# **Supplementary Information for**

# COVID-19 perturbation on US air quality and human health impact assessment

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#### Supplementary Information Text

#### Near real-time emission development

The bottom-up inventory used in this study is a hybrid of several bottom-up inventories, as well as regulatory emissions provided by US EPA through the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) 2017. The bottom-up inventories, include emissions from mobile source engines (Fuel-based Inventory of <u>V</u>ehicle Emissions), volatile chemical products (VCPs), and oil and gas (Fuel-based Oil and Gas). Power plant emissions are updated using Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) data where possible (https://campd.epa.gov/). Other point and areawide emissions are taken from the NEI 2017 (1) and scaled using activity metrics tracking energy consumption and economic activity. Emissions outside of the US for international shipping, Mexico, and Canada are from the Copernicus Atmospheric Monitoring Service (CAMS) Global Anthropogenic Emissions Version 4.2 (2) for the year 2019. A description of how mobile source, VCP and FOG emissions are estimated is provided below. To address rapid changes in human activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we make monthly scaling adjustments to emissions sources, where data is available, to generate a near real-time (NRT) emission inventory. The purpose of these NRT scaling adjustments is to generate up-to-date emissions with a minimal lag (1-3 months). Unfortunately, much of the minimal lag data used for monthly adjustments is not present at finer spatial scales than nationally. Where possible, state or regional adjustments are made (e.g., FIVE) but adjustments are predominantly at the national scale. The process of calculating scaling adjustments for these inventories is also described below. Table S1 lists the Source Classification Codes (SCC) that correspond to each emissions inventory used, as well as the data sources used to adjust individual sector emissions in near real-time.

Mobile Sources. The Fuel-based Inventory of Vehicle Emissions (FIVE) is utilized for mobile source engines (3, 4). Briefly, fuel sales of on-road engines are reported by state by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration. Taxable gasoline and diesel fuel sales for road transportation are downscaled from the state-level to roadways using light- and heavy-duty vehicle count data from the Highway Performance Monitoring System (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/hpms.cfm), respectively. Roadway-link specific data account for ~70% of gasoline and ~80% of diesel fuel sales nationally (3). The remaining fraction of traffic is apportioned using population density as a spatial surrogate. Once fuel use is mapped, co-emitted air pollutant species can be estimated using fuel-based emission factors (e.g., g pollutant / kg fuel) derived from roadside measurements and laboratory studies. Fuel-based emissions factors have been published for light-duty gasoline and heavy-duty diesel vehicles for CO (5, 6), NO<sub>x</sub> (4, 7, 8), VOCs (5, 9), NH<sub>3</sub> (10), and PM<sub>2.5</sub> (11). An advantage of using fuel sales for on-road activity is that regional monthly fuel sales data are available for near real-time emissions adjustments, with state-level monthly traffic estimates also available to spatially refine these adjustments to a state level (12). Once the on-road emissions have been mapped, diurnal and dayof-week activity factors for light- and heavy-duty vehicles are applied separately to estimate hourly emissions (3).

FIVE also includes emissions for non-road engines in a similar manner. Off-road distillate fuel sales Energy are reported by state by the Information Administration (https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/fueloilkerosene/) and allocated to end uses following Kean et al. (13). Non-highway use of gasoline is reported by the Federal Highway Administration (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2020/mf24.cfm). Fuel sales for off-road activity are also able to be adjusted regionally on a near real-time basis (12). Emission factors of co-emitted air pollutants (in g/kg fuel) are taken from the EPA NONROAD model (14). Non-road engine emissions are mapped spatially and temporally using surrogates from the NEI 2017 (1).

The VOC speciation profiles for gasoline and diesel engines are reported in McDonald et al. (9) and based on tunnel and laboratory studies, including profiles for liquid gasoline and headspace vapors distinct from exhaust (15). The FIVE mobile source inventory has been rigorously evaluated in previous modeling studies over Los Angeles (16), US (4), and New York City (17), and with

satellite NO<sub>2</sub> datasets (18). Updates due to the COVID-19 pandemic are accounted for, including rebounding of traffic after COVID-19 lockdown efforts (12). Adjustments to fuel sales are made using monthly gasoline and diesel sales from the EIA Prime Supplier Sales Volume report (https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet cons prim dcu nus m.htm). Spatial refinement of adjustment factors, to the state-level, for some components of on-road traffic is performed using the US Federal Trends Highway administration Traffic Volume report (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/travel\_monitoring/tvt.cfm). Fig. S1A-B shows the ratio of mobile source gasoline and diesel consumption in 2020 relative to 2019 and 2021 relative to 2020. This shows large decreases in gasoline consumption in 2020 and strong rebounding in 2021. Diesel consumption also shows decreases in 2020 and rebounding in 2021 but the magnitude of each is much smaller than for gasoline, likely due to diesel use in goods transport and machinery.

**Volatile Chemical Products.** Following McDonald et al. (9), VCP emissions are estimated for coatings, inks, adhesives, personal care products, cleaning agents and pesticides. Briefly, VCP emissions were estimated by first performing a mass balance of chemical feedstocks and their distribution across a variety of products manufactured by the chemical industry. Average daily usage and VOC emission factors are reported in McDonald et al. (9) across the US. Long-term trends are taken into account using the same mass balance approach over time following Kim et al. (19). The VCP inventory reflects continuous efforts to lower the VOC content of chemical products, including architectural coatings and phasing out of solvent to waterborne formulations (20).

Nationally, around ~60% of VCP emissions are for consumer uses and ~40% for agricultural and industrial uses McDonald et al. (9). Agricultural pesticides are spatially and temporally allocated according to agricultural pesticide VOC emissions from the NEI17. Industrial uses are similarly spatially and temporally allocated according to the point source VOC inventory from the NEI17. Consumer product emissions are spatially allocated using population density. Past NOAA CSL measurements in New York City and elsewhere have shown a strong population density dependence of consumer VCP emissions (17, 21). Diurnal profiles for personal care product emissions are shown to peak in the morning and exponentially decay across the day (22). Other VCP sectors use diurnal profiles from the NEI17, which exhibit a midday peak. Detailed VOC speciation profiles were compiled in McDonald et al. (9), and updated to the latest California Air Resources Board surveys of consumer products and architectural coatings in Coggon et al. (17).

VCP emissions are adjusted using trade statistics from the US Census Bureau. Industrial VCP emissions are adjusted using monthly wholesale trade value for chemical manufacturing from the US Census Bureau (NAICS #4246, https://www.census.gov/wholesale/index.html). We adjust industrial VCP usage using wholesale chemical manufacturing production as a trends surrogate, equal to monthly *Sales* + *Change in Inventory*. Trade statistics are reported in value per month and must be adjusted to account for inflation and variation in price per amount of product. For wholesale production, we adjust the value to constant 2017 dollars using the Producer Price Index for the same North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (https://www.bls.gov/ppi/databases/). Finally, a rolling 3-month average is applied to the adjusted production value to reduce noise due to statistical sampling variability. Industrial VCP emissions and their data sources are further described in Table S1. Fig. S1C-D shows the ratio of wholesale chemical production in 2020 relative to 2019 and 2021 relative to 2020, which shows slight decreases throughout 2020 and a rebounding in 2021.

Consumer product VCP emissions are adjusted using monthly retail sales from the US Census Bureau (https://www.census.gov/retail/index.html) for related product types. Retail sales are used rather than wholesale production, as sales are more closely tied to consumer product VCP usage. Again, trade statistics are reported in value per month and must be adjusted to account for inflation and variation in price per amount of product. Retail sales are adjusted to constant 2017 dollars usina the Urban Area Consumer Price Index less Food and Energy (https://www.bls.gov/cpi/data.htm). Finally, a rolling 3-month average (1 month to +1 month) is applied to the adjusted retail sales value to reduce statistical sampling variability. Consumer product VCP emissions and their data sources are further described in Table S1. Fig. S1C-D also shows the two retail sales types used in the consumer VCP emission adjustments, in 2020 relative to 2019 and 2021 relative to 2020. Building materials sales increases throughout the 2020-2021 period while personal care products sales decrease sharply in 2020 and rebound sharply in 2021.

**Oil & Gas.** Upstream emissions from the oil and gas sector come from both the NEI17 and the FOG inventory (Fuel-based **O**il and **G**as) (23, 24). The FOG inventory includes oil and gas emissions in production basins, for NO<sub>x</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and non-methane VOCs. The NO<sub>x</sub> emissions resulting from oil and gas engines (e.g., drilling rigs, compressor stations, dehydrators, etc.) are estimated using bottom-up methods and fuel statistics of energy usage by oil and gas companies that are downscaled using Enverus DrillingInfo well-level production data of oil and natural gas. Fugitive leaks of CH<sub>4</sub> and non-methane VOCs are estimated by ratio to NO<sub>x</sub> using aircraft field data over oil and gas fields from the Southeast Nexus (SENEX: https://csl.noaa.gov/projects/senex/) 2013 and Shale Oil and Natural Gas Nexus (SONGNEX: https://csl.noaa.gov/projects/songnex/) 2015 studies. The emissions have been gridded nationally, and described by Francoeur et al. (24). Other co-emitted species (e.g., PM<sub>2.5</sub>, CO, etc.) from oil and gas production regions are taken from the NEI17. Note that midstream (e.g., interstate pipelines) and downstream (e.g., refineries, fuel storage/transport facilities) oil and gas, refining and storage can be found in Table S1.

Because it is difficult to separate oil and gas production emissions between oil and natural gas components individually, since a well can produce both, we adjust upstream oil and gas emissions from the NEI using an average of monthly trends in natural gas consumption (EIA, https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/) and wholesale production of petroleum (NAICS #4247, https://www.census.gov/wholesale/index.html). Wholesale petroleum production scaling factors are calculated to take into account inflation, following the same procedure as is described in the previous section. These adjustments and their average are shown in Fig. S1E, where it can be seen that the average is less responsive to fluctuations in either metric. Downstream emissions from the NEI17 are adjusted using wholesale production of petroleum from the US Census Bureau. This is because these sources primarily focus on oil refining rather than natural gas processing.

**Other Anthropogenic.** Other point and areawide emissions are taken from the NEI17 and adjusted with near real-time scaling factors in a similar fashion. Table S1 lists how source sectors are subset by Source Classification Codes (SCC), and the datasets used to adjust individual sectors in near real-time. For point sources, stack parameters and plume-rise are taken into account in WRF-Chem.

*Electricity Generation.* Emissions from electricity generation units (EGUs) are updated to include monthly facility-level Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems (CEMS) data (<u>https://campd.epa.gov/data</u>) for species where emissions are available (NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>). For pollutants where CEMS data is not available, monthly EIA energy consumption by fuel type for electricity generation are used to develop national scaling factors, which are taken as a 3-month rolling average. This is shown in Fig. S2A-B, where changes in electricity generation due to COVID lockdowns are not immediately apparent and trends likely reflect year-to-year differences in electricity demand resulting from weather and economic activity.

*Fuel Combustion.* For fuel combustion emissions in residential, industrial, and commercial settings (e.g., in boilers), national near real-time scaling factors are developed from US monthly fuel consumption data from the EIA (<u>https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php</u>) by fuel and sector (see Table S1). The breakdown by these sectors and fuel types is similar to an approach employed by Xing et al. (25), which constructed a long-term air quality inventory for model simulations. Boiler demand for commercial and residential buildings can vary greatly with weather. The national scale adjustments used here would miss the variations occurring between different regions due to weather. Currently there is not finer spatial scale monthly data available, which is a limitation of the datasets used for NRT adjustments. These fuel combustion trends are shown in Fig. S2C-D, for 2020 relative to 2019 and 2021 relative to 2020 fuel consumption. Changes are

generally small but for industrial combustion, observed reductions in 2020 and rebounding in 2021 may be related to COVID lockdown effects on economic activity.

*Industrial Processes.* For industrial process emissions (e.g., chemical manufacturing, paper production, etc.), near real-time scaling factors are developed from monthly wholesale trade statistics from the US Census Bureau (<u>https://www.census.gov/wholesale/index.html</u>). Industrial processes (differentiated by their SCC codes) are grouped by product type and are adjusted using relevant wholesale production statistics for the group. For example, industrial emissions associated with metals manufacturing and mining are scaled using inflation adjusted wholesale production of Metals & Minerals, except Petroleum (NAICS #4235). Wholesale production scaling factors are adjusted to take into account inflation using the Producer Price Index. Key wholesale production groups used for NRT adjustments to industrial process emissions are shown for 2020 relative to 2019 and 2021 relative to 2020 in Fig. S2E-H. Some sectors show evidence of reductions in 2020 and rebounding in 2021 related to COVID lockdowns impacting on economic activity (petroleum, textiles, automotive), while others do not show obvious evidence of this (food, electronics).

Rail and Shipping. Railroad emissions are adjusted using monthly carload and intermodal unit traffic from the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics (https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/m9eb-yevh). Emissions at airports (in-flight emissions are not included) are adjusted using monthly air carrier revenue miles flown from the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics (https://www.transtats.bts.gov/TRAFFIC/). Shipping emissions are adjusted using monthly cargo weight (imports + exports) of international shipping from the US Census Bureau (https://www.census.gov/data/developers/data-sets/international-trade.html). These monthly adjustments are applied uniformly at the national-scale.

*Miscellaneous.* Finally, for some types of emissions we do not have appropriate economic or energy statistics available to make near real-time adjustment factors. For these sectors, we rely on monthly variations from the baseline NEI17 inventory, and do not apply any year-to-year variation. These emission sources (e.g., waste disposal, agriculture, and dust) are generally not expected to vary significantly year-to-year or due to COVID-19 lockdowns.

#### VOC measurements at Boulder, Colorado

Volatile organic compounds were monitored in Boulder, CO during the COVID Air Quality Study (COVID-AQS). A full description of the campaign is provided by Rickly et al. (26). Briefly, gas-phase organic and inorganic compounds were monitored from the NOAA David Skaggs Research Center from March 30 - August 31, 2020. Additional measurements were performed in March 2018 at the same location. In both deployments, a proton-transfer-reaction time-of-flight mass spectrometer (PTR-ToF-MS) was deployed to measure mixing ratios of a wide range of VOCs. Here, we use PTR-ToF-MS measurements of select compounds indicative of individual emissions sectors, including D5-siloxane for personal care products (21, 22), parachlorobenzotrifluoride for architectural coatings (20, 21), and benzene for motor vehicle emissions (22). The PTR-ToF-MS was calibrated for each species using gravimetrically-prepared gas standards, or by liquid calibration as described by Coggon et al. (22).

#### WRF-Chem model configurations and simulations

The Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) model coupled with Chemistry (WRF-Chem) (27) version 4.2.2 is applied to simulate emission changes and air quality impacts over the contiguous United States (CONUS). To address the research objectives outlined in the main text, the model is configured at 12 km x 12 km spatial resolution, with total 50 vertical layers that extend up to 50 hPa into the Upper Troposphere-Lower Stratosphere (UTLS). The meteorological initial and boundary conditions for the CONUS domain are from the North American Mesoscale Model (NAM, https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/weather-climate-models/north-american-mesoscale).

Chemical boundary conditions are provided from a global model developed by the University of Wisconsin called the Realtime Air Quality Modeling System (RAQMS, <u>http://raqms-</u>

ops.ssec.wisc.edu/), which includes data assimilation of satellite ozone and aerosol optical depth (AOD) products. Major physics and chemistry options utilized in the WRF-Chem setup are listed in Table S2. These settings have been well tested and evaluated previously in modeling over the Southeastern US (4), Eastern US (17), and CONUS (18). The oxygenated VOC species and their chemical reactions newly added by Coggon et al. (17) to better represent VCP emissions were added into the racm soa vbs scheme (i.e., chem opt = 108) to create the RACM ESRL VCP mechanism. Both anthropogenic emissions and the BEIS biogenic emissions were respeciated to include the newly added oxygenated VOCs. A couple updates to isoprene chemistry were also included. The low-NO OH recycling updates included in Li et al. (18) were added, which included the isoprene hydroxy peroxy radical isomerization reaction to account for OH recycling described in McDonald et al.(4) and an update to the isoprene hydroxy peroxy radical + HO<sub>2</sub> reaction to the following: ISOP+HO<sub>2</sub>=0.88 ISHP+0.12 HO+0.12 MACR+0.12 HO<sub>2</sub>+0.12 HCHO with a reaction rate of 7.4E-13 x exp(700.0/T) where ISOP = Isoprene hydroxy peroxy radical, ISHP = isoprene hydroxy hydroperoxide, HO<sub>2</sub> = hydroperoxyl radical, OH = hydroxyl radical, MACR = Methacrolein, HCHO = formaldehyde, and T = Temperature. For this study, the products for the isoprene hydroxy peroxy radical + NO reaction were also updated to reflect the latest recommendations for NO<sub>x</sub> recycling (28) to the following: ISOP+NO=0.87 MACR+0.87 NO<sub>2</sub>+0.87 HCHO+0.87 HO<sub>2</sub>+0.13 ISON with a reaction rate of 2.43E-12 x exp (360.0/T) where NO = nitrogen oxide, NO<sub>2</sub> = nitrogen dioxide, ISON = isoprene hydroxy nitrate.

To evaluate emission changes and understand air quality and associated health impacts, we have conducted several sets of model simulations listed in Table S3. Specifically, we simulate emission changes during April to June for 2019, 2020, and 2021. Each year represents different meteorological conditions. We consider 2019 emissions as business-as-usual emission scenario (BAU), 2020 emissions as COVID-induced emission reduction scenario (COV), and 2021 emissions as rebounded emission scenario (REB). Paired simulation with the same anthropogenic emissions but different meteorological inputs (e.g., 2019BAU vs 2020BAU, 2020COV vs 2021COV) are conducted to estimate meteorological impacts. Paired simulation with the same meteorological inputs but different anthropogenic emissions (e.g., 2020BAU vs 2020COV, 2021COV vs 2021REB) are conducted to estimate anthropogenic emission impacts. In addition, paired simulation for April 2020 to March 2021 with the same meteorological inputs but different anthropogenic emissions (BAU vs COV) are conducted to assess health impacts under emission reducing scenario, and paired simulation for April 2019 to March 2020 with the same meteorological inputs but different anthropogenic emissions (BAU vs COV) are conducted to assess meteorological inputs but different anthropogenic emissions of the same meteorological inputs under emission reducing scenario, and paired simulation for April 2019 to March 2020 with the same meteorological inputs but different anthropogenic emissions (BAU vs COV) are conducted to assess meteorological variability impacts on mortality estimates.

#### Impacts of fire emissions on air quality

Warneke et al. (29) summarized the cumulative area burned in the western US for 2017-2021 (Figure 14 in Warneke's paper), which clearly shows the typical peak months for wildfire between July and October. There were no significant increases in the cumulative burned area over the western US during April-June in 2019-2021 (<3% of annual totals) but noticeable increases in the cumulative burned area started in July especially in 2021. As a matter of fact, fire impacts were well captured by TROPOMI NO<sub>2</sub> observations in July 2021, which were not much shown in April-June from 2019 to 2021 (Fig. S4). We therefore conducted sensitivity simulations to include fire emissions based on an earlier version of Regional ABI and VIIRS fire Emissions (RAVE) provided by NOAA's Satellite and Information Service for July 2019, 2020, and 2021 (Table S3). We see significant fire impacts over western US in July 2021 (Fig. S5). However, the simulations with inclusion of fire emissions show much larger biases of O<sub>3</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> compared to the simulations without fire emissions (Table S5). We acknowledge the uncertainties associated with fire emissions and model representations of plume rise, which could partly contribute to the model biases in simulating  $O_3$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ . To have fair comparisons from 2019 to 2021, we focus on the period of April-June to disentangle air quality changes due to changes in anthropogenic emissions and meteorology. As the focus of this work is to understand the impacts due to COVID-induced anthropogenic emission changes, we therefore do not include fire emissions in this work to avoid the uncertainties associated with fire emissions and fire model representations that could complicate the interpretation of modeling results. Additional work to include fire emissions and to improve fire representations for air quality modeling could be conducted in the future to better understand fire impacts on regional air quality.



**Fig. S1.** Monthly emission adjustments for mobile sources, VCPs, and oil & gas. A-B: 2020 and 2021 fuel consumption used in mobile source emissions adjustments; C-D: 2020 and 2021 economic activity used in VCP emissions adjustments; E: activity in petroleum production and natural gas consumption from 2019-2021.



**Fig. S2.** Monthly emission adjustments for other anthropogenic sectors. A-B: 2020 and 2021 fuel consumption by electricity generation units; C-D: 2020 and 2021 fuel consumption by the industrial, residential and commercial Sectors; E-H: wholesale production activity in 2020 and 2021.



**Fig. S3.** Fractional contributions of source sectors for 2019 (left panel) and 2020 (right panel). Annual total emissions for each species are shown above each pie chart.



**Fig. S4.** TROPOMI NO<sub>2</sub> column changes between 2019 and 2020 (A&B), and between 2020 and 2021 (C&D) for April-June (A&C) and July (B&D). Black boxes represent top 10 populated cities. Much higher NO<sub>2</sub> columns over western US in panel D are mainly due to fires.



**Fig. S5.** Comparisons of simulated surface ozone (A&B) and fine particles (C&D) against AQS observations for July 2021. A&C: simulations without fire emissions; B&D: simulations with fire emissions. Circles overlaid on model simulated air pollutants represent observed concentrations from AQS surface monitoring sites.



**Fig. S6.** Comparison of simulated NO<sub>2</sub> columns for April-June 2019, 2020, and 2021 over the US. A&B: difference in NO<sub>2</sub> columns between 2019 and 2020 (A) and between 2020 and 2021 (B); C&D: difference in NO<sub>2</sub> columns due to emission changes from business-as-usual condition (BAU) to COVID condition (COV, C), and from COV to rebounded emission condition (REB, D); E&F: difference in NO<sub>2</sub> columns due to meteorological changes from 2019 condition to 2020 condition (E) and from 2020 condition to 2021 condition (F). Black boxes indicate top 10 populated cities.



**Fig. S7.** Evaluation of simulated tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> column concentrations with multiple satellite observations during April-June between 2020 and 2021. A: Observed NO<sub>2</sub> changes based on the average of four satellite data (S5P TROPOMI, Aura OMI, S-NPP OMPS, and NOAA-20 OMPS) with air mass factors or shape factors in the satellite products replaced by the model profiles; B: Model simulated NO<sub>2</sub> changes based on the average of resampled model data along each satellite track; C-H: NO<sub>2</sub> columns over urban (C&D), industrial/power plant (E&F), and oil & gas (G&H) source regions from satellite data (C, E, and G) and model estimates (D, F, and H) for 2020 COVID scenario (2020COV, x axis) and 2021 rebounded emission scenario (2021REB, y axis). Slope is calculated based on the orthogonal distance regression with 95% confidence interval.



**Fig. S8.** Evaluation of VCP emissions with ground-based measurement at Boulder. A: ambient derived emission changes for D5-Siloxane from personal care product (left Y axis, blue bars) and Benzene from mobile sources (right Y axis, solid black lines). B: ambient derived emission changes for PCBTF from solvent-based coatings (left Y axis, tan bars) with emission changes of Benzene from mobile sources (solid black lines) shown on the right Y axis; C: Change in retail sales of Building Material stores (proxy for coatings, brown line) and Health and Personal Care stores (blue line) (https://www.census.gov/retail/index.html).



**Fig. S9.** Evaluation of simulated tropospheric HCHO column concentrations with multiple satellite observations during April-June between 2019 and 2020. A: Observed HCHO changes based on the average of four satellite data (S5P TROPOMI, Aura OMI, S-NPP OMPS, and NOAA-20 OMPS) with air mass factors or shape factors in the satellite products replaced by the model profiles; B: Model simulated HCHO changes based on the average of resampled model data along each satellite track; C-H: HCHO columns over urban (C&D), industrial/power plant (E&F), and oil & gas (G&H) source regions from satellite data (C, E, and G) and model estimates (D, F, and H) for 2019 business-as-usual scenario (2019BAU, x axis) and 2020 COVID scenario (2020COV, y axis). Slope is calculated based on the orthogonal distance regression with 95% confidence interval.



**Fig. S10**. April-June changes in MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> (upper panel, A, C, and E) and 24-hour averaged PM<sub>2.5</sub> (lower panel, B, D, and F) from 2020 to 2021. A&B: circles overlaid on model simulated air quality changes represent observed changes from AQS surface monitoring sites with size in proportion to the absolute changes; site-averaged changes  $\pm$  standard deviation from AQS observations and model estimates are shown above each figure. C-F: air quality impacts due to emission changes only (C&D) and due to meteorological variability only (E&F); groups of metropolitan areas are shown in black polylines; population-weighted averaged changes  $\pm$  standard deviation from model grids are shown above on each figure.



**Fig. S11.** Evaluation of simulated tropospheric column HCHO/NO<sub>2</sub> ratios (FNR) with multiple satellite observations during April-June under 2019 business-as-usual scenario (2019BAU) and 2020 COVID scenario (2020COV). A&C: Observed FNR based on the average of four satellite data (S5P TROPOMI, Aura OMI, S-NPP OMPS, and NOAA-20 OMPS); B&D: Model simulated FNR based on the average of resampled model data along each satellite track; A&B: FNR over urban source regions; C&D: FNR over Los Angeles; Urban transitional regime with FNR in the range of 3.0 to 4.5 and in the range of 4.1 to 5.0 over Los Angeles based on Jin et al. (30). The count in the histogram figures (Y axis) represents the number of urban grids that fall into each FNR bin and the density (X axis) represents the probability density.



**Fig. S12.** Emission impacts on HCHO/NO<sub>2</sub> ratio (A, percentage change %), tropospheric OH concentrations (B),  $5^{th}$  percentile hourly O<sub>3</sub> (C) and  $4^{th}$  highest MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> (D) during April 2020 to March 2021.



**Fig. S13.** Impacts on PM<sub>2.5</sub> components (A: secondary organic aerosol, SOA; B: primary organic aerosol, POA; C: sulfate, SO<sub>4</sub>; D: element carbon, EC; E: ammonium, NH<sub>4</sub>; F: nitrate, NO<sub>3</sub>) due to COVID-induced emission changes during April 2020 to March 2021.



**Fig. S14.** Comparison of annual mean MDA8  $O_3$  (upper panel) and 24-hour averaged PM<sub>2.5</sub> (lower panel) for the period of April 2020 to March 2021 between business-as-usual emission condition (BAU) and COVID emission condition (COV). Population weighted averages with standard deviation based on all grid cells are shown on each figure.



**Fig.15.**  $O_3$  and PM<sub>2.5</sub> attributable deaths (per year per 10<sup>5</sup> people) based on business-as-usual scenario (BAU, A&D) and COVID scenario (COV, B&E) for the period of April 2019 to March 2020. The total attributable deaths due to each air pollutant and scenario are shown above each figure. C&F: difference in attributable deaths between BAU and COV scenarios. The difference in the total attributable deaths are shown above each figure.

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.	
On-Road						
Gasoline	FIVE18	220000000- 2209999999	EIA Gasoline <sup>a</sup>	State	McDonald et al. (4)	
Diesel	FIVE18	223000000- 2239999999	EIA Diesel <sup>b</sup>	State & US	McDonald et al. (4)	
Non-Road						
Agricultural Diesel	FIVE18	2270005000- 2270005999	EIA Diesel <sup>b</sup>	PADD	McDonald et al. (4)	
Non-Ag Diesel	FIVE18	227000000- 2270004999 2270006000- 2270099999	EIA Diesel <sup>b</sup>	PADD	McDonald et al. (4)	
Gasoline (Marine)	FIVE18	2282005000- 2282005025 2282010000- 2282010025	EIA Gasoline <sup>a</sup>	PADD	McDonald et al. (4)	
Gasoline (2-Stroke)	FIVE18	226000000- 2260010010	EIA Gasoline <sup>a</sup>	PADD	McDonald et al. (4)	
Gasoline (4-Stroke)	FIVE18	2265000000- 2265010010	EIA Gasoline <sup>a</sup>	PADD	McDonald et al. (4)	
Point						
Electricity Generation						
Coal NEI17		10100101-10100318 10100801-10100801 20100301-20100301	CEMS & EIA EGU Coald	Facility & US	EPA (1)	
Oil	NEI17	10100401-10100505 20100101-20100109 20100901-20100909	CEMS & EIA EGU Oild	Facility & US	EPA (1)	
Natural Gas	NEI17	10100601-10100712 10101001-10101002 20100201-20100209 20100702-20100707	CEMS & EIA EGU NG <sup>d</sup>	Facility & US	EPA (1)	

**Table S1.** Summary of Anthropogenic Emission Sectors and COVID-19 Pandemic Scaling Factor Data.

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
Biomass	NEI17	10100901-10100912	CEMS & EIA EGU	Facility & US	EPA (1)
		10101101-10102101	Biomass <sup>d</sup>		
		20100801-20100809			
Industrial Boilers					
Coal	NEI17	10200101-10200307	EIA Industrial Coal <sup>e</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10200802-10200804			
		39000199-39000399			
		39000801-39000899			
Oil	NEI17	10200401-10200506	EIA Industrial Oil <sup>e</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10500105			
		10500113-10500114			
		20200101-20200109			
		20200401-20200506			
		20200901-20200909			
		20201701-20201707			
		20400101-20400499			
		39000402-39000599			
		39900501			
		39901001			
Natural Gas	NEI17	10200601-10200799	EIA Industrial NG <sup>e</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10201001-10201003			
		10500106-10500110			
		20200201-20200256			
		20200702-20200714			
		20201001-20201013			
		39000602-39000797			
		39001099			
		39900601-39900701			N(1)
Biomass	NEI17	10200901-10200912	EIA Industrial Biomass <sup>®</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10201101-10201902			
		39000989-39000999			
		39001209-39001399			
		39900721-39900001			
Commercial Boilers		33301001-33301001			

Sector	Base Inventory SCC Codes		COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
Coal	NEI17	10300101-10300306	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Oil	NEI17	10300401-10300505	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10500205			
		10500213-10500214			
		20300101-20300109			
		20300301-20300401			
		20300901			
Natural Gas	NEI17	10300601-10300799	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10301001-10301003			
		10500206			
		10500210			
		20300201-20300209			
		20301001-20301007			
Biomass	NEI17	10300811-10300912	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
		10301101-10301303			
		10500209			
		20300701-20300809			
Industrial Processes					
Chemical	NEI17	30100101-30199998	DOC Chemicals [NAICS	US	
		30800101-30899999	#4246] <sup>g</sup>		
		64470010-68510001			
Food	NEI17	30200101-30299998	DOC Grocery [NAICS	US	
		62540023-62540024	#4244] <sup>9</sup>		
Metals & Mining	NEI17	30300001-30599999	DOC Metals [NAICS	US	
		30900198-30999999	#4235] <sup>g</sup>		
Refinery & Bulk	NEI17	30600102-30699999	DOC Petroleum [NAICS	US	
Terminals		31700101-31700101	#4247] <sup>9</sup>		
		39090001-39092056			
		40301001-40400279			
		40400401-40400498			
		40600101-40600299			
		40600301-40688801			
		40700401-49099998			
Pulp, Paper &	NEI17	30700101-30799999	DOC Lumber & Const.	US	
Construction		31100102-31100299	[NAICS #4233] <sup>9</sup>		

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
Electrical Equipment	NEI17	31300500-31399999	DOC Electronics [NAICS #4236] <sup>g</sup>	US	
Automotive	NEI17	31400901-31499999	DOC Motor Vehicle [NAICS #4231] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Apparel	NEI17	32099997-33088801	DOC Apparel [NAICS #4243] <sup>g</sup>	US	
Photographic Film	NEI17	31501001-31501002 31603001-31616006	DOC Professional Supplies [NAICS #4234] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Drug Mfg.	NEI17	31502001-31503102	DOC Drug [NAICS #4242] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Misc. Industry	NEI17	20101020-20190099 20280001-20282599 20380001-20380001 28888801-28888801 31504001-31505002 31801001-31801030 38500101-38500110 39902001-39999999	DOC Misc. Goods [NAICS #4249] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Oil & Gas Prod.	NEI17	31000101-31088811 40400300-40400340	DOC Petroleum [NAICS #4247] <sup>g</sup>	US	
Point VCPs					
Ind. Degreasing	VCP18	40100101-40188898	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>9</sup>	US	5
Ind. Coatings	VCP18	40200101-40200601 40200801-40299998	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>9</sup>	US	5
Ind. Adhesives	VCP18	40200701-40200712	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>g</sup>	US	5
Printing Inks	VCP18	36000101-36000103 40500204-40500806	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>g</sup>	US	5
Airports	NEI17	2265008005- 2275001000	BTS Air Carrier Traffic <sup>h</sup>	US	
Railyard Equipment	NEI17	28500201-28500201	BTS Rail <sup>c</sup>	US	
Area					
Industrial Boilers					

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
Coal	NEI17	2102001000- 2102002000	EIA Industrial Coale	US	Xing et al. (25)
Oil	NEI17	2102004000- 2102005000 2102011000	EIA Industrial Oil <sup>e</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Natural Gas	NEI17	2102006000- 2102007000 2102010000	EIA Industrial NG <sup>e</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Biomass	NEI17	2102008000	EIA Industrial Biomass <sup>e</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Commercial Boilers					
Coal	NEI17	2103001000- 2103002000	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Oil	NEI17	2103004000- 2103005000 2103011000	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Natural Gas	NEI17	2103006000- 2103007000	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Biomass	NEI17	2103008000	EIA Commercial <sup>f</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Residential Boilers					
Coal	NEI17	2104001000- 2104002000	EIA Residential <sup>i</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Oil	NEI17	2104004000 2104011000	EIA Residential <sup>i</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Natural Gas	NEI17	2104006000- 2104007000	EIA Residential <sup>i</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Biomass	NEI17	2104008100- 2104009000	EIA Residential <sup>i</sup>	US	Xing et al. (25)
Industrial Processes					
Chemical	NEI17	230100000- 2301030000 230800000	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Food	NEI17	230200000- 2302080002	DOC Grocery [NAICS #4244] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Metals & Mining	NEI17	230400000- 2305000000	DOC Metals [NAICS #4235] <sup>9</sup>	US	

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
		230900000			
		232500000-			
		2325060000			
Pulp, Paper &	NEI17	2307000000	DOC Lumber & Const.	US	
Construction		2311010000-	[NAICS #4233] <sup>9</sup>		
		2311030000			
Machinery	NEI17	2312000000	DOC Machinery [NAICS #4238] <sup>9</sup>	US	
Misc. Industry	NEI17	2306010000-	DOC Misc. Goods	US	
		2306010100	[NAICS #4249] <sup>9</sup>		
		239900000-			
		2399010000			
Oil & Gas	FOG18 & NEI17	2310000220-	DrillingInfo <sup>I</sup> for FOG	US	Francoeur et al.
(onshore)		2310001000	emissions		(24)
		2310010100-			
		2310011600	Average scaling of DOC		
		2310020000-	Petroleum [NAICS		
		2310021803	#4247] <sup>g</sup> & EIA Total		
		2310023000-	Natural Gas		
		2310111701	Consumption <sup>d,e,t,i</sup> for		
		2310121100-	NEI17 emissions		
		2310121700			
		2310300220-			
		2310421603			
Oil & Gas	NEI17	2310002000-	DOC Petroleum [NAICS	US	
(offshore)		2310002421	#4247] <sup>g</sup>		
		2310012000-			
		2310012526			
		2310022000-			
		2310022506			
		2310112401			
		2310122100			
Storage &	NEI17	2505010000-	DOC Petroleum [NAICS	US	
Iransport		2525000000	#4247] <sup>g</sup>		
Agriculture					

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
Сгор	NEI17	280100000- 280100008 280152000- 2801700099	Unscaled		
Burning	NEI17	280150000- 2801500600	Unscaled		
Livestock	NEI17	2805001000- 2807030000	Unscaled		
Area VCPs					
Architectural Coatings	VCP18	2401001000 2460400000- 2460500000	Retail Building Materials [NAICS #4441] <sup>k</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Ind. Coatings	VCP18	2401005000- 2401200000	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>9</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Ind. Degreasing	VCP18	2415000000	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>g</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Printing Inks	VCP18	242500000- 2425040000	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>9</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Ind. Adhesives	VCP18	2440020000	DOC Chemicals [NAICS #4246] <sup>9</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Personal Care	VCP18	2460100000	Retail Health & Personal Care [NAICS #446] less Retail Pharmacy & Drug Stores [NAICS #44611] <sup>k</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Cleaning	VCP18	242000000- 2420000999 246020000	Retail Health & Personal Care [NAICS #446] less Retail Pharmacy & Drug Stores [NAICS #44611] <sup>k</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Consumer Adhesives	VCP18	2460600000	Retail Building Materials [NAICS #4441] <sup>k</sup>	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Consumer Pesticides	VCP18	2460800000	Unscaled	US	McDonald et al. (9)
Agricultural Pesticides	VCP18	2461800001- 2461850000	Unscaled	US	McDonald et al. (9)

Sector	Base Inventory	SCC Codes	COVID Scaling Data	Spatial Adjustment	Ref.
Comm. Marine	NEI17	2280002101-	DOC Shipping Weight <sup>j</sup>	US	
Diesel		2280002204			
Comm. Marine Res.	NEI17	2280003103-	DOC Shipping Weight <sup>j</sup>	US	
		2280003204			
Locomotives	NEI17	2285002006-	BTS Rail <sup>c</sup>	US	
		2285002010			
Waste	NEI17	260100000-	Unscaled	US	
		2680003000			
Dust	NEI17	229400000-	Unscaled	US	
		2296000000			
Miscellaneous	NEI17	2810003000-	DOC Misc. Goods	US	
		2862000000	[NAICS #4249] <sup>g</sup>		

a. Monthly gasoline sales data can be found from the US Energy Information Administration at: https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\_cons\_prim\_a\_EPM0\_P00\_Mgalpd\_m.htm

b. Monthly diesel sales data can be found from the US Energy Information Administration at: https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\_cons\_prim\_a\_EPD2\_P00\_Mgalpd\_m.htm

c. Monthly Carloads + Intermodal Units from the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics: https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/m9eb-yevh

d. Continuous emissions monitoring data is only used for NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>. Other pollutants are scaled using EIA data. Continuous emissions monitoring data can be found at: <u>https://campd.epa.gov/data</u>. Monthly fuel consumption for the electricity power sector can be found from the US Energy Information Administration in Table 2.6 at: <u>https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php</u>

e. Monthly fuel consumption by the industrial sector can be found from the US Energy Information Administration in Table 2.4 at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php">https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php</a>

f. All commercial fuel scalings use the total fuel consumption (Coal + NG + Oil + Biomass) from the commercial sector to calculate the scaling factor. Monthly fuel consumption by the commercial sector can be found from the US Energy Information Administration in Table 2.3 at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php">https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php</a>

g. Monthly wholesale trade data from the US Census Bureau can be found at: https://www.census.gov/wholesale/index.html

h. Monthly Revenue Miles Flown (Passenger + Cargo) from the US Bureau of Transportation Statistics at:

https://www.transtats.bts.gov/TRAFFIC/

i. All residential fuel scalings use the total fuel consumption (Coal + NG + Oil + Biomass) from the residential sector to calculate the scaling factor. Monthly fuel consumption by the residential sector can be found from the US Energy Information Administration in Table 2.2 at: <a href="https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php">https://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/monthly/index.php</a>

j. Monthly Shipping Weight (Imports+Exports) from the US Census Bureau can be found at: <u>https://www.census.gov/data/developers/data-sets/international-trade.html</u>

k. Monthly Retail Sales from the US Census Bureau can be found at: https://www.census.gov/retail/index.html

I. Well-level production and drilling data from Enverus DrillingInfo database.

Settings	Description
Horizontal Resolution	12 km x 12 km
Vertical Resolution	50 levels (up to 50 hPa)
Meteorology	North American Mesoscale Model
Surface Layer	Mellor-Yamada Nakanishi and Niino
Planetary Boundary Layer	Mellor-Yamada Nakanishi and Niino Level 2.5
Cumulus Scheme	Grell-Devenyi (GD) Ensemble Cumulus
Land Surface	Noah Land Surface Model
Microphysics	WRF Single Moment 5-Class
Short- and Long-Wave Radiation	Rapid Radiative Transfer Model for General Circulation Models
Gas-Phase Chemistry	RACM-ESRL-VCP (updated oxy-VCP chemistry)
Photolysis	Madronich Photolysis (TUV)

## Table S2. NOAA CSL WRF-Chem Model Configuration<sup>a</sup>

a. See <u>https://www2.mmm.ucar.edu/wrf/users/docs/user\_guide\_v4/contents.html</u> for full description of model options.

Experiments	Description
20108411	Simulation driven by 2019 NAM meteorology and 2019 business as usual
2019BA0	emission inventories (BAU) through April to June
2010BALL fire	Simulation driven by 2019 NAM meteorology, 2019 business as usual
2019BA0_IIIe	emission inventories (BAU), and 2019 RAVE emissions for July only
20208411	Simulation driven by 2020 NAM meteorology and 2019 business as usual
2020BA0	emission inventories (BAU) through April to June
2020001	Simulation driven by 2020 NAM meteorology and 2020 COVID adjusted
2020000	emission inventories (COV) through April to June
2020COV fire	Simulation driven by 2020 NAM meteorology, 2020 COVID adjusted
202000 V_IIIe	emission inventories (COV), and 2020 RAVE emissions for July only
2021001/	Simulation driven by 2021 NAM meteorology and 2020 COVID adjusted
2021000	emission inventories (COV) through April to June
2021REB	Simulation driven by 2021 NAM meteorology and 2021 rebounded emission
20211120	inventories (REB) through April to June
2021REB fire	Simulation driven by 2021 NAM meteorology, 2021 rebounded emission
202 IIICD_IIIC	inventories (REB), and 2021 RAVE emissions for July only
BALL	Simulation driven by NAM meteorology and BAU emissions through April
DAU	2020 to March 2021
COV	Simulation driven by NAM meteorology and COV emissions through April
000	2020 to March 2021
RALI10	Simulation driven by NAM meteorology and BAU emissions through April
BAUIS	2019 to March 2020
COV/19	Simulation driven by NAM meteorology and COV emissions through April
0013	2019 to March 2020

Table S3. Summary of WRF-Chem simulations conducted in this work

	MDA8 O <sub>3</sub> (ppb)		24-hour PM <sub>2.5</sub> (µg m <sup>-3</sup> )			T2 (K)			
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Obs_Mean	45.84	44.79	45.86	6.95	6.91	7.77	290.13	290.68	291.29
Model_Mean	44.75	43.52	44.65	7.55	6.93	7.68	290.30	290.78	291.26
Mean_Bias	-1.09	-1.27	-1.21	0.60	0.01	-0.09	0.17	0.10	-0.04
Median_Bias	-1.54	-1.82	-1.79	0.46	0.06	-0.12	0.10	0.06	-0.07
Normalized_Mean_Bias_(%)	-2.38	-2.83	-2.63	8.61	0.18	-1.15	0.06	0.03	-0.01
Normalized_Median_Bias_(%)	-3.34	-4.07	-3.89	7.45	1.06	-1.77	0.04	0.02	-0.02
Coefficient_of_Determination_(R <sup>2</sup> )	0.35	0.38	0.40	0.13	0.08	0.11	0.92	0.91	0.92
Root_Mean_Square_Error	9.04	8.64	9.26	4.77	4.82	4.99	2.42	2.62	2.54
Index_of_Agreement	0.76	0.78	0.79	0.60	0.54	0.59	0.98	0.98	0.98

Table S4. Statistics of model-AQS comparison (April-June 2019, 2020, and 2021) over the US<sup>a</sup>

a. Statistics are calculated through a python-based diagnostic package MELODIES MONET (<u>https://github.com/NOAA-CSL/MELODIES-MONET</u>).

	2019BAU	2019BAU_fire	2020COV	2020COV_fire	2021REB	2021REB_fire
O <sub>3</sub>						
Mean_Bias (ppb)	3.65	5.14	5.14	5.86	3.34	5.95
Median_Bias (ppb)	3.64	4.99	5.32	6.02	3.73	5.95
Normalized_Mean_Bias_(%)	11.34	15.97	16.43	18.73	10.26	18.28
Normalized_Median_Bias_(%)	11.37	15.60	17.73	20.05	12.04	19.20
Coefficient_of_Determination_(R2)	0.61	0.61	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.63
Root_Mean_Square_Error	11.07	12.11	11.82	12.22	11.70	12.72
Index_of_Agreement	0.87	0.86	0.85	0.85	0.87	0.86
PM <sub>2.5</sub>						
Mean_Bias (µg m⁻³)	1.93	4.28	2.72	3.55	-0.81	2.06
Median_Bias (µg m⁻³)	1.36	2.88	2.72	3.41	0.70	2.10
Normalized_Mean_Bias_(%)	22.45	49.76	32.13	41.87	-6.70	16.98
Normalized_Median_Bias_(%)	18.43	38.89	38.90	48.64	7.77	23.33
Coefficient_of_Determination_(R2)	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02
Root_Mean_Square_Error	9.06	18.24	11.63	19.76	13.66	34.76
Index_of_Agreement	0.46	0.19	0.37	0.17	0.34	0.19

Table S5. Statistics of model-AQS comparison (July 2019, 2020, and 2021) over the US<sup>a</sup>

a. Statistics are calculated through a python-based diagnostic package MELODIES MONET (<u>https://github.com/NOAA-CSL/MELODIES-MONET</u>).

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