Photochemical age of air pollutants and oxidation products in transboundary air observed on Fukue Island, Nagasaki, Japan

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Abstract

To better understand the secondary air pollution in transboundary air over westernmost Japan, ground-based field measurements of the chemical composition of fine particulate matter (≤1
mixing ratios of trace gases species (CO, O₃, NOₓ, NOₙ, i-pentane, toluene, and ethyne), and meteorological elements were conducted with a suite of instrumentation. The CO mixing ratio dependence on wind direction showed that there was no significant influence from primary emission sources near the monitoring site, indicating long- and/or mid-range transport of the measured chemical species. Despite the considerably different atmospheric lifetimes of NOₓ and CO, these mixing ratios were correlated ($r^2 = 0.67$). The photochemical age of the pollutants, $t[OH]$ (the reaction time $\times$ the mean concentration of OH radical during the atmospheric transport), was calculated from both the NOₓ/NOₙ concentration ratio (NOₓ/NOₙ clock) and the toluene/ethyne concentration ratio (hydrocarbon clock). It was found that the toluene/ethyne concentration ratio was significantly influenced by dilution with background air containing 0.16 ppbv of ethyne, causing significant bias in the estimation of $t[OH]$. In contrast, the influence of the reaction of NOₓ with O₃, a potentially biasing reaction channel on $[NOₓ]/[NOₙ]$, was small. The $t[OH]$ values obtained with the NOₓ/NOₙ clock ranged from $2.9 \times 10^5$ to $1.3 \times 10^8$ h molecule cm$^{-3}$ and were compared with the fractional contribution of the m/z 44 signal to the total signal in the organic aerosol mass spectra ($f_{44}$, a quantitative oxidation indicator of carboxylic acids) and O₃ mixing ratio. The comparison of $t[OH]$ with $f_{44}$ showed evidence for a systematic increase of $f_{44}$ as $t[OH]$ increased, an indication of SOA formation. To a first approximation, the $f_{44}$ increase rate was $(1.05 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9} \times [OH]$ h$^{-1}$, which is comparable to the background-corrected increase rate observed during the New England Air
Quality Study in summer 2002. The similarity may imply the production of similar SOA component, possibly humic-like substances. Meanwhile, the comparison of $t[\text{OH}]$ with O$_3$ mixing ratio showed that there was a strong proportional relationship between O$_3$ mixing ratio and $t[\text{OH}]$. A first approximation gave the increasing rate and background mixing ratio of ozone as $(3.48 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7} \times [\text{OH}] \text{ ppbv h}^{-1}$ and 30.7 ppbv, respectively. The information given here can be used for prediction of secondary pollution magnitude in the outflow from the Chinese continent.

**Key words:** SOA; ozone; photooxidation of air pollutants; long-range transport; transboundary air pollution; East Asia

1. **Introduction**

During the last decade, the dramatic growth of the Chinese economy has increased emission of air pollutants such as volatile organic compounds, particulate matter (PM), and nitrogen oxides $(\text{NO}_x)$, which is the sum of nitrogen monoxide (NO) and nitrogen dioxide (NO$_2$). In northeast Asia, air masses generally move from west to east, and therefore pollutants emitted on continental China are frequently carried to Japan. The influence of air pollution is becoming severe in rural areas of westernmost Japan, such as Fukue Island. Atmospheric oxidation of primary pollutants produces secondary pollutants, such as ozone (O$_3$), secondary particulate
organic matter (also known as secondary organic aerosol or SOA), which is formed by oxidation of volatile organic precursors. A better understanding of these secondary pollutants is important not only for purely scientific reasons but because such pollutants are a matter of great public concern. SOA is one of the least understood subjects in atmospheric chemistry (Ebben et al., 2014), despite the fact that it has been studied extensively owing to its potential adverse effects on human health and its role in cloud condensation. Although state-of-the-art techniques, such as aerosol mass spectrometry, have substantially improved our understanding of SOA (Zhang et al., 2005; Jimenez et al., 2009), many questions about SOA still remain, such as its constituents, production mechanisms, and fates.

To understand SOA, we must evaluate the progress of the chemical reactions of its constituents. The progress of photochemical reactions in the atmosphere has frequently been evaluated in terms of a “photochemical age,” designated $t[OH]$, which can be derived from non-methane hydrocarbon (NMHC) ratios (Roberts et al., 1984; Rudolph and Johnen, 1990) and from NO$_x$ ratio to total odd nitrogen (NO$_y$) (Parrish et al., 1992). Recent field studies combining aerosol mass spectrometry measurements and determination of $t[OH]$ have provided new information about photochemically produced SOA (de Gouw et al., 2005; Takegawa et al., 2006; Kleinman et al., 2007; Liggio et al., 2010). Our previous field studies conducted on Fukue Island in Japan demonstrated a systematic trend for the fractions of carboxylate in the organic aerosol ($f_{44}$) with $t[OH]$, evidence of SOA production (Irei et al.,
2014). However, the study period was short (only 10 days), and a longer observation period is necessary to obtain more-convincing evidence of SOA production. Furthermore, inconsistent results regarding the association between SOA production and \(t[OH]\) were observed at the same location during a different time period (Irei et al., 2015). The study described in this paper is an extension of our previous studies, and the objective was to deepen our understanding of the association between oxidation products (SOA and O$_3$) and \(t[OH]\) in transboundary air.

2. Experimental

Field measurements were conducted from December 2010 to May 2011 at the Fukue atmospheric monitoring station (32.8°N, 128.7°E), a rural site on the northwestern peninsula of Fukue Island, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan (Figure 1). As mentioned earlier, data collected during a 10 day observation period in December 2010 have already been reported, and the reported results are a part of data in this study. The monitoring station is ~1 km away from the residential area of the peninsula and is ~60 m higher in altitude. The site is located in-between small pastures. Possible sources of anthropogenic emissions of fine aerosol and trace gas species include agricultural waste burning, home incinerators, automobiles occasionally passing by the station, and tractors sometime mowing the pastures. For all the measurements the ambient air was measured or sampled 1 ~ 3m above the rooftop of the station (3 ~ 5m height from the ground). An independent sampling line was assembled for each chemical species.
The ambient air was sampled at 1 L min\(^{-1}\) through 5 m × quarter-inch o.d. PTFE tubing for the CO and O\(_3\) measurements and at 0.5 L min\(^{-1}\) through the same type of tubing for the NO\(_x\) and NO\(_y\) measurements, respectively. A molybdenum converter for the NO\(_y\) measurements was set at the inlet of sampling line. For the particle and NMHC measurements, the ambient air was suctioned at 3 L min\(^{-1}\) and 5 L min\(^{-1}\) at the first stage through the sampling lines of ~4 m × half-inch o.d. and ~10 m × five-fifth-inch o.d. stainless steel tubing (GL Science, Japan), respectively. The measurements were then made by sampling a part of the flowing air. For the particle measurements only, a PM\(_{2.5}\) cyclone separator (URG 2000-30ED, URG Corp. Chapel Hill, NC, USA.) was attached to the inlet of the sampling line to cut off particles larger than PM\(_{2.5}\).

The 10 min average chemical composition of fine aerosol (~PM\(_{1.0}\)) was measured with an Aerodyne quadrupole aerosol mass spectrometer (AMS, Aerodyne Research Inc., Billerica, MA, USA). Details of the instrumentation and the method for determination of chemical species concentrations are described elsewhere (Jayne et al., 2000; Allan et al., 2004). The AMS was calibrated approximately once a month with 350 nm dried ammonium nitrate particles for determination of ionization efficiencies. The temperature of the flash vaporizer was set to 873 K during the field measurements and calibration measurements. A collection efficiency of 0.74 was used for determination of chemical species concentrations; this value was determined from comparison between sulfate concentrations measured by means of AMS.
and non-sea-salt sulfate concentrations determined by means of total suspended particulate filter sample analysis during the field study in December 2010 (Irei et al., 2014). The detection limits (DLs) of the mass spectrometer for chloride, nitrate, ammonium, sulfate, organics, \( m/z \) 43 (an indicator for detection of hydrocarbon and aldehyde), and \( m/z \) 44 (an indicator for detection of carboxylic acid) were determined by \( 3 \times \) standard deviation (SD) of blank concentrations obtained by measuring filtered ambient air (HEPA Capsule, Pall Corp.) for 2 ~ 16 hours. The blank measurements were conducted every month during the study period. The average DLs of these species were 0.02, 0.04, 0.2, 0.4, 0.5, 0.02, and 0.06 \( \mu g \) \( m^{-3} \), respectively.

Mixing ratios for \( NO_x \) and \( NO_y \) were measured in situ to retrieve the \( t[OH] \), an indicator of atmospheric oxidation. Measurement methods for \( NO_x \) and \( NO_y \) mixing ratios were developed with an LED converter and a molybdenum converter, respectively, together with commercially available \( NO_x \) analyzers (Model 42 i-TL, Thermo Scientific). These instruments are described in detail elsewhere (Sadanaga et al., 2010; Yuba et al., 2010). DLs for NO, \( NO_2 \), and \( NO_y \) were about 0.06 ppbv under 1 min averaging time. Mixing ratios of CO and \( O_3 \) were measured in situ with a CO analyzer (Model 48, Thermo Scientific) and an \( O_3 \) analyzer (Model 49i, Thermo Scientific), respectively. The DLs of these instruments were 3 and 5 ppbv under 1 min averaging time, respectively. The analog signal output for these trace gas species was recorded every second using a data logger (NR-1000, KEYENCE), and hourly average mixing ratios were used for data analysis. Selected NMHCs (ethyne, \( i \)-pentane, and toluene) were also
measured hourly with a gas chromatograph equipped with a flame ionization detector (6890N, Agilent Technologies) and coupled with an automated cryo preconcentration sampler (Yokouchi, 2008). Ethyne, i-pentane, and toluene were chosen because those can be used as markers for vehicular emissions (Tang et al., 2009; Wang et al., 2015). The choice of toluene was also owing to one of the possible precursors of atmospheric SOA (Grosjean and Seinfeld, 1989; Seinfeld and Pandis, 1999). The volatile organic compounds in 600 mL of ambient air were collected cryogenically from the main stream of the previously referred sampling line at a flow rate of 40 mL min\(^{-1}\) (i.e., a 15 min sampling period for a single measurement). Target compounds were identified and quantified on the basis of comparison with retention times and peak area counts for standards; specifically, a standard gas containing 1 ppb of each target compound was analyzed once a day. The DLs for ethyne, i-pentane, and toluene were 2.5, 1.5, and 1.5 pptv, respectively.

Additionally, ambient temperature, relative humidity (RH), precipitation, and wind speed and direction were measured with a weather transmitter (WXT 520, VAISALA, Helsinki, Finland).

3. **Results and Discussion**

3.1. **Meteorological observations**

Measured ambient temperature ranged from 274.6 to 301.2 K, the mean ± standard deviation
or SD = 286.6 ± 5.4 K (Figure S-1). Ambient temperature showed clear seasonal variation, and a polynomial best fit curve ± 5 K covered ~90% of the data points and reproduced the observed trend.

Precipitation events were observed occasionally (Figure S-1), but their frequency and strength did not seem to significantly affect our overall interpretation of the entire data set. Therefore, in the analyses described hereafter, we included the data collected during the precipitation events, unless otherwise noted. RH varied between 25% and 100% and seemed to be relatively constant from December to February and to vary more widely from March to May (Figure S-1).

A polar plot of hourly average wind speed shows that it ranged from 0.2 to 10 m s\(^{-1}\) (Figure S-2). The mean ± SD of wind speeds during the observation period was 3 ± 1 m s\(^{-1}\), and the 90th, 25th, and 10th percentile cut-off values were 4, 2, and 1 m s\(^{-1}\), respectively. This information suggests that medium-strength winds (i.e., wind speeds of 2–4 m s\(^{-1}\)) blew most of the time during the study period. Because wind directions measured at wind speeds of <1 m s\(^{-1}\) are often treated as invalid, the fact that the 10th percentile cut-off for our data was 1 m s\(^{-1}\) indicates that 90% of our wind direction data were valid. The most prevalent wind directions were between northwesterly and northeasterly (35%) and between northeasterly and southeasterly (26%). The prevalence of wind from the residential area of the peninsula (from the direction between southeasterly and southwesterly) was about 17%.
3.2. Chemical species concentrations

The results of statistical analysis of the concentrations of chemical species in fine PM are summarized in Table 1, along with the results for gas-phase species. Because sea-salt PM tends to be coarse, the very low concentrations of chloride measured by means of AMS indicate that most of the chloride originating from sea salt was eliminated at the AMS inlet, which selects for fine PM. The mean concentrations (± SDs) of the chemical species in fine PM were similar to those observed in 2003 at the same location (Takami et al., 2005) and at Cape Hedo, Okinawa (Takami et al., 2007). Sulfate was the predominant chemical species in fine PM throughout the observation period, accounting for 46% on average, and was followed by organics (29%), ammonium (16%), and nitrate (8.0%). The concentrations of nitrate, the detection of which is often an indication of the proximity of its emission source, were high in this study even though the monitoring station was located in a rural area. In many cases, the amount of nitrate in fine PM decreases or shifts to larger PM during long-range transport (Takiguchi et al., 2008, and references therein). Because there are no large emission sources of primary nitrate around the monitoring station, the high nitrate concentrations probably indicate mid-range transport of pollutants from locations off the island. Temporal variation of the concentrations of organics in fine PM measured by means of AMS showed no seasonal trend, but some high-concentration episodes were observed (Figure S-3). It was also found that the concentrations of organic
aerosols in the study period from 6 to 16 December, which was previously reported (Irei et al., 2014), were relatively low. In the time-series plot, the $f_{44}$, the fraction of $m/z$ 44 in the organic mass spectrum or the fraction of carboxylate in organic aerosol, seemed to rise from ~0.12 to ~0.15 around the end of March. This increase may have been due to greater production of oxygenated organic compounds in spring than in winter because of the increasing sunlight irradiance in the spring, which was indicated by the times-series plot of ambient temperature (Figure S-1).

Most of the O$_3$ mixing ratios were <55 ppbv, and the mean of 45 ppbv was consistent with the annual mean of ~50 ppbv observed at the same location in 2011 (Kanaya et al., 2016); this annual mean of ~50 ppbv was the lowest annual mean O$_3$ mixing ratio observed over the course of 6 years (2009 – 2014) at this location by Kanaya et al. A times-series plot of hourly average O$_3$ mixing ratios showed that although there were some episodes of high mixing ratios, the mixing ratios seemed to vary between ~25 and ~50 ppbv from December to February and then were prone to gradually increase from the beginning of March to May (Figure S-4a). Similar seasonal trends have been observed at the same location (Kanaya et al., 2016) and at other remote sites in East Asia (Pochanart et al., 2002; Suthawaree et al., 2008; Kanaya et al., 2016, references therein). This trend was similar to the $f_{44}$ trend described above and therefore can also be explained in terms of an increase in sunlight irradiance of polluted air masses transported from the Asian continent. Meanwhile, according to the observations at the other
remote sites referred above, the O\textsubscript{3} mixing ratios tend to drop starting in May and continuing
into the summer because the origin of air masses changes from the continent directly to the
Pacific Ocean; the oceanic air masses generally contain much lower quantities of O\textsubscript{3} and its
precursors. The drop in the O\textsubscript{3} mixing ratios observed between May 9 and May 12 was
compatible with the influence of the oceanic air masses demonstrated by the back trajectories
of air masses (Figure S-5) modeled by HYSPLIT (Draxler and Rolph, 2013).

The NO\textsubscript{x} mixing ratios ranged from lower than the DL (LDL) to 12.70 ppbv (mean ±
SD = 1.39 ± 1.16 ppbv), and the NO\textsubscript{y} mixing ratios ranged from 0.13 to 25.41 ppbv (mean ±
SD = 4.86 ± 3.49 ppbv). The upper quartile cut-offs for these mixing ratios were 1.70 and 6.03
ppbv, respectively. NO was found to be the very minor component of NO\textsubscript{x}. The median and
lower and upper quartile cut-off values of NO were LDL, LDL, and 0.06 ppbv, respectively.
Compared to the mixing ratios observed in other field studies (Pandey Deolal et al., 2012, and
references therein), most of these mixing ratios fell between those observed at European rural
and background sites. No time-dependent trend was observed for the NO\textsubscript{x} or NO\textsubscript{y} mixing ratio
(Figure S-4b,c). Episodes of high mixing ratios were observed irregularly.

The CO mixing ratios ranged from 57 to 1136 ppbv, and the median, upper, and lower
quartile cut-off values were 204, 272, and 160 ppbv, respectively; no seasonal trend was
observed (Figure S-4d). Except for some episodes of high mixing ratios, the observed mixing
ratios below the upper quartile cut-off seem to be comparable in magnitude to those observed
from 2002 to 2005 at various rural and remote locations in the region of the East China Sea (Suthawaree et al., 2008; Tanimoto et al., 2008), indicating that the mixing ratios we observed reflected the background mixing ratios in this region. A polar plot of the wind-sector dependence of the CO mixing ratio showed almost no sharp increases attributable to local anthropogenic emissions (Figure S-6). The episodes of high mixing ratios that occurred at irregular intervals were attributed to mid-range transport of anthropogenic emissions.

To determine whether these episodes were due to combustion-related pollution transported from the Asian continent, we chose seven time periods with high CO mixing ratios that lasted for more than 24 h, and we checked the back trajectories of the air masses modeled by HYSPLIT. These episodes are listed in Table S-1, together with confirmation of concentration rises of other chemical species during the high-CO episodes. Back trajectories for each episode showed that the air masses were transported from the region of east-coast of China or of west coast of Korea during these episodes. The trajectories also showed that the episodes ended with the arrival of air masses from the Pacific Ocean or Mongolia with greater wind speed (Figures S-7 to S-13). Thus, these results roughly support the proposition that at least these seven high-concentration episodes were derived from the Asian continent.

Most of the observed mixing ratios for i-pentane, toluene, and ethyne (Table 1) were slightly higher than the ratios observed at Cape Hedo, Okinawa, in 2000 (Kato et al., 2004). This result is consistent with the fact that pollutants transported from the Asian continent to
Fukue are often fresher than those transported to Cape Hedo (Takami et al., 2007). Times-series plots of the mixing ratios for these NMHCs showed no seasonal trends (Figure S-4e–g). The observed sharp rises in mixing ratios of i-pentane, toluene, and ethyne—which lasted no more than a few hours, indicating the influence of anthropogenic emissions near the site—accounted for only a small portion of the observed data.

3.3. Correlations between the concentrations of various chemical species

Investigation of the correlations between the concentrations of various chemical species showed that CO concentration was correlated with the concentrations of NO\textsubscript{y} (r\textsuperscript{2} = 0.674), ethyne (r\textsuperscript{2} = 0.724), and organic aerosols (r\textsuperscript{2} = 0.562) (Table 2). Ethyne is a combustion marker and often originate from vehicular emission, which is one of the major sources of NO\textsubscript{x} as well. The atmospheric lifetimes of CO and ethyne are usually determined by the reactions with OH radicals (the most powerful oxidant in the air). Under an average OH concentration of 5 × 10\textsuperscript{5} molecules cm\textsuperscript{-3}, which is the calculated diurnally averaged OH concentration during the PEACE-A aircraft campaign over Japan in January 2002 (Takegawa et al., 2004), their lifetimes are approximately 100 and 35 days, respectively. Meanwhile, they found experimentally that the lifetime of NO\textsubscript{y} during the campaign was 1.3 ~ 2.6 days, which was mainly due to the wet and/or dry depositions of HNO\textsubscript{3}. That is, ~60% of NO\textsubscript{y} sinks within 2.6 days. Because the processes are physical we expect that the order of NO\textsubscript{y} lifetime in our study is similar. The
slope of the linear regression drawn for the NO\textsubscript{y} mixing ratio as a function of CO mixing ratio was approximately 0.03, which is in the similar order to the value of \sim0.038 observed by Takegawa et al. in the 2~3 day aged plume originated from Japan. The slope also coincided with the calculated NO\textsubscript{y}/CO ratio of 0.03 in an air mass transported a long distance from its origin to Korea using a recent emission inventory (Kim et al., 2012). In contrast, Kurokawa et al. (2013) reported that emission ratios of NO\textsubscript{x} to CO from coal combustion used in industry in China, which is suspected to be one of the major sources of these pollutants observed in our study, were 0.06 \sim 0.07. With consideration of the NO\textsubscript{y} lifetime by the depositions and the transport time of roughly 1 \sim 3 day implied by the back trajectories previously referred, the discrepancy between the NO\textsubscript{y}/CO observed at Fukue and the NO\textsubscript{x}/CO at emission seems to be reasonably explained by the depositional sink during the transport. The higher coefficient of determination between CO and ethyne than that between CO and NO\textsubscript{y} also supports the association of their correlation with their lifetimes. Nevertheless of such significant depositional loss of NO\textsubscript{y}, the positive correlation with the \textit{r}^2 of 0.674 between CO and NO\textsubscript{y} implies that the wet deposition, which is highly variable and influential, did not significantly contribute to the NO\textsubscript{y} sink, in turn, the major sinking process of NO\textsubscript{y} was the dry deposition depending on the gravitational residence time.

Particulate ammonium was correlated with particulate acidic components, such as sulfate, nitrate, organics, and m/z 44 of organics. The highest correlation with \textit{m/z} 44 (r² =
suggests that the organics were primarily composed of carboxylic acids. The observed correlations imply that sufficient amount of ammonium was available in the gas-phase to neutralize all these acidic components. Although it is not shown, slopes of linear regressions between ammonium (x-axis) and sulfate, nitrate, or organics (y-axis) was 1.7, 0.74, and 1.0, respectively. With respect to molar ratio to ammonium, sulfate and nitrate accounted for 32% and 20%, respectively. Given that all three acidic species are neutralized with ammonium, organics, molar mass of which is unknown, accounts for 16%. This number in turn gives the average molecular weight of organics as 113 g mol⁻¹ for monocarboxylate.

The overall correlation between $m/z$ 43 and $m/z$ 44 in the organic mass spectra obtained by AMS was 0.640, but a plot of $m/z$ 43 versus $m/z$ 44 showed two distinct trends: a trend with an $m/z$ 44 to $m/z$ 43 ratio of ~1 and another with a ratio of ~2.5 (Figure S-14). This result suggests that two types of organic species gave fragment ions that contributed to the $m/z$ 44 to $m/z$ 43 ratio. These species will be discussed in detail in Sect. 3.4.

**3.4. Oxidation state of organic aerosols**

As we did in previous reports for the field studies in December 2010 (Irei et al., 2014) and in March 2012 (Irei et al., 2015), here we briefly discuss the results of evaluation of the oxidation state of the organic aerosols observed during the half-year period of this study. First, we applied positive matrix factorization (PMF) analysis to the organic aerosol mass spectra to deconvolute
the types of organic aerosols (Zhang et al., 2005; Ulbrich et al., 2009), and then we determined
the oxidation state of each type of organic aerosol by plotting the fractions of $m/z$ 43 ($f_{43}$) and
$m/z$ 44 ($f_{44}$) in the organic mass spectra, according to the method described by Ng et al. (2010).
Furthermore, we determined the mass to carbon ratios (OM/OC ratios) of the types of organic
aerosol using the method described by Zhang et al. (2005) to characterize the species of the
organic aerosols.

With respect to the mass spectral pattern, PMF analysis gave the most feasible solution
with two types of organic aerosols: hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) and low-volatility
oxygenated organic aerosol (LV-OOA) (Figure 2). The mass spectral patterns of these two types
of aerosols agreed well with those of HOA and LV-OOA found in the December study ($r^2$ of
0.98 and 0.98, respectively). The patterns also agreed reasonably with the reference mass
spectra for HOA and LV-OOA in the AMS spectral database ($r^2$ of 0.94 and 0.53, respectively)
made available by Ulbrich et al. (http://cires.colorado.edu/jimenez-group/AMSsd/). The time-
series variations of the HOA and LV-OOA mass concentrations showed similar patterns (Figure
3), an implication that the primary OA and the precursor(s) of LV-OOA are from the same
source in large scale. On average, HOA and LV-OOA accounted for 38% and 59% of the
organic aerosols throughout the study period, respectively. These values are in the same
magnitude to the fractions previously reported during the study in December 2010 (32% and
67% for HOA and LV-OOA, respectively). In a plot of $f_{43}$ versus $f_{44}$, the data point of $f_{43}$ and
$f_{44}$ for LV-OOA in this study was located at the top of the triangle, indicating a high oxidation state (Figure 4). The OM/OC ratio of HOA and LV-OOA were 2.8 and 5.0 $\mu g$ $\mu gC^{-1}$, respectively. The OM/OC ratio of HOA was twice as high as the ratio of HOA found in the December study. This may be an implication of oxidation of HOA at some extent. The OM/OC ratio of LV-OOA was 1.4 and 1.2 times as high as the ratios of LV-OOA found in our field studies in December 2010 and March 2012, respectively. To the best of our knowledge, substances showing such a high OM/OC ratio are only humic-like substances.

3.5. Chemical clocks

We used a NO$_x$/NO$_y$ concentration ratio and a NMHC concentration ratio to explore the extent of photochemical reaction (i.e., the reaction with OH radical). In this type of chemical clock analysis, the concentration of a reactive chemical and that of a less reactive chemical are used in the numerator and the denominator, respectively, of the ratio. As a reaction proceeds, the numerator decreases while the denominator remains constant; therefore, a change in the ratio indicates the extent of reaction. In application of chemical clocks to the atmospheric transport of pollutants, users should be aware of that the extent of reaction may not always be well defined because emission sources are spatially distributed over the trajectory of an air parcel in many cases. This type of analysis is ideally suited to situations in which inputs into an air parcel from additional emission sources during transport are negligible. Our field study for
transboundary air pollution transported over the East China Sea can be the ideal case.

3.5.1. NO\textsubscript{x}/NO\textsubscript{y} clock

To see if such an assumption is valid, the NO\textsubscript{x}/NO\textsubscript{y} and hydrocarbon clocks were evaluated. Given that the conversion of NO\textsubscript{2} (the major component of NO\textsubscript{x}) to HNO\textsubscript{3} (one of the components of NO\textsubscript{y})

\[ \text{NO}_2 + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{M} \rightarrow \text{HNO}_3 \]  \hspace{1cm} (R1)

is the major sink for NO\textsubscript{x} and that the concentration of OH radicals, [OH], can be assumed to be constant, the photochemical age, \( t[\text{OH}] \), of NO\textsubscript{x} can be determined according to the following pseudo-first order rate law:

\[ t[\text{OH}] = \frac{1}{k_{\text{NO}_2}} \ln \left( \frac{[\text{NO}_x]}{[\text{NO}_y]} \right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where [NO\textsubscript{x}], [NO\textsubscript{y}], and \( k_{\text{NO}_2} \) are the concentrations of NO\textsubscript{x} and NO\textsubscript{y} (molecules cm\textsuperscript{-3}) at reaction time \( t \) and the temperature-dependent effective second-order rate constant for the reaction of NO\textsubscript{x} with OH radicals, respectively. \( k_{\text{NO}_2} \) includes the concentration of a third body, [M], which depends on pressure and temperature. To calculate \( k_{\text{NO}_2} \) at ambient temperature and a pressure of 1 atm, we therefore calculated the third-order rate constant and [M] according to the method described by Finlayson-Pitts and Pitts (2000) with the polynomial best fit for measured ambient temperature mentioned in Sect. 3.1. The calculated \( k_{\text{NO}_2} \) values at 1 atm ranged from \( 9.3 \times 10^{-12} \) to \( 1.1 \times 10^{-11} \) cm\textsuperscript{3} molecule\textsuperscript{-1} s\textsuperscript{-1}, and both the mean and the median

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were $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$. In turn, the determined $t$[OH] using the $k_{NO2}$ values and the
$[NO_x]/[NO_y]$ ratios ranged from $2.9 \times 10^5$ to $1.3 \times 10^8$ (mean $\pm$ SD = $(3.4 \pm 1.6) \times 10^7$ h molecules cm$^{-3}$). We found that the use of a fixed $k_{NO2}$ value (i.e., the mean value of $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$) resulted in biases between $-10\%$ and $+7\%$ in the estimation of $t$[OH]. We also found that a temperature variation of $\pm 5$ K resulted in only a $\pm 5\%$ variation in $t$[OH]. However, this analysis for the biases does not take into account temperature and pressure variations during the transport of the air parcels.

The reaction of NO$_2$ with O$_3$, which may result in significant overestimation in the NO$_x$/NO$_y$ clock, was also evaluated. The reaction of NO$_2$ with O$_3$ forms NO$_3$ radicals:

\begin{equation}
NO_2 + O_3 \rightarrow NO_3 + O_2 \tag{R2}
\end{equation}

This reaction channel is important at night, but negligible during the day when NO$_3$ radicals are quickly photolyzed back to NO$_x$. NO$_3$ radicals react with NO$_2$ to form stable N$_2$O$_5$, which is in thermal equilibrium with NO$_2$ and NO$_3$ and therefore acts as a reservoir of NO$_x$:

\begin{equation}
NO_2 + NO_3 \leftrightarrow N_2O_5 \tag{R3}
\end{equation}

N$_2$O$_5$ reacts slowly with water vapor to form HNO$_3$, and this process terminates the chain reaction:

\begin{equation}
N_2O_5 + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2HNO_3 \tag{R4}
\end{equation}

The reaction of N$_2$O$_5$ with water vapor is a dominant reaction channel when the RH is above 50\% (Finlayson-Pitts and Pitts, 2000, and references therein), which can be the case in our
study (Figure S-1). Although the contribution of the reaction of NO$_2$ with O$_3$ may result in a significant overestimation of $[\text{OH}]$, one should remind that the R4 channel is negligible as there is enough ammonia to neutralize sulfate (Brown et al., 2006), which is our case.

We evaluated the significance of this reaction channel by comparing the lifetime of NO$_x$ with respect to reaction with OH radicals (R1 channel), $\tau_{\text{OH}}$, and with respect to reaction with O$_3$ (R2 channel), $\tau_{\text{O}_3}$, at constant OH radical and O$_3$ concentrations. For this evaluation, we used $1.0 \times 10^{-11}$ and $3.2 \times 10^{-17}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$ at 298 K and 1 atm as the second-order rate constants for the two reactions, respectively, and $5 \times 10^5$ and $1.3 \times 10^{12}$ molecules cm$^{-3}$ (0.021 pptv and 52 ppbv) as the OH and O$_3$ concentrations, respectively. The OH concentration was chosen because $5 \times 10^5$ molecules cm$^{-3}$ was the reasonable value in our previous study (Irei et al., 2014), and the O$_3$ concentration was chosen because the concentration was the upper quartile cut-off value of the observed O$_3$ in this study. The values of $\tau_{\text{OH}}$ and $\tau_{\text{O}_3}$ were calculated to be 54 and 6.8 h, respectively. That is, the R2 was approximately 4 times as fast as the R1 under these conditions. If the reaction of NO$_2$ with O$_3$ at night was the predominant mode of conversion of NO$_x$ to NO$_y$, a positive correlation between the O$_3$ mixing ratio and the extent of NO$_x$ turnover—that is, between the O$_3$ mixing ratio and ln([NO$_x$]/[NO$_y$])—should be observed in our night time data. However, a plot of the hourly O$_3$ mixing ratios versus hourly ln([NO$_x$]/[NO$_y$]) showed no positive correlation, but a clear inverse correlation ($r^2 = 0.489$), indicating that the turnover of NO$_x$ to NO$_y$ increased as the O$_3$ mixing ratio increased (Figure
5). Similar observations have been reported elsewhere (Olszyna et al., 1994; Roussel et al., 1996). Given that during the day, O\textsubscript{3} forms only photochemically, this inverse correlation suggests that NO\textsubscript{x} conversion was due to daytime photochemistry. A conclusion with this possibility was drawn from an analysis of O\textsubscript{3} production efficiency (Yokouchi et al., 2011).

The photochemical reaction of aldehydes is also a sink for NO\textsubscript{2}, resulting in the formation of thermally stable peroxyacyl nitrates:

\begin{align*}
\text{RCHO} + \text{OH} & \rightarrow \text{RCO} + \text{H}_\text{2} \text{O} \quad \text{(R5)} \\
\text{RCO} + \text{O}_\text{2} & \rightarrow \text{RC(O)OO} \quad \text{(R6)} \\
\text{RC(O)OO} + \text{NO}_\text{2} & \rightarrow \text{RC(O)OONO}_\text{2} \quad \text{(R7)}
\end{align*}

Unfortunately, we cannot evaluate the significance of this channel with our current dataset, because no data for aldehyde and peroxyacyl radical concentrations are available. Because this loss channel also occurs in sunlight, the possibility that peroxyacyl nitrate formation significantly affects \[\text{t}[\text{OH}]\] cannot be excluded. The absolute value of \[\text{t}[\text{OH}]\] derived from the \[\text{[NO}_\text{x}] / [\text{NO}_\text{y}]\] ratio remains uncertain, but as demonstrated by the high correlation between this ratio and the \text{O}_\text{3} mixing ratio, the use of the NO\textsubscript{x}/NO\textsubscript{y} clock nevertheless provides valuable information about the relative extent of photooxidation. When we plotted the time-series variation of \[\text{t}[\text{OH}]\] estimated from the \[\text{[NO}_\text{x}] / [\text{NO}_\text{y}]\] ratio (Figure 6), we observed variation similar to that observed for the hourly average \text{O}_\text{3} mixing ratio (Figure S-4a), implying a strong association between the \[\text{t}[\text{OH}]\] and the sunlight irradiance.
3.5.2. Hydrocarbon clock

When NMHC A and B react with OH radicals at different rate

\[
A + OH \rightarrow \text{Product} + H_2O \quad \text{(R8)}
\]

\[
B + OH \rightarrow \text{Product} + H_2O \quad \text{(R9)}
\]

\( t[\text{OH}] \) can also be estimated from the ratio of the two NMHCs (Robert et al., 1984; Rudolph and Johnen, 1990; Parrish et al., 1992):

\[
t[\text{OH}] = \frac{1}{(k_A - k_B)} \ln \left( \frac{[A_0]}{[B_0]} \cdot \frac{[B]}{[A]} \right)
\]

where \([A_0]\) and \([B_0]\) are the initial concentrations (molecules cm\(^{-3}\)) of NMHCs A and B, which have short and long lifetimes (relative to each other); \([A]\) and \([B]\) are the concentrations (molecules cm\(^{-3}\)) at time \(t\); and \(k_A\) and \(k_B\) are the temperature-dependent rate constants for reactions of A and B with OH radicals (molecules\(^{-1}\) cm\(^3\) s\(^{-1}\)). If NMHCs A and B are emitted from the same source at the same time, the change in the concentration ratio theoretically indicates the extent of chemical reaction. However, dilution with an aged air mass containing depleted NMHCs can also change the NMHC ratio, thus biasing the \(t[\text{OH}]\) estimation (McKeen and Liu, 1993). This bias can be visualized by plotting two different NMHC ratios with the same denominator, and we used the \([i\text{-pentane}]/[\text{ethyne}]\) and \([\text{toluene}]/[\text{ethyne}]\) ratios for this evaluation. The calculations require the rate constants for the reactions of the NMHCs with OH radicals under the mean temperature observed, 283.7 K, the mixing ratios of the NMHCs in the
background air, and their initial mixing ratios at emission. Using the Arrhenius equation with

the recommended parameters for $i$-pentane, toluene, and ethyne (NIST Chemistry WebBook, http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/), respectively, the rate constants for the reaction of these compounds with OH radicals at 283 K (i.e., the mean temperature during the study period) were calculated to be $3.44 \times 10^{-12}$, $5.88 \times 10^{-12}$, and $7.38 \times 10^{-13}$ cm$^3$ molecule$^{-1}$ s$^{-1}$, respectively. Note that the variation of the slope for the reaction loss owing to the variation of the temperature-dependent rate constants between the maximum and minimum temperature (298.3 and 271.5 K) was found to be less than $\pm$ 2%. Thus, the variation of the reactive loss due to the temperature change was not influential to our analysis. For the background mixing ratios, we used mixing ratios observed at Cape Hedo, Okinawa (Kato et al., 2004), which were 0.05, 0.09, and 0.39 ppbv, respectively. For the initial mixing ratios at emission, we used the reported scores for loadings extracted by means of PMF analysis for the NMHC sources in Beijing (Wang et al., 2015). The PMF loadings used in the calculations were vehicular emissions 1 and 2, solvent use, and natural gas and gasoline leakage. In addition to these initial mixing ratios, mixing ratios reported a rural site in northeast China (Lin’an, in the Yangtze River Delta, Tang et al., 2009) were also tested.

The plot shows that, with respect to the initial NMHC ratio, depletion trends resulting from use of the solvent-use profile and of the observations in Lin’an deviated substantially from the observed overall trend (Figure 7). The majority of observed plots lies between the
trends for the dilution with the background air and the reaction loss calculated if the profiles for the vehicular-emissions and natural-gas and gasoline leakage were used. That is, the vehicular emissions and the natural gas and gasoline leakage may have been the predominant emitters of these NMHCs, but source apportionment is difficult because of the uncertainty in the emission profiles. On the basis of this comparison, we could identify only two possible significant sources of these NMHCs during the measurement period. The layout of observed data points in-between the dilution and reactive loss lines also suggests that depletion in their mixing ratios was a combination of these processes. Comparison of calculated $t[OH]$ by the toluene/ethyne clock with those by the NO$_x$/NO$_y$ clock exhibited a poor correlation (Figure S-15), demonstrating the limitation of the toluene/ethyne clock for estimation of $t[OH]$ under the condition at Fukue. A quantitative understanding will require a more sophisticated analysis based on mass balance with reliable source profiles.

With respect to the background mixing ratios observed at Cape Hedo, the plot also shows that many of our observed data points were lower than the background NMHC ratios represented by a brown circle in Figure 7. This result implies that the background NMHC ratios from the observations at Cape Hedo are still too high to be used as background values of these NMHC ratios for the study region. It is reasonable to assume that the background mixing ratios for both toluene and $i$-pentane in the aged air masses were LDL (<3 pptv). This assumption allows us to approximate the background mixing ratio of ethyne based on the smallest
[toluene]/[ethyne] and [i-pentane]/[ethyne] ratios observed. According to the plot, the use of –
3.5 for the ln[toluene]/[ethyne] and –4 for ln[i-pentane]/[ethyne], approximately the smallest
ratios observed, seems more reasonable. If we use the highest DL value (3 pptv) as the
background mixing ratio for toluene and i-pentane, the background ethyne mixing ratio is then
calculated to be ~0.16 ppbv, which is about 25% of the background value observed at Cape
Hedo by Kato et al. (2004). On the basis of the plot in Figure 7, we recommend the use of
0.003, 0.003, and 0.16 ppbv as the background mixing ratios for i-pentane, toluene, and ethyne,
respectively, in the region of the East China Sea.

3.6. Dependence of \( f_{44} \) and \( O_3 \) on \( t[OH] \)

A scatter plot of \( f_{44} \) as a function of \( t[OH] \) estimated by the NOx/NOy clock showed a
proportional increase of \( f_{44} \) with increasing \( t[OH] \) (estimated by means of the NOx/NOy clock)
up to a \( t[OH] \) value of \( 7 \times 10^7 \) h molecules cm\(^{-3}\), and then \( f_{44} \) started to level off slightly (Figure
8). That is, \( f_{44} \) works as an oxidation indicator below the \( t[OH] \) of \( 7 \times 10^7 \) h molecules cm\(^{-3}\).
The \( f_{44} \) oxidation indicator is known to be case dependent, even at this location and below this
upper limit (Irei et al., 2015). Considering the existence of HOA during the study period, a
series of findings here and in the previous reports supports our hypothesis that \( f_{44} \) varies with
\( t[OH] \) as LV-OOA, which has a constant and high value of \( f_{44} \), mixes with the background-level
HOA, which has a significantly lower constant value of \( f_{44} \) than LV-OOA (Irei et al., 2014). To
a first approximation of the increasing trend, $f_{44}$ is given by

$$f_{44} = (1.05 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9} t[OH] + 0.103 \pm 0.001 \tag{3}$$

with an $r^2$ value of 0.369. The first approximation satisfactorily describes the increasing trend below a $t[OH]$ value of $7 \times 10^7$ h molecules cm$^{-3}$. The intercept of the first approximation indicates the $f_{44}$ value for organic aerosol at a photochemical age of zero, that is, $f_{44}$ at emission. The slope, which was $(1.05 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9}$ h$^{-1}$ molecule$^{-1}$ cm$^3$, indicates the rate of increase of $f_{44}$ as [OH] is given. Kleinman et al. (2007) observed that during the New England Air Quality Study, the background-corrected $f_{44}$ value increased from 0.08 to 0.13 as $-\ln([NO_x]/[NO_y])$ increased from 0.1 to 1.3, which corresponds to an increase of $t[OH]$ from $3.2 \times 10^6$ to $42 \times 10^6$ h molecule cm$^{-3}$. These values give an increase rate of $1.3 \times 10^{-9} \times [OH]$ h$^{-1}$, which is almost identical to the rate we calculated in this study. The overall proportionality of $f_{44}$ with $t[OH]$ suggests that, like the NO$_x$/NO$_y$ clock, $f_{44}$ worked as an oxidation indicator during this study period. This, however, is inconsistent with our another report, in which no proportional increase of $f_{44}$ was observed during the study in different year at the same location (Irei et al., 2015). Interestingly, our hypothesis of binary mixture of organic aerosol is still consistent with these contradicting cases.

It has been proposed that the increasing trend of $f_{44}$ can be explained by a binary mixture of variable amount of LV-OOA depending on extent of reaction processing $x$ for the LV-OOA precursor and constant amount of HOA (Irei et al., 2014, Supporting Information):
In this equation $f_{44}^{\text{HOA}}$ and $f_{44}^{\text{LV-OOA}}$ are the fractions of m/z 44 signal for the HOA and LV-OOA factors from the PMF analysis previously discussed, respectively; $(\text{OM/OC})_{\text{HOA}}$ and $(\text{OM/OC})_{\text{LV-OOA}}$ are the organic mass concentration ratios to the organic carbon concentrations ($\mu g \ mu g C^{-1}$) for the HOA and LV-OOA from the PMF analysis, respectively; and $a$ and $b$ values are arbitrary constants ($\mu g C m^{-3}$) that convert the $(\text{OM/OC})_{\text{HOA}}$ and $(\text{OM/OC})_{\text{LV-OOA}}$ ratios to the organic mass concentrations of the HOA and the LV-OOA, respectively. The factor “0.3”, which is multiplied by the variable $x$, is a factor for the SOA carbon yield based on the laboratory experiments of SOA formation by toluene photooxidation (Irei et al., 2006; Irei et al., 2011). The equation (4) has one variable, $x$, and 6 parameters, four of which are determined by PMF analysis. The greater extent of reaction processing proceeds, the greater LV-OOA contributes to the binary mixture of HOA and LV-OOA, each of which has significantly different $f_{44}$ value. Consequently, the $f_{44}$ of the binary mixture containing a significantly low $f_{44}$ continues to increase until it is saturated with LV-OOA. This hypothesis consistently explains our observations that the $f_{44}$ oxidation indicator sometimes worked, and sometimes did not. There is also a possible limitation that the indicator also depends on distinctive values of $f_{44}$. As two members, HOA and LV-OOA, had the similar $f_{44}$ values, the indicator would not work. The $f_{44}$ curve of organic aerosols was calculated using three different combinations of...
parameters listed in Table 3. It was found that the model calculation underestimated the $f_{44}$ (Figure 8) when 0.05 and 1 $\mu$g C m$^{-3}$ were used for the $a$ and $b$ values, respectively, together with the rest of the parameters obtained from the PMF analysis (i.e., applying the parameters in the combination I in Table 3). Although these $a$ and $b$ values were used in the previous report and demonstrated reasonable agreement with the observations (i.e., applying the parameters in the combination III), the agreement was owing to different $f_{44}$ values and OM/OC ratios extracted from the PMF analysis (see the Section 3.4). To have reasonable agreement with the observations using the $f_{44}$ and OM/OC extracted by the PMF analysis, the use of 0.0175 and 1 $\mu$g C m$^{-3}$ for the $a$ and $b$ values (applying the parameters in the combination II) was found to give the best fitting to the observations.

As discussed previously, there was a strong relationship between the NO$_x$ turn over and O$_3$ mixing ratio (Sect. 3.5.1). This relationship can be converted to the one between $t[OH]$ and O$_3$ mixing ratios (Figure 9). An obtained linear relationship was $[O_3] = (3.48 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7} \times t[OH] + 30.7 \pm 0.3$. This provides the increasing rate of ozone $(3.48 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7} \times$ [OH] ppbv h$^{-1}$ and the background ozone mixing ratio of 30.7 ppbv in this region. If [OH] of 5$\times$10$^5$ molecules cm$^{-3}$ (Takegawa et al., 2007; Irei et al., 2014) is given as the mean concentration of OH radical during the long-range transport in this region, the equation gives the average ozone production rate of 0.174 ppbv h$^{-1}$. A combination with measurements for OH radical concentration will secure a more accurate production rate of ozone in this region.
4. Summary

To improve our understanding of the ozone and SOA formation from the oxidation of atmospheric pollutants, we conducted field studies from December 2010 to May 2011 on Fukue Island, Nagasaki Prefecture, Japan. Wind-sector analysis of CO mixing ratios revealed that the ratio showed almost no wind-sector dependence, suggesting that the influence of emissions from residential areas near the measurement site was negligible. This fact in turn indicates that the influence of mid- and/or long-range transport of air pollutants to the site had a significant influence. Photochemical age, $t_{[OH]}$, was estimated from $[NO_x]/[NO_y]$ and a NMHC concentration ratio, and the validity of the ratios was evaluated. The evaluation suggested that the hydrocarbon clock was significantly influenced by mixing with background air containing 0.16 ppbv of ethyne, a NMHC with a relatively long lifetime, resulting in significant bias in the estimation of $t_{[OH]}$. In contrast, loss of NOx due to reaction with O$_3$ at night was not influential to the NO$_x$/NO$_y$ clock, which thus seemed to function appropriately, at least with respect to relative aging. The $t_{[OH]}$ value obtained with the NO$_x$/NO$_y$ clock was then compared with $f_{44}$ obtained by AMS measurements, and $f_{44}$ was observed to increase with increasing $t_{[OH]}$, indicating the $f_{44}$ can also be used as an oxidation indicator. This indicator likely works under the condition where two different types of organic aerosols, such as primary and secondary organic aerosols represented by hydrocarbon-like organic aerosols and low-volatile oxygenated organic aerosol, respectively, are mixed. Using linear regression analysis, we
estimated that the $f_{44}$ increase rate for organic aerosols transported over the East China Sea averaged $(1.05 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9} \times [\text{OH}] \text{ h}^{-1}$. This rate was almost identical to the background-corrected rate observed during the New England Air Quality Study in the summer of 2002. The consistency may implying the similar production process(es) of SOA, possibly humic-like substances. In addition, a clear proportional relationship was observed between $O_3$ and $r[\text{OH}]$.

According to the linear regression analysis, the increasing rate and background mixing ratio of $O_3$ in this region were found to be $(3.48 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7} \times [\text{OH}] \text{ ppbv h}^{-1}$ and 30.7 ppbv, respectively.

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Figure 1. Location of the Fukue Island monitoring station.

Figure 2. Extracted mass spectra from two-factorial PMF analysis: top, mass spectra identified as hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA); bottom, mass spectra identified as low-volatile oxygenated organic aerosol (LV-OOA).

Figure 3. Temporal variation of mass concentration of HOA (orange) and LV-OOA (green) obtained by PMF analysis.

Figure 4. Plot of $f_{44}$ versus $f_{43}$ for different types of organic aerosols extracted from PMF analysis. Dashed lines are the limits of oxidation states reported by Ng et al. (2010).

Figure 5. Scatter plot of natural logarithm of [NO$_x$]/[NO$_y$] ratio versus O$_3$ mixing ratio. The data points with the ozone mixing ratios less than 25 ppbv were excluded from the linear regression.

Figure 6. Time-series variation of photochemical age, $t[OH]$, estimated from [NO$_x$]/[NO$_y$] ratios.

Figure 7. Scatter plot of natural logarithm of [toluene]/[ethyne] ratio as function of natural logarithm of [$i$-pentane]/[ethyne] ratio (gray dots). Linear regressions shown are calculated depletion trends resulting from mixing with background air (dotted lines) and from reaction with OH radicals (solid lines); these trends were determined by using the initial NMHC ratios from the literature, for vehicular emissions 1 (black open circle), vehicular emissions 2 (red
open circle), solvent use (green open circle), and natural gas and gasoline leakage (blue open circle) observed in Beijing (Wang et al., 2015), as well as field measurement data obtained at Lin’an, a rural background site in the Yangtze River Delta, China (yellow open circle) from Tang et al. (2009). The brown open circle that all the dotted lines meet at corresponds to the background values observed at Cape Hedo (Kato et al., 2004). See the text for the calculation and references for these data.

Figure 8. Scatter plot of hourly averaged $f_{44}$ (black dot) as function of photochemical age, $t[OH]$, estimated by means of the NOx/NOy clock (the bottom x-axis) and a linear regression (grey line). As comparison, $f_{44}$ binary mixing models (dotted curves) of HOA and LV-OOA using different combinations of model parameters (combination I (green); combination II (blue); and combination III (red)) are also shown. See the text for the detail of the combinations of model parameters.

Figure 9. Scatter plot of ozone mixing ratio versus photochemical age ($t[OH]$). The data points with the ozone mixing ratios less than 25 ppbv were excluded from the linear regression.
Table 1. Concentrations and mixing ratios of chemical species observed during the study period.

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<sup>a</sup>LDL: lower than detection limit.

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Table 2. Coefficients of determination for correlations between chemical species concentrations.

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<sup>a</sup>The f<sub>44</sub> and OM/OC values for HOA and LV-OOA are based on the results from the PMF analysis.

<sup>b</sup>Parameters used in the previous report (Irei et al., 2014, supportive information).
Figure 1. Location of the Fukue Island monitoring station.

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Figure 9. Scatter plot of ozone mixing ratio versus photochemical age ($t[OH]$). The data points with the ozone mixing ratios less than 25 ppbv were excluded from the linear regression.