

# Anthropogenic Effects on Biogenic Secondary Organic Aerosol Formation

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## ABSTRACT

Anthropogenic emissions alter biogenic secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation from naturally emitted volatile organic compounds (BVOCs). We review the major laboratory and field findings with regard to effects of anthropogenic pollutants (NO<sub>x</sub>, anthropogenic aerosols, SO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>) on biogenic SOA formation. NO<sub>x</sub> participate in BVOCs oxidation through changing the radical chemistry and oxidation capacity, leading to a complex SOA composition and yield sensitivity towards NO<sub>x</sub> level for different or even specific hydrocarbon precursors. Anthropogenic aerosols act as an important intermedium for the gas-particle partition and particle-phase reactions, processes of which are influenced by the particle phase state, acidity, water content and thus associated with biogenic SOA mass accumulation. SO<sub>2</sub> modifies biogenic SOA formation mainly through sulfuric acid formation and accompanies new particle formation and acid-catalyzed heterogeneous reactions. Some new SO<sub>2</sub>-involved mechanisms for organosulfates formation have also been proposed. NH<sub>3</sub>/amines as the most prevalent base species in the atmosphere, influences biogenic SOA composition

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23 and modify the optical properties of SOA. The response of SOA formation behavior to  
24 these anthropogenic pollutants varies among different BVOCs precursors.  
25 Investigations on anthropogenic-biogenic interactions in some areas of China that are  
26 simultaneously influenced by anthropogenic and biogenic emissions are summarized.  
27 Based on this review, some recommendations are made for a more accurate assessment  
28 of controllable biogenic SOA formation and its contribution to the total SOA budget.  
29 This study also highlights the importance of controlling anthropogenic pollutant  
30 emissions with effective pollutants mitigation policies to reduce regional and global  
31 biogenic SOA formation.

32 **Key words:** biogenic volatile organic compounds, anthropogenic pollutants, secondary  
33 organic aerosol, anthropogenic-biogenic interactions, China

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35 **Article Highlights:**

- 36 ● Anthropogenic pollutants participate in the gas- and particle-phase reactions to  
37 influence biogenic secondary organic aerosol formation, and the detailed  
38 mechanism are summarized.
- 39 ● Anthropogenic effects on biogenic secondary organic aerosol formation exhibit  
40 regional and seasonal variations in China, and the observation and modeling  
41 evidence are introduced.
- 42 ● Controlling anthropogenic pollutants benefit the control of biogenic secondary  
43 organic aerosol, and suggestions for further research on anthropogenic-biogenic  
44 interactions are given.

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46 **1. Introduction**

47 Aerosol pollution represents one of the greatest environmental issues of  
48 widespread public concern due to its potential impacts on climate change, human health,  
49 and air quality (Liao et al., 2014; Lelieveld et al., 2015; von Schneidemesser et al., 2015;  
50 Zhang et al., 2015b). Secondary organic aerosols (SOA) that comprise up to 60% of the  
51 total aerosol mass have attracted particular attention in recent decades (Riipinen et al.,  
52 2012; Huang et al., 2014; Glasius and Goldstein, 2016). Considering that volatile  
53 organic compounds (VOCs) are key precursors for SOA formation, efforts have been  
54 devoted to incorporate more VOCs sources into atmospheric models. Fossil fuel  
55 combustion and evaporation, biomass and biofuel burning and non-combustion related  
56 emissions from vegetation and human activities are commonly classified sources  
57 (Hoyle et al., 2011; Ensberg et al., 2014; Kelly et al., 2018). Besides these VOC  
58 precursors, recent studies have intended to resolve additional SOA sources, including  
59 semi-volatile and intermediate-volatility organic compounds (S/IVOCs) (Hayes et al.,  
60 2015; Tsimpidi et al., 2016), primary organic aerosol (POA) that is treated as semi-  
61 volatility rather than non-volatility (May et al., 2013; Cappa et al., 2016), multi-  
62 generational ageing processes (Jathar et al., 2016), and heterogeneous SOA production  
63 in organic aerosol (OA) within the cloud- and aerosol-phases (Ervens et al., 2011; Lin  
64 et al., 2014; Xing et al., 2019). As wall loss of organic vapors is recognized to be non-  
65 negligible in determining SOA production in chamber experiments, wall loss-corrected  
66 SOA production has recently been applied in model parameterization (Cappa et al.,  
67 2016; La et al., 2016). However, discrepancies still exist between simulated and  
68 observed SOA budgets (Hallquist et al., 2009; Shrivastava et al., 2017; Kelly et al.,  
69 2018). This might further induce potential uncertainties in the estimation of global

70 climate forcing because SOA is capable of scattering and absorbing radiation and to  
71 influence the amount of cloud condensation nuclei (Carslaw et al., 2013; Shrivastava et  
72 al., 2017).

73 The urge to better reproduce observed ambient SOA concentration by models has  
74 motivated the related research that attempted to distinguish missed SOA sources and  
75 unknown SOA formation mechanism (Li et al., 2017b; Couvidat et al., 2018; Xu et al.,  
76 2018). Exploring SOA formation potential and mechanism from various anthropogenic  
77 and biogenic VOCs (BVOCs) have been the focus of numerous laboratory experiments.  
78 Their contribution to total SOA budget has often been separately parameterized in  
79 models (Kelly et al., 2018; Jiang et al., 2019). Globally, the concentration of BVOCs  
80 emitted from terrestrial ecosystems was estimated to be 1000 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> (Guenther et al.,  
81 2012), which was roughly 8 times higher than those from anthropogenic sources (127  
82 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup>) (Glasius and Goldstein, 2016). BVOCs, including isoprene (C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, ~ 50%),  
83 monoterpenes (C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>16</sub>, ~ 15%) and sesquiterpenes (C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>, ~ 3%) are important SOA  
84 formation precursors owing to their large emission and high reactivity towards  
85 atmospheric oxidants (e.g. hydroxyl radical ( $\cdot$ OH), ozone, nitrate radical (NO<sub>3</sub> $\cdot$ ))  
86 (Guenther et al., 2012; Jaoui et al., 2013; Ehn et al., 2014; Ng et al., 2017).  
87 Consequently, a large fraction of the global SOA (67% - 95%) is estimated to derive  
88 from biogenic sources (Farina et al., 2010; Hodzic et al., 2016; Kelly et al., 2018).

89 Separating the anthropogenic SOA from the biogenic contribution in SOA  
90 formation is effective to improve models performance but is not sufficient to capture  
91 all human-induced SOA formation (Hodzic et al., 2016; Kelly et al., 2018; Jiang et al.,  
92 2019). Recently, anthropogenic pollutants have been suggested to indirectly participate  
93 in biogenic SOA formation through anthropogenic-biogenic interactions (Hoyle et al.,  
94 2011; Xu et al., 2015b; Zhang et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2018b; Wu et al., 2020). For

95 example, about 80% of biogenic SOA in East Asia was predicted to be influenced by  
96 anthropogenic emissions, while in regions with less anthropogenic emissions, like  
97 eastern US, this value is larger than 50% (Carlton et al., 2010; Matsui et al., 2014). This  
98 ‘anthropogenic enhancement’ effect on biogenic SOA formation indicates that though  
99 naturally emitted BVOCs dominate over anthropogenic VOCs and cannot be controlled  
100 directly, biogenic SOA can somewhat be controlled by limiting manmade pollutants  
101 through air quality control policies (Edwards et al., 2017; Marais et al., 2017).

102 Nitrogen dioxides ( $\text{NO}_x = \text{NO} + \text{NO}_2$ ), sulfur dioxide ( $\text{SO}_2$ ), ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ), and  
103 primary particles are prevalent anthropogenic pollutants. Traditional air quality policies  
104 target at controlling their emissions for the purpose of mitigating the formation of  
105 secondary inorganic aerosols and associated environmental issues (Wang et al., 2013;  
106 Liu et al., 2019). Though the global  $\text{SO}_2$  emission has largely decreased in recent  
107 decades, the emissions of  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{NH}_3$  show increasing trends (Warner et al., 2017;  
108 Hoesly et al., 2018) and POA is still a significant component of polluted air in some  
109 regions (Zhang et al., 2015a; Li et al., 2017a; Jiang et al., 2019). When anthropogenic  
110 emissions enriched air mass is transported to areas with substantial BVOCs emissions,  
111 anthropogenic-biogenic interactions happen to perturb the BVOCs oxidation and thus  
112 corresponding SOA formation processes (Zhao et al., 2018b). The key goal of  
113 numerous recent research has therefore been to determine the mechanisms of the  
114 anthropogenic-biogenic interactions (Ye et al., 2018; Slade et al., 2019), and the extent  
115 to which biogenic SOA can be controlled by eliminating predominant anthropogenic  
116 species such as  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$  and some primary aerosols (Carlton et al., 2010;  
117 Edwards et al., 2017). The ultimate aim is to achieve more reasonable parameterization  
118 of SOA budgets and effects, to evaluate models and to formulate more effective policies  
119 to alleviate air quality deterioration triggered by aerosol particles (Hettiyadura et al.,

120 2019; Wu et al., 2020).

121 This review seeks to summarize the recent progress in the research related to the  
122 interaction between anthropogenic species and natural biogenic emissions. Section 2  
123 reviews effects of NO<sub>x</sub> on biogenic SOA formation during daytime and nighttime.  
124 Section 3 describes the role of anthropogenic aerosol gas-particle partition and the  
125 particle-phase reactions. Section 4 contains the photooxidation and ozonolysis of  
126 BVOCs modified by SO<sub>2</sub>. Biogenic SOA formation and aging in the presence of  
127 ammonia/amines are presented in section 5 and recent field studies focusing on  
128 anthropogenic-biogenic interactions in China are discussed in section 6. The final  
129 section is the summary of this review and outlook about future studies toward  
130 anthropogenic-biogenic interactions. Overall, this review tries to comprehensively  
131 summarize the recent advances in understanding the influence of anthropogenic  
132 emissions on biogenic SOA formation, to enlighten future observational and modeling  
133 studies in regions influenced both by anthropogenic and natural emissions, and to aid  
134 in the better formulation of pollution control strategies.

## 135 **2. Effects of NO<sub>x</sub> on biogenic SOA formation during daytime and nighttime**

136 The majority of NO<sub>x</sub> in the atmosphere comes from combustion-related human  
137 activities, including transportation, industrial boilers, power plants, home heating and  
138 municipal incineration (von Schneidemesser et al., 2015). The global emission of NO<sub>x</sub>  
139 from these anthropogenic sources was estimated to be approximately 130 Tg (NO<sub>2</sub>) for  
140 the year 2014 (Hoesly et al., 2018). The close linkage between NO<sub>x</sub> and biogenic SOA  
141 formation is reflected in its ability to alter SOA formation mechanism, composition and  
142 yield via affecting the gas-phase chemistry, gas-particle partition and particle-phase  
143 reactions, both during daytime and nighttime (Ma et al., 2012; Rollins et al., 2012).

## 144 **2.1 BVOCs photooxidation and SOA formation**

145 BVOCs oxidation during daylight hours is dominated by  $\cdot\text{OH}$  (Ziemann and  
146 Atkinson, 2012). The initial addition or H-abstraction reaction between  $\cdot\text{OH}$  and  
147 BVOCs results in alkyl-type radicals ( $\text{R}\cdot$ ), most of which react rapidly with  $\text{O}_2$ , leading  
148 to organic peroxy radicals ( $\text{RO}_2\cdot$ ) (Atkinson, 2000). The general schematic of  
149  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  chemistry in SOA formation is summarized in Fig. 1. The influence of  $\text{NO}_x$  is  
150 derived from its alteration on the fate of  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$ , which can either react with  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$ ,  
151 hydroperoxy radicals ( $\text{HO}_2\cdot$ ) or  $\text{NO}_x$  under certain conditions. The different  
152  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  branches determine the distribution of oxidized products. For example, the  
153 reaction between  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  and  $\text{HO}_2\cdot$  often produces hydroperoxides with low-volatility,  
154  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  self-reaction or reactions with other  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  form alcohol or carbonyls and the  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$   
155 +  $\text{NO}$  reaction usually leads to organic nitrates as well as alkoxy radicals ( $\text{RO}\cdot$ ) that  
156 either undergo fragmentation or isomerization to form more volatile products (Ziemann  
157 and Atkinson, 2012; Sarrafzadeh et al., 2016). Since the fate of  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  is highly related  
158 to the relative concentration of  $\text{NO}_x$  and VOCs in the urban atmosphere, laboratory  
159 chamber experiments often use the ratio of initial BVOCs and  $\text{NO}_x$  concentration  
160 ( $[\text{BVOC}]_0/[\text{NO}_x]_0$  or  $[\text{NO}_x]_0/[\text{BVOC}]_0$ ) to restrict  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  chemistry from the  
161 interpretation of  $\text{NO}_x$  effects on new particle formation and SOA yields (Pandis et al.,  
162 1991; Presto et al., 2005; Kim et al., 2012; Wildt et al., 2014; Xu et al., 2014; Stirnweis  
163 et al., 2017). It should be noted that attention must be paid to evaluate the  $\text{O}_3$ -induced  
164 loss of BVOCs in the photooxidation system because  $\text{O}_3$  production and its effect would  
165 also vary with the  $[\text{BVOC}]_0/[\text{NO}_x]_0$  ratio, the relative rates of ozonolysis and  $\cdot\text{OH}$   
166 oxidation and some other reaction conditions (Griffin et al., 1999). For biogenic SOA  
167 formation in the presence of  $\text{NO}_x$  listed in Table 1, the completely dominant role of  $\cdot\text{OH}$   
168 oxidation in BVOC loss was estimated and thus  $\text{O}_3$  generation would not influence the

169 NO<sub>x</sub>-dependent SOA yield.

170 The SOA yield is defined as the formed SOA mass concentration ( $\Delta M$ ,  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ )  
171 relative to the consumed parent hydrocarbon ( $\Delta\text{BVOC}$ ,  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ). The impact of NO<sub>x</sub> on  
172 SOA yields depends on the SOA mass production and is also parent hydrocarbon-  
173 specific (Table 1). For isoprene, the most abundant BVOC in the atmosphere (Kroll et  
174 al., 2006; Chan et al., 2010; Xu et al., 2014), the pathways of its reaction with  
175 RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> under low and high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions were quite different (Fig. 2). Chamber studies  
176 have generally evidenced higher SOA yields at lower  $[\text{NO}_x]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0$  ratios, and  
177 most of these studies suggested that SOA yields first increase and then decrease with  
178 the increasing  $[\text{NO}_x]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0$  ratios (Dommen et al., 2006; Kroll et al., 2006; King  
179 et al., 2010; Xu et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2016). The decrease of SOA yield with increasing  
180 NO<sub>x</sub>, more precisely with increasing NO, was generally explained by the dominated  
181 RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> + NO reactions over RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> + HO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> reactions, with the former reaction producing  
182 more volatile products (such as organic nitrates) than the latter (hydroperoxides) (Kroll  
183 et al., 2006; Xu et al., 2014). Kroll et al. (2006) considered that the decline of NO/HO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup>  
184 ratio that may lead to a switch from high-NO<sub>x</sub> to low-NO<sub>x</sub> conditions over the  
185 experimental process might result in the complex SOA yield dependence under lower  
186 NO<sub>x</sub> condition ( $[\text{NO}_x]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0 < 4.4$ ). Xu et al. (2014) also observed the similar  
187 nonlinear variation of aerosol volatility and oxidation state level with  $[\text{NO}]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0$   
188 ratio (0 - 7.3) as the SOA yield. They proposed that the presence of NO enhanced the  
189 formation of methacrolein, the first generation product, whose further oxidation forms  
190 SOA-forming organics efficiently (Surratt et al., 2010), leading to increased SOA yield  
191 and decreased aerosol volatility when  $[\text{NO}]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0$  was lower than 3. In a more  
192 recent study focusing on a lower  $[\text{NO}]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0$  range (0 - 2), the SOA yield was  
193 nearly constant when the  $[\text{NO}]_0/[\text{isoprene}]_0$  ratio was lower than  $\sim 0.38$  (Liu et al.,

194 2016). After this NO threshold level, the SOA yield decreased from 12% to 3% with  
195 further increase of NO<sub>x</sub>, accompanied by the decrease of more highly oxygenated  
196 organic nitrates. These observations were explained by the suppression of NO on  
197 hydroxy hydroperoxide that acts as the source of C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>6</sub> peroxy radical and thus  
198 lower the production of both second-generation multifunctional peroxides and  
199 multifunctional organic nitrates (Fig. 2). Similarly, with the composition analysis of  
200 isoprene SOA formed under low NO<sub>x</sub> in laboratory and aerosol samples collected from  
201 the isoprene-rich southeastern US environment, the none-IEPOX pathway under low  
202 NO<sub>x</sub> condition was also suggested to contribute to notable highly oxidized compounds  
203 and SOA mass (Riva et al., 2016c).

204 Note that though similar trends of isoprene SOA yield response to NO<sub>x</sub> level were  
205 observed among different studies, the critical [NO<sub>x</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[isoprene]<sub>0</sub> points for the  
206 transition role of NO<sub>x</sub> are quite different (e.g. 4.4 (Kroll et al., 2006), 0.38 (Liu et al.,  
207 2016), and ~3 (Xu et al., 2014)). It has been shown that even under the same  
208 [NO<sub>x</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[isoprene]<sub>0</sub> ratios, the fate of RO<sub>2</sub>· radicals that are responsible for SOA  
209 formation can be quite different (Ng et al., 2007a). Recent studies suggested that the  
210 composition of NO<sub>x</sub> itself is also a candidate for altering SOA formation pathways  
211 (Chan et al., 2010; Surratt et al., 2010). For example, oligoesters of  
212 dihydroxycarboxylic acids and hydroxynitrooxycarboxylic acids from isoprene  
213 photooxidation increased with increasing NO<sub>2</sub>/NO ratios (Chan et al., 2010). More  
214 recent studies showed that SOA yields under high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions can be as high as  
215 those under low-NO<sub>x</sub> conditions because the NO<sub>2</sub> + RO<sub>2</sub>· reaction can potentially yield  
216 substantial SOA mass (e.g. hydroxymethylmethyl- $\alpha$ -lactone, methacrylic acid) via the  
217 subsequent oxidation of methacryloylperoxynitrate, which is favorably formed from  
218 methacrolein (first-generation products of isoprene photooxidation) oxidation under

219 high NO<sub>2</sub>/NO ratios (Fig. 2) (Chan et al., 2010; Surratt et al., 2010; Lin et al., 2012; Lin  
220 et al., 2013b; Pye et al., 2013; Nguyen et al., 2015). Besides NO<sub>2</sub>/NO ratios, the ·OH  
221 precursors, such as HONO that strongly suppresses ISOPOOH chemistry and thus the  
222 formation of the second-generation organic nitrates, the chamber operation mode (flow  
223 or batch mode) and some other reaction conditions (e.g. seed particles) are potential  
224 factors to induce the differences in threshold [NO<sub>x</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[isoprene]<sub>0</sub> values and warrant  
225 further studies for more accurate model parametrization (Kroll et al., 2005; Xu et al.,  
226 2014; Liu et al., 2016; Shrivastava et al., 2017).

227 The effects of NO<sub>x</sub> on SOA formation from the photooxidation of monoterpenes,  
228 especially  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -pinene and limonene have also been characterized by chamber  
229 studies (Pandis et al., 1991; Zhang et al., 1992; Ng et al., 2007b; Eddingsaas et al.,  
230 2012; Kim et al., 2012; Wildt et al., 2014; Sarrafzadeh et al., 2016; Stirnweis et al.,  
231 2017; Zhao et al., 2018b). As summarized in Table 1, SOA yields are generally higher  
232 at low NO<sub>x</sub> than at high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions when monoterpene ozonolysis is negligible.  
233 Besides the perturbation of NO<sub>x</sub> on RO<sub>2</sub>· chemistry, recent studies found that NO<sub>x</sub>  
234 influence the SOA yield by altering the ·OH cycle and new particle formation (NPF)  
235 (Wildt et al., 2014; Sarrafzadeh et al., 2016; Zhao et al., 2018b). Using realistic BVOCs  
236 mixture emitted directly by plants, Wildt et al. (2014) found that NPF was suppressed  
237 at high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions ( $[BVOC]_0/[NO_x]_0 < 7$ ,  $[NO_x]_0 > 23$  ppb). The self-reaction of  
238 higher generation peroxy radical-like intermediates and their reaction with NO  
239 commonly limited the rate of new particle formation. More recently, the study focusing  
240 on  $\beta$ -pinene photooxidation showed that at low NO<sub>x</sub> conditions ( $[\beta\text{-pinene}]_0/[NO_x]_0 >$   
241  $10$  ppbC ppb<sup>-1</sup>), the increase of ·OH radical through  $NO + HO_2 \cdot \rightarrow NO_2 + \cdot OH$  reaction  
242 was responsible for the increase of SOA yield with the increase of NO<sub>x</sub> (Sarrafzadeh  
243 et al., 2016). It was also evidenced that the ratio of NO/NO<sub>2</sub> was correlated with the ·OH

244 cycle and, thus, probably influenced SOA formation. At high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions ( $[\beta$ -  
245 pinene]<sub>0</sub>/[NO<sub>x</sub>]<sub>0</sub> = ~ 10 to ~ 2.6 ppbC ppb<sup>-1</sup>), the decrease of SOA yield with NO<sub>x</sub> was  
246 attributed to NO<sub>x</sub>-triggered suppression of low volatility products (such as  
247 hydroperoxides) that participated in NPF. The restrained NPF would further result in  
248 limited particle surface for the condensation of low volatile species. Similarly, the  
249 suppression effect of NO<sub>x</sub> on NPF has been evidenced during the photooxidation of  $\alpha$ -  
250 pinene and limonene (Zhao et al., 2018b).

251 Sesquiterpenes on a reacted mass basis have much higher SOA formation potential  
252 than isoprene and monoterpenes due to their higher molecular weight and reactivity  
253 (Lee et al., 2006; Jaoui et al., 2013). As opposed to NO<sub>x</sub> effects on SOA formation  
254 from isoprene and monoterpenes photooxidation, SOA formed from longifolene,  
255 aromadendren and  $\beta$ -caryophyllene photooxidation under high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions  
256 substantially exceeds that under low NO<sub>x</sub> conditions (Ng et al., 2007b; Tasoglou and  
257 Pandis, 2015). The formation of less-volatility products (e.g. large hydroxycarbonyls,  
258 multifunctional species) via isomerization instead of decomposition of large RO<sub>2</sub> and  
259 the relatively low volatile organic nitrates were proposed to be responsible for this  
260 positive NO<sub>x</sub> effect. However, SOA yields from  $\beta$ -caryophyllene in the works of  
261 Griffin et al. (1999) and Alfarra et al. (2012) were less dependent on [NO<sub>x</sub>]<sub>0</sub>/[BVOC]<sub>0</sub>  
262 ratios, probably due to the interference of other experimental conditions (e.g. OH  
263 precursors, the initial BVOC mixing ratios). Clearly, if the positive NO<sub>x</sub> effect on SOA  
264 formation observed by Ng et al. (2007b) can be extended to other sesquiterpenes, the  
265 contribution of sesquiterpenes to SOA in NO<sub>x</sub>-polluted air may be much higher (Ng et  
266 al., 2007b). A recent modeling study in the southeastern US showed underestimated  
267 SOA formation from monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes and argued that anthropogenic  
268 emissions would exert complex influences on biogenic SOA formation (Xu et al., 2018).

269 Considering that the studies on NO<sub>x</sub> effects only target a limited number of  
270 sesquiterpenes, a thorough evaluation of the effect of NO<sub>x</sub> on the photooxidation of a  
271 complete suite of sesquiterpenes is necessary for a better constrain of their oxidation  
272 and contribution to ambient SOA.

## 273 ***2.2 Biogenic SOA formation under dark conditions***

274 The night time biogenic SOA formation in the atmosphere is sensitive to NO<sub>x</sub>  
275 levels due to the changed radical (e.g. RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup>, HO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup>) chemistry and the oxidation  
276 capacity (Brown and Stutz, 2012; Ng et al., 2017). While ·OH dominates daytime  
277 BVOCs oxidation, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> that is mainly produced via the reaction between O<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>  
278 becomes one of the main oxidants at night (Fig. 1) (Wayne et al., 1991; Rollins et al.,  
279 2012; Edwards et al., 2017). The unsaturated and non-aromatic nature of BVOCs makes  
280 them particularly susceptible to the oxidation by NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> and O<sub>3</sub> (Atkinson and Arey, 1998;  
281 Ayres et al., 2015). The competition between these two BVOCs sinks is highly  
282 associated with the NO<sub>x</sub> level and composition because of the loss of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> through its  
283 reaction of NO and a decrease of its production through the reaction of NO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> as  
284 O<sub>3</sub> is decreased by the reaction of O<sub>3</sub> and NO (Rollins et al., 2012; Qin et al., 2018b;  
285 Wang et al., 2020a). The oxidation of BVOCs by NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> occurs mainly via the addition  
286 of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> to the unsaturated bonds (another pathway is hydrogen-abstraction favored for  
287 aldehydic species), forming alkyl radicals that would either lose NO<sub>2</sub> to form epoxides  
288 or further react with O<sub>2</sub> to form RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> (Fig. 1) (Ng et al., 2017; Fouqueau et al., 2020).  
289 RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> would isomerize or react with HO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> or RO<sub>2</sub><sup>·</sup> to form various products such  
290 as organic nitrates that potentially generate SOA. NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup>-BVOCs chemistry is thus  
291 regarded as a prominent candidate for the generation of biogenic SOA and organic  
292 nitrates that are correlated with anthropogenic tracers (Fry et al., 2009; Kiendler-Scharr  
293 et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2019).

294 Such correlations have been evidenced in recent field observations around the  
295 world (Rollins et al., 2012; Brown et al., 2013; Kiendler-Scharr et al., 2016; Edwards  
296 et al., 2017; Fry et al., 2018; Yu et al., 2019). In a rural area in southwest Germany, the  
297 contribution of organic nitrates to the increase of newly formed particles after sunset  
298 was observed to be 18-25%. Considering both high BVOCs and NO<sub>x</sub> emission in this  
299 area, the reactions between NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> and BVOCs, especially monoterpenes, are responsible  
300 for organic nitrates and SOA formation (Huang et al., 2019). In some forest regions of  
301 the US, the concentration of organic nitrates was found to peak at night and its  
302 contribution to the total organic aerosol was up to 40% in Bakersfield due to nighttime  
303 oxidation of BVOCs by NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> (Rollins et al., 2012; Fry et al., 2013; Xu et al., 2015a).  
304 A substantial contribution of organic nitrates that are formed via nocturnal NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup>-  
305 BVOCs chemistry to particulate organic mass has also been observed in Europe and  
306 China (Kiendler-Scharr et al., 2016; Yu et al., 2019). Interestingly, the observation in  
307 the forest region of western US showed that the concentration of nighttime aerosol  
308 organic nitrates was positively correlated with the product of the mixing ratios of NO<sub>2</sub>  
309 and O<sub>3</sub> instead of that of O<sub>3</sub> alone (Fry et al., 2013). This indicates that NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup>-initiated  
310 oxidation of monoterpenes is related to NO<sub>x</sub> level and is an important source of  
311 particle-phase organic nitrates at night.

312 The SOA formation potential of various BVOCs oxidized by NO<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup> has been  
313 investigated in many chamber studies (Ng et al. (2017) and references therein). The  
314 reported SOA yields vary among different BVOCs, from nearly 0 for  $\alpha$ -pinene, to 0.12  
315 for isoprene, 0.33-0.44 for  $\beta$ -pinene, 0.44-0.57 for limonene and to 0.86 for  $\beta$ -  
316 caryophyllene at an atmospheric relevant aerosol mass loading of 10  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (Fry et al.,  
317 2014). Except for  $\alpha$ -pinene, these yield values are much higher than those from the  
318 ozonolysis of corresponding BVOCs (Song et al., 2007; Hessberg et al., 2009; Saathoff

319 et al., 2009; Tasoglou and Pandis, 2015). The relative importance of  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  oxidation  
320 versus  $\text{O}_3$  is connected with the ratio of  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  production to BVOCs ozonolysis (Griffin  
321 et al., 1999). Considering for example 10 ppt  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  and 30 ppb  $\text{O}_3$ , the oxidation of  
322 these monoterpenes by  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  proceeds 20-90 times faster than their ozonolysis, due to  
323 the much higher rate constants of the former reactions (Fry et al., 2014). The accelerated  
324 BVOCs consumption by  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  here is somewhat in consistence with the field  
325 observations that found  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  + monoterpenes chemistry to be a significant nighttime  
326 aerosol source in regions with high  $\text{NO}_x$  level.

327 While most chamber studies directly investigated  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$ -induced SOA under  
328 purified  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  conditions (Griffin et al., 1999; Hallquist et al., 1999; Fry et al., 2014),  
329 some recent works have examined the biogenic SOA formation in the presence of Ox  
330 ( $\text{O}_3 + \text{NO}_2$ ) (Table 2) (Presto et al., 2005; Perraud et al., 2012; Draper et al., 2015; Chen  
331 et al., 2017; Xu et al., 2020). The effects of  $\text{NO}_2$  on the dark ozonolysis of  $\beta$ -pinene,  
332  $\Delta^3$ -carene, and limonene were examined by keeping  $\text{O}_3$  mixing ratio constant while  
333 varying  $\text{NO}_2$  mixing ratios ( $[\text{O}_3]_0/[\text{NO}_2]_0 = 2-0.5$ ,  $[\text{NO}_2]_0/[\text{BVOCs}]_0 = 0.5-1$ ). It was  
334 found that for  $\beta$ -pinene and  $\Delta^3$ -carene, SOA yields were comparable over the range of  
335 oxidation conditions. The increase of limonene SOA yield with increasing  $\text{NO}_2$  mixing  
336 ratio was observed and attributed to the increased fraction of oligomers and  
337 multifunctional organic nitrates in SOA through  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$  chemistry (Draper et al., 2015).  
338 More recently,  $\gamma$ -terpinene SOA yield, as well as the contribution of organic nitrates to  
339 particle mass both increased with increasing  $\text{NO}_2$  levels ( $[\text{NO}_2]_0/[\text{O}_3]_0 = 0-0.7$ ,  
340  $[\text{NO}_2]_0/[\gamma\text{-terpinene}]_0 = 0-3$ ) due to the change from  $\text{O}_3$ -dominant to  $\text{NO}_3\cdot$ -  
341 dominant  $\gamma$ -terpinene oxidation that yield organic nitrates as significant SOA  
342 components (Xu et al., 2020). Among the studied monoterpenes,  $\alpha$ -pinene exhibited  
343 quite different  $\text{NO}_2$  response during ozonolysis. Several studies consistently found that

344 SOA yields, as well as particle number concentrations decreased with increasing NO<sub>x</sub>  
345 (Presto et al., 2005; Nøjgaard et al., 2006; Perraud et al., 2012; Draper et al., 2015).  
346 This is expected because the SOA yield from  $\alpha$ -pinene ozonolysis is higher than that  
347 from NO<sub>3</sub>· oxidation, the latter process forming organic nitrates that have relative high  
348 volatility and thus, inefficient to nucleate (Perraud et al., 2012). In the real atmosphere,  
349 the good correlation between Ox and biogenic SOA tracers was also observed in the  
350 field campaign carried out in the Pearl River Delta, South China (Zhang et al., 2019b).  
351 With the elevation of Ox in the atmosphere, more observations focusing on the linkage  
352 between Ox and biogenic SOA are necessary but still limited. Altogether, these studies  
353 suggest that models should carefully handle the Ox effects on nocturnal SOA formation  
354 by capturing the detailed spatial distribution of BVOCs and Ox in order to reduce the  
355 uncertainty in the estimation of regional or global SOA budget (Fry et al., 2014; Fry et  
356 al., 2018).

### 357 **3. Effects of anthropogenic aerosol on gas-particle partitioning and particle-phase** 358 **reactions in SOA formation**

359 Human activities induce a variety of organic or inorganic particles, both of which  
360 can be primarily emitted (e.g. soot, primary organic aerosol (POA) from fossil fuel,  
361 biofuel, and agricultural combustion) or secondarily formed (e.g. SOA-derived from  
362 anthropogenic VOCs, sulfate, nitrate and ammonium associated with gaseous SO<sub>2</sub>,  
363 NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>) in the atmosphere (Goldstein et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2020b).  
364 Interactions then arise between anthropogenic aerosol and biogenic SOA formation due  
365 to the potential influences of anthropogenic aerosol on gas-particle partitioning of  
366 BVOCs oxidation products and particle-phase reactions.

#### 367 **3.1 Gas-particle partition**

368 BVOCs oxidation could form semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) that  
 369 undergo partition between the gas- and particle- phases. The SOA yield that is defined  
 370 as the ratio of the organic aerosol mass concentration to the BVOCs consumption, can  
 371 be modeled by the gas-particle partitioning absorption model (Pankow, 1994b; Odum  
 372 et al., 1996),

$$373 \quad Y = \frac{\Delta M_0}{\Delta [\text{BVOC}]} = M_0 \sum_i \left( \frac{\alpha_i K_{om,i}}{1 + K_{om,i} M_0} \right) \quad (1)$$

374 where  $\alpha_i$  is the mass-based stoichiometric coefficient of product  $i$ ,  $K_{om,i}$  ( $\text{m}^3 \mu\text{g}^{-1}$ ) is the  
 375 partitioning coefficient of the gas-particle partitioning defined by the ratio of  
 376 absorption equilibrium constant ( $K_{p,i}$ ) to the mass fraction of species  $i$  in the aerosol-  
 377 phase ( $f_{om}$ ) (Pankow, 1994b,a; Odum et al., 1996).

378  $K_{p,i}$  can be calculated by the following equation: (Donahue et al., 2006; Zhang et  
 379 al., 2015b)

$$380 \quad K_{p,i} = \frac{1}{C_i^*} = \frac{C_i^{aer}}{C_i^{vap} M_0} \quad (2)$$

381 where  $C_i^*$  is the effective saturation concentration of species  $i$ ,  $C_i^{aer}$  and  $C_i^{vap}$  are the  
 382 mass concentrations of component  $i$  in the aerosol-phase and gas-phase, respectively.  
 383 With the assumption that SOA formed from BVOCs oxidation can be well-mixed with  
 384 preexisting organic aerosol, eq (2) indicates that in cases where the absorbing organic  
 385 mass is present, some fraction of SVOCs could partition into the particle-phase even if  
 386 their gas-phase concentration is lower than their saturation vapor pressure (Kroll and  
 387 Seinfeld, 2008). Preexisting organic seed aerosols make SOA to be diluted and  $C_i^{aer}$   
 388 would decrease when they mix with each other. The decreased activity for species  $i$   
 389 restrains its evaporation from the particle-phase to the gas-phase in accordance to  
 390 Raoult's Law. The partitioning equilibrium is therefore shifted to the condensed-phase,  
 391 increasing SOA mass formation and, thus, the SOA yield.

392 Anthropogenic POA makes up a significant fraction of total OA in the atmosphere,  
393 especially under severe air pollution in winter (Li et al., 2017a; Zhang et al., 2017a).  
394 Based on the gas-particle partition mechanism, it has been predicted that biogenic SOA  
395 would be largely enhanced by POA emission (Heald et al., 2008; Hoyle et al., 2009;  
396 Carlton et al., 2010; Carlton et al., 2018). Some recent studies argued that the enhanced  
397 biogenic SOA formation would be overestimated probably because the assumption of  
398 well-mixed organic aerosol-phase between POA and SOA in models is not always the  
399 case for the real atmosphere (Loza et al., 2013; Robinson et al., 2015), though this  
400 assumption is reasonable in SOA formation because most of the SOA components are  
401 oxygenated polar organic species that are miscible with one another (Song et al., 2007).  
402 Ambient POA contains a large fraction of hydrophobic non-polar species and phase-  
403 separation often occurs. The existence of such morphologies would affect the gas-  
404 particle partition of SVOCs, therefore affecting SOA formation and its optical  
405 properties (Song et al., 2007; George et al., 2015).

406 Several chamber experiments were conducted to examine the mixing behavior of  
407 POA and biogenic SOA and thus, the applicability of the single-phase assumption in  
408 models (Robinson et al., 2013). For example, using dioctyl phthalate (DOP) and  
409 lubricating oil as surrogates of urban hydrophobic POA, the SOA mass from the  $\alpha$ -  
410 pinene ozonolysis (can also be applied to other BVOCs) was insensitive to these seed  
411 aerosols (Fig. 3 (a)) (Song et al., 2007). Implying the no seed parameters and the sum  
412 of seed and aerosol masses as  $M_0$ , the seeded SOA mass was 13-44% higher than the  
413 observed value and phase separation could therefore appear. This is reasonable because  
414 multifunctional species formed from  $\alpha$ -pinene ozonolysis have polar properties, which  
415 are exactly opposite to those of DOP and lubricating oil components. The layered phase  
416 between  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA and DOP POA was further confirmed by a single-particle mass

417 spectrometer that is able to distinguish whether SOA and DOP were homogeneously  
418 mixed by changing laser power (Vaden et al., 2010). The high MS intensity of the  
419 surface material at low laser power instead of the constant relative MS intensities with  
420 changing laser powers was observed, supporting the phase-separation (Fig.3 (b)). On  
421 the contrary, the time evolution of the aerodynamic vacuum diameter of diesel POA  
422 (DL) and  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA mixture showed the transformation of bimodal distribution to  
423 single modal distribution (Fig. 3 (c)), indicating the formation of a single-phase  
424 between  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA and DL (Asa-Awuku et al., 2009). SOA from  $\beta$ -caryophyllene  
425 ozonolysis also formed a well-mixed phase with DL, but these SOA and  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA  
426 were immiscible with motor oil and diesel fuel POA. This study supports the use of the  
427 single-phase assumption in atmospheric models because diesel exhaust POA is the most  
428 atmospherically relevant case. Anthropogenic SOA formed from the photooxidation of  
429 aromatic hydrocarbons enhanced SOA formation from  $\alpha$ -pinene oxidation, indicating  
430 that the interaction between these different types of SOA formed an ideal mixing state  
431 (Hildebrandt et al., 2011; Emanuelsson et al., 2013; Robinson et al., 2013). Clearly, the  
432 polarity of anthropogenic OA reflects its mixing behavior with biogenic SOA. The  
433 incorporation of the distribution of different types of anthropogenic OA in the real  
434 atmosphere into regional or global models is crucial in evaluating the effects of  
435 anthropogenic OA on biogenic SOA formation.

### 436 **3.2 Particle-phase reactions**

437 Particle-phase reactions including both heterogeneous and multiphase reactions are  
438 significant in biogenic SOA formation due to their ability to form lower volatility  
439 compounds (Kroll and Seinfeld, 2008). Reactive uptake of gaseous products via  
440 accretion reactions, such as hydration, polymerization, esterification, hemiacetal/acetal  
441 formation, and aldol condensation are often acid catalyzed (Fig. 4) (Jang et al., 2002;

442 Hallquist et al., 2009; Darer et al., 2011; Ziemann and Atkinson, 2012; Couvidat et al.,  
443 2018). Isomerization of highly reactive species in the presence of acidic sulfate particles  
444 is also a potential pathway to induce acid-catalyzed enhancement on SOA formation  
445 (Fig. 4 (h)) (Lin et al., 2012; Iinuma et al., 2013). Combining field measurements of  
446 concentrations of water-soluble ions ( $K^+$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $NH_4^+$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$ ,  $Cl^-$ ) and  
447 indirect estimation (e.g. thermodynamic equilibrium models and ion balance method),  
448 the acidic characteristic of ambient particles was determined. For instance, the mean  
449 pH values in urban Beijing and rural Gucheng of China were determined to be 5.0 and  
450 5.3, respectively (Hennigan et al., 2015; Shi et al., 2017; Chi et al., 2018). More acidic  
451 particles (pH ranges from 0 to 2) were observed in southeastern US (Guo et al., 2015;  
452 Weber et al., 2016). Sources of particle acidity have been resolved to be secondary  
453 nitrate and sulfate associated with gaseous  $NO_x$ ,  $SO_2$  and ammonia, coal combustion,  
454 vehicle exhaust, and mineral dust (Weber et al., 2016; Shi et al., 2017). Thus, human  
455 activities link to biogenic SOA formation via these particle-phase reactions that are  
456 correlated with particle acidity (Surratt et al., 2010; Qin et al., 2018a).

457 Numerous laboratory experiments were conducted with acidic seed particles to  
458 investigate the acidity effects on biogenic SOA formation. Improved SOA yields in the  
459 presence of acidic seed have been observed for a series of BVOCs due to the reactive  
460 uptake of the oxidation products (Gao et al., 2004; Iinuma et al., 2004; Offenberg et al.,  
461 2009; Han et al., 2016; Riva et al., 2016a), but this dependence is not always the case  
462 for all BVOCs due to varied experimental conditions. Taking  $\alpha$ -pinene as an example,  
463 while organic carbon (OC) from its pure ozonolysis in the presence of sulfuric acid was  
464 40% higher than that of ammonium sulfate (Iinuma et al., 2004), another ozonolysis  
465 study under low- $NO_x$  conditions found a negligible effect of increasing particle acidity  
466 on  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA formation (Kristensen et al., 2014). In  $\alpha$ -pinene photooxidation, the

467 SOA yield increased nearly linearly with particle acidity under high-NO<sub>x</sub> conditions,  
468 significantly different from the negligible acidity effect under low-NO<sub>x</sub> conditions  
469 (Han et al., 2016). In another study, it was observed that seed acidity only enhanced  
470 particle yields under high-NO condition but not under high-NO<sub>2</sub> condition because  
471 increased nitric acid and peroxyacyl nitrates in the latter case would make the aerosol  
472 acidic enough even in the presence of neutral seeds (Eddingsaas et al., 2012). These  
473 inconsistent results suggest that the effect of acidity on biogenic SOA formation might  
474 be mediated by other conditions such as initial hydrocarbon concentration, oxidant type,  
475 and NO<sub>x</sub> levels. Exploring the effect of acidity on biogenic SOA formation under more  
476 atmospheric relevant conditions is needed.

477 Isoprene as the most abundant biogenic hydrocarbon and largest SOA source, has  
478 gained particular concern (Hallquist et al., 2009). Collectively, acidic seeds enhance  
479 isoprene SOA yields from both photooxidation and ozonolysis through acid-catalyzed  
480 particle-phase reactions (Jang et al., 2002; Czoschke et al., 2003; Surratt et al., 2007;  
481 Zhang et al., 2011; Riva et al., 2016a). This was evidenced by increased 2-methyltetrol,  
482 organosulfates, and high molecular weight oligomers with aerosol acidity. Further  
483 studies underlined the importance of reactive uptake of isoprene epoxydiols (IEPOX)  
484 that are formed through isoprene photooxidation under low NO<sub>x</sub> conditions (Fig. 2)  
485 (Lin et al., 2012; Riva et al., 2016b). The acid-catalyzed nucleophilic addition of sulfate  
486 to the epoxide ring of IEPOX contributed substantially to SOA formation (Fig. 4 (f))  
487 (Surratt et al., 2010; Darer et al., 2011; Gaston et al., 2014). Organosulfates formed  
488 through this low NO<sub>x</sub> channel accounted for ~ 97%, ~ 55% and 62% - 83% of SOA  
489 mass in the Amazon, the southeastern US, and southwestern China, respectively (Qin  
490 et al., 2018a; Yee et al., 2020). It has been shown that the reaction probability of IEPOX  
491 on ammonium bisulfate was more than 500 times greater than on ammonium sulfate

492 and low NO<sub>x</sub> isoprene SOA yield increased from 1.3% in the presence of neutral  
493 particle to 28.6% in the presence of acidic particles (Surratt et al., 2010; Gaston et al.,  
494 2014). However, the reactive uptake of IEPOX was also observed to increase the OA  
495 mass when base hydrated ammonium sulfate was used (Nguyen et al., 2014). Hydrated  
496 seed particles here promoted not only the dissolution of water-soluble compounds but  
497 also hydrolysis reactions in the aqueous-phase.

498 The weak correlations between particle acidity and IEPOX-derived SOA here are  
499 somewhat consistent with field observations (Budisulistiorini et al., 2013; Worton et  
500 al., 2013; Budisulistiorini et al., 2015; Xu et al., 2015b). For example, in southwestern  
501 and eastern China and the southeastern US, isoprene SOA was found to be more  
502 strongly correlated with sulfate than with particle acidity or water mass concentration,  
503 partially because the surface area provided by sulfate particles promoted IEPOX  
504 reactive uptake and sulfate as a nucleophile and/or the salting-in effect accelerated the  
505 ring-opening reactions of IEPOX (Xu et al., 2015b; Rattanavaraha et al., 2017; Zhang  
506 et al., 2017c; Qin et al., 2018a). The insignificant correlation of IEPOX SOA with pH  
507 was ascribed to the small pH range and the regional transportation caused gap between  
508 calculated and the real particle pH at the time/site where acidity-dependent chemistry  
509 occurred (Yee et al., 2020). With a more detailed interpretation of the observed  
510 relationship between isoprene SOA tracers and pH, the particle acidity was found to  
511 negatively correlate with the ratio of 2-methyltetrols to C5-alkene triols (IEPOX  
512 pathway in Fig. 2), indicating that the formation of C5-alkene triols was favored with  
513 increasing particle acidity (Yee et al., 2020). However, it might be easy to misinterpret  
514 the effect of particle acidity and water on isoprene SOA formation because they are  
515 driven by sulfate (Xu et al., 2015b). The much more complex atmospheric  
516 environments than experimental conditions may partially lead to the gap between these

517 two kinds of studies. The difference in particle acidity in laboratory experiments and  
518 real atmosphere, the accurate manner and degree to which relative humidity and the  
519 liquid water content, seed particle composition, and acidity influence isoprene and other  
520 BVOCs-derived SOA formation remain elusive, and deserve further systemically  
521 exploration under more atmospherically relevant conditions (Lin et al., 2013a;  
522 Budisulistiorini et al., 2015; Riva et al., 2016b; Faust et al., 2017; Stirnweis et al., 2017).

523 Dicarboxylic acids (DCA) with the predominance of oxalic acid are major  
524 components of atmospheric organic aerosols. They have gained considerable attention  
525 in recent years owing to their contribution to organic aerosol budget via SOA formation  
526 and the potential impacts on climate via changing the solar radiation and acting as cloud  
527 condensation nuclei (Bikkina et al., 2014; Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016). While their  
528 emission from primary sources such as biomass burning and vehicle exhausts, cooking  
529 and natural marine sources are relatively low, those in the atmosphere originate largely  
530 from the photochemistry of biogenic unsaturated fatty acids and VOCs such as isoprene  
531 and intermediates (Lim et al., 2005; Carlton et al., 2007; Ervens et al., 2011). These  
532 processes are discussed to help understand how anthropogenic factors would influence  
533 DCA SOA formation.

534 Unsaturated fatty acids such as oleic acid are rich in marine phytoplankton and  
535 terrestrial higher plant leave (Ho et al., 2010). For SOA formation from unsaturated  
536 fatty acids, the ozonolysis of oleic acid particles under dry conditions showed a  
537 pronounced mass loss of oleic acid particles due to the evaporation of volatile oxidation  
538 products such as nonanal (Lee et al., 2012). However, azelaic acid in the particulate  
539 phase can further generate low molecular weight DCA such as oxalic acid, which is a  
540 major class of SOA. In marine regions, azelaic acid and DCA concentrations were  
541 higher in more biologically influenced aerosols than in less biologically influenced ones,

542 suggesting the contribution of biogenic unsaturated fatty acids to DCA formation  
543 (Bikkina et al., 2014).

544 The ability of isoprene as a precursor of DCA, especially oxalic acid has been  
545 evidenced in various regions. In marine regions, isoprene was proposed to be one source  
546 of DCA through aqueous-phase reactions (Bikkina et al., 2014; Bikkina et al., 2015).  
547 Pyruvic and glyoxylic acids and methylglyoxal in the aerosol-phase are key precursors  
548 for the final formation of oxalic acid. In continental regions, oxalic acid and glyoxylic  
549 acid that derived from glyoxal and methylglyoxal (important isoprene oxidation  
550 products) oxidation were observed to have a robust linear correlation and also well  
551 correlated with sulfate, indicating that oxalic acid may be largely produced by aqueous  
552 phase oxidation of glyoxylic acid in aerosols (Yu et al., 2005; Fu et al., 2008; Wang et  
553 al., 2012). More recently, a field observation in Xi'an, China, focusing on the formation  
554 mechanism of SOA on dust surfaces investigated the concentrations and compositions  
555 of DCA during the dust storm episodes (Wang et al., 2015). According to the strong  
556 correlation of oxalic acid with  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  that strongly absorbs water vapor was  
557 proposed to be produced via the heterogeneous reaction of nitric acid and/or nitrogen  
558 oxides with dust (Wang et al., 2015). Gas-phase water-soluble organic precursors (e.g.,  
559 glyoxal and methylglyoxal) that partitioned into the aqueous-phase on the surface of  
560 dust aerosols can be subsequently oxidized into oxalic acid and thus contributed to SOA  
561 formation. It seems that liquid water in particles favors organic acid formation (Lim et  
562 al., 2005). However, no correlation between oxalic acid concentration and particle  
563 liquid water content was observed in aerosols collected from Mt. Hua in central China  
564 and the western North Pacific (Meng et al., 2014; Bikkina et al., 2015). In Mt. Hua, the  
565 oxalic acid concentration was observed to instead correlate with particle acidity. Acidic  
566 condition was suggested to be favorable for oxalic acid formation from isoprene and

567 monoterpene oxidation products in the aqueous-phase (Meng et al., 2014). Based on  
568 these results, it is therefore speculated that anthropogenic species like sulfate and nitrate  
569 that would influence the particle liquid water content and acidity in particles may affect  
570 the fate of intermediates from isoprene/monoterpenes/unsaturated fatty acids oxidation  
571 and thus the formation of DCA in SOA (Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016). Considering  
572 the wide distribution of DCA in the aerosols and their effects on climate, such kind of  
573 anthropogenic-biogenic interaction needs further exploration.

#### 574 **4. Effects of SO<sub>2</sub> on SOA formation from BVOCs photooxidation and ozonolysis**

575 The anthropogenic sources of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) including fuel combustion,  
576 biomass burning, industrial activities comprise more than 78% of its global emission  
577 (Smith et al., 2001; Ye et al., 2018). SO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere not only acts as the primary  
578 source of acid precipitation and sulfate aerosol particles (Smith et al., 2001; Tao et al.,  
579 2013), but it also plays a great role in modifying SOA formation through sulfuric acid  
580 formation and corresponding acid-catalyzed heterogeneous reactions, reactions with  
581 reactive intermediates formed during VOCs oxidation, and perturbations on oxidation  
582 pathways (Jang et al., 2002; Boy et al., 2013; Friedman et al., 2016; Ye et al., 2018;  
583 Zhao et al., 2018b). The role of SO<sub>2</sub> (as well as sulfate discussed in section 2.2.2) in  
584 BVOCs oxidation is a typical anthropogenic-biogenic interaction influencing the  
585 biogenic SOA composition and budget (Kourtchev et al., 2014). A modeling work  
586 incorporating both SO<sub>2</sub> and sulfate (SO<sub>x</sub>) in eastern US saw a significant reduction of  
587 isoprene SOA as a result of a 25% SO<sub>x</sub> decrease (Pye et al., 2013). The removal of all  
588 anthropogenic SO<sub>2</sub> in the contiguous US was estimated to reduce the nationally  
589 averaged biogenic SOA by 14% (Carlton et al., 2018).

#### 590 **4.1 SO<sub>2</sub> effects on BVOCs photooxidation**

591 The primary sink of SO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is the reaction with ·OH, forming HSO<sub>3</sub>  
592 (R1) that can further react with O<sub>2</sub> to produce SO<sub>3</sub> and HO<sub>2</sub>· (R2). The reaction between  
593 SO<sub>3</sub> and water vapor gives H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> ultimately (R3).



597 Though numerous chamber experiments have shown enhanced SOA formation  
598 with particle acidity as described in section 3.2, the effect of SO<sub>2</sub> on SOA formation is  
599 not only limited to H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> formation and corresponding acid-catalyzed reactions but  
600 also to its perturbation on the radical fate in the chamber. When the addition of SO<sub>2</sub>  
601 was disabled to change the radical level and thus gas-chemistry, the generation of  
602 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> increased linearly with initial SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (Kleindienst et al., 2006). The  
603 enhanced SOA yield from isoprene and  $\alpha$ -pinene photooxidation in the presence of SO<sub>2</sub>  
604 can be attributed to the acid-catalyzed reactions involving carbonyl compounds.  
605 Similarly, when excluding gas-phase chemistry during the photooxidation of limonene  
606 and  $\alpha$ -pinene, the presence of SO<sub>2</sub> increased the SOA yield for these two hydrocarbons  
607 under both low and high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions (Zhao et al., 2018b). This was primarily  
608 because new particle formation induced by SO<sub>2</sub> oxidation could act as seeds to provide  
609 more surface and volume for the condensation of product vapors, though the effect of  
610 particle acidity may also exist. However, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-induced enhancement on SOA  
611 formation is not always the case for all VOC precursors. For example, in the  
612 photooxidation of cyclohexene under atmospheric relevant conditions, SO<sub>2</sub> was  
613 observed to suppress the SOA yield (Liu et al., 2017). Despite the oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub>  
614 by ·OH forms H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> that can exert an enhancing effect on SOA formation, this effect  
615 is insufficient to compensate the simultaneously reduced ·OH reactivity towards

616 cyclohexene so that the net SO<sub>2</sub> effect is to weaken SOA formation. Another study  
617 focusing on the effects of SO<sub>2</sub> on the  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene photooxidation proposed that the  
618 presence of SO<sub>2</sub> lead to enhanced products with a lesser degree of oxygenation but the  
619 increased relative humidity dampened this enhancement (Friedman et al., 2016). Here,  
620 the SO<sub>2</sub>-induced change in the  $\cdot\text{OH}/\text{HO}_2\cdot$  ratio and/or SO<sub>3</sub> reacting directly with  
621 organic molecules were suggested to be responsible for the SO<sub>2</sub> perturbations. These  
622 results indicate that, altogether, the perturbation of SO<sub>2</sub> on both particle- and gas-phase  
623 reactions determine the extent to which SO<sub>2</sub> influences SOA formation. More BVOCs  
624 photooxidation processes under atmospheric related conditions deserve continued focus.

#### 625 **4.2. SO<sub>2</sub> effects on BVOCs ozonolysis**

626 Besides reacting with  $\cdot\text{OH}$ , another important way for the transformation of SO<sub>2</sub> to  
627 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is by reacting with the stabilized Criegee Intermediates (sCIs) that are formed  
628 during alkenes ozonolysis (Mauldin III et al., 2012; Boy et al., 2013; Sipila et al., 2014).  
629 The reaction between SO<sub>2</sub> and sCIs forms SO<sub>3</sub>, which further reacts efficiently with  
630 water to produce H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as shown in Fig. 5. This none- $\cdot\text{OH}$  SO<sub>2</sub> oxidation pathway is  
631 potentially responsible for the missing H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> source in both boreal forest and coastal  
632 sites (Mauldin III et al., 2012; Berresheim et al., 2014). Modeling results showed that  
633 SO<sub>2</sub> oxidation by sCIs from monoterpenes ozonolysis accounted for about 60% of the  
634 gas-phase SO<sub>2</sub> removal in tropical forest regions (Newland et al., 2018).

635 sCIs are key precursors to the formation of condensable species (Mackenzie-Rae  
636 et al., 2018), such as carboxylic acid formed from sCIs isomerization,  $\alpha$ -acyloxyalkyl  
637 hydroperoxides formed from carboxylic acids + sCIs reactions and secondary ozonides  
638 formed from carbonyl + sCIs reactions (Sipila et al., 2014; Chhantyal-Pun et al., 2018;  
639 Zhao et al., 2019). SO<sub>2</sub> may influence SOA formation by altering sCIs chemistry and  
640 H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-related enhancement effects (Sipila et al., 2014). For example, it was found that

641 SOA formation from limonene ozonolysis was enhanced by the presence of SO<sub>2</sub>,  
642 regardless of dry (relative humidity (RH) < 16% ) or humid (RH = ~ 50%) conditions  
643 (Ye et al., 2018). Under dry conditions, the formation and condensation of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> from  
644 the SO<sub>2</sub> + sCIs reaction and further acid-catalyzed reactions (Fig. 5) were expected for  
645 the enhanced SOA yields. The composition analysis showed reduced oligomers but  
646 enhanced organosulfates and oxidation state, suggesting that the H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>-related  
647 enhancement overweighed the reduction of condensable species directly from sCIs  
648 reactions. However, under humid conditions, the dominant SO<sub>2</sub> sink was proposed to  
649 be its heterogeneous reaction with condensed-phase organic peroxides. A similar  
650 pathway for the transformation of SO<sub>2</sub> to organosulfates was also characterized in the  
651 case of  $\alpha$ -pinene though SO<sub>2</sub> exhibited a minor effect on the SOA yield, likely because  
652 the enhanced functionalization was offset by reduced oligomerization (Wang et al.,  
653 2019). In addition, SO<sub>2</sub> also influences new particle formation during BVOCs  
654 ozonolysis. In the absence of SO<sub>2</sub>, new particle formation was not observed in the  
655 ozonolysis of isoprene,  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -pinene, and limonene under dry conditions.  
656 However, with the addition of SO<sub>2</sub>, new particle formation emerged and the amount of  
657 nucleation was correlated with the sCIs yield (Stangl et al., 2019).

658 Water vapor is a potential competitor to SO<sub>2</sub> for sCIs to change the overall effect  
659 of SO<sub>2</sub> on gas- and particle-phase reactions (Fig. 5), such as the masked SO<sub>2</sub> enhancing  
660 effect on the SOA yield from butyl vinyl ether ozonolysis when RH > 40% (Huang et  
661 al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2019a). This competition, however, highly depends on the  
662 structure of the hydrocarbon itself (Vereecken et al., 2015). For monoterpene-derived  
663 sCIs, their reactions with SO<sub>2</sub> are nearly independent of RH, implying minor  
664 competitiveness of water than SO<sub>2</sub> even under high RH conditions (Sipila et al., 2014).  
665 Nevertheless, observations for  $\alpha$ -pinene and limonene ozonolysis still showed smaller

666 enhancement on particle volume concentration under humid condition ( $RH = \sim 50\%$ )  
667 than under dry condition ( $RH = \sim 10\%$ ) (Ye et al., 2018). Besides the suppressed  
668 formation of high molecular weight species and organosulfates caused by water uptake  
669 and thus diluted particle acidity, a novel way for  $SO_2$  to form organosulfates was  
670 proposed to be its heterogeneous reaction with organic (hydro-) peroxides (Fig. 5). It  
671 should be noted that this mechanism is still linked to uncertainties and needs continued  
672 focus. Besides, the effects of  $SO_2$  on SOA formation from the ozonolysis of other  
673 BVOCs such as isoprene and sesquiterpenes are still scarcely studied and warrant more  
674 attention to better evaluate  $SO_2$ -involved anthropogenic-biogenic interactions at night.

## 675 **5. Effects of $NH_3$ and amines on SOA formation and aging**

676  $NH_3$  and amines, both of which play a key role in acid rain, nitrogen deposition,  
677 and fine particle pollution, are ubiquitous in the atmosphere (Liu et al., 2019). The  
678 anthropogenic sources of  $NH_3$  and amines include fertilizer use, animal husbandry,  
679 industries, sewage treatment, and automobiles (Ge et al., 2011; Zeng et al., 2018). With  
680 these emission sources, a substantial increase of  $NH_3$  emission has been seen over the  
681 European Union ( $1.83\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ), China ( $2.27\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ), and the US ( $2.61\% \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ) from the  
682 year 2002 to 2016 (Warner et al., 2017). The typical concentration of atmospheric  
683 amines is estimated to be about 1-2 orders of magnitude lower than that of  $NH_3$  (Ge et  
684 al., 2011; Qiu and Zhang, 2013). In addition to directly contributing to fine particulate  
685 matter by reacting with sulfuric or nitric acid to generate secondary inorganic aerosols  
686 (ammonium sulfate, ammonium bisulfate and ammonium nitrate),  $NH_3$  and amines can  
687 also influence SOA yields and composition through both gas-phase and heterogeneous  
688 reactions (Zhu et al., 2013; Babar et al., 2017; Niu et al., 2017).

### 689 **5.1 $NH_3$ effects on SOA formation**

690 The potential role of  $\text{NH}_3$  in SOA formation was first investigated in the styrene  
691 ozonolysis system (Na et al., 2006). The addition of excessive  $\text{NH}_3$  into the chamber  
692 where SOA formation had ceased resulted in the decreased aerosol volume  
693 concentration, which was attributed to the rapid decomposition of the main SOA-  
694 forming species (3,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-trioxolane and the hydroxyl-substituted ester)  
695 caused by the nucleophilic attack of  $\text{NH}_3$ . When styrene ozonolysis was further studied  
696 in the presence of  $\text{NH}_3$ , the SOA yield was significantly reduced (Ma et al., 2018).  
697 Quantum chemical calculations revealed that the reaction between  $\text{NH}_3$  and sCIs  
698 suppressed the formation of condensable secondary ozonide (3,5-diphenyl-1,2,4-  
699 trioxolane) that was formed via sCIs + aldehyde reaction. Different from styrene,  $\text{NH}_3$   
700 exhibited an enhancement effect on the particle growth and SOA yield from  $\alpha$ -pinene  
701 ozonolysis whether  $\text{NH}_3$  was added in the beginning or at the end of the reaction (Na et  
702 al., 2007; Babar et al., 2017). Ammonium salts generated via the gas-phase reaction  
703 between  $\text{NH}_3$  and organic acids (such as pinic acid, pinonic acid) nucleated and  
704 contributed to the increased SOA formation. In the photooxidation of  $\alpha$ -pinene in the  
705 presence of  $\text{NH}_3$ , particle-phase ammonium correlated well with organic mono- and di-  
706 carboxylic acids in the gas-phase, highlighting the central role of ammonium salts  
707 formed via acid-base reaction between  $\text{NH}_3$  and organic acids in SOA formation (Hao  
708 et al., 2020). Similarly, the ozonolysis of limonene and BVOCs mixture (emitted from  
709 cleaning products) in the presence of  $\text{NH}_3$  yielded 60% and 35% higher maximum total  
710 particle number concentrations than those in the absence of  $\text{NH}_3$  (Huang et al., 2012;  
711 Niu et al., 2017). Both nuclei coagulation and condensation caused by acid-base  
712 reaction were responsible for the SOA growth. But for SOA from isoprene ozonolysis,  
713 its reaction with  $\text{NH}_3$  did not significantly change particle number and volume  
714 concentrations, suggesting that not all gas-phase organic acids (e.g., 2-methylglyceric

715 acid, pyruvic acid) could experience gas-to-particle conversion through acid-base  
716 reaction (Na et al., 2007).

## 717 **5.2 $\text{NH}_3$ effects on SOA aging**

718 Heterogeneous uptake of  $\text{NH}_3$  by SOA is an important way to complex SOA  
719 composition and optical properties by forming N-containing organic compounds  
720 (NOC). NOC are regarded as a significant class of heteroatom-containing brown carbon  
721 (BrC) compounds that absorb light with a strong wavelength dependence (Liu et al.  
722 (2015) and reference therein). SOA from limonene ozonolysis was the first biogenic  
723 SOA that had been found to turn to be more light-absorbing when aqueous extract of  
724 SOA was aged by ammonium ions (Bones et al., 2010). The key aging reactions involve  
725 firstly the acid-catalyzed transformation of carbonyls to primary imines (Fig. 6 (a)).  
726 Particularly, imines formed via the reaction between  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and 1,5-dicarbonyl  
727 compounds from limonene SOA may undergo cyclization to give the  
728 dihydropyridinium ion (Fig. 6 (b)). The combination product of two dihydropyridinium  
729 ions further disproportionates, finally leading to conjugated NOC that are responsible  
730 for the enhanced light absorption. A similar  $\text{NH}_3$  effect on the light absorption of SOA  
731 has been further observed when exposing  $\text{NH}_3$  directly to SOA from the photooxidation  
732 or ozonolysis of various biogenic as well as anthropogenic VOCs (Laskin et al., 2010;  
733 Updyke et al., 2012; Lee et al., 2013; Babar et al., 2017). The light absorption of aged  
734 SOA from ozonolysis was generally stronger than that from  $\cdot\text{OH}$  oxidation, confirming  
735 the role of the carbonyl +  $\text{NH}_3$  reaction in NOC formation as alkene ozonolysis yields  
736 more carbonyl than  $\cdot\text{OH}$ -initiated oxidation (Updyke et al., 2012). Besides the  
737 heterocyclic NOC formation through the intramolecular cyclization of the primary  
738 imine, the reaction between primary imines with another carbonyl that leads to a more  
739 stable secondary imine (Schiff base formation) (Fig. 6 (c)) and the 1,2-dicarbonyls +

740 aldehydes reaction in the presence of  $\text{NH}_3$  that gives imidazoles (Fig. 6 (d)) are likely  
741 to induce light-absorbing products in aged SOA (Laskin et al., 2010; Updyke et al.,  
742 2012; Laskin et al., 2014). Very recently, uptake coefficients of  $\text{NH}_3$  onto SOA from  
743  $\alpha$ -pinene ozonolysis or *m*-xylene  $\cdot\text{OH}$ -oxidation were observed to be positively  
744 correlated with the acidity of aerosol and negatively correlated with the concentration  
745 of  $\text{NH}_3$ , kinetically confirming that NOCs were formed via heterogeneous reaction of  
746  $\text{NH}_3$  with SOA (Liu et al., 2015). It should be noted that some BrC formed via the  
747 mechanism discussed above may be unstable towards sunlight or oxidants but need  
748 further exploration (Sareen et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2014). Regardless, considering the  
749 increase trend of  $\text{NH}_3$  emission,  $\text{NH}_3$  is of great significance to mediate the components  
750 and physical properties of biogenic SOA. Hence, more relevant studies are warranted.

### 751 ***5.3 Amine-involved particle-phase reactions***

752 As derivatives of ammonia, amines have been observed in both gas- and particle-  
753 phases (Ge et al., 2011). Though they can participate in SOA formation via various  
754 pathways, here we only focus on those likely occurring during biogenic SOA formation.  
755 Amine-epoxide reactions were proposed to be kinetically feasible for isoprene-derived  
756 epoxides and high amine SOA concentrations (Stropoli and Elrod, 2015). However, it  
757 should be noted that such reactions can only be favored when the pH values of the  
758 reaction environment are higher than the pKa values of particular amines. The prevalent  
759 acidic SOA in the atmosphere may not be conducive to such reactions.

760 Similar to  $\text{NH}_3$ , amines could also engage in the heterogeneous reactions with  
761 carbonyls to form imine/enamine compounds (Zhang et al., 2015). The particle-phase  
762 reaction between methylamine and glyoxal that is mainly derived from biogenic sources  
763 showed that glyoxal could irreversibly trap amines in the aerosol-phase and convert  
764 them into oligomers (De Haan et al., 2009). SOA formed through this pathway were

765 estimated to be up to 11 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> globally if glyoxal was consumed exclusively in this  
766 path. To explain the formation of high molecular weight NOC observed in ambient  
767 aerosols, the Mannich reaction among amines (or ammonia), aldehydes, and carbonyls  
768 with an adjacent, acidic proton was proposed (Wang et al., 2010).

769 Acid-base reactions are another class of amine-involved reactions of interest. The  
770 heterogeneous uptake of methylamine, dimethylamine, and trimethylamine onto citric  
771 acid and humic acid confirmed acid-base reactions between amines and carboxylic  
772 acids (Liu et al., 2012). Aminium salts formed would enhance the water uptake of  
773 particles and thus alter the particle properties. Based on the equilibrium partitioning of  
774 dimethylamine, ammonia, acetic acid, pinic acid and their salts, amines were suggested  
775 to contribute significantly to the formation of organic salts that might have a potential  
776 contribution to new particle growth (Barsanti et al., 2009). Theoretical calculations for  
777 the thermodynamics of accretion reactions between organic acids (malic, maleic, and  
778 pinic acids) and amines showed that such interactions could contribute to SOA  
779 formation via the kinetically favored formation of ester and amide (Barsanti and  
780 Pankow, 2006). Additionally, new particle formation in a flow tube was also  
781 considerably enhanced when amines reacted with methanesulfonic acid in the presence  
782 of water (Dawson et al., 2012). Considering that epoxides, carbonyls and organic acids  
783 are important BVOCs oxidation products, it is plausible that the reactions between  
784 amines and epoxides/carbonyls/acids from BVOCs oxidation may influence biogenic  
785 SOA formation but current studies on this process are still limited and thus need  
786 furthermore attention.

## 787 **6. Anthropogenic-biogenic interactions in China**

788 Many areas in China have been suffering severe haze events in the last few years  
789 (Li et al., 2017a; Zhao et al., 2018a; Lu et al., 2019). Though great efforts have been

790 devoted to mitigating haze pollution by controlling various anthropogenic emissions  
791 (Xia et al., 2016), high mixing ratios of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub> can still be observed to  
792 exceed 100 ppb and the contribution of POA to total submicron aerosol is up to 27% in  
793 regions like North China Plain (Li et al., 2017a; Meng et al., 2018). While SOA derived  
794 from anthropogenic precursors, such as those VOCs emitted from traffic/coal burning  
795 account for a significant fraction of fine particles, biogenic SOA also has a contribution  
796 and shows seasonal and regional dependence (Ding et al., 2014; Huang et al., 2014;  
797 Zhang et al., 2017b; Xing et al., 2019). Biogenic emissions in China were estimated to  
798 be 23.54 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> and contributed approximately for 70% of the total SOA in summer  
799 (Wu et al., 2020). Considering that anthropogenic emissions and BVOCs may coexist  
800 abundantly in regions like Pearl River Delta, Yangtze River Delta, Sichuan Basin, and  
801 North China Plain, there are some evidences showing that anthropogenic-biogenic  
802 interactions are important in SOA formation in these regions, as Fig. 7 and Table 3  
803 summarized (He et al., 2014; Hu et al., 2017; He et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019b; Wu  
804 et al., 2020).

805 Biogenic organosulfates in ambient particles, which are formed through the cross-  
806 reaction between BVOCs and anthropogenic pollutants, are important markers of  
807 anthropogenic-biogenic interactions. Quantification of organosulfates in fine particle  
808 samples collected in the central Pearl River Delta in 2010 showed nearly three times  
809 higher pinene-derived nitrooxyorganosulfates (MW = 295) in fall than in summer,  
810 probably due to the higher levels of sulfates and NO<sub>x</sub> in fall (He et al., 2014). 2-  
811 Methyltetrol sulfate ester produced via isoprene-derived IEPOX oxidation under low  
812 NO<sub>x</sub> condition showed low concentration. The high NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratio (daily 65 ppb  
813 and hourly 163 ppb) here could be the reason why IEPOX formation was suppressed.  
814 Other observations in this region also showed the Ox and sulfate dependence of

815 isoprene-SOA tracers (He et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019b). Simultaneously, SOA  
816 tracers originating from  $\beta$ -caryophyllene and high-generation monoterpene oxidation  
817 were positively correlated with Ox and sulfate (Zhang et al., 2019b). Interestingly, the  
818 reduction of 50% Ox in this region was estimated to be more efficient in reducing  
819 biogenic SOA than that of sulfate. In eastern China, combining field measurements and  
820 model analysis, the depression of IEPOX SOA by high NO<sub>x</sub> level was confirmed as  
821 the reactive uptake of IEPOX and the ratio of IEPOX to isoprene high-NO<sub>x</sub> SOA  
822 precursors were lower than those observed in regions with abundant biogenic emissions,  
823 high particle acidity and low NO<sub>x</sub> concentration (Zhang et al., 2017c). Biogenic SOA  
824 formation in summer 2012 over China was simulated using the Community Multiscale  
825 Air Quality (CMAQ) model that considers reactive uptake of isoprene-derived  
826 intermediates, multigenerational oxidation and detailed monoterpene SOA production  
827 (Qin et al., 2018a). Isoprene SOA tracers showed high concentrations in southwestern  
828 China due to the abundant IEPOX and high particle surface area provided by sulfate.  
829 Similar positive correlations between biogenic SOA tracers and sulfate were also  
830 observed in urban Urumqi, Qinghai Lake and urban Xi'an, Beijing, Nanjing, Pearl  
831 River Delta, and Wangqingshan (He et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2017c; He et al., 2018;  
832 Ren et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2019b; Bryant et al., 2020). Isoprene SOA formation  
833 pathway in some areas of the Yangtze River Delta Region and North China Plain was  
834 influenced by NO<sub>x</sub> emission, as a high ratio of 2-methylglyceric acid and 2-  
835 methyltetrols (0.06-0.1 by model and 0.58-0.78 by observation) showed in these  
836 regions (Qin et al., 2018a). We note that though the simulated total biogenic SOA in  
837 summer 2012 in China accurately tracked the observed data (normalized mean bias of  
838 1% and  $r^2$  of 0.59), CMAQ did not well simulate the ratios of 2-methylglyceric acid  
839 and 2-methyltetrols. The uncertainties in the fate of IEPOX, 2-methylglyceric acid

840 reaction parameters and C5-alkene triols formation pathways could be possible reasons  
841 for the discrepancies between modeled and observed results. The linear correlations  
842 between SOA tracers of isoprene, monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes and anthropogenic  
843 pollutants, such as SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> were also observed at Mountain Wuyi and Changbai  
844 in southeastern and northeastern China, respectively, suggesting that SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> can  
845 enhance biogenic SOA production in the remote mountain area through acid-catalyzed  
846 heterogeneous chemistry (Wang et al., 2008; Ren et al., 2019). For more polluted urban  
847 Beijing that is characterized by both local isoprene and anthropogenic pollutants,  
848 anthropogenic-influenced biogenic SOA formation in summer 2017 was also observed  
849 (Bryant et al., 2020). Isoprene-derived particulate organosulfates and nitrooxy-  
850 organosulfates, the formation of which is related to NO<sub>x</sub> and particulate SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> level,  
851 accounted for 0.62% and could be as high as ~ 3% on certain days.

852 For China as a whole, SOA formation in 2013 was modeled by incorporating  
853 updated two-product SOA yields and SOA formation from reactive uptake of isoprene-  
854 derived IEPOX and methacrylic acid epoxide into the updated 3-D air quality model  
855 (Hu et al., 2017). The enhancement effect of anthropogenic emission on biogenic SOA  
856 was evidenced because the SOA concentration was less than 1 μg m<sup>-3</sup> when solely  
857 considering biogenic emissions (Hu et al., 2017). Similar anthropogenic-biogenic  
858 interactions were found in a more recent study (Wu et al., 2020). With the modeled  
859 anthropogenic and biogenic emission in China in 2016, the CMAQ model that includes  
860 updated POA aging, SOA properties and IEPOX organosulfates formation rate  
861 constants showed that removing all anthropogenic emissions while keeping biogenic  
862 emissions unchanged lead to a 60% reduction of SOA formation. These studies suggest  
863 that though the emission of BVOCs is uncontrollable, biogenic SOA reduction can be  
864 achieved through controlling anthropogenic emissions. It should be noted that the

865 modeled SOA concentrations have not been compared with the direct SOA  
866 measurements due to data limitations. Many other studies show that current models  
867 usually underestimate or predict the SOA concentration with large uncertainties due to  
868 the missed SOA precursors, formation mechanism, components and complex  
869 atmospheric conditions (Shrivastava et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2018; Slade et al., 2019).  
870 With more detailed measurements of the particle composition and biogenic SOA tracer  
871 performed in many areas over China (Table 3) and the increased knowledge of SOA  
872 formation mechanism by laboratory studies, models could be better constrained by the  
873 observed data and models' performance could be better evaluated.

## 874 **7. Summary and outlook**

875 Accurate predictions of air pollution, climate change and health effects of SOA  
876 requires a more accurate assessment of the regional and global SOA budget. Reducing  
877 the SOA burden uncertainty between modeling and observation needs better speciation  
878 and quantification of SOA precursors and formation pathways under atmospheric-  
879 relevant conditions. As one uncontrollable and largest SOA source, BVOCs contribute  
880 significantly to the regional and global SOA formation but the extent of this  
881 contribution is mediated by anthropogenic emissions.

882 Currently available laboratory and field observations have made great progress in  
883 the scientific understanding of this kind of interaction. This paper reviews the effects  
884 of NO<sub>x</sub>, anthropogenic aerosols, SO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>/amines on biogenic SOA formation  
885 from BVOCs photooxidation and ozonolysis, from the perspective of gas- and particle-  
886 phase reactions. NO<sub>x</sub> level is effective in determining the RO<sub>2</sub>· fate by competing with  
887 HO<sub>2</sub>· in daytime oxidation and changing atmospheric oxidation capacity by forming  
888 NO<sub>3</sub>· that acts as another sink for BVOCs besides O<sub>3</sub> at night. These NO<sub>x</sub>-involved  
889 BVOCs oxidation processes induce changes in the distribution of product volatility and

890 thus SOA composition and yields. But whether high NO<sub>x</sub> or low NO<sub>x</sub> levels favors  
891 SOA formation depends on the hydrocarbon precursor itself, indicating that the spatial  
892 and temporal distribution of different BVOCs need to be carefully considered when  
893 evaluating NO<sub>x</sub> effects on biogenic SOA formation. The definition of high NO<sub>x</sub> or low  
894 NO<sub>x</sub> level for a specific BVOC, such as isoprene is also unclear and a detailed NO<sub>x</sub>-  
895 involved mechanism warrants further attention.

896 POA from anthropogenic activity could alter the gas-particle partition of SOA-  
897 forming products if a homogeneous mixing phase occurs. Inorganic sulfates promote  
898 SOA formation through particle-phase reactions, which would simultaneously be  
899 associated with the particle acidity and water content. While the strong correlation  
900 between IEPOX SOA and sulfates is frequently observed, the combined effects of these  
901 factors under certain circumstances should be checked in detail by further laboratory  
902 experiments.

903 SO<sub>2</sub> enhances SOA formation dominantly by forming H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> that triggers new  
904 particle formation and acid-catalyzed particle-phase reactions. SO<sub>2</sub>-introduced  
905 reduction of the oxidation capacity, such as ·OH and sCIs levels in the reaction system  
906 would somewhat counterbalance the enhancement effect. New mechanism of the direct  
907 interaction between SO<sub>2</sub> and peroxides and other potential mechanism are possible but  
908 need further examination.

909 The acid-base reaction between NH<sub>3</sub> and organic acid in the gas-phase is the main  
910 way for the interference of NH<sub>3</sub> on SOA generation. Whether NH<sub>3</sub> enhances particle  
911 formation depends on organic acids formed from BVOCs oxidation and thus the parent  
912 BVOCs and oxidants themselves. The particle-phase reaction between ammonia and  
913 carbonyls under acid condition is efficient in forming NOC and thus enhancing the light  
914 absorption of SOA particles. The reactions of amines with epoxides/carbonyls/organic

915 acids that derived from biogenic sources also possibly modify biogenic SOA  
916 composition and properties but need further exploration.

917 Despite the abovementioned advances have shed light on the importance of  
918 anthropogenic-biogenic interactions, the exploration of this topic is far from complete.  
919 More research efforts are recommended to be engaged toward the following directions.

920 (1) Generally, the concentrations of parent hydrocarbons and anthropogenic  
921 pollutants in laboratory experiments are much higher than the ambient levels, which  
922 might cause a deviation in some critical conditions, such as the change of the  
923 competitive advantages of different reaction paths. Therefore, the concentrations of the  
924 substance in the laboratory experiments need to be closer to the real atmospheric level  
925 while keeping other conditions, like RH, particle acidity more atmospheric-relevant.

926 (2) Besides the role of single pollutant in the formation of biogenic SOA, the  
927 combined effects of multiple anthropogenic pollutants, such as the simultaneous  
928 presence of NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>/amines in BVOCs photooxidation and  
929 ozonolysis are scarcely investigated. Giving chemical insights into whether obvious  
930 synergistic, antagonistic actions, or irrelevance between different pollutants exist  
931 makes sense because these interactions could largely affect the SOA yield.

932 (3) SOA tracers, such as organosulfates, organic nitrates from typical BVOCs are  
933 important compounds found in laboratory and field SOA samples. These compounds  
934 not only qualitatively represent anthropogenic biogenic-interactions, but their  
935 atmospheric concentrations could also be the basis for the quantification of controllable  
936 biogenic SOA. While using surrogate compounds for the quantification of these SOA  
937 tracers induces uncertainty, authentic quantitative standards can further assist in the  
938 accurate quantification and comprehensive interpretation of the mechanism for the  
939 interaction between BVOCs and human-made pollutants. These authentic quantitative

940 standards that can be used for the determination of SOA from various monoterpenes  
941 and sesquiterpenes are yet often unavailable and require further development.

942 (4) The particle phase state (liquid, semisolid, solid) of SOA is crucial for the  
943 partitioning of semi-volatile compounds, particle-phase reactions and, most importantly,  
944 climate. SOA morphology is related to the components and their hygroscopicity, for  
945 example, the presence of oligomers and high molecular weight compounds favors the  
946 amorphous solid state of SOA particles while hydrophilic products lead to a liquid state  
947 of the particles. Anthropogenic pollutants, such as NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and particle acidity could  
948 potentially change biogenic SOA formation pathways and composition, and thus  
949 possibly the phase state of SOA particles. However, this is still poorly understood.  
950 Future research needs to expand on the exploration of anthropogenic effects on the  
951 morphology of SOA to better address the morphology-associated heterogeneous  
952 chemistry, optical properties, air quality and climate.

953 (5) Vast areas of the globe, like China, still experience both large BVOCs and  
954 anthropogenic pollutant emissions. To explore the extent to which biogenic SOA could  
955 be mitigated by controlling anthropogenic pollutants, collecting more field evidence  
956 regarding the correlation between regional-specific types and amount of BVOCs and  
957 human-induced pollutants is a demanding task. Furthermore, while the climate change  
958 and land use change tend to increase the global BVOC emissions, emissions of  
959 anthropogenic pollutants are also changing. For example, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions are  
960 expected to continually decrease in North America and Europe but to increase in Asia.  
961 Besides the interaction mechanism among different BVOCs precursors and pollutants,  
962 changes in the temporal and spatial distribution of both BVOCs and anthropogenic  
963 pollutants should be the basis for the regional and, ultimately, global control of SOA  
964 formation.

965 Overall, shedding light on the anthropogenic-biogenic interactions is necessary for  
966 the better evaluation of the contribution of biogenic SOA to the total SOA budget,  
967 formulating more effective pollution control measures and reducing uncertainties in the  
968 current understanding of air pollution and climate change.

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1601 **Table 1.** SOA formation from BVOCs photooxidation in the presence of NOx.

BVOCs	[BVOC] <sub>0</sub> (ppb)	[NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[BVOC] <sub>0</sub>	·OH precursors	T (K)	RH (%)	Seed	SOA mass (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Yield (%)	Notes	References
isoprene	91.4-114.6	0.7-7.3	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	~298	< 5	none	4.2-30.2	1.5-8.5	The SOA yield increased with initial NO/isoprene up to a ratio of 3, beyond which it decreases with increasing initial [NO] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> ratio.	(Xu et al., 2014)
	45±4	0-17	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	~301	< 10	ammonium sulfate	1.7-6.7	1.4-5.5	At high NOx (>200 ppb), the SOA yield decreased with increasing NOx.	(Kroll et al., 2006)
	26	0-1.9	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	-	50	ammonium sulfate	1.9-7.6	2.7-11.6	The SOA yield was nearly constant at low NO until the [NO] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> ratio reached ~0.38). It further decreased with the increase of NO concentrations.	(Liu et al., 2016)
	50	0-0.5	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	~298	40±2	ammonium sulfate	0.5-1.2	0.4-0.9	Higher [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> ratios produced lower aerosol yields.	(King et al., 2010)
	33-523	1.6-32	CH <sub>3</sub> ONO/H ONO	296-298	9-11	ammonium sulfate	2.9-65.2	3.1-7.4	SOA yields were relevant to NO <sub>2</sub> /NO ratio under high NOx conditions.	(Chan et al., 2010)
	25-500	0.5-7.6	HONO	293-295	42-50	ammonium sulfate	0.7-42.6	0.9-3	Higher [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> ratios produced lower aerosol yields.	(Kroll et al., 2005)
	180-2500	0.2-0.7	NOx	293	47-53	none	0.7-336	0.2-5.3	SOA yields first increased ([NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> < 0.5) and then decreased with [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> ([NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[isoprene] <sub>0</sub> > 0.5).	(Dommen et al., 2006)

$\alpha$ -pinene	~15	0-64.5	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /HONO	296-299	3.3-6.4	ammonium sulfate	4.5-29.3	6.6-37.9	SOA yields were higher at lower initial [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> ratios.	(Ng et al., 2007b)
	18.3-20.3	0.1-2.6	HONO	294-299	27-29	ammonium hydrogen sulfate and sulfuric acid	2.1-12	1.8-11.6	The yields at low [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> ratios were in general higher compared to those at high [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> .	(Stirnweis et al., 2017)
	16.1-20.7	1.2-3.8	HONO	294-299	66-69	ammonium hydrogen sulfate and sulfuric acid	8.6-13.4	8.1-13.8	The yields at low [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> ratios were in general higher compared to those at high [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> .	(Stirnweis et al., 2017)
	45-52.4	-	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /HONO/CH <sub>3</sub> ONO	293-298	< 10	ammonium sulfate	37.2-76.6	14.4-28.9	The SOA yield was suppressed under conditions of high NO.	(Eddingsaas et al., 2012)
	65-120	0.3-1.2	NOx	306-315	14-17	none	18-136	5.3-24	Aerosol yields should be higher at lower [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> ratios.	(Kim et al., 2012)
	470-845	0.4-0.9	NOx	310-316	14-17	none	830-2100	34-68	SOA yields were higher at lower initial NOx/ $\alpha$ -pinene ratios.	(Kim et al., 2010)
	~ 20	~ 0-1	HONO	291-307	29-42	none	-	0-10	Higher [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\alpha$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> ratios produced lower aerosol yields.	(Zhao et al., 2018b)
$\beta$ -pinene	37	0.01-3.9	HO <sub>2</sub> /NO	289±1	63±2	ammonium sulfate	14.3-38.1	8.2-20.0	SOA yields increased with increasing [NOx] at low-NOx conditions ([NOx] <sub>0</sub> < 30 ppb, [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\beta$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> < 1 and decreased with [NOx] at high-NOx conditions ([NOx] <sub>0</sub> > 30 ppb, NOx/ $\beta$ -pinene ~1 to ~3.8).	(Sarrafzadeh et al., 2016)
	36-2000	0.2-19.6	NOx	-	-	none	-	-	Aerosol yields were small when [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[ $\beta$ -pinene] <sub>0</sub> was larger than 2, increased	(Pandis et al., 1991)

									dramatically and reached maximum for the range of 0.7-1, then decreased slowly as the ratio decrease.	
	405-640	0.4-0.9	NOx	312-317	12-19	none	430-900	25-37	Higher [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[β-pinene] <sub>0</sub> ratios produced lower aerosol yields.	(Kim et al., 2010)
	32.3-96.5 <sup>a</sup>	~2-10	NOx	308-313	~5	ammonium sulfate	7.2-141.6	3.2-27.2	SOA yields were lower at higher NOx levels than at lower NOx levels. <sup>b</sup>	(Griffin et al., 1999)
limonene	60-75	0.3-1.6	NOx	304-312	14-21	none	79.2-136	27-40	Higher [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[limonene] <sub>0</sub> ratios produced lower aerosol yields.	(Kim et al., 2012)
	~7	~0-2.9	HONO	293-303	28-31	none	-	0-5	Higher [NOx] <sub>0</sub> /[limonene] <sub>0</sub> ratios produced lower aerosol yields.	(Zhao et al., 2018b)
	20.6-65.1 <sup>a</sup>	~2-5	NOx	309-313	~5	ammonium sulfate	9.5-120.2	8.7-34.4	SOA yields were lower at higher NOx levels than at lower NOx levels. <sup>b</sup>	(Griffin et al., 1999)
sabinene	13.9-83.3 <sup>a</sup>	~2-10	NOx	310-316	~5	ammonium sulfate	2.5-14.5	1.9-65.2	SOA yields are lower at higher NOx levels than at lower NOx levels. <sup>b</sup>	(Griffin et al., 1999)
α-humulene	5-9.2 <sup>a</sup>	~2-10	NOx	309-312	~5	ammonium sulfate	12.9-59.2	31.9-84.5	The yields dependence on NOx levels is not obvious. <sup>b</sup>	(Griffin et al., 1999)
longifolene	~4.3	0-131	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /HONO	296-299	3.3-6.4	ammonium sulfate	28.5-51.6	84-157	SOA yields under high-NOx conditions exceed those under low-NOx conditions.	(Ng et al., 2007b)
aromadendrene	~5	0~103	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /HONO	296-299	3.3-6.4	ammonium sulfate	19.7-29.3	41.7-84.7	Aerosol yields increase with NOx concentrations.	(Ng et al., 2007b)
β-caryophyllene	3-32	0-1.7	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /HONO	293±2	< 10	ammonium sulfate	8.4-311	19.3-137.8	SOA yields at low NOx conditions were lower than those at high NOx conditions.	(Tasoglou and Pandis, 2015)

	31.1-52.4	0.5-1.7	NOx	~298	~70	none	35.6-66.2	9.5-19.9	The yields dependence on NOx levels was not obvious.	(Alfarra et al., 2012)
	5.9-12.9	~2-5	NOx	309-312	~5	ammonium sulfate	17.6-82.3	13.1-39.0	The yields dependence on NOx levels was not obvious.	(Griffin et al., 1999)

1602 <sup>a</sup> Mixing ratios of BVOCs reacted due to the unavailable initial BVOCs concentrations. <sup>b</sup> Effects of NOx on SOA yields are hypothesized if the reacted BVOCs are equal to the initial ones.

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1604 Table 2. SOA formation from BVOCs ozonolysis in the presence of NO<sub>x</sub>.

BVOCs	[BVOC] <sub>0</sub> (ppb)	[NO <sub>x</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> /[BVOC] <sub>0</sub>	[NO <sub>x</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> /[O <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>0</sub>	T (K)	RH (%)	Seed	SOA mass (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	Yield (%)	Notes	References
α-pinene	15-200	0.7-70	~0.03-4	288-313	-	none	1-346	0-0.29	The yields increase as NO <sub>2</sub> concentrations decrease and reach an asymptote near [NO <sub>x</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> /[BVOC] <sub>0</sub> = 0.7.	(Presto et al., 2005)
	300-960	~0-4.7	0-2.9	294-295	22-30	none	-	-	The increase of [NO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>0</sub> substantially depletes SOA formation.	(Draper et al., 2015)
	1000	0-6.3	~0-4.5	-	< 3	none	-	-	Fewer particles are formed at higher NO <sub>2</sub> conditions.	(Perraud et al., 2012)
	47±3	0-9.6	~0-8.7	294±2	< 1	none	-	-	Particle number concentration and volume were substantially reduced in the presence of NO <sub>2</sub> .	(Nøjgaard et al., 2006)
β-pinene	300-1100	~0-6.7	0-4.2	295	23-40	none	-	-	SOA yields are comparable over oxidant conditions studied.	(Draper et al., 2015)
Δ-carene	220-650	~0-3	0-1.9	294-295	27-38	none	-	-	SOA yields are comparable over oxidant conditions studied.	(Draper et al., 2015)
limonene	150-159	0.2-0.4	0.5-75.9	295-297	9.2-9.9	none	30.3-157.3	0.27-0.73	The highest SOA yield occurred when [O <sub>3</sub> ]/[NO] is around 1.	(Chen et al., 2017)
	300-560	~0-3.3	0-2.2	295	20-31	none	-	-	SOA formation was enhanced at higher NO <sub>2</sub> .	(Draper et al., 2015)
	51±3	0-6.9	0-7.1	294±2	< 1	none	-	-	Particle number concentrations were lower at higher NO <sub>x</sub> conditions.	(Nøjgaard et al., 2006)
γ-terpene	152-154	0-2.9	0-0.7	297-301	24-30	none	-	0.38-0.77	NO <sub>x</sub> enhance SOA yields and decrease particle number concentrations.	(Xu et al., 2020)

1606 Table 3. Summary of gaseous and particulate species in different regions with anthropogenic-biogenic interactions in China.

Location	Period	T (°C)	RH (%)	SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup> (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	NO <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup> (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>- a</sup> (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2- a</sup> (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+ a</sup> (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	SOA <sub>I</sub> Tracers <sup>b</sup>	ΣSOA <sub>I</sub> <sup>c</sup> (ng m <sup>-3</sup> )	SOA <sub>M</sub> Tracers <sup>d</sup>	ΣSOA <sub>M</sub> <sup>e</sup> (ng m <sup>-3</sup> )	LWC <sup>f</sup> (μg m <sup>-3</sup> )	pH <sup>g</sup>	References
Guangzhou (urban)	Year 2015	24.0	58	15.1	76.8	3.2	8.4	4.0	2-MT, 2-MG, C5-alkene triols, and 3-MeTHF-3,4-diols	22.6	<i>cis</i> -pinonic acid, pinic acid, 3-HGA, HDMGA, MBTCA	50.0	-	-	(Zhang et al., 2019b)
Zhaoqing (urban)	Year 2015	22.7	59	25.5	40.3	4.2	10.0	5.0		49.3		54.3	-	-	
Dongguan (urban)	Year 2015	24.9	61	16.2	49.0	2.9	8.5	3.4		16.0		50.9	-	-	
Nansha (sub-urban)	Year 2015	25.6	67	14.4	38.3	1.8	8.3	3.7		17.0		26.5	-	-	
Zhuhai (sub-urban)	Year 2015	24.2	74	7.3	57.4	1.4	8.5	3.3		10.8		40.3	-	-	
Nanjing (urban)	Summer 2013	32.4	59.7	128 <sup>i</sup>	39.3 <sup>h</sup>	-	17	-	2-MT, 2-MG, and C5-alkene triols	0.3	-	-	70	2.6	(Zhang et al., 2017c)
Beijing (urban)	Summer 2017	16- 38	-	-	225 <sup>i</sup>	-	-	-	2-MT, 2-MT OSs, 2-MG, 2-MG OSs, glycolic acid sulfate, hydroxyacetone sulfate, lactic acid sulfate, cyclic, and 9 NOSs	107	-	-	-	-	(Bryant et al., 2020)
Wangqingsha n (forest)	Summer 2010	29.6	79.7	29.4	42.4 <sup>h</sup>	2.8	9.1	3.1	2-MT sulfate ester, 2-MG sulfate ester	0.68	<i>cis</i> -pinonic acid, pinic acid, 3-HGA, HDMGA, MBTCA, NOSs (three isomers of MW 295)	75.9			(He et al., 2014)
	Fall 2010	21.6	69.1	45.1	37.5	10.4	18.6	8.8		0.66		205.4			

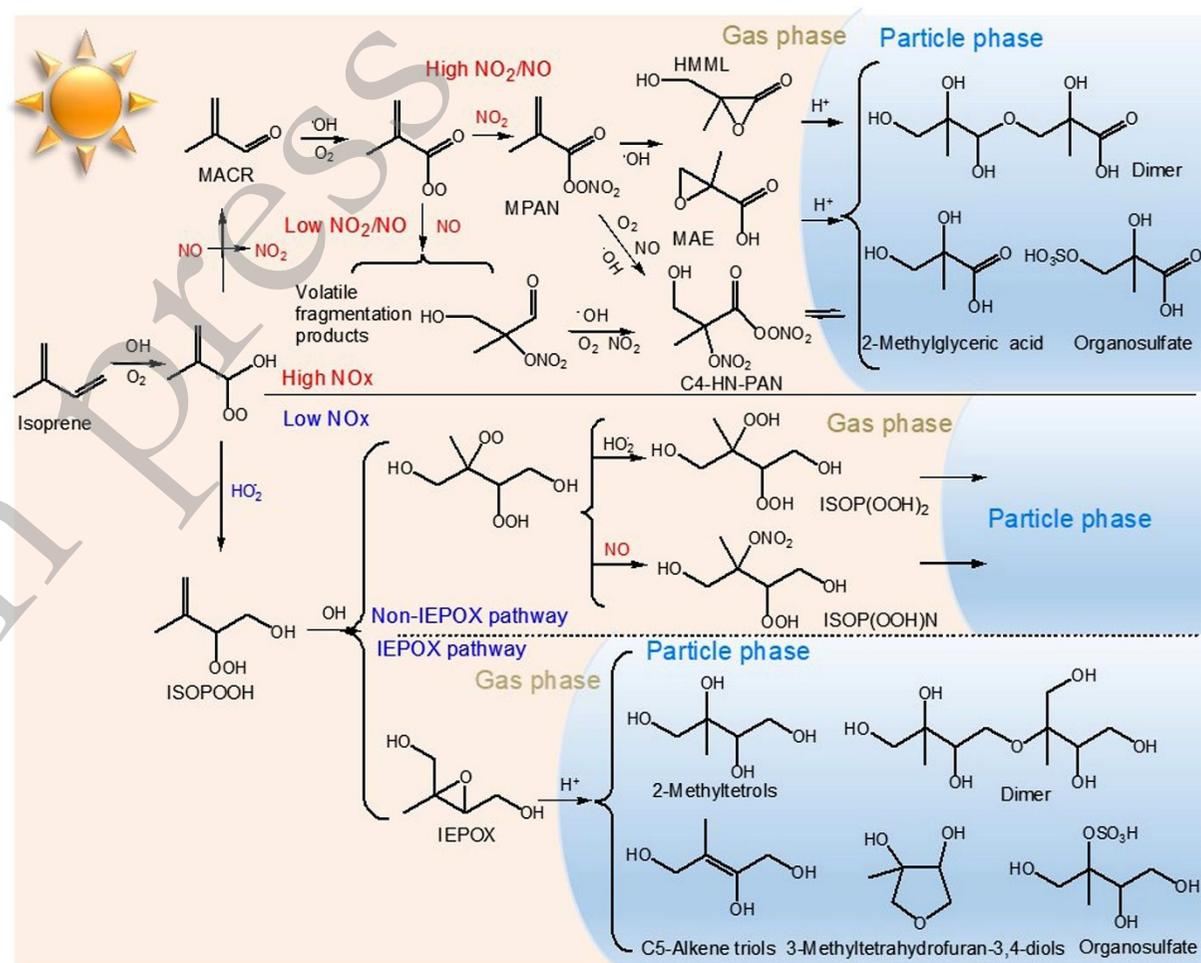
Wangqingsha n (forest)	Summer 2008	29.0	66	-	-	5.3	23.0	4.9	3-MeTHF-3,4-diols, 2-MT, C5-alkene triols, 2-MT sulfate ester, 2-MG, 2-MG sulfate ester	130.1	-	-	24.5	0.5	(He et al., 2018)			
	Fall 2008	22.6	47	-	-	8.9	15.9	5.3		26.7		-	11.8	2.8				
Mountain Wuyi	Spring 2014	16	78	1.7	4.2 <sup>h</sup>	-	-	-	3-MeTHF-3,4-diols, C5-alkene triols, 2-MT, 2-MG	6.6	<i>cis</i> -pinic acid, <i>cis</i> -pinonic acid, 3-HGA, MBTCA	26	9.7	0.2	(Ren et al., 2019)			
	Summer 2014	23	79	0.9	1.7 <sup>h</sup>	-	-	-		21		36	7.4	0.1				
	Autumn 2014	17	75	3.1	4	-	-	-		16		36	10.8	0.7				
	Winter 2014	6.4	64	6.7	6.2	-	-	-		3		20	7.2	1.6				
Qinghai Lake	Summer 2012	11	59	-	-	0.4	2.2	0.4	3-MeTHF-3,4-diols, C5-alkene triols, 2-MT	3.8	<i>cis</i> -pinic acid, <i>cis</i> -pinonic acid, 3-HGA, MBTCA	16	-	-	(Ren et al., 2018)			
	Winter 2012	-9	26	-	-	0.8	2.2	0.1		0.6		1.3	-	-				
Urumqi (urban)	Summer 2012	26	46	-	-	3.4	6.4	0.4		10		44	-	-				
	Winter 2012	-14	78	-	-	19	65	21		1.9		6.6	-	-				
Xi'an (urban)	Summer 2012	24	78	-	-	8.8	15	4.3		20		58	-	-				
	Winter 2012	1	66	-	-	26	36	13		2.1		22	-	-				
Shanghai (urban)	Summer 2012	28	78	-	-	4.2	7.2	1.3		5.1		20	-	-				
	Winter 2012	6	70	-	-	16	16	6.1		2.5		16	-	-				
Chengdu (urban)	Summer 2012	25	81	-	-	6.5	14	3.4		23		88	-	-				
	Winter 2012	10	74	-	-	26	32	12		5.9		17	-	-				
Guangzhou (urban)	Summer 2012	29	79	-	-	3.3	6.2	0.8		10		43	-	-				
	Winter 2012	17	73	-	-	12	15	5.1		6		46	-	-				
Tibetan Plateau (Qinghai)	Summer 2010	14.4	64.4	-	-	0.8	3.9	0.6		C5-alkene triols, 2-MG, 2-MT		2.5	norpinic acid, pinonic acid, pinic acid, 3-HGA, MBTCA	3.0		5.8	-1.2	(Li et al., 2013)

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Changbai Mountain	Summer, 2007	25	59	5.35	1.3	-	-	-	2-MT, 2-MG, C5-alkene triols	53	pinic acid, norpinic acid, 3-HGA, MBTCA	31	-	-	(Wang et al., 2008)
Chongming Island	Summer 2006	29	68	25.9	40.9 <sup>j</sup>	-	-	-		4.8		1.8	-	-	

1607 <sup>a</sup> The mean concentration of tracers; <sup>b</sup> Isoprene-derived SOA (SOA<sub>I</sub>) tracers: 2-MG (2-methylglyceric acid), 2-MT (2-methyltetrols that represent the sum of 2-methylthreitol and 2-methylerythritol), 3-MeTHF-3,4-diols  
1608 (the sum of *trans*-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol and *cis*-3-methyltetrahydrofuran-3,4-diol), C5-alkene triols (the sum of *cis*-2-methyl-1,3,4-trihydroxy-1-butane, *trans*-2-methyl-1,3,4-trihydroxy-1-butane, and 3-methyl-  
1609 2,3,4-trihydroxy-1-butane), OSs (organosulfates), NOSs (nitrooxy organosulfates); <sup>c</sup> The sum of SOA<sub>I</sub> tracers; <sup>d</sup> Monoterpene-derived SOA (SOA<sub>M</sub>) tracers: 3-HGA (3-hydroxyglutaric acid), HDMGA (3-Hydroxy-4,4-  
1610 dimethylglutaric acid), MBTCA (3-methyl-1,2,3-butanetricarboxylic acid); <sup>e</sup> The sum of SOA<sub>M</sub> tracers; <sup>f</sup> Aerosol liquid water content; <sup>g</sup> AIM-derived in situ pH of the aqueous phase on aerosols; <sup>h</sup> The concentration of  
1611 NO<sub>2</sub>; <sup>i</sup> The max concentration.

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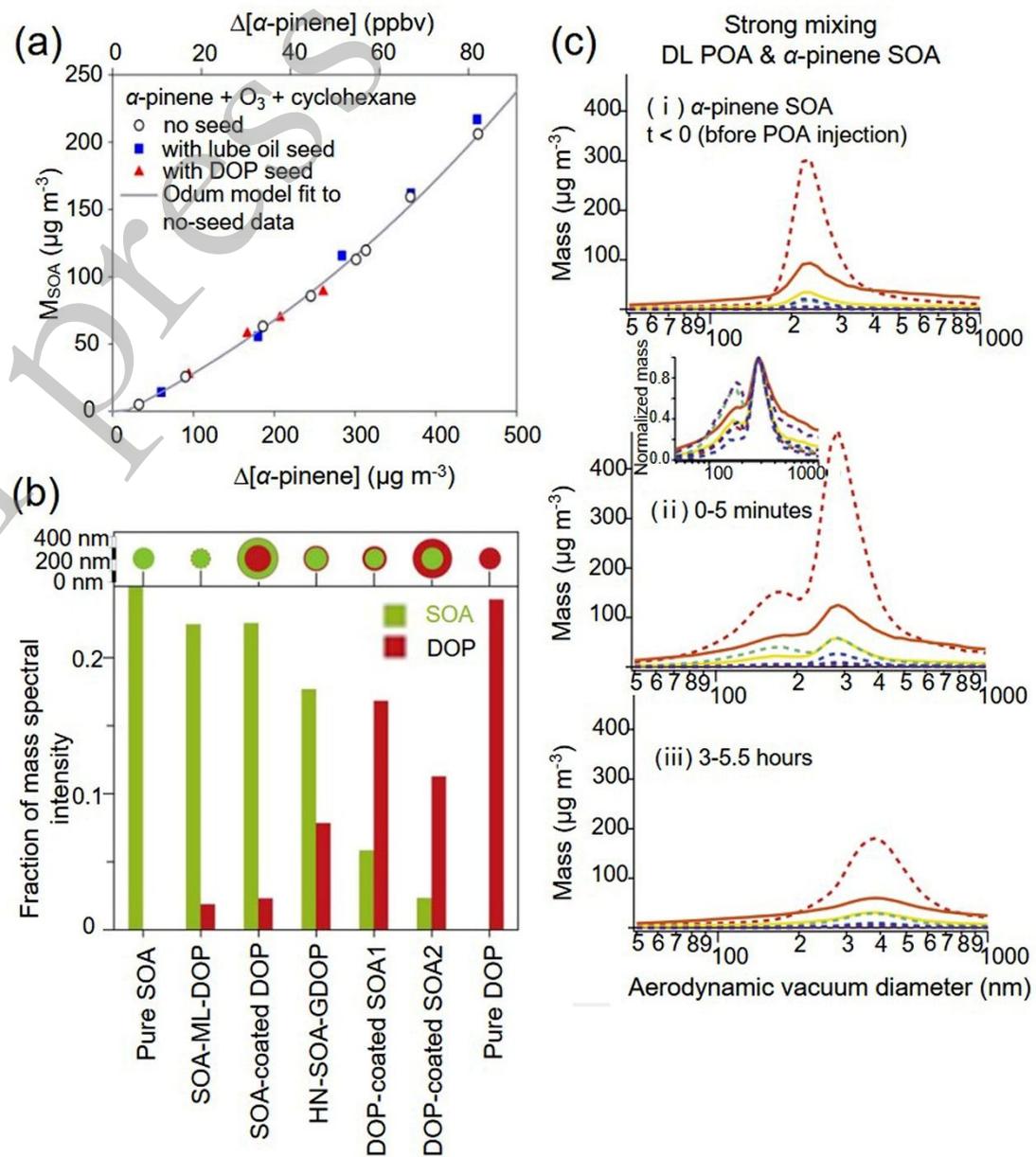




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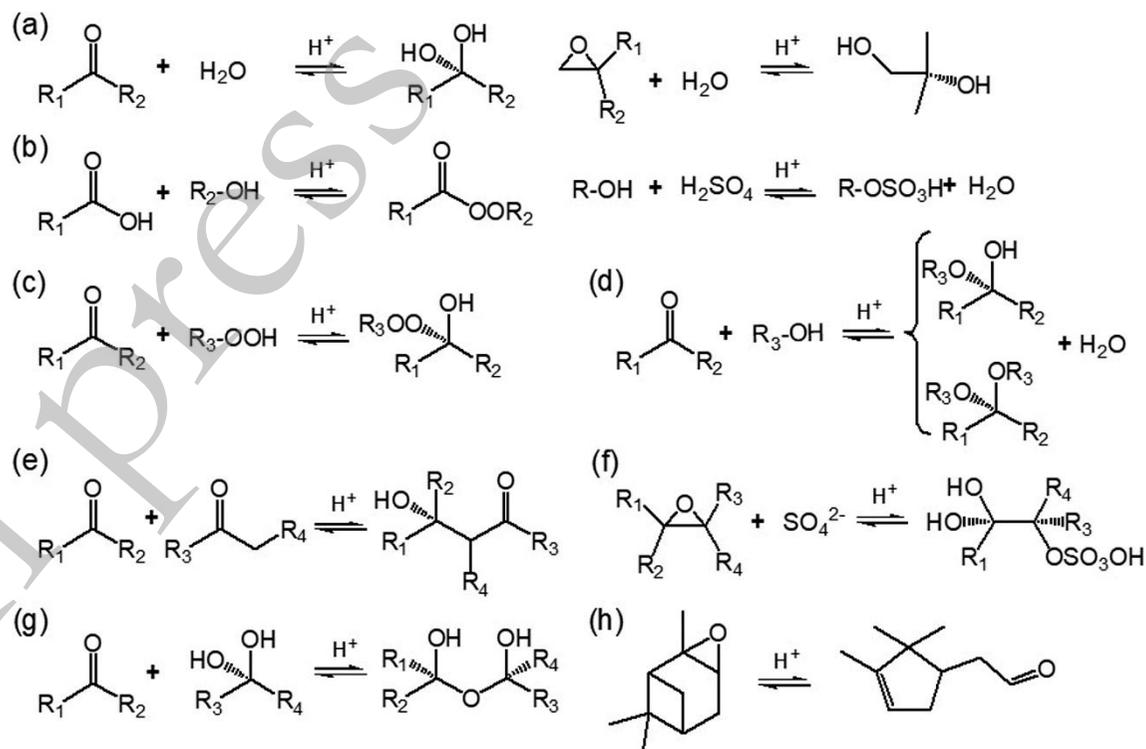
1620 **Fig. 2.** Effects of NO<sub>x</sub> on isoprene SOA formation during daytime. Under high NO<sub>x</sub> conditions, isoprene RO<sub>2</sub>· primarily reacts with NO, forming  
1621 methacrolein (MACR). The oxidation of MACR under high NO<sub>2</sub>/NO ratios forms methacryloylperoxynitrate (MPAN) while C4-hydroxynitrate

1622 peroxyacyl nitrate (C4-HN-PAN) is the main intermediate leading to SOA under high NO<sub>x</sub> condition with low NO<sub>2</sub>/NO ratios. MPAN further  
1623 reacts with ·OH to form methacrylic epoxide (MAE) and hydroxymethylmethyl- $\alpha$ -lactone (HMML). Acid-catalyzed reactions of MAE in the  
1624 particle-phase produce 2-methylglyceric acid, an organosulfate, and an oligomer. Under low NO<sub>x</sub> conditions, isoprene RO<sub>2</sub>· reacts predominantly  
1625 with HO<sub>2</sub>·, leading to hydroxy hydroperoxide (ISOPOOH). ISOPOOH-derived epoxydiols (IEPOX) undergo multiphase acid-catalyzed chemistry  
1626 to give various products in the particle-phase. The none-IEPOX pathway that gives dihydroxy dihydroperoxides (ISOP(OOH)<sub>2</sub>) and organic  
1627 nitrates (ISOP(OOH)N) is proposed to contribute to SOA formation without reactive aqueous seed particles. References for the none-IEPOX  
1628 pathways are Liu et al. (2016) and Riva et al. (2016c) while for other pathways are Lin et al. (2013b), Surratt et al. (2010); Lin et al. (2012); Lin  
1629 et al. (2013a).



1631 **Fig. 3.** The mixing behavior of  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA with anthropogenic POA. (a) Dioctyl phthalate (DOP) and lubricating oil seeds exhibited no  
1632 influence on SOA mass formation from  $\alpha$ -pinene ozonolysis (Adapted from Song et al. (2007)). (b) Relative MS intensity of DOP and SOA for  
1633 different types of particles under the same laser power. High MS intensity of surface material was observed, indicating the phase-separation  
1634 between  $\alpha$ -pinene and DOP (Adapted from Vaden et al. (2010)). (c) A single-phase mixture formed between DOP seed and  $\alpha$ -pinene SOA (Adapted  
1635 from Asa-Awuku et al. (2009)).

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**Fig. 4.** Acid-catalyzed particle-phase reactions that might affect the volatility of organics from BVOCs oxidation. (a) Hydration reactions of

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carbonyl and epoxide. (b) Esterification between alcohol and carboxylic acid and/or sulfuric acid. (c) Peroxyhemiacetal formation via the reaction

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between hydroperoxide and aldehyde. (d) Hemiactal or acetal formation via the reaction between aldehyde and alcohol. (e) Aldol condensation

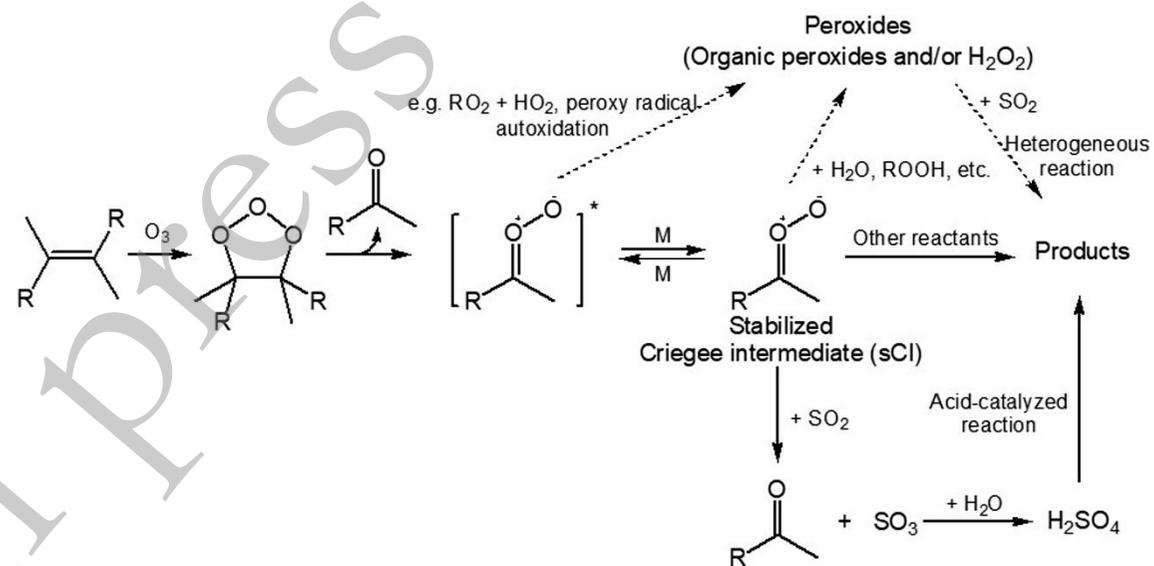
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reaction between two carbonyls. (f) Organosulfates formation via nucleophilic addition reaction. (g) Polymerization. (h) Isomerization. References

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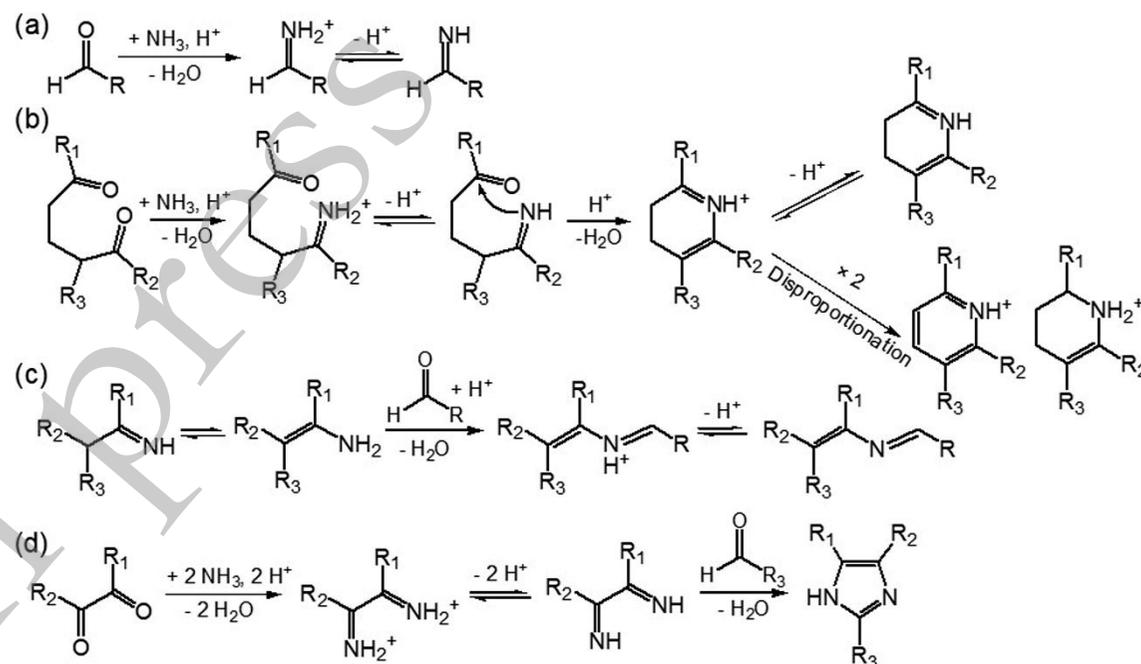
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1645 **Fig. 5.**  $SO_2$  effects on the formation of SOA from monoterpene ozonolysis: sCIs +  $SO_2$ , sCIs +  $H_2O$ , and  $SO_2$  + peroxides reactions (Adapted from

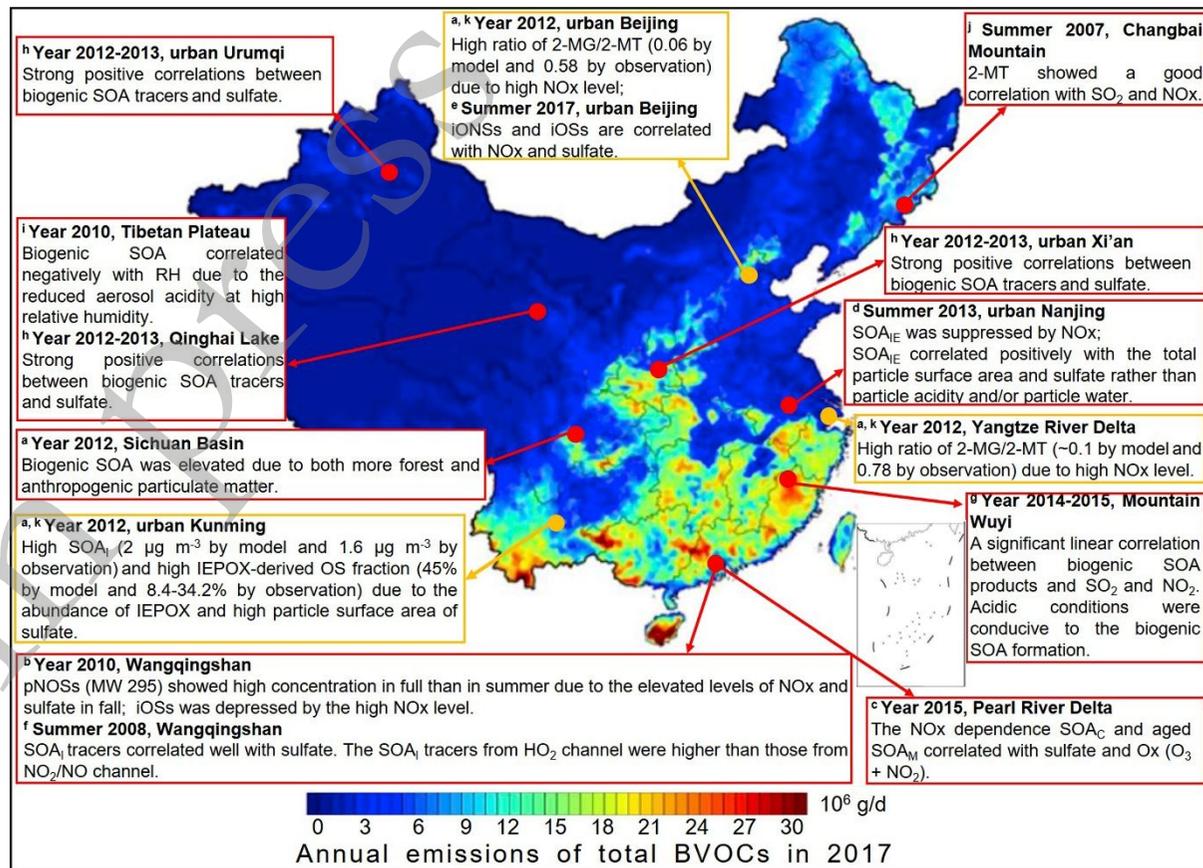
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**Fig. 6.** Aging pathways of biogenic SOA by ammonia. (a) Acid-catalyzed reaction of carbonyls with ammonia that results in the formation of primary imines (Moise et al. (2015) and reference therein). (b) The reaction between ammonia and 1,5-dicarbonyl compounds: the primary imine can further react with the second carbonyl group present in the same molecule through nucleophilic addition, resulting in nitrogen-containing heterocyclic compounds (Moise et al. (2015) and reference therein). (c) Reactions between the primary imine with another carbonyl group, leading to a more stable secondary imine (Schiff base) (Moise et al. (2015) and reference therein). (d) The reaction between ammonia and 1,2-dicarbonyls through a Debus reaction, yielding substituted imidazoles (Updyke et al., 2012).

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1655 **Fig. 7.** Anthropogenic-biogenic interactions in China. The color mapped annual emissions of total BVOCs in China, 2017, is adapted from Wu et  
1656 al. (2020). The observed correlations between anthropogenic pollutants and biogenic SOA are shown in red boxes and the modelled results are  
1657 shown in yellow boxes. The pNOSs, iONSS, iOSSs, SOA<sub>I</sub>, SOA<sub>IE</sub>, SOA<sub>M</sub>, and SOA<sub>C</sub> refer to pinene-derived nitrooxyorganosulfates, isoprene-

1658 derived nitrooxyorganosulfates, isoprene-derived organosulfates, isoprene-derived SOA, IEPOX-derived SOA, monoterpene-derived SOA and  $\beta$ -  
1659 caryophyllene-derived SOA respectively; 2-MG and 2-MT are 2-methylglyceric acid and 2-methyltetrols derived from isoprene oxidation under  
1660 high- and low-NO<sub>x</sub> conditions, respectively. <sup>a</sup> The modelled anthropogenic-biogenic interactions are taken from Qin et al. (2018). <sup>b-j</sup> The field  
1661 observed anthropogenic-biogenic interactions are taken from He et al. (2014), Zhang et al. (2019), Zhang et al. (2017), Bryant et al. (2019), He et  
1662 al. (2018), Ren et al. (2019), Ren et al. (2018), Li et al. (2013), Wang et al. (2008), respectively.

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