

IDENTIFICATION OF CINEOLE OXIDATION PRODUCTS IN BIOGENIC SECONDARY ORGANIC AEROSOL

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Introduction

- Recent estimate suggests that biogenic secondary organic aerosol (SOA) contributes significantly to the total global particulate carbon load, ranging from 12 to 70 Tg SOA y⁻¹ [Kanakidou et al., 2005].
- The α -pinene and its oxidation products have received significant attention in the past due to its high emission rates from coniferous trees and its high SOA yields in chamber studies.
- Detailed organic speciation of summer time PM_{10} colleted in Melbourne, Australia shows the presence of numerous monoterpene oxidation products from α -pinene and β -pinene.
- In addition, two polar oxygenated compounds with molecular formulae of $C_9H_{14}O_6$ and $C_{10}H_{16}O_6$ were detected at higher levels. They are not reported previously.
- Because of their high abundance in summertime Australian samples, these compounds are
 proposed to be oxidation products of 1,8-cineole, which is typically emitted at high levels from
 common eucalyptus trees in Australia.
- 1,8-Cineole mainly reacts with OH radicals in the troposphere through H-abstraction mechanisms [Corchnoy and Atkinson, 1990].
- In order to elucidate the origin and the structures of these compounds, a series of 1,8-cineole oxidation experiments was conducted in an indoor aerosol chamber.

Experimental Details

Field Samples

- Figure 1 shows the location of the CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research (CMAR) Bayside Air Quality Station (BAQS) at Aspendale in Melbourne, Australia. The site is located in a residential area 25 km south of the city of Melbourne.
- The site is influenced by vehicle emissions, marine aerosol, light industry and residential emissions (including emissions from wood heaters used for domestic heating between May and September).
- Samples from a PM₁₀ high volume aerosol sampler were used for analysis. The high volume sampler (HVS) operated in this study was an Ecotech 3000 series with a Gold-Top PM₁₀ inlet.



Figure 1. Map of Australia and the location of the CSIRO Bayside Air Quality Station at Aspendale

Chamber Experiments

A series of chamber experiments were carried out using 19 m³ PTFE chamber. Table 1 summarizes the initial experimental conditions. Figure 2 shows the structure of 1,8-cineole.
 Table 1 Initial experimental conditions used for this study. TME stands for tetramethylathylan.

Seed particles	System	Initial HC Concn	Reacted HC	Temperature	RH	\sim
		[ppb]	[ppb]	°C	%	FT
0.03/0.05M (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ /H ₂ SO ₄	TME/O ₃	100	25	22	50	$\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle$
0.06M Na2SO4	TME/O ₃	100	24	23	50	\sim
0.03/0.05M (NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄ /H ₂ SO ₄	CH ₃ ONO/UV	150	28	22	52	Figure 2. 1,8-Cineole

Chemical Analysis

Gas-phase

- PTR-MS (Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometry) for the online determination of hydrocarbon concentration.
- A NO_x monitor for online NO and NO₂ determination.

Particle-phase

- Filters were extracted in methanol by ultrasonication.
- Dried under N2 and reconstituted in 50/50 methanol/water (v/v).
- High Performance Liquid Chromatography simultaneously coupled to Electrospray Ionisation Time of Flight Mass Spectrometory (HPLC/ESI-TOFMS) and Electrospray Iontrap Mass Spectrometry (ESI-ITMSⁿ).

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Results

- Figure 3 shows extracted ion chromatograms (EICs) from the analysis of an ambient sample and 1,8-cineole oxidation experiments. The retention times of 1,8-cineole oxidation products agreed very well with those from the ambient sample for both the $C_9H_{14}O_6$ (m/z 217) and $C_{10}H_{16}O_6$ (m/z 231) compounds.
- Figure 4 illustrates accurate mass and fragmentation experiment data for both the m/z 217 and m/z 231 compound. Neutral losses of 44 u (carboxylic group) and 60 u (acetate ester) were observed for both compounds.
- Based on the interpretation of the mass spectra and the structure of 1,8-cineole, a reference compound (diaterpenylic acid acetate (3-[1-(acetyloxy)-1-methylethyl]glutaric acid), MW 232) was synthesized and compared to the ambient and chamber samples.
- Its chromatographic and mass spectral behaviors agree extremely well (Figures 3 and 4), hence the $C_{10}H_{16}O_6$ compound is positively identified as diaterpenylic acid acetate.
- The $C_9H_{14}O_6$ compound is tentatively identified as diaterebic acid acetate (2-[1-(acetyloxy)-1-methylethyl]succinic acid).







 Figure 5 presents the proposed formation mechanisms for diaterebic acid acetate and diaterpenylic acid acetate.

- The concentrations were as high as 47 ng m³ for diaterpenylic acid acetate and 30 ng m³ for diaterebic acid acetate in the ambient sample.
- The sum of these two compounds were approximately 9wt% of the laboratory produced SOA. The fraction of diaterebic acid acetate was higher for the high NO_x experiment.

Conclusions

- Two previously unreported monoterpene oxidation products were identified.
- The concentrations of 1,8-cineole oxidation products were much higher than typical α -pinene oxidation products such as pinic acid and pinonic acid.
- The airshed of Melbourne is significantly impacted by SOA generated from regional biogenic emissions during summertime.
- In particular, the emission from eucalyptus trees contributes significantly to the SOA.
- Further study is necessary for better understanding of the impact of 1,8-cineole oxidation to the regional SOA loading where eucalyptus trees are common or widely planted.