



Supplement of

Size-dependent hygroscopicity of levoglucosan and D-glucose aerosol nanoparticles

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Table

Table S1. Substances and their physical properties used in this work.

Chemical compound	Chemical formula	Molar mass [g mol ⁻¹]	Density [g cm ⁻³]	Solubility mol/kg	Solution surface tension [J m ⁻²]	Manufacture
Levoglucozan	C ₆ H ₁₀ O ₅	162.141	1.69	8.23 ^a (20°C)	0.073 ^b	Sigma-Aldrich, 99.99%
D-glucose	C ₆ H ₁₂ O ₆	180.16	1.562	5.69 ^c	0.072	Sigma-Aldrich, 99.99%

^aZamora et al (2011)

^bTuckermann and Cammenga (2004)

^cRuegg and Blanc (1981)

Table S2. Coefficients (a, b, c) of the fitted growth curve parameterization to measured growth factor data using Eq. (3). Measured growth factors of initial dry diameter used in Eq. (1) were firstly corrected for the Kelvin effect.

Chemical compounds	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
Levoglucozan	0.45602	-0.69869	0.44755
D-glucose	0.30189	-0.38796	0.30478

Table S3. Equations for KD fit water activity a_w of levoglucozan and D-glucose at 298K, respectively. Here x is the molality (mol kg⁻¹)

Chemical compounds	Equations
Levoglucozan	$y = 1.97 * 10^{-9} * x^4 - 7.923 * 10^{-7} * x^3 + 0.0001469 * x^2 - 0.01649 * x + 0.9931$
D-glucose	$y = \frac{0.472*x^2+4.065*10^4*x+9.655}{x^3+884.4*x^2+4.063*10^4*x-0.5678}$

Table S4. Calculation of the ratio of gas-phase concentration to the total concentration for levoglucosan nanoparticles in the different sizes.

Levoglucosan diameter (nm)	The ratio of gas-phase concentration to the total concentration ^a
100	0.000811
60	0.000833097
20	0.023217028
15	0.177992638
10	0.328220471

^aSee S1 section below

Figure

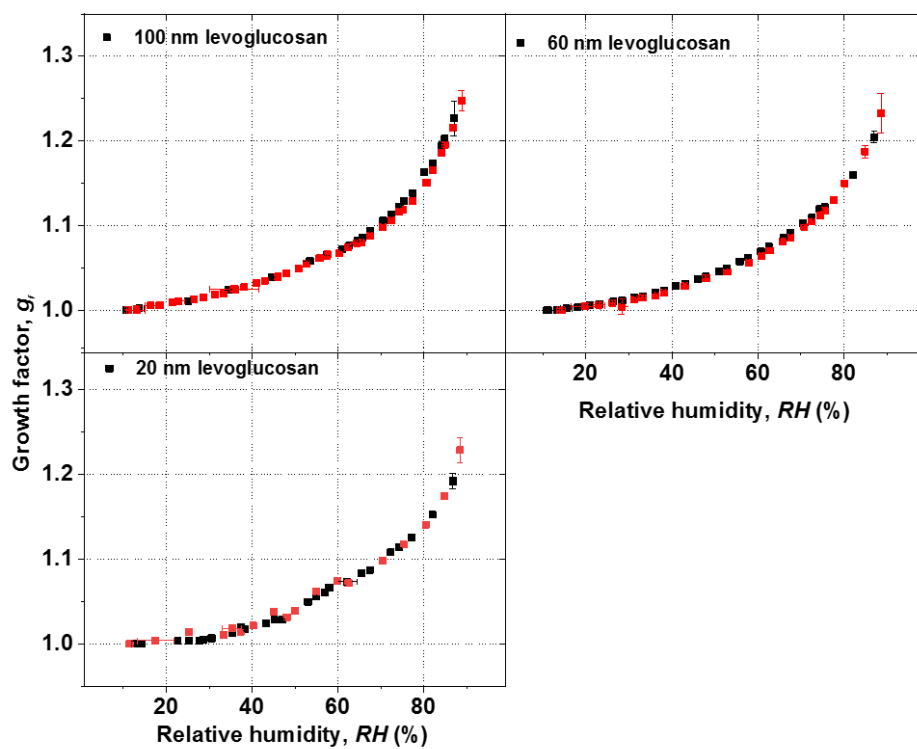


Figure S1. Mobility-diameter hygroscopic growth factors (g_r) of levoglucosan aerosol nanoparticles with dry mobility diameter from 20 to 100 nm in the deliquescence mode (black square and error bar) and the efflorescence mode (red square and error bar).

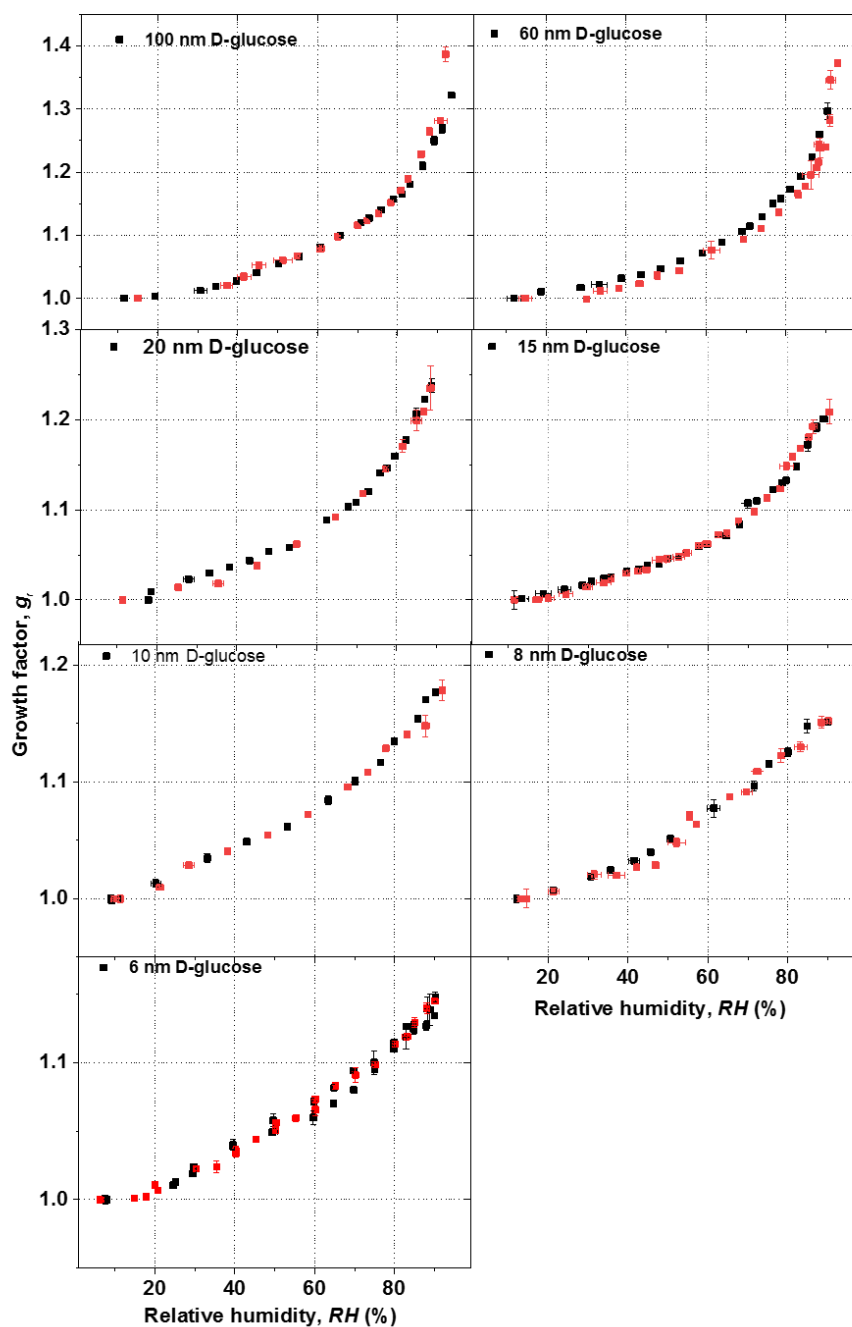


Figure S2. Mobility-diameter hygroscopic growth factors (g) of D-glucose aerosol nanoparticles with dry mobility diameter from 6 to 100 nm in the deliquescence mode (black square and error bar) and the efflorescence mode (red square and error bar).

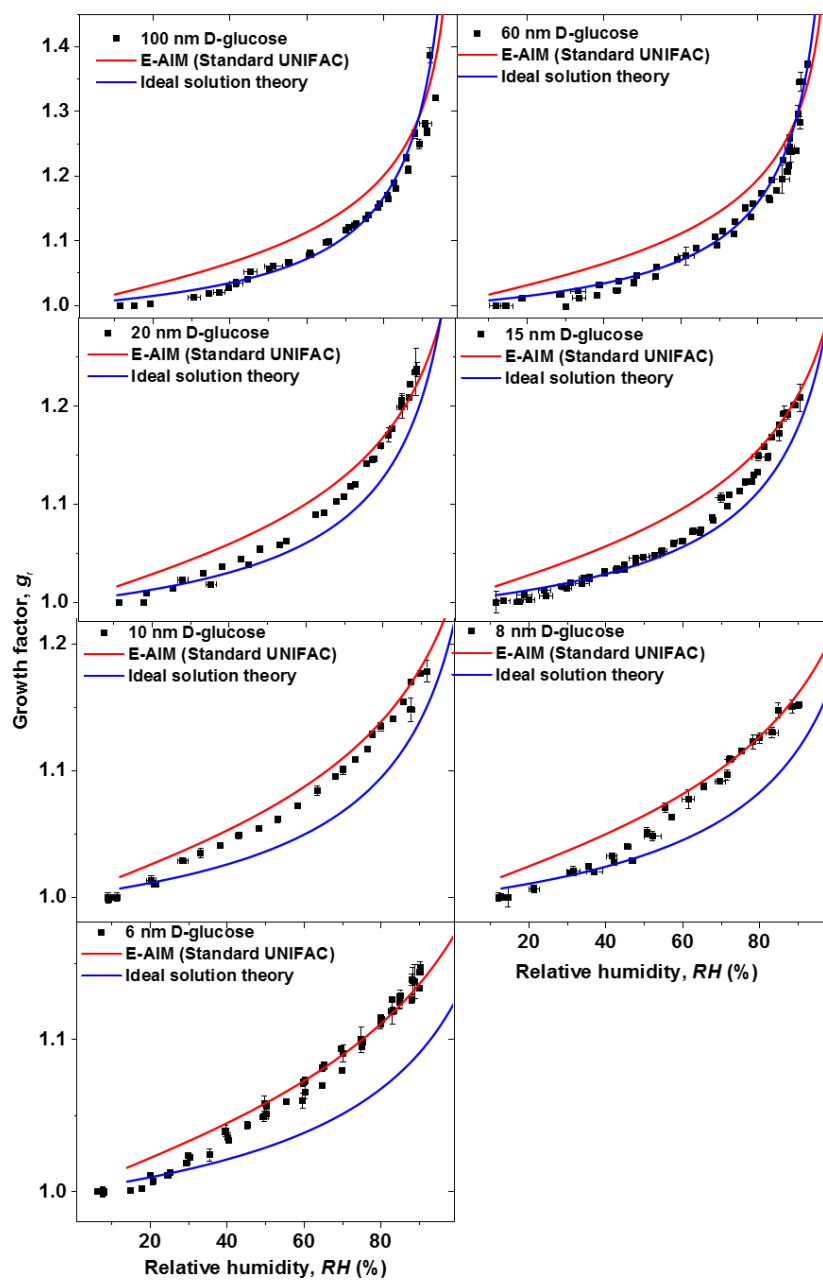


Figure S3. Mobility-diameter hygroscopic growth factors (g_r , black squares) of D-glucose aerosol nanoparticles with dry mobility diameter from 100 down to 6 nm in both deliquescence and efflorescence modes. In comparison, E-AIM (Standard UNIFAC) (red line) and Ideal solution theory (blue line) predict growth factors of D-glucose aerosol nanoparticles.

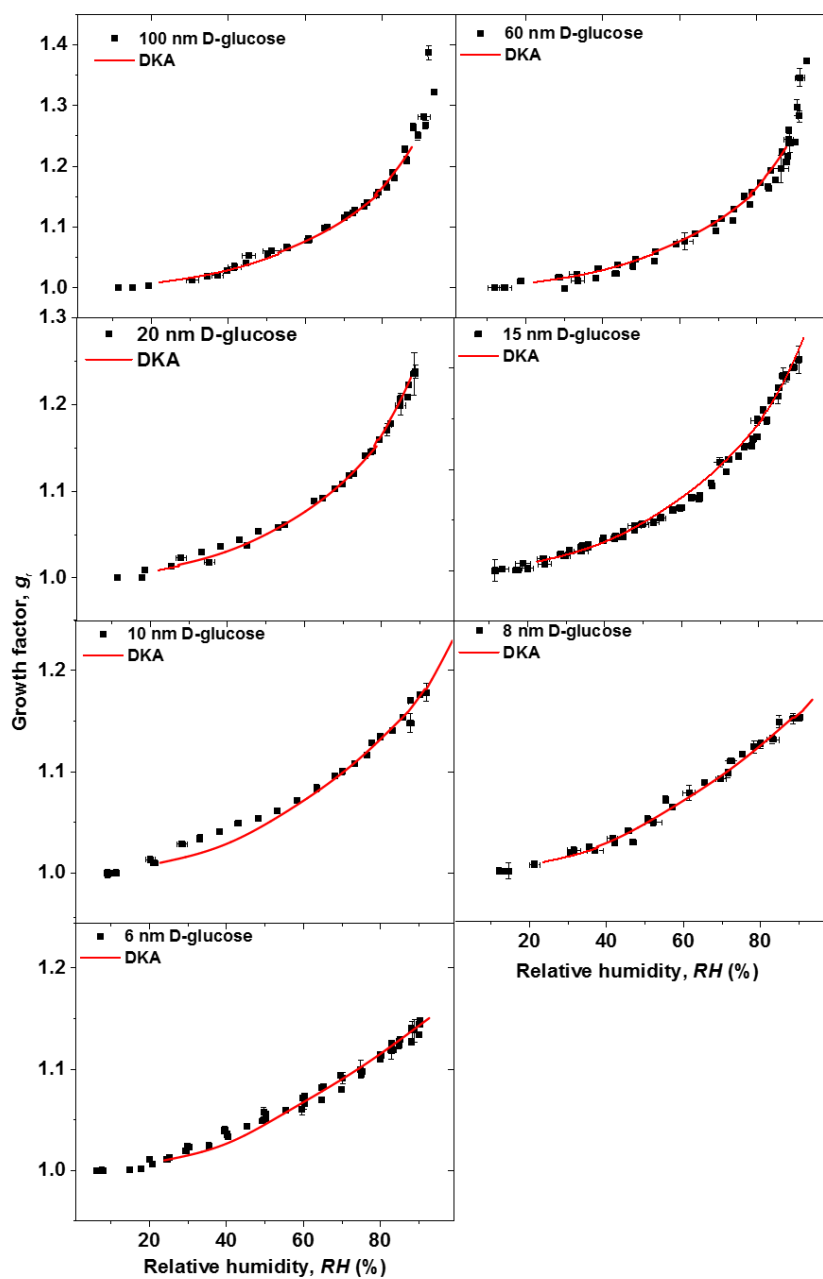


Figure S4. Mobility-diameter hygroscopic growth factors (g_f , black squares) of D-glucose aerosol nanoparticles with dry mobility diameter from 100 down to 6 nm in both deliquescence and efflorescence modes. In comparison, DKA model (red line) predict growth factors of D-glucose aerosol nanoparticles.

S1. Calculation of ratio of gas-phase concentration to the total concentration

S1.1 Calculation of gas-phase concentration (g/cm³)

$$P_A = P_A^0 \exp\left(\frac{2\sigma M}{RT\rho_l R_p}\right) \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$m_{gas} = \frac{PVM}{RT} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where P_A and P_A^0 are vapor pressure, equilibrium vapor pressure, respectively. σ , M , ρ_l , and R_p mean surface tension, molecular weight of the substance, liquid-phase density, and a droplet of radius, respectively. This equation (Eq. 8) shows a relationship between mass in gas phase (m_{gas}) and pressure (P), volume (V), mole mass (M), the ideal gas constant (R), and temperature. Here, Vapor pressure (P) is equal to saturated ratio of levoglucosan vapor multiplied saturated levoglucosan vapor pressure at 293.15 K.

S1.2 Calculation of total concentration of generated particles (g/cm³)

$$m_{total} = \frac{dN}{d\log D_p} \times d\log D_p \times \frac{\pi}{6} D_p^3 \times \rho \quad (\text{S3})$$

where dN is particle concentration, D_p is the particle diameter, and ρ is the density of particles.

S1.3 Ratio of the gas-phase concentration to the total concentration of generated particles

$$Ratio = \frac{m_{gas}}{m_{total}} \quad (\text{S4})$$