

Lifetimes and Loss mechanisms of NO₃ and N₂O₅ during the AQABA ship campaign

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We report on measurements of NO₂, NO₃, and N₂O₅ made by thermal-dissociation Cavity-Ringdown Spectroscopy (TD-CRDs) taken during the Air Quality and Climate Change in the Arabian Basin (AQABA) campaign in June-August 2017. N₂O₅ was observed on a total of 18 nights and ranged from below the limit of detection (\sim 6 ppt) to \sim 200 ppt. In this data set, which covers the Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Arabian Sea and Arabian Gulf regions, we derive steady-state lifetimes (τ_{ss}) of NO₃ and N₂O₅ and perform an analysis on the night-time loss processes due to direct gas-phase reaction with volatile organic compounds (VOCs), reaction with NO, heterogeneous loss processes (e.g. reaction of N₂O₅ on aerosol) and dry deposition.