Synergism Between O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>3</sub> Radical Chemistry in the Formation and Composition of Secondary Organic Aerosols

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#### **Nitrate Radical Chemistry**

Bonn and Moortgat, ACP, 2002, 2, 183-196





# Large Volume Aerosol Flow Tube

- Initial conditions
  - dry air (RH < 3%)</li>
  - room temperature (22°C)
  - total flow : 20 L min<sup>-1</sup>
  - residence time: 1 hour

- Oxidant concentrations  $[O_3]_0 = 1.4 \text{ ppm}$  $[NO_2]_0 = 6.3 \text{ ppm to 0 ppm}$
- Studied terpene
   [α-pinene]<sub>0</sub> = 1 ppm



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Ezell et al., Aerosol Sci. Technol. 2010, 44, 329-338

"Higher NO<sub>2</sub>" = 2.4 ppm "Lower NO<sub>2</sub>" = 0.2ppm

# Prediction

• Box model using a simplified 96 step mechanism for NO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub> +  $\alpha$ -pinene system



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 Box model <u>results</u> from a simplified 96 step mechanism for NO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub> system



# **Particle concentration**



spherical particles



# Combined SMPS-APS size distribution

• density 1.19-1.21 g cm<sup>-3</sup>



O<sub>3</sub> chemistry contributes to the SOA formation

### ZnSe disc impactor and FTIR analysis





#### Mass fraction of organic nitrates in the SOA



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# Summary of O<sub>3</sub>/NO<sub>3</sub> chemistry

f<sub>RONO2</sub> = 7% of SOA

f<sub>RONO2</sub> = 0.2% of SOA

 $f_{RONO2} = 0.0\%$  of SOA



✓ Using SOA yield and composition from single component systems can be misleading for atmospheric conditions where multiple oxidants are present

### Partitioning of RONO<sub>2</sub> into SOA



 $\checkmark$  F<sub>i</sub> / (A<sub>i</sub>\*M<sub>o</sub>) is not constant as expected.

 $\checkmark$  Results suggest that the equilibrium between RONO<sub>2</sub> in the gas phase and particles is not reached.

# Conclusions

 SOA yields and composition from single component systems can be misleading for atmospheric conditions where multiple oxidants are present

 Partitioning of RONO<sub>2</sub> suggests that equilibrium between the gas phase and the particles is not reached for these products (see Zelenyuk et al.)

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# Particle concentration

#### Combined SMPS-APS size distribution

<u>spherical particles</u> with <u>density =  $1.19-1.21 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ </u> from SPLAT-II MS measurements



aerodynamic diameter, d<sub>a</sub>

electrical mobility diameter, d<sub>m</sub>

DeCarlo et al., AS&T, 2004, 38, 1185-1205

## **HR-ToF-AMS** measurements



# Quantification AMS vs FTIR

	HR-ToF-AMS	FTIR	FTIR / AMS	
	N/H	n(-ONO <sub>2</sub> )/n(C-H)		
High NO <sub>2</sub>	0.030	0.077	2.6	
Low NO <sub>2</sub>	0.015	0.040	2.5	

• AMS systematically underestimates the N/H for organic nitrates consistent with the recent literature (*Farmer et al., 2010; Rollins et al., 2010; Bruns et al., 2010*) due to:

{RCH <sub>2</sub> ONO <sub>2</sub> }+	$\rightarrow$	RCH <sub>2</sub>	+	ONO <sub>2</sub> +	(1)
	$\rightarrow$	RCH <sub>2</sub> +	+	ONO <sub>2</sub>	(2)
	$\rightarrow$	R'CH <sub>2</sub> ONO <sub>2</sub> +	+	Н	(3)
	$\rightarrow$	R	+	CH <sub>2</sub> ONO <sub>2</sub> +	(4)



#### Partition of RONO<sub>2</sub> into SOA

$$K_{abs} = \frac{R * T}{MW_{om} * 10^6 * \zeta_i * \rho_{L,i}^{0}}$$

**O**rganic nitrate, assuming  $\zeta_i = 1$  and MW<sub>om</sub> = 200 g mol<sup>-1</sup>)

range K<sub>abs</sub> for individual compounds

= 10<sup>-2</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup> m<sup>3</sup> µg<sup>-1</sup>

#### Teflon Chamber: APIMS analysis Identified organic nitrates



 $\rho_{\rm Li}^{0}$  (295K) = 9.7 x 10<sup>-8</sup> atm