

Near-Highway Aerosol and Gas-phase Measurements in a High Diesel Environment

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Abstract

Diesel-powered passenger cars currently outnumber gasoline-powered cars in many countries, particularly in Europe. In France, diesel cars represented 61% of [light duty vehicles](#) in 2011 and this percentage is still increasing (French Environment and Energy Management Agency, ADEME).

As part of the September 2011 joint PM-DRIVE (Particulate Matter- DiRect and Indirect on-road Vehicular Emissions) and MOCOPO (Measuring and mOdeling traffic COngestion and POLLution) field campaign, the concentration and high-resolution chemical composition of aerosols and volatile organic carbon (VOC) species were measured adjacent to a major urban highway south of Grenoble, France.

Alongside these atmospheric measurements, detailed traffic data were collected from nearby traffic cameras and loop detectors, which allowed the [vehicle type](#), traffic concentration, and traffic speed to be quantified. Six aerosol age and source profiles were resolved using the positive matrix factorization (PMF) model on real-time high-resolution aerosol mass spectra. These six aerosol source/age

categories included a hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) commonly associated with primary vehicular emissions, a nitrogen containing aerosol (NOA) with a diurnal pattern similar to that of HOA, oxidized organic aerosol (OOA), and biomass burning aerosol (BBOA). While quantitatively

separating influence of diesel versus gasoline proved impossible, a low HOA: Black Carbon ratio, similar to that measured in other high-diesel environments, and high levels of NO_x, also indicative of diesel emissions, were observed. Although the measurement site was located next to a large source of

primary emissions, which are typically found to have low oxygen incorporation, OOA was found to comprise the majority of the measured organic aerosol, and [isotopic analysis showed that](#) the measured OOA contained mainly modern carbon, not fossil-derived carbon. Thus, even in this heavily vehicular-emission impacted environment, photochemical processes, biogenic emissions, and aerosol oxidation

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72 dominated the overall organic aerosol mass measured during most of the campaign.

73 1. Introduction

74 Aerosols are known to have adverse effects on human health and [on](#) the global climate. The
75 World Health Organization (WHO) recently added anthropogenic aerosol and air pollution to their list
76 of known carcinogens (WHO, 2013), and high mass concentrations of particles less than 2.5
77 micrometers in diameter (PM2.5), such as those emitted by vehicular combustion processes, are
78 particularly harmful (Lighty et al., 2000). Vehicular traffic is a large source of submicrometer
79 anthropogenic aerosol and proximity to large sources of vehicular emissions has been shown to
80 increase lung and heart disease, especially in children (Brugge et al., 2007). [A recent WHO report](#)
81 examined the toxicological effects of black carbon (BC) aerosol, a known emission of diesel vehicles.
82 Although no difference in toxicology between PM2.5 and BC aerosol inhalation was found, BC was
83 cited as a marker for more general vehicular emissions, which have been shown to have negative health
84 effects; diesel exhaust was added as a known carcinogen the year before general air pollution and
85 PM2.5 (Janssen, World Health Organization, 2012). Aside from the potential detrimental health
86 effects of BC, BC also has significant implications for climate change. Unlike the majority of aerosol
87 (e.g., most organic aerosol, ammonium sulfate, ammonium nitrate), BC aerosol is associated with
88 global warming due to its high absorption of solar radiation (Bond et al., 2013). Diesel vehicles have
89 been singled out as important sources of BC to regulate as, unlike most other BC sources, diesel
90 vehicles tend not to co-elute high concentrations of other, less absorbing (thus more cooling) aerosol
91 and therefore have a higher net heating effect than mixed-emission black carbon sources (Bond et al.,
92 2013).

93 In France, the lower cost of diesel fuel (due to a lower taxation rate of diesel fuel versus
94 gasoline fuel) and the generally higher fuel efficiency of diesel engines have [increased the popularity of](#)
95 [diesel passenger cars](#). [In 2011, 82% of the fuel consumed in France was diesel \(World Bank, 2011\).](#) For
96 comparison, this percentage in 2011 was 28% in the US, 57% in China, 70% in the European Union,

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Deleted: For vehicular aerosol emissions, factors such as the fuel used (diesel versus gasoline), age of the car engine, and highway speed (stop and go traffic versus constant speed) can affect the concentration and physical and chemical composition of the aerosol emitted.

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Deleted: to outnumber gasoline passenger cars: in 2011 diesel cars represented 60% of the total vehicular fleet (Light Duty Vehicles, LDV) (61% in 2013) according to the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME). The influence of diesel vehicles increases if we consider the total fuel consumption per capita, which better captures the use of diesel and gasoline vehicles on the road (road sector only, World Bank, 2011).

115 49% in Latin America and the Middle East, and 83% in low-income countries.

116 The emission characteristics and emission limits of these two types of engines (diesel and
117 gasoline) are quite different: diesel vehicles have higher emission [factors](#) for primary organic aerosol
118 (POA) and BC, while gasoline-powered vehicles have higher emission [factors](#) for carbon monoxide
119 (CO), carbon dioxide (CO₂), and volatile organic carbon (VOCs) (e.g., [trimethylbenzene](#), benzene)
120 (Platt et al., 2013). Black carbon, in particular, is closely associated with diesel: in Europe, North
121 America, and Latin America, an estimated 70% of BC emissions are from diesel-powered vehicles
122 (Bond et al., 2013). [These differences in emissions were observed in studies performed in Mexico City,
123 where particulate and VOC emissions were measured both at stationary measurement sites and during
124 vehicular chases with the Aerodyne Mobile Laboratory \(Thornhill et al., 2010\). During this study,
125 diesel and gasoline vehicles on the road were manually counted and specific vehicles were followed
126 and their emissions captured. From these data, diesel was found to contribute almost all of the BC
127 mass and particle number concentration, along with the majority of PM2.5, while gasoline emissions
128 were found to have elevated levels of toluene and benzene \(Thornhill et al., 2010\).](#) In Marseille,
129 France, a traffic tunnel experiment measured an organic carbon/elemental carbon ratio (OC/EC) in
130 PM2.5 of 0.3-0.4, which indicates that significant amounts of black carbon is emitted from local traffic
131 in Marseille (El Haddad et al., 2009). Recent measures have been taken in Europe to reduce the
132 particulate emission from diesel vehicles: from Euro 4 to Euro 5, a diesel particle filter (DPF) was
133 introduced in diesel vehicles and the regulated emission limit for PM2.5 was halved for diesel cars and
134 trucks.

135 [Aerosol](#) and VOC emissions from both vehicle types, as well as biogenic emissions, industrial
136 emissions, and emissions from other sources, will react together in the atmosphere and potentially form
137 secondary organic aerosol (SOA). Thus, primary aerosol emissions may not be the most important
138 emission factor to take into account for global reduction in anthropogenic aerosol. After emission,
139 VOCs can react in the atmosphere and form SOA. From these reactions, gasoline VOC emissions could

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145 ultimately lead to the formation of higher concentrations of organic aerosol than organic aerosol
146 released directly from diesel vehicles, as reported in a recent study comparing the SOA formation from
147 a Euro 3 diesel LDV and a Euro 5 gasoline LDV (Platt et al., 2013).

148 | [A recent study by Bahreini et al. \(2012\)](#) measured similar levels of SOA in the heavily traffic-
149 influenced LA Basin during both weekend and weekday afternoons. While diesel-powered vehicle
150 numbers on the road decrease significantly on the weekends in the LA area, the measured SOA does
151 not, which leads to the conclusion that gasoline emissions are more responsible for SOA than diesel
152 emissions (Bahreini et al., 2012). Nordin et al. (2013) performed smog-chamber studies on SOA
153 formation from gasoline-vehicle VOC emissions during simulated cold start and idling driving
154 | conditions, and confirmed the high potential of SOA formation from gasoline car exhaust. [Another](#)
155 recent paper calculates the reactivity potential of diesel and gasoline fuel and comes to the opposite
156 conclusion: that due to the reactivity potential of diesel fuel, diesel-powered vehicles should contribute
157 greater amounts of SOA than gasoline-powered vehicles to the atmosphere (Gentner et al., 2012). [Thus,](#)
158 [controversy still exists regarding the eventual aerosol emission factors of diesel and gasoline engines](#)
159 [when considering both primary emissions and potential SOA formation.](#)

160 | Finally, gas-phase NO and NO₂ (NO_x) ambient concentrations are also [mostly](#) associated with
161 diesel fuel use (Vestreng et al., 2009). Throughout Europe, while NO_x emission standards for diesel
162 vehicles have increased in stringency in recent years, ambient NO₂ levels have not shown a
163 corresponding decrease (Vestreng et al., 2009). The reduction of atmospheric NO_x is important for
164 health-related reasons as an increase in NO_x leads to an increase in tropospheric ozone, which is a
165 known lung irritant. NO_x levels have also been shown to affect the formation rate, formation
166 pathways, and chemical composition of secondary organic aerosol from the reaction of primary species
167 in numerous chamber studies (Carlton et al., 2009; Kroll et al., 2005; Ng et al., 2007, 2008; Presto et
168 al., 2010).

169 | European vehicular emissions, near-highway pollution levels, and the chemical composition of

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180 highway pollution may be quite different than those measured in North America due to many factors,
181 including: 1) different emission standards and fuel regulations [in the two regions](#) 2) different after-
182 treatment devices to reduce the emission of certain pollutants and 3) a much larger percentage of
183 diesel-powered passenger cars on the road. A comparison between European and North American
184 near-highway measurements could lead to further understanding of the effects of diesel versus gasoline
185 on near-highway atmospheric chemistry.

186 To fully categorize the aerosol, VOC, and NO_x emissions of traffic in France, the joint PM-
187 DRIVE (Particulate Matter- DiRect and Indirect on-road Vehicular Emissions) and MOCOPO
188 (Measuring and mOdeling traffic COngestion and POLLution) field mission took place in the Grenoble
189 basin, France during the fall of 2011 at a near-highway location south of the city center. During the
190 field measurements discussed in this paper, traffic cameras allowed vehicle type determination through
191 license plate automatic identification. Traffic densities, speed and total flow were quantified through
192 loop detectors, while measurements of the chemical composition, concentration, and size of aerosol
193 were collected using both real-time and offline analysis, and parallel data on the gas-phase chemical
194 composition of the roadway-adjacent environment were also collected. A source apportionment model
195 was applied to real-time aerosol chemical composition data. Particular attention was paid to the
196 chemical composition of particles and VOCs emitted during morning and evening rush hours in an
197 attempt to elucidate the primary vehicular influence on near-highway air pollution.

198 2. Experimental Methods

199 2.1. Description of the Measurement Site

200 The sampling site was located at 45.150641 N, 5.726028 E (Figure 1), just south of Grenoble,
201 France adjacent to a major highway (south of E712, with A480 2 km to the [east](#)). During the week, the
202 total traffic on the highway was about 95,000 vehicles day⁻¹ (65,000 during the weekend). Grenoble, a
203 large city with over half a million people, is located in the southeast of France at the foothills of the
204 Alps. The surrounding mountain ranges both buffer the Grenoble area from the effects of transported

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212 aerosol and can also trap pollution within the valley, particularly during the winter months and periods
213 of temperature inversions. The isolating effect of the mountains thus simplifies the potential sources
214 for aerosol, making it an interesting location for the study of specific aerosol emission sources.

215 *2.2. Traffic Cameras and Loop Detectors*

216 Traffic cameras mounted to a roadway sign were used to capture the license plate numbers of
217 vehicles driven on the highway close to the field measurement site. These numbers were later used to
218 classify vehicular traffic into different categories: vehicle type (LDV, Heavy duty vehicles (HDV),
219 buses) and age, vehicle size and engine capacity, fuel type (diesel or gasoline), and Euro number (i.e.
220 the pollutant emission regulation that the vehicle complies with), The speed of the passing vehicles
221 was also monitored with the classical traffic detector (double electromagnetic loops, able to identify the
222 passing of all vehicles and their speeds), which allowed the identification of periods of stop-and-go,
223 dense, or free-flow traffic.

224 *2.3. Massalya Platform*

225 The MASSALYA platform is a mobile laboratory equipped for air quality measurements with a
226 hub located at the Aix Marseille Université. For the field campaign, PM_{2.5} and PM₁ sampling heads
227 situated above the roof of the stationary truck were connected to a variety of online instrumentation
228 located within the truck body. Complementary off-line analysis was performed on filter samples
229 collected by HiVol samplers located adjacent to the MASSALYA platform. All sampling occurred
230 approximately 15 m from one of the traffic lines, [as shown in Figure 1](#). Further details can be found in
231 Polo-Rehn, (2013).

232 A High-Resolution Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (Aerodyne, HR-ToF-AMS) was
233 used to analyze the chemical composition, size, and concentration of non-refractory submicrometer
234 particles in the ambient atmosphere (DeCarlo et al., 2006). Instrument specifications have been
235 discussed in detail elsewhere (DeCarlo et al., 2006). Briefly, both high resolution and size-speciated
236 chemical information for ambient aerosol were obtained from this instrument. Aerosols were

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238 vaporized at 600 °C, ionized using electron ionization (EI) at an energy of 70 eV, and the chemical
239 composition of bulk aerosol was measured using a ToF mass spectrometer (TOFWERK). Aerosol
240 spectra were continuously collected and a two-minute average spectrum was obtained. Aerosol
241 vacuum aerodynamic diameter was calculated by setting a particle start time using a chopper wheel
242 and measuring the particle flight time along the particle ToF (pToF) sizing region (DeCarlo et al.,
243 2006). Typical resolution during the campaign was around 2800 m/ Δm (where $m=m/z$ and Δm =full-
244 width at half max of the mass peak).

245 In addition to the HR-ToF-AMS, a Size-Mobility Particle Scanner (TSI, SMPS) was used to
246 measure the size distribution and concentration of ambient aerosol and a Multiangle Absorption
247 Photometer (ThermoFischer, MAAP 5012) was used to measure the concentration of black carbon.

248 High resolution mass spectra of VOCs were obtained using an Ionicon Proton-Transfer
249 Reaction Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer 8000 (PTR-ToF-MS, hereafter referred to as PTR-MS)
250 (Gaus et al., 2010). The PTR-MS analyzes trace (parts per trillion by volume) VOCs with high mass
251 resolution, which allows the separation of different species with the same nominal mass and the
252 identification of each peak's elemental formula. The PTR-MS was run with a 25 second time
253 resolution and a flow of 100 cm³ min⁻¹. Drift tube parameters of the PTR-MS were as follows:
254 Voltage: 560 V, Drift tube pressure: 2.11 mbar, Drift tube temperature: 333 K, resulting in an E/N
255 (electric field/number concentration of neutral particles) of 133 Td.

256 The SMPS, PTR-ToF-MS, and HR-ToF-AMS were connected to the same sample inlet with a
257 PM2.5 sampling head and a sample flow of 1 m³ hr⁻¹. Particles were dried (RH<30%) using a Nafion
258 dryer prior to measurement with the HR-ToF-AMS and SMPS. The MAAP was connected to a
259 separate PM1 sampling head. PM1 filter HiVol (30 m³ h⁻¹) samples were collected on quartz filters
260 (Tissuquartz) on a daily basis and analyzed for radiocarbon isotope data. Radiocarbon measurements
261 were conducted using ARTEMIS Accelerator Mass Spectrometry, at Saclay (CNRS-CEA-IRD-IRSN,
262 France) on the total carbon (TC) fraction [after a combustion of the samples at 850°C](#). The method is

264 fully described in El Haddad et al. (2011).

265 A Young meteorological station was also installed to capture wind speed, wind direction,
266 relative humidity, and temperature data at the measurement location.

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268 2.4. Air Rhône Alpes station

269 Twenty [meters east of the Massalya platform, still adjacent to](#) the highway, the Air Rhône Alps
270 station collected PM_{2.5} HiVol (30 m³ h⁻¹) samples on quartz fiber filters (Tissuquartz) with a time
271 resolution of 4 hours. PM_{2.5} samples were analyzed for EC/OC, inorganic ions, and targeted organic
272 tracers (Polo-Rehn, 2013).

273 Organic compounds in these PM samples were also quantified by gas chromatography coupled
274 with mass spectrometry (GC-MS), following the method detailed in El Haddad et al. (2009) and Favez
275 et al. (2010). EC and OC measurements were performed using the Thermo-Optical Transmission
276 (TOT) method on a Sunset Lab analyzer (Birch and Cary, 1996; Jaffrezo et al., 2005) following the
277 EUSAAR2 temperature program (Cavalli et al., 2010). Ionic species were analyzed with Ionic
278 Chromatography (IC) following the method described in Jaffrezo et al. (1998).

279 All filters used in this study were preheated at 500 °C during 3 h. Samples were stored at -18 °C
280 in aluminum foil and sealed in polyethylene bags until analysis.

281 In addition, NO_x (NO and NO₂), PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} mass concentrations were measured and a
282 Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance equipped with a Filter Dynamic Measurement System
283 (TEOM-FDMS, Thermo Scientific) for real-time measurements of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}.

284 3. Results and Discussion

285 3.1 Traffic Conditions at the Measurement Site

286 [A detailed view of the measured traffic is presented in the supplementary information \(Figure](#)
287 [S1\). Briefly, the overall makeup of the traffic remained fairly steady throughout the campaign. The](#)

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308 bulk of the vehicles directly affecting the measurement site were Euro 4 (released in 2005) or older;
309 thus, the most recent emission regulations had only a small effect on the air quality around the field
310 site. [The ratio between diesel and gasoline cars was found to be 2.6, or 72% diesel, with a high](#)
311 correlation ($R^2=0.96$) between diesel and gasoline vehicles.

312 [3.2. General atmospheric conditions and aerosol and VOC concentrations and evolution](#)

313 Wind speeds were generally low throughout the campaign (<1-2 m/s) with higher wind speeds
314 peaking in the afternoons and tapering off in the evenings. The wind direction was primarily from the
315 northwest, [from the direction of the nearby highway. A diagram of the two measurement stations, the](#)
316 [wind rose plot for the Massalya location, and polar plots showing the concentration of NO and BC as a](#)
317 [function of wind direction are shown in Figure 1. BC and NO were associated with all wind directions,](#)
318 [though slightly higher from the highway direction, which suggested that the measurement site was](#)
319 [directly and strongly influenced by the traffic emissions. However, in order to bett](#)

320 [er describe the traffic influence, we defined high traffic periods \(HT\) within the dataset. These](#)
321 [HT periods were selected as follows : wind direction >40 or <320, NO in the 75th percentile, and from](#)
322 [6:30-9:30 or 17:00-20:00 \(rush hour periods\). The fixed location of the measurement stations made](#)
323 [determination of concentration drop-off as a function of distance from the roadway impossible to](#)
324 [determine with the dataset, although that has been shown to be important in other studies \(such as](#)
325 [Karner et al., 2010\). However, the measurements were all taken closer to the roadway \(~15 m\) than the](#)
326 [calculated distance where roadway emission drop off to background levels \(115-570 m, Karner et al.,](#)
327 [2010\).](#)

328 The campaign time series concentration of submicrometer non-refractory aerosol sulfate (SO_4),
329 ammonium (NH_4), nitrate (NO_3), and organic species from the HR-ToF-AMS is shown in Figure [2A](#).
330 The limit of detection for each species was calculated using the method described by DeCarlo et al.
331 (2006) and found to be 0.30, 0.21, 0.06, and 0.33 $\mu g m^{-3}$ for SO_4 , NH_4 , NO_3 , and organic aerosol,
332 respectively, for our measurements with a time resolution of 2.5 min. A collection efficiency (CE) of

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Deleted: the different Euro classifications of vehicles was observed (R^2 values of 0.7 for Euro 5 and Euro 4, 0.9 for Euro 3 and Euro 4, using 15 minute time resolution traffic data). For diesel cars, from Euro 4 (released in 2005) to Euro 5 (released in 2009), NOx emission limits decreased from 0.25 to 0.18 $g km^{-1}$ and particulate emission limits decreased from 0.025 to 0.005 $g km^{-1}$. From Euro 3 (released in 2000) to Euro 4 another two-fold decrease in NOx and PM emission limits was implemented for diesel vehicles. Gasoline NOx emission limits were reduced from 0.15 to 0.08 to 0.06 $g km^{-1}$ from Euro 3 to Euro 5, and total hydrocarbon emission limits were reduced from 0.20 to 0.10 $g km^{-1}$ from Euro 3 to Euro 4. No PM limits were implemented for gasoline-powered vehicles until Euro 5, where a limit of 0.005 $g km^{-1}$ for direct-injection vehicles was introduced, and no total hydrocarbon emission limits have been introduced for diesel-powered vehicles.

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383 0.75 was applied to HR-ToF-AMS aerosol concentration measurements taken during this campaign.

384 The CE factor compensates for incomplete vaporization of [non-refractory](#) species due to particle
385 bounce, the likelihood of which changes with particle phase and chemical speciation (Huffman et al.,
386 2005; Matthew et al., 2008). This CE was calculated by comparing the HR-ToF-AMS SO₄
387 concentrations to 4 hour filter concentrations ([Figure S2](#)). This comparison gave a value of 0.75±0.03
388 for the slope between the two types of measurements.

389 PM2.5 averaged 17 µg m⁻³ for the campaign ([Figure S3](#)) while PM10 averaged 22 µg m⁻³.
390 [These values increased slightly during HT periods \(a 1.3 and 1.25x increase, respectively\)](#). Black
391 carbon and organic aerosol species dominated the measured aerosol composition throughout the
392 campaign, [and comprised 39 and 40% of the total speciated submicrometer aerosol, respectively](#).
393 [PM2.5 had a somewhat higher mass variation than the AMS + BC measured mass \(Figure S3\), likely](#)
394 [due to the smaller measurement size cutoff for AMS \(1 µm\) and the presence of road dust in the local](#)
395 [environment, a large portion of which may be non-refractory and those unable to be measured by the](#)
396 [AMS.](#) Increases in BC and the aerosol marker *m/z* 57 (C₄H₉⁺), a marker for primary organic carbon in
397 the HR-ToF-AMS (Zhang et al., 2005), correlated in time to the observed morning and evening traffic
398 peaks ([Figure 2B](#)), with BC levels reaching 10-16 µg m⁻³ during the mornings ([Figure 2A](#)) for 2.5 min
399 averaged measurements. [As expected, an increase of BC and *m/z* 57 \(1.5x\) was observed during HT](#)
400 [periods](#). Note that BC concentrations during high filter loadings (BC accumulation rate > 0.14 µg
401 min⁻¹) have been removed to compensate for the underestimation of BC by the MAAP during periods
402 of high concentrations (Hyvärinen et al., 2013). Along with increased concentrations of *m/z* 57 and
403 BC, elevated number concentrations of small particles (up to 1-2x10⁵ cm⁻³ during peaks from daily
404 base levels of 2-4x10⁴ cm⁻³) were observed during periods of [HT](#) ([Figure 2D](#)), for 5 min measurements.
405 BC and *m/z* 57 had similar daily averages throughout the campaign; however, overall organic
406 concentration rose significantly during the period from 9/12-9/14, when particle growth events were

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417 | observed (Figure 2D). The geometric number mode diameter rose over the course of each day to a
418 | maximum diameter each afternoon, when photochemical processing was the most intense. A marker
419 | for oxidized, aged organic aerosol (Figure 2C, m/z 44, COO^+) also rose in concentration during this
420 | time period, further confirming that the larger aerosol and higher organic mass concentrations were due
421 | to aging and secondary organic aerosol formation processes. A period of heavy rain on the 18th and
422 | 19th of September removed much of the organic aerosol from the local atmosphere. Black carbon
423 | concentrations and small particle concentrations quickly returned to their previous levels. A new
424 | accumulation period was observed after rainfall (Figure 2D), with the mode diameter of particles
425 | increasing as secondary aerosol was formed again. [The slow rise of organic concentration during these
426 | periods, the lower BC:Org ratio, the enhancement of organic concentration outside of normal traffic
427 | periods, and the low level of NO during these accumulation periods all suggest that this increase in
428 | organic aerosol concentration was driven by regional influences, not by nearby vehicular emissions,
429 | and a more southerly wind direction during this time confirmed the transport of non-highway air
430 | masses to the measurement site.](#)

431 | These findings are similar to those presented recently by Sun et al., (2012), who measured
432 | aerosol size and chemical composition adjacent to the Long Island Expressway in New York and
433 | observed that traffic-influenced aerosol emissions were primarily small particles which varied in
434 | concentration with changes in traffic throughout the day. During periods with less traffic influence,
435 | more oxygenated organic aerosol (OOA) and inorganic ions with larger mode diameters and lower
436 | temporal variations were observed (Sun et al., 2012).

437 | The time series concentrations of selected VOC peaks are shown in Figure 3. Primary traffic
438 | related VOC species, such as aromatics (benzene and [trimethylbenzene](#)), were found to have high
439 | temporal variations similar to those of traffic-related aerosol species and NO_x (Figure 4C and D). NO_x
440 | levels were often over 400 ppbv during the morning rush hours, while the PTRMS peak corresponding
441 | (in part) to toluene and benzene peaked around 2 to 1 ppbv (respectively). During a recent chamber

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447 study in Ispra, Italy, fresh diesel emissions PTR-MS VOC spectra were found to contain peaks with the
448 same mass as CH_4NO_2^+ and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}^+$ (Hellebust et al., 2013, 2014), not present in fresh gasoline
449 emissions. These same peaks were also observed during this work and found to vary with traffic
450 during this measurement period, but had a smoother variation than the observed aromatics (Figure 3B).
451 While this species is unique for fresh diesel emissions versus gasoline emissions, aging processes occur
452 rapidly and other sources may contribute to this mass peak. Thus, these species, while increasing with
453 traffic, cannot be assumed to be tracers for primary diesel emissions in particular; no high-
454 concentration unique tracer peak for diesel VOC emissions was resolved from the fresh diesel emission
455 spectra in these chamber experiments (Hellebust et al., 2015). [A slight increase of the traffic related
456 VOCs \(1.2x for benzene and trimethylbenzene\) was observed during HT periods compared to the
457 campaign average. For \$\text{CH}_4\text{NO}_2^+\$ this relative increase during HT periods is lower \(8%\), which could
458 confirm multiple sources of this compound.](#)

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459 In addition to traffic-related VOC emissions, mass peaks corresponding in exact mass to
460 biogenic emissions, such as isoprene, were measured in ppbv levels. These peaks were found to rise in
461 concentration with the ambient temperature (Figure 3A), typical of isoprene peaks. The presence of
462 isoprene and its oxidation product, methyl vinyl ketone (MVK) or its isomer methacrolein (MACR), in
463 similar concentrations as that of the major traffic-related VOC peaks (ppbv levels) suggested that
464 biogenic emissions also significantly influenced the local atmosphere despite close proximity to
465 anthropogenic emission sources (i.e., road traffic).

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466 The high morning concentrations of traffic-related pollutants, compared to evening
467 concentrations, were caused in part by a low early morning boundary layer that rose during the day and
468 fell during the night. Boundary layer heights (BLH) were estimated using the Hybrid Single Particle
469 Lagrangian Integrated Trajectory (HYSPLIT) backtrajectory model. The HYSPLIT model either
470 extracts the BLH from meteorological file input into the model or, if no BLH exists in the
471 meteorological file, BLH is estimated using the vertical temperature profile. A selection of the BLH-

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475 [scaled](#) diurnal profiles of traffic and biogenic emission related VOC concentrations are shown in Figure
476 [4A](#) along with traffic (speed, vehicular flux) diurnal profiles and the calculated boundary layer heights
477 and measured temperatures (Figure [4B and C](#)). [This calculation was performed to more directly](#)
478 [compare vehicle concentration and speed to vehicular emissions and temperature with biogenic](#)
479 [emissions \(by removing the dilution of emissions by the changing boundary layer height\)](#). Biogenic
480 species, such as isoprene, peaked in concentration during the afternoon, when temperatures were the
481 warmest. Aromatic species peaked in concentration, even after the rough boundary layer correction
482 was applied, during periods of low speeds. This is consistent with other findings that show cold starts
483 and idling speeds cause an increase in aromatic VOC emissions from gasoline-powered vehicles (e.g.,
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486 [3.3 PMF Analysis](#)

487 The positive matrix factorization (PMF) model was applied to the HR-ToF-AMS aerosol data
488 using the process described in detail by Ulbrich et al. (2009). Six aerosol factors were resolved by their
489 source and relative aging using the PMF model: a hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) factor, a
490 regional oxidized organic aerosol (OOA) factor associated with sulfate aerosol, two oxidized organic
491 aerosol factors with opposing diurnal patterns, one more oxidized than the other (Less Oxidized
492 Organic Aerosol, or LO-OA, with peak concentration during the mornings/nights, and More Oxidized
493 Organic Aerosol, or MO-OA, with peak concentrations during the afternoons), a biomass-burning
494 organic aerosol factor (BBOA), and a nitrogen-containing organic aerosol factor (NOA). The mass
495 spectra for the six resolved factors is shown in Figure [5](#), labeled with their identifications. Evaluation
496 graphs for the six-factor PMF solution are shown in the Supplementary Information (Figures [S5-S8](#)).
497 Polar plots of the factor concentrations and wind direction are shown in Figure [S9](#). A six factor
498 solution was the lowest number of factors where a BBOA factor was resolved; BBOA was suspected to
499 be present in the air mass measured during the campaign due to periods of increased levoglucosan

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511 measured on filter samples. However, its concentrations were very low ($15 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ on average, Polo-
 512 Rehn, (2013)) compared to concentrations measured in Grenoble in winter (around $800 \text{ ng}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ (Herich
 513 et al., 2014)). Solutions with more than six factors appeared to split the OOA factor further until
 514 differences between each OOA factor were difficult to justify. [The calculated elemental ratios of O:C,](#)
 515 [H:C, and Organic Mass: Organic Carbon \(OM:OC\), \(Aiken et al., 2008\) are shown in Table 1.](#)
 516 The diurnal pattern and the relative concentrations of each resolved factor, averaged over the
 517 campaign period, are shown in Figure 6, along with the standard deviation of their concentrations.
 518 Morning and evening peaks, correlating in time to rush hour traffic, were clearly observable for the
 519 HOA factor. Also clearly visible in Figure 6A is the opposing diurnal trends of LO-OA (peaking at
 520 night and early morning) and MO-OA (peaking around 3pm each afternoon). Regional OOA had no
 521 discernable diurnal trend. An interesting finding in these data is that the HOA and NOA factor
 522 concentrations both peaked during morning and evening high traffic periods (Figure 6A). This is not
 523 the general behavior demonstrated in most studies for the NOA factor, although a similar NOA factor
 524 has been previously measured in the Po Valley, Italy (Saarikoski et al., 2012). [This behavior was](#)
 525 [confirmed by examining HT periods, with an increase of 1.3x and 1.9x for NOA and HOA](#)
 526 [concentrations, respectively, during HT periods. While many of larger hydrocarbons or of other](#)
 527 [organics, only N-containing peaks whose fitting significantly reduced the residual mass at each unit](#)
 528 [mass were fit \(Figure S8\). Additionally, and when possible, the w-ToF mode data was examined to](#)
 529 [determine if the N-containing peak was resolved enough from neighboring peaks for certain](#)
 530 [identification.](#)
 531 [In Figure 7, the time series of each factor are shown with oxalate \(\$\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}\$, a marker for aged and](#)
 532 [oxidized organic aerosol\), sulfates, and levoglucosan \(a marker for biomass burning\) measurements](#)
 533 [from filter samples. Table 2 summarizes the \$R^2\$ values between key tracer species and the resolved](#)
 534 [aerosol factors. The two main factors resolved, in terms of mass concentration, were the OOA factors](#)
 535 [with opposite diurnal trends, MO-OA and LO-OA. The concentration of MO-OA rose as the aerosol](#)

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587 [number-weighted geometric mode diameter rose](#), also indicative of increasing aerosol age/coagulation.
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589 [the Study of Organic Aerosols \(SOAR\) project at Riverside, CA, which was also found to decrease](#)
590 [during the afternoon as temperature and photochemical processing increased. The chemical differences](#)
591 [between these two spectra are show in Figure S10 and described in the Supplementary Information.](#)
592 [The increase in MO-OA concentration occurred as both PTR-ToF-MS isoprene signal was increasing](#)
593 [\(also a temperature-related process\) and as the 9-carbon aromatic: benzene \(\$C_9H_{13}^+ : C_6H_7^+\$ \) VOC ratio](#)
594 [was at its minimum \(related to photochemical age of air mass, \(Parrish et al., 2007\)\). Thus, the](#)
595 [increase MO-OA could be linked to photochemical aging of vehicular emissions during the day and/or](#)
596 [to increasing biogenic VOC emissions and their subsequent photochemical aging and condensation into](#)
597 [aerosol form.](#)

598 The BBOA factor was found to correlate with levoglucosan ($R^2=0.65$, $n=38$), while significant
599 levels of biomass burning from wood-burning stoves and other combustion-related heating are known
600 to affect the Grenoble Valley in winter, such a large contribution during this season is surprising. Likely
601 the PMF-resolved BBOA factor was somewhat mixed with emissions with close spectral signature
602 (vehicular emissions or potentially cooking aerosol emissions), Episodic local yard-waste burning
603 could also have contributed to the bulk aerosol spectrum, as spikes in the BBOA concentration do not
604 appear to correlate with a particular wind direction (Figure S9). The ratio of levoglucosan: BBOA is
605 quite low (0.03); however, it is within the order of magnitude of previously reported measurements
606 (e.g., 0.06, (Aiken et al., 2009)). Additionally, the higher levels of oxidants found in the atmosphere in
607 the summer could cause a faster degradation of levoglucosan in the atmosphere after emission
608 (Hennigan et al., 2010). Thus, the BBOA concentrations reported here shall be considered as an upper
609 limit of the biomass burning contribution.

610 Of the factors resolved, the HOA factor had the lowest O: C ratio (0.07) and a good ($R^2=0.58$,
611 $n=3928$) correlation with BC concentration. The mass spectrum of the resolved HOA factor highly

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646 resembled ($R^2 > 0.95$, $n = 100$) previously resolved HOA factors and direct AMS measurements of diesel
647 and gasoline emissions (Mohr et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2005). HOA was not the largest average
648 contributor to the bulk measured aerosol mass over the campaign period, despite the fact that these
649 measurements were conducted 15 m from a major highway. The relative size of each type of particle
650 (primary, or HOA, and OOA) likely played a major role in the relative mass concentrations of each
651 factor (Figure S11 and discussion), and the higher increase above background of particle number
652 versus particle mass found in this study agrees with previous studies (Karner et al., 2010, Sun et al.,
653 2010). The variability of each factor over the campaign was high as, unlike measurements in more
654 rural areas, the proximity to a primary aerosol source (highway) and to an urban center (Grenoble), as
655 well as large green spaces (the Alps) allowed the full range of aged and locally transported aerosol to
656 be observed at this station.

657 3.3.1 Fossil and Modern Carbon

658 A source of uncertainty in the global particulate emissions of vehicles is the formation of SOA
659 from gas-phase emissions and the aging of POA. To discriminate between the relative concentration of
660 modern and fossil carbon, and thus potentially discriminate between OOA from vehicular sources and
661 from modern sources, daily filter samples were collected at the sampling site and ^{14}C radiocarbon
662 measurements were performed. From these measurements, the percentage of modern carbon from TC
663 (OC+EC) was calculated. Modern carbon varied from 15-36% of the total aerosol carbon, a significant
664 portion of the measured carbon considering the close proximity of the measurements to fossil carbon
665 sources. In France, the contribution of biofuel was about 7% and 5% for diesel and gasoline fuel,
666 respectively, in 2011 (UFIP, Union Française des Industries Pétrolières, 2011) and cannot explain this
667 relative high proportion of modern carbon observed in the particulate matter. This is similar to findings
668 shown in Hodzic et al. (2010), Minguillon et al. (2011), and El Haddad et al. (2013), which indicate
669 that modern carbon is often more significant than fossil carbon in the carbonaceous fraction of PM,
670 even in cities with high vehicular emissions (e.g., Mexico City, Barcelona or Marseille).

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714 As radiocarbon measurements have been performed through a thermal approach (combustion of
715 the samples at 850°C), we consider in the following section EC measured by the thermo-optical
716 method. As shown in figure S12, EC and BC do not agree well at low mass loadings, but have a wider
717 scatter in the data at higher mass loadings. The calculation of BC (measured by the MAAP) using an
718 absorption cross-section is imprecise and, at high loadings of BC, may under or overestimate this mass
719 loading. Figure S12 shows a comparison between the MAAP (BC) and thermal measurement (EC)
720 data, with a 1:1 line. As the thermal-optical analysis of EC is a more direct analysis, EC was chosen to
721 be used in this calculation.

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723 Assuming that the majority of EC was traffic-related, and thus from fossil origin, the
724 concentration of modern organic carbon and fossil organic carbon was then calculated. While evidence
725 for the presence of biomass burning aerosol was measured at the field site, the main source of EC was
726 likely diesel exhaust. Figure 8 shows the fraction of EC and OC, HOA, and a partitioning between
727 fossil and modern carbon. In Figure 8A, a rough calculation was performed to determine the
728 concentration of non-primary fossil organic carbon. For a first estimate, all EC was assumed to be
729 fossil in origin. Additionally, the HOA aerosol was also assumed to be vehicular, and thus fossil, in
730 origin. The HOA factor concentration has been divided by its OM: OC ratio to remove any non-carbon
731 mass (HOA C, calculated from the elemental formulas of the PMF factor mass spectra, Aiken et al.
732 (2008)). Both EC and HOA C had high ($R^2=0.89$ and 0.85 respectively, $n=10$) correlations with the
733 fossil C mass, which supported a largely fossil source for these two species. The remaining fossil
734 organic carbon mass after subtraction was then assumed to be from non-primary sources (in light blue).

735 This calculation provided a lower estimate of the amount of fossil carbon contributing to SOA
736 mass, and involves several assumptions and potential sources of error. Sources of error in this
737 calculation include error in the PMF resolution of primary (HOA) organic aerosol spectra and error in
738 the calculated OM:OC ratio of this factor species, biodiesel vehicular emissions contributing modern

739 carbon to measured HOA, and biomass burning aerosol contributing modern carbon to measured EC.
740 As the measured HOA:EC ratio was in-line with previous measurements in high diesel environments,
741 HOA concentrations did not appear to be significantly over or under estimated. Up to 7% of fuel use in
742 France was biodiesel, thus, part of the HOA concentration could be from modern sources. While
743 research has shown that the use of biodiesel fuels reduces the overall primary particulate matter
744 emissions (Cheung et al, 2010), biodiesel could still be a modern carbon contributor to OC and EC
745 mass. Additionally, although the concentration of BBOA was generally low (a campaign average of
746 $0.34 \pm 0.23 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and the ratio of BBOA:EC, has been found to be on the order of 3-4 in other areas
747 of France (Crippa et al., 2013), some contribution to EC from biomass burning may have been present
748 at the measurement site. In Figure 8B, a range of fossil non-primary organic carbon, normalized to
749 total measured organic carbon, is presented. For the upper limit of this range, HOA C and EC were
750 considered to be 95% fossil and 5% modern (7% biodiesel fuel use and an estimated 25% reduction in
751 particulate emissions from biodiesel fuel). Also for this upper limit, the calculated concentration of
752 BBOA was divided by 3 and used to calculate possible modern EC from biomass burning (Crippa et
753 al., 2013).

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754 Total organic carbon concentration appeared to be more driven by processed/aged OOA
755 concentrations than by primary emissions. During the period with the highest organic concentrations
756 (September 15th-17th), most of the non-HOA carbon measured was modern carbon. Also during this
757 time period, the winds were also slightly more southerly and SO₄ and OOA concentrations increased,
758 which could indicate a more regional contribution to the measured air mass during this time. After a
759 period of heavy rain on the 19th, almost none of the non-HOA, organic carbon was fossil; however, this
760 also coincided with a period of increased BBOA, which may have contributed to modern-EC emissions
761 and thus an underestimate of fossil-OC emissions (Figure 7). At other times during the campaign,
762 HOA concentrations alone could not adequately explain all of the measured fossil organic carbon and
763 additional sources of fossil organic carbon (such as photochemical reactions forming aerosol from

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764 vehicular VOC emissions) would be needed. Additionally, the origin of the NOA factor remains
765 unclear, and if fossil in origin, could explain part of the non-HOA organic fossil carbon measured at the
766 site, further reducing the OOA fossil-C (at times to almost zero). Overall, throughout the campaign the
767 majority of OOA observed was most probably modern in origin.

768 The high levels of modern carbon OOA suggested that biogenic compounds had a large effect
769 on the overall aerosol population in this location, even directly adjacent to a large anthropogenic
770 emission source (i.e., traffic). Interaction between anthropogenic oxidants and biogenic VOCs (or
771 BVOCs) has been found to increase the formation of SOA (Chameides et al., 1988; Goldstein et al.,
772 2009; Shilling et al., 2013), isoprene oxidation reactions leading towards SOA have been shown to vary
773 depending on the level of NOx (Chen et al., 2014; Kroll et al., 2005; Ng et al., 2007; Xu et al., 2014),
774 and likely BVOC concentrations were greater and the aromatic VOC concentrations were lower in the
775 wider Grenoble Valley.

776 3.4.3. Differences between diesel-heavy and gasoline-heavy near-roadway measurements,

777 Older diesel vehicles have been shown to emit both higher levels of PM, particularly BC, and
778 higher levels of NOx. Indeed, high concentrations of NOx were measured at the field site, up to 450
779 ppbv (NO+NO₂), for 15 min averaged measurements. NO₂ levels exceeded the 100 ppbv European
780 hourly limit almost every morning. The campaign average for NO₂ was 94 +/- 64 ppbv. For
781 comparison, at a measurement site adjacent to a major highway in New York, Sun et al. (2012)
782 measured an average of 48 +/- 30 ppbv NO₂, about half that of this campaign's average, with 15 min
783 average peaks ranging from 100-300 ppbv. The hourly traffic concentrations at each site were close
784 (approximately 10,000 vehicles/hour reported during the Sun et al. (2012) measurement periods
785 compared to approximately 8,000 vehicles/hour observed during daylight driving hours on Grenoble's
786 highway); thus, increased NOx cannot be explained by increased traffic. Rather, increased diesel fuel
787 use is a very likely hypothesis.

788 High levels of BC were also measured in this work. A comparison of the HOA: BC ratio from

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809 | was significantly lower than that reported for an urban-downwind site in Pittsburgh (1.41, Zhang et al.
810 | (2005)), a highway adjacent site in New York (1.02, Sun et al. (2012)), an urban/highway site in
811 | Ontario (0.7-1.1, Stroud et al. (2012)), a rural site in NW England (1.61-1.91, Liu et al. (2006)), and an
812 | urban site in [Zürich](#), Switzerland (1.1, Lanz et al. (2007)). As for measurements in France, a study in an
813 | urban site in Paris observed a HOA:BC ratio of 0.61 (Crippa et al., 2013); this site was most probably
814 | influenced by a vehicle fleet similar to Grenoble's, but measurements were collected during winter
815 | (lower temperatures) and within Paris (increased urban emissions). Tailpipe measurements of Euro 4
816 | diesel and gasoline-powered vehicles (a Renault Kangoo and a Ford Ka, respectively) at IFSTTAR
817 | (Institut Français des Sciences et Technologies des Transports, de l'Aménagement et des Réseaux)
818 | performed during this PM Drive research program also show a much higher HOA: BC ratio for
819 | gasoline vehicles versus diesel vehicles (unpublished data). This was due to much higher BC
820 | emissions from the diesel vehicle, as opposed to higher HOA emissions from the gasoline vehicle. [Similarly, the](#)
821 | [HOA factor measured near Grenoble was similar to that measured by Sun et al. \(2012\), in](#)
822 | [a high gasoline environment next to a highway in New York, both in absolute concentration and](#)
823 | [chemical composition,](#) thus, an increase in BC emissions (from diesel) rather than a reduction in HOA:
824 | [vehicle number was likely the cause of our low HOA: BC ratio.](#)

825 | [The change in HOA: BC ratio as a function of the diesel: gasoline fuel use \(Road sector, World](#)
826 | [Bank, 2011\) is shown in Figure 9B. A decrease in HOA: BC with an increase in percent diesel is](#)
827 | [clearly observable with a strong correlation \(\$R^2=0.85\$, \$n=10\$ \), despite the many different factors](#)
828 | [possibly influencing BC and HOA concentrations at each location \(e.g., local aerosol sources,](#)
829 | [meteorology\). Such a linear relationship between HOA: BC and diesel percentage is very interesting,](#)
830 | [but was not necessarily expected, since the emission factors of HOA+BC differ significantly between](#)
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874 [Additionally, an AMS factor with a diurnal pattern peaking during rush hour and with N-](#)
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877 NOA factor was attributed to marine influence due to a correlation with MSA (Saarikoski et al., 2012),
878 although it is possible that MSA was from the local industrial use of DMSO as a solvent, and had a
879 higher H:C ratio (1.91) than the factor resolved from this data set (1.38). [Like France, Italy has a large](#)
880 [percentage of diesel fuel consumption \(71%, World Bank 2011\)](#). Aiken et al., (2009) and Sun et al.,
881 (2011) also resolved N-containing OA factors from data measured in Mexico City and New York,
882 respectively, but did not observe a similar diurnal pattern. In the PTR-ToF-MS mass spectra results
883 obtained from Euro 5 vehicle emission smog chamber studies, Hellebust et al., (2015, and 2013) found
884 higher nitrogen-containing emissions from fresh and aged diesel mass than from fresh and aged
885 gasoline mass spectra (e.g., peaks such as CH_4NO_2^+). Similar nitrogen-containing VOC peaks were
886 found by Inomata et al. (2013) in diesel exhaust. [Thus, diesel-related emissions could possibly be the](#)
887 [source for the observed NOA factor, although no significant correlation between this factor and other](#)
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889 [Supplementary Information and Figure S13](#).

890 [And finally, only small amounts OOA measured at the field site were calculated to contain](#)
891 [fossil-OC](#). Work by Bahreini et al., (2010) found that much of the measured SOA in the Los Angeles
892 [Valley was from gasoline passenger cars, not from diesel trucks, and perhaps the relatively low](#)
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897 4. Conclusions

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1193 ToF-AMS aerosol data and six factors were resolved from the bulk aerosol data: 1) an HOA factor,
1194 related to traffic 2) a BBOA factor 3) a regional OOA factor, which covaried with sulfate 4) a MO-OA
1195 factor, increasing in concentration during sunny afternoons 5) a LO-OA factor, with the opposite
1196 diurnal pattern as MO-OA, likely due to gas-particle phase partitioning and photochemical processing
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1202 measurements of diesel emissions in smog chamber and tailpipe measurement studies. The fraction of
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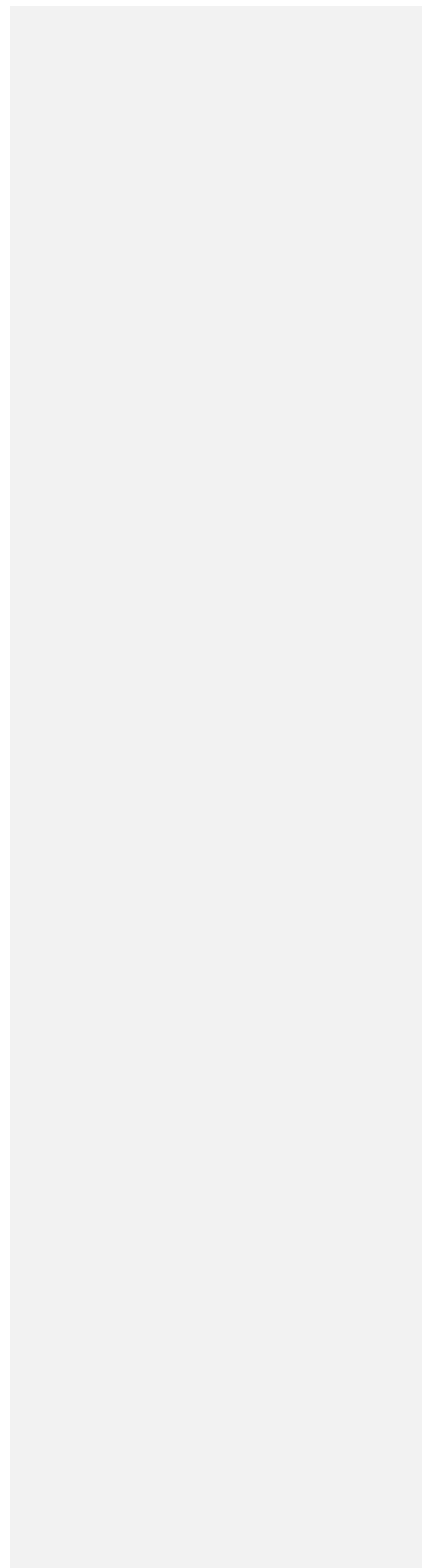
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PMF FACTOR	OM:OC	H:C	O:C
HOA	1.25	1.89	0.07
NOA	1.69	1.38	0.4
LO-OA	1.74	1.34	0.47
MO-OA	2.15	1.16	0.78
BBOA	1.56	1.47	0.32
OOA-REG	1.85	1.54	0.52

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PMF FACTOR	Oxalate (N=53) R ²	BC ^a (N=3928) R ²	Levoglucosan (N=38) R ²	Sulfate (N=3328) ^b R ²
HOA	0.01	0.58	0.12	0.004
BBOA	0.04	0.05	0.65	0.005
MO-OA	0.50	0.01	0.02	0.54
LO-OA	0.32	0.01	0.08	0.07
NOA	0.01	0.09	0.12	0.06
OOA-REG	0.62	0.02	0.01	0.65

1289 ^a BC data smoothed to remove underestimated BC concentrations during periods of high filter loading
1290 (Hyvärinen et al., 2013)

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1335 Organic species is plotted along with black carbon [both for the campaign time series and the average](#)

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1337 traffic concentration (missing data due to malfunction in the traffic cameras on those days) (B) COO^+

1338 (m/z 44) and C_4H_9^+ (m/z 57) (C), and the number-weighted geometric size distribution (D) with the

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1341 **Figure 3:** The concentration in ppbv of PTR-ToF-MS VOC species identified isoprene and

1342 MVK/Methacrolin (left axis, A), VOC species associated with diesel exhaust (CH_4NO_2^+ , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}^+$,

1343 B), VOC species associated with gasoline exhaust (C_6H_7^+ , $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}^+$, C). NO and NO_2 (gas-phase) ppbv

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1348 BC peaks from MAAP measurements (A), temperature (right axis, B), boundary layer height (left axis,

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1361 concentration (right axis, B) and off-line levoglucosan measurements (left axis, B), the resolved HOA

1362 factor time series concentration and BC (right axis, C), HR-TOF-AMS-measured SO_4 and the resolved

1363 regional OOA factor (left axis, D) and off-line oxalate measurements (right axis, right). [The inset](#)

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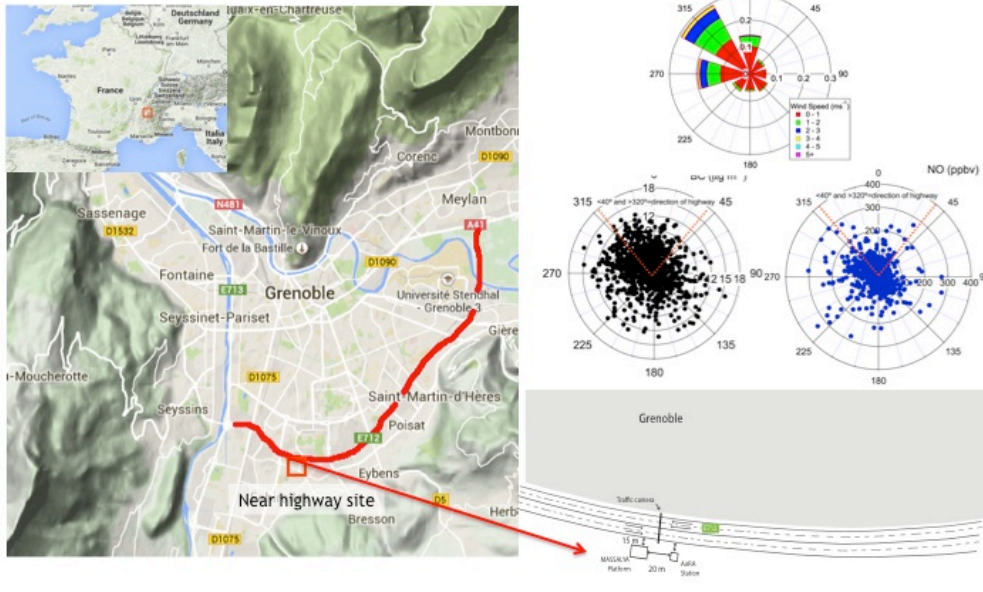
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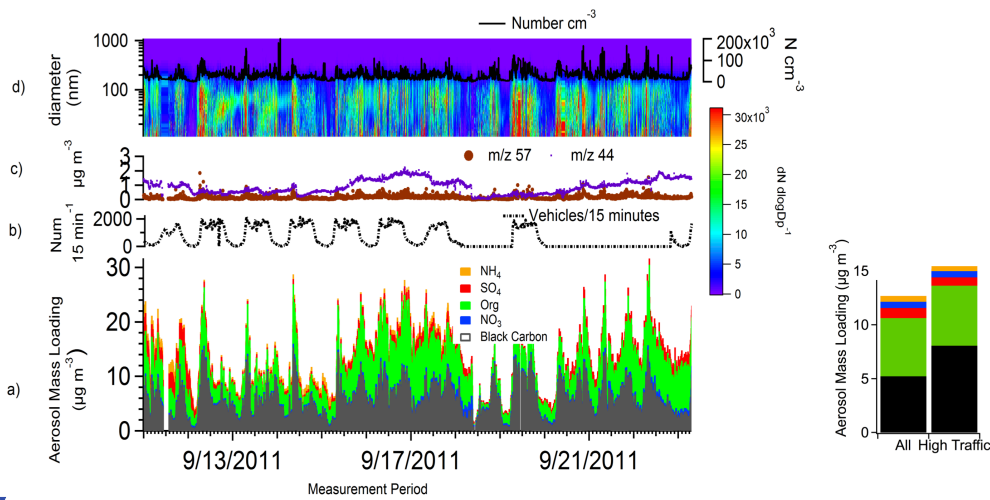


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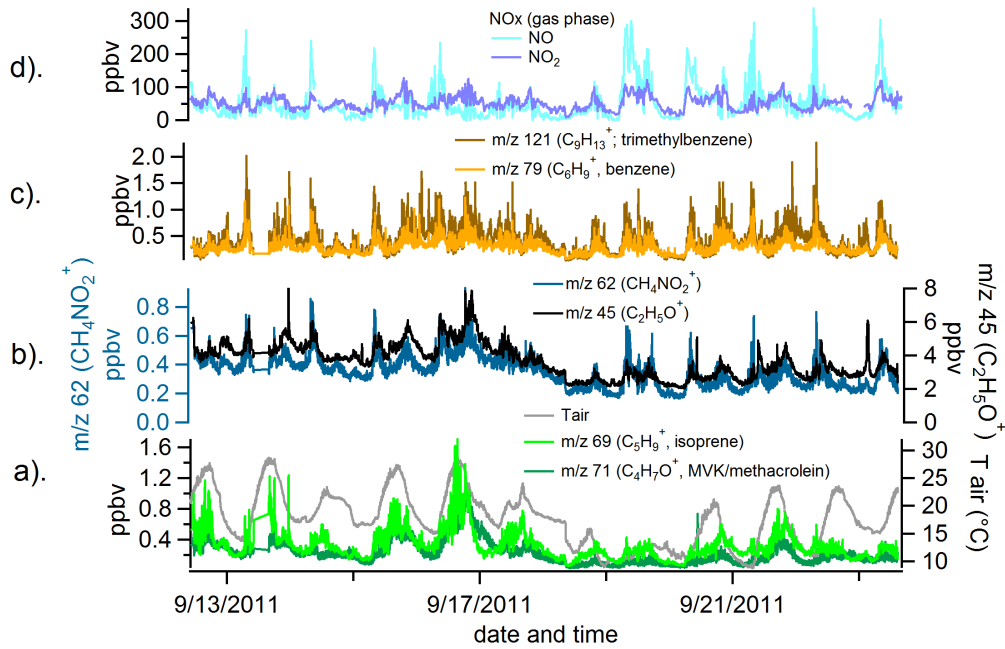
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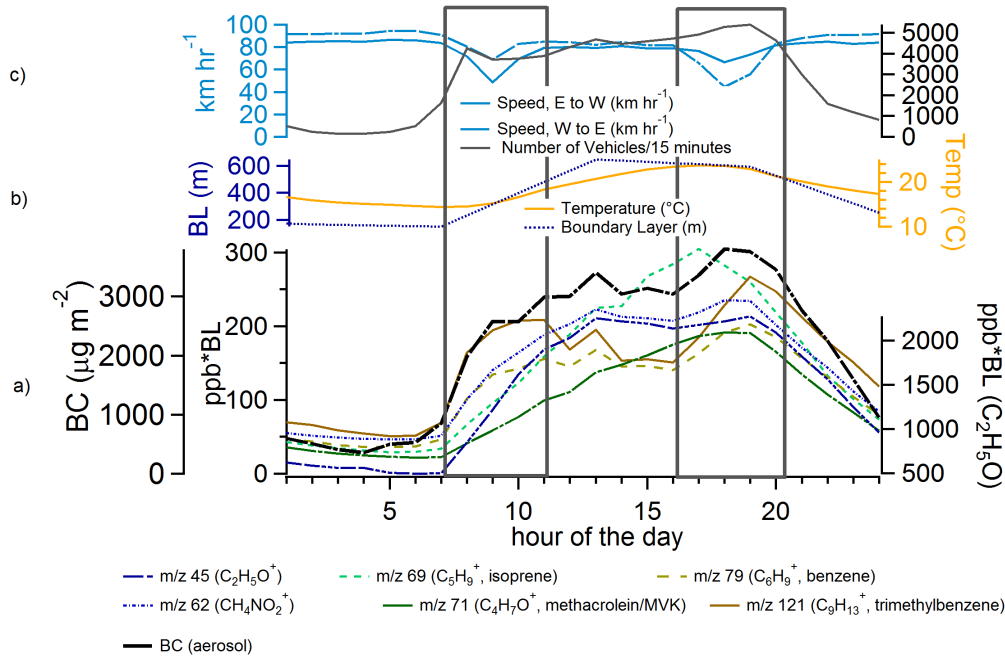
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Figure 3

The concentration in ppbv of PTR-ToF-MS VOC species identified isoprene and MVK/Methacrolin (left axis, A), VOC species associated with diesel exhaust (CH_4NO_2^+ , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}^+$, B), VOC species associated with gasoline exhaust (C_6H_7^+ , $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{13}^+$, C), NO and NO_2 (gas-phase) ppbv concentrations (D) and ambient temperature (right axis, A) during the measurement period are also shown.



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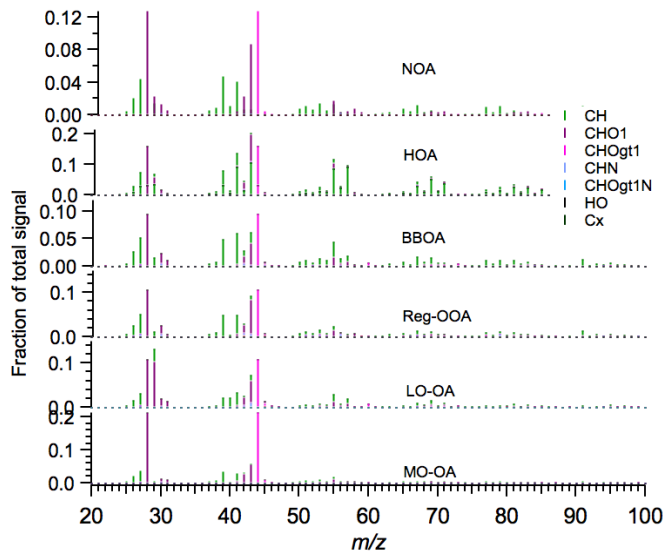
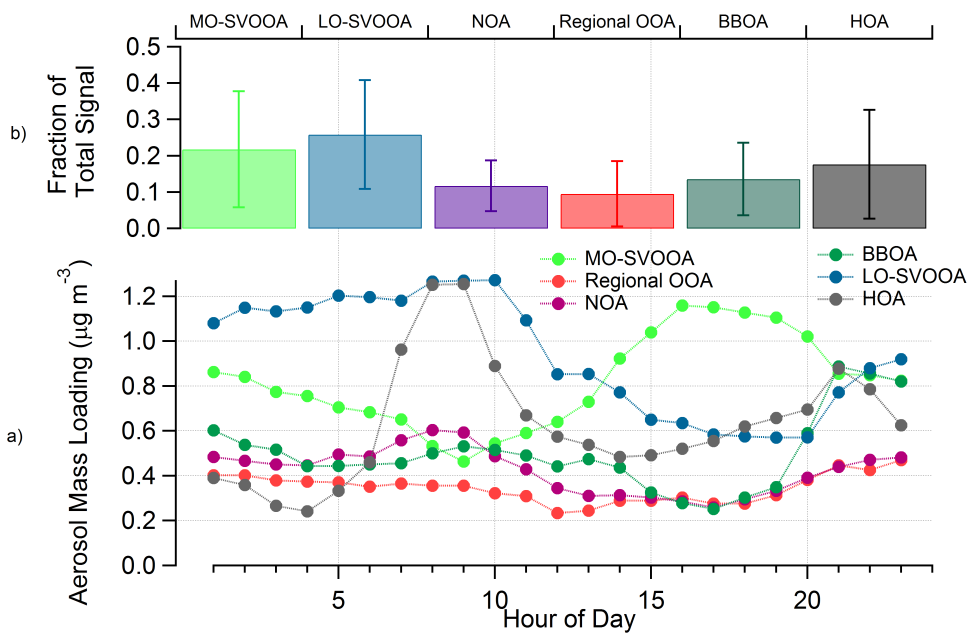
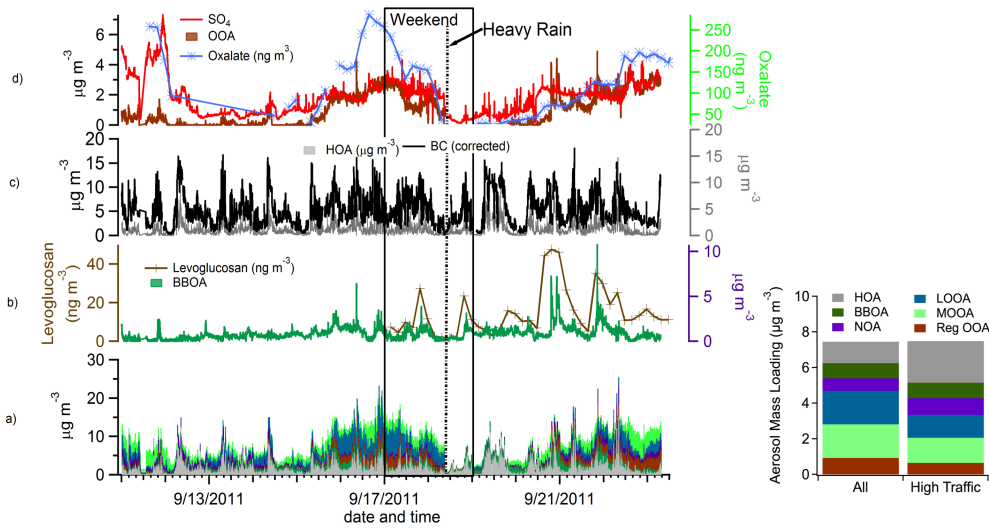


Figure 5: The mass spectra of the six resolved factors, more oxidized organic aerosol (MO-OA), less oxidized organic aerosol (LO-OA), regional oxidized organic aerosol (reg-OOA), biomass burning organic aerosol (BBOA), hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA), and nitrogen-containing organic aerosol (NOA). Fraction of total signal is plotted against m/z and the peaks are color-coded to show their high-resolution identifications.

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Figure 7:

The time series of the six-factor PMF solution (A), the resolved BBOA factor time series concentration (right axis, B) and off-line levoglucosan measurements (left axis, B), the resolved HOA factor time series concentration and BC (right axis, C), HR-TOF-AMS-measured SO₄ and the resolved regional OOA factor (left axis, D) and off-line oxalate measurements (right axis, right). The inset shows the calculated mass contribution during all (left) and high traffic (right) periods of each resolved PMF factor.

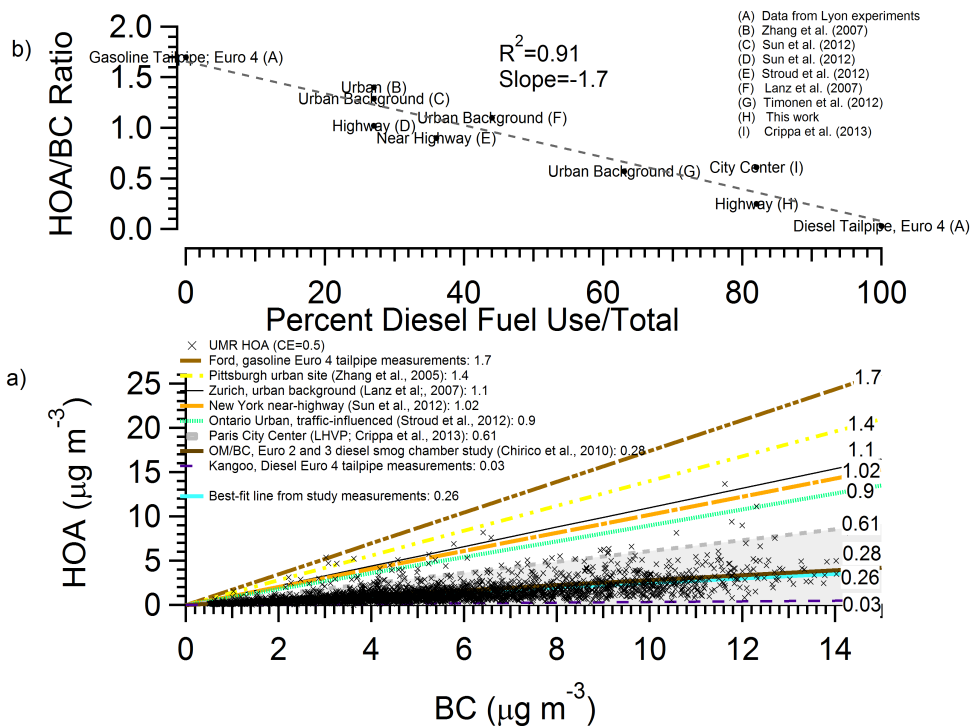
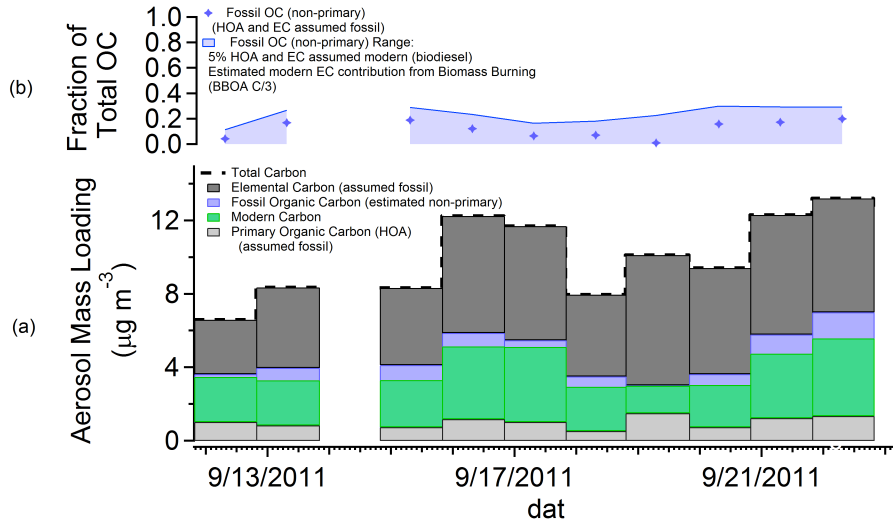


Figure 8

Calculated UMR HOA and measured BC concentrations from the campaign and HOA: BC ratios from previous field campaigns. Grey area is shaded to include a diesel-only environment and two French HOA: BC ratios: one from Crippa et al., (2013) and from this study (A). The HOA: BC ratio from various literature sources versus percent diesel fuel use out of total fuel use for the country of study, (B).

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Figure 9: Measured EC and OC, with calculated contribution of non-primary fossil organic carbon (assuming 100% fossil EC and HOA, a) and assuming partial modern organic carbon EC and HOA contribution (b). The possible fossil OOA (light blue) was calculated by the subtraction of HOA from the fossil-OC fraction (assuming HOA either all fossil, A, or 95% fossil, B, and EC either all fossil (a) or 5%+BBOA/3 modern (b)).

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