

Minor contributions of daytime monoterpenes are major contributors to atmospheric reactivity

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1 Abstract

Emissions from natural sources are driven by various external stimuli such as sunlight, temperature, and soil moisture. Once biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) are emitted into the atmosphere, they rapidly react with atmospheric oxidants, which has significant impacts on ozone and aerosol budgets. However, diurnal, seasonal, and interannual variability of these species are poorly captured in emissions models due to a lack of long-term, chemically speciated measurements. Therefore, increasing the monitoring of these emissions will improve the modeling of ozone and secondary organic aerosol concentrations. Using two years of speciated hourly BVOC data collected at the Virginia Forest Lab (VFL), in Fluvanna County, Virginia, [USA](#), we examine how minor changes in the composition of monoterpenes between seasons are found to have profound impacts on ozone and OH reactivity. The [concentration concentrations](#) of a range of BVOCs in the summer were found to have two different diurnal profiles, which we demonstrate appear to be driven by light-dependent versus -independent emissions. Factor analysis was used to separate the two observed diurnal profiles and determine the contribution from each [driver emission type](#). Highly reactive BVOCs were found to have a large influence on atmospheric reactivity in the summer, particularly during the daytime. These findings reveal [a the](#) need to monitor species with high atmospheric reactivity [but, even though they](#) have low concentrations [and](#) to more accurately capture their emission trends in models.

15 2 Introduction

[Biogenically emitted](#) [Biogenic](#) volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) are important [precursors for reactions with](#) [chemical sinks for](#) atmospheric oxidants and [precursors for](#) secondary organic aerosol (SOA) [and ozone](#) formation (Atkinson and Arey, 2003a; Guenther et al., 1995, 2000; Kroll and Seinfeld, 2008). Their emissions are primarily driven by the species of plants present and by changes in temperature and light, with secondary effects [of other ecological factors from other factors such as](#) [meteorology and deposition](#). Light dependent or *de novo* biosynthesis emissions are produced within the leaves of plants and emitted shortly after formation through plant stomata (Niinemets and Monson, 2013). These emis-

sions tend to increase with temperature (Guenther et al., 2006; Guenther, 1997) but ~~also require light~~ are also linked to ~~photosynthesis and therefore require photosynthetically active radiation (PAR)~~. The dominant *de novo* BVOC emitted is isoprene, though some monoterpenes can be emitted in this manner (Staudt and Seufert, 1995; Tingey et al., 1979; Ghirardo et al., 2010; Taipale et al., 2011). In contrast, other emissions occur independently of light ~~and are driven by temperature~~ from a wide variety of vegetation, and therefore occur year-round ~~primarily with a temperature dependence~~. (Niinemets and Monson, 2013; Ghirardo et al., 2010; Guenther et al., 1991). Monoterpenes, sesquiterpenes, and diterpenes are largely emitted in a temperature dependent manner through volatilization from storage pools or resin ducts from within the plant (Zimmerman, 1979; Niinemets and Monson, 2013; Lerdau et al., 1997; Lerdau and Gray, 2003) (Zimmerman, 1979; Lerdau et al., 1997; Lerdau and Gray, 2003).

30 . The rate of volatilization is determined by the compound's vapor pressure (Lerdau and Gray, 2003).

The diurnal concentration profile of individual species (i.e., the observed average variability within a 24-hour period) is a function of the drivers of emissions, the concentrations of atmospheric oxidants, and meteorology. For isoprene, which is emitted from plants in a light-dependent manner (Niinemets and Monson, 2013; Ghirardo et al., 2010; Guenther et al., 1991; Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009), the diurnal profile is well established and relatively consistent across environments (Rinne et al., 2002; Guenther et al., 2000; Delwiche and Sharkey, 1993; Niinemets and Monson, 2013; Guenther et al., 1991; Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009). Due to strong daytime emissions, concentrations peak around midday to late afternoon, when incoming solar radiation and temperatures are greatest. Nighttime emissions of *de novo* emitted BVOCs drop to near zero due to the lack of ~~light~~ ~~photosynthetically active radiation~~ (Niinemets and Monson, 2013; Ghirardo et al., 2010; Panopoulou et al., 2020; Guenther et al., 1996; Rinne et al., 2002). Concentrations of *de novo* emitted species concomitantly drop as suspended gases are depleted by atmospheric oxidation, ~~deposited to surfaces, and diluted through dispersion~~.

The diurnal variation of monoterpenes is substantially more variable and complex. Because their emissions are predominantly temperature dependent, emissions peak in the afternoon but continue throughout the night. Consequently, monoterpene concentrations are often greatest during the ~~evening hours~~ (Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009; Panopoulou et al., 2020; Hakola et al., 2012) ~~nighttime hours~~, when oxidation by photochemically formed hydroxyl radicals is minimal and boundary height is reduced, decreasing dilution through atmospheric mixing (Panopoulou et al., 2020; Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009; Haapanala et al., 2007) (Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009; Haapanala et al., 2007; Panopoulou et al., 2020; Hakola et al., 2012). However, some plants do produce and emit monoterpenes in a light-dependent manner (Staudt et al., 1999; Staudt and Seufert, 1995; Harley et al., 2014; Yu et al., 2017; Taipale et al., 2011; Guenther et al., 2012). Despite these findings, light dependent monoterpene ~~emission emissions~~ have largely been deemed to contribute minimally to total monoterpene emissions. (Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009; Lerdau and Gray, 2003). ~~This~~ Some studies suggest that ~~this~~ lack of contribution to total flux occurs because they are emitted from only a handful of plant taxa and the emission rates themselves have not been shown to be significant (Staudt et al., 1999; Loreto et al., 1998; Staudt and Seufert, 1995). Interestingly ~~However~~, a few studies find that many trees emit low levels of monoterpenes in a light dependent manner, and ~~these studies have found that this emission activity is seasonal and changes that these emissions are seasonal and change~~ with phenological patterns (Fischbach et al., 2002; Ghirardo et al., 2010; Taipale et al., 2011; Steinbrecher et al., 1999). Overall, understanding of the scale and seasonality of *de novo* monoterpene emissions is limited and highly variable in the literature. (Fischbach et al., 2002; Ghirardo et al., 2010) (Ghirardo et al., 2010; Taipale et al., 2011; Steinbrecher et al., 1999).

Despite representation of light dependent and independent monoterpene emissions, discrepancies exist between this representation and the literature (Guenther et al., 2012; Tingey et al., 1979; Rinne et al., 2002; Steinbreecher et al., 1999; Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009; Taipinen et al., 2017).

The explanation for these discrepancies among studies appears to lie in the fact that for some plant species, e.g., members of the genus *Pinus*, monoterpene emissions are largely not light dependent, though this also tends to vary with season (Kesselmeier and Staudt, 1999). While for other plants species, e.g., *Fagus* and the European live oaks (sub-genus *Cerris*), emissions are largely light dependent (Schuh et al., 1997; Niinemets and Monson, 2013). The observed variability appears to be a function of both plant species, terpene species, and possibly the plant ecosystem (Ghirardo et al., 2010; Staudt and Seufert, 1995; Niinemets et al., 2002; Steinbreecher et al., 1999). That is, the same terpenoid compound may be light dependent in one species but light independent in another. From the perspective of atmospheric processes, though, the impacts of monoterpene depend on their absolute fluxes, the timing and control over these fluxes, and their specific reactivities. A major goal of the present work is to understand the potential role that the minor contribution of light dependent emissions and/or individual compounds with differing temporal variability may play in the atmosphere. Certain monoterpene that are often emitted at low levels and/or in a light dependent manner have extremely high reactivities, raising the question of whether or not chemical impact may be disproportionate to flux magnitude.

A lack of understanding of how individual compounds are emitted from vegetative sources makes emission modeling difficult and more uncertain. This is largely due to the impact the structure of a BVOC has on its aerosol formation potential and its reaction rates with atmospheric oxidants, particularly for reactions involving ozone. For example, endocyclic monoterpene (e.g., limonene and 3-carene) and sesquiterpenes (e.g., α -humulene and β -caryophyllene) have a greater aerosol formation potential and tend to react faster than compounds with exocyclic double bonds (e.g. α -pinene, α -cedrene). Consequently, long-term measurements of speciated BVOCs can assist in modeling BVOC emissions and in understanding their contribution to ozone modulation and SOA formation (Porter et al., 2017). These impacts extend further to the importance of individual fast-reacting isomers, which can represent substantial fractions of total reactivity even at low concentrations (Yee et al., 2018). In this context, a detailed understanding of the different drivers of isomer emissions and the temporal variability of composition is critical for interpreting such data.

Using two years of chemically resolved concentration measurements of in-canopy, biogenic volatile organic compound (BVOC) concentration data, we examine the contribution of individual monoterpene compounds to ozone and OH reactivity on diurnal, seasonal, and interannual timescales. We elucidate the impact of temporal variability on ozone and OH reactivity on scales from hours to years by identifying two varying components in the data, which we identify as coming arising from light dependent and independent emissions and quantifying their chemical impacts on each timescale. Factor analysis is used to quantitatively separate these observed profiles and their contributions to total monoterpene concentration and ozone and OH reactivity. Our findings highlight the need to better understand the drivers of emissions with isomer-level chemical resolution and improve their representation in emissions models as they have significant atmospheric impact.

3 Methods

90 3.1 Data collection and preparation

We measured in-canopy BVOC concentrations at the ~~Virginia~~ Virginia Forest Lab (VFL, 37.9229 °N, 78.2739 °W) in Fluvanna County, Virginia. The VFL sits on the east side of the Blue Ridge Mountains and is about 25 km east-southeast of Charlottesville, VA. ~~The site~~, USA. The forest is largely composed of oak, maple, and pine trees; oak predominantly emits isoprene while pine is a major source of monoterpenes and sesquiterpenes. Additional information pertaining to the measurement site can be found in McGlynn et al., 2021 and information on the forest can be found in Chan et al., 2011. The site houses a 40-meter meteorological tower, with a climate-controlled, internet-connected lab at the bottom that is supplied by line power. The BVOC concentrations were measured using a gas ~~chromatography flame ionization detector~~ chromatograph with flame ionization detection (GC-FID) adapted for automated collection and analysis of air samples from mid-canopy (~20 m) of the VFL. ~~Additional details pertaining to the measurement location, instrument operation, and data analyses can be seen in~~ (McGlynn et al., 2021). In brief, air is pulled from mid-canopy (~20 m above ground level) through an insulated and heated Teflon tube. Ozone is removed from the sample using a sodium thiosulfate infused quartz fiber filter (Pollmann et al., 2005) at the front of the inlet. Samples were collected mid-canopy in order to more closely represent the in-canopy environment for co-located studies seeking to understand ozone loss processes. A subsample of air is concentrated onto a multibed adsorbent trap, the details of which can be found in McGlynn et al., 2021. A custom LabVIEW program (National Instruments) operates the instrument for hourly automated sample collection and analysis. Following sample collection, the trap is thermally desorbed to transfer the sample to the head of the GC column; details pertaining to GC run methods, column, and gas flow rates can be found in McGlynn et al., 2021.

The instrument is calibrated using a multi-component calibrant (Apel-Riener Environmental Inc.) optionally mixed at one of four different flows to generate four different mixing ratios. A calibration sample occurs once every seven hours, rotating between zero air only, a calibrant at a fixed “tracking” mixing ratio, and a calibrant at one of three other mixing ratios. Details pertaining to calibrant composition, concentrations, peak integration, and data uncertainty can be found in McGlynn et al., 2021.

To identify analytes in the samples, a mass spectrometer (MS, Agilent 5977) was deployed in October 2019, September 2020, and June 2021 in parallel with the FID. Retention times of analytes detected by the two detectors were aligned using the retention time of known analytes. Analytes were identified by mass spectral matching with the 2011 NIST MS Library and reported retention indices (Mass Spectrometry Data Center, NIST, 2022). The chromatographic data were analysed using the freely-available TERN software ~~packaged by~~ (Isaacman-VanWertz et al., 2017) package by Isaacman-VanWertz et al., 2017 within the Igor Pro 8 programming environment (Wavemetrics, Inc.). The measurement period included in this work extends from September 15, 2019, to September 14, 2021. This work presents all isoprene and monoterpene data collected during the measurement period but focuses largely on the monoterpenes between ~~the months of May–September~~ May and September (2020 primarily shown in the main text, with 2021 provided in the Supplementary Information).

3.2 Positive Matrix Factorization

Positive matrix factorization (PMF) has been widely used for source apportionment problems (Norris et al., 2014; Ulbrich et al., 2009; Kuang et al., 2015). A large number of variables can be reduced by the PMF algorithm to the main sources or factors 125 that drive the observed variability (Norris et al., 2014). Application of PMF to multi-variable data generates two matrices, the factor contributions and factor profiles (Norris et al., 2014), which for environmental data represent a timeseries as a set of covarying variables (e.g. chemical species).

This work employed the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA) PMF 5.0 program to support the identification in the observational data of two apparent sources or drivers of BVOC concentration variability. Specifically, a 130 two-factor PMF solution was examined to better understand and quantify the profiles and temporal variability of each observed factor. The two years of monoterpene data were run separately ("2020": September 15th, 2019-September 14th, 2020, and "2021": September 15th, 2020- September 14th, 2021), with uncertainty, u , in the data calculated using the equation provided by (Norris et al., 2014)Norris et al., 2014:

$$u = \sqrt{(0.15 \times \text{concentration})^2 + (0.5 \times \text{MDL})^2} \quad (1)$$

135 The method detection limit, MDL, is 2.2 ppt for monoterpene (McGlynn et al., 2021). Values below the method detection limit were substituted with MDL/2 in both the concentration and uncertainty file. Missing data are excluded from the data processing(Norris et al., 2014)Factor contributions are returned from the PMF program as normalized values, which are converted to concentration by multiplying returned values by the sum of the concentrations of species in the factor profiles.The uncertainty value of 0.15 is recommended by Norris et al., 2014 as an estimate of overall uncertainty in the data. It reasonably represents the uncertainty of this instrument as well based on uncertainties in calibration slopes, and inherent uncertainty in integration of chromatographic peaks, which has been shown to be on the order of 10-15% (Isaacman-VanWertz et al., 2017).Further information on the PMF output can be found in Norris., 2014.

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3.3 Reactivity calculations

Reactivity of an individual BVOC with ozone (O₃R) and OH (OHR) is calculated as the sum of the products of the concentration and oxidation reaction rate constant of each BVOC_i:

$$OxR_{tot}(s^{-1}) = \sum (k_{O_x + BVOC_i} [BVOC_i]) \quad (2)$$

All rate constants (units: cm³ molec⁻¹ s⁻¹) used in this work are listed in Table S1 (Atkinson et al., 2006, 1990a; Pinto et al., 2007; Atkinson and Arey, 2003b; Shu and Atkinson, 1994; Pratt et al., 2012; Atkinson et al., 1990b). A temperature of 298 K-298K is assumed for all rate constants, representing the approximate midpoint between day and night temperatures in the 150 summer at this site, which vary by roughly 10°C (McGlynn et al., 2021). Taking the temperature dependence of rate constants

into account would increase daytime OH reactivity by 5-8%, and decrease nighttime OH reactivity by approximately the same amount (National Institute for Standards and Technology, 2019). These differences suggest the true difference between the light dependent (daytime) and light independent (nighttime) mixtures is \sim 10-16% higher than calculated, but this effect is not included quantitatively because temperature dependence is not known for many monoterpene reaction rates. Additionally, 155 some rate constants such as *thujene* were calculated from structure activity relationships and previous work has found that calculated rate constants add significant uncertainty to calculated ozone reactivity (Frazier et al., 2022). However, compounds that contribute the most to atmospheric reactivity, such as α -pinene, limonene, and sabinene have measured rate constants, therefore, we do not expect significant uncertainty in our calculations.

4 Results and discussion

160 At the VFL, concentrations of a wide range of species, including anthropogenic and other VOCs, are measured hourly. The BVOCs measured include isoprene, methyl vinyl ketone, methacrolein, 11 monoterpenes, and 2 sesquiterpenes. This work focuses primarily on monoterpenes, which contribute the ~~large~~largest fraction of speciated ozone and OH reactivity from BVOCs (McGlynn et al., 2021) at the research site throughout the year. While the measurement method captures two sesquiterpenes, they are not included in the analysis because these and related measurements have found 165 they do not contribute significantly to most oxidant reactivity (Frazier et al., 2022; McGlynn et al., 2021).

4.1 Monoterpene seasonality

To understand the drivers of monoterpene variability, we first examine diurnal and seasonal patterns in two monoterpenes found at the site, α -pinene and limonene, that exhibit features of two different concentration profiles. Seasonal averages are defined as: December, January, and February (Winter); March, April, May (Spring); June, July, August (Summer); and September, 170 October, November (Fall). Diurnal trends in these species demonstrate some clear differences in their concentration patterns (Figure Fig. 1). α -pinene concentrations were lowest in the daytime winter hours at about 0.05 ppb and highest in the ~~evening~~nighttime summer hours, at 0.60 ppb. In all seasons, α -pinene concentrations were highest at night and decreased in the morning hours, following “typical” patterns of ~~temperature-driven monoterpene concentrations~~ (Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009) due to the ~~higher~~light-independent emitted monoterpene concentrations which are largely modulated by variability in the planetary boundary layer and increased concentrations of oxidants during the day (Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009). Concentrations were 175 lowest in the middle of the day, between 10:00 and 17:00 and highest between 20:00 and 8:00 (Figure Fig. 1a). Concentration transitions between these periods vary somewhat by season in accordance with the changing temperature and daylight hours of a subtropical climate zone.

In contrast, while limonene concentrations were similarly lowest in the daytime winter hours, at 0.01 ppb, they were highest 180 during the daytime summer hours, at 0.2 ppb. In fall, winter, and spring, limonene exhibited the same seasonality as α -pinene with daytime ~~lows and nighttime highs~~minima and nighttime maxima, though with weaker diurnal variability (Figure Fig. 1b). In summer, however, diurnal trends in limonene concentrations are very different, with a peak in the mid to late afternoon and

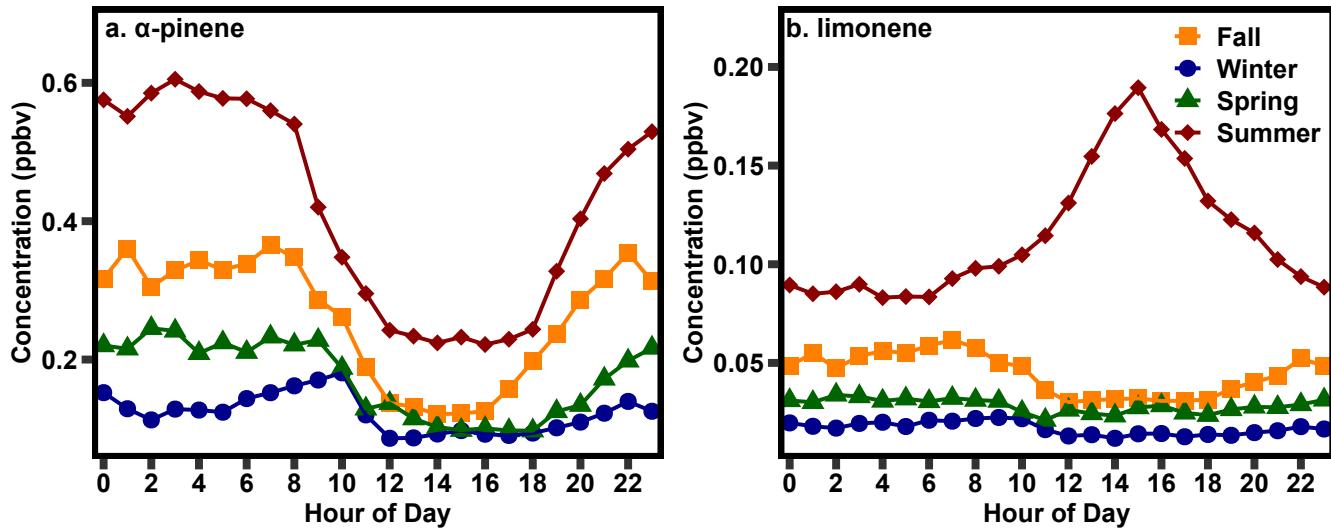


Figure 1. The mean (a) α -pinene and (b) limonene concentration in the four seasons of the northern hemisphere between September 2019 and September 2021.

evening concentrations higher than at other times of the year. To reach daytime peaks in concentration, daytime emissions of limonene must be high during the day, particularly given that the reaction rate of limonene with OH radical, and ozone is 3, the OH radical and ozone are, respectively, 3 and 2.3 times as fast, respectively, as those of α -pinene times faster than those of α -pinene.

The seasonal rise and fall in the observed daytime peak of limonene, in contrast to the relative stability of α -pinene, is apparent in a spring/summertime comparison of daytime (7AM - 7PM) and nighttime (7PM - 7AM) average concentrations (Figure Fig. 2). The full two-year time series of this plot can be found in the supplemental document (Figure Fig. S1). As observed in the diurnal profiles, α -pinene evening nighttime concentrations are higher than daytime concentrations throughout the year; while concentrations increase in the summer, this increase is observed in both daytime and nighttime concentrations (Figure Fig. 2a). In contrast, while concentrations of limonene are highest at night throughout the early spring, concentrations begin to peak in the daytime in late-May (Figure Fig. 2b). From late-May through mid-September, concentrations are highest during the day, suggesting a strong daytime source of limonene specifically in the summer, which may be co-emitted with other monoterpenes but is not a strong feature for α -pinene. The daytime peak in limonene is unique to summer and occurs in both years (Figures Fig. 1, 2, and S1). Interestingly, while the daytime peak in summer is relatively consistent across years, nighttime concentrations of limonene in the summer are substantially lower in 2021 compared to 2020 (Figure Fig. S1), suggesting sources for daytime and nighttime limonene that differ in their interannual variation. However, additional years of data are likely necessary to better understand the driver drivers of this interannual variability. We demonstrate below that the timing of the rise and fall of the strong daytime source of limonene correlates with concentrations of isoprene, a known *de novo* emitted BVOC species BVOCs, and appears to be a component of a set of light-dependent monoterpene emissions.

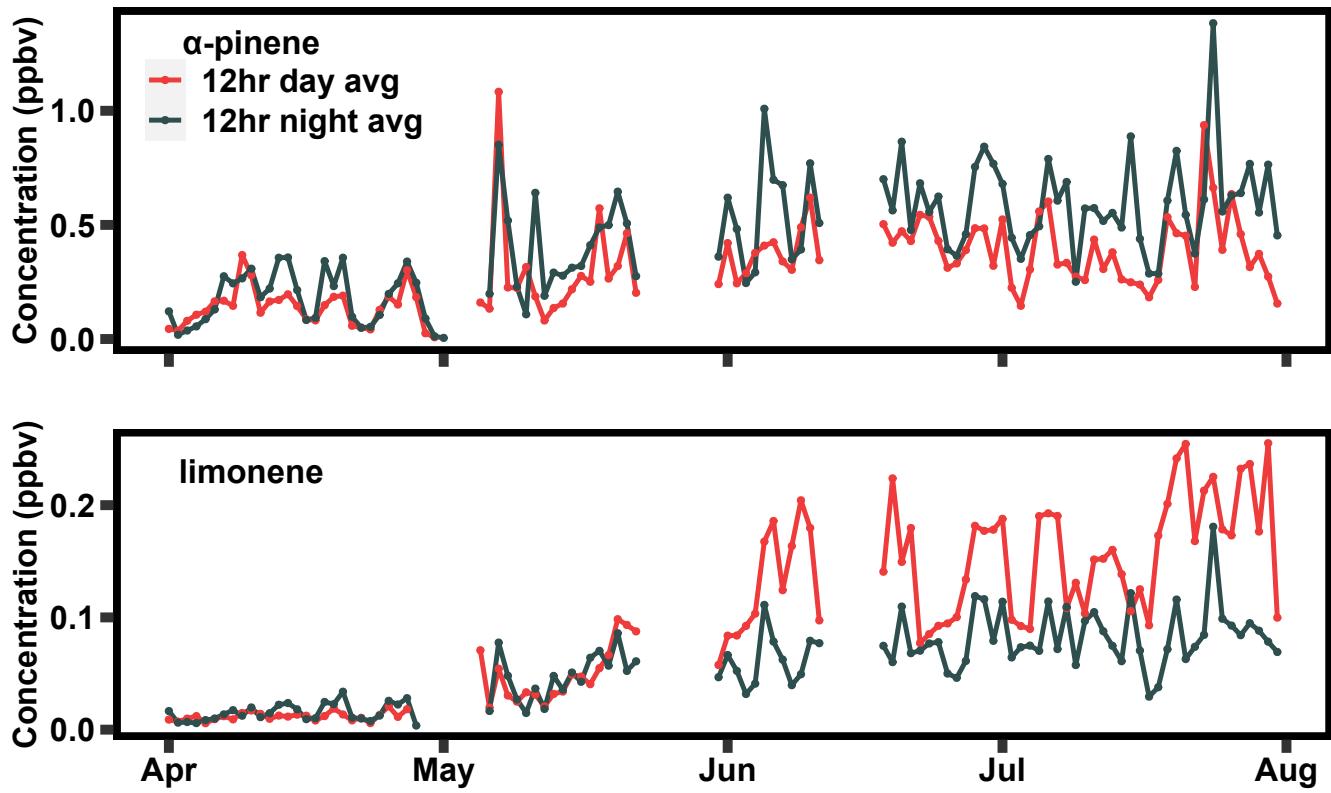


Figure 2. The 12-hour average of α -pinene and limonene between April 2021 and August 2021. The averaging period for each compound was between 7 AM and 7 PM.

4.2 Light dependent and light independent monoterpene concentration

To better characterize the observed light-dependent monoterpene and quantify their impacts, the patterns in monoterpene were deconvolved as two factors using PMF. The determined factors demonstrate a clear separation between a set of monoterpene that exhibit only nighttime peaks in concentration, and a set of compounds that exhibit a tendency to have high daytime concentrations toward daytime maxima. Quantitative assessment of the uncertainty of the two-factor solution is performed using bootstrapping, in which 100 runs are performed using arbitrary subsets of data; 95% of bootstrap runs reproduce both factors (Table S2) with no unmapped base factors. An unmapped base factor indicates that one or more bootstrap runs did not correlate with a determined factor from the base model run (Norris et al., 2014). The Pearson correlation coefficient threshold used for this analysis was the EPA PMF default value of 0.6 (Norris et al., 2014).

A “light dependent” factor is present primarily during the summer, characterized by daytime peaks that roughly coincide with the seasonality and variability of isoprene (Figure Fig. 3, results from 2020 shown, Table S3 contains the percent contribution of each species in each factor in 2020, results from 2021 in Figure Fig. S1). This factor even mirrors transient decreases in

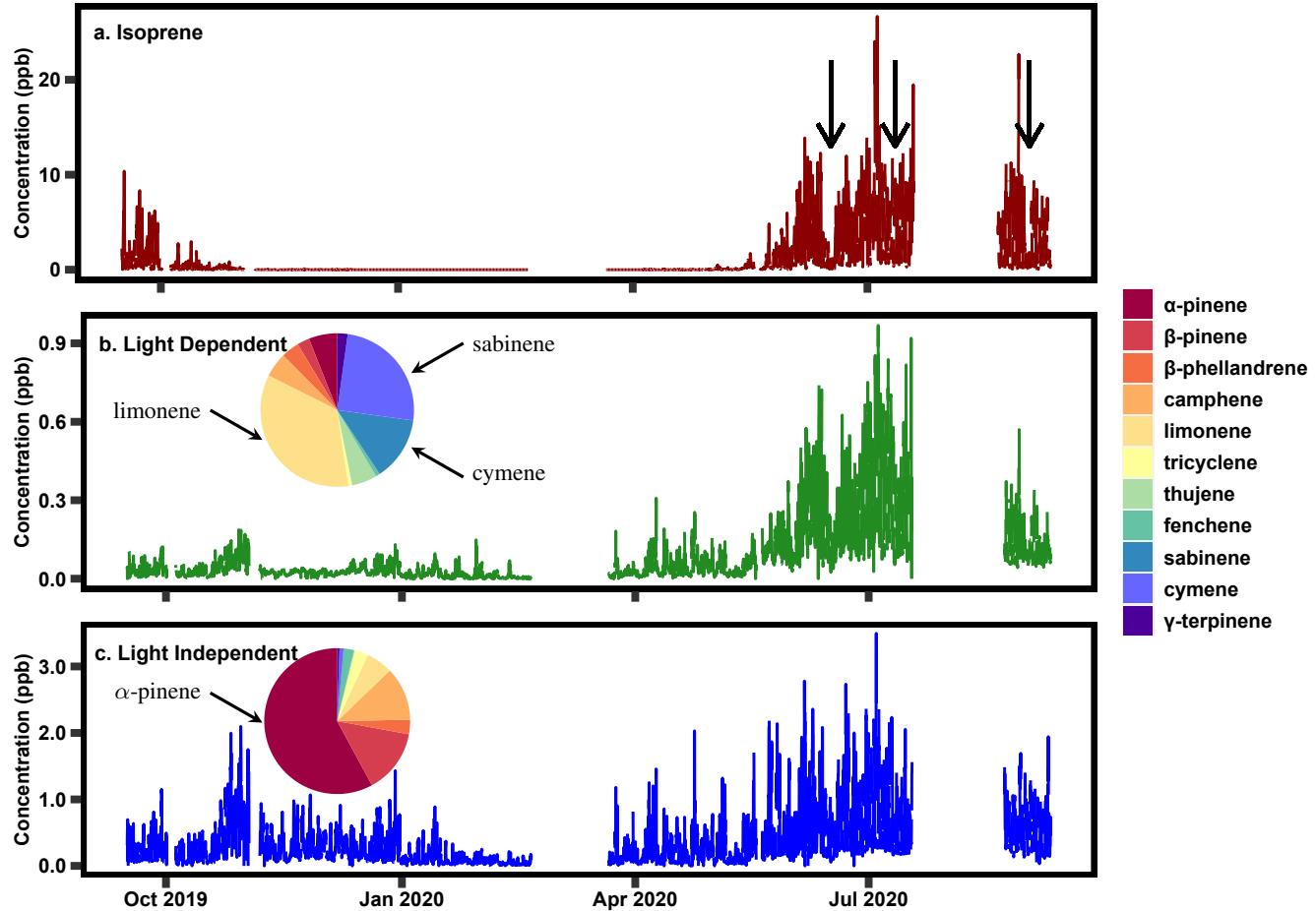


Figure 3. Time series of isoprene concentration [and](#) the two positive matrix factorization factors between September 2019 and September 2020 and the breakdown of the monoterpene species that contribute to each factor. [The black arrows in fig. 3a denote the transient periods that are apparent in both the isoprene data \(3a\) and the light dependent factor \(3b\).](#)

concentrations observed in isoprene, such as those observed in June 2020, July 2020, and September 2020, denoted with black 215 arrows in [Figure Fig. 3a, b](#). The largest contributor to the light dependent factor is limonene (roughly one-third), followed by cymene, sabinene, and a relatively small contribution from α -pinene, denoted by the pie charts above each factor time series. A table indicating the percent contribution for the species in each factor can be found in Table [S1S2](#). A more dominant factor contains most of the α - and β -pinene and exhibits a diurnal pattern and seasonality more in line with what is typical for temperature-driven monoterpenes; this factor is referred to as “light independent” to distinguish it and because the dominant 220 biogenic emission model (MEGAN) distinguishes between emission pathways as light dependent (i.e., *de novo*) vs. independent (i.e., temperature-driven volatilization from storage pools) (Guenther et al., 2012). Interpretation of factors is further supported by their diurnal trends, a representative sample of which is shown in [Figure 4](#). [Fig. 4 with a sampling from Summer 2021 shown in Fig. S4](#). The light dependent factor peaks mid-day, following a similar temporal pattern as isoprene. We infer 225 these monoterpenes to be emitted through similar processes as isoprene and attribute them to *de novo* emissions. [Additionally, isoprene concentrations correlates reasonably well with light dependent monoterpenes during summer \(\$r^2=0.57\$, Fig. S3a\) and does not correlate with light independent monoterpenes \(\$r^2=0.01\$, Fig. S3b\)](#). In contrast, the higher-concentration monoterpenes 230 factor peaks in the [evening nighttime](#) to early morning hours, following more typical monoterpene diurnal patterns. We attribute these monoterpene concentrations to temperature-driven light independent emissions of monoterpenes. [It is important to note that most monoterpenes are split between the two factors and vary within the year, likely because of changing phenological patterns. While some compounds such as \$\alpha\$ - and \$\beta\$ -pinene are almost wholly found in the light independent factor, most of the compounds in the light dependent factor, such as limonene, still exhibit a strong light independent component.](#)

Overall, the light dependent factor accounts for $\sim 25\%$ of summertime monoterpene concentration, but at times the light 235 dependent factor may contribute significantly or even dominate concentrations due to their differing diurnal variability in emissions. Interestingly, greater than 85% of the most dominant monoterpenes, including α -pinene, β -pinene, tricyclene, fenchene, and camphene are found almost entirely in the light independent factor (Table 1). Conversely, greater than 85% of cymene, sabinene, and thujene are found in the light dependent factor (Table 1). A small number of species are more [evenly](#) split, with larger percentages of their concentrations attributed to light dependent emissions than light independent emission in the summer months. These species include, β -phellandrene, limonene, and γ -terpinene (Table 1).

4.3 Ozone and OH reactivity

240 Despite the low contribution of the light dependent factor to total monoterpene concentration, this factor has a large impact on ozone and OH reactivity. Comparing the stacked diurnal concentration profile (Fig. 5a) to the stacked ozone and OH reactivity diurnal profile (Fig. 5b, c) in summer [illuminate's clear differences in their variability, limonene and \$\alpha\$ -pinene prevail as the major contributors to both ozone and OH reactivity](#). While the concentration profile shows that the majority of species peak at night, there is a slight increase in the middle of the day, owing to the contribution from light dependent emissions. When this 245 profile is multiplied by respective reaction rate constant for each species and oxidant, there is a clear mid-day peak that [prevails as is](#) a significant contributor to ozone and OH reactivity in the summer. Further, the largest contributor to total ozone and OH reactivity is limonene despite its [lower relatively low](#) contribution to total concentration due to its high reaction rate with each

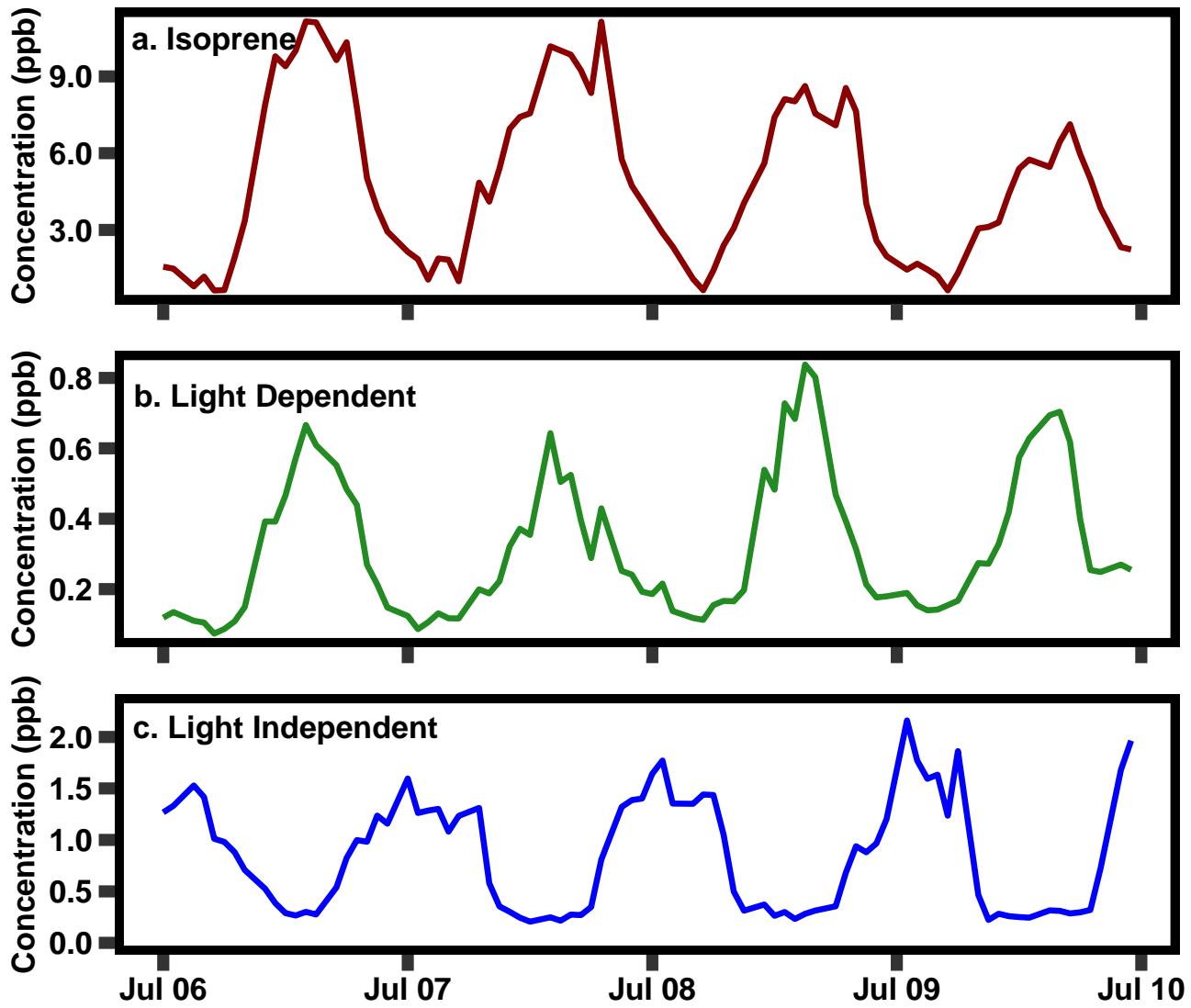


Figure 4. A four-day period in July 2020 of isoprene, and the two PMF factors (Light Dependent and Light Independent).

atmospheric oxidant. [PMF results from 2020-2021 are generally very similar to the results shown here in terms of diurnality and composition \(Fig. S5\).](#)

250 A majority of the highly reactive isomer limonene is associated with light dependent monoterpenes (57%), while the more dominant α -pinene concentrations are almost entirely attributed to pool emissions (98%, Table 1). Sabinene is also a notable contributor to the light dependent mixture, contributing approximately 30% to concentration, 25% to ozone reactivity, and 33% to OH reactivity; it is not found in the light independent mixture. The major contribution of limonene and sabinene to the light dependent monoterpene mixture makes light driven emissions particularly reactive, with a reaction rate roughly 1.5

Table 1. Percent of concentrations attributed to *de novo* light independent (LIF) and pool light dependent (LDF) emissions by compound for 2019-2020 between September 2019 - September 2020 and in summer 2020 (June, July, August)

compound	Annual		Summer	
	% LIF	% LDF	% LIF	% LDF
α -pinene	97.7	2.3	96.6	3.4
β -pinene	96.1	3.9	94.2	5.8
tricyclene	94.3	5.7	91.8	8.2
fenchene	92.1	7.9	88.6	11.4
camphene	91.0	9.0	87.2	12.8
β -phellandrene	78.9	21.1	71.5	28.5
γ -terpinene	48.5	51.5	38.6	61.4
limonene	43.0	57.0	33.5	66.5
thujene	14.6	85.4	10.2	89.8
cymene	14.0	86.0	9.8	90.2
sabinene	0.0	100.0	0.0	100.0

255 times that of the light independent mixture for both ozone and OH reactivity. This daytime peak has an ~~enormous~~significant impact on daytime ozone and OH reactivity (Fig. 5e, f), such that calculated summertime ozone and OH reactivity consequently have ~~little~~a less pronounced diurnal pattern and is roughly uniform throughout the day (average: $1.4\text{--}2.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for ozone reactivity and $1\text{--}2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ for OH reactivity) during the summer months. Even in the summer, when concentrations of light dependent monoterpenes are highest, the diurnal profile of the total monoterpene chemical class (Figure 5a) roughly follows that of α -pinene (Figure Fig. 5a) with only moderate daytime concentrations. However, this average profile is a combination of a ~~night-time~~nighttime peak dominated by light independent compounds (Figure Fig. 5g) and a daytime peak dominated by light dependent compounds (Figure Fig. 5d) that has a ~~stronger contribution to greater contribution to daytime~~ reactivity. Consequently, understanding light dependent monoterpenes is critical, not only to better characterize the carbon cycle and predict long-term trends, but also because it has immediate and substantial impacts on the atmospheric oxidant budget in the 260 summer that would be overlooked when considering monoterpenes as a bulk compound class.

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5 Conclusions

Using two years of hourly spatiated BVOC concentrations collected at a meteorological tower in central Virginia, we identify and quantify diurnal and seasonal variability of ~~monoterpenes and isoprene~~chemically speciated monoterpenes. Though a majority of monoterpene concentrations exhibit temporal behaviour expected from pool emissions whose flux rates are 270 independent of light, we identify a minor (in mass terms) contribution from monoterpenes with seasonality and diurnal variability that show a strong light dependence and resemble *de novo* emissions. These light dependent monoterpene emissions

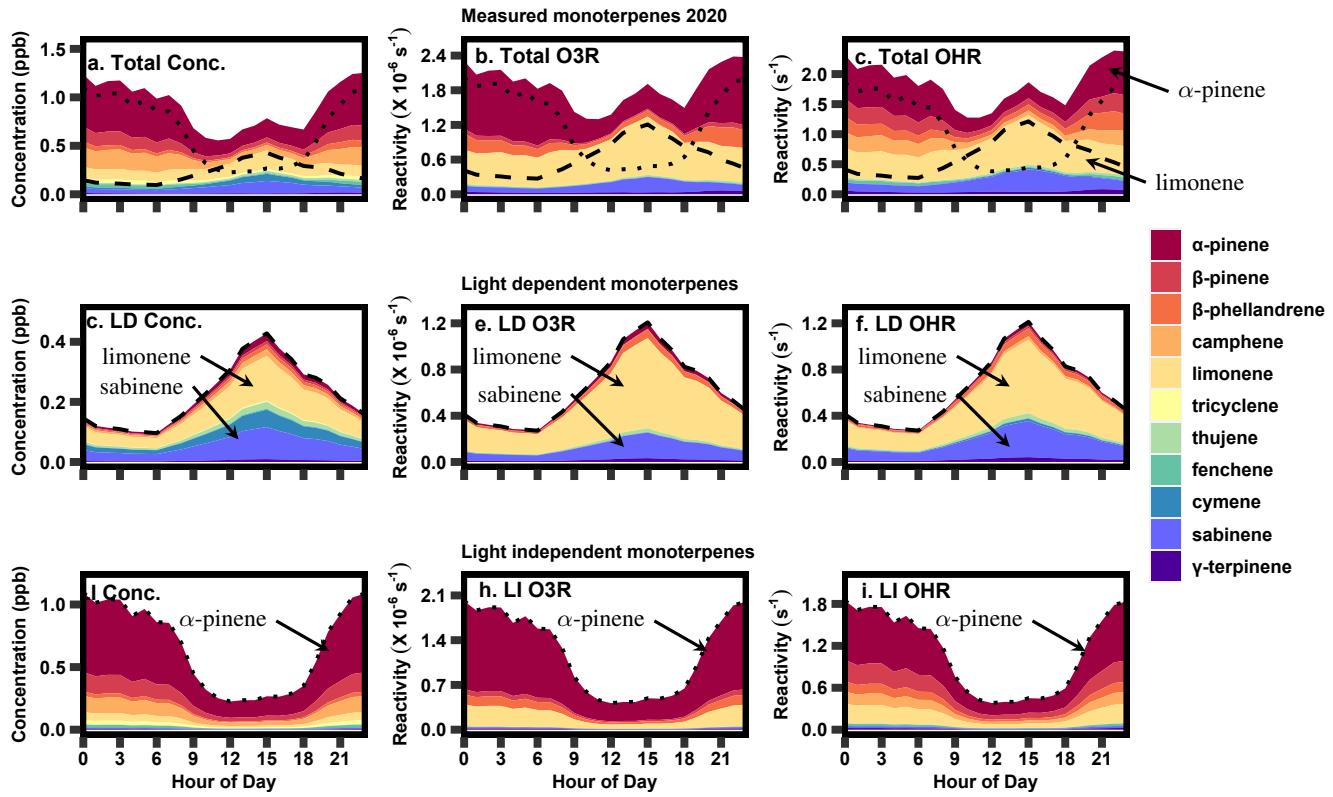


Figure 5. Time-series The 2020 summer diurnal profile of isoprene (a) measured monoterpene concentration, the two positive matrix factorization factors between September 2019 (b) calculated monoterpene ozone reactivity and September 2020 (c) calculated OH reactivity, as well as light dependent (LD) (d) concentrations, (e) ozone reactivity, and (f) OH reactivity, and light independent (LI) (g) concentration, (h) ozone reactivity, (i) OH reactivity. The dashed lines in a, b, and c represent the breakdown of contribution from LD monoterpenes (d, e, and f) while the monoterpene species that contribute to each factor dotted lines represent the contribution from LI monoterpenes (g, h, and i).

are strongest in the summer, where they contribute $\sim 25\%$ to total monoterpene concentrations, with smaller contributions in other seasons. However, the minor contribution to total monoterpene mass ~~believes obscures~~ their major impact on ozone and OH reactivity. Due to differences in the temporal variability of the two monoterpene classes and the significantly higher reaction

275 rates of the light dependent mixture, we observe high ozone and OH reactivity in the summer daytime that is not well captured by bulk monoterpene concentration. This reactivity is dominated by limonene, which contributes $\sim 80\%$ and $\sim 65\%$ to light dependent sourced ozone and OH reactivity and ~~roughly~~ $\sim 20\%$ to light independent sourced ozone and OH reactivity. In a changing climate, these BVOC emission sources may vary. For example, drought may decrease vegetative growth which could increase per-unit-leaf-area in emissions for stored (i.e., light independent) monoterpenes, even as canopy leaf area declines

280 (Lewinsohn et al., 1993; Funk et al., 2004). But ~~increased~~ precipitation can decrease photosynthesis, causing a decrease in

de novo (i.e., light dependent) emissions (Lewinsohn et al., 1993; Funk et al., 2004). These findings highlight the need for speciated long-term monitoring studies with a focus on capturing low concentration but highly reactive species.

A significant implication of this work is that the unique drivers of each monoterpene isomer challenge our ability to view this class monolithically or simplify its variability. Measurement studies focused on total BVOC classes may be sufficient to gain an 285 understanding of total BVOC concentrations but demonstrate a need for isomer-resolved understanding of oxidant reactivity. For example, while this work supports the general conclusion that light dependent monoterpenes are a minor component (reflected in current emission models (Guenther et al., 2012) and supported by measurement studies (Bouvier-Brown et al., 2009; Kesselmeier and Staudt, 1999; Niinemets et al., 2002; Tingey et al., 1979; Davison et al., 2009; Taipale et al., 2011; Rinne et al., 2002), the composition and temporal variability of light dependent monoterpenes, as well as their high per-molecule 290 reactivity, drive strong atmospheric impacts. It is clear that drivers of limonene and sabinene emissions are particularly critical for understanding this ecosystem (see also (McGlynn et al., 2021). Capturing the detail of this or any monoterpene in emissions models is difficult, as the light dependent fraction depends on plant species and other ecological variables, ~~but~~ However, it is clear there is some disconnect between the results here and dominant models that, for example, estimate α -pinene as more 295 strongly light dependent than limonene (Guenther et al., 2012) and do not tend to vary light dependent fraction by plant function type. ~~Small gaps such as these~~ These small gaps in our understanding of what drives monoterpene emissions may lead to significant uncertainty in models or outcomes with respect to oxidation and oxidant chemical loss. Furthermore, oxidation of these compounds ultimately leads to SOA formation, but the impacts on this process of the different long- and short-term temporal trends of each isomer is difficult to assess. It is clear from existing literature that SOA yields vary significantly by isomer and are dependent on structure (Lee et al., 2006; Faiola et al., 2018; Friedman and Farmer, 2018; Lim and Ziemann, 2009). 300 Consequently, we anticipate that light dependent and independent monoterpenes vary in their average SOA yields, and the seasonal and interannual variability observed in this work has significant regional impacts on aerosol loadings. Unfortunately, these differences are difficult to quantify, with previous studies even disagreeing on whether α -pinene or limonene has a higher SOA yield (Faiola et al., 2018; Friedman and Farmer, 2018). Enhanced monitoring of BVOC concentrations and emissions needs to be supplemented by improved chemically-resolved measurements of SOA concentrations and formation processes in 305 order to enhance our understanding of the contribution of these emissions to SOA mass loadings.

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