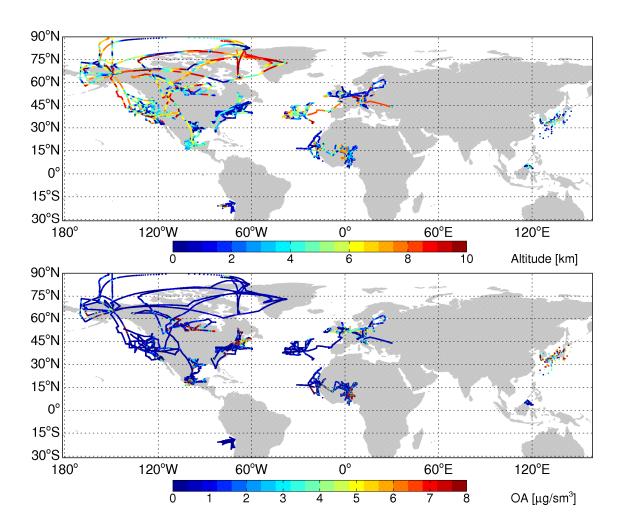
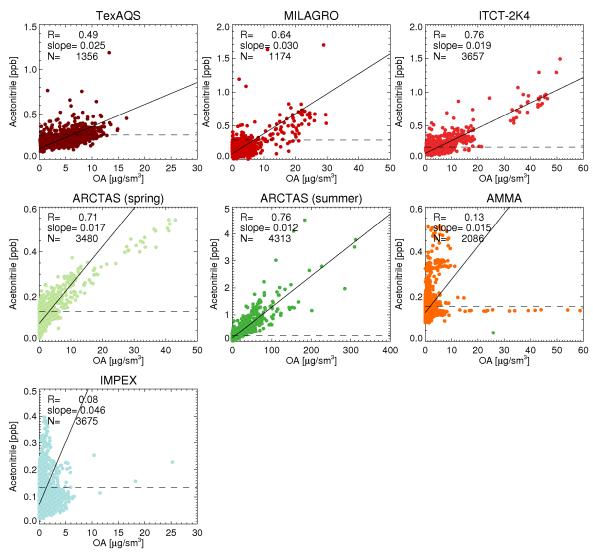
## **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

## Exploring the vertical profile of atmospheric organic aerosol: comparing 17 aircraft field campaigns with a global model

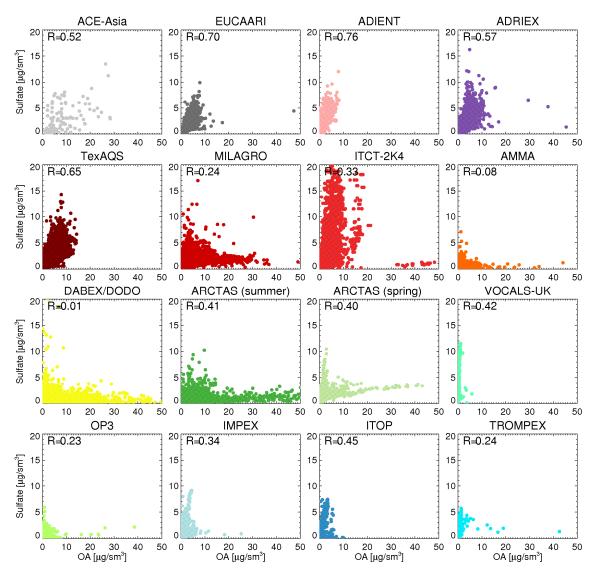
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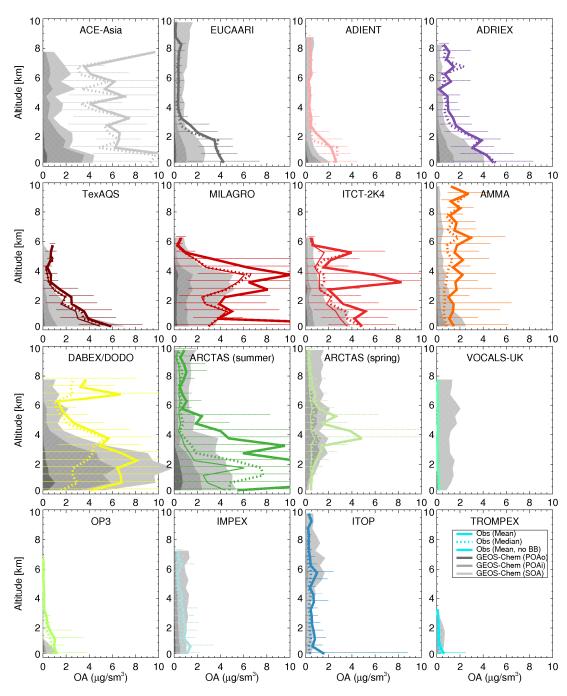
**Figure S1:** Flight tracks for the 17 aircraft field campaigns examined here colored by aircraft altitude (top) and observed OA concentrations (bottom). Color scales are saturated at their respective maximum values.



**Figure S2:** Scatter plot of observed acetonitrile and OA concentrations for seven campaigns. Correlation coefficients and slopes from a reduced-major axes fit shown in inset, line of best fit shown in black. 80<sup>th</sup> percentile acetonitrile concentrations for each campaign are indicated with a dashed line.



**Figure S3**: Scatter plot of observed organic aerosol (OA) to sulfate concentrations for 17 aircraft field campaigns. Correlation coefficients (R) shown in inset.



**Figure S4:** As in Figure 4, mean simulated OA (grey) is compared to observed (color) concentrations for 17 field campaigns, however the model simulation here includes an additional source of biogenic SOA (BSOA) of ~ 100 Tgyr<sup>-1</sup> estimated by scaling simulated BSOA by a factor of 4.