

Trace Gas Opportunities for GXS and Synergy with ACX

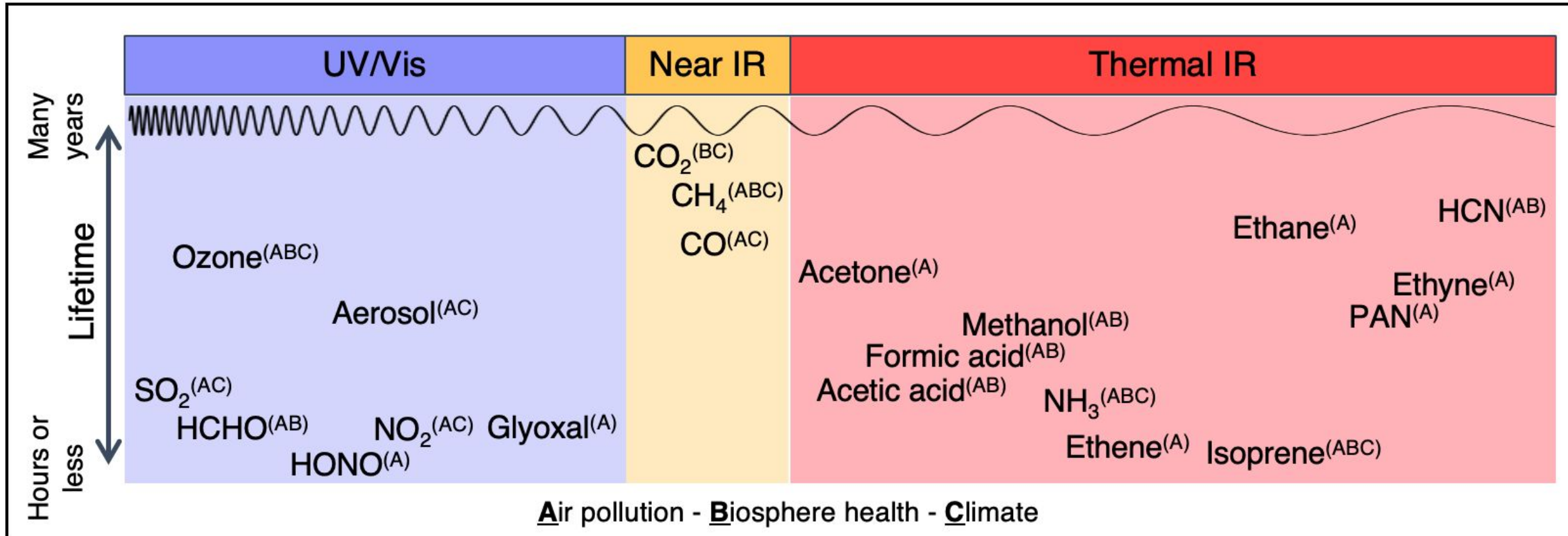
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A range of key atmospheric chemicals are observable from space in the TIR

... and are not accessible in the UV/Vis



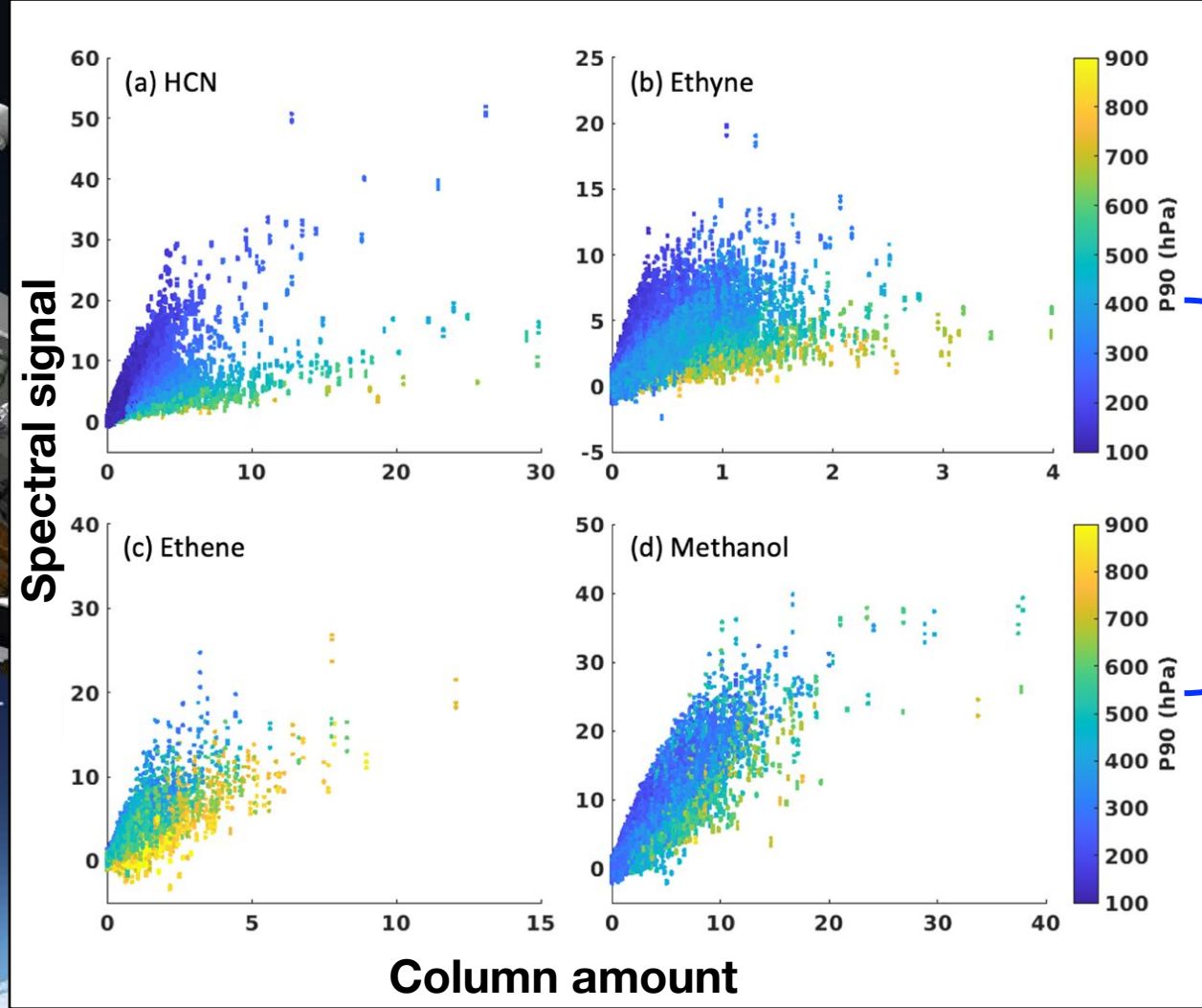
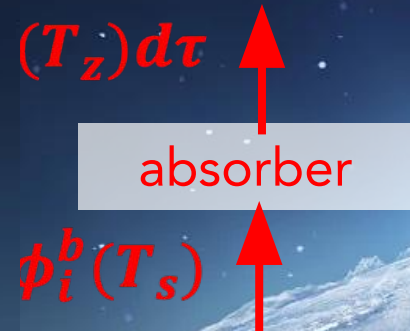
[Millet et al., *submitted*, 2024]

These TIR species are highly complementary with those that will be quantified by ACX

TIR measurements rely on the surface-atmosphere temperature difference

Detection efficiency increases with altitude

- But TIR observations still provide sensitivity to the boundary layer!



This vertical dependence varies by compound

For example:
Methanol, ethene:
~2x effect

Ethyne: ~5x

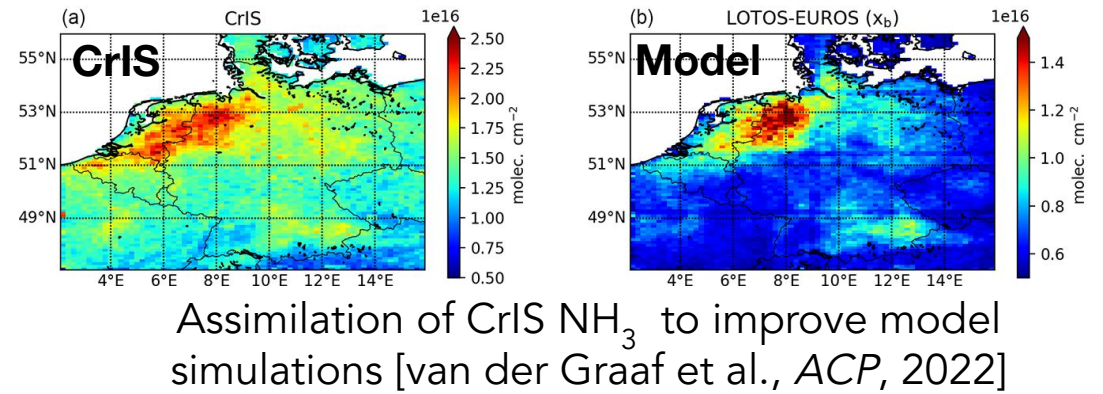
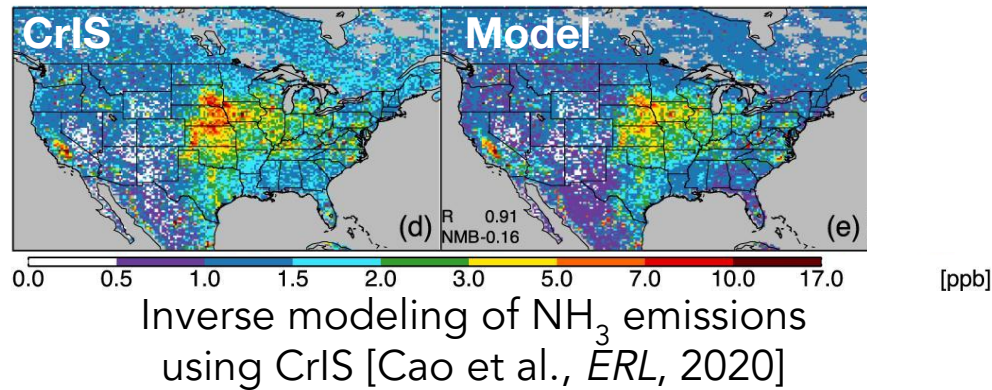
In practice this means that TIR retrievals require a constraint on the absorber's vertical distribution

Recent work with CrIS and IASI demonstrates value of TIR retrievals of VOCs, NH_3 , PAN for air quality applications

NH_3

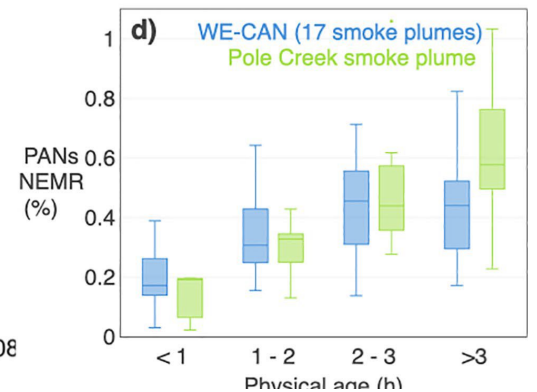
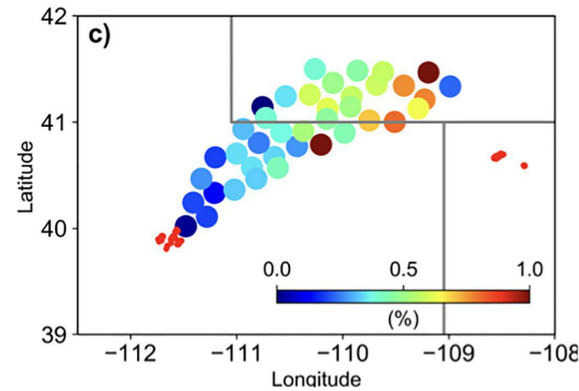
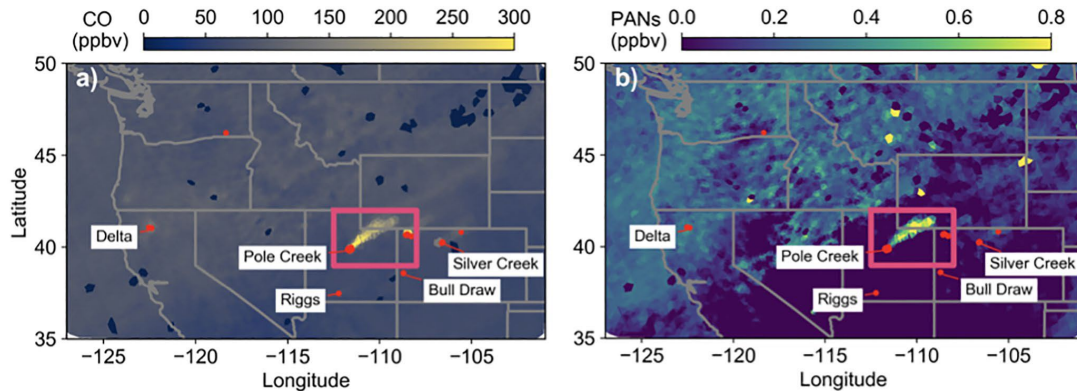
Reactive N emissions caused ~23M years of life lost in 2013 due to resulting $\text{PM}_{2.5}$

- Global NH_3 emissions now contribute more to $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ than do NO_x emissions
- Marginal cost of abatement only 10% that of NO_x [Gu et al., *Science*, 2021]



PAN

Key NO_x reservoir, control on ozone



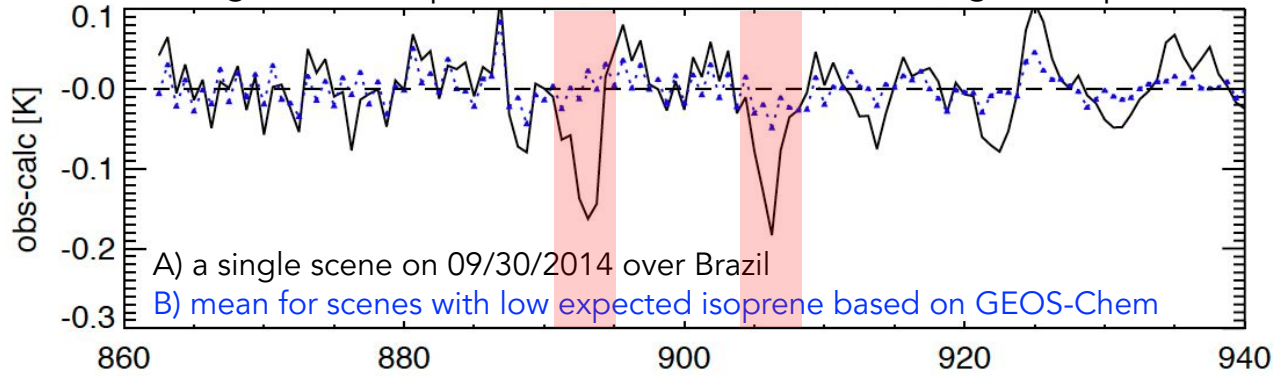
Using CrIS data to quantify PAN formation in fire plumes [Juncosa Calahorrano et al., *GRL*, 2021]

Measuring isoprene from space using CrIS

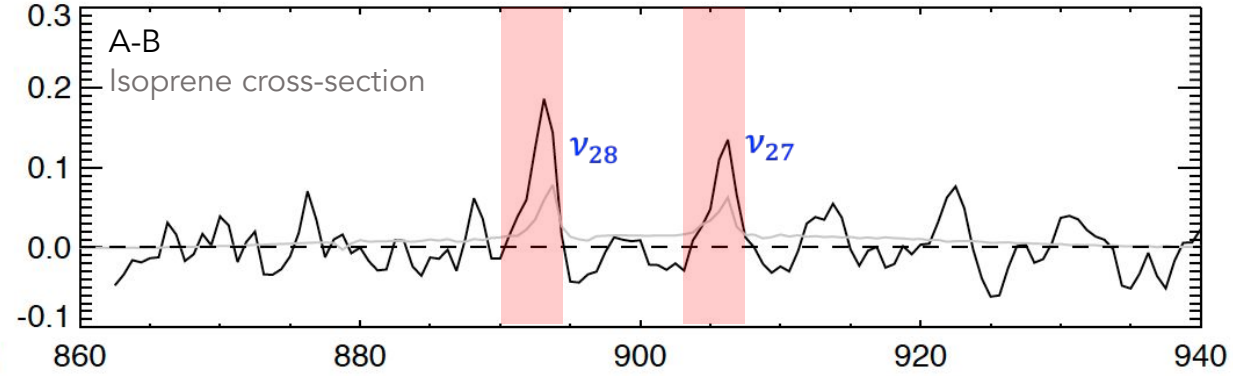
Example isoprene spectral signature in single CrIS spectrum

CrIS low noise provided enables first direct space-based measurement of isoprene

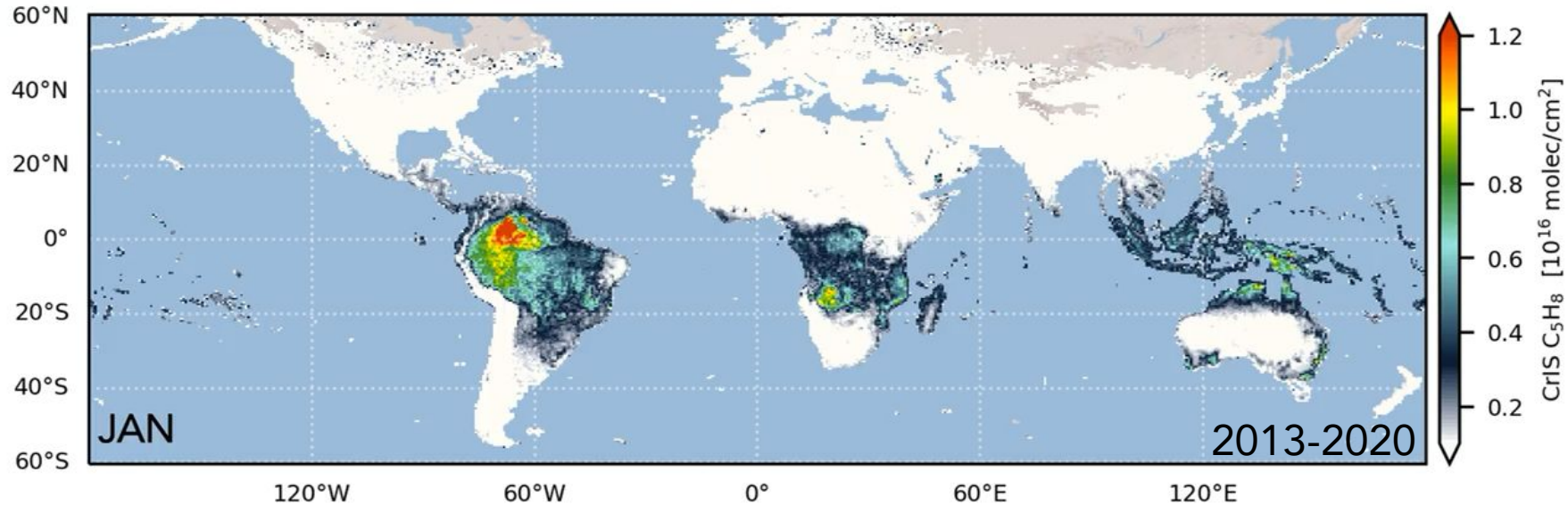
Brightness temperature difference without fitting for isoprene



Difference between A and B



[Fu et al., *Nature Communications*, 2019]



We are using a machine-learning framework to convert these spectral signals to isoprene column amounts through the CrIS record

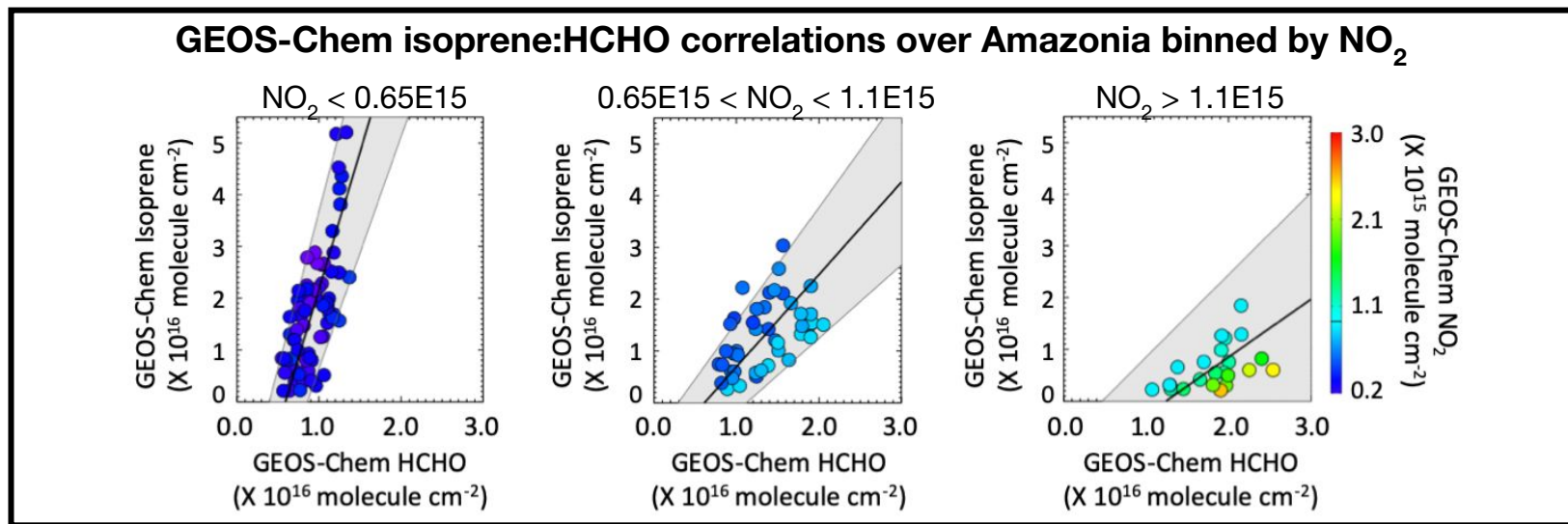
□ Long-term global data record for studying ecosystem-atmosphere interactions & their chemical impacts

[Wells et al., *Nature* 2020]

[Wells et al., *JGR*, 2022]

[Shutter et al., *Science Advances*, in press]

Together, isoprene (GXS) and HCHO (ACX) measurements constrain isoprene emissions and atmospheric oxidation



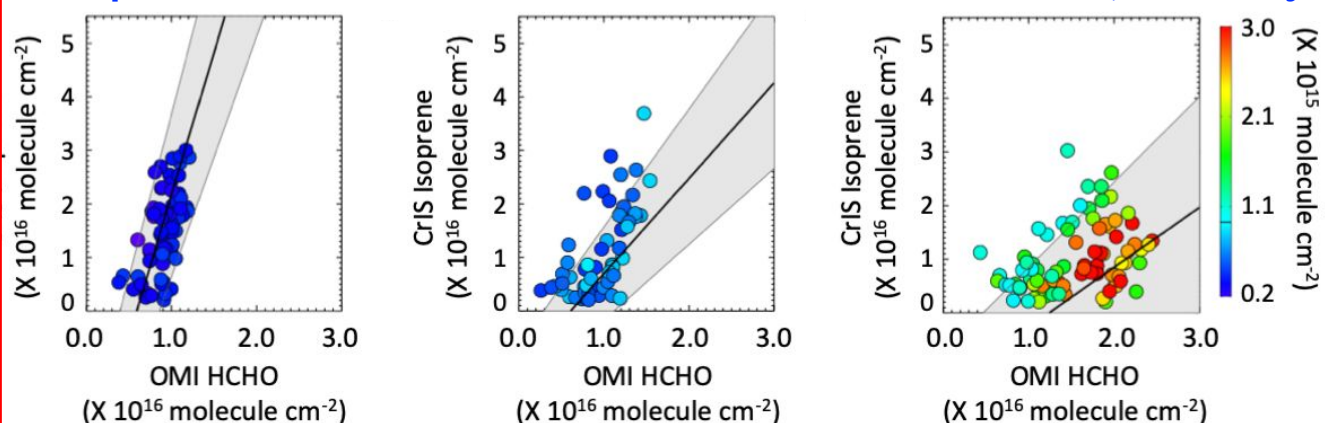
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*Isoprene:HCHO slope increases
Mainly due to suppressed OH, longer isoprene lifetime at low NO_x*

Measured isoprene:HCHO correlations over Amazonia from CrIS+OMI, binned by OMI NO₂

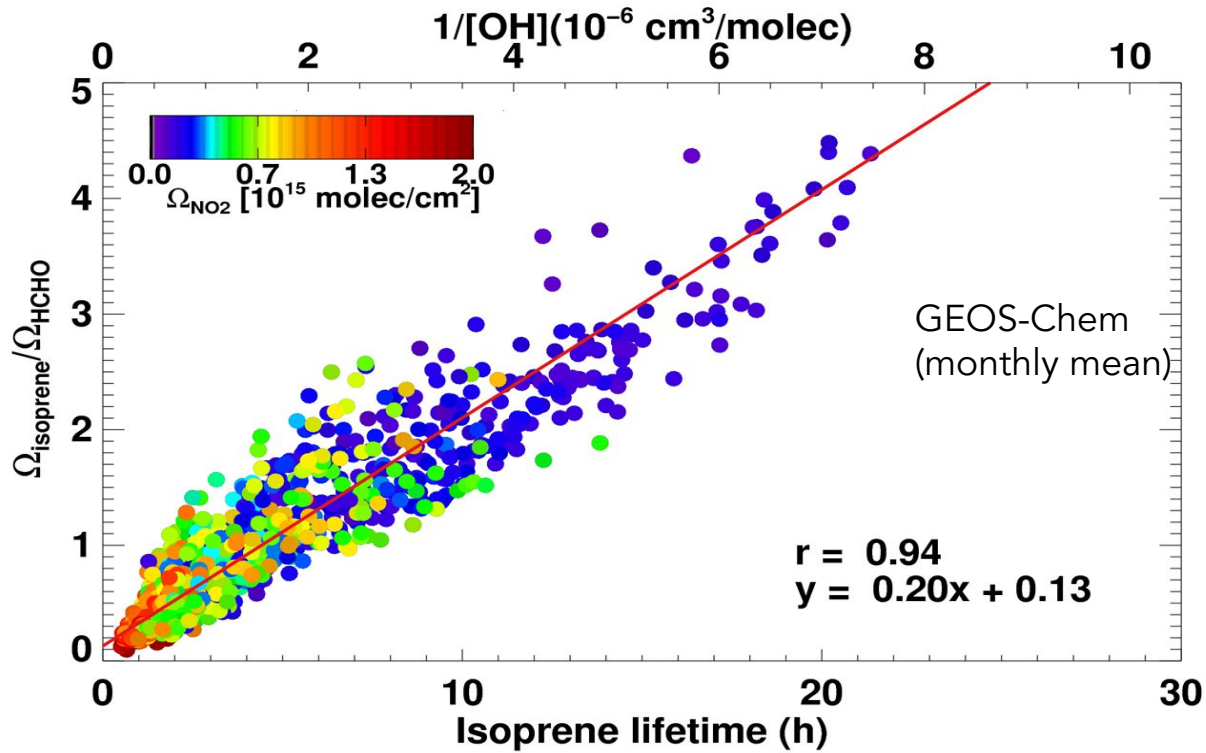
Observed relationship at lowest NO_x consistent w. model
broadly supports OH recycling/suppression in current mechanism



Some scatter above model relationship at higher NO_x
but no suggestion of underestimated OH recycling

Assessing atmospheric OH regimes from space

The isoprene:HCHO column ratio scales closely with OH



Isoprene, HCHO both related to isoprene emission

□ But with differing sensitivity to OH

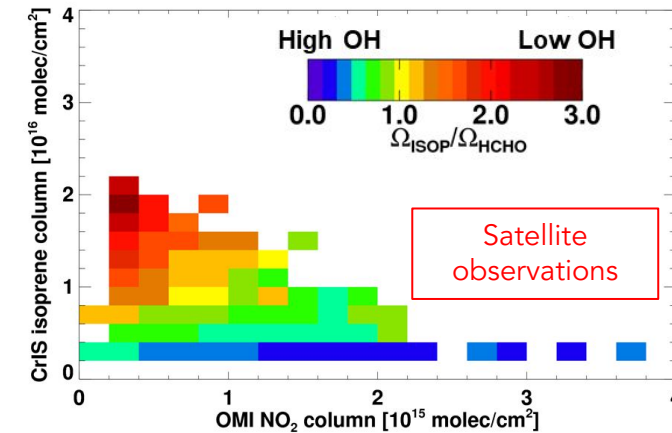
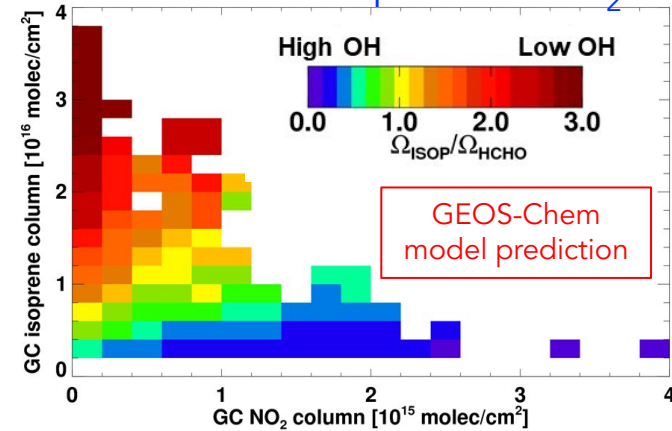
□ Complementary information on isoprene sources and sinks

□ Space-based constraint on atmospheric oxidation over biogenic source regions

[Wells et al., *Nature*, 2020]

This allows us to test understanding of isoprene chemistry and its effects on OH

Isoprene lifetime & OH as a function of isoprene & NO₂



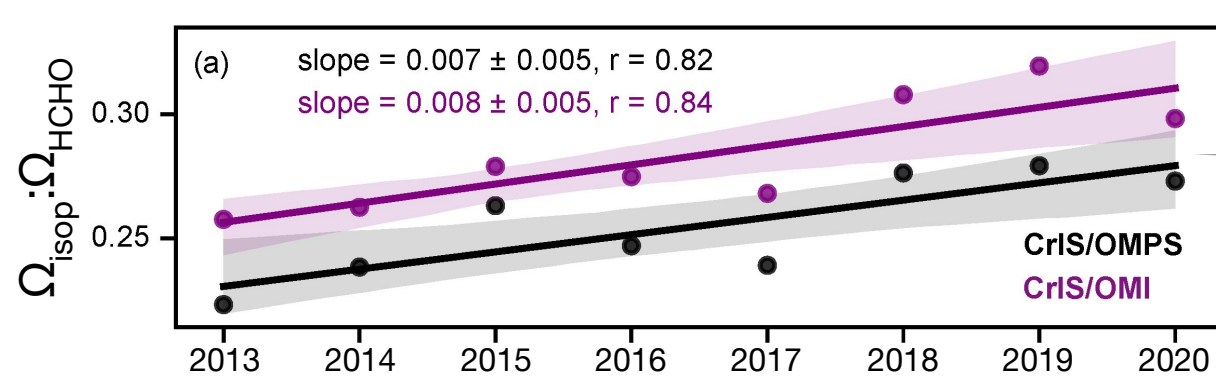
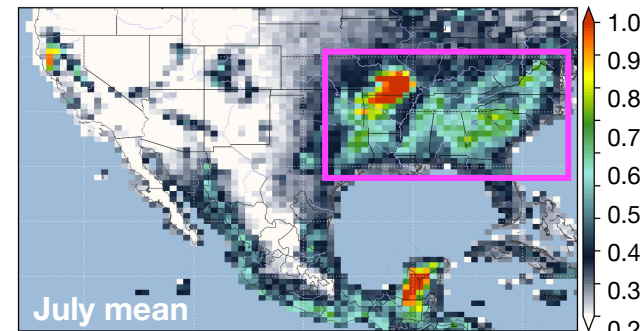
OH suppressed with increasing isoprene and decreasing NO_x

These observed shifts in chemical regimes are similar to model predictions

□ Argues against significant missing OH recycling

Mapping OH trends over the Southeast US

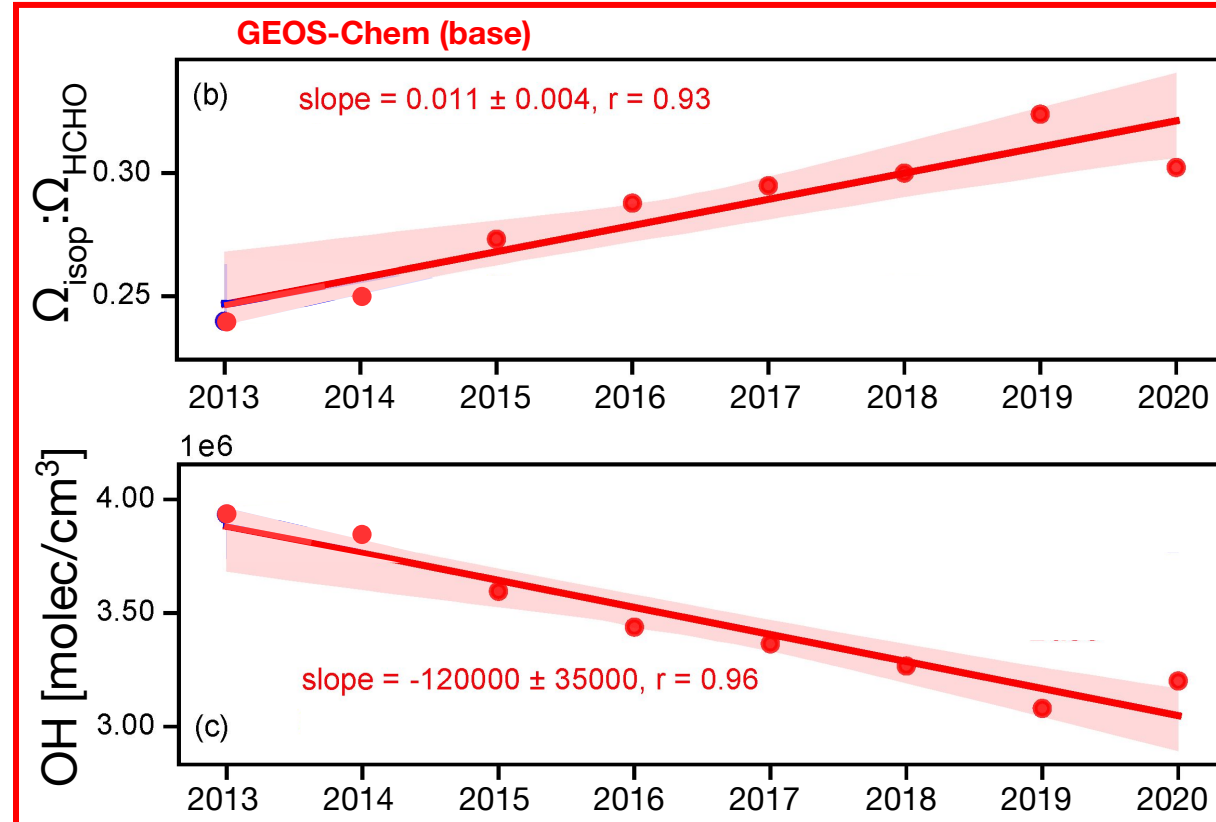
CrIS isoprene [10^{16} molec/cm²]



low
 OH
 high

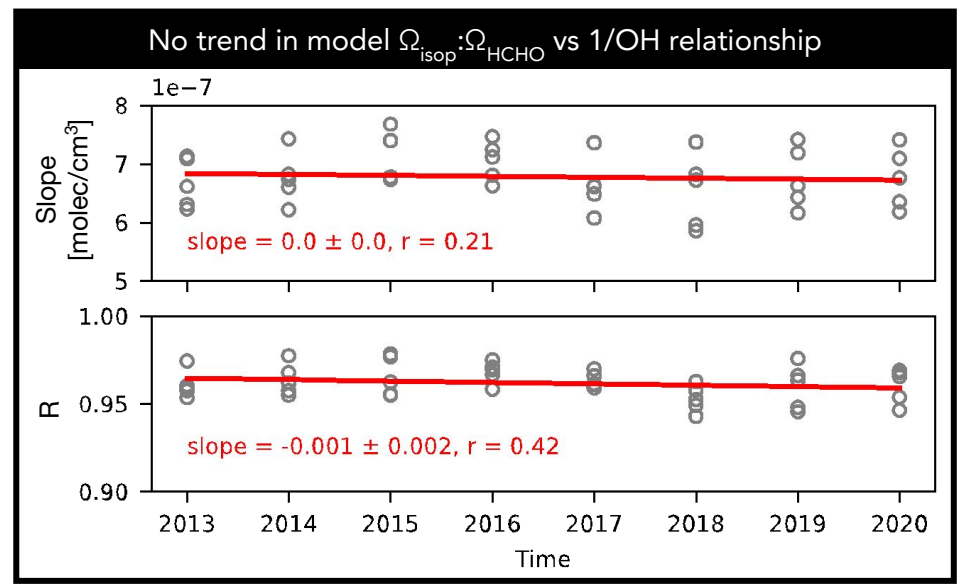
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[Shutter et al., *Science Advances*, in press]



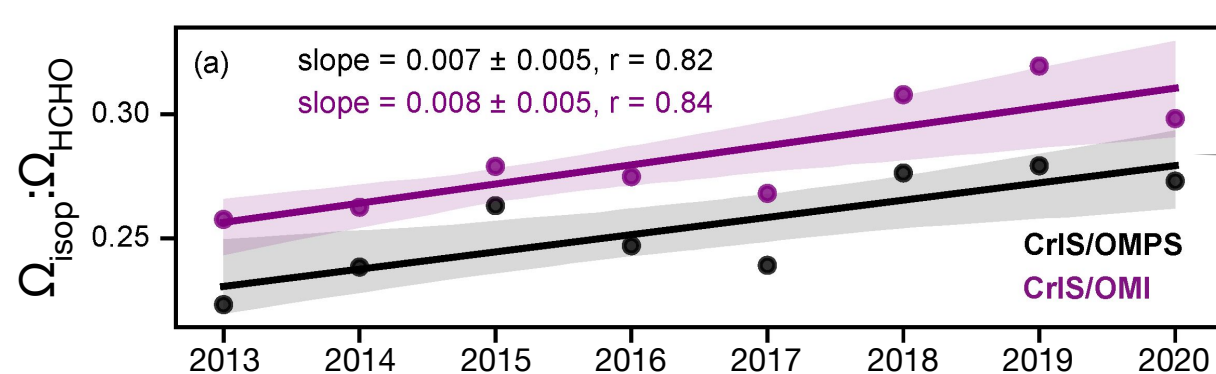
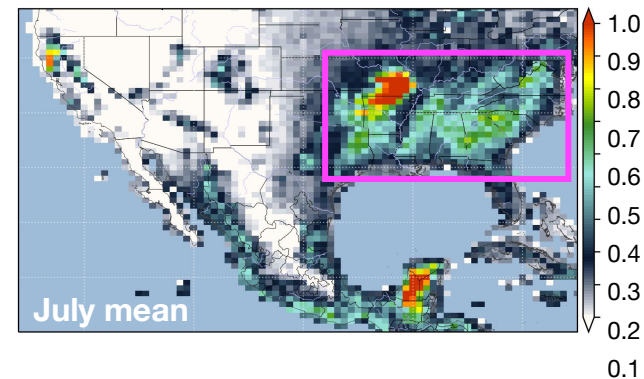
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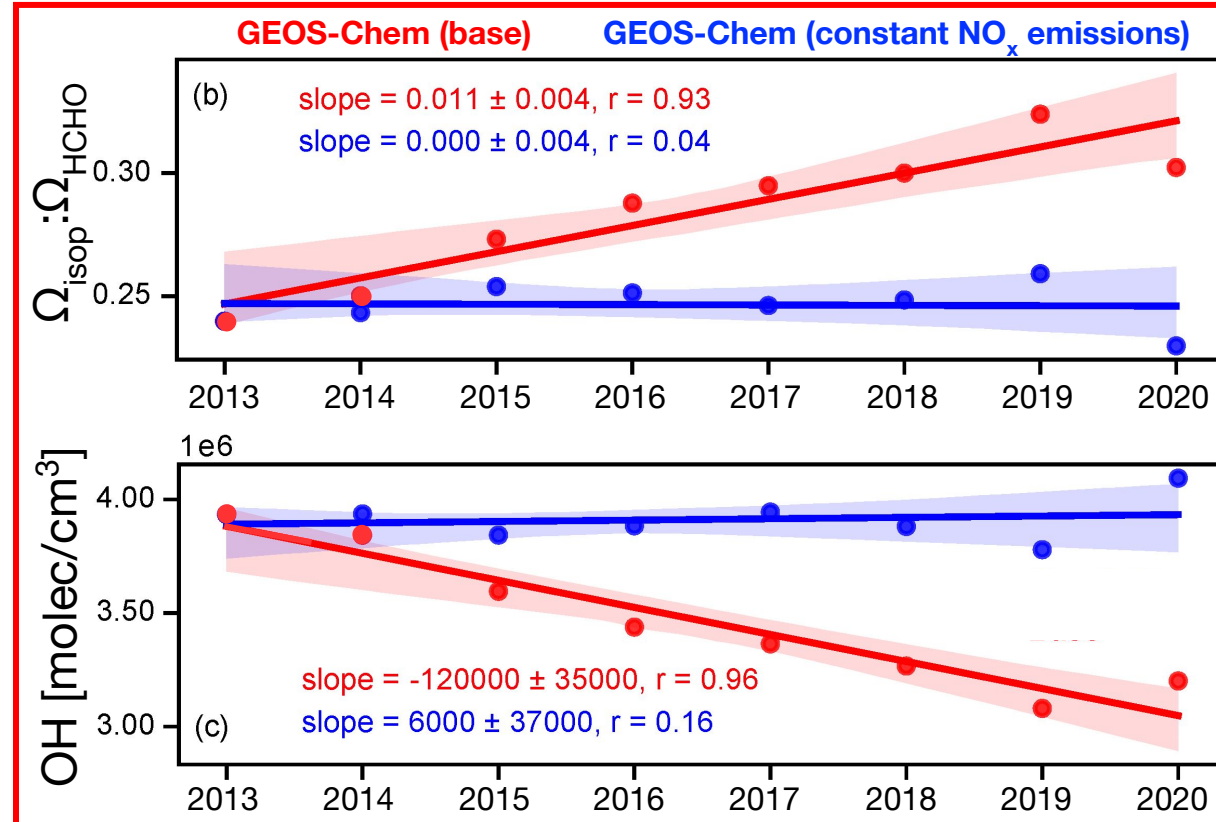
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Model OH trend driven by decreasing anthropogenic NO_x source

Total OH decline: 8×10^5 molecules cm⁻³ (21% of summer daytime peak)

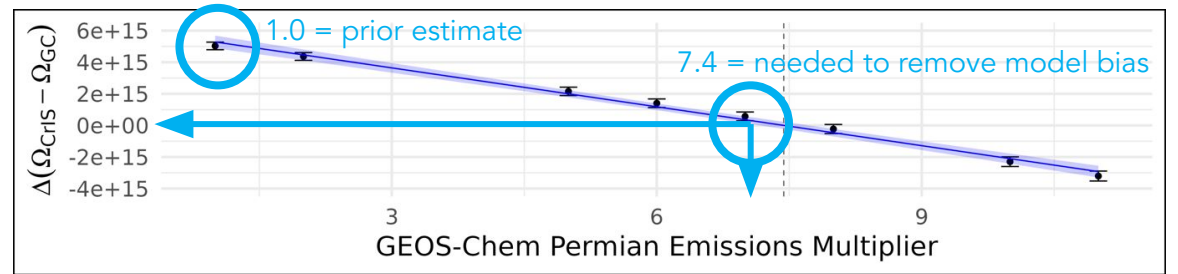
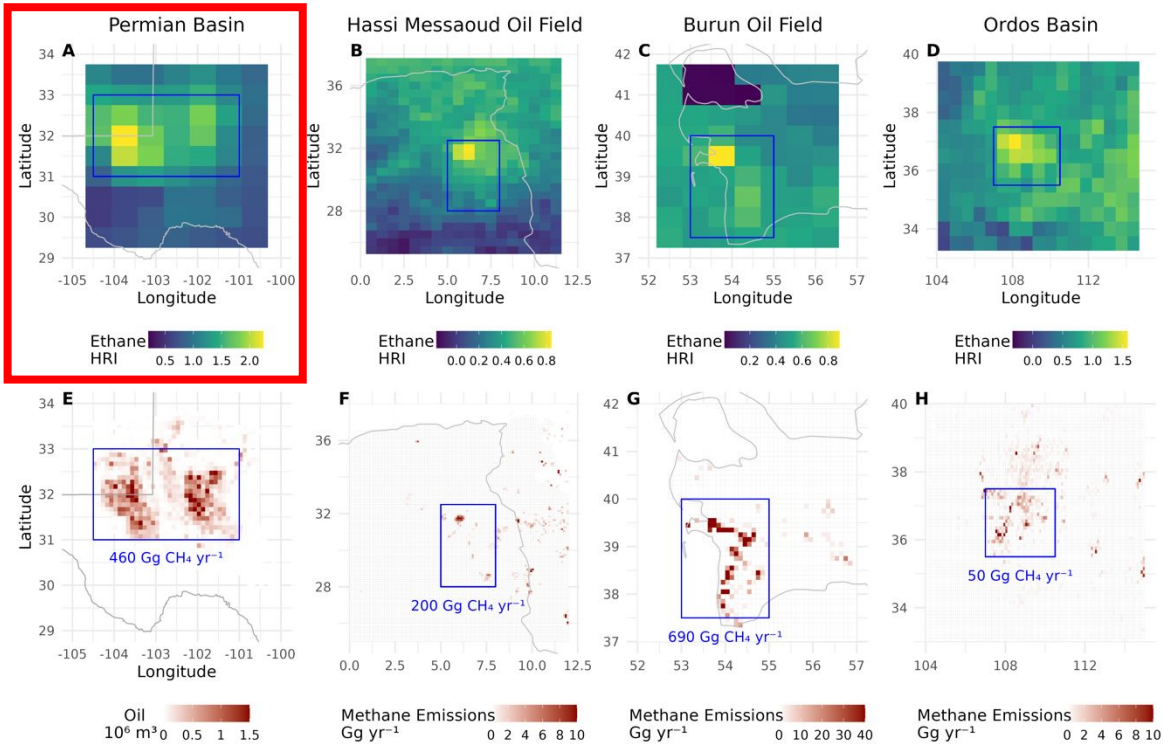
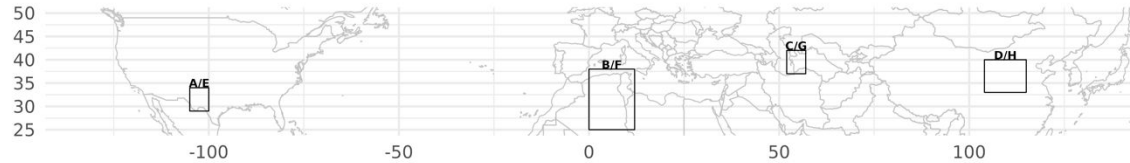
OH decrease diagnosed from space

Linked to changes in regional O₃, NO_x, SO₂, SOA
 [Simon et al., 2015, Li et al., 2018; Blanchard 2016; Marais et al., 2017; Zheng et al. 2020; Boris et al., 2021]

Shifting chemical climatology of SE US

Space-based observations of tropospheric ethane map fossil fuel emissions

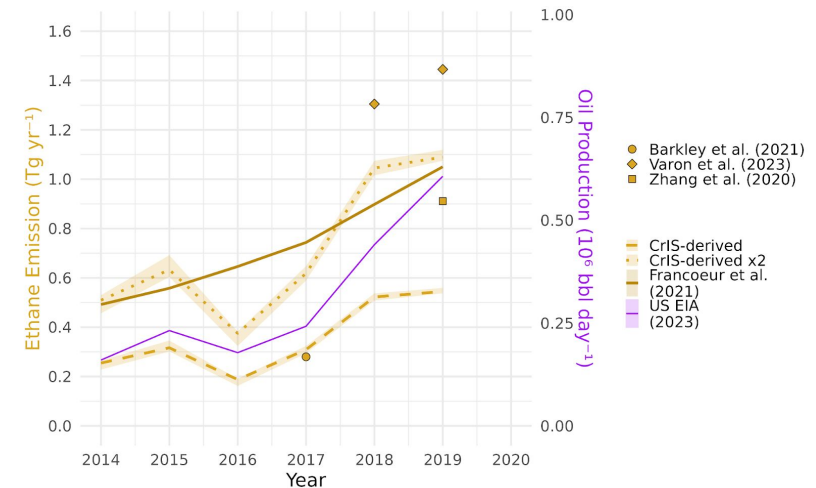
[Brewer et al., in revision]



Sensitivity simulations show that the basin-wide ethane flux predicted by GEOS-Chem needs to be scaled up 7× to match CrIS observations

Permian basin alone then accounts for at least 4-7% of total global fossil-fuel ethane source

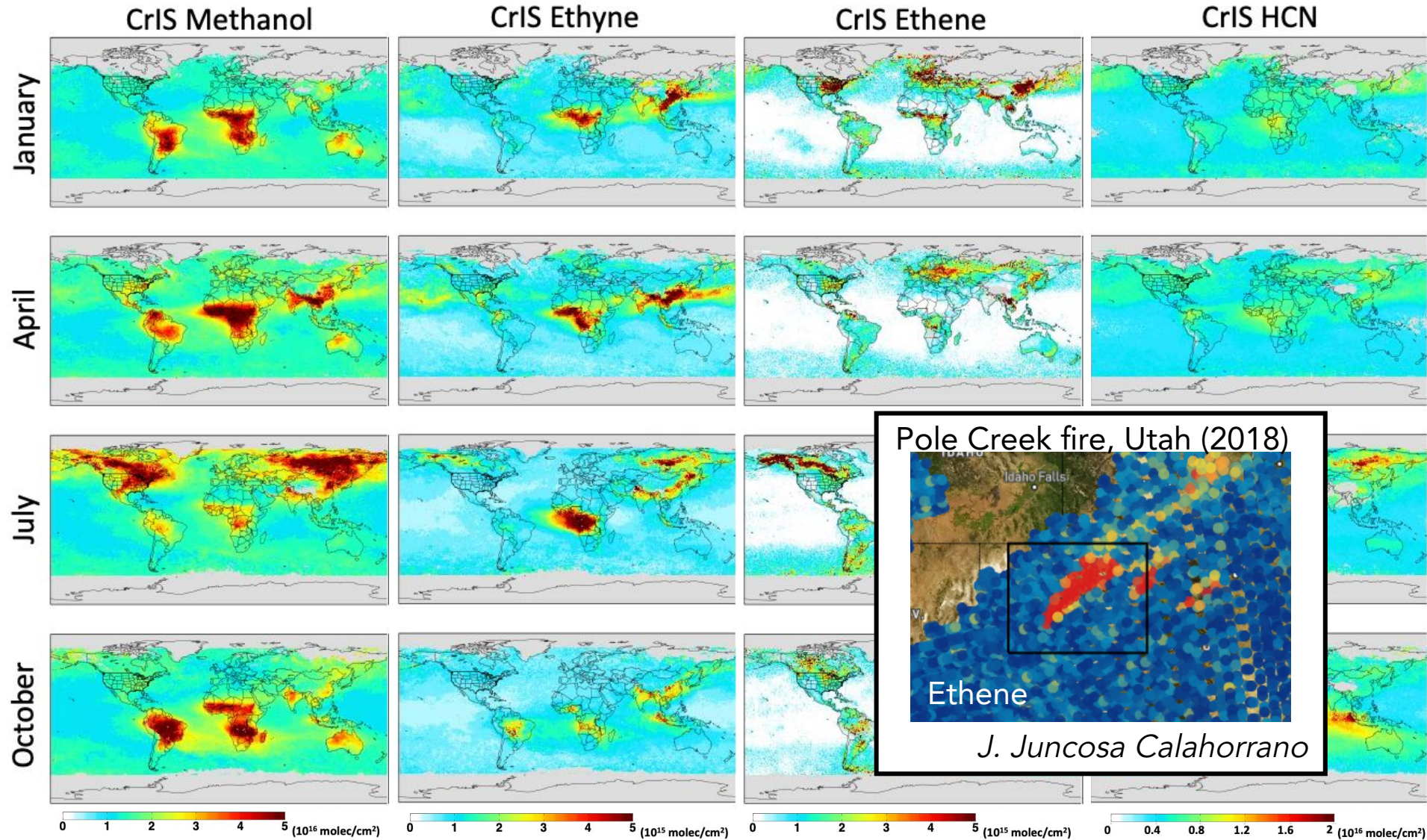
CrIS-derived emissions track oil/gas production rates and new FOG inventory



CrIS measurements show that the Permian fossil fuel production basin in Texas and New Mexico stands out globally with the largest persistent ethane enhancements on the planet

GXS observations would also enable measurements for a suite of other VOCs

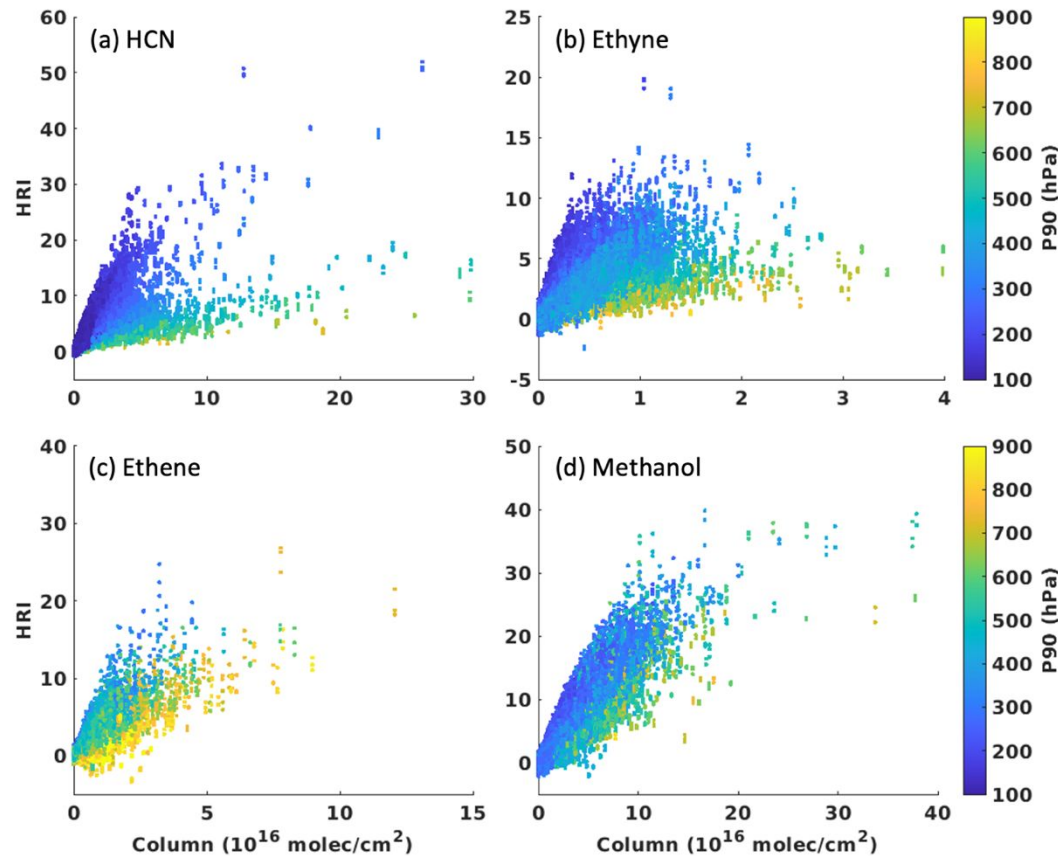
Tracers for understanding biogenic, pyrogenic, anthropogenic emissions and changes over time



Extra

Vertical sensitivity of TIR measurement

[Wells et al., *to be submitted*, 2024]



ANN training sets used in the ROCRv2 VOC retrievals, illustrating the HRI-column relationship and the vertical dependence of detection sensitivity. Data are plotted for (a) HCN, (b) ethyne, (c) ethene, and (d) methanol, and are shaded by P₉₀, the atmospheric pressure below which 90% of the VOC column resides.

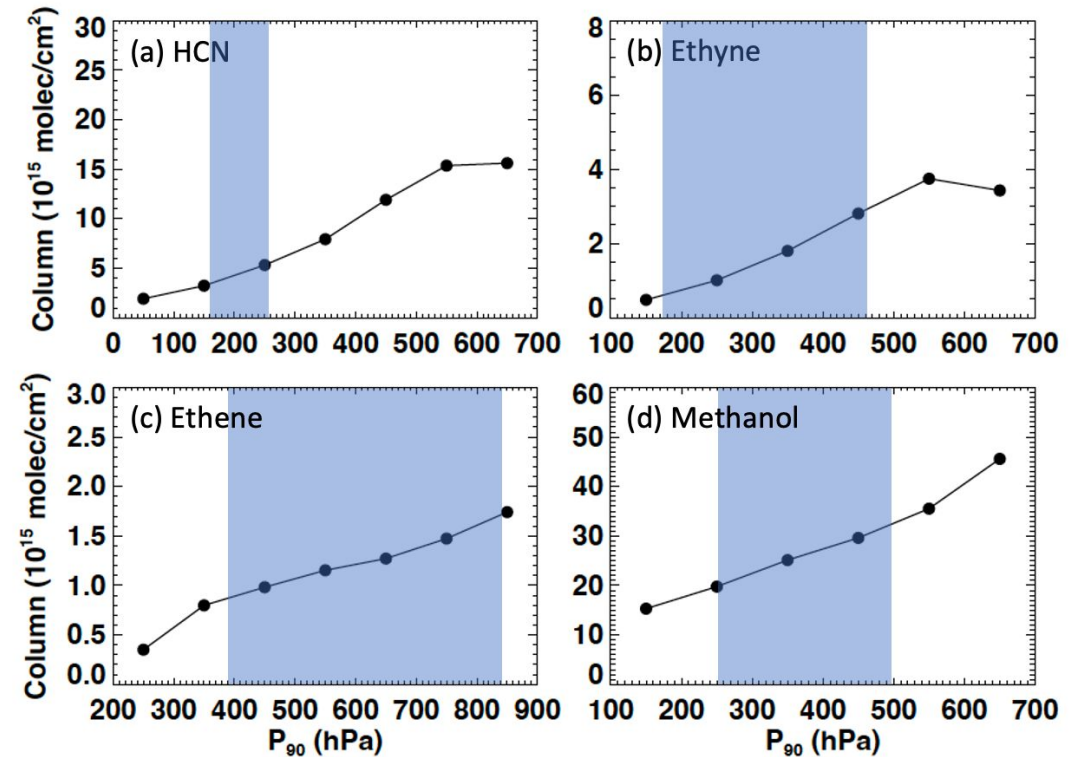
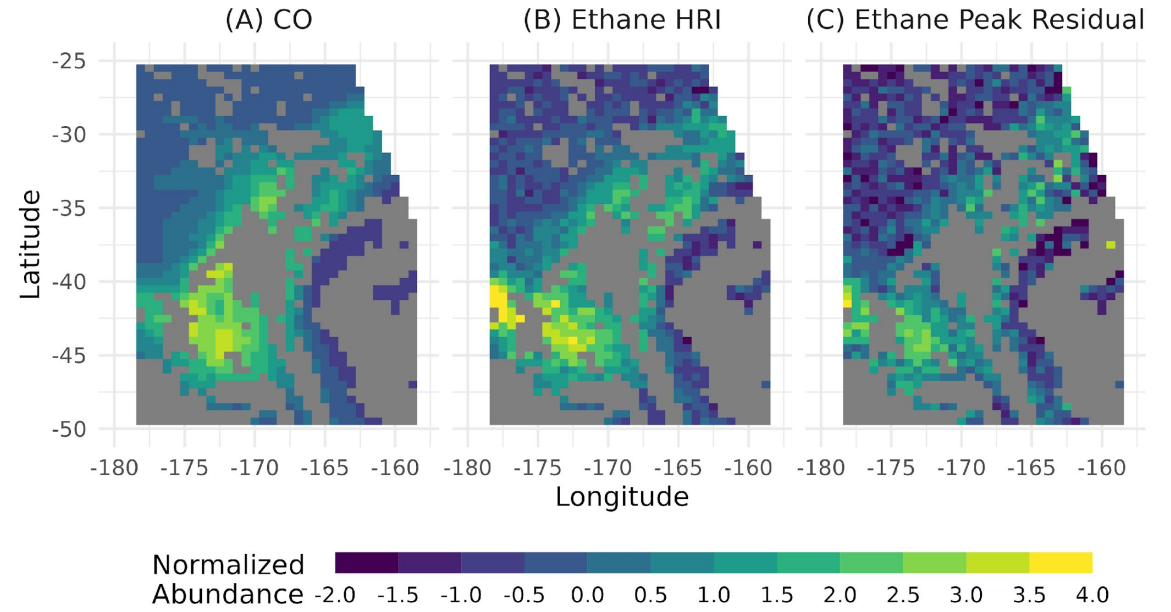
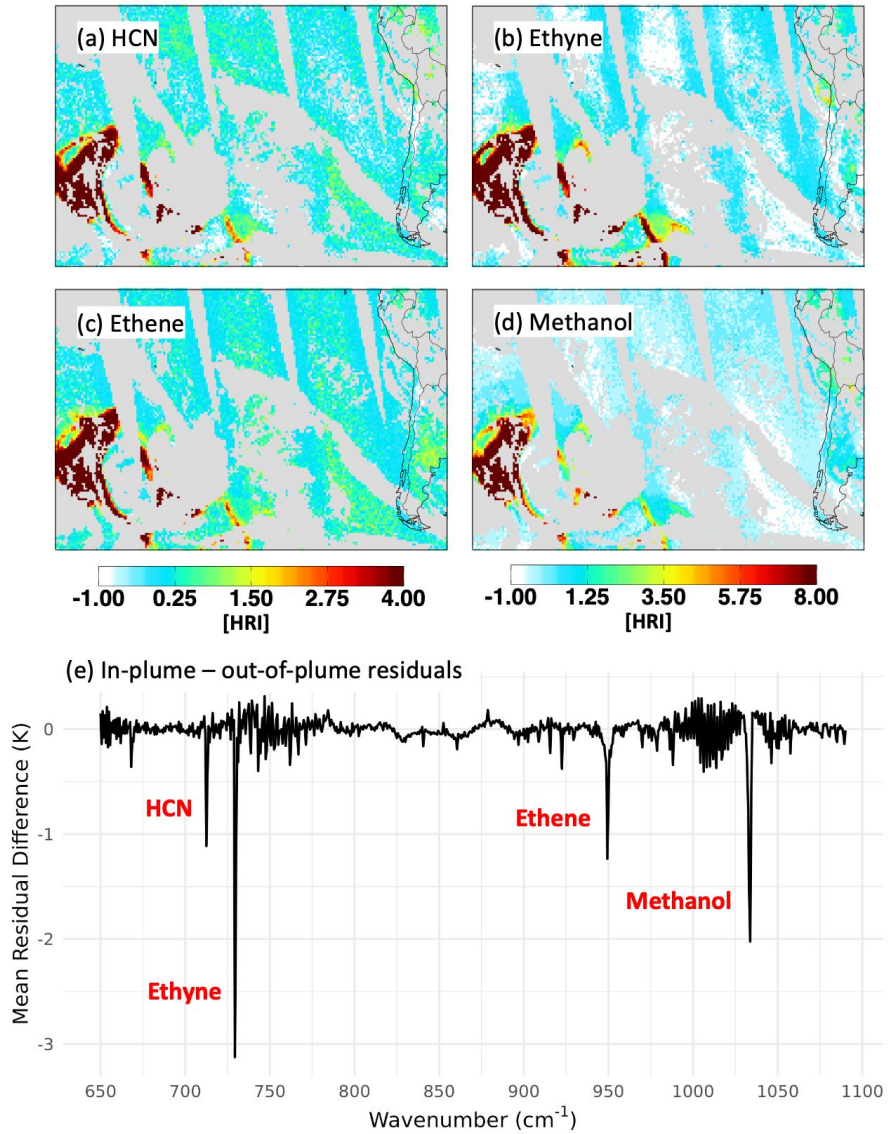


Illustration of CrIS retrieval sensitivity to VOC vertical profile assumptions. Shown are the CrIS-retrieved column enhancements for October 2019 over Amazonia (mapped in Fig. S3) as derived using each of the globally-fixed P₉₀ values employed in the ROCRv2 ANN. Shading indicates the range in P₉₀ values encountered over this region based on GEOS-Chem predictions for each species.

VOC spectral signals seen from space by CrIS



Spectral detection of ethane in CrIS radiances. Plotted are (a) CrIS CO Columns⁴³, (b) ethane HRIs, and (c) ethane brightness temperature differences for a fire plume over the South Pacific on January 2, 2020. All quantities are normalized to their largest value and screened for clouds using the 900 cm⁻¹ brightness/surface-skin temperature difference²⁸. Ethane HRIs and brightness temperature differences are computed as described in-text.