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# **Estimation of OC and EC concentrations and OM/OC ratios in monitoring networks with infrared spectroscopy**

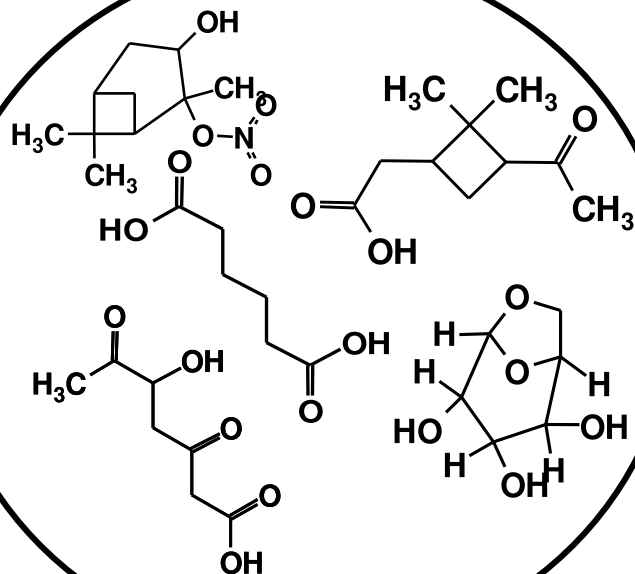
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# Infrared spectroscopy



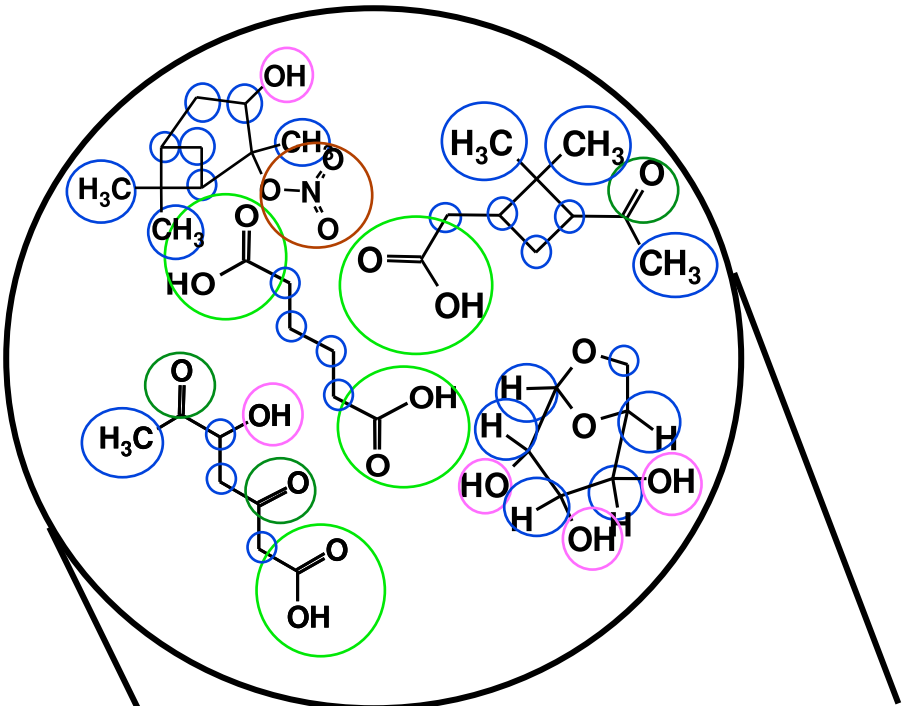
- Organic aerosols have many different sources
- Complex mixtures of 10,000+ compounds
- Carbon content commonly analyzed by thermal optical methods

- Measures absorption due to net change in dipole moment of vibrating/rotating molecules
- Absorption is linearly related to abundance of a substance
- Relatively inexpensive to own and operate, but requires advanced algorithms to process spectral information

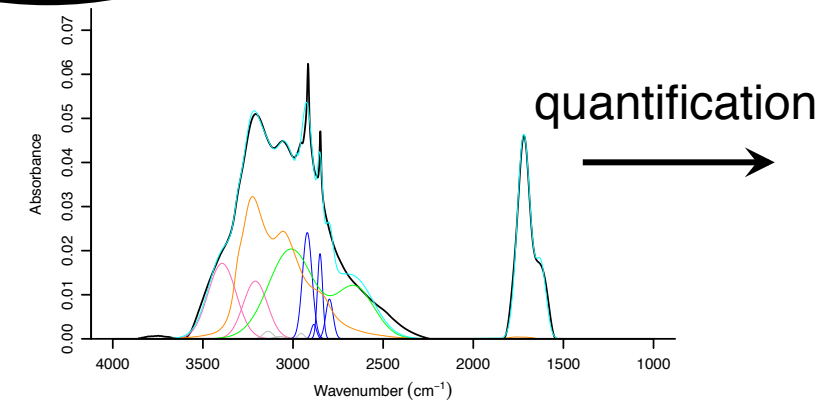
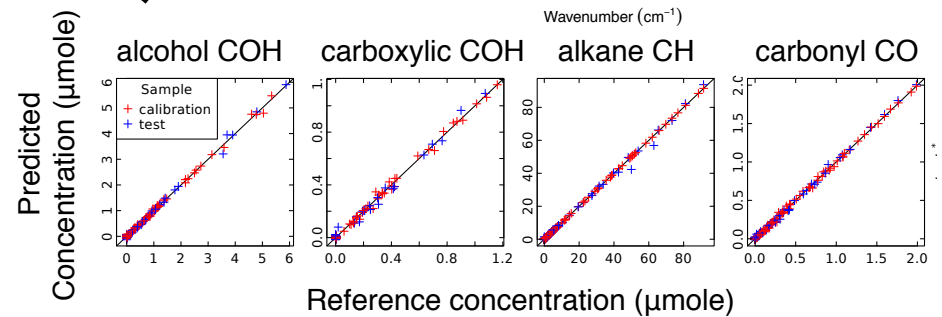


FTIR spectrometer

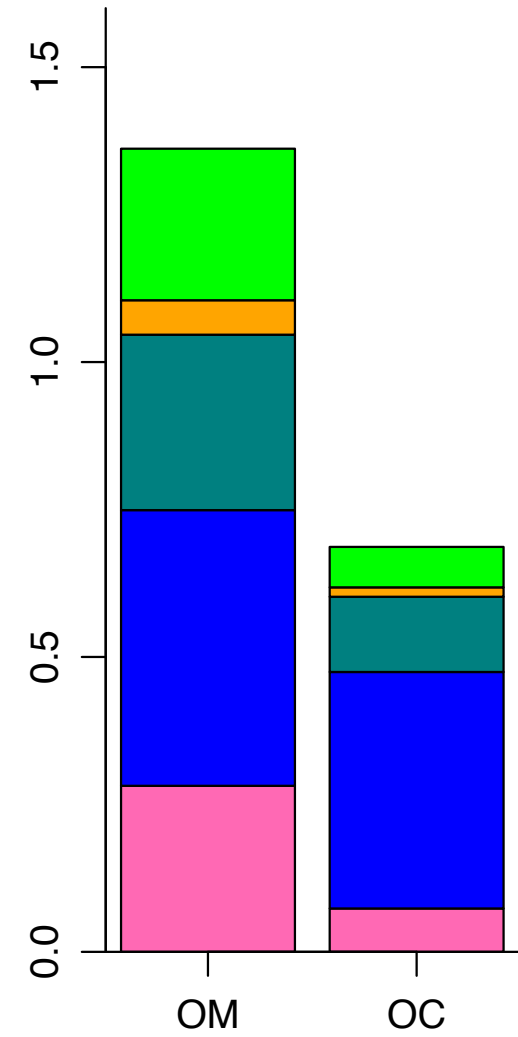
# Infrared spectroscopy



calibration

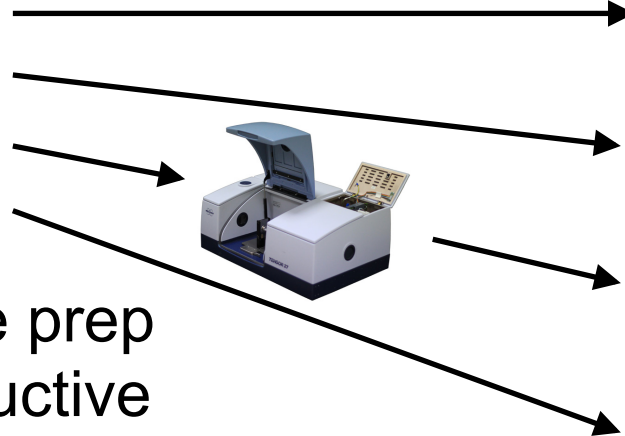
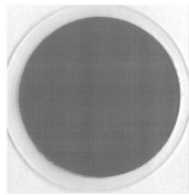


Mass concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )



# Analysis of samples collected on Teflon (PTFE) filters

- Standard substrate for gravimetric mass measurements in regulatory monitoring in the US
- Widely used for other types of chemical analyses



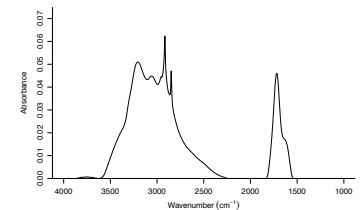
gravimetric mass

elemental composition  
(e.g., X-ray Fluorescence)

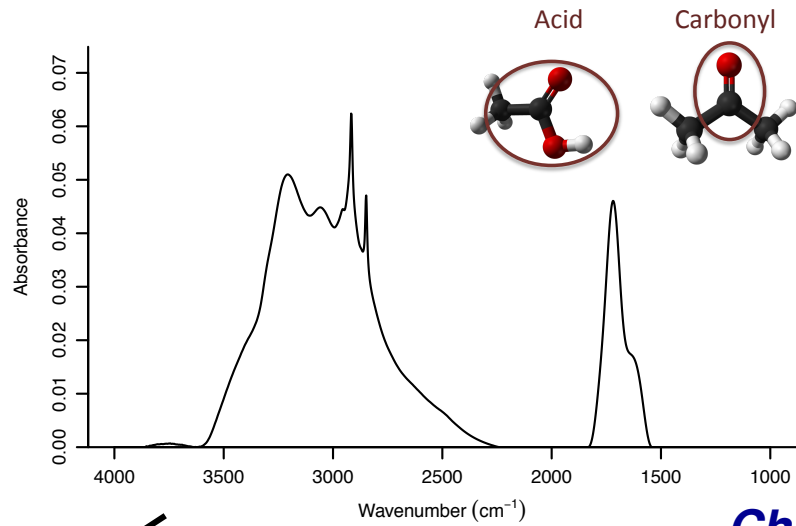
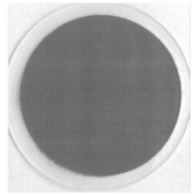
FTIR spectrum

other (ions)

- No sample prep
- Non-destructive
- Rapid (few minutes per sample)
- Inexpensive
- *Integrate into PM analysis chain*





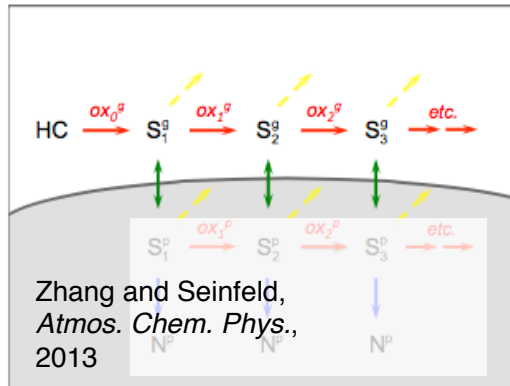


**Chemometric algorithms**

Functional groups  
OM, OM/OC

Source contributions  
to OM

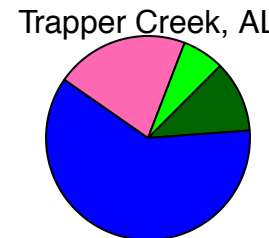
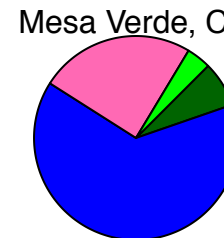
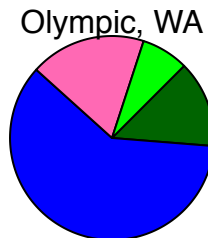
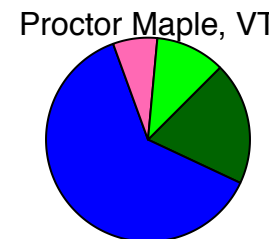
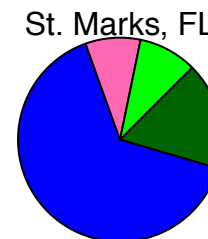
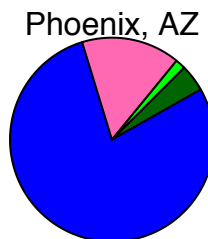
TOR OC, EC



**Numerical simulation +  
chemoinformatic  
algorithms**

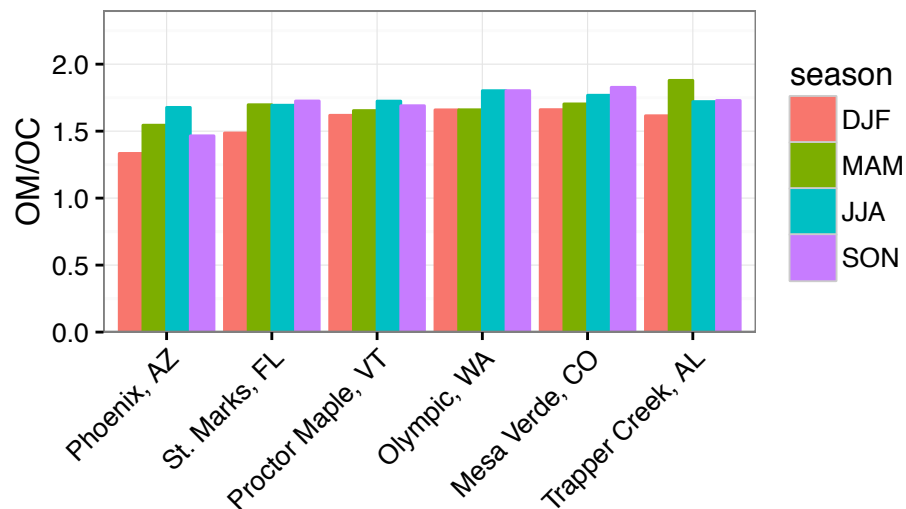
# PM<sub>2.5</sub> OM in US IMPROVE network (2011)

- aliphatic CH
- carboxyl COH
- alcohol COH
- carbonyl CO

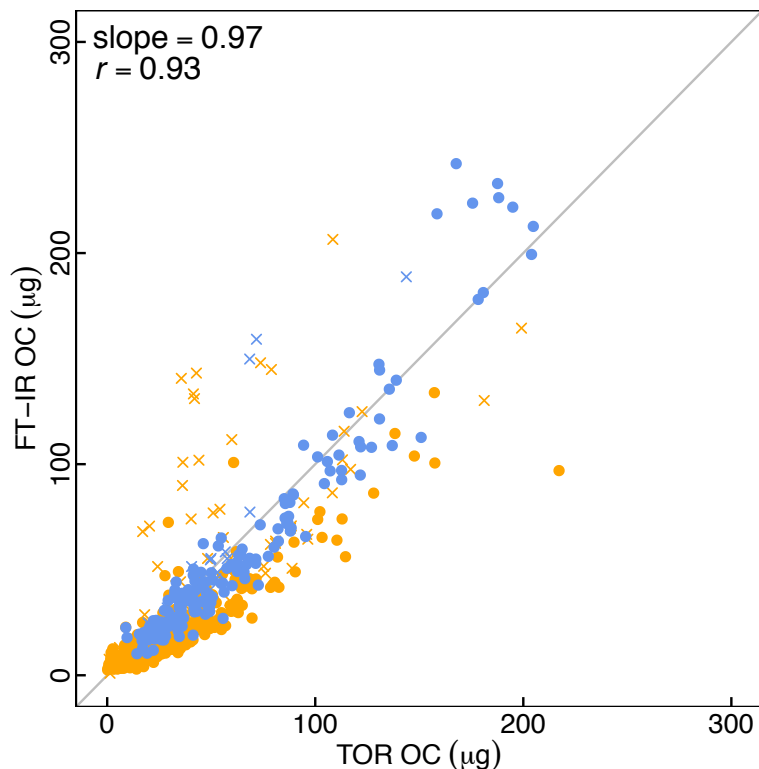


- type**
- Normal
  - × Anomalous

- site**
- Urban
  - Rural



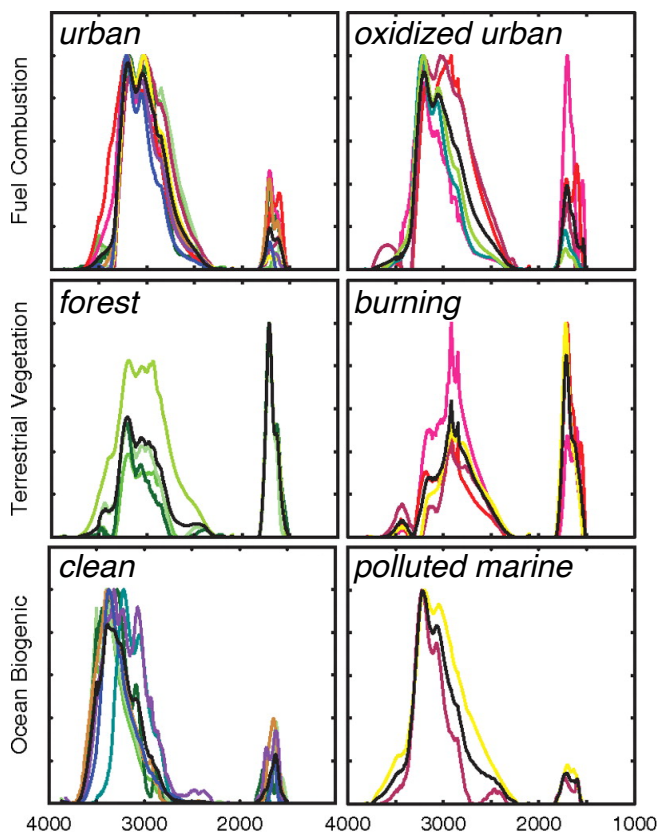
Comparison with TOR OC (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)



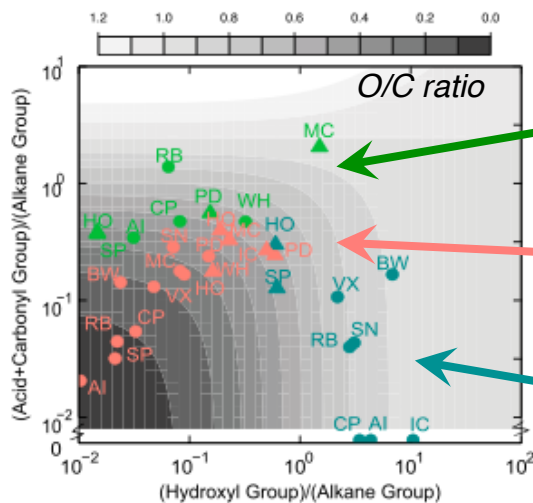
# Source apportionment with IR spectra and functional groups

*Spectroscopic similarity*

*Separation in composition space*



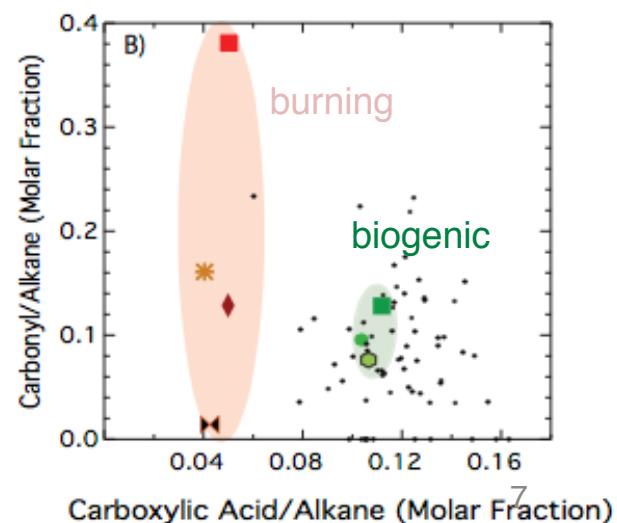
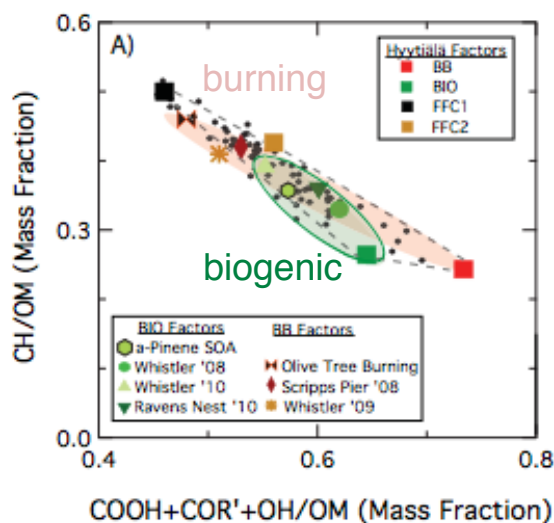
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| ICARTT 2004 : Appledore Island | ICEALOT 2008         |
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| ICARTT 2004 : R/V Ron Brown    | Scripps Pier 2009    |
| MILAGRO 2006 : SIMAT           | Whistler Forest 2008 |
| MILAGRO 2006 : Altzomoni       | VOCALS-REx 2008      |
| TexAQS-GoMACCS 2006            | Barrow 2008-2009     |



terrestrial vegetation

fuel combustion

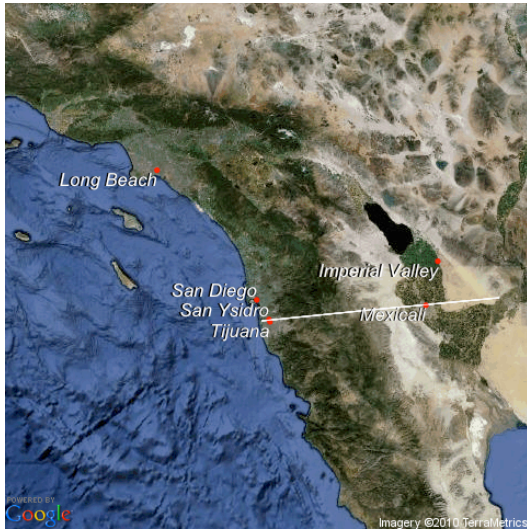
ocean biogenic



# Source apportionment

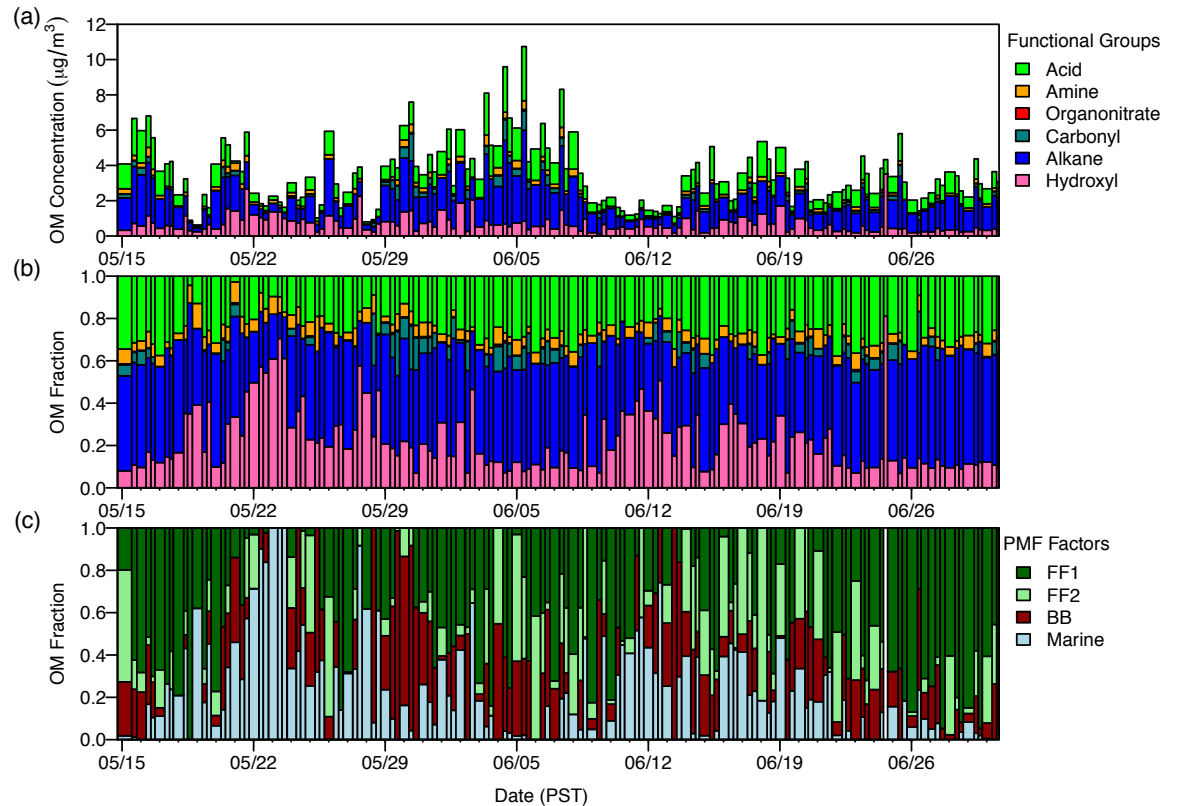
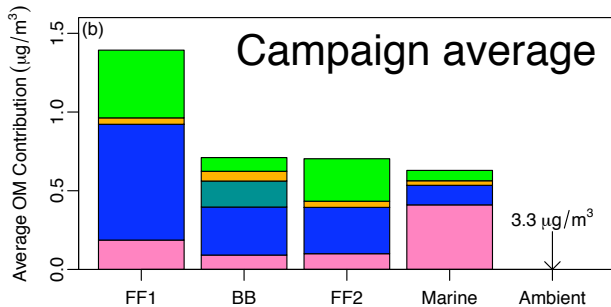
## Example: CalMex 2010

Takahama et al., *Atmos. Environ.*, 2013



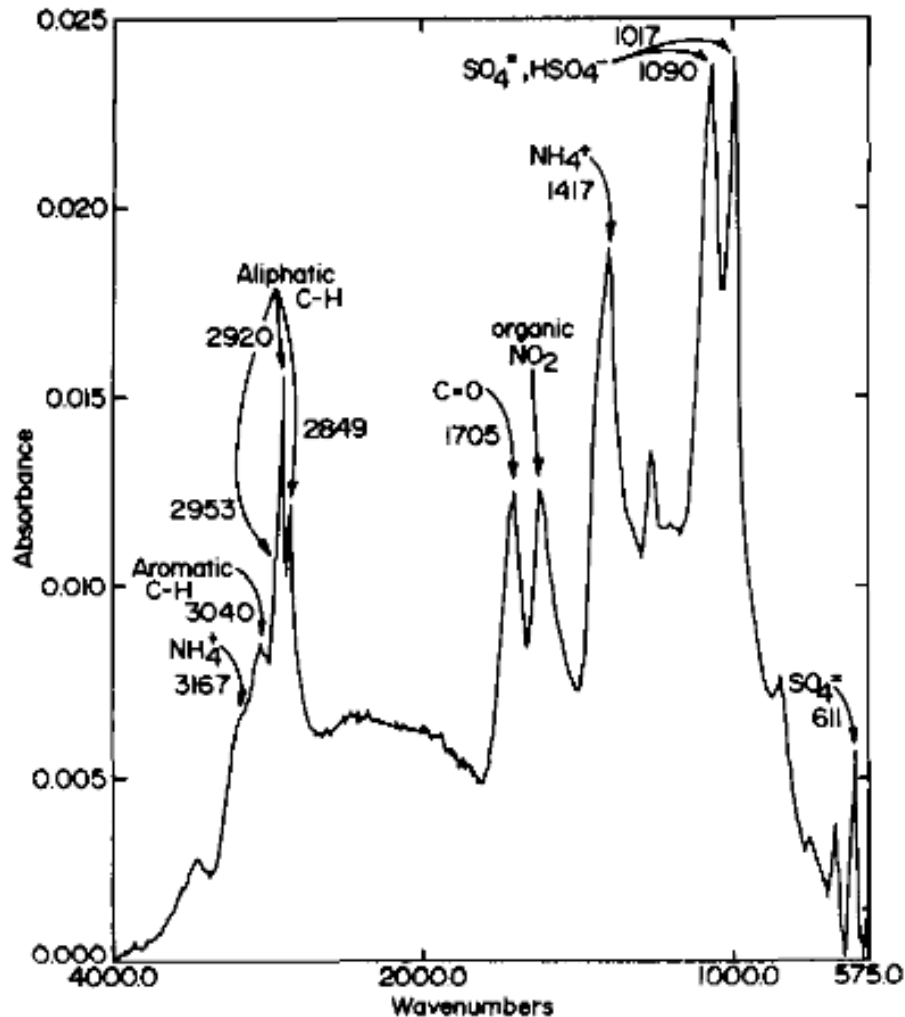
Tijuana, Mexico  
June – July 2010

Factor analysis by  
Positive Matrix Factorization



# FT-IR for PM analysis

*used since 1980s*

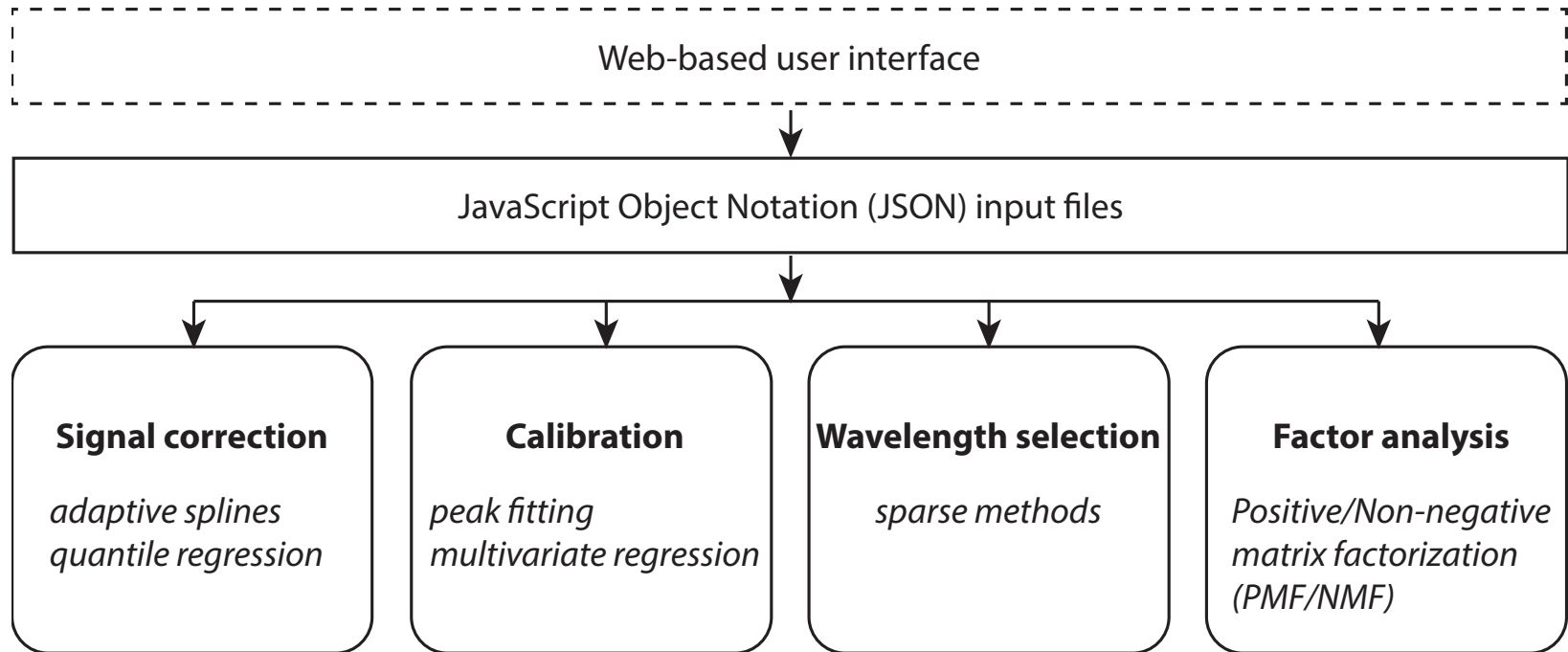


Los Angeles aerosol  
Pickle and Allen, *Atmos. Environ.*, 1990

- Inorganic salts (e.g., ammonium sulfate)
- Mineral dust
- Water, ice
- Organic PM
  - Allen (UCLA, U. Texas)
  - Turpin (Rutgers U.)
  - Russell (Princeton, Scripps)
  - Dillner (UC Davis)
  - Others (PSI, Carnegie Mellon)

**Challenge: interpretation of complex spectra**

# Algorithms and software



Implemented in R  
(free and open source statistical environment)



Takahama et al., *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 2011  
Takahama et al., *Aerosol Sci. Tech.*, 2013  
Takahama et al., *J. Chemometrics*, 2015  
Kuzmiakova et al., *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 2016  
Takahama et al., *Atmos. Meas. Tech. Discuss.*, 2016

Please see <http://aprl.epfl.ch>



# Extension to other collection media


## Quartz fiber filters?

- By solvent extraction
- Current project with Swiss Federal Office of the Environment and Empa

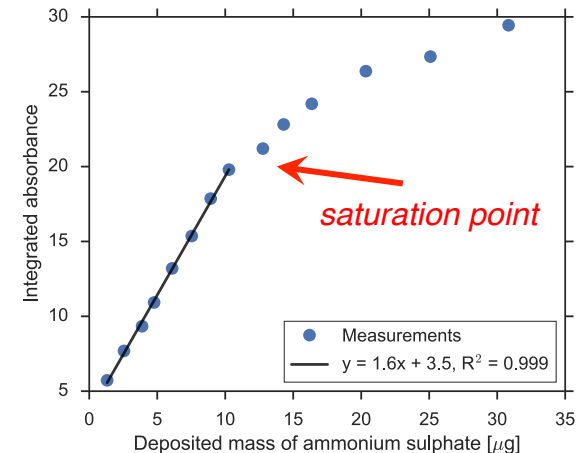
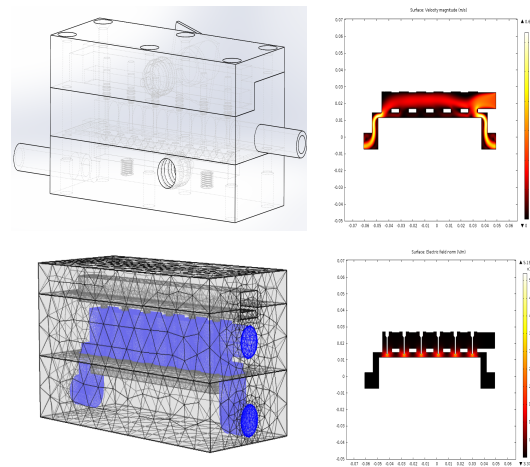
## IR-transparent crystals:

- Ensure high collection efficiency
- Linearity with mass
- *Semi-continuous*



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 **Empa**  
Materials Science and Technology



# Estimating TOR OC, EC concentrations with infrared spectra

Dillner and Takahama, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 2015 (OC)  
 Dillner and Takahama, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 2015 (EC)

collocated OC or EC

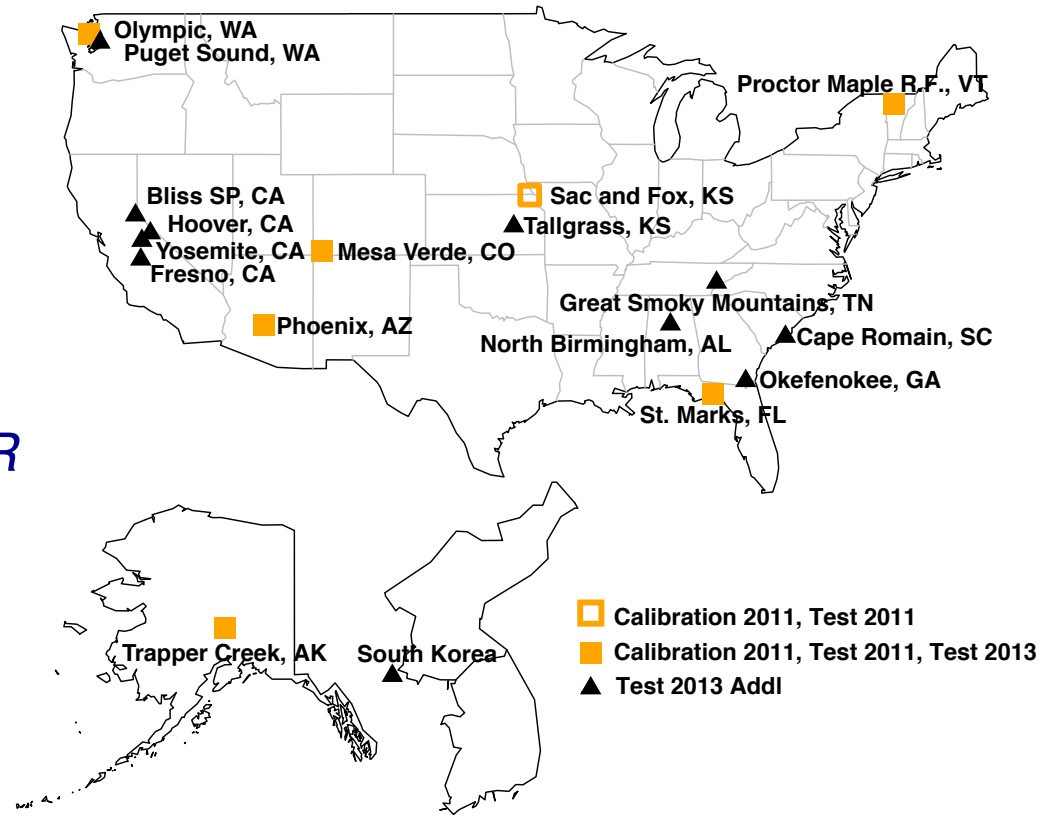
regression coefficients

$$y = Xb + e$$

spectra matrix

residual

- Is it feasible?  
*prediction accuracy within TOR measurement precision*
- How best to select samples to build a calibration model?  
*composition and concentration range should be represented in calibration set*

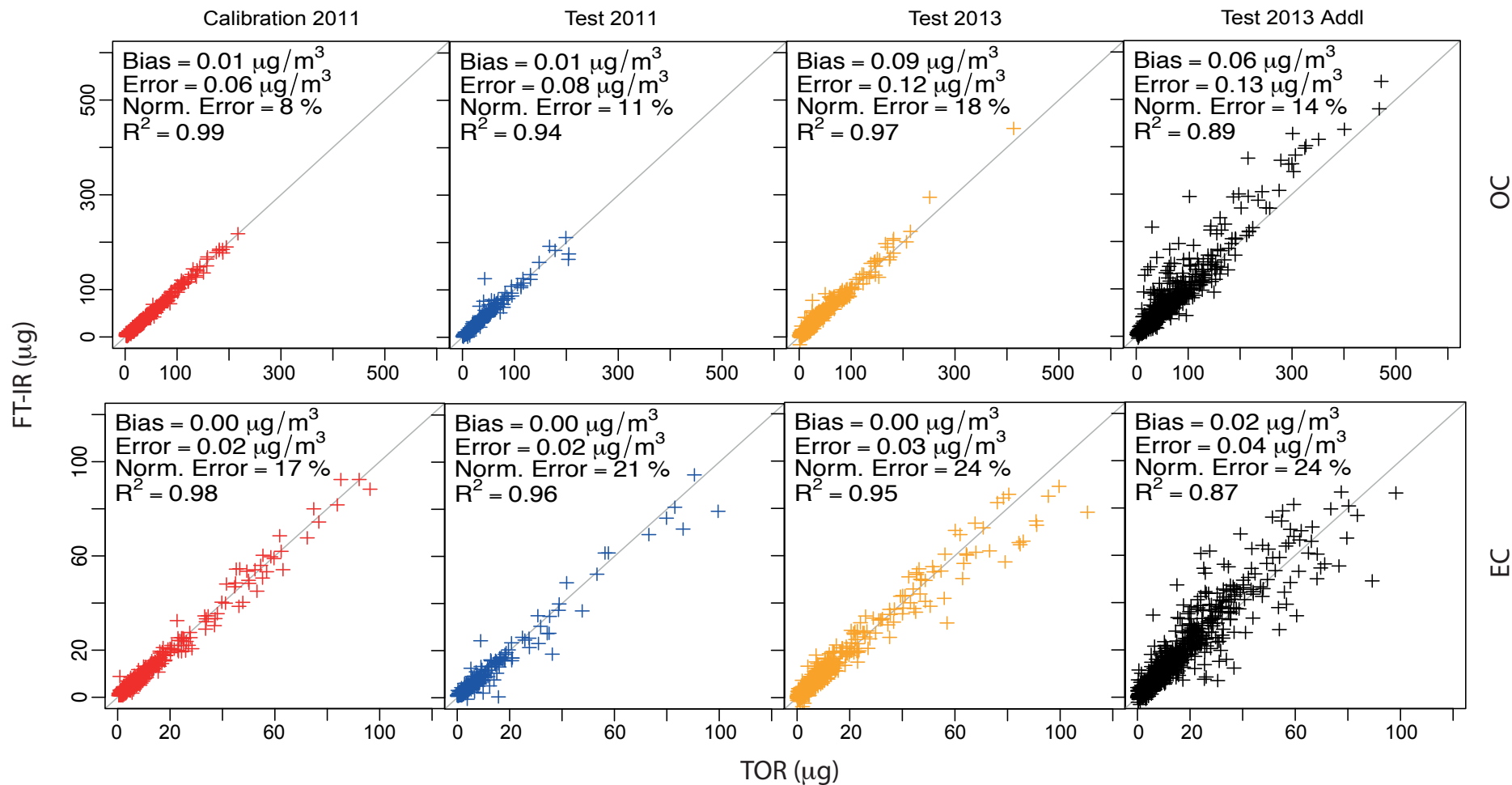


2011: 6 + 1 sites; 794 samples  
 2013: 6 + 11 sites; 2239 samples<sup>12</sup>



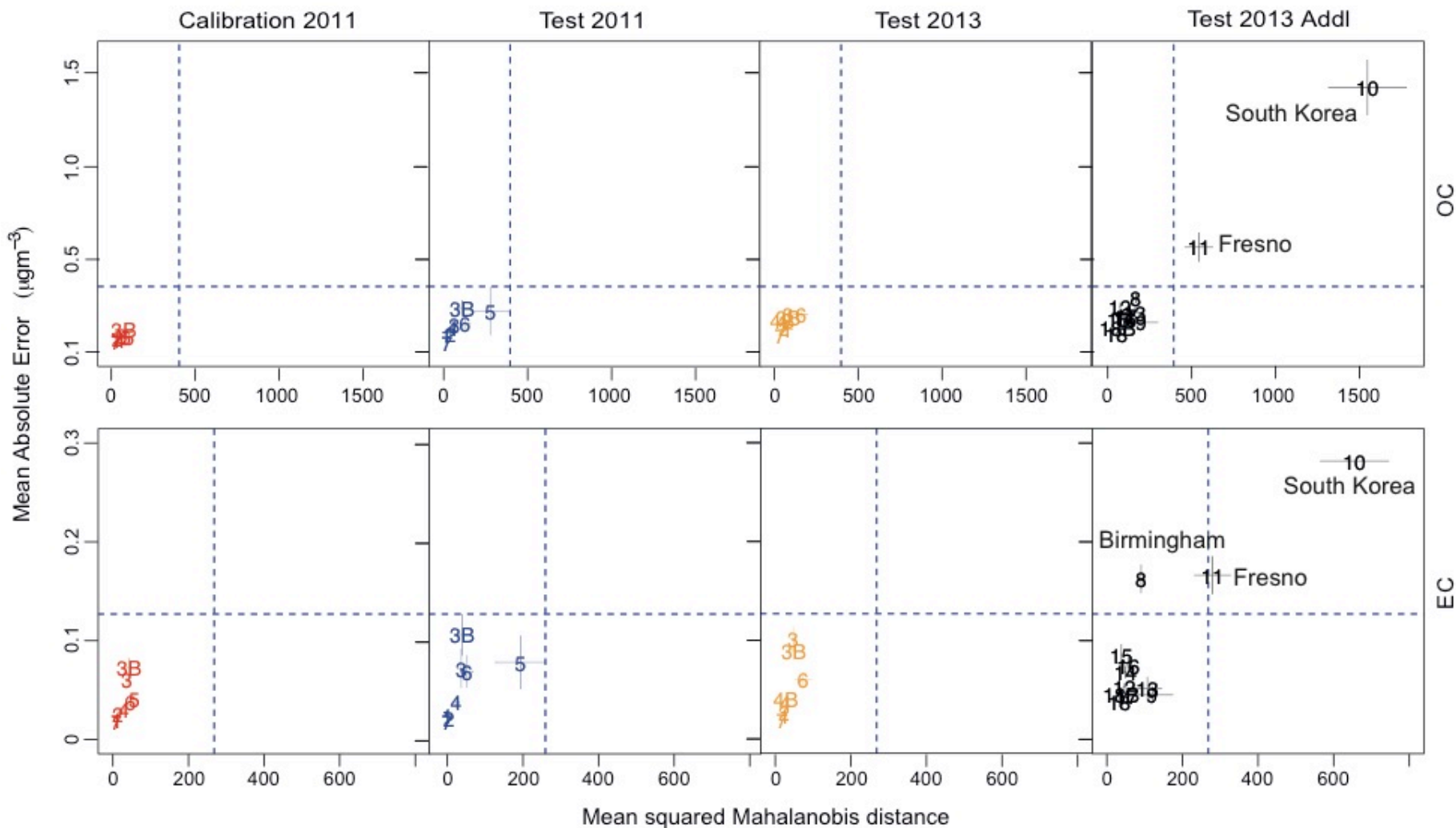
# TOR-equivalent OC and EC predictions

Reggente, Dillner, and Takahama, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 2016



*Estimated obtained by FT-IR spectra calibrated to ambient collocated samples of TOR OC and EC*

# We can anticipate prediction error with only knowledge of spectral features in most cases



***x-axis: spectral dissimilarity with respect to calibration set samples<sup>14</sup>***

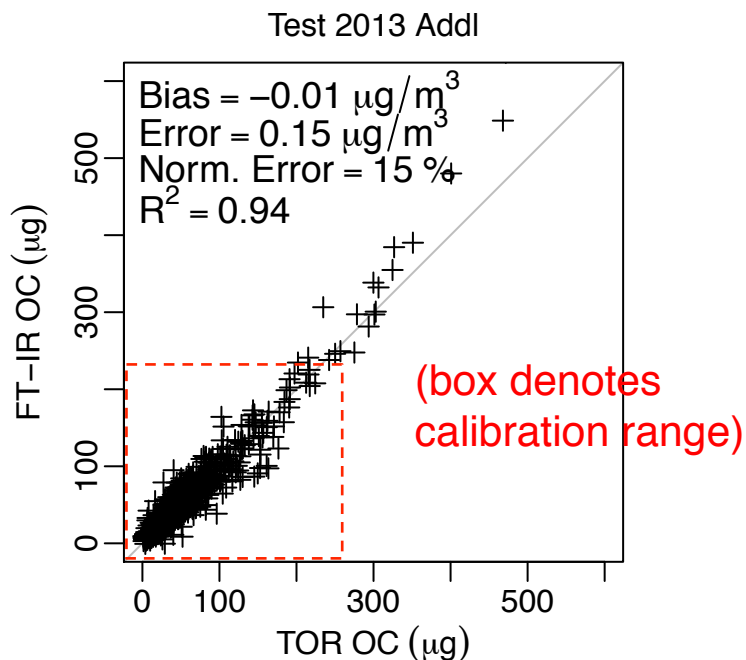
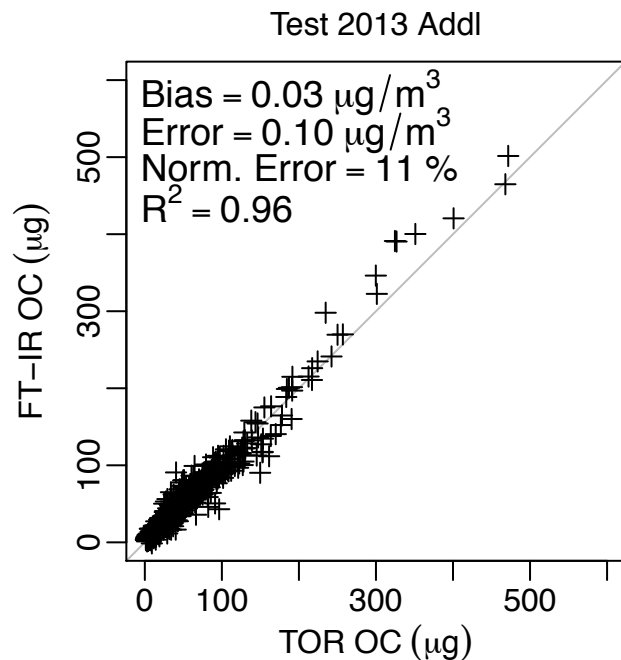
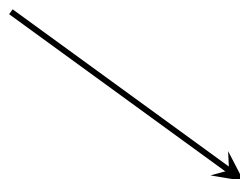
# Reduction in prediction errors by re-calibration

Two strategies:

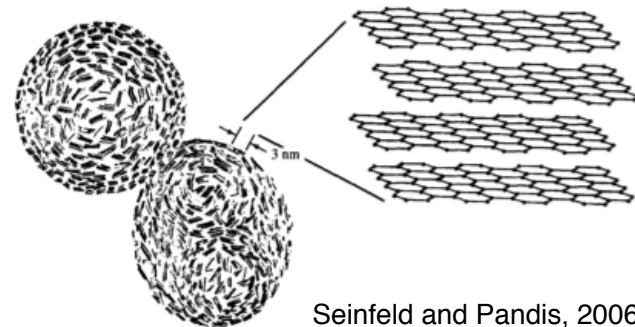
1) **Include samples from new sites** into the training set.



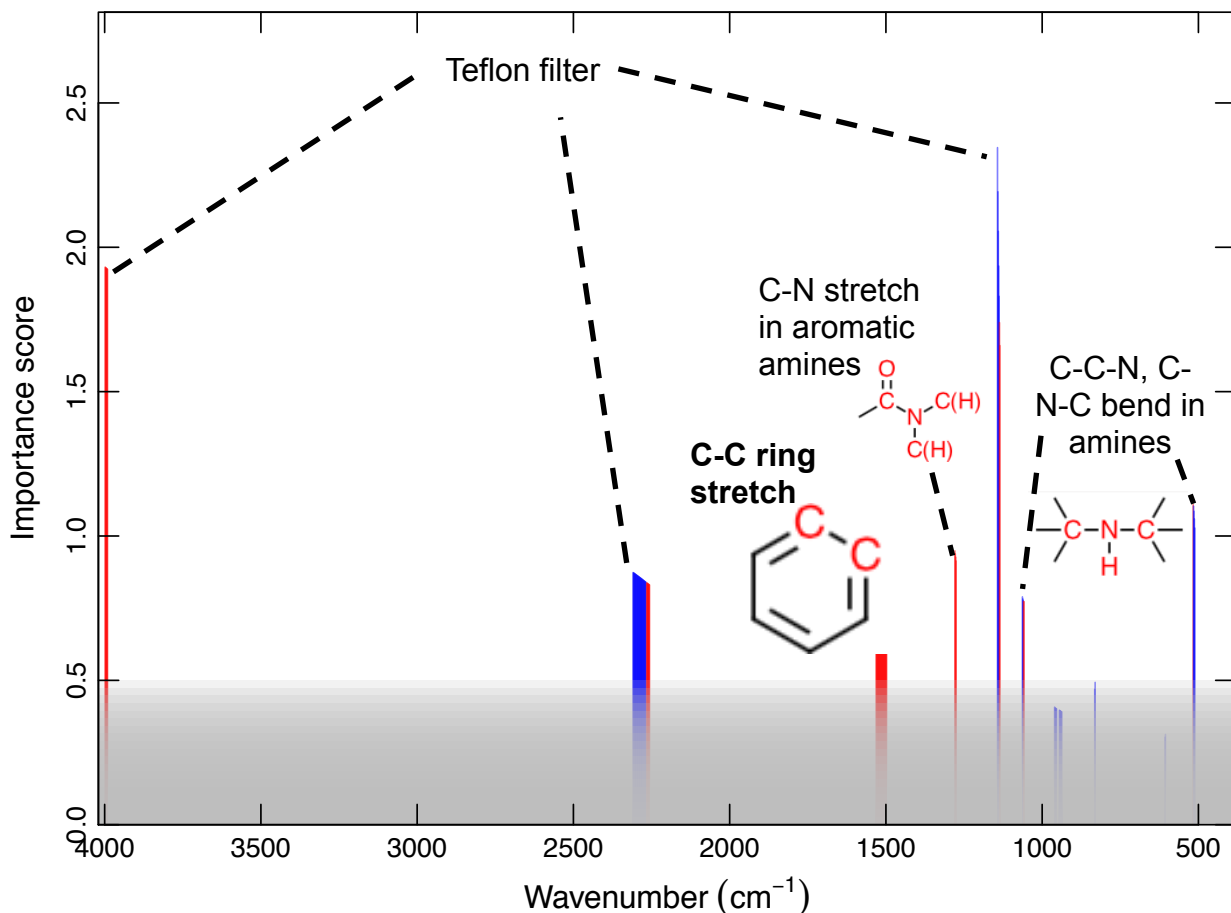
2) Using only the original set of samples, **eliminate uninformative wavelengths** that interfere with predictions.



# Why can we quantify elemental carbon with FT-IR?



Takahama, Ruggeri, Dillner, *Atmos. Meas. Tech.*, 2016



Elemental carbon:

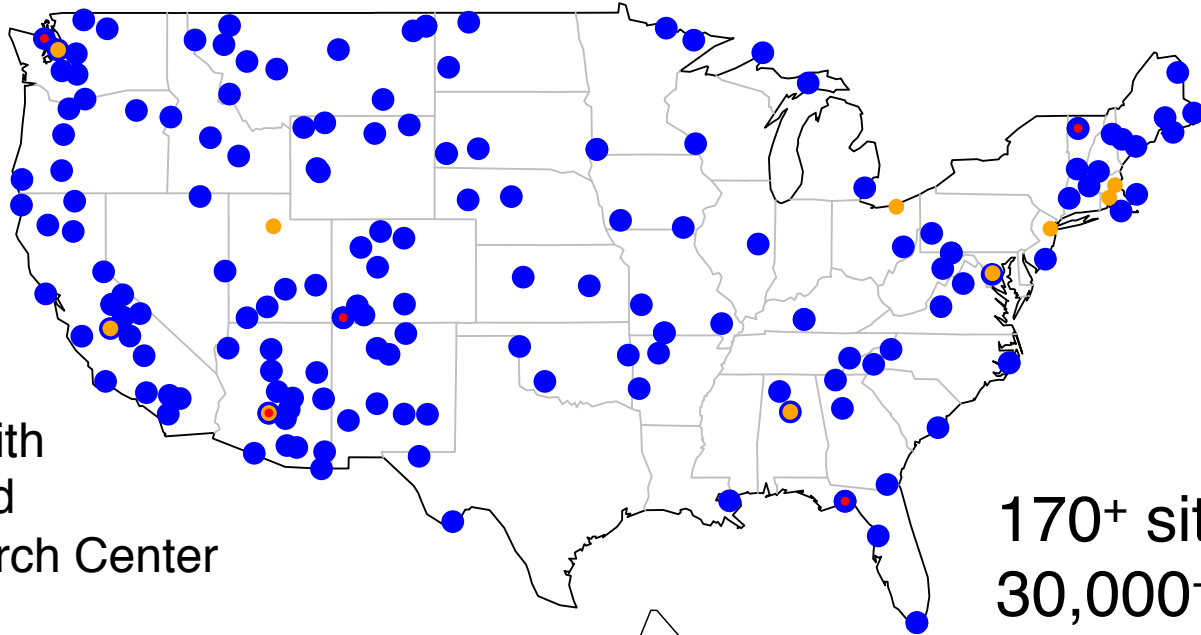
- *chemical definition*:  $sp^2$  carbon not bonded to other elements
- *probable interpretation*: subset of light-absorbing, low-volatility substances emitted primarily from combustion

Peak near  $\sim 1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$  observed for ground graphite, graphene:

- *C-C ring stretch*

# Present work

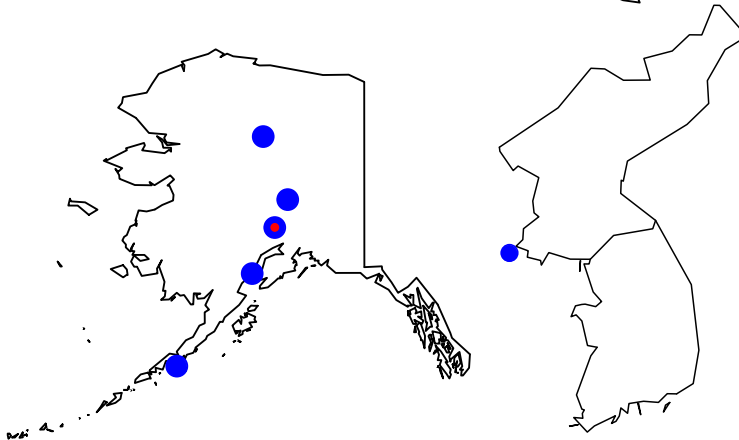
## extended analysis of TOR OC, EC and FT-IR spectra



In collaboration with  
Ann M. Dillner and  
Air Quality Research Center

170+ sites  
30,000+ samples

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

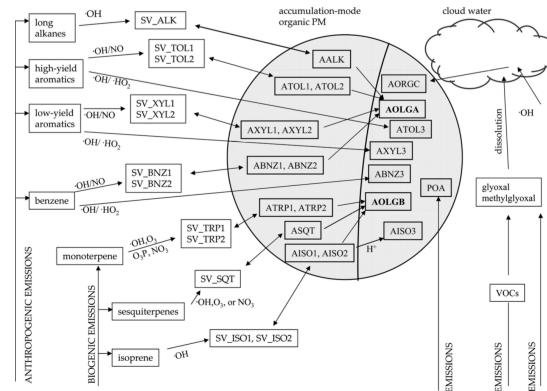


- IMPROVE 2011 & 2013
- IMPROVE 2015
- FRM/CSN 2013

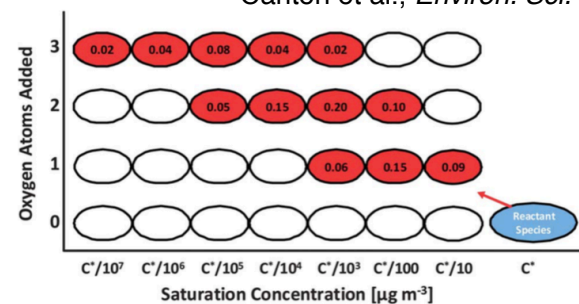
# Secondary organic aerosol modeling

Common approaches:

- Yield parameterization
- Surrogate species
- Volatility basis set



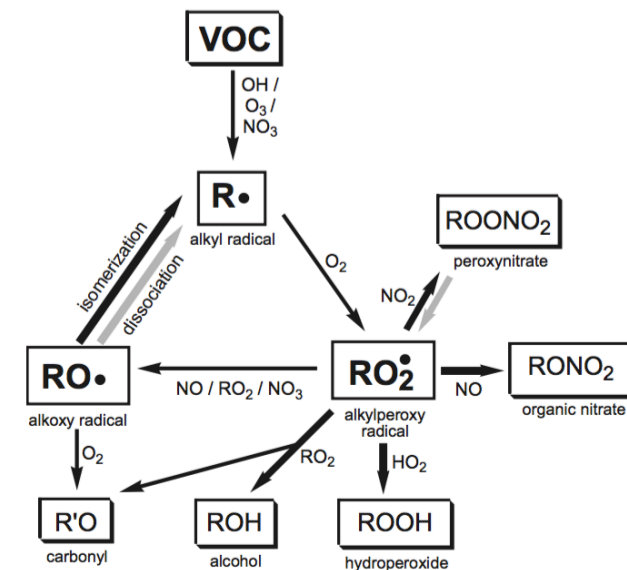
Carlton et al., *Environ. Sci. Tech.*, 2010



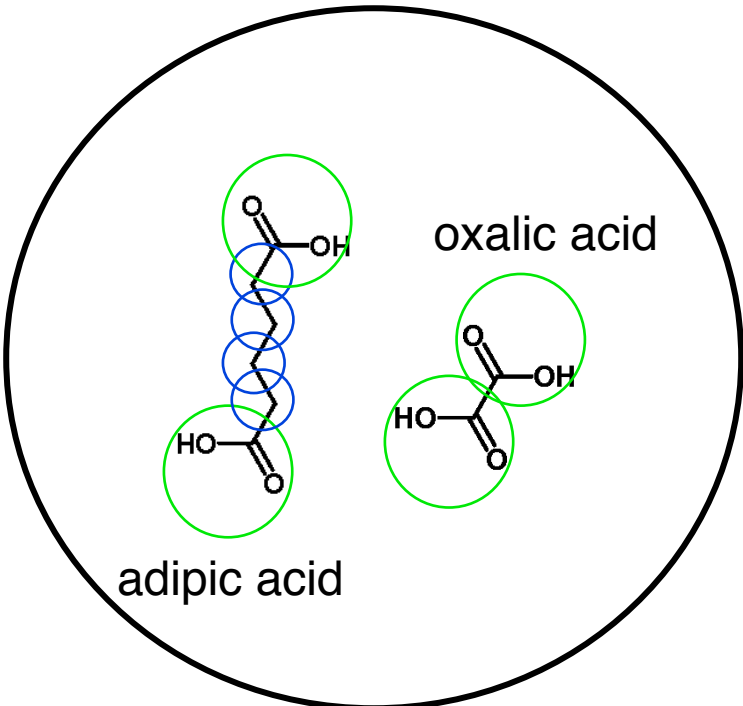
Pandis et al., *Faraday Discuss.*, 2013

Proposed approach:

- Follow functional group transformations
- Functional groups are related to reactivity, volatility, hygroscopicity



Kroll and Seinfeld, *Atmos. Environ.*, 2008



SMILES strings represent molecules

oxalic acid: C(=O)(C(=O)O)O

adipic acid: C(CCC(=O)O)CC(=O)O

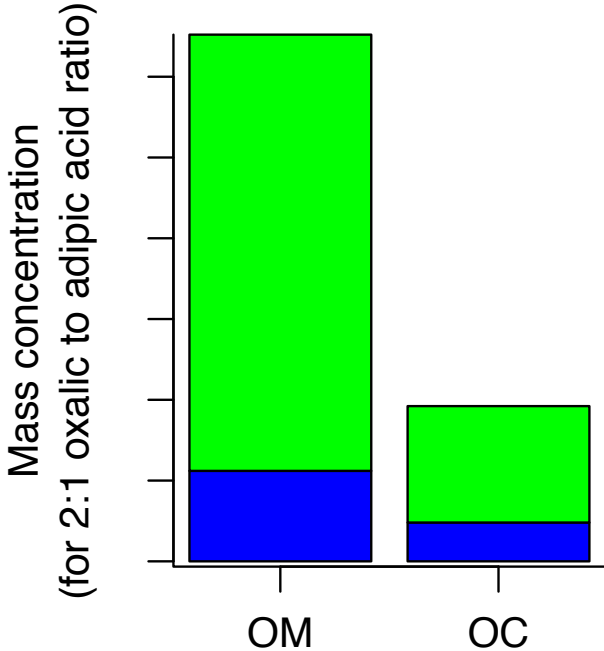
SMARTS patterns represent functional groups

carboxylic COOH: [CX3](=O)[OX2H][H]

alkane CH: [CX4][H]

Example application:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH} \\ \text{COOH} \end{array} \begin{array}{cc} \text{oxalic} & \text{adipic} \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} n_{\text{oxalic}} \\ n_{\text{adipic}} \end{array} =$$



# Technical Note: Development of chemoinformatic tools to enumerate functional groups in molecules for organic aerosol characterization

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Atmos. Chem. Phys., 16, 4401-4422, 2016  
<http://www.atmos-chem-phys.net/16/4401/2016/>  
 doi:10.5194/acp-16-4401-2016  
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No.	Substructure	Definition	Chemoinformatic definition	Matched pattern
8	Ketone	A compound containing a carbonyl group bonded to two carbon atoms. <sup>1</sup>	[CX3;\$ (C ([#6]) (=O) [#6]) (=O; ! \$ ([O] [O] ))]	
9	Aldehyde	A compound containing a -CHO group. <sup>1</sup> (excludes formaldehyde)	[CX3;\$ (C ([#1]) (=O) [#6]) (=O; ! \$ ([O] [O] )) [H]]	
10	Carboxylic acid	A compound containing a carboxyl, -COOH, group. <sup>1</sup> (excludes formic acid)	[CX3; ! \$ ([CX3] [H] ) (=O) [OX2H] [H]]	
11	Formic acid	Formic acid compound.	[CX3] (=O) ([H] ) [OX2H] [H]]	
12	Acyloxy radical	Oxygen-centered radicals consisting of an acyl radical bonded to an oxygen atom. <sup>2</sup>	[C; \$ (C=O) ] (=O) [OX2; ! \$ ([OX2] [H] ); ! \$ ([OX2] [O] ); ! \$ ([OX2] [N] ); ! \$ ([OX2] ([#6] ) [#6] )]	
13	Ester	A derivative of a carboxylic acid in which H of the carboxyl group is replaced by a carbon. <sup>1</sup>	[CX3H1, CX3] (=O) [OX2H0] [#6; ! \$ ([C] =O) ]	
14	Ether	An -OR group, where R is an alkyl group. <sup>1</sup>	[OD2] ([#6; ! \$ (C=O) ] [#6; ! \$ (C=O) ]	
15	Formaldehyde	Formaldehyde compound.	[CX3;\$ (C (=O) ) ([#1] ) [#1] ] (=O; ! \$ ([O] [O] )) ([H] ) [H]]	
16	Phenol OH	Compounds having one or more hydroxy groups attached to a benzene or other arene ring. <sup>2</sup>	[c; ! \$ (C=O) ] [OX2H] [H]]	
17	Oxy radical (alkoxy)	Oxygen centered radical consisting of an oxygen bonded to an alkyl.	[#6; ! \$ (C=O) ] [OX2; ! \$ ([OX2] [H] ); ! \$ ([OX2] [O] ); ! \$ ([OX2] [N] ); ! \$ ([OX2] ([#6] ) [#6] ); ! \$ ([OX2] [S] )]	
18	Carboxylic amide (primary, secondary and tertiary)	A derivative of a carboxylic acid in which the -OH is replaced by an amine. <sup>1</sup>	[CX3] (=O) [NX3; ! \$ (N=O) ] ([#6, #1] ) [#6, #1]	
19	Peroxide	Compounds of structure ROOR in which R may be any organyl group. <sup>2</sup>	[#6] [OD2] [OD2, OD1] [#6]	
20	Peroxy radical	Oxygen centered radical derived from a hydroperoxyde.	[O; ! \$ ([O] [#6] ); ! \$ ([O] [H] ); ! \$ ([OX2] [N] ); ! \$ (O=C) ] [O] [#6; ! \$ ([C] (=O) ~OO) ]	

- 50+ substructures
- validation scheme
- used with GC/MS, MCM, SIMPOL.1
- distributed as Python program



stakahama/aprl-ssp

GitHub, Inc. (US) | <https://github.com/stakahama/aprl-ssp>

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## APRL-SSP (Substructure Search Program)

DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.34255

### Introduction

APRL-SSP (APRL Substructure Search Program) is made up of three primary units:

- "spider\_query.py": Query the ChemSpider database for SMILES strings and other properties of a molecule.
- "substructure\_search.py": Use the Open Babel chemoinformatics tool to find number of instances of a substructure (specified by SMARTS pattern) occurring in a molecule (specified by SMILES pattern).
- "substructure\_generate\_fulltable.py": Use the Open Babel chemoinformatics tool to find atoms associated with a substructure (specified by SMARTS pattern) occurring in a molecule (specified by SMILES pattern).

Its application is described by

Ruggeri, G. and Takahama, S.: "Technical Note: Use of chemoinformatic tools to enumerate functional groups in molecules for organic aerosol characterization", Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics Discussions, doi:10.5194/acpd-15-1-2015, 2015.

The program is released under the GNU Public License (GPLv3). Please cite doi:10.5281/zenodo.34255 for the repository along with the manuscript if used. The corresponding author, Satoshi Takahama ([satoshi.takahama@epfl.ch](mailto:satoshi.takahama@epfl.ch)), can be contacted with any bug reports or questions.

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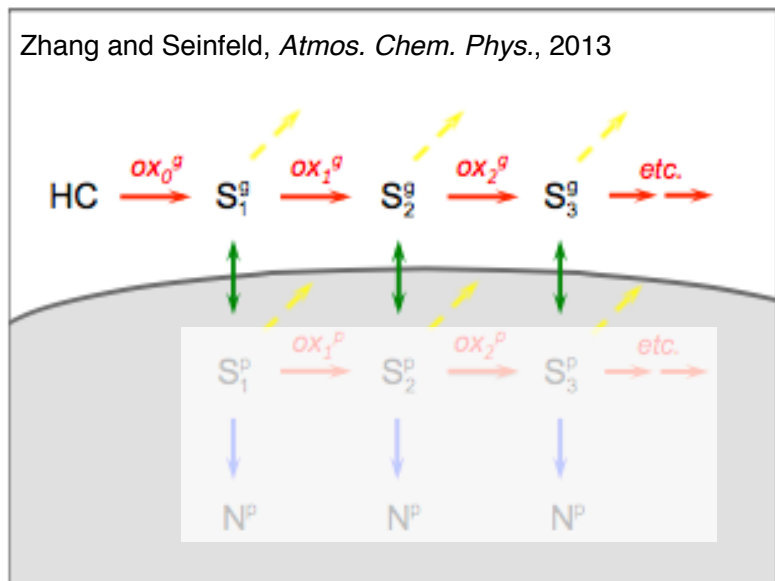


# Simulation of organic aerosol formation by gas-phase photooxidation chemistry and partitioning



Ruggeri et al., *Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss.*, 2016

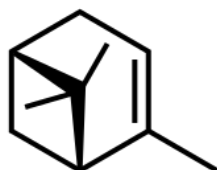
Zhang and Seinfeld, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 2013



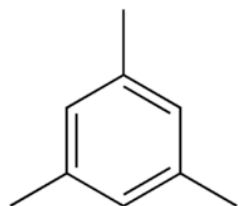
## Specifications:

- *Gas-phase chemistry*
  - Master Chemical Mechanism v3.2
  - Automated code generation with Kinetic Pre-Processor
- *Gas/particle partitioning module*
  - Dynamic absorptive partitioning
  - Vapor pressures with SIMPOL.1 group contribution model

$\alpha$ -pinene  
(APIN)



1,3,5-trimethylbenzene  
(TMB)

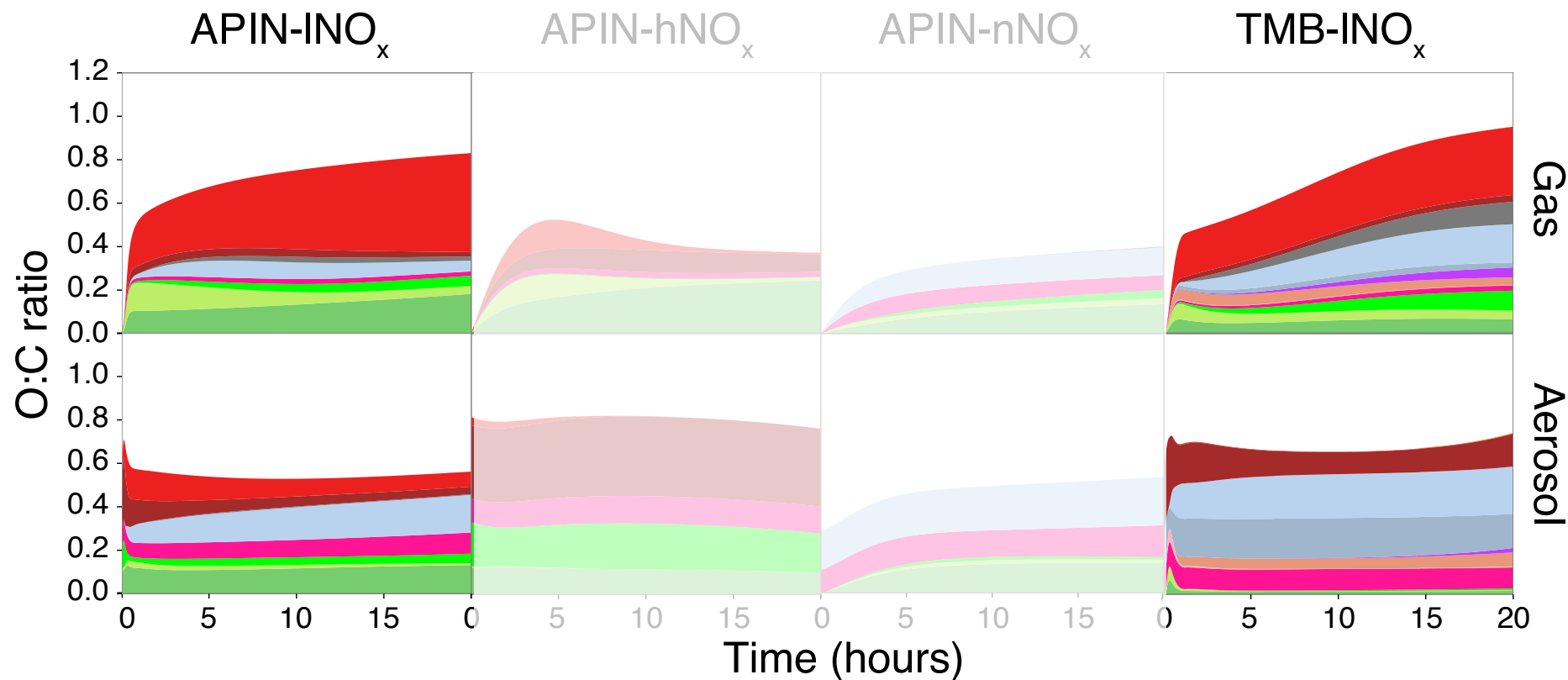


Saunders, *Atmos. Phys. Chem.*, 2003

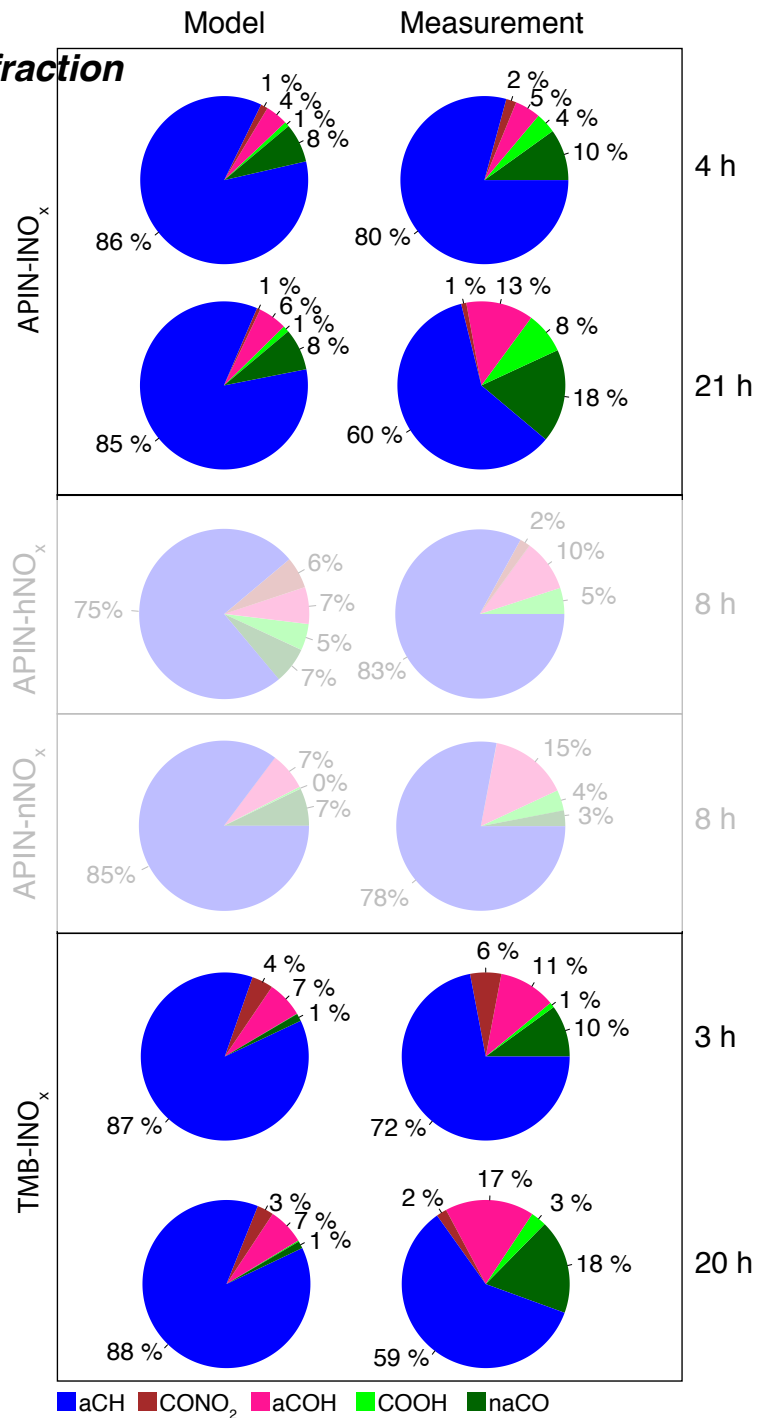
Sandu and Sander, *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 2006

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# Evolution of oxygen to carbon ratio by simulation



(mole fraction basis)



## Comparison with measured functional group abundances

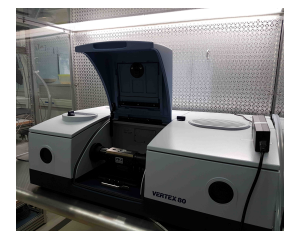
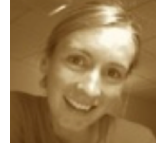
- Increasing discrepancy with time on account condensed-phase oxidation mechanisms not included in the model
- Larger disagreement in TMB on account of dominance by a few polyfunctional compounds in the simulated aerosol phase

Measurements from Sax et al., *Aerosol Sci. Tech.*, 2005 (PSI chamber)

# Current work

- Mechanism reduction for CMAQ (model-measurement comparison of organic functional groups vs. FTIR measurements)
- Scaling up TOR OC and EC predictions
- More functional groups (peroxides)
- Inorganic species (?)

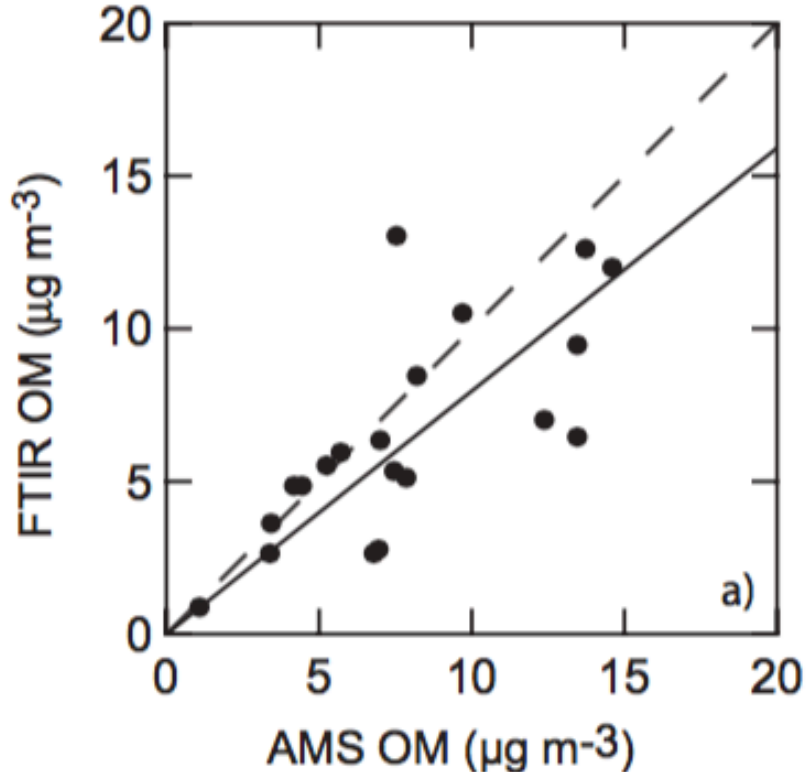
<http://aprl.epfl.ch>



# Comparison with AMS OM ( $PM_{1}$ )

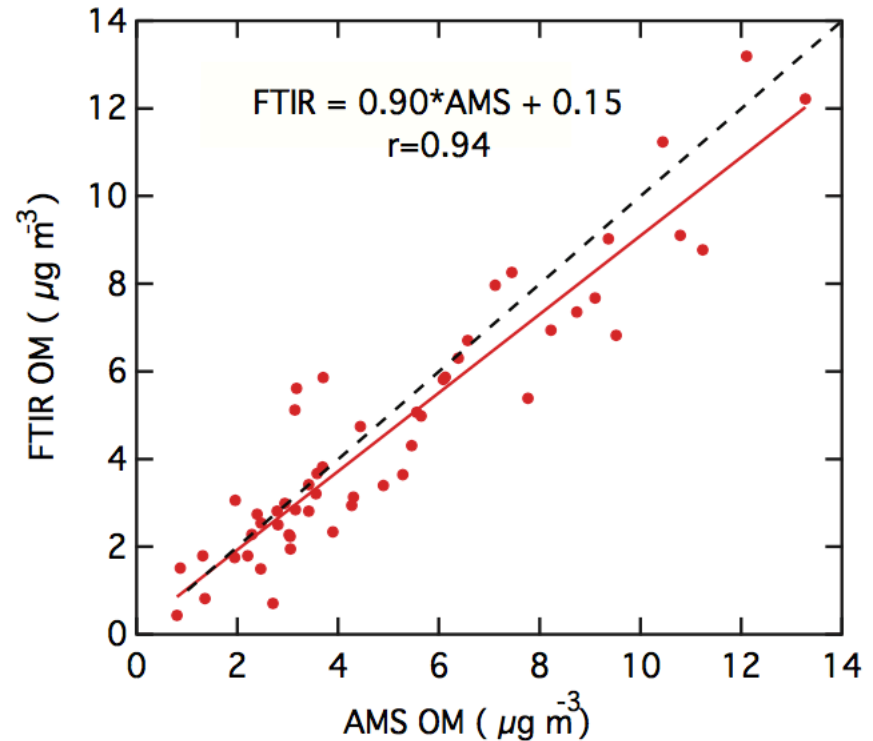
Mexico City, Mexico, 2006

Gilardoni et al., *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 2009



Hyytiälä, Finland, 2010

Corrigan et al., *Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 2013



Generally within 30% of AMS/ACSM organic aerosol<sup>258</sup>