

GASEOUS ACIDS IN THE ATMOSPHERE AT SYOWA STATION,  
ANTARCTICA (ABSTRACT)

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Seasonal variation of atmospheric aerosols and gaseous acids in the atmosphere at Syowa Station was observed during JARE-31 by the use of a 3-stage air filter unit which consists of an 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  Teflon filter followed by 2 stages of alkali impregnated filter.

Gaseous  $\text{SO}_2$  and aerosol  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  were similarly high in the summer. Gaseous  $\text{HNO}_2$  was high in the winter whereas gaseous  $\text{HNO}_3$  and aerosol  $\text{NO}_3^-$  were high in the summer. Gaseous HCl is remarkably high in the summer and apparently consistent with high aerosol  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in the summer as often suggested by liberation of HCl from sea salt particles in the air or on an aerosol filter. However, the concentration of HCl gas is far higher than that of Na aerosols, by a factor of several hundred, and the source of the HCl gas cannot simply be attributed to sea salt particles. The origin of the HCl and possibly other acid gases at higher altitude, and connection with photochemical reactions such as ozone consumption are suggested.

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