

## Supplementary material

Table S1 Calculated cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> content ( $p_{\text{CO}_2}/p_{\text{tot}}$ ), fraction modern ( $F^{14}\text{C}_{\text{C}}$ ) and corresponding age ( $^{14}\text{C}$  age) at the end of each time interval. Note that at time t = 0 s and  $p_{\text{CO}_2}/p_{\text{tot}} = 0$   $F^{14}\text{C}_{\text{C}}$  is extrapolated value (lines marked orange). Estimated dead carbon content was calculated from the extrapolated (containing no “dead carbon”) and value at the end of reaction (mixture of anthropogenic and “dead carbon”).

Sample ID	Time (s)	$p_{\text{CO}_2}/p_{\text{tot}}$ (%)	$F^{14}\text{C}_{\text{C}}$	$^{14}\text{C}$ age (BP)	Estimated dead carbon content (%)
MODIS2.1 Z-7093	0	0	$0.9260 \pm 0.0040$	$618 \pm 35$	0.9
	3	20.0	$0.9236 \pm 0.0030$	$639 \pm 26$	
	15	72.0	$0.9202 \pm 0.0030$	$668 \pm 26$	
	end	100	$0.9175 \pm 0.0030$	$691 \pm 26$	
MODIS2.2 Z-7094	0	0	$0.9320 \pm 0.0040$	$566 \pm 34$	10.0
	3	13.6	$0.9204 \pm 0.0030$	$666 \pm 26$	
	15	38.8	$0.8982 \pm 0.0030$	$862 \pm 27$	
	end	100	$0.8390 \pm 0.0030$	$1411 \pm 29$	
MODIS2.3 Z-7095	0	0	$0.8070 \pm 0.0040$	$1723 \pm 40$	2.9
	3	8.9	$0.8043 \pm 0.0030$	$1750 \pm 30$	
	15	49.9	$0.7921 \pm 0.0030$	$1872 \pm 30$	
	end	100	$0.7839 \pm 0.0030$	$1956 \pm 31$	
	0	0	$0.8050 \pm 0.0040$	$1742 \pm 40$	2.6
	15	5.3	$0.8030 \pm 0.0030$	$1762 \pm 30$	
	20	8.9	$0.8018 \pm 0.0030$	$1774 \pm 30$	