#### **Reviewer 1**

Kaltsonoudis et al. presents a series of smog chamber experiments to study the aging of primary emissions from meat charbroiling. They found that the initial and aged AMS spectra of meat charbroiling differed considerably. The derived fresh and aged cooking factors in laboratory were compared with ambient COA factors during Fat Thursday in Patras, Greece. The experiments are novel and performed with an extensive suite of instrumentation to systematically study the chemical aging of emissions from a very important anthropogenic source, namely meat charbroiling.

The paper potentially has significant implications to the formation of SOA and control of PM in many urban environments. While the datasets are interesting, the manuscript can be improved by providing more detailed interpretation of the data. The paper can be recommended for publications after the following questions are addressed.

#### **General comments:**

- (1) The experiments were not conducted at atmospheric relevant conditions, which could bias
   the conclusions and implications. As shown in Table 1, the mass concentration of PM<sub>1</sub> ranged from 130 µg m<sup>-3</sup> to 540 µg m<sup>-3</sup>, much higher than typical concentrations of PM<sub>1</sub> in ambient air. The chemistry occurred at higher mass loadings of OA may be different from that at lower mass loadings. Did the authors conduct experiments at lower mass loadings of OA? If not, some discussions to relate the current findings to atmospheric implications at more realistic PM concentrations would be needed.
- This is a good point. The experiments were conducted at concentrations higher than atmospheric and this could be a potential limitation of the aging experiments. However, the concentrations in Experiment 1 when aging began were only a factor of 4 higher than the ambient COA levels shown in Figure 9, so they are by no means unreasonable. The fact that we did not observed significant differences in behavior with initial concentration (the investigated variation was also a factor of 4) and the relatively good agreement of the aged laboratory COA AMS spectra with the ambient spectra suggests that the effect of the COA levels was probably not a serious problem. This point is now discussed in the end of the Conclusions section of the revised paper.

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(2) In Line 1-3, Page 6, the authors mentioned that "For the same sampling time the AMS mass concentration (CE=1) was 600  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>, the SMPS (assuming density 1 g cm<sup>-3</sup>) was 100  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>, and the filter-based concentration was 500  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>." Was a CE value of 1 applied to the entire study of POA and SOA in laboratory and ambient measurements? As CE values are dependent on chemical composition of PM<sub>1</sub> (Middlebrook et al., 2012), a fixed CE value may be not suitable. In addition, gas-phase CO2 will contribute to the CO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> signal and thus influence the mass spectra (Aiken et al., 2007; Aiken et al., 2008). Was the contribution of gas-phase CO<sub>2</sub> to CO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> signal corrected in this study? This information was missed in the manuscript. Furthermore, the authors attributed the difference of SMPS and AMS measurements to shape of the particles. It is unlikely that alone can explain the difference of 5-8 times in concentrations.

A CE=1 was applied for both fresh and aged OA for the laboratory experiments. The composition-dependent collection efficiency of Middlebrook et al. (2012) is based on the mass fractions of ammonium, nitrate and sulfate in the total PM<sub>1</sub>. In our case, the COA was almost entirely composed of organics, thus the above method is not directly applicable to our laboratory results. The ambient measurements have been corrected for the CE, applying the algorithm of Kostenidou et al. (2007), comparing the AMS mass distributions to the SMPS volume distributions. The CE for these multicomponent particles was  $0.76\pm0.07$ . This information has been added to the corresponding section.

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We have corrected for the gas phase  $CO_2$  contribution to the  $CO_2^+$  signal by sampling through a HEPA filter during the experiments. The  $CO_2$  levels were in the 395-435 ppm range and did not change significantly during the course of each experiment. The added information has been added in the revised manuscript.

We agree that the shape of the particles is only one factor that leads to the apparent discrepancies between these SMPS and AMS-based OA concentrations. Other factors include the CE, the particle density, the different size ranges of the two instruments, etc. This is now explained in the text.

(3) The authors should give a more detailed discussion of the wall loss corrections of particles. SOA formation and wall loss are competition processes that a significant wall loss would bias the measurements of the SOA in mass loading, composition, and elemental ratios etc. How would the conclusion of high POA/SOA ratio be affected by wall loss? In addition, the exhaust was transferred through copper tubing and a metal bellows pump (not clear if the system was heated). Did the authors characterize the losses of PM and VOC of this setup? Also, will the metal bellows pump generate particles or VOC? Any data of blank experiments with purified air?

- 20 Wall loses in the chamber were calculated assuming a first order loss rate for the mass concentration of the total OA. The loss rate constant was established during the characterization period of each experiment prior to the beginning of chemical aging. The wall rate constants obtained for the experiments were in the range of 0.14 0.28 h<sup>-1</sup> and the corresponding linear fits had very high correlation coefficients.
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Losses of particles to the walls do remove part of the OA from the air in the chamber and make it "invisible" for our measurements. However, the observed chemical changes were relatively fast taking place mostly within a couple of hours. The corresponding time scales for losses were 4-6 hours so our conclusions are quite robust. This can be clearly seen, for example, in the dark ozonolysis experiment where fresh COA is decreasing following the O<sub>3</sub> addition significantly faster than it is lost to the walls before aging begun (see Figure 7a). However, the fact that we could not observe the corresponding potential changes to the COA particles deposited on the walls introduces some uncertainty in the results. While one would expect similar changes in these deposited particles if mass transfer of oxidants and condensable material was rapid enough, we cannot confirm this. However, the effect of wall losses of particles on the observed SOA/POA ratio is expected to be small modest to small. A summary of this discussion with a reference to the work of Hildebrandt et al. (2009) who discussed the extremes of the potential fate of particles deposited on smog chamber walls has been added to the revised paper.

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The copper tubing used for the sampling was insulated and was therefore heated by the exhaust vapors. Its length was less than 2 m. We have confirmed that the metal bellows pump, as expected based on its design, does not generate particles or VOCs. The PM<sub>1</sub> losses in the Metal Below pump have been characterized previously (Kostenidou et al. 2013) using 2 SMPS systems for both ammonium sulfate and ambient particles. The losses were less than 10% for particles larger than 150 nm, increasing to 30% for 100 nm particles. This additional information has been added to the manuscript.

#### **Specific comments:**

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(4) Line 5, page 2: A recent study in HK suggests that COA can be 35% of OA (Lee et al., 2015).

The proposed reference has been added to the revised manuscript. (lines 7-8, page 2).

(5) Line 19-20, page 1: "after a few hours of chemical aging" is not clear. Can the authors provide information on the OH or  $O_3$  exposures?

We now clarify that the corresponding exposures were of the order of  $10^{10}$  molecules cm<sup>-3</sup> s for OH and 100 ppb hr for ozone.

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# (6) Line 6-7, page 3: What is the meaning that the cooking particles are the same? Does it mean emission rate of cooking particles?

This sentence refers to the cooking practices in Greece during winter and summer. Due to the mild climate there is no significant change in what is cooked during the different seasons (as opposed for example to cities in much colder climates). We have rephrased the sentence to avoid confusion.

(7) Line 17-18, page 3: A brief introduction of the chamber facility should be given. A short description of the chamber facility has been added in the revised manuscript.

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(8) Line 24-27, page 3: What was the flow rate in the transfer line? Line 28-29, page 3: The RH and T during the experiments should be provided.

The flow rate for the transfer line was approximately 170 L min<sup>-1</sup>. The T and RH were in the range of 20-25°C and 15-35% respectively. The above information has been added to the revised manuscript.

(9) Line 32-34, page 3: What is the size range of the SMPS? As suggested by the manual of SMPS 3080, the sheath flow should be set to a 10:1 ratio with the aerosol flow. Will the ratio of 5:1 set here influence the measurement of size distribution?

- The size range of the SMPS under this configuration is from 10 to 500 nm. The 10:1 ratio provides more accurate size distribution measurements as the instrument has a sharper transfer function but it reduces the measurement range to 10-300 nm. Given the modest size accuracy requirements in this study (a few percent), we selected to cover a larger size range instead
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(10) Line 17, page 5: How was BC measured in this study? This information was missed in the manuscript.

A Multiple-Angle Absorption Photometer (MAAP, Thermo Scientific Inc.) with a  $PM_1$  cyclone was used for the BC measurements (please see lines 34-35 in page 3 of the original manuscript).

(11) Line 27-28, page 5: The angle  $\theta$  was used for the comparison between different AMS spectra throughout the entire manuscript. It would be useful to explicitly introduce the relationships between  $\theta$  and spectra similarities.

40 A short discussion of the various similarity measures (e.g., the coefficient of determination) and the angle  $\theta$  has been added to the revised manuscript.

(12) Section 3.2: The authors mentioned that COA emission rates varied due to the different types of meat and cooking procedures. What are the experimental conditions for the studies of Hildemann et al. (1991) and McDonald et al. (2003)? Any suggestions on the influence of meat types and cooking procedures on COA emission rates?

Hildemann et al. (1991) studied the emissions from hamburger cooking of regular and lean meet either by frying or charbroiling. McDonald et al. (2003) determined the emission ratios of meat cooking (hamburger, steak and chicken) due to charbroiling or grilling. Generally charbroiling emits more particles than frying and also the emissions increase with increasing fat content of the meat cooked. There is also additional variability related to where the meat is placed with the respect to the very hot surfaces (e.g., charcoal). In the present study we tried to duplicate the cooking conditions/practices used in Greece.

(13) Line 5, page 6: Any evidence that the particles from charbroiling are non-spherical? We have SEM pictures of fresh COA particles that suggest that the particles are not spherical. However, particles evaporate in the SEM so the proof is not conclusive. The second piece of evidence is the disagreement between the SMPS and AMS measurements, while the AMS results are consistent with the filter measurements.

(14) Section 3.3: Emissions factors of VOCs were listed here. Any comparison or conclusions? To what extent are they related with the formation of new OA?

To the best of our knowledge there is little information about VOC emissions from cooking. For example, Schauer et al. (1999) has reported the emission factors from meat charbroiling over a natural gas fired grill. So our major objective was to add to this limited literature. Based on the emissions measured the SOA formation potential of cooking would be limited compared to the primary emissions. This is consistent with the limited additional SOA that we have observed experimentally. This discussion has been added to the revised paper.

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#### (15) Line 26, page 6: What was the reaction time for experiment 3?

It took two hours for the O:C ratio to reach 0.21 in this experiment. The experiment lasted 7 hours after the ozone addition. This is now mentioned in the paper.

- (16) Line 32-36, page 6: It is not convincing that the increase of O:C ratios in experiment 3 was due to the initial presence of ozone. If the increase of O:C ratios are due to the reactions of particles with ozone, the concentration of ozone should have decreased prior to the addition of ozone, which is not reflected in Figure 5b. In addition, as shown in Figure 5a, similar concentration of ozone prior to the addition of ozone was also observed for experiment 2, but no increase of O:C ratios was observed for experiment 2 prior to the addition of ozone. Experiment 2 seems unique with both O:C and H:C increased prior to the addition of ozone. Are there any other explanations for this phenomenon?
- This is an interesting observation. We have updated Figure 5b in the paper to show better what happened before the beginning of the aging phase. Ozone concentrations decreased from approximately 10 ppb to 6 ppb in this phase within one hour so this is consistent with our hypothesis. In experiment 2 in which the initial ozone was 5 ppb, there was little change during the characterization phase. Of course, there are other differences in Experiment 3 (e.g., the highest initial OA concentration) that could have played a role in the results.
- 35 (17) Line 21-22, page 7: This sentence should be mentioned prior to the description of variations of O3 and OH concentration. The authors mentioned that similar results were obtained for the rest of the UV illumination experiments. Do the authors mean similar levels or trends of OH concentrations? It is suggested to provide the OH concentrations for all UV experiments.
- 40 The OH and O<sub>3</sub> concentrations for Experiments 2, 4, and 5 in which UV illumination was used were quite similar. Table 1 has been updated to include the average OH radical concentration for the chamber experiments. For Experiment 1 the OH radical concentration was not measured (no d-butanol was added).
- 45 (18) Line 25-28, page 7: What is the definition of new OA here? As the chemical composition of OA changed during aging, should the aged OA be regarded as new OA? This will largely influence the split of POA and SOA. This needs to be clarified. In addition, is there an evidence for the heterogeneous reactions?
- Given that there are both homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions taking place in the system we have rephrased this deleting the characterization "new" referring instead to "net OA production". Also given the complexity of the situation we have avoided the use of the term SOA, as based on the traditional definition SOA formation requires gas-to-particle conversion. The evidence for heterogeneous reaction is indirect and is based on the significant changes in composition (e.g., O:C) that cannot be explained by the small

additional OA formation in these experiments. This important point is clarified in the revised paper.

#### (19) Line 29-32, page 7: The formation of carbonyls was listed. What is the implication?

The increase of the concentration of these relatively small compounds suggests the fragmentation of the mostly larger organic molecules emitted during meat charbroiling. It is not clear if these molecules are products of the organics in the particulate phase (that is products of the heterogeneous reactions) or if they were produced in the gas phase. This point has been added to the paper.

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(20) Line 33-35, page 7: What are the WSOC to OC ratios for the other experiments? The conclusion seems to be based on only one experiment.

- The WSOC/OC ratio for the fresh emissions was measured in each experiment and was always low with values in the 0.05 to 0.13 range. The WSOC/OC ratio was measured in three experiments, two after UV illumination (Experiments 1 and 2) and one after dark ozonolysis (Experiment 3). In all these three experiments the WSOC/OC ratio increased dramatically to 0.7 for Exp. 1, 0.85 for Exp. 2, and 0.55 for Exp. 3. This information has been added to the paper.
- 20 (21) Line 1-8, page 8: Though detailed PMF analysis was provided in the SI, a brief introduction should be provided here. Please give some explanations on the variations of 2 factors. Did the aged COA factor show some time delay from meal hours?

A brief summary of the PMF analysis has been added. The two COA factors from the PMF analysis of the chamber experiments were quite similar to the spectra obtained from the PMF analysis of ambient air. Given that the preparation of the food often starts before meal hours and atmospheric dispersion mixes the emissions from different parts of the city, it was difficult to conclude something about any potential time delay.

- (22) Section 3.5: This section should be discussed together with the comparison of mass concentrations measured by AMS and SMPS. Also, for comparison, it is better to present the volume mode mobility diameter of particles measured by SMPS. A table that compares the COA characteristics of this study and those reported in the literature would be useful to readers.
- The material of this section has been moved to Section 3.1 which is now called "Size distribution and chemical composition of the fresh COA". We have added the information about the volume mode mobility diameter of the particles as measured by the SMPS. We would prefer not to add the recommended table because of the many differences of the various studies.

#### 40 **Technical comments:**

(23) Line 3, page 3: BC and NOx are not primary organic aerosol components. We have rephrased this sentence.

45 **(24)** Line 13, page 7: "tents" should be "tends". We have corrected the typo.

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#### **Reviewer 2**

(1) The current paper reports some great novel experiments aiming to study a very important source, namely not well understood. Cooking Organic Aerosol (COA), namely meat charbroiling. It would be good maybe to call it Meat-COA, or simply at least well state it in the abstract, where "COA" is reported but not defined.

We appreciate the positive assessment of our work. We now clarify in the abstract that we are referring to meat charbroiling. We would prefer to keep the term COA in the rest of the paper for simplicity.

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(2) As the authors state, "there are a number of remaining questions regarding the characterization of the emissions related to cooking practices." Hence, a fair description is required. The authors could do a better job in describing the available literature and recent papers on COA reported by the AMS community. I will give a number of examples that I hope can clarify and improve this great experiments carried out with an array of instruments.

The authors do not cite the paper of Hayes, P. L., et al. (2013), Organic aerosol composition and sources in Pasadena, California during the 2010 CalNex campaign, J. Geophys. Res. Atmos., 118, 9233-9257, doi:10.1002/jgrd.50530, where it is well described a problem of COA being called Cooking Influenced Organic Aerosol (CIOA) due to the fact this factor is not uniquely associated to a single source. Urban increments of gaseous and aerosol pollutants and their sources using mobile aerosol mass spectrometry measurements by Elser et al 2016 (http://www.atmos-chem-phys.net/16/7117/2016/). A factor similar to COA but called Residential Influenced OA (RIOA, probably mostly from cooking processes with possible contributions from waste and coal burning), suggesting similar sources described by Dall Osto et al (2015), issues about COA not really addressed in the current version of the paper. It is suggested to read the useful ACPD comments, may be worth to add this Elser et al study in figure 11. Taking from ACPD comments of Elser et al. (2016) "The high correlation between RIOA and published cooking mass spectra suggests that RIOA may be heavily influenced by cooking processes. However, we could not exclude the contribution from other residential sources (e.g. waste or coal combustion), especially also due to the lack of statistically robust diurnal patterns for cooking that are not affected by the drives. Therefore, we prefer to refer to this factor to RIOA, rather than cooking."Would be interesting to see what it looks like in Figure 11, and discuss briefly problems associated to COA. It is also still a pity after almost a decade of the first AMS papers related to COA, it has not been supported by external measurements. Model simulations of cooking organic aerosol (COA) over the UK using estimates of emissions based on measurements at two sites in London by Riinu Ots et al. (http://www.atmos-chem-phys.net/16/13773/2016/acp-16-13773-2016-discussion.html) discuss the fact there is potentially a factor of two in the COA AMS efficiency. It is suggested to read the ACPD comments of this paper and add in the introduction that there is still very high uncertainty on this COA AMS factor. This is only a number of important papers stressing that "COA" is still a bit of a confusing factor. A better introduction and a better discussion is suggested in the major revision this paper strongly

- need.
- 45 We agree with the point of the reviewer that a lot of the controversy regarding COA has resulted from resulted ambient AMS studies. We have followed the corresponding suggestion and improved the introduction and the corresponding discussion in the revised manuscript.

#### **Minor comments:**

(2) Page 1 line 20, I would explain better what thetas 27° is in the text.

A brief explanation has been added.

(3) Page 17. Figure 1. I would add a part (c) with the difference between the two spectra so one can see what the positive and negative peaks are.

Figure 1 has been updated to include the suggested difference of the spectra.

(4) Figure 9. One would argue that for the previous Wednesday and the following Friday, the emission of COA are minor. If it is important to stress 85% of OA in two hours of a spike event is important, perhaps is important to stress that the previous and following day, COA was about 5% of the OA during peak lunch and dinner times, as Figure 9 suggests.

10 The proposed comment has been included in the revised manuscript. On average COA appear to be 15-20% of the OA in major Greek cities.

(5) Figure 11. It would be good to report some statistics and stress what this figure means. It looks that the difference of the Thetas are only in Sun 2011 and Ge 2010. It would be useful to add other factors partially due to cooking and see if they match more or less (it would be good to add the factors of Elser 2016 and Hayer 2013, showing they do not match with the current pork meat cooking COA herein reported).

This is a good point. Figure 11 has been updated and it now includes comparisons to additional studies. One of the points of this figure is that depending on atmospheric conditions (oxidant levels) the COA AMS spectrum can be different. This can be seen by the comparison of fresh and aged COA in these experiments against the summer and winter COA factors in Greece. Other factors that appear to drive variability can include the PMF analysis itself (e.g., mixing with other sources), the type of food cooked, etc. This discussion has been added to the paper.

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## Characterization of fresh and aged organic aerosol emissions from meat charbroiling

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Abstract. Cooking emissions can be a significant source of fine particulate matter in urban areas. In this study the aerosol and gas phase emissions from meat charbroiling were characterized. Greek souvlakia with pork meat were cooked using a commercial charbroiler and a fraction of the emissions were introduced into a smog chamber where after a characterization phase they were exposed to UV illumination and oxidants. The particulate and gas phases were characterized by a High-Resolution 15 Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS) and a Proton-Transfer-Reaction Mass Spectrometer (PTR-MS) correspondingly. More than 99% of the aerosol emitted was composed of organic compounds, while black carbon (BC) contributed 0.3% and the inorganic species less than 0.5% of the total aerosol mass. The initial O:C ratio was approximately 0.09 and increased up to 0.30 after a

few hours of chemical aging (exposures in the order of 10<sup>10</sup> molecules cm<sup>-3</sup> s for OH and 100 ppb hr for 20 ozone). The initial and aged AMS spectra differed considerably ( $\theta=27^{0}$ ). Ambient measurements were also conducted during Fat Thursday in Patras, Greece when traditionally meat is charbroiled everywhere in the city. Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) revealed that COA reached up to 85 % of the total OA from 10:00 to 12:00 LST that day. The ambient COA factor in two major Greek cities had

a mass spectrum during spring and summer similar to the aged meat charbroiling emissions., from now 25 on called aged COA chamber spectrum. On the other hand the ambient COA factor during winter resembled strongly the fresh laboratory meat charbroiling emissions-called fresh COA.

#### **1** Introduction

Organic aerosol (OA) is one of the main components of atmospheric particulate matter (PM) 30 (Kanakidou et al., 2005; Zhang et al., 2007). Identification of the sources of OA has proven to be a difficult task due to their diversity and the continuous chemical evolution of the corresponding organic compounds. The Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (AMS, Aerodyne Research) provides continuous information (time dependedOA mass spectra) that allows the identification of some OA sources. AdditionallyAdditionally, the OA elemental ratios (O:C, H:C, N:C) can be calculated providing useful 35

information about the average chemical state of the OA (Aiken et al., 2008). Positive matrix

factorization (PMF) (Paatero and Tapper, 1994; Lanz et al., 2007) is often used to deconvolute the AMS data into a linear combination of factors. The resulting OA factors are associated to primary OA (POA), such as the hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) or oxidized OA (OOA) which in many cases has been related to secondary OA (SOA) (Zhang et al., 2007). Factors linked to biomass burning emissions

(BBOA), cooking emissions (COA) and marine emissions (MOA) have also been identified. The OOA 5 has been further separated into factors based on their degree of oxidation and volatility (Zhang et al., 2007; Kostenidou et al., 2009; 2015; Sun et al., 2011; Ge et al., 2012; Mohr et al., 2012; Crippa et al., 2013).

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- Cooking organic aerosol (COA) has been found to represent from 10 to 3035% of the total OA measured in urban locations (Allan et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2011; 2012; Ge et al., 2012; Mohr et al., 2012; Crippa et al., 2013; Lee et al., 2015). In Greece the COA levels have been estimated in two major cities: Athens and Patras. During the summer the COA related source (named HOA-2) was 17% and 14% of the total OA in Athens and Patras respectively (Kostenidou et al., 2015). For the winter the corresponding contributions were 16% for Athens and 12% for Patras (Florou et al., 2016).
- Emissions from meat cooking may produce large amounts of aerosol up to 40 g per kg 15 (Hildemann et al., 1991). The types of meat cooked (chicken, beef etc.), other food ingredients or the cooking method affect both the aerosol emission rate and the composition of the corresponding particles (Rogge et al., 1991; Mohr et al., 2009; He et al., 2010). For example, Allan et al. (2010) suggested that the oil used during meat frying may contribute more to the emitted PM than the meat itself in urban areas in the United Kingdom.
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Meat cooking particles contain palmitic acid, stearic acid, oleic acid, nonanal, 2-octadecanal, 2octadecanol, and cholesterol (Rogge et al., 1991). Schauer et al. (2002) measured the emissions from cooking with seed oils, showing that this process is a source of n-alkanoic and n-alkenoic acids. Allan et al. (2010) reported AMS spectra for several oils used for cooking, showing similar spectra (with enhanced fractions of signal at m/z 41 and 55) with some COA factors reported in the literature.

- Most of the AMS spectra from ambient measurements related to COA are characterized by peaks at m/z values 41, 43, 55, 57, 69, etc., and have an O:C ratio ranging from 0.08 to 0.21 (Mohr et al., 2009; 2012; Allan et al., 2010; He et al., 2010; Sun et al., 2011; 2012; Ge et al., 2012; Crippa et al., 2013: Hayes et al., 2013). He at al. (2010) reported coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) of 0.95 – 0.98 among the spectra of OA emissions from different types of Chinese cooking, despite the differences in 30 ingredients and cooking methods. Mohr et al. (2009) compared the spectra of OA produced by grilling of hamburgers and chicken without skin.  $R^2$  values greater than 0.9 were found between these AMS spectra. -Mobile aerosol measurements indicate that cooking either commercial or residential emitted by restaurants or residentially contributes to enhanced OA concentrations (Elser eta al., 2016).
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Despite the previous efforts, there are a number of remaining questions regarding the characterization of the emissions related to cooking practices. Separation of COA from the HOA and other primary components is still a challenge for the PMF analysis (Mohr et al., 2009; Kostenidou et al., 2015). Ots et al., (2016) attempted to constrain simulated-COA emissions inover the UK using the AMS-PMF results. and suggested that it is possible to overestimate its concentrations by a factor of 2 through the AMS-PMF apportionment. Furthermore, the fate of these primary emissions in the

- 5 atmosphere is still unknown. The reactions with ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) and OH radicals may alter significantly these aerosols. Hearn et al. (2005) studied the reaction of oleic acid particles with ozone and concluded that relatively fast heterogeneous reactions occur at the surface of the particles. Dall'Osto et al. (2015) reported different COA factors for a rural site in the Po Valley, Italy with one being associated partially with primary organic aerosol components such as HOA and, BC and NO<sub>\*</sub> and partially with secondary
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- components. On the contrary, the second COA factor did not correlate with primary tracers. Kostenidou et al. (2015) reported an HOA-2 factor for the summer measurements in Athens and Patras, Greece that appeared to be associated with cooking but was quite different from the COA factor identified in winter in the same areas by Florou et al. (2016). The reasons for the differences of the COA factor spectra even if the cooking practices are the same in the two seasons were not clear. D(due to the mild climate in Greece, there is no significant change in what is cooked during the different seasons as opposed for
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example to cities in much colder climates) were not clear.

The aim of this work is to characterize the particulate emissions of pork meat charbroiling, an activity that is thought to produce large amounts of OA. Smog chamber experiments were conducted in order to characterize the fresh and aged meat charbroiling emissions. The resulting spectra were compared to COA factors derived from ambient measurements in Greece during different periods of the

year in an effort to explain the apparent differences in COA spectra derived from the PMF analysis.

#### **2** Experimental procedures

#### 2.1 Chamber experiments

- A set of five smog chamber experiments were conducted in the ICE-HT environmental chamber facility. This facility is composed of a temperature--controlled smog chamber room (3 m W x 4.5 m L x 2.5 m H) incorporating over 300 UV light lamps (Osram, L36W/73) capable of producing a  $J_{NO2}$  of 0.6 min<sup>-1</sup> (when all lights are turned on'ON'). A commercial charbroiler was used for the meat cooking. Natural wood coal was purchased from local distributors. A butane burner was used for the ignition of
- 30 the coal. The charbroiler was placed outside the laboratory and adequate time was allowed for the coal ignition. Pork meat was purchased from the local market. The meat was cut into 2x2x1 cm pieces which were placed on wood sticks (length: 20 cm). Approximately 100 g of meat were used for each souvlaki. This type of cooking is widely used in Greece, both at restaurants and homes. 10 15 souvlakia were cooked for approximately 20 minutes. Using a metal bellows pump (Senior Aerospace, model MB 602)
- <sup>35</sup> a fraction of the emissions was introduced into an 8 m<sup>3</sup> Teflon (PTFE) chamber that had been pre-filled with clean air. Insulated 3/8 in copper tubing (less than 2.5 m in length) was used to transfer the cooking

emissions into the chamber. <u>The copper tubing used for the sampling was insulated and was therefore</u> heated by the exhaust vapors. We have confirmed that the metal bellows pump, as expected based on its design, does not generate particles or VOCs. The PM<sub>1</sub> losses in thise <u>Metal Below</u> pump have been characterized previously (Kostenidou et al., 2013) using 2 SMPS systems for both ammonium sulfate

- 5 and ambient particles. The losses were less than 10% for particles larger than 150 nm, increasing to 30% for 100 nm particles. –The flow rate for the transfer line was approximately 170 L min<sup>-1</sup>. The temperature and relative humidity were in the range of 20-25°C and 15-35% respectively. Air was sampled 1 m above the charbroiler for approximately 10 minutes in order to achieve a concentration inside the chamber of the order of 100 - 500  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>. The conditions of each experiment are shown in
- 10 Table 1.

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A HR-ToF-AMS (Aerodyne Research Inc.) measured the non-refractory  $PM_1$  aerosol. The vaporizer temperature was set at 600 °C and the voltage of the Tungsten filament was 70 eV. The V mode of the AMS was used in these experiments. A Scanning Mobility Particle Sizer (SMPS, classifier model 3080, DMA model 3081, CPC model 3787, TSI) measured the particulate number size

- 15 distribution. The sheath flow rate was 5 L min<sup>-1</sup> and the sample flow rate was 1 L min<sup>-1</sup>. <u>The size range</u> of the SMPS under this configuration is from 10 to 500 nm. The 10:1 ratio provides more accurate size distribution measurements as the instrument has a sharper transfer function but it reduces the measurement range to 10-300 nm. Given the modest size accuracy requirements in this study (a few percent), we selected to cover a larger size range instead. A Multiple-Angle Absorption Photometer
- 20 (MAAP, Thermo Scientific Inc.) was used for the measurement of the PM<sub>1</sub> particulate black carbon.

Quartz filters, placed after a PM<sub>2.5</sub> cyclone, were used to collect samples of the emitted COA from directly above the charbroiler and from inside the chamber at the end of selected experiments. These samples were used for the measurement of the organic (OC) and elemental carbon (EC) by thermal – optical analysis (Sunset Laboratory Inc., EUSAAR 2 protocol) and for the analysis of the 25 water soluble organic carbon (WSOC). For the WSOC extraction a *P* parameter value equal to 0.1 cm<sup>3</sup> m<sup>-3</sup> was used according to Pscichoudaki and Pandis (2013). Samples were collected on Teflon (PTFE) filters in one experiment in order to estimate the particulate mass emission factor from the charbroiling of pork meat. Air was sampled from the charbroiler (just above the pork meat) at a rate of 225 L min<sup>-1</sup> through a custom-build exhaust line (100 mm id). A portion of these emissions were sampled through a 3/8 in line after passing through a PM<sub>2.5</sub> cyclone at 4 L min<sup>-1</sup>. Known portions (25 g) of pork meat were

individually cooked until well done and the emissions generated were sampled from the exhaust line.

The volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were measured by a PTR-MS (Ionicon Analytik). The drift tube was operated at 600 V at a constant pressure of 2.2-2.3 mbar. The flow rate was 0.5 L min<sup>-1</sup>. Further information about the PTR-MS operation can be found in Kaltsonoudis et al. (2016). Blank measurements were conducted prior to the introduction of meat cooking emissions to the chamber in

each experiment. A series of gas monitors was used for the measurement of the mixing ratios of the nitrogen oxides  $(NO_x)$ , ozone  $(O_3)$ , carbon monoxide (CO), and carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$ .

Aging experiments were conducted in order to simulate the evolution of the freshly produced COA as it reacts with typical oxidants (O<sub>3</sub> and OH) in the atmosphere. UV illumination was used  $(J_{NO2}=0.59 \text{ min}^{-1})$  and the chemical evolution of the particulate and gas species was monitored. In some 5 experiments, ozone was added and the ozonolysis of cooking emissions in the dark was investigated (Table 1).

#### 2.2 Ambient measurements

- Ambient aerosol was sampled at the ICE-HT institute (8 km NE from the center of Patras) during 10 February 2012 (Kostenidou et al., 2013). This period included Fat Thursday (February 16) during which meat is charbroiled everywhere in Patras. The instrumentation used for the ambient measurements is described in Kostenidou et al. (2013). Briefly, an HR-ToF-AMS was deployed for the characterization of the non-refractory PM<sub>1</sub> aerosol composition, a PTR-MS was used for the VOCs, an SMPS for the
- size distributions, a MAAP for the BC, and a series of gas monitors were used for the NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, CO, and 15 CO2 concentrations. All instruments sampled from approximately 4 m above ground. A PM2.5 cyclone was used in front of the MAAP.

#### 2.3. Data analysis

high resolution.

For the HR-AMS data analysis, SQUIRREL v1.56D and PIKA v1.15D with Igor Pro 6.34A 20 (Wavemetrics) were used, applying the fragmentation table of Aiken et al. (2008). The O:C and H:C ratios -were estimated using the improved method of Canagaratna et al. (2015). High-resolution PMF analysis (Paatero and Tapper, 1994; Lanz et al., 2007) was performed using the HR-AMS data from the chamber experiments and the ambient measurements. The PMF evaluation tool PET (Ulbrich et al., 2009) was used for both cases. The Multilinear Engine (ME-2) through Source Finder software (SoFi) 25 (Canonaco et al., 2013) was also used for the analysis of the ambient measurements to investigate the robustness of the corresponding results of the PMF. In all cases we used as inputs the m/z's 12-200 at

The OH radical concentrations were estimated using isotopically labeledlabelled butanol (1butanol-d9, Sigma). The change of the concentration of the PTR-MS m/z 66 was used to calculate the 30 OH concentrations based on the second-order reaction of d9-butanol with the OH radicals. The corresponding reaction constant used is  $3.4 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^3$  molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (Barmet et al., 2012). The wall losses corrections for the particles inside the chamber were calculated according to Pathak et al. (2007)assuming a first order loss rate for the mass concentration of the total OA. The loss rate constant was established during the characterization period of each experiment prior to the beginning of chemical

35 aging. The wall rate constants obtained for the experiments were in the range of 0.14 - 0.28 h<sup>-1</sup> and the corresponding linear fits had very high correlation coefficients. Losses of particles to the walls do remove part of the OA from the air in the chamber and make it "invisible" for our measurements. However, the observed chemical changes were relatively fast taking place mostly within a couple of hours. The corresponding time scales for losses were 4-6 hours so our conclusions are quite robust. This

5 can be clearly seen, for example, in the dark ozonolysis experiment where fresh COA is decreasing following the O<sub>3</sub> addition significantly faster than it is lost to the walls before aging begun (see Figure 7a). However, the fact that we could not observe the corresponding potential changes to the COA particles deposited on the walls introduces some uncertainty in the results. While one would expect similar changes in these deposited particles if mass transfer of oxidants and condensable material was

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<u>rapid enough, we cannot confirm this. However, the effect of wall losses of particles on the observed</u> <u>SOA/POA ratio is expected to be smallfrom modest to small. This has also been addressed to be work of Hildebrandt et al. (2009) who discussed the extremes of the potential fate of particles deposited on smog chamber walls.</u>

#### 15 3 Source characterization experiments

## 3.1 <u>Size distribution and chemical composition of the fresh COA</u> fresh COA

Table 2 summarizes the composition of the fresh cooking aerosol for the five chamber experiments. The emitted aerosol is dominated by organic compounds (above 99 %) in all experiments. BC was on average only 0.3 % of the PM<sub>1</sub>. This is consistent with the OC and EC filter analysis of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> aerosol that was sampled directly from the charbroiler. In these samples, the EC content for the fresh cooking emissions was less than 0.6 % of the total carbon. McDonald et al. (2003) reported that EC

emissions from charbroiling and grilling of chicken and beef were 0.3 - 2.7 % of the total mass using

charbroilers fueled fuelled by natural gas. Chun-Li et al. (2015) also reported low EC emissions due to

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cooking in China (1.8 - 10.7% for meat roasting, 7.5% for fish roasting, 6% for snack street broiling, 1.9% for cafeteria frying, and 10.7% for cafeteria broiling). In that study the WSOC to OC ratio was 0.05 – 0.15, indicating that the freshly emitted aerosol was mostly hydrophobic.

Figure 1a depicts the average HR-AMS mass spectra for the fresh meat charbroiling emissions. The initial spectra in all five experiments were similar with each other having angles  $\theta$  of 0 to 7 degrees  $(R^2 \text{ ranging from 0.983 to 0.999})$ . The comparison of the AMS spectra based on  $\theta$  angles was favoured for the analysis of the results in the present manuscript. Briefly, a  $\theta$  difference of 0-5 degrees shows an excellent match between the 2 spectra (with an  $R^2$  ranging approximately from 1 to 0.99), a  $\theta$  difference of 6-10 degrees shows a good match (with an  $R^2$  ranging approximately from 0.98 to 0.96), a  $\theta$ difference of 11-15 degrees shows that the two spectra have many similarities though they are not the

35 same (with an  $R^2$  ranging approximately from 0.95 to 0.92) and finally a  $\theta$  difference from 16 to 30 degrees can be considered as indicates spectra deriving from different sources though there is some limited similarity (with an  $R^2$  ranging approximately from 0.91 to 0.73). Values of Greater  $-\theta$  highervalues than 301 deegrees degrees suggest clearly can be considered as different spectra. –The initial O:C and H:C ratios based on Canagaratna et al. (2015) and based on Aiken et al. (2008) in parenthesis were on average 0.10 ± 0.01 (0.08 ± 0.01) and 1.94 ± 0.03 (1.80 ± 0.03) respectively. The

- 5 main peaks of the corresponding AMS spectra were at m/z values 27, 29, 39, 41, 43, 55, 57, 67, 69, 71, 79, 81, 83, 91 and 95. The majority of these fragments correspond to homologous chains free of oxygen. The gas phase  $CO_2$  contribution to the  $CO_2^+$  signal was corrected by sampling through a HEPA filter during the experiments. The  $CO_2$  levels were in the 395-435 ppm range and did not change significantly during the course of each experiment.
- 10 The number mode mobility diameter  $(D_p)$  of the fresh COA measured by the SMPS was 86±20 nm, while the mass mode vacuum aerodynamic diameter  $(D_{va})$  measured by the AMS was 224±30 nm. Figure 8a shows the fresh COA number and mass distributions versus  $D_p$  and  $D_{va}$  correspondingly for Experiment 1. Figure 8b shows the mass and volume distributions versus  $D_{va}$  and  $D_p$  correspondingly for the fresh COA inof the same eExperiment. -
- 15 A <u>A</u> significant difference was seen between <u>T</u>the AMS and the SMPS estimated aerosol mass concentrations were quite different during all the chamber experiments. <u>The SMPS mass concentrations</u> were <u>lower by a factor of 5-8 lower (for a density of 1 g cm<sup>-3</sup>)</u> compared to the AMS total concentrations. Thus, an additional chamber experiment was conducted, where AMS and SMPS concentrations were compared to <u>gravimetric measurements of the concentrations of COA samples</u>
- <u>collected(gravimetric analysis)</u> on Teflon filters. For the same <u>sampling-periodtime</u> the AMS mass concentration (CE=1) was 600 µg m<sup>-3</sup>, the SMPS (assuming density 1 g cm<sup>-3</sup>) was 100 µg m<sup>-3</sup>, and the filter-based concentration was 500 µg m<sup>-3</sup>. This intercomparison shows that <u>the SMPS</u> mass concentrations assuming spherical particles are problematic probably because the fresh particles emitted from charbroiling are non-spherical. SEM pictures of fresh COA particles also that-suggested that the
- 25 particles werare not spherical. However, particles evaporate in the SEM so the proof is not conclusive. The second piece of evidence is the disagreement between the SMPS and AMS measurements, while the AMS results are consistent with the filter measurements. -Katrib et al. (2005) reported that during the ozonolysis of stearic acid needle-shaped particles were identified by transmission electron microscopy. The shape of the particles is only one factor that leads to the apparent discrepancies
- 30 between these SMPS and AMS-based OA concentrations. Other factors include the CE, the particle density, the different size ranges of the two instruments, etc. A CE=1 was applied for both fresh and aged OA for the laboratory experiments. The composition-dependent collection efficiency of Middlebrook et al. (2012) was not favored since it is based on the mass fractions of ammonium, nitrate and sulfate in the total  $PM_{lz}$ . In the present study, the COA was almost entirely composed of organics,
- 35 <u>thus the above method is not directly applicable to our laboratory results.</u>

#### 3.2. COA emission rates

Gravimetric analysis of the samples collected from above the charbroiler yielded an aerosol emission factor of 4 g kkg<sup>-1</sup> of meat cooked. Hildemann et al. (1991) studied the emissions from hamburger

- cooking of regular and lean meet either by frying or charbroiling and Hildemann et al. (1991) reported 5 emissions between 1 and 40 g kg<sup>-1</sup>. McDonald et al. (2003) determined the emission ratios of meat cooking (hamburger, steak and chicken) due to charbroiling or grilling and More recent studies have reported emission rates in the range 4 to 12 g kg<sup>-1</sup> (McDonald et al., 2003). These rates vary by more than one order of magnitude not only because different types of meat were cooked but also due to the
- different cooking procedures (charbroiling, grilling, frying etc.), and cooking specifics (well done, 10 medium, slowly cooked, medium time, etc.). Generally charbroiling emits more particles than frying and also the emissions increase with increasing fat content of the meat cooked. There is also additional variability related to where the meat is placed with the respect to the very hot surfaces (e.g., charcoal). In the present study we tried to duplicate the cooking conditions/practices used in Greece.
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#### 3.3. Emissions of volatile organic compounds

Several VOCs were emitted during cooking though their concentrations compared to the PM were low. In most cases less than 1 ppb of a specific VOC was emitted per 100  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup> of PM. The aromatic species (benzene, toluene, xylenes) were emitted in similar amounts (0.1 g Kg<sup>-1</sup>). Table 3 presents the emission factors for some of the measured VOCs based on a COA emission rate of 4 g kg<sup>-1</sup> of meat. To

20 the best of our knowledge there is little information about VOC emissions from cooking. For example, Schauer et al. (1999) has reported the emission factors from meat charbroiling over a natural gas fired grill. So our major objective was to add to this limited literature. Based on the emissions measured the SOA formation potential of cooking would be limited compared to the primary emissions. This is consistent with the limited additional SOA that we have observed experimentally.

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#### 3.4 Chemical aging of COA

Significant changes to the COA spectrum were observed during its oxidation. The initial and final O:C and H:C ratios for all the experiments are reported in Table 1. For Experiment 1, in which the emissions were illuminated for 4 hours the O:C increased from 0.11 to 0.27. For Experiment 2, where the UV 30 lights were turned on for 8 hours the O:C reached 0.30. For Experiment 3 in which dark ozonolysis took place the O:C ratio reached 0.21 two hours after the addition of 40 ppb of ozone [ck1]. For experiment 4 the O:C ratio reached 0.27 after 7.5 h of exposure to UV. No change was seen for the O:C and H:C ratios for Experiment 5 in which the COA was left in the chamber without addition of oxidants or exposure to UV. 35

For the experiments in which UV illumination was used the O:C ratio increased from 0.1 to 0.2 in less than 2 hours. For Experiment 3 in which 40 ppb of  $O_3$  were added the O:C ratio increased from 0.12 to 0.18 in less than one hour. Figure 2a shows the temporal evolution of the O:C ratios during the five smog chamber experiments. In Experiment 3 (dark ozonolysis) an increase prior to the addition of ozone was seen due to small amounts of ozone (approximately 9 ppb) initially present in the chamber.

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Figure 2b presents the corresponding H:C ratio evolution during the five experiments. A reduction in H:C by 10% or so was observed in all experiments.

The theta ( $\theta$ ) angles between the fresh and aged COA AMS spectra are summarized in Table 1. Differences in the AMS spectra between the fresh and aged COA were present throughout the m/z range. The fractional contribution of m/z 44,  $f_{44}$ , increased during the UV aging and the dark ozonolysis. Figure 1b shows the aged COA HR spectrum for Experiment 2 (after 8 h of UV illumination). After aging with UV for 4 h the angle  $\theta$  was 22 degrees in experiment 1. The addition of ozone resulted in a 15 degree shift in 4 h. The relatively fast change in the AMS spectra is noteworthy (Figure 3). After 1 hour of UV illumination a theta angle of 12 degrees was observed. For the dark ozonolysis experiment a 15 degrees change was observed 2 hours after the ozone addition. These results indicate that the COA emitted from meat charbroiling can change rapidly after it is emitted either during the day (when it is

sunny) or during the night when moderate levels of ozone are available.

Figure 4a shows the fraction of m/z 44 ( $f_{44}$ ) and m/z 43 ( $f_{43}$ ) as they evolve over time during Experiment 2 (8 h of UV). Most of the COA factors reported in the literature fall in the lower left part of the Ng triangle (Ng et al., 2011). After the oxidation process the system position tents-tends [ctk2] to

of the Ng triangle (Ng et al., 2011). After the oxidation process the system position tents-tends [ck2] to move up as  $f_{44}$  increases. A similar trend was observed for the  $f_{55}$  to  $f_{57}$  plot (Figure 4b) where both fractions decrease due to chemical aging. A similar behaviorbehaviour was observed during ozonolysis (Figures 4c and 4d).

The driving forces for these chemical aging processes were reactions with O<sub>3</sub> and OH radicals. 25 Significant O<sub>3</sub> production was observed in the UV illumination experiments with at least 40 ppb of O<sub>3</sub> produced after a few hours of illumination. During the first hour, 15 ppb were formed and after 2 hours the ozone concentration reached 25 ppb. At the same time the OH radical concentration increased up to 5x10<sup>6</sup> molecules cm<sup>-3</sup>. Figure 5a depicts the O<sub>3</sub> and OH concentrations for Experiment 2 in which UV illumination was used. Similar results were obtained for the rest of the UV illumination experiments. 30 Figure 5b shows the O<sub>3</sub> evolution during the dark ozonolysis experiment. After the initial addition of 40

ppb of ozone, approximately 5 ppb were consumed during the first 3 hours.

<u>New OA formationNet OA production</u> due to chemical aging was limited. In the five experiments OA mass enhancements (after corrections for particle losses) were less than 10% of the mass prior to the perturbation. This small change in mass strongly suggests that a lot of the observed

35 chemical changes were probably due to heterogeneous <u>and homogeneous</u> reactions. <u>Such reactions can</u> explain the <u>The evidence for heterogeneous reaction is indirect and is based on the significant changes</u>

in composition (e.g., O : C) that cannot be explained by and the small additional OA formation in these experiments.[ck3]

While VOC concentrations remained stable when no UV light or oxidants were used, the concentrations of formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, formic acid, acetone, acetic acid, and methyl ethyl ketone all increased during the chemical aging. Approximately 15 ppb / 100 µg m<sup>-3</sup> of COA of 5 acetaldehyde and 8 ppb / 100  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup> of COA of formaldehyde were produced during the exposure to UV and O<sub>3</sub>. The increase of the concentration of these relatively small compounds suggests thate fragmentation of the mostly larger organic molecules emitted during meat charbroiling is taking place. It is not clear if these molecules are products of the organics in the particulate phase (that is products of the heterogeneous reactions) or if they were produced in the gas phase [ck4]

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The water solubility of the COA also increased during its chemical aging. Briefly tThe WSOC/OC ratio for the fresh emissions was measured in each experiment and was always low with values in the 0.05 to 0.13 range. The WSOC/OC ratio after chemical aging was measured in three experiments, two after UV illumination (Experiments 1 and 2) and one after dark ozonolysis

- (Experiment 3). In all these three experiments the WSOC/OC ratio increased; up-to 0.7 for Exp. 1, 0.85 15 for Exp. 2, and 0.55 for Exp. 3. The This shows that the WSOC to OC ratio of the aged COA for experiment 2 was 0.7 - 0.85, which was is significantly higher than compared to that of the fresh emissions (0.05-0.13). This suggests and suggesting that the COA becames a lot more hyproscopic as it aged.[ck5]
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HR-PMF analysis was performed for each chamber experiment separately. More information is provided in the Supplementary (Information SI, Section 1, Figures S1-S18). For experiments 1-4 two factors were identified: a fresh and an aged factor. Figure 6 shows the mass spectra of the two factors for Experiment 1. The mass spectra of the fresh COA factors had an O:C ratio 0.09-0.11 and they were very similar each other ( $R^2 > 0.992$ ,  $\theta < 7^\circ$ ). They were also close to the average fresh mass spectrum from all 5 experiments ( $R^2 > 0.96$ ,  $\theta < 10^\circ$ ). The aged factors had an O:C ratio in the range of 0.20 to 0.26 25 depending on the degree of oxidation. Figure 7 illustrates the time series of the 2 factors for Experiment

### 3.5 Size distributions of emissions

 $3(O_3)$  and Experiment 4(UV).

- The number mode mobility diameter  $(D_{p})$  of the fresh COA measured by the SMPS was  $86\pm 20$  nm, 30 while the mass mode vacuum aerodynamic diameter ( $D_{ya}$ ) measured by the AMS was 224±30 nm. Figure 8a shows the fresh COA number and mass distributions versus D<sub>n</sub> and D<sub>va</sub> correspondingly for Experiment 1.
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- **4** Ambient measurements 35

Ambient aerosol was sampled outside the ICE-HT institute (8 km NE from the city center of Patras) during February 2012 for a period of 2 days. This period included Fat Thursday (February 16) during which meat is charbroiled everywhere in Patras. The ambient measurements have been corrected for the CE, applying the algorithm of Kostenidou et al. (2007), comparing the AMS mass distributions to the

- 5 SMPS volume distributions. The CE for these multi-component particles was  $0.76\pm0.07$ . [ck7]Applying HR[ck8] PMF analysis (using PET) on the AMS spectra for these 2 days of measurements, 4 sources were identified. PMF solutions up to 5 factors were examiminated and evaluated, while the tested  $f_{peak}$ range was between -2 and 2. [ck9] More information for the selection of the factors is provided in the SI (Section 2, Figures S19-S23). One factor was related to OOA, while the other 3 factors were attributed
- to primary emissions: transportation (HOA), burning of olive tree branches (otBB-OA), and meat cooking (COA). Given the small data set, the stability of the solution was further investigated using ME-2 analysis (SoFi) and applying a constrained solution for the HOA using the HOA mass spectrum of Kostenidou et al. (2013) with a=0.1 (SI, Section 3, Figures S24-S28). There was no significant change in the factors in the two solutions. More details are given in the SI (Section 3, Figures S23-S26).
- 15 The cooking mass spectrum and time series did not change significant with an R<sup>2</sup>>0.99 between PMF and ME-2 solutions.

Figure 9 shows the mass concentrations of the 4 factors. During midday of Fat Thursday the organic mass concentration was 23.2  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup> representing 81% of the PM<sub>1</sub>. For the same period the cooking related factor represented 85% of the organic aerosol (17.5  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>) while for the day before and

- 20 the day after, the COA factor represented only the 5% of the total OA. From various studies that were conducted in Greek cities, COA appears to be 15-20% of the OA (Kostenidou et al., 2015;; Florou et al., 2016).-[ck10] The mass spectrum of the cooking OA factor (COA) along with the rest of the factors obtained by the PMF analysis is shown in Figure 10. The m/z values contributing significantly to the COA factor were: 39, 41, 43, 44, 55, 57, 67, 69, 71 etc. which are characteristic of cooking OA found in previous studies (Ge et al., 2012; Crippa et al., 2013).
  - Figure 11 summarizes the angle  $\theta$  between the mass spectra of the fresh and aged meat charbroiling OA and the PMF COA factors from ambient measurements from other studies. Depending on atmospheric conditions (oxidant levels) the COA AMS spectrum can be different. This can be seen by the comparison of fresh and aged COA in these experiments against the summer and winter COA
- <sup>30</sup> factors in Greece. Other factors that appear to drive variability can include the PMF analysis itself (e.g., mixing with other sources), the type of food cooked, etc. [ck11] The laboratory fresh COA spectrum is quite similar to the COA factors obtained in Athens and Patras during the winter ( $\theta$  angles of 13° in both cases). On the other hand, the aged COA spectrum is similar to the cooking related factors (HOA-2) identified during the summer in both cities ( $\theta$  angles of 9° for both). The spectrum of the cooking OA of
- 35 Fat Thursday in Patras (a sunny period with moderate temperatures) was quite similar with the aged meat charbroiling aerosol. This demonstrates that COA ages relatively fast under ambient conditions

when the necessary oxidants are available (i.e. sunny summer days) and as a result PMF analysis can distinguish only one factor (the aged COA). Even though this conversion is rapid the COA does not reach high oxidation states comparable to those of OOA. In addition, our results suggest that before performing PMF analysis using default COA spectra as external factors, one should account for their potential chemical aging.

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Good correlation was seen between the aged COA from the chamber experiments and the COA factor reported by Sun et al. (2011) for the city of New York during summer (Figure 11). This is also true for the COA related factor (CIOA) reported by Hayes et al. -(2013) for the 2010 CalNex campaign in Pasadena CA. On the other hand the COA factors reported for Fresno (Ge et al., 2012) and Paris (Crippa et al., 2013b4) were in better agreement with the fresh COA reported in this work.

#### **5** Conclusions

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Particulate emissions from meat charbroiling consist mainly of organics (>99%) while BC is only 0.3%. These fresh OA emissions react rapidly with ozone and OH radicals with significant changes in their

- AMS spectra. After 2 hours of UV illumination (average OH concentration of 3 x 10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>) the O:C 15 ratio doubles and the aged spectrum differs significantly (approximately 15°) from the fresh one. Fresh COA is hydrophobic (WSOC to OC ratio 0.05-0.15) while the aged COA is more hydrophilic (WSOC to OC ratio 0.7-0.85).
- The AMS spectrum of the fresh laboratory COA was similar (theta less than 10 degrees) to the ambient PMF COA winter factors in two major Greek cities, while it was guite different (theta 20-35 20 degrees) than the ambient summertime COA factors. The opposite behavior was observed for the aged COA which was similar to the ambient summertime PMF COA factors (theta 10-12 degrees). These results suggest that the degree of chemical aging of the COA has to be taken into account for source identification in the PMF analysis of ambient AMS datasets.
- The laboratorychamber experiments were conducted at concentrations higher than atmospheric 25 and this could be a potential limitation of the aging experiments. However, the concentrations in Experiment 1 when aging began were only a factor of 4 higher than the ambient COA levels shown in Figure 9, so they are by no means unreasonable. The fact that we did not observe significant differences in behaviour with initial concentration (the investigated variation was also a factor of 4) and the
- relatively good agreement of the aged laboratory COA AMS spectra with the ambient spectra suggests 30 that the effect of the COA levels was probably not a serious limitation.

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<b>Table 1.</b> Summary of smog chamber experiment	nog chamber experiments	chamber	of smog	Summary	Table 1.
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exp.	$\frac{\text{concentration}}{(\text{ug m}^{-3})}$	procedure	<del>0:C</del>	<del>H:C</del>	H:C O:C		÷C	<del>H:C</del>	<del>ionica</del> (ppb)	<del>vs final</del>
		UV							(11-)	
+	<del>130</del>	illumination	<del>0.11</del>	<del>1.91</del>		<del>0.</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>1.80</del>	<del>35</del>	<del>22</del>
		<del>(4 h)</del>								
		UV								
2	4 <del>00</del>	illumination	<del>0.10</del>	<del>1.91</del>		<del>0</del> .	<del>30</del>	<del>1.76</del>	47	<del>27</del>
		(8 h)								
3	<del>450</del>	$\Theta_3$ -addition	<del>0.10</del>	<del>1.95</del>	-	<del>0.</del>	21	<del>1.90</del>	-	<del>16</del>
4	<del>335</del>	illumination	<del>0.10</del>	<del>1.97</del>	1	<del>0.</del>	27	<del>1.85</del>	<del>38</del>	<del>25</del>
		<del>(7.5 h)</del>								
5	<del>540</del>	None	<del>0.09</del>	<del>1.97</del>	<u>.</u>	<del>0.</del>	<del>09</del>	<del>2.00</del>	θ	<del>2.6</del>
Chamber	Initial PM <sub>1</sub>	Aging	Initial	Initial	Fin	al	Final	Averag	$\underline{\underline{ge}}$ $\underline{O_3}$	<u> <del> <u> <u> </u> <u> </u></u></del></u>
exp.	$\frac{\text{concentration}}{(\mu \text{g m}^{-3})}$	procedure	<u>0:C</u>	<u>H:C</u>	<u>0:0</u>	<u>C</u>	H:C	$(\underline{\text{mole}})^{-3}$	$\underline{c}  \frac{\text{formed}}{(\text{ppb})}$	<u>d</u> <u>initial</u> vs final
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<u>1</u>	<u>130</u>	$\frac{1 \text{llumination}}{(4 \text{ h})}$	<u>0.11</u>	<u>1.91</u>	<u>0.2</u>	7	<u>1.80</u>	=	<u>35</u>	22
2	400	<u>UV</u> illumination	0.10	1 91	0.3	0	1 76	2.6x10	$)^{6}$ 47	27
<u> </u>	<u>+00</u>	<u>(8 h)</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>1.71</u>	0.5	<u>v</u>	1.70	<u>2.0410</u>		<u>21</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>450</u>	$\frac{O_3 \text{ addition}}{(42 \text{ ppb})}$	<u>0.10</u>	<u>1.95</u>	<u>0.2</u>	1	<u>1.90</u>	<u>6.5x10</u>	<u>)</u> <sup>4</sup> <u>=</u>	<u>16</u>
4	335	<u>UV</u> illumination	0.10	1.97	0.2	7	1.85	1.4x10	) <sup>6</sup> 38	25
<u> </u>		<u>(7.5 h)</u>				-				
<u>5</u>	<u>540</u>	None	<u>0.09</u>	<u>1.97</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2.00</u>	<u>6.4x10</u>	$\underline{0}^{5}$ $\underline{0}$	2.6[ck21]

		E	Average			
	1	2	3	4	5	Trotage
Organics	98.4	99.0	99.4	99.4	99.6	$99.2 \pm 0.5$
Sulfate	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1 ± 0.2
Ammonium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	$0.0 \pm 0.0$
Chloride	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
Nitrate	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	$0.2 \pm 0.1$
BC	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	$0.3 \pm 0.3$

**Table 2.** Composition (% mass) of the freshly emitted COA for the laboratory experiments.

VOC	PTR-MS	<b>Emission rate</b>
	m/z	$(g \underline{k} \underline{k} g^{-1})$
Acetonitrile	42	$0.01 \pm 0.00$
Acetone	59	$0.03 \pm 0.01$
Isoprene	69	$0.05 \pm 0.01$
MVK and MACR	71	$0.03 \pm 0.01$
MEK	73	$0.01 \pm 0.01$
Benzene	79	$0.09 \pm 0.02$
Toluene	93	$0.09 \pm 0.03$
Xylenes	107	$0.10 \pm 0.04$
Monoterpenes	137	$0.04 \pm 0.02$

**Table 3.** Emission factors (g per Kg of meat cooked) for several VOCs.





**Figure 1**. (a) Fresh COA mass spectrum, <u>and</u>(b) aged COA mass spectrum for Experiment 2 (8 h of UV)<u>- and (c) difference between the fresh and aged COA.</u>

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**Figure 2**. a) O:C ratios and b) H:C ratios for the COA smog chamber experiments. Time zero corresponds to the beginning of the aging process.

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**Figure 3.** Evolution of the theta angle with the initial AMS mass spectrum during aging.



**Figure 4.** Scatter plot for the fractions of signal for Experiment 2 (UV for 8 h) and Experiment 3. (a)  $f_{44}$ 5 to  $f_{43}$  for Experiment 2, (b)  $f_{55}$  to  $f_{57}$  for Experiment 2, (c)  $f_{44}$  to  $f_{43}$  for Experiment 3, and (d)  $f_{55}$  to  $f_{57}$  for

Experiment 3.



Figure 5. (a) Ozone and estimated OH radical concentrations in Experiment 2 (UV illumination) and
5 (b) Ozone concentration during Experiment 3 (dark ozonolysis).[ck24]



**Figure 6.** Mass spectra for the two resulting factors of the PMF analysis for Experiment 1.



**Figure 7.** Time series of the resulting factors from the PMF analysis of the chamber experiments without corrections for losses to walls. (a) PMF factors for Experiment 3 (O<sub>3</sub> addition) and (b) PMF factors for Experiment 4 (UV illumination).



**Figure 8.** (a) SMPS number and AMS mass distributions versus  $D_p$  and  $D_{va}$  correspondingly for fresh COA and (b) SMPS volume and AMS mass distributions versus  $D_{va}$  and  $D_{pr}$ .



**Figure 9.** Time series of the four PMF factors found for the measurement period including Fat Thursday (16 February 2012).



**Figure 10**. Mass spectra of the 4 PMF factors found for the measurement period including Fat Thursday (16 February 2012).







5 (8 h UV exposure) meat charbroiling emissions.

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