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New insights into atmospherically relevant reaction systems using direct analysis in real-time mass spectrometry (DART-MS)

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31 **1. Particle size distributions for amine-reacted diacids and α -cedrene secondary organic**
32 **aerosol (SOA) particles.**

33 **1.1 Amine-reacted diacid particles.**

34 At the exit of the flow reactor, size distributions of the amine-reacted diacid particles were
35 collected using a scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS, TSI) consisting of an electrostatic
36 classifier (model 3080), a long differential mobility analyzer (DMA, model 3081) and a
37 condensation particle counter (model 3025A or 3776). Typical surface weighted size
38 distributions for (a) malonic acid (C_3), (b) glutaric acid (C_5), and (c) pimelic acid (C_7) reacted
39 particles are presented in Fig. S1, with size distribution statistics given in Table S1. To reflect
40 the $\sim 10\%$ loss of amine-diacid particles in the denuder, a correction factor, C_f , of 1.1 was applied
41 when calculating the fraction of amine in the particles, f_p .

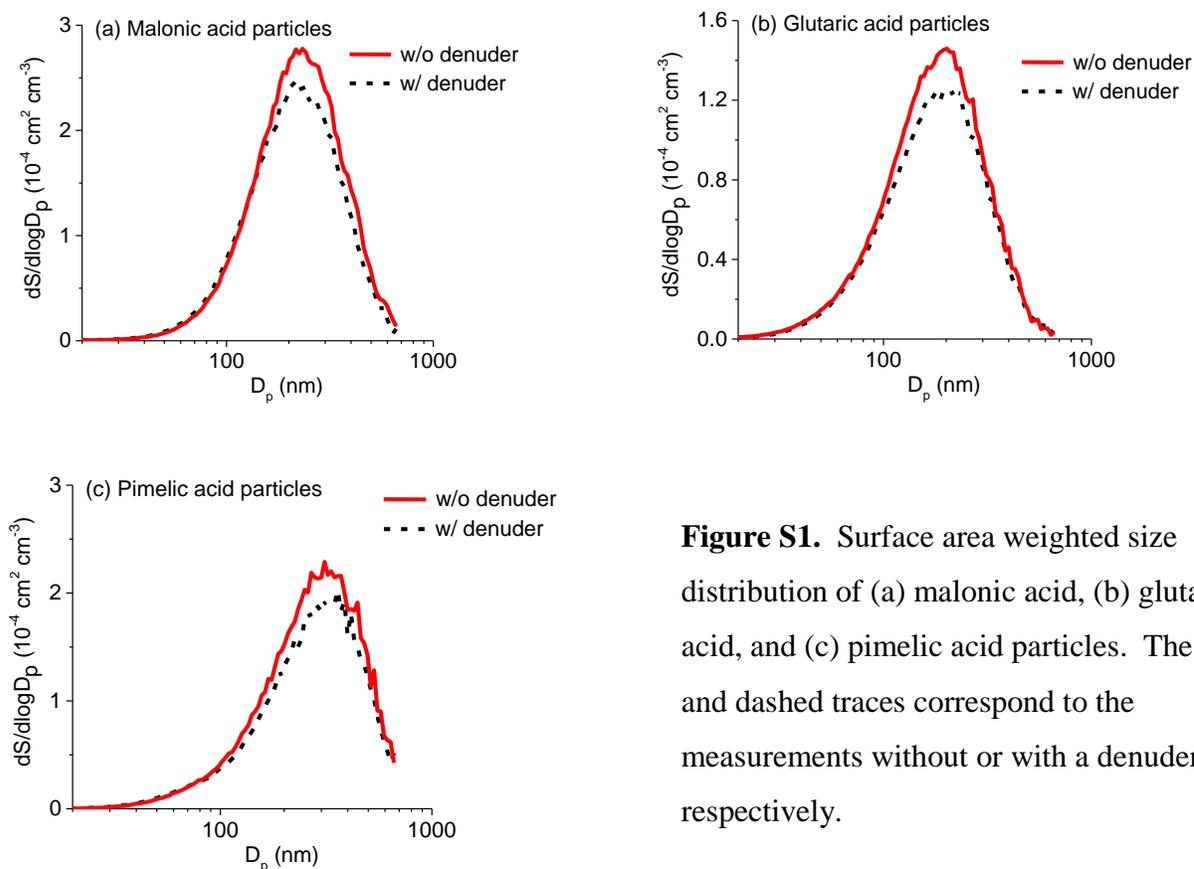


Figure S1. Surface area weighted size distribution of (a) malonic acid, (b) glutaric acid, and (c) pimelic acid particles. The solid and dashed traces correspond to the measurements without or with a denuder, respectively.

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46 **Table S1.** Size Distribution Statistics for Amine-Reacted Diacid Particles^d

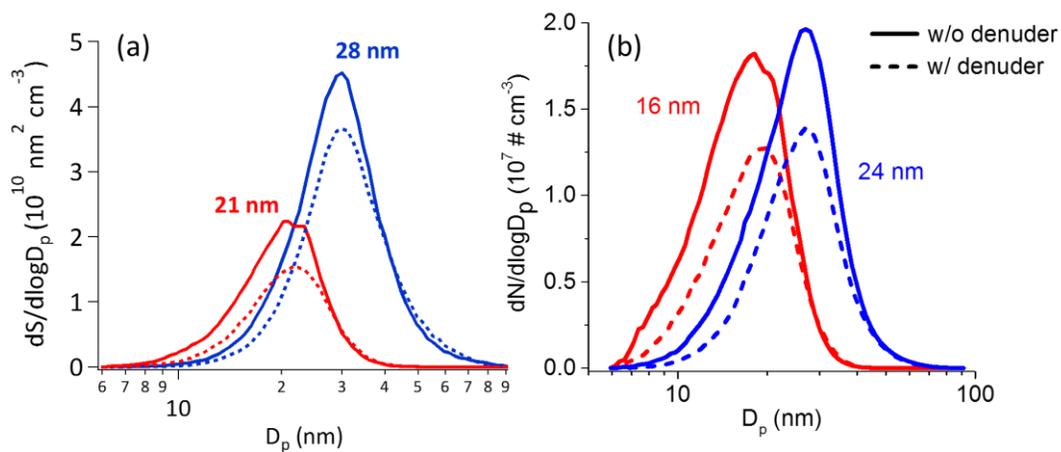
	Malonic acid (C ₃)	Succinic acid (C ₄)	Glutaric acid (C ₅)	Adipic acid (C ₆)	Pimelic acid (C ₇)
<u>Surface weighted distribution:</u>					
Total surface area (10 ⁻⁴ cm ² cm ⁻³)	1.4 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.1	1.1 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	1.2 ± 0.1
$\bar{D}_{g,S}$ (nm) ^a	239 ± 19	196 ± 8	211 ± 10	209 ± 9	224 ± 8
<u>Volume weighted distribution:</u>					
Total particle volume (10 ⁻¹⁰ cm ³ cm ⁻³)	6.8 ± 1.4	8.1 ± 0.8	2.9 ± 0.2	5.0 ± 0.6	5.3 ± 0.5
$\bar{D}_{g,V}$ (nm) ^b	290 ± 22	258 ± 14	269 ± 13	270 ± 9	299 ± 10
<u>Number weighted distribution:</u>					
Total number concentration (10 ⁵ cm ⁻³)	1.7 ± 0.5	3.5 ± 0.3	1.7 ± 0.8	2.3 ± 0.2	1.8 ± 0.3
$\bar{D}_{g,N}$ (nm) ^c	103 ± 3	95 ± 2	80 ± 12	81 ± 2	86 ± 4

47 ^a $\bar{D}_{g,S}$: surface area weighted geometric mean diameter. ^b $\bar{D}_{g,V}$: volume weighted geometric mean
48 diameter. ^c $\bar{D}_{g,N}$: number weighted geometric mean diameter. ^d Error bars represent ±1σ.

49 **1.2 α -Cedrene SOA particles.**

50 Particles exiting the flow reactor at room temperature ($T_{PS} = 23^\circ\text{C}$) were measured by SMPS. A
51 typical size distribution for α -cedrene SOA particles is presented in Fig. S2.

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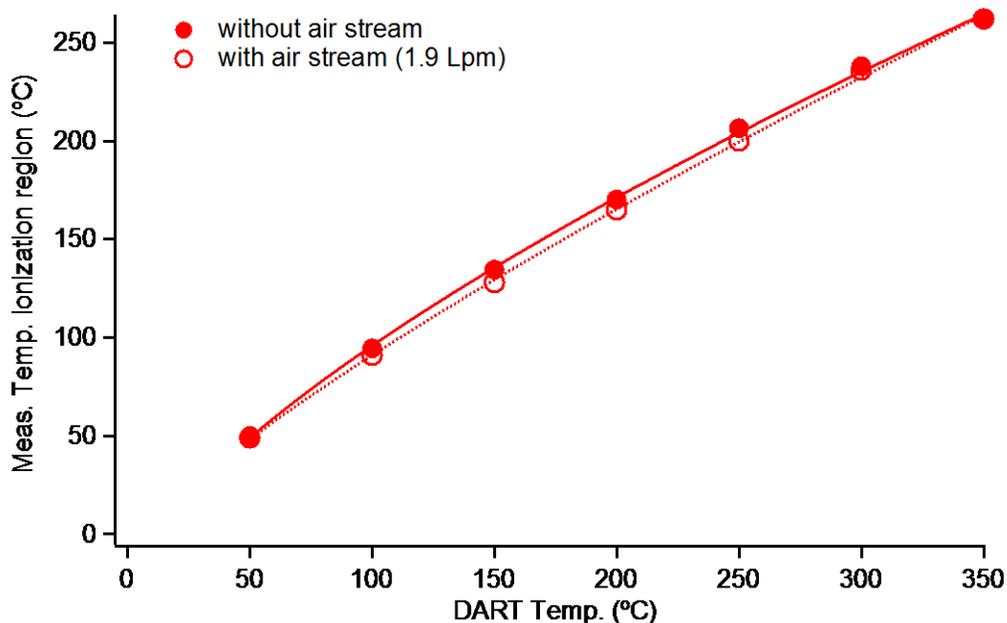
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54 **Figure S2.** (a) Surface weighted size distribution of α -cedrene SOA with geometric mean
55 diameters ($\bar{D}_{g,S}$) of 21 nm (red) and 28 nm (blue) and (b) number weighted size distribution with
56 geometric mean diameters ($\bar{D}_{g,N}$) of 16 nm (red) and 24 nm (blue) formed in the flow reactor.
57 The solid and dashed traces correspond to the measurements without or with a denuder,
58 respectively at $T_{PS} = 23^\circ\text{C}$.

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60 **2. Temperature in the DART ionization region**

61 The temperature in the ionization region was measured as a function of DART gas temperature
62 both with and without a clean air flow equivalent to that used for the particle stream by placing a
63 thermocouple in the middle of the ionization region. Figure S3 shows that there is no significant
64 difference of the measured temperature in the ionization region regardless of an added flow of air
65 within the region.

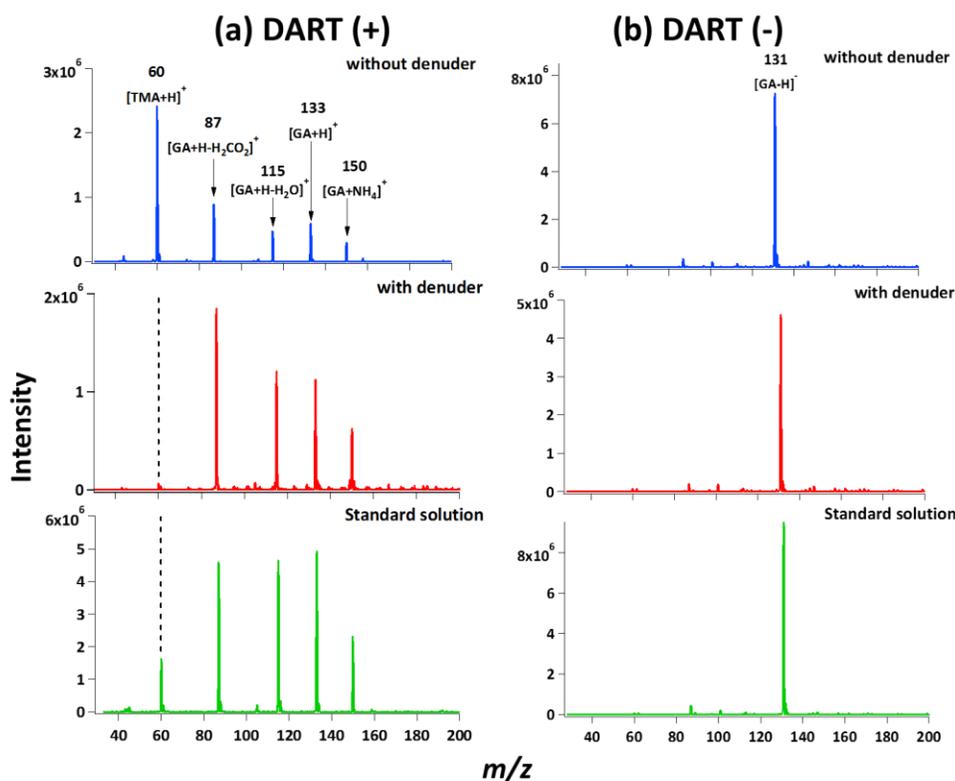


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67 **Figure S3.** Measured temperature in the ionization region as a function of DART temperature
68 with (open circles) or without (filled circles) added air flow.

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71 **3. DART mass spectra of trimethylamine (TMA)-reacted glutaric acid particles and TMA-**
72 **glutaric acid aqueous standard solution**

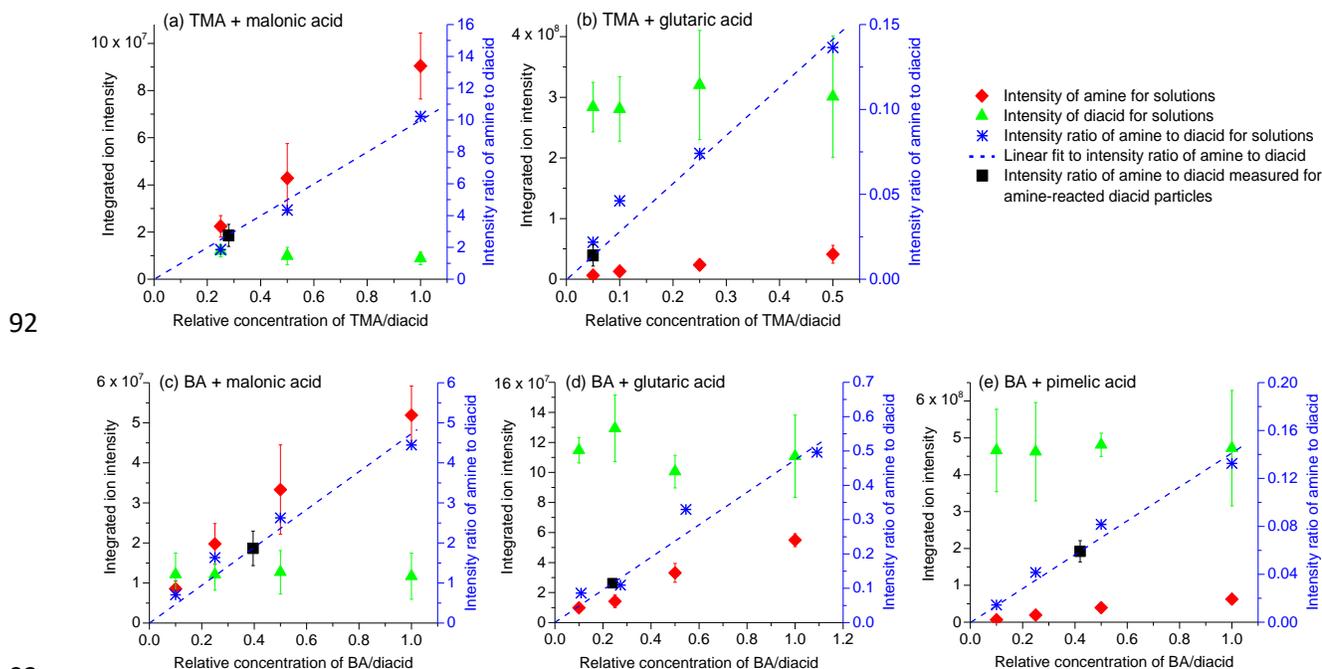
73 Amines were observed as their $[M+H]^+$ ions in the positive ion mode (Fig. S4a). Diacids showed
74 fragmentation in the positive ion mode, but only the parent peak was detected in the negative ion
75 mode (Fig. S4b). Both the amine peak in the (+) ion mode and the diacid peak in the (-) ion
76 mode were used for quantification of amines and diacids present in reacted particles exiting the
77 flow reactor. Protonated diacid-amine clusters were not observed either in the mass spectra for
78 particle stream or standard solutions, but the ammonium adduct of the diacid is observed due to
79 the ubiquitous presence of NH_3 in room air. Typical DART mass spectra are shown in Fig. S4 for
80 glutaric acid particles reacted with TMA.



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83 **Figure S4.** (a) Positive ion mode and (b) negative ion mode DART mass spectra for TMA-
84 reacted glutaric acid (GA) particles from the flow reactor without (blue) or with (red) a denuder,
85 and TMA-glutaric acid aqueous standard solution (green).

86 **4. DART-MS calibrations for the measurement of $R_{B/A}$ values.**

87 Standard solutions of known amine (0.5-10 mM) and diacid (10 mM) concentrations and their
88 corresponding DART-MS intensities were used to determine the $R_{B/A}$ values for amine-reacted
89 diacid particles based on their given intensities measured by DART-MS (see main text). All of
90 the solutions were analyzed in the same manner and five measurements were averaged for each
91 solution.



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94 **Figure S5.** DART-MS signal intensity of amine (red diamond) and diacid (green triangle), as
95 well as their intensity ratios (blue asterisk) as a function of the molar ratio of amine/diacid for
96 different amine-diacid standard solutions. The dashed line is a linear regression fit to the
97 intensity ratios of amine/diacid, i.e. the calibration curve. The black solid squares on each of the
98 calibration curves represent the measured DART-MS intensity ratio of particle-bound amine to
99 diacid, and thus determine the corresponding to the measured molar ratio of amine/diacid ($R_{B/A}$)
100 for amine-reacted diacid particles. Error bars represent $\pm 1\sigma$.

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102 **5. HR-ToF-AMS measurements.**

103 **5.1 HR-ToF-AMS operating conditions and data analysis.**

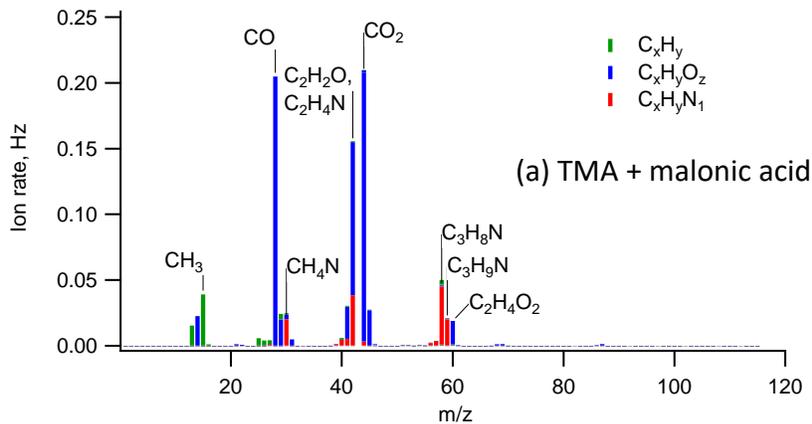
104 The chemical composition of TMA-reacted diacid particles from the flow reactor was measured
105 using an Aerodyne high resolution time-of-flight aerosol mass spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS). In
106 addition, particles of ammonium nitrate and trimethylammonium chloride were sampled by
107 atomizing from aqueous solutions of each salt using a constant output atomizer (TSI, model
108 3076) and two diffusion dryers (TSI, model 3062) in series. Mass spectra of these salts allowed
109 determination of relative ionization efficiencies (RIE) of NH_4^+ and TMA. All experimental and
110 calibration mass spectra were collected under the same AMS operating conditions: vaporizer
111 temperature = 600 ± 2 °C, ionization energy = 70 eV; filament emission current = 1.2 mA.

112 **5.2 Mass spectra of amine-reacted diacid particles.**

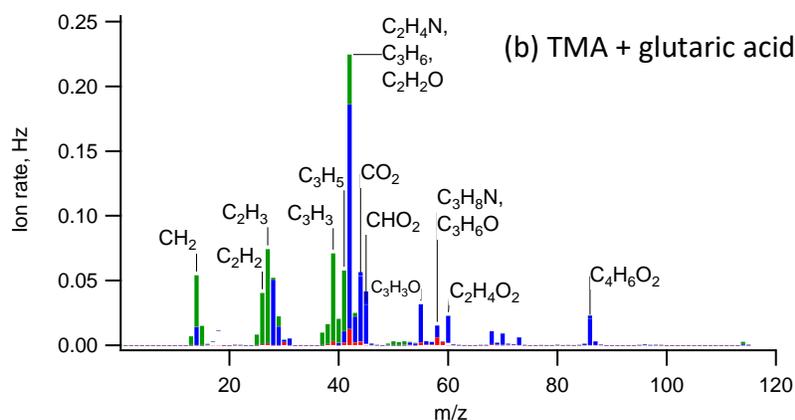
113 Aerosol mass spectra for the amine-reacted malonic acid, glutaric acid, and pimelic acid are
114 shown in Fig. S6. Spectra are normalized to the sum of the total peak intensity and color-coded
115 by the families of ions observed. Fragments of the formula, $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{N}_1^+$, originate from
116 trimethylamine, while $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{O}_z^+$ fragments originate from the diacids. Smaller C_xH_y^+ fragments
117 may be generated from both TMA and the diacids (e.g. CH_3^+), but it is clear from Fig. S6 that
118 there are an increasing number of C_xH_y^+ fragments as the carbon chain length of the diacid
119 particles increases. The C_xH_y^+ fragments account for 9%, 43%, and 56% of total fragments in
120 Fig. S6 for malonic acid, glutaric acid, and pimelic acid diacids, respectively, indicating these
121 fragments are predominantly generated from the diacids.

122 The relative intensities of $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{N}_1^+$ fragments decrease from malonic acid to pimelic acid
123 indicating that the reactivity of the diacids to TMA decreases with increasing diacid chain length,
124 in agreement with DART-MS data. The ion intensity ratio of amine to diacid present in the
125 particles was calculated from HR-ToF-AMS spectra from the sum of amine peak intensity
126 divided by the sum of diacid intensity for each system, each with RIE = 1. Although the relative
127 intensity of CO_2^+ fragments to the total ion intensity can often be used to identify carboxylic
128 acids (Aiken et al., 2007; Duplissy et al., 2011), quantification of diacids based on CO_2^+ alone
129 for a series of diacids with increasing chain length would lead to large underestimates because of
130 the significant intensity from C_xH_y^+ . The use of C_xH_y^+ fragments to quantify the diacids is

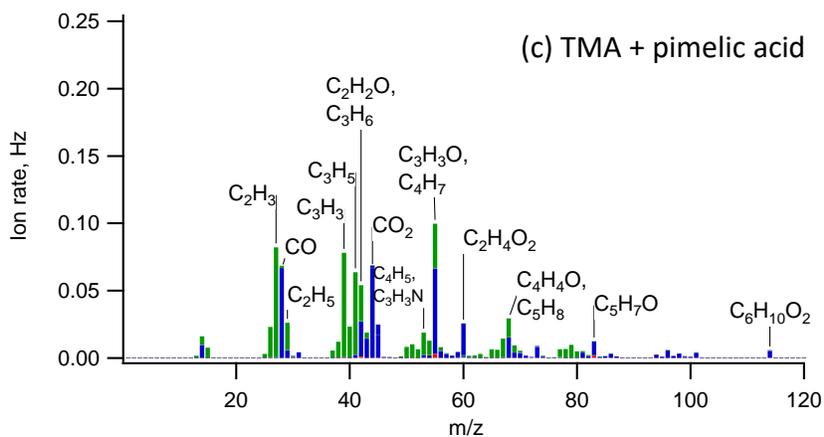
131 necessary to thoroughly account for all the diacid and allow for comparisons between the
132 systems. A more quantitative assignment of $C_xH_y^+$ fragments to TMA and each diacid is
133 discussed in the next section.



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137 **Figure S6.** Aerosol mass spectra for TMA-reacted (a) malonic acid (C_3), (b) glutaric acid (C_5),
138 and (c) pimelic acid (C_7) particles. Spectra are normalized to sum to one. Peaks are color-coded

139 for ion families: $C_xH_y^+$ = green, $C_xH_yO_z^+$ = blue, $C_xH_yN_1^+$ = red, and are stacked to show
140 contributions of ion families to each nominal mass. The labels show some of the fragments that
141 contribute to major peaks.

142 **5.3 Calculation of molar ratios of trimethylamine to diacids.**

143 The mass ratio may be determined from the ion intensity ratio if the RIE of each class of species
144 is known. The accepted RIE for organics (1.4) was used to calculate the mass concentrations of
145 the diacids (Alfarra et al., 2004; Drewnick et al., 2005). On the other hand, TMA, likely existing
146 as an aminium ion, may be expected to have a higher RIE, similar to NH_4^+ (Canagaratna et al.,
147 2007). Previous measurements show a wide range of 5-10 for small amines at similar AMS
148 operating conditions (Silva et al., 2008; McGuire et al., 2014). The RIE of NH_4^+ was determined
149 to be 3.8 ± 0.3 (1σ) through Brute Force Single Particle (BFSP) calibrations using NH_4NO_3
150 (Fisher, 99.9%) particles of size-selected diameters 300, 350, 400, and 450 nm. To examine the
151 RIE for trimethylaminium ion under our specific operating conditions, particles of
152 trimethylaminium chloride (Sigma-Aldrich, 98%) were sampled by AMS. Equation (S1) shows
153 the relationship between the expected and observed mass intensity ratios.

$$154 \quad \left(\frac{I_{TMA}}{I_{chloride}}\right)_{expected} = \left(\frac{I_{TMA}}{I_{chloride}}\right)_{observed} \cdot \frac{1/RIE_{TMA}}{1/RIE_{chloride}} \quad (S1)$$

155 The sum of $C_xH_yN_1^+$ fragments and minor $C_xH_y^+$ fragments was used to quantify TMA (I_{TMA}),
156 while the sum of Cl^+ and HCl^+ fragments was used to quantify chloride ($I_{chloride}$). Mass spectra
157 of trimethylaminium chloride are expected to give a mass ratio of amine/chloride of 1.7 (ratio of
158 trimethylaminium (60 g mol^{-1}) to chloride (35.5 g mol^{-1})), but instead gave an observed mass
159 ratio of 4.8. Using the default RIE for chloride (1.3) resulted in an RIE for TMA of 3.7 ± 0.1
160 (1σ), similar to NH_4^+ .

161 Mass ratios of amine to diacid given by these RIE values (3.7 for TMA, 1.4 for the diacids) are
162 then converted to molar ratios for each TMA-diacid system using the molecular weight (MW)
163 for TMA and each diacid. Equation (S2) shows the parameters used to calculate molar ratios of
164 amine to each diacid, $R_{B/A,AMS}$.

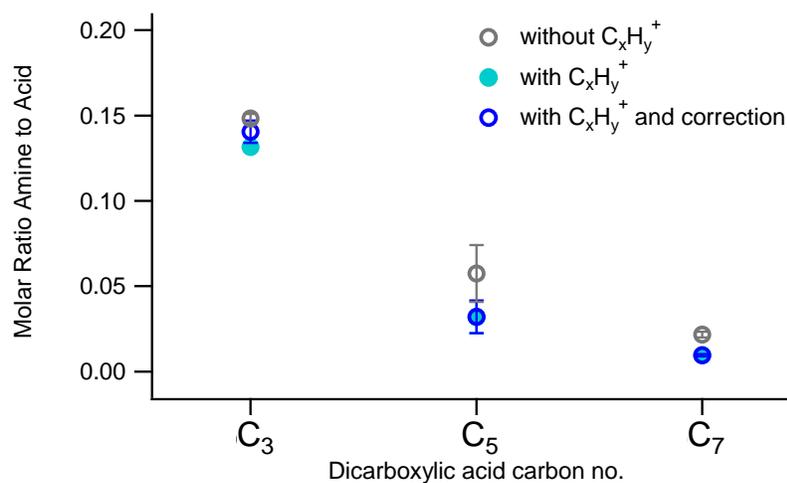
$$R_{B/A,AMS} = \left[\frac{\sum C_x H_y N_1^+}{\sum (C_x H_y O_z^+) + \sum (C_x H_y^+)} \cdot \frac{1/RIE_{amine}}{1/RIE_{acid}} \right] \cdot \frac{MW_{acid}}{MW_{amine}} \quad (S2)$$

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 166 The sum of $C_x H_y^+$ ions was included in the quantification of the diacid because these ions exhibit
 167 increasing ion intensity for each diacid as the carbon number of the diacid increases. However, a
 168 small contribution of $C_x H_y^+$ ions from TMA was also observed from TMA in trimethylammonium
 169 chloride mass spectra. In order to account for the contribution of $C_x H_y^+$ from TMA in
 170 trimethylammonium chloride particles, the ratios of major $C_x H_y^+$ ions to the intensity of the $C_3 H_8 N^+$
 171 peak (largest amine peak) were determined from mass spectra of trimethylammonium chloride
 172 spectra. These ratios are expected to be similar in TMA-reacted diacid particle experiments. By
 173 far, the major $C_x H_y^+$ ion observed in trimethylammonium chloride spectra was CH_3^+ , with a relative
 174 intensity of 0.58 to $C_3 H_8 N^+$. Smaller $C_x H_y^+$ peaks observed from TMA were $C_2 H_3^+$ (m/z 27) and
 175 $C_2 H_5^+$ (m/z 29) with relative intensities to $C_3 H_8 N^+$ of 0.10 and 0.11, respectively. These peaks
 176 are resolved from other ions at the same nominal mass. In TMA-reacted diacid particle mass
 177 spectra, any intensity of these $C_x H_y^+$ ions that was in excess of these ratios was attributed to the
 178 diacid.

179 Figure S7 shows the molar ratios determined for reaction of TMA with diacid particles with and
 180 without the correction presented above, as well as without adding any contribution from $C_x H_y^+$
 181 for both TMA and each diacid. The correction for $C_x H_y^+$ from TMA is fairly minor, resulting in a
 182 7% increase in the molar ratio calculated for TMA+malonic acid, 1% for TMA+glutaric acid,
 183 and 0.3% for TMA+pimelic acid. It is clear that larger $C_x H_y^+$ fragments begin to contribute
 184 significantly to the mass spectrum for glutaric acid particles and pimelic acid particles
 185 (decreasing the ratio by a factor of two for the latter). The molar ratios reported in Table 1 of the
 186 main text are those including $C_x H_y^+$ fragments with the correction discussed for TMA.

187 Collection efficiencies of amine-reacted diacid particles in the HR-ToF-AMS may be larger than
 188 those of the pure diacid particles, but were assumed to be equal here. Amine reactions with
 189 monocarboxylic acids in which the acid is fully titrated have been reported to create liquid
 190 particles (Lavi et al., 2015). If this is also true for amine-reacted diacid particles, it would
 191 decrease particle bounce on the HR-ToF-AMS vaporizer and increase collection efficiency
 192 relative to diacid particles that remain unreacted or less reacted. In this case, $R_{B/A}$ could be
 193 overestimated.

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196 **Figure S7.** Molar ratio of amine to diacid observed for TMA-reacted malonic (C₃), glutaric (C₅),
197 and pimelic (C₇) acid particles. Mass ratios (not shown) were determined by AMS using an RIE
198 of 3.7 ± 0.1 (1σ) for TMA and the default RIE for all organics of 1.4 for each diacid and
199 converted to molar ratios using Eq. (S2). Error bars represent 1σ of either the standard deviation
200 of replicate measurements or the propagation of mass spectral errors and the amine RIE
201 measurement uncertainty, whichever is greatest.

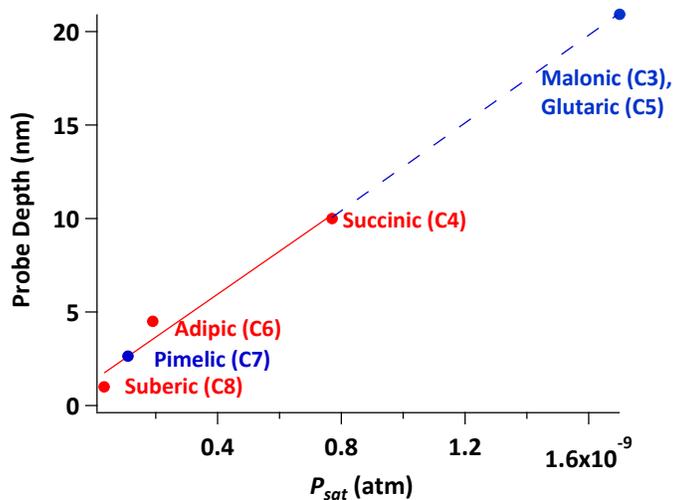
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204 **6. Estimation of the probe depth for pimelic acid particles based on their saturation vapor**
205 **pressures**

206 Chan et al. (Chan et al., 2013) used DART-MS to measure the probe depth of succinic acid (C₄),
207 adipic acid (C₆), and suberic acid (C₈). They found that the measured probe depth is correlated
208 with the vapor pressure (Bilde et al., 2015) of the diacids, with a measured probe depth of ~10
209 nm for succinic acid ($P_{sat} = 7.7 \times 10^{-10}$ atm), ~4.5 nm for adipic acid ($P_{sat} = 1.9 \times 10^{-10}$ atm), and
210 ~1 nm for suberic acid ($P_{sat} = 3.3 \times 10^{-11}$ atm). Using the linear regression from this relationship
211 (Fig. S8) and the vapor pressures of malonic acid, glutaric acid, and pimelic acid, respectively,
212 probe depths for these acids were estimated. Although some uncertainty remains in the
213 determination of the absolute probe depth using this approach, this method allows to estimate the
214 relative probe depth between the odd acids tested in the present study. This extrapolation yields
215 a probe depth for glutaric acid (and malonic acid) which is a factor of 8 larger than that of
216 pimelic acid allowing for a corrected $R_{B/A}$ value of 0.05 for butylamine reacted pimelic acid
217 particles.

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221 **Figure S8.** Linear relationship of the probe depth as a function of saturation vapor pressure
222 (P_{sat}) for even-diacids as reported by Chan et al. (Chan et al., 2013) The red trace represents the
223 linear regression for the even diacids: probe depth (nm) = $(1.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ nm/atm} * P_{sat}) + 1.4$.

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225 7. Number of TMA molecules ($N_{p\text{-amine}}$) present in TMA-reacted diacid particles

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227 **Table S2.** $N_{p\text{-amine}}$ values for TMA-reacted diacid systems based on DART-MS measurements.

	C ₃	C ₄	C ₅	C ₆	C ₇
$N_{p\text{-amine}}$ (10^{11} molecule cm^{-3})	3.8 ± 1.1	ND	0.42 ± 0.02	ND	ND

228 ND: not detected. Error bars are $\pm 1\sigma$.

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230 8. Evaluation of potential artifacts in DART-MS.

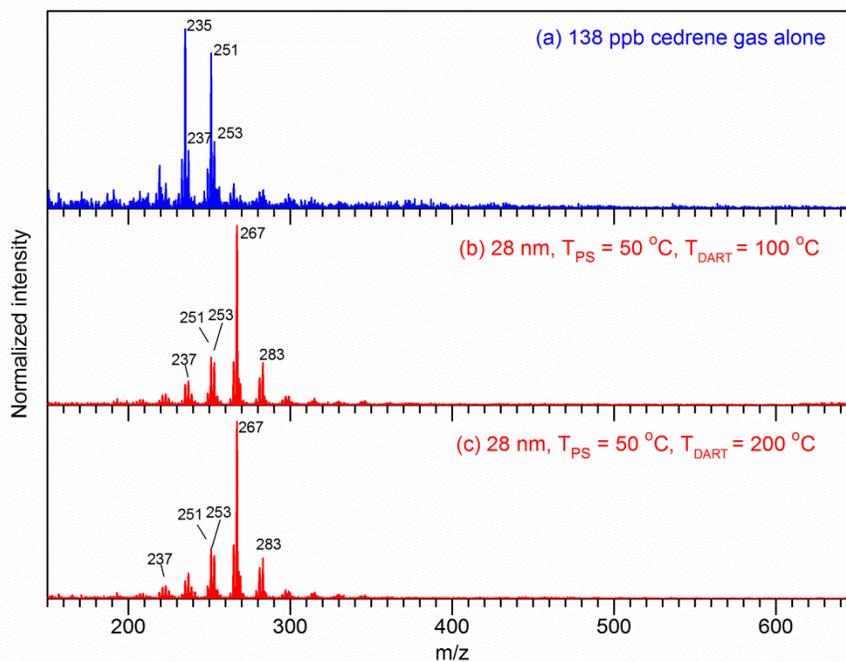
231 The ionization reactions in the DART ion source can generate reactive oxygen species such as
232 OH and HO₂ radicals, and superoxide anion (O₂⁻), along with different reagent ions (Cody et al.,
233 2005; Gross, 2014). These species may lead to in-source oxidation of organic species, in
234 particular for unsaturated compounds. In addition, there may be gas phase ion clustering of
235 organic compounds in the DART ion source, which can lead to the formation of high molecular
236 weight (HMW) species, which has been shown to occur with some ionization techniques such as
237 ESI-MS (Gao et al., 2010; Muller et al., 2009) and CIMS with protonated water clusters or
238 acetate as reagent ions (Aljawhary et al., 2013). In this work, these possible ionization artifacts
239 in the DART source are evaluated to validate the interpretation of DART-MS data. Different
240 standards including α -cedrene, C₃-C₇ diacids, hexadecanedioic acid (Sigma-Aldrich, 96%),
241 pinonic acid (Sigma-Aldrich, 98%), and oleic acid (Sigma-Aldrich, $\geq 99\%$) were analyzed in the
242 negative ion mode under DART source conditions identical to those for online particle
243 measurements. α -Cedrene was analyzed by directly introducing its gas stream (138 ppb) into the
244 DART ionization region. Other standards were analyzed individually by dipping a clean melting
245 point capillary tube into their pure compounds or aqueous solutions (10 mM) and then placing it
246 directly into the DART ionization region. In addition, the α -cedrene SOA stream, which was
247 heated to 50 °C before entering into the DART ionization region, was analyzed in some
248 experiments at a lower DART gas temperature (100 or 200 °C) than the temperature (350 °C)
249 used for routine measurements. At these low temperatures, very low volatility HMW products in
250 the SOA would not be effectively vaporized and the HMW ions observed in the mass spectrum,

251 if any, should be mainly formed by the in-source ion clustering of relatively high volatility
252 products desorbed from SOA particles.

253 Figure S9a shows the DART(-) (negative ion mode) mass spectrum of 138 ppb gas phase α -
254 cedrene. No ion signal due to α -cedrene itself corresponding to its $[M - H]^-$ (m/z 203) or $[M]^-$
255 (m/z 204) parent ion is observed in the mass spectra, consistent with previous studies which
256 showed that alkenes can only be detected in the positive ion mode (Nah et al., 2013). However,
257 strong peaks at m/z 235 and m/z 251 and relatively smaller peaks at m/z 237 and m/z 253, which
258 are the oxidation products of α -cedrene as discussed later, are observed in the mass spectra,
259 suggesting that oxidation of α -cedrene occurs in the DART source. Analysis of an oleic acid
260 standard using DART-MS also showed multiple peaks corresponding to its oxidation products
261 such as azelaic acid (from oxidative cleavage of the double bond) consistent with the detection
262 by other techniques (Zahardis and Petrucci, 2007), OAO (one oxygen atom added to oleic acid),
263 and OAO₂ (two oxygen atoms added) (Chan et al., 2013) with intensities of ~ 5-10% of the oleic
264 acid parent peak. In contrast, no obvious peaks indicating oxidation chemistry were observed in
265 DART(-) mass spectra for other standards that do not have a C=C bond. For DART-MS analysis
266 of α -cedrene SOA particles, the particle stream was first passed through a denuder to remove the
267 gas phase species including the unreacted α -cedrene. Additionally, since α -cedrene contains
268 only one C=C bond, the oxidation products are unlikely to have C=C bonds. Therefore, it is
269 expected that the DART-MS analysis presented below would not suffer from an in-source
270 oxidation artifact.

271 Figures S9b and S9c show the DART(-) mass spectra of α -cedrene SOA particles where the
272 particle stream was heated to $T_{PS} = 50$ °C and the DART gas temperature (T_{DART}) was either 100
273 or 200 °C. Only low molecular weight (LMW) ions are observed in the mass spectra, as
274 expected if the HMW products in the SOA particles were not effectively vaporized under these
275 analysis conditions. The absence of HMW ions in the mass spectra also suggests that the in-
276 source clustering of components of α -cedrene SOA particles is not important. The DART(-)
277 mass spectra of standard compounds also show negligible contributions from HMW ions except
278 for malonic acid, for which the acid dimer is observed with its intensity being ~ 20% of that of
279 the monomer.

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282 **Figure S9.** DART(-) mass spectra of (a) α -cedrene gas, (b) α -cedrene SOA particles at $T_{\text{DART}} =$
283 100 °C, and (c) α -cedrene SOA particles at $T_{\text{DART}} = 200$ °C. T_{PS} denotes the particle stream
284 heating temperature before introduction into the ionization region, which is 50 °C for (b) and (c).
285 T_{DART} represents the DART gas temperature.

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