

**Table S1.** Conditions during oxidation flow reactor experiments.

Precursor	254 nm lamp	Carrier gas	Source temperature	Mean mass concentration ± standard deviation	
				Blank	Sample
	V	ml min <sup>-1</sup>	°C	µg m <sup>-3</sup>	
<i>α</i> -Pinene	2	37.5	26	0.34 ± 0.09	83.9 ± 3.8
<i>α</i> -Pinene	-	37.5	26	0.34 ± 0.09	42.5 ± 1.6
<i>β</i> -Pinene	2	16.6	35	0.27 ± 0.08	184.4 ± 10.4
<i>β</i> -Pinene	-	16.6	39	0.27 ± 0.08	61.5 ± 8.9
Limonene	2	93.6	27	0.06 ± 0.07	104.3 ± 12.6
Limonene	-	93.6	27	0.06 ± 0.07	55.1 ± 3.2
3-Carene	2	16.6	28	1.3 ± 0.4	62.5 ± 4.8
3-Carene	-	12.9	29	1.3 ± 0.4	90.1 ± 10.6
<i>trans</i> -Caryophyllene	2	37.5	32	0.09 ± 0.05	52.5 ± 6.7
<i>trans</i> -Caryophyllene	-	71.6	32	0.09 ± 0.05	47.3 ± 4.8
Toluene	2	16.6	23	0.08 ± 0.03	66.2 ± 1.8
<i>o</i> -Xylene	2	25.4	22	0.42 ± 0.14	66.0 ± 2.2
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	2	37.5	40	0.21 ± 0.08	24.2 ± 1.2
Naphthalene	2	93.6	25	2.9 ± 0.7	35.9 ± 5.7

**Table S2.** Composition of the standard solution with substance name, CAS number, formula, purity, retention time, concentration in the solution, and appearance in (–) or (+) HESI ionization mode.

Substance	CAS number	Formula	Purity %	Retention time min	Concentration $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$	HESI mode
Benzoic acid $\alpha$ - $^{13}\text{C}$	3880-99-7	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5^{13}\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	99 atom	6.86	10	(–)
Phthalic acid	88-99-3	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$	99.5	4.55	1	(–), (+)
Acridine	260-94-6	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{N}$	98	5.07	0.5	(+)
Pinonic acid	473-72-3	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_3$	N/A	6.75	2	(–), (+)
Pinic acid	473-73-4	$\text{C}_9\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_4$	N/A	5.82	2	(–), (+)
Caffeine- $^{13}\text{C}_3$	78072-66-9	$^{13}\text{C}_3\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$	99 atom	4.79	1	(+)
5-Acenaphthene carboxylic acid	55720-22-4	$\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$	97	10.53	10	(–), (+)
MBTCA <sup>1</sup>	77370-41-3	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$	N/A	4.09	2	(–), (+)
2,4-Di- <i>tert</i> -butylphenole	96-76-4	$\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$	98	12.88	20	(–)
Camphorsulfonic acid	35963-20-3	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_4\text{S}$	98	5.16	2	(–), (+)
Tri- <i>p</i> -cresyl phosphate	78-32-0	$\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{21}\text{O}_4\text{P}$	N/A	13.19	0.5	(+)
Tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate	78-42-2	$\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{51}\text{O}_4\text{P}$	97	15.53	0.5	(+)
Pentaerythritol tetrahexaonate	7445-47-8	$\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{52}\text{O}_8$	95	14.93	1	(+)

<sup>1</sup>3-methyl-1,2,3-butanetricarboxylic acid

**Table S3.** Workflow of the non-target software Compound Discoverer 3.2. The *Search mzVault* node was only used for the representative selection of the field campaign extracts. If the node is not used, *Data Source #2* in the *Assign Compound Annotations* node has to be set to *not specified*.

Processing node	Parameter	Settings	
Select Spectra	1. Spectrum Properties		
	Filter:	Lower RT Limit: 0 Upper RT Limit: 0 First Scan: 0 Last Scan: 0 Ignore Specified Scans: (not specified) Lowest Charge State: 0 Highest Charge State: 0 Min. Precursor Mass: 50 Da Max. Precursor Mass: 5000 Da Total Intensity Threshold: 0 Minimum Peak Count: 1	
	2. Scan Event Filters:	Mass Analyzer: Is FTMS MS Order: Any Activation Type: Is HCD Min. Collision Energy: 0 Max. Collision Energy: 1000 Scan Type: Any Polarity Mode: Is -	
	3. Peak Filters:	S/N Threshold (FT-only): 5	
	4. Replacements for Unrecognized Properties:	Unrecognized Charge Replacements: 1 Unrecognized Mass Analyzer Replacements: FTMS Unrecognized MS Order Replacements: MS2 Unrecognized Activation Type Replacements: HCD Unrecognized Polarity Replacements: - Unrecognized MS Resolution@200 Replacements: 60000 Unrecognized MSn Resolution@200 Replacements: 30000	
	5. General Settings:	Precursor Selection: Use MS1 Precursor Use Isotope Pattern in Precursor Reevaluation: True Provide Profile Spectra: Automatic Store Chromatograms: False	
	Align Retention Times	1. General Settings:	Alignment Model: Linear Alignment Fallback: Use Linear Model Maximum Shift [min]: 0.1

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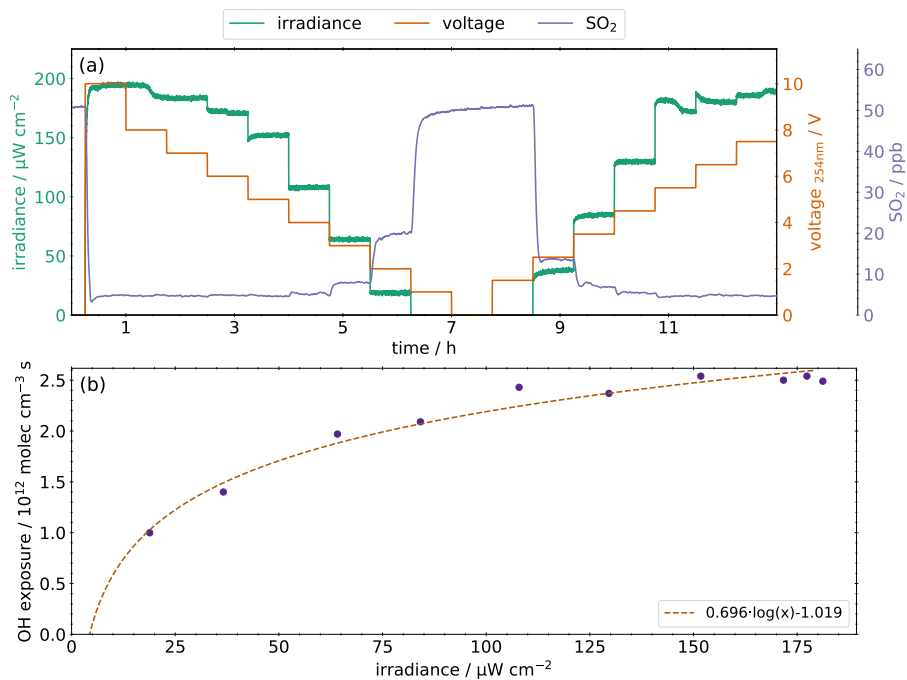
Processing node	Parameter	Settings
Detect Compounds		Shift Reference File: True Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm Remove Outlier: True
	1. General Settings:	Mass Tolerance [ppm]: 1 ppm Intensity Tolerance [%]: 30 S/N Threshold: 5 Min. Peak Intensity: 500000 Ions: [2M-H]-1; [M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H]-1; [M-H]-1; [M-H-H <sub>2</sub> O]-1 Base Ions: [M-H]-1 Min. Element Counts: H Max. Element Counts: C <sub>90</sub> H <sub>190</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>20</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
	2. Peak Detection:	Filter Peaks: True Max. Peak Width [min]: 0.1 Remove Singlets: True Min. # Scans per Peak: 10 Min. # Isotopes: 1
	3. Isotope Grouping:	Min. Spectral Distance Score: 0 Remove Potentially False Positive Isotopes: True
5 Group Compounds	1. Compound Consolidation:	Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm RT Tolerance [min]: 0.2
	2. Fragment Data Selection:	Preferred Ions: [M-H]-1
Fill Gaps	1. General Settings:	Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm S/N Threshold: 5 Use Real Peak Detection: True
Mark Background Compounds	1. General Settings:	Max. Sample/Blank: 5 Max. Blank/Sample: 0 Hide Background: True
Predict Compositions	1. Prediction Settings:	Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm Min. Element Counts: H Max. Element Counts: C <sub>90</sub> H <sub>190</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>20</sub> S <sub>4</sub> Min. RDBE: 0 Max. RDBE: 40

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Processing node	Parameter	Settings
		Min. H/C: 0.1 Max. H/C: 3.5 Max. # Candidates: 10 Max. # Internal Candidates: 200
	2. Pattern Matching:	Intensity Tolerance [%]: 30 Intensity Threshold [%]: 0.1 S/N Threshold: 5 Min. Spectral Fit [%]: 30 Min. Pattern Cov. [%]: 90 Use Dynamic Recalibration: True
	3. Fragments Matching:	Use Fragments Matching: True Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm S/N Threshold: 5
Search mzVault	1. Search Settings:	mzVault Library: <i>add libraries created with mzVault</i> Max. # Results: 10 Match Factor Threshold: 50 Search Algorithm: HighChem HighRes Match Analyzer Type: True IT Fragment Mass Tolerance: 0.4 Da FT Fragment Mass Tolerance: 10 ppm Use Retention Time: True Precursor Mass Tolerance: 10 ppm Apply Intensity Threshold: True Match Ionization Method: True Ion Activation Energy Tolerance: 20 Match Ion Activation Energy: Match with Tolerance Match Ion Activation Type: True Compound Classes: All Remove Precursor Ion: True RT Tolerance [min]: 0.2
Assign Compound Annotations	1. General Settings:	Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm
	2. Data Sources:	Data Source #1: Predicted Compositions Data Source #2: mzVault Search
	3. Scoring Rules:	Use mzLogic: True Use Spectral Distance: True SFit Threshold: 20 SFit Range: 20
Calculate Mass Defect		

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Processing node	Parameter	Settings
Merge Features	1. Mass Defect:	Fractional Mass: False Standard Mass Defect: False Relative Mass Defect: False Kendrick Mass Defect: True Nominal Mass Rounding: Round
	2. Kendrick Formula:	Formula 1: C H <sub>2</sub>
Find Expected Compounds	1. Peak Consolidation:	Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm RT Tolerance [min]: 0.1
	1. General Settings:	Mass Tolerance: 1 ppm Intensity Tolerance [%]: 30 Intensity Threshold [%]: 0.1 S/N Threshold: 5 Min. # Isotopes: 2 Min. Peak Intensity: 10000 Average Peak Width [min]: 0
Group Expected Compounds	1. Compound Consolidation:	RT Tolerance [min]: 0.1
	2. Fragment Data Selection:	Preferred Ions: [M-H]-1
Generate Expected Compounds	1. Compound Selection:	Compounds: Benzoic acid <sup>13</sup> C (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> <sup>13</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> H)
	2. Dealkylation:	Apply Dealkylation: False Apply Dearylation: False Max. # Steps: 1 Min. Mass [Da]: 200
	3. Transformations:	Phase I: (not specified) Phase II: (not specified) Others: (not specified) Max. # Phase II: 1 Max. # All Steps: 3
	4. Ionization:	Ions: [M-CO <sub>2</sub> -H]-1; [M-H]-1; [M-H-H <sub>2</sub> O]-1

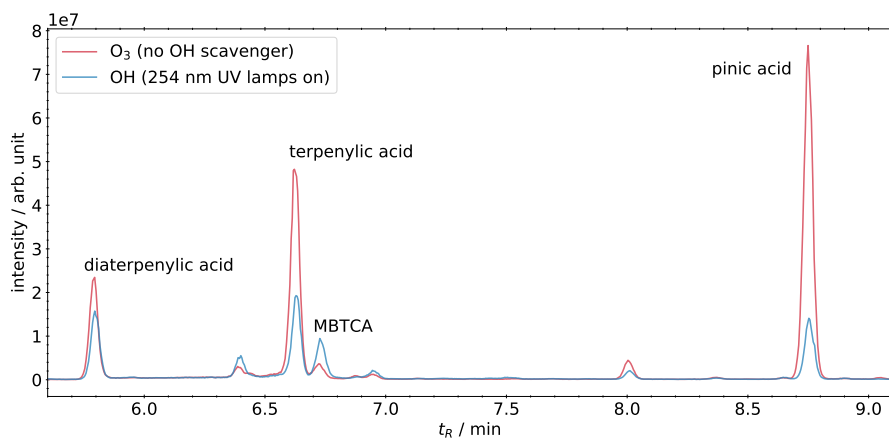


**Figure S1.** Results of the OH exposure approximation experiment: (a) the adjusted voltage of the 254 nm lamps as well as the measured irradiance and SO<sub>2</sub> concentration. (b) OH exposure, calculated with Equation (S1), vs. irradiance .

Lambe et al. (2011) define the OH exposure as

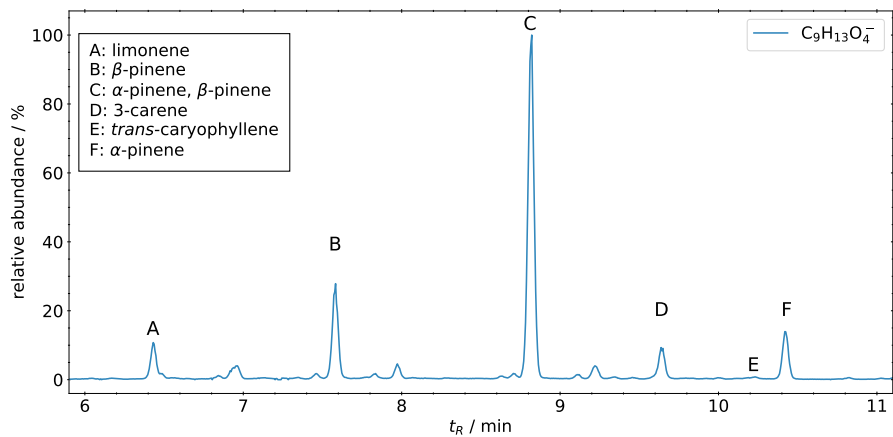
$$OH_{\text{exp}} = -\frac{1}{k_{\text{OH},\text{SO}_2}} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{SO_{2,f}}{SO_{2,i}}\right), \quad (\text{S1})$$

- 10 with the initial SO<sub>2</sub> concentration (SO<sub>2,i</sub>), the final SO<sub>2</sub> concentration (SO<sub>2,f</sub>) and the rate constant between SO<sub>2</sub> and OH ( $k_{\text{OH},\text{SO}_2} = 9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1}$ ).

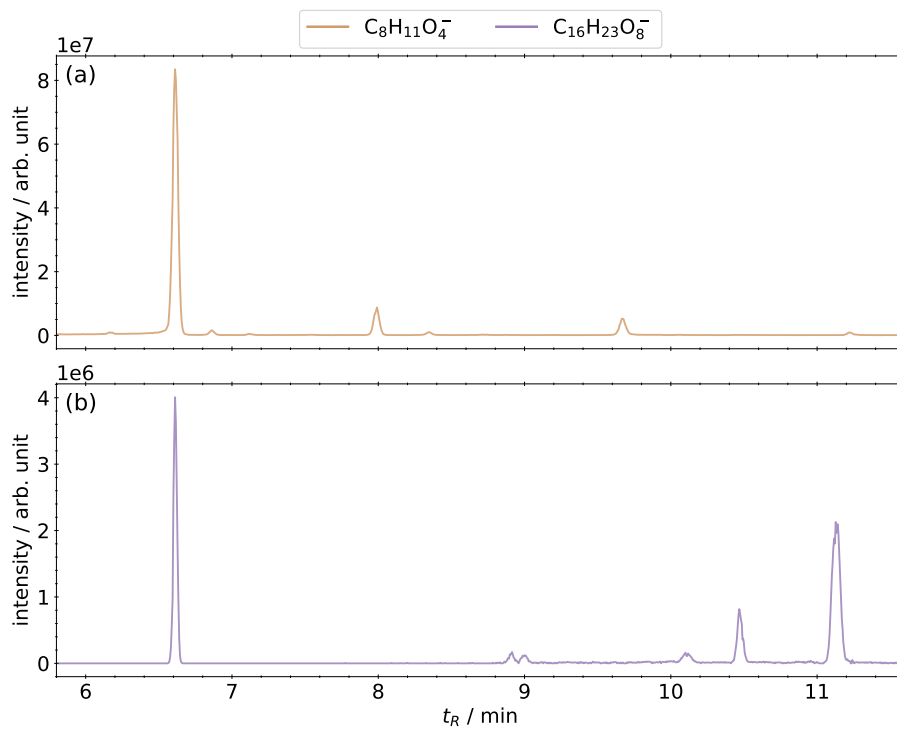


**Figure S2.** Chromatograms of diaterpenylic acid, terpenylic acid, MBTCA, and pinic acid from  $\alpha$ -pinene oxidation experiments. Diaterpenylic-, terpenylic-, and pinic acid show lower absolute intensities under OH conditions. The absolute signal intensity of MBTCA increases under OH conditions.

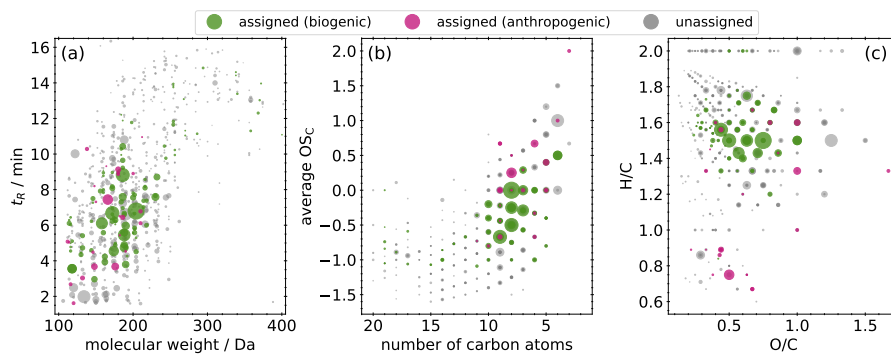




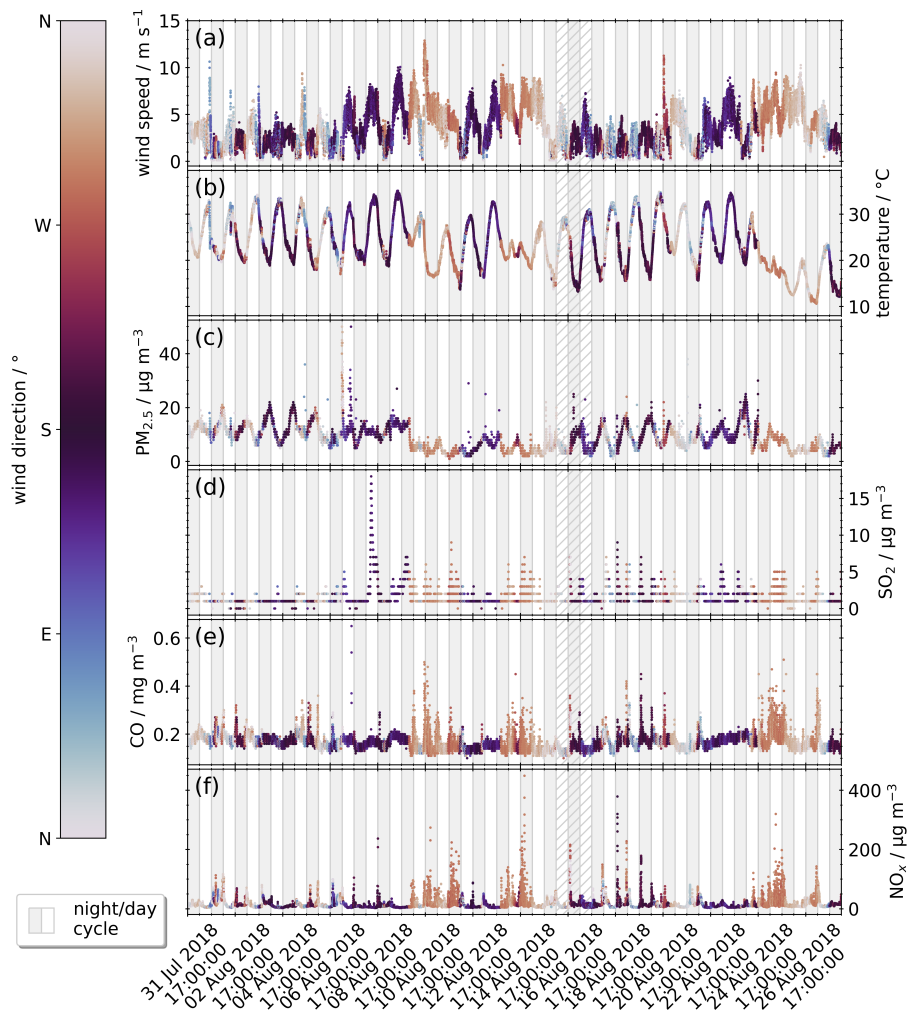
**Figure S3.** Ambient air chromatogram of  $m/z$  185.0819 and the assigned isomers based on the PAM-OFR experiments. With exception of the isomer C appearing at 8.79 minutes, the other five isomers A, B, D, E, and F can be used as specific tracer isomers for the respective precursor.



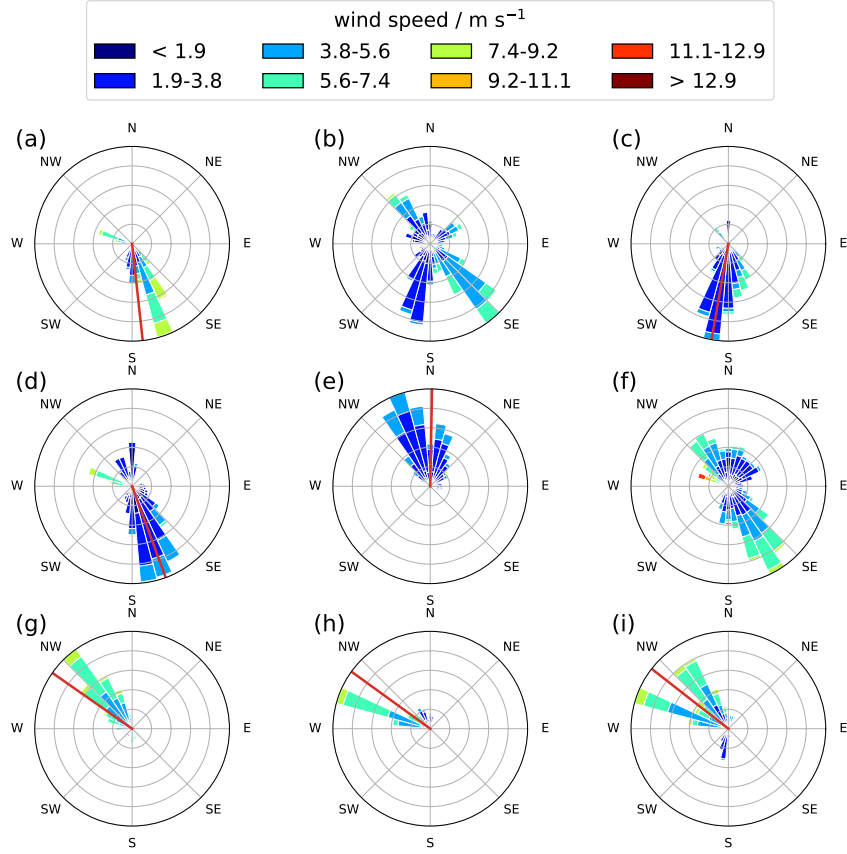
**Figure S4.** (a) Mass traces of  $m/z$  171.0662 and (b)  $m/z$  343.1397. The high concentrated monomer at 6.67 minutes can generate ion-source dimers. Real atmospheric generated dimers appear at higher retention times above 10 minutes.



**Figure S5.** Assigned and unassigned CHO compounds from the representative selection of the field campaign samples. (a) Retention time vs. molecular weight. (b) Kroll diagram. (c) Van Krevelen diagram.



**Figure S6.** Meteorological data (a) wind speed and (b) temperature, (c) the  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentration as well as the trace gas concentrations of (d)  $\text{SO}_2$ , (e)  $\text{CO}$ , and (f)  $\text{NO}_x$  during the field campaign in August 2018 near Vienna (time is UTC). The color code indicates the wind direction, the background color the night and day cycle of the sampling interval. Between 16 August 5:00 and 17 August 17:00 (hatched background) no filter were collected.



**Figure S7.** Wind direction and speed distribution for sample subclusters (a) to (i). The mean wind directions are calculated with Equation (S2). Subclusters (b) and (f) do not show a predominant wind direction for which reason, no line is drawn.

From a list of wind directions ( $\theta_i$ ), given in radians, Yamartino (1984) defined the mean wind direction as

$$\theta_a = \arctan\left(\frac{s_a}{c_a}\right) \quad (\text{S2})$$

with

$$15 \quad s_a = n^{-1} \sum_i \sin\theta_i \quad (\text{S3})$$

and

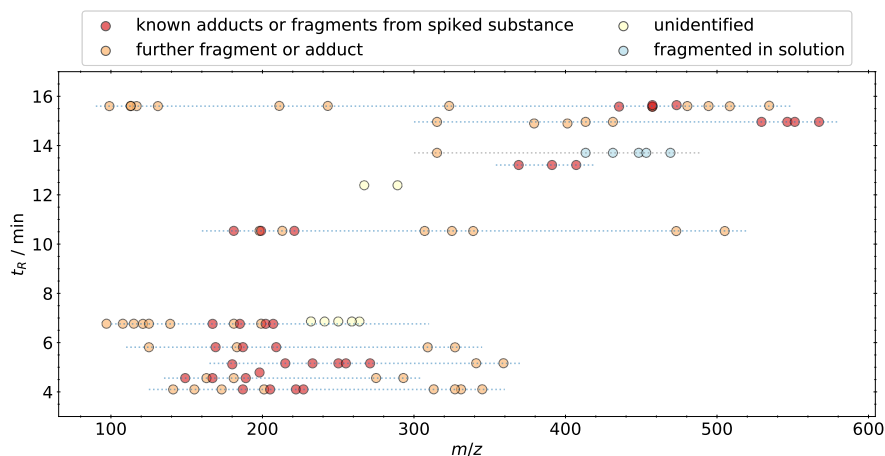
$$c_a = n^{-1} \sum_i \cos\theta_i. \quad (\text{S4})$$

In (-)HESI nearly all fragments and adducts can be explained by the four ions presented in Sect. 2.6. With the NTA those ions are identified by the software and assigned to the respective molecule. In (+)HESI this is by far not so simple. Ions can be detected as known adducts like  $[M - H_2O + H]^+$ ,  $[M + H]^+$ ,  $[M + NH_4]^+$ ,  $[M + Na]^+$ , and  $[M + K]^+$  but can also form several unknown fragments and adducts. The NTA of the standard solution measurement, in which 11 compounds can be detected in (+)HESI (Table S2), results in 53 identified compounds shown in Fig. S8. The color of the scatters indicates whether the compound was spiked into the solution (red), fragmented or formed adducts during measurement (orange), could not be identified (yellow), or is a pseudo real fragment of a spiked substance (light blue). The horizontal lines should simplify the assignment of fragments and adducts of same retention time.

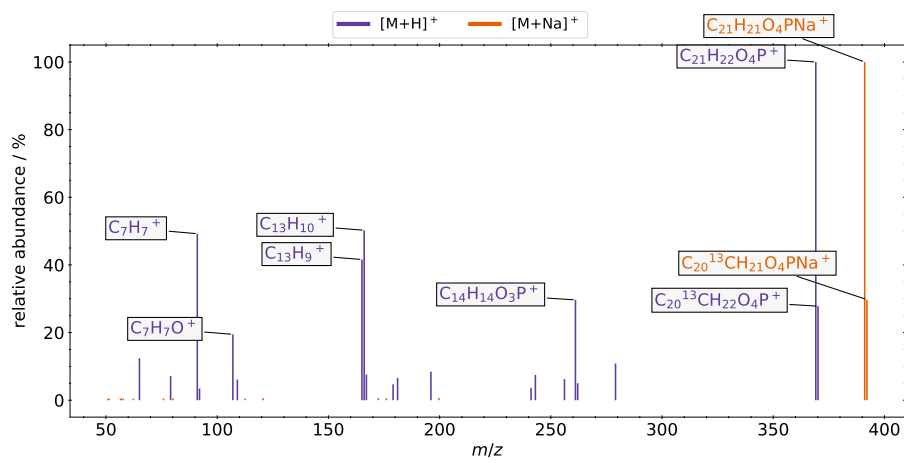
Spiked compounds show mostly more than two adducts with the exception of nitrogen containing compounds caffeine (at 4.8 min) and acridine (at 5.1 min) with only one and 5-acenaphthene carboxylic acid (at 10.5 min) with two adducts. In contrast fragments and adducts formed during measurement always have a maximum number of two adducts. Consider only compounds with more than two adducts detected from the software can reduce false identification noticeably. The loss of real compounds, however, cannot be ruled out.

The signals between  $m/z$  413 and 469, at a retention time of 13.7 minutes, probably refer to a fragment of pentaerythritol tetrahexaonate (528 Da at 14.9 min) formed before sampling due to the fact that five adducts were detected from the software and the retention time is lower than from pentaerythritol tetrahexaonate. The resulting chemical formula corresponds to the loss of a  $C_6H_{10}O$  side chain. The five unidentified signals between  $m/z$  232 and 264 at a retention time of 6.8 minutes could be caused by interference with benzoic acid, measured at this time in (-)HESI. The two unidentified signals at 12.4 minutes with  $m/z$  267 and 289 could be the hydrogen and sodium adduct of a fragment of tris(2-ethylhexyl) phosphate formed in solution. Due to the high uncertainty it is labeled as unidentified. In principle the chemical formula  $C_{12}H_{27}O_4P$  could match with the losses of an entire side chain ( $C_8H_{16}$ ) and a fragment ( $C_4H_8$ ) of another side chain.

Populate a database in (+)HESI is a further challenge. While in (-)HESI the ion with the highest signal intensity is mostly  $[M - H]^-$ , in (+)HESI no preferred ion can be named. Consequently from all or most measured ions a  $MS^2$  spectra should be recorded and added to each library entry by hand. The necessity of this work can be illustrated with the  $MS^2$  spectra of the ions  $[M + H]^+$  and  $[M + Na]^+$  from tri-*p*-cresyl phosphate. Despite the same molecule the spectra from both ions differ completely. The  $MS^2$  spectra of the sodium adduct consists mainly of one signal. In contrast the hydrogen adduct produces a plausible variety of different fragments regarding the structure of tri-*p*-cresyl phosphate (Fig. S9). All of these difficulties highlight the need for further work on the (+)HESI.



**Figure S8.** Retention time vs.  $m/z$  of all identified ions, which were not marked as background, from the measurement of the standard solution in (+)HESI. Known adducts include  $[M - H_2O + H]^+$ ,  $[M + H]^+$ ,  $[M + NH_4]^+$ ,  $[M + Na]^+$ , and  $[M + K]^+$ .



**Figure S9.** MS<sup>2</sup> spectra of the tri-*p*-cresyl phosphate adducts [M + H]<sup>+</sup> and [M + Na]<sup>+</sup>.

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