

# Ambient Quantification and Size Distributions for Organic Aerosol in Aerosol Mass Spectrometers with the New Capture Vaporizer

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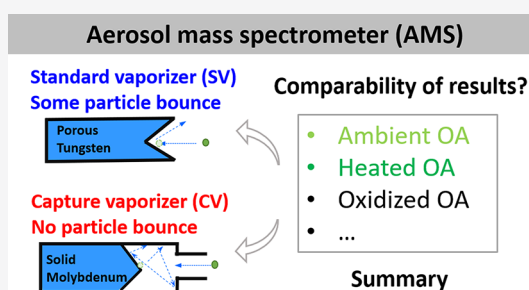
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**ABSTRACT:** Aerodyne aerosol mass spectrometers (AMSs) or aerosol chemical speciation monitors (ACSMs) are widely deployed to quantify organic aerosol (OA) mass concentration and size distribution in various field and laboratory studies across the world. A nonunity collection efficiency (CE, usually 0.45–1), resulting from particle bounce (PB) on a standard vaporizer (SV), depends on the chemical composition and phase of the aerosol. The estimation of CE contributes a significant fraction of the total quantification uncertainty for these instruments. To address this uncertainty, a capture vaporizer (CV) was recently designed to reduce or eliminate PB. Here, we evaluate the quantification of ambient submicron OA with the CV, including multiple biogenic- and anthropogenic-influenced field studies. Good agreement of OA between the SV and CV has been found (slopes = 0.84–1,  $R > 0.9$ ), consistent with both  $CE \approx 1$  for ambient OA with the CV and with the chemical composition-dependent CE (CDCE) previously developed for ambient SV data. The effects of oxidation and thermal denuding of aerosols on quantification using both vaporizers are also examined. No effect of the oxidation state of OA on quantification of SV and CV AMSs is observed. Our results show that the SV CDCE, which works well for ambient aerosols, overestimates the CE of OA after thermal denuding because of nominally increasing inorganic acidity upon heating. Size distributions of three laboratory-generated OA species have similarly delayed detection and broadened ratios in the CV versus SV as for  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$ . The CV cannot measure size distributions at a lower vaporizer temperature ( $<500$  °C for oleic acid and squalene and  $<350$  °C for citric acid) because of too slow vaporization of OA. Finally, we summarize all the relevant pros and cons for using the CV versus SV in AMS and ACSM studies, which at present, point to the need to decide on the best vaporizer depending on the main objectives of a given instrument and study.

**KEYWORDS:** OA quantification, size distribution, lens transmission, particle bounce, collection efficiency, oxidation flow reactor, OFR, thermodenuder, SOAS, KORUS-AQ



## 1. INTRODUCTION

Organic aerosol (OA) accounts for 20–70% of the fine aerosol mass worldwide with an important impact on climate forcing and human health.<sup>1–7</sup> The quantification of total ambient OA, which is composed of thousands of individual species, has significant uncertainties for all methods.<sup>8–13</sup> This is due to the complex and dynamically varying physical and chemical properties of OA<sup>7,13,14</sup> and the general challenges in relation to quantitative collection of particles.<sup>9,15</sup> Aerosol mass spectrometers (AMSs) and/or aerosol chemical species monitors (ACSMs) are the only commercial instruments that can quantify total OA mass concentration with a time resolution of seconds to minutes.<sup>16–23</sup> Thus, these instruments are very commonly used in laboratory, for example, refs,<sup>24,25</sup> and field studies, for example, refs,<sup>1,26</sup> for OA quantification and chemical characterization. AMSs also can measure chemically resolved size distributions by measuring the particle flight time inside the AMS vacuum chamber.<sup>20</sup>

The commercialized standard vaporizer (SV) used in almost all AMSs and ACSMs is made of porous tungsten and shaped as a cylinder with an open inverted cone surface, where the particles impact and vaporize. Solid particles may not vaporize on the first collision and can bounce off the SV surface without evaporation, leading to incomplete particle detection. Thus, a correction factor based on the estimated collection efficiency (CE) is usually needed to account for particle bounce (PB) losses in the SV-AMS. CE varies with particle chemical composition and phase and can be measured or estimated in

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different ways, but inevitably introduces additional quantification uncertainty for aerosol concentration measurement.<sup>27–30</sup> Total uncertainties of  $\pm 38\%$  ( $\pm 35\%$ ) for ambient OA (inorganics) are estimated through uncertainty propagation, with a major contribution of the CE uncertainty.<sup>8</sup>

To reduce the uncertainties in SV-AMS quantification, a new capture vaporizer (CV) has been recently developed.<sup>31</sup> In the CV, nonrefractory particles go first through a narrow entrance into a cavity; then, the particles impact on a cone-like vaporizer surface (made of molybdenum) within the cavity, designed to maximize the fraction of particles captured. Solid particles can bounce around in the cavity until they are eventually vaporized. Schematics of the CV and SV are shown in Figure S1.

Recently, multiple field and laboratory studies have compared the performance of the SV and CV. Analysis of field studies showed CE  $\approx 1$  for the CV-AMS for ambient total and inorganic aerosols by comparing AMS measurements with other cosampled independent ion chromatography or volume measurements.<sup>32,33</sup> However, the CE of ambient OA in the CV has not yet been thoroughly investigated. CV data show increased decomposition/fragmentation of the sampled molecules for both inorganic<sup>32,34,35</sup> and organic species,<sup>36,37</sup> which is attributed to additional thermal decomposition and fragmentation.

In this study, we compare ambient OA mass concentration measured by collocated CV-AMS and SV-AMS (and also vs other indirect OA measurements, when available) in three diverse field studies. In addition, we investigated how OA processing by oxidation [using an oxidation flow reactor (OFR)] and evaporation [using a thermodenuder (TD)] can impact quantification of ambient OA and of other chemical components because particle morphology, phase, and volatility might change through these processing. The size distribution measurement of OA in the CV is also explored here in comparison to the SV. Finally, a summary of pros and cons on usage of the CV versus SV based on this study and previously published results is presented.

## 2. EXPERIMENTS

**2.1. Field Studies.** Three field studies are used in this analysis: (i) Southern Oxidant and Aerosol Study (SOAS); SOAS was conducted at a semipolluted ground site (Centreville, AL) surrounded by a forest in the southeast US during the summer of 2013.<sup>38</sup> OA in this study was typically dominated by the oxidation products of biogenic precursors (i.e., isoprene and monoterpenes)<sup>39–42</sup> with smaller contributions from urban primary OA (POA) and SOA<sup>43,44</sup> and biomass burning.<sup>37</sup> (ii) Billerica study, which was conducted in a suburban area of Boston (MA) in September 2012. The OA in this study was expected to be mainly impacted by urban emissions and mixed regional aerosols.<sup>37</sup> (3) The Korea–United States Air Quality mission (KORUS-AQ, May–June, 2016, an aircraft-based field campaign to examine the factors controlling air quality in and around the Seoul metropolitan area and Korean peninsula (research flights 05 and 11 used here). OA in this study is thought to be heavily impacted by anthropogenic sources, including some long-distance transport.<sup>45,46</sup>

**2.2. Laboratory Studies.** In laboratory studies, three standard organic compounds were tested for the size distribution experiments: squalene ( $C_{30}H_{50}$ ; purity  $\geq 99\%$ ; Sigma-Aldrich), oleic acid ( $C_{18}H_{34}O_2$ ; purity  $\geq 99\%$ ; Sigma-

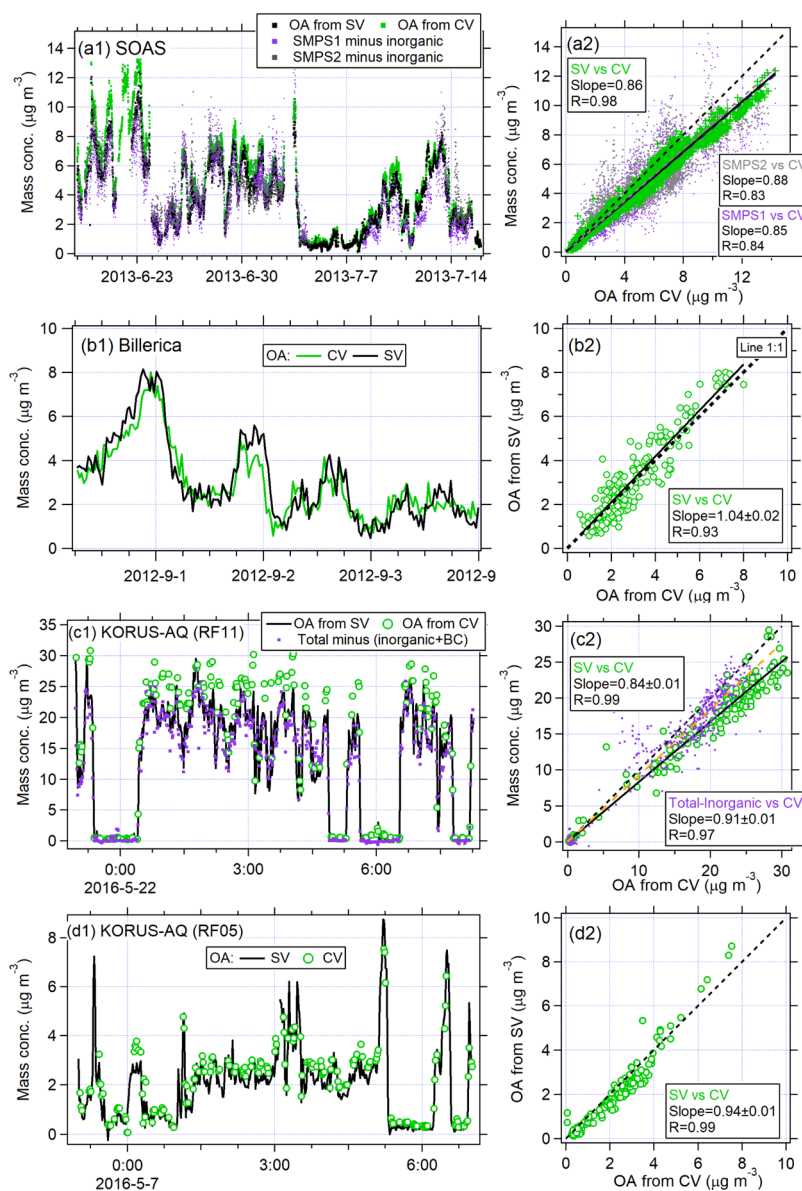
Aldrich), and citric acid ( $C_6H_8O_7 \cdot H_2O$ ; purity  $>99\%$ ; Fisher Scientific). Pure organic particles were generated through atomizing their solution with a Collision atomizer (model: 3076, TSI). Isopropanol ( $>99.5\%$ , Sigma-Aldrich) was used as a solvent for squalene and oleic acid and water (Milli-Q) for citric acid. To remove the interference of solvents before AMS analysis, a silica gel diffusion dryer was used. This reduced the contribution of isopropanol to the organic particle signal below 5%, or it maintained relative humidity (RH) in the sampling line below 30%.

**2.3. Instrumentation.** **2.3.1. Aerosol mass spectrometer/aerosol chemical species monitor.** Two instruments using an SV and a CV were operated in parallel for all laboratory and field studies. High-resolution time-of-flight AMSs (HR-ToF-AMSs) were used for both the SV and CV in KORUS-AQ. A compact-ToF (C-ToF) AMS was used in SOAS for the CV versus an HR-ToF-AMS for the SV. Two quadrupole ACSMs equipped with the SV and CV were compared in the Billerica study. Detailed information on the instruments and operating conditions is given in Table S1.

For field studies, the ionization efficiency (IE) of AMS/ACSM was calibrated every few days with 400 nm monodisperse dried ammonium nitrate ( $NH_4NO_3$ ) particles. The IE calibration methods of the brute-force single-particle mode<sup>47</sup> or event trigger, which are conducted by integrating multiple single-particle signals in the AMS, were used for the HR-ToF-AMS equipped with the SV. For the CV-AMS and both ACSMs, IE was calibrated using the alternative standard method by comparing the mass concentration determined from monodisperse condensation particle counter (CPC) particle counts versus the AMS signal.<sup>18</sup> IE calibrations in all studies were conducted simultaneously in the cosampling CV and SV instruments, using the same input flow of  $NH_4NO_3$  particles. An exception is KORUS-AQ, where most calibrations were conducted separately, although a few times the instruments were calibrated together. Calibrations of particle size distributions were performed using polystyrene latex spheres (PSLs) and the output of a differential mobility analyzer (also calibrated with PSLs) in each study. ACSMs do not have particle sizing capacity. Detailed information on these calibrations can be found in previous papers.<sup>32,35</sup>

For all the field studies, chemical composition-dependent CE (CDCE,  $\sim 0.5$ – $0.7$ ) was estimated for the SV<sup>27</sup> and a CE of 1 was used for the CV. A default OA-relative IE ( $RIE_{OA}$ , compared to nitrate) of 1.4 was used for both the CV and SV measurements.<sup>48,50</sup> Ammonium RIE was always calibrated by comparing its relative signal to that of nitrate when sampling pure  $NH_4NO_3$ . Sulfate RIE in each AMS/ACSM was calibrated by comparing relative signals of sulfate to ammonium when sampling pure  $(NH_4)_2SO_4$  particles and assuming that the RIE of ammonium is the same as that for ammonium while sampling  $NH_4NO_3$ ,<sup>17,18</sup> except SV-ACSM in Billerica that used a default value of 1.2. The oxygen-to-carbon (O/C) and hydrogen-to-carbon (H/C) ratios of OA for the SOAS SV-AMS were quantified with the improved ambient method reported by Canagaratna et al.<sup>51</sup>

**2.3.2. OFR and TD.** During the SOAS campaign, a potential aerosol mass OFR<sup>52–54</sup> was used to investigate OA formation/aging from ambient air<sup>55–58</sup> over a wide range of OH exposures ( $10^{10}$  to  $10^{13}$  molec.  $cm^{-3}$  s). Also, a TD was used to investigate the volatility of OA.<sup>59</sup> The ambient, OFR, ambient, and TD lines were switched every 4 min for a total cycle of 20 min.



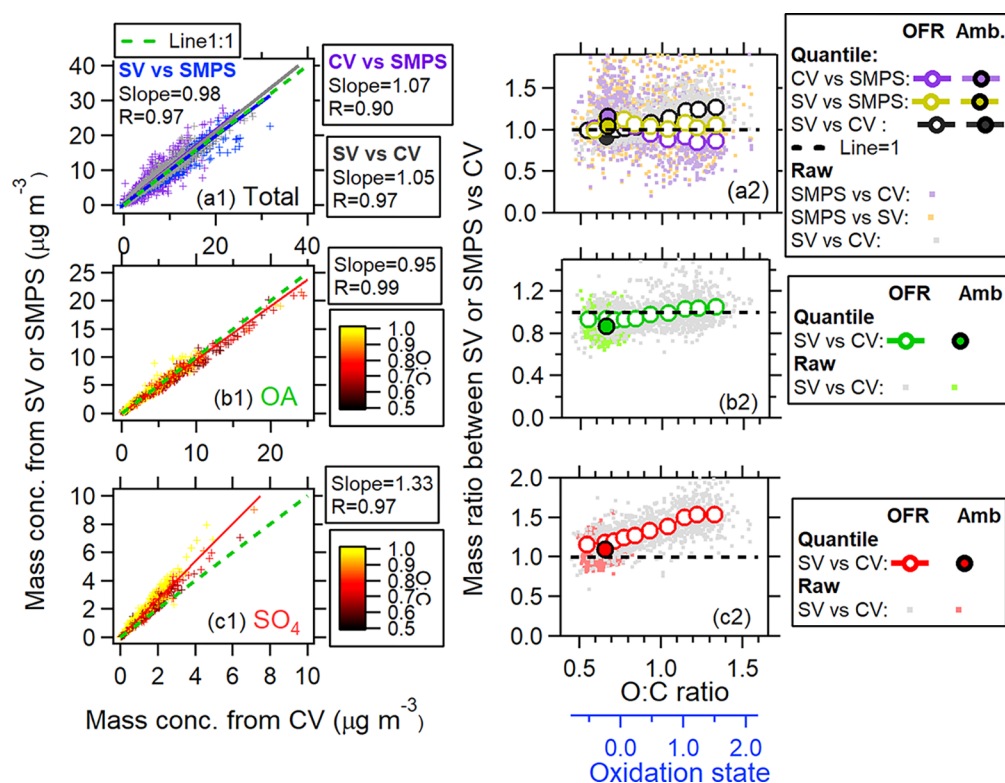
**Figure 1.** Time series and scatter plots of ambient OA using the CV and SV in the (a) SOAS, (b) Billerica, and (c,d) KORUS-AQ field studies. Results from two independent SMPS instruments are shown in SOAS. The time series of OA mass estimated as the difference between submicron mass measured using the SMPS in SOAS (or LAS in KORUS-AQ) and total inorganic mass from CV-AMS (and BC in KORUS, which was measured with a single-particle soot photometer, SP2) in each campaign are also shown to provide a separate estimate of OA concentrations. The BC is not subtracted from the total mass of the SMPS of SOAS because of its very low concentrations.<sup>89</sup> Orthogonal distance regression was applied in all the scatter plots here and in all latter figures. All the intercepts of the regression were forced to zero in all the scatter plots. For all the scatter plots, if the uncertainty of the regression slope is within 1%, the uncertainty is not shown [e.g., panel (a) in this figure], otherwise the corresponding uncertainty values are added as indicated in (panels b–d in this figure).

In the OFR, OH radicals were generated by 185 and 254 nm UV light that initiated  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{O}_3$  photolysis in the “OFR185” mode of operation.<sup>54,60</sup> New SOA was formed from oxidation of ambient organic gases by OH radicals in the presence of ambient aerosols. Ambient and newly formed OA can also be oxidized through heterogeneous reaction with OH radicals. Very oxidized aerosols ( $\text{O/C} > 1$ ) are typically observed for higher OH exposures ( $>1.1 \times 10^{12}$  molec.  $\text{cm}^{-3}$  s).<sup>57</sup> In addition to OA, inorganic  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  were also formed by oxidation/partitioning of their gas-phase precursors  $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , and  $\text{NH}_3$ . More detailed information on OA chemistry in the OFR can be found in Hu et al. (2016) for SOAS and for similar studies in other forests.<sup>55,56,61</sup>

The temperature in the TD was increased linearly within the heating period (from 30 to 250 °C over 60 min) and then cooled down as quickly as possible with fans (60 min). The TD instrumentation and results are described in detail in previous publications.<sup>59,62–64</sup>

**2.3.3. Other Instruments.** Beside AMS/ACSM, we also used a scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS; model: 3080, TSI, Shoreview, MN, US) in SOAS for submicron aerosol mass concentrations, which were estimated based on integrated volume concentration (calculated from the measured number size distribution) and aerosol densities estimated based on composition.<sup>65,66</sup> The range of particle mobility size ( $d_m$ ) measured using an SMPS was  $\sim 15$  to  $\sim 650$ – $700$  nm, which approximately corresponds to a vacuum aerodynamic





**Figure 2.** Scatter plots of ambient mass concentration of (a) total aerosol, (b) OA, and (c)  $\text{SO}_4$  measured using the SV and CV in the output of the OH-OFR during SOAS. The mass ratios of these three species between the SV and CV as a function of the O/C ratio of OA are also shown. The axis of the carbon oxidation state ( $=2 \times \text{O/C} - \text{H/C}$ ) as the bottom axis is also added as a reference. In addition, mass ratios from ambient aerosols are also included. The error bar is the standard error. The time series comparisons of these species are shown in Figure S18.

size ( $d_{\text{va}}$ ) range of  $\sim 20\text{--}1\ \mu\text{m}$ .<sup>67</sup> Because the AMS cannot efficiently detect particles at  $d_{\text{va}}$  under 70 nm, we applied a lens transmission curve correction for particle  $d_{\text{va}}$  below 100 nm. Then lens transmission curve can be found in Figure S2. This is important for the OFR data set because strong new particle formation occurred in some cases, which can contribute  $\sim 10\%$  of the total mass at high OH exposures (e.g.,  $>5 \times 10^{11}\ \text{molec. cm}^{-3}\ \text{s}$ ) consistent with prior studies.<sup>55</sup> During KORUS-AQ, submicron aerosol mass concentration was estimated in the same way, but using number distributions from a laser aerosol spectrometer (LAS, model 3340, TSI Inc., US) instead of an SMPS.<sup>46</sup> The lower size cut of the LAS is around 170 nm, which can contribute up to  $\sim 8\%$  of the difference of total aerosol between AMS and LAS systems in RF 11 reported here. For the higher size end, the AMS transmission curve was applied to calculate the appropriate volume concentration from the LAS.<sup>46</sup> An independent measure of the total aerosol mass or volume was not available for the Billerica study. The chemical composition-dependent density calculation for converting the SMPS or LAS volume concentration to mass concentrations is illustrated in detail in Section S1 of the Supporting Information (Figures S3 and S4). During SOAS, water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC) was measured with a PILS-total organic carbon analyzer.<sup>68,69</sup> The mass concentrations of water-soluble OA (WSOA) were estimated by multiplying the WSOC time series by that of OA/OC ratios from the SV-AMS.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**3.1. Quantification of Ambient OA.** Ambient OA concentrations from the SV show strong correlation ( $R =$

0.93–0.99) with those from the CV in all field studies, as shown in Figure 1. Regression slopes (0.84–1.04) are well within the quantification uncertainty of OA measured by SV-AMS ( $\pm 38\%$ ,  $2\sigma$ ).<sup>8</sup> Note that the  $\pm 38\%$  uncertainty cited here might be an overestimate for SV/CV comparisons because the  $\text{RIE}_{\text{OA}}$  uncertainty may partially cancel in these comparisons. In SOAS and KORUS-AQ, other independent measurements (e.g., WSOA in Figure S5 and OA calculated as the difference between the total aerosol mass measured with SMPS/LAS and total inorganic mass from the AMS in Figure 1) also show reasonable agreement and correlate well (slopes = 0.71–0.93;  $R > 0.83$ ) with OA measured using the CV and SV. The good agreement among OA detected by CV-AMS, SV-AMS, and other independent measurements validates that  $\text{CE} \approx 1$  for ambient OA in the CV, consistent with a CE of  $\sim 1$  for ambient total and inorganic aerosols reported previously.<sup>35</sup>

Note that all the AMS concentrations reported here are based on a default  $\text{RIE}_{\text{OA}}$  of 1.4. Good agreement for ambient OA comparisons of the SV versus CV and with non-AMS measurement in multiple field studies indicates that it is reasonable to use  $\text{RIE}_{\text{OA}} = 1.4$  for the CV, consistent with the similarity of  $\text{RIE}_{\text{OA}}$  for laboratory tests of both vaporizers.<sup>50</sup> For specific OA compounds and in the absence of thermal decomposition,  $\text{RIE}_{\text{OA}}$  has been hypothesized to be dependent on the square root molecular weight ( $\sqrt{\text{MW}}$ );<sup>70,71</sup> however, empirical evidence for SV-AMS so far does not support that this effect is important for ambient OA, likely due to complex thermal decomposition/desorption effects or other complexities of the AMS detection process.<sup>48</sup> The three field studies shown here all have an average POA contribution of less than 20%.<sup>37</sup> Ambient OA that is strongly influenced by primary

emissions (e.g., vehicle emission, biomass burning, and coal combustion) may have less thermal decomposition which might result in higher  $\text{RIE}_{\text{OA}}$ .<sup>10,48</sup> For example, the RIE of cooking aerosols from chamber studies was found to be 1.5–3.1.<sup>72</sup> Evaluating  $\text{CE} \times \text{RIE}$  with the SV or RIE more directly with the CV ( $\text{CE} = 1$ ) for ambient OA in studies in which it is dominated by chemically reduced primary emissions is recommended for future studies.

**3.2. OA Quantification as a Function of Its Oxidation Level.** Oxidation can affect the quantification of OA in the AMS through changing the OA morphology/phase/hygroscopicity and its chemical structure, which can have large impacts on PB, thermal decomposition, and ionization in the AMS.<sup>27,29,73</sup> The quantification of ambient OA in the SV-AMS has been explored in multiple field studies;<sup>8,10,27,65,74–76</sup> however, only a few studies have focused on the effect of ambient OA quantification in the AMS as a function of its oxidation level, especially at high oxidation levels. Xu et al. (2018) showed a decreasing trend in RIE as a function of OA carbon oxidation state for reduced OA, followed by approximately constant values after mild oxidation.<sup>49</sup> Docherty et al.<sup>29</sup> reported a decreasing trend in CE (from 1 to  $\sim 0.2$ ) for chamber-generated SOA as the oxidation level of OA increased. Here, we take advantage of in situ measurement of OA as air was oxidized in the field-deployed OFR in the SOAS study<sup>57</sup> to provide the first comparison of ambient OA quantification in both the SV and CV as a function of the OA oxidation level (i.e., O/C ratio).

The ambient OA and newly formed SOA in the OFR were mainly constituted of isoprene- and monoterpene-derived SOA.<sup>39,40,42,57</sup> A wide range of O/C ratios in OA in the outflow of the OFR (0.6–1.5) was observed, depending on the OH exposure. Note that inorganic  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  were also formed in the OFR during this process because of the presence of ambient gas precursors of  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , and  $\text{NO}_x$ ,<sup>55</sup> albeit in smaller quantities relative to OA.

In general, good agreement of mass concentration is found between the SV and CV, and SMPS versus AMS for the total mass (slope = 0.93–1.05;  $R > 0.90$ , as shown in Figures 2 and S6), which is well within the combined quantification uncertainties of the SMPS and AMS (44%) in SOAS.<sup>35</sup> The ratios of both AMS versions against the SMPS are in agreement within measurement uncertainties as oxidation levels increase. However, slightly higher total SV/CV ratios are observed as OA O/C (0.5–1.5) increases in the OFR. This relative trend is mainly due to  $\text{SO}_4$  and OA (Figure S7), for which the SV/CV ratios increase from 1.15 to 1.53 and 0.93 to 1.05, respectively (Figure 2).

To explore the potential reasons behind this relative difference between the SV and CV as a function of O/C, factors which control the quantification in the AMS are examined individually here. The equation to calculate the SV/CV mass ratios can be simply expressed as

$$\frac{\text{SV mass}}{\text{CV mass}} = \frac{\frac{\text{mass}_{(\text{SV})}}{\text{IE}_{(\text{SV})} \times \text{RIE}_{(\text{SV})} \times \text{CE}_{(\text{SV})}}}{\frac{\text{mass}_{(\text{CV})}}{\text{IE}_{(\text{CV})} \times \text{RIE}_{(\text{CV})} \times \text{CE}_{(\text{CV})}}} \quad (1)$$

where SV mass refers to the detected mass concentration and  $\text{mass}_{(\text{SV})}$  refers to the actual particle mass concentration sampled. IE is the ionization efficiency, which is a dimensionless quantity equaling the number of ions detected per molecule of the parent species. RIEs are defined as the

relative IE of each species relative to nitrate because  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  is usually used for IE calibrations in the AMS.<sup>17,18</sup> CE is the collection efficiency as introduced above. Total  $\text{CE} < 1$  in the AMS can be due to the limitations in lens transmission in the aerodynamic lens ( $E_l$ ),<sup>20,77</sup> losses due to reduced focusing for nonspherical particles ( $E_s$ ),<sup>73</sup> and PB loss at the vaporizer surfaces ( $E_b$ ).<sup>27,28</sup> Thus, total CE can be expressed as<sup>73</sup>

$$\text{CE} = E_l \times E_s \times E_b \quad (2)$$

For ambient submicron aerosols,  $\text{CE} < 1$  ( $\sim 0.5$ –1 for the SV) for submicron particles is mainly dominated by  $E_b$  and can be estimated from the chemical composition,<sup>27</sup> while the  $E_s$  loss is usually negligible.<sup>73,78</sup> The  $E_l$  can be calibrated with monodisperse particles with a comparison of CPC.<sup>77</sup> If the  $\text{PM}_{10}$  AMS lens is working well and the particles sampled are in the size range of high lens transmission,  $E_l$  should be close to 1. For a well-functioning lens, the transmission curve should be similar to the values reported in Knote et al.<sup>79</sup> For the high end, complete transmission of particle sizes up to  $d_{\text{va}} = 550$  nm and  $\sim 50\%$  of transmission for  $d_{\text{va}} = 1000$  nm were found.

By combining eqs 1 and 2, we can obtain eq 3, as shown in the following

$$\frac{\text{SV mass}}{\text{CV mass}} = \frac{\frac{\text{mass}_{(\text{SV})}}{\text{IE}_{(\text{SV})} \times \text{RIE}_{(\text{SV})} \times E_{b(\text{SV})} \times E_{l(\text{SV})} \times E_{s(\text{SV})}}}{\frac{\text{mass}_{(\text{CV})}}{\text{IE}_{(\text{CV})} \times \text{RIE}_{(\text{CV})} \times E_{b(\text{CV})} \times E_{l(\text{CV})} \times E_{s(\text{CV})}}} \quad (3)$$

Overall changes of these six parameters can lead to a variation of the mass ratio between the SV versus CV. During the SOAS study, both the SV- and CV-AMSS were always sampled in parallel; thus, the  $\text{mass}_{(\text{SV})}$  and  $\text{mass}_{(\text{CV})}$  should be identical. The IE calibration based on  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  was conducted every few days (usually 3 days), which was very stable across the entire campaign when IE is normalized to the “air beam” (AB) signal ( $< 3\%$ ) (AB,  $\text{N}_2^+$  ion signal, is typically used as an internal reference).<sup>35</sup> The time cycle of OH exposure in the OFR was only around 2.5 h, which is a short enough period that the IE is not expected to significantly vary. Therefore, changes in IE should not influence the relative mass quantification of  $\text{SO}_4$  and OA (or any other species) in the AMS as the OFR oxidation level is cycled through the full range of oxidant exposure.

As for the RIE of  $\text{SO}_4$ , the fragmentation pattern of  $\text{SO}_4$  is stable across the entire range of OFR oxidation levels for both the SV and CV (Figure S8), suggesting that the vapors formed from  $\text{SO}_4$  in the AMS do not change very much; hence, theoretically, the RIE of  $\text{SO}_4$  should not change enough to affect the SV/CV ratios of  $\text{SO}_4$ . As for OA, an RIE change is possible because OA is becoming more functionalized upon oxidation, leading to more thermal decomposition in the AMS. Smaller molecular gas vapors from thermal decomposition could result in a smaller RIE of OA in the AMS,<sup>48,70</sup> although the extent to which this theoretical trend applies to real data is unclear, potentially due to additional effects in real instruments.<sup>48,80,81</sup> However, this RIE variation, if occurring, may vary similarly in both the SV and CV, potentially partially canceling out quantification bias because of effects of shifting RIE. The ambient OA in SOAS was already fairly oxidized (carbon oxidation state:  $-0.5$  to  $0.5$ ). Xu et al. (2017) showed that when the oxidation state is in this range, the trend in the RIE of OA is small. Thus, although this study does not provide a direct measurement of the effect of RIE on OA

quantification, the deviation caused by RIE change in OFR data set should be small.

The last three key parameters affecting quantification are  $E_b$ ,  $E_s$ , and  $E_l$ , which will be discussed separately. For  $E_b$ , an  $E_{b(CV)}$  of 1 is used in the CV, and the CDCE ( $\sim 0.5$ – $1$ ) in the SV was empirically parametrized based on chemical composition and acidity of ambient aerosols. It is possible that there are changes of the particle phase at high OA oxidation levels that are not included in parameterization. If the aerosols become liquefied during aging,<sup>82</sup> the calculated CDCE ( $E_b$ ) in the SV would lead to overestimation of the mass concentration in the SV. A higher SV/CV ratio could result if such process was occurring because a CE of 1 was expected for all the conditions in the CV.

To investigate the particle phase effect ( $E_b$ ), SV/CV ratios of sulfate and OA as a function of PB fraction are shown in Figure S9. The PB fraction can be used to infer the particle phase.<sup>83</sup> During this campaign, PB fractions after OFR measurements were measured using an Aerosol Bounce Instruments (ABI) system developed by the University of Eastern Finland (see details in Section S2 in the Supporting Information).<sup>82</sup> Note that all the particles sampled using the AMS were dried under an RH of 40%, while sampling air for ABI is controlled around 50–60%. Thus, the particle phase in ABI measurement should be more liquid-like because of a higher water content<sup>84</sup> and also because of additional drying within the AMS. The SV/CV ratios exhibit a small increase in  $SO_4$  ( $\sim 10\%$ ) when PB values get lower. This increase is much lower than the ratio enhancement of  $SO_4$  (33%) based on the SV/CV regression slope (Figure 2c). This suggests that an overestimation of CE in the SV because of changes in aerosol phase/morphology is not the main cause for increased SV/CV ratios after the OFR measurement.

We have shown that changes in RIE, IE, and  $E_b$  cannot fully explain the increased SV/CV ratios of  $SO_4$ . Based on the PB values, the phase/morphology of aerosol in the outflow of the OFR is supposed to be similar to or even more close to sphericity at higher O/C ratios.<sup>85</sup> Thus, extra losses due to the nonfocusing beam ( $E_s$ ) should be negligible in both instruments. The only parameter left is  $E_l$  for both instruments. We speculate that different particle size cuts, that is, different lens transmissions, in two AMSs are the most likely reason to explain the variation of the mass ratio (SV/CV) as a function of O/C. As the peak of vacuum aerodynamic size ( $d_{va}$ ) distribution of total aerosols measured with the SMPS increases as a function of O/C (Figures S3 and S10), a lower lens transmission efficiency in the CV than the SV for larger particles could lead to an SV/CV ratio increase. The impact on  $SO_4$  is larger than that on OA because the size distribution of  $SO_4$  is larger than that of OA (Figures S3 and S10), which is consistent with the higher ratio enhancement of  $SO_4$  than of OA. The larger decrease of CV/SMPS ratios than the SV/SMPS ratios (Figure 2a2) also indicates that the CV might have a lower lens transmission efficiency at larger particle sizes than the SV. Unfortunately, the lens transmission calibration in the CV-AMS was not performed during the SOAS study, and from experience, it can change with time because of instrument transport and adjustment; therefore, we cannot prove our hypothesis with direct experimental measurement results.

Instead, we investigate this question based on simulating the variation of AMS/SMPS ratios by applying different AMS lens transmission curves to SMPS-integrated masses, as shown in

Figure S2a.<sup>32,79</sup> The results in Figure S2b indeed show that the ratios between SMPS-integrated mass recalculated with different AMS lens transmission curves ( $SMPS_{lens}$ ) and SMPS-integrated mass ( $SMPS_{full\ size}$ ) are lower as a function of O/C ratios, which are similar to CV/SMPS ratios and indicate that the particle sizes are larger at higher O/C ratios. Also, the regression ratio ( $SMPS_{lens}/SMPS_{full\ size}$  vs O/C) is lower when the AMS lens size cut is lower. Although the  $SMPS_{lens}/SMPS_{full\ size}$  cannot fully capture the variation of CV/SMPS ratios, the similarity of variation trend of these two ratios as a function of O/C suggests that the different lens cuts are indeed one of the probable explanations for lower CV/SMPS or SV/CV ratios observed.

To simulate  $SO_4$  particles, which have larger size distribution compared to OA (Figure S3), the original SMPS size distribution was shifted toward higher end with 30 nm ( $d_m$ ); then, a similar analysis as discussed above was conducted. A faster decrease of the  $SMPS_{lens}/SMPS_{full\ size}$  ratio has been found, as shown in Figure S2c,d. It is consistent with the larger increases of SV/CV ratios as a function of O/C observed for sulfate than OA. The uncertainty of SMPS measurement at a larger particle size (e.g., larger particle miscounted at different bins) and uncertainty of the AMS might also influence the variation of AMS/SMPS ratios.

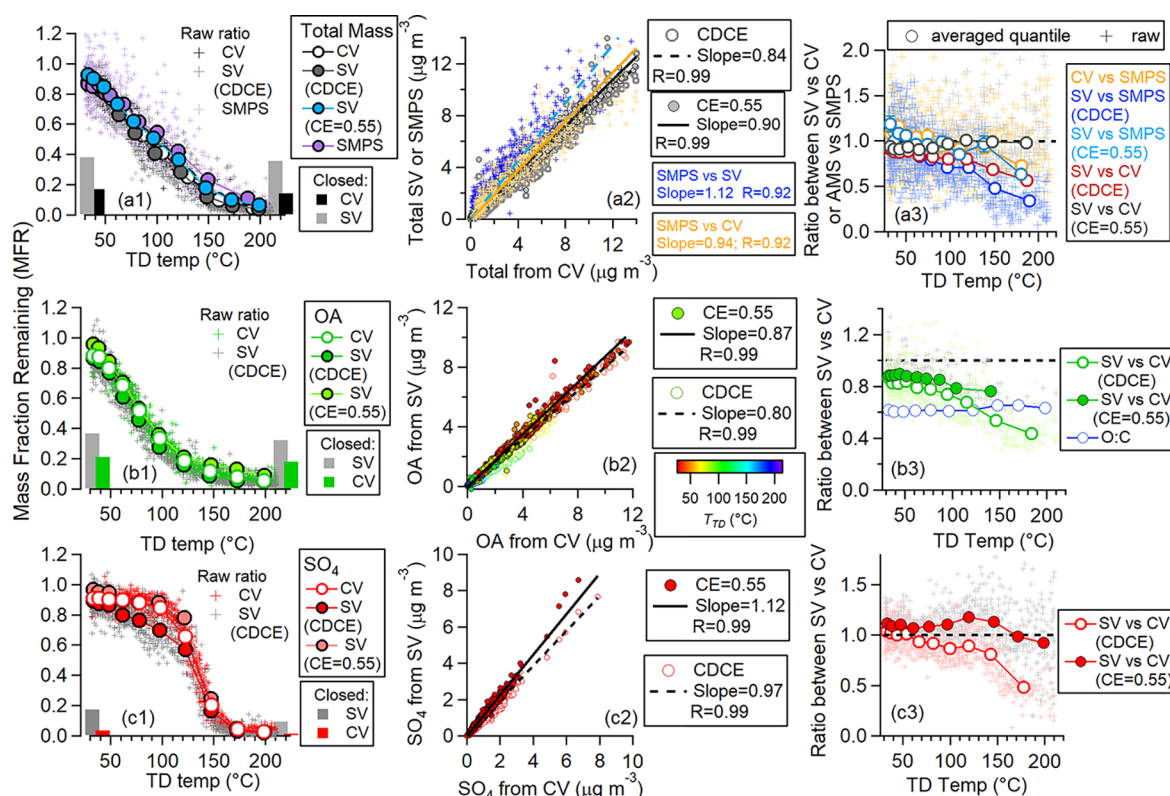
The differences of lens transmission at the lower particle size cuts ( $<100$  nm  $d_{va}$ ) between the SV and CV could also possibly contribute to the higher SV/CV mass ratios. If the CV has a lower lens transmission efficiency at  $d_{va}$  of less than 100 nm than the SV, gradually increased SV/CV ratios as a function of O/C can be obtained because of enhanced masses at a lower size range (100 nm), contributed by stronger new particle formation at higher OH exposures in the OFR. However, the lower size cut should be a minor contributor for the mass differences because the SMPS showed that integrated mass with  $d_{va}$  less than 100 nm is around 10–15% of total mass for higher OH exposures, which is much lower than the mass differences of 33% in  $SO_4$  comparison between the SV and CV.

In summary, the different lens size cuts ( $E_l$ ) between the SV and CV-AMS is likely the main cause of the increased SV/CV ratios as a function of O/C in the OFR. Lens transmission curves leading to a mass discrepancy because of different size cuts (at either high or low ends) among different AMSs were observed frequently in multiple field studies.<sup>32,46</sup> Calibration of the lens transmission curve is recommended to be tested for every AMS instrument for better understanding the instrumentation performances and quantification.

**3.3. Heating Influences on Quantification.** The quantification of aerosols after evaporation in the TD is crucial in order to determine the accuracy of the aerosol volatilities. By heating aerosols in the TD, the chemical composition (and therefore acidity), phase/morphology, and volatility of aerosols could change, which can potentially lead to shifts of  $E_b$  and  $E_s$  in the AMS, and if not fully captured by the CDCE correction formulated for ambient nonheated aerosols,<sup>27</sup> errors in quantification could result. Here, we compare the SV and CV mass ratios for different aerosol components, together with AMS versus SMPS for total aerosol, as a function of TD temperature ( $T_{TD}$ , 35–230 °C) to evaluate if the CDCE correction is still applicable to the aerosol measurement after TD in the SV and test if the CE = 1 is still valid for TD measurements in CV-AMS.

During heating in the TD,  $NH_4$  evaporated faster than the other species (i.e.,  $SO_4$  and  $NO_3$ ), leading to a decrease of the





**Figure 3.** MFR as a function of TD temperature ( $T_{TD}$ ), scatter plots, and mass ratios between the SV and CV after TD measurements for (a) total, (b) OA, and (c)  $SO_4$  during the SOAS study. SV-AMS data corrected with CDCE and constant CE ( $=0.55$ ) are both shown. The bars indicate the relative enhancement of AMS closed signal above the background after TD measurements at  $T_{TD} < 50$  °C (left) and  $T_{TD} > 200$  °C (right) vs the corresponding ambient signals. Lower bar values were found in the CV than the SV, suggesting a lower impact of sample aerosols on the instrument background in the former than the latter, consistent with prior results.<sup>32</sup> The error bar in this figure is the standard error.

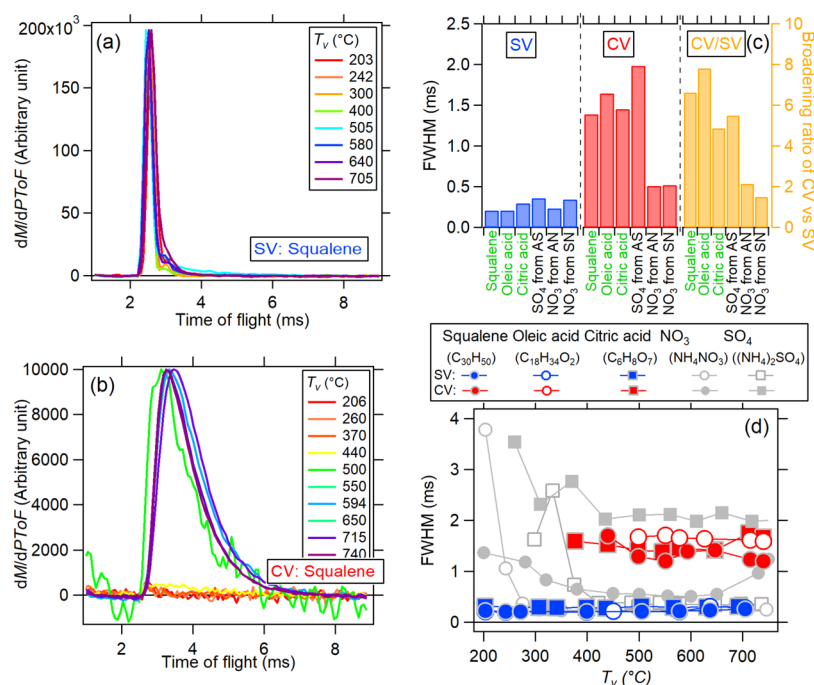
measured cation/anion charge ratio (i.e.,  $NH_4$  aerosol acidity indicator, Figure S11), which is consistent with results reported in other ambient TD observations.<sup>64</sup> An increase in CDCE (dominated by  $E_b$ ) from 0.5 to 1 as a function of  $T_{TD}$  was estimated because of enhanced aerosol acidity (parameterized by the  $SO_4/NH_4$  ratios), as shown in Figure S11. For comparison, a constant CE of 0.55, obtained by averaging CDCE from ambient aerosols, was also applied to the SV-TD data set.

The thermograms, demonstrating the variations of mass fraction remaining (MFR) in total aerosols, OA, and  $SO_4$ , as a function of  $T_{TD}$ , are shown in Figure 3, together with scatter plots between the SV and CV. Generally, when the CDCE correction is applied, lower SV/CV regression ratios of the different main components are found in the TD compared to the ambient aerosols, for example, a regression ratio of 0.84 in the TD versus 0.90 in the ambient air for total aerosols, 0.80 versus 0.86 for OA, and 0.97 versus 1.07 for  $SO_4$ . In contrast, comparable or slightly higher SV/CV regression ratios (TD vs ambient air: 0.90 vs 0.90 for total aerosols; 0.87 vs 0.86 for OA; 1.12 vs 1.07 for  $SO_4$ ) are obtained when constant CE is used in the analysis. The ratios between the SV and CV of total aerosols, OA, and  $SO_4$  continuously decrease as a function of  $T_{TD}$  (from 35 to 230 °C) when the CDCE correction is applied. A slower decreasing trend for OA and quite stable ratios for total aerosol and  $SO_4$  are observed when constant CE is applied in the SV. Total aerosol mass concentration from the SMPS is compared to the AMS total as an independent quantification reference in Figure 3a. The mass ratios between the CV and SMPS show a slight decrease as a function of  $T_{TD}$ ,

which is similar to the SV/SMPS with a constant CE correction; however, a faster decrease of SV/SMPS ratios with CDCE is observed when the CDCE is applied. This indicates that the CDCE parameterization of aerosol acidity appears not to be applicable to thermally denuded ambient particles.

To further investigate the  $T_{TD}$  effect on SV/CV (and also AMS vs SMPS), we examined the aerosol mass, RIE, IE,  $E_b$ ,  $E_s$ , and  $E_b$  variations in both the SV and CV following eq 3. The same aerosol mass sampled, the stable IE/AB during the entire SOAS campaign ( $<3\%$ ), and the stable fragmentation patterns across different  $T_{TD}$  (Figure S12) suggest that mass, IE, and RIE are not the main reasons for the  $T_{TD}$ -dependent difference of SV/CV ratios. Very small aerosol size peak shrink due to heating is observed in the TD based on SMPS and AMS measurements (Figures S13 and S14). Similar to the OH OFR data set, we tested the impact of different lens cuts on the SMPS/AMS ratio by applying different lens transmission curves to SMPS data, as shown in Figure S15. Although the SMPS-integrated mass recalculated by different AMS lens transmission curves ( $SMPS_{lens}$ ) has shown lower ratios than the SMPS-integrated mass at full size ( $SMPS_{full\ size}$ ), the  $SMPS_{lens}/SMPS_{full\ size}$  did not show a variation trend with TD temperature. It suggests that different lens transmission cuts can also not explain the decrease ratio of CV/SMPS and SV/SMPS (constant CE applied) as a function of  $T_{TD}$ .

The remaining explanations for the decreasing trend of CV/SMPS or SV/SMPS ratios with a constant CE applied as a function of  $T_{TD}$  changes in the aerosol volatility or phase/morphology upon heating, which is related to  $E_b$  and  $E_s$ . The



**Figure 4.** Size-resolved detection of the raw signal (using the PToF acquisition mode) of 300 nm squalene in the (a) SV and (b) CV as a function of  $T_v$ . (c) Left axis: calculated fwhm values for different pure OA species measured in the SV and CV at a vaporizer temperature ( $T_v$ ) of 600 °C. For comparison, the fwhm ratio of the CV vs SV from pure 250 nm  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ , 300 nm  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$ , and 300 nm  $\text{NaNO}_3$  is also shown. Right axis: The fwhm ratios of the CV vs SV. (d) fwhm of squalene, oleic acid, citric acid, pure  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ , and  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  as a function of  $T_v$  for the SV and CV. The results of inorganic species in Figure 5c,d are adapted from Hu et al.<sup>32</sup> The raw size distribution data for oleic acid and citric acid are shown in Figures S13 and S14.

volatility of OA species is continuously lower after semivolatile species leave particles as  $T_{\text{TD}}$  increases, which could result in additional PB losses ( $E_b$ ) on the SV (but not the CV). For particle phase/morphology, it is hard to quantify the influence of how the phase/morphology changing upon heating will affect CE, although it could also play a role. Theoretically, the irregular-shaped particles ( $E_s$ ) could lead to a wider particle beam; thus, they would result in additional particle loss because of some particles not hitting the vaporizer surface.<sup>73</sup> However, this effect on particle loss is supposed to be minor based on the experimental results that the 320 nm  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  beamwidth is well within 2 mm, which is less than the diameter of both the SV (3.81 mm) and CV (2.54 mm). The irregular-shaped particles could also lead to a higher bouncing fraction ( $E_b$ ) when they hit on the vaporizer surfaces because of less thermal contacting areas.

In the SOAS study, the O/C ratios of OA stayed relatively constant as the TD temperature increases (Figure 3b3), which is quite different from increasing O/C ratios found in urban pollution studies.<sup>64</sup> On the other hand, it is similar to the biogenically originated SOA (e.g., SOA from  $\alpha$ -pinene +  $\text{O}_3$ ), which was found to have stable chemical composition in the TD<sup>86,87</sup> and evaporation experiments conducted in chambers.<sup>88</sup> For urban plumes, faster vaporization of POA (e.g., hydrocarbon-like OA, HOA) than SOA during the heating process was observed,<sup>64</sup> which is consistent with the increased abundance of low-volatile compounds as the heating proceeds. For biogenic SOA, it has been hypothesized that the stable O/C and chemical composition of aerosols upon heating are due to the following: (1) the low-volatile compounds were composed of oligomers, which have O/C values comparable to more volatile monomers;<sup>88</sup> (2) the heating-induced

evaporation proceeds layer by layer because of diffusion limitation;<sup>87</sup> or (3) evaporation was controlled by the decomposition of oligomers, which contribute a high mass fraction of heated OA.<sup>86,87</sup>

In summary, based on the large decrease of SV/CV ratios as a function of  $T_{\text{TD}}$  when CDCE is applied, it seems that the parameterization of CDCE in ambient aerosols accounting for the acidity effect overestimates CE for thermally denuded aerosols. An averaged constant CE estimated based on cosampled nondenuded aerosol (or aerosols when  $T_{\text{TD}}$  is low, e.g., <50 °C) may be the best treatment if no additional information is available. That being said, a similar mass loss in the SV with either treatment is observed at higher  $T_{\text{TD}}$ . A more complex parameterization for CE in the TD accounting for changes in volatility, phase/morphology, and cation/anion charge ratio ( $\text{NH}_4$  aerosol acidity) is recommended for future studies. The slightly lower CV/SMPS ratio as a function of  $T_{\text{TD}}$  indicates that there might be particle losses (<25%) in the CV at higher  $T_{\text{TD}}$  (>150 °C); however, for the majority of data, when  $T_{\text{TD}}$  is less than 150 °C, CE  $\approx$  1 in the CV appears to still be valid.

### 3.4. Particle Time-of-Flight Mode of Standard OA.

Broadened size distribution and delayed peak rise time for inorganic aerosols (e.g.,  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ ) in the CV compared to the SV were reported in previous studies.<sup>32,35</sup> Similar broadening and delay effects have also been found in the size distribution of 300 nm standard OA species: squalene ( $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{50}$ , O/C = 0), oleic acid ( $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2$ , O/C = 0.11), and citric acid ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_7$ , O/C = 1.17) in the CV (Figures 4 and S16 and S17), which is consistent with the longer residence time of particles and their gas vapors in the CV than the SV.



■ Excellent 
 ■ Acceptable 
 ■ Less desirable

	SV	CV	Reference
CE for ambient particles	Middlebrook et al. (2012)	CE≈1	35
CE for pure inorganics in lab	Variable bounce fraction	< or ≈1 but better than SV	32; 34
Slowly evolving signals from bounced particles on colder ionizer surfaces	Significant	Nearly eliminated	32; 36
Ambient size distribution	Good resolution	Sufficient resolution	35
Lab & Chamber size distribution	Good resolution	Low resolution for monodisperse particles	32; This study
Single particle IE calibration	Most accurate	Not yet demonstrated	32
CPC-based IE calibration	Accurate	Accurate	35; 32
Extent of thermal decomposition	Significant	Greater than SV	35; 32; 36
Nitrate quantif. (organic vs. inorganic)	Useful even under low S/N	Less contrast and lower S/N	35
SO <sub>4</sub> UMR quantification under high OA	More OA interferences	Lower OA interferences	35
Nitrate → CO <sub>2</sub> artifact ("Pieber effect")	Important in some cases	Much lower for NH <sub>4</sub> NO <sub>3</sub> , similar for NaNO <sub>3</sub>	32
Nitrate → Chloride artifact	Observable but small	Smaller than SV	35
CO <sup>+</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O <sup>+</sup> artifact from OA	Not observed	Observed for reduced OA species	36
Elemental ratio for ambient aerosols	Good after applying reference calibration	Good after applying reference calibration	37
PMF factor separation	Reasonable	Reasonable, larger uncertainties for sub-OOA factors	37
OA tracer retained	Reasonable	Key tracers preserved.	36
Quantification upon heating	CDCE does not work. Constant CE is better	CE≈1	This study
OA quantification upon oxidation	Change in particle phase/morphology may introduce extra uncertainty	CE≈1	This study

**Figure 5.** Summary of the advantages and disadvantages of SV and CV usage in AMS/ACSM measurement based on this study and laboratory and field studies reported previously. Note that some effects should be further characterized in other instruments and studies.

The broadening ratio (BR) is defined as the ratio of size distribution width, calculated as full width at half-maximum (fwhm) of the distribution of particle time of flight (PTOF, unit: ms), between the CV versus SV. The average BR is ~6.4 for the three OA species (range of ~5–7.8), which is similar to that for (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (~5.5) and much higher than that for NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (~2.1) and NaNO<sub>3</sub> (~1.8).<sup>32</sup> No consistent covariation of the broadened ratio between the CV and SV of different species versus their corresponding CE has been observed. Meanwhile, the delayed peak rise time of three OA species (~350 μs) is consistent with each other and also is similar to that of (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (~450 ± 100 μs) and higher than that of NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> (~100 μs). The delayed peak rise time in the CV reflects the increased time spent by the vapors inside the CV compared to the SV. Both sets of data suggest that vaporized molecules adsorb and desorb one or several times for the CV, while that should be less frequent for SV. Slightly different peak rise times and peaking times were found for different ions in the CV (Figure S16), suggesting different impacts of surface adsorption and/or chemistry on the different species escaping the vaporizer (Figure S16). The similar broadened ratio and delayed peak rise time between OA and SO<sub>4</sub> suggest a consistent importance of surface processes for both sets of species.

The OA size distributions were also explored as a function of the vaporizer temperature ( $T_v$ ) in both the SV and CV, as shown in Figure 4d. The fwhm in the SV does not show much variation across the entire  $T_v$  range (200–750 °C), with only slightly increased values at lower  $T_v$  (<300 °C), while the fwhm of OA in the CV shows consistently high and stable values compared to that in the SV when the size distribution is

detectable. Unlike the SV, the size distribution of OA in the CV cannot be detected at lower  $T_v$  (<~420 °C for squalene and oleic acid; <~370 °C for citric acid), which might be due to the slow evaporation of these aerosols inside the CV under lower  $T_v$ .

#### 4. PROS AND CONS FOR CV AND SV

Finally, we summarize the pros and cons on the usage of the CV versus SV based on this and previous studies shown in Figure 5. In summary, the CV and SV have different advantages and disadvantages for aerosol detection with the AMS. The CV generally improves aerosol quantification,<sup>32,36</sup> especially with complex effects on ambient aerosol (e.g., oxidation/heating), as shown in this study. For PM<sub>2.5</sub> measurement, the CV was necessary to quantify supermicron particles, which are observed to have higher and variable bounce in the SV, and thus are more difficult to quantify with the SV-AMS.<sup>34</sup> However, for chemically reduced aerosols, artifact ions (especially CO<sup>+</sup>) formed through the chemical reaction between sampled OA with CV surfaces need to be excluded in aerosol quantifications.<sup>36</sup> The CV shows smaller CO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> and chloride artifacts (when inorganic aerosol is sampled) than the SV.<sup>32,35</sup> Compared to the SV, the chemical information content of aerosols in the CV-AMS data is degraded because of greater thermal decomposition;<sup>32,34–36</sup> however, it is still sufficient for positive matrix factorization (PMF) and elemental ratio analysis.<sup>37</sup> The most commonly used tracer ion in the SV can still be used in the CV, albeit with reduced signal-to-noise ratio in some cases. The size distributions of different aerosol species are broadened in the CV, which is important for laboratory-generated monodisperse

aerosols,<sup>32</sup> whereas it is of limited importance for ambient aerosols because ambient distributions are typically quite broad.<sup>35</sup> After proper calibration, particle sizing of the CV-AMS is still useful for ambient measurements,<sup>35</sup> for example, for size-dependent density calculation. More examination of size distribution comparisons for ambient aerosols is recommended. Overall, the comparison results between the SV and CV suggest that the AMS users should determine their own best vaporizer based on their main purpose of experiments.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

The quantification of OA in the CV and SV has been examined in multiple ambient field studies. The OA mass concentrations from the CV (CE = 1) show good agreement (regression slope = 0.83–1,  $R > 0.83$ ) with OA from the SV (CDCE, 0.5–0.7 applied) and total mass measured with the SMPS minus inorganic species from the AMS, suggesting a complete capture of the OA mass concentrations with the CV-AMS. In this study, we only examined the quantification of ambient aerosols in the CV under biogenic- and anthropogenic-influenced areas with SOA dominating the OA (>80%). The CE and RIE quantification of different types of primary aerosols from specific sources, such as biomass burning, coal combustion, and cooking are recommended for future studies. SOA from specific chamber studies are also recommended for the future studies.

We also explored the performance of OA quantification under the impact of OA oxidation and heating during the SOAS study using a field-deployed OFR and TD, respectively. Higher mass ratios of SV/CV as a function of O/C ratios were observed to varying degrees for different components. The differences in the lens cut ( $E_l$ ) between the SV-AMS and CV-AMS (or AMS vs SMPS) are likely the main reason for the trends in ratios of the SV versus CV mass concentration because of particle growth beyond the AMS size cut during aging. Lens transmission differences at smaller sizes ( $d_{va} < 100$  nm) is a possible cause; however, it is supposed to have a smaller effect because of smaller mass contribution within this range.

In the TD (35–230 °C), a decreasing trend of the SV/CV ratios (and AMS/SMPS) with temperature is observed. The larger reduced mass in the SV-AMS is mainly caused by the extra PBs ( $E_b$ ) in the SV because of lower aerosol volatility and/or irregular particle phase/morphology after heating. Much lower SV/CV mass ratios are found when the CDCE correction method (derived from ambient, nonheated data; Middlebrook et al. 2012) is applied using the denuded aerosol chemical composition than simply applying a constant CE used for the SV, suggesting that the standard CDCE correction is not suitable for the quantification of heated aerosols in the SV.<sup>29</sup>

The measured size distributions of pure standard OA compounds (i.e., squalene, oleic acid, and citric acid) in the CV are much more broadened than those in the SV, which is consistent with that found for inorganic species. The average broadened ratio (=fwhm ratio between CV and SV) of OA is 6.4, which is similar to that of  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  (~5.5) and much higher than that of  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{NaNO}_3$  (~2). OA size distribution in the CV cannot be detected at a lower vaporizer temperature (<350 °C for citric acid and <500 °C for oleic acid and squalene) because of the slow vaporization of OA. Finally, we summarized the pros and cons for using the SV and

CV in the AMS. We found CV-improved aerosol quantification and generally show similar chemical information as the SV for ambient aerosols.

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