



1 **Chemical characterization of oxygenated organic compounds**
2 **in gas-phase and particle-phase using iodide-CIMS with**
3 **FIGAERO in urban air**

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24 **Abstract**

25 The characterization of oxygenated organic compounds in urban areas remains a
26 pivotal gap in our understanding of the evolution of organic carbon under polluted
27 environments, as the atmospheric processes involving interactions between organics
28 and inorganics, anthropogenic pollutants and natural emissions lead to formation of
29 various and complex secondary products. Here, we describe measurements of an iodide
30 chemical ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometer installed with a Filter Inlet for
31 Gases and AEROsols (FIGAERO-I-CIMS) in both gas-phase and particle-phase at an
32 urban site in Guangzhou, a typical mega-city in southern China, during the autumn of
33 2018. Abundant oxygenated organic compounds containing 2~5 oxygen atoms were
34 observed, including organic acids, multi-functional organics typically emitted from
35 biomass burning, oxidation products of biogenic hydrocarbons and aromatics.
36 Photochemistry played dominant roles in the formation of gaseous organic acids and
37 isoprene-derived organic nitrates, while nighttime chemistry contributed significantly
38 to the formation of monoterpene-derived organic nitrates and inorganics. Nitrogen-
39 containing organic compounds occupied a significant fraction of the total signal in both
40 gas and particle phases, with elevated fractions at higher molecular weights.
41 Measurements of organic compounds in particle phase by FIGAERO-I-CIMS
42 explained 24% of the total organic aerosol mass measured by aerosol mass spectrometer
43 (AMS), and the fraction increased for more aged organic aerosol. The systematic
44 interpretation of mass spectra of the FIGAERO-I-CIMS in urban of Guangzhou
45 provides a holistic view of numerous oxygenated organic compounds in the urban
46 atmosphere, which can serve as a reference for the future field measurements by
47 FIGAERO-I-CIMS in polluted urban regions.

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49 **1 Introduction**

50 In urban air, atmospheric chemical processes are varied and complex, as the result
51 of large emissions of both anthropogenic pollutants and biogenic volatile organic
52 compounds, associated with strong interactions with each other (He et al., 2014; Karl
53 et al., 2018; Shrivastava et al., 2019). Consequently, strong formation of secondary
54 pollutants, e.g. ozone and secondary organic aerosol (SOA), are observed in urban and
55 downwind regions (Huang et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2014). Previous literature suggests
56 that oxygenated organic compounds provide a vital link between advanced chemical
57 mechanisms and the model-observation discrepancy for many unaddressed issues in
58 atmospheric chemistry. They are supposed to be the top candidates for missing OH
59 reactivity observed in various environments including pristine rainforests and urbanized
60 areas (Noelscher et al., 2016; Yang et al., 2016, 2017). The photolysis of carbonyls
61 serves as a critical radical source driving ozone formation in highly polluted
62 industrialized areas (Edwards et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2012; Xue et al., 2016). Although
63 it has been discovered a long time ago that oxygenated organic compounds make up a
64 substantial fraction of submicron aerosol mass (Kroll and Seinfeld, 2008), enormous
65 difficulty still exists in accurately predicting formation and evolution of SOA (de Gouw
66 et al., 2005; Hodzic et al., 2010; Volkamer et al., 2006).

67 One of the biggest problems hindering our understanding in the role of
68 oxygenated organic compounds is the characterization of these extremely complicated
69 and diverse chemicals which encompass tens of thousands of individual species
70 spanning a wide range of volatility. Chemical ionization mass spectrometry (CIMS) is
71 a powerful technique for the molecular-level characterization of oxygenated organic
72 compounds because of the following advantages (Zhao, 2018): direct measurements
73 and fast time response to capture the rapid temporal change of short-lifetime
74 intermediates; soft ionization providing chemical information on molecular level;
75 selective ionization ensuring measurements for specific classes of species. Iodide anion
76 ionizes species mainly through adduction (Iyer et al., 2016) and is used for the detection
77 of oxygenated organic compounds particularly organics with 2~5 oxygen atoms (Lee et



al., 2014; Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2016; Riva et al., 2019). It has been shown that I-CIMS is an excellent technique to investigate oxidation processes of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and formation of SOA (Isaacman-VanWertz et al., 2018). Installed with a thermal desorption inlet that collects and heats aerosol to evaporate organic coatings, e.g. Filter Inlet for Gases and AEROSols (FIGAERO, Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2014), the CIMS instruments are capable of analyzing particle-phase species and gas-particle partitioning in a semi-continuous way (Stark et al., 2017; Stolzenburg et al., 2018).

Although there is a growing trend for applications of FIGAERO-I-CIMS in field campaigns, most work has been mostly performed in forest or rural areas (Huang et al., 2019; Hunter et al., 2017; Lee et al., 2016, 2018b), and systematic analysis of measurements in urban atmosphere by FIGAERO-I-CIMS is still limited (Le Breton et al., 2018b). In this study, we present measurement results using this instrumentation during a coordinated campaign in Guangzhou, a megacity in the Pearl River Region of China. We provide an overview of gas-phase and particle-phase oxygenated species detected in the mass spectra of FIGAERO-I-CIMS during the campaign. The bulk chemical properties of organic compounds in both gas phase and particle phase will also be discussed.

2 Methods

2.1 Measurement site and supporting data

Measurements were conducted during the coordinated campaign “Particles, Radicals and Intermediates from oxidation of primary Emissions over the Great Bay Area” (PRIDE-GBA) in October and November 2018. The Great Bay Area (GBA) refers to a highly industrialized and urbanized area in southern China, including two Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macao, and nine cities surrounding the Pearl River estuary. Affected by the subtropical monsoon climate, the weather in the region was characterized by high temperatures and relative humidity (RH) as well as sufficient sunshine (Wang and LinHo, 2002; Yihui and Chan, 2005). The city of Guangzhou lies on the north of the GBA and south to the mountains. Therefore, the city



107 is extensively influenced by both anthropogenic and biogenic emissions. The urban site
108 in Guangzhou was located at Guangzhou Institute of Geochemistry, Chinese Academy
109 of Sciences (23.14°N, 113.36°E). Online instruments sampled from inlets set up in
110 laboratories on the eighth-floor or ninth-floor (about 25 meters above the ground).

111 In addition to FIGAERO-I-CIMS discussed later, measurements data from a suite
112 of other instruments were also used in this work. A high-resolution time-of-flight
113 aerosol mass spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS, Aerodyne Research, Inc.) was deployed to
114 provide chemical composition and many other parameters of ambient aerosol including
115 f60, liquid water content (LWC), particulate organic nitrates and elemental ratios (Hu
116 et al., 2016, 2018). The parameter f60 is the ratio of the integrated signal at m/z 60 to
117 the total signal of organic components and is used as a tracer for biomass burning
118 emissions (Cubison et al., 2011). LWC of aerosol was taken as the sum of water
119 contributed by inorganic components which was predicted by ISORROPIA II model
120 and organic components (Fountoukis and Nenes, 2007; Guo et al., 2015). Organic
121 nitrates were separated from NH_4NO_3 based on their difference in $\text{NO}_2^+/\text{NO}^+$ ratio (Fry
122 et al., 2013). The calculation method of elemental ratios based on AMS data has been
123 described elsewhere (Aiken et al., 2007; Canagaratna et al., 2015). Detailed information
124 about AMS measurements from the PRIDE-GBA campaign are forthcoming in a
125 separate manuscript. An online GC-MS/FID (Wuhan Tianhong Instrument Co., Ltd)
126 and a proton transfer reaction time-of-flight mass spectrometer (PTR-ToF-MS, Ionicon
127 Analytic GmbH) (Yuan et al., 2017) served as the analytical techniques for measuring
128 isoprene and other VOCs (e.g. monoterpenes, aromatics and a few oxygenated VOCs)
129 (Wu et al., 2020), respectively. Trace gases (CO , O_3 , NO and NO_2) were measured by
130 commercial gas monitors (Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.) (Wang et al., 2020c).
131 Photolysis rates were measured by PFS-100 photolysis spectrometer (Focused
132 Photonics Inc.). Fig. S1 shows the diel changes of trace gases, $j(\text{NO}_2)$ and important
133 VOCs (isoprene, monoterpenes, toluene and benzene). Temperature and RH were
134 measured by a Vantage Pro2 weather station (Davis Instruments Corp.). Temperature
135 during campaign was between 17 and 33°C with an average of 24°C and RH was



136 between 27 and 97% with an average of 70%.

137 **2.2 FIGAERO-I-CIMS**

138 **2.2.1 Experimental setup**

139 Our instrument consists of a Filter Inlet for Gases and AEROSols (FIGAERO)
140 and a time-of-flight chemical ionization mass spectrometer coupled with iodide
141 ionization source (Bertram et al., 2011; Lee et al., 2014; Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2014).
142 The FIGAERO is a multi-port inlet assembly following a two-step procedure
143 alternating between gas mode in which online measurements of gases and semi-
144 continuous sampling of particle-phase species are conducted, and particle mode in
145 which particulate composition is investigated via thermally desorption (Lopez-Hilfiker
146 et al., 2014; Thornton et al., 2020). Iodide reagent ions provide a very “soft” ionization
147 technique with little ionization-induced fragmentation and selective detection towards
148 multi-functional organic compounds, making it suitable for chemical speciation of
149 thousands of complicated oxygenated compounds in the atmosphere (Hyytinen et al.,
150 2018; Iyer et al., 2016; Lee et al., 2014; Riva et al., 2019).

151 The sample air was drawn into the ion molecule reaction (IMR) chamber where
152 it intersected and reacted with iodide ions generated by flowing 2 mL/min 1000 ppm
153 methyl iodide in 2.4 L/min N₂ through an X-ray source. The pressure in the IMR
154 chamber was maintained at 370~390 mbar. Equipped with a long time-of-flight mass
155 analyzer, our instrument was configured to measure singularly charged ions up to 603
156 Th with a mass resolving power of 10000~11000 m/Δm during the campaign (see Fig.
157 S2).

158 Ambient air was continuously sampled through two inlets sticking outside the
159 window on ninth-floor of a building. One was a 3-meter PFA tubing (1/4-inch OD) for
160 gas phase sampling, through which roughly 9 L/min air was drawn, and 2 L/min was
161 taken into the instrument for gas measurements. The residence time was 0.35 seconds.
162 The gas sampling line inside the room was covered by heat insulation associated with
163 a heating cable to minimize condensation on the tubing surface. Another one was a 3.8-
164 meter metal tubing (3/8-inch OD) for particle phase fitted with a PM_{2.5} cyclone and a



165 Nafion dryer (Perma Pure, model PD-07018T-12MSS) to reduce water content in the
166 sampled air. The particle phase inlet was drawn by about 10 L/min, 3.8 L/min of which
167 was collected on PTFE membrane filters (Zefluor[®], Pall Inc., USA).

168 The FIGAERO worked in a cyclical 1-hour pattern with two modes: measuring
169 gas for the first 24 minutes while simultaneously collecting particles on the filter; and
170 then analyzing the particle-phase collection for another 36 minutes. Fig. S3 displays the
171 two sampling setups of the FIGAERO. In every 24-minute gas mode, ambient air was
172 measured for the first 21 minutes, followed by 3-minute gas background by over
173 flushing zero air at 5 L/min through a pinhole just in the front of the IMR. In the
174 remaining 36 minutes, the components of collected particles were thermally desorbed
175 and introduced into the CIMS with 2 L/min N₂ carrier gas. Schematic diagram of
176 working modes and temperature profile of FIGAERO heating in a single cycle is shown
177 in Fig. S4. Particle background was determined every 6th 1-hour running cycles, during
178 which the particles passed through a filter (Parker Balston, model 9922-11-CQ) before
179 being collected on the PTFE membrane filter.

180 2.2.2 Calibration experiments

181 Using various techniques, we calibrated dozens of chemical compounds in the
182 laboratory. Table S1 summarizes the calibrated species and corresponding calibration
183 methods. (1) Gas cylinders are commercially available for a few species (e.g. chlorine,
184 hydrogen cyanide). The gaseous standards were diluted down to different
185 concentrations and then introduced to the CIMS. (2) For those VOCs of which standards
186 are liquid or solid, solutions with known concentrations are made and then vaporized
187 using the liquid calibration unit (LCU, Ionicon Analytic GmbH) to provide gaseous
188 standards. (3) Commercial permeation tubes are available for some species (e.g. nitric
189 acid). (4) Some gaseous chemicals were generated in the laboratory. For example,
190 isocyanic acid was generated from thermal decomposition of cyanuric acid in a
191 diffusion cell (Wang et al., 2020c), and dinitrogen pentoxide was generated via the
192 reaction of ozone with excess nitrogen dioxide in a flow reactor (Bertram et al., 2009).
193 (5) Compounds of low vapor pressure were calibrated through the FIGAERO (Lopez-



194 Hilfiker et al., 2014). Briefly, certain amounts of target species dissolved in organic
195 solvents (e.g. isopropanol or acetone) were injected onto the PTFE filter of the
196 FIGAERO using a syringe, and the droplet was then subjected to a temperature-
197 programmed thermal desorption by N₂ gas. The sensitivity for particle phase was
198 determined as the peak areas under thermogram profiles versus the amount of injected
199 calibrant.

200 In addition to sensitivity calibration, the effect of humidity on the sensitivity for
201 various species was also investigated in the laboratory. The humidity-dependence
202 curves for some of the calibrated species are shown in Fig. S5. Low-molecular-weight
203 acids, e.g., formic acid and nitric acid, tend to be more sensitive to the humidity changes
204 than multi-functional compounds. Similar tendency of multi-functional compounds
205 associated with less humidity dependence was also reported in previous work (Lee et
206 al., 2014).

207 In the later part of the campaign (after Oct. 22), an isotopically labeled formic
208 acid (DCOOH, Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc.) permeation tube held at constant
209 temperature (65 °C), was mixed with 10 mL/min N₂ and continuously delivered into
210 the entrance of sampling inlet in order to derive a humidity dependence function from
211 field measurements. Fig. S5 presents that DCOOH signals during the campaign
212 exhibited consistent dependence curve with formic acid obtained in the laboratory. We
213 applied humidity correction to the species with humidity-dependent curve determined
214 in the laboratory, including C1-C5 organic acids, catechol, HNCO, Cl₂ and HNO₃. For
215 other compounds, humidity correction was not applied, as there is no universal pattern
216 of humidity dependence for all detected species and multi-functional compounds that
217 comprise the majority of species measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS are usually less
218 influenced by humidity.

219 The measured concentration of DCOOH was steady after applying humidity
220 correction (Fig. S6g), indicating the stability of our instrument. In addition, we also
221 performed field calibrations throughout the campaign to check the instrument status by
222 spotting a solution mixture of levoglucosan, heptaethylene glycol and octaethylene
223 glycol on the FIGAERO filter every 2 ~ 3 days (Fig. S6). Multiple-point calibrations



for these organic species were performed in the beginning and the end of the campaign. The concentration of the solution used in the first two calibration experiments was too high, so we prepared a new solution for calibrations after November. The relative changes of the determined calibration factors in November were within 50% for the calibrated species.

2.2.3 Data processing

The ToFWare software (version 3.0.3; ToFwerk AG, Switzerland) was used to conduct the high-resolution peak fitting for the mass spectra data of ToF-CIMS, including mass calibration, instrumental parameters optimization (peak shape and peak width) and bunch fitting of high-resolution peaks (Stark et al., 2015). In this study, the signals of ions were normalized to the sum signals of I^- and H_2OI^- at 10^6 cps. Hourly particle-phase data were obtained by integrating the sum signals of each ion during each FIGAERO desorption period, i.e., peak areas. Background corrected signals were obtained by subtracting linearly interpolated background signals from ambient signals (and peak areas) for ions in the gas (and particle) phase.

In order to determine the sensitivities of uncalibrated species, voltage scanning procedure was performed from time to time throughout the campaign covering different times of the day (Iyer et al., 2016; Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2016). Here, we selected four representative periods including morning, afternoon, evening and night on polluted days. By performing sigmoidal fitting on the remaining signals as a function of voltages, a dV_{50} value of each ion from each period was determined at which voltage half of one kind of ion dissociated (Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2016). We observed a positive correlation between the sensitivities of the ions relative to maximum sensitivity and their average dV_{50} values (Fig. S7), consistent with previous studies (Isaacman-VanWertz et al., 2018; Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2016). This relationship was used to calculate response factors for uncalibrated species, after taking into account relative transmission efficiency for the ions (see Section S1 in the Supplement for detailed analysis).

3 Results and discussion

3.1 Overview of detected species in the mass spectra



We identify 1334 ions adducted with iodide from the mass spectra, among which 427 are charged closed-shell organics containing only C, H, O elements ($C_xH_yO_zI^-$) and 388 are charged closed-shell organics containing C, H, O and N elements ($C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_zI^-$). For species with the formula of $C_xH_yO_z$, x ranges from 1 to 20; y is an even number and no more than $2x+2$; z is greater than or equal to 2. The range of carbon number x for the ions with $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$ is the same as the ions with $C_xH_yO_z$. For species containing one nitrogen ($C_xH_yNO_z$), y is an odd number and less than $2x+2$; z is larger than or equal to 2. For species containing two nitrogen atoms ($C_xH_yN_2O_z$), y is an even number and less than $2x+1$; z is larger than or equal to 4.

The campaign-averaged mass spectra of detected ions in both gas and particle phases are shown in Fig. 1. In general, molecules in particle-phase have larger molecular weights compared to gas-phase compounds. Signals in the mass range of 150 ~ 300 Th comprise a large fraction of gas-phase compounds, and concentrations in the gas phase decrease quickly with m/z higher than 250 Th. For comparison, the detected signals in the particle phase are mainly distributed within the range of 200 ~ 320 Th.

We compare the concentration for various ions between the daytime (10 am ~ 6 pm) and nighttime (10 pm ~ 6 am), by determining concentration ratios between at night and during the daytime (Fig. 2). Most species have higher concentrations during the daytime, especially for relatively volatile compounds in gas-phase, despite the fact that lower boundary layer height at night should increase nighttime mixing ratios, as behaved for many primary gases, e.g. CO (Fig. S1) (Wu et al., 2020). The higher concentrations during the daytime for most species detected by FIGAERO-I-CIMS suggest the dominant role of photochemical induced oxidation in forming these oxidized compounds. In addition to typical nocturnal species including nitryl chloride ($ClNO_2I^-$), chlorine nitrate ($ClONO_2I^-$) and dinitrogen pentoxide ($N_2O_5I^-$), higher concentrations for the ions of $C_6H_{10}O_5I^-$ and $C_6H_{12}O_5I^-$ were also observed, which will be discussed in next section. A large number of particulate N-containing organics increase during the night as well, as shown by mass defect diagrams of $C_xH_yO_z$ and $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$ color coded by the night to day ratios (Fig. S8).



282 The ions in the mass spectra of FIGAERO-I-CIMS are classified and interpreted
283 in the following Section 3.2-3.7, including monosaccharide-derived compounds (with
284 brown tags in Fig. 1), oxygenated aromatics (with purple tags), organic acids (with pink
285 tags), oxidation products of biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs, with green
286 tags), sulfur-containing compounds, and inorganics (with blue tags). After going
287 through detailed analysis in the species level, Section 3.8 will provide an overall picture
288 about bulk chemical characteristics of detected organic compounds in terms of the
289 distributions of average carbon oxidation states, carbon number and oxygen number.
290 Lastly, Section 3.9 will compare our measurement of organic aerosol (OA) with AMS
291 data.

292 **3.2 Monosaccharide-derived compounds**

293 $C_6H_{10}O_5$ and $C_6H_{12}O_5$ are two of a few $C_xH_yO_z$ compounds with higher
294 concentrations at night, and they are highly correlated with each other in aerosol
295 ($r=0.92$). Previous work assigned them as monosaccharide derived compounds emitted
296 from biomass burning (Bhattacharai et al., 2019; Qi et al., 2019; Reyes-Villegas et al., 2018;
297 Simoneit et al., 1999).

298 In this campaign, $C_6H_{10}O_5$ was detected mostly in the particle phase ($F_p=0.83\pm$
299 0.08) with an average concentration of $0.073\pm0.076\text{ }\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and the diurnal profile
300 started increasing during dusk, reaching a peak at about midnight and then fell off, as
301 shown in Fig. 3. The mass fraction of $C_6H_{10}O_5$ in OA had a similar diurnal profile, and
302 the ratios of $C_6H_{10}O_5$ to CO increased at night (from 1.5×10^{-4} to $4.1\times10^{-4}\text{ }\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}/\text{ppb}$,
303 Fig. 3c), both suggesting enhanced emissions of this compound related with combustion
304 activities at night. Furthermore, particle-phase $C_6H_{10}O_5I^-$ closely resembled the m/z
305 60 fragment in AMS mass spectra ($r=0.75$), which is an identified tracer of biomass
306 burning OA produced from the decomposition of levoglucosan and similar compounds
307 during detection by AMS (Brege et al., 2018; Cubison et al., 2011; Schneider et al.,
308 2006). Therefore, $C_6H_{10}O_5$ was probably levoglucosan and its isomers (mannosan and
309 galactosan), and $C_6H_{12}O_5$ was a similar monosaccharide compound emitted from
310 biomass burning.



3.3 Oxygenated aromatic compounds

Combustion activities emit a great deal of compounds besides saccharides that the I-CIMS instrument can detect including nitro-aromatics and guaiacol derivatives (Gaston et al., 2016; Kong et al., 2021). Nitro-benzenediols ($C_6H_5NO_4I^-$) as well as the highly correlated homologue methyl nitro-benzenediols ($C_7H_7NO_4I^-$) ($r=0.88$ in the particle phase), exhibited double peaks in their diurnal profiles (Fig. 4). Concentrations of $C_6H_5NO_4$ and $C_7H_7NO_4$ was enhanced in the evening, similar to levoglucosan ($C_6H_{10}O_5$). Another concentration peaks at noon were also observed for $C_6H_5NO_4$ and $C_7H_7NO_4$. The scatterplot of $C_6H_5NO_4$ as the function of $C_6H_{10}O_5$ exhibited two different slopes at night and during the daytime (Fig. 5). This evidence suggests that primary emissions and secondary formation were both important contributors to nitro-aromatics during the campaign. Guaiacol derivatives may have similar sources with nitro-aromatics, as implied by the resemblance of the scatterplots of these two chemical classes versus levoglucosan (cf., Fig. S9 and Fig. 5).

Nitrophenols ($C_6H_5NO_3I^-$), methyl nitrophenols ($C_7H_7NO_3I^-$) and dinitrophenols ($C_6H_4N_2O_5I^-$) were the most significant components of nitro-aromatics in the gas phase. Despite the fact that nitrated phenols could be formed by photochemical oxidation from their aromatic hydrocarbon precursors (Wang et al., 2020a; Yuan et al., 2016), none of them peaked in the daytime, consistent with photolysis as a dominant chemical loss for these compounds (Chen et al., 2011; Yuan et al., 2016). Nitrophenols and methyl nitrophenols peaked in the evening, suggesting either NO_3 oxidation or primary emissions was important sources. It is interesting to observe that the peak concentration for $C_6H_4N_2O_5$ was later than the nitrophenols, in agreement with dinitrophenols as the oxidation products from nitrophenols (Harrison et al., 2005).

Several ions identified as oxidation products of aromatics, including $C_7H_6O_4I^-$, $C_7H_8O_4I^-$ and $C_7H_8O_5I^-$ (Mehra et al., 2020; Schwantes et al., 2017), were detected during the campaign. $C_7H_6O_4$ and $C_7H_8O_4$ correlated well with each other ($r=0.72$). High concentrations of $C_7H_6O_4$ and $C_7H_8O_4$ were mainly observed during the periods



with lower NO_x concentration, which is contrast to the variations of nitrophenols (Fig. S9). We observe the concentration ratios of $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_4\text{I}^-$ and $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}_3\text{I}^-$ were lower for higher NO_x concentrations (Fig. 5), consistent with the literature that formation of $\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ and $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ is suppressed at high NO_x concentrations (Schwantes et al., 2017). $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$ was reported as the ring-retaining oxidation product of $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ which is a typical oxidation product of toluene and cresol (Schwantes et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2020b), as well as the ring-scission products of aromatic hydrocarbons with more carbon atoms, e.g. trimethyl benzenes (Mehra et al., 2020). Given that $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_5$ closely followed with $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ ($r=0.93$ in particles), toluene oxidation was probably the main contributor to this ion.

3.4 Organic acids

Organic acids were one of the most abundant species classes detected by I-CIMS (Fig. 1). Low-molecular-weight organic acids (e.g., formic, acetic, glycolic and pyruvic acid) constituted a significant fraction of signals in the mass spectra detected from gas phase. As shown in Fig. 6 (and also Fig. S10), they had very similar temporal trends with diel maxima in the afternoon, indicating photochemical oxidation played a dominant role in their formation (de Gouw et al., 2018; Yuan et al., 2015).

In contrast to monocarboxylic acids, dicarboxylic acids partitioned mostly to particle-phase. As the dominant dicarboxylic acids in aerosol (Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016; Mellouki et al., 2015), $94\pm5\%$ and $74\pm13\%$ (mean \pm standard deviation of F_p) of $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{O}_4$ and $\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_4$, assigned as oxalic and malonic acid, were found in particle-phase, respectively. The concentrations of $\text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ are significantly lower compared to that of C2 and C3 homologous series, but $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$ had unexpected higher abundances (Fig. 7). $\text{C}_5\text{H}_8\text{O}_4$ and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_4$ had considerable fractions in the gas phase ($45\pm13\%$ and $43\pm11\%$), significantly higher than their C2 ~ C3 homologous series. These two compounds were correlated well with each other in temporal variations ($r=0.97$ and 0.91 in the gas and particle phases, respectively), and their diurnal variations were different from those of oxalic and malonic acid (Fig. 6). Therefore, dicarboxylic acids may not be the dominant contributing species for the two ions.



369 $C_5H_8O_4$ and $C_6H_{10}O_4$ have been observed from previous study on isoprene oxidation
 370 (Berndt et al., 2018, 2019), attributing them as epoxy hydroperoxyl carbonyl and
 371 accretion product, respectively. However, the relative contributions from these
 372 possibilities remain unclear.

373 In addition to the series of $C_nH_{2n-2}O_4$ (i.e. $C_2H_2O_4$, $C_3H_4O_4$), we also observed
 374 comparable concentrations of $C_nH_{2n-4}O_4$ ions, especially for carbon number of 4 and
 375 5 ($C_4H_4O_4$ and $C_5H_6O_4$). Considering the double bonds in the molecules, $C_nH_{2n-4}O_4$
 376 should be more reactive than $C_nH_{2n-2}O_4$, suggesting there were large sources for these
 377 compounds. Previous studies have reported photo-oxidation of aromatics can generate
 378 $C_nH_{2n-4}O_4$, including $C_4H_4O_4$ and $C_5H_6O_4$ (Brege et al., 2018; Kawamura et al., 1996;
 379 Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016). Our measurements during the campaign indicate that
 380 temporal trends of $C_4H_4O_4$ and $C_5H_6O_4$ followed well with those of aromatic
 381 hydrocarbons (Fig. S10b). As a result, we attributed $C_nH_{2n-4}O_4$ ions as oxidation
 382 products of aromatics in the urban air.

383 3.5 Oxidation products of Biogenic VOCs (BVOCs)

384 In addition to high anthropogenic emissions of aromatics, terrestrial vegetations
 385 nearby also released significant amounts of BVOCs (Wu et al., 2020). During the
 386 campaign, the concentrations of isoprene at noon were between 0.1 and 1.5 ppb,
 387 whereas the range of daily maxima of monoterpenes was 0.05 ~ 2.5 ppb. Hence, a
 388 number of oxidation products of BVOCs were detected (Fig. 8 and Fig. S11).

389 The ion $C_4H_7NO_5I^-$ was the most abundant N-containing organic ion with four
 390 or five carbon atoms that were detected in the gas phase. Its daily maxima occurred in
 391 the afternoon and correlated moderately with MVK+MACR measured by PTR-ToF-
 392 MS (Fig. 8). We consequently assigned $C_4H_7NO_5$ as methylvinylketone nitrates and
 393 methacrolein nitrates, which was reported as the second generation of organic nitrates
 394 formed from the oxidation of isoprene hydroxynitrates by OH in the presence of NO_x
 395 (Fisher et al., 2016; Paulot et al., 2009). Strong correlations were observed between
 396 $C_5H_9NO_4I^-$, $C_5H_9NO_5I^-$ and $C_4H_7NO_5I^-$ ($r=0.93$ and 0.80 , respectively), which
 397 was in accordance with their similar formation pathways (Jacobs et al., 2014; Wennberg



et al., 2018; Xiong et al., 2015). Hence, we expect these three compounds are common oxidation products of isoprene in the polluted atmosphere. While in aerosol, 2-methylglyceric acid ($C_4H_8O_4$) is a commonly reported oxidation product of isoprene formed in high- NO_x conditions (Surratt et al., 2010). We observed the corresponding ion $C_4H_8O_4I^-$ contributing to OA especially in dry conditions with strong sunlight (Fig. S12). This evidence indicates that isoprene oxidation may contributed to $C_4H_8O_4$, but potential contribution from other sources cannot be ruled out in urban areas.

For the oxidation of monoterpenes, we observe reasonable correlation (Fig. S13a, $r=0.63$) between the ions $C_{10}H_{16}O_3I^-$ and $C_{10}H_{16}O_2H^+$ measured by PTR-ToF-MS. $C_{10}H_{16}O_2H^+$ was attributed to pinonaldehyde formed from the oxidation of monoterpenes (Glasius et al., 2000; Larsen et al., 2001; Mutzel et al., 2016). Therefore, we tentatively assigned $C_{10}H_{16}O_3$ as pinonic acid and its oxocarboxylic acid isomers, which are formed via the oxidation of pinonaldehyde (Fang et al., 2017). $C_8H_{13}NO_6$ also exhibited enhanced gas-phase formation during the day as pinonic acid did. The correlation coefficient of the two compounds (r) was 0.71. In contrast, $C_8H_{11}NO_7$ and $C_{10}H_{15}NO_6$ significantly partitioned to the aerosol phase ($F_p=0.68\pm0.19$ and 0.44 ± 0.18 , respectively) with maximums at night (Fig. S11), indicative of the role of NO_3 in producing organic nitrates as reported in the literature (Faxon et al., 2018). The time trends of $C_{10}H_{15}NO_6I^-$ in both phases did not resemble well (Fig. S13b). Two possible types of compounds were proposed for $C_{10}H_{15}NO_6$ in previous work: peroxyacetyl nitrate from pinonaldehyde (Faxon et al., 2018; Nah et al., 2016; Schwantes et al., 2020), or organic nitrates (Bean and Hildebrandt Ruiz, 2016; Boyd et al., 2015). We speculate that both compounds contributed to the ion $C_{10}H_{15}NO_6I^-$. As shown in Fig. S14, $C_8H_{12}O_4$ and $C_9H_{14}O_4$ existed mostly in particle-phase ($F_p=0.63\pm0.11$ and 0.67 ± 0.10 , respectively). We interpreted them as products of monoterpenes via photochemical processes, consistent with the interpretations presented in previous work (Mohr et al., 2013; Mutzel et al., 2015).

3.6 S-containing compounds



426 Organosulfates are concerned as important components of SOA (Hallquist et al.,
427 2009; Surratt et al., 2007), and they can be detected by iodide anion via proton
428 abstraction (Le Breton et al., 2018b; Lee et al., 2014). We detected the ion $C_2H_3SO_6^-$
429 with peak concentration in the afternoon (Fig. 9). We attributed $C_2H_3SO_6^-$ to glycolic
430 acid sulfate, as suggested by previous work (Galloway et al., 2009; Liao et al., 2015).

431 Abundant SO_3I^- was detected in particles, and it correlated well with the ion
432 $C_2H_3SO_6^-$ and sulfates measured by AMS (Fig. 9b and Fig. S15). Previous work
433 indicate that neutral loss of SO_3 during ionization of many organosulfates by cleavage
434 of the S-O bond (Huang et al., 2018). As the result, the SO_3I^- ion from FIGAERO-I-
435 CIMS might be a potential indicator for the total organosulfates. However, more future
436 work is needed for evaluating this possibility.

437 Other sulfate-related ions during gas-phase modes were also detected including
438 HSO_4^- (sulfuric acid), $CH_3SO_3^-$ (methanesulfonic acid) which were enhanced in the
439 gas phase during daytime, in agreement with the notions of photochemically induced
440 gas-phase oxidation (Brandt and van Eldik, 1995). However, these data were not
441 available for quantification given that these low-volatile species would condense on our
442 long gas sampling inlet. Although it should be noted that measuring sulfuric acid in the
443 gas-phase is difficult and generally requires a “wall-less” source design (Eisele and
444 Tanner, 1993).

445 3.7 Inorganic compounds

446 There is a growing interest in N_2O_5 and its product nitryl chloride ($ClNO_2$)
447 because $ClNO_2$ is found to serve as a nocturnal reservoir of Cl radical and reactive
448 nitrogen, and hence enhance the ozone formation next day (Osthoff et al., 2008; Wang
449 et al., 2016). Time series of N_2O_5 and $ClNO_2$ exhibited two patterns. During most of
450 the nights, N_2O_5 started to increase quickly at sunset and lasted for only 2~3 hours, and
451 $ClNO_2$ increased in the meantime and ultimately reached its maximum at night,
452 indicative of local formation of $ClNO_2$. However, sometimes a high level of N_2O_5 did
453 not lead to an increase in $ClNO_2$ (tinted background in Fig. 10a), probably due to the
454 lack of chloride salts on the aerosol (Fig. S16). Other nocturnal species including



455 ClONO_2 and Cl_2 were highly correlated with ClNO_2 as we expected ($r=0.92$ and 0.83 ,
 456 respectively), suggesting they had common formation mechanisms (Liu et al., 2017).
 457 HNO_3I^- was observed as one of the most abundant species in the mass spectra
 458 of FIGAERO-I-CIMS in both gas and particle phase. In the gas phase, the ion HNO_3I^-
 459 from I-CIMS has been used to quantify nitric acid (Lee et al., 2018a). The
 460 concentrations of gas-phase nitric acid peaked in the afternoon, suggesting
 461 photochemistry in the daytime as the dominant source for gas-phase nitric acid.
 462 Previous study suggested that HNO_3I^- from particle-phase measurement by
 463 FIGAERO-I-CIMS can be indicative of nitrate in the particle phase (Lee et al., 2016).
 464 Here, the concentrations of HNO_3I^- in the particle phase were compared with
 465 particulate nitrate measured by AMS. Strong correlation was obtained between the two
 466 measurements ($r=0.93$). However, the concentrations measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS
 467 were higher (fitted slope=1.6) than particulate nitrate by AMS, and the discrepancy was
 468 larger when organic nitrates concentrations measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS were
 469 higher (Fig. 11c). It suggests that HNO_3I^- in the particle phase from FIGAERO-I-
 470 CIMS are formed from thermal-decomposition of both inorganic nitrates (e.g.
 471 ammonium nitrate) and organic nitrates.

472 **3.8 Bulk chemical properties of detected organics**

473 The composition of organic compounds detected by FIGAERO-I-CIMS was
 474 comprehensively characterized with molecular-level details by depicting the average
 475 oxidation states of carbon for closed-shell $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{O}_z$ and $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{N}_{1,2}\text{O}_z$ compounds
 476 clustered with iodide as a function of carbon number (Fig. 12). The details in calculation
 477 of $\overline{\text{OS}}_C$ can be found in Section S2 in SI. S-containing compounds were omitted given
 478 their negligible variety and concentration compared to the former two chemical classes
 479 ($\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{O}_z$ and $\text{C}_x\text{H}_y\text{N}_{1,2}\text{O}_z$). The average $\overline{\text{OS}}_C$ in the particle phase was higher than
 480 that in the gas phase at the same carbon number, especially for carbon number between
 481 2 and 10. This agrees with our expectation that more oxidized compounds would
 482 partition more strongly in aerosol, as indicated by larger fractions in particles (Fp) for
 483 higher $\overline{\text{OS}}_C$. In addition, the average $\overline{\text{OS}}_C$ generally increased for lower carbon



number, as a result of functionalization and fragmentation during VOCs aging. However, there was a notable exception in C5 which had a significantly reduced \overline{OS}_C , probably as the result of augmented primary emissions of isoprene. The analysis of the $\overline{OS}_C - n_C$ space indicates that the large number of organic compounds measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS are useful to characterize the evolution of organic compounds in the atmosphere.

The distributions of carbon number and oxygen number in the organic compounds measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS were also investigated, as shown in Fig. 13. Most abundant organic compounds measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS were C2~C3 compounds, which accounted for about 63% of organics in gas-phase and 55% in particle-phase. Organic compounds with carbon numbers over 5 constituted only 9% in the gas phase, while they accounted for 30% in the particle phase. The majority of gaseous organic compounds was associated with less than 4 oxygen atoms. Organic compounds containing 2 and 3 oxygen atoms had the largest contribution in both gas-phase (62%) and particle-phase (44%). $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$ accounted for less than 10% of the total oxygenated organic compounds. In the gas phase, compounds with 5 or 6 oxygen atoms accounted for 51% of $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$, indicative of the high levels of organic nitrates in the urban atmosphere. Nitrophenols also contributed significantly to $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$ compounds, as the fraction of compounds possessing 3 oxygen atoms was 22%. In contrast, in the particle phase, the oxygen number of $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$ distributed relatively evenly, as the fractions of compounds with 3~8 oxygen atoms were similar (between 14% and 19%). Compared to measurements in a forest in the southeastern United States (cf., Table S1 from Lee et al., 2016), the fractions of N-containing organics with less than 5 oxygen atoms were significantly larger in our measurements as a result of higher concentrations of nitro-aromatics.

We further determine the fractions of N-containing organics in total organic compounds as a function of m/z. The observed fractions of N-containing organic compounds were higher for elevated m/z (Fig. 14 and Fig. S17). The gas-phase CHON ions within the m/z range from 250 to 350 Th accounted for about half of the organic compounds in this range. The fractions of CHON ions in particle-phase are somewhat



514 smaller than those in the gas phase for m/z of 250-350 Th, but are comparable for higher
515 m/z . A possible explanation for this is that functional groups of nitrate and nitro reduce
516 less in vapor pressure for organic compounds than functional groups of carboxylic acid
517 or oxygen-equivalent hydroxyl that without nitrogen atom (Capouet and Müller, 2006;
518 Nannoolal et al., 2008; Pankow and Asher, 2008). Consequently, CHON compounds
519 are generally more volatile than CHO compounds with similar molecular weights.

520 In the end, we determined the total concentration of N-containing organic
521 compounds in the particle-phase measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS and compared with
522 the particulate organic nitrates derived from AMS (Fig. 15). Good agreement was
523 achieved when the concentrations of inorganic nitrate were relatively lower, e.g. the
524 period before October 7, 2018. This encouraging result indicates that FIGAERO-I-
525 CIMS is able to capture the variability of organic nitrates in the urban atmosphere,
526 which can be helpful in understanding the sources and formation mechanism of these
527 organic nitrates.

528 **3.9 Organic aerosol measurements**

529 The total concentrations of organic compounds in the particle phase measured by
530 FIGAERO-I-CIMS were determined and compared with measurements of OA by AMS.
531 The total organics measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS explained 24% of the total OA (Fig.
532 16a), which is lower than the fractions (~50%) reported previously in boreal and
533 temperate forests (Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2016; Stark et al., 2017). The lower fractions
534 determined here might be as the result of larger contributions to OA from primary
535 emissions in urban air, which are composed of large number of compounds with little
536 signal in I-CIMS (Zhao et al., 2016). The OA fractions measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS
537 are higher for aged air with higher O/C ratios in OA determined by AMS (Fig. 16a),
538 consistent with I-CIMS are more sensitive to oxygenated organic compounds with
539 multiple functional groups (Lee et al., 2014; Lopez-Hilfiker et al., 2016). Similar trends
540 were found in Le Breton et al. (2019), in which an acetate source was used. Acetate ions
541 have been reported to selectively ionize highly oxygenated organics as an iodide source
542 do (Aljawhary et al., 2013).



Comparison of the Van Krevelen diagram between FIGAERO-I-CIMS and AMS also provides useful insights on measurement of organic compounds in OA. The Van Krevelen diagram has been used as a tool for analyzing functional groups and OA aging by plotting H/C ratios versus O/C ratios (Heald et al., 2010; Lambe et al., 2012). As shown in Fig. 16a, the data points for bulk OA from FIGAERO-I-CIMS follow the same trend as the data points from AMS. However, the bulk OA measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS only occupied a much smaller region with the O/C ratio between of 0.7 and 1.0. We further plot all of the organic compounds in the H/C versus O/C space color-coded with their campaign-average concentrations (Fig. S18a). We observe most particle-phase concentrations measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS distributed across the zone between the slope of 0 and -1.0. These observations provide additional evidence that FIGAERO-I-CIMS may only measure the more oxidized organic compounds in OA.

The correlation coefficients between the particle-phase concentrations of various compounds by FIGAERO-I-CIMS and OA by AMS are calculated (Fig. S18b). The correlation coefficients are small for ions below m/z 200, as these ions contribute little to organic aerosol. Moderate and strong correlation were observed for the ions between m/z 200 and m/z 400, implying that organic compounds with molecular weight of 100-300 g/mol may account for significant fractions in organic aerosol. The correlation coefficients start to decrease for ions above m/z 400, likely due to decomposition during heating or partially evaporation from FIGAERO filter for these high-molecular weight compounds.

4 Conclusions

We deployed a FIGAERO-I-CIMS instrument to measure oxygenated organic compounds in both gas phase and particle phase at a representative urban site in China. The mass spectra from the FIGAERO-I-CIMS from the measurements was systematically interpreted. We detected high concentrations of several monosaccharide species (e.g., levoglucosan) potentially emitted from biomass burning, which also contributed to the enhancement of multiple nitro-aromatic species. Photochemistry was



also identified as a strong source of nitro-aromatics. Low-molecular-weight organic acids were mainly observed in the gas phase, and observations support daytime photochemistry as the dominant source. Various oxidation products of BVOCs were detected in both gas and particle phase, reflecting the role of NO_x in the oxidation of BVOC species. Local formation of nitryl chloride was observed, highlighting the potential importance of nighttime chemistry in the urban region.

Our measurements show that oxygenated organic compounds dominated the majority of detected species by FIGAERO-I-CIMS, in which CHO and CHON compounds both accounted for significant fractions. Nitrogen-containing organic compounds occupied a significant fraction of the total signal in both gas and particle phases, with elevated fractions at higher molecular weights. The most abundant organic compounds were formic acid and multifunctional organics containing 3~5 oxygen atoms. Organic compounds containing 2 or 3 carbon atoms accounted for over half of total organics in both gas- and particle phase measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS. During the campaign, the FIGAERO-I-CIMS measurements explained 24% of OA measured by AMS, however the fractions are higher for measurements of more aged organic aerosol in the urban atmosphere. This evidence, along with the analysis of the Van Krevelen plot, indicate that FIGAERO-I-CIMS were measuring the more oxidized fraction of OA in the urban air.

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1188 **Table 1.** The detected ions discussed in the text.

Ion formula	m/z	Assigned compounds	Possible formation pathways	References
$C_6H_{10}O_5I^-$	288.96	Levoglucosan, mannosan and galactosan	Biomass burning or cooking emissions	(Gaston et al., 2016; Reyes- Villegas et al., 2018)
$C_6H_{12}O_5I^-$	290.97	Fucose	Biomass burning emissions	(Qi et al., 2019)
$C_6H_5NO_3I^-$	265.93	Nitro-phenols	Direct emissions, oxidation of aromatics in the presence of NO _x	(Gaston et al., 2016; Yuan et al., 2016)
$C_6H_5NO_4I^-$	281.93	Nitro- benzenediols	Direct emissions, oxidation of aromatics in the presence of NO _x	(Gaston et al., 2016; Yuan et al., 2016)
$C_6H_4N_2O_5I^-$	310.92	Dinitro- phenols	Direct emissions, oxidation of aromatics in the presence of NO _x	(Gaston et al., 2016; Yuan et al., 2016)
$C_7H_7NO_3I^-$	279.95	Methyl nitro- phenols	Direct emissions, oxidation of aromatics in the presence of NO _x	(Gaston et al., 2016; Yuan et al., 2016)
$C_7H_7NO_4I^-$	295.94	Methyl nitro- benzenediols	Direct emissions, oxidation of aromatics in the presence of NO _x	(Gaston et al., 2016; Yuan et al., 2016)
$C_7H_6O_4I^-$	280.93	Dihydroxy methyl benzoquinone	Aromatics + OH	(Schwantes et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2020b)
$C_7H_8O_4I^-$	282.95	Tetrahydroxy toluene	Aromatics + OH	(Schwantes et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2020b)
$C_7H_8O_5I^-$	298.94	Pentahydroxy toluene, fragments of C9 aromatics	Aromatics + OH	(Mehra et al., 2020; Schwantes et al., 2017)



$CH_2O_2I^-$	172.91	Formic acid	Oxidation of VOCs	(Lee et al., 2014; Yuan et al., 2015)
$C_2H_4O_2I^-$	186.93	Acetic acid	Oxidation of VOCs	(Lee et al., 2014; Mattila et al., 2018)
$C_5H_{10}O_2I^-$	228.97	Pentanoic acid	Traffic emissions, secondary formation	(Mattila et al., 2018)
$C_2H_4O_3I^-$	202.92	Glycolic acid	Oxidation of VOCs	(Lee et al., 2014; Lim et al., 2005)
$C_3H_4O_3I^-$	214.92	Pyruvic acid	Photolysis of methylglyoxal, BVOCs+OH, photo- oxidation of aromatics in the presence of NO _x	(Eger et al., 2020; Mattila et al., 2018)
$C_2H_2O_4I^-$	216.90	Oxalic acid	Aqueous-phase photooxidation of glyoxal, photo-oxidation of VOCs	(Carlton et al., 2007; Lee et al., 2014; Zhou et al., 2015)
$C_3H_4O_4I^-$	230.92	Malonic acid, hydroxypyruvic acid	Oxidation of VOCs	(Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016; Lee et al., 2014)
$C_4H_4O_4I^-$	242.92	Maleic acid, fumaric acid	Oxidation of aromatics	(Brege et al., 2018; Kawamura et al., 1996)
$C_5H_6O_4I^-$	256.93	Unsaturated dicarboxylic acid	Oxidation of aromatics	(Brege et al., 2018; Kawamura et al., 1996)
$C_5H_8O_4I^-$	258.95		Photo-oxidation of VOCs	(Berndt et al., 2019; Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016)
$C_6H_{10}O_4I^-$	272.96		Photo-oxidation of VOCs	(Berndt et al., 2019; Kawamura and Bikkina, 2016)



$C_4H_8O_4I^-$	246.95	2-methylglyceric acid	Isoprene SOA component under high NO_x conditions	(Surratt et al., 2006, 2010)
$C_5H_9NO_4I^-$	273.96	IHN (isoprene hydroxy nitrates)	1st-generation organic nitrates from reaction: isoprene+OH+ NO_x , isoprene+ NO_3	(Jacobs et al., 2014; Xiong et al., 2015)
$C_4H_7NO_5I^-$	275.94	MVKN/MACRN	2nd-generation organic nitrates from oxidation of IHN in the presence of NO_x	(Fisher et al., 2016; Paulot et al., 2009)
$C_5H_9NO_5I^-$	289.95	C5 nitrooxy hydroperoxide, C5 nitrooxy hydroxyepoxide, C5 dihydroxy nitrate	isoprene+ NO_3 , isoprene+OH+ NO_x	(Ng et al., 2017; Schwantes et al., 2015; Wennberg et al., 2018)
$C_8H_{12}O_4I^-$	298.98	Dicarboxylic and oxocarboxylic acids like norpinic acid, terpenylic acid	Monoterpenes+OH, monoterpenes O_3	(Fang et al., 2017; Mutzel et al., 2016; Yasmeen et al., 2011)
$C_9H_{14}O_4I^-$	312.99	Dicarboxylic and oxocarboxylic acids like pinic acid, homoterpenylic acid, caric acid	Monoterpenes+OH, monoterpenes O_3	(Fang et al., 2017; Mutzel et al., 2016; Yasmeen et al., 2011)
$C_{10}H_{16}O_3I^-$	311.02	Oxocarboxylic acids like	Monoterpenes+OH, monoterpenes O_3	(Fang et al., 2017; Glasius et al.,

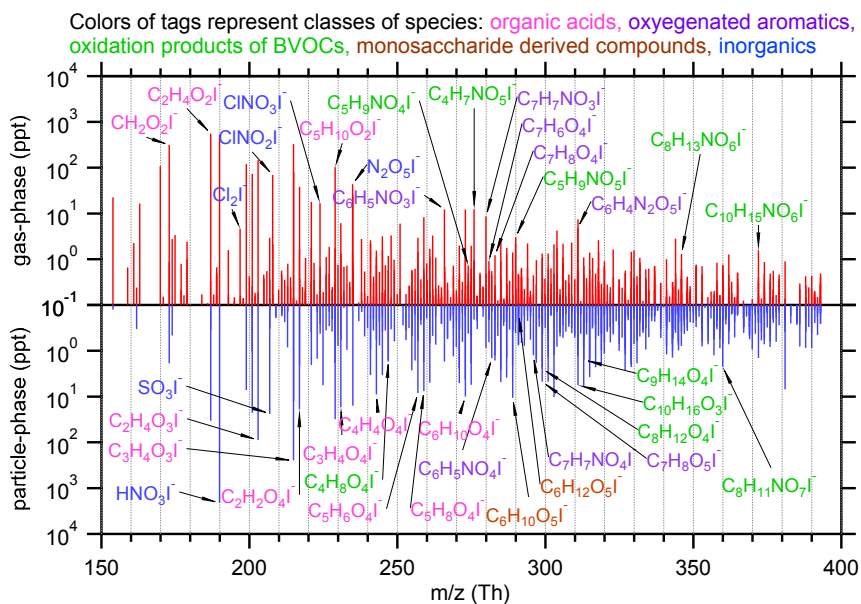


		pinonic acid, caronic acid		2000; Yasmeen et al., 2011)
$C_8H_{13}NO_6I^-$	345.98	Organic nitrates from monoterpenes	Monoterpenes+OH+NO _x , monoterpenes +NO ₃	(Lee et al., 2016; Nah et al., 2016)
$C_8H_{11}NO_7I^-$	359.96	Organic nitrates from monoterpenes	Monoterpenes+OH+NO _x , monoterpenes O ₃ +NO ₃	(Carslaw, 2013; Lee et al., 2016)
$C_{10}H_{15}NO_6I^-$	372.00	Organic nitrates from monoterpenes, peroxyacetyl nitrate from pinonaldehyde	Monoterpenes+OH+NO _x , monoterpenes O ₃ +NO ₃	(Boyd et al., 2015; Massoli et al., 2018; Schwantes et al., 2020)
HSO_4^-	96.96	Sulfuric acid	Oxidation of SO ₂ etc.	(Le Breton et al., 2018b)
SO_3I^-	206.86	Sulfur trioxide, Fragment of organosulfates	Oxidation of SO ₂ , decomposition of organosulfates	(Surratt et al., 2007)
$C_2H_3SO_6^-$	154.96	Glycolic acid sulfate	Aqueous reaction of glycolic acid and sulfuric acid	(Galloway et al., 2009; Huang et al., 2018)
$CH_3SO_3^-$	94.98	Methanesulfon ic acid	Oxidation of dimethyl sulfide	(Chen and Finlayson-Pitts, 2017; Gondwe et al., 2003)
$N_2O_5I^-$	234.89	Dinitrogen pentoxide	NO ₃ + NO ₂ + M	(Le Breton et al., 2018a; Wang et al., 2016)
$ClNO_2I^-$	207.87	Nitryl chloride	N ₂ O ₅ (g) + Cl ⁻ (aq)	(Le Breton et al., 2018a; Wang et al., 2016)



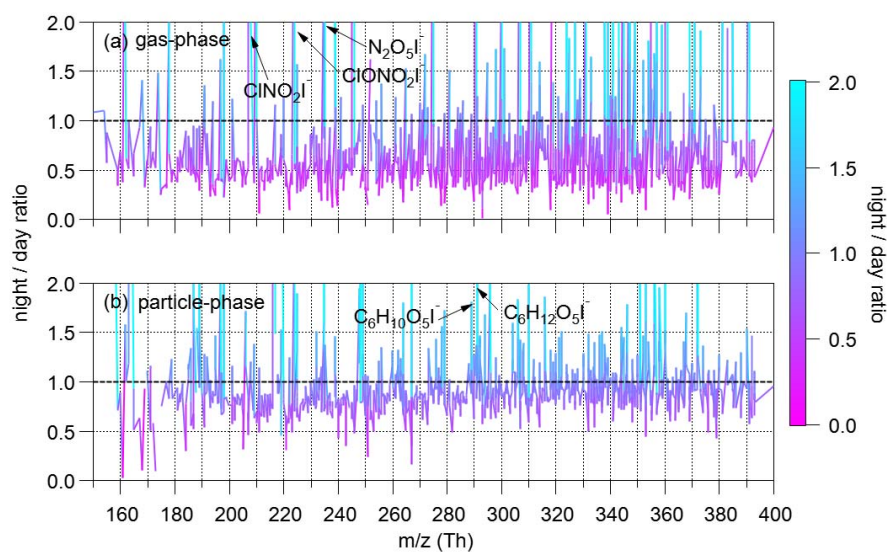
$ClNO_3I^-$	223.86	Chlorine nitrate	$ClO + NO_2 + M$	(Liu et al., 2017; Sander and Crutzen, 1996)
Cl_2I^-	196.84	Chlorine	Heterogeneous reactions of Cl^- and reactive chlorine like $HOCl$, $ClNO_2$ etc.	(Le Breton et al., 2018a; Liu et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2019)
HNO_3I^-	189.90	Nitric acid	$NO_x + OH$, hydrolysis of organic nitrates and N_2O_5	(Fisher et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016)

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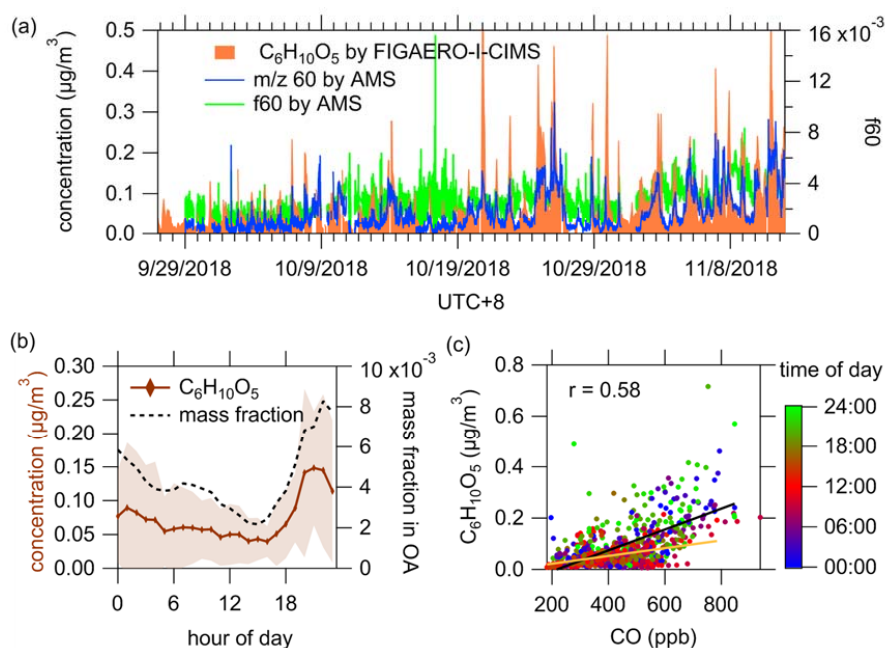


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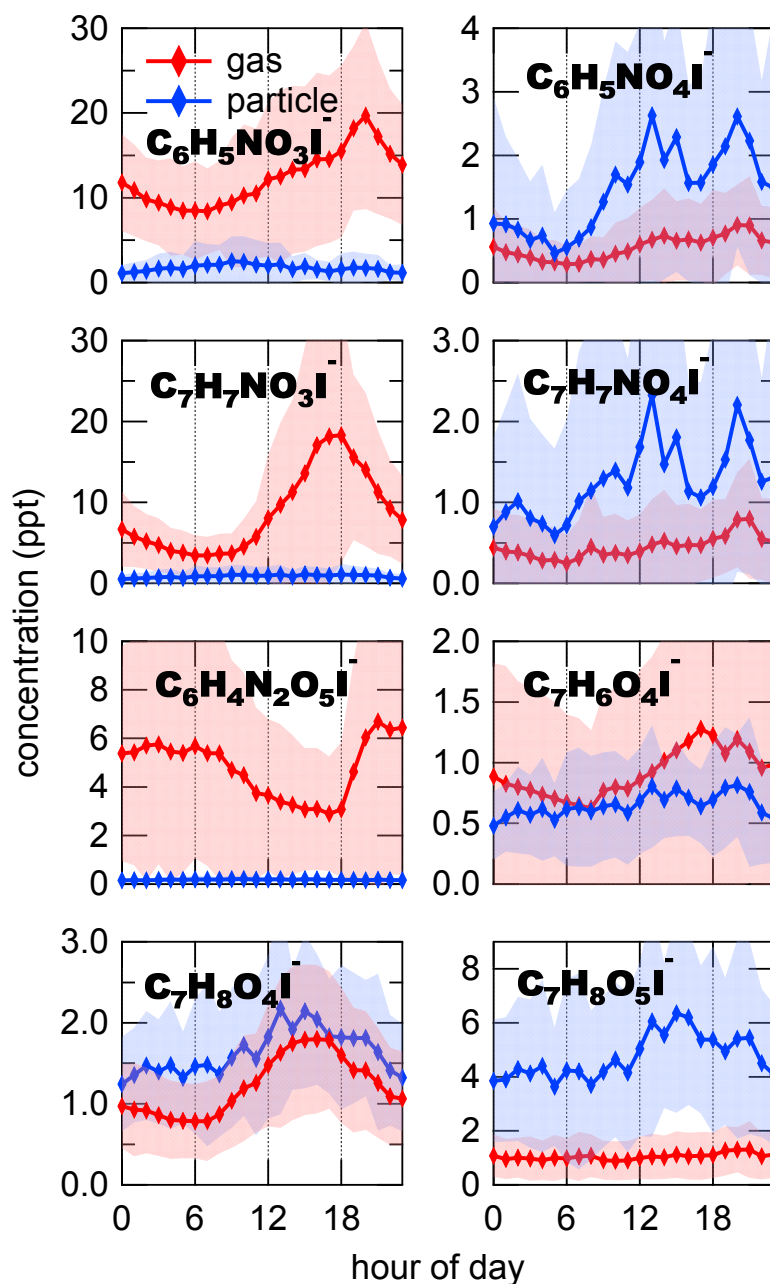
1191 **Figure 1.** Mass spectra of iodide charged ion within m/z 150~400 Th in gas-phase (red)
 1192 and particle-phase (blue), respectively. Humidity correction was not applied when
 1193 calculating the averaged concentrations in mass spectra.



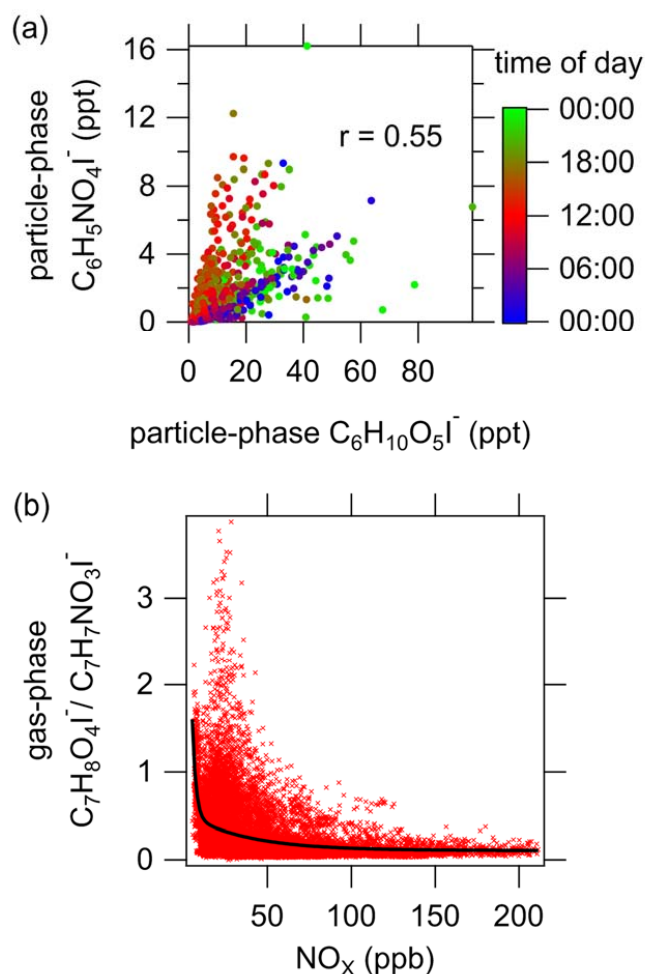
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 1195 **Figure 2.** The ratios of concentrations at night (10 pm ~ 6 am) to concentrations during
 1196 the day (10 am ~ 6 pm) for ions ranging from 150 to 500 Th in gas-phase (a) and
 1197 particle-phase (b). The range of y-axis is set between 0 and 2 for clarity, although the
 1198 ratios of some compounds are larger than 2.



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 1200 **Figure 3.** (a) Time series of particulate $C_6H_{10}O_5$ measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS, m/z
 1201 60 fragment and f_{60} measured by AMS. Background $f_{60}=0.3\%$ and background m/z
 1202 $60=0.3\% \times OA$ were subtracted from f_{60} and m/z 60 (Cubison et al., 2011; Hu et al.,
 1203 2016). (b) Diurnal variations of particulate $C_6H_{10}O_5$ and its mass fraction in OA. (c)
 1204 Correlation between CO and particulate $C_6H_{10}O_5$. The orange and black lines indicate
 1205 the ratios during daytime (10 am ~ 6 pm) and nighttime (10 pm ~ 6 am), which are 1.5
 1206 $\times 10^{-4}$ and 4.1×10^{-4} ($\mu g \cdot m^{-3} / ppb$), respectively.

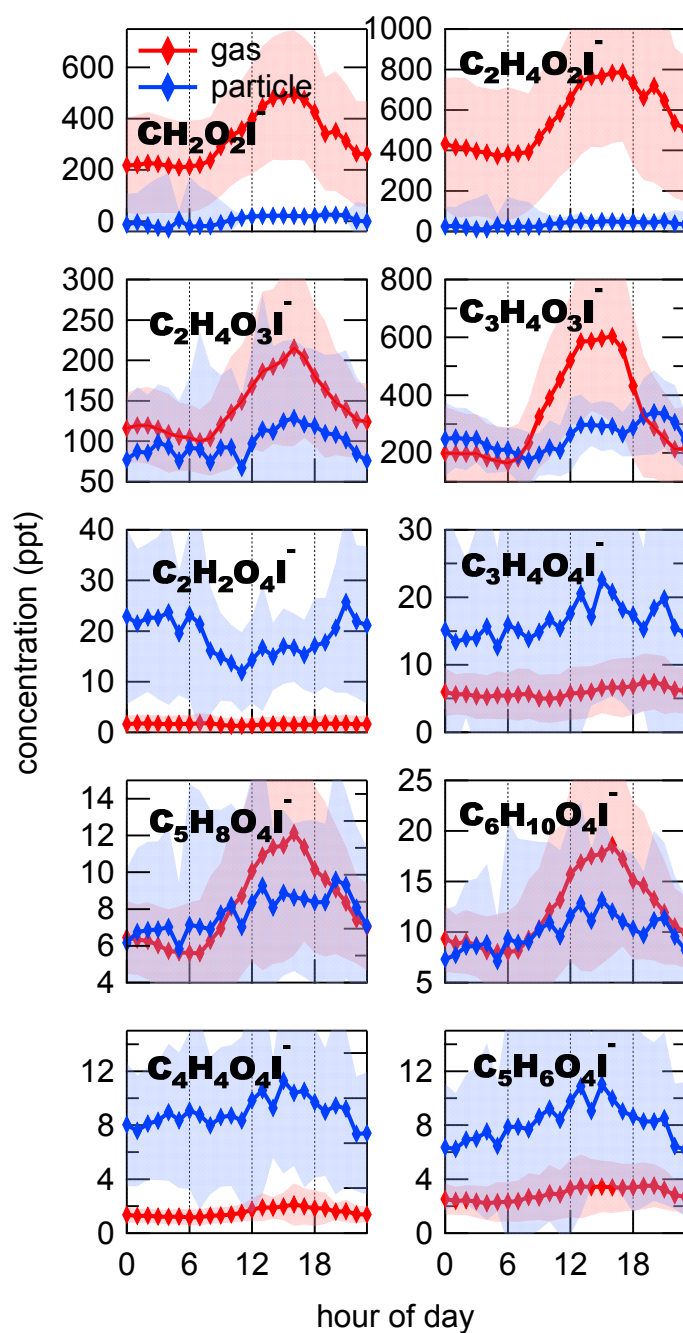


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 1208 **Figure 4.** Diurnal variations of oxidized aromatics in both phases. The shaded area
 1209 indicates standard deviations.



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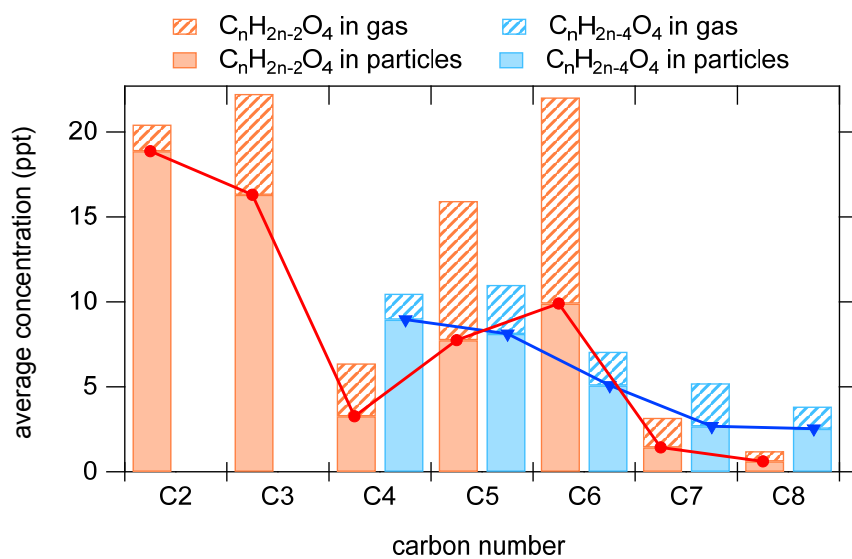
1211 **Figure 5.** (a) Correlation between particle-phase $C_6H_5NO_4I^-$ and $C_6H_{10}O_5I^-$. The
 1212 data points are color-coded using the time of the day. (b) Relative concentration of
 1213 $C_7H_8O_4I^-$ and $C_7H_7NO_3I^-$ in the gas phase as a function of NO_x concentration. The
 1214 black line is the fitted curve using a double exponential function.



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1216 **Figure 6.** Diurnal variations of organic acids in the gas phase (red) and particle phase

1217 (blue). The shaded area indicates standard deviations.



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 1219 **Figure 7.** Average concentrations of compounds with the formulas of $C_nH_{2n-2}O_4$
 1220 and $C_nH_{2n-4}O_4$.

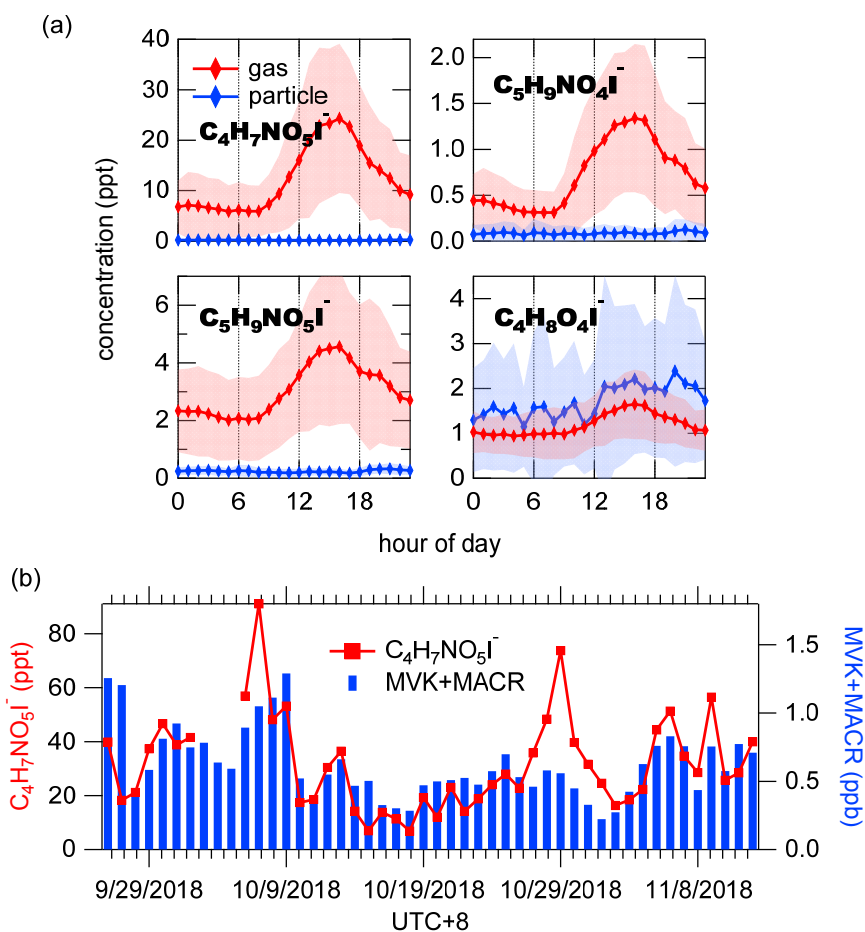
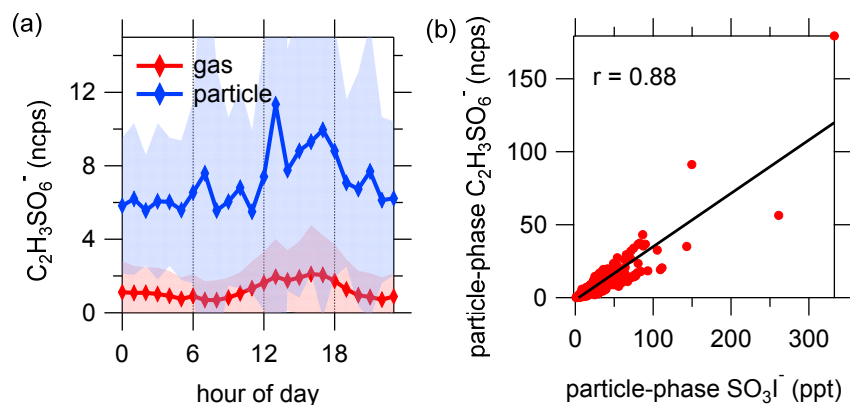


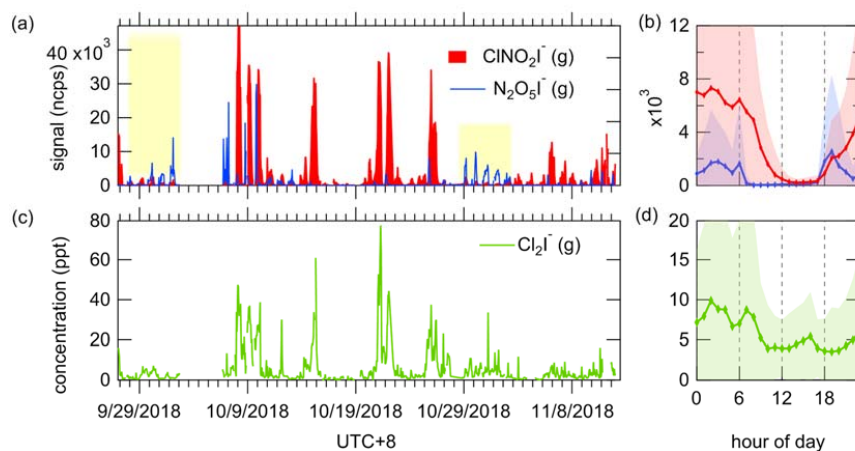
Figure 8. (a) Diurnal variations of isoprene oxidation products in the gas phase (red) and particle phase (blue). The shaded area indicates standard deviations. (b) Time series of daily maximum concentrations of gaseous $C_4H_7NO_5I^-$ and MVK+MACR ($C_4H_6OH^+$, m/z 71.05) measured by PTR-ToF-MS.



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1227 **Figure 9.** (a) Diurnal variation of $C_2H_3SO_6^-$. The shaded areas indicate standard

1228 deviations. (b) Correlation between particle-phase $C_2H_3SO_6^-$ and SO_3I^- .



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1230 **Figure 10.** Time series and diurnal variations of N_2O_5 and ClNO_2 (a, b) and Cl_2 (c, d).

1231 The humidity dependence of the sensitivity of chlorine was experimentally determined
 1232 and thus humidity-correction was applied to chlorine. The tinted background indicates
 1233 the days with high concentrations of N_2O_5 but low concentrations of ClNO_2 . The shaded
 1234 areas indicate standard deviations.

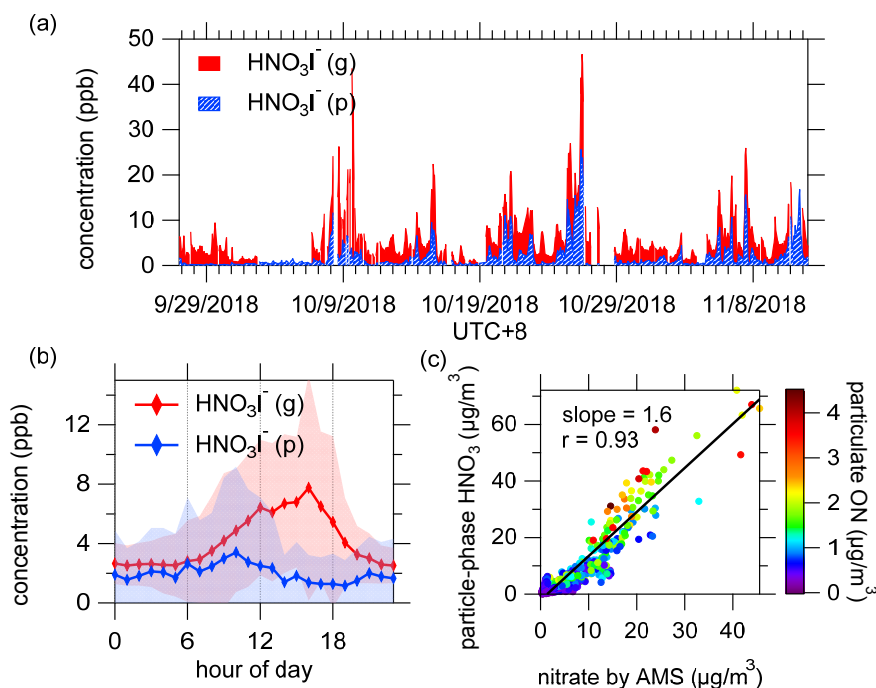
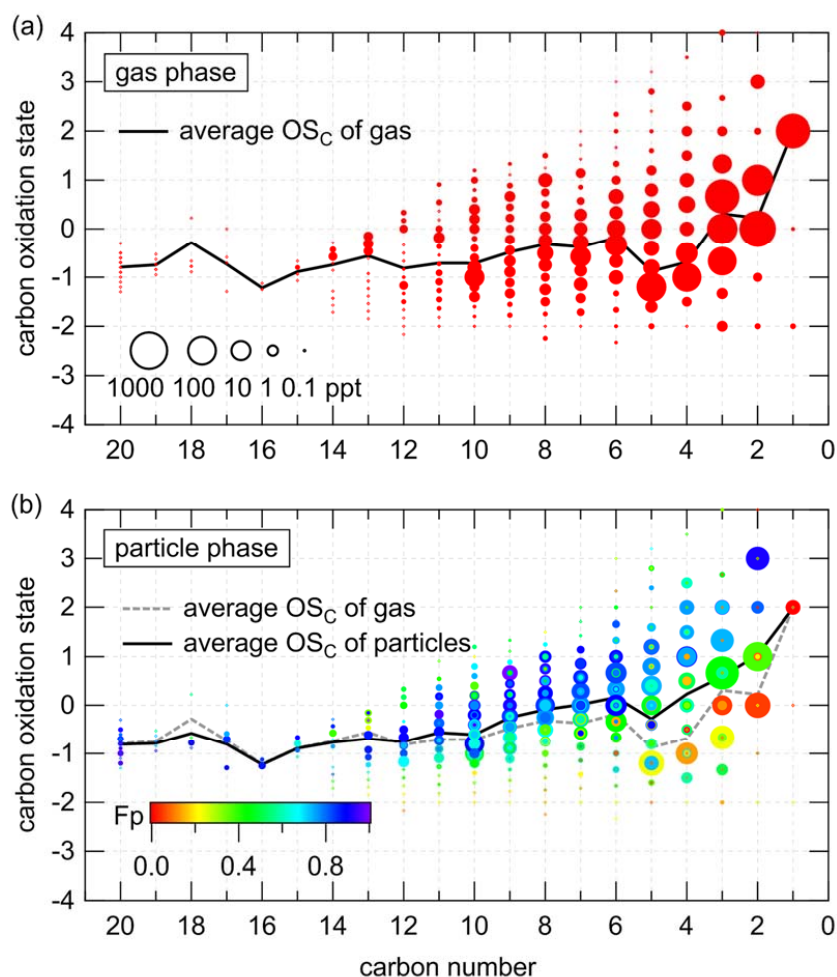
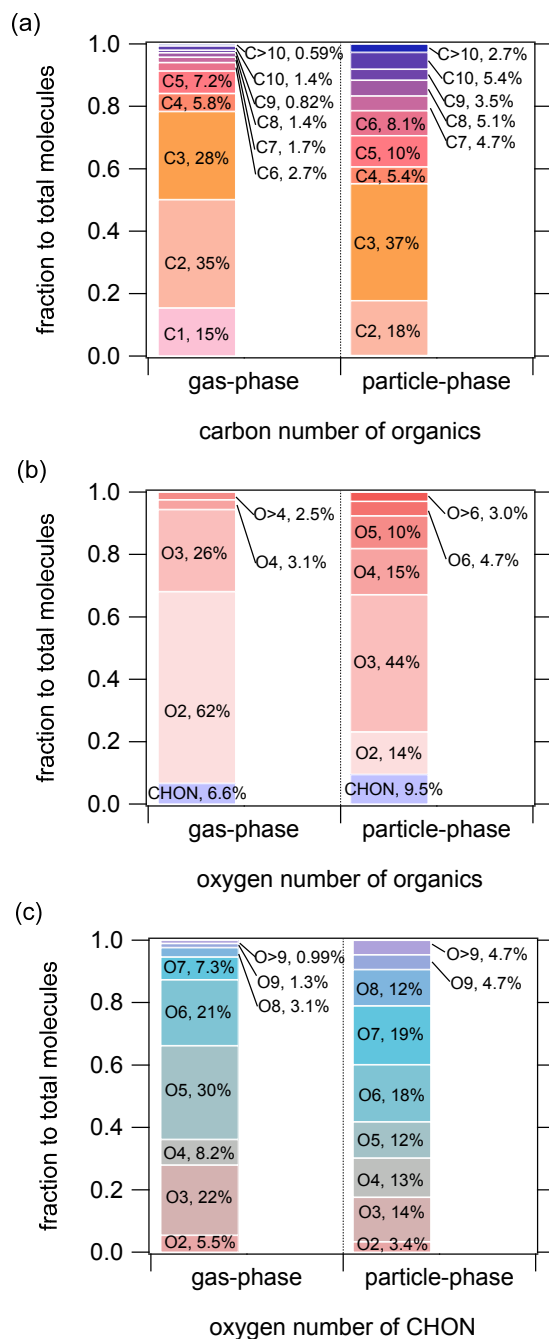


Figure 11. (a) Time series of humidity-corrected HNO_3I^- in both phases. (b) Diurnal variation of humidity-corrected HNO_3I^- . The shaded areas indicate standard deviations. (c) Comparison of particle-phase HNO_3I^- and nitrate measured by AMS. The color scale denotes particulate organic nitrates measured by FIGAERO-I-CIMS. The concentration of gaseous HNO_3I^- shown here only included the last 5-minute of every gas-phase working mode, as high level of HNO_3 came out of aerosol which then passed through the CIMS in a short time during particle analysis and a substantial amount would subsequently accumulate on the inner surfaces, leading to a persistent carried over signal that was long enough to disturb the next gas measurement cycle (Palm et al., 2019).

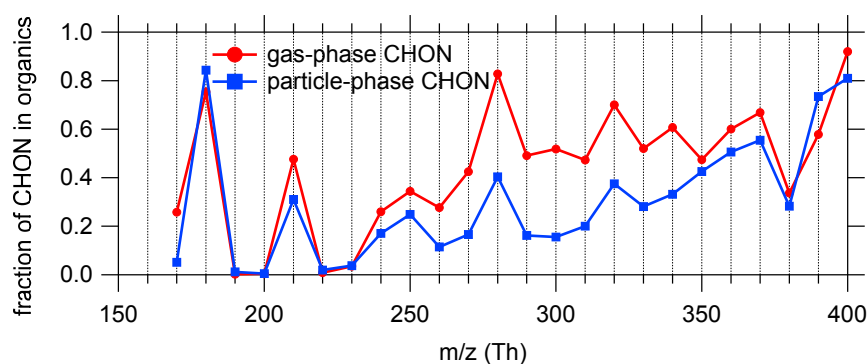


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1247 **Figure 12.** $\overline{OS_C} - n_C$ spaces for $C_xH_yO_z$ and $C_xH_yN_{1,2}O_z$ compounds in gas-phase
 1248 (a) and particle-phase (b). The diameters of circles are proportional to the logarithmic
 1249 average concentrations. The black lines are the average $\overline{OS_C}$ of each carbon number
 1250 for compounds in gas-phase and particle-phase, respectively. The compounds in Fig. (b)
 1251 are color-coded by their fractions in particles.

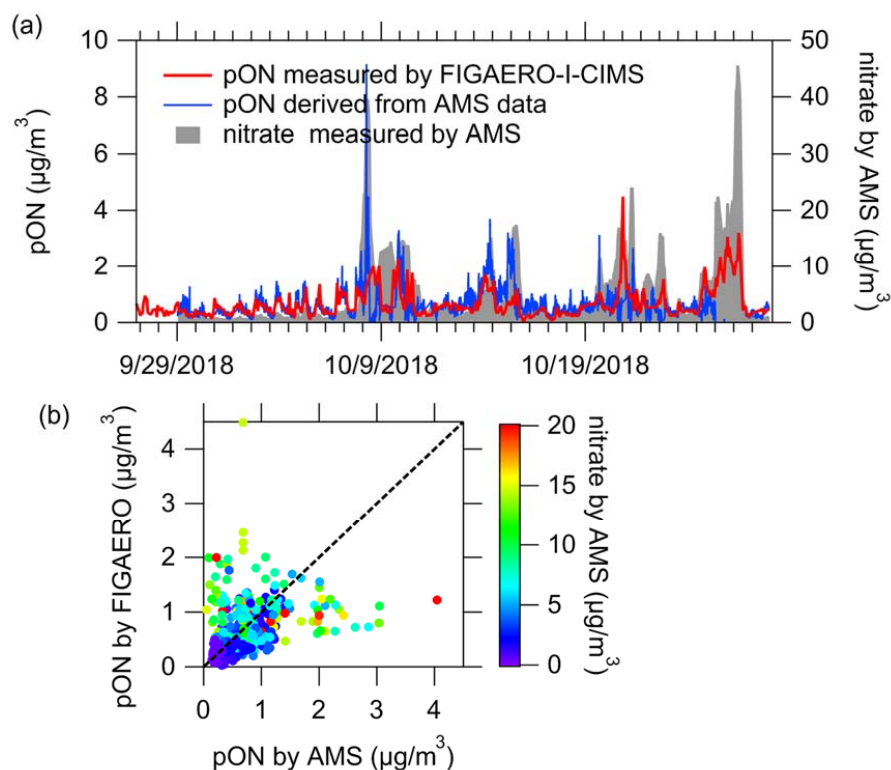


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 1253 **Figure 13.** Carbon number distribution (a) and oxygen number distribution of total
 1254 $C_xH_yO_z$ and $C_xH_yN_{1.2}O_z$ compounds (b), and oxygen number distribution of
 1255 $C_xH_yN_{1.2}O_z$ compounds (c).



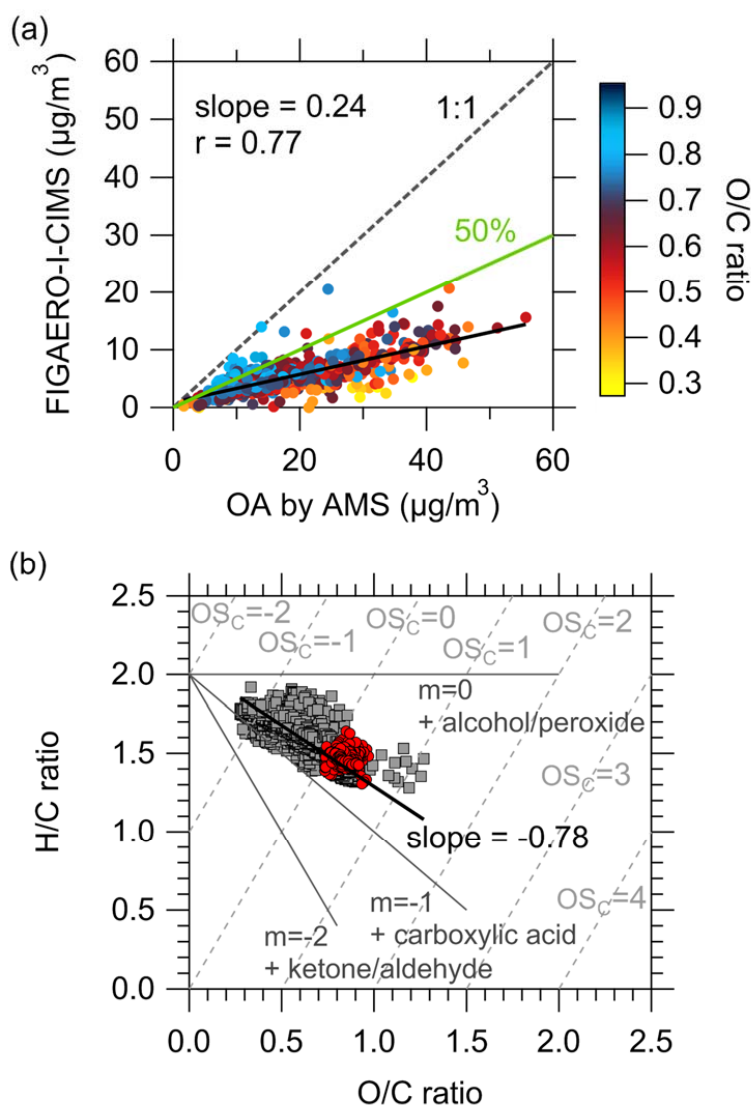
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1257 **Figure 14.** The average fractions of CHON to total organics (CHO + CHON + CHOS
 1258 + CHONS) of every 10 Th in both phases. See Fig. S16 for the overall distribution of
 1259 the contributions of species classes to the total concentrations.



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1261 **Figure 15.** (a) Time series of particulate N-containing organics measured by
 1262 FIGAERO-I-CIMS, particulate inorganic nitrate and organic nitrates derived from
 1263 AMS data. (b) Comparison of particulate N-containing organics measured by
 1264 FIGAERO-I-CIMS and particulate organic nitrates provided by AMS, color-coded by
 1265 the concentrations of particulate inorganic nitrate measured by AMS.



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1267 **Figure 16.** (a) Comparison of particulate organics measured by the FIGAERO-I-CIMS
 1268 and AMS, color-coded by O/C ratios measured by AMS. The black line is the slope
 1269 which represents the fraction of OA explained by the measurements of FIGAERO-I-
 1270 CIMS. The green line shows the results from previous work which were ~50% (Lopez-
 1271 Hilfiker et al., 2016; Stark et al., 2017). (b) Van Krevelen diagrams for organic aerosol
 1272 derived from AMS data (gray squares) and FIGAERO-I-CIMS data (red circles). Black
 1273 line is the slope of AMS data. Gray dotted lines are estimated carbon oxidation state.