

# Supplemental Material

## Classifying Organic Materials by Oxygen-to-Carbon Elemental Ratio to Predict the Activation Regime of Cloud Condensation Nuclei (CCN)

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**Table S1** Effective density  $\rho_{eff}$  of particles generated by homogeneous nucleation. The values of  $\rho_{eff}$  were measured using a DMA-APM system.

Compound	$d_p$ (nm)	$\rho_{eff}$ (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )
adipic acid	250	990
	280	890
pimelic acid	100	1040
	120	1030
	160	1090

**Table S2** The results of CCN activity measurements of pure crystalline organic particles. The values of  $\kappa$  (spherical shape assumption) were calculated using the set point mobility diameter of the DMA. Particle shapes were corrected using  $\rho_{eff}$  quantified using the DMA-APM system, obtaining volume equivalent diameters.

compound	$S(\%)$	$d_p$ (nm)	$\kappa$ (spherical shape assumption)	$\kappa$ (non-spherical shape)
adipic acid	0.54	287	0.002	0.003 <sup>a</sup>
	0.74	246	0.002	0.002 <sup>a</sup>
	1.04	200	0.002	0.002 <sup>a</sup>
pimelic acid	0.16	165	0.12	0.15 <sup>b</sup>
	0.30	111	0.11	0.14 <sup>b</sup>
	0.37	91	0.13	0.16 <sup>b</sup>
suberic acid	0.96	240	0.001	NA
azelaic acid	0.13	299	0.03	NA
	0.73	113	0.02	NA
	1	78	0.03	NA
pinonic acid	0.54	165	0.01	NA
	0.70	135	0.02	NA

<sup>a</sup>  $\rho_{eff}$  was assumed as 950 kg m<sup>-3</sup>, based on DMA-APM measurement.

<sup>b</sup>  $\rho_{eff}$  was assumed as 1050 kg m<sup>-3</sup>, based on DMA-APM measurement.

**Table S3** The list of parameters of each compound employed in developing Table 3. The values of  $C_{sat}$  are taken from Petters et al (2009).

Category	Compound	Formula	MW	O:C	H:C	$\rho$ (kg m <sup>-3</sup> )	$C_{sat}$ (v/v) <sup>a</sup>	$\kappa$	Source
Dicarboxylic acids	Oxalic acid	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	90	2.000	1.000	1900	1.3	0.315	(Kumar et al., 2003)
	Malonic acid	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	104	1.333	1.333	1630	9.9×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.223	(Kumar et al., 2003)
	Succinic acid	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	118	1.000	1.500	1552	5.7×10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.22	(Corrigan and Novakov, 1999)
	Malic acid	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	134	1.250	1.500	1595	9.1×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.236	(Hori et al., 2003)
	Glutaric acid	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	132	0.800	1.600	1429	8.1×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.173	(Kumar et al., 2003)
	Adipic acid	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	146	0.667	1.667	1362	1.8×10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.002	This study
	Pimelic acid	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	160	0.571	1.714	1321	5.1×10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.15	This study
	Suberic acid	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	174	0.500	1.750	1272	1.9×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.001	This study
Azelaic acid	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>16</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	188	0.444	1.778	1251	4.0×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.025	This study	
Benzoic acids	2-acetylbenzoic acid	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	164	0.333	0.889	1362	2.9×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.035	(Hartz et al., 2006)
	Homophthalic acid	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	180	0.444	0.889	1410	3.3×10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.037	(Hartz et al., 2006)
	Isophthalic acid	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	166	0.500	0.750	1530	5.2×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	(Hartz et al., 2006)
	Phthalic acid	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	166	0.500	0.750	1593	2.6×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.007	(Hartz et al., 2006)
	4-methylphthalic acid	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	180	0.444	0.889	1410	2.8×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.046	(Hartz et al., 2006)
	Salicylic acid	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	138	0.429	0.857	1443	1.8×10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.008	(Hartz et al., 2006)

Carbohydrates	Erythritol	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	122	1.000	2.500	1451	4.4×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.165	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Threitol	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	122	1.000	2.500	1451	4.4×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.14	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Erythronic acid $\gamma$ lactone	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	118	1.000	1.500	N/A	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.125	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Xylitol	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	152	1.000	2.400	1525	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.165	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Lyxose	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	150	1.000	2.000	N/A	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.155	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Ribonic acid $\gamma$ lactone	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	148	1.000	1.600	N/A	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.205	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Mannitol	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	182	1.000	2.333	1489	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.1	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Fructose	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	180	1.000	2.000	1600	2.6×10 <sup>1</sup>	0.17	(Rosenorn et al., 2006).
	Glucose	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	180	1.000	2.000	1566	5.8×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.17	(Rosenorn et al., 2006).
	Mannose	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	180	1.000	2.000	1539	1.6×10 <sup>1</sup>	0.17	(Rosenorn et al., 2006).
	Levoglucofan	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	162	0.833	1.667	1618	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.185	(Rosenorn et al., 2006).
	Seduheptulose	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	210	1.000	2.000	N/A	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.135	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Methyl- $\alpha$ glucose pyranoside	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	194	0.857	2.000	N/A	>1.0×10 <sup>-1</sup>	0.14	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Sucrose	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	342	0.917	1.833	1538	1.3	0.095	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Maltose	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>22</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	342	0.917	1.833	N/A	6.1×10 <sup>-2</sup>	0.055	(Rosenorn et al., 2006).
Fatty acids	Myristic acid	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>28</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	228	0.143	2.000	866	2.3×10 <sup>-5</sup>	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	(Raymond and Pandis, 2002)
	Palmitic acid	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>32</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	256	0.125	2.000	853	8.2×10 <sup>-6</sup>	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	(Raymond and Pandis,

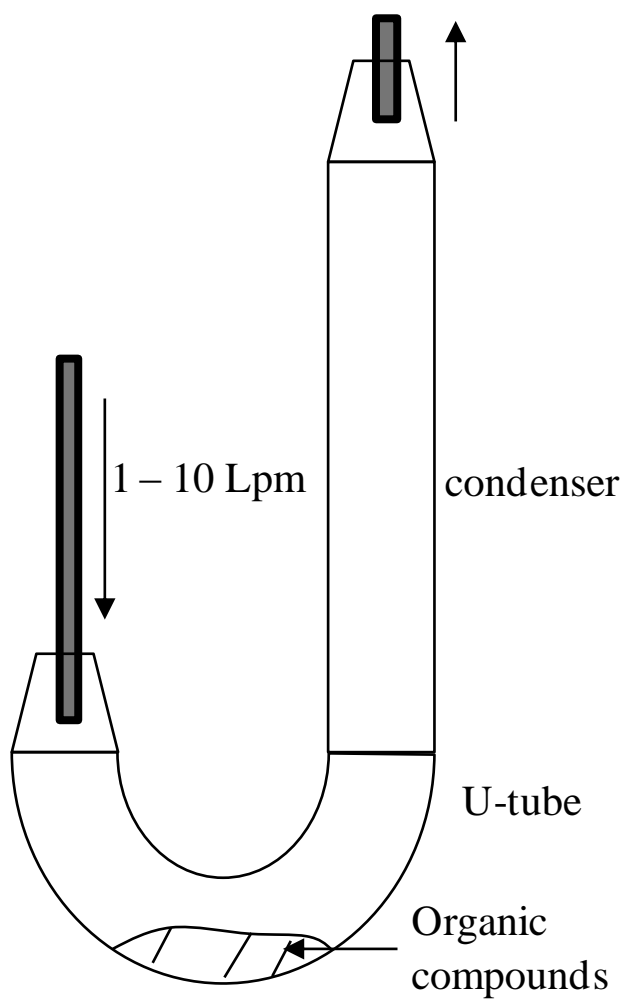
	Oleic acid	$C_{18}H_{34}O_2$	282	0.111	1.889	890	N/A	0.0007 <sub>b</sub>	2002) (Shilling et al., 2007)
	Stearic acid	$C_{18}H_{36}O_2$	284	0.111	2.000	847	$3.5 \times 10^{-6}$	0.001 <sub>b</sub>	(Raymond and Pandis, 2002)
Water-soluble polymers	Triethylene glycol	$C_6H_{14}O_4$	150	0.667	2.333	1100	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.24	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Tetraethylene glycol	$C_8H_{18}O_5$	194	0.625	2.250	1250	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.17	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Pentaethylene glycol	$C_{10}H_{22}O_6$	238	0.600	2.200	1250	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.059	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Hexaethylene glycol	$C_{12}H_{26}O_7$	282	0.583	2.167	1270	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.079	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Polyethylene glycol	$(C_2H_4O)_n$	400	0.500	2.000	1230	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.078	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Polyethylene glycol	$(C_2H_4O)_n$	1000	0.500	2.000	1230	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.049	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Polyethylene glycol	$(C_2H_4O)_n$	2050	0.500	2.000	1230	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.048	(Petters et al., 2009)
	Polyacrylic acid	$(C_3H_4O_2)_n$	2000	0.667	1.333	1540	$\infty$ (miscible)	0.054	(Petters et al., 2009)
Other	Pinonic acid	$C_{10}H_{16}O_3$	184	0.300	1.600	1169	$6.1 \times 10^{-3}$	0.01	This study
	Hexadecane	$C_{16}H_{34}$	226	0.000	2.125	773	$1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	0.001 <sub>b</sub>	(Raymond and Pandis, 2002)

Hexadecanol	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>34</sub> O	242	0.063	2.125	830	3.6×10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	(Raymond and Pandis, 2002)
Cholesterol	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>46</sub> O	387	0.037	1.704	1030	9.7×10 <sup>-7</sup>	0.001 <sup>b</sup>	(Hartz et al., 2006)

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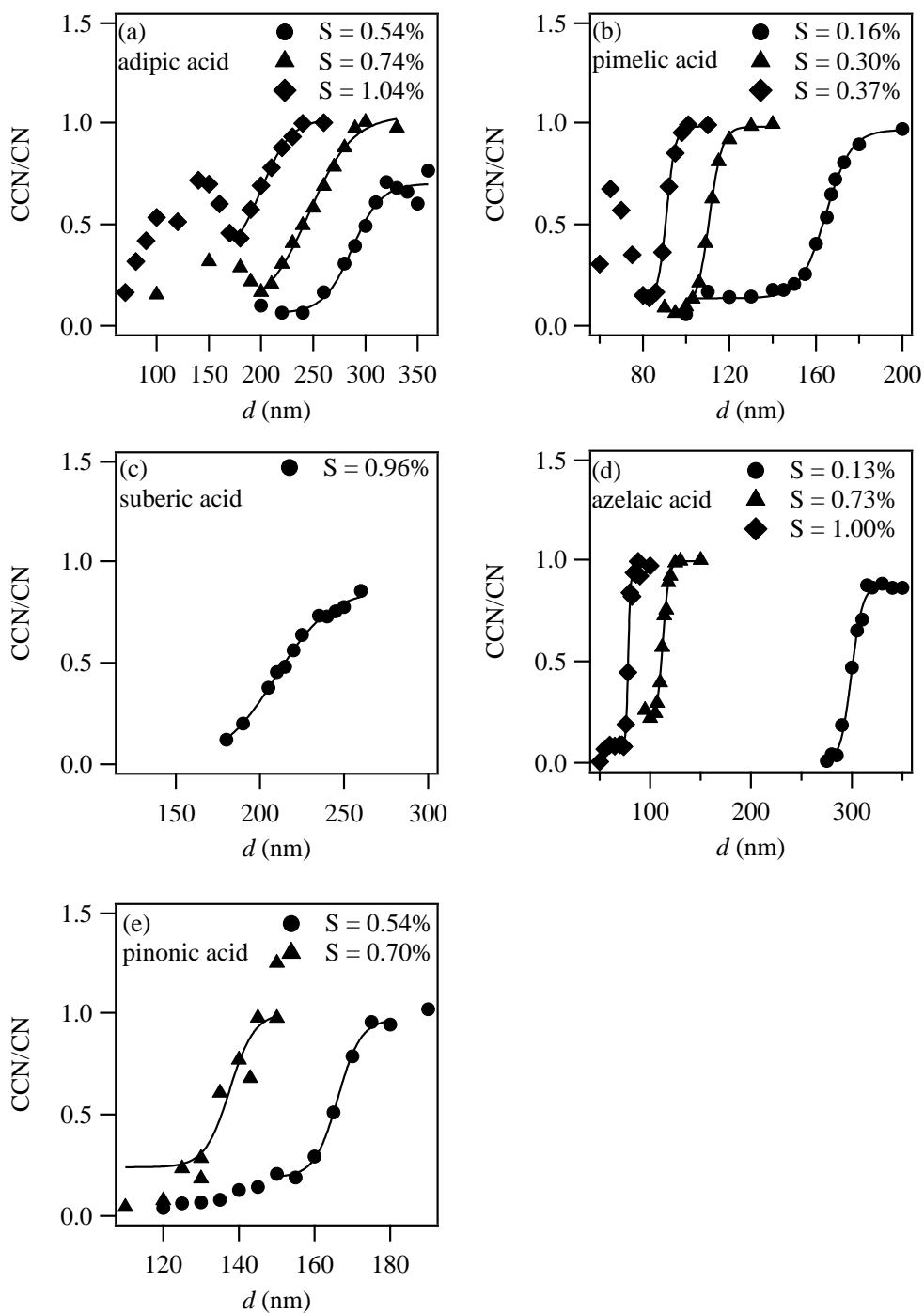
<sup>a</sup> The values of  $C$  for some compounds are not accurately known. In developing Figure 3,  $C$  was assumed as  $1 \times 10^{-1}$  for some carbohydrates, following Petters et al. (2009). Soluble polymers are miscible with water;  $C$  of those compounds were assumed as unity in Figure 3 for presentation purpose.

<sup>b</sup> CCN activation was not observed. Those values correspond to the maximum estimation.



**Figure S1** Homogeneous nucleation particle generator employed to generate particles of pure organic compounds.





**Figure S2** CCN activation curves measured for the pure compounds.

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