

Airborne Observations Constrain Heterogeneous Nitrogen and Halogen Chemistry on  
Tropospheric and Stratospheric Biomass Burning Aerosol

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## Introduction

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## S1 Observations and Models

FIREX-AQ was a large-scale field research campaign focusing on wildfire smoke plumes in the western U.S. and prescribed agricultural burning smoke plumes in the southeastern U.S. during the summer of 2019. We use observations from the NOAA Chemistry Twin Otter and NASA DC-8 aircraft. The NASA Atmospheric Tomography (ATom) mission was a large-scale research campaign focusing on remote tropospheric, UTLS, and stratospheric air [Thompson *et al.*, 2022]. Data here are from September–October 2017 (ATom-3) and April–May 2018 (ATom-4). Table S1 lists instrumentation used in this analysis. In-situ observations from ATom and FIREX-AQ are available as a merged dataset and found in [Wofsy *et al.*, 2018] and [Warneke *et al.*, 2023], respectively. See further details in the SI.

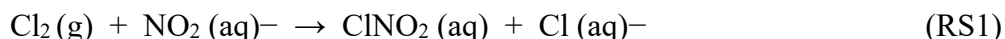
Two models are used: an iterative 0-D box model constrained to crosswind transects of wildfire plumes sampled during FIREX-AQ and an iterative diel model constrained to observations for each parcel of sampled air above an arbitrary elevation cutoff of 6 km during ATom-3 and ATom-4. Calculated  $\phi(\text{ClNO}_2)$  uses a parameterization determined from laboratory experiments [Bertram *et al.*, 2009; Roberts *et al.*, 2009]. See further details below.

### S1.1 FIREX-AQ Observations

From the Twin Otter, we use a commercial cavity ringdown spectrometer (Picarro) for measurements of CO. We also use measurements of non-refractory  $\text{PM}_{10}$  chemical composition from an Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (AMS) [Liggio *et al.*, 2016].

From the DC-8, we use measurements of CO from a tunable diode laser spectrometer when available and from an integrated cavity output spectrometer when unavailable. Measurement of NO is by laser-induced fluorescence (LIF). Measurements of  $\text{NO}_y$  and  $\text{O}_3$  are provided by a NOAA chemiluminescence (CL) instrument. We use an average measurement of  $\text{NO}_2$  from both the NOAA CL instrument and a NOAA cavity-enhanced spectrometer. Measurements of HONO are taken from the NOAA I<sup>−</sup> ToF CIMS. Measurements of VOCs are taken from the NOAA I<sup>−</sup> ToF CIMS [Neuman *et al.*, 2016; Veres *et al.*, 2020], NOAA Proton Transfer Reaction (PTR) MS [Koss *et al.*, 2018], and the University of Innsbruck PTR-MS [Müller *et al.*, 2014]. Aerosol surface area measurements are taken from a laser aerosol spectrometer (LAS, 1 Hz) for aerosol sizes between 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  and 5  $\mu\text{m}$ . Measurements of non-refractory  $\text{PM}_{10}$  are from the CU HR-AMS, 1-5 Hz [Guo *et al.*, 2021]. Spectrally resolved actinic flux was measured with separate upward and downward-facing actinic flux optics.

The sensitivity of the iodide CIMS to  $\text{ClNO}_2$  was determined using methods similar to those described in [Lao *et al.*, 2020]. A  $\text{Cl}_2$  mixture (4.167 ppm  $\text{Cl}_2$  in 50% RH zero air) was passed through a  $\text{NaNO}_2$ -coated PFA tube to dynamically produce  $\text{ClNO}_2$ :





The source output was calibrated by a chemiluminescence  $\text{NO}_y$  instrument that measures  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$  and  $\text{ClNO}_2$  as  $\text{NO}_y$  [Thaler *et al.*, 2011]. The calibrated  $\text{ClNO}_2$  source was then used for calibration of the iodide CIMS.

An  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  calibration source was produced online via the reaction of  $\text{O}_3$  with  $\text{NO}_2$  to form  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [Lee *et al.*, 2018]. The output of the calibration source was measured using a cavity ring down instrument for direct detection of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  [Wagner *et al.*, 2011]. The iodide CIMS was calibrated by comparing the observed signal at  $\text{I} \cdot \text{N}_2\text{O}_5^-$  to the CRDS determined  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  concentration.

$\text{ClNO}_2$  is reported with a precision of 0.1 ppt for 1s data and accuracy of  $15\% + 0.05$  ppt and  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  is reported with a precision of 0.1 ppt for 1s data and accuracy of  $15\% + 2$  ppt. We report the precision as the 1 sigma limit of detection based on signal variability during instrument zeroing in flight. The accuracy of these measurements is quantified as a % based on calibration errors in addition to the error associated with variability instrument background determinations. The latter part of this quantity, 0.05 ppt for  $\text{ClNO}_2$  and 2 ppt for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ , is defined as the RMS of consecutive background determinations to quantify the error due to linear interpolation between background points. Instrument backgrounds were performed by overflowing the inlet with humidified nitrogen ( $\text{N}_2$ ) for a period of at least 30 seconds every 10 minutes.

### S1.2 ATom Observations

Aerosol sizing and composition data incorporate measurements from the CU HR-AMS [Guo *et al.*, 2021] and bulk aerosol size distributions [Brock *et al.*, 2019]. A Cloud, Aerosol, and Precipitation Spectrometer was used to reject periods of sampling within clouds. Measurements of single particle composition and particle mixing states are from a single-particle laser ionization mass spectrometer (PALMS). The amount of pyrogenic influence is a semi-empirical classification based on the relative peak areas of carbon ( $^{12}\text{C}^+$ ) and potassium ( $^{39}\text{K}^+$ ) [Schill *et al.*, 2020]. Mixing ratios of  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , and  $\text{O}_3$  were measured with the NOAA CL and measurements of  $\text{OH}$  and  $\text{HO}_2$  were by LIF. Mixing ratio of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  was measured by the NOAA I<sup>-</sup> ToF CIMS (LoD = 0.1 pptv, 1- $\sigma$ , 1Hz, Figure S19) [Veres *et al.*, 2020].

### S1.3 Box Models

The iterative 0-D box model of wildfire plumes is described in detail by Decker *et al.* [Decker *et al.*, 2021] and discussed briefly here. We model six smoke plumes from three fires sampled on six separate days (Williams Flats, North Hills, and Shady – see Table S3). Box modeling was performed using the Framework for 0-D Atmospheric Modeling (F0AM) [Wolfe *et al.*, 2016] and includes chemistry from the Master Chemical Mechanism (MCM, v3.3.1 via <http://mcm.york.ac.uk>, last access: 23 September 2021) [Bloss *et al.*, 2005], with additional BB mechanisms [Decker *et al.*, 2021]. The model considers only transect-center observations defined as the observations which correspond to the greatest 5% of CO enhancements.

The ATom model builds on the framework of previous model determinations of  $\gamma(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5)$  in the lower troposphere constrained by aircraft measurements [McDuffie *et al.*, 2018a], with changes for the ATom flight scheme and distinct conditions of the UTLS

described here. A run is initiated at the time of local sunset prior to the observation for each 10 s data average and run for a 24-hour diel cycle through to the local sunset after the time of each observation, with diel profiles of photolysis rates and OH concentrations constrained to observations. Mixing ratios of long-lived species, such as H<sub>2</sub>O and aerosol surface area, are held constant over the 24 h period. The model iterates the initial NO<sub>x</sub> until NO is within 20% of observations while NO<sub>2</sub> remains unconstrained. Next,  $k_{N_2O_5}$  is iterated until N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> is within 20% of observations and  $\gamma(N_2O_5)$  is calculated from observed temperature and aerosol surface area. We select only data > 6 km that include the required observations for the model above the instrument LoD (77% of data). Of the points modeled, 48% (17,455 determinations) converge on a  $k_{N_2O_5}$  between  $1 \times 10^{-8}$  and 1.

#### S1.4 Parameterization of $\phi(ClNO_2)$

Production of ClNO<sub>2</sub> is considered to proceed by ionization of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> to form NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> + NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>. The formation of either HNO<sub>3</sub> or ClNO<sub>2</sub> is based on kinetic competition for the reaction of NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> with H<sub>2</sub>O or Cl<sup>-</sup>, respectively [Bertram *et al.*, 2009]. Re-formation of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> may also be competitive due to significant concentrations of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> relative to Cl<sup>-</sup> (Figure S20). Therefore, this competitive reaction, derived by [McDuffie *et al.*, 2018b] is also included.

$$\Phi(ClNO_2) = \left( k_a \frac{[H_2O]}{[Cl^-]} + k_b \frac{[NO_3^-]}{[Cl^-]} + 1 \right)^{-1} \quad (S1)$$

Here  $k_a$  is taken as  $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $k_b$  as  $3.4 \times 10^{-2}$  from the work of Bertram, 2009 #31}. Both  $k_a$  and  $k_b$  are ratios of solution phase rate constants and therefore unitless.

We use observations of pCl<sup>-</sup>, particulate NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and calculated LWC to calculate  $\phi(ClNO_2)$ . The LWC is estimated as the sum of water associated with individual aerosol species [Guo *et al.*, 2015]. The inorganic part is calculated with ISORROPIA-II thermodynamic model [Fountoukis and Nenes, 2007] in the forward mode. The inorganic aerosol composition is measured by an AMS, HNO<sub>3</sub> (from CIMS), NH<sub>3</sub> from PTR-MS, RH, and temperature. The organic part is estimated based on the organic aerosol mass concentration, density, and hygroscopicity ( $\kappa$ OA) from AMS, in which the  $\kappa$ OA is predicted via the organic aerosol oxygen-to-carbon (O/C) ratio [Rickards *et al.*, 2013].

#### S1.5 Calculation of NEMRs

The NEMRs are calculated by three different methods depending on the observation. NEMRs of pCl<sup>-</sup> are calculated by the linear fit of pCl<sup>-</sup> vs. CO while results with an  $R^2 < 0.3$  are rejected (11% rejected). NEMRs of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and ClNO<sub>2</sub> in Figure 2 are calculated by integrating the analyte and CO for observations > 3-4× the LoD of the analyte based on a transect-by-transect review. Transects with N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and ClNO<sub>2</sub> below this threshold were rejected (33%). Transect center NEMRs in Figures 3-4 are calculated using transect center observations. The transect center CO value is the average of the top 5 % of CO observations while the transect center analyte value is the analyte observations which align with the top 5 % of CO observations. NEMRs are intended as a metric for the amount of analyte observed relative to the plume size. NEMRs are not equivalent to

emission ratios and are biased by several variables such as plume age, other plume emissions, and fuel type.

#### *Calculation of NEMR values for pCl<sup>-</sup>*

NEMR values of pCl<sup>-</sup> were calculated by linear correlation with CO. All transects for one fire plume were used in the determination of a single NEMR. We use all transects in one determination because we assume pCl<sup>-</sup> is an emission with dilution as the main loss process in the young plumes we consider. The slope of the linear fit is taken to be the NEMR. We only consider plumes whose correlation results in an  $R^2 > 0.3$ . For montane fueled plumes this is 14 out of 16 plumes. For grass fueled plumes this is 83 out of 93.

#### *NEMR values of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and ClNO<sub>2</sub> used in Figure 2*

NEMR values of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and ClNO<sub>2</sub> used for histograms are calculated by integration of individual plume transects as shown by Equation S2.

$$\frac{\int x \, dt - \bar{x} \times \Delta t}{\int CO \, dt - \overline{CO} \times \Delta t} \quad (S2)$$

Here  $x$  is the analyte within the plume,  $x_{bg}$  is the average analyte mixing ratio outside of a plume and  $\Delta t$  is the elapsed time over which the analyte and CO were integrated. The region selection criteria is described further below. The integration method is used, as opposed to a correlation method, because ClNO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> are not directly emitted. Chemical production of ClNO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> from precursors other than CO do not necessarily result in a linear correlation.

Note that NEMRs are only calculated for plume transects when measurements of the analyte and CO are present throughout the entirety of the transect and the analyte is roughly 3-4× greater than the LoD. As we demonstrate below, observations rejected for the NEMR calculation are associated with the smallest plumes sampled during FIREX-AQ and therefore the CO is near background and analyte near or at the LoD. Calculating an NEMR for measurements near or below the LoD is uninformative due to the division of small numbers which inflates or gives nonsensical NEMR values.

As shown in Table S2, roughly 39 % and 56 % of all N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and ClNO<sub>2</sub> transects (montane plus agricultural) were used for the NEMR calculation.

#### *NEMRs in montane- and agricultural-fueled fires from FIREX-AQ*

In a case study of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> NEMRs calculated for agricultural fueled-plumes, which had the greatest number of rejected transects due to near or below LoD observations, we show that the calculated median NEMR is consistent with N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> observations in all agricultural plumes.

The limited number of available N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> NEMR calculations for agricultural plumes is due to the smaller plume size, relative to montane smoke plumes, and larger LoD, relative to ClNO<sub>2</sub>. As shown in Figure S2 below, most of the near or at LoD observations have transect center CO mixing ratios (average of the top 5% of CO within a plume) much less than transects with detectable N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>.

#### *Calculation of NEMR values for transect center observations:*

Transect center NEMRs are calculated according to Equation S3 below.

$$\frac{\Delta x}{\Delta CO} \quad (S3)$$

Here,  $\Delta$  refers to the difference of transect and background observations. Transect center observations are taken to be an average of values corresponding to the top 5% of CO values within a transect: see [Decker *et al.*, 2021]. The  $1-\sigma$  uncertainty of the average is added to measurement uncertainties in quadrature (the square root of the sum of squares) to produce the error bars presented throughout the manuscript. Data below the LoD (including negative values) are included in these calculations without modification.

*Plume transect boundary determination:*

- Smoke region:
- The smoke tracer CO is enhanced above the background ( $> 2-\sigma$ ).
- The smoke is defined (had a clear departure from and return to background levels of CO).
- The transect sampled smoke for more than five continuous seconds (five data points) which corresponds to a plume width of roughly 650 m based on average aircraft speed for the NASA DC-8.
- Background region
- A 15 second period beginning roughly 30 seconds before the transect region (or less if there is less than 30 seconds between transect samples).
- Does not overlap with a smoke region.

## S2 Chloride emissions from montane and agricultural fires

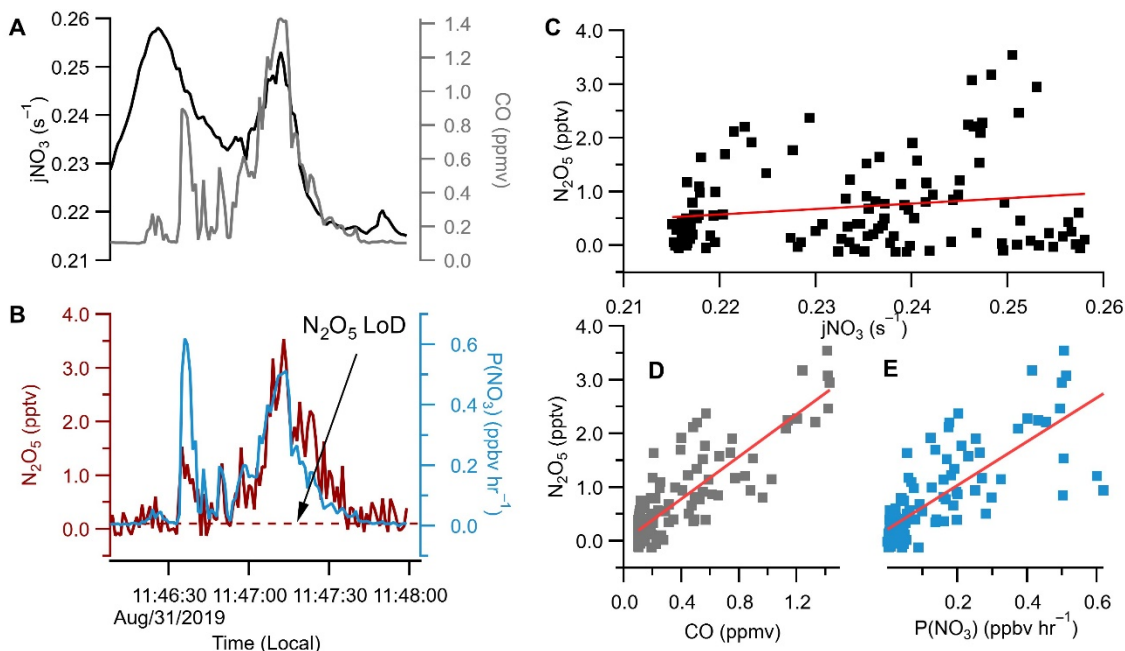
The formation of  $ClNO_2$  requires particulate chloride ( $pCl^-$ ). It is known from field and laboratory measurements that agricultural and grass burning emits more  $Cl^-$  per kg of fuel burned (emission factor) when compared to temperate and boreal forest burning [Ahern *et al.*, 2018; Liu *et al.*, 2016; May *et al.*, 2014]. As we show below, observations from the NASA DC-8 and NOAA Twin Otter aircraft (hereafter DC-8 and Twin Otter) during FIREX-AQ are consistent with these results.

Figure S5A shows a flight track of the DC-8 on 24 July when two fires were sampled in contrasting environments, which offers a case study of contrasting fuels. The Shady fire burned in a mountainous region with timber, tall grass, and logging debris fuels, while the Sheep fire burned sage grass, juniper, and sagebrush in a grassland region (Table S3). As shown in Figure S5B, the Shady and Sheep Fire plumes differ in  $pCl^-$  by roughly a factor of 10. A linear fit of  $pCl^-$  vs. CO indicates the above background enhancement of  $pCl^-$  relative to the smoke tracer CO, also called the normalized excess mixing ratio (NEMR). Observations of  $pCl^-$  were frequently linearly correlated with CO (89% of plumes had an  $R^2 > 0.3$ ) and above the reported LoD from the Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (AMS) aboard the Twin otter ( $0.09 \mu g \text{ sm}^{-3}$ ) and the AMS aboard the DC-8 (median/average  $\pm \sigma$  LoD of  $0.09 / 0.13 \pm 0.09$  for montane-fueled smoke and  $0.19 / 0.19 \pm 0.08$  for agricultural fueled-smoke). Specifically, we observed  $0.6 \mu g \text{ sm}^{-3} \text{ ppmv}^{-1}$  CO for the montane fire and  $6.1 \mu g \text{ sm}^{-3} \text{ ppmv}^{-1}$  CO for the grass fire. The results from the July 24 case study shown here are consistent with all smoke observations from both the Twin Otter and DC-8 during FIREX-AQ. Median  $pCl^-$  NEMR for grass and agricultural

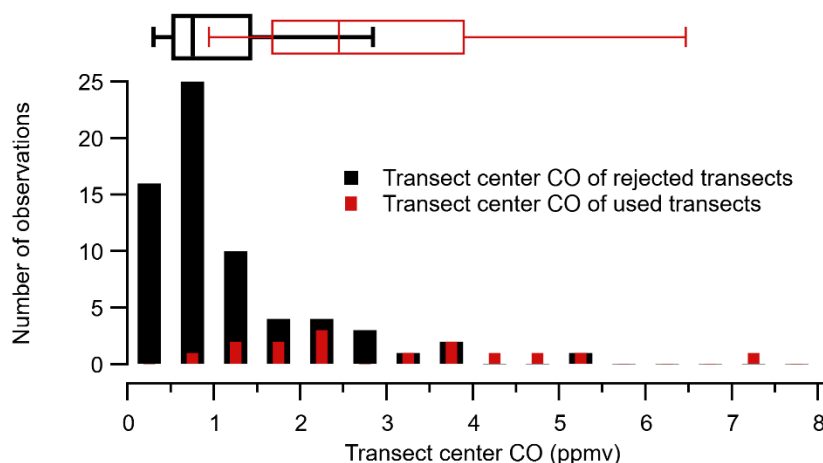
fueled smoke was  $9.9 \mu\text{g sm}^{-3} \text{ ppmv}^{-1}$  (or  $8.0 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ ), which is within a factor of two of aircraft-derived NEMR from May et al.'s analysis ( $5.4 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$  for an east coast U.S. grass fire) [May et al., 2014] and within the reported variability of aircraft results by [Liu et al., 2016], but less than the range of laboratory grass burns ( $11.1 - 25.3 \text{ mg g}^{-1}$ ). These results show that agricultural and grass fuels have greater potential for  $\text{ClNO}_2$  formation and activation.

Biomass burning chloride emissions likely occur in the form of  $\text{HCl}$  in the gas phase or as potassium or other salts [May et al., 2014]. We have not carried out thermodynamic modeling of the subsequent chloride partitioning between the gas and aerosol phases. Measurement of gas phase  $\text{HCl}$  was unavailable from the aircraft during FIREX-AQ. Emission factors and NEMRs derived in this work are therefore lower limits. We note, however, that the NEMR for reduced nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) greatly exceeds that of chloride [Akagi et al., 2011] and that chloride is soluble in organic aerosol [Solomon et al., 2023]. Therefore, we expect a large fraction of the available chloride to be present as  $\text{pCl}^-$ .

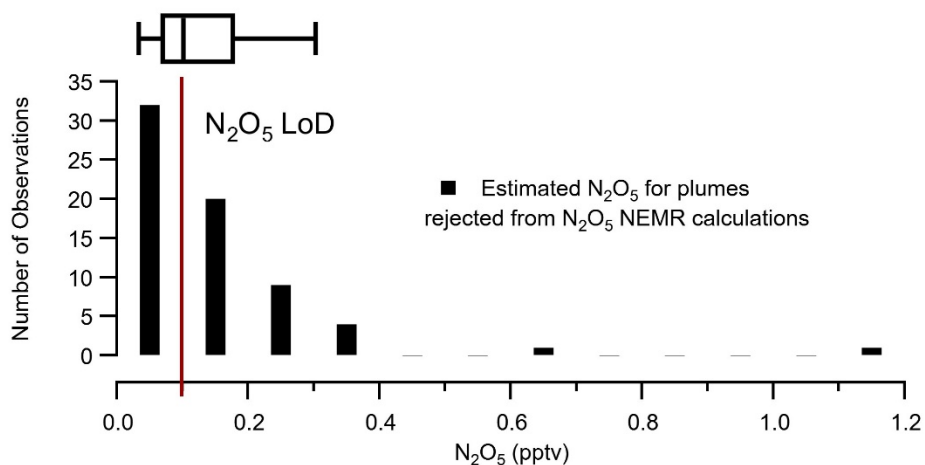




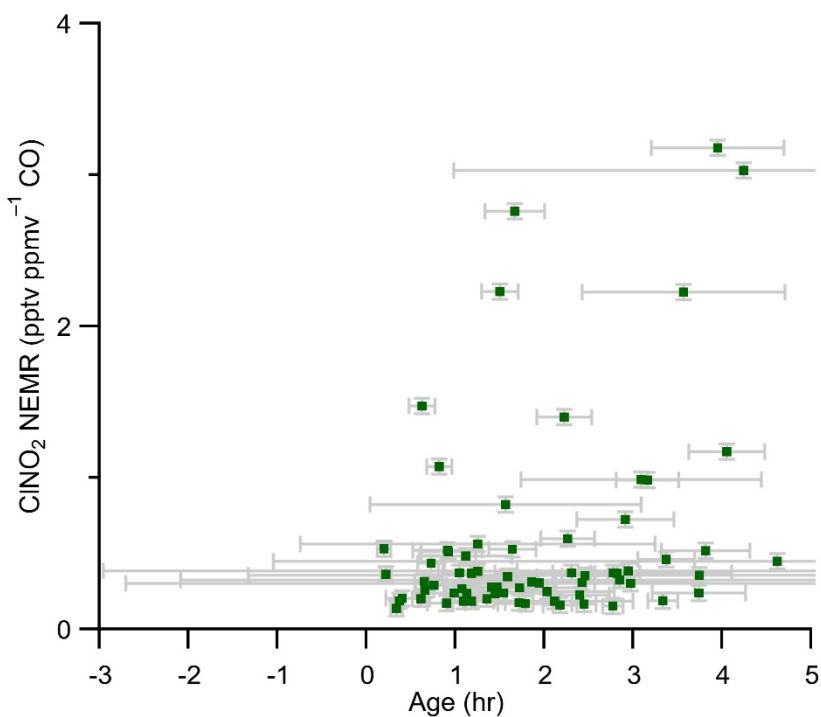
**Figure S1.** observations taken from a crosswind transect of a small agricultural fire plume at mid-day. (A): observations of  $j\text{NO}_3$  (left, black) and CO (right, grey). (B): observations of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  (left, red) and  $\text{P}(\text{NO}_3)$  (right, blue). (C): correlation plot of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  vs.  $j\text{NO}_3$  with an  $R^2 = 0.03$ . (D): correlation plot of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  vs. CO with an  $R^2 = 0.73$ . (E): correlation plot of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  vs.  $\text{P}(\text{NO}_3)$  with an  $R^2 = 0.60$ .



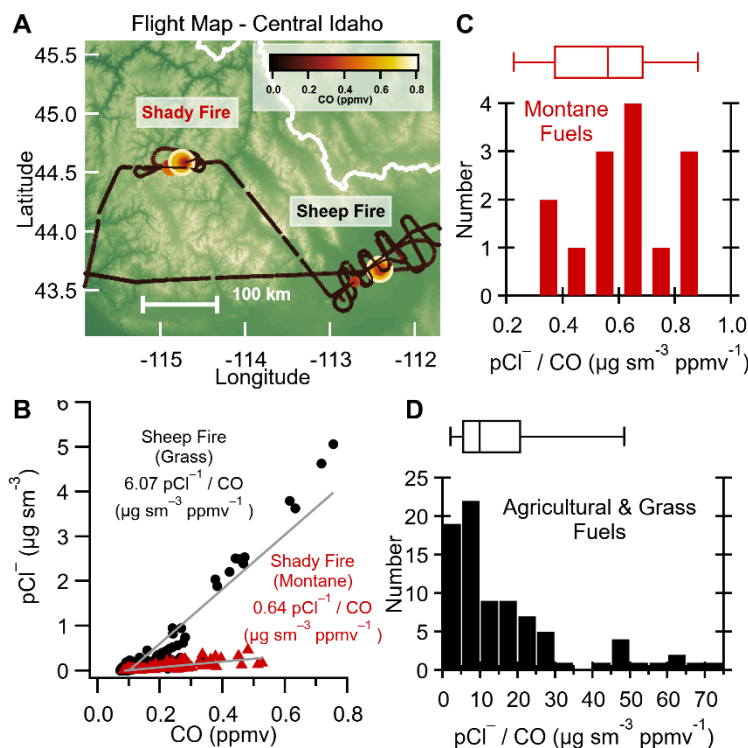
**Figure S2.** Histogram of transect center CO for transects rejected (black) or used (red) (see Table S2) for NEMR calculations. Box plots show 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. The median/average  $\pm \sigma$  of observations above the LoD is 2.4 / 3.0  $\pm 1.8$  and for observations below the LoD it is 0.75 / 1.2  $\pm 1.3$ . Assuming an NEMR of 1.0 pptv  $\text{ppmv}^{-1}$  CO (the median result determined in the main text) the expected  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  mixing ratio shows that the majority of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  is expected to be at or below the LoD (Figure S3) and would be rejected by a 3-4 $\times$  LoD threshold.



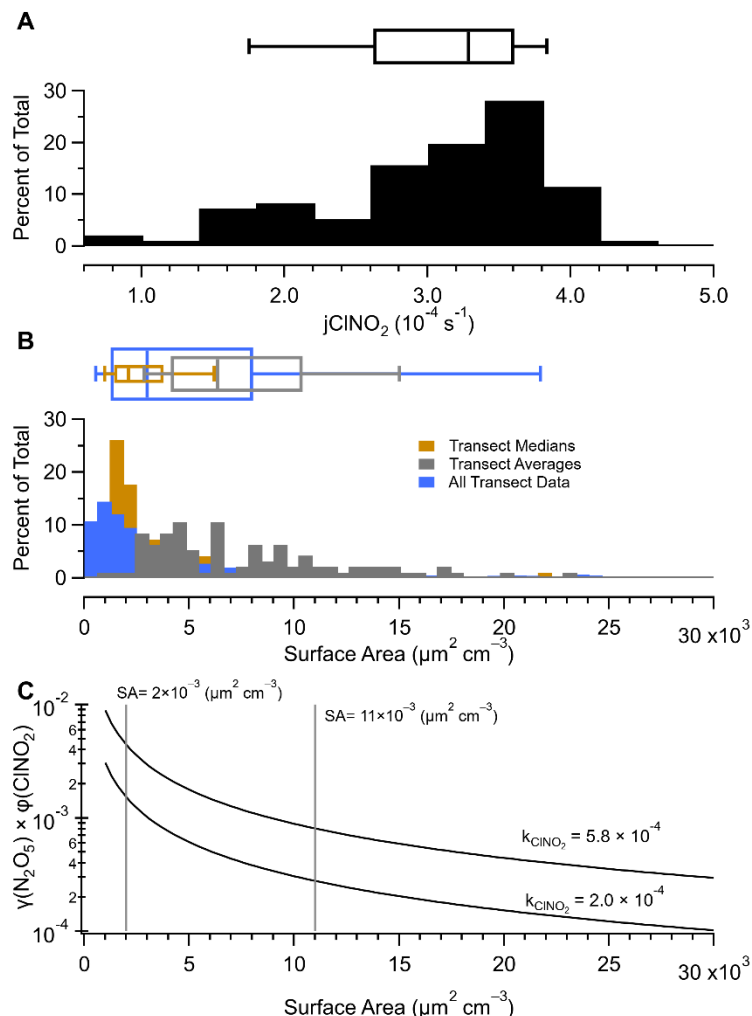
**Figure S3.** Histogram of estimated  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  mixing ratio for transects rejected for NEMR calculations. The estimation is based on the observed CO and an NEMR of  $1.0 \text{ pptv ppmv}^{-1} \text{ CO}$  as determined in the main text. Box plots show 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. The median/average  $\pm \sigma$  of estimated  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  mixing ratio is  $0.1 / 0.2 \pm 0.2$



**Figure S4.** Calculated  $\text{ClNO}_2$  NEMRs from montane-fueled fires as a function of average plume age.

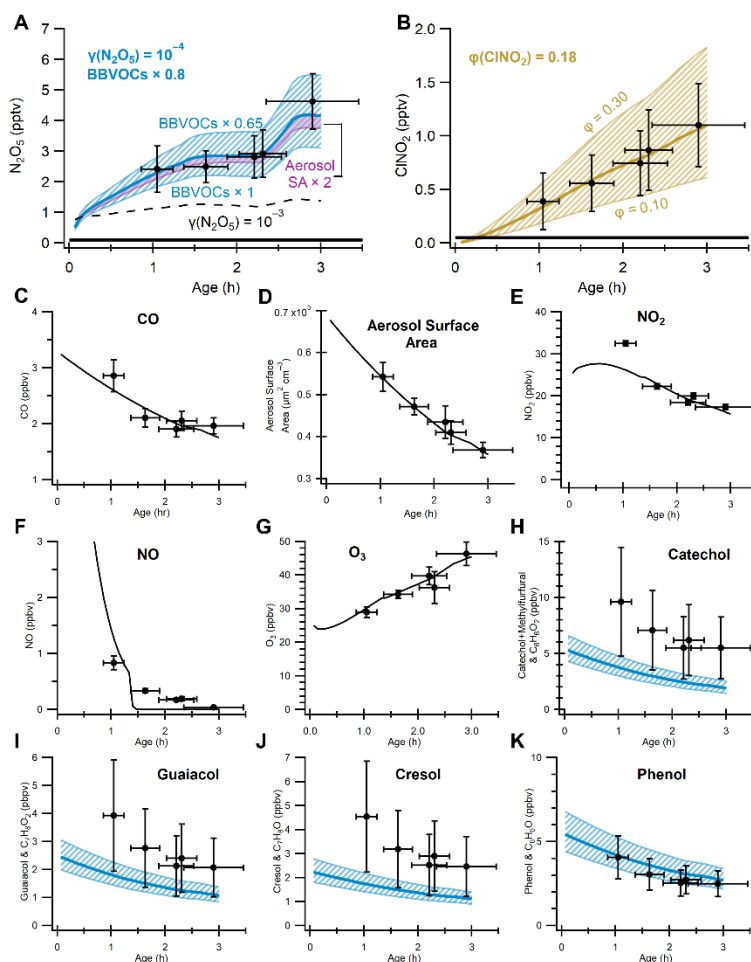


**Figure S5.** (A): flight map (terrain colored by elevation) with the flight path (colored and sized by CO mixing ratio) of the DC-8 sampling the Shady fire plume (red, 17:45–18:15 MDT, including timber, tall grass, and logging debris fuels) and the Sheep fire plume (black, 16:15–16:30 MDT, including sage-grass, juniper, and sagebrush fuels). (B) aircraft observations of  $pCl^-$  correlated with the CO mixing ratio of the Shady (red,  $R^2 = 0.62$ ) and Sheep (black,  $R^2 = 0.87$ ) fire plumes. (C) histogram with box and whisker plot of normalized excess mixing ratios of  $pCl^-$  for montane fueled smoke observations taken by the DC-8 and the Twin Otter aircraft in FIREX-AQ. (D) Similar to panel C but for grass and agricultural fuels. Box plots show 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. The median NEMR for wildland fuels is  $0.6\ \mu g\ sm^{-3}\ ppmv^{-1}$  and the average  $\pm 1-\sigma$  is  $0.6 \pm 0.3\ \mu g\ sm^{-3}\ ppmv^{-1}$ . The median for agricultural fuels is  $9.9\ \mu g\ sm^{-3}\ ppmv^{-1}$  and the average  $\pm 1-\sigma$  is  $16.6 \pm 17.1\ \mu g\ sm^{-3}\ ppmv^{-1}$ .

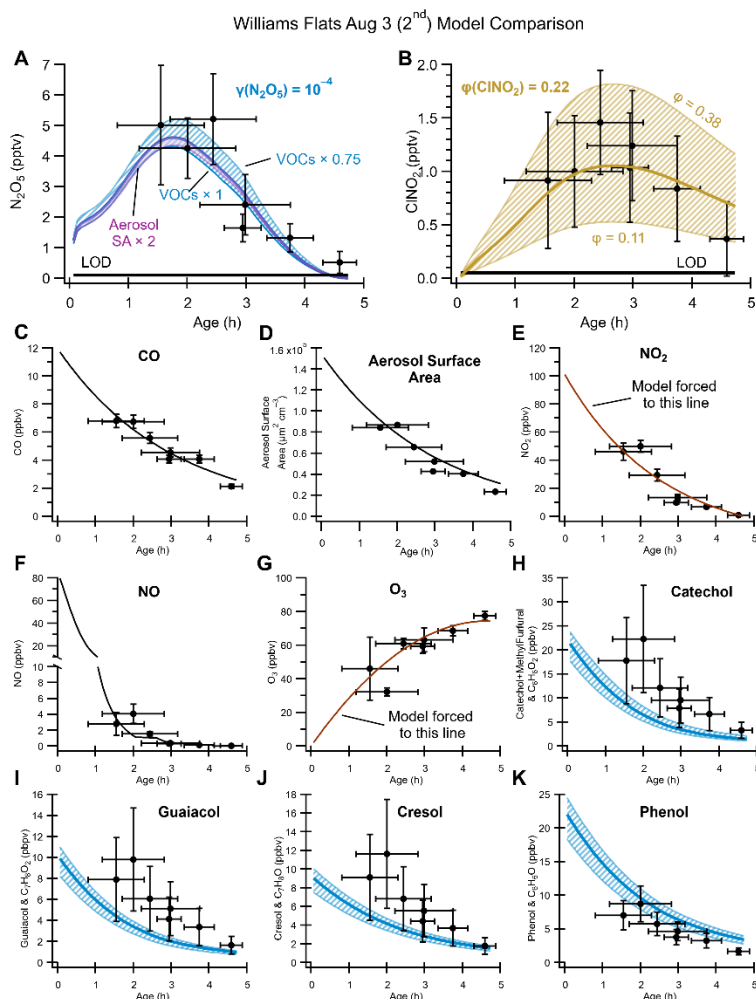


**Figure S6.** (A) Histogram of observed photolysis rates of  $\text{ClNO}_2$  ( $j\text{ClNO}_2$ ) for calculated NEMR in Figure 3A. (B) Histograms of the aerosol surface area in the agricultural-fueled fires sampled by the DC-8 during FIREX-AQ. The transect medians (grey) and averages (brown) represent a median or average of single transects. This is compared to all transect data (blue), which shows all smoke data. Box and whiskers show results for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. In (A) and (B) box and whiskers show results for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. (C) A sensitivity analysis of  $\gamma(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5) \times \phi(\text{ClNO}_2)$  as a function of aerosol surface area. The region between grey vertical lines represents our best estimate range of  $\gamma(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5) \times \phi(\text{ClNO}_2)$  based on a range of aerosol surface area (SA) and the observed  $k_{\text{ClNO}_2}$  in Figure 3A.

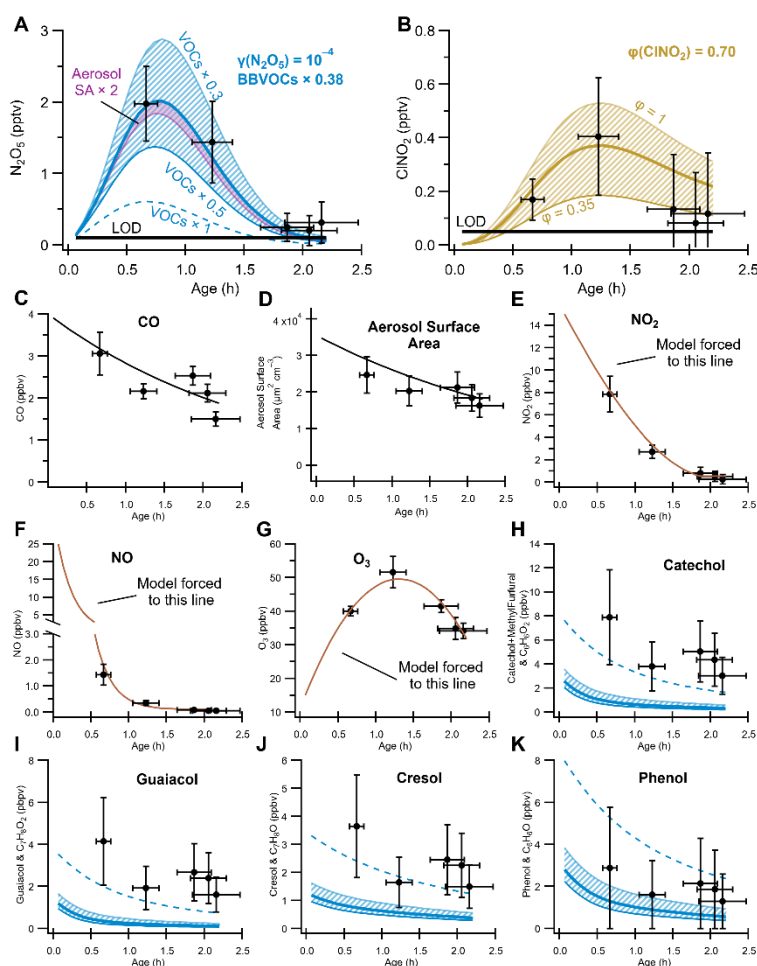
# North Hills July 29 Model Comparison



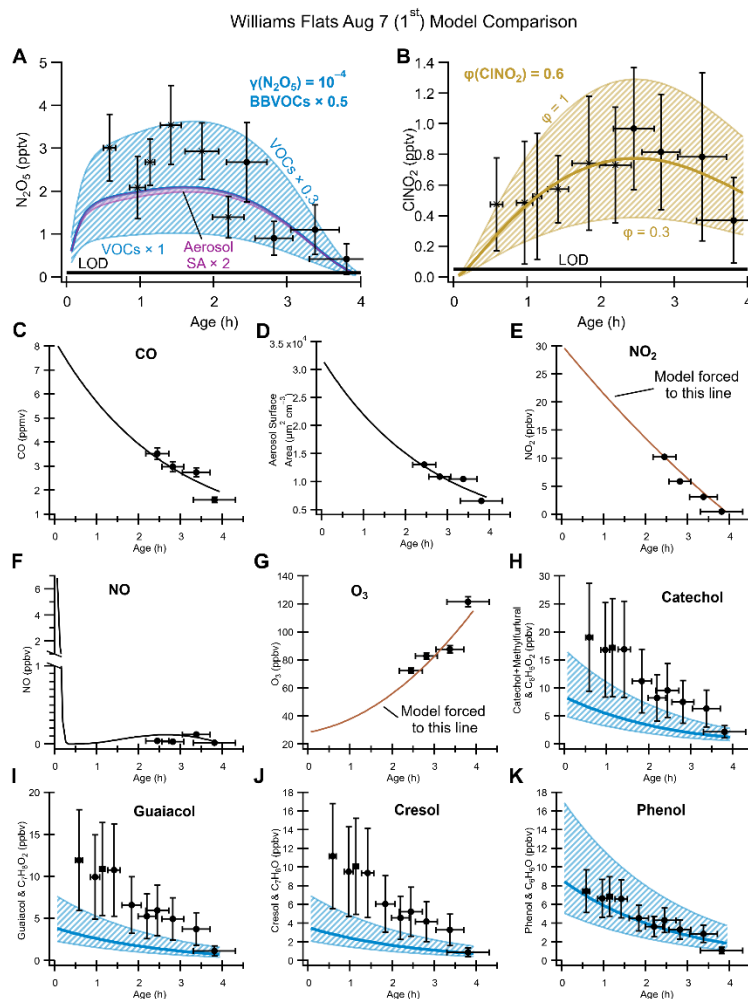
**Figure S7.** Comparison of box model results to observations for the North Hills Fire on July 29. Observations are shown as black markers while model results are shown as solid lines. Vertical error bars include instrument uncertainty and 1- $\sigma$  variability (added in quadrature: the square root of the sum of squares) of the average of the transect center observations (observations aligned with the top 5% of CO). The blue shading in H–K corresponds to model results shown in A.



**Figure S8.** Comparison of box model results to observations for the Williams Flats fire on Aug 3 (2<sup>nd</sup> sampling). Observations are shown as black markers while model results are shown as solid lines. Vertical error bars include instrument uncertainty and 1- $\sigma$  variability (added in quadrature: the square root of the sum of squares ) of the average of the transect center observations (observations aligned with the top 5% of CO). The blue shading in H–K corresponds to model results shown in A. In this model, red lines indicate when a compound was forced to a guiding line as it was unable to be reproduced by the model for reasons discussed in Decker et al.(2)



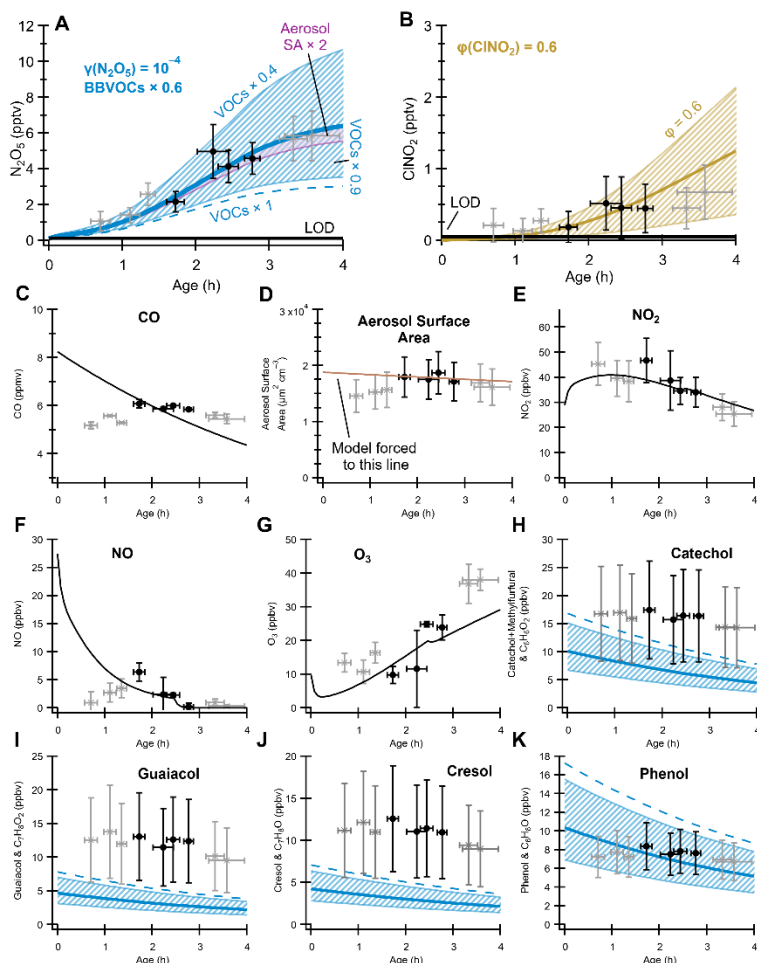
**Figure S9.** Comparison of box model results to observations for the Shady fire on July 25 (2<sup>nd</sup> sampling). Observations are shown as black markers while model results are shown as solid lines. Vertical error bars include instrument uncertainty and 1- $\sigma$  variability (added in quadrature: the square root of the sum of squares) of the average of the transect center observations (observations aligned with the top 5% of CO). The blue shading in H–K corresponds to model results shown in A. In this model, red lines indicate when a compound was forced to a guiding line as it was unable to be reproduced by the model for reasons discussed in Decker et al.(2)



**Figure S10.** Comparison of box model results to observations for the Williams Flats fire on Aug 7 (1<sup>st</sup> sampling). Observations are shown as black markers while model results are shown as solid lines. Vertical error bars include instrument uncertainty and 1- $\sigma$  variability (added in quadrature: the square root of the sum of squares) of the average of the transect center observations (observations aligned with the top 5% of CO). The blue shading in H–K corresponds to model results shown in A. In this model, red lines indicate when a compound was forced to a guiding line as it was unable to be reproduced by the model for reasons discussed in Decker et al.(2)

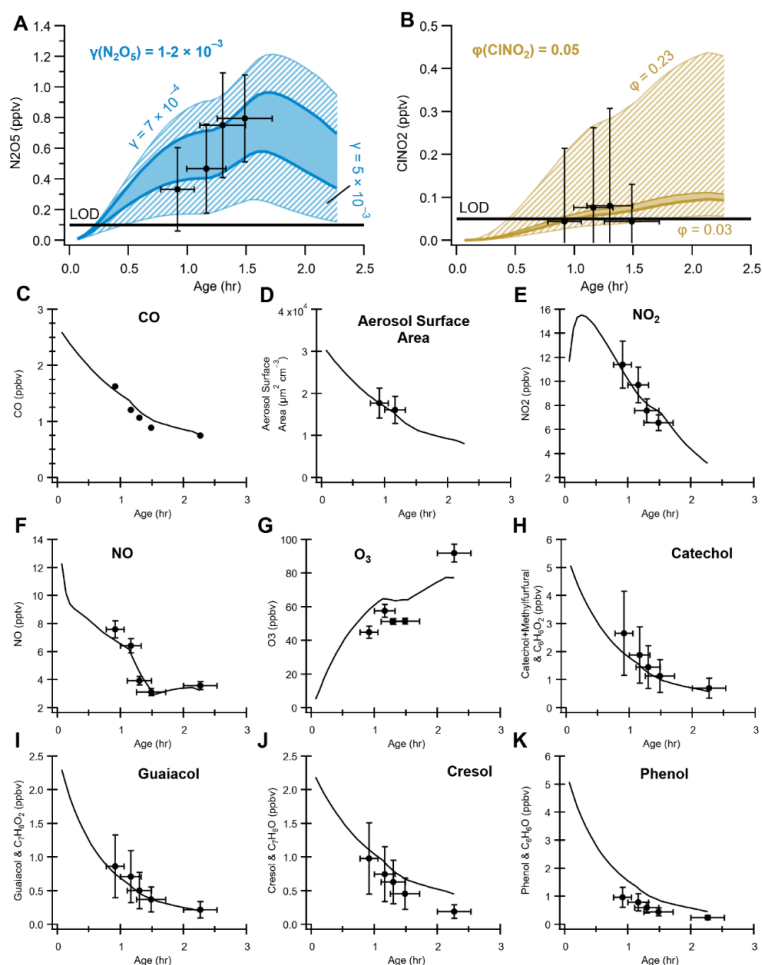


Williams Flats Aug 7 (2<sup>nd</sup>) Model Comparison

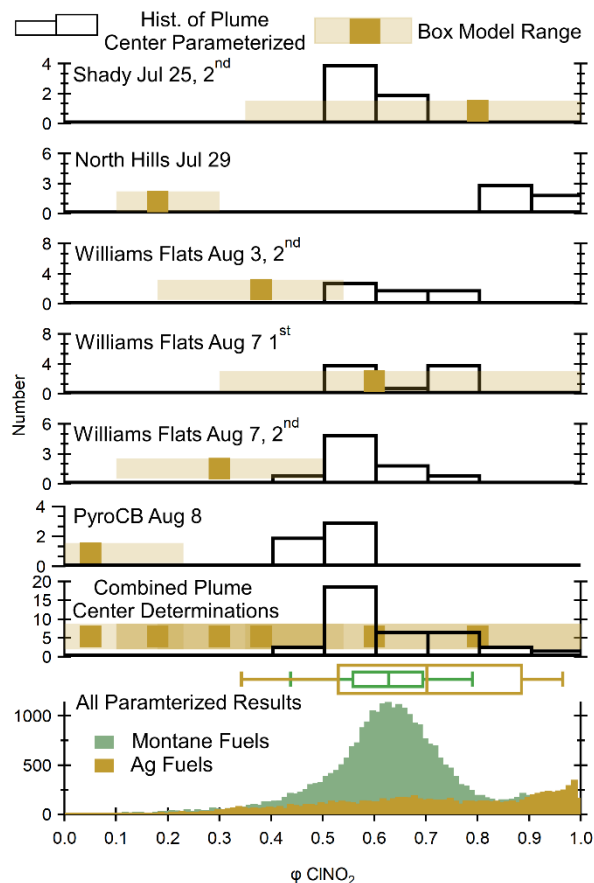


**Figure S11.** Comparison of box model results to observations for the Williams Flats fire on Aug 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> sampling). Observations are shown as markers while model results are shown as solid lines. Grey markers indicate observation excluded from the model for reasons discussed in Decker et al.(2) Vertical error bars include instrument uncertainty and 1- $\sigma$  variability (added in quadrature: the square root of the sum of squares ) of the average of the transect center observations (observations aligned with the top 5% of CO). The blue shading in H–K corresponds to model results corresponding shown in A. In this model, red lines indicate when a compound was forced to a guiding line as it was unable to be reproduced by the model for reasons discussed in Decker et al.(2)

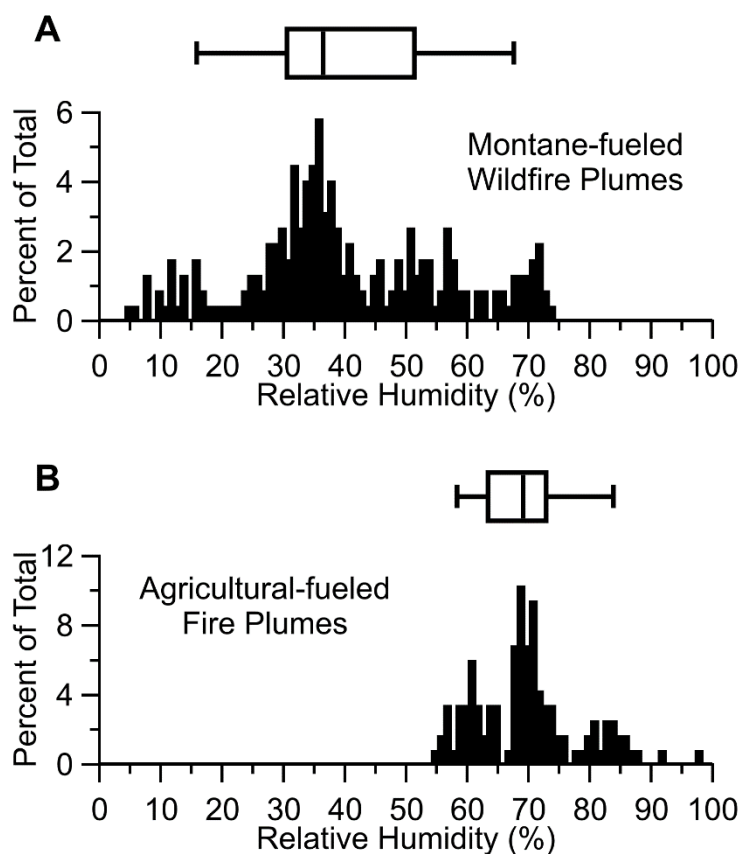
Williams Flats Aug 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> PyroCB Burst) Model Comparison



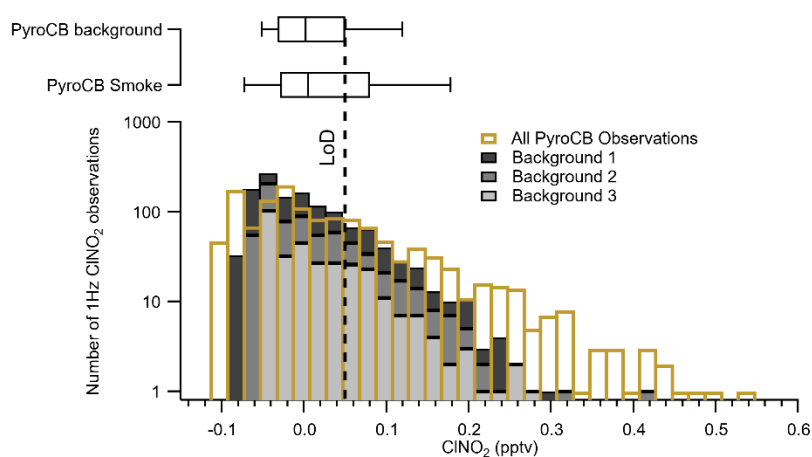
**Figure S12.** Comparison of box model results to observations for the Williams Flats fire on Aug 8 (2<sup>nd</sup> PyroCB burst). Error bars include instrument error with 1- $\sigma$  uncertainty from the average of the transect center in added in quadrature (the square root of the sum of squares) observations as well as plume age uncertainty.



**Figure S13.** Comparison of the box model derived  $\phi(\text{CINO}_2)$  for five montane plumes and the PyroCB event compared with parametrized  $\phi(\text{CINO}_2)$ . Box model derived values are shown as the gold horizontal bars. Parametrized  $\phi(\text{CINO}_2)$  is shown in the histograms (vertical bars) for the transect center observations used in the box model (hollow bars) and for all observations from FIREX-AQ (solid bars). Box and whiskers show results for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles.

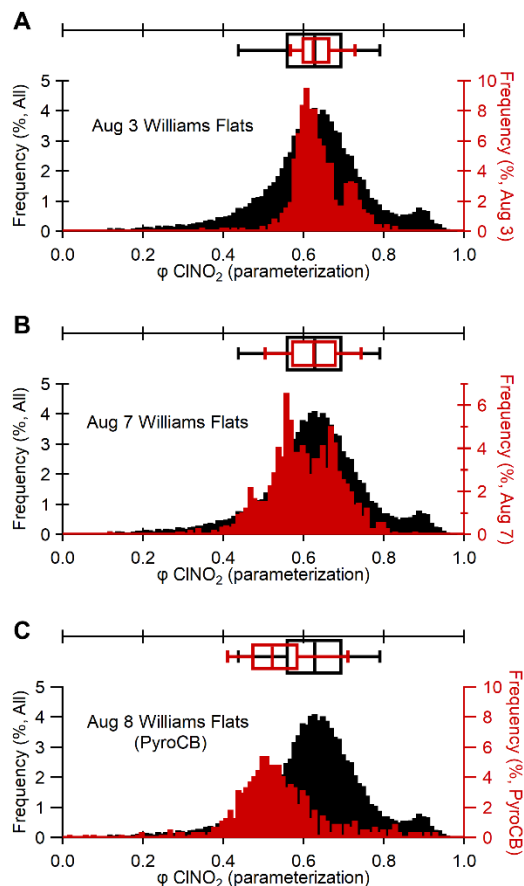


**Figure S14.** (A) and (B) show histograms of plume transect averaged relative humidity (RH). Each plume transect is averaged and combined as a histogram. For Montane-fueled wildfire plumes the average RH is 40% and the median is 36%. For agricultural-fueled plumes the average is 70% and the median is 69%. Box and whiskers show results for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles.

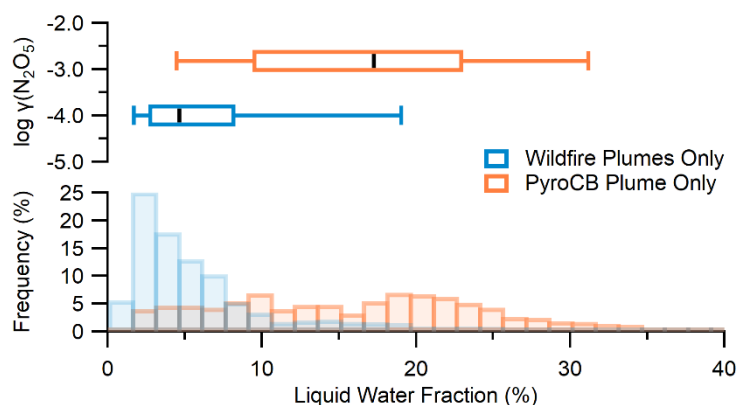


**Figure S15.** Histogram of ClNO<sub>2</sub> observations from the NOAA I- CIMS on Aug 8 while sampling the PyroCB. The grey fill is stacked and indicates measurements taken from three background regions: one before the first measurement of PyroCB smoke, one after

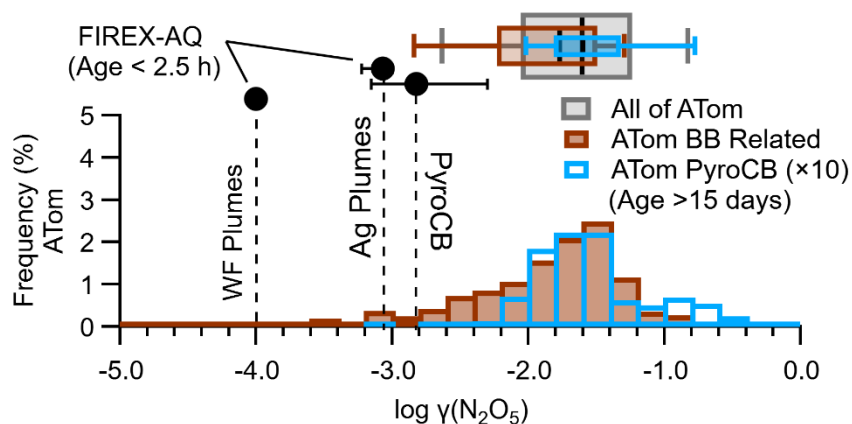
the last measurement, and one in between two PyroCB transects. The transparent gold bars indicate measurements within the smoke. Box and whiskers show results for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles. The median/average  $\pm \sigma$  for plume ClNO<sub>2</sub> mixing ratios is 0.01 / 0.03  $\pm$  0.10 pptv. The median/average  $\pm \sigma$  for background ClNO<sub>2</sub> mixing ratios is 0.00 / 0.02  $\pm$  0.06 pptv. The two averages are statistically different ( $p < 0.001$ ).



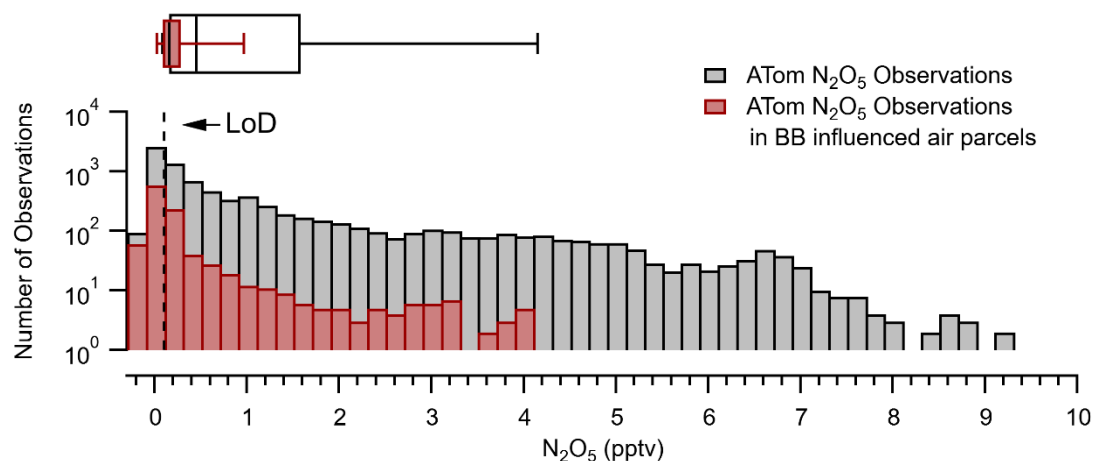
**Figure S16.** Comparison of parameterized  $\phi(\text{ClNO}_2)$  values for samplings of the Williams Flats fire smoke on three different days including the PyroCB on Aug 8. Results in black represent all observed wildfire smoke while observations in red show the Williams Flats fire sampled on Aug 3 (A) with a median of 0.62, on Aug 7 (B) with a median of 0.63, and on Aug 8 (PyroCB event, C) with a median of 0.52. Box and whiskers show results for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles.



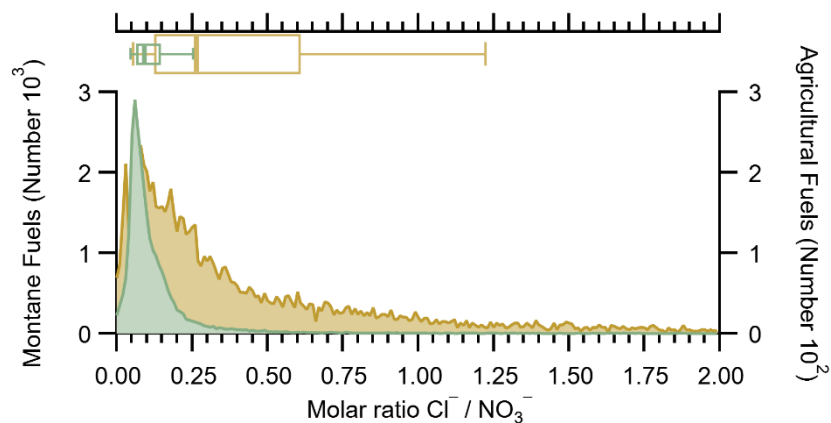
**Figure S17.** Comparison of liquid water fraction for all modeled wildfires except the PyroCB (blue) and only the PyroCB (orange). Liquid water fraction is defined as the liquid water content mass divided by the sum mass of the organic, ammonium, chloride, nitrate, sulfate, and liquid water). The box and whisker plots show the  $\gamma(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5)$  as a function of liquid water content with 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles shown. The histograms show the frequency of observations as a function of liquid water fraction. The median liquid water fraction for the wildfire plumes was 5%. The median liquid water fraction for the PyroCB was 17%).



**Figure S18.** Comparison of the model-derived or fitted  $\gamma(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5)$  values from FIREX-AQ and ATom as shown in Figure 5A, but with the addition of a subset of data identified by Katich et al. (33) in ATom-3 to have PyroCB influence. Markers show FIREX-AQ results, and the histograms show ATom BB-related  $\gamma(\text{N}_2\text{O}_5)$  values. The box and whisker plots show the ATom BB-related (brown) (Methods), ATom-3 aerosol with PyroCB influence (33) (blue), and all of the ATom (grey) results from the UTLS.



**Figure S19.** Observations of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  (pptv) from the NOAA  $\text{I}^-$  CIMS aboard the NASA DC-8 during the ATom campaign. Grey bars indicate all observations while red bars indicate observations in BB influenced air. The median/average  $\pm \sigma$  for BB influenced  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  mixing ratios during ATom is  $0.16 / 0.38 \pm 0.71$ . The median/average  $\pm \sigma$  for all  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  mixing ratios during ATom is  $0.45 / 1.27 \pm 1.82$ .



**Figure S20.** Histograms of the molar ratio of aerosol  $\text{Cl}^-$  to  $\text{NO}_3^-$  for montane fueled smoke (green) and agricultural-fueled smoke (brown). The montane-fueled smoke median/average  $\pm \sigma$  is  $0.1 / 0.1 \pm 0.2$  and the agricultural fueled smoke median/average  $\pm \sigma$  is  $0.3 / 0.4 \pm 0.4$ . Box plots show 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentiles.

Measurements Used	Method	Platform	Campaign	Sample Frequency
CO	Picarro G2401-m, cavity ringdown spectrometer.	Twin Otter	FIREX-AQ	0.5 Hz
Non-refractory PM <sub>1</sub> chemical composition	ECCC aircraft High-resolution Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-AMS)	Twin Otter	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
CO	Tunable diode laser spectrometer	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
CO	Cavity enhanced spectrometer	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
NO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>y</sub> , and O <sub>3</sub>	NOAA chemiluminescence	DC-8	FIREX-AQ ATom	1 Hz
NO <sub>2</sub> , HONO	NOAA broadband Airborne Cavity Enhanced Spectrometer (ACES)	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
NO	NOAA laser induced fluorescence	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O, C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O, C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> .	NOAA Proton Transfer Reaction Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O, C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O, C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> .	University of Innsbruck Proton Transfer Reaction Time of Flight Mass Spectrometer	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	1 Hz
HONO, N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , ClNO <sub>2</sub>	NOAA Iodide Time of Flight Chemical Ionization Mass Spectrometer (I <sup>-</sup> ToF CIMS)	DC-8	FIREX-AQ ATom (N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> )	1 Hz
Aerosol Size Distribution and Derived Surface Area	Scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS) Laser Aerosol Spectrometer (LAS)	DC-8	FIREX-AQ	60 sec 1 Hz
Non-refractory PM <sub>1</sub> chemical composition	CU aircraft High Resolution Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-AMS)	DC-8	FIREX-AQ ATom	1 Hz
Photolysis rates	Charged-coupled device Actinic Flux Spectroradiometer (CAFS)	DC-8	FIREX-AQ ATom	1-5 Hz 1-3 Hz
bulk aerosol size distributions	Combination of techniques for dry diameters 2.7 nm – 4.8 μm	DC-8	ATom	1 Hz
Identification of cloud periods	Cloud, Aerosol, and Precipitation Spectrometer (CAPS)	DC-8	ATom	1 Hz
Identification of pyrogenic-influenced aerosol	Particle Analysis by Laser Mass Spectrometry (PALMS)	DC-8	ATom	1Hz

**Table S1.** Table of instrumentation used in this work.



	Transects used for the NEMR calculation	Transects rejected for the NEMR calculation
N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (Agricultural)	15	68
ClNO <sub>2</sub> (Agricultural)	90	29
N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (Montane)	95	104
ClNO <sub>2</sub> (Montane)	70	98

**Table S2.** A count of transects used or rejected for the calculation of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> or ClNO<sub>2</sub>. Roughly 37 % and 46 % of plume transects included N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> and ClNO<sub>2</sub>, respectively, well in excess of the instrumental detection limits (LoD: N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>=0.1 pptv and ClNO<sub>2</sub>=0.05 pptv at 1 Hz).

Fire name	State	Latitude	Longitude	Date sampled	Time sampled	Fuel
Shady Fire	Idaho	44.52	-115.02	July 24	17:45–18:15 MDT	Timber, Tall grass, and Logging debris
Sheep Fire	Idaho	43.56	-112.88	July 24	16:15–16:30 MDT	Sage-grass, Juniper, Grass, and Sagebrush
North Hills	Montana	46.75	-111.96	July 29	20:45–21:45 MDT	Managed Xeric, Understory, Sagebrush, Shrubland
Williams Flats	Washington	47.94	-118.62	Aug 03	17:30–19:30 PDT	Short grass, Ponderosa timber
				Aug 07	16:30–17:45 PDT & 18:00–19:30 PDT	
				Aug 08	17:45–19:15 PDT	

**Table S3.** List of wildfires referenced in the main text. A complete list of fires from FIREX-AQ is found in [Warneke *et al.*, 2023].

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