1 # High variations of BVOC emissions from Norway spruce in boreal

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19 *Abstract*

20 The biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) emission rates of Norway spruces published

21 vary a lot. In this study we combined published Norway spruce emission rates measured in

22 boreal forests (Meeningen et al., 2017; Bourtsoukidis et al., 2014a, 2014b; Hakola et al., (2003,

23 2019)) and added our new, unpublished emission data from southern (SF) and northern Finland

24 (NF). Standardized summer monthly mean emission potentials of isoprene vary from below

25 detection limit to 7 µg g^{-1}$_{(dw)}$ h^{-1}, and monoterpene (MT) and sesquiterpene (SQT) emission

26 potentials 0.01–3 µg g^{-1}$_{(dw)}$ h^{-1} and 0.03-2.7 µg g^{-1}$_{(dw)}$ h^{-1}, respectively. In this study, we found

27 much higher SQT emissions from Norway spruces than measured before and on average SQTs

28 had higher emission potentials than isoprene or MTs. The highest monthly mean SQT emission

29 potential 13.6 µg g^{-1}$_{(dw)}$ h^{-1} was observed in September in southern Finland.

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31 We found that none of the younger (33-40 years) trees in Hyytiälä, southern Finland, emitted

32 isoprene, while one 50-year-old tree was a strong isoprene emitter. However, this could not be

33 confirmed at other sites since all measured small trees were growing in Hyytiälä, so this could

34 also be due to the same genetic origin. On average, older trees (>80 years) emitted about ten

35 times more isoprene and MTs than younger ones (<80 years), but no clear difference was seen

36 in SQT emissions. SQT emissions can be more related to stress effects.

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38 As shown here for Norway spruce, it is possible that the emission factor of SQTs is significantly

39 higher than what is currently used in models, which may have significant effects on the

40 prediction of formation and growht of new particles, since the secondary organic aerosol (SOA)

41 formation potential of SQTs is high and this may have significant effects on the formation and

42 growth of new particles. Due to high secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation potentials of

43 SQTs the impact on SOA formation and mass could be even higher.

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1. Introduction

The boreal forest covers about $11 \cdot 10^6$ km^2 i.e. about 30 % of the global forest (Pan et al., 2013). The amount of tree species is not very diverse, consisting mainly of conifers such as pines and spruces and larch species especially in eastern part of Russian boreal forest (Soja et al., 2007). Some broadleaved deciduous trees are also common and include e.g. Betula sp., Alnus sp. and Populus sp. The terrestrial vegetation, mainly trees, emit large amounts of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to the atmosphere impacting the formation of ozone, secondary organic aerosol and clouds. These biogenic emissions (BVOC) dominate global VOC emissions consisting mainly of isoprene (ISOP), monoterpenes (MT), sesquiterpenes (SQT), methanol and acetone (Sindelarova et al., 2014). During the last decade the new technique to measure atmospheric total hydroxyl radical (OH) reactivity has been introduced to describe the VOC content of the air. By measuring how much OH radicals are consumed in the reactions and comparing this amount with the measurements of everything we know that reacts in the air with OH radicals, we can evaluate how much unknown reactive compounds are in the atmosphere. Total OH reactivity studies have shown that there are lots of unknown reactivity especially in the air of boreal forests (Yang et al. 2016). This reactivity is not explained by the traditionally measured BVOCs, their oxidation products or other known reactive compounds (e.g. CO, CH$_4$, NO$_x$, O$_3$) (e.g. Praplan et al., 2019). A significant fraction of the unknown reactivity has also been found directly in the emissions of boreal trees (Nölscher et al. 2013 and Praplan et al. 2020). Therefore, more studies on BVOC emissions are needed to better understand biosphere-atmosphere interactions.

Especially ISOP and MT have been studied quite intensively during past decades in boreal areas and MTs have been found to dominate ISOP emissions (e.g., Artaxo et al., 2022; Rinne et al., 2009). There are much more studies on MT and ISOP emissions than SQTs in the boreal area and the few existing studies show that SQT emissions can be substantial (e.g., Bourtsoukidis et al., 2014 a,b; Hakola et al., 2001, 2006, 2017; Hellén et al., 2020, 2021; Schallhart et al., 2018). SQT emissions, especially β-farnesene, are often related to biotic stresses and therefore the emissions can be highly variable depending on the stress factors (Petterson, 2007; Kännaste et al., 2008; Niinemets, 2010; Joutsensaari et al., 2015; Matsui and Koeduka, 2016).

Emission potentials and compound composition vary a lot between different tree species (Karl et al., 2009), but there are also large variations in the emission between different individuals of the same tree species. For example, Bäck et al. (2012) showed that Scots pine trees of the same age, growing in the same environment, emit very different monoterpene selections. This has also been found to be true in the emissions of Norway spruce (Hakola et al., 2017). When considering the atmospheric impact of biogenic emissions, it is essential to know the species-specific composition of the emission, because for example atmospheric reactivity and aerosol formation potential of different compounds varies a lot (e.g. Hellén et al., 2018). Since emission rate and composition within the same tree species is so variable, we collected all available data of Norway spruce that could be used for emission potential calculations to investigate if e.g. growing location or age of a tree could explain the variations. In addition to the published data, we present new data from Hyytiälä, southern Finland from 2019 and 2021 and Pallas, northern Finland, from 2020.

To demonstrate the consequences of emission group selection in new particle formation, we used this newly measured emission data to model aerosol formation and growth in two different environments, southern boreal forest in Finland and a sub-Arctic forest in Finnish Lapland. As a comparison, we simulated the aerosol processes with emissions from MEGAN v 2.1 model

95 (Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature). MEGAN2.1 is a modeling
96 framework for estimating fluxes of biogenic compounds between terrestrial ecosystems and
97 the atmosphere and utilizes standardized emission potentials from specific plant functional
98 types to characterize the emissions (Guenther et al, 2012). Our simulations with real data thus
99 provide a 'reality check' for the tabulated emission potential approach.

102 ## 2.   Experimental

104 ### 1.1.   Measurement sites and earlier emission measurements

106 The measurements were conducted in a southern boreal forest in Hyytiälä (hereafter called
107 Southern Finland, SF) and in a northern boreal Norway spruce forest, at Pallas, Kenttärova
108 (hereafter called Northern Finland, NF). The measurement times and the tree ages are given in
109 Table 2.

111 The NF site (Pallas Kenttärova, 67.59°N, 24.15°E) lies on a hilltop plateau at an elevation of
112 347 m a.s.l.. It is a sub-Arctic site which is characterized by the very short and intense growing
113 season. Forests at these kind of sub-Arctic areas are sparse and the average tree height is much
114 lower than at the more southern boreal forests. At Pallas site in 2021, the age of the trees varied
115 from 90 to 250 years. The site is described in detail in Lohila et al. (2015) and in Aurela et al.
116 (2015).

118 We measured altogether three mature spruces. The continuous analyses were conducted in a
119 container about 2 m from the in-situ measured tree (Fig. 1). In addition to in-situ measurements,
120 we also measured campaign-wise two trees growing near the container off-line; one growing
121 by a small forest road shown in Fig. 1 and the other growing deeper in the forest. These off-
122 line measurements included only present year's new growth.

124 The SF site (SMEAR II station in Hyytiälä, Station for Measuring Forest Ecosystem-
125 Atmosphere Relations, 61.51° N, 24.18° E, 181 m a.s.l.) is described in Hari and Kulmala
126 (2005). The vegetation consists of a rather homogeneous Scots pine forest with some birches
127 and Norway spruces growing in a mixture or understorey. The instrument was located in a
128 container in a clearing in the forest (Fig. 2). The measured trees are marked on Fig. 2 and the
129 approximate ages tabulated in Table 2.

131 The data include earlier measurements from 2011, 2014 and 2015 that has been published in
132 Hakola et al. (2017) and new measurements from 2019 and 2021. In 2021, the measurements
133 covered two different trees. One of the trees was the same one as measured in 2011, because
134 we wanted to see if the age of the tree would affect its emissions. The other tree measured in
135 2021 was growing deeper in the forest (ca. 15 m tall, 50 years old, Fig. 2). This tree was
136 measured using adsorbent tubes, because the big tree was growing too far from the container
137 to be measured with on-line gas-chromatograph-mass-spectrometer (GC-MS). With this tree
138 we wanted to see if a big tree would emit differently than smaller ones growing close to the
139 container. The ages of the trees and measurement times are shown in Table 2 and they are
140 named as NF/SF and the year of the measurements.

142   In addition to the Hyytiälä and Pallas data, two older data sets are also included in the analysis.
143   Data acquired in Sodankylä (67.25°N, 26.36°E), northern Finland, and Järvenpää (60.28°N,
144   25.52°E), southern Finland (Hakola et al., 2003). These datasets are named as NF2 2002 and
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150   Figure 1: Measurement container at Pallas, Kenttärova site. The continuously measured tree
151   was the closest to the container.

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154   Figure 2: Measurement site in Hyytiälä with the measured Norway spruce trees marked.
155   Picture: Pavel Alekseychik (National Resources Institute Finland), using a camera Zenmuse
156   XT2 (RGB sensor) on a Drone Matrice 210 V2.

2.1. New, unpublished emission measurements

The emission measurement setup used in these campaigns has been described in detail previously in e.g. Hakola et al. (2017). Briefly, the measurements used a branch enclosure consisting of a ca. 6 L fluorinated ethylene propylene (FEP) dynamic chamber, which was flushed with 3-6 L min^{-1} of humidified zero air generated by a commercial catalytic converter (HPZA-7000, Parker Hannifin Corporation). Two custom-built data loggers were used during the campaigns. The set-up consisted of a thermistor (Philips KTY 80/110, Royal Philips Electronics, Amsterdam, Netherlands) for the temperature inside the chamber and a quantum sensor (LI-190SZ, LI-COR, Biosciences, Lincoln, USA) for the photosynthetically active radiation (PAR), measured just above the enclosure.

On-line measurements/in situ analysis was performed using a thermal desorption - gas chromatograph - mass spectrometer (TD-GC-MS) (a thermal desorption unit Turbo Matrix 350, a gas chromatograph Clarus 680 and a mass spectrometer Clarus SQ8 T, all manufactured by Perkin-Elmer, Inc. Waltham MA, U.S.A.). It was connected to the chamber via a 7 m long, 3.2 mm (i.d.) tubing heated few degrees above the ambient temperature and pumped with 0.5 – 2.0 L min^{-1} make up flow, followed by 2.5 m long, 1.59 mm (i.d.) tube, with a flow of 40 mL min^{-1}. All tubing was made of FEP. The VOC samples were collected directly into a cold trap filled with Tenax TA (50 %) and Carbopack B (50 %) of the TD-GC-MS for 30 min every hour or every second hour. The trap was kept at 20-25ºC during sampling to prevent water vapour present in the air from accumulating in the trap. A DB-5MS column (60 m; i.d., 0.25 mm; film thickness, 0.25 μm from Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara CA, U.S.A.) was used for the separation. The column was kept 2 min at 60ºC and then heated at the rate of 8ºC min^{-1} to 270ºC where it was kept for 2 min. The total time of the analysis was 30.25 min.

Helin et al. (2020) detected significant losses of β-farnesene within our in-situ TD-GC-MSs, which have been used in earlier studies of Norway spruce emissions (Hakola et al., 2017). For the new measurement campaigns conducted in 2019-2021 and presented here, the instrument was modified by changing the stainless steel lines in the online sampling box of the TD unit into FEP tubing and by using an empty Silcosteel sorbent tube instead of an empty stainless steel sorbent tube in the sample path of the TD unit. This increased the recovery of β-farnesene from ~10 % to >80 %.

Additional offline samples taken in Hyytiälä in 2021 and in Pallas in 2020 and also two previous datasets (NF2 2002 and SF2 2001) were acquired using Tenax TA/Carbopack B adsorbent tubes with the same method. The sampling flow was ~100 and ~200 ml min^{-1} at Hyytiälä and in Pallas, respectively, and the sampling time was 30 min. The adsorbent tube samples, which were stored at 4°C until analysis, were analysed later in the laboratory of the Finnish Meteorological Institute using an automatic TD unit (TurboMatrix 350) connected to a GC (GC, Clarus 680) coupled to a quadrupole MS (MS, Clarus SQ 8 T), all purchased from PerkinElmer, Inc. (Waltham, MA, USA). This offline TD-GC-MS method is comparable to the online method (see e.g. Helin et al., 2020).

A four-point calibration was performed using liquid standards in methanol solutions for both on- and off-line measurements. Standard solutions (5 µl) were injected onto adsorbent tubes and then flushed with nitrogen (80-100 mL min^{-1}) for 10 min to remove the methanol. The calibration solution included the following MTs: α-pinene, camphene, β-pinene, 3Δ-carene, p-cymene, 1,8-cineol, limonene, myrcene, terpinolene and linalool and the following SQTs: longicyclene, iso-longifolene, β-caryophyllene, β-farnesene and α-humulene. Unknown

205 sesquiterpenes were tentatively identified based on the comparison of the mass spectra and
206 retention indexes (RIs) with NIST mass spectral library (NIST/EPA/NIH Mass Spectral
207 Library, version 2.0). RIs were calculated for all SQTs using RIs of known SQTs and MTs as
208 reference. These tentatively identified SQTs were quantified using response factors of
209 calibrated SQTs having the closest mass spectra resemblance. Isoprene was calibrated using
210 gaseous standard (National Physical Laboratory, 32 VOC mix at 4 ppb level or terpene mix at
211 2 ppbv level).

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213 2.3 Emission rate and potential calculations

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215 The emission rate (E) is determined as the mass of compound per needle dry weight and per
216 time according to

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$$E = \frac{(C_2 - C_1)F}{m} \qquad (1)$$

218 Here C_2 is the concentration in the outgoing air, C_1 is the concentration in the incoming air,
219 and F is the flow rate into the enclosure. The dry weight of the foliage mass (m) was determined
220 by drying the needles and shoot from the enclosure at 75 ℃ for 24 hours.

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222 A strong dependence of biogenic VOC emissions on temperature has been seen in emission
223 studies of ISOP, MTs, and SQTs (e.g. Hellén et al., 2021). The temperature dependent emission
224 potentials for MTs and SQTs were calculated according to Guenther et al. (1993) and isoprene
225 emission potentials were calculated using the temperature and light dependent algorithm
226 according to Guenther et al. (2012).

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228 2.4 Modelling impact of VOC emissions on aerosol formation and growth

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230 Simulations were conducted using the model presented in Taipale et al. (2021). This model
231 includes modules for emissions of VOCs from stress-free and stressed trees, boundary layer
232 meteorology, atmospheric chemistry, and aerosol formation and growth. Certain parts of the
233 model setup used in this study are different from the setup described in Taipale et al. (2021).

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235 2.4.1 Plant emissions of volatile organic compounds

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237 In this study, the emissions (E_i, $\mu g \, m^{-2} \, h^{-1}$) of MTs and SQTs ($i$) were modelled as:

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239 $E_i = \varepsilon_i * LAI * \gamma_i,$ \qquad (2)

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241 where ε_i ($\mu g \, m^{-2} \, h^{-1}$) is the emission potential of i, LAI ($m^2 \, m^{-2}$) is the one-sided leaf area index,
242 and γ_i (unit-less) is an activity factor which accounts for changes in standard temperature
243 conditions (Guenther et al., 1993):

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245 $\gamma_i = \exp(\beta_i * (T - T_s))$ \qquad (3)

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247 where T is temperature (℃), T_s is the standard temperature (30 ℃), and β_i is 0.1 $℃^{-1}$ and 0.17
248 $℃^{-1}$ for monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes, respectively (Guenther et al., 2012).

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2.4.2 Environmental conditions and atmospheric chemistry

The model was constrained by environmental and atmospheric values observed in Hyytiälä (southern Finland, SF), as well as Pallas and Värriö, (northern Finland, NF), due to data availability (Fig. 3). The aim was to use reasonable values and not simulate one specific year or location. The one-sided leaf area index of Norway spruce forest stands was fixed to 6.0 m^2 m^{-2} (Kalliokoski et al., 2020) and 3.3 m^2 m^{-2} (Thum et al., 2008) for southern Finland and Finnish Lapland, respectively. In the simulations the concentration of ozone (O_3) was kept constant throughout the day. For simulations of Lapland, we used monthly median year 2020 O_3 concentration data from Pallas Sammaltunturi obtained via EBAS. These values are almost identical to observations from SMEAR I, Värriö, during the same time period (http://urn.fi/urn:nbn:fi:att:8b3c67b4-22c0-4589-be00-a3d0341064d5). For simulations of southern Finland, we used monthly median year 2020 O_3 concentration data from SMEAR II, measured at 16.8 m (https://doi.org/10.23729/62f7ad2c-7fe0-4f66-b0a4-8d57c80524ec). For simulations of both environments we calculated the monthly median of daily maximum OH concentration using the proxy presented by Petäjä et al. (2009) and year 2020 observed UVB radiation from the SMEAR I (http://urn.fi/urn:nbn:fi:att:8b3c67b4-22c0-4589-be00-a3d0341064d5) and SMEAR II (https://doi.org/10.23729/62f7ad2c-7fe0-4f66-b0a4-8d57c80524ec) stations, respectively. These daily maximum OH concentrations were used as input to the model, and the concentration of OH then decreased in the model as a function of a decrease in available solar light. We used daily maximum sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4) concentrations reported by Kyrö et al. (2014) and Asmi et al. (2011) from Lapland, and by Petäjä et al. (2009) from southern Finland, as input to the model, and let the concentration of sulfuric acid decrease as a function of a decrease in solar light. In the simulations, the condensation sink (CS) was kept constant throughout the day. For simulations of Lapland, we used CS data from Vana et al. (2016), Asmi et al. (2011) and Komppula et al. (2006), while we used CS data from Vana et al. (2016) for simulations of southern Finland. For simplicity, the daily modelled temperature pattern followed that of the solar zenith angle with a forward shift of 1 h. For simulations of both environments, we used the monthly median of daily maximum and minimum temperatures measured at 15 m (Lapland) and 16.8 m (southern Finland) during the year 2020 at the SMEAR I (http://urn.fi/urn:nbn:fi:att:8b3c67b4-22c0-4589-be00-a3d0341064d5) and SMEAR II (https://doi.org/10.23729/62f7ad2c-7fe0-4f66-b0a4-8d57c80524ec) stations. For simulations of both environments, we used the monthly median of daily maximum year 2020 ERA5 reanalysis boundary layer height retrieved for the grid cells closest to Pallas and Hyytiälä, respectively. These maximum values were downscaled by 25 % since one fixed value was used for the whole day.

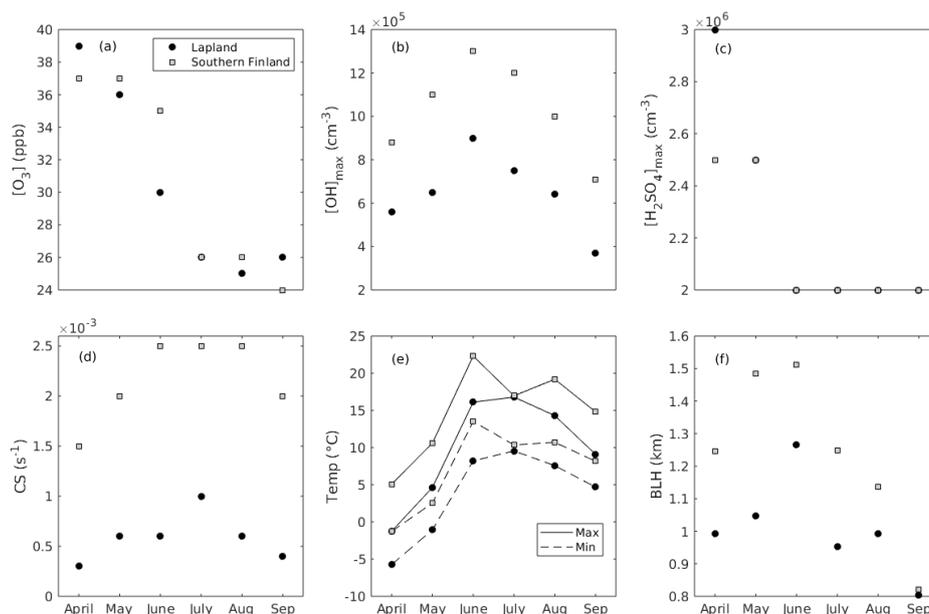



Figure 3. Model input. (a) Ozone concentration. (b) Daily maximum OH concentration. (c) Daily maximum sulfuric acid concentration. (d) Condensation sink. (e) Daily maximum and minimum temperatures. (f) Planetary boundary layer height (BLH).

The following chemical reactions were included in the model:

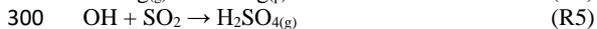
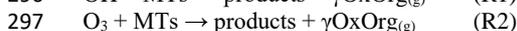
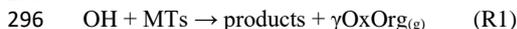
$OH + MTs \rightarrow products + \gamma OxOrg_{(g)}$ (R1)
$O_3 + MTs \rightarrow products + \gamma OxOrg_{(g)}$ (R2)
$O_3 + SQTs \rightarrow products + \gamma OxOrg_{(g)}$ (R3)
$OxOrg_{(g)} \rightarrow OxOrg_{(p)}$ (R4)
$OH + SO_2 \rightarrow H_2SO_{4(g)}$ (R5)
$H_2SO_{4(g)} \rightarrow H_2SO_{4(p)}$ (R6)

where T is temperature (K), p indicates particle phase, g indicates gas phase, and OxOrg is the sum of all organic compounds which contribute to aerosol processes. Reaction rates for each reaction are summarized in Table 1. Reactions with NO_3 were omitted, because simulations were only conducted for daytime conditions.

Table 1: Reaction rates and yields for the reactions 1-6. CS is the condensation sink.

Reaction	Reaction rate	Yield (%)
R1	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot e^{(440/T)}$ $(cm^3 \cdot molecule^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})$	1.7
R2	$8.05 \cdot 10^{-16} \cdot e^{(-640/T)}$ $(cm^3 \cdot molecule^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})$	5.0
R3	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-14}$ $(cm^3 \cdot molecule^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})$	7.7
R4	$CS \cdot 0.5$	
R5	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-12}$ $(cm^3 \cdot molecule^{-1} \cdot s^{-1})$	
R6	CS	

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314 Some VOCs, and especially VOCs with endocyclic double bonds, can undergo autoxidation
315 (Crounse et al., 2013; Ehn et al., 2014) whereby compounds with low volatility and high
316 molecular mass (HOM: highly oxygenated organic molecules) are formed (e.g., Ehn et al.,
317 2012, 2014; Jokinen et al., 2015; Berndt et al., 2016; Kurtén et al., 2016; Bianchi et al., 2019;
318 Zhao et al., 2020). These highly oxygenated organic molecules have been found to be a major
319 component of secondary organic aerosol (e.g. Ehn et al., 2014; Mutzel et al., 2015; Tröstl et
320 al., 2016; Roldin et al., 2019). The yields by which HOM are formed are specific for individual
321 parent molecules and isomers (e.g., Ehn et al., 2014; Bianchi et al., 2019), but they also depend
322 on the blend of atmospheric molecules, including VOCs (McFiggans et al., 2019). Since HOM
323 yields have, until now, only been determined for a very limited selection of VOCs, and since
324 no algorithm to quantify how the concentration blend affects HOM yields have been proposed
325 so far, mono- and sesquiterpenes were treated as groups of compounds in the model. Thus, in
326 R1-3, γ is either the reported HOM yield, as defined in Ehn et al. (2014), or the reported SOA
327 yield divided by 2.2 to account for the fact that SOA yields represent mass yields, and not
328 molar yields as it is the case of HOM yields. γ_1 is based on Jokinen et al. (2015) and Berndt et
329 al. (2016), γ_2 is based on Jokinen et al. (2015) and Ehn et al. (2014), while γ_3 is based on Mentel
330 et al. (2013).

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332 2.4.3 Formation and growth of new particles

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334 Clustering and activation of new atmospheric aerosol particles was calculated as (Paasonen et
335 al., 2010):

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337 $$J_2 = \alpha_1 * [H_2SO_4]^2 + \alpha_2 * [H_2SO_4][OxOrg] + \alpha_3 * [OxOrg]^2 \qquad (4)$$

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339 where J_2 (cm^{-3} s^{-1}) is the formation rate of neutral 2 nm sized clusters, and α_{1-3} are coefficients
340 (Table 3 in Paasonen et al., 2010). For simplicity, only one growing aerosol mode was
341 considered, and a unit-less correction term (KK), which determines how large a fraction of the
342 activated clusters reaches the growing mode, was therefore included (Kerminen and Kulmala,
343 2002):

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345 $$KK = \exp(\eta * [1/D_p - 1/D_{clus}]) \qquad (5)$$

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347 where D_p and D_{clus} are the diameters of the growing mode and clusters, respectively, and η
348 (nm) is (Kerminen and Kulmala, 2002):

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350 $$\eta = 1830 \text{ nm}^2\text{s h}^{-1} * CS/GR \qquad (6)$$

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352 where CS is the condensation sink and GR (nm h^{-1}) is the condensational particle diameter
353 growth rate. The growth rate of newly formed 2-3 nm particles was calculated as (Nieminen et
354 al., 2010):

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356 $$GR_{2\text{-}3\text{ nm}} = 0.5 \text{ nm h}^{-1} * CC \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^3 \qquad (7)$$

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358 where CC is the concentration of condensable vapours which was assumed to be the sum of
359 sulfuric acid and OxOrg, and where it was assumed that the molar mass of OxOrg are 3.5 times
360 larger than that of sulfuric acid (Ehn et al., 2014):

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362 $CC=[H2SO4]+[OxOrg] * 3.5^{1/3}$ (8)

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364 The strong dependency of particle growth rates on particle size, which has been observed in
365 field conditions (Hirsikko et al., 2005; Yli-Juuti et al., 2011; Häkkinen et al., 2013), was also
366 accounted for (Hirsikko et al., 2005; Yli-Juuti et al., 2011):

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368 $GR_{3\text{-}7\,nm}=2 * GR_{2\text{-}3\,nm}$ (9)
369 $GR_{>7\,nm}=2.3 * GR_{2\text{-}3\,nm}$ (10)

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371 The increase in the diameter of the growing mode was defined by the growth rate:
372 $\Delta D_p/\Delta t=GR/3600\ s\ h^{-1}$ (11)

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374 while the increase in the number of new particles (N_p, cm^{-3}) was determined by the formation
375 of new particles which reaches the growing mode and the coagulation of particles in the
376 growing mode:

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378 $\Delta N_p/\Delta t=J_2 * KK - CoagS * N_p$ (12)

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380 where the coagulation sink (CoagS, s^{-1}) was calculated as (Lehtinen et al., 2007):
381 $CoagS=CS * (0.71\ nm/D_p)^{1.6}$ (13)

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3. Results

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384 ### 3.1 Previously unpublished emission rates

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386 The full time series of unpublished Norway spruce emission rates of MTs, oxygenated
387 monoterpenoids (OMTs; linalool, 1,8-cineol, and bornylacetate) and SQTs are shown in Fig.
388 A1 and isoprene and MBO emission rates in Fig. A2 (Appendix 1). Calculated monthly mean
389 emission potentials (30°C) are presented in Table 2 together with previously published data
390 that will be reviewed in Sect. 4. The approximate ages of the trees are shown in Table 2.

391 **3.1.1 Emission rates at the boreal forest site in Hyytiälä, southern Finland**

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393 In 2019, emissions from a small tree (SF 2019) were measured during the growing season. It
394 emitted only small amounts of ISOP, and MT and SQT emissions were generally lower than
395 in the previously reported Norway spruce emissions (Hakola et al., 2003). The statistics of the
396 daily mean emission rates are shown in Fig. 4. Figure 5 shows the mean diurnal variations
397 during summer months. Diurnal variation of the emission rates followed the variation of the
398 temperature being highest in the afternoon and very low or below detection limits during the
399 night. Isoprene emission rates were very low all the time. MTs were the dominant group in the
400 emissions in July, but also SQT were important throughout summer.

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402 The tree measured in Hyytiälä in 2021 (SF 2021) was the same one that was measured in 2011
403 (SF 2011). In 2011, the SQT measurements were not reliable, but otherwise the results
404 remained similar after ten years with very low ISOP, MT and OMT emission potentials (Table
405 2). The comparison between the years is difficult since the measurements are not from the same
406 periods in 2011 and 2021. In 2021 the measurements were conducted late summer in August,
407 whereas in 2011 in spring/early summer. Based on these measurements, the aging of the tree

408   did not affect the emissions at least not yet on this ten years period. In 2021, an additional big
409   tree growing deeper in the forest was measured (SF 2021B) for comparison. The big tree (SF
410   2021B) emitted isoprene with much higher rate than the small trees (mean 1498 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1})
411   and also MT emission rates (mean 178 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}) were higher.
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413   SQT emissions were substantial compared to ISOP and MT emissions in all trees in Hyytiälä.
414   The most noteworthy thing is that SQT emission rates greatly increase at the end of a growing
415   season both in 2019 and 2021 (Fig. 4). For tree SF 2021, the emission rates increased a lot and
416   the highest rates reached 3 µg g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1} (Fig. A1). The emissions followed the typical diurnal
417   variation with highest emission in the afternoon and lowest during the night (Fig. 5). The main
418   identified SQT was β-farnesene, but significant fraction of the SQTs remained unidentified
419   (Table 2). One of the major unidentified SQTs was tentatively identified as α-farnesene.
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421   **3.1.2 Emission rates at Pallas, northern Finland**
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423   At Pallas one big tree was measured with the in-situ TD-GC-MS in April-August 2020 (NF
424   2020) and two additional big trees were measured using adsorbent tubes in July 2020, one of
425   them was growing by the roadside (NF 2020R) and the other deeper in the forest (NF 2020F).
426   In these additional measurements only the new growth was measured.
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428   Average emission rates of ISOP, MTs and SQTs from the main tree (NF 2020) were 7, 135 and
429   230 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}, respectively. At the time of high emissions, in summer, SQTs were the most
430   significant compounds group emitted (Table 2 and Fig. 4), although in spring when the
431   emissions were quite low, MTs dominated. Diurnal variations of all emitted compounds
432   followed the variations of temperature, as expected (Fig. 5). Significant emissions of MTs and
433   SQTs were detected also during nighttime, while emissions of ISOP and MBO decreased close
434   to or below detection limits. ISOP and MBO emissions are known to be light dependent (Harley
435   et al., 1998; Guenther et al., 1997) and even though there is midnight sun at this sub-Arctic site
436   in summer, PAR decreased down to <10 µmol s^{-1} m^{-2} in the middle of the night.
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438   The emissions of the main tree and two additional trees with new growth measurements
439   differed a lot. The additional tree growing deeper in the forest (NF 2020F) emitted about 10
440   times more MTs than the other two trees, and also SQT emission rates were higher (Table 2).
441   We have no explanation for this difference. ISOP emissions were very low all the time from
442   all trees. The branches were searched for possible diseases, but nothing was found. However,
443   all three trees in Pallas had quite similar emission composition (Table 2). β-farnesene was the
444   dominant SQT and other abundant compounds were α-pinene, β-pinene, limonene and Δ^3-
445   carene.
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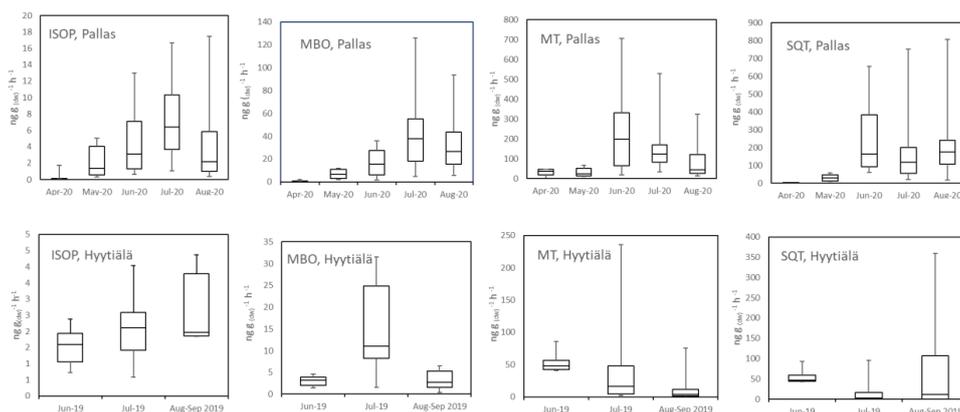
Fig. 4. Monthly mean box and whisker plots of ISOP, MBO, MT, and SQT calculated from daily mean emission rates of trees in Pallas in 2020 (NF 2020) and in Hyytiälä in 2019 (SF 2019). Boxes represent second and third quartiles and horizontal lines in the boxes median values. Whiskers show the highest and the lowest daily means.

Table 2: Mean monthly emission potentials (30 °C) from the present study and from literature
(ng g^{-1}$_{(dw)}$ h $^{-1}$). da=degraded in the analysis, na=not available. Van Meeningen et al. (2017)
reported measurements from several heights, 1-2 m measurements are included here, since
they best correspond to our measurements. For Norunda, Sweden, the height is 3 m and
Järvselja, Estonia 16 m. β is the coefficient describing temperature dependence according to
Eq. 3.

tree	tree age, years	time	β (MT)	β (SQT)	ISOP	MT	OMT	SQT	reference
NF2 2002	>80								this publication
67.25°N		April, 2002	0.1	0.17	481	394	133	0	
		May, 2002	0.1	0.17	2467	585	178	97	
		June, 2002	0.1	0.17	7138	1983	264	263	
NF 2020	>80								this publication
67.59°N		April, 2020	0.1	0.17	19	449	21	89	
		May, 2020	0.1	0.17	26	91	9	372	
		June, 2020	0.1	0.17	66	593	54	2282	
		July, 2020	0.1	0.17	76	390	148	1258	
		August, 2020	0.1	0.17	64	326	78	2719	
NF 2020 R (road side)	>80								this publication
adsorbent tubes. New growth only		July, 2020	0.1	0.17	5	190	60	96	
NF 2020 F (forest)	>80								this publication
adsorbent tubes. New growth only		July, 2020	0.1	0.17	12	2909	652	647	
SF 2011	40								Hakola et al. (2017)
61.51° N		April, 2011	0.1	0.17	0	64	12	da	
		May, 2011	0.1	0.17	115	25	5	da	
		June, 2011	0.1	0.17	3	47	13	da	
SF 2014	33-40								Hakola et al. (2017)
		May, 2014	0.1	0.17		88	6	da	
		June, 2014	0.1	0.17		39	11	da	
		July, 2014	0.1	0.17		87	10	da	
SF 2015	33-40								Hakola et al. (2017)
same tree as 2014		June, 2015	0.1	0.17	164	140	42	da	
		July, 2015	0.1	0.17	33	160	48	da	
		August, 2015	0.1	0.17	180	67	25	da	
SF 2019	33-40								this publication
		June, 2019	0.1	0.17	13	29	36	42	
		July, 2019	0.1	0.17	14	58	24	34	
		August, 2019	0.1	0.17	11	12	3	118	
		September, 2019	0.1	0.17		9	1	2333	
SF 2021	50								this publication
same tree as 2011		August, 2021	0.1	0.17	1	32	10	2173	
		September, 2021	0.1	0.17	0	24	7	13664	
SF 2021 B	50								this publication
adsorbent tubes		July, 2021	0.1	0.17	2063	284	69	3243	
		August, 2021	0.1	0.17	1181	53	5	114	
SF2 2001	>100								Hakola et al. (2003)
adsorbent tubes		spring 2001	0.1	0.17	488	409	55	8	
60.28°N		summer 2001	0.1	0.17	946	636	52	225	
		autumn 2001	0.1	0.17	635	228	8	59	
Järvselja, Estonia	big tree								Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a)
58.27°N		autumn 2012	0.10±0.02	0.13±0.04	low	540		113	
Taunus mountains	60-80								Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014b)
Germany		spring 2011	0.14±0.02	0.09±0.01	low	2837		534	
50.22°N		summer 2011	0.12±0.02	0.12±0.02	low	978		353	
		autumn 2011	0.08±0.01	0.11±0.01	low	356		176	
Ljubljana, Slovenia, 46°04	54	Apr-May			310	1170		500	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
Grafrath, Germany, 48°18	51-53	June			640	1600		100	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
Taastrup, Denmark, 55°40	43-45	July			510	1960		330	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
Hyltemossa, Sweden, 56°06	30	July			430	1250		340	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
Skoagaryd, Sweden, 58°23	53	Oct			110	290		n.d.	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
Norunda, Sweden, 60°05	119	June			3790	1250		340	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
Piikkiö, Finland, 60°23	49	July			100	1470		170	van Meeningen et al. (2017)
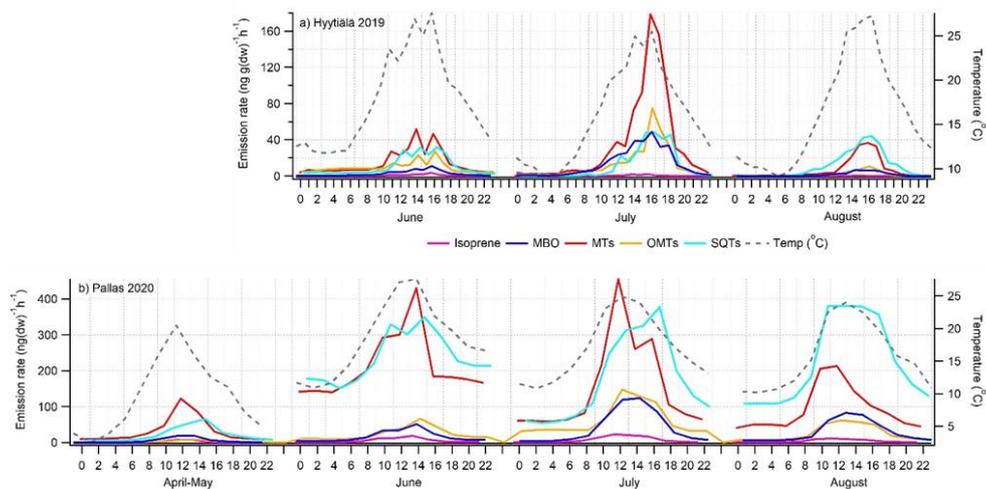
Fig. 5 Mean diurnal variations of isoprene, MBO, MTs, OMTs and SQTs in a) Hyytilä 2019 and b) Pallas 2020 together with the temperature in the enclosure.

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500 Table 3: Contributions (%) of the most abundant compounds in the emissions of Norway spruce
501 in Northern and Southern Finland trees. The empty cells means the compound was not detected.
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	SF 2019	SF 2019	SF 2019	SF 2021	SF 2021	SF 2021B	SF2021B	NF 2020	NF 2020	NF 2020	NF 2020	NF 2020	NF 2020F	NF 2020R
	June	July	Aug	Aug	Sep	July	Aug	April	May	June	July	Aug	July	July
isoprene	1					72	85		3	1	2	1		
MBO	12	18	4	1		2	4	1	9	3	10	8		
MT														
α-pinene	7	4	3	1		2	2	13	16	11	10	5	15	14
β-pinene	5	3	1			1		10	3	7	4	3	12	7
camphene	2	4	3			1		4	6	4	5	2	14	13
carene	4	2				2		14	4	6	3	4	20	14
limonene	16	32	12	1		1		17	7	7	5	5	10	11
myrcene	1	2	1	1		1		25	2	4	2	2		
β-phellandrene								7	2	2	2	1		
sabinene	1	1	1						1	1	1			
terpinolene								3	1	1	0	1	1	2
MT total	36	48	21	4		9	3	93	43	43	32	24	72	61
OMT														
1,8-cineol	16	14	5	1				1	1		3	1	8	7
linalool	3	3		1		2		2		2	5	4	2	6
bornylacetate		1				n.a.	n.a.	1	1	2	4	1	6	5
OMT total	19	18	5	1		2		3	3	5	12	6	16	18
SQT														
iso-longifolene					24									
β-farnesene	17	7	26	46		11	4	1	18	35	35	41	11	20
β-caryophyllene	10	7												
a-humulene					21									
unidentifies SQTs	4	1	43	47	54	5	3	1	23	13	9	19		
SQT total	32	15	69	93	100	16	7	2	41	48	44	61	11	20
emission (ng g$_{(dw)}^{-1}$ h^{-1})	53	79	38	210	841	2082	499	36	68	474	449	452	1721	144
number of measuremen	144	392	326	193	109	23	10	46	74	246	468	297	10	10

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505 3.2 Comparison of Norway spruce emission potentials

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507 3.2.1. Sources of data for Norway spruce emission potentials

508 To study the variations of the Norway spruce VOC emission potentials and factors affecting
509 them, emission potentials at 30 °C from earlier literature and from new measurements presented
510 in the previous section were collected (Table 2). First, it includes data obtained in Hyytiälä
511 during campaigns in 2011, 2014, and 2015 (Hakola et al., 2017), as well as the new data from
512 2019 and 2021, described above, and two older data sets; one from Sodankylä, northern Finland
513 and one from Järvenpää, southern Finland.

514 On top of emission rates measured by our group, we included results from van Meeningen et
515 al. (2017) and Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a, 2014b). van Meeningen et al. (2017) reported
516 isoprenoid emissions rates of Norway spruce at seven different sites, distributed from Ljubljana
517 (46°06 N), Slovenia, to Piikkiö (60°23 N), Finland, to study the effect of latitude. Bourtsoukidis
518 et al. (2014b) reported spruce emission measurements from Germany in Taunus Observatory
519 on top of Kleiner Feldberg. There, the dominant spruce trees reached a maximum height of
520 about 17 m, but the measurements were conducted at 2 m height at the edge of the forest.
521 Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a) measured spruce emissions also in Estonia during autumn. The
522 age of the tree is not mentioned, but the measurements were conducted at 16 m height, so it is
523 labeled as a "big tree".

524 The mean of all emission potentials of Norway spruce emissions measured during summer
525 months (June-August) at different sites presented (Table 2) was 760, 630 and 870 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}
526 for ISOP, MTs, and SQTs, respectively, but the variation between the trees and sites was very
527 high. These are discussed in more details in the following subsections.

528 3.2.2. Variations in spruce BVOC emission potentials

529 The compiled ISOP emissions potentials ranged from below detection limit to 7138 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}
530 [1]. No clear link between the emissions potentials and the latitude, or the season could be
531 observed, but none of the smaller trees investigated emitted ISOP. The trees with the largest
532 emissions were NF2 2002, SF2 2001, and SF 2021B, in June and July. Their ISOP emission
533 potentials were larger than the one reported by van Menningen et al. (2017), except for the tree
534 in Norunda (60°23N), Sweden. While this could indicate that ISOP emission potentials might
535 be higher at higher latitudes, the trees in Pallas (NF 2020, NF 2020R, NF 2020F) and in
536 Hyytiälä (SF 2019, SF 2021) and reported by Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a, 2014b) also exhibited
537 low ISOP emission potentials. According to our observations, latitude is not a main driver for variations in
538 emission potentials, which is also in accordance with van Menningen et al. (2017) who found only minimal
539 differences in emission potentials between sites and across latitude. Van Menningen et al. (2017) studied
540 the effects of branch height, the season and variation between years on observed emission
541 pattern was also investigated. There were indications of potential influences of all three factors.
542 However, due to different experimental setups between measurement campaigns, it was
543 difficult to draw any robust conclusions. The effect of branch height has not been explicitly
544 studied in our campaigns as only the lowest branches were measured.

545 3.2.3. Variation in MT emission potentials

We found larger variations of MT emission potentials (9–2909 ng $g_{(dw)}^{-1}$ h^{-1}) compared to van
Menningen et al. (2017) and Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a, 2014b), again with no clear trend with
changes in latitude. Even for the summer months (June to August), the variations were large
(39–2909 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}). Here, it seems that, in general, younger trees (less than 80 years old)
had lower MT emission potentials (9 - 1960 ng $g_{(dw)}^{-1}$ h^{-1}), compared to older trees (91–2909
ng $g_{(dw)}^{-1}$ h^{-1}), with a large overlap of values. Whenever seasonal data is available, MT emission
potentials were higher in spring and summer. This confirms the findings from Bourtsoukidis et
al. (2014a), in which the highest MT (977.5±140.7 ng $g_{dw}^{-1}h^{-1}$) emission potentials were
detected during spring with a decline towards autumn.

3.2.4. Variation in OMT emission potentials

Studies from other groups have not reported OMT emission potentials separately. In our studies
emission potentials of OMTs have ranged from below detection limit to 19 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}. The
largest emission potentials were found in July for the trees NF 2020F, NF2 2002 and NF 2020.

3.2.5. Variation in SQT emission potentials

As was shown in Helin et al. (2020), the SQT measurements from our early campaigns in
Hyytiälä in 2011 and 2014 were underestimated, since β-farnesene, usually the main SQT
emitted from Norway spruce, was degraded during the analysis. The SQT emission potentials
from 2011 and 2014 are therefore not shown in Table 2. The SQT emissions potentials based
on the rest of our measurement campaigns varied between below detection limit and 13664 ng
g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1} (between 34 and 3243 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1} for the summer months). Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a)
reported highest SQT emission potentials in spring (352.9±56.1 ng g_{dw}^{-1} h^{-1}), declining towards
autumn, similarly to MT emission potentials from the same study. All our measurements which
continued until late summer/early autumn have different trends with increasing emission
potentials towards the end of the growing season (Table 2). Table 4 shows the mean values of
emission potentials of the trees measured in Finland (this study and older data) and the standard
deviation between the trees are shown. We did not take into account the results by
Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014 a,b) or van Meeningen et al. (2017), because the standardization was
not done with same β values and the ages of the trees in the measurements by Bourtsoukidis et
al. (2014a) was not reported.

3.2.6. Overall conclusions of the comparison

Van Meeningen et al. (2017) concluded that spruce isoprenoid emission is potentially more
determined by genetic diversity than by adaptation to local growth conditions. This conclusion
is holding up in view of the review done here, even though weak trends could be identified
regarding the age and size of the trees.

Generally, we found that older trees (>80y) emit more isoprene and MT than younger trees
(<80y,) However, age does not seem to affect SQT emissions. This is reflected in the full
review presented here, where comparing mean values of all measured trees older than 80 years
and younger than 80 years. The old trees were found to emit about ten times more ISOP and
MTs than younger trees (Table 4), while SQT emissions do not seem to vary with the age of
the tree. SQT emissions are often related to stress effects as has been suggested in many studies
(e.g. Petterson, 2007; Kännaste et al., 2008; Niinemets Ü, 2010; Joutsensaari et al., 2015;
Matsui and Koeduka, 2016).

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While we found some indication that smaller trees have lower emission potentials, all the small
trees measured were growing in Hyytiälä, so this could also be due to the same genetic origin.
Big trees can be divided into two groups: three trees growing in NF emitted considerable
amounts of MTs and SQTs, but small amounts of isoprene (as also the trees measured in
Estonia and Germany by Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a, b) and big trees growing in SF and one
growing in NF emitted additionally lots of isoprene.

Table 4: Mean values of emission potentials for the trees (> 80 years, <80 years) measured in
Finland (this study and older data) and the standard deviation between the trees. Number of
trees measured each season is given in parentheses. bdl=below detection limit, Na=not
available

>80 years	ISOP	MT	OMT	SQT
spring (3)	700±740	390±111	80±72	110±120
summer (5)	1200±3900	1000±840	190±110	1100±1100
autumn (1)	910	140	7	90

<80 years	ISOP	MT	OMT	SQT
spring (3)	60	40	8	Na
summer (6)	370±710	90±60	30±10	
summer (2) SQT				1300±1100
autumn (2)	bdl	16±11	4±4	8000±8010

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4. Impact of Norway Spruce emissions on aerosol formation and growth

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Recognizing this observed large variability in spruce BVOC emissions (precursors for new
particle formation processes), there is a need to test the consequences of this variability in
simulations of aerosol formation. For Southern Finland (SF) spruce forest emission potentials
obtained from Hyytiälä were used, while for Northern Finland (NF) emission potentials
obtained from Pallas were used. As a comparison, simulations were also conducted using
standard emission potentials for Needleleaf Evergreen Boreal Tree from MEGAN v2.1.
Simulations were run first by including all measured compounds and then either MT or SQT
emissions were set to zero to study relative impacts of MTs and SQTs.

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The emission potentials used in the simulations are listed in Table 5. ISOP was excluded from
model simulations, since previous measurements as well as the measurements presented in this
paper show that the emission of ISOP from Norway spruce is negligible or very low most of
the time. Furthermore, the emission factor for ISOP for Needleleaf Evergreen Boreal Tree in
MEGAN is very high (600 µg m^{-2} h^{-1} for a one-sided LAI of 1 m^2 m^{-2}, Guenther et al., 2012),

623 due to the high emission of ISOP from other tree species within the same plant functional type
624 (Guenther, 2013). Additionally, the role of ISOP in aerosol formation and growth processes is
625 unclear. ISOP has a small HOM yield (~0.01-0.03 %, Jokinen et al., 2015) and it has been
626 suggested that it suppresses the formation of new particles (Kiendler-Scharr et al., 2009, 2012;
627 Lee et al., 2016; McFiggans et al., 2019; Heinritzi et al., 2020). On the other hand, oxidation
628 products of ISOP (e.g. IEPOX) have been proposed to promote the growth of existing new
629 particles ($D_p > 3$ nm, e.g., Surratt et al., 2010; Lin et al., 2013), while others have found the
630 growth of small particles ($D_p > 3.2$ nm) to be unaffected by the concentration of ISOP (Heinritzi
631 et al., 2020).

635 **Table 5.** Emission potentials ($\mu g\ m^{-2}\ h^{-1}$) used in the simulations. MT = monoterpenes,
636 including oxygen-containing monoterpenes, SQT = sesquiterpenes.

	Southern Finland, 2019[a]		Northern Finland, 2020[a]		MEGAN v2.1[b]	
	MT	SQT	MT	SQT	MT	SQT
April			72	13	290	48
May			15	56	290	48
June	14	17	97	342	290	48
July	32	81	81	189	290	48
August	10	66	61	408	290	48
Sept	13	384			290	48

637 [a]: The values have been converted from $ng\ g_{dw}^{-1}\ h^{-1}$ (shown in Table 2) to $\mu g\ m^{-2}\ h^{-1}$ assuming
638 a specific (one-sided) leaf weight of 0.15 kg m^{-2}. [b]: Needleleaf Evergreen Boreal Tree, the
639 values have been decreased by a factor of 5, accounting for the fact that emission factors in
640 MEGAN are standardised to a one-sided LAI of 5 $m^2\ m^{-2}$.

643 Our data indicates that the Norway spruce dominated forests, especially in Northern Finland,
644 are expected to have much higher SQT emissions than predicted by the standard emission
645 potentials for Needleleaf Evergreen Boreal Tree in MEGAN 2.1. On the other hand, the ISOP
646 and MT emission potentials obtained from our measurements are lower than those used in
647 MEGAN v2.1. This can have significant impacts on predictions of formation and growth of
648 new particles as shown in our model simulations.

650 According to our modeling efforts, oxidation products of primary BVOC emissions from
651 spruce contribute significantly more to aerosol processes in northern Finland than in southern
652 Finland. In the simulations of southern Finland, the sum of organic compounds contributing
653 to aerosol processes (OxOrg) is 65 % smaller when using the emission potentials obtained
654 from Hyytiälä compared to when using emission factors from MEGAN (Fig 6a). Using either
655 emission potentials obtained from Pallas or from MEGAN reached comparable results when
656 simulating northern Finland (Fig. 6a). Simulations conducted with and without MTs and
657 SQTs showed that SQTs are the main contributors to OxOrg production in both southern and
658 northern Finland when emission potentials obtained from Hyytiälä and Pallas are used, while

659   MTs are the main contributors when emission factors from MEGAN are instead used (Fig.
660   6a). The dominance of SQTs is also displayed in the formation rate of new particles (Fig 6b),
661   number of newly produced particles (Fig 6c) and the rate at which they grow (Fig 6d).

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663   It is possible that spruce SQT emissions have been underpredicted in earlier studies due to
664   difficulties in the quantitative measurements of their emissions. Based on our model
665   simulations, these SQT emissions may have strong impacts on the formation and growth of
666   new particles. However, neither emissions nor atmospheric processes of SQTs are well
667   described, and more research would be needed to better characterize their atmospheric impacts
668   and role in the biosphere-atmosphere interactions especially at Northern latitudes.

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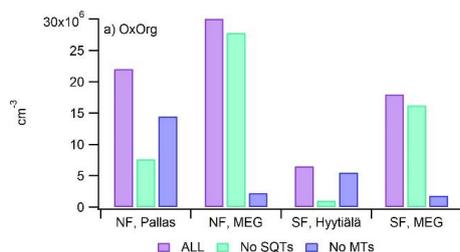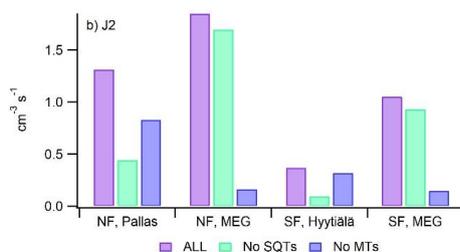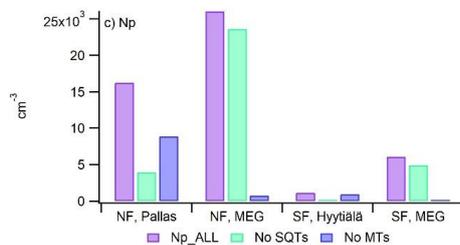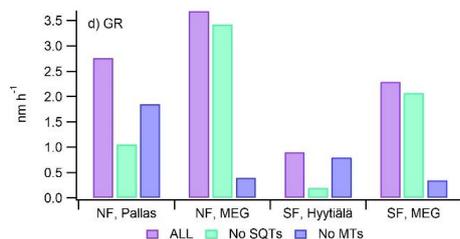
Fig. 6. Results from the simulations of the formation and growth of new particles from the emissions of Norway spruce forests in Southern Finland (SF) and in Northern Finland (NF). Mean local emission potentials measured in Hyytiälä and Pallas or standard emission potentials for Needleleaf Evergreen Boreal Tree from MEGAN v2.1 (MEG) were used. a) sum of oxidation products of MT and SQT emissions contributing to aerosol processes (OxOrg), b) formation rate of neutral 2 nm sized clusters (J_2), c) number of new particles in the growing mode (Np), d) growth rate of newly formed particles (GR). All values are means of summer medians (June-August). Local environmental conditions are used in all simulations as described in the method section.

5. Conclusions

We studied VOC emissions from eight different Norway spruces growing in northern and southern Finland and reviewed the available VOC emission data of Norway spruces measured elsewhere. The outcome was that emissions were highly variable between individual trees. For MT and SQT ~80 times differences were found between the emission potentials of the highest and lowest emitting trees in summer. For isoprene the difference was even higher. No clear reason for the differences were found, but there were some indications of the impact of size/age of the trees and of the seasonality of emissions.

We found that none of the younger trees in Hyytiälä emitted isoprene, while one 50 year old tree growing in Hyytiälä was a strong isoprene emitter. This could perhaps indicate that young Norway spruce trees do not emit isoprene in contrast to older trees, but we cannot confirm this since all measured small trees were growing in Hyytiälä, thus the cause might be that the trees were of the same genetic origin. In addition, at other sites some big trees did not emit significant amounts of isoprene either. On average, older trees (>80 years) emitted about ten times more isoprene and MTs than younger ones (<80 years), but no clear difference was seen in SQT emissions. SQT emissions can be more related to stress effects as has been suggested in many studies (e.g. Petterson, 2007; Kännaste et al., 2008; Niinemets Ü, 2010; Joutsensaari et al., 2015; Matsui and Koeduka, 2016).

It is also significant that SQT emission rates greatly increased at the end of the growing season in all of the measurements conducted in Finland, but in the measurements by Bourtsoukidis et al., (2014b), high SQT emissions were measured during the early growing season. One tree (SF 2021) had an enormous increase in September when the highest emission rates reached 25 $\mu g\ g^{-1}_{dw}\ h^{-1}$. Increase of sesquiterpene emissions towards the late summer has also been seen in Scots pine branches (Tarvainen et al., 2005; Hakola et al., 2006).

With improved measurement methods in this study, we found much higher SQT emissions from Norway spruces than measured before and on average SQTs had higher emission potentials than isoprene and MTs. Due to difficulties in quantitative measurements, SQT emissions from other plant species may also be much higher than earlier thought. As shown here for Norway spruce, if the emission factors of SQTs are in reality higher than what is currently used in models, this may have very significant effects on predictions of aerosol dynamics, including the evolution of aerosol number size distribution via new particle formation and subsequent particle growth. Due to the high SOA formation potentials of SQTs

725 (Griffin et al., 1999; Lee et al., 2006; Frosch et al., 2013; Mentel et al., 2013), the impact on
726 SOA formation and mass could be even higher. Therefore, more studies should focus on
727 quantifying the emission and atmospheric impacts of SQTs.

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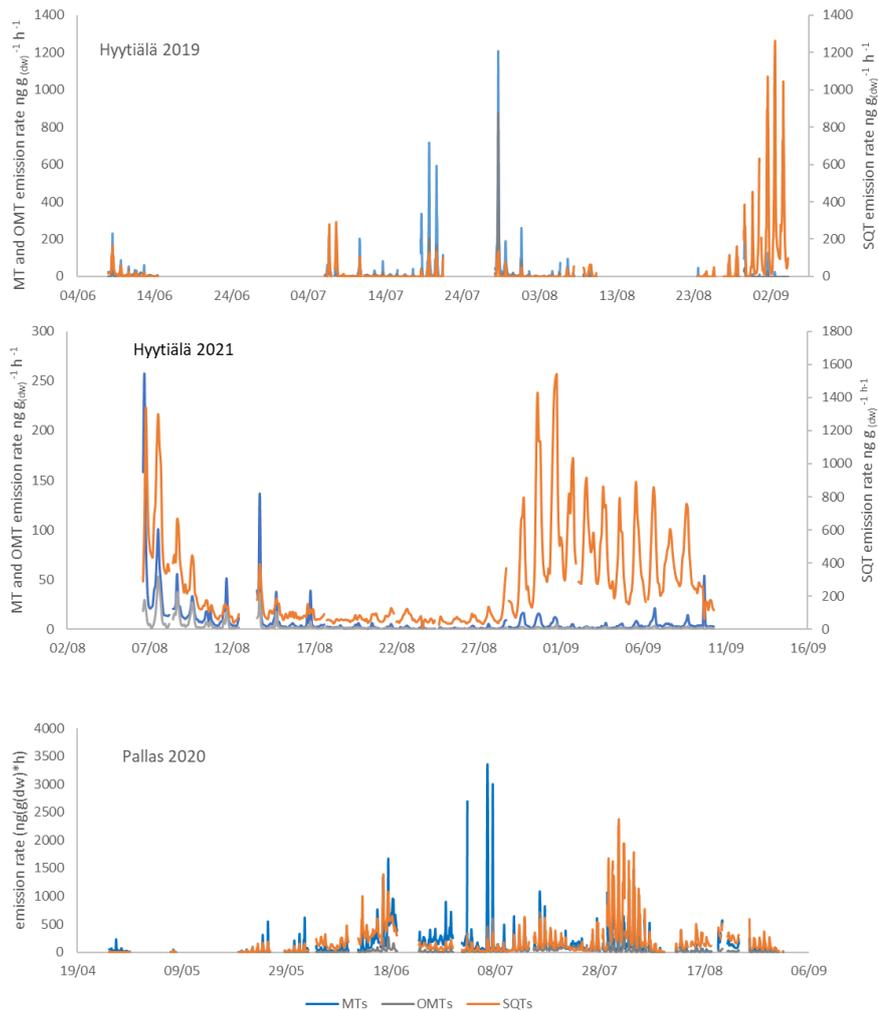
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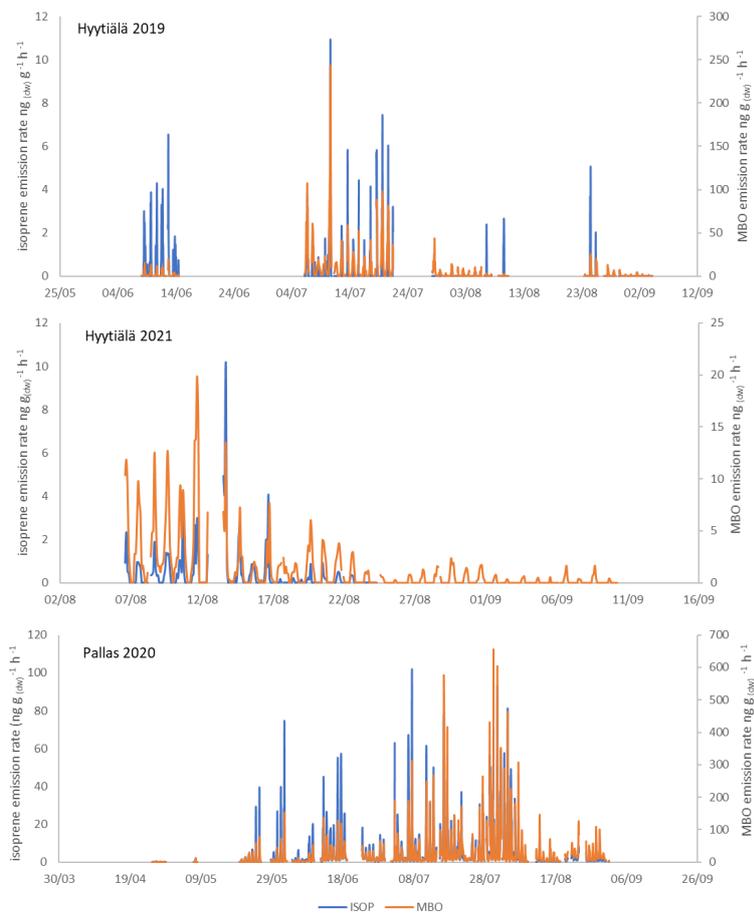
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