

Modern Diesel Vehicle generated Nucleation-Particles

Formation, Nature, Lung-Intrusion

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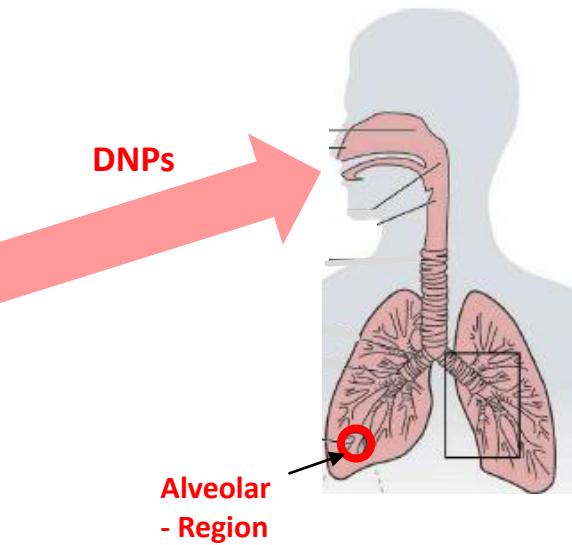
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Modern Diesel Vehicle generated Nucleation-Particles (DNUPs)

- are of considerable **current interest**
- their **potential adverse health effects** are of increasing concern
- have just the ideal size to intrude with maximum efficiency the **alveolar region**
- **alveolar region** is particularly **vulnerable**



DNUP-Formation

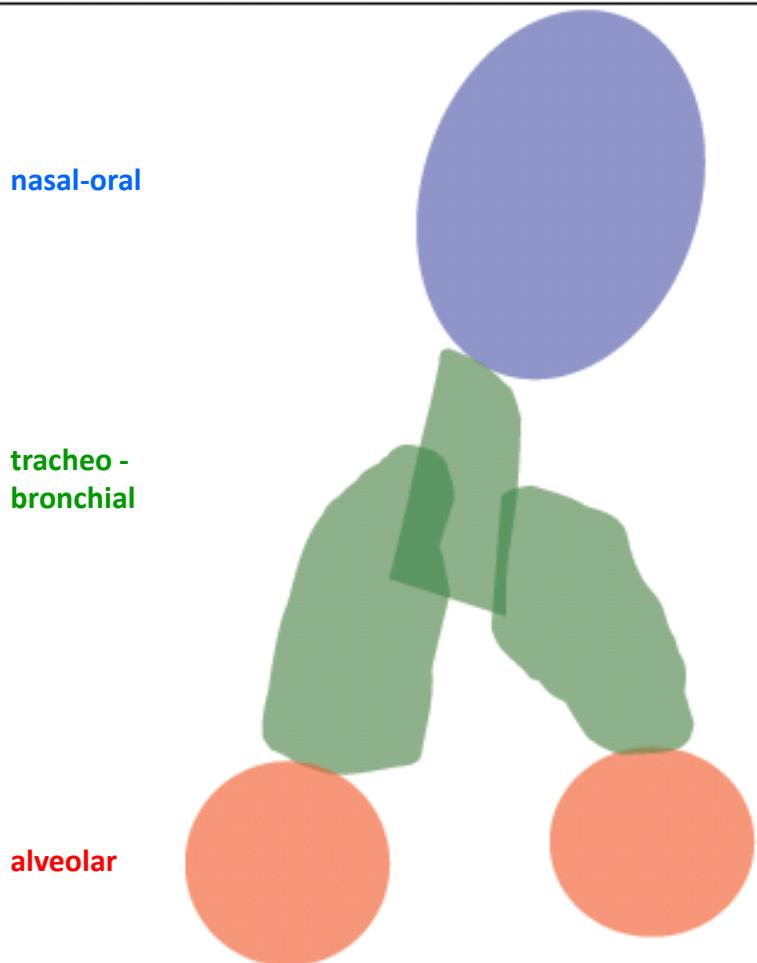
- DNUPs form in cooling exhaust just downstream of the vehicles tailpipe
- There, certain exhaust gases reach sufficiently high supersaturations to undergo nucleation
(Striking Example: homogeneous bi-molecular nucleation of H₂SO₄/H₂O)
- DNUPs grow by condensation and coagulation
- DNUP-characteristics (next slide)

DNUP-Characteristics

- **Diameters:** very small (ca 5-20 nm)
- **Volatile:** at $T > 250\text{ C}$
- **Number-Concentrations:** large (up to about 1E(9) cm⁻³)
- **Total surface area concentration:** large
- **Total mass concentration:** small

DNUP-Characteristics

- **Diameters:** very small (ca 10-20 nm)
→ maximum efficiency for intrusion of alveolar region



Sticky gas-molecules
(e.g. H₂SO₄)

DNP

Fraction deposited

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Diameter (micrometer)

nasal-
oral

tracheo -
bronchial

alveolar

DNP-Characteristics

- **Total surface area concentration:** large
 - DNUPs may **take up** significant numbers of sticky molecules
 - DNUPs will act as **carriers** for transport of attached molecules
 - thereby **toxic molecules** may reach the **alveolar region**
- **Total mass concentration:** small
 - DNUPs **escape from legal regulations** (mostly mass oriented)

Our DIESEL EXHAUST Investigations

(Measurements and Model-Simulations)

- ***Test-bed Engine-Exhaust Measurements***

(Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Engine with and without ATS)

- Exhaust-gases on-line
- D-Particles after ageing chamber ($t_{\text{res}} = 2.7 \text{ sec}$) on-line

Conditions:

- different Fuels
- different Fuel-Sulfur-Content (FSC)
- different engine loads (EL)
- different exhaust aftertreatment systems (ATS: ODPC; CDPF)

- ***Model Simulations***

- different nucleation mechanisms
- different organics
- different Fuel-Sulfur-Content (FSC)

Further information on our Diesel-Exhaust work

- Two more recent publications (see next slide)

First Online Measurements of Sulfuric Acid Gas in Modern Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Exhaust: Implications for Nanoparticle Formation

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Model studies of volatile diesel exhaust particle formation: are organic vapours involved in nucleation and growth?

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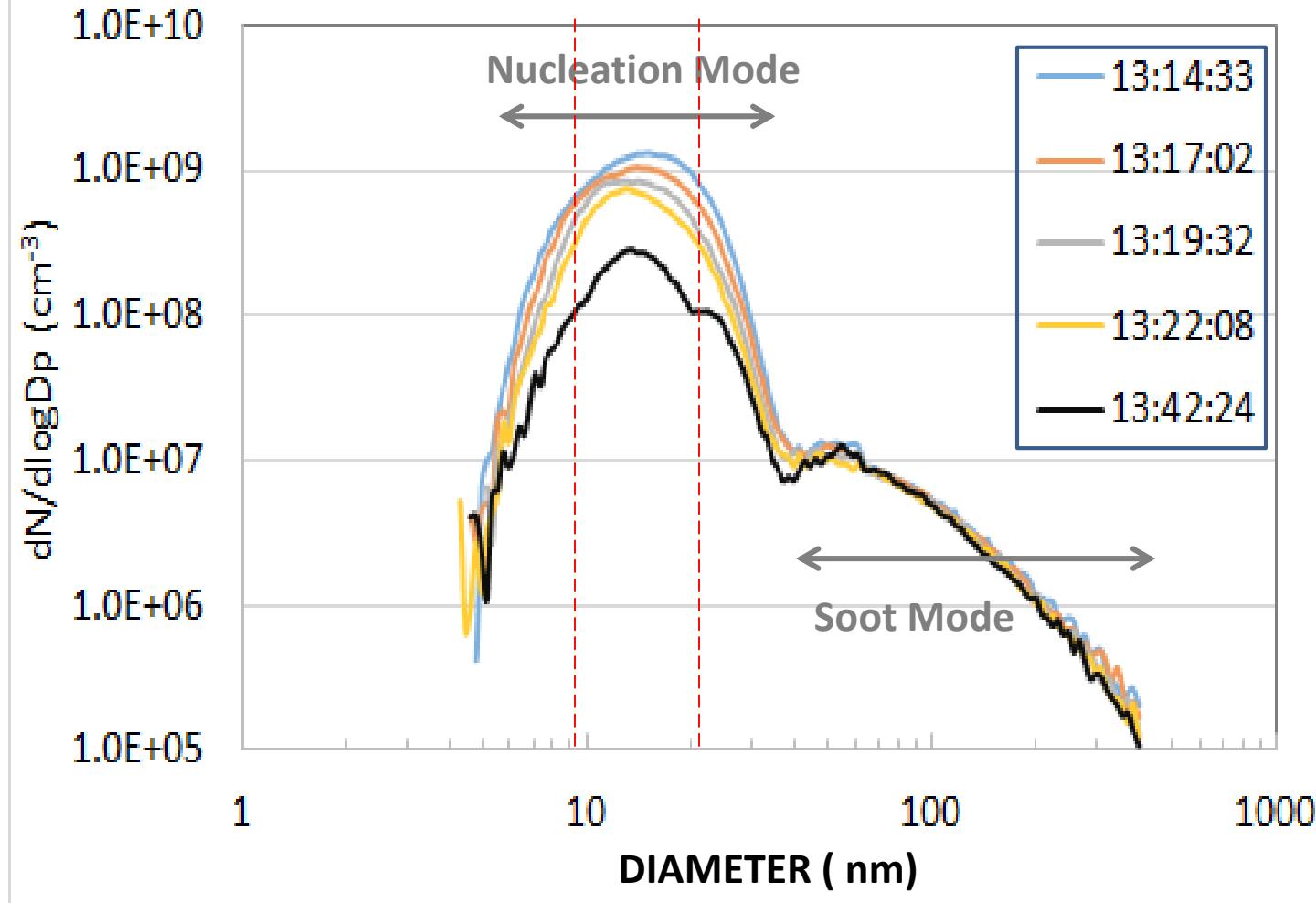
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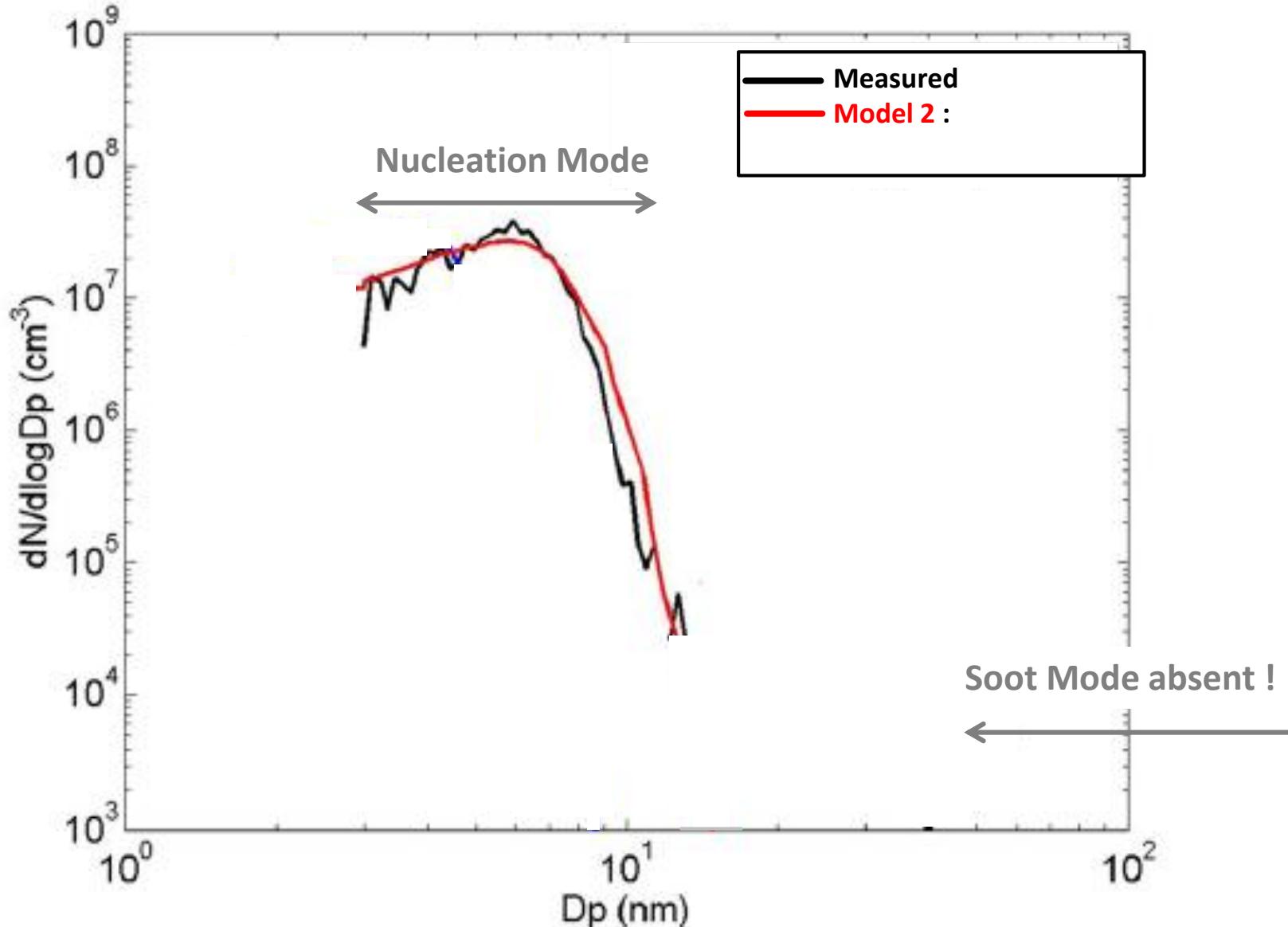
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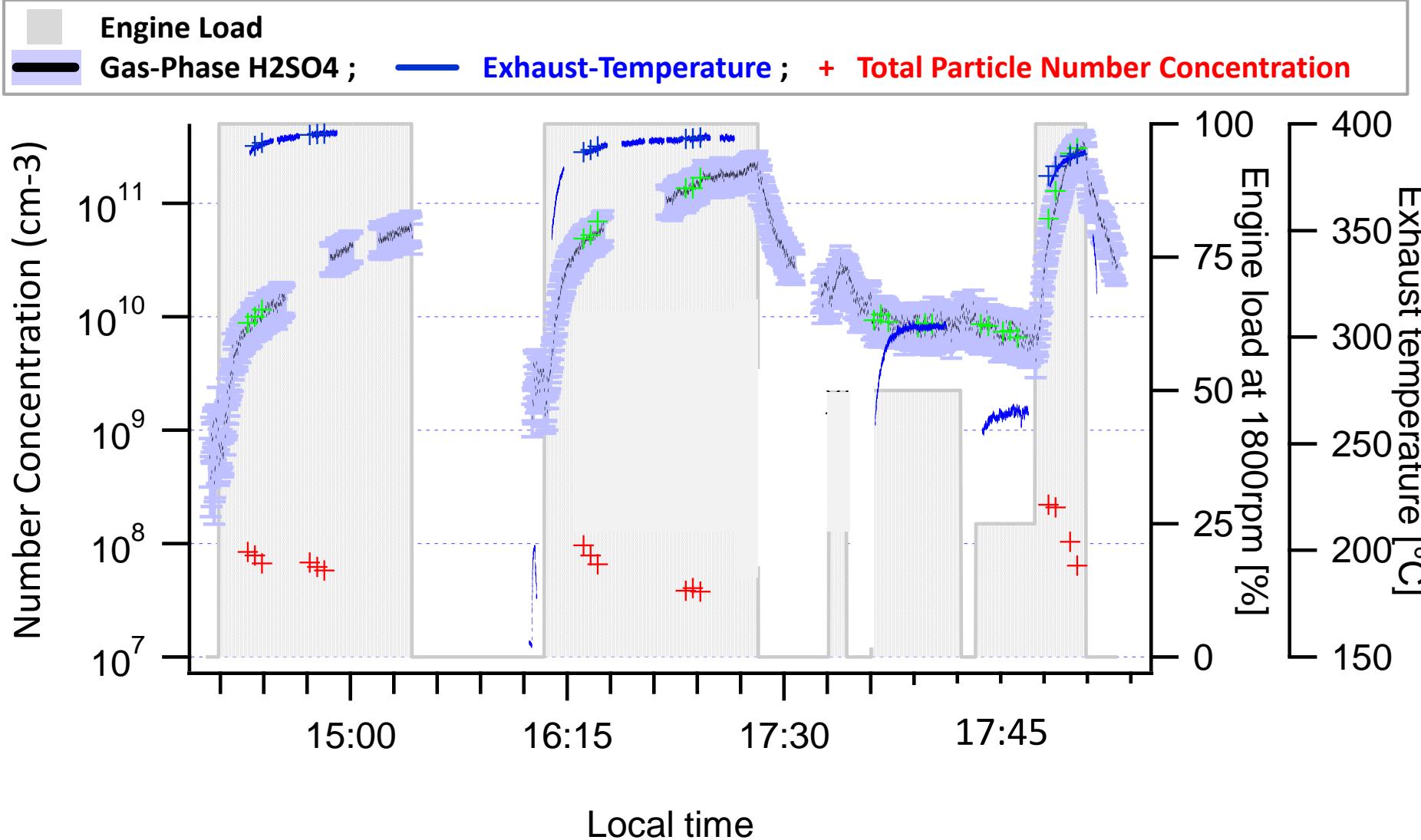
Diesel-Particle Number Size Distributions : FSC = 36 ppm ; EL = 100 % ; ATS (DOC + ODPF)



Diesel-Particle Number Size Distribution : FSC = 6 ppm ; EL = 100 % ; ATS (DOC + CDPF)



HD Diesel Vehicle Engine : FSC = 6 ppm ; ATS (DOC + CDPF)



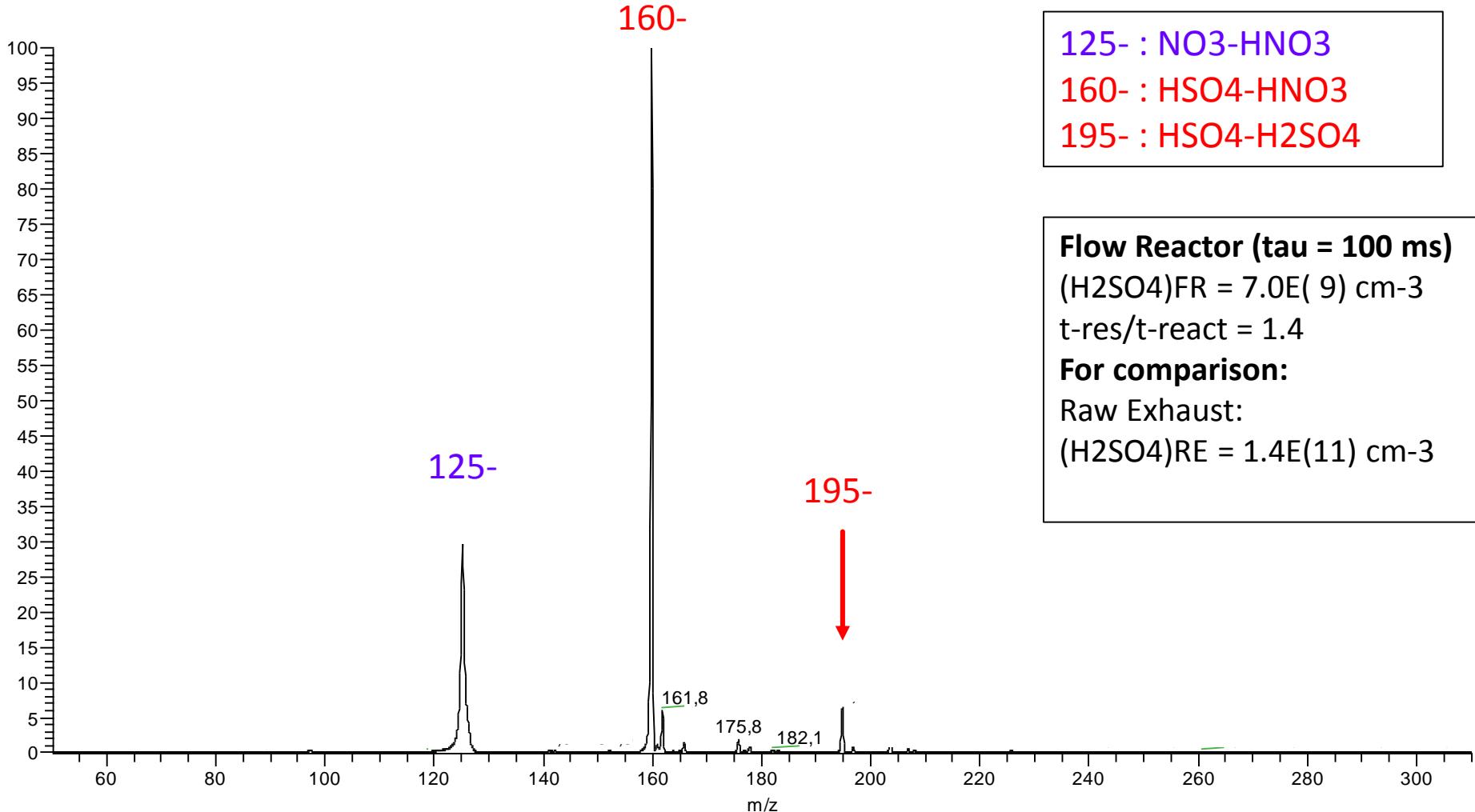
Ion and reagent neutral molecule identification by:
Mass selected Ion fragmentation

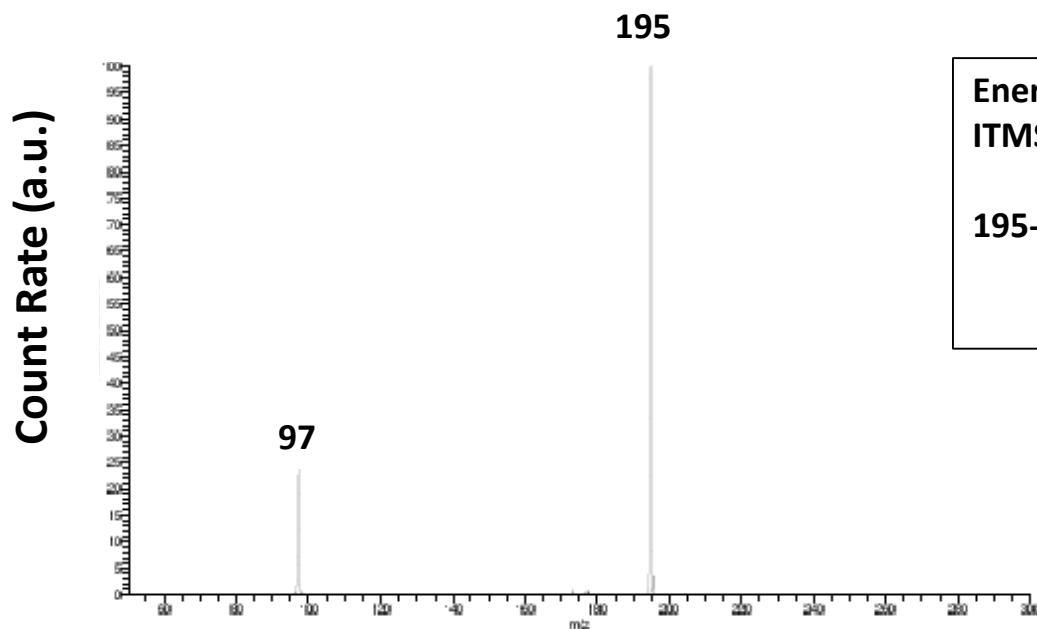
- Example: H₂SO₄ identification by
 - mass selected ion fragmentation
 - isotope analysis
- See following 2 slides

CI-ITMS Mass spectrum of negative ions :

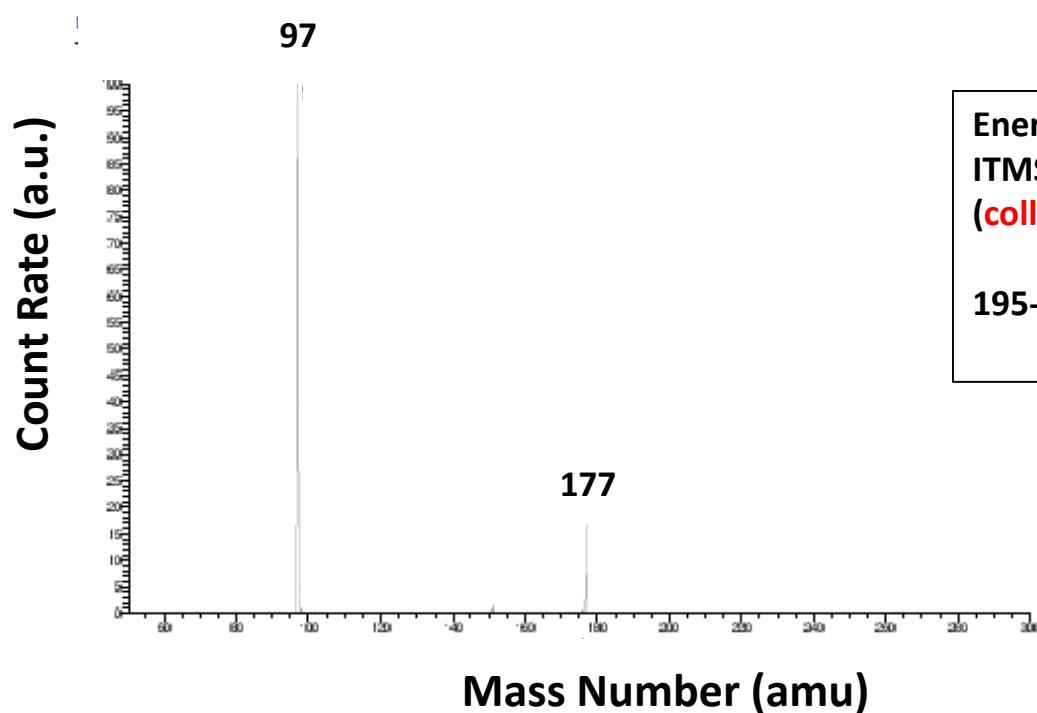
Reagent ion: **NO₃-HNO₃** is introduced into flow reactor

there it reacts with gas-phase H₂SO₄ via : **NO₃-HNO₃** + H₂SO₄ → **HSO₄-HNO₃** + **HNO₃**

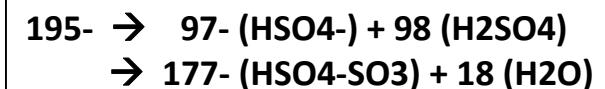


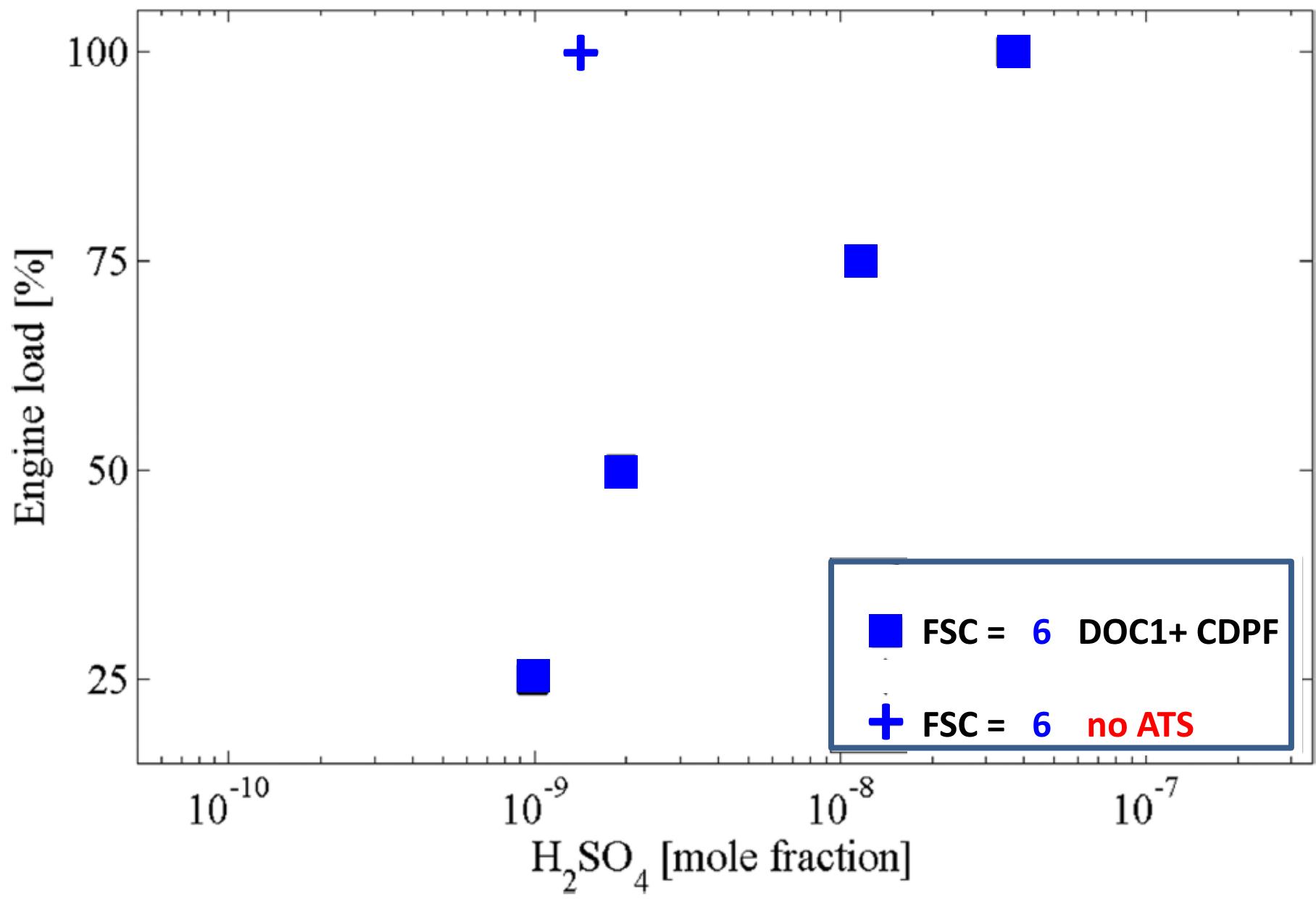


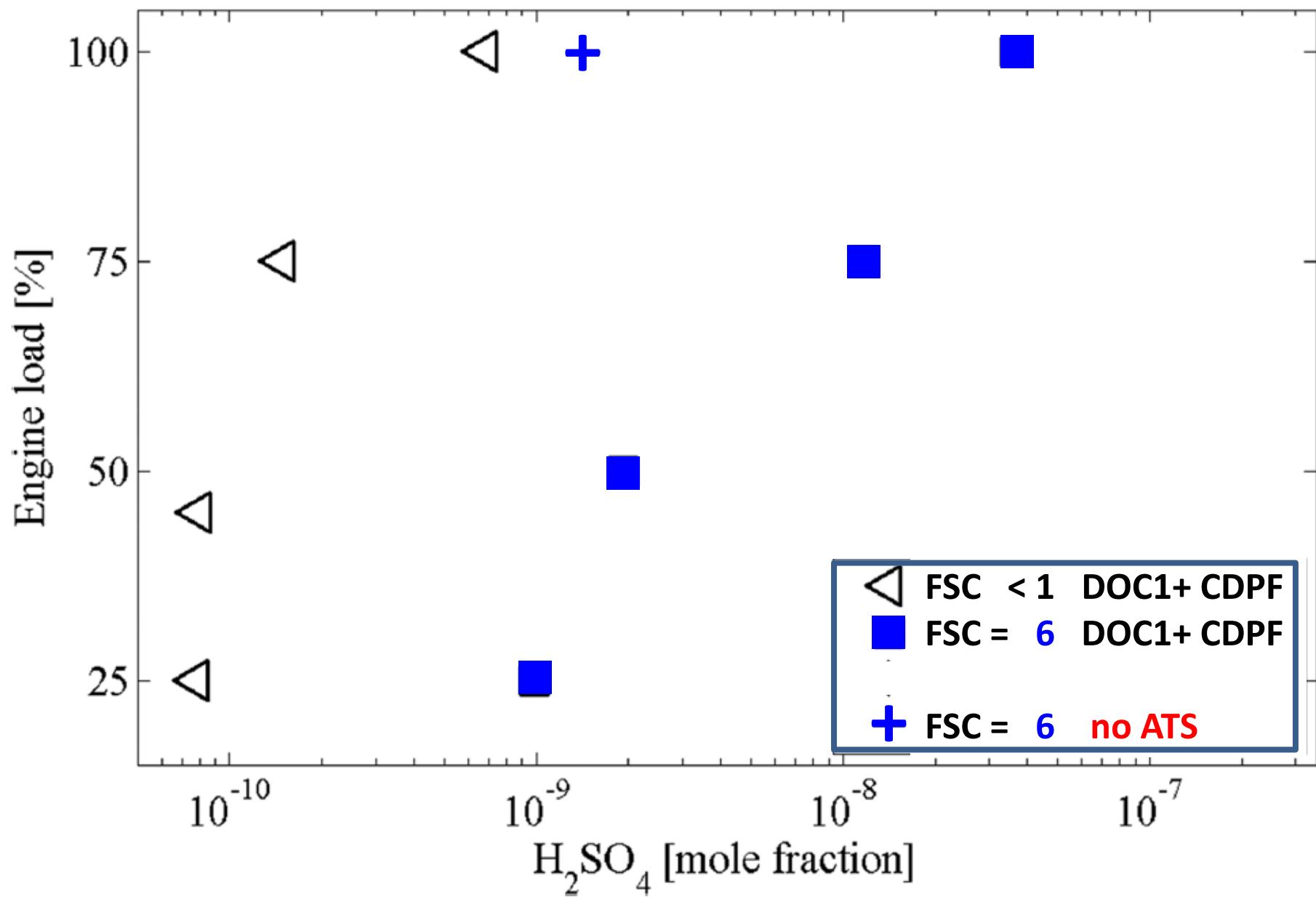
Energetic Ion-collisions with He atoms
ITMS-Mode MS-2

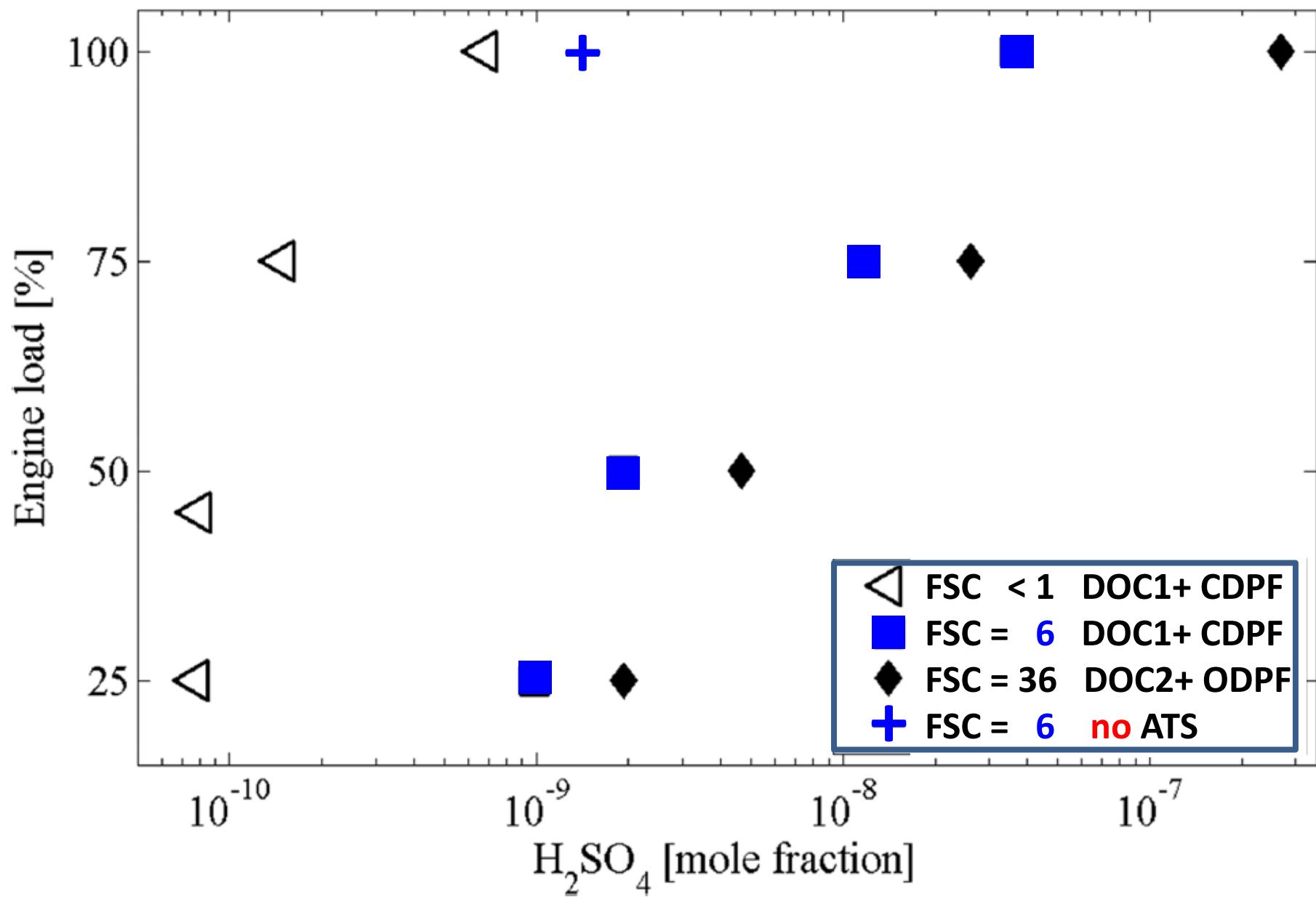


Energetic Ion-collisions with He atoms
ITMS-Mode MS-2
(collision energy increased)





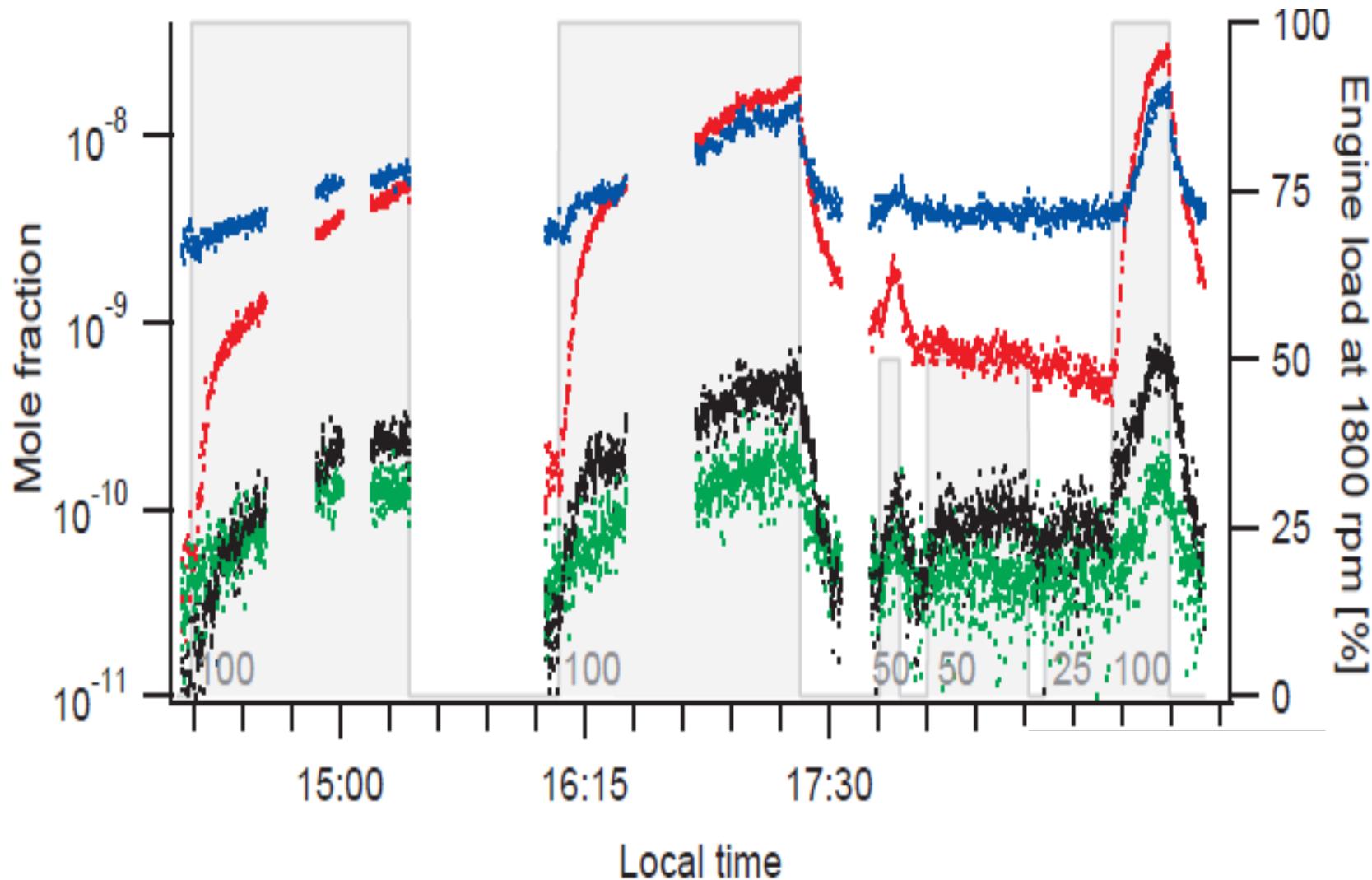




Time series of gas-phase acids (mole fraction of raw exhaust):

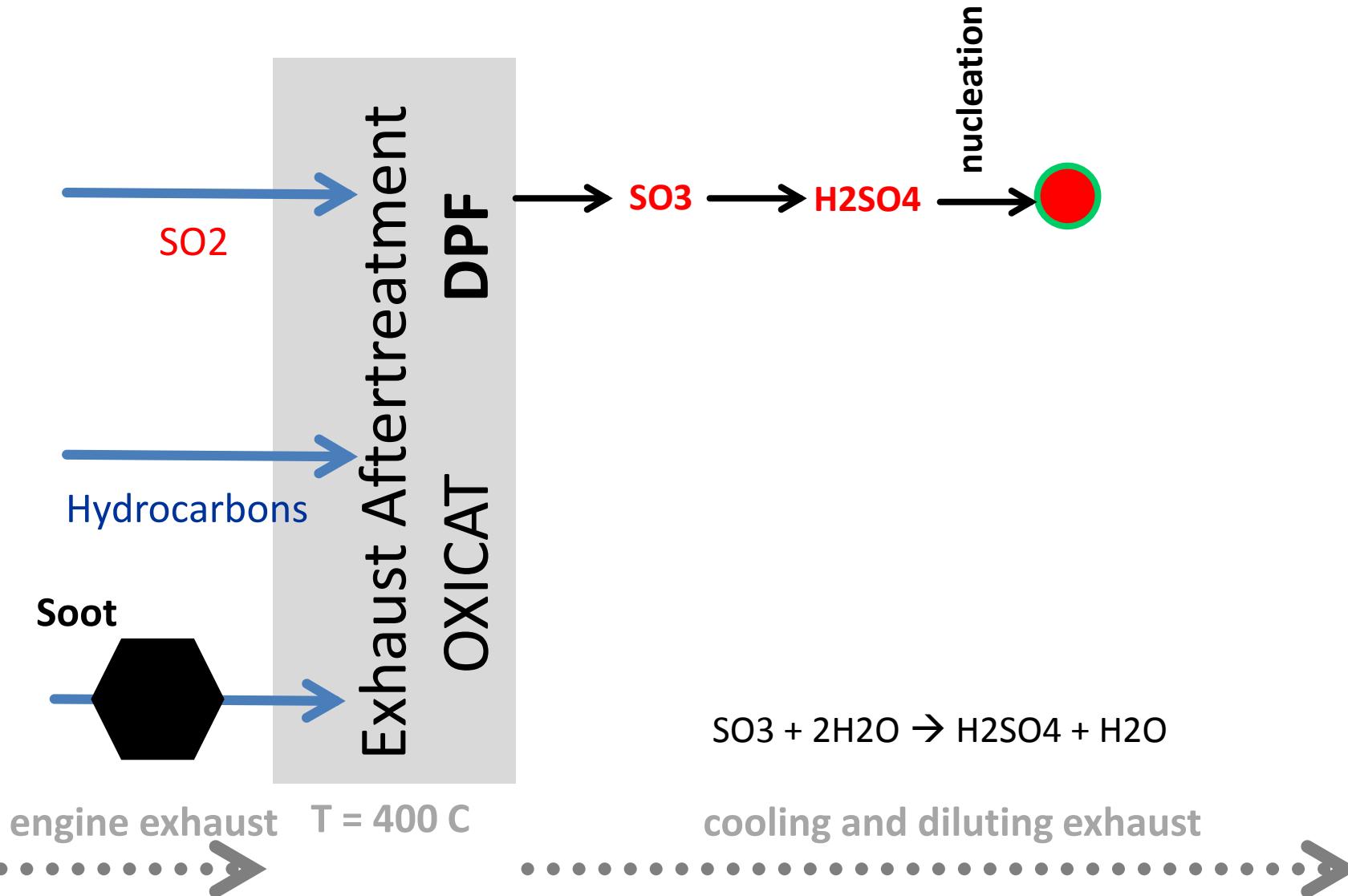
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Engine Load ; H₂SO₄ ; sum of all acids except H₂SO₄ ; Acid in ion 204 ; Acid in ion 226



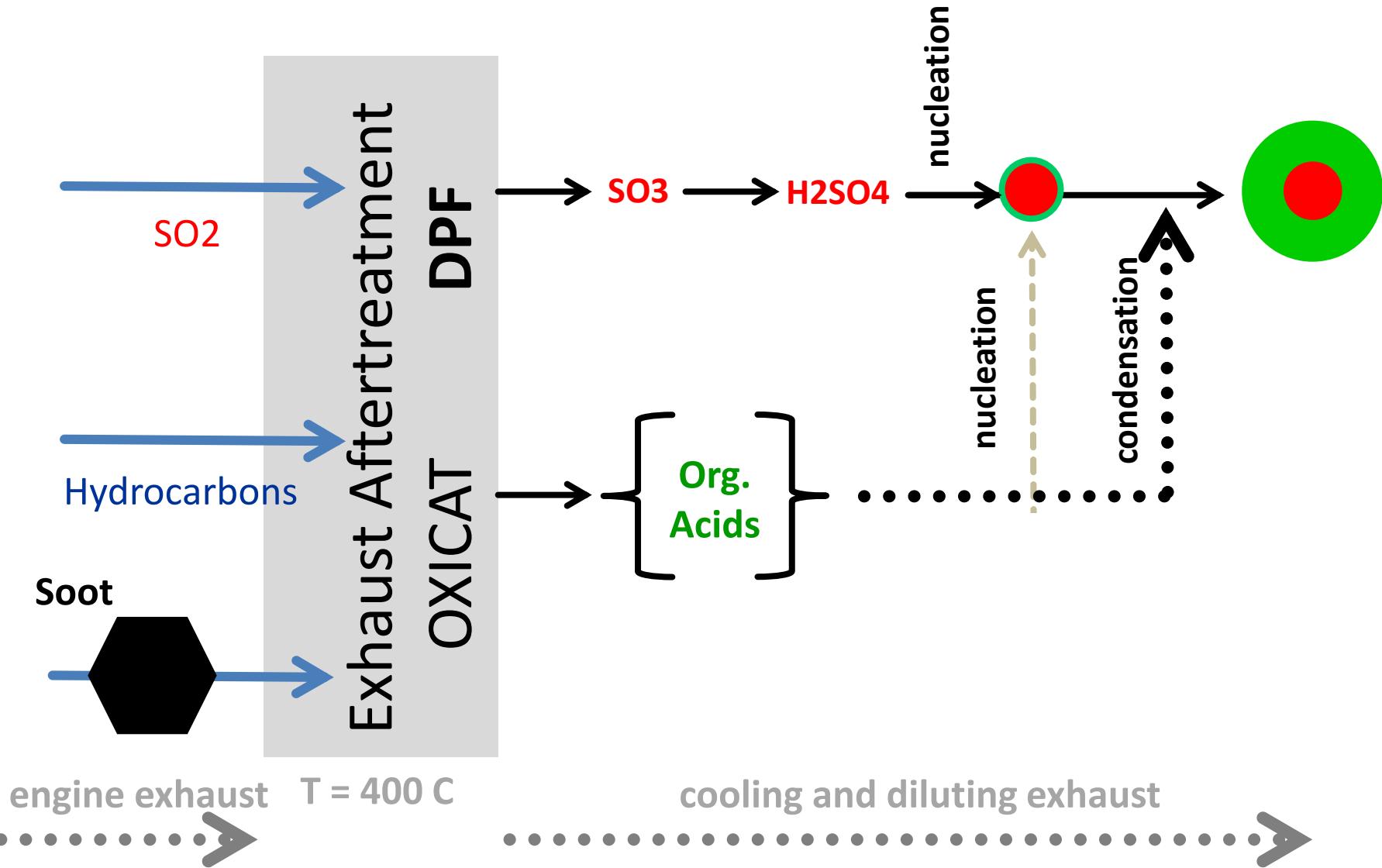
Nucleation Particle Formation in Diesel Vehicle Exhaust

MODEL 2 : simplified scheme without soot (DPF)

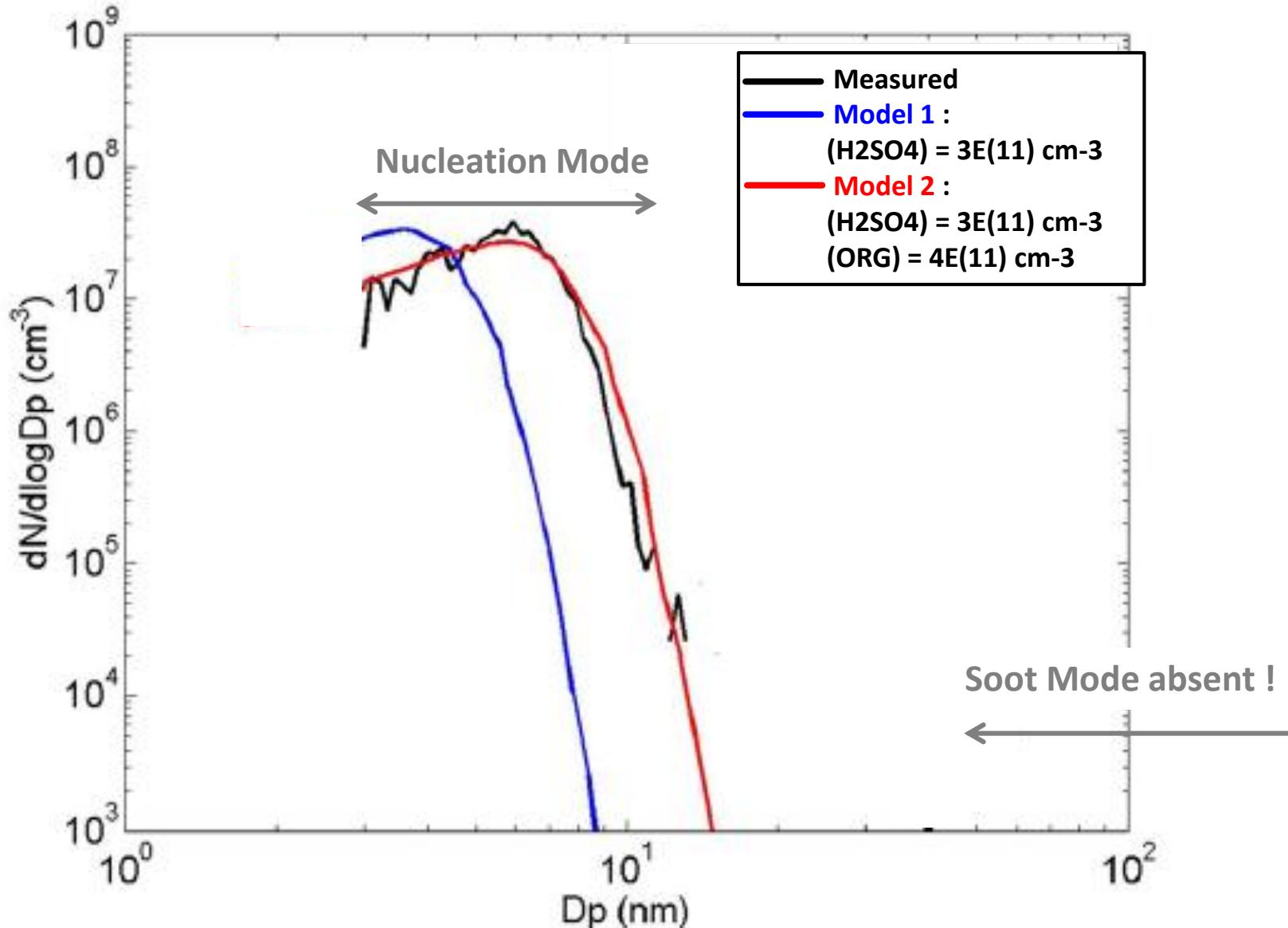


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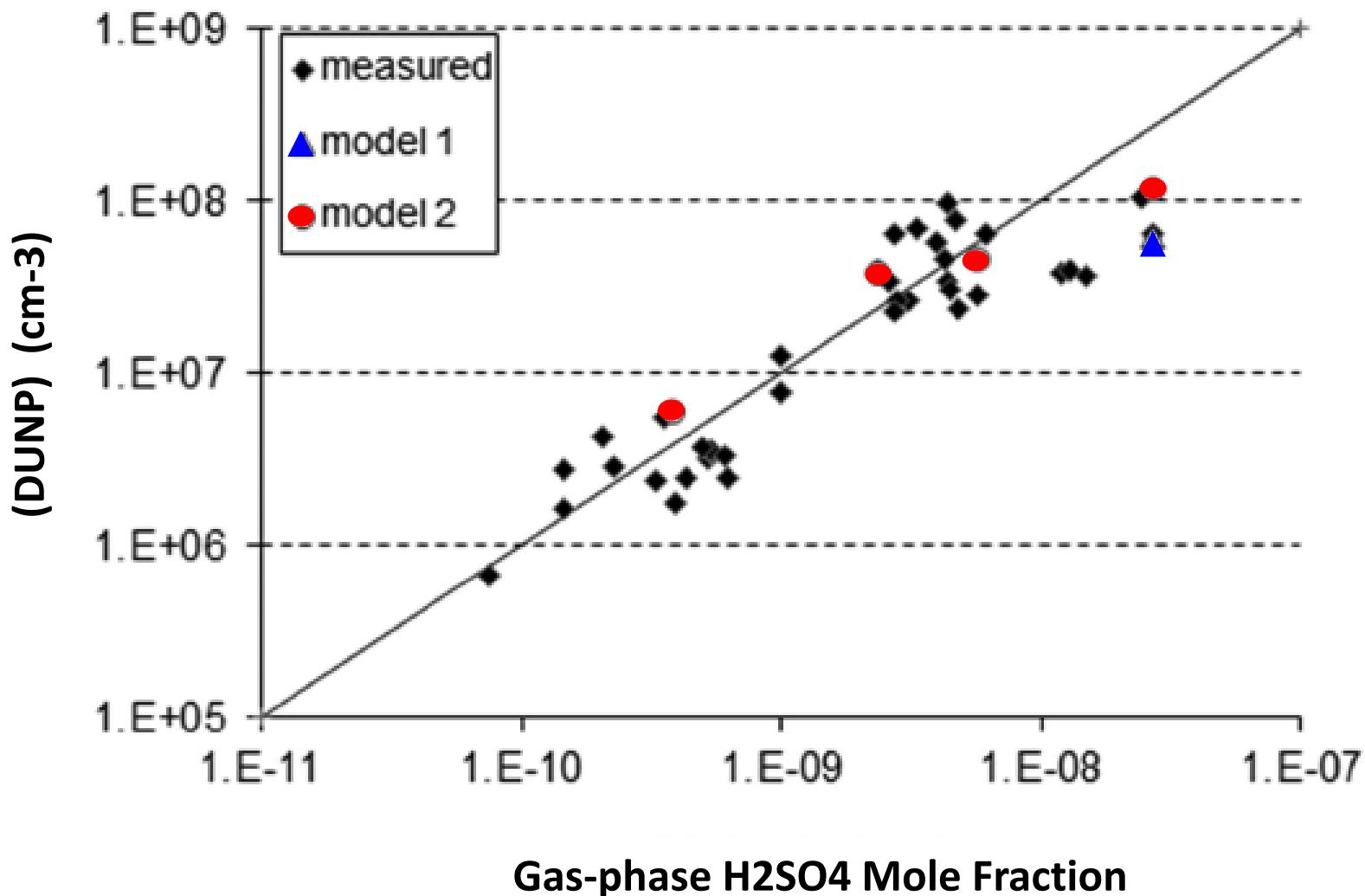
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Particle Number Size Distribution : FSC = 6 ppm ; EL = 100 % ; ATS (DOC + CDPF)

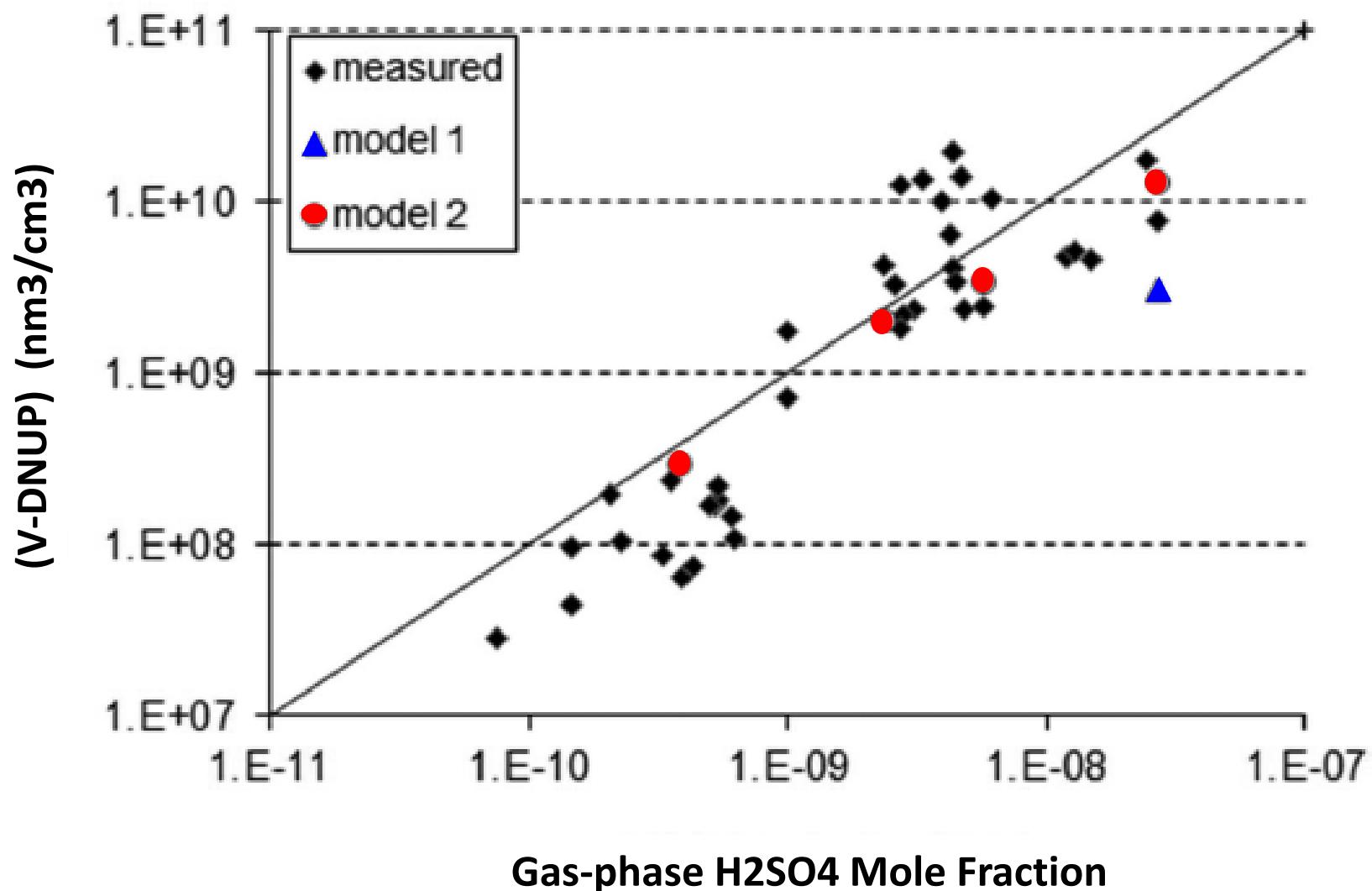


DNUP-number concentration (DNUP) versus gas-phase H₂SO₄ (GSA) mole fraction
FSC = 6 ppm ; ATS (DOC + CDPF)



DNUP-Volume Concentration (V) versus gas-phase H₂SO₄ (GSA) mole fraction

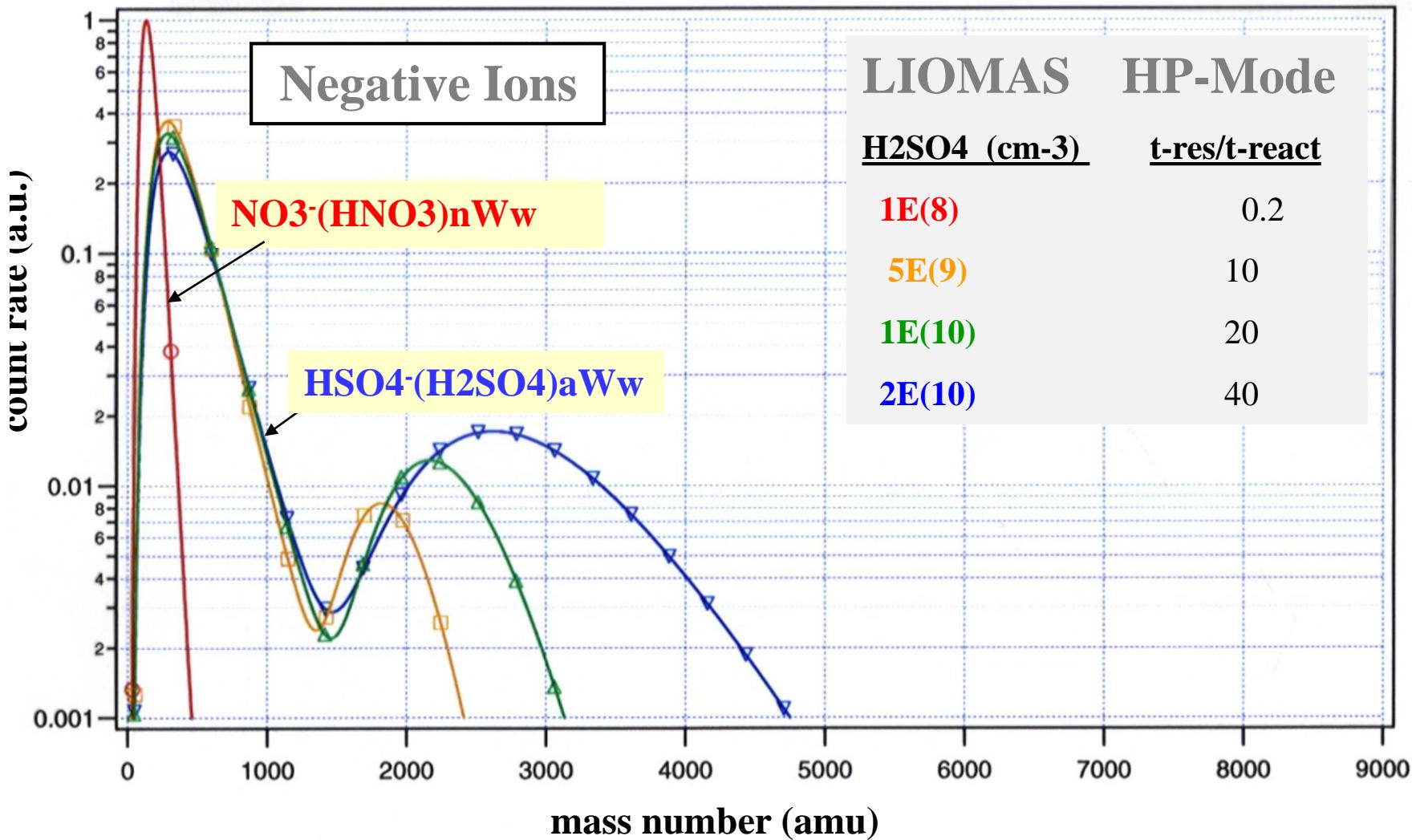
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Ion-Nucleation in Diesel-Exhaust

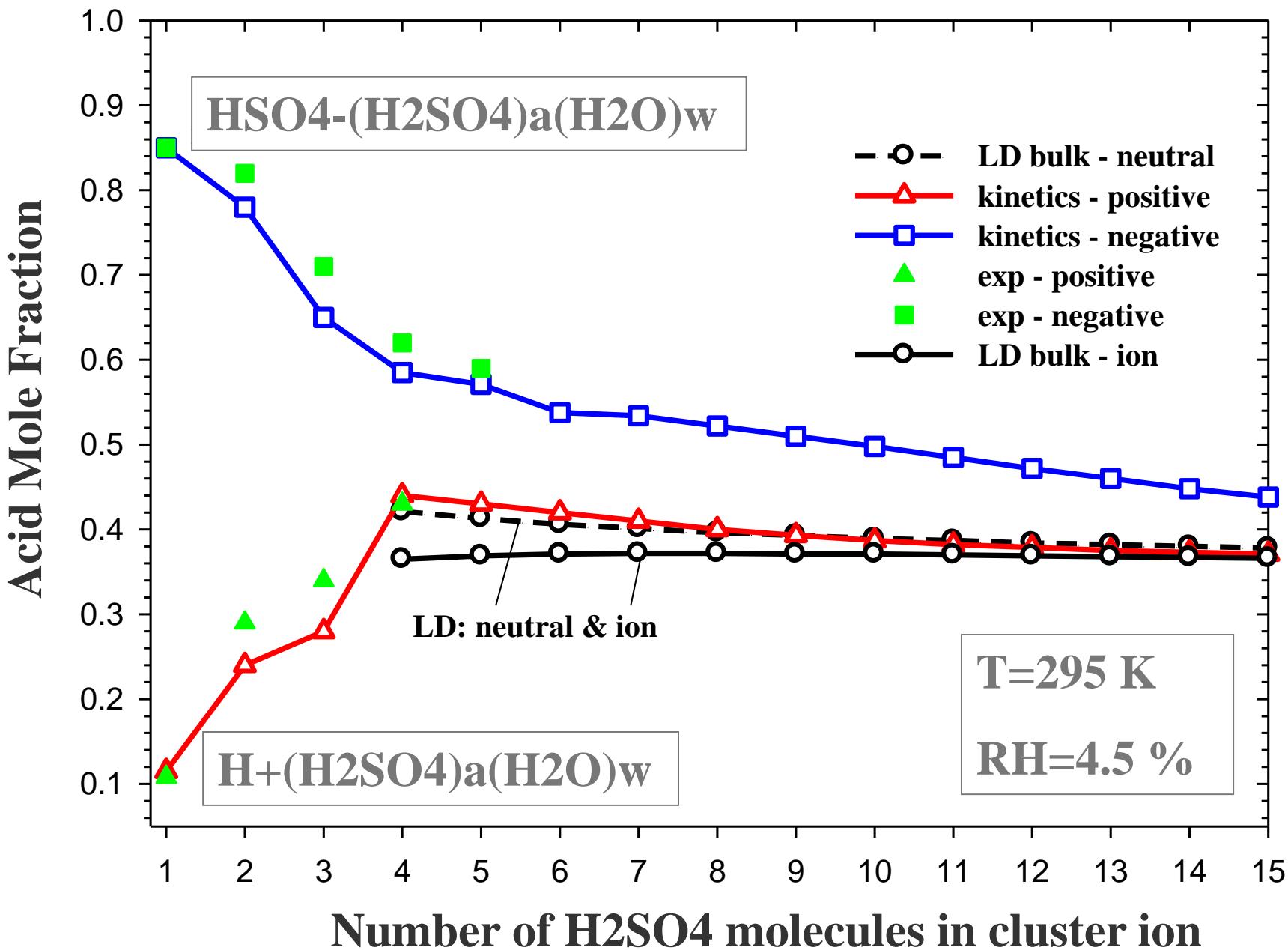
interesting tool for improving understanding of DNPs

- Which **molecular species**, other than H₂SO₄ and H₂O, are contained in nascent and evolved **ionic DNUPs** ?
- **TEST-Experiment** with H₂SO₄/H₂O in synthetic air (without organics)



FLOW REACTOR EXPERIMENT: Ion-Nucleation

T=295 K , RH= 4.7 % , RA< 2.0 % → no HONU ! , t-res = 1.0 s



Conclusions

- Many modern D-ATS promote **very efficient H₂SO₄ formation**
- D-ATS : Strong **store and release effects**
- For FSC=6 ppmM D-ATS produce **as much H₂SO₄ as previous vehicles** with FSC = 300 ppmM (without ATS)
- H₂SO₄ is **key nucleating gas**
- Organics (possibly certain **carboxylic acids** like adipic acid) contribute to D-NUP growth
- Modern D-ATS do not completely remove organics
- Modern D-ATS may even promote formation of carboxylic acids
- D-NUPs intrude and may carry to **alveolar region** certain toxic and mutagenic molecular species
- DNUPs and their potential adverse health effects deserve increased **future attention**

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