

# Chemical composition and volatility distribution of SOA formed by ozonolysis of β-caryophyllene between 213-313 K

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### Introduction





- β-Caryophyllene is the most common and abundant of the sesquiterpenes emitted into the atmosphere and more reactive and larger in size than monoterpenes. (Duhl et al., 2008).
- Their aerosol mass yields are large and result in a significant contribution to the SOA budget in the atmosphere (Tasoglou and Pandis, 2015).
- Therefore, we studied the composition of both gas and particle phases as well as phase partitioning of SOA from ozonolysis of β-caryophyllene in presence and absence of NOx at five temperatures (213 K, 243 K, 273 K, 298 K and 313 K) in the AIDA aerosol simulation chamber (Wagner R et al., 2006).
- This work focusses on the characterization and volatility analysis of the SOA by mass spectrometry employing a FIGAERO-HR-TOF-CIMS (Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2013) operated with iodide ions as well as a HR-TOF-AMS (Canagaratna M et al., 2007).



### Experiment





**FIGAERO-TOF-CIMS** 

| T [K] | RH [%] |  |  |
|-------|--------|--|--|
| 313   | 13     |  |  |
| 298   | 28     |  |  |
| 273   | 67     |  |  |
| 243   | 88     |  |  |
| 213   | 96     |  |  |

β-Caryophyllene was oxidized by an excess of 317 ppb ozone in presence of 37 ppb of NO<sub>2</sub>



Main components are C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3-6</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>22</sub>O<sub>3-6</sub>, C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>5-6</sub>, C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>7-8</sub>N.
 Nitrogen containing species are marked in red.

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- With decreasing temperature the SOA contains more heavier masses at m/Q(400-540, dimers) and less at m/Q(200-400, monomers) as well as m/Q(540-700, trimers).
- More compounds in C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>N<sub>j</sub>(j≥1) are formed at higher temperatures. Their mass peaks are strongest at 298 K.



- The maximum of desorption temperatures (T<sub>max</sub>) of sum C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub> and sum C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>N<sub>j</sub> compounds show similar trends with temperature, going down from 213 K to 273 K, and then going up from 298 K to 313 K.
- Bimodal structures could be explained by two volatile groups (e.g. m/Q 200-400 and 600-700 at 273 K) for each filter. The fragmentation of heavier compounds during the heating procedure could also contribute to the first peak.
- At 213 K, the single but wide peak may be influenced significantly by the compounds at m/Q of 488.3 (excluding I<sup>-</sup>) and 489.3 (excluding I<sup>-</sup>), as these two compounds contribute most to C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub> group and C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>N<sub>j</sub> group, respectively.



- The T<sub>max</sub> goes down from experiments at 213 K to 273 K, and then goes up from 298 K to 313 K. The T<sub>max</sub> keeps the lowest in experiments at 273 K. The mass peaks are more concentrated in the experiment at 273 K.
- At low temperatures, the product spectrum is smaller, which means these compounds have larger individual contributions to total mass.

# Calculation of the saturation concentration C<sub>sat</sub>\*



 $IgC_{sat}^{*}(298K) = (n_{c0} - n_{c}) \cdot b_{c} - n_{o} \cdot b_{o} - 2 \cdot ((n_{c} \cdot n_{o})/(n_{c} + n_{o})) \cdot b_{co} - n_{N} \cdot b_{N}; \text{ (Li et al., 2016)}$ 

where  $n_{c0}$  is the reference carbon number;  $n_{C}$ , –  $n_{O}$  and  $n_{N}$  denote the numbers of carbon, – oxygen and nitrogen atoms, respectively;  $b_{C}$ ,  $b_{O}$ and  $b_{N}$  denote the contribution of each atom to  $lgC_{sat}^{*}$ , respectively, and  $b_{CO}$  is the carbon– oxygen nonideality.

| Classes | $n_{\rm C}^0$ | b <sub>C</sub> | $b_{\rm O}$ | $b_{\rm CO}$ | $b_{ m N}$ | $b_{\rm S}$ |
|---------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|
| СН      | 23.80         | 0.4861         |             |              |            |             |
| CHO     | 22.66         | 0.4481         | 1.656       | -0.7790      |            |             |
| CHN     | 24.59         | 0.4066         |             |              | 0.9619     |             |
| CHON    | 24.13         | 0.3667         | 0.7732      | -0.07790     | 1.114      |             |
| CHOS    | 24.06         | 0.3637         | 1.327       | -0.3988      |            | 0.7579      |
| CHONS   | 28.50         | 0.3848         | 1.011       | 0.2921       | 1.053      | 1.316       |

 $\Delta H_{vap}$ =(-5.7·lg $C_{sat}$ \*(298K)+129) ·1000; Where  $\Delta H_{vap}$  is the enthalpy of vaporization, kJ/mol;

Clausius – Clapeyron equation:

 $IgC_{sat}^{*}(T) = IgC_{sat} \cdot (298K) + (\Delta H_{vap}/(R \cdot In10)) \cdot ((1/298) - (1/T));$ 



- Particles formed at higher temperatures contain more volatile compounds.
- Nitrogen containing compounds C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>N<sub>j</sub> contribute mainly to LVOC and SVOC for particles formed at higher temperatures, while to ELVOC for lower temperatures.

# Conclusion



- Particle phase analysis shows three groups of compound masses with m/z 200-400, (C<sub>5-16</sub>), (m/z 400-540, (C<sub>20-34</sub>), and m/z 540-700, (C<sub>35-40</sub>) classified as monomers, dimers, and trimers, respectively.
- Trimeric compounds were observed preferentially in SOA formed at higher temperatures (273 K, 298 K, 313 K), while only monomeric and dimeric compounds were detected at lower temperatures (243 K and 213 K). Interestingly, dimeric compounds, including C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub> and C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>N<sub>i</sub>, contribute more to SOA mass for the lower temperatures.
- Comparing volatility distributions for the five different temperatures and thermal desorption information from FIGAERO-CIMS (298-473 K), more compounds with lower volatilities are found for lower SOA formation temperatures.
- Nitrogen containing compounds C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>O<sub>z</sub>N<sub>j</sub> contribute mainly to LVOC and SVOC for particles formed at higher temperatures, while to ELVOC for lower temperatures.

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