

1 Response to reviewer #1 comment on EGUSPHERE-2023-322 of Enrichment of calcium in sea
2 spray aerosol through bulk measurements and individual particle analysis during the R/V Xuelong
3 cruise over the Ross Sea, Antarctica

4 We would like to thank the reviewers for their valuable time, feedback, and comments. The
5 suggested modifications have certainly improved the manuscript.

6 In this document, the review comments are shown in black. The author's response is shown in blue.
7 The revision is shown in red. Line numbers in the responses correspond to the revised manuscript
8 with tracked change. All modifications can be found in the revised manuscript with tracked changes.

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10 Su et al. conducted an analysis of the chemical composition of ambient aerosols collected during a
11 research cruise in the Ross Sea, with a specific focus on calcium enrichment in sea spray aerosol.
12 However, their claims of providing insight into the calcium enrichment process in sea spray aerosols
13 are not convincing for several reasons. Firstly, the authors cannot claim that they exclusively probed
14 sea spray aerosol since their measurements of ambient aerosol contained other aerosols derived from
15 various sources, including blowing snow and ice, long-range transported aerosols, and secondary
16 aerosols formed from gaseous precursors. Therefore, it is recommended that this claim be removed
17 from the title and text. Secondly, the authors' analysis is limited to correlating calcium enrichment
18 with environmental variables such as wind speed and air temperature, without providing statistical
19 or in-depth analysis of the meteorological or oceanographic conditions. Consequently, the
20 manuscript reads more like a measurement report than a research article. Furthermore, to enhance
21 the manuscript's readability, it is necessary to improve the writing structure at the sentence,
22 paragraph, and section levels. Therefore, I believe that the work should be rejected in its current
23 form and resubmitted as a measurement report. However, if the authors do wish to pursue
24 publication of this work as an original research article, they should perform a more comprehensive
25 analysis of their data and the conditions under which their measurements were made. Detailed
26 suggestions for improvement are provided below.

27 Author's Response: We thank the anonymous reviewer for taking extensive time to carefully review
28 our manuscript and providing valuable comments, which are of great advantage to the improvement
29 of the manuscript.

30 For the first issue, we believe that the question of calcium enrichment in sea spray aerosol
31 should only consider whether Ca^{2+} and Na^+ are derived from sea spray aerosols (SSAs). We agree
32 with the reviewer's comment that the bulk measurements contained various aerosol types, including
33 those from wind-blown sea ice and/or snow upon sea ice. We suggest that they should be regarded
34 as sea spray aerosols (Wagenbach et al., 1998; Rankin et al., 2000; Sander et al., 2006; Yang et al.,
35 2008; Rhodes et al., 2017; Yan et al., 2020a; Chen et al., 2022).

36 Our bulk measurement showed that the mass concentration of Na^+ was correlated well with
37 that of Cl^- ($r = 0.99$, $p < 0.001$) and Mg^{2+} ($r = 0.99$, $p < 0.001$), indicating that they had the same
38 source (i.e., sea spray). In contrast, the mass concentration of Ca^{2+} was relatively weakly correlated
39 with Na^+ ($r = 0.51$, $p < 0.001$), Cl^- ($r = 0.48$, $p < 0.001$), and Mg^{2+} ($r = 0.53$, $p < 0.001$). We believe

40 that this difference is mainly due to the insolubility (or low water-solubility) of calcium salts (e.g.,
41 associated with carbonate ions and/or organic complexation). Of course, Ca^{2+} may originate from
42 dust of long-range transport and/or glacial dust. However, the back trajectory analysis and the mean
43 mass concentration ratio of Ca/Na in the aerosol sample of 0.10 (lower than that in crust of 1.78,
44 w/w) cannot effectively support the above inference. Additionally, we did not observe crustal mass
45 spectral characteristics (e.g., -76 $[\text{SiO}_3]$, 27 $[\text{Al}]^+$, and 48 $[\text{Ti}]^+/64 [\text{TiO}]^+$) in the calcium-containing
46 individual particles (Pratt et al., 2009; Zawadowicz et al., 2017). Regarding secondary aerosol
47 formed from gaseous precursors, we suggest that it may be less relevant to calcium enrichment in
48 SSAs. A possible particle type of secondary aerosols observed via SPAMS was OC(Ca), accounting
49 for only a small proportion (1.3%). Taken together, we suggest that Na^+ and Ca^{2+} measured in our
50 bulk measurement shed light on the calcium enrichment of SSAs. We integrated the above
51 discussion into the beginning of section 3.1. Please refer to the revised manuscript.

52 For the second issue, we agree with the reviewer's comment that the production of SSAs and
53 subsequent species enrichment are associated with various meteorological or oceanographic
54 conditions other than wind speed and/or temperature. Temperature, wind speed, and sea ice fraction
55 were chosen, on the one hand, because the meteorological station onboard can provide accurate
56 hourly resolution datasets of wind speed and temperature that matched ion concentrations. On the
57 other hand, these environmental factors are associated with the yield of SSAs and calcium
58 enrichment in SSAs (e.g., wind speed and temperature to the production of SSAs and sea ice fraction
59 to calcium enrichment) (Hara et al., 2012; Forestieri et al., 2018; Zinke et al., 2022). Other
60 meteorological or oceanographic conditions, such as seawater salinity, solar radiation, boundary
61 layer height, total precipitation, etc., such as surface net solar radiation, snowfall, total cloud cover,
62 surface pressure, total precipitation, boundary layer height, seawater salinity, etc., may also affect
63 the calcium enrichment in SSAs through regulating the yield of sea salt (i.e., Na^+ mass
64 concentration). However, they were not available in this study because of the lack of measurement
65 during the cruise. In addition, the satellite data with low temporal-spatial resolution cannot match
66 per hour in each starting condition. We hope that future research will further investigate the
67 enrichment of specific species in SSAs under a wider range of meteorological or oceanographic
68 conditions.

69 For the third issue, we appreciate the reviewer's valuable efforts in improving the manuscript's
70 readability. In the revised manuscript, we first enhanced the readability of each sentence following
71 the reviewer's comment. Then, we incorporated some of the important content and figures from the
72 supporting information into the main text (e.g., the revised Figure 3). Lastly, we carefully checked
73 the grammar, verb tense, and logical structure in the revised manuscript.

74 Lastly, we believe that our manuscript is suitable for publication as an original research article
75 for two primary reasons: (1) We observed calcium enrichment in ambient aerosol samples in the
76 Ross Sea, which could be associated with several environmental variables. While such an analysis
77 based on bulk measurement may not be in-depth, few studies have established a relationship
78 between the enrichment of specific species in aerosol samples and environmental factors. We hope

79 our manuscript can serve as a modest spur to encourage future research to come forward with a
80 more thorough investigation of the enrichment of specific species in SSAs under different
81 meteorological or oceanographic conditions. (2) Insights into calcium enrichment of SSAs are not
82 exclusively derived from bulk measurement. Through the individual particle analysis, we observed
83 that a single-particle type of OC-Ca (internally mixed organics with calcium) accounted for the
84 largest proportion during the research cruise, and may be associated with calcium enrichment in
85 SSAs. We further hypothesize that the production mechanism of OC-Ca may be associated with
86 marine microgels based on its specific mixing state. In comparison with the mechanism of calcium
87 enrichment in aerosol samples, we suggest that the environmental behaviors of the possible gel-like
88 calcium particles (OC-Ca), such as their capacity to serve as could condensation nuclei (CCN)
89 and/or ice nuclei (IN) in the pristine Antarctic atmosphere, warrant more attention.

90 Detailed point-by-point responses are as follows:

91 Major points

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93 1. The manuscript would benefit from improved writing clarity and readability. Specifically, the
94 authors could consider breaking down long sentences into shorter ones and using an active voice to
95 formulate their ideas more clearly. Verb tenses are also used inconsistently throughout the text, and
96 this should be addressed. In the minor points below, I provide specific examples to help the authors
97 improve their writing.

98 Author's Response: We would like to appreciate the reviewer for the valuable comment and
99 assistance in improving the readability and clarity of the manuscript. We have made the revisions
100 to enhance the readability of the article, according to the reviewer's detailed comments. In addition,
101 we carefully checked the verb tense and break down some long sentences throughout the manuscript
102 for better clarity. For detailed modification please refer to the minor comment's response and
103 revised manuscript.

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105 2. In my opinion, the description of the methods used to obtain the samples is not adequately detailed.
106 Firstly, the text in section S2 should be integrated into the main manuscript. Secondly, I suggest
107 including statements about the efficiency of particle and gas collection in the sampler in the methods
108 section of the manuscript. While I assume this has been previously tested, it would be helpful to
109 have a statement such as "As shown in previous studies, 99% of particles entering the sampler were
110 retained on the impaction plate." If not all particle sizes are efficiently sampled, a statement about
111 the effective particle size ranges sampled by the system should be included instead. The same
112 applies to the gas phase sampling in the denuder. It would be helpful to know how effective it is and
113 what fraction of standard acid/base gases are sampled by this system.

114 Author's Response: Thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. We have made the following
115 modifications based on your suggestions.

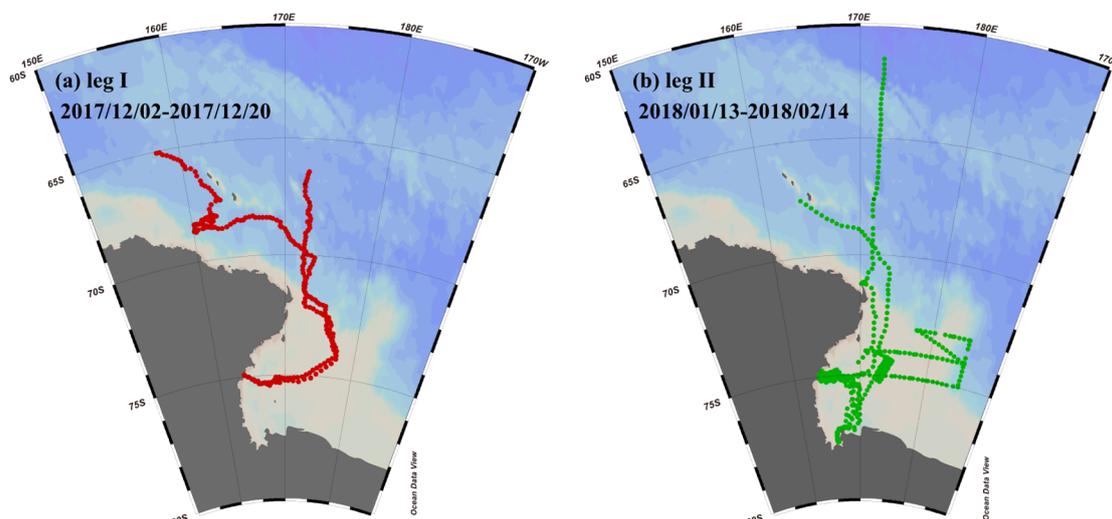
116 For the first point, we have integrated supplementary Text S2 into section 2.4.1 of the revised
117 manuscript to improve its coherence and accessibility.

118 For the second point, we would like to clarify that the trap efficiency of the PM₁₀ cyclone is
119 greater than 99% for particles > 0.3 μm, D_{a50} = 10 ± 0.5 μm. In addition, the collection efficiency
120 of both aerosol and gas samples before entering the IC has been reported to be higher than 89% (for
121 0.056 μm particles, 89%; for 1 μm particles, 98%; for gas samples, > 90%) (Chang et al., 2007; Tian
122 et al., 2017). The relevant descriptions have also been integrated into section 2.4.1 of the main text.
123 Please refer to the revised section 2.4.1 Aerosol water-soluble ion constituents.

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125 3. I believe that the main manuscript would benefit from the inclusion of two key figures. Firstly, a
126 map displaying the measurement stations would help readers orient themselves. Secondly, a
127 schematic of the sampling system should also be included in the main manuscript. Additionally, it
128 might be helpful to include a map showing the distribution of calcium enrichment as part of the
129 results section to enhance the reader's understanding of the observations.

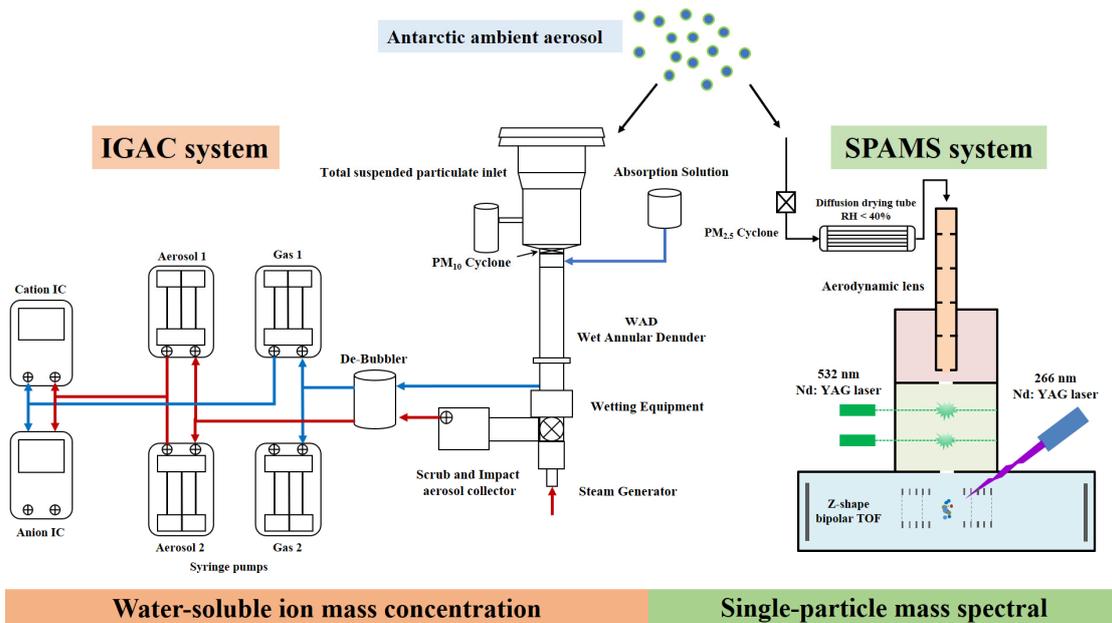
130 Author's Response: Thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. We have incorporated three
131 figures into the revised manuscript as suggested.



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133 Fig. 1 Observation campaigns through R/V *Xuelong* in the Ross Sea, Antarctic. (a) Leg I took place
134 from December 2-20, 2017. (b) Leg II was conducted from January 13 to February 14, 2018.

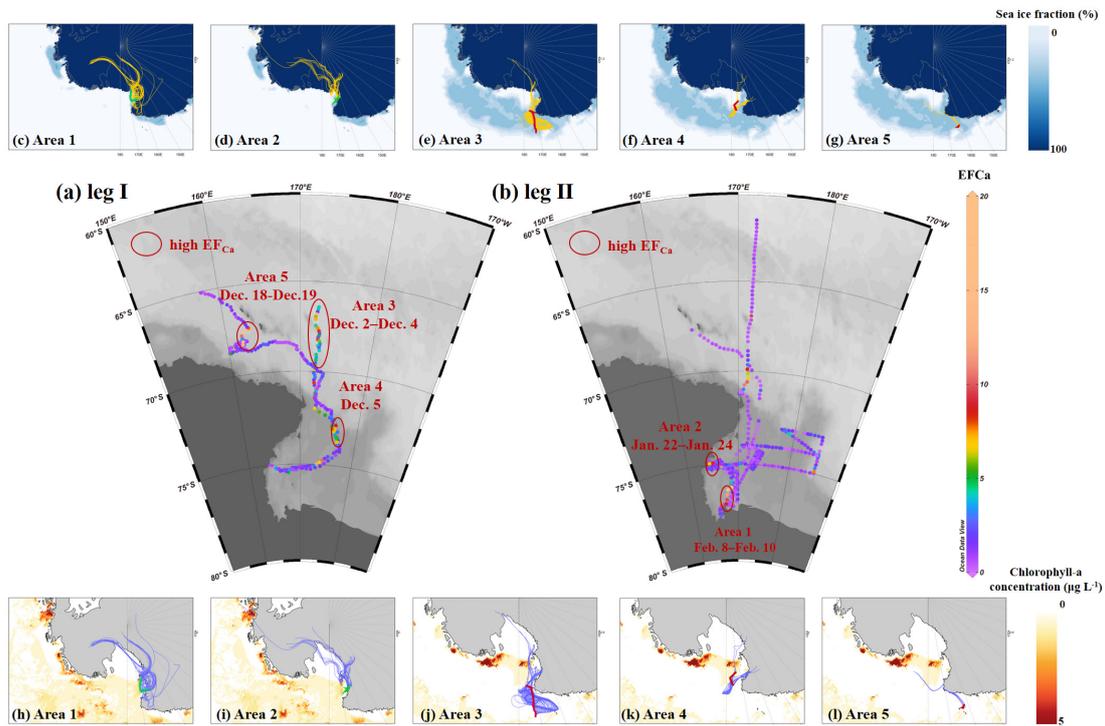
135 The first figure depicted the research cruise over the Ross Sea, Antarctic.



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137 Figure 2 A schematic of the aerosol sampling system of IGAC and SPAMS during the research
 138 cruise over the Ross Sea, Antarctic.

139 The second figure is a schematic of the sampling system during the research cruise over the Ross
 140 Sea, Antarctic.



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142 Figure 5 Distribution of EF_{Ca} during (a) leg I and (b) leg II. Five distinct areas with continuous
 143 enhanced Ca^{2+} enrichment events, along with 96-hour back trajectories (one trajectory per hour in
 144 each starting condition), sea ice fraction (c-g, yellow traces), and chlorophyll-a concentration (h-l,
 145 light-blue traces). Lines in red and green referred to ship tracks for corresponding areas during leg
 146 I and leg II, respectively.

147 The third figure included a map showing the distribution of EF_{Ca} and events of enhanced calcium
148 enrichment concerning 96-h back trajectories with sea ice fraction, and Chlorophyll-a concentration.

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150 4. In my opinion, the content of text S1 appears to be more suitable for the introduction and
151 discussion sections of the manuscript rather than as supplementary information. If the authors
152 consider this information important for readers to understand their study, they should incorporate it
153 into the main manuscript. The supplementary information should not be used for discussions that
154 are integral to the main content of the study.

155 Author's Response: Thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestions. Specifically, we have
156 integrated the contents of supplementary Text S1 into the method, discussion, and conclusion
157 sections of the revised manuscript.

158 Regarding the discussion of the IGAC dataset, we agree with your suggestion that it is more
159 appropriate in section 2.4.1 Aerosol water-soluble ion constituents. We have made the necessary
160 modifications to ensure a more cohesive and structured description.

161 Furthermore, we have incorporated discussions associated with the water-solubility of OC-Ca
162 and its possible environmental behavior in the 4 Discussion and 5 Conclusion sections, respectively.
163 We believe that these changes have significantly improved the clarity and flow of the manuscript.

164 For detailed modifications please refer to Lines 440-445 in Section 4 Discussion and Lines 540-
165 543 in Section 5 Conclusion.

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167 5. Could the authors provide more details on how they prevented their research vessel from affecting
168 their measurements? It is unclear whether they used a pollution control system or sector analysis to
169 reduce potential ship emissions during their measurements. Additionally, while they used a PM10
170 cyclone to capture larger particles, it is not clear whether they took measures to eliminate the
171 influence of smaller particles being emitted from the ship. To improve the clarity of their study, the
172 authors should provide more information on these points.

173 Author's Response: Thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. We apologize for the vague
174 description of pollution control on the research vessel. Indeed, we have taken some measures to
175 prevent any potential contamination during aerosol sampling. Firstly, the sampling inlet connecting
176 to the monitoring instruments was fixed to a mast, located at the bow of the vessel, at a height of 20
177 m above the sea surface, which could prevent major contamination emitted from the chimney. In
178 addition, the sampling inlet was fixed on a ship pillar with a rain cover, which could minimize the
179 potential influence of violent shaking of the ship and sea waves. Secondly, we conducted the
180 sampling only while the ship was sailing to avoid potential ship emissions under the low diffusion
181 condition. Lastly, through individual particle analysis, we did not observe the mass spectral
182 characteristics associated with ship emission (e.g., particles simultaneously contain m/z 51 $[V]^+$, 67
183 $[VO]^+$, and element carbon) during the observation campaigns. We have clarified it in the revised
184 manuscript as follows.

185 **2.3 Contamination control during observation campaigns**

186 During the research cruise, the major contamination source was identified as emissions from a
187 chimney located at the stern of the vessel and about 25 m above the sea surface. To mitigate the
188 potential impact of ship emissions on aerosol sampling, we have taken several measures. Firstly, a
189 total suspended particulate (TSP) sampling inlet connecting to the monitoring instruments was fixed
190 to a mast 20 m above the sea surface, located at the bow of the vessel. In addition, the sampling inlet
191 was fixed on a ship pillar with a rain cover, which could minimize the potential influence of violent
192 shaking of the ship and sea waves. Secondly, sampling was only conducted while the ship was
193 sailing, to avoid the possible effect of ship emission on aerosol sampling under the low diffusion
194 condition. Lastly, we did not observe the mass spectral characteristics associated with ship emission
195 (e.g., particles simultaneously contain m/z 51 $[V]^+$, 67 $[VO]^+$, and element carbon) during the
196 observation campaigns (Liu et al., 2017; Passig et al., 2021). These measures ensured that the
197 collected data were representative and reliable for subsequent analysis.

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199 6. The authors propose that blowing snow may be responsible for the observed Ca^{2+} enrichment in
200 the aerosols they collected. However, this contradicts their earlier assertion that their study provides
201 insights into Ca^{2+} enrichment in sea spray aerosol. Furthermore, their analysis to support this
202 conclusion lacks depth. While the association between sea-ice coverage and Ca^{2+} provides a clue,
203 the authors should conduct a more thorough investigation. For example, they could explore how
204 long a specific air mass they sampled spent over ice and examine correlations between wind speed
205 and sea-ice during sampled air-mass trajectories.

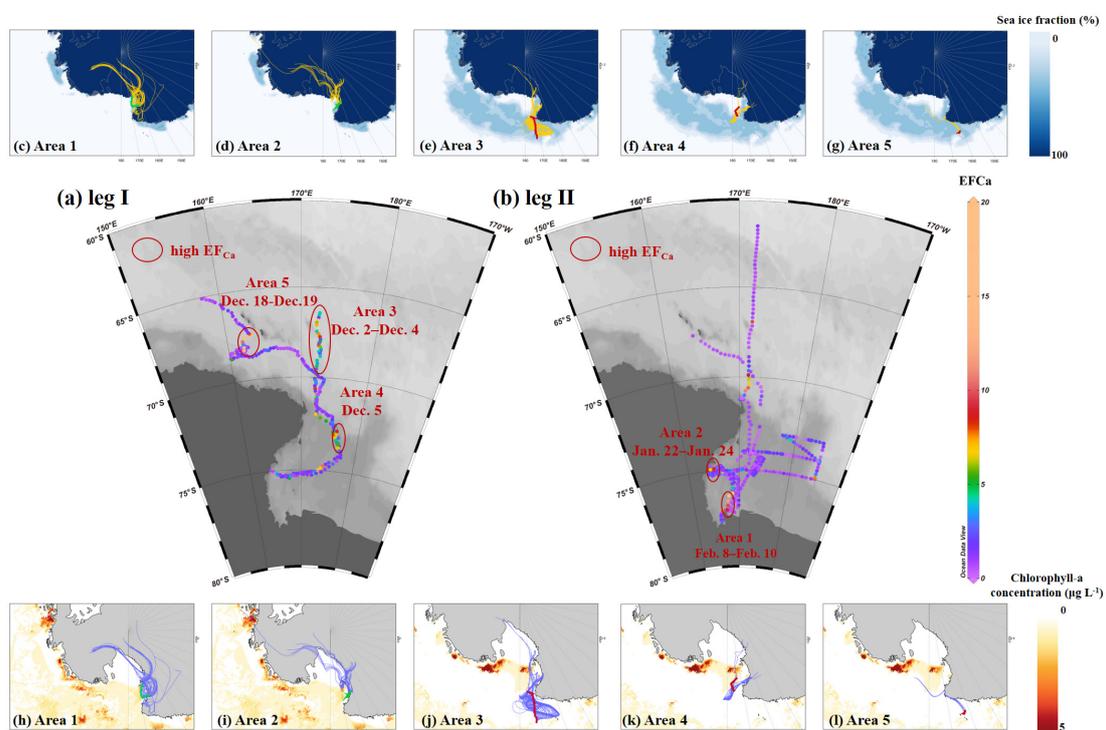
206 Author's Response: We appreciate the reviewer's valuable comment. As discussed above,
207 blowing-snow is also a potentially important source of sea spray aerosol (SSAs) (Yang et al., 2008).
208 And thus, the above statements are not contradictory. We agree with the reviewer's comment that
209 our analysis to support blowing-snow as a reason for calcium enrichment in SSAs is insufficient
210 due to the lack of datasets on the age of the snow (Yang et al., 2008) and the absence of
211 measurements of the chemical composition of the sea ice and snow. Thus, the discussion of the
212 potential impact of blowing-snow events on SSAs and calcium enrichment is limited. However, it
213 is important to note that snow lying on sea ice represents an important source not only of sea salt
214 (Yang et al., 2008) but also of bromide and marine organic aerosols (e.g., extracellular polymeric
215 substances (EPS), released from microorganisms) (Arrigo, 2014; Boetius et al., 2015). Coincidentally,
216 the possible ion signals of bromide (m/z -79 and -81) were also observed in OC-Ca, supporting a
217 potential source of blowing-snow. Hence, we suggest that blowing-snow may contribute to OC-Ca,
218 which in turn affects calcium enrichment in SSAs. In the original manuscript, such discussion is not
219 overextended due to the lack of additional strong evidence.

220 We conducted a further investigation into the relationship between enhanced calcium
221 enrichment events (Area 1-5) and 96-hour back trajectories. Our analysis revealed that these
222 enhanced calcium enrichment events were highly associated with air masses traveling over the ice
223 upon Ross Sea (marginal ice floe/sea ice) (>95%, by trajectory coverage) and/or Antarctic land
224 (land-based Antarctic ice, 57-59%). The back trajectory analysis also indicated that the open water

225 and the long-range transport of dust were not responsible for the observed calcium enrichment in
 226 SSAs. A detailed description has been integrated at the end of section 3.1.

227 As suggested by the reviewer, we examined the correlation between wind speed and sea ice
 228 fraction during leg I (sea ice period) and found a moderate negative correlation ($r = 0.50, p < 0.001$)
 229 between them. Taken together, we believe that these analyses can further support our previous
 230 speculation that low wind-blown sea ice is responsible for calcium enrichment in SSAs. We have
 231 added the discussion into section 4, lines 463-467.

232 In this case, the calcium enrichment in SSAs could reasonably be attributed to the possible gel-
 233 like calcium-containing particles released by low-wind-blown sea ice. This inference is supported
 234 by the observation of air masses blown over a large fraction of sea ice/ land-based Antarctic ice, as
 235 well as a moderate negative correlation ($r = 0.50, p < 0.001$) between wind speed and sea ice fraction.



236 **Figure 5** Distribution of EF_{Ca} during (a) leg I and (b) leg II. Five distinct areas with continuous
 237 enhanced Ca^{2+} enrichment events, along with 96-hour back trajectories (one trajectory per hour in
 238 each starting condition), sea ice fraction (c-g, yellow traces), and chlorophyll-a concentration (h-l,
 239 light-blue traces). Lines in red and green referred to ship tracks for corresponding areas during leg
 240 I and leg II, respectively.
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Item	Area 1 (2018.02.08 22:00- 2017.02.10 22:00)	Area 2 (2018.01.22 17:00- 2018.01.24 04:00)	Area 3 (2017.12.02 07:00- 2017.12.04 19:00)	Area 4 (2017.12.05 00:00- 2017.12.05 23:00)	Area 5 (2017.12.18 22:00-2017.12.19 05:00)	leg I	leg II	The whole observation
Duration (h)	48	35	61	24	8	426	769	1195
EF _{Ca}	10.13 ± 13.63	2.96 ± 2.12	5.47 ± 4.64	9.72 ± 18.75	30.98 ± 31.32	3.94 ± 8.50	2.11 ± 4.47	2.76 ± 6.27
EF _K	2.88 ± 2.36	1.49 ± 0.77	n.a.	45.46 ± 14.79	1.22 ± 0.46	7.93 ± 14.03	1.67 ± 1.69	3.61 ± 8.45
EF _{Mg}	2.88 ± 1.54	1.97 ± 0.69	7.89 ± 4.35	8.25 ± 2.90	1.38 ± 0.33	3.74 ± 3.75	1.80 ± 1.05	2.46 ± 2.53
Temperature (°C)	-6.4 ± 1.2	-2.9 ± 0.8	-4.5 ± 0.9	-4.0 ± 0.8	-1.9 ± 2.2	-4.1 ± 1.4	-3.2 ± 2.2	-3.5 ± 2.0
Wind speed (m s ⁻¹)	5.7 ± 3.5	4.7 ± 1.8	6.04 ± 2.2	2.49 ± 1.1	5.1 ± 4.5	7.2 ± 5.5	7.1 ± 4.2	7.1 ± 4.7
Sea ice fraction	54.60 ± 0.02	54.53 ± 0.00	74.28 ± 1.41	71.41	58.06 ± 0.25	64.91 ± 5.57	54.59 ± 0.08	58.38 ± 6.07
Chl-a concentration (µg L ⁻¹)	0.99 ± 1.65	0.10 ± 0.20	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	0.51 ± 0.29	0.44 ± 0.18	0.46 ± 0.23
96-Trajectory coverage (%)*								
Sea ice:	28%	33%	95%	95%	96%	92%	30%	52%
Open water:	15%	8%	5%	2%	0%	4%	12%	9%
Antarctic Land:	57%	59%	2%	3%	4%	4%	58%	39%

Note: (1) Area 1 and 2 are divided during the leg II, whereas the Area 3, 4, and 5 are divided during the leg I. (2) The values of sea ice fraction and chl-a concentration present with daily resolution. Others present with hourly resolution. (3) No sea ice coverage is equivalent to the sea ice fraction below 55. (4) 96-Trajectory coverage (%)* corresponds to fraction of air masses traveled over different surface type when the peak EF_{Ca} value from Area 1 to 5.

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243 **Table S4** Average enrichment factors for specific cations and metrological parameters over the
244 different areas mentioned in Fig. 5 in main text. Although all areas exhibited significant Ca²⁺
245 enrichment in SSAs, they may have varied due to synergetic environmental factors rather than a
246 single factor. Ca²⁺ enrichment in SSAs was notably observed with low wind speed, underscoring
247 the effect of wind speed. The back trajectory coverage is labeled as sea ice, open water, and land.
248 For leg I, the major positive Ca²⁺ enrichment events were associated with Areas 3, 4, and 5. In
249 addition to the lower wind speed, lower temperature, and the presence of sea ice, the air masses
250 blowing over the large fraction of sea ice and marginal ice zone may play an important role in Ca²⁺
251 enrichment. For the leg II, the major positive Ca²⁺ enrichment events occurred in Areas 1 and 2,
252 which mainly associated with lower wind speed and temperature. The air masses were mostly from
253 the land-based Antarctic ice.

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255 Minor points

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257 (1) Line 23 – I suggest this sentence is rephrased as follows: “Although calcium is known to be
258 enriched in sea spray aerosols (SSA), the factors that control its enrichment remain ambiguous.”
259 Calcium can not have a mixing state – it is SSA that has a mixing state.

260 [Author’s Response:](#) We agree with the reviewer’s comment. It has been revised accordingly.

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262 (2) Line 24 – I suggest the authors break this sentence in two to improve the clarity and readability
263 and to make clear the research objectives and the source of data: “In this study, we examine how
264 environmental factors affect the distribution of water-soluble calcium (Ca²⁺) in sea spray aerosols
265 (SSAs). We obtained our data from observations taken during a research cruise on R/V Xuelong in
266 the Ross Sea, Antarctica, from December 2017 to February 2018.”

267 [Author’s Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer’s constructive suggestion. It has been revised
268 accordingly.

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270 (3) Line 27 – In order to improve the clarity of the sentence I suggest the authors use active voice

271 and rephrase to make it a statement of the study's findings: "Our observations show that the
272 enrichment of Ca²⁺ in aerosol samples is enhanced under specific conditions, including lower
273 temperatures (< -3.5 °C), lower wind speeds (< 7 m s⁻¹), and the presence of sea ice."

274 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
275 accordingly.

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277 (4) I also suggest the use of "inaccurate" rather than "neglected" to more accurately describe the
278 potential problem with current estimates of Ca²⁺ enrichment: "Our analysis of individual particle
279 mass spectra revealed that a significant portion of calcium in SSA is likely bound with organic
280 matter (in the form of a single-particle type, OC-Ca). This finding suggests that current estimates of
281 Ca²⁺ enrichment based solely on water-soluble Ca²⁺ may be inaccurate."

282 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
283 accordingly.

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285 (5) Line 31 – I suggest the authors rephrase this sentence as a statement of the study's unique
286 contribution: "Our study is the first to observe a single-particle type dominated by calcium in the
287 Antarctic atmosphere."

288 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
289 accordingly.

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291 (6) Line 32 – I suggest the authors rephrase this sentence to clarify the specific aspect of the
292 modeling that needs to be addressed and to make it a recommendation based on the study's findings:
293 "Our findings suggest that future Antarctic atmospheric modeling should take into account the
294 environmental behavior of individual OC-Ca."

295 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
296 accordingly.

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298 (7) Line 34 - I suggest the authors improve the clarity and readability of the sentence by rephrasing
299 it as a statement of the study's importance: "With the ongoing global warming and retreat of sea ice,
300 it is essential to understand the mechanisms of calcium enrichment and the mixing state of individual
301 particles to better comprehend the interactions between aerosols, clouds, and climate during the
302 Antarctic summer."

303 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
304 accordingly.

305 [In the revised manuscript, the abstract has been revised to:](#)

306 **Abstract:** Although calcium is known to be enriched in sea spray aerosols (SSAs), the factors that
307 affect its enrichment remain ambiguous. In this study, we examine how environmental factors affect
308 the distribution of water-soluble calcium (Ca²⁺) distribution in SSAs. We obtained our dataset from
309 observations taken during a research cruise on the R/V *Xuelong* cruise in the Ross Sea, Antarctica,

310 from December 2017 to February 2018. Our observations showed that the enrichment of Ca^{2+} in
311 aerosol samples was enhanced under specific conditions, including lower temperatures ($< -3.5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$),
312 lower wind speeds ($< 7\text{ m s}^{-1}$), and the presence of sea ice. Our analysis of individual particle mass
313 spectra revealed that a significant portion of calcium in SSAs was likely bound with organic matter
314 (in the form of a single-particle type, OC-Ca). Our findings suggest that current estimations of Ca^{2+}
315 enrichment based solely on water-soluble Ca^{2+} may be inaccurate. Our study is the first to observe
316 a single-particle type dominated by calcium in the Antarctic atmosphere. Our findings suggest that
317 future Antarctic atmospheric modeling should take into account the environmental behavior of
318 individual OC-Ca. With the ongoing global warming and retreat of sea ice, it is essential to
319 understand the mechanisms of calcium enrichment and the mixing state of individual particles to
320 better comprehend the interactions between aerosols, clouds, and climate during the Antarctica
321 summer.

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323 (8) Introduction in general - The text could benefit from using active voice to make it more engaging
324 and easier to read. For example, instead of "The extent of enrichment and chemical signature of
325 calcium may affect some physicochemical properties of SSA," use "Calcium enrichment and
326 chemical signature can affect the physicochemical properties of SSA."

327 Author's Response: Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
328 accordingly.

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330 (9) Introduction in general - Break up long sentences: Some sentences are quite long and complex,
331 which can make them difficult to read and understand. Breaking them up into shorter, more concise
332 sentences could help.

333 Author's Response: Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. We carefully revised
334 the introduction sentence by sentence. For example, Lines 77-80, "These results have greatly
335 improved the understanding of the processes contributing to Ca^{2+} enrichment, however, our
336 understanding of how environmental factors synergistically affect such enrichment processes
337 remains unclear" has been rephrased as "These results shed light on Ca^{2+} enrichment process;
338 however, our understanding of how environmental factors synergistically affect such enrichment
339 process remains unclear." For more detailed modifications please refer to the revised introduction.

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341 (10) Introduction in general – Use consistent verb tense and try to present conclusions first and then
342 the sources that support the conclusions to make it easier for readers to follow. For example Line
343 58, "A growing number of studies have shown that calcium (Ca^{2+}) is significantly enriched in SSA
344 relative to bulk seawater (Table S1) (Keene et al., 2007; Hara et al., 2012; Cochran et al., 2016;
345 Salter et al., 2016; Cravigan et al., 2020; Mukherjee et al., 2020)" could be rephrased as "Several
346 studies have demonstrated a significant enrichment of calcium (Ca^{2+}) in SSA compared to bulk
347 seawater, as presented in Table S1 and documented by Keene et al. (2007), Hara et al. (2012),
348 Cochran et al. (2016), Salter et al. (2016), Cravigan et al. (2020), and Mukherjee et al. (2020)."

349 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
350 accordingly.

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352 (11) Introduction in general - Define acronyms when they are first used: Some acronyms are used
353 without being defined, which can be confusing for readers who are not familiar with the field. For
354 example, "SSA" is used multiple times without being defined until later in the text.

355 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
356 correspondingly.

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358 (12) Introduction in general - Some points could be clarified or expanded upon to help readers
359 understand the context better. For example, on line 53 what do the authors mean by "the most
360 efficient gelling agent"?

361 [Author's Response:](#) We apologize for this ambiguity. We would like to express that Ca^{2+} can readily
362 induce the gelation of organic matter as the most efficient gelling agent (Carter-Fenk et al., 2021).
363 To avoid the unclarity, this sentence has been revised, please refer to Lines 61-64 in the manuscript.
364 Calcium is one of the components of SSA, which can present as inorganic calcium (e.g., CaCl_2 and
365 CaSO_4) (Chi et al., 2015) as well as organic calcium (i.e., Ca^{2+} can readily induce the gelation of
366 organic matter, presenting as the most efficient gelling agent) (Carter-Fenk et al., 2021).

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368 (13) Line 69 – This sentence does not read well and it is unclear exactly what the authors mean. I
369 assume that what the authors mean is that our current understanding of the enrichment of Ca^{2+} in
370 SSA is the result of measurements of only water-soluble Ca^{2+} . If that is the case the authors need
371 to make this point plainly. The authors then need to inform the reader of what alternatives there are.
372 Presumably, measurement approaches that determine not only the amount of water-soluble Ca^{2+}
373 but also insoluble Ca^{2+} in the form of calcareous shell debris or the like could be used. Here would
374 be a good point to outline the difference clearly.

375 [Author's Response:](#) We appreciate the reviewer's comment.

376 Here we would like to present the current understanding of calcium enrichment in SSAs based
377 on its chemical form. By comparison of the two hypotheses proposed, we would like to emphasize
378 the significance of the chemical form of calcium to atmospheric chemistry. Then, we propose that
379 current estimations of Ca^{2+} enrichment may be inadequate due to the inconsideration of insoluble
380 CaCO_3 and low water-soluble organically complexed calcium. Lastly, we suggest that an alternative,
381 such as individual particle analysis, may provide new insight into calcium enrichment and its
382 chemical form. We have revised this section in response to the reviewer's comment.

383 To date, a unified consensus on the chemical form of calcium to explain calcium enrichment in
384 SSAs has not been reached. Two hypotheses have been proposed: (i) Calcium enrichment is
385 dominated by inorganic calcium, such as CaCO_3 and CaCl_2 . Ca^{2+} is enriched close to the seawater
386 surface in the form of ionic clusters (most probably with carbonate ions) (Salter et al., 2016).
387 Another source of CaCO_3 is directly from calcareous shell debris (Keene et al., 2007). Through

388 bubble bursts, both CaCO_3 and CaCl_2 along with sea salt can be emitted into the atmosphere. In
389 addition, the sea salt fractionation by precipitation of ikaite ($\text{CaCO}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) may contribute to
390 calcium enrichment in aerosol during the freezing of sea ice (Hara et al., 2012).(ii) Calcium
391 enrichment is attributed to organically complexed calcium. Ca^{2+} may bind with organic matter,
392 which is relevant with marine microgels and/or coccolithophore phytoplankton scales, and can be
393 emitted by bubble bursting (Oppo et al., 1999; Sievering, 2004; Leck and Svensson, 2015; Cochran
394 et al., 2016; Kirpes et al., 2019; Mukherjee et al., 2020). The chemical form of calcium can
395 determine its atmospheric role. Inorganic calcium may exhibit stronger aerosol alkalinity and
396 hygroscopicity than organic calcium (Salter et al., 2016; Mukherjee et al., 2020). However, current
397 estimations of calcium enrichment based solely on water-soluble Ca^{2+} may not precisely explain the
398 calcium distribution in SSAs. This is because the amount of low water-soluble complexation of Ca^{2+}
399 with organic matter (e.g., aged Ca^{2+} -assembled gel-like particles) (Orellana and Verdugo, 2003;
400 Leck and Bigg, 2010; Russell et al., 2010; Orellana et al., 2011; Leck and Svensson, 2015) and
401 insoluble Ca^{2+} in the form of calcareous shell debris or the like may not be considered. Thus, an
402 alternative method, such as discerning the mixing state based on single-particle analysis, may
403 provide unique insights into the chemical form of calcium, and thus the mechanisms of calcium
404 enrichment in SSAs.

405

406 (14) Line 70 – I would argue that the authors need to do a better job of describing the two hypotheses
407 for why Ca^{2+} may be enriched in SSA. As they state one possible mechanism is the complexing of
408 Ca^{2+} to organic matter. A second possible mechanism Ca^{2+} ions are enriched close to the water
409 surface in the form of ionic clusters most probably with carbonate ions.

410 [Author's Response:](#) Thanks for the reviewer's comments. We have further improved the related
411 description of the two hypotheses of calcium enrichment according to your suggestion. Please refer
412 to the reply of (13).

413

414 (15) Methods section 2.1 – I suggest the authors separate the information in this section into three
415 distinct paragraphs to improve organization. E.g. one starting “Our study focused on the Ross Sea
416 region of Antarctica (50 to 78° S, 160 to 185° E) (see Fig. S1), where we conducted two separate
417 observation campaigns aboard the R/V Xuelong...”. A second paragraph starting “The first
418 observation campaign (Leg I) took place from December 2-20, 2017, during the sea ice period. The
419 second campaign (Leg II) was conducted...” and a third starting “The sampling design for Leg I
420 and Leg II aimed to investigate the differences in atmospheric aerosol characteristics...” etc.

421 [Author's Response:](#) Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. It has been revised
422 accordingly.

423 **2.1 The R/V Xuelong cruise and observation regions**

424 Our study focused on the Ross Sea region of Antarctica (50 to 78° S, 160 to 185° E) (**Fig. 1**),
425 where we conducted two separate observation campaigns aboard the R/V Xuelong. During the
426 observations, this region was relatively isolated from the impact of long-range transport of

427 anthropogenic aerosols and has experienced the sea ice retreat (Yan et al., 2020a).
428 The first observation campaign (Leg I) took place from December 2-20, 2017, during the sea ice
429 period. The second campaign (Leg II) was conducted from January 13 to February 14, 2018, during
430 the period without sea ice. The sampling design for Leg I and Leg II aimed to investigate how
431 changing environmental factors affect the enrichment extent of calcium and the characteristics of
432 individual particles.

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434 (16) Methods section 2.1 – I suggest the authors use more precise terminology (e.g., "observation
435 campaigns" instead of "observations carried out"; "sampling design" instead of "sampling")

436 [Author's Response: It has been revised as suggested.](#)

437

438 (17) Methods section 2.1 – I suggest the authors remove redundant or unnecessary phrases, such as
439 "hereafter" and "when the ocean was covered by sea ice" (since this is already clear from the "sea
440 ice period" description).

441 [Author's Response: It has been revised as suggested.](#)

442

443 (18) Methods section 2.2 – Again I think it would help clarity if the authors rephrased using active
444 voice e.g. “We measured various meteorological parameters, such as ambient temperature, relative
445 humidity (RH), wind speed, and true wind direction using an automated meteorological station
446 located on the top deck of the R/V Xuelong...” and “To determine the type of air masses, we used
447 the NOAA Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Integrated Trajectories (HYSPLIT, version 4.9)
448 model to perform 72-hour back trajectory analysis...” and “Additionally, we obtained the monthly
449 sea ice fraction from the Sea Ice Concentration Climate Data Record with a spatial resolution of 25
450 km...” etc.

451 [Author's Response: Many thanks for the reviewer's constructive suggestion. These sentences have
452 been revised accordingly.](#)

453 **2.2 Meteorological parameters and satellite data of air masses, sea ice, and chlorophyll-a**

454 We measured various meteorological parameters, such as ambient temperature, relative
455 humidity (RH), wind speed, and true wind direction using an automated meteorological station
456 located on the top deck of the R/V *Xuelong* (**Fig. S1 and Table S2**).

457 To determine the type of air masses, we first overviewed the 72-hour back trajectory with daily
458 resolution per each starting location by using the NOAA Hybrid Single-Particle Lagrangian
459 Integrated Trajectories (HYSPLIT, version 4.9) model (**Fig. S2**). Additionally, we conducted a 96-
460 hour back trajectory analysis with an hourly resolution, which covered the enhanced calcium
461 enrichment events associated with sea ice fraction and chlorophyll-a concentration (discussed in
462 section 3.1), using the TrajStat in Meteoinfo (version 3.5.8) (Wang et al., 2009; Wang, 2014).
463 Meteorological data used for back trajectory analysis obtained from the Global Data Assimilation
464 System (GDAS, <ftp://ftp.arl.noaa.gov/pub/archives>). Moreover, we obtained the monthly sea ice
465 fraction from the Sea Ice Concentration Climate Data Record with a spatial resolution of 25 km

466 (<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/products/climate-data-records/sea-ice-concentration>) and the 8-day
467 chlorophyll-a concentration from MODIS-aqua with a spatial resolution of 4 km
468 (<https://modis.gsfc.nasa.gov>) (Fig. S3).

469 During the R/V *Xuelong* cruise observation campaigns, leg I was dominantly affected by the
470 air masses from the sea ice-covered open water (92%), and leg II was mainly affected by the air
471 masses from continental Antarctica (58%) (Table S2). The average ambient temperature (-4.0 ± 1.4 °C
472 vs. -3.1 ± 2.2 °C), wind speed (7.2 ± 5.5 m s⁻¹ vs. 7.1 ± 4.2 m s⁻¹), and chlorophyll-a concentration
473 (0.51 ± 0.29 µg L⁻¹ vs. 0.44 ± 0.18 µg L⁻¹) varied slightly between legs I and II (Table S2).

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475 (19) Line 137 - Always be specific. As such this would read better as: "Throughout the observations,
476 the mean Na⁺ and Ca²⁺ mass concentrations were 364.64 ng m⁻³ (ranging from 6.66 to 4580.10 ng
477 m⁻³) and 21.20 ng m⁻³ (ranging from 0.27 to 334.40 ng m⁻³), respectively, which were more than
478 10 times higher than the detection limits."

479 Author's Response: Many thanks for the reviewer's suggestion. It has been revised as suggested.

480

481 (20) Line 140 – The sentence makes no sense to me. How can wind speed alone be used to rule out
482 the potential influence of the research vessel on their measurements?

483 Author's Response: We apologize for the ambiguity in our previous statement. We would like to
484 express that the low wind speed may not facilitate the dispersion of ship emissions. We have
485 rephrased it into the new section 2.3 of contamination control during observation campaigns.

486 (21) Line 180 – You need to state that 0.038 is the molar ratio and not the mass ratio of Ca²⁺ to Na⁺
487 since the latter is approximately 0.066 (for every gram of sodium in seawater, there are about 0.066
488 grams of calcium).

489 Author's Response: Thanks for the reviewer's comment. We have carefully checked the mass and
490 molar ratio of Ca²⁺ to Na⁺ in seawater, respectively. The mass ratio of Ca²⁺ to Na⁺ in seawater is
491 ~0.038 (400[Ca]²⁺/10561[Na]⁺), while the molar ratio of Ca²⁺ to Na⁺ in seawater is ~0.022
492 (0.01[Ca]²⁺/0.459174[Na]⁺) (Bowen, 1979; Boreddy and Kawamura, 2015; Azadiaghdam et al.,
493 2019). We have also provided a link to a web resource: (URL:
494 <https://web.stanford.edu/group/Urchin/mineral.html>) for further information. We have clarified it.
495 Please refer to Line 285.

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