

Method	First reference	Size selective	Continuous or discontinuous	Evaporation method	Phase(s) measured	Minimum mass concentration analyte aerosol [pg m ⁻³]	Minimum detectable mass [pg]	Smallest detected particle size
VACA	Curtius et al. (1998)	no	continuous	thermal desorption	gas & particle ^a	~ 3.3 × 10 ⁵ pg m ⁻³ sulfuric acid	n/a	n/a
TDCIMS	Voisin et al. (2003)	yes	discontinuous	thermal desorption	particle	n/a	e.g., 1–5 pg ammonium sulfate	8–10 nm
NAMS	Wang et al. (2006)	yes	continuous	laser ablation	particle	n/a	n/a	~ 7–10 nm
Aerosol MS	Laitinen et al. (2009)	yes	discontinuous	laser ablation	particle	n/a	n/a	10 nm
Aerosol inlet	Phares and Collier (2010)	yes	discontinuous	thermal desorption	particle	n/a	n/a	n/a
CAChUP	Gonser and Held (2013)	yes	discontinuous	thermal desorption	particle	n/a	0.5–5 × 10 ³ pg camphene	25 nm
FIGAERO	Lopez-Hilfiker et al. (2014)	no	discontinuous	thermal desorption	gas & particle	e.g., 5 ^b 60 ^c pg m ⁻³ <chem>C10H14O8</chem> 1690 ^b 900 ^c pg m ⁻³ <chem>C9H14O4</chem>	e.g., 1 ^b 40 ^c pg <chem>C10H14O8</chem> 170 ^b 630 ^c pg <chem>C9H14O4</chem>	n/a
EP-ESI-MS	He et al. (2015)	no	discontinuous	electrospray	particle	10 ⁵ pg m ⁻³	~ 2 × 10 ³ pg cesium iodide ~ 2 × 10 ⁴ pg levoglucosan	n/a
DAII	Horan et al. (2017)	no	continuous	heating	particle	10 ⁵ pg m ⁻³ polypropylene glycol	n/a	13 nm
TD-DMA	this work	yes	discontinuous	thermal desorption	gas & particle	27 pg m ⁻³ for all sizes 811 pg m ⁻³ for 15 nm sulfuric acid	10 pg sulfuric acid	15 nm