Novel Measurements of Volatility- and Polarity-Separated Organic Aerosol Composition and Associated Hygroscopicity to Investigate the Influence of Mixed Anthropogenic-Biogenic Emissions on Atmospheric Aging Processes

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Motivation

- Atmospheric <u>primary</u> and <u>secondary</u> organic gases and particles originate from <u>biogenic</u> and <u>anthropogenic</u> emissions, and <u>bio/anthro interactions</u> have been observed to alter production of secondary organic aerosol (SOA).
- Impacts health and climate
- *Uncertainty remains in determining <u>sources</u> and <u>evolution</u> of organic aerosol (OA)
- *There is a need for improved <u>chemical characterization</u> of complex OA composition
- *We want <u>manageable parameterizations</u> of this chemistry to enable modeling of complex atmospheric OA (mixture can contain tens of thousands of compounds). Approach through <u>novel data analysis methods</u> and new <u>measurement techniques</u>.

Oxidative Evolution of Organic Material in Atmosphere



Adapted from Kroll et al., Nature Chemistry, 2011

Oxidative Evolution of Organic Material in Atmosphere



- A small molecule like isoprene (C5) only crosses edge of the condensed phase
- More likely for larger molecules (e.g., C10, C15) to cross through condensed phase
- <u>Aerosol Yield</u> from smaller molecules may be very sensitive to altered reaction paths

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Our goal is to contribute to a better understanding of the <u>anthropogenic</u> <u>enhancement</u> of biogenic SOA production



Fig. 11. Estimated zonal mean distribution of (a) POA and (b) SOA sources: biomass burning (BB-SOA); anthropogenically controlled biogenic SOA (AC-BSOA). Sources of SOA estimated in this work (solid lines) are plotted for comparison against sources estimated by de Gouw and Jimenez (2009) (dotted lines). POA emissions in the two studies are identical.

Spracklen et al., ACPD, 2011



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Our methods for In-Situ Organic Aerosol Chemical Characterization



Organic Aerosol Analysis in Perspective



<u>Aerodyne Research Inc. (US-DOE – SBIR, Phases I, II</u>): Volatility and polarity separated total organic aerosol using thermal desorption modulated chromatography

In-Situ Measurements





Biogenic

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New <u>binning</u> method developed to directly insert a collection of TAG chromatograms or VAPS "vapograms" into PMF.

- Saves from having to integrate individual compounds
- Incorporates the <u>unresolved complex mixture</u> (UCM)



Bin size determines degree of chemical resolution

Zhang et al, AS&T 2014

Binned PMF data matrix can be arranged to separate for:

 Major <u>chromatogram components</u> (e.g., compounds with similar mass spectral features or functionality)
 Chromatogram Deconvolution PMF



2) Major study-time components (e.g., <u>Sources</u> or Transformations)

Source Apportionment PMF



Zhang et al, AS&T 2014 + In-Prep.

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Observations from two recent field studies



Modeled Isoprene Emissions



Now known that isoprene can produce SOA....

Formation of Isoprene SOA





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Goldstein, Fung, et al, 2009 (satellite observations)



AMS Factors from SOAS

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Xu et al., PNAS, 2015



AMS only finds 1 type of isoprene SOA, although there are various formation pathways. AMS may not easil differentiate.

Some lab evidence showing LO-OOA may be terpene SOA.

Can **VAPS** offer more information?



Chromatogram Deconvolution PMF on Binned VAPS Data (SOAS)



Source Apportionment PMF on Binned VAPS Data (SOAS)





Correlations (Pearson r)

| | | <u>SV-TAG</u> (UC-Berkeley) | | | | | | | | | AMS | | | | |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------|--------|--------------------|----------------------|
| | | C5 alkene triol 1 | C5 alkene triol 2 | 2-methyltetrol 1 | 2-methyltetrol 2 | methylglyceric acid | pinic acid | pinonic acid | hydroxyglutaric acid | levoglucosan | Isoprene OA | LO-OOA | M0-00A | BBOA | lsoprene OA + MO-OOA |
| VAPS | Isoprene SOA | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.53 | 0.55 | 0.45 | -0.04 | 0.29 | 0.55 | 0.22 | 0.43 | 0.04 | 0.65 | 0.28 | 0.67 |
| | Terpene SOA1 | -0.18 | -0.25 | -0.10 | -0.28 | -0.46 | 0.56 | 0.27 | 0.17 | 0.19 | 0.24 | 0.56 | 0.14 | 0.28 | 0.06 |
| | Terpene SOA2 | 0.43 | 0.39 | 0.59 | 0.50 | 0.08 | 0.70 | 0.40 | 0.65 | 0.60 | 0.23 | 0.54 | 0.60 | 0.30 | 0.55 |
| | Terpene SOA3 | 0.44 | 0.32 | 0.51 | 0.31 | 0.17 | 0.73 | 0.79 | 0.55 | 0.35 | 0.66 | 0.86 | 0.55 | 0.70 | 0.65 |
| | BBOA | 0.25 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.29 | 0.63 | 0.27 | 0.15 | 0.37 | 0.62 | 0.10 | 0.67 | 0.26 |
| | IsopreneSOA + TerpeneSOA3 | 0.78 | 0.69 | 0.73 | 0.60 | 0.40 | 0.47 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.40 | 0.80 | 0.67 | 0.87 | 0.73 <mark></mark> | 0.92 |
| | TerpeneSOA1+2 + BBOA | 0.31 | 0.20 | 0.43 | 0.23 | -0.11 | 0.87 | 0.70 | 0.64 | 0.55 | 0.45 | 0.93 | 0.51 | 0.67 | 0.52 |
| _ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | - 1 | |
| <u>AMS</u> | IsopreneOA | 0.78 | 0.67 | 0.69 | 0.61 | 0.68 | 0.40 | 0.62 | 0.52 | 0.25 | | \ | | | |
| | LO-OOA | 0.52 | 0.38 | 0.53 | 0.38 | 0.23 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.68 | 0.51 | | | | | |
| | MO-00A | 0.77 | 0.74 | 0.79 | 0.73 | 0.43 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.85 | 0.46 | | 1 | | / | |
| | BBOA | 0.62 | 0.54 | 0.50 | 0.40 | 0.28 | 0.51 | 0.71 | 0.61 | 0.50 | | | | / | |
| | Isoprene+MO-OOA | 0.79 | 0.70 | 0.81 | 0.68 | 0.40 | 0.55 | 0.69 | 0.80 | 0.51 | | | | | |

Combinations of Components Provides highest correlations





VAPS



GTech AMS results (*Xu et al., PNAS, 2015*)





*VAPS analysis based only on 1 week time period, AMS analysis was over entire month



- Xu et al. (2015) suggests LO-OOA is largely from terpene **BVOC+NO₃** and **locally** produced.
- VAPS Terpene SOA3 is in excess of LO-OOA and has highest O:C ratio. It may represent a more aged – regional component.
- Or altered chemistry.....need additional lab studies to test
- Currently developing Isoprene/Terpene + NO₃
 lab studies + analysis of standards
- Many of the compounds observed by VAPS do not exist in current "underivatized" mass spectral libraries!

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<u>St. Louis</u> <u>Air Quality Regional Study</u> (SLAQRS)

Aug.3 – Oct.15, 2013

Mississippi Rive Map Traffic East St. Louis, IL St. Louis MO

Ozarks Plateau

Missouri River

Millet et al. (U.Minnesota) Turner et al. (WashU) Weber et al. (GTech)

1) PMF results from <u>SLAQRS</u>, East St. Louis: (AMS Data)



Made an interesting discovery during SLAQRS (TAG and VAPS decomposition signal)



The <u>thermal decomposition</u> signal seems to contain information on the fraction of the aerosol that traditional operation of TAG and VAPS are not capable of detecting

Williams et al., AMTD 2015



Tracking major ions in the decomposition window reveals some good correlations to major AMS components:



prene

SO



2) PMF results from <u>SLAQRS</u>, East St. Louis: (TAG <u>decomposition</u> signal)



Zhang et al., In-Prep

3) PMF results from <u>SLAQRS</u>, East St. Louis: (TAG binned <u>compounds</u>)



4) PMF results from <u>SLAQRS</u>, East St. Louis: (TAG individual <u>compounds</u>)





Currently working to combine <u>SLAQRS</u> PMF results from:

AMS
 TAG (decomposition signal)
 TAG (binned compounds + UCM)
 TAG (integrated compounds)
 VAPS

Created a bit of a <u>data monster</u>, but learning a lot as we now make comparisons!

Good correlations amongst the various Isoprene SOA factors and major Anthropogenic HOA/POA factors.

Observations of Nighttime Chemistry during SLAQRS



Millet et al., ES&T (In-Review)



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Design for Laboratory-based Oxidation Studies





Thermal desorption Aerosol Gas Chromatograph (TAG)



Volatility & Polarity Separator – Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (VAPS-AMS)



Potential Aerosol Mass (PAM) Reactor

LVOC

Real Emissions

I/SVOC

VOC

Proton Transfer Reaction Mass Spectrometer (PTR-MS)



 O_3 , NO, NO₂, SO₂, CO, CO₂



Volatility+Hygroscopicity-TDMA, SMPS

Building and Adding to Chemical Databases



For purpose of this project we are characterizing oxidation of **Isoprene + several Terpenes** (over a range of: oxidation states, humidity, oxidants, acidity, NO_x)

Connecting chemistry to hygroscopicity



Multi-Channel TDMA hygroscopicity, volatility, etc. (developed through EPA Early Career award)



Currently attempting to <u>map hygroscopicity onto 2D VAPS maps</u> of volatility- and polarityseparated OA functional groups.

Conclusions

- Our novel research tools are offering new insights on the chemical composition of atmospheric OA
- A combination of new binning analysis techniques, incorporation of thermal decomposition data, and controlled lab studies are improving our understanding of complex ambient chemical signatures observed by TAG, VAPS, and AMS
- VAPS data from **SOAS** (Alabama) suggests major contributions to OA loadings from **Terpene SOA** and additional contributions from **Isoprene SOA** not previously reported.
- OA observed during SLAQRS (St. Louis Region) was composed of a mix of anthropogenic sources with biogenic events delivered from the Ozarks. Nighttime chemistry plays an important role during these periods of biogenic influence. Larger-scale studies should be performed in this region of interest.

