

# Discussion Topic: What information is currently being communicated between health and atmospheric chemistry communities?

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# What can the atmospheric chemistry community provide

## SOURCES

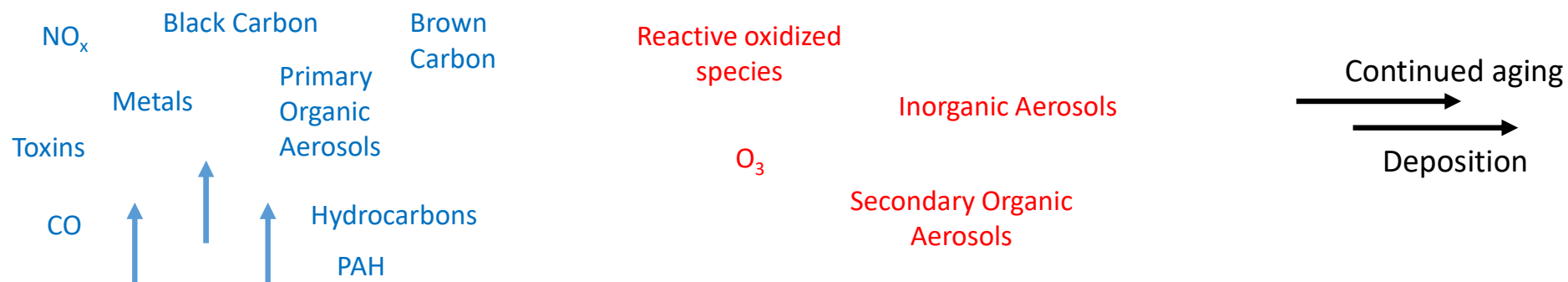
Gases and particles

## CHEMICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

Reactions, formation, transformations, interactions, etc

## FATES

Removal



### Sources

- Gases, particles
- Directly emitted (primary) vs. atmospheric formation (secondary)

### Composition

- Chemical reactions, mechanisms (*day/night*)
- Chemical species
- Degree of oxidation
- Continued aging

### Loading

- Spatial variation
- Temporal variation
- Dilution
- Dynamics

### Properties

- Volatility
- Solubility
- Optical properties
- Hygroscopicity
- Toxicity

# Atmospheric chemistry and Health community

What is being used now:

**Model Outputs**  
**Monitoring Networks**  
**Satellite Data**  
*(PM Samples)*

Particulate Matter



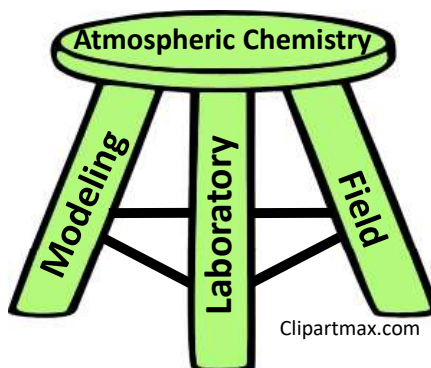
**Exposure Assessment**  
**Epidemiological Studies**  
*(Toxicological Studies)*

**Modeling:** chemical transport models; regional models, global models

*Constrained by lab and field studies; predictive capability; level of complexity*

**Instrument development:** new analytical instruments

*Link highly reactive hazardous species to toxicological studies*



**Laboratory experiments:** fundamental data, rates, chemical mechanisms, “model systems” under well-controlled environments

**Field measurements:** life cycles (emissions, formation, processing, fates)

*Provide fundamental inputs for model development and validation*

*→ Causes and effects; mechanistic understanding  
→ Attribute constituents to sources  
→ Link toxicity of individual and mixture of components to their chemical composition*

# What improvements could be made; opportunities

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- Improve quantification of wildfire emissions and understanding of their chemical transformations, especially VOCs, SIVOCs, amount and properties of wildfire organic aerosols (OA), ozone formation
- Long-term measurements of atmospheric constituents, chemical speciation; development of low-cost real-time analytical techniques for air quality monitoring, exposure assessment
- (Continued/More) Engagement of atmospheric chemists in health-related research
  - Knowledge of sources, transformation, and fates of wildfire emissions critical for linking to and understanding their health impacts
  - Gases and particles
  - Mechanistic links between chemical and physical properties of wildfire smoke with biological and toxicological endpoints
- Platforms for atmospheric chemists and health communities to interact: workshops, conferences, funding opportunities, etc