



# Wood combustion: Emissions and contribution to Secondary organic aerosol budget

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### Introduction



- ◆ ~3 million people use small scale appliances for domestic heating (World Energy Council, 2007)
- Contributes ~90% of total POA mass from combustion and enhanced SOA mass (Bond et al., 2004, Alfarra et al., 2007)
- >30% contribution to carbonaceous matter in Europe and dominant source in Swiss Plateau and alpine region (Sandradewi et al., 2008; Lanz et al., 2010)



Comparison of different sampling techniques with total PM in flue gas (Nussbaumer et al., 2008a, b)

Appliance	DT (gGJ <sup>-1</sup> )	SP (gGJ <sup>-1</sup> )
Traditional stove	800 (290-1932)	150 (49-650)
Fire place	900	260 (23-450)
Medium boiler	80 (30-350)	70 (30-350)



Average emission factors from different wood combustion appliances (Nussbaumer et al., 2008a, b)

Average DT (dilution tunnel) and SP (Solid particles) particle emission factors in Europe in 2005 (Denier van der Gon et al., 2015)

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Measurements from intensive field campaigns in 2008 and 2009 (EUCAARI: European Integrated Project on Aerosol Cloud Climate and Air Quality Interactions and EMEP: European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme) (Crippa et al., 2014)

## **Secondary organic aerosol precursors**

- Large differences in recent global estimates of SOA production from large measurement datasets and current emission inventories
- \* Traditional SOA precursors: benzene, toluene and α-pinene (accounts <20% SOA formed)
- Inclusion of SVOC's IVOCs : Volatility Basis Set Approach



#### Fractional contribution of 22 individual NMOGs and two lumped NMOG categories to observed SOA

84-116% of the observed SOA is accounted for by these 22 NMOGs

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## **Evolution of gas phase SOA precursors**



- 3-7 times more SOA than primarily emitted (~3 days of aging)
- Previously, wood burning chamber experiments showed SOA:POA of 1.5 or more and showed an OA enhancement of 3 and 1.6 for high and low loading in modern masonry heater (Bruns et al., 2015, Heringa et al., 2011).
- Nearly 70% of the mass is structurally
   identified.
- In addition, high monoterpenes emission from soft wood combustion should be considered in models.

#### Evolution of 22 individual NMOGs and organic aerosol with aging

Bruns et al., 2016, accepted in Nature Sci. Reports

## PAUL SCHERRER INSTITUT Contribution of non-traditional SOA precursors



Average fractional contribution to observed SOA and level of scientific understanding of 22 individual NMOGs and two lumped NMOG categories Bruns et al. 2016 accented

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 Inclusion of these identified NMOGs and terpenes in Chemical transport models is required for modelling residential wood combustion SOA

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### Primary gas phase emissions



Mass spectra of primary emissions from Beech wood measured by PTR-ToF-MS and categorized by functional groups

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## **Gas phase evolution with aging**





Absolute difference of aged and primary EF mass spectra

Bruns et al., submitted





### **Experimental details**







Schematic of the experimental setup

Pellet boiler (lack of  $O_2$ ) : 1.3-1.35Pellet boiler (optimum) : 1.54-1.64Pellet boiler (Excess of  $O_2$ ) : 2.67-3.38Log wood stove(Flaming): 2.7-10.9<br/>(Burn out): 6.67-10.72

#### **Emissions from different combustion devices**





Primary emissions were nearly same in flaming conditions for both pellet boiler (Excess O<sub>2</sub> condition) and log wood stove but highly variable in the latter.

Total NMOG's emitted from different combustion devices under flaming conditions and different Air-to-fuel ratios

SOA: POA ratio in log wood \* stove is 3 times higher as that of pellet boiler (Excess O<sub>2</sub> conditions) and highly variable with operating conditions



OA emission factors from different combustion devices under flaming conditions and different Air-tofuel ratios



#### **Emissions from different load conditions**





Fractional contribution of different functional groups according to the wood load in log wood stove

- Methanol, acetic acid and formaldehyde increased by a factor of ~ 10 with increase in load
- Aromatics emissions increased by a factor of up to 2-3



#### **Contribution to Primary and Secondary NMOGs**





Fractional contribution of different functional groups during different combustion conditions and combustion devices (Pellet boiler (flaming with Excess O<sub>2</sub>) and log wood stove (burn out and flaming)

- Pellet boiler emissions are dominated by carbonyls among which equal portion is shared by formaldehyde and acetaldehyde (~ 43-45%)
- Primary emission of acids, carbonyls, alcohols is more in flaming phase (log wood stove) whereas more O-containing, oxygenated aromatics, N-containing species and furans are present in burn out phase







- 22 non-traditional NMOGs identified account for ~84-115% of SOA mass
- Evolution of different NMOGs from residential wood combustion with aging is due to their highly reactive nature.
- Due to inter-burn variability, constraining the EF's is difficult.
- Highest emissions from log wood stove with variability in NMOGs, primary organic aerosol (POA) and BC depending on the operation conditions.
- Formaldehyde (43%) and acetaldehyde (45%) are the major contributors in Pellet boiler emissions whereas in log wood stove acids and alcohols are additionally emitted primarily.
- ✤ As NMOGs are related to SOA formation and might be used as an SOA indicator





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Fore more details, please visit poster entitled:

- (1) Wood combustion for energy in buildings (Poster no. 26, Poster Session 2: Biomass Combustion) <u>P. Zotter</u>, D. Bhattu, J. Zhou, G. Stefenelli, A. Lauber, I. El Haddad, J. Slowik, A. S. H. Prévôt, J. Dommen, & T. Nussbaumer
- (2) Toxicity assessment of wood combustion emissions from different burning and aged conditions by using a reactive oxygen species (ROS) analyzer (Poster no. 78, Poster Session 6: Health)

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### **Revised emission estimates**



Spatial distribution of OC emissions (as per TNO-new RWC inventory) (Denier van der Gon et al., 2015)

Totally neglecting the secondary aerosol formation from small scale appliances can lead to less effective current EU emission policies and actions (EU commission regulation 2015/1185) (Leskinen et al., 2016)

- Implementation of revised bottom-up emission inventory for anthropogenic carbon aerosols (mainly RWC) showed better agreements of models results with observations.
- Revised RWC emissions are 2-3 times higher than previous inventory which further leads to 20% increase in European PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions.

#### Ratio of revised TNO-new RWC inventory relative to the previous EUCAARI OC emission inventory (Denier van der Gon et al., 2015)

OC2.5 emission wood combustion: TNO / Eucaari RWC ratio



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### Evolution of primary emissions (pellet boiler)





## (a) Primary and (b) secondary emission factors mass spectra from pellet boiler under flaming conditions (Excess O<sub>2</sub>). (c and d) Absolute differences of primary and secondary emission factors mass spectra under different OH exposure conditions

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### Spatial distribution over Europe





#### Aerosol composition in Central Europe



Relative contribution of OA components over two sites (Swiss plateau and Alpine region: low and high altitudes) in summer and winter (Lanz et al., 2010)

Measurements from intensive field campaigns in 2008 and 2009 (EUCAARI: European Integrated Project on Aerosol Cloud Climate and Air Quality Interactions and EMEP: European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme) (Crippa et al., 2014)