



Observation of daytime N₂O₅ in the marine boundary layer during New England Air Quality Study–Intercontinental Transport and Chemical Transformation 2004

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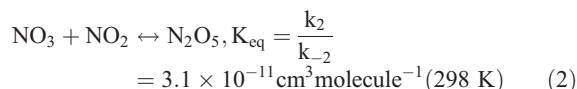
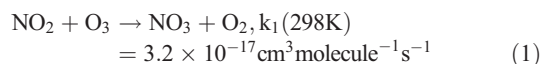
[1] The nitrate radical, NO₃, and dinitrogen pentoxide, N₂O₅, are key reactive nocturnal nitrogen oxides in the troposphere. The daytime impact of NO₃ and N₂O₅, however, is restricted by photochemical recycling of NO₃ to NO₂ and O₃. In this paper, we report daytime measurements of N₂O₅ on board the NOAA research vessel *Ronald H. Brown* in the Gulf of Maine during the New England Air Quality Study–Intercontinental Transport and Chemical Transformation (NEAQS-ITCT) campaign in the summer of 2004. Daytime N₂O₅ mixing ratios of up to 4 pptv were observed, consistent with predictions from a steady state analysis. Predicted and observed NO₃ mixing ratios were below the instrumental detection limit of ~1 pptv; the average calculated concentration was 0.09 pptv. Important impacts of daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ in the marine boundary layer included increased rates of VOC oxidation (in particular dimethyl sulfide) and enhanced NO_x to HNO₃ conversion, both of which scaled with the available NO_x. Smaller effects of daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ included chemical destruction of O₃ and a shift of the NO₂:NO ratio. Because the rates of heterogeneous conversion of N₂O₅ and NO₃ to HNO₃ scale with the surface area available for uptake, the importance of daytime fog is discussed.

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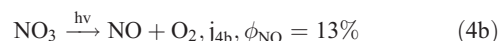
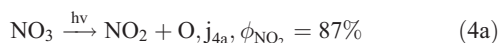
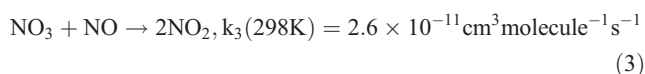
1. Introduction

[2] The nitrate radical, NO₃, and dinitrogen pentoxide, N₂O₅, have long been recognized as key reactive nighttime nitrogen oxides in the troposphere. For example, for certain VOCs the nitrate radical can be as important as a nocturnal oxidant as the hydroxyl radical, OH, is during the day [Wayne et al., 1991]. In addition, heterogeneous uptake of N₂O₅ on aerosols [Hu and Abbatt, 1997; Mozurkewich and Calvert, 1988] and reaction of NO₃ with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) such as dimethyl sulfide (DMS) [Butkovskaya and Lebras, 1994; Jensen et al., 1992; Wallington et al., 1986] and aldehydes [Atkinson, 1991; D’Anna et al., 2001] are efficient pathways for nighttime destruction of NO_x (= NO + NO₂), a key ingredient of photochemical ozone production

[Crutzen, 1979]. The nitrate radical is produced by reaction of NO₂ with ozone; further reaction with NO₂ establishes a thermal equilibrium with N₂O₅.



[3] Even though the rate of NO₃ production via reaction (1) is not significantly altered between day and night, daytime concentrations of NO₃ and N₂O₅ are small because of reaction of NO₃ with NO, a predominantly daytime species, as well as NO₃ photolysis [Johnston et al., 1996].



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Rate coefficients given above are from the NASA/JPL recommendation [Sander *et al.*, 2003].

[4] Under certain conditions, such as in urban air masses containing large quantities of O₃ and NO_x, small but nonnegligible concentrations of gas phase NO₃ and N₂O₅ can be sustained in the daytime. For example, Geyer and coworkers observed daytime NO₃ concentrations of up to 5 parts-per-trillion (pptv) by long-path differential optical absorption spectroscopy (DOAS) in polluted urban air near Houston, TX, 3 hours before sunset. Their analysis showed that reactions of NO₃ during the day can lead to loss of odd oxygen, or O_x (\approx O₃ + NO₂), and contribute to the oxidation of hydrocarbons such as monoterpenes [Geyer *et al.*, 2003].

[5] During the New England Air Quality Study–Intercontinental Transport and Chemical Transformation (NEAQS-ITCT) 2004, we measured NO₃ and N₂O₅ by cavity ring-down spectroscopy (CaRDS) from an aircraft platform (the NOAA WP-3) and observed several pptv of daytime N₂O₅ [Brown *et al.*, 2005]. In this paper, we present daytime *in situ* NO₃ and N₂O₅ measurements which were performed on board the NOAA research vessel *Ronald H. Brown* (R/V *Brown*) and compare the observed daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ concentrations to what is expected from steady state calculations. The chief differences between the aircraft and ship data sets were the nature and magnitude of the chemical sinks for NO₃ and N₂O₅, which tended to be larger at the surface because of the presence of DMS, sea salt aerosol, and marine fog, among other reasons. In this paper, we discuss the implications of daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ in the marine boundary layer, including (1) oxidation of VOCs such as DMS and α -pinene, (2) increased rate of NO_x \rightarrow HNO₃ conversion via heterogeneous hydrolysis on aerosol particles and fog droplets, (3) chlorine activation on sea salt aerosol, (4) accelerated loss of O₃, and (5) perturbation of the NO₂:NO ratio.

2. Campaign and Measurement Techniques

[6] An overview of the NEAQS-ITCT 2004 campaign is given by Fehsenfeld *et al.*, [2006]. R/V *Brown* sampled in the Gulf of Maine for six weeks and encountered a variety of conditions, including clean marine air, fog, and continental outflow containing NO_x, and anthropogenic and biogenic VOCs. To study the chemical evolution of such continental pollution plumes during transport within the marine boundary layer in the Gulf of Maine, R/V *Brown* carried instruments for the characterization of gas phase compounds and aerosols. Of particular interest to this work are a GC-MS for VOC measurements [Goldan *et al.*, 2004], a GC for speciated peroxy-carboxylic nitric anhydride (PAN) measurements [Roberts *et al.*, 1998], chemiluminescence detectors for NO, NO₂, O₃, and total reactive nitrogen oxides (NO_y) [Williams *et al.*, 1998], filter radiometers for photolysis rates of NO₃ and NO₂, $j(\text{NO}_3)$ and $j(\text{NO}_2)$ (H. Stark *et al.*, Atmospheric *in situ* measurement of nitrate radical (NO₃) and other photolysis rates using spectro- and filter radiometry, submitted to *Journal of Geophysical Research*, 2006, hereinafter referred to as Stark *et al.*, submitted manuscript, 2006), and a cavity ring-down spectrometer for NO₃, N₂O₅, and NO₂ detection.

The aerosol surface area was determined using particle number and size distributions measured from a differential mobility particle sizer (DMPS) and an aerodynamic particle sizer (APS) as described by Bates *et al.* [2005]. Inlets were located between 15 m and 18 m above sea level, forward of the exhaust stacks to prevent sampling the vessel's exhaust plume.

[7] Detection of NO₃ and N₂O₅ by CaRDS has been described in detail elsewhere [Dubé *et al.*, 2006], and only a brief description, along with details specific to the daytime measurements of NO₃ and N₂O₅ with this instrument, will be given here. In our CaRDS instruments, the nitrate radical is detected by absorption near its maximum at 662 nm ($\sigma_{\text{NO}_3} = 2.23 \times 10^{-17}$ cm² molecule⁻¹ [Yokelson *et al.*, 1994]), and the concentration of N₂O₅ is determined from the increase of the 662 nm absorption signal following thermal conversion of N₂O₅ to NO₃ in a heated channel. The sample flow is filtered to remove particles. The instrument is zeroed by addition of \sim 25 ppbv nitric oxide to the sample flow to chemically destroy NO₃ via reaction (3).

[8] The CaRDS NO₃ and N₂O₅ measurements have to be corrected for losses of NO₃ on the aerosol filter and walls of the PFA Teflon inlet, which often limit the accuracy of the measurements. On R/V *Brown*, inlet losses were minimized by replacing the sample line every 48 hours and the Teflon filter at least once per hour. The transmission efficiency of the inlet was \sim 65% for NO₃ and \sim 90% for N₂O₅ [Dubé *et al.*, 2006]. The 2 σ , 1 s, detection limit of the ring-down spectrometer employed on R/V *Brown* was \sim 2 pptv for both NO₃ and N₂O₅. Because the detection limit was determined by both the baseline precision and the uncertainty of a variable baseline offset (see below) it did not significantly improve upon signal averaging. Data presented in this manuscript were averaged to 5 min.

[9] During daytime, the instrument suffered from several potential measurement artifacts. A zero offset arose from the change in NO₂ concentration ($\sigma_{\text{NO}_2}(662 \text{ nm}) = 2.8 \times 10^{-21}$ cm² molecule⁻¹ [Voigt *et al.*, 2002]) between signal and zero because of oxidation of a small amount of the added NO by ambient O₃ and NO₃. This effect was equivalent to NO₃ and N₂O₅ mixing ratios of about 0.05 pptv and 0.2 pptv, respectively. Furthermore, reading a zero using NO during the day shifts the existing NO₃ concentration, already in steady state with ambient NO (see below), to smaller values but not necessarily completely to zero. Measurement of N₂O₅ by thermal conversion to NO₃ is also affected by ambient NO, since the NO₃ produced in the thermolysis will be lost to reaction with NO. This produces a variable correction of up to 35% which depends on the ambient NO concentration [Brown *et al.*, 2005]. Because we have not attempted to correct for these effects, daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ concentrations reported in this manuscript are lower limits.

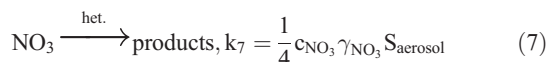
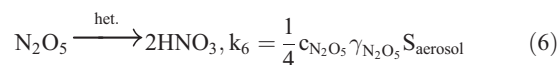
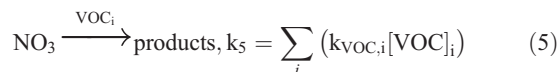
[10] Finally, data acquired during NEAQS-ITCT 2004 on both the WP-3 and R/V *Brown* suggest that there was a small and variable daytime interference in the 662 nm absorption signal in the heated channel (discussed further in section 4).

3. Predicted Daytime Concentrations of NO₃ and N₂O₅

[11] In the troposphere during the summer, the daytime mixing ratios of NO₃ and N₂O₅ can be calculated to

reasonable accuracy from steady state expressions [Brown *et al.*, 2005; Geyer *et al.*, 2003]. The effects described in this manuscript are relevant to warm conditions ($T_{\text{avg}} = 18 \pm 3$ C) under which the thermal equilibrium between N₂O₅ and NO₃ is established rapidly, and the ratio of N₂O₅ to NO₃ is modest. For example, this ratio was approximately 4:1 for the average level of 2.2 ppbv of daytime NO₂ and the average 18 C air temperature of this data set, which was buffered by the sea surface temperature.

[12] In addition to reactions (3) and (4), NO₃ and N₂O₅ are removed from the atmosphere by heterogeneous processes as well as reactions of NO₃ with VOCs.



$k_{\text{VOC},i}$ is the bimolecular rate coefficient for the reaction of the i th VOC with NO₃, S_{aerosol} is the aerosol surface density ($\mu\text{m}^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$), $\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$ (γ_{NO_3}) is the uptake coefficient of N₂O₅ (NO₃) on aerosol, and $c_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$ (c_{NO_3}) is the mean molecular speed of N₂O₅ (NO₃) calculated from gas kinetic theory (at 298 K, $c = 240, 320 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ for N₂O₅, NO₃, respectively). For simplicity and consistency with previous analyses [e.g., Aldener *et al.*, 2006], $\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$ was set to 0.03 independent of aerosol composition on the basis of laboratory parameterizations of N₂O₅ uptake on sulfate and ammonium sulfate aerosols over the relative humidity range encountered in this study (range 40–100%, median 92%). Surface deposition of NO₃ and N₂O₅ and heterogeneous uptake of NO₃ in the absence of fog were negligibly small. Heterogeneous uptake of NO₃, with an uptake coefficient $\gamma(\text{NO}_3) = 2 \times 10^{-4}$ [Rudich *et al.*, 1998], was important only in fog (see section 5.2.1), where NO₃ is believed to convert to NO₃⁻ by electron transfer reactions [Rudich *et al.*, 1998].

[13] During the daytime, NO₃ and N₂O₅ are in steady state with respect to their production from reaction (1) and (2), and loss via reactions (3)–(7) [Brown *et al.*, 2005]. In the absence of fog (see section 5.2.2), daytime concentrations of NO₃ and N₂O₅ were calculated from

$$[\text{NO}_3]_{\text{calc}} = \frac{k_1 [\text{NO}_2] [\text{O}_3]}{k_3 [\text{NO}] + j_4 + k_5 + k_6 K_{\text{eq}} [\text{NO}_2] + k_7} \quad (8)$$

and

$$[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_{\text{calc}} = K_{\text{eq}} [\text{NO}_2] [\text{NO}_3]_{\text{calc}} \quad (9)$$

More sophisticated calculations based on the Master Chemical Mechanism (MCM) model [Carlsaw *et al.*, 1999a; Jenkin *et al.*, 2003; Saunders *et al.*, 2003] confirmed the accuracy of the above analytical expressions derived

from the steady state calculations (R. Sommariva *et al.*, manuscript in preparation, 2006).

4. Measured Daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ in the Marine Boundary Layer

[14] The daytime mixing ratios of NO₃ in the entire R/V *Brown* data set were uniformly below the CaRDS detection limit, while daytime N₂O₅ signals were observed frequently. The largest observed daytime N₂O₅ mixing ratio not attributed to interferences was 4 pptv. These data were not corrected for potential systematic instrumental biases such as zeroing offsets (up to -0.20 pptv in the case of N₂O₅) and reactive loss of NO₃, generated from thermal conversion of N₂O₅, with ambient NO. The predicted average values from the steady state calculation were $[\text{NO}_3]_{\text{calc,avg}} = 0.09$ pptv and $[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]_{\text{calc,avg}} = 0.32$ pptv.

[15] Daytime N₂O₅ signals were usually observed when R/V *Brown* sampled continental outflow in close proximity to the coast, for example on 29 and 30 July (Figure 1). Shown in Figure 2 are time series of data collected on 30 July. The air mass encountered on 30 July contained fresh urban emissions, evident from the large and variable NO₂ signal. The toluene to benzene ratio, which can be used as a photochemical clock because toluene is oxidized more rapidly by OH than benzene [Roberts *et al.*, 1984], was 2.0 ± 0.3 to 1, which corresponds to a photochemical age of 11 ± 3 hours [de Gouw *et al.*, 2005]. The NO₃ photolysis rate at this time was variable (between 0.1 s^{-1} and 0.2 s^{-1}), consistent with the presence of scattered cloud cover. The large NO₂ mixing ratio (about 15 ppbv) in the early part of Figure 2 shifted equilibrium (2) to the right, favoring N₂O₅ formation. Observed and modeled N₂O₅ mixing ratios at this time were ~ 1 pptv. In the afternoon (after 1700 UTC, or 1300 local time (LT)), R/V *Brown* sailed north and then east and intercepted a NO_x-rich plume, originating from the greater Boston area. Up to 3 pptv of N₂O₅ were observed at this time, in agreement with predictions from steady state. In the late afternoon (after 2000 UTC), R/V *Brown* encountered a NO_x-depleted but O₃-rich air mass. The toluene to benzene ratio (0.4 ± 0.1) was consistent with a photochemical age of two days. This plume contained emissions from the greater New York area, which was corroborated by a Lagrangian particle dispersion model (FLEXPART [Stohl *et al.*, 2005]) of the air mass history and an analysis of the PPN/PAN ratio (J. M. Roberts *et al.*, private communication, 2006). The low NO₂ abundance shifted equilibrium (2) toward NO₃ and NO₂, such that the calculated N₂O₅ and NO₃ mixing ratios were ~ 0.25 pptv, below the instrumental detection limit.

[16] Midday 662 nm extinction signals in the heated (N₂O₅) channel in excess of the predicted steady state N₂O₅ mixing ratios were occasionally observed in both the WP-3 aircraft data set [Brown *et al.*, 2005] and intermittently in the ship based measurements. For example, on 29 July at 1700 UTC, the observed 662 nm absorption signal in the heated channel was significantly larger, by about a factor of two, than the predicted N₂O₅ steady state mixing ratio (Figure 3). The steady state expression is unlikely to significantly overestimate the NO₃ loss rate (i.e., the denominator of equation (8)) or underestimate the NO₃ production rate (i.e., the numerator of equation (8)) and thus underpredict the

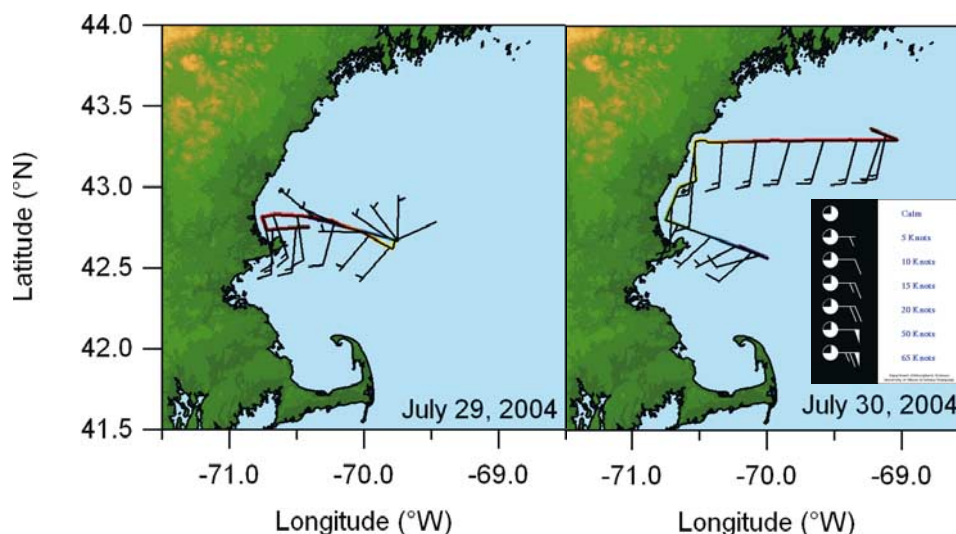


Figure 1. Ship location and wind direction on two sample days, during which N₂O₅ was observed in the daytime. On both days, R/V *Brown* sampled south-southwesterly air flow containing recent continental emissions north of Cape Anne along the Massachusetts and New Hampshire coasts in the northeastern United States.

observed concentrations. Therefore the excess signal in Figure 3 above the N₂O₅ steady state calculation was most likely a measurement artifact. On 29 July, the artifact correlated weakly with the mixing ratio of PAN (e.g., time series in Figure 3, in particular between 1600 and 1900 UTC); in other instances, however, there was no correlation between PAN and the difference between calculated and observed N₂O₅ signals (e.g., time series in Figure 2). Follow-up laboratory experiments, in which PAN, MPAN or HNO₃ from laboratory sources were added to the heated inlet, failed to produce a 662 nm absorption signal. At the present time, the origin of the apparent artifact observed in some of the daytime NEAQS-ITCT field data is unclear. One possible explanation is thermal dissociation of an unidentified gas phase species, possibly an organic nitrate or pernitrate, that is formed under conditions conducive to the formation of PAN (i.e., in sunlight), and that dissociates in the heated inlet to NO₃. We are currently investigating the source of the artifact.

5. Implications of Daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ in the Marine Boundary Layer

[17] The observation of daytime N₂O₅ in the marine boundary layer implies that NO₃ and N₂O₅ have long enough atmospheric lifetimes for gas phase and heterogeneous reactions (other than reactions (3) and (4)) to occur. Further, the N₂O₅ observations in the absence of the artifact have corroborated the calculated, steady state concentrations in the present and the aircraft data set [Brown *et al.*, 2005]. Because N₂O₅ was frequently unmeasurable, we have also used steady state mixing ratios of NO₃ and N₂O₅ calculated from equations (8) and (9) to illustrate several aspects of daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ in the polluted marine boundary layer. These include (1) enhanced daytime oxidation of VOCs (section 5.1), (2) heterogeneous uptake of

N₂O₅ and NO₃ (section 5.2), (3) chemical ozone destruction, and (4) perturbation of the NO₂:NO ratio (section 5.3).

5.1. Increased Daytime Oxidation of VOCs by NO₃

[18] In the marine boundary layer, daytime oxidants include the hydroxyl radical (OH), ozone, halogens, and halogen oxides such as BrO, ClO, and IO [Platt and Honninger, 2003]. Although oxidation by halogens and halogen oxides may be significant in some instances, their contribution is neglected for the purpose of this specific analysis. The mixing ratios of OH, hydroperoxy radical (HO₂) and organic peroxy radicals (RO₂) were calculated using the Master Chemical Mechanism (MCM) [Carslaw *et al.*, 1999a, 1999b; Jenkin *et al.*, 2003; Saunders *et al.*, 2003]. Details of the calculation will be published elsewhere (R. Sommariva *et al.*, manuscript in preparation, 2006). The average calculated OH and NO₃ mixing ratios between 0900 and 1500 LT (solar zenith angle < 45°) were 4.8 × 10⁶ molecules cm⁻³ (0.19 pptv, 0.25 pptv at noon) and 1.9 × 10⁶ molecules cm⁻³ (0.08 pptv). Thus the calculated midday mixing ratios of OH and NO₃ were approximately the same order of magnitude. Typical midday OH mixing ratios varied from 5 × 10⁶ to 2 × 10⁷ molecules cm⁻³, whereas calculated NO₃ mixing ratios ranged from 2 × 10⁵ to 8 × 10⁶ molecules cm⁻³.

[19] Shown in Table 1 are rate coefficients for reactions of selected VOCs with OH, NO₃ and O₃. Shown in Table 2 are campaign averaged sets of mixing ratios of NO₃, OH, O₃, and NO_x as functions of NO₃ photolysis rates. From these, fractional VOC loss rates due to NO₃ oxidation, f_{NO₃}(i), i.e., the relative amount of oxidation attributable to NO₃ for a particular VOC, were calculated.

$$f_{\text{NO}_3}(i) = \frac{k_{\text{NO}_3}(i)[\text{NO}_3]}{k_{\text{NO}_3}(i)[\text{NO}_3] + k_{\text{OH}}(i)[\text{OH}] + k_{\text{O}_3}(i)[\text{O}_3]} \quad (10)$$

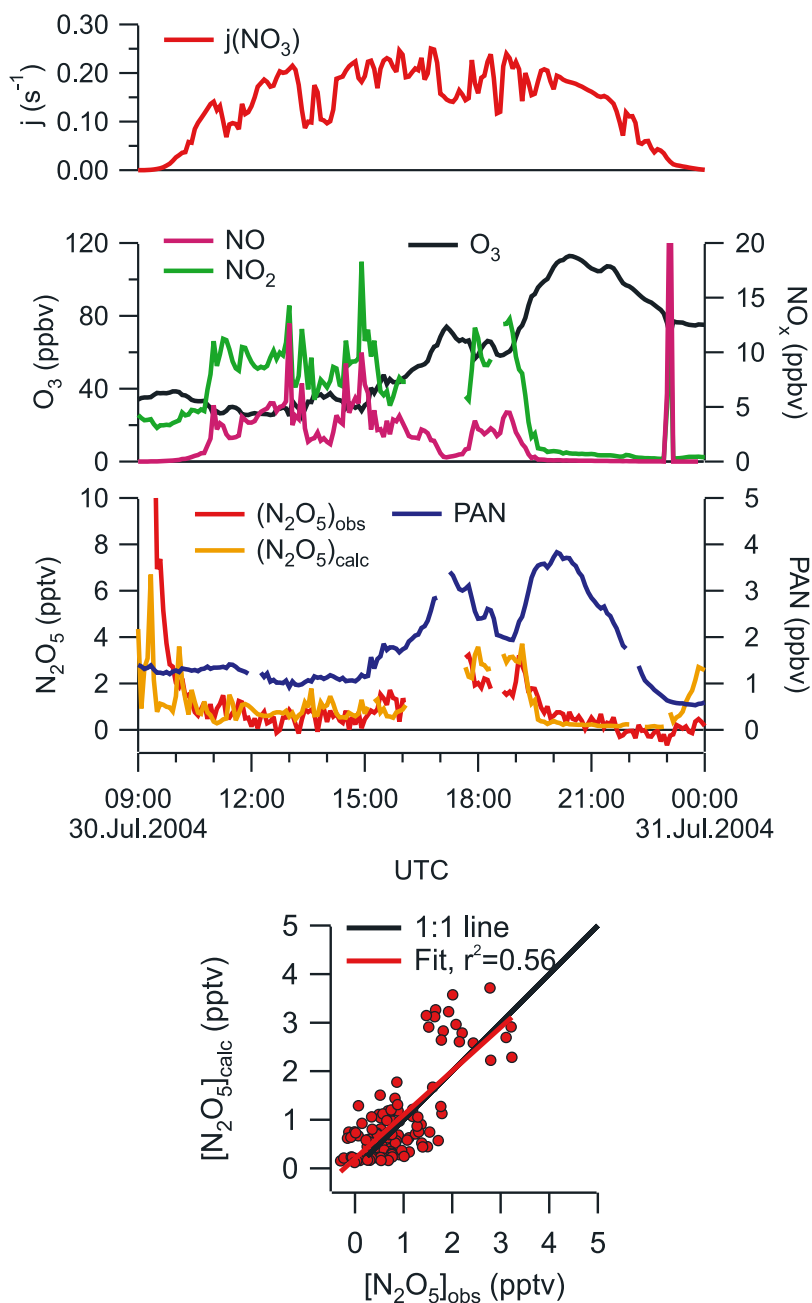


Figure 2. Example of a daytime N_2O_5 measurement. Data were averaged to 5 min. On 30 July, sunrise and sunset occurred at 0930 and 2400 UTC, respectively. There was broken cloud cover, which is evident in the $j(NO_3)$ time series (first panel). In the presence of 20 ppbv total NO_x and 40 ppbv O_3 (second panel), an N_2O_5 signal up to 3 pptv was observed (third panel). The concentration of NO_3 was below the instrumental detection limit. Observed N_2O_5 mixing ratios were not well correlated with PAN and were consistent with predicted values from a steady state calculation (fourth panel).

The data in Table 2 show that the amount of VOC oxidation attributable to NO_3 was, in general, small under clear sky conditions, but were larger for some VOCs (e.g., DMS).

[20] The campaign averages did not capture the NO_x scaling of daytime NO_3 -driven VOC oxidation, which lead to significantly larger effects within NO_x -rich plumes. 30 July 2004, provides such an example, with NO_2 mixing ratios up to 15 ppbv. Although NO_3 was not measurable, its calculated concentration was in the range of 0.1 to 0.3 pptv (Figure 4, first panel), larger than the calculated OH con-

centrations (Figure 4, second panel). The presence of daytime NO_3 was corroborated by the observation of up to 3 pptv of daytime N_2O_5 , in agreement with steady state (Figure 2). Concentrations of selected VOCs are plotted in the third panel of Figure 4. Dimethyl sulfide was observed in concentrations between 50 pptv close to the coast and 300 pptv further east (Figure 1). Between 1300 and 1400 UTC (0900–1000 LT), R/V *Brown* crossed a continental plume near the coast containing small amounts of isoprene and α -pinene. Shown in the fourth panel of Figure 4 are

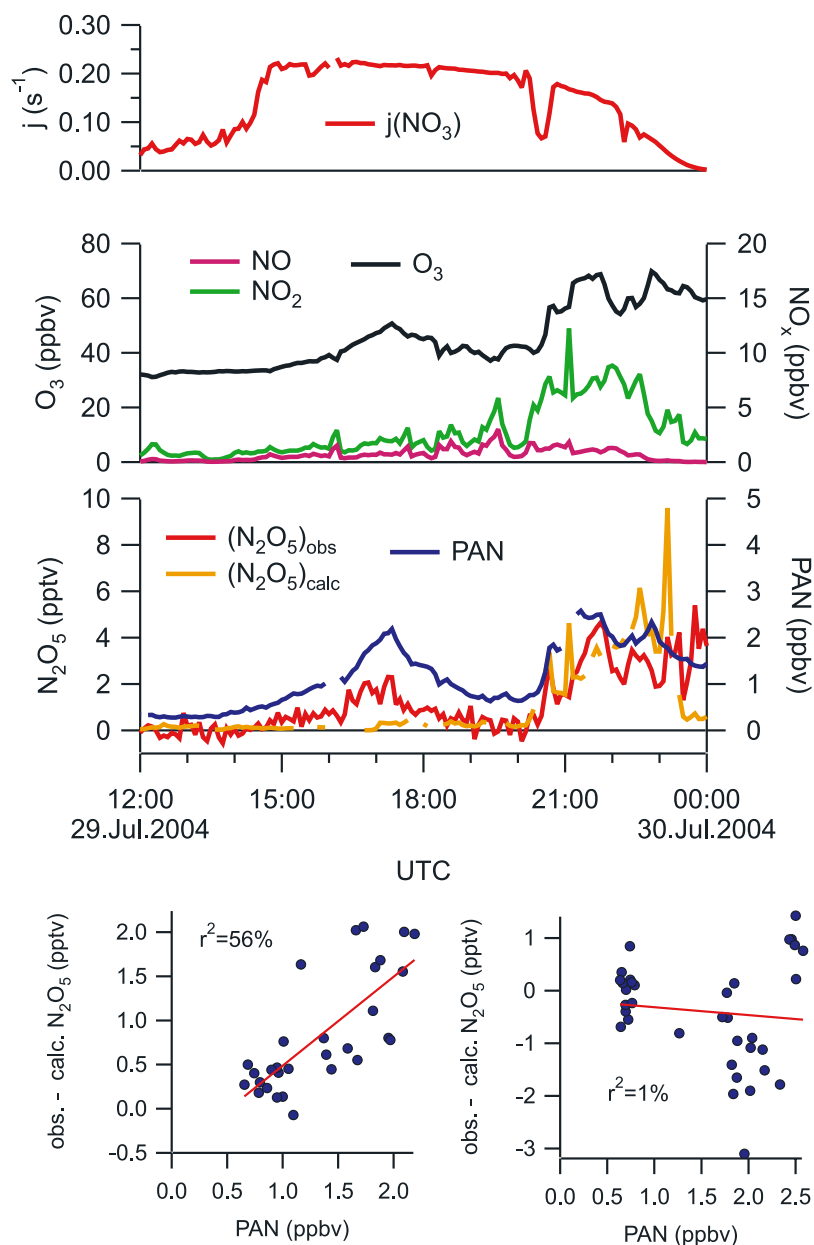


Figure 3. Example of a daytime measurement artifact. On 29 July around 1700 UTC, there was a 662 nm absorption signal in the heated channel that correlated with PAN that was not reproduced by steady state calculations. However, at 2100 UTC, with similar PAN mixing ratio, the observed N_2O_5 signals were reproduced by steady state calculations. Shown at the bottom are plots of the difference between the observed and calculated mixing ratio of N_2O_5 against PAN.

calculated fractional VOC loss rates due to NO_3 oxidation, $f_{\text{NO}_3}(i)$ (equation (10)). In this example, about 15% of α -pinene observed in the continental plume before noon were oxidized by NO_3 . In the afternoon (after 1800 UTC), the air mass no longer contained measurable α -pinene, likely because most of the α -pinene had been oxidized prior to the arrival of the continental air mass at the ship. Importantly, predicted daytime NO_3 oxidation of DMS within the high- NO_x air mass was comparable to that of OH throughout the day, with a peak value of 40% for $f_{\text{NO}_3}(\text{DMS})$.

[21] Figure 5 shows the scaling of $f_{\text{NO}_3}(\text{DMS})$ with NO_2 over a range from 0 to 5 ppbv, smaller than in the example of Figure 4 but encompassing the majority of the data from

the campaign. Under midday, clear sky conditions, 5–15% of DMS oxidation was attributable to NO_3 . Under lower-light conditions, however, NO_3 driven DMS-oxidation became comparable to or larger than OH oxidation for NO_2 levels greater than 2 ppbv at the ozone levels encountered during this campaign.

[22] There were three distinct classes of VOC whose oxidation rates were affected to some extent by the presence of daytime NO_3 . These included DMS, terrestrially emitted biogenic VOC and their oxidation products, and certain highly reactive anthropogenic VOC. Daytime NO_3 oxidation of each class of VOC has a slightly different impact. For example, since the oxidation of DMS by NO_3 proceeds

Table 1. Reaction Rate Coefficients [Atkinson, 1990; Atkinson and Arey, 2003; Atkinson et al., 1999; Sander et al., 2003; Wayne et al., 1991] for Reactions of Selected VOCs With OH, NO₃ and O₃^a

Molecule	k _{OH}	k _{NO₃}	k _{O₃}	k _{OH} /k _{NO₃}
Ethane	2.5 × 10 ⁻¹³	1.4 × 10 ⁻¹⁸	< 10 ⁻²³	1.8 × 10 ⁵
Ethylene	8.75 × 10 ⁻¹²	2.1 × 10 ⁻¹⁶	1.6 × 10 ⁻¹⁸	4.2 × 10 ⁴
Acetylene	4.6 × 10 ⁻¹³	4.9 × 10 ⁻¹⁷	1.0 × 10 ⁻²⁰	9.4 × 10 ³
Methanol	9.3 × 10 ⁻¹³	1.3 × 10 ⁻¹⁶	–	7.2 × 10 ³
CH ₃ SCH ₃ (DMS)	5.0 × 10 ⁻¹²	1.0 × 10 ⁻¹²	< 10 ⁻¹⁸	5
α-pinene	5.4 × 10 ⁻¹¹	6.2 × 10 ⁻¹²	8.4 × 10 ⁻¹⁷	9
Acetaldehyde	1.6 × 10 ⁻¹¹	2.8 × 10 ⁻¹⁵	6 × 10 ⁻²¹	6.0 × 10 ³
Isoprene	>1.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	6.8 × 10 ⁻¹³	1.3 × 10 ⁻¹⁷	140
Methyl vinyl ketone	2.2 × 10 ⁻¹¹	4.7 × 10 ⁻¹⁶	5.4 × 10 ⁻¹⁸	4.7 × 10 ⁴
Methacrolein	2.8 × 10 ⁻¹¹	3.7 × 10 ⁻¹⁵	1.2 × 10 ⁻¹⁸	7.6 × 10 ³
3-methyl furan	9.4 × 10 ⁻¹¹	1.3 × 10 ⁻¹¹	2.0 × 10 ⁻¹⁷	7
Benzene	1.25 × 10 ⁻¹²	3 × 10 ⁻¹⁷	2 × 10 ⁻²²	4.2 × 10 ⁴
Toluene	5.7 × 10 ⁻¹²	6.8 × 10 ⁻¹⁸	4.5 × 10 ⁻²²	8.4 × 10 ⁵
Styrene	1.1 × 10 ⁻¹⁰	4.7 × 10 ⁻¹²	1.7 × 10 ⁻¹⁷	20
o-cresol	3.3 × 10 ⁻¹¹	1.2 × 10 ⁻¹¹	1.9 × 10 ⁻¹⁹	3
m-cresol	6.8 × 10 ⁻¹¹	9.7 × 10 ⁻¹²	1.9 × 10 ⁻¹⁹	7
Phenol	2.8 × 10 ⁻¹¹	5.9 × 10 ⁻¹²	–	5

^aUnit is cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹. VOCs were selected either on the basis of their abundance in the New England marine boundary layer (e.g., small hydrocarbons and oxygenates), or their reactivity with NO₃ (e.g., styrene and the phenols). Since NO₃ is known to be an important oxidant for biogenic VOC and DMS, selected biogenic VOC and some of their photochemical oxidation products have also been included. All rate coefficients are at 298 K.

exclusively by hydrogen abstraction [Jensen et al., 1992] and the oxidation by OH can proceed by either addition (25%) or hydrogen abstraction (75%) at 298 K [Barone et al., 1996; Turnipseed et al., 1996], daytime oxidation of DMS by NO₃ may affect the yield of sulfate aerosol and thus the climate forcing due to marine sulfur emissions [e.g., Lucas and Prinn, 2005; Stark et al., submitted manuscript, 2006]. Highly reactive biogenic compounds, particularly α-pinene, were also oxidized to some extent by daytime NO₃ but were only observed in close proximity to their emission sources on the continent. An important consequence of NO₃-driven oxidation of continental biogenic VOCs are product yields (e.g., organic nitrates) that differ from OH or O₃ oxidation. This in turn may affect the O₃ forming potential of these VOCs [Derwent et al., 2001] and/or the secondary organic aerosol (SOA) yields attributable to their oxidation [Bonn and Moortgat, 2002; Chen and Griffin, 2005; Moldanova and Ljungstrom, 2000]. Finally, although daytime NO₃-initiated oxidation was negligible for most anthropogenic VOCs, the calculated daytime oxidation rates of highly reactive anthropogenic VOCs (e.g., styrene, phenols) were enhanced by the presence of NO₃. Phenol is formed in high yield from OH oxidation of

benzene [Berndt and Böge, 2006], and the subsequent oxidation of phenol by NO₃ could be a source of nitrated aromatics [Harrison et al., 2005].

5.2. Heterogeneous NO₃ and N₂O₅ Chemistry in the Daytime

[23] Hydrolysis of N₂O₅ on aerosol (reaction (6)) is known as a major nighttime NO_x loss pathway, producing nitric acid and/or aerosol nitrate [Brown et al., 2004], and heterogeneous uptake of NO₃ (reaction (7)) can initiate radical chemistry within particles [Feingold et al., 2002; Rudich et al., 1998]. Furthermore, production of nitryl chloride (ClNO₂) from heterogeneous N₂O₅ uptake on sea salt aerosol (γ_{N₂O₅} = 3 × 10⁻²² [Hoffman et al., 2003]) followed by photolysis has been shown in laboratory studies to be a potential source of active halogens in the marine boundary layer [e.g., Thornton and Abbatt, 2005, and references therein]. It is therefore of interest to quantify heterogeneous reactions of NO₃ and N₂O₅ during the day.

5.2.1. Halogen Activation on Sea Salt

[24] The ClNO₂ production rate from heterogeneous N₂O₅ uptake can be estimated from the calculated steady state N₂O₅ concentration and the sea salt surface area,

Table 2. Representative Mixing Ratios of Oxidants and Calculated Fractions of VOCs Oxidized by NO₃ as a Function of NO₃ Photolysis Rate^a

Molecule	j(NO ₃) > 0.18 s ⁻¹ , e.g., 1000–1400 LT, No Cloud	0.08 s ⁻¹ < j(NO ₃) < 0.12 s ⁻¹ , e.g., 0800, 1600, or Noon LT, Scattered Clouds	0.04 s ⁻¹ < j(NO ₃) < 0.06 s ⁻¹ , e.g., 0600, 1800, or Noon LT, Dark Clouds
NO _x , ppbv	3.8	4.7	3.0
NO ₃ , pptv	0.06	0.14	0.24
OH, pptv	0.10	0.09	0.04
O ₃ , ppbv	46	39	39
f _{NO₃} (DMS)	11%	24%	53%
f _{NO₃} (α-pinene)	3.8%	9.7%	21%
f _{NO₃} (isoprene)	0.4%	1.0%	3.3%
f _{NO₃} (3-methyl furan)	7.1%	17%	39%
f _{NO₃} (styrene)	2.4%	6.1%	17%
f _{NO₃} (o-cresol)	9.7%	22%	50%
f _{NO₃} (phenol)	11%	25%	54%

^aThe value of j(NO₃) > 0.18 s⁻¹ corresponds to clear sky, overhead sun, the value of (0.10 ± 0.02) s⁻¹ to morning, afternoon, or partly cloudy conditions, and the value of (0.05 ± 0.01) s⁻¹ to the period 1 hour after sunrise or 1 hour before sunset, or to cloudy conditions.

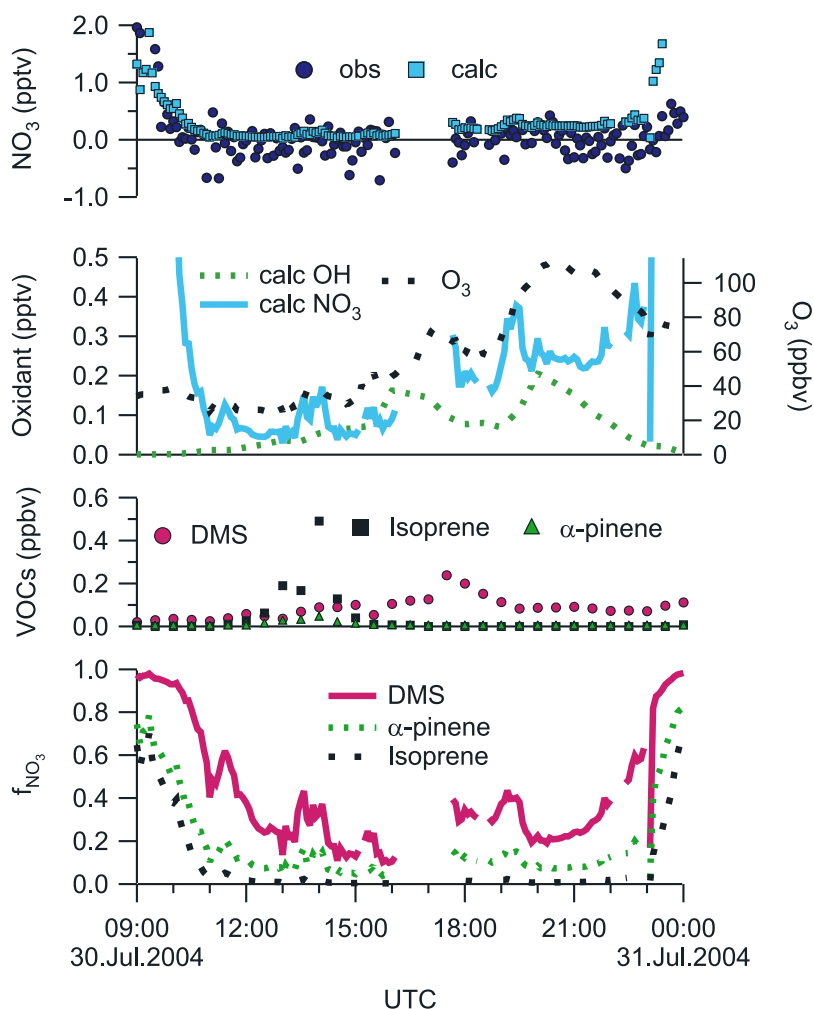


Figure 4. Calculated oxidation of volatile organic compounds in the marine boundary layer on 30 July 2004. The first panel shows comparison of calculated (equation (8)) with observed NO₃, which was within the uncertainty of baseline offsets (see text). The steady state calculation predicted 0.1–0.3 pptv of NO₃, consistent with the observed mixing ratio of N₂O₅ (Figure 3). The second panel shows time series of calculated OH, calculated NO₃, and measured O₃. Ambient OH levels were calculated using the Master Chemical Mechanism. The third panel shows observed mixing ratios of DMS, isoprene, and α -pinene. The fourth panel shows fraction of selected VOCs oxidized by NO₃ (equation (10)). At 1800 UTC (1400 LT) about 40% of DMS and about 15% of α -pinene were calculated to have been processed by NO₃. Oxidation of isoprene by NO₃ at daytime was calculated to be negligible.

derived from the number concentration of supermicron particles (measured with an aerodynamic particle sizer (APS) at 65% RH and corrected using growth factors given by Tang *et al.* [1997]), which were predominantly sea salt [Bates *et al.*, 2005]. The supermicron surface area density varied between 0.5 to 450 $\mu\text{m}^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$ (average 33 $\mu\text{m}^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$, median 22 $\mu\text{m}^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$). A branching ratio, χ , for ClNO₂ production from N₂O₅ heterogeneous uptake may be defined such that the rate of ClNO₂ production is approximately $\chi k_6 [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\text{ClNO}_2] = \chi k_6 [\text{N}_2\text{O}_5], \left(\chi = \frac{\text{Area}(> 1\mu)}{\text{Total Area}} \right) \quad (11)$$

[25] The parameter χ was corrected for gas-phase diffusion [Lovejoy and Hanson, 1995] (average correction = 12%). On

average, approximately 9% of the heterogeneous N₂O₅ uptake was predicted to have resulted in ClNO₂ generation. The average calculated ClNO₂, and thus chlorine, production rate from daytime N₂O₅ hydrolysis on sea salt was $\sim 9 \times 10^2 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (1 pptv in 8 hours). Daytime uptake of N₂O₅ on sea salt aerosol could thus have been a continuous but small (compared to other sources such as the reaction of HCl with OH) source of chlorine.

5.2.2. Enhancement of Heterogeneous Uptake in Fog

[26] In the Gulf of Maine in the summer of 2004 the relative humidity of air was frequently near 100%, and fog was often encountered. In fog, concentrations of NO₃ and N₂O₅ (day or night) were below the instrumental detection limit, consistent with rapid heterogeneous uptake (e.g., $k_6 > 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$). Fog droplets have a very large surface area

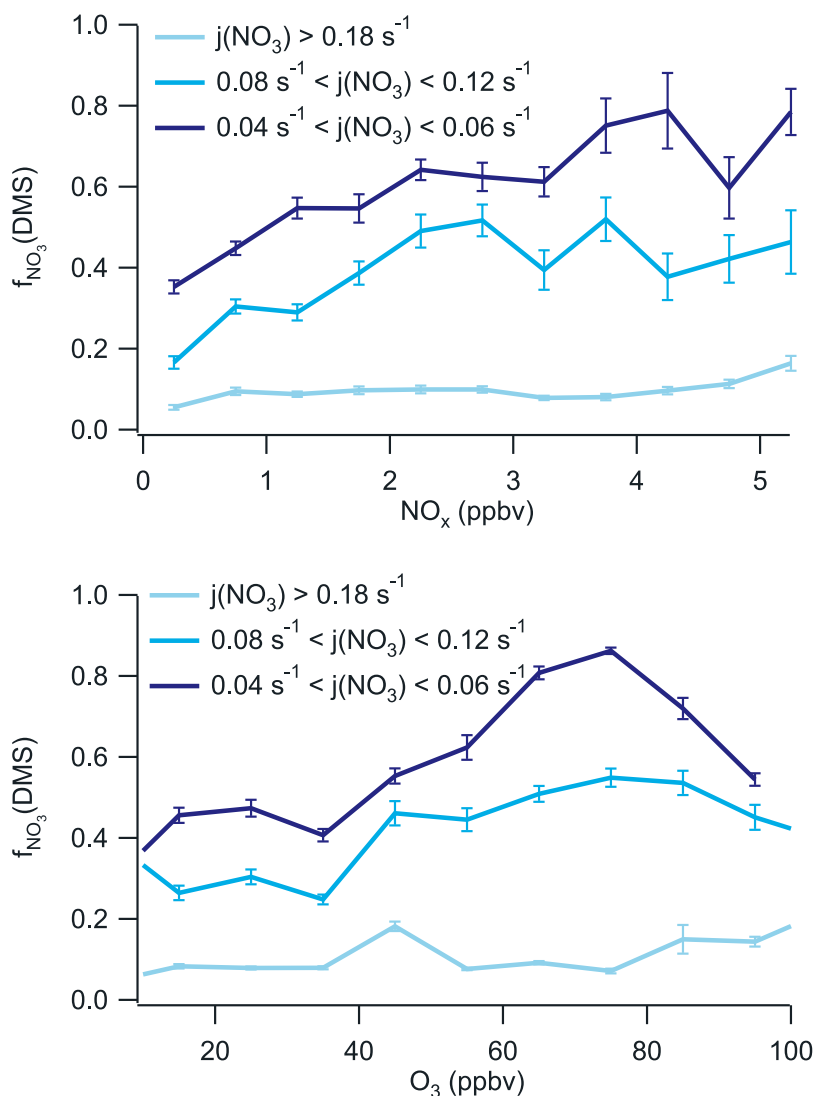


Figure 5. (top) Fraction of DMS oxidized by NO₃, relative to OH, binned by NO_x mixing ratio and averaged over the NEAQS-ITCT 2004 campaign. At NO₃ photolysis rates $> 0.18 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (i.e., midday, 1000–1400 LT), $f_{\text{NO}_3}(\text{DMS})$ is only weakly dependent on NO_x concentration, partly because NO_x-catalyzed production of O₃ and thus OH as well as higher ratios of photochemically produced NO relative to NO₂ compensate for higher rates of NO₃ production via reaction (1). At reduced photolysis rates, $f_{\text{NO}_3}(\text{DMS})$ scales more strongly with NO_x, because rates of photochemical OH production are reduced and the NO:NO₂ ratio is more favorable for NO₃ formation (i.e., NO:NO₂ ratio is smaller). (bottom) Fraction of DMS oxidized by NO₃, relative to OH, binned by O₃ mixing ratio and averaged over the NEAQS-ITCT 2004 campaign.

density and can therefore enhance heterogeneous reaction rates analogous to heterogeneous processing in clouds [Lelieveld and Crutzen, 1990]. Diffusion corrected loss rate coefficients of N₂O₅ and NO₃ on fog particles were calculated using a rough estimate of the fog droplet surface area density calculated from data of the aerosol extinction cavity ring-down spectrometer (T. Baynard et al., Design and application of a pulsed cavity ring-down aerosol extinction spectrometer for field measurements, submitted to *Aerosol Science and Technology*, 2006) and assuming uptake coefficients of N₂O₅ and NO₃ equal to those on pure water droplets ($\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5} = 0.04$, $\gamma_{\text{NO}_3} = 2 \times 10^{-4}$) [Rudich et al., 1996; Vandoren et al., 1990]. Typical values of first-order loss rate coefficients of N₂O₅ and NO₃ on fog droplets were

$k_6 \approx k_{\text{fog}}(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5) = 0.27 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $k_7 \approx k_{\text{fog}}(\text{NO}_3) = 5.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Thus the calculated rate of N₂O₅ uptake on fog particles is larger than the rate of N₂O₅ thermal decomposition ($k_{-2}(298\text{K}) = 0.038 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_{-2}(288\text{K}) = 0.011 \text{ s}^{-1}$) [Sander et al., 2003]. In fog, NO₃ and N₂O₅ were therefore likely not in equilibrium but in steady state. The ratio of N₂O₅:NO₃ is then

$$\frac{[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]}{[\text{NO}_3]} \approx \frac{k_2[\text{NO}_2]}{k_{-2} + k_6}. \quad (12)$$

[27] The calculated rate of heterogeneous uptake of NO₃ in fog ($5.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$) was competitive with photolysis and reaction with NO. Any NO₃ taken up in the liquid phase

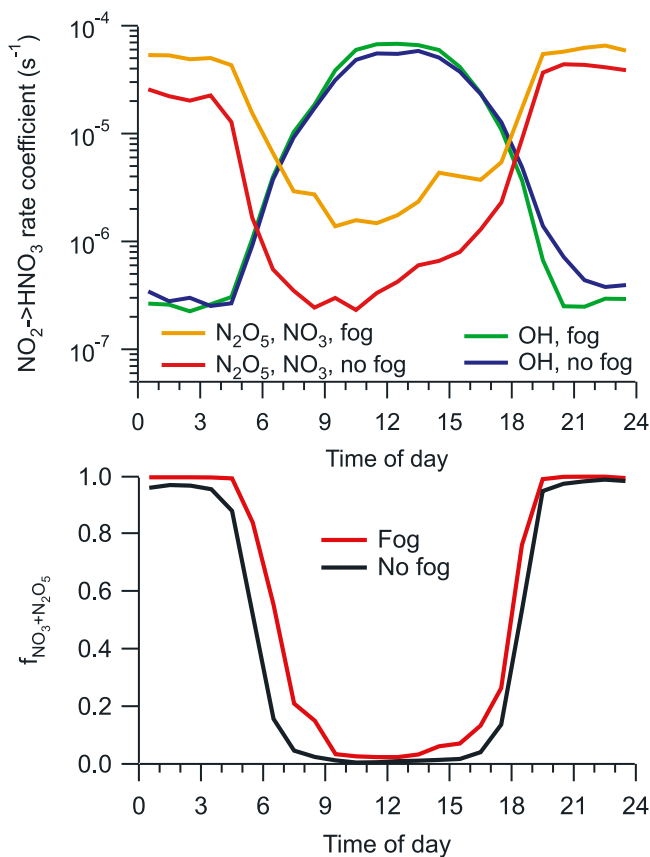
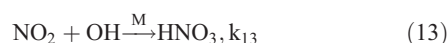


Figure 6. (top) Campaign-averaged calculated NO₂→HNO₃ conversion rate coefficients during NEAQS-ITCT 2004, plotted in fog and nonfog conditions. The daytime loss via OH+NO₂ (reaction (13)) was not significantly affected by fog, since photolysis rates were not attenuated. In contrast, daytime N₂O₅ hydrolysis was accelerated in fog. (bottom) Fraction of NO₂→HNO₃ conversion due to NO₃ and N₂O₅ chemistry.

likely converted to nitrate anion, for example by electron transfer reactions to Cl⁻, Br⁻, or SO₃²⁻, which has been predicted to contribute to catalytic sulfur oxidation in the particle phase and release of halogens such as Br₂, BrCl, and Cl₂ into the gas phase [Feingold *et al.*, 2002; Rudich *et al.*, 1998]. The combined loss rate of NO₃ in fog (~0.02 s⁻¹ in this example) was calculated to be within 10% of the maximum NO₃ photolysis rate ($j(\text{NO}_3)_{\text{max}} \approx 0.2 \text{ s}^{-1}$) and thus should have been nonnegligible during daytime.

5.2.3. Daytime NO_x to HNO₃ and Aerosol Nitrate Conversion

[28] The main photochemical source of HNO₃ is the reaction of NO₂ with OH.



The conversion rate of NO₂ to HNO₃ (including aerosol nitrate) in the marine boundary layer is approximately

$$\frac{d[\text{HNO}_3]}{dt} \approx k_{13}[\text{NO}_2][\text{OH}] + (\phi_5 k_5 + k_7)[\text{NO}_3] + (2 - \chi)k_6[\text{N}_2\text{O}_5]. \quad (14)$$

[29] The parameter ϕ_5 accounts for the fractional yield of HNO₃ from VOC oxidation by NO₃ (e.g., 1 for DMS [Jensen *et al.*, 1992] and 0 for α -pinene [Wangberg *et al.*, 1997]), and $(2 - \chi)$ accounts for ClNO₂ production, which upon photolysis recycles NO₂. Potential loss of NO_x via alkyl nitrate, PAN, or pernitric acid (HNO₄) production [e.g., Stroud *et al.*, 2003] has been neglected in this analysis. DMS and aldehydes were the only VOCs sufficiently abundant to yield significant amounts of HNO₃. Heterogeneous uptake of NO₃ (reaction (7)) was significant in fog only (section 5.2.2). To determine the amount of HNO₃ produced by daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ reactions, it is convenient to define a parameter ϕ_{HNO_3} so that the amount of HNO₃ and aerosol nitrate produced by NO₃ and N₂O₅ reactions can be calculated by multiplying ϕ_{HNO_3} with the NO₃ production rate:

$$\phi_{\text{HNO}_3} = \frac{(2 - \chi)k_6 \left(\frac{k_2[\text{NO}_2]}{k_{-2} + k_6} \right) + \phi_5 k_5 + k_7}{k_3[\text{NO}] + j_4 + k_5 + k_6 \left(\frac{k_2[\text{NO}_2]}{k_{-2} + k_6} \right) + k_7} \quad (15)$$

$$\frac{d[\text{HNO}_3]}{dt} \approx (k_{13}[\text{OH}]_{\text{calc}} + \phi_{\text{HNO}_3} k_1[\text{O}_3])[\text{NO}_2] \quad (16)$$

[30] In the absence of fog, the average noontime value of the parameter ϕ_{HNO_3} was 0.02; that is, 98% of the NO₃ produced via reaction (1) was destroyed via reactions that do not produce HNO₃ (e.g., reactions (3) or (4)). In fog at noon, the average value of ϕ_{HNO_3} was 0.11. In this case, the numerator of equation (15) was dominated by heterogeneous uptake of N₂O₅ and NO₃.

[31] Shown in Figure 6 are campaign averaged first-order rate coefficients for conversion of NO₂ to HNO₃ plotted as a function of time of day in fog and nonfog conditions. The photolytic production of OH and thus the reaction rate of NO₂ with OH (reaction (13)) were not affected by fog because the fog layers encountered during this campaign were shallow and tended to diffuse, but not attenuate, the sunlight. The average daytime HNO₃ and aerosol nitrate production rate coefficient from NO₃ and N₂O₅ was approximately 30× larger in the presence of fog. As a result, the nocturnal dominance of heterogeneous NO₃ and N₂O₅ uptake as HNO₃ production route extended 1 hour into the morning and late afternoon (Figure 6, bottom).

[32] As noted above, the calculated nitric acid production from daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅, averaged from 0900 to 1500 LT, was only about 2% relative to OH + NO₂, but averaged 5% in the presence of fog. The relatively small contribution of NO₃ and N₂O₅ to daytime nitric acid production in fog was due to the consistently small NO₂ concentrations (median ~520 pptv, > 90% of the data points < 1 ppbv), which in turn were likely a consequence of the geographic distribution of fog toward the northeast end of the study area, well away from coastal NO_x emission sources. Small NO₂ concentrations shift the equilibrium between NO₃ and N₂O₅ toward NO₃, which has a much smaller uptake coefficient than N₂O₅.

[33] Shown in Figure 7 (middle) is a histogram of calculated nitric acid yield from daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅

in fog as a function of NO₂ mixing ratio. The rates of heterogeneous NO₃ and N₂O₅ uptake in fog scale with NO₂ concentration (Figure 7, middle). Furthermore, the fraction of nitric acid produced from daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ relative to OH increases significantly with NO₂ concentration (Figure 7, bottom). Thus, in polluted fog (i.e., > 5 ppbv NO₂) heterogeneous NO₃ and N₂O₅ uptake is calculated to be competitive with OH + NO₂ as a daytime NO_x loss process. Although these daytime heterogeneous reactions had little effect on average in this data set, they could be a considerable daytime NO_x (and O₃) destruction

mechanism under highly polluted, NO_x-rich conditions where heterogeneous processes are rapid (e.g., in haze or fog).

5.3. Daytime O_x Destruction and Leighton Ratio Perturbation

[34] Reactions of NO₃ and N₂O₅ enhance the loss rate of odd oxygen, or O_x (= NO₂ + O₃ + 2NO₃ + 3N₂O₅) [Brown *et al.*, 2006; Wood *et al.*, 2005] during the day. For example, photolysis of NO₃ to NO (reaction (4b)) destroys ozone in a catalytic cycle [Brown *et al.*, 2005] with rate

$$\frac{d[\text{O}_3]}{dt} = -2j_{4b}[\text{NO}_3]_{\text{calc}}. \quad (17)$$

In addition to this photolytic pathway, O_x is consumed by gas phase reactions of NO₃ with VOCs and heterogeneous reactions of N₂O₅ and NO₃ [Brown *et al.*, 2005].

[35] Overall, the impact of daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ reactions on O_x loss was small for the R/V *Brown* NEAQS-ITCT data set, with an average, integrated midday (0900–1500 LT, solar zenith angle < 45°) loss of 152 pptv, and an average, noontime loss rate of 20 pptv h⁻¹ (26 pptv h⁻¹ in fog). These rates are inconsequential in comparison to surface deposition, estimated at 1.5 ppbv O₃ h⁻¹ (deposition velocity of 0.1 cm s⁻¹ [Galbally and Roy, 1980; Gallagher *et al.*, 2001] from a 100 m marine boundary layer depth). The calculated O_x loss rates are also substantially smaller than those inferred from a similar analysis of data from Houston, TX, in 2000 [Geyer *et al.*, 2003], largely because of the relatively lower O₃ and NO₂ concentrations.

[36] In the daytime, a photostationary state exists between NO and NO₂, in which NO₂ is produced by oxidation of NO with O₃ and destroyed by photolysis [Leighton, 1961]. This photostationary state can be perturbed by processes that enhance the NO oxidation rate, for example by reaction of NO with peroxy radicals such as HO₂ or RO₂ [e.g., Volz-Thomas *et al.*, 2003], or by the nitrate radical [Brown *et al.*, 2005; Geyer *et al.*, 2003].

[37] For this data set, the NO₂:NO ratio was calculated to have increased by up to 18% because of peroxy radical

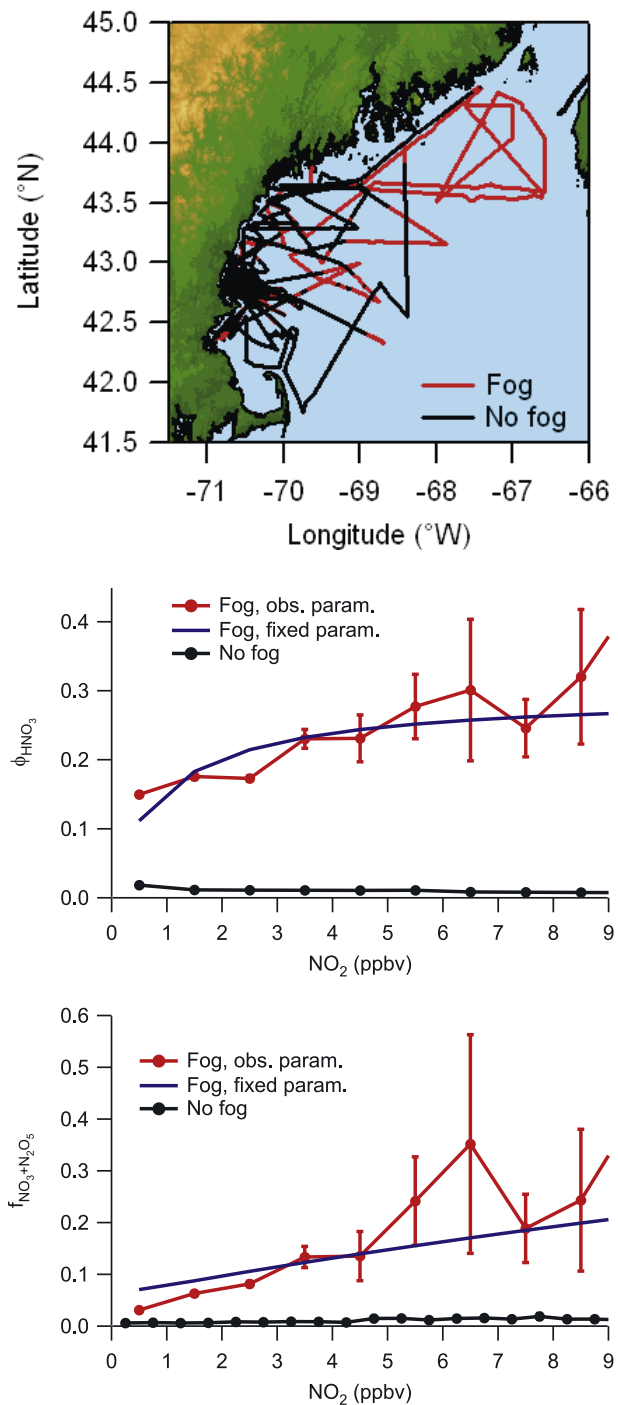


Figure 7. (top) Geographical distribution of daytime ship locations in the presence and absence of fog. (middle) Daytime yield of HNO₃ and aerosol nitrate, φ_{HNO₃}, from NO₃ and N₂O₅, binned by NO₂ concentration. Error bars are ±1σ. In fog, the calculated yield of HNO₃ from heterogeneous NO₃ and N₂O₅ uptake scales with NO₂ concentration. The median NO₂ concentration in daytime fog was 520 pptv. The smooth trace was calculated with O₃ = 50 ppbv, j(NO₂) = 6.1 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹, j₄ = 0.2 s⁻¹, k₅ = 0 s⁻¹, k₆ = 0.27 s⁻¹, and k₇ = 5.3 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹. Concentrations of NO were calculated assuming a photostationary state [Leighton, 1961]. (bottom) Fraction of HNO₃ produced via daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ reactions relative to reaction (13), i.e., OH + NO₂, $\left(\frac{k_1 \phi_{\text{HNO}_3} [\text{O}_3]}{k_1 \phi_{\text{HNO}_3} [\text{O}_3] + k_{14} [\text{OH}]}\right)$ binned by NO₂ concentration. The smooth trace was calculated with the same parameters as above and OH concentrations calculated from the Ehhalt parameterization [Ehhalt and Rohrer, 2000]. At NO₂ concentrations greater than 5 ppbv in daytime fog, more than 15% of HNO₃ are calculated to be generated from NO₃ and N₂O₅ heterogeneous uptake.

Table 3. Calculated Perturbation of the NO₂:NO Ratio Due to Peroxy and Daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ Chemistry, Calculated on the Basis of Input Parameters Typical for the NEAQS-ITCT 2004 Data Set in Nonfog Conditions^a

	Morning (0600 LT)	Noon	Evening (1800 LT)
[O ₃], ppbv	30	44	52
j(NO ₂), 10 ⁻³ s ⁻¹	1.2	6.2	1.2
j(NO ₃), 10 ⁻² s ⁻¹	5.4	18	5.4
Σ[RO ₂], pptv	4.7	9.8	6.4
[HO ₂], pptv	1.4	9.9	1.4
[NO], ppbv	0.49	0.51	0.09
k ₅ , 10 ⁻³ s ⁻¹	6.7	4.9	5.7
k ₆ , 10 ⁻⁴ s ⁻¹	6.0	6.3	6.7
[NO ₃] _{calc.} , pptv	0.40	0.14	0.69
[N ₂ O ₅] _{calc.} , pptv	1.79	0.20	0.97
NO ₂ :NO, photostationary state	11.88	3.37	20.58
NO ₂ :NO, peroxy radicals included	12.87	4.00	21.85
NO ₂ :NO, peroxy radicals and NO ₃ included	13.08	4.01	22.22
% effect, peroxy radicals	+8.3%	+18.7%	+6.2%
% effect, NO ₃ + NO (reaction (3))	+1.6%	+0.3%	+1.3%

^aThe “% effect” is the perturbation relative to the photostationary state expression [Leighton, 1961].

chemistry but was only marginally affected (up to 0.3% at noon) by NO₃ reactions (Table 3). Overall, perturbation of the NO₂:NO ratio by daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ was only important during day-night transition periods or in fresh pollution plumes when the photostationary state approximation is of questionable accuracy because of the increased time required to achieve a steady state.

6. Conclusions

[38] Daytime N₂O₅ was observed in the summertime marine boundary layer at concentrations of up to 4 pptv. This observation implies the presence of NO₃, whose concentrations were estimated from known kinetic and equilibrium relationships. The presence of these compounds during the day enhances the oxidation rate of reactive VOCs, changes the product yield from VOC oxidation, and increases the conversion rate of NO_x to HNO₃, in particular in fog under conditions of high NO_x. Additional effects, such as the increased chemical destruction of odd oxygen (O_x) and perturbation of the Leighton photostationary state, were calculated to have been modest.

[39] There are indications in this data set that the role of daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ is significantly enhanced in low-light conditions, for example under cloud cover, during the periods close to sunset and sunrise, as well as in highly polluted, i.e., NO_x- and O₃-rich, plumes. Furthermore, daytime NO₃ and N₂O₅ reactions are expected to be of somewhat greater importance in other seasons, when greater solar zenith angles reduce the photolytic loss of NO₃, the ratio of NO:NO₂, and, thus, the losses of NO₃ via reaction (3). In addition, the greater partitioning of NO₃ to N₂O₅ at colder temperatures should enhance the importance of heterogeneous N₂O₅ processes.

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