

1 **Seasonal characteristics of emission, distribution, and radiative effect of marine organic aerosols**
2 **over the western Pacific Ocean: an investigation with a coupled regional climate-aerosol model**

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16 **Abstract:** Organic aerosols from marine sources over the western Pacific Ocean of East Asia were
17 investigated by using an online-coupled regional chemistry-climate model RIEMS-Chem for the
18 entire year 2014. Model evaluation against a wide variety of observations from research cruises and
19 in-situ measurements demonstrated a good skill of the model in simulating temporal variation and
20 spatial distribution of particulate matter with aerodynamic diameter less than 2.5 μm and 10 μm
21 ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and PM_{10}), black carbon (BC), organic carbon (OC), sodium, and aerosol optical depth (AOD)
22 in the marine atmosphere. The inclusion of marine organic aerosols improved model performance on
23 OC concentration by reducing model biases of up to 20%. The regional and annual mean near surface
24 marine organic aerosol (MOA) concentration was estimated to be 0.27 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, with the maximum in
25 spring and the minimum in winter and contributed 26% of the total organic aerosol concentration on
26 average over the western Pacific. Marine primary organic aerosol (MPOA) accounted for the majority
27 of marine organic aerosol (MOA) mass and MPOA concentration exhibited the maximum in autumn
28 and the minimum in summer, whereas marine secondary organic aerosol (MSOA) was approximately
29 1~2 orders of magnitude lower than MPOA, having a distinct summer maximum and a winter
30 minimum. MOA induced a direct radiative effect (DRE_{MOA}) of -0.27 W m^{-2} , and an indirect radiative

31 effect (IRE_{MOA}) of -0.66 W m^{-2} at TOA (IRE_{MOA}) in terms of annual and oceanic average over the
32 western Pacific, with the highest seasonal mean IRE_{MOA} up to -0.94 W m^{-2} in spring. IRE_{MOA} was
33 stronger than but in a similar magnitude to the IRE due to sea salt aerosol on average, and it was
34 approximately 9% of the IRE due anthropogenic aerosols in terms of annual mean over the western
35 Pacific, and this ratio increased to 19% in the northern parts of the western Pacific in autumn. This
36 study reveals an important role of MOA in perturbing cloud properties and shortwave radiation fluxes
37 in the western Pacific of East Asia.

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39 **1 Introduction**

40 Atmospheric aerosol is one of the most important and uncertain factors in climate change issues
41 (IPCC, 2013). Aerosols can alter radiation balance by scattering/absorbing solar/infrared radiation,
42 and affect cloud microphysics and lifetime by activating as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN), exerting
43 significant effects on climate system directly and indirectly. Aerosols are originated from
44 anthropogenic and natural sources and of high spatial and temporal variability and short atmospheric
45 lifetime relative to greenhouse gases. Consequently, aerosol radiative and climatic effects often have
46 strong regional characteristics.

47 The western Pacific Ocean is frequently influenced by continental outflow of both anthropogenic
48 and natural aerosols. Due to continuous growth of economy and energy consumption in the past
49 decades, the aerosol level in China has been enhanced (Smith et al., 2011; Li M. et al., 2017) and may
50 have potentially significant effects on radiation and cloud over not only the East Asian continent but
51 also the wide downwind oceanic areas. Besides, East Asia is one of the major dust source regions on
52 earth (Shao and Dong, 2006). Dust storms often occur in spring and dust particles can be transported
53 eastward from the deserts and Gobi areas of north China and southern Mongolia to the western Pacific
54 Ocean (Gong et al., 2003), providing nutrients (e.g., iron) for phytoplankton or even triggering the
55 outbreak of algae bloom in oceans (Calil et al., 2011; Tan et al., 2017). In addition to anthropogenic
56 and dust aerosols, marine aerosols also significantly affect aerosol chemical composition, radiation
57 transfer, and cloud properties in marine atmosphere. The behaviors and climatic impacts of sea salt
58 and non-sea-salt sulfate oxidized from dimethylsulphide (DMS) have been extensively investigated
59 (Graf et al., 1997; Liao et al., 2004; Rap et al., 2013). In recent years, particular attentions have been
60 paid on the sources and impacts of marine organic aerosols (O'Dowd et al., 2004; Meskhidze and

61 Nenes, 2006; Luo and Yu, 2010; Vignati et al., 2010; Gantt et al., 2011; Burrow et al., 2014; Quinn et
62 al., 2017; Bertram et al., 2018; Huang et al., 2018), however, such studies were still very limited,
63 especially for the western Pacific.

64 O'Dowd et al. (2004) found that organic matter dominated the chemical composition of marine
65 aerosol during plankton bloom periods from spring to autumn over the North Atlantic Ocean,
66 contributing 63% to sub-micron aerosol mass. Meshkidze and Nenes (2006) revealed a significant
67 impact of phytoplankton bloom on cloud droplet number concentration and radiation balance in the
68 Southern Ocean and proposed a major contribution of secondary organic aerosol (SOA) from
69 phytoplankton produced isoprene. Some studies indicated that primary marine sources may dominate
70 marine organic matter, whereas SOA oxidized from marine isoprene could only comprise a small
71 fraction of the observed organic aerosol mass over marine environment (Facchini et al. 2008; Arnold
72 et al., 2009; Myriokefalitakis et al., 2010). The estimated global emission amounts of primary marine
73 organic matter varied largely among models. Using the global aerosol-climate model ECHAM5-HAM,
74 Roelofs (2008) estimated a global production of marine organic aerosols to be 75 TgC yr⁻¹. Spracklen
75 et al. (2008) estimated the marine organic carbon emission to be approximately 8 TgC yr⁻¹ based on
76 measured organic carbon mass and satellite retrieved chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentration. Vignati et al.
77 (2010) derived a global emission of marine primary organic matter in the sub-micron size by sea spray
78 process to be 5.8 TgC yr⁻¹ by using an off-line global Chemistry-Transport Model TM5 with a
79 parameterization relating organic emission fraction to sea surface Chl-a concentration. Gantt et al.
80 (2011) found that the combination of 10 m wind speed and sea surface Chl-a concentration were the
81 most consistent predictors of organic mass fraction of sea spray aerosol based on observations from
82 the Mace Head atmospheric research station on the Atlantic coast of Ireland and a site at the Point
83 Reyes National Seashore on the Pacific coast of California. They developed a new MPOA emission
84 function and estimated the global annual MPOA emission associated with sea spray to be from 15.9
85 TgC yr⁻¹ to 18.7 TgC yr⁻¹ (2.8~5.6 TgC yr⁻¹ in the sub-micron size). However, Quinn et al. (2014)
86 found that the organic carbon content of sea spray aerosol is weakly correlated with satellite retrieved
87 chlorophyll-a concentration based on cruise measurements in the North Atlantic Ocean and the coastal
88 waters of California. Bates et al (2020) reported that plankton bloom has little effect on the emission
89 flux, organic fraction or cloud condensation nuclei of sea spray aerosol based on cruise experiment
90 over the North Atlantic. Burrows et al. (2014) developed a novel physically based framework for

91 parameterizing the organic fractionation of sea spray aerosol by consideration of ocean
92 biogeochemistry processes, and their predicted relationships between Chl-a and organic fraction are
93 similar to existing empirical parameterizations associated with ocean Chl-a concentrations at high
94 Chl-a levels, but the empirical relationships may not be adequate to predict OM fraction of sea spray
95 aerosol outside of strong seasonal blooms.

96 Regarding the influence on climatic factors, such as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN),
97 Ovadnevaite et al. (2011) revealed that MPOA was a dichotomy of low hygroscopicity and high CCN
98 activity through analysis of ambient measurements of aerosol chemical compositions and size
99 distributions at the Mace Head atmospheric research station, and highlighted the importance of MPOA
100 in CCN activation over marine atmosphere. A later study of Westervelt et al. (2012) indicated that
101 marine organic aerosols was able to increase CCN by up to 50% in the Southern Ocean and by 3.7%
102 globally during the austral summer based on the model simulation of GISS GCM II'. Based on the
103 measurements from seven research cruises over the Pacific, Southern, Arctic, and Atlantic oceans
104 between 1993 and 2015, Quinn et al. (2017) indicated that sea spray aerosol generally makes a
105 contribution of less than 30% to CCN population at supersaturation of 0.1 to 1.0% on a global basis.
106 Burrows et al. (2022) pointed out that sea spray organic aerosol strengthened shortwave radiative
107 cooling by clouds by -0.36 W m^{-2} in the global annual mean, with the zonal mean contribution
108 exceeding -3.5 W m^{-2} in the Southern Ocean in summertime.

109 The above studies reveal the important role of marine organic aerosols in chemical composition,
110 radiation budget, and cloud microphysics with focus on the global scale. However, there is very
111 limited modeling research on this important and challenging issue for the western Pacific Ocean of
112 East Asia. To our knowledge, only two of our previous studies explored the effects of MPOA on
113 chemical composition, radiation, cloud and precipitation over the western Pacific in springtime with
114 an online-coupled regional chemistry/aerosol-climate model RIEMS-Chem (Han et al., 2019; Li et al.,
115 2019), whereas the seasonality and annual aspect of MPOA and MSOA produced by marine isoprene
116 and terpene are still unknown. In this study, we conducted a one-year simulation with the developed
117 RIEMS-Chem to further explore the characteristics and radiative impacts of marine organic aerosols
118 over the western Pacific. The model simulated aerosol compositions were validated against a wide
119 series of observations from ground and cruise measurements, and the simulated MSOA was evaluated
120 by comparison with cruise measured secondary organic tracer in marine air masses. To our knowledge,

121 for the first time, the seasonality of emissions, concentrations, direct and indirect radiative effects of
122 marine organic aerosols was characterized and the annual means were estimated specifically for the
123 western Pacific and for the key oceanic regions of concern over East Asia. This study would provide
124 new insights into properties and impacts of marine organic aerosols over the western Pacific and
125 would be a necessary supplement to the global perspective of marine organic aerosols.

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127 2 Model and data

128 2.1 Model description and key processes

129 An online-coupled regional atmospheric chemistry/aerosol-climate model RIEMS-Chem was
130 used to investigate marine organic aerosols in this study. RIEMS-Chem composes of the host regional
131 climate model RIEMS (Fu et al., 2005; Xiong et al., 2009; Wang S.Y. et al., 2015) and a
132 comprehensive atmospheric chemistry/aerosol module. RIEMS was developed based on the dynamic
133 structure of the fifth-generation Pennsylvania State University NCAR Mesoscale Model (MM5; Grell
134 et al., 1995) with a series of parameterizations to represent major physical processes, such as a
135 modified Biosphere-Atmosphere Transfer Scheme (BATS; Dickinson et al., 1993) for land-surface
136 process, the Medium-Range Forecasts scheme (MRF; Hong and Pan, 1996) for planetary boundary
137 layer process, the Grell cumulus convective parameterization scheme (Grell, 1993) for convective
138 process, the Reisner explicit moisture scheme (Reisner et al., 1998) and a modified radiation package
139 of the NCAR Community Climate Model (CCM3; Kiehl et al., 1996) for radiation transfer processes
140 with aerosol effect. RIEMS has participated in the Regional Climate Model Intercomparison Project
141 (RMIP) for Asia and it was one of the best models in predicting surface air temperature and
142 precipitation over East Asia (Fu et al., 2005).

143 Atmospheric chemistry/aerosol modules have been incorporated into RIEMS in recent years,
144 establishing the online-coupled model RIEMS-Chem, which can account for the interactions among
145 chemistry, radiation, cloud, and meteorology (Han, 2010; Han et al., 2012). RIEMS-Chem has been
146 successfully applied in previous modeling studies on anthropogenic aerosols, mineral dust and marine
147 aerosols regarding spatial-temporal distributions, physical and chemical evolutions, and radiative and
148 climatic effects over East Asia (Han et al., 2012; 2013; 2019; Li et al., 2014; 2016a; 2016b; 2019;
149 2020). It is now participating in the international model comparison project MICS-Asia III (Model
150 Inter Comparison Study for Asia phase III) and shows a good ability in predicting aerosol

151 concentrations and AOD over East Asia (Gao et al., 2018).

152 RIEMS-Chem includes atmospheric chemistry and aerosol processes, such as gas and aqueous
153 phase chemistries which are represented by the CB-IV mechanism (Gery et al. 1989) and RADM
154 scheme (Chang et al., 1987), respectively; Sulfate is mainly produced from the oxidation of SO₂ by
155 OH radical in gas phase and the oxidation of dissolved SO₂ by H₂O₂, O₃, and metal catalysis in
156 aqueous phase (Chang et al., 1987). Nitrate and ammonium are produced through thermodynamic
157 processes represented by the ISORROPIA II model (Fountoukis and Nenes, 2007). BC, POA, and
158 anthropogenic primary PMs are considered chemically inert. SOA formation from anthropogenic and
159 biogenic VOC precursors is treated by a bulk yield scheme from Lack et al. (2004), with SOA yield of
160 424 μg m⁻³ ppm⁻¹ for toluene, 342 μg m⁻³ ppm⁻¹ for xylene, and 762 μg m⁻³ ppm⁻¹ for monoterpene.
161 For irreversible conversion of marine VOCs to SOA, a 28.6% mass yield is assumed for isoprene
162 (Surratt et al., 2010, Meskhidze et al., 2011) and 30% for monoterpene (Lee et al., 2006).
163 Heterogeneous reactions between gaseous precursors and aerosols are also taken into account (Li and
164 Han, 2010; Li J. W. et al., 2018). Dry deposition velocity is represented by a size-dependent
165 parameterization over different underlying surfaces (Han et al., 2004). Dry deposition velocity of
166 particle is expressed as the inverse of the sum of resistant plus a gravitational settling term. Over sea
167 or ocean surfaces, the quasi-laminar boundary layer (QBL) may be disrupted by bursting bubbles,
168 resulting in an increase in downward movement of particles, which is parameterized by the approach
169 of Van den Berg et al. (2000), in which quasi-laminar resistance r_b is determined by Brownian
170 diffusion and impaction when QBL is intact, and by turbulence and washout velocity of particles by
171 spray drops when QBL is broken down. Below-cloud scavenging (BCS) of particles between cloud
172 base and ground surface represents capture processes of particle by falling hydrometeor through
173 Brownian and turbulent shear diffusion, interception and inertial impaction, and is parameterized by a
174 scavenging rate, which is a function of precipitation rate and collision efficiency of particle by
175 hydrometeor (Slinn, 1984).

176 A physically based scheme (namely A-G scheme) developed based on classical Köhler theory by
177 Abdul-Razzak and Ghan (1998, 2004) is incorporated into RIEMS-Chem to represent aerosol
178 activation into cloud droplet processes. This scheme calculates cloud droplet number concentration
179 (N_c) with not only aerosol number concentration, but also aerosol size distribution and composition,
180 updraft velocity and ambient supersaturation. Aerosols are activated if their critical supersaturation is

181 less than the maximum ambient supersaturation. The critical supersaturation for activating particles is
182 determined by curvature effect and solute effect. The maximum ambient supersaturation is calculated
183 by solving supersaturation balance equation (Abdul-Razzak and Ghan, 1998). The updraft velocity is
184 represented by the sum of grid mean updraft velocity and sub-grid updraft velocity, which is
185 diagnosed from vertical eddy diffusivity according to Ghan et al. (1997). The A-G scheme in
186 RIEMS-Chem has been applied over the western Pacific Ocean in spring 2014 and its prediction for
187 hourly CCN concentration at different supersaturations has been validated by cruise measurements
188 from the marginal seas of China to remote oceans southeast of Japan, which demonstrates a good
189 ability, with the correlation coefficient of 0.87 and normalized mean bias within 20%. More details on
190 the treatment and evaluation of marine aerosol activation refer to Han et al. (2019). Once N_c is
191 calculated by the A-G scheme, the cloud droplet effective radius r_e is calculated with the method of
192 Martin et al. (1994). The activated aerosols (into cloud droplet) are removed from the air. The auto
193 conversion rate from cloud water to rainwater is parameterized by the scheme of Beheng (1994),
194 which depends on N_c diagnosed and cloud liquid water content. The effect of aerosols on ice nuclei
195 and convective cloud is not treated in this model due to limited knowledge at present.

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197 2.2 Aerosol physical and chemical properties

198 Ten aerosol types are simulated in RIEMS-Chem, which are sulfate (SO_4^{2-}), nitrate (NO_3^-),
199 ammonium (NH_4^+), black carbon (BC), primary organic aerosol (POA), secondary organic aerosol
200 (SOA), anthropogenic primary PMs ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and PM_{10}), dust, and sea salt.

201 Based on the observational analysis of aerosol mixing state in eastern China (Ma et al., 2017; Wu
202 et al., 2017), an internal mixing assumption is adopted for anthropogenic aerosols and they are
203 externally mixed with natural aerosols. The geometric mean radius and standard deviation of the
204 anthropogenic internal mixture are estimated to be 0.11 μm and 1.65, respectively, based on field
205 measurements (Ma et al., 2017). Mineral dust is represented by 5 size bins (0.1~1.0, 1.0~2.0, 2.0~4.0,
206 4.0~8.0 and 8.0~20.0 μm), while sea salt is represented by 2 size bins, with the mean fine mode radius
207 being 0.1 μm and the coarse mode radius being 1 μm according to measurements from Gong et al.
208 (1997). Feng et al. (2017) indicated that the measured total organic carbon (TOC) in the western
209 Pacific Ocean during the same period as this study was enriched in <0.3 μm (volume median
210 diameter), which was mainly contributed by MPOA and the super-micron TOC was generally below

211 the detection limit. Accordingly, the geometric mean diameter of marine organic aerosol number
212 concentration was set to be 0.1 μm , with a standard deviation of 1.6. The number concentration is
213 calculated by mass concentration as the formula in Curci et al. (2015). MPOA can be mixed with sea
214 salt both externally or internally. It is more likely to be externally mixed with sea salt for finer
215 aerosols (<200 nm in diameter) (Gantt and Meskhidze, 2013) and the effect of externally mixed
216 MPOA was found to be much more important than that of internally mixed MPOA (Gantt et al.,
217 2012b). So an external mixture of MPOA and sea salt is assumed in this study, this means additional
218 marine organic aerosols are produced to affect cloud properties and represents an upper limit of
219 indirect effect. There is little information on physical and chemical properties of marine organic
220 aerosols, some key parameters for calculation of aerosol activation, i.e. the number of ions the salt
221 dissociates into water, the osmotic coefficient, the mass fraction of soluble material, the density, and
222 molecular weight are set to be 3.0, 1, 0.1, 1.5 g m^{-3} , and 90, respectively, according to a few previous
223 studies (Abdul-Razzak and Ghan, 2004; Roelofs, 2008). The soluble mass fraction of MPOA is
224 assumed to be 0.2, slightly higher than that of MPOA (Liu and Wang, 2010; Westervelt et al., 2012).
225 An OM/OC ratio of 1.4 was applied to convert organic matter (OM) to OC (Gantt and Meskhidze,
226 2013).

227 The hygroscopic growth of aerosol is parameterized by a κ parameterization (Petters and
228 Kreidenweis, 2007). The hygroscopicity parameters (κ) for inorganic aerosol components, BC, POA,
229 SOA, dust, and sea salt are set to be 0.65, 0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.01 and 0.98, respectively (Riemer et al., 2010;
230 Liu et al., 2010; Westervelt et al., 2012). The hygroscopicity for MPOA and MPOA are assumed to be
231 the same as those for anthropogenic POA and SOA. Because there was limited information on the
232 optical properties of marine organic aerosols, the refractive index of anthropogenic POA and SOA was
233 used instead. The aerosol refractive index and hygroscopicity (κ) of the internally mixed aerosol are
234 calculated by volume-weighting of the parameters for each aerosol component. Aerosol optical
235 parameters including extinction coefficient, single scattering albedo, and asymmetry factor are
236 calculated by a Mie-theory based method developed by Ghan and Zaveri (2007), in which the aerosol
237 optical parameters are pre-calculated by the Mie theory and then fitted by Chebyshev polynomials
238 with a table of polynomial coefficients for looking up for aerosols with certain size and refractive
239 index. More detailed description refers to Li et al. (2020). This approach is much faster than
240 traditional Mie code with a similar level of accuracy and has been successfully used in estimating

241 aerosol optical properties over East Asia (Han et al. 2011).

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243 2.3 Anthropogenic and natural emissions

244 Monthly mean anthropogenic emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen (NO_x), ammonia (NH₃),
245 non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC), carbon monoxide (CO), BC, POA, and other
246 anthropogenic primary PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in China for the year 2014 are obtained from the MEIC
247 inventory (Multi-resolution Emission Inventory for China) which was developed by Tsinghua
248 University (<http://meicmodel.org>, last access: 2020/01/20). Anthropogenic emissions outside China
249 are taken from the MIX inventory which was developed to support the Model Inter-Comparison Study
250 for Asia phase III (MICS-Asia III) and the Hemispheric Transport of Air Pollution (HTAP) projects
251 (Li M. et al., 2017). Both inventories of MEIC and MIX have the same resolution of 0.5 degree. Open
252 biomass burning emissions of aerosols and gas precursors for the year 2014 with a spatial resolution
253 of 0.5 degree are derived from the Global Fire Emissions Database, Version 4.0 (GFED4) on a daily
254 basis (Giglio et al., 2013). The biogenic VOC emission is derived from the CAMS-BIO Global
255 biogenic emissions dataset (CAMS-GLOB-BIO v3.1) (Granier et al., 2019; Sindelarova et al., 2014)
256 distributed by ECCAD-GEIA (<https://permalink.aeris-data.fr/CAMS-GLOB-BIO>, last access:
257 2020/02/10) and the monthly mean biogenic emission for the year 2014 with a horizontal resolution of
258 0.25° is used. All the above emission data are bilinearly interpolated to the lambert projection of
259 RIEMS-Chem. The deflation of mineral dust is represented by the scheme of Han et al. (2004), which
260 is calculated online with RIEMS predicted meteorology.

261 The generation of sea salt aerosol through bubbles is represented by Gong (2003) which is
262 developed for sea salt radius from 0.07μm to 20μm based on the scheme of Monahan et al. (1986) and
263 it is modified by considering the influences of relative humidity (RH) (Zhang et al., 2005).

264 Considering the strong bloom seasonality in the western Pacific region and the availability of
265 global satellite data for Chl-a concentration, and the lack of cruise measurements on the relationship
266 between sea spray organic aerosol fluxes and Chl-a in this region, we adopted the scheme of Gantt et
267 al (2011) for parameterizing marine primary organic aerosol emission in this study. The size-resolved
268 marine primary organic aerosol (MPOA) emission is parameterized based on the method of Gantt et al.
269 (2011; 2012a), in which the emission rate of MPOA is the product of sea spray emission rate and
270 organic matter fraction of sea spray aerosol, which is expressed as a function of wind speed, surface

271 seawater Chl-a concentration, and aerosol size. The Chl-a data used in this study is the Level-3 daily
272 mean Chl-a concentration (mg m^{-3}) product with 9 km resolution retrieved from the VIIRS (Visible
273 infrared Imaging Radiometer) sensor onboard the Suomi National Polar-orbiting Partnership (SNPP)
274 satellite platform (OBPG, 2018) (<http://oceandata.sci.gsfc.nasa.gov>, last access: 2020/12/8). A brief
275 description on this scheme with formulas is presented in the supplement.

276 Marine isoprene emission released by phytoplankton activities is parameterized using the scheme
277 of Gantt et al. (2009) which considers light sensitivity of phytoplankton isoprene production and
278 dynamic euphotic depth (see more details in the supplement). Marine emission of monoterpene is
279 scaled by 0.2 to those of isoprene following the suggestion from Myriokefalitakis et al. (2010). The
280 marine abiotic source of isoprene (due to photochemical production in the sea surface microlayer)
281 may be important according to recent studies (Brüggemann et al., 2018; Conte et al., 2020). This
282 mechanism is not considered in this study because the production mechanism for marine abiotic
283 isoprene is poorly understood at present.

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285 2.4 Model setup and experiment design

286 This study focused on the western Pacific Ocean of East Asia. The model domain covered most
287 areas of eastern China, the Korean Peninsula, Japan, parts of Southeast Asia, and a wide area of the
288 western Pacific Ocean ($11^{\circ}\text{N}\sim 54^{\circ}\text{N}$, $89^{\circ}\text{E}\sim 173^{\circ}\text{E}$) (Figure 1). A Lambert conformal projection with 60
289 km horizontal resolution was applied in the model. 16 vertical layers stretched unevenly from the
290 surface to tropopause in a terrain-following sigma coordinate with the first 8 layers within planetary
291 boundary layer. The time step of model integration is 180 seconds. The simulation period was from 1
292 December 2013 to 31 December 2014 with the first month as model spin-up and the whole year of
293 2014 was used for analysis. Year 2014 is a normal year (neither El Niño nor La Niña) which can be
294 reflected by the ENSO index (<https://psl.noaa.gov/enso/mei/>, last access: 2023/12/15). The reason we
295 choose 2014 as the study period is the availability of cruise campaigns (for model validation and
296 analysis) over the East China Sea and the western Pacific from spring to early summer, when BC and
297 OC concentrations were measured. Final reanalysis data with $1^{\circ}\times 1^{\circ}$ resolution and 6-hour interval
298 from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NOAA/NCEP, 2000) was used to provide
299 initial and boundary conditions for meteorology. Chemical results derived from the MOZART-4
300 (Model for Ozone and Related chemical Tracers, version 4; Emmons et al., 2010) simulation with

301 6-hour interval were used to provide lateral conditions for trace gases and aerosols. The full
302 simulation (FULL) is designed by considering all anthropogenic and natural emissions, including
303 marine emissions of primary organic aerosol and sea salt, and a series of model simulations are also
304 conducted to estimate the direct and indirect radiative effect of MOA and their sensitivity to MOA
305 properties, which are described in the following sections.

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307 2.5 Observations

308 In-situ measurements of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and gas precursors (O₃, SO₂, and NO_x/NO₂) at coastal and
309 island sites in Japan and Republic of Korea were obtained from EANET (Acid Deposition Monitoring
310 Network in East Asia, <http://www.eanet.asia>, last access: 2020/01/23) (Figure 1). Hourly
311 concentrations of PM₁₀, SO₂, NO_x in Japan, NO₂ in Korea, and O₃ were automatically monitored at
312 six Japanese sites (Rishiri, Tappi, Sado-seki, Oki, Hedo, and Ogasawara) and three Korean sites (Jeju,
313 Kanghwa, and Imsil), whereas hourly PM_{2.5} concentrations were only available at three Japanese sites
314 (Rishiri, Sado-seki, and Oki). Sodium (Na⁺) concentrations sampled on a bi-weekly basis at the 6
315 coast/island EANET sites in Japan were also collected. Besides, hourly PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}
316 concentrations monitored in the three coastal cities of China (Qingdao, Shanghai, and Fuzhou) were
317 also obtained from the CNEMC (China National Environmental Monitoring Center,
318 <http://www.cnemc.cn/>, last access: 2020/01/23) and used for model validation (Figure 1).

319 Carbonaceous aerosol (OC and BC) concentrations measured from two research cruise campaigns
320 covering the western Pacific during the spring and summer of 2014 (Figure 1) were collected and used
321 for model validation. The spring cruise campaign was carried out from 17 March to 22 April 2014
322 onboard the research vessel R/V Dongfanghong II, which started from Qingdao, sailed to the western
323 Pacific Ocean, and then returned (Figure 1) (Luo et al., 2016; Feng et al., 2017). OC and BC samples
324 were collected by an 11-stage MOUDI (Models110-IITM) (0.054~18 μm) equipped with
325 pre-combusted quartz filters onboard the vessel. Mass concentrations of total OC (primary and
326 secondary) and BC were determined by the thermal/optical carbon analyzer (Sunset Laboratory Inc.,
327 Forest Grove, OR). Totally 19 daily BC and OC samples were collected during the cruise. Detailed
328 information about this campaign and the sampling and analysis techniques were documented in Feng
329 et al (2017). The early summer campaign was carried out from 18 May to 12 June 2014 (Kang et al.,
330 2018). Total suspended particles (TSP) were collected on pre-combusted quartz filters using a

331 high-volume air sampler (Kimoto, Japan) onboard the KEXUE-1 Research Vessel during a National
332 Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) sharing cruise (Figure 1). This campaign covered low-
333 to mid-latitudes of the western Pacific Ocean (over the Yellow Sea and the East China Sea). Totally 51
334 half-day (daytime/nighttime) OC samples were obtained during this campaign. Detailed information
335 about this campaign and samples were described in Kang et al. (2018).

336 Besides the in-situ observations and cruise campaigns mentioned above, long-term observations
337 of OC and BC from previous publications were collected to help model comparison and analysis.
338 Carbonaceous aerosol samples (OC and BC) in TSP were continuously collected on a weekly basis
339 from 2001 to 2012 at Chichijima Island (the same place as Ogasawara in Figure 1), a remote island
340 located in the western North Pacific. The monthly mean OC and BC concentrations of the 12-year
341 average were reported by Boreddy et al. (2018) and used to verify the model performance over remote
342 oceans. Measurements of seasonal mean OC and BC concentrations in TSP at Huaniao Island (a
343 pristine island about 100 km southeast of Shanghai over the East China Sea, see Figure 1) from
344 October 2011 to August 2012 (Wang F. W. et al., 2015) and at Okinawa island (the same place as
345 Hedo in Figure 1) in the western Pacific Ocean from October 2009 to October 2010 (Kunwar and
346 Kawamura, 2014) were collected and used in this study. BC observations were conducted at Fukue
347 Island of western Japan using a continuous soot-monitoring system (COSMOS) (Figure 1) by Kanaya
348 et al. (2016) from 2009 to 2015.

349 Ground observations of AOD were obtained from the Aerosol Robotic Network (AERONET,
350 <https://aeronet.gsfc.nasa.gov/>, last access: 2020/06/03). Level 2 AOD observations for the year 2014
351 were collected at 7 coastal sites shown in Figure 1. Hourly and monthly mean observations were
352 derived from raw data and used for model comparison and statistics calculation. AOD at 550 nm was
353 used to match the model output. The level-3, daily deep blue global AOD product (in $1^{\circ}\times 1^{\circ}$ horizontal
354 resolution and at 550nm) retrieved by VIIRS sensor onboard the SNPP satellite platform (Sayer et al.
355 2018) were also collected to examine AOD spatial distribution.

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357 3 Model validations

358 In this section, the model results for OC, BC, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, sodium concentrations, and AOD were
359 compared with a variety of observations from research cruise and monitoring networks to help
360 evaluate the model ability over wide areas from eastern China to the western Pacific Ocean. Because

361 the above comparison was for total OC mass concentration, we also compared the simulated SOA
362 from marine sources to cruise measured SOA tracer to examine the model performance for marine
363 organic aerosols. Model results are extracted from the model grid closest to the observational site for
364 comparison with observations.

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366 3.1 Particulate matters (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}), sodium (Na⁺) and gas precursors

367 As particulate matter in remote marine atmosphere is mainly composed of sea salt, the model
368 performance for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} may partly reflect the model ability for sea salt simulation, which is
369 crucial to the estimation of MPOA emission.

370 Because the focus of this study is seasonal variation, the hourly PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} observations and
371 corresponding simulations were averaged to be monthly means and shown in Figure 2. In general,
372 RIEMS-Chem performed quite well in simulating monthly variation of PM₁₀ concentrations at both
373 the EANET sites (Figure 2a~2i) and CNEMC sites (Figure 2j~2l) for the year 2014, although model
374 biases still occurred at some sites, such as the underprediction in winter and spring in Jeju (Figure 2g)
375 and Imsil (Figure 2i) and the overprediction in May in Oki (Figure 2d) and Rishiri (Figure 2a). It was
376 striking that PM₁₀ concentration peaked in May and was lowest in July-August at all Korean sites and
377 Japanese sites over northeast Asia (Figure 2a~2i). The long-range transport of mineral dust from north
378 China and Mongolia in spring could contribute to the PM₁₀ maximum in May. It was noteworthy that
379 the model simulated seasonality and magnitude of PM₁₀ agreed quite well with observations at the
380 four island sites of northern Japan (Rishiri, Tappi, Sado, and Oki) (Figure 2a~2d), where sea salt
381 aerosol played a more important role than those sites in Korea, implying sea salt concentrations could
382 also be well reproduced by the model. The PM₁₀ level at Ogasawara (Figure 2f) was much lower than
383 those at the other sites and its seasonality was characterized by the minimum in summer (5 μg m⁻³)
384 and the maximum in spring. The model reasonably reproduced the seasonality at Hedo (Figure 2e) and
385 Ogasawara (Figure 2f) as well, although it generally predicted lower values at Hedo and higher values
386 at Ogasawara. As for PM₁₀ concentrations at the CNEMC sites of eastern China, the model simulated
387 PM₁₀ concentrations very well for Shanghai (Figure 2k) and Fuzhou (Figure 2l) in terms of both
388 monthly variation and magnitude, showing higher values in spring and the maximum in winter in
389 Shanghai, and an almost stable level around 60 μg m⁻³ in Fuzhou throughout the year except for the
390 elevated value in January. The PM₁₀ level in Qingdao (Figure 2j) was higher than those in Shanghai

391 and Fuzhou, and reached the maximum of $170 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in January due to anthropogenic sources and the
392 peak in March was resulted from the effect of mineral dust.

393 The monthly variations of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentrations at Rishiri, Sado, and Oki (Figure 2m~2o) were
394 similar to those of PM_{10} , but the peaks in May were not as evident as those of PM_{10} , because mineral
395 dust comprises a small fraction of fine particles and has less effect on $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ variation. The model
396 reproduced $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentrations very well at the three coastal sites of eastern China (Figure 2p~2r)
397 and the monthly variation of $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentrations resembled those of PM_{10} , because fine particle
398 accounts for a large fraction of PM mass in these Chinese megacities due to the dominant effect of
399 anthropogenic sources.

400 Aerosol chemical components including primary anthropogenic PM, sea salt, mineral dust, MOA,
401 anthropogenic carbonaceous aerosols (BC+OC), and inorganic aerosols (sulfate+nitrate+ammonium)
402 in PM_{10} and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ at all the EANET and CNEMC sites are also shown in Figure 2. It is found that sea
403 salt dominated PM_{10} mass at the coastal and island sites of Japan and Korea in most months except
404 May and June when dust aerosols were abundant (Figure 2a~2g). MOA accounted for a small fraction
405 of PM_{10} mass at all sites, however, the relative contribution of MOA to $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ mass appeared to be
406 larger than that of sea salt at the coastal sites of Japan (Figure 2m~2o), indicating the potential
407 importance of MOA in fine aerosol mode in marine atmosphere.

408 Table 1 shows that for all the 9 EANET sites, the overall mean PM_{10} concentration was $30.0 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
409 m^{-3} from observation and $28.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from simulation, with the overall Pearson correlation coefficient
410 (R) of 0.65 (0.48~0.64) and the normalized mean bias (NMB) of -5% (-27~36%). For $\text{PM}_{2.5}$, the mean
411 concentrations averaged over the EANET sites were $10.9 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from observation and $12.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
412 from simulation, with R and NMB of 0.61 (0.53~0.64) and 12% (0~21%), respectively. The annual
413 mean observed and simulated PM_{10} concentrations at the 3 CNEMC sites (Table 2) were $81.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
414 and $80.7 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, with R and NMBs of 0.65 (0.38~0.61) and -1% (-4~1%), respectively, while the
415 annual mean observed and simulated $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentrations, R, and NMB were $46.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, $43.4 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$,
416 m^{-3} , 0.70 (0.44~0.72), and -7% (-12~0%), respectively. The good performance statistics shown in
417 Table 1 and Table 2 suggest a good skill of RIEMS-Chem in reproducing PM levels from the coastal
418 regions of east China to the remote western Pacific. Figure 2, Table 1, and Table 2 also illustrate that
419 the spatial distribution of PM exhibited higher concentrations at the continental (coastal) sites
420 (CNEMC sites, Jeju, Kanghwa, and Imsil) and lower concentrations at the remote island site

421 (Ogasawara) over the western Pacific, which were also reasonably reproduced by RIEMS-Chem.

422 Seasonal mean statistics of PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations at the EANET and CNEMC sites were
423 also listed in Table 1 and Table 2. Statistics for spring (March-April-May, MAM), summer
424 (June-July-August, JJA), autumn (September-October-November, SON), and winter
425 (December-January-February, DJF) were calculated. PM₁₀ observations generally exhibited higher
426 concentrations in MAM and DJF, moderate concentrations in SON, and lower concentrations in JJA at
427 most sites covering coastal areas (CNEMC sites, Jeju, Kanghwa, and Imsil) and remote islands (e.g.
428 Oki, Hedo, and Ogasawara). The model reproduced such seasonal variation of PM₁₀ reasonably well
429 although some underestimations occurred from winter to spring at Jeju and Imsil (Figure 2g, 2i),
430 which could be attributed to the uncertainties in emissions (anthropogenic, biomass burning).

431 Comparison with observations of Sodium (Na⁺) concentration at 6 Japan coastal/island sites from
432 EANET is conducted to further examine the model performance for sea salt. The modeled sodium is
433 estimated to be 38.56% of sea salt mass (Kelly et al., 2010), and the agreement between observation
434 and model simulation is generally satisfactory at all sites except at Oki in December, when the model
435 largely underpredict Na⁺. The model well reproduces the seasonality of sodium concentration, with
436 the maximum in winter and the minimum in summer (Figure 3). The model predicts sodium
437 concentration best at Ogasawara, with the correlation coefficient of 0.85 and NMB of 5%. The overall
438 correlation coefficient for all sites is 0.50, with NMB of -11% (Table S1).

439 In all, RIEMS-Chem was able to reasonably reproduce the spatial distribution and seasonal
440 variation of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, and sodium concentrations in the marine environment of the western Pacific.
441 The above good performances give us confidence in the estimation of marine sea salt emission.

442 In addition, the overall statistics were generally acceptable for gas precursors (O₃, SO₂, and
443 NO_x/NO₂), indicating atmospheric chemistry processes could be reasonably represented by the model
444 over the western Pacific. (see statistics in Table S2)

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446 3.2 Carbonaceous aerosols

447 Modeled BC and OC concentrations were compared with observations from research cruises and
448 from previous publications at coastal/remote islands. BC is considered to be inert and chemical
449 inactive, so it is governed solely by physical processes and a good indicator of long-range transport.
450 The analysis of BC can help identify regions with large continental influence.

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452 3.2.1 Comparison with research cruise measurements

453 Figure 4a shows the observed and simulated daily BC concentrations along the cruise track
454 during the spring campaign. An obvious spatial gradient was found for BC concentration, which was
455 characterized by apparent higher concentrations of 0.5~4.2 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ over the marginal seas of China
456 (the Yellow Sea and East China Sea, 18~19 March and 21~22 April) and very low concentrations of
457 $<0.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ over open oceans (during most of the measurement days). It is interesting to note that an
458 observed BC peak occurred on 21 March, which could be attributed to the long-range transport of
459 biomass burning plumes from northeast Asia (Luo et al., 2016; 2018). The model generally
460 reproduced the spatial and temporal variations of BC concentration during the campaign period;
461 however, the BC peak on 21 March was missed by the model simulation. Uncertainties in biomass
462 burning emission could be responsible for such model bias. On average, the measured and simulated
463 BC concentrations during this campaign onboard the Dongfanghong II cruise were 0.49 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and
464 0.55 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively, with the R and NMB of 0.87 and 13% (Table 3).

465 Figure 4b shows the daily mean OC concentrations from observation and model simulation for
466 the same cruise. In general, the observed OC exhibited a similar spatial distribution and temporal
467 variation to that of BC, with higher concentrations over the marginal seas and relatively lower
468 concentrations over open oceans. The model generally captured the spatial-temporal features along the
469 cruise track. Like BC, the observed OC concentrations were high on 21 and 25~26 March mainly due
470 to the continental outflow of biomass burning emissions from northeast Asia, and the model largely
471 underpredict the high OC observation in these days. It is noteworthy that two OC peaks appeared on
472 10 and 12 April when the ship was over the open ocean east of Japan (the ship location was around
473 33.5°N, 146.0°E on 10 April and around 36.5°N, 145.0°E on 12 April, approximately 400~500 km to
474 the east of Japan), whereas the elevation of BC concentration was not evident. Because BC and OC
475 are often originated from the same anthropogenic and biomass sources, the inconsistency in daily
476 variation between BC and OC in these areas implied a potential influence of marine sources rather
477 than that from anthropogenic and biomass burning emissions. Coincidentally, during these days, daily
478 Chl-a concentrations over the oceanic areas east of Japan (the region of 35°N to 43°N and 140.0°E to
479 150.0°E, north to the ship location) reached as high as 45 mg m^{-3} , as a comparison, the monthly mean
480 Chl-a concentration in April over the same region was in a range of 2 to 14 mg m^{-3} . The apparent

481 higher Chl-a concentration during these days could induce changes in marine primary organic
482 emissions. On 10 April, the wind direction in the vicinity of the cruise was mainly southwesterly,
483 backward trajectory (figure not shown) indicates that air parcels travelled over low Chl-A regions to
484 the southwest of the cruise, implying a small effect of MOA. On this day, the fraction of land-OC (OC
485 originated from continental sources) in total OC was 68%, which was larger than that of marine
486 organic carbon (marine-OC) (32%) as shown in Figure 4b. On 12 April, northwesterly winds prevailed
487 over the cruise region, with backward air trajectory traveling over strong Chl-A regions to the
488 northeast of Japan (figure not shown), marine-OC aerosols produced from the bloom regions could be
489 blown to the southeast where ship located, leading to the elevation of OC concentrations (Figure 4b).
490 Marine-OC (percentage contribution of 74%) dominated over land-OC (26%) in the total OC
491 concentration on this day. The model improves OC simulation on 10 and 12 April when considering
492 marine organic aerosols (marine-OC in Figure 4b). However, it should be acknowledged that the
493 model appears to generally overpredict OC concentrations during 5~16 April over the ocean southeast
494 of Japan, especially on 5~6, 11 and 13 April. The high model biases could be due to potential
495 overpredictions for either land-source OC or marine-source OC. The cruise campaign average OC
496 concentration was $1.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from observation and $1.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from simulation, with the R and NMB
497 of 0.66 and -5%, respectively (Table 3). For the coastal/marginal sea areas (cruising time on 18 to 20
498 March and 20 to 22 April), the mean observed and simulated OC concentrations were $3.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and
499 $3.0 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively. For open sea areas (cruising time from 21 March to 19 April), the observed
500 and simulated OC concentrations were $0.69 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and $0.65 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively. The inclusion of
501 marine-OC (including both primary and secondary OC) reduced the model bias from -33% to -5%
502 along the cruise. The average contribution of marine-OC to the total OC mass in the marine
503 atmosphere was approximately 29% along the cruise, with lower contributions of 11~27% over the
504 marginal seas of China (18~19 March and 21~22 April) and higher contributions of 32~74% over the
505 open oceans (5~18 April) (Figure 4b), demonstrating an increasing importance of marine organic
506 aerosols to total OC mass from the marginal seas to remote open oceans.

507 Shown in Figure 4c is OC samples collected onboard the KEXUE-1 Research Vessel over the
508 East China Sea during the early summer campaign and the corresponding model results along the
509 cruise track. There were four OC peaks observed during the campaign, with three occurring over the
510 northern parts of the East China Sea (on 20 May, 26~29 May, and 1~5 June) and one over the southern

511 part of the East China Sea on 22 May. The model reproduced the OC variation quite well during most
512 of the cruise track, capturing the three OC peaks over the northern parts of the East China Sea
513 although low biases occurred for the first peak (over the area of 27.5°N to 30.0°N and 121.6°E to
514 121.9°E). The model missed the second OC peak on 22 May over the southern part of the East China
515 Sea (over the area of 22°N to 23°N and 121.5°E to 122.2°E). Kang et al. (2018) proposed that this
516 peak was seriously affected by biogenic and biomass burning emissions from Southeast Asia
517 (Philippines) because the OC concentrations from 21 to 25 May were characterized by high
518 abundance of sesquiterpene-derived SOA which was mainly originated from terrestrial photosynthetic
519 vegetation (e.g. trees and plants). Uncertainties in emission inventories, such as missing some
520 biogenic sources (e.g. fungal spores, Fröhlich-Nowoisky et al. 2016) could be partly responsible to the
521 model biases. In addition, some regions of Southeast Asia (e.g. Philippines) were not included in the
522 study domain, instead, their influence on the study domain was represented by chemical boundary
523 conditions from MOZART simulation, so, the uncertainties in chemical boundary conditions may also
524 contributed to such biases. At the time of the third (25°N to 26°N and 118.8°E to 121.7°E) and fourth
525 (28°N to 28.7°N and 119.6°E to 122.7°E) OC peaks, the ship was close to the shore and
526 predominately affected by continental sources (such as anthropogenic and biomass burning emissions),
527 the model captured the peaks quite well in terms of both temporal variation and magnitude. On
528 average, the observed and simulated OC concentrations from the KEXUE-1 cruise were $4.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$
529 and $3.7 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively, with R and NMB of 0.75 and -13% (Table 3). The inclusion of
530 marine-OC reduced the NMB from -19% to -13%. Along the cruise track, marine-OC was estimated
531 to account for 6% (1~60%) of the total OC mass on average, with lower contribution over the seas
532 close to the continent (1~9%) and higher contribution over the seas far from the continent (7~60%).
533 During the KEXUE-1 cruise campaign, the contribution of marine-OC to total OC mass was
534 obviously lower than that during the spring campaign conducted by the Dongfanghong II, because this
535 cruise over the marginal seas of China was more affected by continental outflow of anthropogenic and
536 biomass emissions compared with that mainly over the open oceans.

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538 3.2.2 Comparison with measurements at island and coastal sites

539 Figure S1 shows the modeled BC is generally consistent with observations at island sites
540 (Huaniao, Fukue, Okinawa, Chichijima) in terms of both spatial distribution and seasonal variation,

541 indicating a good skill of RIEMS-Chem in representing the physical processes and long-rang transport
542 of carbonaceous aerosols over the western Pacific.

543 OC observations are limited in the western Pacific Ocean. We collected observations at islands
544 from previous publications (Boreddy et al., 2018; Kunwar and Kawamura, 2014; Wang F. W. et al.,
545 2015) for model comparison. Figure 5 shows the model simulated and observed seasonal/monthly
546 mean OC concentrations at the three islands. It should be kept in mind that the observations are
547 averages of different years. At Huaniao Island (Figure 5a), a distinct seasonality of OC observation
548 was shown, with the highest OC concentration of $4.7 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in DJF, followed by $3.7 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in MAM
549 and $3.8 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in SON, and the minimum of $1.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in JJA (Table 4). It was encouraging that
550 RIEMS-Chem reproduced the OC seasonality at Huaniao Island quite well (Figure 5a), despite the
551 different years between simulation and observation. The simulated OC was also divided into land-OC
552 and marine-OC to quantify the relative contribution of these sources to total OC mass. The simulated
553 annual mean OC concentration was $3.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, in which $2.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (81%) was contributed by
554 land-OC and $0.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (19%) by marine-OC (Table 4). The simulation was very close to the
555 observation of $3.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (Table 4). It was striking that the inclusion of marine-OC obviously
556 improved the model performance, reducing the NMB from -21% to -3%, although the improvement of
557 prediction for SOA from land source may also reduce the model bias at Huaniao island. It was
558 noteworthy that marine-OC exhibited the maximum value in MAM and the minimum value in JJA.
559 The higher Chl-a concentration over the East China Sea in MAM might be responsible for the
560 maximum at Huaniao Island (Figure 7h and Table 7), whereas the lowest sea salt emission flux could
561 result in the minimum in summer (Table 7). In terms of seasonal mean, marine-OC accounted for 12%,
562 22%, 19%, and 23% of the total OC concentration in DJF, MAM, JJA, and SON, respectively, with an
563 annual mean contribution of 19% at Huaniao Island. The lowest relative contribution (12%) of
564 marine-OC in winter was attributed to the maximum anthropogenic OC emissions in eastern China in
565 this season.

566 At Okinawa (Figure 5b), the observed total OC showed the maximum in MAM, followed by that
567 in JJA, and the lower ones in DJF and SON during October 2009-2010. Figures 5a and 5b also show
568 that the seasonal cycling of OC concentration at Okinawa (Figure 5b) differed a lot from that at
569 Huaniao Island (Figure 5a). The high OC concentration in summer at Okinawa could be attributed to
570 higher SOA produced by local biogenic VOC emissions (Kunwar and Kawamura, 2014). The model

571 generally reproduced the seasonal variation of OC except that it predicted lower OC level in summer,
572 which could be due to the exclusion of local biogenic VOC emissions in the CAMS-GLOB-BIO
573 emission inventory. In terms of annual average, the observed OC concentration was $1.8 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, larger
574 than the simulations of $1.3 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from the FULL case including marine-OC and of $1.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from
575 the case excluding marine organic emissions (Table 4). The inclusion of marine organic emissions
576 improved OC simulation at Okinawa, reducing the NMB from -39% to -28%. It was estimated that
577 marine-OC accounted for 18%, 17%, 10%, and 18% of total OC mass concentration at Okinawa in
578 DJF, MAM, JJA, and SON, respectively, with an annual mean contribution of 17%. The relatively
579 smaller contribution of marine-OC to the total OC mass at Okinawa than that at Huaniao Island (19%)
580 could be attributed to the higher Chl-a concentration and MPOA emission flux in the marginal seas of
581 China than those over remote western Pacific south of Japan (Figure 7).

582 Long-term average (2001-2012) of monthly mean OC concentrations at Chichijima Island
583 reported by Boreddy et al. (2018) and the simulated monthly mean OC concentration in 2014 were
584 shown in Figure 5c. The observations show higher OC levels from January to March mainly due to
585 continental outflows. It was noticed that the simulated OC levels in April-May were apparently higher
586 than observations, which could be associated with different time periods between observation and
587 simulation, and with potentially stronger continental outflows and bloom in spring 2014 than those of
588 ten-year averages. OC observations were relatively lower in summer and autumn due to the
589 dominance of high-pressure system and pristine ocean air mass over the western Pacific (Figure 9d
590 and 9e). The model tended to predict lower OC level in summer and autumn (Figure 5c). Boreddy et
591 al. (2018) indicated that in summer and autumn, OC at Chichijima was often influenced by long-range
592 transport of biomass burning plumes from Southeast Asia, which was not well represented in the
593 model (using chemical boundary conditions from MOZART-4 instead) and led to low model bias. On
594 average, the annual mean OC concentration was $0.76 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from observation, and $0.78 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from
595 the FULL case, and $0.65 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ without considering marine-OC (Table 5). The inclusion of marine
596 organic emissions reduced the annual mean NMB from -13% to 3% and enhanced the correlation
597 coefficient from 0.56 to 0.6 at this site. The apparent better simulation from the FULL case indicated
598 the necessity of inclusion of marine organic emissions for simulating OC over the remote oceans of
599 the western Pacific. Both observation and model simulation revealed higher seasonal mean OC
600 concentrations in MAM (observed: $0.83 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, simulated: $0.91 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and DJF (observed: $0.9 \mu\text{g}$

601 m^{-3} , simulated: $1.2 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) when the measurement site was frequently influenced by continental
602 outflows, whereas lower concentrations in JJA (observed: $0.65 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, simulated: $0.47 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and
603 SON (observed: $0.66 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, simulated: $0.57 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) when clean maritime air masses or biomass
604 burning plumes from Southeast Asia (e.g. Philippine) influenced this region. The highest marine-OC
605 concentration was $0.19 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in MAM, followed by $0.16 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in DJF and $0.11 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in SON, and
606 the lowest one of $0.05 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in JJA. However, the percentage contribution of marine-OC to the total
607 OC mass was estimated to be largest in SON (20%), followed by 18% in DJF, 16% in MAM, and
608 lowest in JJA (10%), with an annual mean contribution of 16% (Table 5). The largest contribution in
609 SON was associated with the relatively lower total OC concentration as shown in Figure 5c. The
610 relative contribution from marine-OC to total OC at Chichijima Island resembled that at Okinawa in
611 terms of annual and season averages.

612 The above comparison against a variety of OC observations demonstrated a generally good skill
613 of RIEMS-Chem in simulating OC over the western Pacific in terms of seasonal variation and
614 magnitude. The model results from the FULL case indicated that including marine organic emissions
615 improved OC simulation over the western Pacific Ocean.

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617 3.2.3 SOA over the western Pacific

618 Recently, Guo et al. (2020) reported SOA observations in the marine atmosphere from the
619 marginal seas of east China to the northwest Pacific Ocean. The measurements were conducted on
620 three research cruises in the spring and early summer of 2014 and in the spring of 2017. Total
621 suspended particulate (TSP) samples were collected from 19 March to 21 April 2014 over the
622 northwestern Pacific Ocean (NWPO), from 30 April to 17 May 2014 over the Yellow and Bohai seas
623 (YBS), and from 29 March to 4 May 2017 over the South China Sea (SCS). SOA concentration was
624 derived by using a tracer-based method. The measured SOA concentrations were $467 \pm 384 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ over
625 the YBS, $617 \pm 649 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ over the SCS, and $155 \pm 236 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ over the NWPO, respectively. The
626 model simulated period and regional mean SOA concentrations were 664 ng m^{-3} over the YBS, 466 ng
627 m^{-3} over the SCS, and 157 ng m^{-3} over the NWPO, which were generally consistent with the above
628 observations, although the study periods are not exactly the same. Guo et al. (2020) also presents the
629 tracer-based estimations of isoprene and monoterpene derived SOA in the air masses from ocean
630 (assuming marine sources), which were 1.7 ng m^{-3} and 0.3 ng m^{-3} , respectively, over the western

631 Pacific to the southeast of Japan, whereas the modeled SOA concentrations produced from marine
632 isoprene and monoterpene emissions along the cruise track were 1.6 ng m^{-3} and 0.28 ng m^{-3} ,
633 respectively, generally agreeing with the tracer-estimation. However, it should be mentioned that there
634 could be uncertainties in such comparison. First, the isoprene- and monoterpene-derived SOA tracers
635 in the air masses categorized as marine sources by Guo et al (2020) might include SOA tracers from
636 terrestrial isoprene and monoterpene under the prevailing northwesterly winds in spring, which could
637 bias the estimation high; second, the measured tracer could just comprise a part of total SOA tracers,
638 which might bias the estimation low. Despite these uncertainties, the cruise measured SOA
639 concentration derived from marine isoprene and monoterpene was approximately several ng m^{-3} over
640 the western Pacific, and it can reach approximately 10 ng m^{-3} even through dividing by a mass
641 fraction of tracer compound to yield the concentration of total SOA tracers. It was noteworthy that
642 both observation and model simulation exhibited a decreasing SOA concentration from marginal seas
643 of China to remote oceanic areas. In all, the model reproduced the SOA levels in the marine
644 atmosphere of the western Pacific Ocean reasonably well.

645 The comparison of the magnitudes between SOA and OA mass (1.4 times OC mass)
646 concentrations shown above indicates that SOA concentration was approximately 1~2 orders of
647 magnitude lower than OA over the western Pacific. Previous observation studies using the
648 tracer-based approach also indicated that the percentage contribution of SOA to OA was quite low
649 over some marine areas (Fu et al., 2011; Hu et al., 2013; Bikkina et al., 2014; Zhu et al., 2016). For
650 example, at Okinawa island, even considering all biogenic sources (including isoprene, monoterpene,
651 and sesquiterpene of both terrestrial and oceanic origins), the measured concentration of total
652 biogenic-SOA tracers was still less than 100 ng m^{-3} , with majority of SOA tracers from local terrestrial
653 biogenic emissions (Zhu et al., 2016). The above studies suggested that primary organic aerosols were
654 more important in remote marine atmosphere.

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656 3.3 Aerosol optical depth

657 Figure 6 shows the temporal variations of the observed and simulated monthly mean AOD at the
658 7 AERONET sites. In general, RIEMS-Chem simulated the monthly mean AOD reasonably well in
659 terms of magnitude and monthly variation at almost all sites, although some biases occurred during
660 some months, such as the overpredictions in August at Fukuoka and in April at EPA-NCU, and the

661 underprediction in July at Yonsei University. For the sites in the northern oceanic areas (Ussuriysk,
662 Yonsei_University, Gwangju_GIST, and Fukuoka, Figure 6a~6d), both observations and simulations
663 generally exhibited higher AOD values in summer (JJA), moderately high AOD values from late
664 winter (JF) to spring (MAM), and relatively lower AOD values in autumn (SON). The simulated
665 higher inorganic aerosol concentrations in summer and late spring months could be responsible for the
666 higher AOD values in these regions. Besides, the higher relative humidity in summer due to the
667 predominant influence of maritime air masses also contributed to the maximum AOD values during
668 summer months (JJA) at these sites. On the other hand, for the sites in the southern oceanic areas
669 (EPA-NCU and Chen-Kung_ Univ, Figure 6e and 6f), the monthly mean AOD was apparently higher
670 from March to April and remained low levels during the rest months. The above AOD peaks in spring
671 could be attributed to the continental outflows of biomass burning plumes originated from Southeast
672 Asia, which were most active in springtime in those regions (Hsiao et al., 2017; Tao et al., 2020).
673 Table 6 shows the performance statistics for hourly AOD at these AERONET sites. The overall annual
674 mean AOD for the 7 sites was 0.34 from model simulation, which was very close to the observation of
675 0.36, with the NMB of -6% and the overall correlation coefficient of 0.54 (0.40~0.67). The statistics
676 indicate that the model was able to reproduce aerosol optical properties over the coastal regions and
677 islands around the western Pacific Ocean. Contributions of MOA, sea salt, and non-oceanic aerosols
678 (anthropogenic and other natural aerosols from the Asian continent) to total AOD are also shown in
679 Figure 6. It clearly shows the predominant contribution to AOD from non-oceanic aerosols at all sites.
680 It is also noticed that AOD induced by sea salt is generally larger than that by MOA, but they are
681 comparable at the Chen-Kung Univ and EPA-NCU sites in spring (Figure 6f and 6g).

682 The model simulated annual mean AOD at 550 nm are also compared with the VIIRS retrievals
683 (Figure S2), which indicates the model is generally capable of reproducing AOD distribution and
684 magnitude in the study domain. The generally high model bias over the western Pacific could be
685 attributed to potential overpredictions of inorganic aerosol concentration and relative humidity. AOD
686 reflects the column integrated extinction coefficient due to all aerosols.

687 At the AERONET sites, the model simulated annual mean percentage contribution of MOA to
688 AOD varied from 1.4% to 3.2% with an overall average of 1.9%. For the oceanic VIIRS region, the
689 mean contribution of MOA to AOD was approximately 2%.

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691 4 Model results

692 4.1 Marine primary organic and isoprene emissions

693 Figure 7 shows the estimated annual and seasonal mean MPOA emission rates over the western
694 Pacific of East Asia. The MPOA emission mainly occurred over two hotspot regions: the marginal
695 seas of China including the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, and the Bohai Sea (EYB, 27°N~40°N,
696 115°E~123°E, denoted in Figure 7a) and the northern parts of the western Pacific northeast of Japan
697 (NWP, 35°N~54°N, 140°E~160°E, denoted in Figure 7a), with annual mean emission rates varying
698 from $0.9 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ to $1.8 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$. In SON, high MPOA emission occurred in both the
699 EYB and NWP regions, with the maximum up to $3.5 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ in the NWP (Figure 7e),
700 whereas MPOA emission was very low over the EYB in JJA (Figure 7d). The maximum seasonal
701 mean emission rate of MPOA approached $3.6 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ over the Yellow Sea in DJF (Figure 7b),
702 which was approximately 1/10 of the annual mean anthropogenic POA emission rate in north China
703 (on the order of $1.0 \sim 3.0 \times 10^{-1} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$). Table 7 presents the seasonal and annual averages of MPOA
704 emission averaged over the western Pacific and the EYB and NWP regions (note they are oceanic
705 averages with land grids excluded). In terms of oceanic average of the western Pacific, the mean
706 MPOA emission generally exhibited the largest emission rate in SON ($0.2 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$),
707 moderately high emission rates in DJF ($0.18 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and MAM ($0.17 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), and the
708 lowest one in JJA ($0.08 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$), with an annual average of $0.16 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ (Table 7). It is
709 interesting to note that the seasonal variation of MPOA emission was not consistent with that of Chl-a
710 concentration, which exhibited higher values in SON and JJA and the lowest one in DJF (Table 7).
711 This is because MPOA emission rate is determined by the combined effect of Chl-a concentration and
712 sea salt emission flux, and sea salt flux is mainly controlled by surface wind speed according to the
713 scheme of Gong (2003). In terms of seasonal and domain average over the western Pacific, the
714 maximum Chl-a concentration and the second largest sea salt emission flux in SON led to the largest
715 MPOA emission in autumn (Table 7). However, although Chl-a concentration was also high in JJA
716 (1.07 mg m^{-3} , Table 7), the sea salt flux was minimum in JJA ($0.14 \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, Table 7) due to the
717 weakest wind speed (3.0 m s^{-1} , Table 9), resulting in the lowest MPOA emission in summer (Table 7).
718 Although the sea salt emission flux reached the maximum in DJF (Table 7) due to the largest wind
719 speed in this season (Table 9), the winter Chl-a concentration was lowest, leading to a moderate
720 MPOA emission in winter (Table 7), in a similar magnitude to that in spring when moderately high

721 Chl-a concentration and relatively low sea salt flux occurred. In all, the MPOA emission rate over the
722 western Pacific exhibited an apparent seasonality of SON > DJF \approx MAM > JJA.

723 For the EYB region, the maximum MPOA emission occurred in winter (DJF) (Figure 7b and
724 Table 7) with a seasonal and domain average of $1.2 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, which was 10 times larger than
725 the minimum of $0.12 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ in summer (JJA) (Figure 7d and Table 7). Although Chl-a
726 concentrations were similar between DJF and JJA, the sea salt flux in DJF was approximately 9 times
727 that in JJA (Table 7). So, the seasonality of MPOA emission in the EYB region was mainly
728 determined by that of sea salt emission flux due to the weak seasonal variation of Chl-a concentration.
729 Differently, in the NWP region, MPOA emission exhibited the maximum value in SON, followed by
730 those in MAM and DJF, and the lowest ones in JJA (Table 7). It is interesting to note that although
731 both the Chl-a concentration and sea salt emission flux were slightly higher in MAM than those in
732 SON, the MPOA emission (related to both Chl-a concentration and sea salt emission) was higher in
733 SON, which could be due to the slight negative correlation between Chl-a and sea salt emission in MAM,
734 but the slight positive one in SON. The MPOA emissions in winter and summer were in a similar level
735 in the NWP region, about 40% lower than that in autumn.

736 The distribution pattern of MPOA emission in the western Pacific from this study is similar to
737 those from previous model studies (Spracklen et al., 2008; Gantt et al., 2009; Huang et al., 2018), but
738 the magnitude of the simulated MPOA emission flux is larger than previous estimates. For example,
739 the annual mean MPOA emission rates over the western Pacific were estimated to vary from 0.1 to
740 approximately $12 \text{ ng m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ in previous studies (Spracklen et al., 2008; Vignati et al., 2010; Gantt et
741 al., 2011; Long et al., 2011; Huang et al., 2018), whereas the estimates in this study ranged from 3 to
742 $18 \text{ ng m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ (Figure 7a). The larger marine POA emission estimated in this study could be attributed
743 to the application of the daily mean Chl-a concentration from satellite retrievals and of a finer model
744 grid resolution (60 km) compared with those in global models. On average, the annual MPOA
745 emission was estimated to be 0.78 Tg yr^{-1} over the western Pacific (with an ocean area of $1.6 \times 10^7 \text{ km}^2$)
746 from this study. The regions of EYB and NWP comprised approximately 2% and 18% of the western
747 Pacific in terms of area, respectively, but they contributed 8% and 46% of the MPOA annual emission
748 (Tg yr^{-1}). This study revealed that the EYB and NWP are important bloom regions, totally accounting
749 for more than half of the total MPOA emission over the western Pacific.

750 Table S3 presents the simulated marine isoprene emission fluxes from this study and the estimates

751 based on cruise observations over the western Pacific of East Asia from previous studies. Over the
752 western North Pacific, the observed marine isoprene emission flux showed larger values in May (140
753 $\text{nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ from Matsunaga et al. (2002) and $143.8 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ from Ooki et al., (2015)), a
754 moderate value in August ($55.6 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ from Ooki et al., (2015)), and the lowest one in winter
755 ($21.4 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ from Ooki et al., (2015)). The simulation from this study generally agreed with
756 observation in terms of both seasonality and magnitude except for the low bias in May ($85\sim 89 \text{ nmol}$
757 $\text{m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ vs observation-based estimates of $140\sim 143.8 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$), which could be associated
758 with the different years. According to equations (2) and (3) (in the supplement), both Chl-a
759 concentration and incoming solar radiation determine marine biogenic VOCs emission, the larger
760 isoprene flux in May was mainly due to the maximum Chl-a concentration in spring over the NWP
761 region (Table 7). Over the marginal seas of China, Li J. L. et al. (2017; 2018) observed higher marine
762 isoprene emission flux in July-August ($161.5 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$) than those in October-November (48.3
763 $\text{nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$) and May-June ($36.1 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$) during 2013-2014. The model results from this
764 study show the similar seasonal variation and magnitude of isoprene flux, with corresponding mean
765 values of $130 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$, $48 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$, and $35 \text{ nmol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ during the same periods of
766 2014, respectively. The apparently higher isoprene flux in July-August was mainly resulted from the
767 strongest solar radiation in summer, although the Chl-a concentration was not highest in this season in
768 the EYB region (Table 7). The domain-wide annual marine isoprene emission estimated over the
769 western Pacific was 0.015 Tg yr^{-1} in this study.

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771 4.2 Marine organic aerosols and their relative importance

772 Annual and seasonal mean near surface MOA concentrations, MSOA concentrations, and the
773 percentage contributions of MOA to total OA mass in the study domain were shown in Figure 8. The
774 spatial distributions of MOA concentrations (Figure 8a~8e) generally resembled those of MPOA
775 emissions (Figure 7a~7e). It is remarkable that MPOA concentration (MOA minus MSOA) was
776 approximately 1~2 orders of magnitude higher than MSOA concentration (with concentration of
777 several ng m^{-3}) in the western Pacific (Figure 8a~8e vs Figure 8f~8j), indicating that MPOA
778 constituted a dominant fraction of MOA, which will be discussed below. Figure 8a shows that high
779 MOA concentrations mainly occurred over the EYB and NWP regions, with the annual and regional
780 averages being $0.48 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and $0.59 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively (Table 8), accounting for 13% (6~30%) and

781 42% (30~60%) of total OA mass in these two regions, respectively (Figure 8k and Table 8). The larger
782 MOA contribution over the NWP was attributed to the high MOA level and the relatively low total OA
783 level there. It is noticed that MOA even influenced the coastal areas of eastern China. The annual
784 mean MOA concentration decreased from approximately $0.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in coastal areas to $0.1 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in
785 the inland areas approximately 600 km away from the coastline (Figure 8a), accounting for
786 approximately 2% to 6% of the near-surface OA mass in the coastal regions (Figure 8k). The
787 maximum seasonal mean MOA concentration over the coastal areas of eastern China could be up to
788 $0.6 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ to $0.8 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in MAM (Figure 8c) and SON (Figure 8e). The domain and seasonal mean
789 MOA concentration over the western Pacific exhibited the maximum value in MAM ($0.37 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$),
790 follow by that in SON ($0.26 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), and relatively lower concentrations in JJA ($0.23 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and DJF
791 ($0.21 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) (Table 8). It was noteworthy that the seasonality of MOA concentration was different
792 from that of MPOA emission, which could be attributed to the influence of different meteorological
793 conditions and physical processes. In the western Pacific, although MPOA emission peaked in SON
794 (Table 7), MOA concentration peaked in MAM (Table 8). It is noticed that precipitation was lowest
795 and wind speed was low in MAM (Figure 9c and 9h, Table 9), leading to a smaller dry deposition
796 velocity (Zhang et al. 2001) and the weakest wet scavenging, both favored accumulation of MOA and
797 thus resulted in the highest MOA level in spring. On the contrary, due to the maximum wind speed
798 and relatively more precipitation in DJF (Figure 9b and 9g, Table 9), the mean MOA concentration
799 was lowest in winter.

800 For the EYB region, northwesterly winds prevailed In DJF and SON and turned to northeasterly
801 winds over marginal seas of southeast China (Figure 9b and 9e), which transported MOA from the
802 major MPOA source region (EYB) to the northern part of the South China Sea (Figure 8b and 8e). As
803 wind speed over the EYB was low in MAM and JJA (Figure 9c and 9d, Table 9), MOA was mainly
804 restricted within this region (Figure 8c and 8d). In terms of seasonal average, MOA concentration
805 experienced its maximum in MAM, followed by those in DJF and SON, and the minimum in JJA
806 (Figure 8b~8e). The seasonal and regional mean MOA concentrations over the EYB were $0.62 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$,
807 $0.54 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, $0.52 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, and $0.22 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for MAM, DJF, SON, and JJA, respectively (Table 8). The
808 different seasonality between MOA concentration (Table 8) and MPOA emission (Table 7) in the EYB
809 region could also be mainly attributed to meteorological conditions. The MPOA emission was
810 relatively low in MAM (Table 7), but the second lowest wind speed and less precipitation (Table 9)

811 favored aerosol accumulation, resulting in the highest MOA concentration in spring (Table 8). The
812 minimum MPOA emission and the maximum precipitation in JJA led to the minimum MOA
813 concentration in summer. Although MPOA emission was largest in SON and DJF (Table 7), the
814 maximum wind speeds (Table 9) led to stronger dry deposition of aerosols and thus a moderate MOA
815 concentration in the two seasons (Table 8).

816 MOA concentration over the NWP region exhibited apparent higher concentrations in MAM and
817 JJA than those in SON and DJF (Figure 8b~8e), with the regional and seasonal averages reaching 0.81
818 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in MAM, 0.80 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in JJA, 0.52 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in SON, and 0.23 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ in DJF, respectively (Table
819 8). Using GEOS-Chem with a different marine organic aerosol emission scheme, Spracklen et al.
820 (2008) also showed that in the North Atlantic along the similar latitude bands to the NWP ($\sim 35^\circ\text{N}$ to
821 $\sim 55^\circ\text{N}$), both observation and simulation exhibited higher OC concentrations in summer and spring
822 than in the other seasons at the Azores Island and Mace Head Island. The strong seasonality of MOA
823 over the NWP was also attributed to the combined effects of MPOA emission, wind speed, and
824 precipitation. In MAM, the high MOA concentration over the NWP was mainly due to the large
825 MPOA emission (Figure 7c and Table 7), which was just smaller than that in SON, and partly due to
826 the relatively weak dry deposition and wet scavenging caused by moderate wind speed and
827 precipitation in this season (Table 9). In JJA, although the MPOA emission was small, the lowest wind
828 speed and precipitation in JJA over the NWP (2.5 m s^{-1} and $3.7 \text{ cm grid}^{-1} \text{ month}^{-1}$, Table 9) led to the
829 weakest dry deposition and wet scavenging of particles in summer, resulting in a long residence time
830 of MOA and consequently the high MOA concentration in summer over the NWP. In SON, although
831 the MPOA emission was largest over the NWP (Table 7), the mean wind speed was high over the
832 northern part of the NWP (Figure 9e) where MPOA emission mainly occurred (Figure 7e), leading to
833 strong dilution of MOA particles in autumn. Furthermore, SON had the secondly largest precipitation
834 over the NWP (Table 9), which caused strong wet scavenging of particles and also contributed to the
835 relatively low MOA level. In DJF, the wind speed was largest, about 2 times those in the other seasons,
836 and the precipitation was also the maximum (Table 9, Figure 9b and 9g), leading to the lowest MOA
837 concentration in winter over the NWP (Figure 8b and Table 8).

838 As shown in Figures 8k~8o, MOA generally accounted for approximately 30% to over 60% of
839 total OA concentration over the remote oceans of high ($>35^\circ\text{N}$) and low ($<25^\circ\text{N}$) latitudes within the
840 model domain. The large MOA/OA ratios over the remote oceans of high latitude (including NWP)

841 could be attributed to the high MOA concentration due to large marine emissions there; whereas, the
842 large MOA/OA ratios over the subtropical oceans of low latitude were mainly due to the low total OA
843 level (small denominator). Averaged over the NWP region, the annual mean MOA/OA ratio was 42%,
844 with higher contributions in MAM (52%) and SON (48%) and lower ones in DJF (36%) and JJA
845 (32%) (Table 8). Although MOA concentration over the NWP was secondly highest in JJA, its
846 contribution was small because OA transported from land sources also subject to weak dry deposition
847 and wet scavenging, which led to higher OA level and lower MOA/OA ratio. Over the EYB region,
848 MOA accounted for approximately 6% to 30% of the total OA in terms of annual mean (Figures 8k).
849 In terms of annual and regional average, the MOA/OA ratio was 13%, with higher ratios in SON (18%)
850 and MAM (15%), a moderate one in DJF (11%), and the lowest one in JJA (6%) (Table 8), similar to
851 the seasonality over the NWP. For the oceanic areas, the domain and annual mean MOA/OA ratio was
852 26%, indicating an important contribution of MOA to airborne OA over the western Pacific. It was
853 found that the importance of MOA in total OA increased as the distance to the East Asian continent
854 increased over the western Pacific. It is also interesting to note that MOA even accounted for
855 approximately 2~6% of the annual mean OA mass over portions of southeast China (Figures 8k), and
856 such contribution could be as high as 8~10% in the coastal areas in SON (Figures 8o) and MAM
857 (Figures 8m).

858 In all, both the MOA concentration and the MOA contribution to total OA were lowest in summer
859 (JJA) in the EYB region, which was mainly due to the much smaller MPOA emission in this season.
860 However, in the NWP region, although the MPOA emission was also lowest in summer, MOA
861 concentration in summer was in a same level as that in spring, and larger than those in the other
862 seasons, because dry deposition velocity and precipitation were lowest in summer, which favored
863 aerosol accumulation and a high level of MOA.

864 SOA produced by marine biogenic VOCs (isoprene and terpene) was on the order of $10^{-2}\sim 10^{-3}$ μg
865 m^{-3} (Figure 8f~8j), which was much lower than the MPOA concentration. The spatial distribution of
866 MSOA exhibited high concentrations over the EYB and NWP regions in terms of annual mean, with
867 values up to 6 ng m^{-3} (approximately 0.5% of MOA concentration) over these two regions (Figure 8f).
868 MSOA concentration exhibited the maximum in JJA, with seasonal mean values of 7 ng m^{-3} to 11 ng
869 m^{-3} extending from the marginal seas of China (EYB) to remote western North Pacific (NWP) (Figure
870 8i). MSOA distribution in MAM was similar to that in JJA but with lower mean concentrations (4~7

871 ng m^{-3}) over the EYB and NWP regions (Figure 8h). In SON (Figure 8j), MSOA concentrations were
872 $2\sim 4 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ in the above two regions. In DJF (Figure 8g), MSOA concentration was lowest, with
873 values of $0.4\sim 2 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$ over the marginal seas of China and the southern parts of the model domain.
874 The maximum seasonal mean MSOA concentration was up to 14 ng m^{-3} over oceanic areas of the
875 EYB to NWP regions in JJA, and the maximum daily mean MSOA value exceeded 28 ng m^{-3} on some
876 days, e.g. June 6~7 (figure not shown). Table 8 shows the domain and seasonal/annual averages of
877 MSOA over the oceanic regions of concern. The annual mean MSOA concentrations were 2.2 ng m^{-3} ,
878 4.1 ng m^{-3} and 3.8 ng m^{-3} averaged over the western Pacific, the EYB and NWP regions. It is striking
879 that the domain average MSOA concentration consistently exhibited a distinct seasonality, with the
880 maximum in summer and the minimum in winter throughout all the oceanic regions of the western
881 Pacific, which was resulted from the combined effects of isoprene emission flux and meteorological
882 conditions. The domain average MSOA concentrations reached the maximums of 3.9 ng m^{-3} , 7.5 ng m^{-3} ,
883 m^{-3} , and 8.3 ng m^{-3} , respectively, over the western Pacific, the EYB and NWP regions in JJA. The
884 seasonality of MSOA concentration over the western Pacific is similar to the simulation result from
885 Myriokefalitakis et al. (2010). According to Table 8, the annual mean fraction of MSOA in MOA was
886 estimated to be 0.8%, 0.9% and 0.6%, over the western Pacific, the EYB and NWP regions,
887 respectively. The maximum and minimum fractions of MSOA in MOA averaged over the western
888 Pacific occurred in JJA (1.7%) and DJF (0.3%), respectively, with the maximum regional and
889 seasonal average MSOA fraction up to 3.4% in summer over the EYB region. Based on the
890 GEOS-Chem model simulation, Arnold et al. (2009) indicated that SOA produced by marine isoprene
891 contributed only a very small fraction (0.01~1.4%) of the observed organic aerosol mass at remote
892 marine sites (Amsterdam Island in southern Indian Ocean, Azores and Mace Head islands in northern
893 Atlantic Ocean). In a global model simulation from Myriokefalitakis et al. (2010), the annual mean
894 marine isoprene and monoterpene derived SOA concentrations were approximately $0.4\sim 1 \text{ ng m}^{-3}$
895 (accounting for $\sim 0.4\%$ of marine OA) over the western Pacific. Meskhidze et al. (2011) illustrated the
896 marine SOA from phytoplankton-derived isoprene and monoterpenes contributed $<10\%$ of surface
897 OM concentration of marine source in most areas of the western Pacific.

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899 4.3 Direct radiative effect due to MOA

900 In this section, the direct radiative effect (DRE) due to MOA (DRE_{MOA}) over the western Pacific

901 of East Asia was estimated and analyzed. DRE is defined as the difference in net shortwave radiation
902 flux at TOA (or at the surface) induced by aerosols. The DRE of MOA is derived by the difference
903 between two radiation calls with aerosol optical properties (aerosol optical depth, single scattering
904 albedo, asymmetry factor) due to total aerosols including sea spray (sea salt+MOA), anthropogenic
905 aerosols and other natural aerosols (mineral dust, SOA from vegetation emitted VOCs) in this model
906 and with those due to total aerosols but MOA (i.e., call two times in the radiation module in the same
907 simulation), reflecting an instantaneous change in shortwave radiation fluxes induced by MOA. DRE
908 of other aerosol components is estimated by using the same method. The direct (indirect) radiative
909 effect is calculated with the following general equation in this study:

$$910 \quad D(I)RE_{ai} = (F\downarrow - F\uparrow)_{all\ aerosols} - (F\downarrow - F\uparrow)_{all\ aerosols\ but\ ai}$$

911 Here $F\downarrow$ and $F\uparrow$ represents incoming and outgoing shortwave radiation fluxes, respectively, a_i denotes
912 a specific aerosol component, e.g., MOA.

913 Figures 10a to 10e show the annual and seasonal mean DRE_{MOA} at TOA under all-sky condition.
914 MOA induced negative DRE over the entire western Pacific. Consistent with the spatial distribution of
915 MOA concentration, the maximum DRE_{MOA} up to $-0.9\ W\ m^{-2}$ occurred over the NWP region (Figure
916 10a), with statistical significance at the 99% confidence level over limited areas of NWP (note the
917 areas of statistical significance at the 95% confidence level is larger). Over the EYB region, the other
918 hotspot of MOA mass concentration, the DRE_{MOA} was weaker, with an annual mean DRE_{MOA} of \sim
919 $-0.4\ W\ m^{-2}$ (Figure 10a). In terms of domain average, the annual mean DRE_{MOA} was estimated to be
920 $-0.27\ W\ m^{-2}$ over the western Pacific, smaller than that over the NWP ($-0.5\ W\ m^{-2}$) but similar to that
921 over the EYB ($-0.33\ W\ m^{-2}$) (Table 10). The weaker DRE_{MOA} over the EYB than that over the NWP
922 could be attributed to both the lower MOA concentration (Table 8) and lower relative humidity (73%
923 vs 83%, Table 9) because low relative humidity is unfavorable for hygroscopic growth of MOA,
924 leading to a smaller light extinction coefficient and thus weaker DRE. The mean DRE_{MOA} over the
925 western Pacific was largest in spring ($-0.38\ W\ m^{-2}$) and lowest in winter ($-0.18\ W\ m^{-2}$) (Table 10),
926 consistent with the seasonality of MOA concentration.

927 In the NWP region, MOA induced the largest DRE up to $-2.0\ W\ m^{-2}$ to the northeast of Japan in
928 MAM (Figure 10c) and followed by that in JJA (up to $-1.5\ W\ m^{-2}$) (Figure 10d) with statistical
929 significance at the 99% confidence level, mainly due to higher MOA concentrations in the two
930 seasons. The DRE_{MOA} value was relatively low in SON ($\sim -0.7\ W\ m^{-2}$) (Figure 10e), and it was lowest

931 in DJF, with the maximum of just -0.4 W m^{-2} without statistical significance (Figure 10b) due to the
932 lowest MOA concentration in winter (Table 8). The regional and seasonal means of DRE_{MOA} over the
933 NWP were estimated to be -0.76 W m^{-2} , -0.72 W m^{-2} , -0.32 W m^{-2} , and -0.21 W m^{-2} in MAM, JJA,
934 SON, and DJF, respectively (Table 10). On the contrary, in the EYB region, DRE_{MOA} exhibited a
935 different seasonal trend from that over the NWP, exhibiting the largest DRE in SON (Figure 10e),
936 moderate DREs in MAM (Figure 10c) and DJF (Figure 10b), and the lowest one in JJA (Figure 10d),
937 with corresponding mean values of -0.38 W m^{-2} , -0.34 W m^{-2} , -0.32 W m^{-2} , and -0.26 W m^{-2} ,
938 respectively, for the four seasons (Table 10). The different seasonal variation of DRE in EYB and
939 NWP could be mainly attributed to the different seasonality of MOA concentrations in these two
940 regions.

941 It is of interest to estimate the relative importance of MOA in directly perturbing solar radiation
942 compared with other types of aerosols over the western Pacific. Table 10 lists the simulated annual
943 and seasonal mean DREs due to sea salt and anthropogenic aerosols over the western Pacific and the
944 regions of NWP and EYB, respectively. It is noted that the annual mean DRE_{MOA} was approximately
945 one third of that due to sea salt and one order of magnitude lower than that due to anthropogenic
946 aerosols on average over the western Pacific in this simulation. Over the EYB region, DRE_{MOA} was
947 almost negligible compared with that by anthropogenic aerosols due to the predominance of
948 anthropogenic emissions near the continent, however, it is noteworthy that DRE_{MOA} was comparable
949 in magnitude to the DRE by sea salt, especially in springtime (-0.34 vs -0.36 W m^{-2} in MAM) when
950 MOA concentration reached its maximum (Table 8). Over the remote oceans (NWP), DRE_{MOA} was
951 approximately 19% of the DRE by anthropogenic aerosols due to weakened influence of continental
952 anthropogenic emissions over open oceans, and it was comparable in magnitude to the DRE by sea
953 salt, especially in summertime (0.72 vs 0.79 W m^{-2}) when sea salt emission flux was lowest (Table 7).
954 The annual and regional mean all-sky DRE_{MOA} were approximately 10%, 5%, and 19% of the DREs
955 due to anthropogenic aerosols over the western Pacific, the EYB, and NWP, respectively, and it was
956 comparable in magnitude to the DREs by sea salt in the EYB and NWP regions.

957 It should be mentioned that due to the much smaller MSOA concentration than MPOA
958 concentration, the above DRE_{MOA} was dominantly contributed by MPOA, similar to the findings from
959 previous studies (Arnold et al., 2009; Booge et al., 2016; Li et al., 2019). MPOA also dominated over
960 MSOA in the following IRE estimation.

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962 4.4 Indirect radiative effect due to MOA

963 The first indirect effect refers to that aerosol particles tend to increase cloud droplet number
964 concentration, decrease cloud effective radius under stable cloud liquid water content, and thus
965 modify cloud optical properties and radiation, which is also denoted as the indirect radiative effect
966 (IRE) in this study. IRE due to marine organic aerosols (IRE_{MOA}) over the western Pacific of East Asia
967 was explored in this section. The model is able to generally reproduce the major distribution features
968 of annual mean cloud fraction and cloud optical depth in comparison with MODIS retrievals, which
969 generally shows higher values from southeast China to the NWP region (Figure not shown). The first
970 indirect radiative effect or IRE of MOA is estimated by the instantaneous difference in net shortwave
971 radiation flux at TOA (or at the surface) between two radiation calls with cloud properties (cloud
972 optical depth, cloud single scattering albedo, cloud asymmetry factor) due to total aerosols and with
973 those due to total aerosols but MOA in one simulation. The lower bound of cloud droplet number
974 concentration (N_c) is set to $10/\text{cm}^3$, which roughly represents N_c in liquid clouds in clean ocean
975 conditions, according to satellite observations and global simulations. Hoose et al. (2009) pointed out
976 that the choice of low bound of N_c may lead to uncertainties in IRE estimation.

977 Here, the calculation of IRE due to MOA (the sum of MPOA and MSOA) is called the base case
978 (BASE), from which a series of sensitivity simulations are carried out below.

979 N_c due to aerosol activation is diagnosed by the A-G scheme, then the cloud effective radius r_e is
980 calculated as a function of N_c and cloud liquid water content following the approach of Martin et al.
981 (1994), and the cloud optical parameters (liquid cloud extinction optical depth, single scatter albedo,
982 asymmetry factor etc.) are calculated by the scheme of Slingo et al. (1989), finally, shortwave
983 radiation fluxes are calculated by the CCM3 radiation scheme (Kiehl et al., 1996).

984 The annual and seasonal mean IRE_{MOA} at TOA are shown in Figure 10f to 10j. IRE_{MOA} was
985 negative in the entire domain, resulting from a series of changes in cloud properties induced by MOA,
986 i.e., an increase in cloud droplet number concentration, a decrease in cloud droplet effective radius, an
987 increase in cloud optical depth and cloud water path, and consequently more reflection of solar
988 radiation at TOA. The model simulated cloud properties have been compared against satellite
989 retrievals in spring 2014 in our previous study (Han et al., 2019), which indicated the model was able
990 to reasonably reproduce the major features of cloud distribution. It is remarkable that IRE_{MOA} was

991 stronger than DRE_{MOA} over the western Pacific, with the maximum annual mean of IRE_{MOA} being
992 approximately three times the maximum of DRE_{MOA} , and the positions of their maximum values were
993 different. The annual mean IRE_{MOA} of $-0.9 \sim -2.5 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ distributed from southwest to northeast over
994 wide areas of the western Pacific (Figure 10f) with statistical significance at the 99% level over most
995 of the NWP region. It was evident that the strongest IRE_{MOA} occurred in spring (MAM), with the
996 seasonal mean values of $-1.2 \sim -3.0 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ over vast areas from the East China Sea to the oceans east
997 of Japan (Figure 10h). IRE_{MOA} in SON was similar in distribution pattern to that in MAM, with lower
998 values in the above regions (Figure 10j). The IRE_{MOA} was weakest in JJA, with the maximum up to
999 -1.5 W m^{-2} over a portion of the western Pacific east of Japan (Figure 10i), whereas the IRE_{MOA} value
1000 in DJF was between those in MAM and JJA with a similar distribution pattern. IRE_{MOA} is statistically
1001 significant at the 99% level over specific areas of EYB and NWP in all seasons. The seasonal
1002 variation of IRE_{MOA} was likely influenced by both the seasonal changes in cloud amount and MOA
1003 concentration. In terms of domain average, the seasonal mean IRE_{MOA} was strongest (-0.94 W m^{-2}) in
1004 MAM over the western Pacific (Table 10), which was mainly attributed to the maximum MOA
1005 concentration in spring (Table 8). IRE_{MOA} was secondly strongest in SON (-0.7 W m^{-2}) because MOA
1006 concentration and cloud fraction (Figure S3j) were both high in autumn. The weakest IRE_{MOA}
1007 occurred in JJA, which was mainly attributed to both the lower MOA concentration and cloud fraction
1008 in summer (Table 8, Figure S3i). Figure S4 further presents the monthly mean distributions of Chl-a
1009 concentration, MPOA emission, MOA concentration, and IRE_{MOA} in April, when Chl-a concentration
1010 and MPOA emission resulting from phytoplankton were distinctly high in the EYB and NWP regions
1011 (Figure S4a and S4b). It can be found that MOA was transported from the high Chl-a regions to the
1012 southeast under northwesterly winds over the oceans (Figure S4c), resulting in an elevated IRE_{MOA} up
1013 to -5 W m^{-2} over the western Pacific east of Japan (Figure S4d). Previous studies were very limited to
1014 compare with. Meskhidze and Nenes (2006) estimated based on satellite retrievals a reduction of 15
1015 W m^{-2} in shortwave radiation at TOA due to changes in cloud properties during a strong
1016 phytoplankton bloom event near South Georgia Island in the Southern Ocean in summertime.

1017 In terms of annual and regional mean, IRE_{MOA} was estimated to be -0.66 W m^{-2} for the western
1018 Pacific, -0.23 W m^{-2} over the EYB region, and -1.0 W m^{-2} over the NWP region, respectively (Table
1019 10). There was an apparent seasonality in the IRE_{MOA} , with the maximum of -0.94 W m^{-2} in MAM
1020 and the minimum of -0.36 W m^{-2} in JJA over the western Pacific (Table 10). However, the seasonality

1021 of IRE_{MOA} in the EYB and NWP regions are different from that over the western Pacific. Over the
1022 EYB, the estimated IRE_{MOA} reached its maximum (-0.38 W m^{-2}) in SON, which was due to the
1023 combined effect of a moderately high MOA concentration (Table 8) and the maximum cloud fraction
1024 (Figure S3j) in this region. Although MOA concentration reached the maximum in MAM, there was a
1025 minimum total cloud fraction in spring among seasons (Figure S3h), leading to a moderate IRE_{MOA} .
1026 Over the NWP region, IRE_{MOA} in DJF (-0.57 W m^{-2}) was smaller than those in other seasons ($-0.78 \sim$
1027 -1.4 W m^{-2}), which was mainly attributed to the lowest MOA concentration in winter (Table 8),
1028 although cloud fraction was highest among seasons in this region (Figure S3g).

1029 The relative importance of MOA in the aerosol indirect radiative effect over the western Pacific
1030 was investigated by comparing the IRE_{MOA} with the IREs induced by sea salt and anthropogenic
1031 aerosols. In terms of annual and oceanic average, the IREs by sea salt and anthropogenic aerosols
1032 were estimated to be -0.41 W m^{-2} and -7.7 W m^{-2} (Table 10), respectively, indicating IRE_{MOA} (-0.66 W
1033 m^{-2}) was larger than the IRE by sea salt and was approximately 9% of that by anthropogenic aerosols.
1034 Although the hygroscopicity of sea salt is larger than that of MOA, because the mean radius of MOA
1035 ($0.05 \mu\text{m}$) is smaller than the radius of sea salt ($0.1 \mu\text{m}$ for fine mode), the number concentration of
1036 MOA is larger than that of sea salt, leading to larger activated cloud droplet number concentration and
1037 IRE by MOA than those by sea salt. It is noted that the relative magnitude of IRE_{MOA} compared with
1038 the IRE by anthropogenic aerosols was reduced (5%) in the EYB and enhanced over the NWP (12%),
1039 because anthropogenic aerosols from the East Asian continent dominated aerosol magnitude in the
1040 marginal seas of China. In terms of seasonal and domain average over the western Pacific, IRE_{MOA}
1041 was approximately 1.6 times the IRE by sea salt, and approximately 10% of the IRE by anthropogenic
1042 aerosols in MAM. In summer (JJA) when both sea salt and anthropogenic aerosol concentrations were
1043 lowest, IRE_{MOA} was similar in magnitude to the IRE by sea salt, and about 8% of the IRE by
1044 anthropogenic aerosols. In the EYB region, IRE_{MOA} was just about 5% of the IRE by anthropogenic
1045 aerosols, but approximately three times the IRE by sea salt. In the NWP, IRE_{MOA} was about 12% of
1046 the IRE by anthropogenic aerosols in terms of annual mean, whereas in autumn when anthropogenic
1047 aerosol level was relatively low, IRE_{MOA} was as high as the maximum in MAM and approximately 18%
1048 of the IRE by anthropogenic aerosols. The above model estimation demonstrates that IRE_{MOA} was
1049 generally stronger than the IRE due to sea salt over the western Pacific, and approximately 6~18% of
1050 the IRE due to anthropogenic aerosols in the four seasons over the NWP, suggesting an important role

1051 of MOA in perturbing radiation transfer through modifying cloud properties over the western Pacific
1052 Ocean of East Asia. The estimated IRE due to MSOA accounted for approximately 1% of the annual
1053 mean IRE_{MOA} averaged over the western Pacific, consistent with the very low proportion of MSOA in
1054 the MOA mass concentration (Table 8). Overall, MSOA plays a minor role in perturbing cloud
1055 properties and shortwave radiation compared with MPOA.

1056 To address potential uncertainty in the estimated IRE_{MOA} due to limited knowledge on MOA
1057 properties, three additional sensitivity simulations from the base case (results shown in Figure S5 and
1058 Table S4) were carried out regarding particle size, solubility, and molecule weight, which are crucial
1059 to aerosol activation (note we focus on MPOA due to its dominant fraction in MOA as shown above).
1060 The first sensitivity simulation (SENS1) assumes a smaller geometric mean radius ($0.02\mu\text{m}$ instead of
1061 $0.05\mu\text{m}$ in the base case) for MPOA, resulting in a weaker domain-annual mean IRE_{MOA} (-0.53 W m^{-2})
1062 than that in the base case (-0.66 W m^{-2}) over the oceanic region (Figure S5b, Table S4). The second
1063 sensitivity simulation (SENS2) assigns a lower solubility (0.05) with relatively large molecule weight
1064 (146 g mol^{-1}) for MPOA (which is similar to the properties of adipic acid, Huff Hartz et al., 2006;
1065 Miyazaki et al., 2010) instead of the slight solubility (0.1) with a smaller molecule weight (90 g mol^{-1})
1066 (which is similar to the properties of oxalic acid, Roelofs, 2008; Miyazaki et al., 2010) in the base case,
1067 in this case, the IRE_{MOA} reduces to -0.2 W m^{-2} (Figure S5c, Table S4). The third simulation (SENS3)
1068 combines the above two cases, assuming a smaller geometric mean radius as in SENS1 together with
1069 the lower solubility and larger molecule weight as in SENS2, it produces a further reduced IRE_{MOA} of
1070 -0.14 W m^{-2} (Figure S5d, Table S4). The above sensitivity simulations exhibit a high sensitivity of
1071 IRE_{MOA} to the MPOA properties.

1072 It is interesting to note that Quinn et al. (2017) indicated that sea spray aerosol generally makes a
1073 contribution of less than 30% to CCN population at supersaturation of 0.1 to 1.0% on a global basis
1074 based on measurements onboard seven research cruises over the Pacific, Southern, Arctic and Atlantic
1075 oceans. However, their cruise tracks did not cover the western Pacific Ocean. The results from this
1076 study exhibits the annual and oceanic mean contribution of sea spray aerosol (the sum of MOA and
1077 sea salt) to the IRE by total aerosols was approximately 12% in the base case over the western Pacific
1078 region (Table 10). This percentage contribution increases to 19% in the NWP in autumn due to the
1079 highest IRE_{MOA} and lower IRE by anthropogenic aerosols in autumn (Table 10).

1080 The western Pacific Ocean is just downwind of the East Asian continent, which have large

1081 amounts of anthropogenic aerosols, mineral dust, and nutrients inputs to the marginal seas of China
1082 from the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers, could be very different from remote clean oceans in the world.
1083 Although some cruise measurements have been carried out and a few knowledges on MOA properties
1084 (e.g., size distribution) was gained, the cruise measurement and observational analysis for MOA
1085 chemical properties are so far almost absent in the western Pacific of East Asia. Therefore, marine
1086 biogeochemistry, marine aerosol sources and properties, as well as their potentials to be CCN and
1087 impacts on radiation, cloud, and precipitation deserve further investigation in the future.

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1089 4.5 Indirect radiative effect of MOA due to aerosol-radiation and aerosol-cloud interactions

1090 IPCC AR5 proposes the concept of effective radiative forcing (ERF), which is defined as the
1091 change in net radiative flux at TOA after rapid adjustment of the atmosphere (including atmospheric
1092 temperature, water vapor, cloud, circulation) to radiation perturbation with prescribed SST and sea ice,
1093 which can better represent climate response to perturbation of forcing factors (Boucher et al., 2013).

1094 Similarly, this study also estimates the direct radiative effect of MOA due to aerosol-radiation
1095 interaction (denoted as DRE_{ari} hereinafter) and the indirect radiative effect of MOA due to
1096 aerosol-cloud interaction (denoted as IRE_{aci} hereinafter). Note the method for calculating DRE_{ari} and
1097 IRE_{aci} is different from that for DRE_{MOA} and IRE_{MOA} . DRE_{ari} is derived by the difference in shortwave
1098 radiation flux at TOA induced by MOA scattering between two simulations with aerosol optical
1099 properties due to total aerosols and with those due to total aerosols but MOA, while the perturbation
1100 of MOA to cloud properties is turned off. IRE_{aci} is calculated by the difference in shortwave radiation
1101 flux at TOA induced by MOA perturbation to cloud albedo between two simulations with cloud
1102 properties due to total aerosols and with those due to total aerosols but MOA, while the direct
1103 perturbation of MOA to radiation is closed. The calculation of DRE_{ari} and IRE_{aci} considers the
1104 adjustment of atmospheric temperature, water vapor, and cloud (including cloud microphysical and
1105 lifetime change, i.e., the second indirect effect) to the MOA-induced radiation perturbation in the two
1106 simulations.

1107 Figure 11a shows the annual mean MOA DRE_{ari} in the study domain. The distribution of MOA
1108 DRE_{ari} was similar in distribution to that of DRE_{MOA} without statistical significance at the 99% level.
1109 It is noted that DRE_{ari} was not consistently negative in the domain, the effect of atmospheric
1110 adjustment on radiation can be seen in some locations over the Ocean and the continent, with a few

1111 positive values of 0.1~0.3 W m⁻².

1112 Figure 11b shows the annual mean MOA IRE_{aci} in the study domain, which was similar in
1113 magnitude and distribution pattern to IRE_{MOA} (Figure 10f), but it distributed unevenly in the domain
1114 with some positive values exceeding 0.2 W m⁻² over both the Western Pacific and the continent. IRE_{aci}
1115 of MOA was statistically significant at the 99% confidence level over the NWP region. The
1116 atmospheric response and adjustment induced by IRE_{MOA} could be somewhat stronger than that by
1117 DRE_{MOA}, with respect to the positive values of IRE_{aci} up to 0.3 W m⁻² over the continent. The small
1118 positive values could be associated with the radiative feedback and atmospheric and cloud adjustment.

1119 The annual and domain average of DRE_{ari} and IRE_{aci} over the western Pacific are estimated to be
1120 -0.25 W m⁻² and -0.61 W m⁻², respectively, both are somewhat weaker than the DRE_{MOA} (-0.27 W m⁻²)
1121 and IRE_{MOA} (-0.66 W m⁻²).

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1123 5. Conclusions.

1124 The organic aerosols of marine origin over the western Pacific Ocean of East Asia was
1125 investigated by an online-coupled regional climate-chemistry model RIEMS-Chem for the year 2014.
1126 Emissions and relevant processes of marine MPOA, isoprene and monoterpene were incorporated into
1127 RIEMS-Chem. A wide variety of observational datasets from EANET, CNEMC and AERONET
1128 networks, cruise measurements and previous publications were collected for model validation. The
1129 modeled SOA from marine VOC sources was also compared with secondary organic tracers measured
1130 by research cruise. The model performed well for PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in marine environment, producing
1131 overall correlation coefficients and NMBs of 0.61/0.70 and 12%/-7% for PM_{2.5} concentration,
1132 0.65/0.65 and -5%/-1% for PM₁₀ concentration at the EANET/CNEMC sites, respectively. The model
1133 reasonably reproduced the spatial distribution and temporal variation of BC and OC concentrations
1134 along cruise tracks and at islands over the west Pacific, with the correlation coefficients and NMBs
1135 being 0.6~0.75 and -28%~3% for OC, respectively. The modeled OC concentration was apparently
1136 improved while taking into account marine organic aerosols. The model results clearly showed an
1137 increasing contribution of marine organic aerosols to total OC mass concentration from the marginal
1138 seas of China to remote oceans. Organic aerosol mass of marine origin was dominated by MPOA
1139 because MSOA produced by marine isoprene and monoterpene emissions was about 1~2 orders of
1140 magnitude lower than MPOA. The model simulates AOD reasonably well at the 7 coastal or island

1141 AERONET sites, with an overall correlation coefficient of 0.54 and an NMB of -6%.

1142 High MPOA emission mainly occurred over the marginal seas of China (EYB) and the northern
1143 parts of western Pacific northeast of Japan (NWP). For the western Pacific, MPOA emission reached
1144 the maximum in SON, followed by those in DJF and MAM, and the minimum in JJA, with an annual
1145 and domain average emission rate of $0.16 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The combination of Chl-a concentration and
1146 sea salt emission flux determined the seasonality of MPOA emission. The annual MPOA emission for
1147 the year 2014 was estimated to be 0.78 Tg yr^{-1} over the western Pacific.

1148 Consistent with the distribution pattern MPOA emission, high MOA concentration mainly
1149 distributed over the EYB and NWP, with an annual and domain mean concentration of $0.27 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$,
1150 $0.48 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and $0.59 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, over the western Pacific, the EYB and NWP regions, respectively. MOA
1151 concentration was highest in MAM and lowest in DJF, with the seasonal and domain mean values of
1152 $0.37 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ and $0.21 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively, over the western Pacific. The seasonality of MOA
1153 concentration was determined by the combined effect of MPOA emission, dry and wet depositions.

1154 On average, the annual mean percentage contribution of MOA to total OA mass was 26% over the
1155 western Pacific, with the largest seasonal mean contribution of 32% in SON and the lower ones in
1156 DJF (24%) and JJA (23%). Over the NWP, the domain average contribution of MOA to OA could be
1157 as high as 42% in terms of annual mean and approaching 52% in MAM; however, over the EYB, the
1158 annual mean contribution was just 13% and the percentage contribution was even reduced to 6% in
1159 JJA. This indicated that the relative importance of MOA in total OA concentration increased with the
1160 distance away from the East Asian continent. MSOA concentration was approximately 1~2 orders of
1161 magnitude lower than MPOA, with the simulated annual and regional mean MSOA being 2.2 ng m^{-3}
1162 and the maximum daily mean value up to 28 ng m^{-3} in summer over the western Pacific.

1163 An annual/oceanic mean all-sky DRE_{MOA} of -0.27 W m^{-2} at TOA was estimated over the western
1164 Pacific, which was about 40% of the IRE_{MOA} (-0.66 W m^{-2}). The domain mean IRE_{MOA} was strongest
1165 in spring (-0.94 W m^{-2}) and weakest in summer (-0.36 W m^{-2}) over the western Pacific, and the
1166 monthly mean IRE_{MOA} can reach -5 W m^{-2} in the NWP region east of Japan in April. The changes in
1167 MOA concentration and cloud amount both contributed to the seasonality of IRE_{MOA} . In terms of
1168 annual and oceanic mean over the western Pacific, MSOA just contributed approximately 1% of the
1169 IRE_{MOA} . IRE_{MOA} was generally larger than the IRE due to sea salt on average. The annual and oceanic
1170 mean IRE due to sea spray aerosols (MOA + sea salt) was approximately 12% of that due to total

1171 aerosols over the western Pacific, but this ratio can increase up to 19% in autumn in the NWP region.
1172 The estimation of IRE_{MOA} was sensitive to MOA properties, which decreased apparently while a
1173 smaller geometric mean radius together with a lower solubility and a larger molecule weight were
1174 assigned for MOA. Overall, the indirect radiative effect of MOA was larger than the direct radiative
1175 effect, and had a nonnegligible impact on radiation budget and cloud over the western Pacific. The
1176 direct and indirect radiative effect considering atmospheric feedback and adjustment were estimated
1177 as well, which was similar in magnitude to the DRE_{MOA} and IRE_{MOA} , with a few positive changes in
1178 shortwave radiation fluxes in some locations.

1179 While this study presents new insights into the seasonal variation and annual means of emissions,
1180 concentrations, and radiative effects of MOA in the western Pacific, it is still subject to some
1181 uncertainties as follows: 1.) the properties of marine organic aerosols, including size distribution,
1182 molecular weight, solubility, surfactant amount etc. are still poorly characterized, which are crucial to
1183 aerosol activation, dry deposition, and wet scavenging; 2.) the sources and chemical formation
1184 processes of marine organic aerosols including secondary organics are highly complex, and poorly
1185 understood and represented in the model; 3.) the indirect effects of MOA in this study is for warm
1186 stratiform cloud. Further research on MOA sources, properties, chemical processes, and climatic
1187 impacts will be conducted together with the advances in both field experiments (integrated cruise,
1188 aircraft and satellite observations) and model development in the future.

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1195 **Data availability.**

1196 The observational data can be accessed through contacting the corresponding author.

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1199 The authors declare that they have no conflict of interests.

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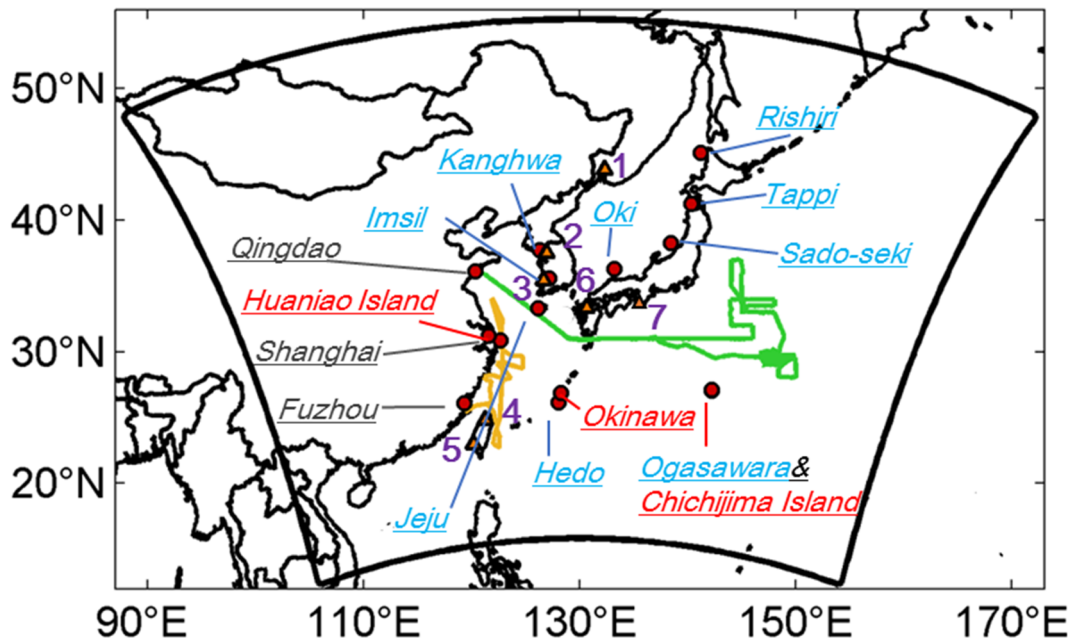


Figure 1. Model domain, observational sites, and research cruise tracks. EANET sites are marked in light-blue. Observation sites of carbonaceous aerosols are marked in red (Chichijima Island: Boreddy et al., 2018; Fukue: Kanaya et al., 2016; Okinawa: Kunwar and Kawamura, 2014; Huaniao Island: Wang F. W. et al., 2014). Three CNEMC sites are marked in grey (Qingdao, Shanghai, and Fuzhou). Two research cruise tracks are represented by green line (Dongfanghong II from 17 March to 22 April 2014: Luo et al., 2016; Feng et al., 2017) and orange line (KEXUE-1 from 18 May to 12 June 2014: Kang et al., 2018), respectively. AERONET sites are represented by triangles with numbers (1-Ussuriysk, 2-Yonsei_University, 3-Gwangju_GIST, 4-EPA-NCU, 5-Chen-Kung_Univ, 6-Fukuoka, and 7-Shirahama). Full names of abbreviations are given in the text.



Figure 2. The model simulated (Sim) and observed (Obs) monthly PM_{10} (a~l) and $PM_{2.5}$ (m~r) concentrations at EANET and CNEMC sites for the year 2014. The monthly data were averaged from hourly observations and the simulations were sampled according to the observations. Simulated aerosol components (PPM: primary anthropogenic PM, Sea salt, Dust, MOA, Car: anthropogenic BC+OC, SNA: sulfate+nitrate+ammonium) are also shown.

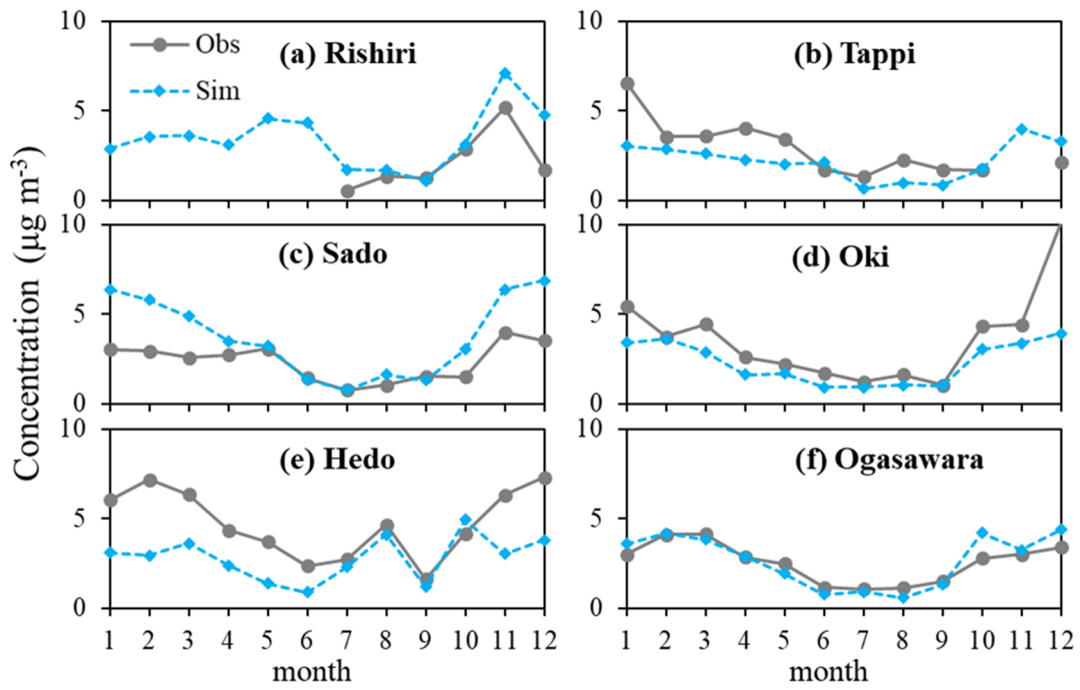


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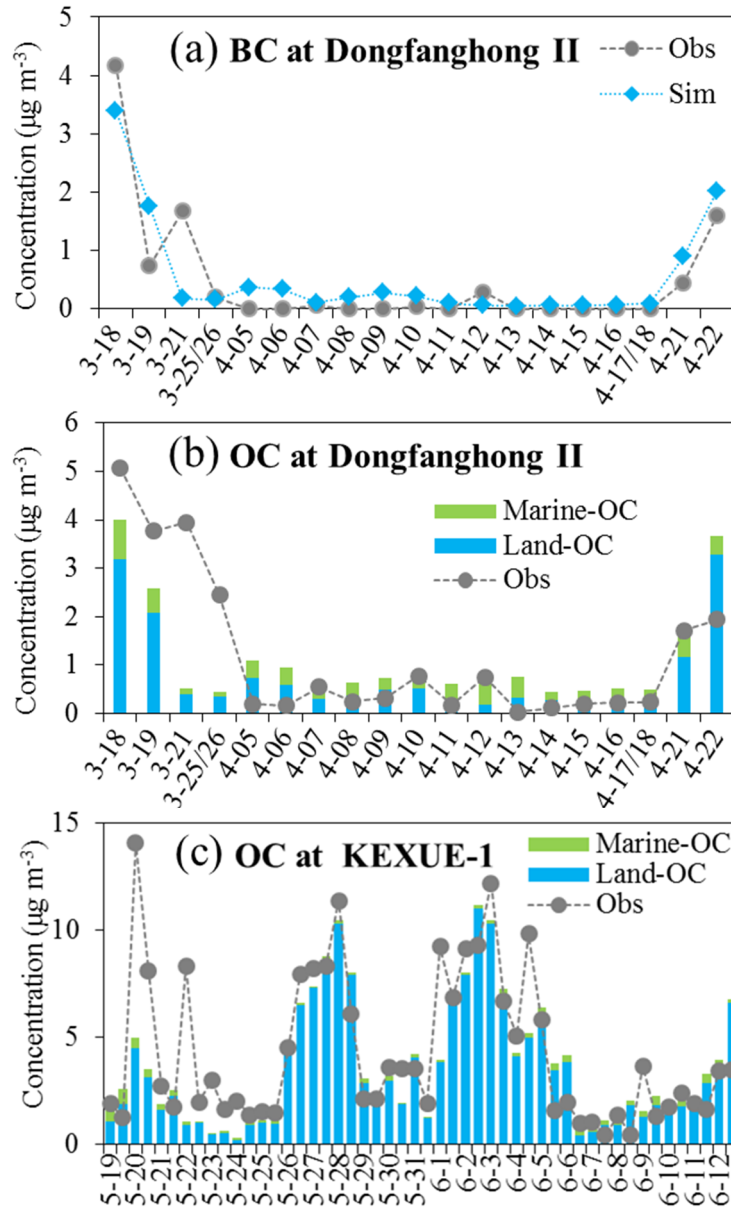


Figure 4. The model simulated (bars) and observed (dotted lines) daily BC and OC concentrations from the spring campaign (a, b) and half-day OC concentrations from the early summer campaign (c). The modeled total OC concentration was decomposed into those from marine (green bars) and land (blue bars) sources.

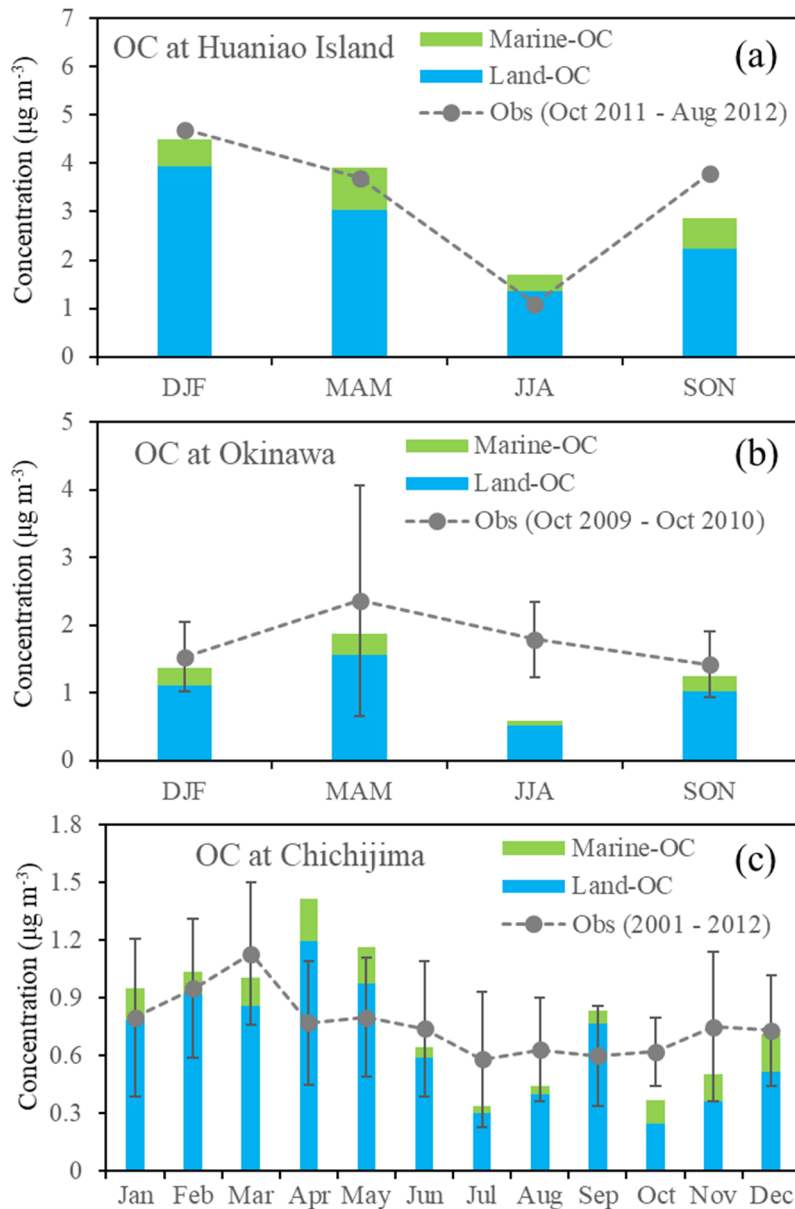


Figure 5. The model simulated (bars) and observed (dotted lines) OC concentrations at different sites. Seasonal mean concentrations were provided at (a) Huaniao Island (Wang et al., 2015) and (b) Okinawa (Kunwar and Kawamura, 2014) while monthly mean concentrations were provided at (c) Chichijima Island (Boreddy et al., 2018). Standard deviations were available at Okinawa and Chichijima. The modeled OC concentrations were decomposed to marine (green bars) and land (blue bars) sources. The simulation is for the year 2014.

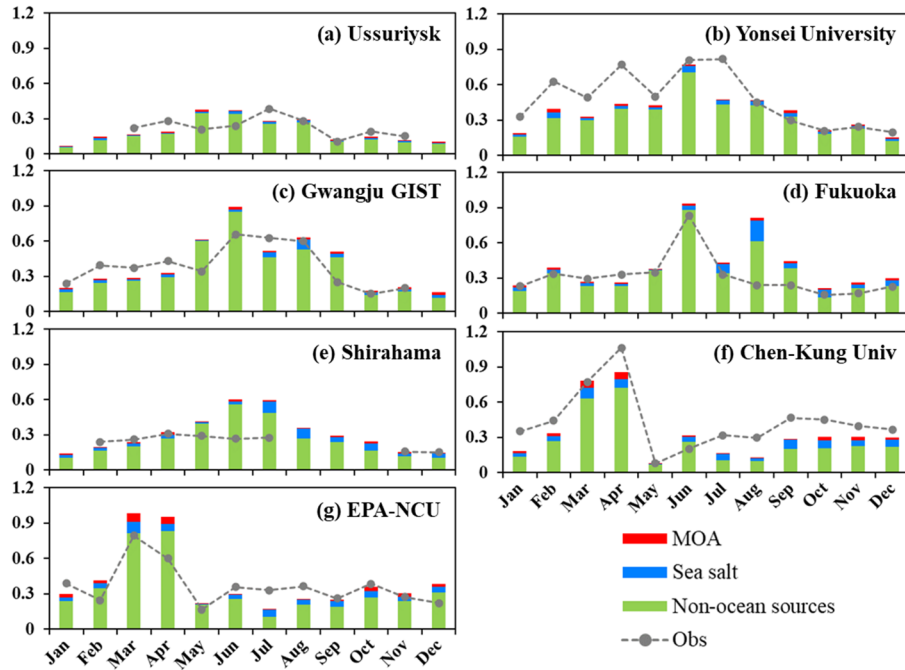


Figure 6. The model simulated (Sim) and observed (Obs) monthly mean AOD at 7 AERONET sites for the year 2014. The monthly mean observations were calculated from hourly data and the simulations were sampled according to the observations. Contributions of aerosol components to total AOD by MOA, sea salt, and aerosols of non-oceanic sources (anthropogenic, dust etc.) are shown.

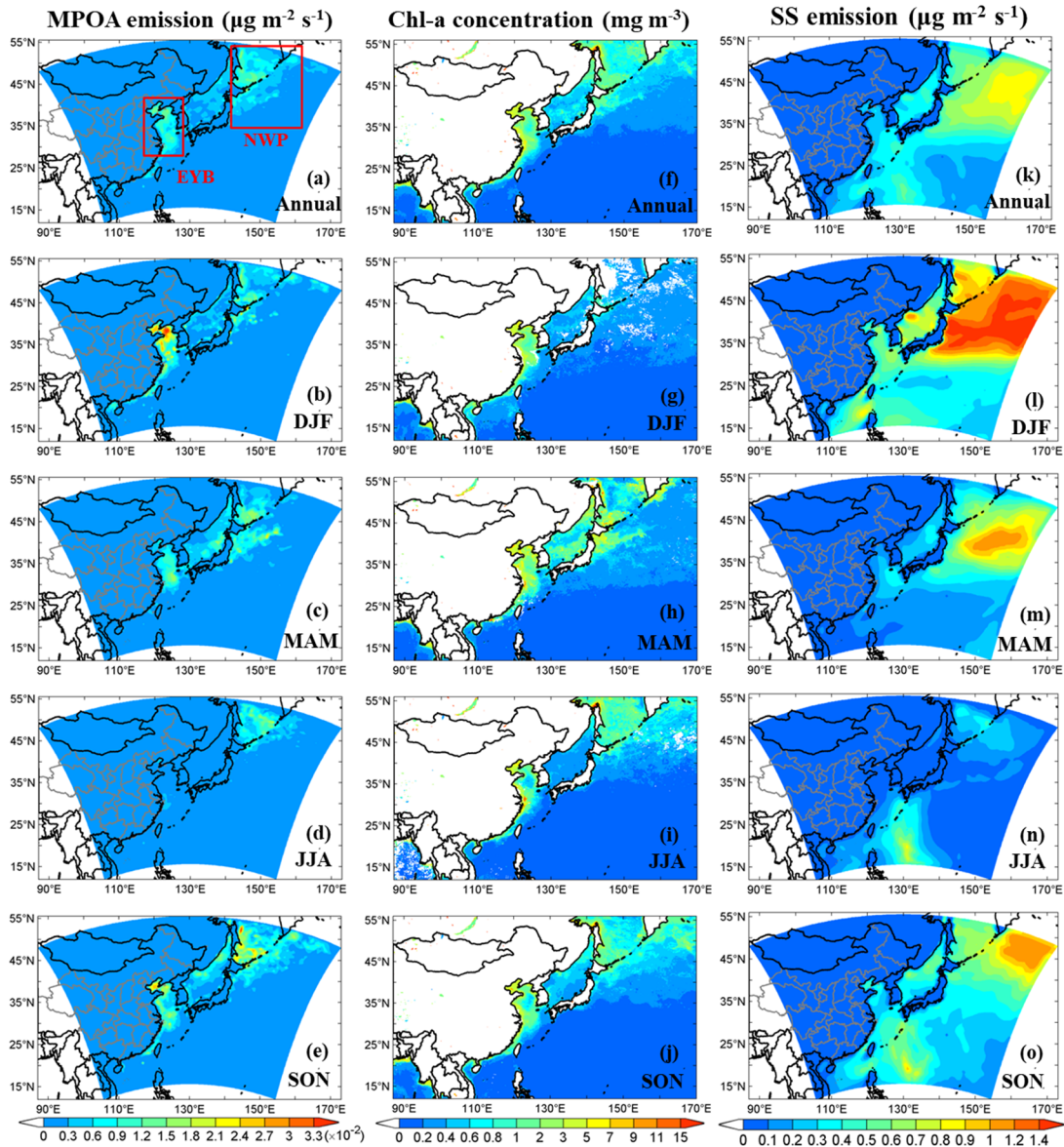


Figure 7. Model simulated annual and seasonal mean distributions of MPOA emissions (a~e), VIIRS retrieved surface sea water chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentrations (f~j), and model simulated sea salt (SS) emissions (k~o). Two hotspot regions are marked with red boxes: the region including the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, and the Bohai Sea (EYB, 27~40°N, 115~123°E) and the region including the northern parts of the western Pacific to the northeast of Japan (NWP, 35~55°N, 140~160°E). Units are given in parentheses.

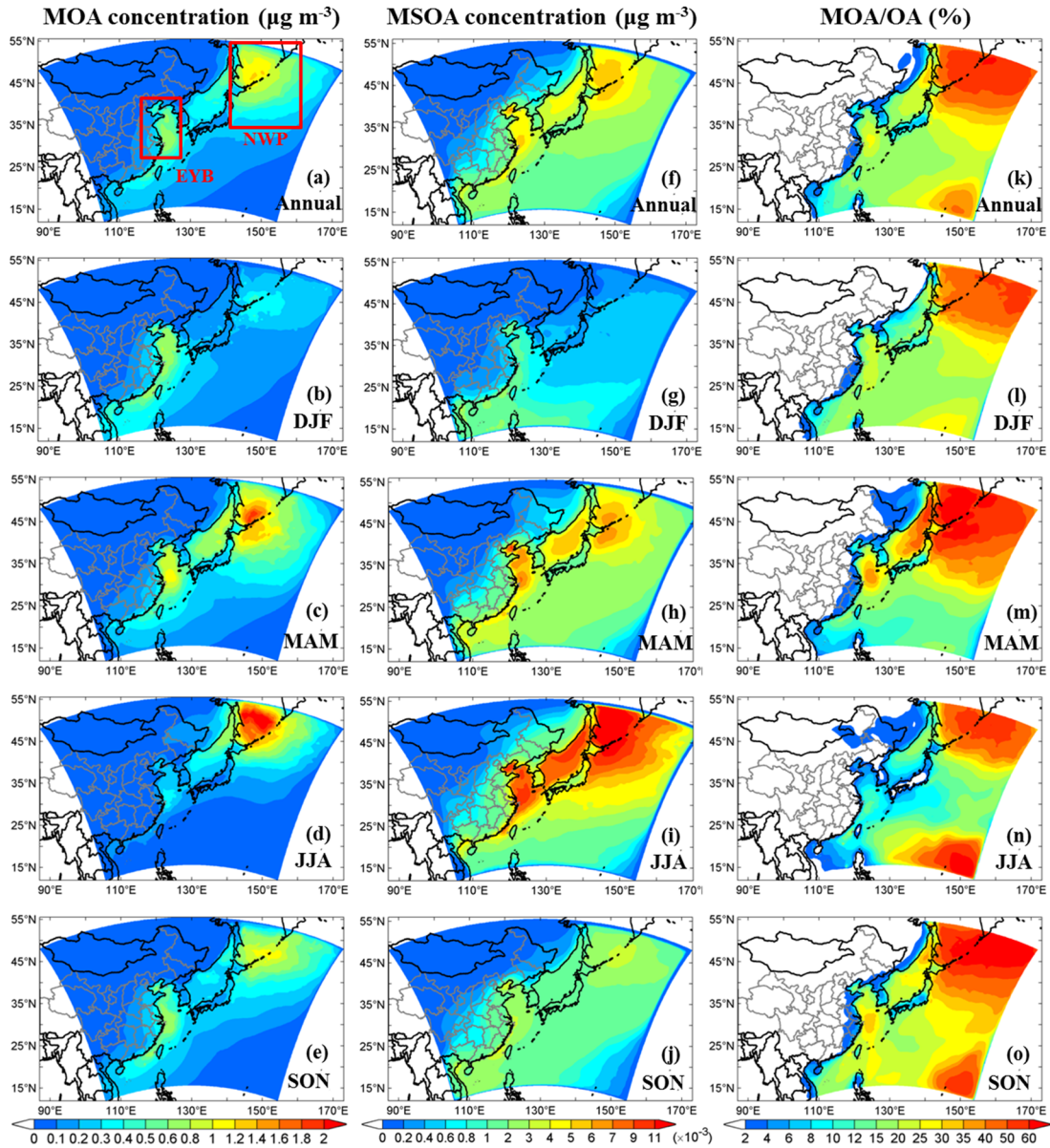


Figure 8. Model simulated annual and seasonal mean near surface MOA (primary+secondary) concentrations (a~e), near surface MSOA concentrations (f~j), and percentage contributions of MOA to total OA (k~o). The two regions of the EYB (27~40°N, 115~123°E) and the NWP (35~55°N, 140~160°E) are marked in 8a. Units are given in parentheses.

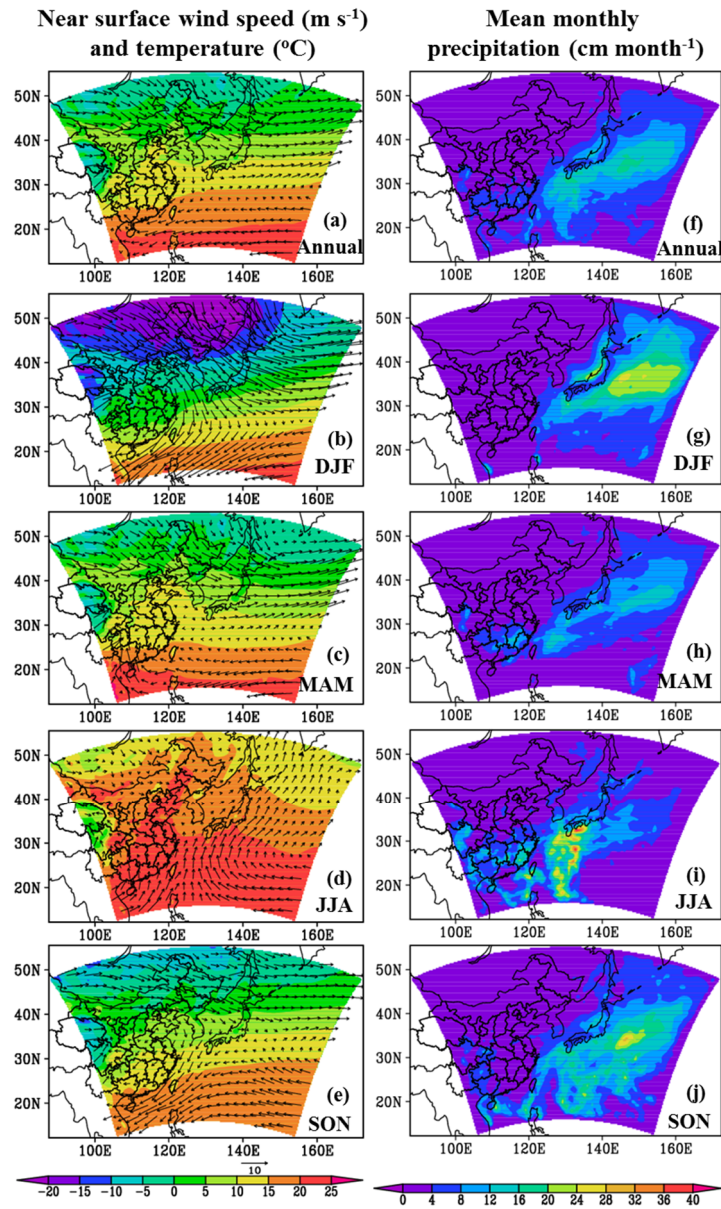


Figure 9. Model simulated annual and seasonal mean near surface temperatures (unit: $^{\circ}\text{C}$) overlaid with wind vectors (unit: m s^{-1}) (a~e) and mean monthly precipitations (unit: cm month^{-1}) (f~j).

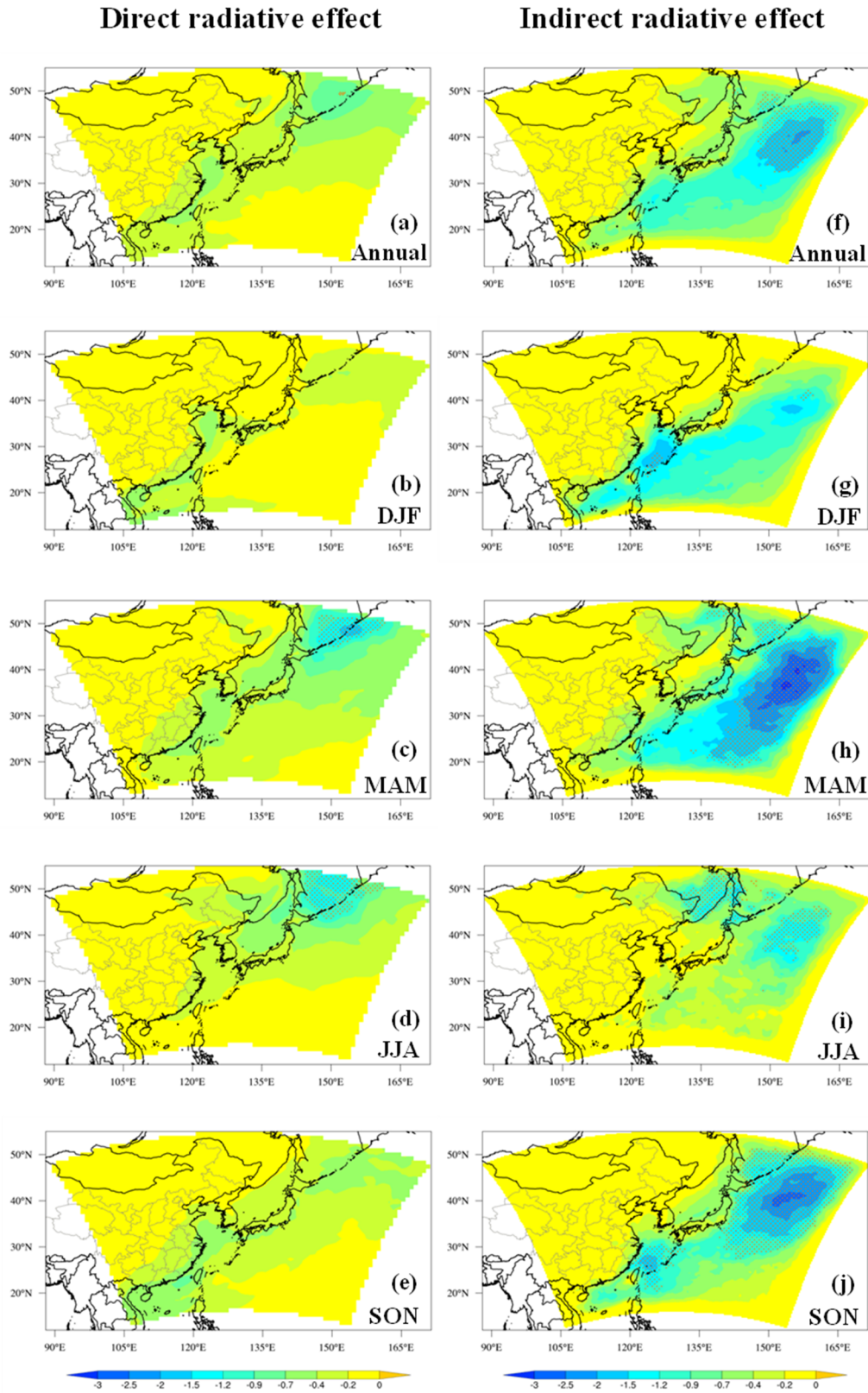


Figure 10. Model simulated annual and seasonal mean direct radiative effect due to MOA (DRE_{MOA}) (a~e) and indirect radiative effect due to MOA (IRE_{MOA}) (f~j) at the top of atmosphere (TOA) under all-sky condition (unit: $W m^{-2}$). Red dot indicates areas where the difference is statistically significant at the 99% confidence level according to a two-tailed t-test.

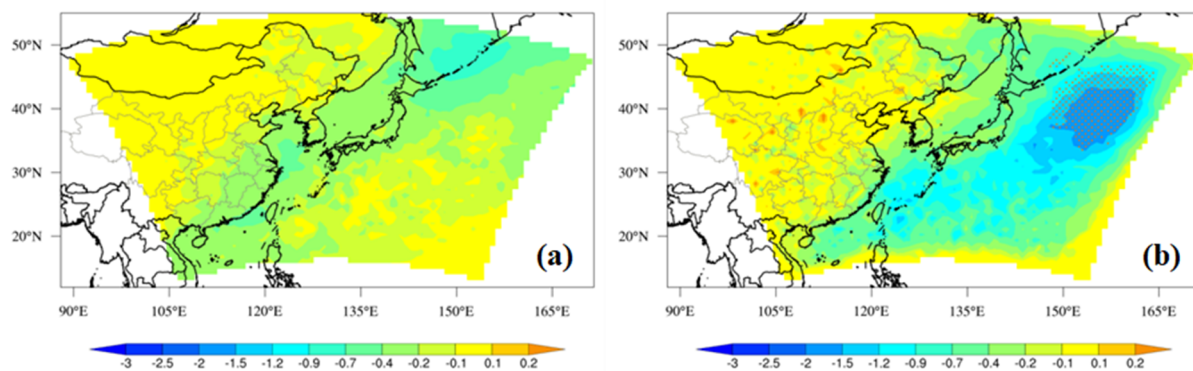


Figure 11. Model simulated annual mean (a) direct radiative effect of MOA due to aerosol-radiation interaction (DRE_{ari}), (b) indirect radiative effect of MOA due to aerosol-cloud interaction (IRE_{aci}) at the top of atmosphere (TOA) (unit: $W m^{-2}$). Red dot indicates areas where the difference is statistically significant at the 99% confidence level according to a two-tailed t-test.

Table 1. Annual and seasonal performance statistics for hourly PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} concentrations (unit: $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) at EANET sites for the year 2014. Mean observation (Obs), mean simulation (Sim), correlation coefficient (R), and normalized mean bias (NMB in %) are listed. ANN=annual, DJF=December-January-February, MAM=March-April-May, JJA=June-July-August, and SON=September-October-November.

Sites	Samples	ANN			DJF			MAM			JJA			SON								
		Obs	Sim	R	NMB	Obs	Sim	R	NMB	Obs	Sim	R	NMB	Obs	Sim	R	NMB					
PM₁₀																						
Rishiri	8381	18.0	19.9	0.53	11	13.6	18.4	0.65	35	20.1	23.0	0.56	15	15.2	19.4	0.42	28	23.0	18.8	0.51	-18	
Tappi	8584	20.1	23.2	0.49	15	17.4	22.3	0.54	28	29.0	28.0	0.59	-4	16.1	23.8	0.18	48	17.6	18.5	0.39	5	
Sado	8640	22.8	26.4	0.63	16	23.6	29.5	0.68	25	29.2	30.3	0.65	4	18.6	24.5	0.55	32	19.6	21.4	0.53	9	
Oki	8424	31.3	29.2	0.68	-7	33.2	31.1	0.65	-7	40.2	37.5	0.71	-7	26.7	26.6	0.61	0	25.8	22.3	0.66	-14	
Hedo	8008	27.7	21.7	0.56	-22	28.8	22.4	0.66	-22	30.5	28.3	0.58	-7	20.7	14.8	0.54	-28	30.9	20.8	0.34	-33	
Ogasawara	8120	11.5	15.7	0.48	36	13.4	20.3	0.38	52	14.2	19.7	0.40	39	7.0	6.8	0.46	-2	11.2	15.0	0.30	34	
Jeju	7101	46.9	36.9	0.64	-21	50.1	38.2	0.71	-24	62.6	46.6	0.66	-26	36.4	31.5	0.44	-13	34.7	29.3	0.44	-15	
Kanghwa	8524	49.2	51.2	0.59	4	50.2	46.0	0.60	-8	59.9	61.9	0.66	3	40.0	47.2	0.47	18	46.5	49.3	0.38	6	
Imsil	8383	44.5	32.3	0.58	-27	48.8	27.9	0.63	-43	58.0	42.1	0.62	-27	38.4	31.1	0.47	-19	33.0	28.2	0.42	-15	
Average	74165	30.0	28.5	0.65	-5	30.8	28.3	0.67	-8	37.9	35.2	0.65	-7	23.9	25.1	0.59	5	26.9	25.0	0.58	-7	
PM_{2.5}																						
Rishiri	8331	8.6	8.7	0.54	0																	
Sado	6517	11.0	13.4	0.53	21	8.1	7.4	0.78	-8	9.2	9.2	0.56	0	7.2	11.5	0.54	59	10.0	6.7	0.31	-33	
Oki	8410	13.1	15.0	0.64	14	8.5	9.8	0.60	14	14.4	16.1	0.63	12	11.4	16.8	0.47	48	9.1	9.1	0.24	0	
Average	23258	10.9	12.3	0.61	12	13.0	12.9	0.77	-1	17.4	18.7	0.64	8	12.1	18.3	0.55	51	10.1	10.0	0.39	-1	

Table 2. Same as Table 1 but for CNEMC sites.

Sites	Samples	ANN			DJF			MAM			JJA			SON							
		Obs	Sim	R NMB	Obs	Sim	R NMB	Obs	Sim	R NMB	Obs	Sim	R NMB	Obs	Sim	R NMB					
PM₁₀																					
Qingdao	7622	107.0	108.6	0.61	1	131.0	124.3	0.76	-5	117.3	109.9	0.49	-6	83.6	108.4	0.64	30	97.1	101.4	0.59	4
Shanghai	7581	73.4	70.5	0.55	-4	93.9	81.1	0.72	-14	83.2	80.2	0.58	-4	59.6	64.0	0.37	7	64.8	60.6	0.43	-7
Fuzhou	7610	63.7	63.8	0.38	0	69.9	72.9	0.30	4	69.8	72.6	0.32	4	55.3	45.8	0.28	-17	60.5	64.5	0.30	7
Average	22813	81.6	80.7	0.65	-1	98.4	92.6	0.74	-6	89.9	86.7	0.58	-4	66.0	72.0	0.61	9	74.1	75.4	0.51	2
PM_{2.5}																					
Qingdao	7627	55.2	48.7	0.72	-12	75.1	67.8	0.83	-10	56.3	43.7	0.61	-22	40.5	42.8	0.60	6	48.2	43.9	0.74	-9
Shanghai	7724	51.9	51.8	0.62	0	68.0	59.6	0.80	-12	57.2	57.5	0.60	0	42.6	49.8	0.46	17	42.6	42.9	0.51	1
Fuzhou	7641	32.3	30.0	0.44	-7	40.3	40.2	0.25	0	35.8	36.8	0.37	3	24.0	15.8	0.38	-34	29.2	27.3	0.29	-7
Average	22992	46.6	43.4	0.70	-7	61.1	55.8	0.78	-9	49.7	45.6	0.63	-8	35.6	35.5	0.62	0	39.9	38.0	0.62	-5

Table 3. Performance statistics for BC and OC from the two research campaigns in 2014. BC and OC were measured on Dongfanghong II during the spring campaign whereas only OC were collected on KEXUE-1 during the early summer campaign. Mean observation (Obs), mean simulation (Sim), correlation coefficient (R), and normalized mean bias (NMB in %) are listed. The modeled concentrations of marine-OC (including MPOA and MSOA) and its contribution to total OC were estimated.

	Dongfanghong II			KEXUE-1	
	BC	OC	Marine-OC (% in OC)	OC	Marine-OC (% in OC)
Samples	19	19		51	
Obs ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	0.49	1.2		4.3	
Sim ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	0.55	1.1	0.33 (29%)	3.7	0.23 (6%)
R	0.87	0.66		0.75	
NMB (%)	13	-5		-13	

Table 4. Comparison of model simulated and observed seasonal OC concentrations (unit: $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) at Huaniao Island and Okinawa. The modeled concentrations of marine-OC and its contribution to total OC were estimated. ANN=annual, DJF=December-January-February, MAM=March-April-May, JJA=June-July-August, and SON=September-October-November.

		Time	ANN ^c	DJF	MAM	JJA	SON	Reference
OC								
Huaniao Island	Obs	Oct 2011~ Aug 2012	3.3	4.7	3.7	1.1	3.8	Wang F. W. et al., 2015
	Sim	2014	3.2	4.5	3.9	1.7	2.9	
	Marine-OC		0.6	0.56	0.88	0.32	0.65	
	(% in OC)		(19%)	(12%)	(22%)	(19%)	(23%)	
Okinawa	Obs	Oct 2009~ Oct 2010	1.8	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.4	Kunwar and Kawamura, 2014
	Sim	2014	1.3	1.4	1.9	0.6	1.2	
	Marine-OC		0.21	0.25	0.32	0.06	0.23	
	(% in OC)		(17%)	(18%)	(17%)	(10%)	(18%)	

a: The location of Huaniao Island is 30.86°N, 122.67°E.

b: The location of Okinawa Island is 26.15°N, 128.03°E.

c: The annual means are averages of the four seasonal means.

Table 5. Comparison of model simulated and observed monthly mean OC concentrations (unit: $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) at Chichijima Island. Marine-OC concentration and its contribution to total OC were estimated.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Obs ^a	0.80	0.95	1.1	0.77	0.80	0.74	0.58	0.63	0.60	0.62	0.75	0.73	0.76
Sim ^b	0.95	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.64	0.34	0.44	0.84	0.37	0.50	0.71	0.78
Marine-OC	0.17	0.11	0.15	0.22	0.19	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.12	0.14	0.19	0.13
(% in OC)	(18%)	(11%)	(15%)	(16%)	(16%)	(9%)	(11%)	(9%)	(8%)	(33%)	(28%)	(27%)	(16%)

a: Observations at Chichijima Island (27.07°N, 142.22°E) were obtained from Boreddy et al. (2018) and are 12-yr averages (2001-2012).

b: Simulations are for the year 2014.

Table 6. Performance statistics for hourly AOD (unitless) at AERONET sites for the year 2014. Mean observation (Obs), mean simulation (Sim), correlation coefficient (R), and normalized mean bias (NMB in %) are listed. IDs are marked in Figure 1.

ID	Site	Obs	Sim	R	NMB	Samples
1	Ussuriysk	0.22	0.21	0.41	-6	945
2	Yonsei_University	0.48	0.37	0.67	-23	1629
3	Gwangju_GIST	0.33	0.36	0.53	7	900
4	EPA-NCU	0.38	0.39	0.43	4	685
5	Chen-Kung_Univ	0.49	0.37	0.60	-25	657
6	Fukuoka	0.28	0.34	0.50	18	1144
7	Shirahama	0.26	0.31	0.40	19	752
	Average	0.36	0.34	0.54	-6	6712

Table 7. Modeled domain and annual/seasonal mean MPOA emission rates, surface sea water chlorophyll-a (Chl-a) concentrations, and sea salt emission fluxes over the western Pacific of East Asia (Mean), the region including the East China Sea, the Yellow Sea, and the Bohai Sea (EYB) and the region including northern parts of western Pacific to the northeast of Japan (NWP).

	MPOA emission ($\times 10^{-2} \mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)				Chl-a concentration (mg m^{-3})			Sea salt emission flux ($\mu\text{g m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)		
	Mean ^a	Max ^b	EYB ^c	NWP ^d	Mean ^a	EYB ^c	NWP ^d	Mean ^a	EYB ^c	NWP ^d
ANN	0.16	1.8	0.65	0.40	1.2	3.5	0.96	0.36	0.18	0.59
DJF	0.18	3.6	1.2	0.33	0.67	3.2	0.37	0.63	0.35	1.1
MAM	0.17	2.5	0.41	0.43	0.97	4.0	1.1	0.30	0.11	0.61
JJA	0.08	1.9	0.12	0.29	1.1	3.1	0.90	0.14	0.04	0.15
SON	0.20	3.5	0.88	0.54	1.1	2.9	0.90	0.38	0.24	0.53

a: Mean over oceanic areas.

b: Maximums over oceanic areas.

c: Ocean areas within 27~40°N, 115~123°E.

d: Ocean areas within 35~55°N, 140~160°E.

Table 8. Modeled domain and annual/seasonal mean near surface MOA concentrations, MSOA concentrations, and MOA to total OA ratios over the western Pacific of East Asia (Mean), the EYB region, and the NWP region.

	MOA concentration ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)				MSOA concentration ($\times 10^{-3} \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)				MOA/OA (%)			
	Mean ^a	Max ^b	EYB ^c	NWP ^d	Mean ^a	Max ^b	EYB ^c	NWP ^d	Mean ^a	Max ^b	EYB ^c	NWP ^d
ANN	0.27	1.2	0.48	0.59	2.2	6.9	4.1	3.8	26%	62%	13%	42%
DJF	0.21	0.8	0.54	0.23	0.7	3.2	1.0	0.4	24%	57%	11%	36%
MAM	0.37	1.9	0.62	0.81	2.7	10.5	5.3	4.1	26%	69%	15%	52%
JJA	0.23	2.3	0.22	0.8	3.9	13.6	7.5	8.3	23%	69%	6%	32%
SON	0.26	1.3	0.52	0.52	1.5	4.2	2.6	2.2	32%	73%	18%	48%

a: Mean over oceanic areas.

b: Maximums over oceanic areas.

c: Ocean areas within 27~40°N, 115~123°E.

d: Ocean areas within 35~55°N, 140~160°E.

Table 9. Modeled domain and annual/seasonal mean near surface wind speed, temperature, precipitation, and relative humidity (RH) over the western Pacific of East Asia (Mean), the EYB region, and the NWP region.

	Wind speed (m s^{-1})			Temperature (°C)			Precipitation (cm month^{-1})			RH (%)		
	Mean ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c	Mean ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c	Mean ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c	Mean ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c
ANN	4.3	2.9	4.0	19.2	15.1	8.5	6.1	2.7	8.0	78	73	83
DJF	6.4	4.5	6.9	14.0	4.5	1.0	7.0	1.8	12.4	75	67	77
MAM	3.8	2.0	3.7	16.9	13.4	5.1	4.3	2.1	7.0	79	75	84
JJA	3.0	1.9	2.5	24.0	23.2	15.8	5.1	3.5	3.7	83	80	94
SON	4.1	3.1	3.1	21.7	17.9	12.0	7.9	3.2	9.0	76	71	77

a: Mean over oceanic areas.

b: Ocean areas within 27~40°N, 115~123°E.

c: Ocean areas within 35~55°N, 140~160°E.

Table 10. Modeled regional and annual/seasonal mean all-sky TOA direct radiative effect (DRE) and indirect radiative effects (IRE) due to MOA, anthropogenic aerosols, and sea salt over oceanic areas of the western Pacific (WP), the EYB region, and the NWP region. The units are $W m^{-2}$.

	MOA			Anthropogenic			Sea salt		
	WP ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c	WP ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c	WP ^a	EYB ^b	NWP ^c
	DRE								
ANN	-0.27	-0.33	-0.50	-2.8	-6.6	-2.7	-0.86	-0.56	-0.89
DJF	-0.18	-0.32	-0.21	-1.2	-3.5	-1.2	-0.93	-0.48	-0.95
MAM	-0.38	-0.34	-0.76	-2.8	-6.2	-3.0	-0.79	-0.36	-1.1
JJA	-0.28	-0.26	-0.72	-4.9	-11.0	-5.0	-0.77	-0.85	-0.79
SON	-0.26	-0.38	-0.32	-2.2	-5.5	-1.4	-0.94	-0.55	-0.73
	IRE								
ANN	-0.66	-0.23	-1.0	-7.7	-4.6	-8.7	-0.41	-0.08	-0.43
DJF	-0.64	-0.28	-0.57	-10.8	-4.8	-9.2	-0.43	-0.06	-0.31
MAM	-0.94	-0.21	-1.4	-9.9	-4.9	-10.7	-0.47	-0.07	-0.58
JJA	-0.36	-0.07	-0.78	-4.5	-3.7	-7.3	-0.30	-0.07	-0.46
SON	-0.70	-0.38	-1.4	-5.7	-5.1	-7.5	-0.45	-0.13	-0.37

a: Mean over oceanic areas.

b: 27~40°N, 115~123°E.

c: 35~55°N, 140~160°E.