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Supporting Information for

Response of the Aerodyne Aerosol Mass Spectrometer to Inorganic Sulfates and Organosulfur Compounds: Applications in Field and Laboratory Measurements

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28 **S1. Details of Chamber Experiment and Field Measurements**

29 **S1.1. Chamber Experiment**

30 Isoprene photooxidation SOA under low-NO condition were generated in the Georgia Tech
31 Environmental Chamber (GTEC) facility. Details of the facility have been described in Boyd et
32 al.¹ and details of the experiment have been described in Tuet et al..² Briefly, the experiment was
33 performed at 25 °C under dry (RH < 5 %) condition. Prior to the experiment, the chamber was
34 flushed with zero air for ~24 h. Seed aerosol was first introduced by atomizing 15 mM AS solution
35 and seed volume concentration was stabilized at ~ 25 μm³/cm³. Aerosol volume concentrations
36 and distributions were measured using a scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS; TSI) consisting
37 of a differential mobility analyzer (DMA; TSI 3040) and a condensation particle counter (CPC;
38 TSI 3775). Isoprene (99%, Sigma-Aldrich) was injected into a glass bulb and zero air was passed
39 over the solution until it evaporated. The initial concentration of isoprene was 97 ppb. H₂O₂ (50%
40 aqueous solution, Sigma-Aldrich) was then injected as an OH precursor. Once the concentrations
41 of all species stabilized, UV lights were turned on to initiate photooxidation. The photolysis of
42 H₂O₂ yielded an OH concentration on the order of 10⁶ molecules/cm³ under low-NO conditions.

43 **S1.1. Field Measurements**

44 The Centreville measurements were performed in Centreville, Alabama (USA), from 01
45 June to 15 July 2013 during the Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study (SOAS) with the GT AMS.³
46 ⁴ The Centreville site is a rural site located in a forested area, with high biogenic emissions,
47 especially isoprene and monoterpenes. Biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOC)-derived
48 organosulfur species have been identified as an abundant contributor to total OA in the
49 southeastern US,^{5, 6} making this location ideal for organosulfur compound measurements.

50 The Mace Head measurements were performed at the Mace Head Global Atmosphere
51 Watch research station, Ireland, from 12 July 2010 to 9 September 2010 with the Galway AMS.⁷
52 This is a ground site located on the west coast of Ireland and facing westward to the northeast
53 Atlantic, where clean marine air coming onshore can be perturbed by (mostly local) anthropogenic
54 sources. In the summertime high oceanic biological activity results in abundant atmospheric MSA
55 at this site.

56 The Polarstern measurements were performed on the German research vessel (RV)
57 Polarstern during a cruise from Cape Town, Republic of South Africa to Bremerhaven, Germany,
58 from 20 April to 20 May 2011 with the TROPOS AMS.⁸ The cruise took place during the autumn
59 in the Southern hemisphere, when both dimethyl sulphide and MSA concentrations are expected
60 to be relatively low, and spring in the Northern hemisphere, where phytoplankton blooms were
61 often encountered, resulting in high MSA concentrations. This spatial contrast was reflected in the
62 MSA concentration time series.

63 The Wintertime Investigation of Transport, Emissions, and Reactivity (WINTER) aircraft
64 campaign took place out of the NASA Langley Research Center (Hampton, VA) from February 1
65 to March 15, 2015 aboard the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) C-130 aircraft,
66 with the Boulder AMS.⁹ One campaign objective was to look at the temporal evolution of power
67 plant plumes under low temperature/stagnant conditions typical of the winter months in the
68 northeastern US.

69 **S2. Uncertainty Analysis for Sulfate Apportionment Method**

70 Recall that $\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{AS}}$, $\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{OS/SS}}$, and $\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{MSA}}$ are calculated by Equation (10) in the
71 main text. Including the error of each term we can get:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{AS}} \pm \delta\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{AS}} \\ \Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{OS/SS}} \pm \delta\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{OS/SS}} \\ \Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{MSA}} \pm \delta\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{MSA}} \end{bmatrix} = \\
72 & \begin{bmatrix} (f_{\text{HSO}_3} \pm \delta f_{\text{HSO}_3})_{\text{AS}} & (f_{\text{HSO}_3} \pm \delta f_{\text{HSO}_3})_{\text{OS/SS}} & (f_{\text{HSO}_3} \pm \delta f_{\text{HSO}_3})_{\text{MSA}} \\ (f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} \pm \delta f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4})_{\text{AS}} & (f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} \pm \delta f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4})_{\text{OS/SS}} & (f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4} \pm \delta f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4})_{\text{MSA}} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} (\text{HSO}_3 \pm \delta\text{HSO}_3)_{\text{meas}} \\ (\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \pm \delta\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4)_{\text{meas}} \\ (\Sigma\text{HSO} \pm \delta\Sigma\text{HSO})_{\text{meas}} \end{bmatrix} \\
73 & \quad (\text{S1})
\end{aligned}$$

74 For laboratory calibration of standard compounds, δf_{HSO_3} and $\delta f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4}$ of pure standard
75 compounds (AS and MSA) were calculated as the standard deviation during calibration when
76 signals were stable, while δf_{HSO_3} and $\delta f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4}$ of OS/SS were calculated as the standard deviation
77 of all OS and SS compounds calibrated in this study. For uncertainties in the measured mass
78 concentratin of sulfate fragments, $\delta\Sigma\text{HSO}$ was calculated by error propagation:

$$79 \quad \delta\Sigma\text{HSO} = \sqrt{(\delta\text{SO}^+)^2 + (\delta\text{SO}_2^+)^2 + (\delta\text{SO}_3^+)^2 + (\delta\text{HSO}_3^+)^2 + (\delta\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4^+)^2} \quad (\text{S2})$$

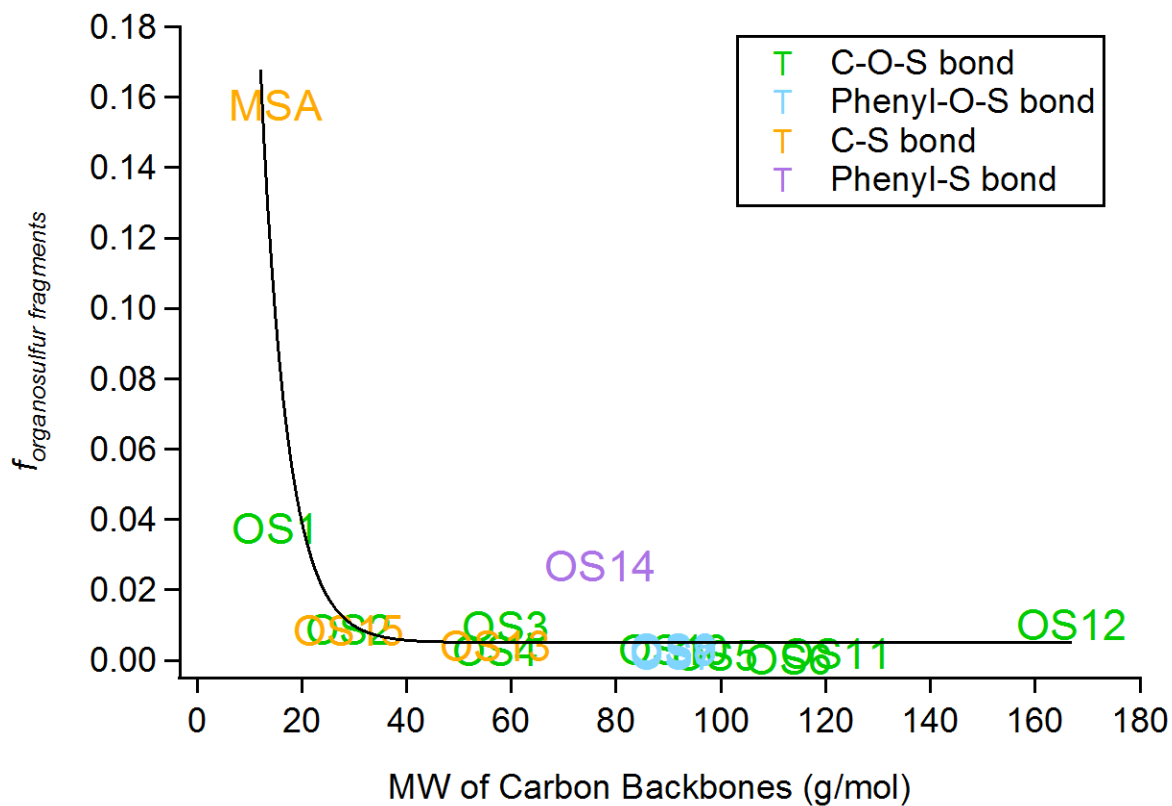
80 The uncertainties of apportionment results ($\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{AS}}$, $\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{OS/SS}}$, and $\Sigma\text{HSO}_{\text{MSA}}$) can be
81 then assessed via Monte Carlo approach. For the scaling factor, $\left(\frac{\Sigma\text{HSO}}{\text{total sulfate}}\right)_{\text{standard}}$, used to
82 convert ΣHSO signals from above calculations to total sulfate signals, the uncertainty was acquired
83 from the standard calibration. The uncertainties of IE determination (~ 10%), CE determination (~
84 30%), and RIE determination (~ 15%) were also encapsulated.¹⁰

85 Uncertainties for field measurement data were calculated and shown as error bars in **Figure**
86 **S7**. 1000 sets of parameters were randomly generated for every point and used as inputs in equation
87 (10). The campaign average ‘‘AS sulfate’’, ‘‘OS/SS Sulfate’’, and ‘‘MSA Sulfate’’ uncertainties are

88 26%, 45%, and 23% for Centreville measurements, 36%, 38%, and 90% for Mace Head
89 measurements, 31%, 86%, and 41% for Polarstern measurements.

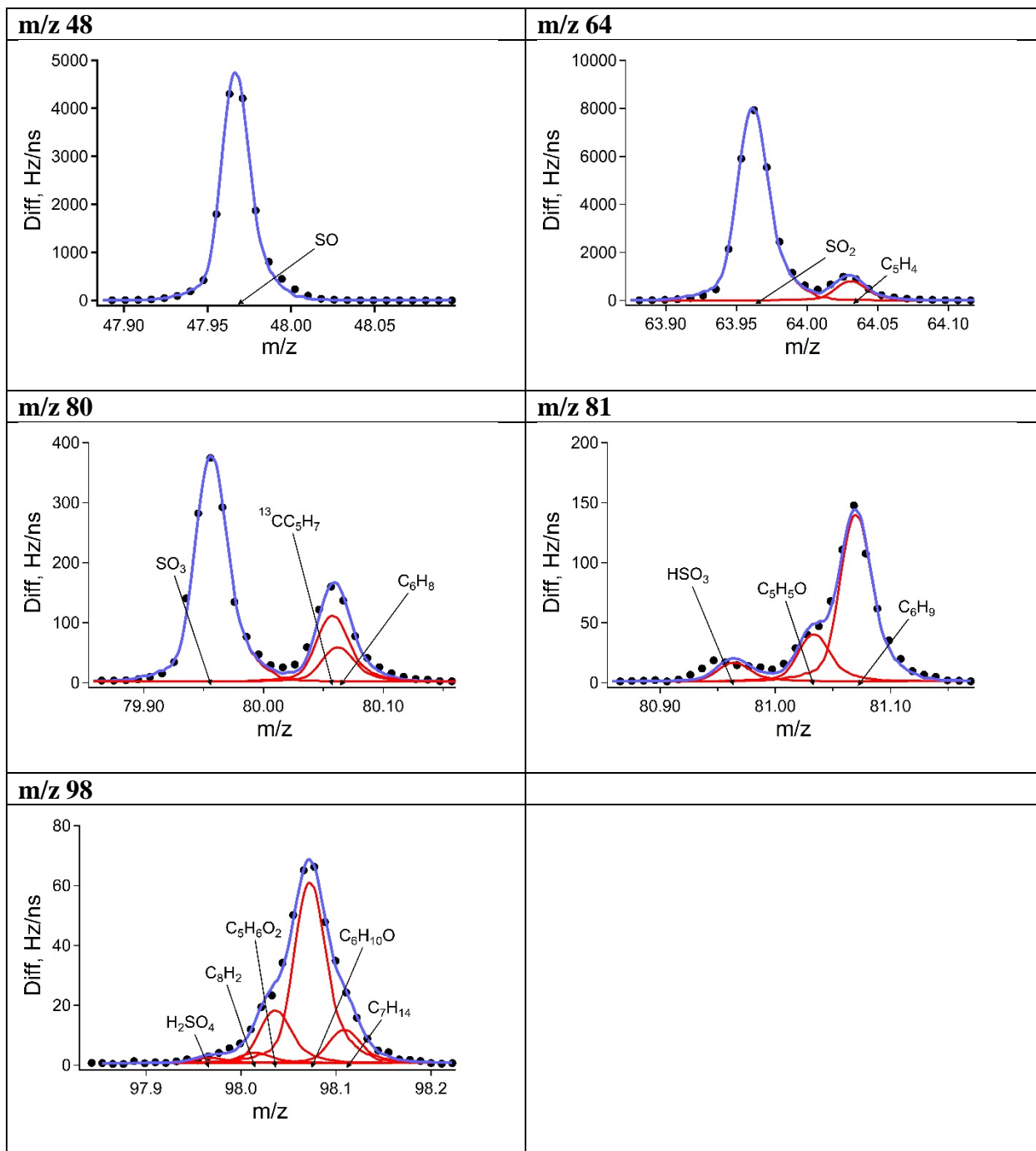
90 **S3. UMR Data Analysis**

91 In addition to the HR sulfate mass spectra analysis, we also explored the plausibility of
92 deconvolving sulfate signals for UMR data using signals allocated to sulfate at m/z 48 (SO4_48,
93 counterpart of SO⁺), m/z 64 (SO4_64, counterpart of SO₂⁺), m/z 80 (SO4_80, counterpart of SO₃⁺),
94 m/z 81 (SO4_81, counterpart of HSO₃⁺), and m/z 98 (SO4_98, counterpart of H₂SO₄⁺). The results
95 after normalization are shown in **Figure S9**. For most standard compounds, the results resemble
96 those of HR analysis, and sulfate mass spectra of AS, OS/SS, MSA can still be distinguished by
97 the ion fractions of SO4_81 (f_{81} , counterpart of f_{HSO_3}) and SO4_98 (f_{98} , counterpart of $f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4}$).
98 Sulfate apportionment was applied to UMR data of laboratory-generated binary mixtures, isoprene
99 photooxidation experiment, and one of the field measurements (Centreville SOAS data). For both
100 binary mixtures (MSA+AS, OS+AS), “MSA sulfate” (or “OS Sulfate”) to “AS sulfate” molar ratio
101 calculated by the apportionment method correlates well with MSA (or OS) to AS molar ratio in
102 the particles, with $R^2 = 0.998$ and $R^2 = 0.995$, respectively, while UMR analysis overestimates the
103 ratio by a factor of ~2 (**Figure S10**). For the isoprene photooxidation experiment, “OS sulfate”
104 and “AS sulfate” calculated from UMR data are very similar to HR calculations (**Figure S11**). For
105 Centreville measurements, 77% of the “OS sulfate” calculated from UMR data are negative values
106 (**Figure S12**), indicating the UMR-based sulfate apportionment may not perform as well as HR
107 data in complex ambient conditions, but we can still conclude from the analysis of UMR data that
108 “AS sulfate” is the dominant source for sulfate signals in AMS at Centreville.



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 111 **Figure S1** Fractions of organosulfur fragments produced by standard organosulfur compounds in
 112 the AMS as a function of the molecular weight of carbon backbones. The data points are colored
 113 by their carbon backbone structures and bonding types.

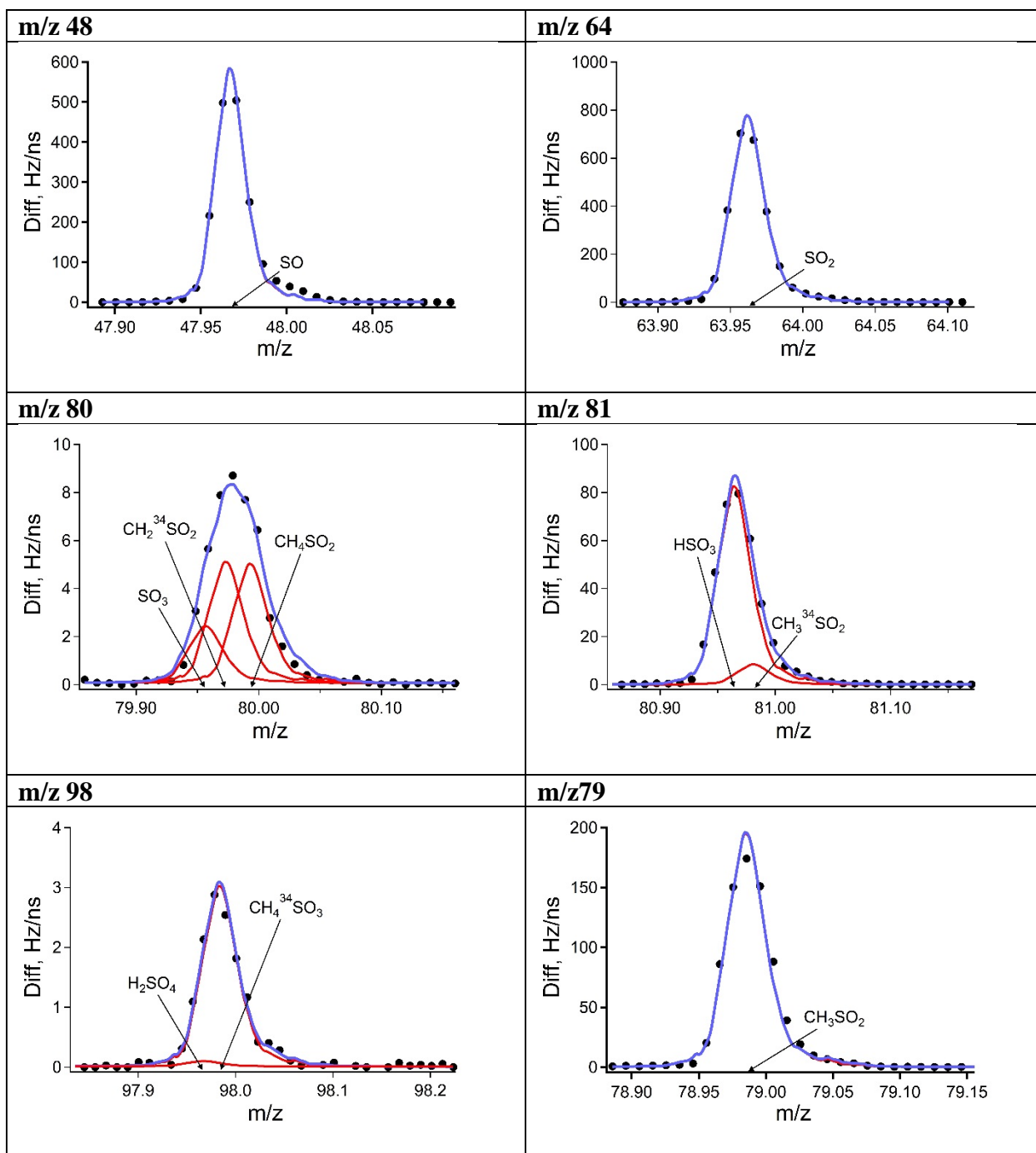
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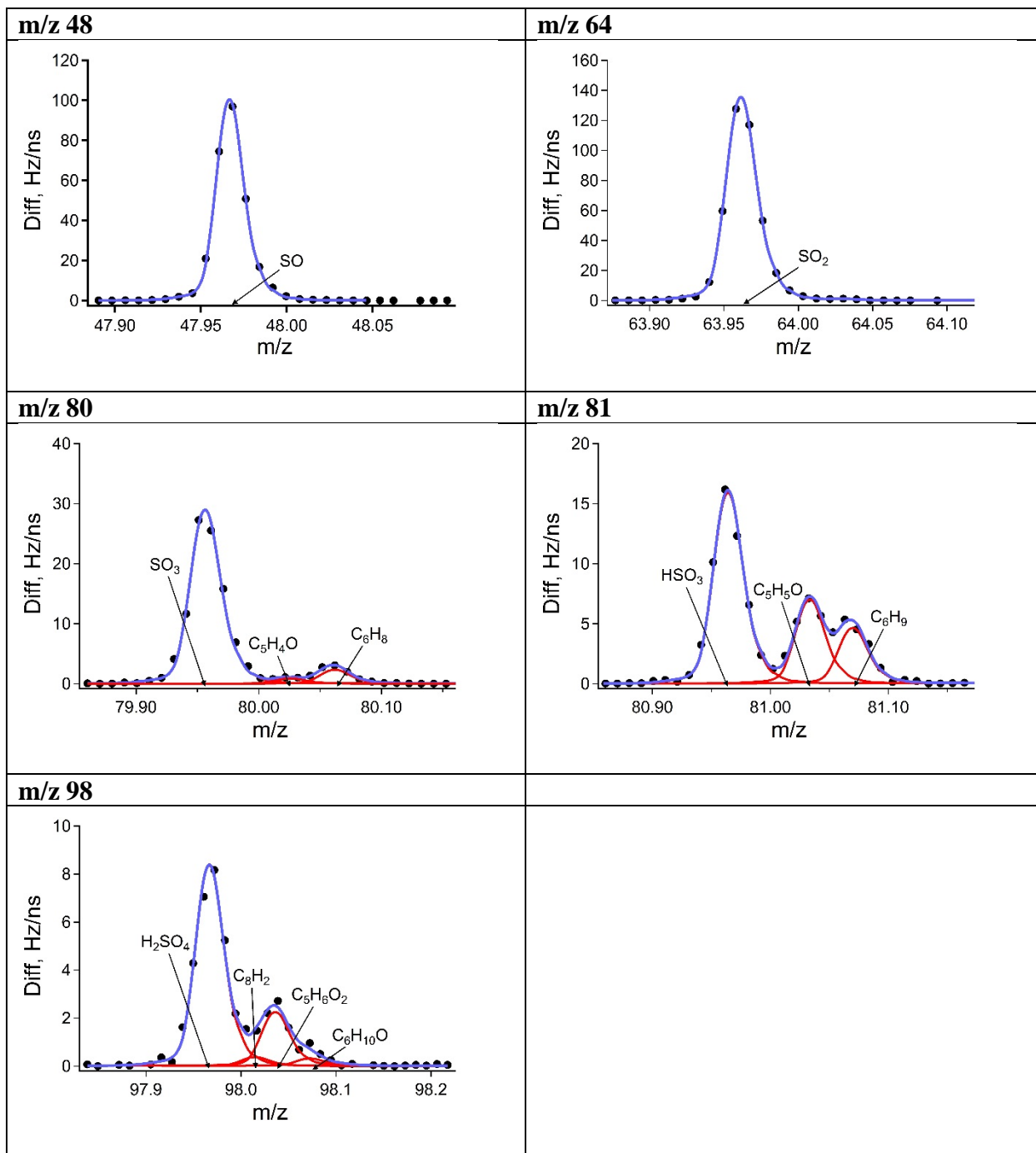
Figure S2 Peak fit of main sulfate fragments for OS-10.



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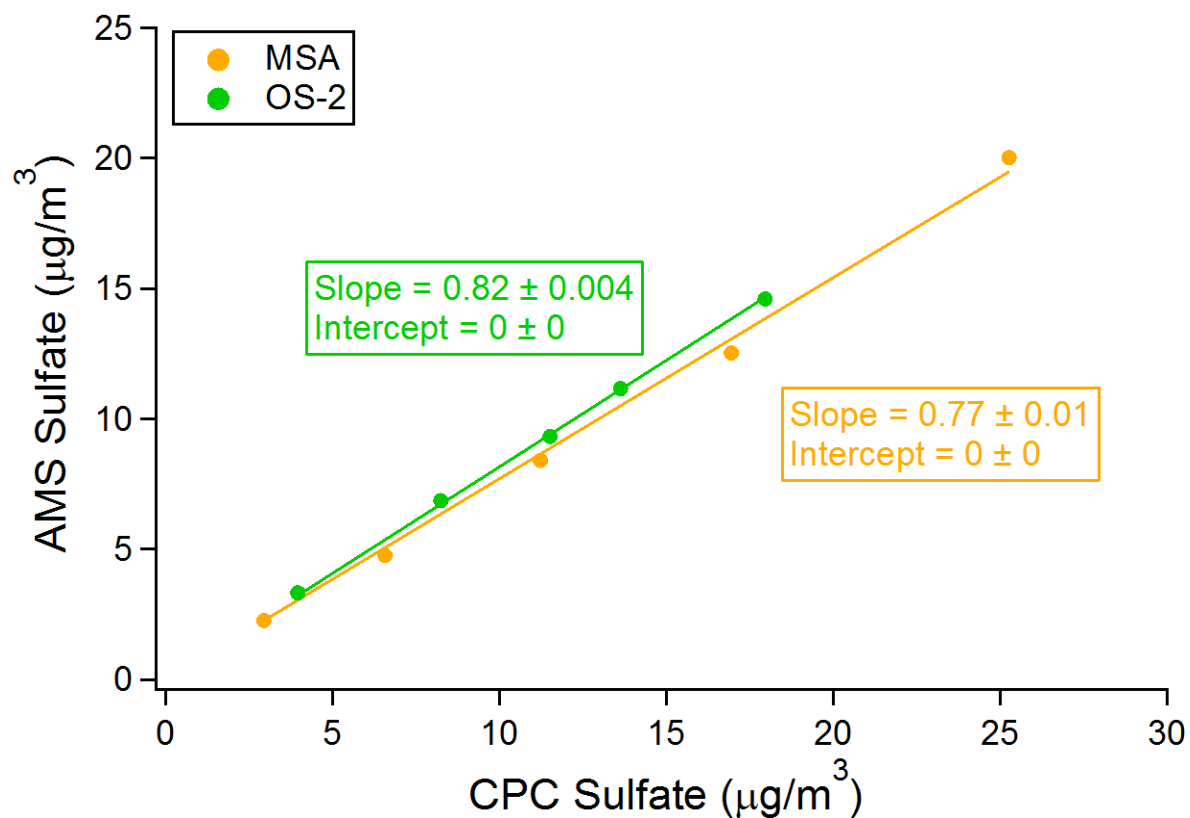
Figure S3 Peak fit of main sulfate fragments and CH_3SO_2^+ for MSA.



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Figure S4 Peak fit of main sulfate fragments for Centreville measurements.



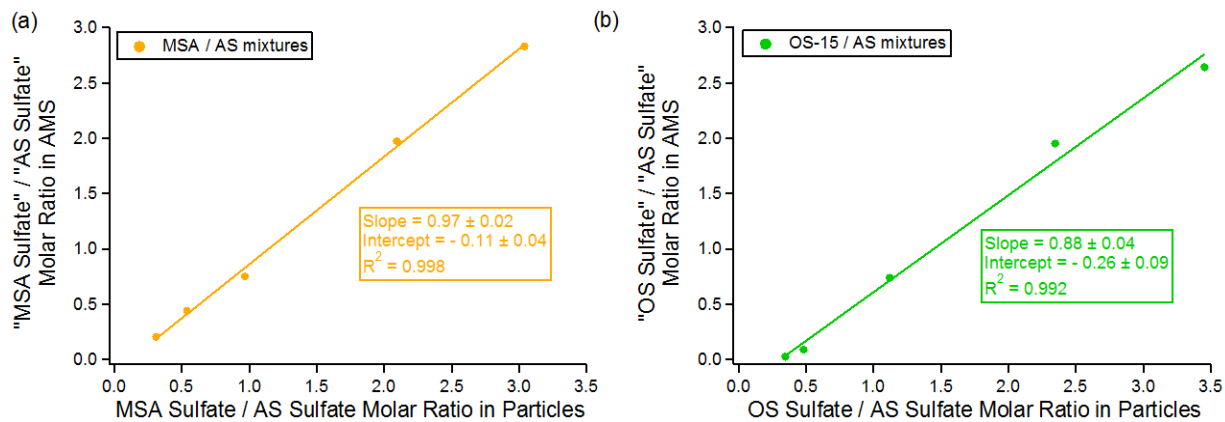
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122 **Figure S5** RIE_{SO_4} calibration results for MSA and sodium ethyl sulfate (OS-2). The collection
 123 efficiency (CE) of 1 was applied to AMS data considering that atomized organosulfur particles
 124 were liquid droplets. The slope is acquired with intercept forced through zero.

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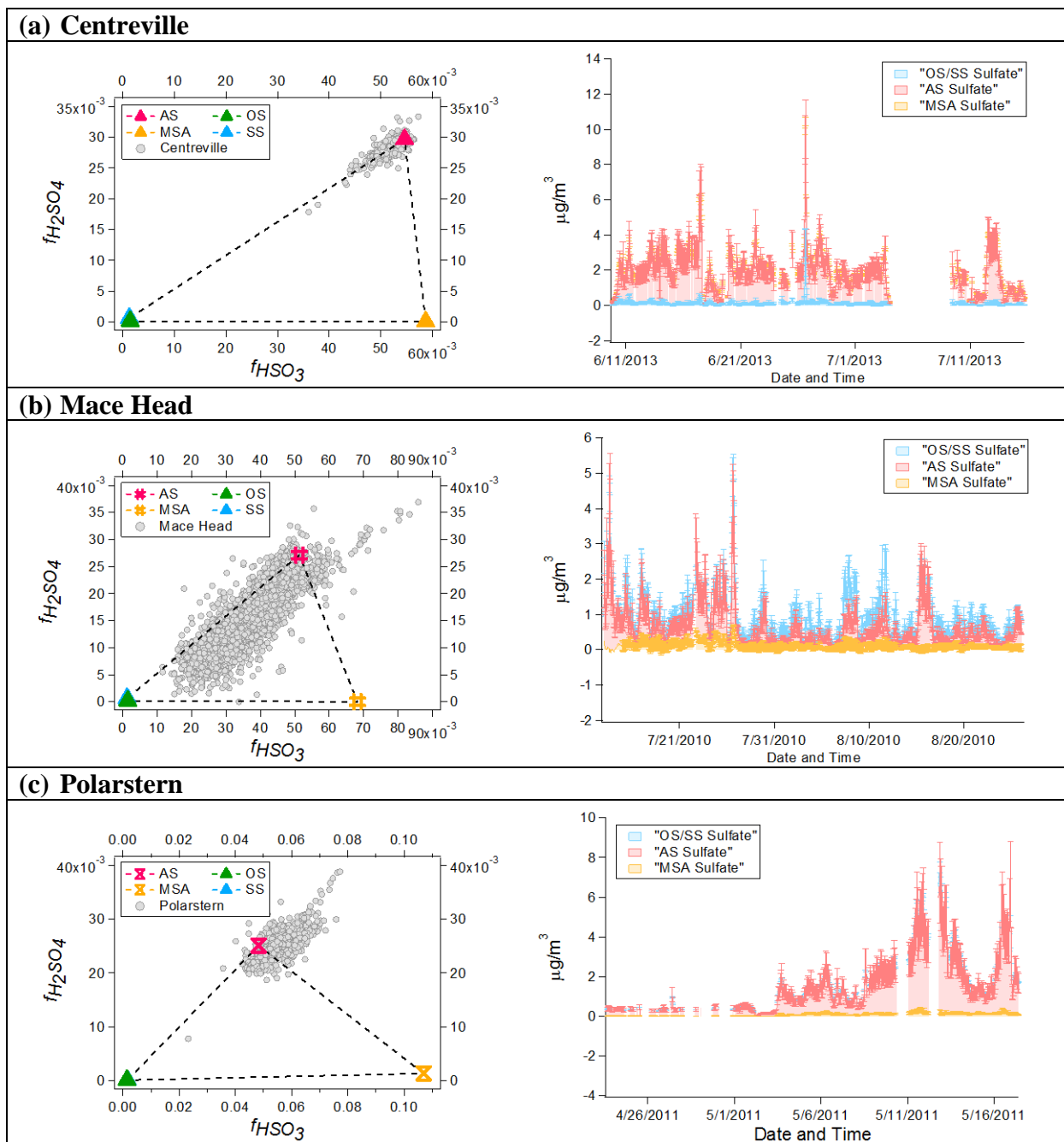
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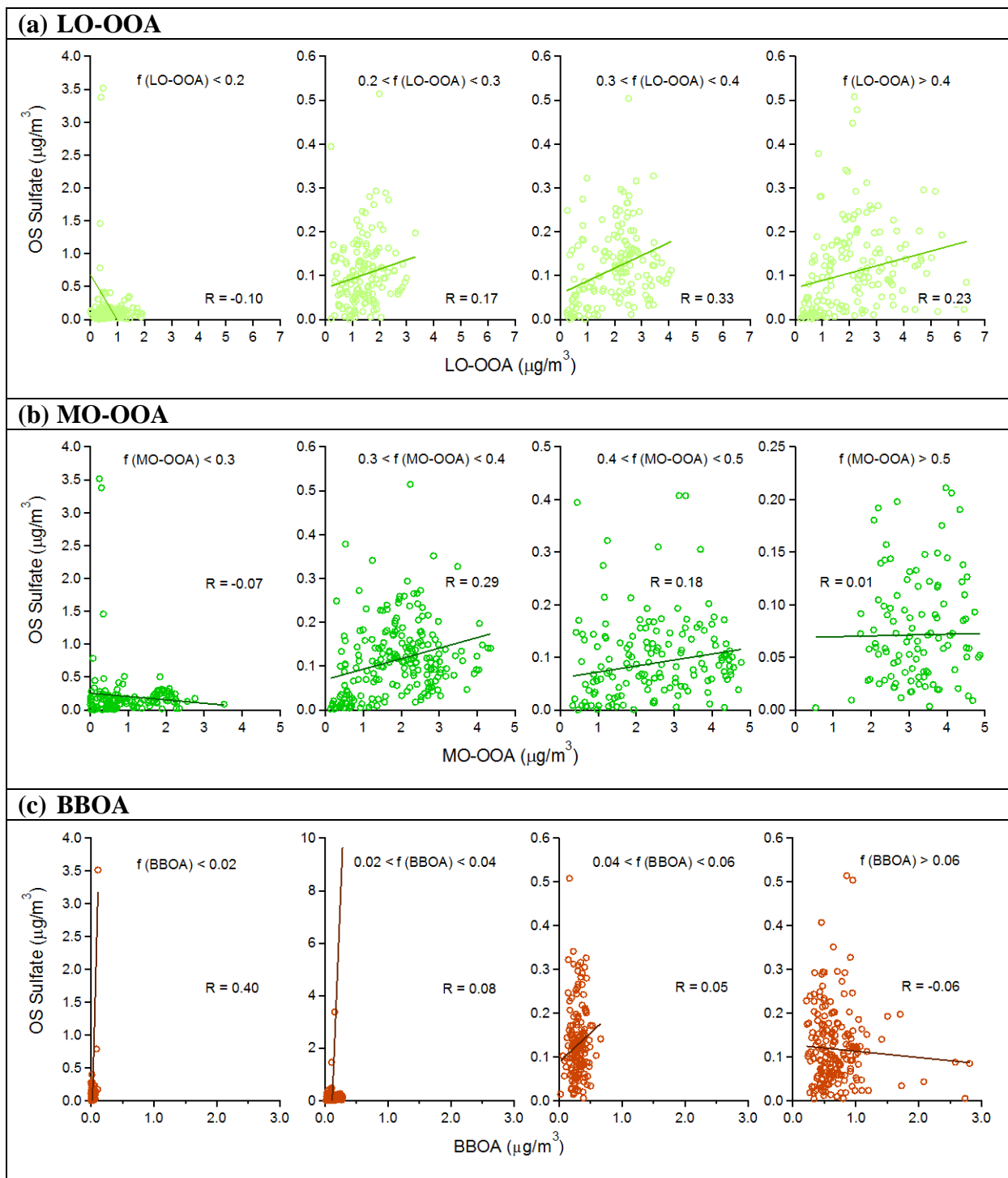
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129 **Figure S6** (a) “MSA sulfate” to “AS sulfate” ratio calculated by sulfate apportionment method as
130 a function of MSA / AS molar ratio in particles. (b) “OS sulfate” to “AS sulfate” ratio calculated
131 by sulfate apportionment method as a function of OS / AS molar ratio in particles for OS-15 / AS
132 mixture. The slopes and intercepts are obtained by orthogonal distance regression (ODR). The
133 Pearson’s R is obtained by linear least-squares fit.

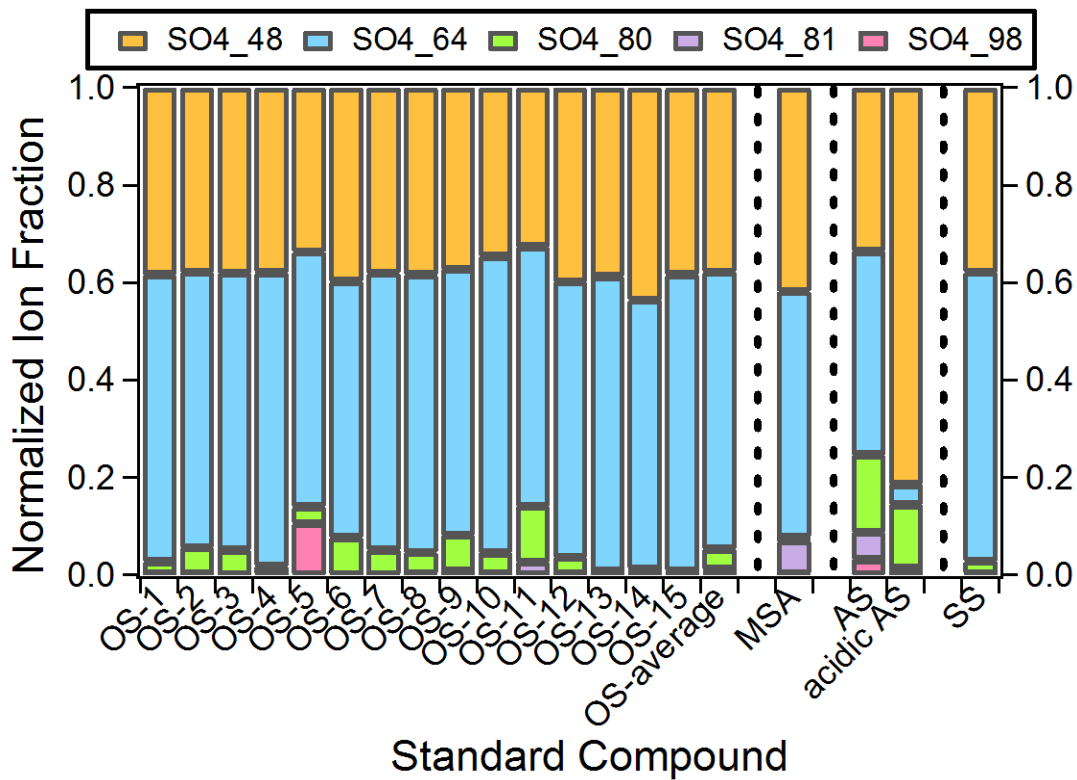
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135 **Figure S7** $f_{H_2SO_4}$ vs. f_{HSO_3} for ambient measurements and time series of “AS sulfate”, “OS/SS
 136 sulfate” and “MSA sulfate” for (a) Centreville; (b) Mace Head; (c) Polarstern. OS and SS standard
 137 calibrations are from GT AMS, while MSA and AS standard calibrations are from the AMS that
 138 was used for the corresponding ambient measurements.



139 **Figure S8** Comparison of “OS sulfate” with (a) LO-OOA factor; (b) MO-OOA factor; (c) BBOA
 140 factor for Centreville measurements. The AMS factor time series are from Xu et al. The Pearson’s
 141 R is obtained by linear least-squares fit.



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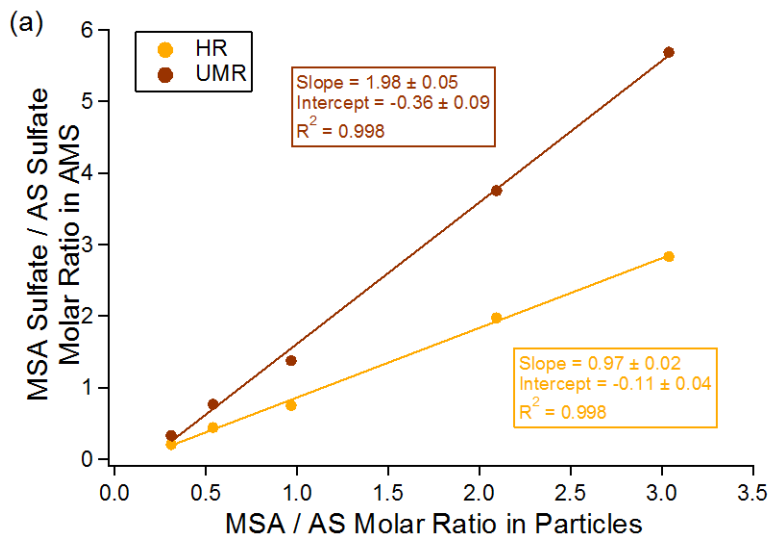
Figure S9 Mass fraction of five selected HSO ions.

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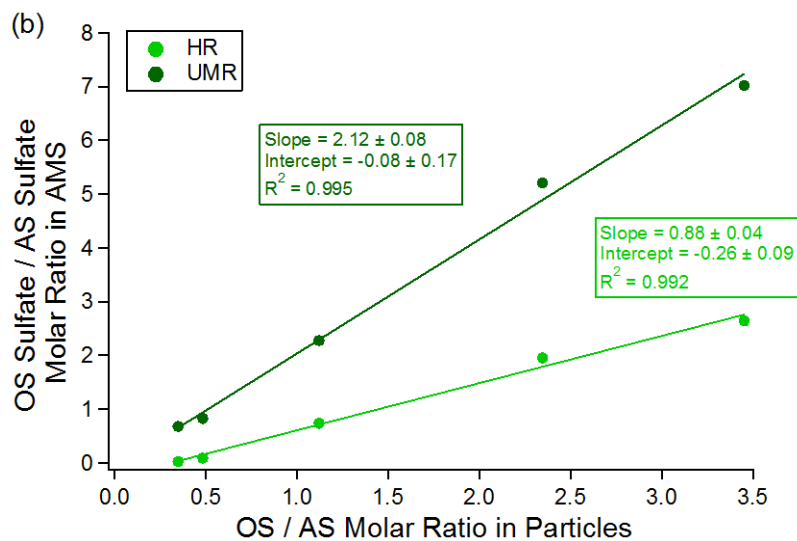
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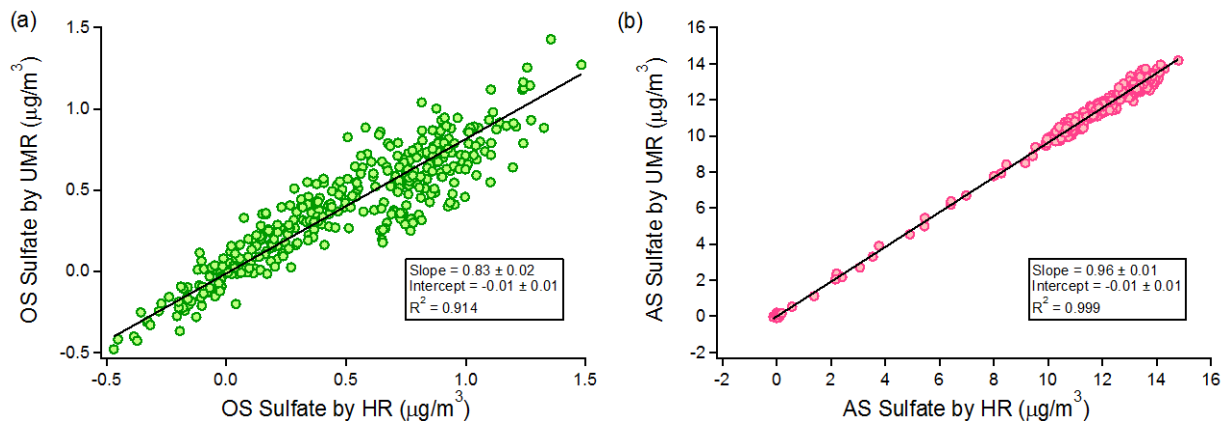


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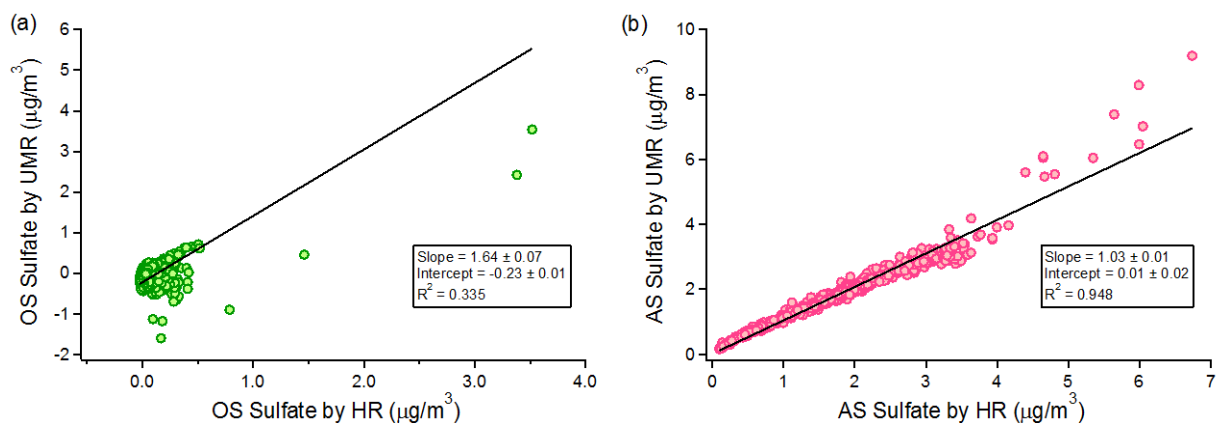
151 **Figure S10** HR and UMR comparisons of (a) “MSA sulfate” to “AS sulfate” ratio as a function of
 152 MSA / AS molar ratio in particles; (b) “OS sulfate” to “AS sulfate” ratio calculated by sulfate
 153 apportionment method as a function of OS / AS molar ratio in particles for OS-15 / AS mixture.
 154 The slopes and intercepts are obtained by orthogonal distance regression (ODR). The Pearson’s R
 155 is obtained by linear least-squares fit.

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 159 **Figure S11** HR and UMR comparisons of (a) “OS sulfate” and (b) “AS sulfate” for the chamber
 160 isoprene photooxidation experiment. The slopes and intercepts are obtained by orthogonal distance
 161 regression (ODR). The Pearson’s R is obtained by linear least-squares fit.



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 164 **Figure S12** HR and UMR comparisons of (a) “OS sulfate” and (b) “AS sulfate” for Centreville
 165 measurements. The slopes and intercepts are obtained by orthogonal distance regression (ODR).
 166 The Pearson’s R is obtained by linear least-squares fit.

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Table S1 Table of Notations

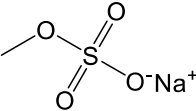
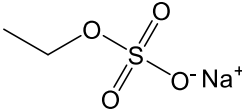
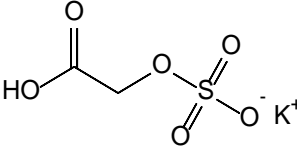
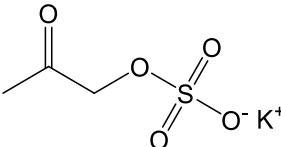
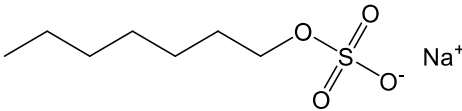
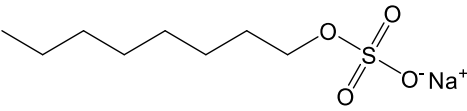
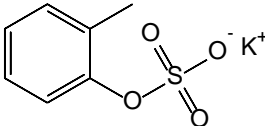
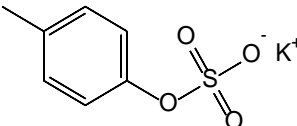
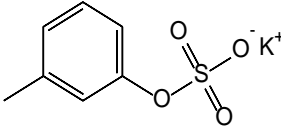
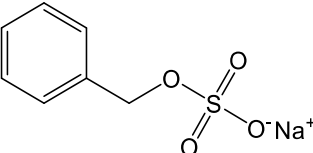
Notation	Description
AS	Ammonium sulfate
MSA	Methanesulfonic acid
OS	Organosulfur compounds except for MSA
SS	Sodium sulfate
Acidic AS	1:1 ammonium sulfate / sulfuric acid
Sulfate fragments	$H_xSO_y^+$ ions produced in AMS of both inorganic and organic origins
Organosulfur fragments	$C_xH_yO_zS^+$ ions produced in AMS by organosulfur compounds
ΣHSO	The sum of SO^+ , SO_2^+ , SO_3^+ , HSO_3^+ , and $H_2SO_4^+$ signals
$f_{H_2SO_4}$	The fraction of $H_2SO_4^+$ signal in ΣHSO
f_{HSO_3}	The fraction of HSO_3^+ signal in ΣHSO
“MSA Sulfate”	$H_xSO_y^+$ signals measured in AMS that attributed to MSA by sulfate apportionment method
“AS Sulfate”	$H_xSO_y^+$ signals measured in AMS that attributed to AS by sulfate apportionment method
“OS/SS Sulfate”	$H_xSO_y^+$ signals measured in AMS that attributed to OS/SS by sulfate apportionment method

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Table S2 Standard Compounds

Compound	Molecular Structure	Family	Source
Sodium methyl sulfate (OS-1)		Organosulfate	Commercial (99%)
Sodium ethyl sulfate (OS-2)		Organosulfate	Commercial (96.31%)
Potassium glycolic acid sulfate (OS-3)		Organosulfate	Lab Synthesized ¹¹ (> 98%)
Potassium hydroxyacetone sulfate (OS-4)		Organosulfate	Lab Synthesized ¹¹ (> 98%)
Sodium n-heptyl sulfate (OS-5)		Organosulfate	Commercial (99%)
Sodium n-octyl sulfate (OS-6)		Organosulfate	Commercial (> 95%)
Potassium o-cresol sulfate (OS-7)		Organosulfate	Lab Synthesized ¹² (> 98%)
Potassium p-cresol sulfate (OS-8)		Organosulfate	Lab Synthesized ¹² (> 98%)
Potassium m-cresol sulfate (OS-9)		Organosulfate	Lab Synthesized ¹² (> 98%)
Sodium benzyl sulfate (OS-10)		Organosulfate	Lab Synthesized ¹² (> 98%)

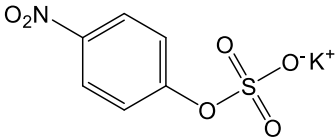
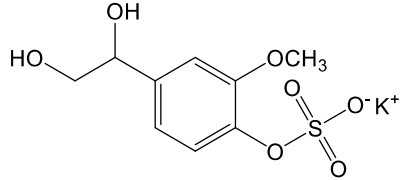
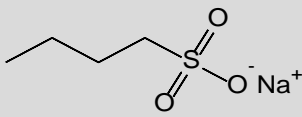
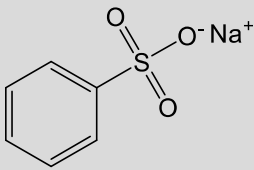
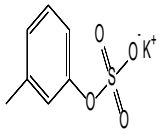
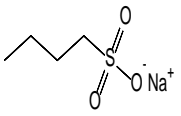
Potassium 4-nitrophenyl sulfate (OS-11)		Organosulfate	Commercial (> 98%)
Potassium 4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenylglycol sulfate (OS-12)		Organosulfate	Commercial (> 98%)
Sodium 1-butanesulfonate (OS-13)		Sulfonate	Commercial (> 99%)
Sodium benzenesulfonate (OS-14)		Sulfonate	Commercial (97%)
Methanesulfonic acid (MSA)		Sulfonic Acid	Commercial (> 99%)
Ethanesulfonic acid (OS-15)		Sulfonic Acid	Commercial (95%)
Ammonium Sulfate (AS)	$(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$	Inorganic Sulfate	Commercial (> 99%)
Sodium Sulfate (SS)	Na_2SO_4	Inorganic Sulfate	Commercial (> 99%)

Table S3 Normalized Sulfate Fragments for Pure Compounds from GT AMS

Name	f_{SO}	f_{SO_2}	f_{SO_3}	f_{HSO_3}	$f_{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4}$
OS-1	0.3760	0.6014	0.0215	0.0010	0.0000
OS-2	0.3821	0.5620	0.0528	0.0028	0.0003
OS-3	0.3686	0.6139	0.0174	0.0000	0.0002
OS-4	0.3755	0.6060	0.0184	0.0001	0.0000
OS-5	0.3655	0.5976	0.0364	0.0004	0.0000
OS-6	0.3864	0.5453	0.0671	0.0009	0.0002
OS-7	0.3772	0.5790	0.0433	0.0004	0.0001
OS-8	0.3735	0.5922	0.0336	0.0005	0.0002
OS-9	0.3754	0.5931	0.0310	0.0005	0.0000
OS-10	0.3664	0.6037	0.0285	0.0012	0.0002
OS-11	0.3684	0.5983	0.0333	0.0000	0.0000
OS-12	0.3807	0.5705	0.0481	0.0006	0.0001
OS-13	0.3754	0.6167	0.0061	0.0017	0.0001
OS-14	0.3712	0.6171	0.0044	0.0072	0.0001
OS-15	0.3796	0.6115	0.0021	0.0068	0.0000
MSA	0.4040	0.5358	0.0014	0.0587	0.0001
AS	0.3338	0.4223	0.1596	0.0546	0.0297
Acidic AS	0.3494	0.4667	0.0949	0.0567	0.0324
SS	0.3773	0.5914	0.0294	0.0013	0.0006

Table S4 Sulfate Fragmentation Table

Ion	HR_frag_sulfate (AS)	HR_frag_sulfate (MSA, OS, SS)
O	0.04*HR_frag_sulfate[{{H2O}}]	-
HO	0.25*HR_frag_sulfate[{{H2O}}]	-
j18O	0.00205499*HR_frag_sulfate[{{O}}]	-
H2O	0.67*HR_frag_sulfate[{{SO2}}], 0.67*HR_frag_sulfate[{{SO}}]	-
Hj18O	0.00205499*HR_frag_sulfate[{{HO}}]	-
H2j18O	0.00205499*HR_frag_sulfate[{{H2O}}]	-
S	0.21*HR_frag_sulphate[{{SO2}}], 0.21*HR_frag_sulphate[{{SO}}], 0.068*HR_frag_sulphate[{{HSO3}}], 0.068*HR_frag_sulphate[{{H2SO4}}]	0.21*HR_frag_sulphate[{{SO2}}], 0.21*HR_frag_sulphate[{{SO}}], 0.068*HR_frag_sulphate[{{HSO3}}], 0.068*HR_frag_sulphate[{{H2SO4}}]
j33S	0.00789557*HR_frag_sulphate[{{S}}]	0.00789557*HR_frag_sulphate[{{S}}]
j34S	0.0447416*HR_frag_sulphate[{{S}}]	0.0447416*HR_frag_sulphate[{{S}}]

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