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New methodology shows short atmospheric lifetimes of oxidized sulfur and nitrogen due to dry deposition

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25 **Section 1. Supporting Tables S1 to S3.**

26 **Table S1. Instrumentation and measurement details for SO₂, NO_y and pSO₄.**

Measurement	Instrument	Sampling time resolution (s)	Detection limit	Manufacturer
SO ₂	Thermo 43iTLE	1	0.7 ppbv	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Franklin, MA, USA
NO _y	Thermo 42iTL	1	0.09 ppbv	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Franklin, MA, USA
pSO ₄	Aerosol Mass Spectrometer	10	0.048 ug m ⁻³	Aerodyne Research Inc.

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28 **Table S2.** Measurement and model-derived estimates of cumulative deposition (%), transport
 29 distance (km) and lifetimes (hrs) of TOS and TON for F7, F19 and F20. Geographic foot print
 30 areas under the plumes for TOS and TON are also provided.

	Cumulative deposition (%)				e-folding transport distance ($d_{1/e}$) (km)				Lifetime ($\tau = d_{1/e}/u$) (hrs)			
	7	19	20		7	19	20		7	19	20	
TOS	7	19	20		7	19	20		7	19	20	
Measurements	22±4	74±5	45±3		1230±290	71±1	210±4		26	2.2	6.5	
Model	7	21	8		4300	500	2800		large	16	91	
Footprint (km²)	3500	5700	4200									
TON	7	19	20 (SP)	20 (NP)	7	19	20 (SP)	20 (NP)	7	19	20	
Measurements	31±11	49±11	62±14	34±6	360±14	190±7	62±1	290±30	7.6	5.6	1.9	9.0
Model	3	19	4	2	4300	650	2000	2400	91	23	63	78
Footprint (km²)	3500	5700	4200	3100								

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33 **Table S3.** Equivalent dry deposition velocities V_d (cm s^{-1}) determined from the aircraft
 34 measurements (AC) and the model. SO_2 and TON mixing ratios were taken from the average of
 35 the lowest ~40m (interpolated values) across the plume width for two sets of screens. SP=south
 36 plume, NP=north plume for F20.

Flight	SO ₂		TON	
	AC	model	AC	model
7	0.9±0.6	0.76	2.3±0.7	1.32
	1.5±0.3	0.67	3.2±1.0	1.55
mean	1.2±0.5	0.72	2.8±0.8	1.44
19	2.3±0.5	0.52	1.9±0.6	1.10
	2.8±0.5	0.67	1.3±0.4	1.35
	2.3±0.4	0.70	1.5±0.5	1.40
mean	2.4±0.4	0.63	1.6±0.5	1.28
20	3.5±0.6	0.63	6.7±2.0 (SP)	1.06 (SP)
			4.2±1.3 (NP)	0.94 (NP)
	3.2±0.5	0.52	2.8±0.8 (SP)	0.77 (SP)
			0.18±0.05 (NP)	0.85 (NP)
mean	3.4±0.6	0.58	4.7±0.1.4 (SP)	0.92 (SP)
			2.2±0.7 (NP)	0.90 (NP)

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38 **Table S4.** Prescribed values used in the Monte-Carlo simulations with five different deposition
 39 algorithms.

Component	Input Range	Units	Algorithm	Reference
Friction velocity (U^*)	0.2 to 0.6	unitless	All 5 algorithms	Oski-ôtin ground site observations
Obukhov Length (L)	-200 to -350	m	All 5 algorithms	Oski-ôtin ground site observations
Reference Height (Z)	40 to 45	m	All 5 algorithms	Estimate of AOSR
Roughness Length (z_0)	0.6 to 1	unitless	All 5 algorithms	Grassi et al., 2013
Schmidt Number (S_c)	0.8 to 2	unitless	All 5 algorithms	Oski-ôtin ground site observations
Leaf Area Index (LAI)	2 to 5	unitless	All 5 algorithms	Makar et al., 2018; Brook et al., 1999
Minimum Leaf stomatal resistance for H_2O (r_{smin})	100 to 250	s/m	ZHANG, C5DRY, WESLEY, GEM_MACH	Zhang et al., 2003
Canopy Height (h_c)	6 to 18	m	C5DRY	Estimate of AOSR
Ground resistance (R_g)	100 to 250	s/m	All 5 algorithms	Wesley et al., 1989
Solar Radiation (SolarRG)	450	W/m^2	ZHANG, C5DRY, WESLEY, GEM-MACH	Oski Otin ground site observations
Mesophyll resistance (R_m)	0.03 to 0.05	s/m	ZHANG, C5DRY, NOAH-GEM	Makar et al., 2018
In canopy aerodynamic	20 to 60	s/m	ZHANG, WESLEY, GEM-	Zhang et al., 2003

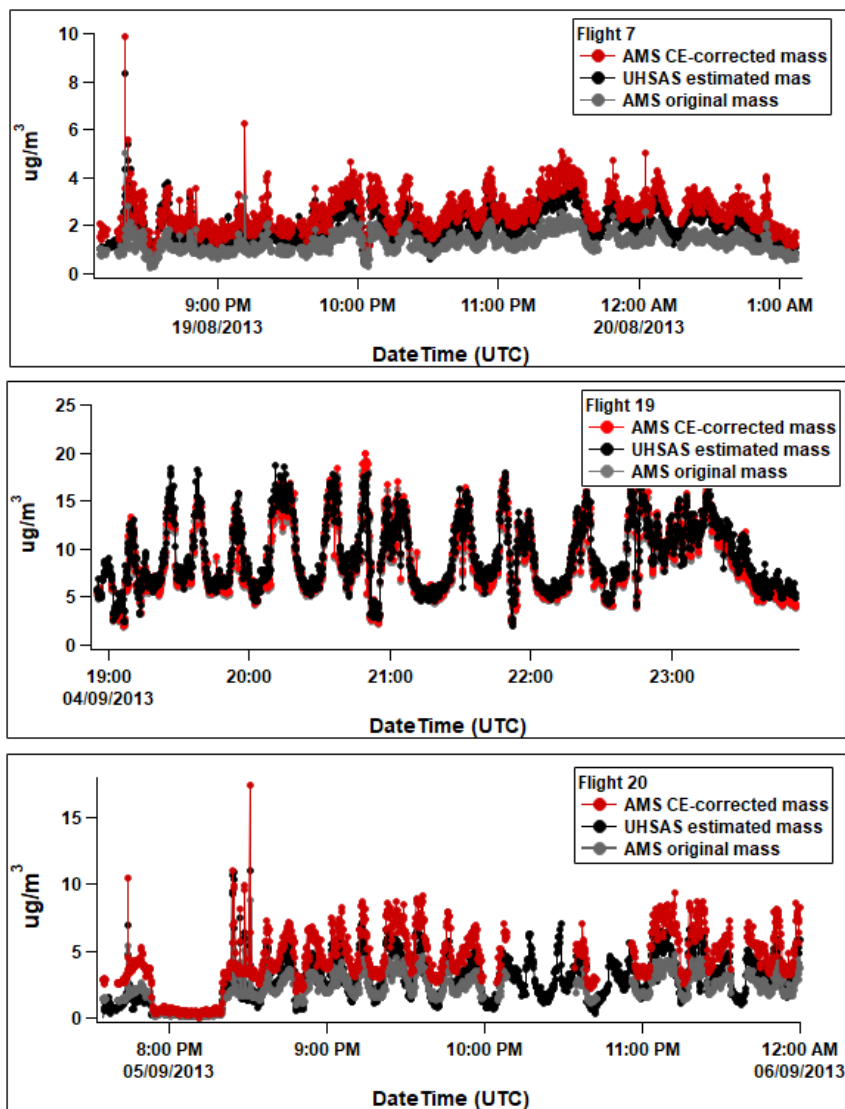
resistance reference (R_{ac0})			MACH, NOAH-GEM	
Cuticle resistance (R_{cut})	500 to 1000	s/m	C5DRY	Based on calculations of R_{cut} from the other deposition algorithms
Dry cuticle reference ($R_{cut,d0}$)	2000	s/m	ZHANG, WESLEY, NOAH-GEM	Zhang et al., 2002
Dry cuticle reference (R_{cuti})	1000	s/m	GEM-MACH	Makar et al., 2018
Surface Temperature (T_s)	20 to 25	°C	ZHANG, C5DRY, WESLEY, GEM-MACH	Aircraft observations
Relative Humidity (RH)	55 to 70	%	ZHANG, C5DRY, GEM-MACH, NOAH-GEM	Aircraft observations
Solar Zenith Angle (Theta)	65 to 75	unitless	ZHANG, C5DRY	https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/grad/antuv/SolarCalc.jsp
Slope gas exchange data (m)	9 to 10	unitless	NOAH-GEM	Zhang et al., 2002
Intercept gas exchange data (b)	0.01 to 0.04	unitless	NOAH-GEM	Zhang et al., 2002
Net CO ₂ assimilation rate (A_n)	$1e^{-6}$ to $4e^{-6}$	mol C/m ² /s	NOAH-GEM	Baldocchi et al., 1997
RH fraction at the leaf surface (h_s)	0.5 to 1	unitless	NOAH-GEM	Estimated range

Atmospheric pressure (P)	101300	Pa	NOAH-GEM	Aircraft observations
CO ₂ partial pressure at the leaf surface (C _s)	23 to 37	Pa	NOAH-GEM	Niyogi et al., 2009
Ambient T at height Z (T _a)	20 to 25	°C	ZHANG, C5DRY, GEM-MACH	Aircraft observations
T _{min}	-5 to 0	°C	ZHANG, C5DRY, GEM-MACH	Makar et al., 2018
T _{max}	40 to 45	°C	ZHANG, C5DRY, GEM-MACH	Makar et al., 2018
T _{opt}	15 to 30	°C	ZHANG, C5DRY, GEM-MACH	Makar et al., 2018
Molecular diffusivity of SO ₂ (D _c)	0.1085	cm ² /s	All 5 algorithms	Massman et al., 1998
Molecular diffusivity of water (D _{H2O})	0.2178	cm ² /s	All 5 algorithms	Massman et al., 1998

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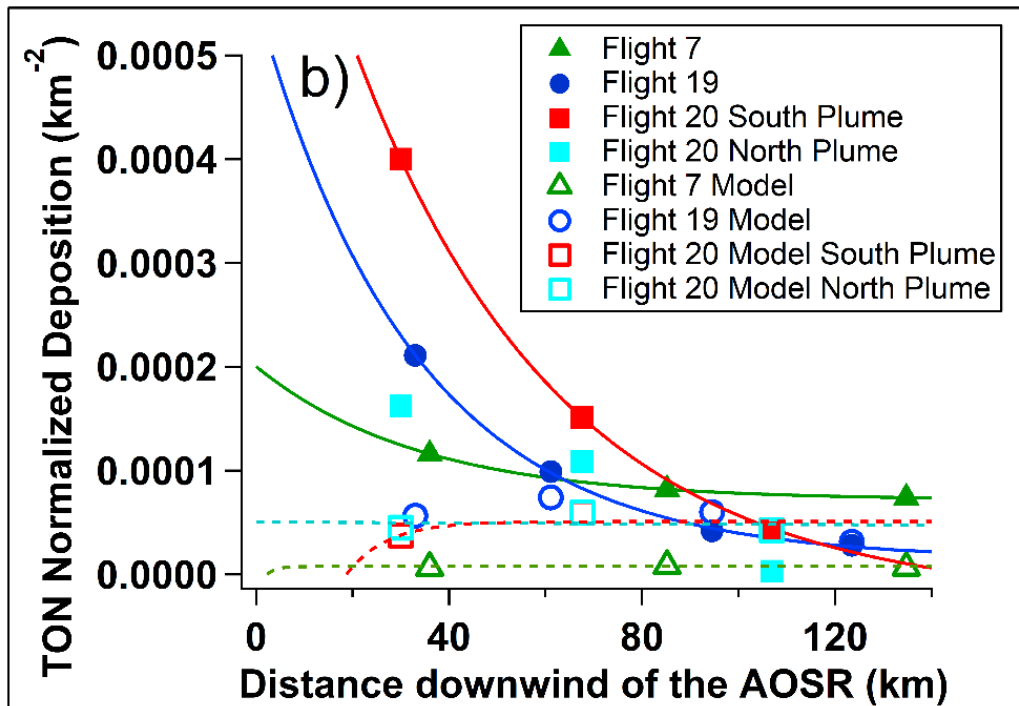
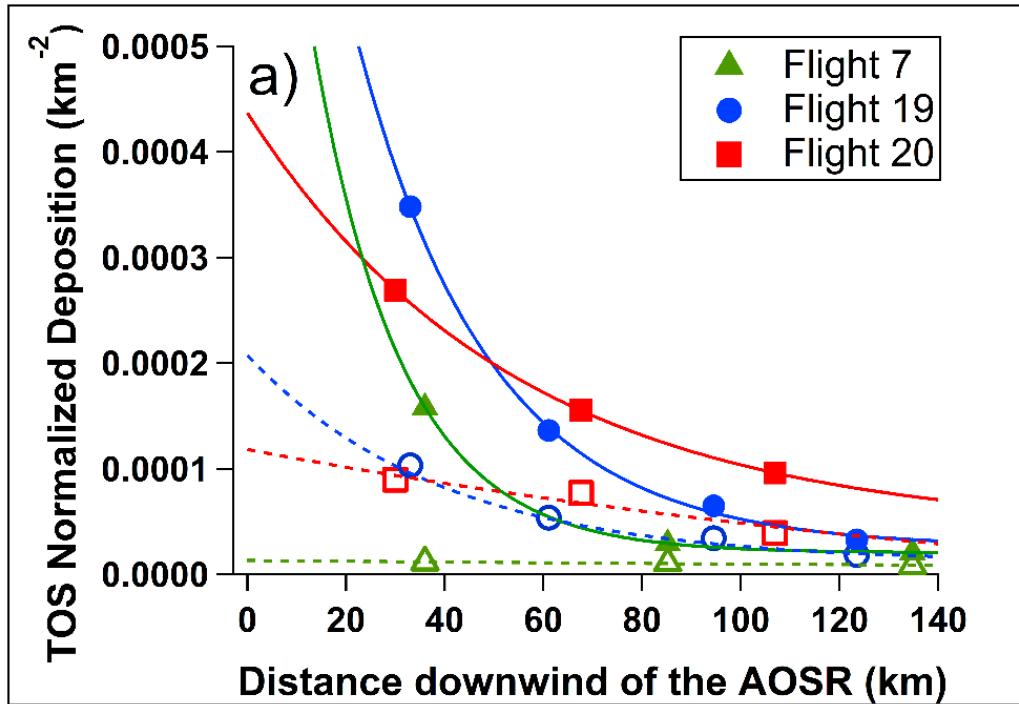
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 44 **Figure S1.** AMS total mass ($\Sigma(\text{p-Organics}, \text{pSO}_4, \text{pNO}_3, \text{pNH}_4)$) (gray points) compared with mass
 45 **estimated from the UHSAS (black points) and the AMS CE-corrected mass (red points).** The
 46 particle collection efficiency (CE) of the AMS was investigated by comparing the total AMS-derived
 47 mass with the mass estimated from the size distribution measurements of the UHSAS. Number
 48 concentrations measured by the UHSAS over a size range of 60 nm to 1 μm (matching that of the AMS)
 49 were converted to volume concentrations using mid-point bin diameters and assuming spherical shapes.
 50 Volume concentrations were then converted to mass concentrations using densities weighted by the AMS
 51 components. A CE of 0.5 was determined for both F7 and F20, and for F19 it was 1.0. Detailed
 52 investigations and discussions on the CE of the AMS can be found in the literature (e.g. Middlebrook et
 53 al., 2012; Dunlea et al., 2009; Kleinman et al., 2008; Quinn et al, 2006).

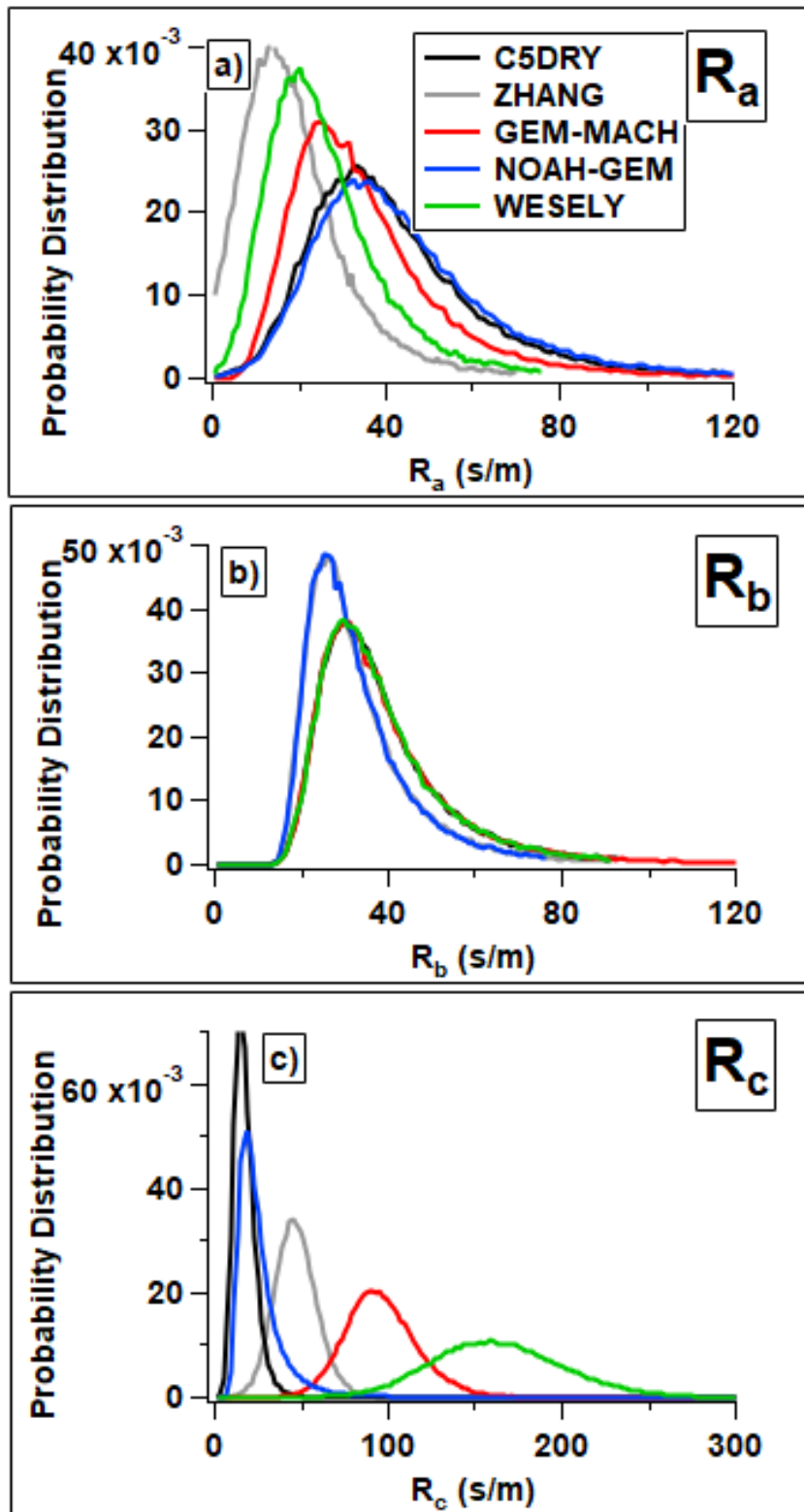
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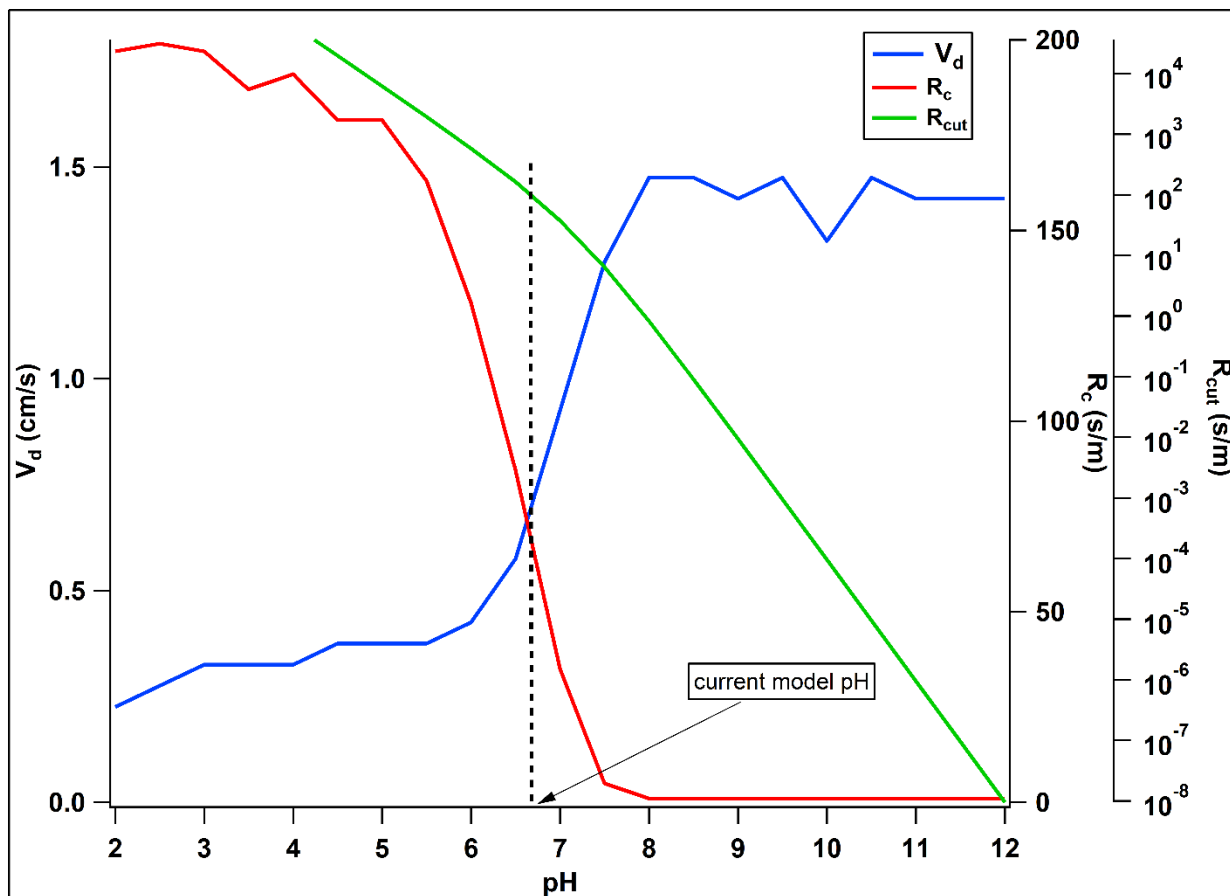
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57 **Figure S2.** Emissions-normalized deposition fluxes of (a) TOS and (b) TON derived from the
 58 aircraft-based measurements (solid symbols and lines) and the GEM-MACH model (open
 59 symbols and dashed lines).

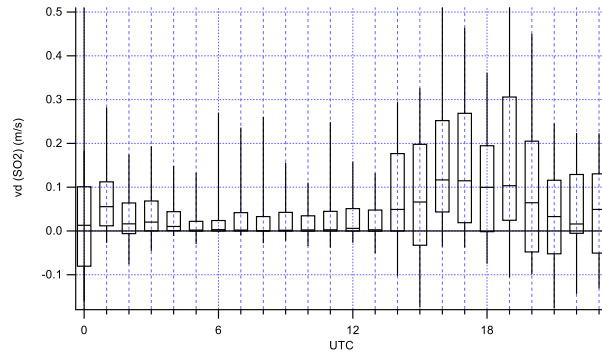


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61 **Figure S3.** Probability distributions of a) R_a , b) R_b , and c) R_c (s/m) for SO₂ derived from Monte
 62 Carlo simulations using 5 different deposition algorithms.



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 64 **Figure S4** R_{cut} , R_c , (s/m) and V_d (cm/s) for SO_2 as a function of pH as derived from Monte Carlo
 65 simulations with the GEM-MACH deposition algorithm.



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67 **Figure S5.** A strong diurnal cycle was seen in the V_d for SO_2 as determined from the vertical
 68 gradient methodology at the Oski- δ tin site in the AOSR, with a full stability correction (S24).
 69 Essentially no uptake of SO_2 was found during the night. Such a diurnal cycle in the V_d mirrors
 70 the diurnal cycle of eddy diffusivity observed at this site.

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73 **Section S3. Ground-based SO₂ fluxes.** SO₂ fluxes were estimated using an eddy
74 covariance/vertical gradient method with data collected on a 32m tower at the Oski-ôtin air
75 quality station (57.1837° N, 111.6395° W) in Fort McKay, centrally located in the AOSR. The
76 observation method was similar to that reported previously (Wu et al., 2018); ultrasonic
77 anemometers (model CSAT-3, Campbell Scientific, USA) were collocated with inlets of ½”
78 Teflon tubing at 32m, 18m and 8m above ground, drawing sampled air to gas analyzers at the
79 base of the tower (Thermo Environmental 43i TCL). Data presented here were collected
80 between June 6-8, 2018. Eddy diffusivities were calculated from the difference in wind speed at
81 32m and 8m combined with the momentum flux determined through eddy covariance at 18m,
82 and stability-corrected following Högström et al. 1996. The determined dry deposition velocities
83 for SO₂ are shown in Figure S4. Only daytime data (between 19 and 1 UTC) unaffected by
84 structural disturbances (e.g. flow through the tower) were included in the comparison with the
85 aircraft results aligning with the typical flight times. Resulting deposition velocities for SO₂ had
86 a median of 4.1 cm s⁻¹ and a trimmed mean of 4.9 cm s⁻¹ (standard error 1.2 cm s⁻¹).

87 **Section S4. SO₂ chemical losses**

88 The most significant oxidant that reacts in the gas phase with SO₂ is the hydroxyl radical, OH, to
89 produce H₂SO₄. Previous aircraft studies have shown that, in the absence of clouds, SO₂
90 oxidation by OH is the main pathway for SO₂ loss in industrial plumes in summertime (Brock et
91 al., 2002; Miyakawa et al., 2007). The transformation flights were all conducted during midday
92 under clear sky conditions, hence the contribution of cloud aqueous chemistry towards pSO₄
93 production during the study flights is minimal. The potential loss of SO₂ to reactions with
94 alkenes to form organosulfates (Shang et al., 2016) and with criegee biradicals to form H₂SO₄
95 (Boy et al., 2013; Mauldin et al., 2012; Huang et al., 2015) would not be accounted for in the
96 mass balance of the S mass in SO₂ presented above but would be <1% of the SO₂ conversion.
97 Regardless, since sulfates are detected as pSO₄ by the AMS (Farmer et al., 2010), any SO₂
98 chemical loss other than by the reaction with OH would still be captured in the mass balance of
99 **TOS.**

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101 OH concentrations were estimated using ratios of selected volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
102 that react almost exclusively with OH (during the daytime) and a methodology as described
103 previously (Kleinman et al., 2003). Lagrangian transport times were determined from the
104 aircraft-based wind speed measurements and the transit time of air between successive screens
105 (Liggio et al., 2016). It is possible that there will be cross plume gradients in SO₂ and VOC
106 concentrations given their different sources from each facility. However, the VOC canisters
107 were not instantaneous, but were ~ 30 s long, representing a spatial grab of ~ 2-3 km at the speed
108 of the aircraft. These VOC's represent the average VOC concentration from numerous sources
109 on site, and their spatial footprint overlaps significantly with the SO₂ source footprint in these
110 facilities. The uncertainties ranged from 17 to 58%, which attempts to account for uncertainties
111 associated with the selection of the reference hydrocarbon concentrations, the slope
112 determination, transport times, and reaction rate constants. OH concentrations derived using the
113 ratio of toluene to benzene and plume box modeling for F19 (Liggio et al., 2016) were consistent
114 within the uncertainties.

115 **Section S5. Modelled dry deposition fluxes and dry deposition velocities**

116 Dry deposition fluxes estimated are compared with those predicted from an air quality model,
117 Global Environmental Multiscale – Modelling Air-quality and CHEmistry (GEM-MACH).
118 GEM-MACH is a comprehensive on-line chemical reaction transport model (Moran et al., 2010)
119 that has recently been used to estimate acidic deposition downwind of the AOSR (Makar et al.,
120 2018) using a 2.5 km grid cell resolution. A detailed description of GEM-MACH appears
121 elsewhere (Makar et al., 2018; Akingunola et al., 2018; Gordon et al., 2018). The model
122 includes parameterizations for gas-phase chemistry, aqueous chemistry and cloud processing of
123 gases and aerosols, inorganic heterogeneous chemistry, secondary organic aerosol formation, and
124 aerosol microphysics. The model version used here employs a 12-bin sectional approach to
125 resolve particle size distribution, and eight aerosol species (sulfate, nitrate, ammonium,
126 secondary organic aerosol, primary organic aerosol, black carbon, sea-salt, and crustal material),
127 and incorporates aerosol direct and indirect feedbacks with the meteorological code’s radiative
128 transfer (Makar et al., 2015a; Makar et al., 2015b). Gas phase deposition of N and S compounds
129 is determined through a commonly used resistance methodology with deposition velocities
130 calculated using inferential methods (Makar et al., 2018). The deposition fluxes are incorporated
131 into the vertical diffusion operator as a flux boundary condition. Further details on the
132 formulation of GEM-MACH are provided elsewhere (Makar et al., 2018 and references therein).

133 The model plume boundaries were determined separately for NO_x and SO₂ plumes, using the
134 assumption that the plume edge corresponds to background concentrations, as was the case for
135 the observed plumes. Model and observed screens did not necessarily spatially coincide due to
136 differences between the modelled and observed wind fields (Tables 1, 2). However, the same
137 strategy was used to set up downwind model screen locations as in the observations (specifically,
138 determining the plume center at one hour’s advection time downwind from the sources, placing
139 the first screen perpendicular to this direction and centred on the plume centreline, calculating a
140 one-hour forward trajectory for the second screen and repeating the process for the second and
141 subsequent screens). The intersection of the screen lines with the 0.1 maximum concentration
142 contours for SO₂ and NO_x respectively, determined the boundaries of the screens for the SO₂ and
143 NO_x plumes. Boundaries were also adjusted to correspond with the 0.2 and 0.3 maximum
144 concentration contours which resulted in small differences (<5%) in the derived deposition
145 fluxes. In F7, the modelled and actual plume locations were very similar; however, in F19 and
146 F20, the modelled plumes were not exactly in the same geographical location as the observations
147 because of differences in advection direction (Tables 1, 2).

148 The spatially averaged dry deposition velocities for SO₂, pSO₄ and TON are compared with
149 those obtained using inferential methods from GEM-MACH. The measurement and model
150 results for all three flights are listed in Table S2.

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