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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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2.2 Detecting CO with OF-CEAS

The OF-CEAS spectrometer was calibrated on dry gas by direct injection of two synthetic standards gas precisely calibrated (CO concentration of 50.2 and 95.4 ppbv respectively, reported as standards 1 and 2) onto the NOAA/WMO 2004 scale. Both standards were injected to the OF-CEAS spectrometer using mass flow controller (MFC, 5850E, Brooks Instrument, USA) at the beginning of the analytical campaign. We measured 49.9±0.8 ppbv and 89.0±0.9 ppbv respectively for standard 1 and 2. The linear regression obtained using a chi-square fitting, which takes into account individual standard deviations, is shown in Equation (1):

\[ [\text{CO}]_{\text{measured}} = a \times [\text{CO}]_{\text{NOAA}} + b \]

where \( a = 0.86 \pm 0.03 \) and \( b = 6.47 \pm 1.96 \)

We report a a factor lower than 1 because both standard gas cylinders were accurately recalibrated by the NOAA GMD Carbon Cycle Group after the measurements campaign, revealing CO levels higher than the initial values used for calibration of the OF-CEAS spectrometer before analysis of the NEEM-2011-S1 core. However, this did not affected the precision of our measurements (see Romanini et al., 2006, for more details about OF-CEAS calibration).

2.4. Data processing and depth scaling
Figure S1. Transfer function of the continuous CO measurements system (full loop) obtained by switching between two gas standard (continuous line), and of the theoretical case of zero-noise measurements (dashed line).

3.3.2. Does continuous laboratory melting drive CO production?

Figure S2. Replicate measurements of CO concentrations from the D4 Greenland core (2713 m a.s.l.; 71.4°N, 44.0°W) under regular (black line) and dark (red line) conditions. Inset displays CO concentrations from regular versus dark conditions, after averaging data over 5 cm long depth intervals. Note that the dark record depth scale has been slightly adjusted (i.e., a 5 cm offset was applied), to perfectly line up both records.