

# Characterization of black carbon-containing particles from AMS measurements on the *R/V Atlantis* during CalNex 2010

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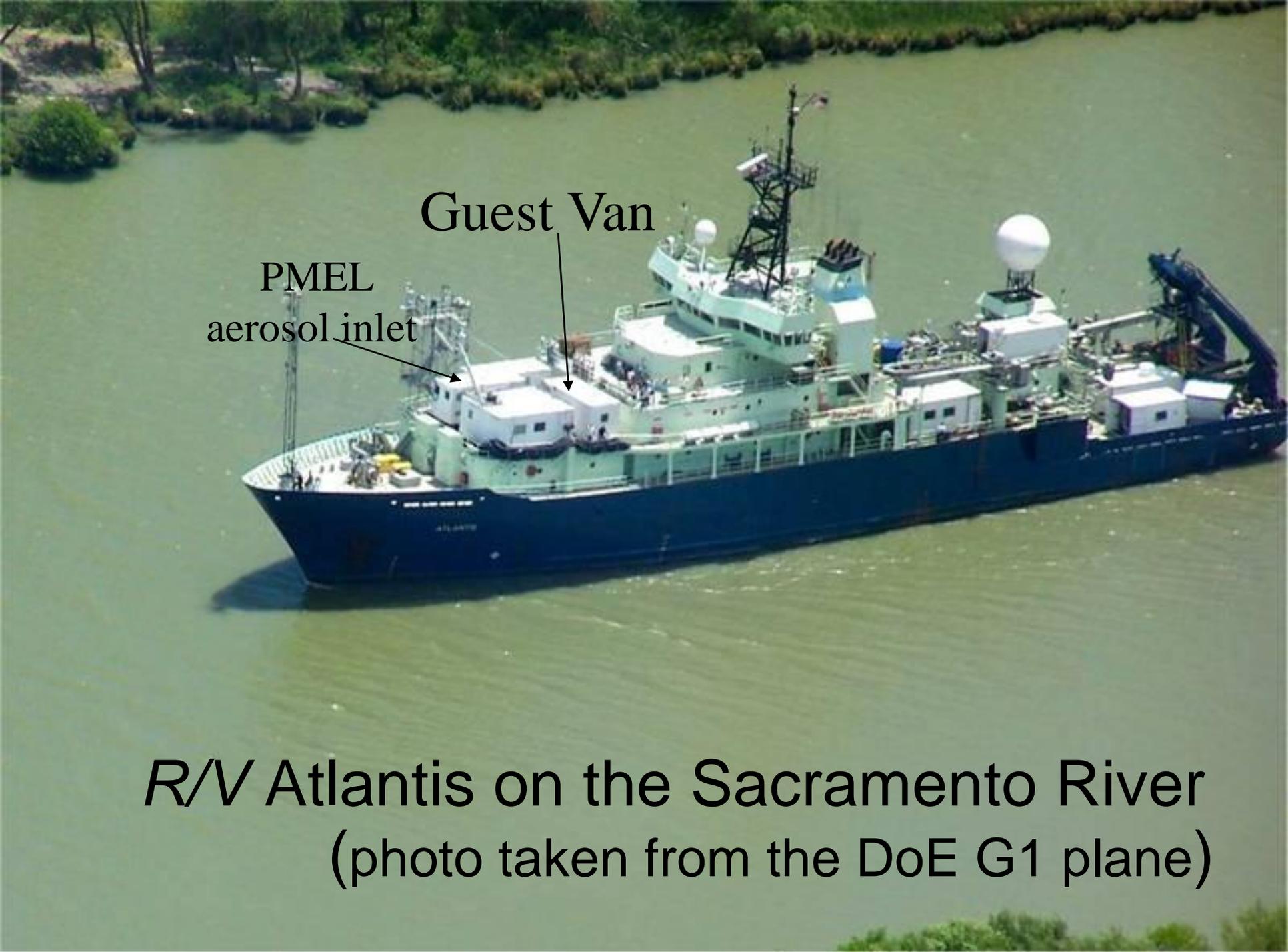
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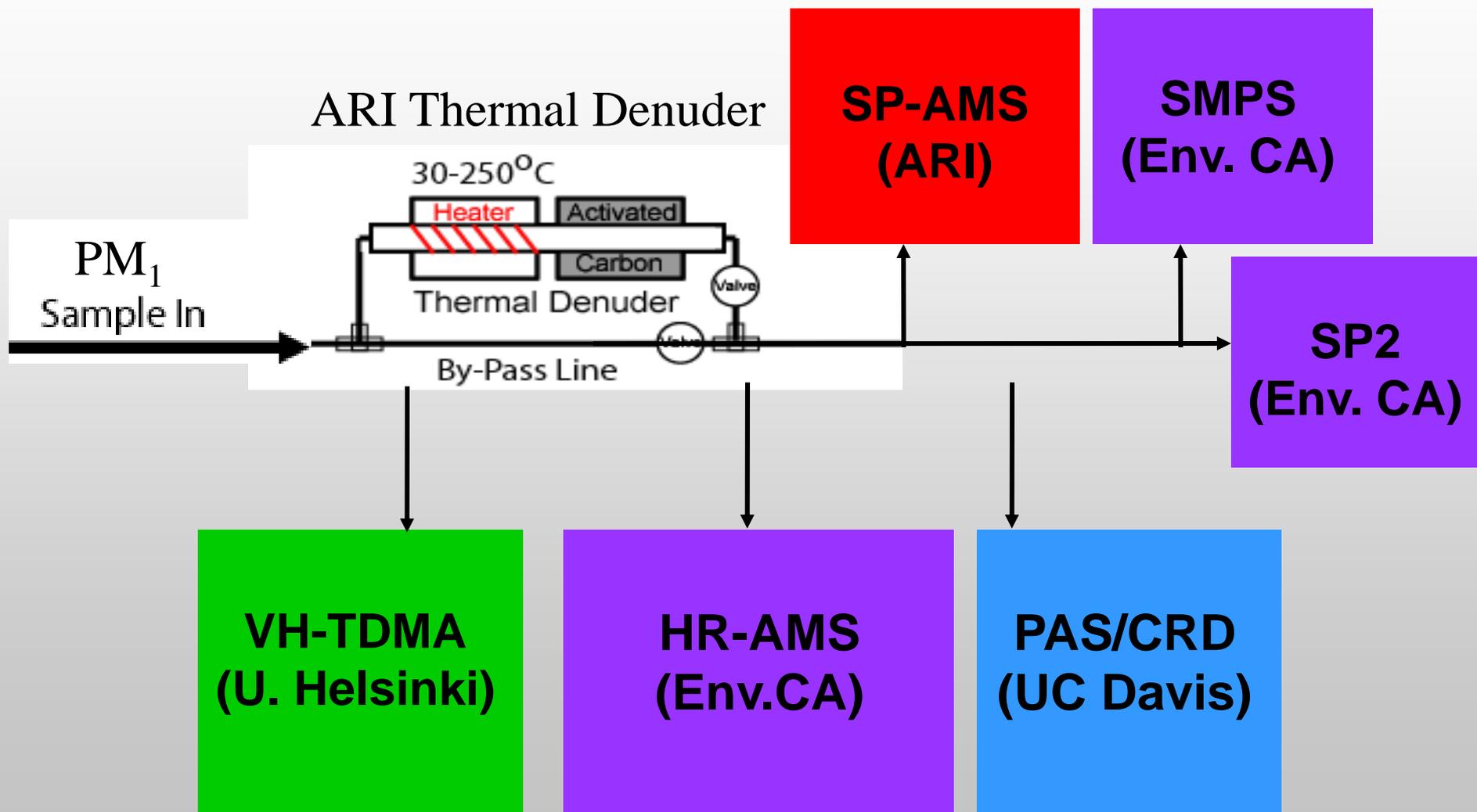
An aerial photograph of the research vessel R/V Atlantis on the Sacramento River. The ship is dark blue with a white superstructure. Two white rectangular boxes on the deck are labeled with arrows: 'PMEL aerosol inlet' pointing to the box on the left and 'Guest Van' pointing to the box on the right. The ship is equipped with various scientific instruments, including a radar dome and a tall mast with an antenna. The river is greenish-brown, and there is a forested bank in the background.

PMEL  
aerosol inlet

Guest Van

*R/V Atlantis* on the Sacramento River  
(photo taken from the DoE G1 plane)

# Guest Van Layout CalNex 2010

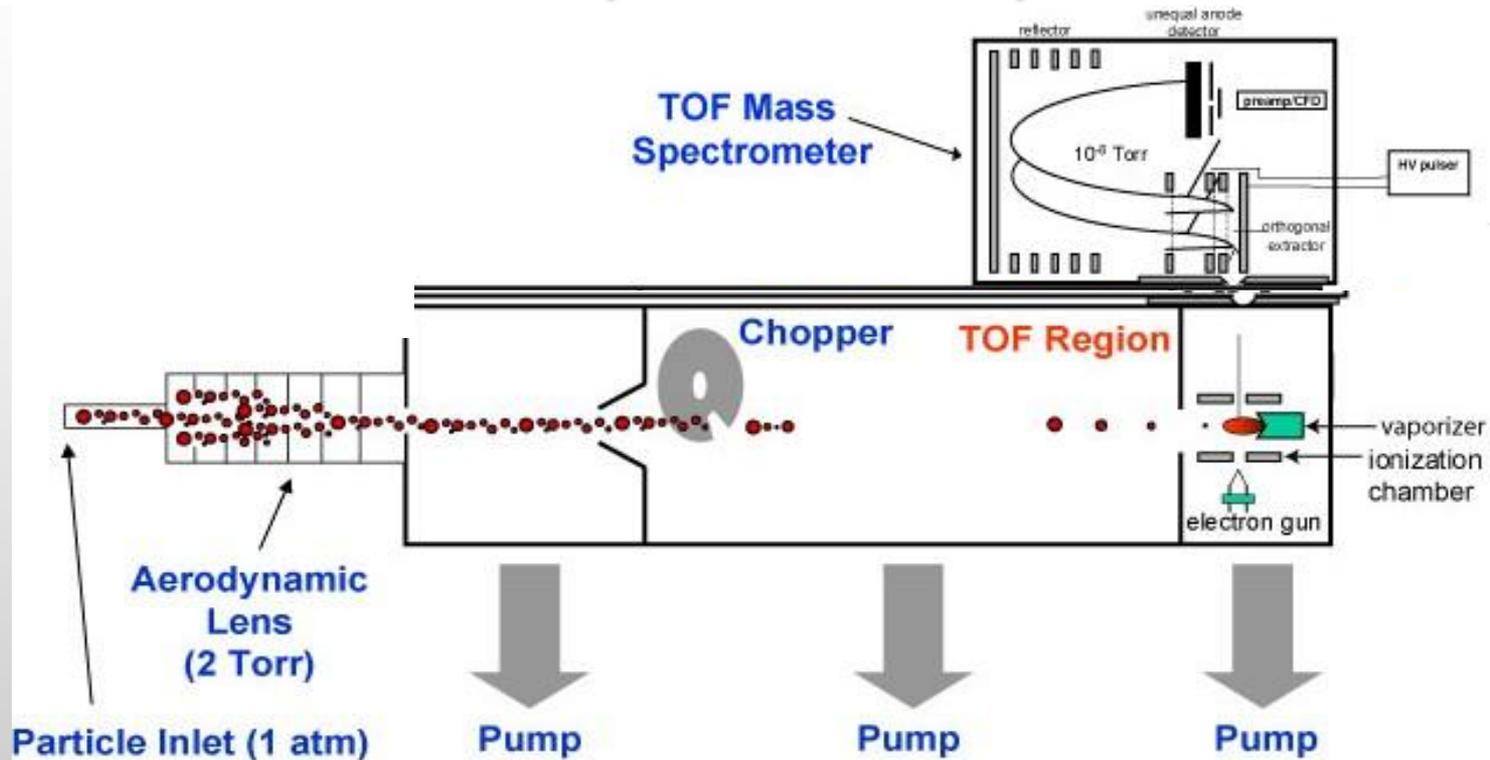


# Guest Van Measurement Objectives

- a) Soot particle mass loading, chemical composition, size distributions (*SP-AMS, HR-AMS, SMPS, SP2*)
- b) PM chemical composition and optical properties as a function of T (*TD-SP-AMS; TD-HR-AMS; TD-PAS*)
- c) Hygroscopic growth factors (GF) as a function of particle size, volatility, and RH (*VH-TDMA*)
- d) Particle optical properties: absorption, extinction, fRH (*PAS, CRD*)

- Combine chemical, microphysical, optical properties
- Source emission characterizations (e.g., shipping)

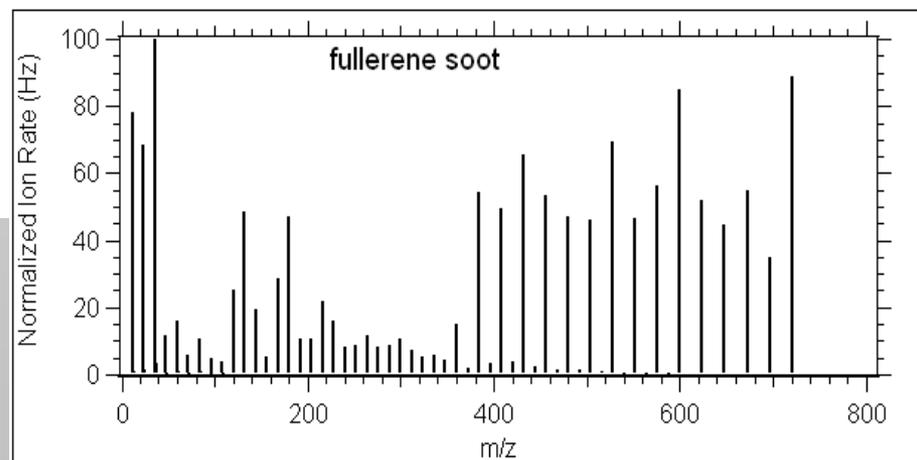
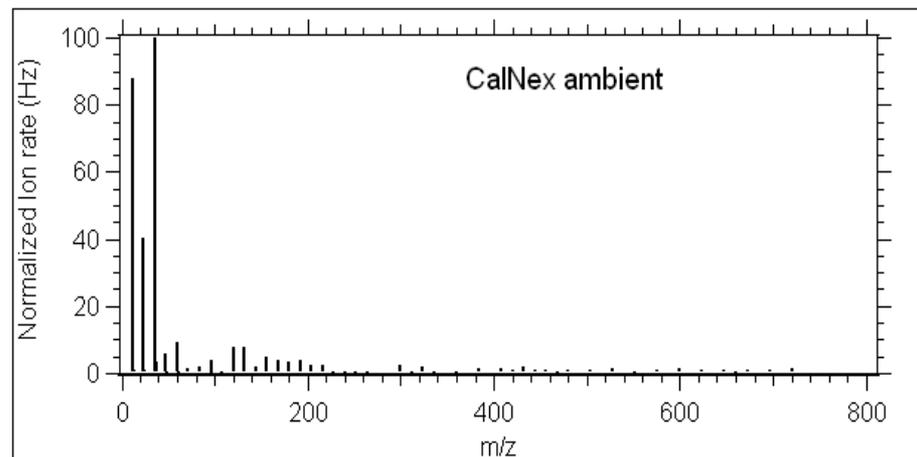
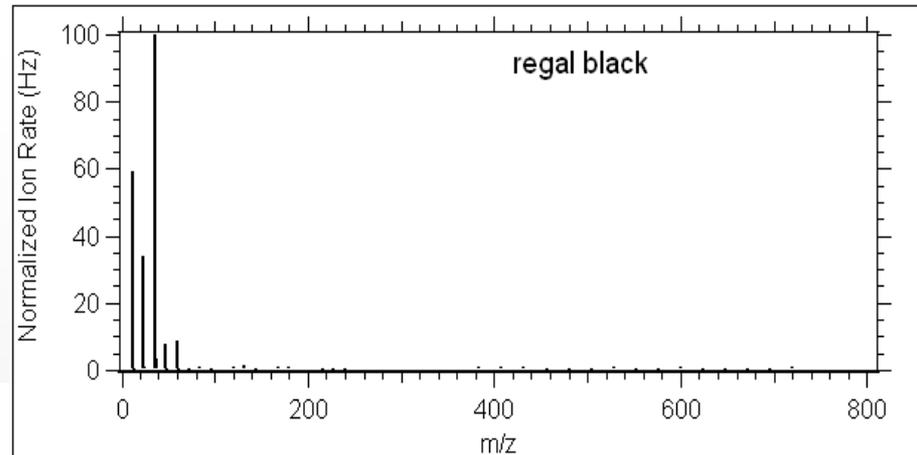
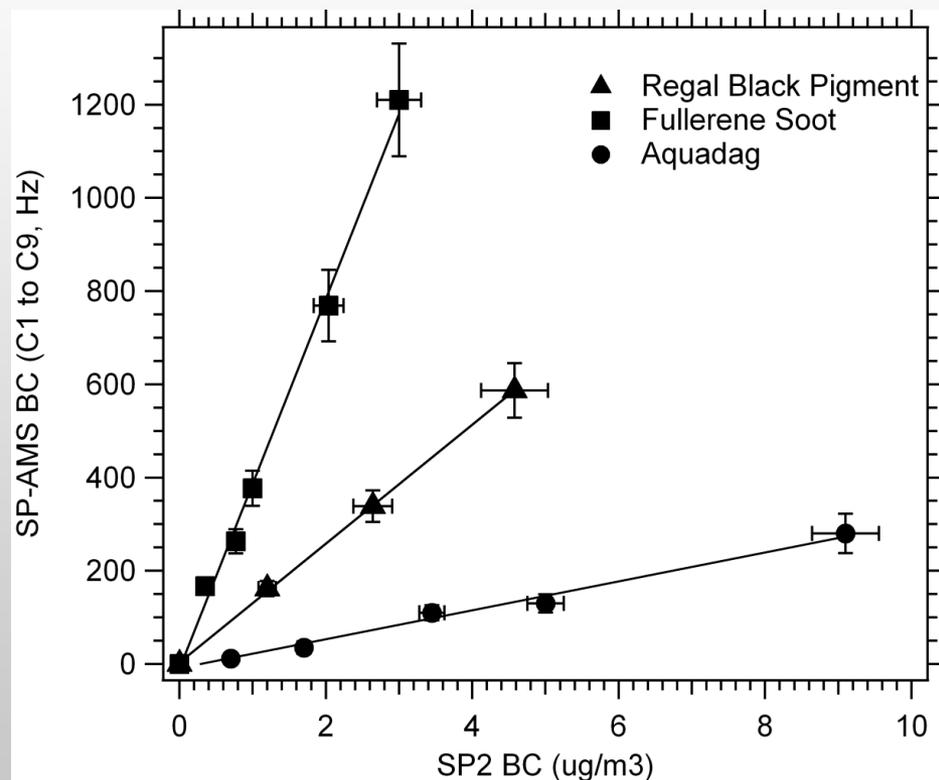
# Soot Particle Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (SP-AMS)



- Detect submicron refractory material (black carbon) under SP2-like incandescence conditions
- Measure the chemical composition of the non-refractory coating material (e.g. organics, sulfate, nitrate)

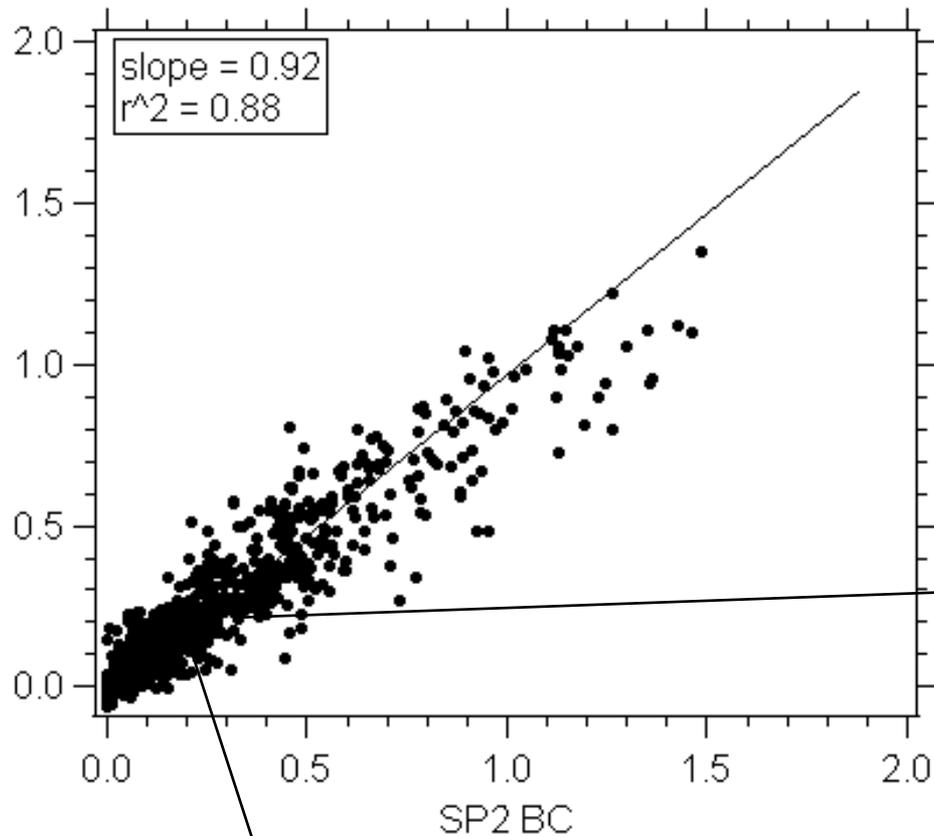
# BC Quantification

## SP-AMS vs SP2 for different BC standards

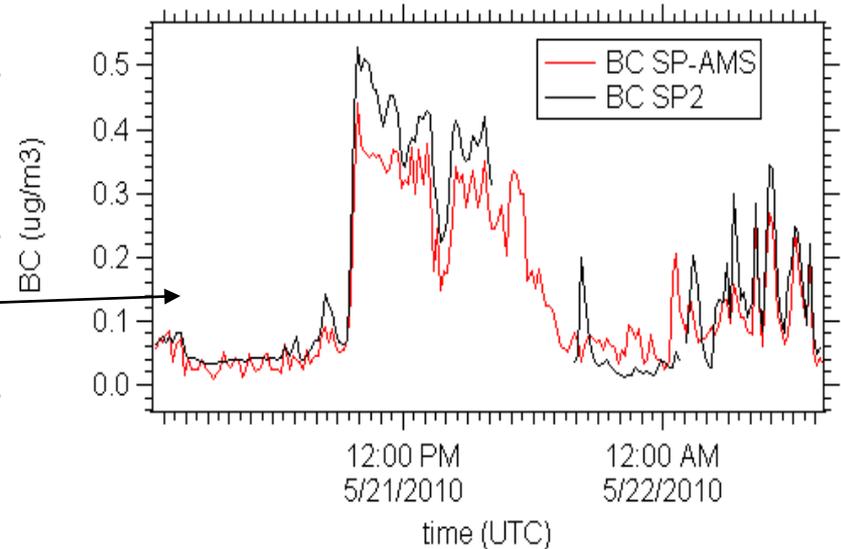


Regal Black represents well ambient BC during CalNex 2010

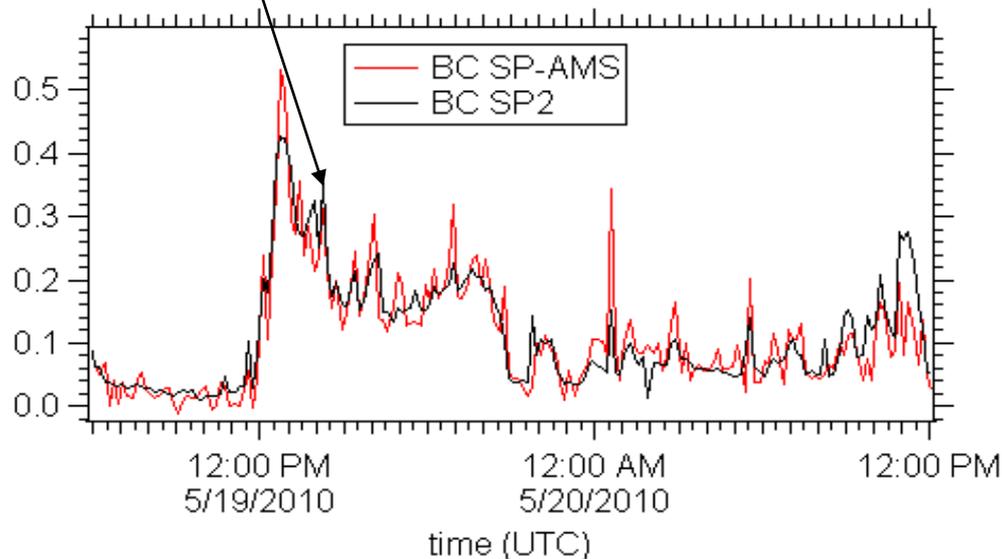
SP-AMS BC



10 min average  
ship plumes removed



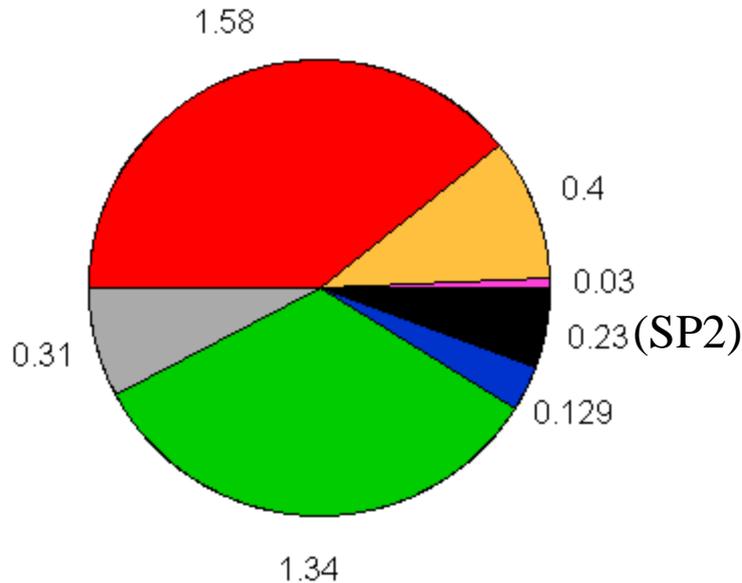
BC ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )



Disagreement most likely related to BC shape (need to look at coating & size information from SP2)

# CalNex 2010 Campaign Overview

HR-AMS ( $4 \pm 2 \text{ ug/m}^3$ )



BC

SO<sub>4</sub>

NO<sub>3</sub>

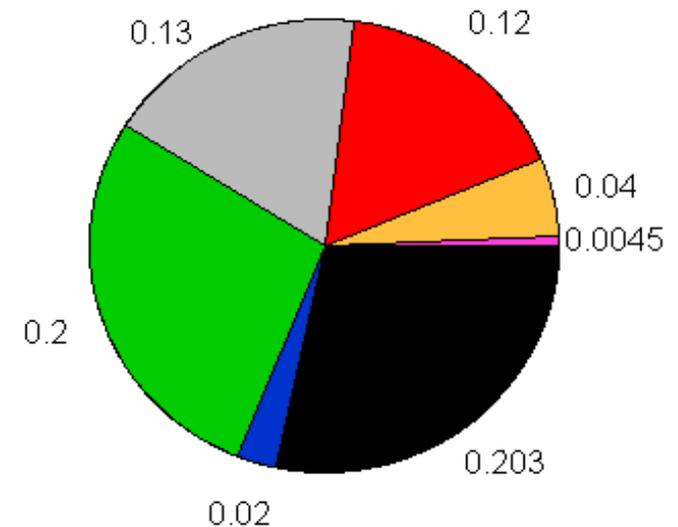
NH<sub>4</sub>

Chl

HOA

OOA

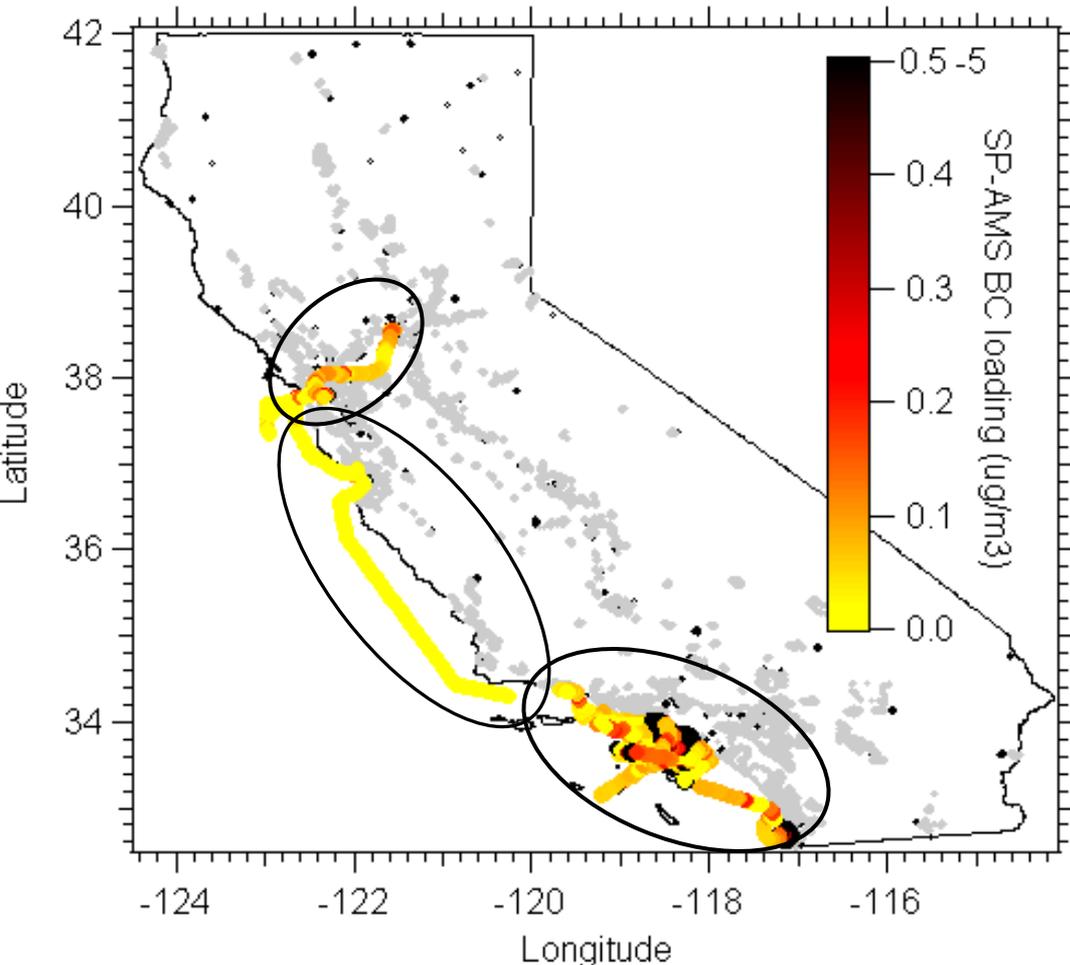
SP-AMS ( $0.8 \pm 0.5 \text{ ug/m}^3$ )



-NR PM<sub>1</sub> associated with BC particles is ~ 20 %  
(lower limit – more calibrations on the way)

-The fraction of SO<sub>4</sub> associated with BC is significantly lower than the fraction of organics associated with BC

# Air Mass Classification based on BC loading & location



## LA Basin

- Up to  $4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  BC near shore (LA Port, Long Beach)
- Up to  $1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  BC off-shore air (Santa Monica bight)

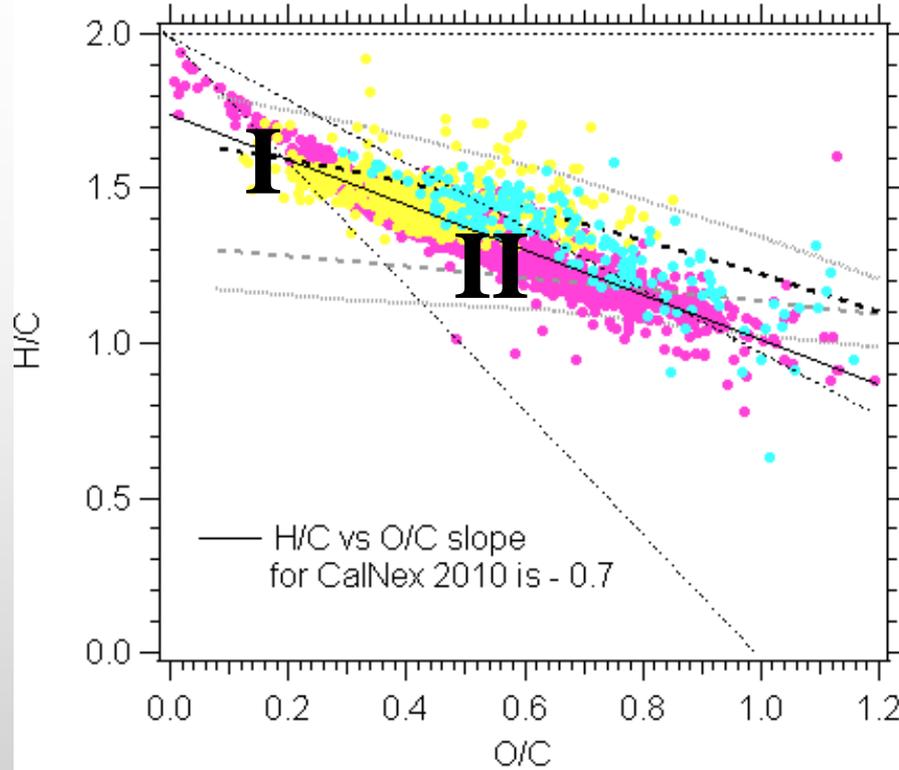
## Marine

<  $0.1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  BC  
(clean marine and/or  
very old polluted air)

## Northern California

- $0.1 - 0.25 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  BC  
(SF Bay, San Pablo Bay,  
& Sacramento river)

# Aerosol Aging Frameworks (HR-AMS)



Aging moves the aerosol towards lower H/C & higher O/C values  
[Ng et al., ACPD, 2011]

LA Basin = aerosol ranging from fresh to aged  
Clean Marine = moderately to aged aerosol  
Northern California = moderately aged aerosol

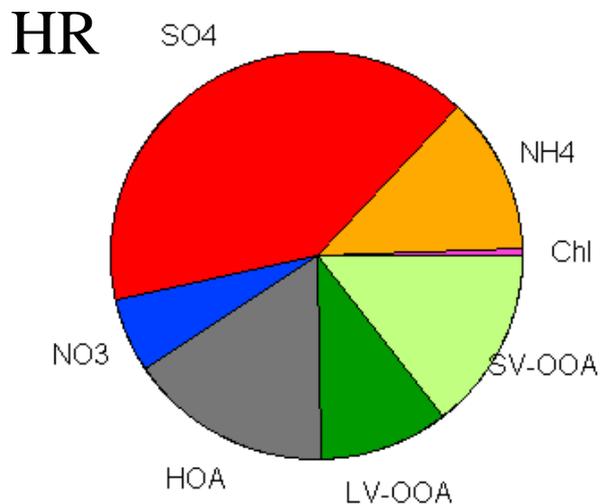
# PM<sub>1</sub> composition and size distribution, LA basin

I) LA Port emissions / Long Beach outflow  
(May 26, 0500 UTC to May 27, 1900 UTC)



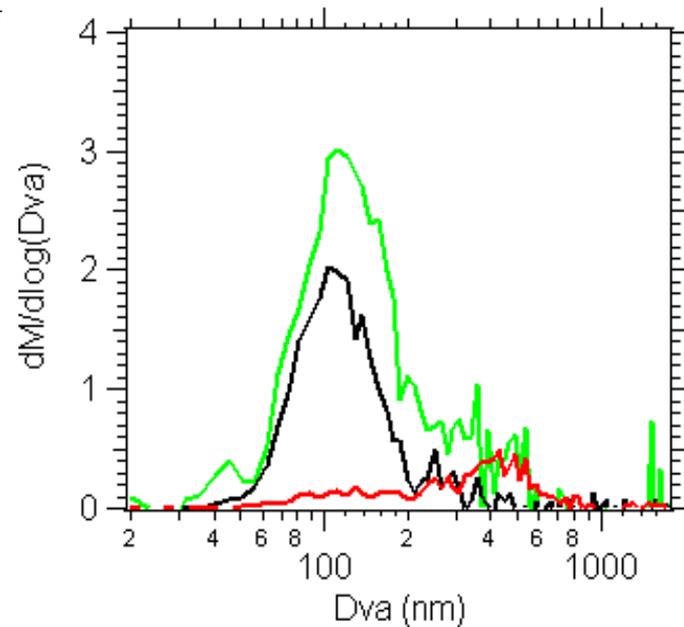
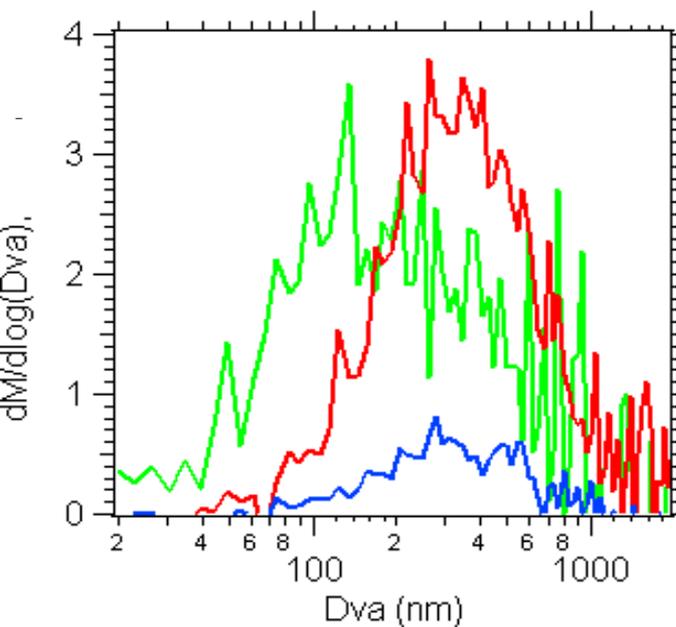
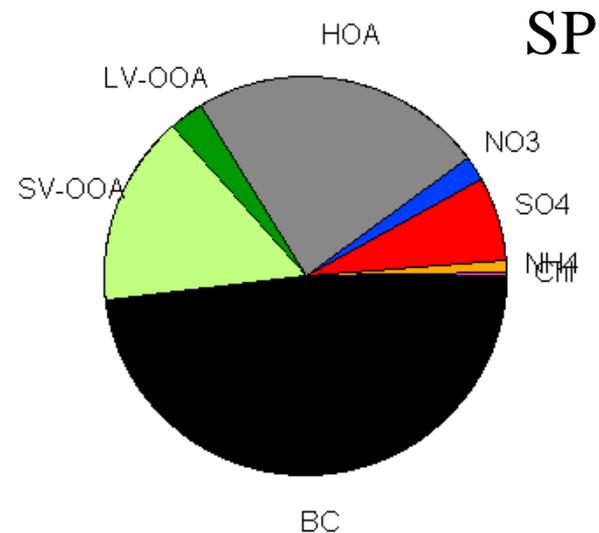
# I) May 27 0700–1030 UTC, LA Port + Long Beach (SE)

(O/C = 0.2; H/C = 1.6)

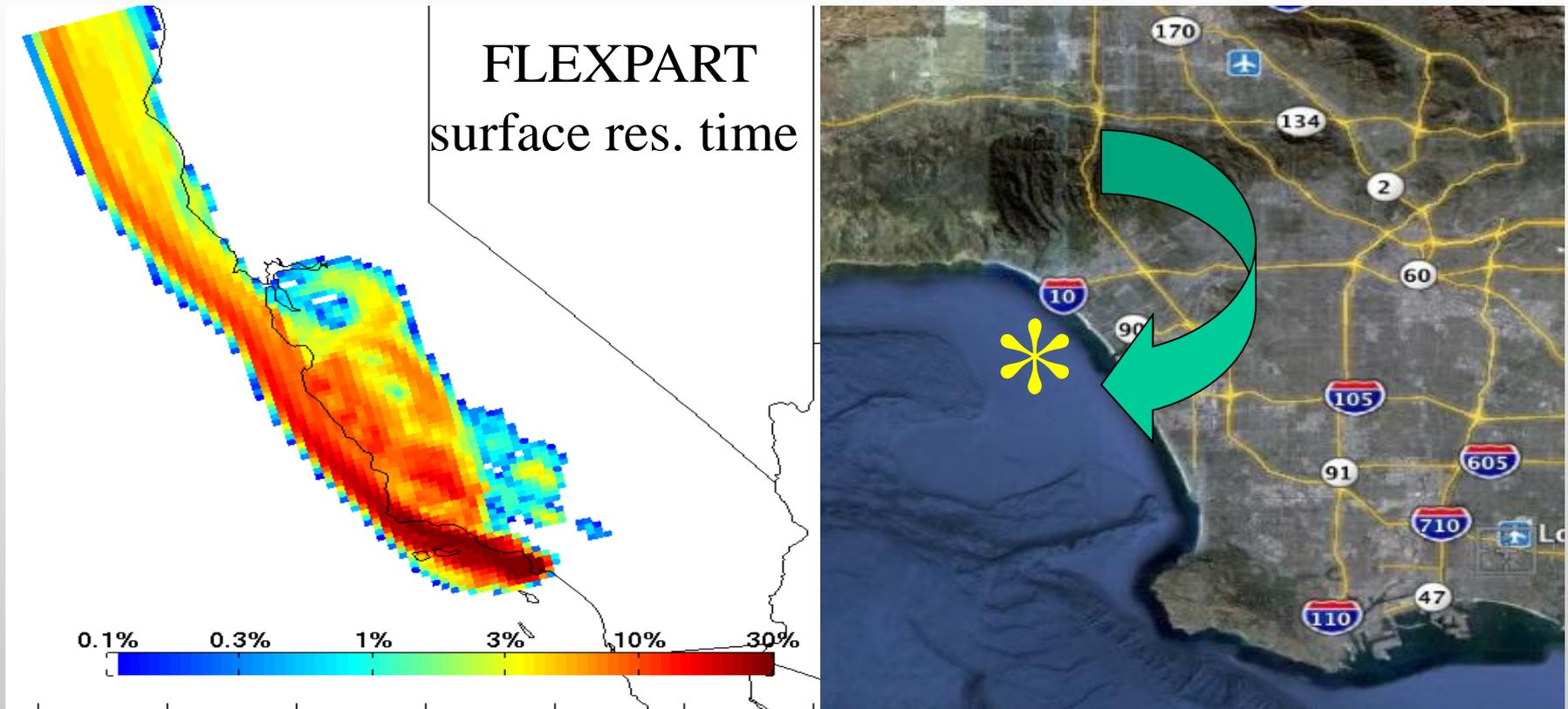


26 % of ORG  
4 % of SO4  
associated w/ BC

HOA and SV-OOA  
dominate ORG



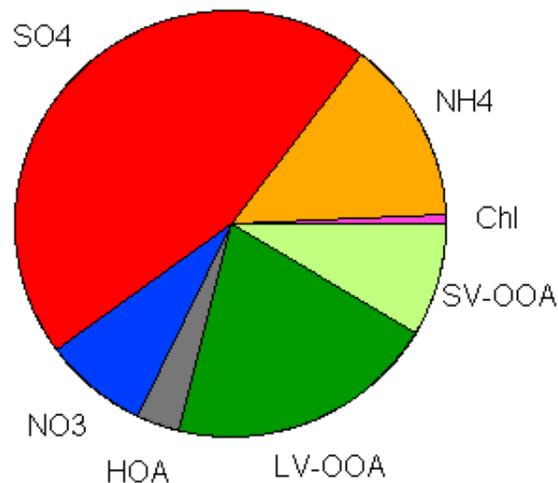
## II) Santa Monica Bay May 16, 0900 -1400 UTC (variable winds, mainly NE)



Coastal outflow event driven by land breeze to Santa Monica bay and Los Angeles bight (one of many events)

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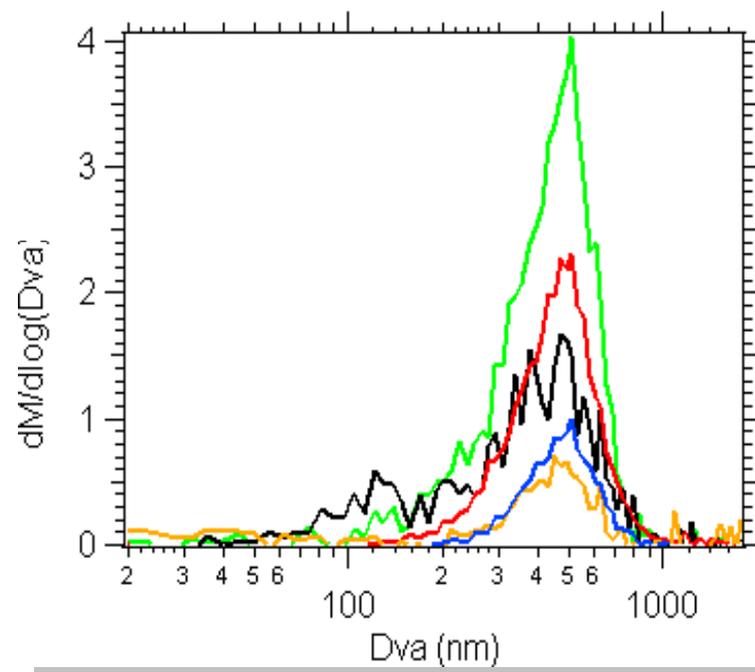
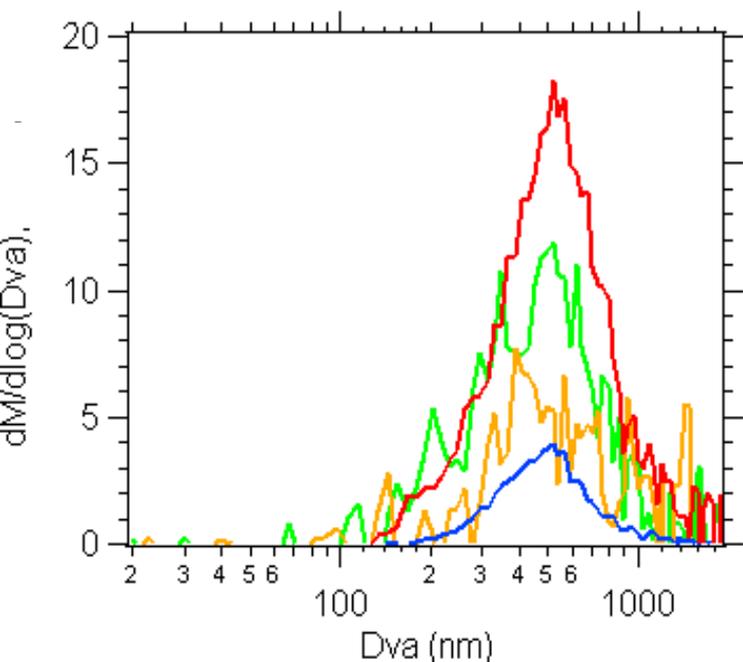
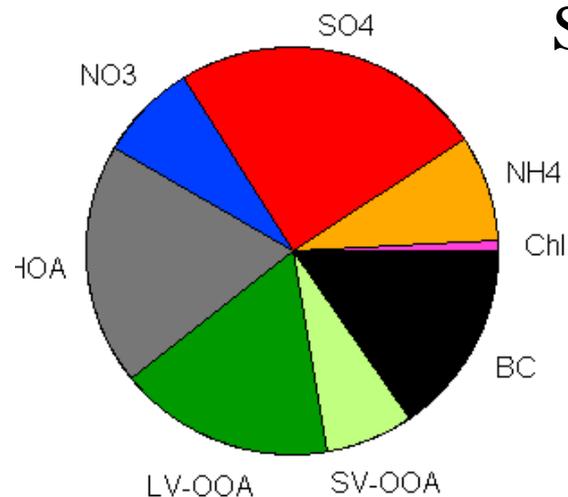
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12 % of ORG  
9 % of SO4  
25 % of NO3  
associated w/ BC

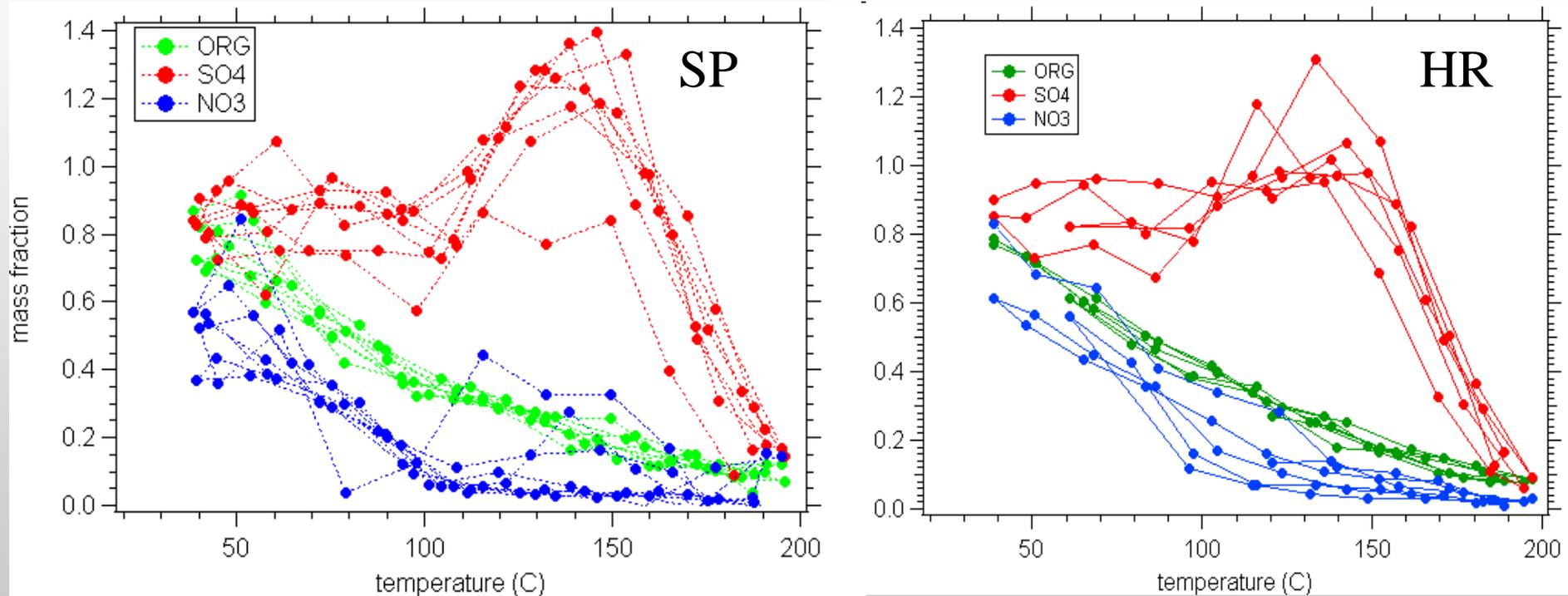
LVOOA > SV-OOA

SP



# Particle Volatility

Quantify coating material removed as function of temperature  
(volatile PM comes off first)

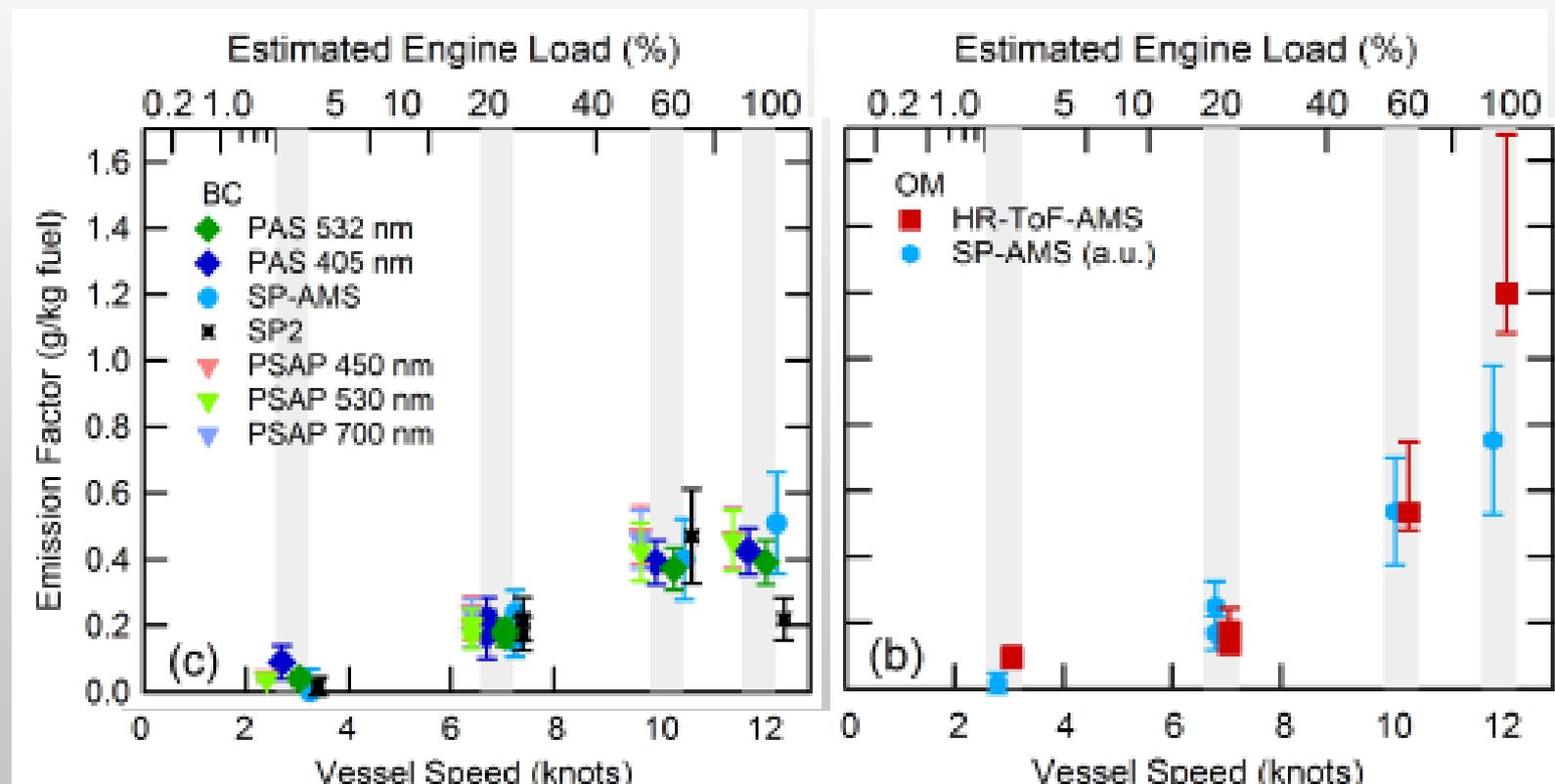


- ORG, NO3 are volatile; SO4 becomes volatile at  $T > 150$  C
- Thermal denuded information useful for optical properties (optical absorption enhancement)

# R/V Miller Freeman “experiment”

“The influence of operating speed on gas and particle-phase shipping emissions: results from the R/V Miller Freeman”

*C. D. Cappa et al., ES&T, submitted, 2011*



EF from SP-AMS are in good agreement with other EF estimates

# Conclusions and future work

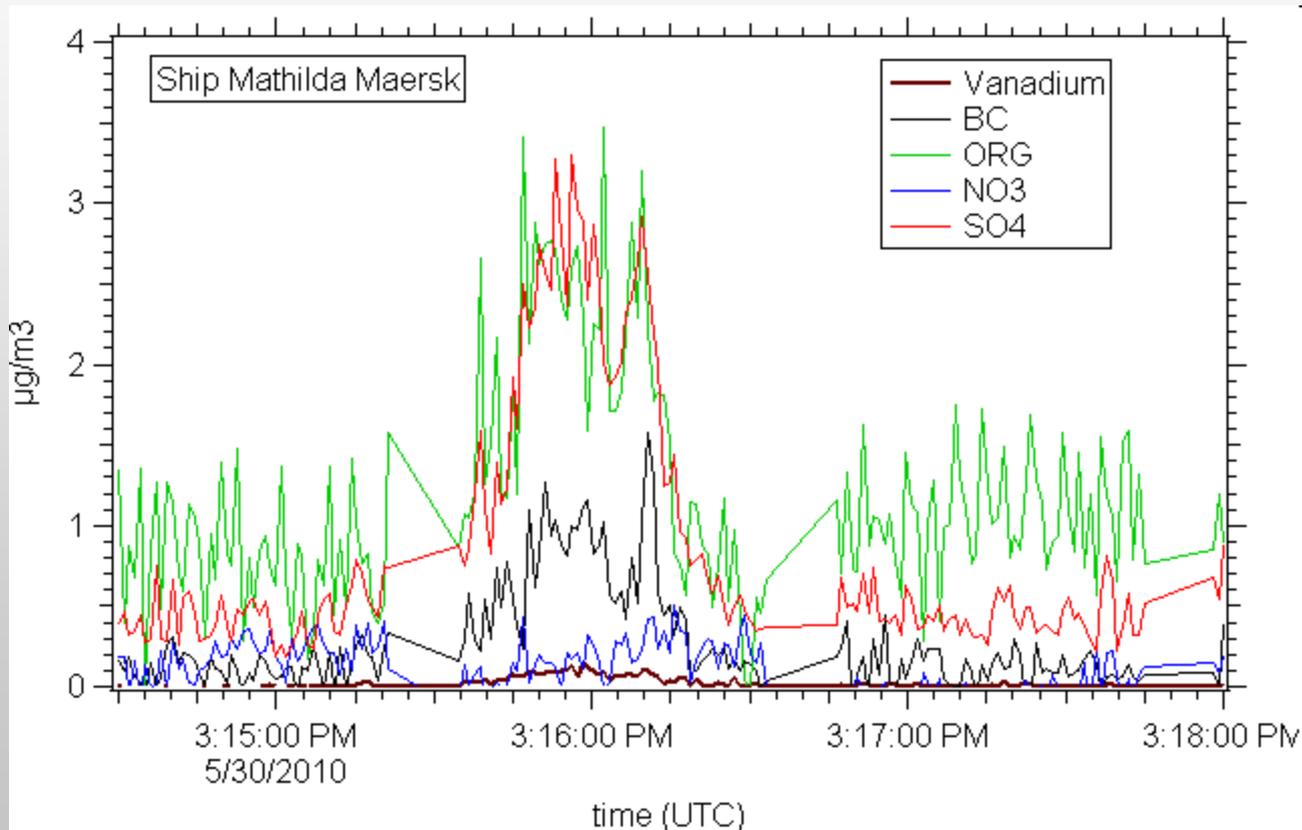
- We characterized a variety of air masses downwind port sources and urban areas along coastal California.
- The combination of SP2, HR-AMS and SP-AMS offered a unique opportunity to characterize refractory and non refractory PM during
- Our preliminary result indicate that ~20% of the PM1 measured by ToF AMS (15% organics, 5% inorganics) was associated with BC during CalNex 2010. Numbers highly variable upon source type & location
- More exciting work left to do as we fully explore and combine the Guest Van instruments (credit to Tim Onasch)

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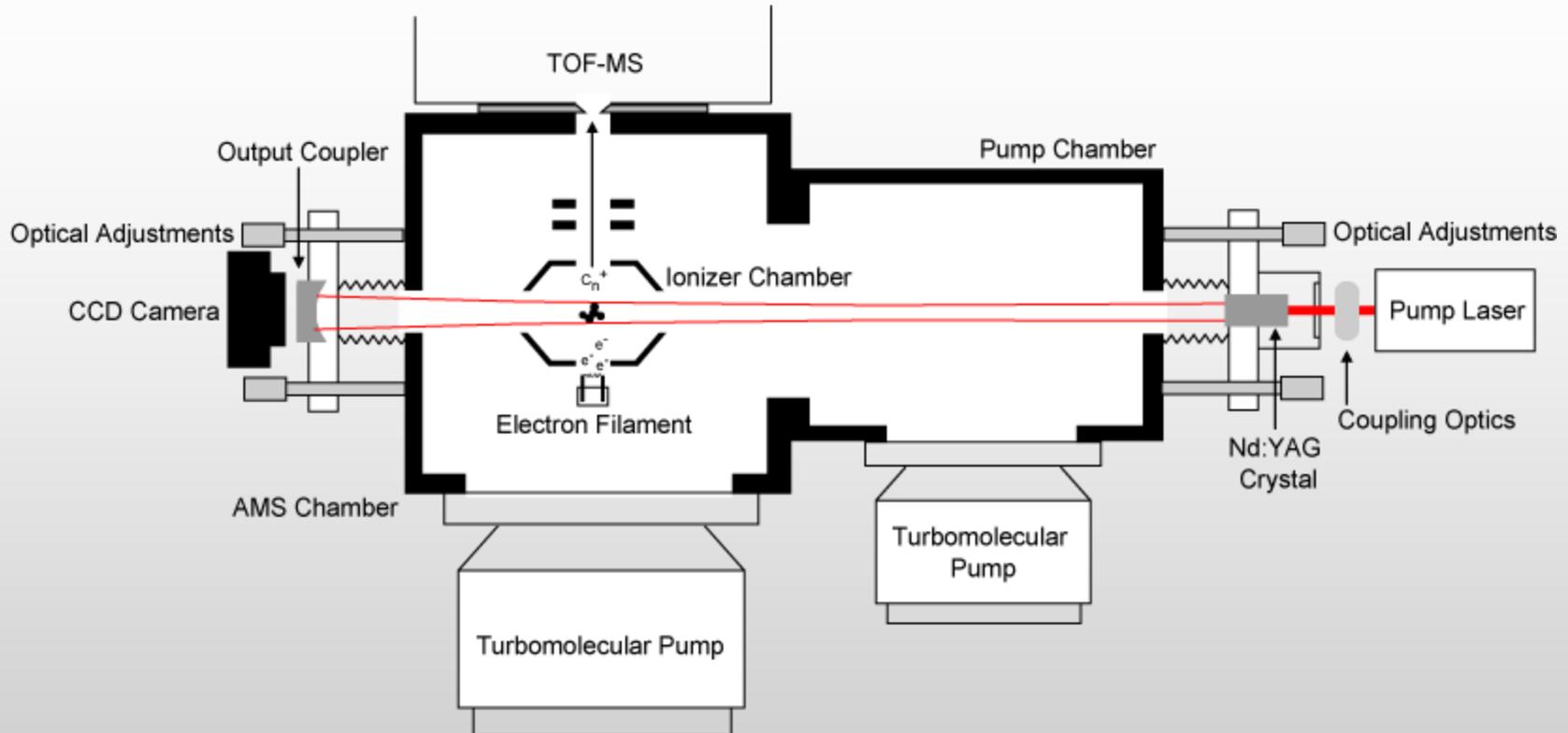
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**Extra Slides**

# Heavy Metals in Shipping Emissions



# Schematic of the SP module



- ✓ Vaporization via intra-cavity pump laser ( $\lambda = 1064 \text{ nm}$ ,  $5\text{-}20 \mu\text{sec}$ )  
Coatings evaporate first ( $<600 \text{ C}$ ). Core evaporates last ( $>1000 \text{ C}$ )
- ✓ Ionization of vapour (core + coatings) by electron impact (EI)
- ✓ Detection (core + coatings) with Time-of-Flight mass spectrometry