



## Supplement of

## A thermal-dissociation–cavity ring-down spectrometer (TD-CRDS) for the detection of organic nitrates in gas and particle phases

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Figure S1. Oven inlet box.



**Figure S2.** Channel switching frequency testing. Panel A shows 30 second sampling time, B 45 seconds, C 60 seconds, and D 90 seconds.



**Figure S3**. CRDS running for 4 hours on room air (upper panel) or zero air (lower panel). Seven instrument zeroes are visible across each timeseries to show the typical changes in signal. For the detection limit analysis included in the manuscript, the standard deviation of the zero signal measured over the full length of the lower panel was calculated, and found to be  $\sigma_{zero} =$ 0.16 ppb.

Table S1. Rate constants for different species used in kinetics model.

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Dissociation / Recombination Reactions	Dissociation rate parameters (Day et al., 2002, Table 1)				Recombination parameters ("JPL Data Evaluation" 2015, Table 2-1)			
	ko <sup>a</sup>	a <sup>a</sup>	$k_{\rm h}{}^{\rm b}$	b <sup>b</sup>	ko <sup>300,c</sup>	n <sup>c</sup>	$k_{\infty}^{300,d}$	m <sup>d</sup>
$\begin{array}{ccc} PN\leftrightarrow & NO_2 & + \\ CH_3C(O)OO & & \end{array}$	4.9x10 <sup>-3</sup>	12100	4x10 <sup>16</sup>	13600	9.7x10 <sup>-29</sup>	5.6	9.3x10 <sup>-12</sup>	1.5
AN $\leftrightarrow$ NO <sub>2</sub> + C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CO or C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O	-	-	3.16x10 <sup>16</sup>	20129	2x10 <sup>-27</sup>	4	2.8x10 <sup>-11</sup>	1
HNO <sub>3</sub> ↔ NO <sub>2</sub> + OH	(1.82x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) (T/298) <sup>-1.98</sup>	24004	2x10 <sup>15</sup>	24658	1.8x10 <sup>-30</sup>	3	2.8x10 <sup>-11</sup>	0
Loss Reaction	Rate constant							
$OH \rightarrow walls^e$	46 s <sup>-1</sup>							
$n-C_4H_9O + O_2 \rightarrow products^f$	$(8.9 \times 10^{-14})(e^{-550/T}) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$							
a. Low pressure limit $k_0(T) = k_0 exp(-a/T)$ , where T is temperature in Kelvin, cm <sup>3</sup> molecule <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>								

b. High pressure limit  $k_h(T) = k_h exp(-b/T)$ , where T is temperature in Kelvin, cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

c. Low pressure limit  $k_0(T) = k_0^{300} (T/300)^{-n}$ , where T is temperature in Kelvin, cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

d. High pressure limit  $k_{\infty}(T) = k_{\infty}^{300}(T/300)^{-m}$ , where T is temperature in Kelvin, cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

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Figure S4. Two considered models of cooling rates in the quartz tubing after the PN oven.



**Figure S5.** Model of PN dissociation through an oven at 120°C, using both step function (top) and linear temperature decay (bottom). Shaded region is the heated portion of the oven.



**Figure S6.** Percent PNs detected at CRDS at different initial concentrations of PNs and NO<sub>2</sub>. Most work is done in the lower concentration range of both PNs and NO<sub>2</sub>, where the percent of PNs that remain dissociated to the detector is relatively higher; however we note the recombination effect here is larger than for ANs or HNO<sub>3</sub> (see Figure S7). Percent dissociated is equivalent to percent detected.



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**Figure S7.** Percent HNO<sub>3</sub> detected at CRDS at different initial concentrations of nitric acid and NO<sub>2</sub>. Most work is done in the lower concentration range of both HNO<sub>3</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub>, where the percent HNO<sub>3</sub> that remains dissociated to the detector is high. Percent dissociated is equivalent to percent detected.



Figure S8. TD-CRDS organic nitrate vs AMS total nitrate (pNO<sub>3</sub>) and apportioned organic nitrate fraction (pRONO<sub>2</sub>).