

Estimating Temporal Trends in Biogenically Formed Secondary Organic Aerosols Resulting From Reduction in Sulfate and Atmospheric Aerosol Water Content Across the Continental United States.

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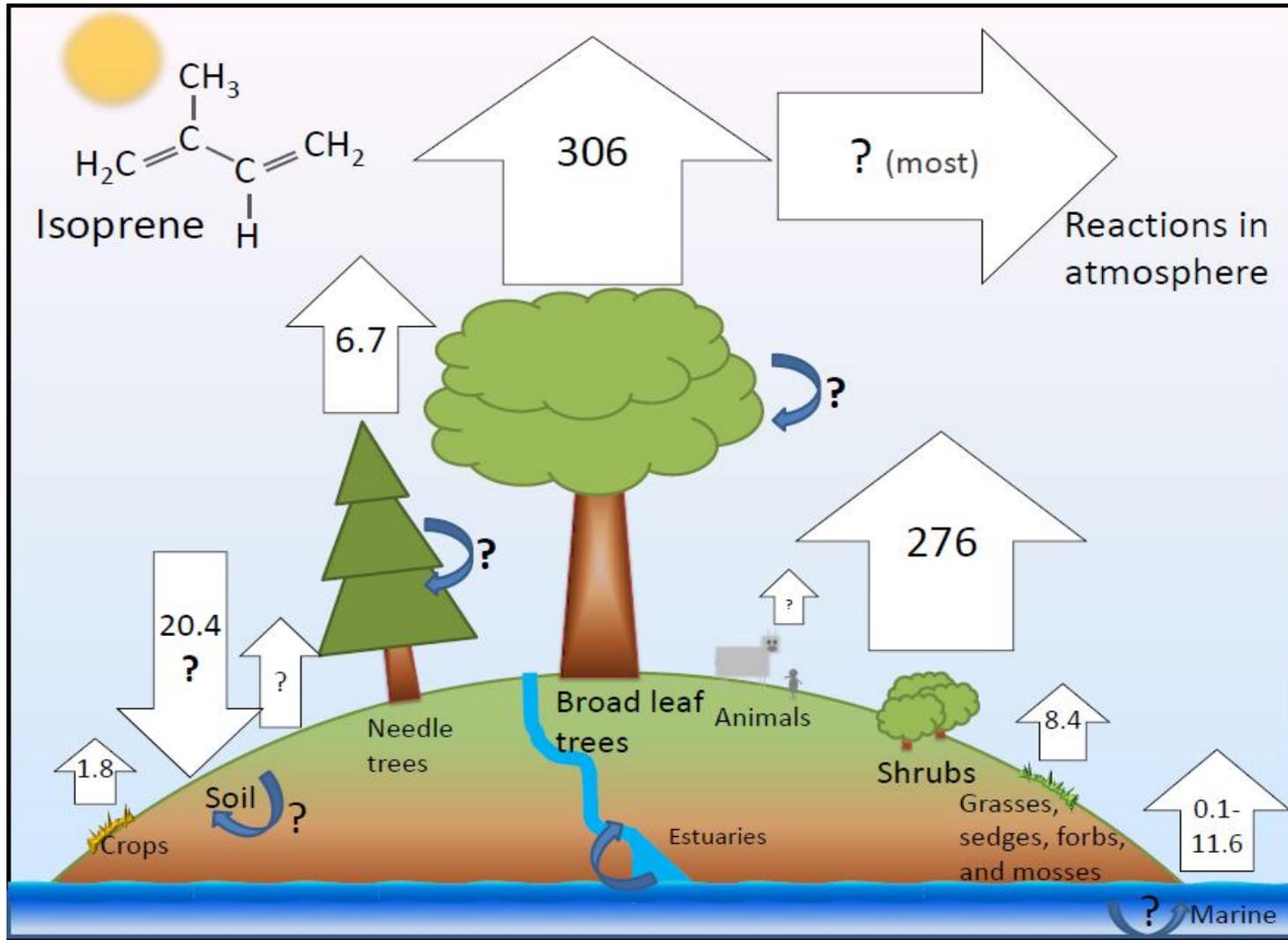
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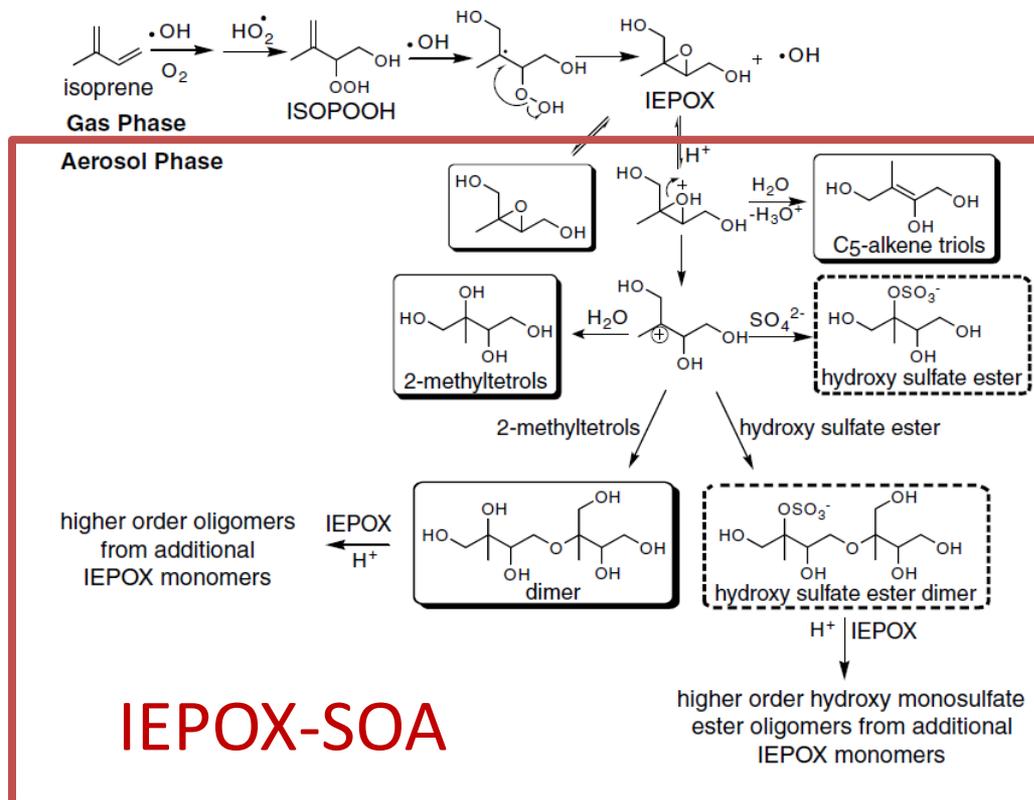
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Substantial amounts of isoprene are emitted during summer months in many areas of the US – especially the Southeastern US



What is “IEPOX-SOA”?

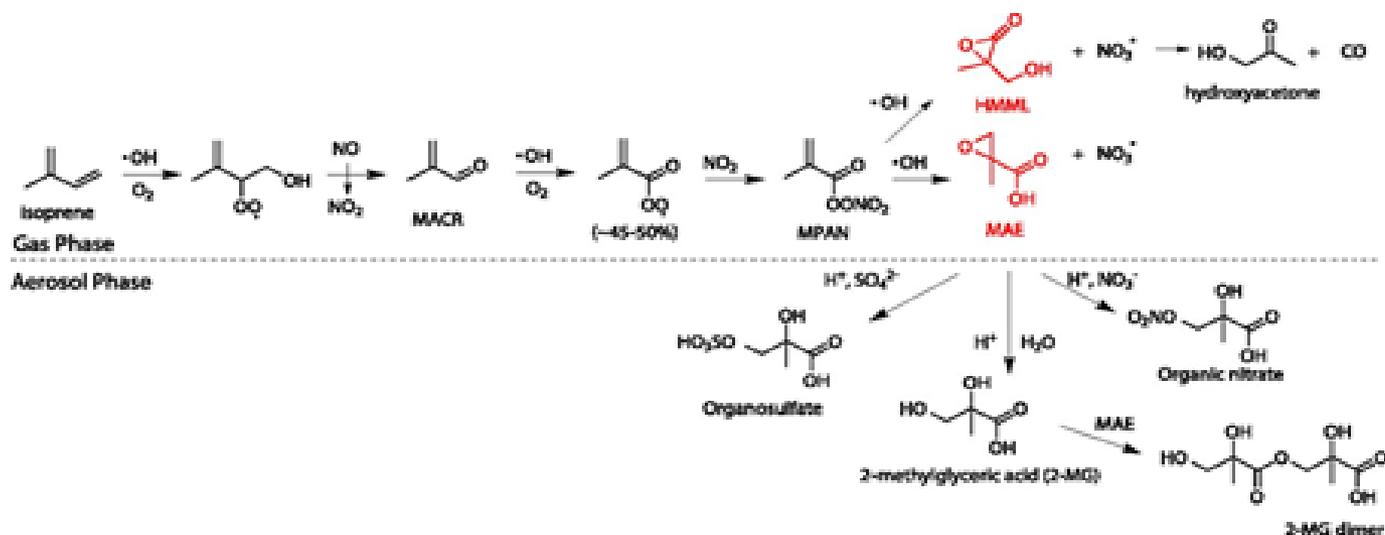
- IEPOX (Isoprene epoxidiol) formed from oxidation of isoprene under low NO conditions
- IEPOX uptake on acidic sulfate particles produces a variety of polyols, organosulfates and oligomers
- The sum of all these is IEPOX-SOA



Pedro Campuzano-Jost et al, 2016, Paulot et al, 2009, Surrat et al, 2010, Robinson et al., 2011; Budisulistiorini et al., 2013,

Biogenic isoprene emissions lead to nitrate containing SOA and nitrogen deposition

Proposed mechanism for SOA formation from isoprene photooxidation in the presence of NO_x: Ying-Hsuan Lin et al. PNA 2013:110

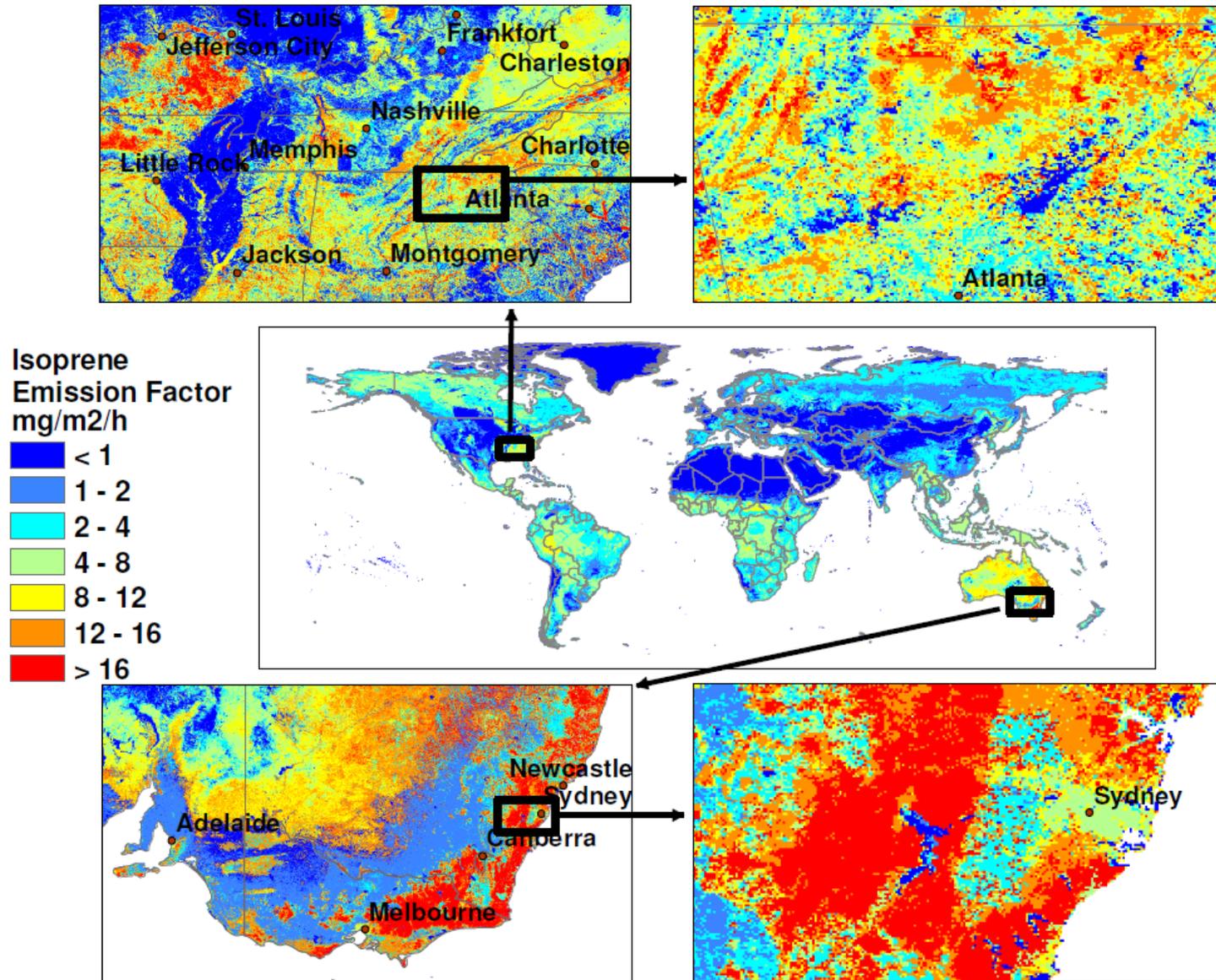


Kinetics of the reactions of isoprene-derived hydroxynitrates: gas phase epoxide formation and solution phase hydrolysis. Jacobs, M.I. et al. Atmos Chem Phys, 14, 2014.

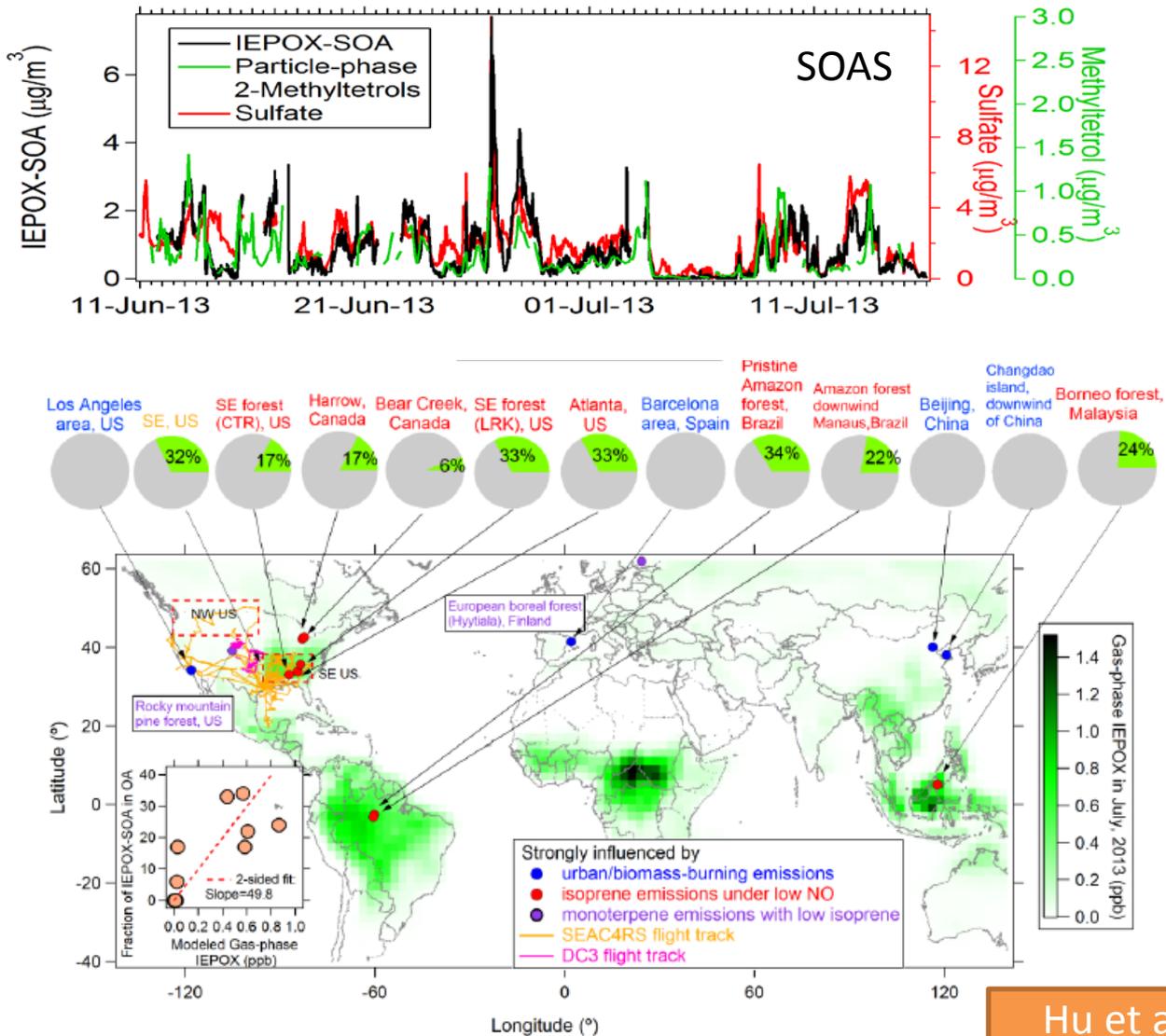
**Some background from a presentation:
“SOA derived from isoprene epoxydiols: Insights
into formation, aging and distribution over the
continental US from the DC3 and SEAC⁴RS
campaigns”**

Pedro Campuzano-Jost, Weiwei Hu, Brett B. Palm, Douglas A. Day, Amber M. Ortega, Jose-Luis Jimenez, Jin Liao, Karl D. Froyd, Fabien Paulot, Gabriel Isaacman, Allen Goldstein, Jason M. St. Clair, John D. Crouse, Paul O. Wennberg, Luke D Ziemba, Bruce E Anderson, Simone Meinardi, Barbara Barletta, Don Blake

Spatial distribution of Isoprene emissions



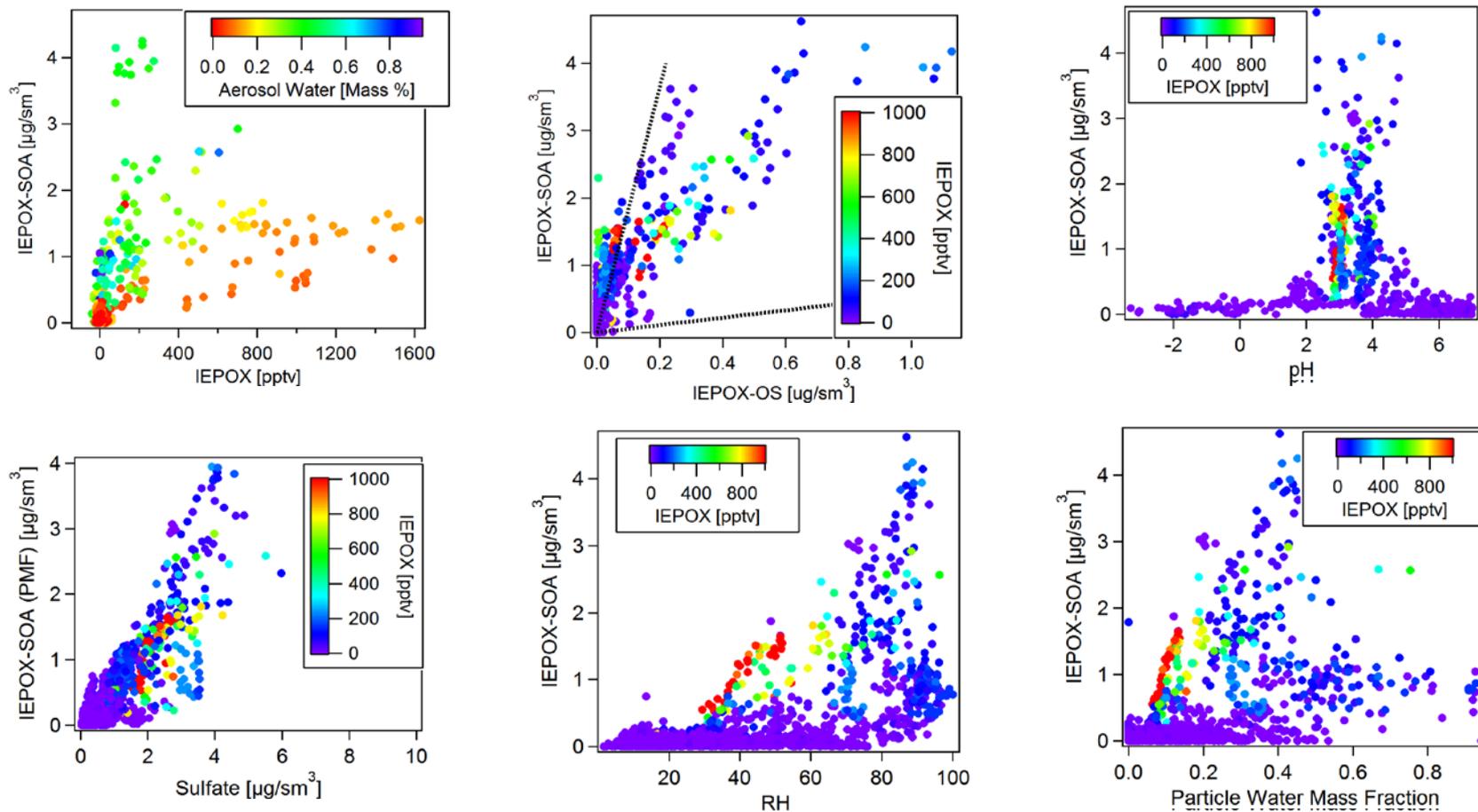
IEPOX-SOA as observed by the AMS



- Quite a few ground studies in the literature since 2011
- IEPOX-SOA PMF Factor correlates well with molecular tracers
- SEAC⁴RS dataset unique in breadth and scope, ideally suited for testing the robustness of the assignment

DC3: Close to sources, plenty of water

Look Rock 10:1



- More IEPOX-SOA formed at high RH/high liquid water/high sulfate!
- This means mostly at higher altitudes/in the residual layer
- Little pH dependence, otherwise trends as expected

SO WHAT?

....we conclude that decreasing isoprene SOA represents a factor of 2 co-benefit when reducing SO₂ emissions.

Aqueous-phase mechanism for secondary organic aerosol formation from isoprene: application to the southeast United States and co-benefit of SO₂ emission controls . Marais et al. Atmos. Chem. Phys., 16, 1603–1618, 2016

BUT:

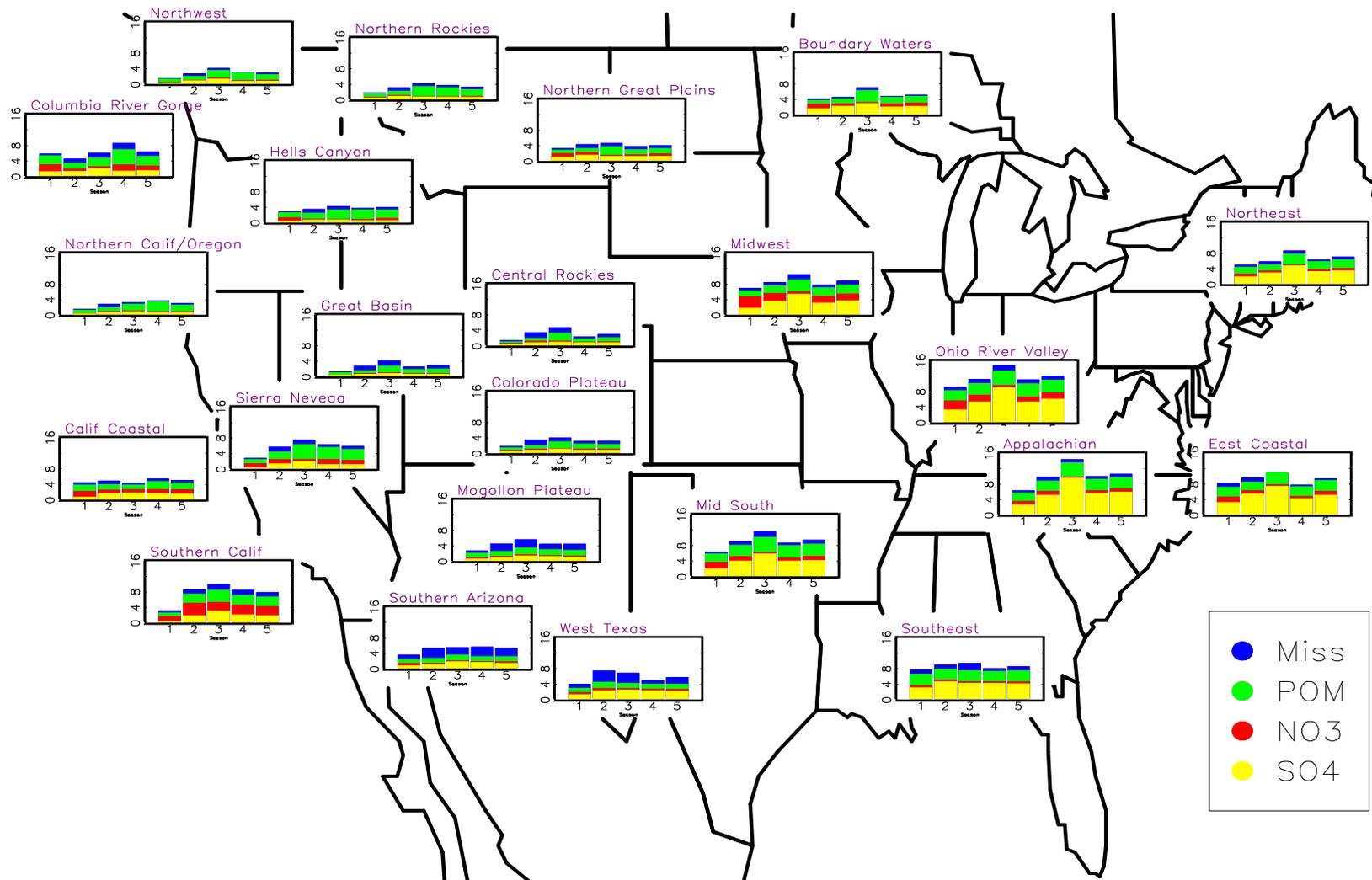
We suggest that this apparent departure of the sulfate aerosol neutralization ratio from thermodynamic behavior may be caused by an elevated and increasing organic aerosol (OA) mass fraction, modifying or retarding the achievement of NH₃-H₂SO₄ thermodynamic equilibrium. Recent work has suggested that controlling SO₂ emissions in the US to decrease sulfate aerosol has a major co-benefit from suppressing acid-catalyzed biogenic secondary organic aerosol (SOA) formation (Pye et al., 2013; Marais et al., 2016). However, this co-benefit would not occur if the increasing OA/sulfate ratio causes the acidity to actually increase.

Incomplete sulfate aerosol neutralization despite excess ammonia in the eastern US: a possible role of organic aerosol. Silvern et al. Atmos. Chem. Phys. June 2016

**So does the IMPROVE dataset
shed any light on this SO₄
isoprene-SOA relationship?**

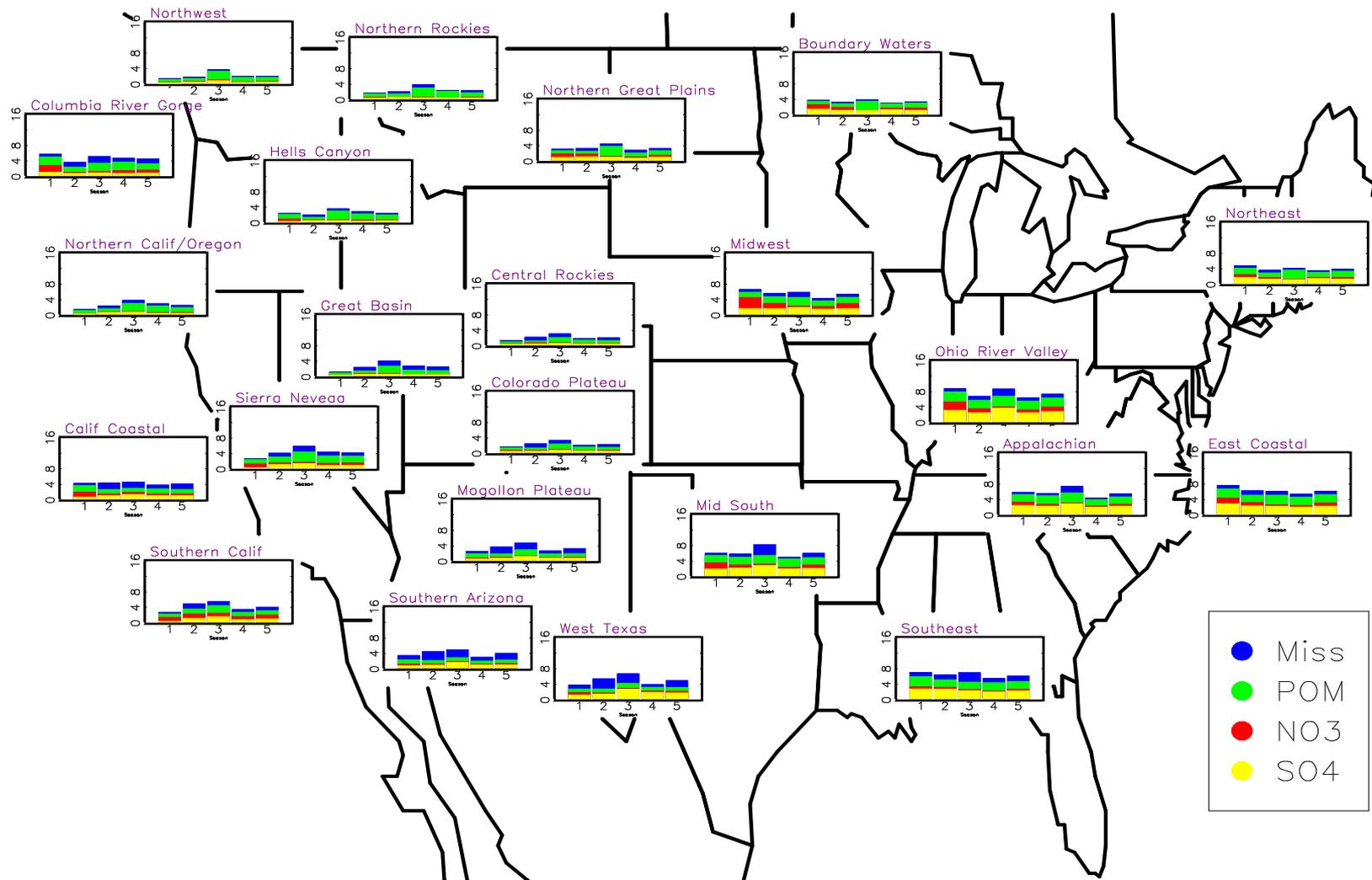
Seasonal fine particle species concentrations ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2$)

2001–2002 Fine Mass



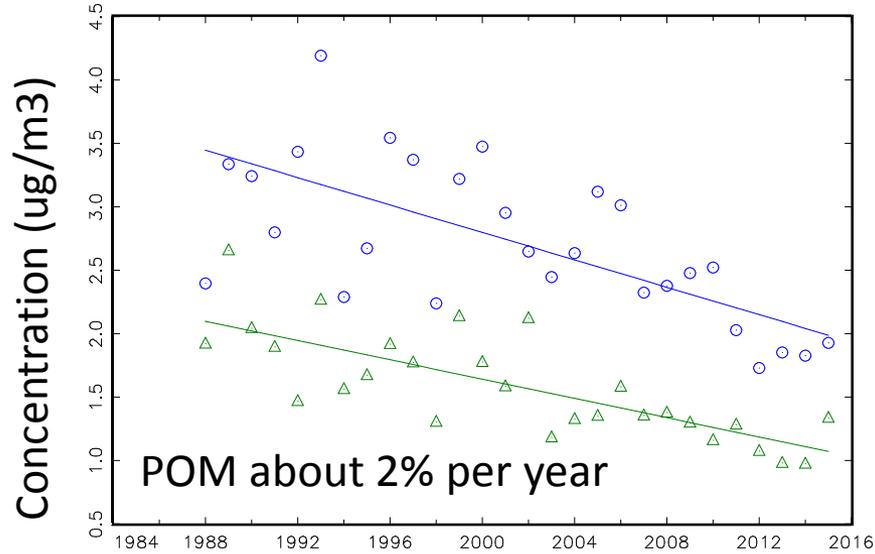
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2014–2015 Fine Mass

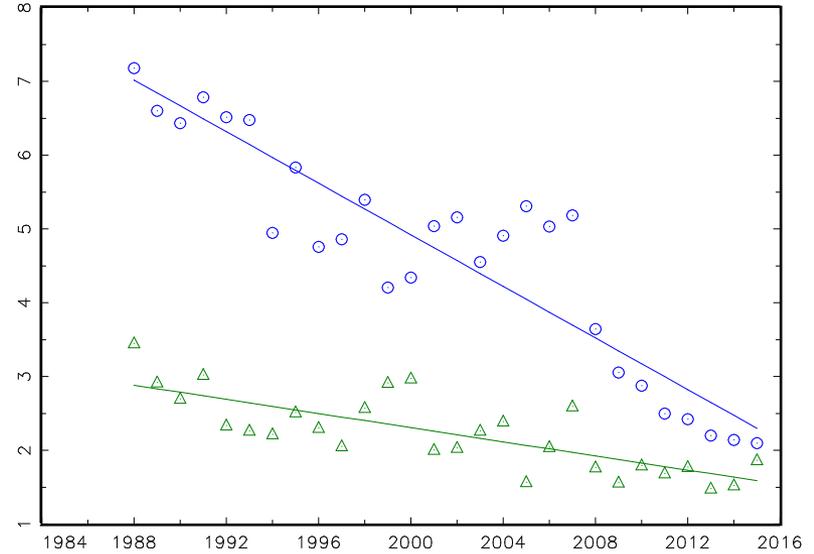


Example of ASO4 and POM trend (Shenandoah)

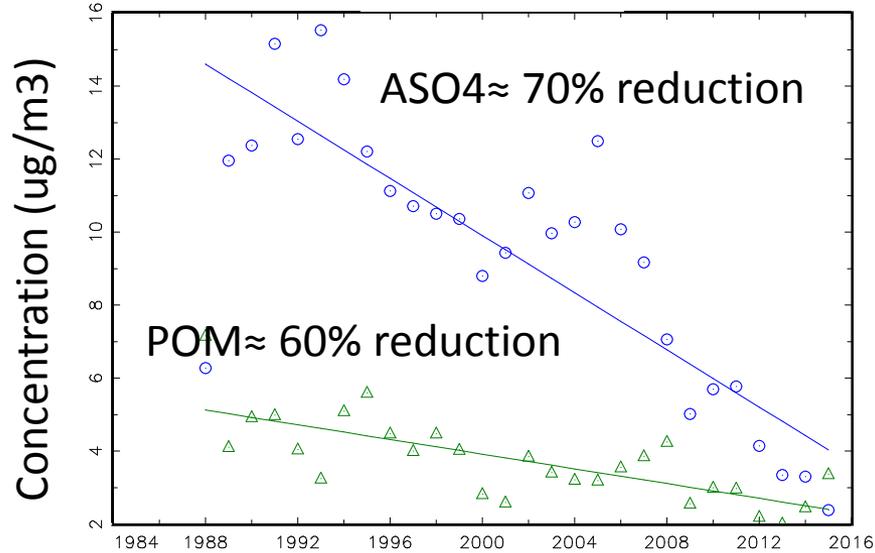
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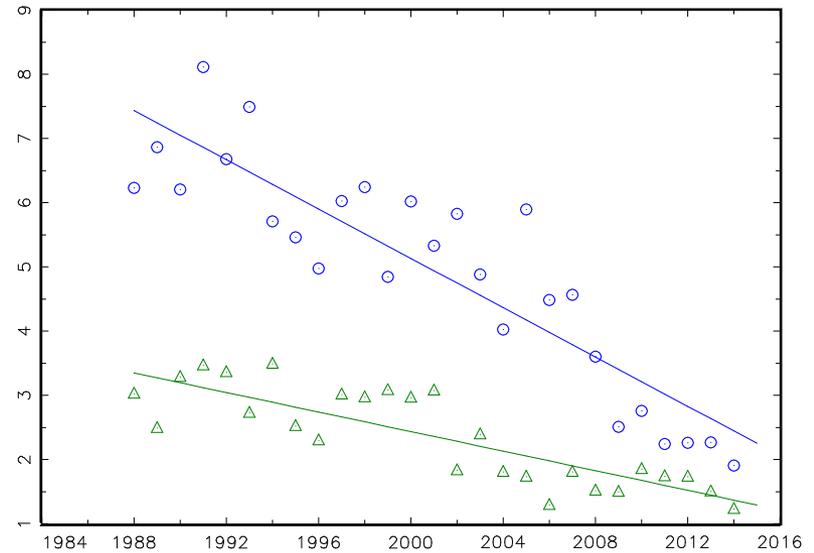
Spring



Summer

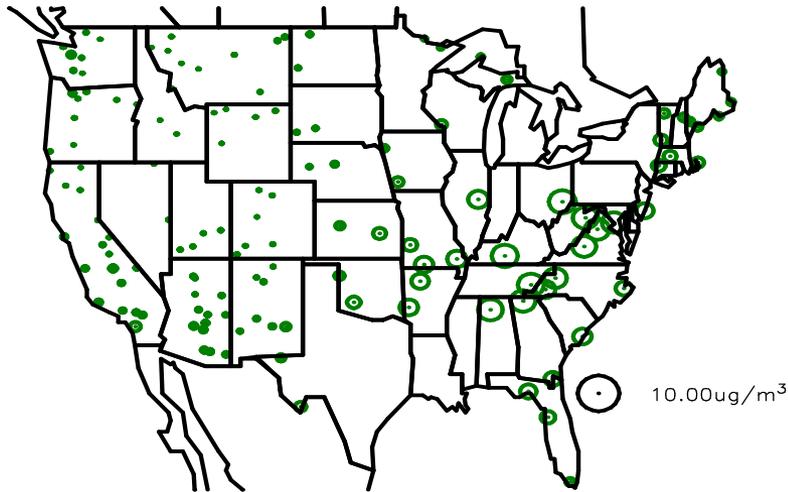


Fall

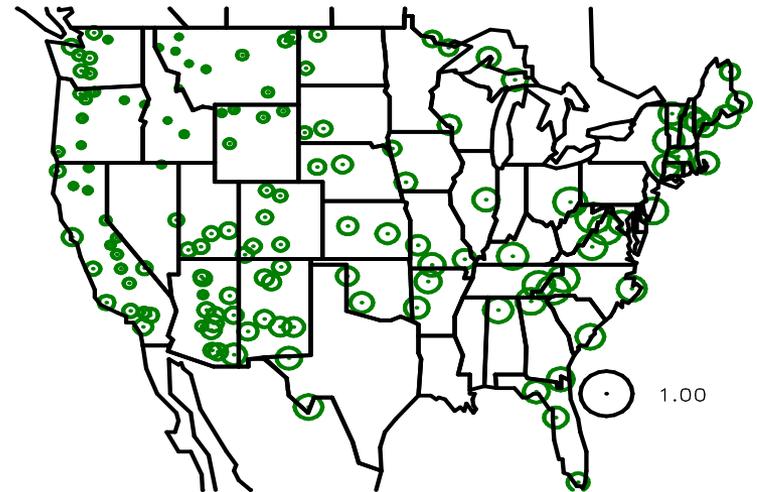


Average ASO4 concentrations and trends for 2001-2015

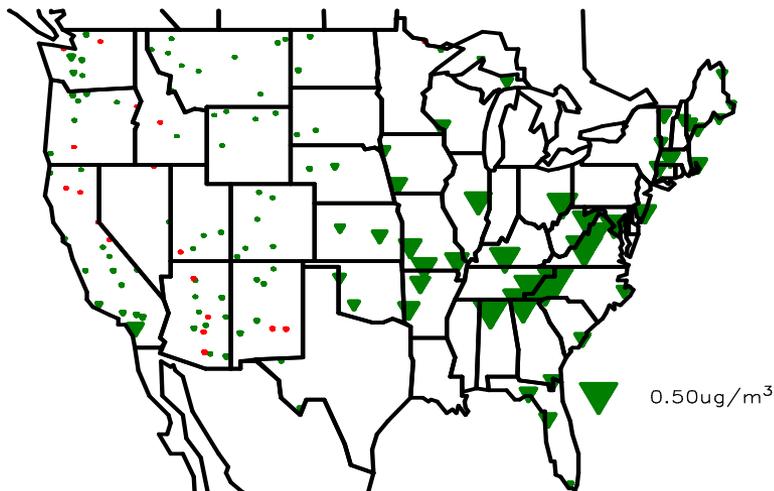
Summer Sulfate Conc



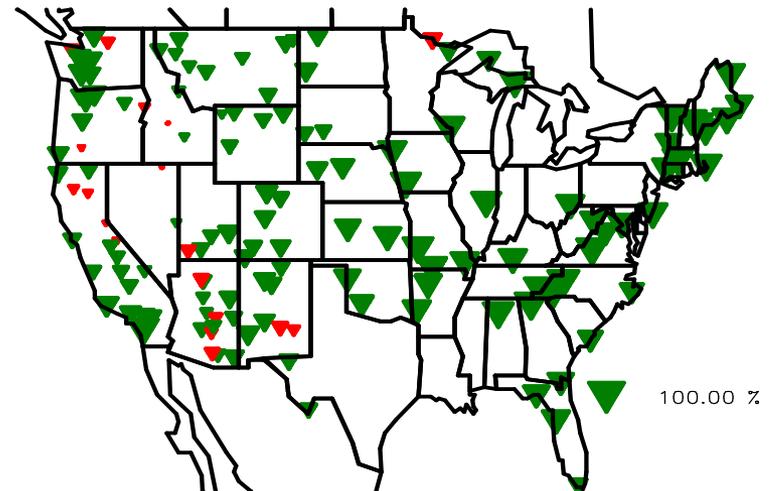
Summer Fraction Sulfate



Summer Sulfate Trend/yr



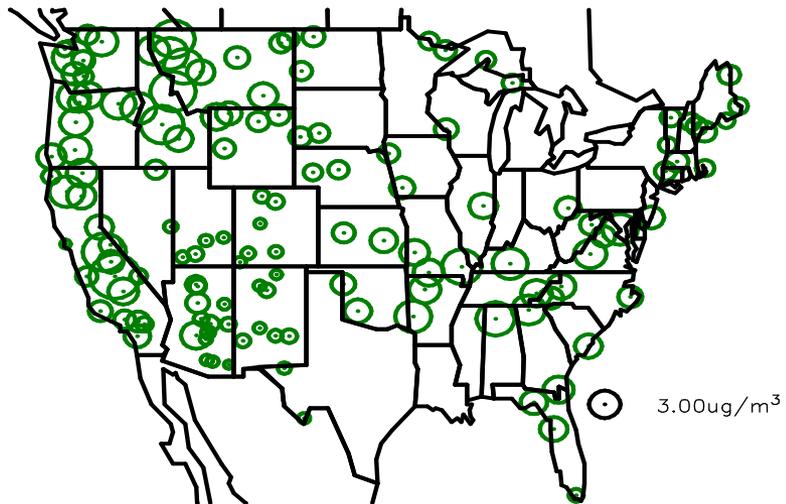
Summer % Decrease in Ammonium Sulfate



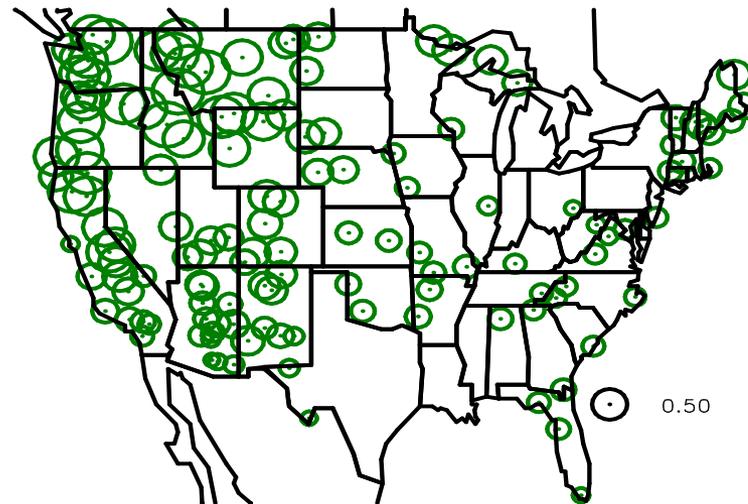
A green arrow indicates a significant trend at the 5% level

Average POM concentrations and trends for 2001-2015

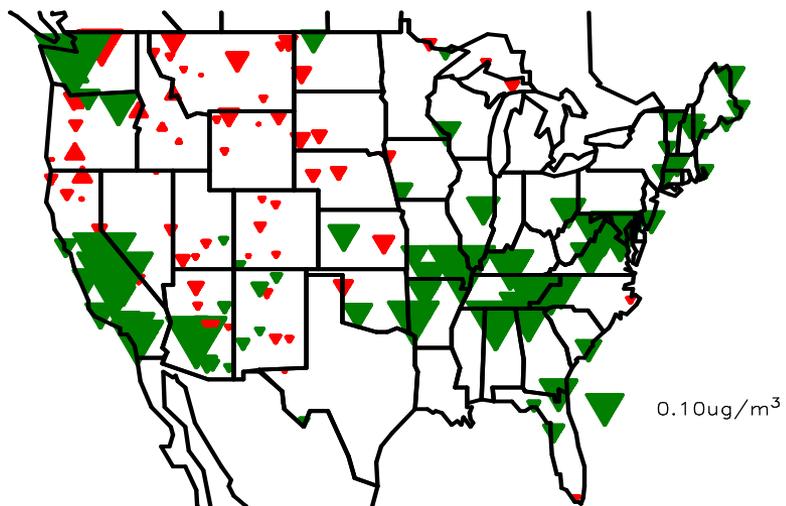
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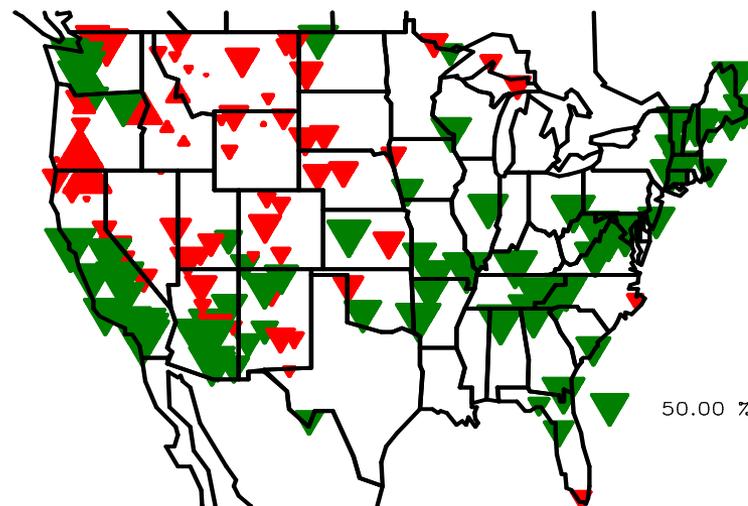
Summer Fraction POM



Summer Pom Trend/yr



Summer % Decrease in POM

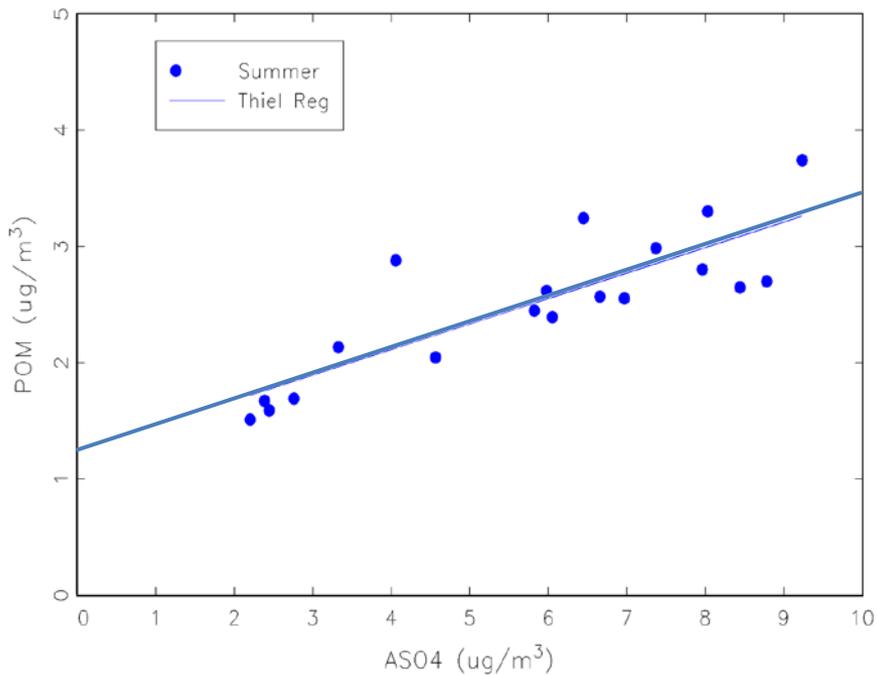


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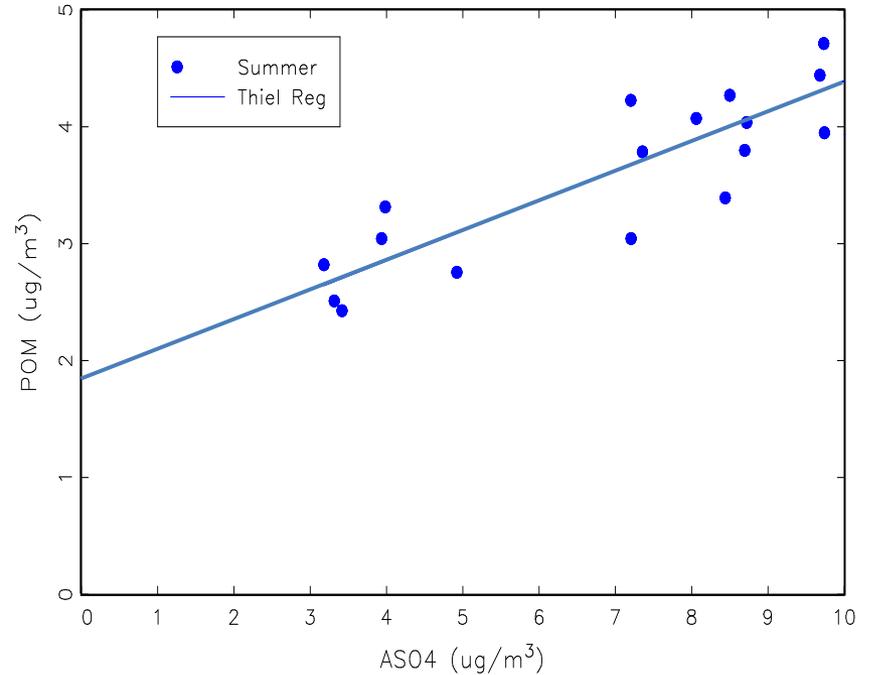
POM vs ASO4 for Shining Rock and Mammoth Cave

Pt by Pt plot independent of time

SHR01



MACA1



Intercept= 1.23
Slope= 0.31
Significance= 0.00

Intercept= 1.83
Slope= 0.26
Significance= 0.00

What does the slope represent?

- The average amount of ISO-SOA decrease as a result of decreasing sulfate?

Question:

- Are there decreases in non- ISO-SOA species that are correlated with ASO_4 ?

What does the intercept represent?

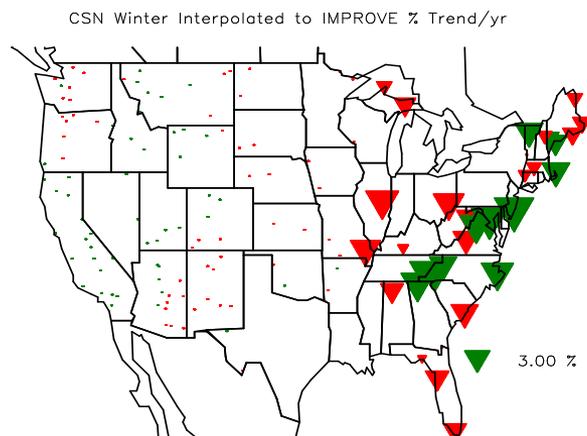
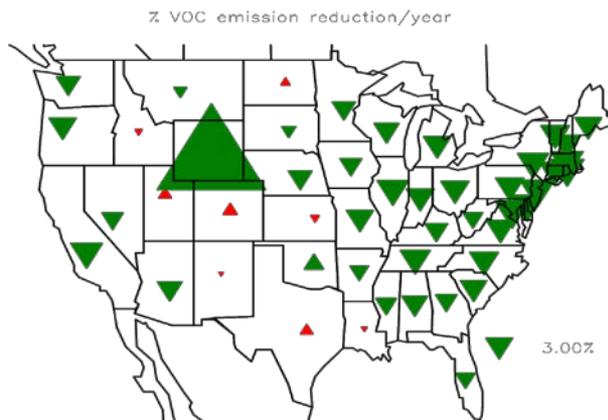
- The amount of fossil or contemporary OC not catalyzed by sulfate in the presence of aerosol water.

Question:

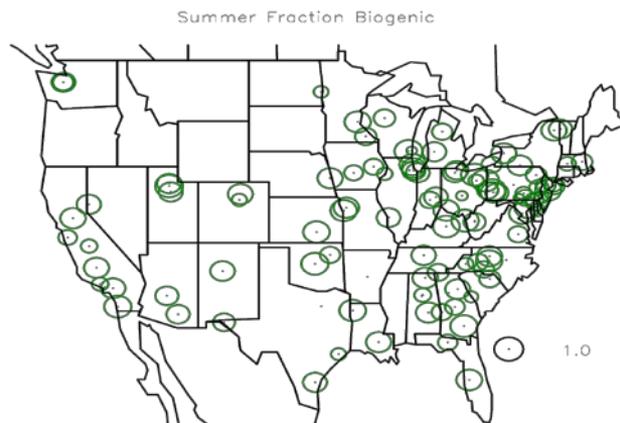
- Is intercept term represent a constant background or is it changing over time or correlated with SO_4 concentration?
- Does it represent only non- ISO-SOA?

What could affect the slope of POM over time?

- Changing fossil derived emissions associated with mobile emissions and other industrial activities.



- But most POM is modern (Bench et al 2007 and Schichtel et al., 2012) at approximately 80% during summer months.

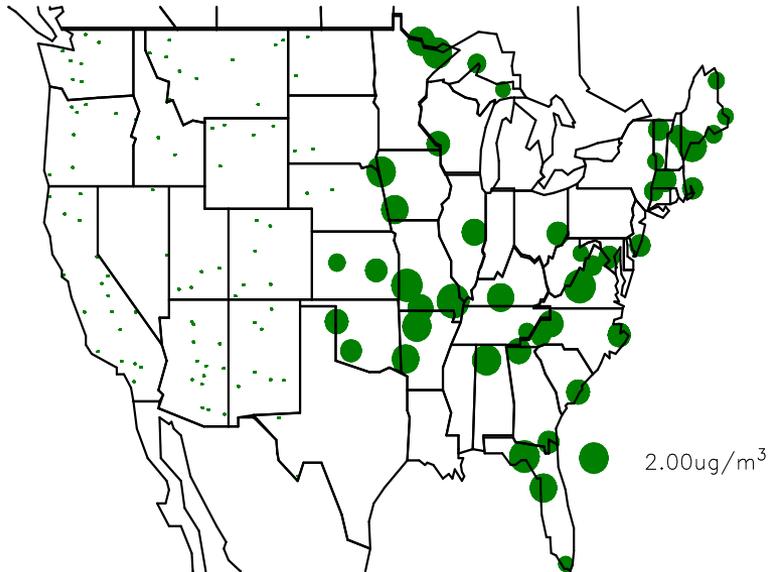


- So have wild and prescribed fire changed?
- Changes in residential wood burning. (both could have an IE-POX and non-IEPOX component.)

Slope and Intercept of summer POM vs ASO4

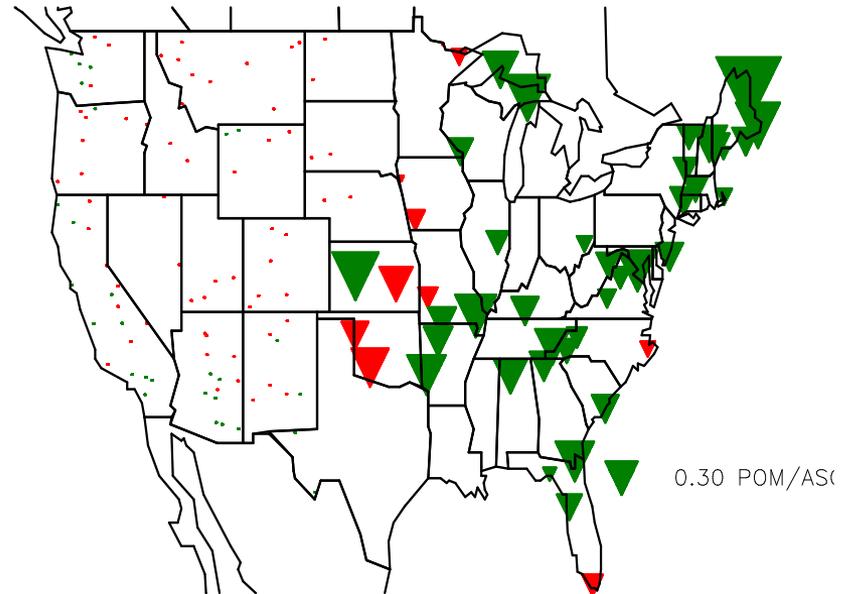
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Summer POM Intercept Conc



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Summer POM vs SO4 Slp



Mean Int=1.52±0.37 ug/m³

Int/(Mean POM2001)=0.56±0.24

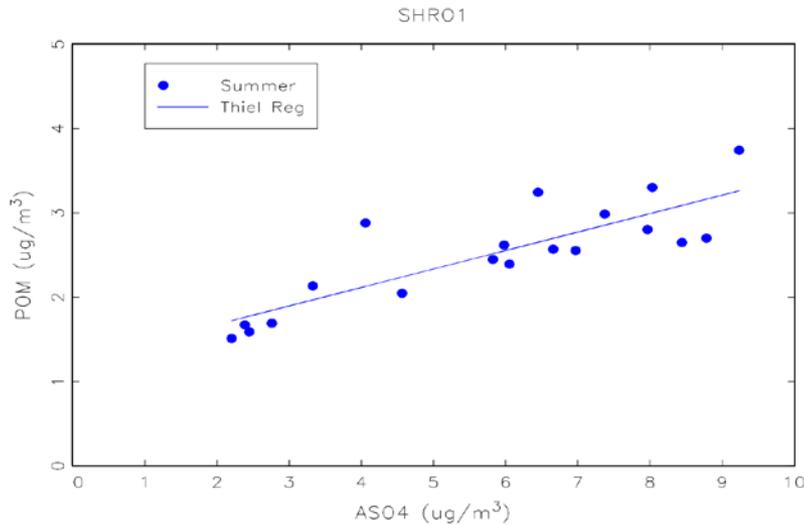
Int/(Mean POM2014)=0.79±0.27

ISO-SOA 2001=44%

ISO-SOA 2014=21%

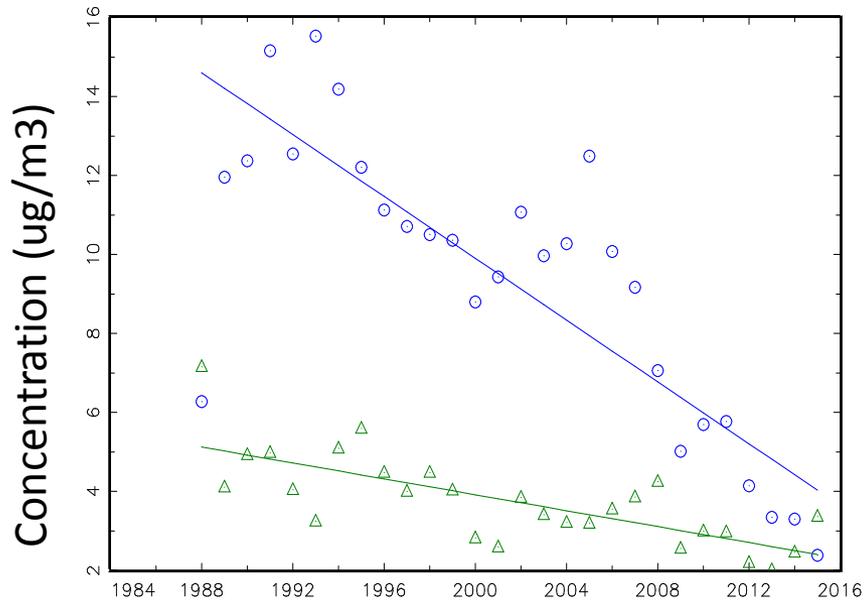
Mean slope=0.24±0.13

Examine trends in POM and SO4 over time



Plot on left is a point by point scatter plot of POM and SO4 which yields a $\Delta\text{POM}/\Delta\text{SO4}$ as the slope.

Summer

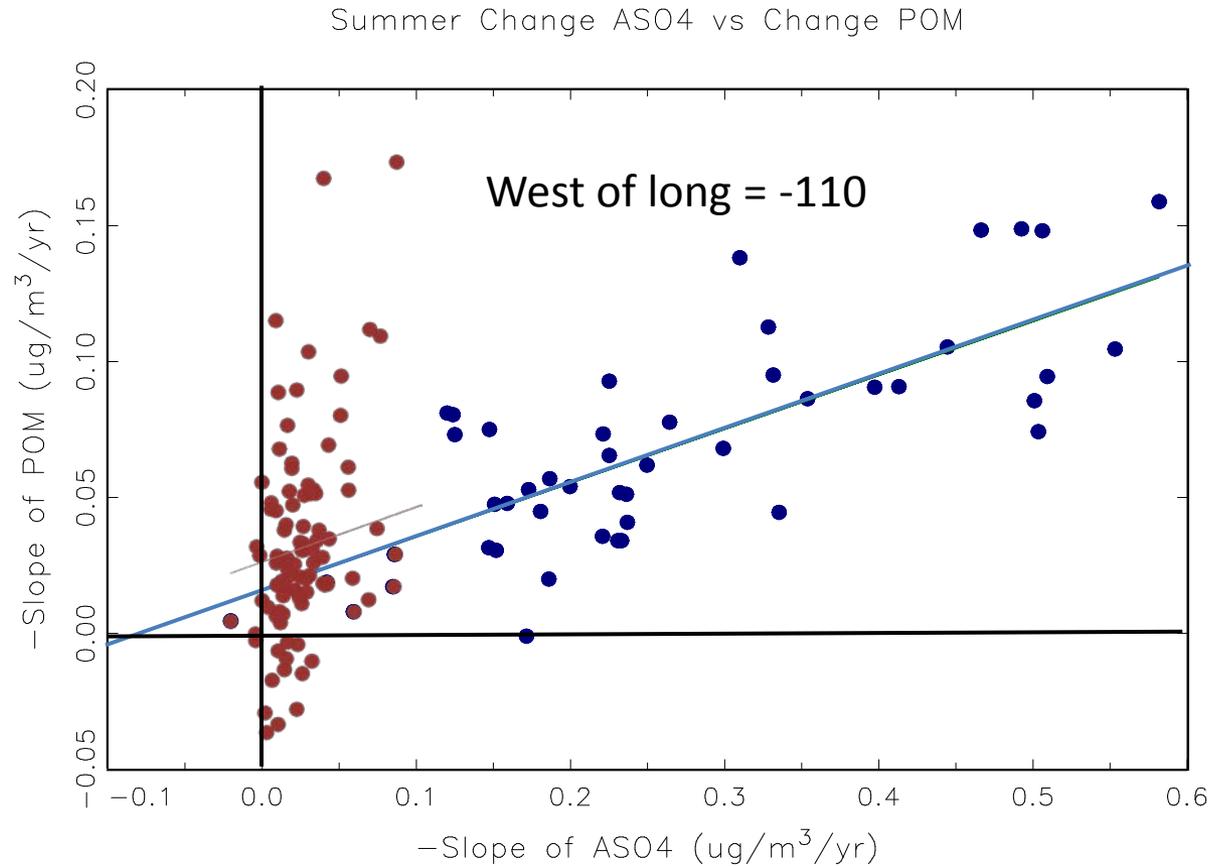


An average $\Delta\text{POM}/\Delta\text{SO4}$ over time can be derived by taking the ratio of the slopes of POM and SO4 over time as shown in the adjacent graph.

These average $\Delta\text{POM}/\Delta\text{SO4}$ for each site can then be compared.

Compare average $\Delta\text{POM}/\text{yr}$ vs $\Delta\text{ASO}_4/\text{yr}$ for sites east of longitude = -110

Intercept= 0.016 ± 0.008
Slope= 0.27 ± 0.034
Sig= 0.00
R-squared= 0.60

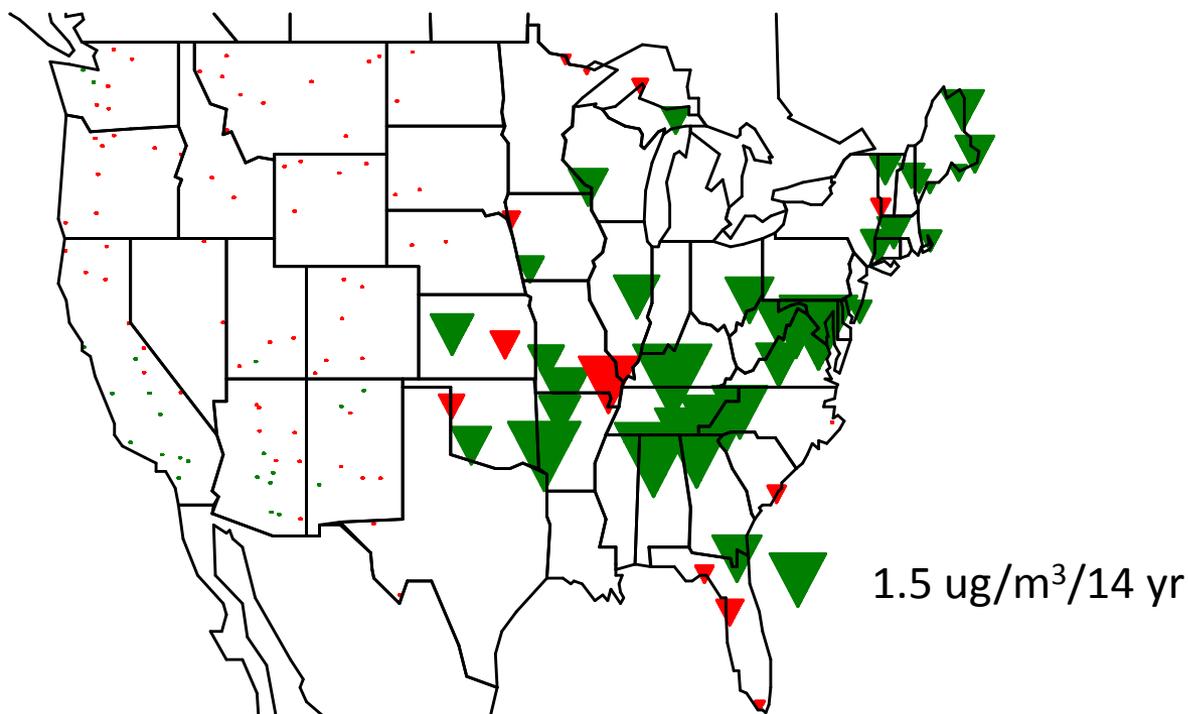


An intercept term of near zero suggests, within the uncertainty, that there may be a small amount non-ISO-SOA linked to the slope of $\Delta\text{POM}/\Delta\text{ASO}_4$.

Estimated Decrease in ISO-SOA over a ten year period resulting from a decrease in SO₂ and sulfate reductions. (ISO-SOA/14 yrs)

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Summer BPOM Trend/10 yrs

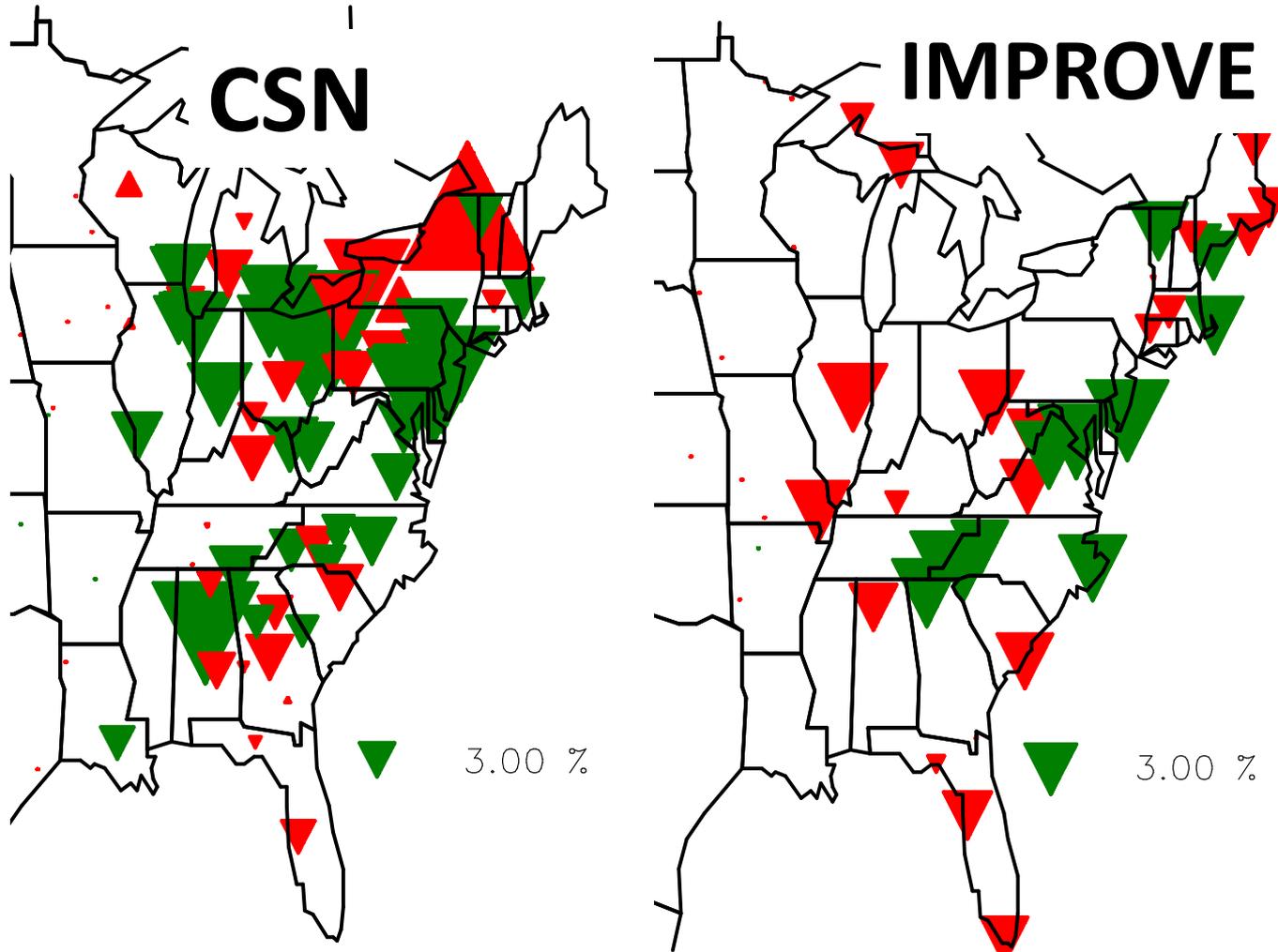


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Thank You

Winter OC trend (%/yr)

CSN Winter Interpolated to IMPROVE % Trend/yr



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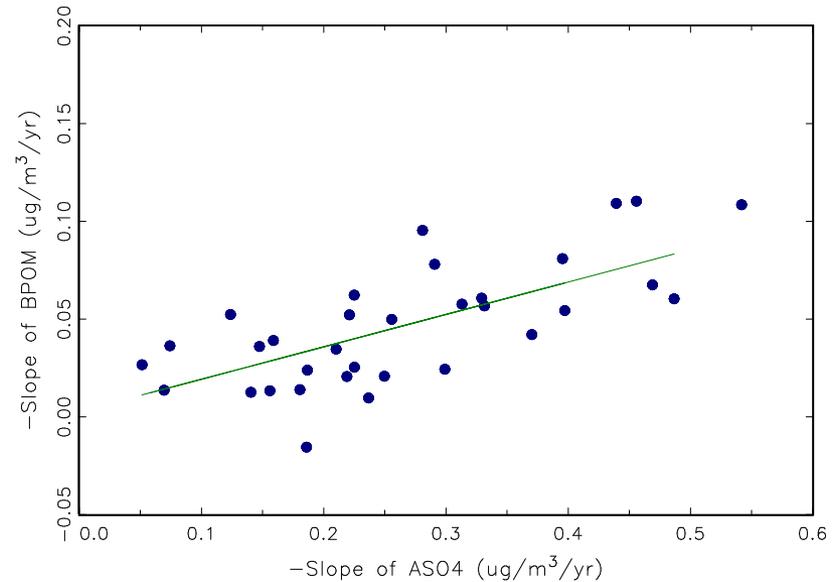
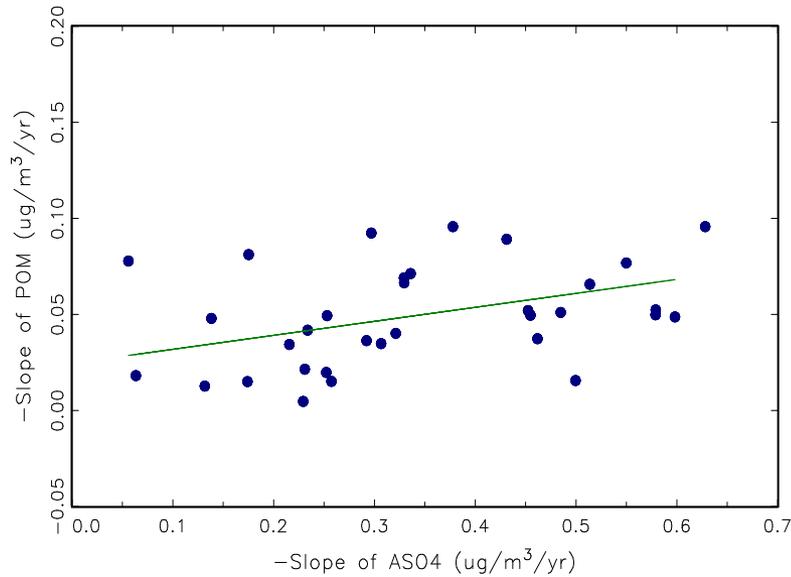
Δ BPOM/yr vs Δ ASO4/yr

June-August

August-October

Change ASO4 vs Change BPOM

Change ASO4 vs Change BPOM



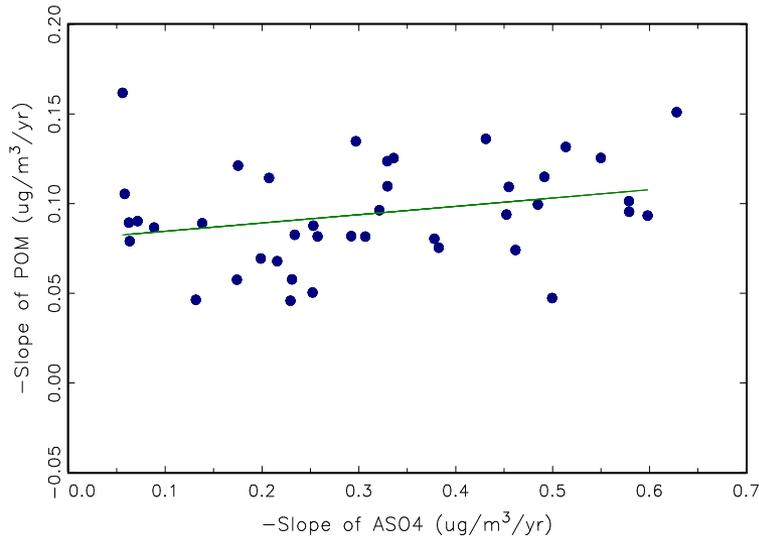
Intercept= 0.03 ± 0.01
Slope= 0.07 ± 0.03
Sig= 0.01
R-squared= 0.12

Intercept= 0.00 ± 0.01
Slope= 0.17 ± 0.03
Significance= 0.00
R-squared= 0.50

$\Delta\text{POM}/\text{yr}$ vs $\Delta\text{ASO}_4/\text{yr}$

June-August

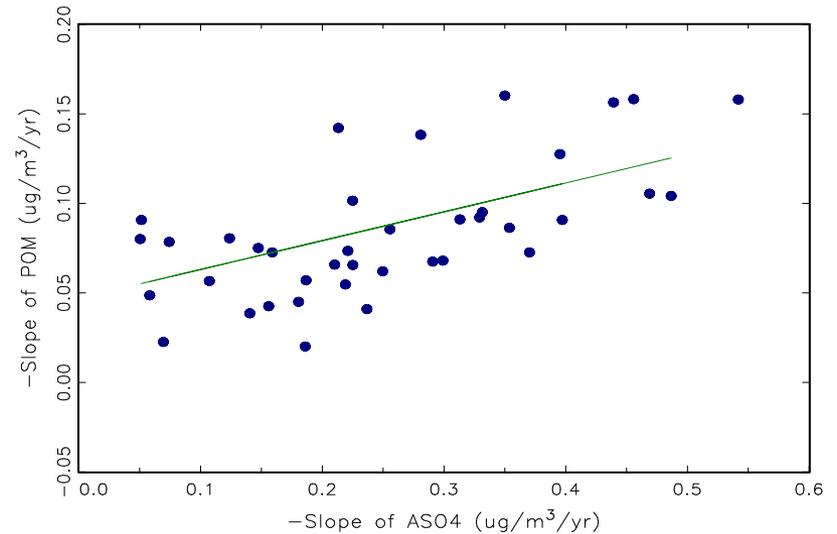
Change ASO4 vs Change POM



Intercept= 0.08 ± 0.01
Slope= 0.05 ± 0.03
Sig= 0.09
R-squared= 0.06

August-October

Change ASO4 vs Change POM



Intercept= 0.05 ± 0.01
Slope= 0.16 ± 0.05
Sig= 0.00
R-squared= 0.21

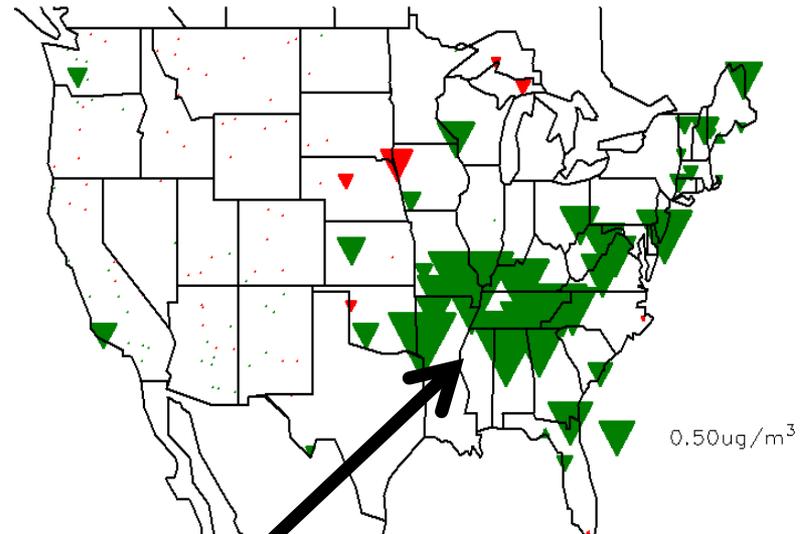
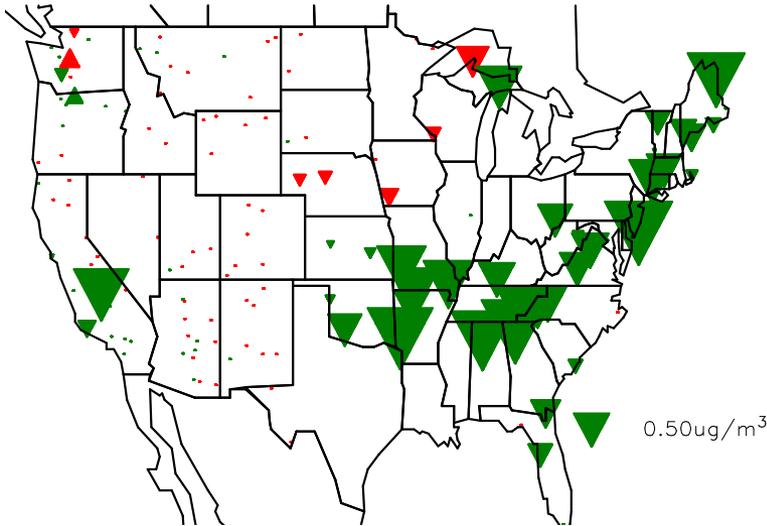
$\Delta\text{BPOM}/(10 \text{ yrs})$: Decrease in BPOM over a ten year period.

June-August

August-October

BPOM Trend/10 yrs

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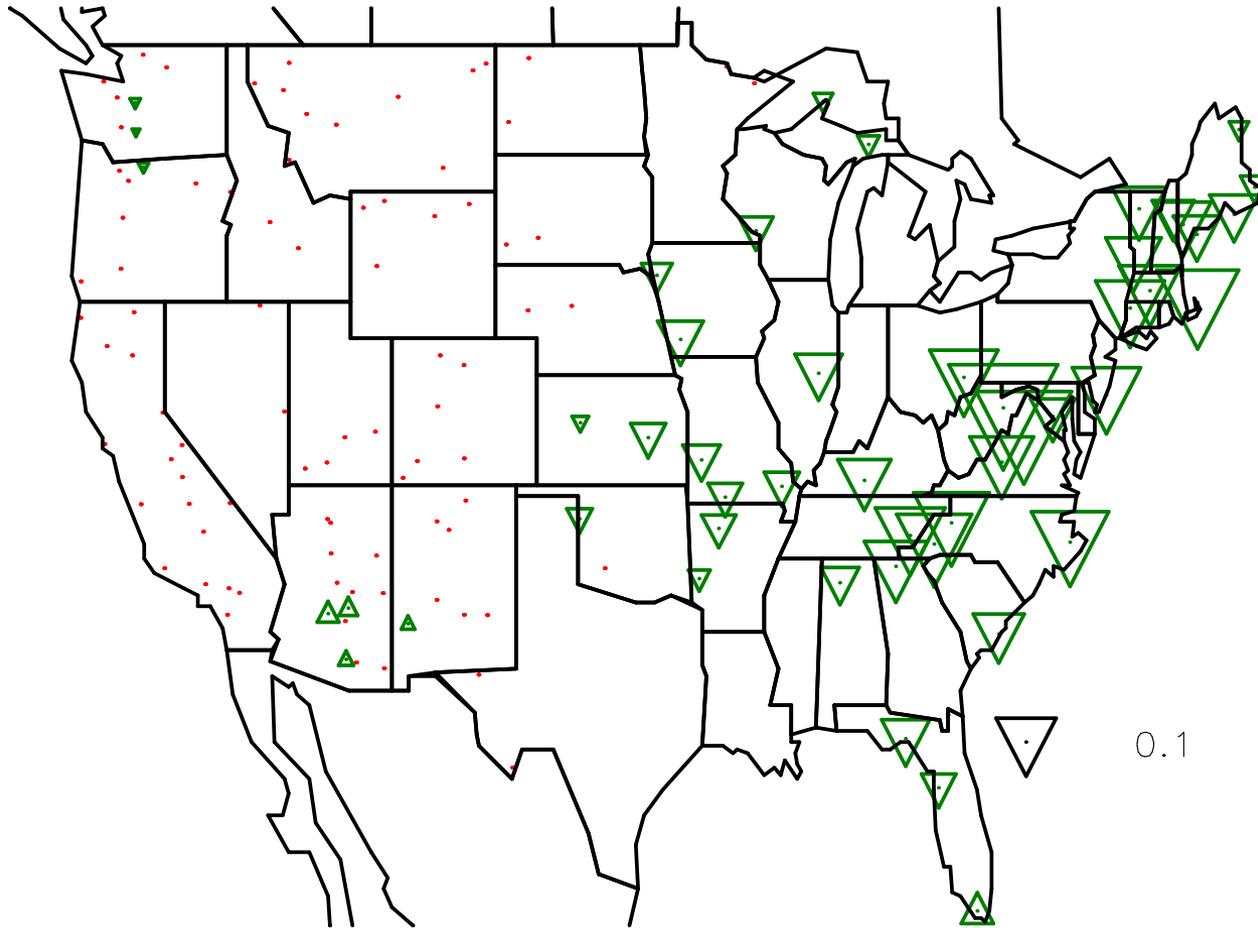


About 1.0 ug/m^3

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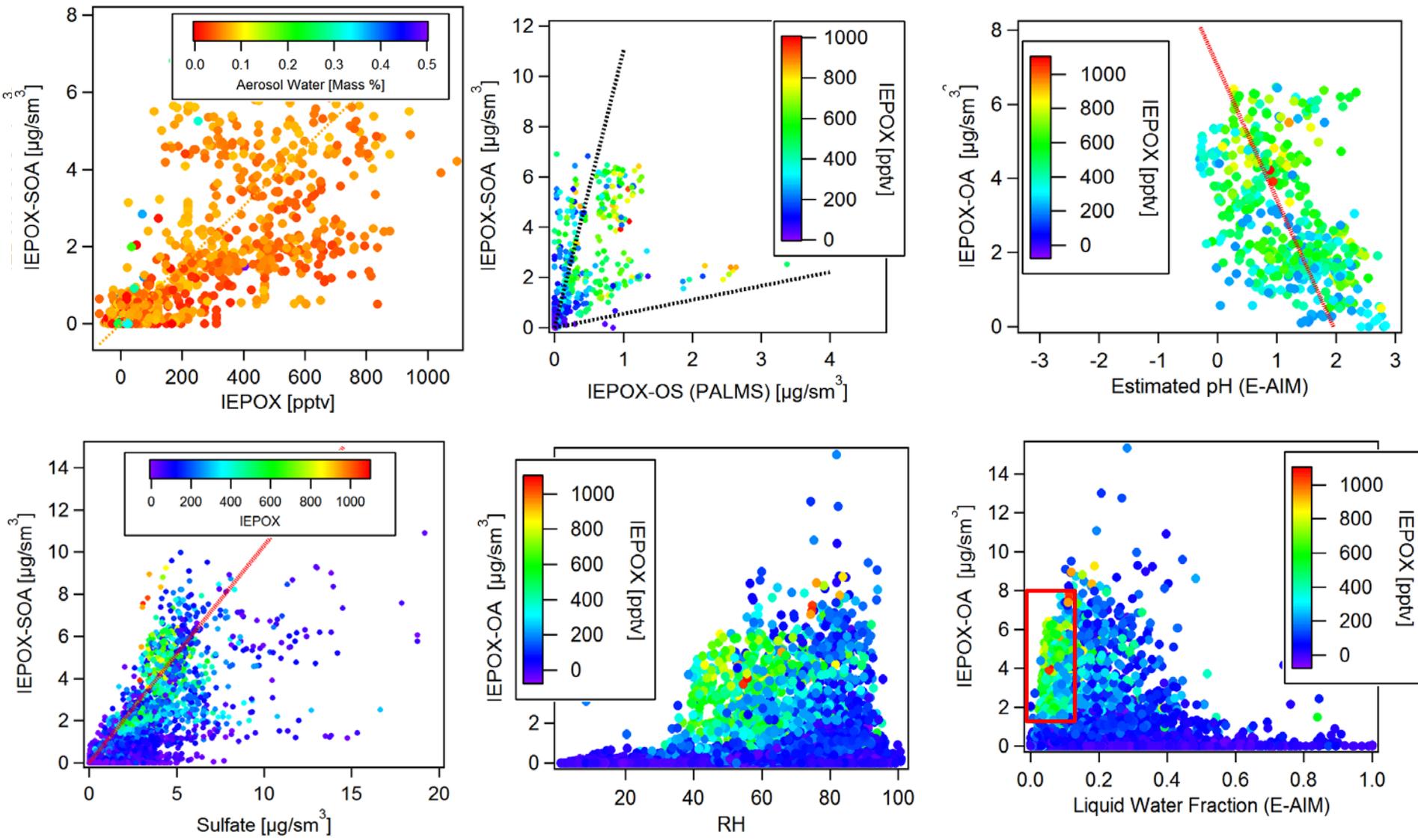
Yearly trend in the summer ratio of ASO₄ to POM (ASO₄/POM)

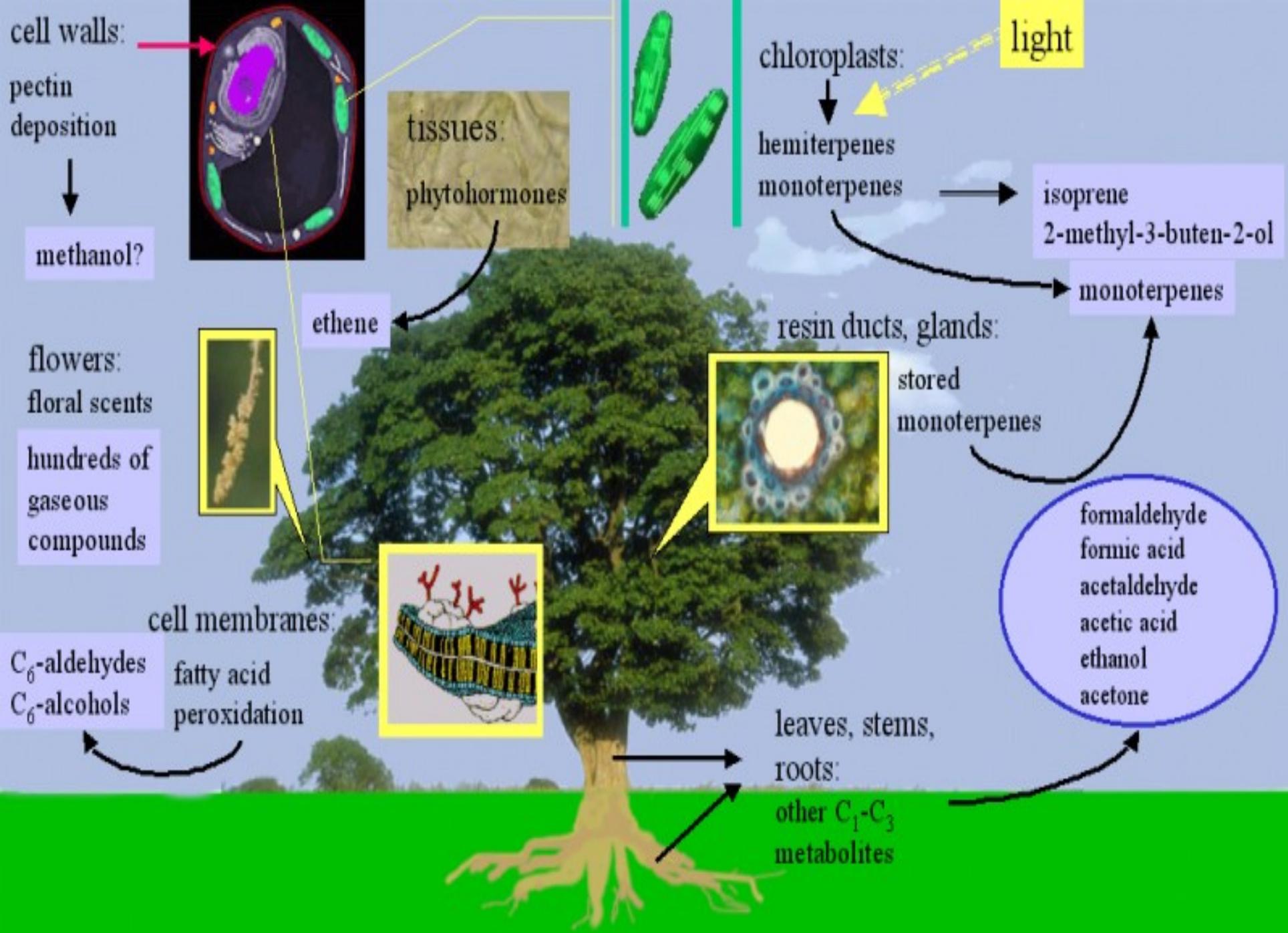
SO₄/POM Trend/yr



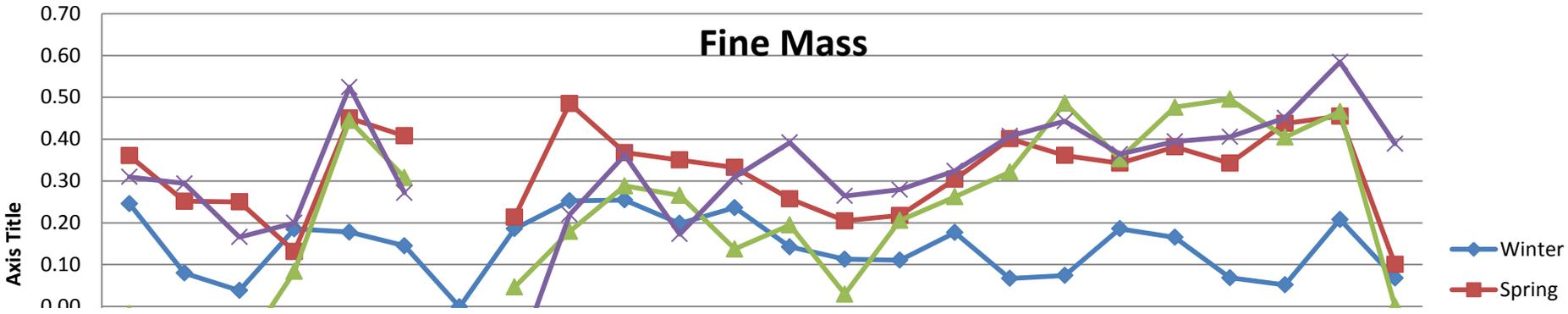
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SEAC⁴RS: Many sources, different regimes

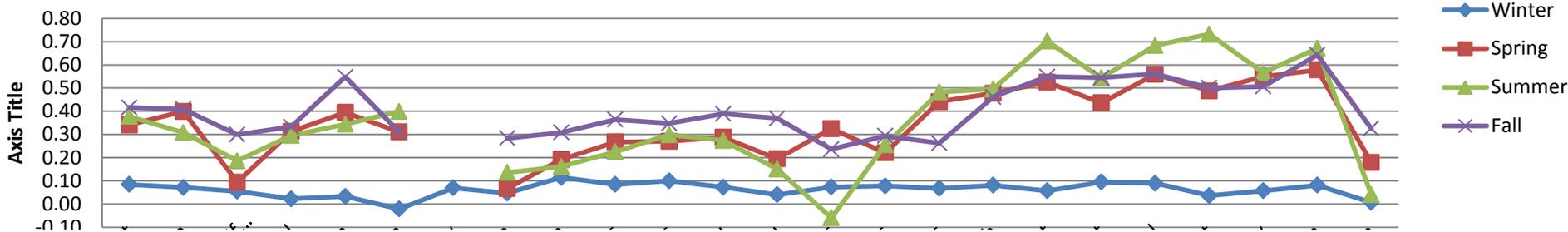




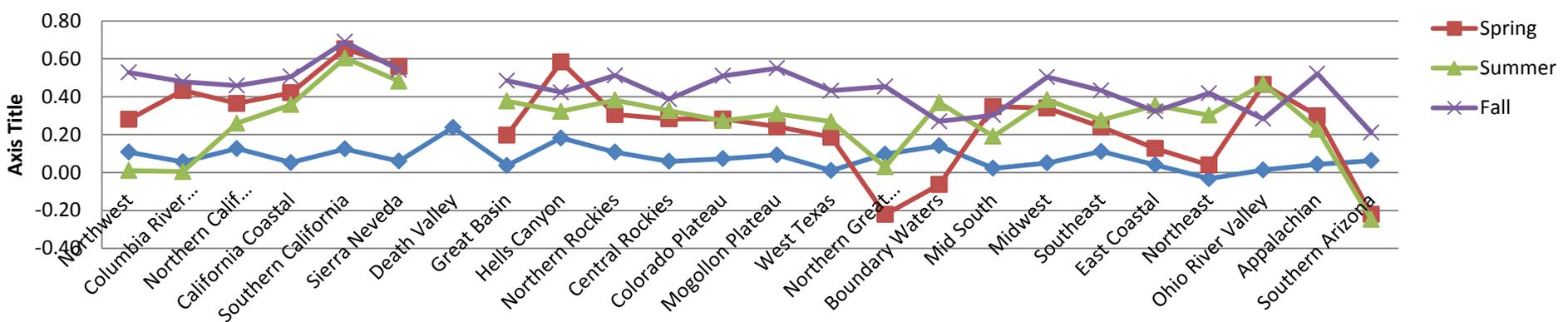
Fine Mass



Ammonium Sulfate



Ammonium Nitrate



POM

