



# **Modeling Oxidation Products and Aerosol Formation from cyclic Volatile Methyl Siloxanes (cVMS) Using the MUSICA Framework**

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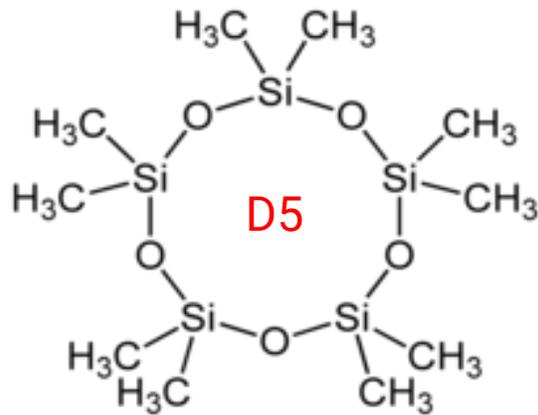
# VMS are widely used human-made VCP



Cyclopentasiloxane



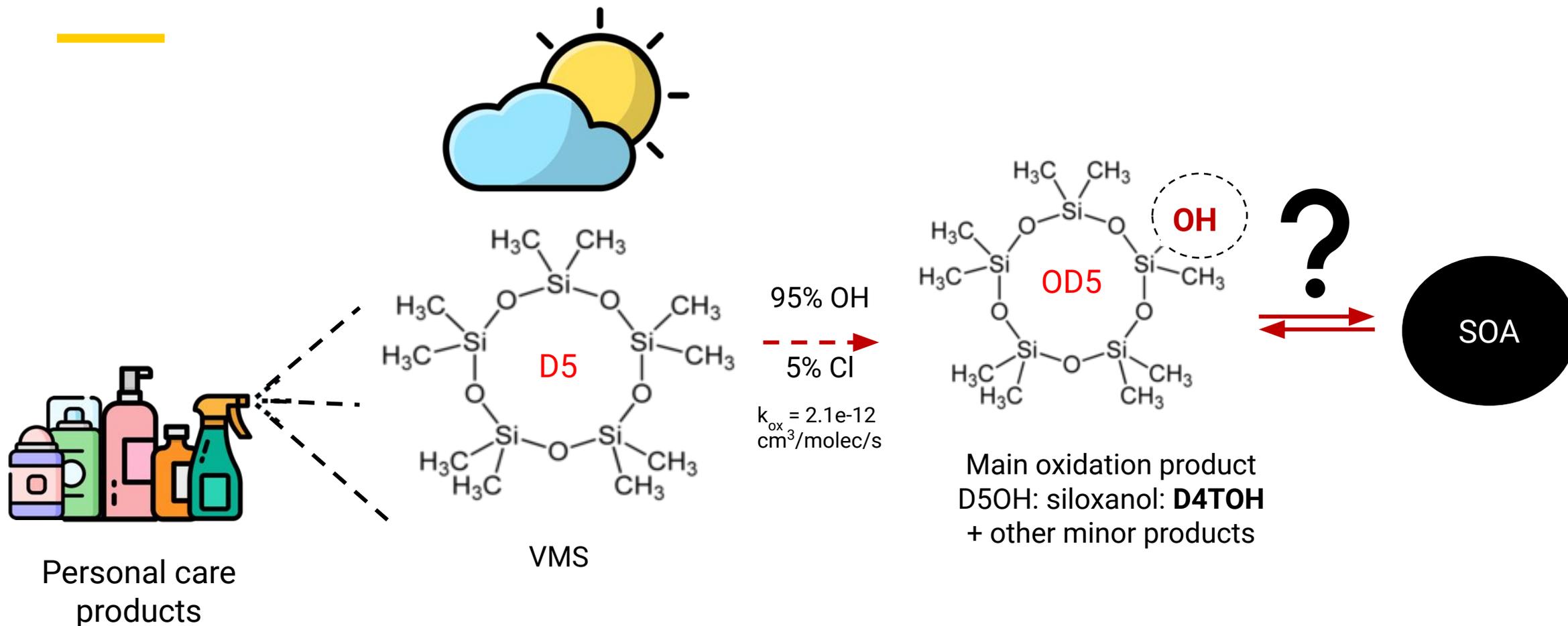
Personal care products



VMS

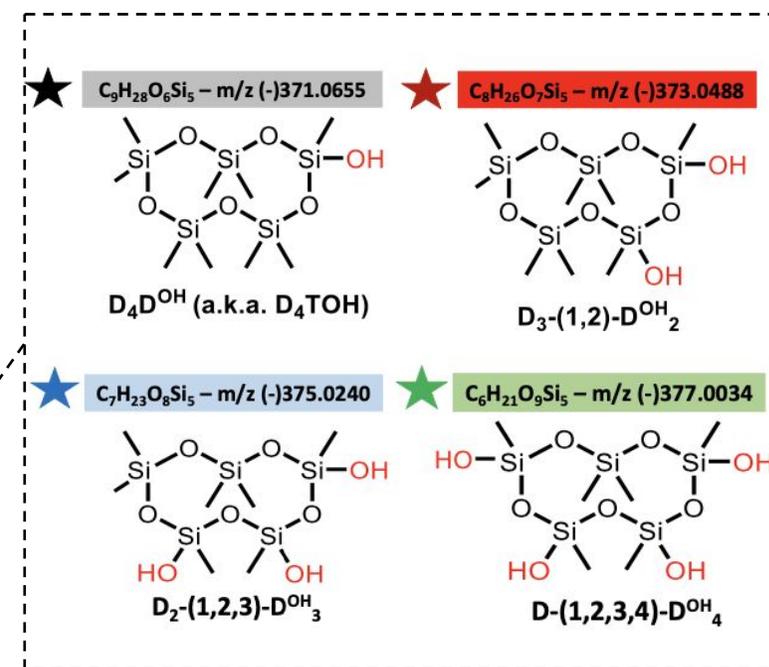
- Additive in personal care product
- Volatile (>90% in atmosphere)
- React with OH and Cl for a 4 to 10 days lifetime
- A global D5 ~ 0.153 Tg per year, distributed over major urban centers.
- Global anthropogenic Benzene ~ 5.6 Tg per year

# There are uncertainties on the role of personal care products in SOA concentration



# Aerosol Formation Evidence of VMS

Studies	Year	Experimental Condition
Latimar et al.,	1998	Chamber
Chandramouli and Kamens,	2001	Chamber
Bzdek et al.,	2014	Field
Wu and Johnston,	2016, 2017	Chamber
Janecek et al.,	2019	OFR
Milani et al.,	2021	Field
Han et al., Charan et al.,	2022	OFR Flow tube-Chamber
Avery et al., Kang et al.,	2023	OFR OFR
Meepage et al.,	2024	OFR - Field



# Research Goals:

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## 1. SOA characterization:

Establishing yields and chemical composition of VMS derived aerosol in OFR experiments and comparison to real ambient aerosols.

## 2. Atmospheric Modeling:

Estimating the fate of cVMS from PCPs upon oxidation over the US and rest of the world.

# Team Science Work

## SOA characterization



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# Team Science Work VMS gas/aerosol analysis



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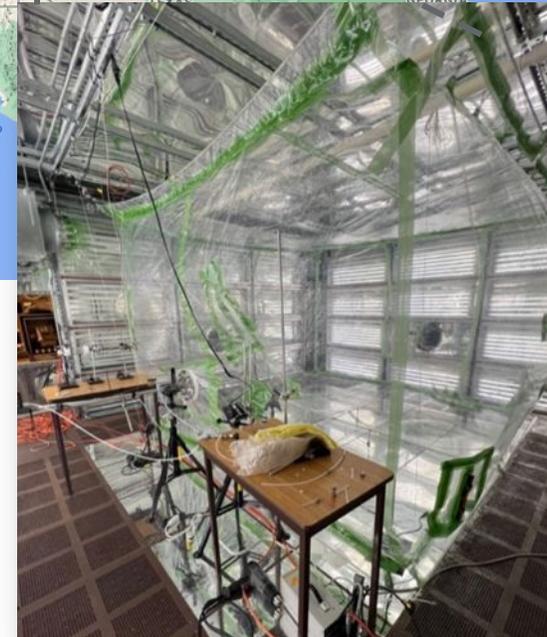
## SOA characterization



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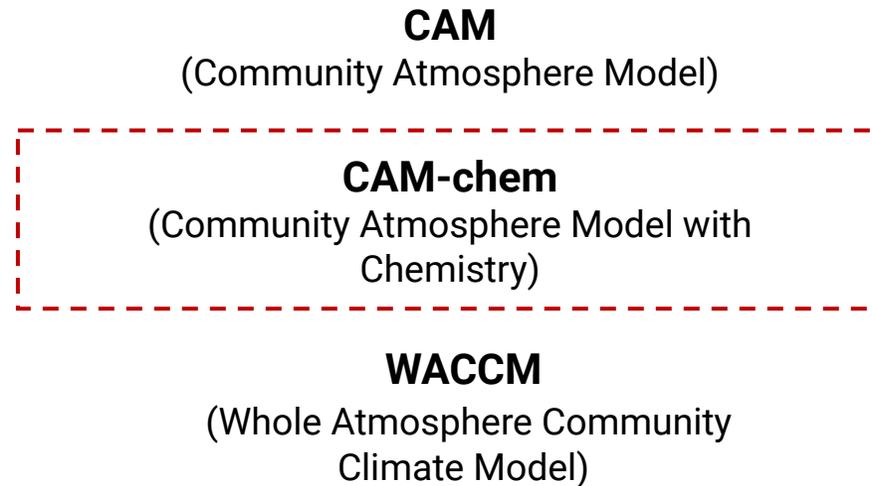
# Modeling cVMS and its SOA in MUSICA makes sense

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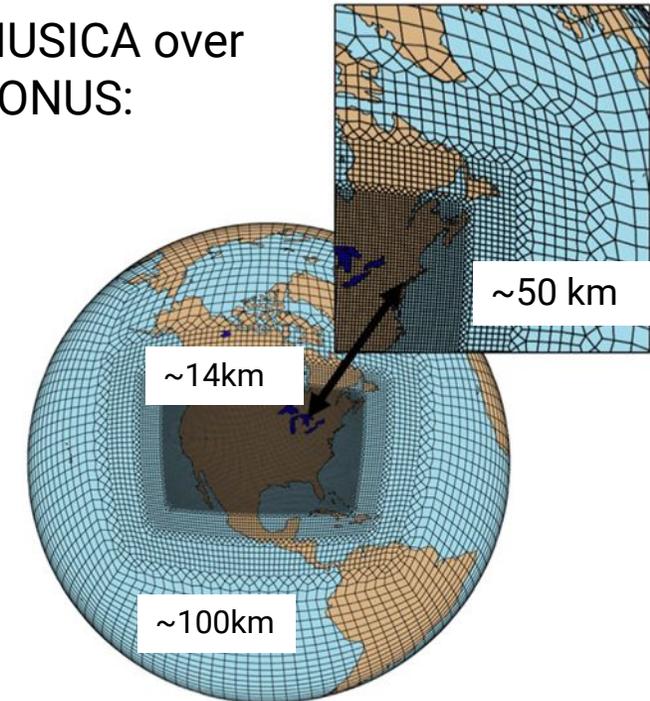
- Continued interest in global distribution of parent and oxidation products due to **PBT** status.
- **Available gas and particle concentrations** to compare against in **NYC 2022**.
- Proposed as **tracer of PCP**; we need to know fate and distribution.

# The Multi-Scale Infrastructure for Chemistry and Aerosols (MUSICA) V0 is a configuration of the Community Earth System Model (CESM)

- CESM components:

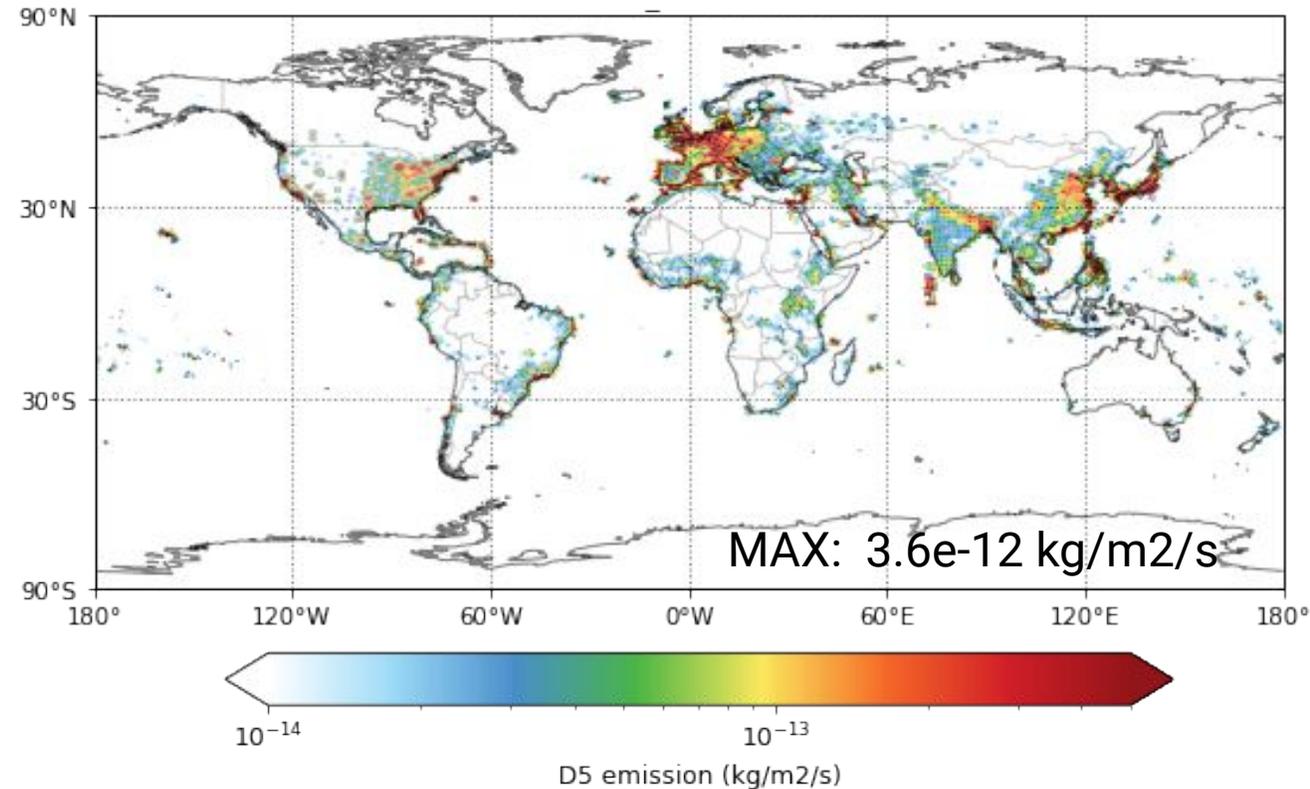
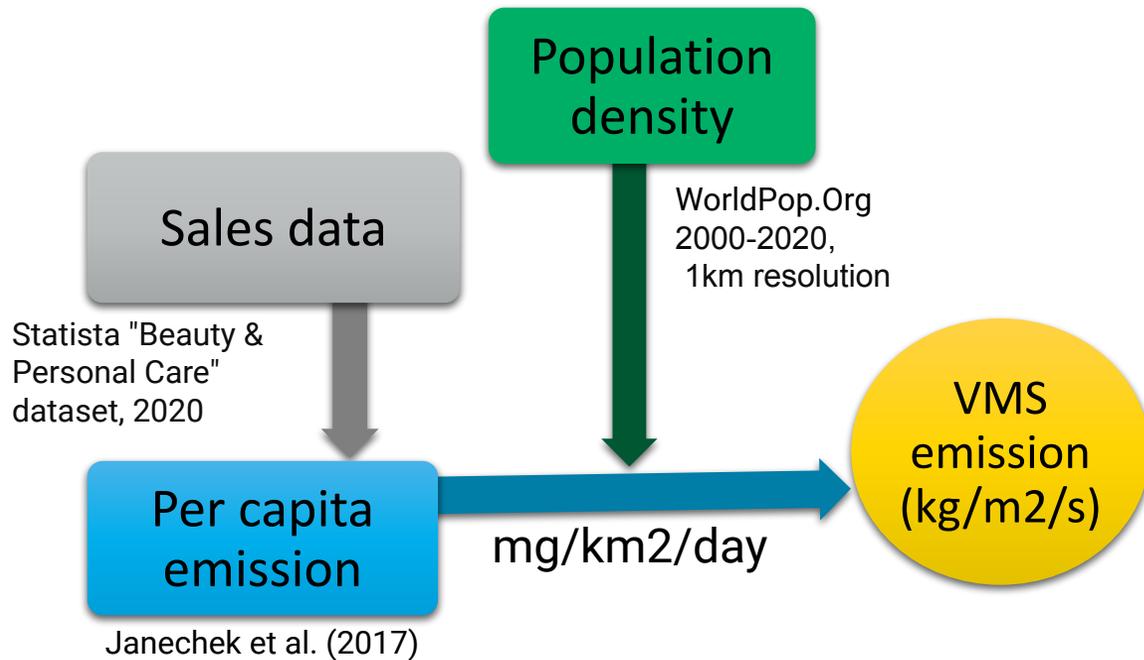


MUSICA over CONUS:

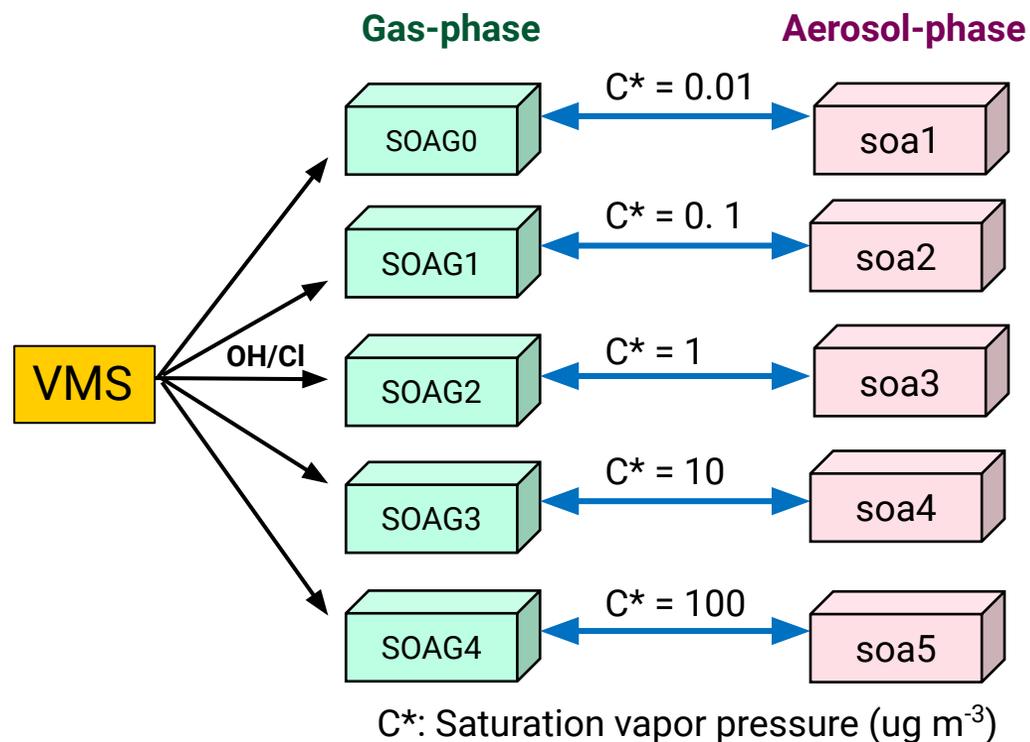


Spectral Element  
(SE - cubed sphere)  
dynamical core

# Using VMS emission from Brunet et al. (2024)



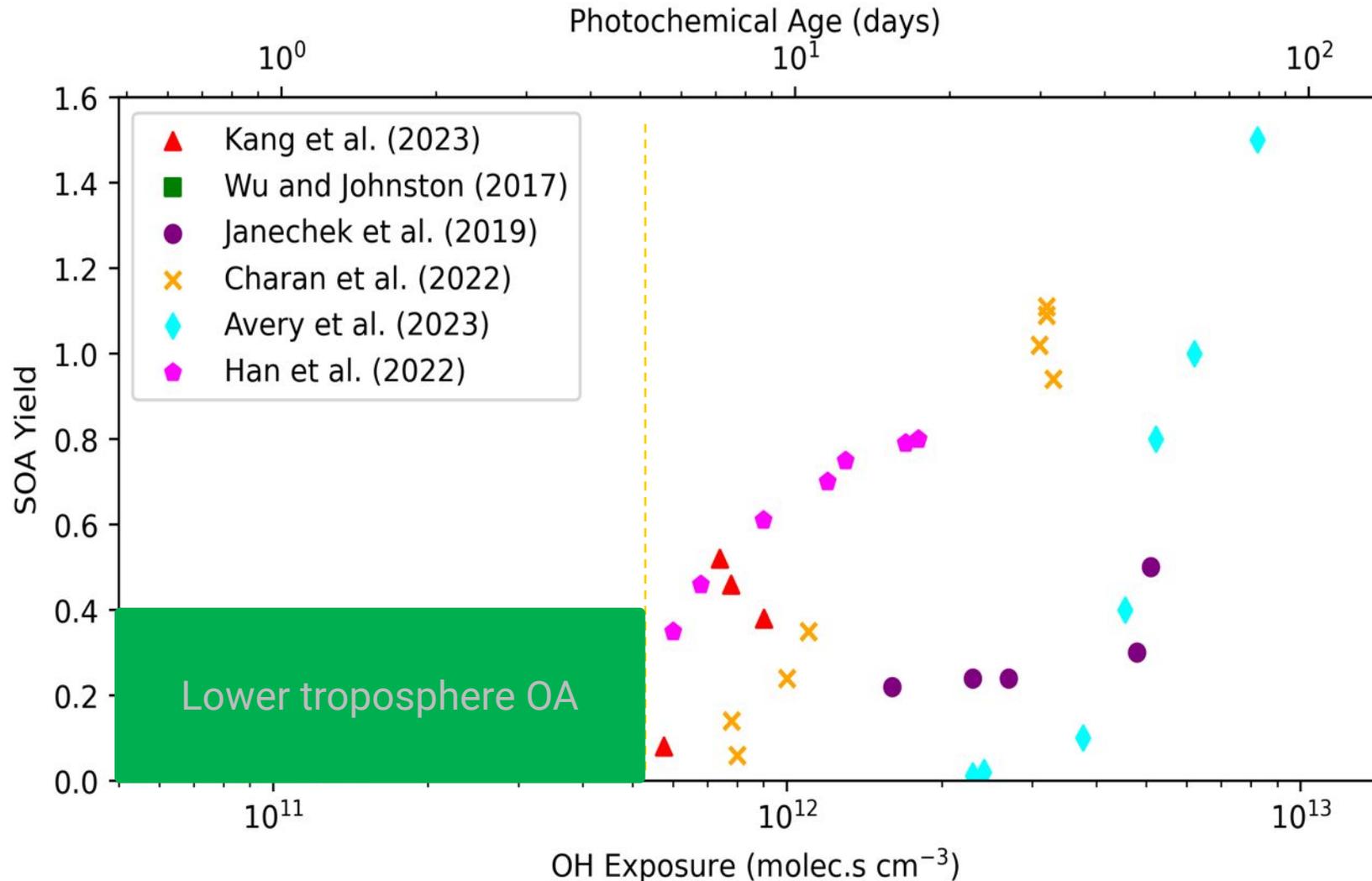
# SOA formation reactions in CAM-chem for different precursors sources is based on volatility basis set (VBS) and molar yields of SOAG formation



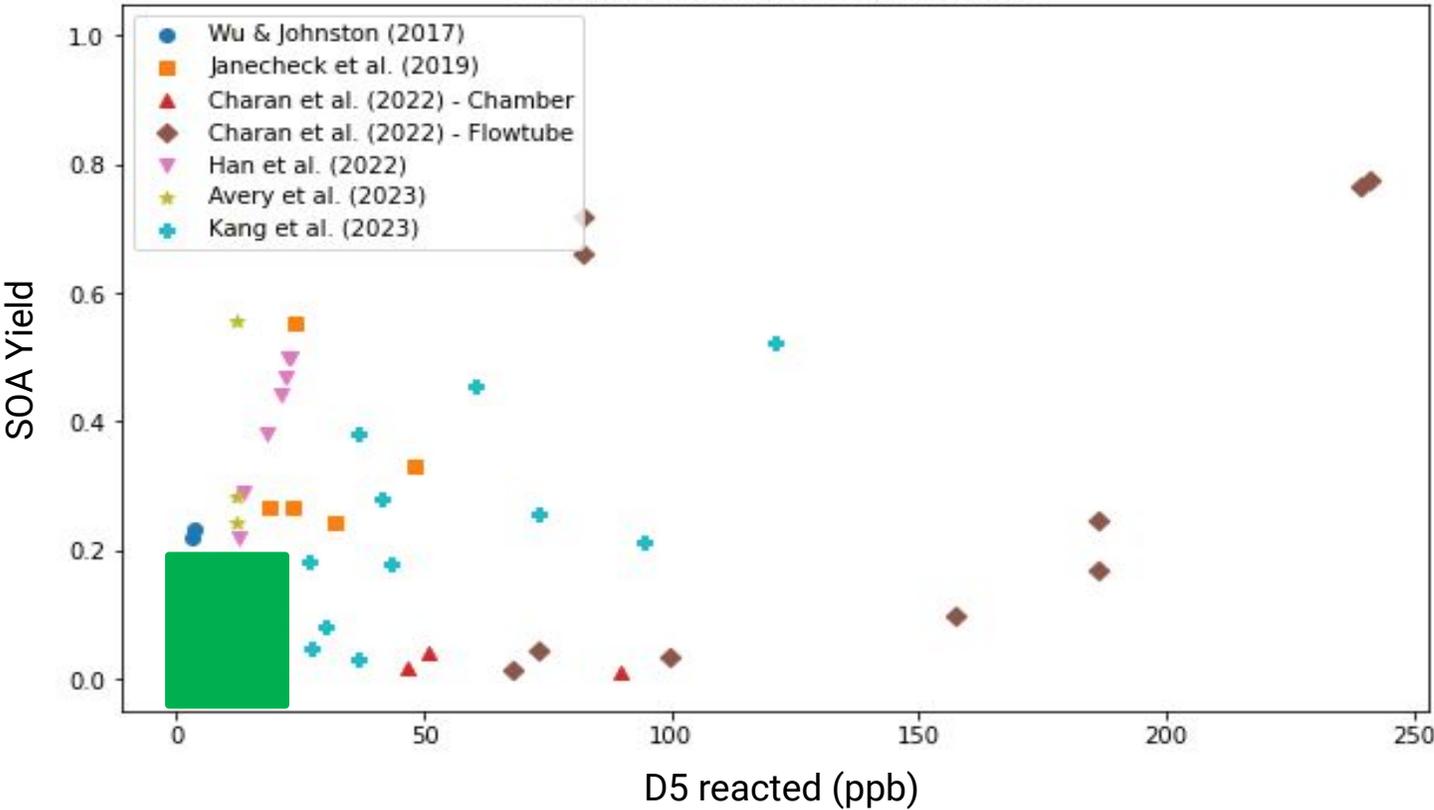
- $T_{\text{ref}} = 300 \text{ k}$
- SOAG molecular weight in CESM = 250 g/mol (based on  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_2$ )

- $\text{D5} + \text{OH} = \text{D5} + \text{OH} + \alpha_0 \text{SOAG0} + \alpha_1 \text{SOAG1} + \alpha_2 \text{SOAG2} + \alpha_3 \text{SOAG3} + \alpha_4 \text{SOAG4} \quad k_{\text{D5+OH}}$
- $\text{D4} + \text{OH} = \text{D4} + \text{OH} + \alpha_0 \text{SOAG0} + \alpha_1 \text{SOAG1} + \alpha_2 \text{SOAG2} + \alpha_3 \text{SOAG3} + \alpha_4 \text{SOAG4} \quad k_{\text{D4+OH}}$
- $\text{D6} + \text{OH} = \text{D4} + \text{OH} + \alpha_0 \text{SOAG0} + \alpha_1 \text{SOAG1} + \alpha_2 \text{SOAG2} + \alpha_3 \text{SOAG3} + \alpha_4 \text{SOAG4} \quad k_{\text{D6+OH}}$

# D5 derived SOA yield vs $\text{OH}_{\text{exp}}$ and equivalent photochemical age in the atmosphere



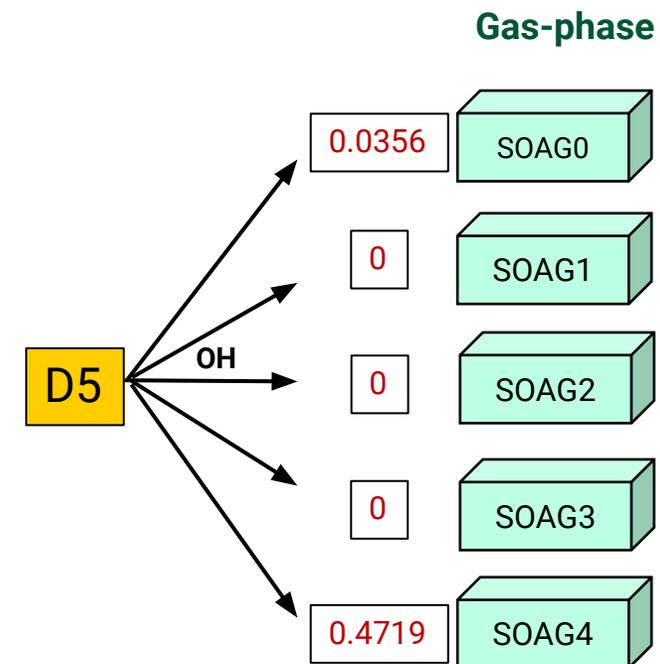
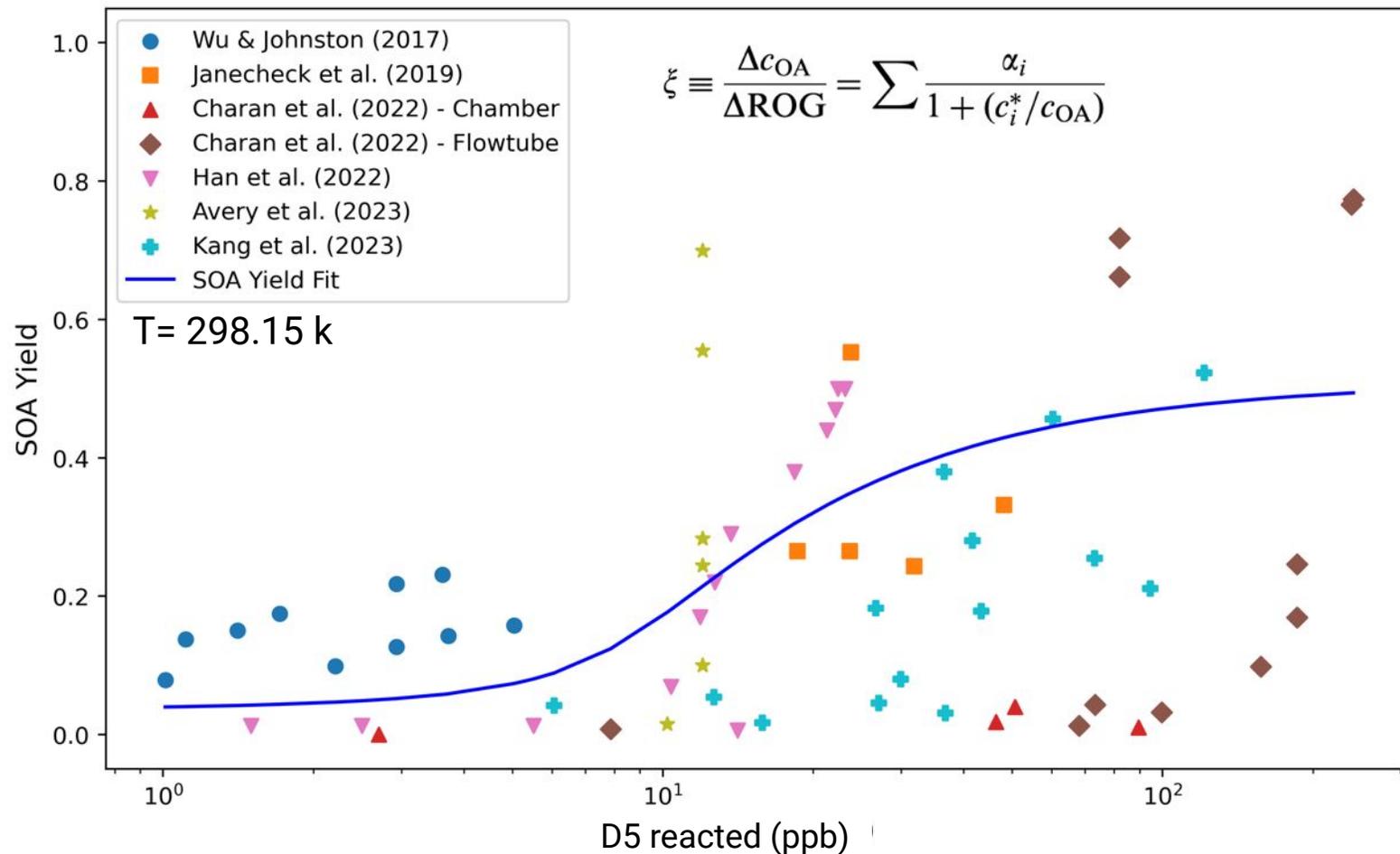
# Fitting VBS molar yield ( $\alpha$ ) from experiments



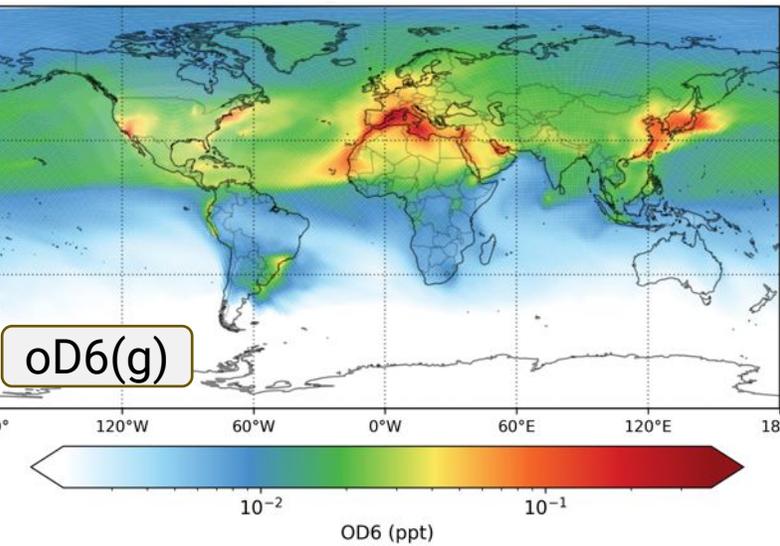
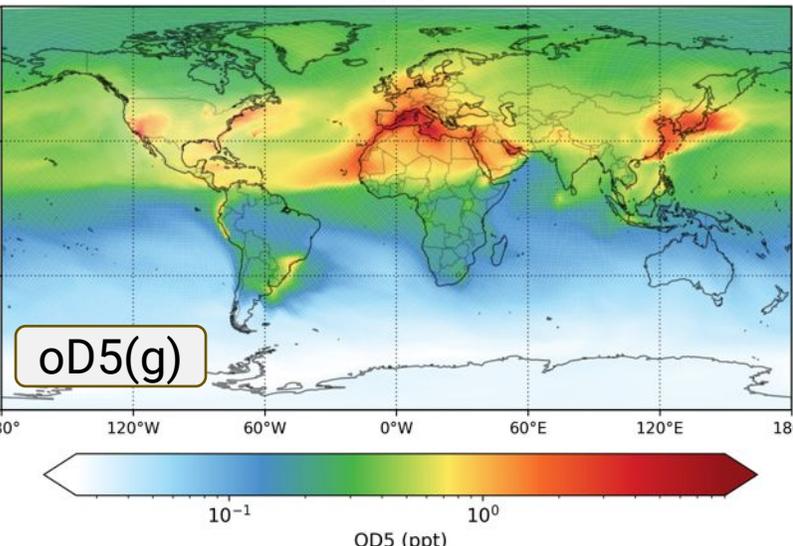
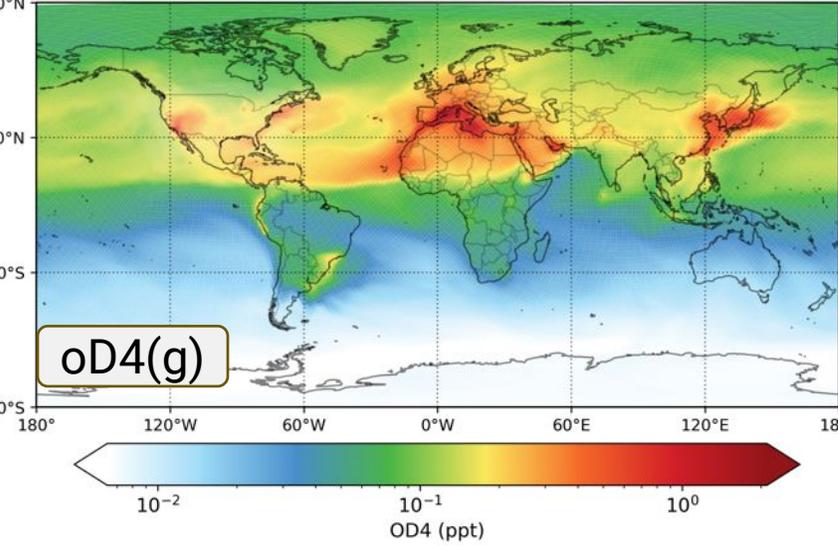
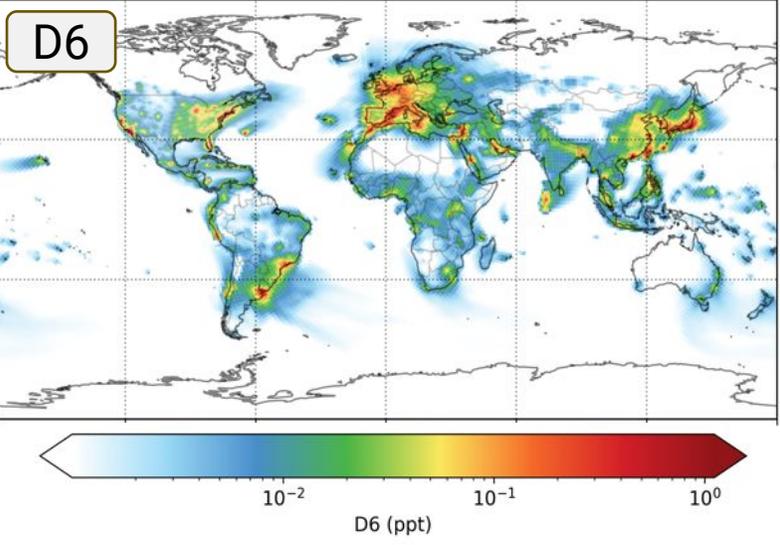
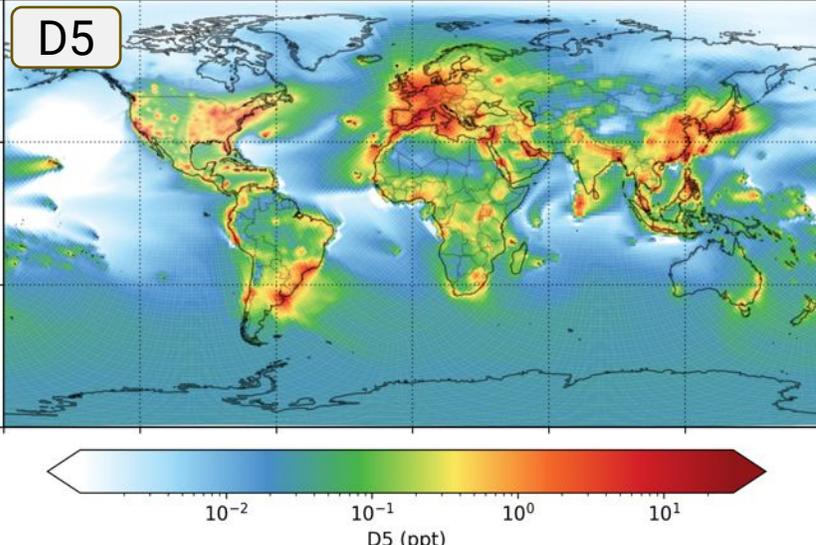
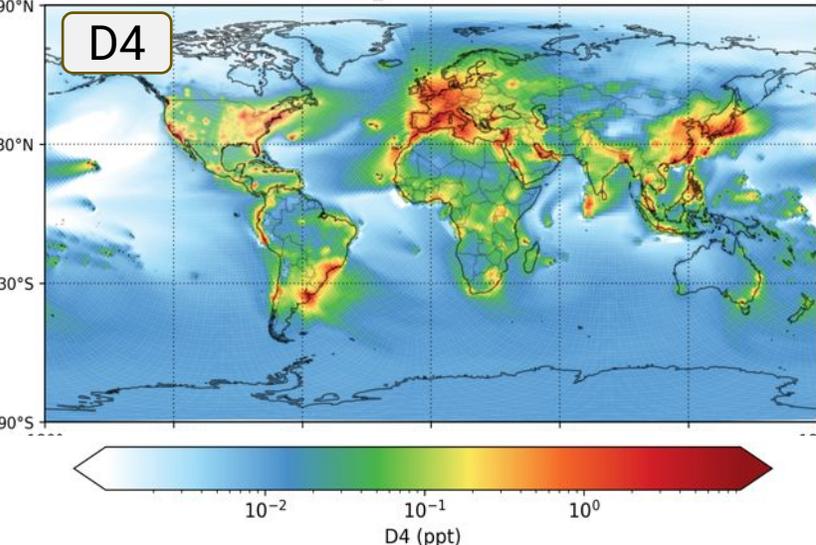
After estimating  $\alpha$ , each of these experiments can be simulated to give aerosol mass concentration ( $C_{OA}$ ) and yield



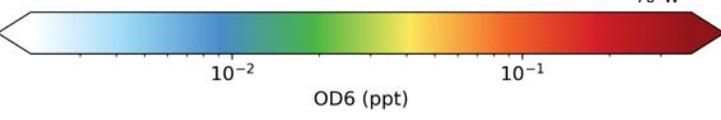
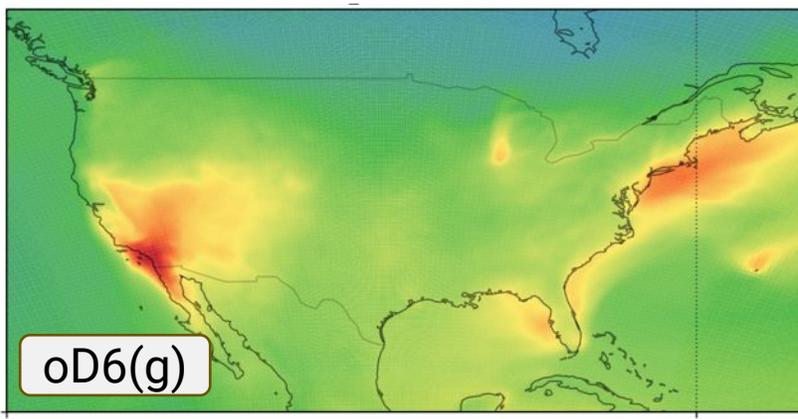
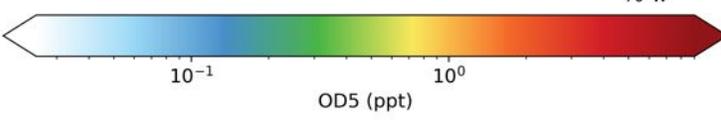
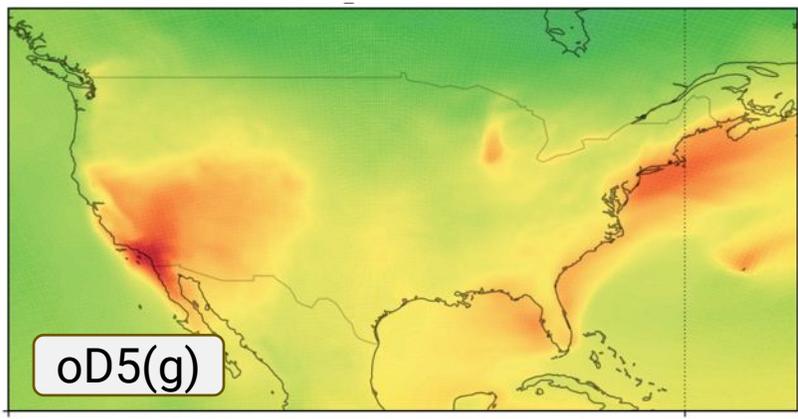
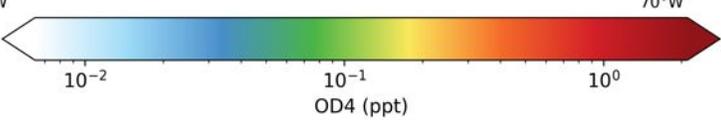
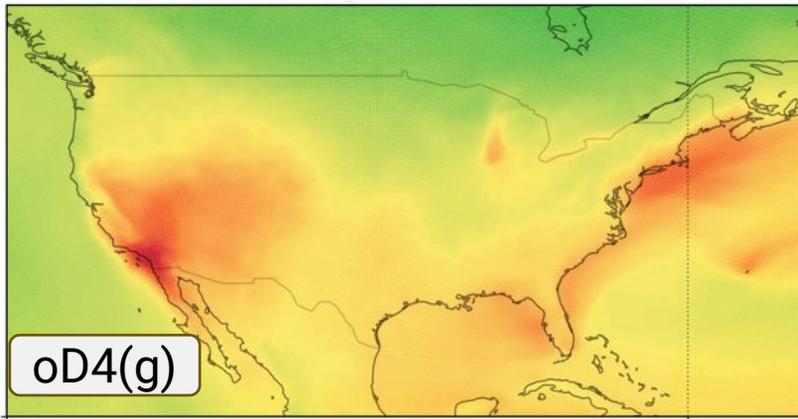
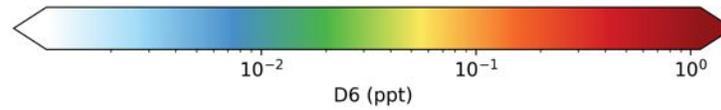
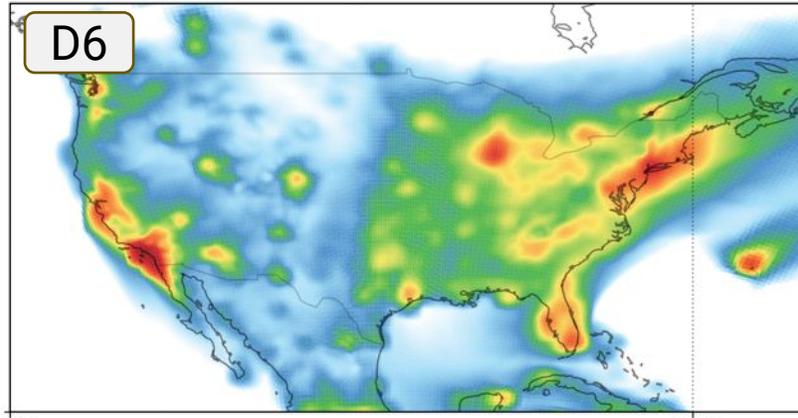
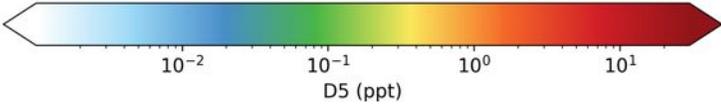
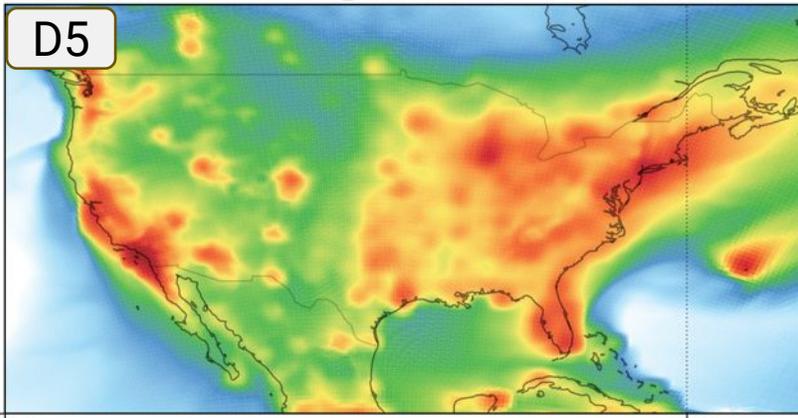
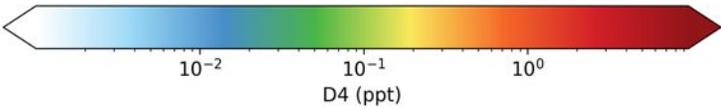
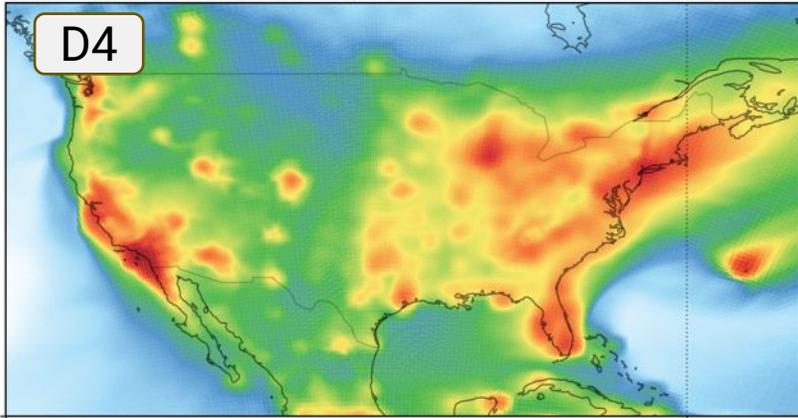
# Best molar yield ( $\alpha$ ) chosen via nonnegative linear least squares



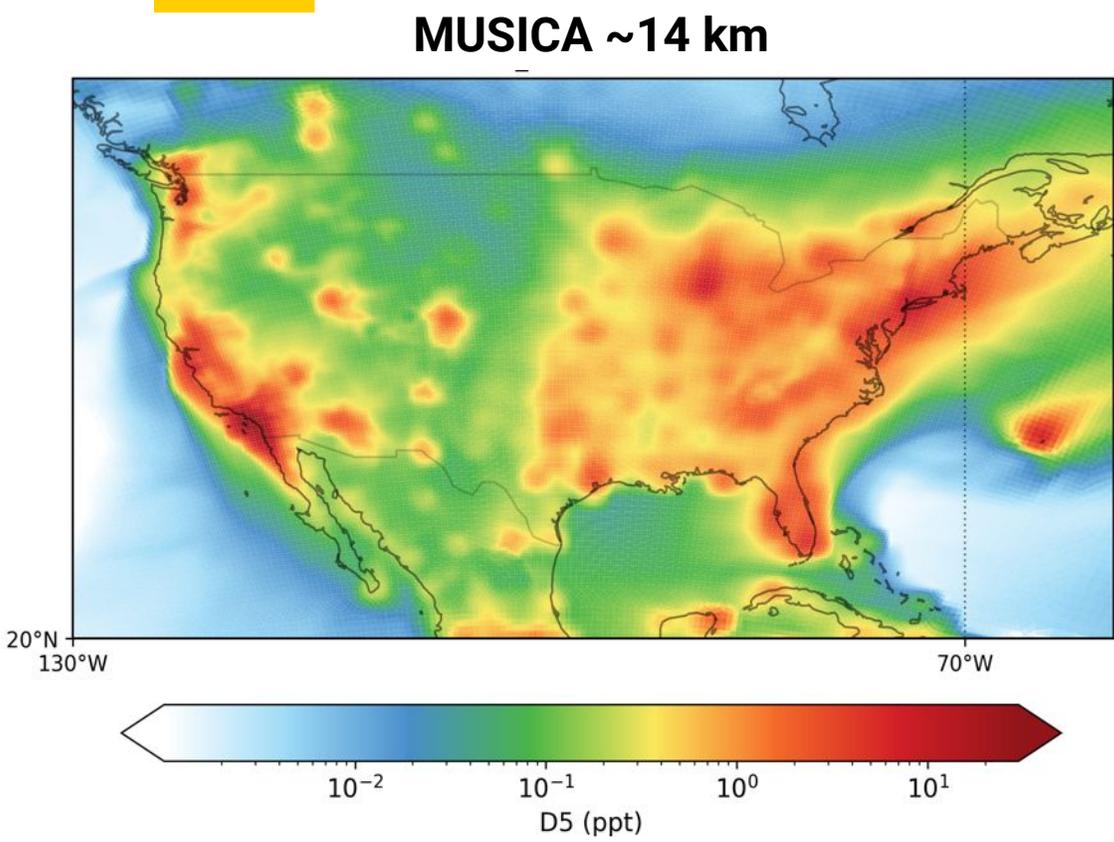
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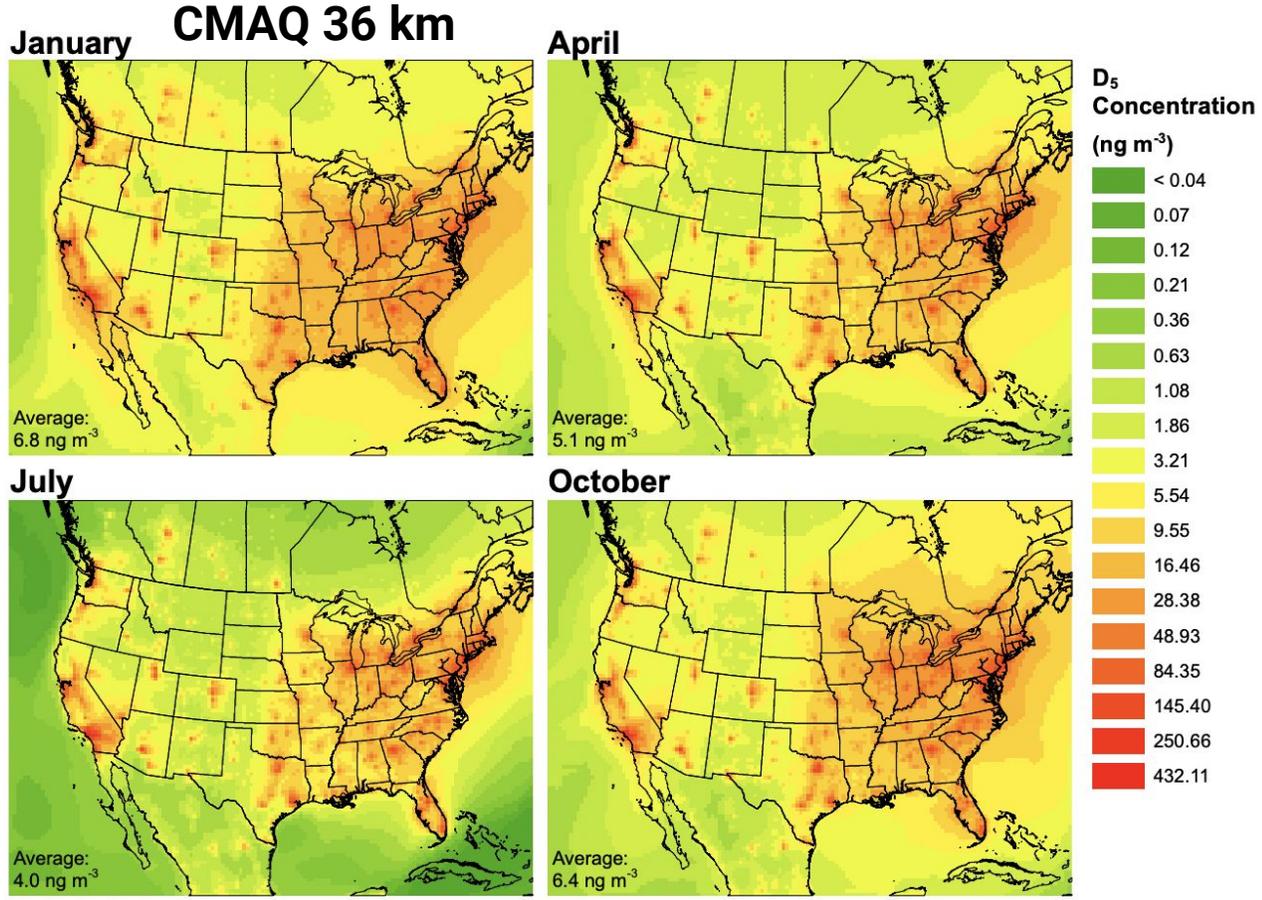
# D4, D5, and D6 and OD4,OD5,OD6 CONUS distribution July 13-Aug 6, 2022 (NYC-METS)



# D5 CONUS distribution July 13-Aug 6, 2022 (NYC-METS) vs previous studies



[D5]<sub>MAX</sub> ~ 450 ng m<sup>-3</sup> in urban areas

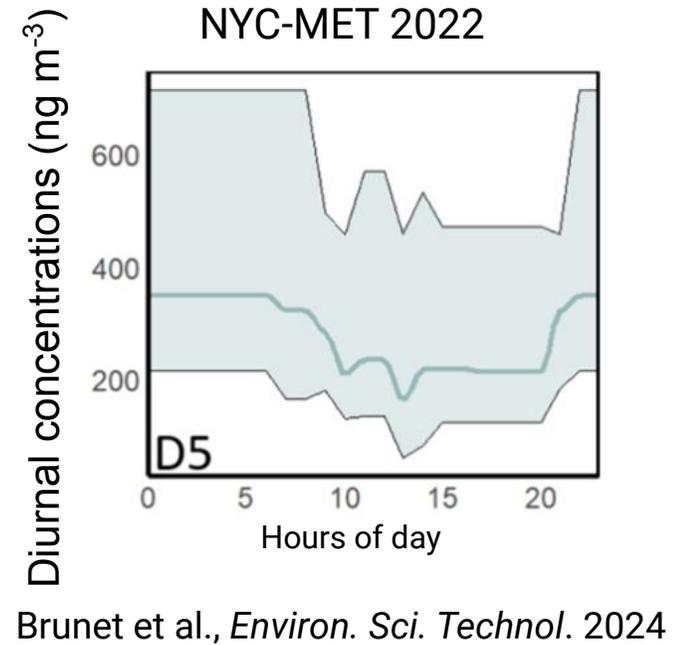
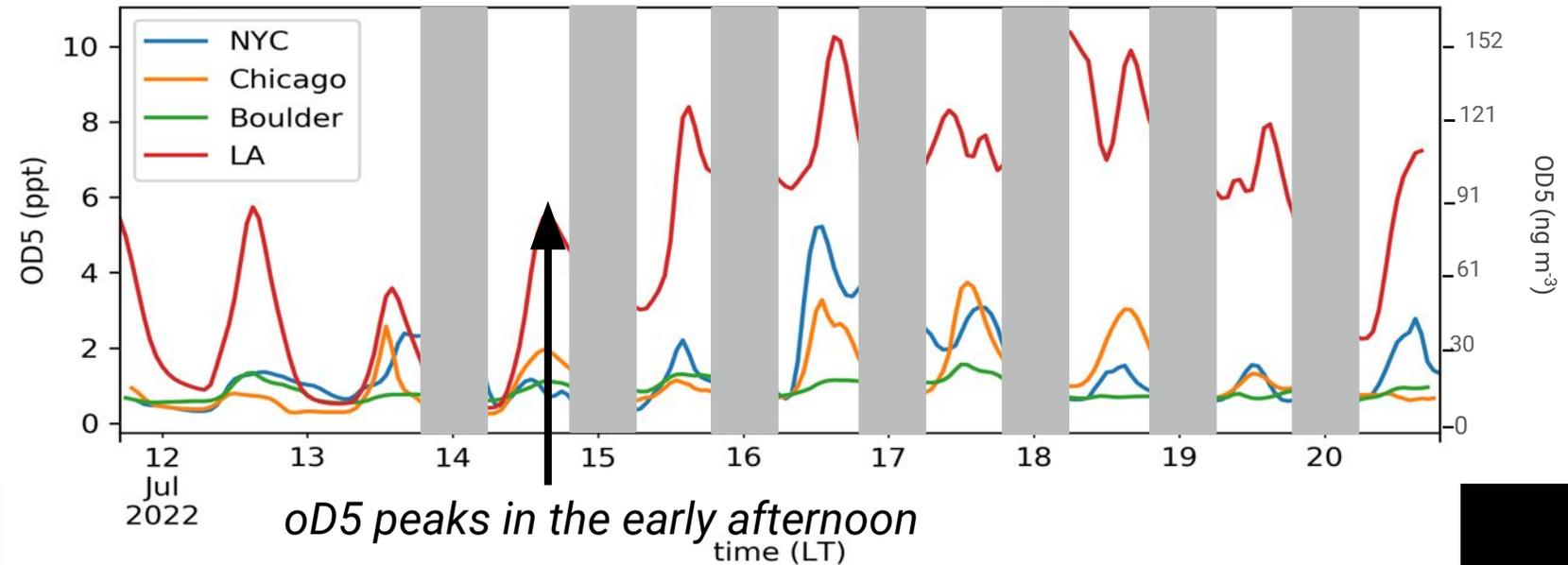
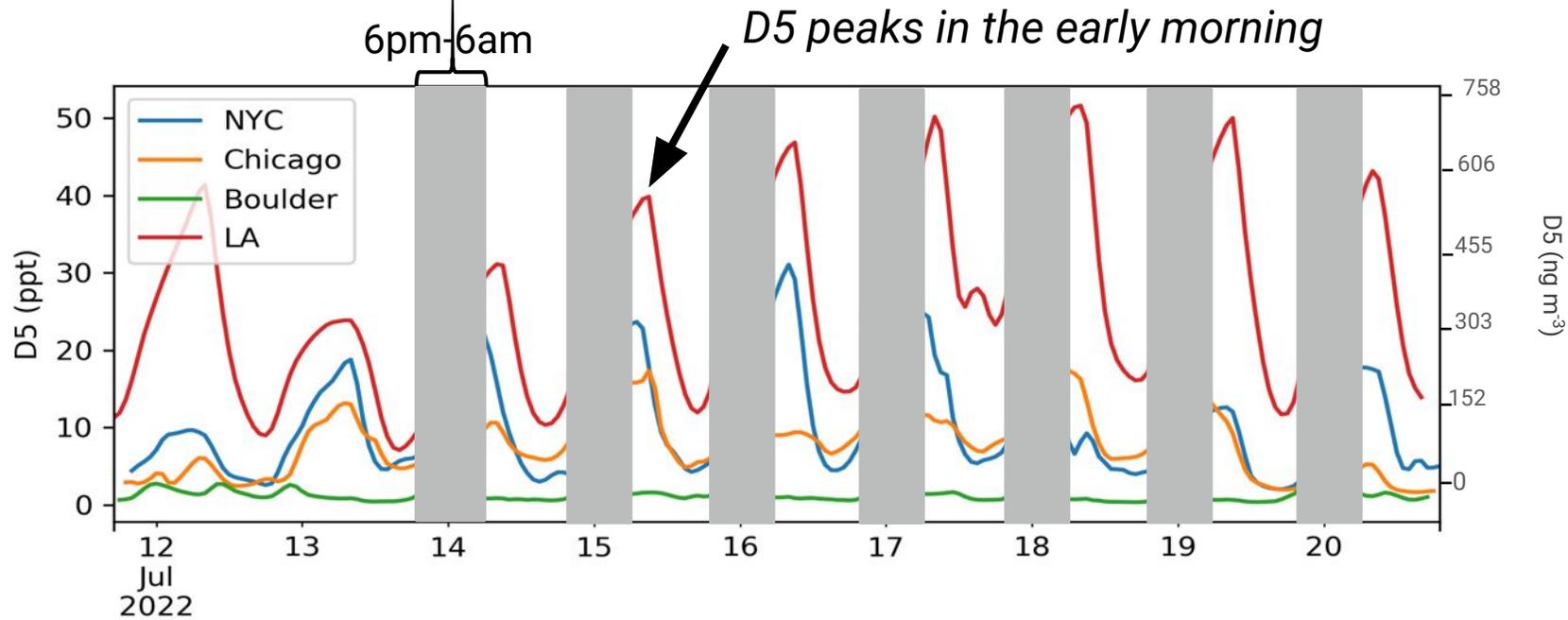


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Janecek et al. ACP, 2017



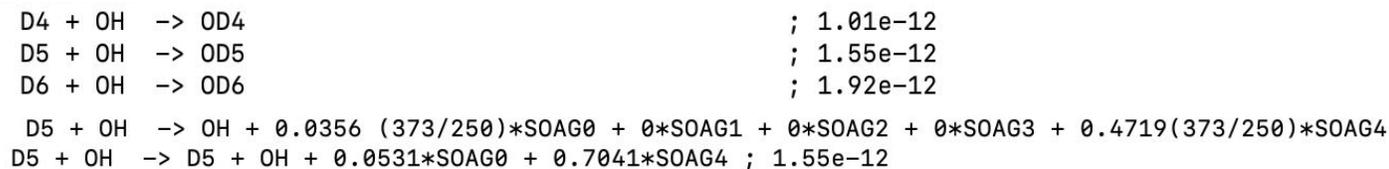
# D5 and OD5 time series in U.S. cities



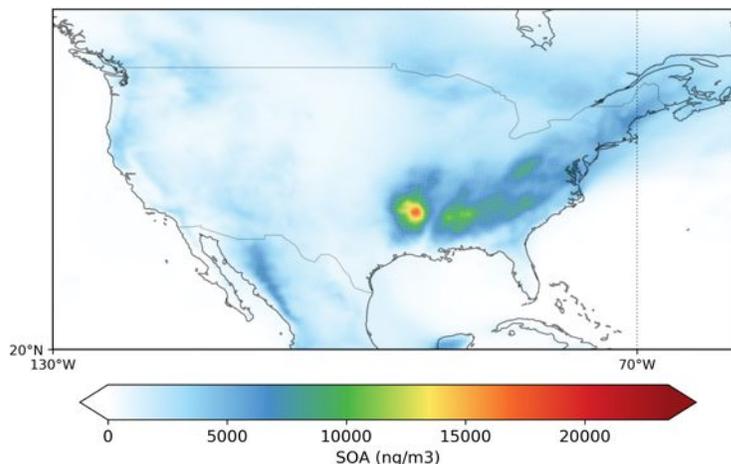
# Preliminary results - addition of VMS to the standard SOA mechanism significantly changes the overall modeled SOA - needs to be simulated explicitly

How D5-derived SOA is defined

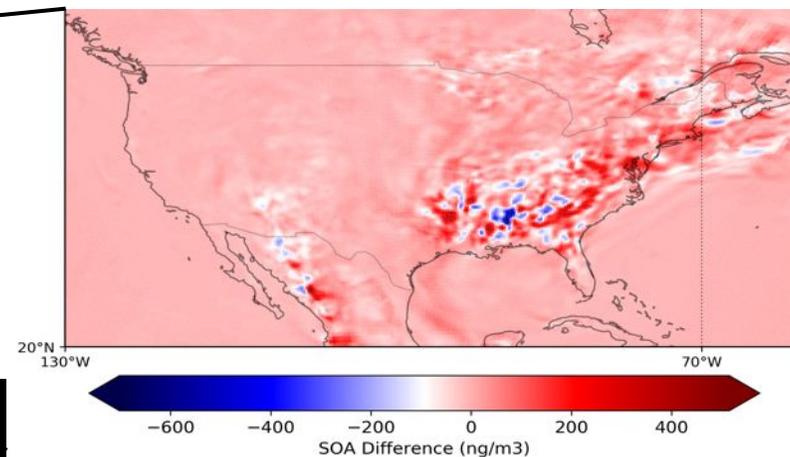
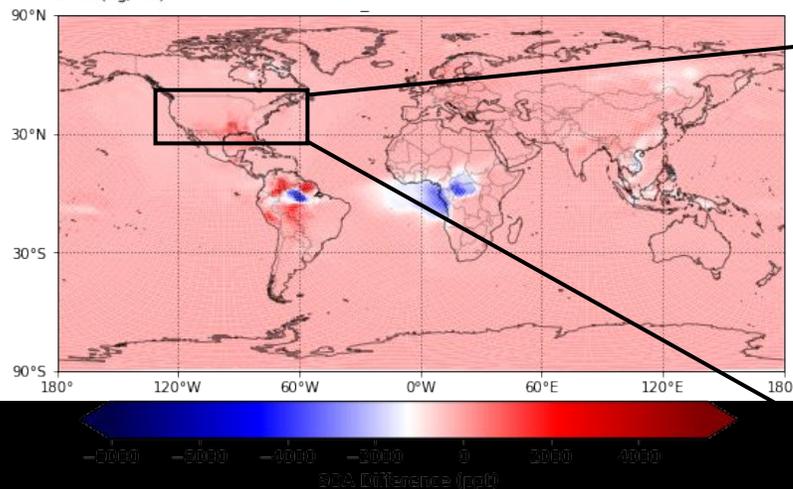
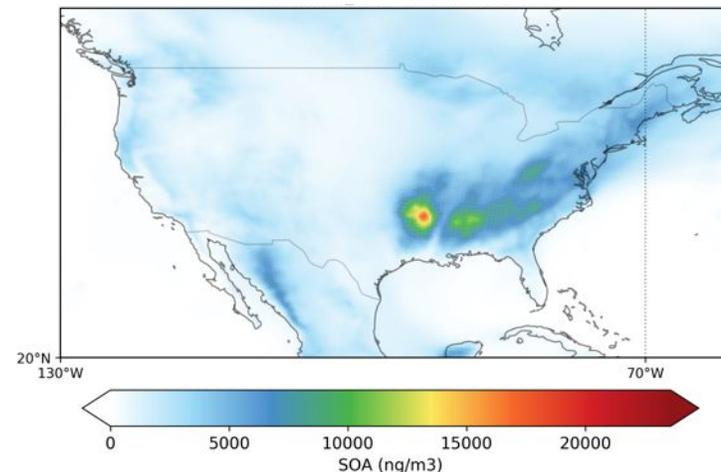
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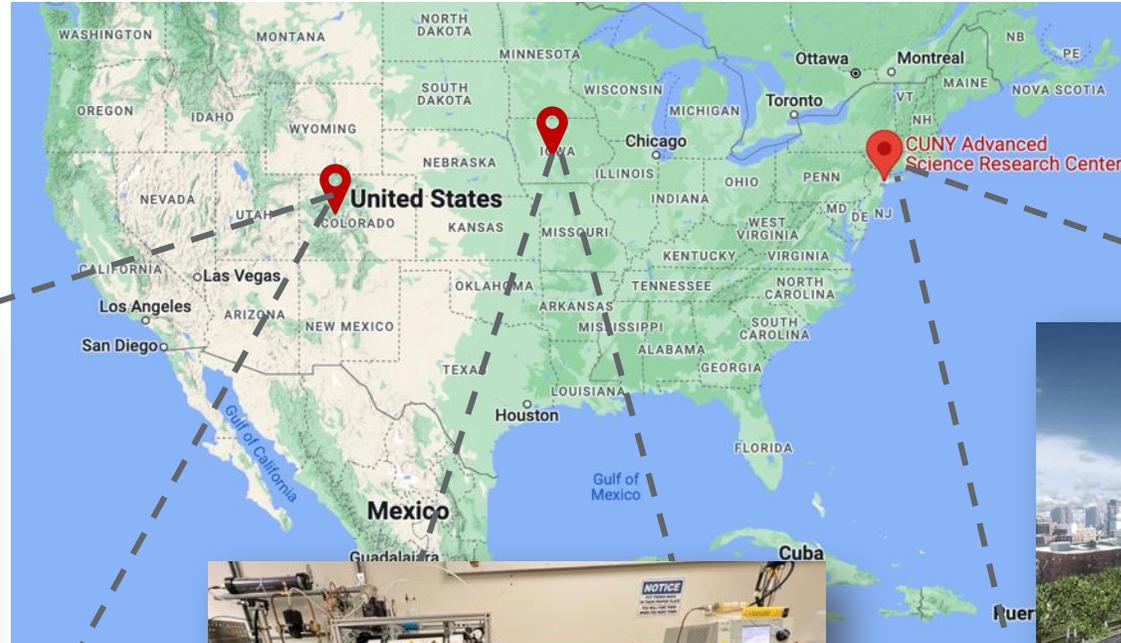
Total SOA in D5 gas+aerosol MUSICA simulation



Total SOA in D5 gas-only MUSICA simulation



# Future Direction: research outcomes are going to use for more atmospherically relevant simulation



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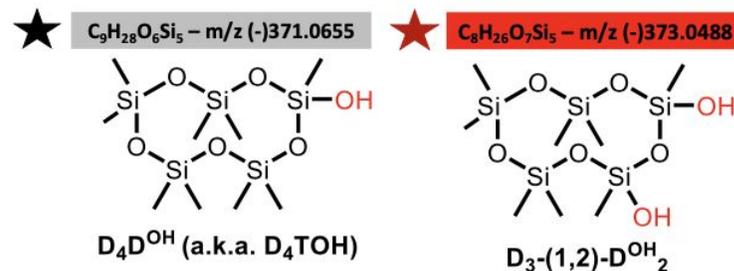


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# Future Direction

- Multigenerational Aging; 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation oxidation product in gas and SOA formation in the MUSICA model



Meepage et al., ACS EST Air, 2024

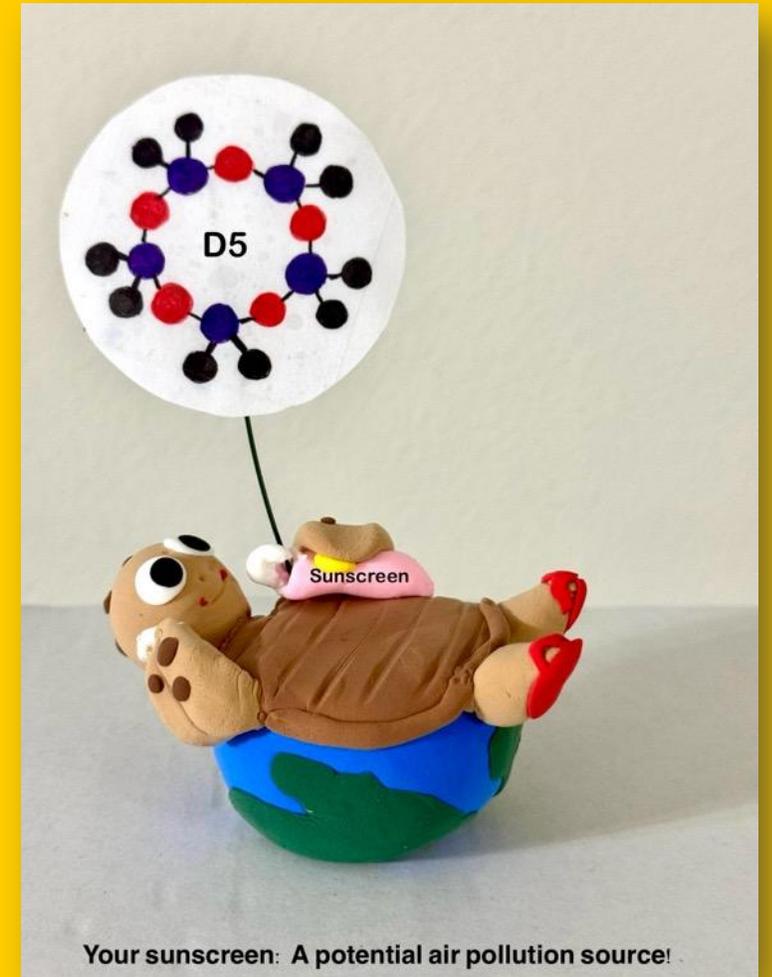
- Extended version of SOA parametrization in CAM-chem vs Standard SOA
- More careful consideration of reaction partner in low-NO<sub>x</sub> OFR/chamber studies ( $RO_2 + OH$  vs  $RO_2 + HO_2$ ) and SOA yield, as well as high-NO<sub>x</sub> condition

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