

Response to reviewers' comments on the paper "Anthropogenic Secondary Organic Aerosols Contribute Substantially to Air Pollution Mortality"

We would like to thank the reviewers for their time and for their useful comments that have helped to improve and clarify our paper. For ease, comments from reviewers are in black, responses in blue, and new text added to paper in **bold blue**.

Reviewer Comments

R1.0 The authors have taken into consideration all comments provided by both reviewers and all issues raised are not addressed. Furthermore now it is clear that authors focus on the anthropogenic SOA from the oxidation of VOCs and why the solid fuel-laden anthropogenic SOA is not considered. Nevertheless I would suggest also to add this clarification in the title of the publication in order to include the fact that SOA is from AVOCs. Other than that the flow of the text is significantly ameliorated and all necessary clarifications that were needed are now added. Therefore I do not see any reason why not to proceed with the publications.

Thank you for the positive re-evaluation and support for publication.

However, it is not correct to say that "solid fuel-laden anthropogenic SOA is not considered." As we had explained in the responses, the impact of solid-fuel precursors and SOA is included in both of the two field studies (that do not show a different trend than the other studies) and the model inventories.

We have updated the title though to reflect that we have focused on SOA from anthropogenic VOCs:

"Secondary Organic Aerosols from Anthropogenic Volatile Organic Compounds Contribute Substantially to Air Pollution Mortality."

Editor Comments

E1.0 Thank you very much for the careful and significant revision of your manuscript, which has improved its readability and clarity. However, there are a few addition corrections to be made as follows.

E1.1 Consider revising the title of the manuscript as suggested by the reviewer and also perform the following corrections:

Please see response to comment R1.0.

E1.2 According to figure's 6 caption, figure 6d, shows the ratio of Figure 6c/Fig6a. I wonder why the values are provided at areas (for instance over the oceans) where Fig 6a shows ASOA equal to zero (white color).

We have added the following for clarification in the caption:

“(d) Ratio between annual average modeled updated SIMPLE (b) and default VBS (a).”

And this:

“Note, for (a) - (b), values less than $0.05 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ are white, and for (c), values less than $0.02 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ are white.”

With this, not all values are 0; therefore, a ratio can occur.

E1.3 Line 654: I will not say that the ‘new predictions of ASOA are accurate’. I would just say they are ‘more accurate than earlier’. Please correct accordingly.

Added “more accurate than earlier”.

E1.4 Line 198-202: Replace: ‘included ASOA realistically’ by ‘treated explicitly ASOA’

Added “treated ASOA explicitly”

E1.5 Line 200: replace ‘These models’ by ‘Most models’

Changed

E1.6 Line 202: replace ‘over-redirecting POA’ by ‘over-predicting POA’

Corrected

E1.7 Supplement, lines 47 to 49. This is very confusing. Please explain better how the calculations are done and where the fractions or concentrations come from. What is divided by the amount of total PM measured in the respective size bin ? and also divided by the OA mass in the bin ?

We have added the following text to further clarify this point:

“To estimate the SVOC mass concentration in equilibrium with POA (Table S9), in each bin (e.g., $C^* = 0, 1, 2$), the normalized POA mass concentration is first multiplied by the fraction of POA measured in each bin from literature. For other POA, which includes biomass burning and cooking OA, the fraction of POA found in $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$ are 0.22, 0.34, and 0.44, respectively ([Robinson et al. 2007](#)), and for vehicular POA, the fraction of POA found in $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$ are 0.42, 0.40, and 0.18, respectively ([Worton et al. 2014](#)). So, for example, for NE US, this would correspond to normalized POA mass concentrations (POA/ Δ CO) of 5.1, 4.9, and 2.2 $\mu\text{g sm}^{-3} \text{ ppmv}^{-1}$ for $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$, respectively. Then the total POA + SVOC normalized mass concentration for that bin is obtained by dividing the amount of material found in the particle-phase for that bin at the average temperature ($\sim 298 \text{ K}$) and OA mass concentration ($\sim 10 \mu\text{g sm}^{-3}$). So, taking NE US as an example, for $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$, 9%, 50%, and 91% of the material, respectively, will be in the gas-phase versus the aerosol-phase, leading to the normalized mass concentration of SVOC as inputs into the model of 0.39, 3.8, and 17.1 $\mu\text{g sm}^{-3} \text{ ppmv}^{-1}$. The values of 9%, 50%, and 91% were used for NE US, Los Angeles, London, and Beijing, as the ambient temperatures were $\sim 298 \text{ K}$. For New York City, as the study took place during winter, values of 3%, 22%, and 74% were used as the ambient temperature was $\sim 273 \text{ K}$.”

1 Anthropogenic—Secondary Organic Aerosols from Anthropogenic Volatile Organic 2 Compounds Contribute Substantially to Air Pollution Mortality

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58 **Abstract**

59 Anthropogenic secondary organic aerosol (ASOA), formed from anthropogenic emissions of
60 organic compounds, constitutes a substantial fraction of the mass of submicron aerosol in
61 populated areas around the world and contributes to poor air quality and premature mortality.
62 However, the precursor sources of ASOA are poorly understood, and there are large uncertainties
63 in the health benefits that might accrue from reducing anthropogenic organic emissions. We
64 show that the production of ASOA in 11 urban areas on three continents is strongly correlated
65 with the reactivity of specific anthropogenic volatile organic compounds. The differences in
66 ASOA production across different cities can be explained by differences in the emissions of
67 aromatics and intermediate- and semi-volatile organic compounds, indicating the importance of
68 controlling these ASOA precursors. With an improved modeling representation of ASOA driven
69 by the observations, we attribute 340,000 PM_{2.5} premature deaths per year to ASOA, which is
70 over an order of magnitude higher than prior studies. A sensitivity case with a more recently
71 proposed model for attributing mortality to PM_{2.5} (the Global Exposure Mortality Model) results
72 in up to 900,000 deaths. A limitation of this study is the extrapolation from cities with detailed
73 studies and regions where detailed emission inventories are available to other regions where
74 uncertainties in emissions are larger. In addition to further development of institutional air
75 quality management infrastructure, comprehensive air quality campaigns in the countries in
76 South and Central America, Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East are needed for further
77 progress in this area.

78 **1. Introduction**

79 Poor air quality is one of the leading causes of premature mortality worldwide (Cohen et
80 al., 2017; Landrigan et al., 2018). Roughly 95% of the world's population live in areas where
81 $PM_{2.5}$ (fine particulate matter with diameter smaller than 2.5 μm) exceeds the World Health
82 Organization's 10 $\mu g m^{-3}$ annual average guideline (Shaddick et al., 2018). This is especially true
83 for urban areas, where high population density is co-located with increased emissions of $PM_{2.5}$
84 and its gas-phase precursors from human activities. It is estimated that $PM_{2.5}$ leads to 3 to 4
85 million premature deaths per year, higher than the deaths associated with other air pollutants
86 (Cohen et al., 2017). More recent analysis using concentration-response relationships derived
87 from studies of populations exposure to high levels of ambient $PM_{2.5}$ suggest the global
88 premature death burden could be up to twice this value (Burnett et al., 2018).

89 The main method to estimate premature mortality with $PM_{2.5}$ is to use measured $PM_{2.5}$
90 from ground observations along with derived $PM_{2.5}$ from satellites to fill in missing ground-based
91 observations (van Donkelaar et al., 2015, 2016). To go from total $PM_{2.5}$ to species-dependent and
92 even sector-dependent associated premature mortality from $PM_{2.5}$, chemical transport models
93 (CTMs) are used to predict the fractional contribution of species and/or sector (e.g., Lelieveld et
94 al., 2015; van Donkelaar et al., 2015, 2016; Silva et al., 2016). However, though CTMs may get
95 total $PM_{2.5}$ or even total species, e.g., organic aerosol (OA), correct, the model may be getting the
96 values right for the wrong reason (e.g., de Gouw and Jimenez, 2009; Woody et al., 2016; Murphy
97 et al., 2017; Baker et al., 2018; Hodzic et al., 2020). This is especially important for OA in urban
98 areas, where models have a longstanding issue under predicting secondary OA (SOA) with some
99 instances of over predicting primary OA (POA) (de Gouw and Jimenez, 2009; Dzepina et al.,

100 2009; Hodzic et al., 2010b; Woody et al., 2016; Zhao et al., 2016a; Janssen et al., 2017; Jathar et
101 al., 2017). Further, this bias has even been observed for highly aged aerosols in remote regions
102 (Hodzic et al., 2020). As has been found in prior studies for urban areas (e.g., Zhang et al., 2007;
103 Kondo et al., 2008; Jimenez et al., 2009; DeCarlo et al., 2010; Hayes et al., 2013; Freney et al.,
104 2014; Hu et al., 2016; Nault et al., 2018; Schroder et al., 2018) and highlighted here (Fig. 1), a
105 substantial fraction of the observed submicron PM is OA, and a substantial fraction of the OA is
106 composed of SOA (approximately a factor of 2 to 3 higher than POA). Thus, to better understand
107 the sources and apportionment of PM_{2.5} that contributes to premature mortality, CTMs must
108 improve their prediction of SOA versus POA, as the sources of SOA precursors and POA can be
109 different.

110 However, understanding the gas-phase precursors of photochemically-produced
111 anthropogenic SOA (ASOA, defined as the photochemically-produced SOA formed from the
112 photooxidation of anthropogenic volatile organic compounds (AVOC) (de Gouw et al., 2005;
113 DeCarlo et al., 2010)) quantitatively is challenging (Hallquist et al., 2009). Note, for the rest of
114 the paper, unless explicitly stated otherwise, ASOA refers to SOA produced from the
115 photooxidation of AVOCs, as there are potentially other relevant paths for the production of SOA
116 in urban environments (e.g., Petit et al., 2014; Kodros et al., 2018, 2020; Stavroulas et al., 2019).
117 Though the enhancement of ASOA is largest in large cities, these precursors and production of
118 ASOA should be important in any location impacted by anthropogenic emissions (e.g., Fig. 1).
119 ASOA comprises a wide range of condensable products generated by numerous chemical
120 reactions involving AVOC precursors (Hallquist et al., 2009; Hayes et al., 2015; Shrivastava et
121 al., 2017). The number of AVOC precursors, as well as the role of “non-traditional” AVOC

122 precursors, along with the condensable products and chemical reactions, compound to lead to
123 differences in the observed versus predicted ASOA for various urban environments (e.g., de
124 Gouw and Jimenez, 2009; Dzepina et al., 2009; Hodzic et al., 2010b; Woody et al., 2016; Janssen
125 et al., 2017; Jathar et al., 2017; McDonald et al., 2018). One solution to improve the prediction in
126 CTMs is to use a simplified model, where lumped ASOA precursors react, non-reversibly, at a
127 given rate constant, to produce ASOA (Hodzic and Jimenez, 2011; Hayes et al., 2015; Pai et al.,
128 2020). This simplified model has been found to reproduce the observed ASOA from some urban
129 areas (Hodzic and Jimenez, 2011; Hayes et al., 2015) but issues in other urban areas (Pai et al.,
130 2020). This may stem from the simplified model being parameterized to two urban areas (Hodzic
131 and Jimenez, 2011; Hayes et al., 2015). These inconsistencies impact the model predicted
132 fractional contribution of ASOA to total $PM_{2.5}$ and thus the ability to understand the source
133 attribution to $PM_{2.5}$ and premature deaths.

134 The main categories of gas-phase precursors that dominate ASOA have been the subject
135 of intensive research. The debate on what dominates can in turn impact the understanding of
136 what precursors to regulate to reduce ASOA, to improve air quality, and to reduce premature
137 mortality associated with ASOA. Transportation-related emissions (e.g., tailpipe, evaporation,
138 refueling) were assumed to be the major precursors of ASOA, which was supported by field
139 studies (Parrish et al., 2009; Gentner et al., 2012; Warneke et al., 2012; Pollack et al., 2013). Yet,
140 budget closure of observed ASOA mass concentrations could not be achieved with
141 transportation-related VOCs (Ensberg et al., 2014). The contribution of urban-emitted biogenic
142 precursors to SOA in urban areas is typically small. Biogenic SOA (BSOA) in urban areas
143 typically results from advection of regional background concentrations rather than processing of

144 locally emitted biogenic VOCs (e.g., Hodzic et al., 2009, 2010a; Hayes et al., 2013; Janssen et
145 al., 2017). BSOA is thought to dominate globally (Hallquist et al., 2009), but as shown in Fig. 1,
146 the contribution of BSOA (1% to 20%) to urban concentrations, while often substantial, is
147 typically smaller than that of ASOA (17% to 39%) (see Sect. S3.1).

148 Many of these prior studies generally investigated AVOC with high volatility, where
149 volatility here is defined as the saturation concentration, C^* , in $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (de Gouw et al., 2005;
150 Volkamer et al., 2006; Dzepina et al., 2009; Freney et al., 2014; Woody et al., 2016). More recent
151 studies have identified lower volatility compounds in transportation-related emissions (e.g., Zhao
152 et al., 2014, 2016b; Lu et al., 2018). These compounds have been broadly identified as
153 intermediate-volatile organic compounds (IVOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds
154 (SVOCs). IVOCs have a C^* generally of 10^3 to $10^6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ while SVOCs have a C^* generally of
155 1 to $10^2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. Due to their lower volatility and functional groups, these classes of compounds
156 generally form ASOA more efficiently than traditional, higher volatile AVOCs; however,
157 S/IVOCs have also been more difficult to measure (e.g., Zhao et al., 2014; Pagonis et al., 2017;
158 Deming et al., 2018). IVOCs generally have been the more difficult of the two classes to measure
159 and identify as these compounds cannot be collected onto filters to be sampled off-line (Lu et al.,
160 2018) and generally show up as unresolved complex mixture for in-situ measurements using
161 gas-chromatography (GC) (Zhao et al., 2014). SVOCs, on the other hand, can be more readily
162 collected onto filters and sampled off-line due to their lower volatility (Lu et al., 2018). Another
163 potential issue has been an under-estimation of the S/IVOC aerosol production, as well as an
164 under-estimation in the contribution of photochemically produced S/IVOC from photooxidized
165 “traditional” VOCs, due to partitioning of these low volatile compounds to chamber walls and

166 tubing (Krechmer et al., 2016; Ye et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2019). Accounting for this
167 under-estimation increases the predicted ASOA (Ma et al., 2017). The inclusion of these classes
168 of compounds have led to improvement in some urban SOA budget closure; however, many
169 studies still have indicated a general short-fall in ASOA budget even when including these
170 compounds from transportation-related emissions. (Dzepina et al., 2009; Tsimpidi et al., 2010;
171 Hayes et al., 2015; Cappa et al., 2016; Ma et al., 2017; McDonald et al., 2018).

172 Recent studies have indicated that emissions from volatile chemical products (VCPs),
173 defined as pesticides, coatings, inks, adhesives, personal care products, and cleaning agents
174 (McDonald et al., 2018), as well as cooking emissions (Hayes et al., 2015), asphalt emissions
175 (Khare et al., 2020), and solid fuel emissions from residential wood burning and/or cookstoves
176 (e.g., Hu et al., 2013, 2020; Schroder et al., 2018), are important. While total amounts of ASOA
177 precursors released in cities have dramatically declined (largely due to three-way catalytic
178 converters in cars (Warneke et al., 2012; Pollack et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2017; Khare and
179 Gentner, 2018)), VCPs have not declined as quickly (Khare and Gentner, 2018; McDonald et al.,
180 2018). Besides a few cities in the US (Coggon et al., 2018; Khare and Gentner, 2018; McDonald
181 et al., 2018), extensive VCP emission quantification has not yet been published.

182 Due to the uncertainty on the emissions of ASOA precursors and on the amount of
183 ASOA formed from them, the number of premature deaths associated with urban organic
184 emissions is largely unknown. Since numerous studies have shown the importance of VCPs and
185 other non-traditional VOC emission sources, efforts have been made to try to improve the
186 representation and emissions of VCPs (Seltzer et al., 2021), which can reduce the uncertainty in
187 ASOA precursors and the associated premature deaths estimations. Currently, most studies have

188 not ~~treated~~~~included~~ ASOA ~~explicitly~~~~realistically~~ (e.g., Lelieveld et al., 2015; Silva et al., 2016;
189 Ridley et al., 2018) in source apportionment calculations of the premature deaths associated with
190 long-term exposure of $PM_{2.5}$. ~~Most~~~~These~~ models represented total OA as non-volatile POA and
191 “traditional” ASOA precursors (transportation-based VOCs), which largely under-predict ASOA
192 (Ensberg et al., 2014; Hayes et al., 2015; Nault et al., 2018; Schroder et al., 2018) while
193 over-predicting POA (e.g., Hodzic et al., 2010b; Zhao et al., 2016a; Jathar et al., 2017). This
194 does not reflect the current understanding that POA is volatile and contributes to ASOA mass
195 concentration (e.g., Grieshop et al., 2009; Lu et al., 2018). Though the models are estimating
196 total OA correctly (Ridley et al., 2018; Hodzic et al., 2020; Pai et al., 2020), the attribution of
197 premature deaths to POA instead of SOA formed from “traditional” and “non-traditional”
198 sources, including IVOCs from both sources, could lead to regulations that may not target the
199 emissions that would reduce OA in urban areas. As PM_1 and SOA mass are highest in urban
200 areas (Fig. 1), also shown in Jimenez et al. (2009), it is necessary to quantify the amount and
201 identify the sources of ASOA to target future emission standards that will optimally improve air
202 quality and the associated health impacts. As these emissions are from human activities, they will
203 contribute to SOA mass outside urban regions and to potential health impacts outside urban
204 regions as well. Though there are potentially other important exposure pathways to PM that may
205 increase premature mortality, such as exposure to solid-fuel emissions indoors (e.g., Kodros et
206 al., 2018), the focus of this paper is on exposure to outdoor ASOA and its associated impacts to
207 premature mortality.

208 Here, we investigate the factors that control ASOA using 11 major urban, including
209 megacities, field studies (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The empirical relationships and numerical models

210 are then used to quantify the attribution of premature mortality to ASOA around the world, using
211 the observations to improve the modeled representation of ASOA. The results provide insight
212 into the importance of ASOA to global premature mortality due to $PM_{2.5}$ and further
213 understanding of the precursors and sources of ASOA in urban regions.

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215 **2. Methods**

216 Here, we introduce the ambient observations from various campaigns used to constrain
217 ASOA production (Sect. 2.1), description of the simplified model used in CTMs to better predict
218 ASOA (Sect. 2.2), and description of how premature mortality was estimated for this study (Sect.
219 2.3). In the SI, the following can be found: description of the emissions used to calculate the
220 ASOA budget for five different locations (Sect. S1), description of how the ASOA budget was
221 calculated for the five different locations (Sect. S2), description of the CTM (GEOS-Chem) used
222 in this study (Sect. S3 - S4), and error analysis for the observations (Sect. S5).

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224 **2.1 Ambient Observations**

225 For values not previously reported in the literature (Table S4), observations taken
226 between 11:00 – 16:00 local time were used to determine the slopes of SOA versus
227 formaldehyde (HCHO) (Fig. S1), peroxy acetyl nitrate (PAN) (Fig. S2), and O_x ($O_x = O_3 + NO_2$)
228 (Fig. S3). For CalNex, there was an approximate 48% difference between the two HCHO
229 measurements (Fig. S4). Therefore, the average between the two measurements were used in this
230 study, similar to what has been done in other studies for other gas-phase species (Bertram et al.,

231 2007). All linear fits, unless otherwise noted, use the orthogonal distance regression fitting
 232 method (ODR).

233 For values in Table S4 through Table S8 not previously reported in the literature, the
 234 following procedure was applied to determine the emissions ratios, similar to the methods of
 235 Nault et al. (2018). An OH exposure ($OH_{exp} = [OH] \times \Delta t$), which is also the photochemical age
 236 (PA), was estimated by using the ratio of NO_x/NO_y (Eq. 1) or the ratio of
 237 m+p-xylene/ethylbenzene (Eq. 2). For the m+p-xylene/ethylbenzene, the emission ratio
 238 (Table S5) was determined by determining the average ratio during minimal photochemistry,
 239 similar to prior studies (de Gouw et al., 2017). This was done for only one study, TexAQS 2000.
 240 This method could be applied in that case as it was a ground campaign that operated both day
 241 and night; therefore, a ratio at night could be determined when there was minimal loss of both
 242 VOCs. The average emission ratio for the other VOCs was determined using Eq. 3 after the
 243 OH_{exp} was calculated in Eq. 1 or Eq. 2. The rate constants used for determining OH_{exp} and
 244 emission ratios are found in Table S12.

$$245 \quad OH_{exp} = [OH] \times t = \ln \left(\frac{\left(\frac{[NO_x]}{[NO_y]} \right)}{k_{OH+NO_2}} \right) \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

$$246 \quad OH_{exp} = [OH] \times t = - \frac{1}{k_{m+p-xylene} - k_{ethylbenzene}} \times \ln \left(\frac{[m+p-xylene]_t}{[ethylbenzene]_t} - \frac{[m+p-xylene]_0}{[ethylbenzene]_0} \right) \quad \text{Eq. 2}$$

$$248 \quad \frac{[VOC(i)]}{[CO]}(0) = - \frac{[VOC(i)]}{[CO]}(t) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{\exp(-k_i \times [OH]_{exp} \times t)} \right) \times k_i + \frac{[VOC(i)]}{[CO]}(t) \times k_i \quad \text{Eq. 3}$$

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251 **2.2 Updates to the SIMPLE Model**

252 With the combination of the new dataset, which expands across urban areas on three
253 continents, the SIMPLE parameterization for ASOA (Hodzic and Jimenez, 2011) is updated in
254 the standard GEOS-Chem model to reproduce observed ASOA in Fig. 2a. The parameterization
255 operates as represented by Eq. 4.



257 SOAP represents the lumped precursors of ASOA, k is the reaction rate coefficient with OH
258 ($1.25 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecules}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$), and $[\text{OH}]$ is the OH concentration in molecules cm^{-3} . This rate
259 constant is also consistent with observed ASOA formation time scale of ~ 1 day that has been
260 observed across numerous studies (e.g., de Gouw et al., 2005; DeCarlo et al., 2010; Hayes et al.,
261 2013; Nault et al., 2018; Schroder et al., 2018).

262 SOAP emissions were calculated based on the relationship between $\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ and
263 $R_{\text{aromatics}}/\Delta\text{CO}$ in Fig. 2a. First, we calculated $R_{\text{aromatics}}/\Delta\text{CO}$ (Eq. 5) for each grid cell and time step
264 as follows:

$$265 \quad \frac{R_{\text{aromatics}}}{\Delta\text{CO}} = \frac{E_{\text{B}} \times k_{\text{B}} + E_{\text{T}} \times k_{\text{T}} + E_{\text{X}} \times k_{\text{X}}}{E_{\text{CO}}} \quad \text{Eq. 5}$$

266 Where E and k stand for the emission rate and reaction rate coefficient with OH, respectively, for
267 benzene (B), toluene (T), and xylenes (X). Ethylbenzene was not included in this calculation
268 because its emission was not available in HTAPv2 emission inventory. However, ethylbenzene
269 contributed a minor fraction of the mixing ratio ($\sim 7\%$, Table S5) and reactivity ($\sim 6\%$) of the
270 total BTEX across the campaigns. Reaction rate constants used in this study were 1.22×10^{-12} ,

271 5.63×10^{-12} , and $1.72 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec.}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for benzene, toluene, and xylene, respectively
 272 (Atkinson and Arey, 2003; Atkinson et al., 2006). The $R_{\text{aromatics}}/\Delta\text{CO}$ allows a dynamic
 273 calculation of the $E(\text{VOC})/E(\text{CO}) = \text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$. Hodzic and Jimenez (2011) and Hayes et al.
 274 (2015) used a constant value of 0.069 g g^{-1} , which worked well for the two cities investigated,
 275 but not for the expanded dataset studied here. Thus, both the aromatic emissions and CO
 276 emissions are used in this study to better represent the variable emissions of ASOA precursors
 277 (Fig. S5).

278 Second, $E_{\text{SOAP}}/E_{\text{CO}}$ can be obtained from the result of Eq. 6, using slope and intercept in
 279 Fig. 2a, with a correction factor (F) to consider additional SOA production after 0.5 PA
 280 equivalent days, since Fig. 2a shows the comparison at 0.5 PA equivalent days.

$$281 \quad \frac{E_{\text{SOAP}}}{E_{\text{CO}}} = \left(\text{Slope} \times \frac{R_{\text{Aromatics}}}{\Delta\text{CO}} + \text{Intercept} \right) \times F \quad \text{Eq. 6}$$

282 Where slope is 24.8 and intercept is -1.7 from Fig. 2a. F (Eq. 7) can be calculated as follows:

$$283 \quad F = \frac{ASOA_{t=\infty}}{ASOA_{t=0.5d}} = \frac{SOAP_{t=0}}{SOAP_{t=0} \times (1 - \exp(-k \times \Delta t \times [\text{OH}]))}, \Delta t = 43200 \text{ s} \quad \text{Eq. 7}$$

284 F was calculated as 1.8 by using $[\text{OH}] = 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3}$, which was used in the
 285 definition of 0.5 PA equivalent days for Fig. 2a.

286 Finally, E_{SOAP} can be computed by multiplying CO emissions (E_{CO}) for every grid point
 287 and time step in GEOS-Chem by the $E_{\text{SOAP}}/E_{\text{CO}}$ ratio.

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289 **2.3 Estimation of Premature Mortality Attribution**

290 Premature deaths were calculated for five disease categories: ischemic heart disease
 291 (IHD), stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), acute lower respiratory illness

292 (ALRI), and lung cancer (LC). We calculated premature mortality for the population aged more
293 than 30 years, using Eq. 8.

$$294 \quad \text{Premature Death} = \text{Pop} \times y_0 \times \frac{RR - 1}{RR} \quad \text{Eq. 8}$$

295 Mortality rate, y_0 , varies according to the particular disease category and geographic region,
296 which is available from Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Study 2015 database (IHME, 2016).
297 Population (Pop) was obtained from Columbia University Center for International Earth Science
298 Information Network (CIRESIN) for 2010 (CIRESIN, 2017). Relative risk, RR, can be calculated as
299 shown in Eq. 9.

$$300 \quad RR = 1 + \alpha \times \left(1 - \exp\left(\beta \times \left(PM_{2.5} - PM_{2.5, \text{Threshold}}\right)^\rho\right)\right) \quad \text{Eq. 9}$$

301 α , β , and ρ values depend on disease category and are calculated from Burnett et al. (2014) (see
302 Table S14 and associated file). If the $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations are below the $PM_{2.5}$ threshold value
303 (Table S14), premature deaths were computed as zero. However, there could be some health
304 impacts at concentrations below the $PM_{2.5}$ threshold values (Krewski et al., 2009); following the
305 methods of the GBD studies, these can be viewed as lower bounds on estimates of premature
306 deaths.

307 We performed an additional sensitivity analysis using the Global Exposure Mortality
308 Model (GEMM) (Burnett et al., 2018). For the GEMM analysis, we also used age stratified
309 population data from GWPv3. Premature death is calculated the same as shown in Eq. 8;
310 however, the relative risk differs. For the GEMM model, the relative risk can be calculated as
311 shown in Eq. 10.

$$RR = \exp(\theta \times \lambda) \text{ with } \lambda = \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{z}{\alpha}\right)}{\left(1 + \exp\left(\frac{(\hat{\mu} - z)}{\pi}\right)\right)} \quad \text{Eq. 10}$$

Here $z = \max(0, PM_{2.5} - PM_{2.5, \text{Threshold}})$; θ , π , $\hat{\mu}$, α , and $PM_{2.5, \text{Threshold}}$ depends on disease category and are from Burnett et al. (2018). Similar to the Eq. 9, if the concentrations are below the threshold ($2.4 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, Burnett et al. (2018)), then premature deaths are computed as zero; however, the GEMM has a lower threshold than the GBD method.

For GBD, we do not consider age-specific mortality rates or risks. For GEMM, we calculate age-specific health impacts with age-specific parameters in the exposure response function (Table S15). We combine the age-specific results of the exposure-response function with age distributed population data from GPW (CIESIN, 2017) and a national mortality rate across all ages to assess age-specific mortality.

We calculated total premature deaths using annual average total $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations derived from satellite-based estimates at the resolution of $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$ from van Donkelaar et al. (2016). Application of the remote-sensing based $PM_{2.5}$ at the $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$ resolution rather than direct use of the GEOS-Chem model concentrations at the $2^\circ \times 2.5^\circ$ resolution helps reduce uncertainties in the quantification of $PM_{2.5}$ exposure inherent in coarser estimates (Punger and West, 2013). We also calculated deaths by subtracting from this amount the total annual average ASOA concentrations derived from GEOS-Chem (Fig. S11). To reduce uncertainties related to spatial gradients and total concentration magnitudes in our GEOS-Chem simulations of $PM_{2.5}$, our modeled ASOA was calculated as the fraction of ASOA to total $PM_{2.5}$ in GEOS-Chem, multiplied by the satellite-based $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations (Eq. 11).

$$ASOA_{\text{sat}} = (ASOA_{\text{mod}} / PM_{2.5, \text{mod}}) \times PM_{2.5, \text{sat}} \quad \text{Eq. 11}$$

333 Finally, this process for estimating $PM_{2.5}$ health impacts considers only $PM_{2.5}$ mass concentration
334 and does not distinguish toxicity by composition, consistent with the current US EPA position
335 expressed in Sacks et al. (2019).

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337 **3. Observations of ASOA Production across Three Continents**

338 **3.1 Observational Constraints of ASOA Production across Three Continents**

339 Measurements during intensive field campaigns in large urban areas better constrain
340 concentrations and atmospheric formation of ASOA because the scale of ASOA enhancement is
341 large compared to SOA from a regional background. Generally, ASOA increased with the
342 amount of urban precursor VOCs and with atmospheric PA (de Gouw et al., 2005; de Gouw and
343 Jimenez, 2009; DeCarlo et al., 2010; Hayes et al., 2013; Nault et al., 2018; Schroder et al., 2018;
344 Shah et al., 2018). In addition, ASOA correlates strongly with gas-phase secondary
345 photochemical species, including O_x , HCHO, and PAN (Herndon et al., 2008; Wood et al., 2010;
346 Hayes et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2015; Nault et al., 2018; Liao et al., 2019) (Table S4; Fig. S1 to
347 Fig. S3), which are indicators of photochemical processing of emissions.

348 However, as initially discussed by Nault et al. (2018) and shown in Fig. 3, there is large
349 variability in these various metrics across the urban areas evaluated here. To the best of the
350 authors' knowledge, this variability has not been explored and its physical meaning has not been
351 interpreted. As shown in Fig. 3, though, the trends in $\Delta SOA/\Delta CO$ are similar to the trends in the
352 slopes of SOA versus O_x , PAN, or HCHO. For example, Seoul is the highest for nearly all
353 metrics, and is approximately a factor of 6 higher than the urban area, Houston, that generally

354 showed the lowest photochemical metrics. This suggests that the variability is related to a
355 physical factor, including emissions and chemistry.

356 The VOC concentration, together with how quickly the emitted VOCs react ($\sum k_i \times [\text{VOC}]_i$,
357 i.e., the hydroxyl radical, or OH, reactivity of VOCs), where k is the OH rate coefficient for each
358 VOC, are a determining parameter for ASOA formation over urban spatial scales (Eq. 12).
359 ASOA formation is normalized here to the excess CO mixing ratio (ΔCO) to account for the
360 effects of meteorology, dilution, and non-urban background levels, and allow for easier
361 comparison between different studies:

$$362 \quad \frac{\Delta \text{ASOA}}{\Delta \text{CO}} \propto [\text{OH}] \times \Delta t \times \left(\sum_i k_i \times \left[\frac{\text{VOC}}{\text{CO}} \right]_i \times Y_i \right) \quad \text{Eq. 12}$$

363 where Y is the aerosol yield for each compound (mass of SOA formed per unit mass of precursor
364 reacted), and $[\text{OH}] \times \Delta t$ is the PA.

365 BTEX are one group of known ASOA precursors (Gentner et al., 2012; Hayes et al.,
366 2013), and their emission ratio (to CO) was determined for all campaigns (Table S5). BTEX can
367 thus provide insight into ASOA production. Fig. 2a shows that the variation in ASOA (at PA =
368 0.5 equivalent days) is highly correlated with the emission reactivity ratio of BTEX (R_{BTEX} ,
369 $\sum_i [\text{VOC}/\text{CO}]_i$) across all the studies. However, BTEX alone cannot account for much of the
370 ASOA formation (see budget closure discussion below), and instead, BTEX may be better
371 thought of as both partial contributors and also as indicators for the co-emission of other
372 (unmeasured) organic precursors that are also efficient at forming ASOA.

373 O_x , PAN, and HCHO are produced from the oxidation of a much wider set of VOC
374 precursors (including small alkenes, which do not appreciably produce SOA when oxidized).

375 These alkenes have similar reaction rate constants with OH as the most reactive BTEX
376 compounds (Table S12); however, their emissions and concentration can be higher than BTEX
377 (Table S7). Thus, alkenes would dominate R_{Total} , leading to O_x , HCHO, and PAN being produced
378 more rapidly than ASOA (Fig. 2b–d). When R_{BTEX} becomes more important for R_{Total} , the emitted
379 VOCs are more efficient in producing ASOA. Thus, the ratio of ASOA to gas-phase
380 photochemical products shows a strong correlation with $R_{\text{BTEX}}/R_{\text{Total}}$ (Fig. 2b–d).

381 An important aspect of this study is that most of these observations occurred during
382 spring and summer, when solid fuel emissions are expected to be lower (e.g., Chafe et al., 2015;
383 Lam et al., 2017; Hu et al., 2020). Further, the most important observations used here are during
384 the afternoon, investigating specifically the photochemically produced ASOA. These results here
385 might partially miss any ASOA produced through nighttime aqueous chemistry or oxidation by
386 nitrate radical (Kodros et al., 2020). However, two of the studies included in our analysis,
387 Chinese Outflow (CAPTAIN, 2011) and New York City (WINTER, 2015), occurred in late
388 winter/early spring, when solid fuel emissions were important (Hu et al., 2013; Schroder et al.,
389 2018). We find that these observations lie within the uncertainty in the slope between ASOA and
390 R_{BTEX} (Fig. 2a). Their photochemically produced ASOA observed under strong impact from solid
391 fuel emissions shows similar behavior as the ASOA observed during spring and summer time.
392 Thus, given the limited datasets currently available, photochemically produced ASOA is
393 expected to follow the relationship shown in Fig. 2a and is expected to also follow this
394 relationship for regions impacted by solid fuel burning. Future comprehensive studies in regions
395 strongly impacted by solid fuel burning are needed to further investigate photochemical ASOA
396 production under those conditions.

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398 **3.2 Budget Closure of ASOA for 4 Urban Areas on 3 Continents Indicates Reasonable** 399 **Understanding of ASOA Sources**

400 To investigate the correlation between ASOA and R_{BTEX} , a box model using the emission
401 ratios from BTEX (Table S5), other aromatics (Table S8), IVOCs (Sect. S1), and SVOCs (Sect.
402 S1) was run for five urban areas: New York City, 2002, Los Angeles, Beijing, London, and New
403 York City, 2015 (see Sect. S1 and S3 for more information). The differences in the results shown
404 in Fig. 4 are due to differences in the emissions for each city. We show that BTEX alone cannot
405 explain the observed ASOA budget for urban areas around the world. Fig. 4a shows that
406 approximately $25 \pm 6\%$ of the observed ASOA originates from the photooxidation of BTEX.
407 BTEX only explaining 25% of the observed ASOA is similar to prior studies that have done
408 budget analysis of precursor gases and observed SOA (e.g., Dzepina et al., 2009; Ensberg et al.,
409 2014; Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2017; Nault et al., 2018). Therefore, other precursors must
410 account for most of the ASOA produced.

411 Because alkanes, alkenes, and oxygenated compounds with carbon numbers less than 6
412 are not significant ASOA precursors, we focus on emissions and sources of BTEX, other
413 mono-aromatics, IVOCs, and SVOCs. These three classes of VOCs, aromatics, IVOCs, and
414 SVOCs, have been suggested to be significant ASOA precursors in urban atmospheres
415 (Robinson et al., 2007; Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2017; McDonald et al., 2018; Nault et al.,
416 2018; Schroder et al., 2018; Shah et al., 2018), originating from both fossil fuel and VCP
417 emissions.

418 Using the best available emission inventories from cities on three continents
419 (EMEP/EEA, 2016; McDonald et al., 2018; Li et al., 2019) and observations, we quantify the
420 emissions of BTEX, other mono-aromatics, IVOCs, and SVOCs for both fossil fuel (e.g.,
421 gasoline, diesel, kerosene, etc.), VCPs (e.g., coatings, inks, adhesives, personal care products,
422 and cleaning agents), and cooking sources (Fig. 5). This builds off the work of McDonald et al.
423 (2018) for urban regions on three different continents.

424 Note, the emissions investigated here ignore any oxygenated VOC emissions not
425 associated with IVOCs and SVOCs due to the challenge in estimating the emission ratios for
426 these compounds (de Gouw et al., 2018). Further, SVOC emission ratios are estimated from the
427 average POA observed by the AMS during the specific campaign and scaled by profiles in
428 literature for a given average temperature and average OA (Robinson et al., 2007; Worton et al.,
429 2014; Lu et al., 2018). As most of the campaigns had an average OA between 1 and 10 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
430 and temperature of ~ 298 K, this led to the majority of the estimated emitted SVOC gases in the
431 highest SVOC bin. However, as discussed later, this does not lead to SVOCs dominating the
432 predicted ASOA due to taking into account the fragmentation and overall yield from the
433 photooxidation of SVOC to ASOA.

434 Combining these inventories and observations for the various locations provide the
435 following insights about the potential ASOA precursors not easily measured or quantified in
436 urban environments (e.g., Zhao et al., 2014; Lu et al., 2018): (1) aromatics from fossil fuel
437 accounts for 14-40% (mean 22%) of the total BTEX and IVOC emissions for the five urban
438 areas investigated in-depth (Fig. 5), agreeing with prior studies that have shown that the observed
439 ASOA cannot be reconciled by the observations or emission inventory of aromatics from fossil

440 fuels (e.g., Ensberg et al., 2014; Hayes et al., 2015). (2) BTEX from both fossil fuels and VCPs
441 account for 25-95% (mean 43%) of BTEX and IVOC emissions (Fig. 5). China has the lowest
442 contribution of IVOCs, potentially due to differences in chemical make-up of the solvents used
443 daily (Li et al., 2019), but more research is needed to investigate the differences in IVOCs:BTEX
444 from Beijing versus US and UK emission inventories. Nonetheless, this shows the importance of
445 IVOCs for both emissions and ASOA precursors. (3) IVOCs are generally equal to, if not greater
446 than, the emissions of BTEX in 4 of the 5 urban areas investigated here (Fig. 5). (4) Overall,
447 VCPs account for a large fraction of the BTEX and IVOC emissions for all five cities. (5)
448 Finally, SVOCs account for 27-88% (mean 53%) of VOCs generally considered ASOA
449 precursors (VOCs with volatility saturation concentrations $\leq 10^7 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) (Fig. S6). Beijing has
450 the highest contribution of SVOCs to ASOA precursors due to the use of solid fuels and cooking
451 emissions (Hu et al., 2016). Also, this indicates the large contribution of a class of VOCs
452 difficult to measure (Robinson et al., 2007) that are an important ASOA precursor (e.g., Hayes et
453 al., 2015), showing further emphasis should be placed in quantifying the emissions of this class
454 of compounds.

455 These results provide an ability to further investigate the mass balance of predicted and
456 observed ASOA for these urban locations (Fig. 4). The inclusion of IVOCs, other aromatics not
457 including BTEX, and SVOCs leads to the ability to explain, on average, $85\pm 12\%$ of the observed
458 ASOA for these urban locations around the world (Fig. 4a). Further, VCP contribution to ASOA
459 is important for all these urban locations, accounting for, on average, $37\pm 3\%$ of the observed
460 ASOA (Fig. 4b).

461 This bottom-up mass budget analysis provides important insights to further explain the
462 correlation observed in Fig. 2. First, IVOCs are generally co-emitted from similar sources as
463 BTEX for the urban areas investigated in-depth (Fig. 5). The oxidation of these co-emitted
464 species leads to the ASOA production observed across the urban areas around the world. Second,
465 S/IVOCs generally have similar rate constants as toluene and xylenes ($\geq 1 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molec.}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
466 (Zhao et al., 2014, 2017), the compounds that contribute the most to R_{BTEX} , explaining the rapid
467 ASOA production that has been observed in various studies (de Gouw and Jimenez, 2009;
468 DeCarlo et al., 2010; Hayes et al., 2013; Hu et al., 2013, 2016; Nault et al., 2018; Schroder et al.,
469 2018) and correlation (Fig. 2). Finally, the contribution of VCPs and fossil fuel sources to ASOA
470 is similar across the cities, expanding upon and further supporting the conclusion of McDonald
471 et al. (2018) in the importance of identifying and understanding VCP emissions in order to
472 explain ASOA.

473 This investigation shows that the bottom-up calculated ASOA agrees with observed
474 top-down ASOA within 15%. As highlighted above, this ratio is explained by the co-emissions
475 of IVOCs with BTEX from traditional sources (diesel, gasoline, and other fossil fuel emissions)
476 and VCPs (Fig. 5) along with similar rate constants for these ASOA precursors (Table S12).
477 Thus, the $\text{ASOA}/R_{\text{BTEX}}$ ratio obtained from Fig. 2 results in accurate predictions of ASOA for the
478 urban areas evaluated here, and this value can be used to better estimate ASOA with chemical
479 transport models (Sect. 4).

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481 **4. Improved Urban SIMPLE Model Using Multi-Cities to Constrain**

482 The SIMPLE model was originally designed and tested against the observations collected
483 around Mexico City (Hodzic and Jimenez, 2011). It was then tested against observations
484 collected in Los Angeles (Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2017). As both data sets have nearly
485 identical $\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ and R_{BTEX} (Fig. 2 and Fig. 3), it is not surprising that the SIMPLE model
486 did well in predicting the observed $\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ for these two urban regions with consistent
487 parameters. Though the SIMPLE model generally performed better than more explicit models, it
488 generally had lower skill in predicting the observed ASOA in urban regions outside of Mexico
489 City and Los Angeles (Shah et al., 2019; Pai et al., 2020).

490 This may stem from the original SIMPLE model with constant parameters missing the
491 ability to change the amount and reactivity of the emissions, which are different for the various
492 urban regions, versus the ASOA precursors being emitted proportionally to only CO (Hodzic and
493 Jimenez, 2011; Hayes et al., 2015). For example, in the HTAP emissions inventory, the CO
494 emissions for Seoul, Los Angeles, and Mexico City are all similar (Fig. S8); thus, the original
495 SIMPLE model would suggest similar $\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ for all three urban locations. However, as
496 shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3, the $\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ is different by nearly a factor of 2. The inclusion of
497 the emissions and reactivity, where R_{BTEX} for Seoul is approximately a factor of 2.5 higher than
498 Los Angeles and Seoul, into the improved SIMPLE model better accounts for the variability in
499 SOA production, as shown in Fig. 2. Thus, the inclusion and use of this improved SIMPLE
500 model refines the simplified representation of ASOA in chemical transport models and/or box
501 models.

502 The “improved” SIMPLE shows higher ASOA compared to the default VBS
503 GEOS-Chem (Fig. 6a,b). In areas strongly impacted by urban emissions (e.g., Europe, East Asia,

504 India, east and west coast US, and regions impacted by Santiago, Chile, Buenos Aires,
505 Argentina, Sao Paulo, Brazil, Durban and Cape Town, South Africa, and Melbourne and Sydney,
506 Australia), the “improved” SIMPLE model predicts up to $14 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ more ASOA, or ~30 to 60
507 times more ASOA than the default scheme (Fig. 6c,d). As shown in Fig. 1, during intensive
508 measurements, the ASOA composed 17-39% of PM_{10} , with an average contribution of ~25%. The
509 default ASOA scheme in GEOS-Chem greatly underestimates the fractional contribution of
510 ASOA to total $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ (<2%; Fig. 6e). The “improved” SIMPLE model greatly improves the
511 predicted fractional contribution, showing that ASOA in the urban regions ranges from 15-30%,
512 with an average of ~15% for the grid cells corresponding to the urban areas investigated here
513 (Fig. 6f). Thus, the “improved” SIMPLE predicts the fractional contribution of ASOA to total
514 $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ far more realistically, compared to observations. As discussed in Sect. 2.3 and Eq. 11,
515 having the model accurately predict the fractional contribution of ASOA to the total PM is very
516 important, as the total $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ is derived from satellite-based estimates (van Donkelaar et al.,
517 2015), and the model fractions are then applied to those total $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ estimates. The ability for the
518 “improved” SIMPLE model to better represent the ASOA composition provides confidence
519 attributing the ASOA contribution to premature mortality.

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521 **5. Preliminary Evaluation of Worldwide Premature Deaths Due to ASOA with Updated** 522 **SIMPLE Parameterization**

523 The improved SIMPLE parameterization is used along with GEOS-Chem to provide an
524 accurate estimation of ASOA formation in urban areas worldwide and provide an ability to
525 obtain realistic simulations of ASOA based on measurement data. We use this model to quantify

526 the attribution of $PM_{2.5}$ ASOA to premature deaths. Analysis up to this point has been for PM_1 ;
527 however, both the chemical transport model and epidemiological studies utilize $PM_{2.5}$. For
528 ASOA, this will not impact the discussion and results here because the mass of OA (typically
529 80–90%) is dominated by PM_1 (e.g., Bae et al., 2006; Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006), and ASOA is
530 formed mostly through condensation of oxidized species, which favors partitioning onto smaller
531 particles (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006).

532 The procedure for this analysis is described in Fig. 7 and Sect. 2.3 and S3. Briefly, we
533 combine high-resolution satellite-based $PM_{2.5}$ estimates (for exposure) and a chemical transport
534 model (GEOS-Chem, for fractional composition) to estimate ASOA concentrations and various
535 sensitivity analysis (van Donkelaar et al., 2015). We calculated ~3.3 million premature deaths
536 (using the Integrated Exposure-Response, IER, function) are due to long-term exposure of
537 ambient $PM_{2.5}$ (Fig. S9, Table S16), consistent with recent literature (Cohen et al., 2017).

538 The attribution of ASOA $PM_{2.5}$ premature deaths can be calculated one of two ways: (a)
539 marginal method (Silva et al., 2016) or (b) attributable fraction method (Anenberg et al., 2019).
540 For method (a), it is assumed that a fraction of the ASOA is removed, keeping the rest of the
541 $PM_{2.5}$ components approximately constant, and the change in deaths is calculated from the deaths
542 associated with the total concentration less the deaths calculated using the reduced total $PM_{2.5}$
543 concentrations. For method (b), the health impact is attributed to each $PM_{2.5}$ component by
544 multiplying the total deaths by the fractional contribution of each component to total $PM_{2.5}$. For
545 method (a), the deaths attributed to ASOA are ~340,000 people per year (Fig. 8); whereas, for
546 method (b), the deaths are ~370,000 people per year. Both of these are based on the IER response
547 function (Cohen et al., 2017).

548 Additional recent work (Burnett et al., 2018) has suggested less reduction in the
549 premature deaths versus $PM_{2.5}$ concentration relationship at higher $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations, and
550 lower concentration limits for the threshold below which this relationship is negligible, both of
551 which lead to much higher estimates of $PM_{2.5}$ associated premature deaths. This is generally
552 termed the Global Exposure Mortality Model (GEMM). Using the two attribution methods
553 described above (a and b), the ASOA $PM_{2.5}$ premature deaths are estimated to be ~640,000
554 (method a) and ~900,000 (method b) (Fig. S9 and Fig. S12 and Table S17).

555 Compared to prior studies using chemical transport models to estimate premature deaths
556 associated with ASOA (e.g., Silva et al., 2016; Ridley et al., 2018), which assumed non-volatile
557 POA and “traditional” ASOA precursors, the attribution of premature mortality due to ASOA is
558 over an order of magnitude higher in this study (Fig. 9). This occurs using either the IER and
559 GEMM approach for estimating premature mortality (Fig. 9). For regions with larger populations
560 and more $PM_{2.5}$ pollution, the attribution is between a factor of 40 to 80 higher. This stems from
561 the non-volatile POA and “traditional” ASOA precursors over-estimating POA and
562 under-estimating ASOA compared to observations (Schroder et al., 2018). These offsetting
563 errors will lead to model predicted total OA similar to observations (Ridley et al., 2018; Schroder
564 et al., 2018), yet different conclusions on whether POA versus SOA is more important for
565 reducing $PM_{2.5}$ associated premature mortality. Using a model constrained to day-time
566 atmospheric observations (Fig. 2 and Fig. 4, see Sect. 4) leads to a more accurate **than earlier**
567 estimation of the contribution of photochemically-produced ASOA to $PM_{2.5}$ associated
568 premature mortality that has not been possible in prior studies. We note that ozone concentrations
569 change little as we change the ASOA simulation (see Sect. S4 and Fig. S14).

570 A limitation in this study is the lack of sufficient measurements in South and Southeast
571 Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa, and South America (Fig. 1), though these areas account for 44% of
572 the predicted reduction in premature mortality for the world (Table S16). However, as
573 highlighted in Table S18, these regions likely still consume both transportation fuels and VCPs,
574 although in lower per capita amounts than more industrialized countries. This consumption is
575 expected to lead to the same types of emissions as for the cities studied here, though more field
576 measurements are needed to validate global inventories of VOCs and resulting oxidation
577 products in the developing world. Transportation emissions of VOCs are expected to be more
578 dominant in the developing world due to higher VOC emission factors associated with inefficient
579 combustion engines, such as two-stroke scooters (Platt et al., 2014) and auto-rickshaws (e.g.,
580 Goel and Guttikunda, 2015).

581 Solid fuels are used for residential heating and cooking, which impact the outdoor air
582 quality as well (Hu et al., 2013, 2016; Lacey et al., 2017; Stewart et al., 2020), and which also
583 lead to SOA (Heringa et al., 2011). As discussed in Sect. 3.1, though the majority of the studies
584 evaluated here occurred in spring to summer time, when solid fuel emissions are decreased, two
585 studies occurred during the winter/early spring time, where solid fuel emissions were important
586 (Hu et al., 2013; Schroder et al., 2018). These studies still follow the same relationship between
587 ASOA and R_{BTEX} as the studies that focused on spring/summer time photochemistry. Thus, the
588 limited datasets available indicate that photochemically produced ASOA from solid fuels follow
589 a similar relationship to that from other ASOA sources.

590 Also, solid fuel sources are included in the inventories used in our modeling. For the
591 HTAP emission inventory used here (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2015), small-scale combustion,

592 which includes heating and cooking (e.g., solid-fuel use), is included in the residential emission
593 sector. Both CO and BTEX are included in this source, and can account for a large fraction of the
594 total emissions where solid-fuel use may be important (Fig. S15). Thus, as CO and BTEX are
595 used in the updated SIMPLE model, and campaigns that observed solid-fuel emissions fall
596 within the trend for all urban areas, the solid-fuel contribution to photochemically-produced
597 ASOA is accounted for (as accurately as allowed by current datasets) in the estimation of ASOA
598 for the attribution to premature mortality.

599 Note that recent work has observed potential nighttime aqueous chemistry and/or
600 oxidation by nitrate radical from solid fuel emissions to produce ASOA (Kodros et al., 2020).
601 Thus, missing this source of ASOA may lead to an underestimation of total ASOA versus the
602 photochemically-produced ASOA we discuss here, leading to a potential underestimation in the
603 attribution of ASOA to premature mortality. From the studies that investigated “night-time
604 aging” of solid-fuel emissions to form SOA, we predict that the total ASOA may be
605 underestimated by 1 to 3 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (Kodros et al., 2020). This potential underestimation, though, is
606 less than the current underestimation in ASOA in GEOS-Chem (default versus “Updated”
607 SIMPLE).

608 Recently, emission factors from Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, a developing urban area, showed
609 the dominance of emissions from transportation and solid fuel burning, with BTEX being an
610 important fraction of the total emissions, and that all the emissions were efficient in producing
611 ASOA (Dominutti et al., 2019). Further, investigation of emissions in New Delhi region of India
612 demonstrated the importance of both transportation and solid fuel emissions (Stewart et al.,
613 2020; Wang et al., 2020) while model comparisons with observations show an underestimation

614 of OA compared to observations due to a combination of emissions and OA representation (Jena
615 et al., 2020). Despite emission source differences, SOA is still an important component of $PM_{2.5}$
616 (e.g., Singh et al., 2019) and thus will impact air quality and premature mortality in developing
617 regions. Admittedly, though, our estimates will be less accurate for these regions.

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619 **6. Conclusions**

620 In summary, ASOA is an important, though inadequately constrained component of air
621 pollution in megacities and urban areas around the world. This stems from the complexity
622 associated with the numerous precursor emission sources, chemical reactions, and oxidation
623 products that lead to observed ASOA concentrations. We have shown here that the variability in
624 observed ASOA across urban areas is correlated with R_{BTEX} , a marker for the co-emissions of
625 IVOC from both transportation and VCP emissions. Global simulations indicate ASOA
626 contributes to a substantial fraction of the premature mortality associated with $PM_{2.5}$. Reductions
627 of the ASOA precursors will reduce the premature deaths associated with $PM_{2.5}$, indicating the
628 importance of identifying and reducing exposure to sources of ASOA. These sources include
629 emissions that are both traditional (transportation) as well as non-traditional emissions of
630 emerging importance (VCPs) to ambient $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations in cities around the world. Further
631 investigation of speciated IVOCs and SVOCs for urban areas around the world along with SOA
632 mass concentration and other photochemical products (e.g., O_x , PAN, and HCHO) for other
633 urban areas, especially in South Asia, throughout Africa, and throughout South America, would
634 provide further constraints to improve the SIMPLE model and our understanding of the emission
635 sources and chemistry that leads to the observed SOA and its impact on premature mortality.

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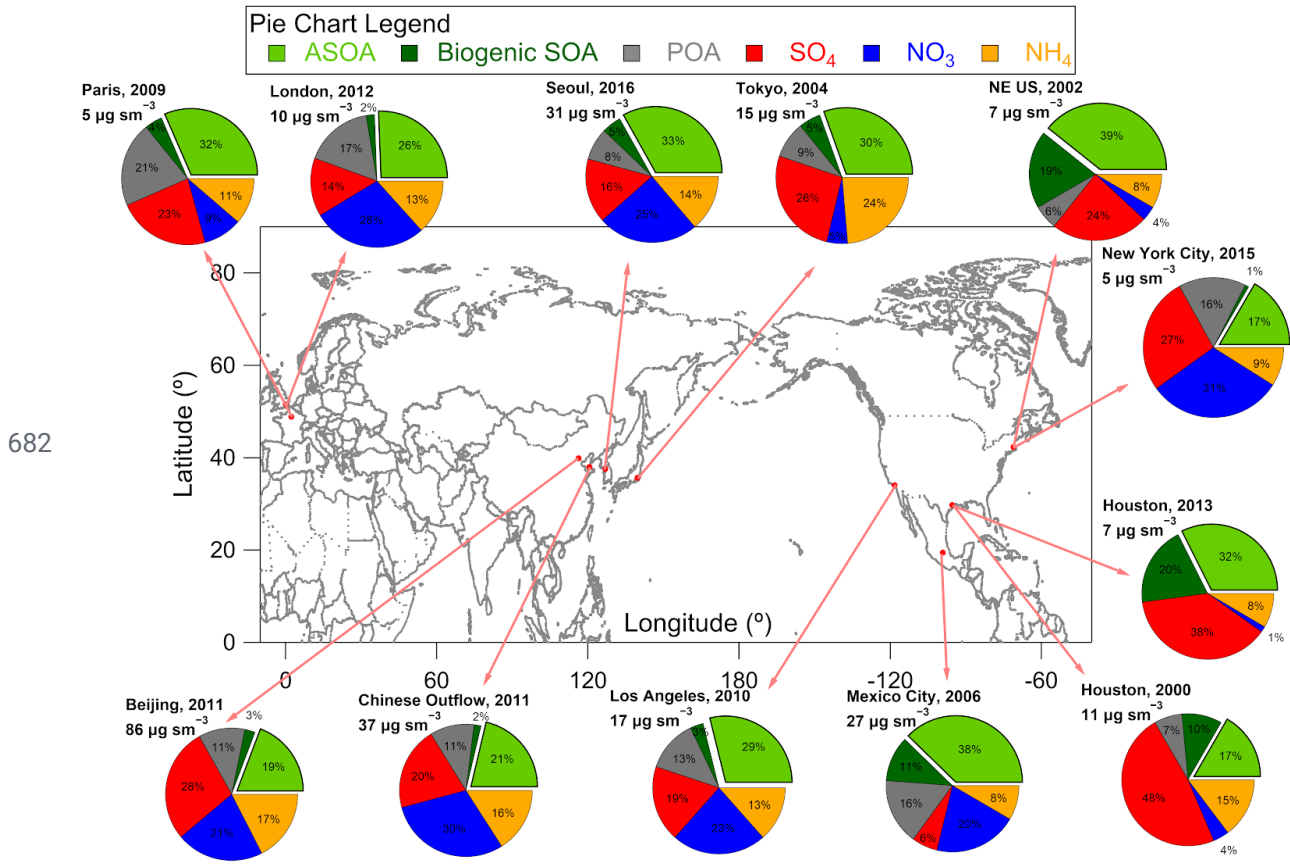
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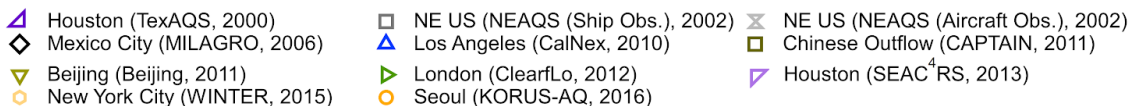
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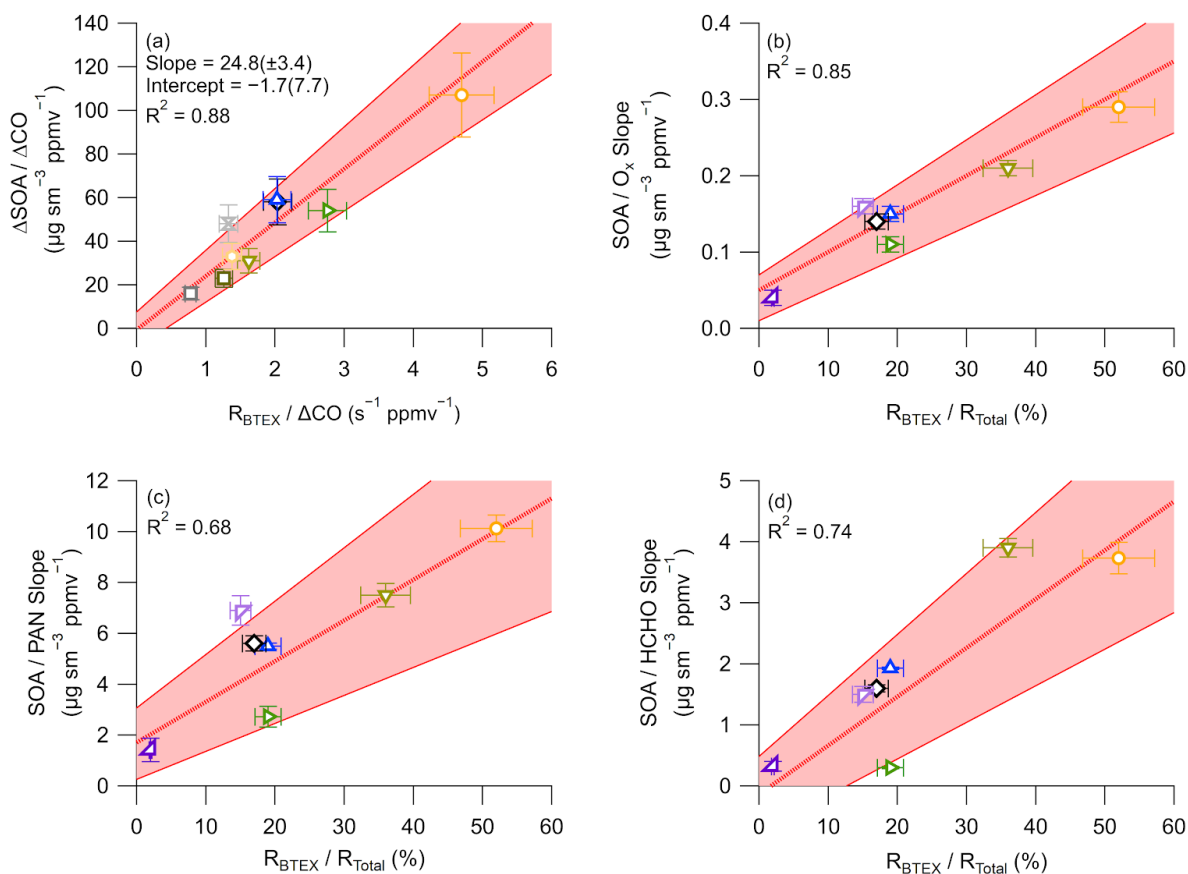
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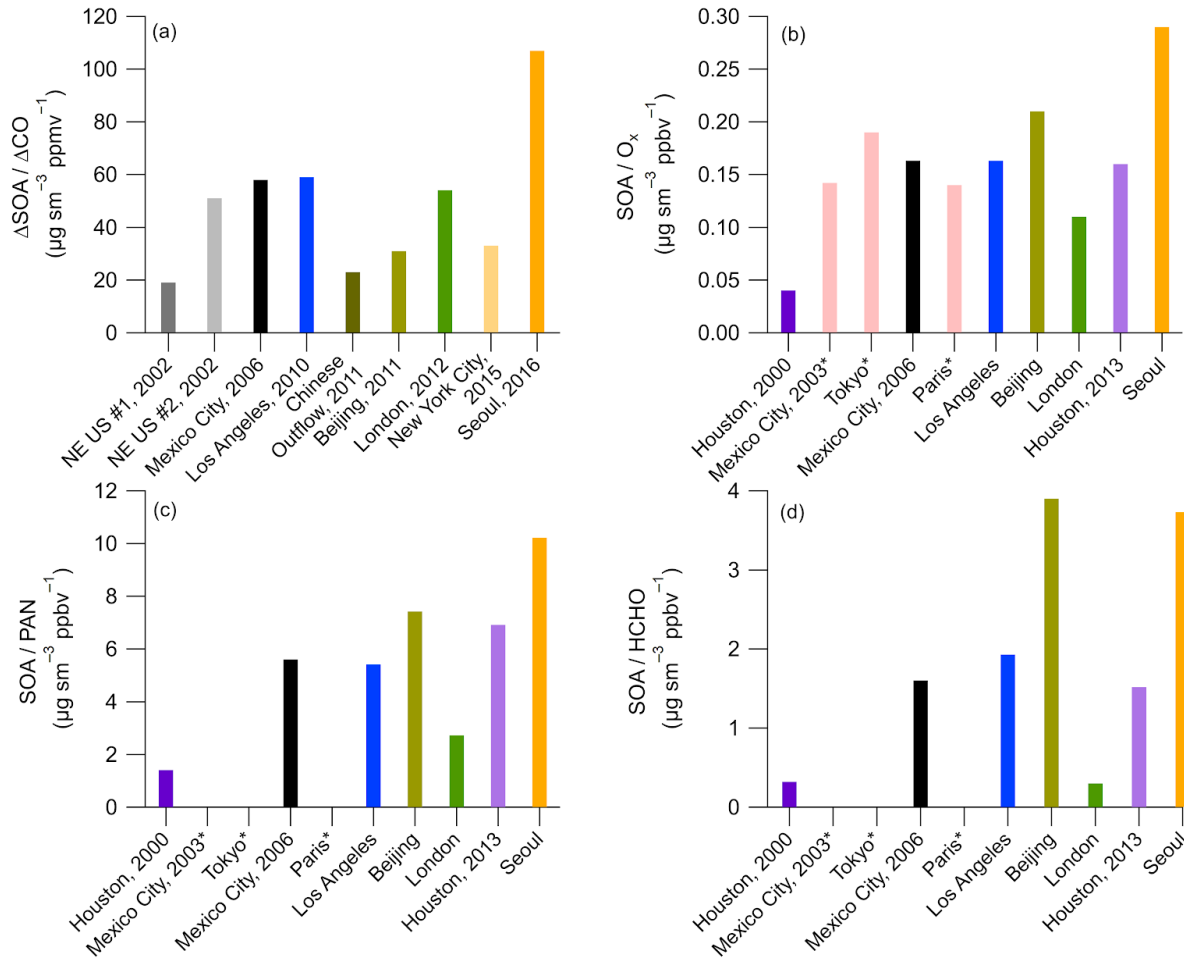


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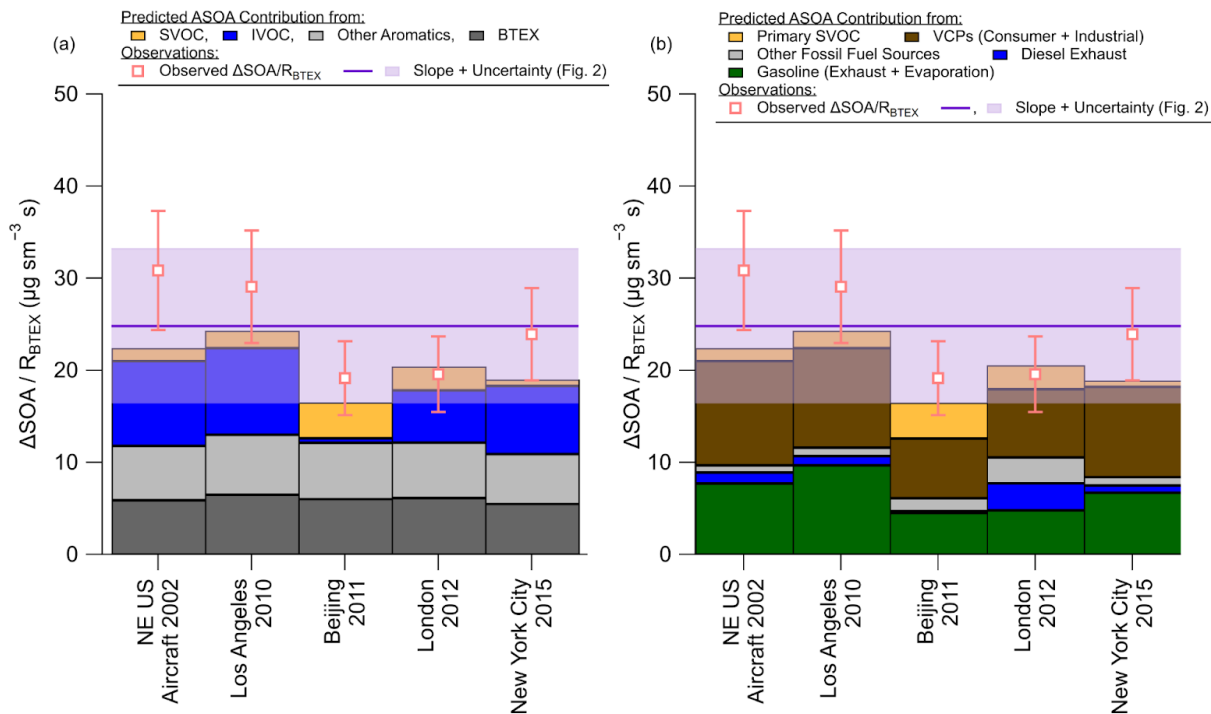
688 **Figure 2.** (a) Scatter plot of background and dilution corrected ASOA concentrations
 689 ($\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ at PA = 0.5 equivalent days) versus BTEX emission reactivity ratio ($R_{\text{BTEX}} =$
 690 $\sum_i [\text{VOC}/\text{CO}]_i$) for multiple major field campaigns on three continents. Comparison of ASOA
 691 versus (b) O_x, (c) PAN, and (d) HCHO slopes versus the ratio of the BTEX/Total emission
 692 reactivity, where total is the OH reactivity for the emissions of BTEX + C2-3 alkenes + C2-6
 693 alkanes (Table S5 through Table S7), for the campaigns studied here. For all figures, red shading
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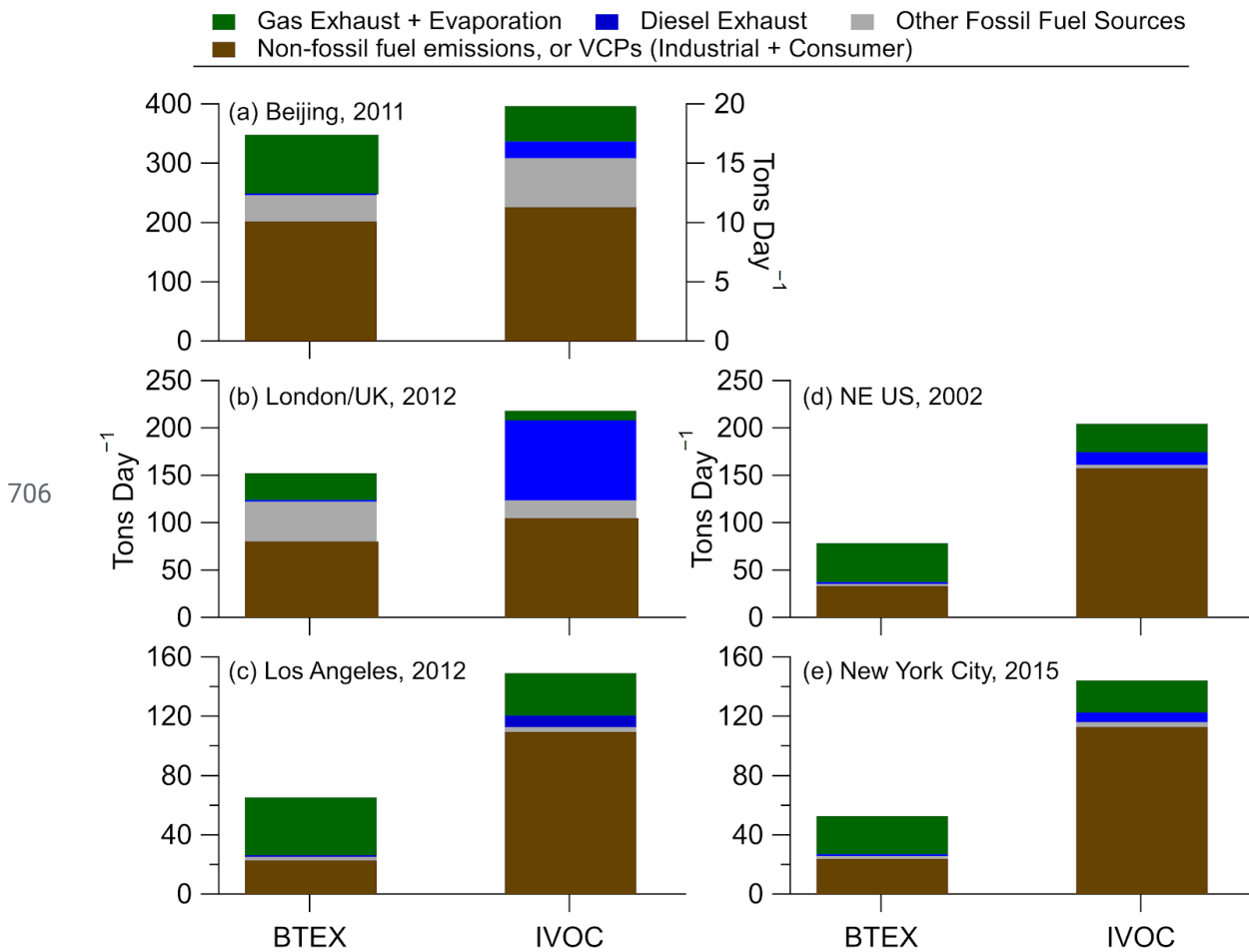


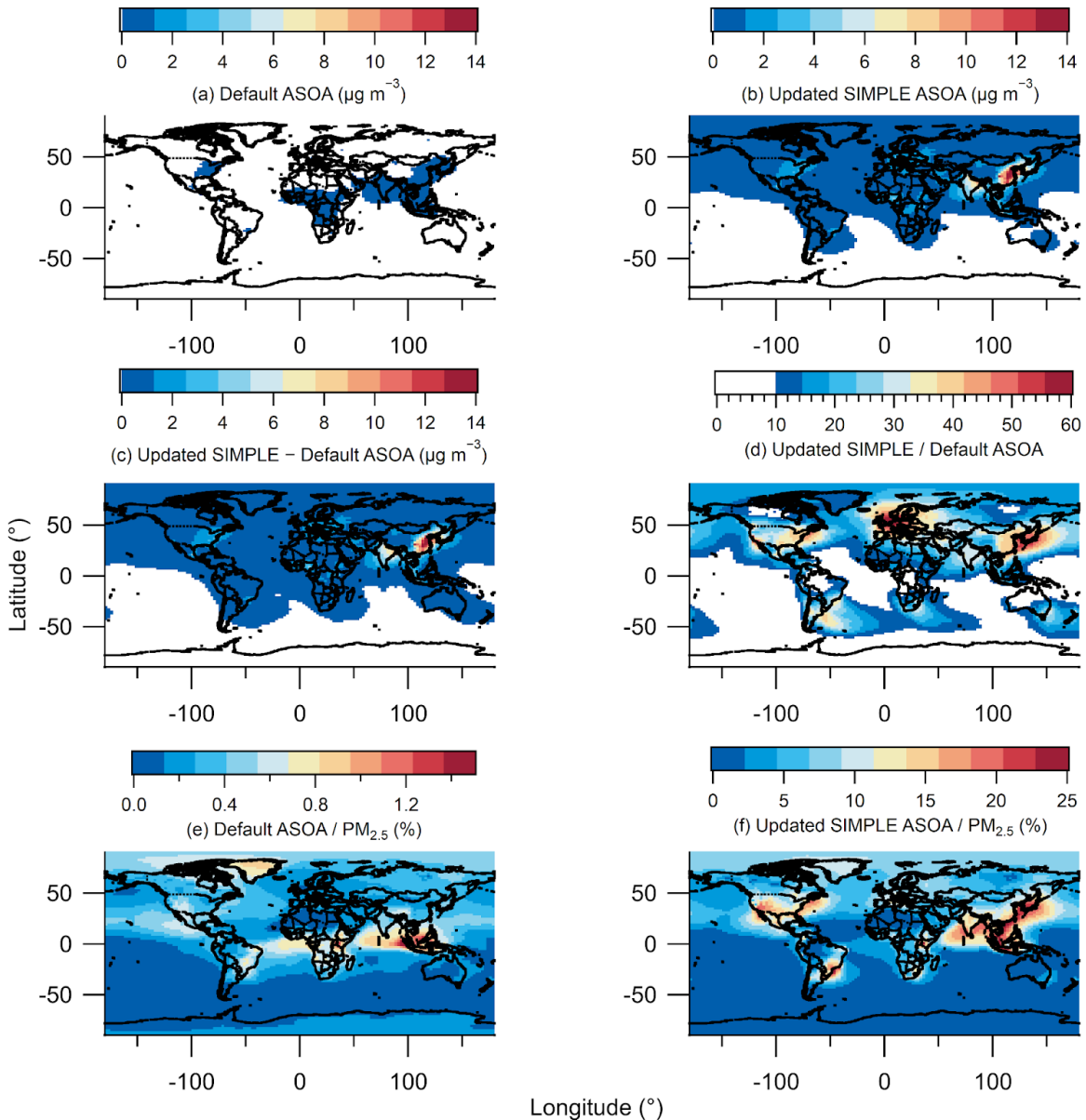
696 **Figure 3.** (a) A comparison of the $\Delta\text{SOA}/\Delta\text{CO}$ for the urban campaigns on three continents.
 697 Comparison of (b) SOA/O_x , (c) SOA/HCHO , and (d) SOA/PAN slopes for the urban areas
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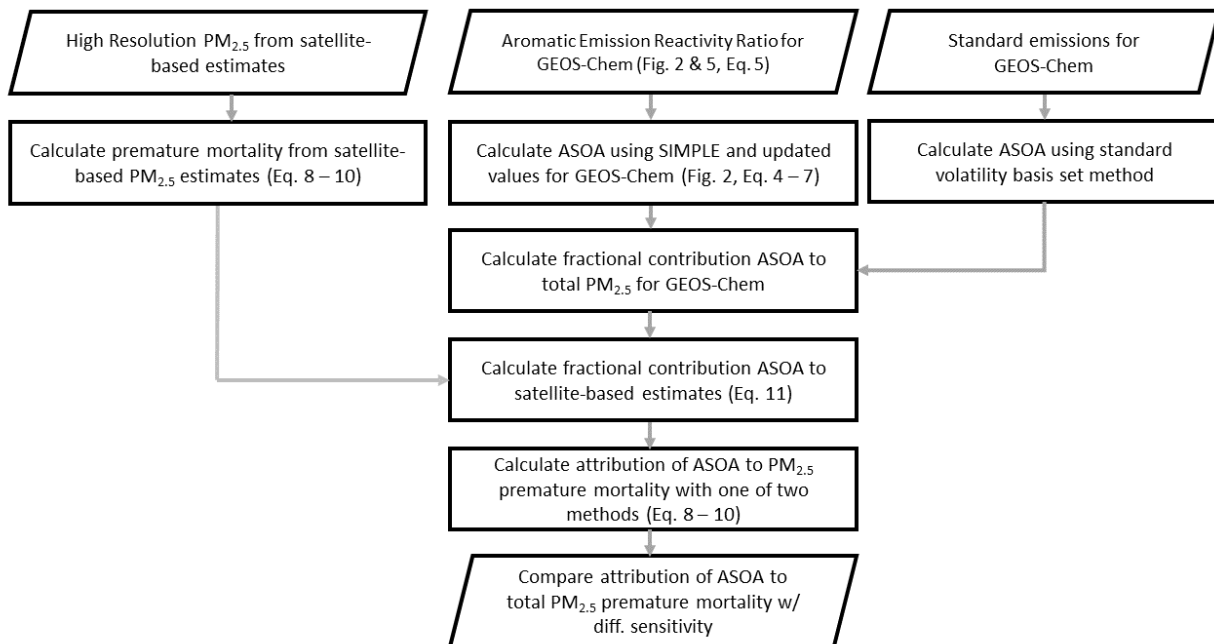


700 **Figure 4.** (a) Budget analysis for the contribution of the observed $\Delta\text{SOA}/R_{\text{BTEX}}$ (Fig. 2) for cities
 701 with known emissions inventories for different volatility classes (see SI and Fig. 5 and Fig. S6).
 702 (b) Same as (a), but for sources of emissions. For (a) and (b), SVOC is the contribution from
 703 both vehicle and other (cooking, etc.) sources. See SI for information about the emissions,
 704 ASOA precursor contribution, error analysis, and discussion about sensitivity of emission
 705 inventory IVOC/BTEX ratios for different cities and years in the US.



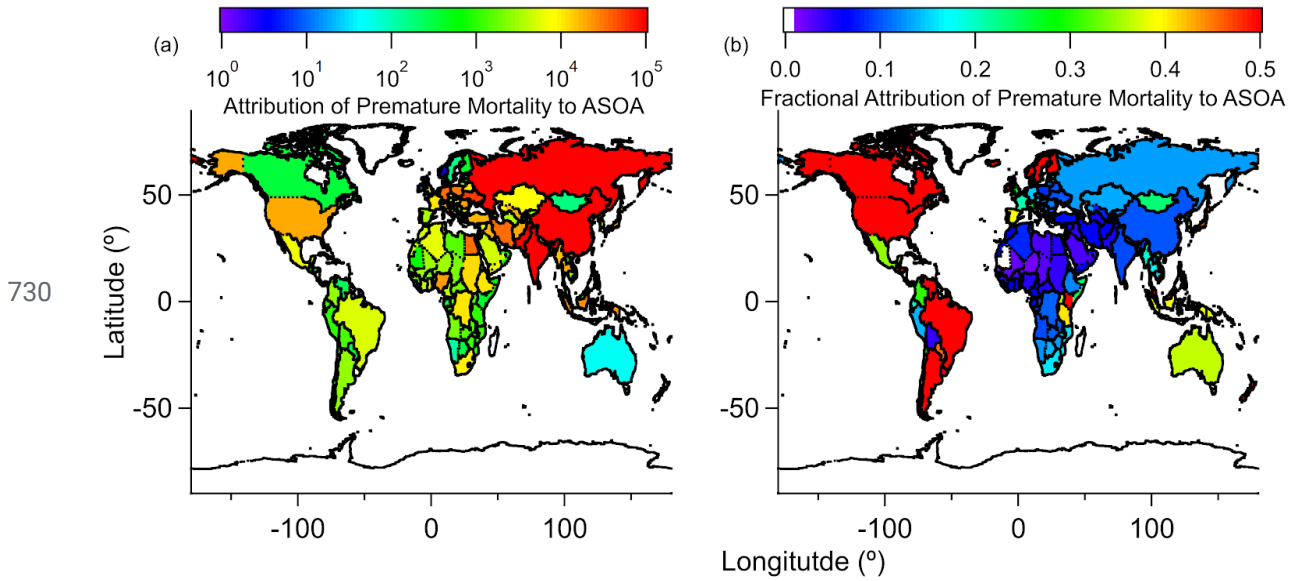


713 **Figure 6.** (a) Annual average modeled ASOA using the default VBS. (b) Annual average
 714 modeled ASOA using the updated SIMPLE model. (c) Difference between annual average
 715 modeled updated SIMPLE and default VBS. Note, for (a) - (b), values less than $0.05 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ are
 716 white, and for (c), values less than $0.02 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ are white. (d) Ratio between annual average
 717 modeled updated SIMPLE (b) and default VBS (a). (e) Percent contribution of annual average
 718 modeled ASOA using default VBS to total modelled PM_{2.5}. (f) Percent contribution of annual
 719 average modeled ASOA using updated SIMPLE to total modelled PM_{2.5}.

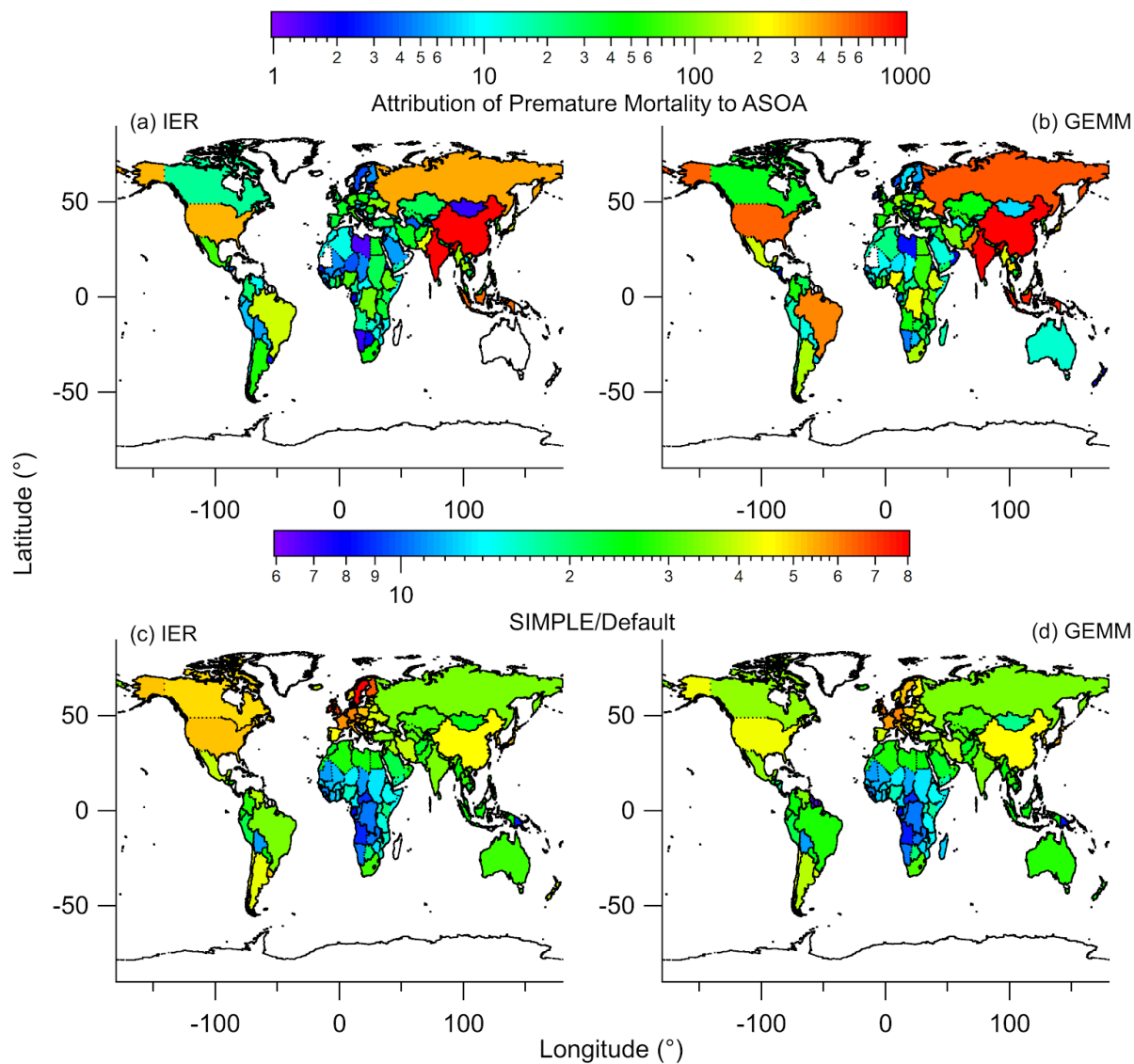


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721 **Figure 7.** Flowchart describing how observed ASOA production was used to calculate ASOA in
 722 GEOS-Chem, and how the satellite-based PM_{2.5} estimates and GEOS-Chem PM_{2.5} speciation was
 723 used to estimate the premature mortality and attribution of premature mortality by ASOA. See
 724 Sect. 2 and SI for further information about the details in the figure. SIMPLE is described in
 725 Eq. 4 and by Hodzic and Jimenez (2011) and Hayes et al. (2015). The one of two methods
 726 mentioned include either the Integrated Exposure-Response (IER) (Burnett et al., 2014) with
 727 Global Burden of Disease (GBD) dataset (IHME, 2016) or the new Global Exposure Mortality
 728 Model (GEMM) (Burnett et al., 2018) methods. For both IER and GEMM, the marginal method
 729 (Silva et al., 2016) or attributable fraction method (Anenberg et al., 2019) are used.



731 **Figure 8.** Five-year average (a) estimated reduction in $PM_{2.5}$ -associated premature deaths, by
 732 country, upon removing ASOA from total $PM_{2.5}$, and (b) fractional reduction (reduction $PM_{2.5}$
 733 premature deaths / total $PM_{2.5}$ premature deaths) in $PM_{2.5}$ -associated premature deaths, by
 734 country, upon removing ASOA from GEOS-Chem. The IER methods are used here. See Fig. S9
 735 and Fig. S12 for results using GEMM. See Fig. S10 for $10 \times 10 \text{ km}^2$ area results in comparison
 736 with country-level results.



738 **Figure 9.** Attribution of premature mortality to ASOA using (a) IER or (b) GEMM, using the
 739 non-volatile primary OA and traditional SOA precursor method in prior studies (e.g., Ridley et
 740 al., 2018). The increase in attribution of premature mortality to ASOA for the “SIMPLE” model
 741 (Fig. 8) versus the non-volatile primary OA and traditional SOA precursor method (“Default”),
 742 for (c) IER and (d) GEMM.

743 **Table 1.** List of campaigns used here. For values previously reported for those campaigns, they
 744 are noted. For Seasons, W = Winter, Sp = Spring, and Su = Summer.

Location	Field Campaign	Coordinates		Time Period	Season	Previous Publication/Campaign Overview
		Long. (°)	Lat. (°)			
Houston, TX, USA (2000)	TexAQS 2000	-95.4	29.8	15/Aug/2000 - 15/Sept/2000	Su	Jimenez et al. (2009) ^a , Wood et al. (2010) ^b
Northeast USA (2002)	NEAQS 2002	-78.1 - -70.5	32.8 - 43.1	26/July/2002; 29/July/2002 - 10/Aug/2002	Su	Jimenez et al. (2009) ^a , de Gouw and Jimenez (2009) ^c , Kleinman et al. (2007) ^c
Mexico City, Mexico (2003)	MCMA-2003	-99.2	19.5	31/Mar/2003 - 04/May/2003	Sp	Molina et al. (2007), Herndon et al. (2008) ^b
Tokyo, Japan (2004)		139.7	35.7	24/July/2004 - 14/Aug/2004	Su	Kondo et al. (2008) ^a , Miyakawa et al. (2008) ^a , Morino et al. (2014) ^b
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	MILAGRO	-99.4 - -98.6	19.0 - 19.8	04/Mar/2006 - 29/Mar/2006	Sp	Molina et al. (2010), DeCarlo et al. (2008) ^a , Wood et al. (2010) ^b , DeCarlo et al. (2010) ^c
Paris, France (2009)	MEGAPOLI	48.9	2.4	13/July/2009 - 29/July/2009	Su	Frenay et al. (2014) ^a , Zhang et al. (2015) ^b
Pasadena, CA, USA (2010)	CalNex	-118.1	34.1	15/May/2010 - 16/June/2010	Sp	Ryerson et al. (2013), Hayes et al. (2013) ^{a,b,c}
Changdao Island, China (2011)	CAPTAIN	120.7	38.0	21/Mar/2011 - 24/Apr/2011	Sp	Hu et al. (2013) ^{a,c}
Beijing, China (2011)	CareBeijing 2011	116.4	39.9	03/Aug/2011 - 15/Sept/2011	Su	Hu et al. (2016) ^{a,b,c}
London, UK (2012)	ClearfLo	0.1	51.5	22/July/2012 - 18/Aug/2012	Su	Bohnenstengel et al. (2015)
Houston, TX, USA (2013)	SEAC ⁴ RS	-96.0 - -94.0	29.2 - 30.3	01/Aug/2013 - 23/Sept/2013	Su	Toon et al. (2016)
New York City, NY, USA (2015)	WINTER	-74.0 - -69.0	39.5 - 42.5	07/Feb/2015	W	Schroder et al. (2018) ^{a,c}
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	KORUS-AQ	124.6 - 128.0	36.8 - 37.6	01/May/2016 - 10/June/2016	Sp	Nault et al. (2018) ^{a,b,c,d}

745 ^aReference used for PM₁ composition. ^bReference used for SOA/O_x slope. ^cReference used for
 746 ΔOA/ΔCO value. ^dReference used for SOA/HCHO and SOA/PAN slopes

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8 S1 Emission Inventories for Various Urban Areas around the World

9 All BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes) and non-BTEX aromatic
10 emissions are shown in Table S5 (BTEX) or Table S8 (non-BTEX aromatics). The emission
11 ratios are derived from ambient measurements utilizing photochemical aging techniques (Nault
12 et al., 2018).

13 Details of the emission inventories for cities in the US, for Beijing, and for London/UK
14 used here to estimate the IVOC:BTEX emission ratio (Fig. 5) and thus the IVOC emissions can
15 be found below. Briefly, emissions for the US are based on McDonald et al. (2018), for China on
16 the Multi-resolution Emission Inventory for China (MEIC) (Zhang et al., 2009; Zheng et al.,
17 2014, 2018; Liu et al., 2015; Li et al., 2017, 2019), and for the UK on the National Atmospheric
18 Emissions Inventory (NAEI) (EMEP/EEA, 2016). The IVOC:BTEX emission ratio from
19 inventories are multiplied with the observed BTEX, either reported value from studies (NE US
20 aircraft (Warneke et al., 2007), Los Angeles (de Gouw et al., 2017), Beijing (Wang et al., 2014),
21 and New York City (Warneke et al., 2007)) or estimated from Eq. 3 (London), to estimate IVOCs
22 emitted in each region (Table S5). This ensures IVOC emissions used in our calculations
23 properly reflect differences in mixtures of emission sources (e.g., mobile sources versus VCPs)
24 that vary by continent for each field campaign. Additionally, we rely on inventories for
25 estimating atmospheric abundances of IVOCs because it has been challenging to measure the full
26 range of IVOC precursors that are emitted into urban air due to many of the IVOCs from VCPs
27 being oxygenated VOCs. These compounds are challenging to measure using traditional
28 instrumentation (e.g., gas chromatography-mass spectrometry), leading to potential
29 underestimation of the IVOC emission ratios (Zhao et al., 2014, 2017; Lu et al., 2018). The

30 bottom-up IVOC:BTEX ratios for the US, Beijing, and UK are described in greater detail below.
31 IVOC emissions are classified based on their vapor pressure (effective saturation concentration:
32 $10^3 < C^* < 10^6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), with the vapor pressure estimated by the SIMPOL.1 model (Pankow and
33 Asher, 2008). The ASOA yields and rate constants for IVOC oxidation were parameterized with
34 data from n-tridecane and n-pentadecane for gasoline and diesel emissions, respectively (Jathar
35 et al., 2014), and for VCPs, the yields and rate constants for IVOC oxidation were parameterized
36 with data from n-tetradecane (McDonald et al., 2018).

37 Similar to IVOCs, the ability to measure the full range of SVOCs emitted into urban air is
38 challenging. Therefore, we estimate SVOC emission ratios relative to POA mass concentrations
39 (Table S9), as described by Ma et al. (2017). For the hydrocarbon-like portion, we used the
40 volatility distribution from Worton et al. (2014) to estimate SVOC, as this is associated with
41 fossil fuel emissions from transportation (Zhang et al., 2005). For the other POA, we used the
42 volatility distribution from Robinson et al. (2007), as this POA is typically cooking primary
43 aerosol. These profiles were selected to be consistent with Ma et al. (2017).

44 To estimate the SVOC mass concentration in equilibrium with POA (Table S9), in each
45 bin (e.g., $C^* = 0, 1, 2$), the normalized POA mass concentration is first multiplied by the fraction
46 of POA measured in each bin from literature. For other POA, which includes biomass burning
47 and cooking OA, the fraction of POA found in $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$ are 0.22, 0.34, and 0.44,
48 respectively (Robinson et al. 2007), and for vehicular POA, the fraction of POA found in $\log_{10}C^*$
49 $= 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$ are 0.42, 0.40, and 0.18, respectively (Worton et al. 2014). So, for example, for NE
50 US, this would correspond to normalized POA mass concentrations (POA/ ΔCO) of 5.1, 4.9, and
51 $2.2 \mu\text{g sm}^{-3} \text{ ppmv}^{-1}$ for $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$, respectively. Then the total POA + SVOC

52 normalized mass concentration for that bin is obtained by dividing the amount of material found
53 in the particle-phase for that bin at the average temperature (~ 298 K) and OA mass concentration
54 ($\sim 10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). So, taking NE US as an example, for $\log_{10}C^* = 0, 1, \text{ and } 2$, 9%, 50%, and 91% of
55 the material, respectively, will be in the gas-phase versus the aerosol-phase, leading to the
56 normalized mass concentration of SVOC as inputs into the model of 0.39, 3.8, and $17.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
57 ppmv^{-1} . The values of 9%, 50%, and 91% were used for NE US, Los Angeles, London, and
58 Beijing, as the ambient temperatures were ~ 298 K. For New York City, as the study took place
59 during winter, values of 3%, 22%, and 74% were used as the ambient temperature was ~ 273
60 K. ~~To estimate the SVOC mass concentration in equilibrium with the POA (Table S9) in each bin,~~
61 ~~the POA mass concentration is first multiplied by the fraction of POA measured in each bin from~~
62 ~~literature. This yields the concentration of POA for that specific volatility bin. Then the total~~
63 ~~POA + SVOC concentration for that bin is obtained divided by the amount of material found in~~
64 ~~the particle phase for that bin for the average temperature (~ 298 K) and OA mass concentration~~
65 ~~($\sim 10 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Then, the gas-phase SVOC concentration is calculated by multiplying the total~~
66 ~~concentration by the gas-phase fraction. Thus, e.g., SVOC in the $C^* = 100 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ bin, 91% of~~
67 ~~the SVOC mass will be found in the gas phase.~~

68 Fig. S6 shows the calculated emission ratio versus saturation concentration (c^*) for the
69 cities with emission inventories. The saturation concentration for SVOC was determined as part
70 of the estimation procedure discussed above. For IVOC, the emission ratios for the different
71 sources (gasoline, diesel, other fossil fuel sources, and VCP emissions) were split into the
72 volatility bins, as in McDonald et al. (2018). Finally, for BTEX and non-BTEX aromatics, and
73 other VOC emission ratios (see Fig. S6 for references for the other VOC emission ratios), CRC

74 (Rumble, 2019) or SIMPOL.1 (Pankow and Asher, 2008) (for estimating vapor pressures not in
75 CRC) was used to estimate the saturation concentrations.

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77 **S1.1 US Emission Inventories**

78 *Anthropogenic VOC emissions*

79 The US emissions of VOCs is based on a mass balance estimate of the petrochemical
80 industry reported by McDonald et al. (2018). Briefly, fuel sales and chemical product use are
81 estimated from publicly available reports on energy use, chemical production, economic surveys,
82 and freight shipments. Mobile source emission factors are from prior work quantifying both
83 on-road and off-road engines (McDonald et al., 2013, 2015). Evaporative sources of
84 transportation fuels are considered in addition to tailpipe exhaust (Pierson et al., 1999). VCP
85 emission factors are based on literature values, including from the indoor environment, and
86 reported in McDonald et al. (2018). Other fossil energy sources of VOCs, such as from oil
87 refineries and industry, are taken from official inventories reported by the California Air
88 Resources Board (CARB, 2013) or US Environmental Protection Agency (NEI, 2015).
89 McDonald et al. (2018) reported fossil-VOC emissions for the Los Angeles basin in the year
90 2010.

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92 *Speciation of VOC emissions*

93 The total VOC emissions are speciated to estimate BTEX and IVOC emissions from
94 petrochemical VOC sources. Briefly, gasoline and diesel exhaust, gasoline fuel, and headspace
95 vapors are based on profiles reported in the literature from the Caldecott Tunnel (Gentner et al.,

96 2012, 2013). Speciation profiles of VCPs are based on California Air Resources Board surveys
97 of architectural coatings (Davis, 2007) and consumer products (CCPR, 2015). Other industrial
98 solvent uses and point/area source emissions are from the EPA SPECIATE (v4.4) database (EPA,
99 2014).

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101 *Extrapolating IVOC/BTEX ratios from 2010 Los Angeles to other field campaigns*

102 In the ASOA mass closure estimation, three separate field campaigns are utilized from
103 the US: NEAQS 2002 (Boston/New York City), CalNex 2010 (Los Angeles), and WINTER
104 2015 (New York City outflow). These field campaigns span two megacities (Los Angeles and
105 New York City), ~one decade, and two seasons (summer versus winter). Here, we discuss how
106 each of these variables could affect the IVOC/BTEX emissions ratio. We focus the discussion on
107 mobile sources and VCPs because these are the dominant contributors to BTEX and IVOCs.

108 The IVOC/BTEX emissions ratio could be affected by the population density of a city. It
109 is well-established that per capita transportation fuel use decreases with increasing population
110 density (Gately et al., 2015), whereas VCP usage is expected to scale with population. Relative
111 to Los Angeles, the per capita fuel use in New York City is ~2 times lower (Gately et al., 2015),
112 resulting in lower on-road transportation VOC emissions relative to VCPs. Because aromatics
113 are mainly found in gasoline, whereas the IVOCs have a higher contribution from VCPs, the
114 IVOC/BTEX ratio is expected to be higher in New York City than Los Angeles.

115 To assess impacts of annual trends on the IVOC/BTEX ratio, we utilize long-term trend
116 analyses of mobile source VOC emissions in Los Angeles (McDonald et al., 2013, 2015; Hassler
117 et al., 2016). The main effect is that on-road gasoline emissions have decreased with time, both

118 from the tailpipe of vehicles (McDonald et al., 2013) and of gasoline-related VOCs in ambient
119 air measurements (Warneke et al., 2012). We utilize the EPA Trends Report to scale VOC
120 emissions for other anthropogenic sectors, including VCPs and industrial sources
121 (<https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/air-pollutant-emissions-trends-data>). The EPA
122 Trends Report suggests that VCP (or solvent) emissions decreased by ~30% between 2002 and
123 2010, including efforts to reduce the VOC content of architectural coatings (Matheson, 2002).
124 After 2010, the emissions have been slightly increasing, likely due to population growth.
125 Because both mobile sources and VCP emissions are decreasing with time, the IVOC/BTEX
126 emissions ratio is not significantly altered.

127 Lastly, the effects of seasonality influence on-road transportation emissions through: (i)
128 increased VOC emissions in winter relative to summer from cold-starting engines, and (ii) lower
129 evaporative emissions due to colder ambient temperatures. We estimate that exhaust emissions
130 from passenger vehicles increases by ~50% due to higher cold-start emissions in winter relative
131 to summer based on the EPA MOVES model (MOVES, 2015). Evaporated gasoline and
132 headspace vapors are known to exhibit a temperature-dependence (Rubin et al., 2006), and
133 estimated to be ~20% and ~80% lower, respectively, based on typical wintertime temperatures of
134 New York City relative to summertime Los Angeles. Due to compensating factors between
135 cold-start engines and evaporated fuels, the IVOC/BTEX emissions are not significantly affected
136 by seasonality.

137 Overall, when taking into account differences in population density between Los Angeles
138 and New York City, trends of mobile source and VCP emissions over time, and seasonality, the
139 IVOC/BTEX emission ratios range between ~2.3 to 2.7, which is a relatively small range. This

140 sensitivity analysis helps explain why the enhancement observed in SOA scales with BTEX
141 levels in the urban atmosphere.

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143 **S1.2 Beijing Emission Inventory**

144 *Anthropogenic VOC emissions*

145 The total VOC emissions of Beijing were developed following the bottom-up framework
146 of the Multi-resolution Emission Inventory for China (MEIC) model (available at
147 <http://www.meicmodel.org>), based on a technology-based methodology. The details of activity
148 rates, emission factors, technology distribution, and control measures configured in the MEIC
149 model are summarized in a series of papers (Zhang et al., 2009; Zheng et al., 2014, 2018; Liu et
150 al., 2015; Li et al., 2017, 2019).

151 In the MEIC model, a detailed four-level source classification system, representing
152 sector, fuel/product, technology/solvent type, and end-of-pipe pollutant abatement facilities, was
153 established by including over 700 emitting sources for each province. All anthropogenic sources,
154 including power plants, industrial sources, volatile chemical products, fossil fuel burning in
155 residential stoves, transportation were all considered.

156 Power plants are treated as point sources in the MEIC model. The VOC emissions were
157 derived from the China coal-fired Power Plant Emissions Database (CPED, (Liu et al., 2015)),
158 which is developed based on information of each unit on fuel type, fuel quality, combustion
159 technology, etc.

160 Volatile chemical products are comprised of solvent use applied for architecture, vehicles,
161 wood, and other industrial purposes, glue use, printing, pesticide use, and domestic solvent use.

162 The market share of waterborne and solvent-based paint is further taken into account for each
163 source category. For the on-road transportation sector, the improved emissions developed by
164 Zheng et al. (2014) were integrated into the framework of MEIC, which estimated the vehicle
165 population and emission factors at a county level. Both the VOC emissions in running mode and
166 evaporation were considered. Emission standards covering pre-Euro I and Euro I to Euro V in
167 Beijing were applied for each vehicle type (Zheng et al., 2018; Li et al., 2019). Regarding
168 oxygenated volatile organic compounds (OVOCs), the emission factors for on-road vehicles
169 were corrected, as current emission factors are only for non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHC).
170 Correction ratios of 1.32, 1.08, 1.10, and 1.06 were applied for heavy-duty and light-duty diesel
171 vehicles, and heavy-duty and light-duty gasoline vehicles, respectively, to the original values to
172 comply with the follow-up speciation for the total VOC, following the method of Li et al. (2014,
173 2019).

174

175 *Speciation of VOC emissions*

176 Emissions by individual chemical species were developed based on the
177 profile-assignment approach (Li et al., 2014, 2019). First, a “composite” profile database for
178 China was established by integrating the local profiles and supplementing it with the SPECIATE
179 v4.5 database for absent sources ((Simon et al., 2010), available at:
180 <https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-modeling/speciate-version-45-through-40>). The detailed
181 procedure for developing the composite profile database is illustrated in Li et al. (2014). In brief,
182 for sources where there are significant differences in technology or legislation between China
183 and western countries, only local profiles are used; otherwise, all candidate profiles are included

184 for further compilation in the composite profile database. Local profiles covering most of the
185 important sources were gathered and reviewed, including biofuel combustion, coal combustion,
186 asphalt production, oil production, refinery, paint use, gasoline evaporation, gasoline vehicle
187 exhaust, diesel vehicles, and so on, as detailed illustrated in Li et al. (2019).

188 Then, profiles for all combustion-related sources, including fossil fuel combustion in
189 power plants, industry, residential, and transportation sectors were reviewed, and incomplete
190 profiles that were absent from the OVOC fractions were corrected by appending the component
191 of “OVOC” with fractions derived from the “complete” profiles for the same source. After
192 OVOC correction, all “candidate” profiles were averaged by species to establish the composite
193 profile database. Finally, the composite profile to each source was assigned by setting up the
194 source linkage between the profile database and the inventory. Emissions by individual chemical
195 species for each source were then further developed.

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197 **S1.3 London/United Kingdom Emission Inventory**

198 *Anthropogenic VOC emissions*

199 The National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory (NAEI) estimates UK emissions of
200 VOCs from anthropogenic sources following methods in the EMEP/EEA Emissions Inventory
201 Guidebook (EMEP/EEA, 2016) for submission under the revised EU Directive 2016/2284/EU on
202 National Emissions Ceilings (NECD), available at:
203 <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016L2284&from=EN>, and
204 the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Long-Range
205 Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP), available at:

206 http://www.ceip.at/ms/ceip_home1/ceip_home/reporting_instructions/reporting_programme/.
207 The NECD and CLRTAP define those VOC sources to be included and excluded from the
208 national inventory (for example, emissions of NMVOCs from biogenic sources are not included).
209 The Guidebook provides estimation methodologies and default emission factors for each source
210 category, although countries can use country-specific emission factors where these are deemed
211 relevant. The NAEI currently covers organic emissions from around 400 individual source
212 categories, with a large contribution from a diverse range of industrial processes and solvents,
213 but with very few individually dominant sources. The inventory then speciates emissions into
214 ~650 individual compounds, or groups of compounds. Groupings of organics, for example,
215 expressed as ‘sum of all C14 compounds,’ make up a substantial fraction of IVOC emissions,
216 rather than being reported as individual compounds.

217 Emissions from the use of solvents and other volatile chemicals in industry and in
218 consumer products, fuel production and distribution, food and drink manufacture and other
219 non-combustion industrial processes accounted for 72% of all UK NMVOC emissions in 2017,
220 according to the NAEI. Both the solvent and industrial process sectors cover a diverse range of
221 emission source categories: the NAEI identifies 136 separate categories across the two sectors

222 For the road transport sector, the NAEI reports exhaust emissions of NMVOCs and its
223 emissions from evaporative losses of fuel vapor from petrol vehicles. Emissions from re-fueling
224 at filling stations are reported separately under the fugitive emissions from the fuel distribution
225 sector. The method used for road transport in the NAEI follows the method in the European
226 COPERT 5 model and described in the EMEP/EEA Emissions Inventory Guidebook. The
227 method uses average speed-related emission factors for hot exhaust emissions of total

228 hydrocarbons for detailed vehicle categories (vehicle type, weight and/or engine size) and Euro
229 standards for petrol cars, diesel cars, petrol and diesel light goods vehicles, rigid and articulated
230 HGVs, buses and coaches, and mopeds and motorcycles, and combines these with detailed traffic
231 and fleet activity data derived from information provided by DfT. Separate estimates are made of
232 methane emissions for each vehicle type and subtracted from the THC emissions to derive the
233 NMVOC emissions.

234 Evaporative emissions from vehicles are estimated in the NAEI, using the Guidebook
235 method for three different processes: diurnal losses, hot soak, and running losses. Emissions are
236 dependent on ambient temperature and fuel vapor pressure and different factors are provided for
237 vehicles with and without carbon canisters for evaporative emission controls. All vehicles from
238 Euro 1 onwards are fitted with these devices; so, evaporative emission have been decreasing
239 from the early 1990s with the penetration of these vehicles in the fleet. The method also takes
240 into account the reduction in Reid Vapour Petrol of petrol sold in the UK since 2000, as required
241 for compliance with the EU Fuel Quality Directive 98/70/EC, amended by Directive
242 2009/30/EC.

243

244 *Speciation of VOC emissions*

245 The NAEI is considered to adequately reflect annual real world emissions of BTEX (see,
246 for example, eddy covariance flux comparisons in London by Langford et al. (2010) and Vaughn
247 et al. (2017)); so, those values are taken directly from the NAEI and used here. IVOCs, and
248 particularly long chain hydrocarbons, are included in many cases in the inventory as groups, but
249 their emissions are known to be significantly underestimated when compared against field

250 observations. We use the observations of Dunmore et al. (2015), made in wintertime central
251 London in 2012, as guide to uprate NAEI emissions for IVOC species based on the estimated
252 discrepancies between inventory and field observation reported for each carbon number above
253 C10. This leads to some significant multipliers being applied to the inventory values, sometimes
254 of the order 60 to 70. We assume that the same multipliers apply to all sources, since field data
255 does not provide any means to attribute different factors to road transport IVOCs compared with
256 IVOCs from VCP sources.

257 Since the NAEI represents a reporting of emissions for the purposes of compliance with
258 international treaties, some fraction of those emissions are not released on the mainland UK. For
259 this paper, offshore BTEX and IVOC emissions, arising for example from offshore oil and gas
260 activity, aircraft in cruise, or shipping and emissions associated with overseas Crown
261 Dependencies are removed from the UK total, since they play no part in determining the
262 chemical environment of London. The annual NAEI totals are then divided equally to give a
263 daily national emission.

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265 **S2 ASOA Budget Analysis of Ambient Observations**

266 To calculate the ASOA budget, we used the observed BTEX (Table S5) and non-BTEX
267 aromatic (Table S8) emission ratios, the emission inventories for IVOC (see above), and
268 estimated SVOCs from the primary OA emissions (see above). The methods to calculate ASOA
269 from emissions have been described in detail elsewhere (Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2017;
270 Schroder et al., 2018), and are briefly described here. All calculations described were conducted
271 with the KinSim v4.02 chemical kinetics simulator (Peng and Jimenez, 2019) within Igor Pro 7

272 (Lake Oswego, Oregon), and are summarized in Fig. S7. A typical average particle diameter for
273 urban environments of ~ 200 nm (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006) is used to estimate the
274 condensational sink term for the partitioning of gas-to-particle, although condensation is always
275 fast compared to the experiment timescales. Further, we assume an average 250 g mol^{-1} molar
276 mass for OA and an average SOA density of 1.4 g cm^{-3} (Vaden et al., 2011; Kuwata et al., 2012).
277 Finally, all models are initialized with the campaign specific OA background (typically $\sim 2 \mu\text{g}$
278 sm^{-3}) and POA (Table S9) for partitioning of gases to the particle phase, and ran at the average
279 temperature for the campaign.

280 For the modeled VOCs (BTEX and non-BTEX aromatics), each species undergoes
281 temperature-dependent OH oxidation (Table S12), forming four SVOCs that partition between
282 gas- and particle-phase, using updated SOA yields that account for wall loss (Ma et al., 2017).
283 For IVOCs, the emission weighted SOA yields and rate constants from the “Zhao” option (Zhao
284 et al., 2014) of Ma et al. (2017) are used, and the products are apportioned into three SVOC bins
285 and one low-volatility organic compound (LVOC) bin (Fig. S7). Finally, SVOCs undergo
286 photooxidation at a rate of $4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecules}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Dzepina et al., 2009; Hodzic et al., 2010;
287 Tsimpidi et al., 2010; Hodzic and Jimenez, 2011; Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2017; Schroder et
288 al., 2018), producing one product per oxidation step, with yields from Robinson et al. (2007) for
289 cooking and other SVOCs and yields from Worton et al. (2014) for fossil fuel related SVOCs, as
290 recommended by Ma et al. (2017). The products from SVOC and IVOC oxidation are allowed to
291 further oxidize, as highlighted in Fig. S7 and described in prior studies (Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et
292 al., 2017; Schroder et al., 2018). Generally, each product reacts at a rate of $4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3$
293 $\text{molecules}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to produce some product at one volatility bin lower, adding one oxygen to the

294 compound for each oxidation (Dzepina et al., 2009; Tsimpidi et al., 2010; Hodzic and Jimenez,
295 2011; Hayes et al., 2015; Ma et al., 2017; Schroder et al., 2018). An update includes
296 fragmentation for a fraction of the molecules that are oxidized, as described in Schroder et al.
297 (2018) and Koo et al. (2014). As shown in Fig. S7, fragmentation of the compound occurs as it is
298 oxidized and goes down one volatility bin. For further oxidation of SVOCs from the oxidation of
299 primary IVOCs, one oxygen is added and 0.25 carbon is removed per step, leading to an increase
300 in mass of 1.03 (instead of 1.07) per oxidation step (Koo et al., 2014; Schroder et al., 2018). For
301 further oxidation of products from primary SVOC emissions, one oxygen is added and 0.5
302 carbon is removed per step, leading to a decrease in mass of 1% (instead of 1.07) per oxidation
303 step (Koo et al., 2014; Schroder et al., 2018).

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305 **S3 GEOS-Chem Modeling**

306 The model used in this study is GEOS-Chem v12.0.0 (Bey et al., 2001; The International
307 GEOS-Chem User Community, 2018). This model is used for the following calculations: (1)
308 ASOA apportionment (Fig. 1), (2) apportionment of ASOA to total PM_{2.5} for premature
309 mortality calculations (Sect. 5), and (3) sensitivity analysis for ASOA production and emissions
310 on premature mortality calculations. GEOS-Chem is operated at 2°×2.5° horizontal resolution.
311 Goddard Earth Observing System – Forward Processing (GEOS-FP) assimilated data from the
312 NASA Global Modeling and Assimilation Office (GMAO) were used for input meteorological
313 fields. The model was run for 2013 to 2018 to take into account interannual variability of
314 meteorological impacts onto PM_{2.5} (therefore, averaging PM_{2.5} over variations in meteorology).
315 However, the HTAPv2 emission inventory, which was used for anthropogenic emissions

316 (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2015), was kept constant for the 5 years. Analysis of the HTAP
317 emissions, compared to other emission inventories, generally showed the highest correlation with
318 observations ($R^2 = 0.54$), versus the other inventories (CEDS $R^2 = 0.26$, MACCity $R^2 = 0.00$, and
319 RETROv2 $R^2 = 0.04$), leading to the selection of this emission inventory. GEOS-Chem simulates
320 gas and aerosol chemistry with ~ 700 chemical reactions. GEOS-Chem calculates the following
321 $PM_{2.5}$ species: sulfate, ammonium, nitrate (Park et al., 2006); black carbon and POA (Park et al.,
322 2005); SOA (Pye and Seinfeld, 2010; Marais et al., 2016); sea salt (accumulation mode only
323 (Jaeglé et al., 2011)); and, dust (Duncan Fairlie et al., 2007).

324

325 **S3.1 Biogenic SOA**

326 For monoterpene and sesquiterpene SOAs, we used the default complex SOA scheme
327 (without semi-volatile POA) using the two-product model framework (Pye and Seinfeld, 2010).
328 This scheme calculates initial oxidation of VOCs with OH, O_3 , and NO_3 , and resulting products
329 are assigned to four different gas-phase semi-volatile species (TSOA0–3) based on volatilities
330 ($c^* = 0.1, 1, 10, 100 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Aerosol and gas species fractions are calculated online using the
331 partitioning theory, and all are removed by dry and wet deposition processes.

332 For isoprene SOA, we used the explicit isoprene chemistry developed by Marais et al.
333 (2016). All the isoprene-derived gas-phase products, including isoprene peroxy radical,
334 ISOPOOH, IEPOX, glyoxal, and methylglyoxal, are explicitly simulated. Irreversible
335 heterogeneous uptake of precursors to aqueous aerosols are further calculated using online
336 aerosol pH and surface area.

337 GEOS-Chem was used to estimate the relative fractions of the measured SOA in our
338 studies between anthropogenic and biogenic (isoprene and monoterpene) sources (Fig. 1).
339 Extensive research has been conducted to evaluate and improve the models performance in
340 predicting BSOA, as summarized in Table S3. Though these evaluations mainly occurred in the
341 southeast US, a recent study has also included more global observations to compare with
342 GEOS-Chem (Pai et al., 2020). Generally, GEOS-Chem appears to overestimate biogenically
343 derived SOA; however, the model predicted SOA is typically within the uncertainty of the AMS
344 (Table S3). The overestimation, though, would suggest that the fraction of urban SOA may be
345 under-predicted by this method, whereas the BSOA may be over-predicted. Therefore, in urban
346 regions, the amount of SOA from biogenic sources may be lower, especially after the rapid SOA
347 enhancements (within 12 to 24 equivalent photochemical hours that have been observed around
348 the world (Nault et al., 2018)). Typically the BSOA is present as a regional background and
349 subtracted for the analyses used in this work, which focus on strong urban plumes on top of that
350 background (Hayes et al., 2013, 2015).

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352 **S3.2 Default GEOS-Chem Sensitivity to ASOA Simulations**

353 For the sensitivity calculation using the "traditional" ASOA precursors, we used the
354 two-product model framework (Pye and Seinfeld, 2010). Benzene, toluene, and xylene are
355 oxidized with OH and converted to peroxy radicals. These peroxy radicals react with HO₂ or NO,
356 resulting in non-volatile ASOA (HO₂ pathway, ASOAN species in GEOS-Chem) or
357 semi-volatile ASOA tracers (NO pathway, ASOA1-3 in GEOS-Chem). As is the case for
358 monoterpene and sesquiterpene SOA above, GEOS-Chem calculates online partitioning and

359 dry/wet deposition processes for semi-volatile ASOA tracers. Other conditions including
360 mortality calculation are kept the same as the base simulation above.

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362 **S4 Ozone Sensitivity to ASOA Simulations**

363 A potential issue in the attribution of premature mortality to AOSA is that reducing
364 emissions that lead to ASOA is that this may impact ozone concentrations. A sensitivity analysis
365 was conducted, where the ASOA emissions were reduced by 20% (Fig. S14). In general, there is
366 a less than 1% reduction in total ozone concentration in the boundary layer. This is due to the
367 fact that the most important AVOCs that contribute to ozone formation are light alkenes (e.g.,
368 ethylene and propylene, Fig. 2), which are not ASOA precursors. Though the reaction rate
369 constant of the ASOA precursors is generally high (Table S12), the concentration of the
370 precursors is low and they thus account for a low percentage of the total ozone production
371 potential (Table S5 through Table S9). For example, the measured OH reactivity (Sect. 3) for two
372 different urban regions was between 15 to 25 s⁻¹ (Griffith et al., 2016; Whalley et al., 2016)
373 while the OH reactivity for the ASOA precursors for the same region was between 2 to 4 s⁻¹. The
374 small contribution to the OH reactivity is in line to the minimal impact to the ozone
375 concentration observed in Fig. S14.

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377 **S5 Error Analysis of Observations**

378 The errors that will be discussed here are in reference to Fig. 2 and Fig. 4 and Table S4
379 either come from the 1σ uncertainty in the slopes (the SOA versus O_x, HCHO, or PAN values) or
380 propagation of uncertainty in observations. For SOA, we estimate the 1σ uncertainty of ~15%,

381 which is lower than the typical 1σ uncertainty of the AMS (Bahreini et al., 2009) due to the
382 careful calibrations and excellent intercomparisons in the various campaigns (see Table 1 for
383 references for the AMS comparisons). For ΔCO , the largest uncertainty is associated with the
384 CO background (Hayes et al., 2013; Nault et al., 2018), and is estimated to be $\sim 10\%$ at 0.5
385 photochemical equivalent days (Hayes et al., 2013). The uncertainty in the emission ratios is
386 $\sim 10\%$ (Wang et al., 2014; de Gouw et al., 2017); though, it may be higher for the values
387 calculated here due to the uncertainty in CO background, rate constants, and photochemical age.
388 Therefore, for Fig. 2a, the uncertainty in the y-values is 18% and the uncertainty in the x-values
389 is 10%. For Fig. 4, the uncertainty in the measurement is 21%.

390 Another potential source of uncertainty may stem from the fit of the data in Fig. 2a, as the
391 data point from Seoul (KORUS-AQ) could be impacting the fit due to the difference in its value
392 compared to the other locations. Statistical analysis for the influence of the data from Seoul on
393 the figure was conducted, including a T-test, Cook's Distance test, and Difference in Fits test
394 (Table S11). All three statistical tests show that the data from Seoul (and all the data in general)
395 is not overly influencing the reported slope.

396 A further potential source of uncertainty in this analysis is the calculated VOC emission
397 ratios for the studies that did not have ratios published previously (Houston 2000, London,
398 Houston 2013, and Seoul). To investigate how well Eq. 3 does in estimating the VOC emission
399 ratios, a comparison of the estimated VOC emission ratios versus previously published ratios for
400 two different cities, Mexico City (Apel et al., 2010; Bon et al., 2011) and Los Angeles (de Gouw
401 et al., 2017) was made (Table S10). Also, for Mexico City, two locations, an urban and a

402 suburban site, were compared both against each other (Apel et al., 2010; Bon et al., 2011) and
403 the calculated values from Eq. 3.

404 First, as shown in Table S10, even for the same location (suburban Mexico City),
405 different values in the emission ratio, especially for the alkanes, can be observed, by as much as
406 a factor of 7. This can be partially explained by differences in how the emission ratios were
407 determined. For both Apel et al. (2010) and Bon et al. (2011), the authors took the slope of
408 VOCs versus CO and used different regression techniques and different time periods. Comparing
409 their technique with ours, we generally estimate VOC emission ratios within 50% of the reported
410 values, and the estimation improves for shorter lived compounds (e.g., aromatics). However, de
411 Gouw et al. (2017) more carefully took chemistry into consideration for any potential losses of
412 the VOCs prior to observation to determine emission ratios, similar to this study. We believe the
413 comparison with de Gouw et al. (2017) provides a more useful comparison in the method
414 presented here. We find, at most, a 30% difference in the emission ratios, with an average
415 difference of $4 \pm 15\%$ for all compounds. Thus, from this analysis, we conclude that (1) there is
416 large variability in VOC emission ratios across urban areas around the world, which has been
417 highlighted in other studies (Warneke et al., 2007), and (2) the method that considers losses of
418 VOCs is the more accurate procedure to estimate VOC emissions and leads to the best
419 reproducibility across studies and lowest uncertainty ($< 30\%$, $\sim 4\%$ on average).

420 **Supporting Information Tables**

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422 **Table S1.** List of instruments whose observations are used in this study. In some cases
 423 Δ SOA/ Δ CO (Table S4), SOA versus O_x slope (Table S4), or VOC emission ratios (Table S5
 424 through Table S8) had already been reported, and, in those cases, we use the previous literature
 425 reports in our analyses.

Location	SOA	O _x	HCHO	PAN	VOCs	CO
Houston, TX, USA (2000)	Q-AMS ^a	CL & UV Absorption ^b	DOAS ^c	GC-ECD ^d	GC-FID, GC-MS ^e	Infrared Absorption ^f
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	HR-ToF-AMS ^g	CL ^h	TDLAS ⁱ	CIMS ^j	WAS ^k	UV RF ^l
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	HR-ToF-AMS ^g	CL & UV Absorption ^m	Average of DOAS ^c & Hantzsch Reaction ⁿ	GC-ECD ^d	GC-MS ^o	UV RF ^l
Beijing, China (2011)	HR-ToF-AMS ^g	CL & UV Absorption ^p	PTR-MS ^q	GC-ECD ^r	GC-FID ^s	IR Absorption ^p
London, UK (2012)	C-ToF-AMS ^t	CL & UV Absorption ^u	Hantzsch Reaction ⁿ	GC-ECD ^v	GC-FID & GC×GC-FID ^w	UV RF ^l
Houston, TX, USA (2013)	HR-ToF-AMS ^g	CL ^x	Average of LIF ^y & CAMS ^z	CIMS ^j	WAS ^k	DACOM ^{aa}
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	HR-ToF-AMS ^g	CL ^h	CAMS ^z	CIMS ^j	WAS ^k	DACOM ^{aa}

426 ^aQuadrupole Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (Q-AMS) (Jayne et al., 2000)

427 ^bChemiluminescence (CL) and UV Absorption (Williams et al., 1997)

428 ^cDifferential Optical Absorption Spectrometry (DOAS) (Stutz and Platt, 1996, 1997)

429 ^dGas chromatography-electron capture detector (GC-ECD) (Williams et al., 2000; Roberts et al.,
 430 2002)

431 ^eGas chromatography-flame ionization detector (GC-FID) and gas chromatography mass
 432 spectrometer (Roberts et al., 2001)

433 ^fTECO Model 48s IR gas-filter

434 ^gHigh Resolution Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS) (DeCarlo et al.,
 435 2006)

436 ^hChemiluminescence (CL) and UV Absorption (Weinheimer et al., 1994)

437 ⁱTunable diode laser absorption spectroscopic (TDLAS) measurements (Fried et al., 2003)

438 ^jChemical ionization mass spectrometer (CIMS) (Huey L Tanner D Slusher D Dibb J Arimoto R
 439 Chen G Davis D Buhr M Nowak J Mauldin R Eisele F, 2004; Slusher et al., 2004; Kim et al.,
 440 2007)

441 ^kWhole air sample, followed by analysis with GC-FID and/or GC-MS (Blake et al., 2003)

442 ^lUV Resonance Fluorescence (RF) (Gerbig et al., 1999)

443 ^mChemiluminescence (CL) and UV Absorption (Hayes et al., 2013)
444 ⁿHantzsch reaction (Cárdenas et al., 2000)
445 ^oGas chromatograph mass spectrometer (Gilman et al., 2010)
446 ^pChemiluminescence (CL), UV Absorption, and IR Absorption (Hu et al., 2016)
447 ^qProton transfer reaction mass spectrometer (PTR-MS) (Warneke et al., 2011)
448 ^rGas chromatography electron capture detector (GC-ECD) (Zhang et al., 2017)
449 ^sGas chromatography flame ionization detector (GC-FID) (Wang et al., 2014)
450 ^tCompact Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (C-ToF-AMS) (Drewnick et al., 2005)
451 ^uChemiluminescence (CL) and UV Absorption (Whalley et al., 2016)
452 ^vGas chromatography electron capture detector (GC-ECD) (Whalley et al., 2016)
453 ^wGas chromatography flame ionization detector (GC-FID) (Dunmore et al., 2015)
454 ^xChemiluminescence (CL) (Ryerson et al., 1999; Pollack et al., 2010)
455 ^yLaser induced fluorescence (LIF) (Cazorla et al., 2015)
456 ^zCompact Atmospheric Multi-species Spectrometer (CAMS) difference frequency absorption
457 spectrometer (Weibring et al., 2010)
458 ^{aa}Tunable diode laser absorption spectroscopy (Sachse et al., 1987)

459 **Table S2.** Concentrations of PM₁ components shown in Fig. 1. References for the measurements
 460 can be found in Table 1.

Dataset Location	Average Concentration ($\mu\text{g sm}^{-3}$) of submicron aerosol under standard temperature and pressure				
	SOA	HOA	SO ₄	NO ₃	NH ₄
Houston, TX, USA (2000)	2.7	0.7	4.9	0.4	1.5
Northeast USA (2002)	4.9	0.5	2.0	0.3	0.7
Tokyo, Japan (2004)	6.0	1.5	4.4	0.9	4.0
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	11.2	4.8	1.9	6.0	2.5
Paris, France (2009)	1.9	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.6
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	5.0	2.0	2.9	3.6	2.1
Changdao Island, China (2011)	9.4	4.4	8.3	12.2	6.5
Beijing, China (2011)	17.1	8.9	22.0	16.8	13.7
London, UK (2012)	2.7	1.6	1.4	2.7	1.3
Houston, TX, USA (2013)	3.7	0.0	2.7	0.1	0.6
New York City, NY, USA (2015)	0.8	0.7	1.2	1.4	0.4
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	11.9	1.3	5.0	7.9	4.4

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463 **Table S3.** Table summarizing the results of recent GEOS-Chem performance evaluations for
 464 modeling BSOA.

Study	Observed Data	Species	Details
Fisher et al. (2016) ^a	SEAC ⁴ RS, below 1 km (spatial pattern), below 500 m (bias)	Isoprene	Spatial patterns well captured, and biases are +34% for isoprene and +3% for monoterpenes
		Monoterpene	
		Organic Nitrates from Isoprene	Spatial patterns well captured, and biases are -0.6% for first- and -35% for second-generation isoprene nitrates
	SEAC ⁴ RS, 0 - 4 km vertical profiles	Isoprene	Agreed well but GEOS-Chem somewhat overestimated observed concentrations near 1km
		Monoterpene	
		HCHO	Agreed within measurement uncertainties
	Organic Nitrates from Isoprene		
	SOAS, at the surface	Isoprene	Underestimated isoprene and monoterpenes (-28% and -54%), but overestimated first- and second- generation isoprene nitrates (+85% and +43%)
Monoterpene			
HCHO			
Organic Nitrates from Isoprene			
Travis et al. (2016)	SEAC ⁴ RS, 0 - 12 km	First Generation from Isoprene Nitrates	Good agreement for ISOPOOH and ISOPN, underestimation of HPALDs by a factor of two
		ISOPOOH	
		HPALDS	
Marais et al. (2016)	SOAS, at the surface	IEPOX-SOA	Good agreement for isoprene derived aerosols, mean concentrations were almost the same
		ISOPOOH-SOA	
	SEAC ⁴ RS, below 2 km (spatial pattern)	IEPOX-SOA	Spatial patterns well captured

465 ^aThis study decreased isoprene emissions by 15% and doubled monoterpene emissions of
 466 MEGANv2.1.

467 **Table S3 cont.**

Study	Observed Data	Species	Details
Kaiser et al. (2018) ^a	SEAC ⁴ RS	Isoprene	All were overestimated, except for first generation isoprene nitrates
		HCHO	
		ISOPOOH	
		MVK + MACR	
		First Generation Isoprene Nitrates	
Pai et al. (2020)	15 airborne campaigns (SEAC ⁴ RS, GoAmazon, SENEX, OP3, etc.)	OA under biogenic dominant conditions	Slight overestimation, but generally very similar in magnitude

468 ^aNEI NO_x emissions other than power plants decreased by 60%, soil NO_x emissions were
469 reduced by 50% across the Midwestern US. With the decrease of NO_x emissions, ISOPOOH
470 concentrations were increased in GEOS-Chem.

471 **Table S4.** Dilution-corrected SOA concentrations at 0.5 equivalent days and slopes of SOA
 472 versus O_x, HCHO, and PAN used in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3. References for the values can be found
 473 either in Table 1 or found in Fig. S2 through Fig. S4. Uncertainty is 1σ, and either represents
 474 propagation in uncertainty in measurements (see Sect. S5) for ΔSOA/ΔCO or uncertainty in
 475 slopes for SOA versus the three photochemical species.

Dataset Location	ΔSOA/ΔCO at 0.5 eq. days	SOA vs. O_x Slopes	SOA vs. HCHO Slopes	SOA vs. PAN Slopes
Houston, TX, USA (2000)		0.04±0.01 ^a	0.32±0.08	1.41±0.46
Northeast USA (2002)	16±3 ^b 48±9 ^c			
Mexico City, Mexico (2003)		0.14±0.01 ^a		
Tokyo, Japan (2004)		0.19±0.01 ^a		
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	58±10	0.16±0.01	1.60±0.06	5.60±0.30
Paris, France (2009)		0.14±0.01 ^a		
Pasadena, CA, USA (2010)	59±11	0.16±0.01	1.93±0.02	5.41±0.12
Changdao Island, China (2011)	23±4			
Beijing, China (2011)	31±6	0.21±0.01	3.90±0.15	7.42±0.46
London, UK (2012)	54±10	0.13±0.01	0.36±0.02	3.37±0.41
Houston, TX, USA (2013)		0.16±0.01	1.52±0.13	6.92±0.58
New York City, NY, USA (2015)	33±6			
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	107±19	0.29±0.02	3.73±0.26	10.13±0.52

476 ^aMissing reported uncertainty; therefore, assuming ±0.01, as that is typical for other campaigns
 477 ^bFrom de Gouw et al. (2005). ^cFrom Kleinman et al. (2007).

478 **Table S5.** Emission ratios of BTEX aromatics used in this study. If no reference is listed, then
 479 the emission ratio was calculated using Eq. 3.

Dataset Location	Emission Ratios (ppbv aromatic/ppmv CO)					References
	Benzene	Toluene	Ethylbenzene	m+p-xylene	o-xylene	
Houston, TX, USA (2000)	2.6	3.5	0.6	2.8	0.8	
NE USA, Ship (2002)	0.9	2.0	0.2	0.6	0.3	Baker et al. (2008)
NE USA, Aircraft (2002)	0.8	2.9	0.4	1.2	0.5	Warneke et al. (2007)
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	0.9	7.5	0.9	1.1	0.4	Apel et al. (2010)
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	1.3	3.4	0.6	2.1	0.8	de Gouw et al. (2017)
Changdao Island, China (2011)	2.3	1.9	0.5	1.3	0.4	Yuan et al. (2013)
Beijing, China (2011)	1.2	2.4	1.0	1.6	0.6	Wang et al. (2014)
London, UK (2012)	1.8	6.3	1.2	2.2	1.1	
Houston, TX, USA (2013)	2.3	3.0	0.6	3.9	1.2	
New York City, NY, USA (2015)	0.8	2.9	0.4	1.2	0.5	Warneke et al. (2007) ^a
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	1.1	13.1	2.4	3.3	2.3	

480 ^aUsing the emissions from Warneke et al. (2007) instead of Schroder et al. (2018) as Schroder et
 481 al. found significant uncertainty in the emissions calculated from observations.

482 **Table S6.** Emission ratios of alkanes used in this study. If no reference is listed, then the
 483 emission ratio was calculated using Eq. 3.

Dataset Location	Emission Ratios (ppbv alkane/ppmv CO)							References
	Ethane	Propane	n-Butane	i-Butane	n-Pentane	i-Pentane	n-Hexane	
Houston, TX, USA (2000)	40.9	24.3	9.0	14.7	3.1	10.0	3.1	
NE USA, Ship (2002)	8.3	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.0	2.8	0.9	Baker et al. (2008)
NE USA, Aircraft (2002)	9.9	9.0	2.4	1.3	2.0	5.4	0.6	Warneke et al. (2007)
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	7.4	41.5	15.1	4.8	2.1	2.7	1.5	Apel et al. (2010)
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	16.5	13.4	5.0	3.2	3.4	8.7	1.4	de Gouw et al. (2017)
Changdao Island, China (2011)	7.7	4.5	2.5	1.2	1.0	1.5	0.5	Yuan et al. (2013)
Beijing, China (2011)	4.3	3.9	2.5	2.5	1.2	2.0	0.6	Wang et al. (2014)
London, UK (2012)	33.0	17.8	17.3	8.4	4.6	11.3	1.3	
Houston, TX, USA (2013)	86.5	37.3	14.6	10.6	7.0	10.5	3.0	
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	16.1	0.4	6.0	3.4	3.1	3.7	1.7	

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485 **Table S7.** Emission ratios of alkenes used in this study. If no reference is listed, then the
 486 emission ratio was calculated using Eq. 3.

Dataset Location	Emission Ratios (ppbv alkene/ppmv CO)		References
	Ethene	Propene	
Houston, TX, USA (2000)	24.4	28.4	
NE USA, Ship (2002)	4.4	1.1	Baker et al. (2008)
NE USA, Aircraft (2002)	4.9	1.4	Warneke et al. (2007)
Mexico City, Mexico (2006)	8.4	2.6	Apel et al. (2010)
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	11.2	4.1	de Gouw et al. (2017)
Changdao Island, China (2011)	5.3	1.4	Yuan et al. (2013)
Beijing, China (2011)	4.4	1.4	Wang et al. (2014)
London, UK (2012)	10.3	6.2	
Houston, TX, USA (2013)	12.0	15.8	
Seoul, South Korea (2016)	5.4	2.1	

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488 **Table S8.** Emission ratios of non-BTEX aromatics used in this study. If no reference is listed,
 489 then the emission ratio was calculated using Eq. 3.

Dataset Location	Emission Ratios (ppbv aromatic/ppmv CO)			References
	Trimethylbenzenes	Ethyltoluenes	Propylbenzene	
NE USA, Aircraft (2002)	0.71	0.58	0.14	Warneke et al. (2007)
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	1.47	0.56	0.13	de Gouw et al.(2017)
Beijing, China (2011)	0.57	0.41	0.09	Wang et al. (2014)
London, UK (2012)	0.49	0.23	0.58	
New York City, NY, USA (2015)	0.71	0.58	0.14	Warneke et al. (2007)

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492 **Table S9.** Normalized mass concentration of primary organic aerosol (POA/CO) measured in
 493 various campaigns, used to determine SVOC emission ratios.

Dataset Location	Normalized Mass Concentration ($\mu\text{g sm}^{-3}$ ppmv ⁻¹)		References
	HOA/CO	Other POA/CO	
NE USA (2002)	12.2	-	de Gouw et al. (2005)
Los Angeles, CA, USA (2010)	5.3	7.7	Hayes et al. (2013)
Beijing, China (2011)	6.1	9.9	Hu et al. (2016)
London, UK (2012)	17.9	14.1	Young et al. (2015)
New York City, NY, USA (2015)	5.6	14.4	Schroder et al. (2018)

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495 **Table S10.** Comparison of estimated VOC emission ratios from two studies from Mexico City
 496 (Apel et al., 2010; Bon et al., 2011), one study from Los Angeles (de Gouw et al., 2017), and this
 497 study.

VOC Ratio	Apel et al. (2010) Downtown MC	This Study	Apel et al. (2010) Suburbs MC	Bon et al. (2011) Outskirt MC	This Study	de Gouw et al. (2017) LA	This Study
Ethane	7.4	8.2	3.0	21.5	8.2	16.5	18.9
Propane	41.5	36.9	49.3	61.7	38.4	13.4	14.0
n-Butane	15.1	14.9	15.3	21.7	14.1	5.0	5.7
i-Butane	4.8	4.8	5.3	7.2	4.9	3.2	3.5
n-Pentane	2.1	2.9	2.1	2.5	2.1	3.4	3.4
i-Pentane	2.7	3.6	3.2	3.3	3.1	8.7	7.8
n-Hexane	1.5	1.9	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.7
Ethene	8.4	6.1	7.9	7.0	7.1	11.2	9.6
Propene	2.6	1.3	2.9	3.0	1.6	4.1	3.9
Benzene	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4
Toluene	7.5	9.2	5.2	4.2	4.1	3.4	3.0
Ethylbenzene	0.9	0.8	0.4	4.3*	0.4	0.6	0.6
m+p-Xylene	1.1	0.7	0.5	No Data	0.4	2.1	1.9
o-Xylene	0.4	0.2	0.2	No Data	0.2	0.8	0.7
Trimethylbenzenes	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	1.6	1.1
Ethyltoluenes	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	0.6	0.4
Propylbenzene	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	0.1	0.1

498 *In Bon et al. (2011), they reported the sum of C8 aromatics, which is the sum of ethylbenzene
 499 and xylenes

500 **Table S11.** Statistical analysis of the data used in Fig. 2 to determine if any point is influencing
 501 the slope, using the T-test, Cook’s Distance test, and Difference in Fits test. For the T-test, the
 502 point is influential if the t value is < 0.05 while for the Cook’s Distance and Difference in Fits
 503 test, the point is influential if the value is > 1 .

Campaign	T-test	Cook’s Distance	Difference in Fits
NE US Ship	0.63	0.06	-0.29
NE US Aircraft	0.12	0.27	0.73
Mexico City	0.39	0.06	0.33
Los Angeles	0.32	0.08	0.38
Changdao Island, China	0.41	0.09	-0.38
Beijing	0.42	0.06	-0.32
London	0.31	0.13	-0.48
NYC	0.90	0.00	-0.05
Seoul	0.99	0.00	0.01

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505 **Table S12.** Rate constants used throughout this study.

Compound	Rate Constant ($\text{cm}^3 \text{ molec.}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	References
<i>Alkanes</i>		
Ethane	$6.9 \times 10^{-12} \times \exp(-1000/T)$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
Propane	$7.6 \times 10^{-12} \times \exp(-585/T)$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
n-Butane	$9.8 \times 10^{-12} \times \exp(-425/T)$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
i-Butane	$1.17 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(213/T)$	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
n-Pentane	$2.52 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(158/T)$	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
i-Pentane	3.6×10^{-12}	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
n-Hexane	$2.54 \times 10^{-14} \times T \times \exp(-112/T)$	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
<i>Alkenes</i>		
Ethene	$7.84 \times 10^{-12,a}$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
Propene	$2.86 \times 10^{-11,a}$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
<i>Aromatics</i>		
Benzene	$2.3 \times 10^{-12} \times \exp(-190/T)$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
Toluene	$1.8 \times 10^{-12} \times \exp(340/T)$	Atkinson et al. (2006)
Ethylbenzene	7×10^{-12}	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
m+p-xylene	$1.87 \times 10^{-11,b}$	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
o-xylene	1.36×10^{-11}	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
Trimethylbenzenes	$2.73 \times 10^{-12} \times \exp(730/T)$	Bohn and Zetzsch (2012)
Ethyltoluenes	1.2×10^{-11}	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
Propylbenzene	5.8×10^{-12}	Atkinson and Arey (2003)
<i>S/IVOCs</i>		
IVOCs $C^* = 4 - 6$	2×10^{-11}	Jathar et al. (2014)
IVOCs $C^* = 3$	3×10^{-11}	McDonald et al. (2018)
SVOCs & “aging”	4×10^{-11}	Tsimpidi et al. (2010)
<i>NO_x/NO_y</i>		
$\text{OH} + \text{NO}_2$	$1.23 \times 10^{-11,a}$	Mollner et al. (2010)

506 ^aShowing the rate constant at 298 K, 1013 hPa. However, for this study, we used the temperature
507 and pressure dependent formulation listed in each respective reference.
508 ^bThis is the average of m-xylene and p-xylene rate constants.

509 **Table 13.** Parameters for VOC, IVOC, and SVOC aerosol yields. The yields are taken from Ma
 510 et al. (2017).

Compound	Stoichiometric SOA yield High-NO _x , 298 K (μg m ⁻³)				
	0.1	1	10	100	1000
Benzene					
Toluene	N/A	0.276	0.002	0.431	0.202
Ethyltoluene					
Propylbenzenes					
Xylenes	N/A	0.310	0.000	0.420	0.209
Trimethylbenzenes					
IVOC C* = 6	0.007	0.090	0.206	0.350	0.00
IVOC C* = 5	0.0498	0.0814	0.456	0.278	0.00
IVOC C* = 4	0.053	0.103	0.464	0.266	0.00
IVOC C* = 3	0.064	0.0914	0.562	0.209	0.00
HOA C* = 2	N/A	N/A	0.28	N/A	N/A
HOA C* = 1	N/A	0.18	N/A	N/A	N/A
HOA C* = 0	0.12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COA C* = 2	N/A	N/A	0.1881	N/A	N/A
COA C* = 1	N/A	0.1188	N/A	N/A	N/A
COA C* = 0	0.0594	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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512 **Table S14.** Table of GBD parameters, which is the mean of the draw values (see associated file)
 513 from the IHME website:
 514 [http://ghdx.healthdata.org/record/global-burden-disease-study-2010-gbd-2010-ambient-air-pollut](http://ghdx.healthdata.org/record/global-burden-disease-study-2010-gbd-2010-ambient-air-pollution-risk-model-1990-2010)
 515 [ion-risk-model-1990-2010](http://ghdx.healthdata.org/record/global-burden-disease-study-2010-gbd-2010-ambient-air-pollution-risk-model-1990-2010).

Parameter	IHD	Stroke	COPD	LC	ALRI
α	1.4273	1.2641	15.224	114.74	2.2023
β	0.04764	0.00722	0.00095	0.000141	0.000284
ρ	0.376	1.314	0.684	0.741	1.183
$PM_{2.5,Threshold}$	7.462	7.387	7.374	7.380	7.283

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517 **Table S15.** Table of GEMM parameters. The GEMM parameters are from Burnett et al. (2018),
 518 with the Chinese male cohort.

Cause of Death	Age Range (years)	θ	Standard Error θ	α	μ	π
NCD + LRI	>25	0.1430	0.01807	1.6	15.5	36.8
	27.5	0.1585	0.01477	1.6	15.5	36.8
	32.5	0.1577	0.01470	1.6	15.5	36.8
	37.5	0.1570	0.01463	1.6	15.5	36.8
	42.5	0.1558	0.01450	1.6	15.5	36.8
	47.5	0.1532	0.01425	1.6	15.5	36.8
	52.5	0.1499	0.01394	1.6	15.5	36.8
	57.5	0.1462	0.01361	1.6	15.5	36.8
	62.5	0.1421	0.01325	1.6	15.5	36.8
	67.5	0.1374	0.01284	1.6	15.5	36.8
	72.5	0.1319	0.01234	1.6	15.5	36.8
	77.5	0.1253	0.01174	1.6	15.5	36.8
	85	0.1141	0.01071	1.6	15.5	36.8
IHD	>25	0.2969	0.01787	1.9	12	40.2
	27.5	0.5070	0.02458	1.9	12	40.2
	32.5	0.4762	0.02309	1.9	12	40.2
	37.5	0.4455	0.02160	1.9	12	40.2
	42.5	0.4148	0.02011	1.9	12	40.2
	47.5	0.3841	0.01862	1.9	12	40.2
	52.5	0.3533	0.01713	1.9	12	40.2
	57.5	0.3226	0.01564	1.9	12	40.2
62.5	0.2919	0.01415	1.9	12	40.2	

520 **Table 15 cont.**

Cause of Death	Age Range (years)	θ	Standard Error θ	α	μ	π
IHD	67.5	0.2612	0.01266	1.9	12	40.2
	72.5	0.2304	0.01117	1.9	12	40.2
	77.5	0.1997	0.00968	1.9	12	40.2
	85	0.1536	0.00745	1.9	12	40.2
Stroke	>25	0.2720	0.07697	6.2	16.7	23.7
	27.5	0.4513	0.11919	6.2	16.7	23.7
	32.5	0.4240	0.11197	6.2	16.7	23.7
	37.5	0.3966	0.10475	6.2	16.7	23.7
	42.5	0.3693	0.09752	6.2	16.7	23.7
	47.5	0.3419	0.09030	6.2	16.7	23.7
	52.5	0.3146	0.08307	6.2	16.7	23.7
	57.5	0.2872	0.07585	6.2	16.7	23.7
	62.5	0.2598	0.06863	6.2	16.7	23.7
	67.5	0.2325	0.06190	6.2	16.7	23.7
	72.5	0.2051	0.05418	6.2	16.7	23.7
	77.5	0.1778	0.04695	6.2	16.7	23.7
	85	0.1368	0.03611	6.2	16.7	23.7
	COPD	>25	0.2510	0.06762	6.5	2.5
Lung Cancer	>25	0.2942	0.06147	6.2	9.3	29.8
LRI	>25	0.4468	0.11735	6.4	5.7	8.4

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522 **Table S16.** Calculated premature mortality from PM with all aerosol (base mortality) and
 523 removing ASOA, using the IER method.

Location^a	Base Mortality	Mortality reduced due to removing ASOA	Percent mortality reduced due to removing ASOA
North America	43,408	18,479	43%
Central America	11,808	3,395	29%
South America	31,214	10,100	32%
Africa	258,294	14,869	6%
Western Europe	305,754	31,880	10%
Eastern Europe	195,749	16,003	8%
South Asia	938,967	75,085	8%
Southeastern Asia	135,433	31,886	24%
East Asia	1,315,720	122,190	9%
Oceania	95	27	28%
Rest of the World	72,385	13,337	18%
Total	3,308,957	337,224	10%

524 ^aLocations defined by:

525 http://themasites.pbl.nl/tridion/en/themasites/_disabled_image/background/regions/index-2.html

526 **Table S17.** Calculated premature mortality from PM with all aerosol (base mortality) and
 527 removing ASOA, using the GEMM method.

Location^a	Base Mortality	Mortality reduced due to removing ASOA	Percent mortality reduced due to removing ASOA
North America	178,793	24,892	14%
Central America	58,516	7,298	12%
South America	145,395	22,372	15%
Africa	765,946	34,528	5%
Western Europe	768,991	50,427	7%
Eastern Europe	465,341	25,552	5%
South Asia	2,285,903	166,228	7%
Southeastern Asia	347,191	50,802	15%
East Asia	2,487,349	220,264	9%
Oceania	3,375	428	13%
Rest of the World	269,769	35,051	13%
Total	7,776,570	638,219	8%

528 ^aLocations defined by:

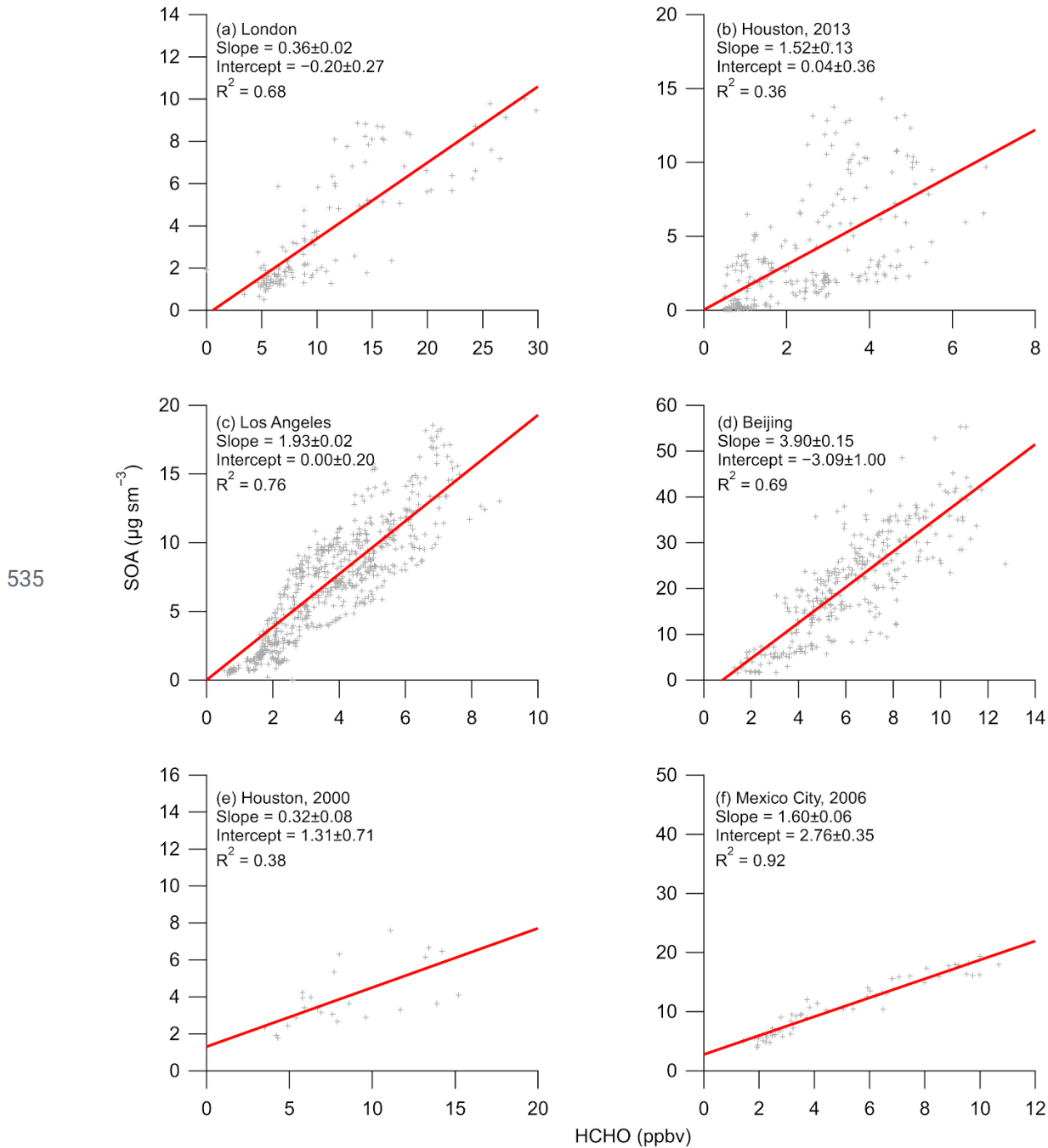
529 http://themasites.pbl.nl/tridion/en/themasites/_disabled_image/background/regions/index-2.html

530 **Table S18.** List of total final consumption, in millions of tonnes of oil equivalent, of oil products
 531 and oil, for each organization. Total final consumption includes imports, and does not include
 532 exports (IEA, 2019).

Organization	Industry	Transportation	Non-Energy
World	307	2533	645
OECD	89	1147	326
Africa	18.4	115.4	7.9
Non-OECD	28.3	135	20
Middle East	33.5	126.3	47.5
Non-OECD Europe and Eurasia	35	101	53

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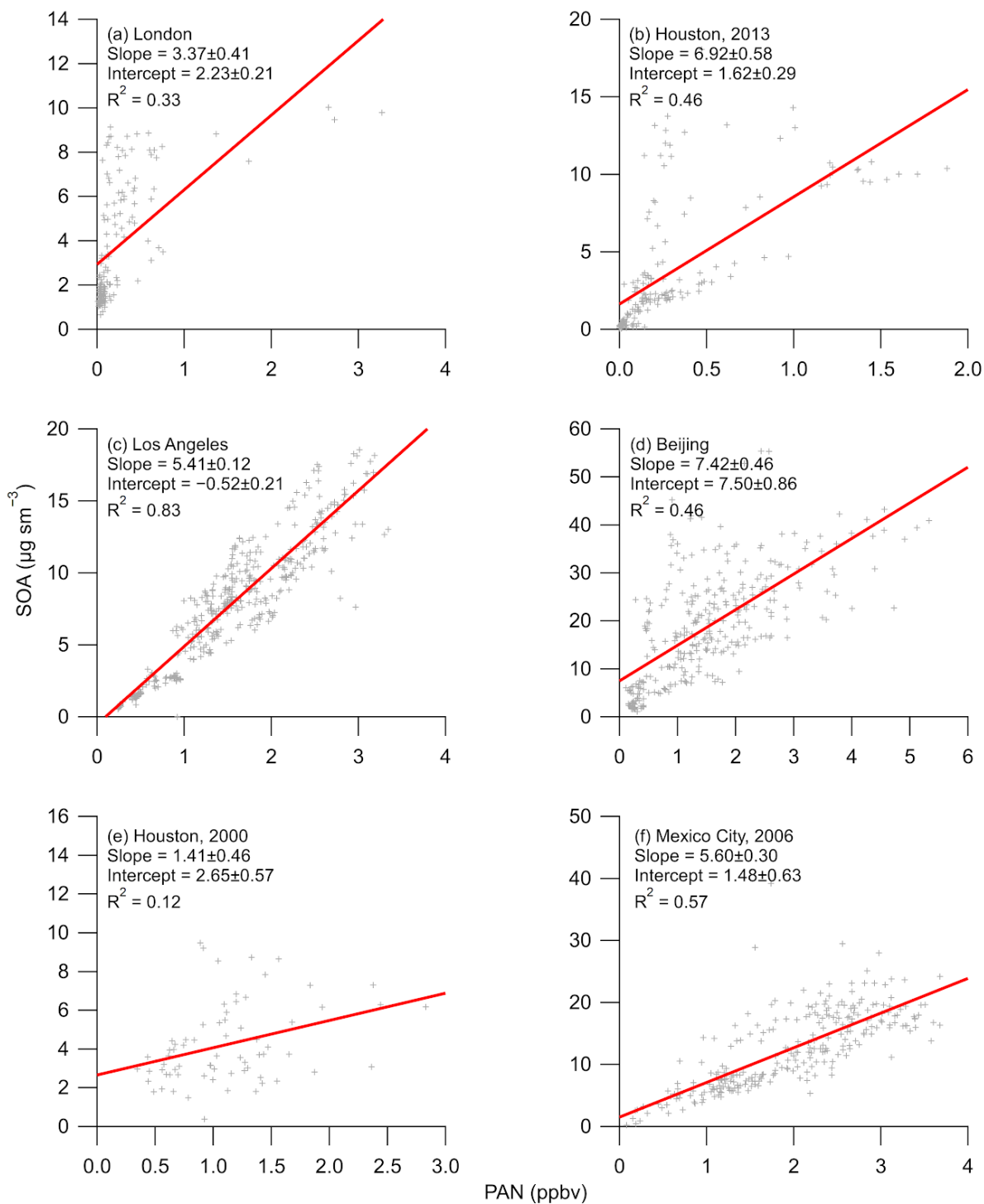
534 **Supplemental figures for this study**



536 **Figure S1.** Regression plot of SOA versus HCHO from different campaigns around the world
 537 that have not been previously published. Note, for (c), HCHO is $1.24 \times$ Hantzsch HCHO, to
 538 account for the differences between the two HCHO measurements during CalNex. Note, for (a),
 539 SOA is $0.5 \times$ OA, estimated from Young et al. (2015), and for (f), SOA is $0.8 \times$ OA, estimated from
 540 DeCarlo et al. (2010).

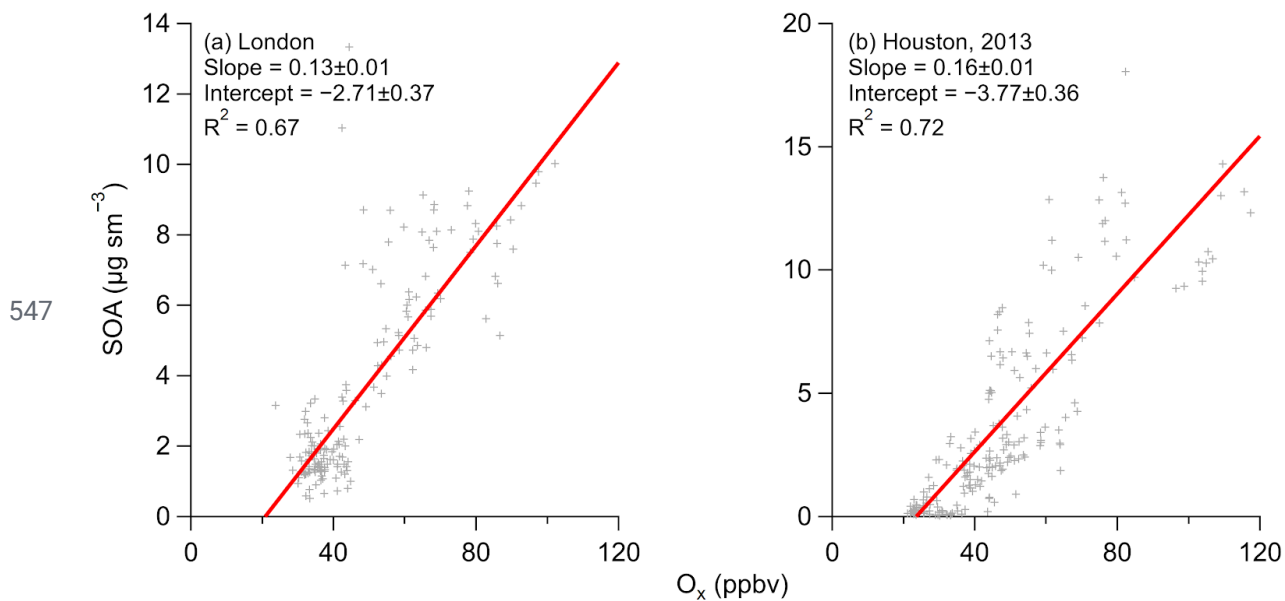
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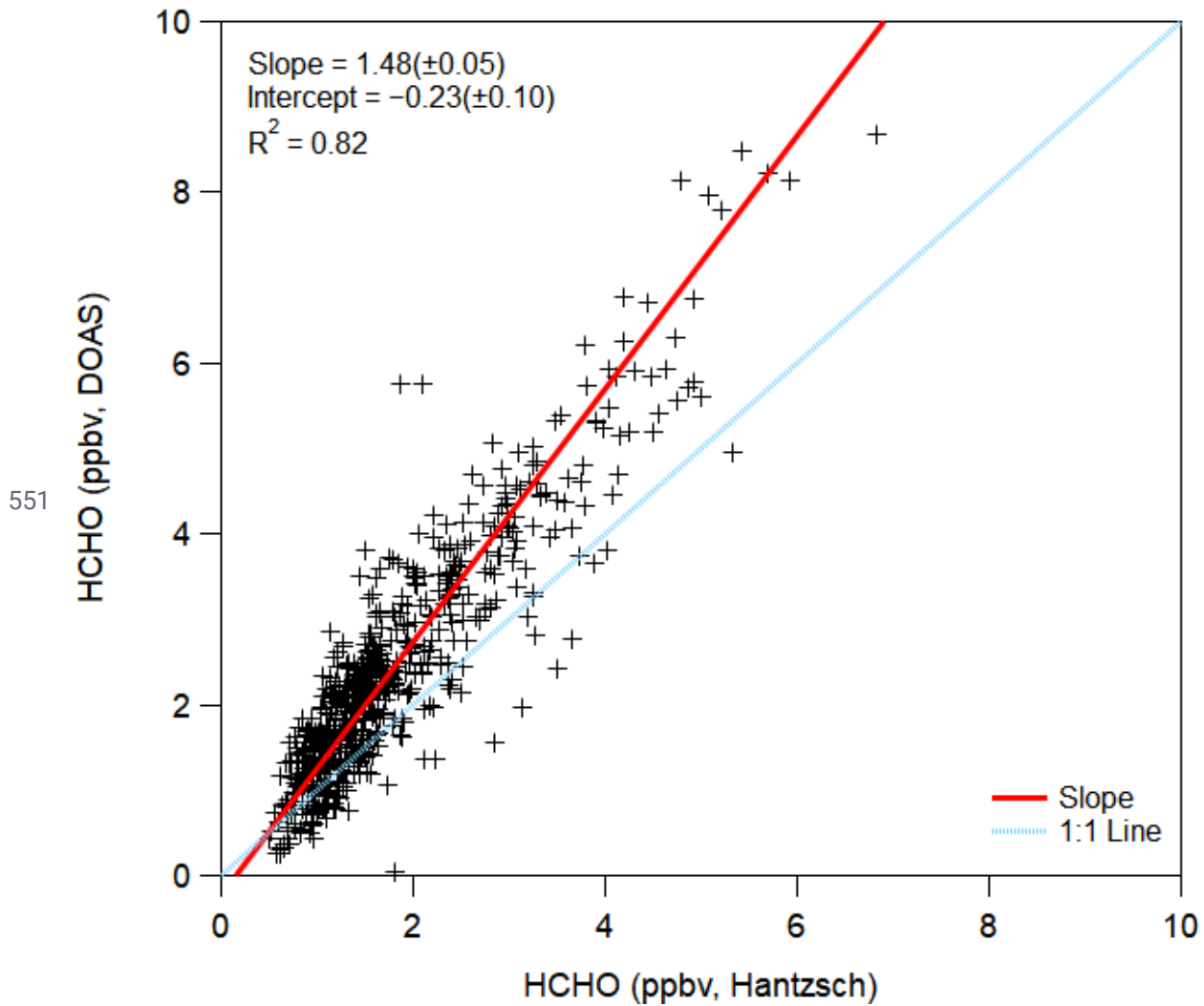


543 **Figure S2.** Regression plot of SOA versus PAN from different campaigns around the world that
 544 have not been previously published. Note, for (a), SOA is $0.5 \times \text{OA}$, estimated from Young et al.
 545 (2015), and for (f), SOA is $0.8 \times \text{OA}$, estimated from DeCarlo et al. (2010).

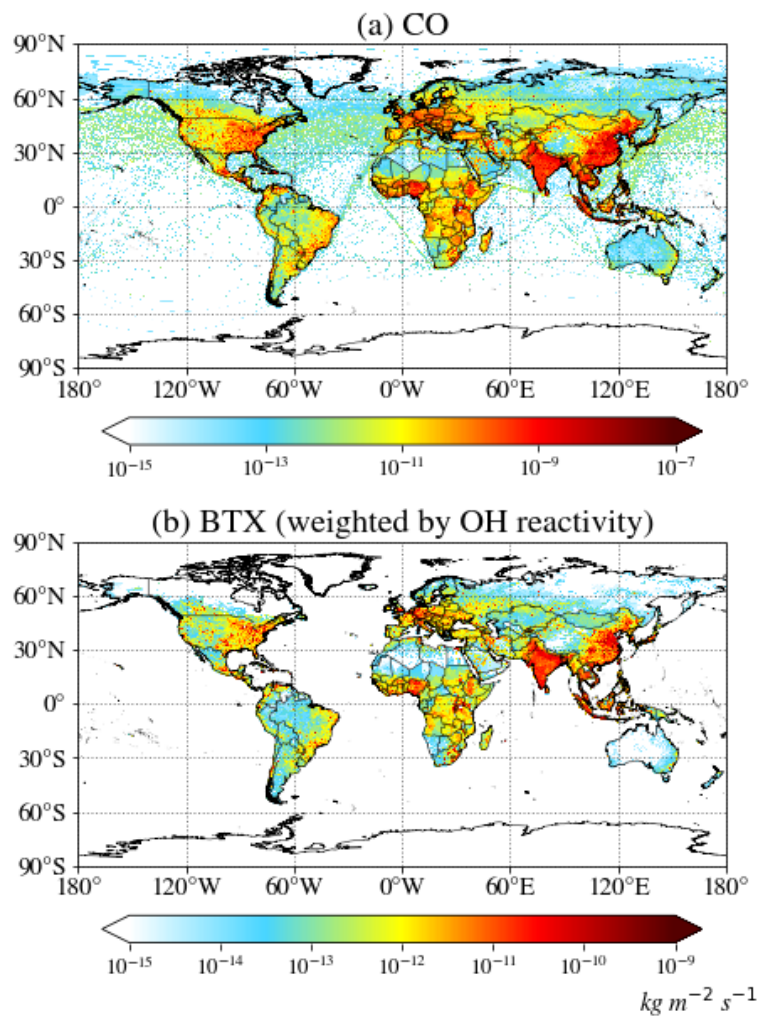
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548 **Figure S3.** Regression plot of SOA versus O_x from different campaigns around the world that
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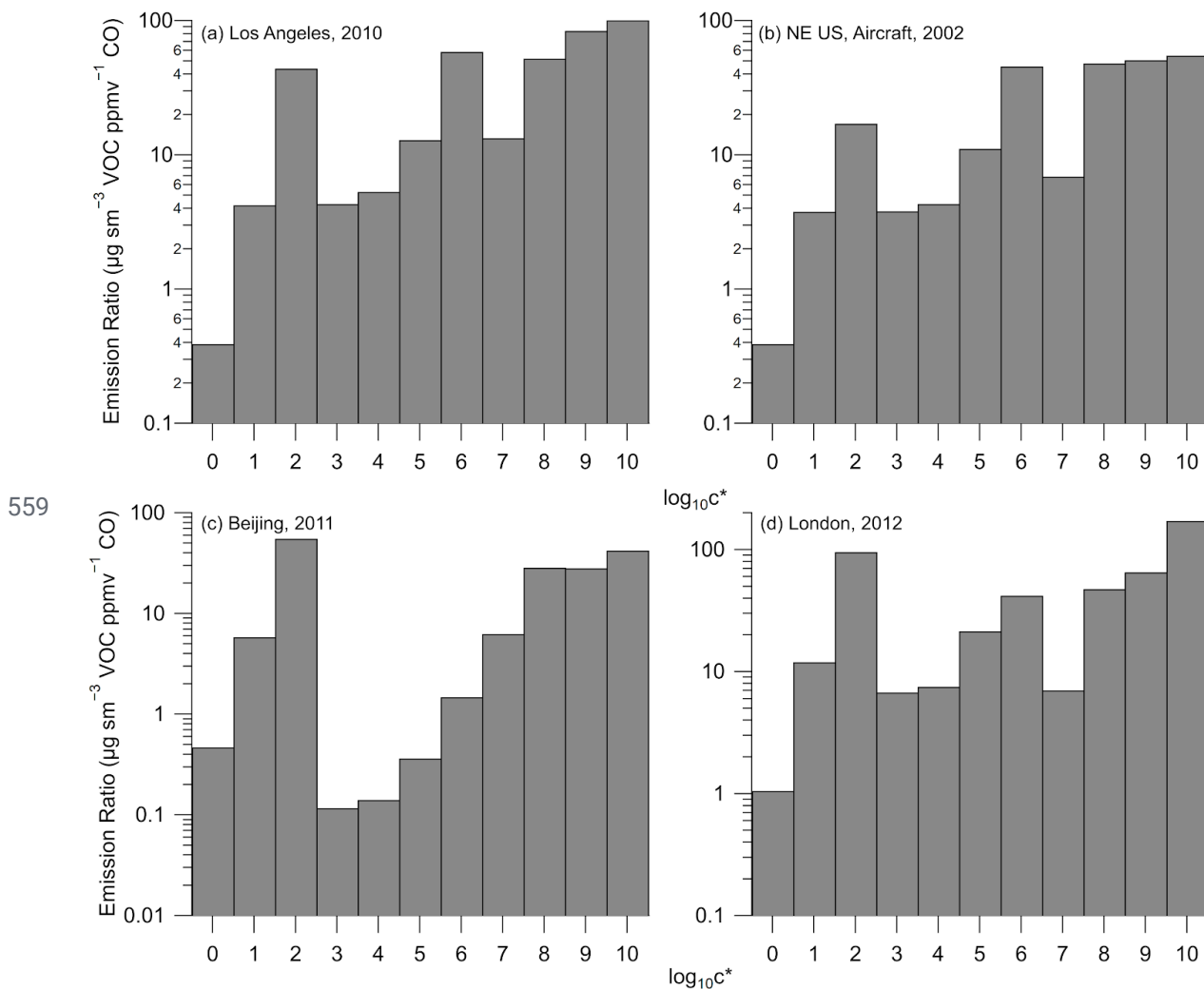


552 **Figure S4.** Comparison of HCHO measured by the DOAS (Stutz and Platt, 1996, 1997) and
553 Hantzsch reaction (Cárdenas et al., 2000) methods during the CalNex 2010 study in Pasadena,
554 CA, ground site (Ryerson et al., 2013).



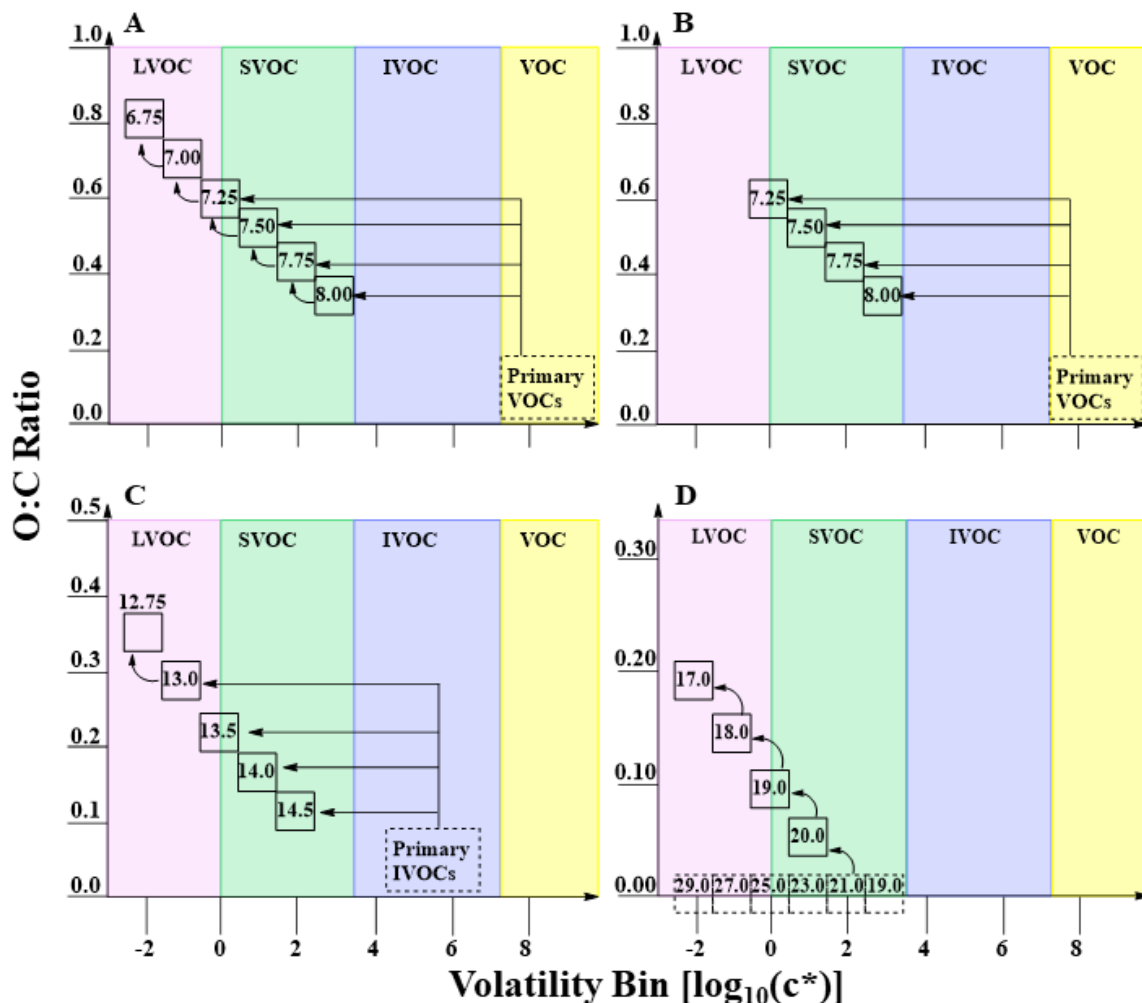
556 **Figure S5.** (a) Annually average CO emissions from HTaP. (b) Annually average benzene,
 557 toluene, and xylenes (BTX) emissions, weighted by their OH reaction rate

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$$(E_{weight} = N \frac{\sum_i E_i k_{OH,i}}{\sum_i k_{OH,i}}, i = B, T, X; N=3).$$

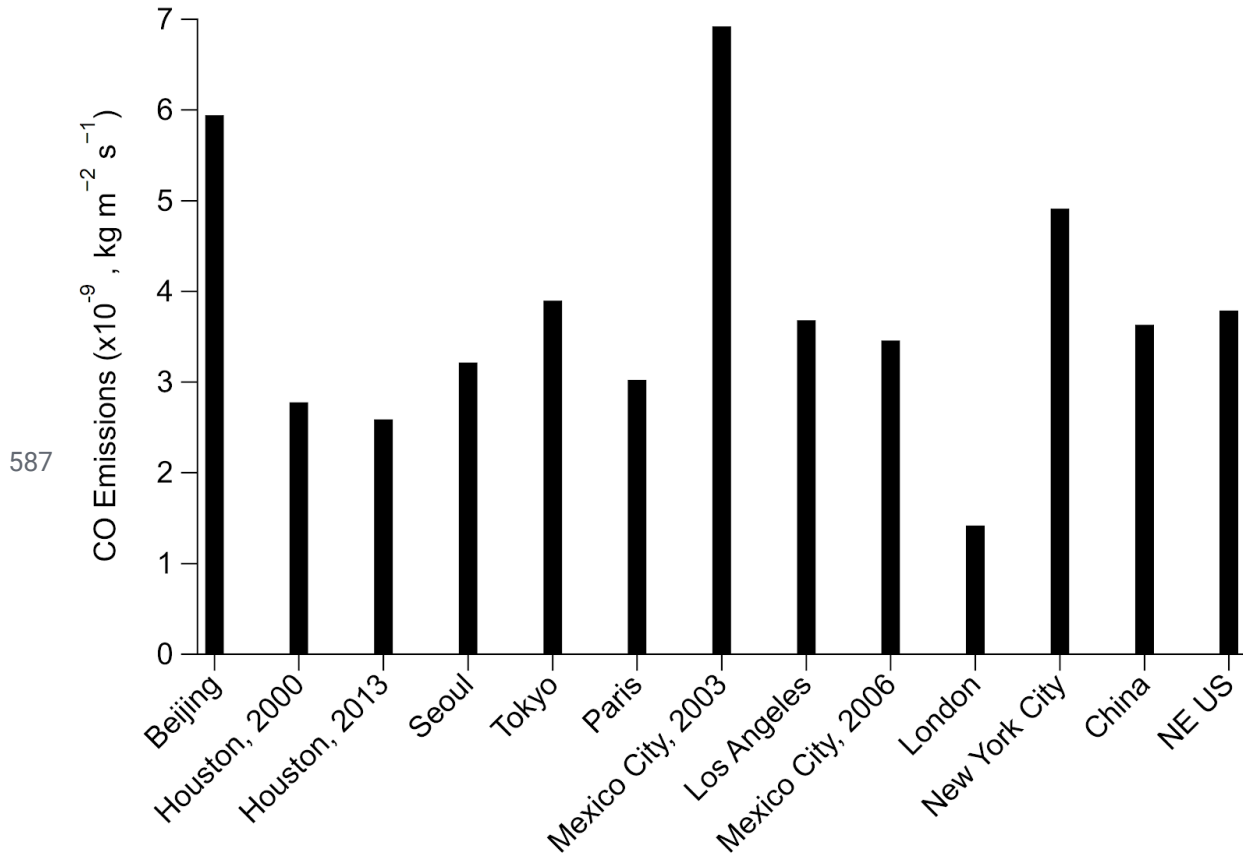


560 **Figure S6.** Emission ratio versus saturation concentration ($\log_{10}(c^*)$) for (a) Los Angeles, (b) NE
 561 US, aircraft, (c) Beijing, and (d) London. The emission ratios for VOCs ($\log_{10}(c^*) \geq 7$) were
 562 taken from de Gouw et al. (2017) and Ma et al. (2017) for Los Angeles, Warneke et al. (2007) for
 563 NE US, aircraft, and Wang et al. (2014) for Beijing while the VOC emission ratio for London is
 564 from Table S6 to Table S8. For VOCs between $\log_{10}(c^*)$ of 3 and 6 (IVOCs), the volatility
 565 distribution from McDonald et al. (2018), along with the ratio of IVOC to BTEX from Figure
 566 SI-6 and the emission ratio of BTEX (Table S6), were used to determine the emission ratio
 567 versus saturation concentration. Finally, for VOCs between $\log_{10}(c^*)$ 0 and 2 (SVOCs), the
 568 volatility distributions from Robinson et al. (2007) for non-fossil fuel POA and from Worton et
 569 al. (2014) for fossil fuel POA were used to convert the normalized POA mass concentration
 570 (Table S9) to VOC emission ratios. Note, the emission ratio versus saturation concentration for
 571 New York City, 2015, was similar to (b), as the emissions were similar (Fig. 5) and the BTEX for
 572 New York City is the same as NE US (Table S5).

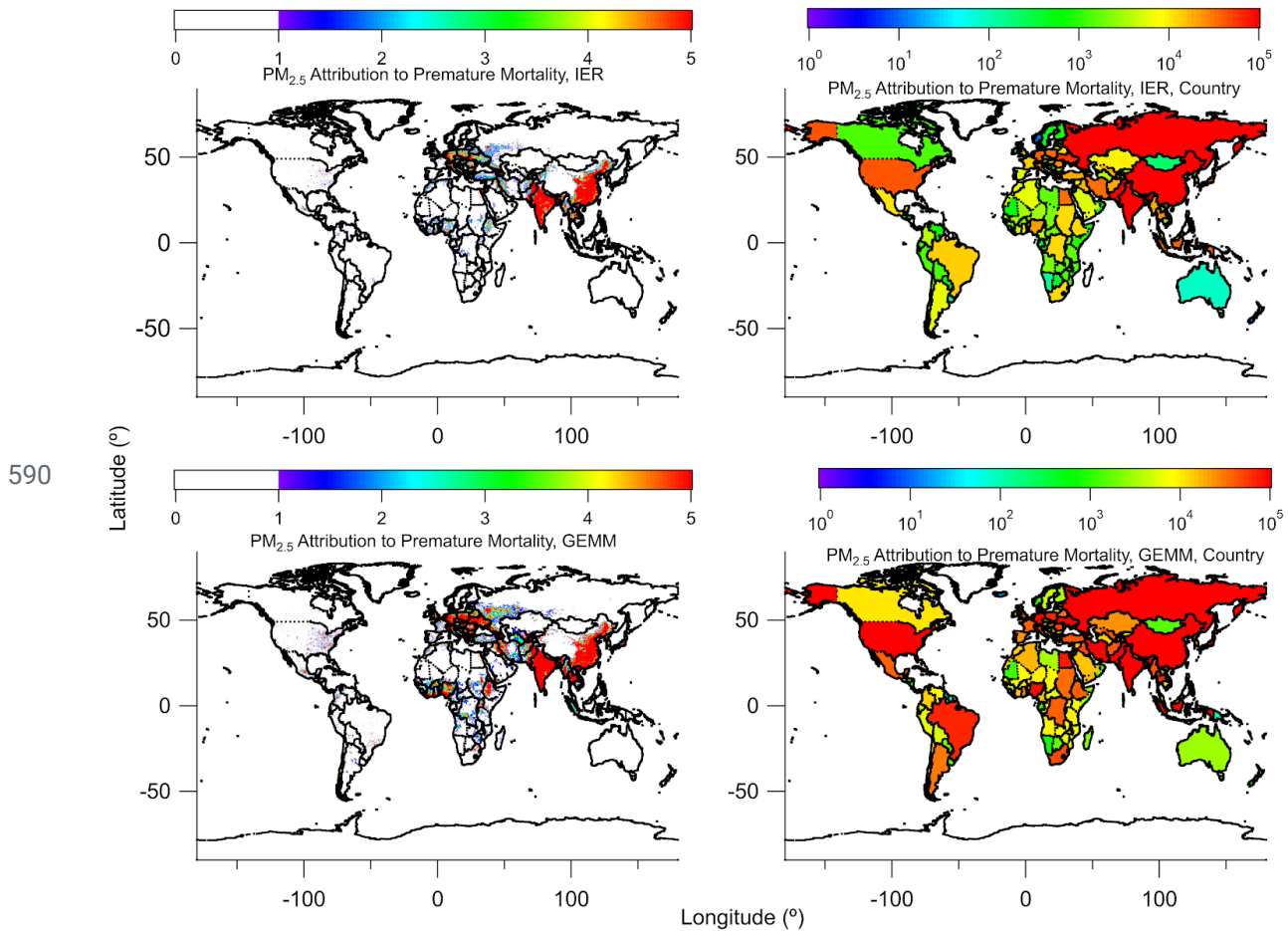
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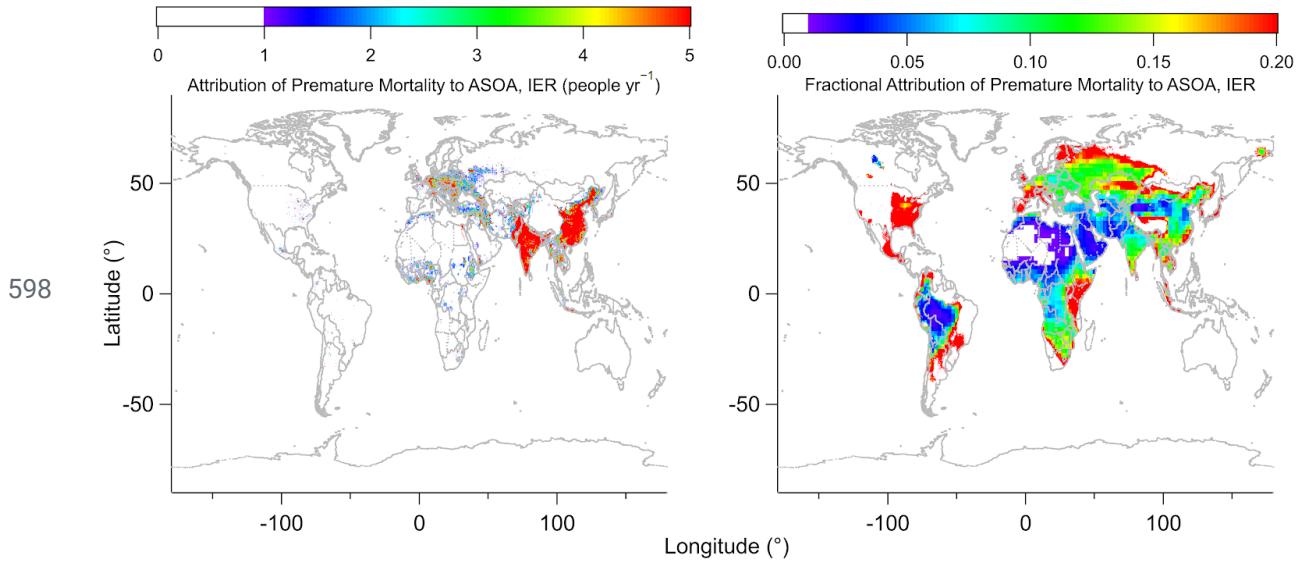
574 **Figure S7.** 2-D VBS space defined by oxygen to carbon (O:C) ratio and saturation concentration
 575 $[\log_{10}(c^*)]$ for different oxidation mechanisms and primary sources of OA precursors. Dashed
 576 boxes represent primary emissions, while the full boxes represent the secondary oxidation
 577 products. (A) and (B) represent different parameterizations for treating traditional anthropogenic
 578 and biogenic sources of SOA. Both parameterizations depict the oxidation of an 8-carbon
 579 precursor VOC. (A) represents the TSI, or aging, parameterization; (B) represents the MA, or
 580 wall-loss corrected, parameterization. (C) Represents the initial oxidation and aging pathway of
 581 P-IVOCs following the ZHAO parameterization. It should be noted that the carbon number
 582 corresponds to first generation aging and subsequent oxidation results in a 0.25 reduction in
 583 carbon number. (D) Represents the decadal aging of SVOCs by hydroxyl radicals. In (D), the full
 584 aging pathway of only the C21 species is depicted as an example, though all primary species are
 585 allowed to age until the $\log_{10}(c^*) = -2$ bin. All emitted P-SVOC species undergo the same
 586 decadal aging scheme which begins from the saturation concentration bin of the emitted species.



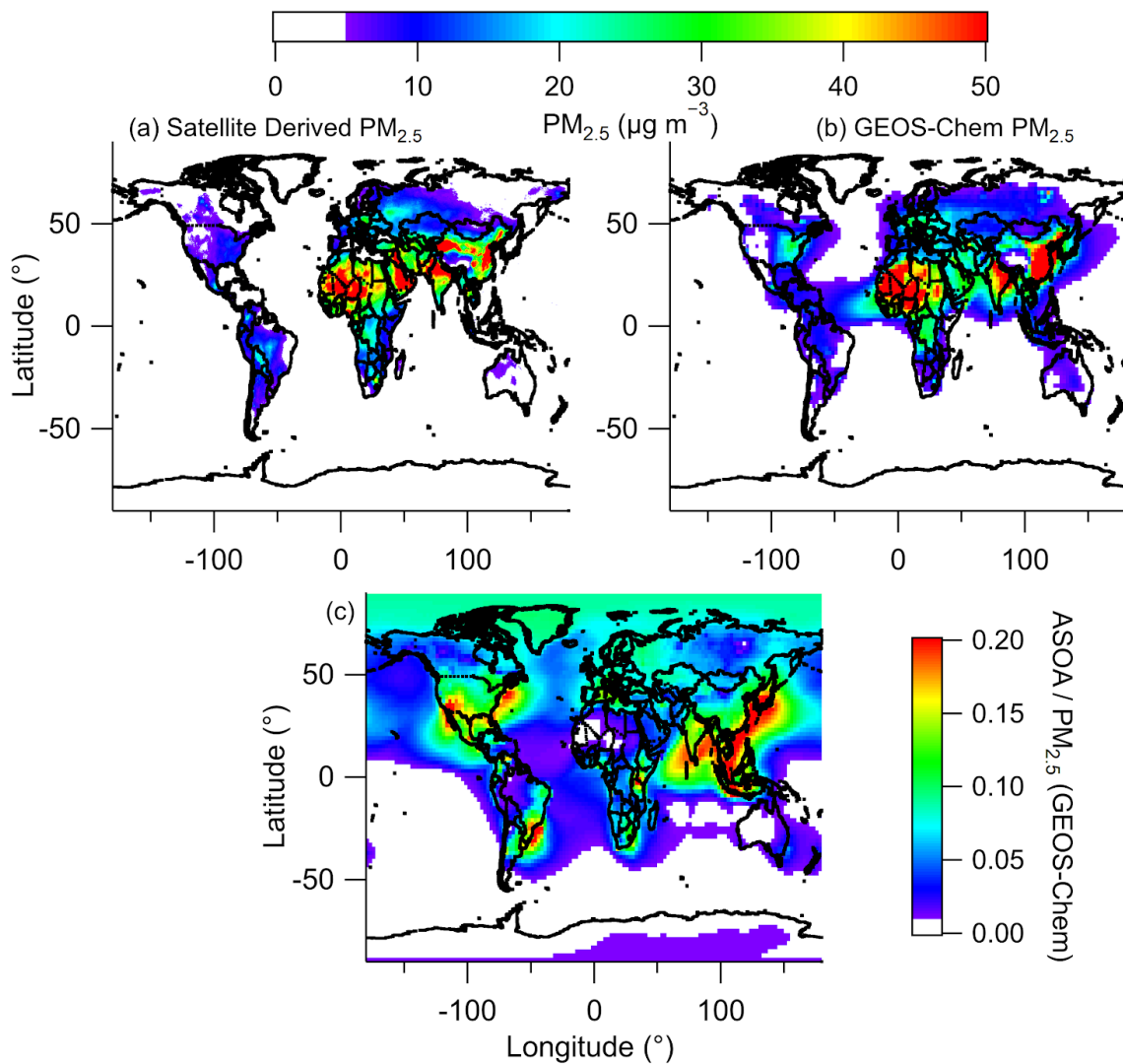
588 **Figure S8.** CO emissions for the cities investigated here from HTAP (Janssens-Maenhout et al.,
 589 2015).



591 **Figure S9.** (top) Total deaths associated to PM_{2.5} (left) per 10×10 km² area and (right) summed
 592 up for each country, using the Integrated Exposure-Response (IER) method (Burnett et al.,
 593 2014). These values are derived from satellite. (bottom) Same as above, but using the Global
 594 Exposure Mortality Model (GEMM) (Burnett et al., 2018) for PM_{2.5} per 10×10 km² area (left)
 595 and summed up for each country (right). Premature mortality was determined with PM_{2.5} derived
 596 by the methods described in van Donkelaar (2015), which includes satellite and ground-based
 597 observations of aerosol.

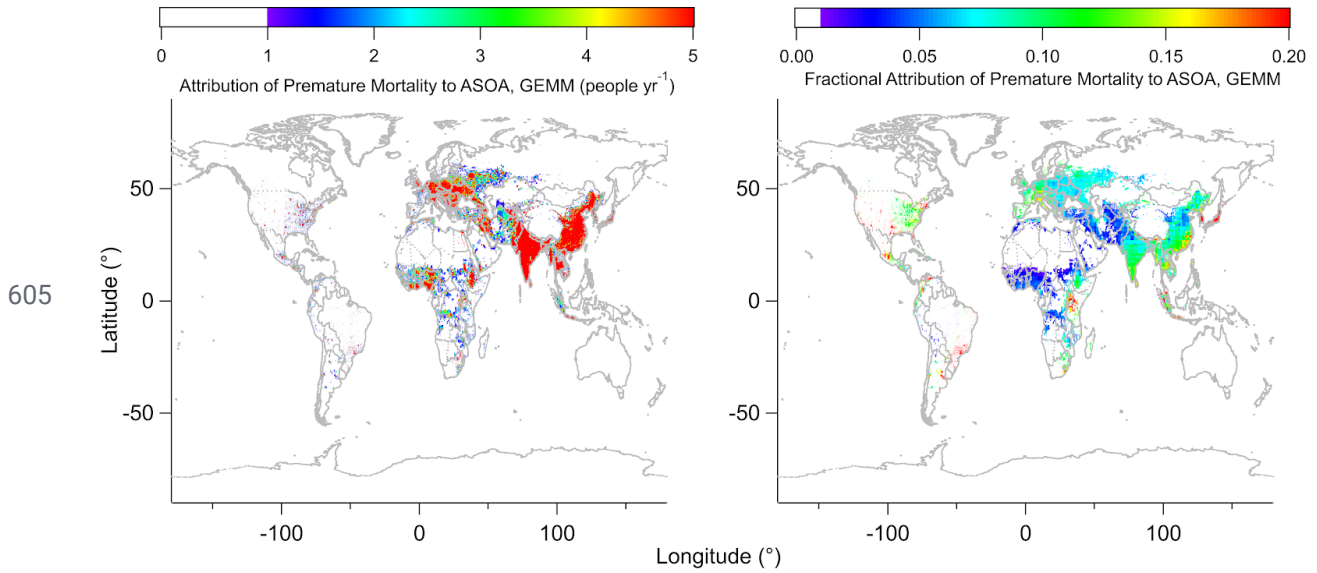


599 **Figure S10.** Same as Fig. 8, where top are the results per 10×10 km² area for the attribution of
 600 premature mortality to ASOA (people yr⁻¹, left) and fractional attribution of premature mortality
 601 to ASOA for one year (right) by the IER method. See Fig. 8 for per country comparison.

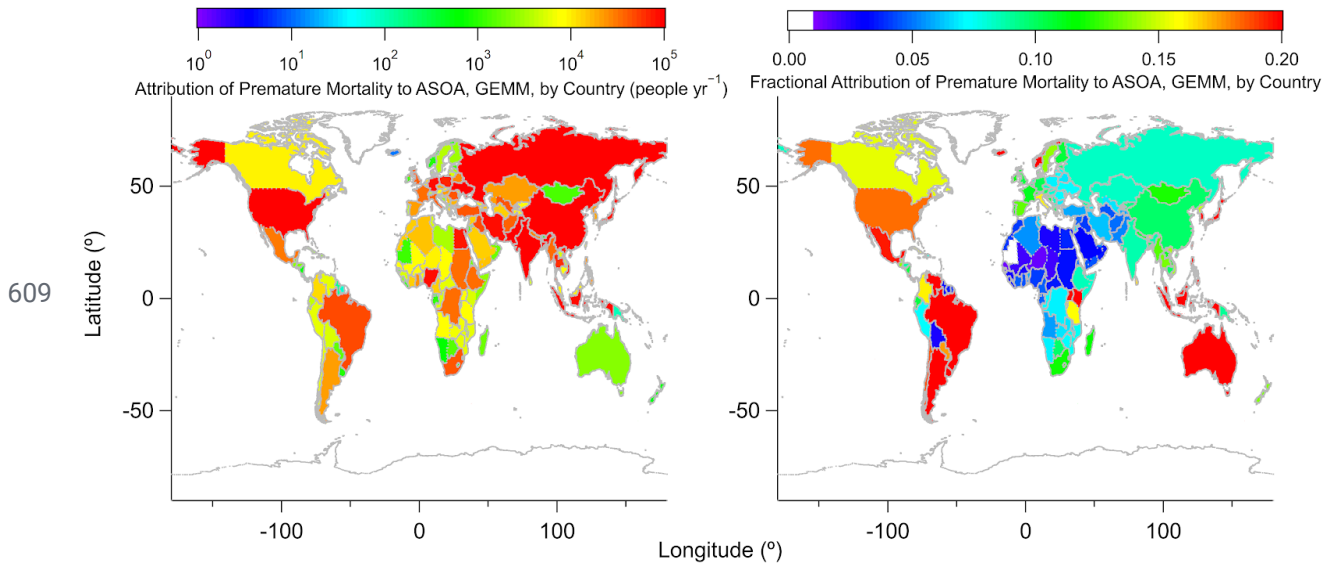


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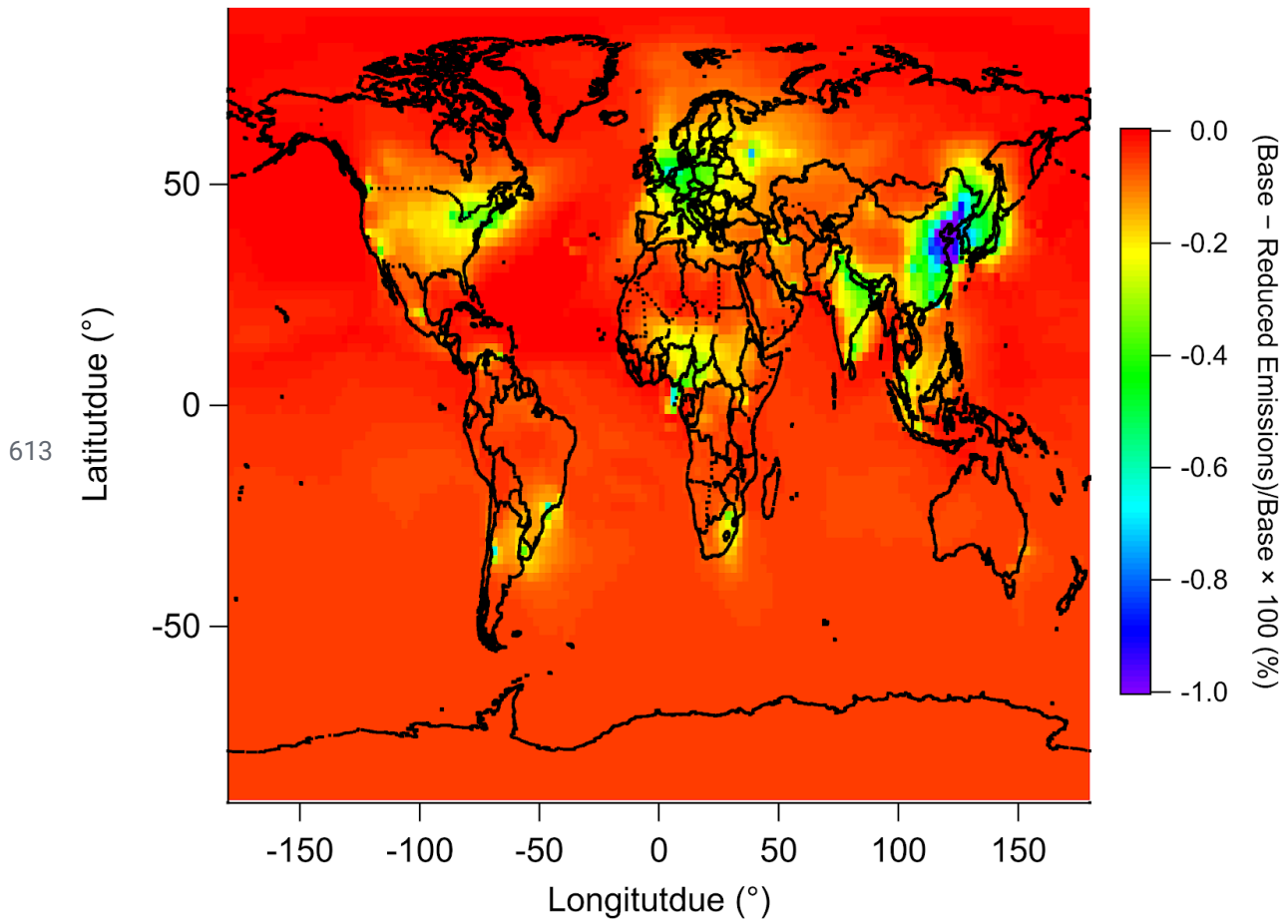
603 **Figure S11.** Comparison of satellite retrieved PM_{2.5} (upper left) versus modeled PM_{2.5} (upper
 604 right). (Bottom) Fractional contribution of ASOA to total modeled PM_{2.5}.



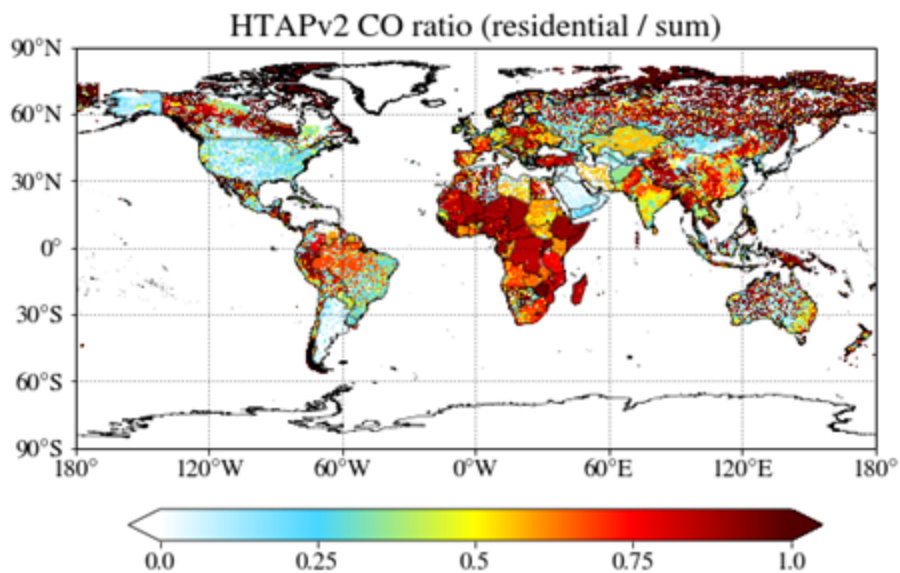
606 **Figure S12.** Same as Fig. S10, but using the GEMM from Burnett et al. (2018). (top). (Left)
 607 Attribution of premature mortality to ASOA per 10×10 km² area (people yr⁻¹) and (Right)
 608 fractional attribution of premature mortality to ASOA per 10×10^2 km for one year.



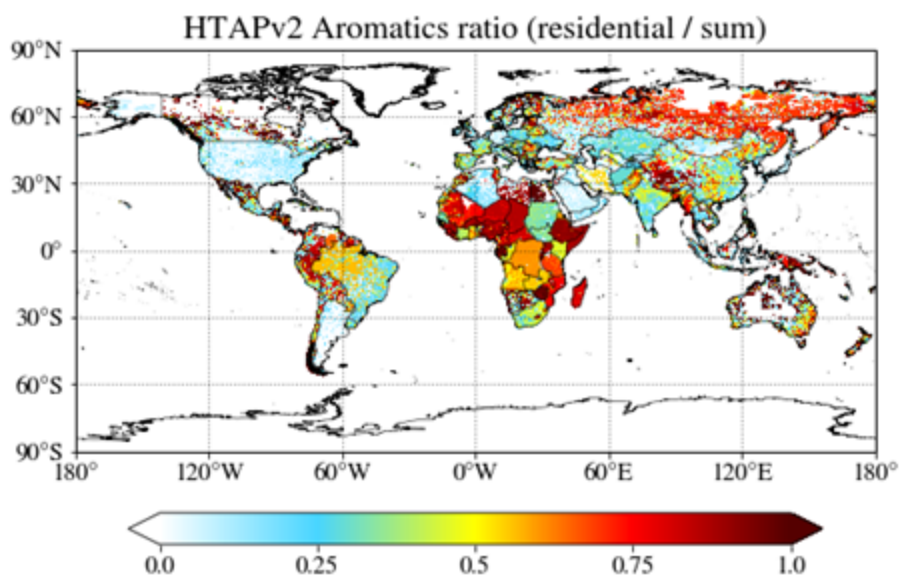
609 **Figure S13.** Same as Fig. S12 but summed up for each country for the (left) attribution of
 610 premature mortality to ASOA (people yr⁻¹) and (right) the fractional attribution of premature
 611 mortality to ASOA for one year.
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614 **Figure S14.** Comparison for surface level ozone upon reducing SOA precursors by 20%.



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616 **Figure S15.** (top) Fractional contribution of CO emissions from residential sources to total
 617 emission sources from HTaP. (bottom) Fractional contribution of BTEX emissions from
 618 residential sources to total emission sources from HTAP. Residential sources include small-scale
 619 combustion, such as heating and cooking, which may include solid-fuel emissions.

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