

Supplementary Material For: Loading-Dependent Elemental Composition of α -Pinene SOA Particles

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Table S1. SOA particle mass loadings and the measured O/C and H/C atomic ratios used in the basis-set fitting (i.e., entries of Table 2).

Figure S1. Correlation plots between unit-mass-resolution signal intensity and high-resolution oxygen-to-carbon atomic ratio. Except for the bottom left panel, vertical axes show the percent contribution of the signal intensity of the indicated m/z value to the total organic signal. For the bottom left, the vertical axis shows the ratio of the signal intensity at m/z 44 to that at m/z 43.

Figure S2. Measured oxygen-to-carbon atomic ratio vs. the 44/org signal for SOA particles produced from the dark ozonolysis of α -pinene. The linear regression through the data is shown in the solid line. The regression determined by Aiken *et al.* (2008) for ambient ground and aircraft measurements during the MILAGRO campaign is shown as a dotted line. Equations for the linear fits and correlation coefficients are given in the figure.

Figure S3. Example of the deconvolution of a high-resolution mass spectrum for fragments at m/z 43. Peaks representing high-resolution model fits of $C_2H_3O^+$ and $C_3H_7^+$ are shown in the figure (DeCarlo *et al.*, 2006). Panel i shows the residual between the recorded data and model fits for panel ii (gold), panel iii (grey), and panel iv (red). Panel ii, which was recorded with the AMS chopper open, shows the mass spectrum of the particles and the background. Panel iii, which was recorded with the AMS chopper closed, shows the mass spectrum of the background. Panel iv, which shows the difference of panel iii from panel ii, represents the mass spectrum of the

particles. In each panel, the open circles show the recorded signal (Hz). The solid lines show the model fits in gold, grey, or red for individual peaks and in black for the sum of the model fits. The solid green bars indicate the peak intensity of each fit.

Figure S4. Contribution of the signal intensity at m/z 60 to the total organic signal intensity (60/org) as a function of loading SOA particles produced from the dark ozonolysis of α -pinene. The average 60/org across all loading is 0.23%. Increased signal at m/z 60 is thought to be a marker of biomass burning aerosol when observed in the AMS spectra of atmospheric particles, but some m/z 60 is also observed in SOA spectra and this figure is included here to aid in the interpretation of ambient spectra.

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SOA loading ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	O/C	H/C
0.5	0.45	1.38
1.3	0.43	1.35
6.6	0.36	1.40
15.4	0.38	1.44
36.6	0.33	1.47
95.2	0.32	1.51
138.0	0.29	1.51

Table S1

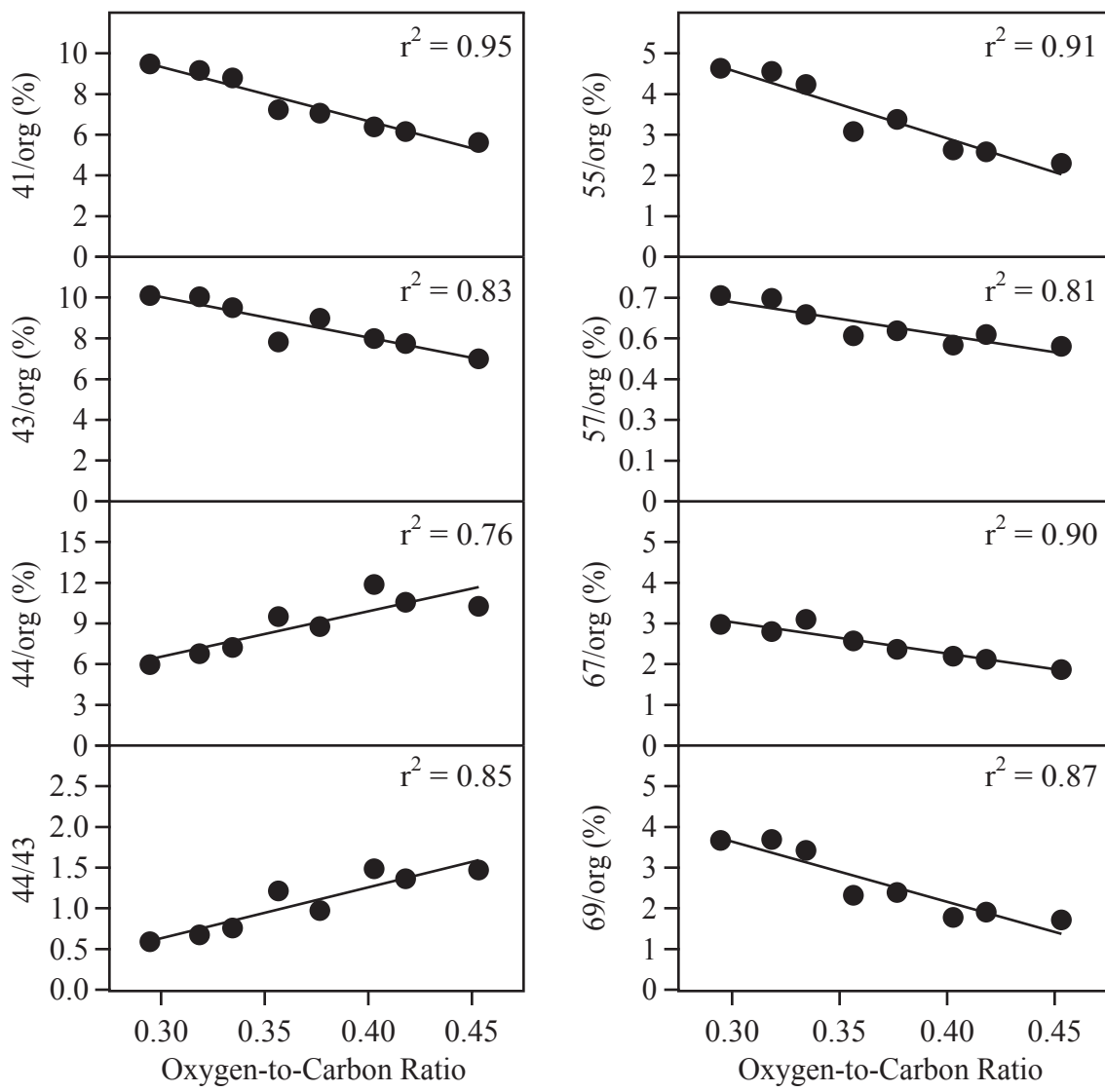


Figure S1

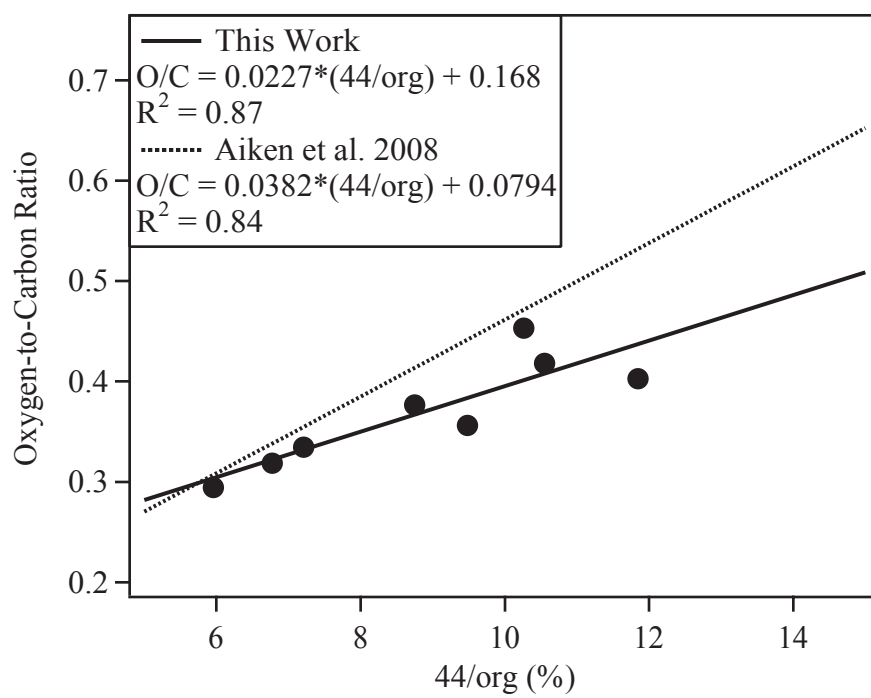


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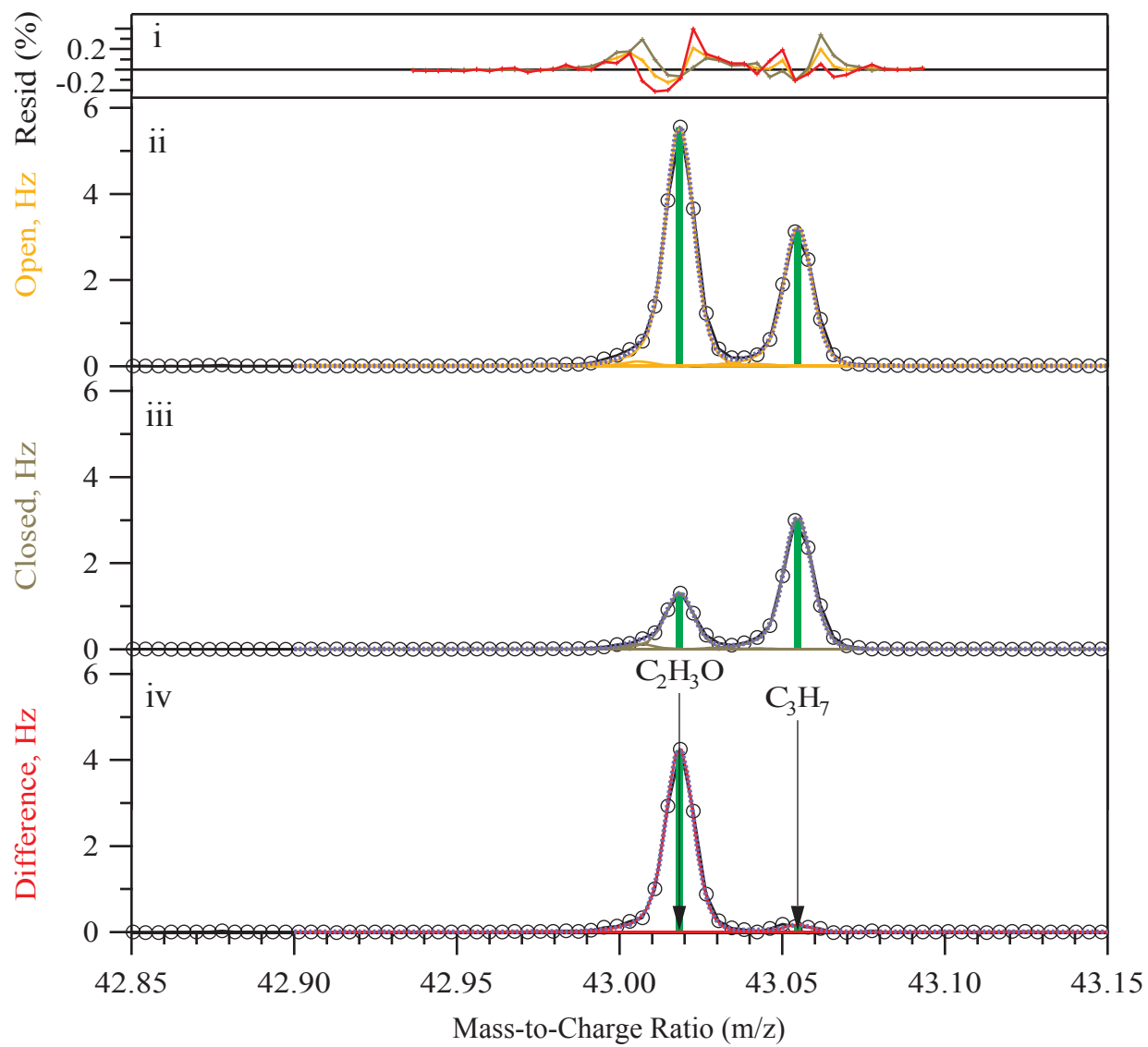


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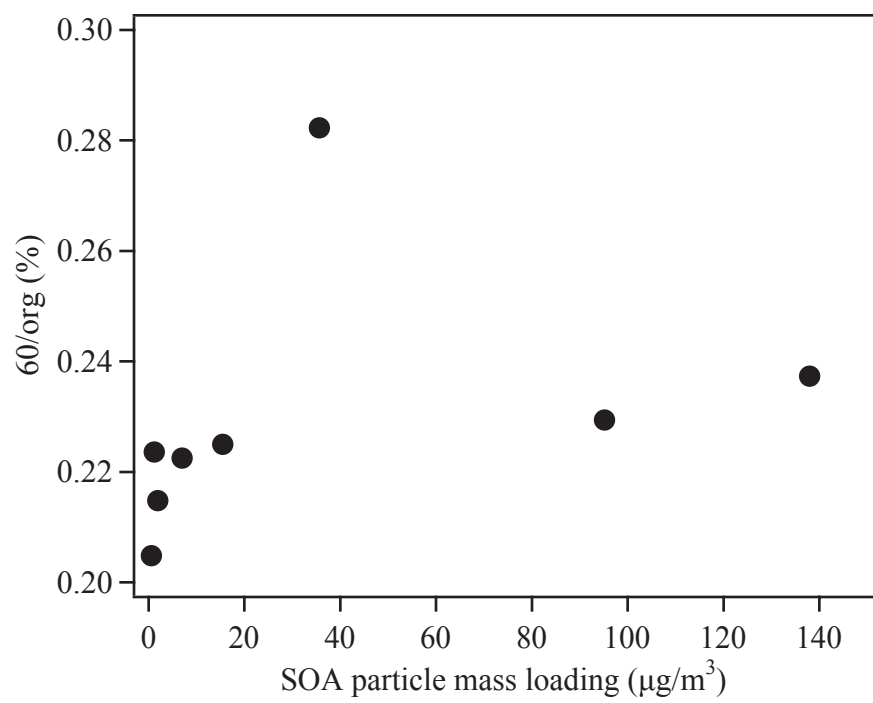


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