

Supporting Information for

**Evaluating the Model Representation of Asian Summer Monsoon UTLS Transport and Composition using Airborne In Situ Observations**

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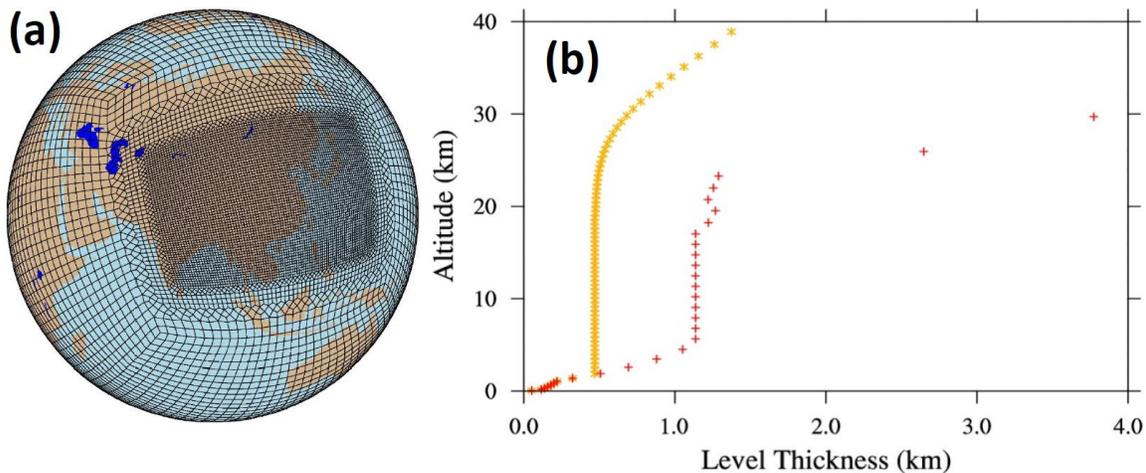
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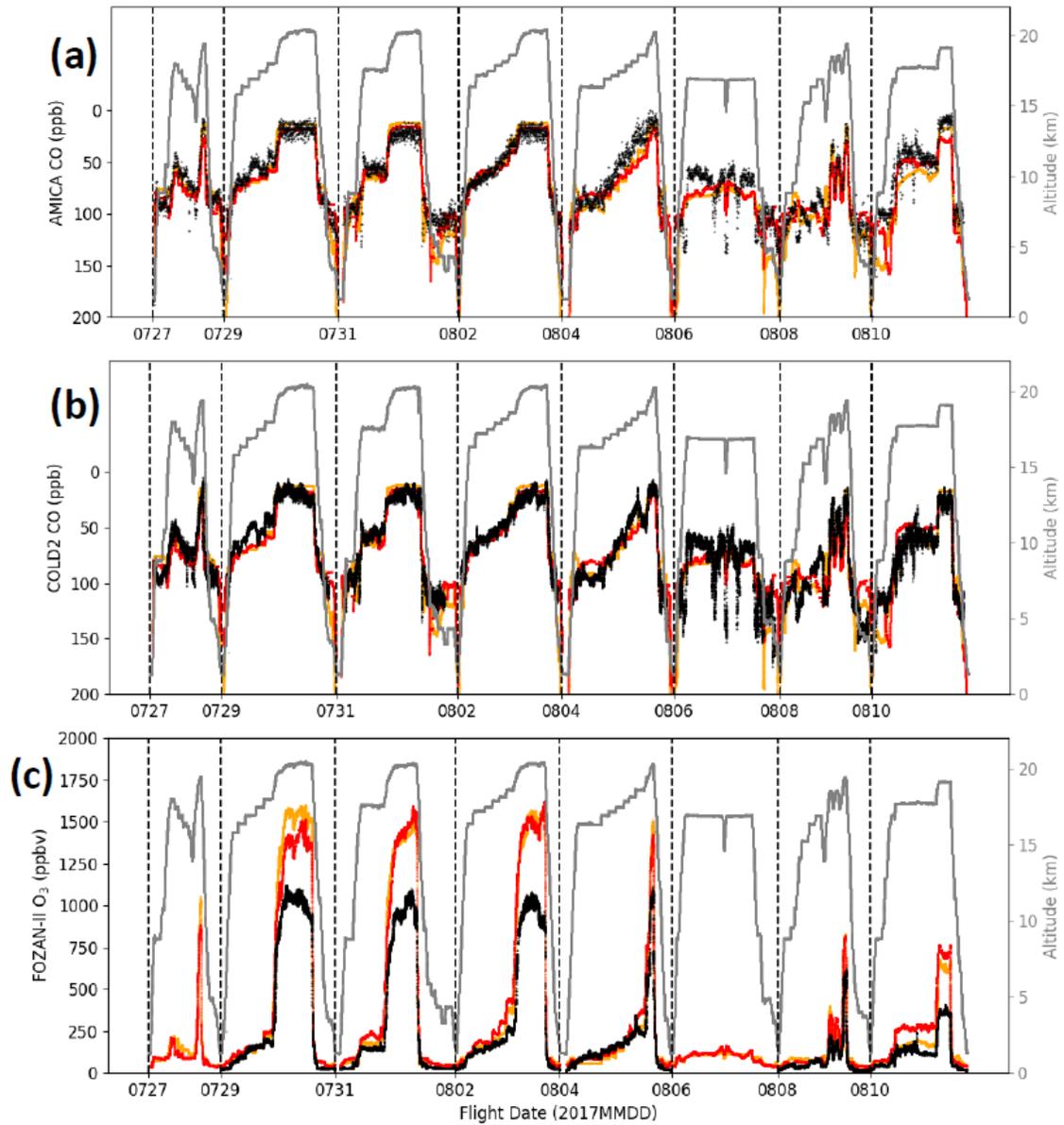
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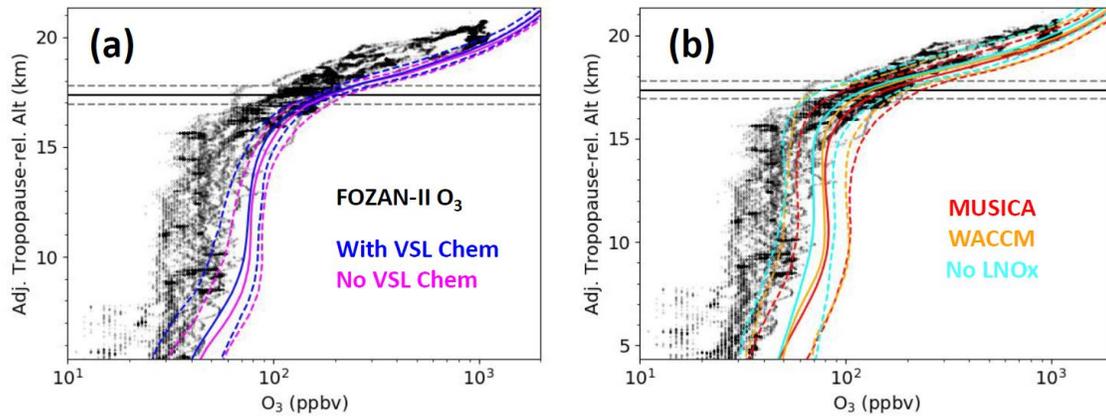
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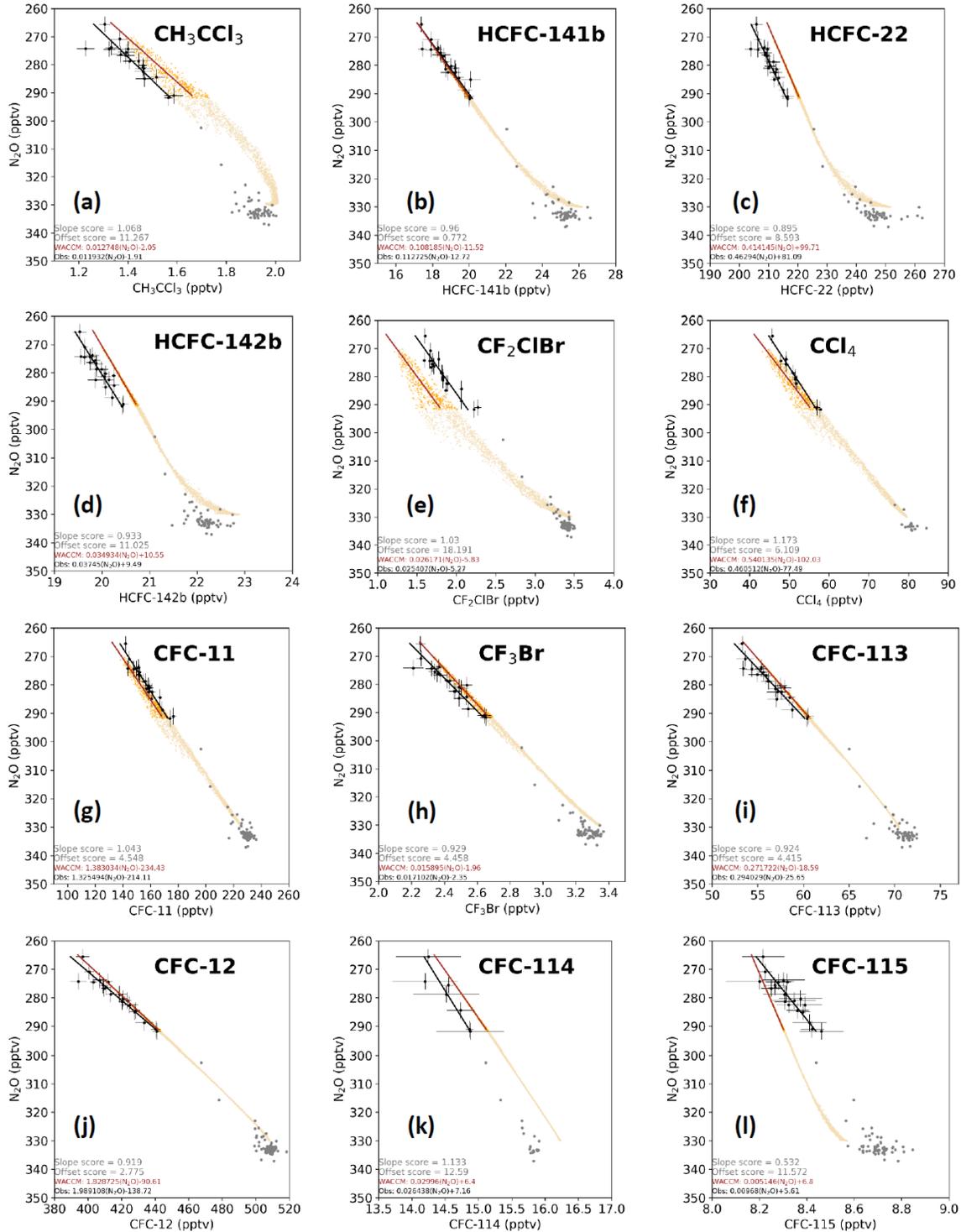
**Figure S1:** (Left) An image depicting the horizontal grid structure for the MUSICA simulation analyzed herein. This grid mesh was originally developed for forecasting application during an airborne field campaign, the Asian summer monsoon Chemical and Climate Impact Project (ACCLIP), which took place in summer 2022. (Right) The thickness of each model layer in the analyzed (orange, 110 total levels) WACCM and (red, 32 total levels) MUSICA simulations.



**Figure S2:** Time series of observed and model CO and ozone mixing ratios interpolated in space and time to StratoClim flight tracks from the (red) MUSICA and (orange) WACCM simulations. Black dots show (a) AMICA CO, (b) COLD2 CO and (c) FOZAN-II ozone. Gray lines show the aircraft altitude. Note y-axes for CO are flipped.



**Figure S3:** As in Figure 3, but for sensitivity runs which explore the model ozone high bias, and with dashed lines to indicate the 5<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles for the models. The left panel shows sensitivity runs for the inclusion of very short-lived (VSL) chemistry. We note that these are free-running simulations with prescribed SSTs which are not nudged to analysis like the WACCM and MUSICA runs in this study, they are only used to assess the relative impact of VSL chemistry. The right panel shows sensitivity to a CAM-Chem simulation (in cyan) where lightning NO<sub>x</sub> production is disabled.



**Figure S4:** As in Figure 8, but using  $N_2O$  as the chemical vertical coordinate.