



Lifetimes and Loss mechanisms of NO_3 and N_2O_5 during the AQABA ship campaign

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We report on measurements of NO_2 , NO_3 , and N_2O_5 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. N_2O_5 was observed on a total of 18 nights and ranged from below the limit of detection (~ 6 ppt) to ~ 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 NO_3 and N_2O_5 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 N_2O_5 on aerosol) and dry deposition.