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# **Supporting Information:**

# Morphology and hygroscopicity of

# nanoplastics in sea spray

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# **Section S1. Experiment List**

Table S1 (over the next pages) details the experiments performed.

**Table S1.** Experiment list. Experiment numbers (**Exp** #) are referenced in the captions of Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 7. Solution numbers (**Soln** #) identify the aerosolized mixture (Table 1 of the main text). Three configurations of the instrument described in the main text are reported in the **Type** column: HTDMA, SEMS, and HTDMA-AMS. Dry diameter (**D**<sub>dry</sub>) is scanned in SEMS mode and held constant in HTDMA and HTDMA-AMS modes. **Wet RH** refers to the relative humidity in the HTDMA (DMA 2 in Figure 1). The number of seconds per bin (**s**/**bin**) and the number of bins (**Bins**) are multiplied together to give the total scan time (**Scan**) in either the SEMS or the HTDMA instrument. **c**<sub>tot</sub> is the total number concentration reported by the SEMS or HTDMA instrument software, and **m**<sub>tot</sub> is the total mass concentration reported by the SEMS software. Table S10 shows the results of growth factor inversion calculations for select experiments listed here.

Exp # -	Soln # -	<b>Salinity</b> g kg <sup>-1</sup>	<b>PSL</b> mg kg <sup>-1</sup>	Туре	D <sub>dry</sub> nm	<b>DMA 1</b> Q <sub>sh</sub> / Q <sub>sa</sub> L min <sup>-1</sup>	Dry RH %	D <sub>wet</sub> nm	<b>DMA 2</b> Q <sub>sh</sub> / Q <sub>sa</sub> L min <sup>-1</sup>	Wet RH %	Date mmm	Date dd(#)	<b>Time</b> hh:mm	<b>s/bin</b> S	Bins -	Scan S	c <sub>tot</sub> cm <sup>-3</sup>	m <sub>tot</sub> µg m <sup>-3</sup>
1	MilliQ	0	0	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.965	3.7	75-500	5.00 / 0.508	75	Feb	11a	11:51-12:14	1	60	60	5.8	
2	8	0	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.977	3.9	75-500	5.00 / 0.509	75	Feb	11b	12:18-12:41	2	60	120	219.2	
3	7	7.52e-5	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.979	3.9	75-500	5.01 / 0.507	75	Feb	11c	12:51-13:30	2	60	120	242.6	
4	6	4.96e-4	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.992	4	75-500	5.00 / 0.514	74.9	Feb	11d	13:32-13:53	2	60	120	296.2	
5	6	4.96e-4	0.18	SEMS	5-600	5.00 / 0.992	4.2				Feb	11-s1	14:00-14:06	1	60	60	163505	2.8
6	5	3.27e-3	0.18	SEMS	5-1000	5.00 / 1.000	4				Feb	11-s2	14:08-14:11	3	60	180	387555	28.2
7	5	3.27e-3	0.18	SEMS	5-1000	3.00 / 0.596	3.7				Feb	11-s3	14:19-14:30	3	60	180	290553	11.4
8	5	3.27e-3	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 1.016	4	75-500	5.00 / 0.521	74.9	Feb	11e	14:31-14:33	2	60	120	370	
9	4	0.022	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 1.002	4.2	75-500	5.00 / 0.522	75	Feb	11f	14:36-14:50	2	60	120	511.3	
10	4	0.022	0.18	SEMS	5-1000	3.00 / 0.597	3.8				Feb	11-s4	14:53-15:00	3	60	180	878619	39
11	3	0.14	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 1.010	4.2	75-500	5.00 / 0.523	75	Feb	11g	15:04-15:11	2	60	120	9170.4	
12	3	0.14	0.18	SEMS	5-1000	3.00 / 0.592	3.8				Feb	11-s5	15:13-15:20	3	60	180	2193940	238.5
13	2	0.94	0.18	SEMS	5-1000	3.00 / 0.599	3.6				Feb	11-s6	15:25-15:32	3	60	180	3845974	1474
14	2	0.94	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 1.006	4.4	75-500	5.00 / 0.514	74.9	Feb	11h	15:33-15:40	2	60	120	87195.2	
15	1	6.21	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 1.007	4.4	75-500	5.00 / 0.514	74.8	Feb	11i	15:44-15:49	2	60	120	383259	
16	1	6.21	0.18	SEMS	5-1000	3.00 / 0.591	3.9				Feb	11-s7	15:50-15:53	3	60	180	4886690	8219.9
17	MilliQ	0	0	SEMS	5-1000	3.00 / 0.577	2.7				Feb	14-s1	11:08-11:18	3	60	180	64434	4
18	MilliQ	0	0	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.913	3.8	75-500	5.00 / 0.520	75.2	Feb	14a	11:30-11:34	2	60	120	3.1	
19	8	0	0.18	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.934	3.8	75-500	5.00 / 0.520	74.9	Feb	14b	11:38-11:45	2	60	120	261.6	

Exp # Soln # Salinity PSL Type Ddrv DMA 1 Q<sub>sh</sub> / Q<sub>sa</sub> Dry RH Dwet DMA 2 Q<sub>sh</sub> / Q<sub>sa</sub> Wet RH Date Date Time s/bin Bins Scan m<sub>tot</sub> Ctot mg kg<sup>-1</sup> L min<sup>-1</sup> L min<sup>-1</sup> dd(#)hh:mm -g kg<sup>-1</sup> nm % nm % mmm s s cm<sup>-3</sup> µg m<sup>-3</sup> 20 8 0 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.562 3.3 Feb 14-s2 11:47-11:51 2 60 120 93338 6.3 7 14-s3 11:53-11:58 2 21 7.52e-5 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.570 3.1 Feb 60 120 119702 6.9 5.00 / 0.512 22 7 7.52e-5 0.18 HTDMA 150 5.00 / 0.956 3.8 75-500 74.9 Feb 14c 12:05-12:12 2 60 120 323.8 6 2 330.3 23 4.96e-4 0.18 HTDMA 150 5.00 / 0.961 3.9 75-500 5.00 / 0.510 74.5 Feb 14d 12:14-12:18 60 120 12:20-12:25 2 145373 7 24 6 4.96e-4 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.569 3.4 Feb 14-s4 60 120 5 25 3.27e-3 SEMS 3.00 / 0.577 3.2 Feb 14-s5 12:28-12:33 2 120 298303 12.4 0.18 5-1000 60 5 26 3.27e-3 0.18 HTDMA 150 5.00 / 0.935 4.2 75-500 5.02 / 0.491 76.4 Feb 14e 12:40-12:44 2 60 120 345.3 4 4.2 75 Feb 14f 12:48-12:52 2 481.8 27 0.022 0.18 **HTDMA** 150 5.00 / 0.971 75-500 4.99 / 0.524 60 120 4 0.022 SEMS 3.00 / 0.572 3.6 12:54-12:58 2 60 838115 41.3 28 0.18 5-1000 Feb 14-s6 120 29 3 3.00 / 0.577 14-s7 13:03-13:08 2 2076754 0.14 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.3 Feb 60 120 238.9 30 3 0.14 0.18 **HTDMA** 150 5.00 / 0.960 3.7 75-500 5.01 / 0.506 75 Feb 14g 13:09-13:14 2 60 120 8675.2 2 75 150 4 13:17-13:24 2 60 120 85012 31 0.94 0.18 HTDMA 5.00 / 0.972 75-500 5.00 / 0.520 Feb 14h 2 32 0.94 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.572 3.6 Feb 14-s8 13:26-13:30 2 60 120 3710872 1566 2 33 1 3.00 / 0.573 3.3 14-s9 13:33-13:38 4837814 9774 6.21 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 Feb 60 120 1 34 6.21 0.18 HTDMA 150 5.00 / 0.971 3.8 75-500 5.00 / 0.517 75 Feb 14i 13:39-13:46 2 60 120 389662 A+PSL 5.7 14:09-14:13 2 5335758 35 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.560 Feb 14-s10 60 120 42617 41 36 A+PSL 41 0.18 **HTDMA** 150 5.01 / 0.835 6.4 75-500 5.00 / 0.472 75 Feb 14k 14:35-14:39 2 60 120 575486.2 37 A+PSL 41 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.556 4.7 Feb 14-s11 14:42-14:46 2 60 120 5208632 47544.6 0.18 38 room air SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.571 4.4 Feb 14-s14 15:38-15:42 2 60 120 471.6 0.7 39 **HTDMA** 150 5.00 / 0.797 3.3 75-500 5.00 / 0.322 75 Mar 02a 13:37-13:46 2 60 120 0.3 room air 2 40 MilliO 0 0 **HTDMA** 150 5.00 / 0.983 3.9 75-500 5.00 / 0.518 75.1 02b 13:48-14:06 120 8.3 Mar 60 41 MilliQ 0 0 SEMS 5 - 10003.00 / 0.576 3.5 Mar 02-s1 14:11-14:14 3 60 180 37131.8 2.9 42 2d 0.151 SEMS 02-s2 14:18-14:28 3 60 1740916 223.4 0.18 5-1000 3.00 / 0.584 3.4 Mar 180 43 2d 0.151 0.18 **HTDMA** 150 5.00 / 0.974 4 75-500 5.00 / 0.506 75.1 Mar 02c 14:42-14:46 2 60 120 9350.1 HTDMA 75 02d 15:07-15:14 2 14309.5 44 2c 0.239 0.18 150 5.00 / 0.977 4 75-500 60 120 5.00 / 0.509 Mar 45 2c 0.239 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.575 3.5 02-s3 15:27-15:33 3 60 180 2248376 393 Mar 2b 0.378 3.4 02-s4 15:36-15:42 3 2443773 46 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.579 Mar 60 180 510.8 47 2b 0.378 0.18 **HTDMA** 150 5.00 / 0.970 3.8 75-500 5.00 / 0.508 74.9 Mar 02f 15:46-15:50 2 60 120 22258.2 2a 16:07-16:11 2 45109.3 48 0.596 0.18 HTDMA 150 5.00 / 0.970 4.1 75-500 5.00 / 0.508 74.9 Mar 02i 60 120 2a 4.7 16:12-16:19 49 0.596 0.18 SEMS 5-1000 3.00 / 0.825 Mar 02-s5 3 60 180 3007183 922.8 75 50 2d no PSL 0.151 0 **HTDMA** 150 6.50 / 1.013 3.1 10-1036 5.00 / 0.515 Apr 26a 10:56-12:56 24 300 7200 1255 51 2d 0.151 0.18 HTDMA 150 6.50 / 1.015 3.1 10-1034 5.00 / 0.520 74.9 Apr 26b 13:09-13:16 2 60 120 3901 52 2d 0.151 0.18 SEMS 10-827 6.50 / 0.659 2.2 26-s1 13:17-13:24 2 60 120 883110 82 Apr

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53	2d	0.151	0.18	HTDMA-AMS	150	6.50 / 0.975	2.9	10-1000	5.00 / 0.499	75	Apr	26c	14:07-15:42	19	300	5700		
54	2d	0.151	0.18	HTDMA-AMS	150	6.50 / 0.983	3.3	50-750	5.00 / 0.500	75	Apr	26d	15:51-17:57	25	300	7500		
55	MilliQ	0	0	HTDMA	150	6.50 / 0.969	3.2	10-1033	5.00 / 0.485	74.9	Apr	28a	09:36-10:01	5	300	1500	3.6	
56	MilliQ	0	0	SEMS	5-827	6.50 / 0.657	2.4				Apr	28-s1	10:15-10:20	2	60	120	13963	0.1
57	2c	0.239	0.18	SEMS	5-827	6.50 / 0.652	2.3				Apr	28-s2	10:37-10:41	2	60	120	1259805	183
58	2c	0.239	0.18	HTDMA	150	6.50 / 0.988	3	10-1032	5.00 / 0.499	75	Apr	28b	10:43-10:48	2	60	120	6280.4	
59	2c	0.239	0.18	HTDMA-AMS	150	6.50 / 0.981	3.3	10-1033	5.00 / 0.500	75	Apr	28c	10:50-12:55	25	300	7500		
60	2b	0.378	0.18	SEMS	5-827	6.50 / 0.654	2.4				Apr	28-s3	13:06-13:08	2	60	120	1959978	372.6
61	2b	0.378	0.18	SEMS	5-827	6.50 / 0.654	2.4				Apr	28-s3	13:06-13:08	2	60	120	1959978	372.6
62	2b	0.378	0.18	HTDMA	150	6.51 / 0.979	3	10-1032	5.00 / 0.502	75	Apr	28d	13:17-13:22	2	60	120	14959	
63	2b	0.378	0.18	HTDMA-AMS	150	6.50 / 0.989	3.4	25-1033	5.00 / 0.498	75	Apr	28e	13:23-15:28	25	300	7500		
64	2a	0.596	0.18	SEMS	5-827	6.50 / 0.658	2.4				Apr	28-s4	15:34-15:39	2	60	120	2062373	528.2
65	2a	0.596	0.18	HTDMA	150	6.51 / 0.977	3.1	25-1032	5.00 / 0.487	74.9	Apr	28f	15:40-15:44	2	60	120	22787	
66	2a	0.596	0.18	HTDMA-AMS	150	6.50 / 0.981	3.5	25-1033	5.00 / 0.485	75	Apr	28g	15:45-17:51	25	300	7500	1482298	
67	Ægor 1	0	0.15	SEMS	50-500	6.50 / 0.585	2.7				May	23-s1	13:13-13:20	2	60	120	26	0.1
68	Ægor 1	0	0.15	SEMS	50-500	5.00 / 0.536	3.3				May	23-s2	13:21-13:25	2	60	120	21.7	0.1
69	Ægor 1	0	0.15	HTDMA	150	5.37 / 0.884	4.6	100-300	4.99 / 0.496	74.9	May	23c	14:01-14:20	1	120	120	6.1	
70	Ægor 1	0	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	5.00 / 0.853	5	100-400	5.00 / 0.492	75	May	23d	14:27-16:32	25	300	7500		
71	Ægor 1	0	0.15	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.857	5.1	100-400	5.00 / 0.489	75.1	May	23e	16:36-16:43	1	180	180	36	
72	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	SEMS	5-1039	5.00 / 0.534	4				May	23-s3	16:45-16:50	1	120	120	8000	1571.4
73	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	SEMS	50-500	5.00 / 0.534	3.9				May	23-s4	16:51-16:55	1	120	120	62.2	0.2
74	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	HTDMA	150	4.97 / 0.855	4.9	100-400	4.97 / 0.483	74.7	May	23f	16:57-17:01	1	180	180	36.6	
75	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	5.00 / 0.859	5.5	100-400	5.00 / 0.503	75	May	23g	17:02-19:08	25	300	7500		
76	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.879	5.5	100-400	5.00 / 0.504	74.9	May	23h	19:10-19:16	1	180	180	30.6	
77	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	SEMS	50-500	5.00 / 0.534	4.2				May	23-s5	19:18-19:25	1	180	180	80.9	0.4
78	Ægor 2	0.01	0.15	SEMS	5-1040	5.00 / 0.530	4.1				May	23-s6	19:26-19:29	1	180	180	6556	718.9
79	Ægor 3	0.0215	0.15	SEMS	5-1038	5.00 / 0.554	4.6				May	24-s1	10:03-10:10	1	180	180	11760	98.5
80	Ægor 3	0.0215	0.15	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.852	5	100-400	5.00 / 0.499	75	May	24a	10:25-10:48	1	180	180	29.4	
81	Ægor 3	0.0215	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	5.00 / 0.845	4.8	100-400	5.00 / 0.513	75	May	24b	10:51-12:57	25	300	7500		
82	Ægor 4	0.0464	0.15	SEMS	5-1036	5.00 / 0.516	3.8				May	24-s2	13:07-13:14	1	180	180	16164	391.6
83	Ægor 4	0.0464	0.15	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.836	5	100-400	5.00 / 0.502	75.1	May	24c	13:23-13:27	1	180	180	41.2	
84	Ægor 4	0.0464	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.817	6.1	100-400	5.00 / 0.519	75	May	24d	13:28-13:34	1	180	180	43.3	
85	Ægor 4	0.0464	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	3.00 / 0.797	6.4	100-400	5.00 / 0.501	75	May	24e	13:37-15:43	25	300	7500		

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86	Ægor 5	0.1	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.789	6.9	100-400	5.00 / 0.503	74.9	May	24f	15:48-16:08	1	180	180	42.4	
87	Ægor 5	0.1	0.15	SEMS	5-1500	3.00 / 0.480	5.7				May	24-s3	16:13-16:19	1	180	180	25800	2.6
88	Ægor 5	0.1	0.15	SEMS	100-400	3.00 / 0.481	5.5				May	24-s4	16:20-16:27	1	180	180		
89	Ægor 5	0.1	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	3.00 / 0.791	7.7	100-400	5.00 / 0.497	75	May	24g	16:30-18:35	25	300	7500		
90	Ægor 6	0.2154	0.15	SEMS	5-1649	3.00 / 0.504	5.6			1	May	25-s1	10:26-10:33	1	180	180	53782	1.9
91	Ægor 6	0.2154	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.790	6.6	5-1034	5.00 / 0.486	75	May	25a	10:35-10:59	1	180	180	26.2	
92	Ægor 6	0.2154	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.810	6.6	100-400	5.00 / 0.492	74.9	May	25b	10:59-11:12	1	180	180	63.5	
93	Ægor 6	0.2154	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	3.00 / 0.815	6.7	100-400	5.00 / 0.505	75	May	25c	11:32-13:37	25	300	7500		
94	Ægor 7	0.464	0.15	SEMS	5-1645	3.00 / 0.488	5			1	May	25-s2	13:47-13:54	1	180	180		
95	Ægor 7	0.464	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.810	6.5	5-1034	5.00 / 0.496	74.9	May	25d	14:01-14:08	1	180	180	84.8	
96	Ægor 7	0.464	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.808	6.6	100-400	5.00 / 0.497	75	May	25e	14:09-14:19	1	180	180	240	
97	Ægor 7	0.464	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	3.00 / 0.820	7	100-400	5.00 / 0.512	75	May	25f	14:21-16:26	25	300	7500		
98	Ægor 7	0.464	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.804	6.9	100-400	5.00 / 0.495	75.2	May	25g	16:34-16:51	1	300	300		
99	Ægor 8	1	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.793	6.8	100-400	5.00 / 0.488	74.9	May	25h	16:56-17:01	1	300	300	1328	
100	Ægor 8	1	0.15	SEMS	5-1645	3.00 / 0.486	5.2			1	May	25-s3	17:03-17:15	1	180	180		
101	Ægor 8	1	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.784	6.4	100-400	5.00 / 0.485	75	May	25i	17:18-17:20	1	120	120	372	
102	Ægor 8	1	0.15	HTDMA-AMS	150	3.00 / 0.804	7	100-400	5.00 / 0.496	75	May	25j	17:22-19:52	30	300	9000		
103	Ægor 8	1	0.15	HTDMA	150	3.00 / 0.810	7	100-400	5.00 / 0.497	74.9	May	25k	20:21-20:25	1	120	120	312	
104	Ægor 8	1	0.15	SEMS	5-1645	3.00 / 0.488	5			1	May	25-s4	20:27-20:32	1	180	10		
105	no	0	0	SEMS	5-1035	5.00 / 0.535	3.7			1	Jun	02-s1	11:36-12:56	180	180	180	60.4	30.9
106	Ægor 9	0	0	SEMS	5-1033	5.00 / 0.525	3.3			1	Jun	02-s2	12:57-13:27	180	180	180	134.8	36.1
107	Ægor 9	0	0	HTDMA	150	5.00 / 0.829	4.5	100-400	5.00 / 0.488	75.1	Jun	02a	13:34-14:14	0.33	180	60	0.3	

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# Section S2. Instrumentation

# S2.1. AMS Mass Resolution

Table S2 shows the mass resolution of the HR-ToF-AMS for selected experiments. The resolution was determined at calibration and remained close to the nominal value of 2500. The resolution indicates the number of bins relative to the m/z axis. Note that the ability to distinguish between ions with very similar masses is determined by the peak width, rather than the mass resolution.

Date 2022	Resolution, m/ $\Delta$ m	±1 std dev	Date 2022, cont'd	Resolution, m/∆m, cont'd	±1 std dev, cont'd
1-Mar	2653	140	26-Apr	2428	143
3-Mar	2645	139	28-Apr	2438	141
4-Mar	2636	127	2-May	2411	154
8-Mar	2587	161	4-May	2614	144
11-Mar	2578	118	9-May	2639	172
14-Mar	2459	164	11-May	2628	151
15-Mar	2516	166	23-May	2569	96
16-Mar	2560	143	24-May	2527	139
17-Mar	2527	175	25-May	2535	144
18-Mar	2561	177			

**Table S2.** Mass resolution. The overall average resolution was  $m/\Delta m = 2553 \pm 147$ .

# S2.2. AMS Vaporizer Characterization

R<sub>95</sub>:

Table S3 gives the measurements for this work that are shown in Figure 2.

Table S3. Vaporizer characterization. (A) Characterization of vaporizer control box setting "95", Figure 2, panel A, blue x's. (B) Ramping vaporizer setting, Figure 2, panel A, black crosses. (C) Vaporizer setting "80", Figure 2, panel A, blue x's. (D) Characterization of vaporizer temperature, Figure 2, panel C, black circles.

(	(A) Setting	g = 95			(B) Setting	g vs Curre	nt
	Current Amp	<b>Voltage</b> Volt	Power Watt	Date in 3/2022	Setting	Current Amp	Date in 3/2022
_	1.20	4.84	5.82	14	73	0.8	8
	1.21	4.86	5.80	14	76	0.86	8
	1.17	4.87	5.81	14	82	0.99	8
	1.21	4.82	5.71	15	87	1.05	8
	1.18	4.86	5.79	15	90	1.09	8
	1.20	4.86	5.84	17	93	1.16	8
	1.18	4.86	5.75	17	96	1.2	8
	1.21	4.86	5.80	17	99	1.27	8
	1.18	4.87	5.71	17	100	1.3	8
	1.20	4.87	5.71	17	97	1.24	8
	1.19	4.88	5.86	18	90	1.1	8
_	1.18	4.87	5.76	18	87	1.07	8
	1.19	4.86	5.78				
v:	0.01	0.02	0.05				
		4.08 Ohm					

	(C) Setting	g = 80		
	Current Amp	Voltage Volt	Power Watt	Date in 3/2022
	0.93	3.07	2.86	1
	0.93	3.07	2.86	1
	0.93	3.10	2.97	4
	0.95	3.08	2.93	14
	0.95	3.08	2.92	15
	0.93	3.11	2.92	18
Avg:	0.94	3.09	2.91	
d Dev:	0.01	0.02	0.04	
R <sub>80</sub> :		3.29 Ohm		_

## Table S3, cont'd.

<sup>a</sup> Tau (in seconds) is for the m/z 30 signal from atomized NaNO3 measured by the AMS in PToF mode. See e.g. Williams et al. (2010).

# S2.3. HTDMA Inversion

Figures S1 shows the results of the inversion used to find the hygroscopic growth factors from the humidified size distributions.



**Figure S1.** Growth factor inversion using RegularizationTools.jl (Petters, 2021), published under the GNU General Public License (https://github.com/mdpetters/RegularizationTools.jl). (A) Raw particle counts (experiment #94 in Table S1), (B) raw growth factor scan (experiment #98 in Table S1), (C) fitted two-component model, (D) inversion of fitted size distribution to approximate the distribution of particles between two growth factors (Fitted the growth factors were GF = 1.10 and GF = 1.76. Probability density is the fraction of particles falling into each growth factor bin. Note that the size distributions are not inverted and have units of particles per cm<sup>3</sup>.

# Section S3. AMS data analysis

The ToF-AMS Analysis Toolkit 1.65C (Squirrel 1.65C) was used to convert the time-offlight signal to masses, apply the airbeam correction, and subtract the average background from each high-resolution mass spectrum. ToF-AMS HR Analysis 1.25C (Pika 1.25C) was used to determine the peak shape factor and prepare the background-subtracted, airbeamcorrected data for high-resolution analysis. MATLAB R2021a was used to convert peaks in the high-resolution spectra to ion signal (Hz) and to estimate the mass of species of interest ( $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>).

# S3.1. Mass calibration

Data were loaded using ToF-AMS Analysis Toolkit 1.65C (Squirrel 1.65C; Sueper et al., 2011) and the m/z axis was calibrated using the ions listed in Table S4. The mass calibration

was performed independently for the open and closed mass spectra series to correct misalignment of peaks in the open and closed spectra. Equation S1.1 is used to match the ion's mass to its flight time:

$$x_{ToF} = p_1(t) + p_2(t) x_{mass}^{p_3(t)}$$
. Eq. S1

Here,  $x_{mass}$  is the m/z value,  $x_{ToF}$  is the time-of-flight bin number, or, as identified in the SQUIRREL software, the sample number. Initial defaults of  $p_1 = -7215.10$ ,  $p_2 = 2827.21$ , and  $p_3 = 0.5000$  are used to find the peaks before correcting the mass axis. In this work, typical fitted values were  $p_1 = -7214$ ,  $p_2 = 2827$ , and  $p_3 = 0.5$ . The typical resolution  $m/\Delta m$  was ~2500.

lon	m/z	Used in this work?	Used by default in Squirrel 1.65C?
C+	12	yes, added	no
OH+	17.002739	yes	yes
H <sub>2</sub> O+	18.010565	yes	yes
O <sub>2</sub> +	31.98983	yes	yes
Ar+	39.962383	yes	yes
CO <sub>2</sub> +	43.98983	yes	yes
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>3</sub> +	149.02386	yes, added	no
W182+	181.94821	no, removed	yes
W184+	183.95093	yes	yes
W186+	185.95436	no, removed	yes
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>15</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Si <sub>3</sub> +	207.0329	yes, added	no

Table S4. m/z calibration.

#### S3.2. Air beam

The airbeam correction was applied using the average of all runs within the experiment's duration. The correction factor for changes in the air beam was typically in the range 0.98–1.0.

#### S3.3. Background subtraction

The background subtraction algorithm was applied to the entire experiment uniformly using the default Tofwerk parameterization with Width = 15, Noise scaling = 1.0, f2 = 0.05, N = 20, and including a low-pass filter.

#### S3.4. Peak shape factor

In order to prepare the data for quantification, a peak shape and peak shape factor are chosen based on a common ion averaged over the entire dataset. The shape factor, v, corrects the fitted peak area for shape irregularities, and is equal to the ratio of the integral of the average peak to that of a perfect Gaussian (Corbin et al., 2015; Sueper et al., 2011). The shape factor was found for each experiment using PIKA 1.25C with the ions Ar+ and O<sub>2</sub>+ (for lefthand side of the pseudo-Gaussian), and O<sub>2</sub>+ (for the righthand side of the pseudo-Gaussian). The final v was 1.0774 in this case.

#### S3.5. Preparation for high-resolution fitting

The background-subtracted, airbeam-corrected data for the open, closed and difference mass spectra series (Pedro Compuzano-Jost, personal communication), with a resolution of ~50k ToF bins min<sup>-1</sup>, were exported as plain text. The mass calibration parameters ( $p_1(t)$ ,  $p_2(t)$ , and  $p_3(t)$  from Eqn. S1.1) were also exported with 1-min resolution.

The data are imported into MATLAB R2021a. For each run, the  $x_{ToF}$  bins are converted to  $x_{mass}$  values ranging from about m/z = 10 to 400 by rearranging Eqn. S1.1:

$$x_{mass} = \left(\frac{x_{ToF} - p_1(t)}{p_2(t)}\right)^{1/p_3(t)}$$
Eq. S2

As before, the Open and Closed spectra have different fitting parameters. The Diff mass spectra are assigned to the Open calibration parameters.

#### S3.6. Fitting a Gaussian curve to peaks in the high-resolution mass spectrum

Following Corbin et al. (2015), a superposition of up to four Gaussian curves is fit to the peaks found within each unit mass. MATLAB was used to fit these. The  $i^{\text{th}}$  curve is described by

$$G_i(x_{mass}) = h_i \exp\left(\frac{-\left(x_{mass} - (\mu_i^0 + \delta\mu)\right)^2}{w^2}\right)$$
Eq. S3

where  $G(x_{mass})$  is the value in Hz/ns observed by the multichannel plate,  $x_{mass}$  is the m/z axis,  $h_i$  is the height of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  peak,  $\mu_i$  is the m/z value of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  peak, and w is the Gaussian width parameter (Corbin et al. 2015 and Sueper et al. 2011<sup>‡</sup>). For each unit mass, 2i + 2parameters are generally fit, e.g., for three peaks the fitted parameter matrix will consist of  $h_1, h_2, h_3, \delta\mu$ , and w for each unit mass of interest, with 1-min resolution. The peaks are allowed to shift together by  $\delta\mu = m/z \pm 0.0015$  to help correct for variability in the mass calibration. Fitting is performed for masses of interest separately. For example, to find the ion flux at m/z 35, only the ToF data between m/z 34.8 to m/z 35.2 are fit.

The mass accuracy of our measurements was estimated for the salt ions by comparing the fitted mass centroid to the nominal mass. Table S5 shows that our measurement captured the true mass of the salt ions within  $\pm 200/-50$  ppm.

The area of peak *i* is given by (Corbin et al. 2015)

$$A_i(x; v, h_i, \mu, w) = vh_i \int \exp\left(\frac{-\left(x - (\mu_i^0 + \delta\mu)\right)^2}{w^2}\right) dx \qquad \text{Eq. S4}$$

Using the common integral definition <sup>2,3</sup>,

$$\int \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{a}x^2} \, dx = \sqrt{\pi/a},$$

and assigning  $x' = x - (\mu_i^0 + \delta \mu)$  and  $a = 1/w^2$ , the indefinite integral of this work becomes  $\int x^{ax'^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi/a} = w\sqrt{\pi}$ , and the area of the *i*<sup>th</sup> pseudo-Gaussian curve is then:

$$A_i(v, h_i, w) = v h_i w \sqrt{\pi}$$
 Eq. S5

The width *w* has units of m/z ( $w_{mass}$ ), but the width in bins ( $w_{ToF}$ ) is needed in Eq. S5. This is found by defining  $x_{mass}^{hi \, or \, lo} = (\mu_i + \delta \mu) \pm w_{mass}/2$ , then converting units as before:  $x_{ToF}^{hi \, or \, lo} = p_1 + p_2 (x_{mass}^{hi \, or \, lo})^{p_3}$ , and then the width in bins is  $w_{ToF} = x_{ToF}^{hi} - x_{ToF}^{lo}$ . The calculated *A* is the ion flux, in units of Hz, and is referred to hereafter as *I*.

#### S3.7. lons of interest

The chloride family consisted of m/z 35, 36, 37, 38, 58. The ions associated with PSL were 104, 103, and 78. These are three of the ions found in the NIST spectrum and in Hasager et  $al.^4$ 

#### S3.8. Particle Time-of-Flight Measurement

Particle Time-of-Flight measurements were performed using the unit-mass resolution data. A simple matrix deconvolution was performed with the default baseline region of 0.25. Conversion of the time of flight to particle velocity is accomplished via  $v_p$  = distance/time (m s<sup>-1</sup>), where the distance of the PToF region is 0.295 m, and the resolution of 254 PToF bins (between 0.5 and 6 ms). Vacuum aerodynamic diameter ( $D_{va}$ ) was found via:

$$D_{\rm va} = D_x \left( \frac{v_{\rm gas} - v_{\rm lens}}{v_{\rm p} - v_{\rm lens}} - 1 \right)^{1/b}$$
 Eq. S6

where  $D_x = 20.443$  nm,  $v_{gas} = 472.94$  m s<sup>-1</sup> is the velocity of the gas after acceleration in the aerodynamic lens,  $v_{lens} = 44.959$  m s<sup>-1</sup> is the gas velocity within the aerodynamic lens,  $D_x = 20.443$  nm is a fitting constant, and b = 0.68347 is a fitting constant.

#### S3.9. Timeseries and signal-to-noise

The timeseries of two back-to-back HTDMA-AMS experiments on April 26, 2022 was analyzed to determine the best peaks for quantification of salt, polystyrene, and the ionization efficiencies of these for our setup (Figures S2 and S3). The signal to noise ratio (SNR) of the styrene peaks to the background is defined by

$$SNR = 2H/h$$
 Eq. S7

where  $H = \max(y_{pk}) - \operatorname{mean}(y_{bg})$  and  $h = 2 \times \operatorname{std}(y_{bg})$ , y is the y-axis value, pk denotes the range of values within the peak, and bg denotes the values outside the peak. Table S5 shows the SNR for two experiments on April 26, 2022. The high-resolution mz104 ion was the best indicator of styrene. Figures S2 and S3 show the signal-to-noise ratio for salts and styrene peaks, and Table S5 and S6 give the values.



**Figure S2**. Timeseries of total styrene (m/z 104+103+78, family of ions) (top), m/z 104 (second), m/z 103 (third), and m/z 78 (bottom plot). Two experiments are shown, thus styrene detected at  $\sim$ 90 min and again at about 190 min. The experiment shown is from April 26, 2022. The second experiment started at 126 min.



Figure S3. The second experiment started at 126 min. The scan duration was increased for the second experiment.

m/z	HR name	m/z nom	m/z fit	Signal-to-Noise, Figure S3	SQUIRREL <sup>a</sup>
35, 36, 37, 38, 58	Cl	n/a		48.9244, 37.4713	39.1505, 29.3009
CI (default UMR)	n/a	n/a		n/a	39.1505, 29.3009
35	<sup>35</sup> Cl	34.96885	34.9721, 34.9702	24.1901, 18.6686	30.2104, 21.0543
36	H35CI	35.97668	35.9787, 35.9756	34.9922, 24.6654	35.9901, 27.9141
37	<sup>37</sup> Cl	36.9659	36.9704, 36.9705	19.3078, 13.8455	13.3420, 9.2272
38	H <sup>37</sup> Cl	37.97373	37.9780, 37.9743	20.3368, 20.3368	12.8695, 10.1410
58	Na <sup>35</sup> Cl	57.95862	57.9646, 57.9690	39.3738, 33.8367	13.0696, 9.8431

Table S5. Signal to noise ratios for April 26 dataset, experiments 1 and 2.

<sup>a</sup>ToF-AMS Analysis Toolkit 1.65C loaded with ToF\_AMS\_HRAnalysis\_v1\_25C.pxt.

Table S6. Signal to noise ratios for April 26 dataset, experiments 1 and 2.

Name	Signal-to-Noise, Figure S2	SQUIRREL <sup>a</sup>
mz104 + mz103 + mz78	4.5646, 4.9437	4.3998, 5.7753
mz104	8.3877, 6.0307	7.5514, 7.2198
mz103	2.7192, 3.9370	2.2459, 3.2193
mz78	2.3439, 3.2816	2.1227, 3.9865

<sup>a</sup>ToF-AMS Analysis Toolkit 1.65C loaded with ToF\_AMS\_HRAnalysis\_v1\_25C.pxt.

# **Section S4. Ionization Efficiency**

The HSEMS scan on April 26, before the HTDMA-AMS scan, showed a peak in PSL and in salt (Figure 5 in the main text). The SEMS measurement gives 0.136 ug/m3 PSL and 33.12  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup> salts (density 1.2 g/cm<sup>3</sup> for salt, 1.05 for PSL).

Ionization efficiency (IE, ions per molecule) is obtained by the comparison of the condensation particle counter (CPC) measurement of molecules of species i per m<sup>3</sup> to the AMS measurement of ions of species i per m<sup>3</sup>.

The relative ionization efficiency (RIE) is obtained by comparison to the nitrate ionization efficiency:

$$RIE_i = \frac{IE_i}{IE_{NO3}} \times \frac{M_{w,NO3}}{M_{w,i}}$$
 Eq. S8

#### S4.1. Nitrate

Table S7 shows the results of the nitrate calibration. Particles are assumed to be pure ammonium nitrate, and the sum of the signal at m/z 30 (NO<sup>+</sup>, m/z 29.99799) and 46 (NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, m/z 45.9929) is used to quantify nitrate ionization efficiency. The molar masses of NO<sub>3</sub> and NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> are 62 (61.98782) and 80, respectively.

The volume concentration of particulate matter (PM) is found using the CPC measurement of number concentration and the mobility diameter (D):

$$c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\text{cm}^3 \text{ PM}}{\text{m}^3 \text{ air}}\right) = \left(c_{\text{CPC}}\frac{\text{\# of particles}}{\text{cm}^3 \text{ air}}\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{6}D^3 \text{ nm}^3\right) \left(\frac{10^6 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ air}}{\text{m}^3 \text{ air}} \times \frac{10^{-21} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ PM}}{\text{nm}^3 \text{ PM}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. S9}$$

Volume concentration is converted to mass concentration (ammonium nitrate  $\rho = 1.72$  g cm<sup>-3</sup>):

$$c_{\rm CPC}\left(\frac{\mu g PM}{m^3 \operatorname{air}}\right) = \left(c_{\rm CPC} \ \frac{\mathrm{cm}^3 PM}{m^3 \operatorname{air}}\right) \left(\rho \ \frac{g PM}{\mathrm{cm}^3 PM}\right) \left(\frac{10^6 \ \mu g}{g}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. S10}$$

The mass concentration of NO<sub>3</sub> is extracted from the whole:

$$c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\mu g \,\text{NO}_3}{\text{m}^3 \,\text{air}}\right) = c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\mu g \,\text{PM}}{\text{m}^3 \,\text{air}}\right) \times \frac{62 \,\mu g \,\text{NO}_3}{80 \,\mu g \,\text{PM}} \qquad \text{Eq. S11}$$

Thus, the calculation for 300 nm particles is:

$$c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\mu g \,\text{NO}_3}{\text{m}^3 \,\text{air}}\right) = c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\text{cm}^{-3}\right) \times \frac{\pi}{6} (300 \,\text{nm})^3 \times 10^{-9} \times 1.72 \times \frac{62}{80}$$
 Eq. S12

Mass concentration is then converted to a rate of molecules per second:

$$c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\text{molec NO}_3}{\text{s}}\right) = c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\mu g \,\text{NO}_3}{\text{m}^3 \,\text{air}}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-6} \,\text{g}}{\mu g}\right) \left(\frac{1}{M_w} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(N_A \frac{\text{molec}}{\text{mol}}\right) \left(Q \,\frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}\right) \left(10^{-6} \,\frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{cm}^3}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. S13}$$

where  $N_A = 6.02214076e23$  is Avogadro's number and Q is the flow rate into the AMS.

Measured, CPC	Eq \$3.2	Eq S3.5	Measured, AMS					
$C_{CPC}\left(\frac{\# \text{ of particles}}{\text{ cm}^3 \text{ air}}\right)$	$C_{CPC}\left(\frac{\mu g PM}{m^3 air}\right)$	$C_{CPC}\left(\frac{\text{molec NO}_3}{s}\right)$	mz30 + mz46 $\left(\frac{ions}{s}\right)$					
812.0	15.30201295	1.65e11	25499.3					
593.7	11.18818361	1.20e11	18873.0					
366.0	6.897212733	7.43e10	11658.7					
154.0	2.902105904	3.12e10	4607.13					
16.2	0.3052864652	3.29e9	407.658					
IE <sub>N03</sub> is 1.56077×10 <sup>-7</sup> with an R <sup>2</sup> of 0.999766								

Table S7. Ammonium nitration ionization efficiency calibration.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The ammonium nitrate calibration took place on Feb. 17, 2022. Q was 1.108 cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.

A line is fit showing measured AMS signal as a function of molecules per second measured by the CPC. The slope of this line,  $1.56077 \times 10^{-7}$ , was taken to be IE<sub>NO3</sub>, and the regression R<sup>2</sup> value was 0.999766.

#### S4.2. Chloride

Table S8 shows the results of the chloride calibration. In this case, experiments were averaged and one value each of  $c_{CPC}$  and  $c_{AMS}$  were used (rather than fitting a line, as with ammonium nitrate). The chloride ionization efficiency is quantified using the sum of the high-resolution ions,  ${}^{35}Cl^+$ ,  $H^{35}Cl^+$ ,  ${}^{37}Cl^+$ ,  $H^{37}Cl^+$ , and  $Na^{35}Cl^+$ , corresponding to ions at m/z 35, 36, 37, 38, and 58.

Based on the HTDMA CPC signal, the concentration of particles passed to the AMS is  $c_{CPC} = 4.97 \ \mu g \ m^{-3}$  (averaged over two runs) of sea salt, assuming a density of 2.16 g cm<sup>-3</sup> (Eq S3.1,2). This is not the inverted total concentration, but rather the raw count, which is subsequently re-routed to the AMS in the modified setup (Figure 1, path D-2). The HTDMA and AMS experiments were done sequentially with the same sample on the same day. The

mass ratio of Cl to all ions in the dry sea salt is 0.53628028, thus the mass concentration of Cl is 2.67  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>.

Mass concentration is converted to molecules per second via:

$$c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\text{molec Cl}}{\text{s}}\right) = c_{\text{CPC}}\left(\frac{\mu \text{g Cl}}{\text{m}^3}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-6} \text{ g}}{\mu \text{g}}\right) \left(\frac{1}{M_w} \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{g}}\right) \left(N_A \frac{\text{molec}}{\text{mol}}\right) \left(\frac{10^{-6} \text{ m}^3}{\text{cm}^3}\right) \left(Q \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}}\right) \qquad \text{Eq. S14}$$

using the molar mass of Cl,  $M_w = 34.96885$  g mol<sup>-1</sup> and a flow rate Q = 1.6347292 cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> on April 26, 2022. The result is  $7.5 \times 10^{10}$  molecules per second. Applying a collection efficiency, CE, of 0.25 (typical of a dry salt aerosol) (Ovadnevaite et al.<sup>5</sup>), the value is reduced to CE ×  $c_{CPC} = 1.9 \times 10^{10}$  molecules per second. This value is directly compared to the average AMS signal (ions/s) to obtain the ionization efficiency:

$$IE_{Cl} = \frac{(CE)\left(l\frac{i \operatorname{ons} Cl}{s}\right)}{\left(c_{CPC} \frac{\operatorname{molec} Cl}{s}\right)}$$
Eq. S15

Results are printed in Table S8 and in the main text. The relative ionization efficiency is obtained via:

$$\operatorname{RIE}_{\operatorname{Cl}} = \frac{\operatorname{IE}_{\operatorname{Cl}}}{\operatorname{IE}_{\operatorname{NO}_3}} \frac{M_{w,\operatorname{NO}_3}}{M_{w,\operatorname{Cl}}}$$
Eq. S16

m/z	35	36	37	38	58	SUM
m/z HR (g/mol)	34.96885	35.97668	36.9659	37.97373	57.95862	
Ion ID	<sup>35</sup> Cl+	H <sup>35</sup> Cl+	<sup>37</sup> Cl+	H <sup>37</sup> Cl+	Na <sup>35</sup> Cl+	
с <sub>срс</sub> (µg РМ m⁻³)						4.97
с <sub>сес</sub> (µg Cl m <sup>-3</sup> )						2.67
c <sub>CPC</sub> (molec Cl s <sup>-1</sup> )						7.5035×10 <sup>10</sup>
Exp 1 (ions s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	137.701	228.907	50.8788	77.7011	29.3237	524.5116
Exp 2 (ions s <sup>-1</sup> )	185.389	299.257	53.6422	83.5137	37.673	659.4749
Average (ions s <sup>-1</sup> )					AVG:	591.9932
Collection Efficiency °						0.25
Ionization Efficiency of CI (ion / molec)						3.1558×10⁻ <sup>8</sup>
RIE of Cl						0.3584

Table S8. Chloride ionization efficiency calibration using sea salt.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The experiments took place on April 26, 2022. *Q* was 1.6347292 cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>b</sup> Exp 1 and Exp 2 are two separate HTDMA scans on the same day. <sup>c</sup> Value for dry salt<sup>5</sup>

# S4.3. Polystyrene

Table S9 shows the polystyrene ionization efficiency calculation, which followed a similar method as described for chloride. The collection efficiency of the salt-coated PSL was assumed to be 0.25, similar to chloride and appropriate for salts in the AMS.<sup>5</sup>

m/z	78	103	104	SUM
m/z HR (g/mol)	78.0514	103.0591	104.0649	
lon ID			C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> +	
c <sub>CPC</sub> (µg PS m⁻³)				0.0233785
c <sub>CPC</sub> (molec C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>				2.2116×10 <sup>8</sup>
Exp 1 (ions s <sup>-1</sup> ) °	23.8567	13.0868	13.1677	43.8104 <sup>d</sup>
Exp 2 (ions s <sup>-1</sup> )	19.7181	12.1157	17.3222	41.6820 <sup>d</sup>
Average (ions s <sup>-1</sup> )			AVG:	42.7462
Collection Efficiency				0.25
Ionization Efficiency of PS (ion / molec)				4.9669×10 <sup>-8</sup>
RIE of PS				0.1896

Table S9. Polystyrene ionization efficiency calibration.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> The experiments took place on April 26, 2022. *Q* was 1.6347292 cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. <sup>b</sup> After converting the observed mass into the equivalent concentration of styrene monomers. <sup>c</sup> Exp 1 and Exp 2 are two separate HTDMA scans on the same day. <sup>d</sup> Equal to the peak of the combined timeseries.

# Section S5. Supplement to the Results

# S5.1. Enhancement of Separation After Hygroscopic Growth

Figure S4 shows the size distribution  $(dN/dD, cm^{-3})$  measured by the DMA 1 (Figure 1, route A, B-1) juxtaposed with the size distribution measured by DMA 2 (the HTDMA, Figure 1 route A, B, C, D-1; dN/dD, cm<sup>-3</sup>). The comparison in panel A illustrates the detection of polystyrene latex spheres in the dry size distribution. The comparison in panel B illustrates that the polystyrene latex spheres are no longer detected in the dry size distribution, but maybe detected after humidified separation in the HTDMA.



**Figure S4.** The entire particle distribution with the HTDMA-selected growth factors overlaid, showing the ability of the HTDMA to separate the salt and PSL peaks even at higher concentrations of total particles. Particles were generated by the atomizer. Panel A shows solution #2 (see Table 1), experiments #13, 14, 31, and 32 (see Table S1). Panel B shows solution #5, experiments #6, 7, 8, 25, and 26. Note that the size distributions are not inverted and have units of particles per cm<sup>3</sup>.

#### S5.2. Growth Factors

Table S10 lists the hygroscopic growth factors displayed in the main text, Figure 5 and Figure 6. The table is broken into two figures to separate the atomizer from the ÆGOR experiments.

(A) Experi	(A) Experiments using the atomizer					(B) Experiments using ÆGOR sea spray tank				
Salinity g kg <sup>-1</sup>	GF 1ª -	GF 2 <sup>b</sup>	a <sub>w</sub> -	<b>к</b> <sup>с</sup>	Salinity g kg <sup>-1</sup>	GF 1 -	GF 2	a <sub>w</sub>	к -	
NaN	NaN	NaN	74.9		0	1.01	1.25	74.9		
0	1.02	1.34	74.9		0	1.02	1.27	75.1		
0	1.00	NaN	74.9		0.01	NaN	NaN	74.7		
0.0001	1.02	NaN	74.9		0.01	1.04	1.3	74.9		
0.0005	1.02	NaN	74.9		0.0215	NaN	NaN	75.0		
0.0033	1.04	1.33	74.9		0.0464	NaN	NaN	75.1		
0.022	1.05	1.67	72.2		0.0464	1.02	1.63	75.0		
0.14	1.08	1.72	74.4	1.40752	0.1	NaN	NaN	74.9		
0.151	1.08	1.72	74.4	1.40752	0.2154	1.07	1.73	74.8	1.40747	
0.239	1.09	1.72	74.4	1.40752	0.2154	1.07	1.77	76.35	1.40792	
0.378	NaN	NaN	74.9		0.464	1.1	1.78	76.72	1.40789	
0.596	1.16	1.72	74.4	1.40752	0.464	1.12	1.77	76.35	1.40792	
0.94	1.34	1.72	74.4	1.40752	0.464	1.1	1.76	75.98	1.40737	
6.21	1.70	NaN	74.9		1	1.14	1.77	76.35	1.40792	
41	1.85	1.7	73.5	1.40799	1	1.1	1.79	77.08	1.40807	
		Avg:		1.408	1	1.13	1.77	76.35	1.40792	
		Std Dev:		1.48×10 <sup>-4</sup>				Avg:	1.41	
								Std Dev:	2.50×10 <sup>-</sup>	

Table S10. Measured growth factors and the hygroscopicity of sea salt.

<sup>a</sup> GF 1 is the growth factor of plastic. The dry diameter was 147 nm and dry size selection occurs at 150 nm for all experiments. <sup>b</sup> GF 2 is the growth factor of the salt mode. <sup>c</sup>  $\kappa$  is the hygroscopicity parameter of the salt (based on GF 2). Values are reported for salinity > 0.1 g kg<sup>-1</sup>, where the contribution from plastics can be ignored.  $\kappa = (GF^3 - 1)(1 - a_w)/a_w$ .

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