



# Supplement of

## Modification, calibration, and performance of the Ultra-High Sensitivity Aerosol Spectrometer for particle size distribution and volatility measurements during the Atmospheric Tomography Mission (ATom) airborne campaign

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### **Supplementary Material**

| Part of the flow system | Item added   | Specifications   |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Sample flow             | Laminar flow element (LFE)                             | ID=0.069 cm  |  |  |
|                         |  | Length=17.5 cm   |  |  |
|                         |  | Laminar flow range: 0-0.1 L min <sup>-1</sup>          |  |  |
|                         | Differential pressure transducer                       | Alicat, P-5in-dp, range: 0-2" H <sub>2</sub> O         |  |  |
| Sheath flow             | Volumetric flow controller (VFC) replaces needle valve | Alicat, MC-15LPM, operated in volume flow control mode |  |  |

#### Table S1. List of items added to the UHSAS flow system

#### Table S2. Thermodenuder components and dimensions

| Part                         | Model                            | Manufacturer                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Temperature controller       | CN32PT-224-C24                   | Omega Engineering Inc., Stamford, CT, USA     |
| Solid state relay            | 120D25                           | OPTO 22, Temecula, CA, USA                    |
| Platinum resistance          | HEL-707-U-1-12-00                | Honeywell Sensing and Control, Golden Valley, |
| temperature detector (RTD)   |                                  | MN, USA                                       |
| Cylindrical cartridge heater | HDC00066                         | Honeywell Sensing and Control, Golden Valley, |
|                              |                                  | MN, USA                                       |
| Housing tube                 | stainless steel, ID=1.12 cm      |   |
| Perforated tube insert       | PS4542A: Stainless Steel 17-4 PH | Xometry, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD, USA          |
| Activated carbon fiber cloth | FlexZorb                         | Calgon Carbon Corporation, Moon Township,     |
|                              | Thickness 0.3 mm                 | Pennsylvania, USA                             |

Table S3. Estimated relative uncertainties in aerosol number  $(\sigma_N)$ , surface  $(\sigma_S)$  and volume  $(\sigma_V)$  at STP conditions. Uncertainties are calculated for representative size distributions in the marine boundary layer (MBL) and free troposphere (FT) using different averaging times.

| Date and<br>location | Integration<br>time (s) | Counts - | Ν                   | S                                   | V                                   | Р     | <b>σ</b> <sub>N</sub> (%) | <b>G</b> S (%) | <b>σ</b> V (%) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      |                         |          | (cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | (µm <sup>2</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | (µm <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | (hPa) |                           |                |                |
| 2017/02/05           | 1                       | 31       | 34.1                | 2.376                               | 0.074                               | 1101  | ±18                       | +29.5/-43.0    | +35.0/-55.8    |
| MBL                  | 10                      | 297      | 27.4                | 2.888                               | 0.177                               | 1101  | ±5.9                      | +17.4/-29.7    | +22.9/-40.5    |
| 32 °S                | 60                      | 1654     | 27.4                | 2.81                                | 0.14                                | 1104  | ±2.6                      | +14.1/-26.6    | +19.7/-38.0    |
| 2017/02/10           | 1                       | 134      | 138.2               | 19.614                              | 1.636                               | 1061  | ±8.7                      | +20.2/-31.6    | +25.7/-42.2    |
| MBL                  | 10                      | 1582     | 150.3               | 26.065                              | 2.779                               | 1058  | ±2.7                      | +14.2/-25.2    | +19.7/-36.0    |
| 59.77 °S             | 60                      | 8705     | 145.9               | 25.585                              | 2.628                               | 1061  | ±1.4                      | +12.9/-23.9    | +18.5/-34.7    |
| 2017/01/26           | 1                       | 6        | 35.5                | 0.938                               | 0.015                               | 294   | ±40.8                     | +52.4/-70.8    | +57.9/-86.3    |
| FT                   | 10                      | 40       | 21.7                | 0.458                               | 0.007                               | 293   | ±15.8                     | +27.4/-47.1    | +32.9/-62.9    |
| 4 °N                 | 60                      | 255      | 24.0                | 0.597                               | 0.01                                | 294   | ±6.3                      | +17.9/-36.4    | +23.4/-50.9    |
| 2017/01/26           | 1                       | 53       | 442.4               | 10.119                              | 0.156                               | 256   | ±13.8                     | +25.3/-44.4    | +30.8/-59.5    |
| FT                   | 10                      | 541      | 411.9               | 12.775                              | 0.262                               | 256   | ±4.4                      | +15.9/-33.1    | +21.4/-46.3    |
| 18.7 °N              | 60                      | 3208     | 438.9               | 13.994                              | 0.361                               | 256   | ±2.0                      | +13.5/-30.5    | +19.0/-41.7    |



Fig.S1. UHSAS-2 sizing response to pressure change as a function of bin number for a mixture of four PSL particle sizes. Bin uncertainty, obscured by the symbols, is based on the uncertainty in a Gaussian fit to the size distribution histogram.