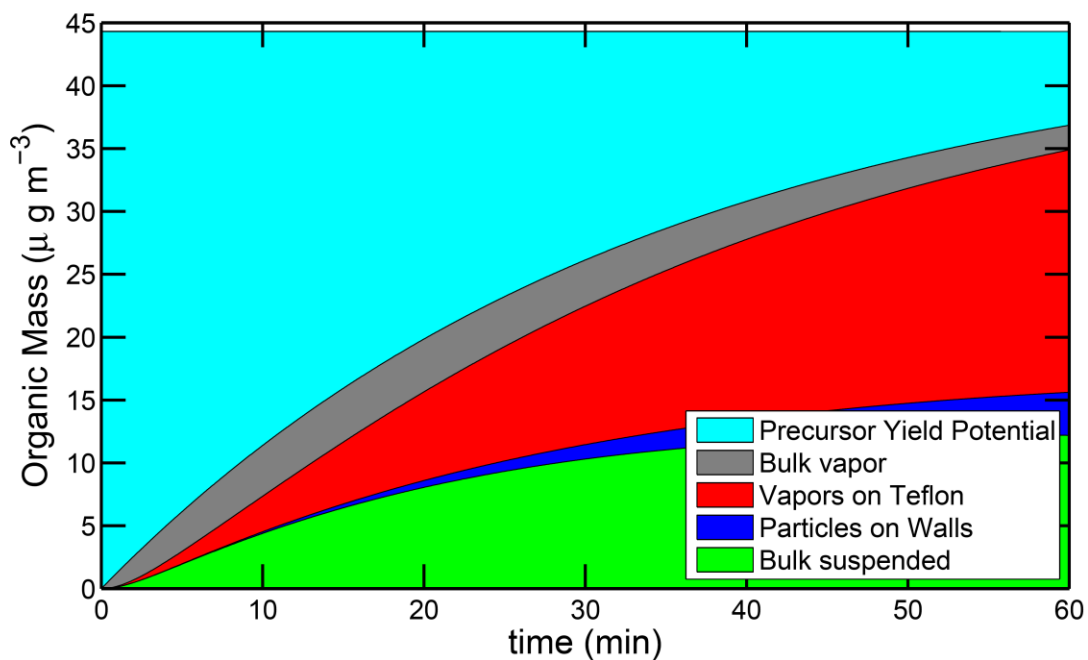


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910 **Figure 12.** Representation of the oxidation products from PD in the two-dimensional volatility-oxidation  
 911 space for a mass accommodation coefficient  $\alpha = 1$ . We group organics in the broad classes of ELVOCs,  
 912 LVOCs, SVOCs or IVOCs. The top panel is a 2D representation. PD is shown as a yellow dot. The blue  
 913 contours show the oxidation products from PD, with higher values indicating higher yields. The lower panel  
 914 is a 1D consolidation of the 2D product contours, showing the total mass yields in each volatility bin. The  
 915 major products spread toward the upper left from PD, with increased oxidation state and decreased volatility.  
 916 The products near the upper left corner, in the ELVOC region, may contribute to new-particle formation  
 917 observed in the CLOUD experiments. They constitute around 15% of the total SOA mass. Some products  
 918 may undergo fragmentation or functional group change, such as converting an alcohol group to a carbonyl  
 919 group, as with oxy-pinocamphone, which is shown in orange.



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921 **Figure 13.** Dynamical simulation of the SOA production from 6 ppb of PD with a mass accommodation  
 922 coefficient  $\alpha=1$ . The simulation treats five different reservoirs: unreacted precursor, vapors, suspended  
 923 particles, deposited particles, and sorption to teflon, as shown in the legend. The simulation reproduces the  
 924 SOA observed on the suspended particles.

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