

Supporting Materials for

Metal complexation inhibits the effect of oxalic acid in aerosols as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN)

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Table S1 List of sampling locations.

| Observation station | Location name | Latitude (N) | Longitude (E) | Height (above S.L./m) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Beijing | Institute of Atmospheric Physics | 39.93 | 116.35 | 100 |
| Tsukuba | Geological Survey of Japan | 36.06 | 140.14 | 44 |
| Hedo | Cape of Hedo | 26.87 | 128.26 | 60 |

Table S2. Concentrations (dC/dlogD (nmol/m³)) of non-sea salt sulfate (nss-sulfate) and total sulfate, and the ratio of [nss-sulfate]/[total sulfate] (%) in aerosols in (a) winter and (b) summer.

(a)

| Winter | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|---|--|---|
| Diameter range (μm) | Mean size (μm) | dlogD | nss- SO ₄ ²⁻ (nmol/m ³) ^{*3} | total SO ₄ ²⁻ (nmol/m ³) ^{*3} | nss-sulfate / total SO ₄ ²⁻ (%) |
| 0.08-0.43 ^{*1} | 0.25 | 0.73 | 6.28 | 6.28 | 100 |
| 0.65-0.43 | 0.54 | 0.18 | 8.57 | 8.57 | 100 |
| 1.1-0.65 | 0.88 | 0.23 | 9.73 | 9.73 | 100 |
| 2.1-1.1 | 1.6 | 0.28 | 3.67 | 3.72 | 98.2 |
| 3.3-2.1 | 2.7 | 0.20 | 1.69 | 1.91 | 88.6 |
| 4.7-3.3 | 4.0 | 0.15 | 0.831 | 1.29 | 64.5 |
| 7.0-4.7 | 5.9 | 0.17 | 0.641 | 1.02 | 62.7 |
| 11-7.0 | 9.0 | 0.20 | 0.270 | 0.492 | 54.9 |
| 11-20 ^{*2} | 15.5 | 0.44 | 0.532 | 0.893 | 59.8 |
| - | - | Total | 32.2 | 33.9 | 95.0 |

(b)

| Summer | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------|---|--|---|
| Diameter range (μm) | Mean size (μm) | dlogD | nss- SO ₄ ²⁻ (nmol/m ³) ^{*3} | total SO ₄ ²⁻ (nmol/m ³) ^{*3} | nss-sulfate / total SO ₄ ²⁻ (%) |
| 0.08-0.43 ^{*1} | 0.25 | 0.73 | 9.56 | 9.56 | 100 |
| 0.65-0.43 | 0.54 | 0.18 | 18.7 | 18.5 | 100 |
| 1.1-0.65 | 0.88 | 0.23 | 25.5 | 25.5 | 100 |
| 2.1-1.1 | 1.6 | 0.28 | 17.9 | 18.0 | 99.6 |
| 3.3-2.1 | 2.7 | 0.20 | 6.26 | 7.06 | 88.7 |
| 4.7-3.3 | 4.0 | 0.15 | 1.95 | 3.39 | 57.4 |
| 7.0-4.7 | 5.9 | 0.17 | 1.23 | 2.35 | 52.4 |
| 11-7.0 | 9.0 | 0.20 | 0.724 | 1.17 | 62.0 |
| 11-20 ^{*2} | 15.5 | 0.44 | 2.27 | 2.67 | 85.2 |
| - | - | Total | 84.1 | 88.2 | 95.3 |

^{*1} Minimum size of the stage was assumed as 0.08 μm.

^{*2} Maximum size of the stage was assumed as 20 μm.

^{*3} Concentration as measured (before normalized by dlogD).

Table S3. Concentrations (nmol/m³, before normalized by dlogD) of water soluble components in aerosols; (a) winter, (b) summer, and (c) winter/summer.

(a) Winter (January 21 to February 12, 2002)

| Diameter range (μm) | Mean size (μm) | dlogD | Oxalate | Cl ⁻ | NO ₃ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Ca ²⁺ | Na ⁺ | NH ₄ ⁺ | Mg ²⁺ | Zn ²⁺ |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0.08-0.43 | 0.25 | 0.73 | 0.471 | 1.27 | 3.56 | 6.28 | 0.0686 | - | 49.2 | - | 0.0774 |
| 0.65-0.43 | 0.54 | 0.18 | 0.394 | 1.59 | 3.91 | 8.57 | 0.0616 | - | 44.5 | - | 0.140 |
| 1.1-0.65 | 0.88 | 0.23 | 0.444 | 5.77 | 10.1 | 9.73 | 0.222 | - | 85.8 | 0.0255 | 0.343 |
| 2.1-1.1 | 1.6 | 0.28 | 0.305 | 1.70 | 3.19 | 3.72 | 0.400 | 1.34 | 15.1 | 0.104 | 0.395 |
| 3.3-2.1 | 2.7 | 0.20 | 0.168 | 1.71 | 2.60 | 1.91 | 1.34 | 4.24 | 2.64 | 0.228 | 0.324 |
| 4.7-3.3 | 4.0 | 0.15 | 0.0903 | 2.79 | 2.48 | 1.29 | 1.38 | 8.91 | - | 0.228 | 0.143 |
| 7.0-4.7 | 5.9 | 0.17 | 0.0821 | 2.06 | 1.92 | 1.02 | 1.51 | 7.45 | - | 0.223 | 0.0714 |
| 11-7.0 | 9.0 | 0.20 | 0.0368 | 1.00 | 0.740 | 0.492 | 0.824 | 4.34 | - | 0.0774 | 0.0234 |
| 11-20 | 15.5 | 0.44 | 0.0770 | 1.75 | 1.28 | 0.893 | 1.92 | 7.00 | - | 0.151 | 0.0246 |

(b) Summer (July 28 to August 13, 2002)

| Diameter range (μm) | Mean size (μm) | dlogD | Oxalate | Cl ⁻ | NO ₃ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Ca ²⁺ | Na ⁺ | NH ₄ ⁺ | Mg ²⁺ | Zn ²⁺ |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0.08-0.43 | 0.25 | 0.73 | 0.0730 | 0.123 | 0.193 | 9.56 | 0.0307 | - | 51.2 | - | 0.0584 |
| 0.65-0.43 | 0.54 | 0.18 | 0.230 | 0.220 | 0.252 | 18.7 | 0.0536 | - | 93.6 | - | 0.0866 |
| 1.1-0.65 | 0.88 | 0.23 | 0.338 | 0.105 | 0.524 | 25.5 | 0.186 | - | 78.9 | - | 0.232 |
| 2.1-1.1 | 1.6 | 0.28 | 0.426 | 0.196 | 0.834 | 17.9 | 0.389 | 1.25 | 37.5 | 1.31 | 0.448 |
| 3.3-2.1 | 2.7 | 0.20 | 0.520 | 1.42 | 4.50 | 7.06 | 0.942 | 15.6 | 5.22 | 1.49 | 0.390 |
| 4.7-3.3 | 4.0 | 0.15 | 0.314 | 3.42 | 8.09 | 3.39 | 1.61 | 28.2 | - | 0.849 | 0.191 |
| 7.0-4.7 | 5.9 | 0.17 | 0.161 | 3.52 | 7.34 | 2.35 | 2.14 | 21.8 | - | 0.915 | 0.113 |
| 11-7.0 | 9.0 | 0.20 | 0.0844 | 1.42 | 4.12 | 1.17 | 1.57 | 8.64 | - | 0.668 | 0.0548 |
| 11-20 | 15.5 | 0.44 | 0.0955 | 1.53 | 1.65 | 2.67 | 3.94 | 7.70 | - | 0.328 | 0.0744 |

(c) Winter / Summer

| Diameter range (μm) | Mean size (μm) | dlogD | Oxalate | Cl ⁻ | NO ₃ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Ca ²⁺ | Na ⁺ | NH ₄ ⁺ | Mg ²⁺ | Zn ²⁺ |
|---------------------|----------------|-------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0.08-0.43 | 0.25 | 0.73 | 4.76 | 7.52 | 13.4 | 0.477 | 1.65 | - | 0.701 | - | 0.971 |
| 0.65-0.43 | 0.54 | 0.18 | 0.308 | 1.30 | 2.79 | 0.0826 | 0.205 | - | 0.086 | - | 0.292 |
| 1.1-0.65 | 0.88 | 0.23 | 0.304 | 12.7 | 4.44 | 0.0876 | 0.258 | - | 0.251 | - | 0.338 |
| 2.1-1.1 | 1.6 | 0.28 | 0.202 | 2.44 | 1.07 | 0.0582 | 0.288 | 0.300 | 0.113 | 0.0224 | 0.247 |
| 3.3-2.1 | 2.7 | 0.20 | 0.0646 | 0.240 | 0.116 | 0.0542 | 0.284 | 0.0546 | 0.101 | 0.0306 | 0.165 |
| 4.7-3.3 | 4.0 | 0.15 | 0.0432 | 0.122 | 0.0461 | 0.0570 | 0.129 | 0.0476 | - | 0.0404 | 0.113 |
| 7.0-4.7 | 5.9 | 0.17 | 0.0869 | 0.100 | 0.0445 | 0.0745 | 0.120 | 0.0583 | - | 0.0413 | 0.107 |
| 11-7.0 | 9.0 | 0.20 | 0.0872 | 0.141 | 0.0360 | 0.0842 | 0.104 | 0.100 | - | 0.0232 | 0.0850 |
| 11-20 | 15.5 | 0.44 | 0.354 | 0.502 | 0.340 | 0.147 | 0.214 | 0.400 | - | 0.203 | 0.147 |

Table S4. Correlation coefficient (R^2) between some ions at various particle diameters.

| Winter | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | Oxalate | Cl ⁻ | NO ₃ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Ca ²⁺ | Na ⁺ | NH ₄ ⁺ | Mg ²⁺ |
| Oxalate | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| Cl ⁻ | 0.458 | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| NO ₃ ⁻ | 0.700 | 0.920 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| SO ₄ ²⁻ | 0.884 | 0.565 | 0.796 | 1.00 | | | | |
| Ca ²⁺ | 0.282 | 8.12×10 ⁻³ | 0.0971 | 0.321 | 1.00 | | | |
| Na ⁺ | 0.434 | 0.0370 | 0.196 | 0.434 | 0.850 | 1.00 | | |
| NH ₄ ⁺ | 0.695 | 0.642 | 0.831 | 0.921 | 0.340 | 0.425 | 1.00 | |
| Mg ²⁺ | 0.113 | 1.27×10 ⁻³ | 0.0490 | 0.211 | 0.884 | 0.685 | 0.296 | 1.00 |
| Zn ²⁺ | 0.561 | 0.379 | 0.445 | 0.320 | 1.60×10 ⁻⁵ | 0.0548 | 0.168 | 0.0621 |
| Summer | | | | | | | | |
| | Oxalate | Cl ⁻ | NO ₃ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | Ca ²⁺ | Na ⁺ | NH ₄ ⁺ | Mg ²⁺ |
| Oxalate | 1.00 | | | | | | | |
| Cl ⁻ | 0.0140 | 1.00 | | | | | | |
| NO ₃ ⁻ | 4.03×10 ⁻⁴ | 0.943 | 1.00 | | | | | |
| SO ₄ ²⁻ | 0.432 | 0.333 | 0.287 | 1.00 | | | | |
| Ca ²⁺ | 0.0240 | 0.791 | 0.812 | 0.352 | 1.00 | | | |
| Na ⁺ | 2.82×10 ⁻³ | 0.913 | 0.951 | 0.303 | 0.650 | 1.00 | | |
| NH ₄ ⁺ | 0.132 | 0.406 | 0.418 | 0.815 | 0.498 | 0.427 | 1.00 | |
| Mg ²⁺ | 0.183 | 0.654 | 0.774 | 0.0790 | 0.507 | 0.814 | 0.292 | 1.00 |
| Zn ²⁺ | 0.899 | 0.025 | 6.72×10 ⁻⁴ | 0.357 | 0.0160 | 1.40×10 ⁻⁴ | 0.0608 | 0.170 |

Table S5. The R factors of Ca K-edge XANES fitting and Zn K-edge XANES and EXAFS fitting.

| Winter | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Particle diameter (μm) | Ca-XANES | Zn-XANES | Zn-EXAFS |
| > 11 | 0.00117 | 0.000998 | - |
| 11–7.0 | 0.000773 | 0.00228 | - |
| 7.0–4.7 | 0.000698 | 0.000422 | - |
| 4.7–3.3 | 0.000749 | 0.000245 | - |
| 3.3–2.1 | 0.000170 | 0.00210 | 0.0349 |
| 2.1–1.1 | 0.000904 | 0.000248 | 0.0340 |
| 1.1–0.65 | 0.00104 | 0.00263 | 0.0289 |
| 0.65–0.43 | 0.00132 | 0.000732 | 0.0212 |
| < 0.43 | - | 0.00169 | - |

| Summer | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Particle diameter (μm) | Ca | Zn | Zn-EXAFS |
| > 11 | 0.00124 | 0.000921 | - |
| 11–7.0 | 0.00107 | 0.000481 | - |
| 7.0–4.7 | 0.000846 | 0.00198 | - |
| 4.7–3.3 | 0.000680 | 0.000331 | - |
| 3.3–2.1 | 0.00255 | 0.000154 | 0.0296 |
| 2.1–1.1 | 0.000512 | 0.000527 | 0.0370 |
| 1.1–0.65 | 0.000891 | 0.00553 | - |
| 0.65–0.43 | - | 0.000560 | 0.0301 |
| < 0.43 | - | 0.00172 | - |

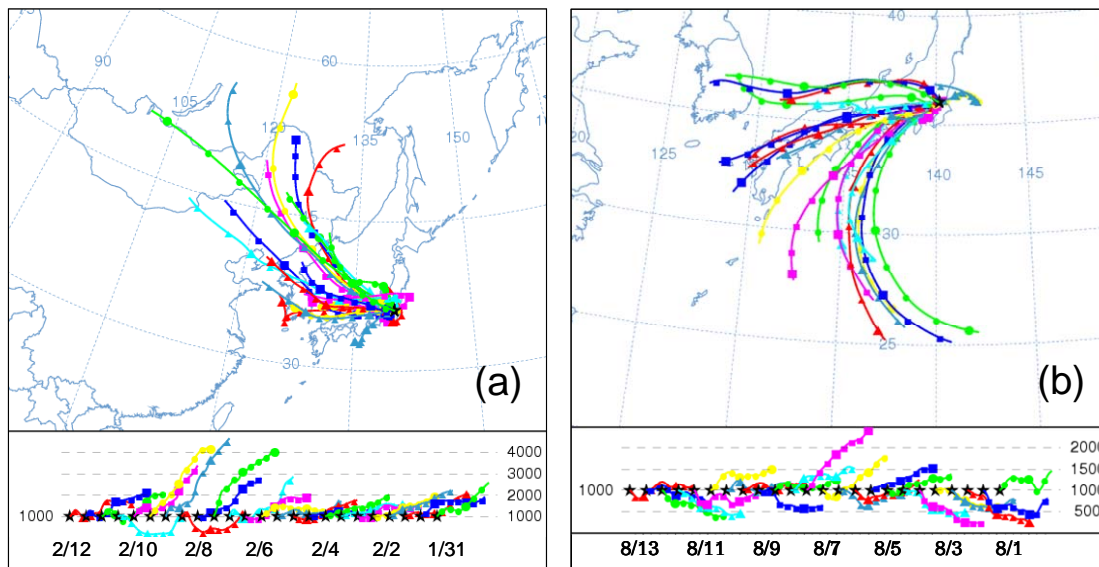


Figure S1. Three dimensional backward trajectory analysis in sampling periods; (a) winter; (b) summer. The NOAA/ARL HYSPLIT model (Draxler and Rolph, 2003) was used for the calculation. The trajectories started at the altitude of 1000 m above the sampling site in Tsukuba.

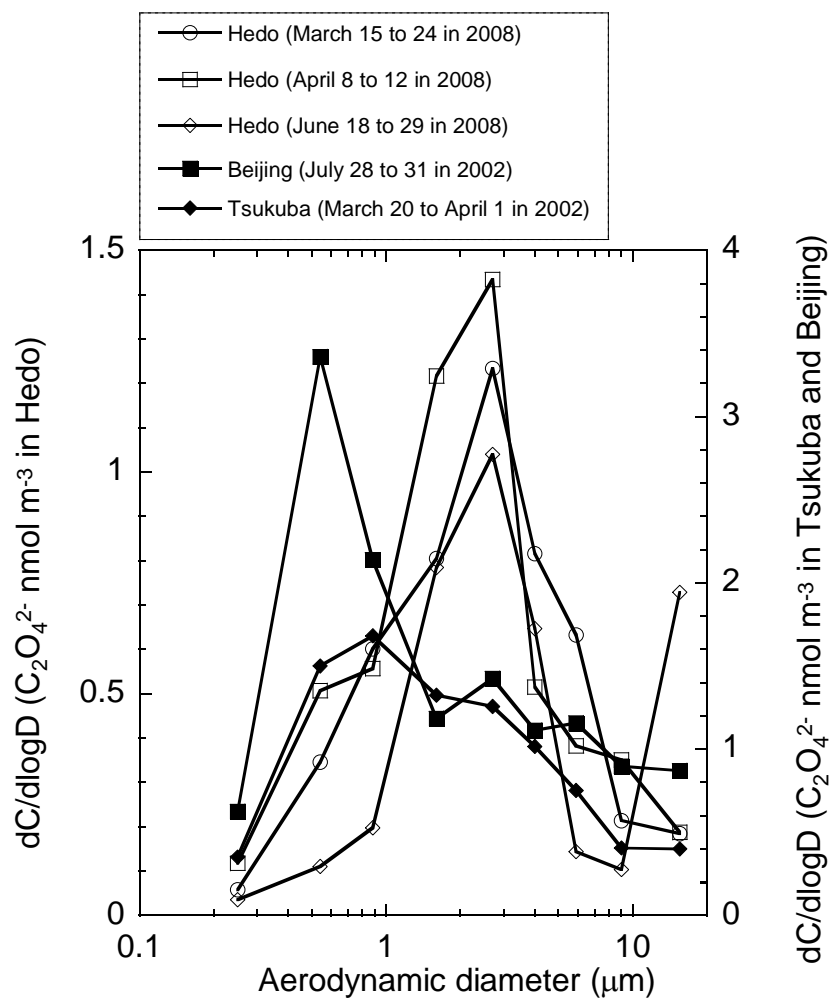


Figure S2. Size distribution of oxalic acid in aerosols at various sites.

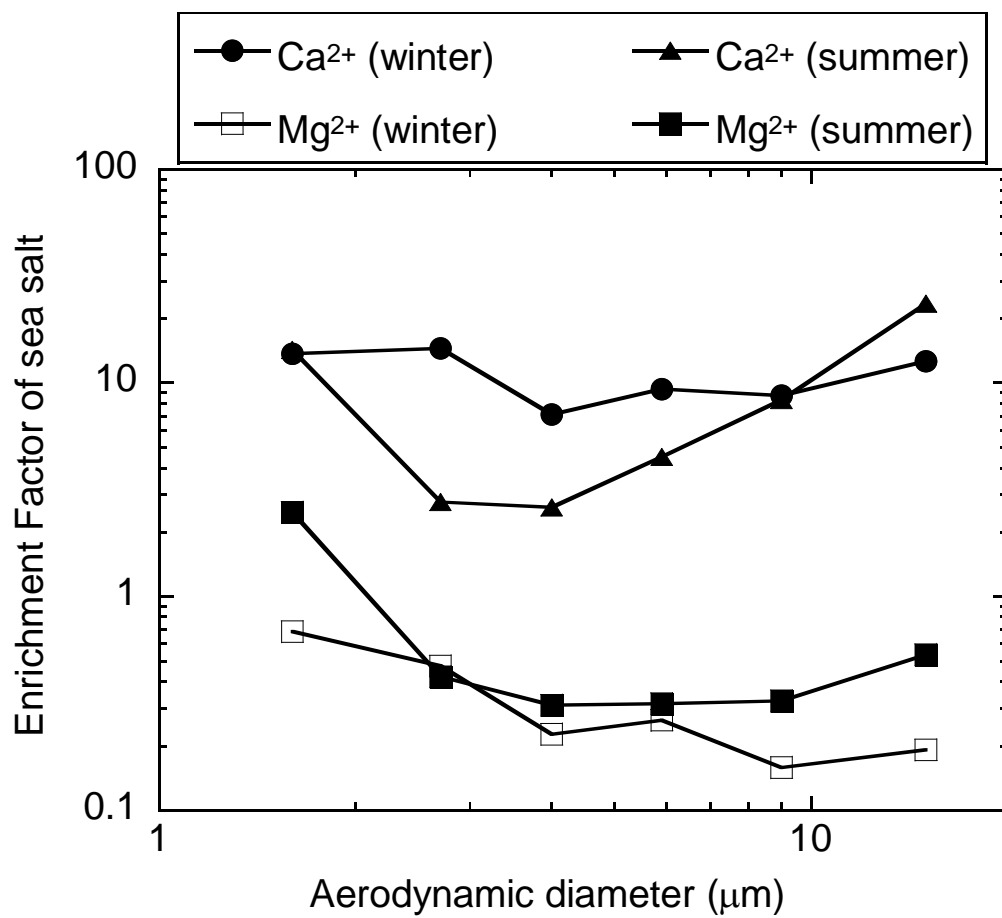


Figure S3. Enrichment Factor of sea salt particles of Ca²⁺ and Mg²⁺ in each period.

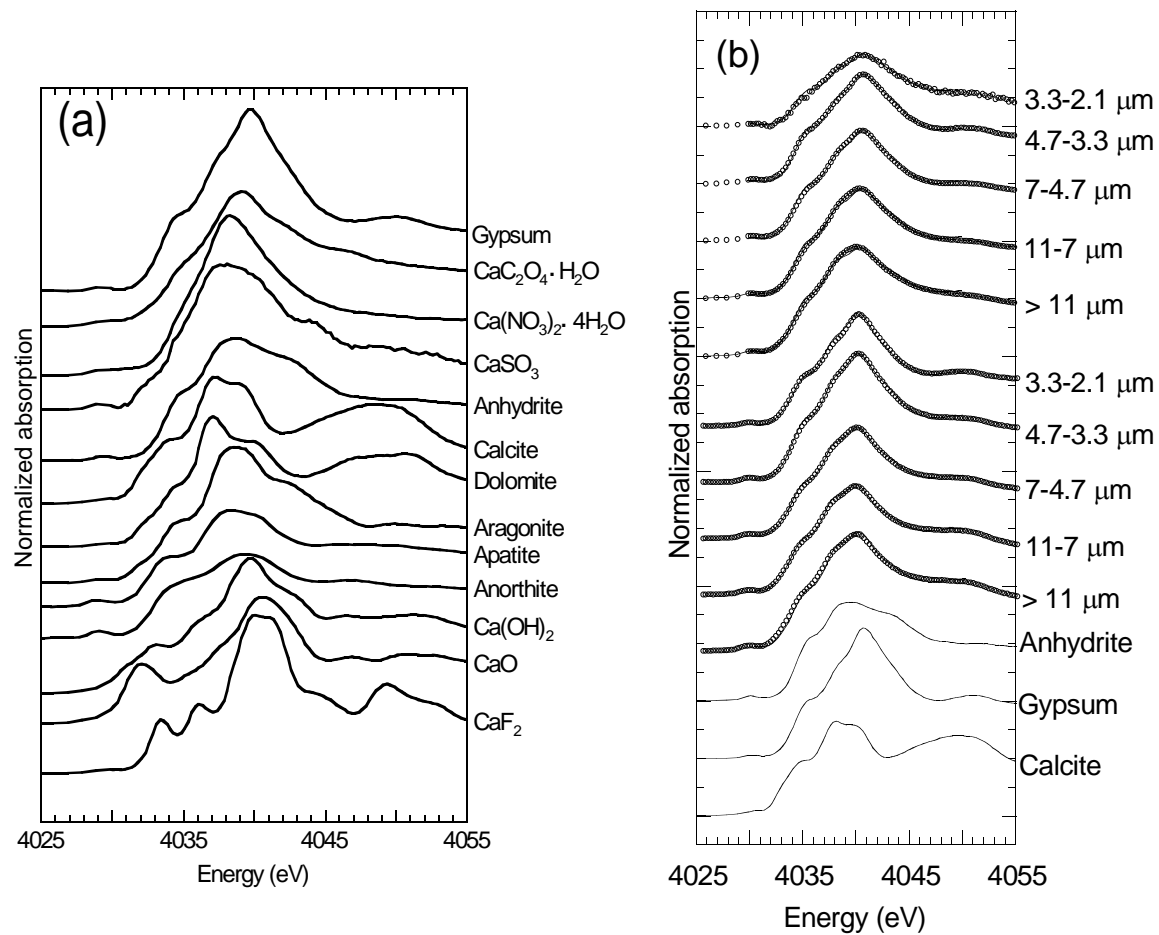


Figure S4. Calcium K-edge XANES; (a) Ca standard materials; (b) coarse particle samples (open circle: samples; lines: fitting) during winter and summer at Tsukuba with standard materials used for fitting.

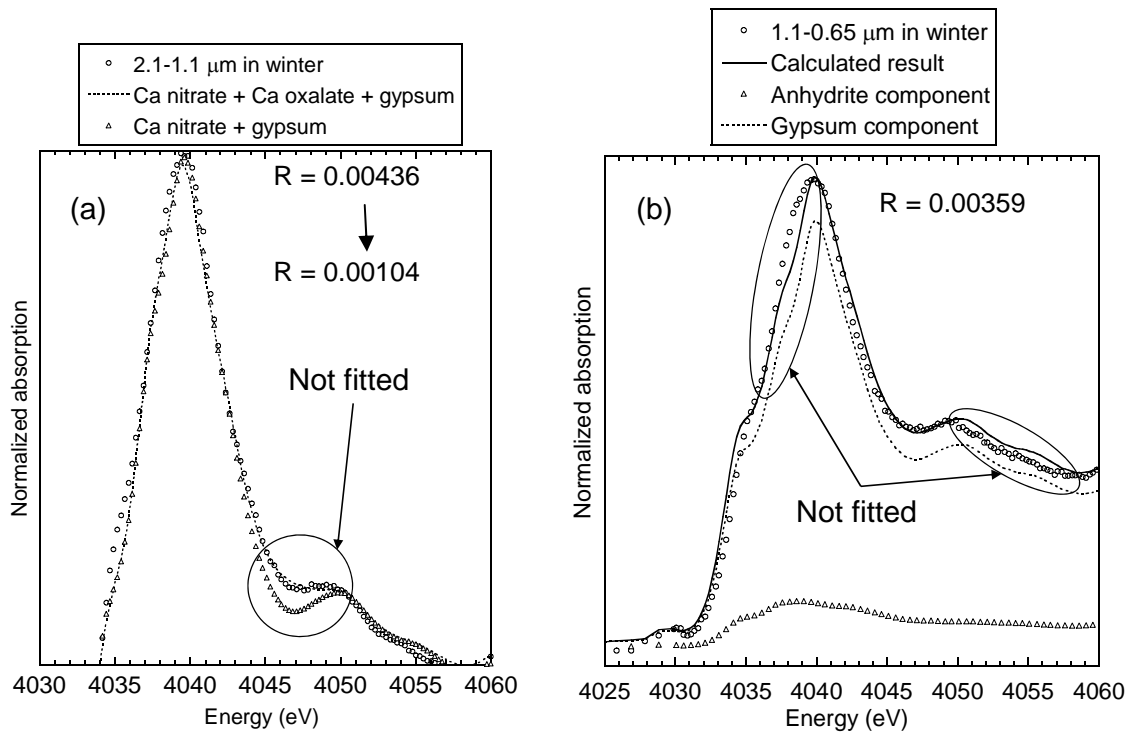


Figure S5. Fitting results of the samples with various standard materials. A circle and ellipses represent the regions of misfit. (a) fitting by Ca nitrate + Ca oxalate + gypsum (dashed line, $R = 0.00104$), Ca nitrate + gypsum (triangle, $R = 0.00436$), and aerosol samples of 2.1-1.1 μm in winter (circle). (b) fitting result (line) by gypsum (triangle) + anhydrite (triangle) with the spectrum of 1.1-0.65 μm in winter (circle), and $R = 0.00359$.

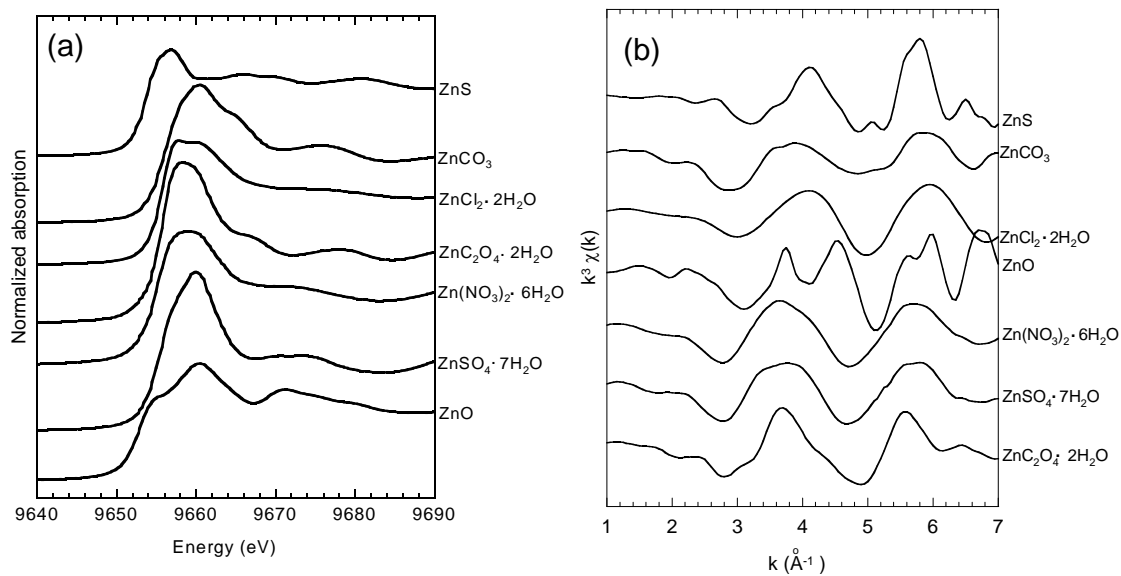


Figure S6. Zinc K-edge XANES (a) and EXAFS (b) for Zn standard materials.

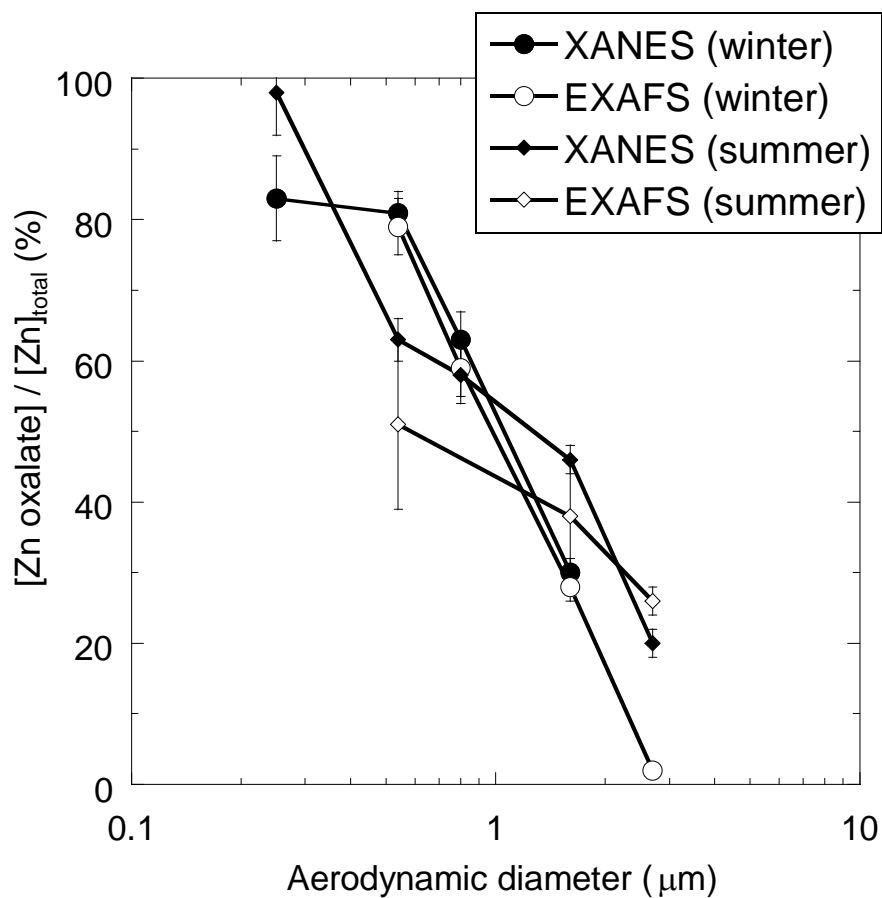


Figure S7. Comparison of the fraction of Zn oxalate resulting from XANES fitting and EXAFS fitting, which shows the consistency between them.