

Proposed Modeling Improvements and Implementation Relevant to the Focus Questions

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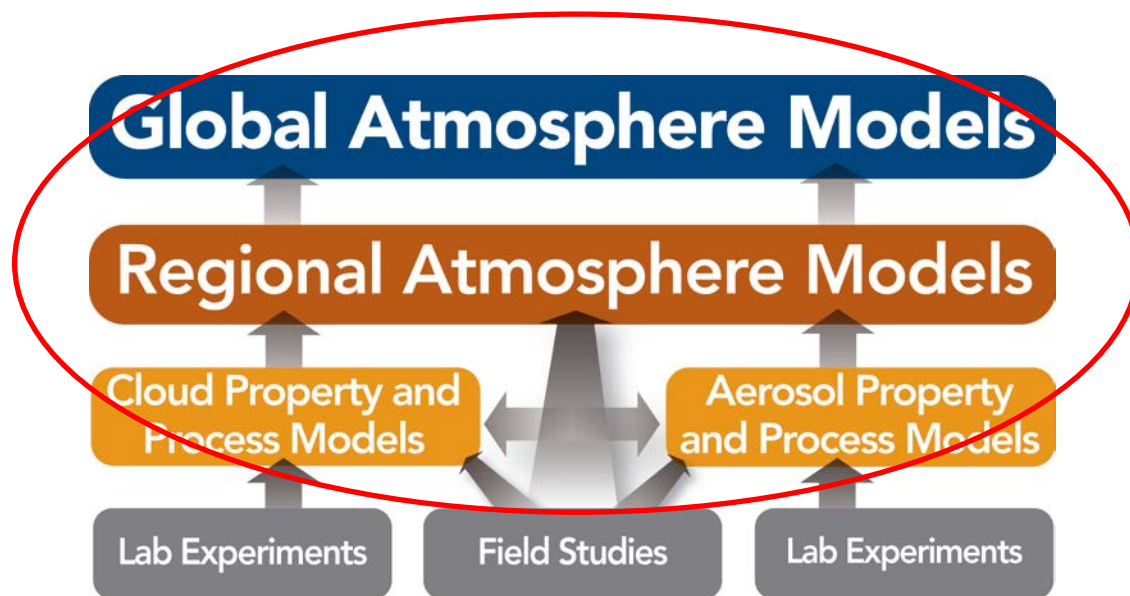
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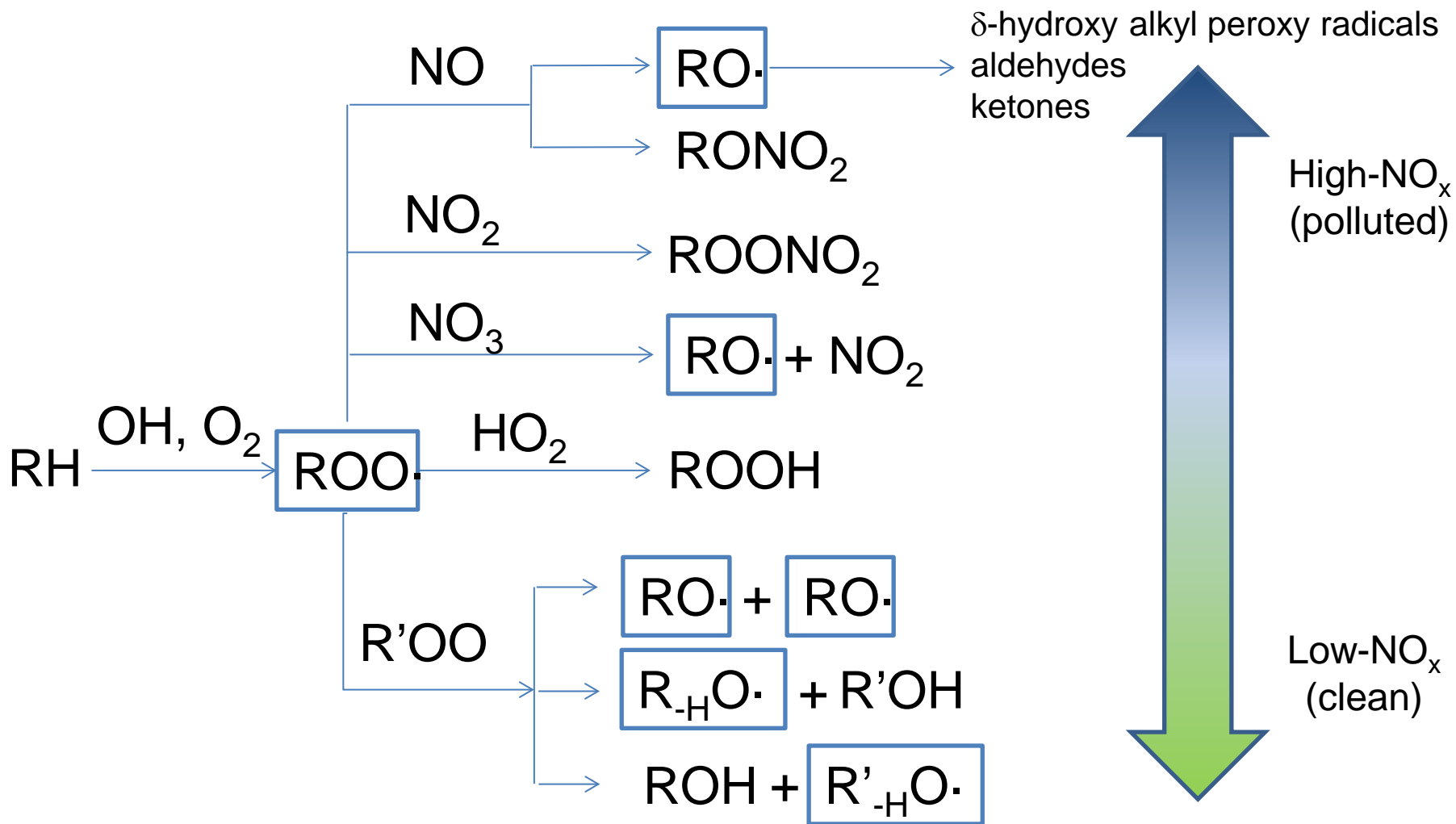
A-B Interactions Focus Group strategy



► Focus on:

- Fate of ROO radicals in the gas phase
- SOA physical state and morphology
- Particle phase reactions

Focus Area 1: Fate of ROO Radicals in the Gas Phase



Focus Area 1: Fate of ROO Radicals in the Gas Phase Modeling Approach

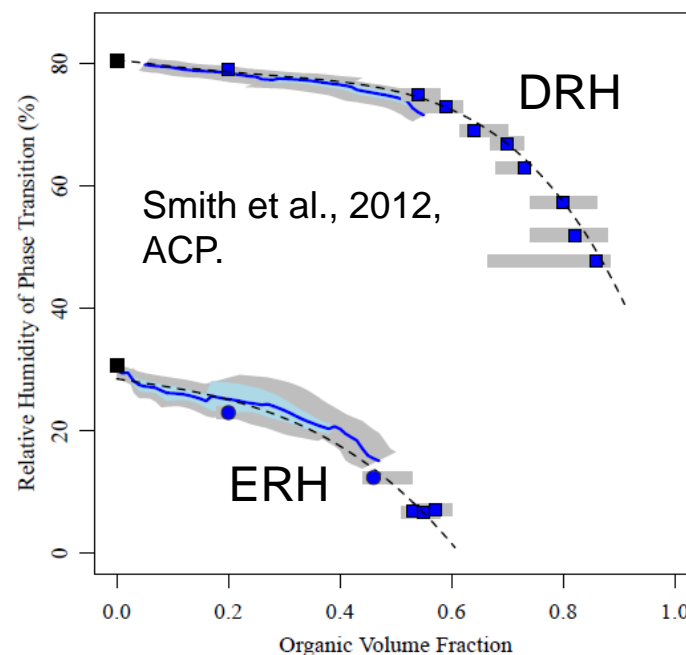
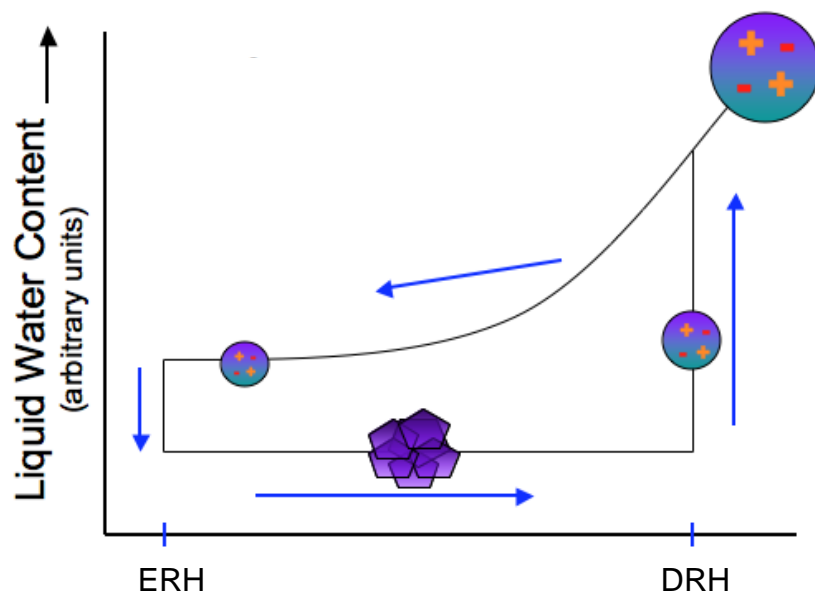
Laboratory & Field Measurements of key gas-phase species and size-distributed aerosol composition under varying AVOC+BVOC/ NO_x

Detailed gas-phase mechanism such as MCM, GECKO to provide insights into the fate of ROO radicals under polluted and clean conditions

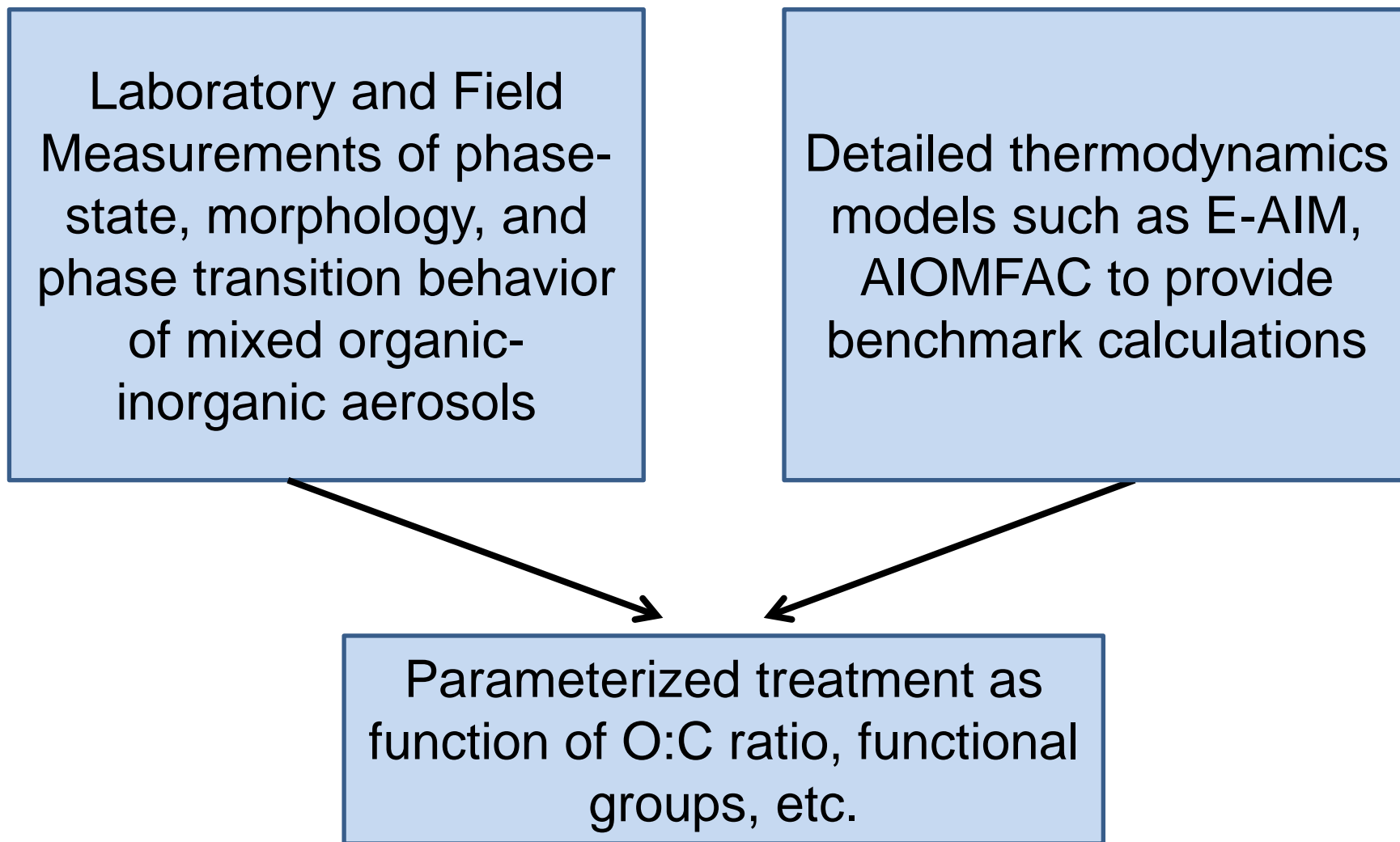
Condensed gas-phase mechanism + gas-particle partitioning treatment that predicts size-distributed organic-inorganic aerosol composition

Focus Area 2: SOA Physical State and Morphology

- ▶ Phase state of mixed organic-inorganic aerosols (liquid, semi-solid, solid, phase separation, deliquescence, efflorescence, water uptake)
- ▶ Physical properties as a function of composition (bulk diffusivity, surface tension)



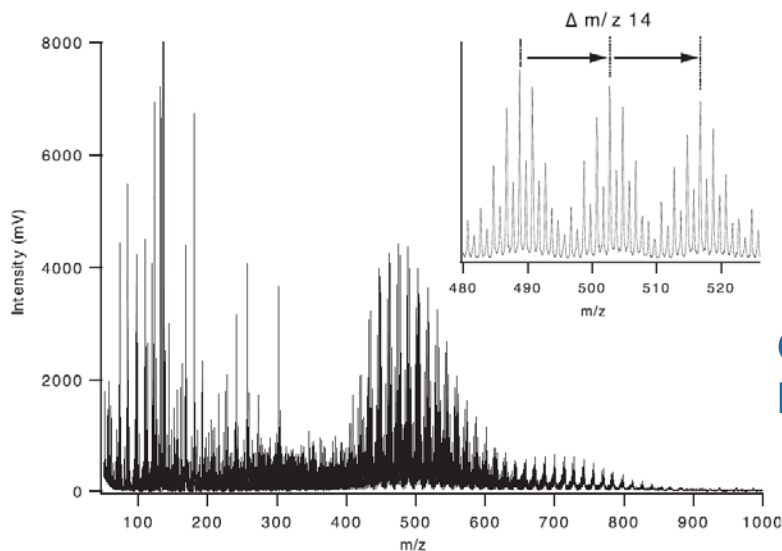
Focus Area 2: SOA Physical State and Morphology Modeling Approach



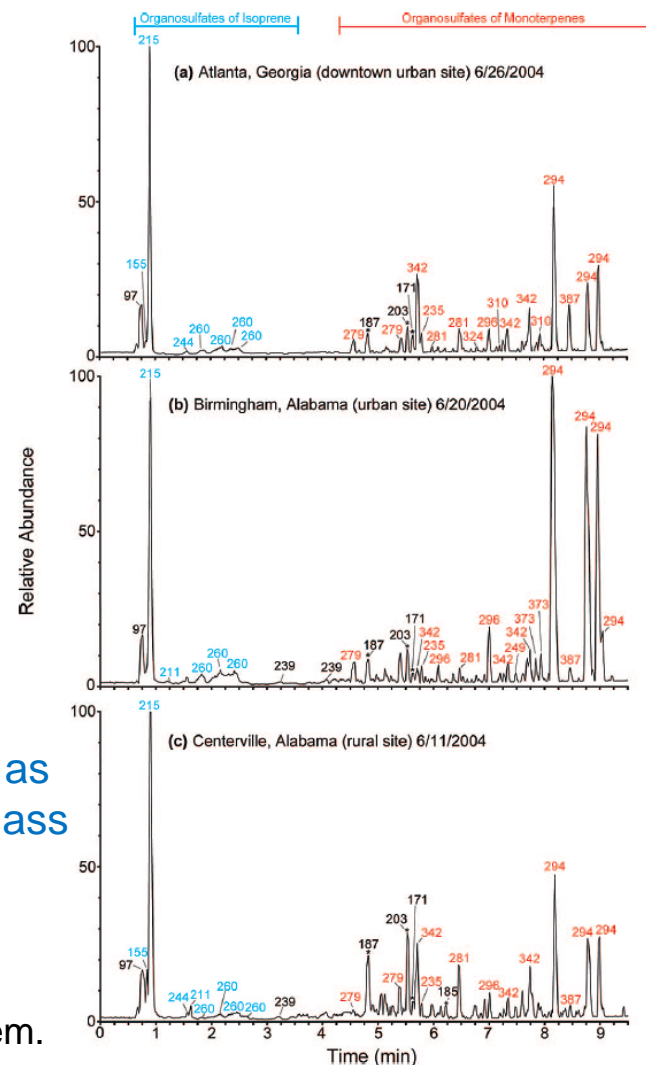
Focus Area 3: Particle Phase Reactions

- ▶ Particle-phase reactions can lead to formation of non-volatile species such as oligomers, organosulfates, etc. in the presence of acidic sulfate particles.
- ▶ Increase particle viscosity (semi-solid), slow down mass transfer kinetics, form brown carbon, affect CCN activity.

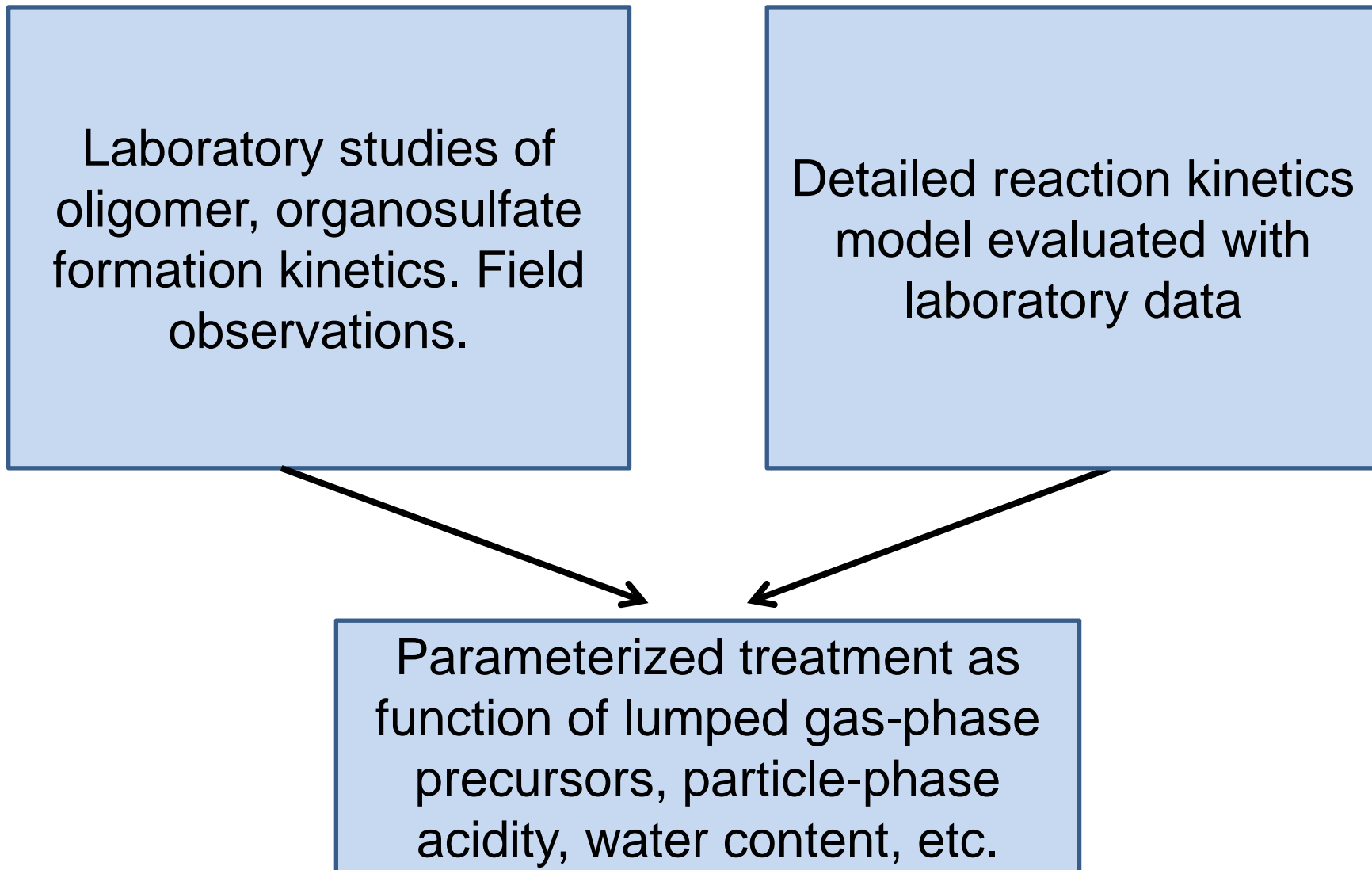
Oligomer fraction as high as 50% of SOA mass



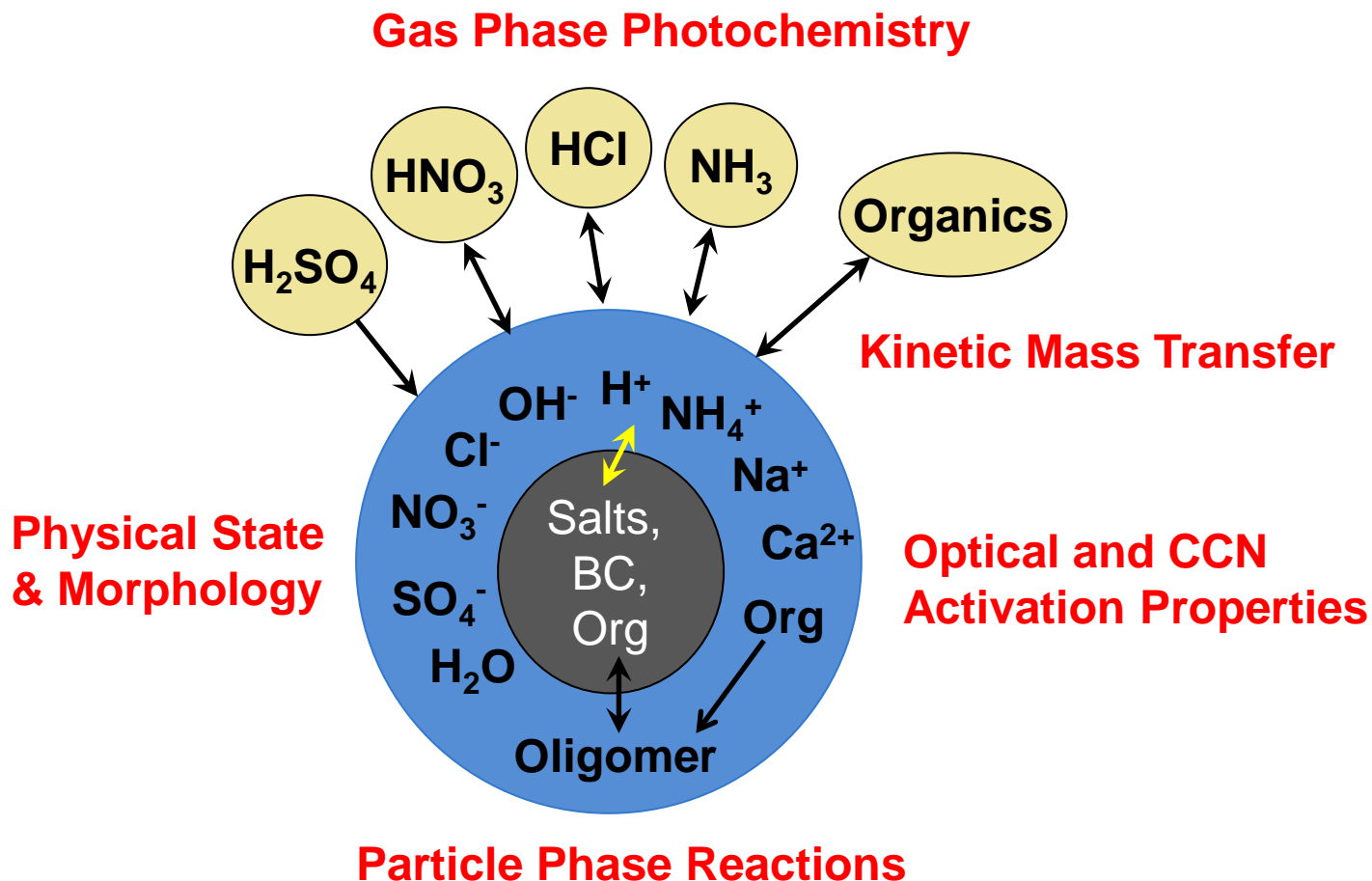
Organosulfate fraction as high as 30% of SOA mass



Focus Area 3: Particle Phase Reactions Modeling Approach



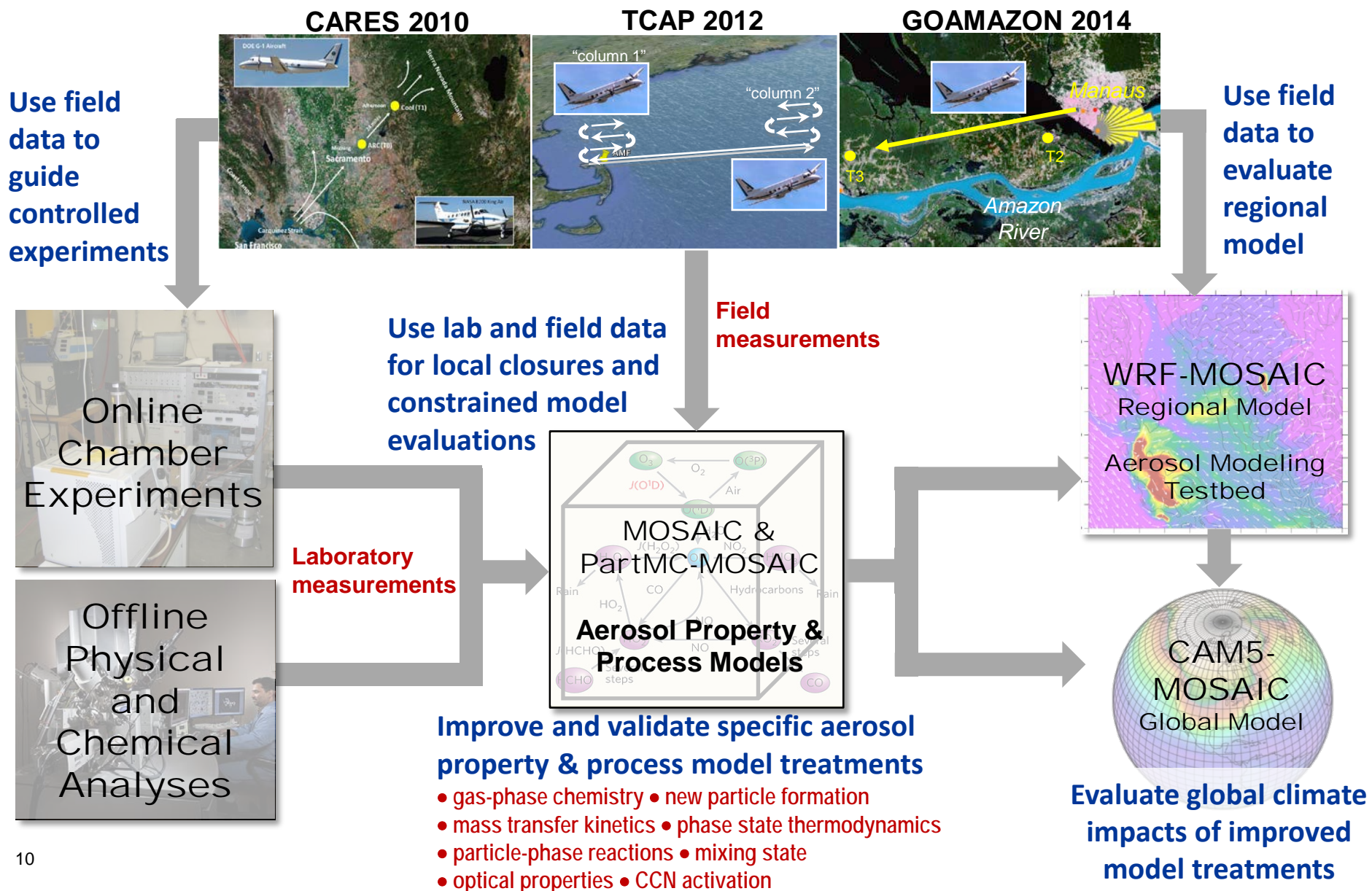
Envisioned Unified Aerosol Model



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Measurements-to-Models Example



Summary

- ▶ Develop and evaluate efficient SOA model to investigate impacts of A-B interactions at regional and global scales, with a focus on:
 - Fate of gas-phase ROO radicals (NO_x dependence)
 - SOA physical state (organic-inorganic interactions)
 - Particle phase reactions (oligomer, organosulfate, etc.)
- ▶ Foster collaborative and integrated efforts for laboratory, field, and modeling studies with ASR.