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# Iceland is an episodic source of atmospheric ice-nucleating particles relevant for mixed-phase clouds

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Movie S1

Sample	Day (Oct 2017)	Start time	End time	Mean altitude (m)	Vol. PC (L)	Vol. tef. (L)	PTFE position	Dust (µm²/cm³)	% dust	Mass (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )	INP.20 (L <sup>-1</sup> )	Air mass	Mode centre (~μm)
C058_1	2	11:13:00	11:41:45	307 (162)	601	352	Up	5.1	88	16	0.54	Land	6
C058_2	2	11:58:30	12:07:30	328 (183)	316	117	Low	8.6	92	26	$0.47^{+}$	Land	8
C059_1	2	16:23:45	16:49:30	324 (186)	432	291	Low	157.7	93	297	7.2	Land	3
C059_2	2	16:52:20	17:01:35	242 (154)	185	28	Up	103.4	94	191	20.0	Land	3
C059_3	2	17:16:00	17:37:10 *	1305 (1154)	347	147	Up	Damaged	-	-	$0.82^{\dagger}$	No land	-
C060_1	4	09:53:30	10:05:30	778 (265)	328	170	Low	6.2	93	13	$0.59^{+}$	Land	5
C060_2	4	11:22:20	11:29:10	131 (39)	216	101	Low	86.5	99	183	5.2	Land	5
C061_1	4	15:18:10	15:58:45 *	2720 (2044)	343	362	Low	30.2	89	58	1.39	No land	5
C061_2	4	16:54:00	17:05:00	406 (308)	387	115	Up	Damaged	-	-	Dama ged	-	-
C061_3	4	17:46:25	18:02:00	253 (170)	468	350	Low	56.5	95	164	1.61	Land	6
C062_1	5	13:43:00	13:53:15	3052 (2482)	103	97	Low	4.2†	$28^{\dagger}$	$48^{\dagger}$	0.93†	No land	-
C063_1	5	16:57:15	17:02:25	1924 (1346)	86	73	Up	$1.8^{+}$	$14^{\dagger}$	33†	$0.67^{+}$	No land	-
C063_2	5	17:15:20	17:51:10 *	415 (232)	345	40	Up	$1.08^{\dagger}$	37†	15	1.36†	No land	-

Section S1. Information about the collected samples

Table S1. Details of all the pairs of filters analysed during the campaign. Each entry corresponds to the pair of polycarbonate (PC) and Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) filters collected at a particular time. The given days correspond to October 2017. The first given mean altitude corresponds to barometric altitude, while the magnitude in parenthesis corresponds to the radar altitude. The volumes sampled for each filter, as well as the inlet position of the PTFE filter (which is opposite to that of the PC filter in each filter pair) are given. The surface area of dust, calculated by integrating the areas of the aerosol particles in the Si rich, Si only, Al-Si rich, Ca rich and Metal rich as well as the INP concentrations at -20 °C (from Fig. 2A) are given. An estimation of the mass of the dust present of the sample has been calculated by integrating the volume size-distribution and assuming a density of 2.6 g cm<sup>-3</sup>. Note that these mass values are likely to be overestimating the atmospheric mass concentrations more than the dust surface area since the sub-isokinetic enhancement of the inlet system is larger at the peak of the volume size-distributions. Using the back trajectories shown in Fig. 1B, the samples have been labelled as those which passed through the boundary layer over the surface of Iceland (Land) and those which did not (No land). An estimation of the centre of the mode of the aerosol surface area size distribution has also been provided when possible. Note that both filters collected during the C061\_2 run, as well as the PC filter collected during the C059\_3 run were damaged and so they have not been analysed. The symbol \* indicates that there was at least one interruption during the sampling to avoid sampling during a turn or altitude change. The symbol <sup>†</sup> indicates that the quantity is in the limit of detection.

#### Section S2. Size-resolved composition of Icelandic aerosol samples obtained using SEM

Here we show the surface area size distributions and size-resolved compositional graphs of all the analysed samples. Equivalent circular diameters were used for these calculations. In addition, the SEM derived distributions are compared with the distributions derived from the optical probes on board of the FAAM BAe-146 (the Passive Cavity Aerosol Spectrometer Probe 100-X (PCASP) and Cloud Droplet Probe (CDP)), using the calibration method described previously (*32*) and (*47*). Data from the optical probes is expressed in terms of optical diameter. Note that the diameters of the SEM and optical probes size distributions are different, which could be contributing to the discrepancies in between the instruments. Details on how the size-resolved composition of each aerosol sample is acquired and an interpretation of each compositional category have also been discussed previously (*32*). Note that the size distributions of the samples collected during the C062 and C063 flights are consistent with the limit of detection due to the low number of particles present on the filter. The limit of detection of dust surface area is about 1  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> for a 400 L sample and about 4  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> for a 100 L sample.



#### S2.1 CO58

Figure S1. Surface area size distribution and size-resolved composition of the samples collected during the C058 flight. The disagreement in between the optical probes and the SEM counting in the C058\_2 sample is probably due to the low number of particles present in the sample.





Figure S2. Surface area size distribution and size-resolved composition of the samples collected during the C059 flight.



S2.3 C060

Figure S3. Surface area size distribution and size-resolved composition of the samples collected during the C060 flight.

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#### S2.4 C061

Figure S4. Surface area size distribution and size-resolved composition of the samples collected during the C061 flight. The disagreement in between the optical probes and the SEM counting at  $\sim 2 \mu m$  could be produced by some artefacts such as water droplets in the PCASP instrument.

S2.5 C062

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Figure S5. Surface area size distribution and size-resolved composition of the samples collected during the C062 flight. The disagreement in between the optical probes and the SEM counting in the C062\_1 sample is probably due to the low number of particles present in the sample present in the filter sample.

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Figure S6. Surface area size distribution and size-resolved composition of the samples collected during the C063 flight. The disagreement in between the optical probes and the SEM counting in the C063\_1 sample is probably due to the low number of particles present in the filter sample. In the C063\_2, the disagreement could be produced by artefacts in the CDP instrument.

# Section S3. Dust chemical composition

Here we show more detailed analysis of the chemical composition of the dust particles collected in this study (all particles in the categories Si rich, Si only, Al-Si rich, Ca rich and Metal rich). Fig. S7A displays the contribution of each element measured for each aerosol sample. The composition of most samples is relatively consistent with the other samples, being more consistent for the most abundant elements (such as Si) and showing a larger scatter for the less abundant elements (such as Ti). The only exception is sample C061\_1, which contains a larger fraction of Metal rich (in this case Al rich) particles (Fig. S4). In addition, in Fig. 1B one can see that the air mass where this sample was collected was the only one in the group of samples dominated by dust particles that did not pass through the boundary layer above Iceland. This means that some of the aerosol particles in this sample, particularly those rich in Al, could have a different origin.

Since the composition of the aerosol particles in each dust sample does not show a large sample-to-sample variability, we merged all of the dust sample compositions for further comparison. In Fig. S7B, one can see that the magnitude and range of concentrations of major elements determined by SEM analysis of our Icelandic dust samples is consistent with previous measurements of Icelandic volcanic ash samples and dust events. The Icelandic dust particles contain larger amounts of Ti than dust particles analysed using the same technique and very likely from low-latitude-dust sources collected in different locations such as the UK and Alaska (*32*) or Barbados, as shown in Fig. S7C. Higher concentrations of Ti in Icelandic samples are consistent with their potential origin from Fe-Ti-rich basaltic magmas (*48*). In Fig S7D differences between the chemical composition of the Icelandic dust particles and dust particles contain in general less Si and Al but more Fe, Mg, Ca or Ti, most of them appear as a different mode when compared with the dust particles from other sources.

Overall, it is clear that the Icelandic dust particles have a different chemical signature than other dust particles, which have mainly a lower-latitude origin (particularly in the case of the UK and Barbados). In addition, the chemical composition of the dust particles collected in Iceland is close to literature data of the chemical composition of bulk Icelandic dust and volcanic ash. This information supports the conclusions based on the back trajectory analysis in Fig. 1B, which indicate that the dust samples collected during this study have a local (Icelandic) origin.

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Figure S7. Chemical composition analysis of the Icelandic samples. (a) The boxes represent the median, Q1 and Q3 percentiles of the percentage of the composition of each element in all the dust particles in each sample. The whiskers represent the composition of all particles located in between the median plus and minus two standard deviations. All the SEM analysed samples from this study which have dust surface areas above the limit of detection (all samples apart from C062 1, C063 1 and C063 2) are shown here. Only particles with chemical composition compatible with dust or ash (Si rich, Si only, Al-Si rich, Ca rich and Metal rich) which are not mixed with NaCl have been shown. (b) Composition of all the combined Icelandic aerosol particles from all the samples shown in the previous panel, using the same notation as above. Literature data for bulk composition of different volcanic ash samples from the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull (49-52) and 2011 Grímsvötn (49, 53) eruptions, as well as two dust events (54, 55) have been shown. (c) Weight percentage of the Ti of the collected Icelandic dust particles compared with dust particles from four samples collected in the UK and an Alaskan sample (32) and four samples collected in Barbados (Harrison et al., In prep) (the whiskers represent the median plus two standard deviations). Note that 31 % of the Icelandic dust particles contained Ti above the limit of detection, while this number was about 3% for the dust particles collected in the UK, Barbados and Alaska. (d) Ternary graphs of the chemical composition of the dust particles shown in the previous panel. The main ternary graph contains the chemical composition of each particle, while the other four graphs contain a heat map with the percentage of dust particles in each sample compositional bin (the axes are the same in all graphs). The chemical composition of each aerosol (used in all the panels shown here) has been recalculated from the weight percentages given by the SEM software, excluding elements that are not Si, Al, Fe, Mg, Ca, Na, K, Ti, Mn and P.

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## Section S4. Fraction frozen of the Icelandic samples

**Figure S8. Fraction of droplets frozen at each temperature for each sample.** Clean filter blanks as well as handling blanks are also shown. Handling blanks were measured by treating two filters in the same way as filters are treated to collect a sample, but restricting the sampling time to a few second. Samples marked with 'x' did not produce a fraction of droplets frozen significantly above the handling blanks so their corresponding INP concentration (in Fig. 2A) are regarded as upper limits of the INP concentration, while samples marked 'o' are treated as INP concentration measurements.

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Section S5. Correlation in between INP and dust surface area

Figure S9. Surface area of dust for each SEM-EDS analysed sample versus the INP concentration at -20 °C. The samples that did not exhibit a signal clearly above the limit of detection in INP concentration or surface area have been labelled as upper limit.

# Section S6. Icelandic dust model inventory

To add Icelandic dust emissions to an existing global inventory (7), we added dust plumes to two grid-boxes over Iceland representing the North East and Southern storm regions previously identified (15) (Fig S10A). In all, 28 dust storms were added for reported severe events (based in visibility in weather stations) in 2001, which is considered a low dust year (15). The timing of these dust events is shown in Fig. S10B. In initial simulations all dust storms were set to the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of the global inventory. These initial simulations were then compared to observations at Heimaey in southern Iceland of monthly mean dust concentration (14). It was assumed that Icelandic dust was the dominant source of dust at Heimaey. Where the model underestimated monthly mean dust concentrations Icelandic dust emissions were scaled up in that month and where the model overestimated monthly mean dust concentrations Icelandic dust emissions was capped at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the global inventory to prevent unrealistic emissions. This process was repeated until the model was able to reproduce dust concentrations within a reasonable error (-37% bias).

The comparison of our model with both multi-day and monthly mean observations is shown in Fig. S10B and Fig. S10C. Overall we were able to capture the majority of episodic dust enhancements observed at Heimaey (even while tuning to monthly means) with the exception of events where no dust storms were recorded. Our modelled annual mean dust concentration is 3  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup> comparing well to the 4.5  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup> observed and a significant improvement on the baseline model (which did not include the Icelandic dust emissions), which reported 0.09  $\mu$ g m<sup>-3</sup>.

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**Figure S10: Description of the modelled Icelandic dust emissions**. (A) Global dust emissions compared to tuned Icelandic emissions. Here, dust emission rates have been normalised to the inventory maximum. The map indicates the total annual emission (~5 Tg from Iceland) while normalized monthly emissions over latitude are shown in the contour pot. (B) Observed (black) and modelled (red) atmospheric dust concentration at Heimaey, in South Iceland, taken as multi-day (3-5) means (*14*). The individual dust storms are indicated in the top plot by the blue symbols (+ for NE storms, triangle for Southern storms). Tuned emissions were only included on days with reported dust events. (C) Monthly means of the observed and modelled dust concentrations. The model run shown includes our tuned Icelandic dust emission inventory.

# **Supplementary Materials**

**Movie S1. Daily [INP]**<sub>ambient</sub> concentration. The data is coloured in red when LLD is the dominating INP source and in blue when Icelandic dust is the dominating INP source.

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