

Laboratory measurements of oxidation of fatty acids in marine organic aerosols

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Summary

- Organic aerosols
- Laboratory measurements
- Fatty acids oxidation
- Future directions

Organic aerosols

- Sources

- Bubbles produced by breaking waves that scavenge surface-active organic matter and other materials

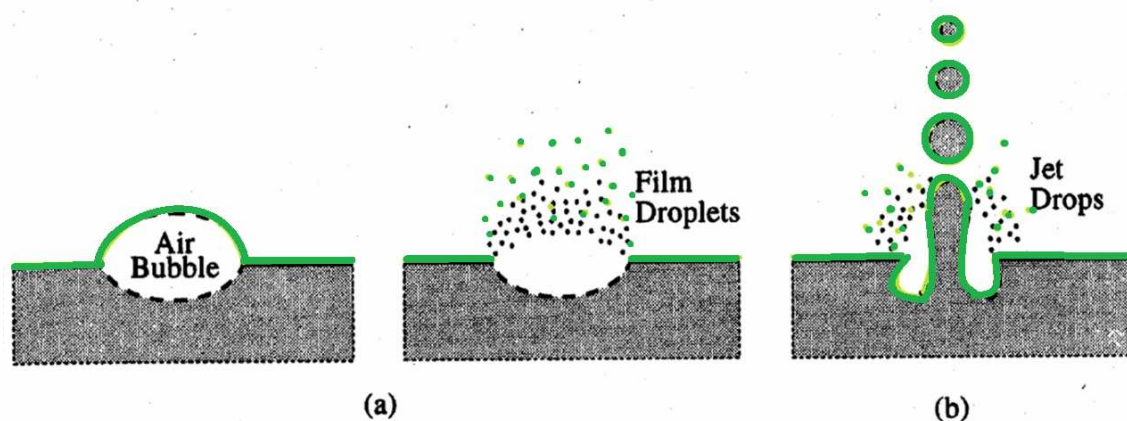
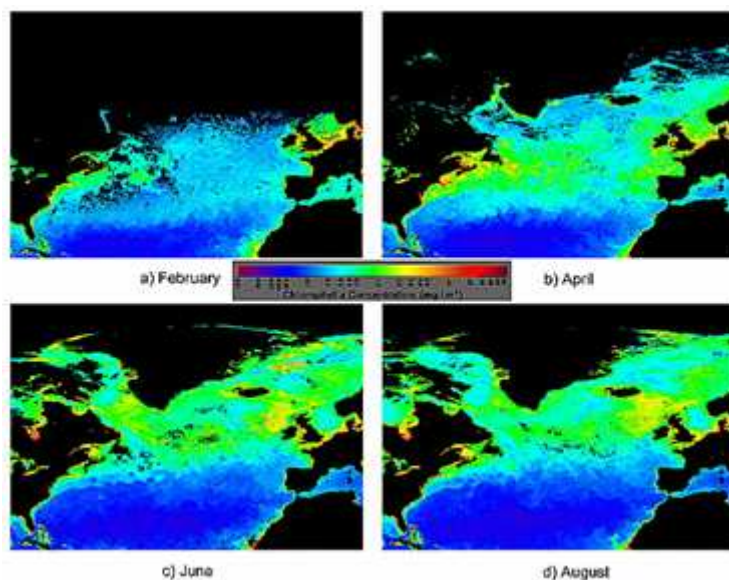


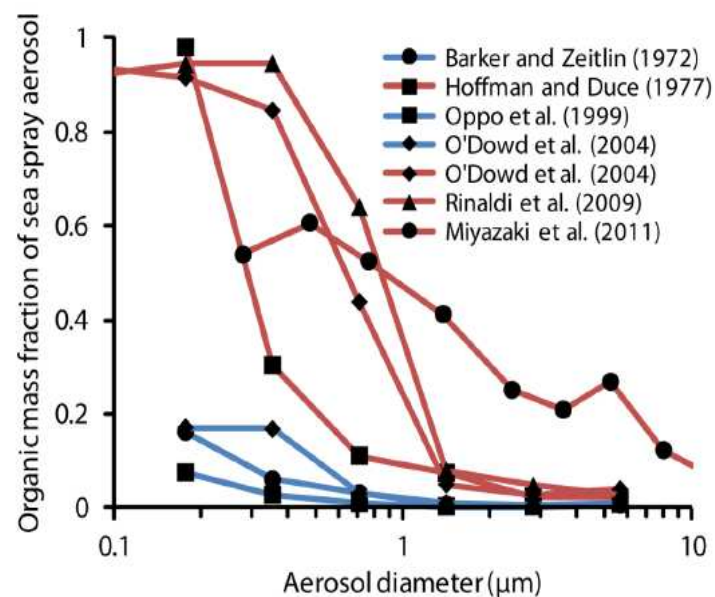
Figure 5.4 Production of sea-salt aerosols from (a) bursting air bubbles on the surface of the ocean and (b) mechanically breaking surface waves.



Organic aerosols and marine biological activity



Monthly averages of chlorophyll - a concentration (from SeaWiFS) 2004

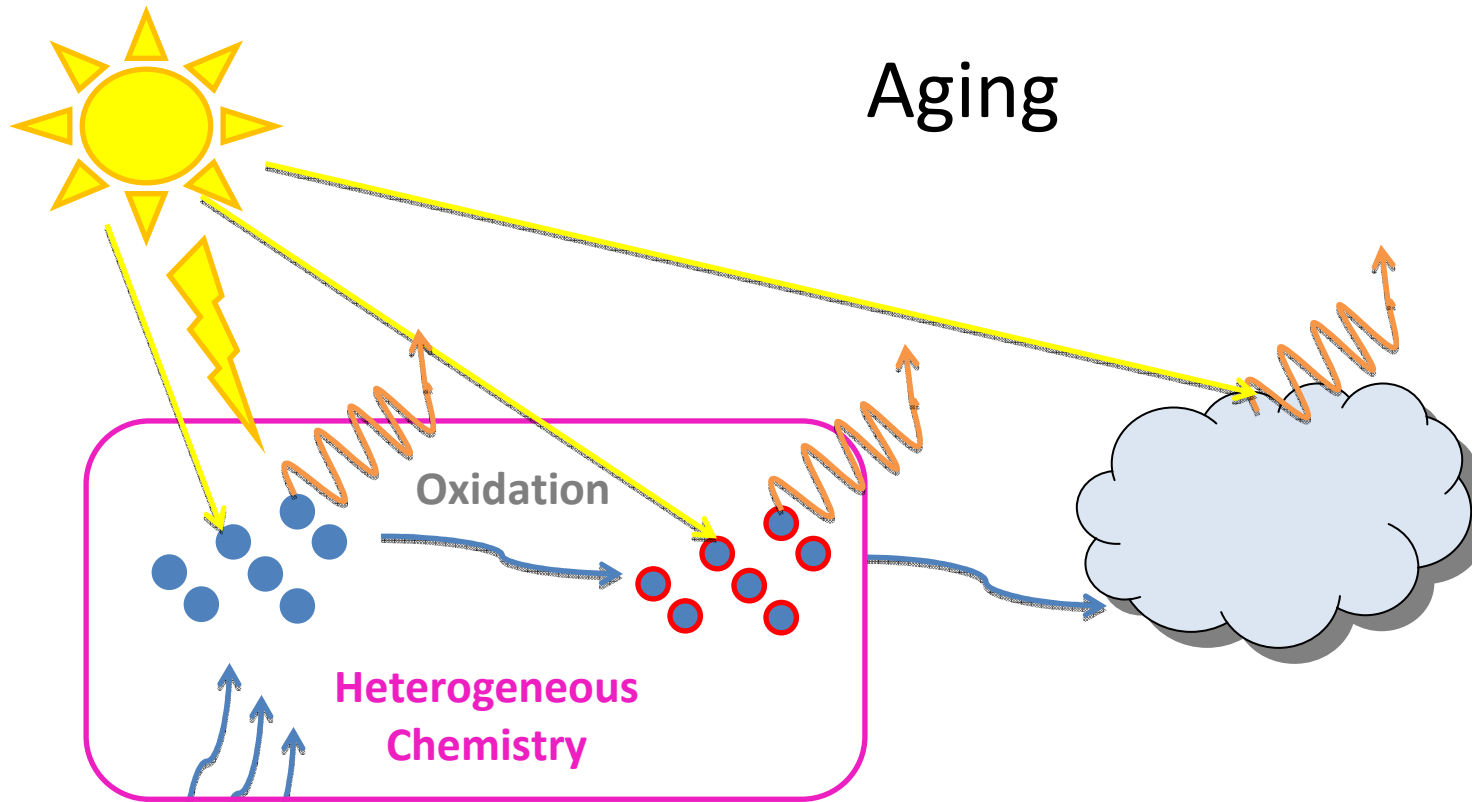


blue = low biological activity periods

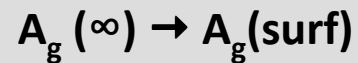
red = high biological activity periods

Government	Percentage
Current government	75%
Previous government	25%

Aging



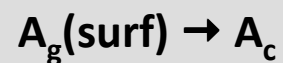
Heterogeneous reactivity



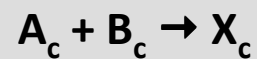
D_g



k_{surf}



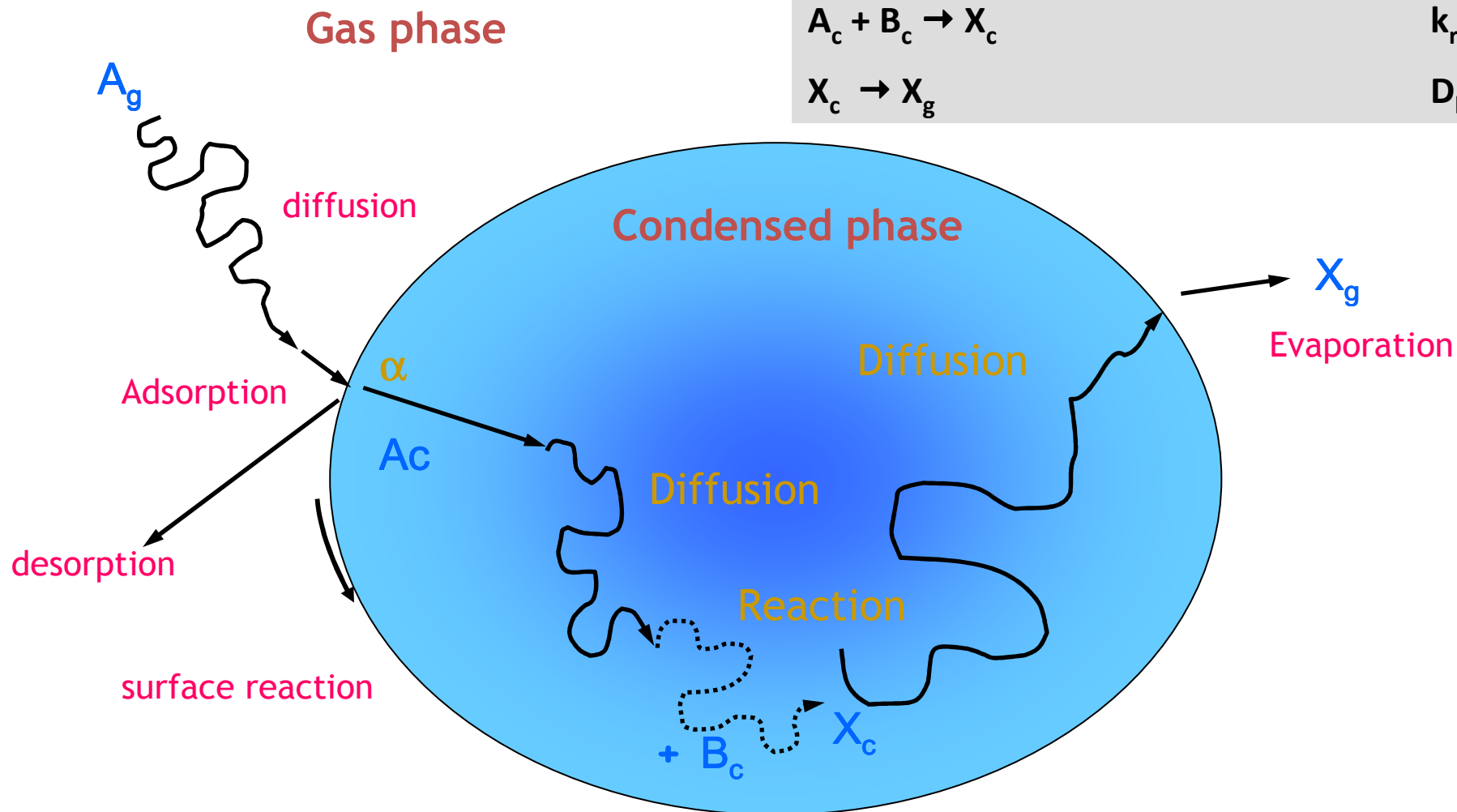
α



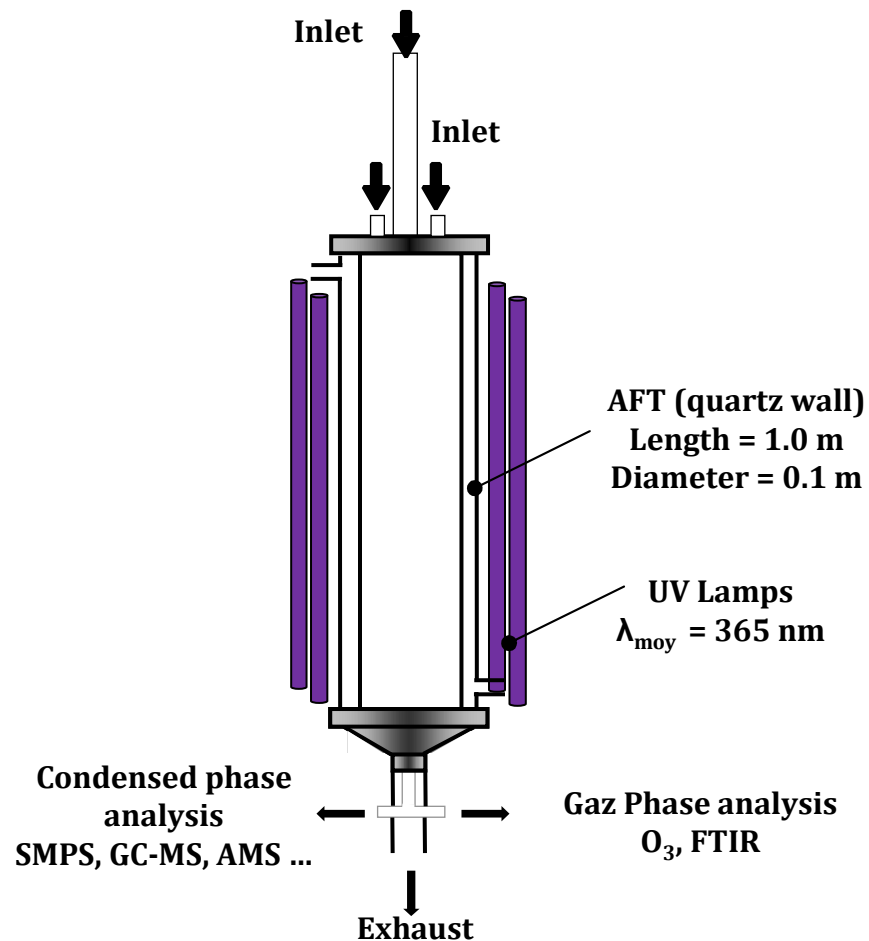
k_{reac}



D_{liq}

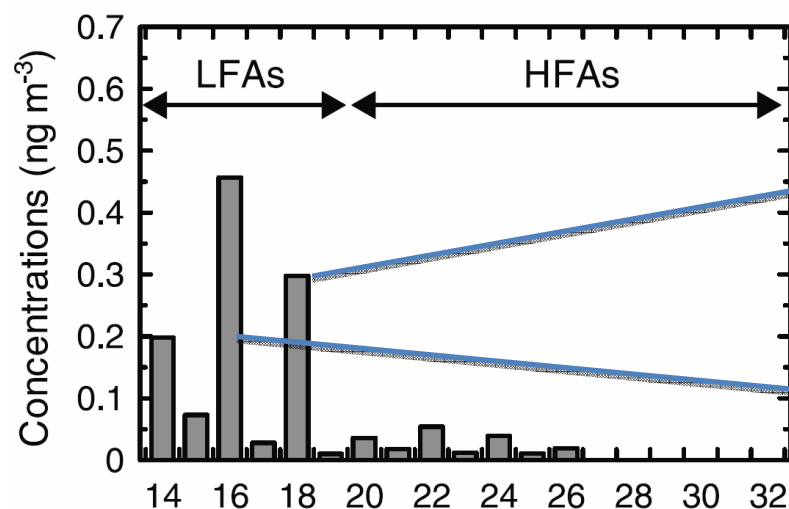


Laboratory measurement



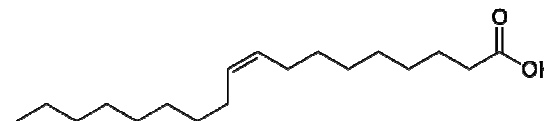
- Objectives:
 - Reactivity of organic aerosols with photoxydant ($\text{Cl}^\bullet$, O_3)
 - Kinetic of oxidation reaction
 - Oxidation products

Fatty acids

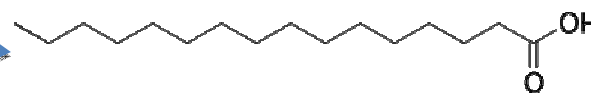


Carbon Number of Fatty Acids in the remote marine air mass

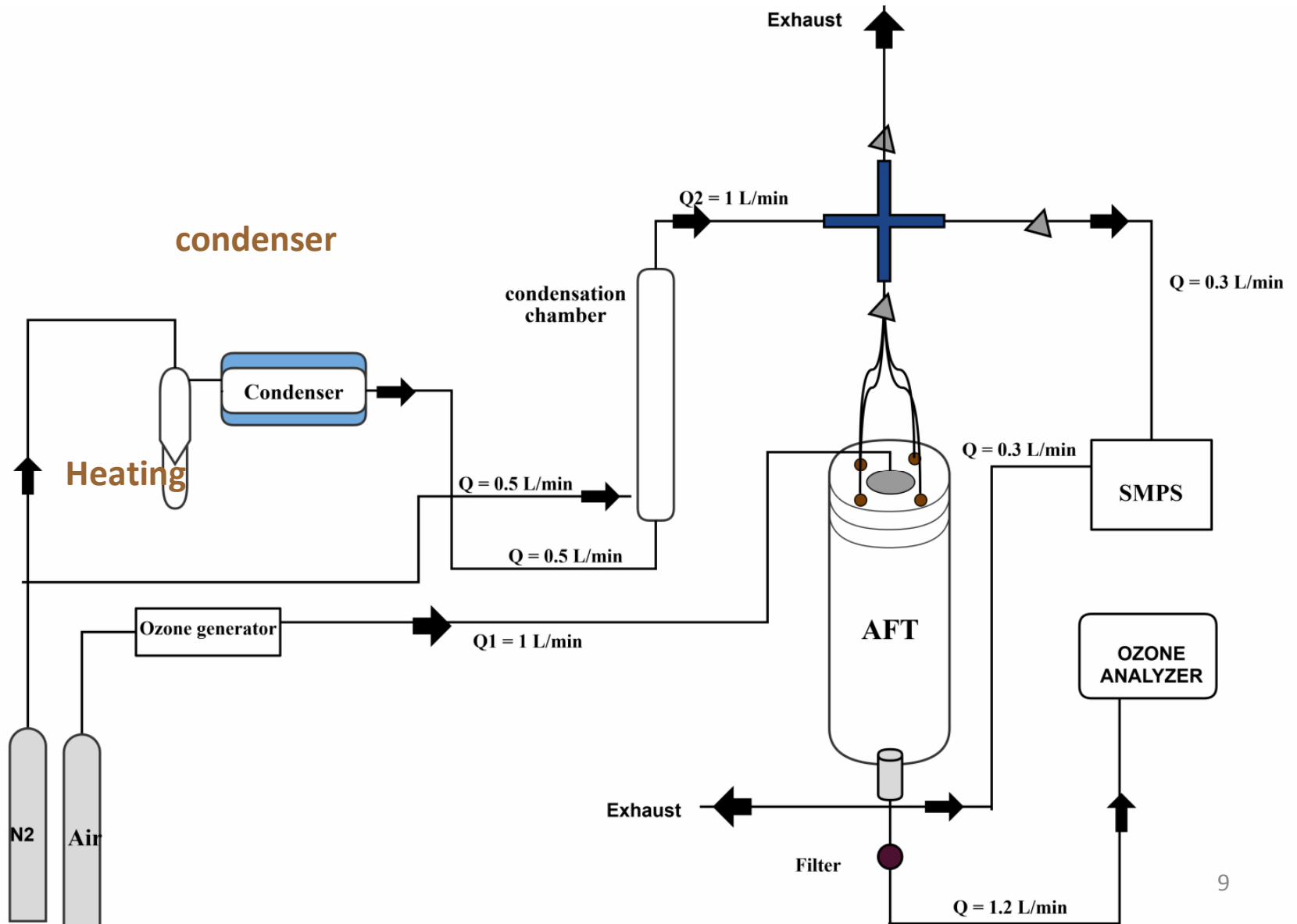
Oleic acid (C18)



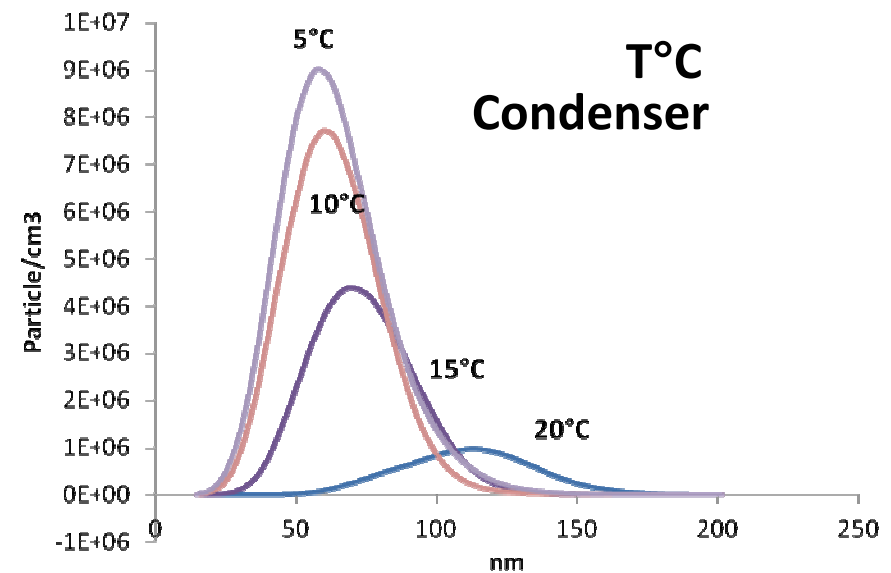
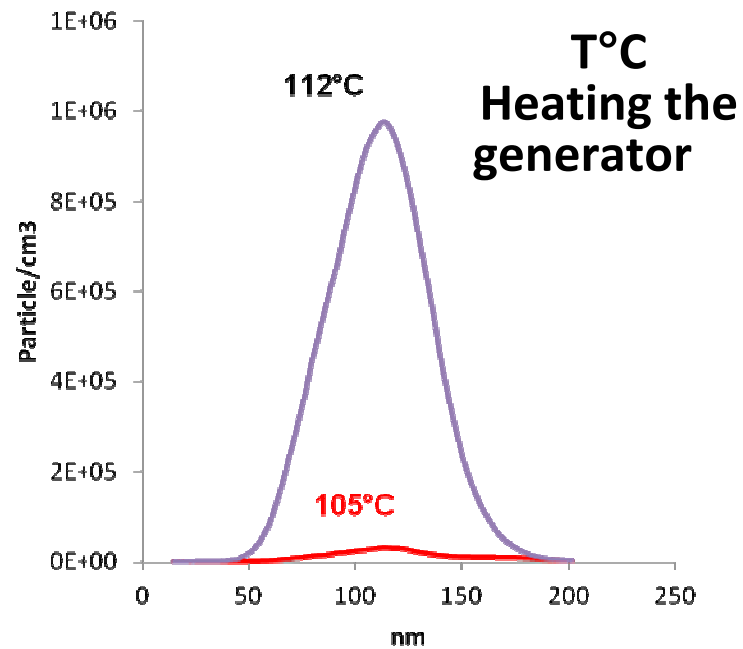
Palmitic acid (C16)



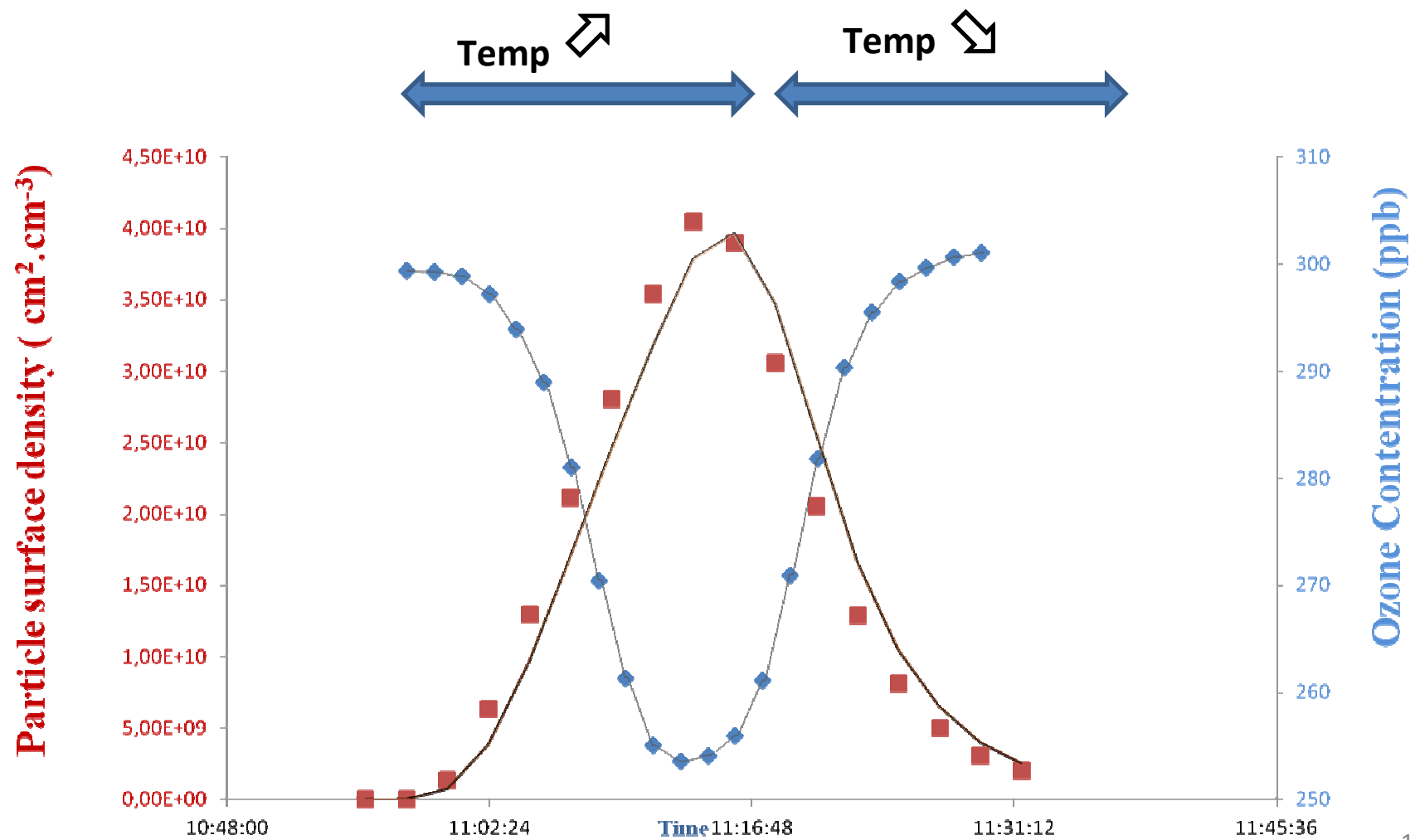
Experimental Setup



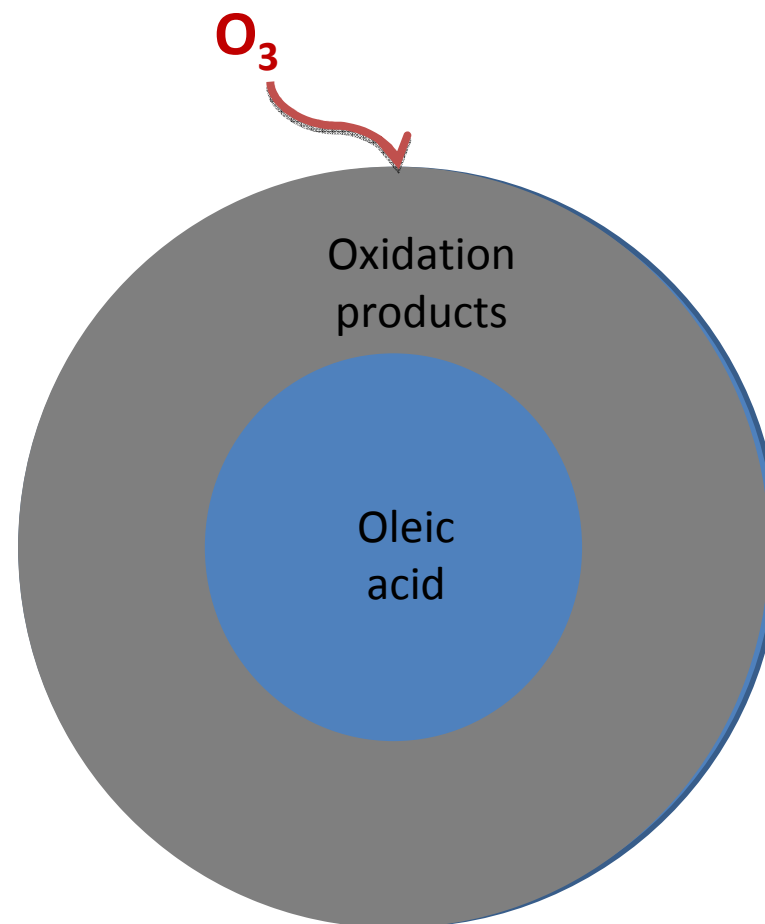
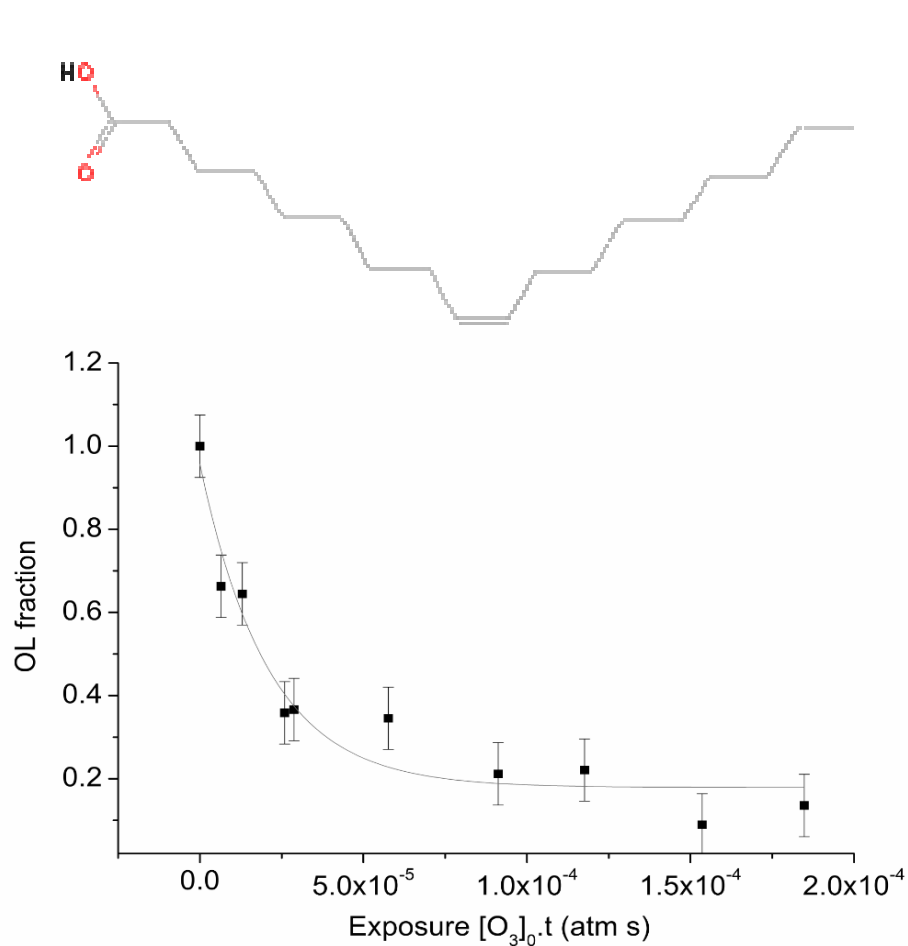
Particles distribution function of T°C



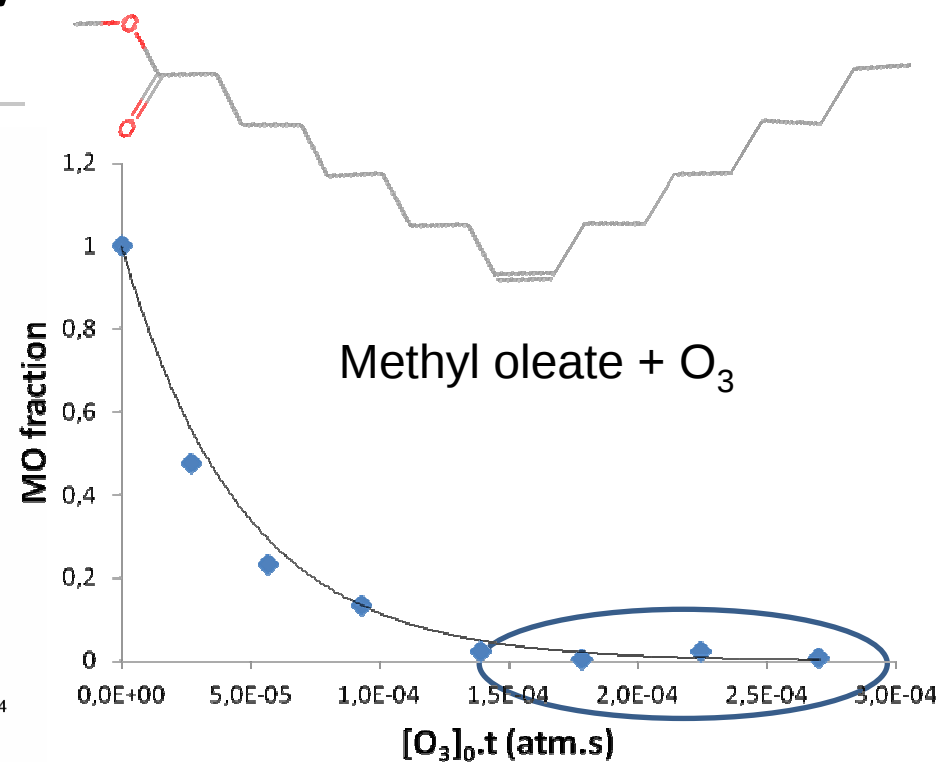
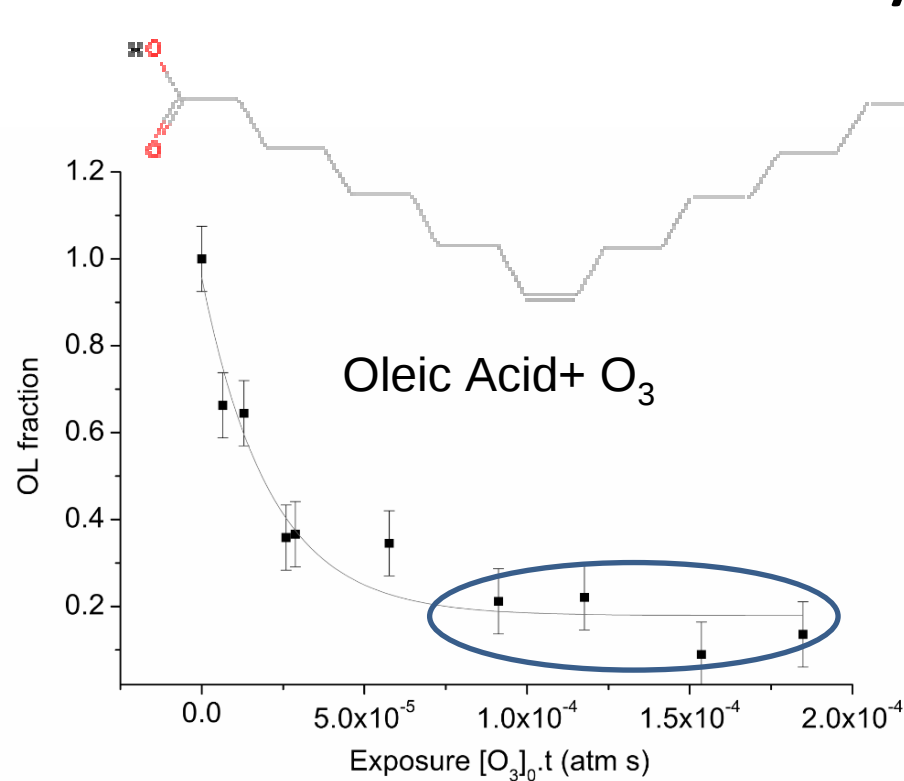
Ozonolysis of Oleic Acid



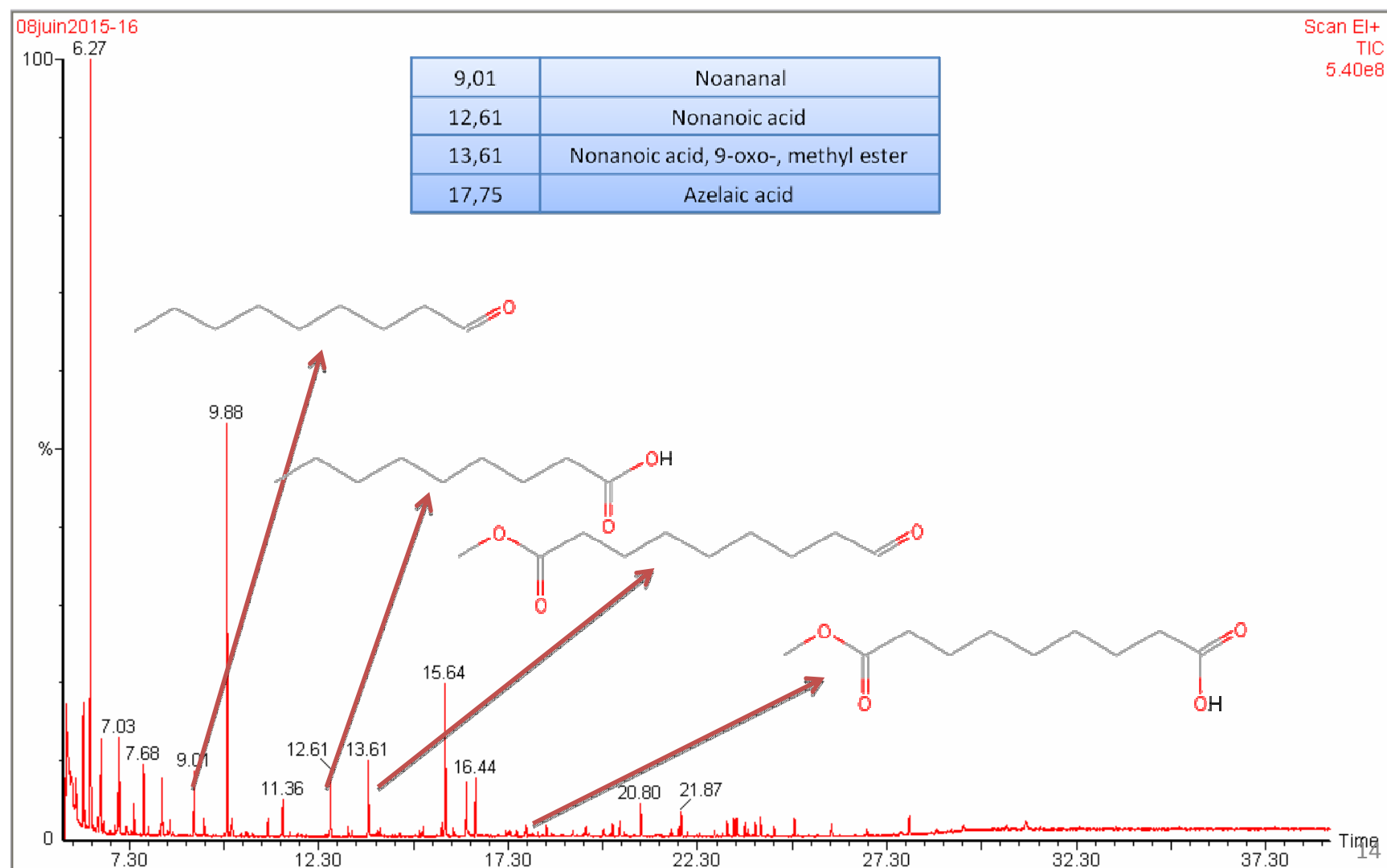
Oleic acid oxidation



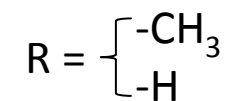
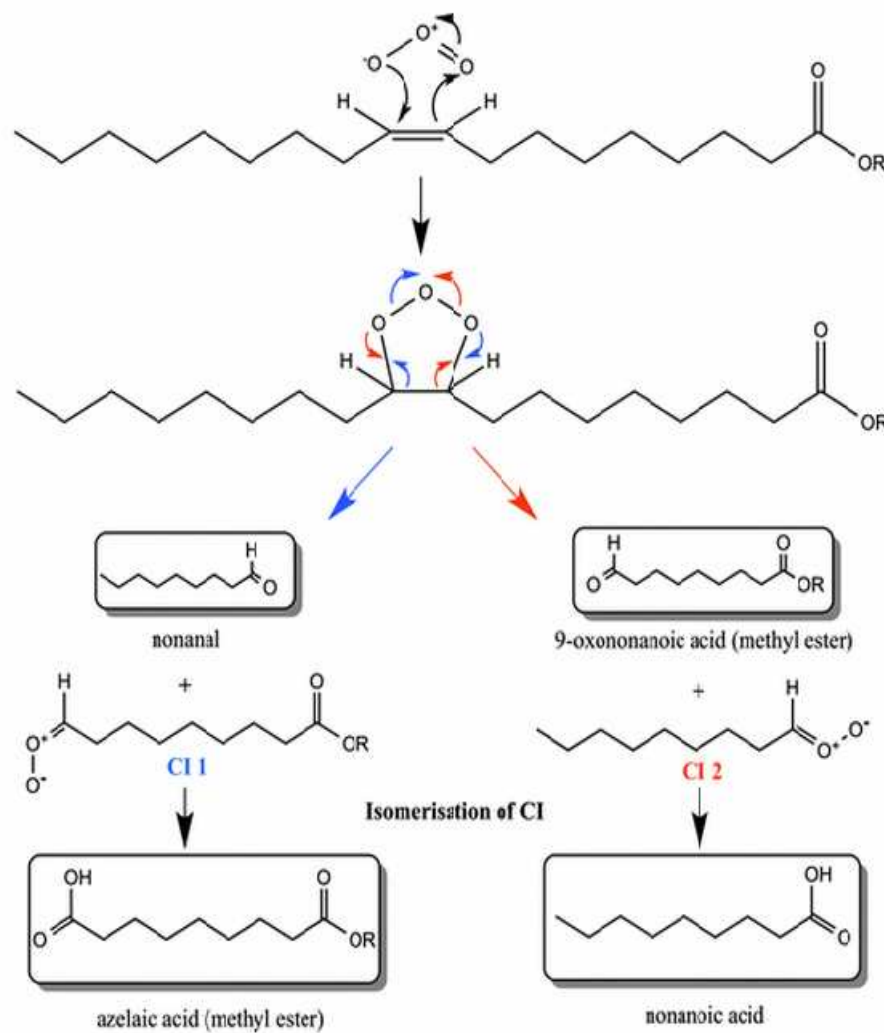
Comparison between Oleic acid and Methyl oleate



Products identification



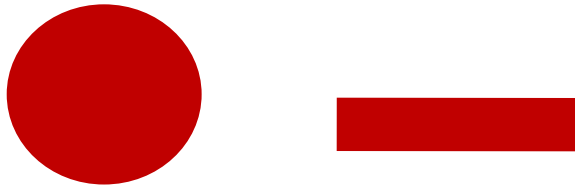
Oxidation mechanism



Future directions

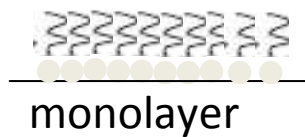
Laboratory

Particules/surface coating



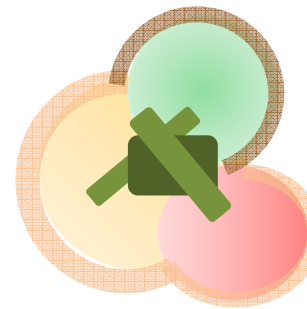
1 oxydant

$RH = 0$



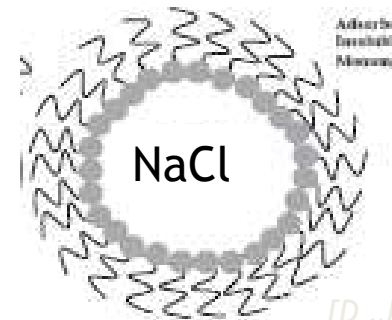
Atmosphere

Complex mixture



multi oxydants

$0 < RH < 100\%$



Fatty acid coating

[D .J. Donaldson, et al. 2006]

Thank you !

