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**Throughfall and stemflow chemical dynamics of Satoyama,
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25 **Abstract**

26 The term 'Satoyama' refers to traditional and unique secondary forests in Japan that occupy
27 intermediate zones between villages ('sato') and hills or mountains ('yama'). Satoyama
28 landscapes help sustain both ecosystem services and the diversity of secondary natural
29 environments. As Japan relies more heavily on foreign timber imports, the traditional role
30 of Satoyama in providing forest products has diminished and this has led to abandonment
31 and poor management of the forests. We investigated the chemical behaviors of cations,
32 anions, and dissolved organic matter in throughfall and stemflow collected from one such
33 threatened Satoyama system in central Japan. From autumn to winter, the atmospheric
34 deposition of sulfate and nitrate was 2.5–6.0 times higher compared to summer due to the
35 intrusion of air mass from the Asian continent. The dissolved organic matter in the
36 throughfall and stemflow was composed mainly of humic substances and protein derivatives.
37 The deposition fluxes of DOC from the throughfalls ($7.31\text{--}10.1\text{ g m}^{-2}\text{ y}^{-1}$) and stemflow
38 ($1.79\text{--}3.84\text{ g m}^{-2}\text{ y}^{-1}$) obtained in this study were within the range seen in temperate forests
39 as obtained by previous studies. The deposition flux of sulfate in the Satoyama forest was
40 low compared to other forest types. This is because canopy interaction in Satoyama forests
41 was lower, suggesting higher canopy openness than in primary forests. In our estimation, if
42 a shift from a mixed species Satoyama forest into a conifer-dominated forest occurs after

mass mortality of oak trees, the deposition flux of DOC and K^+ might decrease 33% and 62%, respectively, while NO_3^- might increase 20%. In the near future, the degradation of Satoyama landscapes might change DOC and nitrogen loads, resulting to imbalances in river-ocean linkages affecting forested catchments and aquatic ecosystems in Japan.

Key Words

atmospheric deposition; dissolved organic matter; humic substance; mass mortality; oak trees; SDGs

1. Introduction

Japan has one of the highest forest ratios in the world with forests comprising 68.2% of the country's land area (FAO, 2005). The Japanese word 'Satoyama' refers to forests at the border of or in intermediate zones between one or more villages ('sato') and a hill or mountain ('yama'), representing a common, traditional and rural landscape in Japan. The Satoyama landscape is composed of several habitat types such as paddy fields, secondary forests and grasslands, ponds, and streams which are maintained by human activities. Its upkeep is closely linked with supporting livelihoods and agricultural production consistent with maintaining sustainable ecosystem services and the natural diversity of the secondary environments (Takeuchi, 2010; Kamiyama et al., 2016). In essence, high biodiversity is sustained by sound anthropogenic activities related to agriculture (Katoh et al., 2009). Cultivated trees in the Satoyama are cut every 15–30 years to obtain timber for building materials, bed logs for cultivating mushrooms, charcoal production, and other wood-derived products (Katoh et al., 2009; Gan and Tsing, 2018). After clearcutting, trees regenerate from the stumps so that the forests are maintained (Washitani, 2001). However, Japan currently depends on imports for most of its timber needs, and thus, the trees in Satoyama forests have been largely abandoned without management. Furthermore, increasing urbanization saw a declining need for fuelwood while the rapidly aging society contributed to the decline of

79 interest in the maintenance of Satoyama forests (Jiao et al., 2019). Consequently, the
80 deterioration of the Satoyama triggered a domino effect of biodiversity decline due to the
81 simplification of the forest structure, mass mortality of oak and pine trees, rapid expansion
82 of bamboo forests and increasing landslides (Kato et al., 2009; Indrawan et al., 2014; Ito,
83 2016; Koganezawa, 2016; Kamada et al., 2017; Nakajima, 2019). Therefore, the traditional
84 Japanese Satoyama is now facing a serious crisis. Globally, the deterioration of forests
85 including the mass mortality of oak trees have become serious environmental issues in the
86 USA, Italy and Switzerland (Dey and Schweitzer et al., 2018; Bendixsen et al., 2015;
87 Colangelo et al., 2018; Etzold et al., 2019). As forested catchments have been tagged as
88 primary sources of nutrients and dissolved organic matter (DOM) for aquatic systems, the
89 intimate link between upland areas and coastal areas is further emphasized. The river-ocean
90 linkages involving nutrients and DOM are critical particularly those involving massive
91 terrigenous inputs from large river systems such as the Amazon river and Changjiang river,
92 China (Gomes et al., 2018) and the Congo River (Holtvoeth et al., 2003), sometimes
93 affecting cross-border bodies of water. Hence, river-ocean linkages have shown that coastal
94 ecosystems are significantly affected by terrigenous nutrients and other material inputs as
95 well as by carbon cycling (Cao et al., 2018; Muller, 2018; Häder and Barnes, 2019).
96 Therefore, the deterioration of secondary forests such as those found in Satoyama will

directly affect the fate of nutrients and DOM and further change the dynamics of river-ocean linkages. In Japan, the impact will be strongly felt as Satoyama landscapes comprise approximately 40% of country's land area. However, nutrient and DOM dynamics in the Satoyama are not fully understood. Therefore, the purposes of this study are (1) to characterize the chemical composition of anions, cations, and dissolved organic carbon (DOC) of throughfall and stemflow in a typical Satoyama forest facing deterioration and (2) to clarify the effect of the any large-scale change of tree species composition in Satoyama forests on the change in deposition flux of nutrients and DOM and subsequent changes in river-ocean linkages.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Study site

We collected data on gross rainfall, throughfall, and stemflow at a Satoyama site, a mixed forest area of 70,000 m² located in the campus of Naragakuen Junior and Senior High School, Nara prefecture, Japan (34.63400°N, 135.73515°W; **Fig. 1**). The soil in the study site is classified as brown forest soil. The forest was mainly composed of Japanese red pine (*Pinus densiflora*) and Konara oak (*Quercus serrata*) which are used to produce firewood and bed logs for cultivating mushrooms before the secondary deforestation in the 1960s. After the

115 1960s, the tree species composition of tree species in the secondary forest was limited to
 116 only the Japanese red pine, Konara oak and the Japanese cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtusa*).
 117 Currently, the deteriorated forest is maintained by the local high school for Satoyama
 118 concept education and promotion. However, mass mortality of Japanese oak trees has
 119 increased due to infection by the fungi *Raffaelea quercivora* (Kobayashi and Ueda, 2005).
 120 At present, the area ratio of broad-leaved forest to coniferous forest is approximately ten is
 121 to one. The mixed temperate forest has a mean annual precipitation and average temperature
 122 of 1385 mm and 14.9°C, respectively (Nara Prefecture; Nara Local Meteorological Office,
 123 Japan), with an elevation from 120-210 m above sea level. To avoid errors arising from edge
 124 effects (Wuyts et al., 2008), all samples were taken 60–120 m away from the forest edge.

125 The throughfall samples were collected at two sites in the mixed forest; a coniferous tree-
 126 dominant forest (coniferous forest, site C) covered mostly by Japanese red pine and Japanese
 127 cypress, and a broad-leaved tree-dominant forest (broad-leaved forest, site B) covered
 128 mainly by Konara oak and sawtooth oak (*Quercus acutissima*). To check the spatial
 129 heterogeneity of the sampling sites, sub samples were collected 250 m away from site C
 130 which is composed of a coniferous tree-dominant forest (Site SC) from September to
 131 November in 2016. The sampling sites for collection of throughfalls were located around
 132 the central portion of both forest types. The average leaf area index (LAI), canopy openness

and canopy closure values were $1.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-2}$, $27.6 \pm 4.8\%$ and $78.9 \pm 6.7\%$ for the coniferous forest and $2.8 \pm 0.7 \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-2}$, $13.4 \pm 3.8\%$ and $84.5 \pm 2.2\%$ for the broad-leaved forest, respectively. Rainfall without any canopy obstructions (site R) was located 100 m away from the mixed forest.

For the collection of stemflow, four major tree species with close to average 22.5-29.1 cm diameter at breast height (DBH) values in the Satoyama forests were selected to represent trees growing within the Satoyama: Japanese red pine (DBH: 27 cm) and Japanese cypress (DBH: 20 cm) representing coniferous trees, and Konara oak (DBH: 22 cm) and Japanese hill cherry (*Prunus serrulata*, DBH: 33 cm) representing broad-leaved trees, all frequently found in the Satoyama.

2.2. Sampling procedures and analyses

We collected rain samples to measure pH, electric conductivity (EC), and dissolved ion concentrations of the gross rainfall, throughfall, and stemflow in 19 out of 43 total rain events that occurred from June 13, 2016 to January 23, 2017. However, some samples were missing due to a typhoon and sample amounts insufficient for chemical analysis. Samples for DOC and EEM determination were collected four times during the same sampling period.

Throughfall was collected using a polyethylene bottle (ca. 120 mm tall, sampling area ca.

80 cm²) placed under both coniferous and broad-leaved forest types. Rainfall at site R was collected using the same bottle type at ground level. Stemflow was collected by a sheet of pre-cleaned medical gauze (FC gauze, Hakujuji Co., Tokyo) wrapped around the tree trunks at 1.0 m height and connected to a polyethylene bottle (5 L volume). The medical gauze was pre-cleaned by boiling in pure water for 20 min and drying prior to use. Both medical gauze and sampling bottle were installed before rain events. Simultaneously, sampling bottles to collect throughfall and gross rainfall were placed both inside and outside the mixed forests. After a rain event stopped, rain samples were transferred to the laboratory. Hence, the throughfall, gross rainfall and stemflow rain samples were collected from one rain event. The collected samples were filtered through a PTFE 0.45-μm-pore size membrane filter (Omnipore, Merck, Darmstadt, Germany). The filtrates were stored in the dark at 4°C before analyses.

The concentrations of anions (Cl⁻, NO₃⁻ and SO₄²⁻) and cations (Na⁺, K⁺, Mg²⁺ and Ca²⁺) were measured by an ion chromatograph (LaChrom Elite, Hitachi High-Tech, Tokyo). The limits of detection (LOD) of the ion chromatograph calculated by 3σ were Na⁺ (0.03 mg L⁻¹), K⁺ (0.05 mg L⁻¹), Mg²⁺ (0.03 mg L⁻¹), Ca²⁺ (0.06 mg L⁻¹), Cl⁻ (0.02 mg L⁻¹), NO₃⁻ (0.01 mg L⁻¹), and SO₄²⁻ (0.01 mg L⁻¹), respectively. The EC and pH of non-filtered samples were determined immediately using portable water quality meters (EC11, Kenis and LAQUA D-

50, Horiba, Kyoto, Japan). The concentrations of DOC were measured with a total organic carbon (TOC) analyzer (TOC-V, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan). EEM was measured with a fluorescence spectrophotometer (FR-6200, Jasco, Tokyo). EEM fluorescence spectra were obtained by collecting emission scans (λ_{Em} 300–550 nm, 1-nm intervals) at 5-nm excitation wavelength intervals between λ_{Ex} 240 and 450 nm. UV–Vis absorbance spectra were collected prior to the measurement of EEM fluorescence spectra using a double-beam spectrophotometer (UV-2600, Shimadzu, Kyoto, Japan) in the wavelength range of 240–550 nm. Primary and secondary inner filter effects, Raman scattering, and Rayleigh-Tyndall scattering of the obtained EEM fluorescence spectra were corrected (Larsson et al., 2007). The EEM was characterized by a parallel factor analysis, PARAFAC (Stedmon et al., 2007, ; Stedmon and Bro 2008). The PARAFAC analysis was carried out to identify fluorescent components obtained by the EEM. We used the DOM Fluor v.1.7 Toolbox (University of Copenhagen) for MATLAB (R 2013a, MathWorks, Natick, MA, USA) to fit the PARAFAC model over a dataset comprising all rain water samples. The components were verified by a random initialization and split-half analysis (Stedmon and Bro, 2008).

2.3. Deposition flux

We roughly estimated the deposition flux of the Satoyama forest. We first calculated the

yearly gross rainfall (G : mm y^{-1}) by using the 5-year average (2015–2019) of precipitation provided by the government offices of Nara Prefecture. The rain partitionings of throughfall, rainfall interception, and stemflow were calculated as follows (Eqs 1-4). We estimated the ratio of throughfall by obtaining the correlation between the canopy openness and the ratio of throughfall to gross rainfall (Noguchi et al., 2007; Eqs 1 and 2).

$$R_b = 0.00496C_b + 0.620 \cdot \cdot \cdot (1)$$

$$R_c = 0.00231C_c + 0.734 \cdot \cdot \cdot (2)$$

Where, R_b , R_c , C_b and C_c represent the ratio of throughfall in the broad-leaved forest (-), the ratio of throughfall in the coniferous forest (-), canopy openness of the broad-leaved forest (%) and canopy openness of the coniferous forest (%), respectively.

The throughfall in the broad-leaved forest (T_b : mm y^{-1}) and in the coniferous forest (T_c : mm y^{-1}) were calculated by Eq 3.

$$T_{b \text{ or } c} = G \times R_{b \text{ or } c} \cdot \cdot \cdot (3)$$

Where, G and $R_{b \text{ or } c}$ show the yearly gross rainfall (G : mm y^{-1}) of the Satoyama and the ratio of throughfall in the broad-leaved forest or in the coniferous forest, respectively.

The rainfall interception ratio was calculated as the average ratio of the interception loss to the gross rainfall observed in the temperate forests of Japan (Toba and Ohta, 2005). The interception ratios to the gross rainfall used in this study were 0.147 for the coniferous forest and 0.210 for the broad-leaved forest. The rainfall interception in the coniferous forest (I_c : mm y⁻¹) or in the broad-leaved forest (I_b : mm y⁻¹) were calculated by multiplying the rainfall interception with the yearly gross rainfall in Satoyama forest (G : mm y⁻¹).

The stemflow (mm y⁻¹) was calculated by subtracting both the throughfall (mm y⁻¹) and the rainfall interception (mm y⁻¹) from the gross rainfall (mm y⁻¹) as shown in Eq 4.

$$S_{b \text{ or } c} = G - T_{b \text{ or } c} - I_{b \text{ or } c} \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad \cdot \quad (4)$$

Where, $S_{b \text{ or } c}$, G , $T_{b \text{ or } c}$ and $I_{b \text{ or } c}$ indicate stemflow in the broad-leaved forest (mm y⁻¹) or the coniferous forest (mm y⁻¹), gross rainfall in the Satoyama forest (mm y⁻¹), throughfall in the broad-leaved forest (mm y⁻¹) or the coniferous forest (mm y⁻¹) and rainfall interception in the broad-leaved forest (mm y⁻¹) or the coniferous forest (mm y⁻¹), respectively.

The average concentrations of the cations, anions, and DOC in the Satoyama forest obtained herein were used for the calculation of each flux (g m⁻² y⁻¹).

2.4. *Dissolution test of anions and cations from leaves and bark samples*

The amounts of anions and cations from tree leaves and bark samples were determined as follows. First, 50 g L⁻¹ of leaves or bark was added to pure water and left for 1 d at ambient temperature (approx. 25°C). The leachate was then filtered through a PTFE 0.45-μm-pore size membrane filter (Omnipore, Merck). The filtrates were stored in the dark at 4°C before the analyses. The concentrations of anion and cation were measured by the above-cited ion chromatography (LaChrom Elite Hitachi High-Tech).

2.5. *Data processing*

We performed a multiple comparison test among rain fractions with normal distribution. When the rain fraction showed non-normal distribution, Kruskal-Wallis test was carried out to detect statistical difference among rain fractions. Probability (p)-values <0.01 or <0.05 were considered significant. We used hemispherical canopy photographs of the forest to calculate LAI and canopy openness, and imaging software, i.e., Gap Light Analyzer ver. 2.0 (Frazer et al., 1999) was applied to extract the canopy structure and gap light transmission.

The back trajectory calculation of each air mass was performed using the Centre for Global Environmental Research (CGER) Meteorological Data Explorer (METEX) provided by Japan's National Institute for Environmental Studies (CGER-METEX 2016).

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242 3. Results and Discussion

243 3.1. pH and concentrations of cations and anions

244 The average pH values of the rainfall, the throughfalls and the stemflows were 5.90, 5.55-
245 5.56 and 3.74-5.27, respectively (**Table 1**).

246 The concentrations of cations in the rainfall and the throughfalls in the coniferous and
247 broad-leaved forests are illustrated in **Fig. 2a**. The average concentrations of Na^+ , K^+ , Mg^{2+}
248 and Ca^{2+} in the rainfall and the throughfalls were 1.36-1.58 mg L^{-1} , 0.70-7.13 mg L^{-1} , 0.17-
249 0.33 mg L^{-1} and 0.92-1.20 mg L^{-1} , respectively. The average concentrations of Cl^- , NO_3^-
250 and SO_4^{2-} were 1.40–2.42 mg L^{-1} , 1.05–2.82 mg L^{-1} , and 1.42–2.61 mg L^{-1} , respectively
251 (**Fig. 2b**). To check the spatial heterogeneity of the sampling sites in this study, the anion
252 and cation concentrations of sub samples collected from site SC were compared to those
253 from site C. The average concentrations of anions, Na^+ and K^+ did not show statistical
254 difference between site C and site SC. The average concentrations of Mg^{2+} and Ca^{2+} in site
255 SC were 0.59 mg L^{-1} and 1.86 mg L^{-1} , which were higher than those of site C. However,
256 those values obtained from site SC were almost within the concentration range of Mg^{2+} and
257 Ca^{2+} in site C.

258 The average concentrations of cations in the stemflows are illustrated in **Fig. 3a**. The

259 ranges of the concentrations from four trees were 1.02–2.38 mg L⁻¹ for Na⁺, 1.84–10.9 mg
260 L⁻¹ for K⁺, 0.21–0.60 mg L⁻¹ for Mg²⁺ and 0.70–2.60 mg L⁻¹ for Ca²⁺. The average
261 concentrations of anions in the stemflows were 1.72–5.70 mg L⁻¹ for Cl⁻, 0.19–2.31 mg L⁻¹
262 for NO₃⁻ and 0.68–2.87 mg L⁻¹ for SO₄²⁻, respectively (**Fig. 3b**).

263 We estimated the sources of NO₃⁻ and SO₄²⁻ by calculating the non-sea salt sulfate (nss-
264 SO₄²⁻) in the rainfall. The range of the nss-SO₄²⁻ concentration in the rainfall was 0.46–3.36
265 mg L⁻¹, accounting for 91.2%–98.6% of the total SO₄²⁻ (0.47–3.69 mg L⁻¹). Thus, the forest
266 was affected mainly by atmospheric deposition due to anthropogenic activities. The effect
267 of sea spray on the forest can be expected to be negligible because the study site is located
268 approx. 30 km from the sea and is surrounded by mountains.

269 We performed a 5-day backward trajectory analysis to identify the source(s) of NO₃⁻ and
270 SO₄²⁻. In summer, the air masses flowing to the study site originated from the Pacific Ocean,
271 the Sea of Japan, and regional emissions (**Fig. 4a**), whereas during the autumn to winter
272 months, air masses to the forest come mainly from the Asian continent (**Fig. 4b**). The
273 different sources of air masses were reflected in the chemical compositions of the rainfall,
274 throughfall and stemflow. The average concentrations of Na⁺, Cl⁻, NO₃⁻, and SO₄²⁻ in the
275 rainfall and throughfall collected in the autumn and winter were 2.5–6.0 times higher than
276 those collected during the summer ($p < 0.01$ or $p < 0.05$, **Table 2**). Notably, the NO₃⁻ and SO₄²⁻

277 concentrations of the throughfall in the broad-leaved forest collected in the autumn to winter
278 months was 5–6 times higher than those in the summer ($p < 0.01$). From autumn to winter,
279 the average concentration of SO_4^{2-} tended to increase in the following order: rainfall (1.84
280 mg L^{-1}) < throughfall in the coniferous forest (1.98 mg L^{-1}) < throughfall in the broad-
281 leaved forest (4.15 mg L^{-1}). Similarly, the concentration of NO_3^- increased in the order of
282 rainfall (1.31 mg L^{-1}) < throughfall in the coniferous forest (3.95 mg L^{-1}) < throughfall in
283 the broad-leaved forest (4.43 mg L^{-1}).

284 The dry deposition of various elements increases with an increasing LAI (Devlaeminck
285 et al., 2005). In our present investigation, the LAIs of the broad-leaved forest and the
286 coniferous forest were $2.8 \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-2}$ and $1.8 \text{ m}^2 \text{ m}^{-2}$, respectively; thus, the broad-leaved forest
287 was affected by significant dry deposition compared to the coniferous forest. This is
288 consistent with increases in the monthly concentrations of SO_4^{2-} in the air of Nara city (near
289 the study site) during autumn and winter. In the spring to summer months, the concentrations
290 of SO_4^{2-} are approx. $45\text{--}70 \text{ nmol m}^{-3}$ (Matsumoto and Murano 1998). During autumn and
291 throughout the winter, the concentrations increase to around $60\text{--}140 \text{ nmol m}^{-3}$ (Matsumoto
292 and Murano 1998). We suspect that the origin of air pollutants was mainly domestic
293 emissions during the spring and summer.

294 In contrast, from autumn to the winter months, the origin of air pollutants can be traced

mainly to both domestic and continental Asian sources (e.g., coal combustion) (Wang et al., 2018). We also observed this enrichment from atmospheric depositions in the stemflow data obtained in the present study, especially those of the Japanese hill cherry and Japanese red pine trees (**Table 3**). However, the enrichment of the atmospheric deposition in the stemflows compared to the throughfall was not clear. This is because the tree stems might be less affected by atmospheric deposition compared to the tree canopies.

3.2. Dissolved organic matter

The average DOC concentrations were 1.9 mg L⁻¹ for rainfall, 10.6 mg L⁻¹ for the throughfall in the broad-leaved forest, and 6.6 mg L⁻¹ for the throughfall in the coniferous forest (**Fig. 5**). Concerning the stemflows, the average DOC concentrations were 11.2–26.8 mg L⁻¹ (**Fig. 5**). The increasing DOC concentration in stemflow and throughfall might have resulted from the accumulation of organic matter from bark, litter and fauna supplemented by the presence of epiphytes attached on the trees (Stubbins et al., 2017). The average DOC concentrations in the throughfall (6.6–10.6 mg L⁻¹) and stemflow (11.2–26.8 mg L⁻¹) were both within the range of values reported for throughfalls (3–19 mg L⁻¹, Le Mellec et al., 2010; Van Stan and Stubbins, 2018; Chen et al., 2019) and stemflows (6–332 mg L⁻¹, Stubbins et al., 2017; Van Stan and Stubbins, 2018).

Here, the average SUVA₂₅₄ ranges of the throughfalls and stemflows were 1.5–2.7 and 1.7–3.1 L mg⁻¹ m⁻¹, respectively (**Fig. 6**). Although there was no significant difference among all fractions, the SUVA₂₅₄ values of the throughfalls and stemflows tended to be high compared to that of the rainfall (0.3 L mg⁻¹ m⁻¹), indicating tree-DOM was rich in aromatic organic matter compared to rainwater. The SUVA₂₅₄ of the throughfalls was close to those reported for throughfalls (2.0–3.3 L mg⁻¹ m⁻¹) and stemflows (1.6–5.1 L mg⁻¹ m⁻¹, Stubbins et al., 2017; Van Stan et al., 2017; Wagner et al., 2019). However, the SUVA₂₅₄ of the throughfalls in the studied broad-leaved forest varied widely from 0.2 to 7.9 L mg⁻¹ m⁻¹, indicating that the aromatic carbon content in the DOC fractured.

We performed PARAFAC analyses to identify fluorescent components obtained by the EEM. The characteristics of the fluorescent components identified in this study are listed in **Table 4** and illustrated in **Figs. 7** and **8**, respectively. Component 1 was derived from protein contained in tyrosine (Coble et al., 1998). Components 2, 5, and 7 represent UV humic compounds (Stedmon et al., 2003; Coble et al., 1998). Component 3 is humic-like and derived from microbial and photochemical degradation (Stedmon et al., 2007). Component 4 is derived from protein contained in tryptophan (Coble et al., 1998), and component 6 is protein-like (Sanchez et al., 2013). The results of the PARAFAC analyses demonstrated that compared to the rainfall, the throughfall in the broad-leaved forest was enriched with humic

331 substances (components 2, 3, and 5) and protein derivatives (component 6) ($p < 0.05$) (Fig.
 332 8). The stemflows were enriched with humic substances (components 2, 3, and 5 for the
 333 Japanese cypress and the Konara oak) and protein derivatives (components 1, 4 and 6 for
 334 the Japanese cypress; component 6 for the Japanese red pine) compared to the rainfall
 335 ($p < 0.05$). The correlation efficient for the seven components obtained by the PARAFAC
 336 analyses or at UV absorbance at 254 nm (a_{254}) and the DOC concentration of each fraction
 337 are provided in **Table 5**. High correlations were revealed between DOC concentration and
 338 component 7 ($r = 0.964$, $p < 0.05$) for the rainfall, components 3, 5 and a_{254} ($r = 0.969$ – 0.989 ,
 339 $p < 0.05$) for the throughfalls in the coniferous forest, component 6 ($r = 0.958$, $p < 0.05$) for the
 340 stemflows from the Japanese hill cherry, and components 5 and 6 ($r = 0.977$ – 0.996 , $p < 0.05$)
 341 for the stemflows from the Japanese red pine. Additionally, the stemflows from the Konara
 342 oak showed a loose positive correlation between the DOC concentration and components 2,
 343 3, 5 and a_{254} ($r = 0.913$ – 0.942 , $p < 0.1$). Similarly, the DOC concentrations of the throughfall
 344 in the coniferous forest and the stemflows from the Konara oak were loosely correlated with
 345 component 2 ($r = 0.908$, $p < 0.1$). We thus conclude that the DOC concentrations of the
 346 rainfalls were affected by humic substances. Regarding the stemflows from the Japanese hill
 347 cherry, the DOC concentration was controlled by protein derivatives. In the case of
 348 throughfall in the coniferous forest, the DOC concentrations were affected by humic

substances and a₂₅₄ representing colored dissolved organic matter (CDOM), which has UV absorbance. For stemflow from the Konara oaks, DOC concentrations were affected by humic substances and CDOM with UV absorbance. For stemflow from Japanese red pines, DOC concentrations were affected by humic substances, protein derivatives, and CDOM with UV absorbance. The source of DOC is considered to be coming from the trees and supplemented by inputs from epiphytes and atmospheric deposition (Vanstan and Stubbins, 2018). As previously mentioned, this study site is affected by air masses from both the Asian continent and local emissions, therefore, atmospheric deposition is likely to be one of the contributors of humic substances as humic-like substances in aerosol accounts for 9-72% of water soluble organic matter (Zheng et al., 2013).

3.3. Deposition flux

Finally, we roughly estimated the deposition flux of the Satoyama forest (**Table 6**). The deposition flux of the DOC from the throughfalls (7.31–10.1 g m⁻² y⁻¹) and stemflow (1.79–3.84 g m⁻² y⁻¹) obtained in this study were within the range of values obtained from various temperate forest (4.1–34.0 g m⁻² y⁻¹ for throughfall; 0.1–5.6 g m⁻² y⁻¹ for stemflow; Van Stan and Stubbins, 2018). However, the deposition flux of the DOC from the stemflows obtained in this study was relatively higher than those of previous studies.

367 The deposition flux of cations and anions (except for K^+ , Ca^{2+} and SO_4^{2-}) obtained in this
 368 study were close to those of coniferous and broad-leaved forests in Japan (Na^+ : 1.7–2.4, K^+ :
 369 2.2–3.1, Mg^{2+} : 1.2–1.4, Ca^{2+} : 3.1–3.2, Cl^- : 3.4–5.3, NO_3^- : 2.6–6.0, SO_4^{2-} : 8.5–11.8 $g\ m^{-2}$
 370 y^{-1} , Oura, 2010). In contrast, the deposition flux of K^+ from broad-leaved forest in this study
 371 ($8.35\ g\ m^{-2}\ y^{-1}$) was high compared to those of coniferous and broad-leaved forests in Japan.
 372 The high deposition flux of K^+ in the broad-leaved forest has been attributed to leaching
 373 from the canopy (Devlaeminck et al., 2005). We investigated the amounts of ions dissolved
 374 from the tree bark and leaves (**Table 7**) and found that the high amounts of K^+ were dissolved
 375 from the Konara oaks and Japanese hill cherry. The deposition flux of Ca^{2+} in the Satoyama
 376 forest was low compared to those of coniferous and broad-leaved forests in Japan. The
 377 deposition flux of SO_4^{2-} at the study site (1.78 – $2.58\ g\ m^{-1}\ y^{-1}$) was low compared to most
 378 Japanese forests (8.5 – $26.7\ g\ m^{-1}\ y^{-1}$, Oura, 2010; Kobayashi et al., 1999) and a forest in the
 379 San Bernardino Mountains, USA (4.8 – $29\ g\ m^{-1}\ y^{-1}$, Fenn et al., 2000) and relatively low
 380 compared to forests in Flanders, Belgium (2.6 – $10.6\ g\ m^{-1}\ y^{-1}$, Wuyts et al., 2008). The
 381 canopy openness of the Satoyama forest in this study was 13.4%–27.6%, which is higher
 382 than that of common natural forests worldwide. We thus considered the canopy interaction
 383 to be low compared to that in natural forests, resulting in low deposition flux of SO_4^{2-} in
 384 Satoyama forests. However, as previously mentioned, the traditional Japanese Satoyama is

385 now facing a serious crisis. In this study site, mass mortality of oak trees has been observed
386 widely. If the forest composition changes into the coniferous type from the present Satoyama
387 due to mass mortality of oak trees, the deposition flux of DOC and K^+ might decrease 33%
388 and 62% (**Table 6:** described in Coniferous forest/Present). One reason for the decrease of
389 the DOC deposition flux may be the decreased amount of pollen produced from oak trees.
390 It is reported that a large amount of pollen from oak trees significantly contributed to the
391 highest DOC concentration in throughfalls seen in the forests of Georgia and South Carolina
392 in the southeastern USA (Van Stan et al., 2017, Chen et al., 2019) and in New England
393 (Decina et al., 2018). In contrast, the deposition flux of NO_3^- might increase 20% due to
394 mass mortality of oak trees (**Table 6**). As described in **Table 2**, the main source of NO_3^- in
395 our study site is atmospheric deposition. Coniferous canopies show a higher filtering
396 capacity to atmospheric deposition than those of broadleaved ones because the structure of
397 twigs with needle shaped leaves favors deposition through impaction and diffusion
398 processes (Le Mellec et al., 2010), which is well consistent with the higher throughfall
399 depositions observed in coniferous forests in Germany (Rothe et al., 2002, Le Mellec et al.,
400 2010). Hence, the deposition flux of NO_3^- would favor the coniferous type trees due to mass
401 mortality of oak trees. Similar to our study site, the mass mortality of oak trees has been
402 observed worldwide such as in North America (Dey and Schweitzer et al., 2018), central

USA (Bendixsen et al., 2015, Wood et al., 2018) and southern Europe (Colangelo et al., 2018, Etzold et al., 2019). Ultimately, the decrease of DOC deposition flux from those sites will result in the decrease of riverine DOC fluxes into the coasts accompanied by changes in the terrestrial and marine carbon cycles as DOC is an important source of humic substances with chelating functions in river-ocean systems. Especially, organic Fe-binding ligands are important substances in iron uptake for marine phytoplankton (Gledhill and Buck, 2012). Furthermore, the increase of deposition flux of NO_3^- from those forests will lead to nitrogen saturation, which in turn enhances the acidification of soils and leaching of nitrate into surface and ground water. In the near future, the further deterioration of these forests might change river-ocean linkages affecting forested catchments and aquatic ecosystems.

4. Conclusions

We characterized the chemical behaviors of major ions and DOM in the throughfalls and stemflows in a typical Satoyama forest facing imminent deterioration located in Nara Prefecture, Japan. The average DOC concentrations in the throughfall and stemflow in the Satoyama site were both within the range of values reported elsewhere. The Satoyama forest examined herein was affected by both atmospheric deposition due to anthropogenic activities and by the seasonal changes in air masses. The deposition flux of sulfate in the

Satoyama forest was low compared to that in general forests. This is because the canopy interaction of the Satoyama forest was low compared to that of natural forests. If the forest composition eventually change into a pure coniferous forest from the present Satoyama mixed forest due to mass mortality of oak trees, the deposition flux of DOC and K^+ might decrease 33% and 62%, and NO_3^- might increase 20%. In the near future, the degradation of Satoyama landscapes might change DOC and nitrogen loads, resulting to imbalances in river-ocean linkages affecting forested catchments and aquatic ecosystems in Japan.

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Figures

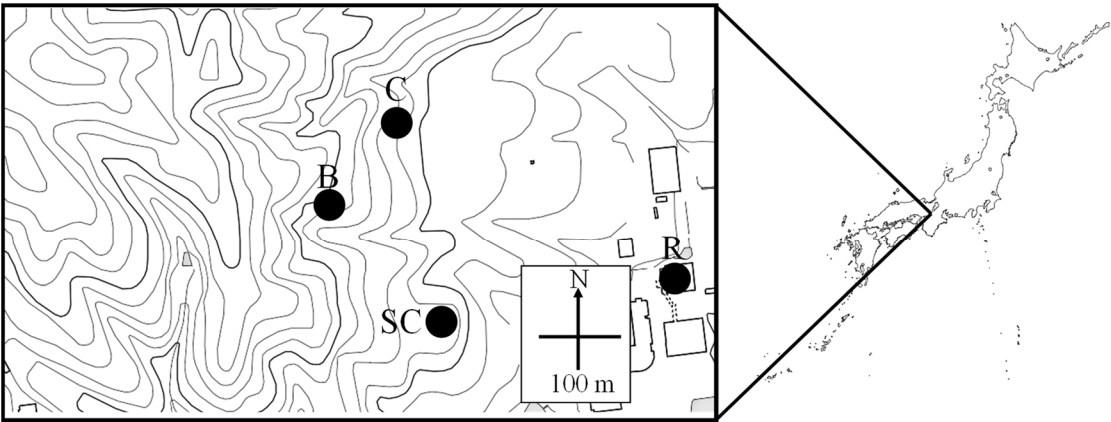


Fig. 1 Study sites of Satoyama forest.

Site R: rainfall sampling site; Site B: throughfall sampling site in the broad-leaved forest; C: throughfall sampling site in the coniferous forest; SC: throughfall sub sampling site in the coniferous forest

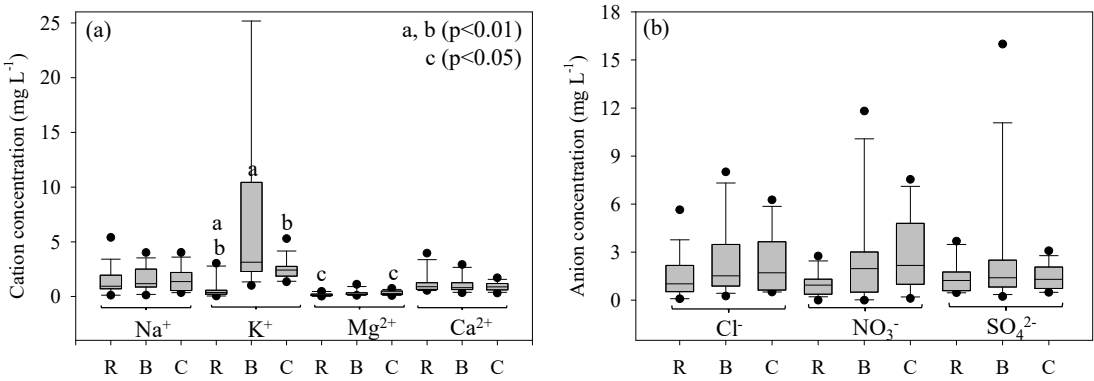


Fig. 2 Cation (a) and anion (b) concentrations of rainfall and throughfall.

B: throughfall in the broad-leaved forest, C: throughfall in the coniferous forest, R: rainfall

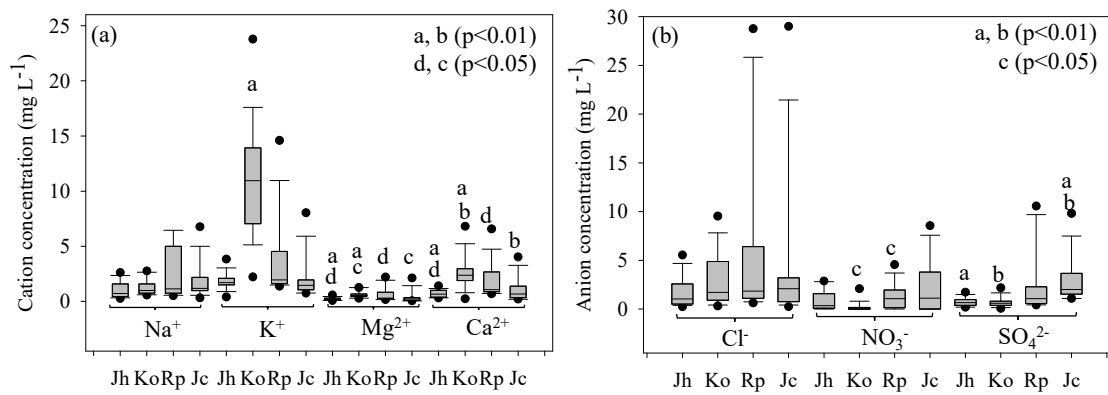


Fig. 3 Cation (a) and anion (b) concentrations of stemflow.

Jc: stemflow from Japanese cypress, Jh: stemflow from Japanese hill cherry, Ko: stemflow from Konara oak, Rp: stemflow from Japanese red pine

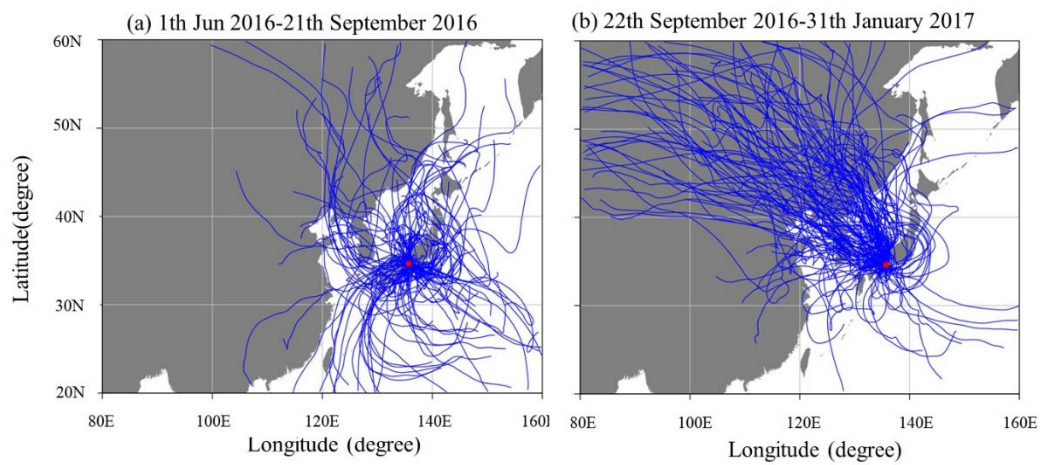


Fig. 4 The 5-day backward trajectory of the air mass at the study site calculated by CGER-METEX.

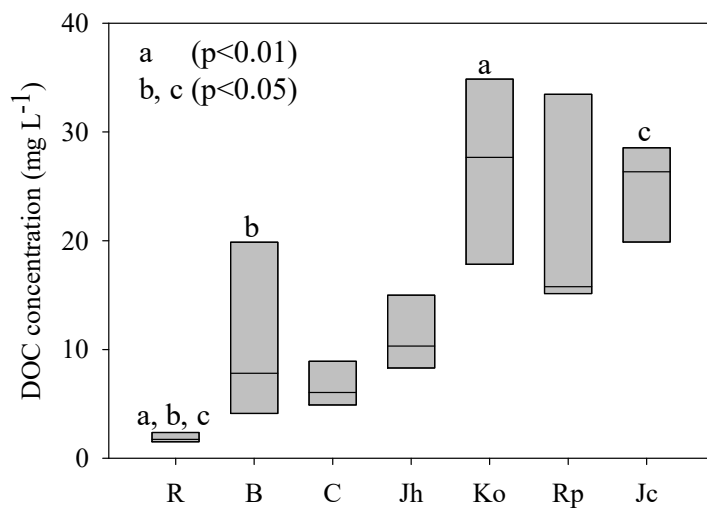


Fig. 5 Dissolved organic carbon (DOC) concentrations of rainfall, throughfalls and stemflows.

R:rainfall; B: throughfall in the broad-leaved forest, C: throughfall in the coniferous forest, Jc: stemflow from Japanese cypress, Jh: stemflow from Japanese hill cherry, Ko: stemflow from Konara oak, R: rainfall, Rp: stemflow from Japanese red pine

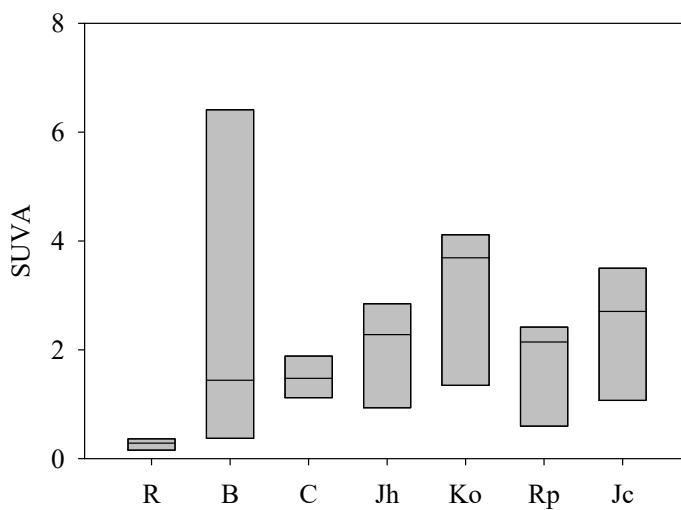


Fig. 6 SUVA₂₅₄ of rainfall, throughfall and stemflow.

B: throughfall in the broad-leaved forest, C: throughfall in the coniferous forest, Jc: stemflow from Japanese cypress, Jh: stemflow from Japanese hill cherry tree, Ko: stemflow from Konara oak, R: rainfall, Rp: stemflow from Japanese red pine.

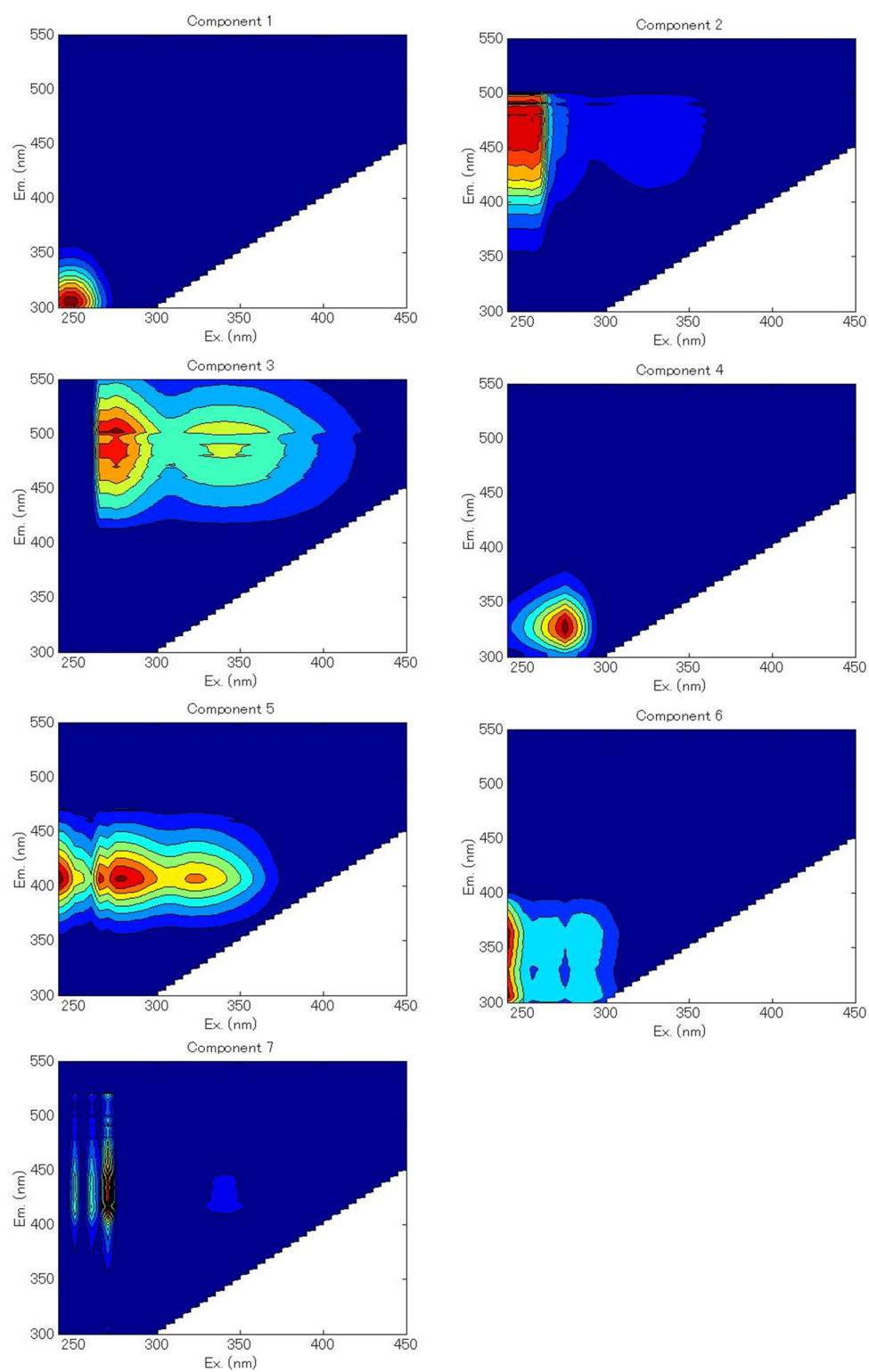


Fig. 7 The spectral properties of the seven fluorescent components identified by the PARAFAC analysis.

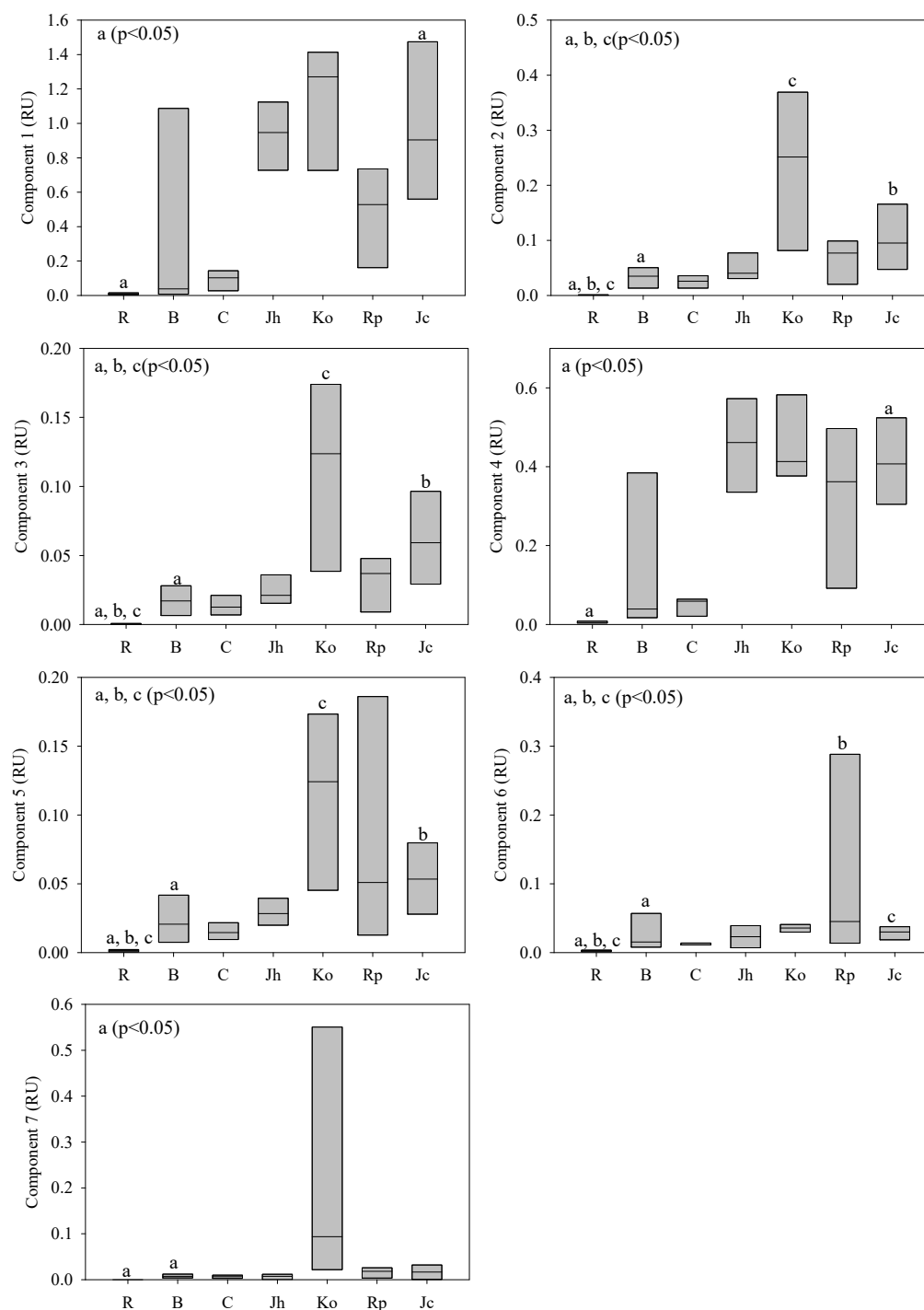


Fig. 8 The Raman unit fluorescence intensity of rainfall and throughfall, stemflow of each EEM components obtained by PARAFAC analyses

B: throughfall in the broad-leaved forest, C: throughfall in the coniferous forest, Jc: stemflow from Japanese cypress, Jh: stemflow from Japanese hill cherry tree, Ko: stemflow from Konara oak, R: rainfall, Rp: stemflow from Japanese red pine.

Tables

Table 1 pH and electro conductivity of each fraction

	pH		EC (mS m ⁻¹)	
	AV.	SD	AV.	SD
Rain samples				
Rainfall	5.90	0.55	1.80	1.69
TF in the broad-leaved forest	5.55	0.58	3.48	2.77
TF in the coniferous forest	5.56	0.66	3.24	2.10
SF from Japanese hill cherry	5.07	0.61	2.30	1.17
SF from Konara oak	5.27	0.61	4.87	2.11
SF from Japanese red pine	4.77	0.55	6.74	8.88
SF from Japanese cypress	3.74	0.36	10.5	7.76

TF: throughfall; SF:stemflow

Table 2 Cation and anion concentrations of rainfall and throughfall

Ion	Rainfall						Throughfall in the broad-leaved forest						Throughfall in the coniferous forest					
	Summer		Autumn- Winter				Summer		Autumn- Winter				Summer		Autumn- Winter			
	Av. (mg L ⁻¹)	SD	Av. (mg L ⁻¹)	SD	Ratio	p-value	Av. (mg L ⁻¹)	SD	Av. (mg L ⁻¹)	SD	Ratio	p-value	Av. (mg L ⁻¹)	SD	Av. (mg L ⁻¹)	SD	Ratio	p-value
Na ⁺	0.44	0.34	1.82	1.35	4.1	<0.01	0.73	0.42	2.22	1.07	3.1	<0.01	0.67	0.38	2.23	1.01	3.4	<0.01
K ⁺	0.24	0.23	0.93	1.02	3.9	-	3.07	1.78	10.6	11.1	3.5	-	2.63	1.41	2.35	0.50	1.1	-
Mg ²⁺	0.06	0.04	0.22	0.14	3.7	<0.01	0.19	0.07	0.42	0.34	2.3	-	0.18	0.07	0.44	0.18	2.4	<0.01
Ca ²⁺	0.71	0.18	1.45	1.12	2.0	-	0.72	0.27	1.38	0.90	1.9	-	0.73	0.27	1.38	0.90	1.9	<0.05
Cl ⁻	0.34	0.24	1.94	1.46	5.7	<0.01	0.94	0.54	3.68	2.72	3.9	<0.05	0.81	0.45	3.34	1.89	4.1	<0.01
NO ₃ ⁻	0.52	0.22	1.31	0.79	2.5	<0.05	0.73	0.82	4.43	3.84	6.0	<0.01	1.31	0.96	3.95	2.53	3.0	<0.05
SO ₄ ²⁻	0.57	0.13	1.84	0.94	3.2	<0.01	0.82	0.42	4.15	5.30	5.0	<0.01	0.71	0.20	1.98	0.62	2.8	<0.01

Ratio: Autumn-Winter/Summer

Table 3 Cation and anion concentrations of stemflow

Japanese hill cherry							Konara oak						Japanese red pine						Japanese cypress					
Summer		Autumn-Winter					Summer		Autumn-Winter				Summer		Autumn-Winter				Summer		Autumn-Winter			
Ion	Av.	SD	Av.	SD	Ratio	p-value	Av.	SD	Av	SD	Ratio	p-value	Av.	SD	Av.	SD	Ratio	p-value	Av.	SD	Av.	SD	Ratio	p-value
	(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)				(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)				(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)				(mg L ⁻¹)		(mg L ⁻¹)			
Na ⁺	0.54	0.24	1.63	0.75	3.0	<0.01	1.00	0.61	1.60	0.65	1.6	-	1.33	1.65	3.56	2.40	2.7	<0.01	1.25	0.60	2.64	2.38	2.1	-
K ⁺	1.94	0.94	1.72	0.50	0.9	-	8.92	3.94	13.49	5.36	1.5	-	3.55	4.32	3.84	2.90	1.1	-	1.50	0.66	2.80	2.96	1.9	-
Mg ²⁺	0.16	0.11	0.29	0.15	1.8	<0.05	0.57	0.29	0.65	0.28	1.1	-	0.34	0.19	0.90	0.77	2.6	-	0.20	0.13	0.60	0.85	3.0	-
Ca ²⁺	0.61	0.34	0.81	0.29	1.3	-	2.42	1.88	2.84	0.99	1.2	-	1.81	1.88	2.05	1.32	1.1	-	0.84	0.73	1.35	1.51	1.6	-
Cl ⁻	0.99	0.89	2.67	1.79	2.7	<0.05	1.33	1.12	4.81	3.16	3.6	<0.05	1.60	1.20	10.30	11.00	6.4	<0.05	1.59	1.11	9.08	11.7	5.7	-
NO ₃ ⁻	0.52	0.90	1.17	1.03	2.2	-	0.32	0.67	0.04	0.10	0.1	-	1.26	0.77	1.40	1.79	1.1	-	3.76	2.58	<0.01	0	<0.002	<0.01
SO ₄ ²⁻	0.49	0.25	1.06	0.40	2.1	<0.01	0.51	0.21	0.90	0.70	1.8	-	0.87	0.55	3.86	3.92	4.4	<0.05	2.26	1.14	3.85	3.42	1.7	-

Table 4 Characteristics of the components identified by PARAFAC analyses

Components	Excitation (nm)	Emission (nm)	Characteristics	References
1	250	306	Tyrosine-like, Protein-like	Coble, 1998
2	255	475	UV-humic	Coble, 1998
3	275	501	Humic-like derived from microbial or photochemical degradation	Stedmon et al., 2007; Coble, 1998
4	275	327	Tryptophan-like, Protein-like	Coble, 1998
5	240	406	UV humic-like	Coble, 1998
6	240	363	Protein like	Sanchez et al., 2013
7	270	417	UV humic-like, Photoproduct of terrestrially derived DOM	Coble, 1998; Stedmon et al., 2007

Table 5 The correlation efficient between 7 components obtained by PARAFAC analyses or UV absorbance at 254 nm (a₂₅₄) and DOC concentration of each fraction

Components	Characteristics	Rainfall	Throughfall		Stemflow			
			Broad-leaved forest	Coniferous forest	Japanese hill cherry	Konara oak	Japanese red pine	Japanese cypress
1	Tyrosine-like, Protein-like	-0.013	-0.514	0.629	0.397	-0.864	0.547	0.209
2	UV-humic	0.365	-0.612	0.908*	0.008	0.919*	0.325	0.476
3	Humic-like derived from microbial and photochemical degradation	0.428	-0.582	0.969**	-0.324	0.920*	0.606	0.450
4	Tryptophan-like, Protein-like	0.130	-0.536	0.526	0.395	-0.467	0.578	0.508
5	UV humic-like	0.815	-0.656	0.975**	0.144	0.913*	0.977**	0.553
6	Protein like	0.534	-0.638	-0.607	0.958**	-0.916*	0.996**	0.550
7	UV humic-like, Photoproduct of terrestrially derived DOM	0.964**	-0.428	0.857	-0.562	0.767	0.651	0.287
a ₂₅₄	CDOM with UV absorbance	0.497	-0.559	0.989**	-0.678	0.942*	0.910*	0.180

**p<0.05; *:p<0.1

Table 6 Deposition flux of DOC, cations and anions in Satoyama forest

flux ($\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1}$)	DOC	Na^+	K^+	Ca^{2+}	Mg^{2+}	Cl^-	NO_3^-	SO_4^{2-}
Throughfall in the broad-leaved forest	10.1	1.45	6.78	0.30	1.02	2.30	2.59	2.48
Stemflow of broad-leaved trees	3.84	0.18	1.57	0.09	0.37	0.41	0.03	0.10
Total of broad-leaved forest	13.9	1.64	8.35	0.38	1.39	2.71	2.62	2.58
Throughfall in the coniferous forest	7.31	1.75	2.73	0.37	1.02	2.50	3.11	1.58
Stemflow of coniferous trees	1.79	0.16	0.22	0.04	0.11	0.39	0.14	0.20
Total of coniferous forest	9.10	1.91	2.95	0.40	1.14	2.89	3.25	1.78
Total of Satoyama forest (Present)	13.5	1.66	7.86	0.39	1.37	2.72	2.68	2.51
Coniferous forest/Present	0.67	1.1	0.38	1.0	0.83	1.1	1.2	0.71

Table 7 Amounts of cations and anions dissolved from bark or leaves ($\mu\text{g g}^{-1}$)

		Na ⁺	SD	K ⁺	SD	Mg ²⁺	SD	Ca ²⁺	SD	Cl ⁻	SD	NO ₃ ⁻	SD	SO ₄ ²⁻	SD
Japanese	bark	27.2	6.9	62.2	9.0	4.0	0.7	18.8	1.4	28.5	5.7	11.5	7.1	13.5	2.9
hill cherry	leaf	22.6	20.3	500	80.5	35.2	20.4	19.1	17.4	69.2	70.1	2.1	5.0	8.8	3.4
Konara oak	bark	30.4	7.6	148	46.8	14.4	2.6	54.9	26.0	23.6	2.3	10.8	10.7	18.5	5.0
	leaf	48.4	9.6	289	91.1	11.3	0.8	54.1	7.4	40.8	7.6	18.9	2.1	25.6	6.3
Japanese	bark	34.5	14.3	10.5	11.9	4.8	4.4	20.3	9.4	45.0	42.7	25.3	35.2	8.8	1.8
red pine	leaf	22.8	4.9	37.4	9.6	2.3	0.3	13.3	3.9	17.2	3.5	17.1	7.0	8.3	1.5
Japanese	bark	32.6	3.8	20.7	8.1	3.2	0.2	22.7	5.3	24.4	3.0	7.6	6.0	12.7	3.6
cypress	leaf	39.9	12.7	75.9	29.4	4.2	0.7	22.6	7.2	37.0	11.4	30.9	7.0	14.7	3.0