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# Coupling field and laboratory measurements to estimate the emission factors of identified and unidentified trace gases for prescribed fires

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## Abstract

An extensive program of experiments focused on biomass burning emissions began with a laboratory phase in which vegetative fuels commonly consumed in prescribed fires were collected in the southeastern and southwestern US and burned in a series of 71 fires at the US Forest Service Fire Sciences Laboratory in Missoula, Montana. The particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) emissions were measured by gravimetric filter sampling with subsequent analysis for elemental carbon (EC), organic carbon (OC), and 38 elements. The trace gas emissions were measured by an open-path Fourier transform infrared (OP-FTIR) spectrometer, proton-transfer-reaction mass spectrometry (PTR-MS), proton-transfer ion-trap mass spectrometry (PIT-MS), negative-ion proton-transfer chemical-ionization mass spectrometry (NI-PT-CIMS), and gas chromatography with MS detection (GC-MS). 204 trace gas species (mostly non-methane organic compounds – NMOC) were identified and quantified with the above instruments. Many of the 182 species quantified by the GC-MS have rarely, if ever, been measured in smoke before. An additional 153 significant peaks in the unit mass resolution mass spectra were quantified, but either could not be identified or most of the signal at that molecular mass was unaccounted for by identifiable species.

In a second, “field” phase of this program, airborne and ground-based measurements were made of the emissions from prescribed fires that were mostly located in the same land management units where the fuels for the lab fires were collected. A broad variety, but smaller number of species (21 trace gas species and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) was measured on 14 fires in chaparral and oak savanna in the southwestern US, as well as pine forest understory in the southeastern US and Sierra Nevada mountains of California. The field measurements of emission factors (EF) are useful both for modeling and to examine the representativeness of our lab fire EF. The lab EF/field EF ratio for the pine understory fuels was not statistically different from one, on average. However, our lab EF for “smoldering compounds” emitted from the semiarid shrubland fuels should likely be increased by a factor of ~2.7 to better represent field fires. Based on the lab/field

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comparison, we present emission factors for 357 pyrogenic species (including unidentified species) for 4 broad fuel types: pine understory, semiarid shrublands, coniferous canopy, and organic soil.

To our knowledge this is the most comprehensive measurement of biomass burning emissions to date and it should enable improved representation of smoke composition in atmospheric models. The results support a recent estimate of global NMOC emissions from biomass burning that is much higher than widely used estimates and they provide important insights into the nature of smoke. 31–72 % of the mass of gas-phase NMOC species was attributed to species that we could not identify. These unidentified species are not represented in most models, but some provision should be made for the fact that they will react in the atmosphere. In addition, the total mass of gas-phase NMOC divided by the mass of co-emitted PM<sub>2.5</sub> averaged about three (range ~2.0–8.7). About 35–64 % of the NMOC were likely semivolatile or of intermediate volatility. Thus, the gas-phase NMOC represent a large reservoir of potential precursors for secondary formation of ozone and organic aerosol. For the single lab fire in organic soil about 28 % of the emitted carbon was present as gas-phase NMOC and ~72 % of the mass of these NMOC was unidentified, highlighting the need to learn more about the emissions from smoldering organic soils. The mass ratio of total NMOC to “NO<sub>x</sub> as NO” ranged from 11 to 267, indicating that NO<sub>x</sub>-limited O<sub>3</sub> production would be common in evolving biomass burning plumes. The fuel consumption per unit area was 7.0 ± 2.3 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 7.7 ± 3.7 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup> for pine-understory and semiarid shrubland prescribed fires, respectively.

## 1 Introduction

Biomass burning is considered the main source of primary fine carbonaceous particles in the global atmosphere as well the second largest source of total trace gases (Crutzen and Andreae, 2000; Bond et al., 2004; Akagi et al., 2011). Biomass burning is also estimated to be the second largest global atmospheric source of gas-phase non-methane

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organic compounds (NMOC) after biogenic emissions ( $\sim 1000 \text{ Tgyr}^{-1}$ , Guenther et al., 2006; Yokelson et al., 2008) contributing  $\sim 400\text{--}700 \text{ Tgyr}^{-1}$  (Akagi et al., 2011). Previous studies have indicated that a significant fraction of the gas-phase NMOC emitted by biomass burning is still unidentified and that many of the unidentified species have molecular mass (MM)  $> \sim 90$  and thus may be semivolatile or of intermediate volatility (Christian et al., 2003; Karl et al., 2007; Warneke et al., 2011). The identified and unidentified NMOC emitted by biomass burning, especially the lower volatility species, are expected to be reactive and contribute to secondary formation of ozone ( $\text{O}_3$ ) or organic aerosol as observed and/or modeled in many plume aging studies (e.g. Fishman et al., 1991; Goode et al., 2000; Abel et al., 2003; Hobbs et al., 2003; Trentmann et al., 2005; Sudo and Akimoto, 2007; Grieshop et al., 2009; Alvarado and Prinn, 2009; Yokelson et al., 2009; Hennigan et al., 2011; Heringa et al., 2011; Akagi et al., 2011, 2012a,b).

Understanding how the NMOC emitted by biomass burning impact the atmosphere is still developing. For example, the extent to which the emitted species can be identified and the initial and evolving ratio of gas-phase organic carbon to condensed phase carbon have only been examined in cursory fashion. The many unknowns limit our ability to model the local to global atmospheric chemistry impacts of both wild and anthropogenic fires and thus manage fire in optimal fashion. Fire is a major, natural disturbance factor in many global ecosystems and has many anthropogenic uses globally that are not formally regulated, including: inexpensive land-clearing, improving grazing, and enhancing soil fertility (Hoy and Isern, 1995; Jordan, 1984; Steinhart and Steinhart, 1977). Prescribed burning is a regulated land management practice used widely in the US, Australia, South Africa, and elsewhere. In the context of wildland management (e.g. natural grasslands, shrublands, forests), prescribed fires are used to restore or maintain the natural, beneficial role of fire; reduce fire risk by consuming accumulated wildland fuels under preferred weather conditions; and accomplish other land management objectives (Biswell, 1989; Hardy et al., 2001; Carter and Foster, 2004). Many desirable, fire-adapted ecosystems depend on the regular occurrence of fire for

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survival (Keeley et al., 2009). In these ecosystems, land managers may implement prescribed burning as often as every  $\sim 1\text{--}4$  yr under conditions when fuel consumption can be limited and smoke dispersion can be at least partially controlled. Wildfires, in contrast, normally burn when “fire danger” is at high levels and they can consume very large amounts of fuel (Campbell et al., 2007; Turetsky et al., 2011) with few or no options for reducing smoke impacts on populated areas. Unregulated anthropogenic fires (e.g. shifting cultivation), prescribed fires, and wildfires can strongly impact local to regional  $\text{O}_3$ , air quality, health, and visibility on every continent except Antarctica (Reid et al., 1998; Sawa et al., 1999; Schmid et al., 2003; Yokelson et al., 2007; McMeeking et al., 2006; Pfister et al., 2006; Park et al., 2007). The extent to which prescribed fires could reduce the fuel consumption by wildfire on the landscape scale and thus potentially reduce the total amount of regional smoke impacts is an active research area (Wiedinmyer and Hurteau, 2010; Cochrane et al., 2012). In any case, an assessment of the trade-offs between ecosystem health, climate, and human health requires a detailed knowledge of smoke chemistry and its evolution and potential toxicity (e.g. <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/188polls.html>; Sharkey, 1997; Rappold et al., 2011; Roberts et al., 2011).

We recently carried out extensive measurements that focused on better characterization of the emissions from US prescribed fires. The results are also relevant to the broader global issues mentioned above. In this paper we present a retrospective analysis that synthesizes the results from a large-scale lab-study of fire emissions with four field studies of fire emissions. The studies were carried out between February 2009 and March 2010, first at the Fire Sciences Laboratory in Missoula MT (Burling et al., 2010) and then via field campaigns in California, North Carolina (2), and Arizona (Burling et al., 2011). Both the lab and field deployments offer inherent advantages discussed in detail elsewhere (Burling et al., 2011). In the first study (Burling et al., 2010), vegetative fuels commonly consumed in prescribed fires were collected from five locations in the southeastern and southwestern US and burned in a series of 71 fires at the Fire Sciences Laboratory. The particulate matter ( $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ )

emissions were measured by gravimetric filter sampling with subsequent analysis for elemental carbon (EC), organic carbon (OC), and 38 elements. The trace gas emissions were measured with a large suite of state-of-the-art instrumentation including an open-path Fourier transform infrared (OP-FTIR) spectrometer, proton-transfer-reaction mass spectrometry (PTR-MS), proton-transfer ion-trap mass spectrometry (PIT-MS), negative-ion proton-transfer chemical-ionization mass spectrometry (NI-PT-CIMS), and gas chromatography with MS detection (GC-MS) (Burling et al., 2010; Veres et al., 2010; Roberts et al., 2010; Warneke et al., 2011; Gilman et al., 2012). One important aspect of the lab study was the deployment of the chemical ionization mass spectrometers (CIMS) mentioned above. Full mass scans with CIMS, when coupled with species identification by GC-MS and FTIR, is particularly helpful for assessing the relative amount of identified and unidentified NMOC. CIMS is very sensitive (ppt detection limits), broadly sensitive when  $\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  is the reagent ion (most NMOC, with the exception of alkanes, can be measured by PIT- or PTR-MS), and the sensitivity typically does not vary by more than about  $\pm 50\%$  between species. In contrast, FTIR, while sensitive to an even broader range of species (e.g. organics and inorganics), has higher detection limits and the sensitivity to individual NMOC can vary by several orders of magnitude (Sharpe et al., 2004). GC-MS sensitivity to individual NMOC can also vary by several orders of magnitude (Gilman et al., 2012). Thus, the amount of substance associated with an unknown peak in an IR spectrum, or a GC-MS chromatogram cannot usually be assigned with a level of certainty near that for CIMS. GC-MS and FTIR techniques can both detect some species not measured by CIMS and both can be useful for assigning at least some of the CIMS signal when more than one species has the same mass at unit mass resolution (Christian et al., 2003; Karl et al., 2007; Warneke et al., 2011; Gilman et al., 2012). Thus, we used “full mass scans” by CIMS, in conjunction with the GC-MS and FTIR to look in unprecedented detail at the fundamental nature of biomass burning emissions – e.g. an assessment of the total mass of initial NMOC gases and what fraction can be identified via the entire suite of instrumentation employed.

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The usefulness of the detailed lab results requires verification with field studies. Thus, in the subsequent field campaigns, we employed airborne FTIR and nephelometry to measure a broad variety, but a smaller number of species (21 trace gas species and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) on 14 prescribed fires in chaparral and Emory oak savanna in the southwestern US, as well as pine forest understory in the coastal plain of North Carolina and the Sierra Nevada mountains of California (Burling et al., 2011). The fires sampled in the field were usually in the land management units where the fuels were collected for the lab fire study or in similar, nearby areas. These may be the most extensive field measurements of emissions for temperate biomass burning to date and in addition to their immediate usefulness for modeling; we employ them here to examine the representativeness of our even more extensive lab fire results.

In this paper, we first convert the previously published lab-fire emission ratios into a large set of lab-fire emission factors (EF, g species emitted per kg of fuel burned on a dry weight basis) for all the species measured. We then compare the EF measured in the field measurement phase in different ecosystems to each other to establish an appropriate degree of specificity for our subsequent laboratory versus field EF comparisons. Third, we compare the lab EF results with the EF results from the four field deployments and based on the lab/field comparison we recommend application of a normalization factor to adjust some of the lab EF. Finally, we present a synthesized, “validated” set of emission factors for these US prescribed fires, which is also the most comprehensive set of emission factors available from any biomass burning experiment. This series of studies addresses the previous lack of EF for temperate biomass burning relative to the tropical ecosystems that dominate global biomass burning (van der Werf et al., 2010; Wiedinmyer et al., 2011; Akagi et al., 2011). Perhaps most importantly, the comparison presented here confirms the relevance of our laboratory measurements of important fundamental properties of biomass burning smoke such as the relative abundance of unidentified NMOC species, the gas-phase/condensed-phase carbon ratio, etc. These findings are likely relevant to some extent to all global biomass burning.

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While this paper focuses on the calculation, comparison, and interpretation of EFs, the large series of field studies resulted in numerous key results presented elsewhere. For example, Akagi et al. (2012a) studied the post-emission chemical evolution of the smoke from one prescribed fire. A fifth, separate field campaign was completed in fall 2011 with a greatly expanded suite of measurements in which the initial emissions were measured from 7 fires and the smoke evolution was measured on four of these fires. The smoke plumes in the fall 2011 campaign were sometimes mixed with urban emissions. The fall 2011 results are presented by Akagi et al. (2012b).

## 2 Experimental

### 2.1 Emissions measured in the laboratory and field campaigns

A complete description of the fires and instrumentation employed in this extensive series of studies is beyond the scope of this paper, but full details are available in the many references cited in the summary provided next.

#### 2.1.1 Emissions measured during large-scale laboratory burning of biomass

The lab fires mainly consisted of 3–6 replicate runs for 15 major fuel types relevant to US prescribed burns as shown in Table 1 of Burling et al. (2010). The lab fires also included four that measured the emissions from fresh, green, coniferous canopy fuels; one of burning organic soil; and one of garbage burning. There was very little food waste in the garbage burning simulation and lower emissions of nitrogen-containing species compared to field measurements (Christian et al., 2010), but the data are still useful for non-nitrogen species. A diagram of the US Forest Service combustion lab where the fires were burned is shown in Fig. S1. We measured the mixing ratios of the trace gases in the smoke on the sampling platform ~ 17 m above the fires. Open-path FTIR and fire-integrated filter sampling were performed on all the fires and the GC-MS and the three CIMS were deployed on 66 of the 71 total burns. An example showing

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some of the real time and grab sampled data collected during a typical fire is provided in Fig. 1. The top panel of Fig. 1 shows a few of the species measured on the sampling platform (Fig. S1) during Fire #32. The CO<sub>2</sub> rises first at ignition followed quickly by CO once the flame front moves and smoldering develops. The flaming-dominated period is shaded yellow. As smoldering increases NMOC levels increase represented here by methanol, which was measured by three of the real time instruments. The GC-MS grab sample time and the GC-MS methanol mixing ratio are also indicated.

The instruments that measured in real-time included the OP-FTIR and the three CIMS instruments. The CIMS had Teflon sample lines that were either heated or fast-flow. The validity of combining the open-path and point-sampled measurements was previously demonstrated by Christian et al. (2004) who showed that the smoke in the facility is well mixed under the conditions we employed. The OP-FTIR system (Burling et al., 2010) provided mixing ratios every 1.5 s for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), ethyne (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>), ethene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>), propene (C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>), formaldehyde (HCHO), formic acid (HCOOH), methanol (CH<sub>3</sub>OH), acetic acid (CH<sub>3</sub>COOH), furan (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O), water (H<sub>2</sub>O), nitric oxide (NO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), nitrous acid (HONO), ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), hydrogen cyanide (HCN), hydrogen chloride (HCl), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>). The NI-PT-CIMS instrument used to measure organic and inorganic acids is described in more detail by Roberts et al. (2010) and Veres et al. (2010a). The NI-PT-CIMS provided measurements every 5 s of HCOOH, HONO, isocyanic acid (HNCO), acrylic acid, glycolic acid, pyruvic acid, and resorcinol (1,3-benzenediol plus 1,2-benzenediol). On a few fires the NI-PT-CIMS interrupted the real-time monitoring to run a mass scan from  $m/z$  10 to 225. The PTR-MS instrument for NMOC measurements is described in more detail in Warneke et al. (2011) and de Gouw and Warneke (2007). The PTR-MS was operated in selected ion mode providing mixing ratios every 6 s for CH<sub>3</sub>OH; acetonitrile; acetaldehyde; acetone; the sum of CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and other MM60 species; the sum of isoprene, furan, and other MM68 species; species with MM70; the sum of methylethyl ketone and other MM72 species; benzene; toluene; C<sub>8</sub>-aromatics; C<sub>9</sub>-aromatics; naphthalene; C<sub>10</sub>-aromatics; monoterpenes; C<sub>11</sub>-aromatics;

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and MM204. The PIT-MS instrument, which is similar to a PTR-MS instrument, is described in detail by Warneke et al. (2005, 2011). The PIT-MS performed full mass scans up to MM213 every 6 s that overlapped/confirmed many of the known, or multi-species, mass signals on the PTR-MS and also provided data for > 150 additional mass channels. Examples of these full mass scans can be seen in Warneke et al. (2011). Significant signal was detected at nearly every unit MM during all or most fires up to MM213 though the signal levels tended to decrease from MM ~ 135 upward except for a group of larger peaks near MM204 observed mainly during smoldering combustion (Warneke et al., 2011). Thus, the emissions of species with MM > 213 were likely negligible, although one substantial peak was seen at MM220 in at least some NI-PT-CIMS full mass scans (Fig. 4 in Veres et al., 2010a). The PIT-MS was also used to analyze grab samples of smoke from each fire by GC-PIT-MS as an aid in identifying the compounds appearing on some  $m/z$ . Much of the ion signal in the full mass scans by the PIT-MS remained unassigned to a specific compound even after considering the OP-FTIR, GC-MS, NI-PT-CIMS, and GC-PIT-MS data. Thus, the PIT-MS scans are the primary basis of our estimate of the ratio of unidentified/identified emissions as detailed in Sect. 2.2.

Grab sampling of the emissions was performed using the GC-MS, which contributed most of the species identification. Depending on the duration of the fire, 1–3 “grab” samples were acquired for 20–300 seconds each at a constant flow rate of  $1.2 \text{ ml s}^{-1}$  from a Teflon, fast-flow transfer line. The GC-MS was used to sample various segments of the fires with the overall goal being to probe the most intense periods that produce the bulk of the emissions. In each grab sample 182 individual NMOC were identified by their retention time and mass spectral fragmentation pattern as described by Gilman et al. (2012).

Fire-integrated sampling was performed with three particle filter sampling systems (hereafter FS1, FS2, UCR) that simultaneously drew stack air through dielectric tubing to a cyclone or impactor, then onto Teflon or quartz filters. The cyclones/impactor cut-offs were aerodynamic diameter  $\leq 2.5 \mu\text{m}$  (FS1, UCR) and  $\leq 3.5 \mu\text{m}$  (FS2), but the great majority of the fine particle mass is expected to be below 1 micron in diameter

(Reid et al., 2005) and thus we take the results from all three channels as measurements of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. During the majority of burns, FS2 was loaded with Teflon filters while FS1 was loaded with quartz filters. UCR collected Teflon and quartz filters for all burns. Teflon filters were analyzed gravimetrically to determine total PM<sub>2.5</sub> mass loading. The majority of FS2 filters and one UCR Teflon filter for each fuel type were analyzed with X-ray Fluorescence (XRF), which provided mass loadings of chlorine, bromine, silicon, sulfur, phosphorus, and metals spanning the atomic number range 11–82 (Na-Pb). The UCR quartz filters were analyzed for organic carbon (OC) and elemental carbon (EC) using thermal/optical analysis. Complete details of the laboratory particle measurement and analysis methods for total PM<sub>2.5</sub>, XRF, and OC/EC can be found in Hosseini et al. (2012). Other particle characterization measurements are published elsewhere and not discussed further here (Chang-Graham et al., 2011; Hosseini et al., 2010, 2012; Qi et al., 2012).

### 2.1.2 Emissions measured by airborne and ground-based sampling of field fires

On the 14 prescribed fires in the field campaigns a closed-cell airborne FTIR (AFTIR) system was used to measure the following 21 gases: H<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HCHO, HCOOH, CH<sub>3</sub>OH, CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, furan (C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O), glycolaldehyde (HOCH<sub>2</sub>CHO), phenol (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH), NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, HONO, HCN, NH<sub>3</sub>, peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN, CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OONO<sub>2</sub>) and ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) as described by Burling et al. (2011). There are a few minor differences between the suite of FTIR species detected in the lab and field fires. O<sub>3</sub> and PAN are generated photochemically in the downwind smoke (Akagi et al., 2012a,b), and they would not be expected in the lab fire smoke since it was only ~5–10 s old. Phenol and glycolaldehyde were also measured by AFTIR in the field, but not by OP-FTIR in the lab fires. In addition, the phenol emissions measured by AFTIR in the field were 2–4 times larger than the phenol emissions measured in the lab by PTR-MS. Lignin is probably the pyrolysis precursor for much of the phenol emissions from biomass fires and phenol may have been undetected by OP-FTIR in the lab fires because of less consumption of rotten wood (Yokelson et al., 1997; Hyde et al.,

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2011). Two species were only detected by OP-FTIR in the lab fires. SO<sub>2</sub> (a flaming compound) was detected at low levels in lab fire smoke and if it had been produced at similar emission ratios to CO<sub>2</sub> in the field fires it would have been below our detection limit in the less concentrated smoke encountered from an airborne platform. HCl (a flaming compound) was observed in the lab fires at an ER to CO<sub>2</sub> that would have been detectable in the field smoke samples. Its absence in the field could potentially reflect losses on the closed pyrex cell used in the field. Closed cell FTIR successfully detected HCl emitted by garbage burning in Mexico, but the levels were much higher and the cell was coated with Teflon (Christian et al., 2010; Johnson et al., 2003).

The method for measuring PM<sub>2.5</sub> differed between the lab experiments and the airborne field measurements. The airborne field measurements of PM<sub>2.5</sub> were based on the ratio of light-scattering to CO<sub>2</sub> and a gravimetric calibration of the nephelometer as described by Burling et al. (2011). In a comparison on one of the field fires (Akagi et al., 2012a), the sum of organic aerosol, chloride, ammonium, nitrate, sulfate, and black carbon measured on the aircraft by an aerosol mass spectrometer (AMS) and single particle soot photometer (SP2) was in qualitative agreement with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> inferred from the light-scattering, but the PM<sub>2.5</sub> also contained metals not measurable by the AMS or SP2. Thus the lab/field comparison for PM<sub>2.5</sub> is informative, but not as direct as for gases.

On two of the prescribed fires in North Carolina and on three more fires in South Carolina in 2011 (Akagi et al., 2012b) we were able to use ground-based FTIR to measure a suite of gases emitted by residual smoldering combustion (RSC) (Burling et al., 2011). This aspect of the study has high general importance because RSC can account for much or most of the fuel consumption by some wildfires (Greene et al., 2007; Hyde et al., 2011; Turetsky et al., 2011). However, land managers strive to avoid RSC when carrying out prescribed burns and RSC did not consume a significant part of the fuels on the prescribed fires in this study (Burling et al., 2011). Thus, the RSC results are not included in the retrospective analysis in this paper.

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### 2.1.3 Fuel consumption measurements on field fires

The available fuels for wildland fire depend strongly on the type of vegetation community. Standard sampling methods recognize these differences and allow fuel loading to be estimated in several categories: foliage, herbaceous fuel; litter and duff; and suspended or down, dead, woody fuel. Down, dead, woody fuel is further stratified into 1 h, 10 h, 100 h, and 1000 h time lag classes, which describe how quickly the fuels equilibrate with ambient relative humidity (Deeming et al., 1978). The time lag classes correlate fairly well with size. For instance 1 h fuels tend to be < 0.64 cm in diameter and 1000 h fuels tend to be > 5 cm in diameter. The duff and larger down, dead, woody fuel tend to be consumed by smoldering or residual smoldering combustion (Bertschi et al., 2003), while the foliage, herbaceous fuels (grasses), and litter tend to be consumed by flaming combustion. In this suite of studies, due to fuel structure differences and spatial variability, pre- and post-burn fuel loading measurements were conducted with a combination of transect and fixed area sampling techniques (Brown, 1974; Lutes et al., 2006).

For the shrub-dominated southwestern sites, transects 10 m long containing 10 m<sup>2</sup> subplots were used to sample canopy fuels. Vegetative fuel loading was estimated using destructive sampling on 20 % of the transect subplots and visually estimated on 100 % of the subplots. Ratio estimation (Thompson, 2002) was used to relate the mass of the destructive sample estimate to the visual estimate. A total of 30 transects were installed and permanently marked. Fuel bed height, height to the base of the fuel canopy, and species composition were measured on all 300 subplots. The destructive sample was separated into < 0.63 cm and 0.63–2.54 cm diameter classes and wet weights were determined in the field. Two moisture content samples for each fuel size class were collected and subsequently dried in the laboratory. The fuel moisture content was averaged for each size class at each subplot and the dry mass was estimated from the wet field weight. Fuel loadings were summarized by transect and then by fuel type. The oak savanna sites were sampled differently. In the oak savanna, grass and

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litter samples were collected and dry mass was determined. Grass height was measured. Ratio estimation was used to estimate grass loading, woody loading < 2.54 cm, and percentage of dead fuels.

For the southeastern sites, pre- and post-burn live fuel, suspended dead fuel, and litter and duff on all sites was measured using paired one-square meter plots. Pre-burn samples were collected from one of the plots, oven dried, and weighed. Post-burn fuels were measured on the paired, previously untouched plot. Because of the spatial variation associated with burning litter and duff, consumption of these fuels was also measured using “duff” pins, which are metal rods inserted into the soil to serve as a reference for pre- and post-burn litter and duff depth measurements. The point measurements of consumption based on duff pins were applied to the pre-burn litter and duff loadings to estimate total duff and litter consumption.

Because the collection, drying, and weighing of large amounts of down, dead woody fuel is impractical, the loading of down-woody (time lag) classes was estimated using the planar transect inventory method (Brown, 1974). This method is based on the number of intersections of the various classes along the transect length. Fuel volume is converted to weight by the specific gravity of sound wood. Down woody fuel consumption was then estimated by difference with the post-burn measurement of the same transects.

## 2.2 Data reduction approach

In this paper we present some new fuel consumption data, but the main focus is a retrospective analysis of the previously published trace gas and PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions data. The present analysis is intended to synthesize the suite of studies and derive a consistent set of emission factors for all the species measured based on the carbon mass balance method (Yokelson et al., 1996, 1999). The carbon mass balance method is based on the assumptions that all the carbon in the burned fuel is volatilized and detected and that the fraction of carbon in the fuel is known. With these assumptions, if the three main carbon-containing emissions CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, and CH<sub>4</sub> are among the quantified

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emissions and the fuel carbon content is known or can be estimated from the literature, it is straightforward to convert a measured partitioning of carbon emitted as various species into reasonably accurate emission factors (an exception for the smoldering organic soil is discussed later). The implementation of the carbon mass balance method to retrieve emission factors from airborne field measurements was presented in full detail by Yokelson et al. (1999) and its application to the current series of field studies was described by Burling et al. (2011) and Akagi et al. (2012a,b). The implementation of the carbon mass balance method to retrieve emission factors from laboratory fire data was described in full by Yokelson et al. (1996) and its use to calculate emission factors from the 2009 lab OP-FTIR data was described by Burling et al. (2010).

In this paper we use the carbon mass balance method to calculate a new, much larger set of lab-fire emission factors where the total carbon now includes the carbon in the particles and the carbon in the many additional gas-phase species measured by GC-MS and the CIMS instruments. Our calculation is similar to that described by Burling et al. (2010) except that the inclusion of more carbon-containing species implies that each individual compound reported previously by those authors now accounts for a slightly smaller fraction of the total carbon. That in turn generates a small decrease in the EF compared to those previously reported by Burling et al. (2010). Key details of the calculation are given next.

We used OP-FTIR as the primary data source for the species it quantified. This is because the OP-FTIR system had the highest time resolution, has no sample line losses, and it measures all its species simultaneously (including the three most abundant carbon-containing species ( $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , and  $\text{CH}_4$ ) on the same cross-stack sample volume throughout each fire.  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CO}$ , and  $\text{CH}_4$  usually account for  $> \sim 97$ – $98$  % of the total carbon emitted (Akagi et al., 2011; this work). For each of the other instruments we selected one species in common with the OP-FTIR to serve as an internal standard for a calculation of the emission ratio (ER). In step one of the EF calculation, the grab sample or fire-integrated emissions of species measured by GC-MS, PIT-MS, and PTR-MS were converted to ER to  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  and the fire-integrated emissions of species

measured by NI-PT-CIMS were converted to ER to HCOOH. When 2–3 GC-MS grab samples were obtained from a fire we used the average of all the grab samples. Excellent agreement between the OP-FTIR and other instruments for the two reference species was demonstrated previously: CH<sub>3</sub>OH (Christian et al., 2004; Karl et al., 2007; Warneke et al., 2011) and HCOOH (Veres et al., 2010a). The excellent agreement between the instruments for CH<sub>3</sub>OH in this work is also shown in Fig. 1, which helps visualize the data integration process. The middle panel of Fig. 1 shows the mixing ratios for CH<sub>3</sub>OH from PTR-MS, PIT-MS and the GC-MS plotted against the OP-FTIR CH<sub>3</sub>OH. Three points below the 1 : 1 line acquired during the spike seen in the top panel likely reflect some timing uncertainty, but minimally impact the fire-integrated methanol. Clearly, all four instruments agreed well on CH<sub>3</sub>OH justifying its selection as an internal standard. The bottom panel of Fig. 1 shows a test for possible bias due to the GC-MS grab samples targeting the concentrated emissions. The ERs to CH<sub>3</sub>OH for all the PIT-MS species were calculated for the GC-MS sample time and compared to the PIT-MS ERs to CH<sub>3</sub>OH calculated for the whole fire. The orthogonal regression slope of  $1.15 \pm 0.02$  (not shown) indicates that the GC-MS ERs to CH<sub>3</sub>OH for the other 181 NMOC measured by the GC-MS may have been biased slightly upward on Fire #32. However, a similar comparison for the PTR-MS species on Fire #16 suggested a ~ 3 % downward bias could have occurred for the GC-MS ERs to CH<sub>3</sub>OH on that fire. For the study as a whole no significant bias in the GC-MS ERs to CH<sub>3</sub>OH was detected (Gilman et al., 2012).

In step two of the EF calculation, all the ERs to CH<sub>3</sub>OH and HCOOH were converted to ERs to CO by multiplying with the OP-FTIR fire-integrated CH<sub>3</sub>OH or HCOOH ERs to CO. In step three of the EF calculation, after all species (including unidentified species) were expressed as ERs to CO, we then calculated emission factors (EF) using the carbon mass balance method. Several aspects of implementing step three are discussed in the following paragraphs.

The assumptions of the carbon mass balance method are satisfied most rigorously if we account for all the emitted carbon including that in unidentified species. Since the

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amount of carbon in the unidentified species is unknown we estimated it based on the properties of the identified species. We found empirically that a plot of the number of carbon atoms versus molecular mass for the identified species emitted by the lab fires was well fit with a line (Eq. 1):

$$n = 0.0824 \times MM - 1.3841 (r^2, 0.9117) \quad (1)$$

In Eq. (1), MM is the molecular mass of an identified species and  $n$  is the number of carbon atoms in the identified species. The predictions of Eq. (1) have increasing certainty with increasing mass and most of the unidentified species are at higher mass. We used Eq. (1) to estimate the number of carbon atoms in each unidentified species as part of our carbon mass balance.

A major goal of the analysis described here was to generate a reasonably complete estimate of NMOC that does not overlook unidentified species. In many cases, the OP-FTIR or NI-PT-CIMS real-time data or the GC-PIT-MS or GC-MS grab samples suggested an identity for part or all of the signal observed at a MM by the PIT-MS, but a rigorous “assignment” of a mass peak requires calibration with standards and consideration of possible fragments (Veres et al., 2010b). In the current analysis our goal is a rough, unbiased estimate of the fraction of the total signal on the PIT-MS that was accounted for by species quantified on other instruments. This is important so that we can avoid two gross errors: (1) “double-counting” when most of the PIT-MS signal could be accounted for by species identified on other instruments, or (2) overlooking an important contribution from an unassigned mass channel when only a small fraction of the PIT-MS signal could have been due to species measured on other instruments. When the “other instrument” was GC-MS it is important to acknowledge that grab sampling and fire-integrated, real-time sampling probe different periods of a dynamic mixture. A simple estimate of the uncertainty this contributes to a synthesis of these two different types of sampling can be obtained from the variability when 2–3 GC-MS grab samples were obtained in the same fire. For a selection of  $\sim 20$  GC-MS species generally measured with high signal to noise, the coefficient of variation was

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approximately 50 %. However, as discussed above, the grab sampling procedure used by the GC-MS does not introduce a bias in our results. The two potential errors mentioned above could also have a small impact on the calculation of total carbon and the EF. Thus, to minimize the errors while producing our estimates with a reasonable effort, we sorted all the ER to CO for identified and unidentified species by increasing mass to facilitate comparisons and then applied two filters to the unidentified species.

Filter 1: if the total unidentified contribution at a mass measured by the PIT-MS was more than twice the sum of the identified species measured at that same mass by other instruments, then we retained both the unidentified MM and the identified species at that mass. A more rigorous treatment would make a small downward adjustment to the unidentified contribution to reflect that some of it was known, but this correction would be time-consuming and inexact due to the different sampling approaches. Consequently, application of filter 1 alone would tend to slightly overestimate the total NMOC.

Filter 2: if the total unidentified contribution at a mass as measured by the PIT-MS was less than twice the sum of the species identified by other instruments, then we deleted the unidentified PIT-MS contribution at that mass. (This is only approximately equivalent to considering the peak “assigned.”) Filter 2 alone would tend to underestimate total NMOC and thus, offset the error introduced by filter 1.

We briefly give some examples of the application of these filters next. After sorting by mass we noted that the study-average ER to CO for propyne (MM40) measured by GC-MS was actually larger than the study-average ER to CO for “unidentified mass 40” measured by PIT-MS. This can be due to the lack of a calibration of the PIT-MS with propyne. For purposes of this study only, we eliminated the PIT-MS MM40 data and retained the GC-MS propyne data. This effectively informally assigns MM40 to propyne, but a rigorous assignment would require calibrating the PIT-MS with propyne and eliminating other MM40 candidates including fragments. The unidentified MM42 via PIT-MS was about double the OP-FTIR propylene, however we retained only the latter. The remainder of the MM42 signal on the PIT-MS is likely from fragments of several NMOC

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(e.g. acetone and acetic acid). In similar fashion, the PIT-MS unassigned MM43 was deleted while we retained the NI-PT-CIMS HNCO, which was only slightly larger on average for the study. On both MM68 and MM72, the PIT-MS amount was somewhat larger than the sum of identified species and we eliminated the PIT-MS contribution.

5 On these two channels, the PTR-MS amount was in good agreement with the PIT-MS amount and also somewhat larger than the sum of identified species. For these two channels only we computed the additional, unspecified PTR-MS contribution and show it for illustrative purposes. On the other hand, the only identified species at MM114 was *n*-octane, which was observed by GC-MS. The ER to CO for *n*-octane was only ~2–  
10 16% of the ER to CO for MM114 measured by the PIT-MS. In addition, octanes are very poorly detected by PIT-MS and thus the much larger PIT-MS MM114 ER almost certainly reflects a very large contribution of species other than octanes, but with the same mass. Therefore, we retained both entries. The case where the unidentified contribution detected by PIT-MS was much larger than the sum of the identified species  
15 was far more common in the lab fires as a whole. The PIT-MS or PTR-MS amounts at MM 106, 120, and 134 had already been assigned to C<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>9</sub>, and C<sub>10</sub> aromatics, respectively and they consistently agreed well with the sum of individual aromatic species measured at those MM by GC-MS. Thus, we retained only the individual GC-MS species. A few cases were ambiguous in that the PIT-MS amount was more than  
20 double the sum of identified species for some fuel types, but equivalent or even smaller for other fuel types. In those cases we retained all the information. In summary, given the inherent uncertainties and complex, variable data, the methodology used to handle overlapping information should yield reasonable results. One other factor affecting the accuracy of our estimates is difficult to assess. An unknown, probably small, amount  
25 of gas-phase NMOC were present in the smoke, but could not be detected by any of the instruments we employed. For example, NMOC with proton affinity below that of water that were not quantified by the FTIR, NI-PT-CIMS, or GC-MS. The presence of compounds undetected by any instrument is minimized by the complementary nature

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of GC-MS and proton-transfer MS since “sticky” compounds that are difficult to detect by GC-MS usually have high proton affinity.

The results of the above calculations are shown in Supplement Table S1. A few of the lab fires that were attempted are not included in Table S1 mostly because of very low signal levels caused by poor fuel consumption and also a few instrumental problems. Table S1 shows emission factors for up to 357 species for 71 fires grouped by fuel type (typically 3–6 fires per fuel type) as well as an average and standard deviation for each fuel type. In addition, Table S1 shows a separate overall average and standard deviation for the two main ecosystem types in this study, pine-understory fires and semiarid shrubland fires, and for coniferous canopy fires. The EFs for the single fires in organic soil and garbage are also shown.

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There is a 1 : 1 correspondence at very high specificity between the fuels in some of the fires sampled in the field with the fuels burned in some of the lab fires. For instance, on 11 November, 2009, the Block A fire sampled from the air in the morning and the Block B fire sampled from the air the afternoon were in “coastal sage scrub” and “maritime chaparral” fuel types, respectively (see Table 1 in Burling et al., 2011). Fuels were collected from both of those land management units and burned in the lab five times each (see Table S1 or Table 1 in Burling et al., 2010). However, the mean EF for these two fuel types did not differ by more than one standard deviation for most compounds in the lab fires. A more general issue is that fifteen different specific prescribed fire fuel types were burned in the lab, but only 14 prescribed fires could be sampled in the field study. Also, many of the field fires burned several of the lab fuel types either simultaneously or in rapid succession. Thus, we cannot support an analysis of the field data at the same level of fuel-specificity as the lab fires.

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### 3.1 Comparing the emissions from field fires in different fuel/vegetation types

We can aggregate our field results into two less detailed vegetation/fuel categories: pine understory fires ( $n = 8$ ) and semiarid shrubland fires ( $n = 6$ ). The comparison is instructive and is shown in Table 1. The last column in Table 1 shows that, with the exception of a few species such as  $\text{NH}_3$  or  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ , the average emission factors measured in the field from the two different major ecosystems were actually fairly similar to each other in this study. This may be surprising because it is well documented that fire emissions are highly variable and there appear to be reproducible differences between the EF for e.g., savanna fires and tropical deforestation fires (Akagi et al., 2011). One way to rationalize the above observations is to postulate that the fuel or vegetation type may not always be a major factor controlling the emissions of wildland fires. Stated differently, we can consider the possibility that the fuel type may sometimes be less important than the environmental conditions under which the fire occurs. For instance, in a study of 56 wildland fires in Mexico, Yokelson et al. (2011) found that wind speed, deposition of air pollution, season, etc., might be major factors driving EF variability. However, we recognize that in some other studies (or with a larger sample size) the vegetation community could show an effect on the emissions more clearly than we observed in this study. It is also well-accepted that terrestrial vegetation communities are associated with a range of environmental conditions under which prescribed fires are safest to implement or wildfires are most likely to propagate. Thus “ecosystems” are tightly coupled to other drivers of fire behavior and emissions (Greene et al., 2007; Keeley et al., 2009). The environmental conditions may also be a major factor influencing the post-emission smoke evolution as discussed by Akagi et al. (2012a). Despite the relative insensitivity of our field EF to the major ecosystem type, we did find that classification by the major ecosystem type was useful in comparing the lab EF to field EF as detailed next.

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## 3.2 Comparison of emission factors measured in the lab and the field

The ability to deploy more instrumentation on the lab fires allowed many more important species to be measured than was possible on the field fires. These additional species, including the unidentified ones, could significantly influence the post-emission smoke plume chemistry if they were present in similar amounts in the smoke from field fires (Trentmann et al., 2005; Alvarado and Prinn, 2009). Thus, it is important to explore how well the EFs measured on lab fires represent the EFs for field fires. Sixteen trace gas species were measured by a similar FTIR-based approach on both the lab and field fires and  $PM_{2.5}$  was also measured on both the lab and field fires. This allows us to make a fairly direct comparison of the lab and field data for a suite of 17 species that includes both organic and inorganic gases and flaming and smoldering compounds. In making the comparison, we recognize that fire emission factors depend on the “modified combustion efficiency” (MCE, in this case fire-integrated  $\Delta CO_2 / (\Delta CO_2 + \Delta CO)$ ), a proxy for the relative amount of flaming and smoldering combustion as discussed elsewhere (Christian et al., 2003; Yokelson et al., 2008). Thus, for a precise comparison we plotted the lab and field EF versus MCE for all 17 species measured in both the lab and field. Each plot compared all the EF from all the lab and field fires together on the same graph for one of the two major ecosystem types (pine-understory and semi-arid shrublands). The lab EF were computed via the carbon mass balance method using just the FTIR species for this comparison to avoid a small downward bias on the lab EF. We show typical examples of these plots in Figs. 2 and 3.

We focus first on the lab/field comparison for methane and gas-phase NMOC produced primarily by smoldering combustion (e.g.  $CH_3OH$  and  $HCHO$ ) in the top three rows of Fig. 2. For all three of these species (and others not shown) there is clearly good agreement between the lab and field for the pine-understory fuels (left column), but a large offset to lower EF in the lab for the semiarid shrubland fuels (right column). We speculate that the offset to lower EF for smoldering compounds from the lab semiarid shrubland fires could have partly resulted from lower fuel moisture in the lab

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fuels as discussed in more detail in Sect 3.8.  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions also tend to increase with lower MCE similar to the smoldering NMOC as shown in the bottom row of Fig. 2. However, in the case of  $PM_{2.5}$ , the EF for pine-understory fuels are offset to significantly lower values for the lab fires and the EF $PM_{2.5}$  for semiarid shrubland fuels agree fairly well at lower MCEs when measured in the lab or field.

For the three flaming compounds measured in both the lab and field there was good agreement between the lab and field for both ecosystems. This is illustrated with the plots for  $NO_x$ , HONO, and  $C_2H_2$  in the top three rows of Fig. 3. HCN is important as a biomass burning tracer and in some studies is associated with both flaming and smoldering combustion (Akagi et al., 2011). In this study HCN was strongly associated with smoldering combustion in both the lab and field in both ecosystems as shown by its increasing EF at lower MCE (bottom row Fig. 3). The lab/field comparison for HCN was also similar to the comparison shown for smoldering compounds in Fig. 2.

The plots for the pine-understory fuels in Figs. 2 and 3 also show the residual smoldering combustion (RSC) EF measured from the ground (Burling et al., 2011) for context and because of the potential high contribution of RSC to wildfire emissions that we noted earlier. For context and relevance to wildfires, we also present the lab EF we obtained for fires in coniferous canopy fuels and organic soils in this paper. However, the RSC EF shown in Figs. 2 and 3 are not included in the lab/field comparisons in this paper since RSC did not contribute strongly to the prescribed fire emissions in this study.

The lab/field plot-based comparison is systematically summarized in Table 1 for all 17 species measured in both the lab and field using two different mathematical approaches employed previously in the literature and briefly described next. In Christian et al. (2003) the lab EFs for smoldering compounds for African savanna fuels were systematically smaller than the field EFs because the lab fires burned at higher MCE. Thus, they plotted the lab EF versus MCE and used a linear fit to calculate EFs at the average MCE measured in the field on African savanna fires. This approach yielded lab-based projections that were within 15% of the field values, on average, as shown

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in Fig. 3 and Table 3 of Christian et al. (2003). In contrast, Yokelson et al. (2008) compared lab and field results for tropical deforestation fires and obtained the lowest error of prediction by simply multiplying the lab results by the average field/lab ratio.

In Table 1 we show the results of treating our current lab and field EF with both approaches previously used to “transform” lab EF to field EF. CO and CO<sub>2</sub> predictions from the lab equations fitting EF to MCE are not included in Table 1, because MCE is defined in terms of CO and CO<sub>2</sub>. The ratio of the lab-average EFCO<sub>2</sub> to the field-average EFCO<sub>2</sub> is also not included in Table 1 because this quantity will always be near unity and inflate an assessment of the average agreement for the data set as a whole. For the pine-understory fuels, for both “mapping” approaches, the average value shown at the bottom of Table 1 is close to one, but that good agreement reflects some offset of positive and negative errors. Most noticeably, a large lab value for formic acid is offset by small lab values for HCN and PM<sub>2.5</sub>. However, in general the EF based on the lab equation is within 30 % of the field-average EF for 8 of the 14 smoldering species and the lab average EF is within 30 % of the field-average EF for 9 of the 14 species considered. The lab-average EFs are, on average, 110 ± 60 % of the field-average EFs suggesting that a relatively un-biased estimate of the field average EF can be obtained simply and directly from the lab-average EF with about 50 % uncertainty on average. Although the equation-based approach appears to work “perfectly” on average, no statistically significant increase in accuracy results from applying the more complex equation-based mapping approach to the pine-understory data. As a result we suggest that the lab-average EF presented for ~ 330 additional smoldering species for pine understory fuels in Table S1 can be used directly to estimate the EF for these species from field fires in pine-understory fuels.

For semiarid shrubland fuels, the lab-based equations predict field EFs a bit closer to the EFs measured on the field fires than simply using the lab average EFs. However, both approaches require subsequently applying a large normalization factor to get good agreement and have essentially equal error of prediction. Thus, applying an equation and then a normalization factor, rather than just applying a normalization factor to the

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lab average EFs for over 300 compounds does not add enough accuracy to justify the added complexity. As a result, we suggest that dividing the lab EFs for smoldering compounds by 0.37 (or multiplying by 2.7) is the preferred way to predict the EFs expected in the field for semiarid shrubland fires. The normalization factor is large, but we note that applying this factor makes the EF for the lab semiarid shrubland fires closer to the EF for the lab pine-understory fires, which recovers the small EF dependence on ecosystem that was observed in the field.

### 3.3 Biomass burning emission factors for temperate ecosystems

In Table 2 we present our best estimate of the emission factors for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and all the trace gas species measured in this series of studies (including unidentified species) for field fires in pine forest understory, semiarid shrubland, coniferous canopy fuels, and organic soils. The EFs in Table 2 were generated by applying simple selection rules to the lab emissions data in Table S1 and the field emissions data in Table 1. In Table 2 we selected the average emission factor for a species that was measured on the field fires during the four field deployments for all the species that were measured in the field. We used the average lab fire EFs when no field measurements were made of that species. For the semiarid shrubland fires, the lab EFs for smoldering compounds were multiplied by 2.7 to better represent field fire emissions as discussed above. In practice, this affected all the lab data used from the semiarid shrubland category except alkynes higher than C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (Akagi et al., 2012b) and SO<sub>2</sub>, HCl, and HNCO, which were not measured in the field and were identified as flaming species in the lab study by their temporal correlation with CO<sub>2</sub> (Burling et al., 2010; Veres et al., 2011). In a more complex calculation, the field EF for both pine-understory and shrubland fires would be decreased by 1–5% to account for the addition of more total carbon in the form of species measured only in the lab, but we have ignored that unwieldy, statistically insignificant potential adjustment here. We note also that readers preferring the original un-normalized EF for their application can retrieve those values from Table S1. For the coniferous canopy fuels and organic soil all the data are lab data.

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### 3.4 Some fundamental characteristics of fresh smoke revealed by full mass scans

Important impacts of NMOC on smoke plume chemistry include the potential to contribute to  $O_3$  and secondary aerosol formation. In broad terms, oxidation of NMOCs in the presence of  $NO_x$  generates both  $O_3$  and secondary organic aerosol (SOA). In general, oxidation of the lower MM NMOCs (volatile organic compounds (VOCs)) tends to generate CO and  $CO_2$  as end products and  $HO_x$  as an intermediate that converts NO to  $NO_2$ , which photolyzes to produce  $O_3$ . However, the larger VOCs can also be oxidized to more soluble or less volatile compounds (semivolatile organic compounds or intermediate volatility organic compounds, SVOC and IVOC, respectively). Subsequent oxidation or cooling of IVOC and SVOC can generate  $O_3$  and SOA on various time-scales (Finlayson-Pitts and Pitts, 2000). The SVOC and IVOC already present in fresh emissions are perhaps more likely to contribute to SOA on shorter time scales: e.g. during the several hours that many biomass burning plumes exist as coherent isolated entities in the boundary layer (or in smog chamber experiments) (Yokelson et al., 2009; Hennigan et al., 2011). Thus, estimating or modeling the potential for smoke photochemistry to generate  $O_3$  or secondary particle mass requires realistic estimates of the relative amounts of total VOC, IVOC, SVOC,  $NO_x$ , etc., in fresh smoke and the chemical behavior of the species in these categories. In Table 3 we address the question of relative amounts by computing estimates of the lumped categories mentioned above that take unidentified species into account. We also show ratios between these lumped categories and/or  $NO_x$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  for each of the four fuel types in our broad classification scheme.

Table 3 shows an average NMOC/ $PM_{2.5}$  ratio for our two main fuel types of about three with higher values up to  $\sim 9$  possible for organic soil. The gas-phase NMOC to condensed-phase organic aerosol (OA) ratio would be higher since biomass burning  $PM_{2.5}$  is typically about 60–80% OA (Reid et al., 2005). It is also of interest to estimate the IVOC and SVOC fraction of the gas-phase NMOC to roughly assess the potential

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amount of SOA production on the time scale of a few hours. Definitions of SVOC and IVOC are not straightforward or identical for all users of these terms. For instance, the EU and USEPA broadly classify SVOC as compounds with boiling points above 250 ° and 200 °C, respectively, but the USEPA includes phenol as an SVOC despite it having a boiling point of 182 °C. In a review article on SVOC, Weschler and Nazaroff (2008) adopt a working definition of SVOC as having vapor pressure lower than 10 Pa at room temperature. We note that toluene is well established as an OA precursor and so we have based a crude estimate of the total intermediate and semivolatile gas-phase organic compounds (IVOC + SVOC) as the sum of species at or above the mass of toluene. With this arbitrary choice, for both main fuel types (i.e. pine understory and semiarid shrubland), we estimate that ~ 38 % of the mass of total NMOC fall in the intermediate to semi volatile range and that IVOC + SVOC are roughly equal in abundance to initial PM<sub>2.5</sub>. If we assume OA is 70 % of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and a SOA yield of 40 % for the IVOC and SVOC, then OA could increase by ~ 60 % on short time scales just from the co-emitted IVOC and SVOC alone. This is not unreasonable and a little below the highest level of SOA formation observed to date in real biomass burning plumes (e.g. factor of two in Yokelson et al., 2009). It's not likely that maximum SOA would occur in all plumes (e.g. a small initial decrease in OA was observed by Akagi et al., 2012a) dependent on factors such as dilution rate, temperature, humidity, oxidant levels, etc. Investigating the complex factors governing plume evolution is the province of plume evolution measurements and models. Here we simply provide a realistic estimate of the amount of precursors that includes rarely measured species or those that are presently unidentified. We also note that higher precursor/OA ratios are suggested by Table 3 for the coniferous canopy and organic soil fuels which are thought to be relatively more important in wildfires.

Secondary inorganic aerosol (SIA) could be formed primarily from nitrogen containing gases (NH<sub>3</sub> to ammonium and NO<sub>x</sub> to nitrate) and SO<sub>2</sub> (to sulfate). The emissions of these precursor gases are heavily dependent on fuel chemistry with foliage and crop residue having elevated levels. In this study the emission factors of the NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and

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SO<sub>2</sub> sum to about 4 g kg<sup>-1</sup> compared to a generic EFPM<sub>2.5</sub> of ~ 10 g kg<sup>-1</sup>, suggesting that SIA should not be neglected in smoke plume models. Substantial SIA has been measured in the field in biomass burning plumes (Yokelson et al., 2009; Alvarado et al., 2010; Akagi et al., 2012a).

The initial NMOC/NO<sub>x</sub> mass ratio is ~ 11 for the two main fuel types investigated in both the lab and field with much higher values (~ 267) observed in the lab for smoldering organic soil. Since NO<sub>x</sub> is rapidly converted to PAN and particle nitrate downwind (Yokelson et al., 2009; Alvarado et al., 2010; Akagi et al., 2012a) it is likely that O<sub>3</sub> formation would be NO<sub>x</sub>-limited over most of the lifetime of smoke plumes in the absence of mixing with additional NO<sub>x</sub> sources (Akagi et al., 2012b). Low NO<sub>x</sub> levels also favor SOA formation when biomass burning smoke is photochemically aged in chamber experiments (e.g. Grieshop et al., 2009).

The prospects for fully mechanistic modeling of smoke plumes and the adequacy of using only known, measured species can be assessed from Table 3 as well. For the two main fuel types ~ 31 % of the NMOC mass is unidentified and ~ 72 % of the mass of NMOC is unidentified for the one lab fire in smoldering Alaskan organic soil. In addition, the majority of unidentified NMOC are in our “IVOC + SVOC” category suggesting the need to model SOA with semi-empirical approaches for some time to come (Robinson et al., 2007).

Two important examples of how this data set could improve modeling of global biomass burning are described next. (1) Peat combustion is a major global type of biomass combustion especially in El-Niño years (Page et al., 2002; Akagi et al., 2011). In that light, we note that our laboratory smoldering organic soil fire had the largest PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions (20.6 g kg<sup>-1</sup>), the largest EFNMOC (179 g kg<sup>-1</sup>), the largest ratio of NMOC to PM<sub>2.5</sub> (~ 8.7), and the largest fraction of NMOC in our “IVOC + SVOC” category (0.64). This fuel type may have very high potential for SOA, but it is also the least well characterized. Tables 2 and 3 provide important new emissions data for smoldering organic soils, but also highlight the need for further study of this source. (2) Akagi et al. (2011) estimated global NMOC emissions from biomass burning using only

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previously available information. Their estimate of total EFNMO (including unmeasured species) for temperate forests of  $23.7 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  (their Table S4) is close to the total EFNMO measured in this work for the pine-forest understory fires ( $\sim 27.6 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$ ). Akagi et al. (2011) derived an estimate of total EFNMO of  $97.3 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  for peatland fires, which is actually well below the value of  $179 \text{ g kg}^{-1}$  measured for smoldering organic soils in this work. The global NMO estimate of Akagi et al. (2011) was 4–7 times larger than widely used previous estimates, but it is strongly supported by this work suggesting that global model runs with much larger NMO emissions per unit mass of biomass burned are needed.

### 3.5 Gas-phase hazardous air pollutants present in initial prescribed fire smoke

The health effects of smoke constituents are an important aspect of understanding the impact of prescribed burning. A number of compounds that were measured in this study appear on the USEPA list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) (US EPA, 2005) and many are also on the US FDA list of harmful and potentially harmful constituents of tobacco smoke (HPHC) (US FDA, 2012). The list of compounds identified in this study common to each list is given in Table 4. Isocyanic acid (HNCO) is not on either list, but has been connected to smoke-related health effects through detailed biochemical studies (Wang et al., 2007). A previous publication has noted this connection and pointed out the need for additional research on this compound (Roberts et al., 2011). The exposure to toxic compounds in the initial smoke produced by prescribed fires could be estimated using the EFs in Table 2 of this work. Alternatively, Sharkey et al. (1997) coupled a few literature measurements of emission ratios to CO for air toxics in smoke with measurements of wildland firefighter exposure to CO to estimate firefighter exposure to those air toxics and then compared that with permissible exposure limits as set by NIOSH or OSHA. Following that approach a more comprehensive assessment is now possible using the data we present in Table 2. We note however, that comparisons to exposure limits for individual species ignore possible synergistic effects of multiple pollutants acting in concert (Menser and Heggstad, 1966). Further, additional air toxics could be present

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among the unidentified species and the mix of air toxics evolves rapidly as smoke ages since e.g. 1,3-butadiene has a lifetime of several hours while substantial PAN and O<sub>3</sub> can form in smoke plumes on similar time scales (Akagi et al., 2012a; Gregg et al., 2003). A reasonable assessment of smoke health effects would also necessarily include consideration of the health effects of the particles (Pope and Dockery, 2006). Since smoke could affect health via numerous, poorly understood, coupled mechanisms, empirical studies that relate exposure to health outcomes are also valuable for assessing risk (Rappold et al., 2011). In summary, a complete assessment of smoke health effects is clearly beyond the scope of this paper, but the data in Table 2 could contribute significantly to such an effort.

### 3.6 Particle elemental carbon emission factors and metal profiles

Extrapolation of laboratory PM measurements to field fires in the natural environment should consider MCE, fuel chemistry, and potential differences in the condensation rates of SVOC (and possibly inorganics) due to the different dilution/cooling environments experienced by emissions in the lab and in a natural setting. In our laboratory burns the average EC/TC (TC = EC + OC) ratio measured for the semiarid shrubland fuels was much larger than that measured for the pine-forest understory fuels,  $0.44 \pm 0.15$  vs.  $0.13 \pm 0.11$ , and initially seems quite high compared to field studies. For example, the review of Reid et al. (2005) reports EC/TC of 0.04–0.30 for fires in grass/savanna and temperate forest fuels. However, our EC/TC result for these fuels is in agreement with the laboratory study of McMeeking et al. (2009) who measured an EC/TC of 0.53 for chaparral and desert fuels. In our lab burns (Hosseini et al., 2012) and in McMeeking et al. (2009), EF for OC and total PM<sub>2.5</sub> were found to be inversely dependent on MCE, while particulate-phase EF for EC, metals, and other elements showed little correlation. These findings suggest the discord with field observations could stem in part from higher MCE in the lab experiments. To our knowledge, the only published peer-reviewed field study of emissions from similar fuels that reports aerosol OC and EC or black carbon (BC) is Akagi et al. (2012a). Their study measured

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a fire-average refractory BC (rBC) to TC (where TC is taken as rBC + OC) ratio of 0.26 (at MCE = 0.933) for a prescribed fire in central California chaparral. The two studies quantify the main types of carbonaceous aerosol differently, but it is worth noting that extrapolation of our laboratory EFOC to an MCE of 0.933 (using the lab EFOC versus MCE relationship reported in Hosseini et al., 2012) predicts EFOC = 4.31 g kg<sup>-1</sup>, which when combined with our mean lab chaparral shrubland EFEC of 1.02 g kg<sup>-1</sup> (Table S2) provides EC/TC = 0.19, similar to the rBC/TC reported by Akagi et al. (2012a).

Emissions of K, Cl, and Na varied greatly across sites. Chaparral fuels from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) and Fort Hunter-Liggett (FHL) had the largest EF<sub>K</sub>, EF<sub>Cl</sub>, and EF<sub>Na</sub> and the southeast fuels had the smallest, while EF<sub>Cl</sub> and EF<sub>K</sub> for the oak savanna fuels at Fort Huachuca fell in the middle (Table S2). Particulate emissions of inorganic constituents are expected to depend heavily on fuel chemistry (Kabata-Pendias, 2010), and we found that differences in K, Cl, and Na emissions can be explained largely by the chemical composition of the fuels (see Hosseini et al., 2012). Both the location of origin and the vegetation community comprising the fuel beds influenced the chemical composition of fuels and the emissions. Despite being in the same region, EF for K, Cl, Na, and Br were significantly higher at VAFB compared to FHL. Given that VAFB is on the coast, while FHL is ~ 10 km inland, this difference may reflect a strong gradient in sea-salt deposition. These findings suggest that PM source apportionment studies that use these elements as source category tracers (e.g. K for biomass burning and K and Cl for sea-salt) may face additional difficulties in quantifying the contribution of fires to PM pollution in California.

We believe the lab measured EF for EC, metals, and other elements are relevant to prescribed burning at the respective Department of Defense sites. However, the EFOC and EFPM<sub>2.5</sub> are likely low due mostly to the relatively high MCE of the lab burns (especially for the semiarid shrubland fuels). Therefore, the mass fractions of the emissions composed of EC or metals implied by the lab EF are almost certainly higher than would occur on field fires.

### 3.7 Field measurements of fuel consumption on prescribed fires

Table 5 presents all the available fuel consumption measurements from the prescribed fires in the pine-forest understory during the two North Carolina 2010 field campaigns (at or near Camp Lejeune), the 2009 chaparral fires at Vandenberg Air Force Base, the 2010 oak savanna fire at Fort Huachuca, and the 2011 pine-understory fires at Fort Jackson, SC. (The emissions data for the Fort Jackson fires is presented separately by Akagi et al., 2012b.) Due to last-minute site access, the pre-fire fuel loading measurements at Fort Jackson were incomplete. In addition, at Fort Jackson, the pre- and post-fire transects for dead and down woody fuels were not statistically different. The 2010–2011 pine-understory data is supplemented with the fuel consumption measured on two prescribed fires in 1997 at Camp Lejeune, NC where the fuel loads were impacted by hurricane blowdown (Yokelson et al., 1999). In principle, the 2010 and 2011 data can be compared to each other and the 1997 data. However, there are differences in vegetation and the fuel consumption measured on the 2010 burns was during an unusually wet spring, while the measured fuel consumption in the fall 2011 burns was after several months of drought. In the simplest analysis, a generic fuel consumption of  $\sim 7.0 \pm 2.3 (1\sigma) \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  can be retrieved from this data for modeling pine understory prescribed fires. In similar fashion, a generic fuel consumption of  $\sim 7.7 \pm 3.7 (1\sigma) \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  can be retrieved from this data for modeling semiarid shrubland prescribed fires. Both of these prescribed fire fuel consumption estimates can be compared to reports of much higher fuel consumption on wildfires (e.g.  $\sim 38 \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$ , Campbell et al., 2007;  $20\text{--}70 \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  (Cofer et al., 1988);  $50\text{--}100 \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  via RSC alone in Turetsky et al., 2011).

### 3.8 Relevance of laboratory fires and context for this work

It is worthwhile to briefly examine the level of agreement we observed between the lab and field fires in a broader context and to consider the possible impact of the major differences between lab and field fires. To put our comparison results in context,

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we note that the high level of agreement for smoldering compounds emitted by pine-understory fires applies specifically to this work; in which pine understory fuels were sampled in January 2009, burned in lab fires in February 2009, and then compared to field fires sampled in February–March of 2010. In the 2011 field work, carried out under different environmental conditions during the fall prescribed fire season in the southeastern US, significantly higher EF were observed for all NMOC in pine understory fuels (Akagi et al., 2012b). Thus, while we apparently simulated the emissions from the southeastern US spring prescribed fire burning season reasonably well, the total variability in emissions over the course of a full year is a separate issue discussed elsewhere (Akagi et al., 2012b). In addition, the poor agreement observed for smoldering compounds in semiarid shrubland fuels is for a scenario where the fuels were sampled in January 2009, burned in the lab in February 2009, and compared to field fires sampled in November of 2009. A possible factor in this comparison could be the atmospheric river that impacted our field study sites in California on 13–14 October of 2009 (<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=2327>). Up to 53 cm per day of rain impacted the region. The abnormal moisture made it difficult for land managers to ignite fires and probably contributed to fuel consumption that was lower than average for prescribed fires in chaparral ecosystems. In Table 5 the average fuel consumption for our November 2009 chaparral fires of  $7.7 \pm 3.7 \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  is lower than the average fuel consumption measurements we find for chaparral prescribed fires in the literature:  $24.5 \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  (Hardy et al., 1996),  $15 \text{ Mgha}^{-1}$  (Ottmar et al., 2000). However, we don't know if the weather and low fuel consumption impacted the emissions since the EF we measured in California in November 2009 actually agreed well with the EF measured on other chaparral fires that had higher fuel consumption (Burling et al., 2011). Thus, the field fires have higher relevance, but the variability in field EF is not well-known and the impact of environmental changes on emissions is complex and not well understood.

An obvious difference between field and laboratory fires is the ubiquitous presence of wind in the field to assist fire propagation. Spread rates measured in the field are typically  $0.2\text{--}1.6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  for grass fires (Shea et al., 1996; Stocks et al., 1996),

0.06–0.23 ms<sup>-1</sup> for chamise and mixed chaparral fires (Chandler 1963), and 0.01–0.05 ms<sup>-1</sup> for prescribed understory fires (Yokelson et al., 1999). On a one meter fuel bed in the lab, spread rates this high would lead to fires that last only ~0.6–100 s. Further, unpublished early work carried out by one author (RJY) found that generating faster spread rates with a fan causes much of the smoke to miss the collecting stack and can lead to a more patchy burn with lower MCE, potentially impacting emissions measurements. In the lab fires reported here we initially oriented the fuels in a natural vertical position at loadings consistent with literature values, but only the pine understory fuels burned well in this arrangement. To get greater than approximately ten percent fuel consumption for the semiarid shrubland fuels in the lab (in the absence of wind) it was necessary to stack them horizontally. The fuel moisture was also different between the lab and field. Live fuel moistures were 40–70 % for semiarid shrubland fuels in the field and the lab fuels burned at 18 ± 15 % and 14 ± 9.1 % for the pine understory and semiarid shrubland fuels, respectively. The overall fuel consumption in the lab (field) was 15 ± 10 (7.0 ± 2.3) Mg ha<sup>-1</sup> and 23 ± 10 (7.7 ± 3.7) Mg ha<sup>-1</sup> for pine-understory and semiarid shrubland, respectively. Thus, our pine-understory lab fires had a total fuel consumption that was closer to what we observed in the field, but the fuel consumption on our lab semiarid shrubland fires was still close to the literature average for field fires. Another difference between field and lab fires is that the emissions measured on the sampling platform in the lab were sometimes briefly at temperatures as high as 330 K, whereas the coolest plume samples in the field were as low as 280 K. Huffman et al. (2009) found that about 20–25 % of biomass burning organic aerosol could be volatilized by a sustained 50 °C increase in a thermodenuder. However, aerosol, as noted above, is predominantly a smoldering species and most of the aerosol in the lab fires was measured when the smoke plume was near room temperature. Thus it is unlikely that temperature differences caused significant lab/field differences. After a detailed consideration of the relevant data we conclude that the fuel moisture differences between the lab and field may contribute the most to observed

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differences, but that the lab data, after normalization for the semiarid shrubland fuels, provide a useful representation of the somewhat variable emissions from field fires.

## 4 Conclusions

We present a detailed retrospective analysis of a series of studies that included measurements of biomass burning trace gas emissions with the most comprehensive selection of instrumentation to date as well as measurements of fine particle emissions, selected particle species (including elemental carbon), and biomass fuel consumption per unit area on prescribed fires. We have confirmed that studying laboratory biomass fires can significantly increase our understanding of wildland fires, especially when laboratory and field results are carefully combined and compared. The analysis presented here provides a set of emission factors (Table 2) for modeling prescribed fire smoke photochemistry and air quality impacts that is greatly expanded beyond what was previously available. The new set of emission factors includes data for hazardous air pollutants (Table 4) and numerous precursors for the formation of ozone and secondary aerosol. New measurements of the mass of fuel consumed per unit area are presented in Table 5 that should be useful for model predictions of the amount of smoke produced by prescribed burns. Profiles of the elemental composition of prescribed fire particulate matter are presented in Table S2 that can be used to estimate prescribed fire contribution to ambient  $PM_{2.5}$  (Reff et al., 2009). The results of this series of studies can be applied most confidently to understanding springtime pine-understory prescribed fires in the southeastern US and to a lesser extent to prescribed fires in semiarid shrublands of the southwestern US. Representing prescribed fire emissions in models with similar confidence for other seasons and for other areas will require more work as will understanding the factors driving variability in emissions.

Several important conclusions about biomass burning in general resulted primarily from the full mass scans performed on the lab fire emissions. For instance, the organic carbon initially contained in the gas phase is typically about four times greater than the

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organic carbon contained in the particle phase. Much of this gas-phase organic carbon has potential to partition to the particles through various secondary organic aerosol formation processes (Robinson et al., 2007). In fact, a few studies have documented the OA evolution in isolated, wildland biomass burning plumes. A small loss of OA was observed in one study (cool-dry plume - Akagi et al., 2012a) while an increase in OA by more than a factor of two was observed in another (warm-wet plume–Yokelson et al., 2009). Less direct field measurements and lab studies also show variable outcomes as discussed elsewhere (de Gouw and Jimenez, 2009; Hennigan et al., 2011; Akagi et al., 2012a) and more work is needed to understand “typical” SOA yields for biomass burning and the forces controlling the variability. Meanwhile this study provides an estimate of the amount of gas-phase organic precursors that includes a more quantitative assessment of the large contribution of unidentified organic trace gases than was previously available. In addition, including the unidentified species in a calculation of the  $\text{NO}_x/\text{NMOC}$  ratio; and recognizing the rapid, post-emission conversion of  $\text{NO}_x$  to PAN and other species (also documented in these studies) suggests that  $\text{O}_3$  formation in biomass fire plumes will usually be  $\text{NO}_x$ -limited. Similarly, OA evolution would normally occur under low- $\text{NO}_x$  conditions.

The studies were primarily focused on quantitative measurement of the NMOC emissions, yet they confirm that up to  $\sim 72\%$  of the NMOCs emitted by some fuel types are unidentified using current technology. The unidentified species are likely to be at least as reactive as the identified species and some provision for their presence should improve photochemical models. However, given the lack of quantitative knowledge of the properties of the unidentified species they can only be recognized in models in qualitative fashion. Thus we have a potentially unsettling clash between a quantitative and qualitative theme, which will persist until instrumental advances eliminate this issue. Meanwhile this work advances our knowledge of identified species so they can be treated more rigorously and it quantifies the relative abundance of unidentified species so they can be represented in models at realistic levels. Some smoke photochemistry models have already incorporated unidentified species in a fashion that is

roughly consistent with our measurements of their relative abundance including Trentmann et al. (2005) and Alvarado and Prinn (2009). Both those studies noted improved model simulations of formation of ozone or organic aerosol when provision for the unidentified species was added. Ongoing efforts to better characterize the chemistry and oxidation products of the species that were identified in this work (Gilman et al., 2012) should improve models and also allow us to make a more-informed estimate of the properties of the remaining unidentified species. Identifying a greater fraction of the NMOC and better estimates of the properties of those species that remain unidentified can be addressed via new analytical techniques as they become available. For example, high resolution mass spectrometry could advance the elemental analysis of the organic trace gases and examine the effects of oxidation, temperature, and humidity on full mass scans.

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**Table 1.** Summary of the comparison of emission factors (EF, as  $\text{g kg}^{-1}$ ) measured in the lab and field and between different ecosystems in the field.

Species	Pine Understory						Semiarid shrublands						Field pine avg/Field shrub avg
	Field avg EF	Lab eqn slope	Lab eqn intercept	Lab eqn EF predict at field avg MCE	Lab eqn predict/field	Lab avg/ Field avg	Field avg EF	Lab eqn slope	Lab eqn intercept	Lab eqn EF predict at field avg MCE	Lab eqn predict/field	Lab avg Field avg	
CO <sub>2</sub>	1668					1.08	1674					1.05	1.00
CO	72.1					1.15	73.8					0.79	0.98
MCE	0.936					1.00	0.935					1.02	1.00
NO	0.88					2.02	0.75					3.31	1.18
NO <sub>2</sub>	2.68					0.38	2.58					0.24	1.04
NO <sub>x</sub> as NO	2.55	- 5.511	7.576	2.42	0.95	0.96	2.18	11.095	- 7.673	- 2.70	1.24	1.32	1.17
CH <sub>4</sub>	3.02	- 49.129	48.593	2.61	0.86	0.93	3.69	- 23.124	23.308	1.68	0.46	0.36	0.82
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>	0.30	- 1.971	2.021	0.18	0.59	0.61	0.21	- 5.565	5.437	0.23	1.09	0.68	1.41
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	1.16	- 14.017	13.965	0.85	0.73	0.77	1.01	- 10.453	10.339	0.56	0.56	0.39	1.15
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	0.40	- 6.332	6.248	0.32	0.80	0.86	0.53	- 2.616	2.614	0.17	0.31	0.24	0.75
HCHO	1.51	- 25.596	24.974	1.02	0.67	0.74	1.33	- 11.954	11.676	0.50	0.37	0.23	1.14
CH <sub>3</sub> OH	1.05	- 25.218	24.531	0.93	0.88	0.97	1.35	- 7.141	7.070	0.39	0.29	0.21	0.78
HCOOH	0.09	- 6.197	6.026	0.23	2.44	2.65	0.08	- 2.194	2.144	0.09	1.20	0.75	1.21
CH <sub>3</sub> COOH	1.32	- 43.537	42.785	2.03	1.54	1.67	1.91	- 12.104	12.028	0.71	0.37	0.31	0.69
phenol	0.33						0.45						0.73
furan	0.20	- 6.011	5.801	0.17	0.87	0.99	0.30	- 2.859	2.783	0.11	0.36	0.21	0.66
glycolaldehyde	0.25						0.25						0.99
HCN	0.59	- 8.610	8.314	0.26	0.43	0.49	0.75	- 1.009	1.016	0.07	0.10	0.08	0.79
NH <sub>3</sub>	0.50	- 9.005	9.146	0.72	1.43	1.50	1.50	- 3.768	4.147	0.62	0.41	0.38	0.33
HONO	0.52	- 0.149	0.520	0.38	0.73	0.73	0.54	- 5.314	5.287	0.32	0.59	0.44	0.97
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	13.55	- 167.80	163.94	6.88	0.51	0.49	7.06	- 169.10	165.00	6.87	0.97	0.55	1.92
Average ratio smoldering compounds					1.01	1.10					0.49	0.37	0.99
Std dev ratio					0.57	0.60					0.32	0.22	0.32
Fractional uncertainty					0.56	0.55					0.65	0.59	0.33

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**Table 2.** Best estimate emission factors ( $\text{g kg}^{-1}$ ) for four types of fire: prescribed fires in semiarid shrubland and pine-forest understory, and burning coniferous canopy or organic soils. (See text for discussion.)

Species	MM	Semiarid Shrublands avg(stdev)	Pine-forest Understory avg(stdev)	Coniferous Canopy avg(stdev)	Organic Soil
MCE		0.935(0.017)	0.936(0.025)	0.925(0.036)	0.850
Methane	16	3.69(1.36)	3.01(2.43)	3.27(1.42)	7.50
Ammonia	17	1.5(1.43)	0.499(0.692)	0.936(0.538)	2.67
UnknownPIT_MM25	25	5.09E-3(3.98E-3)	5.10E-3(5.44E-3)	4.09E-3(2.31E-3)	0.0226
Ethyne	26	0.213(0.041)	0.298(0.067)	0.433(0.251)	0.0969
Hydrogen Cyanide	27	0.749(0.255)	0.592(0.133)	0.181(0.14)	1.36
Carbon Monoxide	28	73.8(18.4)	72.2(26)	85.3(38.3)	129
Ethene	28	1.01(0.2)	1.16(0.28)	1.56(0.76)	1.43
Nitric Oxide	30	0.771(0.242)	0.88(0.34)	1.74(0.19)	0.559
NO <sub>x</sub> as NO	30	2.18(0.78)	2.55(0.41)	2.40(1.47)	0.674
Formaldehyde	30	1.33(0.2)	1.51(0.52)	1.32(0.61)	1.88
Ethane	30	0.48(0.61)	0.541(0.707)	0.417(0.237)	1.339
Methanol	32	1.35(0.4)	1.05(0.98)	0.99(0.667)	3.24
Hydrochloric Acid	36	0.134(0.149)	0.0643(0.0656)	0.0477(0.0295)	-
Propyne	40	0.0283(0.0384)	0.0253(0.0218)	0.0696(0.0738)	0.0424
Acetonitrile_PTR	41	0.146(0.074)	0.132(0.091)	0.139(0.061)	0.739
Propene	42	0.532(0.216)	0.405(0.277)	0.497(0.228)	1.22
IsocyanicAcid_NI-PT-CIMS	43	0.0815(0.0486)	0.0905(0.0519)	0.168(0.143)	0.271
Carbon Dioxide	44	1674(38)	1668(72)	1670(128)	1147
Acetaldehyde_PTR	44	0.563(0.401)	0.687(0.514)	0.792(0.402)	2.70
Propane	44	0.889(2.067)	0.293(0.245)	-	0.797
UnknownPIT_MM45	45	0.0923(0.0488)	0.102(0.076)	0.083(0.0193)	0.495
Nitrogen Dioxide	46	2.58(1.05)	2.68(0.35)	1.01(0.61)	0.176
Formic Acid	46	0.0775(0.0859)	0.0943(0.0868)	0.216(0.18)	0.733
Ethanol	46	0.0553(0.051)	0.156(0.23)	0.0416(0.0209)	0.495
Nitrous Acid	47	0.535(0.142)	0.506(0.155)	0.421(0.203)	0.0280
UnknownPIT_MM48	48	0.0114(0.0091)	0.0157(0.0145)	0.0147(0.0063)	0.137
UnknownPIT_MM49	49	1.92E-3(3.09E-3)	2.47E-3(2.32E-3)	2.28E-3(2.83E-3)	0.0251
UnknownPIT_MM50	50	8.07E-3(4.53E-3)	9.47E-3(7.05E-3)	7.50E-3(4.20E-3)	0.0909
1,3-Butadiyne	50	5.82E-3(6.58E-3)	8.98E-4(8.91E-4)	5.37E-3(8.58E-3)	9.04E-3
UnknownPIT_MM51	51	7.32E-3(6.76E-3)	3.50E-3(3.40E-3)	4.56E-3(1.60E-3)	0.0208
UnknownPIT_MM52	52	8.46E-3(4.26E-3)	6.65E-3(8.67E-3)	0.0133(0.0082)	0.0342
Butenyne	52	9.35E-3(8.63E-3)	3.22E-3(3.08E-3)	0.0102(0.0147)	0.0176
Acrylonitrile_PIT	53	0.026(0.0106)	0.0218(0.022)	0.0282(0.0227)	0.151
1,3-Butadiene_PTR	54	0.121(0.072)	0.111(0.086)	0.192(0.099)	0.293
1,2-Butadiene	54	2.50E-3(3.15E-3)	1.64E-3(1.69E-3)	5.49E-3(4.85E-3)	3.62E-4
Butyne(1-or 2-)	54	8.77E-3(5.44E-3)	3.95E-3(2.93E-3)	8.07E-3(5.42E-3)	0.0135
UnknownPIT_MM55	55	0.0368(0.0289)	0.0369(0.029)	0.0436(0.0211)	0.317
Propanenitrile	55	0.0117(0.0068)	0.0113(0.0126)	0.0116(0.0112)	0.0235
trans-2-Butene	56	0.0156(0.0199)	0.0304(0.0331)	0.0314(0.0276)	0.125
1-Butene	56	0.0909(0.0733)	0.1(0.091)	0.172(0.106)	0.311
2-Methylpropene	56	0.0262(0.0314)	0.0566(0.0656)	0.0356(0.0377)	0.246
cis-2-Butene	56	0.0147(0.0182)	0.0254(0.0265)	0.0277(0.0207)	0.0976
Acrolein	56	0.386(0.543)	0.248(0.172)	0.42(0.297)	0.590
UnknownPIT_MM57	57	0.0391(0.0479)	0.0455(0.0363)	0.0549(0.0288)	0.448
Acetone_PTR	58	0.31(0.2)	0.353(0.278)	0.371(0.203)	1.39
Isobutane	58	0.0214(0.0237)	0.0725(0.1307)	0.0152(0.0101)	0.238
n-Butane	58	0.0446(0.0637)	0.101(0.113)	0.0512(0.0361)	0.479

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Propanal	58	0.0969(0.1297)	0.101(0.083)	0.108(0.053)	0.353
UnknownPIT_MM59	59	0.0622(0.077)	0.092(0.0859)	0.0946(0.0555)	1.20
Acetic Acid	60	1.91(0.94)	1.33(1.27)	1.19(0.98)	7.47
Glycolaldehyde	60	0.199(0.172)	0.242(0.454)	-	-
Methyl Formate	60	0.0732(0.107)	0.0219(0.0149)	0.0265(0.0175)	0.0493
1,1-Dimethylhydrazine	60	0.046(0.0807)	0.0329(0.0602)	0.0219(0.0273)	-
UnknownPIT_MM61	61	0.0647(0.0864)	0.102(0.086)	0.093(0.0629)	0.722
UnknownPIT_MM62	62	0.0173(0.0109)	0.0363(0.0287)	0.034(0.0161)	0.368
UnknownPIT_MM63	63	2.62E-3(3.44E-3)	7.58E-3(6.62E-3)	6.74E-3(3.82E-3)	0.0542
Sulfur Dioxide	64	0.681(0.146)	1.06(0.39)	1.06(0.41)	1.76
UnknownPIT_MM65	65	3.08E-3(4.32E-3)	3.74E-3(4.97E-3)	3.57E-3(4.32E-3)	0.0703
1,3-Cyclopentadiene_PIT	66	0.0257(0.0147)	0.0293(0.0328)	0.0451(0.0329)	0.125
Pentenylene isomers	66	8.23E-3(4.96E-3)	3.03E-3(2.94E-3)	9.60E-3(7.82E-3)	0.0122
UnknownPIT_MM67	67	0.0318(0.0318)	0.0314(0.0293)	0.0485(0.0329)	0.327
Pyrrrole	67	0.0127(0.013)	0.0101(0.0123)	0.0144(0.0138)	0.0509
Furan	68	0.302(0.142)	0.197(0.212)	0.16(0.066)	1.00
Unspec_MM68_PTR	68	-	0.155(0.121)	0.207(0.115)	0.558
Isoprene	68	0.0465(0.0332)	0.066(0.0615)	0.097(0.0856)	0.0786
trans-1,3-Pentadiene	68	0.0264(0.0163)	0.0277(0.0229)	0.0338(0.0175)	0.0535
cis-1,3-Pentadiene	68	0.0221(0.0159)	0.0171(0.0142)	0.0236(0.0127)	0.0355
Cyclopentene	68	0.0406(0.0419)	0.0327(0.0298)	0.0386(0.0285)	0.0595
Carbon suboxide	68	1.20E-3(1.21E-3)	1.03E-3(1.04E-3)	7.32E-4(7.84E-4)	3.75E-3
Pentadiene isomer	68	6.17E-3(7.80E-3)	3.33E-3(3.23E-3)	6.14E-3(5.54E-3)	0.0115
UnknownPIT_MM69	69	0.0372(0.0436)	0.0413(0.0336)	0.0529(0.0294)	0.420
Cyclopentane	70	8.20E-4(9.93E-4)	2.39E-3(2.45E-3)	1.58E-3(1.10E-3)	0.0119
1-Pentene	70	0.0177(0.0199)	0.0265(0.0275)	0.0325(0.0285)	0.0832
2-Methyl-1-Butene	70	9.66E-3(1.25E-2)	1.16E-2(1.17E-2)	0.0124(0.0083)	0.0256
trans-2-Pentene	70	0.0132(0.0163)	0.0121(0.0121)	0.0165(0.0109)	0.0333
Methacrolein	70	0.0426(0.0471)	0.0458(0.0381)	0.0803(0.0666)	0.102
Methylvinylketone(MVK)	70	0.227(0.328)	0.221(0.172)	0.302(0.196)	0.421
Crotonaldehyde	70	0.182(0.238)	0.209(0.167)	0.193(0.109)	0.494
3-Methyl-1-Butene	70	3.28E-3(3.87E-3)	4.44E-3(5.18E-3)	2.69E-3(2.59E-3)	0.0103
cis-2-Pentene	70	0.0315(0.0274)	0.0446(0.0412)	0.041(0.027)	0.0487
2-Methyl-2-Butene	70	0.0147(0.0081)	0.0306(0.0293)	0.0261(0.0167)	0.0269
2,5-Dihydrofuran	70	0.0153(0.0259)	3.81E-3(9.82E-3)	1.27E-3(2.54E-3)	-
UnknownPIT_MM71	71	0.0311(0.0307)	0.0458(0.0398)	0.0612(0.0329)	0.3853
AcrylicAcid_NI-PT-CIMS	72	9.74E-3(3.10E-2)	0.0388(0.0276)	0.0443(0.0403)	0.153
Unspec_MM72_PTR	72	3.04E-2(2.08E-2)	0.0874(0.0689)	0.101(0.067)	0.191
2,2-Dimethylpropane	72	1.24E-4(1.61E-4)	3.60E-4(7.47E-4)	1.89E-4(2.19E-4)	4.97E-3
iso-Pentane	72	8.63E-3(1.31E-2)	2.73E-2(3.58E-2)	7.32E-3(5.40E-3)	0.136
n-Pentane	72	0.0172(0.0239)	0.0368(0.0408)	0.0225(0.018)	0.212
n-Butanal	72	0.0226(0.0264)	0.0241(0.0216)	0.0313(0.0182)	0.114
Methylethylketone(MEK)	72	0.105(0.143)	0.121(0.112)	0.118(0.062)	0.422
2-Methylpropanal	72	0.0439(0.0519)	0.043(0.048)	0.0256(0.0199)	0.0924
Tetrahydrofuran	72	1.59E-3(1.31E-3)	4.98E-4(5.74E-4)	1.74E-3(1.02E-3)	6.37E-3
UnknownPIT_MM73	73	0.0412(0.0551)	0.0575(0.0515)	0.0791(0.0497)	0.645
UnknownPIT_MM74	74	0.228(0.17)	0.345(0.323)	0.547(0.408)	3.33
Ethyl Formate	74	0.0126(0.0072)	9.91E-3(1.03E-2)	7.87E-3(5.40E-3)	0.0239
1-Butanol	74	0.208(0.268)	0.098(0.118)	0.0292(0.016)	1.18
Methyl Acetate	74	0.259(0.139)	0.17(0.135)	0.0996(0.058)	0.277
UnknownPIT_MM75	75	0.0177(0.0399)	0.0223(0.0243)	0.0405(0.0223)	0.470
Glycolic Acid_NI-PT-CIMS	76	4.55E-3(6.68E-3)	0.038(0.039)	0.0184	0.0904
UnknownPIT_MM76	76	0.0158(0.0098)	0.0327(0.0299)	0.0337(0.016)	0.443
UnknownPIT_MM77	77	0.0312(0.0143)	0.0246(0.0182)	0.022(0.0094)	0.201

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Benzene_PTR	78	0.451(0.287)	0.184(0.17)	0.617(0.591)	0.586
Hexadiene(e.g.,divinylacetylene)	78	6.81E-3(5.51E-3)	2.61E-3(2.05E-3)	9.16E-3(6.40E-3)	0.0158
UnknownPIT_MM79	79	0.0409(0.0418)	0.032(0.0329)	0.0457(0.0296)	0.420
UnknownPIT_MM80	80	0.361(0.206)	0.352(0.279)	0.765(0.47)	0.907
Methyl Cyclopentadiene(isomer.1)	80	5.73E-3(5.25E-3)	9.00E-3(1.20E-2)	0.0146(0.0119)	0.0282
Methyl Cyclopentadiene(isomer.2)	80	5.39E-3(5.59E-3)	9.11E-3(1.21E-2)	0.0141(0.0152)	0.0309
Hexenyne	80	6.19E-3(4.45E-3)	3.73E-3(4.74E-3)	0.0111(0.0085)	0.0208
UnknownPIT_MM81	81	0.0467(0.0588)	0.0397(0.0341)	0.0641(0.0442)	0.455
1-Methylpyrrole	81	0.0119(0.0194)	3.44E-3(4.51E-3)	3.70E-3(5.12E-3)	0.0147
UnknownPIT_MM82	82	0.203(0.171)	0.243(0.198)	0.356(0.23)	2.91
3-Methylfuran	82	0.0129(0.0099)	0.0207(0.0173)	0.0291(0.014)	0.0725
cis-1,3-Hexadiene	82	1.89E-3(1.52E-3)	2.01E-3(2.01E-3)	1.67E-3(6.41E-4)	4.46E-3
trans-1,3-Hexadiene	82	3.73E-3(2.27E-3)	4.37E-3(3.83E-3)	5.92E-3(3.57E-3)	7.65E-3
1-Methylcyclopentene	82	0.0117(0.0069)	0.016(0.0154)	0.0185(0.0116)	0.0194
Cyclohexene	82	0.0116(0.0101)	0.0114(0.0095)	0.015(0.0103)	0.0153
Other C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> (isomer.1)	82	1.50E-3(1.62E-3)	1.05E-3(1.07E-3)	1.91E-3(2.06E-3)	1.42E-3
Other C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> (isomer.2)	82	1.71E-3(1.39E-3)	1.90E-3(1.77E-3)	3.60E-3(2.60E-3)	3.64E-3
Other C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> (isomer.3)	82	0.0155(0.0131)	0.0107(0.0103)	0.0204(0.0125)	0.0162
2-Methylfuran	82	0.159(0.1)	0.213(0.211)	0.199(0.1)	0.537
Other C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> (isomer.4)	82	2.94E-3(3.03E-3)	4.35E-3(4.57E-3)	4.38E-3(3.47E-3)	8.01E-3
Other C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> (isomer.5)	82	1.31E-3(1.52E-3)	2.04E-3(2.07E-3)	2.44E-3(1.76E-3)	3.85E-3
1-Methylpyrazole	82	5.09E-3(4.56E-3)	6.27E-3(5.94E-3)	6.56E-3(4.17E-3)	0.0276
Cyclopentanone	82	0.0748(0.0994)	0.304(0.414)	0.172(0.13)	0.201
UnknownPIT_MM83	83	0.0552(0.0812)	0.0615(0.0534)	0.078(0.049)	0.934
1-Methylcyclopentane	84	4.54E-3(6.39E-3)	5.66E-3(6.84E-3)	2.64E-3(1.99E-3)	0.0151
Pentanone_PTR	84	0.231(0.233)	0.335(0.29)	0.474(0.328)	3.78
2-Methyl-1-Pentene	84	0.0674(0.0643)	0.0603(0.0512)	0.084(0.063)	0.117
1-Hexene	84	0.0673(0.0561)	0.0622(0.0547)	0.0842(0.0637)	0.0114
Cyclohexane	84	1.74E-3(2.31E-3)	2.42E-3(2.20E-3)	9.75E-4(6.65E-4)	5.68E-3
Hexenes(sum of 3 isomers)	84	0.0571(0.0312)	0.063(0.0696)	0.0935(0.0708)	9.60E-3
cis-2-Hexene	84	0.0147(0.0115)	0.0204(0.0259)	0.0271(0.0154)	5.46E-3
Cyclopentanone	84	0.0834(0.0425)	0.138(0.147)	0.13(0.079)	0.199
2-Methyl-2-Butenal	84	5.91E-3(5.11E-3)	8.15E-3(7.91E-3)	6.96E-3(4.24E-3)	0.0230
UnknownPIT_MM85	85	0.0466(0.0867)	0.0481(0.0439)	0.0695(0.0436)	0.768
UnknownPIT_MM86	86	0.249(0.166)	0.367(0.305)	0.513(0.318)	3.27
2,2-Dimethylbutane	86	4.41E-5(7.79E-5)	5.12E-5(1.21E-4)	-	2.36E-3
n-Hexane	86	9.23E-3(1.26E-2)	2.11E-2(2.62E-2)	0.0143(0.0115)	0.110
2,3-Butadione	86	0.146(0.179)	0.19(0.166)	0.217(0.134)	0.694
3-Methylpentane	86	3.18E-3(5.30E-3)	4.91E-3(6.28E-3)	1.14E-3(7.84E-4)	0.0142
2-Methylbutanal	86	0.0422(0.0464)	0.0445(0.0547)	0.025(0.0216)	0.0920
3-Methyl-2-Butanone	86	0.0228(0.0239)	0.0284(0.027)	0.0196(0.0116)	0.0390
2-Pentanone	86	0.0524(0.0597)	0.0378(0.0337)	0.0314(0.0185)	0.0966
3-Pentanone	86	0.03(0.0249)	0.0293(0.0278)	0.0238(0.013)	0.0647
Vinyl Acetate	86	3.29E-4(9.88E-4)	-	1.05E-3(2.10E-3)	-
Methyl Acrylate	86	8.45E-3(4.82E-3)	7.74E-3(5.46E-3)	8.83E-3(5.98E-3)	0.0454
2,3-Dihydro-1,4-Dioxin	86	2.53E-3(4.32E-3)	2.32E-3(2.72E-3)	4.16E-3(3.98E-3)	0.0158
UnknownPIT_MM87	87	0.0286(0.0402)	0.0326(0.029)	0.0497(0.0258)	0.449
Pyruvic Acid-NI-PT-CIMS	88	8.87E-3(1.12E-2)	0.0189(0.0218)	0.0128(0.0141)	0.269
UnknownPIT_MM88	88	0.0593(0.0476)	0.12(0.114)	0.141(0.093)	0.906
Methyl Propanoate	88	9.82E-3(1.24E-2)	4.77E-3(4.59E-3)	4.14E-3(2.25E-3)	2.42E-3
UnknownPIT_MM89	89	9.93E-3(1.19E-2)	1.67E-2(1.50E-2)	2.28E-2(1.08E-2)	0.286
UnknownPIT_MM90	90	0.0218(0.0225)	0.0311(0.0261)	0.0486(0.0269)	0.789
UnknownPIT_MM91	91	0.0256(0.0207)	0.0239(0.0184)	0.0256(0.0099)	0.215
Toluene_PTR	92	0.174(0.127)	0.141(0.121)	0.249(0.118)	0.488

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Heptadiyne (isomer_1)	92	2.03E-3(2.16E-3)	1.63E-3(1.80E-3)	3.91E-3(2.91E-3)	5.23E-3
Heptadiyne (isomer_2)	92	2.41E-3(2.28E-3)	3.54E-4(5.33E-4)	4.96E-3(4.49E-3)	1.57E-3
UnknownPIT_MM93	93	0.0477(0.0723)	0.0388(0.0357)	0.0543(0.0381)	0.684
Phenol	94	0.453(0.192)	0.335(0.377)	-	-
UnknownPIT_MM94	94	-	-	0.424(0.346)	2.08
Methyl Diazine (isomer_1)	94	0.0105(0.0056)	0.0139(0.0131)	0.013(0.0067)	0.0435
Methyl Diazine (isomer_2)	94	9.24E-3(1.20E-2)	6.23E-3(5.34E-3)	5.32E-3(9.95E-4)	8.96E-3
Methyl Diazine (isomer_3)	94	2.21E-3(3.05E-3)	3.29E-3(5.85E-3)	4.90E-3(3.52E-3)	-
UnknownPIT_MM95	95	0.0962(0.1441)	0.0776(0.0746)	0.111(0.08)	0.982
UnknownPIT_MM96	96	0.456(0.507)	0.613(0.593)	0.812(0.619)	8.72
2-Ethylfuran	96	9.38E-3(7.36E-3)	1.36E-2(1.45E-2)	0.0156(0.0074)	0.0482
1-Methylcyclohexene	96	6.99E-3(4.81E-3)	9.87E-3(9.63E-3)	8.30E-3(5.50E-3)	0.0104
2,5-Dimethylfuran	96	0.0208(0.0141)	0.0346(0.0364)	0.0358(0.0216)	0.0763
3-Furaldehyde	96	0.0118(0.0087)	0.0214(0.0217)	0.0142(0.0093)	0.0588
2-Furaldehyde	96	0.279(0.249)	0.521(0.562)	0.266(0.179)	0.647
Cyclopentenedione	96	6.84E-3(8.33E-3)	0.012(0.016)	9.50E-3(8.30E-3)	0.0189
UnknownPIT_MM97	97	0.0928(0.1799)	0.0822(0.0787)	0.12(0.09)	1.45
UnknownPIT_MM98	98	0.185(0.23)	0.292(0.26)	0.4(0.301)	3.32
1-Heptene	98	0.0524(0.049)	0.047(0.0434)	0.0566(0.0399)	0.0881
1-Methylcyclohexane	98	2.81E-3(3.45E-3)	4.42E-3(4.42E-3)	2.26E-3(1.56E-3)	8.57E-3
UnknownPIT_MM99	99	0.0338(0.055)	0.0471(0.0424)	0.0676(0.0493)	0.591
UnknownPIT_MM100	100	0.143(0.128)	0.285(0.267)	0.386(0.265)	2.12
n-Hexanal	100	0.0163(0.0173)	0.0257(0.0278)	0.0166(0.0122)	0.159
Heptane_n	100	0.0211(0.0241)	0.027(0.0279)	0.0168(0.0138)	0.0481
Methyl Methacrylate	100	0.0326(0.0271)	0.0374(0.0329)	0.0272(0.0153)	0.0759
3-Hexanone	100	0.033(0.0289)	0.0308(0.0267)	0.0352(0.0231)	0.0536
2-Hexanone	100	0.0153(0.0172)	0.0134(0.0127)	0.0106(0.0077)	9.67E-3
UnknownPIT_MM101	101	0.0265(0.0344)	0.0398(0.0362)	0.0532(0.0352)	0.548
UnknownPIT_MM102	102	0.104(0.101)	0.174(0.163)	0.227(0.172)	1.73
Methyl Butanoate	102	2.68E-3(1.93E-3)	0.0157(0.0358)	2.94E-3(1.59E-3)	4.20E-3
EthynylBenzene(Phenylethyne)	102	0.0526(0.0776)	6.55E-3(5.70E-3)	0.0163(0.0198)	0.0425
UnknownPIT_MM103	103	0.0807(0.0657)	0.0692(0.0421)	0.0865(0.0598)	0.989
Benzenenitrile(Cyanobenzene)	103	0.0557(0.0392)	0.0596(0.0609)	0.0308(0.0221)	0.101
UnknownPIT_MM104	104	0.0711(0.0516)	0.0697(0.0581)	0.11(0.07)	0.720
Styrene	104	0.0881(0.1051)	0.0491(0.0386)	0.0783(0.0747)	0.117
UnknownPIT_MM105	105	0.03(0.0278)	0.0238(0.0217)	0.0402(0.0173)	0.262
Ethylbenzene	106	0.0401(0.0507)	0.0385(0.04)	0.0396(0.0294)	0.104
m&p-Xylenes	106	0.0692(0.0742)	0.0978(0.1049)	0.111(0.08)	0.178
o-Xylene	106	0.0308(0.0369)	0.0343(0.0372)	0.0308(0.0176)	0.101
Benzaldehyde	106	0.243(0.398)	0.194(0.181)	0.155(0.093)	0.583
UnknownPIT_MM107	107	0.0428(0.0558)	0.0342(0.0285)	0.0539(0.0383)	0.626
UnknownPIT_MM108	108	0.226(0.297)	0.162(0.138)	0.348(0.279)	2.60
2-Ethylpyrazine	108	4.14E-3(3.23E-3)	6.95E-3(7.03E-3)	6.72E-3(3.82E-3)	0.0212
UnknownPIT_MM109	109	0.0569(0.1257)	0.0427(0.0383)	0.0765(0.0595)	0.724
Resorcinol_NI-PT-CIMS	110	0.189(0.197)	1.37(1.24)	1.15(1.04)	2.69
UnknownPIT_MM110	110	0.172(0.29)	0.242(0.218)	0.472(0.41)	4.86
Octadiene	110	0.0231(0.0154)	0.0284(0.0252)	0.0308(0.0173)	0.0503
UnknownPIT_MM111	111	0.0392(0.0685)	0.0414(0.0413)	0.0898(0.0755)	0.867
UnknownPIT_MM112	112	0.138(0.179)	0.268(0.259)	0.397(0.32)	3.06
1-Octene	112	0.0522(0.0531)	0.0476(0.0476)	0.0388(0.0273)	0.0867
UnknownPIT_MM113	113	0.0348(0.0488)	0.0477(0.0468)	0.0744(0.0588)	0.677
UnknownPIT_MM114	114	0.116(0.159)	0.215(0.21)	0.299(0.231)	2.35
n-Octane	114	0.019(0.0205)	0.024(0.0237)	0.0125(0.0088)	0.0390
UnknownPIT_MM115	115	0.0307(0.0386)	0.0465(0.04)	0.0663(0.0508)	0.548

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UnknownPIT_MM116	116	0.139(0.205)	0.175(0.158)	0.34(0.255)	2.13
Indene	116	0.0305(0.0292)	0.0204(0.0198)	0.0333(0.0369)	0.0506
UnknownPIT_MM117	117	0.0407(0.0547)	0.0355(0.0299)	0.0592(0.0379)	0.486
Benzofuran_PIT	118	0.103(0.102)	0.0874(0.0736)	0.167(0.113)	0.908
Indane	118	8.70E-3(6.85E-3)	7.11E-3(6.13E-3)	6.39E-3(3.70E-3)	0.0102
1-Propenylbenzene	118	4.60E-3(4.95E-3)	2.38E-3(2.66E-3)	3.82E-3(2.66E-3)	1.16E-3
alpha-Methylstyrene	118	4.69E-3(2.89E-3)	3.39E-3(3.34E-3)	6.23E-3(4.82E-3)	3.89E-3
3-Methylstyrene	118	0.02(0.0128)	0.0169(0.0171)	0.022(0.016)	0.0342
2-Methylstyrene	118	0.0135(0.0093)	0.01(0.0101)	0.011(0.0071)	0.0194
2-Propenylbenzene	118	5.95E-3(4.77E-3)	5.99E-3(5.80E-3)	6.03E-3(3.61E-3)	8.69E-3
4-Methylstyrene	118	6.21E-3(4.64E-3)	8.49E-3(9.25E-3)	7.66E-3(3.90E-3)	0.0134
UnknownPIT_MM119	119	0.0315(0.036)	0.0238(0.0223)	0.0587(0.0386)	0.577
1-Ethyl-3&4-Methylbenzene	120	0.0163(0.0183)	0.0228(0.0238)	0.0323(0.0264)	0.0433
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	120	0.0166(0.0209)	0.0242(0.0254)	0.0212(0.0134)	0.0555
1-Ethyl-2-Methylbenzene	120	0.0111(0.0094)	9.71E-3(1.04E-2)	9.50E-3(6.20E-3)	0.0122
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	120	0.0183(0.0138)	0.0314(0.0366)	0.0231(0.0196)	0.0291
Isopropyl Benzene	120	6.08E-3(4.42E-3)	6.03E-3(6.05E-3)	8.08E-3(7.33E-3)	6.43E-3
n-Propylbenzene	120	9.60E-3(6.30E-3)	1.05E-2(9.64E-3)	8.60E-3(6.20E-3)	0.0124
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	120	0.0143(0.016)	0.0139(0.0147)	0.0104(0.0064)	0.0212
UnknownPIT_MM121	121	0.0343(0.0504)	0.0317(0.0273)	0.0676(0.0501)	0.525
UnknownPIT_MM122	122	0.114(0.145)	0.129(0.11)	0.332(0.272)	2.02
UnknownPIT_MM123	123	0.0442(0.0643)	0.0487(0.0479)	0.0954(0.0624)	1.13
UnknownPIT_MM124	124	0.139(0.227)	0.216(0.203)	0.465(0.406)	5.10
Nonadiene	124	2.06E-3(2.25E-3)	3.37E-3(3.45E-3)	4.80E-3(3.10E-3)	-
UnknownPIT_MM125	125	0.0425(0.076)	0.0401(0.0391)	0.118(0.089)	2.93
UnknownPIT_MM126	126	0.116(0.195)	0.151(0.143)	0.28(0.223)	2.74
1-Nonene	126	0.0103(0.0083)	0.012(0.0135)	0.0117(0.0082)	0.0230
UnknownPIT_MM127	127	0.04(0.041)	0.0368(0.0336)	0.0806(0.0602)	0.725
Naphthalene_PTR	128	0.173(0.097)	0.199(0.182)	0.286(0.19)	0.815
Nonane	128	0.013(0.0164)	0.0143(0.0159)	9.20E-3(7.70E-3)	0.0225
UnknownPIT_MM129	129	0.0564(0.0478)	0.0528(0.0481)	0.0998(0.0712)	0.834
UnknownPIT_MM130	130	0.0844(0.1141)	0.116(0.111)	0.225(0.175)	1.87
1or3-Methylindene	130	1.43E-3(1.13E-3)	1.90E-4(4.92E-4)	2.49E-3(2.25E-3)	1.75E-3
1,2-Dihydronaphthalene	130	6.83E-3(4.60E-3)	6.87E-3(8.79E-3)	7.83E-3(4.84E-3)	6.44E-3
1,3-Dihydronaphthalene	130	7.39E-3(4.65E-3)	7.88E-3(9.53E-3)	0.01(0.0057)	7.24E-3
UnknownPIT_MM131	131	0.0374(0.0555)	0.0305(0.0276)	0.0587(0.0419)	0.387
UnknownPIT_MM132	132	0.126(0.168)	0.0988(0.085)	0.24(0.19)	1.33
1-Butenylbenzene	132	2.49E-3(2.57E-3)	2.69E-3(4.86E-3)	4.22E-3(2.15E-3)	1.92E-3
Methylbenzofuran(isomer.4)	132	8.72E-4(2.62E-3)		2.66E-3(3.95E-3)	
Ethylstyrene	132	4.34E-3(3.49E-3)	3.95E-3(5.65E-3)	5.66E-3(3.55E-3)	2.10E-3
1-Methyl-1-Propenylbenzene	132	0.0321(0.0551)	0.0142(0.0172)	0.0131(0.0106)	5.23E-3
Methylbenzofuran(isomer.1)	132	0.0121(0.0076)	0.0135(0.0156)	0.0114(0.0041)	0.0235
Methylbenzofuran(isomer.2)	132	0.019(0.0118)	0.0229(0.0284)	0.0187(0.0064)	0.0380
Methylbenzofuran(isomer.3)	132	0.0324(0.026)	0.0323(0.0418)	0.0222(0.0073)	0.0517
UnknownPIT_MM133	133	0.0675(0.1622)	0.033(0.0303)	0.0659(0.0508)	0.357
p-Cymene	134	0.117(0.323)	0.056(0.075)	0.0509(0.0519)	0.059
C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>14</sub> non-aromatic(e.g.,hexahydronaphthalene)	134	2.39E-3(2.19E-3)	3.54E-3(5.04E-3)	4.84E-3(3.26E-3)	
Isobutylbenzene	134	5.06E-3(5.18E-3)	7.89E-3(9.35E-3)	7.31E-3(5.61E-3)	7.55E-3
Methyl-n-Propylbenzene(isomer.1)	134	4.38E-3(3.50E-3)	8.70E-3(1.02E-2)	6.99E-3(4.40E-3)	2.45E-3
Methyl-n-Propylbenzene(isomer.2)	134	3.69E-3(2.96E-3)	7.41E-3(8.61E-3)	5.39E-3(3.45E-3)	1.73E-3
n-Butylbenzene	134	6.61E-3(6.03E-3)	1.19E-2(1.34E-2)	9.90E-3(6.52E-3)	0.0131
1,4-Diethylbenzene	134	1.54E-3(2.03E-3)	2.72E-3(4.86E-3)	5.68E-3(3.50E-3)	1.76E-3
EthylXylene(isomer.1)	134	6.29E-3(6.11E-3)	8.76E-3(1.18E-2)	7.31E-3(4.06E-3)	2.68E-3

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Table 2. continued.

EthylXylenel(isomer_2)	134	4.12E-3(4.10E-3)	4.77E-3(5.98E-3)	4.54E-3(2.71E-3)	1.88E-3
UnknownPIT_MM135	135	0.0432(0.0663)	0.0395(0.0378)	0.18(0.161)	0.526
Monoterpenes_PTR	136	0.146(0.083)	0.253(0.238)	0.619(0.46)	0.695
beta-Pinene	136	0.0133(0.0258)	0.0182(0.0238)	0.053(0.0574)	0.0915
D-Limonene	136	0.0249(0.0227)	0.0665(0.0884)	0.277(0.425)	0.0848
Myrcene	136	0.0102(0.0095)	5.51E-3(5.99E-3)	0.0437(0.0665)	0.0355
3-Carene	136	0.0189(0.0403)	0.0179(0.0242)	0.0513(0.0765)	0.0226
gamma-Terpinene	136	5.33E-3(2.52E-3)	4.81E-3(7.48E-3)	0.0109(0.0123)	3.93E-3
Terpinolene	136	6.80E-3(3.17E-3)	7.51E-3(1.06E-2)	0.0114(0.0158)	6.69E-3
alpha-Pinene	136	0.0163(0.0295)	0.0518(0.0884)	0.272(0.429)	0.0837
Camphene	136	9.46E-3(1.53E-2)	2.66E-2(5.49E-2)	0.039(0.0529)	0.0812
iso-Limonene	136	2.87E-4(8.60E-4)	5.76E-3(6.72E-3)	7.37E-3(7.69E-3)	1.80E-3
UnknownPIT_MM137	137	0.0316(0.0481)	0.0462(0.046)	0.172(0.15)	0.737
UnknownPIT_MM138	138	0.0789(0.1041)	0.16(0.156)	0.325(0.265)	3.55
UnknownPIT_MM139	139	0.0257(0.0357)	0.0277(0.0284)	0.0611(0.0499)	0.676
UnknownPIT_MM140	140	0.0572(0.0842)	0.0749(0.0678)	0.148(0.117)	1.22
1-Decene	140	0.0125(0.011)	0.0174(0.02)	0.0227(0.0142)	0.0218
UnknownPIT_MM141	141	0.0252(0.0298)	0.0305(0.0279)	0.0453(0.0301)	0.556
UnknownPIT_MM142	142	0.108(0.163)	0.115(0.098)	0.254(0.196)	2.25
<i>n</i> -Decane	142	0.0148(0.0207)	0.0131(0.0154)	8.68E-3(6.85E-3)	0.0265
UnknownPIT_MM143	143	0.0308(0.0553)	0.0374(0.0328)	0.0629(0.0509)	0.681
UnknownPIT_MM144	144	0.102(0.25)	0.195(0.209)	0.271(0.231)	3.88
UnknownPIT_MM145	145	0.0276(0.0513)	0.0294(0.0264)	0.0583(0.0446)	0.550
UnknownPIT_MM146	146	0.0764(0.1249)	0.0773(0.0673)	0.192(0.149)	1.26
UnknownPIT_MM147	147	0.024(0.0463)	0.0191(0.018)	0.0528(0.04)	0.378
C <sub>11</sub> Aromatics_PTR	148	0.0547(0.0331)	0.0844(0.0722)	0.105(0.07)	0.228
UnknownPIT_MM149	149	0.0227(0.0436)	0.0232(0.022)	0.0558(0.0389)	0.376
UnknownPIT_MM150	150	0.0565(0.0795)	0.0894(0.0873)	0.216(0.174)	1.59
UnknownPIT_MM151	151	0.0215(0.0322)	0.0237(0.0221)	0.0575(0.0406)	0.418
UnknownPIT_MM152	152	0.0792(0.079)	0.0976(0.0929)	0.274(0.207)	2.29
UnknownPIT_MM153	153	0.0356(0.0374)	0.0282(0.021)	0.0779(0.0511)	0.574
UnknownPIT_MM154	154	0.0675(0.0923)	0.0614(0.0496)	0.148(0.1)	1.13
1-Undecene	154	0.0136(0.0125)	0.0222(0.0301)	0.0203(0.0096)	0.0364
UnknownPIT_MM155	155	0.0206(0.0335)	0.0151(0.015)	0.0447(0.0285)	0.340
UnknownPIT_MM156	156	0.0638(0.1101)	0.0589(0.0478)	0.146(0.11)	1.20
<i>n</i> -Undecane	156	0.0189(0.02)	0.0287(0.0353)	0.014(0.0078)	0.0429
UnknownPIT_MM157	157	0.0183(0.0356)	0.0149(0.0154)	0.0333(0.0215)	0.257
UnknownPIT_MM158	158	0.0363(0.0641)	0.0428(0.0397)	0.09(0.063)	0.623
UnknownPIT_MM159	159	0.0139(0.0301)	0.0128(0.0156)	0.0242(0.0149)	0.225
UnknownPIT_MM160	160	0.0372(0.0788)	0.0392(0.0387)	0.0994(0.0766)	0.846
UnknownPIT_MM161	161	0.0131(0.0341)	9.18E-3(1.27E-2)	0.0365(0.0267)	0.326
UnknownPIT_MM162	162	0.0375(0.0819)	0.0466(0.0399)	0.112(0.088)	1.11
UnknownPIT_MM163	163	8.51E-3(2.69E-2)	0.0104(0.0115)	0.0312(0.0208)	0.253
UnknownPIT_MM164	164	0.0284(0.0485)	0.0423(0.0391)	0.114(0.08)	0.942
UnknownPIT_MM165	165	0.0112(0.0202)	9.60E-3(1.16E-2)	0.0299(0.019)	0.240
UnknownPIT_MM166	166	0.0271(0.0413)	0.0301(0.0301)	0.0917(0.0627)	0.700
UnknownPIT_MM167	167	0.016(0.0274)	0.0126(0.0096)	0.0354(0.0242)	0.362
UnknownPIT_MM168	168	0.0504(0.081)	0.0347(0.0286)	0.125(0.071)	0.747
UnknownPIT_MM169	169	0.0165(0.0313)	8.29E-3(9.87E-3)	0.0344(0.0198)	0.314
UnknownPIT_MM170	170	0.0333(0.0791)	0.0306(0.0268)	0.0819(0.0582)	0.624
UnknownPIT_MM171	171	0.015(0.0326)	7.82E-3(8.37E-3)	0.0204(0.0139)	0.155
UnknownPIT_MM172	172	0.0252(0.0495)	0.0358(0.0338)	0.0524(0.0428)	0.396
UnknownPIT_MM173	173	9.54E-3(2.28E-2)	5.22E-3(7.33E-3)	0.0124(0.0112)	0.157
UnknownPIT_MM174	174	0.0304(0.0711)	0.0296(0.0293)	0.0557(0.0465)	0.527

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**Table 3.** Calculation of some lumped categories in  $\text{g kg}^{-1}$  and indicated mass ratios or percentages (see text for category definitions)

Quantity or Ratio	Semiarid Shrublands	Pine Understory	Average Pine&Shrub	Coniferous Canopy	Organic Soil
$\text{PM}_{2.5}$	7.06	13.55	10.31	7.44	20.60
$\text{NO}_x$ "as $\text{NO}$ "	2.18	2.55	2.37	2.40	0.67
$\Sigma\text{NMOC}$	25.24	27.64	26.44	34.45	178.89
$\Sigma(\text{IVOC} + \text{SVOC})$	8.71	11.26	9.99	17.10	114.78
$\Sigma\text{Unidentified NMOC}$	7.81	8.62	8.21	16.20	129.29
$\Sigma\text{NMOC}/\text{PM}_{2.5}$	3.58	2.04	2.81	4.63	8.68
$\Sigma(\text{IVOC} + \text{SVOC})/\text{PM}_{2.5}$	1.23	0.83	1.03	2.30	5.57
$\Sigma(\text{IVOC} + \text{SVOC})/\Sigma\text{NMOC}$	0.35	0.41	0.38	0.50	0.64
$\Sigma\text{NMOC}/\text{NO}_x$ as $\text{NO}$ "	11.58	10.84	11.21	14.35	267.00
Percent NMOC Unidentified	31	31	31	47	72

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**Table 4.** The list of compounds identified in this study that are also considered either hazardous air pollutants (EPA) or harmful and potentially harmful constituents in tobacco smoke (FDA).

Compound	Molecular Wt.	EPA HAP	FDA HPHC
Ammonia	17	No	Yes
Hydrogen Cyanide	27	Yes	Yes
Formaldehyde	30	Yes	Yes
Methanol	32	Yes	No
Hydrochloric Acid	36.5	Yes	No
Acetonitrile	41	Yes	No
Acetaldehyde	44	Yes	Yes
Acrylonitrile	53	Yes	Yes
1,3-Butadiene	54	Yes	Yes
Acrolein	56	Yes	Yes
Propionaldehyde	58	Yes	Yes
Acetone	58	No	Yes
1,1-Dimethylhydrazine	60	Yes	No
Furan	68	No	Yes
Crotonaldehyde	70	No	Yes
Acrylic Acid	72	Yes	No
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	72	No	Yes
Benzene	78	Yes	Yes
Vinyl Acetate	86	Yes	Yes
Hexane	86	Yes	No
Toluene	92	Yes	Yes
Phenol	94	Yes	Yes
Methyl Methacrylate	100	Yes	No
Styrene	104	Yes	Yes
Xylenes	106	Yes	No
Ethylbenzene	106	Yes	Yes
Catechol	110	Yes	Yes
Naphthalene	128	Yes	Yes

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**Table 5.** Prescribed fire fuel consumption measurements from 1997, 2010, and 2011 for southeastern (SE) US and 2009–2010 for southwestern (SW) US.

Year	Date dd-mon	Location LT	Fuel Type	Fuel Moisture % (dry weight)	Pre-fire Total Fuel Mgha <sup>-1</sup>	Total Fuel Consumed Mgha <sup>-1</sup>	Fuel Consumption %
1997 <sup>a</sup>	14-Apr	Camp Lejeune	pine-understory	nm	9.0	5.6	62
1997 <sup>a</sup>	26-Apr	Camp Lejeune	pine-understory	nm	11.0	nm	nm
2010 <sup>b</sup>	11-Feb	Camp Lejeune	pine-understory	nm	8.47	.893	11
2010 <sup>b</sup>	1-Mar	Camp Lejeune	pine-understory	nm	16.8	10.2	61
2011 <sup>c</sup>	30-Oct	Fort Jackson	pine-understory	nm	nm	8.6	nm
2011 <sup>c</sup>	1-Nov	Fort Jackson	pine-understory	nm	8.5	5.7	67
2011 <sup>c</sup>	2-Nov	Fort Jackson	pine-understory	nm	11.9	4.7	40
SE US Field Average:				nm	11.4(3.3)	6.95(2.32)	48(23)
2009 <sup>d</sup>	Feb-Mar	Lab	SE US Lab Average:	17.6(14.6)	20.9(15.4)	14.9(10.1)	76(17)
2009 <sup>b</sup>	11-Nov	Vandenberg	coastal sage scrub	67	12.6	7.9	63
2009 <sup>b</sup>	11-Nov	Vandenberg	maritime chaparral	67	15.6	11.3	72
2010 <sup>b</sup>	29-Mar	Fort Huachuca	oak savanna	58(12)	8.8	3.8	43
SW US Field Average:				64(5)	12.6(3.5)	7.67(3.67)	59(15)
2009 <sup>d</sup>	Feb–Mar	Lab	SW US Lab Average:	14(9.1)	27.5(6.55)	23.0(9.86)	82(26)

<sup>a</sup>Additional site and emissions data in Yokelson et al. (1999).<sup>b</sup>This work, Camp Lejeune (loblolly pine) and SW as shown with additional details in Burling et al. (2011).<sup>c</sup>This work, Fort Jackson (longleaf pine) with emissions data in Akagi et al. (2012b).<sup>d</sup>This work, lab data with additional details in Burling et al. (2010).

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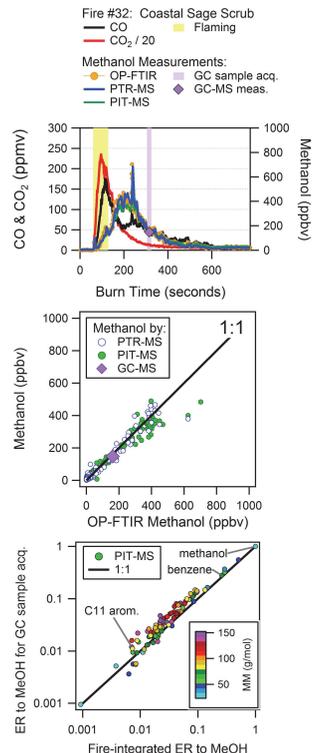
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**Fig. 1.** (top) Time series for CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, and methanol for an example burn of coastal sage scrub (Fire #32). The yellow shading indicates the flaming-dominated period. The purple shading indicates the GC-MS sample acquisition time for this particular fire. (middle) A comparison of all other methanol measurements to the OP-FTIR methanol for Fire #32. (bottom) NMOC to methanol emission ratios (ER) as measured by the PIT-MS during the GC-MS sample acquisition time versus the ER determined by the PIT-MS during the entire fire for Fire #32 (see Sect. 2.2).

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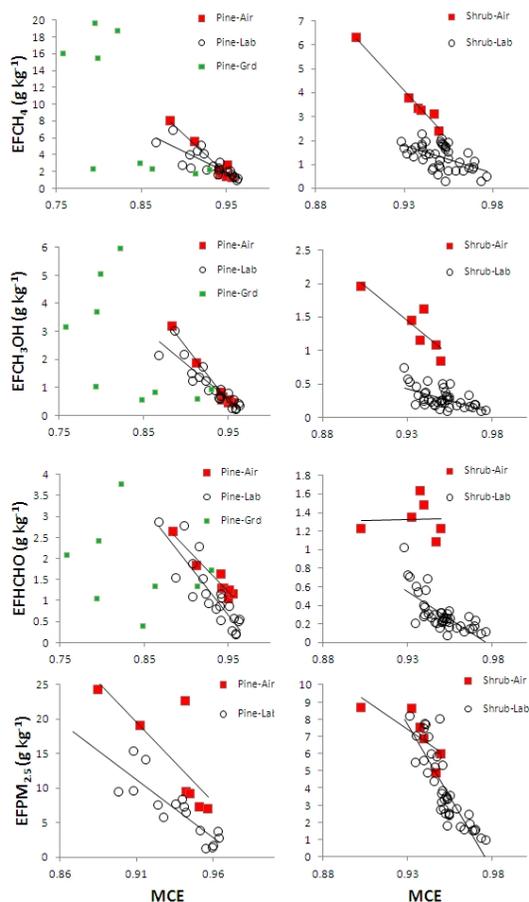
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**Fig. 2.** Comparison of EF versus MCE from the lab and the field fires for smoldering compounds and  $PM_{2.5}$  for pine understory (left column) and semiarid shrubland (right column).

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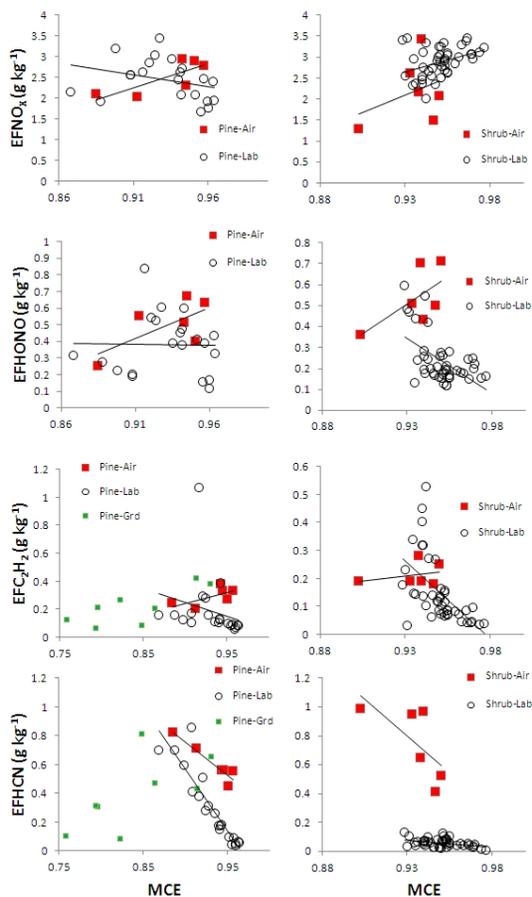
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**Fig. 3.** Comparison of EF versus MCE from the lab and the field fires for flaming compounds and HCN for pine understory (left column) and semiarid shrubland (right column).

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