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# Towards continuous measurement of the oxidative potential of air

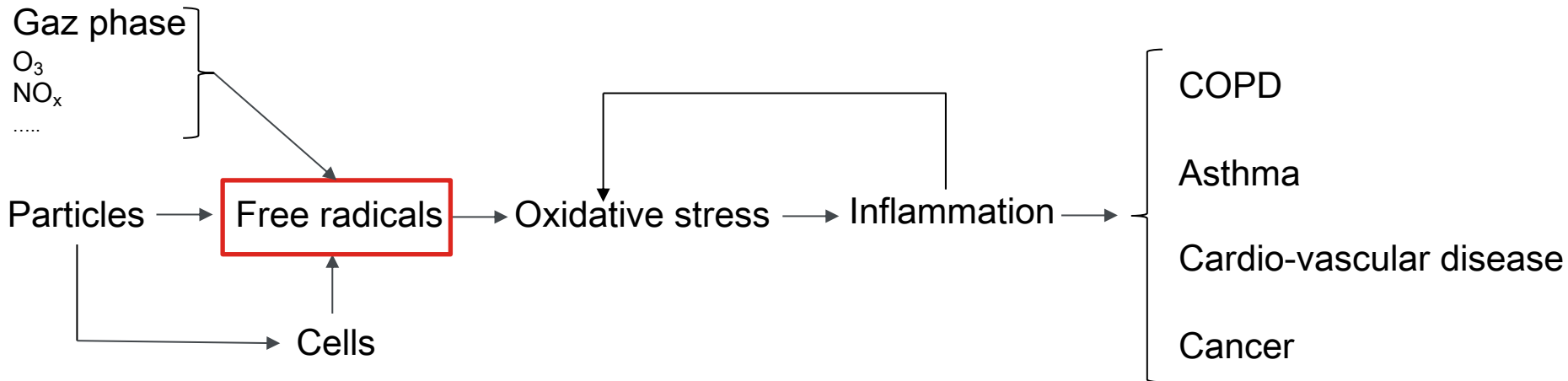
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Adapted from Ayres et al., Inhal Toxicol. 2008  
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Biological effective dose:

Amount of radicals able to oxidise biological components

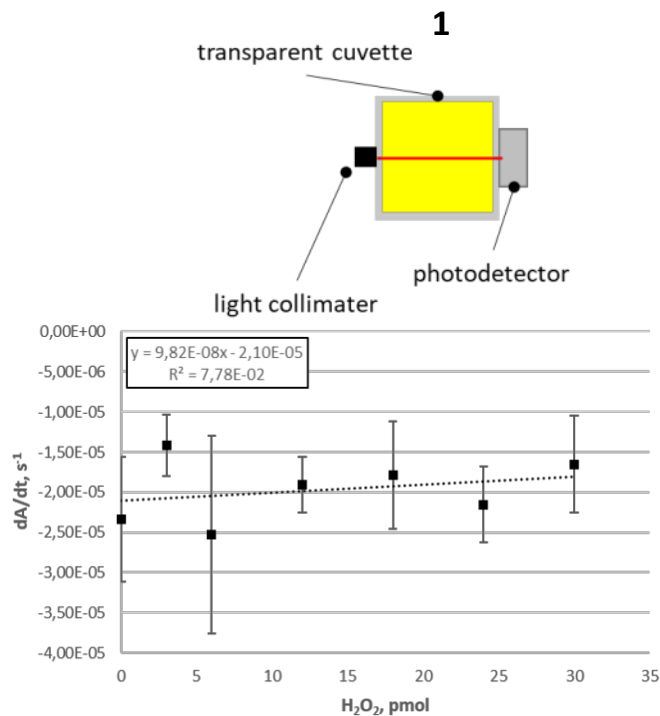
Use acellular assays with chemicals in the reduced state

Dithiothreitol (DTT),  
Glutathion (GSH),  
Ascorbic acid (AA)  
Fe<sup>2+</sup> (FOX),...

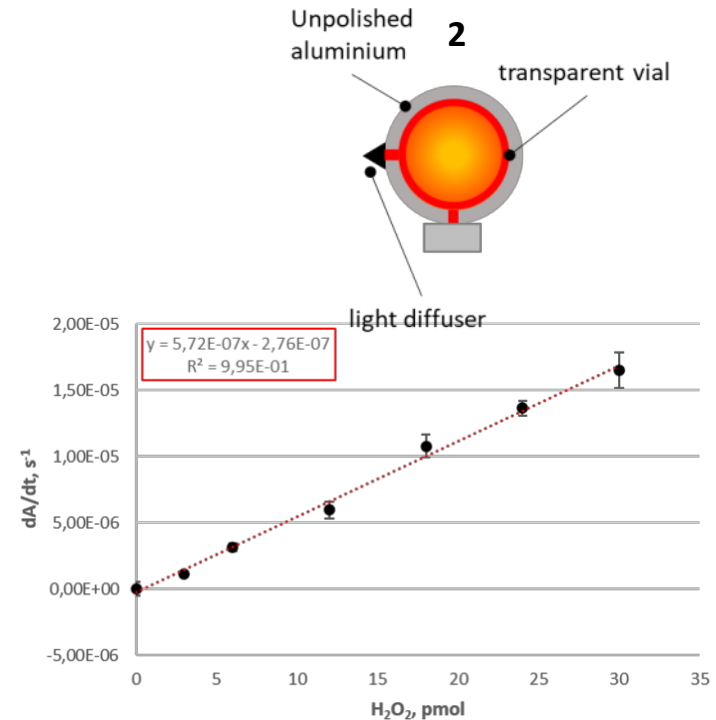


- Rapid response: Minutes
- Robust: Integrated and simple assay
- Extended measurement: Weeks
- Sensitive: Multiscattering-enhanced absorbance strategy

Beer-Lambert



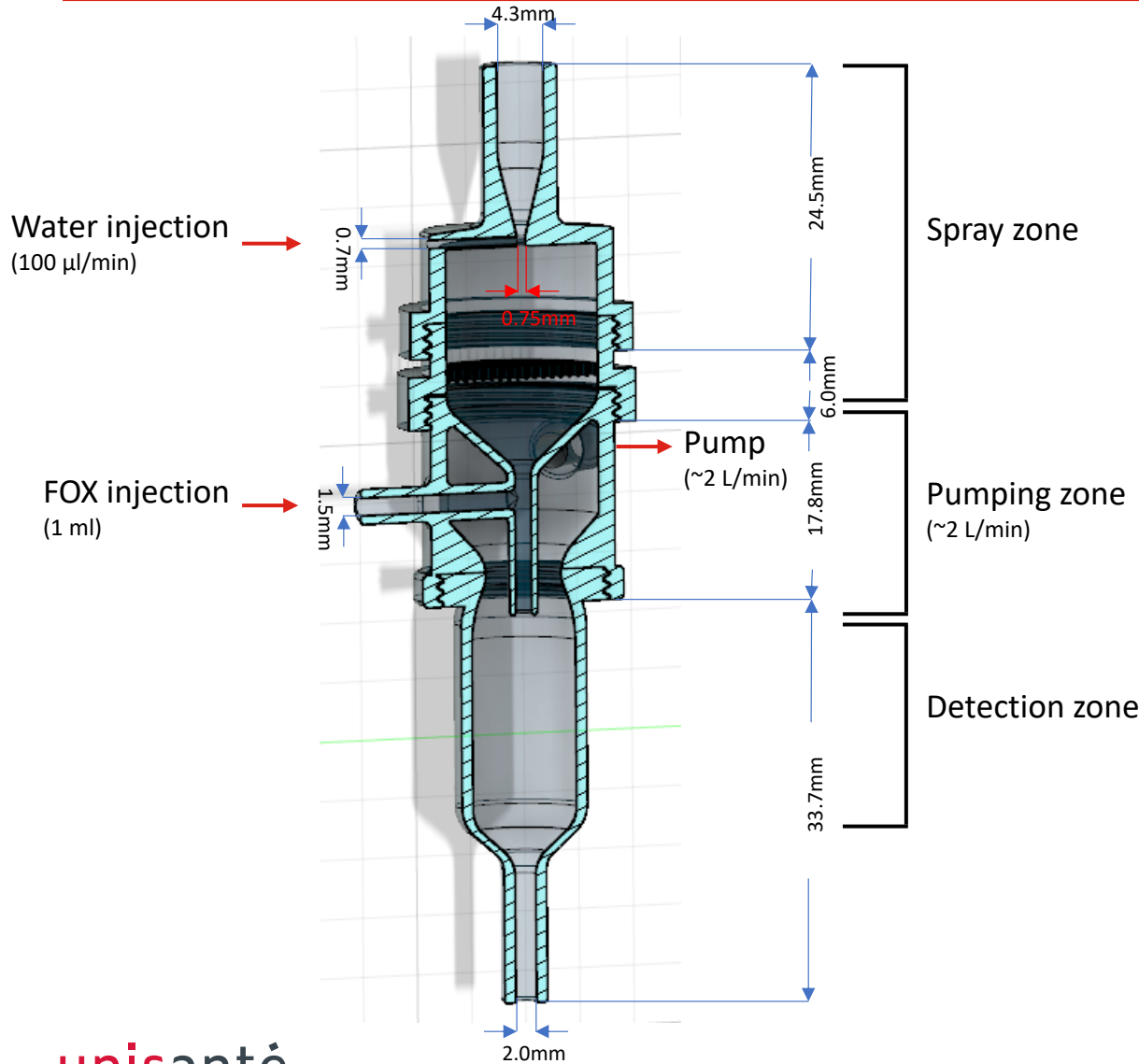
Multiscattering-enhanced absorbance



# Background

# On-line device

# Design (3-D printing)



Cyclic sequence: 9 min

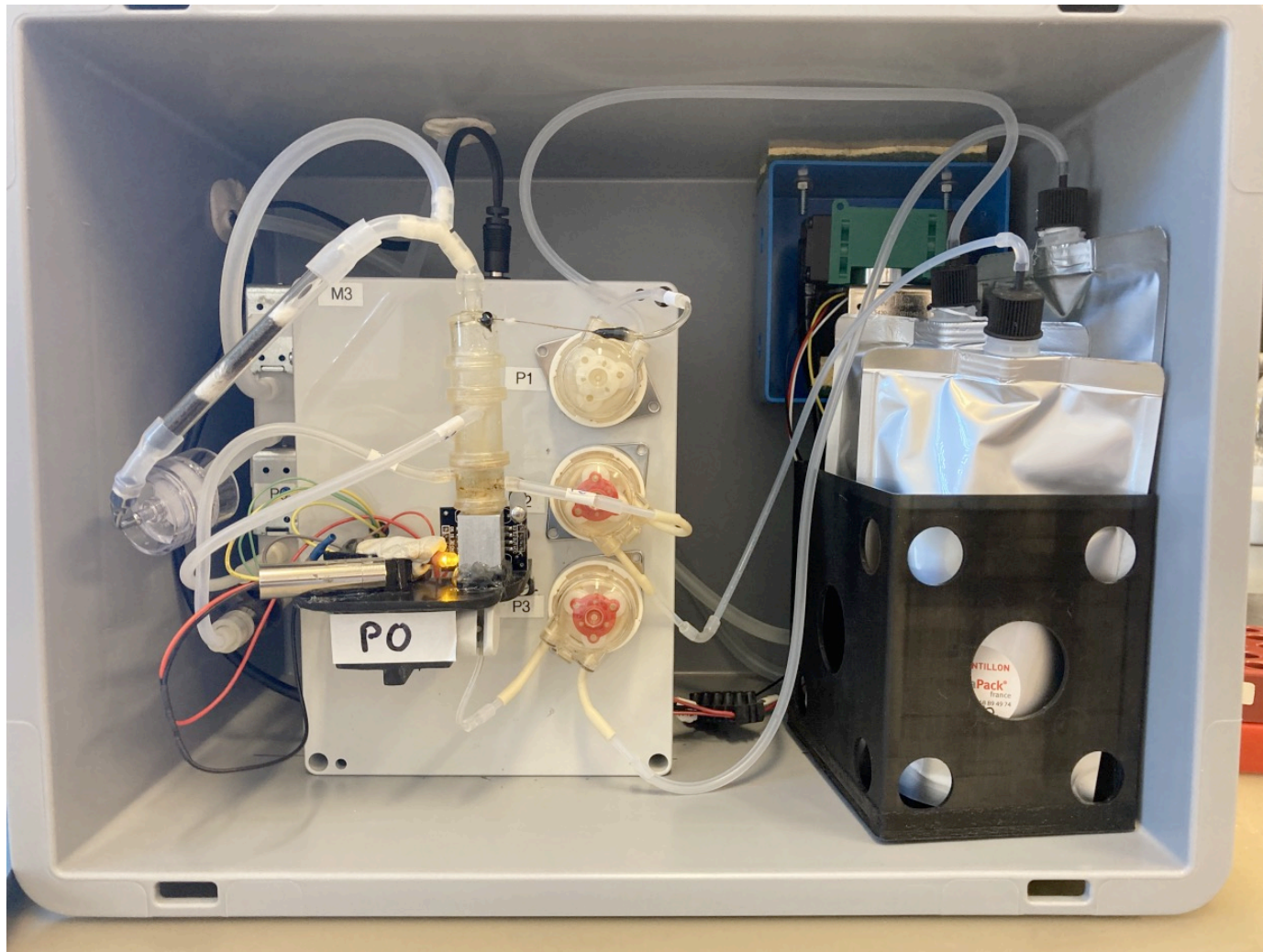


Air sampling: 2.5 min @ 2L/min  
Sample loading in detection zone

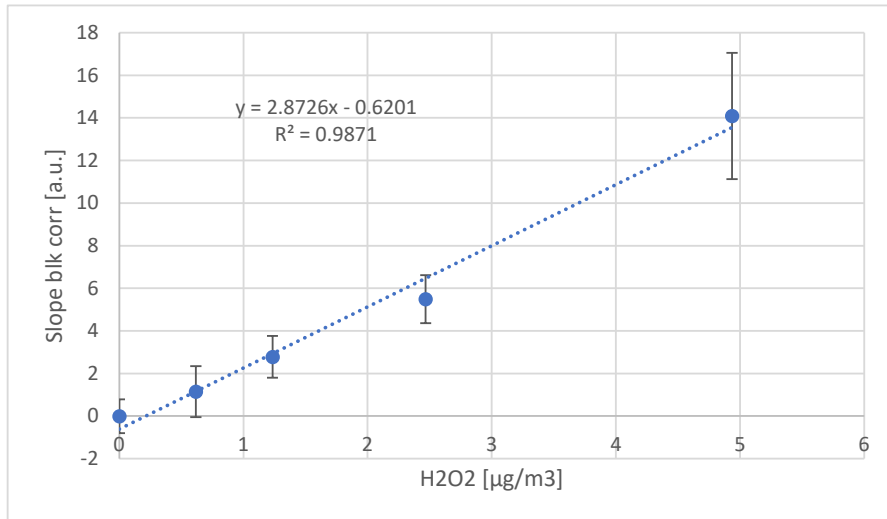
FOX loading: ~1 min

Sample analysis: 2 min

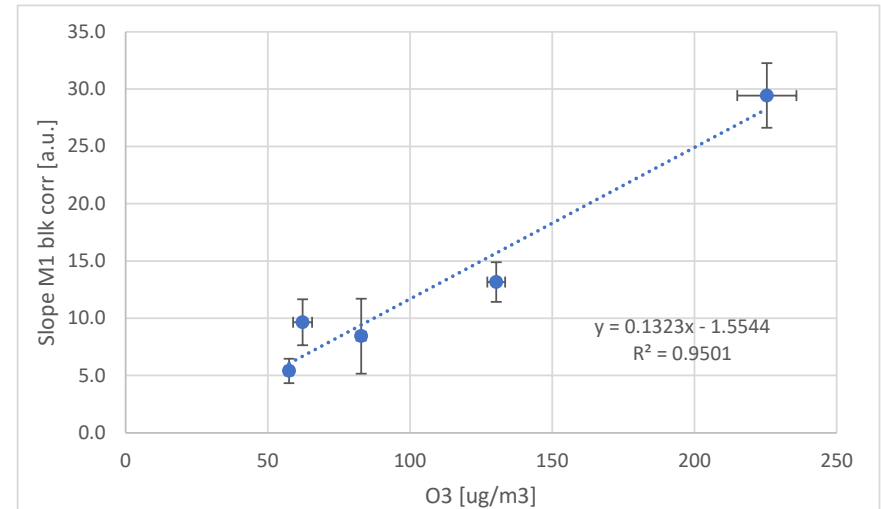
Washing steps: 2 x 2 min



## Calibration:

 $H_2O_2$ 

Ozone



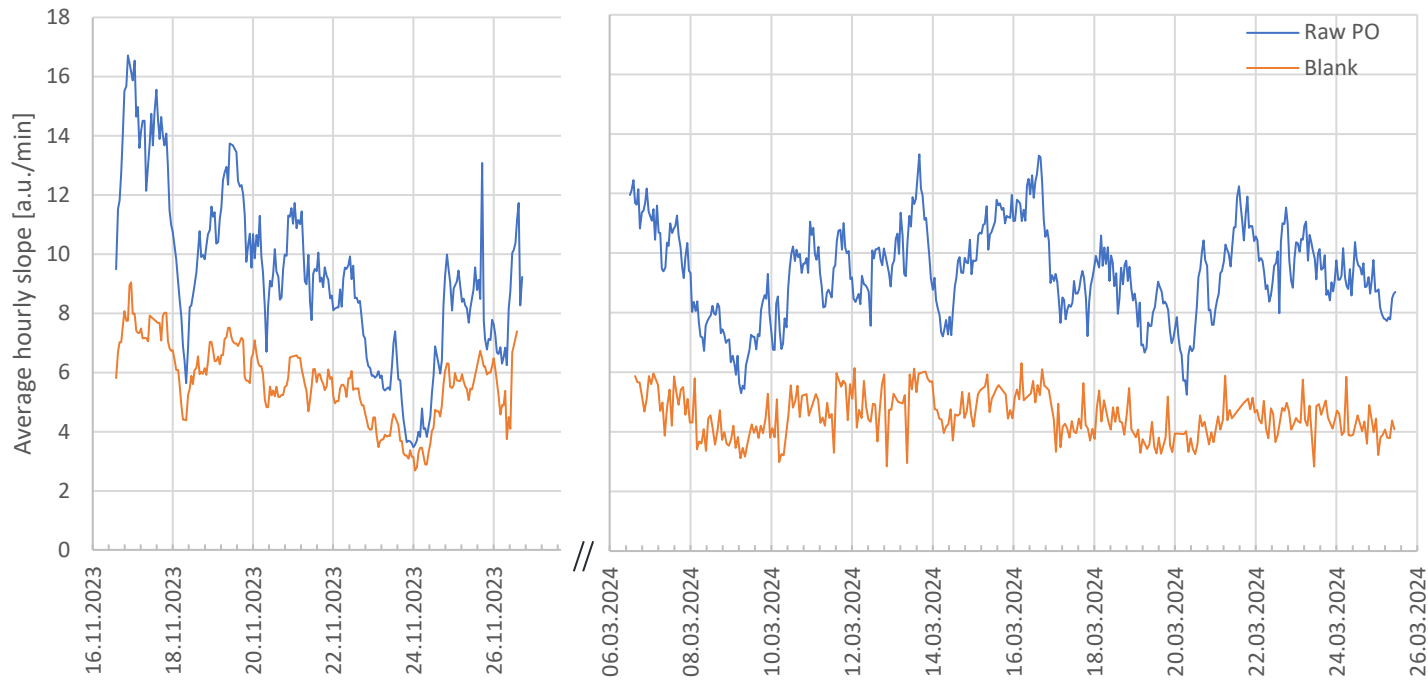
	$H_2O_2$	$O_3$
Limit of detection [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]	0.35	51
Limit of quantification [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]	1.0	150
Repetability CV [%]	< 12	< 20





Air quality station «Plaines-du-Loup» Lausanne, Switzerland

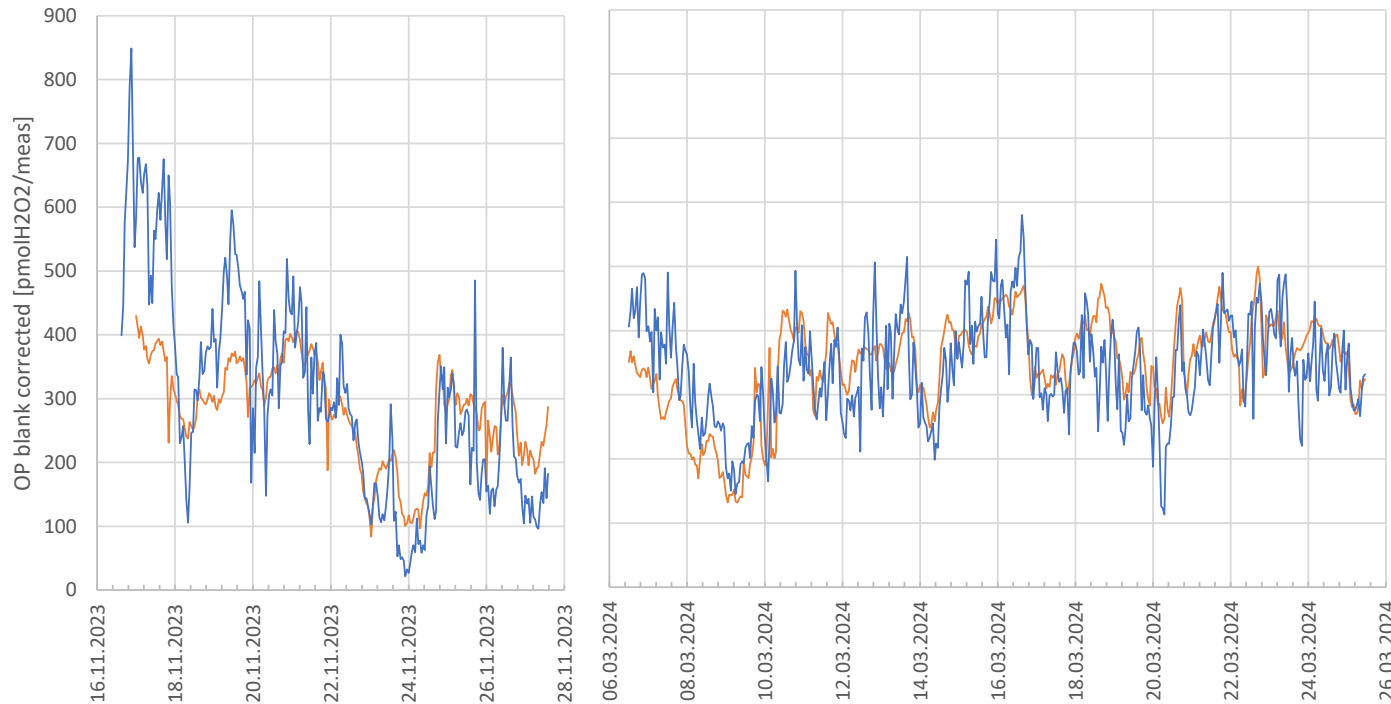
Characteristics: urban site, at 100 m from a high traffic road



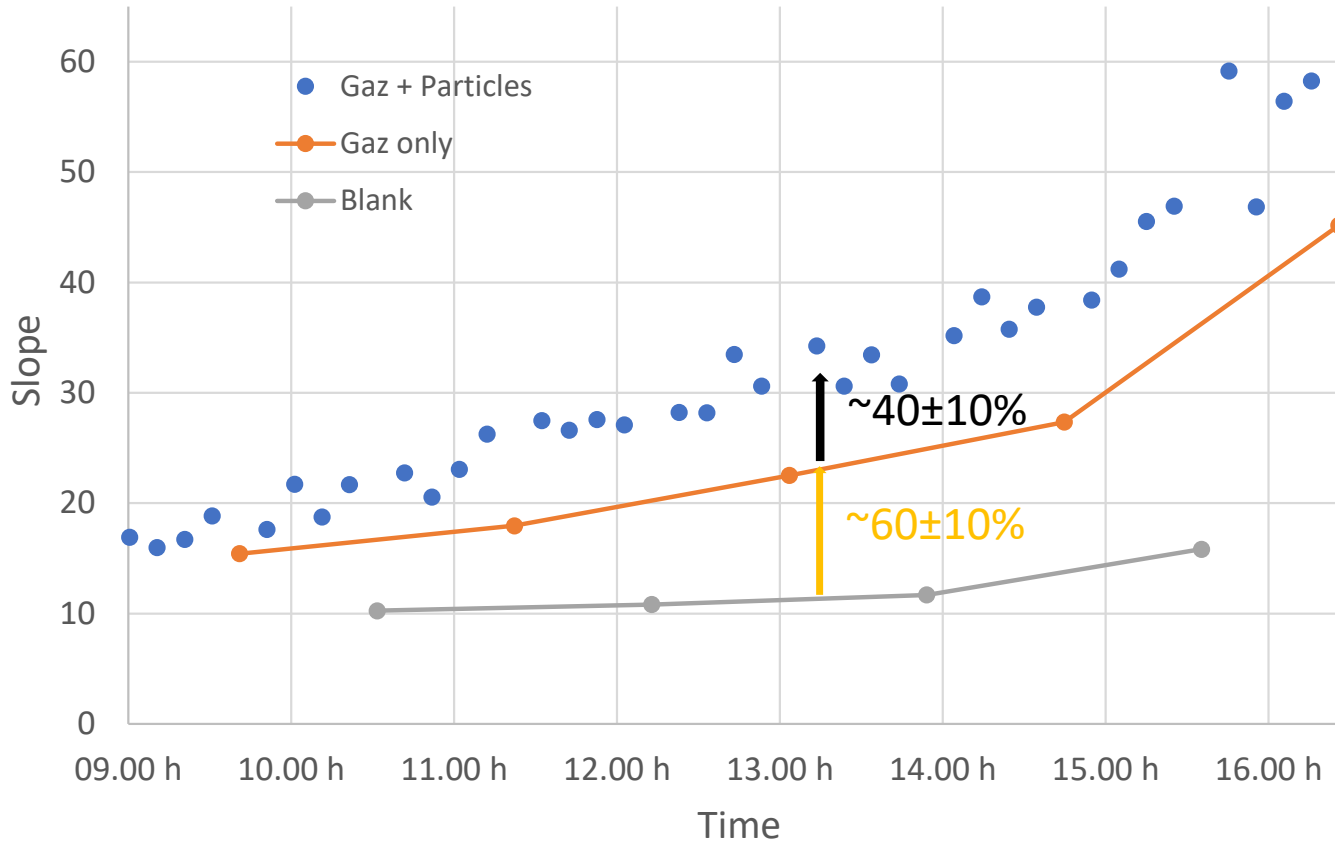


- Identify associations between OP and air pollution déterminants:  
 $O_3$ ;  $NO_2$ ;  $PM_{2.5}$ ; UFP (nbr, size); RH;  $T_{air}$ ; Light

All data:  $OP^{FOX} = 2.33 * O_3 - 3.99 * PM_{2.5} - 1.81 * size + 1.75 RH + 10.3 * T + 107.9$   $r^2: 0.52$



- Contribution PM vs Gaz phase to OP (on-line)



- Possibility to measure the ambient OP during an extended period of time
- The device is validated and sensitive enough for OP measurement in ambient air
- Further work to better understand the influencing environmental variables for OP
  - Continue the sampling campaigns during summer and autumn 2024
  - Comparison with other on-line instruments using other OP assays

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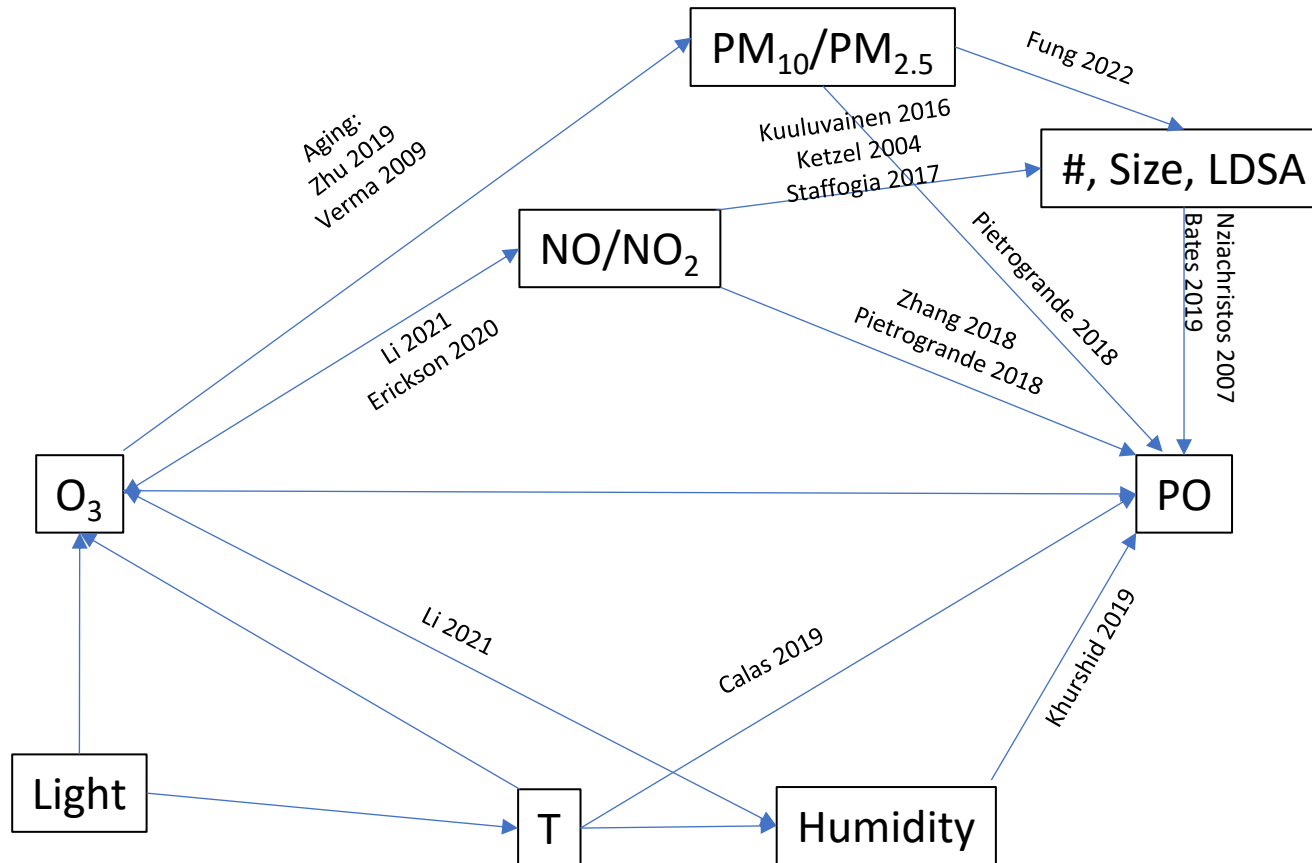
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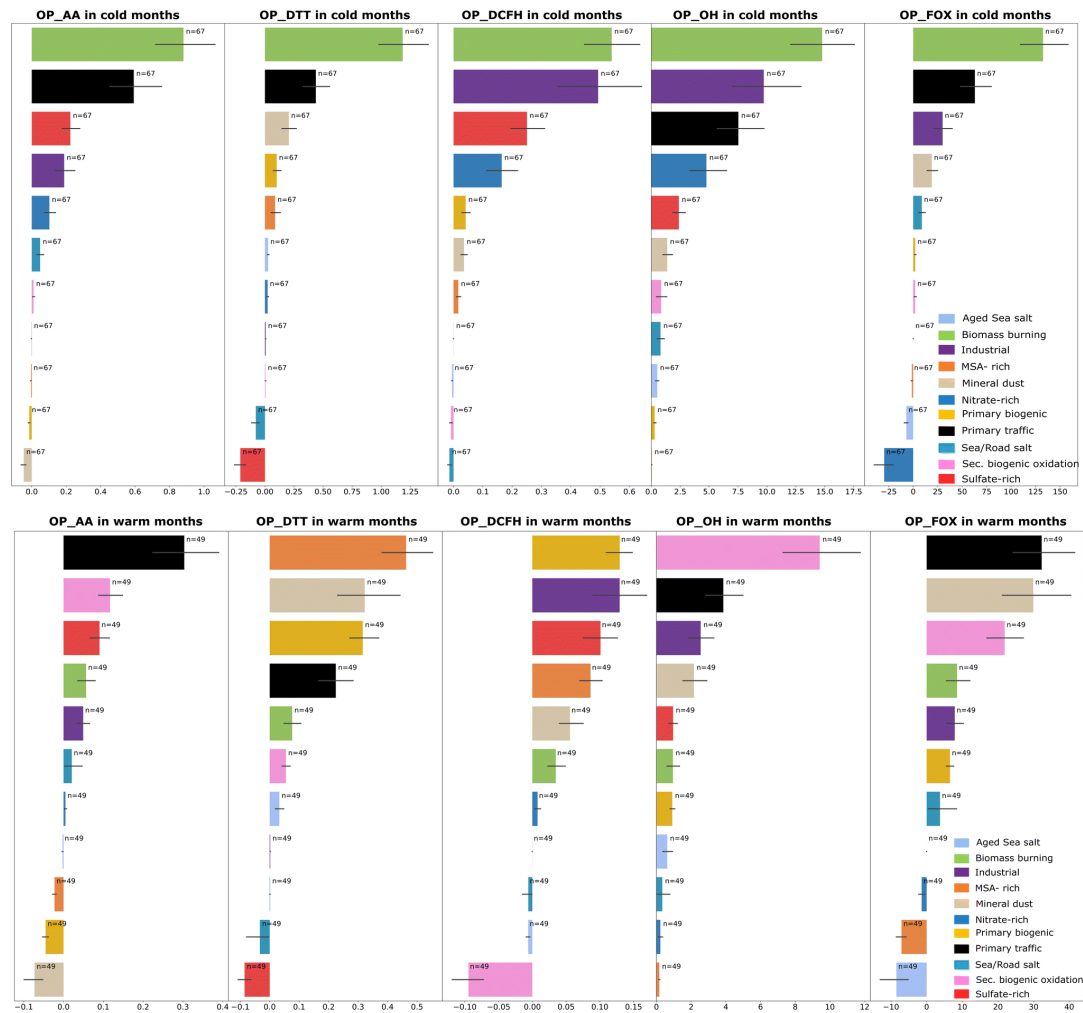
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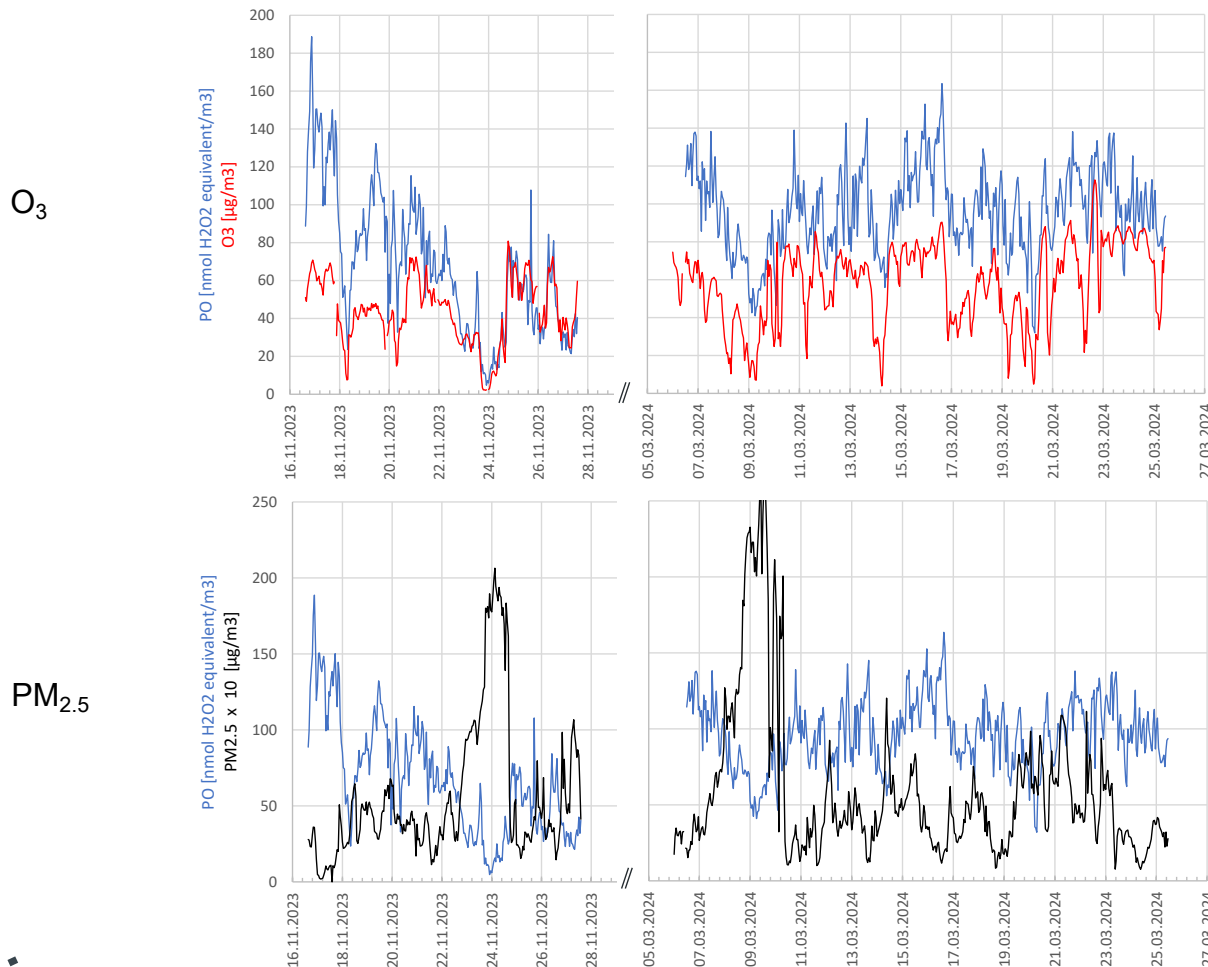
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*November 2023:*  $PO = 2.02 \cdot O_3 - 9.57 \cdot PM_{25} - 1.14 \cdot \text{size} + 26.7 \cdot T + 182.1$   $r^2: 0.70$

*March 2024:*  $PO = 2.68 \cdot O_3 + 1.49 \cdot NO_2 - 3.01 \cdot PM_{25} + 1.06 \cdot RH + 2.56 \cdot T + 75.9$   $r^2: 0.46$

