

# Evolution of Secondary Organic Aerosol (SOA) from Mexico City

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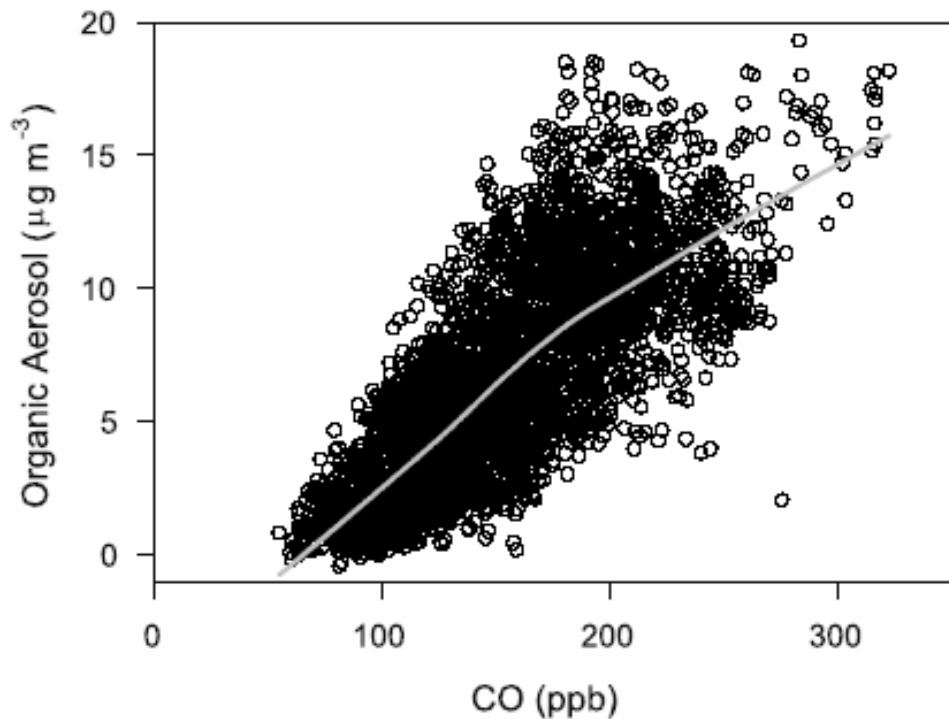
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# AMS Organic Matter



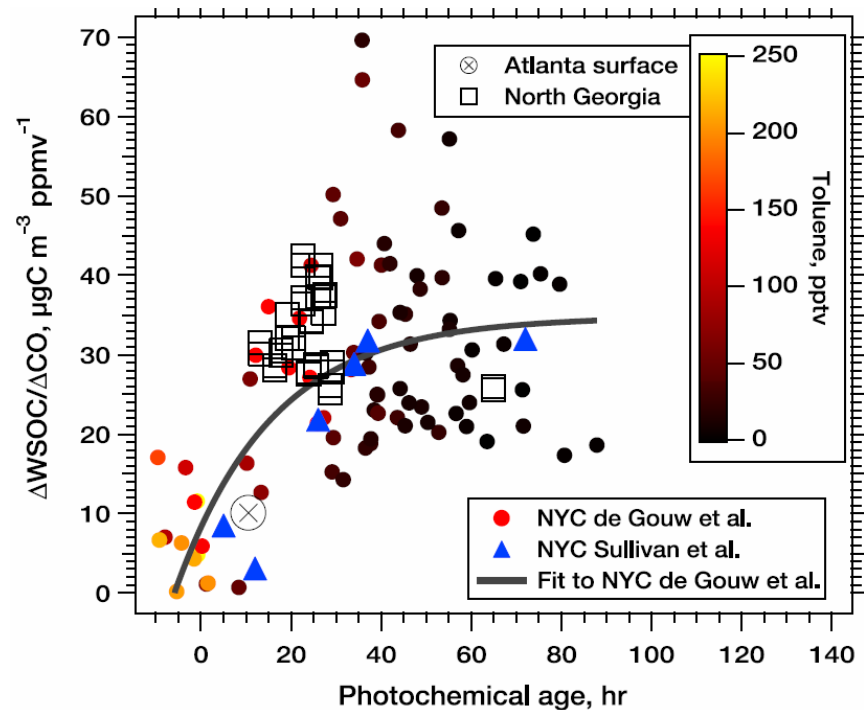
~60-70  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  / ppm **OM/CO**

New England

DoE G-1 NEAQS 2002

*Kleinman et al, 2007*

# PILS WSOC



~35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  / ppm **OC/CO**

Atlanta and New York

NOAA P3 ITCT 2K4 (2004)

*Weber et al, 2007; deGouw et al, 2005*

**OM/OC ~ 1.6 – 2.2**

# Pico Tres Padres



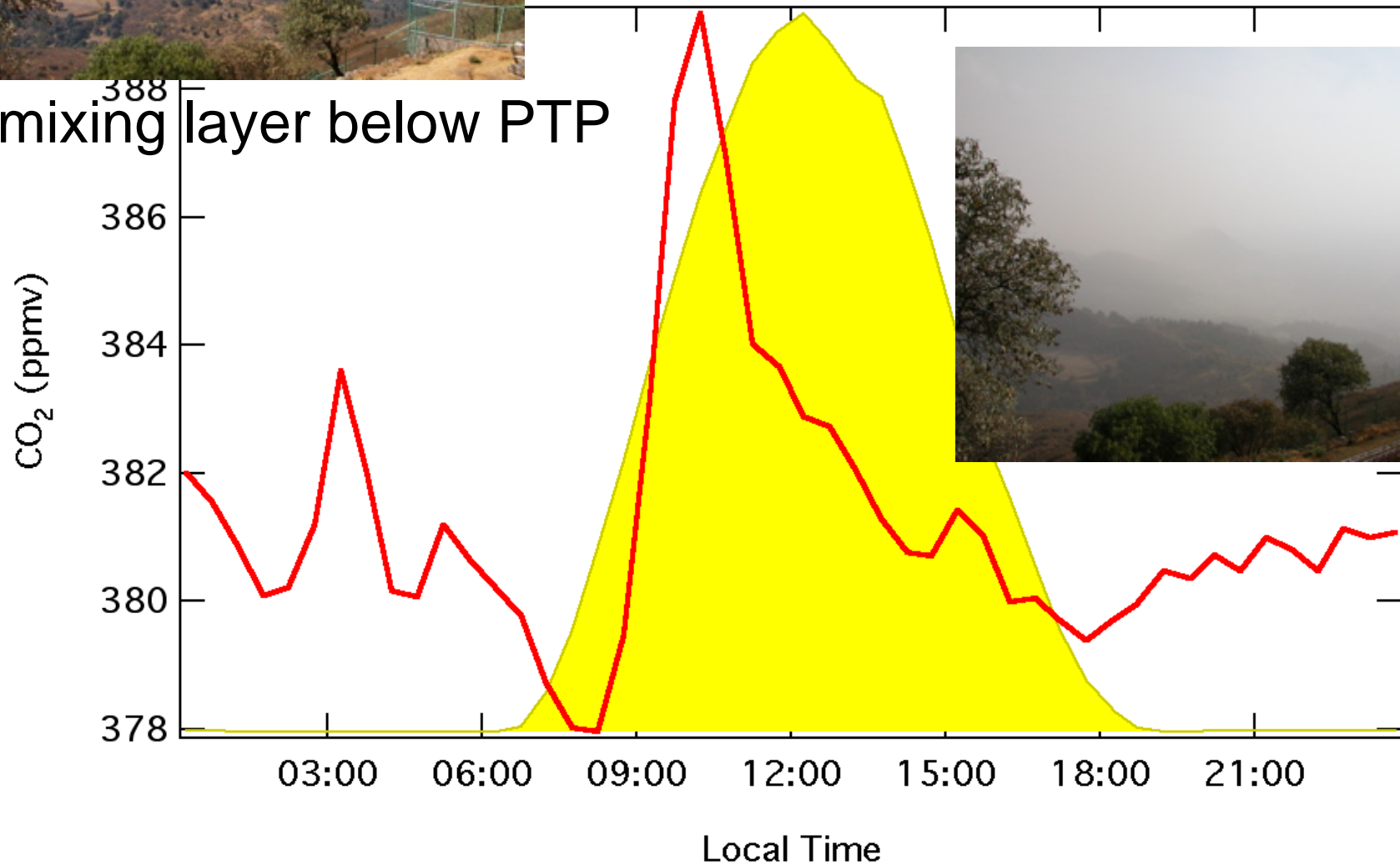
- Photochemical processing of city emissions and secondary aerosol generation
- Source-specific wind-advected plumes and particle nucleation and growth

# Emissions and Boundary Layer Height: Influence on Mixing Ratios

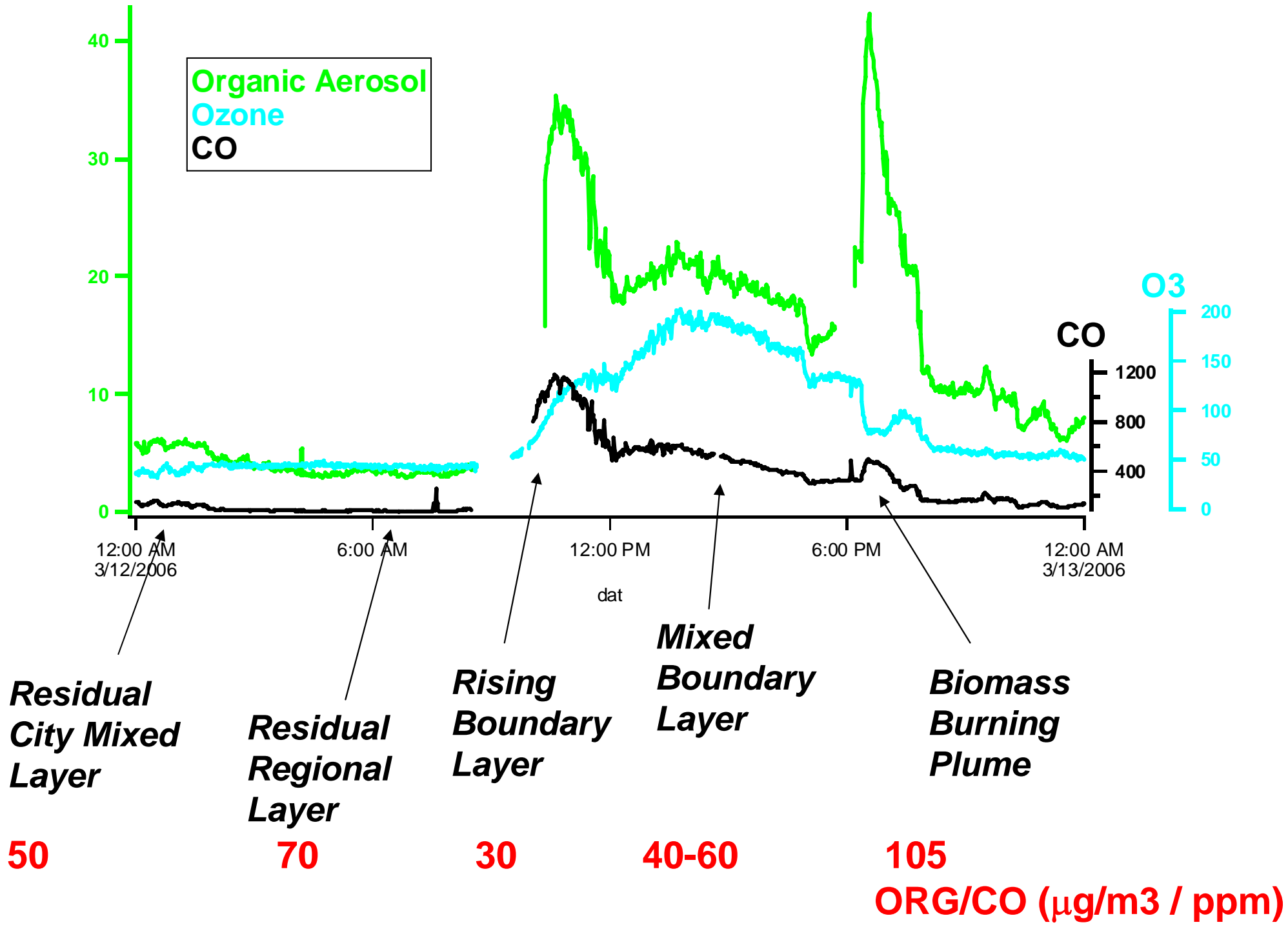
- mixing layer above PTP



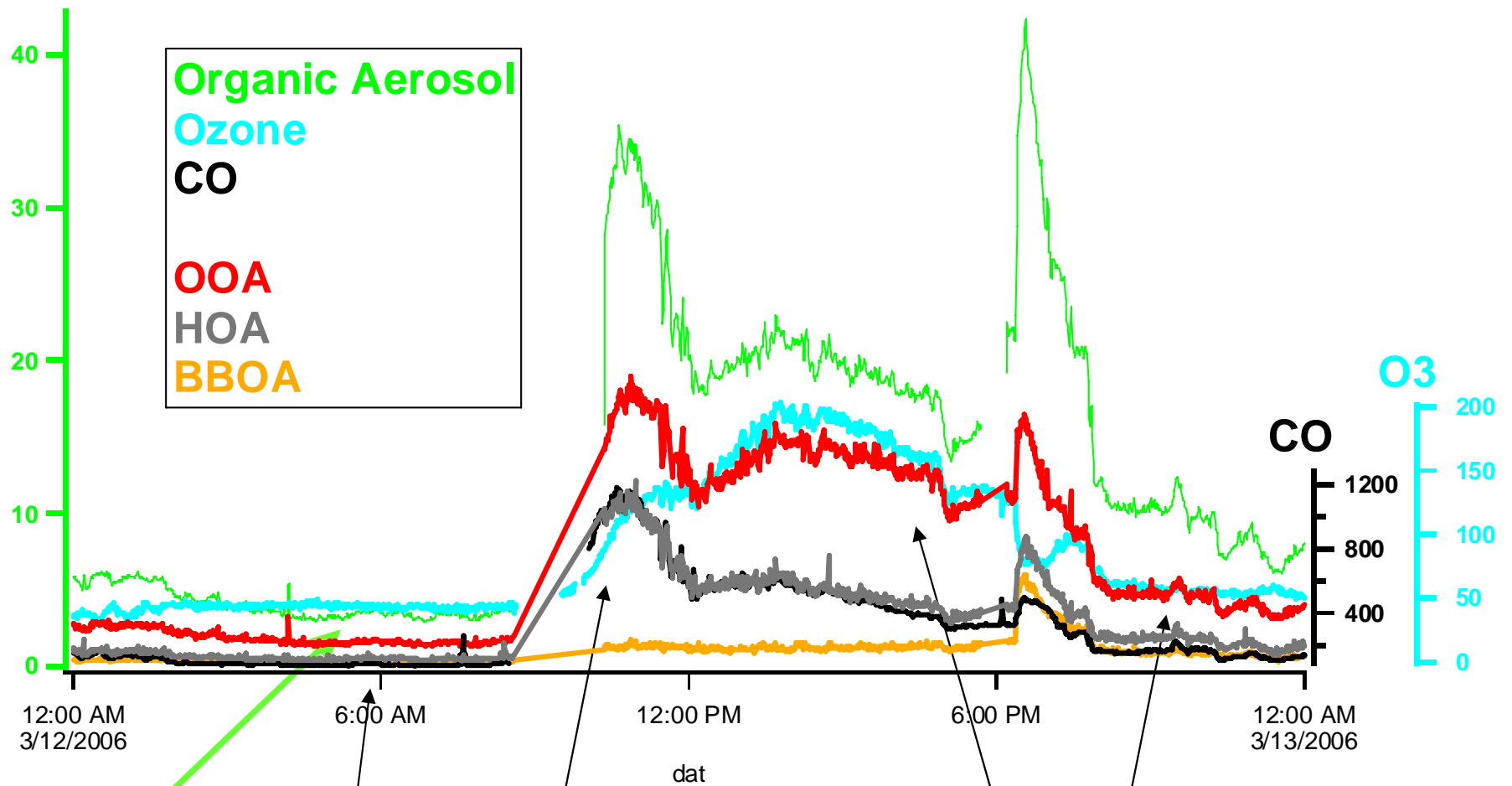
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# PTP March 12 *Herndon, Onasch et al*



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***HOA High  
In Urban Plume***

***OOA Fraction  
Increases with  
mixing and  
photochemistry***

***OOA  
Dominates  
regional air***

***3-4 μg/m³ OOA  
Regional  
Background ?***

# AMS (PMF) Factors

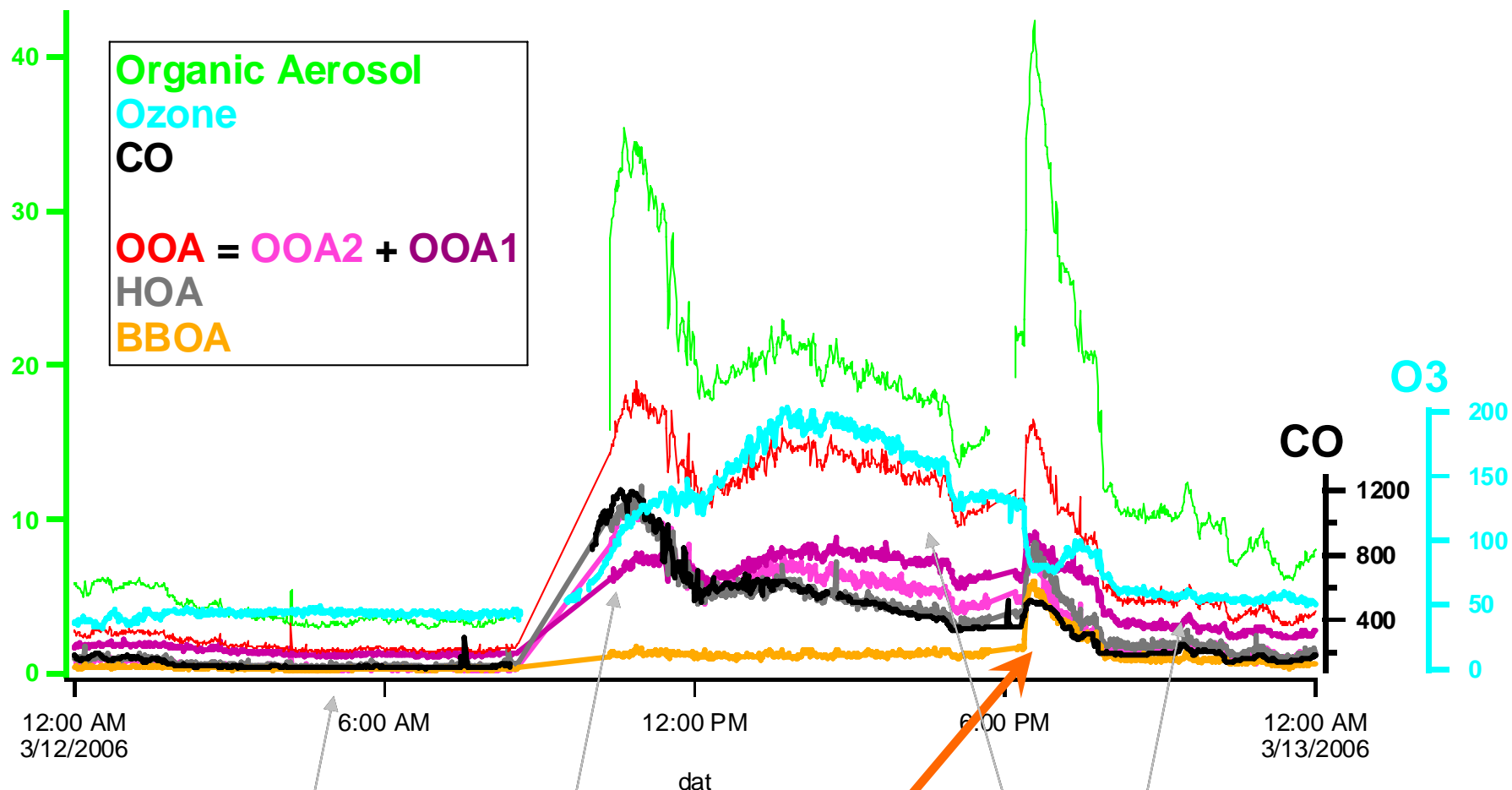
	$600C, e^-$	$m/z$
HOA:	$C_nH_m \rightarrow C_{n-x}H_{m-y}^+$	27,29,41,43,55,57,69,71,...
OOA2	$C_nH_mO \rightarrow C_2H_3O^+, C_3H_3O^+, R'^+$	43,55, ...
OOA1	$C_nH_mO_2 \rightarrow CO_2^+, HCO_2^+, R'^+$	44,45, ...
BBOA	$R \rightarrow R'^+, C_2H_4O_2^+, C_3H_3O_2^+$	60,73, .... <i>levoglucosan</i>

**O:C ratio:** HOA  $\ll$  OOA2  $\sim$  BBOA  $<$  OOA1

*Factors are not unique or identical among campaigns, platforms*

**CONSISTENT TRENDS**

# O:C ratio increases with processing (*and dilution*)



OOA1 >> OOA2

OOA2 > OOA1

OOA1 > OOA2

*In this case,*

**Biomass Burning Plume ~ BBOA + HOA + OOA**

# G-1 Flights *Jayne et al.*

**The G1 sampled  
the urban plume...**



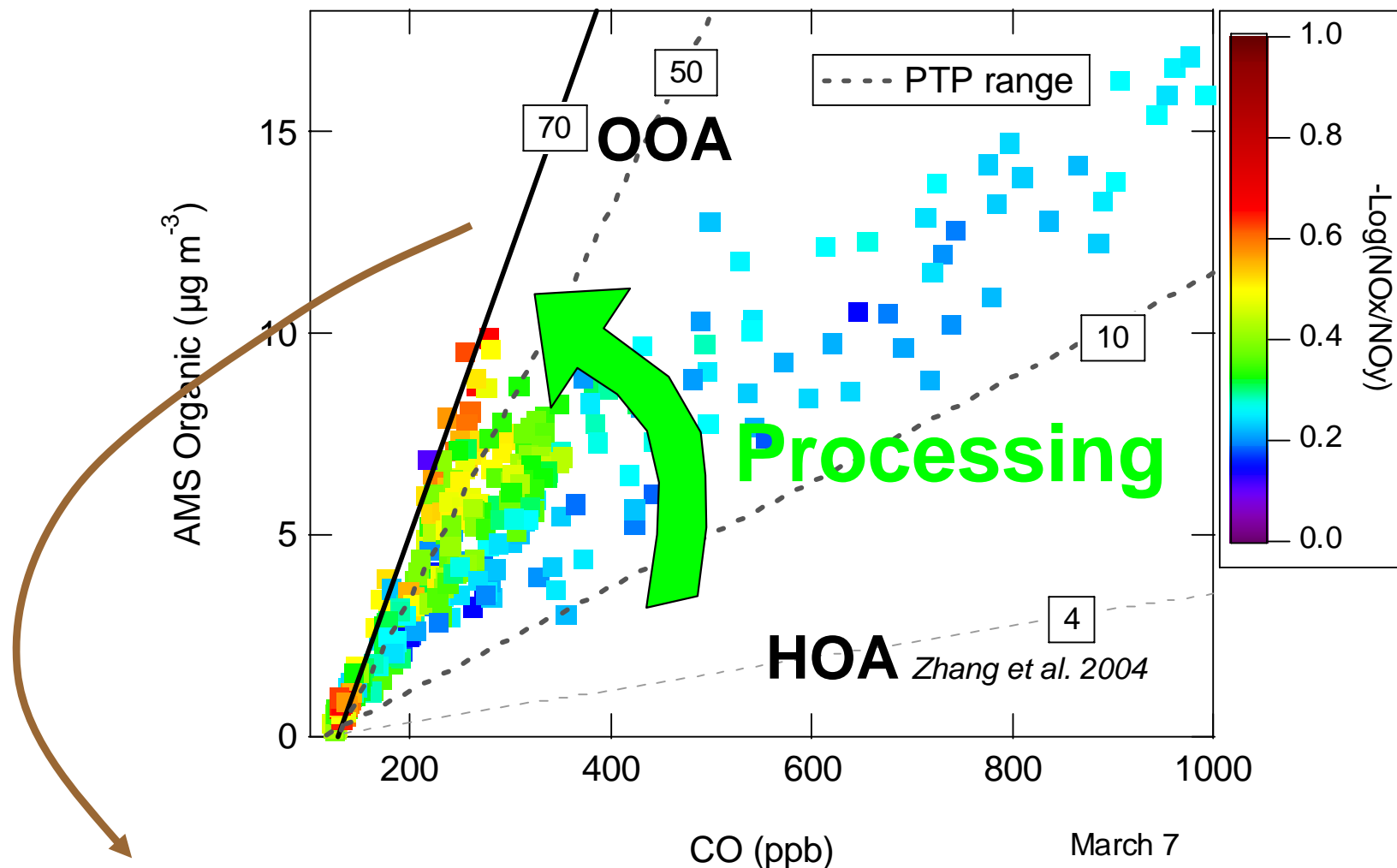
*Photo from [www.asp.bnl.gov/MAXMex](http://www.asp.bnl.gov/MAXMex) - SRS*

***the regional air...***

***and fire  
plumes***



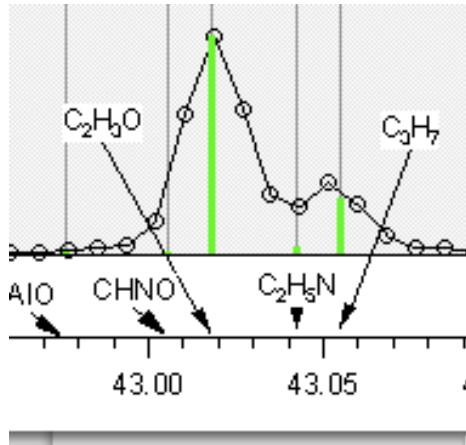
# AMS Organic - CO “Emission Ratio”



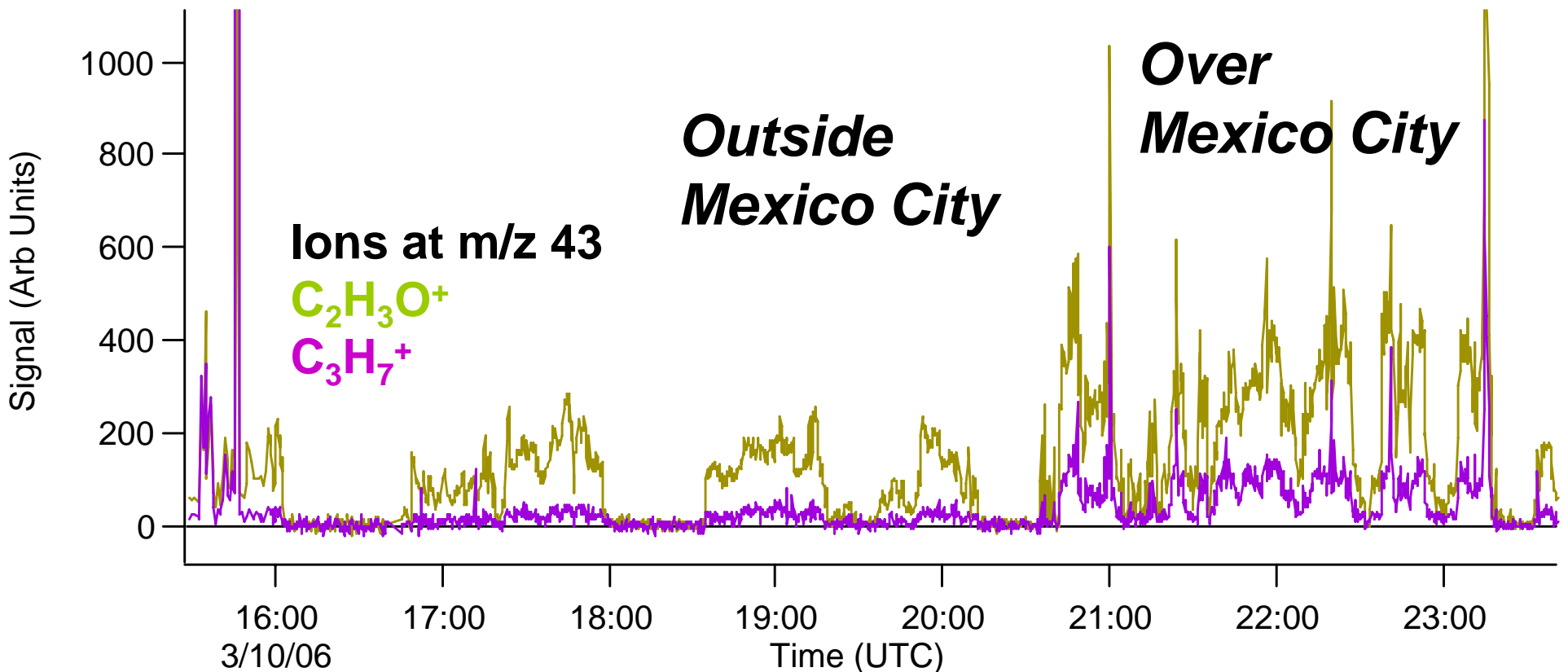
- BBOA Org-CO Ratio is highly variable. Fuel type, fire type (flaming, smoldering..), age.
- Fresh biomass emissions have a larger slope.
- All ERs tend toward OOA line with processing

# High Mass Resolution AMS Data C-130

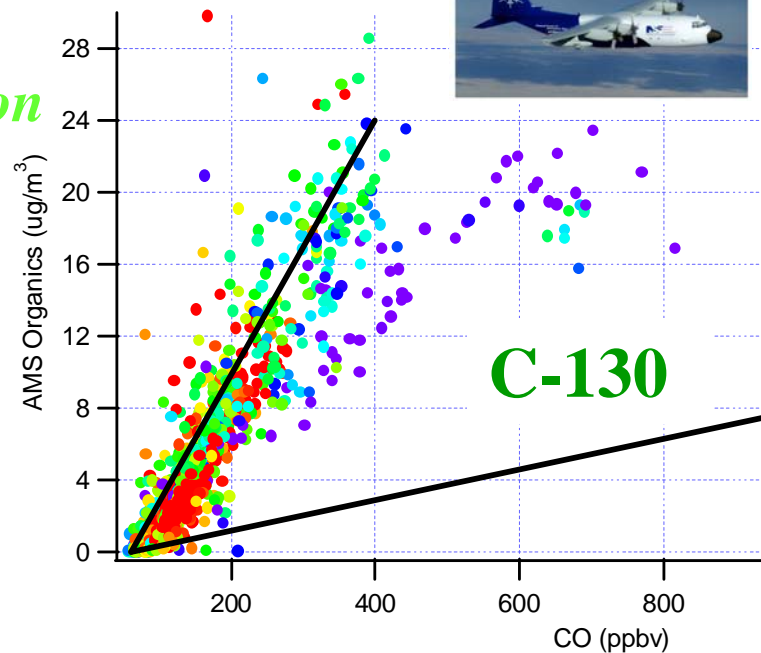
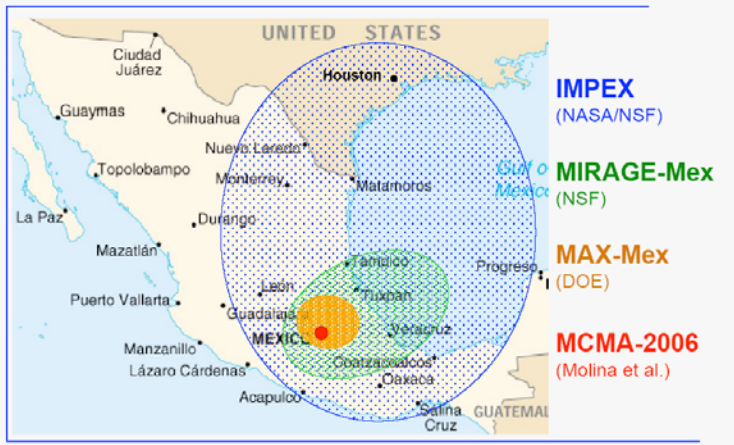
*Decarlo et al, U Colorado*



- V-Mode of AMS provides
  - Ability to separate major ions at same nominal m/z
  - More chemical resolution
  - Calculation of elemental ratios (O:C)



# Organic to CO Ratios



**OM /CO: HIGH**  $\sim 60 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}/\text{ppm}$   
**LOW**  $\sim 5-8$   
*(ca. Pittsburgh, Zhang et al, 2005)*

