

# 1 Spatial and temporal variability of iodine in aerosol

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## 18 Abstract

19 In this work we describe the compilation and homogenization of an extensive dataset of aerosol iodine  
20 field observations in the period between 1963 and 2018 and we discuss its spatial and temporal  
21 dependences by comparison with CAM-Chem model simulations. A close to linear relationship  
22 between soluble and total iodine in aerosol is found (~80% aerosol iodine is soluble), which enables  
23 converting a large subset of measurements of soluble iodine into total iodine. The resulting dataset  
24 shows a distinct latitudinal dependence, with an enhancement towards the northern hemisphere (NH)  
25 tropics and lower values towards the poles. This behavior, which has been predicted by atmospheric  
26 models to depend on the global distribution of the main oceanic iodine source (which in turn depends  
27 on the reaction of ozone with aqueous iodide on the sea water-air interface, generating gas-phase I<sub>2</sub>  
28 and HOI), is confirmed here by field observations for the first time. Longitudinally, there is some  
29 indication of a wave-one profile in the Tropics, which peaks in the Atlantic and shows a minimum in  
30 the Pacific. New data from Antarctica show that the south polar seasonal variation of iodine in aerosol  
31 mirrors that observed previously in the Arctic, with two equinoctial maxima and the dominant  
32 maximum occurring in spring. While no clear seasonal variability is observed in NH middle latitudes,  
33 there is an indication of different seasonal cycles in the NH tropical Atlantic and Pacific. Long-term  
34 trends cannot be unambiguously established as a result of inhomogeneous time and spatial coverage  
35 and analytical methods.

## 36 1. Introduction

37 Iodine is a key element in mammalian metabolism whose major global source is oceanic surface gas  
38 emissions of iodine-bearing molecules to the atmosphere (Whitehead, 1984). The photooxidation of

39 these compounds leads to chemical cycles that impact the oxidative capacity of the atmosphere, and to  
40 the partitioning of the iodine load to aerosol (Saiz-Lopez, et al., 2012), which is the main carrier of  
41 this element towards continental food chains (Whitehead, 1984). Even though the enrichment of  
42 marine aerosol in iodine is well established (I/Na ratio several hundred times that of bulk seawater)  
43 and has been documented in early works on atmospheric iodine chemistry (see Duce et al. (1965) and  
44 references therein), the specific processes controlling the phase-partitioning remain unknown. Uptake  
45 of gas-phase iodine compounds on sea-salt aerosol is believed to be responsible for this large  
46 enrichment (Duce et al., 1983). This, however, is not an irreversible sink for iodine, since chemical  
47 processes analogous to those leading to the release of iodine-bearing gases from the sea surface  
48 (Carpenter et al., 2013; Garland & Curtis, 1981; MacDonald et al., 2014; Miyake & Tsunogai, 1963)  
49 occur as well on air-aqueous aerosol interfaces (Magi et al., 1997).

50 Iodine in aerosol has received less attention than gas-phase iodine and its chemistry remains poorly  
51 understood (Saiz-Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012). Uptake of iodine oxides ( $I_xO_y$ ) and oxyacids ( $HOI_x$ ), as  
52 well as of iodine nitrate ( $IONO_2$ ) and nitrite ( $IONO$ ) on aerosol surfaces remains to be studied more  
53 thoroughly both experimentally and theoretically. The processing and partitioning between water  
54 insoluble and soluble iodine species, between soluble organic and inorganic iodine, and in the latter  
55 group between aqueous iodide ( $I^-$ ) and iodate ( $IO_3^-$ ), are essentially unknown. This includes the  
56 formation of volatile species that can go back to the gas phase (recycling), which is thought to occur  
57 via  $I^-$ , and the formation of species assumed to be stable and unreactive, i.e. iodate  $IO_3^-$  (Vogt et al.,  
58 1999). The existing aerosol chemical schemes cannot explain the speciation variability and the  
59 relative concentrations of iodide and iodate observed in the field. The aerosol  $I^-$  concentration is  
60 predicted to be negligible as a result of recycling to the gas phase, while  $IO_3^-$  is predicted to  
61 accumulate in particles (Pechtl et al., 2007; Vogt et al., 1999). However many field observations show  
62 a significant  $I^-$  concentration in aerosol samples (Baker, 2004, 2005; Gäbler & Heumann, 1993; Lai et  
63 al., 2008; Wimschneider & Heumann, 1995; Yu et al., 2019).

64 Despite the many existing unknowns about aerosol iodine chemistry and speciation, the total iodine  
65 (TI) content of aerosol can be expected to gauge the strength of the iodine oceanic emissions and thus  
66 provide a sense of how these vary with location and time. Currently, the major source of iodinated  
67 gases to the troposphere is believed to be the reaction of gas-phase  $O_3$  with  $I^-$  on the seawater-air  
68 interface. This assessment is mainly based on laboratory work (Carpenter et al., 2013; Garland &  
69 Curtis, 1981; MacDonald et al., 2014) and the ability of global models to reproduce the observations  
70 of gas-phase iodine monoxide (IO) at a few locations (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014; Sherwen, Evans,  
71 Carpenter, et al., 2016). In addition, Sherwen et al. (2016) used a set of TI and total soluble iodine  
72 (TSI) open ocean observations to test the performance of global simulations of tropospheric iodine  
73 aerosol with GEOS-Chem, obtaining broad agreement with the relatively sparse cruise data  
74 considered. These simulations predict the highest TI to occur in the tropical marine boundary layer

75 (MBL), as a result of the latitudinal dependence of iodine gas source emissions (Prados-Roman et al.,  
76 2015) that results from the superposition of the seawater I<sup>-</sup> and gas-phase O<sub>3</sub> distributions.

77 A wealth of field observations of TI in bulk aerosol and fine and coarse aerosol, as well as of iodine  
78 speciation exist (Figure 1). These results, however, are scattered in the literature and no attempt of  
79 putting together a comprehensive database and investigating its spatial and temporal variability has  
80 been carried out to the best of our knowledge. A list of total iodine and soluble iodine speciation  
81 observations was compiled for a previous review of atmospheric iodine chemistry (Saiz-Lopez, Plane,  
82 et al., 2012), but some important historic datasets were missed (e.g. all the PEM WEST A results),  
83 and new cruise and ground-based observations are currently available. There are reasons to exclude TI  
84 observations at coastal and island stations from a comparison with global simulations, e.g.  
85 observations may be biased by locally intensive biogenic emissions with respect to oceanic  
86 observations, which are sensitive to less intensive but more widespread sources of iodine. However,  
87 the sparsity of the cruise data and its concentration mostly in the Atlantic suggests resorting to the  
88 abundant data obtained from ground-based stations.

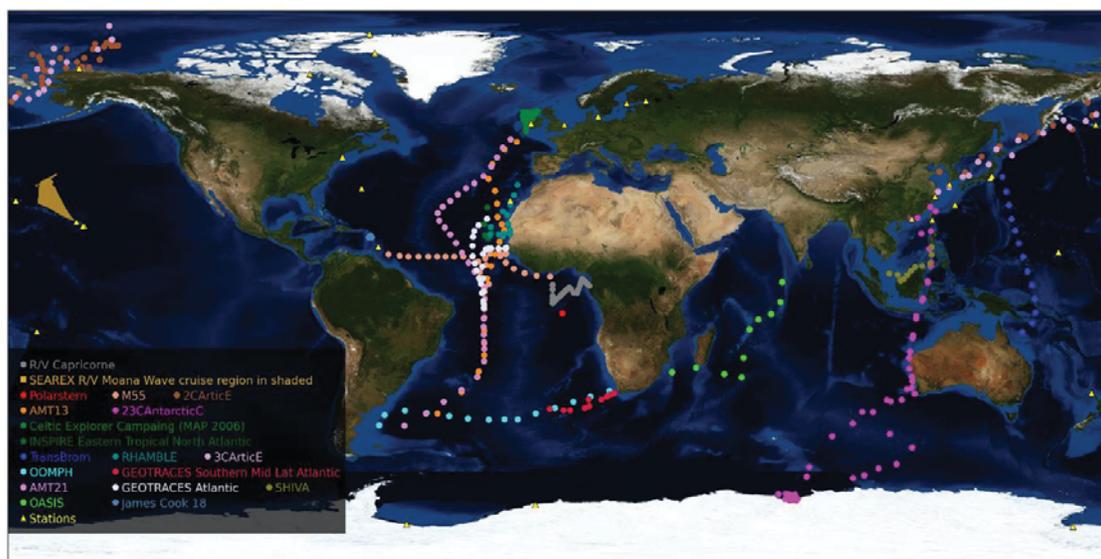
89 The present paper deals with the compilation of a global aerosol TI dataset including both cruise and  
90 ground-based (coastal and insular) observations and the analysis of its spatial and temporal trends.  
91 The dataset includes unpublished aerosol iodine data obtained from the analysis of samples collected  
92 at Neumayer II Station (Antarctica) (Weller et al., 2008) and during a short cruise around the island of  
93 Monserrat in the Tropical Atlantic (Lin et al., 2016), as well as data obtained in three cruises that have  
94 only been fully reported in two PhD theses and a MSc thesis (Droste, 2017; Lai, 2008; Yodle, 2015),  
95 and an improved analysis and extended version of the TI data of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Chinese Antarctic Campaign  
96 cruise (Gilfedder et al., 2010; Lai et al., 2008). CAM-Chem global simulations are then employed to  
97 test the performance of the model in reproducing these trends and distributions, with the purpose of  
98 highlighting the existing uncertainties and/or the importance of including missing processes in global  
99 simulations. Iodine partitioning between coarse and fine aerosol and speciation will be discussed in a  
100 follow up publication. A spreadsheet containing the compiled data can be found in the Supplementary  
101 Information.

## 102 **2. Methods**

### 103 **2.1. Definitions**

104 The TI concentration (in pmol m<sup>-3</sup>) is defined as the amount of particulate iodine collected by a filter  
105 or collection surface per volume unit of sampled air. Extraction methods may use a solvent (usually  
106 water) to facilitate the analysis. Thus, TI is the sum of total water-soluble iodine (TSI) plus non-  
107 soluble iodine (NSI), i.e.  $TI = TSI + NSI$ . TSI comprises total inorganic iodine ( $TII = I^- + IO_3^-$ ) and  
108 soluble organic iodine (SOI), i.e.:  $TSI = TII + SOI$ . Total gas-phase iodine ( $TI_g$ ) consist of the sum of  
109 organic iodine (GOI) and inorganic iodine ( $I_g$ ) in the gas phase, i.e.:  $TI_g = GOI + I_g$ . Table 1 lists the  
110 acronyms used throughout this work and the corresponding definitions.

111 Aerosol size-segregated observations of TI and/or TSI have been reported by means of set of stacked  
 112 filters or by using cascade impactors (CI) (Duce et al., 1965, 1967; Gilfedder et al., 2008). The bulk  
 113 TI concentration is the sum of the TI within each size range. Usually, aerosol TI is reported for coarse  
 114 (diameter  $d > 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) and fine ( $d < 1 \mu\text{m}$ ) aerosol, and  $\text{TI}_{\text{bulk}} = \text{TI}_{\text{fine}} + \text{TI}_{\text{coarse}}$ . There are however other  
 115 studies where TI in particulate matter with  $d \leq 2.5 \mu\text{m}$  ( $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ ) collected by virtual impactors (VI) is  
 116 reported (Gilfedder et al., 2008). When collecting filters are used, typical extraction procedures  
 117 include thermal extraction, ultrasonication, and mechanical shaking (Yodle & Baker, 2019). In  
 118 combination with these methods for measuring TI in aerosol, techniques for capturing gas-phase  $\text{I}_y$   
 119 and  $\text{TI}_y$  have also been implemented. For  $\text{I}_y$ , the air flow may be passed additionally through filters  
 120 impregnated in alkaline substances (Gäbler & Heumann, 1993; Rancher & Kritz, 1980) or bubbled  
 121 through an alkaline solution (Duce et al., 1965). For  $\text{TI}_y$ , a combination of an electrostatic precipitator  
 122 and a charcoal trap has been used (Moyers & Duce, 1972, 1974). A more modern method for  
 123 determining the concentration of iodocarbons is Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS)  
 124 analysis of air samples stored in canisters, but it does not appear to have been applied to measure the  
 125 overall airborne iodine budget.



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 127 **Figure 1.** Geographical distribution of total iodine (TI) and total soluble iodine (TSI) observations. Stations:  
 128 Yellow triangles; Cruises: colour-coded dots (see legend). The SEAREX cruise region is shown in shaded,  
 129 because the aerosol sampling points are not available (only the average TI for the second leg of the cruise was  
 130 reported).

131 The analytical method most widely used to quantify TI in older observations is Instrumental Neutron  
 132 Activation Analysis (INAA) (Arimoto et al., 1989, 1996; Duce et al., 1965, 1973). Isotope Dilution  
 133 Mass Spectrometry (IDMS) has also been used to determine TI (Gäbler & Heumann, 1993).  
 134 Contemporary observations employ more accessible techniques such as Thermal Extraction with  
 135 Spectrometric detection of Iodine (TESI) (Gilfedder et al., 2010) for TI and Inductively Coupled  
 136 Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) for TSI (Baker, 2005; Lai et al., 2008).

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138 **Table 1. Definition of iodine variables**

Acronym/symbol	Definition
TI	Total iodine (in aerosol)
NSI	Non-soluble iodine (in aerosol)
TSI	Total soluble iodine (in aerosol)
TII	Total inorganic iodine (in aerosol)
SOI	Soluble organic iodine (in aerosol)
$X_{\text{bulk}}, X_{\text{fine}}, X_{\text{coarse}}$ ( $X = \text{TI}, \text{TSI}$ )	Iodine in bulk aerosol and in the fine and coarse aerosol fractions
$\text{TI}_x, \text{TSI}_x$	TI and TSI for $d < x \mu\text{m}$
$\text{TI}_v$	Total iodine (gas-phase)
$\text{I}_v$	Inorganic iodine (gas phase)
GOI	Gas-phase organic iodine

139 **2.2. Description of datasets**140 **2.2.1. Geographical distribution**

141 We have compiled iodine aerosol data from 55 field campaigns across the globe spanning 55 years  
 142 (1963 to 2018), consisting of 7794 datapoints (Supplementary Information). Of these, 7772 are  
 143 measurements of individual samples and the remaining 22 points are the reported averages of a total  
 144 of 510 samples which we have not been able to retrieve. Since the source of iodine is mainly marine,  
 145 only ship-borne, coastal or insular campaigns have been considered. Tables 2 and 3 list the 19 cruises  
 146 (C#) and 36 coastal ground-based (S#) campaigns where aerosol iodine measurements have been  
 147 carried out. Totally or partially unpublished aerosol TI and TSI data included in our compilation (C7,  
 148 C8, C12, C14, C17, C18 and S33) are described in the Supplementary Text S1.

149 Figure 1 shows the geographical distribution of these observations. The dataset samples well the  
 150 latitudinal coordinate. Longitudinally, most observations are concentrated in the Atlantic, while there  
 151 is a complete lack of data in the Eastern Pacific. Some locations need to be considered carefully, since  
 152 they may be affected by locally enhanced sources of iodine. For example, there is evidence that the  
 153 MAP 2006 (Gilfedder et al., 2008; Lai, 2008) data (S32) is affected by intense particle formation  
 154 following biogenic emissions. Similarly, the decline of Arctic sea ice may have enhanced airborne  
 155 iodine in C13 with respect to C7 (Kang et al., 2015). Also, aerosol sampled in the free troposphere  
 156 (S1c, S1d, S7, S17) is likely to show different iodine content than at sea level.

157 **2.2.2. Types of data**

158 Most of the samples were analyzed for TI, but in some of the recent works TSI analysis was reported  
 159 (C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C14, C17, C18, C19, S32, S36). Fortunately, the samples of some cruises (C5,  
 160 C7, C11, C12, C13) and ground-based campaigns (S14, S34, S35) were analyzed for both TI and TSI,  
 161 which allows obtaining a relationship between both quantities to convert TSI into TI (see Section 3.1).  
 162 Similarly, most works report bulk aerosol measurements. Only two cruises (C8 and C9) reported  
 163 exclusively  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  measurements. Again, CI size-segregated data is available for several campaigns

164 (S1, S2, S4, S9, S20, S32), which enables to deduce a relationship between  $TI_{2-3}$  and  $TI_{bulk}$ . Regarding  
165 gas-phase measurements, campaigns C1, S1, S5, S6 and S29 report measurements of  $I_y$  or  $TI_y$ .

### 166 2.2.3. *Quality of data*

167 **Sample data availability.** In some cases, the individual sample data (C3, S8, S10, S28 and S29) are  
168 plotted in the original publication, but no longer available or not accessible in digital form. In these  
169 cases, the data has been digitized from the plots in the original papers. In newer publications,  
170 digitization of plots with many datapoints can be done with good accuracy (e.g. S28), but in older  
171 papers this is not always the case. For Mould Bay (S8) and Igloolik (S10), the data are affected by the  
172 clustering of the symbols in the plot and some points may be missing because of fading symbols in  
173 the hard copy from which the papers were scanned. Thus, the number of samples and the actual values  
174 may differ from the original data, although the overall campaign statistics are close to those of the  
175 original data.

176 **Only campaign statistics reported.** Comparing cruise and ground-based measurements is often  
177 difficult, since cruise observations are snapshots of the state of the atmosphere, while ground-based  
178 observations enable much longer integration times. Some papers report only statistics of long-term  
179 sampling, and do not provide the individual measurements (C2, S7, S12, S13, S20, S30 and S36).  
180 Moreover, the statistics provided in different works may differ (e.g. for S12 the geometric mean is  
181 reported instead of the arithmetic mean). This may cause a problem of consistency in the treatment of  
182 the full dataset. In the present paper we use the arithmetic mean and we have estimated it if not  
183 available.

184 **Data below detection limit.** We are aware of a campaign in coastal Australia (MUMBA) where TI  
185 measurements with ion beam analysis – particle induced x-ray emission (IBA-PIXE) were carried out  
186 (Paton-Walsh et al., 2017). The concentrations determined were below a detection limit of  $\sim 1.2$  nmol  
187  $m^{-3}$  (Perry Davy, personal communication), which is two orders of magnitude higher than typical TI  
188 concentrations measured in the same region ( $\sim 10$  pmol  $m^{-3}$ , campaigns S12 and S13). Thus, we are  
189 unable to use this dataset.

### 190 2.3. Model description

191 The halogen version of the global 3-D chemistry-climate model CAM-Chem (Community  
192 Atmospheric Model with chemistry, version 4) (Fernandez et al., 2014; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014) has  
193 been used to calculate the reactive and total gas-phase iodine budget. The model setup includes a  
194 state-of-the-art emissions inventory and chemistry scheme for halogens (chlorine, bromine and iodine)  
195 (Fernandez et al., 2014; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014). Briefly, the iodine chemical scheme includes an  
196 independent representation of dry and wet deposition for each inorganic gas-phase iodine species (I,  
197  $I_2$ , IO, OIO, INO,  $INO_2$ ,  $IONO_2$ , HI, HOI,  $I_2O_2$ ,  $I_2O_3$ ,  $I_2O_4$ , IBr, ICl), which are termed collectively as  
198  $I_y$ . The organic iodine sources from a top-down emission inventory (Ordóñez et al., 2012) represent  
199 the oceanic emissions and photochemical breakdown of four iodocarbons ( $CH_3I$ ,  $CH_2ICl$ ,  $CH_2IBr$ ,

200 CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>), including a cyclic seasonal variation. Inorganic sources of iodine (HOI and I<sub>2</sub> emitted from the  
201 ocean surface) are based on laboratory studies of the oxidation of aqueous iodide by surface ozone  
202 reacting on the ocean's surface (Carpenter et al., 2013; MacDonald et al., 2014), and are computed  
203 on-line using SST as a proxy (Prados-Roman et al., 2015). In this work we use the output from a  
204 REF-C1 model run used previously to simulate the evolution of iodine concentration in the RECAP  
205 ice core (coastal East Greenland) (Cuevas et al., 2018). CAM-Chem was configured with a horizontal  
206 resolution of 1.9° latitude by 2.5° longitude and 26 vertical levels from the surface to the stratosphere  
207 (~40 km). The model was run in free-running mode considering prescribed sea surface temperature  
208 fields and sea ice distributions from 1950 to 2010 (Tilmes et al., 2016), which covers the major part of  
209 the time span of observations (1963 to 2018). Therefore, the model dynamics and transport represent  
210 the daily synoptic conditions of the observations, and allows the direct online coupling between the  
211 ocean, ice, and atmospheric modules during the 60 years of simulation. A land-mask filter (land  
212 fraction < 1.0) has been applied to all longitudinal and latitudinal averages from the model output, in  
213 order to account only for coastal and open ocean regions.

214 The 1950-2010 REF-C1 simulation used for model validation did not include the recent  
215 implementation of iodine sources and heterogeneous recycling occurring within the polar regions,  
216 which strongly affect the total gas-phase I<sub>y</sub> burden within the Arctic and Antarctica. Indeed, the  
217 development of the halogen polar module within CAM-Chem (Fernandez et al., 2019) has only been  
218 applied to present time conditions and is based on a seasonal sea-ice climatology representative of the  
219 2000<sup>th</sup> decade. Thus, and for the sake of highlighting the large differences on the surface iodine  
220 mixing ratios when additional polar sources and chemistry are considered, the perpetual 2000 CAM-  
221 Chem output from (Fernandez et al., 2019) has also been used to evaluate the model performance at  
222 high latitudes.

223 Although a detailed treatment of uptake, recycling and loss of individual I<sub>y</sub> gas-phase species on sea-  
224 salt aerosol and ice-crystals is included in CAM-Chem (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014, 2015), the model  
225 does not track any aerosol iodine species nor the TI content in other types of aerosol. Note that the  
226 accumulation of iodine in aerosol depends on a number unknown or highly uncertain chemical  
227 processes that require further investigation, for example the redox chemistry that may enable  
228 interconversion between IO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (currently believed to be a sink) and I<sup>-</sup> (currently thought to lead to  
229 recycling of gas-phase iodine), or the role of organic iodinated compounds as I<sup>-</sup> reservoirs (Saiz-  
230 Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012). Currently, models are essentially unable to explain the speciation of iodine  
231 in aerosol, and in particular iodide concentrations are ~2 orders of magnitude lower than observations  
232 (Pechtl et al., 2007). Since I<sub>y</sub> uptake on aerosol determines the partitioning of iodine between I<sub>y</sub> and  
233 TI, it is expected that both quantities show similar spatial and temporal trends. Therefore, in this work  
234 we have used the modeled I<sub>y</sub> to compare with the aerosol TI observations. In doing so, we have scaled  
235 the model I<sub>y</sub> abundance by the I<sub>y</sub>/TI and TI<sub>y</sub>/TI ratios computed from all cruises and campaigns where

236 both total gas-phase and aerosol iodine were measured, as described below in section 3.2. Two  
237 caveats to this comparison at high latitudes are that the polar module is not fully tested due to sparse  
238 gas phase iodine measurements (especially in the Arctic region), and that the iodine budget is  
239 controlled by heterogeneous recycling on ice and loss to iodine oxide particles (IOPs). The later  
240 process is not yet implemented in the polar module, and this may lead to a significant overestimation  
241 of gas phase iodine.

242 **Table 2. List of cruises reporting aerosol iodine <sup>a</sup>**

#	Program / Campaign	Cruise	Location	Min lon	Max lon	Min lat	Max lat	Date start	Date end	N	Type of data	Methods	Ref.
C1		R/V Capricorne	Equatorial Atlantic	-2.7	9.2	-5.2	2.7	30-05-77	12-06-77	24	TI (bulk), I <sub>v</sub>	INAA	(Rancher & Kritz, 1980)
C2	SEAREX	Westerlies, R/V Moana Wave	North Pacific	-170	-149	22	40	10-06-86	11-07-86	17	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1989)
C3	Polarstern Campaigns	ANT-VII/5 (PS14), R/V Polarstern	Tropical Atlantic	-1	2	-11	-6	18-03-89	18-03-89	1	I, IO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> (bulk)	IDMS	(Wimschneider & Heumann, 1995)
C4	German SOLAS	M55, R/V Meteor	Tropical Atlantic	-56.2	-3.5	0.1	11.3	15-10-02	13-11-02	28	TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	(Baker, 2005)
C5	CHINARE	2 <sup>nd</sup> CHINARE, R/V Xue-long	Western Pacific-Arctic Ocean	121	-150	35.0	80.0	15-07-03	26-09-03	44	TI, TSI (bulk)	ICP-MS	(Kang et al., 2015)
C6	AMT	AMT13 RRS James Clark Ross	Atlantic Transect	-40.2	-14.3	-41.1	47.3	14-09-03	08-10-03	22	TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	(Baker, 2005)
C7	CAC	23 <sup>rd</sup> CAC R/V Xue-Long	Western Pacific-Indian-Southern Ocean	70.8	122.0	-69.3	26.2	20-11-05	22-03-06	57	TI, TSI (bulk)	TESI, ICP-MS	(Gilfedder et al., 2010; Lai et al., 2008), This work
C8	MAP	CEC, R/V Celtic Explorer	North Atlantic	-12.3	-7.5	50.7	57.4	12-06-06	05-07-06	33	TSI (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	VI; IC-ICP-MS	(Gilfedder et al., 2008; Lai, 2008)
C9	OOMP	VT 88 R/V Marion Dufresne	Southern Atlantic	-59.2	15.8	-44.9	-33.7	20-01-07	02-02-07	14	TSI (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	ICP-MS	(Lai et al., 2011)
C10	RHaMBLe	RRS Discovery D319	East Tropical Atlantic	-23.1	-14.1	16.6	33.3	22-05-07	05-06-07	14	TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	(Allan et al., 2009)
C11	UK-SOLAS	INSPIRE RRS Discovery D325	Eastern Tropical North Atlantic	-25.0	-22.8	16.0	26.0	17-11-07	16-12-07	17	TI, TSI (bulk)	TESI	(Gilfedder et al., 2010; Sherwen, Evans,

													Spracklen, et al., 2016)
C12		RRS James Cook Cruise 18 (JC18)	Tropical Atlantic	-63	-62.5	16.2	16.7	04-12-07	14-12-07	8	TI, TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	This work
C13	CHINARE	3 <sup>rd</sup> CHINARE, R/V Xue-long	Western Pacific-Arctic Ocean	122	-146	31.2	85.1	13-07-08	21-09-08	28	TI, TSI (bulk)	ICP-MS	(Xu et al., 2010)
C14	TransBrom	R/V Sonne SO202-2	Tropical Western Pacific	143.7	154.5	-14.6	36.0	10-10-09	22-10-09	13	TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	(Yodle, 2015)
C15	UK-GEOTRACES	RRS Discovery D357	Southern Atlantic	-3.6	17.3	-40.0	-34.5	18-10-10	19-11-10	11	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016)
C16	UK-GEOTRACES	RRS Discovery D361	Atlantic transect	-28.8	-17.8	-6.6	22.3	21-02-11	16-03-11	24	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016)
C17	AMT	AMT21 RRS Discovery D371	Atlantic Transect	-51.0	-16.4	-45.1	48.2	01-10-11	07-11-11	33	TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	(Yodle, 2015)
C18	SHIVA	R/V Sonne SO218	Tropical Western Pacific	106.9	120.7	2.2	13.1	16-11-11	28-11-11	11	TSI (bulk)	ICP-MS	(Yodle & Baker, 2019)
C19	OASIS	R/V Sonne SO 234-2 and SO235	Tropical Indian Ocean	35.0	72.0	-29.8	1.7	08-07-14	07-08-14	10	TSI (fine + coarse)	CI <sup>b</sup> ; ICP-MS	(Droste, 2017)

243 <sup>a</sup> Abbreviations: SOLAS: Surface-Ocean / Lower Atmosphere Study; AMT: Atlantic Meridional Transect; CHINARE: China National Arctic Research Expedition; CAC:  
244 China Antarctic Campaign; MAP: Marine Aerosol Production from Natural Sources; OOMPH: Organics over the Ocean Modifying Particles in both Hemispheres;  
245 RHAMBLE: Reactive Halogens in the Marine Boundary Layer; SHIVA: Stratospheric Ozone: Halogen Impacts in a Varying Atmosphere; OASIS: Organic very short lived  
246 substances and their Air Sea Exchange from the Indian Ocean to the Stratosphere; CI: Cascade Impactor; VI: Virtual Impactor; INAA: Instrumental Neutron Activation  
247 Analysis; ICP-MS: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry; IDMS: Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry; TESI: Thermal extraction with spectrometric detection. <sup>b</sup>  
248 Cascade impactors were also used to achieve the coarse/fine separation, but they weren't used to achieve detailed size segregation.

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250 **Table 3. Campaigns in coastal and island stations reporting aerosol iodine measurements**

#	Program / Campaign	Location	Lon	Lat	Date start	Date end	N	Type of data	Methods	Ref.
S1a		Hilo, Hawaii, USA	-155.1	19.9	27-05-63	18-06-63	5	TI (size-segregated), I <sub>y</sub>	CI; INAA	(Duce et al., 1965)
S1b		Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (600 m)	-155.6	19.9	05-06-63	25-06-63	2			
S1c		Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (2000 m)	-155.6	19.9	05-06-63	25-06-63	1			
S1d		Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (3300 m)	-155.6	19.9	05-06-63	25-06-63	1			
S2		Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA	-71.1	42.4	31-10-64	14-11-64	10	TI (size-segregated)	CI; INAA	(Lininger et al., 1966)
S3		Barrow, Alaska, USA	-156.8	71.3	20-01-65	28-01-65	23	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Duce et al., 1966)
S4		Hilo, Hawaii, USA	-155.1	19.9	01-08-66	31-08-66	8	TI (size-segregated)	CI; INAA	(Duce et al., 1967)
S5		Oahu, Hawaii, USA	-157.7	21.3	01-08-69	10-08-69	11	TI (bulk), TI <sub>v</sub>	INAA	(Moyers & Duce, 1972)
S6		McMurdo, Antarctica	166.7	-77.8	08-11-70	12-12-70	19	TI (bulk), TI <sub>v</sub>	INAA	(Duce et al., 1973)
S7		Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (3300 m)	-155.6	19.9	01-02-79	31-05-85	287	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Zieman et al., 1995)
S8	CAASN	Mould Bay, Canada	-119.3	76.2	11-04-79	20-05-82	135	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Sturges & Barrie, 1988)
S9	SEAREX	Enewetak, Marshall Islands	162.0	11.5	18-04-79	04-08-79	27	TI (size-segregated)	CI; INAA	(Duce et al., 1983)
S10	CAASN	Igloolik, Canada	-81.7	69.4	29-10-79	16-05-82	110	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Sturges & Barrie, 1988)
S11	CAASN	Alert, Canada	-62.3	82.5	13-07-80	18-12-06	1234	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Sharma et al., 2019)
S12a	SEAREX	American Samoa ISS	-170.6	-14.3	01-01-81	31-08-81	7	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1987)
S12b	SEAREX	American Samoa OSS	-170.6	-14.3	01-01-81	31-08-81	4	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1987)
S13	SEAREX	New Zealand	172.7	-34.4	01-05-83	31-08-83	11	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1990)
S14		Tokyo, Japan	139.8	35.7	14-07-83	23-03-84	9	TI, TSI (bulk)	INAA	(Hirofumi et al., 1987)
S15	AEROCE	Tudor Hill, Bermuda, UK	-64.87	32.24	29-07-88	26-12-97	1308	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1995)
S16	AEROCE	Ragged Point, Barbados	-59.4	13.2	17-08-88	30-12-97	2750	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1995)
S17	AEROCE	Izaña, Tenerife, Spain (2360 m)	-16.5	28.3	17-06-89	28-12-97	905	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1995)
S18	AEROCE	Mace Head, Ireland	-9.73	53.3	07-08-89	15-08-94	436	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Huang et al., 2001)
S19		Ibaraki, Japan	140.3	36.3	19-02-90	13-05-91	13	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Yoshida & Muramatsu, 1995)

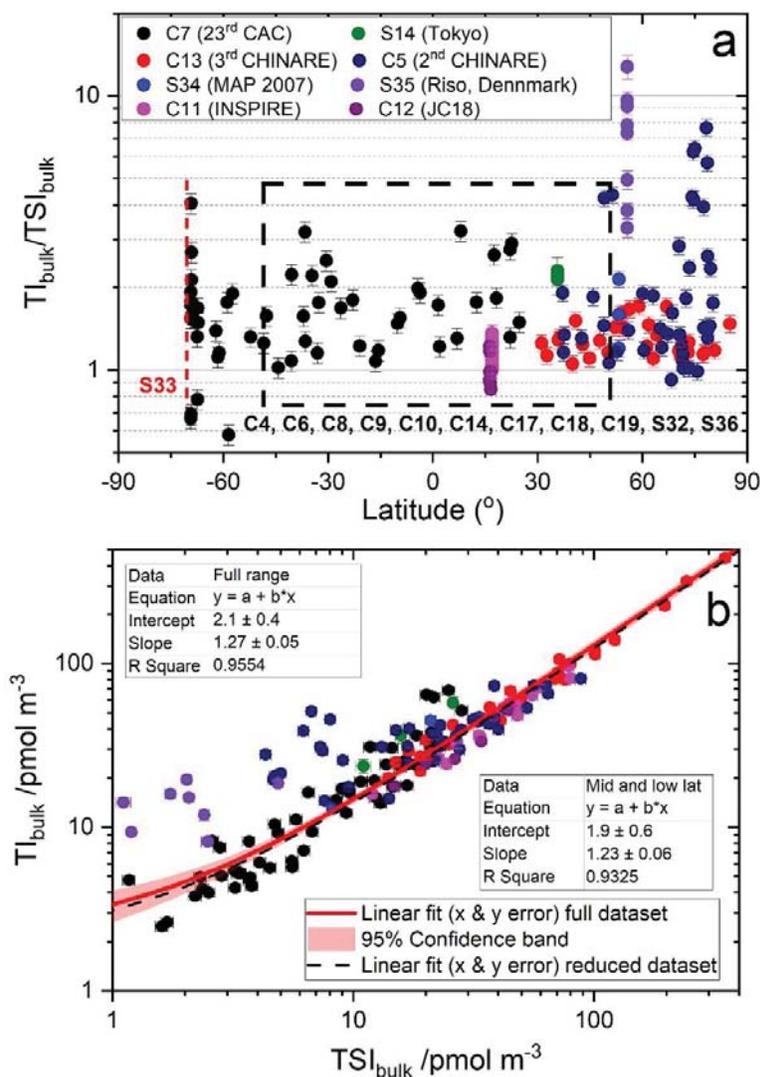
S20a		Uto, Finland	21.4	59.8	29-04-91	12-05-91	35	TI (fine + coarse)	2 filters, INAA	(Jalkanen & Manninen, 1996)
S20b		Virolahti, Finland	27.7	60.6	10-06-91	30-06-91	35	TI (fine + coarse)		
S21	PEM West A	Midway Island	-177.4	28.2	27-05-91	02-12-91	12	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S22	PEM West A	Hong Kong, China	114.3	22.6	06-09-91	25-11-91	50	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S23	PEM West A	Ken-Ting; Taiwan	120.9	21.9	08-09-91	23-10-91	29	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S24	PEM West A	Okinawa, Japan	128.3	26.9	09-09-91	09-12-91	8	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S25	PEM West A	Cheju Island; Korea	126.48	33.52	10-09-91	02-10-91	6	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S26	PEM West A	Oahu, Hawaii, USA	-157.7	21.3	18-09-91	31-10-91	37	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S27	PEM West A	Shemya, Alaska, USA	174.1	52.9	19-09-91	31-10-91	15	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Arimoto et al., 1996)
S28	PSE	Alert, Canada	-62.3	82.5	22-01-92	15-04-92	85	TI (fine + coarse)	VI; INAA	(Barrie et al., 1994)
S29		Weddell Sea (Filchner Station)	-50.2	-77.1	30-01-92	10-02-92	2	TI (coarse), I, GOI	IDMS	(Gäbler & Heumann, 1993)
S30		Hong Kong, China	114.2	22.3	<i>01-04-95</i>	<i>30-04-96</i>	114	TI (bulk)	INAA	(Cheng et al., 2000)
S31		Weybourne, UK	1.1	52.9	08-08-96	21-10-97	16	TI (bulk and size-segregated)	CI; INAA	(Baker et al., 2000)
S32	MAP	Mace Head, Ireland	-9.7	53.3	13-06-06	06-07-06	75	TSI (fine + coarse, PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	CI, VI; ICP-MS	(Gilfedder et al., 2008; Lai, 2008)
S33		Neumayer II, Antarctica	-8.3	-70.7	08-01-07	28-01-08	56	TSI (bulk)	ICP-MS	This work
S34	MAP	Mace Head, Ireland	-9.7	53.3	18-06-07	02-07-07	3	TI, TSI (bulk)	TESI, INAA	(Gilfedder et al., 2010)
S35		Riso, Denmark	12.1	55.693	02-04-11	11-12-14	8	TI, TSI (bulk)	ICP-MS	(Zhang et al., 2016)
S36		Xiangshan Gulf, Zhejiang, China	121.8	29.5	11-02-18	11-05-18	3	TSI (fine and bulk)	Nano-MOUDI; LC-MS; ICP-MS	(Yu et al., 2019)

251 Notes: SEAREX: Sea/Air Exchange; CAASN: Canadian Arctic Aerosol Sampling Network; PSE: Polar Sunrise Experiment; AEROCE: Atmospheric/Ocean Chemistry  
252 Experiment; PEM West A: Pacific Exploratory Mission - West-A; American Samoa data ISS: inside selected sector, OSS: outside selected sector. Dates in italics: the  
253 original paper does not report exact dates, only months or season. CI: Cascade Impactor; VI: Virtual Impactor, nano-MOUDI: Nano-Microorifice Uniform Deposit Impactor;  
254 INAA: Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis; ICP-MS: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry; IDMS: Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry; LC-MS: Liquid  
255 Chromatography Mass Spectrometry; TESI: Thermal extraction with spectrometric detection.

256 **3. Results**

257 **3.1. Homogenization of total iodine data**

258 In order to study TI spatial and time dependencies, the data needs to be homogenized. We use  
 259 observed TI data if available and derive TI from TSI when TI measurements are not available but TSI  
 260 was reported instead. This is especially critical for most of the recent cruise samples, for which only  
 261 TSI was measured (C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C14, C17, C18, C19, C32, C36, S33). Similarly,  
 262 measurements of fine particulate matter or PM<sub>2.5</sub> (C8 and C9) need to be scaled to make them directly  
 263 comparable to bulk aerosol measurements.

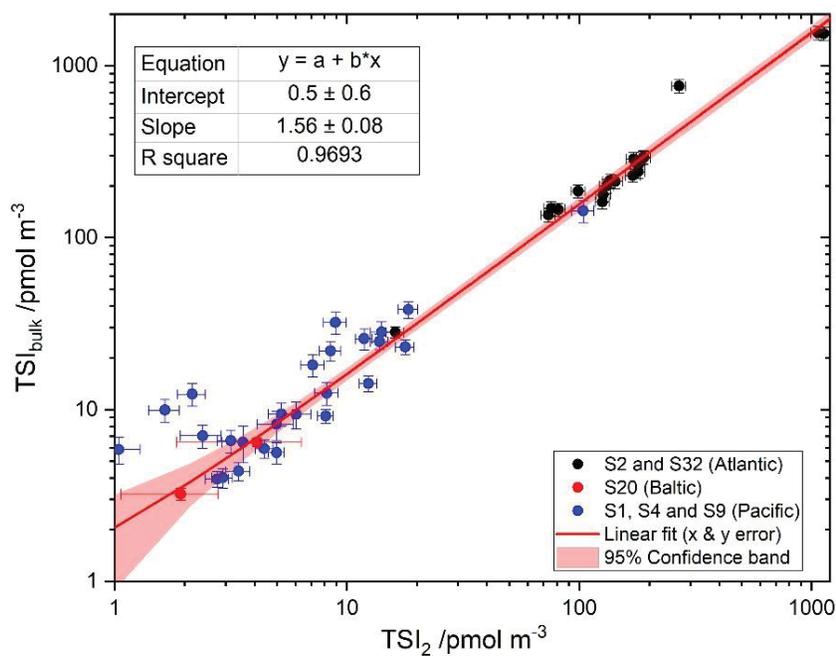


264 **Figure 2.** Correlation between total iodine (TI) and total soluble iodine (TSI). Panel a: observed bulk aerosol  
 265  $TI/TSI$  ratios from seven campaigns (colour coded); the black box indicates the latitudinal range of the  
 266 campaigns at mid-latitudes reporting only TSI, and the red dashed line indicates the latitude of Neumayer II  
 267 (S33). Panel b: Regression (considering error in both coordinates) of bulk aerosol TI vs TSI for all the  
 268 available dataset and for a restricted dataset within the box indicated in panel a. Note that the fit is performed  
 269 in the linear scale, although the scales are shown in the plot as logarithmic for better visualization of the lower  
 270 values. Error bars indicate analytical uncertainty as reported in the original publications.  
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272 Figure 2a displays TI/TSI ratios in bulk aerosol for seven campaigns where both TI and TSI were  
 273 measured (C5, C7, C11, C12, C13, S14, S34, S35). Figure 2b demonstrates that a strong linear  
 274 correlation exists between bulk TI and TSI (Figure S1a shows the same plot in a linear scale). We  
 275 exclude from this analysis seven (TI, TSI) pairs (four of C7 and three of C12) for which TI/TSI < 1  
 276 beyond  $2\sigma$  analytical uncertainty (i.e. overestimated TSI). The regression line (considering error in  
 277 both coordinates) is given by:

$$278 \quad \text{TI}/\text{pmol m}^{-3} = (2.1 \pm 0.4) / \text{pmol m}^{-3} + (1.27 \pm 0.05) \times \text{TSI}/\text{pmol m}^{-3} \quad (1)$$

279 Figure 2b shows that the regression line is the same within error if the dataset is restricted to the zonal  
 280 band where most of the TSI data needing scaling were acquired (with the exception of S33). Thus, the  
 281 TSI fraction appears to be quite stable ( $\sim 80\%$ ), with excursions mainly concentrated at high latitudes.  
 282 We use equation (1) to convert TSI measured in C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C14, C17, C18, C19, S32, S33  
 283 and S36 into TI. The parameter errors in eq. (1) are propagated to the TI estimates.



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 285 **Figure 3.** Regression of bulk TSI vs TSI for aerosol smaller than  $\sim 2 \mu\text{m}$  ( $\text{TSI}_2$ ). Black points: S2 (Cambridge,  
 286 USA) and S32 (Mace Head, Ireland); red points: S20 (Finland); blue points: S1, S4 and S9 data from Pacific  
 287 mid-latitudes). Note that the fit is performed in the linear scale, although the scales are shown in the plot as  
 288 logarithmic for better visualization of the lower values. Error bars indicate analytical uncertainty as reported in  
 289 the original publications.

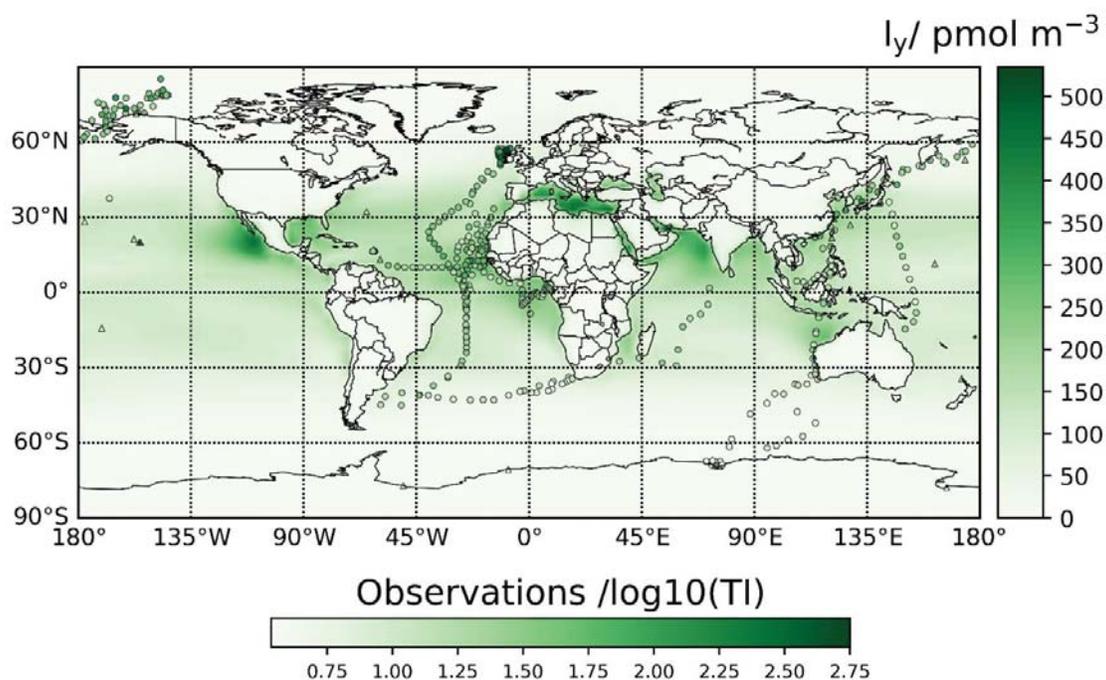
290 It is also desirable to convert  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  TSI into bulk TSI in order to make the cruise campaigns C8 and  
 291 C9 comparable to the rest. However, most campaigns reporting TSI in fine and coarse aerosol from  
 292 cascade impactor measurements established the cut-off diameter at  $1 \mu\text{m}$  (C4, C6, C10, C14, C17 and  
 293 C19) instead of at  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$ , and do not report single stage data. Only S20 and S28 report coarse and  
 294 fine data with  $2.5 \mu\text{m}$  cut off. For S1, S2, S4, S9, S32, CI data segregated in narrow bins has been  
 295 reported, which can be aggregated for  $d < 2\text{-}3 \mu\text{m}$ . S1, S2, S4 and S9 reported TI, but it can be

296 transformed to TSI using equation (1). The S32 CI data for  $d \leq 2 \mu\text{m}$  shows a near to 1:1 relationship  
 297 with concurrent S32  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  measurements with  $R^2=0.735$  ( $p = 2 \times 10^{-5}$ ), indicating that CI data can be  
 298 used to approximate  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  data. Figure 3 (see also Figure S1b in linear scale) shows a regression of  
 299 TSI data in bulk aerosol against TSI for  $d < 2\text{-}3 \mu\text{m}$  (termed  $\text{TSI}_2$ ). It can be seen that the fraction of  
 300 soluble iodine in aerosol with  $d < 2\text{-}3 \mu\text{m}$  appears to be fairly stable ( $\sim 64\%$ ):

$$301 \text{TSI}_{\text{bulk}}/\text{pmol m}^{-3} = (0.5 \pm 0.6) / \text{pmol m}^{-3} + (1.56 \pm 0.08) \times \text{TSI}_2/\text{pmol m}^{-3} \quad (2)$$

302 The size segregated data from Alert (S28) is not considered in the fitting of Eq. (2), because most of  
 303 the iodine mass observed in this campaign was in  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ , which is an indication of a distinct  
 304 partitioning in Polar regions. Equations (2) and (1) can now be used to transform the TSI  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  data of  
 305 C8 and C9 into TI.

306 The PS14 TI datapoint in the Tropical Atlantic (C3) has been estimated here from the reported  $\Gamma$  and  
 307  $\text{IO}_3^-$  concentrations by obtaining first a TSI estimate using the average  $\text{SOI}/\text{TII} = 0.42 \pm 0.22$  in the  
 308 Tropical Atlantic (C4, C6 and C10, excluding observations close to the African coast for which SOI  
 309 may be higher than in the open ocean), and then applying Eq. (1).

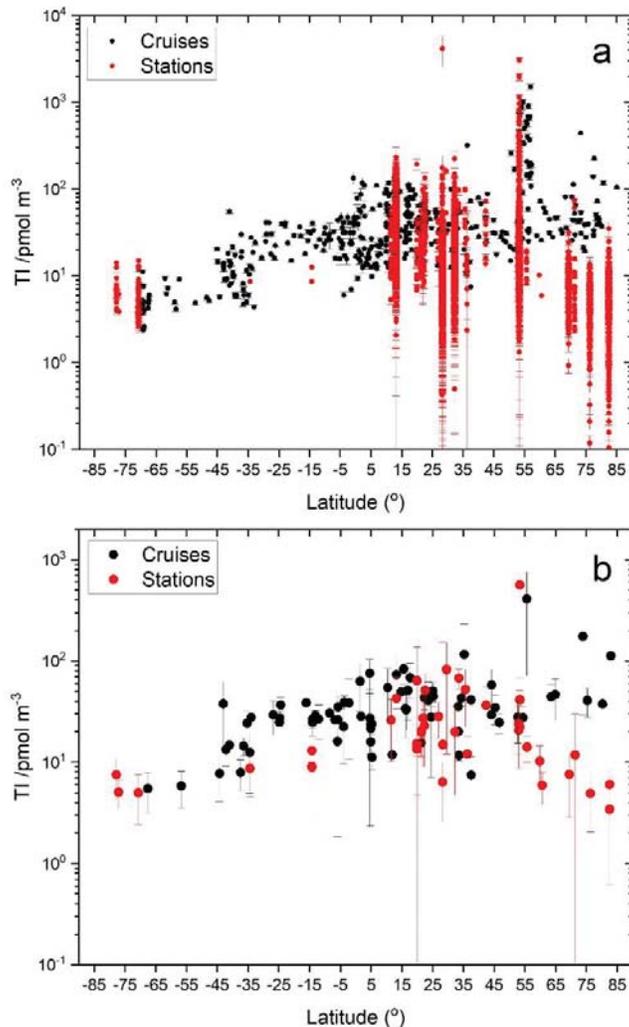


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311 **Figure 4.** Global distribution of TI observations and TI estimates from TSI observations (plotted as  $\log$   
 312  $(\text{TI}/(\text{pmol m}^{-3}))$ ). The underlying colour map shows the average of modelled total inorganic gaseous iodine ( $I_y$ ) in  
 313 the 1963-2010 period.

314 The full aerosol TI dataset is presented in Figure 4 using a logarithmic color scale, overlaid on a gas-  
 315 phase  $I_y$  global map. Figure 5a shows the data as a function of latitude. Figure 5b shows the ground-  
 316 based campaign averages and the cruise data averaged in  $10^\circ$  intervals. The complete field dataset can  
 317 be found in a spreadsheet in the Supplementary Material of this paper.

318 Figure 4 shows that CAM-Chem predicts enhanced  $I_y$  levels in tropical regions, specially towards the  
 319 NH, as well as in the Mediterranean Sea. The TI and TSI field measurements sample well the Atlantic  
 320 region, but campaigns in other areas with enhanced levels, such as the NH Eastern Pacific, the Gulf of  
 321 Mexico, the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Sea, have not been carried out.

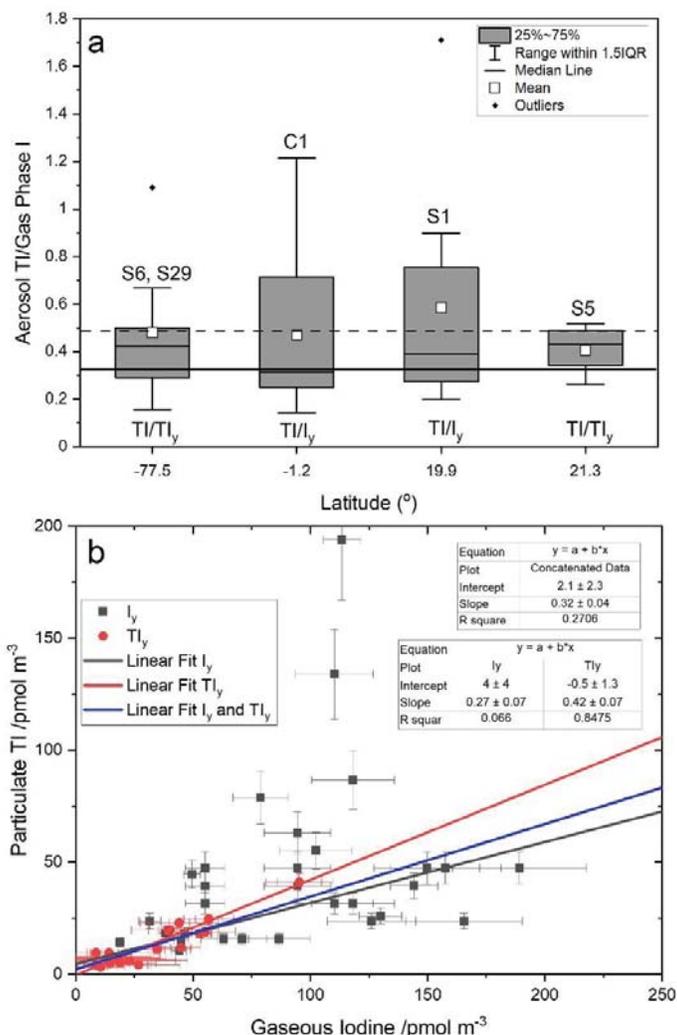


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 323 **Figure 5.** Latitudinal dependence of TI. Panel a: data points with error bars (for samples the error bars  
 324 represent the analytical uncertainty, for full campaign averages the error bars are not shown). Panel b:  
 325 campaign averages with error bars (standard deviation of each campaign). The data of each cruise is shown  
 326 binned into  $10^{\circ}$  zonal band averages

### 327 3.2. Relationship between aerosol TI and gas-phase $I_y$ and $TI_y$

328 Gas-phase  $I_y$  was measured alongside aerosol TI in the campaigns C1 (Equatorial Atlantic), S1  
 329 (Tropical North Pacific).  $TI_y$  was measured in the campaigns S5 (Tropical North Pacific) and S6  
 330 (coastal Antarctica), and can also be determined from the GOI measurements performed in S29.  
 331 Figure 6 shows that the average and range of the  $TI/I_y$  and  $TI/TI_y$  ratios are very similar and do not  
 332 show a dependence on geographical location beyond the range of variability. The proximity of the  
 333  $TI/I_y$  and  $TI/TI_y$  ratios in the tropics and mid-latitudes can be expected, considering that the

334 contribution of GOI to  $TI_y$  at those locations, as well as throughout the tropical free-troposphere, is  
 335 expected to be ~20% (Koenig et al., 2020; Prados-Roman et al., 2015; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014). The  
 336 relative invariance of the aerosol to gas phase ratio may be used to scale the  $TI_y$  or  $I_y$  computed by  
 337 CAM-Chem to make them comparable to the observations in absolute terms.



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 339 **Figure 6.** Panel a: box and whiskers plot showing statistics of  $TI/ TI_y$  and  $TI/ I_y$  ratios at four latitudes (for the cruise C1 the  
 340 average latitude is shown).  $IQR$  = interquartile range. The horizontal dashed line shows the unweighted average of the  
 341 56 ratios available. Panel b: Linear regressions with instrumental error in both coordinates of measured particulate  $TI$  vs  
 342 measured gas-phase iodine ( $TI_y$ ,  $I_y$  and both). The horizontal solid line in Panel a corresponds to the slope of the  
 343 concatenated fit (0.32), which is roughly the same as the error-weighted average of the 56 points.

344 Figure 6a indicates that the particulate  $TI$  vs gaseous iodine ratio takes values between ~0.3 (error-  
 345 weighted average of the 56 datapoints) and ~0.5 (the unweighted average in Figure 6a). Therefore, the  
 346 gaseous iodine concentration is on average between 2 and 3 times higher than the iodine concentration  
 347 in aerosol. A caveat to this result is that 54 out of the 56 datapoints in Figure 6a were measured  
 348 between 1963 and 1979, which could affect the  $I_y$  to  $TI$  conversion for more recent periods of time if  
 349 the ratio has changed significantly since then. Independent fits of the  $I_y$  and  $TI_y$  scatterplots (Figure

350 6b) give statistically significant slopes of  $0.27 \pm 0.07$  and  $0.42 \pm 0.07$  respectively, with intercepts not  
 351 significantly different from zero at 95% confidence level. The TI vs  $I_y$  regression alone yields a poor  
 352 correlation coefficient. A global fit of TI versus both  $I_y$  and  $TI_y$  data yields an intermediate slope of  
 353  $0.32 \pm 0.04$ , again with an intercept statistically indistinguishable from zero.

### 354 3.3. Spatial and temporal variability of aerosol iodine

#### 355 3.3.1. TI statistics by campaign

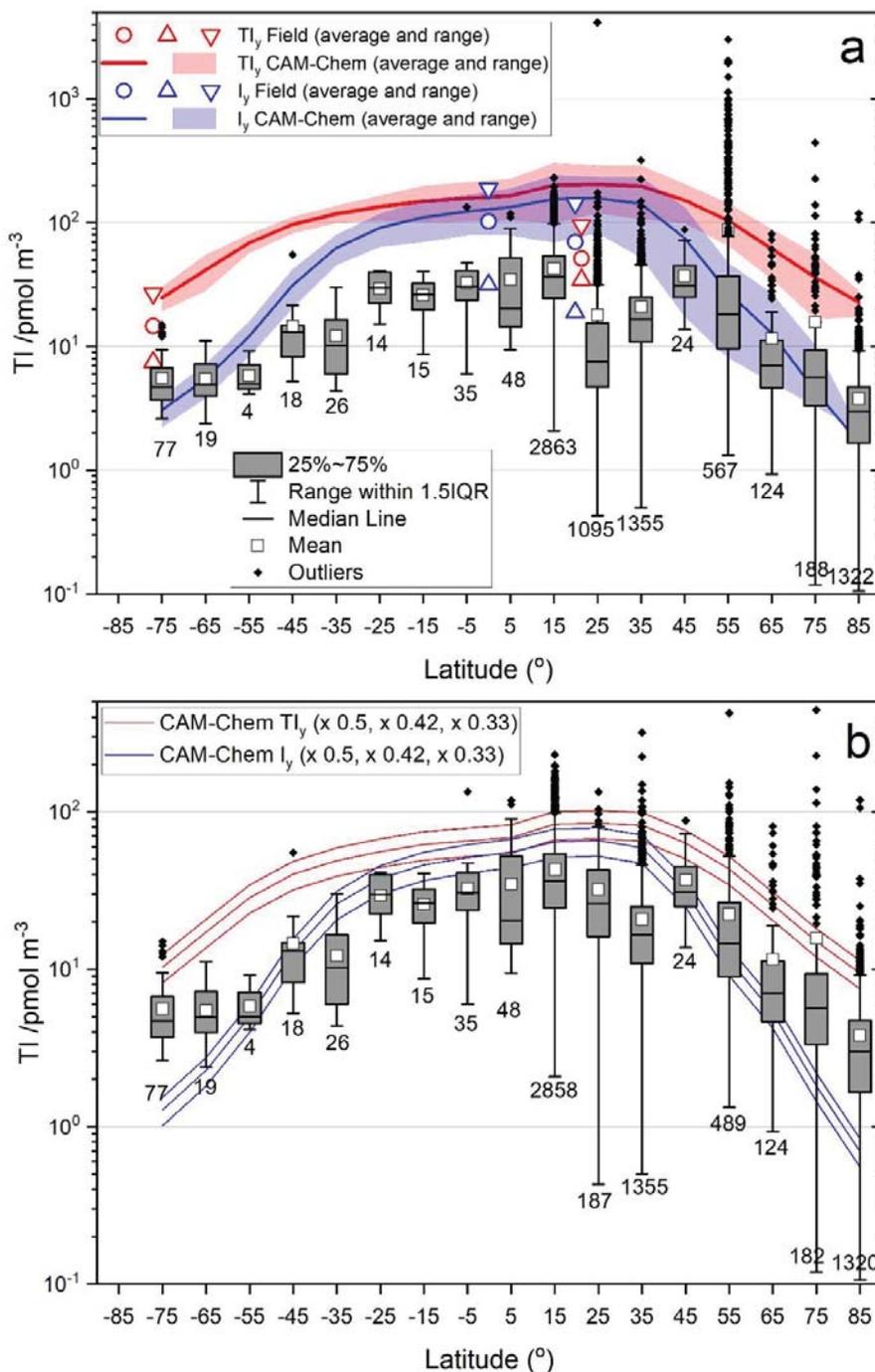
356 Table 4 lists descriptive statistics of the field campaigns described in Table 2 and Table 3. These  
 357 statistics (arithmetic mean, standard deviation, geometric mean, geometric standard deviation,  
 358 minimum, first quartile, median, third quartile and maximum) have been calculated from the  
 359 individual sample data available. For those campaigns for which the data could not be retrieved, the  
 360 statistics reported in the corresponding paper are included in the table (campaigns highlighted in bold  
 361 font). In the particular case of S30, a monthly box and whisker plot with medians, quartiles,  
 362 maximum and minimum is provided in the original publication, from which the maximum and  
 363 minimum values of the full campaign are given in the table. The median of the campaign is calculated  
 364 as the median of the monthly medians, and the arithmetic mean is estimated for plotting purposes as  
 365 the average of the monthly maxima and minima (estimated values are given in italics).

366 **Table 4. Statistics of total iodine (TI) in bulk aerosol (units:  $\text{pmol m}^{-3}$ )<sup>a</sup>**

#	N	Mean	SD	Geo Mean	Geo SD	Min	Q1	Median	Q3	Max
C1	24	46.6	30.7	39.1	1.8	15.8	23.6	39.4	51.2	134.0
<b>C2</b>	17	<i>7.5</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.5</i>	2.3					
C3	1	30.6								
C4	28	41.3	30.4	32.5	2.0	12.7	18.2	25.8	59.1	118.4
C5	44	39.1	15.9	36.1	1.5	14.5	28.6	38.2	46.0	81.0
C6	22	33.5	14.5	31.1	1.5	14.8	24.0	30.9	36.8	77.9
C7	57	16.2	15.8	10.9	2.4	2.4	5.0	9.4	23.4	68.7
C8	33	410.7	339.7	281.6	2.6	31.9	149.8	334.8	658.3	1511.0
C9	14	13.6	3.8	13.1	1.3	7.8	11.6	13.1	16.5	21.7
C10	14	<i>57.7</i>	23.9	53.8	1.5	33.8	40.7	51.5	66.2	112.5
C11	17	48.5	21.4	44.0	1.6	16.0	33.1	47.6	57.3	97.1
C12	8	33.4	12.5	31.4	1.5	17.8	25.1	29.8	43.9	52.0
C13	28	88.3	95.9	61.3	2.2	20.0	30.5	53.5	103.0	443.0
C14	13	20.6	12.0	17.4	1.9	6.0	10.7	14.3	28.4	42.7
C15	11	7.9	2.6	7.5	1.4	5.0	6.0	7.0	10.0	13.0
C16	24	58.5	38.9	44.9	2.2	7.0	24.0	53.5	90.5	134.0
C17	33	42.0	20.7	38.1	1.5	17.8	28.8	39.8	46.7	105.8
C18	11	15.2	3.9	14.8	1.3	11.0	12.5	13.6	17.9	22.3
C19	10	28.1	8.1	27.1	1.3	17.8	22.5	26.2	33.7	40.9
S1a	5	63.8	73.8	42.1	2.6	14.9	25.9	39.5	44.6	194.1
S1b-d	4	15.3	3.7	14.9	1.3	10.4	12.3	16.2	18.2	18.3

S2	10	36.5	18.6	32.3	1.7	13.8	23.2	34.7	45.7	72.5
S3	23	11.8	18.1	7.0	2.4	2.4	3.7	6.7	10.2	74.1
S4	8	13.4	9.0	11.4	1.8	6.9	7.2	9.3	17.2	32.6
S5	11	19.7	8.3	18.4	1.5	11.0	12.6	18.9	22.9	41.0
S6	19	7.5	3.3	7.0	1.5	4.0	5.0	6.7	9.5	14.2
<b>S7</b>	287	14.2	9.5							
S8 <sup>b</sup>	135	4.9	2.9	3.9	2.3	0.1	2.8	4.6	6.3	13.6
S9	27	26.0	15.8	21.1	2.0	5.3	12.6	22.9	37.0	62.3
S10 <sup>c</sup>	110	7.6	4.7	6.4	1.8	0.9	4.1	6.5	10.0	31.5
S11	1234	3.4	2.8	2.6	2.2	0.1	1.6	2.8	4.5	35.1
<b>S12a</b>	7	<i>13.0</i>	<i>10.0</i>	12.6	2.0					
<b>S12b</b>	4	<i>9.0</i>	<i>1.0</i>	8.7	1.1					
<b>S13</b>	11	8.7	4.1							
S14	9	52.4	30.1	44.4	1.9	13.4	36.2	44.9	59.1	100.1
S15	1308	20.0	15.3	16.4	1.9	0.5	10.8	16.3	24.2	224.6
S16	2750	42.7	26.5	36.1	1.8	2.1	24.6	36.5	54.0	231.7
S17	905	14.9	138.7	7.3	2.2	1.5	4.4	6.4	11.0	4160.8
S18	436	22.3	29.2	14.9	2.4	1.3	8.4	14.0	26.2	424.0
S19	13	12.1	6.2	10.4	1.9	2.4	10.2	11.0	15.0	26.8
<b>S20a</b>	35	10.2	4.2							
<b>S20b</b>	35	5.9	2.1							
S21	12	6.4	3.7	4.9	2.5	0.4	3.6	6.0	8.6	13.8
S22	50	51.2	22.8	46.9	1.5	19.1	35.9	42.9	63.4	134.0
S23	29	27.3	18.3	22.8	1.8	7.5	13.9	23.8	37.8	97.7
S24	8	28.2	11.0	26.3	1.5	15.0	18.6	28.0	36.3	44.8
S25	6	67.9	15.3	66.7	1.2	54.2	61.1	63.2	67.9	97.7
S26	37	20.3	8.9	18.9	1.4	9.6	15.2	19.1	22.9	56.1
S27	15	20.7	12.0	18.0	1.7	6.5	13.2	18.0	25.1	55.0
S28	85	6.0	2.5	5.6	1.5	2.1	4.0	6.0	7.5	16.3
S29	2	5.0	1.6			3.9				6.2
<b>S30</b>	114	<i>23.0</i>	<i>14.0</i>			1.8		21.9		91.3
S31	16	23.9	12.0	20.7	1.8	5.2	13.5	23.7	32.0	50.4
S32	45	563.1	596.6	403.0	2.1	66.7	247.7	335.1	601.5	3041.6
S33	56	5.0	2.5	4.5	1.5	2.6	3.3	4.0	5.7	15.0
S34	3	41.3	26.7	33.8	2.3	13.0	13.0	45.0	66.0	66.0
S35	8	14.1	4.1	13.5	1.4	8.2	10.6	14.7	17.3	19.5
S36	3	82.4	70.3	64.6	2.3	31.1	31.1	53.5	162.5	162.5

367 <sup>a</sup> Campaigns for which only statistics have been published and for which the original data could not be retrieved  
368 are highlighted in bold font. For the rest of the campaigns the statistics have been calculated from the available  
369 datapoints. SD, Geo Mean, Geo SD, Min, Q1, Q3 and Max are respectively the standard deviation, the  
370 geometric mean, the geometric standard deviation, the minimum, the first quartile, the third quartile and the  
371 maximum. Values in italics: the arithmetic mean and standard deviation have been estimated for plotting  
372 purposes, because the original papers only report the geometric mean and geometric standard deviation. <sup>b</sup> Mould  
373 Bay: The arithmetic mean and standard deviation of a subset of 67 measurements reported in the original paper  
374 are (4.0 ± 3.2) pmol m<sup>-3</sup>. TI statistics for the full dataset were not reported (Sturges & Barrie, 1988). <sup>c</sup> Igloolik:  
375 The arithmetic mean and standard deviation of a subset of 67 measurements reported in the original paper are  
376 (8.1 ± 5.1) pmol m<sup>-3</sup>. TI statistics for the full dataset were not reported (Sturges & Barrie, 1988).



377  
378 **Figure 7.** Latitudinal dependence of bulk aerosol total iodine. The box and whiskers statistics of available  
379 datapoints correspond to  $10^\circ$  zonal bands. The numbers below each whisker indicate the datapoints within each  
380 zonal band. Panel a:  $TI$  and minimum  $I_y$  (blue symbols) and  $TI_y$  (red symbols) measured in 5 campaigns. Solid blue  
381 and red lines and shaded areas indicate the 1950-2010 average and ranges of  $I_y$  and  $TI_y$ , respectively, computed  
382 with CAM-Chem. Panel b: as panel a, but excluding high altitude data (Izaña and Mauna Loa observatories),  
383 data potentially affected by new particle formation (North Atlantic and Mace Head MAP 2006 measurements,  
384 Chinese coast measurements) and Arctic cruises potentially affected by sea ice loss (samples of the 3<sup>rd</sup> China  
385 Arctic Research Expedition collected in the Arctic Ocean). Panel b also includes the simulated 1950-2010  
386 averages of  $I_y$  and  $TI_y$  scaled by factors 0.5, 0.42 and 0.33, as indicated by the analysis in Figure 6. Note the  
387 different vertical scale in the two panels.  
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### 389 3.3.2. *Latitudinal dependence*

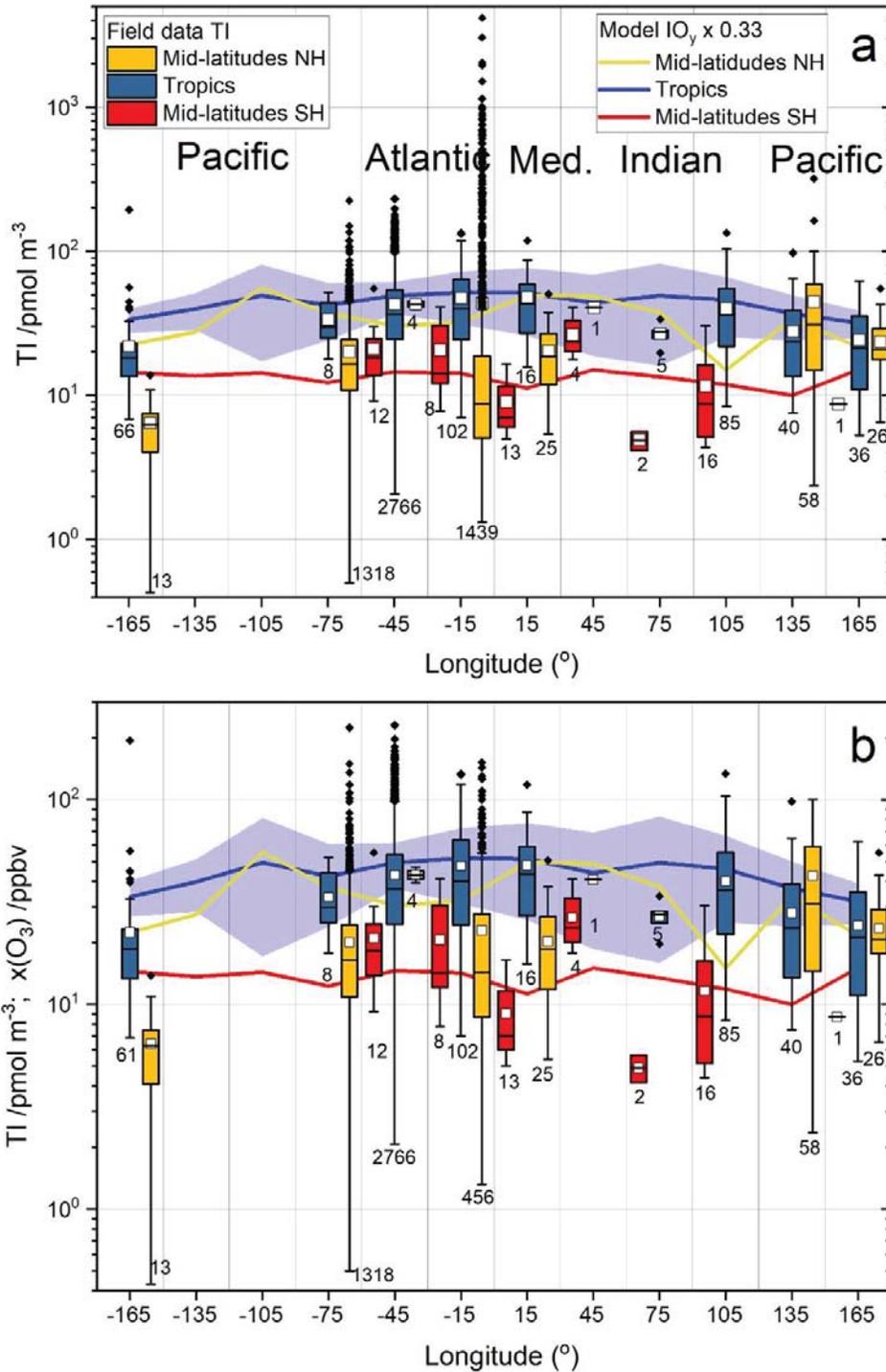
390 Figure 5a with all the datapoints and Figure 5b with the campaign averages show a clear dependence  
391 of TI on latitude. To highlight these features, Figure 7a shows the complete bulk aerosol TI dataset  
392 plotted vs. 10° wide latitudinal bands in box and whisker fashion. All statistics show a clear latitudinal  
393 dependence, with TI peaking in the tropical regions and decreasing towards the poles, although there  
394 is a hemispheric asymmetry where the values in the northern hemisphere (NH) tend to be higher than  
395 in the southern hemisphere (SH). As a note of caution, there is a heavy hemispheric sampling  
396 imbalance, with the majority of the samples taken in the NH ( $n = 208$  in the SH vs  $n = 7586$  in the  
397 NH). There are many more outliers in the northern hemisphere, most of which result from the recent  
398 measurements in Mace Head (S32) and the Northern Atlantic (C8), as well as from observations in the  
399 Arctic Ocean (C13). The inclusion of high-altitude stations (S1b-d, S17), data possibly affected by  
400 new particle formation (C8 and S32) and data potentially affected by recent loss of sea ice (C13) may  
401 distort the long-term latitudinal dependence of aerosol TI.

402 Figure 7b shows the latitudinal dependence of the TI data without the C8, S32, S1b-d, S16 and the  
403 Arctic transect of C13. This increases the average at 25° (by removing the high altitude low values at  
404 Izaña) and decreases the average at 55° and 75° (by removing high values in the northern Atlantic and  
405 the Arctic). Thus, besides the known lower values at high altitude, note that some recent NH TI data  
406 appears to be enhanced with respect to the historic record (see below).

407 A caveat to the analysis performed in Figure 7 is that for those zonal bands where most of the data  
408 corresponds to one or two stations (15°, 25°, 35°, 55°, 85°), the corresponding zonal average is totally  
409 dominated by these stations (Figure 5a). An alternative way of analyzing this data is grouping the  
410 campaign averages (Figure 5b) in zonal bands (Figure S2). By comparing Figures 7 and S1, it can be  
411 seen that the latitudinal dependence of sample and campaign zonal averages of TI is very similar,  
412 supporting the statistical analysis performed here.

### 413 3.3.3. *Longitudinal dependence*

414 Figure 8 and Figure S3 show the longitudinal dependence of TI in bulk aerosol for datapoints and  
415 campaign averages, respectively. Within the tropics, the highest concentrations are observed in the  
416 Atlantic. At mid-latitudes in the NH, the data acquired during the 2006 MAP campaign at Mace Head  
417 (C8 and S32) enhances the average at -15° longitude (Atlantic). After screening the C8 and S32 data,  
418 likely affected by coastal and open ocean new-particle formation (O'Dowd et al., 2002, 2010), it  
419 appears that the highest average concentration in the NH mid-latitudes occurs in South-East Asia  
420 (135° longitude). In the SH, the TI concentrations are somewhat lower in the Indian Ocean compared  
421 to those in the Atlantic Ocean.



422  
 423 **Figure 8.** Longitudinal dependence of bulk aerosol total iodine. The box and whiskers statistics of available  
 424 datapoints correspond to 30° meridional bands. The numbers of datapoints within each meridional band  
 425 appears under the corresponding box. Box and whiskers statistics as in previous figures. The red and yellow  
 426 boxes correspond to respectively to SH mid-latitudes (60°S to 25°S) and NH mid-latitudes (25°N to 60°N), and  
 427 the blue boxes to low latitudes (25°S to 25°N). Panel a: all mid- and low latitude campaigns listed in Tables 1  
 428 and 2. Panel b: as panel a but excluding high altitude data (Izaña and Mauna Loa observatories) and data  
 429 potentially affected by new particle formation (North Atlantic and Mace Head MAP 2006 measurements). Both  
 430 panels show the I<sub>y</sub> 1950-2010 average computed by the model for the corresponding latitudinal band, scaled by  
 431 a factor of 0.33. The blue shaded region indicates the span of the I<sub>y</sub> range (1950-2010) in the tropics. Note the  
 432 different vertical scale in the two panels.

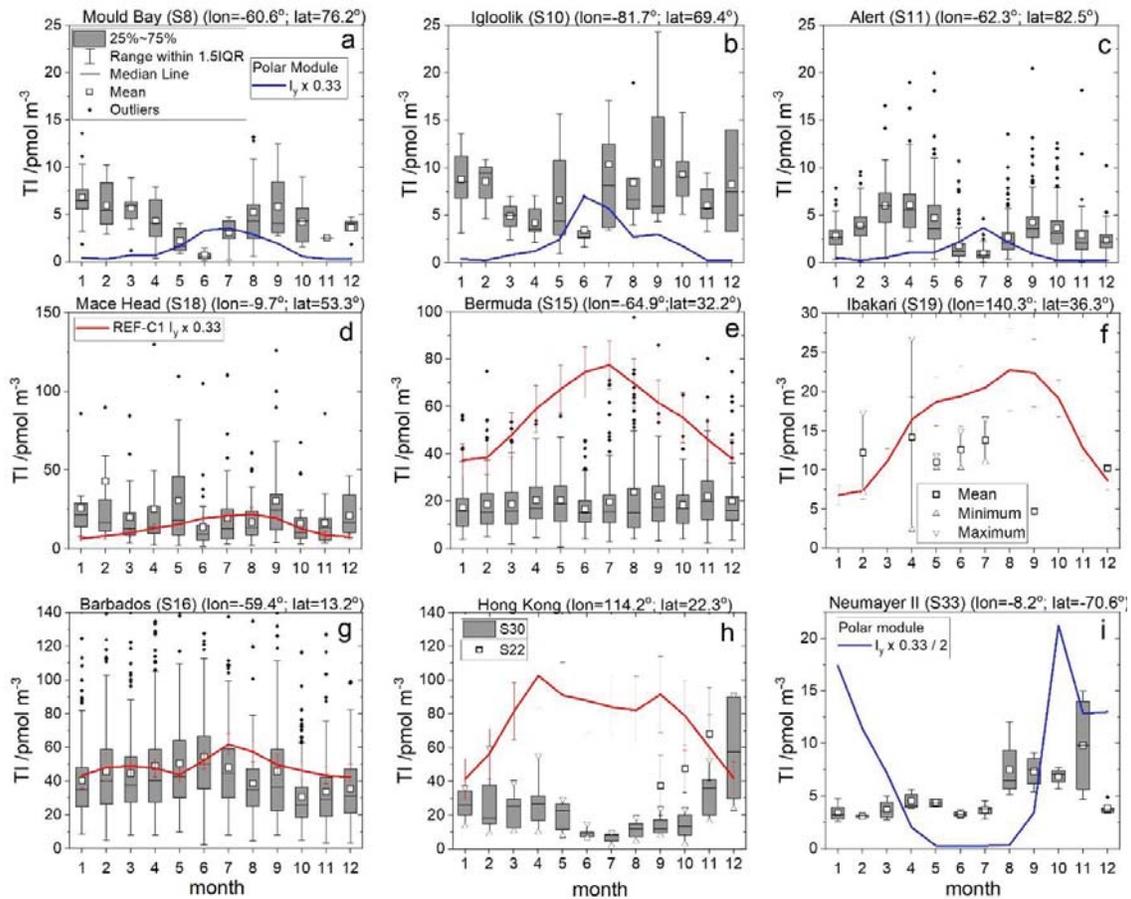
#### 433 **3.3.4. Seasonal variation**

434 Figure S4 shows the monthly climatology of total iodine in bulk aerosol for six different latitudinal  
435 bands. For mid-latitudes and tropics, the climatologies are also divided into Atlantic and Pacific. The  
436 seasonal variability in the Arctic and in Antarctica are similar, presenting equinoctial maxima, with  
437 the spring maximum showing enhanced values. At Atlantic and Pacific NH mid-latitudes, aerosol  
438 iodine does not show a discernible seasonal variation, but there are hints of seasonal cycles in the NH  
439 tropics. The TI data for SH low and mid-latitudes is too sparse to draw any conclusions. It must be  
440 pointed out, nevertheless, that only a few campaigns at specific sites report year-long measurements,  
441 which can yield a proper climatology. Thus, averaging of dissimilar datasets with sparse monthly  
442 coverage in different years and at widespread locations may result in unrealistic TI climatologies. This  
443 is especially true considering that local weather seasonal cycles as well as local iodine sources may  
444 vary significantly within the same zonal and meridional band. For example, the Antarctic seasonal  
445 variation was recorded almost entirely in Neumayer II between January 2007 and January 2008, while  
446 only a few measurements in spring and summer were carried out at Filchner station (S29) and  
447 McMurdo (S6). Thus, the “Antarctic” TI seasonal cycle plotted in Figure S4 is mainly the cycle at  
448 Neumayer II, which may not be representative of the entire Antarctic coast. This is also the case for  
449 other regions: the climatology in the NH tropical Atlantic is dominated by the multi-year AEROCE  
450 measurements at Barbados (S16), while the year-long dataset recorded at Hong-Kong (S30)  
451 determines the monthly statistics in the tropical Pacific. Additional data from other campaigns with  
452 incomplete coverage only distort the local cycles without bringing in additional information. For this  
453 reason, we plot in Figure 9 the monthly climatologies for each of the nine stations at sea level (S8,  
454 S10, S11, S15, S16, S18, S19, S30, S33) where year-long measurements of TI or TSI have been  
455 carried out (the TI monthly climatology at Izaña, in the Free-Troposphere, is also available). Seasonal  
456 cycles can be observed at Mould Bay (S8), Alert (S11) and Neumaier II (S33), with a similar double  
457 peak profile as mentioned above. The lack of a clear seasonal variation at Igloolik compared to Mould  
458 Bay and Alert was already noticed by Sturges and Barrie (1988). Measurements at mid-latitude  
459 stations (S15, S18 and S19) do not show a clear seasonal variation. Note that the data acquired during  
460 the MAP campaign in June-July 2006 at Mace Head (S32) is anomalously high compared to the June  
461 and July averages of the AEROCE campaign between 1989 and 1994 (S18). In the NH tropics,  
462 Barbados (S16) and Hong-Kong (S30) show cycles which are mutually out of phase (the July  
463 maximum of S16 coincides with a minimum of S30). Although S30 was a one-year campaign, the  
464 high frequency measurements during S22 (September-November) appear to confirm an annual cycle  
465 peaking toward the end of the year.

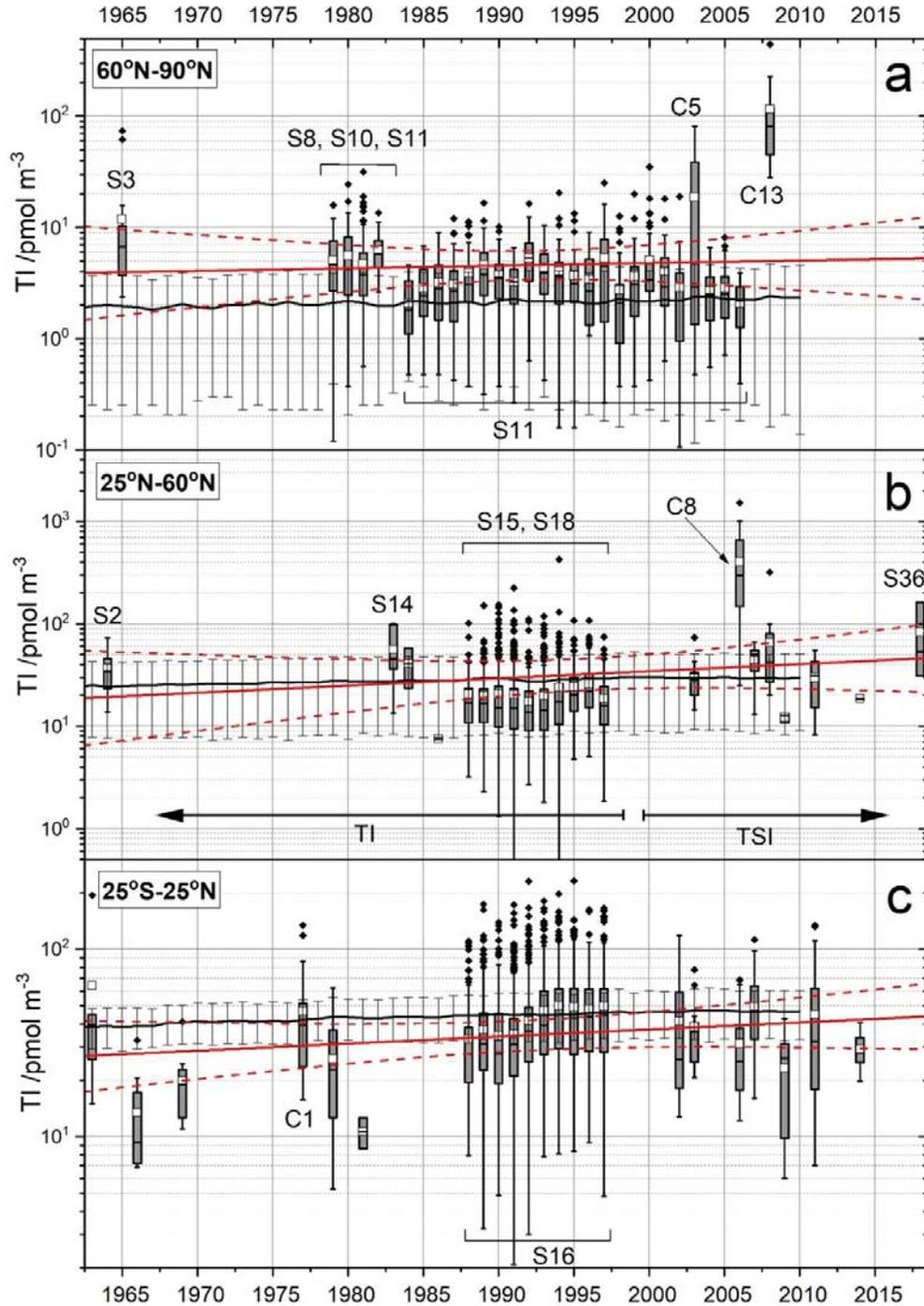
#### 466 **3.3.5. Long-term trends**

467 Box and whiskers plots of total iodine measurements in the NH grouped by year are shown in Figure  
468 10 (the SH data are too sparse to perform a long term trend analysis). The long-term series in Figure

469 10 suggest that increases in TI may have occurred between 1963 and 2010. However, both linear and  
 470 exponential (i.e. apparent linear fitting of the semi-logarithmic scatter plot) unweighted fits of the  
 471 annual averages indicate that the slopes are not significantly different from zero at 95% confidence  
 472 level. Thus, the NH data is compatible both with decreasing and increasing trends as indicated by the  
 473 confidence bands in Figure 10. As a result of the methodological change around year 2000, when  
 474 most research turned to soluble iodine measurements instead of TI, the long-term trends are critically  
 475 dependent on the TSI-TI scaling.



476  
 477 **Figure 9.** Bulk aerosol TI climatologies in nine stations. The box and whiskers statistics are defined as in  
 478 previous figures. In panel f, monthly averages, maxima and minima of a limited dataset acquired at Ibakari  
 479 (S19) are shown. In panel h the box and whiskers plot for S30 shown in the corresponding reference is  
 480 reproduced (no mean reported, only median values), with the triangles indicating maxima and minima. Panel h  
 481 also incorporates PEM WEST A measurements at Hong-Kong (S22) with a high sampling frequency but just for  
 482 three months. The solid red lines correspond to the REF-C1 climatologies of scaled  $I_y$  for the 1950-2010 period  
 483 (error bars indicate in this case  $1\sigma$  variability within that period), while the polar module  $I_y$  climatology for  
 484 year 2000 is shown in blue. A scaling factor of  $TI/I_y = 0.33$  is used in all cases.



485

486 **Figure 10.** Long-term variation of the annual averages of TI in bulk aerosol for three zonal bands: Arctic  
 487 (panel a), NH mid-latitudes (panel b) and tropics (panel c). Measurements at mid- and high SH locations are  
 488 sparse and therefore these latitudinal bands are omitted. High altitude data (Izaña, Mauna Loa) and data  
 489 clearly affected by coastal particle formation (Mace Head, S32) have been omitted from the statistics  
 490 calculations. The box and whiskers statistics are defined as in previous figures. Data belonging to key  
 491 campaigns are identified in the plot. The trend lines (red) represent unweighted apparent (exponential) fits of  
 492 all the annual averages shown (dashed lines represent the 95% confidence bands of the fits). The annual  
 493 averages of modelled  $I_y$  in the corresponding zonal bands are shown by black lines. The arrows in panel b refer  
 494 to a methodological change that occurred during the 2000s, when most campaigns started to report TSI rather  
 495 than TI.

## 496 **4. Discussion**

### 497 **4.1. Latitudinal dependence**

498 The latitudinal profile of aerosol TI is reminiscent of the sea water I<sup>-</sup> profile (Chance et al., 2019),  
499 showing high concentrations in low-latitude warm waters, and low iodide concentrations at high  
500 latitudes in seasonally overturning cold waters (Figure S5b). Thus, aerosol iodine likely tracks the  
501 emission fluxes of the dominant iodine source, which is the I<sup>-</sup> + O<sub>3</sub> reaction in the ocean surface  
502 (Carpenter et al., 2013). The hemispheric asymmetry likely results from the higher abundance of  
503 anthropogenic O<sub>3</sub> in the NH (Figure S5c) (Prados-Roman et al., 2015).

504 The ratio TI/TSI is key to homogenize the most recent cruise data and make it directly comparable to  
505 the TI measurements. Although speciation will be discussed in a follow up work, it is worth  
506 mentioning here that the TSI group dominates TI almost everywhere except in the high latitudes,  
507 where there is some evidence of enhanced NSI (Figure 2). In the particular case of the new dataset  
508 from Neumayer II (S33), TSI values are low and comparable to the intercept of eq. (1). Thus, the TI  
509 values obtained with equation (1) for S33 result in a relatively high TI/TSI ratio (S33 average of  $2.9 \pm$   
510  $1.1$ ). This is consistent with the higher values of TI/TSI at high latitudes shown in Figure 2a (TI/TSI =  
511  $2.4 \pm 2.3$  at high latitudes, TI/TSI =  $1.6 \pm 0.7$  at middle and low latitudes inside the black box in  
512 Figure 2a), but it must be kept in mind that TI/TSI values closer to 1 are also registered in a full  
513 campaign at high latitudes (C13), and therefore eq. (1) may overestimate TI at Neumayer.

514 Because of the large scatter in the aerosol iodine/gas phase iodine ratios (section 3.2), we have chosen  
515 a range of scaling factors (0.3-0.5) to convert modelled gas-phase TI<sub>y</sub> and I<sub>y</sub> into values comparable to  
516 aerosol TI. The ranges of modelled aerosol TI proxies obtained in this way are encompassed by the  
517 thin red and blue lines in Figure 7, while the central thick red and blue lines are obtained using the  
518 average aerosol iodine/gas phase iodine scaling factor. Note that modelled gas-phase TI<sub>y</sub> and I<sub>y</sub> have  
519 also a variability range (red and blue shaded regions in Figure 7a). The agreement between the REF-  
520 C1 simulated TI<sub>y</sub> and I<sub>y</sub> scaled averages is good at low and mid-latitudes, where TI<sub>y</sub> ~ I<sub>y</sub>. At high  
521 latitudes, a larger fraction of TI<sub>y</sub> is in the form of GOI, which explains why scaled TI<sub>y</sub> overestimates  
522 TI. By contrast, scaled I<sub>y</sub> underestimates TI (see Figure 7). Here, it should be noted that the ocean  
523 iodide parameterization used in CAM-Chem results in a less pronounced latitudinal shape and lower  
524 values than other iodide datasets based on observations and/or machine learning studies (see Fig. 2 in  
525 Carpenter et al. (2021)), which certainly affect the modeled I<sub>y</sub> levels. Additionally, since the polar  
526 module was not run in the REF-C1 simulation, ice sources of inorganic iodine are not accounted for,  
527 and therefore the model produces less I<sub>y</sub> (Fernandez et al., 2019), which explains why the scaled I<sub>y</sub>  
528 curves lie below the TI observations.

### 529 **4.2. Longitudinal dependence**

530 In the tropics, TI is enhanced in the Atlantic, which results from a combination of high biogenic  
531 activity in the equatorial Atlantic (especially close to the Gulf of Guinea, as shown by the R/V

532 Capricorne observations) and the zonal wave-one pattern of tropical tropospheric O<sub>3</sub> (Thompson et  
533 al., 2003), which peaks in the Atlantic and enhances the inorganic source. A caveat is the lack of  
534 measurements in the tropical eastern Pacific. The modelled I<sub>y</sub> has a similar longitudinal dependence  
535 than the TI statistics, although smoother and with a less pronounced Pacific minimum (Figure 8).  
536 However, note that due to the local SST and iodide enhancements in the Maritime Continent, the  
537 oceanic iodide flux over this region where most of the Pacific measurements were performed can be  
538 more than 2 times larger with respect to most of the central Pacific. Indeed, Figure 4 shows that  
539 modelled surface I<sub>y</sub> is much lower in the tropical central and eastern Pacific compared to the western  
540 Pacific. The longitudinal variation of seawater iodide in the tropics (Chance et al., 2019) shows a  
541 minimum between in the Atlantic between 40° W and 15° E, which is not present in TI (Figures S6a  
542 and S6b). The tropical Atlantic TI maximum is probably a result of a higher ozone concentration in  
543 that region. Note that CAM-Chem reproduces correctly the wave-one longitudinal dependence of  
544 tropospheric and surface O<sub>3</sub> in the tropics (Figure S6c).

545 TI shows a relative maximum in the NH Western Pacific, most likely as a result of O<sub>3</sub> pollution  
546 outflowing from China, perhaps with an additional contribution of biogenic iodine source gases  
547 resulting from extensive algae farming. CAM-Chem also predicts a local maximum of TI<sub>y</sub> (Figure 4)  
548 and I<sub>y</sub> (Figure 8), as well as of O<sub>3</sub> (Prados-Roman et al., 2015) at those latitudes. The oceanic iodine  
549 gas source parameterization implemented in CAM-Chem is based on a SST-dependent iodide field  
550 (Figures S5 and S6) and thus it is not capable of capturing regional changes in oceanic biochemistry,  
551 which are likely to have an impact on atmospheric chemistry over the different oceans. Indeed,  
552 Inamdar, et al. (2020) recently showed that many region-specific parameters, such as ocean salinity  
553 and reversing wind patterns are required to capture the sea surface iodide distribution over the Indian  
554 Ocean.

555 The high average I<sub>y</sub> values predicted by the model at mid-latitudes in the NH for the 15° and 45°  
556 meridional bands shown in Figure 8 result from the high concentrations above the Mediterranean Sea  
557 (Figure 4). Although the concentration of I<sup>-</sup> in Mediterranean seawater is not particularly high  
558 (Chance et al., 2019), the Mediterranean basin shows elevated ozone concentrations, which are  
559 expected to significantly enhance I<sub>2</sub> and HOI emissions (Prados-Roman et al., 2015). The three  
560 campaigns in the 15° meridional band at mid-latitudes took place at the top latitude end (Scandinavia)  
561 and show lower TI concentrations than the average model prediction, although in agreement with the  
562 model predictions for those locations (Figure 4).

563 Sherwen et al. (2016) implemented in GEOS-Chem the same on-line oceanic iodine source that we  
564 use in CAM-Chem and compared their modeling results with a subset of cruise TSI measurements.  
565 Their global maps of modelled TI suggest latitudinal and longitudinal variations that are consistent  
566 with the spatial variations demonstrated by the TI field data compiled in the present work. The  
567 average TI absolute values modelled by GEOS-Chem are consistent with the TI field observations and  
568 the agreement with the subset of TSI measurements considered by Sherwen et al. improves if eq. (1)

569 is used to convert observed TSI into TI.

### 570 **4.3 Seasonal variation**

571 The seasonal profiles of TI in the Arctic (Mould Bay and Alert) and in Antarctica (Neumayer II) are  
572 similar, showing equinoctial maxima with an absolute maximum in the polar spring (Figure 9). The  
573 seasonal variation at Igloolik is less clear. While the TI seasonal profiles in the Arctic have been  
574 discussed previously, the TI Antarctic profile is reported in this work for the first time. This double  
575 seasonal peak is also observed in year-long IO measurements at Halley (Antarctica) (Saiz-Lopez et  
576 al., 2007), and is well captured by the CAM-Chem polar module (Fernandez et al., 2019). We note  
577 that the long-term MAX-DOAS observations of IO at Neumayer reported by Frieß et al. (2010) do not  
578 show a detectable seasonality, although this was most likely due to observation conditions inherent to  
579 this technique and to sparse coverage during spring and autumn.

580 The seasonal dependence of airborne iodine in the polar regions of both hemispheres is determined by  
581 the interplay between radiation and sea ice-related sources (Fernandez et al., 2019). The primary  
582 spring maximum peak in both hemispheres is caused by enhanced photochemical reactions at polar  
583 sunrise. The seasonal variation of TSI in snow observed at Neumayer (Frieß et al., 2010) and in the  
584 coastal East Antarctica Law Dome ice core (Spolaor et al., 2014) shows a winter maximum and a  
585 sharp decrease in spring which result from volatilization of iodine from the snowpack. The spring  
586 maximum also coincides with phytoplankton blooms within the Weddell Sea. The secondary  
587 maximum in the SH is likely related to an enhancement of the surface sea ice flux resulting from the  
588 rapid increase in first year sea ice during March and April before the austral polar sunset, combined  
589 with an increase of sea-salt aerosol dehalogenation. These processes are included in the polar module,  
590 which reproduces qualitatively the double-peaked seasonal cycle of TI at Neumayer II, while the  
591 scaled  $I_y$  overestimates the TI values by a factor of 2 (Figure 9i), possibly as a result of the  
592 aforementioned lack of the IOP sink in the model. Note that the zonal average in Figure S4, panel f,  
593 overestimates the absolute values by a factor of 10, which results from the very high  $I_y$  values  
594 predicted over the Weddell and Ross sea ice shelves as a result of seasonally dependent iodine ice  
595 sources.

596 In the Arctic, the polar module does not generate a double peak seasonal variation of  $I_y$ , owing to the  
597 single seasonal maximum predicted for meridional iodine sources (Fernandez et al., 2019). This is at  
598 odds with the marked double peak seasonality of TI at Mould Bay (Figure 9a) and Alert (Figure 9c)  
599 and indicates that the iodine sources in the Arctic are not well understood. In fact, the polar module of  
600 CAM-Chem in the Arctic has not been yet fully tested owing to the scarcity of gas-phase iodine  
601 measurements in the region (Saiz-Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012). It has been proposed that the secondary  
602 NH maximum may be associated with a secondary bloom in marine biota and transport (Barrie &  
603 Barrie, 1990; Sharma et al., 2019). The lack of a clear seasonal cycle at Igloolik, which is free of ice  
604 for much of the year, has been previously attributed to a greater marine influence compared to Alert

605 and Mould Bay. Note that a larger local marine source may mask the ice-related seasonal cycle  
606 (Sturges & Barrie, 1988).

607 The seasonal profiles at NH mid-latitudes in the Atlantic are rather flat (Figure 9, panels d and e),  
608 while the model predicts a summer  $I_y$  maximum, coinciding with an  $O_3$  minimum. CAM-Chem has  
609 been shown to reproduce the seasonality of surface ozone globally (Saiz-Lopez, Lamarque, et al.,  
610 2012; Tilmes et al., 2016). This indicates that the seasonal behavior of airborne iodine is not only  
611 dependent on the seasonal variation of the iodine oceanic source, but also on other factors such as  
612 solar radiation, which may also decouple the seasonal variation of TI and  $I_y$ . The scaled modelled  $I_y$   
613 overestimates the observations at Bermuda by a factor of 2 to 4, which is likely a consequence of the  
614 hotspot of sea-salt aerosol recycling predicted by the model in the North Atlantic (Prados-Roman et  
615 al., 2015), implying larger concentrations of gas-phase  $I_y$  and a lower modelled TI/ $I_y$  ratio in this  
616 region than observed further south (Figure 6). Note that simultaneous measurements of TI (or TSI)  
617 and  $I_y$  (or  $TI_y$ ) in the North Atlantic have not been reported. In Mace Head the measured TI, which  
618 does not show a defined seasonal pattern, is likely influenced by frequent iodide-driven new particle  
619 formation events at the Irish coast (O'Dowd et al., 2002). The only long-term data in the Pacific  
620 (Ibakari, Japan, Figure 9f) are too sparse to draw any conclusions about seasonal cycles, although the  
621 model prediction is mostly consistent with the available data.

622 In the NH tropics (Barbados, Figure 9g), there is a late spring maximum and an autumn minimum in  
623 TI, which is broadly consistent with the weak seasonal cycle of modelled  $I_y$ . In the tropical NH  
624 western Pacific there is a deep minimum between July and October (Hong-Kong, Figure 9h), which is  
625 likely related to the specific wind patterns controlling the origin of aerosol in this region and not to the  
626 seasonal dependence of the iodine oceanic sources, since the concentrations of anthropogenic  
627 substances and mineral dust measured at Hong-Kong show a very similar seasonal dependence to TI  
628 (Cheng et al., 2000). In winter, the prevailing wind direction is from the north and north-east, which  
629 implies polluted air masses from China passing over sections of the coast. The modelled and scaled  $I_y$   
630 within the model pixel containing Hong-Kong Island overestimates the average TI values observed  
631 during the S30, but the agreement is better with the average values reported for the S22 campaign. A  
632 proper comparison of modelled and observed seasonal variations requires several years of  
633 observations and higher spatial resolution in the model.

#### 634 **4.4 Long-term trends**

635 A three-fold increase of the iodine concentration in sea ice between 1950 and 2010 has been reported  
636 (Cuevas et al., 2018), linked to an enhancement of the ocean surface inorganic source due to ozone  
637 pollution and to enhanced phytoplankton production caused by the recent thinning of Arctic sea ice. A  
638 similar increase in iodine deposition has been observed in an Alpine ice core (Legrand et al., 2018),  
639 also consistent with increased oceanic iodine emission. However, tracking an increase of the  
640 atmospheric iodine burden by looking into the long-term aerosol TI time series is a challenging task.

641 The increase in iodine oceanic emissions is more intense in specific regions such as the North Atlantic  
642 (Cuevas et al., 2018), which means that measurements spread over larger areas are likely to miss a  
643 localized enhancement of the atmospheric iodine burden. In particular, the REF-C1 run shows  
644 increases in  $I_y$  between 1963 and 2010 of 15%, 20% and 21% for NH high latitudes, NH mid-latitudes  
645 and the Tropics, respectively. Moreover, according to GEOS-Chem results (Legrand et al., 2018;  
646 Sherwen et al., 2017; Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016), the presently higher  $\text{NO}_2$   
647 concentrations result in a reduction of the  $I_y$  lifetime due to efficient  $\text{IONO}_2$  scavenging. Thus, global  
648 pre-industrial  $I_y$  and TI were respectively just 18% and 23% lower compared to present day according  
649 to GEOS-Chem (Sherwen et al., 2017; Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016).

650 In order to check whether these predicted increases of the order of 20% are observable in the bulk  
651 aerosol TI data compiled in this work (1963-2018), we have calculated annual statistics for different  
652 zonal bands in the NH to perform a long-term trend analysis. Figure 10 shows that long term trends of  
653 aerosol iodine are poorly constrained by the TI dataset, as a result of the sparse time and spatial  
654 coverage, as well as heterogeneity of the locations where measurements have been carried out. For  
655 instance, some short-term campaigns carried out at middle and high latitudes show very high values  
656 (e.g. C5, C8 and C13) and point to iodine sources which may be active in specific time periods and  
657 locations (e.g. ocean surface and sub-ice phytoplankton blooms and sea ice loss and growth). Alert  
658 (S11) is at a higher latitude than Barrow (S3), Igloolik (S10), Mould Bay (S8) and most of the  
659 sampling points of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CHINARE expeditions (C5 and C13). At Alert, the sea is covered  
660 with ice for most of the year (the ice pack does move out in the summer months, leaving open water).  
661 Barrow, Mould Bay, Igloolik and the Arctic sea locations of the CHINARE expeditions are more  
662 exposed to open water and have varying sea ice cover. At NH mid-latitudes, the Cambridge (S2) and  
663 Tokyo (S14) campaigns are two decades apart, spatially widely separated, and they consist only of a  
664 handful of datapoints. By contrast, the data in the tropics (3166 points) are more regularly spaced in  
665 time and that the range of TI values is narrower than at NH mid-latitudes (1979 datapoints) and NH  
666 high latitudes (1634 points). However, the range of slopes compatible with the TI data in the Tropics  
667 still encompasses trends between a 25% decrease and a four-fold increase.

668 It is worth noting that most of the aerosol iodine data collected after 2000 are TSI measurements,  
669 while the oldest data are TI measurements. Thus, the long-term trend analysis of the dataset is  
670 critically dependent on the scaling employed to convert TSI into TI, in such a way that a small  
671 increase in the slope of eq. (1) may result in a positive, significant slope in the time series in Figure  
672 10.

## 673 **5. Conclusions**

674 The dataset of aerosol iodine measurements compiled in this work provides the first global-scale piece  
675 of empirical evidence about the major source of atmospheric iodine, i.e. the reaction on the ocean  
676 surface between aqueous  $\text{I}^-$  and deposited gas-phase  $\text{O}_3$ . Analysis of the field data shows that there are  
677 close to linear relationships between soluble and total iodine in aerosol (~80% aerosol iodine is

678 soluble), and between soluble iodine in the bulk and the fine fraction (~64% aerosol iodine is in the  
679 PM<sub>2.5</sub> fraction). These relationships enable converting soluble iodine and fine fraction iodine datasets  
680 into total iodine in bulk aerosol. Furthermore, the gaseous iodine concentration measured in several  
681 campaigns is found to be on average between a factor of 2 and 3 times higher than the total iodine  
682 concentration in bulk aerosol.

683 The latitudinal and longitudinal dependences of aerosol iodine track well the dependences of this  
684 source on temperature and ozone concentration, as shown by comparing the field data with model  
685 simulations where the parameterized oceanic iodine source is implemented. The seasonal variations at  
686 different zonal and meridional bands are less clear but appear to be directly influenced by regional  
687 weather climatology rather than by the seasonal variation of ozone. Long-term trends cannot be  
688 established due to the lack of homogeneity of the data, which are nevertheless consistent with model  
689 predictions about the enhancement of the oceanic iodine source as a result of increased anthropogenic  
690 ozone. Future work on recent trends of airborne iodine abundance and partitioning would benefit from  
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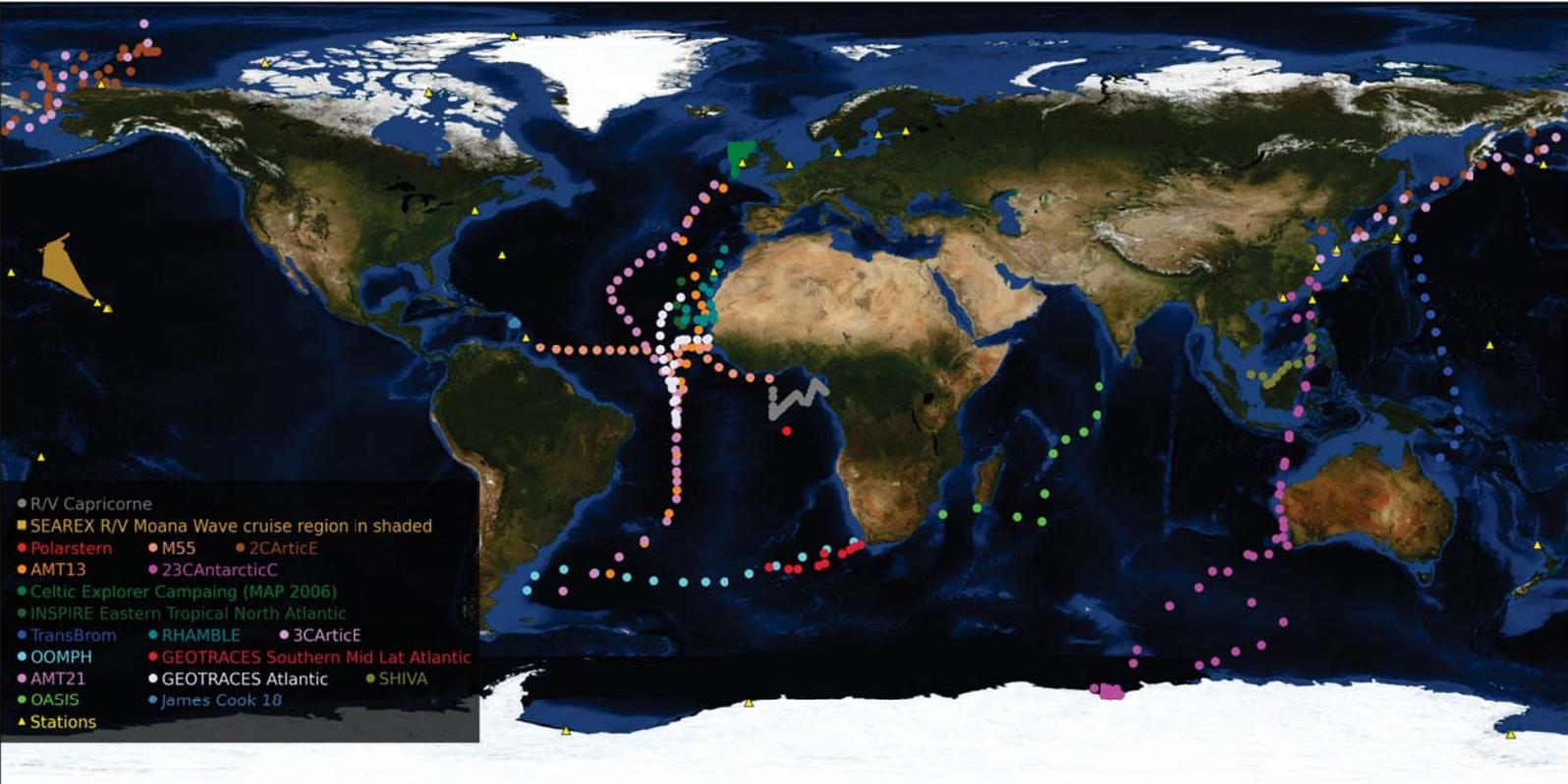


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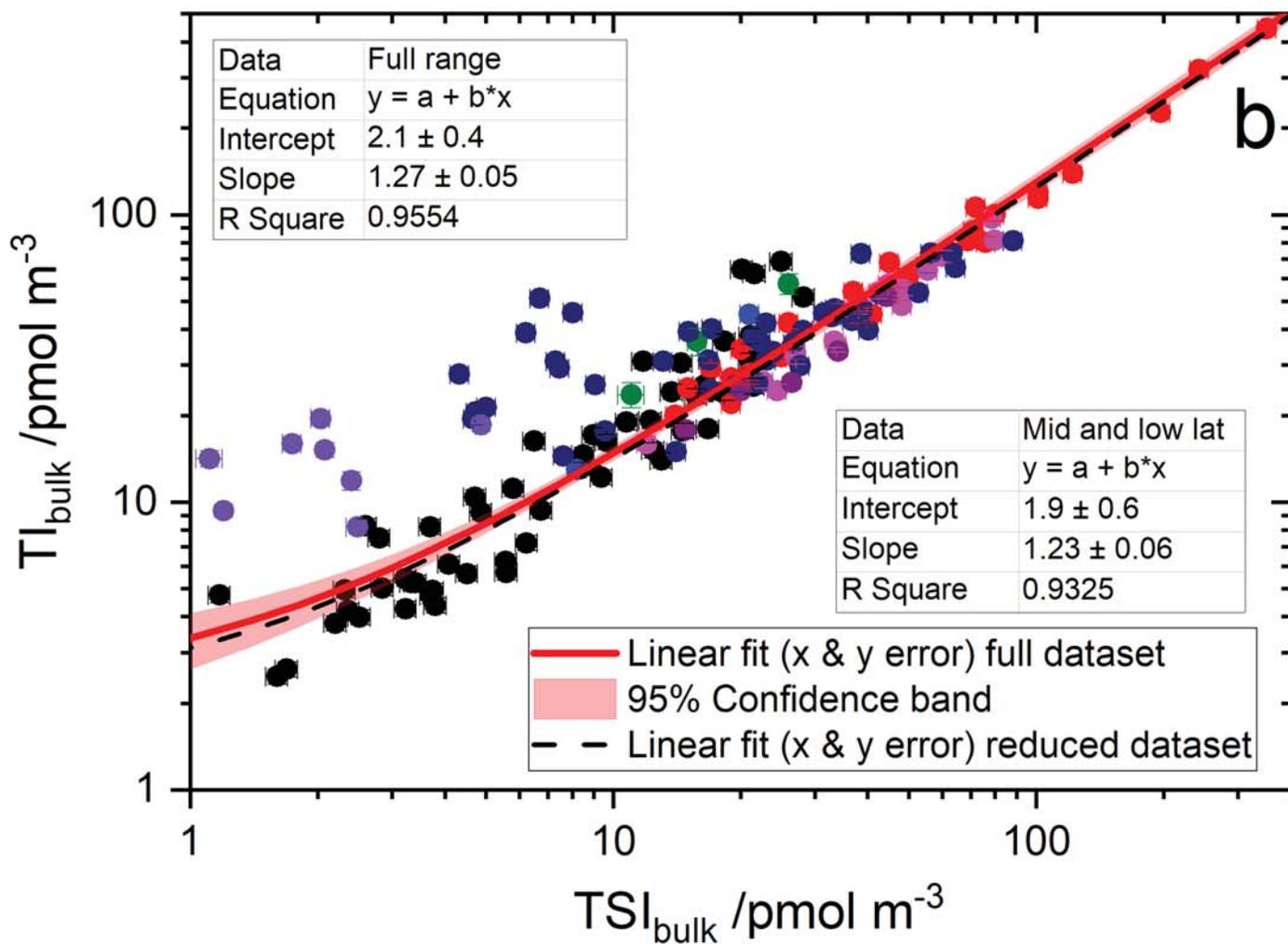
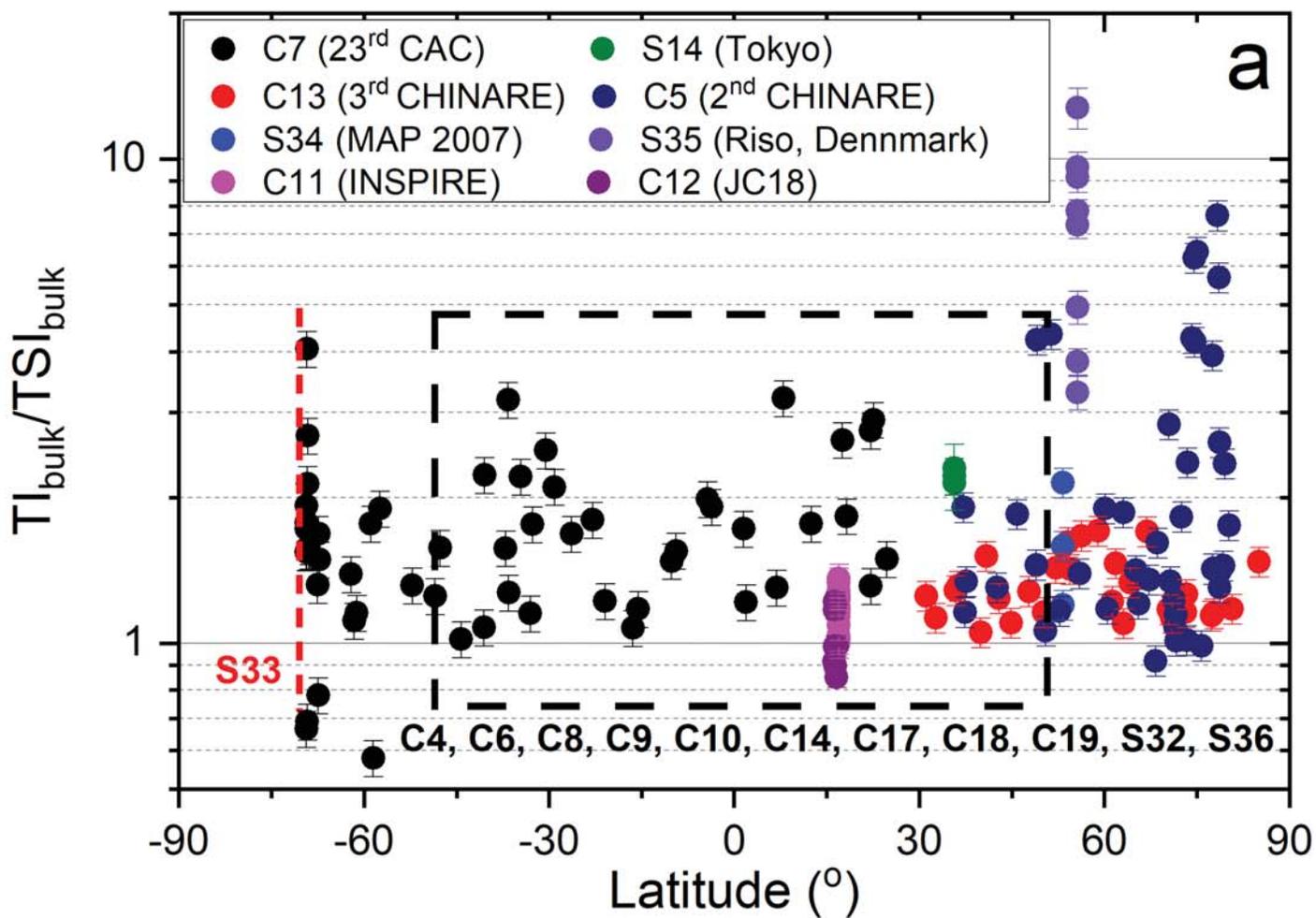
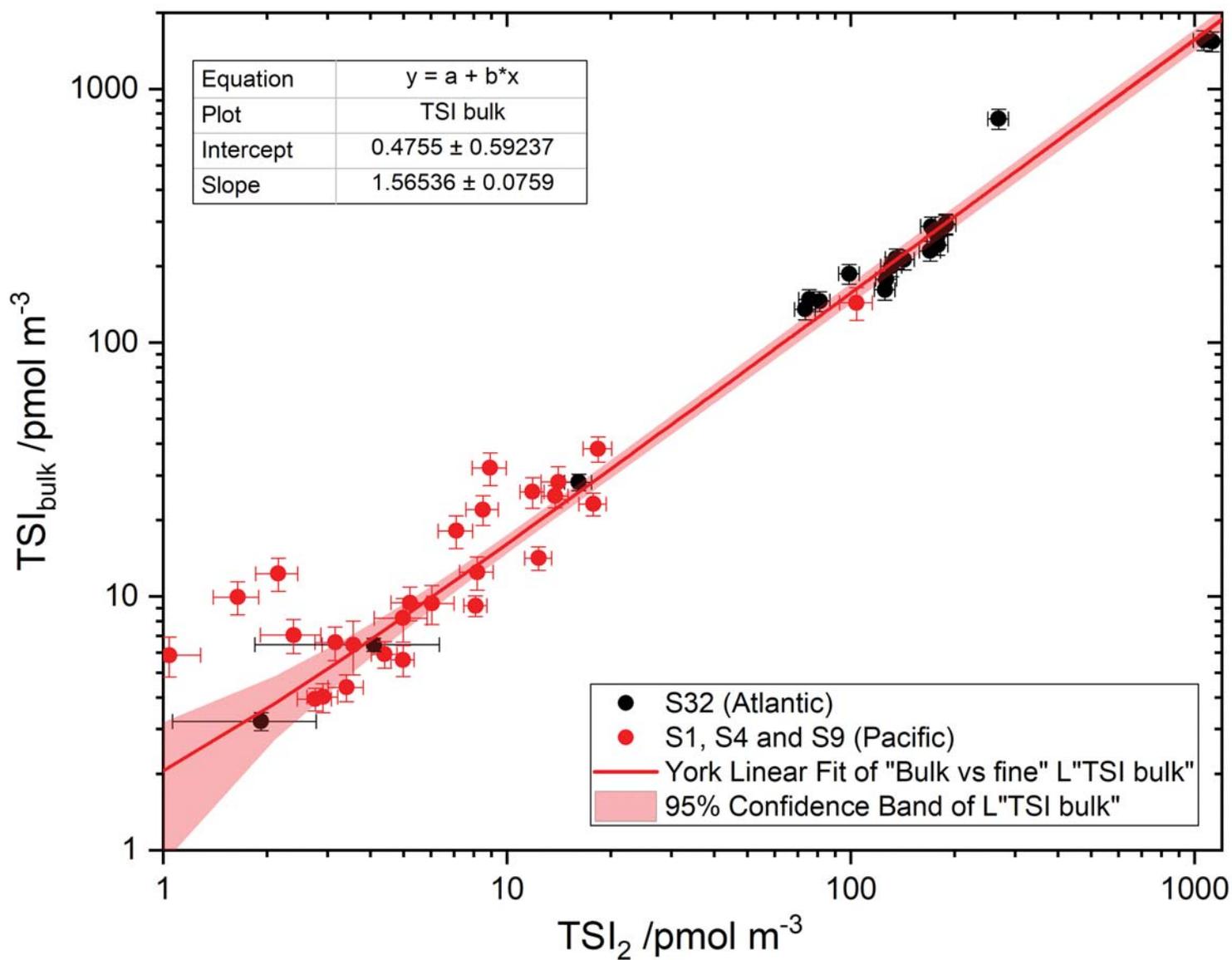


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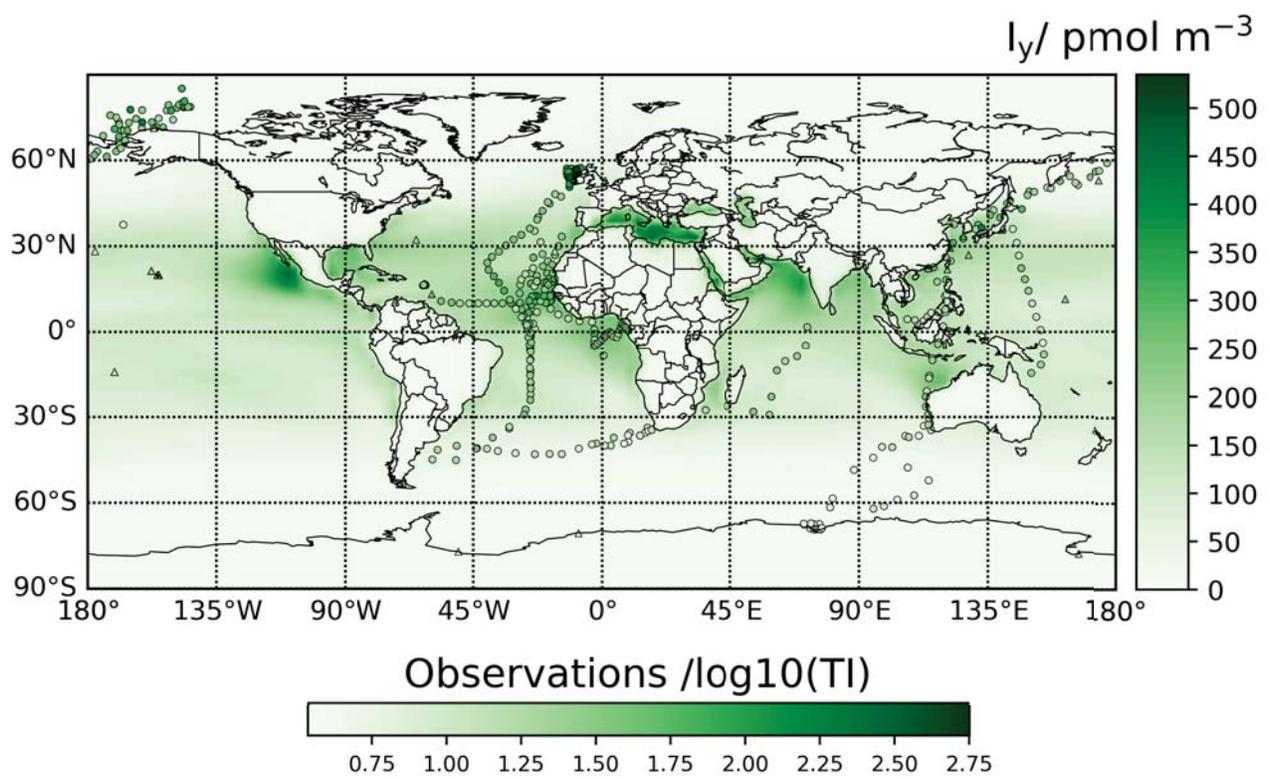


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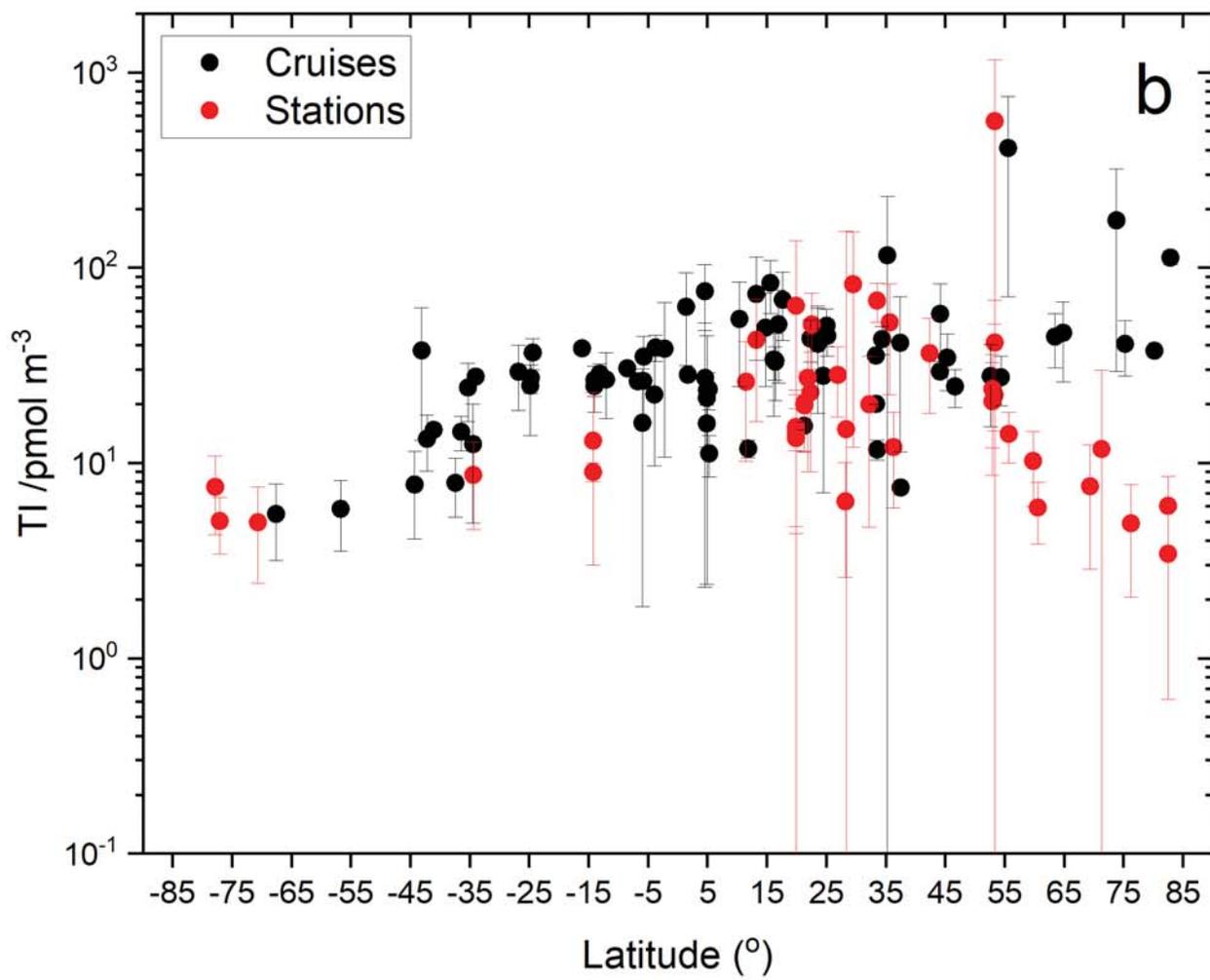
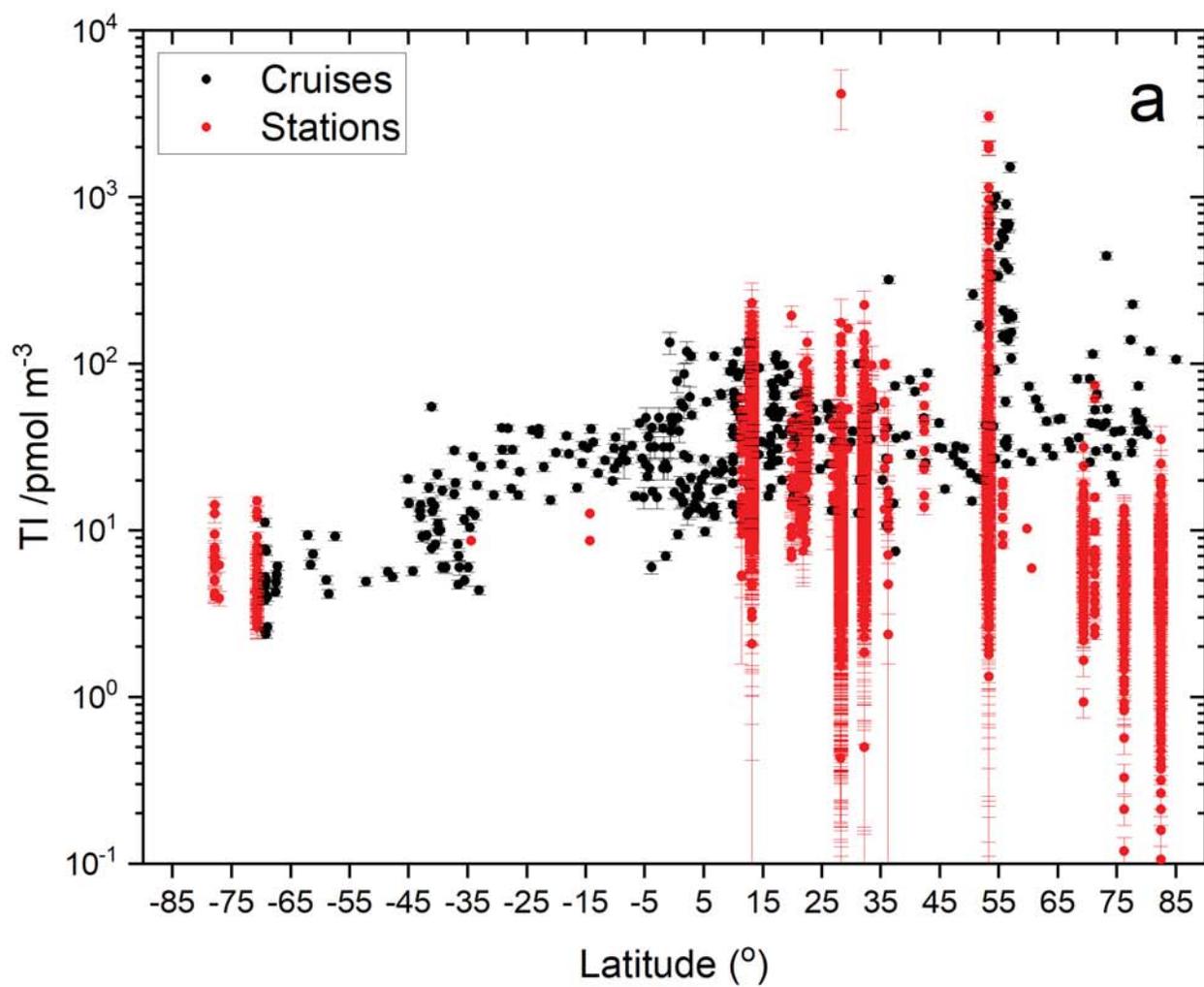
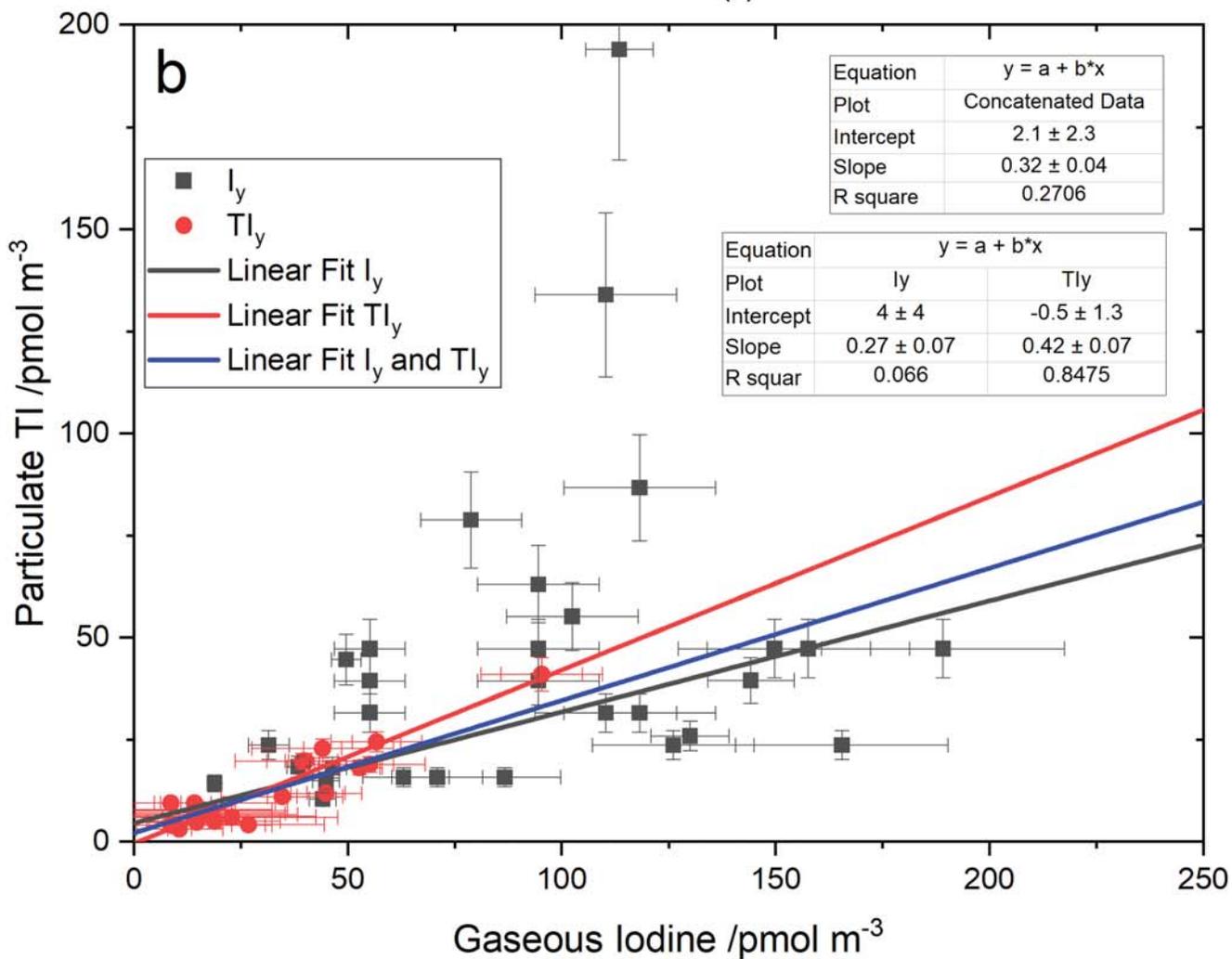
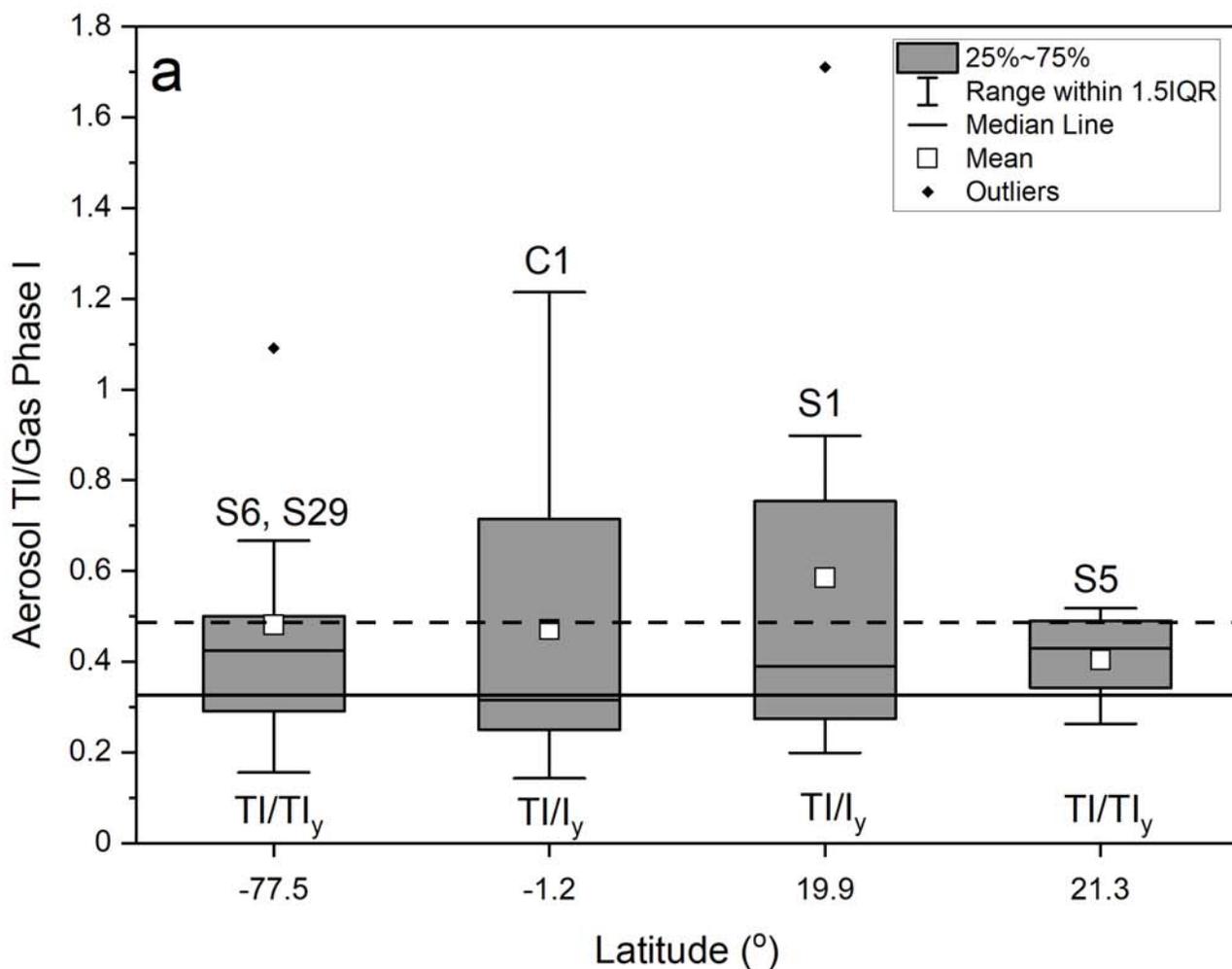


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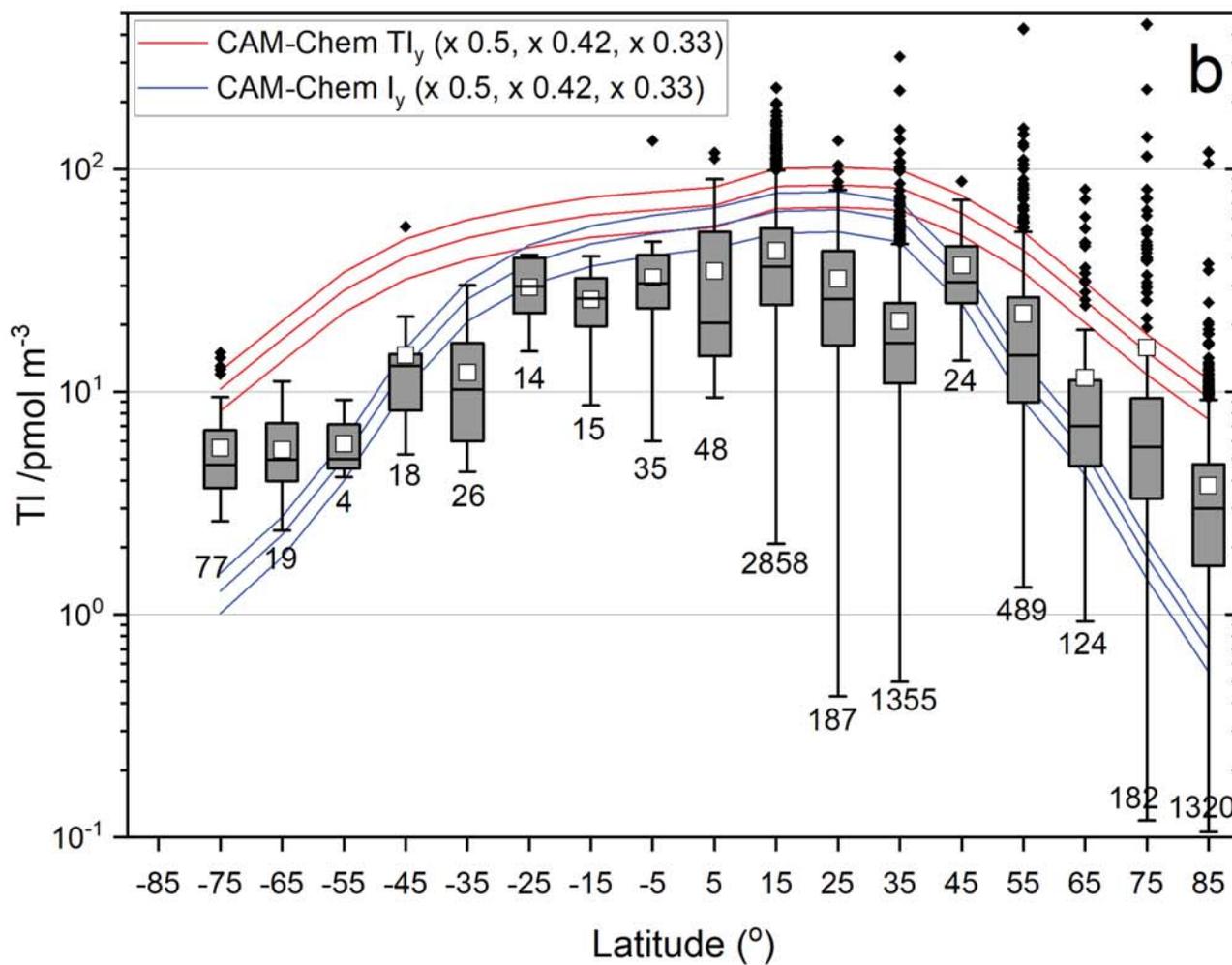
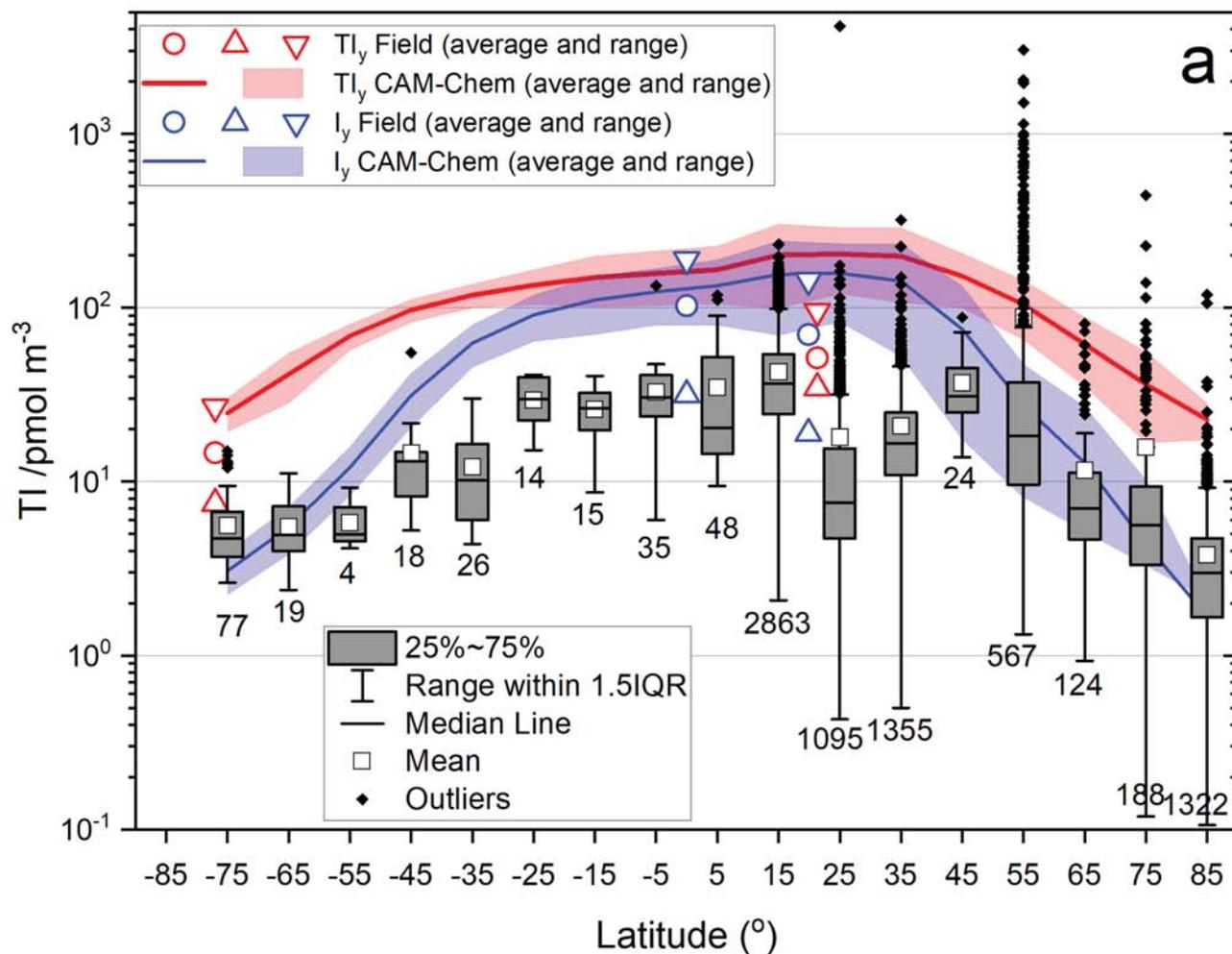


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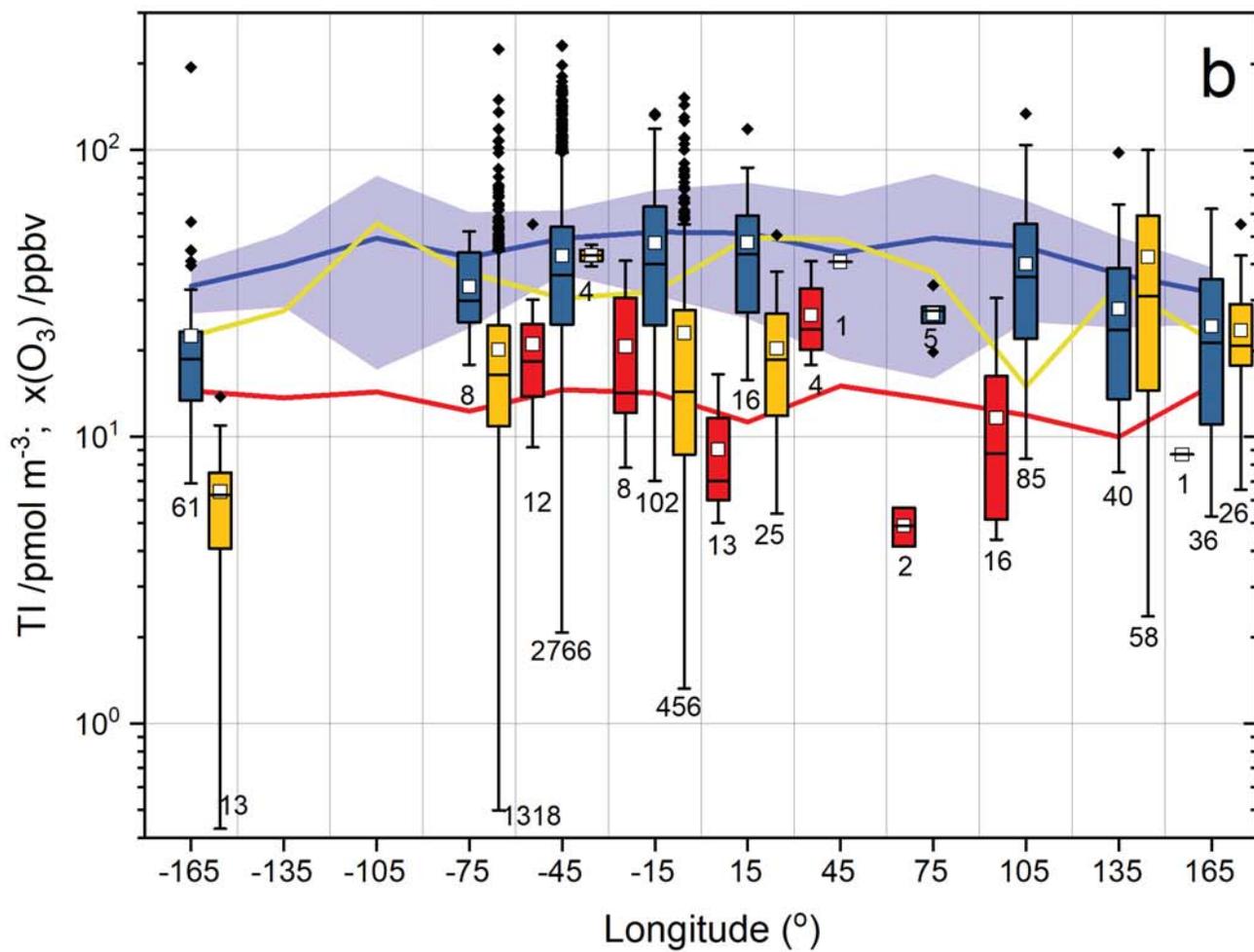
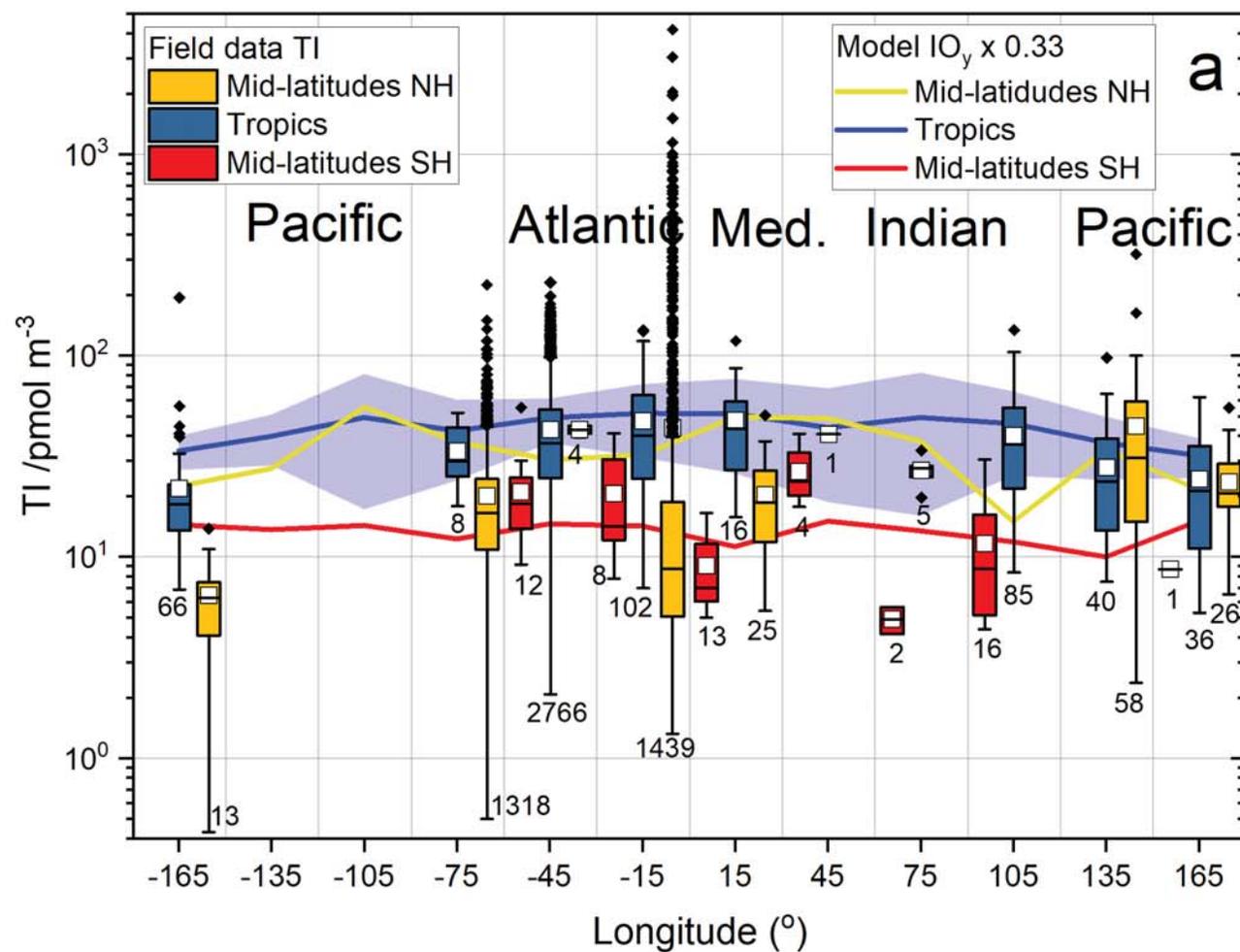


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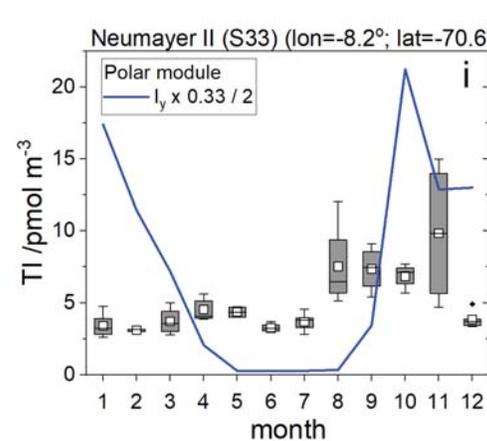
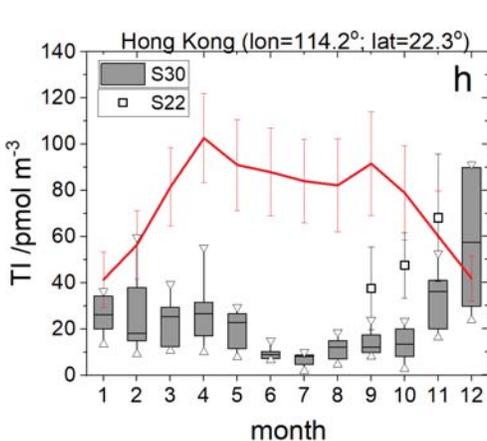
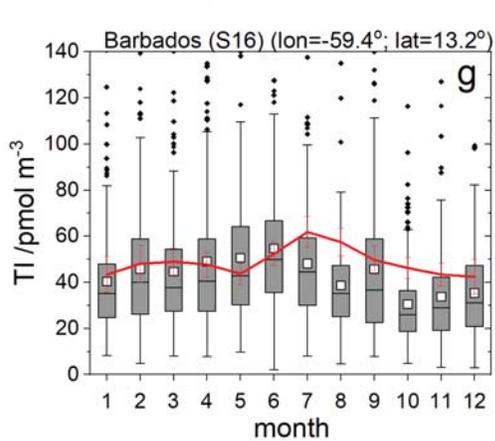
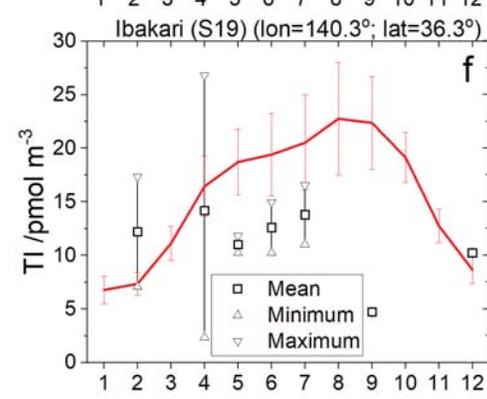
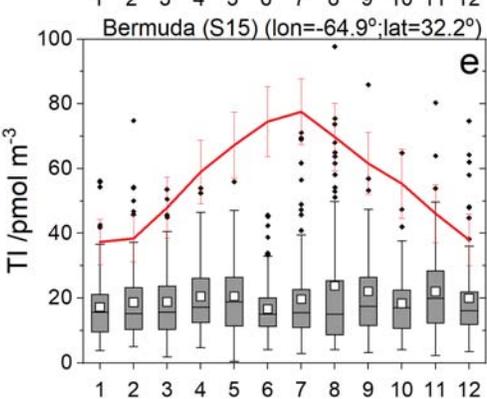
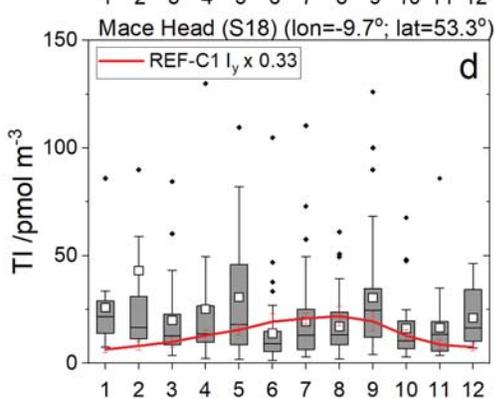
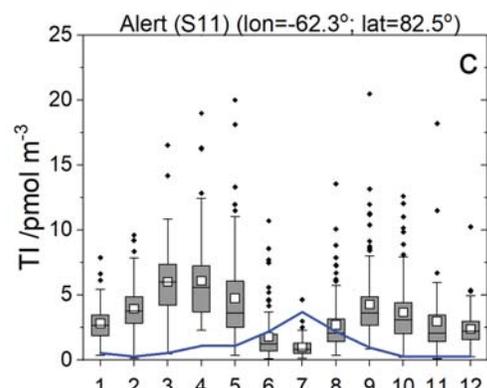
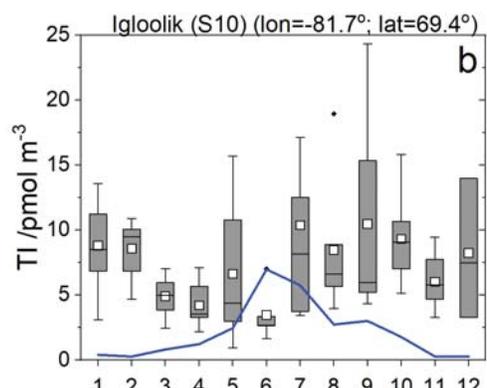
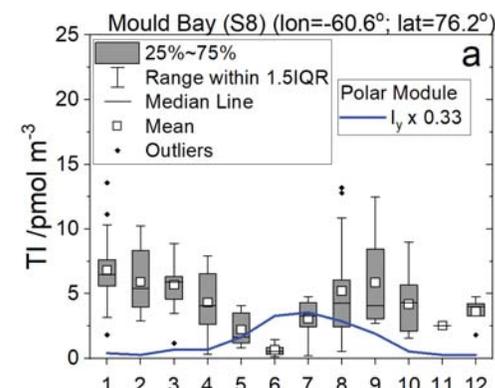


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