Response to Anonymous Referee #1

We would like to thank Referee #1 for his/her comments. We have done our best to address each of the points as detailed below. Reviewer comments are in italics and authors responses are in standard font.

#1. P13534, L11 "and temperature (18 to 30 C)": Why did you choose this temperature range? I would be exciting to see the work could be extended to a broader range of seawater temperature.

The temperature range was chosen to insure that the various phytoplankton species were severely temperature stressed such that a physiological response would be seen. Future studies should certainly be conducted for extend seawater temperatures as well as phytoplankton species. The text now reads:

"For temperature, these experiments represent the natural condition under a limited temperature range (± 4 °C around acclimation temperature) but become a test of physiological capability over a larger temperature range. The temperature values were based on the previous works documented in Eppley (1972), Schofield et al. (1998) and Staehr and Birkeland (2006)."

#2. P13547, L18-19 "Figure 2 reveals very different isoprene production rates for T. weiss., T. pseud., P. carter. and R. salina on the second day (after 12 h of dark cycle).": Why are isoprene production rates on the second day different from the first day?

These second day differences are thought to be attributed to photoadaptive processes in the photosynthetic apparatus of the different phytoplankton species. The body of text starting with "Elevated emission rates on day 2 may also suggest that the photoresponse mechanism applied during the first day was associated with chlorophyll decline and that the second day exposure required a continued adjustment in dark reactions to re-establish long term photoacclimation" provides our hypothesis for the observed response. It is also indicated in the text that longer experiments will need to be conducted to fully describe isoprene and monoterpene production over the full photoacclimation period.

#3. *P13547*, *L28* "Table 2 summarizes monoterpene production rates": Do you mean isoprene?

Yes, the text now reads: "Table 2 summarizes isoprene production rates from all six phytoplankton species..."

#4. P13548, L1 " averaged over a 2 h period ": Do you mean 12 h?

Yes, the text now reads: "...averaged over a 12-hour period on the first day".

#5. P 13554, L3-17. I think this part can be used to address my question 2. So I would like the authors to do some simple explanations after P13547, L18-19 instead of saying nothing.

To keep with the appropriate format of the journal, the explanation of the second day response is provided in the Discussion section. See also our response to comment #2 above.

#6. P 13567, Figure2: Font size is too small. Too many y-axis ticks for Figure 2 (b). Could you put legend at the same position in each figures?

We have fixed the figures as suggested by the reviewer.

#7. Font size for Figure 3-5 is too small.

We have increased the Figure font size in the modified manuscript.

Response to Anonymous Referee #2

We would like to thank Referee #2 for his/her comments. We have done our best to address each of the points as detailed below. Reviewer comments are in italics and authors responses are in standard font.

#1. Repeatability of experiments:

The authors carefully addressed the determined data by calculating the uncertainties of the analysis, and I agree that the presented data was analyzed precisely. But, I'm worrying about repeatability of the experiment. Generally, this kind of experiment repeats more than three times, and the universality should be argued. Did the authors check the universality of this experiment? I recommend that the authors check the repeatability by carrying out the extra experiments or add some comments regarding the repeatability of their experiments at least.

We agree with the reviewer. Repeatability is extremely important for such types of experiments. As pointed by the reviewer we tried to be very careful when carrying out experiment/analysis. However, repeating the entire experiment is currently not feasible. As suggested by the reviewer we have included the following text in the conclusions section "The experiments should also be rerun using the same phytoplankton species and experimental conditions to check the repeatability of the results."

#2. Page 13544, Lines 19-20:

How are the concrete values of purging efficiencies for all BVOCs? While the authors carried out the experiments of temperature dependence for BVOC emission, is there no temperature dependence of purging efficiencies? As solubility varies depending on the temperature, purging efficiency may vary as well. I recommend that the authors add a table including the values purging efficiency as a supplemental information.

The text now reads: "The analysis was based on the principle of liberating BVOC from the water samples into the gas stream. To quantify the amount of BVOC recovered by the purging analysis, purging efficiencies were calculated separately for each compound and are reported in Table 1. The purging efficiencies were calculated by spiking seawater with a known concentration of the standards. Successive purging steps from the same sample vial were performed until the compound concentrations were below the detection limit. The purging efficiency was calculated by taking the ratio of the initial purge BVOC concentrations divided by the sum of the BVOC concentrations over all the purging steps. The purging procedure was optimized for >90% purging efficiency for isoprene and monoterpene species. Calculated purging efficiencies were comparable to values of >90% and >95% obtained by a similar analysis from Broadgate et al. (1997) and Shaw et al. (2003), respectively."

#3. Page 13546, Lines 5-6 and Table 1:

What is "analyte i" meaning here? In Table 1, "RSDi" is not listed. Please revise the sentence and maybe Table 1 to make it easier to understand for readers.

The text now reads: "where RSD_{Total} is the total uncertainty for each BVOC, *i* stand for different BVOCs (i.e., isoprene and monoterpene compounds), RSD_{*i*} is the uncertainty for each compound (listed in Table 1), RSD_{Chl-a/CC} is the 19.3% uncertainty for Chl-*a* measurements or the 15.6% uncertainty for cell count measurements."

#4. Page 13548, Lines 13-15:

As far as I understand, α -pinene production rate markedly increased for T. pseudonana especially for higher light condition (>150 mmol m-1 s-1) from Figure 3. The pattern of increases are similar to P. carterae rather than T. weissflogii. Is it my misunderstanding?

The text now reads "Other strains (i.e., prymnesiophyte, dinoflagellate and cryptophyte) do not exhibit marked changes in α -pinene production rates with time on day 1 (see Fig. 3c-d). During a second 12-hour exposure on day 2, there was no increase in α -pinene production rates for *T*. *Weiss*, while the rest of the algae species either showed considerable increases (i.e., *T. pseud.* and *P. carter.*) or exhibited little discernible differences."

#5. Page 13551, Lines 6-18:

I suppose that these arguments are written in conclusion section rather than discussion section.

We made changes as suggested.

#6. Page 13553, Lines 20-23:

I agree that the mechanical stress from purging may be one of the factors of making difference in BVOC emission for the two dinoflagellates. On the other hand, how is the influence of the stress on other group such as diatom, prymnesiophyte and cryptophyte? The authors should describe the evidence which the mechanical stress was not responsible to BVOC emission for other group.

The text now reads: "Previous work has shown that mechanical stress, by sparging or shaking dinoflagellate cells, can cause an increase in BVOC emissions (Wolfe et al., 2002). However, similar problems have not been reported for cyanobacteria, diatoms, coccolithophorides, and chlorophytes (Bonsang et al., 2010). Different methods for the partitioning of BVOCs into the headspace..."

#7. Page 13554, Lines 12-15:

I agree the authors' argument that the experiment periods are short to fully evaluate the light and temperature dependences of BVOC emission from phytoplankton species. Ideally, additional experiments over the full photoacclimation period should be performed while I understand it is hard to re-setup the experimental instrumentation. Otherwise, I recommend that the authors describe their surmise or speculation on BVOC emission pattern from the phytoplankton species after day 3. I also recommend that the authors add discussion referring to Kameyama et al. (2011) in which the variation of isoprene emission from the same diatom T. pseudonana was investigated by using continuous monitoring with PTR-MS system over 2 weeks.

Although our study and the work by Kameyama and co-authors used the same diatom species, the experimental conditions were very different: high vs. low light regimes, discrete purging vs. continuous flow, and actual production vs. apparent production rate calculations. Therefore, it is hard for us to speculate on BVOC emission pattern from the phytoplankton species after the day

2. Nevertheless, the following sentence (and the reference) is added to the conclusions section: "Future studies should also assess the effect of growth phase (Kameyama et al., 2011) on BVOC production rates from various phytoplankton species."

#8. Figure 2:

Readers probably misunderstand that the second light cycle starts after 2 h from the end of the first cycle. I recommend that the authors add a shaded area (maybe note "12-h dark period" in the area) between the cycles and renumber the incubation times of the second cycle from 0 h to 12 h.

Figure 2 is changed as suggested by the reviewer.

#9. Page 13547, Line 28: I suppose that the authors would write it as not monoterpene but isoprene here.

Changed as suggested by the reviewer.

Response to Anonymous Referee #3

We would like to thank Referee #3 for his/her comments. We have done our best to address each of the points as detailed below. Reviewer comments are in italics and authors responses are in standard font.

#1. A main issue to my opinion is the choice and the representativity of the experimental conditions used here to induce a stress in the phytoplankton cultures. Indeed, due to the seawater absorption coefficient, PAR is rapidly attenuated with depth and reach only 10-20% of the surface irradiance at several tenths meter depth, i.e. at the isoprene maximum level usually observed in seawater (close to the chlorophyll or fluorescence maximum). Therefore irradiances of 420 and particularly as high as 900 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ does not seem to correspond to ambient reasonable figures, their choice should be better justified and discussed (i.e. lines 19 to 22 page 13538.

We agree with the reviewer that irradiances as high as 420 and certainly 900 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ will not be representative for the deep chlorophyll maxima. However, the light and temperature conditions here were selected to be representative of phytoplankton exposure at all depths of the oceans, including estuaries. Boreal/austral summer noon surface photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) approaches 2000 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ seasonally and regularly from 40°N to 40°S and can do so between 60°N and 60°S (Bouvet *et al.*, 2002). See also our response to the comment #1 from Anonymous Referee #1.

The text now reads: "Therefore, the challenges of abrupt irradiance intensity increases used here are conceivable in the upper ocean due to displacement in the vertical light gradient, however the challenges of abrupt temperature changes become less likely at the extremes of the applied range. For temperature, these experiments represent the natural condition under a limited temperature range ($\pm 4^{\circ}$ C around acclimation temperature) but become a test of physiological capability over a larger temperature range. The temperature values were based on the previous works documented in Eppley (1972), Schofield et al. (1998) and Staehr and Birkeland (2006)."

#2. Page 13536 Line 7, I don't think that Shaw et al., 1983 were the first to suggest a relationship between gas emissions and climate. To my knowledge J.E. Lovelock was a pioneer in this matter and could be referenced. Authors could also refer to the well-known (and somewhat controversial) CLAW hypothesis of Charlson, Lovelock Andrea and Warren: Charlson, R.J., et al., Oceanic phytoplankton, atmospheric sulphur, cloud albedo and climate. Nature (326), 1987.

Lovelock and Margulis (1974) introduced a paradigm (the Gaia hypothesis) to account for the remarkable thermal stability of the terrestrial climatic system over time intervals of billions of years. Shaw (1983) has proposed that atmospheric aerosol may also participates in the radiation balance and in particular, the aerosol produced by the atmospheric oxidation of sulphur gases from the oceanic biota. Charlson et al. (1987) carried out calculations to show potential feedback loop between ocean ecosystems, cloud condensation nuclei (CCN), cloud albedo and climate (aka the CLAW hypothesis).

The text now reads: "The existence of physical relationships between marine biota, gas emissions, aerosols, clouds, and radiative forcing has been hypothesized for over several decades (Shaw, 1983; Charlson et al., 1987).

#3. Page 13543 Line 26, the MDL is determined as 2.7 to 140 pptv, it would be helpful to precise in which range of isoprene or monoterpene emissions these value correspond. More generally give the MDL and accuracy for the emission rates and not only for the concentrations in the head space.

We thank reviewer for noticing this oversight. The reported range was for all 38 trace gases (with the lowest value of 2.7 ppt determined for 1,1,2-Trichloroethane and the highest value of 140 ppt determined for 1-Bromopentane) measured during the experiment. The total uncertainty (RSD_{Total}) of production rates for each BVOC is given in the last column of Table 1.

The text now reads: "The MDL ranges from 3.83 to 7.15 pptv."

#4. Paragraph 2.3- It is announced that some compounds have the affinity to stay in the aqueous phase: what are the compounds concerned precisely. I assume that the Henry Law constant is relatively low for most of the species, what are the species concerned, and what is their Henry law constant . At least the Henry law Constant is relatively low for most of the considered compounds of the order of 2 to $5 \ 10^{-2} \ M \ L^{-1} \ Atm^{-1}$ (isoprene, limonene, alpha pinene (see for example: Leng et al., Temperature-dependent Henry's law constants of atmospheric organics of biogenic origin, J Phys Chem , 2013. and http://www.henrys-law.org/henry.pdf) Consequently a volume of 14 liter (line 8 in §2.3) of air for the extraction of the dissolved gases in 250 ML of the aqueous phase seems to be more than enough for a 90% efficiency of recovery. Can the authors be more precise on the expected extraction efficiency and the comparison with the measured experimental values.

We thank the reviewer for pointing out that all the compounds reported in the paper have relatively low Henry law constant.

The text now reads: "The analysis was based on the principle of liberating BVOC from the water samples into the gas stream. To quantify the amount of BVOC recovered by the purging analysis, purging efficiencies were calculated separately for each compound and are reported in Table 1. The purging efficiencies were calculated by spiking seawater with a known concentration of the standards. Successive purging steps from the same sample vial were performed until the compound concentrations were below the detection limit. The purging efficiency was calculated by taking the ratio of the initial purge BVOC concentrations divided by the sum of the BVOC concentrations over all the purging steps. The purging procedure was optimized for >90% purging efficiency for isoprene and monoterpene species. Calculated purging efficiencies were comparable to values of >90% and >95% obtained by a similar analysis from Broadgate et al. (1997) and Shaw et al. (2003), respectively."

#5. The experimental set up for the head space analysis is simple and classical, I don't think that a figure (such as Figs 1a ad 1b) brings any useful information since it is relatively well

described in the text. On the opposite the full procedure for phytoplankton cultures preparation, conditioning, transfer, is relatively hard to follow, a schematic diagram or a table showing the different steps would be useful.

We have replaced Fig. 1 with a schematic diagram as suggested by the reviewer.

#6. In general, the font sizes for Figures 2 to 5 are too small, also it is difficult to be convinced that the variations are not in the range of the uncertainties, Y scale should be changed i.e. 2×10^{-19} instead of 2E-19

Figures have been changed as suggested by the reviewer.

References:

Lovelock, J. E. and Margulis, L.: Atmospheric Homostasis by and for the Biosphere: The Gaia Hypothesis, Tellus 26, 1-10, 1974.

Quantifying Environmental Stress Induced Emissions of Algal Isoprene and Monoterpenes Using Laboratory Measurements

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Abstract

We report here production rates of isoprene and monoterpene compounds (α -pinene, β -pinene, camphene and d-limonene) from six phytoplankton monocultures as a function of irradiance and temperature. Irradiance experiments were carried out for diatom strains- *Thalassiosira*

- *weissflogii* and *Thalassiosira pseudonana*; prymnesiophyte strains- *Pleurochrysis carterae*; dinoflagellate strains- *Karenia brevis* and *Prorocentrum minimum*; cryptophyte strains- *Rhodomonas salina*, while temperature experiments were carried out for diatom strains- *Thalassiosira weissflogii* and *Thalassiosira pseudonana*. Phytoplankton species, incubated in a climate-controlled room, were subject to variable light (90 to 900 µmolm⁻²s⁻¹) and temperature (18 to 30°C) regimes. Compared to isoprene, monoterpene emissions were an order of magnitude lower at all light and temperature levels. Emission rates are normalized by cell count and Chlorophyll-*a* (Chl-*a*) content. Diatom strains were the largest emitters, with ~2×10⁻¹⁷ g(cell)⁻¹h⁻¹
- (~35 μ g(gChl-*a*)⁻¹h⁻¹) for isoprene and ~5×10⁻¹⁹ g(cell)⁻¹h⁻¹ (~1 μ g(gChl-*a*)⁻¹)h⁻¹) for α -pinene. The contribution to the total monoterpene production was ~70% from α -pinene, ~20% for d-15 limonene, and <10% for camphene and β -pinene. Phytoplankton species showed a rapid increase in production rates at low (<150 μ mol m⁻²s⁻¹) and a gradual increase at high (>250 μ molm⁻²s⁻¹) irradiance. Measurements revealed different patterns for time-averaged emissions rates over two successive days. On the first day most of the species showed distinct increase in production rates within the first four hours, while on the second day the emission rates were overall higher, but
- 20 less variable. The data suggest that enhanced amounts of isoprene and monoterpenes are emitted from phytoplankton as a result of perturbations in environmental conditions that cause disbalance in chloroplasts and forces primary producers to acclimate physiologically. This relationship could be a valuable tool for development of dynamic ecosystem modeling approaches for global

marine isoprene and monoterpene emissions based on phytoplankton physiological responses to a changing environment.

1. Introduction

The age of global warming has brought about a heightened amount of attention to the interactions between life and the Earth's climate. Global climate models with advanced treatment of manmade aerosols and pollutants and their interactions with clouds have been widely used for calculations from climate sensitivity to greenhouse gas emissions. Over the last 5 decade, a large number of studies have been devoted to reducing the uncertainty in anthropogenic aerosol radiative forcing of climate. However, a lesser-known uncertainty in climate predictions as a result of natural aerosols has only recently been explored (Meskhidze et al., 2011; Carslaw et al., 2013). As estimates of anthropogenic forcing are based on a pre-10 industrial atmosphere composed mainly of natural aerosols, the representation of natural aerosols in climate models strongly influences the predictions of current and future climate effects of anthropogenic aerosols (Hoose et al., 2009). Data analysis shows that up to 45% of the variance of aerosol forcing arises from uncertainties in natural emissions of volcanic sulfur dioxide, marine dimethyl sulfide, biogenic volatile organic carbon (BVOC), biomass burning, and sea spray (Carslaw et al., 2013). Moreover, recent studies have revealed that several biotic and 15 abiotic stresses associated with changing environmental factors increase the emission of BVOC from both terrestrial and aquatic plants (Rinnan et al., 2014). Therefore, the Earth's climate models should be able not only to characterize aerosol and trace gas emissions from the Earth's various ecospheres and quantify the uncertainties associated with these emissions, but also to predict the changes in the emission rates that are related to the human activity.

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While climate is regulated by numerous factors, some of the largest effects of natural aerosols on climate radiative forcing occur over the oceans where boundary layer clouds cover the vast expanse of the earth's surface and have some of the highest sensitivity of cloud albedo to

cloud condensation nuclei concentration (Platnick and Twomey, 1994; Hoose et al., 2009). Thus, factors that regulate the concentration of aerosols over the oceans and the resulting reflectivity of low-level marine clouds can critically affect the climate system as a whole (e.g., Randall et al., 1984; Stevens et al., 2005). The existence of physical relationships between marine biota, gas emissions, aerosols, clouds, and radiative forcing has been hypothesized for over several decades (Shaw, 1983). If such a relationship exists, the observed tight coupling between environmental change and plankton dynamics (such as community structure, timing of seasonal abundance, and geographical range) (Hays et al., 2005) may have a considerable impact on the current and future climate.

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Marine aerosols associated with ocean biota can be derived from both primary (through 10 bubble bursting) and secondary (through oxidation of phytoplankton-emitted trace gases) processes (Blanchard, 1964; Hoffman and Duce, 1976; Charlson et al., 1987; O'Dowd et al., 2004; Meskhidze and Nenes, 2006; O'Dowd and Leeuw, 2007). Recent reviews summarized the state of the art and remaining uncertainties in production mechanisms, number concentration, 15 size distribution, chemical composition, and optical properties of sea spray aerosols (de Leeuw et al., 2011; Meskhidze et al., 2013). In addition to primary aerosols, many oceanic trace gases produced as a consequence of marine biological activity have also been shown to have globalscale impacts on biogeochemical cycling, tropospheric and stratospheric ozone depletion, photochemical processing, and secondary aerosol formation (Carpenter et al., 2012 and references therein). Although global BVOC emission rate of phytoplankton is considerably 20 small compared to terrestrial vegetation, the emissions occur over relatively pristine regions and therefore have the ability to influence oxidation capacity and natural aerosol formation in remote marine and coastal regions (Luo and Yu, 2010).

Following an initial finding for marine source of isoprene (Bonsang et al., 1992; Broadgate et al., 1997) and monoterpenes (Yassaa et al., 2008), an increasing number of studies have focused recently on improved understanding of their potential effects on coastal air quality (Palmer and Shaw, 2005; Liakakou et al., 2007; Gantt et al., 2010a, b) and climate (Gantt et al., 2009; Roelofs, 2008; Meskhidze et al., 2011). Isoprene production rates have been determined 5 for microalgae (Moore et al., 1994; Milne et al., 1995; Mckay et al., 1996; Shaw et al., 2003; Gantt et al., 2009; Bonsang et al., 2010; Exton et al., 2013), macroalgae (Broadgate et al., 2004), and microbial communities (Acuña Alvarez et al., 2009). Despite this, large discrepancies remain in bottom-up and top-down estimates of marine sources of isoprene having a wide range from ~ 0.1 to 1.9 Tg C yr⁻¹ and ~11.6 Tg C yr⁻¹, respectively (Milne *et al.*, 1995; Palmer and 10 Shaw, 2005; Gantt et al., 2009; Lou and Yu, 2010). An even greater level of uncertainty exists for sources of ocean-derived monoterpenes that were proposed to range from 0.013 to 29.5 Tg C yr⁻¹ (Luo and Yu, 2010). Past studies also revealed that isoprene emissions from phytoplankton are strongly correlated with incoming radiation (Shaw et al., 2003; Gantt et al., 2009). Both studies showed a rapid increase in isoprene production at low irradiance levels (<150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻ 15 ¹) and a gradual increase at higher irradiance levels (>250 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹). Emission rates of monoterpenes from nine algal species have also been reported, but only at significantly lower (30 to 100 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹) irradiance levels (Yassaa et al., 2008). When studying emission of isoprene and monoterpenes from different algal species, most of the research has been focused on either 20 long-term emission rates from normal growth conditions or short-term emissions as responses to different environmental stress factors (i.e., light and thermal stress). Little attention has been devoted to production of isoprene and monoterpenes from phytoplankton as a function of time when they are forced to adjust or acclimate physiologically.

During their lifetime phytoplankton can also be exposed to temperature values considerably different from the ones at which cultures have been acclimated due to vertical mixing in the water column. Eppley (1972) pioneered the study of phytoplankton growth rates at acclimated temperature. Schofield et al. (1998) investigated temperature effects on dinoflagellate photosynthetic light and dark reactions, while Staehr and Birkeland (2006) discussed temperature effects on broader aspects of phytoplankton biochemistry and metabolism. Production of isoprene and monoterpenes from marine algae as a result of simultaneous changes of temperature and light regimes has not been previously investigated.

This study explores isoprene and monoterpene production rates that arise in response to variations of environmental factors for light-stressed and temperature-stressed regimes from 10 variable phytoplankton species. Four broadly distributed and globally common phytoplankton classes (Cermeño et al., 2010) and more than one species of diatom and dinoflagellate were used to generalize the class coverage beyond just diatoms and dinoflagellates and only one species per class. The six algal species were selected based on a variety of factors including use in previous 15 photosynthetic and physiological studies, production of secondary metabolites and toxins, rapid growth rate and high nutritional value. The term 'stress' is debatable in the ecological sense; here it denotes an external constraint limiting the rates of resource acquisition, growth or reproduction by marine algae (Grime, 1989). The 12-hour light/temperature cycles, different from those at which the bulk cultures were incubated in the climate control room, were used to observe a possible stress related response of BVOC production. The 12-hour dark cycle at the 20 standard temperature in the climate controlled room was intended to give phytoplankton some time to repair the photo/temperature damage that they may have sustained. Although full acclimation to a severely altered environment may require more than 12 hours to reach a new

equilibrium, timescales (hours to days) were selected to explore BVOC production rates that could be a response of phytoplankton to variable light/temperature conditions potentially occurring as a result of turbulent motions in the surface mixed layer (e.g., Cullen and Lewis, 1988; Geider *et al.*, 1996). The experimental irradiance conditions applied here are within the global range of natural environmental conditions. Boreal/austral summer noon surface photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) approaches 2000 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ seasonally and regularly from 40°N to 40°S and can do so between 60°N and 60°S (Bouvet *et al.*, 2002). Therefore, the challenges of abrupt irradiance intensity increases used here are conceivable in the upper ocean due to displacement in the vertical light gradient, however the challenges of abrupt temperature changes become less likely at the extremes of the applied range. For temperature, these experiments represent the natural condition under a limited temperature range (± 4°C around acclimation temperature) but become a test of physiological capability over a larger temperature range. The temperature values were based on the previous works documented in Eppley (1972), Schofield et al. (1998) and Staehr and Birkeland (2006).

15 2. Instrumentation and Method Development

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2.1 Incubation and Sampling Methodology

Figure 1 shows a schematic diagram for the incubating and sampling methodology.

Phytoplankton monocultures were grown in a climate control room with constant temperature of 22°C and a 12-hour on/12-hour off light cycle at 90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ and 0 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹, respectively.

20 In order to ensure similar growth conditions for each monoculture, larger bulk samples were grown for each batch of the cultures, then smaller volumes were extracted and used for the analysis. The following species were grown in 9 liter Pyrex bottles for analysis: diatom strains-

Thalassiosira weissflogii (*T. weiss.*) (CCMP 1336) and *Thalassiosira pseudonana* (*T. pseud.*) (CCMP 1335); prymnesiophyte strains- *Pleurochrysis carterae* (*P. carter.*) (CCMP 645); dinoflagellate strains- *Karenia brevis* (*K. brevis*) (CCMP 718, CCMP 2229) and *Prorocentrum minimum* (*P. minim.*) (CCMP 1329); cryptophyte strains- *Rhodomonas salina* (*R. salina*) (UTEX

- 5 2423). Larger bulk samples were prepared in autoclaved filtered seawater and with L1-based medium (Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, MO). Samples were then sealed at the top with aluminum foil, to allow for air transfer to the culture, and incubated in the climate control room. Bulk samples were incubated in the climate control room for 2 weeks for the diatoms, cryptophyte, and prymnesiophyte species and 3 weeks for the slower growing dinoflagellate species. These
 10 were the approximate time frames in which each monoculture was able to reach a maximum/stable biomass, where growth rate was light-limited due to self-shading. Monocultures were not axenic, but multiple steps such as acid washing all glassware and autoclaving seawater and nutrients were used to reduce the likelihood of bacterial contamination within the cultures.
- Smaller samples (200 ml) of each monoculture were extracted from the bulk containers and transferred to 250 ml borosilicate glass flasks for analysis purposes, leaving 50 ml of gas headspace in each purging vessel. The smaller volume monocultures were then subjected to different light and temperature regimes. These different regimes were used to assess differences between normal BVOC emissions and the emissions due to physiological stress-induced effects.
 An apparatus used for assessing the effect of changing incoming solar radiation for BVOC production of phytoplankton was composed of a tank suspended over 6 halogen lights (Philips 250W Projector Lamp #13095) and a circulating water bath used to control the temperature within the tank. To vary the light intensities within the tank, the bottom of the water bath was

lined with several different layers of semi-translucent fiberglass screens that attenuate a portion of the light reaching the samples. Irradiance inside the water bath was then measured by a QSL-100 Laboratory Quantum Scalar Irradiance Meter (Biospherical Instruments, San Diego, CA). A Neslab CFT-33 Refrigerated Recirculator (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) was used to control the water temperature. Emission analysis experiments were carried out to examine the effects of light and temperature stress on different phytoplankton species.

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For the light dependent production experiments, 4 different irradiance intensities were used: 90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹, 150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹, 420 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ and 900 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹. At the end of the 12-hour dark cycle, the bulk cultures from the climate-controlled room were transferred to four 250 ml purging vessels placed in the circulating water bath kept at 22°C (the same as the climate 10 control room). The samples were initially purged (in dark) to remove the excess BVOC that may have been generated during their growth in the climate-controlled room. At time zero, the lights were turned on and the individual samples were subjected to one of the respective irradiance intensities defined above. During the 12-hour incubation time, samples were purged and analyzed every ~2 hours over 12 hours, leading to a total of 6 measurements for each sample. 15 Since cultures were originally incubated at 12-hours of dark and 12-hours of light conditions, BVOC emission rates measured at irradiances higher than 90 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹ are defined as the light-stress induced production. After the 12-hour lights-on cycle, the phytoplankton samples were returned back to the climate-controlled room where they were subjected to a 12-hour dark 20 cycle. After this dark cycle, species were placed in the circulating water (at 22°C) bath again and the same sampling procedure was repeated.

For temperature and light dependent production experiments, four different water temperatures: 18°C, 22°C, 26°C and 30°C and six different irradiance intensities (0 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹,

90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹, 150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹, 420 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹, 600 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ and 900 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹) were used. The sampling methodology was similar to the light dependent production experiments described above. However, due to the large number of experiments, only two diatom strains *T*. *weiss.* and *T. pseud.* were used for the analysis. The sampling frequency was also reduced to one purging at the end of the 12-hour cycle to obtain a broader range of data for variable temperature and light regimes. At the end of a 12-hour cycle the bulk cultures were transferred to climate control room and kept in a full 12-hour dark cycle at 22°C, after which the same sampling procedure was repeated. Since cultures were originally incubated to an irradiance intensity of 0 and 90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ (on a 12-hour cycle) at 22°C, the BVOC emission rates measured for such a sampling setup were defined as the light-stressed/temperature-stressed production.

2.2 BVOC Analysis

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The experimental system consisted of a Varian 450-GC gas chromatograph (GC) attached to a 220-MS ion trap mass spectrometer (MS) (see Fig. 1). The GC column was a 25 m \times 0.32 mm I.D. CP-PoraBOND PLOT Q Fused Silica column (Varian, Inc.). Ultra high purity (UHP) helium was used as a carrier gas for the system. Data collection and analysis was performed with Varian MS Workstation (Version 6.X) software equipped with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) library for chemical compound identification. A preconcentrating system consisted of a purge and trap CDS 8000 sample concentrator unit (CDS Analytical, PA) equipped with a Vocarb 3000 (K Trap) attached in-line with the GC/MS system.

The following sampling procedure was used for all emission analysis. The purging vessel (250 ml borosilicate glass Erlenmeyer flask) was sealed at the top with a silicone stopper and borosilicate glass tubing was used as inlet and outlet ports. To avoid VOC contamination (e.g., emissions from plastics or rubber) in connection lines, purging vessels, or port connections

only borosilicate glass, 316 stainless steel and or high purity silicone tubing (McMaster-Carr Inc., Atlanta, GA) was used. The inlet was attached to a mixture of 350 ppm CO₂ balanced with 78% nitrogen and 21% oxygen. This gas mixture (a "blanket gas") was bubbled through the liquid sample to liberate BVOC in the water into the headspace of the flask. The blanket gas was
used for purging, as the lab air may have been contaminated by VOCs. The CO₂ level in the blanket gas was equivalent to that of current atmospheric levels. The gas stream was then passed into the wet trap of the CDS concentrator (set to 200°C) followed by the sorbent trap (set to 40°C) where the BVOC in the gas stream are trapped. After 35 minutes of purging the sample vessel at a flow rate of 0.40 slpm, a solenoid valve in the CDS concentrator was switched to inline the sorbent trap with the GC/MS through a transfer line. The trap was desorbed for 5 minutes at 250°C and transferred to the GC inlet (set at 250°C and a split ratio of 10:1) through the transfer line maintained at 250°C.

The GC column temperature was held at 50°C for 2 minutes followed by a ramp-up of temperature to 250°C at a rate of 6°C min⁻¹. The split ratio was initially set to 10:1 for 0.75
minutes, then 100:1 for 2.25 minutes and finally 20:1 till the end of the run. To avoid a "dead volume" signal in the chromatograph, the MS was set at a 5-minute hold. The MS had a mass detection range of 35-300 m/z and ran for the full duration of the GC program (35.33 minutes).
Each sample was screened for 38 different compounds (see Supplement Table S1 and Fig. S1).

Custom made calibration standards were obtained from Supelco Analytical at 1000 µg 20 liter⁻¹ concentration dissolved in methanol. A five-point calibration curve was made for each compound by injecting five decreasing amounts of the standards into the CDS concentrator. Error or uncertainty of the sampling system was quantified through the accuracy, precision and detection limit. The following statistics were calculated based on spiked seawater samples

subjected to the same purging analysis as the phytoplankton monocultures. Seawater was spiked with a known concentration of analytes, and purged through the CDS concentrator and GC/MS. A total of 8 spiked seawater analyses were conducted. The relative % error (RE) was computed as:

$$RE = \left| \frac{(x-u)}{u} \right| \cdot 100$$

where x is the measured analyte concentration and u is the actual analyte concentration.

Accuracy was determined by averaging RE over the 8 identical spiked seawater samples. Precision was determined by the relative standard deviation (RSD), which was computed as:

$$RSD = \frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{N - 1} \cdot 100$$

where x̄ is the mean analyte concentration and N is the number of analysis. The detection limit
of an analytical system is normally determined by the lowest detected signal above a blank
background within a 99% confidence interval, assuming a signal to noise ratio (S/N) of 5
(WDNR, 1996). A blank run through the analytical system showed no discernible detection of
the analytes above a S/N of 5. An alternative detection limit calculation can be obtained by the
method detection limit (MDL). The MDL is the minimum concentration of an analyte measured
within a 99% confidence interval by repetitive samples of the analyte in the sample matrix
(WDNR, 1996). Due to the fact that BVOC analysis includes a 3-step process (purge and trap by
the CDS concentrator, compound separation by the GC, and detection by the MS), a

$$MDL = t_{(n-1,1-\infty=0.99)}(S)$$

where t is the student t-value based on the number of analyses (8) at the 99% confidence level and S is the standard deviation of the analyte concentration. For all analytes, the precision and

accuracy are <20%. The MDL ranges from 3.83 $\frac{2.7}{2.7}$ to 7.15 $\frac{140}{140}$ pptv. with the lower values for the monoterpene species for which the GC column and the CDS concentrator sorbent trap were Table 1 summarizes compound attributes and error analyses for isoprene and optimized. monoterpene species.

2.3 Purging Analysis 5

The water sample was bubbled inside the 250 ml purging vessels through a Mist Air® Glass Airstone. The gas inlet to the vessel was attached to the blanket gas, while the outlet was attached to a purge and trap CDS concentrator. Each sample was purged for 35 minutes at a flow rate of 0.40 slpm. Following the purge, the monocultures were sealed and placed back into the water tank. The analysis was based on the principle of liberating BVOC from the water 10 samples into the gas stream. As some of the compounds have the affinity to stay in the aqueous phase (depending on the Henry Law constants of the compounds), 100% recovery of the present **BVOC from the samples is difficult to achieve.** To quantify the amount of BVOC recovered by the purging analysis, purging efficiencies were calculated separately for each compound and are reported in Table 1. The purging efficiencies were calculated by spiking seawater with a known concentration of the standards. Successive purging steps from the same sample vial were performed until the compound concentrations were below the detection limit. The purging efficiency was calculated by taking the ratio of the initial purge BVOC concentrations divided by the sum of the BVOC concentrations over all the purging steps. The purging procedure was optimized for >90% purging efficiency for isoprene and monoterpene species. Calculated 20 purging efficiencies were comparable to values of >90% and >95% obtained by a similar analysis from Broadgate et al. (1997) Reimer et al. (2000), and Shaw et al. (2003), respectively.

2.4 Biological Parameters

At the end of each 12-hour sampling period, 30 ml of each monoculture was filtered onto a Whatman GF/F filter. Chlorophyll-*a* (Chl-*a*) was extracted from the filters with 90% acetone and the concentration was determined following the method of Holm-Hansen and Riemann

- (1978) using a Turner fluorometer model #450. For the light stress experiments, another 30 ml of each sample was analyzed for cell counts and size distributions of phytoplankton cultures. A Coulter® Sample Stand II connected to a COULTER COUNTER Analyzer (Coulter Electronics, Inc., Hialeah, FL) was used to determine the number and size of particles that were suspended in seawater. Duplicates of both Chl-*a* and cell counts were taken for each sample container.
- 10 Precision was calculated for both Chl-*a* and cell counts from multiple runs of the same monoculture sample. Similarly to the BVOC calculation, 8 replicate samples were conducted for both Chl-*a* and cell counts. The RSD for Chl-*a* and cell counts was 19.3% and 15.6%, respectively.

2.5 Production Rate Calculation

The corrected analyte mass (µg) was calculated by dividing the measured mass (µg) by the purging efficiency using the method similar to that of Shaw et al. (2003). To account for the possible presence of the analyte in a blank seawater sample or in autoclaved seawater after inoculation with the nutrient medium, a correction was applied by subtracting the purging efficiency normalized blank analyte mass from the corrected analyte mass. The analyte mass 20 was therefore corrected for both purging efficiency and the background mass in seawater samples. To account for the residual or carry-over due to the incomplete purging of the compounds from each sample flask, the final analyte mass was calculated as:

$$Final = \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * \frac{Blank\ Corrected}{Analyte\ Mass} - [(1 - Purging\ Efficiency) * (1 - Purging\ Ef$$

where P1 and P2 denote the purging step and (1 - Purging Efficiency) indicates the residual analyte that remained in the sample flask from the previous purging step.

The calculated final production rates for each trace gas were normalized by the incubation time (or time between purging steps), the volume of the headspace and aqueous sample, and Chl-*a* and cell counts. The total uncertainty (RSD_{Total}) of production rates for each BVOC, was quantified using the following weighting calculation:

$$\text{RSD}_{\text{Total}} = [(\text{RSD}_i)^2 + (\text{RSD}_{\text{Chl-}a/\text{CC}})^2]^{0.5}$$

where RSD_{Total} is the total uncertainty for each BVOC, *i* stand for different BVOCs (i.e., isoprene and monoterpene compounds), RSD_i is the uncertainty for each compound analyte *i* (listed in Table 1), $RSD_{Chl-a/CC}$ is the 19.3% uncertainty for Chl-*a* measurements or the 15.6% uncertainty for cell count measurements. These values were used to constrain the error bars for each production rate calculation per sample run.

3. Results

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3.1 Light stress

3.1.1 Isoprene production rates

Figure 2 shows isoprene production rates as a function of time for different light intensities on two successive days. Since species response to stress can be related to changes in cellular chlorophyll content, we have chosen to use phytoplankton cell number as the base and Chl-*a* concentration as a supplement to normalize isoprene and monoterpene emission rates for these experiments (see Fig. 2 and <u>Supplement</u> Fig. S2). Figure 2 shows that isoprene production rates

increase as a function of light intensity on the first day for all six phytoplankton species examined in this study. This result is consistent with most previous studies (e.g., Shaw et al., 2010) suggesting that isoprene production in algae species is linked to photosynthetic activities. Isoprene production rates in four of the phytoplankton species (T. weiss., T. pseud., P. carter. R. salina), excluding the two dinoflagelletes (i.e., P. minim. and K. brevis), also reveals a large 5 increase within the first 4 hours of the experiment followed by a considerable fall (see Fig. 2). A particularly large increase of a factor of 4 was observed for the diatom species (Fig. 2a, b) followed by the prymnesiophyte and cryptophyte strains (Fig. 2c, d). The dinoflagellates (P. minim., K. brevis) exhibited high isoprene production rates on initial exposure to high light without a lag period. After 4 hours, the isoprene production rates decreased for all species and 10 remained constant for the rest of the 12-hour sampling period. It should be noted that the enhancements in isoprene production rates are particularly pronounced for higher irradiance intensities (i.e., 420 or 900 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹). The highest isoprene production rates of 1.8 x10⁻¹⁷ and 1.5×10^{-17} g cell⁻¹ h⁻¹ (i.e., 31.5 and 34.7 µg (g Chl-a)⁻¹ h⁻¹) were recorded for *T. weiss.*, and *T.* pseud., respectively, followed by R. salina., P. minim., P. carter., and K. brevis of 9.0x10⁻¹⁸, 15 8.9×10^{-18} , 6.0×10^{-18} , 5.3×10^{-18} g cell⁻¹h⁻¹ (i.e., 6.4, 15.3, 12.9 and 9.9 µg (g Chl-a)⁻¹ h⁻¹), respectively. Recently Bonsang et al. (2010) also reported similar light intensity dependent isoprene production rates from some of the temperate diatom species, although the maximum intensity of 100 µmol m⁻²s⁻¹ for their simulated diurnal cycle is considerably lower compared to 20 the irradiances used in this study. Overall, when averaged over the entire 12-hour cycle, all species show a rapid increase in isoprene production at low irradiance levels (<150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹), and a gradual increase at intermediate irradiance levels (150 to 420 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹) until the light saturated production rates were reached (see Supplement Fig. S3).

Figure 2 reveals very different isoprene production rates for *T. weiss., T. pseud., P. carter.* and *R. salina* on the second day (after 12-hours of dark cycle). These species show generally higher isoprene production rates at the beginning of the experiment. Isoprene production rates for the diatoms is a factor of 5 higher compared to the first two hours of day 1, but comparable to
the emission levels reached at the end of the 12-hour light cycle on the first day. Diatoms also do not reveal the light-saturated maximum rate in isoprene production characteristic of the first day. The cumulative production rates of isoprene for these species are generally higher during the second day compared to the first one (see Supplement Fig. S3). For the dinoflagellates (*P. minim., and K. brevis*) the second day isoprene production rates exhibit patterns that more closely resemble that of the first 12-hours. Table 2 summarizes monoterpene isoprene production rates from all six phytoplankton species at different irradiance levels averaged over a 12-hour period on the first day.

3.1.2 Monoterpene production rates

Figure 3 shows phytoplankton production rates for α -pinene, which was the highest of all monoterpene species examined in this study. Comparison of Figs. 2 and 3 shows that for the first 12-hour period diatom production rates for isoprene and α -pinene exhibit a considerable increase within the first 4 hours of the experiment followed by a decline. According to Fig. 3a, b the highest α -pinene production rates in diatoms 5.1 and 4.4 x10⁻¹⁹ g cell⁻¹ h⁻¹ (i.e., 1.0 and 1.1 μ gram (g Chl-*a*)⁻¹) h⁻¹) for *T. weiss.*, and *T. pseud.*, respectively, and are more than an order of magnitude lower compared to isoprene. Other strains (i.e., prymnesiophyte, dinoflagellate and cryptophyte) do not exhibit marked changes in α -pinene production rates with time on day 1¹/₅ although higher rates seem to be associated with higher levels of irradiance (see Fig. 3c-d). Similar to isoprene production rates dDuring a second 12-hour exposure on day 2, there was no increase in α -pinene production rates for *T. Weiss.*, and *T. pseud.* while the rest of the algae species either showed considerable increases (i.e., *T. pseud.* and *P. carter.*) (except *K. brevis*) or exhibited little discernible differences. According to Fig. 3 α -pinene production rates for *K. brevis* exhibit a considerable increase within the first 4 hours of the light exposure on day 2. Increase in monoterpene emissions on day 2 seem to be common for *K. brevis*, as it was detected for all the monoterpenes measured in this study. Overall, when averaged over the entire 12-hour cycle, α -pinene production patterns are similar to that of isoprene: with rapid increase at low irradiance levels (<150 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹) and with a gradual increase for intermediate irradiance levels (150 to 420 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹) until the light saturated production rates are reached (see Supplement Fig. S4).

Emission patterns of d-limonene, camphene and β -pinene (not shown) were similar to that of α -pinene, but at considerably lower rates. Although monoterpene species were detected at all levels (with enhanced rates for higher levels of irradiance), very low emission rates made detection sporadic. For example, β -pinene was present at some purging steps, but not others. Table 2 summarizes 12-hour averaged monoterpene production rates from six phytoplankton species at different irradiance levels. According to Table 2 the average contribution to the total monoterpene production for all phytoplankton species was ~70% from α -pinene, ~20% for dlimonene, and <10% for camphene and β -pinene. Compared to isoprene, total terpene emission was an order of magnitude lower for all phytoplankton species at all light levels (see Table 2).

20 **3.2 Temperature and light stress**

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3.2.1 Isoprene production rates

Temperature dependence of isoprene emission has been noted for both terrestrial and marine photosynthetic organisms. Increasing temperature was shown to enhance isoprene emissions to a maximum production rate until a certain temperature is reached, beyond which further increases in temperature were shown to cause a decline in isoprene emissions (Guenther *et al.*, 1993; Harley *et al.*, 1996; Shaw *et al.*, 2003). As mentioned above, bulk cultures in this study were acclimated to an irradiance intensity of 90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ and 22°C. So, any temperature and/or irradiance levels different from these values are expected to cause short- and long-term changes to the plankton photosystem intended to establish balanced growth. The effects of such changes on isoprene production by algae species are explored below.

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10 Temperature and light dependent experiments were conducted for the two diatom species, T. weiss. and T. pseud., and samples were averaged over two successive 12-hour cycles. Such long averaging time does not allow monitoring of short-term responses of phytoplankton to temperature and light stresses. Also, due to the absence of the cell count data, all flux values are normalized with respect to Chl-a which may change due to photoacclimation. Nevertheless, Fig. 4 shows some interesting features for isoprene production rates. According to Fig. 4, under the 15 low irradiance regime (i.e., $\leq 90 \text{ }\mu\text{mol } \text{m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$), temperature variability has a minor effect on isoprene production for two diatom species. Isoprene emission rates by T. weiss. and T. pseud. tend to be lower at 18°C for all light levels. Emissions increase with the temperature reaching highest levels around 22 to 26°C. Further increases in temperature cause a considerable decline in isoprene production rates. However, careful inspection of Fig. 4 shows that temperature can 20 influence isoprene production rates in diatoms exposed to the high irradiance regime (i.e., ≥ 150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹). Figure 4 also shows differences in the 12-hour averaged isoprene production rate between the two successive days. For T. pseud. the maximum production rate on the first day is

reached at 22°C for all irradiance levels, while on the second day the production rate peaked at 26°C for lower irradiance levels (i.e., below 150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹) and at 22°C for higher irradiance levels (i.e., above 150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹). Overall, Fig. 4 shows that for all temperature and light levels higher isoprene production rates are reached on the second day. A similar conclusion was previously reached for isoprene production as a function of light stress only (see chapter 3.1.1). Table 3 summarizes 12-hour averaged isoprene production rates for two diatom species at

different temperature and irradiance levels.

3.2.2 Monoterpene production rates

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Unlike isoprene, monoterpenes in terrestrial vegetation can be stored in leaves and be released relatively quickly on a timescale of minutes to hours. Monoterpene emitting terrestrial vegetation has been found to have larger temperature than light dependencies (Koppmann and Wildt, 2007). If something similar was true for phytoplankton, one would expect enhanced monoterpene emission rates for temperatures higher than 22°C (temperature at which species were acclimated) with emission patterns distinct from that of isoprene.

Figure 5 shows that 12-hour averaged α-pinene emission on two successive days is similar to that of isoprene (see Fig. 4), although at considerably lower rates. For *T. weiss.* α-pinene production rates for both days are highest at 26°C. For *T. pseud.* α-pinene production rates peak at lower temperature (22°C) at irradiance levels ≥150 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹. Table 3 summarizes 12-hour averaged monoterpene production rates for two diatom species at different temperature and irradiance levels.

4. Discussion

In this study we quantified production of isoprene and four different monoterpene compounds (α-pinene, β-pinene, camphene and d-limonene) from six phytoplankton monocultures as a function of different irradiance and temperature regimes. Our measurements confirmed that both isoprene and monoterpene production from marine algae can be influenced by variability in light and temperature. Isoprene and monoterpene emission patterns were similar

whether production rates were normalized by cell number or Chl-*a* concentration. Emission rates were found to increase sharply when low light acclimated phytoplankton were subject to higher irradiances up to 900 μ mol m⁻² s⁻⁴, reaching the maximum isoprene and sum of all monoterpene production rate of ~ 25 μ g (g Chl-a)⁴ s⁴ and ~ 1.5 μ g (g Chl-a)⁴ s⁻⁴, respectively,

- 10 for diatoms species. On average it was found that contribution to the total monoterpene production for all phytoplankton examined here was ~ 70% from α -pinene, ~20% for dlimonene, and <10% for camphene and β pinene. Production rates were found to increase sharply starting at 150 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹, and continued at a higher rate up to 900 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹. This result is consistent with most previous studies suggesting that isoprene and monoterpene
- 15 production from phytoplankton is linked to photosynthetic activities. However, unlike previous studies that examined time-averaged BVOC emission rates from phytoplankton subject to temperature and light regimes different from the one that at which bulk cultures were incubated, here we explore time-dependent emissions over two successive days. Moreover, this study explored phytoplankton response to the joint effect of variable light and temperature conditions.
- A large number of recent studies have attempted to elucidate the mechanisms as well as the purpose behind the formation and emission of isoprene and monoterpenes from terrestrial plants. Despite this, the biological as well as ecological role and evolutionary aspect for the production of these BVOCs by vascular plants is not fully understood. Even less is known about

their emissions from phytoplankton. However, as both isoprene and monoterpenes are formed in primary producers as a bi-product of photosynthetic metabolism, to explain our findings we will take a reductionist approach and presume similarities in isoprene and monoterpene biosynthesis between better known terrestrial vegetation and lesser known phytoplankton. Production of 5 isoprene and monoterpenes in plants proceeds through methylerythritol phosphate (MEP) metabolic pathway that is strongly tied to photosynthesis of primary producers through chlorophyll and carotenoid synthesis (Lichtenthaler, 2009). Lichtenthaler (1999) provided a detailed description of the MEP pathway, where a chain of enzymatic processes lead to the formation of dimethylallyl diphosphate (DMAPP) and isopentenyl diphosphate (IPP). DMAPP 10 then through isoprene synthase can lead to isoprene formation, while both DMAPP and IPP can form monoterpene species. Production and expulsion of isoprene and monoterpenes from primary producers is very energy costly (Sharkey and Yeh, 2001). The basic hypothesis is that there is an advantage to gain by photosynthesizing organism to emit isoprene. Some advantages in terrestrial plants include thermotolerance, use as an anti-oxidant from atmospheric oxidants like ozone, an energy 'release valve' or a mechanism to get rid of unwanted metabolites or 15 energy, flowering response, and insect defense (Sharkey et al., 2008). Unlike isoprene that is not stored within the leaf and is emitted as soon as it is formed (Delwiche and Sharkey, 1993), many terrestrial plants have special storage organelles either in leaf internal structures (e.g., secretory cavities and secretory canals or ducts), or in structures located on the surface of the leaf (e.g., 20 trichomes) where monoterpenes can be stored. Other parameters such as light, drought, and herbivore attack can also affect the monoterpene emissions from terrestrial vegetation, though the emission rate has been shown to increase exponentially with leaf temperature (Koppmann and Wildt, 2007).

Similar to vascular plants, phytoplankton attempt to find a balance between energy from light reactions in chloroplasts and the energy used for metabolic processes and carbon fixation (Geider et al., 1996). Perturbations in different environmental conditions (e.g., light and temperature) can disturb the balance in chloroplasts and force primary producers to adjust or acclimate physiologically (Cullen and Lewis, 1988; Huner et al, 1998). For a short-term 5 modulation of energy flow to the photosynthetic reaction centers, accessory pigments in plants can help dissipate excessive photon flux (non-photochemical quenching) on the time scale of minutes (MacIntyre et al., 2002). When the short-term responses are insufficient for dealing with prolonged changes in light, longer-term responses (on the order of hours or days) to high irradiances can include the reduction in quantum efficiency of photosystems by decline of Chl a, 10 the light harvesting antennae, and accessory pigments, as well as a decrease of the number of photosystem reaction centers and changes in electron transfer chain components and Calvin cycle enzymes (MacIntyre et al., 2002). Photoacclimation is complete when a condition of "balanced" growth has been achieved (Geider et al., 1996). Results from the first day of the 15 experiment seem to be consistent with this picture. For the experimental irradiances above 150 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ (that well exceeded the 90 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ at which species were acclimated), two diatoms, primnesiophyte, and cryptophyte strains showed large increases in the production rates of isoprene and monoterpenes within the first 4 hours of the experiment. This result indicates that initial pigment adjustment related to the xanthophyll cycle or other non-photochemical 20 quenching, was not enough to dissipate the excess energy and the balance between the photosynthetic reaction centers was disrupted, i.e., species experienced initial photoinhibition. After several hours, the photoacclimation of species caused a sharp reduction of isoprene and monoterpene emission rates. It should be noted that the two dinoflagellates showed a different

pattern in BVOC production that may be related either to the mechanical stress on phytoplankton from bubbling of air through the sample and/or to differences in photoacclimation response. Previous work has shown that mechanical stress, by sparging or shaking dinoflagellate cells, can cause an increase in BVOC emissions (Wolfe *et al.*, 2002). Different methods for the partitioning of BVOCs into the headspace may be needed to avoid the shear stress on the dinoflagellates caused by the air bubbling. Past studies have also revealed interspecific variability in quantum efficiency of photosynthesis between different algae species acclimated under the same conditions. The lowest values of quantum efficiency were reported for dinoflagellates, while the highest values were found in diatoms (Langdon, 1988).

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On the second day of the experiment, species showed higher and relatively steady BVOC 10 emission rates compared to the first day. As production of isoprene and monoterpenes is directly related to the cell metabolism, elevated emission rates at higher light levels may simply indicate a delayed adjustment in dark reactions. The Chl-a to cell number ratio for cultures was generally lower on the second day compared to the first one, suggesting the reduction in Chl-a synthesis rate as part of the species' photoacclimation process. Elevated emission rates on day 2 may also 15 suggest that the photoresponse mechanism applied during the first day was associated with chlorophyll decline and that the second day exposure required a continued adjustment in dark reactions to re-establish long term photoacclimation. Overall, the results suggest that two days were not sufficient for the tested species to attain steady state photoacclimation to the imposed light changes and that longer experiments may be needed to fully describe isoprene and 20 monoterpene production over the full photoacclimation period (Geider *et al.*, 1996). These results also suggest that future studies in this area should report emission rates normalized to cell number as well as Chl-a.

Although temperature is perhaps one of the most important environmental factors that influences algal growth rate, cell size, biochemical composition and nutrient requirements, our measurements with simultaneous occurrences of elevated light and temperature levels show that temperature variability alone has a minor effect on isoprene and monoterpene production rates from the phytoplankton. Previous studies of marine cyanobacteria acclimated to a different 5 temperature over the entire range for growth did not reveal a clear relationship between isoprene emission rates and temperature, leading to the suggestion that unlike terrestrial plants phytoplankton are exposed to more stable and lower temperatures on average, and would not need to emit isoprene for thermal protection (Shaw et al., 2003). However, our results suggest that when combined with the light stress, temperature stress can influence isoprene and 10 monoterpene emissions from phytoplankton. Based on our results, BVOC emission patterns for dual (temperature and light) stress conditions can be clustered in three major regions. For temperatures lower than the one at which phytoplankton was acclimated, production rates of isoprene and monoterpenes are consistently lower for all light levels examined in this study. 15 Such behavior is in agreement with exponential reduction of specific growth rates of algae cultures suggested by Eppley (1972) related to a Q_{10} temperature relationship. Lower temperatures also cause an increase in the levels of unsaturated fatty acids inside the cell, making the membranes more susceptible to damage by free radicals (Juneja et al., 2013). Increasing temperatures beyond the species tolerance induces the marked reduction in the growth rate (Boyd et al., 2013). Both diatoms examined in this study reveal consistently lower BVOC 20 emission rates at 30°C. Discrepancies between T. weiss, and T. pseud, are likely to be associated with species- and strain- specific levels of supraoptimal temperatures (Juneja et al., 2013). In between two temperature extremes, isoprene and monoterpene emission rates reveal complex

patterns that cannot be easily interpreted, but probably are related to variable species specific imbalances between light and dark reactions (Geider *et al.*, 1996). Since simultaneous occurrences of elevated ocean temperature and stratification are among the most likely phenomena associated with global change, additional measurements (including time-dependent fluxes of BVOC under temperature and light stress conditions) need to be conducted for both acclimated and instantaneous environmental responses. Real ocean phytoplankton populations will encounter and will respond to both short (vertical mixing) and long (interannual increases)

Despite large discrepancies in emission rates, the great similarity between emission 10 patterns of isoprene and monoterpenes revealed in this study suggest that monoterpenes - like 10 isoprene - may be emitted from phytoplankton as soon as they are produced. Shipboard 10 measurements during a field campaign in the Southern Atlantic Ocean also revealed positive 10 correlation ($R^2 = 0.57$) between α -pinene and isoprene within the bloom region (Yassaa *et al.*, 2008).

term exposures to altered global climate change environments.

15 <u>5. Conclusions</u>

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In this study we quantified production of isoprene and four different monoterpene compounds (α -pinene, β -pinene, camphene and d-limonene) from six phytoplankton monocultures as a function of different irradiance and temperature regimes. Our measurements confirmed that both isoprene and monoterpene production from marine algae can be influenced by variability in light and temperature. Isoprene and monoterpene emission patterns were similar whether production rates were normalized by cell number or Chl-*a* concentration. Emission rates were found to increase sharply when low-light acclimated phytoplankton were subject to higher irradiances up to 900 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹, reaching the maximum isoprene and sum of all monoterpene production rate

of ~ 25 µg (g Chl-*a*)⁻¹ s⁻¹ and ~ 1.5 µg (g Chl-*a*)⁻¹ s⁻¹, respectively, for diatoms species. On average it was found that contribution to the total monoterpene production for all phytoplankton examined here was ~ 70% from α -pinene, ~20% for d-limonene, and <10% for camphene and β pinene. Production rates were found to increase sharply starting at 150 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹, and continued at a higher rate up to 900 µmol m⁻² s⁻¹. This result is consistent with most previous studies suggesting that isoprene and monoterpene production from phytoplankton is linked to photosynthetic activities. However, unlike previous studies that examined time-averaged BVOC emission rates from phytoplankton subject to temperature and light regimes different from the one that at which bulk cultures were incubated, here we explore time-dependent emissions over two successive days. Moreover, this study explored phytoplankton response to the joint effect of

variable light and temperature conditions.

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To our knowledge this is the first work that explored isoprene and monoterpene production rates from microalgae species as a function of both step changes in light and temperature over two days, making it difficult to compare our results with other studies. Despite 15 this, we believe that results presented in this study contribute to understanding about the physiology behind the production of BVOCs by marine algae. For BVOCs examined in this study air-sea exchange is the dominant loss term at all oceanic latitudes due to their low Henry Law constants (e.g., Palmer and Shaw, 2005; Gantt *et al.*, 2009). Therefore, experimental results presented here can lead to improved prediction of changes in natural emissions and help understanding variability in the abundance and spatial distribution of different algae species under changing environmental conditions. As changes in isoprene and monoterpene production were suggested to be associated with sequential responses to photoinhibition experienced over an extended time period, experimental length needs to be extended to more than two days to determine if prolonged exposure to altered light and temperature conditions would result in reduction of isoprene and monoterpene production once photoacclimation is complete. <u>Future studies should also assess the effect of growth phase (Kameyama et al., 2011) on BVOC production rates from various phytoplankton species. The experiments should also be rerun</u>

using the same phytoplankton species and experimental conditions to check the repeatability of the results. Finally, in addition to light intensity and temperature, future studies should also examine the effects of CO₂ levels, seawater pH, nutrient availability, and the presence of other organisms on isoprene and monoterpene production from phytoplankton.

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Compound	Formula	Ret. Time	Quan Ion	Relative	Relative	MDL	Purging	RSD _{Total}
		(minutes)	(m/z)	Error	Standard	(pptv)	Efficiencies	<u>(%)</u>
				(%)	Deviation		(%)	
					<mark>(</mark> %)			
Isoprene	C_5H_8	13.594	66.8	8.53	4.29	6.04	95.73	25.18
α-Pinene	$C_{10}H_{16}$	31.083	92.9	10.70	5.10	5.40	94.65	25.34
β-Pinene	$C_{10}H_{16}$	31.835	93.1	17.43	14.78	7.15	91.28	28.89
Camphene	$C_{10}H_{16}$	31.134	93.0	11.55	5.06	5.10	92.30	25.33
d-Limonene	$C_{10}H_{16}$	34.072	67.0	12.60	12.61	3.83	93.70	27.84

 Table 1. Compound attributes and error analysis

Table 2. Isoprene and monoterpene production rates from phytoplankton monocultures averaged over 12-hour period on the firstday

	T. weiss.				T. pseud.				P. carter.			R. salina				P. minim.				K. brevis				
	900	420	150	90	900	420	150	90	900	420	150	90	900	420	150	90	900	420	150	90	900	420	150	90
		μmol	m ⁻² s ⁻¹			μmol	$m^{-2} s^{-1}$		µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹			µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹			µmol m ⁻² s ⁻¹				μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹					
Isoprene μgram (g Chl-a) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	17.2	18.0	13.7	7.0	17.6	15.7	11.8	8.4	6.9	6.4	5.4	4.9	8.7	9.9	7.3	5.7	12.2	10.7	9.0	5.6	6.3	5.8	5.8	5.4
Isoprene x 10^{20} moles (cell) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	11.5	14.9	12.3	3.18	10.9	10.2	7.96	6.75	4.67	4.46	3.70	2.46	6.90	7.23	5.16	4.14	8.01	9.10	6.49	3.75	4.08	4.75	3.91	3.60
α-Pinene x 10 µgram (g Chl- <i>a</i>) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	4.65	5.57	3.84	1.32	5.51	5.68	3.52	2.19	2.91	2.84	2.33	1.64	2.69	4.19	4.64	2.99	3.99	3.98	2.93	2.03	5.99	5.37	4.01	2.97
α -Pinene x 10 ²¹ moles (cell) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	1.55	2.31	1.73	0.30	1.71	1.84	1.21	0.88	1.00	0.99	0.81	0.41	1.06	1.52	1.74	1.09	1.31	1.70	1.05	0.60	1.93	2.22	1.35	0.99
Camphene x 100 μgram (g Chl- <i>a</i>) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	0.66	1.66	0.28	0.75	1.07	0.41	1.86	0.15	0.74	0.72	0.45	0.23	0.52	0.76	0.41	0.29	1.20	0.44	0.82	1.07	0.82	0.81	0.60	0.52
Camphene x 10^{22} moles (cell) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	2.20	2.23	1.27	1.35	3.30	1.33	3.12	0.59	1.97	1.51	0.75	0.58	1.71	2.76	1.55	0.90	3.10	1.54	2.94	3.55	2.18	3.33	1.65	0.76
β-Pinene x 100 μgram (g Chl- <i>a</i>) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	2.54	4.36	3.34	7.44	7.98	12.2	4.15	6.02	5.66	4.65	0.57	1.82	1.14	2.27	4.09	2.02	1.25	1.82	1.59	2.65	0.91	1.25	1.02	0.68
β -Pinene x 10 ²² moles (cell) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	0.85	1.81	1.51	1.69	2.47	3.95	2.01	2.43	1.93	1.62	0.21	0.57	0.47	0.82	1.54	0.73	0.41	0.77	0.56	0.90	0.28	0.53	0.36	0.24
d-Limonene x 10 μgram (g Chl- <i>a</i>) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	3.61	4.86	1.67	0.41	1.66	5.04	2.13	0.42	0.77	1.16	1.94	0.36	1.17	1.37	0.76	1.18	3.46	5.20	2.45	1.99	1.96	1.61	1.86	0.88
d-Limonene x 10^{22} moles (cell) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	12.1	20.0	7.50	0.93	5.15	13.1	8.71	1.70	2.62	4.02	6.72	0.91	4.63	5.02	2.84	4.32	11.4	17.7	8.77	6.60	6.34	6.66	6.27	2.90

Table 3. Isoprene and monoterpenes production rates from phytoplankton monocultures averaged over 12-hour period on the firstday*

				Т.	weiss			T. pseud.								
		900	600	420	150	90	0	900	600	420	150	90	0			
				μmo	ol m ⁻² :	s ⁻¹		μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹								
Isoprene	18°C	12.5	11.8	10.7	10.4	5.87	1.43	16.4	14.2	7.99	7.48	3.71	1.33			
μ gram (g Chl-a) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	22 °C	18.9	17.7	16.1	15.6	8.85	2.16	20.2	23.2	18.0	13.3	6.94	1.3			
	26 °C	20.8	16.3	9.43	8.04	6.64	2.38	12.5	14.7	14.7	13.1	7.04	1.68			
	30 °C	13.9	10.9	7.71	7.46	6.81	1.82	14.1	16.2	12.6	9.30	4.85	0.91			
α-Pinene x 10	18 °C	1.93	2.33	2.04	2.33	0.40	0.284	2.55	2.84	2.61	3.80	1.53	0.284			
μ gram (g Chl-a) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	22 °C	2.90	3.46	3.12	3.52	0.57	0.40	3.52	3.80	3.12	4.26	1.65	0.341			
	26 °C	4.09	7.04	5.28	3.35	0.45	0.45	2.67	2.78	2.72	1.82	1.36	0.114			
	30 °C	1.36	0.80	0.68	0.85	0.45	0.34	2.44	2.67	2.21	2.95	1.14	0.227			
Camphene x 100	18 °C	3.42	3.41	3.43	3.41	7.95	<dl< th=""><th>3.41</th><th>2.27</th><th>2.18</th><th>3.41</th><th>5.68</th><th>1.14</th></dl<>	3.41	2.27	2.18	3.41	5.68	1.14			
μ gram (g Chl- <i>a</i>) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	22 °C	4.54	4.58	4.54	4.54	12.5	1.14	6.81	3.41	11.4	17.0	2.27	<dl< th=""></dl<>			
	26 °C	1.14	4.54	1.14	1.14	9.08	1.12	3.41	3.18	4.54	6.81	4.54	1.14			
	30 °C	6.82	3.42	2.27	3.41	9.10	<dl< th=""><th>4.54</th><th>2.27</th><th>7.95</th><th>11.4</th><th>2.27</th><th><dl< th=""></dl<></th></dl<>	4.54	2.27	7.95	11.4	2.27	<dl< th=""></dl<>			
d-Limonene x 10	18 °C	2.84	1.48	0.34	2.38	0.34	<dl< th=""><th>2.16</th><th>1.14</th><th>1.14</th><th>0.91</th><th>1.7</th><th>0.34</th></dl<>	2.16	1.14	1.14	0.91	1.7	0.34			
μ gram (g Chl- <i>a</i>) ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	22 °C	4.20	2.27	0.45	3.52	0.45	<dl< th=""><th>1.59</th><th>0.68</th><th>3.18</th><th>0.45</th><th>0.45</th><th>0.14</th></dl<>	1.59	0.68	3.18	0.45	0.45	0.14			
	26 °C	7.15	2.95	0.34	3.86	0.34	0.01	0.91	1.59	1.48	1.36	0.34	0.23			
	30 °C	1.02	1.02	0.23	0.68	0.34	<dl< th=""><th>1.14</th><th>0.57</th><th>2.27</th><th>0.34</th><th>0.32</th><th>0.11</th></dl<>	1.14	0.57	2.27	0.34	0.32	0.11			

* DL – detection limit



Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup. a) Graphical depiction of entire system setup. b) Detailed flow diagram of sample gas stream from the sample flask through the wet and sorbent traps of the CDS concentrator.



Figure 2. Light Stress production rates for isoprene (g cell⁻¹ h⁻¹) as a function of time during the first (0 to 12 hours) and the second (12 to 24 hours) light cycle. Note that there was a 12-hour dark period between the two five point sample sets and that the first samples in each set were collected 2 hours after lights on. Error bars denote the RSD_{Total} value listed in Table 1.



Figure 3. Light stress production rates for α -pinene (g cell⁻¹ h⁻¹) as a function of time during the first (0 to 12 hours) and the second (12 to 24 hours) light cycle. Note that there was a 12-hour dark period between the two five point sample sets and that the first samples in each set were collected 2 hours after lights on. Error bars denote the RSD_{Total} value listed in Table 1.



Figure 4. The 12-hour averaged isoprene production rates (μ g (gChl-*a*)⁻¹ h⁻¹) for the first (left column) and second (right column) light cycle as a function of temperature. Error bars denote the RSD_{Total} value listed in Table 1.



Figure 5. The 12-hour averaged α -pinene production rates (μ g (gChl-*a*)⁻¹ h⁻¹) for the first (left column) and second (right column) light cycle as a function of temperature. Error bars denote the RSD_{Total} value listed in Table 1.