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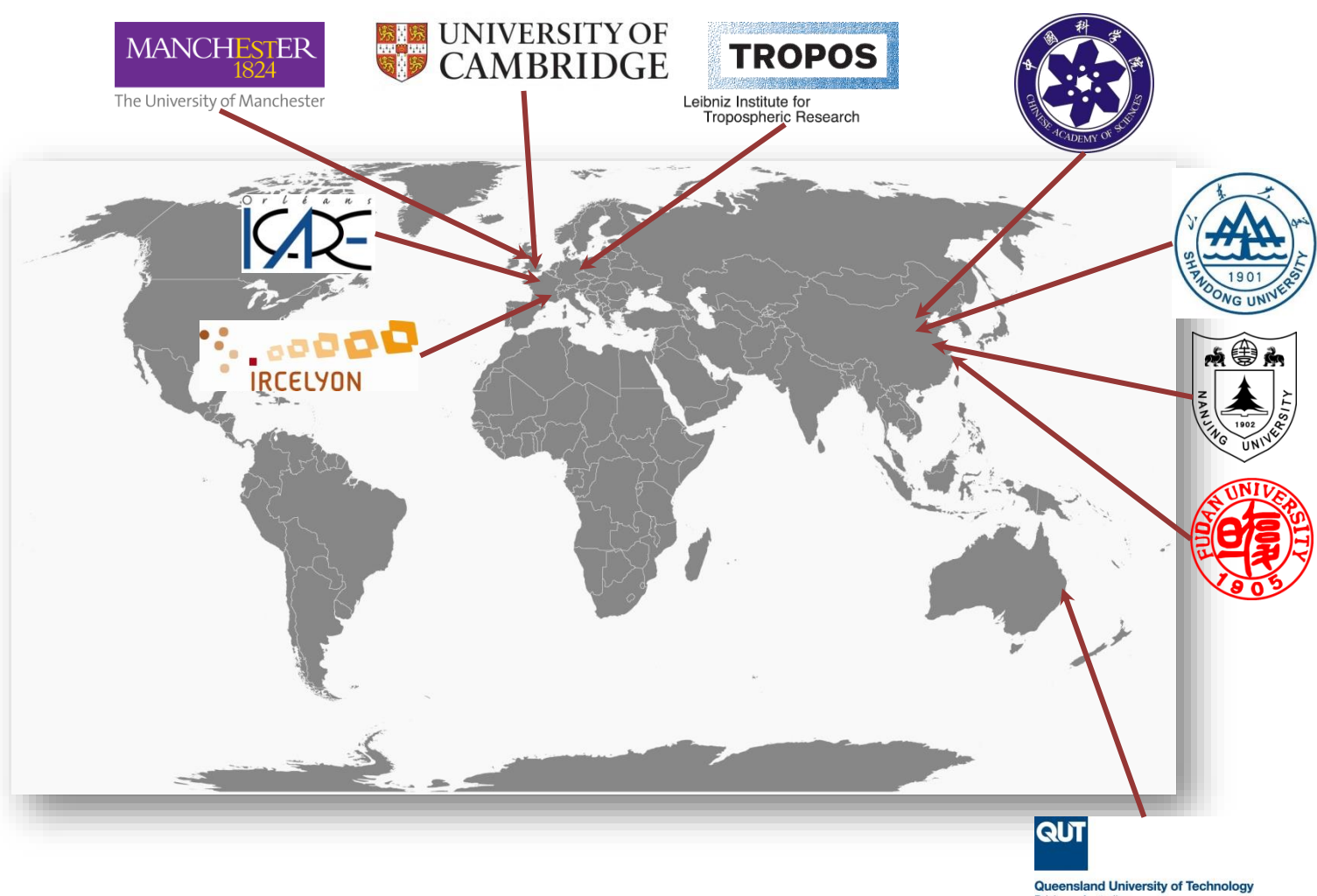
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Introduction

Collaborators
An international consortium :



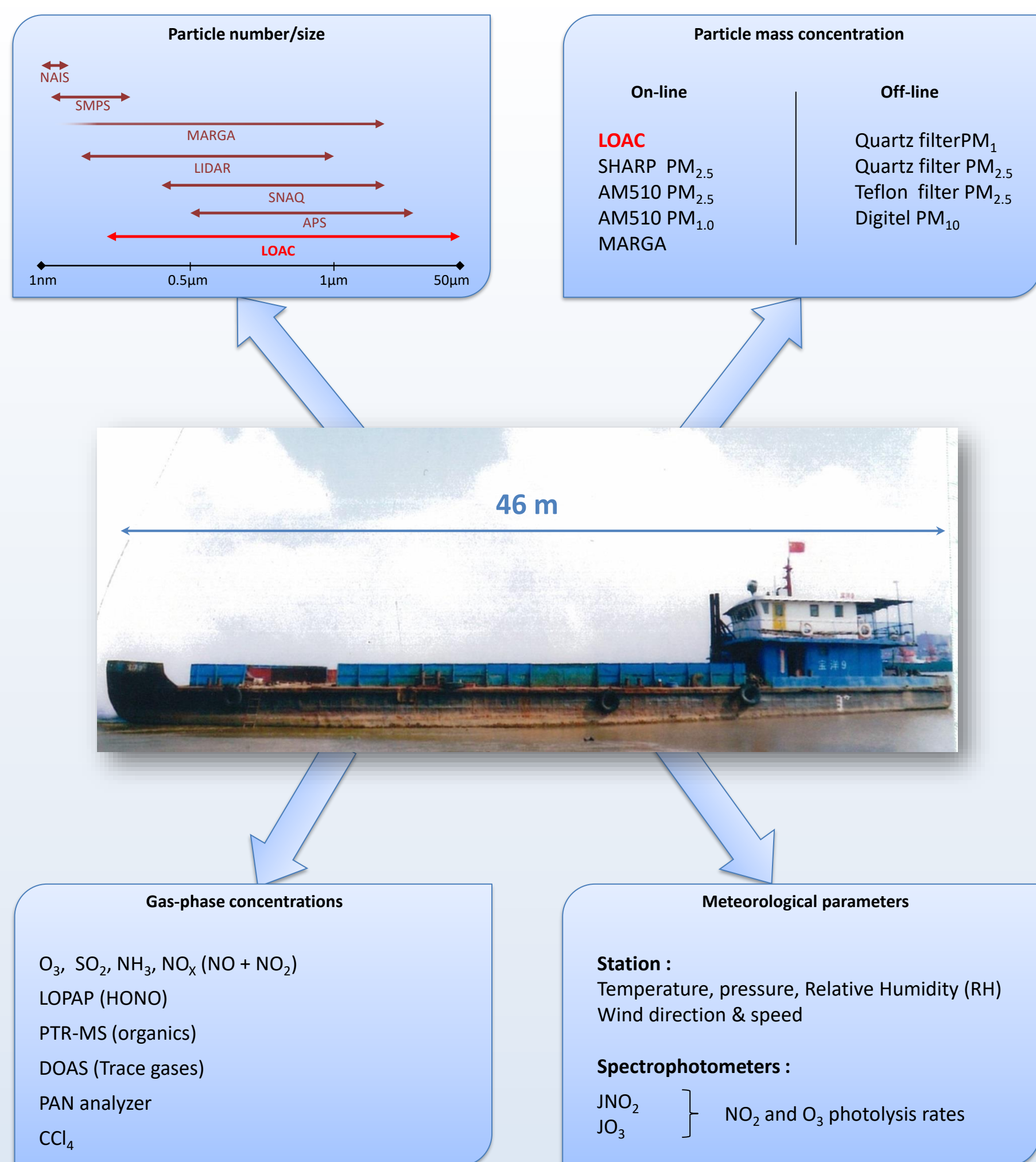
Objectives

- Ships emissions
- Yangtze river air pollution during heating season
- Aerosol chemical and optical properties
- Photochemistry over Yangtze river
- Fog chemistry
- Dry/wet deposition of nutrient into the river

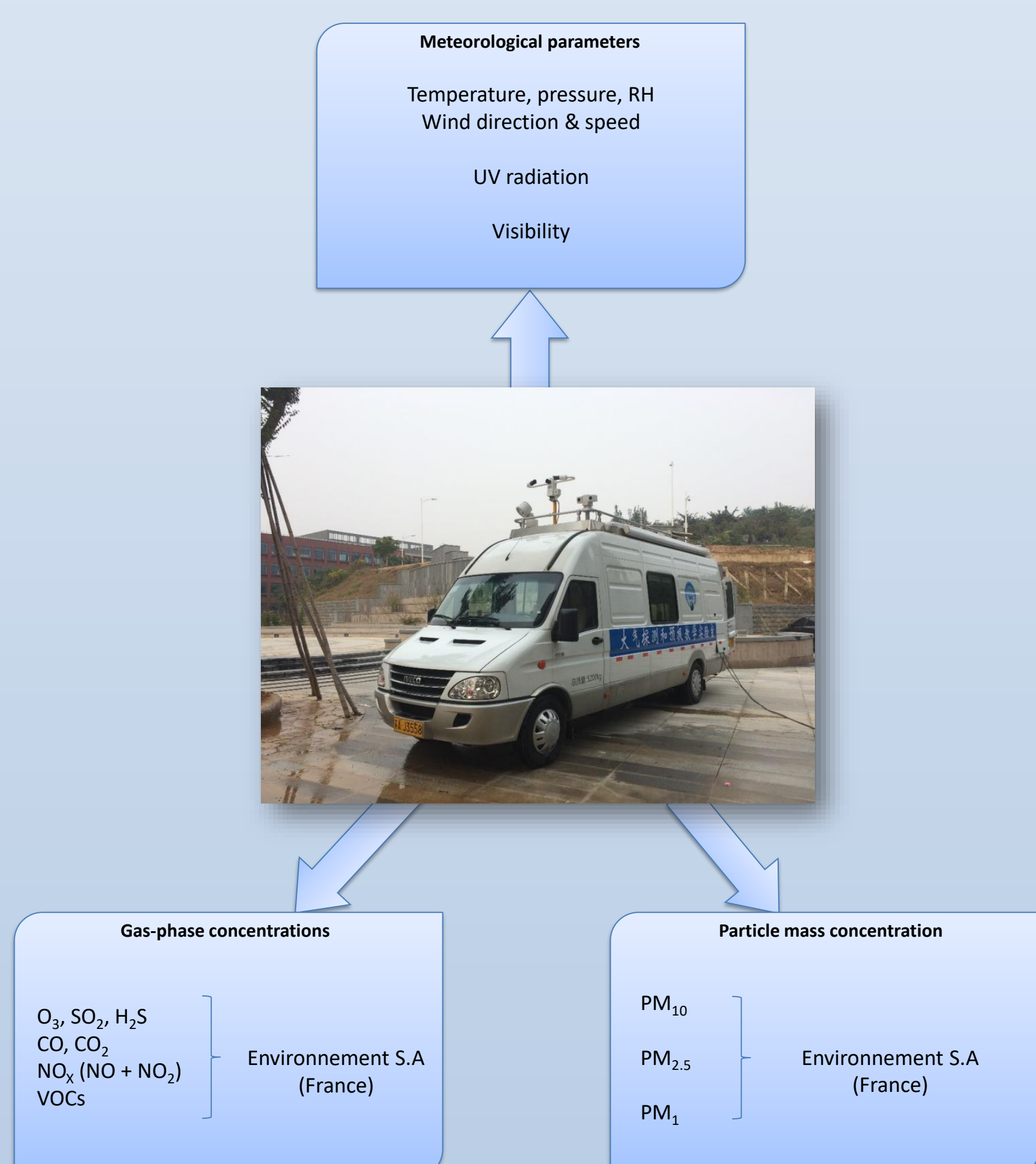


Materials & Methods

Ship



Monitoring van



LOAC

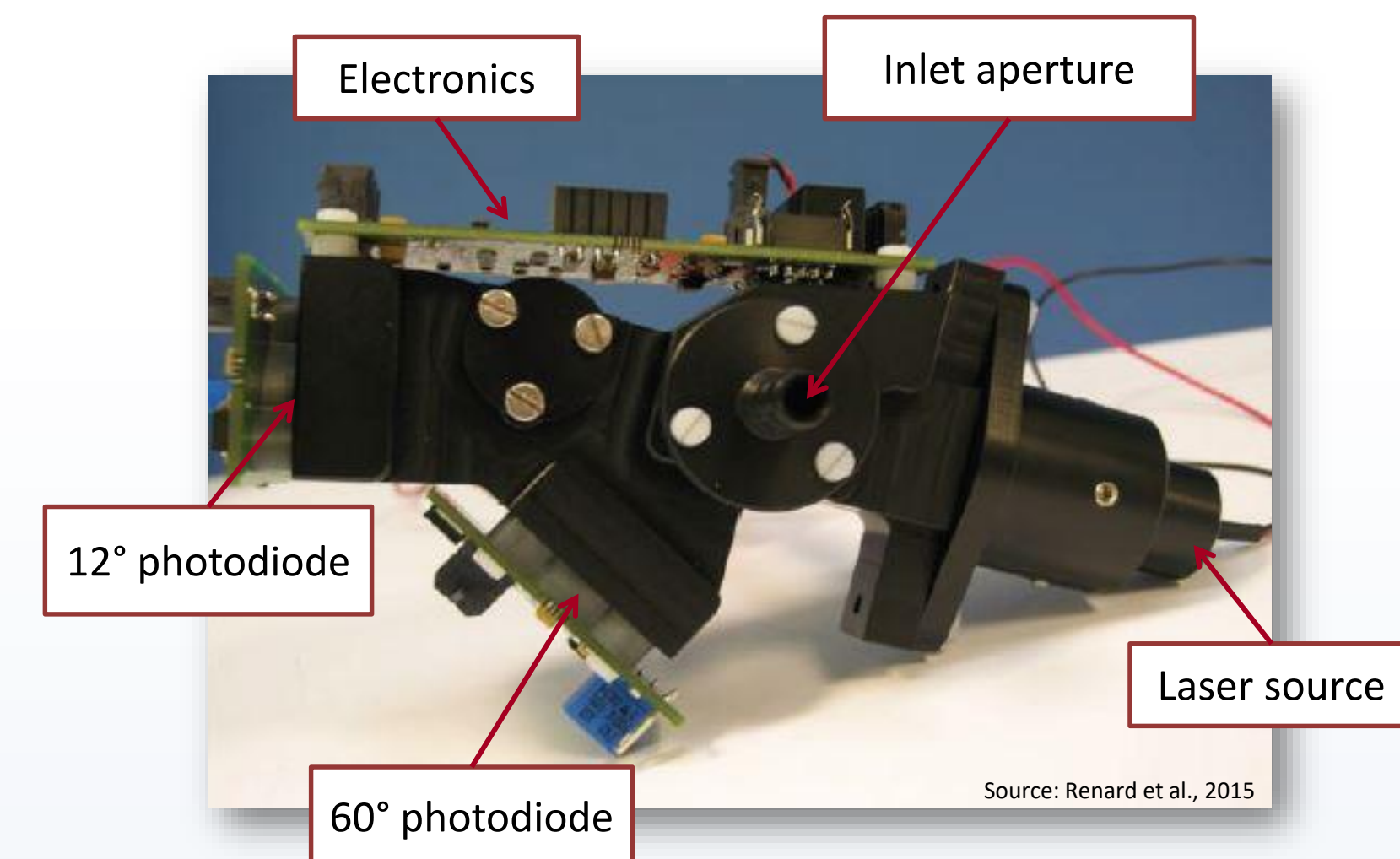
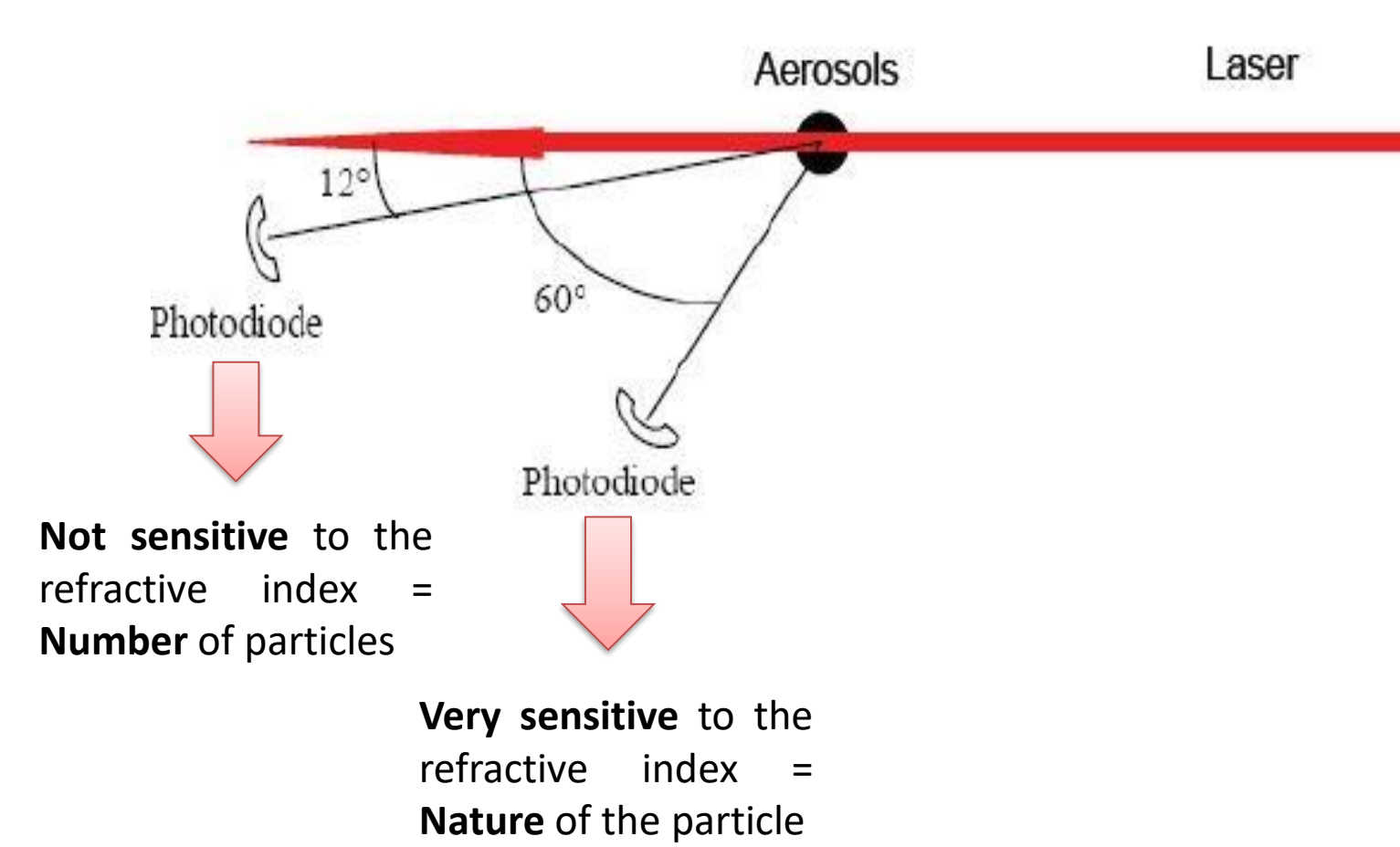
LOAC = Light Optical Aerosol Counter

- Developed by LPC2E, MeteoMODEM, Environnement S.A.
- Light instrument (approx. 300 g, pump included)
- Optical measurement ($\lambda = 650 \text{ nm}$) based on Mie scattering theory
- Size range : 0.2 – 50 μm within 19 size classes
- Aerosol nature identification
 - Mineral
 - Carbonaceous particles
 - Inorganic
 - Droplets
- Limitations: Very sensitive to the background electronic noise

Class	Diameter (μm)
1	0.2–0.3
2	0.4–0.5
3	0.5–0.6
4	0.6–0.7
5	0.7–0.9
6	0.9–1.1
7	1.1–1.3
8	1.3–3
9	3–5
10	5–7.5
11	7.5–10
12	10–12.5
13	12.5–15
14	15–17.5
15	17.5–20
16	20–22
17	22–30
18	30–40
19	40–50

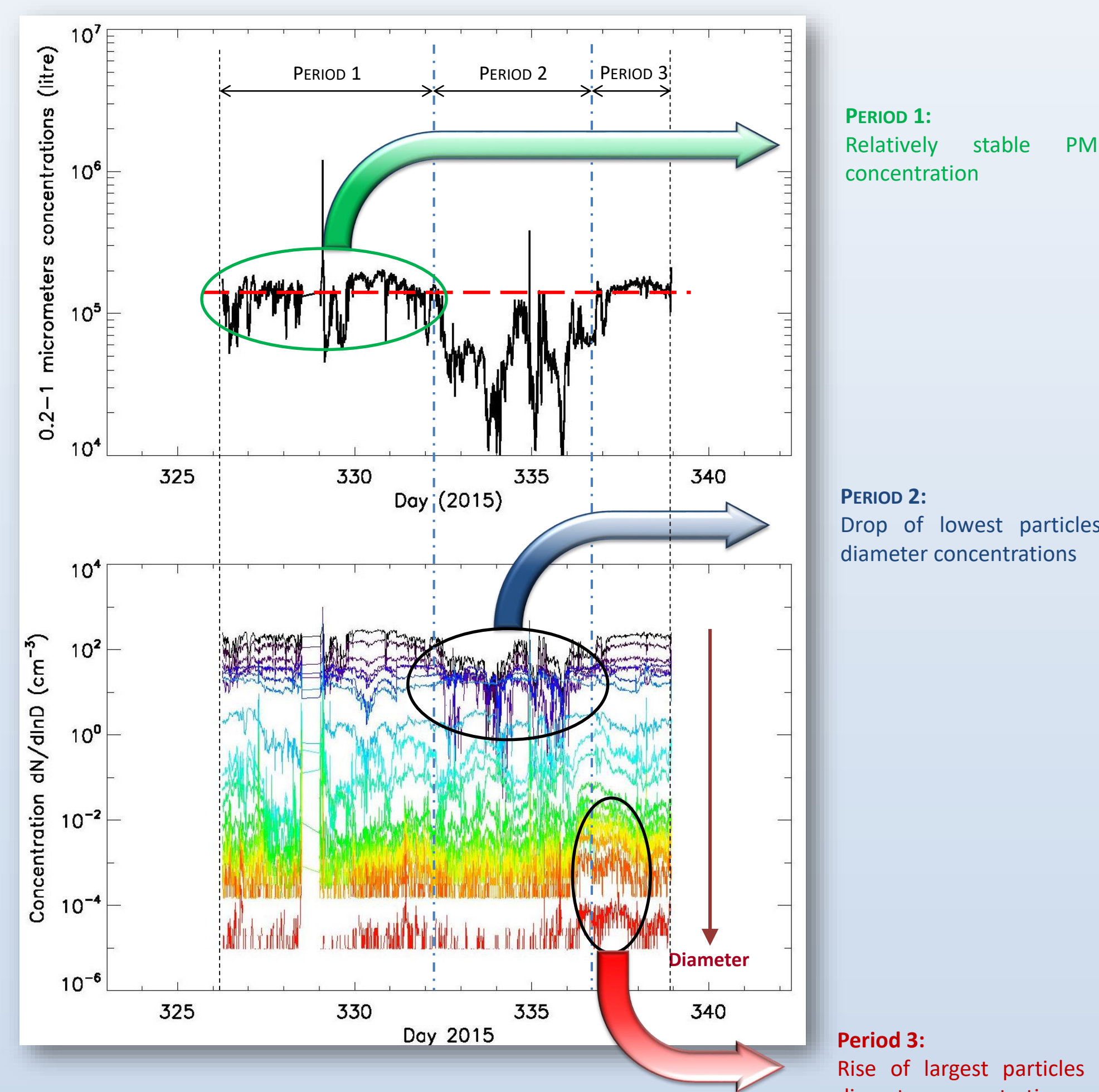
Principle

- 2 scattering angles : 12° and 60°



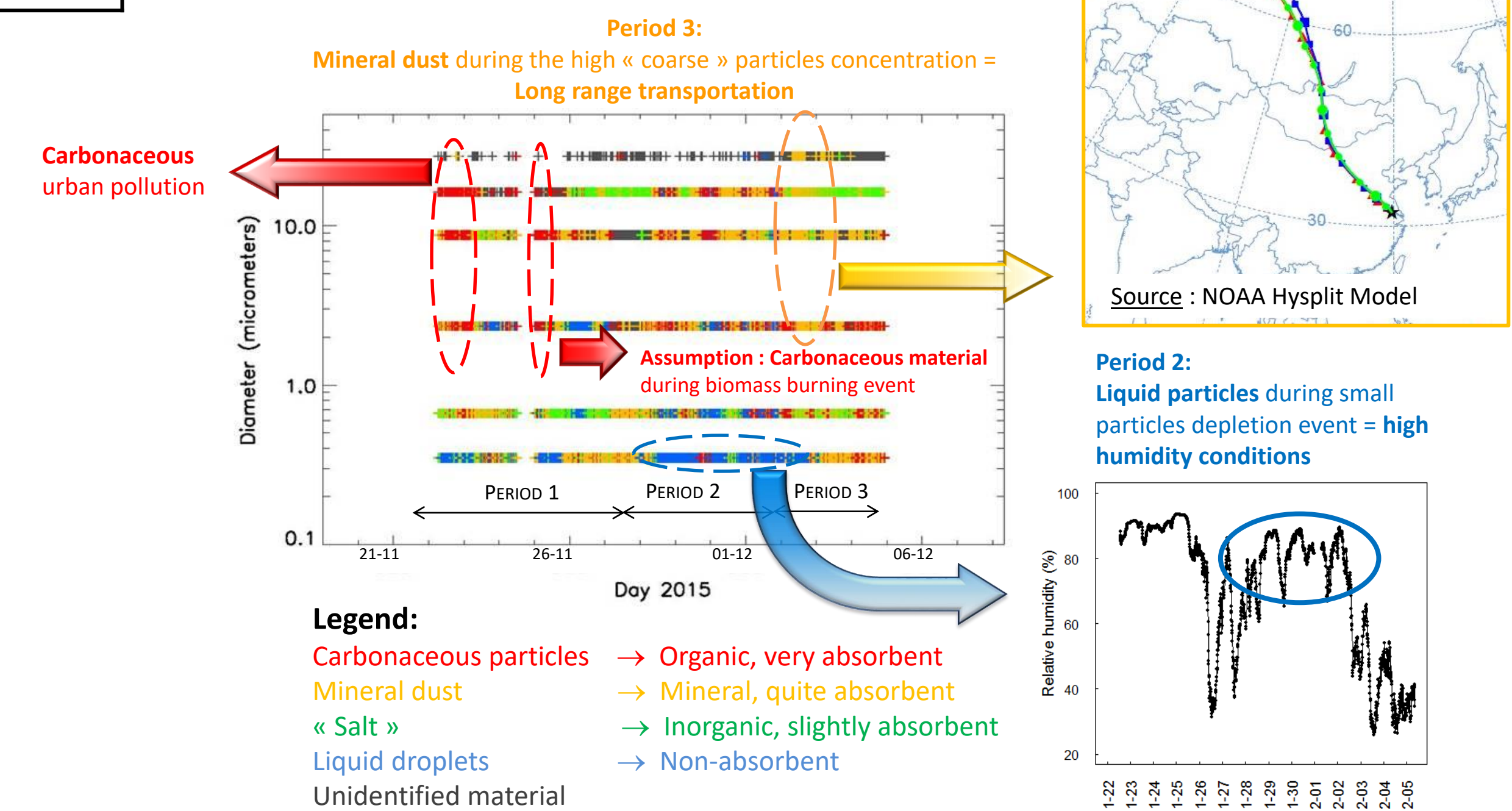
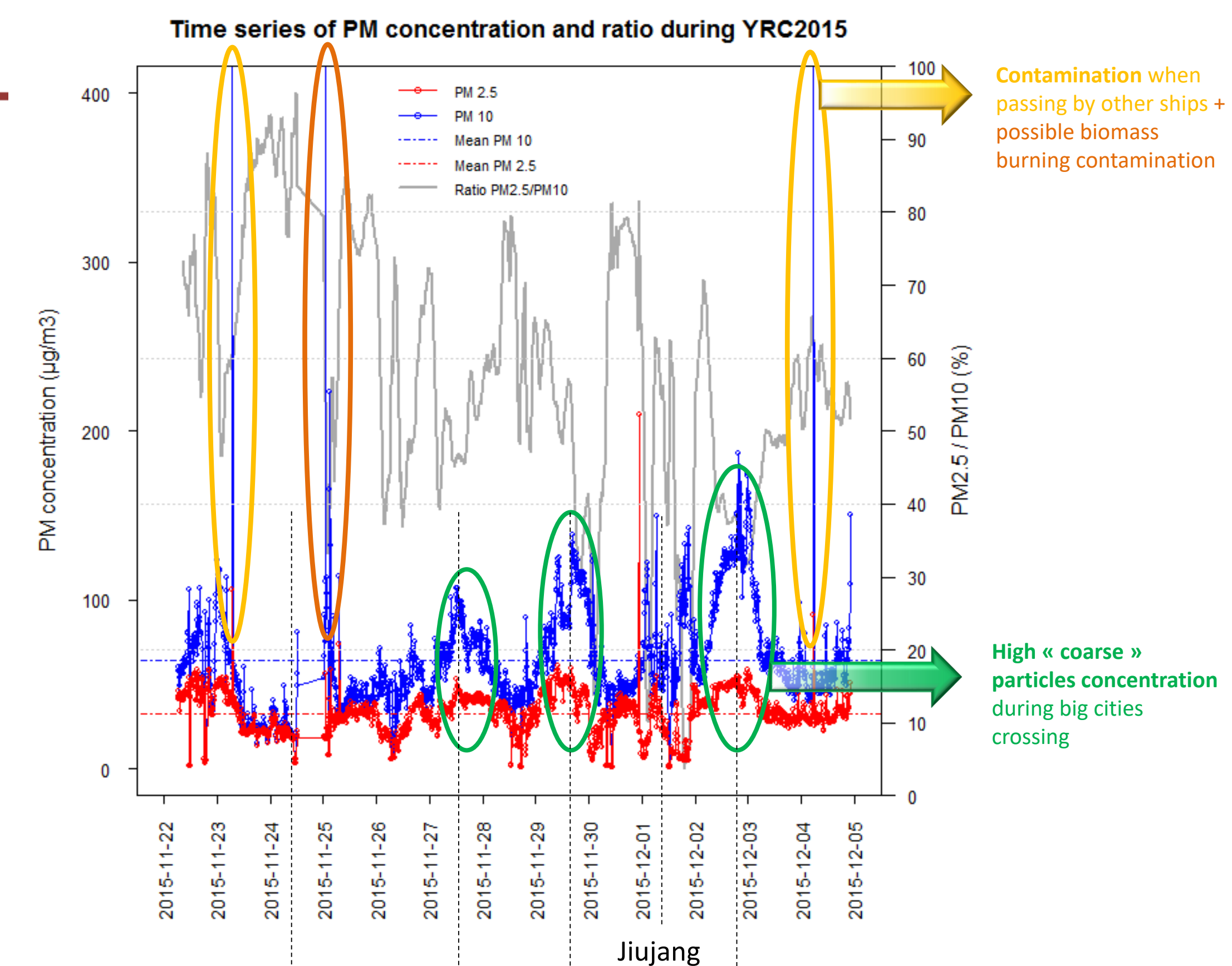
Results

1) Output data given by the LOAC during YRC15:



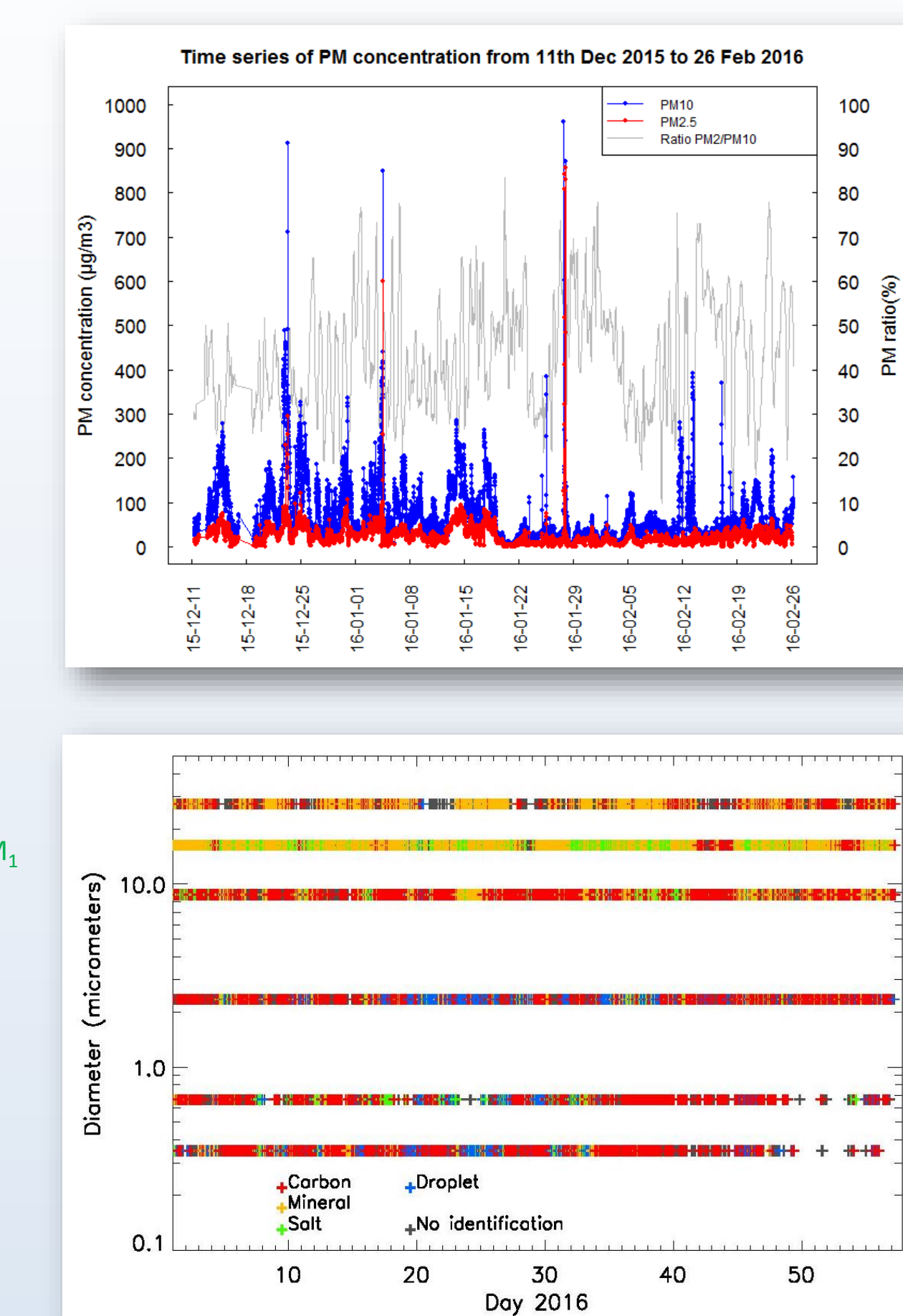
For more details about the LOAC

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2) Fudan University monitoring (December 2015 → May 2016)

LOAC localisation : 31.298504 °N - 121.501412 °E



- Heavy pollution events
- PM₁₀ concentration often higher than 200 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- Approx 40% of the particulate matter has a Dp < 2.5 μm
- PM₁₀ essentially consist in carbonaceous material = typical of urban pollution from combustion, vehicle exhausts and industries

Conclusion and future work

LOAC measurements allow to:

- Identify pollution events
- Pinpoint contamination peaks
- Roughly retrieve the particles nature

But very sensitive to the electronic noise → Be cautious in interpreting the data

Future work:

- Comparison with other instruments data (YRC15)
- Matching these results with transport/emission aerosol sources
- Collect/interpretation of new data from the LOAC set in Fudan University, and cross-comparison with other *in situ* measurements

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