Aircraft measurements of aerosol and trace gas chemistry in the Eastern North Atlantic

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AMS calibration for quantification of methanesulfonic acid (MSA)

spectrum of laboratory-generated neutralized MSA.

There are several published methods of calibrating the AMS signal for the presence of MSA (Phinney et al., 2006, Huang et al., 2017, Ovadnevaite et al., 2011, Ge et al., 2012, Hodshire et al., 2019), but they all concentrate on the presence of a characteristic MSA marker, $CH_3SO_2^+$. In addition, there are two additional minor characteristic markers, $CH_2SO_2^+$ and $CH_4SO_3^+$ (Ge et al., 2012, Huang et al., 2017). A well-known difficulty in laboratory MSA calibrations is neutralization of

- 25 the acidic aerosol by the presence of trace amount of ammonia in laboratory air and on surfaces (Hodshire et al., 2019). To overcome this difficulty, we adapt the approach detailed in Hodshire, et al. (2019) and first calibrate the AMS using the neutralized form of MSA, NH₄CH₃SO₃. To prepare the calibration solution, MSA was neutralized with ammonium hydroxide. The final concentration of the calibration solution was 75 mM. The calibration solution was aerosolized with a Collison-type atomizer (TSI 3076, Shoreview, MN) and dried using a Nafion dryer (5 slpm counter-flow). The resulting
- 30 aerosol was size-selected with a Differential Mobility Analyzer (DMA) (TSI, Shoreview, MN) to 250, 300 and 350 nm (Supplementary Figure S2). The calibration was performed using simultaneous measurements of CH₃SO₃⁻ ion concentration derived from Condensation Particle Counter (CPC) particle counts (TSI 3776, Shoreview, MN). In order to derive CH₃SO₃⁻ ion concentration, density of 1.3 g/cm³ and shape factor of 1 was assumed. AMS PTOF data were used to correct for multiply charged particles. Resulting calibrations are shown in Supplementary Figure S2, along with a reference AMS mass
 - To quantify MSA, we use the combination of the three characteristic marker ions $(CH_2SO_2^+ + CH_3SO_2^+ + CH_4SO_3^+)$. Using the standard AMS approach, (neutralized) MSA concentration is given by

$$[MSA] = \frac{c}{cE} \frac{MW_{NO_3}}{RIE_{MSA}IE_{NO_3}} \frac{I_{CH_2SO_2} + I_{CH_3SO_2} + I_{CH_4SO_3}}{f_{(CH_2SO_2 + CH_3SO_2 + CH_4SO_3)}},$$

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Where C is a proportionality constant accounting for instrument duty cycle, flow rate and unit conversions. CE is the AMS collection efficiency, RIE_{MSA} is the ionization efficiency of (neutralized) MSA expressed proportionally to the ionization efficiency of nitrate (IE_{NO3}), which is obtained by standard AMS NH₄NO₃ calibration. I_x expresses the signal of marker ion x in ion counts and $f_{(CH_2SO_2+CH_3SO_2+CH_4SO_3)}$ is the ratio of signal of the sum of the marker ions to the total (neutralized) MSA signal. If ion signal is expressed in nitrate-equivalent concentration units, the equation simplifies to

$$[MSA] = \frac{1}{CE RIE_{MSA} f_{(CH_2SO_2 + CH_3SO_2 + CH_4SO_3)}} (I_{CH_2SO_2} + I_{CH_3SO_2} + I_{CH_4SO_3}) = \frac{CF}{CE} (I_{CH_2SO_2} + I_{CH_3SO_2} + I_{CH_4SO_3})$$

Where $CF = \frac{1}{RIE_{MSA} f_{(CH_2SO_2 + CH_3SO_2 + CH_4SO_3)}}$ is defined as the calibration factor and $\frac{CF}{CE}$ the slope in the laboratory calibration plot in Supplementary Figure S2, and has been determined to be 7.2 ± 0.9 .

Next, we determine parameters RIE_{MSA}, $f_{(CH_2SO_2^+ CH_3SO_2^+CH_4SO_3)}$ and $f_{CH_3SO_2}$ directly and summarize then in Supplementary Table S2. The ratios of marker signals to the total (neutralized) MSA signal are derived from average neutralized MSA mass spectra (Supplementary Figure S2A). RIE_{MSA} can be estimated with the ammonium balance method: using the previously calibrated RIE_{NH4} (4.1), RIE_{MSA} is adjusted to balance the ammonium with its counter-ion, CH₃SO₃⁻. This assumes complete

- ⁵⁵ neutralization of MSA in the AMS. Supplementary Table S2 compares these calibration parameters to previous literature estimates, showing a large spread in values, which underscores the importance of calibrating each AMS independently. Using the slope of the calibration plot in Figure S2B and independently derived estimates of RIE_{MSA} and $f_{(CH_2SO_2^+ CH_4SO_3)}$, we can constrain the CE for the neutralized MSA used in laboratory calibrations as 0.61 ± 0.07. This is the
- largest source of uncertainty in translating the calibrations to ambient measurements of MSA, as ambient MSA is more acidic than the neutralized laboratory MSA, which is expected to affect CE (Middlebrook et al., 2012). If the CE of acidic form of MSA is assumed to be 1, the calibration factor CF is 4.4 ± 0.5 , as shown in Figure S2C. This CE-corrected calibration factor is used to translate ACE-ENA AMS measurements to MSA concentrations.

Using the laboratory MSA calibrations, we also calculate the fraction of MSA signal assigned to organic and sulfate, 64% and 36%, respectively (Supplementary Table S2). Some MSA ions, such as the three characteristic markers used in the calibration are organosulfates, which are classified as organic by the default AMS routine.

RF #	Flight date	Takeoff (local time)	Landing (local time)	Number of spiral profiles	Location of spiral profiles (lat, lon)
				summer	
1	(01/17	11.00	15.10	2	39.2273, -28.351
1	0/21/1/	11:28	15:10	2	39.2436, -28.3691
2	6/23/17	10:46	14:04	4	39.105, -28.0321
					39.7931, -29.534
					39.1137, -28.018
					39.1796, -28.1548
3	6/25/17	10.24	14.25	2	39.1142, -28.0365
5	0/23/17	10.34	14.23	2	39.7511, -29.2662
1	6/26/17	8.20	12.15	2	39.1567, -28.185
4	0/20/17	8.30	12.13		39.2634, -28.3962
5	6/28/17	0.07	12.20	2	39.2738, -28.306
5	0/20/17	9.07	12.29	2	39.3055, -27.7953
6	6/20/17	10.20	14.24	2	40.09, -28.0557
0	0/25/17	10.50	14.54	2	40.1092, -28.0242
7	6/20/17	0.27	13:16	2	39.2975, -27.7847
/	0/30/17	9.21			39.3034, -28.3341
8	7/3/17	10.37	14.48	2	39.105, -28.0098
0 //3/17 10.5	10.57	14.40	-	39.1018, -28.0254	
	7/4/17	8:33	12:06	4	39.3201, -28.3033
0					38.9714, -28.2459
,					39.3126, -28.3023
					38.9436, -28.2443
	7/6/17	8:23	11:48	3	39.3458, -28.0354
10					39.365, -28.0098
					39.3672, -28.0189
11	7/7/17	10:33	13:49	2	37.7564, -27.143
11					37.5056, -26.8463
	7/8/17	8:36	12:43	4	40.0172, -27.1451
12					39.5961, -26.6761
					39.4637, -26.5093
					39.8162, -25.7871

Supplementary Table S1: Summary of ACE-ENA flights and vertical profiles.

12	7/11/17		2	39.3241, -28.2765	
13	//11/1/	10:04	14:04	4:04 2	39.3404, -28.2629
14	7/10/17	2/17 9:00 13:02	12.02	2	39.253, -28.0551
14	//12/1/		15:02		39.2658, -28.0466
		8:32	12:55	3	39.3268, -27.8833
15	7/13/17				39.3303, -27.8537
					39.0175, -27.7892
	7/15/17	10:24	14:24	3	39.2052, -27.8981
16					39.4566, -27.9692
					39.4099, -28.0093
		9:29	13:28	3	39.2072, -28.3731
17	7/17/17				39.387, -26.6409
					39.1973, -25.8684
	7/18/17	8:31	12:05	3	39.3412, -28.0793
18					39.3042, -27.7573
					39.3083, -28.284
	7/19/17	8:54	12:56	5	39.1734, -28.4033
					39.3882, -27.8967
19					39.3846, -27.9203
					39.4504, -27.5893
					39.7882, -26.6081
					39.2515, -27.7209
20	7/20/17	8:31	12:11	3	39.2562, -27.7033
					39.3535, -28.2465
				winter	
	1/19/18	11:11	15:04	3	39.0709, -28.3686
21					39.069, -28.4012
					39.0695, -28.4246
	1/21/18	8:45	12:29	3	38.8088, -25.7359
22					38.8245, -25.7392
					38.8233, -25.7022
	1/24/18	/18 11:53	15:54	3	39.3135, -28.2306
23					39.3007, -28.2188
					39.3444, -28.1837
24	1/25/17	10:01	13:49	4	39.307, -27.8591

					39.2327, -28.3454
					39.3481, -27.8774
					39.3455, -27.8824
25	1/20/19	10:05	14:03	2	38.009, -27.1372
25 1/20	1/20/18				37.7275, -27.9024
26	1/20/10	8:38	12:33	2	38.0474, -27.1695
20	1/20/10				38.3184, -27.4664
27	1/29/18	8:39	12:32	3	38.9701, -27.6632
					38.9799, -27.6745
					39.3521, -27.9111
			12:50	3	39.2794, -27.6507
28	1/30/18	8:34			39.4435, -28.2626
					39.2809, -27.636
			14:18	4	39.2823, -27.7286
29	2/1/18	9:59			39.3117, -28.2559
					39.3414, -28.2303
					39.369, -27.744
30	2/7/18	16:28	18:22	0	N/A
	2/8/18	11:54	16:04	3	39.3928, -27.9622
31					39.3823, -27.9122
					39.3575, -27.9554
	2/9/18	10:04	14:16	4	39.3611, -27.8233
22					39.2537, -28.3428
52					39.352, -27.7877
					39.3174, -27.8658
	2/10/18	11:55	15:55	5	39.3423, -27.7868
					39.3063, -27.7254
33					39.3128, -27.7081
					39.2434, -28.3459
					39.2174, -27.6556
	2/11/18	10:20	14:20	5	39.1324, -28.0476
					39.1033, -28.021
34					39.1121, -28.0273
					39.4414, -28.6022
					39.12, -28.0448

35	2/12/18	10:05	14:07	3	39.0698, -28.4165
					39.06, -28.4072
					39.0586, -28.3847
36	2/15/18	11:59	16:14	3	39.1701, -27.9797
					39.6477, -27.9835
					39.0632, -28.0428
37	2/16/18	11:54	16:04	4	39.3114, -27.8122
					39.2786, -27.7357
					39.1124, -28.0979
					39.2961, -27.8063
38	2/18/18	11:29	15:41	3	39.4839, -27.3574
					39.192, -28.0234
					39.4708, -28.1345
39	2/19/18	10:01	14:09	3	39.3196, -27.7709
					39.313, -27.7204
					39.3452, -27.7481

Supplementary Table S2: Calibration parameters for MSA in the PNNL AMS and comparisons to literature.

Parameter	This work	Previous estimates if available	
MSA _{Org} (%)	63.9 ± 0.7		
MSAso ₄ (%)	36.1 ± 0.7		
RIE _{MSA} (UMR)	1.09 ± 0.02	1.33 (Willis et al., 2016),	
		1.27 (Huang et al., 2017),	
RIE _{MSA} (HR)	0.87 ± 0.01	1.70 ± 0.08 (Hodshire et al., 2019)	
		6.9 (Phinney et al., 2006),	
		9 (Zorn et al., 2008),	
	15.9 ± 0.3	4 (Schmale et al., 2013),	
fch ₃ so ₂ (%)		9.7 (Huang et al., 2015),	
		12.4 (Willis et al., 2016),	
		4 (Huang et al., 2017),	
		7.9 (Hodshire et al., 2019)	
		14.7 (Ge et al., 2012),	
$f(CH_2SO_2+CH_3SO_2+CH_4SO_3)$ (%)	26.1 ± 0.5	6.8 ± 0.6 (Huang et al., 2017)	
Calibration factor (C _F)	4.4 ± 0.5		



Supplementary Figure S1: Flight tracks for all G-1 flights carried out as a part of the ACE-ENA campaign. (A) All IOP 1 flight tracks. (B) All IOP 2 flight tracks. (C) Locations of spiral profiles for IOP 1. (D) Locations of spiral profiles for IOP 2. The map was created using public domain map data on Natural Earth (naturalearthdata.com) and the GSHHG Database (ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/shorelines/).



Supplementary Figure S2: Laboratory AMS calibrations for MSA. (A) Example spectrum of neutralized MSA used for the calibrations with key peaks labeled. (B) Calibrations using three different neutralized MSA sizes. Shaded region indicates uncertainty.



Supplementary Figure S3: Campaign-wide correlations between aerosol chemistry and CCN concentrations at 0.1% supersaturation. (A) AMS organic vs. CCN count, < 1000 m (R² = 0.4). (B) AMS organic vs. CCN count, > 1000 m (R² = 0.5). (C) AMS SO₄ vs. CCN count, < 1000 m (R² = 0.5). (D) AMS SO₄ vs. CCN count, > 1000 m (R² = 0.4). (E) AMS NH₄ vs. CCN count, < 1000 m (R² = 0.6). (F) AMS NH₄ vs. CCN count, > 1000 m (R² = 0.8).



Supplementary Figure S4: Campaign-wide correlations between aerosol chemistry and CCN concentrations at 0.3%
supersaturation. (A) AMS organic vs. CCN count, < 1000 m (R² = 0.4). (B) AMS organic vs. CCN count, > 1000 m (R² = 0.6). (C) AMS SO₄ vs. CCN count, < 1000 m (R² = 0.4). (D) AMS SO₄ vs. CCN count, > 1000 m (R² = 0.3). (E) AMS NH₄ vs. CCN count, < 1000 m (R² = 0.5). (F) AMS NH₄ vs. CCN count, > 1000 m (R² = 0.7).



Supplementary Figure S5: Satellite measurements of relevant cloud and biogeochemical parameters during ACE-ENA. (A) MODIS Aqua time-averaged map of cloud fraction from cloud mask (count of lowest 2 clear sky confidence levels, cloudy and probably cloudy divided by the total count). Mean of daily mean, 1° resolution, from 06/21/2017 to 07/20/2017 (IOP 1) (Platnick, 2015). (B) Same as (A) but from 01/19/2018 to 02/19/2018 (IOP 2). (C) MODIS Aqua time-averaged map of 105 chlorophyll-a concentration. Mean of 8-day means, 4 km resolution, 06/18/2017 to 07/28/2017 (IOP 1) (NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, 2018). (D) Same as (C) but from 01/17/2018 to 02/26/2018 (IOP 2). Red box indicates the Azores. The map was created using public domain map data on Natural Earth (naturalearthdata.com) and the GSHHG Database

(ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/shorelines/).



Supplementary Figure S6: The Global Surface Seawater DMS Database (saga.pmel.noaa.gov/dms/) (Kettle et al., 1999) was used to find surface seawater DMS measurements during January and February (n = 78) and June and July (n = 293) in latitudes between 30.7°N and 48.4°N and longitudes between 12.6°W and 38.4°W (enclosing the Azores).



Supplementary Figure S7: HYSPLIT 14-day back-trajectories for each flight. The starting point is the ENA ARM site. (A) 1000 m starting altitude, IOP 1. (B) 1000 m starting altitude, IOP 2. (C) 2000 m starting altitude, IOP 1. (D) 2000 m starting altitude, IOP 2. (E) 3000 m starting altitude, IOP 1. (F) 3000 m starting altitude, IOP 2. The map was created using public domain map data on Natural Earth (naturalearthdata.com) and the GSHHG Database (ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/shorelines/).



Supplementary Figure S8: Fire emissions during July 12 - 15, 2017 estimated using the Fire Inventory from NCAR (FINN) (Wiedinmyer et al., 2011). (A) Biomass burning emissions. (B) Black carbon emissions. (C) CO emissions. The map was created using public domain map data on Natural Earth (naturalearthdata.com) and the GSHHG Database

(ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/shorelines/).



Supplementary Figure S9: HYSPLIT trajectory analysis for the case study of RF #19 (July 19, 2017). A matrix of 121 10day forward-trajectories was started from an evenly spaced grid bounded by (53.4 N, 125 W), (53.4 N, 121 W), (51 N, 125 W) and (51 N, 121 W) at 500 m altitude. GDAS 0.5 degree meteorology and isentropic vertical motion were used. The red box indicates the location of the Azores. The map was created using public domain map data on Natural Earth (naturalearthdata.com) and the GSHHG Database (ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/shorelines/).



Supplementary Figure S10: Wind roses plotted using data from the G-1 AIMMS-20 probe during all ACE-ENA flights. (A) < 1000 m altitude, IOP 1. (B) < 1000 m altitude, IOP 2. (C) 1000 m - 3000 m altitude, IOP 1. (D) 1000 m - 3000 m altitude, IOP 2. (E) > 3000 m altitude, IOP 1. (F) > 3000 m altitude, IOP 2.



Supplementary Figure S11: EDGAR-HTAP V2 (https://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/htap_v2/) gridded emissions inventory (Janssens-Maenhout et al., 2015) was used to investigate CO emissions from the Azores during the four months of ACE-ENA study. Monthly gridmaps 0.1x0.1 for 2010 were used for this plot. (A) CO emissions from the energy sector. Data from one gridpoint at 38.7°N, 27.2°W is available for the Azores. (B) CO emissions from industry, residential and transport

145 sectors. Data from 87 gridpoints are available for the Azores (34°N - 42°N, 20°W - 35°W), averages by sector are reported in the plot.

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