

Influence of aerosol acidity on the chemical composition of secondary organic aerosol from β -caryophyllene

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Abstract. The secondary organic aerosol (SOA) yield of β -caryophyllene photooxidation is enhanced by aerosol acidity. In the present study, the influence of aerosol acidity on the chemical composition of β -caryophyllene SOA is investigated using ultra performance liquid chromatography/electrospray ionization-time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UPLC/ESI-TOFMS). A number of first-, second- and higher-generation gas-phase products having carbonyl and carboxylic acid functional groups are detected in the particle phase. Particle-phase reaction products formed via hydration and organosulfate formation processes are also detected. Increased acidity leads to different effects on the abundance of individual products; significantly, abundances of organosulfates are correlated with aerosol acidity. To our knowledge, this is the first detection of organosulfates and nitrated organosulfates derived from a sesquiterpene. The increase of certain particle-phase reaction products with increased acidity provides chemical evidence to support the acid-enhanced

SOA yields. Based on the agreement between the chromatographic retention times and accurate mass measurements of chamber and field samples, three β -caryophyllene products (i.e., β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde, β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde, and β -dihydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde) are suggested as chemical tracers for β -caryophyllene SOA. These compounds are detected in both day and night ambient samples collected in downtown Atlanta, GA and rural Yorkville, GA during the 2008 August Mini-Intensive Gas and Aerosol Study (AMIGAS).

1 Introduction

Secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation from the oxidation of biogenic precursors, such as isoprene (C₅H₈), monoterpenes (C₁₀H₁₆), sesquiterpenes (C₁₅H₂₄), and oxygenated terpenes, contributes significantly to atmospheric aerosol mass (Hallquist et al., 2009 and references therein). β -caryophyllene (C₁₅H₂₄) is one of the most reactive sesquiterpenes, with two double bonds (one endocyclic and one exocyclic), and has high reactivity towards ozone (O₃),



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hydroxyl radicals (OH), and nitrate radicals (NO₃). Shu and Atkinson (1994, 1995) estimated that under typical tropospheric conditions the lifetime of β -caryophyllene with respect to O₃ and OH reaction is 2 min and 53 min, respectively. β -caryophyllene also has a high aerosol formation potential (Griffin et al., 1999; Jaoui et al., 2003; Lee et al., 2006a, b; Ng et al., 2006; Winterhalter et al., 2009; Li et al., 2011). A range of aerosol yields (mass of SOA formed per mass of hydrocarbon reacted) has been reported (O₃: 5–46%; OH: 17–68%), depending on aerosol organic mass and experimental conditions.

Particle-phase products of β -caryophyllene ozonolysis have been extensively studied in the presence or absence of ammonium sulfate ((NH₄)₂SO₄) seed particles. A number of first-generation ozonolysis products, such as aldehydes (e.g., β -caryophyllon aldehyde and β -hydroxycaryophyllon aldehyde) and acids (e.g., β -caryophyllonic acid and β -caryophyllinic acid), have been identified (Calogirou et al., 1997; Jaoui et al., 2003; Kanawati et al., 2008; Winterhalter et al., 2009; Li et al., 2011). Ng et al. (2006) observed continued aerosol growth after all β -caryophyllene was consumed in ozonolysis and photooxidation experiments, demonstrating the importance of second- or higher-generation reactions. More recently, Li et al. (2011) showed that first-generation ozonolysis products, which still contain a double bond, can be oxidized to second-generation ozonolysis products (e.g., β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde and β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde), which represent a larger contribution to the SOA mass than first-generation ozonolysis products. β -caryophyllinic acid has been detected in both chamber and ambient aerosol samples and has been suggested as a tracer for β -caryophyllene SOA (Jaoui et al., 2007). Using the tracer-to-SOA mass fractions obtained in laboratory chamber experiments, β -caryophyllene SOA is estimated to contribute about 1–10% of the atmospheric aerosol organic mass in the southeastern and midwestern United States (Kleindienst et al., 2007; Lewandowski et al., 2008).

Chamber studies have shown that increasing aerosol acidity enhances SOA formation from the oxidation of certain biogenic hydrocarbons such as isoprene, α -pinene, and β -pinene (Kroll and Seinfeld, 2008, and references therein). Acid-catalyzed reactions (e.g., hydration, esterification, hemiacetal/acetel formation, aldol condensation) leading to the formation of higher molecular-weight compounds have been proposed to explain the enhanced SOA yields (Jang et al., 2002). When the acidity is provided by sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄), sulfate esters (or organosulfates) can form (Liggio and Li, 2006; Surratt et al., 2007a, b, 2008; Iinuma et al., 2009). By comparing mass spectrometric measurements for both laboratory-generated and ambient aerosol, Iinuma et al. (2007) and Surratt et al. (2007a, b, 2008) have reported the presence of organosulfates derived from isoprene, α -pinene, β -pinene, and limonene-like monoterpenes (e.g., myrcene) in ambient aerosol.

SOA yields are enhanced by aerosol acidity in the photooxidation of mixtures of β -caryophyllene/NO_x (Offenberg et al., 2009). In the present study, the influence of aerosol acidity on the chemical composition of β -caryophyllene SOA from β -caryophyllene photooxidation is investigated using ultra performance liquid chromatography/electrospray ionization-time-of-flight mass spectrometry (UPLC/ESI-TOFMS). Certain β -caryophyllene reaction products are shown to serve as tracers for the identification of β -caryophyllene SOA in ambient aerosol collected in downtown Atlanta (at Jefferson Street (JST)), GA and rural Yorkville (YRK), GA during the 2008 August Mini-Intensive Gas and Aerosol Study (AMIGAS).

2 Experimental section

β -caryophyllene/NO_x irradiation experiments in the presence of seed aerosol of varying acidity were carried out in a 14.5 m³ fixed volume Teflon-coated reaction chamber at 297 K and 30% RH. Details of the experiments have been given in Offenberg et al. (2009). Initial aerosol acidity was controlled by nebulizing dilute aqueous (NH₄)₂SO₄/H₂SO₄ solutions. To change the acidity of the seed aerosol, the ratio of the two liquids was changed to produce a constant aerosol sulfate concentration of 30 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ across the range of resulting acidities. The reaction chamber was operated as a continuous stirred tank reactor, having a residence time of 6 h, to produce a constant, steady-state aerosol distribution. For the aerosol acidity measurement, filters were extracted by sonication for 30 min using 10 mL of distilled, deionized water in a 50 mL polypropylene vial. Once the extract cooled to room temperature, the pH of each extract was measured with a Mettler-Toledo MP220 pH meter using an InLab 413 pH electrode. Aerosol acidity is expressed as the hydrogen ion air concentrations ([H⁺]_{air}), which was calculated by dividing the measured aqueous concentration of the hydrogen ion by the volume of air collected. Table 1 summarizes the steady state concentrations of gas-phase species, aerosol acidity, and secondary organic carbon (SOC) for the experiments.

For the chemical analysis, aerosol was collected on Teflon impregnated glass fiber filters (Pall Gelman Laboratory, 47 mm diameter, Teflon impregnated). To collect sufficient aerosol mass for the analysis, about 0.7–1.0 mg was collected on each filter and the sampling air volume was about 15.4–16.3 m³. One-half of each filter was extracted with methanol (LC-MS CHROMASOLV-grade, Sigma-Aldrich) under ultrasonication for 45 min. The extract was dried under ultra-pure nitrogen gas and the residue was reconstituted with a 50:50 (v/v) solvent mixture of methanol with 0.1% acetic acid (LC-MS CHROMASOLV-grade, Sigma-Aldrich) and water with 0.1% acetic acid (LC-MS CHROMASOLV-grade, Sigma-Aldrich). Day (10:00 a.m.–06:00 p.m., local time)- and night (10:00 p.m.–06:00 a.m., local time) –

Table 1. Steady state concentrations of gas-phase species, aerosol acidity, and secondary organic carbon (SOC) for β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments, reproduced from Offenberg et al. (2009).

Experiment	$\Delta[\text{HC}]$ (ppmC)	$[\text{NO}]$ (ppbV)	$[\text{NO}_x\text{-NO}]$ (ppbV)	O_3 (ppbV)	$[\text{H}^+]_{\text{air}}$ (nmol m ⁻³)	SOC ($\mu\text{gC m}^{-3}$)
1	0.58	60	51	25	112	9.97
2	0.58	61	51	24	204	14.7
3	0.58	63	54	29	467	21.3
4	0.58	65	53	24	1150	34.0

segregated $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter $<2.5 \mu\text{m}$) high-volume quartz filter samples (i.e., quartz microfibre, $20.3 \times 25.4 \text{ cm}$, Whatman) were collected from JST and YRK sites during the 2008 AMIGAS campaign was analyzed for the presence of β -caryophyllene SOA constituents. Details of the 2008 AMIGAS campaign, filter collection, and sample preparation procedures are given by Chan et al. (2010). Both chamber and field sample extracts were analyzed by UPLC/ESI-TOFMS operated in both positive and negative ion modes. Details of the UPLC/ESI-TOFMS analysis have been given in Surratt et al. (2008). All accurate mass measurements were within $\pm 5 \text{ mDa}$ of the theoretical mass associated with the proposed chemical formula for each observed ion. Owing to the lack of authentic standards or suitable surrogates, concentrations are reported as the sum of the UPLC chromatographic peak area of the ions normalized by the volume of air collected. From repeated UPLC/ESI-TOFMS measurements, the variations in the chromatographic peak areas are about 5%. The concentrations are not corrected for extraction efficiencies.

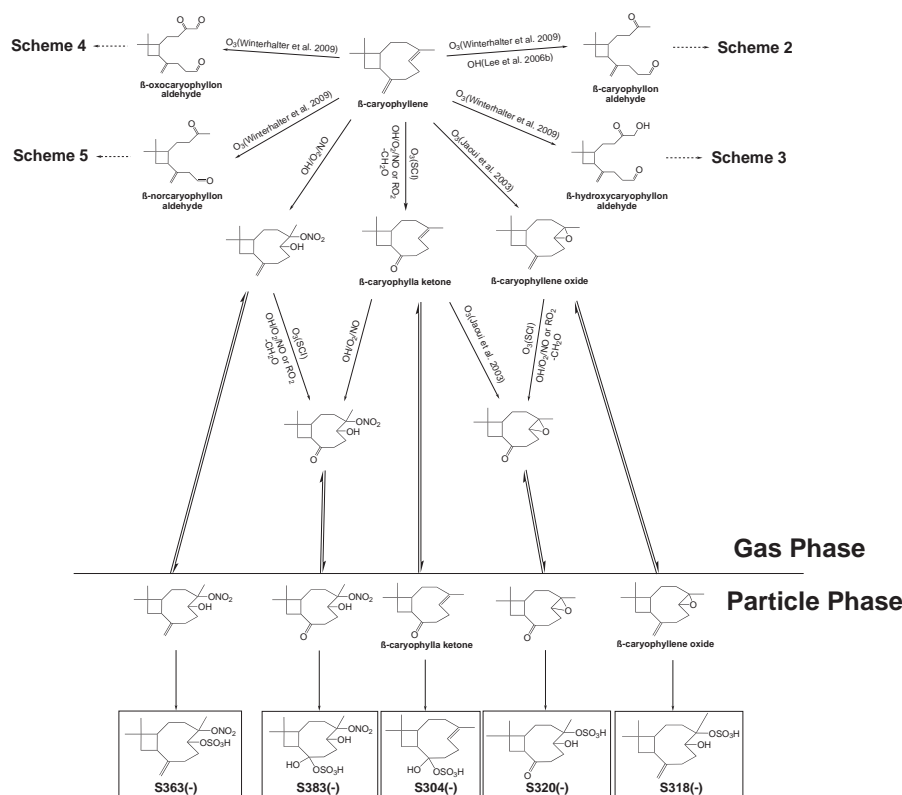
3 Results and discussion

3.1 Gas- and particle-phase reactions

In the series of β -caryophyllene photooxidation experiments, β -caryophyllene and its gas-phase products react with O_3 and OH in the presence of NO_x . Rate constants (296 K) for the reaction of β -caryophyllene with O_3 ($k_{\text{O}_3} = 1.16 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) and OH ($k_{\text{OH}} = 1.97 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) have been reported by Shu and Atkinson (1994, 1995). At steady state in the reaction chamber, the O_3 level was 24–29 ppb (5.93×10^{11} – $7.16 \times 10^{11} \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$) (Table 1). The OH concentration in the chamber was not directly measured. At an assumed OH level of $10^6 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$, the ratio of the rates of β -caryophyllene reaction with O_3 to OH at the O_3 levels in the reaction chamber is about 36. β -caryophyllene ozonolysis is therefore likely the dominant reaction pathway in the first oxidation step. The two double bonds of β -caryophyllene have different reactivity with respect to O_3 . Nguyen et al. (2009) predicted that the rate coefficient for O_3 attack on the exocyclic double bond is less than 5% of that

for O_3 attack on the endocyclic double bond. Thus, addition of O_3 to the endocyclic double bond is likely the dominant reaction of β -caryophyllene with O_3 . Since O_3 and OH are in excess relative to β -caryophyllene in the reaction chamber, the remaining double bond (either exocyclic or endocyclic) of the first-generation products undergoes a second ozonolysis or reacts with OH, leading to second- or higher-generation products. Based on an average rate coefficient for the ozonolysis of the first-generation products ($k_{\text{O}_3} = 1.1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) reported by Winterhalter et al. (2009) at 295 K, the average lifetime of the first-generation products with respect to ozonolysis is about 3.5 to 4.2 h. Rate coefficients for the photooxidation of the first-generation products have not been reported. If the rate coefficient for the photooxidation of β -caryophyllene is used ($k_{\text{OH}} = 1.97 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$), as an approximation, the average lifetime of the first-generation products with respect to photooxidation is about 1.4 h at an OH level of $10^6 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$. Thus, the first generation products can be further oxidized in the gas phase at the residence time in the reaction chamber.

The gas-phase chemistry of β -caryophyllene in our system involves OH, O_3 , and NO_x . For clarity and simplicity, we focus on the reactions of the first-generation products of β -caryophyllene in the gas and particle phases, leading to particle-phase products detected by UPLC/ESI-TOFMS (Scheme 1). Formation mechanisms of β -caryophyllon aldehyde, β -hydroxycaryophyllon aldehyde, β -oxocaryophyllon aldehyde, and β -norcaryophyllon aldehyde from the photooxidation and ozonolysis of β -caryophyllene have been proposed (Jaoui et al., 2003; Lee et al., 2006a, b; Winterhalter et al., 2009; Li et al., 2011). Additionally, ring-retaining compounds can form (Jaoui et al., 2003; Lee et al., 2006b). For example, β -caryophyllene oxide can form from the reaction of β -caryophyllene with O_3 similar to α -pinene oxide formation (Inuma et al., 2009) and has been detected in both gas- and particle phases in the ozonolysis of β -caryophyllene (Jaoui et al., 2003). β -caryophylla ketone can form from β -caryophyllene reaction with O_3 or OH at its exocyclic double bond (Jaoui et al., 2003; Lee et al., 2006b). The first-generation ring-retaining compounds, which contain an unreacted double bond, can be further oxidized before partitioning to the particle phase.

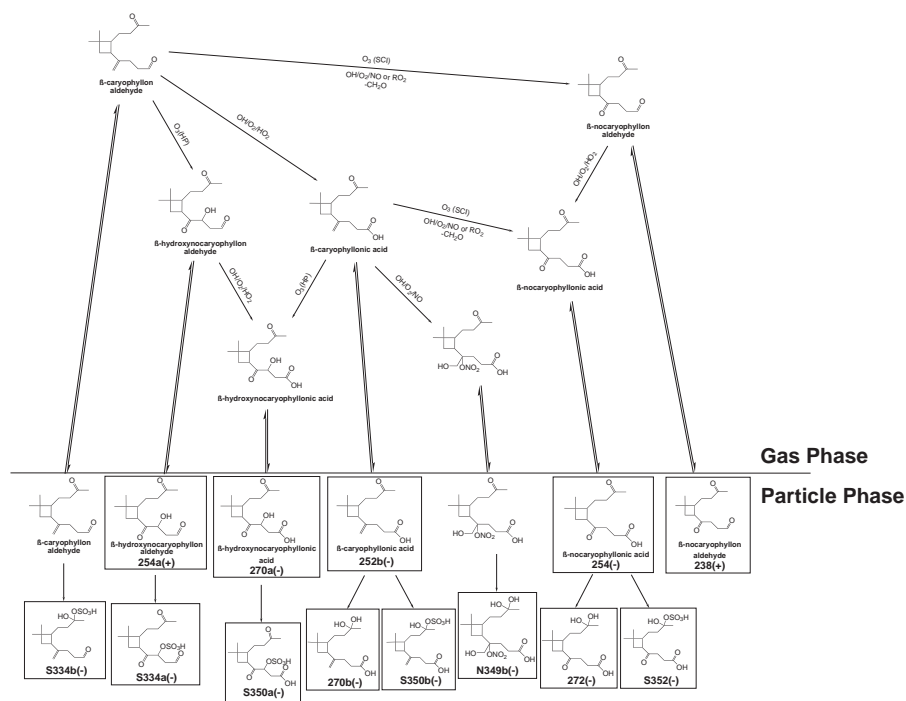


Scheme 1. Proposed reaction pathways of β -caryophyllene, leading to compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. Boxes indicate compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. One possible structural isomer is shown. SCI is the stabilized Criegee intermediates channel.

Schemes 2–5 show the further oxidation of the first-generation products, leading to compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. In the presence of excess O_3 and OH , it can be assumed that the remaining double bond (exocyclic double bond) of the gas-phase products will be rapidly oxidized. Reaction of gas-phase products with O_3 generally proceeds via four channels: stabilized Criegee intermediates (CIs), isomerization, hydroperoxide, and ester channels. Detailed reaction mechanisms for these channels have been given by Jaoui et al. (2003), Winterhalter et al. (2009), and Li et al. (2011). Stabilized CIs and hydroperoxide channels are considered to explain the formation of detected compounds. The stabilized CIs can react with H_2O , NO_2 , and carbonyls. The stabilized CIs channel (SCI) here refers to the reaction between the stabilized CIs and H_2O or NO_2 to form carbonyls. For example, β -caryophyllon aldehyde and β -caryophyllonic acid undergo oxidation by O_3 on their exocyclic double bond forming β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde and β -nocaryophyllonic acid (Scheme 2). The stabilized CIs can react with carbonyls to form secondary ozonides (SOZ). Winterhalter et al. (2009) have detected the presence of SOZ in the particle phase using Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy in their β -caryophyllene ozonolysis experiments. SOZ were not detected in the particle phase in the present

study. It is possible that SOZ may decompose to form organic acids in the particle phase under acidic conditions (or during the analytical procedure) (Winterhalter et al., 2009). For the hydroperoxide channel, the CIs can rearrange via a 1,4-hydrogen shift to a vinyl hydroperoxide, which can subsequently form hydroxyl carbonyls and dicarbonyls (Winterhalter et al., 2009). The hydroperoxide channel refers to the formation of hydroxyl carbonyls. For example, β -caryophyllon aldehyde undergoes oxidation by O_3 on the exocyclic double bond forming β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde (Scheme 2).

The OH reaction with the exocyclic double bond of the gas-phase products forms alkyl radicals, followed by rapid addition of O_2 to yield peroxy radicals. In the presence of NO_x , peroxy radicals react with NO to form either alkoxy radicals plus NO_2 or organic nitrates. Alkoxy radicals can also form from the reactions between peroxy radicals. Alkoxy radicals can decompose, isomerize or react with O_2 . Here, alkoxy radicals are considered to undergo decomposition to produce a carbonyl and an alkyl radical ($CH_2OH\cdot$). For example, β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde can form from the reaction of β -caryophyllon aldehyde with OH at its exocyclic double bond (Scheme 2). Many gas-phase products have an aldehyde group. An aldehydic hydrogen atom can be



Scheme 2. Proposed reaction pathways of β -caryophyllon aldehyde, leading to compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. Formation mechanism of β -caryophyllon aldehyde from the photooxidation and ozonolysis of β -caryophyllene (Lee et al., 2006b; Winterhalter et al., 2009). Boxes indicate compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. One possible structural isomer is shown. SCI is the stabilized Criegee intermediates channel. HP is the hydroperoxide channel.

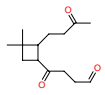
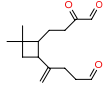
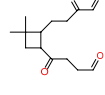
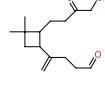
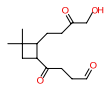
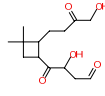
abstracted by OH to produce an acyl radical, which rapidly adds O_2 to yield an acyl peroxy radical. The reaction of acyl peroxy radicals with HO_2 forms carboxylic acid (Winterhalter et al., 2009). The acyl peroxy radicals can also react with NO and subsequently undergo decomposition or can react with NO_2 in the presence of NO_x to form peroxyacyl nitrates. The reaction of acyl peroxy radicals with HO_2 to form carboxylic acid may explain the formation of acids detected in the particle phase. For example, acyl peroxy radicals formed from the aldehydic hydrogen abstraction of β -caryophyllon aldehyde can react with HO_2 to form β -caryophyllonic acid (Scheme 2). However, it cannot be ruled out that the acids can form via other reaction pathways in the gas and particle phases. The OH abstraction of secondary or tertiary hydrogen may also occur (Jaoui et al., 2003) but is not considered here. Once the gas-phase products partition into the particle phase, they may undergo further chemical reactions. Reaction products formed via hydration and organosulfate formation have been detected in the particle phase, as discussed below.

3.2 Particle-phase β -caryophyllene products detected by UPLC/ESI-TOFMS

Tables 2–5 summarize the compounds detected by UPLC/ESI-TOFMS in both positive and negative ion

modes in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments. Proposed chemical structures are derived from accurate mass measurements, proposed reaction pathways, and previously identified chemical structures reported in the literature (Jaoui et al., 2003; Kanawati et al., 2008; Winterhalter et al., 2009; Li et al., 2011). Table 2 shows the compounds detected by ESI in the positive ion mode. Products having carbonyl groups can be ionized via proton attachment to form $[M+H]^+$ ions and are detected in the positive ion mode (Kanawati et al., 2008). Adducts with sodium $[M+Na]^+$ and with methanol + sodium $[M+CH_3OH+Na]^+$ are used for redundant determination of the chemical formulas of the products (Li et al., 2011). Recently, Parshintsev et al. (2008) have synthesized β -caryophyllene aldehyde and β -nocaryophyllone aldehyde. They reported that sodium adduct ions were the most abundant ions in their accurate mass measurements using ESI-TOF and could be used for identification and quantification of these two compounds in the aerosol samples by liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry. First-generation products (e.g., β -hydroxycaryophyllon aldehyde) and second-generation products (e.g., β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde, β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde, and β -dihydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde) are detected in the particle phase.

Table 2. Compounds detected by ESI in the positive ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments.

ESI(+) compound	Suggested chemical formula	[M+H] ⁺ (Theoretical mass)	[M+Na] ⁺ (Theoretical mass)	[M+CH ₃ OH+Na] ⁺ (Theoretical mass)	Suggested compound ^a (Scheme)	Proposed chemical structure ^b
184(+)	C ₁₀ H ₂₆ O ₃	C ₁₀ H ₂₇ O ₃ ⁺ (185.1178)	C ₁₀ H ₁₆ O ₃ Na ⁺ (207.0997)			
238(+)	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₃	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₃ ⁺ (239.1647)	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₃ Na ⁺ (261.1467)	C ₁₅ H ₂₆ O ₄ Na ⁺ (293.1729)	β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde ^{c, d, e} (2)	
250(+)	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ O ₃	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ O ₃ ⁺ (251.1647)	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ O ₃ Na ⁺ (273.1467)		β -oxocaryophyllon aldehyde ^d (4)	
252a(+)	C ₁₄ H ₂₀ O ₄	C ₁₄ H ₂₁ O ₄ ⁺ (253.1440)	C ₁₄ H ₂₀ O ₄ Na ⁺ (275.1259)	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O ₅ Na ⁺ (307.1521)	β -oxonocaryophyllon aldehyde (4)	
252b(+)	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O ₃	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ O ₃ ⁺ (253.1804)		C ₁₆ H ₂₈ O ₄ Na ⁺ (307.1885)	β -hydroxycaryophyllon aldehyde ^{c, d, e} (3)	
N253(+)	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ NO ₃	C ₁₄ H ₂₄ NO ₃ ⁺ (254.1756)	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ NO ₃ Na ⁺ (276.1576)			
254a(+)	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₄	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₄ ⁺ (255.1596)	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₄ Na ⁺ (277.1416)	C ₁₅ H ₂₆ O ₅ Na ⁺ (309.1678)	β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde ^{c, e} (2, 3)	
254b(+)	C ₁₅ H ₂₆ O ₃		C ₁₅ H ₂₆ O ₃ Na ⁺ (277.1780)			
N267(+)	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ NO ₃	C ₁₅ H ₂₆ NO ₃ ⁺ (268.1913)	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ NO ₃ Na ⁺ (290.1732)			
268(+)	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O ₄	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ O ₄ ⁺ (269.1753)	C ₁₅ H ₂₄ O ₄ Na ⁺ (291.1572)			
270(+)	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₅	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₅ ⁺ (271.1545)	C ₁₄ H ₂₂ O ₅ Na ⁺ (293.1365)	C ₁₄ H ₂₆ O ₆ Na ⁺ (325.1627)	β -dihydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde ^e (3)	
298(+)	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ O ₆	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ O ₆ ⁺ (299.1495)	C ₁₅ H ₂₂ O ₆ Na ⁺ (321.1314)			

Labels (+): compound detected by ESI in positive ion mode; (–): compound detected by ESI in negative ion mode; N: nitrogen-containing compound; S: sulfate esters or nitroxy sulfate esters. Number represents the molecular weight of the compound. M is the compound. ^a Terpene nomenclature, Larsen et al. (1998); ^b only one possible isomer is shown for simplicity; ^c compound has been reported by Li et al. (2011); ^d compound has been reported by Winterhalter et al. (2009); ^e compound has been reported by Jaoui et al. (2003); 309(+) has been detected by the ESI in positive ion mode in this study, however, no reasonable chemical formula can be assigned.

Table 3 shows the compounds detected by ESI in negative ion mode. Products having a carboxylic acid group can be ionized via deprotonation and are detected in the negative ion mode as [M–H][–] ions. Several acids detected such as β -caryophyllonic acid, β -caryophyllinic acid, β -nocaryophyllonic acid, β -hydroxycaryophyllonic acid, β -hydroxynocaryophyllonic acid, and β -oxocaryophyllonic acid have been reported (Jaoui et al., 2003; Winterhalter et al., 2009; Li et al., 2011). Based on the

accurate mass measurements and proposed reaction pathways, three new acids (β -dihydroxycaryophyllonic acid, β -hydroxynocaryophyllonic acid, and β -oxonocaryophyllonic acid) are tentatively identified in this study. β -caryophyllinic acid and β -nocaryophyllonic acid have the same chemical formula (C₁₄H₂₂O₄) and cannot be differentiated in the accurate mass measurements, especially since our study lacked authentic standards as well as tandem MS data.

Table 3. Compounds detected by ESI in the negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments.

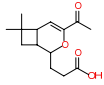
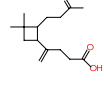
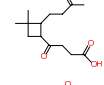
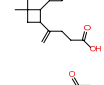
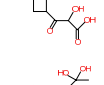
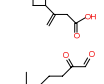
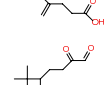
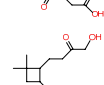
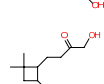
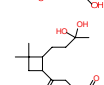
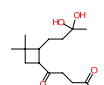
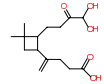
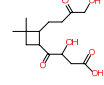
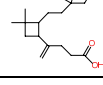
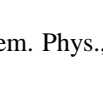
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186(-)	185	C ₉ H ₁₃ O ₄ ⁻	185.0814			
216(-)	215	C ₁₀ H ₁₅ O ₅ ⁻	215.0919			
252a(-)	251	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ O ₄ ⁻	251.1283	^c		
252b(-)	251	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ O ₃ ⁻	251.1647	β -caryophyllonic acid (2) ^{c, d, e}		C ₃₀ H ₄₇ O ₆ ⁻
254(-)	253	C ₁₄ H ₂₁ O ₄ ⁻	253.1440	β -nocaryophyllonic acid (2) ^e β -caryophyllinic acid ^{c, d, e}	 	C ₂₈ H ₄₃ O ₈ ⁻
256a(-)	255	C ₁₃ H ₁₉ O ₅ ⁻	255.1232	β -hydroxynocaryophyllonic acid (5)		C ₂₆ H ₃₉ O ₁₀ ⁻
256b(-)	255	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₄ ⁻	255.1596	Hydrated β -nocaryophyllonic acid (5)		
266(-)	265	C ₁₅ H ₂₁ O ₄ ⁻	265.1440	β -oxocaryophyllonic acid (4) ^e		
268a(-)	267	C ₁₄ H ₁₉ O ₅ ⁻	267.1232	β -oxonocaryophyllonic acid (4)		
268b(-)	267	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ O ₄ ⁻	267.1596	β -hydroxycaryophyllonic acid (3) ^e		
270a(-)	269	C ₁₄ H ₂₁ O ₅ ⁻	269.1389	β -hydroxynocaryophyllonic acid (2, 3) ^e		C ₂₈ H ₄₃ O ₁₀ ⁻
270b(-)	269	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ O ₄ ⁻	269.1753	Hydrated β -caryophyllonic acid (2)		
272(-)	271	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₅ ⁻	271.1545	Hydrated β -nocaryophyllonic acid (2)		C ₂₈ H ₄₇ O ₁₀ ⁻
284(-)	283	C ₁₅ H ₂₃ O ₅ ⁻	283.1545	Hydrated β -oxocaryophyllonic acid (4)		C ₃₀ H ₄₇ O ₁₀ ⁻
286a(-)	285	C ₁₄ H ₂₁ O ₆ ⁻	285.1338	β -dihydroxynocaryophyllonic acid (3, 4)		C ₂₈ H ₄₃ O ₁₂ ⁻
286b(-)	285	C ₁₅ H ₂₅ O ₅ ⁻	285.1702	Hydrated β -hydroxycaryophyllonic acid (3)		C ₃₀ H ₅₁ O ₁₀ ⁻

Table 3. Continued.

ESI(-) compound	[M-H] ⁻	Suggested chemical formula	Theoretical mass	Suggested compound a (Scheme)	Proposed chemical structure b	Detection of dimer in ESI negative ion mode
294(-)	293	C ₁₇ H ₂₅ O ₄ ⁻	293.1753			C ₃₄ H ₅₁ O ₈ ⁻
312(-)	311	C ₁₃ H ₂₇ O ₈ ⁻	311.1706			
314a(-)	313	C ₁₅ H ₂₁ O ₇ ⁻	313.1287			
314b(-)	313	C ₁₆ H ₂₅ O ₆ ⁻	313.1651			
320(-)	319	C ₁₄ H ₂₃ O ₈ ⁻	319.1393			
328(-)	327	C ₁₇ H ₂₇ O ₆ ⁻	327.1808			
330a(-)	329	C ₁₆ H ₂₅ O ₇ ⁻	329.1600			
330b(-)	329	C ₁₇ H ₂₉ O ₆ ⁻	329.1964			

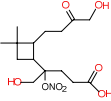
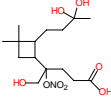
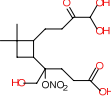
^a Terpene nomenclature, Larsen et al. (1998); ^b only one possible isomer is shown for simplicity; ^c compound has been reported by Li et al. (2011); ^d compound has been reported by Winterhalter et al. (2009); ^e compound has been reported by Jaoui et al. (2003).

β -caryophyllonic acid and β -caryophyllinic acid have traditionally been detected as first-generation products in the ozonolysis of β -caryophyllene. In the presence of OH and NO_x, β -caryophyllonic acid can form from the oxidation of β -caryophyllon aldehyde, which can form in the ozonolysis and photooxidation of β -caryophyllene (Scheme 2). β -caryophyllonic acid thus can be considered as either a first- or second-generation product. A number of other acids have been detected in this study. As shown in Schemes 2–5, many first- or higher-generation gas-phase products formed from the reaction of β -caryophyllene with O₃ and OH have an aldehyde group. In the presence of OH, the aldehydic hydrogen can be abstracted by OH, leading to an acyl peroxy radical, which reacts with HO₂ to give a carboxylic acid. This pathway could explain the formation of most of the organic acids observed in this study. However, it cannot be ruled out that the acids can form via other reaction pathways in the gas and particle phases. As shown in Tables 2 and 4, nitrogen-containing compounds have been detected by ESI in both

positive and negative ion modes. The formation of nitrogen-containing compounds may attribute to the gas-phase reactions of peroxy radicals with NO; however, heterogeneous reaction processes in the particle phase (e.g., reactions between ammonia/ammonium ions with condensed gas-phase products containing carbonyl groups) cannot be completely ruled out (Nozière et al., 2009; Bones et al., 2010) and warrants future investigation.

Particle-phase reaction products formed via hydration and organosulfate formation of gas-phase products have been detected. Condensed gas-phase products can undergo hydrolysis in the particle phase. For example, a carbonyl group of β -hydroxycaryophyllonic acid could be hydrated into a diol (Scheme 3). The hydrated gas-phase products tend to have low volatility and are preferentially present in the particle phase. Compounds having molecular weights larger than 300 Da have been detected. It is likely that these compounds are esters, which can be detected by ESI due to their stability and ionization efficiency (Camredon et al., 2010).

Table 4. Compounds detected by ESI in the negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments (Nitrogen-containing compounds).


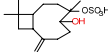
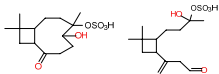


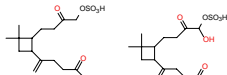
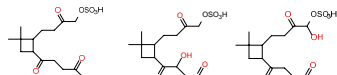
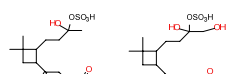
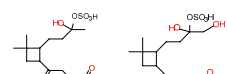



ESI(-) compound	[M-H] ⁻	Suggested chemical formula	Theoretical mass	Suggested compound (Scheme)	Proposed chemical structure ^a	Detection of dimer in ESI negative ion mode
N195(-)	194	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO}_3^-$	194.0817			$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6^-$
N345(-)	344	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_7^-$	344.1709			
N347(-)	346	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_8^-$	346.1502	(3)		$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{16}^-$
N349a(-)	348	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{NO}_9^-$	348.1295			$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{18}^-$
N349b(-)	348	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{26}\text{NO}_8^-$	348.1658	(2)		
N350(-)	349	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{21}\text{N}_2\text{O}_9^-$	349.1247			
N363a(-)	362	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_9^-$	362.1451	(4)		$\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{49}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{18}^-$
N363b(-)	362	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_8^-$	362.1815			
N375(-)	374	$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{28}\text{NO}_8^-$	374.1815			
N546(-)	545	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{12}^-$	545.2347			$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{NO}_6^-$ (Monomer)

^a Only one possible isomer is shown for simplicity.

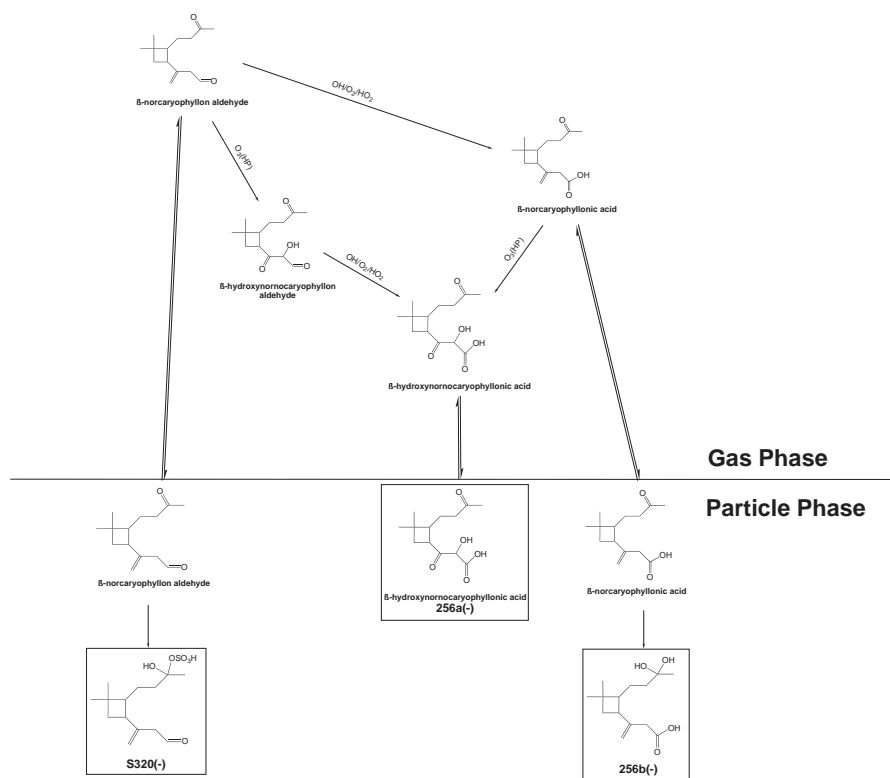
Several organosulfates, as well as two nitrated organosulfates, have been detected (Table 5). As shown in Schemes 1–5, many gas-phase products contain hydroxyl groups, carbonyl groups, epoxide groups, or a combination of these groups. Organosulfates can possibly form from the particle-phase esterification of sulfate ions with gas-phase products containing one or more hydroxyl groups; however, this reaction process has been shown to be kinetically infeasible for smaller alcohols at atmospherically relevant pH conditions (Minerath et al., 2008, 2009). Additionally, organosulfates can form from gas-phase products containing an aldehyde or a keto group. The reaction involves the electron pair of the carbonyl oxygen accepting a proton, producing the oxonium ion, and becoming susceptible to nucleophilic attack from a lone pair of electrons on one of the oxygen atoms of the sulfate ions (Surratt et al., 2007a, 2008). β -caryophyllene oxide can form in the ozonolysis of β -caryophyllene (Jaoui et al., 2003); this compound has been detected in a forested area in central Greece (Pio et al., 2001). Recent work has shown that

organosulfates can form from the reactive uptake of epoxide intermediates (Minerath et al., 2009), such as those derived from isoprene (Cole-Filipiak et al., 2010; Eddingsaas et al., 2010; Surratt et al., 2010) or from α - and β -pinene (Inuma et al., 2009). Reactive uptake of simple epoxides leading to organosulfates has been estimated to be kinetically feasible under atmospherically relevant pH conditions (Minerath et al., 2009; Cole-Filipiak et al., 2010; Eddingsaas et al., 2010). Similar to isoprene-derived epoxydiols and α - and β -pinene oxides, the sulfate ester of m/z 317 (Table 5) likely arises from the acid-catalyzed ring opening of β -caryophyllene oxide in the presence of acidic sulfate (Scheme 1). Most recently, organosulfates have also been shown to form from the irradiation of the aqueous-aerosol phase that contains sulfate (Galloway et al., 2009; Rudzinski et al., 2009; Nozière et al., 2010; Perri et al., 2010). The formation of organosulfates via sulfate radical reaction mechanisms may warrant further investigation. It is noted that isobaric organosulfates cannot be differentiated by the accurate mass measurements;

Table 5. Compounds detected by ESI in the negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments (Organosulfates).

ESI(-) compound	[M-H] ⁻	Suggested chemical formula	Theoretical mass	Suggested compound (Scheme)	Proposed chemical structure ^a
S252(-)	251	$\text{C}_9\text{H}_{15}\text{O}_6\text{S}^-$	251.0589		
S304(-)	303	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_5\text{S}^-$	303.1266	(1)	
S318(-)	317	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_5\text{S}^-$	317.1423	(1)	
S320(-)	319	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_6\text{S}^-$	319.1215	(1), (5)	
S334a(-)	333	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_7\text{S}^-$	333.1008	(2), (3)	
S334b(-)	333	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_6\text{S}^-$	333.1372	(2)	
S348(-)	347	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_7\text{S}^-$	347.1165	(3), (4)	
S350a(-)	349	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_8\text{S}^-$	349.0957	(2), (3), (4)	
S350b(-)	349	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{25}\text{O}_7\text{S}^-$	349.1321	(2), (3)	
S352(-)	351	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_8\text{S}^-$	351.1114	(2), (3)	
S364a(-)	363	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{23}\text{O}_8\text{S}^-$	363.1114	(4)	
S364b(-)	363	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_7\text{S}^-$	363.1478		
S380(-)	379	$\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{27}\text{O}_8\text{S}^-$	379.1427		
Nitrated Organosulfates					
S363(-)	362	$\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_7\text{S}^-$	362.1273	(1)	
S383(-)	382	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{24}\text{NO}_9\text{S}^-$	382.1172	(1)	

^a Only one possible isomer is shown for simplicity.



Scheme 5. Proposed reaction pathways of β -norcaryophyllon aldehyde, leading to compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. Formation mechanism of β -norcaryophyllon aldehyde from the ozonolysis of β -caryophyllene (Winterhalter et al., 2009). Boxes indicate compounds detected by ESI in the particle phase. One possible structural isomer is shown. HP is the hydroperoxide channel.

however, further tandem MS studies, as well as synthesis of authentic standards, could elucidate these isobaric structures. Depending on the β -caryophyllene oxidation product (e.g., carbonyls or epoxides) formed, a number of chemical pathways may be leading to the formation of the organosulfates we observe.

Bonn and Moortgat (2003) and Li et al. (2011) have suggested that new particle formation can be initiated by very low volatile gas-phase products produced from β -caryophyllene ozonolysis. In the present study, some particle-phase products (first- or higher-generation products) form dimers in the mass spectra collected in the negative ion mode of ESI (e.g., for β -caryophyllonic acid (MW 252, $C_{15}H_{24}O_3$) $[2M-H]^-$ at m/z 503 ($C_{30}H_{27}O_6^-$) was detected). No dimer formation was observed for organosulfates despite relatively high signal intensity of these compounds. Although dimer formation could be potential artifacts of the ESI, the importance of dimer formation of β -caryophyllene gas-phase products to new particle formation can be noted and certainly warrants further investigation.

3.3 Influence of aerosol acidity on the β -caryophyllene SOA composition

In the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments, the aerosol acidity ranged from 112 to 1150 nmol H^+ m^{-3} and SOA concentrations ranged from 9.97 to 34.0 $\mu g C m^{-3}$. Higher SOA concentrations were measured in the presence of increased aerosol acidity. For comparison, field measurements of aerosol acidity as $[H^+]_{air}$ have been reported (e.g., Liu et al., 1996; Pathak et al., 2003, 2004; Surratt et al., 2007b). The $[H^+]_{air}$ generally ranged from about 20 to 130 nmol H^+ m^{-3} . Aerosol acidities have also been observed to exceed 300 nmol of H^+ m^{-3} during episodes of high photochemical activity in the eastern US. For example, Liu et al. (1996) observed an aerosol acidity of up to 400 nmol of H^+ m^{-3} in particles collected from Uniontown, PA. Since changes in the aerosol acidity in the present study had no significant direct effect on the gas-phase chemistry in these series of experiments (Offenberg et al., 2009), changes in the composition of β -caryophyllene SOA at different acidities is likely attributed to the particle-phase reactions. Figures 1–5 show the concentrations of compounds detected by ESI in both positive and negative ion modes in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments. Different

effects of acidity on the abundance of individual compounds have been observed. For gas-phase products (Figs. 1–3) and nitrogen-containing compounds (Fig. 4) detected, some compounds (e.g., β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde, β -dihydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde, β -oxonocaryophyllonic acid, and β -hydroxynocaryophyllonic acid) show an increase with increasing aerosol acidity, while other compounds (e.g., β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde, β -hydroxycaryophyllon aldehyde, β -caryophyllonic acid, and β -hydroxycaryophyllonic acid) exhibit a decrease at higher aerosol acidity. It is also seen that acidity has no significant effect on the concentration of some compounds (e.g., β -hydroxynocaryophyllonic acid and β -dihydroxynocaryophyllonic acid).

For particle-phase reaction products, many hydrated compounds are detected at low aerosol acidity, while a few hydrated compounds (e.g., hydrated β -caryophyllonic acid and hydrated β -nocaryophyllonic acid) are detected only at higher aerosol acidity. The concentrations of many, but not all, hydrated compounds are found to increase with increasing aerosol acidity. By contrast, hydrated β -nocaryophyllonic acid has a lower concentration at higher aerosol acidity. Different effects of aerosol acidity on the concentration of high molecular weight compounds (MW > 300 Da) are observed. Figure 5 shows that the concentration of organosulfates and nitrated organosulfates generally increases with increasing aerosol acidity, except m/z 349 and 363. The concentrations of some organosulfates increase substantially with the aerosol acidity. For example, the signal intensities for m/z 317 and 347 increase by a factor of ~ 8 at the highest aerosol acidity, as compared to the lowest aerosol acidity. Also, a larger array of organosulfates is detected under higher acidic conditions. The aerosol acidity and sulfate content determine not only the concentration of organosulfates but also the kinds of organosulfates formed. To our knowledge, this is the first detection of organosulfates and nitrated organosulfates derived from a sesquiterpene.

Although the mechanisms by which acidity affects the concentrations of individual compounds are not well understood, some observations can be made. It is found that not all particle-phase concentrations of gas-phase products increase with increasing aerosol acidity. Although gas/particle equilibrium shifts further toward the particle phase due to enhanced particle-phase reactions, the condensed gas-phase products can, as a result, react in the particle phase to form other products (e.g., hydrated compounds and sulfate esters) at an accelerated rate under acidic conditions. Because such reactions serve to convert the specific partitioning species to another compound, the enhanced gas/particle equilibrium does not necessarily lead to an increase in the particle-phase concentration of gas-phase products. Although an increase in gas/particle partitioning coefficients of gas-phase products may help to capture the acid-enhanced SOA formation in a model (Kroll and Seinfeld, 2005), increased acidity does not always lead to an increase in the particle-phase concentration of gas-phase products.

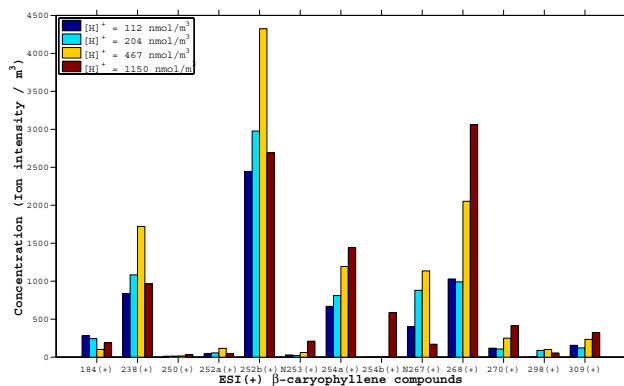


Fig. 1. Concentration of compounds detected by ESI in positive ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments. Chemical formulas and proposed chemical structures of these compounds are given in Table 2.

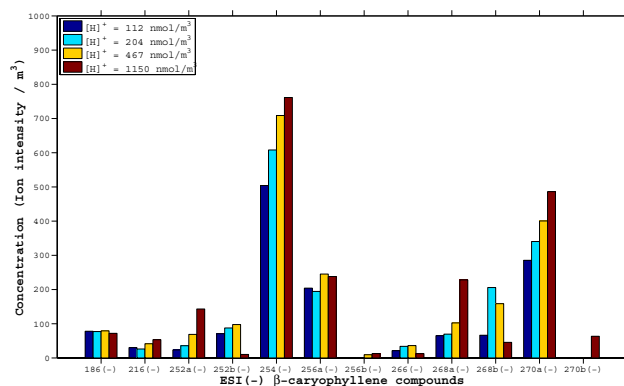


Fig. 2. Concentration of compounds detected by ESI in negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments. Chemical formulas and proposed chemical structures of these compounds are given in Table 3.

The concentrations of particle-phase reaction products formed via acid-catalyzed reactions are expected to increase with increasing aerosol acidity. However, a few hydrated gas-phase products and some higher molecular weight compounds have a lower concentration at higher aerosol acidity. It is possible that other chemical reactions (e.g., organosulfate formation processes) may become kinetically more favorable and competitive at higher aerosol acidity. Due to the complexity of chemical reactions that can potentially occur among the compounds in the particle phase, it may not be surprising to see that the acidity exhibits different effects on the concentration of particle-phase reaction products at different acidities and not all classes of particle-phase reaction products have a higher concentration at higher acidity.

Overall, increased acidity exhibits different effects on the abundance of individual compounds and does not always enhance the concentration of gas-phase and particle-phase

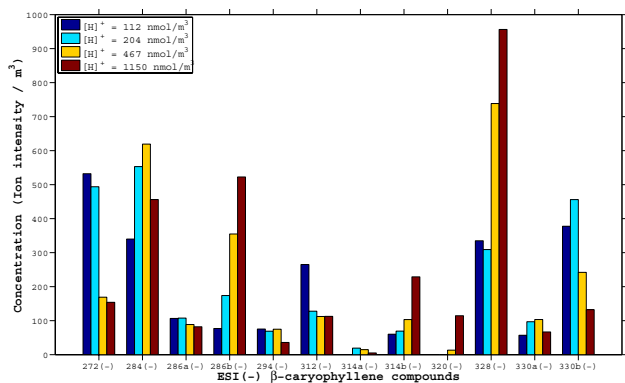


Fig. 3. Concentration of compounds detected by ESI in negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments. Chemical formulas and proposed chemical structures of these compounds are given in Table 3.

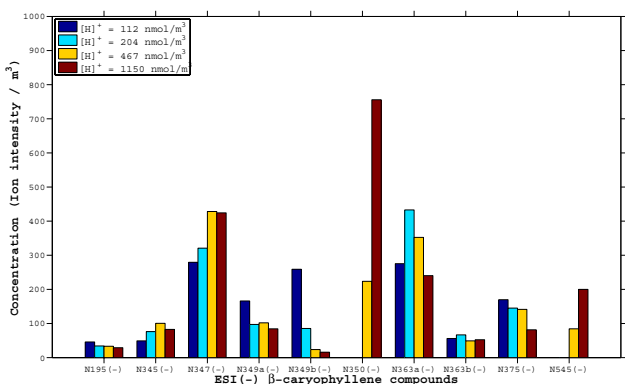


Fig. 4. Concentration of compounds detected by ESI in negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments (nitrogen-containing compounds). Chemical formulas and proposed chemical structures of these compounds are given in Table 4.

reaction products. Varying acidity also changes the product distribution. Although qualitative data are obtained for the concentrations, the relative increase in concentration of many gas-phase and particle-phase reaction products provides chemical evidence for the acid enhanced SOA formation from β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments.

4 Atmospheric implications

Chemical characterization of particle-phase products in the chamber samples can suggest possible chemical tracers for SOA formation from β -caryophyllene in ambient aerosol. Fine ambient aerosol collected in downtown Atlanta, GA (JST) and rural Yorkville, GA (YRK) during the AMIGAS campaign was analyzed for the presence of β -caryophyllene SOA constituents characterized from the laboratory stud-

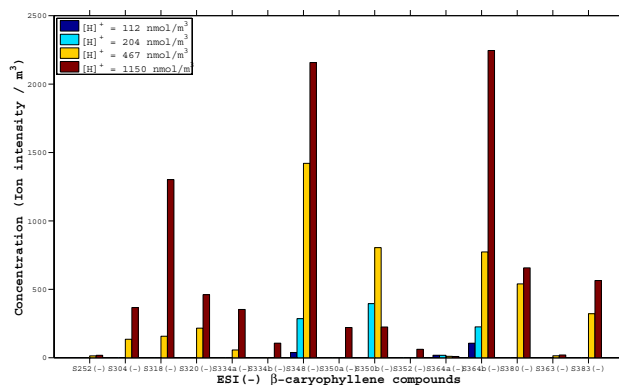


Fig. 5. Concentration of compounds detected by ESI in negative ion mode in the series of β -caryophyllene/ NO_x irradiation experiments (organosulfates and nitrated organosulfates). Chemical formulas and proposed chemical structures of these compounds are given in Table 5.

ies. As shown in Table S1, the retention time and accurate mass measurements match very well for four ions detected in both ambient and chamber samples by ESI in the positive ion mode. Three of these compounds have been tentatively identified in the present study and are β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde, β -hydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde, and β -dihydroxynocaryophyllon aldehyde. Each of these three compounds is a second-generation ozonolysis product previously identified in β -caryophyllene ozonolysis (Li et al., 2011). As shown in Schemes 2–4, these compounds can also be produced from the reaction of β -caryophyllene with a combination of O_3 and OH . The chemical structure of the compound ($\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{24}\text{O}_4$) is not known yet. Although the emission of β -caryophyllene drops sharply at night (Sakulyanontvittaya et al., 2008), all these compounds have been detected in most day and night samples at both sites. As shown in Table S1, based on the limited sample sizes, β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde showed a higher concentration in the nighttime samples at both JST and YRK sites. No strong diurnal variation in the concentrations was observed for the other compounds. Recently, Parshintsev et al. (2008) reported that β -nocaryophyllon aldehyde was present in ambient aerosol collected during spring 2003 at Hyytiälä, Finland. β -caryophyllon aldehyde was not detected in their ambient samples.

Gas/particle partitioning coefficients of the three aldehydes, K_p ($\text{m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$), are estimated at 297 K (Pankow, 1994). As a first approximation, the activity coefficients of the products in the particle phase are assumed to be unity and the molecular weight of the products is used as mean molecular weight in the absorbing phase. Vapor pressures are estimated at 297 K using the model developed by Pankow and Asher (2008). Saturation vapor pressure, c^* is inversely proportional to K_p ($c^* \sim 1/K_p$). The fraction F of a semivolatile compound in the particle phase can be expressed

in term of K_p as $F = MK_p/(1 + MK_p)$, where M is the amount of absorbing material ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Based on estimated gas/particle partitioning coefficients of β -nocyaryophyllon aldehyde ($K_p = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$; $c^* = 400 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), β -hydroxynocyaryophyllon aldehyde ($K_p = 0.37 \text{ m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$; $c^* = 2.7 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), and β -dihydroxynocyaryophyllon aldehyde ($K_p = 54 \text{ m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$; $c^* = 0.018 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), a significant fraction of β -hydroxynocyaryophyllon aldehyde ($F = 0.787$) and β -dihydroxynocyaryophyllon aldehyde ($F = 0.998$) is present in the particle phase under typical organic mass loading ($M \sim 10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). A small portion of β -nocyaryophyllon aldehyde ($F = 0.024$) can partition into the particle phase. The estimated saturated vapor pressures of these compounds in the present work are lower by a factor of about 2–40 than those estimated by Li et al. (2011) using a different vapor pressure estimation model.

Organosulfates detected in the laboratory-generated β -caryophyllene SOA were not observed in the ambient samples collected from the AMIGAS campaign. It is possible that the acidity of ambient aerosol is not strong enough for the formation of β -caryophyllene-derived organosulfates. As shown in Fig. 5, most organosulfates detected in the chamber samples require high aerosol acidity ($467\text{--}1150 \text{ nmol H}^+ \text{ m}^{-3}$). It is worth noting that isoprene-derived organosulfates (e.g., organosulfates of 2-methyltetrols) have been detected in these AMIGAS ambient samples (Chan et al., 2010), which were also detected in laboratory-generated isoprene SOA that employed a lower $[\text{H}^+]_{\text{air}}$ that lied between $275\text{--}517 \text{ nmol m}^{-3}$ (Surratt et al., 2007b). Although accurate mass measurements obtained in the negative ion mode show that similar molecular ions were detected in both the AMIGAS and chamber samples for some β -caryophyllene-derived acids, the chromatographic peaks of these ions in the AMIGAS samples elute at different retention times ($\Delta\text{RT} > 0.2 \text{ min}$) and may not correspond to those of the chamber samples, especially since our study lacked authentic standards and tandem MS data. The detection of β -caryophyllinic acid in ambient samples is also complicated by β -nocyaryophyllonic acid. β -caryophyllinic acid and β -nocyaryophyllonic acid have the same chemical formula ($\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_4$) and cannot be differentiated in the accurate mass measurements.

Overall, the presence of β -caryophyllene products in ambient aerosol has been confirmed based on the agreement of chromatographic retention times and accurate mass measurements between chamber and field samples. These results suggest that the presence of β -caryophyllene products in biogenic SOA can be used as an indication of its contribution to SOA. β -nocyaryophyllon aldehyde, β -hydroxynocyaryophyllon aldehyde, and β -dihydroxynocyaryophyllon aldehyde may be good candidates for β -caryophyllene SOA tracers.

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