



# **Formation and Oxidative Aging of Secondary Organic Aerosols Using the Potential Aerosol Mass Oxidation Flow Reactor**

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# Outline

1. Background
2. Intro to Oxidation Flow Reactors (OFRs)
3. Laboratory and Field Applications of OFRs

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**Dave Nelson**

- **Founded in 1970**
- **Located in Billerica, MA, USA**
- **About 70 scientists and support staff**
- **Research Centers:**
  - **Aerosol and Cloud Chemistry**
  - **Atmospheric and Environmental Chemistry**
  - **Aero-Thermodynamics**
  - **Optical Signature Recognition**
  - **Sensor Systems and Technology**

# (17+) Aerodyne Instruments in India



AMS (x4)



ACSM (x8)



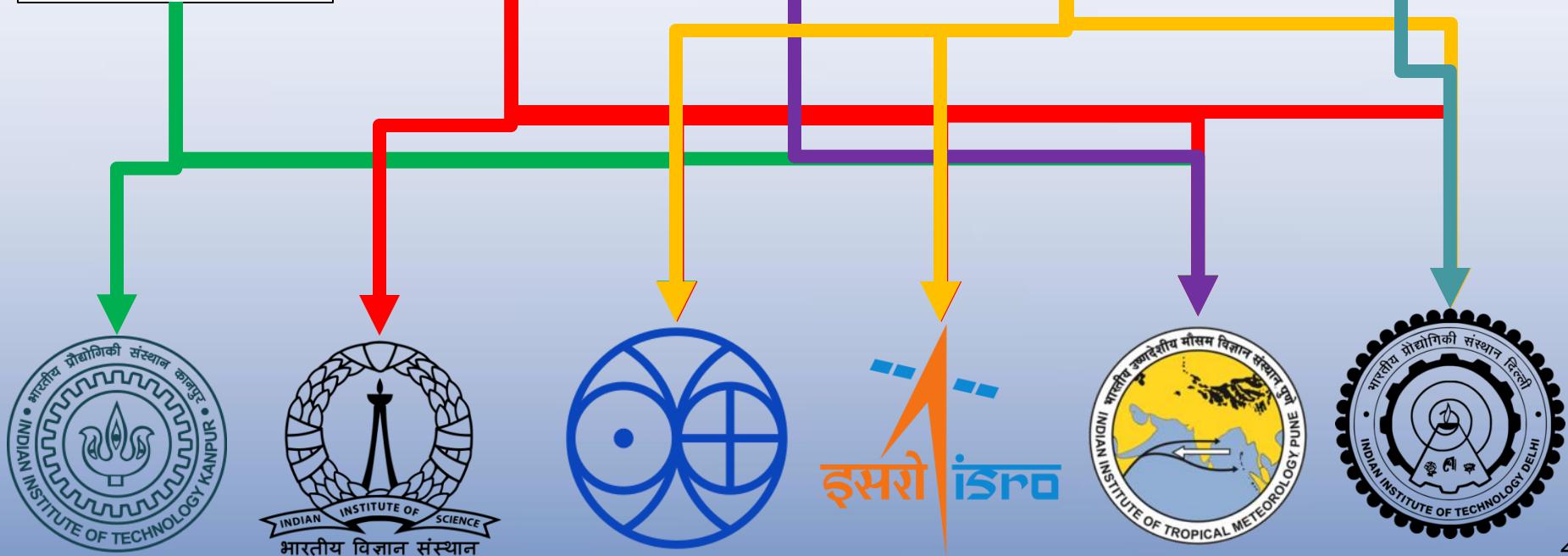
Vocus (x1)



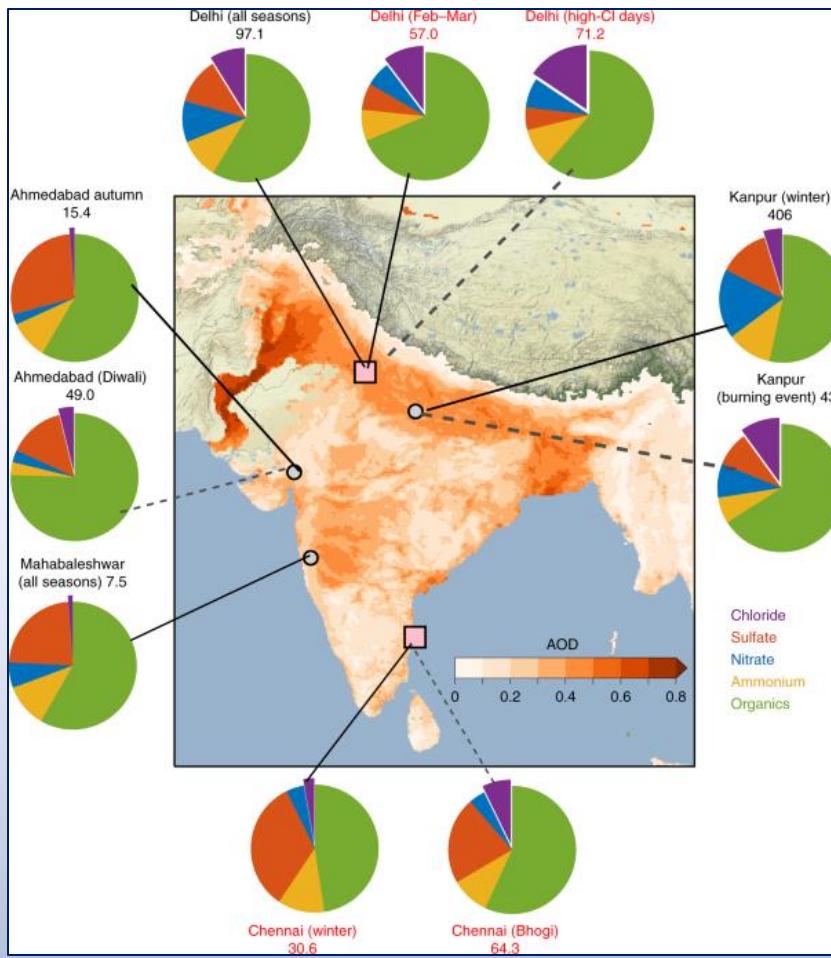
CAPS (x3)



PAM OFR (x1)



# AMS measurements of aerosols in India



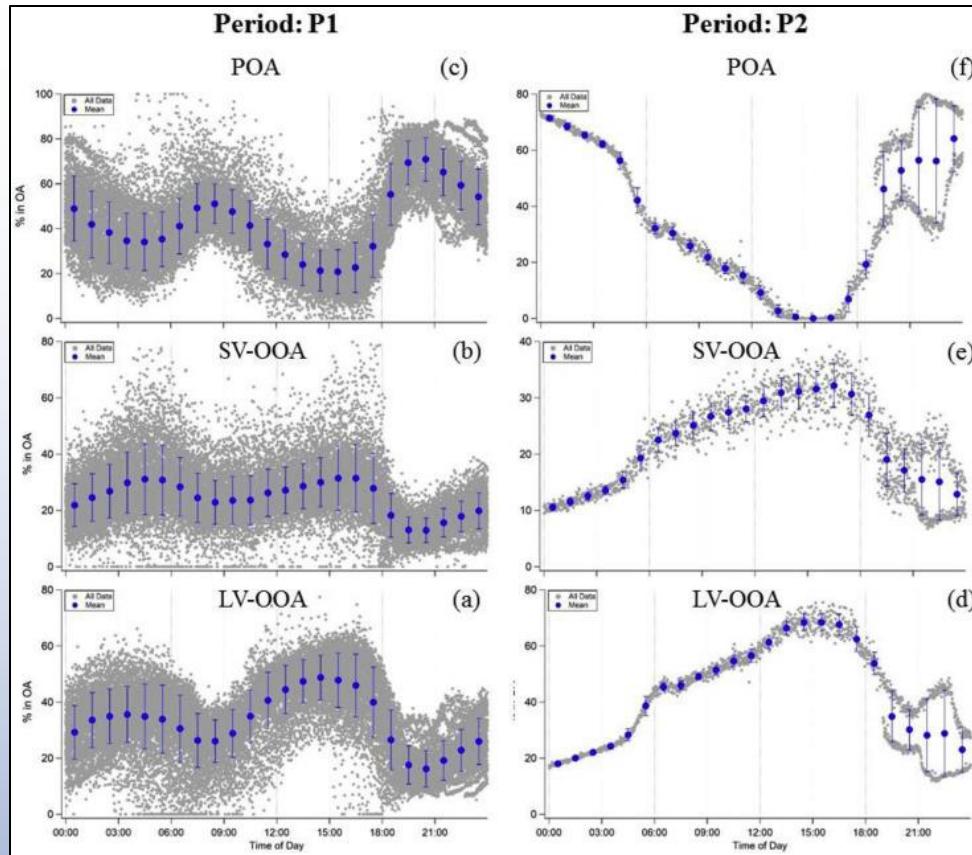
Guenthe et al.,  
*Nat. Geosci.*, 2021

- *Nonrefractory submicron aerosols dominated by organics*

# Primary/secondary OA split



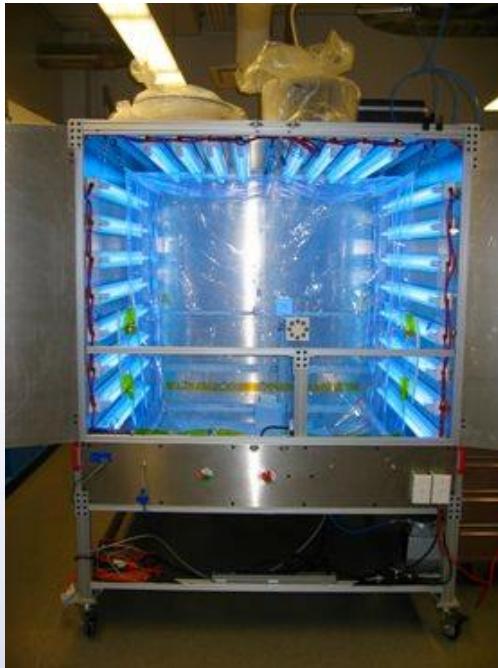
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Singh et al., *Atmos. Environ.*, 2019

- *What are the precursors to OOA (SOA)?*

# Environmental chambers: traditional laboratory SOA generation



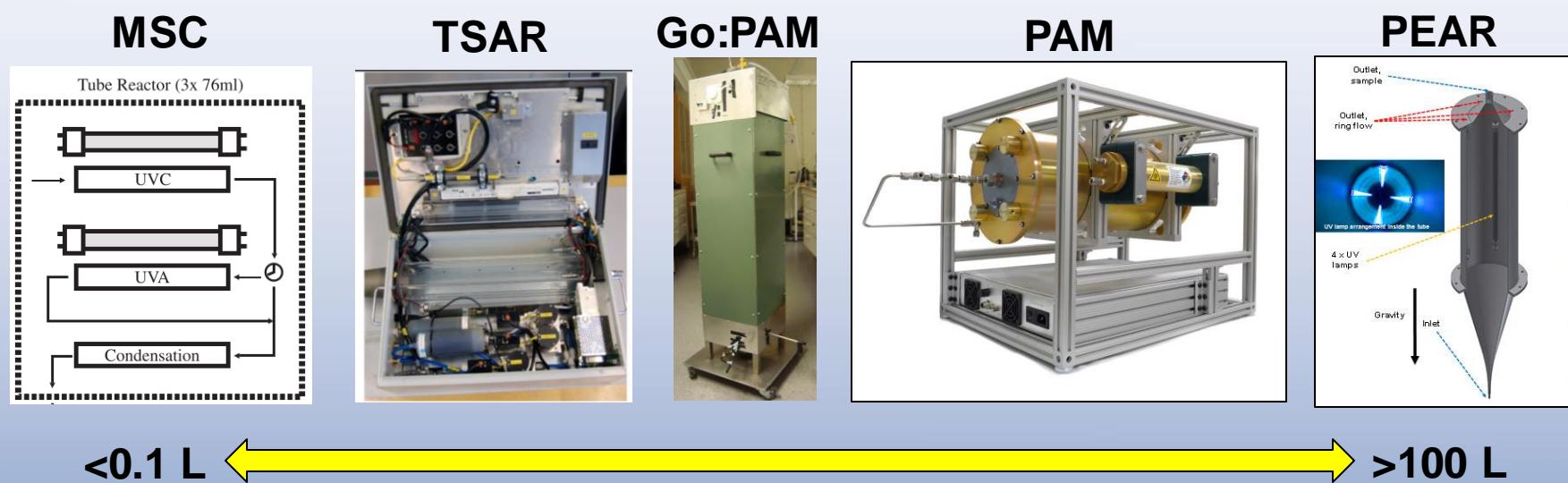
*Hours/days of real time ≈(?) 1-2 days' equivalent aging time*

- Large batch reactors (1-100 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Resource-intensive, slow, contamination/wall losses

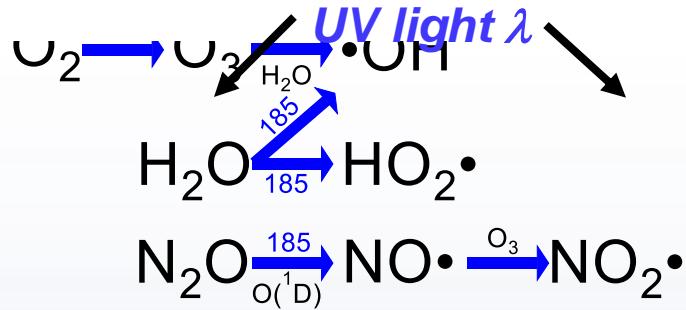
# OFRs: laboratory and *in situ* SOA generation



■ time ≈(?)  
latent aging time

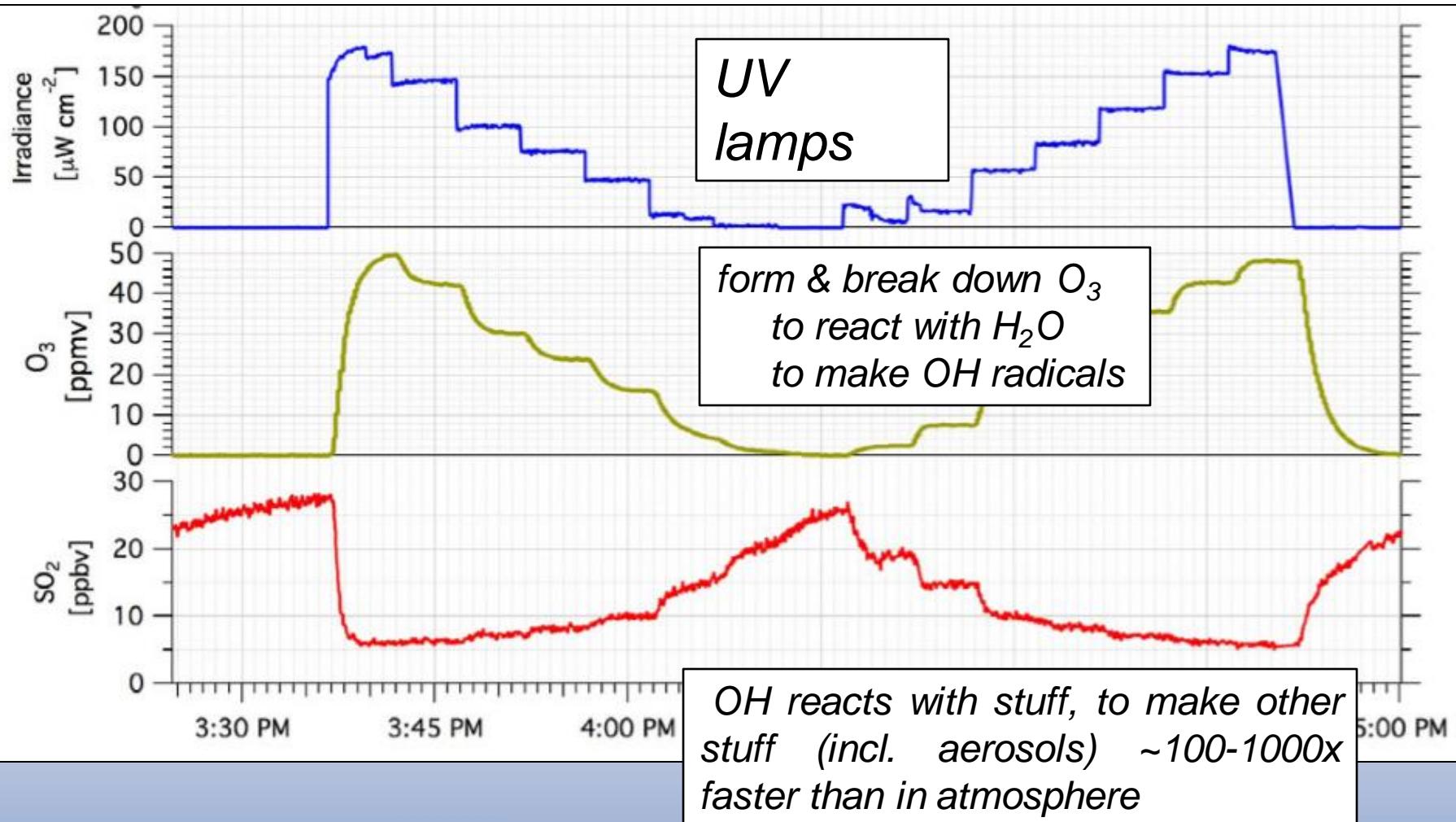


# Radical production in OFRs



- Oxidative aging timescales of days to weeks
- Low- to high- $\text{NO}_x$  with  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  addition (Lambe et al., *AMT*, 2017)
- Other oxidants:  $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{NO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{Br}$

# Stepping through OFR conditions



# OFR photochemical box model

#	reactions	reaction rate constant	low-pressure limit rate constant ( $k_{\text{L}}$ )	high-pressure limit rate constant ( $k_{\text{H}}$ )
1	$\text{O}_3 + h\nu \text{ (185 nm)} \rightarrow 2\text{O}(\text{'P})$	$1.1 \times 10^{-20} \times \text{flux}_{185}^{\text{a}}$		
2	$\text{O}_3 + h\nu \text{ (254 nm)} \rightarrow \text{O}_3 + \text{O}(\text{'D})$	$1.03 \times 10^{-17} \times \text{flux}_{254}^{\text{a}}$		
3	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + h\nu \text{ (185 nm)} \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{H}$	$1 \times 10^{-19} \times \text{flux}_{185}$		
4	$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + h\nu \text{ (254 nm)} \rightarrow 2\text{OH}$	$6.7 \times 10^{-20} \times \text{flux}_{254}^{\text{a}}$		
5	$\text{HO}_2 + h\nu \text{ (254 nm)} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{O}(\text{'D})$	$2.63 \times 10^{-19} \times \text{flux}_{254}^{\text{a}} + 3.68 \times 10^{-18} \times \text{flux}_{185}$		
6	$\text{HO}_2 + h\nu \text{ (185 nm)} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{O}(\text{'D})$			
7	$\text{H}_2\text{O} + h\nu \text{ (185 nm)} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{H}$	$6.78 \times 10^{-20} \times \text{flux}_{185}$		
8	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{OH}$	$1.63 \times 10^{-10} e^{60/T}$		
9	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{N}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}(\text{'P})$	$2.15 \times 10^{-11} e^{110/T}$		
10	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}(\text{'P})$	$3.3 \times 10^{-14} e^{55/T}$		
11	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}(\text{'P}) + \text{CO}_2$	$7.5 \times 10^{-14} e^{155/T}$		
12	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow 2\text{O}_2$	$1.20 \times 10^{-10}$		
13	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{O} + \text{O}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-10}$		
14	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{H}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-10}$		
15	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{N}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-10} M(300/T)^{0.9}$		
16	$\text{O}(\text{'D}) + \text{N}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{N}_2 + \text{O}_3 \text{ or } 2\text{NO}$	$1.19 \times 10^{-10} e^{20/T}$		
17	$\text{O} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{H}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-14} e^{180/T}$		
18	$\text{O} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{O}_2$	$3.0 \times 10^{-14} e^{200/T}$		
19	$\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{HO}_2$	$1.4 \times 10^{-14} e^{-2000/T}$		
20	$\text{O} + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow 2\text{O}_2$	$8.0 \times 10^{-12} e^{-2000/T}$		
21	$\text{H} + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{O}_2$	$1.4 \times 10^{-12} e^{-470/T}$		
22	$\text{OH} + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$1.7 \times 10^{-12} e^{-940/T}$		
23	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{NO}_2$	$3.5 \times 10^{-12} e^{250/T}$		
24	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{OH} + 2\text{O}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^{-12} e^{-490/T}$		
25	$\text{OH} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$	$4.8 \times 10^{-12} e^{250/T}$		
26	$\text{H} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{OH}$	$7.20 \times 10^{-11}$		
27	$\text{H} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-12}$		
28	$\text{H} + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_3 + \text{H}_2$	$6.90 \times 10^{-12}$		
29	$\text{OH} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{H}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-12} e^{-1800/T}$		
30	$\text{OH} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}$	$1.80 \times 10^{-12}$		
31	$\text{O} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{NO} + \text{O}_2$	$5.1 \times 10^{-12} e^{10/T}$		
32	$\text{O} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{NO}_2$	$1.0 \times 10^{-11}$		
33	$\text{O} + \text{HO}_2\text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{products}$	$7.80 \times 10^{-11} e^{-3400/T}$		
34	$\text{H} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{NO}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-12} e^{-340/T}$		
35	$\text{OH} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{NO}_2$	$2.2 \times 10^{-11}$		
36	$\text{OH} + \text{HONO} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NO}_2$	$1.80 \times 10^{-11} e^{-390/T}$		
37	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$3.5 \times 10^{-12}$		
38	$\text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2$	$1.50 \times 10^{-11} e^{270/T}$		
39	$\text{NO}_2 + \text{NO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$8.5 \times 10^{-13} e^{-2450/T}$		
40	$\text{NO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{HNO}_3$	$2.0 \times 10^{-21}$		
41	$\text{NO} + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$3.0 \times 10^{-13} e^{-1500/T}$		
42	$\text{NO}_2 + \text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{NO}_3 + \text{O}_2$	$1.2 \times 10^{-13} e^{-2450/T}$		
43	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{NO}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HONO}_2 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}^b$	$2 \times 10^{-31} M(300/T)^{3.4}$	$2.9 \times 10^{-12} (300/T)^{1.1}$
	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{NO}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HOONOO} + \text{M}$		$9.1 \times 10^{-32} M(300/T)^{4.9}$	$4.2 \times 10^{-11} (300/T)^{0.5}$
44	$\text{OH} + \text{HNO}_2 \rightarrow \text{products}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-12} e^{380/T}$		
45	$\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HO}_2$	$1.80 \times 10^{-12}$		
46	$\text{OH} + \text{NO}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HNO}_3 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-31} M(300/T)^{1.0}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-11}$
47	$\text{O} + \text{O}_3 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{M}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-31} M(300/T)^{2.4}$		
48	$\text{H} + \text{O}_3 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$4.4 \times 10^{-32} M(300/T)^{1.3}$	$7.5 \times 10^{-11} (300/T)^{-0.2}$
49	$\text{OH} + \text{OH} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-32} M(300/T)$	$2.6 \times 10^{-11}$
50	$\text{OH} + \text{SO}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HOSO}_2 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-31} M(300/T)^{4.3}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-12}$
51	$\text{HOSO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_3$	$1.3^{-1} e^{-330/T}$		
52	$\text{HO}_2 + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{O}_2$	$(3.0 \times 10^{-13} e^{600/T} + 2.1 \times 10^{-33} M e^{920/T}) \times (1 + 1.4 e^{-21} \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \times 10^{200/T})$		
53	$\text{O} + \text{NO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{NO}_2 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$9 \times 10^{-32} (300/T)^{1.5}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-11}$
54	$\text{O} + \text{NO}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{NO}_3 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-31} (300/T)^{1.8}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-11} (300/T)^{0.7}$
55	$\text{NO}_2 + \text{NO}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O}_5 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-30} (300/T)^{4.4}$	
56	$\text{OH} + \text{CO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{H} + \text{CO}_2 + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(2)}^c$	$1.5 \times 10^{-13} (300/T)^{-0.6}$	$2.1 \times 10^{-12} (300/T)^{4.1}$
57	$\text{OH} + \text{CO} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HOCO} + \text{M}$	$\text{Eq(1)}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-31} (300/T)^{1.4}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-12} (300/T)^{-1.3}$
58	$\text{HOCO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HO}_2 + \text{CO}_2$	$1.5 \times 10^{-12}$		

Li et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 2015

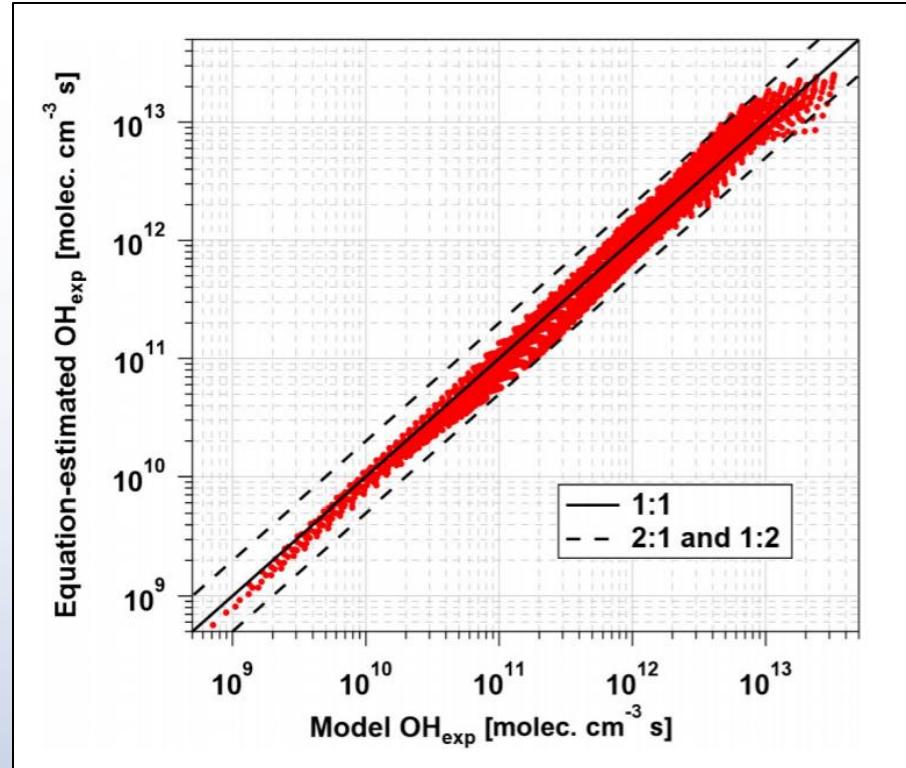
- Reactions describing formation and destruction of radicals (incl. OH)

# Simplified OFR model representation



$$\log[\text{OH}_{\text{exp}}] = (a + (b + c \times \text{OHR}_{\text{ext}}^d + e \times \log[\text{O}_3] \\ \times \text{OHR}_{\text{ext}}^f) \times \log[\text{O}_3] + \log[\text{H}_2\text{O}]) \\ + \log\left(\frac{\tau}{124}\right).$$

*“Estimation Equation”*



Rowe et al., *ACP*, 2020

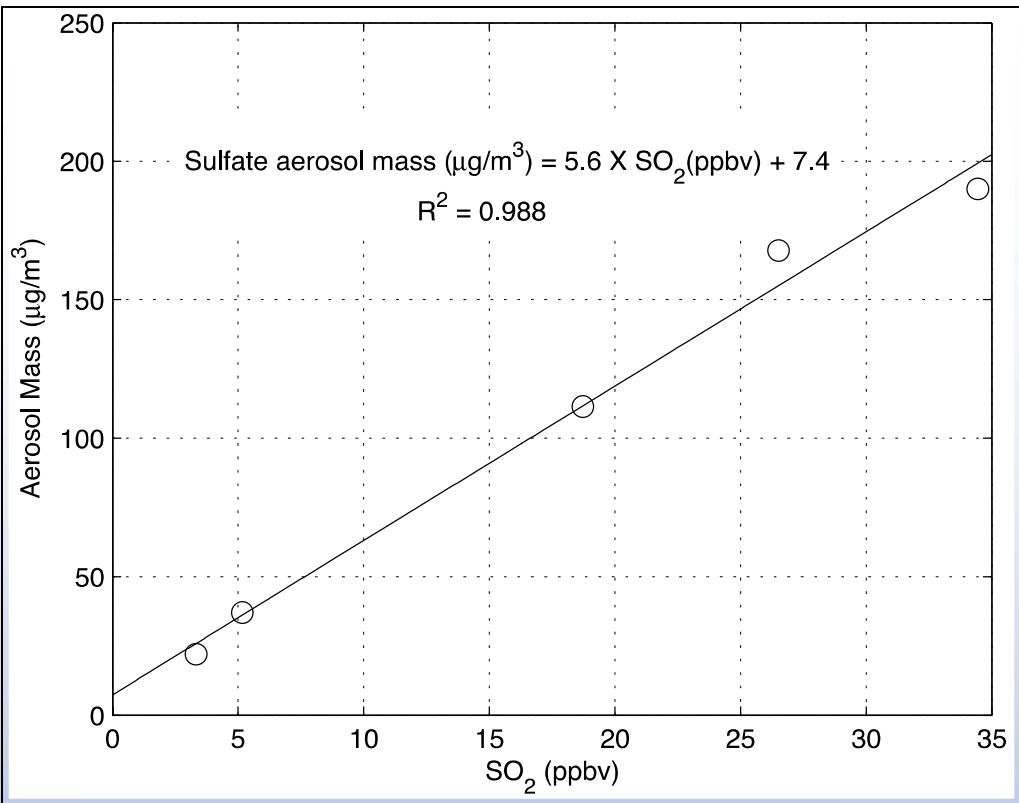
- *Photochemical age (days)  $\approx \text{OH exposure} * 10^{-11}$*
- See also: Li et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A*, 2015; Peng et al., *ACP*, 2016

## Introducing the concept of Potential Aerosol Mass (PAM)

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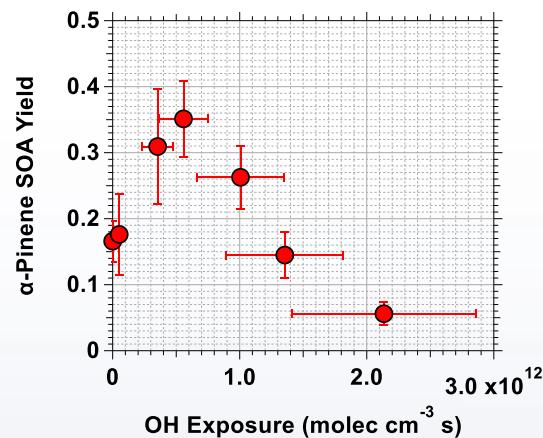
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- Early definition of “PAM” = maximum aerosol mass that oxidation of precursor gas(es) produces



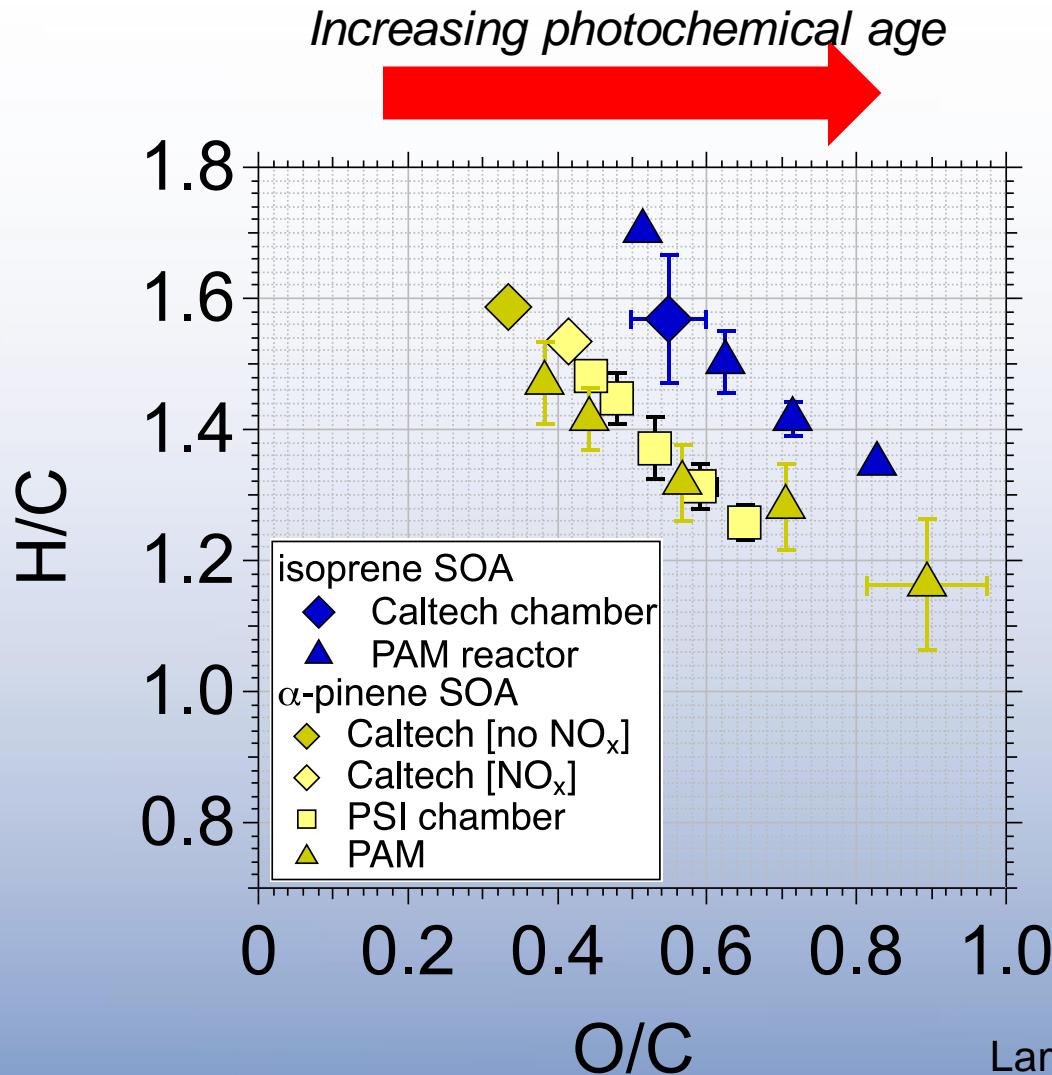
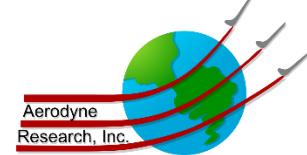
# Potential Aerosol Mass of ... VOCs?



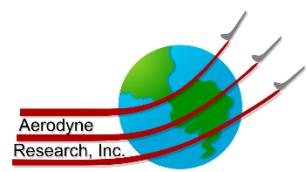
Lambe et al.,  
ACP, 2015

- SOA composition is dynamic as a function of photochemical age

# Elemental composition of SOA generated in chambers versus OFRs



# PAM OFR community (65+ groups)



**Bill Brune**   *Andy Lambe et al.*  
**Penn State**   **Aerodyne**

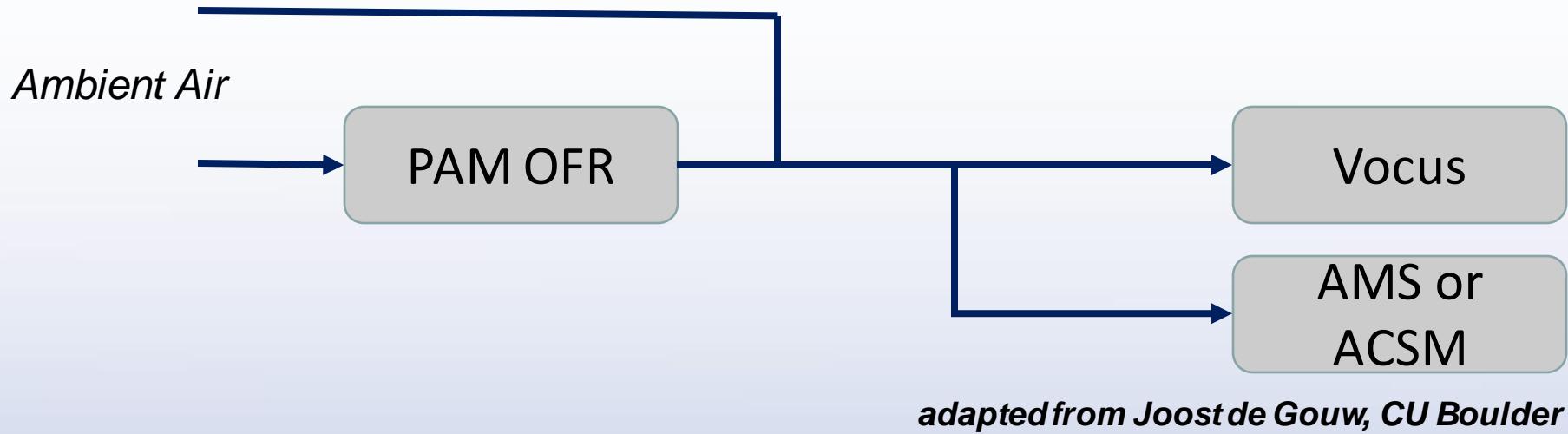


**Rajan Chakrabarty**  
*WashU – St Louis*  
**PAM-001**



**Mayank Kumar,**  
*IIT Delhi*  
**PAM-042**

# What can be Learned from SOA Chemistry Studies in India?

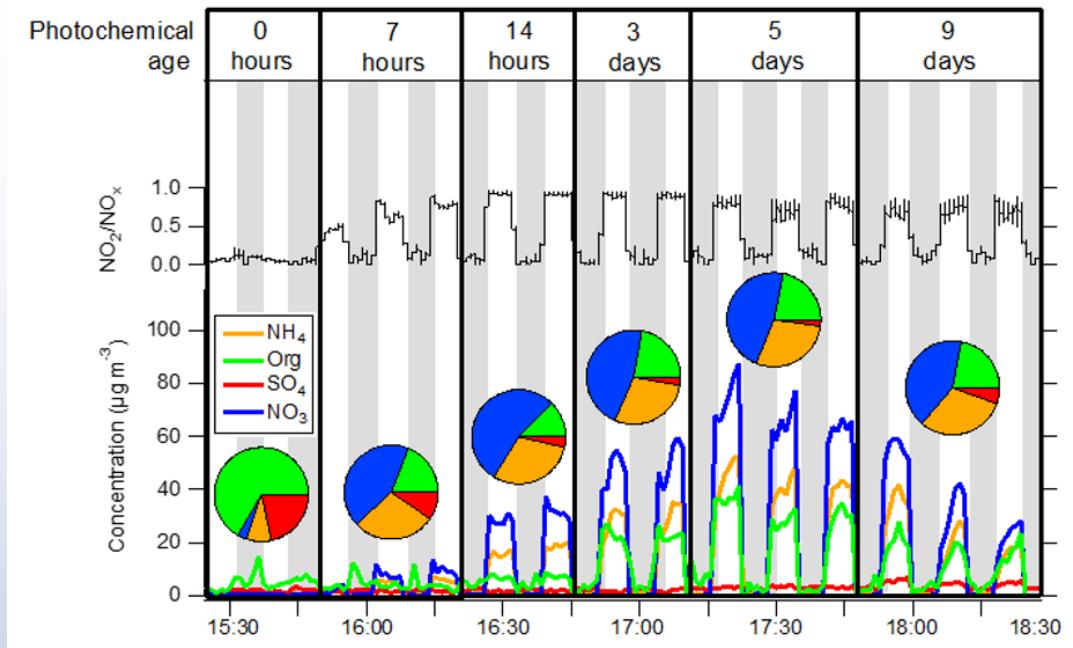


1. What fraction of SOA formation is explained by oxidation of measured VOCs?
2. What are the gas- and particle-phase products from the OFR and are they also observed in aged air masses?

# Aging motor vehicle emissions in a traffic tunnel

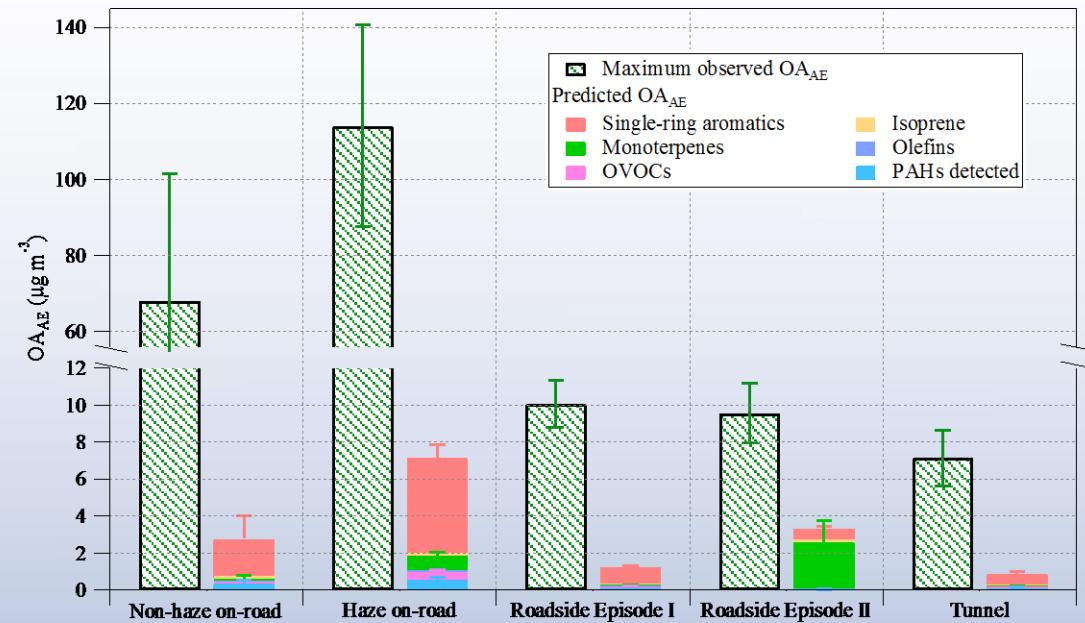
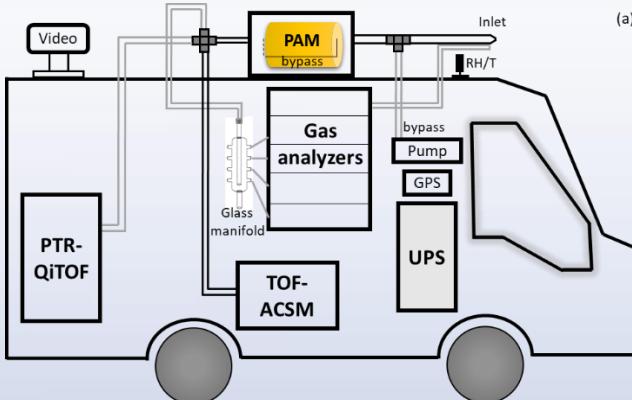


*Fort Pitt Tunnel*  
*Pittsburgh, PA, USA*



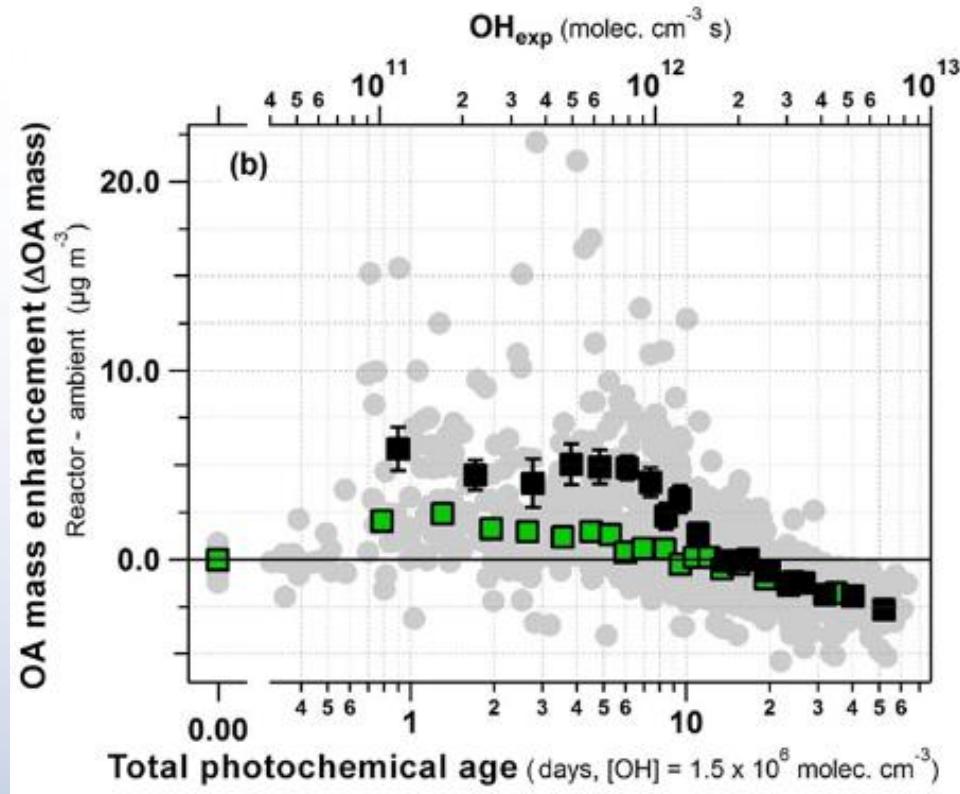
Tkacik et al., ES&T, 2014

# Aging on-road motor vehicle emissions



4<sup>th</sup> Ring Road, Beijing, China  
Liao et al., *ES&T*, 2021

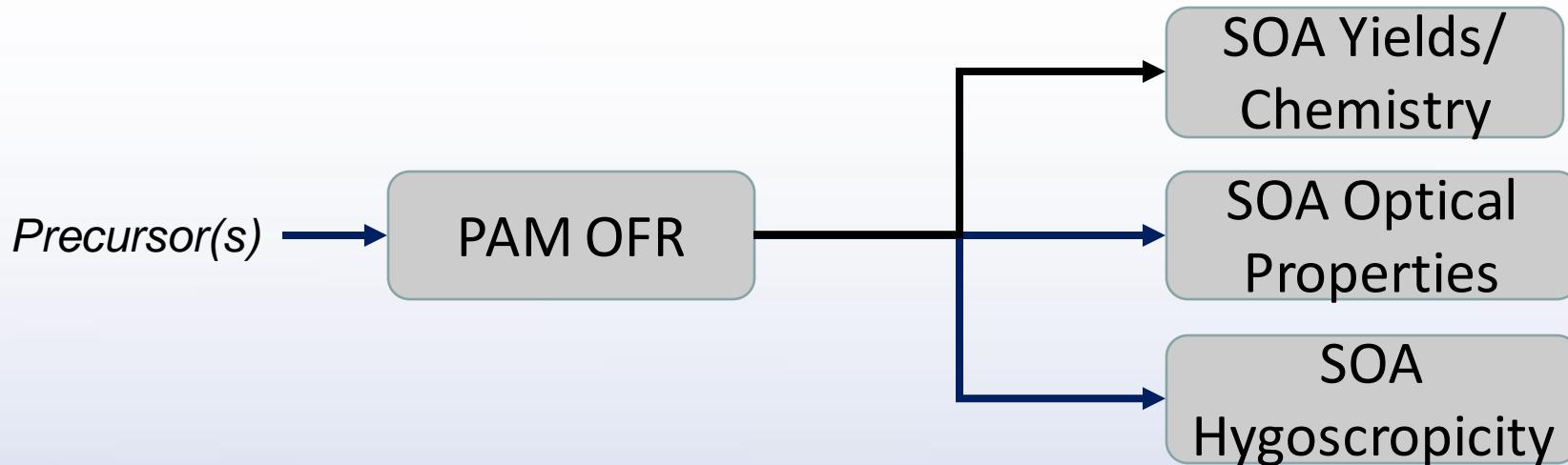
# Aging urban background air



CalNex, Pasadena, CA, USA  
*Ortega et al., ACP, 2016*

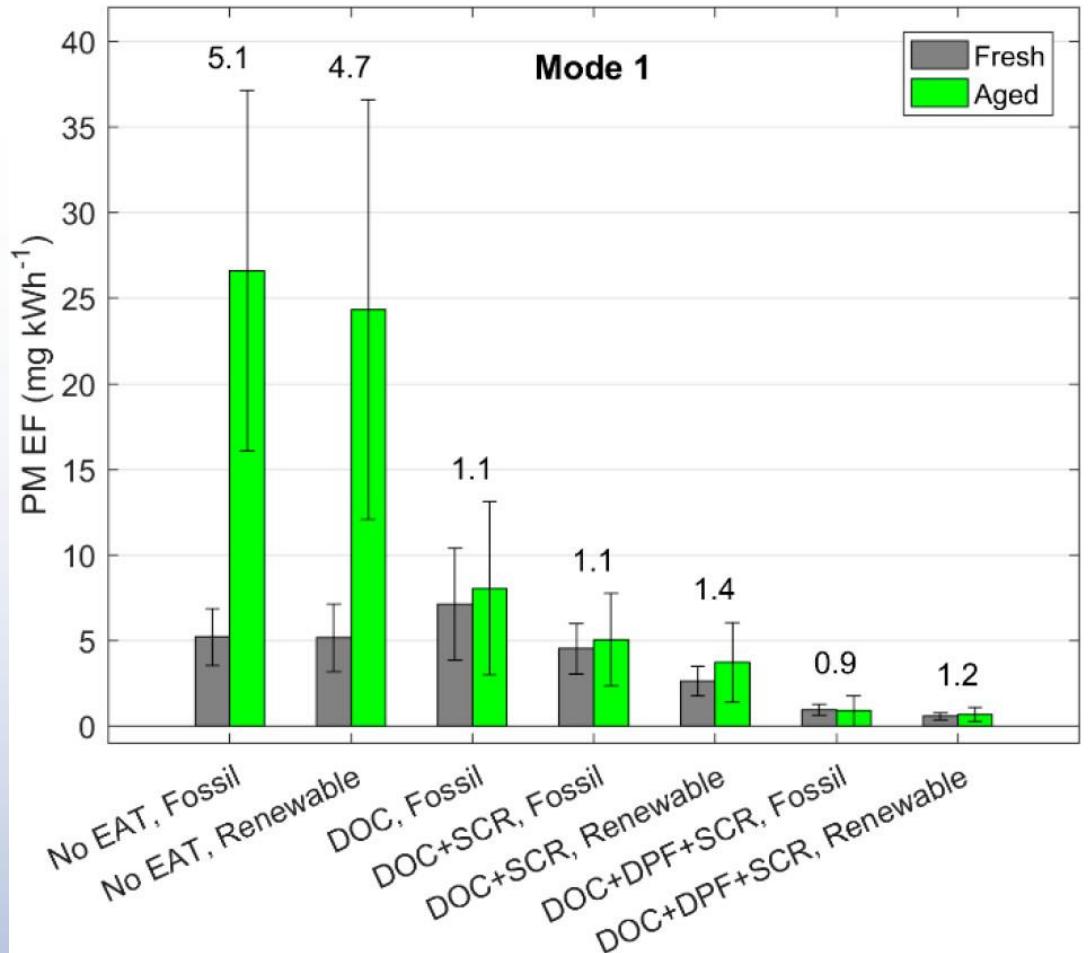
**Other studies:** Palm et al., ACP, 2016, 2017, 2018; Hu et al., ACP, 2016; Hu et al., ES&T, under review; Kang et al., ACP, 2018; Nault et al., ACP, 2018; Ahlberg et al., Atmosphere, 2020

# What Can Be Learned about SOA Physicochemical Properties using OFRs?



1. What are SOA yields and composition over multiple generations of aging?
2. What precursor(s) are necessary to explain ambient SOA formation?
3. How do SOA properties such as light absorption and water uptake change with aging?

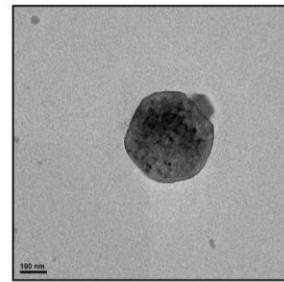
# Aging laboratory diesel emissions



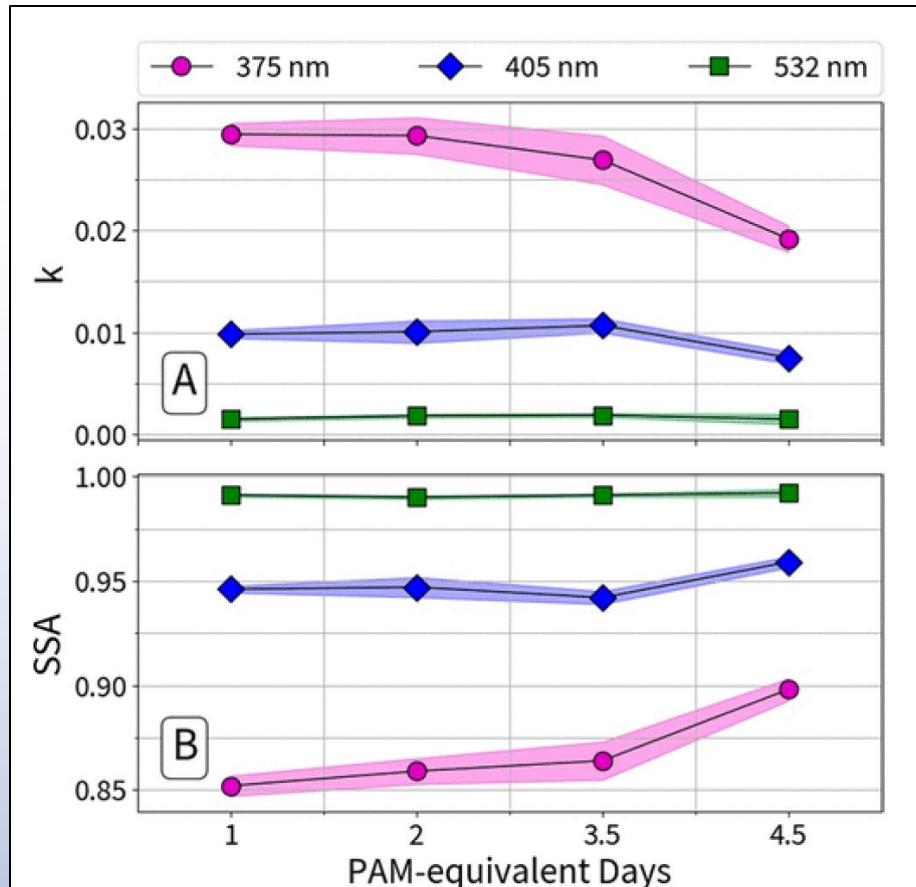
Karjalainen et al.,  
ES&T, 2019

**Other studies:** Karjalainen et al., ACP, 2016; Link et al., Atmos. Environ., 2017; Zhao et al., ES&T, 2018; Pieber et al., ACP, 2018

# Aging biomass burning emissions



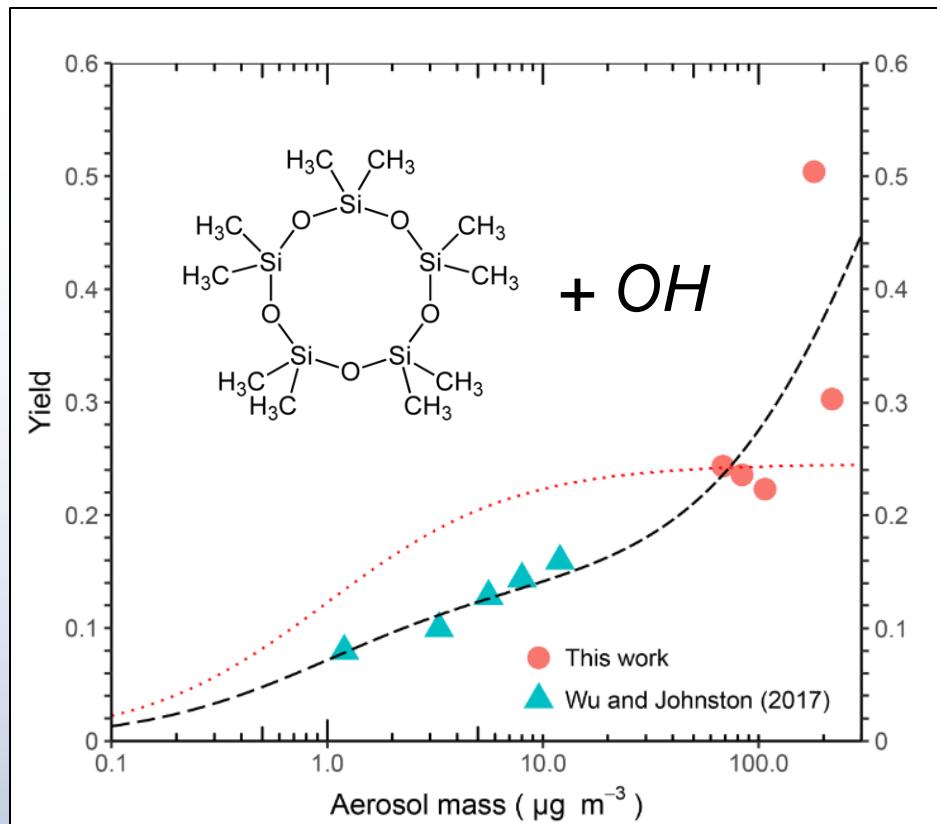
*“Tar balls”*



Sumlin et al., ES&T Letters, 2017  
**[Chakrabarty Group]**

**Other studies:** Cubison et al., *ACP*, 2011; Ortega et al., *ACP*, 2013; Martinsson et al., *ES&T*, 2015; Fortenberry et al., *ACP*, 2018; Pieber et al., *ES&T*, 2019; Sangupta et al., *ACP*, 2019

# Laboratory SOA Yield Studies



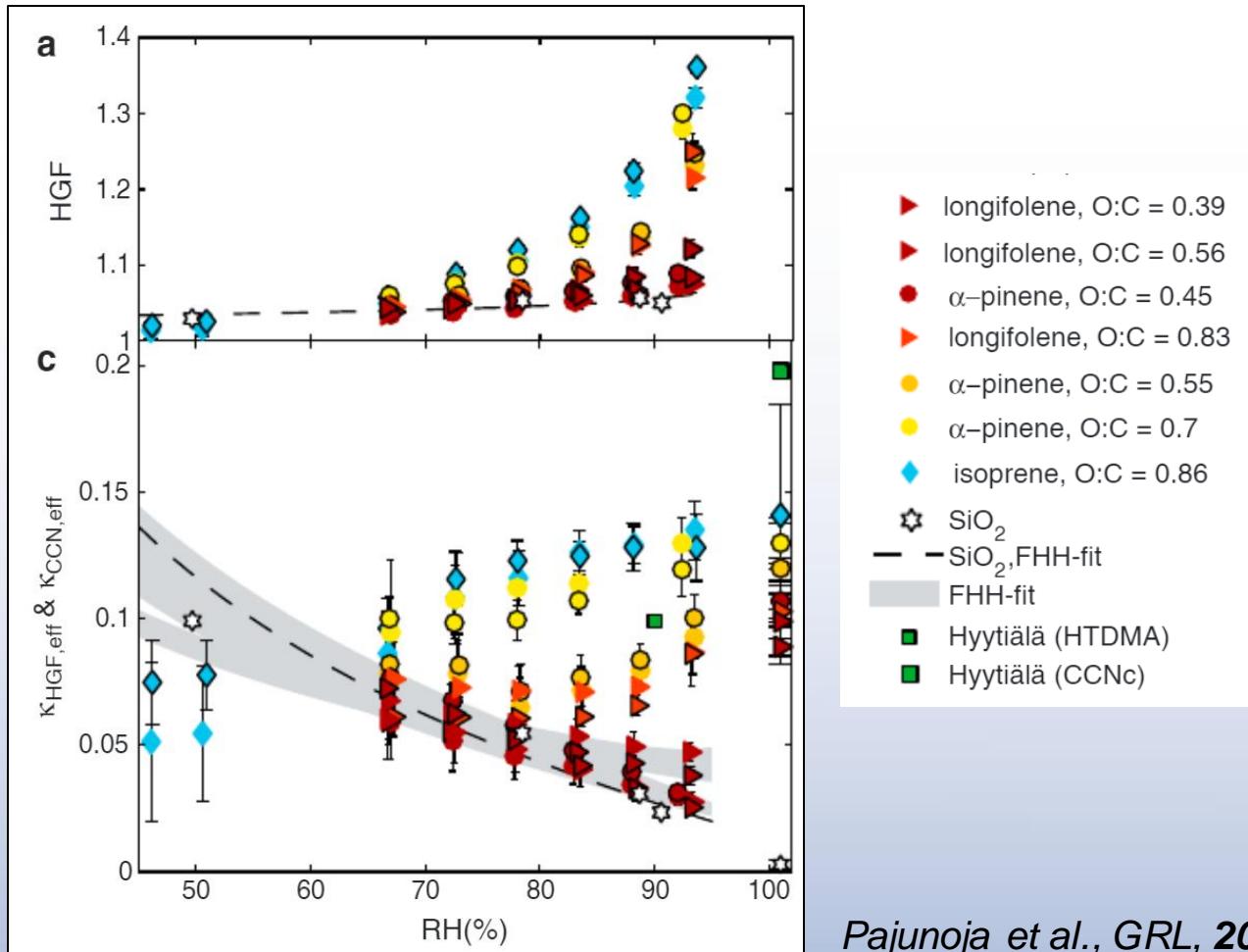
Janecheck et al., ACP, 2019

Other Studies: Lambe et al., ES&T, 2012; Li et al., ES&T, 2013; Chen et al., ACP, 2013; Bruns et al., AMT, 2015

Jathar et al., ES&T, 2017; Ahlberg et al., Atmos. Environ., 2017; Friedman et al., ES&T, 2017; Eluri et al., ACP, 2018;

Ahlberg et al., ACP, 2019; Khalej et al., 2021

# SOA hygroscopicity studies



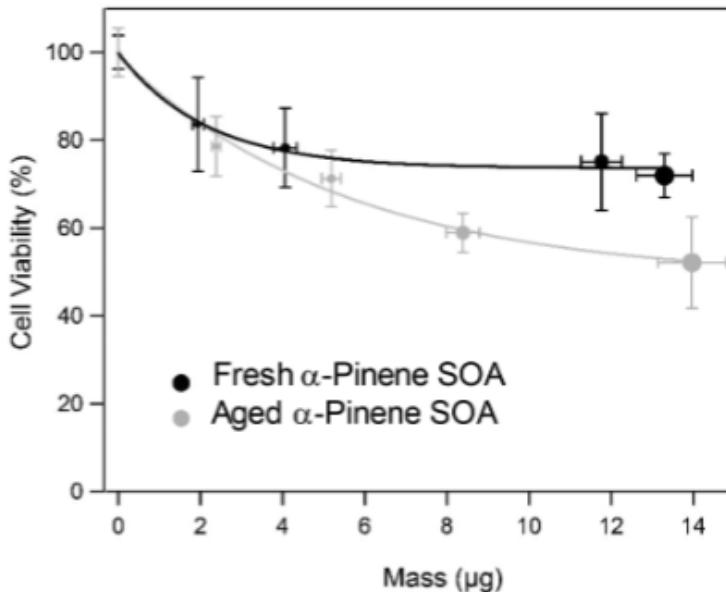
Pajunoja et al., GRL, 2015

## Other studies

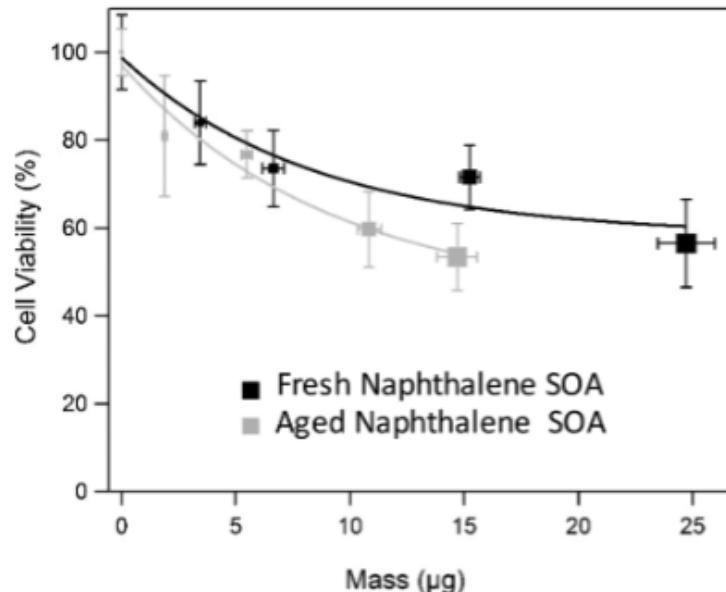
Massoli et al., GRL, 2010; Saukko et al., ACP, 2012; Wang et al., JGR-A, 2012; Lambe et al., ES&T, 2013; Lienhard et al., ACP, 2015; Liu et al., ACP, 2015; Schill et al., GRL, 2016; Watne et al., ES&T, 2017; Charnawskas et al., Faraday Discuss., 2017; He et al., ES&T, 2018; Zhang et al., ES&T Letters, 2018; Buchholz et al., ACP, 2019

# SOA toxicity studies

A.  $\alpha$ -Pinene SOA



B. Naphthalene SOA



Chowdhury et al., *ES&T Letters*, 2018

**Other studies:** Chowdhury et al., *ES&T*, 2019; King et al., *Chemosphere*, 2021; Li et al., *J. Haz. Mat.*, 2021; Khan et al., *Chem. Res. Toxicol.*, 2021

# Summary

- OFRs can be used for understanding OVOC/SOA formation and aging
- OFR perturbations of ambient air aid interpretation of OVOC/SOA precursors and source factors (PMF)
- OFRs complement and extend the capabilities of environmental chambers, usually at much lower cost



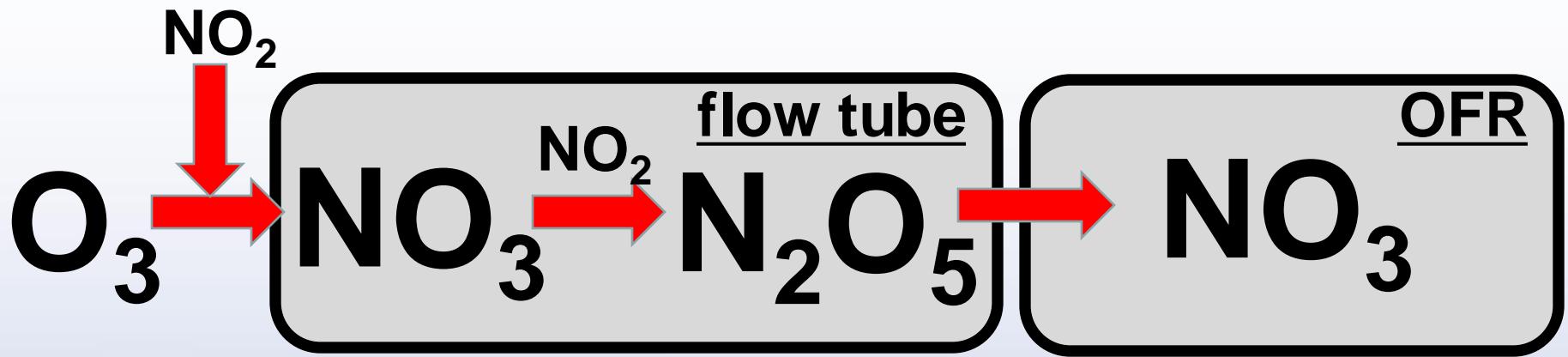
# Resources

- Wiki: <https://sites.google.com/site/pamwiki/>
- Manual (moving to ARI knowledge base):  
<https://pamusersmanual.jimdo.com/>
- [aerodyne-pam-users@aerodyne.com](mailto:aerodyne-pam-users@aerodyne.com)



Thank you!

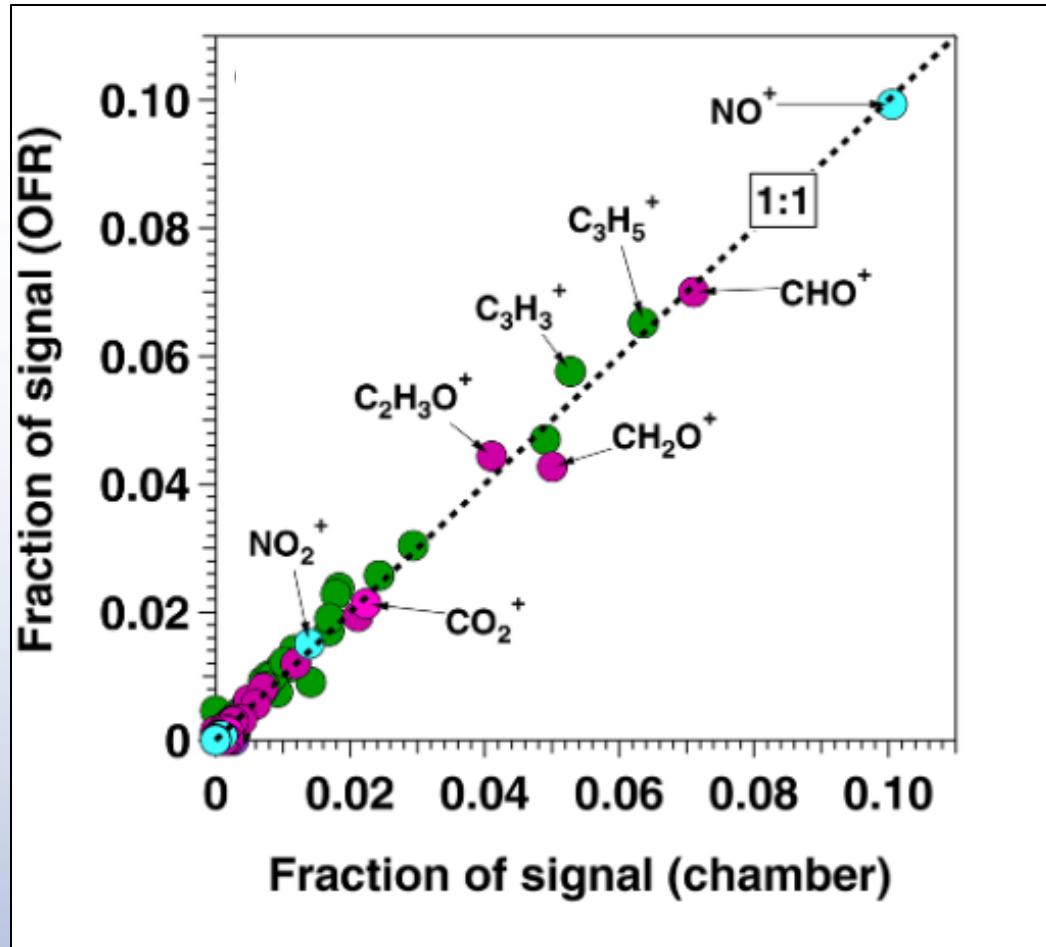
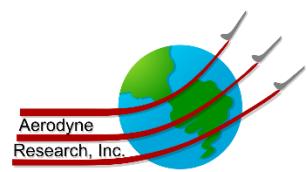
# “On demand” $N_2O_5$ & $NO_3$ generation via $OFR_{dark}$ - $iN_2O_5$



Lambe et al., AMT, 2020

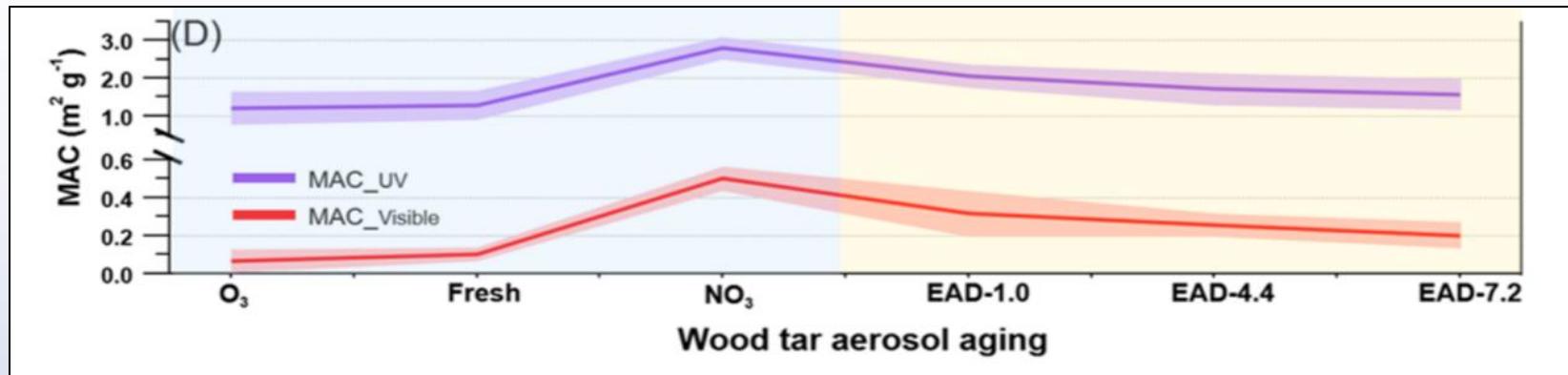
$$\begin{aligned} \log[(NO_3)_{exp}] = & a + b\log[273.15 + T_{OFR}] + c\log[\tau_{OFR}] \\ & + d\log[NO_2]_{0, LFR} + e\log[O_3]_{0, LFR} \cdot T_{OFR} \\ & + f\log[k_{wOFR, N_2O_5}] + \log\left(\frac{[NO_2]_{0, LFR}}{[O_3]_{0, LFR}}\right) \\ & \cdot (g(\log[O_3]_{0, LFR})^2 + h\log[O_3]_{0, LFR}) - \frac{[NO_2]_{0, LFR}}{[O_3]_{0, LFR}} \\ & \cdot (i + j\log[O_3]_{0, LFR}) + k\log(NO_3R)_{ext} \\ & + l\log[NO_2]_{0, LFR} \cdot T + m\log[O_3]_{0, LFR} \cdot \log k_{wOFR, N_2O_5} \end{aligned}$$

# Particulate organic nitrate generation via OFR-iN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>



$\beta$ -pinene + NO<sub>3</sub> SOA  
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# Diel oxidative aging of aerosols



Li et al., ES&T, 2020a

**Other studies:** Cheng et al., Aerosol Sci. Technol, 2020; Li et al., ES&T, 2020b; He et al., ES&T, 2021; Li et al., Science of the Total Environment, 2021; Sumlin et al., ACP, under review