

Determination of hygroscopic aerosol growth based on the OPC–N3 counter

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Presentation plan

1. Theory

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- b. κ – parameter
- c. How a particle can behave exposed to different Rh?
- d. What is affected by Rh?

2. Apparatus

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- b. ACS1000

3. Results

- a. κ
 - i. Growth factors
 - ii. Curve fitting & κ values
 - iii. κ values for two seasons
- b. correction of PM data
 - i. Rh from OPC–N3
 - ii. applying the correction

4. Conclusions

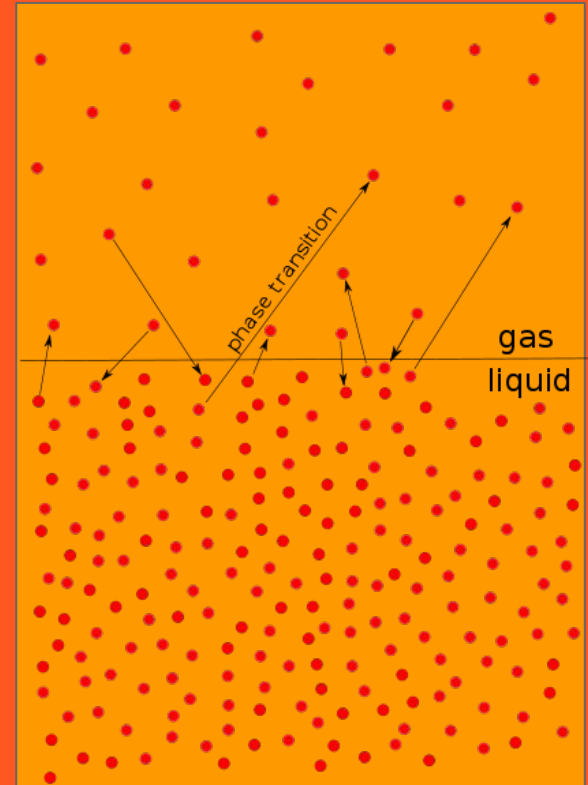
Theory

**Hygroscopicity
water up-take**

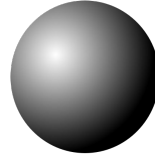
**How to grow a
particle?**

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equilibrium vapor
pressure over a flat
surface of pure water



Kelvin equation



$$S = \frac{e_{sc}(D, T)}{e_s(T)} = \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma_{s/a} M_w}{RT\rho_w D}\right) \quad (1)$$

Formation of droplet in pure air when
relative humidity

Rh~400%

S – Saturation ratio

e_{sc} – equilibrium vapor pressure over a curved surface of pure water

e_s – equilibrium vapor pressure over a flat surface of pure water

ρ_w – density of water

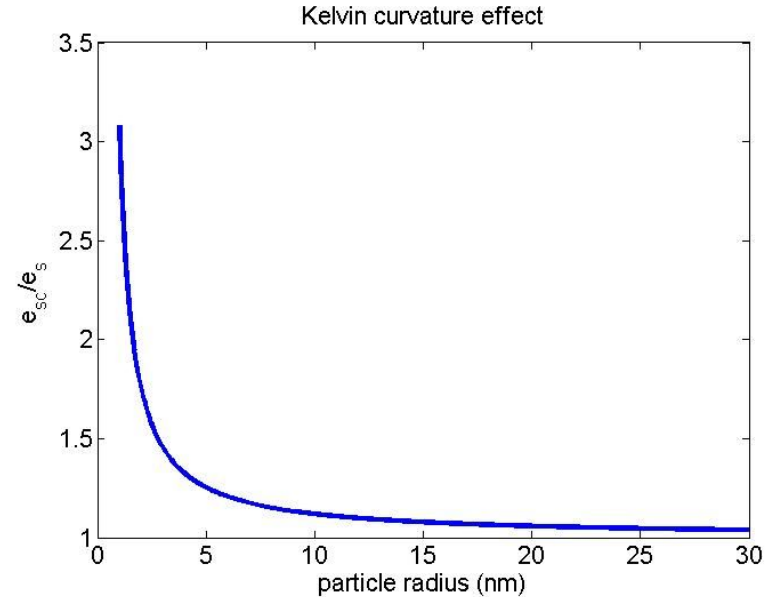
M_w – molecular weight of water

$\sigma_{s/a}$ – surface tension of the solution/air interface

R – universal gas constant

T – temperature

D – diameter of droplet



Dependence of the ratio of the saturation vapor pressure over a curved surface to the saturation vapor pressure over a flat surface on the drop radius. Credit: W. Brune, [Fundamentals of Atmospheric Science, PennState Collage](#)

Raoult's Law

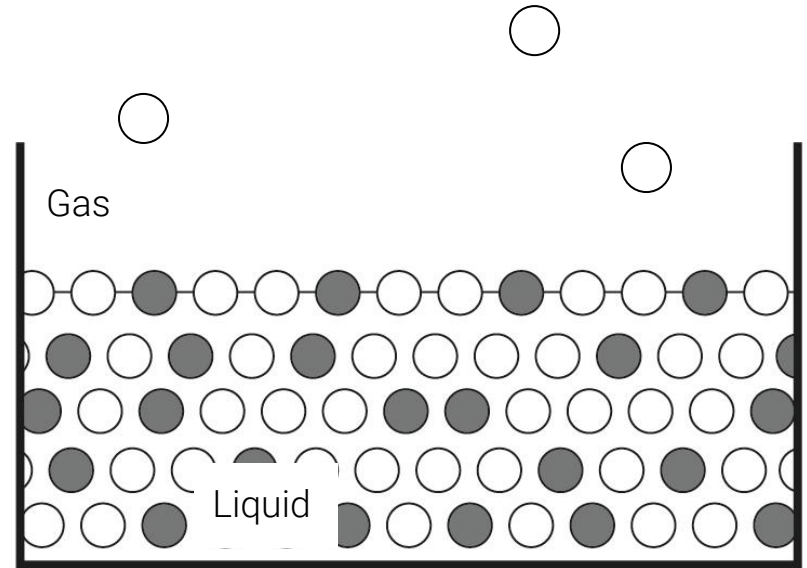
$$S = \frac{e_{sol}(N_s)}{e_s(T)} = a_w = (1 - \chi_s) \quad (3)$$

- Solvent (in what we dissolve)
- Solute (the substance dissolved in solvent)

$$\chi_s = \frac{n_s}{n_w + n_s} \quad (4)$$

for $n_w \gg n_s$ $\chi_s \cong \frac{n_s}{n_w} = i B \frac{N_s}{r_d^3} \quad B = \frac{3}{4\pi n_L} \quad (5)$

Van't Hoff factor



- n_w – number of moles of **water** per unit volume of **solution**
- n_s – number of moles of **solute** per unit volume of **solution**
- n_L – number of moles of **water** per unit volume of **pure water**
- N_s – total moles of solute
- r_d – radius of droplet

Köhler theory

[Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007]

$$S = \frac{e_{sc}(N_s, D, T)}{e_s(T)} = \underbrace{a_w}_{\text{Raoult Law}} \underbrace{\exp\left(\frac{4\sigma_{s/a} M_w}{RT\rho_w D}\right)}_{\text{Kelvin Equation}} \quad (2)$$

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a_w – activity of water in solution

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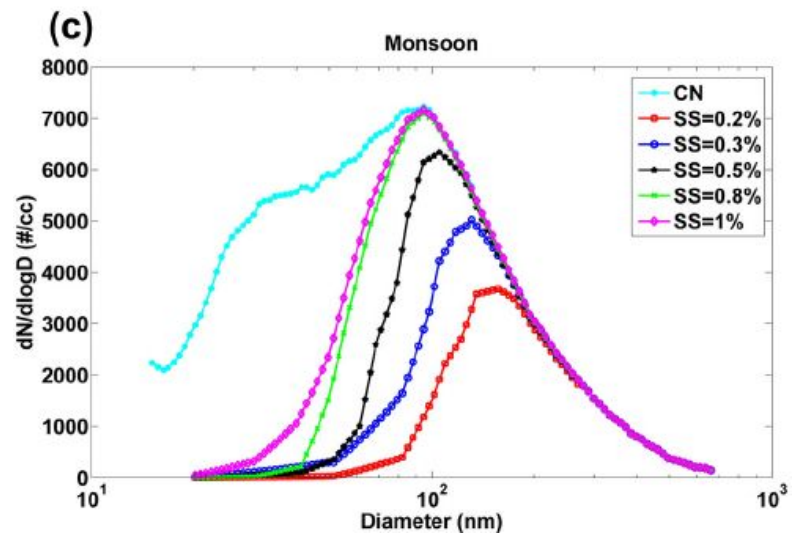
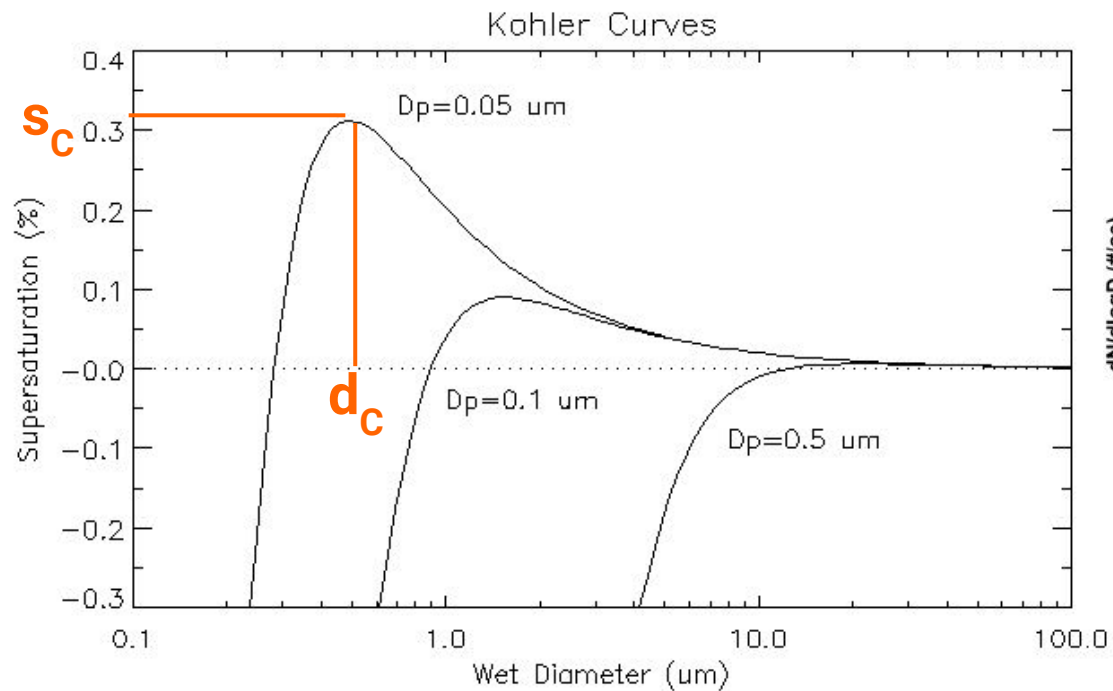
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Number size distribution of CN and CCN at SS 0.2 - 1.0% averaged over Monsoon. [Bhattu & Tripathi, 2014]

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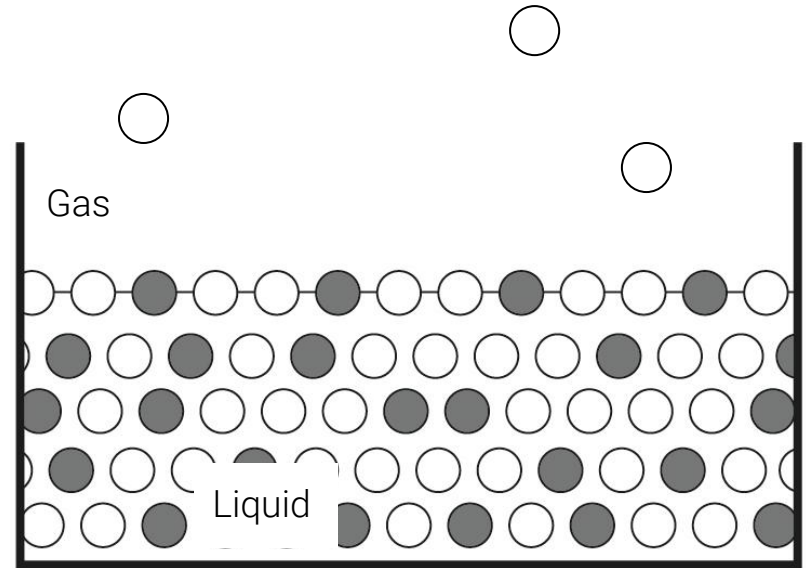
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Proposed parametrisation κ

[Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007]

$$\frac{1}{a_w} = 1 + \kappa \frac{V_s}{V_w} \quad (6) \quad \kappa - \text{hygroscopicity parameter}$$

V_s – volume of the dry particulate matter

V_w – volume of the water

D_d – dry diameter

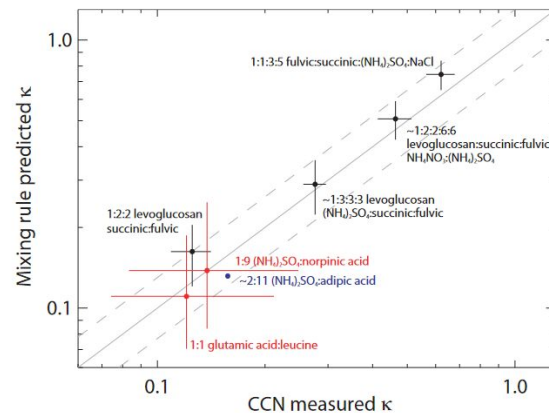
D – diameter of the system (water + solute)

$$S(D) = a_w \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma_{s/a} M_w}{RT\rho_w D}\right)$$

$$S(D) = \frac{D^3 - D_d^3}{D^3 - D_d^3(1 - \kappa)} \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma_{s/a} M_w}{RT\rho_w D}\right) \quad (7)$$

$$\kappa = \sum_i \varepsilon_i \kappa_i \quad (8)$$

ε_i – volume fraction of i -th solute in volume of all solute



[Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007]

Fig. 3. Values of κ for multicomponent particles, predicted from the linear mixing rule (Eq. 7, ordinate) and estimated from CCN activity measurements (abscissa). Measurement-derived κ values were fit using $\sigma_{s/a}=0.072 \text{ J m}^{-2}$ and $T=298.15 \text{ K}$. Black points: Svenningsson et al. (2006); red points: Raymond and Pandis (2003); blue point: Broekhuizen et al. (2004). Indicated component ratios are mass ratios. The value and origin of each individual-component κ applied in the mixing rule is given in Table 1. Vertical and horizontal bars show an estimate of the uncertainty in measured and predicted κ . Dashed lines indicate $\pm 30\%$ deviation from the 1:1 line. Densities of the pure substances used for the conversion from mass to volume fraction were those reported in the original studies.

Computing κ

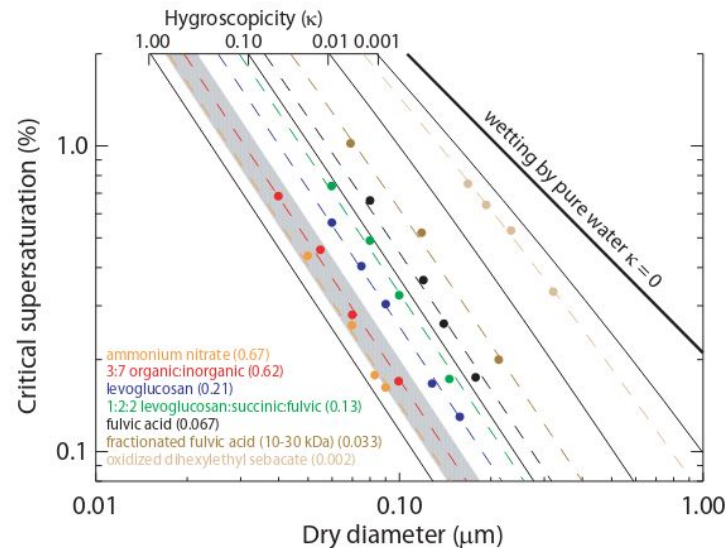
$s_c - D_d$ best fit of eq. 7

$$S(D) = \frac{D^3 - D_d^3}{D^3 - D_d^3(1 - \kappa)} \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma_{s/a} M_w}{RT\rho_w D}\right)$$

$$s = 1 + \frac{A}{D} - B \frac{D_d^3}{D^3},$$

HTDMA - humidified tandem differential mobility analyzer.

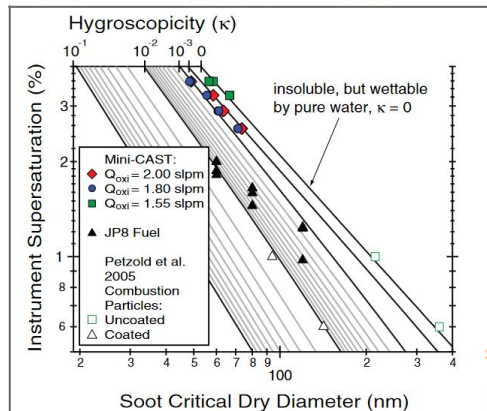
$$\frac{\text{RH}}{\exp\left(\frac{A}{D_d g f}\right)} = \frac{g f^3 - 1}{g f^3 - (1 - \kappa)} \quad (9)$$



[Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007]

Typical κ values in the atmosphere

Compound	Growth factor derived κ			CCN derived κ		
	κ_{low}	κ_{mean}	κ_{up}	κ_{low}	κ_{mean}	κ_{up}
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	0.33 ⁽⁶⁾	0.53	0.72 ⁽⁶⁾	N/A	0.61 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
NH ₄ NO ₃	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.577	0.67 ⁽¹⁰⁾	0.753
NaCl	0.91 ⁽⁶⁾	1.12 ⁽¹³⁾	1.33 ⁽⁶⁾	N/A	1.28 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
H ₂ SO ₄	N/A	1.19 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A	N/A	0.90 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
NaNO ₃	N/A	0.80 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A	N/A	0.88 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
NaHSO ₄	N/A	1.01 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A	N/A	0.91 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
Na ₂ SO ₄	N/A	0.68 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A	N/A	0.80 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
(NH ₄) ₃ H(SO ₄) ₂	N/A	0.51 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A	N/A	0.65 ⁽¹³⁾	N/A
malonic acid				0.199	0.227 ⁽¹¹⁾	0.255
glutaric acid				0.054	0.088 ⁽⁵⁾	0.016
glutamic acid				0.113	0.195 ⁽⁸⁾	0.376
succinic acid				0.113	0.182 ⁽⁵⁾	0.319
adipic acid				0.158	0.248 ⁽⁹⁾	0.418
levoglucosan				0.166	0.231 ⁽⁴⁾	0.295
phthalic acid				N/A	0.096 ⁽¹⁾	N/A
homophthalic acid				0.193	0.208 ⁽¹⁰⁾	0.223
leucine				0.222	0.251 ⁽⁵⁾	0.277



soot $\kappa=0$ to 10^{-3}

[Moore, Ziemba, et al., 2014]

Atmospheric particulate matter is typically characterized by **0.1 < κ < 0.9**

no-hygroscopic 0
 slightly 0.01
 very hygroscopic 0.5
sea salt 1.1
sodium chloride 1.5

[Zieger, Väisänen, Corbin, 2017]

[Petters and Kreidenweis, 2007]

How a particle can behave exposed to different Rh?

A) non – hygroscopic

soot

mineral dust

[Weingartner 1997, Sjogren 2007]

aged particles

insoluble particles with
hygroscopic inorganic
species

[Petters et al., 2006]

B) soluble & hygroscopic

sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4)

organic compounds

[Titos, 2016]

C) transition point & hygroscopic

sodium chloride (NaCl),

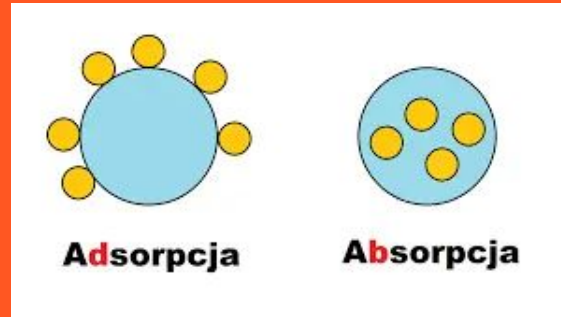
ammonium sulphate $(NH_4)_2SO_4$

[Titos, 2016]

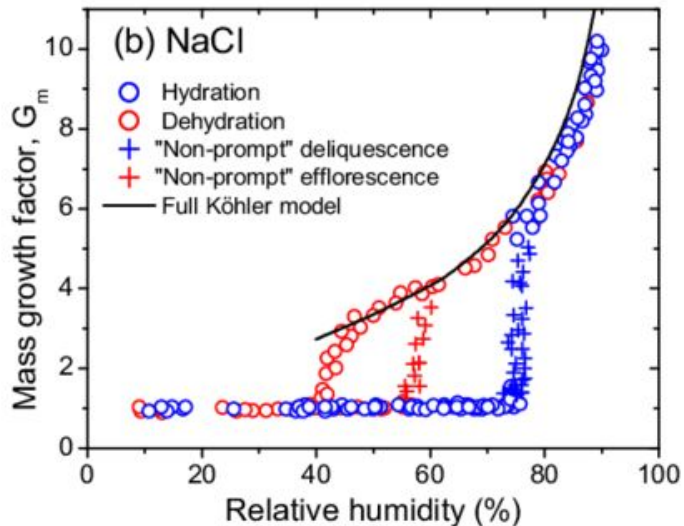
deliquescence point (DRH)

efflorescence point (ERH)

Absorption and Adsorption

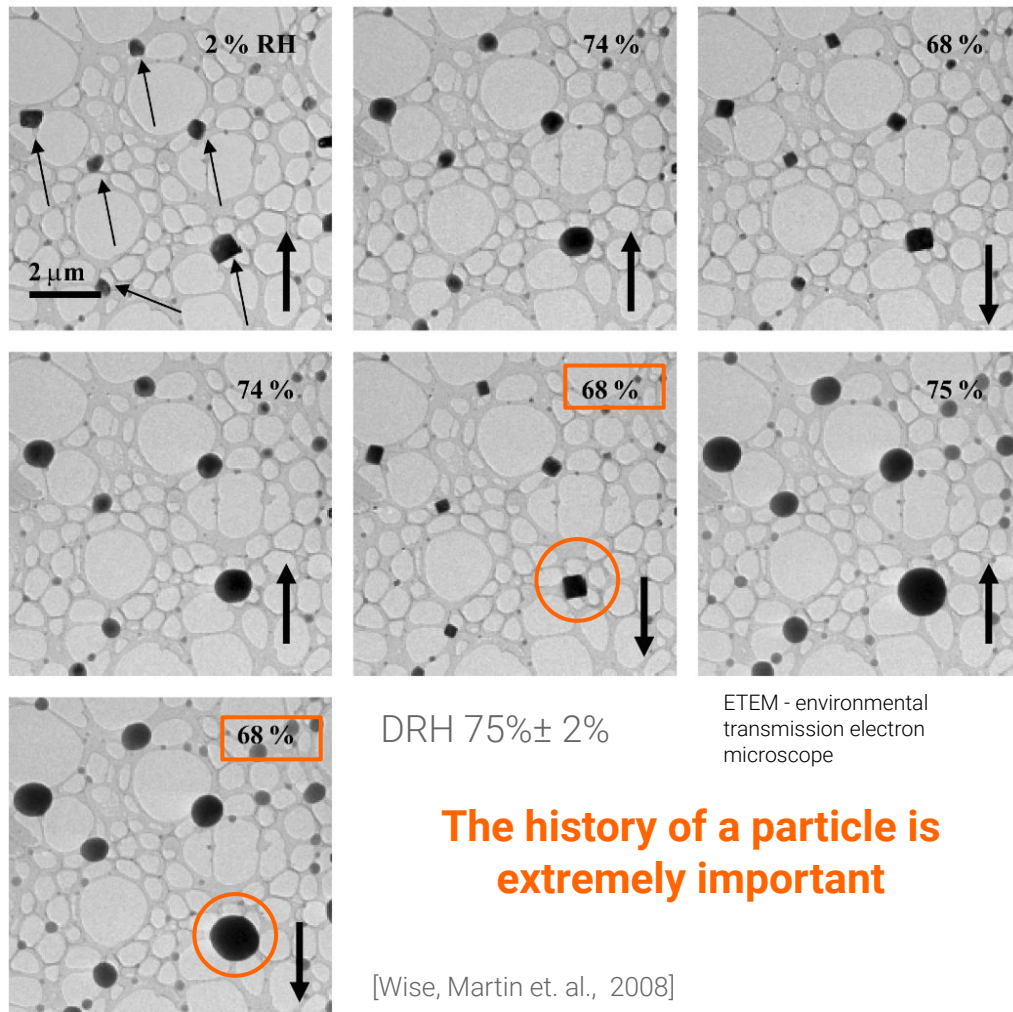


How a particle behave exposed to different Rh?



[Vlasenko S. et. al, 2017]

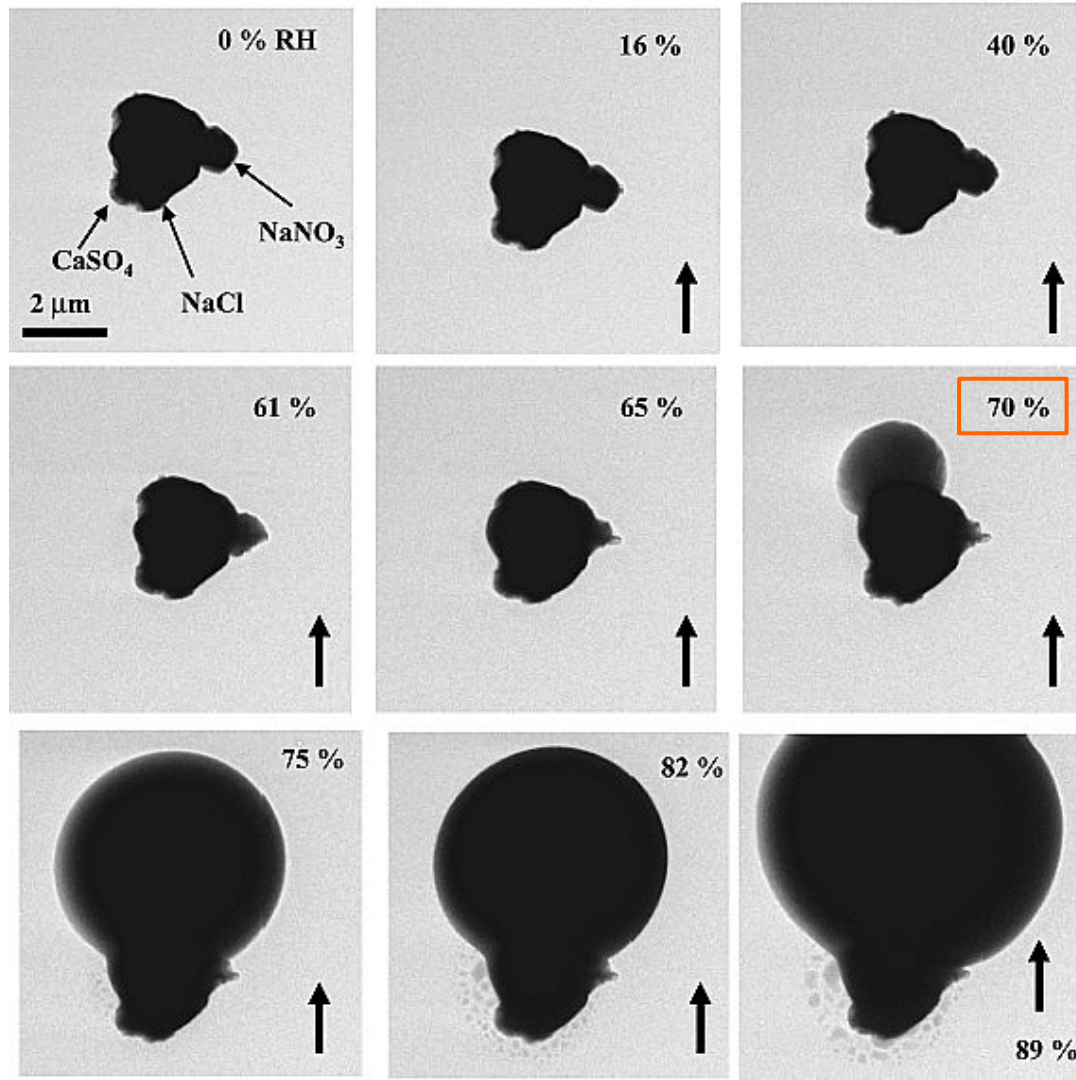
"The mass growth factor (G_m) of ammonium sulfate (a) and sodium chloride (b) aerosol particles observed as a function of relative humidity (Rh) compared to the full Köhler model: blue and red crosses represent apparent non-prompt deliquescence and efflorescence thresholds."



The history of a particle is extremely important

[Wise, Martin et. al., 2008]

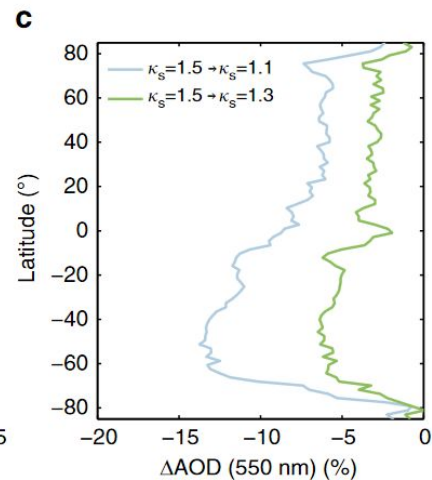
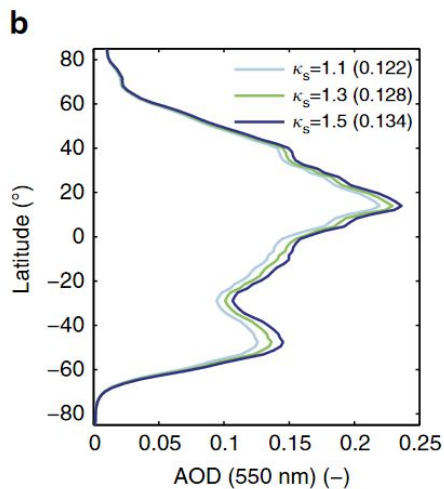
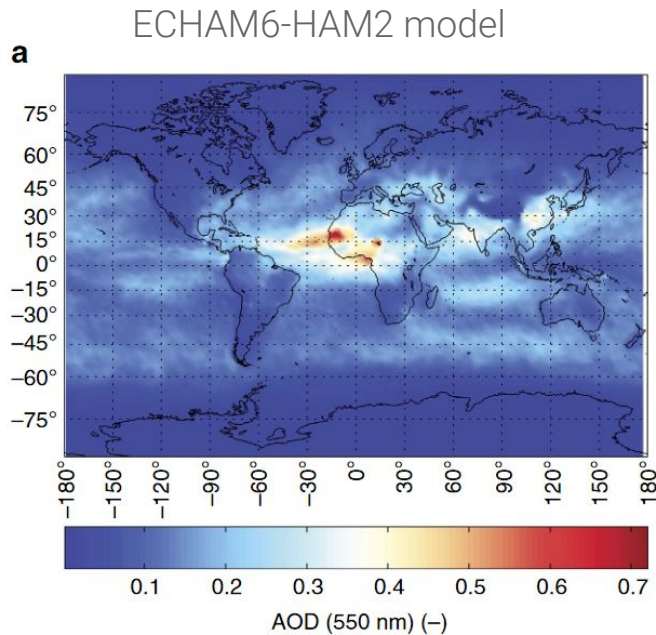
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[Wise, Semeniuk et. al., 2008]

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AOD



κ

sea salt 1.1
sodium chloride 1.5

[Zieger, Väisänen, Corbin, 2017]

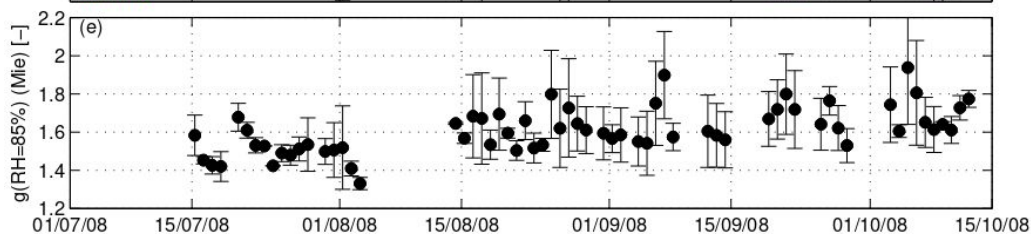
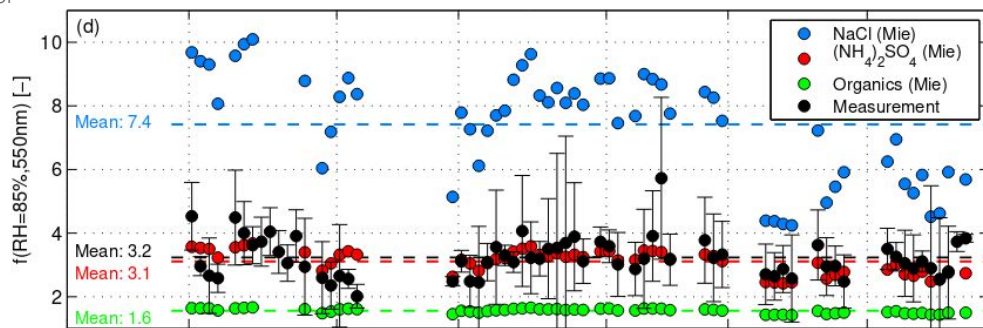
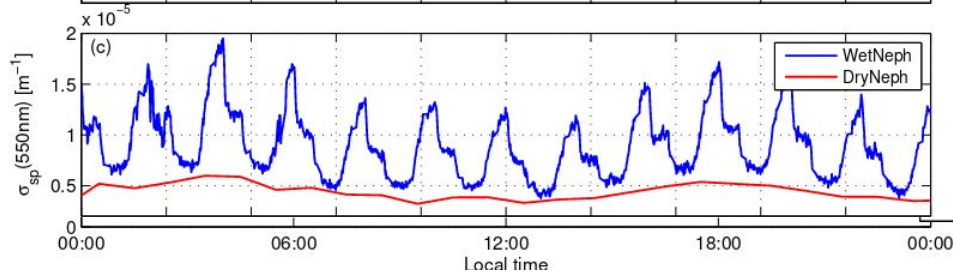
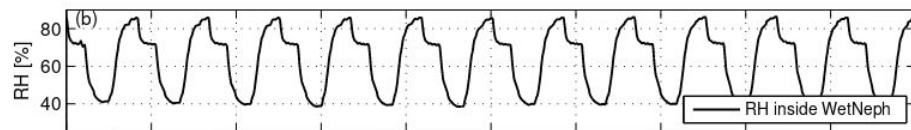
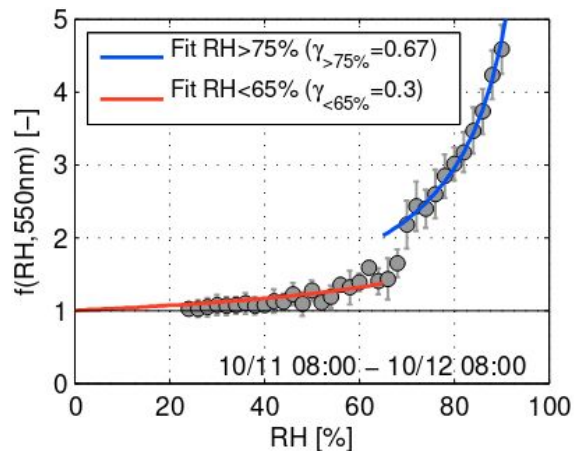
Figure 4 | Impact of reduced inorganic sea salt hygroscopicity within a general circulation model. (a) Global map of the aerosol optical depth (AOD) at $\lambda = 550$ nm with the hygroscopicity of the inorganic sea salt component set to $\kappa_s = 1.5$ (NaCl). (b) Latitudinal mean of the AOD(550 nm) for $\kappa_s = 1.5$, 1.3 and 1.1. Global mean values of AOD for each model run are given in parenthesis in the legend. (c) Percent change in AOD when decreasing the hygroscopicity of the inorganic sea salt component from 1.5 to 1.3 and 1.1, respectively. Results are shown using the sea spray source function of Gong *et al.*³⁴.

Arctic

$$f(\text{RH}, \lambda) = \frac{\sigma_{\text{sp}}(\text{RH}, \lambda)}{\sigma_{\text{sp}}(\text{RH}_{\text{dry}}, \lambda)} \quad \text{scattering coefficient}$$

$$f(\text{RH}) = (1 - \text{RH})^{-\gamma} \quad \text{scattering enhancement factor}$$

γ – parameter describing magnitude of scattering enhancement



[Zieger, Fierz-Schmidhauser et al. 2010]

What is affected by the humidification of aerosol

1. influences the direct aerosol radiative forcing - scattering, AOD
2. affects the particle's efficiency to act as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN)
3. kinematics of particle deposition fluxes
4. increases the water volume available for absorption of gases and heterogeneous chemical reactions
5. models parametrisation

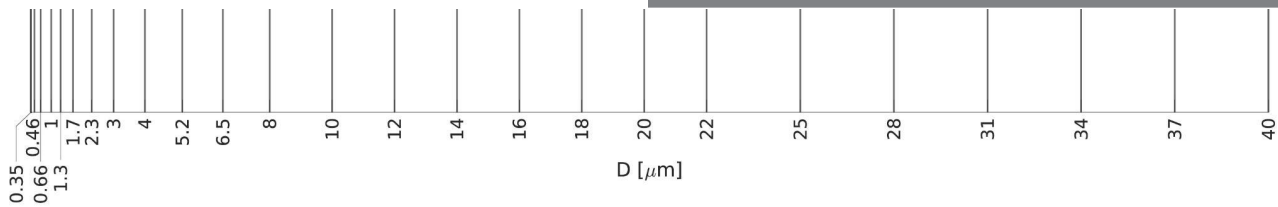
Apparatus



OPC-N3

Particle range spherical equivalent size 0.35 – 40 [μm]

- Sample flow rate (typical) 280 [mL/min]
- Laser: 658 [nm]
- Humidity range 0 – 95 [%] (non-condensing)
- Measures PM1 PM2.5 PM10
- Particle density 1.65 [g/ml]
- RI (refractive index) 1.5 + 0i
- Temperature range $-10 - 50$ [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]



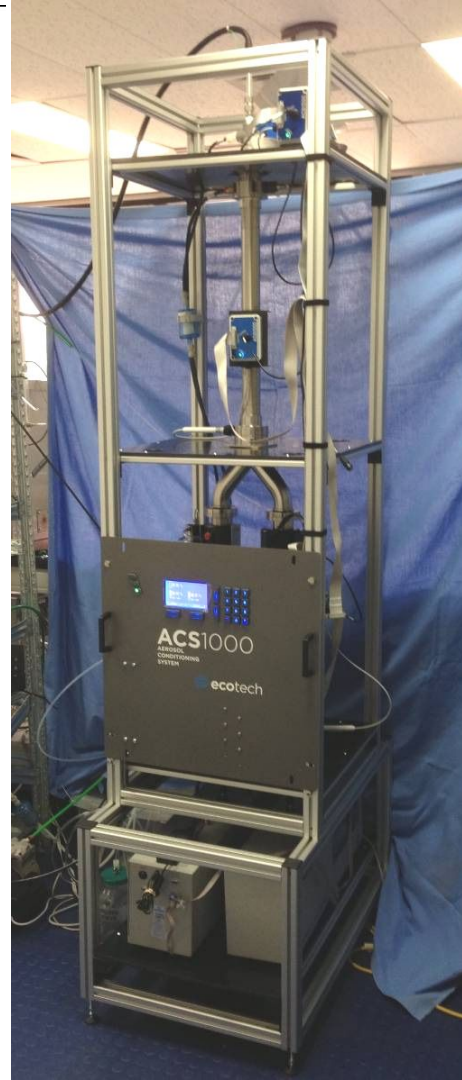
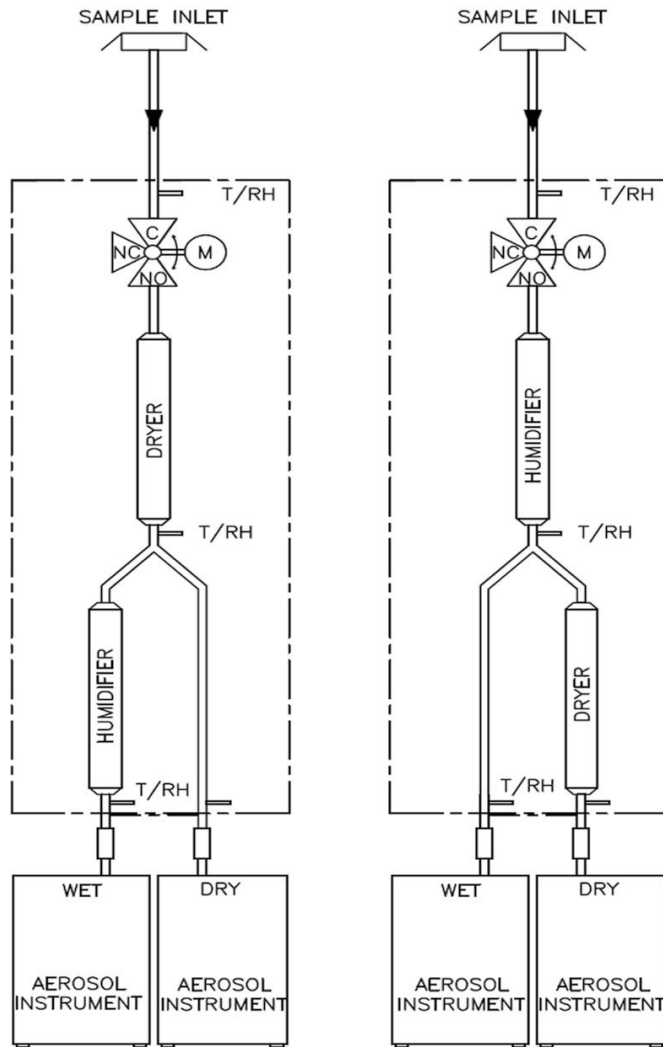
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10% above ambient. 40% – 90%. (Dependant on flow)

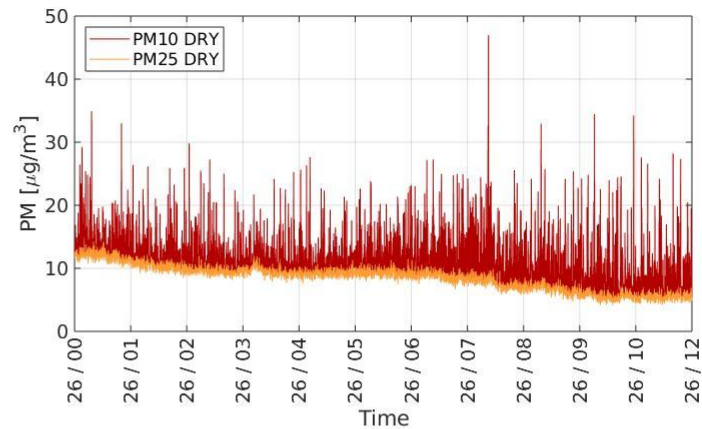
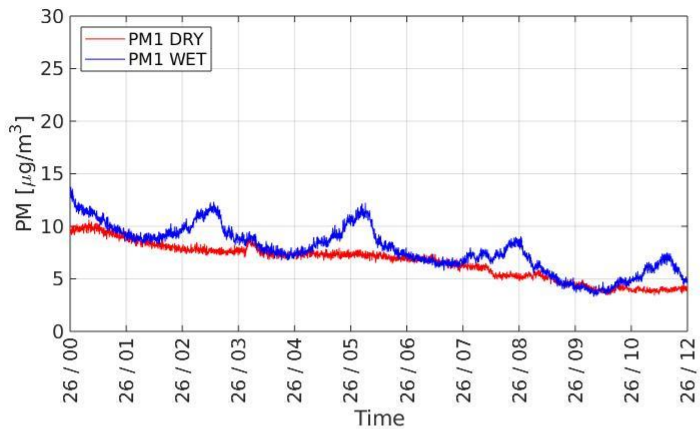
Rise and Fall Time < 20 minutes

Flow Rate: 1 to 10 l/min

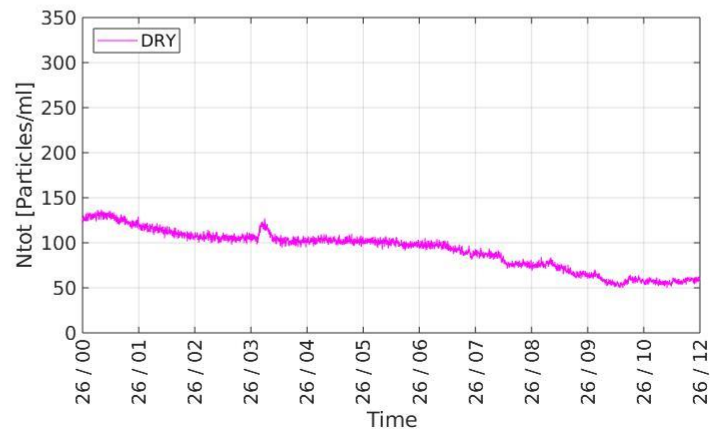
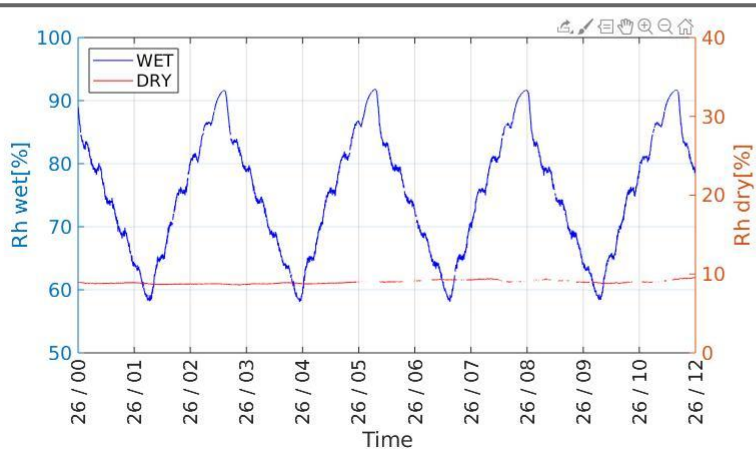
Sequence → Points (sequence can have 4 subsequences)



OPC-N3



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Results

Two seasons

Spring 2020

26–28.03.2020

5 6 8 .04.2020

29–30.04.2020

04.05.2020

16–23.05.2020

17 days

139 cycles

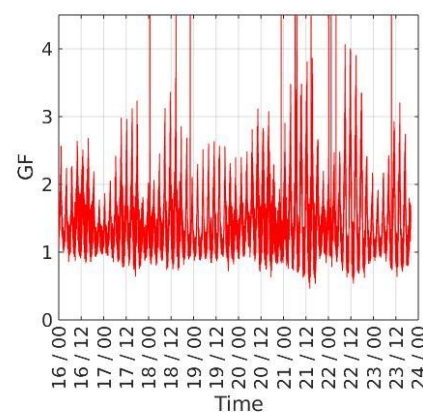
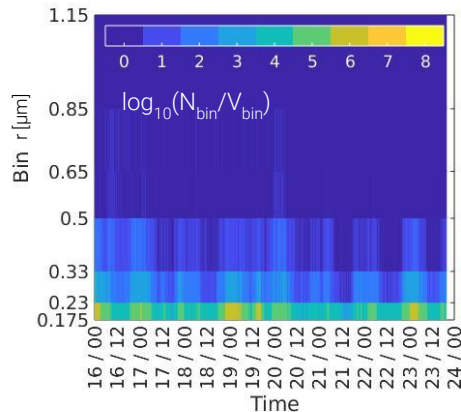
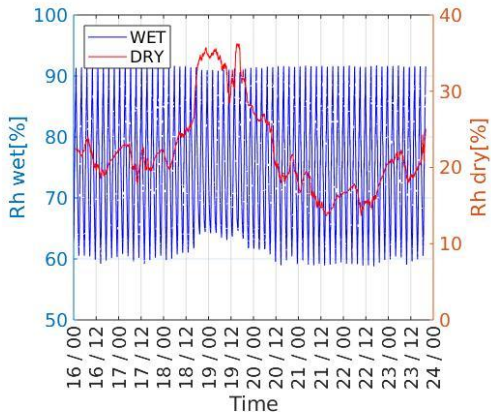
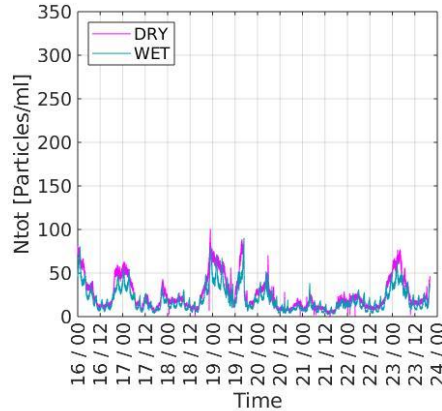
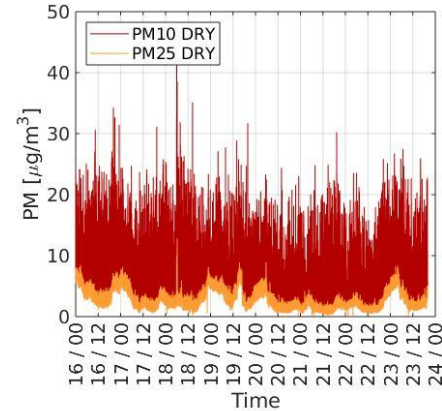
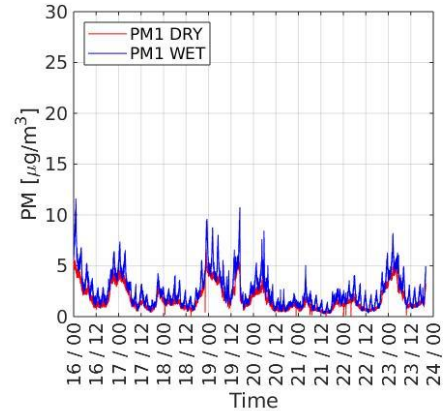
December 2020

17–31.12.2020

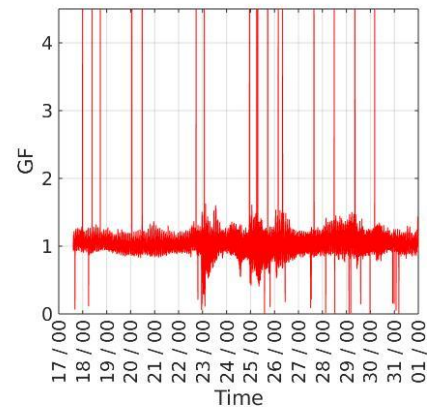
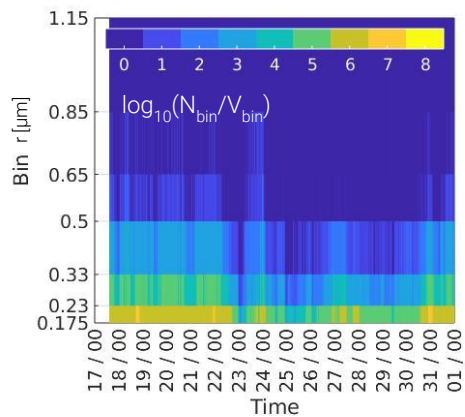
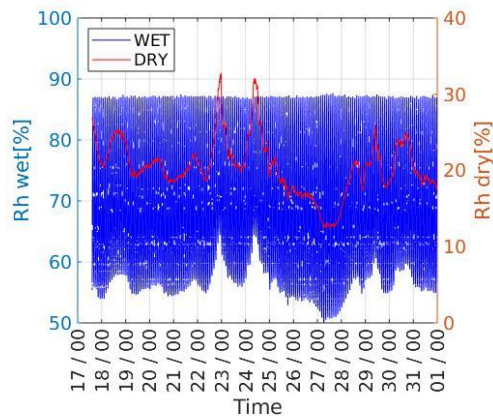
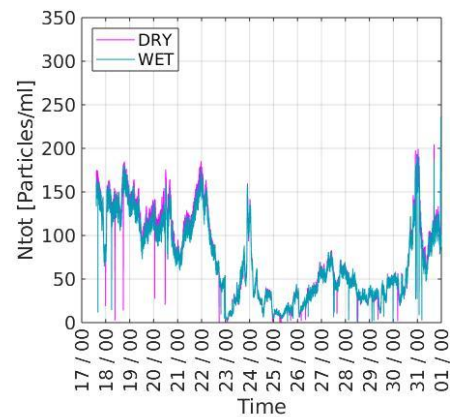
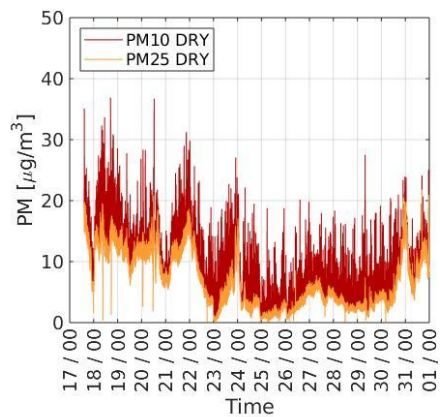
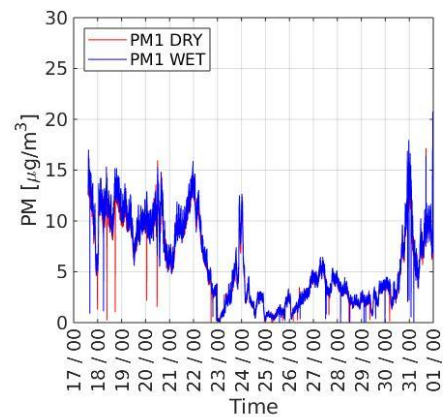
15 days

172 cycles

16-23.05.2020



17–31.12.2020



κ -Köhler theory

[Pope F. D., 2010]

$$S = a_w \exp\left(\frac{4\sigma_{s/a} M_w}{RT\rho_w D}\right)$$

assumed 1 for aerosol > 100 nm

Growth factor and κ

[Pope F. D., 2010]

$$GF = \frac{m}{m_0} = 1 + \frac{\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_p} \kappa}{-1 + \frac{1}{a_w}}$$

Saturation ratio (~Relative humidity) can be assumed as water activity

$$a_w = Rh$$

ρ_w – density of water

ρ_p – density of aerosol particle

Rh – relative humidity

m – the wet aerosol mass ($Rh > 0\%$)

m_0 – the dry aerosol mass ($Rh = 0\%$)

κ -Köhler theory

[Crilley, 2018]

$$GF = \frac{m}{m_0} = 1 + \frac{\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_p} \kappa}{-1 + \frac{1}{a_w}}$$

ρ_w – the density of water is 1 [g/cm³],

ρ_p – bulk dry particle density is **1.65 [g/cm³]**.

The value for κ can be found by a **non-linear curve fitting** of a humidogram (m/m_0 vs. a_w)

PM_{wet} – particulate matter from OPC–N3
from wet pipe (changing humidity)

PM_{dry} – particulate matter from dry pipe

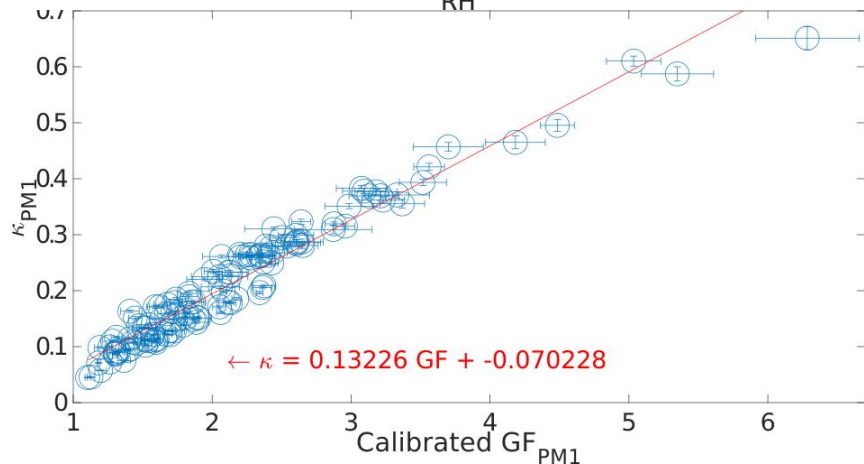
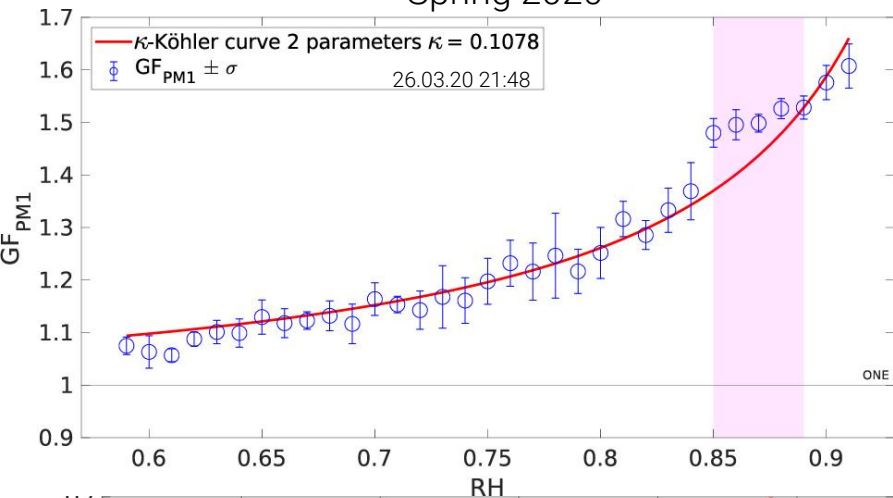
$$GF' = \frac{PM_{wet}}{PM_{dry}}$$

$$GF = \frac{1}{C} GF' = 1 + \frac{\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_p} \kappa}{-1 + \frac{1}{a_w}}$$

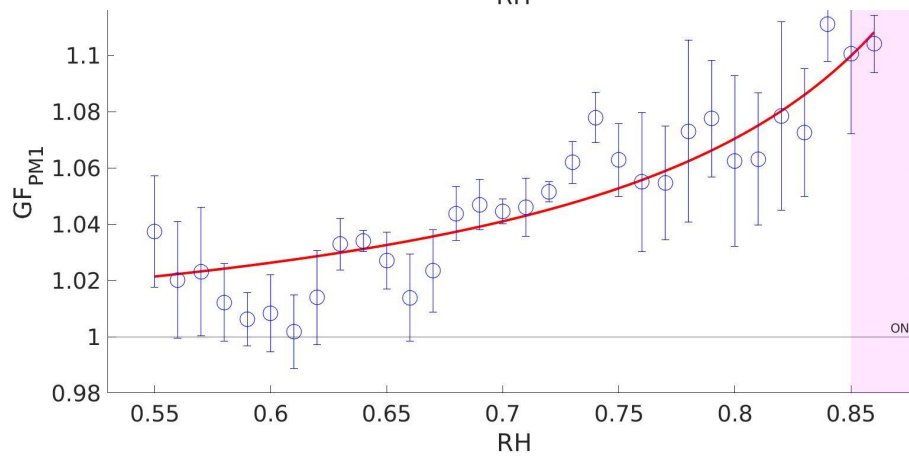
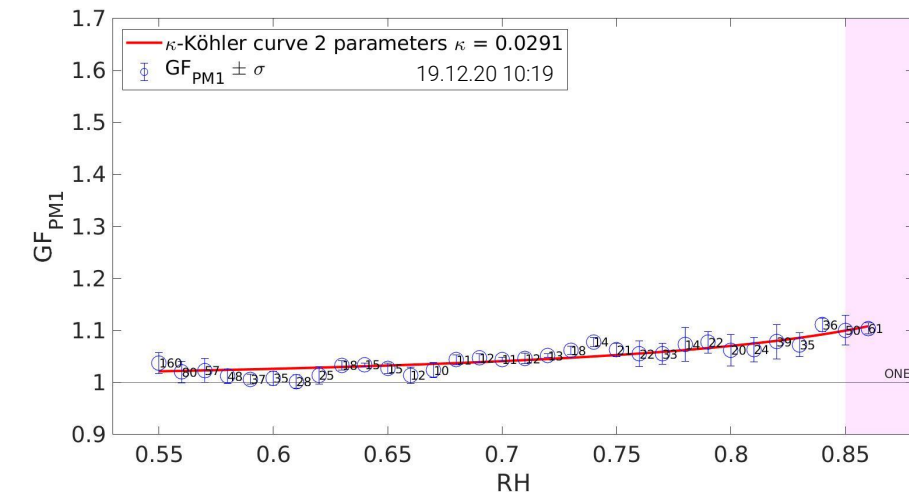
non-linear curve fitting with 2 parameters

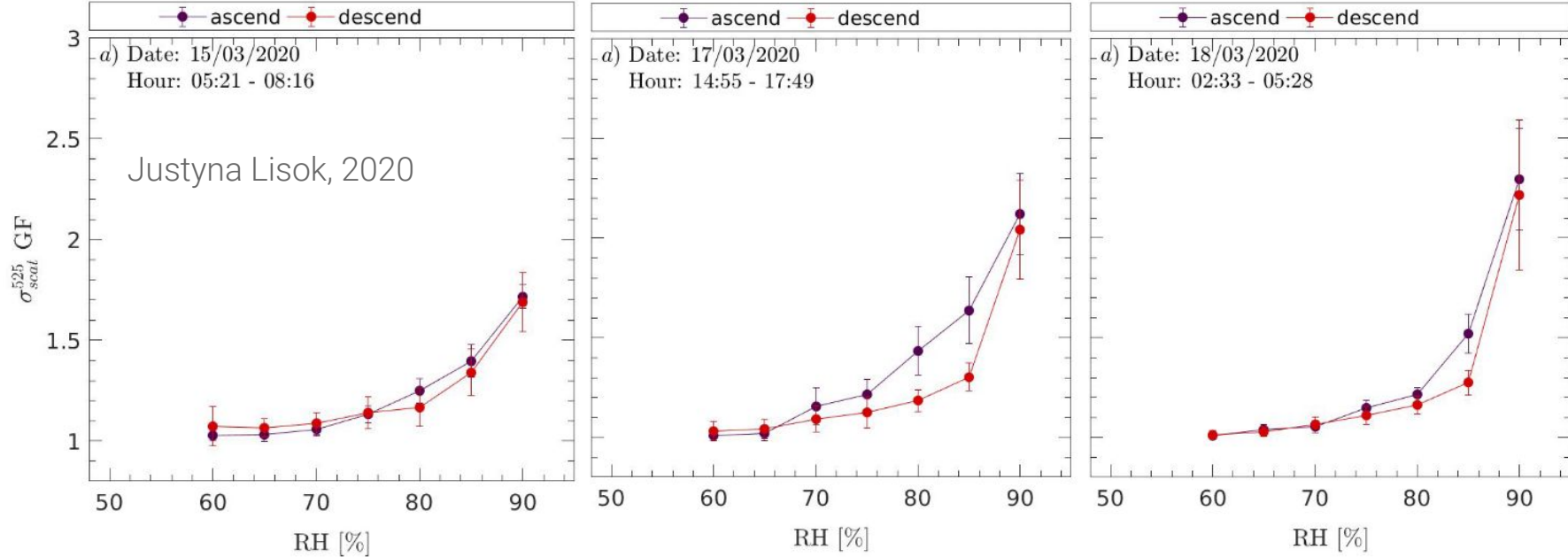
Example of curve fitting

Spring 2020



December 2020

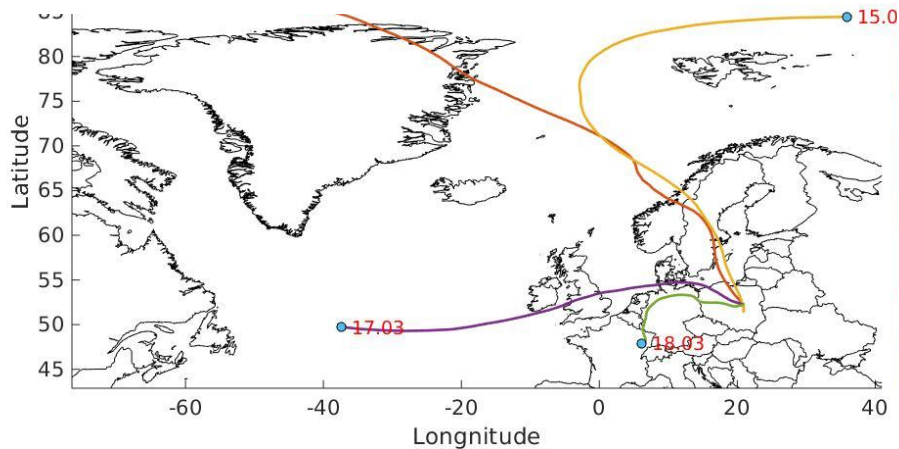




Aurora 4000 Spring 2020

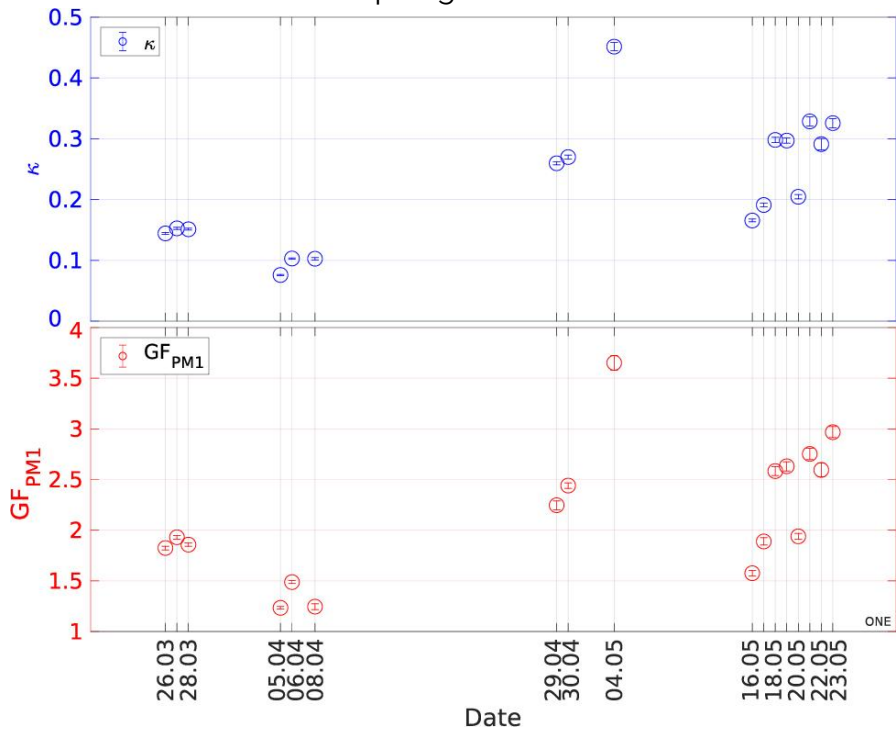
$$f(\text{RH}, \lambda) = \frac{\sigma_{\text{sp}}(\text{RH}, \lambda)}{\sigma_{\text{sp}}(\text{RH}_{\text{dry}}, \lambda)}$$

scattering enhancement factor



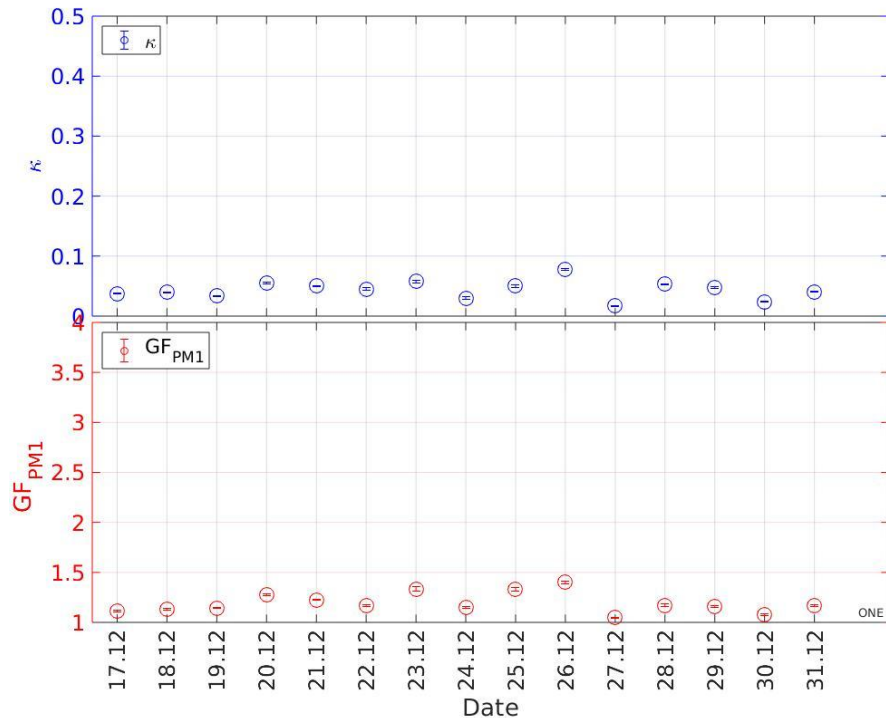
κ and $GF(RH=85\%)$

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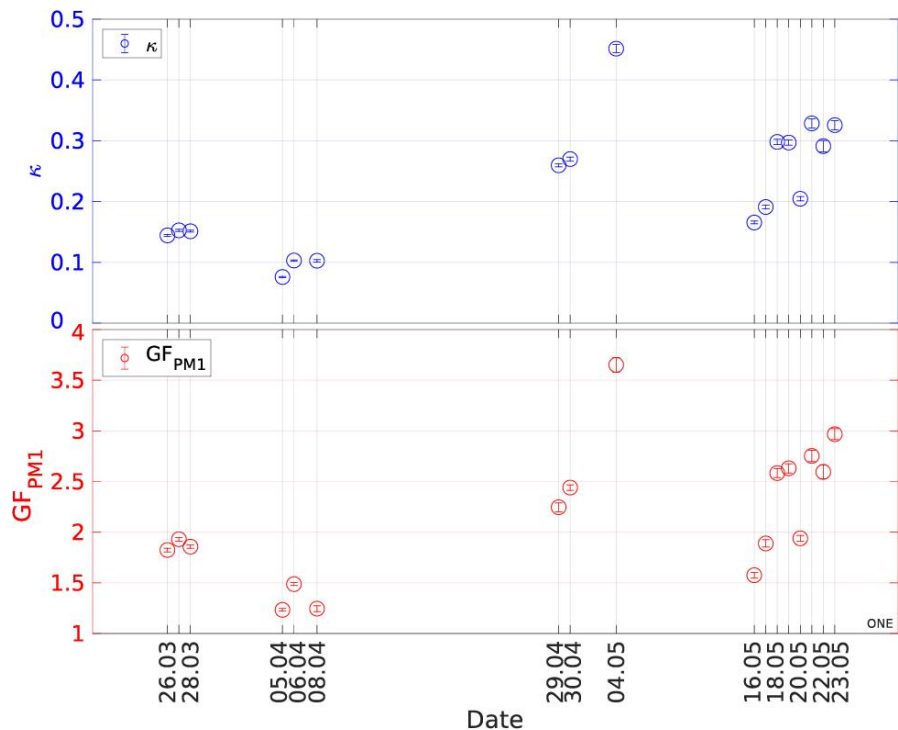
$$\langle \kappa_{\text{Spring}} \rangle = 0.2151 \pm 0.0041$$

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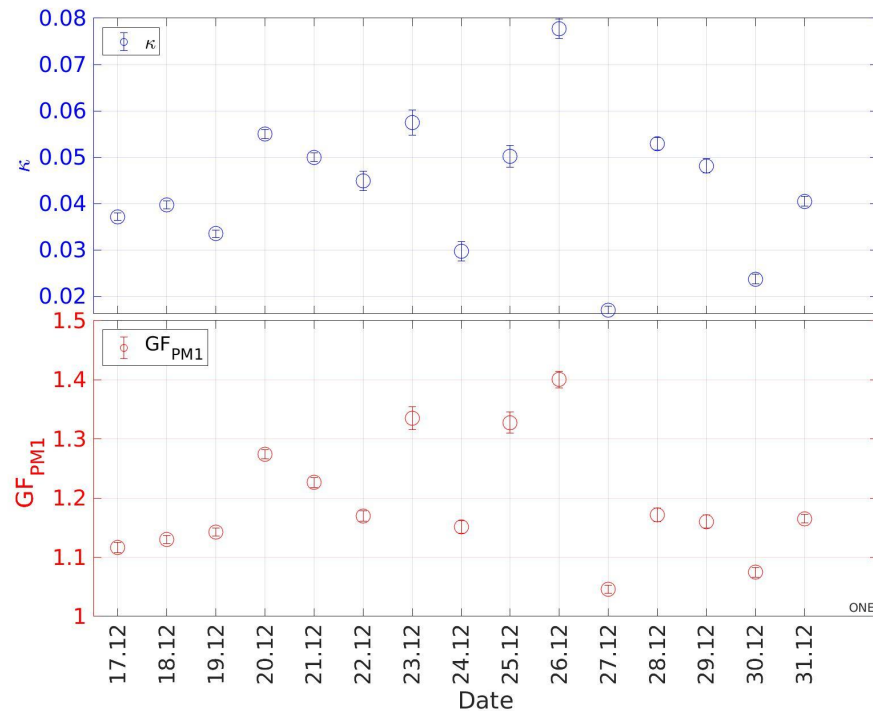


$$\langle \kappa_{\text{Winter}} \rangle = 0.0440 \pm 0.0016$$

κ and $GF(RH=85\%)$

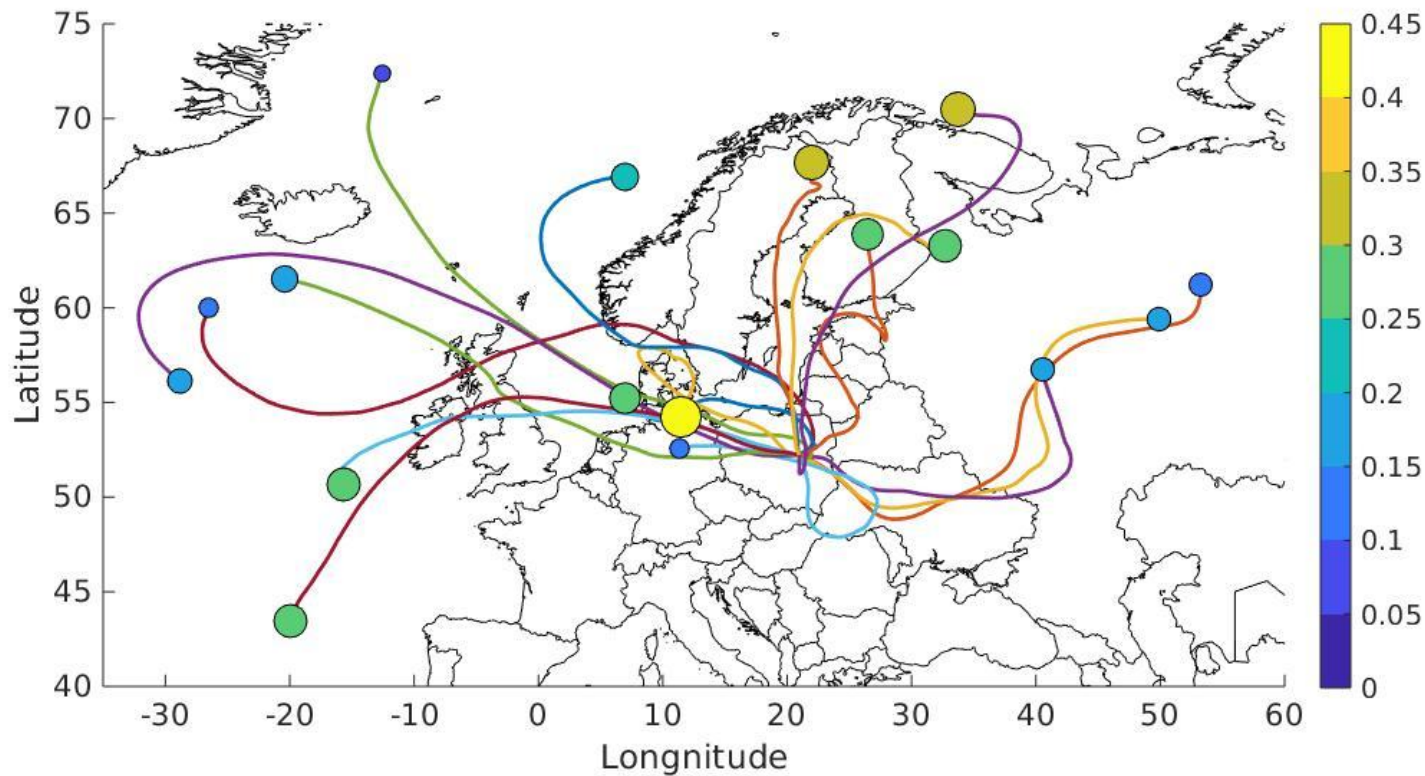


$\langle \kappa_{Spring} \rangle = 0.2151 \pm 0.0041$

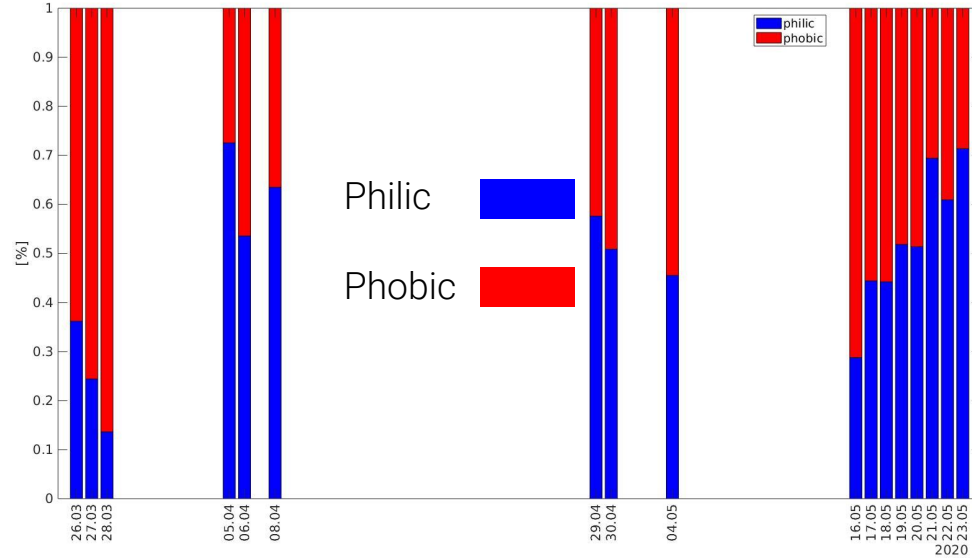
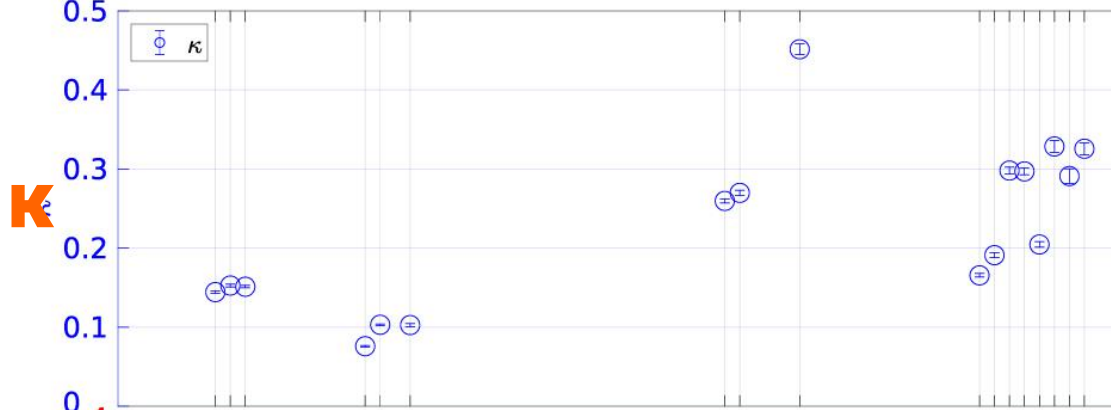


$\langle \kappa_{Winter} \rangle = 0.0440 \pm 0.0016$

κ and air mass trajectories Spring 2020

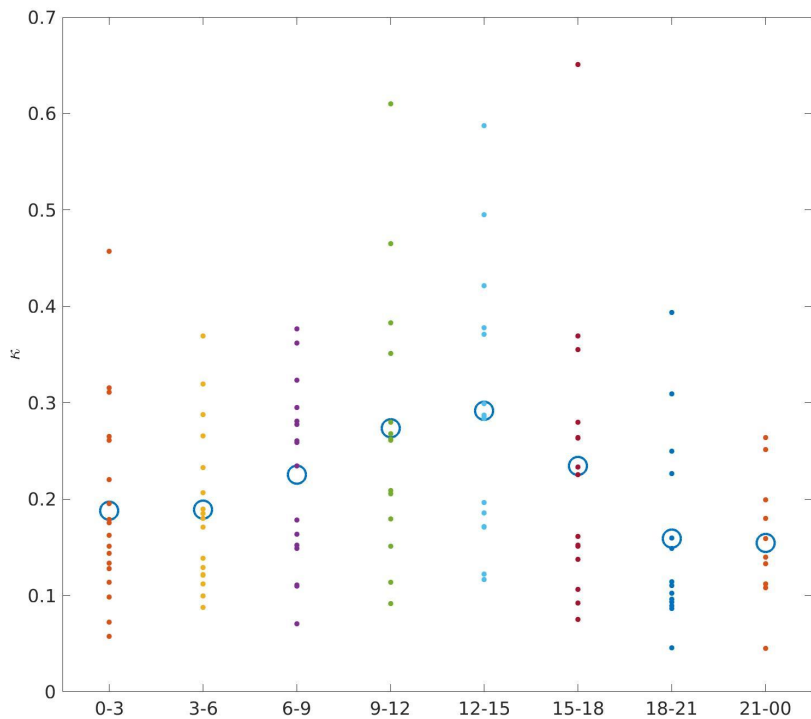


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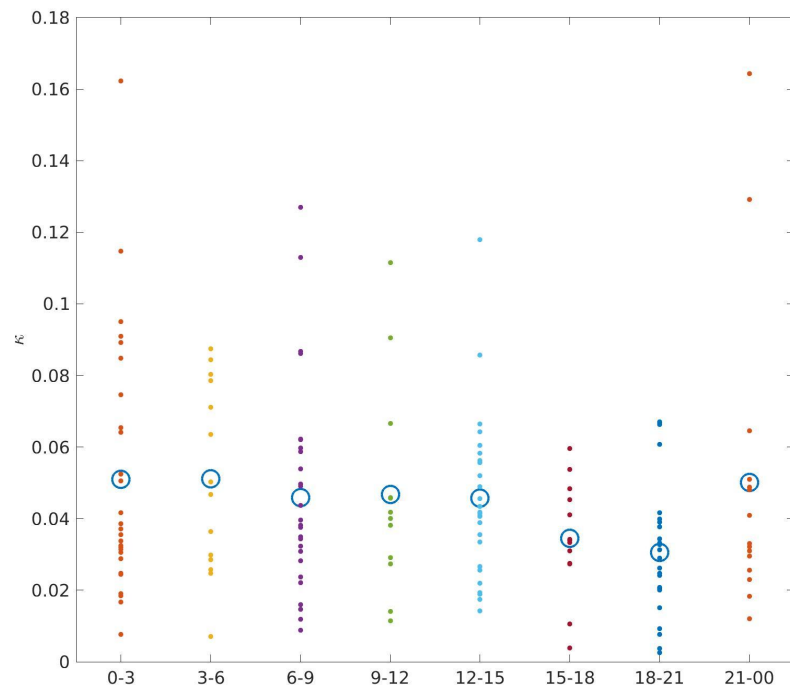


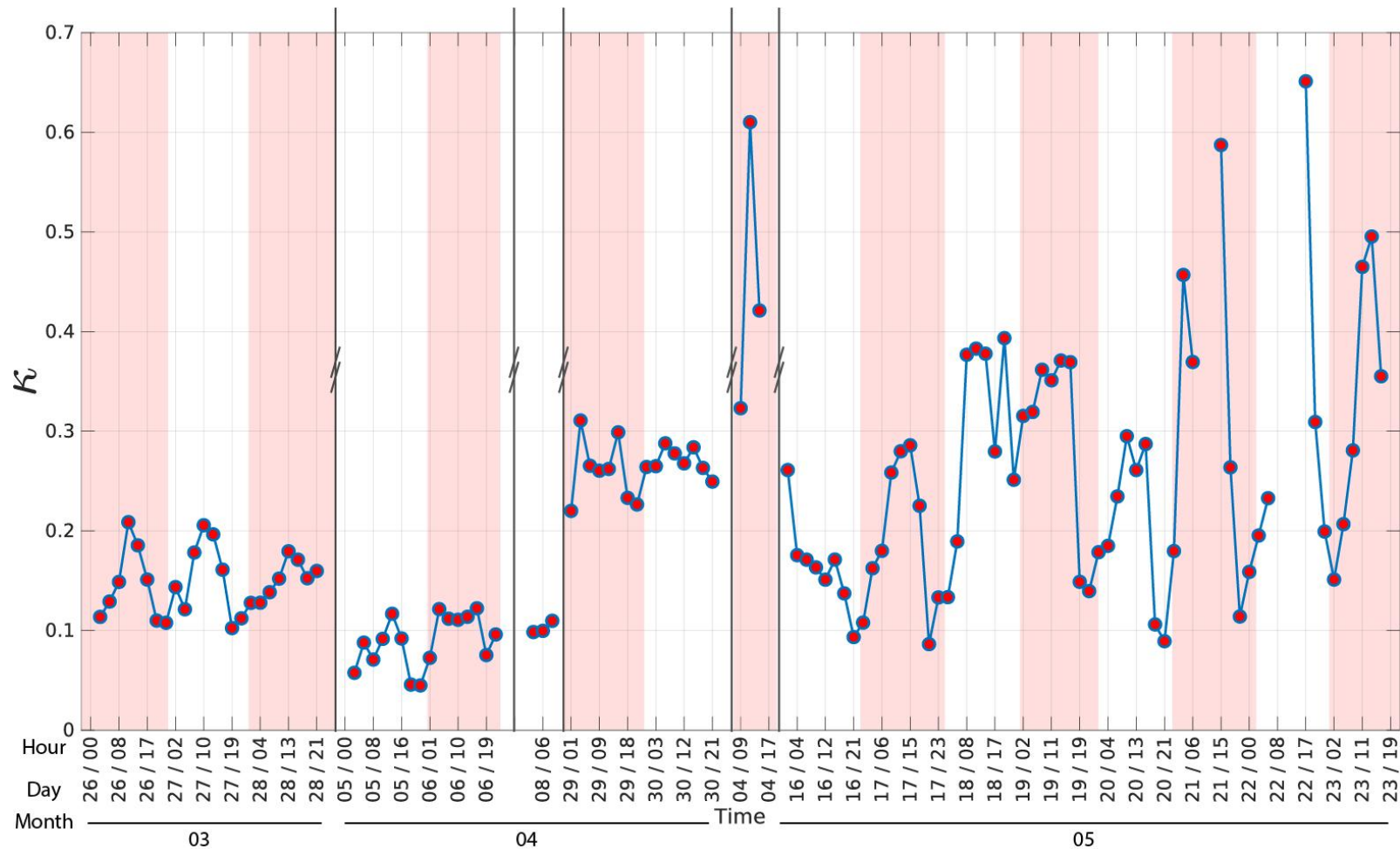
Diurnal variation of κ

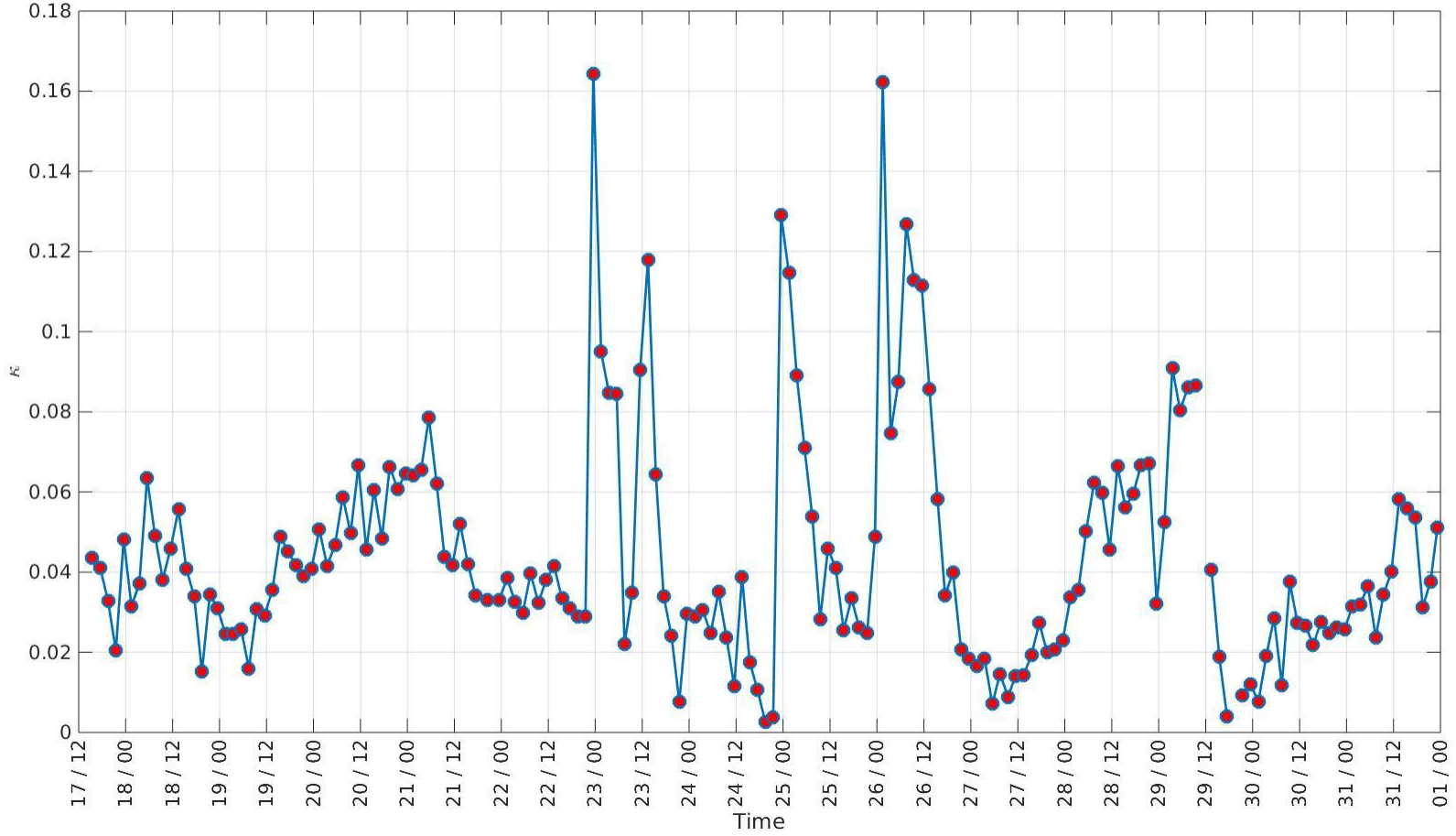
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Correction of PM data from OPC—N3

Rh from OPC–N3 and from ACS1000

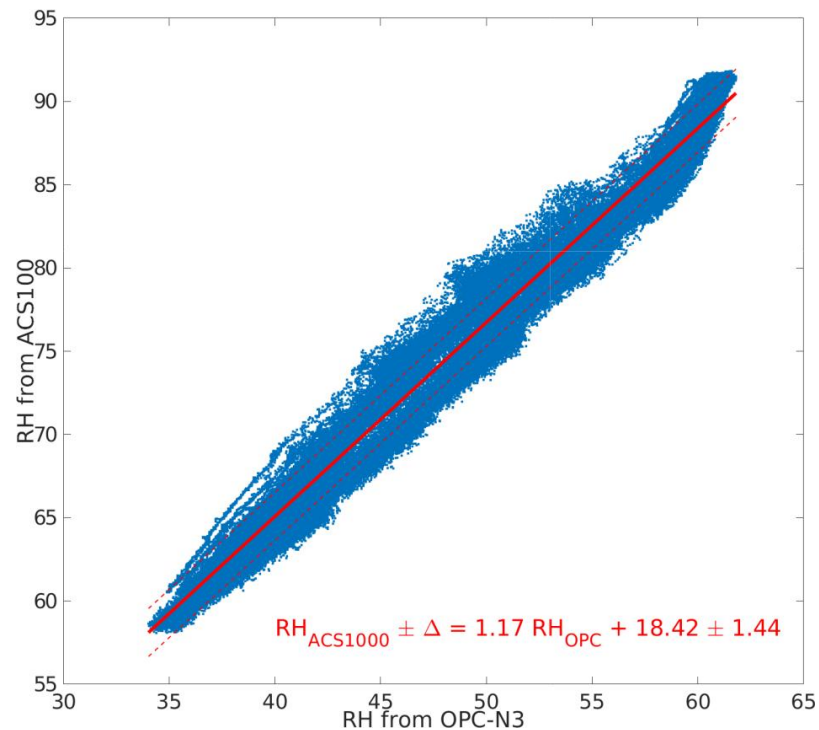
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Maximum Rh at OPC–N3: 61.8%

Maximum Rh of ACS1000: 91.83%

time depending response

$$\begin{aligned}RH_{ACS1000} \pm \Delta &= a \cdot RH_{OPC} + b \pm \Delta \\ &= 1.17 \cdot RH_{OPC} + 18.42 \pm 1.44\end{aligned}$$

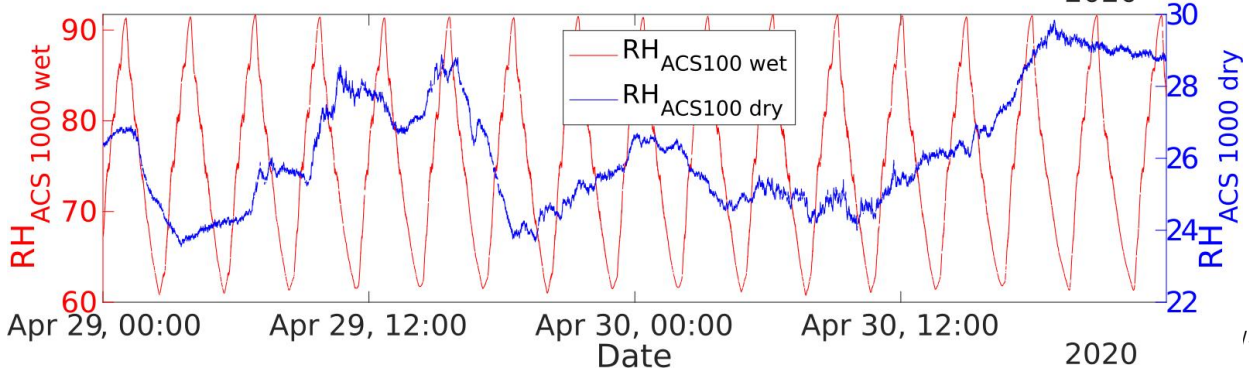
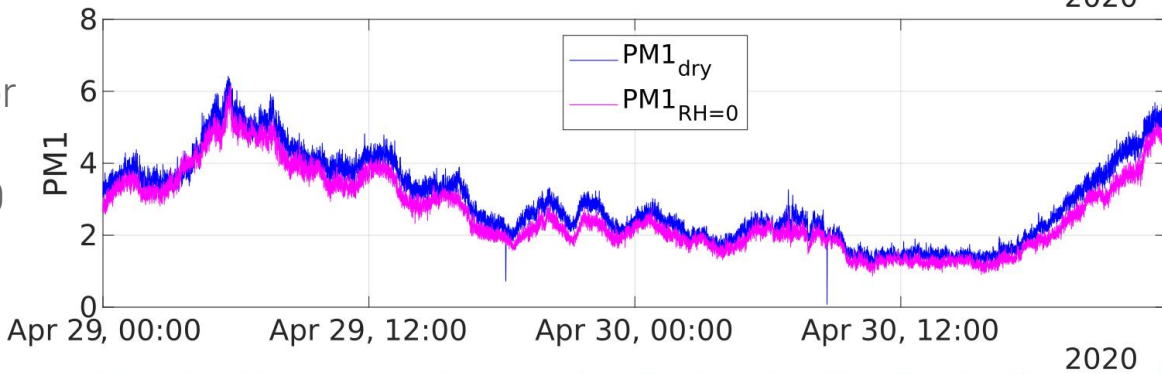
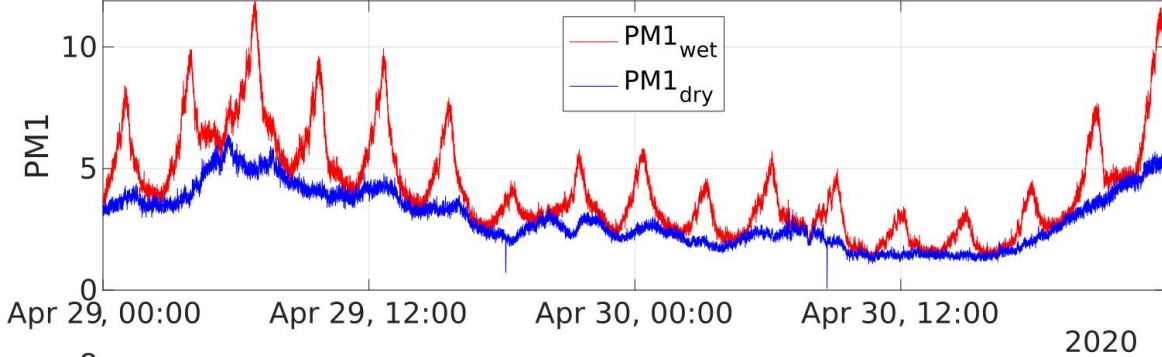


Correction equation

$$\begin{aligned}RH_{ACS1000} \pm \Delta &= a \cdot RH_{OPC} + b \pm \Delta \\ &= 1.17 \cdot RH_{OPC} + 18.42 \pm 1.44\end{aligned}$$

$$GF = \frac{m}{m_0} = 1 + \frac{\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_p} \kappa}{-1 + \frac{1}{a_w}}$$

$$PM_{RH=0} = \frac{(1 - a \cdot RH_{OPC} + b) \cdot PM_{wet}}{1 + \left(\frac{\rho_w}{\rho_{opc}} \kappa - 1 \right) \cdot (a \cdot RH_{OPC} + b)}$$



mean K value for
the period
29-30 April 2020
 $\kappa = 0.2647$

Conclusions

OPC-N3:

1. **Dependence of relative humidity** can be:
 - advantage → measurement of hygroscopic properties
 - disadvantage → needed correction for PM measurements
2. The single parameter κ can be used to **correct the PM data**
3. Rh given by OPC-N3 is biased and not reliable

κ

4. The κ varies with day time during Spring measurements.
5. The κ change between seasons drastically $\langle \kappa_{\text{Spring}} \rangle = 0.22$ $\langle \kappa_{\text{Winter}} \rangle = 0.04$

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