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Abstract. To better understand the size-segregated chemical composition of aged organic aerosols in the western North Pacific rim, day- and night-time aerosol samples were collected in Sapporo, Japan during summer 2005 using an Andersen impactor sampler with 5 size bins: $D_p < 1.1$, 1.1–2.0, 2.0–3.3, 3.3–7.0, > 7.0 μm . Samples were analyzed for the molecular composition of dicarboxylic acids, ketoacids, α -dicarbonyls, and sugars, together with water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC), organic carbon (OC), elemental carbon (EC) and inorganic ions. Based on the analyses of backward trajectories and chemical tracers, we found that during the campaign, air masses arrived from Siberia (a biomass burning source region) on 8–9 August, from China (an anthropogenic source region) on 9–10 August, and from the East China Sea/Sea of Japan (a mixed source receptor region) on 10–11 August. Most of the diacids, ketoacids, dicarbonyls, levoglucosan, WSOC, and inorganic ions (i.e., SO_4^{2-} , NH_4^+ and K^+) were enriched in fine particles ($\text{PM}_{1.1}$) whereas Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} and Cl^- peaked in coarse sizes (> 1.1 μm). Interestingly, OC, most sugar compounds and NO_3^- showed bimodal distributions in fine and coarse modes. In $\text{PM}_{1.1}$, diacids in biomass burning-influenced aerosols transported from Siberia (mean: 252 ng m^{-3}) were more abundant than those in the aerosols originating from China (209 ng m^{-3}) and ocean (142 ng m^{-3}), whereas SO_4^{2-} concentrations were

highest in the aerosols from China (mean: 3970 ng m^{-3}) followed by marine- (2950 ng m^{-3}) and biomass burning-influenced (1980 ng m^{-3}) aerosols. Higher loadings of WSOC (2430 ng m^{-3}) and OC (4360 ng m^{-3}) were found in the fine mode, where biomass-burning products such as levoglucosan are abundant. This paper presents a case study of long-range transported aerosols illustrating that biomass burning episodes in the Siberian region have a significant influence on the chemical composition of carbonaceous aerosols in the western North Pacific rim.

1 Introduction

Tropospheric aerosols contain a significant quantity of organic components, which account for 10–70% of total fine aerosol mass (Jacobson et al., 2000; Kanakidou et al., 2005). Important sources recognized for organic aerosols are primary emissions from biomass burning and bio- and fossil-fuel combustions as well as secondary productions from biogenic and anthropogenic emissions (Claeys et al., 2004; Koch et al., 2007; Schichtel et al., 2008; Venkataraman et al., 2005; Wang et al., 2006a). Loadings of organic and inorganic aerosols are significantly influenced by biomass burning and other anthropogenic sources (Mochida et al., 2003; Wang et al., 2006a; Warneke et al., 2009). The changes in the chemical composition can alter the optical and microphysical properties of aerosol particles (Reid et al., 1998).



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The Asian continent is one of the most important source regions for the emissions of natural dusts, pollutants and biomass burning aerosols on a global scale (Mochida et al., 2003; Simoneit et al., 2004a, b), which are long-range transported to the remote Pacific Ocean and North America (Brock et al., 2004). Therefore, the Asian aerosols have a potential impact on atmospheric chemistry and global climate forcing (Clarke et al., 2004; Huebert et al., 2003). The western North Pacific rim is a receptor region for anthropogenic and mineral dust aerosols originating from the Asian continent. Studies on aerosol characteristics in the western Pacific rim is of great importance to better understand the climate consequences linked with chemical and physical properties of the Asian aerosols over the Pacific region.

Biomass burning events in Siberia and South Asia mostly occur in late spring to summer (Warneke et al., 2009). During this period, dust episodes in Mongolian desert and loess regions of East Asia also contribute to the increased aerosol burden in the Pacific region (Clarke et al., 2004). In fact, on the pathways of Siberian biomass emissions toward North East Asia, dusts from Mongolian desert and loess regions provide an alkaline surface that uptakes acidic gases (Krueger et al., 2004), adding more complexity to the Asian aerosols. Therefore, chemical compositions of aerosols influenced by these events are important to better understand their atmospheric processing during a long-range transport in the western North Pacific rim.

Dicarboxylic acids and sugars are two major compound classes that significantly contribute to water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC) in aerosol particles (Simoneit et al., 2004a, b; Wang et al., 2006b). In the ambient aerosols, dicarboxylic acids are mainly produced by photochemical processes (Kawamura and Yasui, 2005) of the precursor species from different sources, such as biomass burning, vehicular exhaust, etc., while saccharidic compounds are originated from fungal spores and plant material. More precisely, arabinol, mannitol and trehalose are characteristic for fungal spores (Lewis and Smith, 1967; Bielecki, 1982), while monosaccharides such as fructose, glucose and inositol are characteristic for plant material such as pollen, fruit, and fragments (Bartolozzi et al., 1997; Baker et al., 1998; Pacini, 2000). Soil dust probably contains fungal spores, and plant pollen and debris, while biomass burning of plant material may also release substantial amounts of sugar compounds (such as levoglucosan) in aerosol particles (Simoneit et al., 2004a, b).

Therefore, their characterizations on the molecular level can further strengthen our understanding on Asian outflows of aerosols. Some studies have been conducted in several Japanese Islands (especially the southern area of the western Pacific rim) with a focus on the seasonal and temporal variations of Asian outflows (Clarke et al., 2004; Huebert et al., 2003, and references therein). However, the size distributions of organic aerosols at molecular level are rarely studied (Mochida et al., 2007). This information is important be-

cause it allows one to gain useful information on the sources and atmospheric processing of Asian aerosols.

In our previous paper, Aggarwal and Kawamura (2009) discussed the aging of WSOC fraction in total suspended particles (TSP) collected in Sapporo (northern Japan). In that study, we found that although organic carbon (OC) loadings in aerosols may depend on sources, WSOC/OC ratios increased with the photochemical aging of aerosols. The increase in WSOC/OC ratios has been interpreted by a photochemical transformation of primary organic aerosols to WSOC and/or a formation of water-soluble secondary organic aerosol (SOA) via gas-to-particle conversion during long-range atmospheric transport. Although the size-segregated chemical compositions have not been studied in Sapporo (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2009), such studies should provide helpful information to better understand atmospheric transformation processes.

In this study, we collected size-segregated aerosols in Sapporo, the western Pacific rim during summer on day- and night-time basis. Here, we analyzed the size-segregated aerosol samples for low molecular weight dicarboxylic acids, ketoacids, α -dicarbonyls, and sugar compound classes as well as WSOC, OC, EC and major ions. Using air mass backward trajectory combined with tracer analyses, we found that 3 types of aged aerosols were sampled during the campaign with an influence of biomass burning in Siberia, polluted aerosols from China, and marine + mixed source aerosols from the East China Sea/Sea of Japan. Here we report the size distributions of organic and inorganic species and discuss the influence of Siberian biomass burning and Chinese pollution episodes on the loading of organic aerosols in northern Japan. This size-segregated aerosol sampling followed by chemical analyses makes it possible to better discuss the atmospheric processing of water-soluble organic species.

2 Experimental

2.1 Aerosol sampling

The city of Sapporo (location: 43°3'56" N and 141°21'27" E, population: 1.9 million) is located in the western part of Hokkaido, the northernmost major island of Japan (see Fig. 1 in Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2009). It is a good location for collecting the long-range transported atmospheric particles from Siberia (Russia), China and surrounding seas (including the Sea of Japan and western North Pacific). Aerosol particles were segregated using an Andersen high-volume impactor sampler with 50% cutoff diameters of 1.1, 2.0, 3.3 and 7.0 μm (i.e., with 5 size bins: <1.1, 1.1–2.0, 2.0–3.3, 3.3–7.0, >7.0 μm ; hereafter we discuss the size distribution considering these 5 size bins). Particles were collected on pre-combusted (at 450 °C for 6 h) quartz filters (30 cm diameter) and a backup quartz filter (20×25 cm) at a flow rate

of $\sim 566 \text{ l min}^{-1}$. Six sets of aerosol samples (and one set of field blank) were collected on the rooftop of our institute building ($\sim 15 \text{ m a.g.l.}$) at Hokkaido University. The samples were collected from 8–11 August on day- and night-time basis. Day-time samples were collected between 04:30 to 18:30 h (local time, LT) whereas night-time samples were 19:30 to 03:30 h (LT). The filter samples were stored in a clean glass jar (pre-combusted) with a Teflon-lined screw cap at -20°C prior to analysis.

2.2 Chemical analyses

Water-soluble dicarboxylic acids, ketocarboxylic acids and α -dicarbonyls in the aerosol filter samples were determined by the methods described elsewhere (Kawamura, 1993; Kawamura and Ikushima, 1993). Briefly, a part of the filter (one eighth of the Andersen filter, and $\sim 5 \text{ cm}^2$ of backup filter) was cut off, and extracted with Milli-Q water (12–15 ml) using an ultrasonic bath ($3 \times 10 \text{ min}$). Organic acids and carbonyls in the extracts were derivatized to esters and acetals with 14% BF_3 in *n*-butanol, respectively. The derivatives were determined using a capillary gas chromatograph (GC) with a flame ionization detector (FID). Recoveries of diacids in the analytical procedure were $\sim 80\%$ for oxalic acid and better than 80% for other species. The analytical errors (repeatability) in the determination of diacids were within 6% for major diacids based on duplicate analysis.

On the other hand, sugars were extracted from another aliquot of filter cut with a dichloromethane and methanol mixture (2:1), derivatized with *N,O*-bis-(trimethylsilyl) tri-fluoroacetamide (BSTFA) (containing 1% trimethylsilyl chloride) and pyridine as catalyst, and determined using a GC/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) (Wang et al., 2006b). Recoveries of all sugar compounds determined during the analytical procedure were $>90\%$, while the analytical errors (repeatability) were within 10% based on duplicate analysis.

For the measurement of water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC) and inorganic ions, an aliquot of filter (one eighth of the Andersen filter and $\sim 5 \text{ cm}^2$ of backup filter) was extracted with organic-free Milli-Q water ($>18 \text{ M}\Omega \text{ cm}$, 15 ml) using an ultrasonic bath for 30 min. Particles in the extracts were removed by filtration with quartz wool and then a membrane disc filter (Millex-GV, Millipore, $0.22 \mu\text{m}$). For the determination of WSOC, 0.1 ml of 2 M HCl was added to 5 ml water extracts. After purging 10 min with ultra pure air (80 ml min^{-1}), 100 μl of solution were injected into a TOC analyzer (Shimadzu TOC-5000A) (Wang et al., 2005). An analytical error (repeatability) was estimated to be within 6% by the duplicate analyses.

Another aliquot of water extracts ($\sim 7 \text{ ml}$) was used for the determination of major ions (i.e., SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^- , Cl^- , NH_4^+ , K^+ , Ca^{2+} , Mg^{2+} and Na^+) using a Metrohm-761 ion chromatograph (IC). Anions were measured with a Shodex SI-90 4E column with an eluent of 1.8 mM Na_2CO_3 +1.7 mM NaHCO_3 . Cations were isolated on a Shodex YK-421

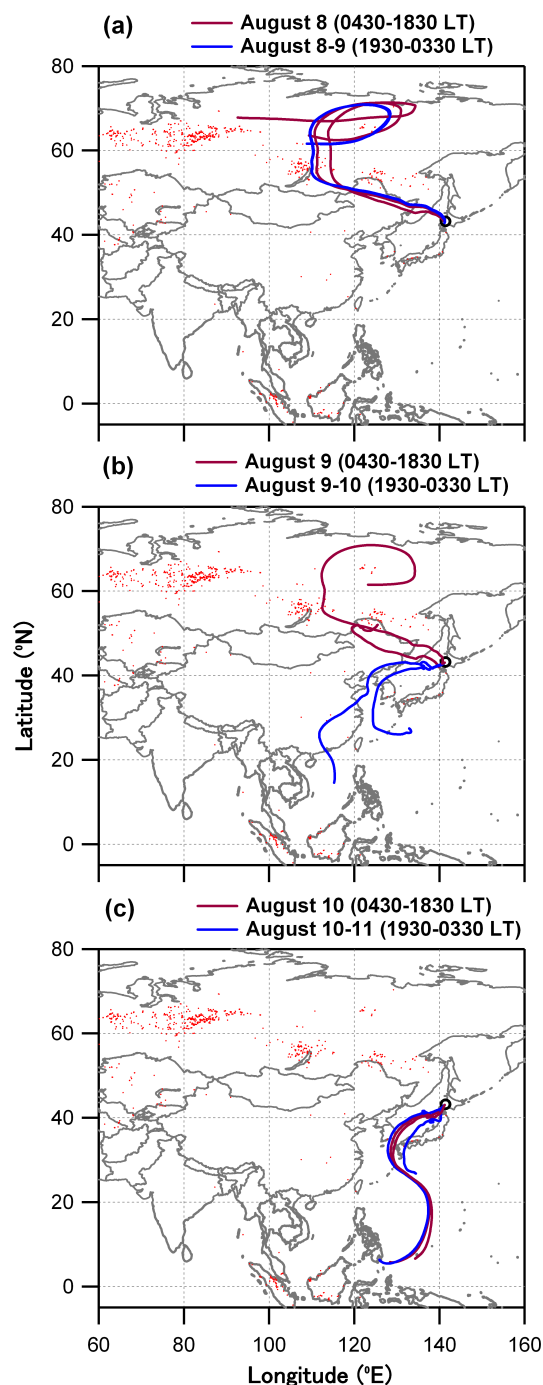


Fig. 1. 10-day air mass backward trajectory analysis results (see Table 1 for the details on air mass types, source regions and their passages for each samples collected during the campaign from 8–11 August 2005 in Sapporo, northern Japan) overlaid the fire spots searched by the satellite over Siberia and Asia, which were obtained from the European Space Agency website (http://dup.esrin.esa.int/ionia/about_ionia.asp), from 29 July to 10 August.

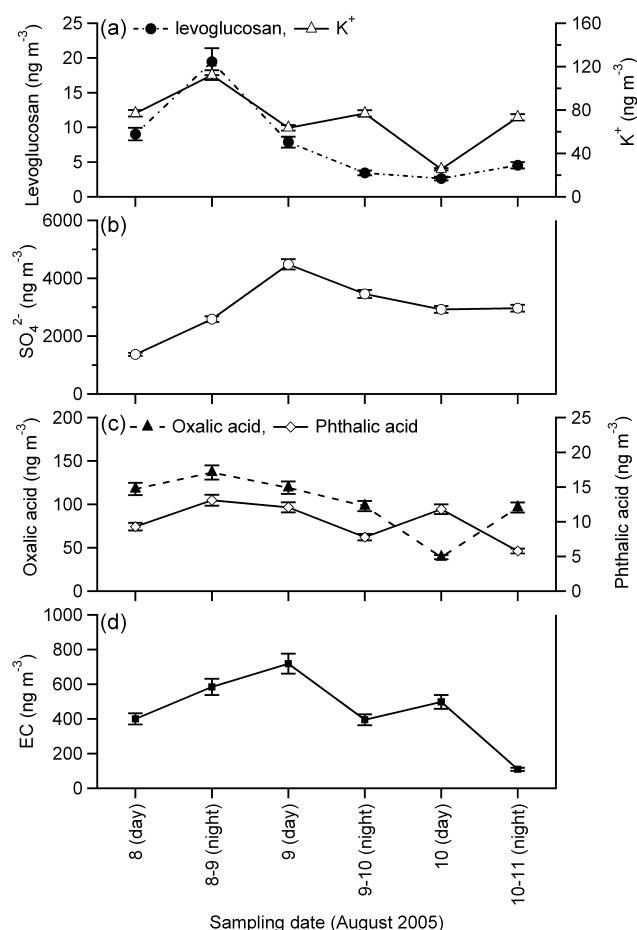


Fig. 2. Concentrations of some marker species determined in fine particles (PM_{1.1}) during the campaign from 8–11 August 2005 (error bar shows analytical error calculated as discussed in the text).

column with an eluent of 4 mM H₃PO₄. The anionic-IC was equipped with a suppressor, and a 4 mM H₂SO₄ solution was used to regenerate suppressor. The analytical errors (repeatability) were estimated to be 4% based on the duplicate analysis.

Organic and elemental carbon (OC and EC) were determined using a Sunset Lab carbon analyzer, following the Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) thermal evolution protocol and assuming carbonate carbon in the sample to be negligible. Typically, a 1.5 cm² punch of the filter was placed in a quartz tube inside the thermal desorption chamber of the analyzer, and then stepwise heating was applied (Wang et al., 2005). The analytical errors (reproducibility) were estimated to be within 8% by the analyses of different punch cuts ($n=3$) of the same filter samples.

Concentrations of individual compounds, WSOC, OC, EC and inorganic ions reported here are all corrected for the field blanks.

2.3 Air mass backward trajectories and fire spots

To characterize the air masses encountered at Sapporo during the campaign, the backward trajectory analysis was performed for each sample using the HYSPLIT4 model (<http://www.arl.noaa.gov/ready/hysplit4.html>, NOAA Air Resources Laboratory, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States). As lifetime of atmospheric aerosols is believed to be from a week to 10 days (Lim et al., 2003), 10-day backward trajectories were calculated. These trajectories were calculated for air masses starting from the sampling site (with sampling ending time) at 500 m height using the model vertical velocity and reanalysis data. The flow pattern was updated every 6 h.

Fire spots of biomass burning events from space were searched on the European Space Agency website (<http://dup.esrin.esa.int/ionia/wfa>). The satellite image shows dense hot spots in Siberia and South Asia from 29 July to 10 August 2005.

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Characteristics of Sapporo aerosols, air mass types and origins

Chemical compositions of the Sapporo aerosols are largely influenced by continental outflows with lesser contributions of local emissions (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2009). Figure 1 shows typical air mass trajectories obtained during the sampling period together with fire spots searched by satellite. The trajectories showed that air masses arriving at Sapporo originated from Siberia (8–9 August), China (9–10 August) and the East China Sea/Sea of Japan (10–11 August), whereas fire spots were mostly observed in Siberian and South Asian regions.

To better identify the potential sources of aerosols originating from these regions, we used chemical tracers determined in PM_{1.1} filter samples collected during the campaign (Fig. 2). For example, levoglucosan and K⁺ are known as potential markers for biomass burning aerosols (Simoneit et al., 1999) whereas SO₄²⁻ is a marker for anthropogenic sources, and/or is an oxidation product of marine-derived dimethylsulfide (DMS) (De Bruyn et al., 1998). Similarly, major diacids are believed to form largely by photooxidation of organic precursors emitted from anthropogenic and biomass burning sources (Kawamura and Ikushima, 1993; Kawamura and Yasui, 2005; Narukawa et al., 1999). EC is primarily emitted from combustion activities (Clarke et al., 2004). In our samples, levoglucosan, K⁺, SO₄²⁻, oxalic acid, phthalic acid and EC ranged from 2.6–20, 25–112, 1370–4480, 39–137, 5.8–13 and 110–719 ng m⁻³, respectively. These tracers were used to strengthen the implications of air mass backward trajectory analyses.

Table 1. Description of air mass types, source regions, and their passages for the Sapporo aerosol samples collected in summer 2005.

Sample ID	Sampling date	Air mass types ^a	Origin and passage
#1	8 August and	Biomass burning	Siberia (lake Baikal and Asian loess regions)
#2	8–9 August		
#3	9 August	Pollution + biomass burning	Siberia, north-east China (Asian loess regions)
#4	9–10 August	Pollution	Eastern China, East China Sea
#5	10 August	Marine	East China Sea, Sea of Japan
#6	10–11 August	Marine + mixed sources (i.e., pollution and biomass burning)	South Asia, southern Japan, East China Sea, Sea of Japan

^a This segregation is based on backward trajectory and chemical tracer analyses as discussed in Sect. 3.1. However it does not mean that these are the specific biomass burning, pollution and marine or mixed aerosol samples from a particular origin and region. Local combustion-derived emission aerosols are likely also mixed in as a moderate local influence is observed in the samples of 10 August (see Sects. 3.1 and 3.5).

Aerosol samples collected on 8 and 8–9 August are characterized by high concentrations of levoglucosan and K^+ (Fig. 2), suggesting an influence of biomass burning. This is consistent with air mass trajectories calculated for these samples (Fig. 1), demonstrating that the air masses were delivered from Siberia, where hot spots of forest fires were observed. Thus these aerosol samples can be considered as biomass burning-influenced samples. In 9 August sample, highest concentrations of SO_4^{2-} (a potential anthropogenic source tracer) and EC (a tracer of combustion) were obtained. The air masses for this sample travelled over Siberia and loess regions in East Asia, hence this sample can be regarded as pollution + biomass burning-influenced sample. Oxalic acid also showed higher concentrations in these samples (8, 8–9 and 9 August), further supporting that these samples are potentially influenced by biomass burning or pollution + biomass burning emissions. Similarly, relatively abundant SO_4^{2-} was detected in the 9–10 August sample (for which the source region was eastern China). This sample can be considered as pollution-influenced sample. Although K^+ is relatively abundant in this sample, concentration of levoglucosan is very low, suggesting no significant contribution from biomass burning.

Moderate concentrations of SO_4^{2-} were found in 10 and 10–11 August samples (Fig. 2), suggesting an influence of marine and local anthropogenic origin. Interestingly, backward trajectory analyses show that air masses for these samples travelled across the East China Sea and Sea of Japan (Fig. 1). The air mass of 10–11 August sample was delivered through South Asia and southern Japan. The 10 August sample showed a peak of phthalic acid (formed by photooxidation of aromatics emitted from fuel combustion) and EC, indicating a possible influence of local emissions. On the other hand, phthalic acid and EC became lowest in the 10–11 August sample, although K^+ , levoglucosan and oxalic acid are abundant. Therefore, this sample can be regarded as marine- + pollution- + biomass burning- (i.e., mixed sources) influenced sample. According to the information, each sam-

ple can be labelled to represent the influence of particular or mixed sources as summarized in Table 1.

It is important to note that the segregation of the samples based on backward trajectory and chemical tracer analyses does not mean that these are the specific biomass burning, pollution and marine or mixed aerosol samples from a particular origin and region. It is likely that local combustion emission aerosols also mixed in, as the local influence is fairly observed in the samples of 10 August. This is a limitation of this approach using the trajectories and chemical tracers.

3.2 Size distributions of dicarboxylic acids and related compounds

Characterizations of aerosol water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC) at molecular level are important to better understand their ability to act as CCN and estimate the hygroscopic growth factor of organics (McFiggans et al., 2005; Shilling et al., 2007). Dicarboxylic acids (diacids) are known as major water-soluble compound classes that affect the hygroscopic property of aerosols (McFiggans et al., 2005). Diacids are largely formed via photochemical processes. Their contributions to total aerosol carbon increase from the western Pacific rim to the central Pacific (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2008; Kawamura and Sakaguchi, 1999). Therefore, their size-segregated compositions are useful to better understand the atmospheric processing of aerosols during transport (Mochida et al., 2007).

Saturated straight chain (C_2 – C_{12}), branched chain and unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, midchain keto or hydroxy dicarboxylic acids (kC_3 , kC_7 , hC_4), ketoacids (ωC_2 – ωC_9 , Pyr) and α -dicarbonyls (C_2 – C_3) were determined in each stage of size-segregated aerosols. Their concentrations in fine, i.e., $PM_{1.1}$ ($<1.1\ \mu m$) and coarse ($>1.1\ \mu m$) particles are summarized in Table 2. Total concentrations of diacids ranged from 113 – $274\ ng\ m^{-3}$ (mean: $201\pm56\ ng\ m^{-3}$) and 24 – $71\ ng\ m^{-3}$ ($45\pm12\ ng\ m^{-3}$) in fine and coarse modes, respectively. Oxalic acid (C_2) was found as the most abundant

Table 2. Concentrations (ng m^{-3}) of dicarboxylic acids, ketoacids and dicarbonyls in the size-segregated aerosols from Sapporo, northern Japan.

Compounds	Fine mode ($D_p < 1.1 \mu\text{m}$)		Coarse mode ($D_p > 1.1 \mu\text{m}$)	
	Range	Mean $\pm$ SD	Range	Mean $\pm$ SD
Dicarboxylic acids				
Saturated straight chain diacids				
Oxalic, C_2	39–137	101 $\pm$ 34	7.2–32	17 $\pm$ 7.0
Malonic, C_3	20–48	35 $\pm$ 9.1	3.2–13	8.1 $\pm$ 2.5
Succinic, C_4	20–33	25 $\pm$ 4.6	5.1–12	7.7 $\pm$ 1.7
Glutaric, C_5	0.76–6.8	4.2 $\pm$ 2.6	0.27–2.8	1.7 $\pm$ 0.70
Adipic, C_6	1.8–4.7	3.4 $\pm$ 1.3	0.57–1.4	0.93 $\pm$ 0.24
Pimelic, C_7	0.12–0.38	0.22 $\pm$ 0.10	0.06–0.35	0.15 $\pm$ 0.08
Suberic, C_8	BDL	BDL	BDL–0.55	0.23 $\pm$ 0.15
Azelaic, C_9	1.2–2.7	1.8 $\pm$ 0.61	0.33–2.0	0.81 $\pm$ 0.35
Sebacic, C_{10}	0.53–2.3	1.3 $\pm$ 0.64	0.04–0.33	0.14 $\pm$ 0.07
Undecanedioic, C_{11}	BDL–2.1	1.1 $\pm$ 0.94	BDL–0.40	0.12 $\pm$ 0.12
Dodecanedioic, C_{12}	BDL–0.11	0.03 $\pm$ 0.05	BDL $\pm$ 0.03	0.01 $\pm$ 0.01
Unsaturated diacids				
Maleic, M	1.4–3.4	2.3 $\pm$ 0.91	0.49–1.3	0.80 $\pm$ 0.17
Fumaric, F	0.31–1.6	0.87 $\pm$ 0.51	0.18–0.65	0.33 $\pm$ 0.14
Methylmaleic, mM	1.1–2.7	1.6 $\pm$ 0.60	0.27–1.2	0.60 $\pm$ 0.21
Phthalic, Ph	5.8–13	10 $\pm$ 2.8	0.81–7.3	2.8 $\pm$ 1.4
Iso-phthalic, iPh	0.10–1.5	0.50 $\pm$ 0.48	0.04–0.39	0.14 $\pm$ 0.08
Tere-phthalic, tPh	BDL–3.1	1.3 $\pm$ 1.5	BDL–0.59	0.25–0.18
Branched chain diacids				
Methylmalonic, iC ₄	0.57–1.2	0.77 $\pm$ 0.29	0.11–0.82	0.48–0.18
Methylsuccinic, iC ₅	0.49–1.4	0.92 $\pm$ 0.33	0.15–0.75	0.38 $\pm$ 0.16
Methylglutaric, iC ₆	1.4–3.4	2.3–0.91	0.49–1.3	0.80 $\pm$ 0.17
Keto or hydroxy diacids				
Malic, hC ₄	BDL–0.26	0.09 $\pm$ 0.13	0.04–0.37	0.16 $\pm$ 0.10
Oxomalonic, kC ₃	1.2–6.6	3.5 $\pm$ 2.2	0.25–1.9	0.72 $\pm$ 0.40
4-Oxopimelic, kC ₇	1.2–8.2	5.1 $\pm$ 2.8	0.16–1.4	0.56 $\pm$ 0.40
Total diacids	113–274	201 $\pm$ 56	24–71	45 $\pm$ 12
Ketoacids				
Pyruvic, Pyr	2.4–8.0	4.8 $\pm$ 2.2	0.46–1.6	1.1 $\pm$ 0.33
Glyoxylic, ωC_2	7.7–15	12 $\pm$ 3.4	1.0–3.6	1.9 $\pm$ 0.69
3-Oxopropanoic, ωC_3	BDL–0.21	0.07 $\pm$ 0.09	BDL–0.27	0.15 $\pm$ 0.08
4-Oxobutanoic, ωC_4	0.32–9.9	4.6 $\pm$ 3.9	0.71–10	4.2 $\pm$ 2.3
9-Oxononanoic, ωC_9	BDL–4.2	1.3 $\pm$ 1.6	BDL–0.73	0.14 $\pm$ 0.19
Total ketoacids	17–27	23 $\pm$ 3.4	3.9–14	7.5 $\pm$ 2.3
α -Dicarbonyls				
Glyoxal, Gly	0.85–3.2	1.8 $\pm$ 0.77	BDL–0.71	0.40 $\pm$ 0.17
Methylglyoxal, meGly	0.26–4.8	2.9 $\pm$ 1.7	0.25–1.7	0.91 $\pm$ 0.40
Total dicarbonyls	2.1–8.0	4.8 $\pm$ 2.2	0.50–2.4	1.3 $\pm$ 0.50

BDL= below detection limit (ca. 0.005 ng m^{-3})

species with concentration range of 39–137 ng m^{-3} in fine mode (mean: 101 $\pm$ 34 ng m^{-3}) and 7.2–32 ng m^{-3} in coarse mode (mean: 17 $\pm$ 7.0 ng m^{-3}), followed by malonic (C_3) or succinic acid (C_4). Relative abundances of C_2 , C_3 and C_4 in total diacids were 49 $\pm$ 7.5, 18 $\pm$ 0.9 and 13 $\pm$ 2.4% in fine

mode, and 38 $\pm$ 6.5, 18 $\pm$ 2.6 and 18 $\pm$ 3.1% in coarse mode. Longer-chain diacids such as C_8 , C_{11} and C_{12} were below the detection limit (ca. 0.005 ng m^{-3}) in some segregated aerosol fractions, probably due to the limited air volume for multiple stages.

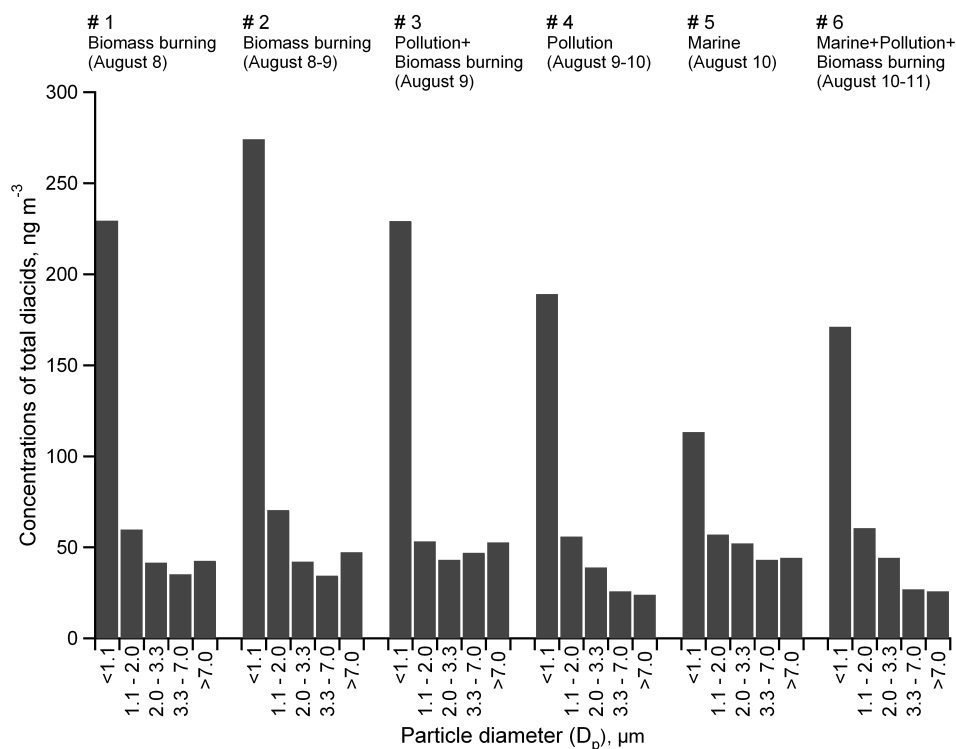


Fig. 3. Size distributions of total diacids in the Sapporo aerosols collected in summer 2005.

It is important to note that diacid concentrations may considerably vary depending on extraction and derivatization methods employed (Yang and Yu, 2008). For example, oxalic acid concentrations determined by organic solvent extraction followed by BSTFA derivatization and GC/MS measurement were found to be significantly lower (about 15 times) than those of oxalate determined by water extraction followed by IC measurement in $PM_{2.5}$ collected in Singapore (Yang and Yu, 2008). Further, oxalic and malonic acids were not detected and/or seriously depleted when organic solvent extraction/methyl ester derivatization techniques were employed for GC determination (Grosjean et al., 1979; Satsumabayashi et al., 1989). However, our method (water extraction followed by dibutyl ester derivatization and GC determination) proved that the recovery of oxalic acid is 80% as mentioned before. Kawamura and Barrie found a good correlation ($r=0.84$) between the oxalic acid concentrations determined in the Arctic aerosols by IC and GC methods (unpublished results, 2002).

Size distributions of total diacids are shown in Fig. 3. The results demonstrate that concentrations of total diacids are maximized in fine particles ($PM_{1.1}$). Similar submicron maxima have been reported in the polluted urban air in Hungary (Krivácsy and Molnár, 1998) and in rural and urban sites in Hongkong (Yao et al., 2002). Other studies also showed the predominance of shorter-chain diacids in fine particles (Kawamura et al., 2007; Mochida et al., 2007; Narukawa et al., 2003).

It is important to state that the chemical composition associated with fine ($<1\ \mu m$) and coarse ($>1\ \mu m$) particles is important to better understand the atmospheric processing of the particles, while the size resolved chemical composition, especially for below $0.5\ \mu m$ sizes is very useful for constraining the CCN activity of the particles and the properties of the formed clouds. Therefore, we briefly discuss here the size resolved chemical composition obtained from MOUDI (Micro Orifice Uniform Deposit Impactor) sampler (MSP Corp.). During the campaign, we collected one set of MOUDI samples in parallel with the Andersen impactor sampling from 8–11 August using aluminium substrate for 10 stages, and a backup quartz filter (all were pre-combusted at $450\ ^\circ C$ for at least 12 h). Size cut-point diameters were 18, 10, 5.6, 3.2, 1.8, 1.0, 0.56, 0.32, 0.18, 0.10, $0.056\ \mu m$ with a flow rate of 30 l/min.

A detailed discussion on these MOUDI samples will be given elsewhere (Aggarwal et al., 2010), however, we present the mass and total diacids concentrations in Fig. 4, which were determined using gravimetric and GC methods, respectively. Aerosol mass and total diacid concentrations show almost similar pattern of distribution, with a peak at the particle size bin of $0.56\text{--}1.0\ \mu m$. However, substantial concentrations of total diacids are observed in $0.32\text{--}0.56$ and below $0.32\ \mu m$ size ranges, which are important for CCN activity of aerosol particles. Aerosol mass concentrations obtained in the particle size $<0.56\ \mu m$ is almost equivalent to that determined in particle size bin $0.56\text{--}1.0\ \mu m$. In contrast, concentrations of

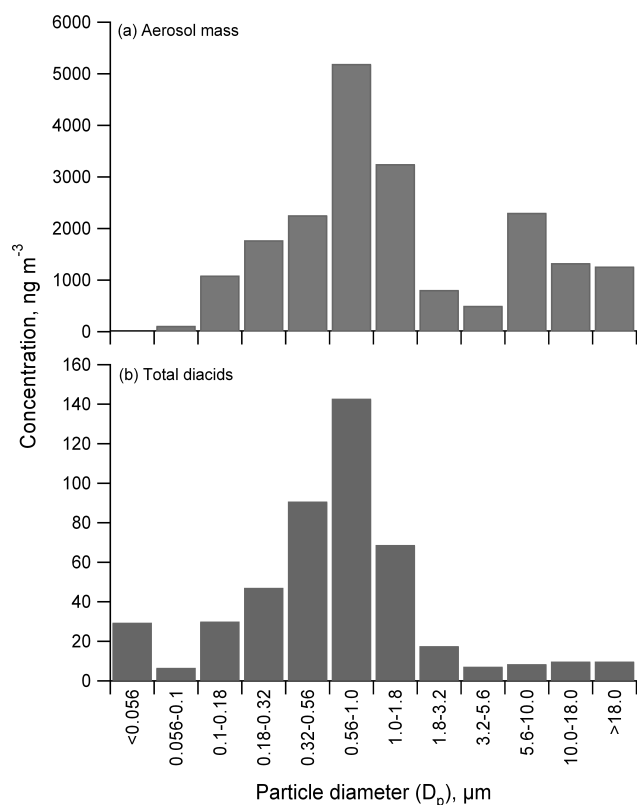


Fig. 4. One set of MOUDI samples was collected during the study period from 8–11 August. **(a)** aerosol mass collected on aluminium substrate of 10 stages, **(b)** total diacids concentration distribution (10 stages + backup).

total diacids in the particle size $<0.56 \mu\text{m}$ are much higher than that of $0.56\text{--}1.0 \mu\text{m}$ size bin (Fig. 4). These findings are also consistent with the hypothesis that low molecular weight diacids are the secondary oxidation products via gas-to-particle conversion in the atmosphere. This point is further discussed in Sect. 3.6.

The biomass burning (samples #1 and #2) or biomass burning + pollution (sample #3) aerosols showed higher concentrations of total diacids in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ than those of pollution (sample #4), marine (sample #5) or marine + mixed sourced (sample #6) aerosols (Fig. 3). We found a strong correlation between oxalic acid and levoglucosan (a biomass burning tracer, the concentrations are given in Sect. 3.3) ($r=0.94$), and between total diacids and levoglucosan ($r=0.86$) in fine particles ($\text{PM}_{1.1}$). In contrast, both oxalic acid and total diacids showed no correlation against fine particle sulfate ($r=0.07$ and 0.11 , respectively). This suggests that biomass burning is a potential source of diacids and their precursors. These results indicate that biomass burning episodes have a significant influence on the aerosol compositions in northern Japan during the campaign. During biomass burning events, firstly, diacids can be produced by thermal oxidation of biomass and be subsequently condensed onto pre-existing particles in the biomass burning

plumes (Gao et al., 2003; Narukawa et al., 1999; Reid et al., 1998). Secondly, production of diacids via photochemical aging of intermediate smoke species (gas-to-particle conversion) in the atmosphere is another important pathway (Gao et al., 2003; Narukawa et al., 1999). Thirdly, production of diacids through aqueous phase reactions in aerosols may also be an important pathway (Sorooshian et al., 2006; Warneck, 2003).

Figure 5 shows individual concentrations of major diacid and ketoacid species detected in the size-segregated aerosol samples. Although diacids and ketoacids are generally more abundant in the fine size ($<1.1 \mu\text{m}$) than coarse sizes ($>1.1 \mu\text{m}$), they also exist with considerable amounts in the coarse mode ($D_p > 1.1 \mu\text{m}$). In particular, azelaic acid (C_9) is abundantly present in coarse mode such as $3.3\text{--}7.0 \mu\text{m}$ or $>7.0 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter, i.e., C_9 is more abundant in coarse particles ($>1.1 \mu\text{m}$) in all the sample sets (Table 2, Fig. 5d). The relatively high abundance of C_9 in coarse particles can be interpreted by heterogeneous oxidation of $\Delta 9$ double bond of unsaturated fatty acids such as oleic acid ($\text{C}_{18:1}$) and linoleic acid ($\text{C}_{18:2}$), which are derived from phytoplankton, higher plants and bacteria (Kawamura and Gagosian, 1987).

The loadings of diacids in coarse mode ($D_p > 1.1 \mu\text{m}$) are slightly higher than those in fine mode ($D_p < 1.1 \mu\text{m}$) in #5 and #6 samples, when the air mass types were categorized as marine or marine + mixed source (see Fig. 5). This suggests a possible association of diacids with sea-salt particles. Generally a shift of size maxima towards coarse mode is reported when aerosol particles have a marine influence (Huang et al., 2006; Neusüss et al., 2000). During the passage of air masses in the marine boundary layer, a change in the net concentrations of diacids in fine particles may in part occur due to their evaporation and subsequent deposition on the coarse particles that contain alkaline components. Mochida et al. (2003) also reported a shift of small diacids from submicrometer to supermicrometer sizes in coastal marine aerosols collected from the western North Pacific. Likewise Kermiinen et al. (1999) found a concentration peak of diacids in supermicrometer size range in the lower Arctic aerosols. Ricard et al. (2002) reported that C_4 and C_5 diacids were abundant in coarse particles in the northern Finland aerosols when the air mass type was marine.

Concentrations of total ketoacids in the Sapporo aerosols ranged from $17\text{--}27 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ (mean: $23 \pm 3.4 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) and $3.9\text{--}14 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ($7.5 \pm 2.3 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in fine and coarse modes, respectively (Table 2). Glyoxylic acid (ωC_2) was found as the dominant ketoacid followed by 4-oxobutanoic acid (ωC_4) and/or pyruvic acid (Pyr). Total concentrations of α -dicarbonyls ranged from $2.1\text{--}8.0 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ (mean: $4.8 \pm 2.2 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) and $0.50\text{--}2.4 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ ($1.3 \pm 0.50 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in fine and coarse modes, respectively. Being similar to diacids, concentrations of ketoacids and dicarbonyls also maximized in fine mode (Table 2). It is of interest to note that these concentrations in fine particles were much more abundant in biomass burning-influenced samples (#1, #2 and #3), as seen

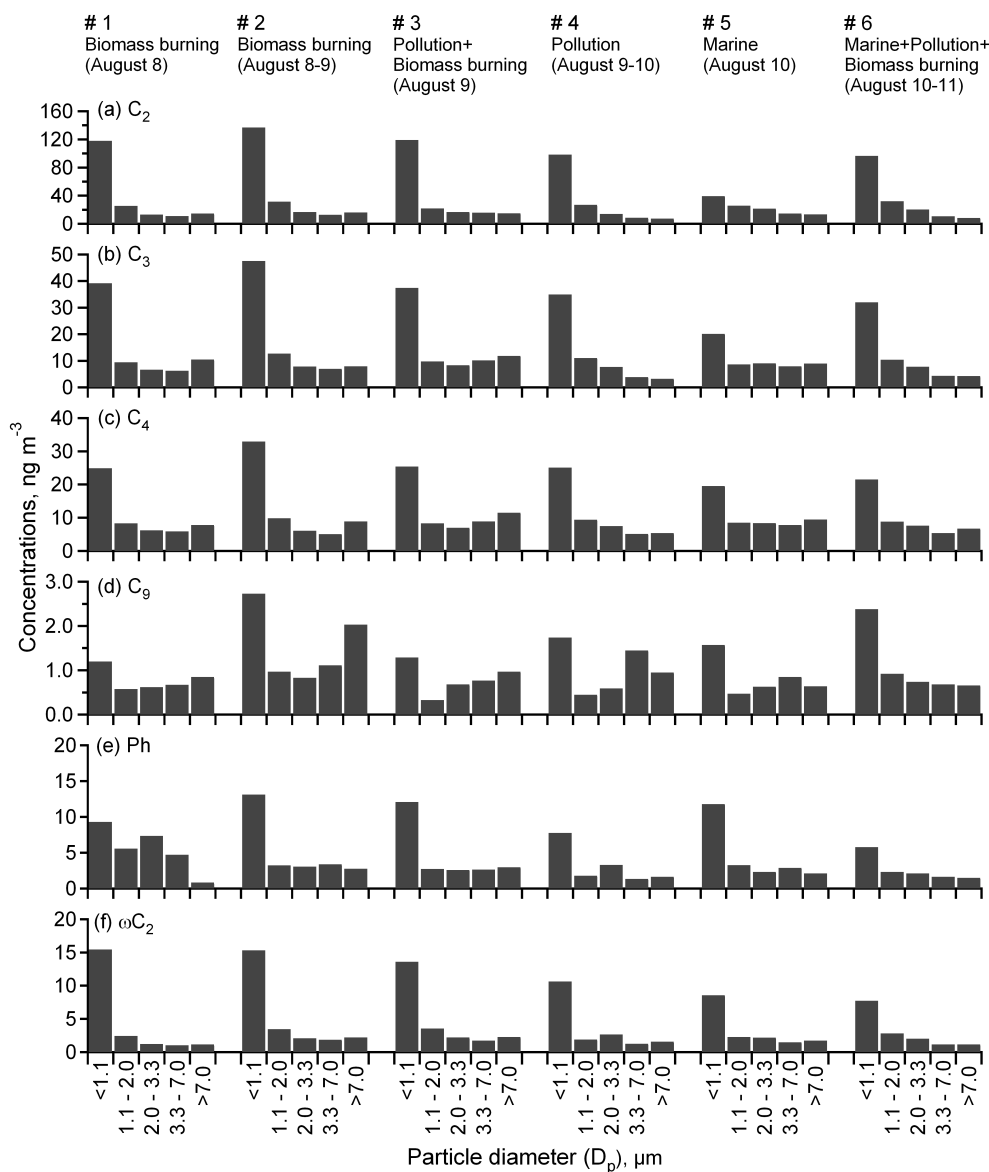


Fig. 5. Size distributions of major diacids and ketoacid in the Sapporo aerosols collected in summer 2005.

in Fig. 5. The correlation coefficients (r) of C_2 with ωC_2 , Pyr and glyoxal (Gly) are 0.96, 0.90 and 0.87, respectively (obtained from all respective size-segregated aerosol concentrations). Considering the chemical equilibrium conditions, these strong correlations indicate that these species are important intermediates in the secondary formation pathways of oxalic acid ($\text{Gly/Pyr} \rightarrow \omega C_2 \rightarrow C_2$) from the biogenic precursors (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2008; Kawamura et al., 1996).

3.3 Size distributions of sugar compounds

Because sugars are water-soluble, they can influence the hygroscopic properties of aerosol particles (Mochida and Kawamura, 2004). Eight sugars (i.e., levoglucosan, fruc-

tose, glucose, sucrose, trehalose, mannitol, arabitol and inositol) were detected in the Sapporo aerosols. Their concentrations are given in Table 3. Total concentrations of sugars ranged from 5.6–31 ng m^{-3} (mean: $14 \pm 9.2 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in fine ($<1.1 \mu\text{m}$) particles and 1.9–74 ng m^{-3} ($19 \pm 18 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in coarse ($>1.1 \mu\text{m}$) particles. Levoglucosan is the most abundant sugar detected in fine size ($\text{PM}_{1.1}$) (Table 3). However, other sugar compounds become dominant in coarse modes of most samples. Among them (in coarse mode), glucose and sucrose are most abundant on average (Table 3). Levoglucosan comprised $54 \pm 9.3\%$ of total sugars in fine mode, but did only $2.5 \pm 0.95\%$ in coarse mode. Instead, glucose and sucrose accounted for $23 \pm 1.9\%$ and $20 \pm 7.8\%$ of total sugars in coarse mode, respectively.

Table 3. Concentrations (ng m^{-3}) of sugar compounds in the size-segregated aerosols from Sapporo, northern Japan.

Compounds	Fine mode ($D_p < 1.1$)		Coarse mode ($D_p > 1.1$)	
	Range	Mean $\pm$ SD	Range	Mean $\pm$ SD
Levoglucozan	2.6–20	7.8 $\pm$ 6.2	0.09–1.8	0.50 $\pm$ 0.40
Fructose	1.1–4.1	2.1 $\pm$ 1.2	0.19–5.7	1.3 $\pm$ 1.6
Glucose	0.50–3.4	1.7 $\pm$ 1.1	0.29–14	4.2 $\pm$ 3.9
Sucrose	0.10–1.5	0.69 $\pm$ 0.49	0.07–26	3.9 $\pm$ 7.1
Trehalose	0.10–0.55	0.28 $\pm$ 0.19	0.21–19	3.3 $\pm$ 4.8
Mannitol	0.10–1.4	0.69 $\pm$ 0.50	0.17–11	3.3 $\pm$ 2.9
Arabitol	0.10–0.89	0.35 $\pm$ 0.29	0.12–6.1	2.0 $\pm$ 1.7
Inositol	0.10–0.49	0.29 $\pm$ 0.14	0.02–0.40	0.10 $\pm$ 0.10
Total sugars	5.6–31	14 $\pm$ 9.2	1.9–74	19 $\pm$ 18

Levoglucozan (1,6-anhydro- β -D-glucopyranose), anhydrosaccharide, is a major pyrolysis product of cellulose, and is recognised as a tracer of biomass burning (Simoneit et al., 1999). However, it can also be generated by non-combustive processes, e.g., hydrolysis or microbial degradation of carbohydrates (Simoneit et al., 1999, 2000). Although it is believed that levoglucozan is a non-degradable species in the atmosphere, it is important to note that recent studies show that levoglucozan is not as stable as originally thought (Hoffman et al., 2010).

Despite its usefulness in the source apportionment studies, very few studies reported the particle size distributions of levoglucozan (Fine et al., 2004; Herckes et al., 2006; Kleeman et al., 2008; Schkolnik et al., 2005). Figure 6 shows the size distributions of levoglucozan and total sugars during the campaign. Levoglucozan is enriched in fine particles with concentrations of 2.6–20 ng m^{-3} (mean: 7.8 $\pm$ 6.2 ng m^{-3}), especially in biomass burning-influenced samples (#1 to #3), although its concentrations in coarse mode are very low (0.09–1.8 ng m^{-3} , 0.50 $\pm$ 0.40 ng m^{-3}). These results are similar to the size distributions of levoglucozan reported in smoke impacted aerosol samples (Herckes et al., 2006; Schkolnik et al., 2005). This study indicates that biomass burning smoke is spread out over the Asian outflow region, and has an impact on the air quality of the western North Pacific rim (Simoneit et al., 2004b).

On the other hand, other sugar species, i.e., primary saccharides including monosaccharides (glucose and fructose), disaccharides (inositol, sucrose and trehalose) and sugar polyols or reduced sugars (arabitol and mannitol) are found to exist mostly in coarse fractions. The size distributions of individual primary saccharides are shown in Fig. 7. They show maximum concentrations in coarse sizes ($>1.1 \mu\text{m}$). The primary saccharides are derived from fungal spores (Lewis and Smith, 1967; Bielecki, 1982) and plant materials (Bartolozzi et al., 1997; Baker et al., 1998; Pacini, 2000) (which are airborne or become airborne due to biomass burning), and by resuspension of surface soil and unpaved

road dust (Simoneit et al., 2004c). Recently, Russell et al. (2010) reported the prevalence of sugar compounds in ocean aerosols via bubble bursting processes.

Fructose shows bimodal distributions peaking at $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ and in coarse sizes (Fig. 7a, Table 3). Interestingly, its concentrations in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ were found to be high in #1, #2, #3 and #6 samples (biomass burning and mixed aerosols), and to well correlate with levoglucozan in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ ($r=0.83$). This relation likely suggests that fructose is in part emitted from biomass burning processes. Low to moderate concentrations of glucose were also found in fine particles in biomass burning-influenced samples, i.e., #1, #2 and #3 (Fig. 7b). Fu et al. (2008) and references therein suggested that biomass burning is the primary source of glucose, fructose, galactosan and mannosan along with levoglucozan. Medeiros et al. (2006) also observed that wildfires strongly enhanced the emissions of uncombusted saccharides. Interestingly, inositol also shows bimodal distributions (Fig. 7c), being similar to fructose distributions. This again suggests its biomass burning sources.

In contrast, arabitol and mannitol (reduced sugars) did not show any significant enrichment in fine particles (Fig. 7d and e). Their concentrations maximized in coarse sizes in all the sample sets (unimodal distributions), with higher concentrations in #1, #2 and #3 samples. Similarly, sucrose was found to be abundant in coarse particles ($>7.0 \mu\text{m}$) (Fig. 7f), and its maximum concentrations were found in #2 and #3 samples (moderately correlated ($r=0.60$) to Ca^{2+} at coarse size $>7.0 \mu\text{m}$). Another disaccharide, trehalose is also enriched in coarse sizes (3.3–7.0 μm , $>7.0 \mu\text{m}$) with maximum concentration on 8–9 August (Fig. 7g). The disaccharides detected in coarse particles may be derived from the suspended soil dusts originated in Sapporo and/or Asian continent, where agriculture-tilling practices are the source for the emission of soil dusts into the passing aerosols (Simoneit et al., 2004b).

The elevated concentrations of sugar polyols (arabitol and mannitol) and trehalose in coarse mode may be attributed to biological sources like fungal spores (Yttri et al., 2007).

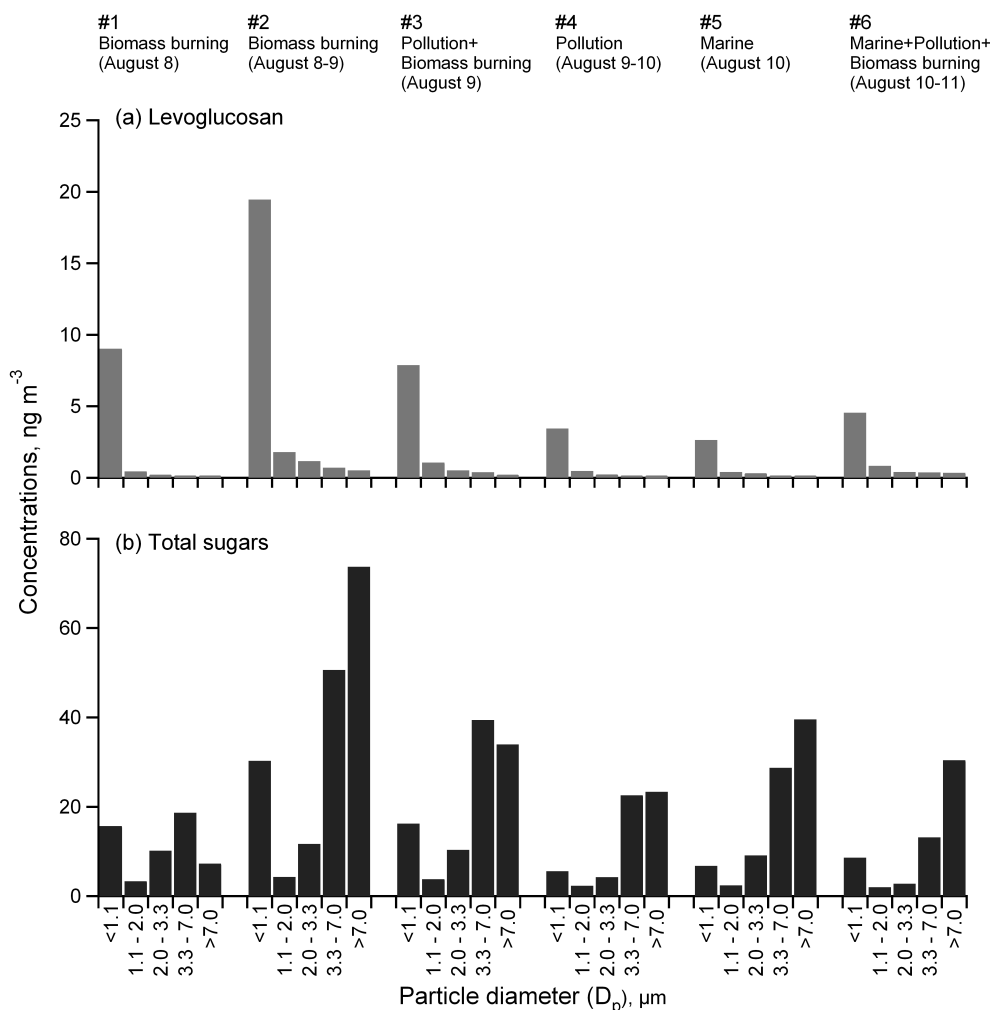


Fig. 6. Size distributions of (a) levoglucosan and (b) total sugars in the Sapporo aerosols collected in summer 2005.

During late summer, spores from fungi are most intensively emitted. Bauer et al. (2002) reported the diameters of smallest fungal spores of 2 μm , underlining their presence in the coarse sizes (i.e., 2.0–3.3, 3.3–7.0, >7.0 μm). They are also major soluble components in the bark of trees, branches and leaves (Medeiros et al., 2006). Coarse mode sucrose could also be associated with phloem of plants and developing leaves and flower buds (Bieleski, 1995) in addition to suspended soil dust and unpaved road dust. Further, small fractions of disaccharides and reduced sugars in fine mode detected in this study may be attributed to biomass burning (Fu et al., 2008, and references therein) or sources like pollens and some viruses (Yttri et al., 2007, and reference therein).

3.4 Size distributions of inorganic ions

Size distributions of inorganic ions (i.e., SO_4^{2-} , NH_4^+ , K^+ , NO_3^- , Ca^{2+} , Cl^- , and Mg^{2+}) determined in the aerosol samples are shown in Fig. 8. Re-

sults of Na^+ (sea-salt) are not given here because of possible artifact from glass containers used in this study. Total concentrations of inorganic ions ranged from 2030–6970 ng m^{-3} (mean: $4630 \pm 1620 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) and 322–2590 ng m^{-3} ($1020 \pm 630 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in fine and coarse aerosols, respectively. Among identified ions, SO_4^{2-} was found as the most abundant species, ranging from 1370–4480 ng m^{-3} (mean: $2970 \pm 1020 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in fine mode and 126–1610 ng m^{-3} ($518 \pm 446 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in coarse mode. The second most abundant ion is NH_4^+ , whose concentrations are 447–2370 ng m^{-3} ($1460 \pm 627 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) and 65–801 ng m^{-3} ($248 \pm 210 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$) in fine and coarse modes, respectively. It is of interest to note that average molar ratios ($\text{NH}_4^+/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$) are >2 in both fine and coarse modes, suggesting that sulfate is neutralized by ammonium in the Sapporo aerosols. Ranges and mean concentrations of individual ions are summarized in Table 4.

SO_4^{2-} accounted for $64 \pm 1.6\%$ and $45 \pm 14\%$ of total inorganic ion mass in fine and coarse modes, respectively. Higher

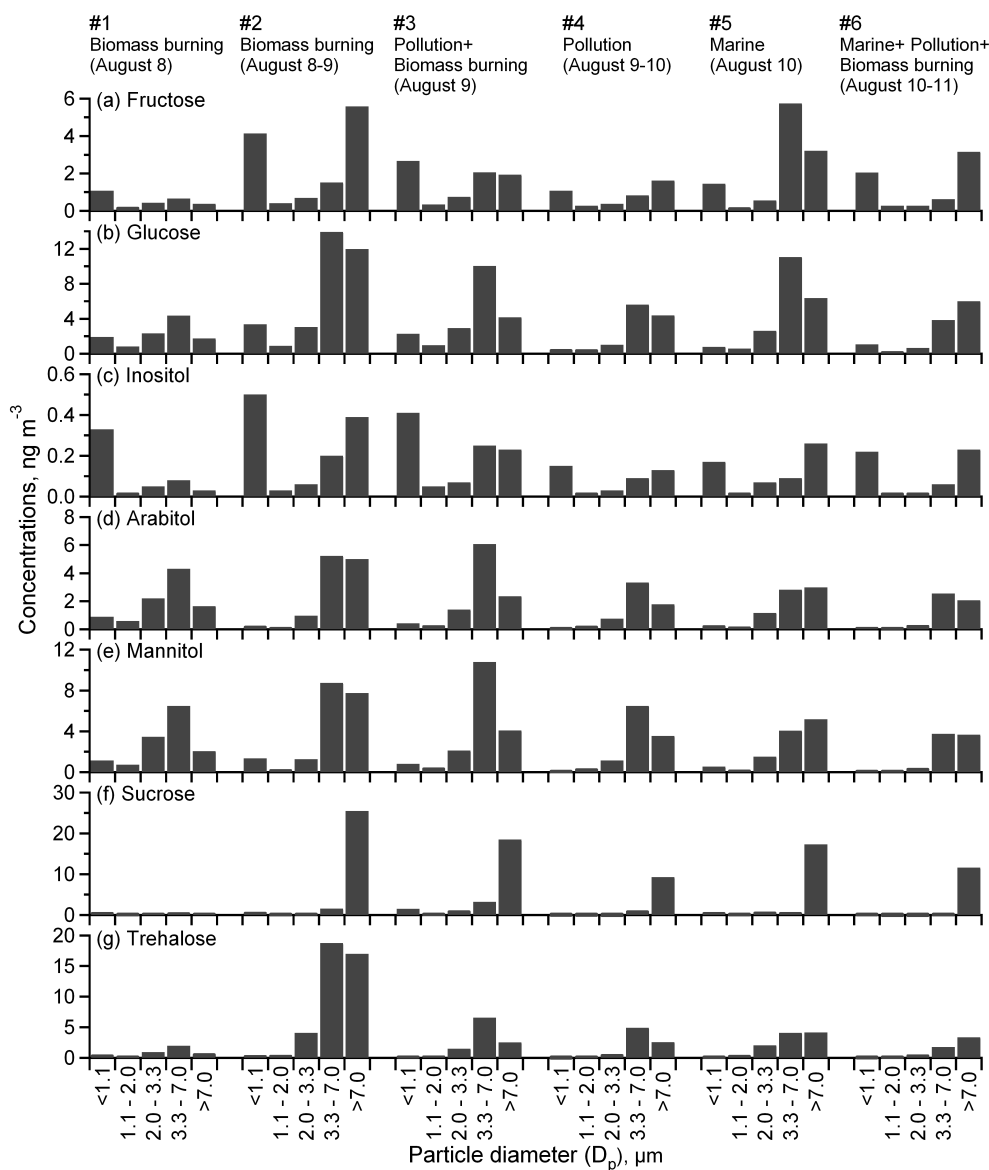


Fig. 7. Size distributions of individual sugar compound classes in the Sapporo aerosols collected in summer 2005.

SO_4^{2-} concentrations were obtained on 9, 9–10 and 10–11 August (Fig. 8a), when the air masses were transported from Asian continent. Although SO_4^{2-} is enriched in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$, substantial fractions of SO_4^{2-} were also found in the size intervals of 1.1–2.0 and 2.0–3.3 μm , possibly due to the coagulation of fine particles enriched with SO_4^{2-} in-cloud processes at different levels of relative humidity (Kerminen and Wexler, 1995; Zhao and Gao, 2008). Negligible fractions of SO_4^{2-} were found in larger coarse sizes (i.e., 3.3–7.0 and $>7.0 \mu\text{m}$), indicating that SO_4^{2-} does not associate with dust and sea-salt particles in our samples. Size distributions of NH_4^+ are comparable to those of SO_4^{2-} , and do not change significantly depending on the types of air masses (Fig. 8b). The correlation between NH_4^+ and SO_4^{2-} is very strong ($r=0.99$) in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ as

well as in coarse sizes ($r=0.97$, 0.99 and 0.93 for the size bins of 1.1–2.0, 2.0–3.3 and 3.3–7.0 μm , respectively), suggesting the presence of ammonium salt of SO_4^{2-} . The overall concentrations of NH_4^+ and SO_4^{2-} in biomass burning samples (#1 and #2) were lower than those in the pollution-influenced aerosol samples (#3 and #4).

K^+ is a useful tracer of biomass burning. Being consistent with levoglucosan, K^+ was most abundantly detected in fine particles ($\text{PM}_{1.1}$) in all the sample sets (Fig. 8c), again indicating the impact of biomass burning in this region. Considerable amounts of K^+ were also found in coarse modes of 1.1–2.0 and 2.0–3.3 μm . Because potassium salts are more hygroscopic in nature, such a size shift of potassium may be rather effective due to aging process of biomass burning

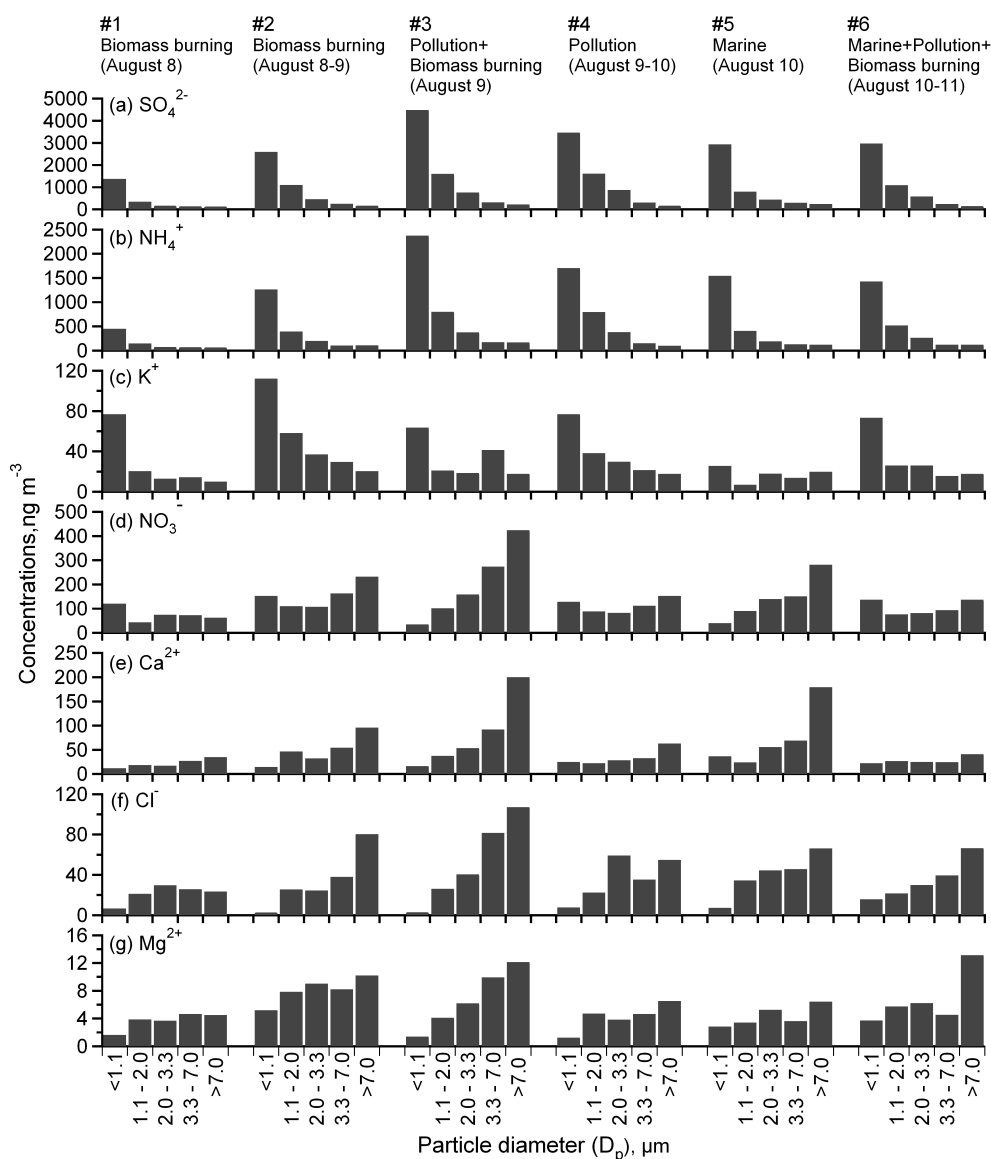


Fig. 8. Size distributions of individual inorganic ions in the Sapporo aerosols collected in summer 2005.

aerosols (Huang et al., 2006). K^+ detected in coarse modes of 3.3–7.0 and >7.0 μm is possibly derived from soil and sea-salt.

Interestingly, size distributions of NO_3^- showed two peaks at $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ and size bin >7.0 μm in most of the sample sets regardless the air mass types (Fig. 8d). Particulate NO_3^- in the coarse modes could have been formed from neutralization reactions of HNO_3 on sea-salt and soil dust particles (Herner et al., 2006; Zhuang et al., 1999). However, NO_3^- concentrations in our samples were rather low (range: 35–152 and 44–424 ng m^{-3}), which represented only 2.7 ± 2.0 and $17 \pm 10\%$ of total inorganic ion mass in fine and coarse modes, respectively. Both NO_3^- and EC (discussed in the following section) are tracers for fossil fuel burning, however

low concentrations of NO_3^- relative to EC in fine modes (Table 4) are possibly due to the evaporative losses of NO_3^- during transport. Similar values (15–130 ng m^{-3}) of NO_3^- were reported in the western North Pacific for fine particles collected during spring, however, the concentrations of coarse mode (1700–5000 ng m^{-3}) were more than 10 times higher than those of fine mode (Mochida et al., 2007). Oxidation of NO_x to HNO_3 and the subsequent adsorption on salt/dust particles may be a process responsible for the higher concentrations of NO_3^- in the coarse mode.

Ca^{2+} (a potential indicator of mineral dust) were at maximum concentration in coarse size (>7.0 μm) (Fig. 8e). Higher concentrations of Ca^{2+} were observed in #2, #3 and #5 samples. This is consistent with air mass trajectories,

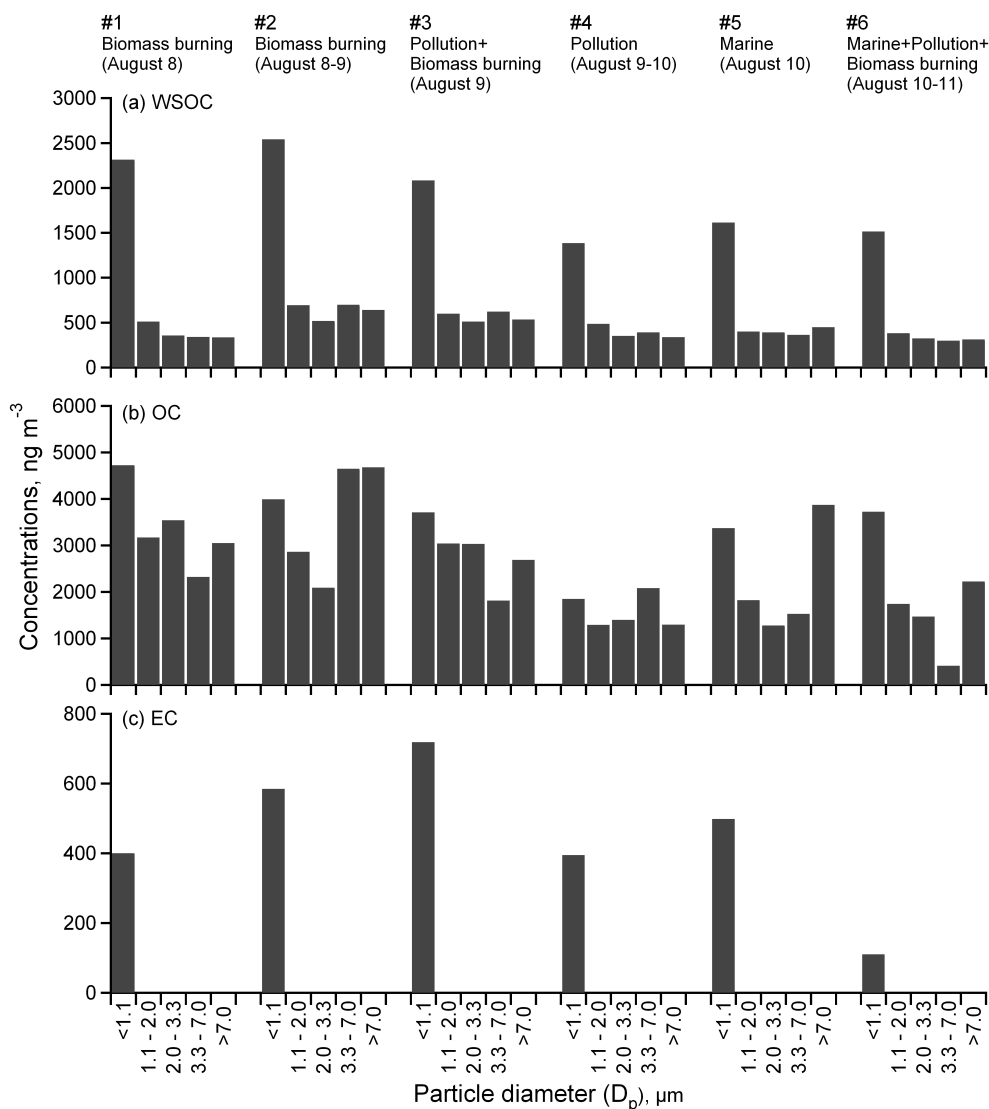


Fig. 9. Size distributions of carbonaceous species in the Sapporo aerosols collected in summer 2005.

Table 4. Concentrations (ng m^{-3}) of WSOC, OC, EC and major ions in the size-segregated aerosols from Sapporo, northern Japan.

Major constituents	Fine mode ($D_p < 1.1$)		Coarse mode ($D_p > 1.1$)	
	Range	Mean $\pm$ SD	Range	Mean $\pm$ SD
WSOC	1390–2540	1910 $\pm$ 472	297–699	452 $\pm$ 126
OC	1850–4730	3560 $\pm$ 954	412–4680	2390 $\pm$ 1090
EC	110–719	451 $\pm$ 207		
SO_4^{2-}	1370–4480	2970 $\pm$ 1020	126–1610	518 $\pm$ 446
NO_3^-	35–152	102 $\pm$ 51	44–424	138 $\pm$ 87
Cl^-	3–16	7 $\pm$ 5	21–107	43 $\pm$ 23
NH_4^+	447–2370	1460 $\pm$ 627	65–801	248 $\pm$ 210
K^+	25–112	71 $\pm$ 28	7–58	23 $\pm$ 11
Ca^{2+}	12–37	21 $\pm$ 9	17–200	54 $\pm$ 47
Mg^{2+}	1–5	3 $\pm$ 2	3–13	6 $\pm$ 3
Total inorganic ions	2030–6970	4630 $\pm$ 1620	322–2590	1020 $\pm$ 630

which show their passage over loess regions in China, the source regions of mineral dusts in East Asia. In #5 sample, the air masses came from the East China Sea, which is a receptor region of the dust/soil particles originated from Mongolia and Eastern China (Mochida et al., 2007; Simoneit et al., 2004b). Cl^- concentrations maximized at coarse sizes (Fig. 8f). Cl^- concentrations were very low, ranging from $3\text{--}16\text{ ng m}^{-3}$ and $21\text{--}107\text{ ng m}^{-3}$ in fine and coarse modes, respectively. Being similar to Cl^- , Mg^{2+} were also at maximum concentrations in coarse sizes (Fig. 8g), suggesting a similar origin and source regions, i.e., sea-salts.

3.5 Size distributions of WSOC, OC and EC

Size distributions of water-soluble organic carbon (WSOC), organic carbon (OC) and elemental carbon (EC) are shown in Fig. 9. Their concentrations are summarized in Table 4. EC was only detected in fine mode ($D_p < 1.1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$). In all the sample sets, WSOC maximized in fine aerosols (mean: $1910\pm 472\text{ ng m}^{-3}$) (Fig. 9a). In fine modes, WSOC concentrations of samples #1, #2 and #3 are about 30–60% higher than those of #4, #5 and #6 samples. This means that WSOC is enriched in biomass burning-influenced aerosols. Because WSOC is an important fraction of OC, high loadings of WSOC in biomass burning-influenced aerosols indicate that Siberian biomass burning events may significantly impact on air quality, physical and optical properties of aerosols, and thus climate of the western North Pacific rim. A considerable amount of WSOC is also observed in marine influenced samples (#5 and #6), indicating that ocean bubble bursting may be a potential source of polar organics in marine aerosol (Russell et al., 2010).

Although OC generally peaked in fine particles (Fig. 9b), a peak was also found in coarse particles. This bimodal distribution of OC may be a result of in-cloud processing of organic aerosols during long-range atmospheric transport. Alternatively, OC may be associated with sugar-related sources because this distribution pattern is similar to that of sugar compounds. As discussed above, possible source of sugars is soil resuspension (microorganisms and plant debris) and ocean bubble bursting (especially in marine influenced samples), both of which may also be an important source for OC loadings in coarse aerosols. However, by comparing OC concentrations in all the sample sets in fine or coarse modes or total concentrations (i.e., fine + coarse mode) separately, we found that OC is always higher in the biomass burning or biomass burning+ pollution aerosol samples. These results suggest that although soil resuspensions, atmospheric processes and ocean bubble bursting are potentially important for OC distributions in coarse mode, biomass burning is the major source that governs the OC loadings in the Sapporo aerosols during the summer campaign.

EC in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$ ranged from $110\text{--}719\text{ ng m}^{-3}$ with a mean of $451\pm 207\text{ ng m}^{-3}$. This range and mean are about half of those (range: $620\text{--}1400\text{ ng m}^{-3}$, mean: $840\pm 340\text{ ng m}^{-3}$)

reported for fine aerosol particles ($<1\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) collected in spring during Asian dust season in the western North Pacific (Mochida et al., 2007). EC maximized in #3 sample (pollution + biomass burning) and minimized in #6 sample (marine + mixed sourced) (Fig. 9c). High EC concentration was also obtained in #5 sample when air masses were transported from marine region. Phthalic acid (Ph) (see Fig. 5e) and OC (see Fig. 9b) are both moderately enriched in fine mode of this sample. Because Ph is directly emitted from automobile exhausts (Kawamura and Kaplan, 1987) and also produced by a secondary photochemical oxidation of aromatic hydrocarbons emitted from fossil fuel combustions (Kawamura and Ikushima, 1993), this sample may be considered as partially influenced by fossil fuel combustion of local origins.

3.6 Characteristic type of WSOC and OC in fine and coarse fractions

WSOC to OC ratios can be used to assess the photochemical aging of organics, especially in long-range transported aerosols such as Sapporo aerosols (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2009). Figure 10a illustrates WSOC/OC ratios in size-segregated aerosols for all the sample sets. Except for #6 sample, WSOC/OC ratios peaked in fine particles. The ratios calculated for fine and coarse modes are $0.41\text{--}0.75$ (mean: 0.55 ± 0.12) and $0.10\text{--}0.72$ (0.23 ± 0.13), respectively. Similar results ($\sim 0.2\text{--}0.7$) have been reported in different aerosol types (Duarte et al., 2007 and references therein). Further, high ratios (>0.4) were reported in aged aerosols, and biomass burning-influenced aerosols (Jaffrezo et al., 2005, and references therein). The oxidation of particulate organic matter during long-range transport should be responsible for high WSOC/OC ratios as suggested in our previous study in Sapporo (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2009). A significant portion of OC may be oxidised to WSOC during the atmospheric transport to the western North Pacific rim from Asian continent.

Diacids are believed to be produced largely by secondary processes. In fact, the smallest diacid (C_2) is proposed as end product of oxidative reactions of several longer-chain diacids and other organic precursors in the atmosphere (Aggarwal and Kawamura, 2008; Kawamura et al., 1996). Interestingly, size distributions of C_2 and total diacids, which showed a peak in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$, are quite similar to those of WSOC in all the sample sets (see Figs. 3, 5a and 9a). We found good correlations between C_2 (or $\text{C}_2\text{-C}$, i.e., carbon based concentrations) and WSOC ($r=0.68$ (0.68)), and total diacids (or total diacid-C) and WSOC ($r=0.81$ (0.85)) in $\text{PM}_{1.1}$, suggesting that a major portion of WSOC in fine particles is secondarily produced in both biomass burning and polluted plumes. However, the correlation coefficients are low and even negative in the coarse sizes. Furthermore, although C_2 , total diacids and WSOC showed similar size distributions, their ratios, i.e., $\text{C}_2\text{-C/WSOC}$ and total diacid-C/WSOC, are generally higher

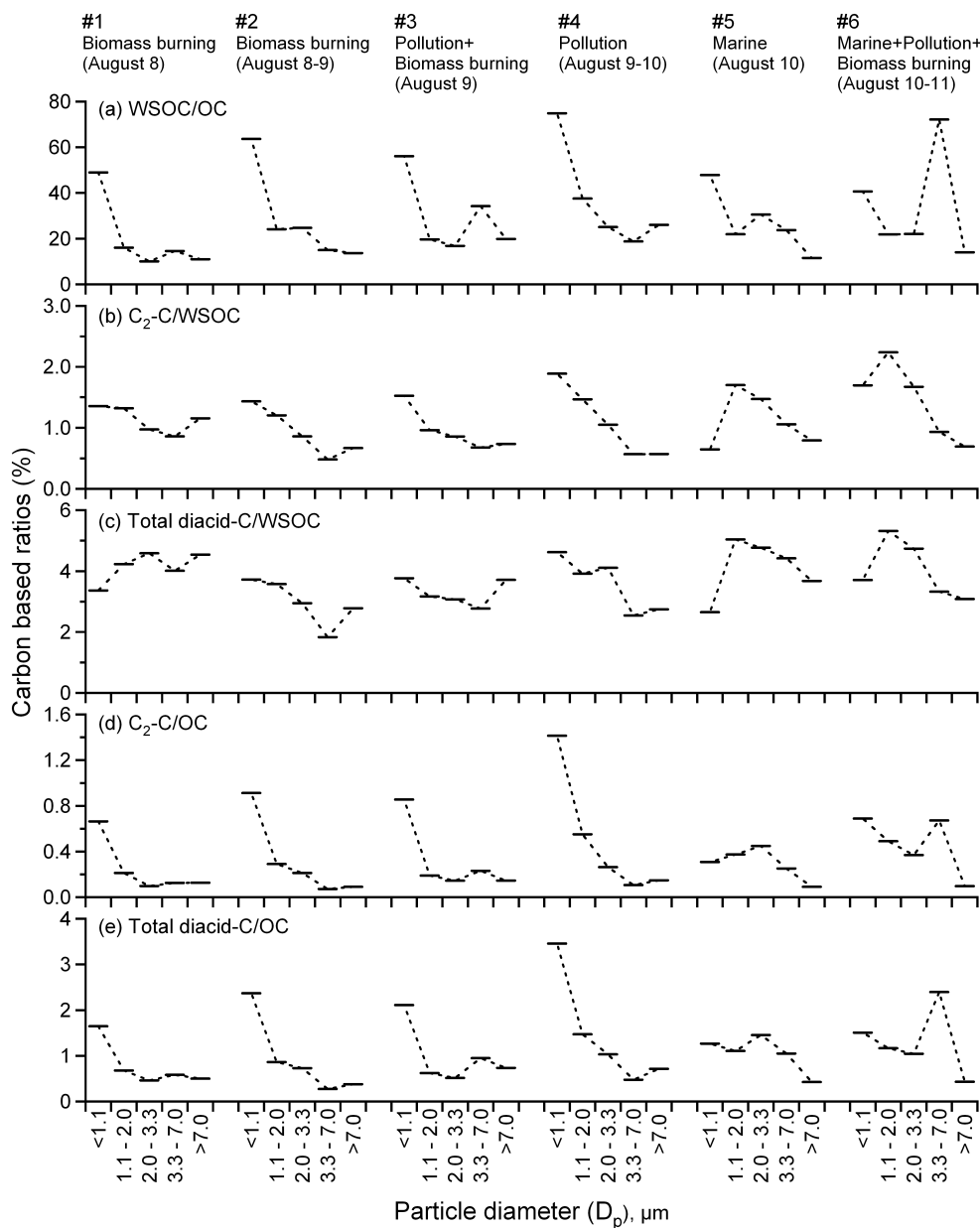


Fig. 10. Size-segregated ratios of (a) WSOC/OC, (b) oxalic acid-C/WSOC, (c) total diacid-C/WSOC, (d) oxalic acid-C/OC and (e) total diacid-C/OC in the aerosol samples collected during the campaign from 8–11 August 2005 in Sapporo, northern Japan.

in $PM_{1.1}$ than those of coarse sizes in biomass burning- or/and pollution-influenced samples (Fig. 10b and c).

In contrast, size distributions of diacids and OC are not parallel in most of the samples (Figs. 3 and 9b). We found enhanced ratios of C_2 -C/OC and total diacid-C/OC in $PM_{1.1}$, except for #5 and #6 samples (being similar to C_2 -C/WSOC and total diacid-C/WSOC ratios), where the atmospheric particles were influenced by marine sources (Fig. 10d and e). This can be interpreted by secondary photochemical production of diacids in the atmosphere. In the above two sets of samples, a shift of the mode peak towards larger size ranges

was found, again suggesting that oxalic acid and other semi-volatile species could have been adsorbed on alkaline sea-salt particles. The C_2 -C/OC and total diacid-C/OC ratios are highest in the aerosol samples influenced by pollution sources (#4). Because WSOC accounted for more than 50% of OC in fine aerosols (except marine-influenced aerosols), this study indicates that a considerable fraction of OC in fine mode is likely formed by the secondary processes that occur in the atmosphere during long-range transport of organic precursors.

4 Summary and Conclusions

Six sets of size-segregated (i.e., with 5 size bins: <1.1 , 1.1 – 2.0 , 2.0 – 3.3 , 3.3 – 7.0 , >7.0 μm) aerosol samples were collected during day-, and night-time in Sapporo, northern Japan in summer 2005. Samples were analyzed for low molecular weight diacids, ketoacids and α -dicarbonyls, sugars, WSOC, OC and EC, as well as major ions. Chemical tracer analyses together with air mass backward trajectories demonstrated that during the sampling periods, 3 different air masses encountered at Sapporo with an influence of Siberian biomass burning (8, 8–9 August), Chinese pollution (9, 9–10 August) and marine + mixed sources (10, 10–11 August). Major water-soluble organic compounds, i.e., diacids, peaked in fine mode ($D_p < 1.1$ μm). By comparing the size distributions, we conclude that diacids are more enriched in biomass burning-influenced samples than pollution- and marine-influenced aerosols. The high loadings of diacids and enhanced ratios of $\text{C}_2\text{-C/OC}$ and diacid- C/OC in fine particles demonstrate that they are most likely produced by photochemical oxidation of organic precursors in the atmosphere during long-range transport. Biomass burning emissions are possibly a major source for diacids and their precursors in the Sapporo aerosols during the campaign.

Levogluconan showed maximum concentrations in fine mode in all the sample sets. They are several times more abundant in biomass burning-influenced samples. In contrast, other sugars peaked in coarse aerosols (>1.1 μm), although most sugars are more enriched in biomass burning-influenced aerosol samples. SO_4^{2-} (a dominant inorganic ion) showed maximum concentrations in fine mode. We found that it is more abundant in the samples influenced by Chinese aerosols. Ca^{2+} peaked mostly in coarse mode whereas NO_3^- showed bimodal distributions with a peak in fine and coarse modes. Higher OC loadings are observed in biomass burning aerosols than pollution aerosols. Similarly, WSOC that peaked in fine mode, showed a maximum concentration in biomass burning aerosols. We observed that WSOC and OC in fine aerosols are photochemically more processed in the atmosphere than those in coarse mode fractions. This study demonstrates that biomass-burning episodes in Siberia have a significant influence on the carbonaceous aerosols in northern Japan and the western North Pacific rim.

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