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12                     **Abstract**

13     The reaction of Cl atoms, in the presence of Cl<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, with sub-micron squalane particles is  
14     used as a model system to explore how surface hydrogen abstraction reactions initiate chain  
15     reactions that rapidly transform the chemical composition of an organic particle. The  
16     heterogeneous reaction is measured in a photochemical flow tube reactor in which chlorine  
17     atoms are produced by the photolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub> at 365 nm. By monitoring the heterogeneous  
18     reaction, using a vacuum ultraviolet photoionization aerosol mass spectrometer, the effective  
19     reactive uptake coefficient and the distributions of both oxygenated and chlorinated reaction  
20     products are measured and found to depend sensitively upon O<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, and Cl concentrations in  
21     the flow reactor. In the absence of O<sub>2</sub>, the effective reactive uptake coefficient monotonically  
22     increases with Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration to a value of ~3, clearly indicating the presence of secondary  
23     chain chemistry occurring in the condensed phase. The effective uptake coefficient decreases  
24     with increasing O<sub>2</sub> approaching a diffusion corrected value of 0.65 ± 0.07, when 20% of the  
25     total nitrogen flow rate in the reactor is replaced with O<sub>2</sub>. Using a kinetic model it is found that  
26     the amount of secondary chemistry and the product distributions in the aerosol phase are  
27     controlled by the competitive reaction rates of O<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub> with alkyl radicals. The role that a  
28     heterogeneous pathway might play in the reaction of alkyl radicals with O<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub> is  
29     investigated within a reasonable range of reaction parameters. These results show, more  
30     generally, that for heterogeneous reactions involving secondary chain chemistry, time and  
31     radical concentration are not interchangeable kinetic quantities, but rather the observed  
32     reaction rate and product formation chemistry depends sensitively upon the concentrations and  
33     time evolution of radical initiators and those species that propagate or terminate free radical  
34     chain reactions.

37 I. Introduction

38 Chemical reactions occurring at interfaces govern a wide array of environmentally and  
39 technologically important processes ranging from soot formation and oxidation, aerosol aging,  
40 lipid peroxidation, corrosion, hydrocarbon cracking, and heterogeneous catalysis. In many of  
41 these systems free radicals play key chemical roles as initiators or propagators of surface  
42 reactions or as reactive intermediates. One of the first steps in hydrocarbon free radical  
43 chemistry is hydrogen abstraction that forms alkyl radicals whose subsequent reactions are key  
44 steps in radical chain reactions in combustion chemistry. In the atmosphere, the oxidation of  
45 alkyl radicals to alkylperoxy species form radical intermediates and stable reaction products,  
46 which are important steps in the photochemical production of smog and the formation and  
47 heterogeneous aging of organic aerosol.

48 While many aspects of homogeneous gas and liquid phase chemistry of free radicals are  
49 fairly well understood, there remains significant uncertainty about the heterogeneous reactivity  
50 of free radicals, such as OH and Cl, with organic surfaces composed of long chain  
51 hydrocarbons; these hydrocarbons are models for important chemical constituents of organic  
52 aerosols or biofuel droplets. A class of radical reactions in the gas phase that are particularly  
53 well characterized are hydrogen abstraction reactions of the general form shown in R1. The  
54 overall rate and mechanism of the reaction depends upon the molecular structure of RH as well  
55 as the abstracting species X.



57 For example, the rate coefficient for hydrogen abstraction of ethane by Cl is 200 times faster  
58 than by OH. This difference decreases with normal alkane chain length. For decane the Cl  
59 reaction is only 40 times faster than that of OH. Different transition states and activation  
60 barriers are responsible for the large differences in hydrogen abstraction reaction rate  
61 coefficients. The large number of gas phase reactions measured for both Cl and OH has enabled  
62 the formulation of general rules for predicting rate coefficients based upon structure-reactivity

63 relationships.<sup>1-2</sup> However, it remains unclear whether rate coefficient predictions based upon  
64 gas phase structure-reactivity relationships can be applied to heterogeneous reactions of Cl and  
65 OH with large hydrocarbons at the surface of a liquid droplet. Although radical chain reactions  
66 have been observed in many gas phase reactions, the high molecular density in an organic  
67 aerosol or fuel droplet might be expected to enhance radical chain cycling mechanisms.

68 Although the main focus of this study is fundamental radical-particle reaction  
69 mechanisms, there is some evidence in the literature that Cl atom chemistry could play a role in  
70 certain regions of the troposphere. Although the global concentration of Cl is much lower than  
71 OH, recent work has shown that Cl-initiated oxidation might be comparable to OH in coastal  
72 and industrialized areas.<sup>3</sup> Chlorine atoms can be formed by the solar photolysis of reactive  
73 chlorine species (e.g. ClNO<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, etc.), which in turn could be emitted from industrial sources  
74 or produced via heterogeneous reactions.<sup>4-5</sup>

75 The rate of a heterogeneous reaction with a gas phase free radical (X) is expressed as a  
76 reaction probability or uptake coefficient ( $\gamma_X$ ), which is defined as the fraction of collisions  
77 with a surface that results in a reaction. An uptake coefficient is directly obtained by measuring  
78 the loss of a gas phase species (X) exposed to a hydrocarbon surface; in this case by definition  
79  $\gamma_X \leq 1$ . Rather than directly measuring the gas phase radicals that are often in very low  
80 concentrations and hard to detect, an alternative approach is to monitor the reaction via the  
81 condensed phase loss of the hydrocarbon (RH) to obtain an effective heterogeneous reaction  
82 probability ( $\gamma_X^{RH}$ ). Reactions on submicron organic aerosols are now commonly measured in  
83 this way due in part to the wide availability of aerosol mass spectrometers that measure  
84 changes in particle composition in real time.

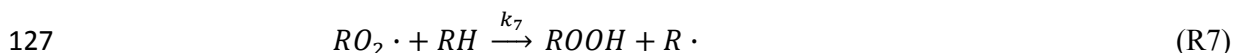
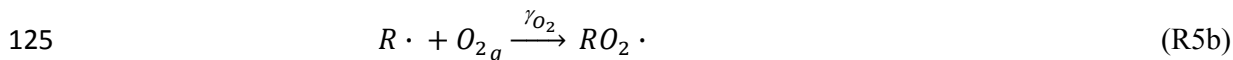
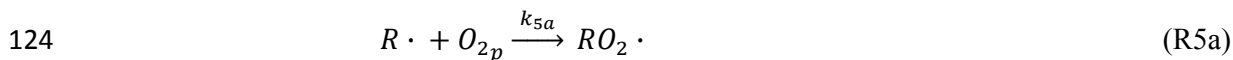
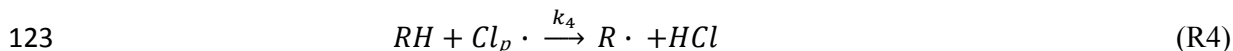
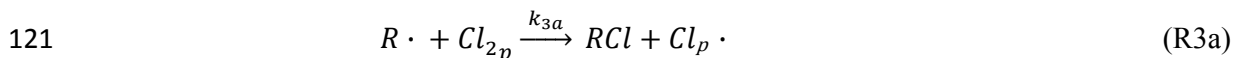
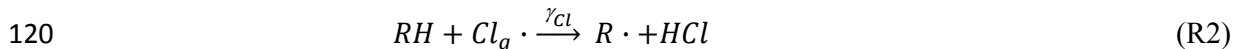
85 If the loss of particle phase hydrocarbon (RH) is entirely due to reaction with the gas  
86 phase radical (X) then the effective uptake coefficient is again by definition equal to  $\gamma_X$  and less  
87 than or equal to 1 (i.e.  $\gamma_X^{RH} = \gamma_X \leq 1$ ). Alternatively, if there are additional loss channels (e.g.  
88 radical chain reactions) that consume RH in the condensed phase, then the effective uptake

89 coefficient ( $\gamma_X^{RH}$ ) is no longer equivalent to  $\gamma_X$ , measured via the gas phase loss of the radical,  
90 but rather  $\gamma_X^{RH} > \gamma_X$ . Clear evidence for secondary chemistry is observed for specific cases  
91 where  $\gamma_X^{RH}$  exceeds unity. However, the magnitude of secondary chemistry cannot be  
92 ascertained merely by the absolute value of  $\gamma_X^{RH}$  but only in its relationship to  $\gamma_X$ .

93       Effective uptake coefficients larger than one have been observed by a number of groups  
94 measuring the radical-initiated oxidation of organic particles. Smith and coworkers measured  
95 effective uptake coefficients of 2.0 and 1.7 for the reaction of OH<sup>6</sup> and Cl<sup>7</sup> with dioctyl  
96 sebacate (DOS) particles in the presence of oxygen, respectively. McNeill et al. reported  
97 evidence for secondary chemistry in the OH oxidation of solid palmitic acid particles.<sup>8</sup>  
98 Although the uptake coefficient was found to be between 0.8 – 1, the presence of secondary  
99 chemistry was inferred using a kinetic model of their data. Another study by George et al.,<sup>9</sup>  
100 using DOS particles, reported an OH uptake coefficient larger than one ( $1.3 \pm 0.4$ ), but  
101 concluded, within experimental error, that there was no strong indication of secondary  
102 chemistry. In a smog chamber study of the OH oxidation of motor oil aerosol,<sup>10</sup> Weikamp and  
103 coworkers measured a wide range of effective uptake coefficients for a set of target compounds  
104 in the multi-component oil aerosol (e.g. hopanes and steranes). They measured uptake  
105 coefficients that ranged from 0.1 to 8. Lambe et al.<sup>11</sup> measured effective OH uptake coefficients  
106 for a variety of n-alkane, hopane and sterane marker molecules in motor oil and diesel aerosol.  
107 In this study, effective uptake coefficients between 1 and 40 were measured, with the higher  
108 volatility compounds exhibiting the largest reaction rates. The large effective coefficients were  
109 attributed to significant contributions of gas phase oxidation to the heterogeneous reaction rate.

110       For many of these systems the reaction pathway responsible for secondary chemistry  
111 currently remains unclear, but it has been proposed that radical intermediates, such as alkoxy  
112 radicals, could propagate chain reactions.<sup>7</sup> Once initiated by a hydrogen abstraction reaction at  
113 a surface, secondary chemistry can accelerate the overall rate of particle transformation, thus  
114 reducing chemical lifetime of an organic aerosol in the atmosphere.

115 The heterogeneous reaction of Cl atoms with submicron organic droplets composed of a  
 116 branched alkane, squalane (C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>62</sub>), will be used to examine how (i) the heterogeneous  
 117 reaction rate of Cl atoms compares with previous measurements of OH and (ii) how radical  
 118 chain cycling mechanisms are manifested in measurements of effective uptake coefficients and  
 119 reaction product distributions. The generalized reaction scheme considered here is,



128 where the subscripts p and g denote condensed (particle) and gas phase species, respectively. In  
 129 this respect a number of the reaction pathways (e.g. R3a vs. R3b) can occur either at the surface  
 130 of the particle or within the liquid as shown schematically in Fig. 1. For example, the alkyl  
 131 radical,  $R \cdot$ , initially formed by gas phase hydrogen abstraction reaction by  $Cl \cdot$  (R2), could  
 132 react in the liquid phase (i.e. homogeneously) with  $Cl_2/O_2$  dissolved in the particle as shown by  
 133 R3a and R5a and schematically in Fig. 1. For this case the rates of R3a and R5a are  
 134 proportional to the total concentration of  $Cl_2$  and  $O_2$  within the particle, which in turn is  
 135 determined by the Henry's Law constant for these species in squalane. Alternatively, the  $R \cdot +$   
 136  $Cl_2$  (and  $O_2$ ) reaction(s) could occur heterogeneously by the gas phase collision of  $Cl_2$  ( $O_2$ ) with  
 137 an alkyl radical at the particle surface as illustrated by R3b and R5b and schematically in Fig. 1.

138 For this case, the reaction rates depend upon the reactive collision frequency of gas phase  
139  $\text{Cl}_2/\text{O}_2$  with the particle surface. The relative importance of these parallel reaction pathways  
140 (termed homogeneous and heterogeneous) will be considered later using the kinetic model  
141 described in Sec. III.C.

142 R2 is the heterogeneous reaction of gas phase chlorine atoms ( $\text{Cl}_{\text{g}}\cdot$ ) that initiates the  
143 chemistry in the organic particle (Fig. 1). Based upon gas phase structure-reactivity  
144 relationships, the predicted rate coefficient for the Cl reaction will be  $\sim 32$  times larger for  
145 squalane than OH.<sup>1</sup> Although there remains some controversy about the exact magnitude of the  
146 OH reactive uptake coefficient onto organic surfaces, since values between 0.1 and 8 have been  
147 reported, there is definitely not a 32 times enhancement of the reaction probability of Cl over  
148 OH. This then suggests that the reactivity of organic surfaces towards gas phase radicals is not  
149 merely determined by gas phase structure-reactivity relationships, but rather by more subtle  
150 features at the organic interface.

151 For the mechanism (R2-R7) shown schematically in Fig. 1, chain propagation occurs via  
152 R3 and R4, since  $\text{Cl}_2$ , the radical precursor, can react with  $\text{R}\cdot$  regenerating a Cl atom in the  
153 particle phase (denoted  $\text{Cl}_{\text{p}}\cdot$ ), which participates in further hydrogen abstraction reactions (R4).  
154 In the presence of  $\text{O}_2$ , R5 competes with R3 by forming an alkyl peroxy radical instead of a  
155 chlorinated alkane and  $\text{Cl}_{\text{p}}\cdot$ . The alkyl peroxy self-reaction (R6) is the dominant loss channel  
156 for this species in a particle exposed to high radical concentrations ( $>10^9$  molec  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ), detailed  
157 in our previous study.<sup>12</sup> In the condensed phase, R6 is generally thought to produce stable  
158 reaction products, such as alcohols and ketones, which terminate the radical chain reaction. For  
159 small molecules in the gas phase, the alkyl peroxy self-reaction can also form two alkoxy  
160 radicals.<sup>13-14</sup> These radical intermediates if formed in the particle could play a role in chain  
161 propagation chemistry. Since there remains little direct evidence that alkoxy radicals are  
162 formed in the condensed phase<sup>15-18</sup> this reaction is not explicitly considered here. The  
163 condensed phase rate constant for hydrogen abstraction by  $\text{RO}_2\cdot$  (i.e. another channel of

164 secondary reaction) is small (R7).<sup>19</sup> Therefore the amount of secondary chemistry occurring in  
165 the organic particle is controlled mainly by the relative reaction rates of R3 and R5, which can  
166 be experimentally investigated by changing the amount of oxygen available in the reaction.

167 There are a few experimental measurements of the reaction probability of gas-phase Cl  
168 radicals with condensed-phase organic compounds. Moise and Rudich measured the first order  
169 loss of Cl above alkane and alkene monolayers and determined that the reactive uptake  
170 coefficient was near the collision limit ( $0.1 < \gamma_{\text{Cl}} < 1$ ).<sup>20</sup> Hearn et al.<sup>7</sup> observed the Cl effective  
171 uptake coefficient on organic particles to be 1.7 and 0.9-1.7, with and without O<sub>2</sub> present,  
172 respectively. Although Hearn and coworkers acknowledge the importance of R3 for chain  
173 cycling reactions in the absence of O<sub>2</sub>, they do not report the presence of chlorinated reaction  
174 products or explicitly show how chlorine chain chemistry influences their reported effective  
175 uptake coefficients or the evolution of reaction products as a function of O<sub>2</sub> concentration.

176 The heterogeneous reaction of Cl atoms with submicron squalane droplets is measured in a  
177 photochemical aerosol flow reactor using a vacuum ultraviolet photoionization time-of-flight  
178 aerosol mass spectrometer (VUV-AMS). Aerosol mass spectrometry is used to measure  
179 heterogeneous reaction rates and product distributions needed to formulate a detailed reaction  
180 mechanism that includes secondary chemistry. In Section III.A, the competition between the  
181 R3 and R5 reaction channels will be explored by measuring effective uptake coefficients as a  
182 function of [O<sub>2</sub>] in the flow reactor. In Section III.B, measurements of how [Cl<sub>2</sub>] and [Cl]  
183 influence the heterogeneous reaction are presented. In Section III.C, a kinetic model is  
184 formulated to explain the overall reaction mechanism and product distribution. The kinetic  
185 model will be used to explore where key propagation and termination reactions (e.g R3a and  
186 R5a vs. R3b and R5b) occur: either as a homogeneous reactions in the interior of the particle or  
187 via heterogeneous reactions at the aerosol surface. Finally, the chemical evolution of the  
188 chlorinated reaction products is presented (Section III.D) and compared with detailed  
189 predictions using the kinetic model.



## 190 II. Experimental

191 Since a detailed description of the experiment setup has been given in a previous study,<sup>12</sup>  
192 only a brief update is indicated here. An atmospheric pressure flow tube reactor, shown in Fig.  
193 2, is used to investigate the heterogeneous reaction of squalane particles. Aerosol is formed by  
194 homogeneous nucleation of the organic vapor in a N<sub>2</sub> stream flowing through an ~45 cm long  
195 Pyrex tube containing liquid squalane. The Pyrex tube is heated in a tube furnace to ~130 °C  
196 producing a log-normal particle size distribution with a mean surface-weighted diameter of  
197 ~180 nm and a geometric standard deviation of ~1.3. Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and the trace reference  
198 compounds (acetone or 2-butanone) are mixed with the aerosol stream in a balance of N<sub>2</sub> prior  
199 to entering the flow tube reactor. The concentrations of Cl<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> are reported here as flow  
200 ratios, i.e. the volume concentration. For example, 20% O<sub>2</sub> is obtained when 0.22 L/min of the  
201 total 1.1 L/min flow is O<sub>2</sub>. For the experiments without O<sub>2</sub>, a scrubber (0.75 L Supelpure-O trap)  
202 is placed in the nitrogen lines to reduce residual oxygen levels to less than 0.05%. The mixed  
203 gases and particles are then introduced into a 130 cm long, 2.5 cm inner diameter type 219  
204 quartz reaction cell. Cl atoms are generated along the length of the reaction cell using one to  
205 four continuous output 130 cm long black light ( $\lambda = 365$  nm) lamps (UVP, LLC.), which  
206 surround the flow tube reactor. The total flow rate through the flow tube is 1.1 L/min, which  
207 corresponds to a reaction time of ~33.5 s. The Cl concentration is controlled by adjusting the  
208 molecular chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>) concentration (5-40 ppm) and/or the photon flux in the flow tube  
209 reactor.

210 A fraction of the flow exiting the reactor is sent to a gas chromatograph (GC) equipped  
211 with a flame ionization detector (SRI Instruments) to monitor the decay of the gas phase  
212 reference compounds. The Cl exposure in the flow tube is determined via the removal of the  
213 gas phase reference compounds by reaction with Cl. The reference compounds used in these  
214 experiments are acetone (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O) and 2-butanone (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O), which react with Cl radicals with  
215 rate constants of  $2.09 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{molec}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  and  $3.66 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{molec}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ , respectively.<sup>9,21</sup>

216 The concentration of acetone or 2-butanone entering the reactor is 130 ppb – 230 ppb. The flow  
217 sampled by the GC is filtered to remove particles and passed through a small column packed  
218 with potassium carbonate to remove Cl<sub>2</sub>. To detect ppb levels of the reference compounds, the  
219 flow is pre-concentrated for 3 minutes in a Tenax-GR absorbent trap before GC analysis.

220 The chemical composition of the aerosol is monitored with a custom-built vacuum  
221 ultraviolet aerosol mass spectrometer (VUV-AMS). This instrument measures aerosol  
222 composition by thermally vaporizing the aerosol (100 °C) followed by VUV photoionization  
223 (10 eV) as described by Gloaguen et al.<sup>22</sup> Tunable VUV radiation is produced by the Chemical  
224 Dynamics Beamline at the Advanced Light Source. The particle size distribution and number  
225 concentration are measured simultaneously using a scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS,  
226 TSI model 3936).

227 The rate constant ( $k_{sq}$ ) for the Cl reaction with squalane aerosol is determined using a  
228 standard relative rate approach using the formalism described by Smith et al.<sup>12</sup> The normalized  
229 decay of squalane in the particle phase is,

$$230 \quad \frac{[Sq]}{[Sq]_0} = \exp(-k_{sq} \langle Cl \rangle_t \cdot t) \quad (8)$$

231 where  $[Sq]$  and  $[Sq]_0$  are the final and initial concentrations of squalane, respectively.  $\langle Cl \rangle_t$  is  
232 the time (t) average concentration of Cl atoms in the flow reactor. The chlorine atom exposure  
233 ( $\langle Cl \rangle_t \cdot t$ ) is obtained from the concentration of the reference compounds (e.g. [Acetone])  
234 measured before and after the reaction and is expressed as,

$$235 \quad \langle Cl \rangle_t \cdot t = \int_0^t [Cl] dt = \frac{\ln ([Acetone]/[Acetone]_0)}{-k_{Acetone}} \quad (9)$$

236 Assuming that  $k_{sq}$  is independent of [Cl],  $[Sq]/[Sq]_0$  is plotted versus  $\langle Cl \rangle_t \cdot t$  and fit to an  
237 exponential function to determine  $k_{sq}$ . For many of the kinetic measurements described below  
238 the Cl exposure is changed by keeping the flow rate (i.e. reaction time) constant and varying  
239 the average Cl concentration in the flow tube by changing the black light flux and therefore the

240 photolysis rate of Cl<sub>2</sub>.

241 For other experiments conducted in the absence of O<sub>2</sub>, the reaction rate is observed to  
242 depend upon absolute Cl atom concentrations in the flow tube reactor, as will be discussed in  
243 Sec. III.B. To isolate this dependence, the chlorine atom exposure is changed by modifying the  
244 reaction time rather than the chlorine atom concentration as described above. This is done by  
245 fixing the flow rate and moving an opaque curtain along the flow tube to change the length of  
246 the illuminated reaction zone and therefore the reaction time. If there is a uniform  
247 concentration of chlorine atoms along the length of the flow tube, then the resulting exposure is  
248 linearly proportional to the residence time of the aerosol in the portion of the flow reactor  
249 exposed to the black lights. This assumes that the Cl<sub>2</sub> photolysis rate is the same at all points  
250 along the length of the flow reactor. Shown in Fig. 3 are measurements of Cl exposure as a  
251 function of illuminated reactor length. For regions of the flow tube reactor near the end of the  
252 flow tube where the lamp terminals are located, it is found that the chlorine exposure is not a  
253 linear function of illumination length. However, more uniform illumination, and therefore  
254 more uniform [Cl], is observed when the illumination length is greater than 33 cm and the  
255 chlorine exposure becomes a linear function of illumination length (i.e. reaction time). For the  
256 experiments reported here all measurements are recorded over a series of lengths where the  
257 chlorine exposure is found to be a linear function of illumination length.

258 Heterogeneous kinetics is quantified by monitoring the decay of squalane in the organic  
259 particle as a function of chlorine exposure. An exponential fit to such decay data yields,  $k_{Sq}$ , the  
260 second order rate constant for the reaction. An effective reactive uptake coefficient ( $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$ ) can  
261 be defined as the fraction of chlorine atom collisions with squalane in the particle phase that  
262 yield a reaction. Using a formalism, originally developed by Smith et al.<sup>12</sup> for the OH +  
263 squalane reaction, the reaction probability can be written as,

264 
$$\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} = \frac{4 \cdot k_{Sq} \cdot D_{surf} \cdot \rho_0 \cdot N_A}{\bar{c} \cdot 6 \cdot M_{Sq}} \quad (10)$$

265 where  $D_{surf}$  is the mean surface-weighted particle diameter,  $\rho_0$  is the initial squalane density  
 266 ( $0.8 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ ),  $N_A$  is Avogadro's number,  $\bar{c}$  is the mean speed of gas phase Cl, and  $M_{Sq}$  is the  
 267 molar mass of squalane (422 g/mole).

268 For a fast surface reaction on a particle that is well-mixed on the timescale of the reaction,  
 269 it can be assumed that the squalane decay rate ( $d[\text{Sq}]/dt$ ) is directly proportional to the  
 270 concentration of squalane in the particle as shown by Smith et al.<sup>12</sup> for the squalane + OH  
 271 reaction. Since both the average chlorine atom concentration ( $\langle[\text{Cl}]_t$  in Eq. (9)) and reaction  
 272 time are very similar to those used in the OH study, the use of Eq. (10) is expected to be a valid  
 273 method for analyzing the results presented here.

274 This particular formulation of the uptake coefficient is narrow, assumes a well mixed  
 275 particle, and isolates the reaction probability of a single species from the reactivity of the entire  
 276 particle itself. As the reaction progresses the particle composition evolves from pure squalane  
 277 to chlorinated and/or oxygenated reaction products. In this case, a direct comparison of the  
 278 squalane reaction probability ( $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$ ) with that of subsequent reaction products (e.g.  $\gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl_n}$ ) is  
 279 done in a systematic way to draw more general conclusions about how the effective uptake  
 280 changes as the reaction proceeds and the aerosol is chemically transformed.

### 281 **III. Results and discussion**

282 The 10 eV photoionization mass spectra of squalane before and after reaction are shown in  
 283 Figures 4(a) and (b), respectively. Before the reaction, the mass spectrum consists of two main  
 284 peaks: the squalane molecular ion ( $m/z = 422$ ) and a fragment peak located at  $m/z = 238$ . These  
 285 two peaks are used to monitor the heterogeneous reaction. After reaction these peaks decrease  
 286 and the formation of new reaction products are clearly observed. Once formed by the initial  
 287 hydrogen abstraction by  $\text{Cl}\cdot$ , the resulting  $\text{R}\cdot$  radical can then in turn react with either  $\text{O}_2$  or  $\text{Cl}_2$

288 or both as illustrated by R3 and R5, forming a mixture of both the oxygenated and chlorinated  
289 reaction products. This is shown in Fig. 4(c), where there are two distinct groups of reaction  
290 products. The products containing oxygen functional groups are separated by 14 mass units as  
291 was observed previously<sup>12,23</sup> for the OH + squalane reaction. In contrast, chlorinated reaction  
292 products are separated by an average of 34 amu, due to the addition of Cl and the loss of H,  
293 which is discussed below. In addition to the reaction products containing purely oxygen or  
294 chlorine functional groups, there is clear evidence for a significant number of reaction products  
295 that contain a mixture of both of these species as will be discussed below. The exact  
296 populations of the various products are a sensitive function of reaction conditions and are  
297 found to depend mainly upon the relative concentration of Cl<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> in the flow reactor.

298 Shown in Fig. 5 are 10 eV photoionization mass spectra of the particle phase reaction  
299 products as a function of O<sub>2</sub> concentration. For each mass spectrum, the Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration is  
300 fixed at 32.7 ppm. At ~0% O<sub>2</sub>, the mass spectrum (Fig. 5(a)) is dominated by chlorinated  
301 products denoted as SqCl<sub>n</sub>' as well as a peak located at two mass units smaller than squalane.  
302 The "prime" is used here to identify the ions (SqCl<sub>n</sub>' and Sq-2') observed in the mass spectrum.  
303 These ions are formed via dissociative photoionization through the elimination of HCl. For  
304 example, the peak at  $m/z = 454$  denoted SqCl' does not correspond directly to the neutral SqCl  
305 molecular product (molecular weight = 456) but rather corresponds to the SqCl<sub>2</sub> molecule  
306 which undergoes dissociative photoionization by losing HCl.

307 As [O<sub>2</sub>] is increased, new peaks appear corresponding to the formation of oxygenated  
308 reaction products (denoted SqO<sub>n</sub>). At [O<sub>2</sub>] ~ 0.3% the intensities of SqO<sub>n</sub> and SqCl<sub>n</sub>' products  
309 are nearly equal, and by [O<sub>2</sub>] = 5% the SqCl<sub>n</sub>' products are no longer visible and the mass  
310 spectrum is dominated by the oxygenated species. This sequence of mass spectra shows that, as  
311 expected, there are competing pathways for the formation of chlorinated and oxygenated  
312 reaction products that are sensitive to the amount of O<sub>2</sub> in the flow reactor. This competition  
313 naturally arises since both Cl<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> can react with the alkyl radical that is formed by the

314 initial hydrogen abstraction reaction.

315 To investigate a highly coupled reaction mechanism that forms both chlorinated and  
316 oxygenated reaction products (shown in Fig. 5), we first present effective uptake coefficient  
317 measurements as a function of  $[O_2]$  (Sec. III.A). The reaction kinetics and product distributions  
318 at 20%  $[O_2]$  are then directly compared with the OH + squalane reaction.<sup>12</sup> The role that  $[Cl_2]$   
319 and  $[Cl]$  play in the heterogeneous reaction will then be considered in Section III.B. In Section  
320 III.C a kinetic model with a global reaction mechanism is presented that explores how the  
321 reaction probability and the product formation kinetics depend upon  $Cl_2$ ,  $O_2$  and  $Cl$ . The kinetic  
322 model is parameterized to explore whether the overall mechanism (e.g.  $R \cdot + Cl_2/O_2$ ) occurs as  
323 either a homogeneous reaction within the bulk particle or a heterogeneous reaction at the  
324 surface. The more complex chemical evolution of the purely chlorinated products when  $O_2$  is  
325 absent is presented in Sec. III.D.

#### 326 **A. Effective Uptake Coefficient vs. $[O_2]$**

327 The normalized decay of squalane ( $[Sq]/[Sq]_0$ ), as a function of  $Cl$  exposure in the  
328 presence of large and small  $O_2$  concentrations, is shown in Fig. 6. The decay constant,  $k_{Sq}$  is  
329 obtained from an exponential fit to the decay traces shown in Fig. 6. The effective uptake  
330 coefficient is then computed using Eq. (10). Effective uptake coefficients are plotted as a  
331 function of  $[O_2]$  for two different  $Cl_2$  concentrations (14.5 and 32.7 ppm) in Fig. 7. For each  $Cl_2$   
332 concentration the effective uptake coefficient is a strong function of  $[O_2]$  and increases rapidly  
333 when the oxygen concentration in the flow tube is reduced to less than 1%. For these reaction  
334 conditions, the products, shown in Figures 5(a) and 5(b), are dominated by chlorinated  
335 functional groups. The absolute magnitude of the effective uptake coefficient, at low  $[O_2]$ ,  
336 depends upon the  $Cl_2$  concentration, reaching a value larger than 3 for the 32.7 ppm case.  
337 Uptake coefficients larger than one provide clear evidence of chain cycling chemistry in the  
338 particle phase.

339 For both chlorine concentrations (14.5 and 32.7 ppm) the effective uptake coefficient

340 decreases rapidly with increasing  $[O_2]$  and then plateaus at  $\sim 0.57$  for  $[O_2] > 2\%$ . In this region  
341 ( $2\% < [O_2] < 20\%$ ), the effective uptake coefficient no longer depends upon the amount of  $Cl_2$   
342 in the flow reactor and the reaction products in the particle are composed exclusively of  
343 oxygenated species as shown in Fig. 5(d). In the conditions of high  $[O_2]$  (e.g.  $[O_2] > 5\%$ ), R5  
344 becomes the dominant reaction pathway for  $R\cdot$ , effectively shutting down R3, the Cl chain  
345 reaction that produces chlorinated reaction products. At 20%  $O_2$ , only a small fraction ( $< 4\%$ )  
346 of the measured effective uptake coefficient,  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} = 0.57$ , is due to chlorine secondary  
347 chemical reactions, as will be described in Section III.C.  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$  is corrected for gas phase  
348 diffusion using the Fuchs and Sutugin formulation.<sup>24-25</sup> Here the gas phase diffusion coefficient  
349 of  $Cl\cdot_g$  in Ar ( $D_{Cl-Ar} = 0.19 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is used for the correction instead of  $Cl\cdot_g$  in nitrogen, which  
350 to our knowledge has not been measured.<sup>26-27</sup> Recently, very good agreement between  
351 measured and calculated diffusion coefficients for OH radicals was published,<sup>28</sup> and by using  
352 the same formula we obtained the same value of diffusion coefficient ( $0.19 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for  $Cl\cdot_g$  in  
353  $N_2$ . The effective uptake coefficient at 20%  $O_2$ , corrected for the gas phase diffusion, is  
354  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} = 0.65 \pm 0.07$ .

355 In previous work, the uptake coefficient for the OH + squalane reaction<sup>12</sup> was measured to  
356 be  $\gamma_{OH}^{Sq} = 0.30 \pm 0.07$  at an average  $[OH] = 1 \times 10^{10} \text{ molec}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ , which is comparable to the  
357 average chlorine atom concentrations ( $1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ molec}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) used here. At lower OH  
358 concentrations ( $[OH] = 1-7 \times 10^8 \text{ molec cm}^{-3}$ ) a larger effective uptake coefficient ( $\gamma = 0.51 \pm$   
359  $0.10$ ) was measured by us, suggesting an additional loss channel for squalane in the particle  
360 phase that appears to compete with OH at low oxidant concentrations and longer reaction  
361 times.<sup>23</sup> The molecular origin of the chain chemistry in the OH + squalane reaction is still under  
362 investigation by us.

363 From simple gas phase structure reactivity relationships, it is expected that Cl atoms, in  
364 the absence of secondary chain chemistry that is effectively suppressed at 20%  $O_2$ , would react  
365  $\sim 32$  times faster with squalane compared to OH.<sup>1-2</sup> However, we observe that the Cl

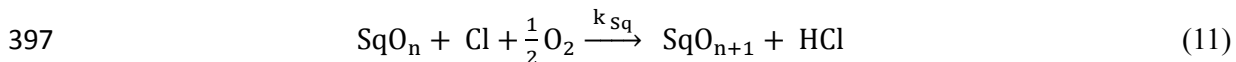
366 heterogeneous reactive uptake is only  $\sim 2.2$  times larger than the reactive uptake of OH,  
367 suggesting that more subtle features of the organic interface, such as the formation of a  
368 long-lived surface complex, might be controlling heterogeneous reactivity. In fact it has been  
369 noted by various authors that surface reactions by small radicals or atoms can be enhanced by  
370 several orders of magnitude over analogous bimolecular reactions in the gas phase. Moise and  
371 Rudich<sup>20</sup> measured the largest surface enhancement factors for gas phase reactions that are  
372 slow ( $k < 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{molec}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) due to high activation energies, in contrast with fast reactions ( $k$   
373  $\sim 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{molec}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ), which exhibit minimal surface enhancement. For example, the  
374 surface reactions of Br and O(<sup>3</sup>P) atoms with an aliphatic monolayer were found to be  
375 enhanced by  $10^4$  to  $10^3$ , respectively, over the analogous reactions in the gas phase. The  
376 mechanism for this surface enhancement is currently unclear, but may originate, in part, from  
377 multiple scattering, or trapping of reactant species at the interface, thus increasing the overall  
378 chance of a reactive encounter.<sup>29-31</sup> Within this context, it seems likely that the OH reaction is  
379 more enhanced at the squalane interface than Cl.

380 The kinetic evolution of squalane and its first three generations of oxidation products  
381 (SqO, SqO<sub>2</sub> and SqO<sub>3</sub>) as a function of chlorine exposure, at 20% O<sub>2</sub>, are shown in Fig. 8. The  
382 first three oxidation products are denoted generally as SqO<sub>n</sub>, where n corresponds to the  
383 number of oxygenated functional groups added to the squalane molecule. As discussed in our  
384 previous publication on OH, these species (denoted generally as SqO<sub>n</sub>) correspond to the  
385 formation of closed shell molecules containing alcohol and ketone functional groups as shown  
386 in R6.<sup>12,23</sup> Here n designates the number of these oxygenated functional groups added to the  
387 squalane molecule. However, quantifying the absolute abundance of these individual  
388 molecular species (ketones vs. alcohols) in the particle requires VUV photoionization cross  
389 sections and fragmentation patterns, which are currently not known.

390 Nevertheless in our previous studies,<sup>12,23</sup> it was found that the reaction products evolve  
391 sequentially via a statistical oxidation mechanism in which 1 oxygenated functional group is



392 added per reactive collision. For the Cl reaction at 20% O<sub>2</sub>, the reaction products are entirely  
 393 composed of molecules with oxygenated functional groups (SqO<sub>n</sub>) similar to those observed in  
 394 the OH + squalane reaction. Under these reaction conditions it is expected that these stable  
 395 oxidation products will evolve via the same sequential oxidation mechanism, which can be  
 396 written overall as,



398 where  $k_{\text{Sq}}$  is the second order rate constant and  $n$  denotes the product generation. For squalane  
 399 itself,  $n = 0$ . Previously, it was found that this simple reaction sequence, in which squalane and  
 400 its oxidation products are assumed to react with the same rate coefficient ( $k_{\text{Sq}}$ ), could account  
 401 for the overall chemical transformation of squalane aerosol when exposed to OH.<sup>12, 23</sup> For the  
 402 Cl reaction, the integrated equation corresponding to Eq. (11) is,

$$403 \quad \frac{[\text{SqO}_n]}{[\text{Sq}]_0} = B_n \frac{(k_{\text{Sq}} \cdot \langle \text{Cl} \rangle_t \cdot t)^n}{n!} \exp(-k_{\text{Sq}} \cdot \langle \text{Cl} \rangle_t \cdot t) \quad (12)$$

404 where  $B_n$  is an adjustable parameter to account for differences in isotope abundance, VUV  
 405 photoionization efficiency, and fragmentation patterns of the oxidation products and squalane.  
 406 To fit the experimental data,  $k_{\text{Sq}}$  in Eq. (12) is first fixed to the value obtained from an  
 407 exponential fit to the squalane decay curve shown in Fig. 8(a). The kinetic evolution of the  
 408 oxidation products (SqO, SqO<sub>2</sub>, and SqO<sub>3</sub>) are then modeled, using Eq. (12), by adjusting a  
 409 single parameter,  $B_n$ . Model fits to the experimental data are shown as solid lines in Fig. 8. As  
 410 with the OH + squalane reaction, the sequential oxidation model captures, within experimental  
 411 error, the overall kinetic evolution of the first three generations of products using a single rate  
 412 constant. This then indicates that for the Cl + squalane reaction, at 20% O<sub>2</sub>,  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}}^{\text{Sq}} = 0.65 \pm$   
 413  $0.07 \approx \gamma_{\text{Cl}}^{\text{SqO}} \approx \gamma_{\text{Cl}}^{\text{SqO}_2} \approx \gamma_{\text{Cl}}^{\text{SqO}_3}$ . Although the Cl effective uptake coefficient is ~2.2 times  
 414 larger than that for OH, the kinetic evolution of the particle is consistent with that reported by  
 415 us for the OH + squalane reaction.<sup>12, 23</sup>

416 Shown in Fig. 8 are arrows indicating the chlorine exposures that correspond to 1, 2, and 3

417 squalane lifetimes ( $\tau = 1/k_{Sq}$ ). At one lifetime  $[Sq]/[Sq]_0 = 1/e$  and the first oxidation product  
418 (SqO) has reached its maximum value. This is also the point in the reaction when the number of  
419 reactive collisions is equivalent to the total number of molecules in the particle. The SqO<sub>2</sub>  
420 product peaks at 2 lifetimes ( $[Sq]/[Sq]_0 = 1/e^2$ ), etc. Under these conditions, there is a simple  
421 relationship between the squalane lifetime and the point in the reaction where each oxidation  
422 product reaches its maximum value. This is a natural consequence of sequential oxidation in  
423 which each component in the particle (Sq, SqO, SqO<sub>2</sub>, SqO<sub>3</sub>) can be described using the same  
424 rate coefficient as shown in Eq. (12). As will be shown below, a more complex relationship  
425 between squalane lifetime and the kinetic evolution of the products is observed at low [O<sub>2</sub>]  
426 where the chlorinated reaction products are formed and secondary radical chain chemistry  
427 controls the rate of the reaction.

#### 428 **B. Effective uptake coefficient vs. [Cl<sub>2</sub>] and [Cl]**

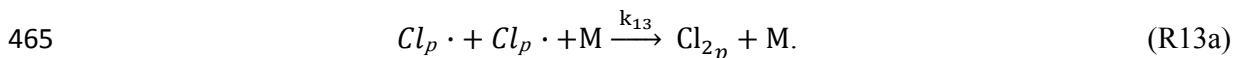
429 As shown in Fig. 7, the uptake coefficient increases steeply when [O<sub>2</sub>] is reduced to <1%.  
430 In the absence of oxygen, the squalane radical can react with Cl<sub>2</sub> to generate a chlorinated  
431 product and a Cl atom, which is assumed to remain solvated in the particle (Cl<sub>p</sub>·) to participate  
432 in further secondary reactions. If alternatively the Cl<sub>p</sub>· escapes from the particle back into the  
433 gas phase it would be detected as a primary Cl<sub>g</sub>· by the gas phase tracer compound (i.e. acetone).  
434 Under these conditions no secondary chain reactions (i.e. effective uptake coefficient larger  
435 than one) would be observed. However, in the particle this radical intermediate (Cl<sub>p</sub>·) can react  
436 with Sq, SqCl<sub>n</sub> and SqO<sub>n</sub> (when O<sub>2</sub> is present), thus accelerating the rate at which the particle is  
437 chemically transformed. From R3a and R3b, it is expected that this rate would be proportional  
438 to the gas phase Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration in the flow reactor since the condensed phase chlorine (Cl<sub>2p</sub>)  
439 concentration or reactive collision frequency is proportional to the gas phase Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration.  
440 To examine this dependence, effective uptake coefficients are measured as a function of Cl  
441 exposure. For this set of measurements the reaction time and Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration are fixed and  
442 the chlorine atom concentration is changed by varying the photon flux (i.e. the voltage supplied

443 to the black lights) in the reaction volume.

444 A typical decay trace of squalane, at low  $[O_2]$ , is shown in Fig. 6. Under these reaction  
445 conditions it was found that the decay of squalane is slightly non-exponential (i.e.  
446 biexponential). This is because, in addition to  $[Cl_2]$ , the secondary chain reaction also depends  
447 upon the absolute Cl atom concentration in the flow tube, as will be detailed below. For  
448 simplicity, single exponential fits are used to extract the uptake coefficients shown in Fig. 9.  
449 Approximating the decay traces as single exponential functions leads to an overall error in the  
450 computed uptake coefficients of 6 - 9%, which is not expected to change the overall results  
451 presented here. Shown in Figure 9 are measurements of the effective uptake coefficients as a  
452 function of  $[Cl_2]$ . At low  $Cl_2$  concentrations (8 ppm)  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$  is less than 1 and monotonically  
453 increases to a value of  $\sim 3$  at  $[Cl_2] = 32.7$  ppm.

454 In order to better isolate how the effective uptake coefficient depends explicitly upon  
455 absolute  $[Cl]$ , it is necessary to measure the reaction at a fixed  $[Cl_2]$  and  $[Cl]$  in the flow reactor.  
456 This is done by changing the reaction time, and therefore Cl exposure, using an opaque curtain  
457 as described above in Section II. A series of  $[Cl]$  dependent effective uptake coefficients, at  
458  $[Cl_2] = 14.5$  ppm, are shown in Fig. 10. The effective uptake coefficient is observed to be  
459 inversely proportional to the absolute Cl atom concentration in the flow reactor. At  $[Cl] =$   
460  $2.67 \times 10^9$  molec/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$  is determined to be 2.5 and decreases to 1.4 when the concentration  
461 is increased to  $2.2 \times 10^{10}$  molec/cm<sup>3</sup>.

462 A radical termination step is proposed to explain this inverse dependence of  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$  on Cl  
463 atom concentration, shown in Fig. 10. For example, there is some probability that two  $Cl_p \cdot$   
464 atoms in the particle phase collide and recombine via the following reaction,

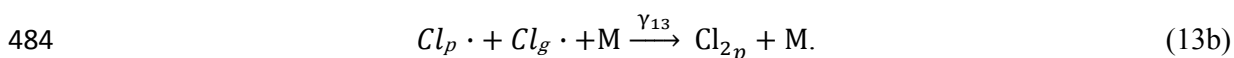


466 where  $Cl_p \cdot$ ,  $Cl_{2p}$ , and M are the Cl atom,  $Cl_2$ , and third body collision partner (i.e. squalane  
467 and its products), respectively. Without R13a, the effective uptake coefficient, under oxygen

468 free conditions, would become exceedingly large (e.g.  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} > 7$ ). Alternatively, with R13a,  
 469 the chain reaction is arrested since there is a natural competition between the production of the  
 470  $Cl_p \cdot$  atoms, which propagate the chain reaction via R3 and the terminating  $Cl_p \cdot$  atom  
 471 recombination step (R13a).

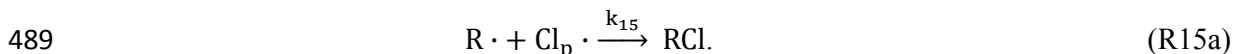
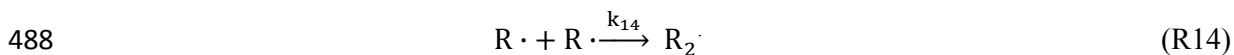
472 By using the steady state approximation to calculate the concentrations of  $Cl_p \cdot$  and  $R \cdot$   
 473 relative to  $Cl_g \cdot$  when  $O_2$  is absent, the recombination rate of R13a (i.e. the termination reaction)  
 474 is found to be proportional to  $[Cl_p \cdot]^2 \propto [Cl_g \cdot]$ . The propagation reaction rate is directly  
 475 proportional to the Cl concentration in particle, i.e.  $[Cl_p \cdot] \propto [Cl_g \cdot]^{0.5}$ . The ratio of propagation to  
 476 termination reaction rates should therefore scale as  $\sim 1/[Cl_g \cdot]^{0.5}$ . From this rough qualitative  
 477 analysis it is expected that increasing the Cl atom concentration in the gas phase should lead to  
 478 a decrease in the probability of a secondary chemical reaction in the particle phase. This simple  
 479 analysis provides a qualitative explanation of the trend shown in Fig. 10, which will be tested  
 480 quantitatively using the kinetic models described below.

481 It is also possible that the termination reaction shown in 13a could alternatively occur  
 482 heterogeneously via the collision of a gas phase  $Cl_g \cdot$  atom with a  $Cl_p \cdot$  species solvated at  
 483 particle surface as shown in R13b,



485 For this case, the termination rate should depend upon the reactive collision frequency of  $Cl_g \cdot$   
 486 with a  $Cl_p \cdot$ .

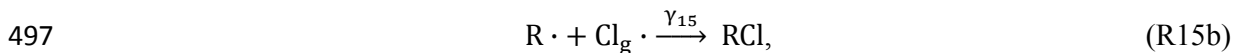
487 In addition to R13, there are two other types of possible termination reactions,



490 It is difficult to quantify the possible influence of R14 and R15 on the total reaction mechanism,  
 491 since it would require controlling the concentration of the  $R \cdot$  radical experimentally and in a  
 492 systematic way. In addition, we find no evidence in the mass spectra for the formation of  $R_2$

493 species (e.g. Sq<sub>2</sub>) as a reaction product, suggesting that R14 is a minor radical termination  
494 channel and therefore neglected in our subsequent analysis. The rate of R15 is roughly  
495 proportional to [Cl<sub>p</sub>·]<sup>2</sup>, which is the same dependence observed for R13.

496 As show schematically in Fig. 1, R15 could also occur as a heterogeneous reaction,



498 where a surface alkyl radical reacts with a gas phase chlorine atom, thus terminating the radical  
499 chain reaction.

### 500 **C. Kinetic model**

501 Single particle kinetic models that include both heterogeneous and homogeneous  
502 reactions are constructed from the set of coupled differential equations corresponding to  
503 reactions R2-R7, R13 and R15. Two models, termed “homogeneous” and “heterogeneous” are  
504 used, to represent two limiting cases. The first model assumes that the propagation (R3a) and  
505 termination pathways (R5a, R13a, and R15a) occur homogeneously inside the particle as  
506 shown in Fig. 1. In the second model, the propagation (R3b) and termination (R5b, R13b, and  
507 R15b) steps are assumed to proceed heterogeneously at the surface of the particle. The results  
508 of the two models are used to predict the measurements of the effective uptake coefficient vs.  
509 [O<sub>2</sub>], [Cl<sub>2</sub>] and [Cl] shown in Figs. 7, 9 and 10.

510 In both models, a single particle size is used to approximate the average diameter of the  
511 particle distribution used in each experiment. For the experiments reported here the average  
512 diameter is 165-185 nm. The model includes multiple generations of reactions, since Cl atoms  
513 can react with both squalane and its various reaction products. RH in R2 represents all closed  
514 shell species in the system (e.g. Sq, SqCl<sub>n</sub>, SqO<sub>n</sub>, etc). These species are each allowed to react  
515 via the same mechanisms as shown for squalane (R2-R7, R13 and R15). This set of coupled  
516 differential equations is solved numerically using an adaptive time step algorithm in  
517 *Mathematica*. Although physically unnecessary, 50 generations of products are included in the

518 model for numerical stability. In this system, there are pure oxygenated and chlorinated  
519 products as well as mixed species, making the model extremely complex unless a few  
520 simplifying assumptions are made.

521 First, it is assumed that the primary (i.e. no secondary chemistry) Cl uptake coefficient ( $\gamma_{Cl}$   
522 in R2) is the same for all generations of reaction products (i.e.  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl_2} \approx$   
523  $\gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl_3} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqO} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqO_2} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqO_3}$ ). This was found to be the case for OH + squalane<sup>12</sup> and the  
524 Cl + squalane reaction at 20% O<sub>2</sub>, as described above. This assumption appears reasonable  
525 over the first few generations of reaction products since the addition of only 1-3 functional  
526 groups to a C<sub>30</sub> molecule should not appreciably diminish its overall reactivity toward Cl.  
527 Furthermore, this assumption will be verified later when the modeled evolution of the reaction  
528 products are directly compared with experiment.

529 In a similar way, it is also assumed that the rate (R3a) and uptake (R3b) coefficients for  
530 Cl<sub>2</sub> reacting with all the alkyl radicals (R·) is the same. The same assumption is made for the  
531 rate (R5a) and uptake (R5b) coefficients for the reaction of O<sub>2</sub> with all the various alkyl  
532 radicals. The validity of these assumptions will be tested against the observed chlorinated  
533 product evolution shown below.

534 There are few direct measurements of many of the homogenous or heterogeneous  
535 reactions rates for squalane or even long chain hydrocarbons needed to constrain the model  
536 using solely previously measured literature values. Therefore, reasonable order of magnitude  
537 estimates for the liquid phase rate coefficients can be obtained by estimating the value of a rate  
538 coefficient that is limited solely by diffusion in squalane (i.e. zero Arrhenius activation energy).  
539 A rate coefficient for a fast reaction, which is only limited by the encounter frequency of two  
540 reactants in the liquid (neglecting steric factors) is given by,<sup>32</sup>

$$541 \quad k_{diff} = 4\pi(D_A + D_B)R \quad (16)$$

542 where R is the critical radius for reaction and D<sub>A</sub> and D<sub>B</sub> are the diffusion coefficients for  
543 reactants A and B. For spherical particles, the diffusion coefficient is related to viscosity via the

544 Einstein-Stokes relationship,

545 
$$D = \frac{k_B T}{6\pi r \eta} \quad (17)$$

546 where  $k_B$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $T$  temperature,  $r$  molecular radii and  $\eta$ , viscosity. For low  
547 molecular weight organic solvents such as hexane ( $\eta = 0.294$  cP),<sup>33</sup> diffusion coefficients are  $\sim$   
548  $10^{-5}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Assuming a critical reaction radius of 0.4 nm and a diffusion coefficient of  $1 \times 10^{-5}$   
549 cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, liquid phase diffusion limited rate coefficients are on the order of  $\sim 1 \times 10^{-11}$  cm<sup>3</sup>  
550 molec<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. This rate coefficient is about 50 times smaller than the binary collision limited  
551 reaction rate constant in the gas phase ( $\sim 5 \times 10^{-10}$  cm<sup>3</sup> molec<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>).

552 Squalane, however, has a viscosity of 17.9 cP,<sup>34</sup> which is 60 times larger than that of  
553 hexane. Assuming, a molecular radius of 1 nm (approximated from molecular density of liquid  
554 squalane) the diffusion coefficient for squalane is computed to be  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, which is  
555 reasonably consistent with the range of diffusion coefficients of various solutes<sup>35-36</sup> ( $0.25$ - $1.4 \times$   
556  $10^{-6}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) in squalane as well as triacontane<sup>37</sup> ( $7.5 \times 10^{-7}$  cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>)—the solid straight chain  
557 isomer of squalane. Using Eq. (16) the diffusion limited rate coefficient for a reaction occurring  
558 in liquid squalane, assuming a critical reaction radius of 0.4 nm, is estimated to be  $k_{diff} \approx 10^{-13}$   
559 cm<sup>3</sup> molec<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, which is a factor of  $\sim 4000$  times slower than the gas phase binary collision  
560 limit. Given the approximations used above (e.g. a spherical particle in the Einstein-Stokes  
561 equation and the molecular radii of squalane) this value serves only as a rough order of  
562 magnitude estimate for a diffusion limited rate coefficient in squalane as well as physical basis  
563 for the range of condensed phase rate coefficients that will ultimately be used to parameterize  
564 the kinetic models.

565 The homogeneous model is first initialized using estimates of the condensed phase rate  
566 coefficients for R3a, R4, R5a, R13a and R15a, which is done by slowing down analogous gas  
567 phase reactions by the factor of 4000 as described above. For example, the gas phase rate  
568 coefficient for the abstraction of a hydrogen atom by Cl from a small alkane is of the order of

569  $10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (e.g. Cl + hexane),<sup>38</sup> which if slowed by a factor of 4000 yields a rough  
570 estimate of the condensed phase  $\text{Cl}_p + \text{RH}$  (R3a) rate coefficient of  $\sim 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .  
571 Similarly, the rate coefficient for the reaction of small alkyl radicals ( $\text{R}\cdot$ ) with  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  is on  
572 the order of  $10^{-11}$  and  $10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  respectively.<sup>39</sup> In liquid squalane these rate  
573 coefficients are expected to be slowed to  $\sim 10^{-15}$  (R3a) and  $10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (R5a),  
574 respectively. The radical termination reactions,  $\text{Cl}_p + \text{Cl}_p$  (R13a) and  $\text{R}\cdot + \text{Cl}_p$  (R15a) are  
575 assumed to occur at every liquid phase encounter and thus assumed in the model to be diffusion  
576 limited ( $\sim 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ).<sup>40</sup> These estimates provide a self consistent set of constraints in  
577 the model that are used when attempting to replicate the experimental results.

578 To replicate the experimental data using the kinetic model, the Henry's Law constant for  
579  $\text{O}_2$  dissolved in squalane is fixed to  $H_{\text{O}_2} = 0.18$  ( $k_{\text{H,CC}}$ , the dimensionless ratio) as reported in  
580 Ref.<sup>41</sup>. To our knowledge the Henry's law constant for  $\text{Cl}_2$  dissolved in squalane has not been  
581 measured, so an estimate is made using the difference in solubility of  $\text{O}_2$  in water and squalane.  
582 The Henry's law constant for  $\text{O}_2$  in water is 0.03, which is a factor of 6 smaller than that for  
583 squalane. The Henry's law constant for  $\text{Cl}_2$  in water is measured to be 2,<sup>42</sup> so we estimate that  
584  $\text{Cl}_2$  is similarly 6 times more soluble in squalane than in water. So in the model, the Henry's  
585 law constant for  $\text{Cl}_2$  in squalane is fixed to  $H_{\text{Cl}_2} = 12$  ( $k_{\text{H,CC}}$ , the dimensionless ratio).

586 As discussed above and shown in Fig. 1, after heterogeneous initiation the subsequent  
587 reaction pathways (propagation vs. termination) can proceed either at the surface or within the  
588 bulk of the particle. To explore this interplay we first construct a model that considers only  
589 homogeneous propagation (R3a) and termination steps (R5a, R13a and R15a). The potential  
590 importance of heterogeneous propagation and terminations steps will be discussed below.

591 The Henry's law coefficients for  $\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  are fixed to 12 and 0.18 respectively as  
592 described above. The primary Cl uptake coefficient (R2) and the rate coefficients for R3a ( $\text{R}\cdot +$   
593  $\text{Cl}_2$ ), R4 ( $\text{RH} + \text{Cl}_p\cdot$ ), R5a ( $\text{R}\cdot + \text{O}_2$ ), R13a ( $\text{Cl}_p\cdot + \text{Cl}_p\cdot$ ) and R15a ( $\text{R}\cdot + \text{Cl}_p\cdot$ ) are then adjusted in  
594 the model, within the order of magnitude estimates outlined above, to replicate the three sets of



595 experimental results:  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}$  vs.  $[O_2]$ ,  $[Cl_2]$ , and  $[Cl]$  as shown in Figs. 7, 9, and 10. To achieve  
596 the best representation of the experimental measurements using the homogeneous model,  
597 within the rate constant constraints outlined above, it was found that  $\gamma_{Cl} = 0.55$ ,  $k_{3a} = 1.3 \times 10^{-15}$ ,  
598  $k_4 = 1.3 \times 10^{-14}$ ,  $k_{5a} = 8.5 \times 10^{-16}$ , and  $k_{13a} = k_{15a} = 2.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \cdot \text{molec}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ .

599 Although the model provides a reasonable description of the experimental results shown  
600 in Figs. 7, 9 and 10, care should be exercised in rigorously interpreting the absolute values of  
601 the predicted rate coefficients since the kinetic model is highly coupled. For example, the  
602 relationship between the effective uptake coefficient and  $[O_2]$ , shown in Fig. 7, is controlled  
603 mainly by the ratio of  $(H_{Cl_2} \times k_{3a})$  to  $(H_{O_2} \times k_{5a})$ . For the model to replicate the experimental  
604 results in Fig. 7, using purely homogeneous propagation and termination pathways this ratio  
605 needs to be  $\sim 102$ . In other words, the overall reaction rate of  $Cl_2$  with  $R\cdot$  is two orders of  
606 magnitude faster than the equivalent reaction with  $O_2$ . This can be achieved by a number of  
607 combinations of  $H_{Cl_2}$ ,  $k_{3a}$ ,  $H_{O_2}$  and  $k_{5a}$ .

608 The homogeneous model results, shown as solid lines in Fig. 7, capture the overall  
609 functional form of the effective uptake coefficients vs.  $[O_2]$  at two fixed  $Cl_2$  concentrations.  
610 Both the experimental data and model results show that the large effective uptake coefficients  
611 (1.5-3.5) decrease steeply with  $[O_2]$  reaching a value of  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} = 0.57$ , which becomes  
612 independent of  $[O_2]$  beyond 2%. Unlike the experiment, the modeled effective uptake  
613 coefficient can be easily decomposed into contributions from the primary heterogeneous  
614 reaction ( $\gamma_{Cl}$ ) and secondary chemistry in order to determine chain propagation lengths. The  
615 chain propagation length is simply the number of molecules that are removed for each reactive  
616 gas phase collision of  $Cl$  with the particle (i.e.  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq}/\gamma_{Cl}$ ). For example,  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} = 0.57$  is very close  
617 to the best fit value for the primary reactive uptake coefficient ( $\gamma_{Cl} = 0.55$ ) in the model. This is  
618 consistent with our expectation that at high  $[O_2]$  the chain terminating pathway (R5a) resulting  
619 in stable products such as alcohols and ketones dominates, and therefore the primary  
620 heterogeneous reaction controls the overall chemistry rather than the propagating reaction (R-

621 + Cl<sub>2</sub>). Alternatively, at low [O<sub>2</sub>] (and [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 32.7 ppm) secondary reactions dominate, with  
622 radical chain lengths as large as 6.3 (3.5/0.55), indicating that for each molecule in the particle  
623 consumed by the heterogeneous reaction six others are removed via secondary reactions.

624 Shown in Fig. 9 are measurements of the effective uptake coefficients as a function of Cl<sub>2</sub>  
625 concentration. These measurements are intended to isolate, to the extent possible, how the  
626 reaction scheme depends upon absolute Cl<sub>2</sub> concentration. Completely isolating the Cl<sub>2</sub>  
627 dependence experimentally from the inverse dependence of the effective uptake coefficient on  
628 [Cl], shown in Fig. 10, is difficult since the measurements of effective uptake coefficients  
629 shown in Fig. 9 are made by varying the average [Cl] at a fixed concentration of Cl<sub>2</sub>. For  
630 example, the uptake coefficient measurement at [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 7 ppm requires a larger average  
631 concentration of chlorine atoms ( $\langle \text{Cl} \rangle_t = 1 \times 10^{10}$  molec/cm<sup>3</sup>) than the measurement at [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 30  
632 ppm ( $\langle \text{Cl} \rangle_t = 1 \times 10^9$  molec/cm<sup>3</sup>) to obtain a decay trace ([Sq]/[Sq]<sub>0</sub> vs. Cl exposure) of sufficient  
633 length for the accurate determination of the kinetic decay constant used to compute an uptake  
634 coefficient. This is because at lower [Cl<sub>2</sub>] the reaction occurs ~3 times slower than at [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 30  
635 ppm, thus requiring higher  $\langle \text{Cl} \rangle_t$  in the former case. Consequently, for these sets of  
636 measurements, the kinetic model is used to simulate each data point using the average Cl atom  
637 and Cl<sub>2</sub> concentrations used in the experiment. In this way, modeled decay curves can be  
638 generated that resemble the experimental measurements shown in Fig. 6. These modeled decay  
639 curves are then fit to single exponential functions to extract the modeled uptake coefficients  
640 shown in Fig. 9. The homogeneous model results are shown as solid lines in Fig. 9 and reveal,  
641 as does the experimental data, that the effective uptake coefficient monotonically increases  
642 with [Cl<sub>2</sub>]. At low [Cl<sub>2</sub>] the effective uptake coefficient approaches the primary heterogeneous  
643 reaction probability ( $\gamma_{\text{Cl}} = 0.55$ ) and increases to  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}}^{\text{Sq}} = \sim 3$  at [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 32 ppm, which  
644 corresponds to a chain propagation length of ~6.

645 In Fig. 10, the model captures the experimentally determined effective uptake coefficients  
646 as a function of [Cl]. Unfortunately, experimental limitations prevent measurements at Cl

647 concentrations in excess of  $2 \times 10^{10}$  molec/cm<sup>3</sup>. Nevertheless the model shows that the  
 648 effective uptake coefficient approaches 0.55 in the limit of high [Cl], which as discussed above  
 649 is the primary heterogeneous reaction probability ( $\gamma_{Cl} = 0.55$ ). Under these conditions, radical  
 650 chain lengths of 3.54 and 1.54 at  $[Cl] = 2.67 \times 10^9$  molec cm<sup>-3</sup> and  $2.2 \times 10^{10}$  molec cm<sup>-3</sup> are  
 651 observed, respectively.

652 The kinetic model, parameterized with purely homogeneous propagation and termination  
 653 pathways, correctly describes how the measured effective uptake coefficient depends upon  
 654 [Cl<sub>2</sub>], [O<sub>2</sub>] and [Cl]. Although, the evolution of oxygenated products, in the absence of  
 655 secondary chemistry, discussed in Section III.A, is well described by a sequential oxidation  
 656 model whose analytical form is shown in Eq. (12), it should be noted that the numerical kinetic  
 657 model, described above, also correctly predicts the chemical evolution of oxygenated reaction  
 658 products at 20% O<sub>2</sub> observed in Fig. 8.

659 As shown in Fig. 1, the propagation and terminal reaction pathways can also proceed at the  
 660 surface via collisions with gas phase species such as Cl<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub> and Cl. To evaluate the potential  
 661 importance of these surface pathways the overall rate of the R· + Cl<sub>2</sub> and R· + O<sub>2</sub> heterogeneous  
 662 reactions are compared with the analogous reactions occurring within the particle. For the  
 663 homogeneous R· + Cl<sub>2</sub> propagation reaction the time dependent change in concentration of R·  
 664 is given by,

$$665 \quad \frac{d[R\cdot]}{dt} = k_{3a}[Cl_2]H_{Cl_2}[R\cdot] = (1.6 \times 10^{-14}) [Cl_2][R\cdot] s^{-1} \quad (18)$$

666 which can be compared to the equivalent expression for the heterogeneous reaction,

$$667 \quad \frac{d[R\cdot]}{dt} = \frac{\gamma_{Cl_2} \bar{c}_{Cl_2} A [Cl_2][R\cdot]}{4 Sq_0 V} = \frac{(3.9 \times 10^{-17}) \gamma_{Cl_2} [Cl_2][R\cdot] s^{-1}}{d} \quad (19)$$

668 where V, A and d are the particle volume, surface area and diameter respectively.  $\bar{c}_{Cl_2}$  is the  
 669 mean speed of Cl<sub>2</sub>, and Sq<sub>0</sub> is the molecular density of squalane. It should be noted that Eq. (19)  
 670 assumes that the particle is well mixed on the time scale of the reaction, as previously shown by  
 671 Smith et al.<sup>12</sup> For the average diameter (167 nm) used in the experiments reported here,

672 dividing the heterogeneous (Eq. (19)) by the homogeneous (Eq. (18)) rate yields,

$$673 \quad \frac{\text{Hetero.}}{\text{Homo.}} = 151 \gamma_{\text{Cl}_2} \quad (20)$$

674 thus providing a measure of the competition between the heterogeneous and homogeneous  $\text{R}\cdot +$   
675  $\text{Cl}_2$  reaction pathways. If the heterogeneous reaction occurs with every collision of a gas phase  
676  $\text{Cl}_2$  molecule with an molecule containing an alkyl radical at the particle surface (i.e.  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}_2} = 1$ ),  
677 then the heterogeneous propagation rate, for the particle sizes used here, is over two orders of  
678 magnitude faster than the equivalent reaction of dissolved  $\text{Cl}_2$  with  $\text{R}\cdot$  inside the particle.  
679 However, if it is assumed that there is on average only 1 radical site per molecule then the  
680 uptake coefficient is therefore likely to be much less than one. For example, there are 62  
681 hydrogen atoms in squalane yielding 62 possible locations for the formation of  $\text{R}\cdot$ . In this case,  
682 a more reasonable value for  $\gamma_{\text{Cl}_2}$  is  $1/62$  or 0.016, which suggests that the heterogeneous  
683 reaction is only faster by a factor of 2.4.

684 The same analysis can be applied to the  $\text{R}\cdot + \text{O}_2$  reaction to evaluate its potential  
685 importance at the surface of the particle. In this case, the ratio is,

$$686 \quad \frac{\text{Hetero.}}{\text{Homo.}} = 22705 \gamma_{\text{O}_2} \quad (21)$$

687 suggesting that there is a much larger possible heterogeneous contribution to this reaction  
688 pathway for the particle sizes investigated here. For the heterogeneous and homogeneous rates  
689 to be equal,  $\gamma_{\text{O}_2}$  would be on the order of  $10^{-5}$ . Such a straightforward comparison of the  $\text{R}\cdot +$   
690  $\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{Cl} + \text{Cl}$  termination reactions is difficult, but it was determined that even if the uptake  
691 coefficient for these reactions were in fact unity, there would be less than a 0.5% change in the  
692 homogeneous model results presented above and shown in Fig. 7, 9 and 10. This then suggests  
693 that these radical-radical termination reactions occur primarily as homogeneous reactions  
694 inside the particle. Consequently, these heterogeneous termination reactions (R13b and R15b)  
695 are neglected in the model that is presented below.

696 The preceding analysis therefore suggests that, for the average particle sized used here, the

697 heterogeneous propagation ( $R\cdot + Cl_2$ ) and termination ( $R\cdot + O_2$ ) might play a significant role in  
698 the observed kinetics. To illustrate this possibility, a purely heterogeneous model is constructed,  
699 the results of which are plotted as dotted lines in Fig. 7, 9 and 10. In this case, we assume the  
700 primary uptake coefficient for  $Cl_g$  is 0.55, and the rate coefficient  $k_4 = 1.3 \times 10^{-14}$   
701  $cm^3 \cdot molec^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$  ( $RH + Cl_p$ ) and  $k_{13a} = k_{15a} = 2.2 \times 10^{-13} cm^3 \cdot molec^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ , which are the same  
702 values used in the homogeneous model described above. The experimental data shown in Figs.  
703 7, 9, and 10 can be well represented by the purely heterogeneous model using the following  
704 parameters:  $\gamma_{Cl_2} = 0.01$  and  $\gamma_{O_2} = 5 \times 10^{-5}$ . These uptake coefficients indicate that for  $Cl_2$   
705 nearly every collision with a radical site (1 site per molecule with 62 possible sites) yields a  
706 reaction, while for  $O_2$  1 in every 320 collisions with the radical site yields a reaction. Since the  
707 model is highly coupled and heterogeneous measurements of  $R\cdot + O_2$  and  $R\cdot + Cl_2$  reaction  
708 probabilities have not been previously quantified, caution again should be exercised in  
709 interpreting any of the absolute values of the uptake coefficients reported here. Nevertheless,  
710 to reproduce the experimental data the heterogeneous rate of  $R\cdot + Cl_2$  is found to be 130 times  
711 larger than the  $R\cdot + O_2$  uptake coefficient. This is similar in magnitude to the differences  
712 homogeneous rates for the same reactions described above.

713 Unfortunately, the measured data set is insufficient to fully ascertain what fraction of the  
714 measured effective uptake coefficient originates from the heterogeneous vs. homogeneous  
715 reaction pathways. However, it seems likely, given the model results for the rate and uptake  
716 coefficients used here, that indeed both reaction pathways are competitive. One large factor is  
717 the slowing of the homogeneous reaction pathways by the viscosity of squalane. To distinguish  
718 between these heterogeneous and homogeneous process would require further experimental  
719 constraints of various rate and uptake coefficients, for the  $R\cdot + Cl_2$  and  $R\cdot + O_2$  reactions.  
720 Furthermore, the heterogeneous reaction mechanism is expected to increase in importance as  
721 the average size of the particle distribution is decreased (see Eq. (19)), since for smaller  
722 particles there will be on average a larger fraction of surface alkyl radicals (assuming a well

723 mixed particle) available for a heterogeneous reaction with O<sub>2</sub> or Cl<sub>2</sub>. Therefore, systematic  
724 studies, such as those described here could be extended to size-selected particles with broad  
725 range of diameters to potentially constrain the relative importance of the heterogeneous and  
726 homogeneous reaction pathways.

727 To further understand generally, how secondary chemistry impacts the evolution of  
728 reaction products, both models will be used to predict the kinetic evolution of chlorinated  
729 products formed at low [O<sub>2</sub>] concentrations as described below.

#### 730 **D. The formation and evolution of chlorinated reaction products**

731 Chlorinated reaction products, formed at low [O<sub>2</sub>], are observed in the mass spectra as  
732 shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The product ion peaks in the mass spectrum that evolve as a function of  
733 chlorine exposure are labeled SqCl' ( $m/z = 454$ ), SqCl<sub>2</sub>' ( $m/z = 488$ ), and SqCl<sub>3</sub>' ( $m/z = 522$ ), as  
734 shown in Fig. 11. This series of peaks correspond to products in which H atom(s) are replaced  
735 with Cl atom(s). There is one main product ion (Sq-2') at  $m/z = 420$ , which is 2 mass units  
736 smaller than that of squalane and could correspond to the formation of a stable alkene molecule,  
737 although it is difficult to rationalize the formation of this product given the well-established  
738 low temperature hydrogen abstraction mechanisms. To determine if this product does indeed  
739 correspond to an alkene, the particle stream was directed into a second flow tube containing  
740 ozone (~5.1 ppm for ~1 min.). Since ozone reacts quickly with alkenes, a change in the particle  
741 phase composition is expected if alkenes are indeed formed as reaction products. However, we  
742 find no evidence that the particle reacts with ozone.

743 A more probable explanation for these peaks in the mass spectrum is dissociative  
744 photoionization of SqCl<sub>n</sub>, which eliminates HCl. For smaller chlorinated hydrocarbons, such as  
745 1-chloro-pentane, HCl elimination upon photoionization is a significant dissociation  
746 pathway.<sup>38, 43-44</sup> Furthermore, the electron impact mass spectra of small chlorinated  
747 hydrocarbons produces hydrocarbon fragments consistent with HCl elimination, providing  
748 further evidence for this channel.<sup>38</sup> It is therefore extremely likely that a similar dissociative

749 photoionization pathway is occurring for the chlorinated hydrocarbons observed here. In this  
750 case, the Sq-2' peak forms from the elimination of HCl from the SqCl<sup>+</sup> ion, ( $m/z = 456 - 36 = 420$   
751  $= \text{Sq-2}'$ ), SqCl<sup>+</sup> from SqCl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> ( $m/z = 490 - 36 = 454 = \text{Sq-2}' + 34$ ), SqCl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> from SqCl<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, ( $m/z =$   
752  $524 - 36 = 488 = \text{Sq-2}' + 34 + 34$ ) and so on.

753 The chemical evolution of the particle is shown in Fig. 11. This figure shows how squalane  
754 and four generations of chlorinated products, at low O<sub>2</sub>, evolve as a function of chlorine  
755 exposure. Each product is both formed and decays over the course of the reaction. The arrows  
756 in Fig. 11 indicate the Cl exposures that correspond to 1, 2, 3, and 4 squalane lifetimes ( $\tau =$   
757  $1/k_{\text{Sq}}$ ), respectively. Unlike the kinetic evolution of the oxygenated products (at 20% O<sub>2</sub>) shown  
758 in Fig. 8, there is no longer a simple relationship between squalane lifetimes and the peak  
759 maxima in the kinetic evolution of each reaction product. For the 20% O<sub>2</sub> case, the maxima in  
760 the evolution of SqO<sub>n</sub> products as a function of Cl exposure are equally spaced and coincide  
761 with n squalane lifetimes. While the first chlorinated reaction product SqCl (detected as  $m/z =$   
762  $\text{Sq-2}'$ ) reaches its maxima around 1 squalane lifetime, similar to the kinetic evolution of SqO,  
763 subsequent generations of chlorine products reach their maxima at much larger lifetimes than  
764 predicted by the sequential model (Eq. (12)). In fact, the deviation of the product evolution  
765 from the sequential oxidation model (Eq. (12)) becomes larger for each subsequent generation  
766 of chlorinated reaction product.

767 Results from the kinetic models (described in Sec. III.C) are used to simulate the product  
768 evolution as shown in Fig. 11. The models are parameterized to replicate the experimental  
769 conditions by fixing the reaction time and changing the Cl exposure via increasing (or  
770 decreasing) the chlorine atom concentration. The same set of rate and uptake coefficients are  
771 used to model the reaction products that were previously used to achieve the best  
772 representation of effective uptake measurements shown in Figs. 7, 9, and 10. This not only  
773 provides an additional test of the overall chemistry included in the kinetic models, but provides  
774 a global view of both the reaction rate (effective uptake coefficients) and the chemical

775 evolution of the particle undergoing significant amounts of radical chain chemistry. As  
776 discussed above, all of the homogeneous rate and heterogeneous uptake coefficients for all  
777 generations of products (SqCl<sub>n</sub>) are assumed to be the same.

778 Shown as solid lines in Fig. 11, the homogeneous model can capture the overall evolution  
779 of the first four chlorinated reaction products at both ~0% and 0.14 % O<sub>2</sub> (Cl<sub>2</sub> = 32.7 ppm). For  
780 comparison the heterogeneous model predictions are shown as dotted lines in Fig. 11. For both  
781 models there are some discrepancies between predictions and the experimental. These  
782 deviations between the models and the experimental data may arise from slightly non-uniform  
783 concentrations of Cl along the length of the flow reactor, which would not be properly  
784 accounted for in the model since a single average [Cl] for the whole flow tube is used to  
785 generate the model lines shown in Fig. 11.

786 Nevertheless, the overall rate and chemical evolution of the particle is well-represented by  
787 both the homogeneous and heterogeneous kinetic models and reveals that, in this system,  
788 which is dominated by radical chain chemistry, the formation of reaction products evolve in a  
789 more complex way than for the OH + squalane reaction or the Cl + squalane reaction at 20% O<sub>2</sub>.  
790 The agreement between model and experiment also reveals that, within measurement error and  
791 over the first couple of generations of reaction, both the chemistry of squalane and its  
792 subsequent reaction products can indeed be approximated by a single rate and uptake  
793 coefficients (e.g.  $\gamma_{Cl}^{Sq} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl_2} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqCl_3} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqO} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqO_2} \approx \gamma_{Cl}^{SqO_3}$ ).

794 The difference between the measured kinetic evolution of reaction products at low and 20 %  
795 O<sub>2</sub> is a natural consequence of radical chain chemistry. The product kinetics, shown in Fig. 11,  
796 are measured by increasing the concentration of chlorine atoms in the flow tube. However, as  
797 shown in Fig. 10, the effective uptake coefficient decreases with increasing chlorine atom  
798 concentration. The inverse dependence of the effective uptake coefficient on [Cl] is discussed  
799 above and originates from the increasing importance of reactions such as R13 and R15, the Cl<sub>p</sub>  
800 + Cl<sub>p</sub> and R<sub>p</sub> + Cl<sub>p</sub> chain termination reactions, at high Cl concentrations. These reactions have



801 the net consequence of decreasing the overall radical propagation length (i.e. the amount of  
802 secondary chemistry) in the particle phase as the [Cl] increases and the reaction progresses.  
803 This interplay between radical propagation and termination has the net consequence of slowing  
804 down the reaction at larger chlorine exposures. This in turn modifies the kinetic evolution of  
805 the chlorinated reaction products, whose chemical evolution increasingly deviates from that  
806 observed for the oxygenated products formed at 20 % O<sub>2</sub>.

807 Finally, it should also be pointed out that the presence of secondary chemistry, as observed  
808 here, produces kinetics in which reaction time and concentration (i.e. [Cl<sub>g</sub>·]) are not longer  
809 interchangeable quantities. For example, measurements that only change reaction time at a  
810 fixed [Cl<sub>g</sub>·] will produce quite different results from those experiments that fix reaction time  
811 and scan [Cl<sub>g</sub>·], which is consistent with observations reported by McNeil et al.<sup>8</sup>

#### 812 **IV. Conclusion**

813 The heterogeneous reaction of squalane with Cl atoms is examined using VUV  
814 photoionization aerosol mass spectrometry. In the absence of O<sub>2</sub>, chlorinated reaction products  
815 are formed and a radical chain reaction is observed; propagated by the R· + Cl<sub>2</sub> → RCl + Cl·  
816 reaction. Effective uptake coefficients vary from 0.8 to ~3 and correspond to radical chain  
817 propagation lengths of 1.4 and ~6, respectively. The magnitude of the effective uptake  
818 coefficient is found to be directly proportional to the [Cl<sub>2</sub>] in the flow reactor. Furthermore, it  
819 was found that the effective uptake coefficient is inversely proportional to [Cl]. This inverse  
820 correlation arises from the competitive rates of chain propagation and termination.

821 Adding as much as 20% O<sub>2</sub> to the reaction, effectively shuts off the chain cycling reaction,  
822 produces oxygenated products and decreases the uptake coefficient to ~0.57. The  
823 diffusion-corrected uptake coefficient is found to be 0.65±0.07 and the chemical evolution of  
824 the particle follows a sequential oxidation mechanism. Under these conditions the Cl initiated  
825 oxidation of the particle is nearly identical to that found for the OH + squalane reaction albeit  
826 ~2.2 times faster, due to the larger initial reactive uptake coefficient.

827 Two detailed kinetic models are formulated to explore two limiting cases: homogeneous  
828 vs. heterogeneous chain propagation and termination. Both models provide a reasonable and  
829 independent representation of the global data set, which accounts for how the effective uptake  
830 coefficients and product evolutions depend upon  $[\text{Cl}_2]$ ,  $[\text{Cl}]$  and  $[\text{O}_2]$ . As a result, it is not easy  
831 to evaluate the relative importance of each pathway on the global mechanism. However, the  
832 results presented here suggest that for radical reactions in viscous droplets, such as squalane,  
833 the slow diffusion of reactants inside the particle may enhance the potential importance of  
834 competing heterogeneous reaction pathways.

835 These results clearly illustrate, in a more general way, that for heterogeneous reactions in  
836 which free radical intermediates propagate chain reactions, time and concentration, generally  
837 considered in aggregate as exposure, are no longer independent separable kinetic quantities.  
838 As a consequence, the reaction probability and product evolution will be markedly different if  
839 measured as a function of time and therefore may not be directly comparable to those  
840 measurement that change radical exposure by concentration. The observation and easy control  
841 of secondary chemistry in this system could be used to further explore how molecular structure  
842 (n-alkane vs. branched alkane, alkane vs. alkene) might control radical chain reaction  
843 chemistries.

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930 **Figure captions**

931 Figure 1. An schematic of the potential reaction mechanism initiated by the heterogeneous  
932 reaction of Cl atoms with squalane particles in the presence of O<sub>2</sub> and Cl<sub>2</sub>. Both heterogeneous  
933 and homogeneous propagation and termination reaction pathways are shown separately.

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935 Figure 2. Schematic of the photochemical flow reactor. The total flow rate through the reactor  
936 is 1.1 L/min and corresponds to a reaction time of 33.5 seconds. Chlorine atoms are formed via  
937 the photolysis of Cl<sub>2</sub> at 365 nm using black lights (BLB). The photon flux is adjustable using a  
938 variac. After reaction, the gas stream is sampled by a SMPS (TSI model 3936), VUV-AMS,  
939 and GC for measurements of the particle size distribution, aerosol composition, and Cl  
940 exposure, respectively.

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942 Figure 3. Cl exposure as a function of illumination length at [Cl<sub>2</sub>] = 8 ppm. It is found that Cl  
943 exposure is linearly proportional to illuminated length (i.e. Cl atom concentration is constant)  
944 only for illumination lengths greater than 33 cm.

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946 Figure 4. 10 eV photoionization mass spectra of squalane aerosol. (a) Before reaction, the main  
947 peaks observed in the spectrum are the squalane molecular ion ( $m/z = 422$ ) and its largest  
948 fragment ion ( $m/z = 238$ ). (b), (c) After reaction with Cl atoms (32 ppm Cl<sub>2</sub> and 0.143% O<sub>2</sub>),  
949 there are a series of product ion peaks ( $m/z > 422$ ), each separated by 34 amu. The peaks,  
950 labeled Sq-2', SqCl', SqCl<sub>2</sub>' and SqCl<sub>3</sub>', are formed via dissociative photoionization (i.e. HCl  
951 elimination) of SqCl<sup>+</sup>, SqCl<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, SqCl<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, and SqCl<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> ions, respectively, as discussed in Sec. III.D.  
952 Oxygenated reaction products are separated by 14 mass units. There are also peaks in the mass  
953 spectra that correspond to mixed products species that contain both oxygen and chlorine  
954 functional groups.

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956 Figure 5. 10 eV photoionization mass spectra recorded at  $[\text{Cl}_2] = 32.7$  ppm and  $[\text{O}_2] =$  (a)  $\sim 0\%$ ;  
957 (b)  $0.3\%$ ; (c)  $1\%$ ; (d)  $5\%$ . The peaks identified with dashed lines are second and third  
958 generation (n) chlorinated reaction products, denoted as  $\text{SqCl}_{n-1}'$  originating from  $\text{SqCl}_n$  as  
959 detailed in the text. At low  $[\text{O}_2]$ , only chlorinated products are observed. The chlorinated  
960 product peaks decrease and the oxygenated products (i.e.  $\text{SqO}_n$ ) increase with  $[\text{O}_2]$ . When  $[\text{O}_2]$   
961 is larger than  $5\%$ , only oxygenated products are observed.

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963 Figure 6. Normalized kinetic decay of squalane measured as a function of Cl exposure at  $14.5$   
964 ppm chlorine for ( $\bullet$ )  $[\text{O}_2] = 20\%$  and ( $\circ$ )  $[\text{O}_2] \leq 0.2\%$ . Both decay curves are fit using single  
965 exponential functions (solid lines).

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967 Figure 7. Effective reactive uptake coefficients as a function of  $[\text{O}_2]$  at  $[\text{Cl}_2] =$  (a)  $14.5$  ppm and  
968 (b)  $32.7$  ppm. Solid lines are predictions from the kinetic model parameterized with  
969 homogeneous propagation reactions as detailed in Sec. III.C. Dotted lines are predictions from  
970 the heterogeneous kinetic model also detailed in Sec. III.C.

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972 Figure 8. The evolution of squalane (Sq) and its first three generations of reaction products  
973 ( $\text{SqO}$ ,  $\text{SqO}_2$ ,  $\text{SqO}_3$ ) as a function of chlorine exposure at  $[\text{O}_2] = 20\%$  and  $[\text{Cl}_2] = 24.6$  ppm.  
974 Solid lines are results of a sequential oxidation model (Eq. (12)) described in Sec. III.A. The  
975 arrows in panels (b), (c) and (d) indicate the chlorine exposures that correspond to 1, 2, and 3  
976 squalane lifetimes, respectively, as described in the text.

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978 Figure 9. Effective reactive uptake coefficients as a function of  $[\text{Cl}_2]$ . The experimental data ( $\circ$ )  
979 exhibits a linear increase with  $[\text{Cl}_2]$ . Both the homogeneous (solid lines) and heterogeneous  
980 (dotted lines) models predict the same linear increase in effective uptake coefficient with  
981 increasing  $[\text{Cl}_2]$ .

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983 Figure 10. Effective uptake coefficients as a function of  $[Cl]$  at  $[Cl_2] = 14.5$  ppm shown with  
984 the results of the homogeneous (solid lines) and heterogeneous (dotted lines) model  
985 predictions.

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987 Figure 11. The evolution of squalane (Sq) and the first four generations ( $SqCl_n$ ) of reaction  
988 products as a function of chlorine exposure at  $[Cl_2] = 32.7$  ppm. For (a) to (e)  $[O_2] = \sim 0.02\%$   
989 and (f) to (j)  $[O_2] = 0.14\%$ . The chlorinated reaction products, denoted as  $SqCl_{n-1}'$  originate  
990 from  $SqCl_n$  as detailed in the Sec. III.D. Results from the homogeneous (solid lines) and  
991 heterogeneous (dotted lines) models are computed at each experimental point using the  
992 average chlorine concentration ( $\langle Cl \rangle_t$ ). The arrows shown in (b) and (g) correspond to 1  
993 squalane lifetime, while the arrows in (c) and (h), (d) and (i), and (e) and (j) indicate the  
994 chlorine exposures that correspond to 2, 3, and 4 squalane lifetimes, respectively.

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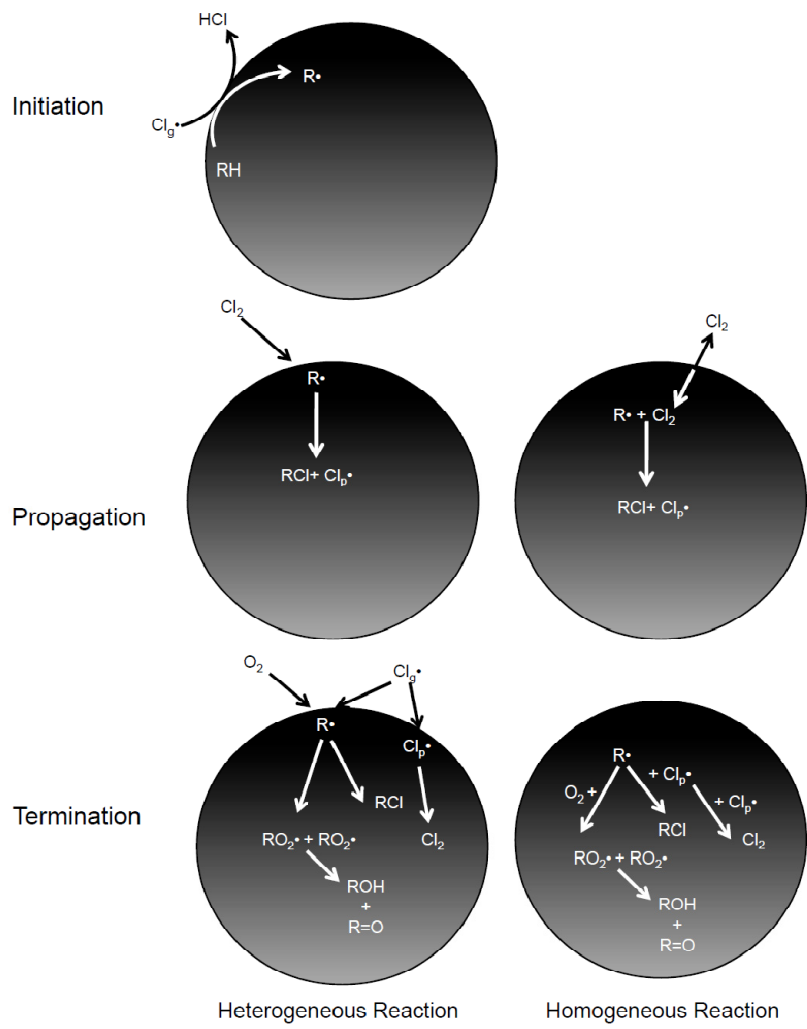


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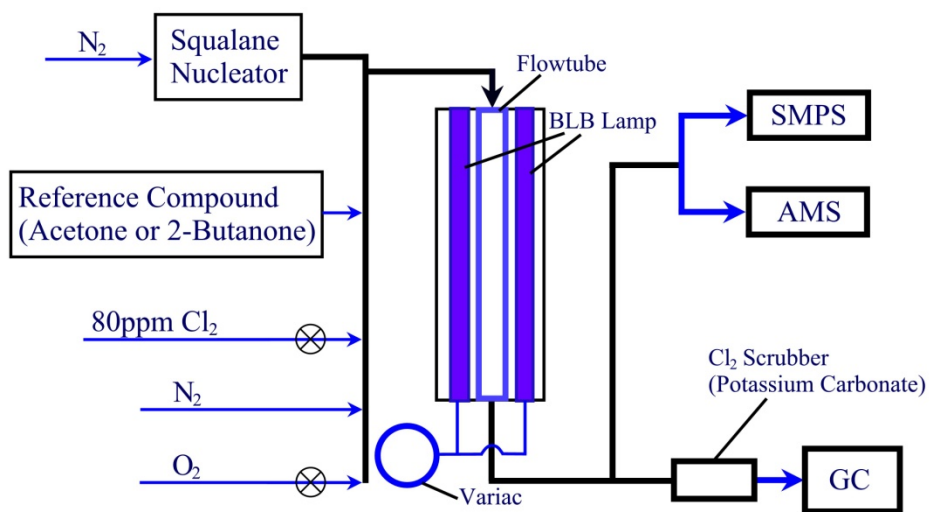


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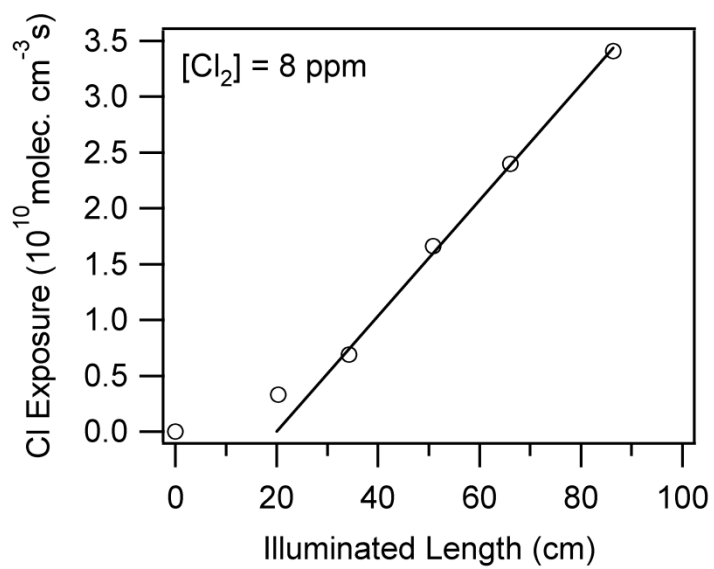


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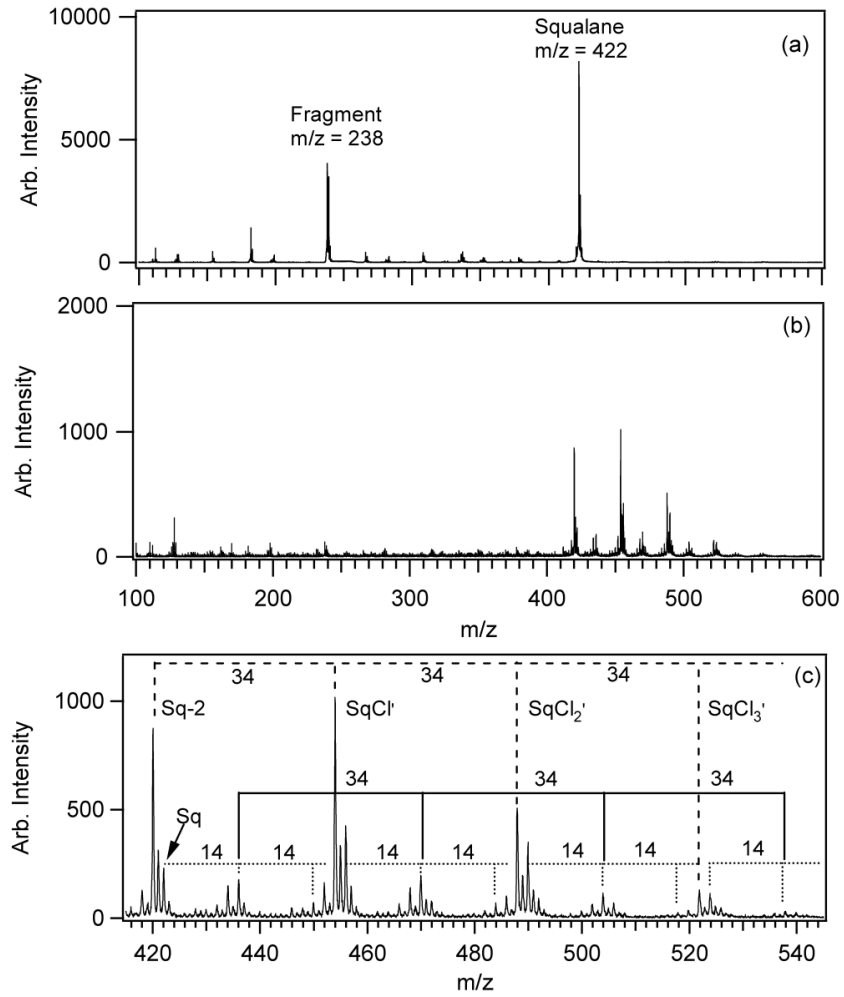


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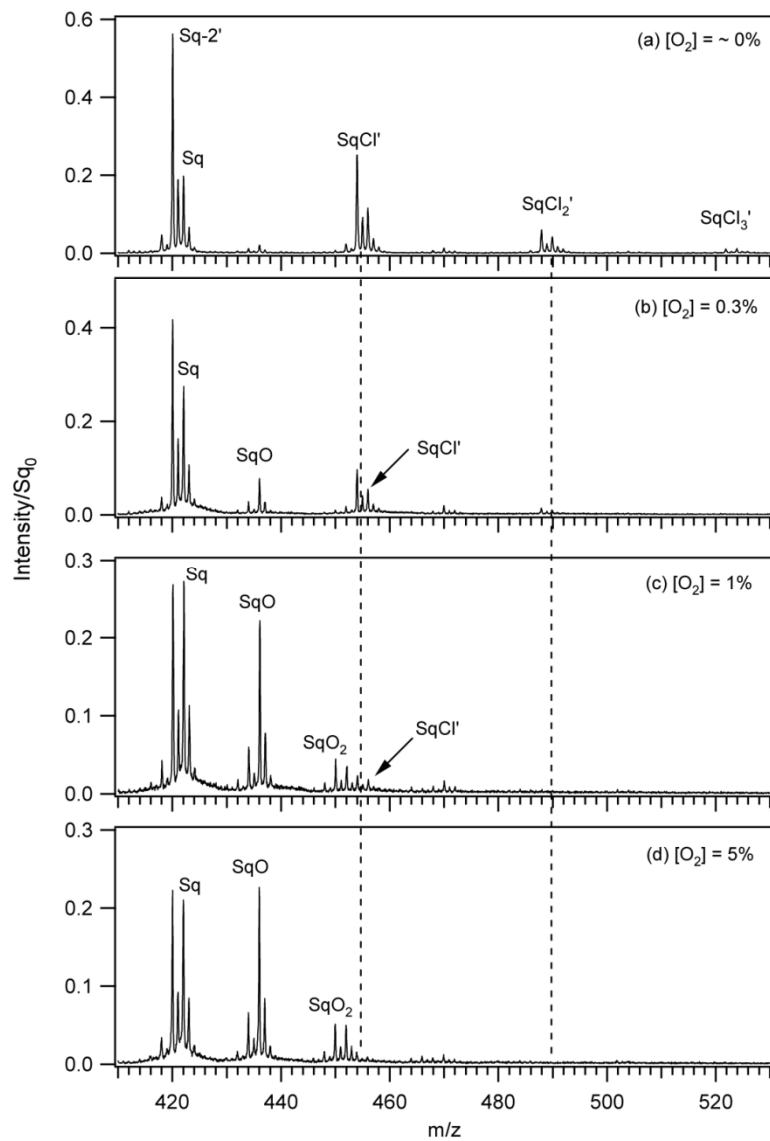


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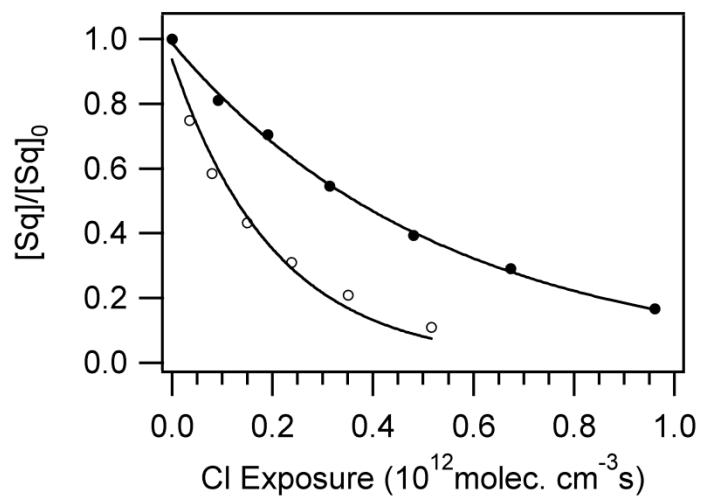


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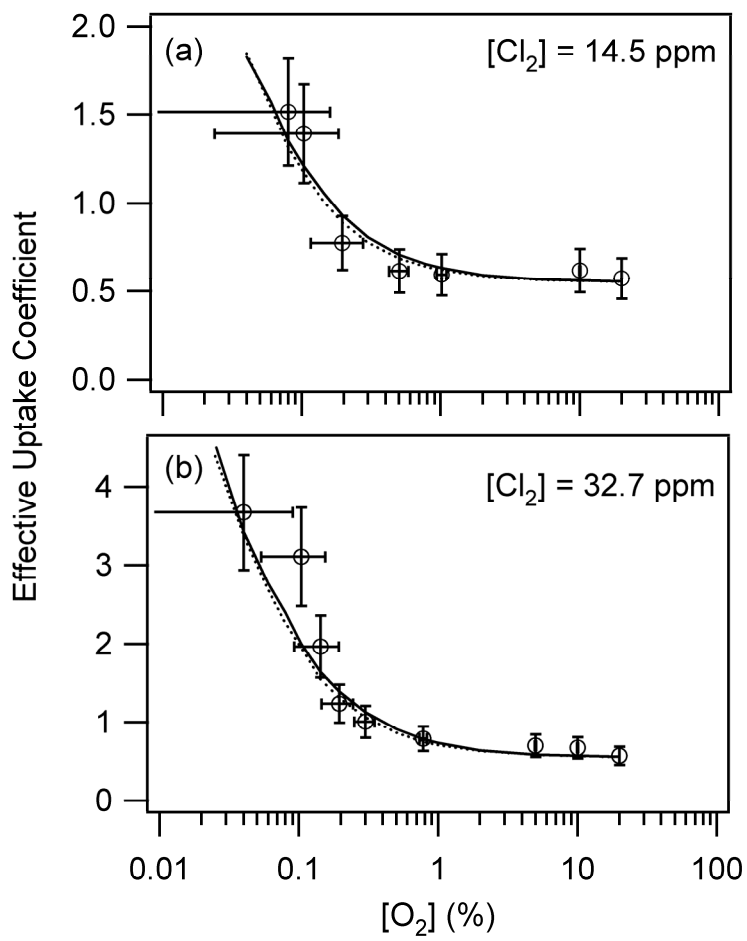


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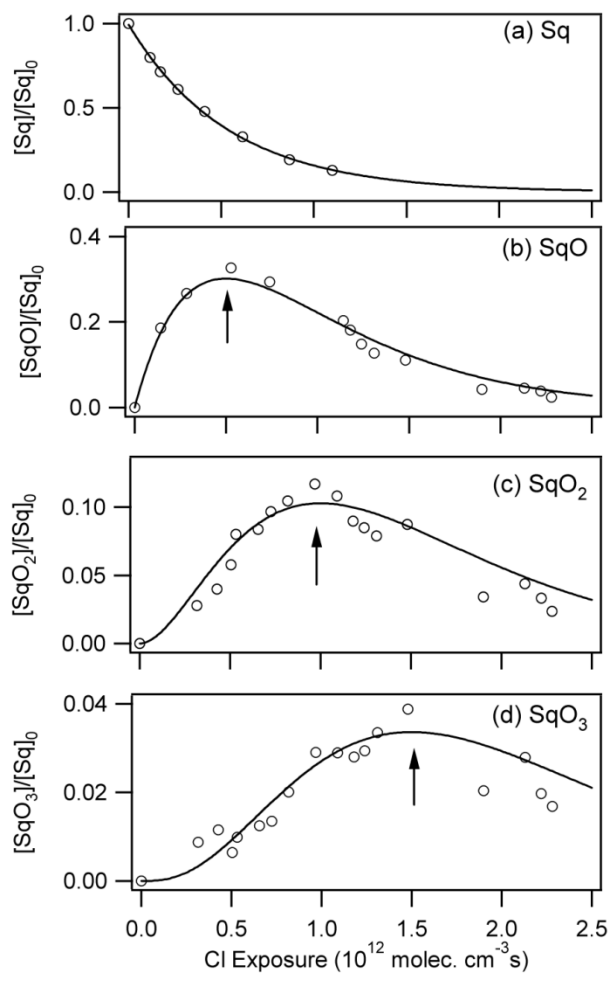


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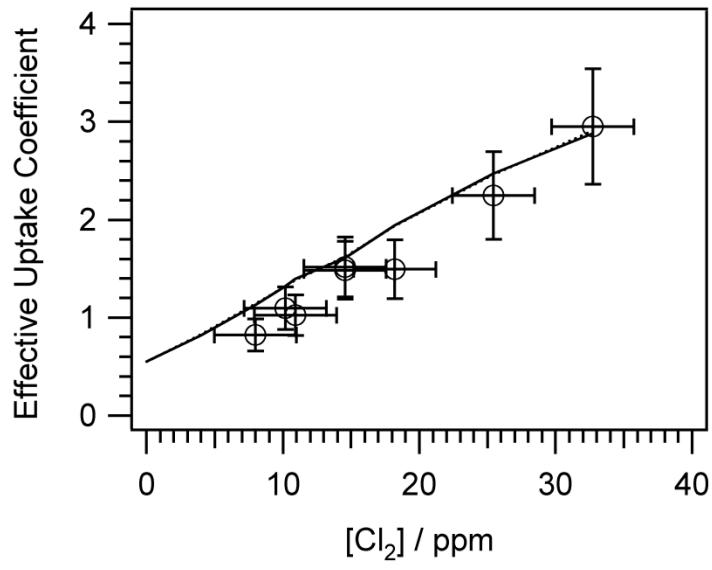


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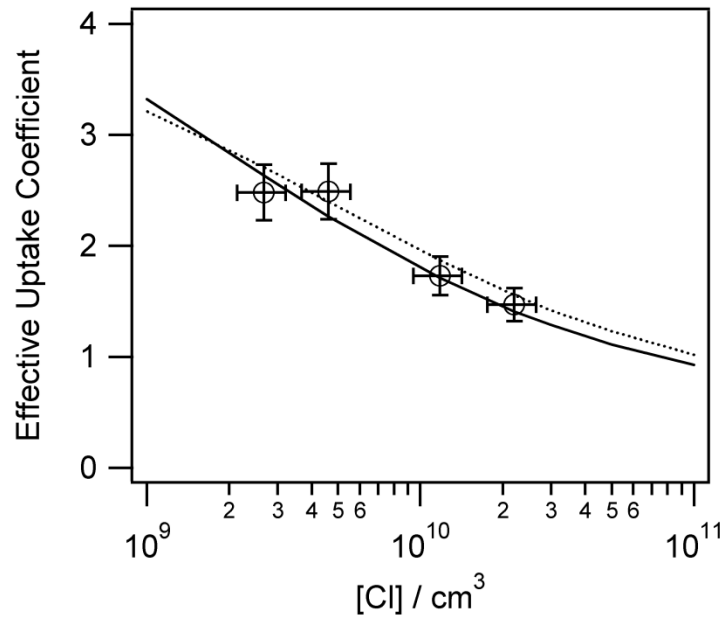


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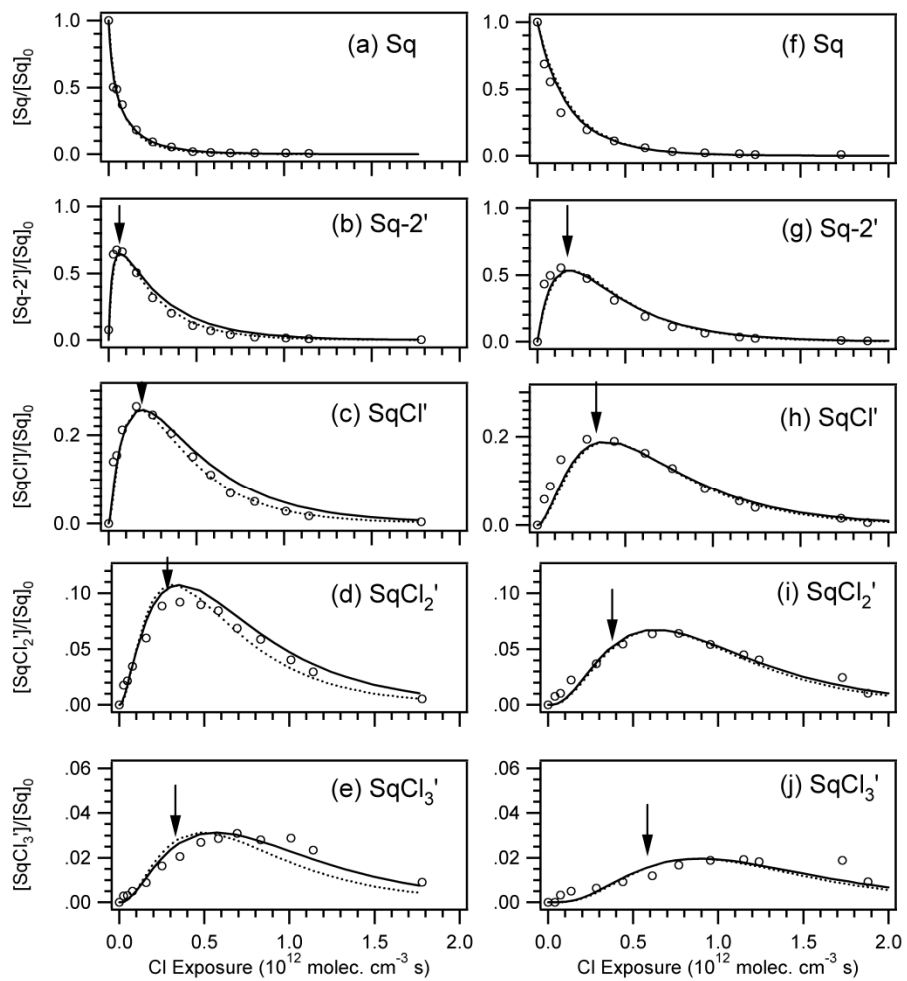


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