

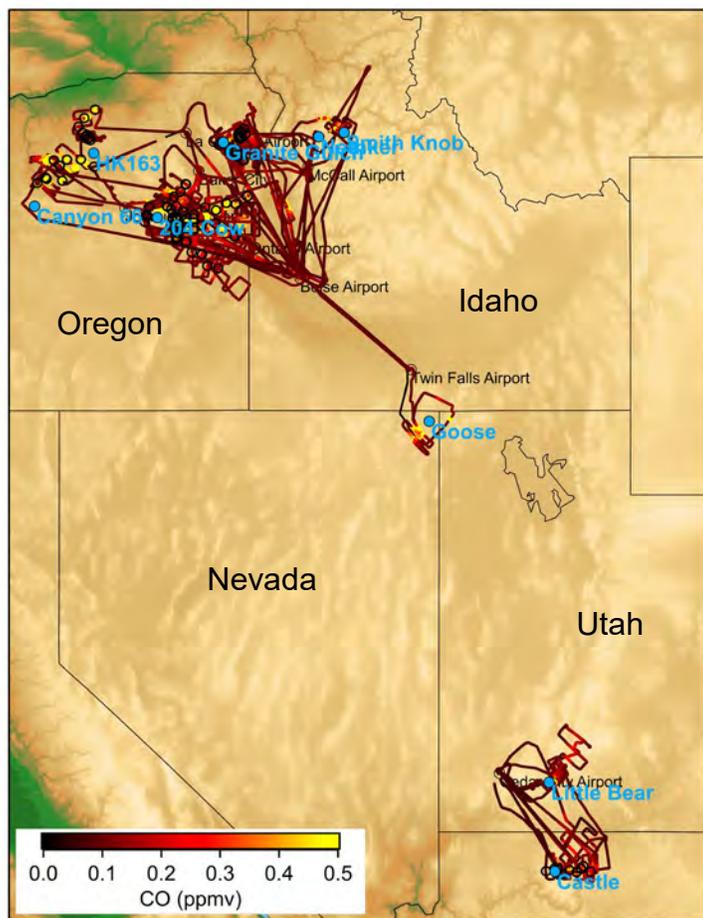


# FIREX-AQ Chem Otter Science Meeting



## Agenda:

1. Updates and logistics
2. Comparison of three plume age methods
3. Science summaries



# Data and flight information

## Flight summary:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1puikxaDmMgNoscQ\\_-l1vTQKAr1jNtZUYtiOtpqJTifU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1puikxaDmMgNoscQ_-l1vTQKAr1jNtZUYtiOtpqJTifU/edit?usp=sharing)

| Flight Num | Flight Leg  | Start Time (UTC)    | Stop Time (UTC)     | Duration | Time of Day | Start Airport        | Start Code | Stop Airport        | Stop Code | Fire Name      | Fuel Type  | Flight Scientist | Instrument Scientist | Other Details             |
|------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1          | 20190729    | 07/29/2019 17:20:00 | 07/29/2019 19:25:00 | 2:05:00  | Afternoon   | Rocky Mountain Metro | BJC        | Rocky Mountain Metr | BJC       | Small ag fire  | Grass fire | Mike Robinson    | Ale Franchin         |                           |
| 2          | 20190803    | 08/03/2019 22:08:00 | 08/04/2019 00:28:00 | 2:20:00  | Afternoon   | Boise Airport        | BOI        | Boise Airport       | BOI       | None           | N/A        | Mike Robinson    | Rebecca Washenfelde  | Calibration of met probes |
| 3          | 20190805_L1 | 08/05/2019 21:49:00 | 08/05/2019 22:33:00 | 0:44:00  | Afternoon   | Boise Airport        | BOI        | Twin Falls Airport  | TWF       | None (Transit) | N/A        | Ale Franchin     | Geoff Tyndall        |                           |
| 4          | 20190805_L2 | 08/05/2019 23:43:00 | 08/06/2019 01:44:00 | 2:01:00  | Afternoon   | Twin Falls Airport   | TWF        | Twin Falls Airport  | TWF       | Goose          |            | Ale Franchin     | Geoff Tyndall        |                           |
| 5          | 20190805_L3 | 08/06/2019 02:37:00 | 08/06/2019 03:22:00 | 0:45:00  | Sunset      | Twin Falls Airport   | TWF        | Boise Airport       | BOI       | None (Transit) | N/A        | Ale Franchin     | Geoff Tyndall        |                           |

## R0 data for all instruments:

<https://esrl.noaa.gov/csd/groups/csd7/measurements/2019firex-aq/TwinOtter/DataDownload/>

Username: firexaq; Password: sm0k3y!

## Fire characteristics by Amber Soja and Emily Gargulinski:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1\\_Jfc3GP9taF8lvP82VHplX1lgsUvvQV7P9CTxrJNRV8/edit#gid=971771572](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_Jfc3GP9taF8lvP82VHplX1lgsUvvQV7P9CTxrJNRV8/edit#gid=971771572)

## Spreadsheet for planned manuscripts:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YpAdNyDaXEe\\_QeKSimau5-vHDAAtV4UVhxLF0TLhYEPQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YpAdNyDaXEe_QeKSimau5-vHDAAtV4UVhxLF0TLhYEPQ/edit?usp=sharing)

# Available soon: Metadata for each plume transect

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Metadata is organized as an ICARTT file with one row per plume transect. Available very soon!

| Category                          | Metadata   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Transect time                     | Transect_Start_Time, Transect_Stop_Time, Transect_Start_Row, Transect_Stop_Row   |
| Flight information                | Transect_Flight_Name, Transect_Flight_Leg, Transect_Plume_Number, Transect_Type  |
| Aircraft location and altitude    | Transect_Lat_Midpoint, Transect_Lon_Midpoint, Transect_Alt_Avg, Transect_Alt_Range   |
| Wind speed and direction          | Transect_WindSpd_Avg, Transect_WindDir_Avg   |
| Reanalysis plume age              | Transect_Reanalysis_Plume_Age, Transect_Reanalysis_Plume_Age_Unc   |
| Average CO and CO <sub>2</sub>    | Transect_CO_Avg, Transect_CO2_Avg  |
| Fire information                  | Fire_ID, Fire_Lat, Fire_Lon, Fire_Type   |
| Background times                  | Background1_Start_Time, Background1_Stop_Time, Background2_Start_Time, Background2_Stop_Time, Background1_Start_Row, Background1_Stop_Row, Background2_Start_Row |
| Background CO and CO <sub>2</sub> | Background1_CO_Avg, Background1_CO2_Avg, Background2_CO_Avg, Background2_CO2_Avg   |
| MCE                               | MCE_by_Integration, MCE_by_ODR, MCE_by_ODR_r2  |

Thanks to Chris Holmes for reanalysis plume ages, Zach Decker for checking the transect times, and Kat Ball for making the ICARTT file.



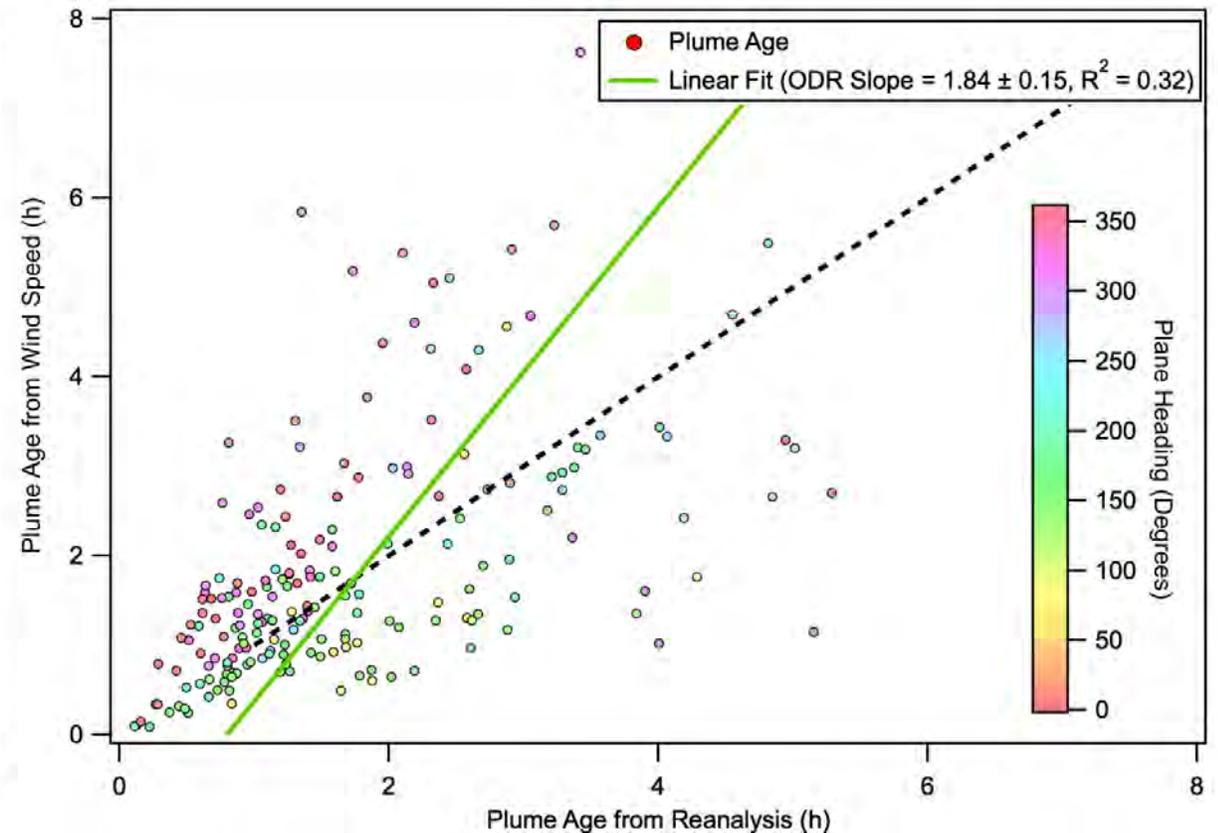
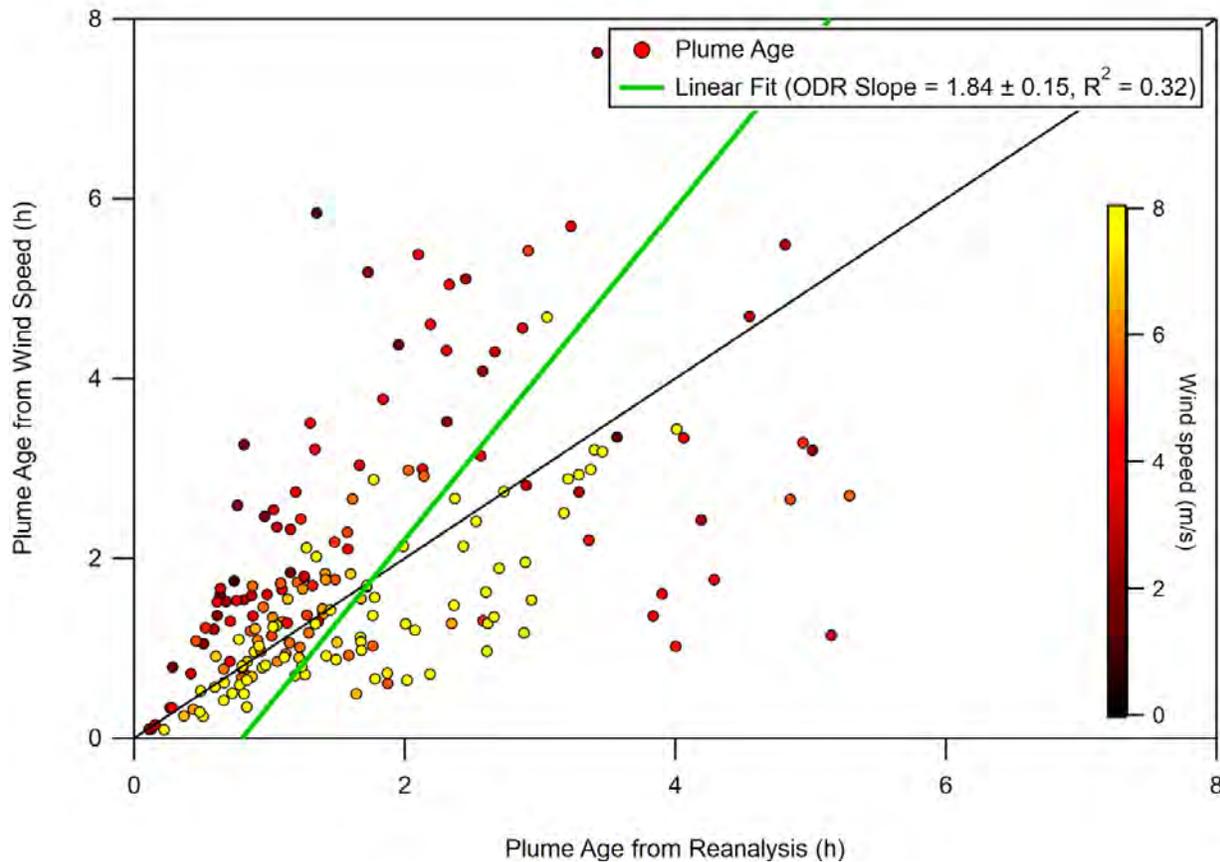
# Comparison of Three Methods to Represent Plume Age:

- 1) Physical age from wind speed and direction
- 2) Physical age from back trajectory analysis
- 3) Chemical age from “chemical clocks”

Katherine Ball, Rebecca Washenfelder

July 13, 2020

# Physical age of smoke plumes



- The measured wind speed varied with aircraft heading during the second half of the field campaign
- Reanalysis plume ages should be used. They have been calculated by Chris Holmes and will be available soon

# Chemical Age of Smoke Plumes

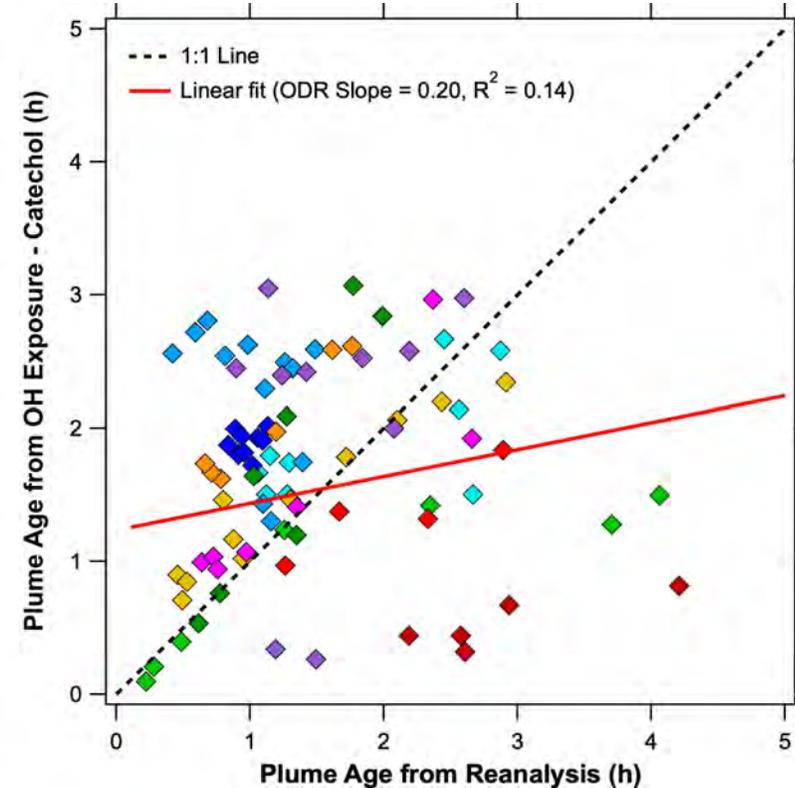
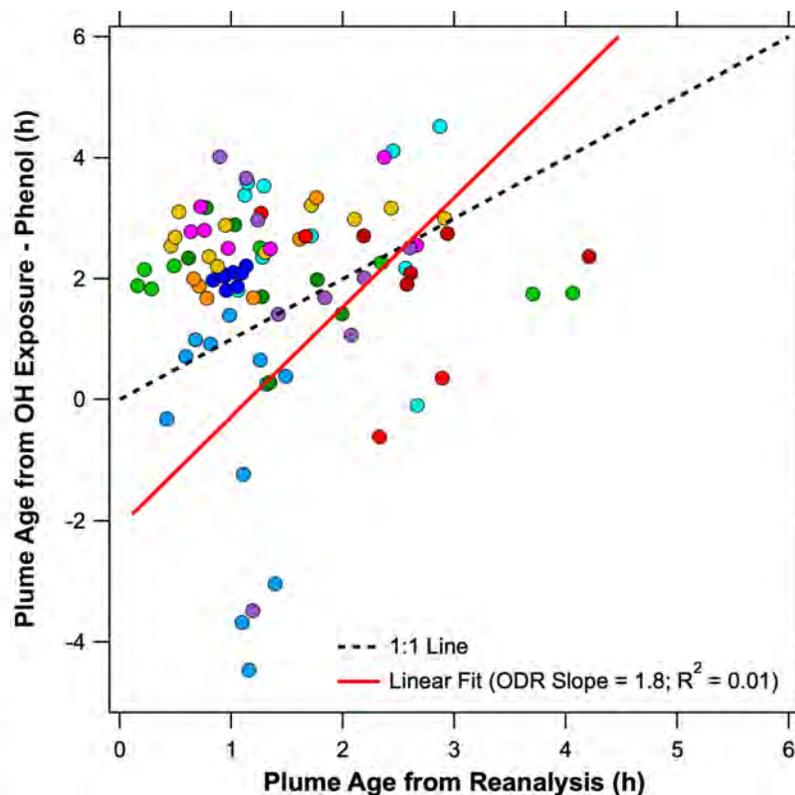
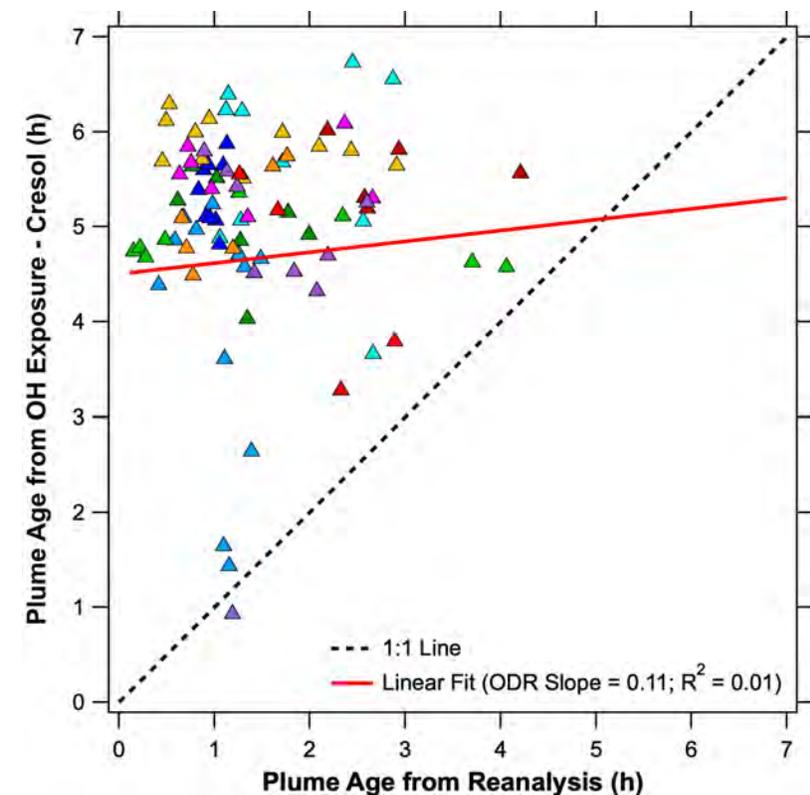
- Plume ages calculated based on VOC exposure to OH and NO<sub>3</sub> radicals (Eqn. 1 based on Roberts et al., 1984)

$$x \text{ Exposure} = \frac{\ln(\text{VOC}/\text{CO})_{\text{aged}} - \ln(\text{VOC}/\text{CO})_{\text{fresh}}}{k_{x-\text{CO}} - k_{x-\text{VOC}}} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

- $x$  denotes oxidant species (either OH or NO<sub>3</sub>)
- $\ln(\text{VOC}/\text{CO})_{\text{fresh}}$  values from Koss et al., 2018 ACP
  - Ratios determined from FireLab experiments
  - Multiplied by 1.5 to account to difference in burning efficiency between field measurements and laboratory experiments
- $k_{x-\text{VOC}}$  values from Coggon et al., 2018 ACP supplemental material
- $k_{\text{OH}-\text{CO}}$  estimated as 1.5e-13 cm<sup>3</sup> molec<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> from NIST chemical reference
- $k_{\text{NO}_3-\text{CO}}$  estimated as 4E-19 cm<sup>3</sup> molec<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> from NASA JPL Publication No. 15-10
- Calculations performed on flights with A or A/B rating

# Three daytime chemical clocks from I-CIMS

- |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ● 20190809_L2 | ● 20190816_L2 | ● 20190817_L1 |
| ● 20190821_L2 | ● 20190824_L2 | ● 20190825_L2 |
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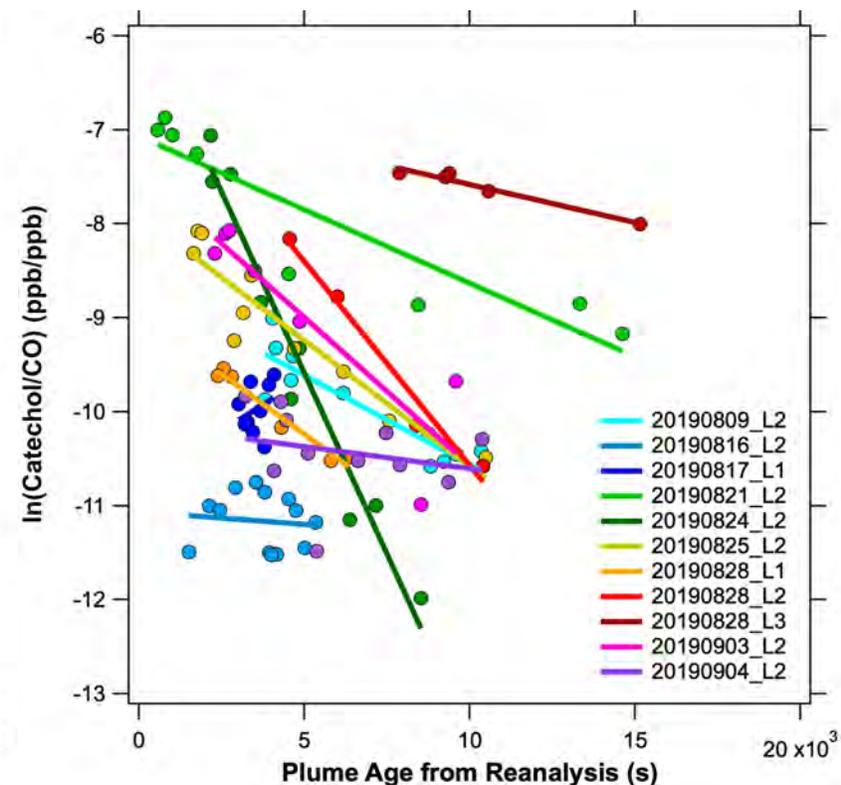
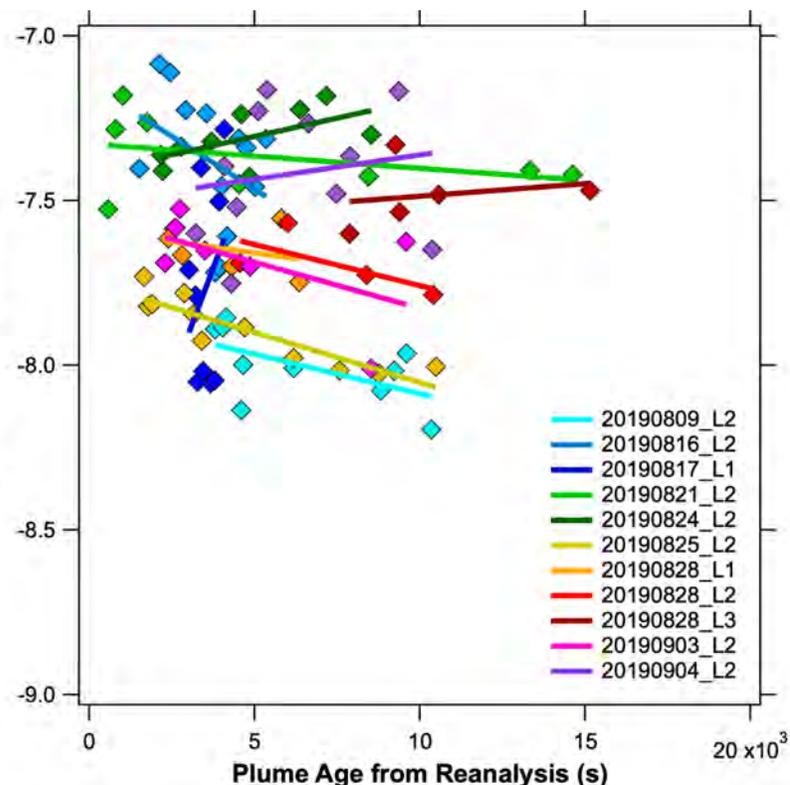
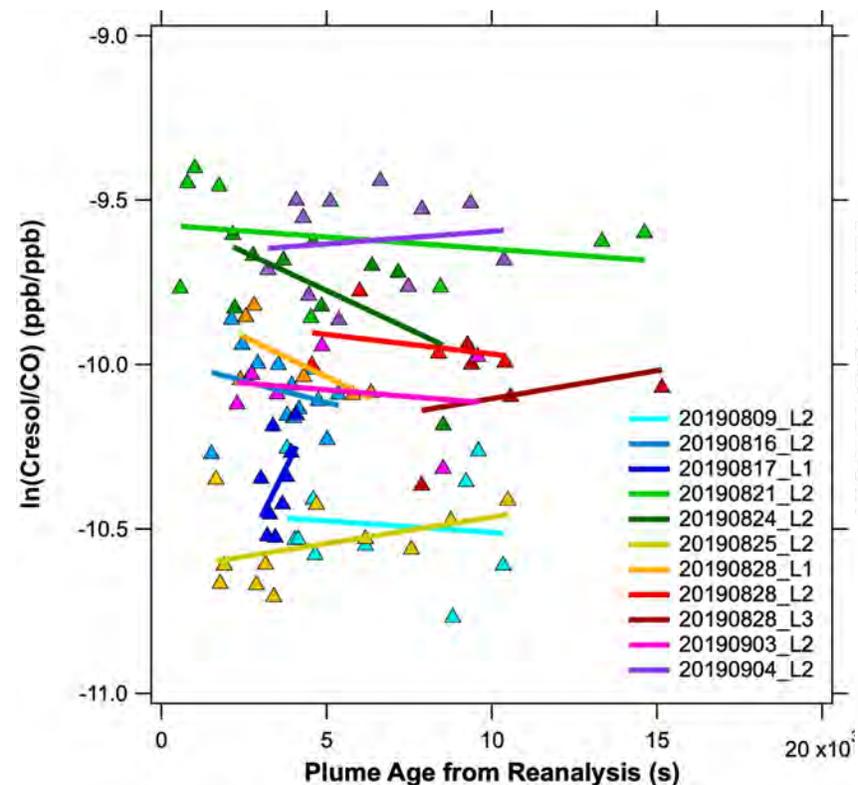


- Catechol OH exposure clock has best correlation with reanalysis plume age out of three VOC species
- Unexpected due to significance of secondary formation of catechol from OH + phenol

# Cresol, Phenol, and Catechol Clocks (OH Exposure)

Linearized form of Eqn. 1:

$$\ln\left(\frac{VOC}{CO}\right)_{aged} = [OH](k_{OH-CO} - k_{OH-VOC}) \times PlumeAge + \ln\left(\frac{VOC}{CO}\right)_{fresh}$$



➤ Avg [OH] derived from Catechol OH exposure clock has best correlation with literature [OH] concentration  
 Ratio (Avg/Lit  $R^2 > 0.2$ ) = 0.78



# Future Work



- Calculate chemical clocks from VOC cartridge measurements
  - Furan, 2-methylfuran, 2,5-dimethylfuran, and furfural
- Investigate correlation of various plume ages with BrC lifetime
- Adjust reanalysis plume ages with updates from Chris Holmes
  - Fire location origin based on fire start-point and will be updated with satellite observations
  - On days where individual fire was ambiguous, back trajectory will be performed on both possible fires
- Compare observations with modeled predictions

# Short summary presentations with analysis and plans

- **Topic of your analysis and likely coauthors**
- **Key results**
- **Remaining work**
- **Any missing information that you need from others?**

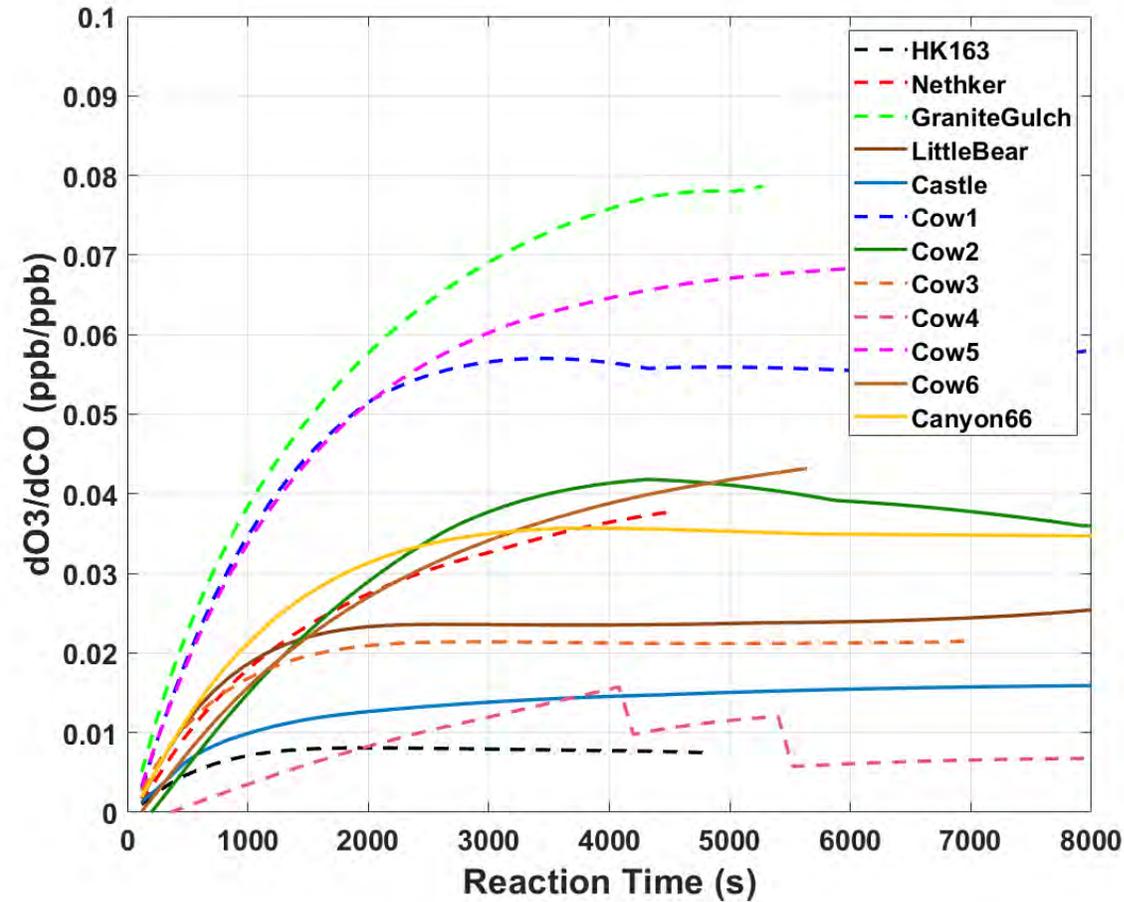
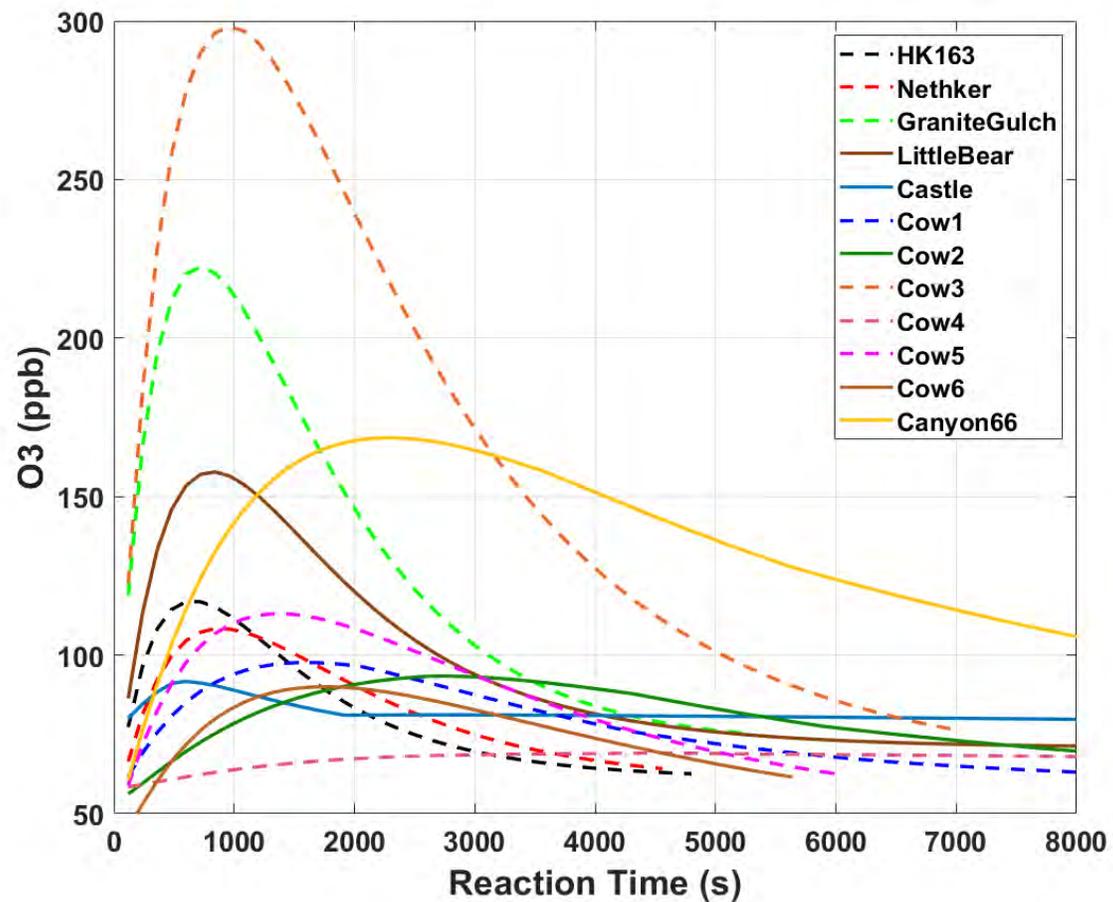
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|         | Carley Frederickson  | HONO enhancement ratios in daytime and nighttime wildfire plumes and their evolution in time  |
|         | Zach Decker          | Observations and box modeling of "nighttime" smoke as seen on the Chemistry Twin Otter and DC-8   |
| Aerosol | Rebecca Washenfelder | Brown carbon lifetimes in wildfire plumes   |
|         | Felipe Rivera-Adorno | Analysis of impaction samples   |
|         | Lisa Azzarello       | Characterization of smoke aerosols sampled in western USA using ion chromatography and size exclusion chromatography with ultraviolet–visible detection |
| Mod     | Megan Bela           | Emissions effects on prediction of air quality impacts from fires   |

Paul Van Rooy and Ale Franchin are also working on analyses.

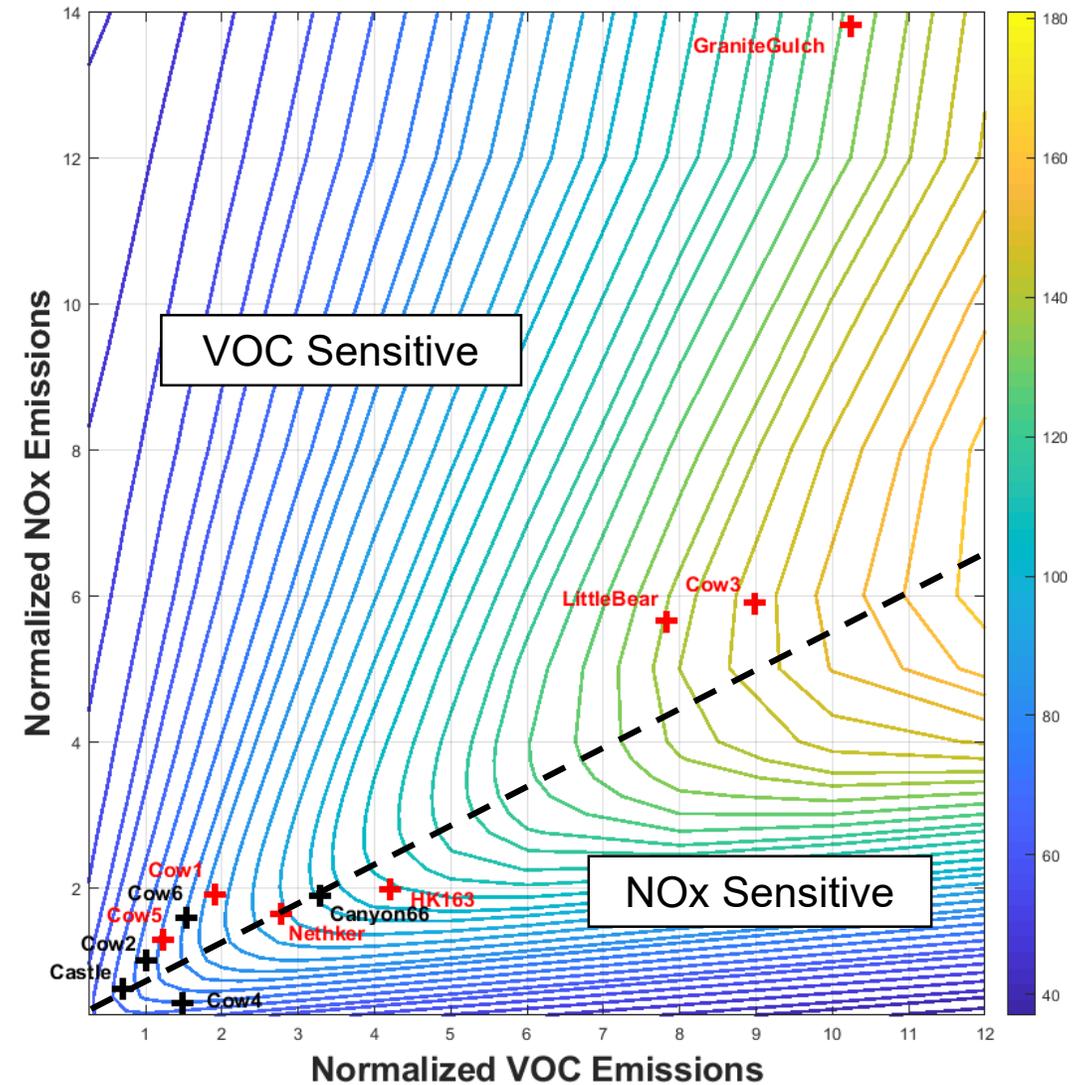
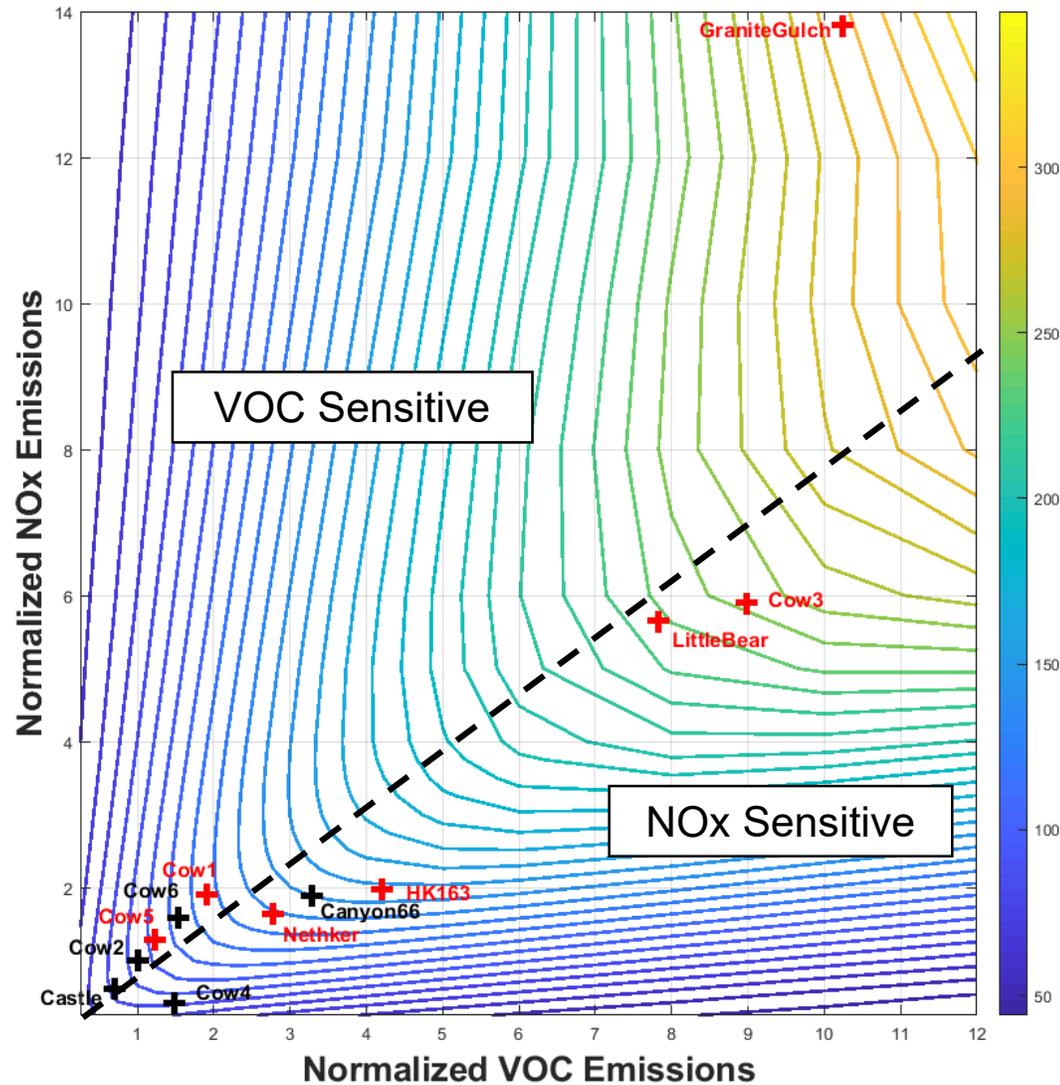
# Rapidly changing Ozone-NO<sub>x</sub>-VOC chemistry in western wildfire plumes: A comparison of afternoon and evening photochemistry

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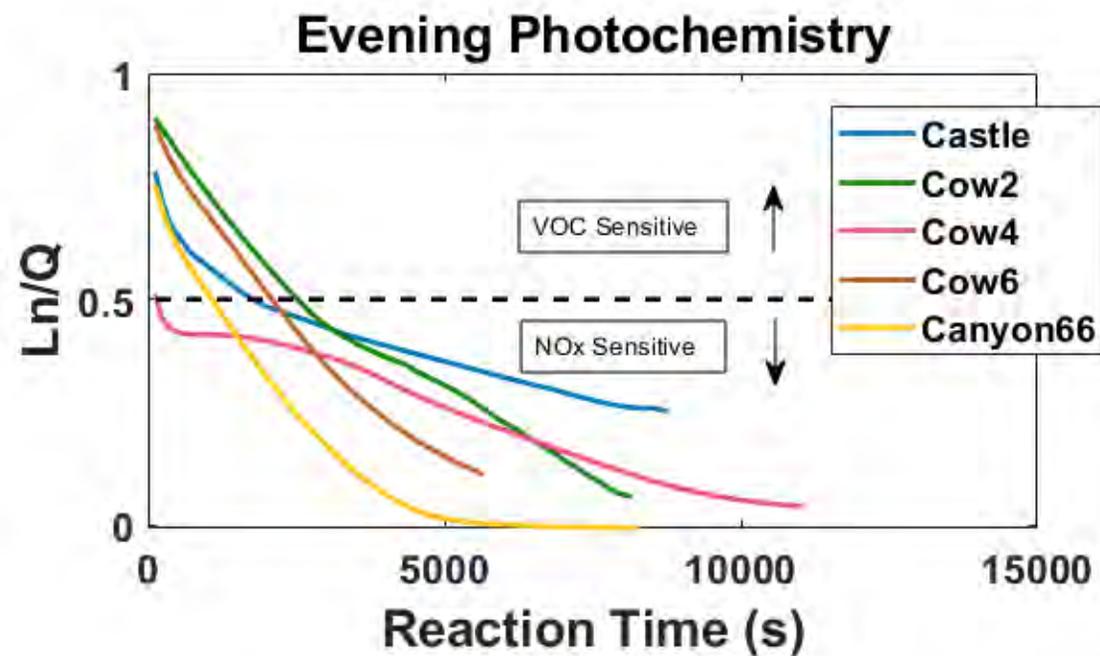
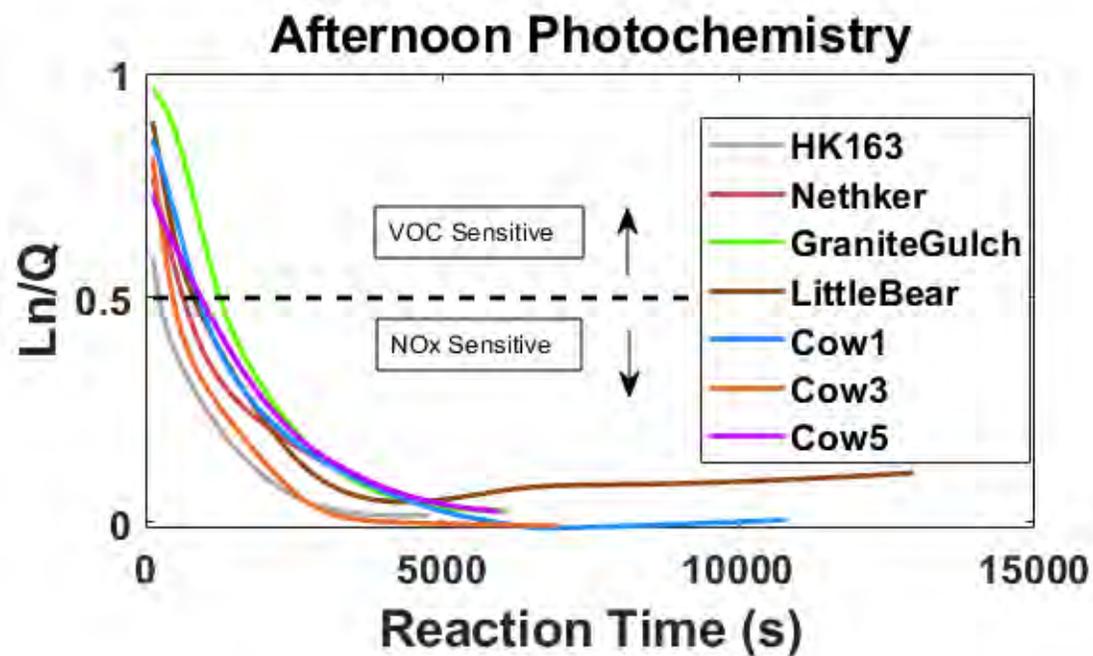
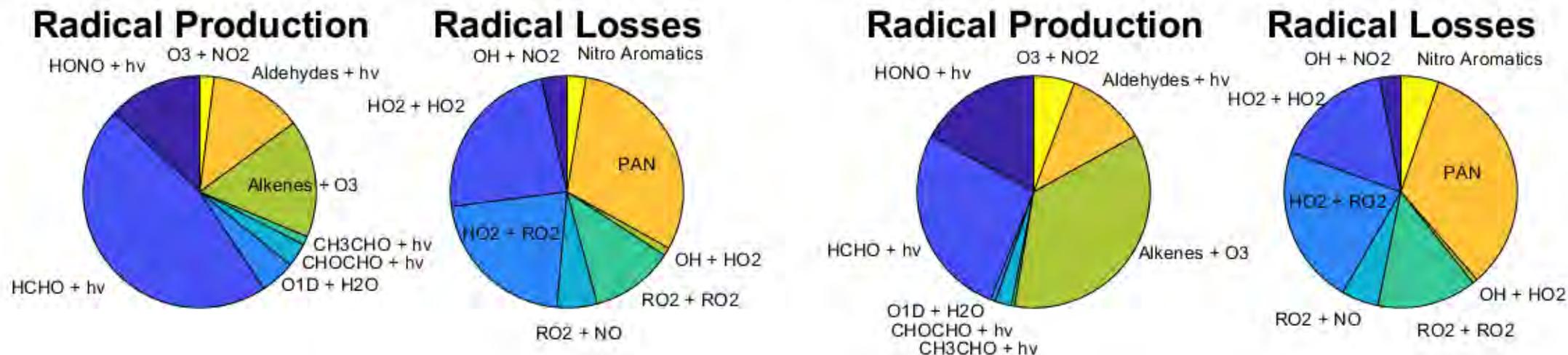
# Ozone photochemistry is fast.



# Ozone isopleth doesn't tell the full story



# Fast transition to NO<sub>x</sub> sensitive chemistry



# What's left to do?

- HONO sensitivity test
- Finish remaining model runs
  - Updated transport times
  - isopleth

# BBVOC profiles and evolution as seen on the Chem-Twin Otter and DC-8 by Positive Matrix Factorization analysis

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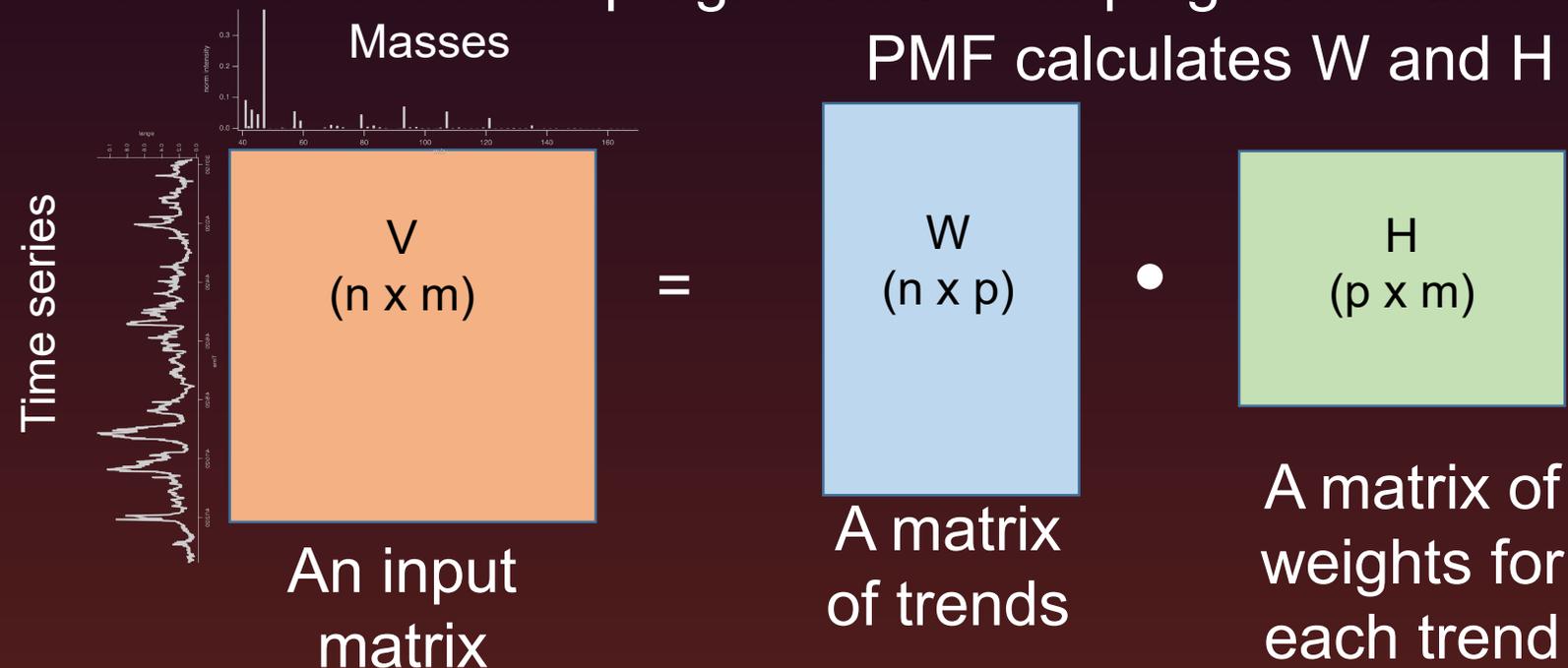
## DC-8 Collaborators

Georgios Gkatzelis, Matt Coggon, Carsten Warneke,  
Patrick Veres and Andy Neuman

# Can we find trends in BBVOC evolution from dark plumes?

## Positive Matrix Factorization (PMF) is the right tool

- We correlate the time series of ~1500 I- CIMS masses with CO
- Select the top correlations ( $r^2 > 0.2$ )  $\rightarrow$  ~150 masses (excluding reagent ions)
- Provide our PMF program with campaign wide time series for all 150 masses



PMF outputs “Factors” or groups of compounds that correlate in time

1. Ranked “tracers” for each factor
2. Factor time series

# Smoke Emitted After Sunset Reacts Slowly

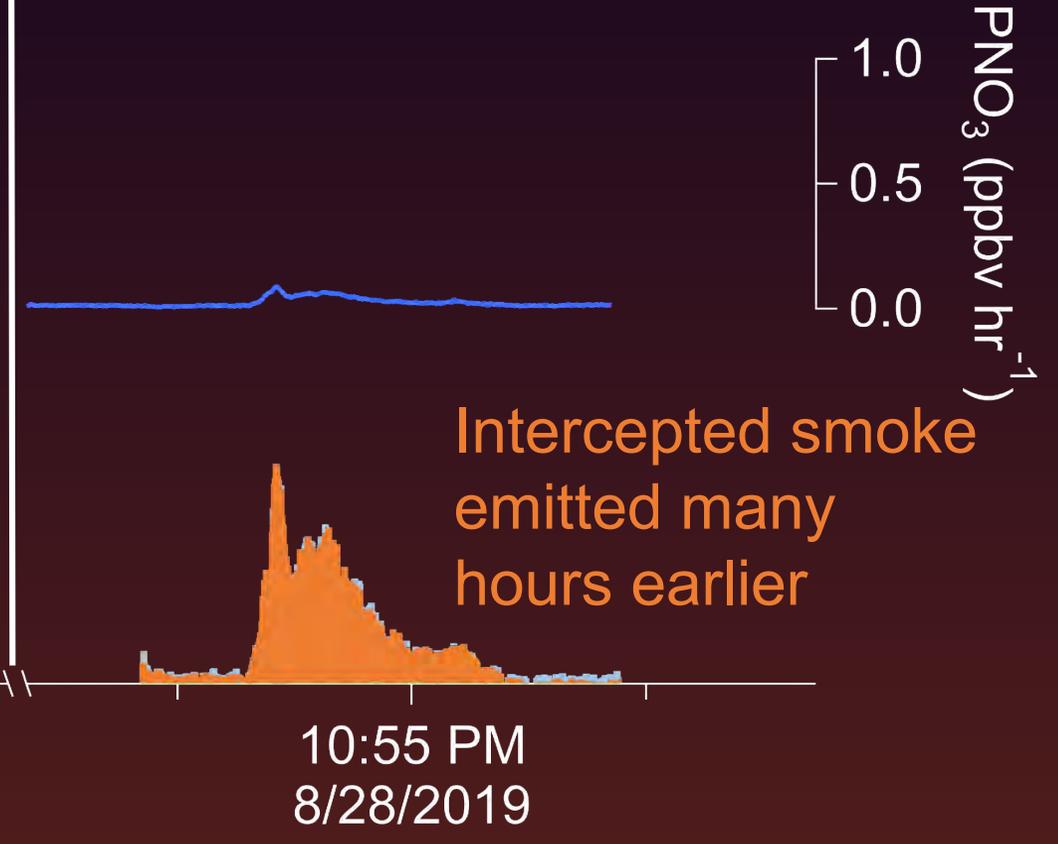
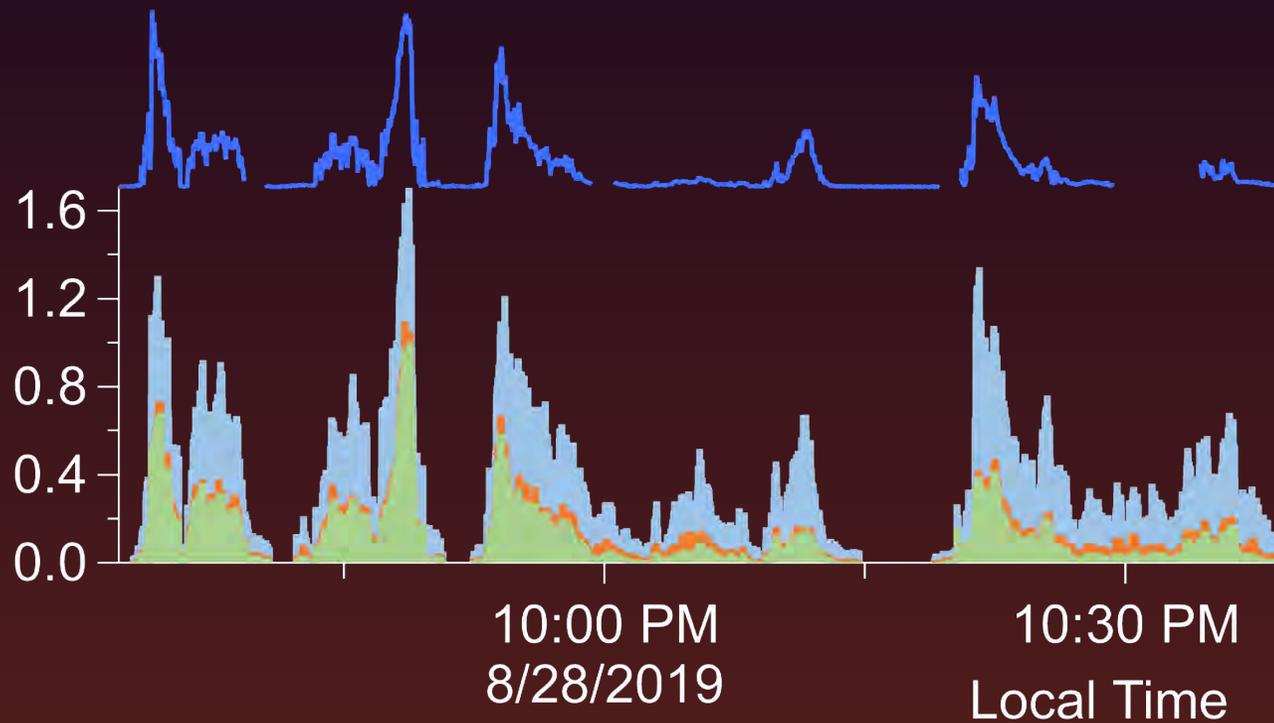
Returning to Boise

This smoke is likely 1-2 hours old

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> factors stick around  
3<sup>rd</sup> factor is mostly absent

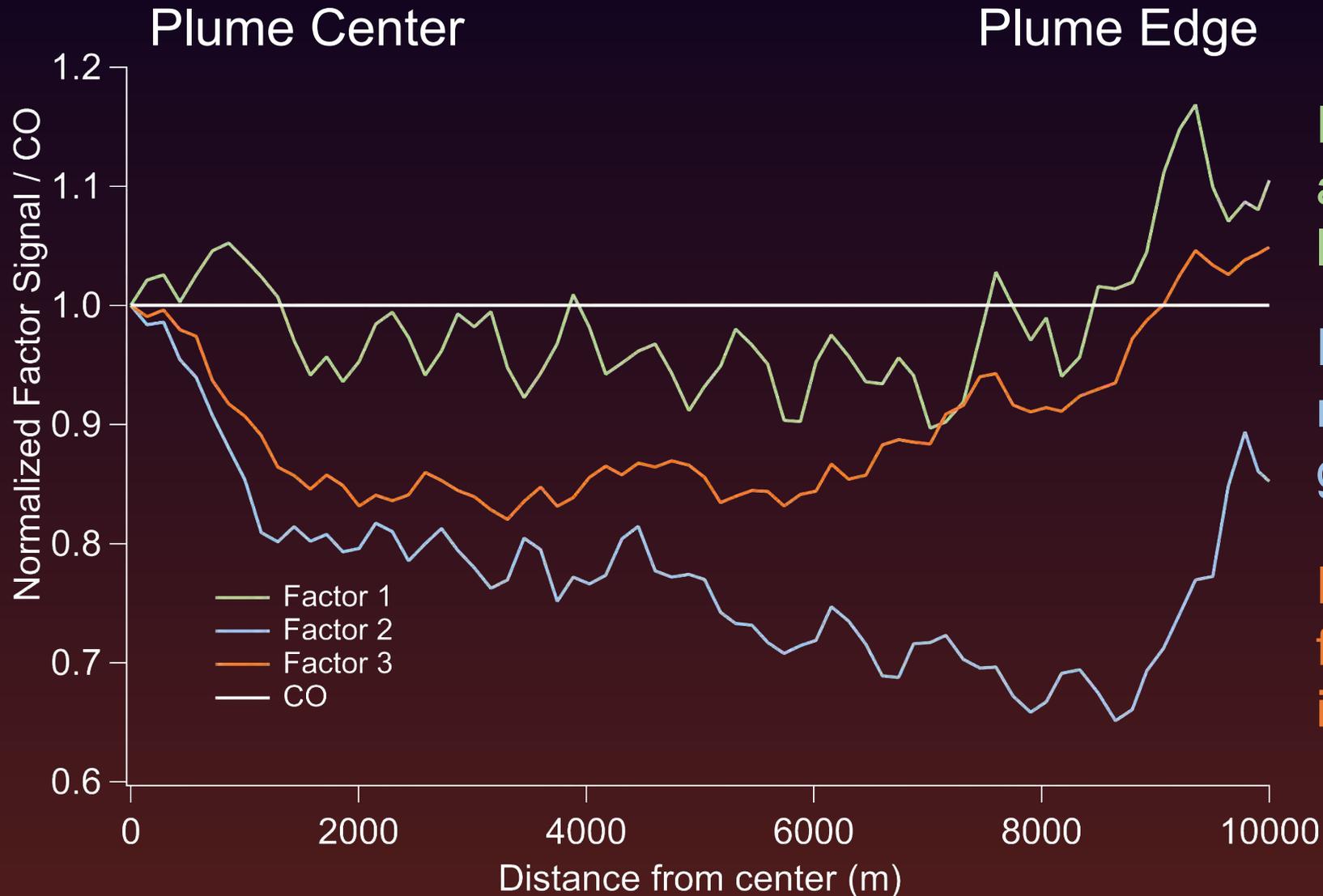


Arbitrary normalized signal



Intercepted smoke emitted many hours earlier

# What can we Learn About Center and Edge Effects?



Factor 1 reactivity doesn't appear to depend on location.\*

Factor 2 is skinny. The reactivity of these tracers is greatest near the edge.

Factor 3 is wide. The formation of these tracers is greatest at the edge.

\*May be due to a lack of Factor 1 signal in most plumes.

# To Do

- Understand how these factors relate to jNO<sub>2</sub>
- BrC correlation to these factors? – Coming soon.
- The DC-8 has lots of data too
  - PMF has been run with the NOAA CIMS dataset. Analysis is underway.

# Planned Analysis: HONO enhancement ratios in daytime and nighttime wildfire plumes and their evolution in time

Carley Fredrickson

Advisor: Joel Thornton

University of Washington

## Research Questions:

1. How much reactive nitrogen is emitted in wildfire plumes and what is the speciation of that emitted reactive nitrogen (HONO vs. NO<sub>x</sub>)?
2. How do the emissions and speciation of reactive nitrogen vary with fire characteristics?
3. What is the lifetime of HONO and NO<sub>x</sub> in wildfire plumes and what controls that lifetime?

# Observations and box modeling of "nighttime" smoke as seen on the Chemistry Twin Otter and DC-8

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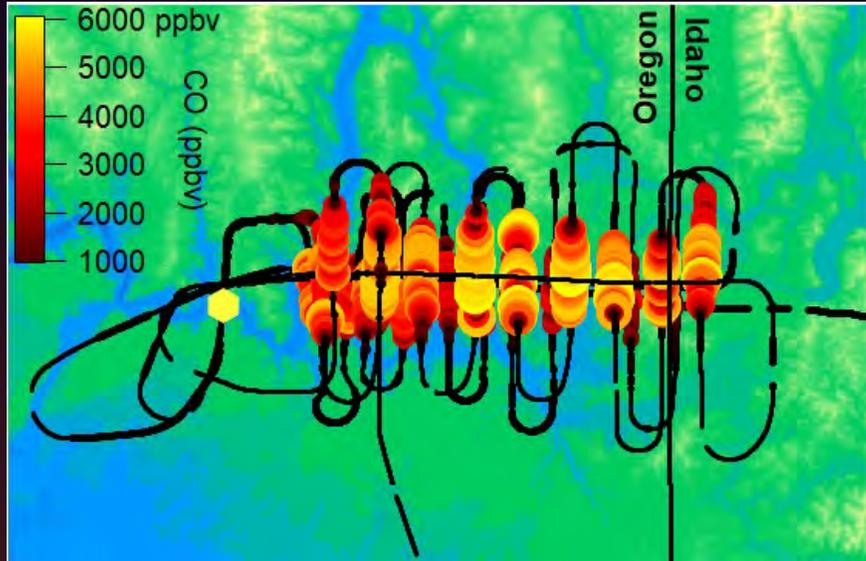
Barsanti...and all others

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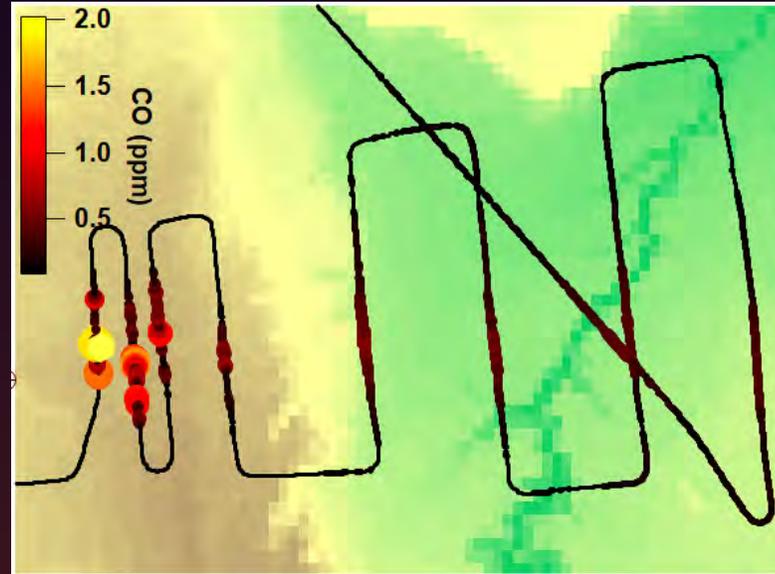
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# Focusing on four “dark” plumes

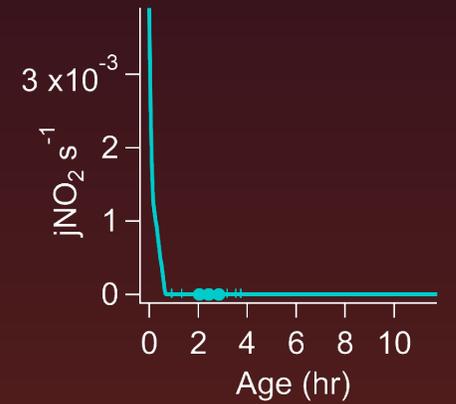
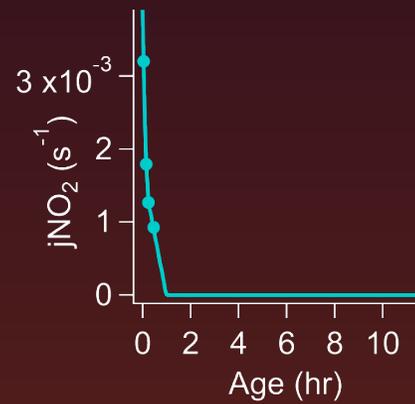
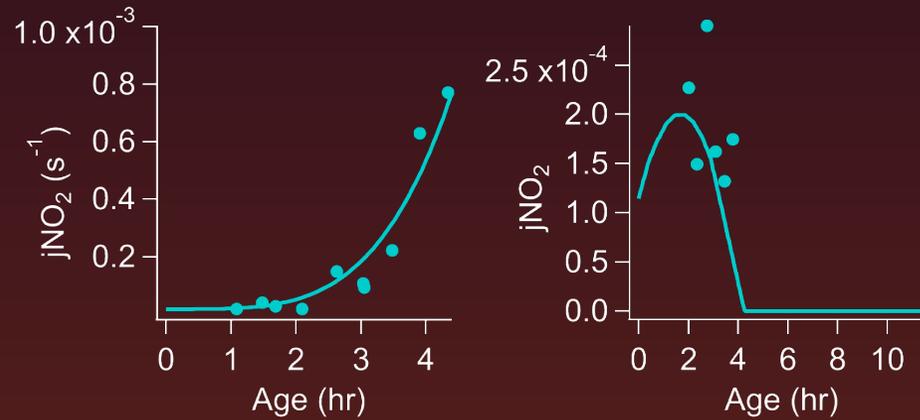
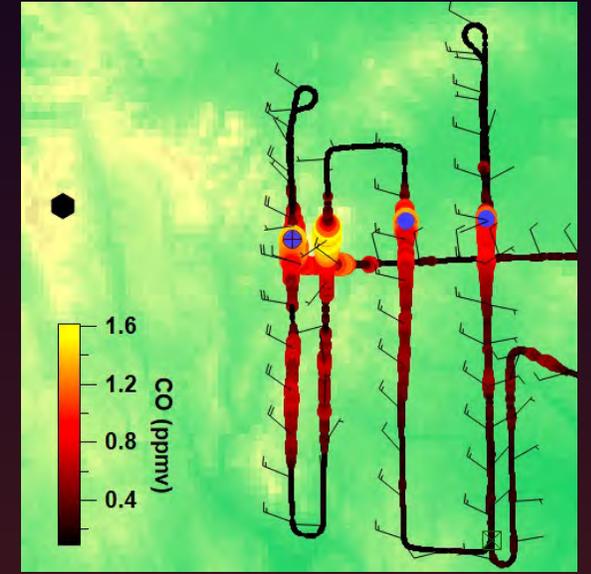
William Flats (DC-8)  
Aug 07 (mid-day and sunset)



Castle (C-TO)  
Aug 21 (Sunset)

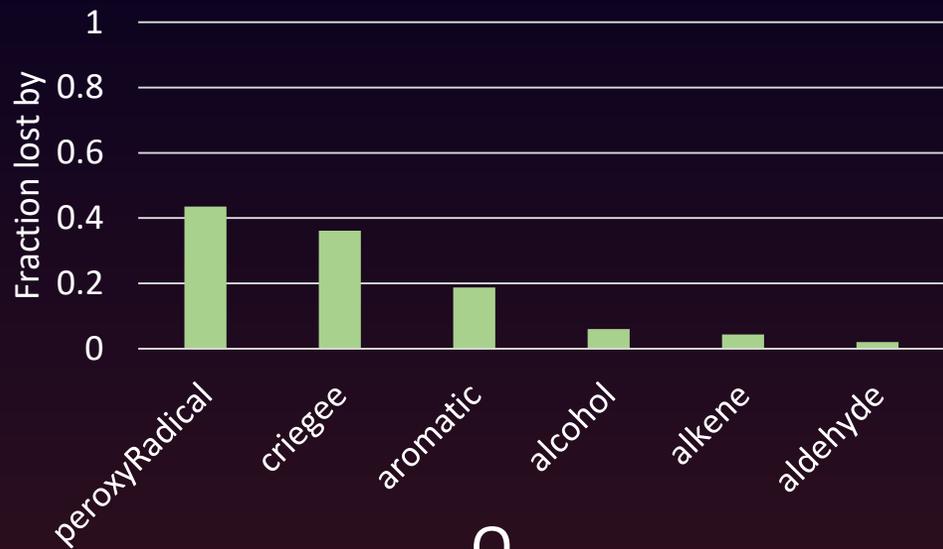


Cow (C-TO)  
Aug 28 (Night)

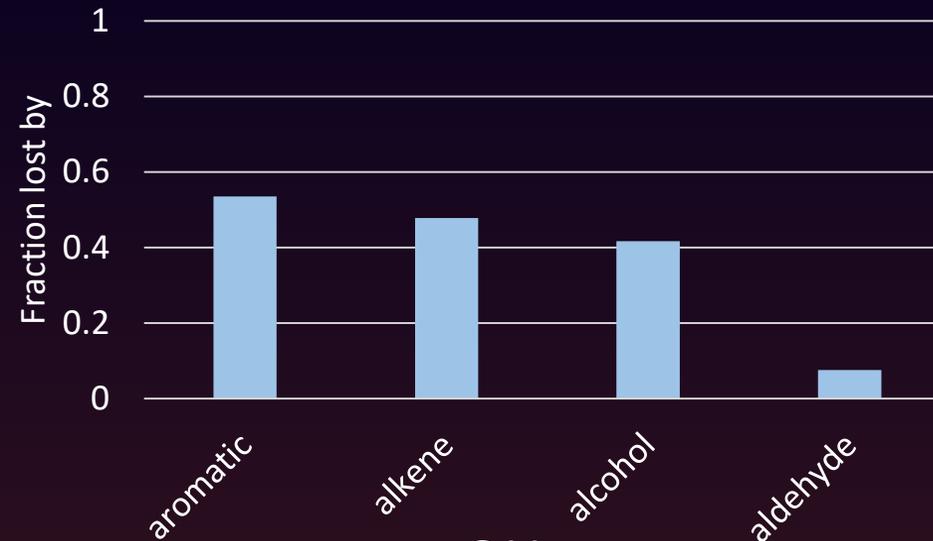


# Oxidant loss to VOCs

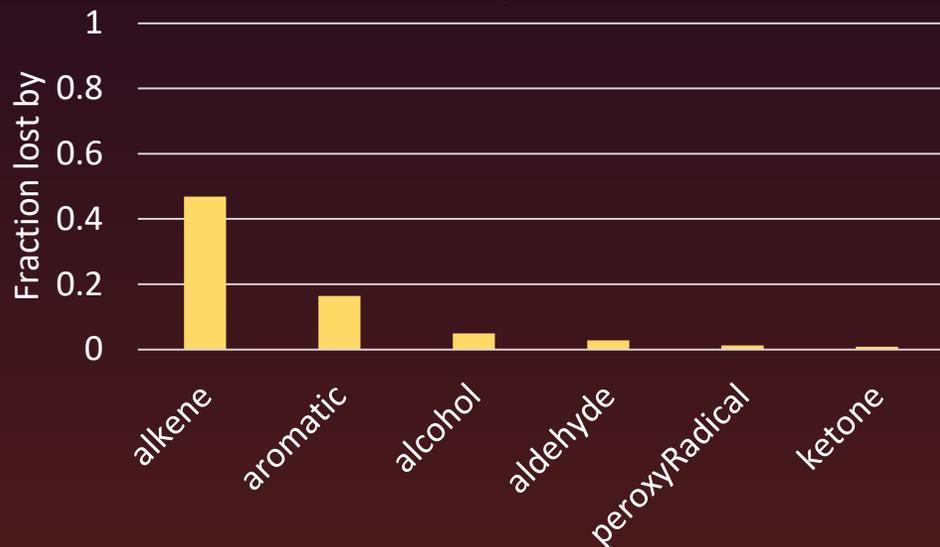
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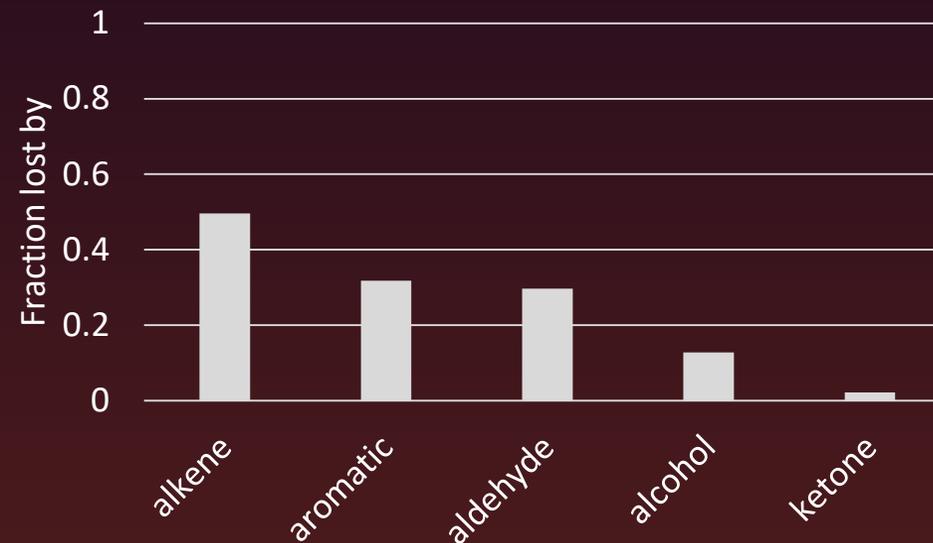
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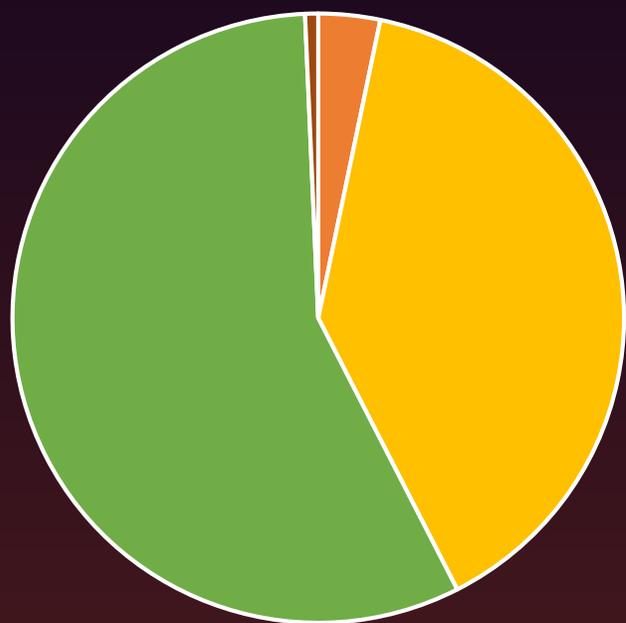


Castle fire 08/21 L2

\* Groups sum to greater than one because functionalities overlap (Catechol = alcohol + aromatic)

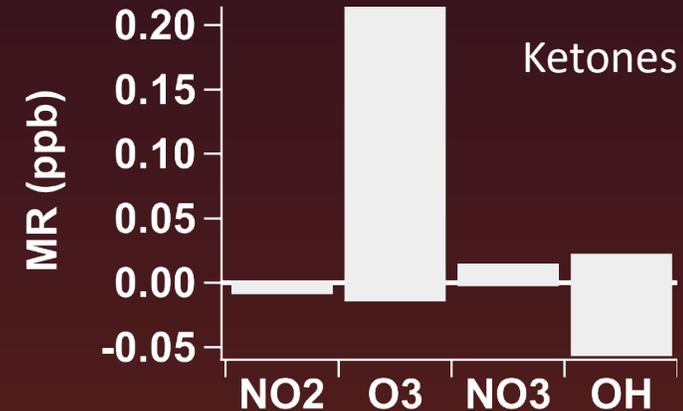
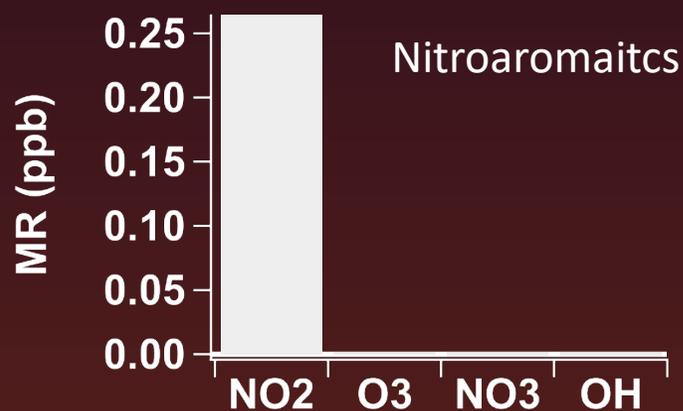
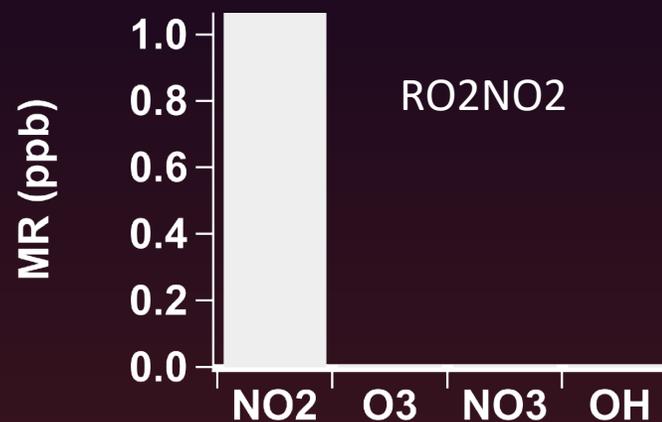
# Functional group production

Fraction of produced nitroaromatic



- Nitrophenol
- Nitromethylcatechol
- Nitrocatechol
- Nitrohydroxytoluene

Formation of functional group



# To Do

- Still some more data to pull from the model
- Working on reducing the model outputs into more concise “big picture” figures.
- Any input or ideas are welcome!!!
- Waiting on plume ages from Chris Holmes for the DC-8 models.



## Title: "Brown carbon lifetimes in wildfire plumes"

### Possible Authors:

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GCxGC TOF-MS: Paul Van Rooy, ...

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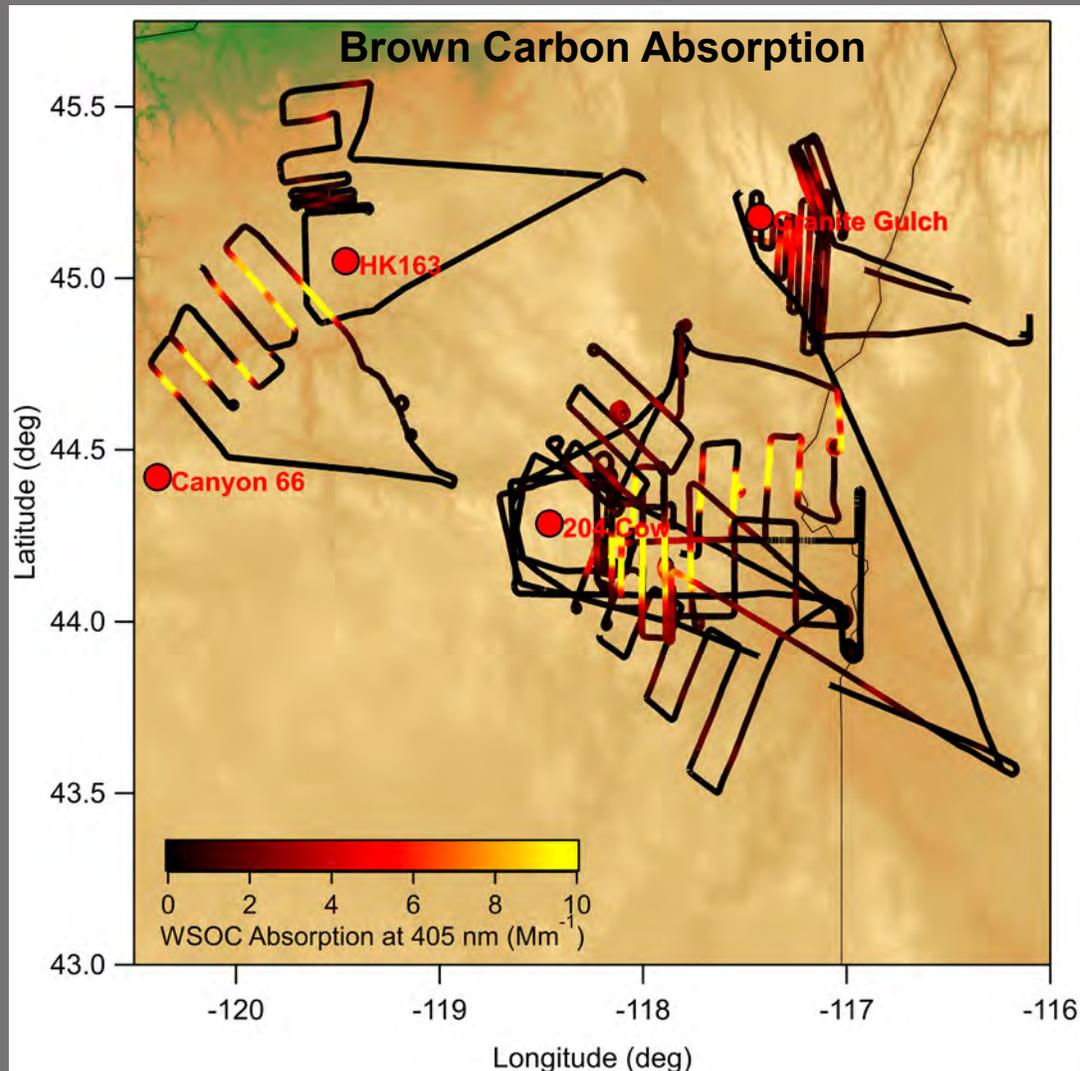
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# Measured Brown Carbon and MAC

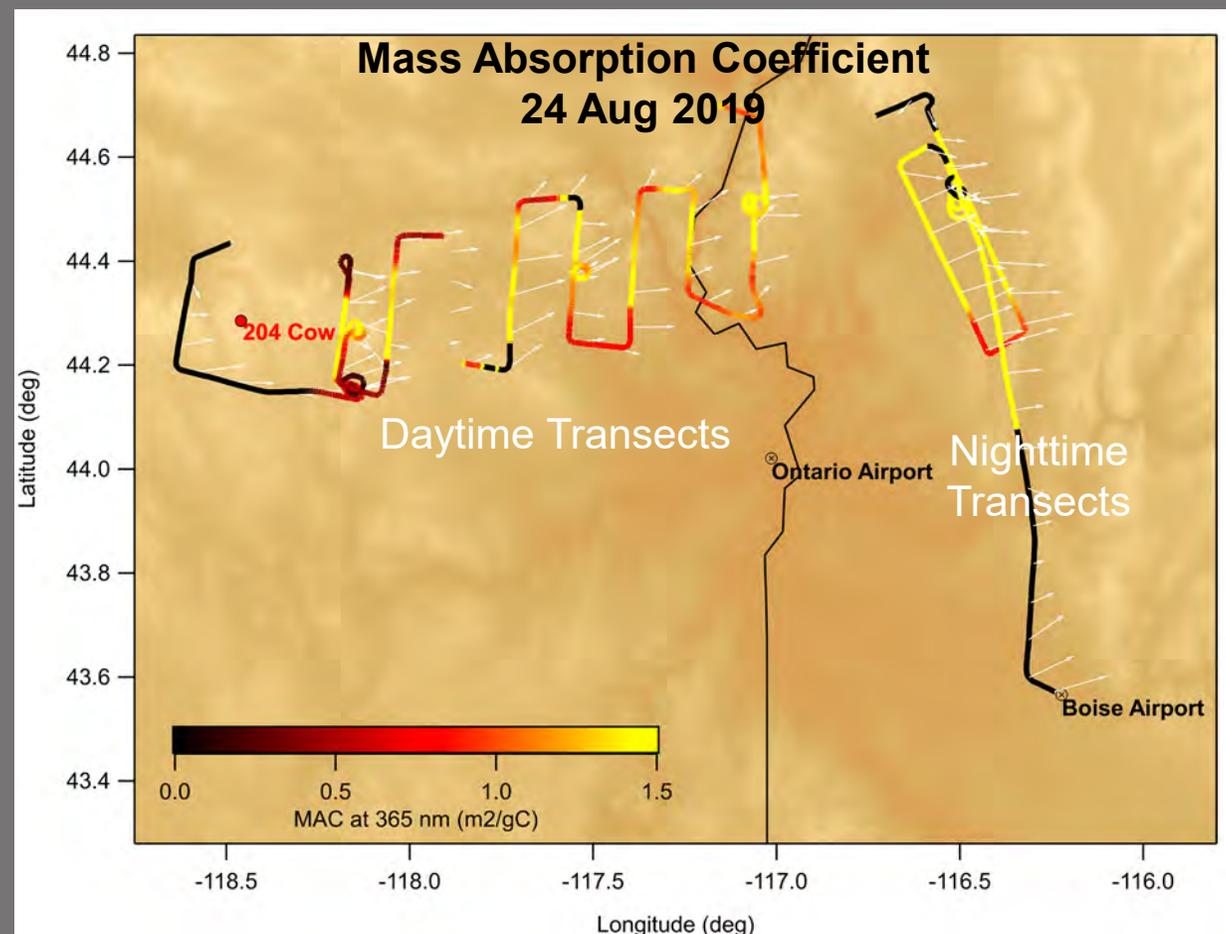


A subset of the 40 flights had consistent wind directions and well-organized plumes. Selected flights are shown here:



Downwind changes in brown carbon absorption can be determined by normalizing to aerosol WSOC or CO to account for dilution.

$BrC \text{ absorption} / \text{WSOC concentration} = \text{Mass Absorption Coefficient}$

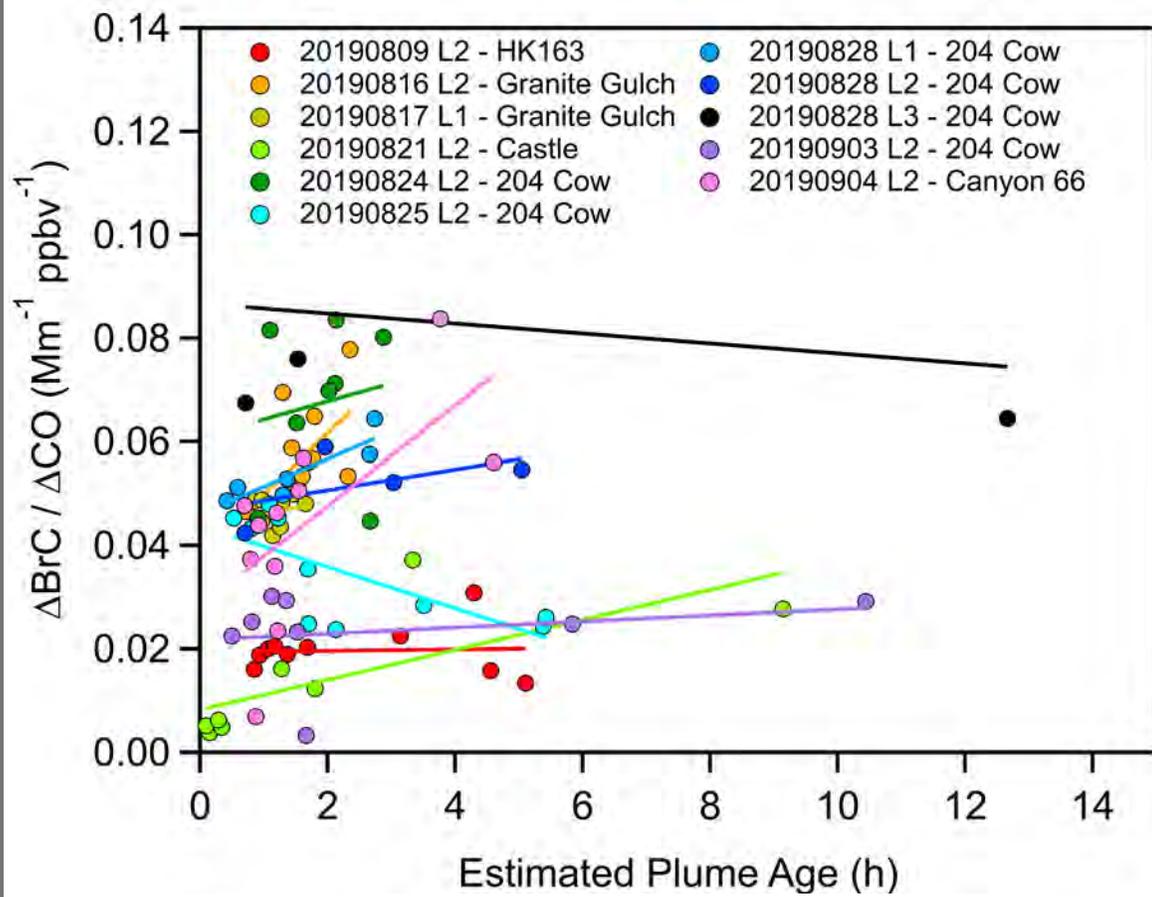




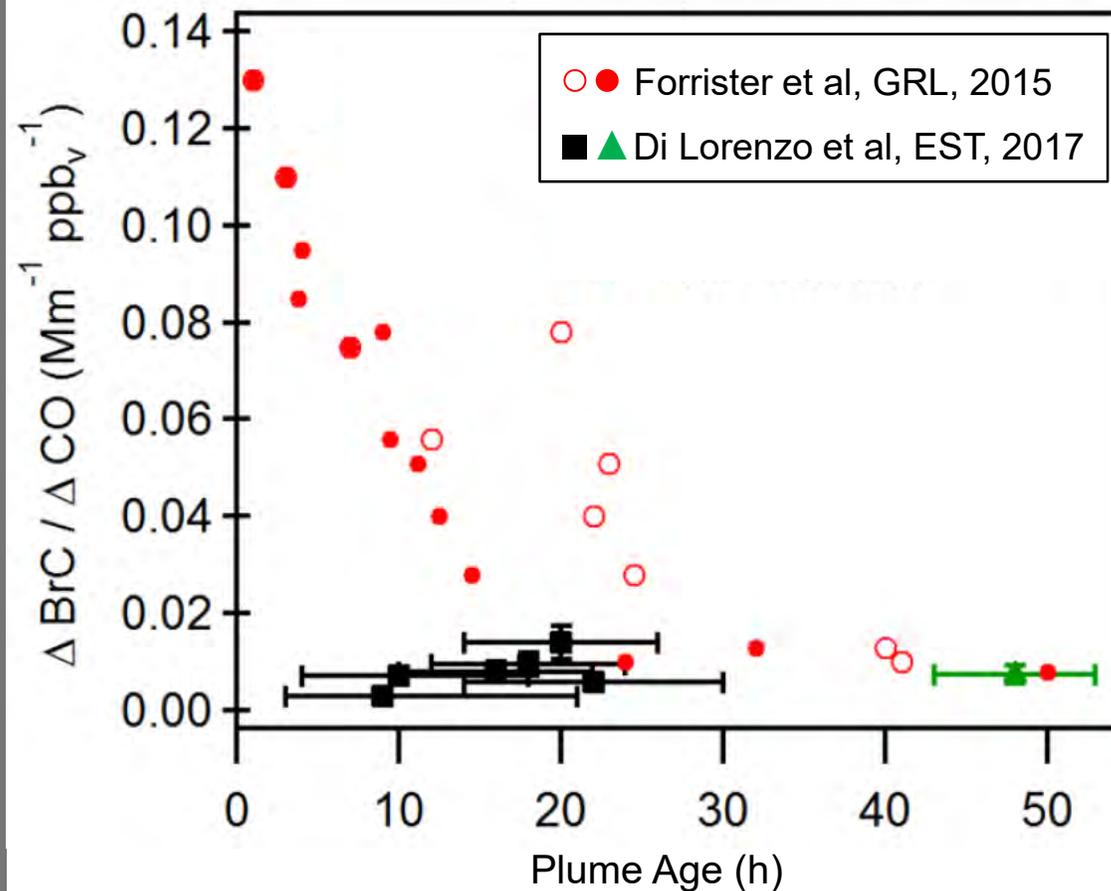
# $\Delta\text{BrC} / \Delta\text{CO}$ often increased with plume age



### Initial Results for Twin Otter Flights



### Prior Studies



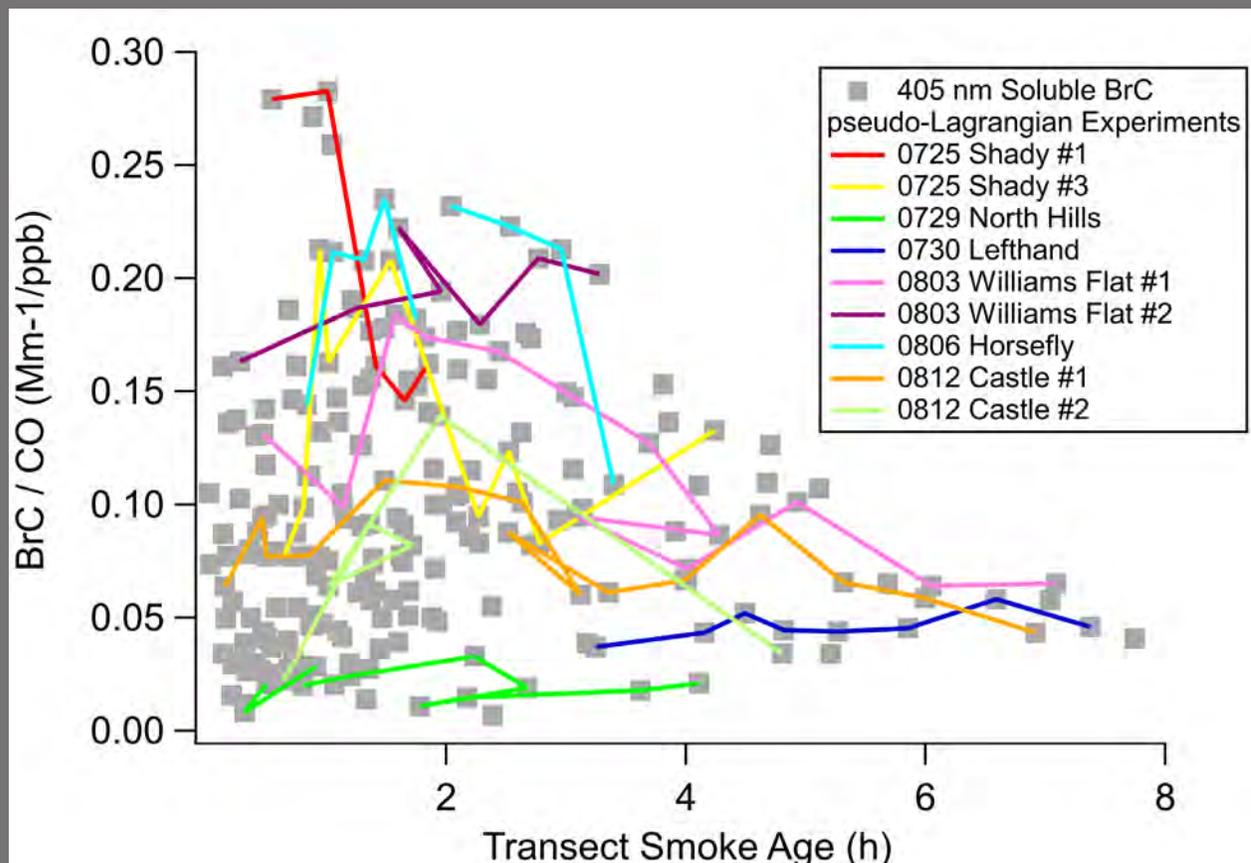
BrC absorption at 365 nm shown for all data sets.



# Trends for $\Delta\text{BrC} / \Delta\text{CO}$ are similar for the DC-8

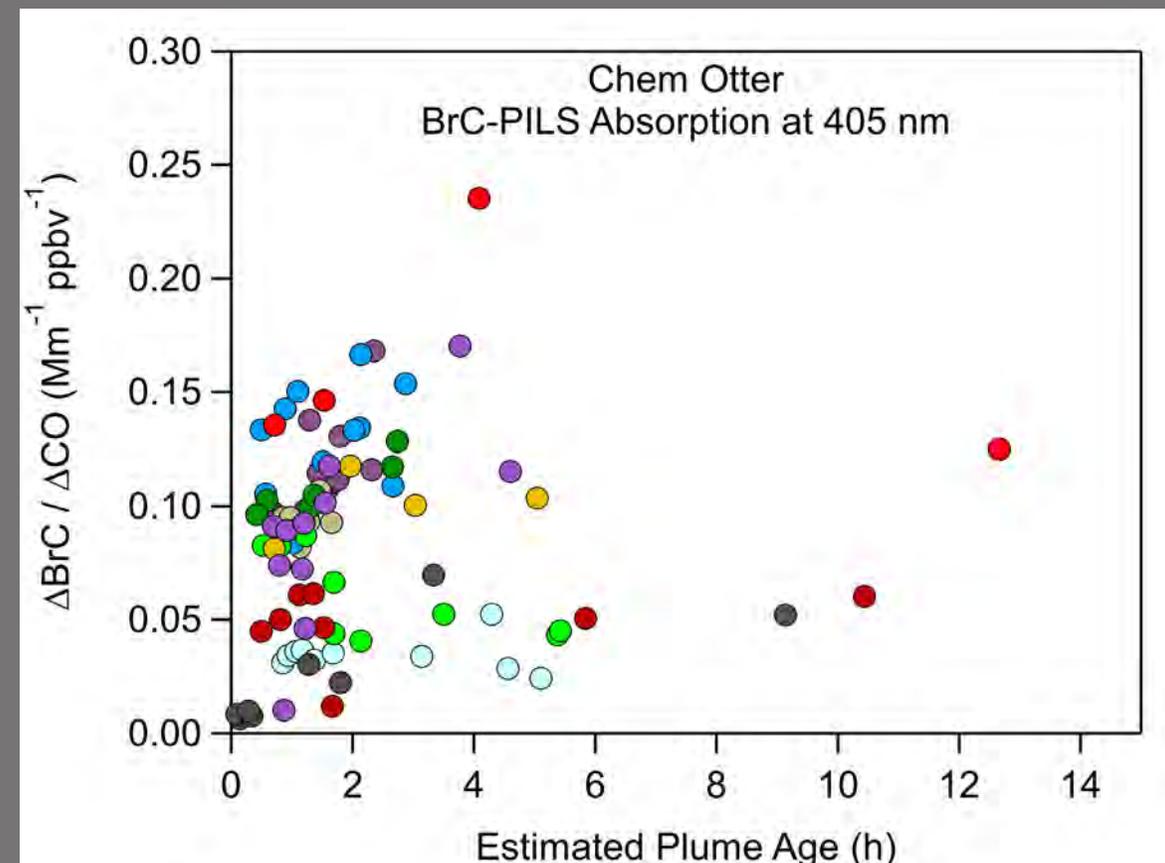


## DC-8 Water-Soluble BrC



Plot from Nick Wagner using Georgia Tech measurements

## Twin Otter Water-Soluble BrC



BrC absorption at 405 nm shown for all data sets.



# Key results and future work



## Key results:

1. Brown carbon / CO often increased during the first 10 hours of plume aging in the Twin Otter measurements.
2. This is consistent with initial results from the DC-8, but inconsistent with two published studies.

## Improvements and future work:

- Analyze brown carbon lifetimes as a function of “chemical clocks”
- Consider sunset and night flights
- Consider other aerosol parameters (AAE, AMS O/C) as a function of plume age
- Calculate the range of radiative forcing impacts of different brown carbon refractive indices and lifetimes

## Need from others:

- Final reanalysis plume ages from Chris Holmes

# Chemical Imaging of Atmospheric Biomass Burning Particles from North American Wildfires: Daytime vs Nighttime Samples

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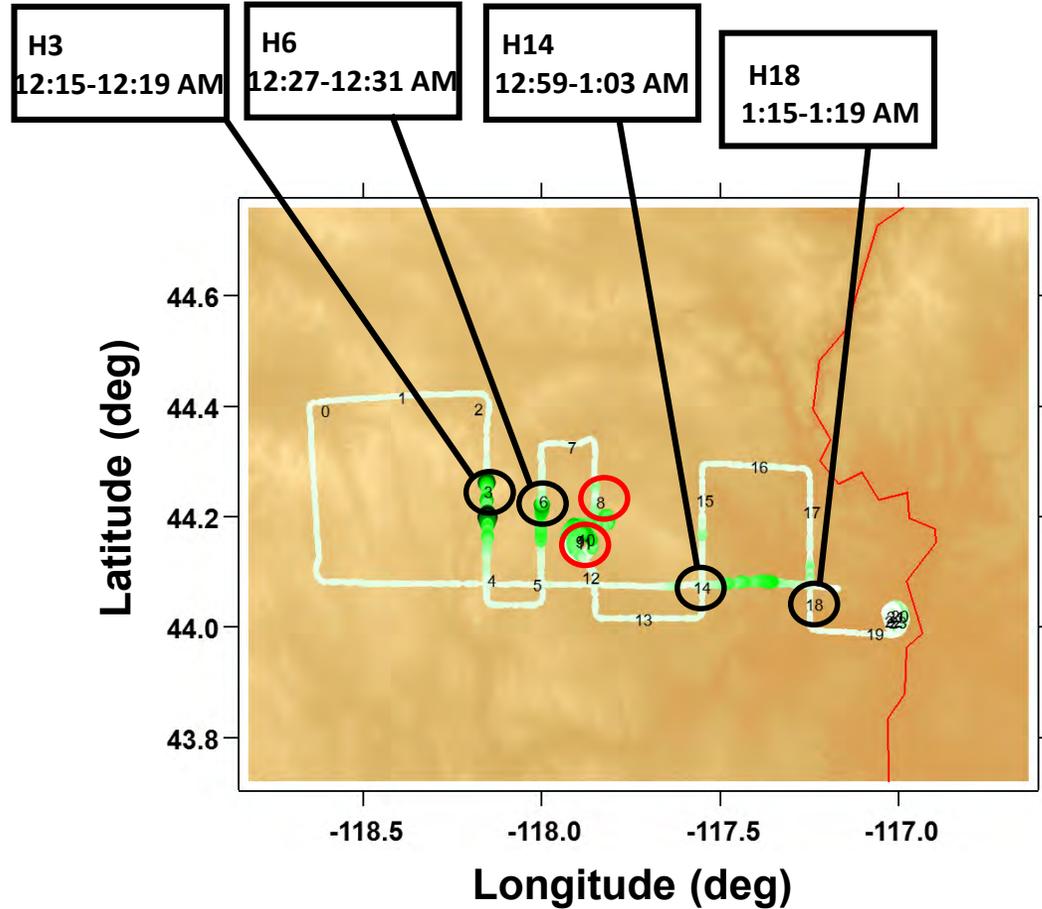
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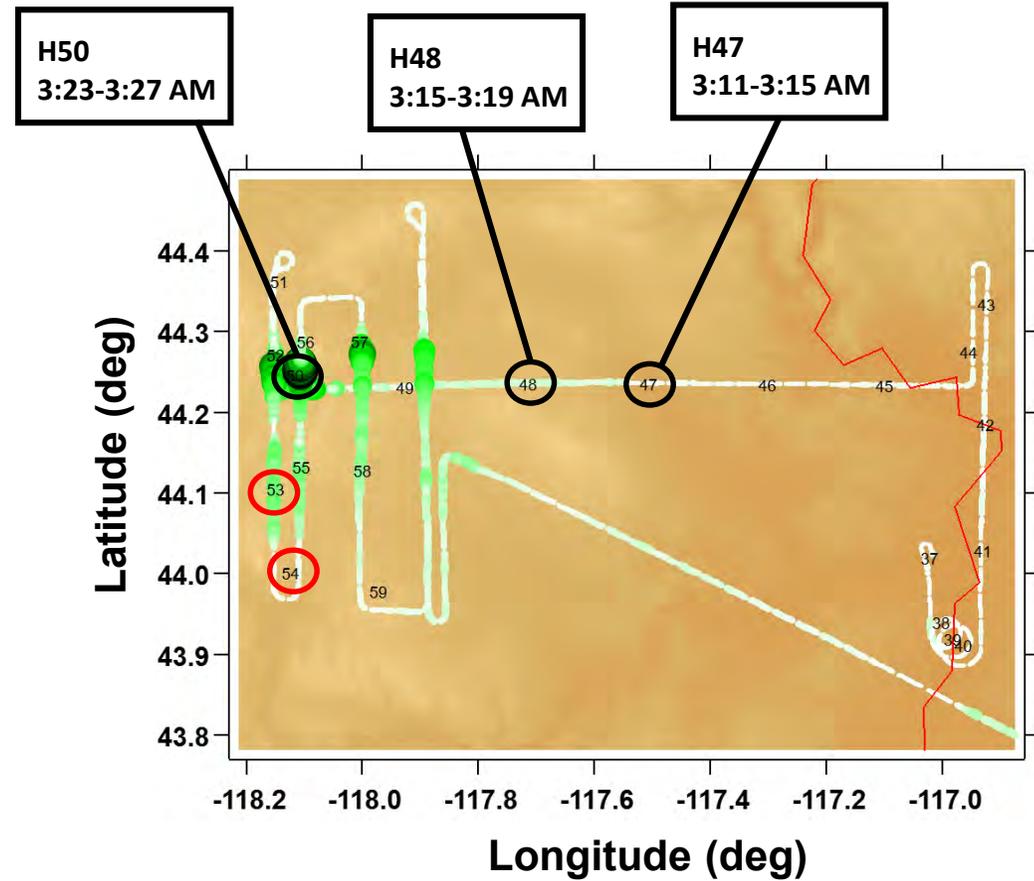
# Sampling: 8-28-2019

## L2 Flight: Afternoon



Analyzed Samples: H3, H6, H8, H9, H10, H14, and H18  
Samples for STXM Analysis: H3, H6, H14, and H18

## L3 Flight: Nighttime



Analyzed Samples: H47, H48, H50, H53, and H54  
Samples for STXM Analysis: H47, H48, and H50

# Key Results: Chemical Imaging Analysis

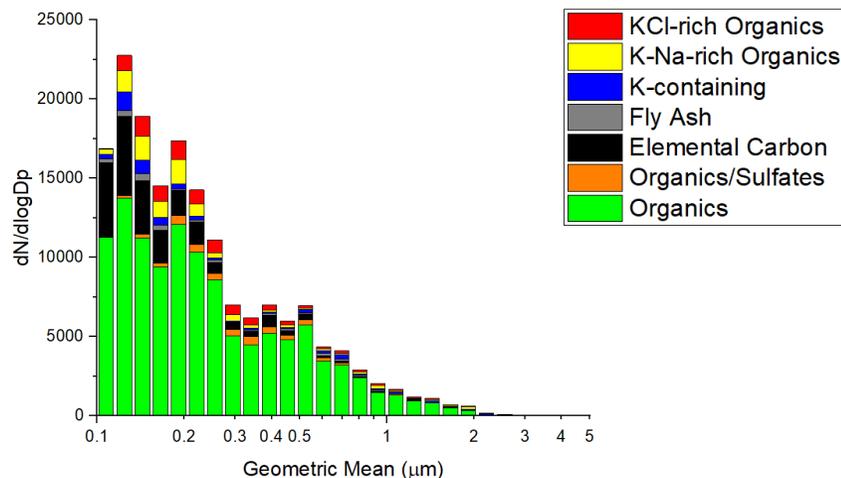
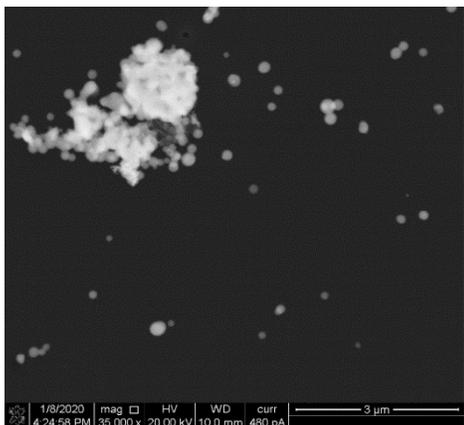
## CCSEM/EDX particle-type grouping based on elemental composition

illustrates external mixing of individual particles: organic particles dominate; EC (soot) particles apparent in the daytime samples; inorganic salts are more significant in the nighttime samples.

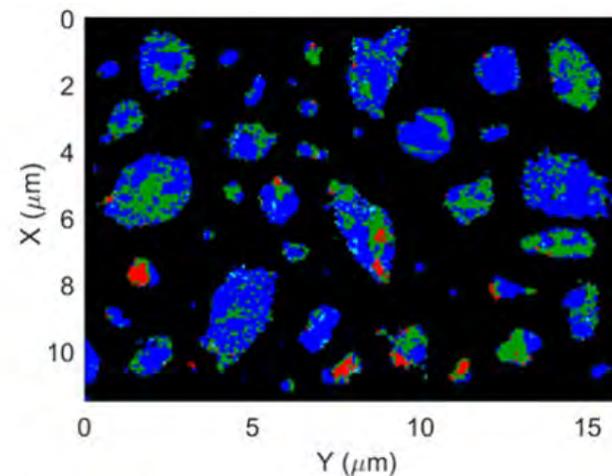
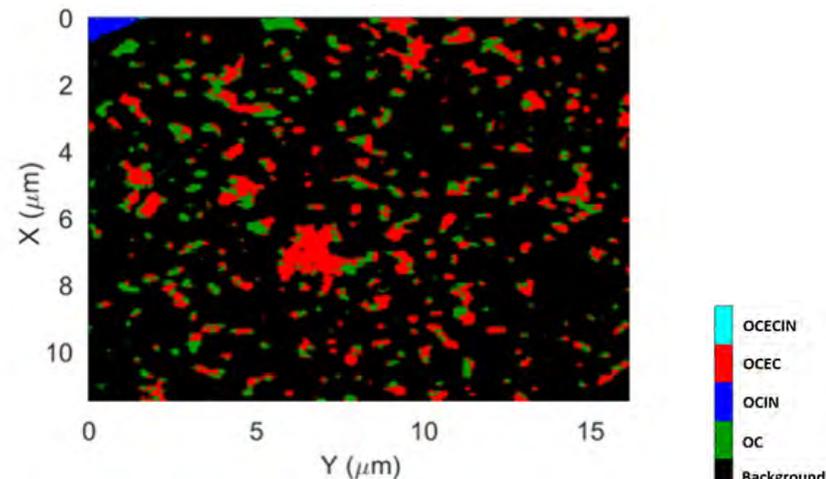
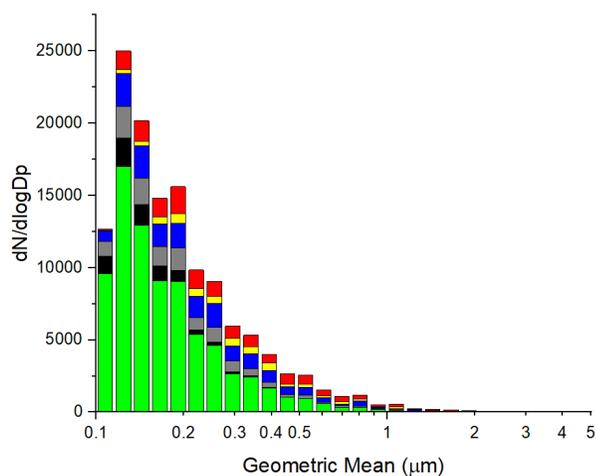
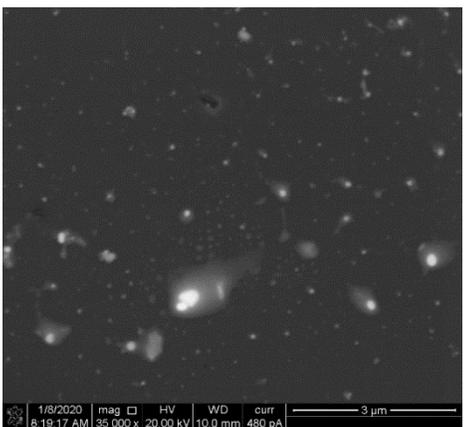
## STXM particle-type grouping based on carbon speciation

illustrates internal mixing of individual particles: mixtures of organic carbon (OC) and elemental carbon (EC) are common in the daytime samples; the night-time samples shows more complex mixtures of OC, EC and inorganic (IN) material

Day time



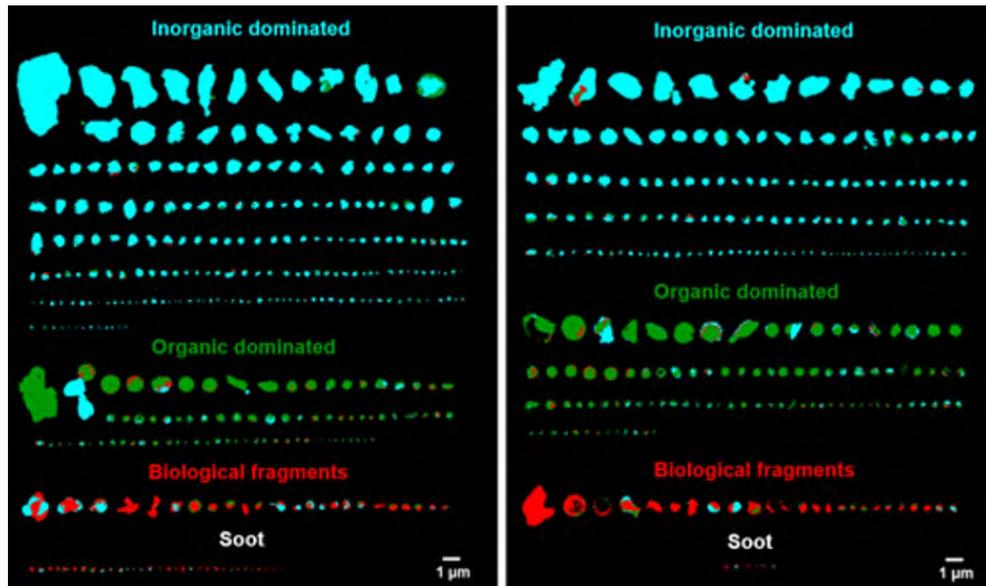
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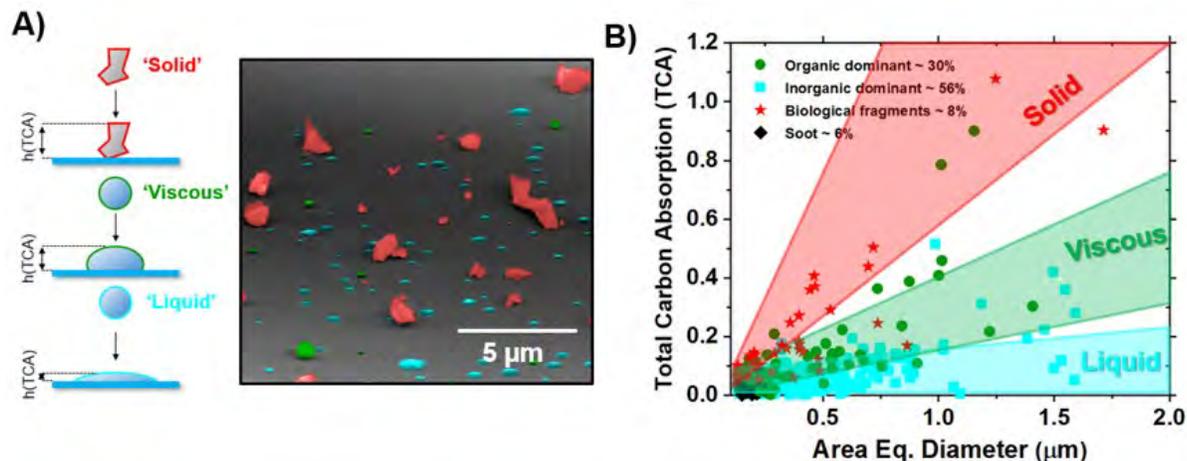
# Remaining Work: STXM/NEXAFS Sample Analysis

Images from Tomlin et. al. 2020. ACS Earth Space Chem. Submitted

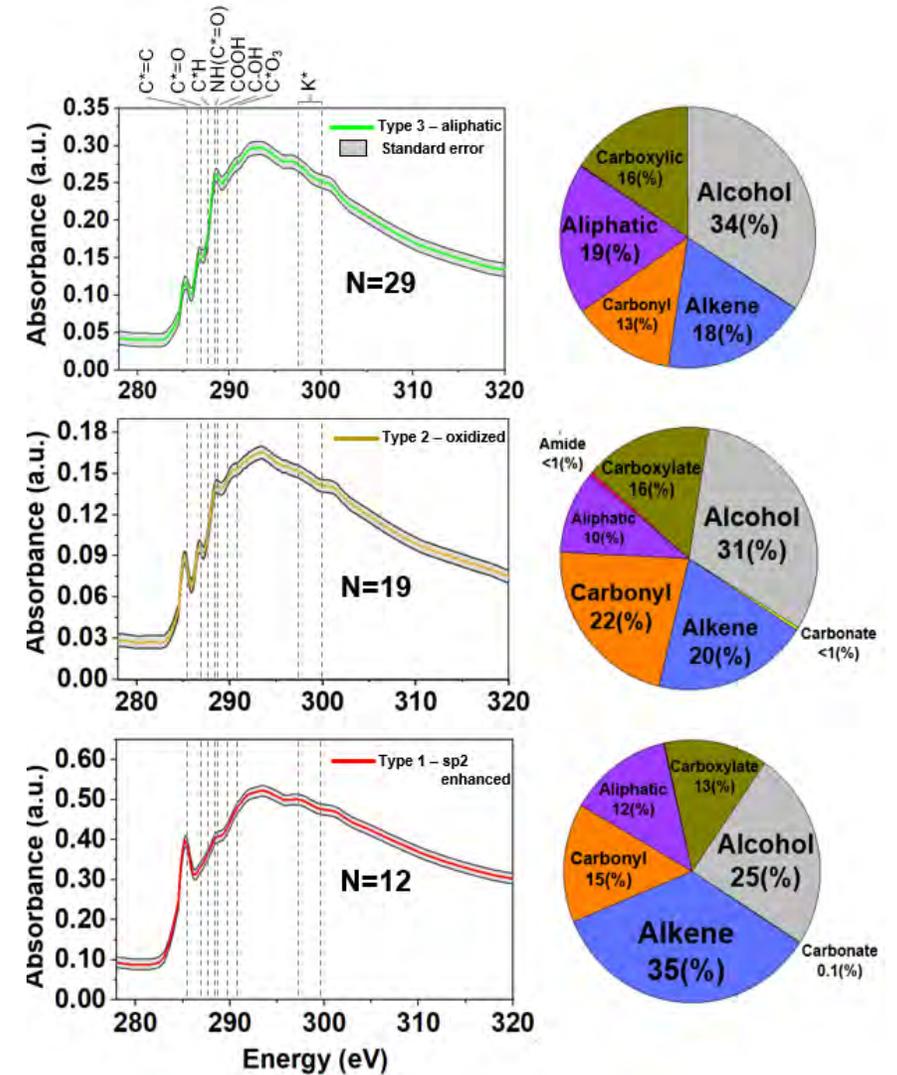
Particle internal heterogeneity and contribution of each particle type based on STXM compositional maps.



Particle viscosity estimation based on Total Carbon Absorption (TCA) to further study differences in morphology between day and nighttime.



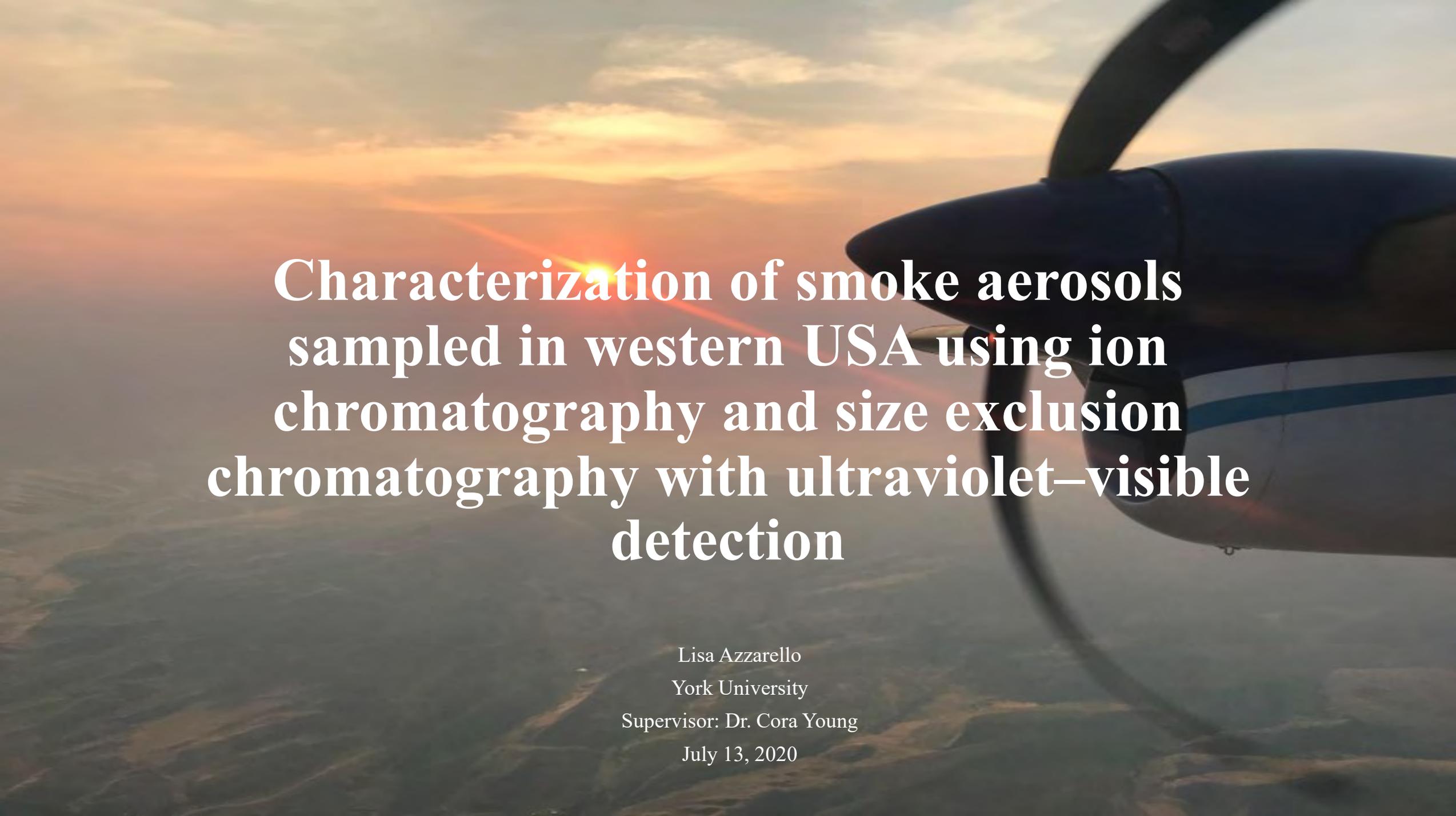
Carbon type particles differentiation and carbon functional groups contribution based on STXM absorption spectra.



**Information 'Wish list' from other researches to guide our particle analysis at CLS :**

- Chemical differences of particle-phase organics as detected by AMS and gas-phase organics (CIMS?)
- Differences in PSD of organics and other main aerosol types as detected by AMS and SMPS?

Thank You!

The background of the slide is an aerial photograph taken during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow across the sky. The landscape below is a mix of green and brown, suggesting a rural or semi-rural area. In the foreground on the right side, the dark blue and white wing of an airplane is visible, curving downwards. The title text is overlaid on the left and center of the image.

# Characterization of smoke aerosols sampled in western USA using ion chromatography and size exclusion chromatography with ultraviolet–visible detection

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# Sample Collection

- Brown-Carbon Particle into Liquid Sampler (BrC-PILS)
  - Collected WSOC into falcon tubes for offline analysis
- Continuous Light Absorption Photometer (CLAP): measures light absorption of particles deposited onto a filter
  - Deposition occurs on a single spot with up to 8 spots upon rotation of the solenoid valve
  - Extract spots for offline analysis



# Chromatographic Separation of WSOC

- BrC-PILS collected WSOC into falcon tubes and CLAP collected filter samples for offline analysis
  - Ion Chromatography with Conductivity Detection (IC-CD)
    - Cation mode:  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$  and 11 alkylamines
    - Anion mode:  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , and  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$
  - Size Exclusion Chromatography with UV-Vis Detection (SEC-UV)
    - SEC column: separation of molecules as a function of size
    - Diode Array Detector (DAD): provides wavelength range from 190 – 800 nm
    - Absorption spectrum based on molecular size is generated

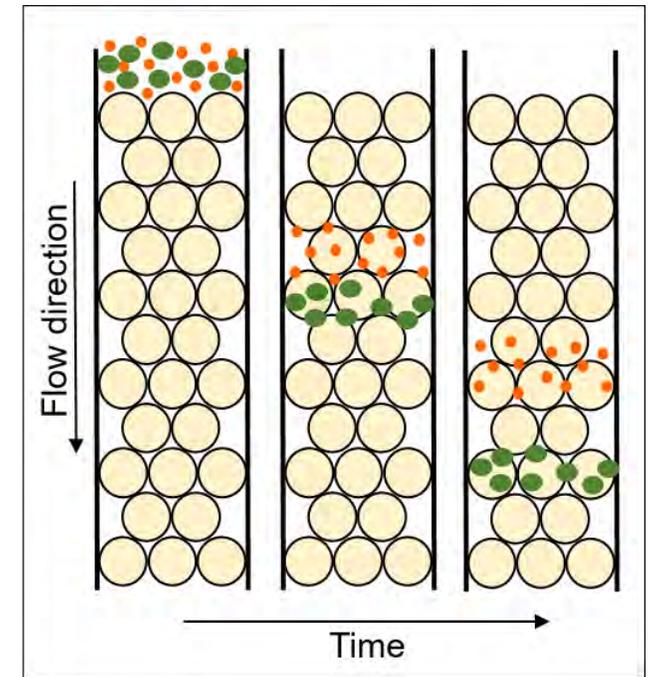
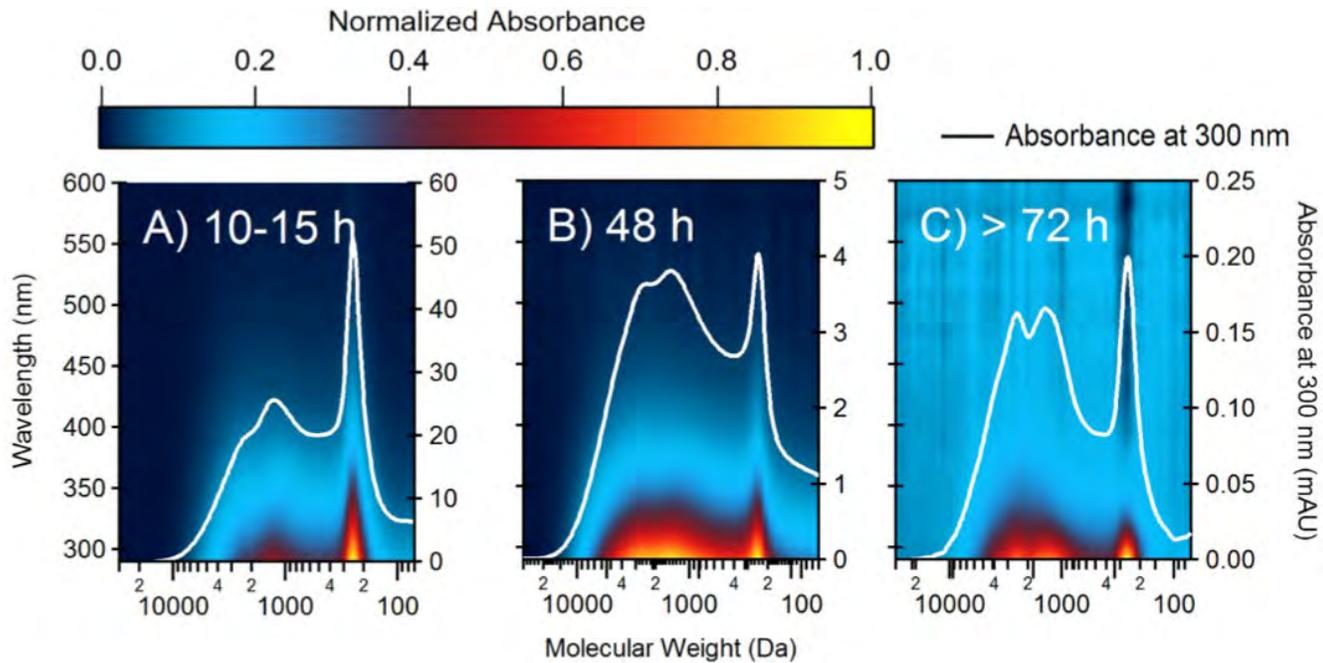
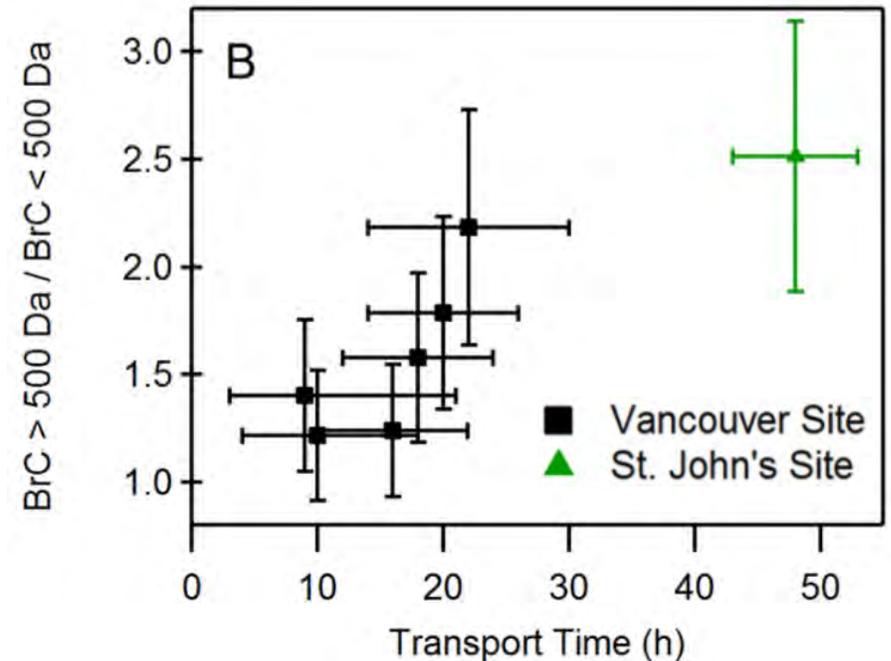


Figure 1. Principle of Size Exclusion Chromatography.

# Previous Results Using SEC-UV

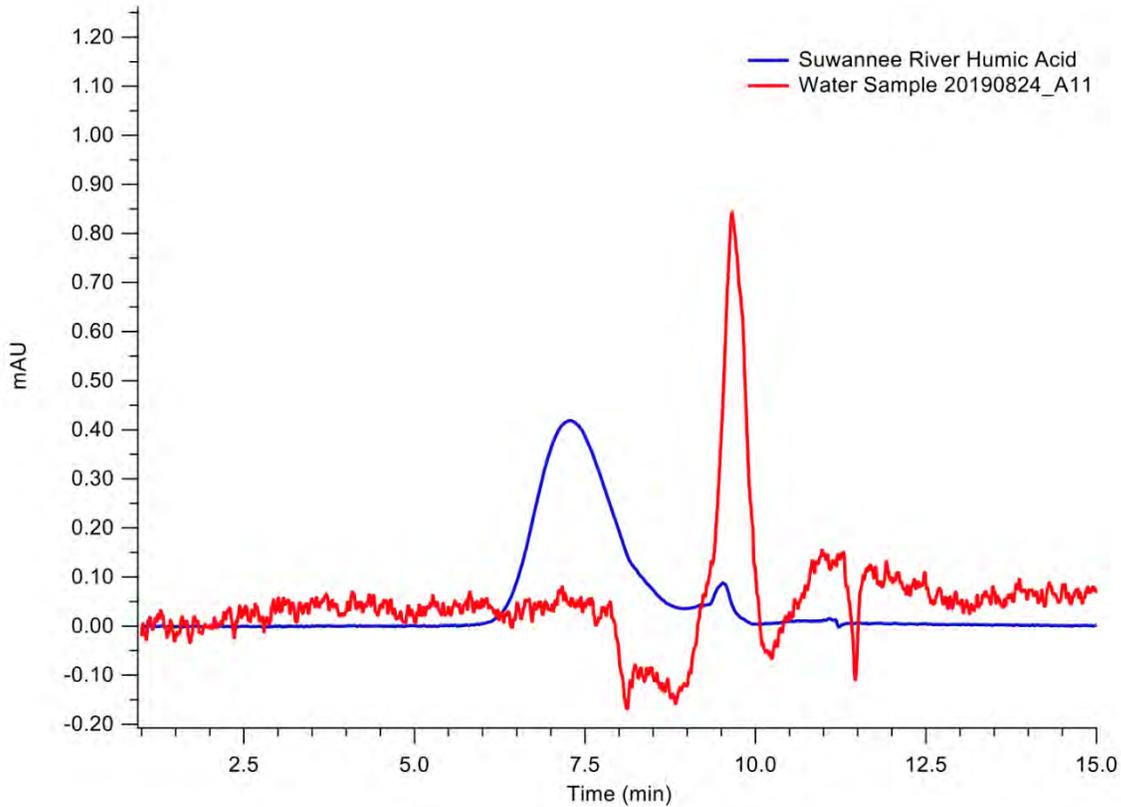


**Figure 2** Absorption profiles as a function of molecular weight across various sampling regions and plume age.<sup>1</sup>



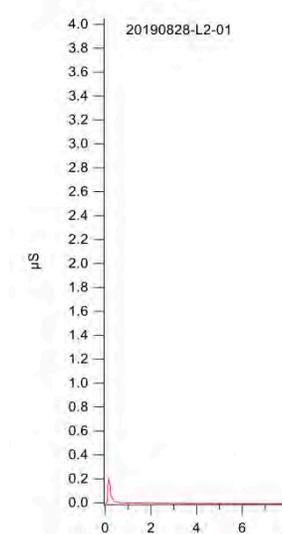
**Figure 3.** Absorbance ratio for large molecules (>500 Da) to small molecules (<500 Da) as a function of plume age.

# Preliminary Results

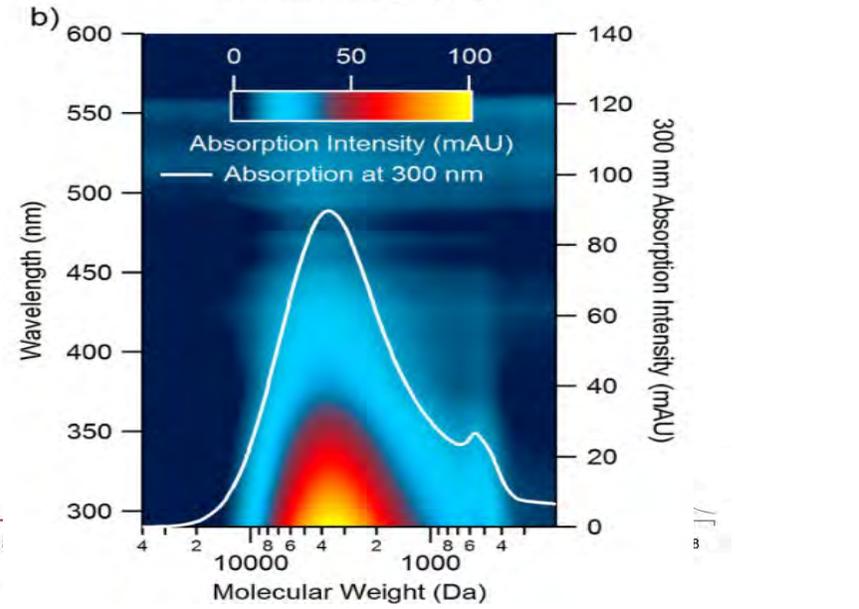
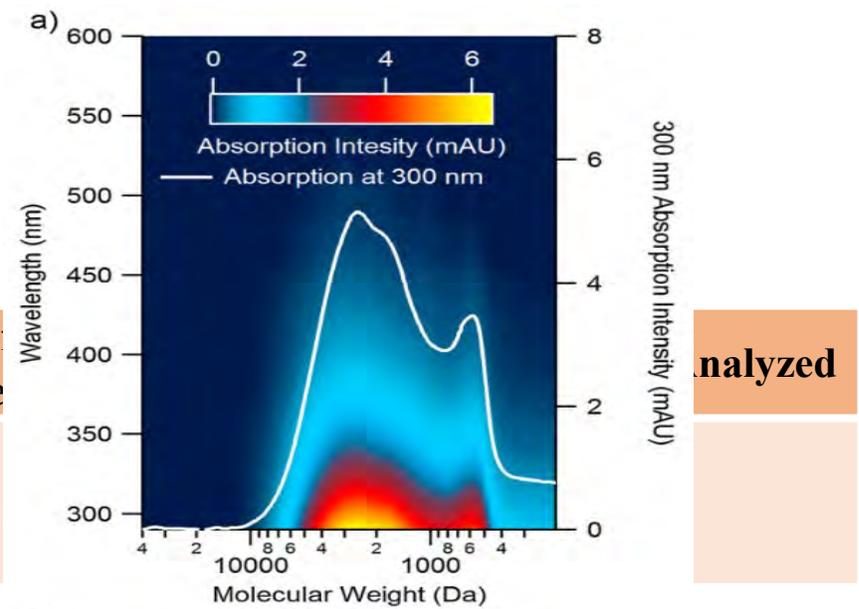


**Figure 4.** Absorption profiles at 300 nm of Suwannee River humic acid and a FIREX-AQ water sample collected on August 24, 2019.

Number of Samples Collected  
281



**Figure 5.** Absorption density plot at 300 nm of a) FIREX-AQ water sample collected on August 28, 2019, extract and b) Suwannee River humic acid.<sup>2</sup>



# Remaining Work

- SEC-UV
  - Run remaining water samples
  - Extract CLAP filters
  - Continue to compare results to online absorption data
- IC-CD
  - Complete cation mode
  - Confirm presence of ions with mass spectrometry
- Deduce trends as a function of plume age
- Write and publish results



*Thank you for listening!*

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# Effects of emissions, transport, and chemistry on prediction of air quality impacts from fires

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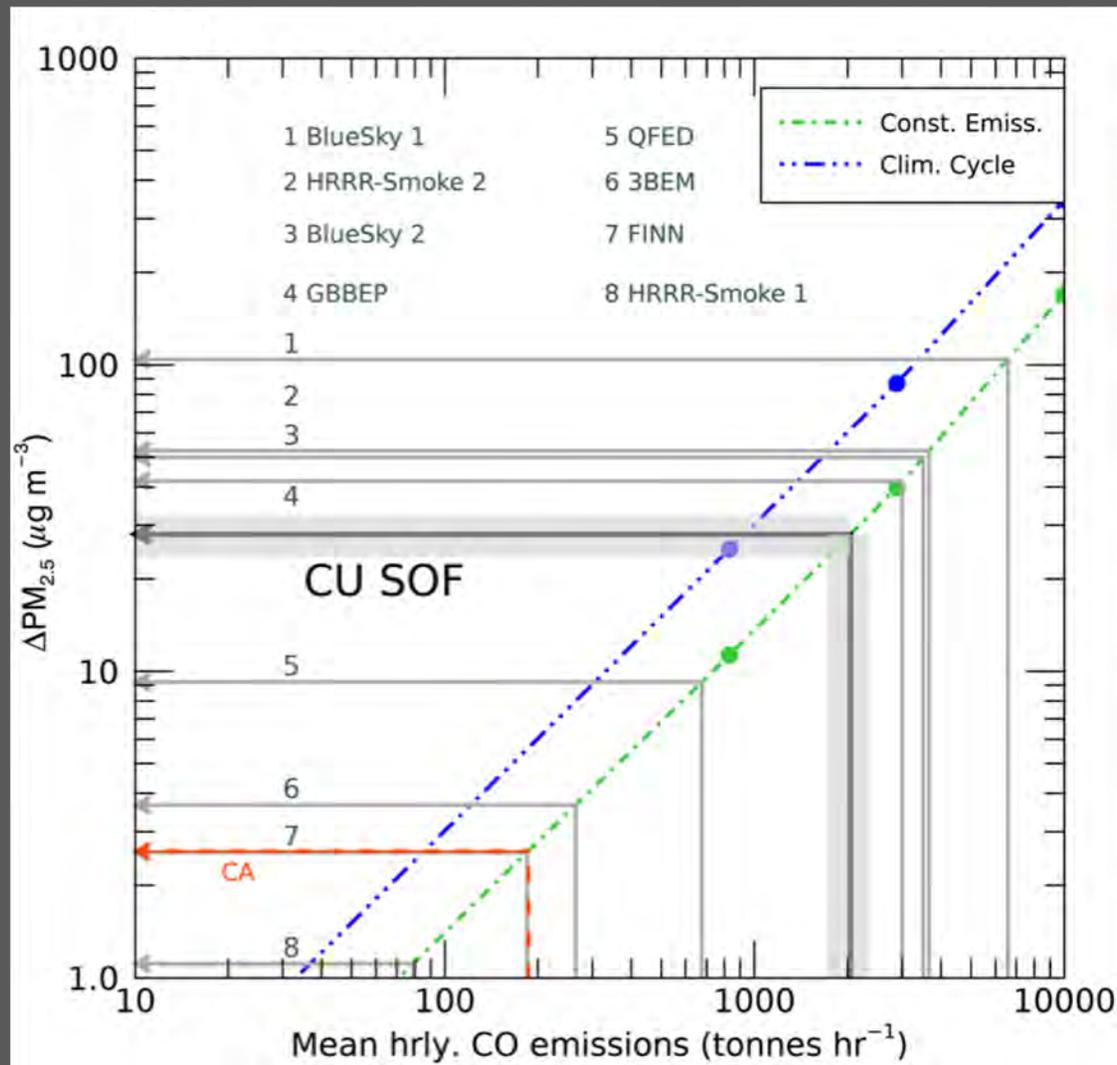
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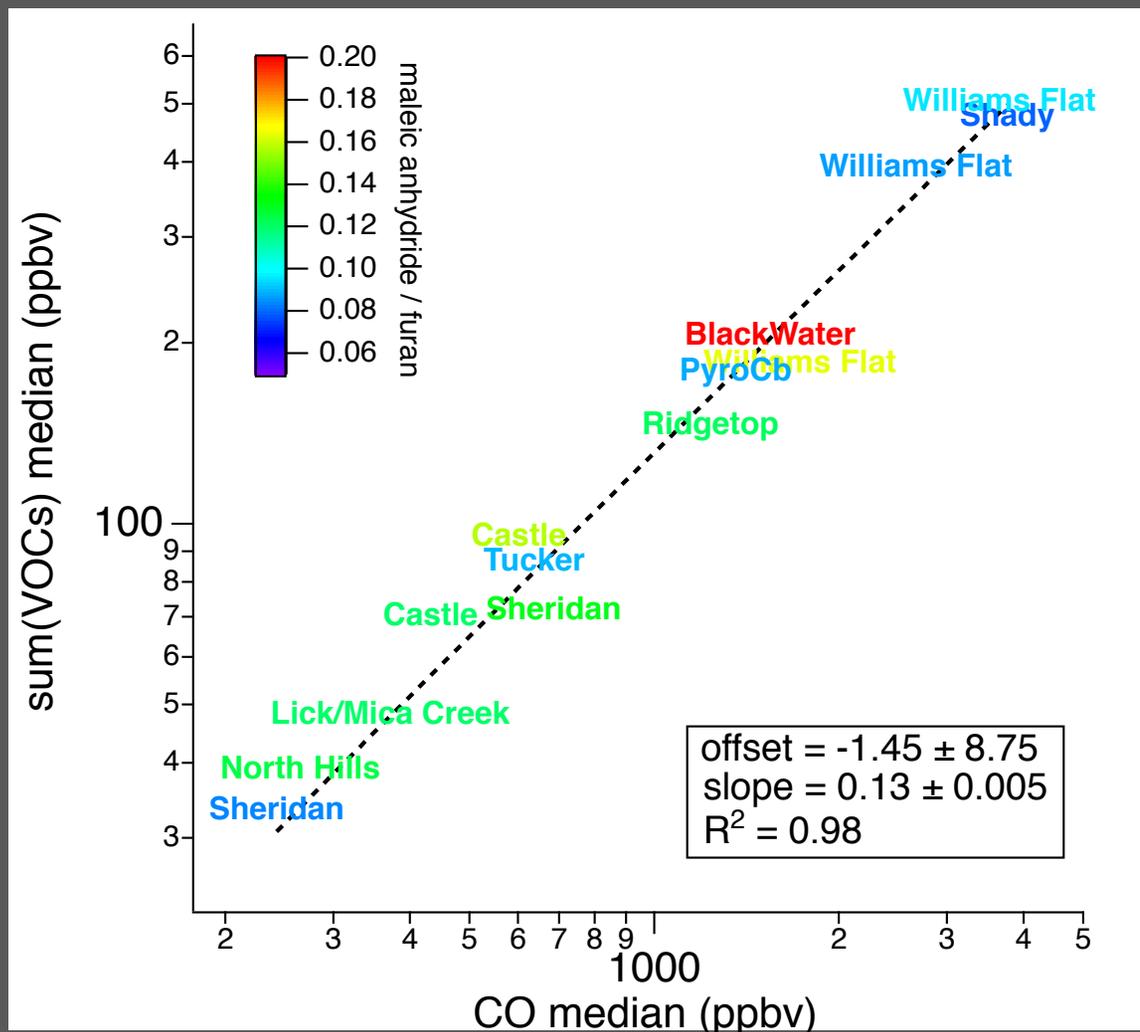
# Motivation

## Emissions from satellite-based inventories vary widely

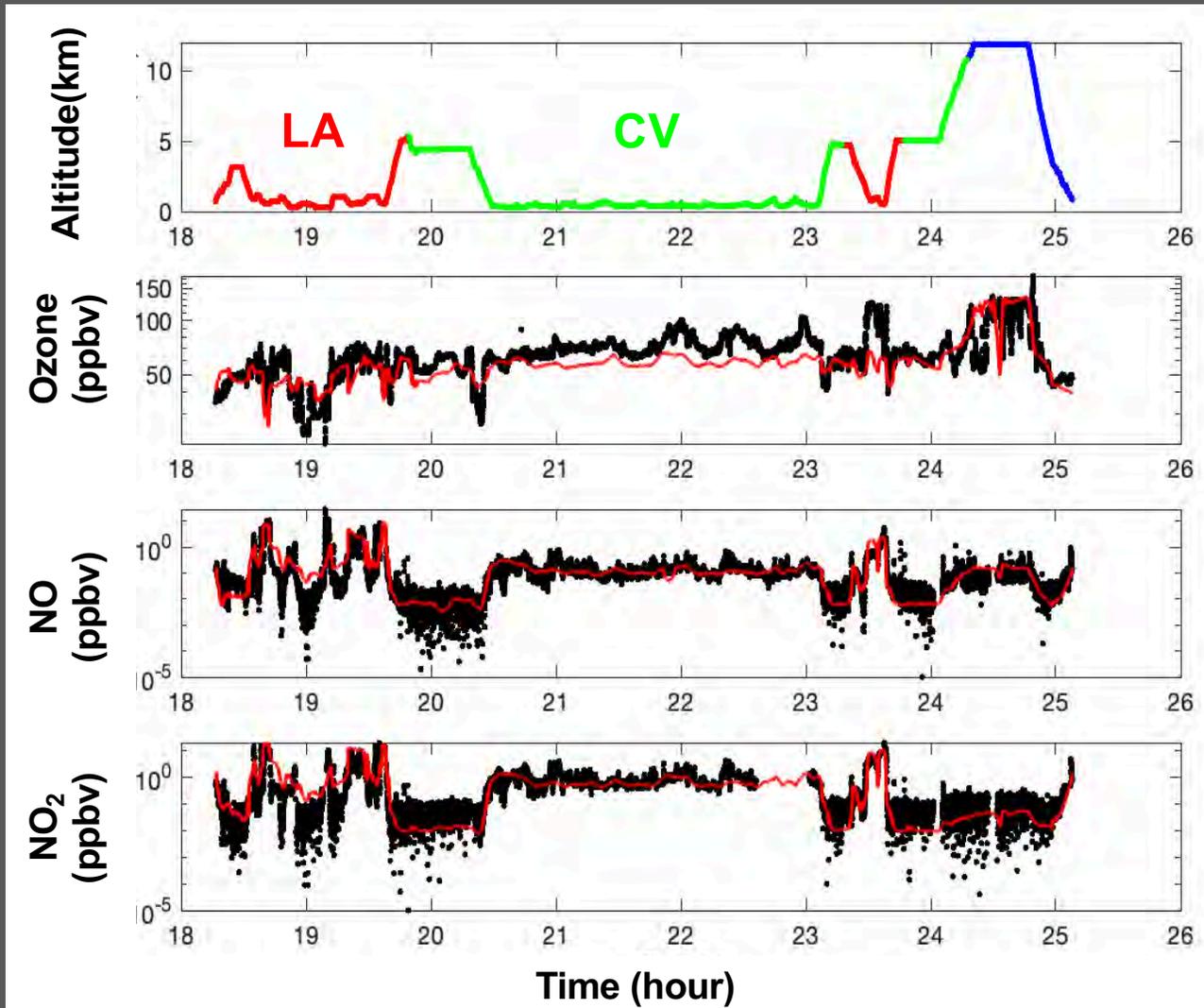


Factor of 83 variation  
in CO emissions for  
Oct. 2017 N. CA fires

# Motivation VOC fire emissions function of vegetation type, fuel amounts, fire conditions



# Results WRF-Chem simulations with FIVE NO<sub>x</sub> consistent with Los Angeles sampling during FIREX-AQ 2019



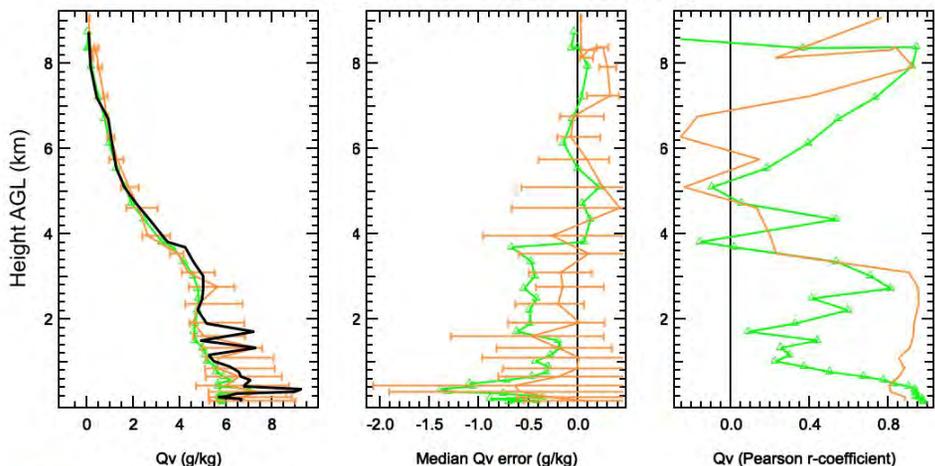
## Absolute bias (ppbv)

|    | O <sub>3</sub> | NO      | NO <sub>2</sub> |
|----|----------------|---------|-----------------|
| CV | -13.7826       | -0.0179 | -0.2158         |
| LA | -8.5718        | 0.1711  | 1.3824          |

# Results Examples of DC-8 statistics for 6 Boise landing/takeoffs during the 2019 FIREX-AQ experiment (3 days of HRRR-Smoke, WRF-Chem overlap)

## Water vapor

8/6/19-8/8/19 6 Boise takeoffs and landings



◇◇ 12k\_nofire

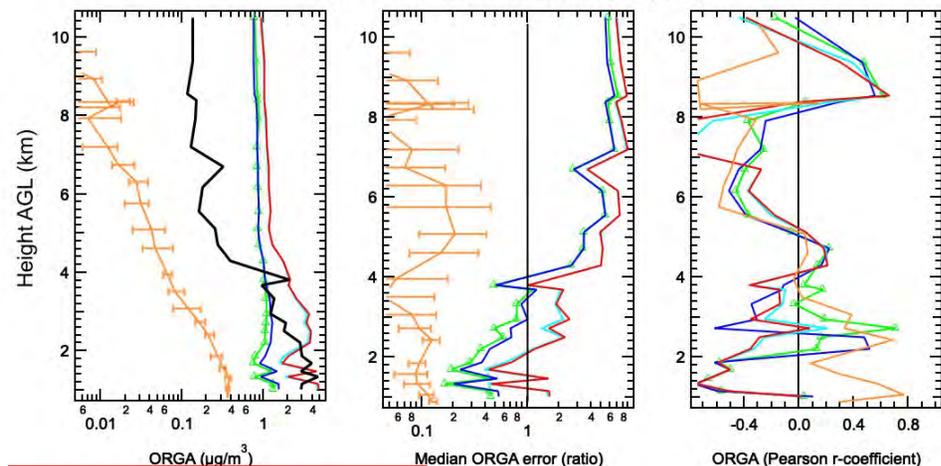
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### Water vapor:

- WRF/Chem loss of correlation from .5 to 3 km AGL, Is this model resolution, PBL scheme,....??

## Organic Aerosol

8/6/19-8/8/19 6 Boise takeoffs and landings



◇◇ 12k\_nofire

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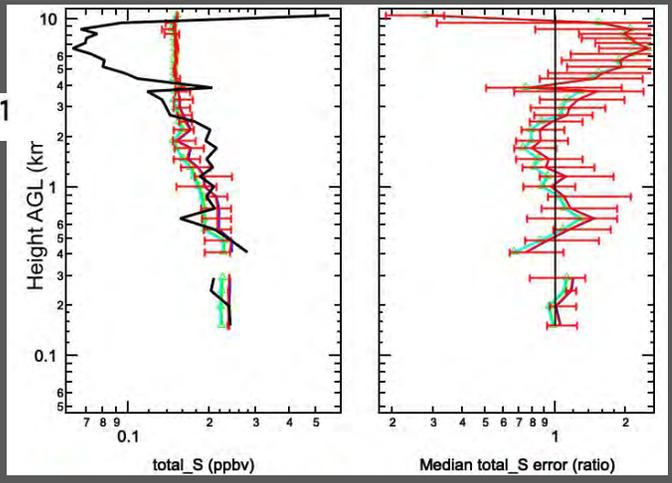
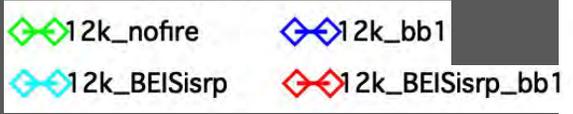
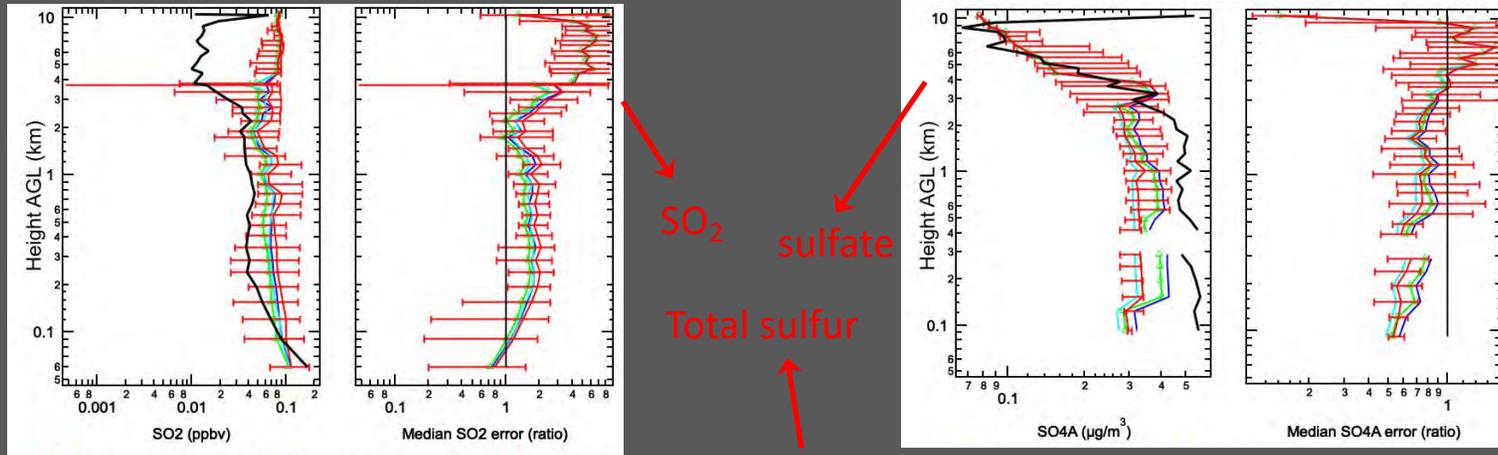
MEGAN biog.: isoprene\*0.5

BEIS biog.

### Organic Aerosol:

- Fires have little influence over Boise during FIREX-AQ
- WRF/Chem ORGA is mostly biogenic (BEIS emissions are much higher than MEGAN with .5\*isoprene)
- High WRF/Chem bias above the PBL

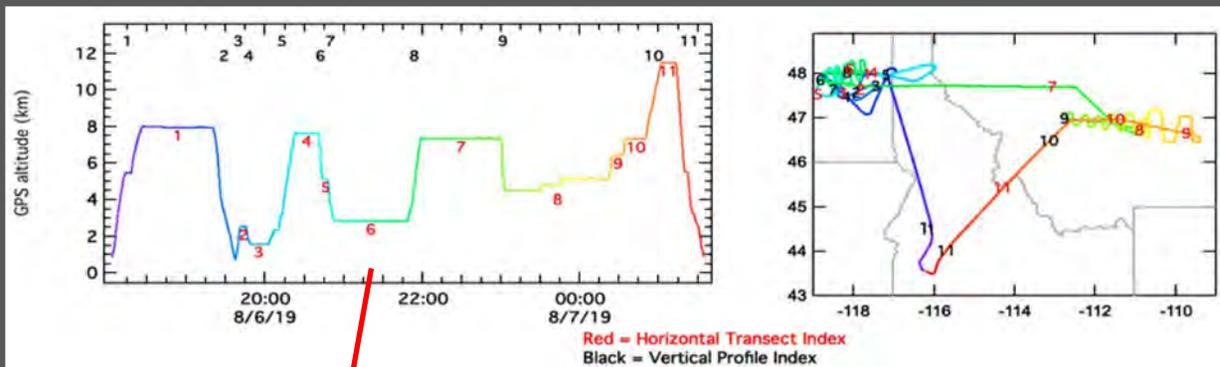
# Results Examples of DC-8 statistics for 27 Boise landing/takeoffs during the 2019 FIREX-AQ experiment (WRF-Chem, 4 model cases, 7/22/19-8/16/19)



- Below 2-km:
- SO<sub>2</sub> a factor of 2 too high
  - Sulfate ~ 30% too low
  - Total sulfur within ~25%
  - A biogenic inventory dependency to partitioning
  - Comparisons can be used to validate cloud oxidation in model

# Results

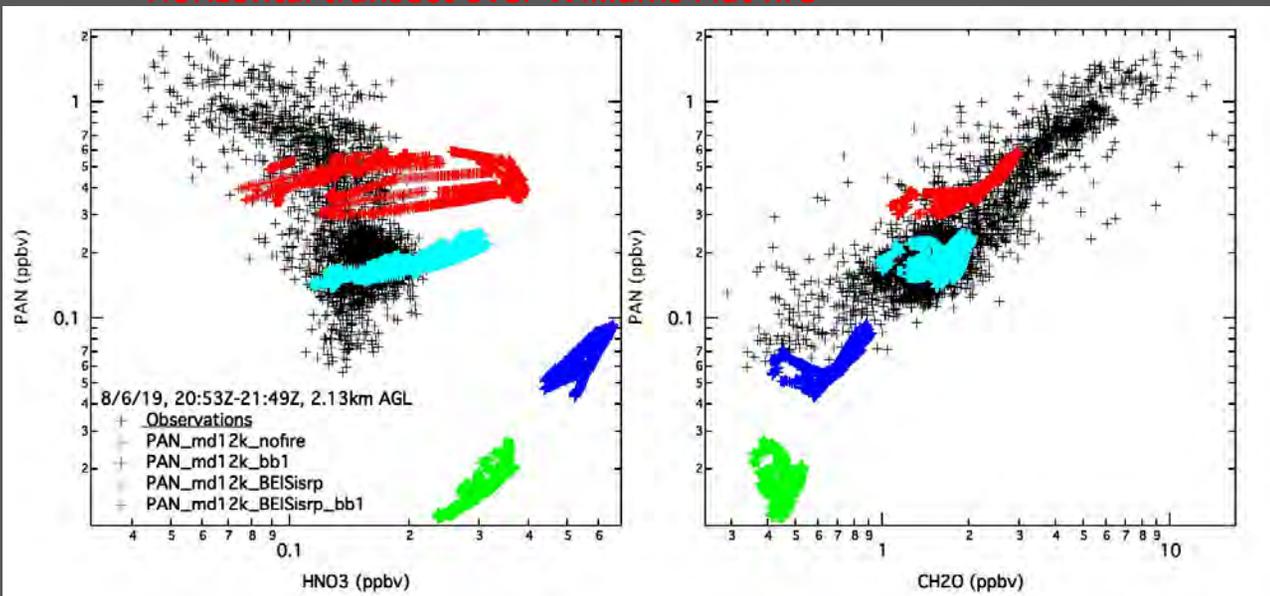
## Examples of DC-8 oxidant comparisons (PAN, HNO<sub>3</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>O) during FIREX-AQ (WRF/Chem, 4 model cases, 7/22/19-8/16/19)



Horizontal transect over Williams Flat fire

(MEGAN, .5\*isoprene)  
◇ 12k\_nofire      ◇ 12k\_bb1

(BEIS)  
◇ 12k\_BEISisrp      ◇ 12k\_BEISisrp\_bb1



Below 2-km:

- Biogenic inventory dependence
- Fire dependence reasonable for PAN versus CH<sub>2</sub>O (using BEIS)
- PAN versus HNO<sub>3</sub> inconsistent between observations and model

## Remaining work

## CSL Fire Emissions Research and Development

### Emission factors (EFs)

- Update prep\_chem\_src EFs with values from literature and FIREX-AQ
- Add new speciation/species
- Update vegetation data and classification
- Scale emissions based on FIREX-AQ observations

### Emissions for FIREX-AQ period

- Compare emissions from satellite-based inventories (FINNv2, GBBEPx, Bluesky, GFAS, QFED, GFED, Soja et al.)
- FRP emissions and plume rise for full chemistry
- GOES-16 diurnal cycle

### WRF-Chem simulations at 12 and 4 km for FIREX-AQ period

- T1 chemistry
- New species/reactions
- Evaluation against FIREX-AQ observations
- Air quality impacts