

Impact of Air-Sea Exchanges on Air Quality in Coastal Cities

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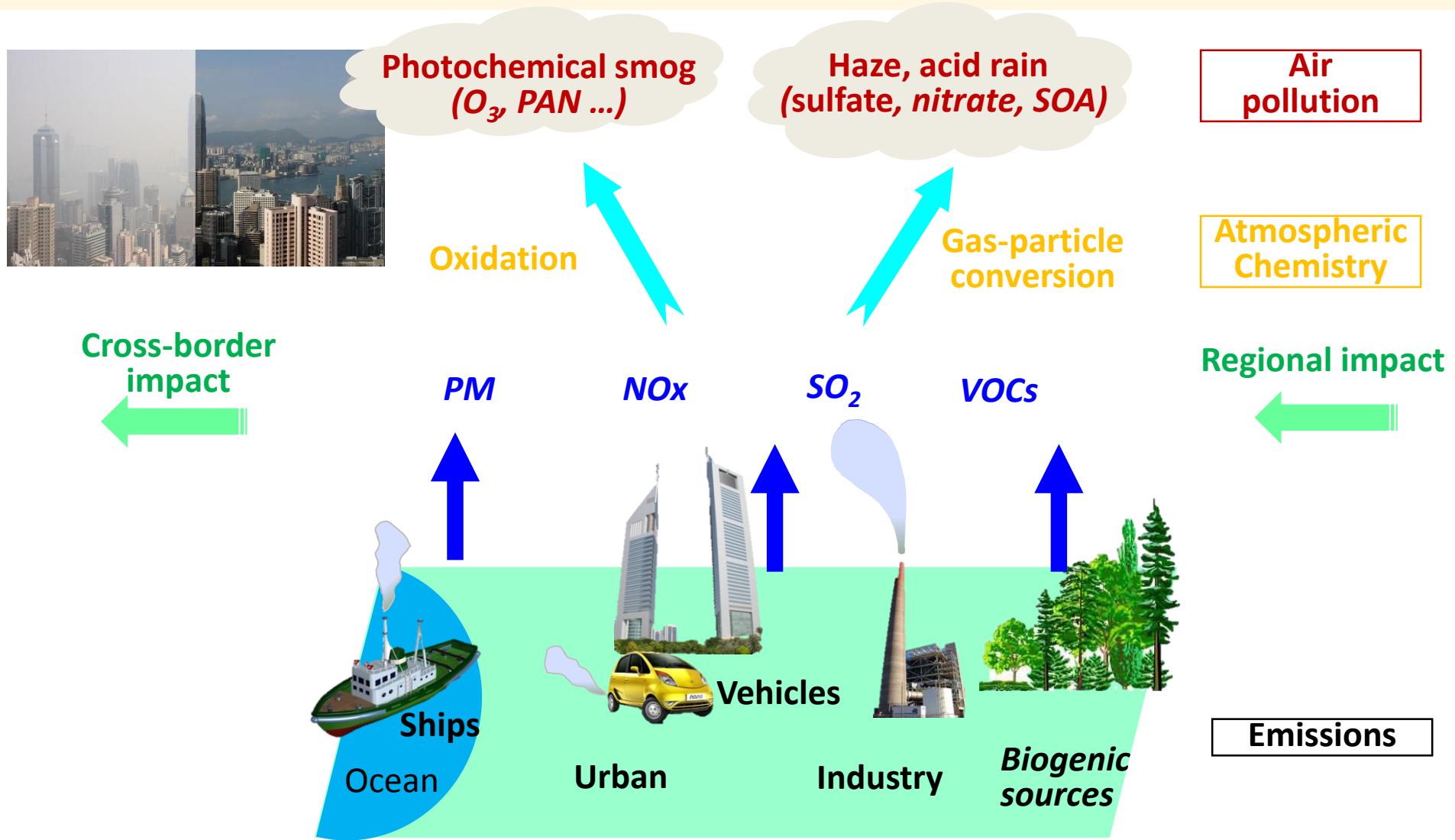
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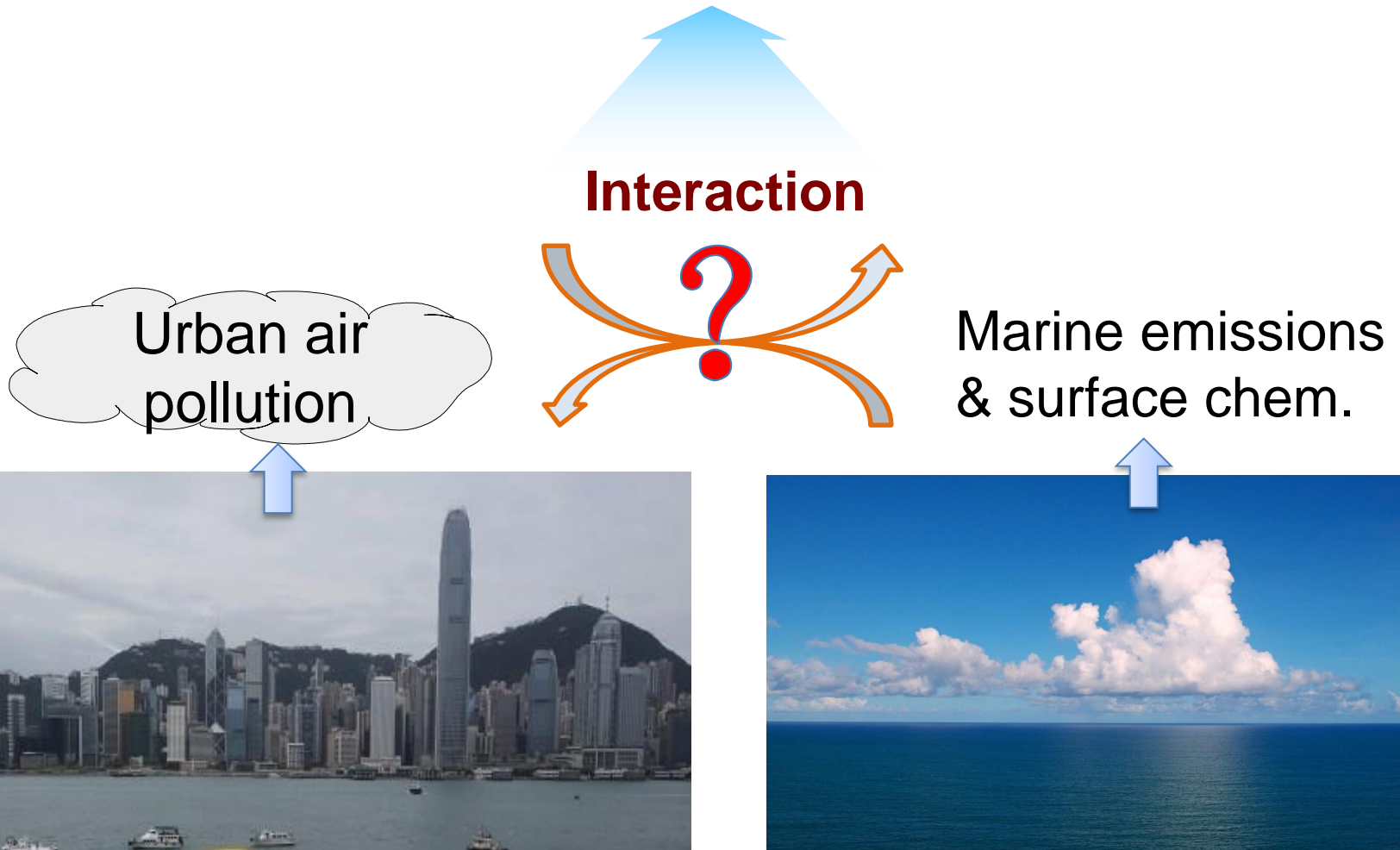
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Air pollution – emission, chemistry, and meteorology



One project is about...

Regional Air Quality



Project Team

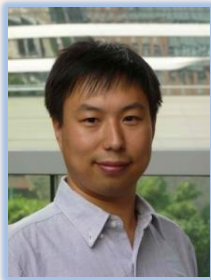
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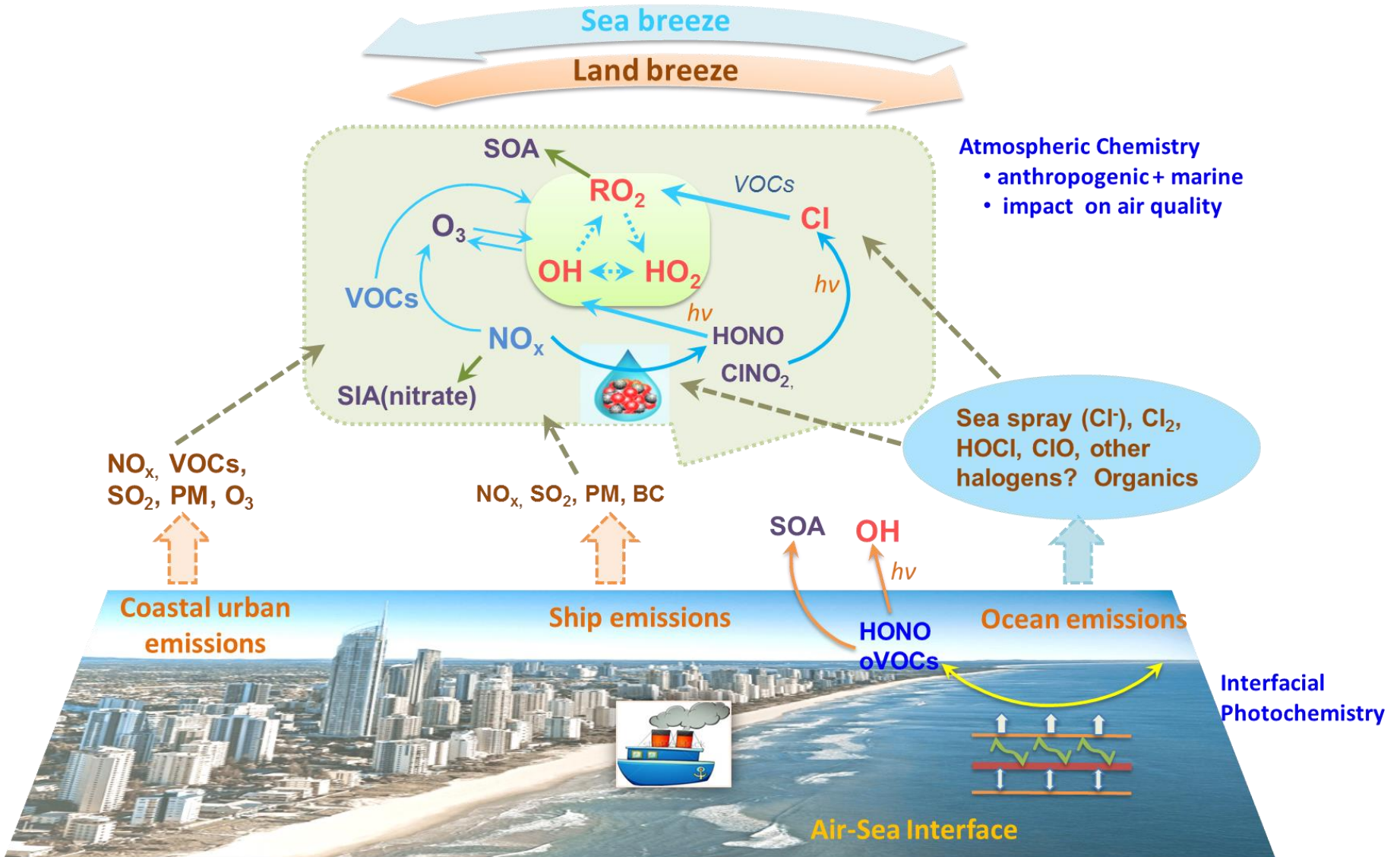
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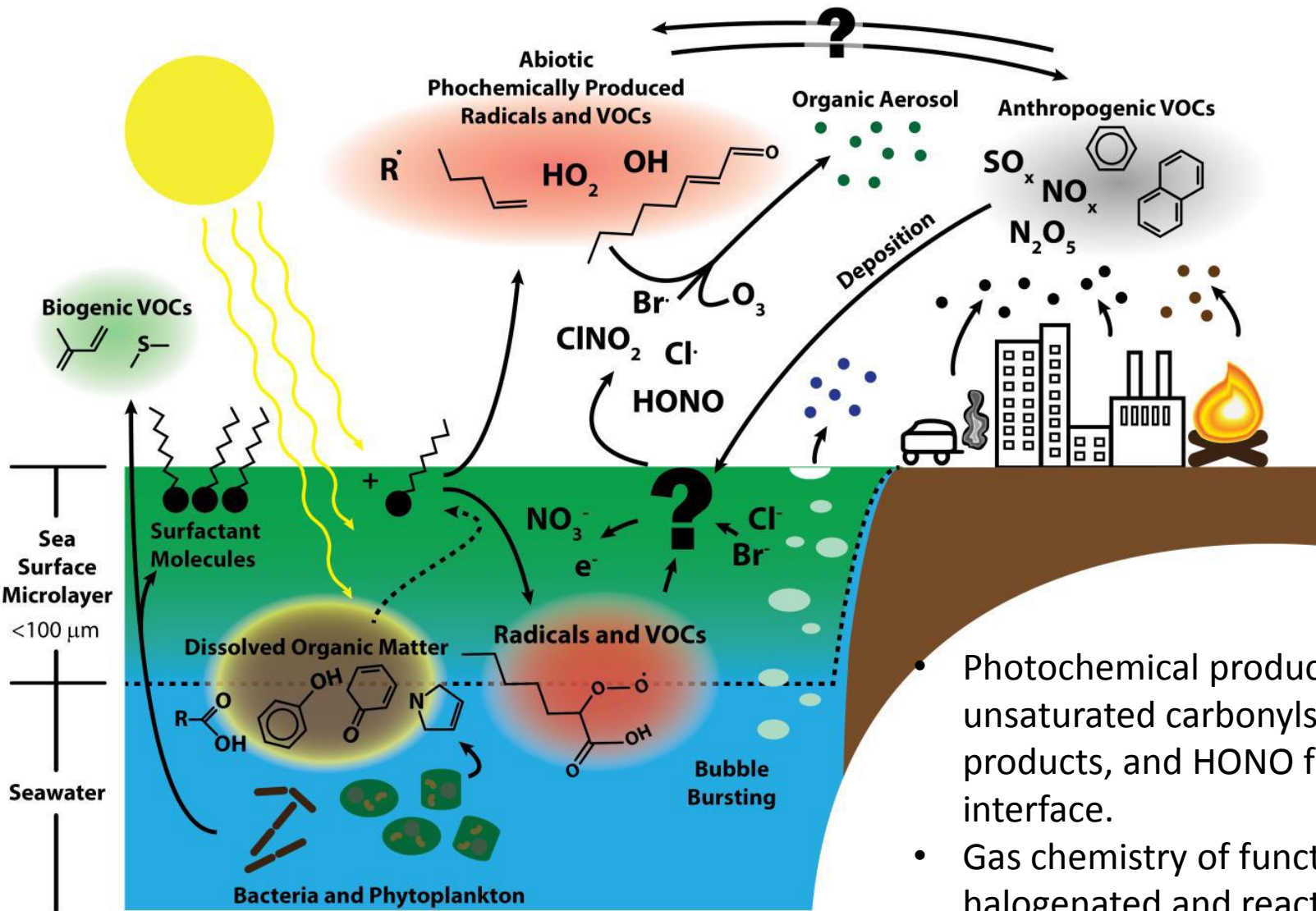
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Interaction of urban pollution and marine process



Sea surface microlayer-atmosphere interaction



- Photochemical production of unsaturated carbonyls, halogenated products, and HONO from the air-sea interface.
- Gas chemistry of functionalized/ halogenated and reactive VOCs from air-sea interface and of BVOCs

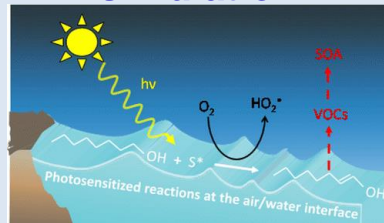
Open questions:

- Q1** What are the **organics** photochemically produced at the **air-sea interface** under heavily polluted conditions?
- Q2** What is the fate and **atmospheric process** of these organics, with NO_x and halogens, and their impacts on radical budget and secondary pollutants?
- Q3** What are the **combined roles** of chlorine species, aerosol and organics emitted from **oceans and coastal anthropogenic sources** in the oxidation processes of polluted marine atmosphere?
- Q4** How does the **interplay of sea-land breeze circulation and sea-air chemical exchange** affects the air quality of coastal cities?

Research Method

Lab Experiments + Field Observations + Modelling

Multiphase chamber simulation



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Field Observations



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Outdoor chamber experiment

VOCs +
OH, O₃, NO₃,

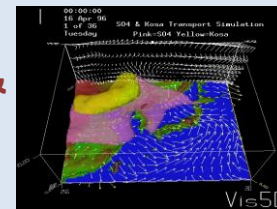


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Modelling

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Multi-
model &
Multi-
scale



Outdoor Environmental Chamber

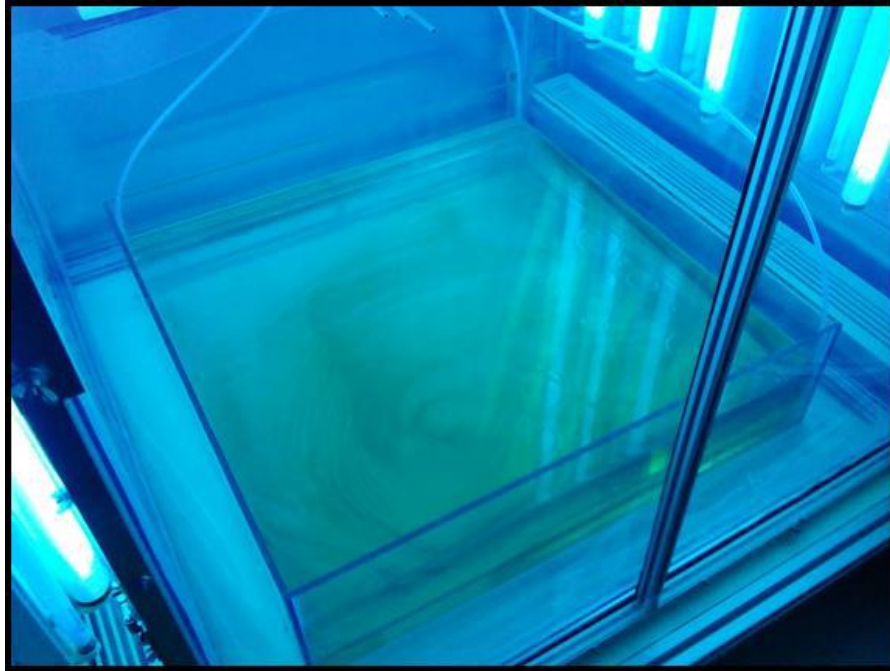
Natural sunlight simulation chamber at Orleans (HELIOS)



- ❑ Determination of the kinetics and mechanisms of VOCs oxidation reactions
- ❑ Identification and quantification of the gaseous and particulate products

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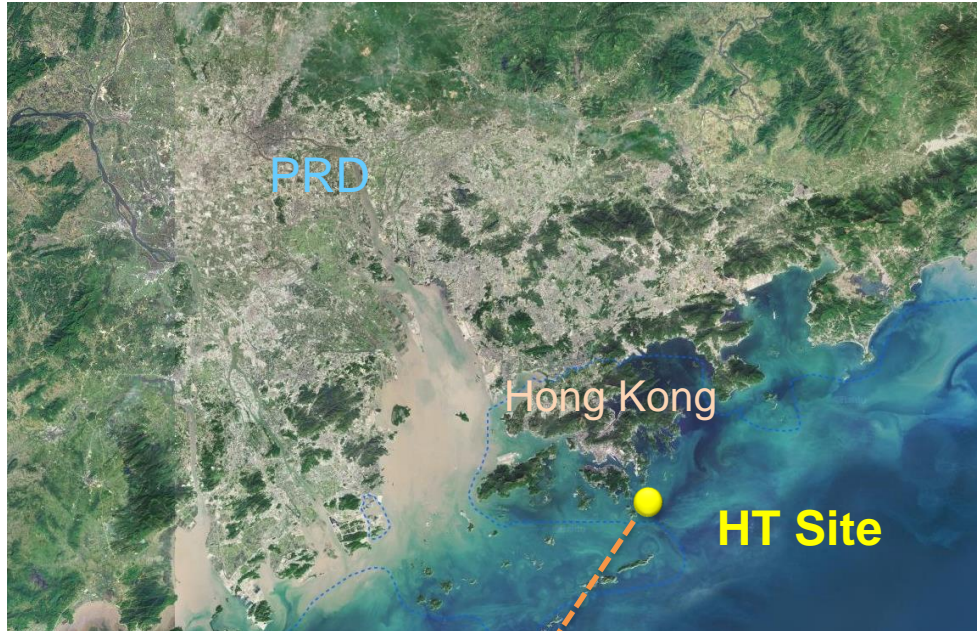
Interfaces Simulation Chamber



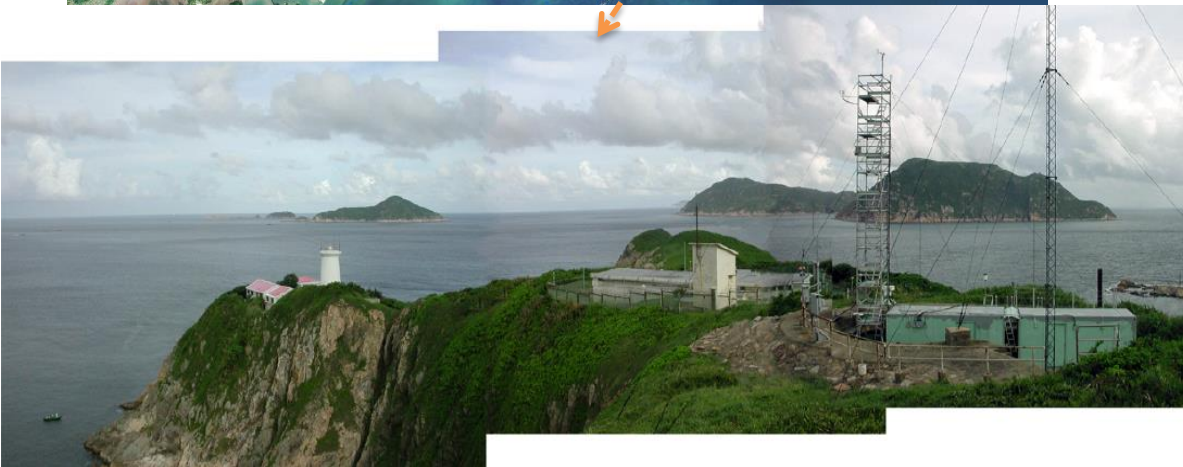
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- ❑ Investigation of the photosensitized production of radicals precursors under polluted conditions
- ❑ Investigation of the catalytic nature of photo-sensitization under polluted conditions

Field observation



- ❑ Interplay of pollutants from coastal urban areas, from the ocean surface and from ship emissions
- ❑ Identify the effects of sea-air exchange on atmospheric chemistry and air quality



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Anticipated outcome

- ❑ **New knowledge** in air-sea exchanges and impacts on air quality
- ❑ Contribution to **mitigation** of photochemical and haze pollution in coastal cities

Bring back the blue sky!



Thank You!