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Overview of PM1 Composition and Sources of Organic Mass in Europe

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Abstract

Three big field one-month campaigns were performed within the EU project EUCAARI (European Integrated Project on Aerosol Cloud Climate Air Quality Interactions) and EMEP (European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme) in Spring/Autumn 2008 and winter/spring 2009. An unprecedented amount of Aerodyne aerosol mass spectrometers (up to 14 instruments at a time) were set up in various countries across Europe along with many other complementary instrumentation. The sources contributing to organic PM1 are analyzed with positive matrix factorization and other statistical methods like ME-2 (multi-linear engine). We expect to find contributions of traffic, biomass burning, secondary organic aerosols (of varying volatility and degree of oxidation) and possibly other sources. The composition of PM1 including the organic particulate sources as well as ammonium, nitrate and sulfate will be discussed for stations covering all Europe from the south (Greece, Spain) to the North (Sweden, Finland) and from the West (Ireland) to the East (Hungary).

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