



# 1 Terpenoid, acetone and aldehyde emissions from Norway spruce

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12 **Abstract.** We present spring and summer volatile organic compound (VOC) emission rate measurements from Norway  
13 spruce (*Picea abies* L. Karst) growing in a boreal forest in southern Finland. The measurements were conducted using  
14 in situ gas-chromatograph with 1 to 2-hour time resolution. The measurements cover altogether 14 weeks in years 2011,  
15 2014 and 2015. Monoterpene (MT) and sesquiterpene (SQT) emission rates were measured all the time, but isoprene  
16 only in 2014 and 2015 and acetone and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aldehydes only in 2015. The emission rates of all the compounds were  
17 low in spring, but MT, acetone and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aldehydes emission rates increased as summer proceeded, reaching  
18 maximum emission rates in July. Late summer means were 29, 17 and 33 ng g(dw)<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> for MTs, acetone and aldehydes  
19 respectively. SQT emission rates increased during the summer and highest emissions were measured late summer (late  
20 summer mean 84 ng g(dw)<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>) concomitant with highest linalool emissions. The between-tree variability of emission  
21 pattern was studied by measuring seven different trees during the same afternoon using adsorbent tubes. Especially the  
22 contributions of limonene, terpinolene and camphene were found to vary between trees, whereas proportions of α- and  
23 β-pinene were more stable. SQT emissions contributed more than 90 % of the ozone reactivity most of the time, and  
24 about 70 % of OH reactivity during late summer. The contribution of aldehydes was comparable to the OH reactivity  
25 of MT during late summer, 10 %-30 % most of the time.

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## 27 1 Introduction

28 Vegetation produces and emits vast amounts of biogenic volatile organic compounds (VOCs), especially in the densely  
29 forested boreal regions (Hakola et al., 2001, 2006; Tarvainen et al., 2005), which are mainly monoterpenes (MT),  
30 sesquiterpenes (SQT) and oxygenated volatile organic compounds (OVOCs). In the atmosphere these compounds are  
31 oxidized, which affects the tropospheric ozone formation (Chameides et al., 1992) and contribute to the lifetime of  
32 methane. In addition reaction products of VOCs also participate in the formation and growth of new particles (Tunved  
33 et al., 2006).

34 In smog chamber studies secondary organic aerosol (SOA) yields for different hydrocarbons and even for different  
35 MTs have been found to vary considerably (Griffin et al., 1999). Jaoui et al. (2013) studied SOA formation from SQT



36 and found that the high reactivity of SQT produced generally high conversion into SOA products. Furthermore, they  
37 found that the yields were dependent on the oxidant used and were highest for nitrate radical ( $\text{NO}_3$ ) reactions. Of the  
38 SQT acidic products, only  $\beta$ -caryophyllinic acid has been observed in ambient samples (Jaoui et al., 2013; Vestenius  
39 et al., 2014). Due to their high reactivity, SQT are not usually found in ambient air. Hakola et al. (2012) detected  
40 longifolene and isolongifolene in boreal forest air during late summer. Hence, the best way to evaluate the atmospheric  
41 impact of SQTs is to measure them from emissions.

42 In addition to isoprene and MT- and SQTs, plants emit also large amounts of oxygenated compounds i.e. alcohols,  
43 carbonyl compounds and organic acids (Koppmann and Wildt, 2007). OVOCs containing six carbon atoms ( $\text{C}_6$ ) are  
44 emitted directly by plants often as a result of physical damage (Fall et al., 1999; Hakola et al., 2001). Saturated  
45 aldehydes have also been found in direct emissions of plants (Wildt et al., 2003) as well as methanol, acetone and  
46 acetaldehyde (Bourtsoukidis et al. 2014b). However, there is very limited amount of data about OVOCs emissions by  
47 plants.

48 In the present study we conducted on-line gas-chromatographic measurements of emissions of MT- and SQTs as well  
49 as  $\text{C}_4$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  saturated aliphatic carbonyls from Norway spruce (*Picea abies* L. Karst) branches. Although Norway spruce  
50 is one of the main forest tree species in Central and Northern Europe, there are relatively few data on its emissions  
51 (Hakola et al., 2003; Grabmer et al., 2006; Bourtsoukidis et al., 2014a and b, Yassaa et al. 2012). In addition to detection  
52 of individual MTs gas-chromatograph mass-spectrometer (GC-MS) allows sensitive detection of SQTs, which is often  
53 difficult to perform under field conditions. The on-line measurements were considered essential for evaluating the  
54 factors affecting emission rates, for example their temperature and light dependence. Our campaigns cover periods of  
55 years 2012, 2014 and 2015 during spring and summer, altogether about 14 weeks. In 2015 also carbonyl compounds  
56 were added to the measurement scheme, since there is no earlier data of their emissions.

## 57 **2 Methods**

### 58 **2.1 VOC measurements**

59 The measurements were conducted at the SMEAR II station (Station for Measuring Forest Ecosystem-Atmosphere  
60 Relations,  $61^{\circ}51'N$ ,  $24^{\circ}18'E$ , 181 a.s.l) in Hyytiälä, southern Finland (Hari and Kulmala 2005) in 2011, 2014, and  
61 2015. The measurements took place in spring/early summer 2011 (two weeks in April, five days in May and three days  
62 in June), spring/summer 2014 (one week in May, two weeks in June and one week in July), and summer 2015 (one  
63 week in June and two weeks in August).

64 The selected trees were growing in a managed mixed conifer forest (average tree age ca 50 years), and located about  
65 5 meters from the measurement container. The height of the tree in 2011 was about 10 meters. The samples were  
66 collected at a height of about 2 meters from a fully sunlit, healthy lower canopy branch pointing towards a small  
67 opening. In 2014 and 2015 a younger tree (ca. 1 m tall, age ca 15 years) about 5 meters away from the tree used in  
68 2011 was selected for the study. The branches were placed in a Teflon enclosure and the emission rates were measured



69 using a dynamic flow through technique. The volume of the cylinder shape transparent Teflon enclosure was  
70 approximately 8 litres and it was equipped with inlet and outlet ports and a thermometer inside the enclosure. The  
71 photosynthetically active photon flux density (PPFD) was measured just above the enclosure. The flow through the  
72 enclosure was kept at about 3-5 litres per minute. Ozone was removed from the ingoing air using MnO<sub>2</sub> coated copper  
73 nets. The emission rates were measured using an on-line gas-chromatograph-mass-spectrometer. VOCs from a 40-60  
74 ml/min subsample were collected in the cold trap of a thermal desorption unit (Perkin Elmer ATD-400) packed with  
75 Tenax TA in 2011 and Tenax TA/Carbopack-B in 2014 and 2015. The trap material was changed since isoprene was  
76 found not to be retained fully in the cold trap in 2011. The trap was kept at 20°C during sampling to prevent water  
77 vapour present in the air from accumulating into the trap. This allowed the analysis of MT- and SQTs. The thermal  
78 desorption instrument was connected to a gas chromatograph (HP 5890) with DB-1 column (60 m, i.d. 0.25 mm, f.t.  
79 0.25  $\mu\text{m}$ ) and a mass selective detector (HP 5972). One 20-minutes sample was collected every other hour. The system  
80 was calibrated using liquid standards in methanol injected on Tenax TA-Carbopack B adsorbent tubes. We had no  
81 standard for sabinene and therefore it was quantified using the calibration curve of  $\beta$ -pinene. The detection limit was  
82 below 1 ppt for all MT- and SQTs. The following compounds were included in the calibration solutions: 2-methyl-3-  
83 buten-2-ol (MBO), camphene, 3-carene, p-cymene, 1,8-cineol, limonene, linalool, myrcene,  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -pinene,  
84 terpinolene, bornylacetate, longicyclene, isolongifolene,  $\beta$ -caryophyllene, aromadendrene,  $\alpha$ -humulene,  $\beta$ -farnesene.  
85 Isoprene was calibrated using gaseous standard from NPL (National Physical Laboratory). Compared to off-line  
86 adsorbent methods this in situ GC-MS had clearly lower background for carbonyl compounds and in 2015 we were  
87 able to measure also acetone and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aldehyde emission rates. The aldehydes included in the calibration solutions  
88 were: butanal, pentanal, hexanal, heptanal, octanal, nonanal and decanal. Unfortunately, acetone co-eluted with  
89 propanal and the calibration was not linear due to high acetone background in adsorbent tubes used for calibrations.

## 90 2.2 Calculation of emission rates

91 The emission rate is determined as the mass of compound per needle dry weight and time according to

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$$93 \quad E = \frac{(C_2 - C_1)F}{m} \quad (1)$$

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95 Here  $C_2$  is the concentration in the outgoing air,  $C_1$  is the concentration in the inlet air, and  $F$  is the flow rate into the  
96 enclosure. The dry weight of the biomass ( $m$ ) was determined by drying the needles and shoot from the enclosure at  
97 75 °C for 24 hours after the last sampling date.

## 98 2.3 Emission potentials

99 A strong dependence of biogenic VOC emissions on temperature has been seen in all emission studies of isoprene,  
100 MTs, and SQTs (e.g. Kesselmeier and Staudt 1999; Ciccioli et al. 1999; Hansen and Seufert 2003; Tarvainen et al.  
101 2005; Hakola et al. 2006). The temperature dependent emission rate is usually parameterized as



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$$104 \quad E(T) = E_S \exp(\beta(T - T_S)) \quad (2)$$

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106 where  $E(T)$  is the emission rate ( $\mu\text{g g}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ ) at leaf temperature  $T$  and  $\beta$  is the slope  $\frac{d \ln E}{dT}$  (Guenther et al. 1993).  $E_S$  is  
107 the emission rate at standard temperature  $T_S$  (usually set at 30 °C). The emission rate at standard temperature is also  
108 called the emission potential of the plant species, and while it is sometimes held to be a constant it may show variability  
109 related to e.g. season or the plant developmental stage (e.g. Hakola et al. 1998, 2001, 2003, 2006; Tarvainen et al.  
110 2005, Aalto et al 2014).

111 The slope value  $\beta$  is typically obtained from experimental data. Based on literature reviews, the value 0.09 is normally  
112 recommended to be used in MT emission modelling (Fehsenfeld et al. 1992; Guenther et al. 1993). In this work we  
113 have carried out nonlinear regression analysis with two fitted parameters, arriving at individual slope values for the  
114 modelled compounds during each model period. The compounds analysed with the temperature dependent emission  
115 rate were the sum of MTs, the sum of SQTs, the sum of aldehydes and acetone.

116 Besides the temperature-dependent nature of the biogenic emissions, light dependence has been discovered already in  
117 early studies of plant emissions (e.g. the review of biogenic isoprene emission by Sanadze 2004 and e.g. Ghirardo et  
118 al 2010). The effect of light on the emission potentials is based on the assumption that the emissions follow similar  
119 pattern of saturating light response which is observed for photosynthesis (Guenther et al. 1993). The formulation of  
120 the temperature effect is adopted from simulations of the temperature response of enzymatic activity (Guenther et al.  
121 1993). The parameterization for isoprene emissions taking into account both the light and temperature dependence  
122 then is

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$$124 \quad E(L, T) = E_S C_L C_T \quad (3)$$

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126 Here  $E(L, T)$  is the emission rate as a function of photosynthetically active photon flux density  $L$  ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) and leaf  
127 temperature  $T$  (K).  $E_S$  is the emission rate at standard conditions of radiation and temperature (usually set at 1000  $\mu\text{mol}$   
128 photons  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  and 30 °C) (Guenther et al. 1993; Kesselmeier and Staudt 1999; Wiedinmyer et al. 2004).  $C_L$  and  $C_T$   
129 are dimensionless environmental correction factors, accounting for the light and temperature effects on the emissions,  
130 with the formulations



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$$132 \quad C_L = \frac{\alpha c_{L1} L}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 L^2}} \quad (4)$$

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$$135 \quad C_T = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{c_{T1}(T-T_S)}{RT_S T}\right)}{c_{T3} + \exp\left(\frac{c_{T2}(T-T_M)}{RT_S T}\right)} \quad (5)$$

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137 Here  $R$  is the universal gas constant ( $8.314 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ ). The factors  $\alpha$  (0.0027),  $c_{L1}$  (1.066),  $c_{T1}$  ( $95\,000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ),  $c_{T2}$   
 138 ( $230\,000 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$ ),  $c_{T3}$  (0.961), and  $T_M$  (314 K) are empirical constants obtained from experimental data (Guenther et  
 139 al. 1993; Guenther 1997). In this study a nonlinear regression analysis with the light and temperature dependent  
 140 emission rate was carried out for the isoprene emissions.

#### 141 2.4 Chemotype measurements

142 In order to estimate the between-tree variability there was between the trees, we conducted a study in 2014, where we  
 143 made qualitative analysis from six different spruces growing in a same area not farther than about 10 metres from each  
 144 other. All the trees were about 1 m high and naturally regenerated from local seeds. When also the tree that was  
 145 continuously measured in that day was added to the analysis, we had altogether 7 trees for this qualitative analysis. A  
 146 branch was enclosed in a Teflon bag and after waiting for 5 minutes we collected a sample on a Tenax tube and  
 147 analysed later in a laboratory. The samples were taken during one afternoon on 24 June 2014.

#### 148 2.4 Calculating the reactivity of the emissions

149 We calculated the total reactivity of the emissions ( $TCRE_x$ ) by combining the emission rates ( $E_i$ ) with reaction rate co

$$150 \quad TCRE_x = \sum E_i k_{i,x} \quad (6)$$

151 This determines in an approximate manner the compound's/compound classes relative role in local OH, and O<sub>3</sub>  
 152 chemistry. The reaction rate coefficients are listed in Table 1. When available, temperature-dependent rate  
 153 coefficients have been used. When experimental data was not available, the reaction coefficients have been estimated  
 154 with the AopWin™ module of the EPI™ software suite (<https://www.epa.gov/tsca-screening-tools/epi-suitetm-estimation-program-interface>, EPA, U.S.A).

### 156 3. Results and discussion

#### 157 3.1 Weather patterns during the measurements



158 In 2011, the spring was early and warm. According to the statistics of the Finnish Meteorological Institute the thermal  
159 spring started during the first three days of April, with the average temperatures exceptionally high and very little  
160 precipitation. The same pattern continued in May, but the weather turned more unstable towards the end of the month,  
161 with more rains and cooler night temperatures. The average temperature in June was a little over two degrees higher  
162 than normal, and there were some intense thunderstorms. Table 2 shows the mean temperatures and rain amounts  
163 during each measurement month.

164 In 2014, the weather conditions in May were quite typical, with the average temperatures close to the long-term average  
165 values. June started with a warm spell, but towards its end the weather was exceptionally cold, and the average  
166 temperatures in June were 1 to 2 degrees lower than usual. July was exceptionally warm in the whole country.

167 In 2015, the June average temperatures were again 1 to 2 degrees below the long-term averages, and there were more  
168 rain showers than normally. In July the cold spell and rainy days continued, but in August the warmth returned, with  
169 the average temperature 1 to 2 degrees above the long-term average values. August also had exceptionally little rain.

### 170 3.2 Variability of the VOC emissions

171 Since most of the emission rates of the measured compounds were higher in late summer than in early season, we  
172 calculated the spring (April and May), early summer (June to mid-July) and late summer (late July and August) mean  
173 emissions separately. This described the emission rate changes better than monthly means. Seasonal mean emission  
174 rates of isoprene, 2-methyl-3-buten-2-ol (MBO), MT and SQT are presented in Table 3 and typical diurnal variations  
175 of the most abundant compounds for each season are shown in Fig. 1.

176 Norway spruce is known to be a low isoprene emitter and a moderate MT emitter (Kesselmeier and Staudt, 1999;  
177 Grabmer et al., 2006; Bourtsoukidis et al., 2014a, b). Our study confirmed these earlier results, although the seasonal  
178 pattern of emissions was clearly different. Isoprene emission rates were low early summer, but increased towards  
179 August and late summer mean emission rate was  $6 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ . The highest daily maxima isoprene emissions  
180 were about  $70\text{--}80 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ , but usually they remained below  $20 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ . MBO emission rates were even  
181 lower than isoprene, the late summer mean was  $2.4 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ . MT emission rates were also low in April, May and  
182 still in the beginning of June for every measurement year, below  $50 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$  most of the time. At the end of June  
183 the MT emission rates started to increase (about 30 %) to the level where they remained until the end of August, the  
184 sum of MT daily maxima still remaining below  $300 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ .

185 A substantial change in the emission patterns took place at the end of July, when SQT emission rates increased up to  
186 3–4 times higher than the MT emission rates at the same time (Table 3). Such a change in emissions was not observed  
187 in a study done in a spruce forest in Germany by Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014b). Instead of late summer increase  
188 especially in SQT emissions (in our data from 0 to  $84 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ), they observed highest MT and SQT emissions  
189 already during the spring (203 and  $119 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ , respectively) after which emissions significantly declined,  
190 median MT emissions being 136 and  $80 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$  and SQT emissions 65 and  $21 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$  during summer and



191 autumn, respectively. Further, they report that MTs dominated the Norway spruce emissions through the entire  
192 measuring period (April–November), SQT emission rates being equal to MT emission rates during spring, but only  
193 about half of MT emission rates during summer and about 20 % during autumn. One potential explanation for such a  
194 different seasonality may lie in the differences between site specific factors such as soil moisture conditions, local  
195 climate, stand age or stress factors. In a boreal forest, late summer normally is the warmest and most humid season  
196 favouring high emissions, as was also the case in our study periods. On the contrary, in central Germany July was  
197 relatively cold and wet, and according to the authors, reduced emissions were therefore not surprising (Boutsourkidis  
198 et al 2014b).

199 Another interesting feature is shown in the specified emission rates of different compounds. In the current study the  
200 main SQT in spruce emissions was  $\beta$ -farnesene. About 50% of the SQT emission consisted of  $\beta$ -farnesene and its  
201 maximum emission rate ( $155 \text{ ng g(dw)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ) was measured on the afternoon of 31 July 2015. Two other SQTs also  
202 contributed significantly to the total SQT emission rates, but since we did not have standards for these other SQT, their  
203 quantification is only tentative. Linalool emissions increased simultaneously with SQT emissions, in the same way as  
204 was previously observed in the measurements of Scots pine emissions in the same forest in southern Finland (Hakola  
205 et al., 2006), where emissions were found to increase late summer concomitant with the maximum concentration of  
206 the airborne pathogen spores, and Hakola et al. (2006) suggested a potential defensive role of the conifer SQT  
207 emissions. Several other reports point to similar correlations between SQT (in particular  $\beta$ -farnesene) and oxygenated  
208 MTs such as linalool emissions and biotic stresses in controlled experiments. For example, increases in farnesene,  
209 methyl salicylate (MeSA) and linalool emissions were reported to be an induced response by Norway spruce seedlings  
210 to feeding damage by mite species (Kännaste et al. 2009), indicating that their biosynthesis might prevent the trees  
211 from being damaged. Interestingly, the release of (E)- $\beta$ -farnesene seemed to be mite specific and attractive to pine  
212 weevils, whereas linalool and MeSA were deterrents. Blande et al. (2009) discovered pine weevil feeding to clearly  
213 induce the emission of MTs and SQTs, particularly linalool and (E)- $\beta$ -farnesene, from branch tips of Norway spruce  
214 seedlings. Also, in a licentiate thesis of Petterson (2007) linalool and  $\beta$ -farnesene were shown to be emitted due to  
215 stress. The emissions from Norway spruce increased significantly after trees were treated with methyljasmonate  
216 (MeJA). Martin et al (2003) discovered that MeJA triggered increases in the rate of linalool emission more than 100-  
217 fold and that of SQTs more than 30-fold. Emissions followed a pronounced diurnal rhythm with the maximum amount  
218 released during the light period, suggesting that they are induced de novo after treatment. Our study shows that such  
219 major changes in emission patterns can also occur in mature trees in field conditions, and without any clear visible  
220 infestations or feeding, indicating that they probably are systemic defence mechanisms rather than direct ones (Eyles  
221 et al 2010).

222 In 2015 we measured also acetone and  $\text{C}_4$ – $\text{C}_{10}$  aldehyde emission rates. The total amount of the measured carbonyl  
223 compounds was comparable to the amount of MTs (Table 3) although with our method it was not possible to measure  
224 emissions of the most volatile aldehydes, formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, which are also emitted from trees in  
225 significant quantities (Cojocariu et al., 2004, Koppmann and Wildt, 2007; Boutsourkidis et al., 2014b). The carbonyl  
226 compounds consisted mainly of acetone (30 %), and the shares of nonanal (21%), decanal (17%), heptanal (14%),  
227 hexanal (10%) and pentanal (5%). The shares of butanal and octanal were less than 2% each. Many reports show that



228 the short-chained oxygenated compounds such as aldehydes are effectively released but also absorbed by the vegetation  
229 especially when it is moist (e.g. Karl et al., 2005, Seco et al., 2007).

230 Diurnal variability of the emission rates of MT and SQT, acetone and larger aldehydes are shown in Fig.1. They all  
231 show similar temperature dependent variability with maxima during the afternoon and minima in the night. The SQT  
232 daily peak emissions were measured two hours later than MT and aldehyde peaks.

### 233 3.3 Tree to tree variability in emission pattern

234 When following the emission seasonality, we discovered that the MT emission patterns were somewhat different  
235 between the two trees measured. The tree measured in 2011 (tree 1) emitted mainly  $\alpha$ -pinene in May, whereas the tree  
236 measured in 2014 and 2015 (tree 2) emitted mainly limonene in May. As summer proceeded the contribution of  
237 limonene emission decreased in both trees and the share of  $\alpha$ -pinene increased in tree 2. The relative abundance of  
238 measured compounds in the spruce emission is presented in Table 4 for all measurement months. The species specific  
239 Norway spruce emissions have been measured earlier at least by Hakola et al. (2003) and Bourtsoukidis et al. (2014a).  
240 The measurements by Hakola et al. covered all seasons, but only a few days for each season, whereas the measurements  
241 by Bourtsoukidis et al. covered three weeks in September-October in an Estonian forest. The main MTs detected in  
242 the Estonian forest were  $\alpha$ -pinene (59 %) and 3-carene (26 %), but also camphene, limonene,  $\beta$ -pinene and  $\beta$ -  
243 phellandrene were measured. In the study by Hakola et al. (2003) the MT emission composed mainly of  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -  
244 pinene, camphene and limonene, but only very small amounts of 3-carene were observed, similarly to the present study.  
245 This raises a question whether spruces would have different chemotypes in a similar way as Scots pine has (Bäck et  
246 al., 2012). In order to find out how much variability there was between the trees, we conducted a study in 2014, where  
247 we made qualitative analysis from six different spruces growing in a same area (labelled in Fig. 2 as tree 3 - tree 8).  
248 When also the tree that was continuously measured in that day was added to the analysis, we had altogether 7 trees for  
249 this qualitative analysis. The results for MT emissions are shown in Figure 2. SQT emissions were not significant at  
250 that time. As expected, the MT emission pattern of the trees was quite different; terpinolene was one of the main MT  
251 in the emission of four trees whereas tree 2 did not emit terpinolene at all and tree 3 only 3 %. Also limonene and  
252 camphene contributions were varying from few percent to about third of the total MT emission. All the measured trees  
253 emitted rather similar proportions of  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -pinene. The shares of myrcene,  $\beta$ -pinene and 3-carene were low in every  
254 tree. Since different MTs react at different rates in the atmosphere, the species specific measurements are necessary  
255 when evaluating MTs influence on atmospheric chemistry. This study and the study of Scots pine emissions by Bäck  
256 et al. (2012) show that species specific measurements are necessary, but also that flux measurements as more  
257 representative than branch scale emission measurements and averaging over larger spatial scale may be better suited  
258 for air chemistry models.

### 259 3.4 Standard emission potentials

260 The standard emission potentials were obtained by fitting the measured emission rates to the temperature dependent  
261 pool emission algorithm (equation 2) and the light and temperature dependent algorithm (equations 3-5) described in





262 section 2.2). For the temperature dependent algorithm, the nonlinear regression was carried out with two fitted  
263 parameters, yielding both the emission potentials and individual  $\beta$  coefficients for each compound group. With the  
264 light and temperature dependent algorithm, only emission potentials were obtained. The compounds fitted using the  
265 temperature dependent pool emission algorithm were the most abundant MT and SQT for each season and the sum of  
266 carbonyls, while the analysis with the light and temperature dependent emission algorithm was carried out for isoprene  
267 emissions. In the analysis, obvious outliers and other suspicious data were not included. The excluded values typically  
268 were the first values obtained right after starting a measurement period, which might still show the effects of handling  
269 the sample branch. The isoprene emissions obtained in 2011 were not taken into account in the analysis as they were  
270 not properly collected on the cold trap. This was fixed in 2014 and 2015 by changing the adsorbent material. An  
271 approach with a hybrid algorithm, where the emission rate is described as a function of two source terms, de novo  
272 synthesis emissions and pool emissions, was also tested. However, the results were not conclusive.

273 The standard emission potentials of isoprene, the selected MT and SQT, acetone and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> aldehyde sums are presented  
274 in Table 5. Emission potentials are given as spring, early summer, and late summer values. The spring months include  
275 April and May, early summer corresponds to June and the first half of July, and late summer to the last half of July and  
276 August. The coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is also given, even though it is an inadequate measure for the goodness  
277 of fit in nonlinear models (e.g. Spiess and Neumeyer, 2010). A more reliable parameter for estimating the goodness of  
278 fit is the standard error of the estimate, which are also given.

279 The summertime emission potentials of MT and SQT reflect the typical behaviour of the temperature variability in  
280 summer, with low emissions in spring and high emissions in the higher temperatures of late summer. The variability  
281 of the emission potential during the growing season and between the individual compounds is large, with lower values  
282 in spring and higher in late summer. In late summer limonene and  $\alpha$ -pinene had highest emission potentials. SQT  
283 exhibit a similar behaviour with very low springtime and early summer emission potentials while the late summer  
284 emission potential is high.

285 This is the first time we have applied fitting the traditional temperature-based emission potential algorithms to  
286 measured carbonyl emissions, and based on the spruce emission results, the approach appears to be applicable also on  
287 these compounds. The best fit was obtained with the temperature dependent algorithm. The temporal variability of the  
288 emission potential was similar to MT- and SQTs. Unfortunately, acetone and aldehyde measurements were only carried  
289 out during the last measurement campaign, but the emission pattern possibly indicates a midsummer maximum,  
290 because emissions were clearly identified in June, and already decreasing in late July-August. The isoprene emissions,  
291 fitted with the light and temperature emission algorithm, also reflect the light/temperature pattern of summer, with low  
292 emissions in spring and high emissions in late summer.

293 In late summer when isoprene emissions were a bit higher the emission model fits the data better and the emission  
294 potential for isoprene was 49 ng g(dw)<sup>-1</sup>h<sup>-1</sup>. Even though the average summertime emission potentials of all studied  
295 compounds may well reflect the general warm season emission behaviour, great variability is evident in the monthly  
296 or early/late summer results. This variability may reflect e.g. the past temperature history or effects of incident or



297 previous stress events. It should obviously be taken into account when for instance constructing emission inventories  
298 for chemical dispersion model applications, because there the reaction potential of some of the emitted compounds  
299 may be important in photochemical or particle formation simulations.

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### 302 3.5 Total reactivity emissions

303 The relative contribution from each class of compounds to the total calculated reactivity of the emissions  $TCRE_{OH}$  and  
304  $TCRE_{O_3}$  is depicted in Fig. 3. Nitrate radicals are likely to contribute also significantly to the reactivity, but since the  
305 reaction rate coefficients were not available for the essential compounds like  $\beta$ -farnesene, the nitrate radical reactivities  
306 are not shown. SQT are very reactive towards ozone and they clearly dominate the ozone reactivity. Isoprene  
307 contribution is insignificant all the time towards ozone reactivity, but it contributes 20-30 % of OH reactivity, although  
308 the emission rates are quite low. SQT dominate also OH reactivity during late summer due to their high emission rates,  
309 but early summer MT are equally important. Contribution of acetone to the  $TCRE_{OH}$  was very small ( $\sim 0.05\%$  of total  
310 reactivity), but reactivity of  $C_4$ - $C_{10}$  aldehydes was significant, averagely 15% and sometimes over 50% of the  $TCRE_{OH}$ .  
311 Of the aldehydes decanal, nonanal and heptanal had the highest contributions. It is also possible to measure total OH  
312 reactivity directly and in the total OH reactivity measurements by Nölscher et al. (2013) the contribution of SQTs in  
313 Norway spruce emissions also in Hyytiälä was very small ( $\sim 1\%$ ). This is in contradiction to our measurements, where  
314 we found very high share of SQTs (75% in late summer). Nölscher et al. (2013) found also very high fraction of  
315 missing reactivity ( $>80\%$ ) especially in late summer. Emissions of  $C_4$ - $C_{10}$  aldehydes, which were not studied by  
316 Nölscher et al. (2013) could explain part of the missing reactivity.

### 317 4 Conclusions

318 Norway spruce VOC emissions were measured in campaigns during 2011, 2014 and 2015. Measurements covered  
319 altogether 14 spring and summer weeks. The measured compounds included isoprene, MT and SQT and in 2015 also  
320 acetone and  $C_4$ - $C_{10}$  aldehydes. MT and SQT emission rates were low during spring and early summer. MT emission  
321 rates increased to their maximum at the end of June and declined a little in August. A significant change in SQT  
322 emissions took place at the end of July. In August SQT were the most abundant group in the emission,  $\beta$ -farnesene  
323 being the most abundant compound. SQT emissions increased simultaneously with linalool emissions and these  
324 emissions were suggested to be initiated due to some stress effects. SQT contributed most to the ozone and OH radical  
325 reactivity. Acetone and aldehyde emissions were highest in July, when they were approximately at the same level as  
326 MT.  $C_4$ - $C_{10}$  aldehydes contributed as much as MT to the OH reactivity during late summer, but early summer only  
327 about half of the MT share.



328 The MT emission pattern varies a lot from tree to tree. During one afternoon in June we measured emission pattern of  
329 seven different trees growing near each other; especially the amounts of terpinolene, camphene and limonene were  
330 varying. Due to inconsistent emission pattern the species specific emission fluxes on canopy level should be conducted  
331 in addition to the leaf level measurements for more representative measurements. However, leaf level measurements  
332 produce reliable SQT data.

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482 **Table 1: OH and O<sub>3</sub> reaction rate coefficients used in reactivity calculations.**

Species	$k_{\text{OH}}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference	$k_{\text{O}_3}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
Isoprene	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot e^{390/T}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>	$1.03 \cdot 10^{-14} \cdot e^{-1995/T}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>
2-Methyl-3-buten-2-ol	$6.3 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-17}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>
$\alpha$ -Pinene	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot e^{440/T}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>	$8.05 \cdot 10^{-16} \cdot e^{-640/T}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
Camphene	$5.33 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Atkinson et al. (1990a)	$6.8 \cdot 10^{-19}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
Sabinene	$1.17 \cdot 10^{-10}$	Atkinson et al. (1990a)	$8.2 \cdot 10^{-17}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
$\beta$ -Pinene	$1.55 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot e^{467/T}$	Atkinson and Arey (2003)	$1.35 \cdot 10^{-15} \cdot e^{-1270/T}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
Myrcene	$9.19 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{1071/T}$	Hites and Turner (2009)	$2.65 \cdot 10^{-15} \cdot e^{-520/T}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
3-Carene	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Atkinson and Arey (2003)	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-17}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
<i>p</i> -Cymene	$1.51 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Corchnoy and Atkinson (1990)	$< 5.0 \cdot 10^{-20}$	Atkinson et al. (1990b)
Limonene	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-11} \cdot e^{401/T}$	Gill and Hites (2002)	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-15} \cdot e^{-770/T}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
1,8-Cineol	$1.11 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Corchnoy and Atkinson (1990)	$< 1.5 \cdot 10^{-19}$	Atkinson et al. (1990)
Linalool	$1.59 \cdot 10^{-10}$	Atkinson et al. (1995)	$\geq 3.15 \cdot 10^{-16}$	Grosjean and Grosjean (1998)
Terpinolene	$2.25 \cdot 10^{-10}$	Corchnoy and Atkinson (1990) <sup>a</sup>	$1.6 \cdot 10^{-15}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
Bornylacetate	$1.39 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Coeur et al. (1999)	-	
Longicyclene	$9.35 \cdot 10^{-12}$	AopWin <sup>TM</sup> v1.92	-	
Isolongifolene	$9.62 \cdot 10^{-11}$	AopWin <sup>TM</sup> v1.92	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-17}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
$\beta$ -Caryophyllene	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-10}$	Shu and Atkinson (1995) <sup>a</sup>	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-14}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
$\beta$ -Farnesene	$1.71 \cdot 10^{-10}$	Kourtchev et al. (2012)	$1.5 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{-2350/T}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
$\alpha$ -Humulene	$2.9 \cdot 10^{-10}$	Shu and Atkinson (1995) <sup>a</sup>	$1.2 \cdot 10^{-14}$	IUPAC <sup>b</sup>
Alloaromadendrene	$6.25 \cdot 10^{-11}$	AopWin <sup>TM</sup> v1.92	$1.20 \cdot 10^{-17}$	AopWin <sup>TM</sup> v1.91
Zingiberene	$2.87 \cdot 10^{-10}$	AopWin <sup>TM</sup> v1.92	$1.43 \cdot 10^{-15}$	AopWin <sup>TM</sup> v1.91
Acetone	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{-1320/T} + 1.7 \cdot 10^{-14} \cdot e^{423/T}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>	-	
Butanal	$6.0 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{410/T}$	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>a</sup>	-	
Pentanal	$9.9 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{306/T}$	Thévenet et al. (2000)	-	
Hexanal	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot e^{565/T}$	Jiménez et al. (2007)	-	



Heptanal	$2.96 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Albaladejo et al. (2002)	-
Octanal	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-11}$	AopWin™ v1.92	-
Nonanal	$3.6 \cdot 10^{-11}$	Bowman et al. (2003)	-
Decanal	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-11}$	AopWin™ v1.92	-

483 <sup>a</sup>IUPAC recommendation

484 <sup>b</sup>IUPAC Task Group on Atmospheric Chemical Kinetic Data Evaluation (<http://iupac.pole-ether.fr>).

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494 **Table 2: Mean temperatures (°C) and rain amounts (mm) during each measurement month in Hyttiälä.**

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	2011		2014		2015	
	temp	rain	temp	rain	temp	rain
April	4.5	17.4				
May	9.3	44.3	9.4	57.4		
June	15.8	65.3	11.8	94.8	11.9	81.5
July	18.2	58.5	18.6	44.1	14.6	86.7
August					15.2	12.6

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498 **Table 3: Seasonal mean emission rates of isoprene, 2-methylbutenol (MBO), MT, SQT, acetone and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>**  
 499 **carbonyls in ng g(dw)<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>. “na” means that the compounds were not included in the analysis. Spring is April-**  
 500 **May, early summer 1.6-15.7 and late summer 16.7-31.8. bdl = below detection limit. Values are averages for**  
 501 **the three measurement years (2011, 2014, 2015). Other SQT = sum of all other SQTs in emissions. The**  
 502 **number of the measurements each season is in parentheses.**

	spring (337)	early summer (534)	late summer (159)
Isoprene	bdl	1.3	6.0
MBO	bdl	2.1	2.4
Camphene	1.1	2.9	3.8
3-Carene	0.3	1.1	0.9
p-Cymene	0.3	0.9	0.5
Limonene	2.7	6.1	7.7
Myrcene	0.2	1.7	3.9
α-Pinene	2.1	5.8	9.6
β-Pinene	1.0	1.8	0.9
Sabinene	0.0	0.5	0.9
Terpinolene	0.0	0.1	0.3
Bornylacetate	0.0	0.5	1.1
1,8-Cineol	0.7	2.1	1.8
Linalool	bdl	1.4	7.9
β-Caryophyllene	0.0	0.4	7.2
β-Farnesene	0.0	1.1	42
Other SQT	0.1	1.5	35
Acetone	na	17	17
Butanal	na	2.0	0.3
Pentanal	na	4.1	2.4
Hexanal	na	5.0	4.9
Heptanal	na	5.2	7.5
Octanal	na	0.3	0.4
Nonanal	na	6.3	9.9
Decanal	na	5.6	7.4

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505 **Table 4: Average monthly abundances (%) of emitted MTs. T1 (tree1) includes 2011 and T2 2014 and 2015**  
 506 **measurements. The number of the measurements each month is in parentheses.**

	$\alpha$ -Pinene	Camphene	Sabinene	$\beta$ -Pinene	Myrcene	$\Delta^3$ -Carene	p-Cymene	Limonene	Terpinolene
April, T1 (160)	34	19	0	18	1	5	6	18	0
May, T1 (48)	59	9	1	7	1	1	9	10	3
June, T1 (34)	7	25	16	0	34	3	9	4	0
May, T2 (129)	16	11	0	10	5	5	2	51	0
June, T2 (396)	27	15	0	15	5	5	4	29	0
July, T2 (128)	32	15	2	5	7	5	2	27	1
Aug T2 (134)	34	11	3	3	15	3	1	29	1

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511 Table 5: Standard (30 °C) MT, SQT, acetone and C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aldehyde emission potentials obtained in 2011, 2014 and  
 512 2015. For isoprene the standard (1000 μmol photons m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, 30 °C) emission potentials are from the 2015 campaign.  
 513 The standard emission potential  $E_s$  and the  $\beta$  coefficient are given with the standard error of the estimate (StdErr, in  
 514 parenthesis). R squared and the number of measurements (N, in parenthesis). The fits were made for the spring  
 515 (April - May), early summer (June – mid July) and late summer (late July – August) periods.

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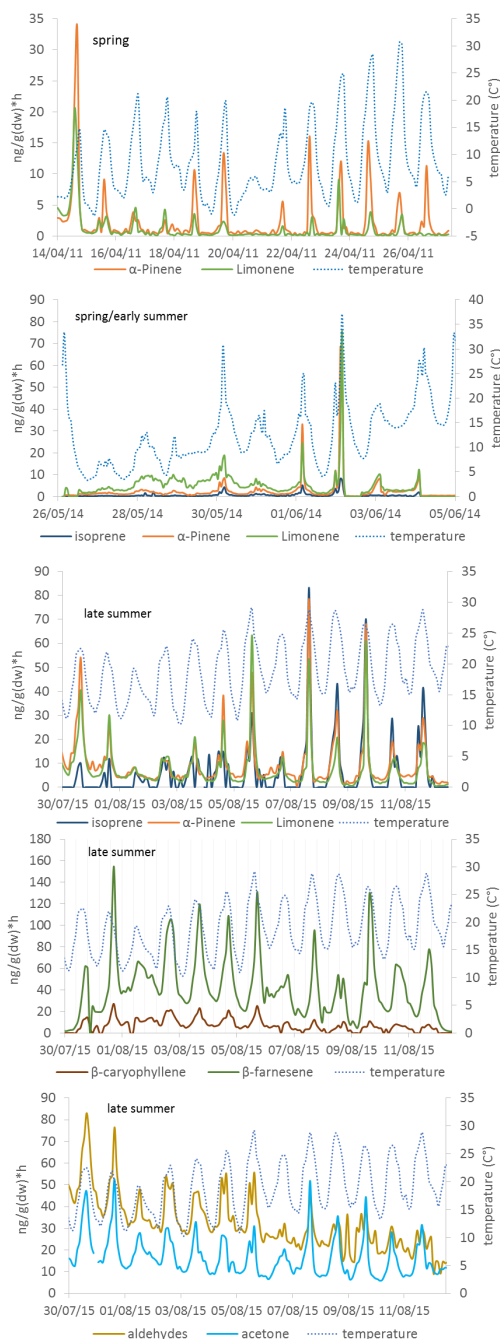
	$E_s$ (StdErr) ng/g(dw)*h	$\beta$ K-1 (StdErr)	R <sup>2</sup> (N)
<b>Spring</b>			
$\alpha$ -pinene	11.6 (0.7)	0.097 (0.006)	0.423 (331)
camphene	2.5 (0.4)	0.045 (0.009)	0.071 (323)
$\beta$ -pinene	1.9 (0.2)	0.044 (0.007)	0.119 (324)
myrcene	0.6 (0.1)	0.010 (0.011)	0.007 (157)
limonene	5.0 (0.8)	0.032 (0.008)	0.049 (321)
other MT	2.9 (0.2)	0.085 (0.005)	0.433 (329)
$\beta$ -caryophyllene	0.2 (0.1)	0.018 (0.059)	0.026 (6)
$\beta$ -farnesene	-	-	- (0)
other SQT	0.7 (0.3)	0.046 (0.029)	0.029 (72)
<b>Early summer</b>			
$\alpha$ -pinene	14.1 (1.0)	0.058 (0.006)	0.145 (489)
camphene	7.0 (0.3)	0.060 (0.004)	0.230 (492)
$\beta$ -pinene	5.2 (0.6)	0.062 (0.010)	0.076 (426)
myrcene	5.8 (0.3)	0.078 (0.005)	0.326 (356)
limonene	16.7 (0.9)	0.069 (0.005)	0.239 (497)
other MT	7.0 (0.3)	0.074 (0.004)	0.385 (499)
$\beta$ -caryophyllene	4.8 (1.3)	0.018 (0.019)	0.023 (54)
$\beta$ -farnesene	6.9 (1.8)	0.012 (0.018)	0.007 (90)
other SQT	6.2 (0.7)	0.055 (0.010)	0.087 (238)
acetone	50.8 (7.2)	0.066 (0.010)	0.362 (71)
aldehydes	59.1 (4.4)	0.043 (0.005)	0.503 (71)
<b>Late summer</b>			
isoprene	56.5 (4.2)		0.473 (70)
$\alpha$ -pinene	39.3 (4.1)	0.153 (0.017)	0.359 (163)
camphene	7.7 (1.2)	0.064 (0.016)	0.094 (161)
$\beta$ -pinene	2.5 (0.3)	0.075 (0.015)	0.160 (120)
myrcene	21.1 (2.0)	0.191 (0.019)	0.476 (154)
limonene	32.3 (3.6)	0.155 (0.018)	0.336 (163)
other MT	9.9 (1.1)	0.133 (0.016)	0.298 (153)
$\beta$ -caryophyllene	11.0 (1.2)	0.020 (0.010)	0.032 (129)
$\beta$ -farnesene	76.9 (7.5)	0.060 (0.010)	0.183 (162)
other SQT	67.3 (8.2)	0.059 (0.013)	0.132 (157)
acetone	31.8 (2.2)	0.061 (0.007)	0.313 (163)
aldehydes	36.8 (3.0)	0.008 (0.007)	0.009 (163)

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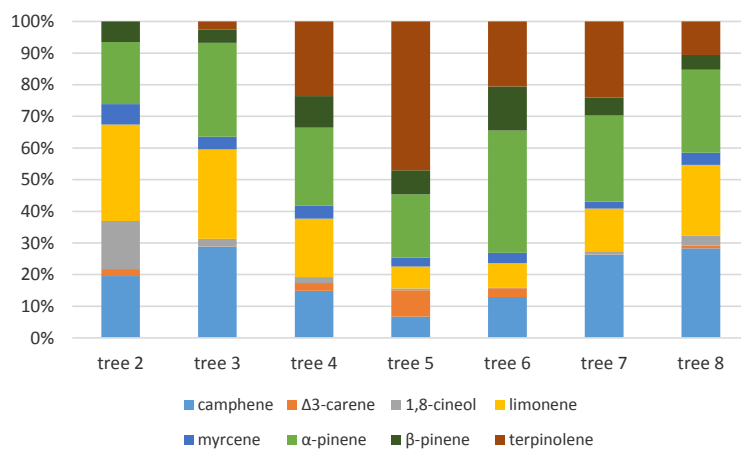
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523 **Figure 1: Variability of the most abundant emitted compounds during spring, early and late summer together**  
524 **with enclosure temperature. The most abundant MT were  $\alpha$ -pinene and limonene and most abundant SQT  $\beta$ -**



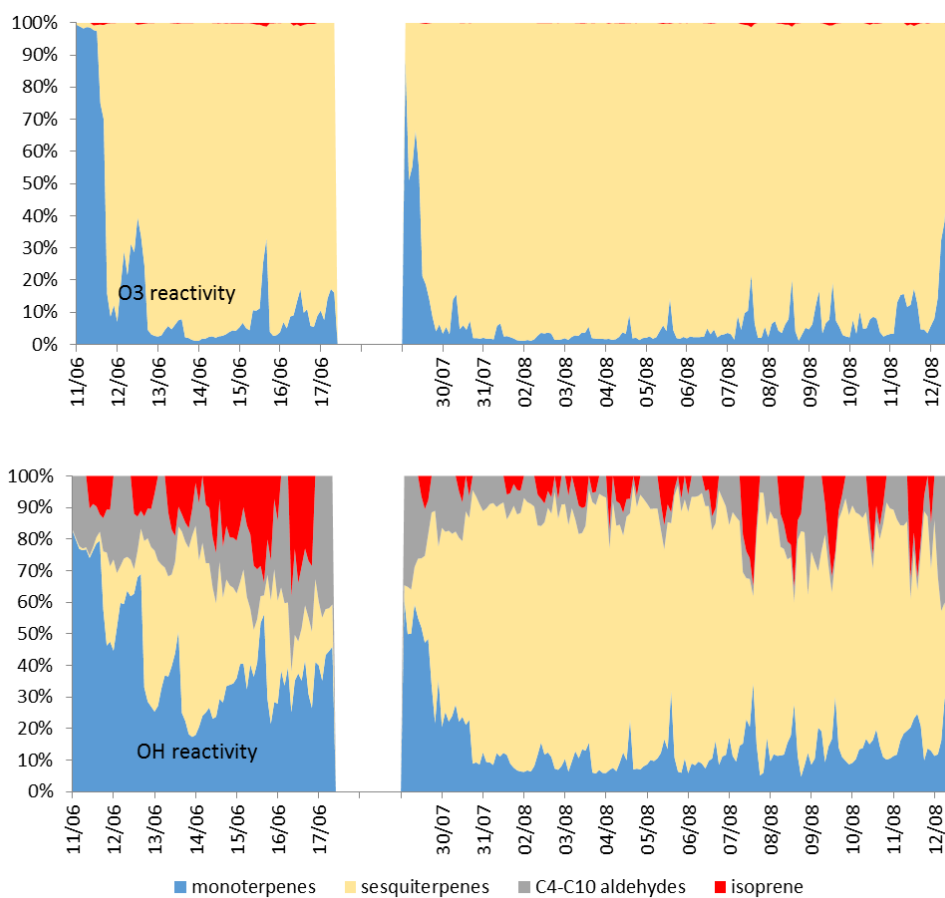
525 caryophyllene and  $\beta$ -farnesene. Aldehydes are sum of all C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> carbonyls (butanal, pentanal, hexanal,  
526 heptanal, octanal, nonanal and decanal).

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**Figure 2: Relative abundances of emitted MTs in seven different spruce individuals on 24 June 2014.**



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**Figure 3. Relative total O<sub>3</sub> and OH reactivity of emissions for two periods in early and late summer 2015. The compounds and reaction coefficients used for reactivity calculations are presented in Table 1.**