

Supplementary Information For

## **Parameterization of Single Scattering Albedo (SSA) and Absorption Angstrom Exponent (AAE) with EC/OC for Aerosol Emissions from Biomass Burning**

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**Table S1.** Summary of fuels analyzed in this study and sampling locations.

Fuel	Stack Burn	Room Burn	Fuel type	Sampling location
African grass (tall)	0	1	Savana/Sourveld/Tall grass	Kruger National Park, R.S.A
African grass (short)	4	0	Savana/Sourveld/Short grass	Kruger National Park, R.S.A
Giant Cutgrass	0	1	Marsh	Jasper CO., SC
Wiregrass	0	1	Pine forest understory	Chesterfield Co., SC
Peat (CAN)	2	0	Boreal Peat	Ontario & Alberta, Canada
Peat (NC)	2	1	Temperate Peat	Green Swamp & Alligator River NWR, NC
Peat (IN)	2	0	Indonesian Peat	Central Kalimantan
Organic Hay	1	2	Crop residue	Fort Collins, CO
Organic Wheat Straw	1	2	Crop residue	Fort Collins, CO
Conv. Wheat Straw	0	1	Crop residue	Walla Walla CO., WA
Sugar Cane	0	1	Crop residue	Thibodaux, LA
Rice Straw	1	2	Crop residue	CA, China, Malaysia, Taiwan
Ponderosa Pine	5	4	Temperate Forest	Outskirts of Missoula, MT
Black Spruce	0	3	Boreal Forest	South of Fairbanks, AK
Chamise	1	1	Chaparral	San Jacinto Mountains, CA
Manzanita	1	1	Chaparral	San Jacinto Mountains, CA
Total	20	21		

**Table S2.** SSA, AAE, MCE, EC to OC ratio, and mass of fuel burned for all fuels measured during stack and room burns of this work. S and K represent the short and tall African grass and the number after S or K indicate the collection plots. The  $\pm$  values after AAE are the one standard deviation of the slope and for EC/OC is the propagated error from EC and OC uncertainty.

ID	Fuel Type	SSA			AAE	MCE	EC/OC	Mass (g)
		405	532	660				
9	Manzanita	0.79	0.8	0.79	2.05 $\pm$ 0.37	0.93	NA	270
18	Ponderosa Pine	0.88	0.95	0.95	3.69 $\pm$ 0.48	0.918	0.061 $\pm$ 0.019	202
20	Chamise	0.79	0.78	0.83	2.52 $\pm$ 1.58	0.913	NA	250
32	Rice Straw	0.71	0.86	0.91	4.16 $\pm$ 0.11	0.943	0.109 $\pm$ 0.028	430
61	NC Peat	0.94	1	1	10.43 $\pm$ 1.11	0.683	ND	NA
62	Ponderosa Pine	0.83	0.91	0.89	2.85 $\pm$ 0.48	0.946	0.083 $\pm$ 0.016	4029
70	Ponderosa Pine	0.93	0.99	0.99	5.95 $\pm$ 0.79	0.848	0.021 $\pm$ 0.021	274
81	African Grass S2	0.72	0.78	0.81	2.25 $\pm$ 0.33	0.97	NA	436
82	African Grass S1	0.53	0.55	0.54	1.92 $\pm$ 0.27	0.978	NA	416
84	Ponderosa Pine	0.82	0.87	0.87	2.05 $\pm$ 0.23	0.925	NA	3860
87	Organic Hay	0.81	0.91	0.94	3.46 $\pm$ 0.08	0.941	NA	412
91	African Grass S1	0.84	0.92	0.87	3.05 $\pm$ 0.39	0.97	NA	580
92	African Grass S2	0.58	0.62	0.58	1.72 $\pm$ 0.08	0.972	NA	455
95	Ponderosa Pine	0.78	0.85	0.85	2.48 $\pm$ 0.08	0.933	NA	150
96	Organic Wheat	0.73	0.76	0.87	3.43 $\pm$ 1.13	0.965	0.234 $\pm$ 0.063	154
112	Canadian Peat	0.97	1	1	5.11 $\pm$ 1.58	0.811	0.011 $\pm$ 0.015	NA
113	NC Peat	0.94	0.98	0.98	3.68 $\pm$ 0.47	0.692	0.008 $\pm$ 0.008	NA
114	Indonesian Peat	0.93	1	0.99	7.44 $\pm$ 3.27	0.744	0.005 $\pm$ 0.010	NA
124	Canadian Peat	0.91	0.99	0.99	6.78 $\pm$ 0.26	0.798	NA	NA
125	Indonesian Peat	0.93	0.98	0.99	8.03 $\pm$ 2.50	0.872	NA	NA
129	Ponderosa Pine brown/green	0.92	0.98	0.98	4.92 $\pm$ 0.46	0.839	0.067 $\pm$ 0.018	200
130	California Rice Straw	0.75	0.84	0.84	2.98 $\pm$ 0.20	0.961	0.188 $\pm$ 0.031	147
131	Black Spruce	0.87	0.93	0.93	2.98 $\pm$ 0.05	0.957	0.092 $\pm$ 0.017	639
132	Organic Wheat	0.82	0.88	0.88	2.58 $\pm$ 0.01	0.956	0.124 $\pm$ 0.024	638
133	Conventional Wheat	0.79	0.85	0.86	2.67 $\pm$ 0.03	0.956	0.147 $\pm$ 0.022	494
134	Black Spruce	0.87	0.93	0.93	2.97 $\pm$ 0.12	0.957	NA	1077
135	Chamise	0.58	0.61	0.54	1.95 $\pm$ 0.06	0.954	NA	667
136	Manzanita	0.52	0.56	0.46	1.68 $\pm$ 0.09	0.959	0.694 $\pm$ 0.059	1064
137	Black Spruce	0.82	0.9	0.84	2.32 $\pm$ 0.70	0.962	NA	1602
138	Organic Hay	0.85	0.94	0.92	3.25 $\pm$ 0.79	0.95	NA	592.2
140	Ponderosa Pine	0.88	0.94	0.91	2.21 $\pm$ 0.61	0.928	0.039 $\pm$ 0.012	1672

141	Wire Grass	0.36	0.38	0.35	$0.85 \pm 0.21$	0.969	$1.351 \pm 0.112$	540
142	Ponderosa Pine brown/green	0.79	0.83	0.82	$2.19 \pm 0.19$	0.952	NA	1529
143	California Rice Straw	0.87	0.95	0.97	$4.48 \pm 0.05$	0.939	NA	902
144	Ponderosa Pine	0.86	0.91	0.93	$2.68 \pm 0.21$	0.927	$0.037 \pm 0.013$	1731
145	African Grass K3	0.45	0.32	0.26	$1.29 \pm 0.48$	0.975	$1.176 \pm 0.096$	1078
146	Organic Hay	0.85	0.94	0.96	$3.55 \pm 0.08$	0.937	$0.027 \pm 0.010$	1335
147	Sugarcane	0.85	0.93	0.94	$4.02 \pm 0.13$	0.934	$0.05 \pm 0.020$	867
148	Giant Saw Grass	0.39	0.43	0.44	$1.83 \pm 0.34$	0.925	$2.083 \pm 0.175$	2000
149	Organic Wheat	0.77	0.83	0.83	$2.58 \pm 0.08$	0.962	$0.181 \pm 0.028$	393
150	North Carolina Peat	0.95	0.99	1	$6.25 \pm 0.63$	0.803	NA	NA

**Table S3.** Same as Table 5 of main text but for 405 nm.

Biomass Types	MCE <sup>1</sup>	BC/OC <sup>1</sup>	SSA_405 MCE Approach	SSA_405 EC/OC Approach	SSA_405 EC/(EC+OC) Approach	% Difference In Predicted SSA
Tropical Forest	0.95	0.11	0.74	0.81	0.83	-9.46 /-12.16
Savanna	0.96	0.14	0.63	0.78	0.80	-23.81 /-26.98
Crop Residue	0.94	0.33	0.77	0.69	0.70	10.39 /9.09
Pasture Maintenance	0.92	0.09	0.84	0.82	0.84	2.38 /0
Boreal Forest	0.92	-	0.84		-	-
Temperate Forest	0.95	-	0.73		-	-
Extra tropical Forest	0.93	0.07	0.83	0.85	0.86	-2.41 / -3.61
Peat land	0.9	0.03	0.90	0.89	0.89	1.11 /1.11
Chaparral	0.96	0.35	0.64	0.68	0.68	-6.25 /-6.25
Open Cooking	0.95	0.29	0.70	0.71	0.72	-1.43 /-2.86
Patsari Stoves	0.97	0.39	0.54	0.67	0.67	-24.07 /-24.07
Charcoal Making	0.86	0.03	0.93	0.89	0.89	4.30 /4.30
Charcoal Burning	0.93	0.77	0.82	0.55	0.53	32.93 /35.37
Dung Burning	0.89	0.29	0.90	0.7	0.71	22.22 /21.11
Garbage Burning	0.97	0.12	0.54	0.8	0.82	-48.15 /51.85

<sup>1</sup>Data from Akagi et al., 2011