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# Biological Ice Nucleation Particles in Urban Atmosphere of Two Megacities Beijing and Tianjin in North China

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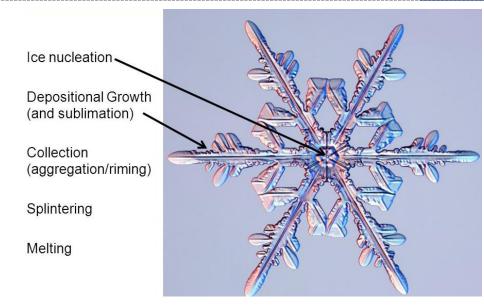
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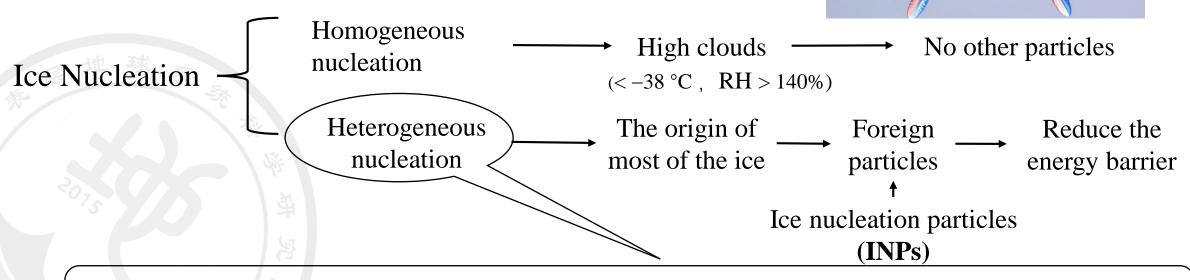


- 01 Importance of Atmospheric INPs
- 02 PKU-INA & Measurement of Biological INPs
- Abundance and Influencing Factors of INPs
- 04 Conclusions

#### **Mechanisms of Ice Nucleation**

• Ice Nucleation: the first step of the ice crystal's formation





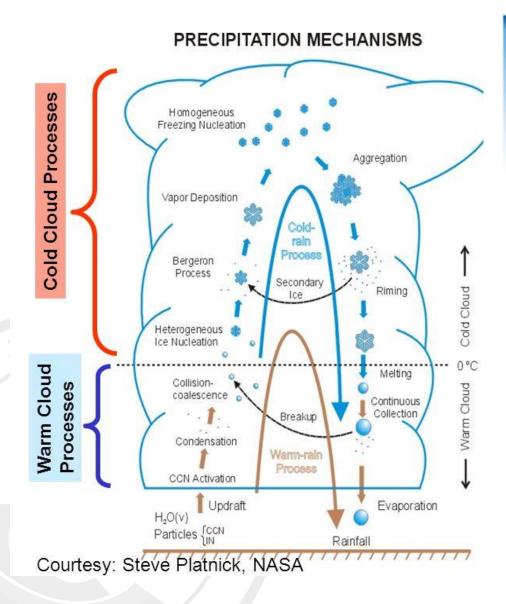
Deposition nucleation

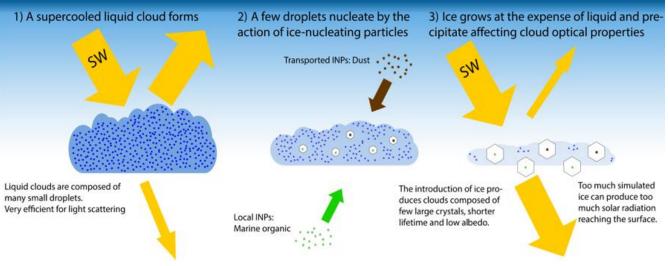
Immersion freezing

Condensation freezing

Contact freezing

## **Impacts on Troposphere**





- Physical properties
- Chemical composition
- Radiative transfer
- Precipitation

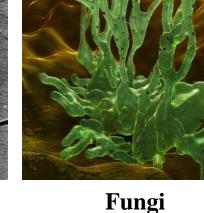
(Vergara, PNAS, 2018)

# **Types of Biological INPs**

#### **Biological INPs:**

- Bacteria, fungi, plankton, pollen, leaf litter, fragments of them, etc.
- Most effective INPs
- Initiate ice clouds at warmer temperatures (> −15 °C)
- Major influence between −3 °C to −8 °C
- Pseudomonas syringae: widespread,  $\sim -2$  °C/

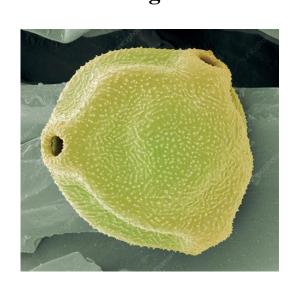




**Bacteria** 



**Plankton** 

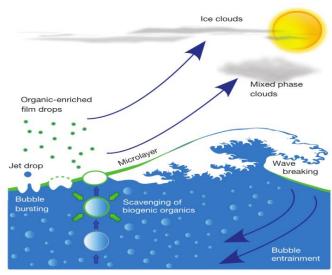


Birch pollen

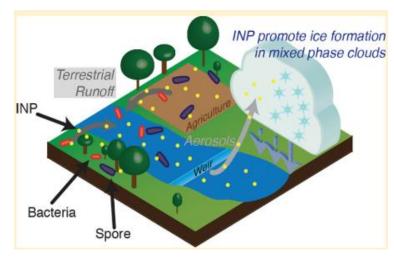
# **Sources of Biological INPs**







**Sea spray** (Wilson, *Nature*, 2015)



(Knackstedt, *ES & T*, 2018)

Fresh waters

## **Scientific Questions**

## Tianjin:

- 1. The biggest coastal megacity in North China
- 2. Influenced by both continental/anthropogenic pollution and marine air masses, especially in summer

## Beijing:

- 1. The biggest megacity in North China
- 2. Suffered from severe air pollution

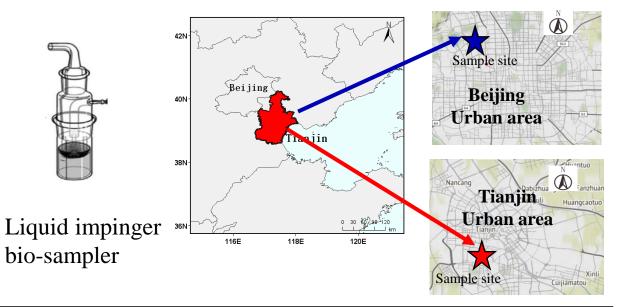
#### Aims:

- 1. Dynamic variations in concentrations of atmospheric INPs in Tianjin & Beijing during summer
- 2. The contribution of different types of INPs in Tianjin & Beijing during summer
- 3. The impacts of meteorological factors on INPs



## **Sampling Information & INP Measurements**

	Tianjin	Beijing			
Sample site	Tianjin University	Peking University			
Sample date	2019.07.01 - 07.08	2019.08.11 - 08.18			
Sample time	Morning: 09:00 – 12:30 Afternoon: 17:00 – 19:30				
Sampler	SKC BioSampler (12.5 L/min)				





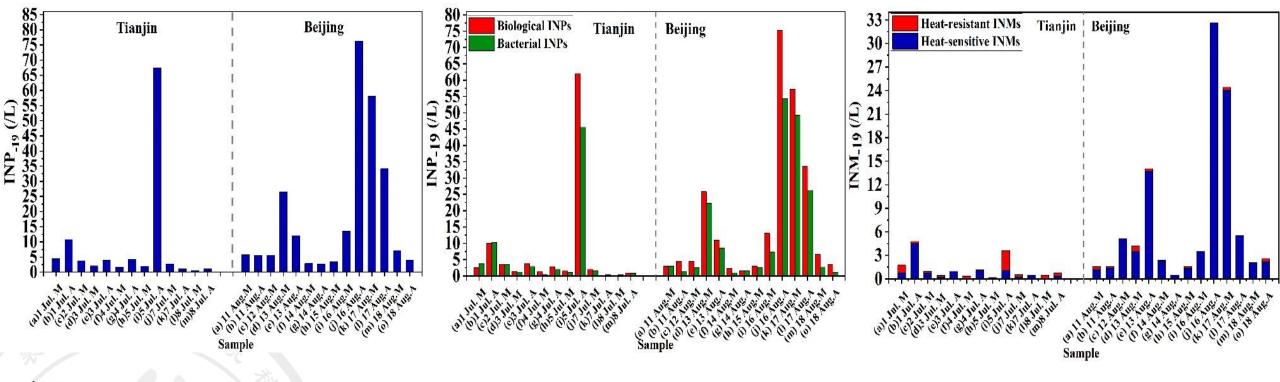
**PKU-INA** 

(Chen et al, Atmosphere, 2018)

Bacteria	counting

I	Methods Mechanism		Type		
<b>Heat treatment</b> 95 °C, 15 min		Protein heat-sensitivity Most biological			
	L <b>ysozyme</b> 72 h, 4 °C	The hydrolysis of peptidoglycan molecules in bacterial cell walls	Lysozyme-sensitive Ice Nucleating Bacteria		
_	F <b>iltration</b> (0.22 μm)	Size difference	Ice Nucleating Macromolecules (INMs) 8		

### INP Concentration in Urban Area of Tianjin & Beijing

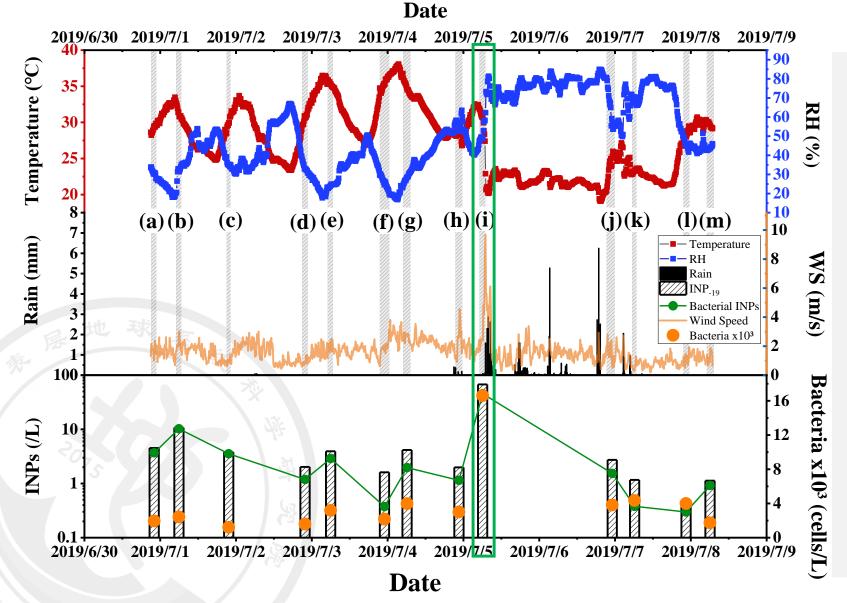


- ✓  $N_{\text{INP}}$  (-19 °C): Beijing (18, 3-76 /L) > Tianjin (8, 0.5-68 /L)
- ✓ Fraction of biological  $N_{\text{INP}}$ : Beijing (86%, 52–99%) > Tianjin (65%, 0–94%)
- ✓ Fraction of bacterial  $N_{\text{INP}}$ : Beijing (57%, 27–85%) < Tianjin (64%, 23–95%)
- ✓ The abundance of heat-sensitive ice nucleating macromolecules (INMs) (7, 0.5–33 /L) in Beijing is higher than that in Tianjin(1, 0.4–5 /L), likely proteinaceous materials.

# **Comparison with Other Studies**

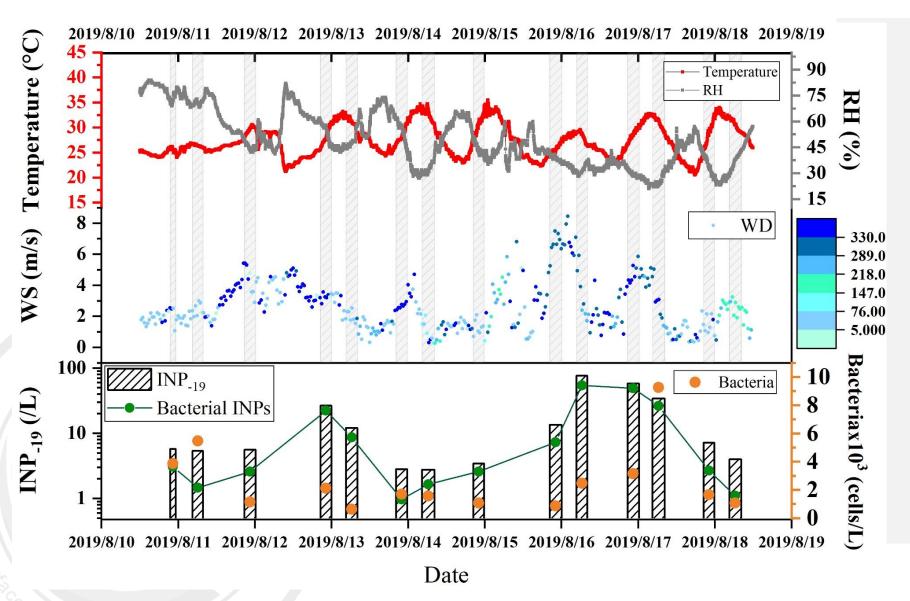
Sampling site	Date	Instruments	Temperature(°C)	Concentration (L <sup>-1</sup> )	Mode	Reference
Tai'an (urban)	Jun. 2018	Static vacuum vapor diffusion chamber	-20	1.57 (RH=95%) 4.82 (RH=101%)	All modes	(Jiang et al., 2019)
Beijing (urban)	27 Nov. – 22 Dec. 2016	INDA&LINA	-1028	0.001-10	Immersion	(Chen et al., 2018)
Beijing (urban)	20 Mar. – 19 Apr. 2017	The Bigg's mixing cloud chamber	-10, -15, <del>-20</del> , -25, -30	0.18, 1.76, <b>26.89</b> , 203.31, 496.7	All modes	(Che et al., 2019)
Beijing (urban)	4 May. – 4 Jun. 2018	CFDC	-20, -25, -30	70, 230, 430	All modes	(Bi et al., 2019)
Leeds Farm, UK (rural)	19 Sep. – 2 Nov. 2019	μL-NIPI	-18 -20	0.1–10 0.2–22	Immersion	(O'Sullivan et al., 2018)
Tianjin (urban)	1–8 Jul. 2019	PKU-INA	-19	8 (0.5–68)	Immersion	This work
Beijing (urban)	11–18 Aug. 2019	PKU-INA	-19	18 (3–76)	Immersion	This work

### Meteorological influence on Ice Nucleating Bacteria in Tianjin



- Bacterial  $N_{\text{INP}}$ :
- (1) Afternoon > Morning
- (2) No correlation with T and RH
- (3) Increased during rain with strong wind

### Meteorological Influence on Ice Nucleating Bacteria in Beijing

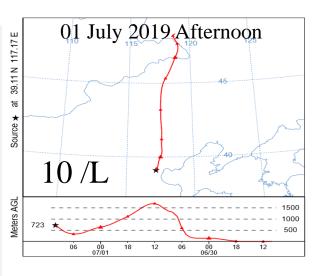


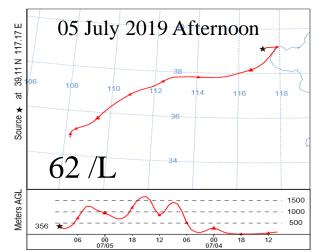
- No trend : Afternoon > Morning
- The effect of wind speed on INPs & bacteria was not significant in Beijing

## Continental air masses brought more biological INPs in Tianjin

**High INP** concentration

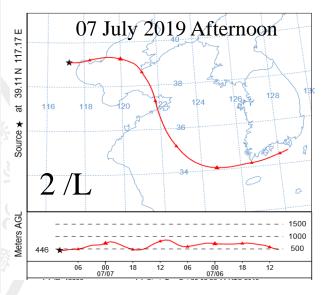
**Continental air masses** 

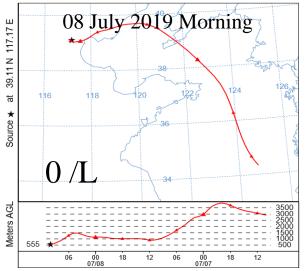


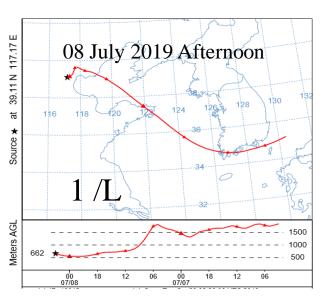


**Low INP** concentration

Marine air masses



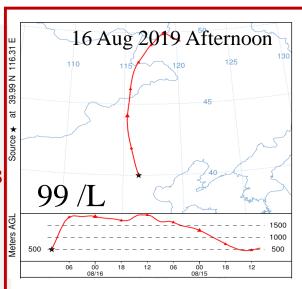


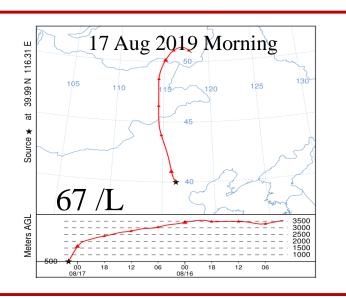


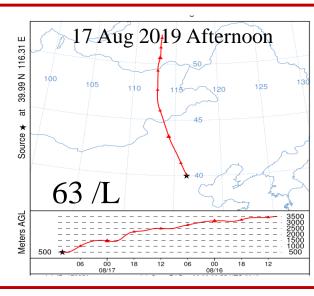
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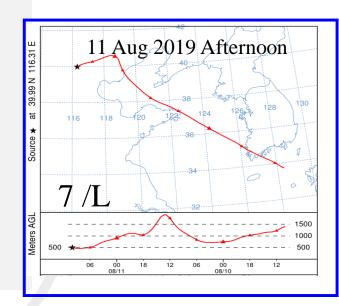


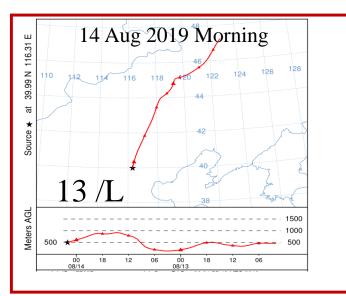


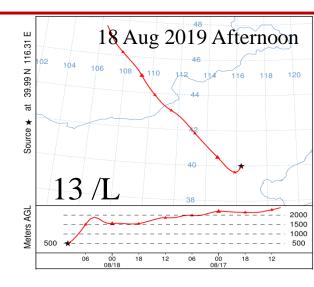


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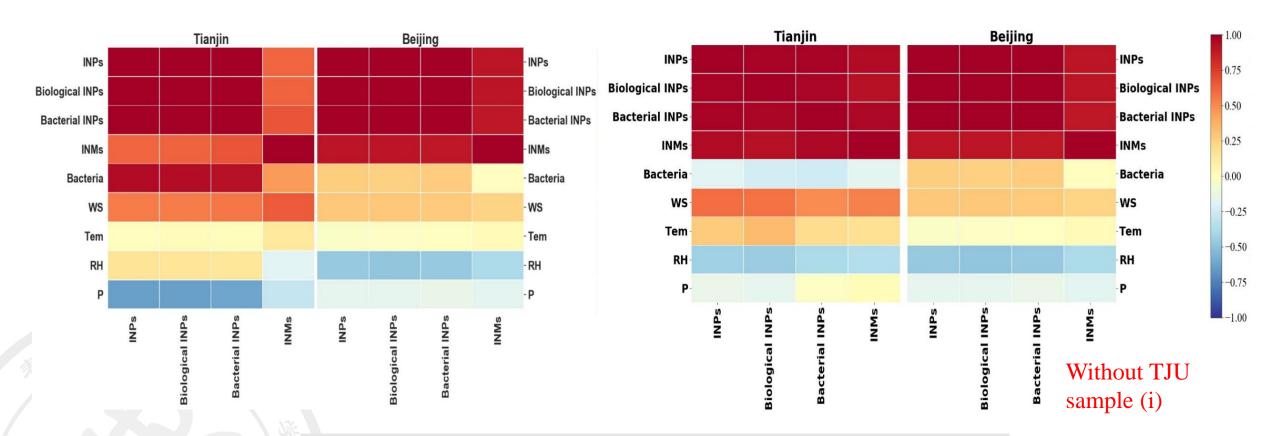






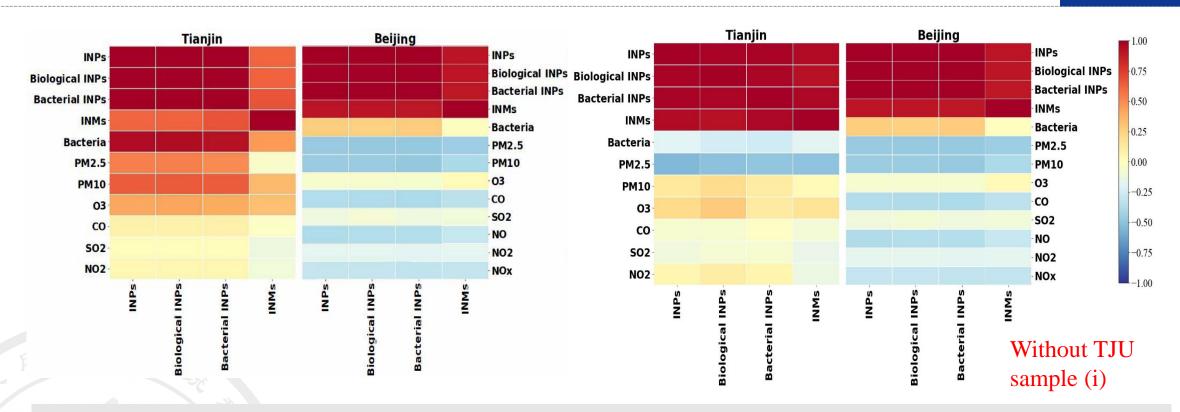
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### Positive Correlation Between INPs and Wind Speed



- Positive correlation between INPs and wind speed
- No significant correlation between bacterial INPs and total bacteria
- Strong wind can probably lift INMs into the atmosphere

#### Biological INPs contributed more to total INPs than nonbiological INPs



- INP<sub>-19</sub>, biological INPs, bacterial INPs showed strong correlation
- Biological INPs contributed more to total INPs than non-biological INPs in both Tianjin & Beijing, especially bacterial INPs
- INMs in Beijing & Tianjin have strong correlation with biological & bacterial INPs, and INMs probably are related to ice nucleating protein
- Negative correlation between INPs and PM<sub>2.5</sub> & PM<sub>10</sub> in Beijing

#### **Conclusions**

- Biological sources may contribute more to atmospheric INPs than non-biological particles (≥ -19°C) in urban areas Tianjin & Beijing: Tianjin < Beijing.</li>
- Heat-sensitive INMs can not be ignored in urban areas, and some of them may be related to biological origin.
- Wind speed and rainfall may influence the abundance of bacterial INP concentration in Tianjin. Continental air masses can bring more biological / bacterial INPs in Tianjin & Beijing



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