

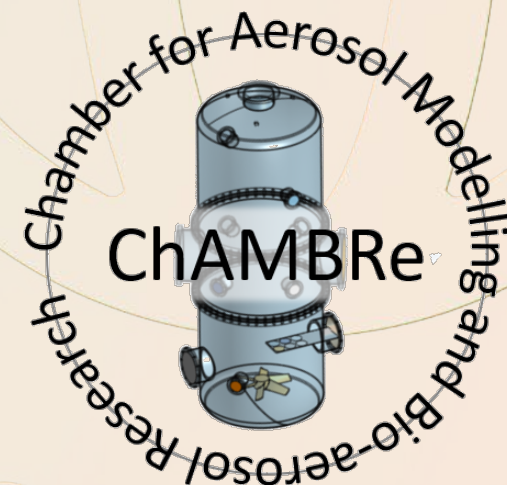
Experimental activities at ChAMBRe

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ChAMBRe: Chamber for Aerosol Modelling and Bio-aerosol Research

ChAMBRe ASC is installed at the **National Institute of Nuclear Physics** in **Genoa** in collaboration with the **Environmental Physics Laboratory** at the Physics Department of Genoa University. The facility is part of the **ERIC-ACTRIS**.

ASC

Study of atmospheric processes under realistic but controlled conditions

Conditions could be and monitored in real time

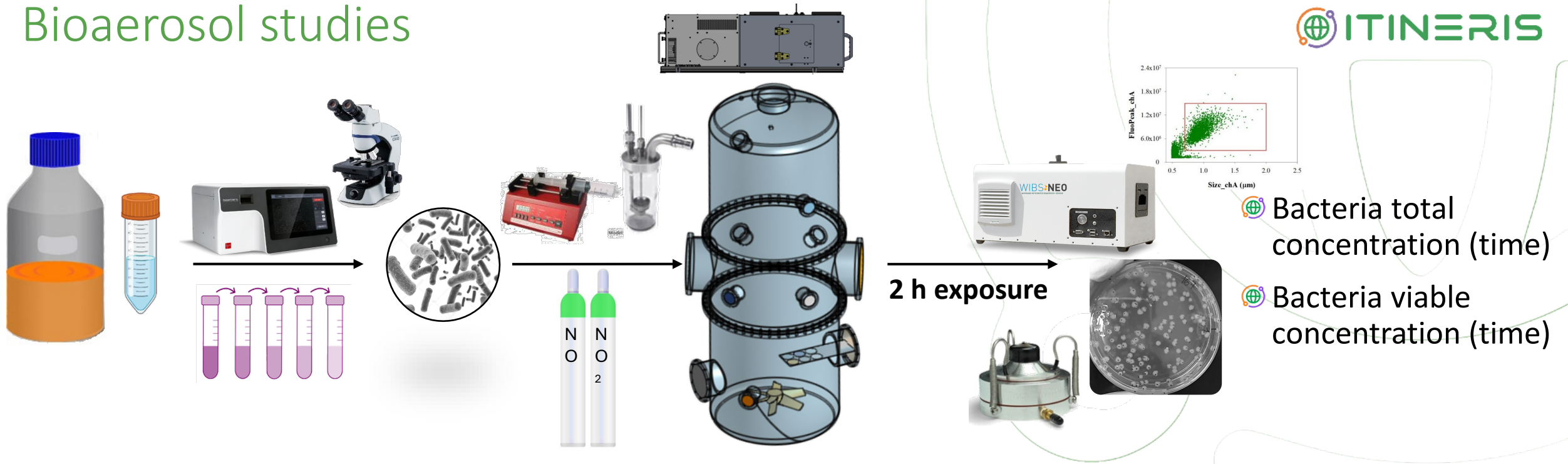
- Volume $\approx 2.3 \text{ m}^3$
- Stainless steel



Massabò et al., (2018).
Atmos. Meas. Tech., 11, 5885-5900

Facility with high versatility!

Bioaerosol studies

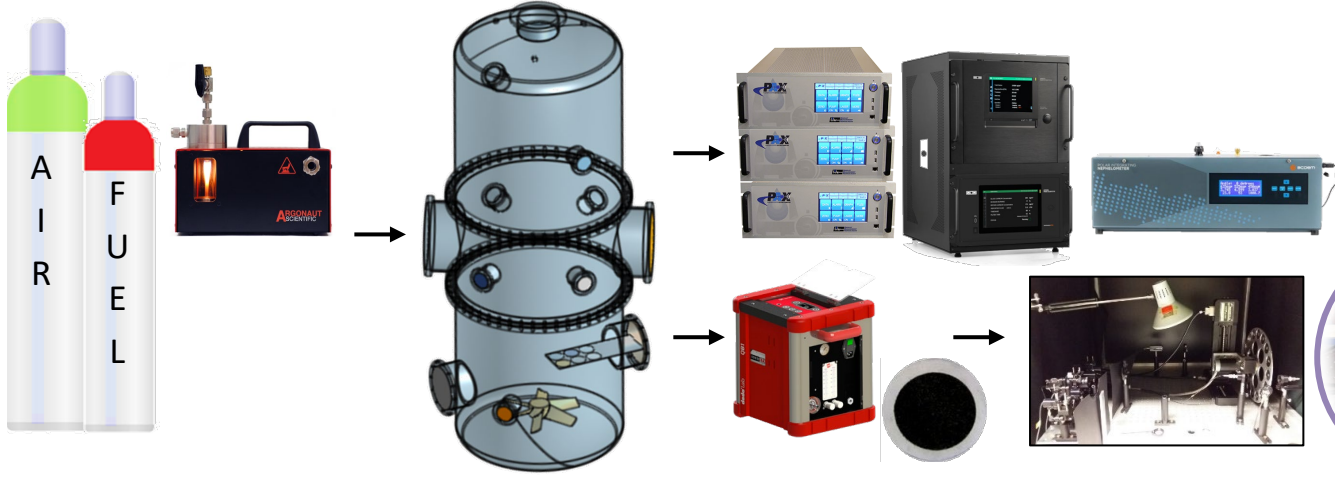


Impact of air quality on bacteria viability: effects of different atmospheric conditions and/or anthropogenic pollutants (standard-model bacteria)

*Vernocchi et al., (2023).
Atmos. Meas. Tech., 16, 5479-5493*

*Gatta et al., (2025).
Sci. Rep., 15, 10320*

Carbonaceous aerosols



Production of “aerosol standards”

Vernocchi et al., (2022). Atmos. Meas. Tech., 15, 2159-2175

Focus on optical properties

- Test of new instruments (online / offline)
- Comparison of different optical techniques (online / offline)
- Test of models for optical apportionment

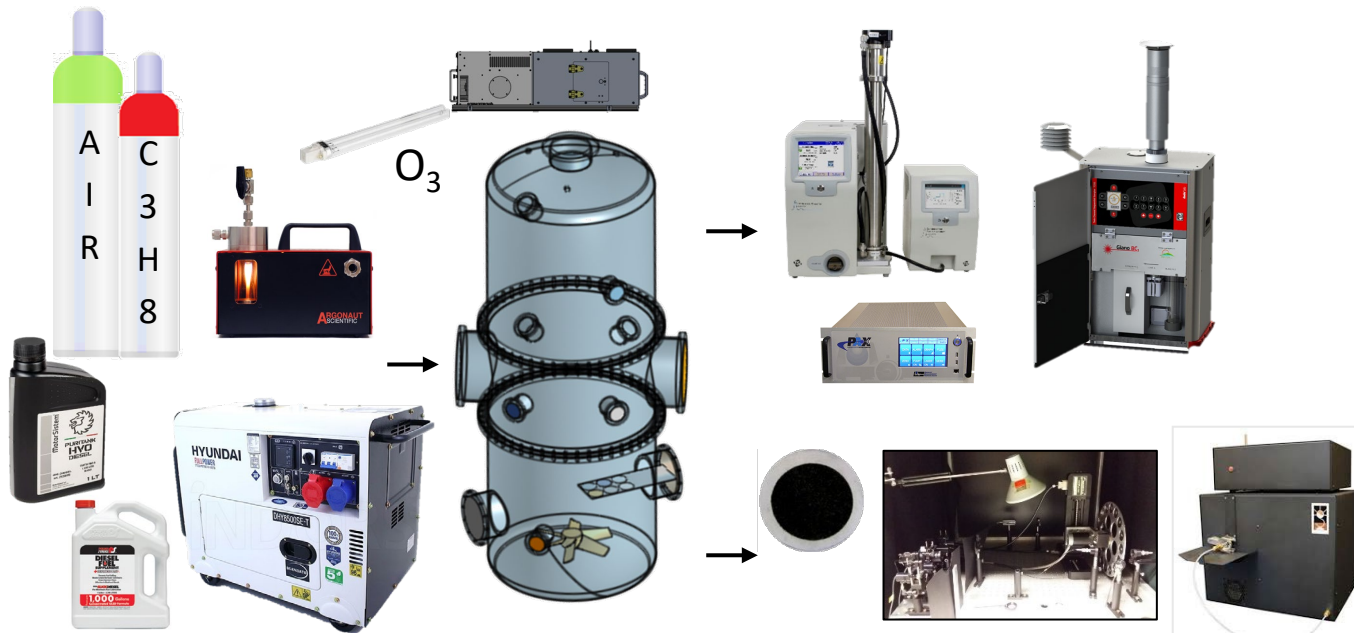
Isolabella et al., (2024). Atmos. Meas. Tech., 17, 1363-1373

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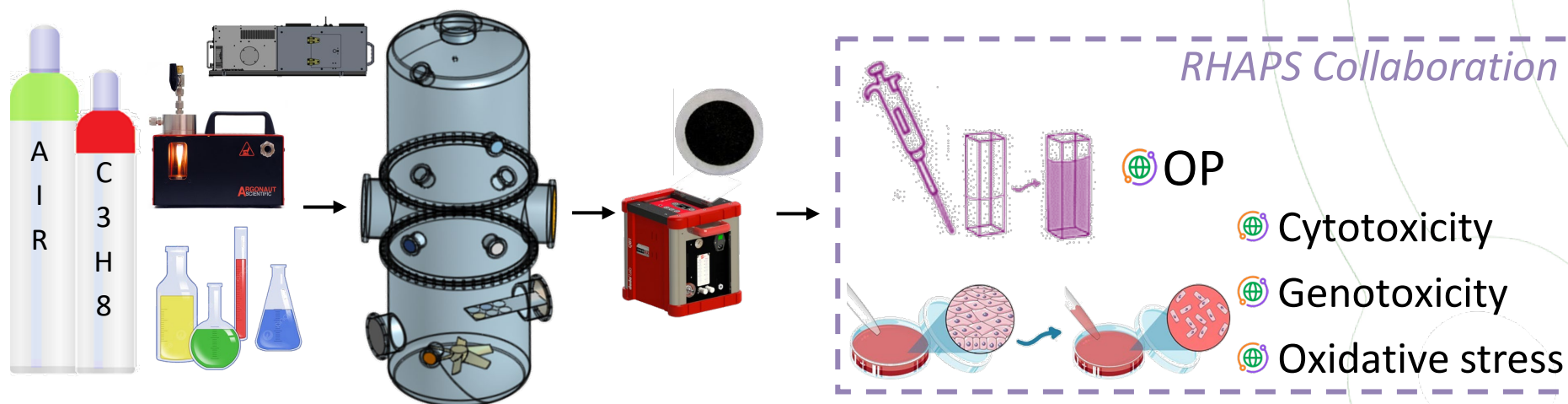
Comparison of different aerosols

- Combustion of different fuels
- Aging processes

Danelli et al., (2025). Atmos. Chem. Phys., 25, 9387



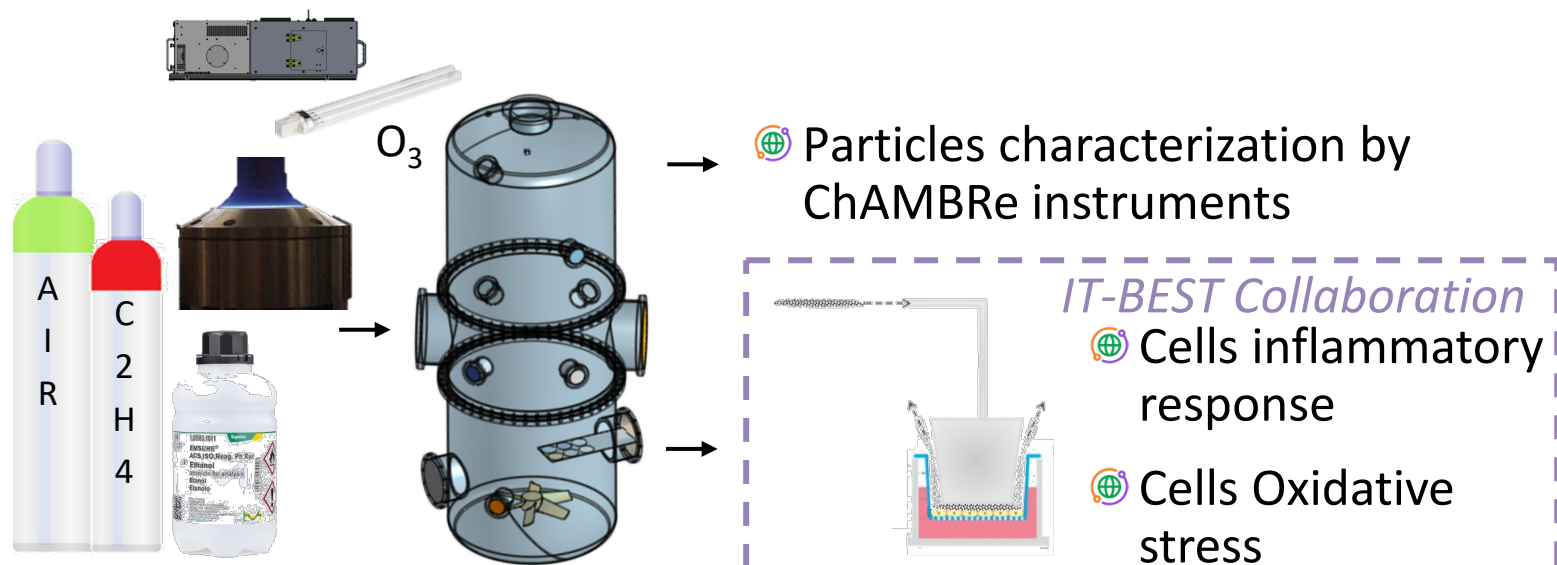
Standard samples for OP and Toxicological assays



WINTER, BB emissions

SUMMER, TRAFFIC emissions

Vernocchi et al., (2025).
Toxicol. Appl. Pharmacol, 505, 117573



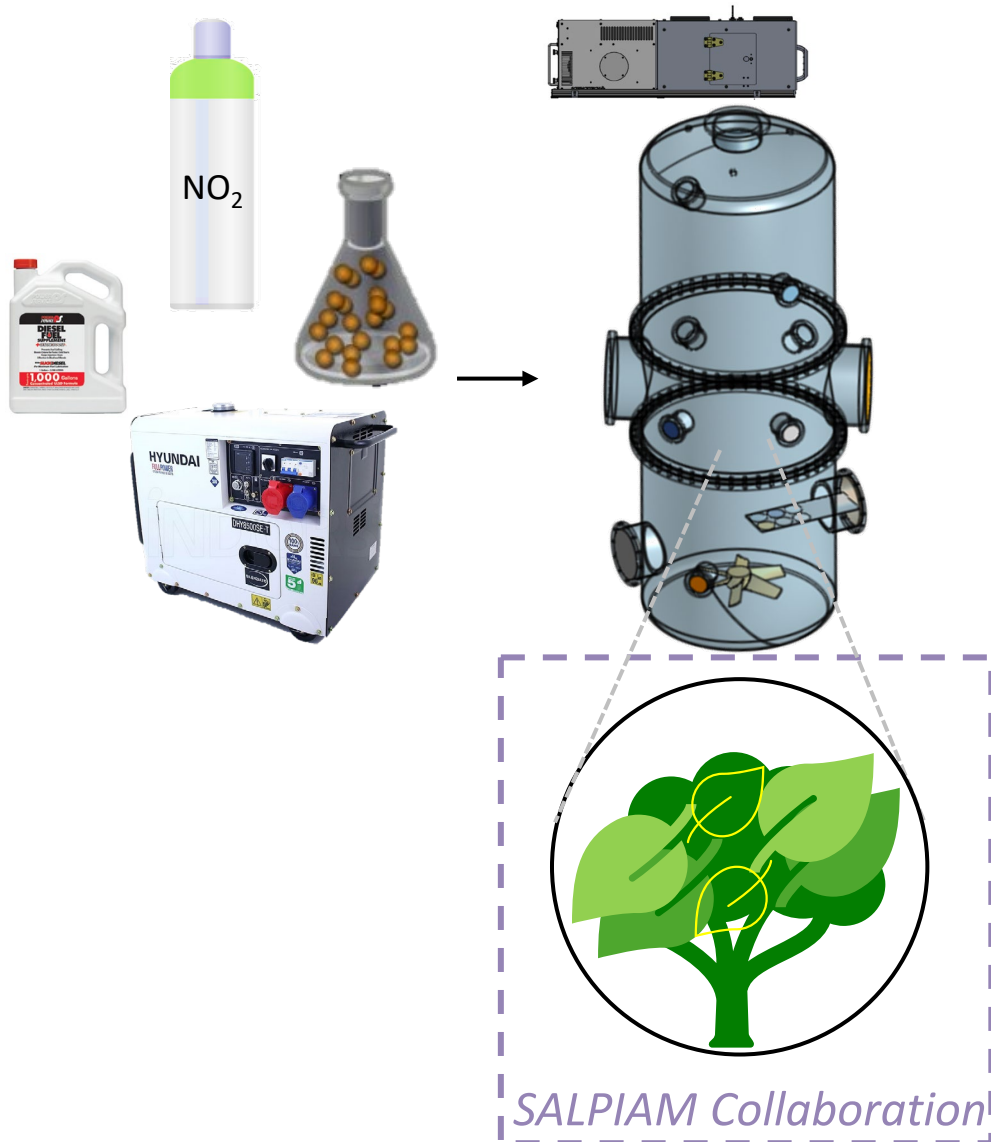
Particles characterization by
ChAMBR instruments

ULTRAFINE particles

Aging processes

Compare fossil fuels and biofuels
blends emissions

Plants interactions with airborne pollutants



NO₂ consumption

Capacity to capture airborne PM

*Bosio et al., (2025).
Atm. Env. X, 27, 100355*



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Multidisciplinary!

- 🌐 MICRObial adaptations and Antimicrobial Resistance Genes in the ocean-atmOsphere continuum - MICROARGO
- 🌐 Bioaerosols' Evaluation And Machine-learning – BEAM
- 🌐 Toxicological hazard assessment of combustion emission under different aging processes by direct exposure of lung in vitro models at the air liquid interface - Tox-CEAPs
- 🌐 Characterization of Aerosols Emitted by the Burning of Textile Waste in Atacama and their Relevance to Air Quality - ATEXAQ
- 🌐 Single scattering albedo and asymmetry PARameter retrieval by photometric Analysis of atmospheric aerosol deposited on filters - SPARA
- 🌐 Degradation of Benzothiazoles: From Urban to Polar Atmosphere Conditions - UPAC-BTH
- 🌐 Calibration at varying relative humidity of the ACSM – CINEMA



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