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Molecular level understanding of vertically-resolved organic aerosol using direct mass spectrometry

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Molecular Characterization of Organosulfate-Dominated Aerosols over Agricultural Fields from the Southern Great Plains by High-Resolution Mass Spectrometry





Deployment of STAC at ARM-DOE Campaigns



## Methodology

- m/z Formula **Direct Mass** Sample Assignment **Spectrometry Collection**
- Battery-powered impactor with TBS for vertically resolved sample
- Ground sample

- Nanospray desorption electrospray ionization (nano-DESI)
- High resolution mass spectrometry

- MFAssignR
- Molecular level interpretations from assigned molecular formulae

## TBS and nano-DESI

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Boundary layer at ~1000m



TBS sample (~3 hr total sampling time)

1.5 mm

Vertically Resolved Molecular Composition of Organic Aerosols at the SGP Site

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Group

CHC

CHOS

CHNOS

n abundance

0.25
0.50
0.75

1.00



- CHNOS uniquely in TBS sample
- Increase in low volatility species, particularly CHNO, in TBS sample
- Greater population of CHOS in ground sample

## Questions?



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