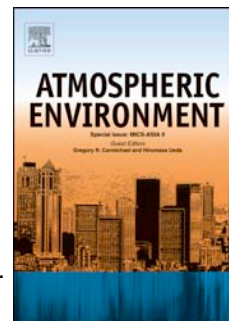


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## 19     **Abstract**

20     Shipboard measurements of microphysical and optical properties of marine boundary-layer  
21     aerosols were performed around the Korean Peninsula from 2 to 5 December 2009. The  
22     measurements were conducted aboard the Korean icebreaking research vessel Araon during  
23     cruise tracks in the East Sea of Korea near Busan and Pohang. This paper describes the  
24     results of optical aerosol measurements acquired with a DePolarization Lidar (DPL) and an  
25     Optical Particle Counter (OPC) and data on meteorological parameters. Backward trajectory  
26     analyses indicate that two different aerosol characteristics according to different pathways of  
27     air mass encountered during the cruise. We find a high correlation between wind speeds  
28     across the east coast of Korea and extinction coefficient, depolarization ratio and mass  
29     concentration with correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) of 0.57, 0.52 and 0.67, respectively. The  
30     increase of extinction coefficient, depolarization ratio and number concentration with wind  
31     speed may have been caused by the increase of sea-salt aerosol production and transport.

32     **Key words;** lidar; aerosol; wind speed; marine boundary layer

## 33     **1. Introduction**

34     Aerosols play a significant role in air quality and atmospheric visibility. They affect the  
35     global climate because of their effect on the solar radiation. The so-called aerosol direct effect  
36     occurs when aerosols affect the radiation budget by scattering and absorbing solar radiation  
37     (Ayash et al., 2008; Ma et al., 2008). The aerosol indirect effect occurs when the optical  
38     properties of clouds are changed, e.g. cloud condensation and lifetime processes, because of  
39     the influence of microphysical and chemical characteristics of aerosol on cloud properties  
40     (Goodale and Mansfield, 1987; Twomey et al., 1984).

41     The ocean is one of the major sources of natural aerosols. On the global scale, the total mass  
42     of natural aerosols is much higher than that of anthropogenic aerosols. Sea salt is the

43 strongest natural source of aerosol with a production rate of about 1000 - 10,000 Tg per year  
44 (Winter and Chýlek, 1997). Sea salt aerosols dominate the atmosphere clear-sky radiative  
45 forcing over the oceans (Grini et al., 2002; Ma et al., 2008). Sea salt aerosols act as cloud  
46 condensation nuclei (CCN) and modify the radiative properties and lifetime of clouds  
47 (Murphy et al., 1998; Pierce and Adams, 2006). Therefore, changes in marine aerosol  
48 properties are likely to have important climatological implications (Ayash et al., 2008;  
49 Murphy et al., 1998).

50 The main mechanism leading to the production of sea salt aerosol is air bubbles bursting at  
51 the surface of the ocean as a result of wind stress (An et al., 1986; Blanchard, 1983). The  
52 bubbles are formed when breaking waves are lifted into the marine boundary layer (MBL)  
53 (Blanchard and Syzdek, 1988). Breaking waves create whitecaps and sea-spray droplets that  
54 consist of a large number of air bubbles, which is essential for the increased production of  
55 marine aerosols (Fairall et al., 1983). As the bubbles fall back to the surface they form  
56 whitecaps and burst, thus leading to the injection of sea water film and jet drops into the  
57 atmosphere (Resch et al., 1986; Wu, 1990). A correlation was found between surface wind  
58 speed and the aerosol concentration of sea salt (Latham and Smith, 1990; O'Dowd and Smith,  
59 1993).

60 Despite their importance, marine aerosols remain one of the most poorly understood  
61 aerosols in the atmosphere. Particularly, the relation between marine aerosol optical  
62 properties and wind speed is difficult to quantify because it can be masked by the long-range  
63 transport of aerosols that originate from land-based sources (Smirnov et al., 1995; Villevalde  
64 et al., 1994) and get mixed into the marine boundary layer.

65 The main objective of this paper is to investigate the relationship between microphysical  
66 and optical properties of marine aerosol along with their variation with wind speed. The  
67 paper is organized as follows: Section 2 presents the method and the measurements. Section 3  
68 discusses microphysical and optical properties of the marine aerosols observed in our study.  
69 Section 4 summarizes our findings.

## 70        **2. Measurement and Method**

71        We used data from the ship-borne DePolarization Lidar (DPL), an Optical Particle Counter  
72        (OPC), and data obtained with hygrometer, thermometer, anemometer, and anemoscope.  
73        These instruments were installed aboard the research icebreaking Araon. Araon is operated by  
74        the Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI). The first cruise of Araon was mainly  
75        concentrated along the coast and lasted from 2 to 4 December 2009. Fig. 1 shows the cruise  
76        track of the Araon. We performed a backward trajectory analyses for aerosol transport  
77        characteristics. We identified air masses characteristic of clean marine conditions and air  
78        masses that were influenced by anthropogenic aerosols from East Asia.

### 79        **2.1 DePolarization Lidar (DPL)**

80        The DPL system is the first ship-borne lidar of Korea. The system was developed by KOPRI  
81        between March 2007 and April 2008. The lidar is installed on an optical table in a way that  
82        compensates for vibrations as much as possible. The lidar system is compact in size and it is  
83        installed in a container for deployments during cruises on Araon. The seatainer is  
84        weatherproof. A tilted, transparent glass roof protects the system against harsh environmental  
85        stress such as sea salt particles, exhaust from the Araon engine, ocean waves, precipitation,  
86        extreme humidity and temperature changes. The DPL system is operating without  
87        maintaining it each day. It can also be remote-controlled from other places through internet.  
88        The glass roof was cleaned by hand every few days and after rain during the campaign.

89        Fig. 2 shows the sketch of the DPL. The DPL system measures profiles of the linear  
90        depolarization ratio (DPR,  $\delta$ ) and backscatter coefficients of atmospheric particles at 532 nm  
91        wavelength. The light source of the lidar is a pulsed Nd:YAG laser (Quantel CFR400) which  
92        operates at the wavelength of 1064 nm. A frequency-doubling crystal allows for generating  
93        linear-polarized laser light at 532 nm wavelength. The laser emits pulses of 170 mJ at 532 nm  
94        wavelength. The pulse repetition rate is 30 Hz. The laser beam is transmitted vertically into  
95        the atmosphere after it is expanded five-fold. This system has a coaxial configuration

96 between the expanded laser beam and the receiver telescope. The backscattered light is  
 97 collected with an 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. After reflection from the secondary  
 98 mirror of the telescope, the backscattered light is focused to a pinhole. After passing the  
 99 pinhole, an achromatic lens collimates and transmits the light to an interference filter that  
 100 transmits at 532 nm. The interference filter is placed in front of a polarizing beam splitter  
 101 cube (PBC). The interference filter reduces the background noise from solar radiation. The  
 102 PBC is used to separate the parallel from the cross-polarized signals of the depolarized  
 103 backscatter signals. These two polarized beams then enter photomultiplier tubes (PMT)  
 104 which generate electronic signals which are subsequently collected by the data acquisition  
 105 system. The ratio of the gain of the two detectors was determined by rotating a half-  
 106 wavelength plate. The plate is located at the front end of the laser head. An analog-to-digital  
 107 converter (ADC) is used to digitize the output from the PMTs. The sampling rate is 60MHz.  
 108 Measurements were taken by collecting 3600 laser shots (2 minute time resolution) and a  
 109 vertical resolution of 2.5 m. The lowest height of complete overlap of laser beam and field of  
 110 view of the receiver telescope is 250 m.

111 The  $\delta$  indicates if the scattering particles have non-spherical shape (Murayama et al., 2004;  
 112 Sassen, 1991). The volume DPR ( $\delta_v$ ) is defined as the ratio of the cross-polarized lidar return  
 113 signal with respect to the parallel-polarized backscatter signal (Freudenthaler et al., 2009;  
 114 Murayama et al., 1999; Sugimoto and Lee, 2006). The  $\delta_v$  describes the sum of two  
 115 components, i.e., the molecular DPR ( $\delta_m$ ) and the particle DPR ( $\delta_p$ ). The  $\delta_p$  can be defined by  
 116 the following equation:

$$117 \quad \delta_p = (R \delta' - \delta_m) / (R - 1) \quad (1)$$

118 where  $\delta' = \delta / (1 + \delta)$  (Murayama et al., 1999). The term R denotes the backscatter ratio. We  
 119 use a constant  $\delta_m$  of 1.4 % (Cairo et al., 1999; Weber et al., 1967).

120 The uncertainty of  $\delta_p$  comes from the error of the particle backscatter coefficient of the  $\delta$   
 121 calibration and systematic errors such as the incomplete separation of the linear polarization  
 122 due to the receiving optics (Cairo et al., 1999; Freudenthaler et al., 2009; Mattis et al., 2009).

123 Using the derived error formulas and estimations of the basic errors (Freudenthaler et al.,  
124 2009), the  $\delta_p$  values have a mean relative uncertainty of 15%.

125 The vertical optical profiles are derived on the basis of the Klett algorithm (Klett, 1985).  
126 Before applying the Klett algorithm, we performed signal smoothing by Savitsky–Golay  
127 filters for the random component of the error (Althausen et al., 2000; Whiteman, 1999).  
128 Signal smoothing lengths are 50 m for backscatter coefficient and  $\delta$ . Radiosondes were  
129 launched two times a day (00:00 and 12:00 h, UTC) at Pohang (36.03° N, 129.38° E) which  
130 is about 20-50 km away from the pathway of the research vessel. The Klett method needs as  
131 input the lidar ratio and the reference value of the particle backscatter coefficient in a specific  
132 height in order to derive the profile of the particle backscatter coefficient. The calibration  
133 point of the backscatter profile of the raw signals was set in an altitude where no particles but  
134 only molecules contributed to the measured signals.

135 The retrieval of the particle extinction coefficients from the elastic lidar signals significantly  
136 depends on the correct choice of the lidar ratio. The lidar ratio is defined as the ratio of the  
137 extinction coefficient to the backscatter coefficient. In general, the uncertainty of the profiles  
138 of the extinction coefficient that are derived with this type of lidar are larger than the  
139 uncertainty of the profiles of the backscatter coefficient. In that regard, we may use  
140 information on so-called aerosol types which can be distinguished according to their lidar  
141 ratio. We point out that the concept of using aerosol types can be used only as an  
142 approximation in the data analysis. A clear distinction among aerosol types may only be  
143 possible if these types occur in their pure form. Mixing of aerosol types, as it may easily  
144 happen in East Asia washes out the clear separation. In our study we used the constant lidar  
145 ratio of 23 sr (at 532 nm) for marine aerosols (Müller et al., 2007) . In view of the existing  
146 literature we acknowledge the possibility that this value may not be characteristic for all types  
147 of naturally occurring maritime aerosols. Furthermore, For calculation of backscatter  
148 coefficient based on the ‘Standard error propagation equation’ (Bevington and Robinson,  
149 1969), we consider signal noise and systematic errors (Ansmann et al., 1992; Gutkowicz-

150 Krusin, 1993). The relative statistical error of the backscatter coefficients is on the order of 5-  
151 10% (Althausen et al., 2000; Noh et al., 2009; Tesche et al., 2009).

## 152 **2.2 Optical Particle Counter (OPC)**

153 Aerosol size distributions and number concentrations were measured with an OPC (Grimm  
154 Model 265). The OPC was placed at the bottom of the radar mast, 20 m above sea level.  
155 The OPC detects scattered laser-light at a mean scattering angle of  $90^\circ$ . The serial binary  
156 signals of the OPC were logged to a PC in the atmospheric lab room which was located on  
157 the upper deck of the research vessel. The OPC provided 5-min averaged data of the number  
158 size distribution binned into 31 different size ranges from 0.25 to  $32\ \mu\text{m}$  and above (all sizes  
159 given as optically equivalent diameter). The OPC performed continuous sampling of the  
160 aerosols from which the size distributions were determined and averaged for the  
161 measurement times of the lidar observations. Mass concentrations were calculated from the  
162 number size distributions (Burkart et al., 2010; Snider and Petters, 2008). The aerosol density  
163 of  $2.2\ \text{g/cm}^3$  for marine aerosol was used in the mass concentration calculation. (Fan and Toon,  
164 2010; Tang et al., 1997). Data from the DPL and the OPC measurements were acquired  
165 continuously during the cruise. The average time of the DPL and OPC was 10 and 5 minutes,  
166 respectively. Measurement data contaminated by the ship exhaust plume were excluded from  
167 the data analysis. For this purpose we used information on wind direction. The data were  
168 retained when the relative wind direction was within  $120^\circ$  to the left and  $60^\circ$  to the right of  
169 the ship heading. Wind directions and other meteorological data such as wind speed, air  
170 temperature and relative humidity (RH) were measured at the top of radar mast at 20 m  
171 height above sea level.



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### 3. Result and Discussion

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#### 3.1 Meteorological Conditions and Lidar Measurements

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Fig. 3 shows the time series of the profiles of the DPL data and the meteorological data.

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Fig. 3(a) and 3(b) show the time-height distributions of the range-corrected signals and the  $\delta_m$

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acquired during the entire observation period. Because of precipitation caused by low-level

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clouds, the lidar measurements were interrupted from 1250 UTC on 3 December to 0010

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UTC on 4 December. Temporal variations of the backscatter coefficient and the  $\delta_p$  at the

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height of  $300 \pm 50$  m are shown in Fig. 3(c). Note that calculation for the backscatter

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coefficient and the  $\delta_p$  was temporally interrupted from 1500 to 2400 UTC on December 2

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and from 1250 UTC on 3 December to 0010 UTC on 4 December, because of the appearance

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of clouds. Fig. 3(d) and 3(e) show the temporal variations of the meteorological parameters.

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The total mass concentration of the aerosol particles is shown in Fig. 3(f). We categorized

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period I and period II according to the air mass pathways that are shown in Fig. 3 (see section

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3.2).

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#### 3.2 Classification of the Atmospheric Conditions

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Backward trajectory was analyzed to understand the air mass transport pathway and the

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potential source regions encountered during the cruise. We analyzed the aerosol

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characteristics with respect to categorized back trajectories for our initial estimation of the

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sources of the aerosols. Four-days backward trajectories in the lower atmosphere were

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calculated using the HYSPLIT (HYbrid Single-Particle Lagrangian Trajectory) model

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(Draxler and Rolph, 2003; Rolph, 2003). Air mass backward trajectories that ended along the

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cruise path were computed for heights of 300 m above sea level (see Fig. 4).

194 Period I denotes air masses that originated from the Chinese continent, passed across the  
195 Korean Peninsula and then entered the measurement pathway across the line defined by  
196 Busan, Pohang and Ulsan (these cities are the biggest harbor and industrial cities in Korea).  
197 Period II denotes air masses that originated from the north of China and Siberia and entered  
198 the measurement pathway along the east coast of the Korean Peninsula.

199 Fig. 4 (c) and (d) show the MODIS-retrieved AOD at 550 nm obtained by the modified  
200 GSTAR algorithm (Lee et al., 2006a; Lee et al., 2006b) for 2 and 4 December 2009. Areas  
201 where clouds or sun-glint was present or areas where there was an orbital gap in the data are  
202 shown in white. The MODIS AOD over southeast coast of Korean peninsula (near the cruise  
203 track of Araon; see Fig. 1) during period I shows higher values than the AOD that describes  
204 period II.

### 205 3.3 Microphysical and Optical Properties

#### 206 3.3.1 Vertical Profiles

207 Fig. 5(a) shows the vertical distributions of temperature, virtual potential temperature, and  
208 RH obtained from radiosonde data. Fig. 5(b) shows calculated vertical profiles of aerosol  
209 backscatter coefficients and the  $\delta_p$  at 532 nm. The height of the MBL can be determined from  
210 the vertical profiles of the aerosol backscatter coefficient (Drobninski et al., 1998), and the  
211 base of inversion layer from the radiosonde data (Barnes et al., 1980; Zeng et al., 2010). The  
212 region where the aerosol backscatter coefficient sharply decreases and the potential  
213 temperature lapse rate changes can be used as an indicator of the top of the MBL. The slope  
214 of the relative humidity profile and the virtual potential temperature profile sharply changes  
215 between 1.3 and 1.7 km, which can also be used for identifying the top of the MBL. The  
216 aerosol backscatter coefficient profiles show that the top of the MBL was at around 1.5 km  
217 above sea level.

218 The height differences of the MBL that we obtain from the two methods can be caused by  
219 different definitions that use different measurement parameters (Baars et al., 2008; Haeffelin

220 et al., 2012). The height of the MBL determined from the temperature profiles measured with  
 221 radiosonde was in good agreement to the MBL height determined from the aerosol profiles  
 222 measured with the DPL.

### 223 3.3.2 Relationship Between Wind Speed and Aerosol Optical Properties

224 Fig. 6 indicates a slight dependence of the  $\delta_p$  with increasing wind speed. Regarding the  
 225 increase of the  $\delta_p$  with increasing wind speed, the following causes are possible candidates:  
 226 (1) soil or dust particles transported from the continent, which can be seen from the back  
 227 trajectory analysis (see Fig. 4), may be mixed into the MBL; (2) sea-salt particles crystallize  
 228 by the strong sea breeze.

229 Soil and sea-salt particles are non-spherical and should increase the  $\delta$ . Sea-salt particles are  
 230 hygroscopic. On the one hand, they do not markedly change their shape through uptake of  
 231 water until 75% RH is reached. On the other hand, humidified sea-salt particles can exist in a  
 232 supersaturated droplet phase until RH drops below 45–48% (Tang et al., 1977; Tang, 1996;  
 233 Winkler and Junge, 1971). In this study, during the two-measurement periods, RH was above  
 234 40% and below 75% which thus could have allowed for sea-salt particles being more in their  
 235 crystallized phase and/or more in their droplet phase.

236 We investigated the correlation of the aerosol extinction coefficient retrieved for the  
 237 altitude of  $300 \pm 50$  m in dependence of the wind speed for the two measurement periods I  
 238 and II, respectively, see Fig. 7. We assume that the wind speeds at two different  
 239 measurement heights between extinction coefficient retrieval height at  $300 \pm 50$  m and wind  
 240 speed measurement height at 20 m above sea level are almost equal in the MBL in view of  
 241 the small roughness lengths over water (Stull, 1988). We used the constant lidar ratio of 23  
 242 sr (at 532 nm) for marine aerosols. The following relationship holds for the data shown in  
 243 the scatter plots of Fig. 7:

$$244 \quad \text{Period I: } \alpha = 0.86 \times U + 17.02 \quad (2)$$

$$245 \quad \text{Period II: } \alpha = 1.32 \times U + 2.48 \quad (3)$$

246 where  $\alpha$  is the extinction coefficient, and  $U$  is the wind speed. These equations explain that  
247 the aerosol extinction coefficients increase with increasing wind speed. However, The air  
248 mass pathway during period I has high chance to contain pollutions compared to period II air  
249 mass because of different air mass origin and path way as shown in Fig. 4(a) and (b). These  
250 differences induce the differences of constant which indicate background aerosol loading as  
251 17.02 and 2.48 in Eq. (2) and (3), respectively. In that reason, the aerosol extinction  
252 coefficients obtained during period I is higher than period II at the same or similar wind  
253 speed. The scatter of the extinction coefficients in dependence of wind speed is considerably  
254 smaller in period II compared to the scatter of data points that describe period I.

255 The slope between the aerosol extinction coefficient and wind speed of period II is about  
256 1.5 times higher compared to the slope for period I. For period I we find an extinction  
257 coefficient of  $\sim 15 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$  for wind speed 0 m/s. In contrast, extinction coefficient seems to be  
258 significantly lower for wind speed 0 m/s in period II. Though the regression line indicates a  
259 value of  $0 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$ , we note that extinction coefficient seems to level out to a value of  $\sim 5\text{--}10$   
260  $\text{Mm}^{-1}$  for wind speeds below  $\sim 5$  m/s. The lack of data points below 5 m/s does not allow us to  
261 make a clear conclusion on this point. We note, however, that this value of  $5\text{--}10 \text{ Mm}^{-1}$  would  
262 result in an optical depth of 0.005–0.01 for a 1 km shallow, clean MBL and thus would  
263 indicate background conditions. Such values have also been reported by Zielinski and Pflug  
264 (2007) and Lehahn et al. (2010).

265 In the case of period I we find a high number concentration of aerosols compared to period  
266 II (see Fig. 3(f), 4(c) and (d)). The reason for this difference could be caused by the “purity”  
267 of the marine aerosols in the sense that period I was characterized by the influence of  
268 continental aerosols, see also the discussion given by Zielinski and Pflug (2007).

269 More work is required to further homogenize our data. In order to make sure that pure sea-  
270 salt is responsible for the observed high DPRs and extinction coefficients at high wind speeds,  
271 we need more filter samples and chemical analyses (Mayol-Bracero et al., 2002).

### 272 3.3.3 Wind Speed Dependent Mass Concentration

273 The OPC was used to investigate the relationship between aerosol concentration and wind  
274 speed over the Korean coastal area. The generation mechanism of wind-driven sea-salt  
275 particles is strongly related to wind speed (Blanchard and Woodcock, 2008; O'Dowd and  
276 Smith, 1993). Mass concentrations of sea salt aerosols ( $C$ ) are expressed by the following  
277 equation (Kulkarni et al., 1982; O'Dowd et al., 1997; Wai and Tanner, 2004):

$$278 \quad \ln(C) = a \times U + b \quad (4)$$

279 The term  $U$  is the wind speed, and “ $a$ ” and “ $b$ ” are constants. The constant “ $b$ ” describes the  
280 background sea-salt loading or the sea-salt concentration when wind speed reaches zero. This  
281 equation implies that the sea salt concentrations are taken from air masses of pure marine  
282 origin. Like in previous studies, we find a strong correlation between aerosol concentration  
283 and wind speed during period II which describes the situation of a clean marine atmosphere  
284 after a precipitation event, see the condition shown in Fig. 8.

285 According to equation (4) we obtain a log-linear dependence of the sea-salt concentration  
286 with wind speed, i.e.,

$$287 \quad \ln(C) = 0.21 \times U + 2.23 \quad (5)$$

288 The values of “ $a$ ” and “ $b$ ” from this work are within the range of values found from  
289 previous studies, see Table 1 and Fig. 9. There are several reasons that may influence the  
290 constants “ $a$ ” and “ $b$ ”. (1) Different meteorology such as wind speed history, air/ sea  
291 temperature, salinity and precipitation with geographic location will result in different  
292 patterns for sea-salt generation and removal (Gong et al., 1997; Lovett, 1978). (2) The  
293 measurement equipment and techniques that are used, such as the sampling time, measured  
294 particle size ranges, altitude above sea level of the measurements and measurement sites  
295 (Exton et al., 1985).

296 The value of slope “ $a$ ” of our study is not significantly different from all other values  
297 reported for “ $a$ ” in previous studies; note the outlier reported by Tsunogai et al. (1972). In

298 contrast, the value “b” may vary across a rather wide range of numbers. The value we  
299 obtained for “b” in our study is at the upper end of values reported in literature. The reason  
300 for high value “b” is considered to be as follows: (1) We performed measurement on a  
301 moving ship, which may generate sea-salt particles (Lovett, 1978); (2) large particles which  
302 contribute significantly to the sea salt concentration are easy to detect on the surface of the  
303 ocean compared to inland measurement (Gong et al., 1997). Because residence time of the  
304 larger sea salt particles is so short than small particles due to gravitational sedimentation  
305 (Reid et al., 2001; Smith et al., 1993); (3) Sea-salt concentrations are higher in winter than  
306 during the other seasons (Gong et al., 1997).

#### 307 **4. Conclusion**

308 Measurements of the optical properties of aerosols in the MBL were carried out along the  
309 east coast of Korea during the Araon cruise. We used a DePolarization Lidar (DPL), an  
310 optical particle counter (OPC) and meteorological instruments. The cruise was from 2 to 5  
311 December 2009.

312 Different aerosol characteristics were observed and classified according to backward  
313 trajectory analyses. The characteristics of aerosol microphysical and optical properties we  
314 found during the measurement period are summarized as follows.

315 (1) We identified two periods that are characterized by two different air mass types. Air  
316 masses of period I originated from China and crossed the Korean Peninsula. Accordingly, the  
317 air masses were influenced by pollution before they were advected out over the East Korean  
318 coastline. In contrast, the air mass of period II passed along the east coast of Korea. In  
319 addition this air mass was encountered after a precipitation event.

320 (2) The lidar vertical profiles show that the backscatter coefficients increase with  
321 decreasing height until the overlap region of the lidar is reached.

322 (3) We reconfirm a log-linear variation of the aerosol number concentration versus wind  
323 speed for Period II. In addition, we find that the particle depolarization ratio increases with  
324 aerosol number concentration.

325 (4) The aerosol extinction coefficients increase with increasing wind speed. A linear  
326 relationship with a comparably high correlation coefficient is found for wind speed versus  
327 particle depolarization ratio in period II.

328 We find different aerosol optical properties during the different periods, in period I, the  
329 aerosols are composed of both natural and anthropogenic material. Aerosols of continental  
330 origin may have been present in the marine boundary layer. In contrast, the aerosols of period  
331 II were comprised mainly of particles of marine origin, i.e. sea salt particles.

332 In summary, further studies of the scattering properties of sea-salt aerosols under natural  
333 conditions with known wind speeds are needed in order to estimate more precisely the net  
334 global radiative forcing caused by these aerosol particles.

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502 **Fig. 1.** Cruise track of Araon. The blue numbers Julian day in 2009 denote the position of the  
503 vessel.

504 **Fig. 2.** Schematic layout of the lidar system.

505 **Fig. 3.** Temporal changes of the lidar data and the sea surface meteorological data taken  
506 between 0000 UTC on 2 December and 1200 UTC on 4 December 2009. We show  
507 (a) vertical profiles of the range corrected backscatter signal, (b) the  $\delta_v$ , (c) the  
508 temporal changes of the  $\delta_p$  and the backscatter coefficients at  $300 \pm 50$  m above sea  
509 level, (d) temperature (Black line) and relative humidity (Blue line), (e) wind speed  
510 and direction, and (f) PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations. Periods I and II are  
511 identified on the basis of backward trajectory analysis, as discussed in section 3.2.  
512 The gap in the data in Fig. 3(a), (b), (c) and (f) indicate the missing data period  
513 caused by precipitation.

514 **Fig. 4.** Four-day backward trajectory of air masses computed with the NOAA/ARL  
515 HYSPLIT model for (a) the measurement period I and (b) the measurement period II.  
516 Each line represents backward trajectories of two-hour time intervals arriving along  
517 the cruise track at 300 m above sea level. The MODIS-derived spatial distribution of  
518 aerosol optical depth in (c) on 2 December (period I) and (d) 4 December (period II)  
519 is shown, too.

520 **Fig. 5.** DPL analysis and radiosonde results obtained (a) and (b) on 2 December 2009, 1200  
521 UTC (Period I), and (c) and (d) 4 December 2009, 0000 UTC (Period II). We show  
522 backscatter coefficients and  $\delta_{ps}$  based on DPL measurements at 532 nm (b) and (d),  
523 and temperature T, virtual potential temperature  $\Theta_v$ , dew point  $T_d$ , and relative  
524 humidity RH values measured by radiosonde (a) and (c). The error bars indicate  
525 15% error for the backscatter profiles and for the  $\delta_p$ .

526 **Fig. 6.** Variations of the  $\delta_p$  (532 nm) at  $300 \pm 50$  m height above sea level in dependence of  
527 wind speed (U). The open blue circles describe period I; the open red squares  
528 describe period II. The bold lines illustrate the linear regression lines of the two  
529 periods. The error bars indicate an error of 15% for the  $\delta_p$ . N and  $R^2$  are the number  
530 of measurement points and the correlation coefficients, respectively.

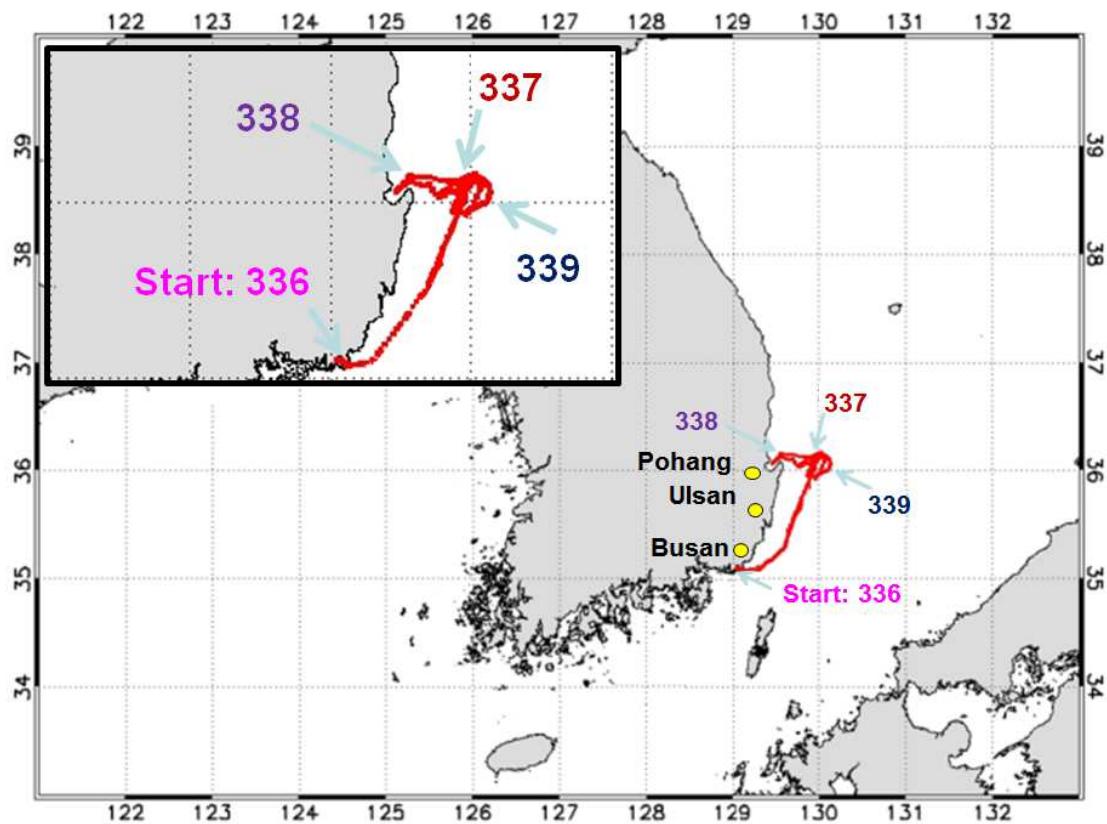
531 **Fig. 7.** Dependence of the extinction coefficient (532 nm) at  $300 \pm 50$  m height above sea  
532 level versus surface wind speed. The bold black line illustrates the linear regression;  
533 the equation and correlation coefficients (R) for the regressions are also shown.

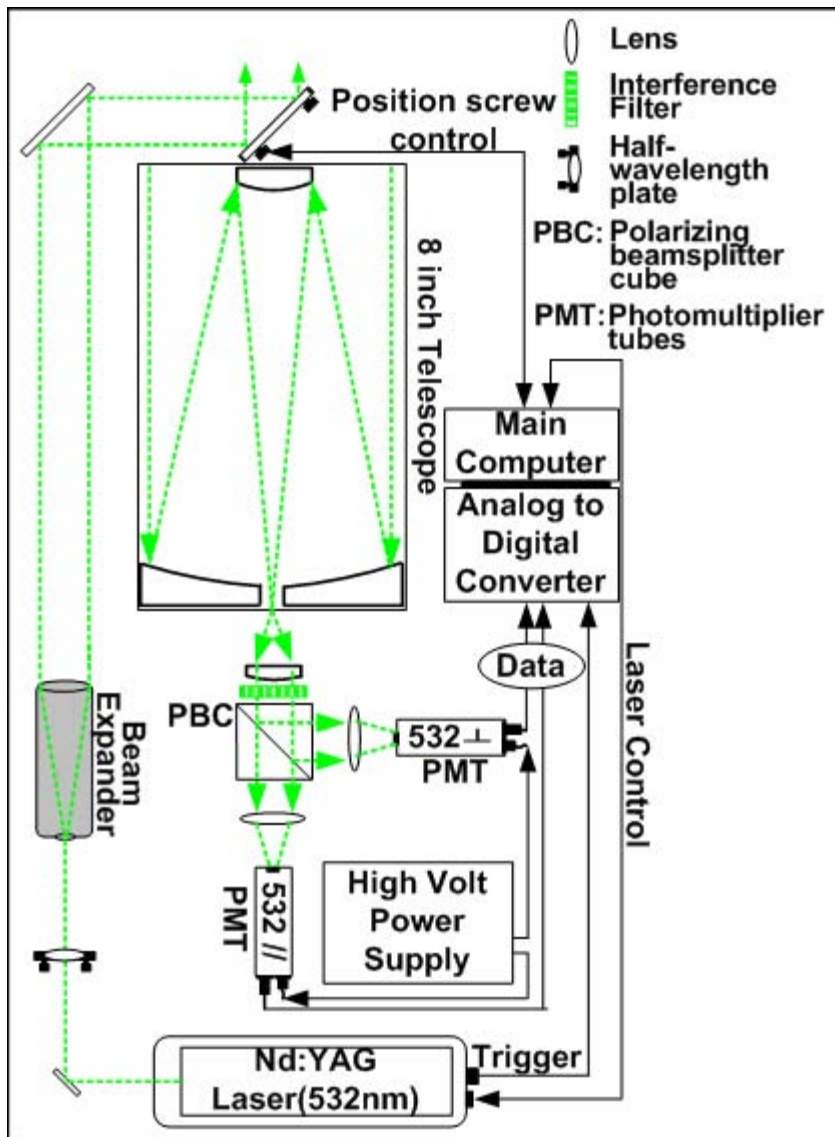
534 **Fig. 8.** Scatter plot of the PM10 concentration ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) on a logarithmic scale versus wind  
535 speed (m/s) of period II.

536 **Fig. 9.** Comparison of sea-salt mass concentration as a function of wind speed and location of  
537 measurement site.

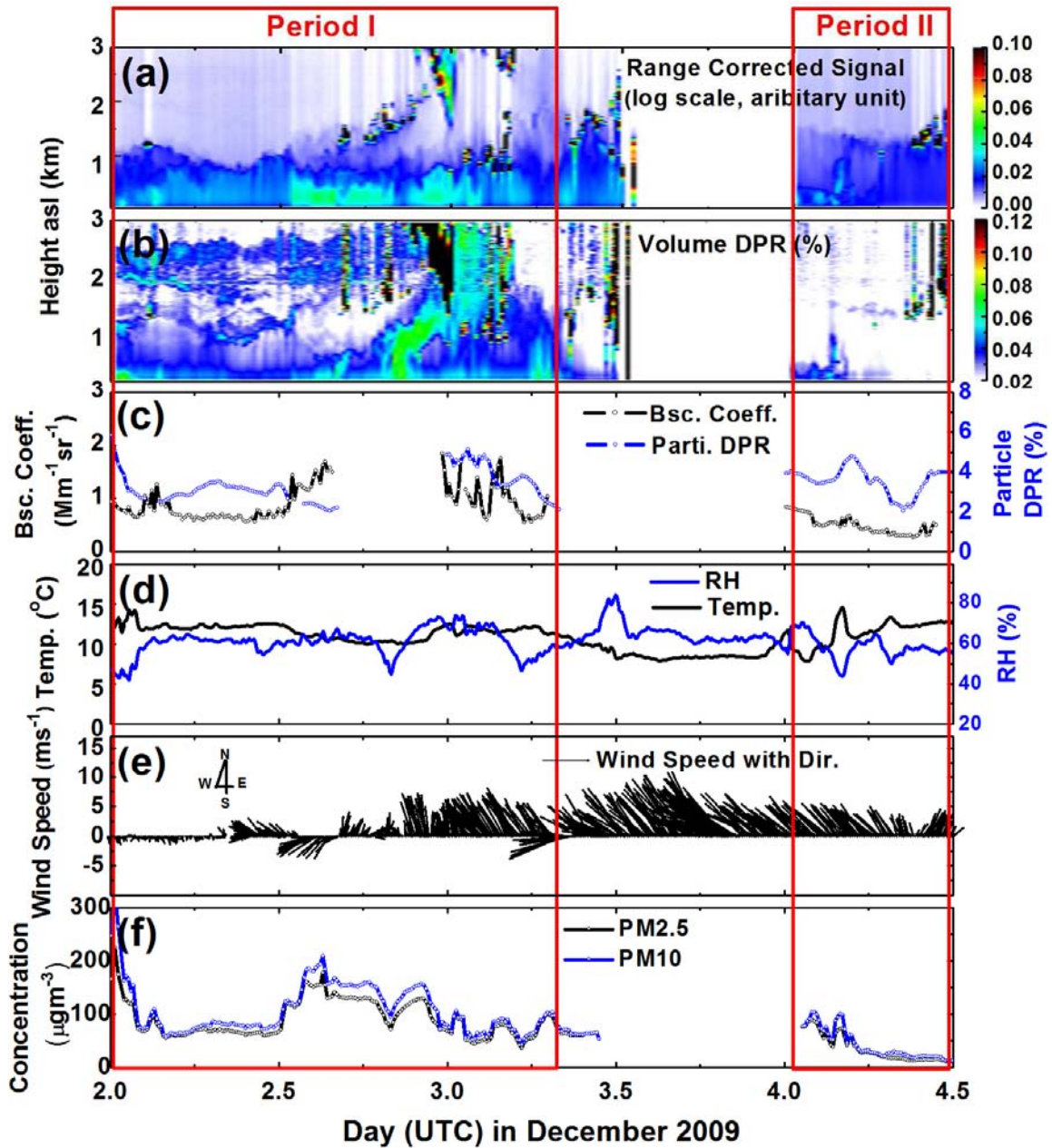
538 **Table 1.** Values of a, b in Eq. (1) obtained from previous studies

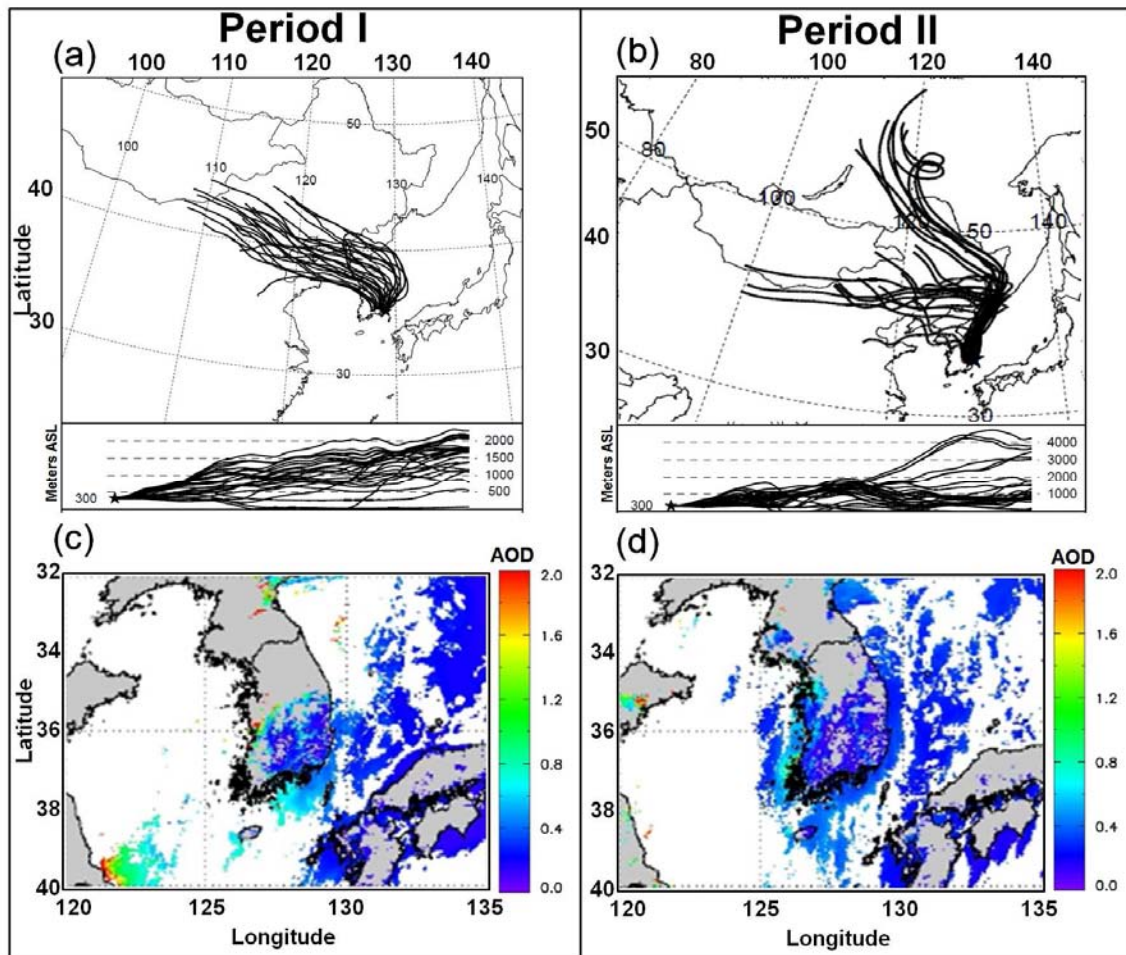
| <b>a (s/m)</b> | <b>b, (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>sampling height</b> | <b>Region</b>   | <b>Measurement time</b>                  | <b>Reference</b>      |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| 0.16           | 2.57                         | 600 m                  | Cloud base over Pacific Ocean   | 1952                                     | Woodcock, 1953        |
| 0.16           | 13.3                         | 15 m                   | The island of South Uist in the Outer Hebrides North Sea, on Platform           | 1980/1983                                | Exton et al., 1985    |
| 0.16           | 4.26                         | 5–15 m                 | Atlantic Ocean, on ship   | September 1974 to July 1975              | Lovett, 1978          |
| 0.23           | 1.13                         | 12 m                   | Noordwijk in the North Sea, on the research platform (51° S, 4° E)              | October-November 1986                    | Marks, 1990           |
| 0.21           | 9.23                         | 20m                    | East sea of Korea (36° N, 129° E)   | Dec-09                                   | This study            |
| 0.27           | 5.35                         | 1.2 m                  | 1.8km inland of Western Indian coast  | June-September 1977 and June-August 1978 | Kulkarni et al., 1982 |
| 0.17           | 0.64                         | 77 m;                  | Central Western (residential, location 22.1° N, 114.8° E)                       |  | Wai and Tanner, 2004  |
| 0.13           | 0.87                         | 16 m                   | Sham Shui Po (mixed residential, commercial, industrial, 22.2° N, 114.9° E)     | 1995–1999                                | Tsunogai et al., 1972 |
| 0.19           | 0.45                         | 24 m                   | Yuen Long (residential with fairly rapid urban development, 22.2° N, 114. 1° E) |  | Gras and Ayers, 1983  |
| 0.62           | 0.33                         | 12–14 m                | Pacific Ocean   | May, 1964                                | Exton et al., 1985    |
| 0.12           | 2.52                         | 94 m                   | Cape Grim, Tasmaniat Cape Grim (41° S, 145° E)                                  | February 1978 to May 1980                | Lovett, 1978          |

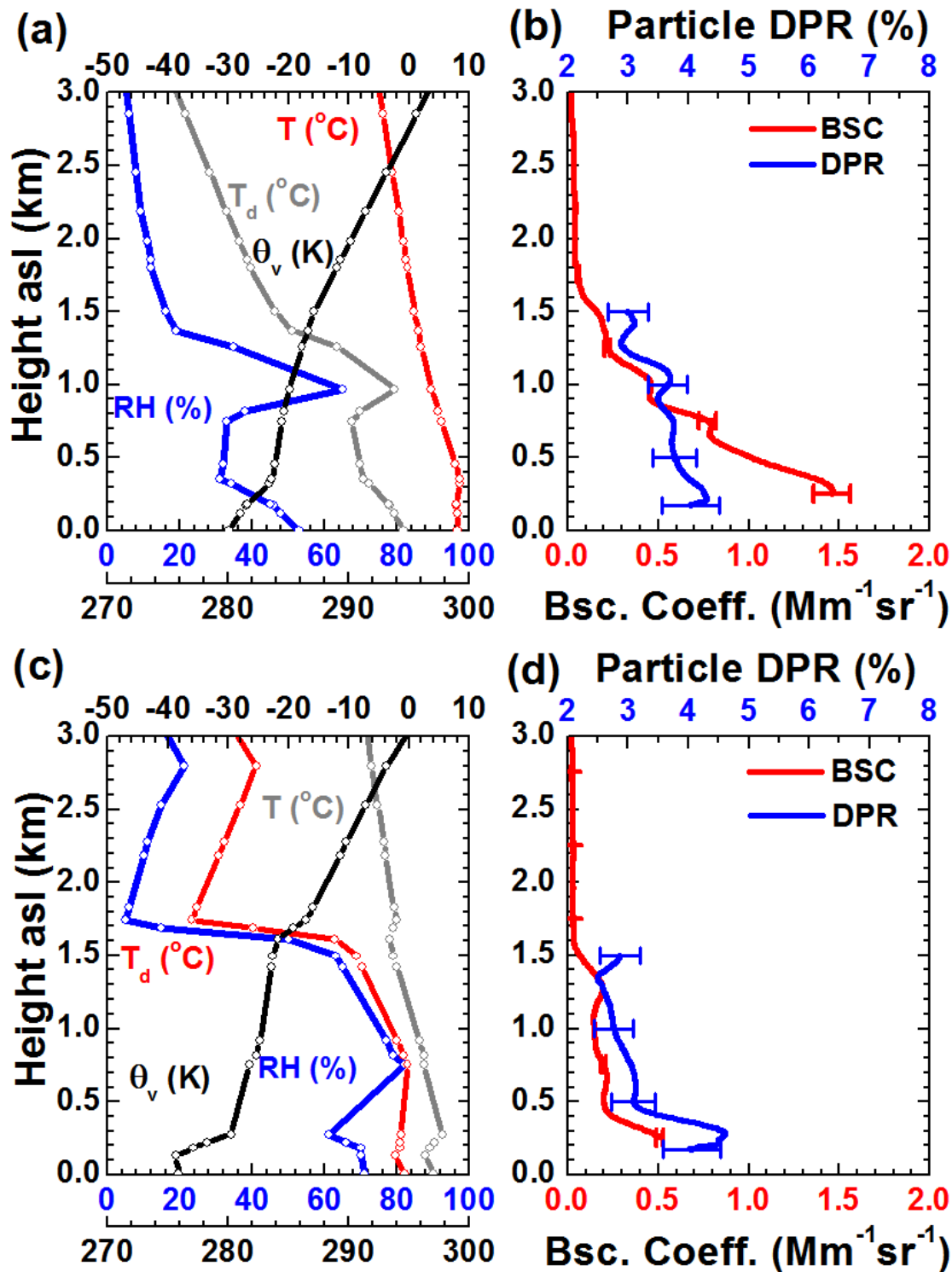


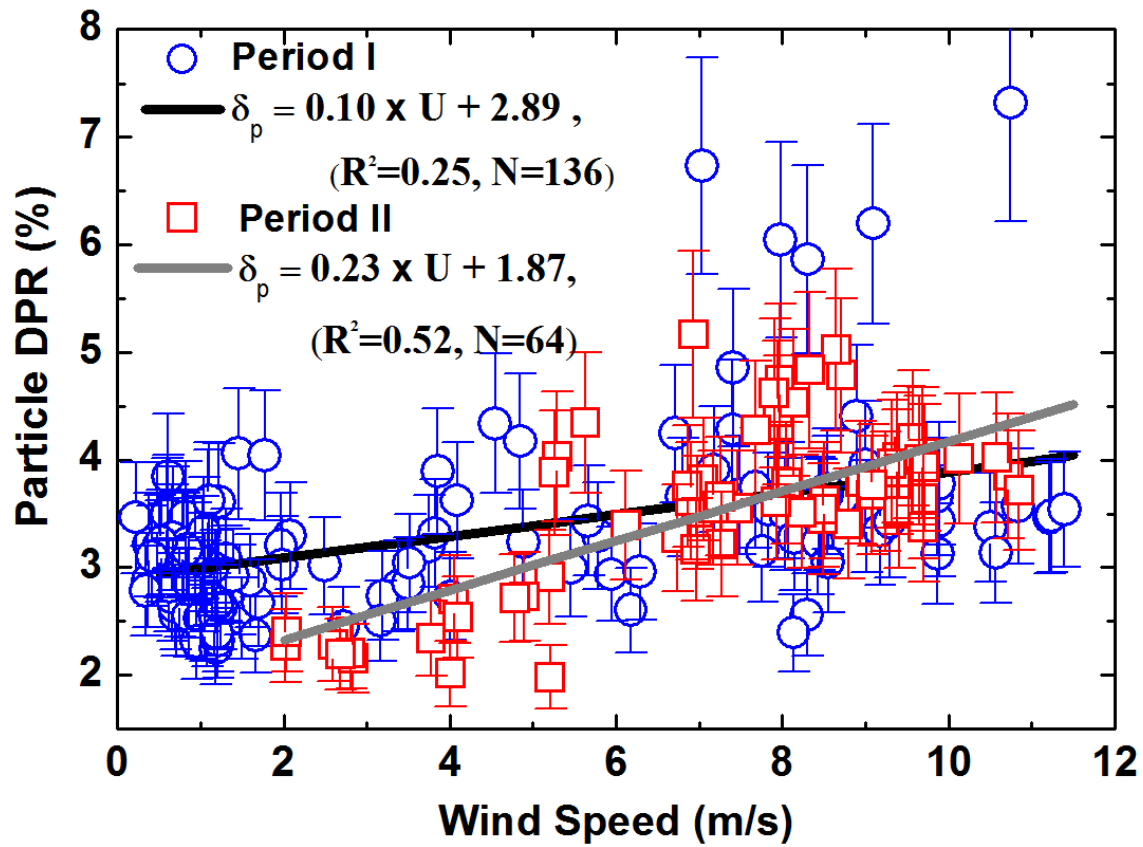


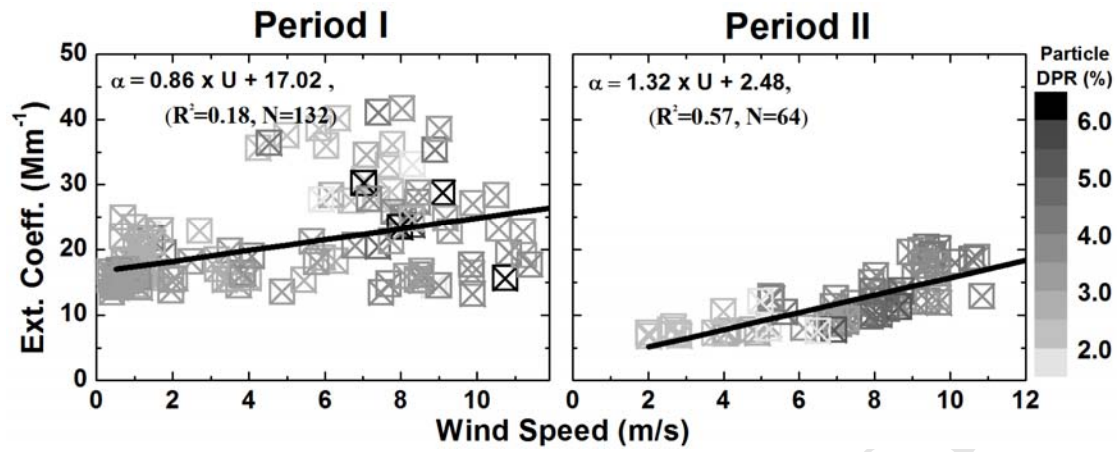


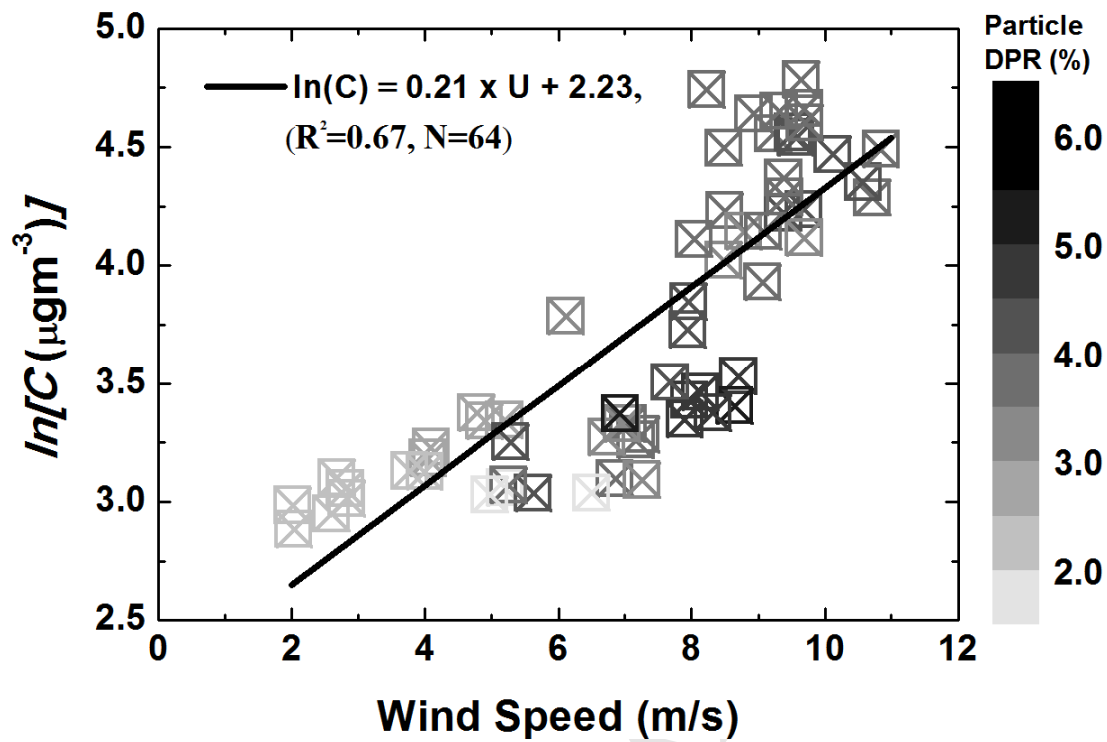


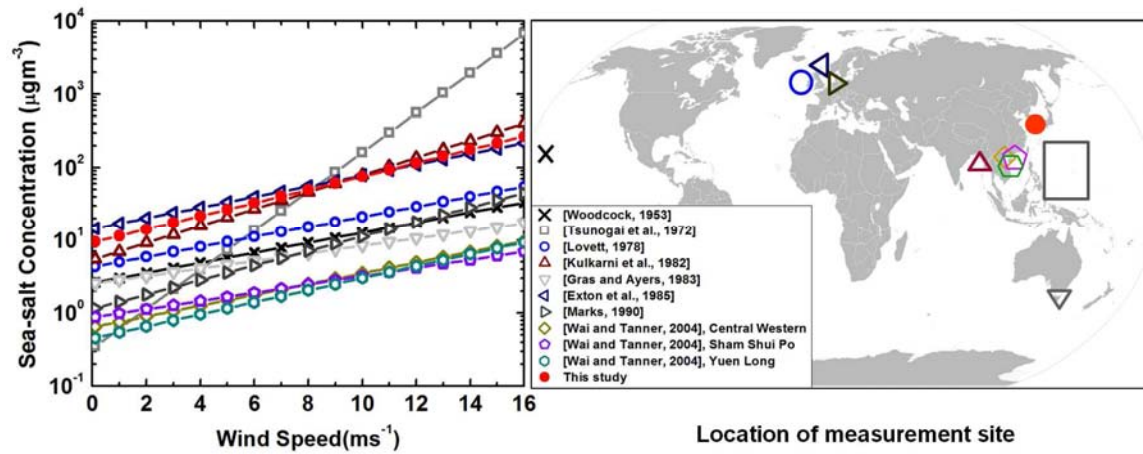












- Shipborne depolarization aerosol lidar measurements near Korean peninsula.
- Characterization of sea-salt particles with lidar in the eastern Pacific region.
- Correlation of sea-salt optical properties with wind speed provides parameterization.
- Correlation may be caused by with duration of transport over the ocean, too.
- Our results are comparable to correlation parameters reported in literature.