
Supplementary material

Classification of clouds sampled at the puy de Dôme (France) from 10-year monitoring: Mean features of their physico-chemical properties

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Short summary of previous studies performed at the pdD station

During the past ten years, many studies have been done at the pdD station by scientists from various research fields such as atmospheric physic and chemistry, photochemistry and microbiology. Monitoring of the gas phase and aerosol particles was performed and several investigations were conducted on the physico-chemical processes occurring in the cloud medium. Major conclusions are briefly recalled below.



The physico-chemical characterization of aerosol particles was studied together with their ability to act as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN). A strong seasonal variability in aerosol concentrations overlapping with diurnal variations was highlighted, with maxima during summer and daytime and minima during winter and nighttime ([Venzac et al., 2009](#)). This diurnal increase was mainly attributed to the variation of the boundary layer height, which reaches the pdD summit more frequently during the warm season and under sunny conditions. The link between the chemical composition of aerosols and the air mass origin was also investigated, showing that higher SO_4^{2-} , NO_3^- and NH_4^+ mass contents were well correlated with an anthropogenic influence ([Sellegri et al., 2003b](#)). This was confirmed by a recent study using an Aerosol Mass Spectrometer that followed the particle chemical composition. It is strongly influenced by both the season and the origin of the air mass ([Freney et al., 2011](#)). This monitoring of aerosol particles at the pdD site contributed to the CARBOSOL campaign that focused on the variability of aerosol concentrations and sources over Europe ([Pio et al., 2007](#)). It showed that the organic carbon (from 50 to 80 %) contained in the solid particle was water-soluble, and 63 to 78 % was produced from secondary processes ([Gelencsér et al., 2007](#)).

Cloud water has been sampled and analyzed in the past at the pdD mountain. Particularly, the chemical composition of the cloud aqueous phase was characterized and a strong variability in the ionic species composition between cloud events with different regional influences (like anthropogenic or marine) was reported ([Marinoni et al., 2004](#)). Parazols *et al.* observed higher aqueous concentrations of dissolved iron (Fe) in anthropogenic air masses compared to marine ones ([Parazols et al., 2006](#)). The cloud water pH seemed to be the most significant factor controlling the total dissolved iron content. H_2O_2 , another strong oxidant, was analyzed ([Marinoni et al., 2011](#)): higher differences between day and night of H_2O_2 concentrations were observed for air masses influenced by anthropogenic activities (mainly Northern directions) compared to those from remote areas (oceanic). The mass transfer from the gas phase seemed to prevail its photo-production in the aqueous phase.

Finally, cloud process models were developed and used to interpret these *in situ* measurements ([Deguillaume et al., 2004](#); [Leriche et al., 2001](#); [Leriche et al., 2007](#)). The partitioning of different

species between interstitial air and condensed phases in clouds was followed at the pdD mountain ([Voisin et al., 2000](#); [Sellegrí et al., 2003a](#)). For specific cloud events, $\text{SO}_2/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$, $\text{HNO}_3/\text{NO}_3^-$ and $\text{NH}_3/\text{NH}_4^+$ were mainly found in the liquid phase while acetic and formic acids were predominant in the interstitial gas phase. A cloud chemistry model was applied to simulate clouds forming at the pdD ([Leriche et al., 2007](#)). Numerical results were in good agreement with measurements regarding the contribution of gas and aerosol phases to the concentrations of aqueous chemical species. The model allowed quantifying the contribution of in-cloud chemical reactivity to the concentrations of targeted chemical compounds that are significant for sulfate.

Table captions

- **Table S1.** Description of the physico-chemical analysis performed for each cloud event. The total number of samples is 199 corresponding to 73 cloud events. (IC: Ionic Chromatography: concentrations of organic and inorganic compounds). Air masses are divided into four different back-trajectory sectors: West (W), Northwest/North (NW/N), Northeast (NE) and South/Southwest (S/SW) based on their geographical origins. Cloud events are classified following the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) as Polluted (P), Continental (C), Marine (M) and Highly Marine (HM) and this classification is indicated in the column named "Categories".
- **Table S2.** Minimum, maximum and average value for parameters measured in the present study (chemical concentrations in μeqL^{-1} and physico-chemical data such as pH, liquid water content, conductivity, redox potential). The categories are defined as: P = polluted, C = continental, M = marine and HM = Highly Marine. Values determined in recent studies on the cloud water chemical composition are also reported for comparison. BDL: Below Detection Limit.
- **Table S3.** Total Organic Carbon (TOC) measurements (min, max, average) in cloud water performed during field campaigns at various sites. Air mass origins of the samples are also indicated ("Influence").
- **Figure S1.** TOC concentrations as a function of Liquid Water Content (LWC) for the categories (Continental, Marine, Highly Marine) following the ACP analysis.

Event number	Date	Number of sampling	Origin	Categories	pH	Conductivity	Redox potential	Iron speciation	H ₂ O ₂	TOC	Ionic chromatography
1	08/02/2001	6	SW/W/NW	HM/M		■		■			■
2	12/02/2001	9	W/NW/N	M/C				■			■
3	17/02/2001	11	N/NE	M/C/P	■			■			■
4	22/02/2001	18	N	M/C	■			■			■
5	28/02/2001	12	W/NW	HM/M/C	■			■			■
6	02/03/2001	8	SW	M	■			■		■	■
7	08/03/2001	2	W	M/C	■			■			■
8	05/04/2001	1	SW	M				■		■	■
9	14/02/2002	1	SW	C	■			■	■	■	■
10	22/02/2002	1	SW	C	■			■			■
11	27/02/2002	1	SW	M	■			■	■	■	■
12	28/02/2002	1	W	HM	■			■	■	■	■
13	07/03/2002	1	NW	M	■			■	■	■	■
14	13/04/2002	1	N	C	■			■	■	■	■
15	26/04/2002	1	W	M	■			■			■
16	03/05/2002	1	W	C	■			■	■	■	■
17	11/05/2002	1	NW	C	■			■	■	■	■
18	30/04/2003	1	W	C	■			■	■		
19	06/05/2003	1	S	S	■			■	■		
20	10/05/2003	1	W	M	■			■	■		
21	14/01/2004	9	W	M	■			■	■	■	
22	20/01/2004	10	NW	m	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
23	16/02/2004	2	NE	P	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
24	17/02/2004	4	N/NE	C/P	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
25	08/03/2004	5	NE	P	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
26	06/04/2004	5	W	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
27	22/04/2004	3	SW	S	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
28	25/06/2004	2	W	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
29	08/07/2004	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
30	23/09/2004	4	NW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
31	17/11/2004	3	NW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
32	16/12/2004	4	SW/W	M/C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
33	19/01/2005	4	NW	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
34	18/04/2005	3	SW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
35	22/05/2005	6	SW/W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
36	06/06/2005	5	W/NW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
37	28/09/2005	4	NW	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
38	03/10/2005	6	NE	M/C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
39	18/10/2005	2	S	M/C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
40	18/09/2006	2	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
41	04/10/2006	4	W	HM/M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
42	13/12/2007	1	NE	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
43	17/01/2008	1	W	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
44	29/02/2008	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
45	21/04/2008	1	SW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
46	09/10/2008	1	SW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
47	17/11/2008	1	N	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
48	01/12/2008	1	NW	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
49	27/01/2009	1	N	M							■
50	09/02/2009	1	W	M			■		■	■	■
51	17/02/2009	1	NW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
52	24/02/2009	1	N	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
53	30/03/2009	1	NE	P	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
54	03/11/2009	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
55	23/11/2009	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
56	08/01/2010	1	N/NE	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
57	26/01/2010	1	NE	P	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
58	19/02/2010	1	NW	HM							■
59	04/03/2010	1	NE	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
60	31/03/2010	1	W	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
61	31/05/2010	1	NW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
62	01/06/2010	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
63	08/06/2010	1	S	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
64	16/06/2010	1	NE	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
65	18/06/2010	1	NE	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
66	16/09/2010	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
67	19/01/2011	1	N	C	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
68	02/02/2011	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
69	24/02/2011	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
70	28/03/2011	1	SW	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
71	31/03/2011	1	W	M	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
72	12/04/2011	1	NW	HM	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
73	28/04/2011	1	N	P	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Total number
of samples 199

Table S1

		puy de Dôme, France				Black forest, Germany		Le Donon, Vosges, France		Cheaka Peak Obs., USA		Mt. Broken, Germany		Rax, Austria	Vosges Mountains, France	Whiteface Mountain, USA	
Reference		This study				Lamuel and Metzig, 1991		1988		1990		1993		Acker et al., 1998	Löflund et al., 2002	Herrkes et al., 2002	Moore et al., 2004
Date		2001-2011															
Types		Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud		Cloud		Cloud		Cloud		Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud
Categories		P	C	M	HM	P		P		M		C		C	C	C	P
μM	H_2O_2	Av Min Max	4.9 1.9 7.3	9.9 1.0 57.7	6.2 0.1 20.8	11.2 0.8 19.0											
	Fe(II)	Av Min Max	2.7 1.1 5.3	1.1 0.1 6.8	0.4 0.1 4.0	0.7 0.3 1.6											
	Fe(III)	Av Min Max	0.6 BDL 3.0	0.5 BDL 2.4	0.4 BDL 4.9	0.2 BDL 1.0										0.3 20.8	
$\mu\text{eq L}^{-1}$	Acetate	Av Min Max	17.7 3.4 50.7	11.0 BDL 41.6	4.9 0.3 22.2	12.0 1.8 57.6				2.9				15.5 4.0 37.8			
	Formate	Av Min Max	5.5 2.7 13.7	13.5 0.3 52.8	6.3 0.8 29.0	13.0 2.3 42.4				6.4				13.3 1.3 34.3			
	Succinate	Av Min Max	1.6 0.8 2.3	1.8 0.1 7.6	0.6 BDL 3.5	1.1 BDL 4.5								2.5 1.7 5.1			
	Malonate	Av Min Max	1.0 0.7 1.2	1.6 0.3 7.0	0.7 0.3 2.9	1.1 0.3 3.9								3.8 1.5 5.8			
	Oxalate	Av Min Max	4.1 2.5 6.9	4.9 0.5 19.4	2.1 0.2 7.5	3.6 1.5 12.0								8.4 1.3 25.3			
	Cl	Av Min Max	69.4 3.9 203.3	35.0 4.8 146.8	25.3 0.5 133.5	238.2 81.4 409.5	90 20 220	115 50 170	432.9		101.0		16.1 0.8 44.6	143.0 17.0 1078.0			
	NO_3^-	Av Min Max	416.6 310.0 516.5	110.9 31.9 297.9	24.8 0.8 93.2	59.3 9.7 231.8	400 240 680	380 230 950	15.1	360.0			136.5 16.3 319.4	181.0 5.1 555.0			
	SO_4^{2-}	Av Min Max	119.8 70.4 171.0	97.9 26.4 218.4	28.3 3.9 77.2	79.3 18.8 261.6	500 240 1290	355 240 900	63.5	312.0			163.4 22.9 423.4	298.0 22.9 764.0			
	Na^+	Av Min Max	44.4 1.0 171.9	34.4 5.6 122.8	25.7 0.4 127.5	286.3 110.8 678.6	70 10 190	180 70 230	290.6		100.0		15.7 2.6 49.3	175.0 10.1 1657.0			
	NH_4^+	Av Min Max	233.1 151.0 376.3	145.1 72.7 339.6	43.2 6.0 96.2	88.4 28.6 219.6	830 410 1310	330 210 430	11.1	472.0			229.6 29.5 490.8	276.0 4.9 852.0			
	K ⁺	Av Min Max	18.2 2.1 71.6	5.0 BDL 35.3	3.0 BDL 20.5	19.9 5.2 159.4	60 30 110	35 20 60	8.1		1.3		7.2 1.3 19.5	57.2 6.9 540.0			
	Mg^{2+}	Av Min Max	7.6 0.7 27.0	13.2 0.0 78.4	7.8 0.0 64.9	46.9 8.4 95.8			66.4		24.0		21.4 1.6 82.3	25.9 2.5 142.0			
	Ca^{2+}	Av Min Max	105.1 0.8 519.4	29.0 BDL 155.5	17.2 BDL 123.2	59.4 5.5 110.3			36.1		51.0		21.5 4.0 77.0	120.0 24.0 470.0			
	pH	Av Min Max	4.3 3.1 6.6	5.1 3.9 7.1	5.7 4.6 7.6	6.2 4.7 6.9	4.1 4.0 4.9	3.4 2.8 4.7	4.5				3.8 3.4 5.3	4.8 3.9 6.6			
	mV	E _b	122 35 230	60 -162 133	22 -164 166	4 -63 50											
	$\mu\text{s cm}^{-1}$	C	169 94 348	35 8 74	18 2 155	57 27 134											
	g m^{-3}	LWC	0.41 0.40 0.41	0.29 0.07 0.92	0.28 0.06 0.58	0.27 0.05 0.48	0.04 0.01 0.10	0.03 0.01 0.05	0.30		0.34		0.28 0.15 0.59	0.13 0.04 1.60			
	mgC L^{-1}	TOC	Av Min Max	12.4 4.8 25.0	5.5 2.0 15.5	3.3 0.3 15.5	4.8 2.5 10.3										

Location		puy de Dôme, France				Mount Schmücke, Germany		Daekwanreung, South Korea		Stog Izerski, Poland		Szrenica, Poland		East Peak, Puerto Rico						Whiteface mountain, USA						
Reference	This study					Van Pinxteren et al., 2005		Kim et al., 2006		Blas et al., 2008				Reyes-Rodriguez et al., 2009		Gioda et al., 2009		Gioda et al., 2011		Aleksic et al., 2009						
Date	2001-2011					2001-2002		2002-2003		2003-2004				2007		2005		2005		2004-2007		1994-2006				
Types	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud		Clooud		Cloud/fog		Cloud	Cloud		Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud	Cloud					
Categories	P	C	M	HM		C		M/C/P		P	P		M	M	C	M	P		P		P					
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peq L⁻¹	Acetate	Av Min Max	17.7 3.4 50.7	11.0 BDL 41.6	4.9 0.3 22.2	12.0 1.8 57.6	1.6 41.4													3.8	11.6					
	Formate	Av Min Max	5.5 2.7 13.7	13.5 0.3 52.8	6.3 0.8 29.0	13.0 2.3 42.4														3.0	2.0					
	Succinate	Av Min Max	1.6 0.8 2.3	1.8 0.1 7.6	0.6 BDL 3.5	1.1 BDL 4.5																				
	Malonate	Av Min Max	1.0 0.7 1.2	1.6 0.3 7.0	0.7 0.3 2.9	1.1 0.3 3.9																				
	Oxalate	Av Min Max	4.1 2.5 6.9	4.9 0.5 19.4	2.1 0.2 7.5	3.6 1.5 12.0														1.4	7.4					
	Cl ⁻	Av Min Max	69.4 3.9 203.3	35.0 4.8 146.8	25.3 0.5 133.5	238.2 81.4 409.5		166.1 6.2 668.0	65.6	96.7		384.0 151.0 841.0	446.1 166.3 681.8	395.8 235.4 556.3	473.0 235.4 681.8	388.0 388.0 556.3	5.6 1.0 7.7									
	NO ₃ ⁻	Av Min Max	416.6 310.0 516.5	110.9 31.9 297.9	24.8 0.8 93.2	59.3 9.7 231.8		493.8 7.2 2729.3	172.6	177.4		28.0 19.0 37.0	11.2 2.9 29.1	66.2 46.9 85.6	16.0 40.0 99.1	40.0 79.9 99.1	79.9 39.4 116.0									
	SO ₄ ²⁻	Av Min Max	119.8 70.4 171.0	97.9 26.4 218.4	28.3 3.9 77.2	79.3 18.8 261.6		489.3 34.0 1838.6	133.4	136.6		68.0 46.0 101.0	54.6 29.0 84.1	79.3 59.3 99.2	54.0 46.9 101.0	89.0 89.0 200.0	200.0 116.0 293.8									
	Na ⁺	Av Min Max	44.4 1.0 171.9	34.4 5.6 122.8	25.7 0.4 127.5	286.3 110.8 678.6		166.2 1.2 532.8	67.3	100.9		362.0 158.0 738.0	476.8 174.6 685.0	428.7 255.5 601.9	532.0 174.6 685.0	370.0 370.0 601.9	3.1 1.2 6.0									
	NH ₄ ⁺	Av Min Max	233.1 151.0 376.3	145.1 72.7 339.6	43.2 6.0 96.2	88.4 28.6 219.6		610.7 55.8 2078.4	166.6	189.5		7.0 1.0 13.0	5.3 3.4 7.5	6.5 6.1 6.9	5.8 6.1 6.9	24.0 66.6 175.1	24.0 66.6 175.1									
	K ⁺	Av Min Max	18.2 2.1 71.6	5.0 BDL 35.3	3.0 BDL 20.5	19.9 5.2 159.4		28.4 0.8 86.1	5.7	20.7		56.0 27.0 116.0	10.4 7.2 14.7	8.7 4.8 12.6	30.0 39.7 131.8	20.0 2.2 10.3	1.6 0.8 2.8									
	Mg ²⁺	Av Min Max	7.6 0.7 27.0	13.2 0.0 78.4	7.8 0.0 64.9	46.9 8.4 95.8		68.1 0.8 180.5	20.6	27.2		10.0 6.0 17.0	109.0 39.7 155.4	93.0 54.2 131.8	89.0 89.0 131.8	68.0 68.0 131.8	5.0 2.2 10.3									
	Ca ²⁺	Av Min Max	105.1 0.8 519.4	29.0 BDL 155.5	17.2 BDL 123.2	59.4 5.5 110.3		197.6 6.6 761.8	52.4	64.8		50.0 44.0 61.0	24.9 13.7 33.6	22.2 19.6 24.7	60.0 44.0 33.6	23.0 23.0 24.7	17.8 4.5 40.7									
	pH	Av Min Max	4.3 3.1 6.6	5.1 3.9 7.1	5.7 4.6 7.6	6.2 4.7 6.9		4.4 0.7 6.5	4.3	4.4		6.0 5.2 7.4	6.1 5.8 6.4	4.9 4.8 4.9	5.8 5.8 6.4	4.5 3.7 4.0	3.8 3.7 4.0									
	mV	E _n	122 35 230	60 -162 133	22 -164 166	4 -63 50																				
	$\mu S\text{ cm}^{-1}$	C	169 94 348	35 8 74	18 2 155	57 27 134		149 14 530	66	69											80 43 121					
	g m ⁻³	LWC	Av Min Max	0.41 0.40 0.41	0.29 0.07 0.92	0.28 0.06 0.58	0.27 0.05 0.48													0.14 0.06 0.28	0.35 0.13 0.60	0.09 0.07 0.11	0.20 19.6 0.11	0.10		
	mgC L ⁻¹	TOC	Av Min Max	12.4 4.8 25.0	5.5 2.0 15.5	3.3 0.3 15.5	4.8 2.5 10.3													0.5 0.2 0.7	0.7 0.2 0.7	1.3 4.9 4.0				

Table S2

		TOC (mgC L ⁻¹)		
	Influence	Av	Min	Max
Various sites, US (Anastasio et al., 1994) *	Continental	12.0	3.0	18.0
Whiteface moutain, US (Khwaja et al., 1995) *	Continental	7.6	5.1	11.0
Whiteface moutain, US (Arakaki and Faust, 1998)	Continental		2.4	26.8
Rax mountain, Austria (Löflund et al., 2002)	Continental	5.7	1.0	14.0
Schmücke, Germany (Brüggemann et al., 2005)	Continental	5.8		
Arizona, US (Hutchings et al., 2009)	Continental	9.2	2.9	18.6
East Peak, Puerto Rico (Reyes-Rodríguez et al., 2009)	Marine	0.4	0.1	0.7
Mount Tai, China (Wang et al., 2011)	Polluted	18.5	1.8	153.1
Mount Tai (Desyaterik et al., 2013 & Herckes et al., 2013)	Highly polluted		100.0	200.0
Whistler mountain, US Fresno, US (Wang et al., 2013)	Continental Polluted		2.0 12.0	11.0 35.0
Raven's nest, US Whistler Peak, US (Ervens et al., 2013) *	Continental Continental		1.8 3.1	5.8 8.1
PdD moutain, France (Marinoni et al., 2004) *	Marine/Continental	3.6	1.2	15.5
<i>This study, pdD moutain, France</i>	Polluted	12.4	4.8	25.0
	Continental	5.5	2.0	15.5
	Marine	3.3	0.3	15.5
	Highly marine	4.8	2.5	10.3

*This value corresponds to the Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC).

Table S3

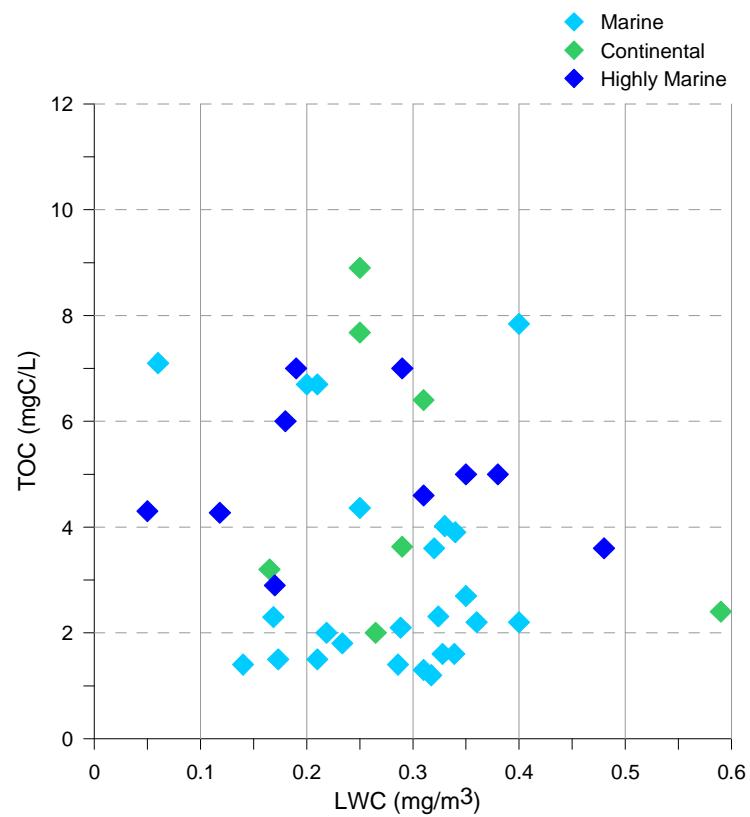


Figure S1.

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