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Multiple approaches for quantifying fuels, combustion dynamics, and regional fire emissions in the Amazon and Cerrado

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Fuels and fire emissions



Fire emissions

- Fuel types / composition
- Fuel loads
- Fuel moisture
- Fuel chemistry (e.g cellulose, lignin, volatiles)
- Oxygen availability
- Burning behaviour (flaming, smouldering)
- Temperature, humidity



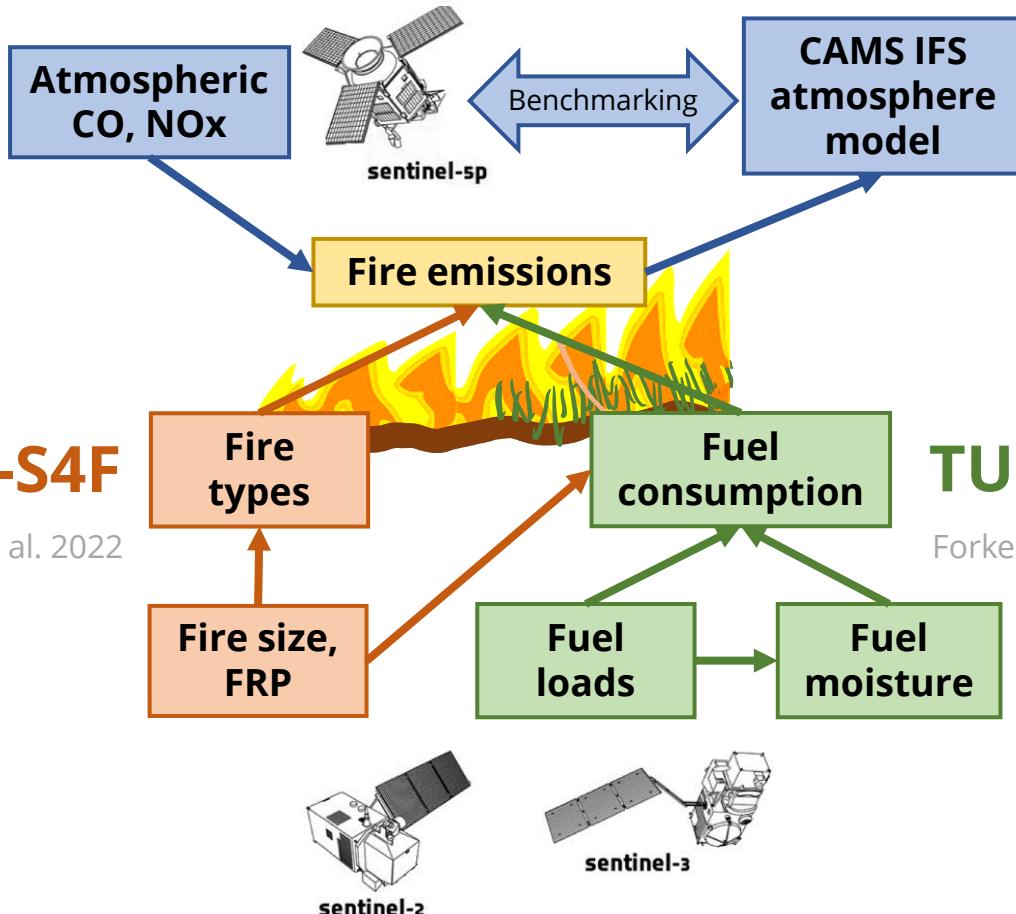
Brazil, 2020

Sense4Fire approaches



KNMI-S5p

de Laat et al., in rev.



GFA-S4F

Andela et al. 2022

TUD-S4F

Forkel et al. in rev.

Data available at
<https://sense4fire.eu/database/>

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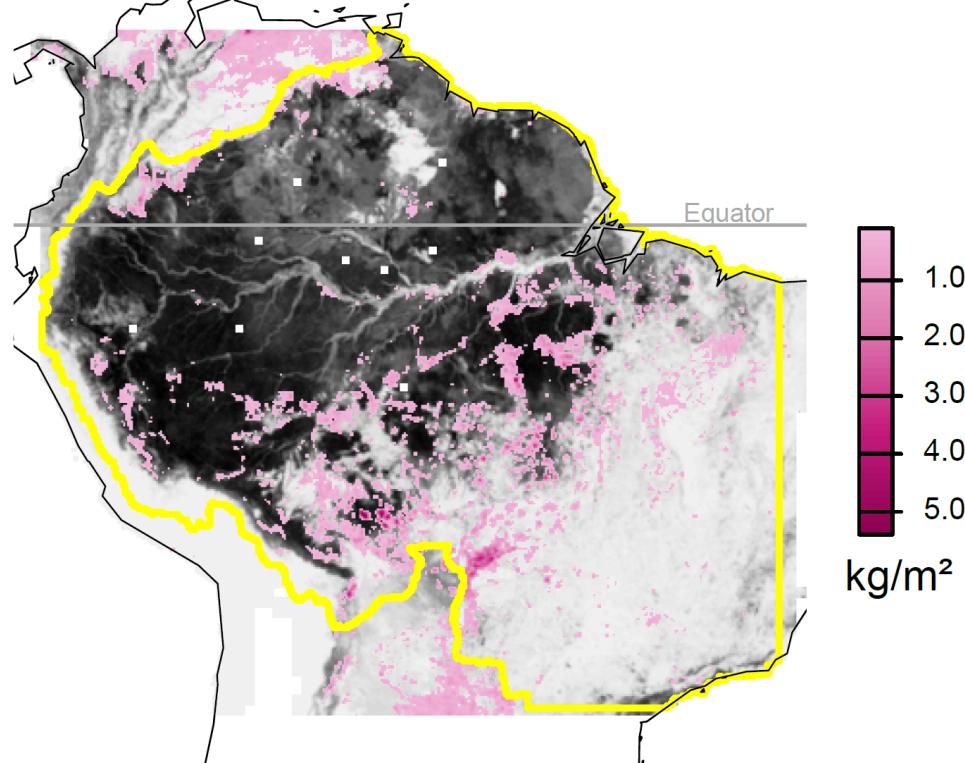
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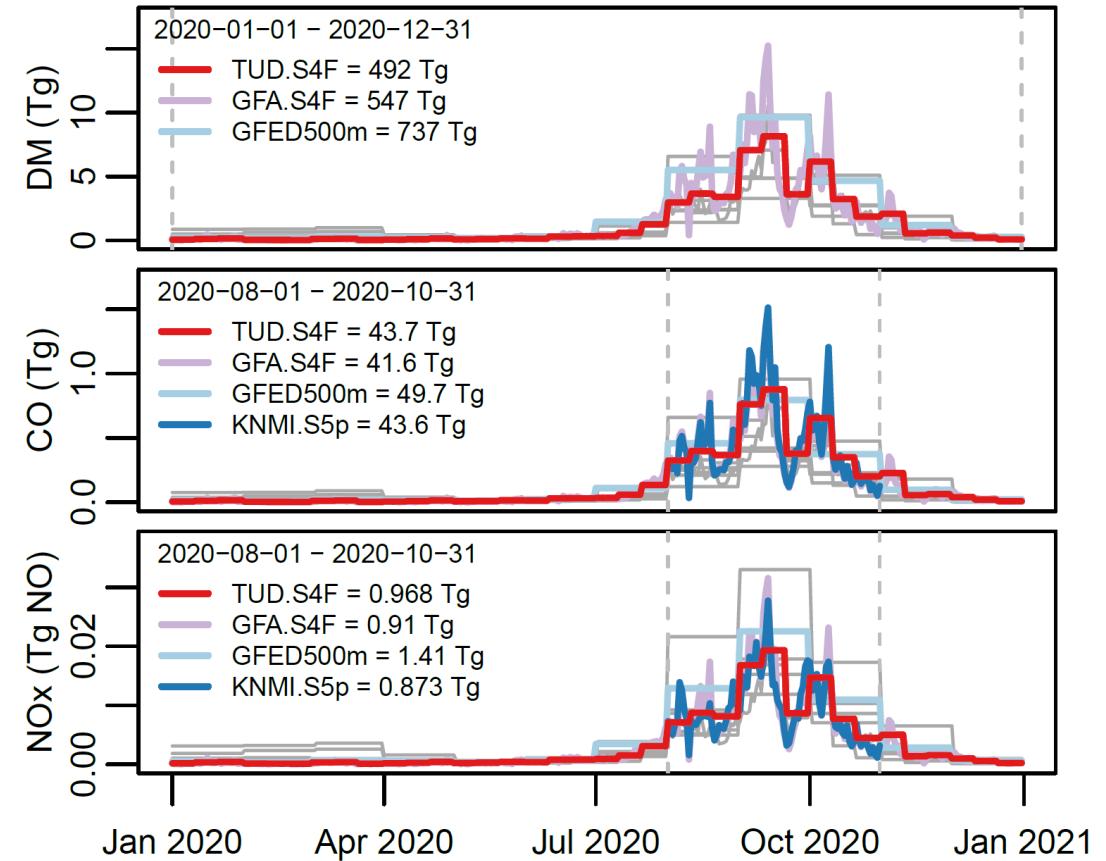
Fire emissions 2020



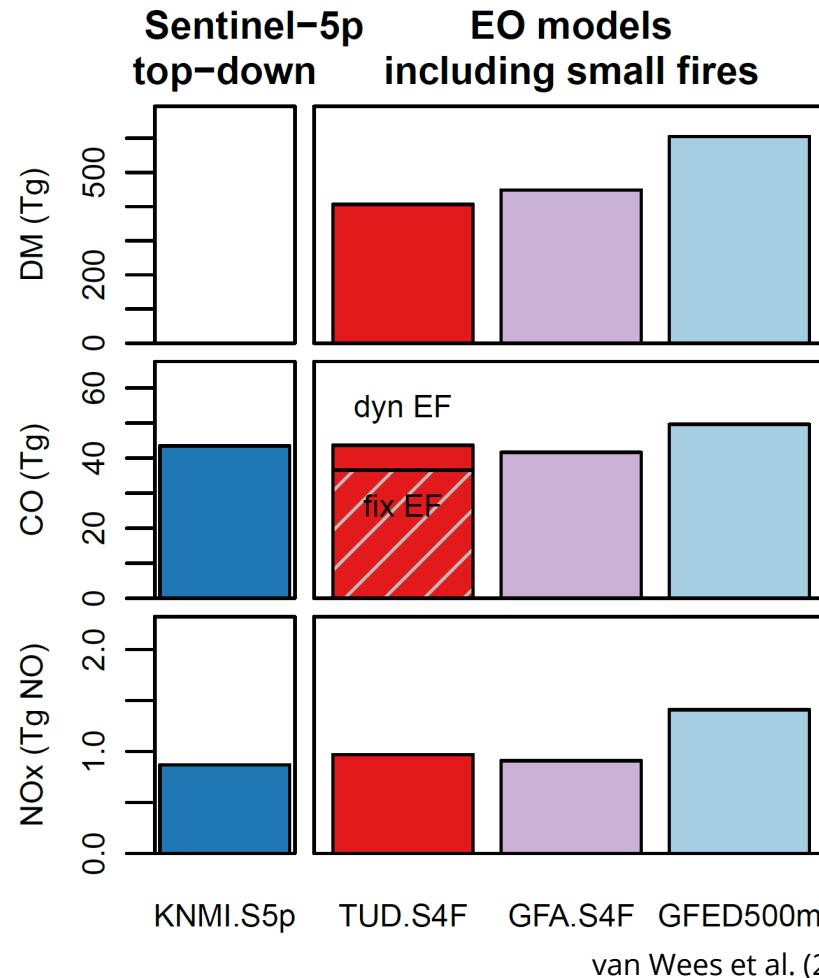
(a) TUD.S4F DM emissions 2020



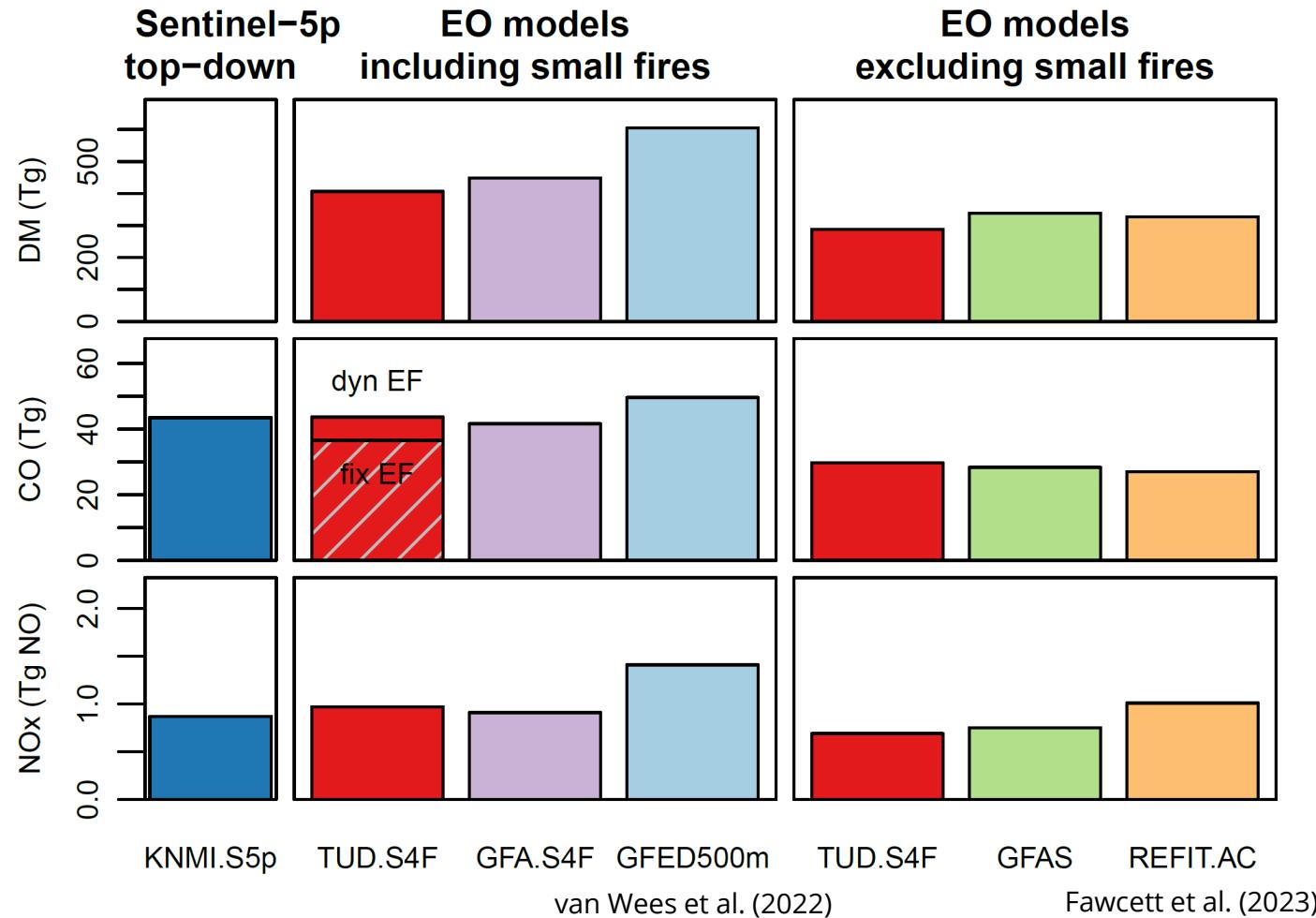
(b) Emissions over time



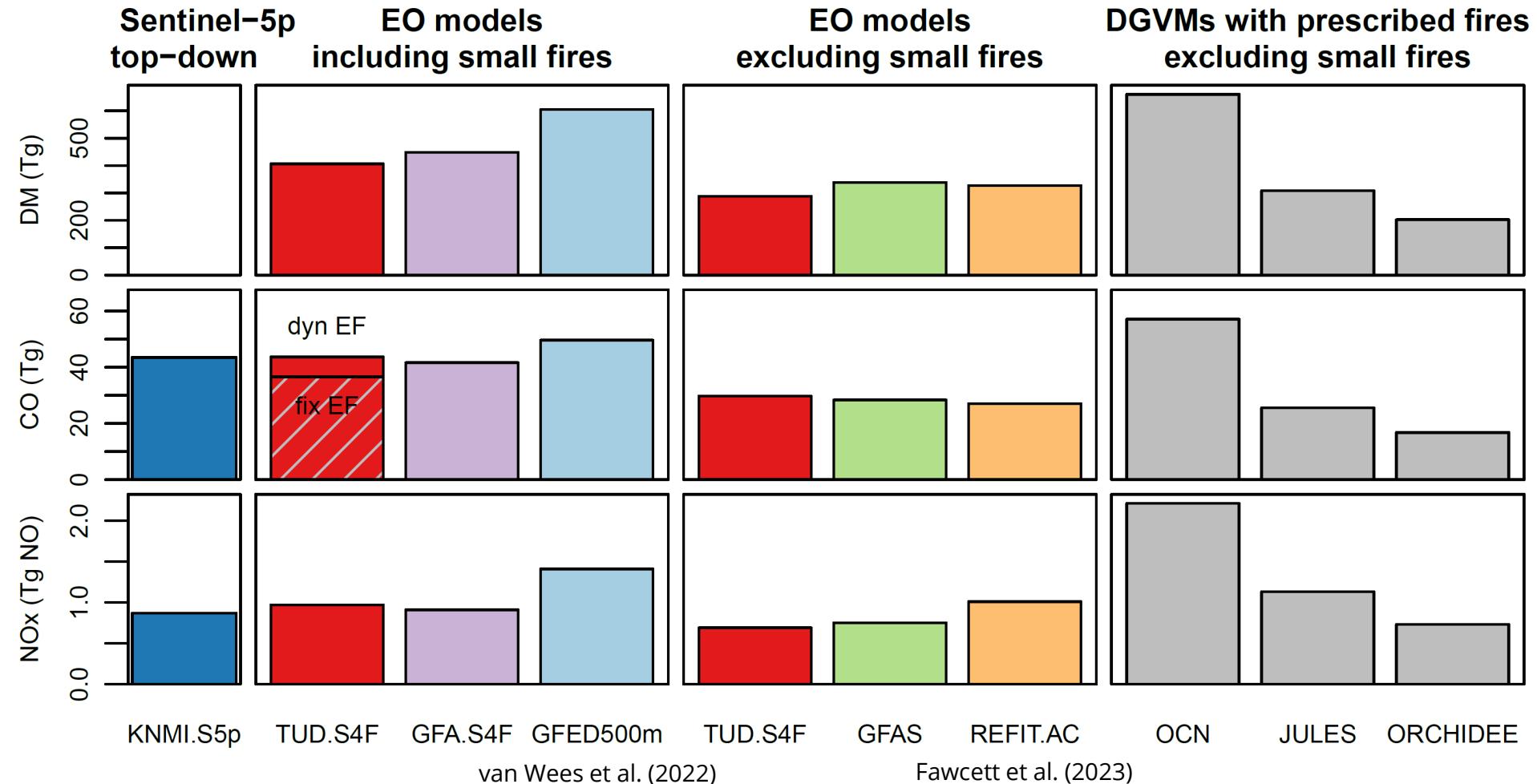
Fire emissions August-October 2020



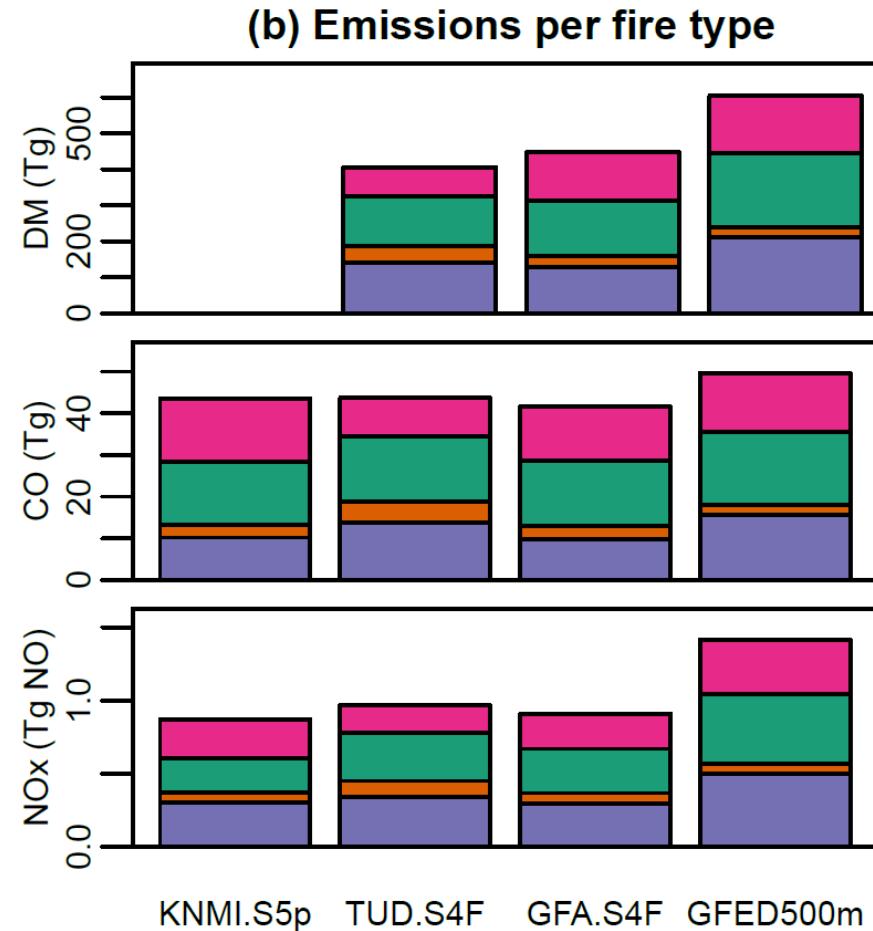
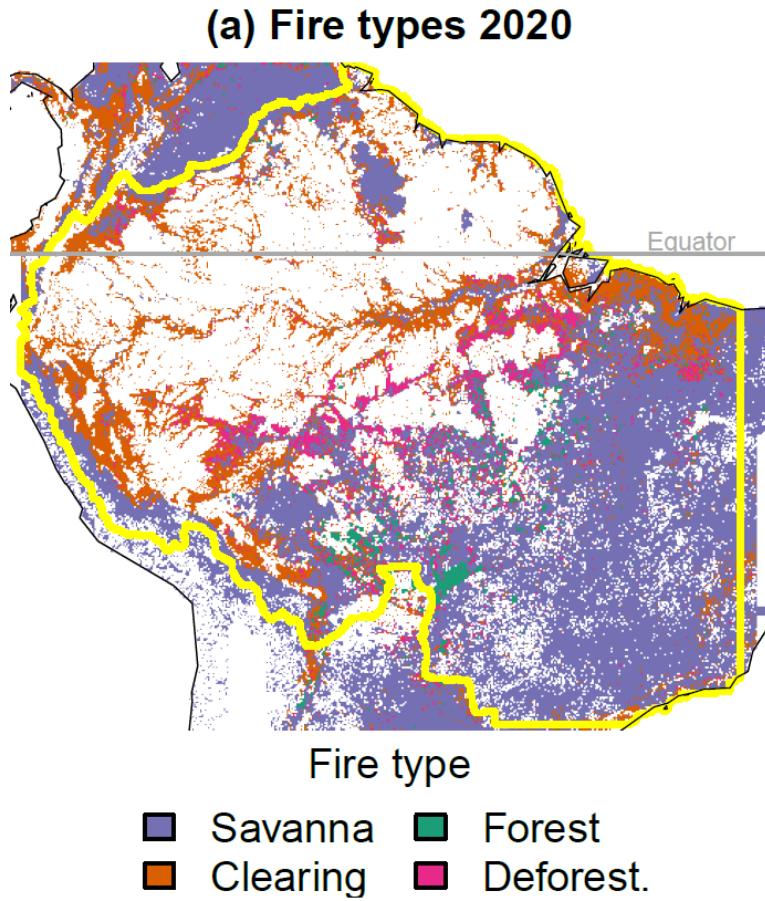
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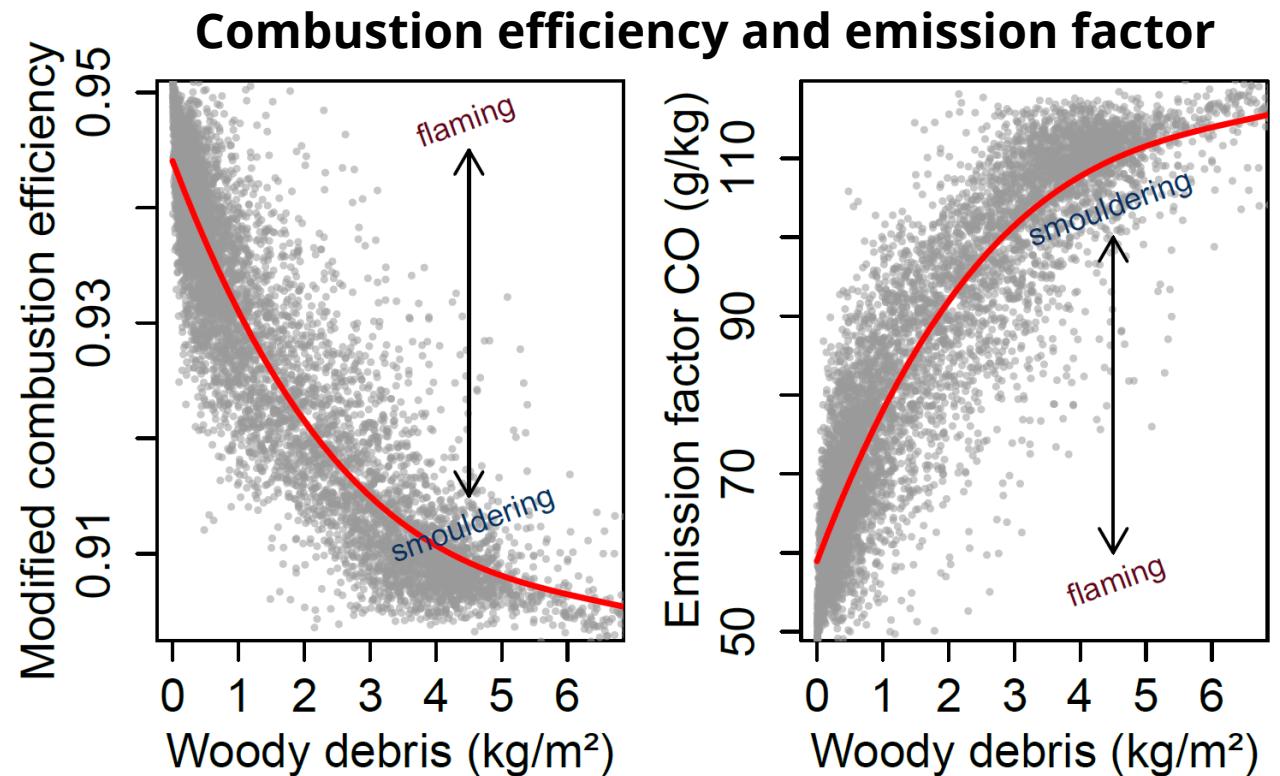
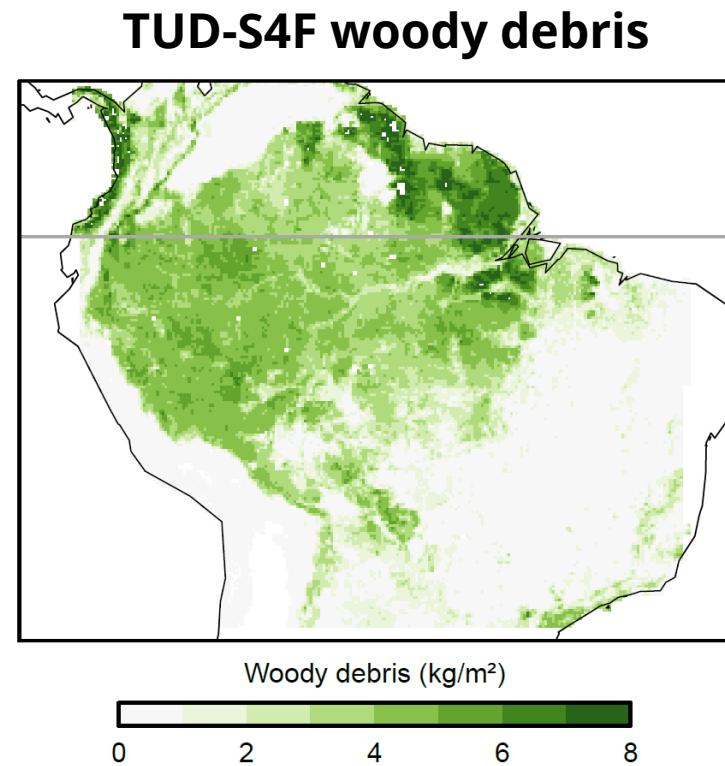
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Emissions from different fire types



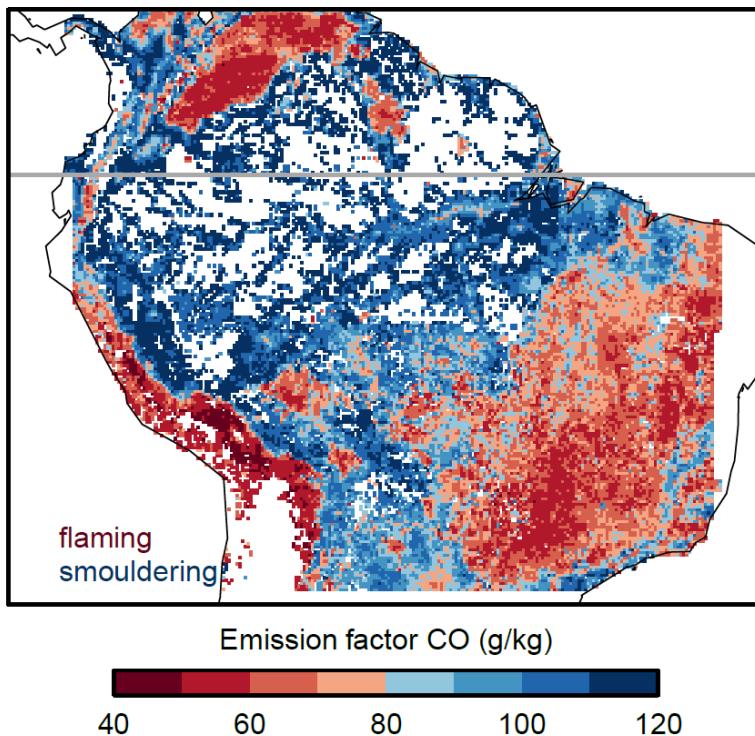
Fuel loads and combustion



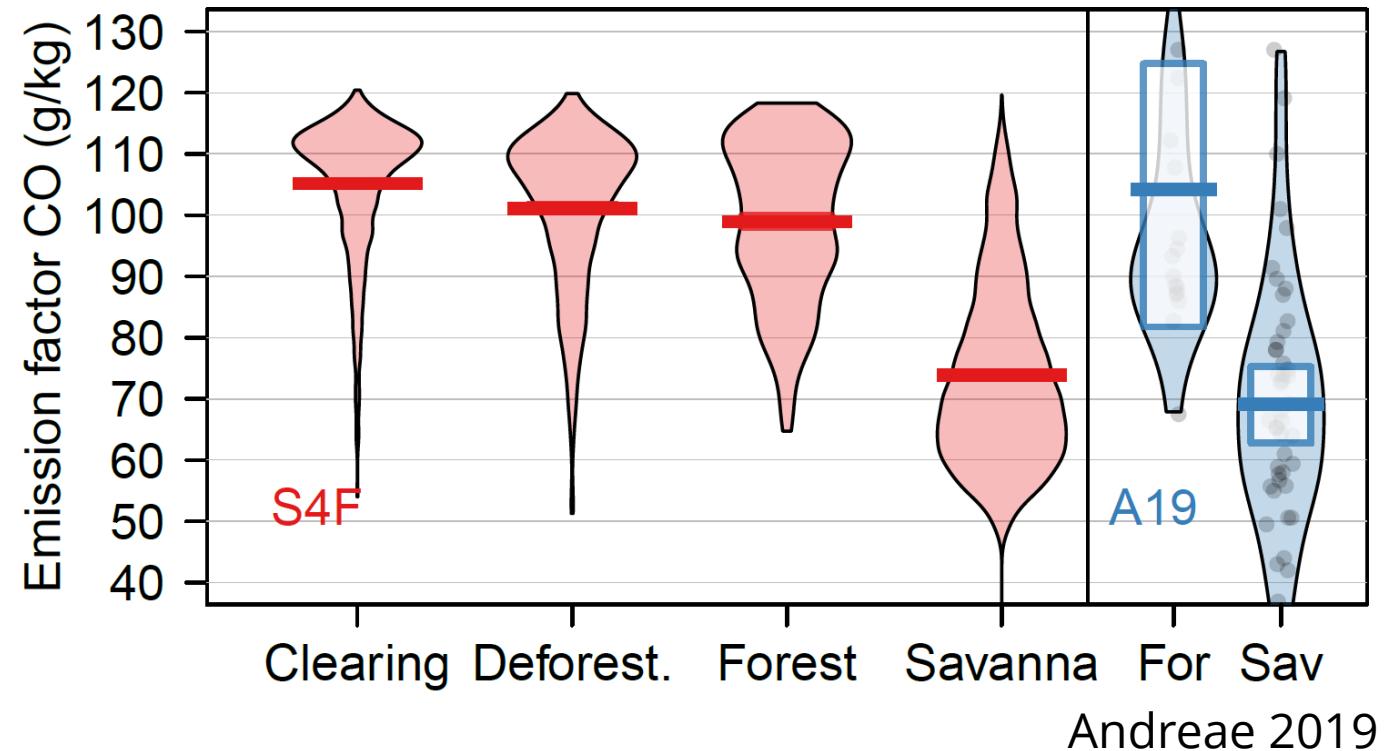
Dynamic emission factors



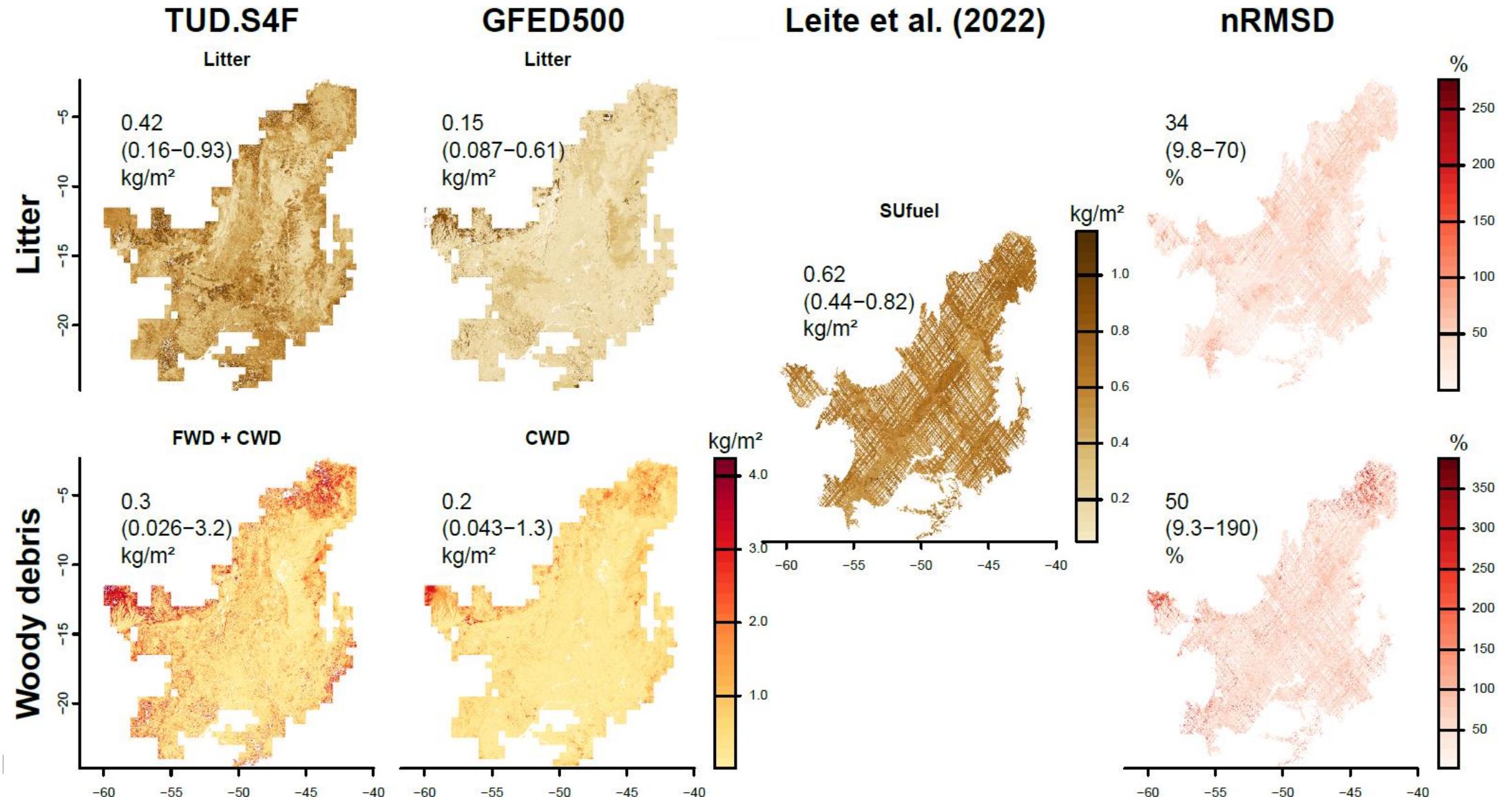
(a) TUD.S4F emission factor CO



(b) CO emission factor per fire type



Benchmarking fuel loads



Conclusions

Other Sense4Fire presentations:

Daniel Kinalczyk: Emission plumes from Sentinel-5p, Fri 8:30, X5.147
Niels Andela: Global Fire Atlas, Fri 16:20, room 2.23



- Total fire emissions dominated by smouldering combustion of woody debris
- Emissions in Amazon and Cerrado, 1st August-31st October 2020
 - Total dry matter emissions 338_{202}^{661} Tg DM (9 estimates)
 - Carbon monoxide 36.6_{17}^{57} Tg CO (11 estimates)
 - Nitrogen oxide $0.94_{0.69}^{2.21}$ Tg NO (10 estimates)
- Forest and deforestation fires contribute to $53_{42}^{64}\%$ of dry matter emissions
- Dynamic emission factors: combustion efficiency decreases and CO emissions increase with higher loads of woody debris
- Need for ground measurements to better quantify fuels and combustion dynamics
- Sense4Fire provides 3 complementary approaches – [data at sense4fire.eu](http://sense4fire.eu)
- Developments: extend to southern Africa, Europe and Yakutia + going near-real time