



Fog composition at Baengnyeong Island in the eastern Yellow Sea: detecting markers of aqueous atmospheric oxidations

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Abstract. Samples of fog water were collected at Baengnyeong Island (BYI) in the Yellow Sea during the summer of 2014. The most abundant chemical species in the fog water were NH_4^+ (mean of 2220 μM), NO_3^- (1260 μM), SO_4^{2-} (730 μM), and Na^+ (551 μM), with substantial contributions from other species consistent with marine and biomass burning influence on some dates. The pH of the samples ranged between 3.48 and 5.00, with a mean of 3.94, intermediate within pH values of fog/cloud water reported previously in Southeast Asia. Back trajectories (72 h) showed that high relative humidity (> 80 %) was encountered upwind of the sampling site by all but one of the sampled air masses, and that the fog composition at BYI can be impacted by several different source regions, including the Sea of Japan, southeastern China, northeastern China, and the East China Sea. Sulfur in the collected fog was highly oxidized: low S(IV) concentrations were measured (mean of 2.36 μM) in contrast to SO_4^{2-} and in contrast to fog/cloud S(IV) concentrations from pollutant source regions; organosulfate species were also observed and were most likely formed through aging of mainly biogenic volatile organic compounds. Low-molecular-mass organic acids were major contributors to total organic carbon (TOC; 36–69 %), comprising a fraction of TOC at the upper end of that seen in fogs and clouds in other polluted environments. Large contributions were observed from not only acetic and formic acids but also oxalic, succinic, maleic, and other organic acids that can be produced in aqueous atmospheric organic processing (AAOP) reactions. These samples of East Asian fog water containing highly oxidized components represent fog downwind of pollutant sources and

can provide new insight into the fate of regional emissions. In particular, these samples demonstrate the result of extensive photochemical aging during multiday transport, including oxidation within wet aerosols and fogs.

1 Introduction

The chemistry of the atmosphere occurs within multiple phases, one of which is the aqueous phase. Atmospheric water includes fog droplets, cloud droplets, and wet aerosol particles, all of which can act as miniature aqueous reaction vessels. Distinct chemical phenomena occur within the atmospheric aqueous phase: formation of organic hydrates and protonation/deprotonation occur frequently, time spent by reactants in proximity to one another increases, and interactions involving metals such as the Fenton reactions and iron oxalate complexes are possible (Lelieveld and Crutzen, 1991; Zuo and Hoigné, 1994). The study of carbonaceous species is particularly pertinent to understanding particle-, gas-, and aqueous-phase atmospheric processes because the composition and formation of organics are complex. Particle-phase organics in particular cannot yet be modeled well by laboratory or computer experiments (Aiken et al., 2008; Chen et al., 2015; Heald et al., 2005, 2010) and can account for a large fraction of aerosol mass (Fu et al., 2008; Lin et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2012). Uptake of organic components into atmospheric water represents a pathway for their removal from the atmosphere, via deposition and/or chemical degradation (Collett et al., 2008). Aqueous atmospheric organic

processing (AAOP) can yield low molecular mass products with typically increased volatilities, effectively reducing pollutant concentrations in an air mass via chemical water treatment (Brinkmann et al., 2003; Zhang et al., 2003). Some reactions of organic material within atmospheric water form aqueous secondary organic aerosol (aqSOA) by oxidation of dissolved organic precursors to form lower-volatility products that remain in the particle phase as fog drops evaporate (Ervens et al., 2011).

The most common approach to studying AAOP reactions in the lab is to introduce $\bullet\text{OH}$ oxidant into a bulk solution of a standard carbonaceous “precursor” molecule such as glyoxal and monitor the reaction as it proceeds (Lim et al., 2010). Some assumptions of this common type of simulation can also be studied within a lab: for example, real cloud water constituents have been shown to cause an effective kinetic slowing, via oxidant competition, of a given organic chemical reaction (Boris et al., 2014). However, while these commonly applied lab simulations are useful for studying specific AAOP reactions, more accurate representations of fogs and clouds are needed to validate simulation results and elucidate more complex phenomena. Daumit et al. (2014) demonstrated that microphysical dynamics of in-droplet diffusion and bidirectional air–water mass transfer are inaccurate in simple “bulk reactions”: carrying out a reaction within a photoreactor does not allow species, including oxidants, to continuously partition into and out of solution, as in the real atmosphere (Ervens et al., 2003). Bulk photoreactions also do not correctly simulate differences in chemical constituents between droplets within a cloud (Bator and Collett, 1997; Collett et al., 1994), gradients inside individual droplets (Ervens et al., 2014), or physical processes of fogs and clouds such as evaporation and deposition (Collett et al., 2008; Herckes et al., 2002b; Pandis et al., 1990).

Unequivocal evidence of AAOP reactions within the real atmosphere is challenging to show because no specific molecular or physical tracers for AAOP have been identified. Known products of aqueous oxidation reactions including oxalic acid and SO_4^{2-} are frequently used as non-specific molecular tracers. Successful approaches toward identifying the location and timing of AAOP reactions have included the use of coincident non-specific molecular tracers such as organic acids (Sorooshian et al., 2006, 2013), the predominance of oxalic acid and SO_4^{2-} in a size mode generated from aqueous processes (the droplet size mode, Crahan et al., 2004), and high carbon oxidation states (Chen et al., 2015). Additional observations of AAOP evidence have been summarized by Blando and Turpin (2000) and Ervens et al. (2011). Although oxalic acid in particular has been used as a molecular tracer for AAOP reactions (Sorooshian et al., 2006; Wonaschuetz et al., 2012; Yu et al., 2005), other sources for oxalic acid in the atmosphere have been proposed: gas-phase oxidation of aromatic and anthropogenic molecules (Edney et al., 2000; Kamens et al., 2011; Kleindienst et al., 1999; Borrás and Tortajada-Genaro, 2012;

Kalberer et al., 2000), diesel exhaust emissions (Kawamura and Kaplan, 1987), and forest fire emissions (Narukawa and Kawamura, 1999; Yamasoe et al., 2000).

High aerosol concentrations near major cities in China have been attributed in large part to secondary aerosol formation processes from various sources of carbonaceous emissions (Bian et al., 2014; Zheng et al., 2005). Cloud water collected on Mount Tai in Shandong Province (west of the Yellow Sea) contained some of the highest total organic carbon (TOC) concentrations measured in the world (Herckes et al., 2013; Shen et al., 2012; Wang et al., 2011), consistent with strong regional organic pollutant sources, including agricultural burning (Desyaterik et al., 2013). AAOP reactions could produce measurable quantities of aqSOA and low molecular mass organic acids during atmospheric transport of chemicals, especially at high concentrations and within humid environments as observed in Southeast Asia. Anthropogenic emissions from mainland China and Korea frequently impact remote sites around the Yellow Sea (Kim et al., 2011). Oxygenated organic species observed within atmospheric water and aerosol samples at coastal sites in South Korea (Decesari et al., 2005; Lee et al., 2015) are evidence for AAOP reactions occurring in this part of the world.

Fog water was collected at BYI to characterize the composition of fog formed in aged air masses intercepted in the eastern Yellow Sea. Frequent sea fog events are observed at BYI, particularly during the late spring and early summer (Cho et al., 2000; Zhang et al., 2009). In addition to gathering new information about the composition of fogs in this little-studied region, chemical measurements discussed herein helped to determine whether AAOP reactions occurred at BYI, either within the fog or upwind of the sampling site within cloud droplets/wet aerosol particles. Specifically, it was hypothesized that highly oxidized sulfur and oxidized organics (e.g., low molecular mass organic acids such as oxalic acid) would be measured within the fog water, indicating that AAOP reactions had occurred.

2 Methods

2.1 Study overview

Fog water was collected from 29 June through 21 July 2014 on BYI at an established atmospheric research center (ARC) run by the Korean National Institute for Environmental Research (NIER; $37^{\circ}58'0''\text{N}$, $124^{\circ}37'4''\text{E}$). The collection site was approximately 100 m above sea level (Yoo et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2009) and was collocated with a meteorological station and an international Interagency Monitoring of Protected Visual Environments (IMPROVE) network site. Meteorological data were accessed online (http://rp5.ru/Weather_archive_on_Baengnyeong_Island). The ARC is on the northwest corner of the island; to the east and south are local agricultural sources of emissions and small towns

that are home to approximately 4 000 total permanent residents. Regular transport of air masses from eastern China and mainland South Korea were expected to provide a high loading of pollutants to the island (Kim et al., 2006), and frequent haze events were indeed encountered during the study. Three-day (72 h) back trajectories generated using the NOAA HySPLIT model (online version: <http://ready.arl.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT.php>; 0.5° global GDAS archived meteorological data) were used to determine the upwind histories of air masses sampled during fog events. The model was initiated using the coordinates of the research station, a height of 100 m, and the approximate beginning time of each fog event. Latitude, longitude, and air mass relative humidity (RH) as estimated by the model were outputted at each 1 h interval. Periods during which large-scale fires may have impacted fog samples were detected using MODIS archived graphics retrieved from the Naval Research Lab 7 SEAS Data Repository (http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/aerosol-bin/7seas/view_7seas_by_date_t.cgi) and NASA FIRMS (produced by the University of Maryland and provided by NASA FIRMS operated by NASA/GSFC/ESDIS; <https://earthdata.nasa.gov/active-fire-data-tab-content-6>).

2.2 Fog collection and handling

A size-fractionating Caltech Active Strand Cloudwater Collector (sf-CASCC; Demoz et al., 1996) was used to collect small and large fog droplets (diameters predominantly 4–16 and < 16 µm, respectively). The sf-CASCC is a polycarbonate structure outfitted with a fan at the rear to pull droplet-laden air into the body of the collector (at 19 m³ min⁻¹). Droplets were impacted onto rows of forward-tilted Teflon rods and strands and pulled by gravity and aerodynamic drag into Teflon sampling troughs at the bottom of the collector. Fog water was collected for durations of 1 to 3 h; four events (1, 2, 5, and 18 July) were long enough for collection of multiple fog samples. A Gerber Particulate Volume Monitor (PVM-100; Gerber, 1991) was used to determine the liquid water content (LWC) of the atmosphere during the study; an approximate threshold of 30 mg m⁻³ was used to initiate fog sampling. When fog was not present, the sf-CASCC inlet and outlet were covered to prevent collection of contaminants onto the inner surfaces of the collector. The sf-CASCC was cleaned after each fog event: a high-power sprayer was used to rinse deionized water (approx. 2–3 L) through the collector body. Field blanks were collected after each cleaning, and were stored and analyzed in the same manner as samples. Limits of detection (LODs) were calculated using these blanks and are tabulated in Table 1. Deep cleanings were also performed periodically by removing the Teflon strands, rods, and troughs from the body of the sf-CASCC and scrubbing all surfaces with Triton X-100 detergent, then thoroughly rinsing all surfaces with deionized water. Collected fog water was refrigerated for a short period

of time (< 3 h) prior to separation into aliquots for specific chemical analyses.

Contamination from Triton X-100 detergent in the fog water samples between 14 and 19 July and (seven samples) was discovered by positive ionization HR-ToF-MS analysis. TOC concentrations are not reported for the affected samples; however, duplicate analyses of standards of inorganic ions and organic acids containing Triton X-100 were not different from uncontaminated standards. Peroxides, formaldehyde, and S(IV) were also assumed to be unaffected by the contamination.

Deionized water used in analyses and sample collection at BYI was obtained from a distillation and ion exchange–UV light purification system at the ARC. The calculated charge balance and sample volume were used to determine whether measurements made from a given fog sample were accurate and should be included in results (most samples not containing balanced ionic charges consisted of small liquid volumes). If charge balance, which included all organic and inorganic ionic species, was not within 1.0 ± 0.3 (positive/negative charge), that sample was not included (4 of 17 samples were excluded). Directly after sample collection, liquid water from samples with only small collected volumes was dispensed to aliquots according to volume needed and importance of analysis to the study purpose; therefore, in some cases, only some analyses could be carried out for a given sample. For those samples with insufficient volumes (< 2 mL) of the small droplet fraction due to a predominance of large droplets in the sampled fog, the large droplet fraction was assumed to be representative of the entire fog water sample in data analyses. Chemical and physical interactions differ between droplet sizes, and the collection of different sizes of droplets helps preserve real differences in drop composition as compared to bulk fog sampling (Hoag et al., 1999; Moore et al., 2004a, b; Reilly et al., 2001). Mean fog constituent concentrations were calculated from the two droplet fractions (e.g., [(small drop sample volume × small sample concentration) + (large drop volume × large drop concentration)]/total sample volume); mean, median, maximum, and minimum values calculated over the size fraction weighted values of all samples were used in further discussion of the fog chemical composition. Air equivalent concentrations (also referred to as loadings) were calculated from molar concentrations in water to establish trends in fog water constituents independent (or less dependent) of the amount of liquid water present during a given fog event. Equation (1) was used, where *i* represents a given chemical constituent of

Table 1. Mean, minimum, and maximum concentrations of organic and inorganic species quantified in fog samples collected at BYI. Values below the LOD are shown in italics.

Chemical	Unit	No. of samples	Aqueous concentration			LOD	Uncertainty (95 % CI)	Air equivalent concentration	
			Mean	Min	Max			Mean	Unit
pH	–	11	3.94	3.48	5.00	–	–	11.8	nmol m ⁻³
NH ₄ ⁺	μM	13	2220	253	6090	7.41	4	97.8	nmol m ⁻³
NO ₃ ⁻	μM	13	1260	185	4900	0.34	10	49.0	nmol m ⁻³
SO ₄ ⁻²	μM	13	730	72.0	2270	7.16	0.4	26.6	nmol m ⁻³
Na ⁺	μM	13	551	24	2920	2.06	2	7.55	nmol m ⁻³
Cl ⁻	μM	13	253	22	900	0.76	3	9.29	nmol m ⁻³
K ⁺	μM	13	83	16	172	0.70	2	3.17	nmol m ⁻³
Ca ⁺²	μM	13	77	12	217	0.22	1	3.23	nmol m ⁻³
Mg ⁺²	μM	13	73	13	276	0.54	1	2.53	nmol m ⁻³
Peroxides	μM	11	7.8	0.4	58.9	0.17	0.2	0.45	nmol m ⁻³
S(IV)	μM	11	2.36	0.25	6.27	0.18	0.001	0.12	nmol m ⁻³
NO ₂ ⁻	μM	13	2.1	0.3	5.6	0.05	0.9	0.18	nmol m ⁻³
TOC	mg CL ⁻¹	7	17.0	4.66	24.8	0.26	0.03	413	ng C, m ⁻³
Acetate	μM	11	138	19.3	640	2.36	0.007	4.77	nmol m ⁻³
Formate	μM	11	120	1.77	532	1.47	0.05	8.47	nmol m ⁻³
Oxalate	μM	11	41.5	5.86	110	1.47	0.03	1.99	nmol m ⁻³
Succinate	μM	11	22.9	3.31	52.6	0.74	0.002	1.29	nmol m ⁻³
Maleate	μM	11	21.1	3.04	58.8	0.29	0.02	0.72	nmol m ⁻³
Malonate	μM	11	10.7	1.48	24.8	0.45	0.002	0.46	nmol m ⁻³
Pyruvate	μM	11	9.19	0.79	38.8	0.23	0.02	0.48	nmol m ⁻³
Methanesulfonate	μM	11	7.75	1.77	18.6	0.18	0.009	0.30	nmol m ⁻³
HCHO	μM	10	7	3	21	4.81	2	0.65	nmol m ⁻³
Glutarate	μM	11	6.5	0.92	18.3	0.66	0.02	0.30	nmol m ⁻³
Valerate	μM	11	1.03	0.21	3.78	0.06	0.004	0.11	nmol m ⁻³
Propionate	μM	11	0.88	0.35	1.36	0.06	0.004	0.11	nmol m ⁻³
Adipate	μM	11	0.09	< LOD	0.24	0.006	0.04	0.01	nmol m ⁻³
Salicylate	μM	11	0.06	0.001	0.15	0.0003	0.04	0.006	nmol m ⁻³
Benzoate	μM	11	0.06	< LOD	0.15	0.002	0.02	0.005	nmol m ⁻³
Pinate	μM	11	0.009	< LOD	0.03	0.001	0.01	0.0005	nmol m ⁻³
Azelate	μM	11	0.02	< LOD	0.09	0.001	0.03	0.0009	nmol m ⁻³
All organic acids	μM	11	379	138	1000	–	–	19.0	nmol m ⁻³

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$$\frac{\text{nmol } i}{\text{m}^3 \text{ air}} = \frac{\mu\text{mol } i}{\text{L sample}} \times \frac{\text{L}}{1000 \text{ mL}} \times \frac{\text{mL}}{1.00 \text{ g}} \times \text{mass sampled (g)} \times \frac{\text{hr}}{\text{m}^3 \text{ air}} \times \frac{1}{\text{time sampled (h)}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ nmol } i}{\mu\text{mol } i} \quad (1)$$

The collection rate of the sf-CASCC was assumed to be 19.0 m³ air min⁻¹ (Demoz et al., 1996) and the density of water was assumed to be 1.00 g mL⁻¹.

2.3 Fog water analysis

Samples were each weighed and divided into aliquots for analyses, and remaining fog water was stored frozen in Nalgene wide-mouth HDPE plastic bottles (also used for col-

lection). Measurement of fog water pH was carried out at the BYI ARC using a Cole-Parmer microelectrode and pH meter, calibrated with pH 4 and 7 buffers. The mean of three replicate measurements was recorded for each sample. Preservation of other aliquots for chemical analyses (as performed previously; e.g., Benedict et al., 2012) was as follows: peroxides were preserved with *para*-hydroxyphenylacetic acid (POPHA) and ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), S(IV) was stabilized using formaldehyde and *trans*-1,2-cyclohexylenedinitrilotetraacetic acid (CDTA) and bovine catalase enzyme was added to eliminate hydrogen peroxide, formaldehyde was preserved with Na₂SO₃ and CDTA, samples for analysis of major ionic species (Cl⁻, NO₂⁻, NO₃⁻, SO₄⁻², Na⁺, NH₄⁺, K⁺, Mg⁺², Ca⁺²) were aliquoted without added reagents, and microbial activity was eliminated for the storage of organic acids and other organic components by addition of chloroform. Aliquots for TOC and

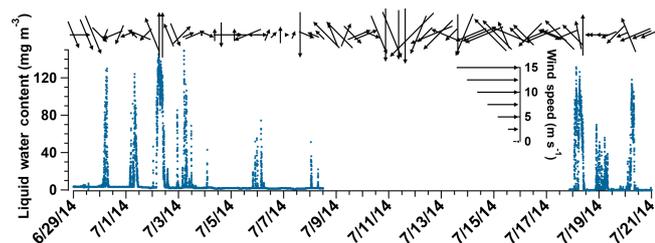


Figure 1. Wind speed and direction during fog sampling period, shown as vector arrows (top): speed is displayed as the length of each arrow and direction is displayed as tilt, pointing away from wind origin. LWC measured during the entire study period is shown in blue along the bottom of the plot. Fog was not collected in mid-July during the monsoonal period.

carbohydrates (including levoglucosan) analysis were taken from thawed samples after arrival at Colorado State University (CSU). Additional organic molecules were identified and/or quantified via high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) followed by negative electrospray ionization high-resolution time-of-flight mass spectrometry ((-)-ESI-HR-ToF-MS) from the aliquot preserved for organic acids analysis. Levoglucosan and other carbohydrates were measured using high-performance anion exchange chromatography with pulsed amperometric detection (HPAEC-PAD) as described previously (Sullivan et al., 2008) from frozen remaining fog water samples; only some samples were analyzed for carbohydrates.

3 Results and discussion

Fog water was collected during nine fog events (17 total samples) at the BYI ARC during July 2014; seven events and 13 samples were included in mean chemical concentrations calculated over the duration of the sampling campaign and will be discussed here (Fig. 1). Events on 2 and 18 July persisted for several hours, allowing collection of up to five samples per event. Air masses sampled during the seven fog events traveled either from the south over the Yellow Sea as documented in Zhang et al. (2009), from the west over eastern China, from the east over the Sea of Japan, or from the north over northeastern China (Fig. 2).

3.1 Fog characteristics and major contributing species

A moderately acidic pH was observed (study mean 3.94, ranging between 3.48 and 5.00). This value is intermediate between values measured in fog and cloud samples from Southeast Asia (Mount Tai: pH 3.68, Wang et al., 2011; Jeju Island, Korea: pH 5.2, Kim et al., 2006; Daekwanreung, Korea: pH 4.7, Kim et al., 2006; and Shanghai, China: pH 5.97, Li et al., 2011a). Major inorganic species contributing to the measured acidity of the fog water at BYI (Table 1; Fig. 3) were NH_4^+ (mean concentration of $2220 \mu\text{M}$), followed by

NO_3^- ($1260 \mu\text{M}$) and SO_4^{2-} ($730 \mu\text{M}$); these concentrations were elevated compared to fog and cloud samples collected globally (e.g., Collett et al., 2002; Raja et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2011). Sea salt was also an abundant constituent of the fog water (mean concentrations of $551 \mu\text{M Na}^+$ and $253 \mu\text{M Cl}^-$), as was organic matter (mean $276 \mu\text{M}$, estimated using a molecular mass of 100 g mol^{-1} and $\text{OM/OC}=1.8$ Zhang et al., 2005). The mean NH_4^+ concentration measured at BYI was within the upper range of measured NH_4^+ in fog and cloud samples (similar to, for example, the Po Valley, Italy (Fuzzi et al., 1992) and Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Raja et al., 2008). Although agriculture was a main land use on BYI, no correlation between wind direction and fog NH_4^+ concentrations was observed (Fig. SI-1 in the Supplement), suggesting long-range transport of fine particle NH_4^+ as an important source. The concentrations of Ca^{2+} (mean $77 \mu\text{M}$) were within the range of previous studies in other, remote parts of the world (Benedict et al., 2012; Munger et al., 1989), indicating that inputs to fog water chemistry by mineral dust were likely unimportant during the study period (Arimoto et al., 2004; Mattigod et al., 1990; Kawamura et al., 2004).

Concentrations of nearly all species were highest in samples with westerly back trajectories (Fig. 4). Anthropogenic influence was likely greatest from this sector because of the large number of urban areas and major industry in Shandong Province and surrounding regions (Cao et al., 2006). The lowest concentrations of most species originated from the east (note that only one sample included in the analyses originated from the east). The only exceptions were Na^+ , from the north, and H^+ , which was least abundant from the west due to the contribution of NH_4^+ to fog acidity.

3.2 Marine source contribution

Evidence of a marine contribution to fog composition was clear. Upwind trajectories of all air masses sampled included some duration over the Yellow Sea, and in some cases the Sea of Japan (Fig. 2). Measured Ca^{2+} was contributed in part by sea salt particle scavenging: 21 % was attributed to sea salt (Fig. SI-2) using an observed ratio in seawater of $0.022 \text{ mol Ca}^{2+}/\text{mol Na}^+$ (Lee, 2007; Radojevic and Bashkin, 2006). Depletion of particle-phase Cl^- appears to have occurred in some scavenged sea salt particles, likely due to displacement of HCl to the gas phase by NO_3^- and SO_4^{2-} (Mouri and Okada, 1993) or organic acids (Wang et al., 2015). Measured Cl^-/Na^+ molar ratios ranged as low as 0.08, with a mean value of 1.20; this mean value is within measurement error (Table 1) of the typical sea salt ratio of 1.16 (Radojevic and Bashkin, 2006). In some samples, the Cl^- concentration was in excess of the sea salt ratio, indicating possible contributions from other sources such as incineration or coal combustion (McCulloch et al., 1999). Small contributions of K^+ (study mean concentration $83 \mu\text{M}$) and SO_4^{2-} were estimated to derive from scavenged sea salt particles: only 12 % of the measured K^+ and 6 % of the SO_4^{2-} were attributed to

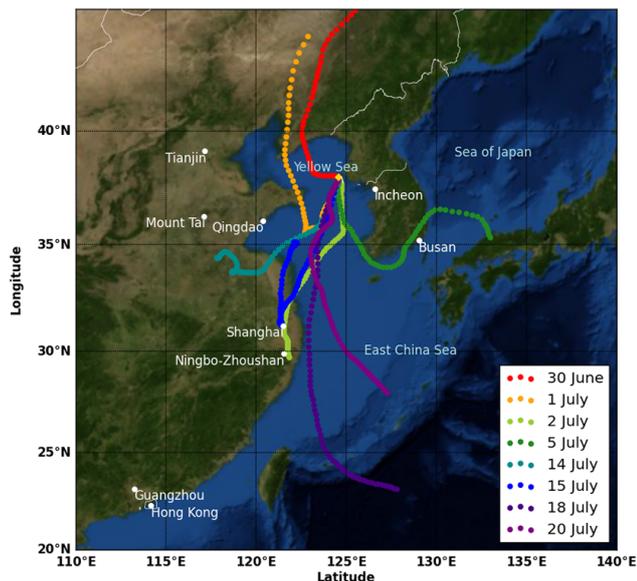


Figure 2. Back trajectories of air masses intercepted during fog events (72 h at 1 h time resolution; HySPLIT). Locations labeled on plot include Mount Tai, where previous atmospheric water chemical measurements were made, and the highest throughput shipping ports in the region pictured. The BYI ARC is shown as a gold diamond. Sectors were defined to determine whether particular source regions existed for chemical constituents of the fog: northerly (30 June and 1 July), westerly (2, 14, and 15 July), southerly (18 and 20 July), and easterly (5 July). Each trajectory was initiated at the approximate beginning of a fog event. Imagery from NASA Blue Marble; plot generated using Python Matplotlib Toolkit BaseMap.

a marine source on average. This estimate of nss-SO_4^{2-} does not account for SO_4^{2-} formed via oxidation of biogenic, marine dimethyl sulfide, which could be as much as 12 % (Yang et al., 2009). Elevated concentrations of cations including K^+ in aerosol have also been associated with the influence of biomass burning activities (Andreae, 1983; Lee et al., 2010), mineral dust from arid regions (Zhang et al., 1993), and/or construction in urban areas (Li et al., 2011b).

3.3 Inorganic sulfur

Aqueous sulfur oxidation in the pH range measured in this study (3.48–5.00) is expected to be dominated by reaction with H_2O_2 (Rao and Collett, 1995). The mean concentrations of total peroxides and S(IV) (7.8 and 2.36 μM , respectively; Table 1) were low compared to the mean S(IV) and peroxides concentrations measured during summer 2007 and 2008 field campaigns at Mount Tai, China (Shen et al., 2012), consistent with a low potential for additional S(IV) oxidation within the BYI fog samples (Fig. 5). Since Mount Tai is located west across the Yellow Sea from BYI and is influenced by the abundant SO_2 sources in Shandong Province, including large numbers of coal-fired power plants, these observations are consistent with extensive aging of S(IV) during transport to

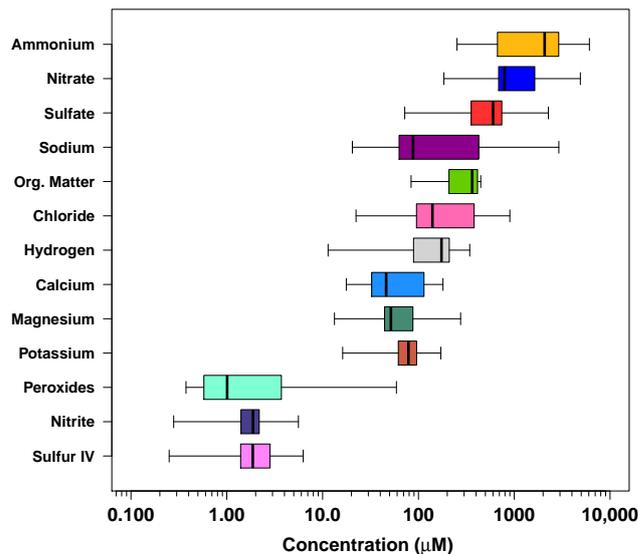


Figure 3. Concentrations of major components quantified in BYI fog samples. Boxes show 25th and 75th percentiles with the median bar in the center, and whiskers show outliers. Total organic matter was calculated from measured TOC using a ratio of 1.8 g/1.0 g OM/OC (Zhang et al., 2005) and an estimated mean molecular mass of 100 g mol^{-1} . Note that for most ions, $n = 13$; for pH, S(IV), and peroxides, $n = 11$; for formaldehyde, $n = 10$; and for total organic matter, $n = 7$.

the BYI fog collection site. In contrast to BYI measurements, cloud samples from remote areas contain high concentrations of peroxides and low concentrations of S(IV) (1.9–610 μM peroxides, < 0.91–3.7 μM S(IV); Straub et al., 2007; Benedict et al., 2012). Measured SO_4^{2-} was abundant within BYI samples, demonstrating that sources of atmospheric sulfur existed upwind, and that oxidation of sulfur occurred prior to arrival at BYI. Between 98.9 and 99.8 % of sulfur measured (as the sum of SO_4^{2-} and S(IV)) was in the form of SO_4^{2-} . International shipping lanes could also contribute to the measured SO_4^{2-} concentrations in BYI fog: some of the world's largest shipping ports are located in the Yellow Sea (Streets et al., 2000). The contribution of fine particle (< 1 μm diameter) SO_4^{2-} has been estimated at $\leq 15\%$ from ship oil combustion in this region (Lauer et al., 2007), and shipping routes in the Yellow Sea have been identified as major SO_2 source regions (Kang et al., 2006). Shipping emissions have also been associated with elevated concentrations of other atmospheric constituents, including NO_3^- (Prabhakar et al., 2014). Methanesulfonic acid (MSA) was also observed within all fog samples collected at BYI, indicating that oxidation of marine emissions via either $\bullet\text{OH}$ or $\bullet\text{NO}_3$ reaction occurred upwind of fog collection at BYI (Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006; Kukui et al., 2003; Scaduto, 1995).

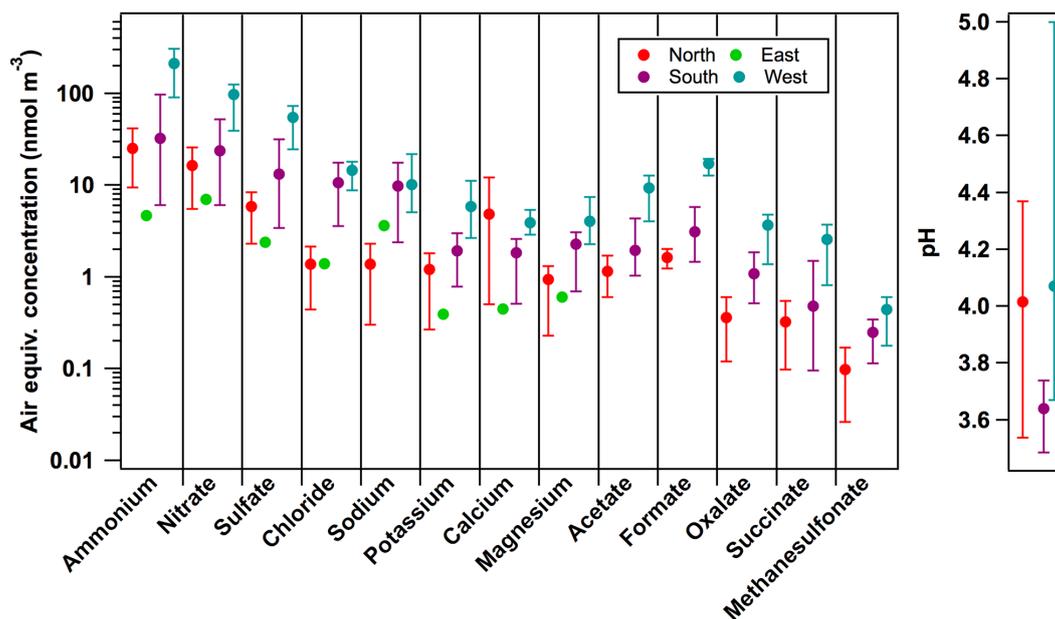


Figure 4. Sector analysis of most abundant inorganic fog water components, as well as selected organic acids. Highest concentrations of most species originated from the west. For Na^+ and Cl^- , high concentrations were also observed from the south. Ca^{+2} concentrations were also heightened within samples with northerly trajectories, which may suggest a continental dust source. In agreement with high measured NH_4^+ concentrations, pH was highest from the west. Note that samples were low in volume in some cases so that pH analyses were not performed. For inorganic species except pH, $n = 1$ easterly, $n = 3$ northerly, $n = 4$ southerly, and $n = 5$ for westerly trajectories. For organic species and pH, $n = 0$ easterly, $n = 2$ northerly, $n = 3$ southerly, and $n = 4$ westerly.

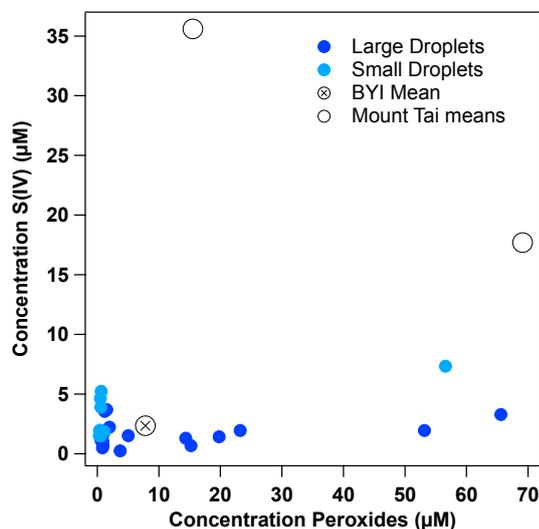


Figure 5. Droplet size-segregated concentrations of S(IV) and peroxides quantified in BYI fog samples. S(IV) concentrations were low in BYI fog as compared to those measured at Mount Tai (summer 2007 and 2008; Shen et al., 2012). For both species, $n = 11$.

3.4 Total organic carbon

Concentrations of fog water TOC measured at BYI were 4.66–24.8 mg CL^{-1} , with a mean of 17.0 mg CL^{-1} , compa-

table to concentrations measured in polluted environments globally (Herckes et al., 2013). Although the mean BYI TOC was also similar to that measured in cloud water from Mount Tai during the summer of 2008 (15.8 mg CL^{-1}), several samples impacted by agricultural burning were collected during the latter campaign ranging between 100 and 200 mg CL^{-1} (Shen, 2011).

3.5 Organic acids

The products of AAOP reactions commonly include C_2 – C_4 (two to four carbon) oxo- and dicarboxylic acid molecules (Lim et al., 2010). The percent BYI fog TOC accounted for by organic acids was 36–69 % (mean 52 % by mole; $n = 6$), which is at the upper end of values typical for fog samples (e.g., 16 % at Davis, CA, Herckes et al., 2002a; 18 % at Angiola, CA, Ervens et al., 2003; 43 % at Fresno, CA, Collett et al., 2008; and 44 % at Baton Rouge, LA, and 51 % at Houston, TX, Raja et al., 2008). Among the organic acids quantified, major contributions to TOC came not only from acetate and formate but also succinate, maleate and oxalate, with lesser but substantial contributions from other acids (Fig. 6).

Concentrations of low molecular mass organic acids were strongly correlated with one another (air equivalent concentrations): $r^2 = 0.83$ on average, with probability $p \leq 0.01$ of random correlation, ranging from 0.47 to 0.99 ($p \leq 0.001$ to 0.2) for C_1 – C_6 mono- and diacids. The predominance of

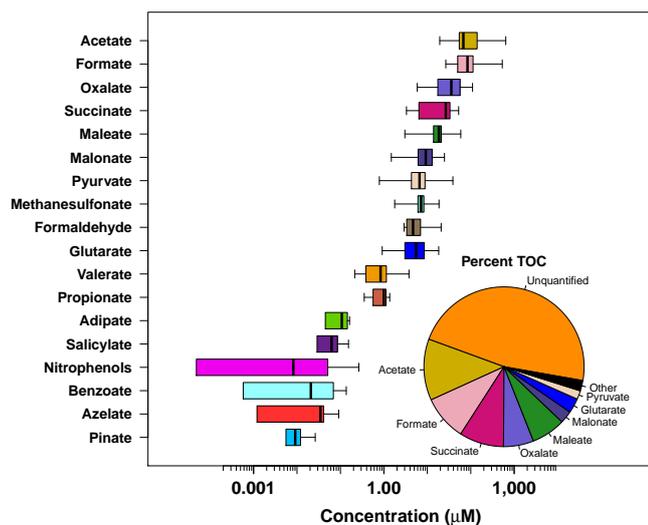


Figure 6. Concentrations of major carbonaceous components quantified in BYI fog samples. Box-and-whisker plot shows 25th and 75th percentiles with the median bar in the center, and whiskers at the min and max. Note that for C_1 – C_5 organic acids, $n = 11$; for formaldehyde, $n = 10$; and for components with C_6 or greater, $n = 11$. Pie chart (inset) shows carbonaceous composition as a percentage of TOC (only those samples with results from all organic analyses included, $n = 6$).

succinate suggests a major anthropogenic source of organic acids at BYI (Kawamura and Ikushima, 1993). While substantial contributions of oxalate to TOC suggest that AAOP reactions took place, they are not unequivocal evidence of it, since other atmospheric sources for oxalate have been documented (e.g., Kawamura and Kaplan, 1987; Yamasoe et al., 2000). The presence of MSA in the observed samples and its correlation with other measured organic acids ($r^2 \leq 0.7$ and $p \leq 0.02$ with all low molecular mass organic acids, $r^2 = 0.88$ and $p \leq 0.001$ with oxalate) additionally supports the occurrence of AAOP upwind of fog water collection.

3.6 Mass spectral analysis

Polar organic components of the fog water with $\geq C_4$ were tentatively identified using HPLC(-)-ESI-HR-ToF-MS. These compounds were biogenic and anthropogenic in origin, including pinic acid and monoterpene-derived organosulfates, and phthalic acid (Table 2). Dicarboxylic and hydroxy dicarboxylic acids are prominent within the polar organic matter of the BYI fog samples. A van Krevelen diagram (Chen et al., 2015; Heald et al., 2010; Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Noziere et al., 2015) was used to illustrate the distribution of organic species identified within all fog water samples (CHO, CHNO, CHOS, CHNOS; Fig. 7), with the objectives of showing groupings of like species within the fog samples, and comparing the fog composition to previously analyzed atmospheric samples.

Molecules differing by specific, oxygen-containing elemental combinations can be identified in van Krevelen space by slope: i.e., addition of carbonyl ($-2H$, $+1O$; slope = -2); carboxylic acid ($-2H$, $+2O$; slope = -1); alcohol (or oxidation of an aldehyde to a carboxylic acid group; slope = 0); or water (slope = $+2$). In BYI fog samples, families of species differing by methylene (CH_2) are visible: (1) saturated diacids (C_5 – C_7 ; slope = -0.5), (2) hydroxy diacids (C_5 – C_7 ; slope = -0.7), (3) hydroxy monounsaturated diacids (C_7 – C_9 ; slope = -0.8), (4) monounsaturated diacids (C_4 – C_9 ; slope = -1), (5) nitrophenols (dimethyl nitrophenol, methyl nitrophenol, and nitrophenol; slope = -2.3), and (6) organosulfates ($C_9H_{16}O_7S$ through $C_6H_{10}O_7S$; slope = -0.3). The slopes between points in these families vary because the O content remains constant while the C and H contents differ. A family of phthalate derivatives (7) with differing oxygen contents ($C_8H_6O_3$ through $C_8H_6O_5$; slope = 0) is also visible. Several CHO species were additionally identified as both biogenic and anthropogenic secondary organic species; for example, 3-methyl-1,2,3-butanetricarboxylic acid (MBTCA) was tentatively identified (m/z^- 203.058 and formula $C_8H_{12}O_6$), as was diaterpenylic acid (m/z^- 189.078; $C_8H_{14}O_5$), which are gas-phase oxidation products of α -pinene (Szmigielski et al., 2007; Yasmeen et al., 2010). Based on a qualitative analysis of mass spectral peak areas, westerly air masses brought the greatest quantities of anthropogenic species to BYI fog water, while the greatest biogenic species quantities were contributed by air masses from the west and east (depending on the constituent; note that only one sample with an easterly back trajectory was available; see Fig. SI-5). Mean O/C and H/C of ambient aerosol samples (mass-normalized, from aerosol mass spectrometry; Heald et al., 2010; Ng et al., 2011; Chen et al., 2015) typically fall on a line within van Krevelen space at a slope of -1 and y intercept of 2 for samples with fresh emissions and a slope of -0.5 for rural/remote samples. Within the molecular level analysis employed here, the slopes between -1 and -0.5 appear to correspond to families of organic acids differing by a CH_2 group, with differing levels of unsaturation and/or number of hydroxyl groups. The space within the van Krevelen diagram occupied by these identified families indicates they are chemically similar to aged aerosol from previous studies (Chen et al., 2015) and may be analogous to ring-opened and oxygenated species present within the fragmentation scheme of the atmospheric aging process (Kroll et al., 2009).

3.7 Nitrophenols

Four identified nitrophenols were quantified via HPLC(-)-ESI-HR-ToF-MS (Table SI-4 in the Supplement): 4-nitrophenol (20.9 ± 1.8 nM; max 1440 nM), 2-methyl-4-nitrophenol (3.6 ± 0.5 nM; max 40 nM), 2,4-dinitrophenol (20.2 ± 0.1 nM; max 70 nM). Concentrations detected in most previous fog and cloud water field studies were

Table 2. Chemical formulae and possible structures of organic components identified via HPLC(-)-ESI-HR-ToF-MS within BYI fog water samples. Formulae with multiple isomers (different retention times) are marked with an asterisk (*). Multiple plausible formulae were identified for species prefixed with “e.g.”. Only species with mass spectral abundances ≥ 500 abundance units were included.

m/z^-	Molecular formula	t_R (min)	O/C	H/C	Possible identification and references
85.0311	C4H6O2	3.182	0.5	0.67	Methacrylic acid
105.034		9.32			
113.027	C5H6O3	3.67	0.6	1.2	Oxopentenoic acid
117.057	C5H10O3	4.54	0.6	2	Hydroxypentanoic acid*
117.057	C5H10O3	3.43	0.6	2	Hydroxypentanoic acid*
121.031	C7H6O2	9.82	0.29	0.86	Hydroxybenzaldehyde
127.042	C6H8O3	5.79	0.5	1.3	Oxohexenoic acid
129.022	C5H6O4	3.67	0.8	1.2	Pentenedioic acid*
129.021	C5H6O4	3.18	0.8	1.2	Pentenedioic acid*
129.057	C6H10O3	5.96	0.5	1.7	Methyloxopentanoic acid*
129.057	C6H10O3	7.00	0.5	1.7	Methyloxopentanoic acid*
131.036	C5H8O4	3.18	0.8	1.6	Methylsuccinic acid
131.036	C5H8O4	4.34	0.8	1.6	Glutaric acid
131.073	C6H12O3	9.82	0.5	2	Hydroxyhexanoic acid*
131.073	C6H12O3	7.95	0.5	2	Hydroxyhexanoic acid*
137.026	C7H6O3	16.17	0.43	0.86	Salicylic acid
138.021	C6H5NO3	13.18	0.5	0.83	4-Nitrophenol
143.036	C6H8O4	3.18	0.67	1.7	Hexenedioic acid*
143.037	C6H8O4	6.86	0.67	1.7	Hexenedioic acid*
143.073	C7H12O3	11.43	0.43	1.7	Methylpentenedioic acid
145.051	C6H10O4	8.93	0.67	1.7	Methylglutaric acid*
145.052	C6H10O4	7.10	0.67	1.7	Adipic acid
145.052	C6H10O4	9.52	0.67	1.7	Methylglutaric acid*
149.026	C8H6O3	9.32	0.38	0.75	Formylbenzoic acid
152.036	C7H7NO3	17.85	0.43	1	Methylnitrophenol
152.037	C7H7NO3	19.33	0.43	1	2-Methyl-4-nitrophenol
154.016	C6H5NO4	10.46	0.67	0.83	Nitroguaiacol
157.052	C7H10O4	6.32	0.57	1.4	Heptenedioic acid*
157.053	C7H10O4	5.22	0.57	1.4	Heptenedioic acid*
159.068	C7H12O4	10.79	0.57	1.7	Pimelic acid
163.042	C9H8O3	12.63	0.33	0.89	Previously identified (Desyaterik et al., 2013)
165.021	C8H6O4	10.13	0.5	0.75	Phthalic acid
165.021	C8H6O4	12.06	0.5	0.75	Benzenedicarboxylic acid
166.053	C8H9NO3	23.61	0.38	1.1	Dimethylnitrophenol
171.067	C8H12O4	8.33	0.5	1.5	Octenedioic acid*
171.068	C8H12O4	6.95	0.5	1.5	Octenedioic acid*
171.983		19.712			
173.047	C7H10O5	4.22	0.71	1.4	Isoprene photooxidation product (Nguyen et al., 2011)
179.037	C9H8O4	15.23	0.44	0.89	Phthalic acid, methyl ester
181.016	C8H6O5	5.65	0.63	0.75	Hydroxybenzenedicarboxylic acid*
181.016	C8H6O5	8.81	0.63	0.75	Hydroxybenzenedicarboxylic acid*
181.019	C5H10O5S	2.82	1	2	Previously identified (Nguyen et al., 2014a)

1–300 nM (Harrison et al., 2005), in the same range as identified in this study. However, the concentrations of 4-nitrophenol measured within cloud water from Mount Tai were as high as 15 μM (Desyaterik et al., 2013). The lower concentrations measured at BYI versus at Mount Tai likely reflect the strong influence of aged biomass burning emissions in the Mount Tai region, and may also be a result of aqueous aging in the samples collected at

BYI, since species such as 4-nitrophenol are oxidized by $\bullet\text{OH}$ in the aqueous phase (Zhang et al., 2003). Other nitrate-containing species (tentatively identified; Table 2) included a second methyl nitrophenol isomer (m/z^- 152.04, $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3$), a hydroxy nitrophenol (also called a nitrocatechol; m/z^- 154.02, $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_4$), a dimethyl nitrophenol (m/z^- 166.05, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_9\text{NO}_3$), and three other oxygenated nitrophenols (m/z^- 228.02, $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7\text{NO}_7$; m/z^- 284.05,

Table 2. Continued.

m/z^-	Molecular formula	t_R (min)	O/C	H/C	Possible identification and references
182.012	C7H5NO5	18.75	0.71	1	Carboxynitrophenol
182.999	C4H8O6S	1.92	1.5	2	
183.007	C6H4N2O5	15.08	0.83	0.67	2,4-Dinitrophenol
185.083	C9H14O4	13.54	0.44	1.6	Pinic acid*
185.084	C9H14O4	9.70	0.44	1.6	Nonenedioic acid*
187.063	C8H12O5	5.10	0.63	1.5	α -Pinene oxidation product (Claeys et al., 2009)*
187.064	C8H12O5	7.76	0.63	1.5	α -Pinene oxidation product*
189.078	C8H14O5	6.54	0.63	1.8	Diaterpenylic acid; known oxidation product of α -pinene (Yasmeen et al., 2010)
195.034	C6H12O5S	6.17	0.83	2	
195.035	C6H12O5S	6.0	0.83	2	
197.022	C7H6N2O5	21.23	0.71	0.86	Methyl dinitrophenol
201.079	C9H14O5	10.74	0.56	1.6	α -Pinene oxidation product (Kahnt et al., 2013)
203.058	C8H12O6	8.75	0.75	1.5	Methylbutanetricarboxylic acid (MBTCA); gas-phase pinonic acid oxidation product (Szmigielski et al., 2007)
211.031	C6H12O6S	7.40	1	2	
211.031	C6H12O6S	6.86	1	2	
211.031	C6H12O6S	9.40	1	2	
225.009	C6H10O7S	2.50	1.2	1.2	Methylglyoxal oxidation product (Sareen et al., 2010)
228.021	C8H7NO7	12.97	0.88	0.88	Oxygenated nitrophenol
239.025	C7H12O7S	4.10	1	1.7	1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene oxidation product (Praplan et al., 2014)
239.048		21.56	0.5	2	
241.005	C6H10O8S	2.18	1.5	1.7	
253.042	C8H14O7S	7.59	0.88	1.8	Limonene oxidation product (Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Surratt et al., 2008)*
267.057	C9H16O7S	10.55	0.78	1.8	Limonene oxidation product (Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Nguyen et al., 2014)*
267.058	C9H16O7S	10.85	0.78	1.8	Limonene oxidation product (Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Nguyen et al., 2014)*
267.058	C9H16O7S	9.92	0.78	1.8	Limonene oxidation product (Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Nguyen et al., 2014)*
267.058	C9H16O7S	11.00	0.78	1.8	Limonene oxidation product (Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Nguyen et al., 2014)*
269.036	C8H14O8S	7.44	1	1.8	
284.047	C11H11NO8	14.96	0.72	1	
294.068	C10H17NO7S	24.87	0.7	1.7	Monoterpene oxidation product (Surratt et al., 2008)*
294.068	C10H17NO7S	26.71	0.7	1.7	Monoterpene oxidation product*
297.060	e.g., C17H14O3S	8.87			
310.063	C10H17NO8S	19.56	0.8	1.7	Monoterpene oxidation product (Mazzoleni et al., 2010; Surratt et al., 2008)*
333.021	C14H10N2O6S	20.65	0.43	0.71	
361.165	C15H26N2O8	12.32	0.53	1.7	
497.333	C23H50N2O7S	16.74	0.3	2.2	
514.322	C22H49N3O8S	16.74	0.36	2.2	
635.351	e.g., C26H56N2O13S	18.46			

C₁₁H₁₁NO₈; and m/z^- 361.16, C₁₅H₂₆N₂O₈). These nitrogen-containing organic species may have originated from biomass burning and/or wildfires in Southeast Asia and eastern Russia during the fog study period. For the three events with quantified fog nitrophenol concentrations above detection limits, large-scale fires were detected in upwind source regions (MODIS data). Levoglucosan (a biomass burning marker) concentrations measured within fog samples from BYI were below background concentrations measured in aerosol samples (Weber et al., 2007); however, those concentrations measured within the fog from 2 July were high relative to other fog samples (Fig. SI-7), and thus may have been impacted by biomass burning emissions.

Aqueous solubility of levoglucosan as well as oxidation processes may have affected the concentrations measured in BYI fog samples. Concentrations of the biomass burning marker K⁺ were additionally above the study mean on dates when regional fires were detected (Fig. SI-6) and a correlation of $r^2 = 0.93$ ($n = 11$, $p \leq 0.001$) was observed between nss-K⁺ and total quantified nitrophenols as air equivalent concentrations (nmol m⁻³).

3.8 Organosulfates

Organic sulfur (CHOS) species were identified within BYI fog samples (Table 2), some of which have also been found

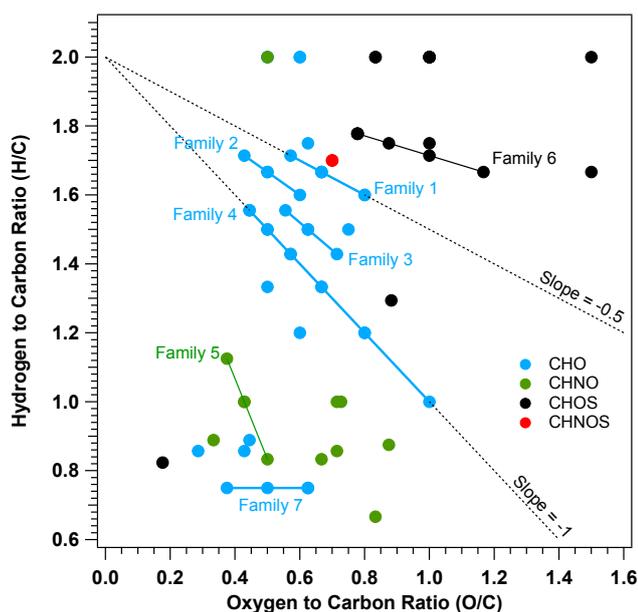


Figure 7. Polar organic compounds identified within fog samples using HPLC(-)-ESI-HR-ToF-MS detection illustrated via a van Krevelen diagram. Colors of points distinguish compound elemental composition; solid lines show families differing by methylene groups of diacids (blue, families 1–4), nitrophenols (green, family 5), and organosulfates (black, family 6); aromatic oxygenated species differing by an O atom are also shown (blue, family 7). Dashed lines show slopes typical of samples in previous studies (Chen et al., 2015) of -0.5 for remote/rural (top) and -1 for urban (bottom); organic acid families fit within the space of these previously analyzed atmospheric samples.

within rainwater (samples collected in urban and rural New Jersey; Altieri et al., 2009). Most organosulfates identified were likely from oxidation and sulfonation of biogenic emissions, including m/z^- 225.01, 253.04, and 267.06 corresponding to $C_6H_{10}O_7S$, $C_8H_{14}O_7S$, and $C_9H_{16}O_7S$, respectively; however, no isoprene-derived organosulfates were detected in the BYI samples (Surratt et al., 2008). Nguyen et al. (2014) observed a compound with the formula $C_8H_{14}O_7S$ in aerosol samples, and Surratt et al. (2008) showed that the source may have been esterification of a *d*-limonene oxidation product with SO_4^{-2} . An observed compound at m/z^- 239.02 with a formula of $C_7H_{12}O_7S$ was previously identified by Praplan et al. (2014) as an oxidation product of the anthropogenic species 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene. Several pairs of organosulfates appear to have originated from loss of a hydroxyl group: for example, m/z^- 195.03 and 211.03, corresponding to $C_6H_{12}O_5S$ and $C_6H_{12}O_6S$; the latter species was noted to possibly be formed from the sulfonation of a fatty acid (Surratt et al., 2008). CHONS species were also found in the fog samples from BYI, two of which were identified previously as monoterpene oxidation products (Surratt et al., 2008): m/z^- 294.07 with formula $C_{10}H_{17}NO_7S$ and m/z^- 310.06 with formula $C_{10}H_{17}NO_8S$.

A compound with the formula $C_{10}H_{17}NO_7S$ was also identified within Fresno fog samples (Mazzoleni et al., 2010).

3.9 Atmospheric aqueous organic processing

Many features of the fog water at BYI, including the organic composition and the humid conditions encountered prior to arrival at the collection site, suggest that components in the fog were oxidized in the atmospheric aqueous phase. The oxidation may have occurred in the fogs themselves or during upwind transport of wet aerosol later scavenged by the fog. The RH upwind of fog-producing air masses as they traveled to BYI was high, with only a few time periods at $< 50\%$, and mean 65–91% (Fig. SI-7). Only the air mass intercepted during the fog event on 30 June did not encounter $RH > 80\%$ within 72 h of fog formation at BYI. Mixtures of organic and inorganic components can easily take up water (growth factors ≤ 1.71 at 85% RH for several organic acids, Wise et al., 2003; and ≤ 1.16 at 85% RH for chamber-generated secondary organic aerosol, Varutbangkul et al., 2006). It is therefore likely that the aerosol LWC was sufficient to allow radical or even non-radical aqueous reactions to occur upwind of the BYI fog collection site (Lim et al., 2010, 2013). The high abundance and large diversity of organic acids, oxidized sulfur, lack of peroxides, and organosulfates identified within fog samples also support the hypothesis that AAOP reactions took place within wetted aerosol particles, in-cloud/fog during transit of the intercepted air masses to BYI, or within the fog at BYI (Lim et al., 2005; McNeill, 2015).

3.10 Size and microphysical considerations

Changes in LWC, species concentrations, and enrichments of species within large or small droplets can be indicative of many simultaneous microphysical processes: coalescence or condensational growth, evaporation, deposition, and collisions between droplets and interstitial particles (Degefe et al., 2015; Fahey et al., 2005; Seinfeld and Pandis, 2006). Figure 8 shows differences in large and small droplet concentrations of abundant chemical constituents in the BYI fog samples collected on the two stages of the sf-CASCC. Much higher volumes of liquid water were typically collected into the large droplet fraction ($> 16\mu m$) than the small droplet fraction (4–16 μm) at BYI; on average, the small fraction comprised only 10% of the total liquid water volume, indicating relatively large fog droplets made up most of the LWC. All species shown are enriched in the small droplet (4–16 μm) size fraction, with the exception of peroxides; similar observations have previously been reported in many clouds and fogs, especially for species typically associated with sub-micron aerosol, including SO_4^{-2} , NO_3^- , NH_4^+ , and TOC (Bator and Collett, 1997; Herckes et al., 2007; Munger et al., 1989). As in most of these prior observations, the pH in large BYI fog droplets was also typically higher than in small droplets. Differences in pH among cloud drops can give rise

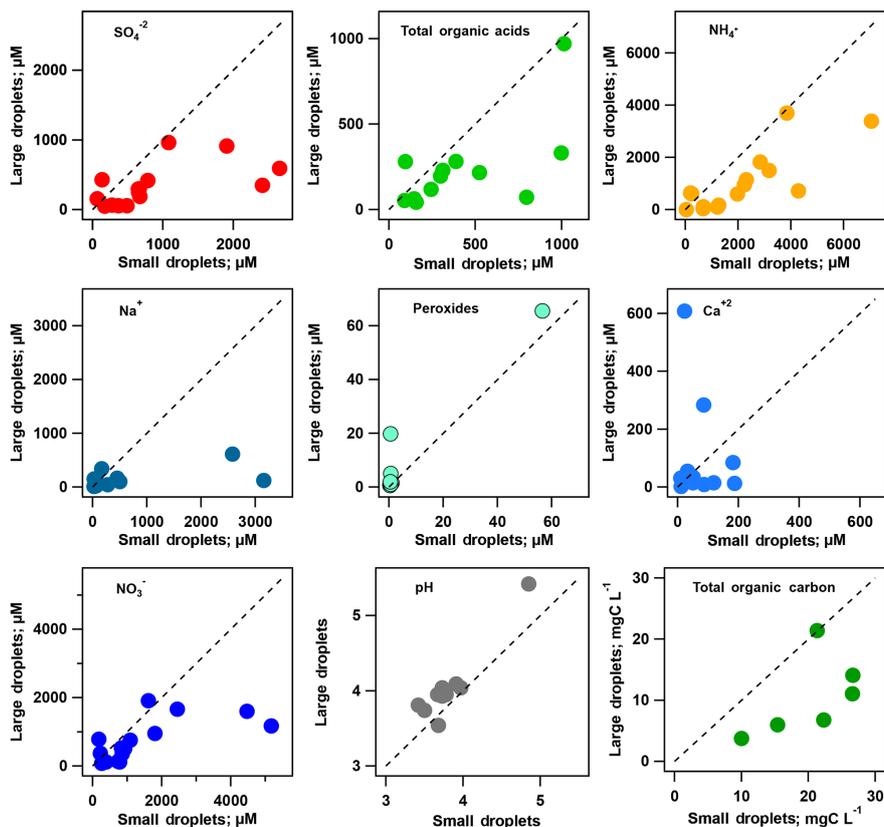


Figure 8. Scatter plots showing size distribution of major species in BYI fog water samples. All species shown, with the exception of peroxides, were enriched in small droplets.

to differences in the rates of pH-dependent chemical reaction rates, including the aqueous oxidation of S(IV) to SO_4^{2-} by ozone or by oxygen in the presence of trace metal catalysts (Collett et al., 1994; Hegg and Larson, 1990; Rao and Collett, 1998). Enrichment of solutes in large or small fog drops can also affect rates of removal by fog drop deposition (e.g., Fahey et al., 2005; Herckes et al., 2007; Hoag et al., 1999).

4 Conclusions

The fogs at BYI were on average slightly acidic, and the chemical composition was dominated by NH_4NO_3 from long-range transport, with contributions from anthropogenic nss-SO_4^{2-} , marine NaCl, and a variety of organic compounds. Biomass burning activities throughout eastern Russia and Southeast Asia appear to have contributed K^+ and organic species, including nitrophenols, in some periods. Organosulfate species deriving from oxidation products of monoterpenes (e.g., Surratt et al., 2008; Nguyen et al., 2014) were observed, several of which have been identified in aqueous atmospheric samples in the past (Altieri et al., 2009; Mazzoleni et al., 2010). Low concentrations of S(IV), high concentrations of SO_4^{2-} , and generally low concentrations of

peroxides suggest that chemical components of the fog water were highly oxidized during upwind transport and/or within the local fog. Low-molecular-mass organic acids accounted for 36–69 % of TOC, a higher fraction than observed in fogs from other environments, with acetate, formate, succinate, oxalate, and maleate each contributing > 5 % of TOC on average. Further analysis of the fog organic matter via HPLC(-)-ESI-HR-ToF-MS revealed homologous families of dicarboxylic acids and nitrophenols. The position within van Krevelen space occupied by identified organics matches well with the fragmentation aging regime (at high oxidation state) shown by Kroll et al. (2009).

Future studies of fog or cloud water composition in the region should include the characterization of carbonyl species which have been cited as important AAOP reactants (Ervens, 2015) and are direct oxidation precursors of organic acids. Additional studies to analyze the evolution of gaseous-, particulate-, and aqueous-phase organics during fog events as well as the advancement of laboratory-simulated reactions will be essential in more fully characterizing AAOP reactions and aqSOA formation.

Data availability

Processed data are available in the supplement to this article. Raw data are archived at the Colorado State University Atmospheric Science Department and are available on request.

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