

On the evolution of sub- and super-saturated water uptake of secondary organic aerosol in chamber experiments from mixed precursors

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Abstract.

To better understand the chemical controls of sub- and super-saturated aerosol water uptake, we designed and conducted a series of chamber experiments to investigate the evolution of SOA particle aerosol physicochemical properties during photo-oxidation of single and during SOA formation from the photochemistry of single or mixed biogenic (α -pinene, isoprene) and anthropogenic (*o*-cresol) volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the presence of ammonium sulphate seeds. During the six-hour experiments, the cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) activity at super-saturation of water (0.1 ~ 0.5 %), hygroscopic growth factor at 90% RH, and non-refractory PM₁ chemical composition were recorded concurrently. Attempts to use the hygroscopicity parameter κ to reconcile water uptake ability below and above water saturation from various VOC precursor systems were made, aiming to predict the CCN activity from the sub-saturated hygroscopicity. The thermodynamic model AIOMFAC was used to simulate κ values of model compound mixtures to compare with the observation and to isolate the controlling factors of water uptake at different RH. The hygroscopicity parameter κ was used to represent water uptake ability below and above water saturation, and the κ -Köhler approach was implemented to predict the CCN activity from the sub-saturated hygroscopicity.

The sub- and super-saturated water uptake (in terms of both κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN}) were mainly controlled by the SOA mass fraction which depended on the SOA production rate of the precursors, and the SOA composition played a second-order role. For the reconciliation of κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} , the $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}} / \kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ ratio increased with the SOA mass fraction and this was observed in all investigated single and mixed VOC systems, independent of initial VOC concentrations and sources. For all VOC systems, the mean κ_{HTDMA} of aerosol particles was ~ 25 % lower than the κ_{CCN} at the beginning of the experiments with inorganic seeds. With the increase of condensed SOA on inorganic seed particles throughout the

experiments, the discrepancy of κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} became weaker (down to $\sim 0\%$) and finally the mean κ_{HTDMA} was $\sim 60\%$ higher than κ_{CCN} on average when the SOA mass fraction approached ~ 0.8 . As

45 indicated by AIOMFAC model simulations, non-ideality alone cannot fully explain the κ discrepancy at

high SOA mass fraction (0.8). A good agreement in κ_{CCN} between model and observation was achieved
by doubling the molecular weight of the model compounds or by reducing the dry particle size in the
CCN counter. This indicates that the evaporation of semi-volatile organics in the CCN counter together
with non-ideality could have led to the observed κ discrepancy. This is possibly attributable to the non-

50 ideality of solutes at different RH or the different co-condensation of condensable organic vapours within
the two instruments.

As a result, the predicted CCN number concentrations from the κ_{HTDMA} and particle number size distribution were $\sim 10\%$ lower than CCN counter measurement on average at the beginning, and further even turned to an overestimation of $\sim 20\%$ on average when the SOA mass fraction was ~ 0.8 . This chemical composition-dependent performances of the κ -Köhler approach on CCN prediction 55 can introduce a variable uncertainty in predicting cloud droplet numbers from the sub-saturated water uptake, the influence of which on models still needs to be investigated.

1 Introduction

Aerosol-cloud interactions, that is how aerosol particles influence cloud formation, largely influence

60 Earth radiation budget and the current climate projections (Boucher et al., 2013; Lohmann and Feichter, 2005; Bellouin et al., 2020). Thus, an accurate prediction of cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) number from aerosol properties is essential for investigating aerosol-cloud interactions in climate models.

However, the
The reliability of cloud condensation nuclei (CCN) activity predicted from the aerosol hygroscopic growth under sub-saturated condition remains unresolved, e.g. (Cruz and Pandis, 1998;

65 Vanreken et al., 2005; Huff Hartz et al., 2005; Prenni et al., 2007; Petters et al., 2009; Wex et al., 2009; Ervens et al., 2007; Good et al., 2010b; Liu et al., 2018). One of the main knowledge gaps is the precise determination of CCN activity involving complex organic aerosols. A large portion of organic aerosols are secondary organic aerosol (SOA) (Zhang et al., 2007; Jimenez et al., 2009), formed from oxidation of gaseous volatile organic compounds (VOCs) via gas-particle partitioning (Hallquist et al., 2009) and

70 [aqueous-phase reactions](#) (Ervens et al., 2011; Kuang et al., 2020b). Although the organic aerosol components are less soluble and consequently less hygroscopic than the referenced inorganic compounds (e.g. sulphate, nitrate) (Alfarra et al., 2013; McFiggans et al., 2006; Kreidenweis and Asa-Awuku, 2014; Huff Hartz et al., 2005; King et al., 2009), they can play an important role in the cloud formation globally ([Liu and Wang, 2010; Rastak et al., 2017](#)) due to its ubiquitous large fraction (20 \sim 90 %) in fine particulate matter mass (Kanakidou et al., 2005; Jimenez et al., 2009; Zhang et al., 2007). Nevertheless, our understanding of its hygroscopicity and CCN activity remains uncertain, due to the wide range of solubility, volatility and complex composition of organic compounds from different sources (Hallquist et al., 2009; Goldstein and Galbally, 2007; Shrivastava et al., 2017).

Previous laboratory reconciliation studies of aerosol hygroscopicity and CCN activity were mainly 80 focused on experiments investigating the nucleation of SOA from single biogenic VOC oxidation e.g. (Prenni et al., 2007; Wex et al., 2009; Petters et al., 2009; Alfarra et al., 2013; Liu et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2016; Duplissy et al., 2008), from anthropogenic VOC (Zhao et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2018; Prenni et al., 2007) and a few from biogenic-anthropogenic VOC mixtures ([e.g. Zhao et al., 2016](#))~~e.g. (Zhao et al., 2016)~~. However, the findings are not consistent. For the biogenic SOA, most studies found that the single 85 hygroscopicity parameter (ρ_{ion} , κ) from CCN activity were 20 \sim 70 % higher than the that from sub-saturated hygroscopicity, using oxidation of representative biogenic precursors, such as monoterpenes (Wex et al., 2009; Liu et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2016; Prenni et al., 2007) ~~and~~ sesquiterpenes (Huff Hartz et al., 2005) ~~and limonene (Zhao et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2018)~~. They speculated that the higher measured CCN activity of the biogenic SOA may be caused by the complex composition and variable properties, 90 such as the suppressed surface tension below that of the pure water induced by organic surfactants (Wex et al., 2009), the presence of sparingly soluble organic compounds (Petters et al., 2009; Prenni et al., 2007), non-ideality-driven liquid-liquid phase separation (Liu et al., 2018) or joint influences of these factors. In contrast, Duplissy et al. (2008) found a good reconciliation of hygroscopicity parameter κ between the hygroscopicity at 95 % RH and CCN activity of the SOA from α -pinene oxidation. Moreover, 95 Good et al. (2010b) found that the agreement of κ reconciliation of the SOA from α -pinene ozonolysis was influenced by the use of three different custom-built Hygroscopicity Tandem Differential Mobility Analyser (HTDMA) for sub-saturated hygroscopicity measurements and the absence/presence of

inorganic seed. For the anthropogenic or biogenic-anthropogenic mixed SOA, Zhao et al. (2016) observed a smaller discrepancy of κ than for the biogenic SOA, but the measured CCN activity was still higher
100 than the sub-saturated hygroscopicity ($> 20\%$). In contrast, Liu et al. (2018) found no discrepancy for anthropogenic SOA.

Clearly the complexity of aerosol chemical composition can propagate to their water uptake behaviour.
Consequently Nevertheless, our understanding of the chemical controls on the sub- and super-saturated
water uptake is ~~still limited not sufficient~~, especially for the evolution of the multi-component organic-
105 inorganic systems. ~~The rate of change of organic mass fraction in different systems may play an important
role in aerosol water uptake.~~ To further improve our understanding on chemical controls of water uptake
of multi-component aerosol particles, we designed and performed a series of chamber experiments to
investigate the evolution of the chemical composition, the sub- and super-saturated water uptake of SOA
from single and mixed VOCs in the presence of ammonium sulphate seed. The novelty of the project is
110 its design to investigate SOA formation from single to mixed precursors whereas previous studies mainly
focused a single precursor (Voliotis et al., 2022). The interaction of the mixed precursor could influence
SOA properties, therefore this study takes a further step of lab studies towards the real atmosphere where
thousands of precursors are existing and reacting at the same time even the chemical regime and
complexity of the chamber studies could deviate from the real atmosphere. The ultimate goal The goal of
115 this paper was to explore the change and controlling factors in the water uptake of multicomponent seeded
particles as they transformed through the oxidation of the various mixed VOC systems.

2 Materials and method

2.1 Experiment design

120 A series of chamber experiments were designed and conducted at Manchester Aerosol Chamber (MAC)
to investigate the impacts of mixing VOCs on the SOA formation mechanisms and aerosol
physicochemical properties (e.g. chemical composition, volatility, water uptake). An overview of the
overall project ~~could can~~ be found in Voliotis et al. (2022)~~in Voliotis et al., (2021, ACP submitted, this~~

125 ~~issue~~). Briefly, this work builds on the concept explored in Mcfiggans et al. (2019) using a mixture of the
biogenic SOA precursors, α -pinene and isoprene, extended to a ternary system by including α -cresol as
an anthropogenic VOC. α -cresol is both directly emitted anthropogenically or naturally and is a first
generation oxidation product of toluene, both being abundant aromatic VOCs observed in anthropogenic
polluted areas (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2016). α -cresol is sufficiently close in reactivity towards OH radical
with α -pinene and isoprene as to contribute comparable amounts of oxidation products to the mixture
130 (Coeur-Tourneur et al., 2006; Iupac). Additionally, it is a moderate SOA yield compound (Henry et al.,
2008), so any interactions in the mixture with the oxidation products of the other VOCs may lead to
contrasting interactions to those in the binary high-yield α -pinene mixture with low-yield isoprene
(Mcfiggans et al., 2019; Voliotis et al., 2022). VOCs were injected into the chamber with modest
VOC/NO_x ratio ranging 4 ~~—~~ 10 and the mixing ratio of VOCs were chosen such that they would have
135 the same reactivity towards ·OH at the beginning of the experiment (~~though clearly but~~ not ~~necessary~~
~~necessarily after the commencement of photochemistry~~)~~afterwards when photochemistry starts~~. In
addition, a~~A~~monium sulphate particles were injected as seeds for SOA condensation considering its
abundance in atmosphere (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2016), ~~as seeds for SOA condensation~~. Characteristic
experiments of each system are chosen and details~~Details~~ of the initial conditions are shown in Table 1.
140 It is worth noting that the~~s~~ingle VOC isoprene experiments were carried out, but not included in this
study since they had undetectable levels of SOA mass above our background under the neutrally-seeded
conditions of our experiments~~too low SOA yield to measure~~ with no noticeable change to hygroscopicity.

145 A detailed description on-and characterisation of the MAC facility (e.g. controlling condition stability,
gas/particle wall loss, auxiliary mechanism, aerosol formation capability) can be found in Shao et al.
(2022)Shao et al. (2021). Briefly, MAC consists of an 18 m³ FEP Teflon bag supported by movable
aluminium frames and runs as a batch reactor. The chamber is mounted inside the enclosure where the air
conditioning system can well control the temperature (25 \pm 2 °C) and relative humidity (RH, 50 \pm 5 %)
in chamber in this study. For photochemistry experiments, two 6kW Xenon arc lamps (XBO 6000
W/HSLA OFR, Osram) and 5 rows (#16 for each row) of halogen bulbs (Solux 50W/4700K, Solux MR16,
150 USA) are used to mimic the solar spectrum of mid-day of clear sky conditions in June in Manchester and
the total actinic flux between 290 and 600 nm was ~1/3 of the clear-sky solar radiation in Manchester

(Shao et al., 2022) (<https://www.eurochamp.org/simulation-chambers/MAC-MICC>). The chamber is kept clean through a reproducible cleaning protocol was conducted, including daily cleaning (fill chamber with ~1 ppm of O₃ and stay overnight to remove reactive organics and perform overnight O₃ oxidation

155 removal and automatic fill/flush physical cleaning cycles before and after experiments) and regular harsh cleaning with high concentration of O₃ under strong ultraviolet light. During an experiment, seed particles and gas precursors are injected and well mixed through the high flow rate blower and kept well-mixed within chamber by the continual external agitation of conditioned air through the gap between the enclosure and chamber. Liquid VOCs (α -pinene, isoprene, *o*-cresol; Sigma Aldrich, GC grade \geq 99.99 % 160 purity) are injected with syringes through a heated glass bulb in which the liquids can be vaporized immediately under \sim 80 °C and then be vaporized and flushed into chamber with high purity nitrogen (ECD grade, 99.997 %). NO_x (as mostly NO₂ in this study) injection is controlled by a mass flow controller and the desired RH in chamber is moderated by the mixing of water vapour and water vapour is added properly mixing with a dry purified clean air to chamber to adjust the desired RH condition. A 165 series of instruments were deployed to record gas precursors (VOC, NO_x, O₃) and physicochemical properties of seeded SOA. Details of key instruments used in this study can be found in Sec. 2.2.

Table 1. Experimental initial conditions of the various single and mixed biogenic and anthropogenic VOC systems photochemistry in the presence of ammonium sulphate seed.

Date	VOC type	[VOC] ₀ (ppbV)	VOC/NO _x	Seed conc. (ug/m ³) ^a
2019.03.29	α -pinene	309	7.2	67.6
2019.04.17	α -pinene	155	4.4	46.2
2019.07.13	α -pinene	103	5.7	55.4
2019.04.12	<i>o</i> -cresol	400	n.a.	40.9
2019.04.19	<i>o</i> -cresol	200	5.0	56.0
2019.07.10	<i>o</i> -cresol	133	4.9	38.1
2019.04.08	α -pinene/isoprene	237 (155/82)	9.9	50.5
2019.04.23	α -pinene/ <i>o</i> -cresol	355 (155/200)	5.9	42.5
2019.04.24	<i>o</i> -cresol/isoprene	282(82/200)	n.a.	57.0
2019.07.30	α -pinene/isoprene/ <i>o</i> -cresol	191 (103/55/133)	3.7	45.9

^a calculated mass concentration from volume concentration from DMPS with a density of 1.77 g cm⁻³.

170 n.a. means no available data due to instrument failure.

2.2 Measurements

The measured aerosol particles are dried with a Nafion® drier (Perma Pure, MD-110-12, Toms River, NJ, USA) to RH < 30 % before introduced to the following instruments. The sub-saturated water uptake

175 of aerosol particles was measured by a custom-built Hygroscopicity Tandem Differential Mobility Analyser (HTDMA) (Good et al., 2010a). The HTDMA is used to determine aerosol growth factor (GF) at a certain RH. Principally, sampled aerosol particles are dried and then selected by the first Differential Mobility Diameter (DMA1) to get monodisperse aerosol particles at given size (D_0), which further are humidified at 90 % RH in this study. The humidified aerosol particles enter the second DMA and a
180 Condensation Particle Counter (CPC) in order to determine the size distributions. The HTDMA was calibrated and its performance was validated by $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ before and after the campaign following the method of Good et al. (2010a). Finally, the growth factor probability density function and mean growth factor (GF) were retrieved using TDMA_{inv} method developed by Gysel et al. (2009). To track particle growth, the measured particle size increased from 75 nm up to 300 nm, depending on the geometric mean
185 diameter of aerosol populations during SOA formation evolution processes in various VOC systems.

The super-saturated water uptake of aerosol particles, that is the ability to activate to CCN, was measured by a DMT continuous flow CCN counter (Roberts and Nenes, 2005). In this study, the CCN counter was coupled with a DMA and a CPC to obtain the fraction of size-resolved aerosol particles activating to CCN (F_A) at a certain supersaturation. Briefly, the DMA was used to select monodisperse dried aerosol particles

190 (RH < 30 %), which are fed into the CCN counter and CPC in parallel to count the activated and total number concentrations of aerosol particles, respectively. During the experiments, DMA scans from 20 to 550 nm with 20 size bins, splitting the flow to direct the size-selected aerosol particles through the CCN counter and a CPC to measure the CCN and total particle number concentrations, respectively. The supersaturation ratio of the CCN counter is usually set to 0.5 % at the beginning of experiments. With

195 ongoing SOA formation, the aerosol particles grow. To derive a reliable activation curve with enough particle number concentration around the activation size, the set supersaturation ratio decreases accordingly down to 0.1 % during experiments, depending on how fast the SOA forms. The time resolution for each measurement is 10 min at supersaturation of 0.1 % – 0.5 % (varied with SOA formation process) were conducted. F_A as a function of the dry particle size (D_0) was derived from the ratio of the

200 activated and total aerosol particles concentrations with a correction of DMA multiple charge. Finally, the particle size at 50 % activation (D_{CCN}) was identified through a sigmoid fit of F_A - D_0 curve, which was assumed to be the critical diameter at the critical supersaturation (S_{CCN}). CCN counter was calibrated and its performance was validated by $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ before and after the campaign following the procedure in Good et al. (2010a).

205 The chemical composition of the non-refractory PM_1 components (NR- PM_1 , including ammonium NH_4 , sulphate SO_4 , nitrate NO_3 , SOA) was measured by a High-Resolution Time-of-Flight Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS, Aerodyne Research Inc., USA). Detailed instrument descriptions can be found elsewhere (Decarlo et al., 2006; Jayne et al., 2000; Allan et al., 2004; Allan et al., 2003). During the experiment period, HR-ToF-AMS was calibrated and its performance was validated following the 210 standard procedures (Jayne et al., 2000; Jimenez et al., 2003). In addition, to obtain the size-resolved chemical composition, a polystyrene latex sphere (PSL) calibration was performed to obtain the relationship between vacuum aerodynamic particle size and its velocity following the protocol provided at http://cires1.colorado.edu/jimenez-group/wiki/index.php/Field_Data_Analysis_Guide (last access: 24-01-2022).

215 For the conversion of AMS vacuum aerodynamic diameter to mobility diameter, firstly, we estimated the density of the non-refractory aerosol particles using simple mixing rule shown in equation [1] assuming the density of ammonium sulphate (1.77 g/cm^3) and SOA (1.4 g/cm^3).

$$\rho_{est} = \rho_{AS}(1 - F_{m,SOA}) + \rho_{SOA}F_{m,SOA} \quad [1]$$

220 $F_{m,SOA}$ is the mass fraction of the SOA. Then, this estimated density is used to calculate the mobility diameter as shown in equation [2] (Zhang et al., 2005).

$$D_m \approx \frac{D_{p\alpha}}{\rho_{est}} \quad [2]$$

For the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ uncertainty, the choice of SOA density can introduce uncertainty to ρ_{est} , with implications for the mobility diameter. Previous studies found that the SOA density can range from 1.2 to 1.65 g/cm³ (Kostenidou et al., 2007; Alfarra et al., 2006; Varutbangkul et al., 2006; Nakao et al., 2013).

225 For example, Kostenidou et al. (2007) reported that the estimated density of SOA from α -pinene, β -pinene, d-limonene are 1.4-1.65 g/cm³. Nakao et al. (2013) investigated the SOA from 22 different precursors with a wide range of carbon number (C5-C15) and found their density ranging from 1.22 to 1.43 g/cm³, negatively related to their molecular size. In this study, considering the three precursors we used, we take a medium value of density (1.4 g/cm³). To calculate the uncertainty of the SOA density on 230 $MR_{SOA/PM}$, we recalculated with the minimum (maximum) density, 1.2 (1.65) g/cm³, the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ changes within $\pm 10\%$.

2.3 κ -Köhler approach

235 The κ -Köhler approach is used to predict the CCN activity from the sub-saturated water uptake (Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007). Compared to the primitive Köhler theory (Köhler, 1936), the simplified κ -Köhler approach uses a single hygroscopicity parameter κ to describe the water activity in the Raoult term with assumptions of a constant dissociation factor of solutes and additivity of solutes without interactions (Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007). Therefore, κ -Köhler provides a single parameter κ , which is used to an 240 bridge the sub- and super-saturated water uptake, which is readily applied to predict cloud properties from aerosol physicochemical properties in climate models (Fanourgakis et al., 2019). However, it should be noted that the non-ideality of solution (e.g. the sparingly soluble SOA, molecular and ionic interactions), the potential influence of SOA on surface tension and the difference in co-condensation of condensable vapours through the systems will influence the results as previously discussed (Wex et al., 2009; Prenni et al., 2007; Hu et al., 2018), and which will be further discussed in [Secs. 3.4 and 3.5](#) ~~the See. 3.4~~.

245 The hygroscopicity parameter κ from sub-saturated HTDMA and super-saturated CCN counter are referred as κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} , respectively. κ_{HTDMA} was calculated directly through Eq. [1-2] with the measured GF and dry particle size D_0 .

$$S(D) = a_w \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma M_w}{RT \rho_w D}\right) \quad [3]$$

$$\kappa = \frac{V_w}{V_s} \left(\frac{1}{a_w} - 1\right) = \frac{D^3 - D_0^3}{D_0^3} \left(\frac{1}{a_w} - 1\right) \quad [4]$$

250 $D = D_0 GF$ _____ [5]

For CCN measurement, κ_{CCN} was derived from the computed κ -Dc-Sc relationship at surface tension of water and temperature of 298.15 K in Petters and Kreidenweis (2007). Here, Dc and Sc represent the dry diameter of aerosol particle and the critical supersaturation ratio of water vapour (maxima of the Köhler curve) to activate it to CCN.

255 $S(D) = \frac{D^3 - D_0^3}{D^3 - D_0^3(1 - \kappa)} \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma M_w}{RT \rho_w D}\right) \quad [1]$

$$D = D_0 GF \quad [2]$$

Where $S(D)$ is the supersaturation ratio or RH at sub-saturated condition. D and D_0 represents the dry and wet particle diameter, respectively. a_w , σ , M_w , ρ_w are activity, are droplet surface tension, molecular weight, and density of water, respectively. R and T represents the universal gas constant and absolute temperature, respectively. GF is the growth factor at 90 % RH measured by HTDMA.

2.4 κ -modeling with AIOMFAC

To study the influence of non-ideality on κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} , model calculations were performed using the group contribution model AIOMFAC (Zuend et al., 2008; Zuend et al., 2010; Zuend et al., 2011; Zuend and Seinfeld, 2012; Zuend and Seinfeld, 2013) to calculate activity coefficients. Since the real SOA

composition is complex and the exact chemical composition is unknown, the goal here was not to simulate the composition as realistically as possible but to create mixtures of model compounds that cover the experimental range of hygroscopicity. The hygroscopicity depends solely on the hydrophilicity of the substance (affecting the activity coefficients) and the number of solute molecules in a particle (affecting the mole fraction) which is determined by their molecular weight. Reactivity is not considered in thermodynamic modelling. The hydrophilicity of a substance depends on its chemical composition, most importantly on the number of polar functional groups while the exact arrangement of the functional groups is of minor relevance. Thus the hydrophilicity can be captured by the O:C ratio, which also determines the tendency for liquid-liquid phase separation in aerosol particles (Song et al., 2012). Therefore, by examining model compound mixtures covering broadly the range of experimentally determined O:C ratios and realistic molecular weights, the possible range of κ values can be investigated without the necessity to replicate the real mix of chemical structures.

The mixtures chosen here contained between two and eight different organic compounds, most of them α -pinene oxidation products, mainly with carboxyl (-COOH), hydroxyl (-OH) and/or keto (C=O) functionalities. The average O:C ratio of the organic mixtures ranges between 0.36 and 0.95, while the O:C ratio of the experimental SOA ranges between 0.36 ± 0.03 and 0.69 ± 0.05 (Wang et al., 2021b). The average molar mass of the mixtures was varied in a broad range of 173 – 478 g/mol. High molar masses were achieved by artificially dimerizing the original model compounds by doubling each subgroup of the molecule, similar to the approach by Zuend and Seinfeld (2012). To isolate the effect of non-ideality from co-condensation effects, all substances were assumed to be non-volatile and gas-particle partitioning was not explicitly modelled. Therefore, the selected substances were chosen to have sufficiently large molecular weights for allowing partitioning to the condensed phase. The lower bound of the average molar masses is reached by model compound mixtures that match the experimentally measured volatility distribution of the SOA (Voliotis et al., 2021). Even lower average molar masses or O:C ratios would not alter the drawn conclusion as can be seen in Section 3.5 and Figure S3 of the supporting information (SI). Table S1 and S2 in the SI list the monomeric model compounds and all mixture compositions.

For each mixture, the water-partitioning and potential liquid-liquid phase separation was calculated with AIOMFAC using the algorithm of Zuend and Seinfeld (2013). In this algorithm, the calculations are performed for a bulk system. To obtain the corresponding relative humidity in equilibrium with the droplet (S), the water activity was multiplied with the Kelvin effect based on the wet diameter D at this water activity, following Köhler-theory (Köhler, 1936) as shown in Eq. [3]. k_{HTDMA} and k_{CCN} were calculated according to Eq. [4] (Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007). V_w and a_w are taken from the AIOMFAC output at $S(D) = 90\%$ and Sc , respectively.

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3 Results and Discussion

3.1 Bulk and size-dependent chemical composition

Figures 1 and 2 (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2) show the bulk NR-PM₁ species and size-resolved organic mass fraction (MR_{SOA/PM}) measured by HR-ToF-AMS, respectively. At the beginning of experiments before illumination (-1 → 0 h), seed particles are mainly comprised of sulphate with a small contribution from nitrate (Max. 5 % → 16 % of NR-PM₁) in all investigated VOC systems. The observed nitrate was mainly inorganic ammonium nitrate and the organic nitrate was statistically insignificant (a detailed estimation method and discussion can be found in Wang et al. (2021a)). Considering the small fraction of nitrate in the inorganic seed particles in this study and comparable water uptake ability with sulphate (Kreidenweis 305 and Asa-Awuku, 2014), it may be expected that the overall hygroscopicity and CCN activity will be highly related to the MR_{SOA/PM}. After initiating illumination, the condensable organic vapours were formed from VOCs photo-oxidation, which further condensed on the inorganic seed particles yielding SOA. Therefore, an increasing MR_{SOA/PM} over time was observed, as shown in Fig. 1. As different VOC 310 systems have different SOA yield and reactivity with oxidants (Voliotis et al., 2022), and the oxidation conditions varied in the different systems (see Voliotis et al., ACP submitted, this issue), the mass and the production rate of SOA varied with the VOC systems. After a six-hour photochemistry for the single VOC systems, the MR_{SOA/PM} approached 0.88 ± 0.01 , 0.82 ± 0.01 , 0.62 ± 0.01 , 0.71 ± 0.01 , 0.56 ± 0.02 315 and 0.52 ± 0.02 (last 0.5 h of experiments, avg. ± std.) in the α -pinene, 50 % reactivity α -pinene, 33 %

reactivity α -pinene, *o*-cresol, 50 % reactivity *o*-cresol and 33 % reactivity *o*-cresol systems, respectively.

320 For the binary and ternary systems, the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ was 0.79 ± 0.01 , 0.82 ± 0.01 , 0.32 ± 0.01 and 0.78 ± 0.01 in the α -pinene/isoprene, α -pinene/*o*-cresol, *o*-cresol/isoprene, and α -pinene/*o*-cresol/isoprene, respectively. Moreover, a size-dependent chemical composition was observed, with a higher $MR_{SOA/PM}$ for particles at 75/100 nm than the 200/300 nm particles in smaller particle size in all investigated VOC systems (as shown in Fig. 2). This indicates that the chemical composition is not uniform across the size distribution. As the inorganic compounds are much more hygroscopic than the SOA (Kreidenweis and Asa-Awuku, 2014; Prenni et al., 2007; Alfarra et al., 2013; Alfarra et al., 2012), aerosol hygroscopicity and CCN activity will vary with $MR_{SOA/PM}$. Considering measured dry size differences between the HTDMA and CCN counter, size-resolved chemical composition has been used to ensure that the paired κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} for measurement reconciliation are with comparable $MR_{SOA/PM}$.

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3.2 Aerosol hygroscopicity under sub-saturated conditions

The GF at 90 % RH was measured by a HTDMA and hygroscopicity parameter (κ_{HTDMA}) was calculated using the κ -Köhler approach (Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007) for all the investigated VOC systems as shown in Fig. 3. Before the photochemistry with inorganic seed only, the GF at 90 % RH (κ_{HTDMA}) for

335 the 75 / 100 nm aerosol particles were 1.65 – 1.72 (0.45 – 0.50) in all VOC systems. This result is comparable with the predicted GF (κ_{HTDMA}) of 1.71 – 1.72 (0.50 – 0.51) of the $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ using AIOMFAC with the using UManSysProp assumption of non-ideality (<http://umansysprop.seaes.manchester.ac.uk/>; Hygroscopic growth factor [inorganic system scheme]) (Topping et al., 2016). Here, the input to UManSysProp was the $(NH_4)_2SO_4 + NH_4NO_3$ (0 – 10 340 %) observed in Sec. 3.1 with an assumption of non-ideality. After the commencement of photochemistry, the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ increased over time. Consequently, the GF (κ_{HTDMA}) decreased accordingly due to the less hygroscopic nature of SOA compared with the one of than inorganic compounds (Kreidenweis and Asa-Awuku, 2014; Prenni et al., 2007; Alfarra et al., 2013; Alfarra et al., 2012; Varutbangkul et al., 2006).

As expected, the rate of change and magnitude of the GF (κ_{HTDMA}) decreases over time depends on the
345 change of $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ in all VOC systems. For example, for the α -pinene system, the $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ increased substantially from ~ 0 to 0.72 within an hour of the experiment (as shown in Fig. 1-a4), correspondingly, the GF (κ_{HTDMA}) decreased from 1.65 \sim 1.72 (0.45 \sim 0.50) to ~ 1.15 (~ 0.1) (as shown in Fig. 3-a4). In comparison, for the *o*-cresol/isoprene system, it took six hours for the $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ to increase to 0.33, and accordingly, the GF (κ_{HTDMA}) decreased slowly to 1.44 \sim 1.53 (0.28 \sim 0.36) after the six-hour
350 experiment. Moreover, consistent with the observed higher $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ for smaller size in Sec. 3.1, Fig. 3 shows evidence that the GF (κ_{HTDMA}) is size-dependent, with up to ~ 0.2 (~ 0.1) lower in 100 nm aerosol
355 particles than the in 200 nm aerosol particles, measured adjacently. This is consistent with the non-uniform size-dependent particle chemical composition in our chamber studies. Consideration of size-resolved chemical composition is very important for the aerosol physical and optical properties where both chemical composition and particle size can play a role.

3.3 CCN potential under super-saturated conditions

CCN activity above water saturation was simultaneously recorded by CCN counter during the experiments of all investigated VOC systems. Fig. 4 shows the relationship of the critical supersaturation
360 of water vapour (Sc), the dry particle size and the κ_{CCN} . It provides the required Sc to activate 50 % of a given size of dry particles (D_{CCN}), for which this CCN activation potential can be represented by a single hygroscopicity parameter (κ_{CCN}) (Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007). At the beginning of experiments before photochemistry, the κ_{CCN} was mainly 0.55 \sim 0.65 in all investigated VOC systems, which is comparable with predicted κ of 0.61 from AIOMFAC0.58 – 0.64 for 50 – 100 nm from UManSysProp (CCN
365 activation potential [inorganic system] scheme). After initiating photochemistry, a declining trend of κ_{CCN} over time was observed as the continuous condensation of less hygroscopic / CCN-active SOA, consistent with the trends of sub-saturated water uptake in Sec. 3.2. For example, for the α -pinene system as shown in Fig. 4-a4, the κ_{CCN} decreased from 0.64 to ~ 0.1 within an hour whereas the κ_{CCN} decreased from 0.55 to 0.23 after the six-hour oxidation for the *o*-cresol/isoprene system. This significant differences between
370 different VOC systems are highly related to the production rate of SOA and the corresponding change of

MR_{SOA/PM} over time. It is worth noting that the set-point Sc in CCN counter was changed from 0.1 ~~—~~ 0.5 % during the experiments to follow the particle growth and ensure sufficient data points are collected for the activation curve to accurately determine the D_{CCCN}.

375 3.4 CCN prediction from the sub-saturated conditions

This section illustrates the reconciliation of the aerosol hygroscopicity and CCN activity, and its relationship with the aerosol chemical composition in various VOC systems to investigate the performance of the κ -Köhler approach in predicting CCN activity from sub-saturated aerosol hygroscopicity. As shown in Sec. 3.1-3.2, the aerosol chemical composition is size-dependent. It is

380 essential to ensure the chemical composition ~~are is~~ comparable for HTDMA and CCN measurements for the reconciliation study if their measured dry particle sizes are different. Therefore, we selected the synchronized HTDMA/CCN data pairs only when the 10-min moving average of MR_{SOA/PM} for the measured particle sizes were within 5 %. An example of selected data pairs in the α -pinene/isoprene/*o*-cresol system ~~is shown in Fig. S1 of SI was shown in Fig. S1~~. In addition to the hygroscopicity parameter
385 κ , the critical diameter (D_{C_{H_{pre}}}) was predicted from κ_{HTDMA} ~~following the κ -Dc-Sc relationship in Sec. 2.3~~ under the critical supersaturation of the paired CCN measurement. Further, by assuming all particles
390 larger than D_{C_{H_{pre}}} ~~will~~ be activated at the given ~~D_{C_{H_{pre}}} critical supersaturation~~, the CCN number was predicted based on the ~~predicted~~ D_{C_{H_{pre}}} and particle number size distribution.

Fig. 5 shows a summary of (a) κ_{HTDMA} , (b) κ_{CCN} , (c) $\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$, (d) $\kappa_{HTDMA}-\kappa_{CCN}$, (e) D_{C_{H_{pre}}}/D_{CCCN}, and
390 (f) N_{CCN_{H_{pre}}}/N_{CCN_{CCN}} as a function of the organic mass fraction in various VOC systems (except for α -pinene and 33 % α -pinene systems due to CCN instrument failure). Similar trends of the investigated parameters as a function of MR_{SOA/PM} were observed in all VOC systems. As shown in panel a-b, the hygroscopicity parameter κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} decreased with the increase of MR_{SOA/PM} in all VOC systems, indicating aerosol particles became less hygroscopic and CCN-active modified by the increasingly
395 condensed SOA. For a summary of all data points binned with a MR_{SOA/PM} of 0.1, the black solid circles and grey lines represent the average and standard deviation of the categorized data points. The overall

κ_{HTDMA} (κ_{CCN}) declined from 0.46 ± 0.02 (0.61 ± 0.07) to 0.14 ± 0.03 (0.09 ± 0.01) when the $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ increased from ~ 0 to ~ 0.8 .

In addition to the overall trend, the differences of κ_{HTDMA} (κ_{CCN}) at the same $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ were different in the different VOC systems which in the various VOC systems indicated that the SOA composition played a second-order role in the hygroscopicity (CCN activity). A higher κ_{HTDMA} (κ_{CCN}) of the multi-component SOA-inorganic mixtures at the same level of $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ indicated a higher κ of the SOA, according to the Zdanovski-Stokes-Robinson (ZSR) ZSR-mixing rule of κ demonstrated in Petters and Kreidenweis (2007). In this study, the κ_{HTDMA} (κ_{CCN}) (indicating a higher κ of the SOA), in the α -pinene/isoprene/*o*-cresol and 33 % *o*-cresol systems were the highest, which are higher than other VOC systems by $0 \sim 0.2$ ($0 \sim 0.3$), depending on the $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$. In contrast, the κ_{HTDMA} (κ_{CCN}) in *o*-cresol and 50 % reactivity *o*-cresol were usually the lowest at the same level of $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$, whereas the 50 % reactivity α -pinene, α -pinene/isoprene and *o*-cresol/isoprene seated in the middle. Previous studies found the sub-saturated aerosol water uptake (κ) increases with chemical aging of SOA from single precursor oxidation and showed a positive relationship with SOA oxidation state (e.g. O:C ratio or f44, fraction of m/z 44 in total organic signal) (Jimenez et al., 2009; Massoli et al., 2010; Lambe et al., 2011; Zhao et al., 2016; Duplissy et al., 2011; Kuang et al., 2020a), but no clear relationship involving multiple precursors with various oxidation state (Alfarra et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2016). In addition, Wang et al. (2019a) found that the positive relation between water uptake at supersaturated conditions and oxidation state (O:C) can be attributed to lower molecular weight of organic species rather than higher solubility at higher oxidation level. To illustrate the relationship between κ of SOA and the oxidation state, the κ_{org} was deduced with ZSR method and the κ of ammonium sulphate from AIOMFAC assuming volume additivity. Two main messages are shown in Fig. S2. Firstly, the calculated κ_{org} from HTDMA and CCN counter varied with VOC systems ranging from -0.2 to 0.2. The ZSR method assumes that components are independent and the water uptake by individual components are additive. Therefore, the negative values of the κ_{org} indicates the existence of interactions between inorganic and organic substances and thus results in less water uptake than the case without interactions in ZSR method (Zardini et al., 2008). Secondly, the calculated κ_{org} at sub- and supersaturated conditions showed no clear relationship with oxidation state of SOA (f44) when various VOC systems are compared, which is consistent with previous studies involving

425 multiple precursors but no clear relationship involving multiple precursors with various oxidation state
(Alfarra et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2016). In this study, it can be seen from the Fig. S2 that the trends of the
declining f44 with the MR_{SOA/PM} were similar in α pinene/isoprene/o- cresol, 33 % o- cresol, 50 %
reactivity α pinene and α pinene/isoprene systems but showed different patterns in the o- cresol/isoprene,
o- cresol and 50 % reactivity o- cresol systems (the f44 were higher than the other four systems at the same
430 MR_{SOA/PM}). The oxidation state of SOA (f44) showed no clear relationship with the observed κ trends in
various VOC systems as shown in Fig. 5 a-b, which is consistent with previous studies involving multiple
435 precursors (Alfarra et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2016). Other factors might have influenced the results and
warrant influences but need further investigations, such as organic mass loading, molecular weight
(Cappa et al., 2011; Petters et al., 2017), solubility (Petters et al., 2009; Ruehl and Wilson, 2014; Huff
440 Hartz et al., 2006), surface tension (Ovadnevaite et al., 2017; Bzdek et al., 2020; Ruehl et al., 2016; Lowe
et al., 2019) and co-condensation (Kulmala et al., 1993; Topping et al., 2013; Hu et al., 2018). and will
be discussed in Sec. 3.5.

Panel c-d in Fig. 5 shows the ratio ($\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$) and the absolute difference ($\kappa_{HTDMA}-\kappa_{CCN}$) of κ derived
445 from HTDMA and CCN counter as a function of $MR_{SOA/PM}$. Interestingly, a clear co-increase of
 $\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$ ($\kappa_{HTDMA}-\kappa_{CCN}$) with the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ was observed in all VOC systems. The overall
 $\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$ for all VOC systems increased from 0.76 ± 0.08 to 1.62 ± 0.26 with the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ increasing
from ~ 0 to ~ 0.8 , and correspondingly, the $\kappa_{HTDMA}-\kappa_{CCN}$ increased from -0.15 ± 0.06 to 0.05 ± 0.02 . This
means the averaged κ_{HTDMA} was $\sim 25\%$ ($16\% - 32\%$) lower than κ_{CCN} with inorganic compounds at
the beginning of the experiments, but this discrepancy decreased down to ~ 0 with the increasing
450 $MR_{SOA/PM}$ and even became higher than κ_{CCN} by $\sim 60\%$ ($36\% - 88\%$) at $MR_{SOA/PM}$ of ~ 0.8 (as shown
in Fig. 5c). These results indicated that the performances of κ -Köhler approach on the reconciliation study
of sub- and super-saturated water uptake varied with the $MR_{SOA/PM}$.

The discrepancy in the κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} can influence the prediction of CCN activity from sub-saturated
450 hygroscopicity (κ_{HTDMA}) using the κ -Köhler approach. As shown in Fig. 5 e-f, the predicted critical
diameter ($D_{Ch_{pre}}$) was $5 - 20\%$ (avg. $\sim 10\%$) higher than the measured D_{CCN} at $MR_{SOA/PM}$ of 0.02, and
the $D_{Ch_{pre}}/D_{CCN}$ decreased gradually to $0.8 - 1$ (avg. ~ 0.9) as $MR_{SOA/PM}$ approached 0.8. As a result,

the predicted CCN number concentration from sub-saturated water uptake was underestimated by 0 ~~–~~ 20 % (avg. ~ 10 %) at $MR_{SOA/PM}$ of 0.02. This underestimation of CCN number became weaker (averaged value almost down to ~ 0) with $MR_{SOA/PM}$ increased to 0.2 ~~–~~ 0.4 due to SOA condensation, and ~~it even~~ 455 ~~turned~~ the underestimation even reversed to an overestimation by up to 40 % (avg. 20 %) with $MR_{SOA/PM}$ of ~ 0.8 (as shown in Fig. 5f). It is worth noting that the prediction of critical diameter and CCN number concentration from κ_{HTDMA} are based on the concurrently measured critical supersaturation and particle number size distribution. This dependence of $\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$ ratio on chemical composition can have a varied impact on the uncertainty of the predicted CCN activity from sub-saturated κ_{HTDMA} at different supersaturation ratio of water vapour and/or different particle number size distribution as measured above. 460 Because the activated CCN number concentration is determined by all the three factors: the κ_{HTDMA} , water supersaturation ratio and particle size distribution. If at different supersaturation ratio of water vapour and/or different particle number size distribution as measured in this study, the uncertainty of the predicted CCN activity from sub-saturated κ_{HTDMA} can change. Indeed, this discrepancy trend between κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} could introduce a varied impact on the CCN prediction, which needs further 465 investigations. The broader influences of the observed trend of $\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$ as a function of $MR_{SOA/PM}$ on CCN activity prediction can vary a lot under different conditions of supersaturation and particle size distribution, which need further investigations.

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3.5 Analysis of the model results and discussion of the κ -discrepancy

As demonstrated above, the κ_{HTDMA} was, on average, ~ 25 % lower than the κ_{CCN} of the inorganic seeds when the $MR_{SOA/PM}$ was ~ 0, which is consistent with the thermodynamic model results from AIOMFAC with the assumption of non-ideality (both κ were 0.72 if assuming ideality).

475 To examine the influence of non-ideality at higher organic mass fractions, model calculations with AIOMFAC were performed to explore whether the mean experimental κ_{HTDMA} (0.14 ± 0.03) and κ_{CCN} (0.09 ± 0.01) at $MR_{SOA/PM} = 0.8$ can be reproduced by including non-ideality. To this purpose, 17 model

compound mixtures of average O:C ratios between 0.36 and 0.95 and average molar masses between 173 and 478 g/mol were designed, that cover the hygroscopicity range spanned by the SOA products. For 480 none of these mixtures the experimental κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} at $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}} = 0.8$ could be met. The trends of the simulation results are exemplified in Fig. 6 for four out of the 17 mixtures, which combine low (O:C = 0.36) and high (O:C = 0.66) oxidation with low and high molecular weights. Most of the low molecular weight compounds are identified α -pinene oxidation products, while the high molecular weight compounds are artificial dimers of the monomeric compounds. Further details regarding the four mixtures 485 can be found in the SI under mixture numbers 5 (red line in Fig. 6), 6 (yellow), 14 (blue) and 15 (cyan). For the monomeric SOA with O:C = 0.66, a calculation assuming solution ideality (activity coefficients set to one) was also performed. It can be seen that the assumption of solution ideality leads to an overestimation of κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} for all organic mass fractions including the inorganic seed ($\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ of ~ 0). In AIOMFAC, the ideal aqueous ammonium sulphate solution is calculated as fully dissociated 490 into $2 \text{NH}_4^+ + 1 \text{SO}_4^{2-}$ (corresponding with van't Hoff factor of three) with activity coefficients set to one. At activation, ideal solution conditions would be expected, as the particles are strongly diluted. However, for ammonium sulphate a large difference in κ_{CCN} between the ideal and non-ideal model calculation can be observed. This difference suggests some association of the ions in solution, possibly to N_2H_7^+ and HSO_4^- (Atwood et al., 2002). AIOMFAC accounts for concentration and composition dependent 495 speciation of ammonium sulphate in solution through the activity coefficients, which have been adjusted during the parameterization process to bring the model output in agreement with the experimental data (Zuend et al., 2008). Including non-ideality leads to an overall better agreement of κ_{HTDMA} at all organic mass fractions (Fig. 6a). At high organic mass fractions ($\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}} = 0.8$), best agreement of κ_{HTDMA} is reached for the simulations with O:C = 0.66 irrespective of the molecular weight (i.e. monomers and 500 dimers). In contrast to that, Fig. 6b shows the best agreement of κ_{CCN} at $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}} = 0.8$ for the model mixture with dimers with average O:C = 0.36, which is the one that agrees least with the observed κ_{HTDMA} values. As a result, the $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}/\kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ (Fig. 6c) and $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}-\kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ (Fig. 6d) at $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}} = 0.8$ could not be 505 reproduced with the model compound mixtures shown in this figure. Overall, only mixtures with dimers and low O:C ratios were able to match the experimental range of κ_{CCN} , yet, only dimer mixtures with rather high O:C ratios were able to fully match κ_{HTDMA} . Thus, among all 17 examined mixtures, none was

found where the modelled κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} values were both within the standard deviation range of the experimental values (see Fig. S3 in the SI), indicating that non-ideality alone cannot account for the discrepancy between κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} .

Previous studies found that some organic compounds are strongly surface-active, and can lower the 510 surface tension of the droplet below the value of pure water even at activation (Ovadnevaite et al., 2011; Bzdek et al., 2020; Gérard et al., 2019). While the effect of a lowered surface tension on hygroscopic growth is negligible, assuming a lowered surface tension at supersaturated conditions would lead to a reduction in Sc . In the experiment, however, a higher Sc was measured than κ_{HTDMA} would suggest (see Fig. S4 in the SI). Therefore, a lowered surface tension cannot explain the observed discrepancy in κ at 515 high $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$. Calculating κ_{CCN} with the assumption of a lower surface tension would even lead to a higher κ_{CCN} thus increasing the discrepancy rather than reducing it.

Thermodenuder measurements showed that the examined SOA contained a substantial fraction of semi-volatile compounds (Voliotis et al., 2021). Differences in the design of the HTDMA and CCN counter could have influenced the fate of the semi-volatile compounds, thereby explaining the observed κ 520 discrepancy. The semi-volatile compounds in the gas phase (e.g. organics, HNO_3) can co-condense with water vapor on aerosol particles and enhance the water uptake (Rudolf et al., 1991; Rudolf et al., 2001; Hu et al., 2018; Topping et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2019b; Gunthe et al., 2021). This enhancement is more significant at higher relative humidity. In addition, aerosol particles grow larger at higher relative 525 humidity in the CCN counter and dilute the solute concentrations in the particle phase, which further facilitates the partitioning of semi-volatile compounds into the particle phase, creating a positive feedback. Therefore, equal organics in the gas phase and equal temperature in both instruments would result in $\kappa_{\text{CCN}} > \kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}$, which contrasts with the observation in this study. However, if the gas phase is diluted or if the temperature is increased, semi-volatile compounds in the particle phase can also evaporate 530 and thereby decrease the water uptake when re-equilibrating (Hu et al., 2018). The observed higher κ_{HTDMA} than κ_{CCN} can be explained, if the organic concentration in the gas phase was significantly higher in the HTDMA than in the CCN counter and/or if the temperature in the CCN counter was higher than in the HTDMA.

535 The sampled aerosols from the chamber were dried to RH < 30 % before splitting and entering the HTDMA and CCN counter. During the drying process, semi-volatile compounds can co-evaporate with water to the gas phase. Water vapour was then removed through the Nafion membrane, but this pre-treatment was the same for both instruments. In our setup, the sheath air flows of the two DMAs in the HTDMA are close-loop, which means that the sheath air is filtered and recirculated and will reach equilibrium with the sample air including gaseous organic compounds. In commercial CCN counters, the sheath air is produced by splitting the sample air and filtering it (Roberts and Nenes, 2005) and thus, 540 contains organic gases. However, the DMA for size selection before the CCN counter uses dry clean air as sheath air, which can dilute the aerosol flow and thereby result in the evaporation of organic compounds. Gaseous organic substances can deposit on the filters in both instruments and deposited material from previous experiments can desorb or evaporate from the filters, which could have influenced the sheath air composition.

545 After selecting a given size of aerosol by the first DMA, the aerosol went through the conditioned humid environment. The temperature was decreased to 18 °C to reach the set RH in HTDMA (Good et al., 2010a), which will facilitate the co-condensation of the semi-volatile compounds and the growth of the aerosol particles by lowering the saturation vapour pressure due to temperature drop (Hu et al., 2018). In contrast to that, the temperature in the CCN counter is designed to increase to keep a certain water 550 saturation (Roberts and Nenes, 2005), which is not favourable for co-condensation and could even have led to evaporation of semi-volatile compounds. A loss of organic mass in the CCN counter is equivalent to a smaller dry diameter of the particles, which results in a higher critical supersaturation and thus a lower κ_{CCN} . A decrease of ~15% of the dry diameter could explain the observed κ discrepancy at $MR_{SOA/PM} = 0.8$. Setting the volume loss equal to a mass loss, the 15 % decrease in diameter is equivalent 555 to a 39% mass loss, which approximately corresponds to the total loss of the organic mass in the $\log C^* = 2$ volatility bin and half of the mass in the $\log C^* = 1$ volatility bin of the measured volatility distribution of α -pinene SOA (Voliotis et al., 2021). Partial evaporation in the CCN counter is also in good agreement with the fact that only model mixtures with dimeric compounds were able to reproduce the observed κ_{CCN} . As the high average molar mass required to match κ_{CCN} contradicts the measured volatility distribution, 560 this gives further support to the assumption of a loss of molecules in the CCN counter, as this reduces the

particle size and increases the average molar mass. Note that a higher molar mass of the organics has the same effect as the absolute loss of molecules, since both lead to an overall smaller number of organic molecules in the particle, which reduces the Raoult effect. Thus, solution non-ideality together with evaporation of semi-volatile compounds in the CCN counter is a plausible explanation of the observed 565 discrepancy between κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} . Further factors that may have biased the κ -measurements include co-condensation of semi-volatile compounds in the HTDMA, the dilution of the sheath air in the size-selection DMA before the CCN counter and the influence of the filtering on the sheath air composition in both instruments. This exemplifies how challenging the physicochemical characterization of semi-volatile organic aerosols is. Further investigations are needed to clearly quantify possible effects of co- 570 condensation and evaporation of semi-volatile compounds in HTDMAs and CCN counters to support this explanation of observed κ discrepancies.

3.5 Discussion on the κ discrepancy during measurement reconciliation

As demonstrated above, the κ_{HTDMA} was, on average, ~25 % lower than the κ_{CCN} of the inorganic seeds when the $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ was ~0, which was consistent with the thermodynamic model results from 575 UManSysProp (Topping et al., 2016) with an assumption of non-ideality (both κ were 0.72 if assuming ideality). This indicates that the non-ideality could play an important role in the differences of κ derived from the two instruments and that the instruments are sufficiently sensitive to resolve non-ideal effects in the inorganic systems. Interestingly, this κ discrepancy changed in the evolution of SOA formation in all investigated VOC systems, with the average $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}/\kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ increasing from 0.76 to 1.62 when the 580 $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ increased from ~0 to ~0.8.

Multiple factors could influence the κ reconciliation between the sub- and super-saturated water uptake in different ways due to the complexity of condensed SOA and the simplified assumptions used in the κ -Köhler approach (e.g. surface tension of water, fully dissolution, ideality, water vapour as the only condensable compound). Previous studies found that some organic compounds are surface active which 585 can suppress the surface tension up to a third of the water (Shulman et al., 1996; Facchini et al., 1999). Due to the wide solubility of the organic compounds (Hallquist et al., 2009), organic compounds with limited solubility can dissolve more with the increase of the aerosol liquid water and the surrounding

water saturation. This surface tension suppression or the sparingly soluble organic compounds could facilitate the CCN activation (Wex et al., 2009; Petters et al., 2009; Prenni et al., 2007; Facchini et al., 1999; Shulman et al., 1996). In addition, Liu et al. (2018) measured the sub- and super saturated water uptake of nucleated SOA and compared with thermodynamic models, and found that the non-ideality-driven liquid-liquid phase separation in biogenic SOA could be the reason for the higher κ from CCN whereas no phase separation in anthropogenic SOA might explain a good agreement of the reconciliation. But all above evidence points to the same direction of a higher or equivalent CCN activity (κ_{CCN}) than the 595 sub-saturated condition (κ_{HTDMA}), which cannot explain the observed trend in this study (the faster decrease of κ_{CCN} relative to the κ_{HTDMA} with increasing $MR_{SOA/PM}$).

The non-ideality of the solutes at different water saturation conditions and the different co-condensation of semi-volatile compounds within the two instruments could be the possible reasons for the increasing trend of $\kappa_{HTDMA}/\kappa_{CCN}$ with $MR_{SOA/PM}$. The non-ideal activity coefficient of compounds varied from the 600 concentrated solutions at 90% RH within the HTDMA to the diluted ones at super-saturated conditions within CCN counter (Brechtel and Kreidenweis, 2000b, a). Additionally, the interactions of inorganic ions and organic molecules can exert both positive and negative effects in the water uptake, depending on the organic fraction and inorganic species (Cruz and Pandis, 2000). With assuming the ideality in the κ derived from the sub- and super-saturated conditions, the varied organic fraction in the evolution of 605 SOA formation in various VOC systems could yield a changing non-ideal activity coefficient and further may influence the κ reconciliation of the two instruments. Moreover, the semi-volatile compounds (e.g. organics, HNO_3) can co-condense with water vapour on aerosol particles and enhance the water uptake (Rudolf et al., 1991; Hu et al., 2018; Topping et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2019; Gunthe et al., 2021). But the differences in the design of the HTDMA and CCN counter result in different levels of response to the 610 co-condensation effect. The sampled aerosols from chamber were dried to $RH < 30\%$ before splitting and entering into the HTDMA and CCN counter. During the drying process, semi-volatile compounds can co-evaporate with water vapour to the gaseous phase and water vapour was then removed through the Nafion membrane, but this will have the same influences on both instruments anyway. In our setup, the sheath air of first DMA in both instruments were close-loop, which means that the sheath air will reach 615 equilibrium with the sample air including gaseous organic compounds. After selecting a given size of

aerosols by the first DMA, the aerosols went through the conditioned humid environment. The temperature was decreased to 18 °C to reach the set RH in HTDMA (Good et al., 2010a), which will facilitate the co condensation of the semi volatile compounds and the growth of the aerosol particles by lowering the saturation vapour pressure due to temperature drop (Hu et al., 2018). However, the 620 temperature in CCN counter was designed to increase to keep a certain water saturation (Roberts and Nenes, 2005; Good et al., 2010a), which is not favourable for the co condensation effect. Further investigations are needed to clearly understand the impacts of these two factors on the reconciliation of the sub- and super-saturated water uptake using κ -Köhler approach or further improvement on method.

4 Conclusions

625 In this study, we designed and performed a series of chamber experiments to improve our understanding of the chemical controls of the sub- and super-saturated water uptake in the evolution of the SOA formation from mixed precursors in the presence of ammonium sulphate seed. The yield and reactivity of the SOA precursors controlled the SOA production rate in different VOC systems, and therefore the increase of organic mass fraction (MR_{SOA/PM}). Our results showed that the MR_{SOA/PM} is the main factor 630 influencing the hygroscopicity and CCN activity in terms of κ , and the SOA composition plays a second-order role. At the same level of MR_{SOA/PM}, the order of overall κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} , from highest to lowest, the order of κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} were α -pinene/isoprene/o-cresol and 33 % o-cresol > α -pinene, α -pinene/isoprene and o-cresol/isoprene > o-cresol and 50 % reactivity o-cresol systems. There is no clear relationship between the κ of SOA deduced by ZSR method and oxidation level (f44).

635 During the SOA formation process in all VOC systems, size-resolved chemical composition was observed, for which the smaller particles have higher MR_{SOA/PM}. To avoid the influences of composition differences on the reconciliation study of sub- and super-saturated water uptake, the synchronized HTDMA and CCN data pairs with a comparable chemical composition were selected according to the size-resolved chemical composition.

640 In the reconciliation, we found the discrepancy between κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} varied with the MR_{SOA/PM}. Consequently, the performance of the κ -Köhler approach on CCN activity prediction from sub-saturated condition also changed with the MR_{SOA/PM}. This trend was observed in all investigated VOC systems,

regardless of the VOC sources and initial concentrations. For all investigated VOC systems, the averaged $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}/\kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ increased from 0.76 ± 0.08 to 1.62 ± 0.26 when the $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ increased from ~ 0 to ~ 0.8 ,

645 meanwhile the mean absolute difference ($\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}} - \kappa_{\text{CCN}}$) increased from -0.15 ± 0.06 to 0.05 ± 0.02 . To explain these trends, AIOMFAC model calculations for representative model mixtures were performed. The increasing $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}/\kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ with increasing $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ cannot be explained by potential surface tension reduction of organics as this effect will yield higher κ_{CCN} and even increase the discrepancy. The non-ideality of mixed organic-inorganic solutions and the different co-condensation or evaporation behaviour
650 of semi-volatile organic substances in the two measurement setups could be plausible reasons for the discrepancy. Further experimental investigations on how HTDMAs and CCN counters respond to condensable vapours are of great importance to better understand this discrepancy. This varying $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}}/\kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ with $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ cannot be explained by the CCN activity favouring factors such as the suppression surface tension or the sparingly soluble properties of organic compounds. The non-ideality
655 of organic-inorganic solutes or differences in the way that the instruments respond to co-condensation of condensable vapours could be possible reasons but need further investigations.

In addition, we estimated the influences of this κ discrepancy trend on the prediction of CCN number concentration activity from the sub-saturated hygroscopicity (κ_{HTDMA}). The predicted mean CCN number concentration was underestimated by $\sim 10\%$ at $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ of ~ 0 . This underestimation of CCN number disappeared with an increase of $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ to $0.2 \text{--} 0.4$ due to SOA condensation, and ultimately turned to an overestimation by $\sim 20\%$ in average with $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ of ~ 0.8 . It is worth noting that the influences of the κ discrepancy trend on CCN activity prediction were estimated based on the current measurements of critical supersaturation and particle number size distribution. Broader impacts of this chemical-
665 dependent performance of the κ -Köhler approach in cloud properties prediction under various atmospheric conditions should be considered analysed in climate models to better project aerosol-induced climate effects.

Data availability

670 The observational dataset of this study is [available upon request from corresponding authors, open access](#) through the [EUROCHAMP 2020 programme](#) (<https://data.eurochamp.org/data-access/chamber-experiments/>).

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675 Y.W. conceived this study. G.M., M.R.A., Y.W., A.V. and Y.S. co-designed the chamber experiments. Y.W., A.V., Y.S. and D.M. conducted the chamber experiments. D.H. offered in-kind trainings on operation and data analysis of HTDMA and CCN counter for Y.W. During chamber experiments, Y.W. performed HTDMA and CCN counter measurements used in this study, conducted data integration and analysis, and wrote the manuscript. Y.C. provided helpful discussions. [J.K. and C.M. designed and analysed AIOMFAC model simulations.](#) G.M. and M.R.A. proofread and improved the manuscript.

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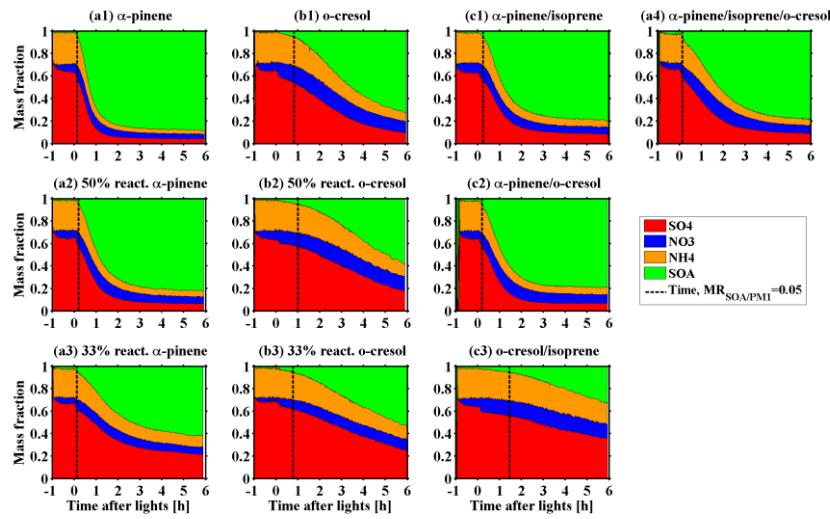
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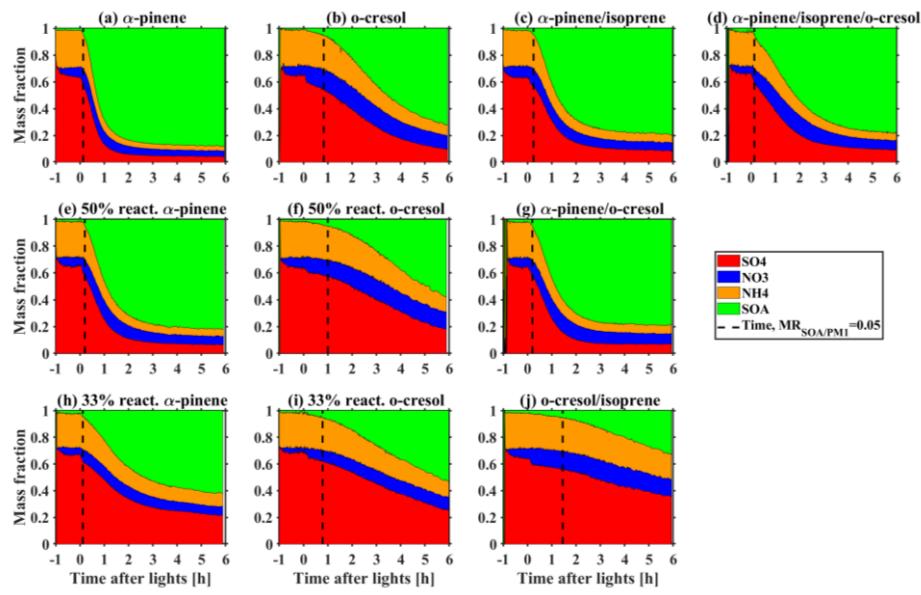
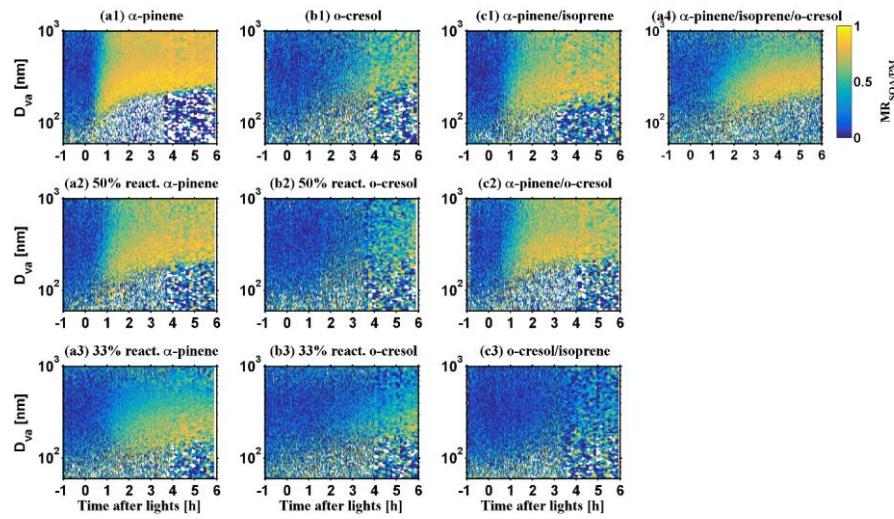


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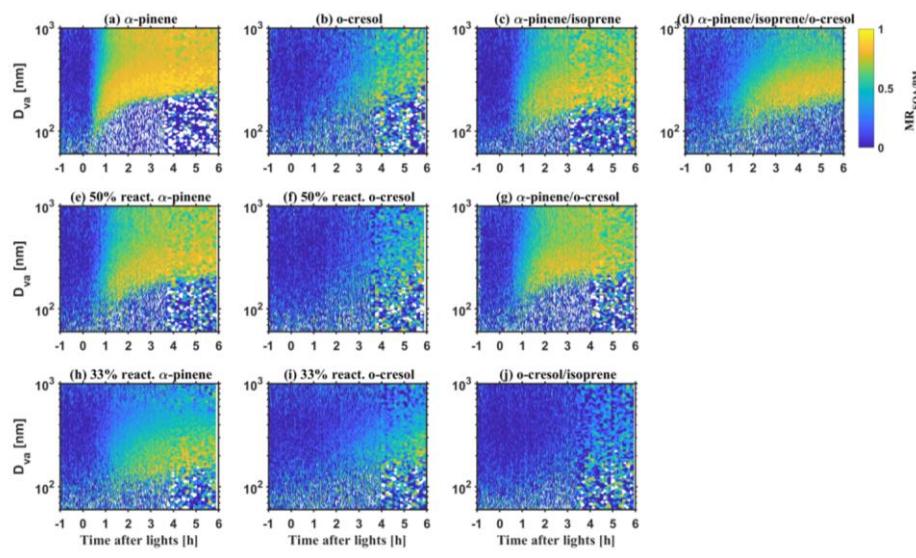


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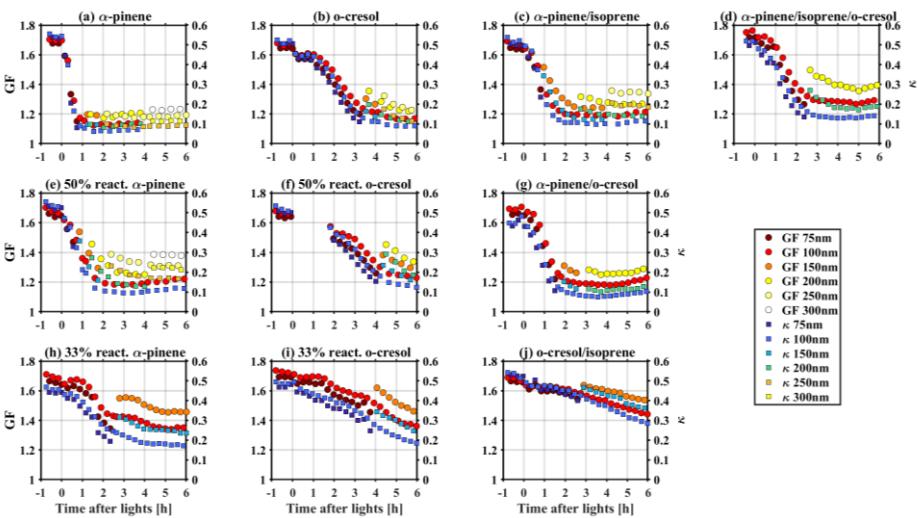
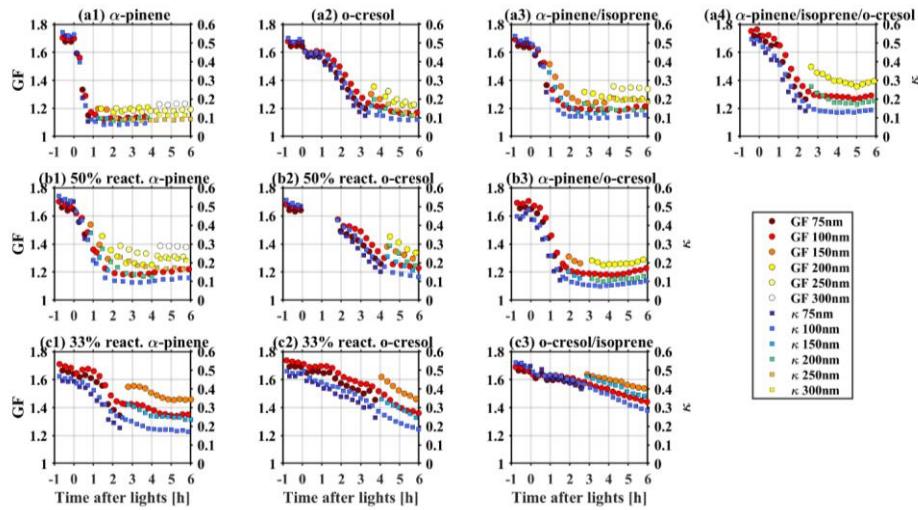


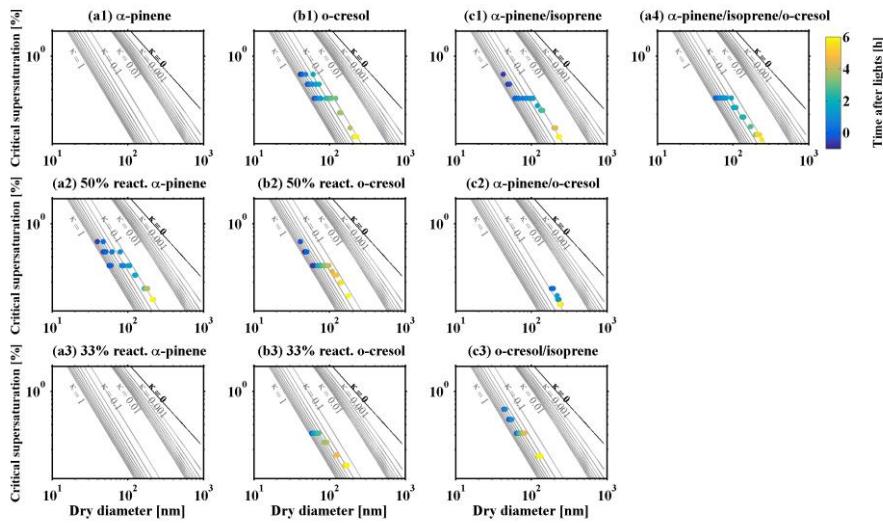
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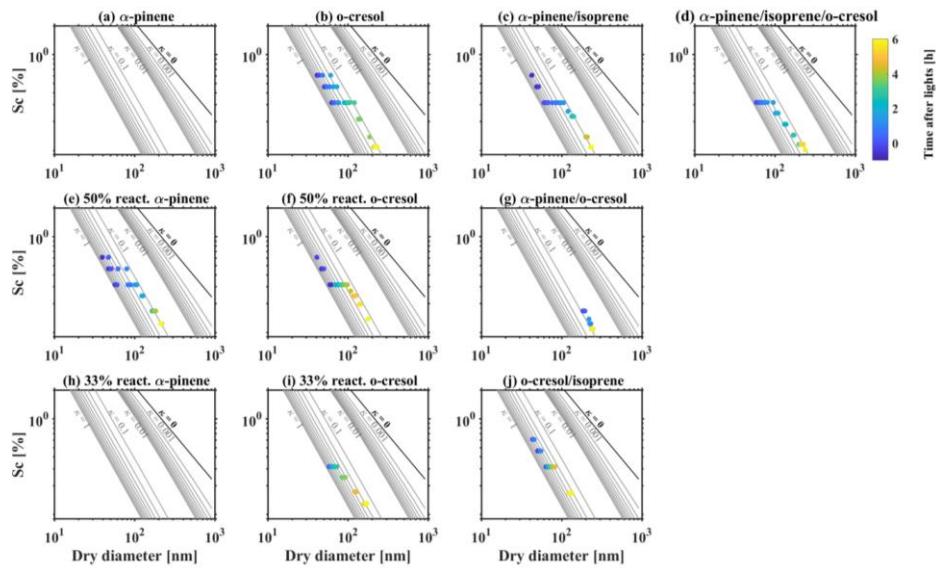
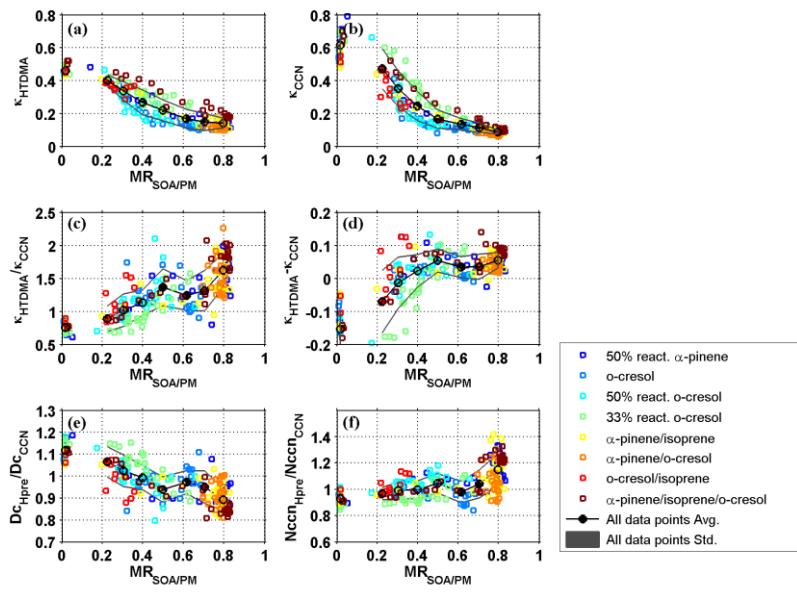


Figure 4. Critical supersaturation as a function of dry particle size (D_{50}) measured by CCN counter during SOA formation evolution in various VOC systems. Contour lines represent hygroscopicity κ , calculated by following the method in Petters and Kreidenweis (2007).

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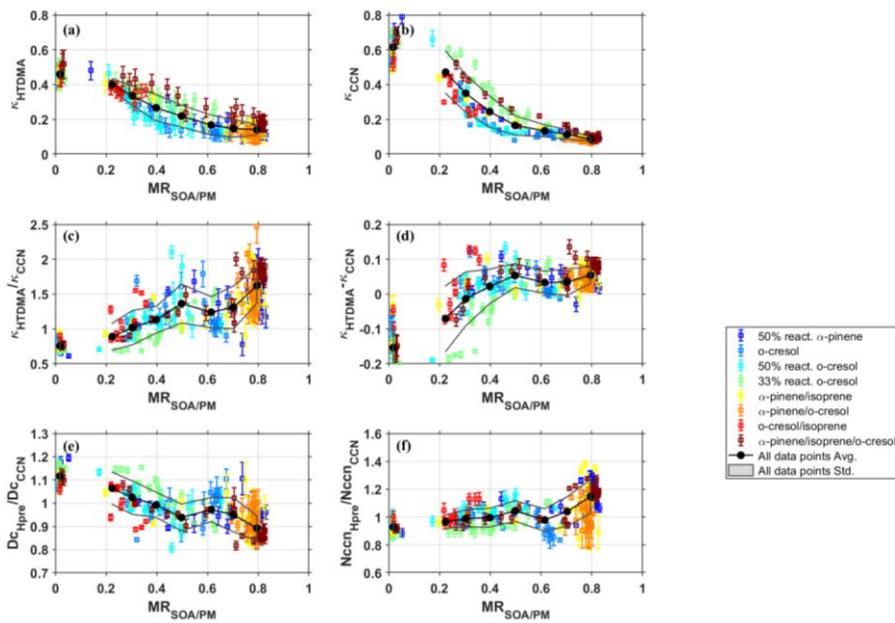
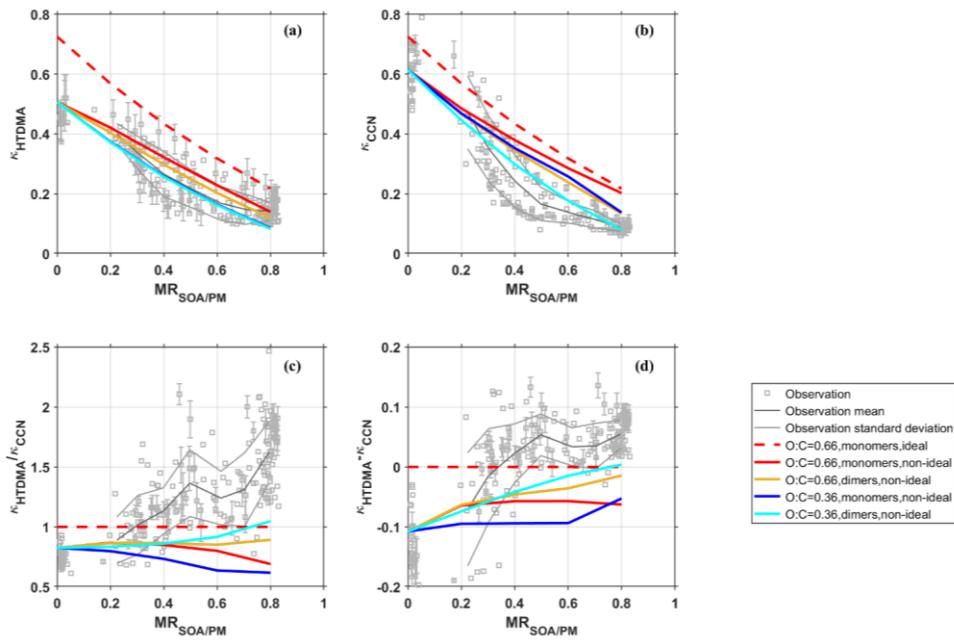


Figure 5. (a) κ_{HTDMA} , (b) κ_{CCN} , (c) $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}} / \kappa_{\text{CCN}}$, (d) $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}} - \kappa_{\text{CCN}}$, (e-f) critical diameter and CCN number concentration between HTDMA prediction using κ -Köhler theory and CCN measurement, as a function of $\text{MR}_{\text{SOA/PM}}$ in various investigated VOC systems. The errorbar of κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} in panel a and b represent measurement uncertainty following the method in Irwin et al. (2010). The uncertainty in κ_{HTDMA} and κ_{CCN} then propagate to the uncertainty of parameters shown in Panel c-f.

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995 Figure 6: Influence of non-ideality on (a) κ_{HTDMA} , (b) κ_{CCN} , (c) $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}} / \kappa_{\text{CCN}}$, and (d) $\kappa_{\text{HTDMA}} - \kappa_{\text{CCN}}$ analysed by comparison of model and experiment: Solid coloured lines show model results using AIOMFAC activity coefficients. The dashed red line shows the model result assuming an ideal solution for the same model compounds as the red solid line. The average O:C ratios of the model compound mixtures are given in the legend, the average molar masses are: 173 (red), 347 (yellow), 185 (blue) and 1000 369 (cyan) g/mol. High molar masses were achieved by artificially dimerizing all organic compounds in the model calculations, labelled “dimers” in the legend. Grey dots and lines in the background show all experimental data points, and their mean and standard deviation, respectively. The uncertainty of the experimental data points is shown exemplarily for some points.

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