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30 **Table S1.** Average (\pm 1 standard deviation), minimum and maximum concentrations of the
 31 particulate matter (PM₁) species and the total PM₁ mass over the whole campaign, and the
 32 average contribution of each of the PM₁ species to the total PM₁ mass.

	Average conc. \pm one standard deviation ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	Minimum conc. ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	Maximum conc. ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	Fraction of total PM ₁ (%)	Detection limit (3min/ 6min) ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)
Organics	13.3 \pm 7.51	1.29	45.0	38	0.03/0.02
Nitrate	10.6 \pm 9.68	0.21	52.0	30	0.01/0.01
Sulfate	4.20 \pm 3.49	0.60	20.0	12	0.01/0.01
Ammonium	4.70 \pm 3.99	0.28	21.2	13	0.02/0.01
Chloride	0.60 \pm 0.54	0	4.03	2	0.00/0.00
Black carbon	1.60 \pm 0.93	0.05	5.55	5	0.1/0.05
Total PM ₁	35.1 \pm 23.8	3.85	129	-	0.05/0.03

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47 **Table S2.** Comparison of the average O/C, H/C, and OM/OC ratios of total OA and the four OA
 48 factors identified from PMF analysis calculated using the Aiken-Ambient method (Aiken et al.,
 49 2008) and the improved Canagaratna-Ambient method (Canagaratna et al.,2015) .

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Species	Ratio	Aiken-Ambient	Canagaratna-Ambient
OA	O/C	0.41	0.52
	H/C	1.45	1.61
	OM/OC	1.70	1.86
HOA	O/C	0.08	0.10
	H/C	1.97	1.88
	OM/OC	1.29	1.33
COA	O/C	0.10	0.12
	H/C	1.74	1.88
	OM/OC	1.29	1.33
SFOA	O/C	0.41	0.53
	H/C	1.41	1.55
	OM/OC	1.71	1.87
LO-OOA1	O/C	0.47	0.59
	H/C	1.45	1.61
	OM/OC	1.76	1.93
LO-OOA2	O/C	0.50	0.65
	H/C	1.45	1.62
	OM/OC	1.81	2.02
MO-OOA1	O/C	0.99	0.99
	H/C	1.56	1.56
	OM/OC	2.46	2.46
MO-OOA2	O/C	0.93	1.11
	H/C	1.20	1.32
	OM/OC	2.44	2.69

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57 **Table S3.** Expected (deLaeter et al., 2003) and calculated lead isotopic ratios (m) and Pearsons R.

	Natural Isotope Ratio	Open signal				Closed signal				
		V-mode		W-mode		V-mode		W-mode		
		m	R	m	R	m	R	m	R	
	$^{206}\text{Pb}^+ / ^{208}\text{Pb}^+$	0.46	0.48	0.92	0.41	0.63	0.44	0.84	0.32	0.36
	$^{207}\text{Pb}^+ / ^{208}\text{Pb}^+$	0.422	0.45	0.77	0.37	0.5	0.36	0.42	0.22	0.18
	$^{206}\text{Pb}^{++} / ^{208}\text{Pb}^{++}$	0.46	0.29	0.06	0.35	0.08	.	.	0.04	0
	$^{207}\text{Pb}^{++} / ^{208}\text{Pb}^{++}$	0.422	0.4	0.33	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.39	0.01	0.02

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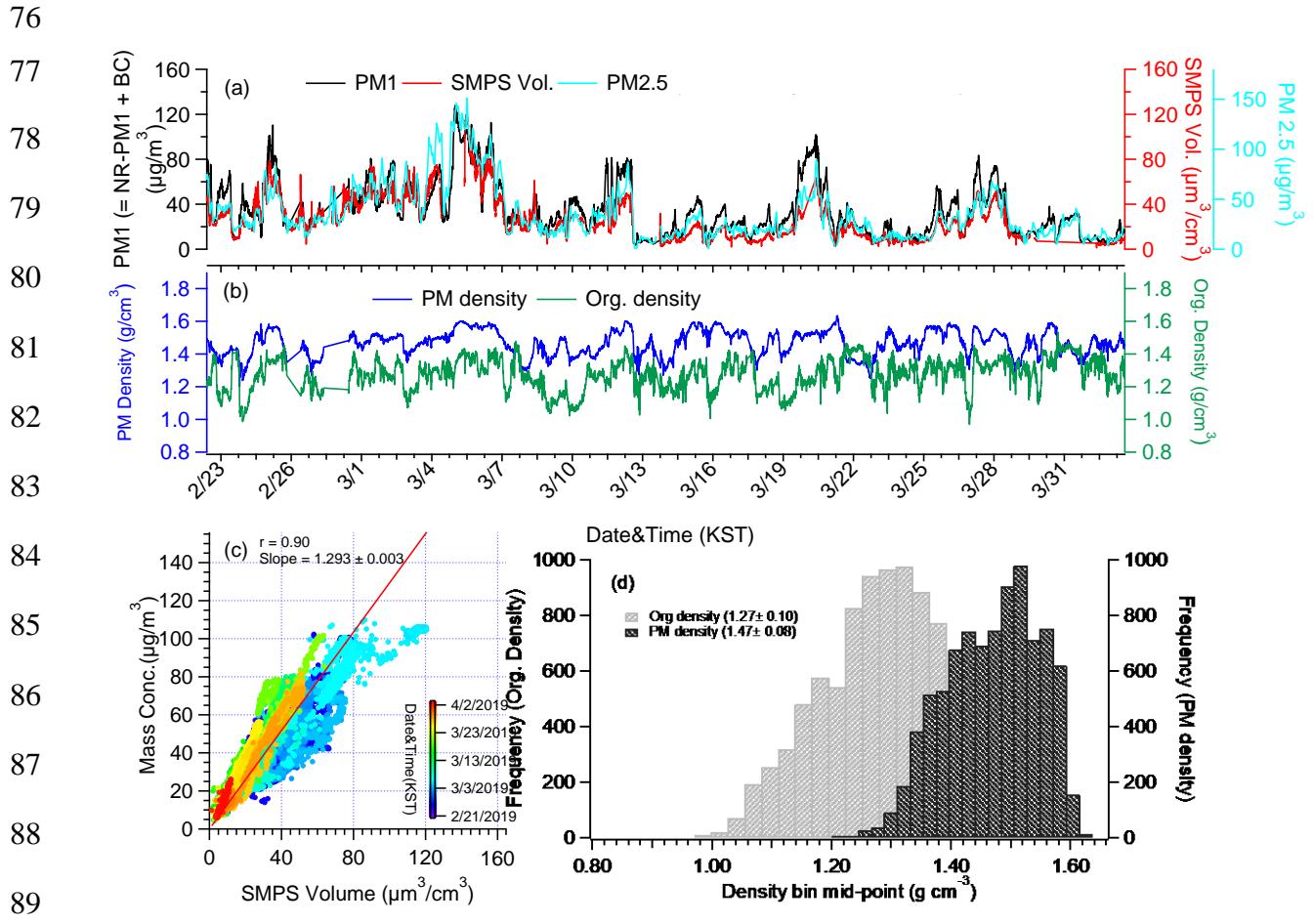
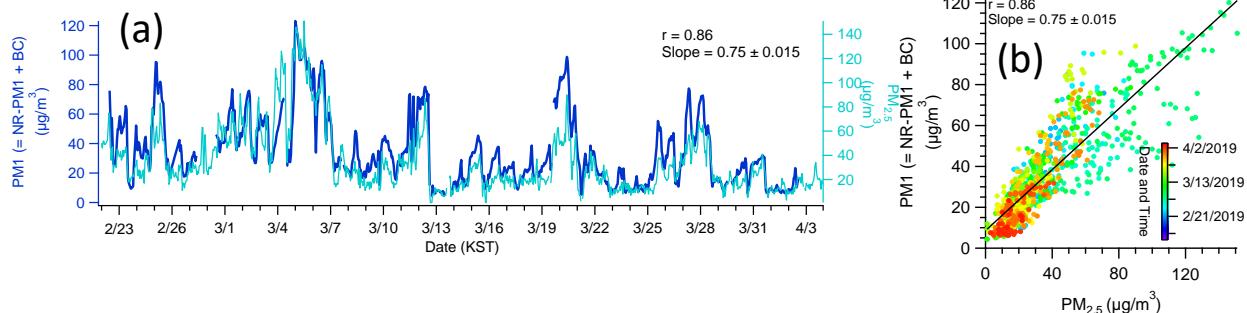


Figure S1. (a) Time series of total particulate matter (PM_1), scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS) volume concentrations and PM2.5 mass concentration measured at Gireum site ; (b) Time series of the organic aerosol density estimated using the method reported in Kuwata et al. (2012)

$$\rho_{\text{org}} = [12 + 1 \cdot (\text{H/C}) + 16 \cdot (\text{O/C})] / [7 + 5 \cdot (\text{H/C}) + 4.15 \cdot (\text{O/C})]$$

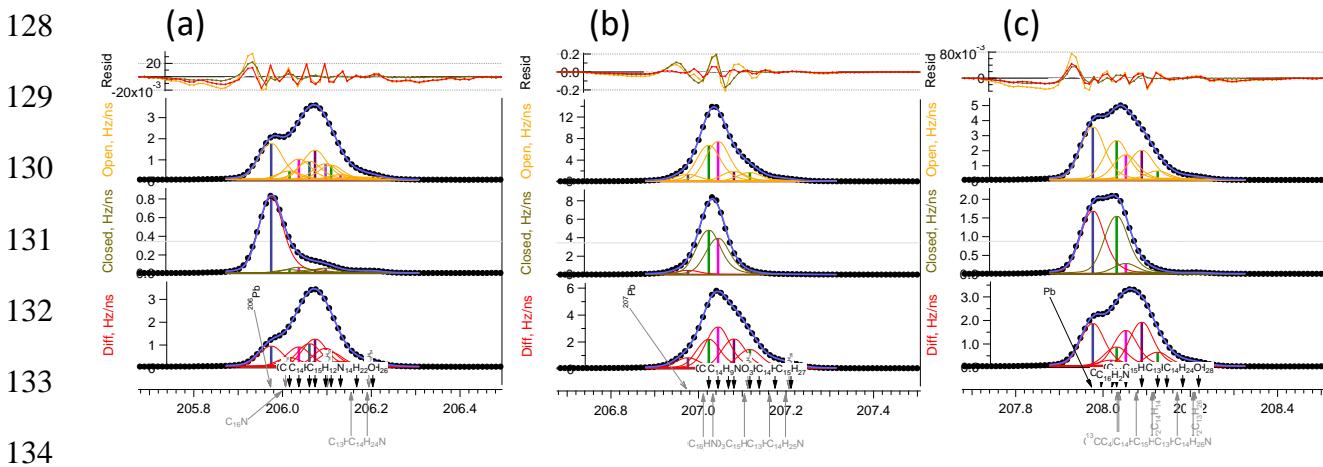
and bulk aerosol density estimated from the measured chemical composition, known inorganic species density and the organic density estimated above (Zhang et al., 2015) . (c) Scatter plot of the total PM_1 mass (NR- PM_1 plus BC) versus SMPS volume, where the NR- PM_1 mass concentrations have been determined using the composition-dependent collection efficiencies; (d) histogram of organic aerosol density (average = 1.27 g cm^{-3}) and bulk aerosol density (average = 1.47 g cm^{-3}).



110 **Figure S2.** (a) Time series of total particulate matter (PM1) concentration and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ mass
111 measured at Gireum site (b) Scatter plot of total PM1 mass (NR-PM₁ plus BC)
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137 **Figure S3.** 2.5 minute averaged open V mode mass spectra at (a) m/z 206, (b) m/z 207 and (c)
 138 m/z 208 for $^{206}\text{Pb}^+$, $^{207}\text{Pb}^+$ and $^{208}\text{Pb}^+$. during Haze period at KIST site. Black lines (behind of
 139 the purple line) and circles correspond to the HR-AMS raw signal. Yellow (open), dark
 140 green(closed) and red(diff) are modified Gaussian functions that represent the signal of
 141 individuals ions whose exact mass is indicated by the vertical lines. The height of the vertical
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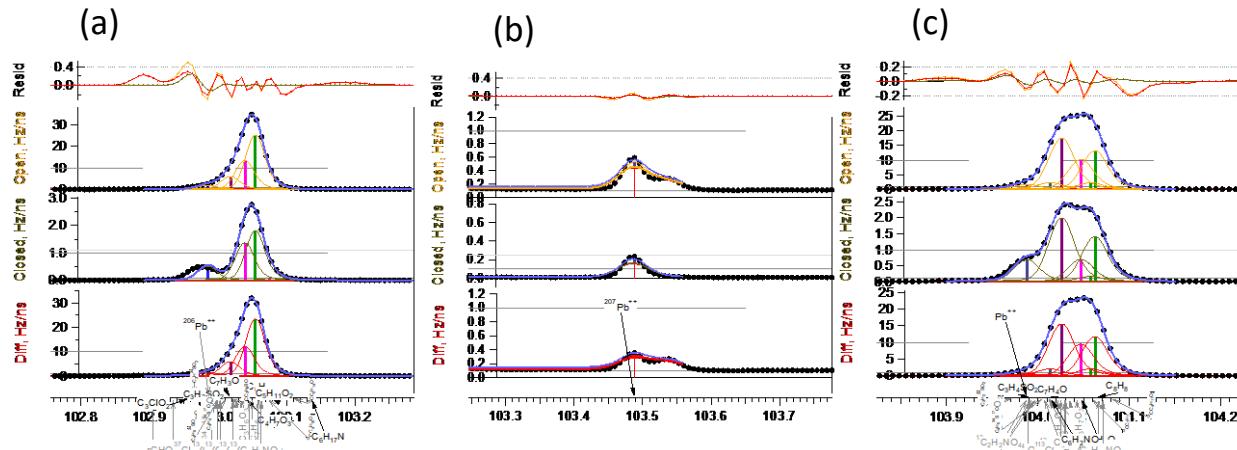
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Figure S4. 2.5 minute averaged open V mode mass spectra at (a) m/z 103, (b) m/z 103.5 and (c) m/z 104 for $^{208}\text{Pb}^{++}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}^{++}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}^{++}$, during Haze period at KIST site. Black lines (behind of the purple line) and circles correspond to the HR-AMS raw signal. Yellow (open), dark green(closed) and red(diff) are modified Gaussian functions that represent the signal of individuals ions whose exact mass is indicated by the vertical lines. The height of the vertical lines corresponds to the peak height of the modified Gaussian functions. Purple lines are the sum of the individual ion peaks and represent the fitted total signal at the given nominal m/z.

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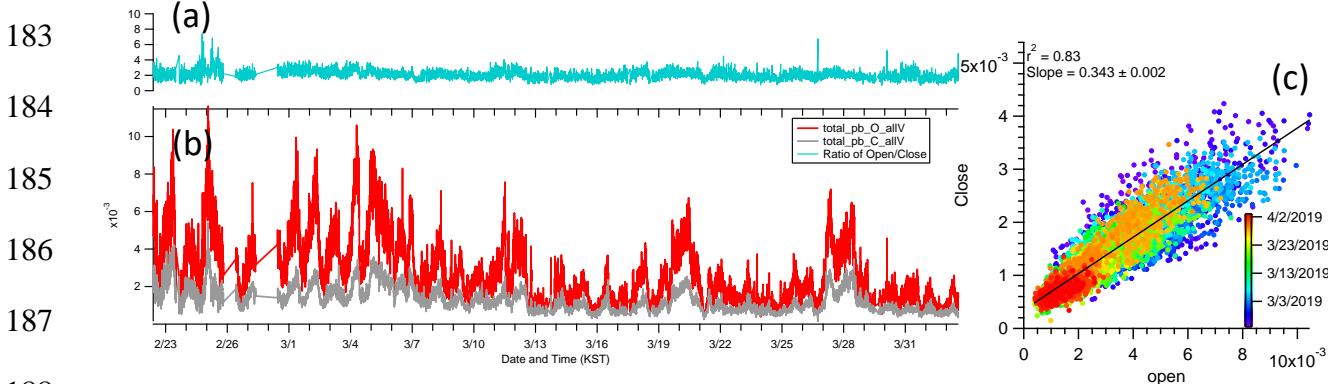
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Figure S5. (a,b) Time series of total open (red) and closed (black) signal of lead from Vmode and the ratio between open and close (turquoise) total signal of lead from V mode; and (c) Scatter plot of total open and close signal of lead from Vmode data. Note that total open and close signals were calculated as the sum of the $^{208}\text{Pb}^+$, $^{207}\text{Pb}^+$, $^{206}\text{Pb}^+$, $^{208}\text{Pb}^{++}$, $^{207}\text{Pb}^{++}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}^{++}$.

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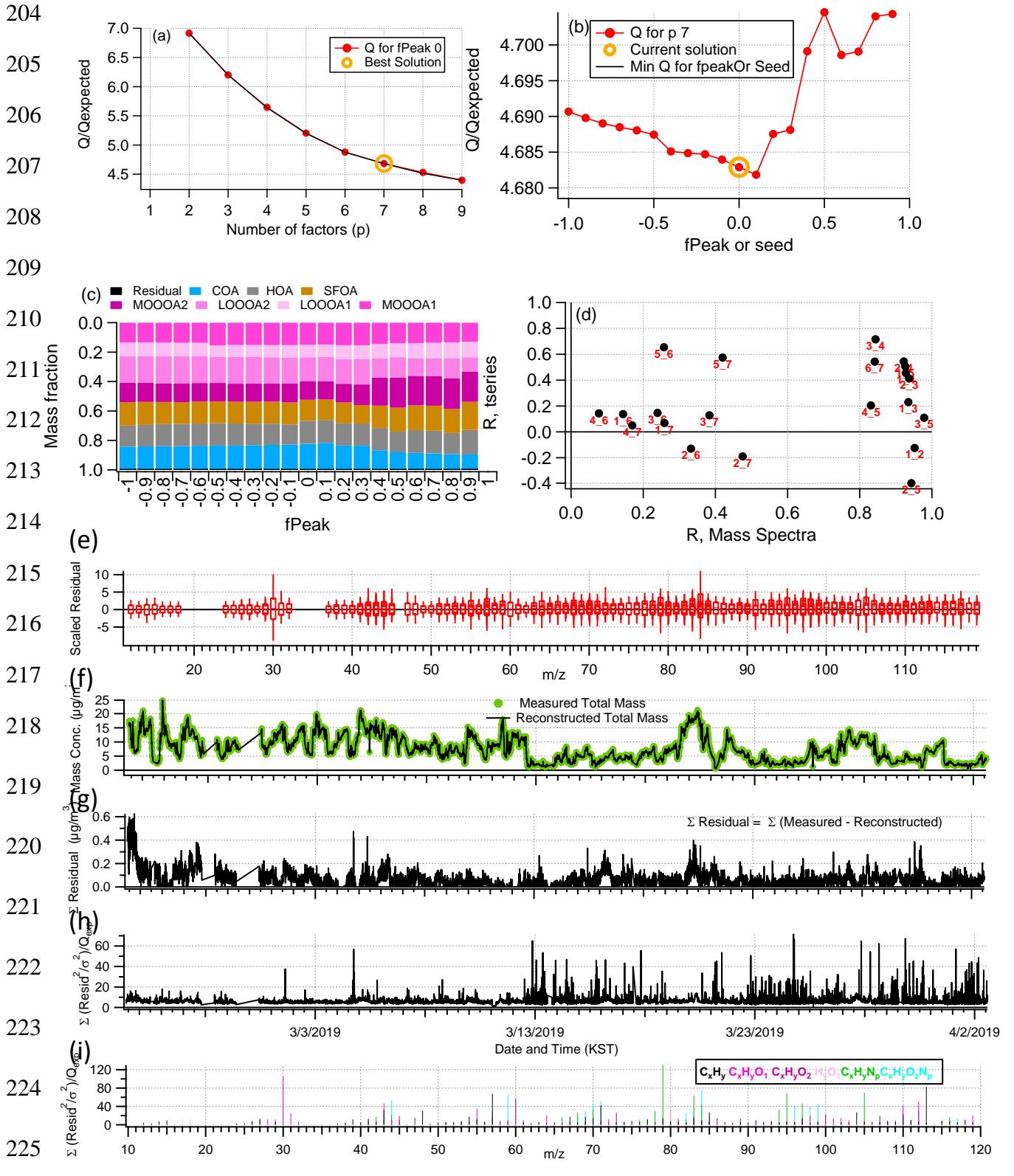
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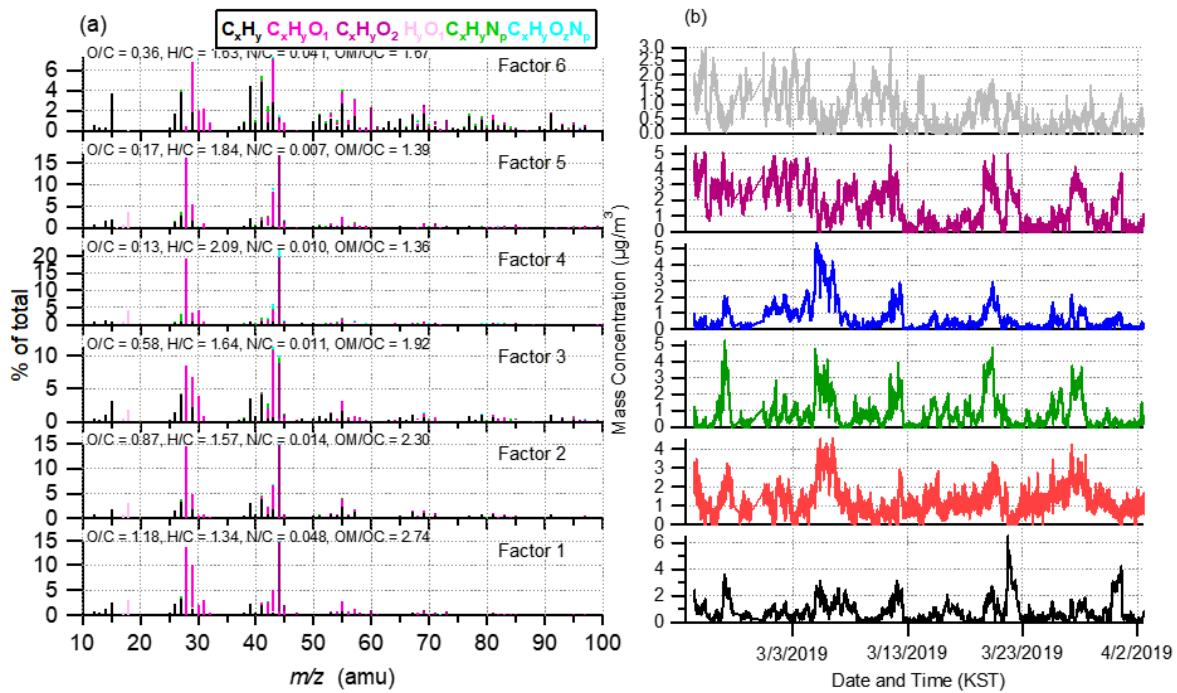
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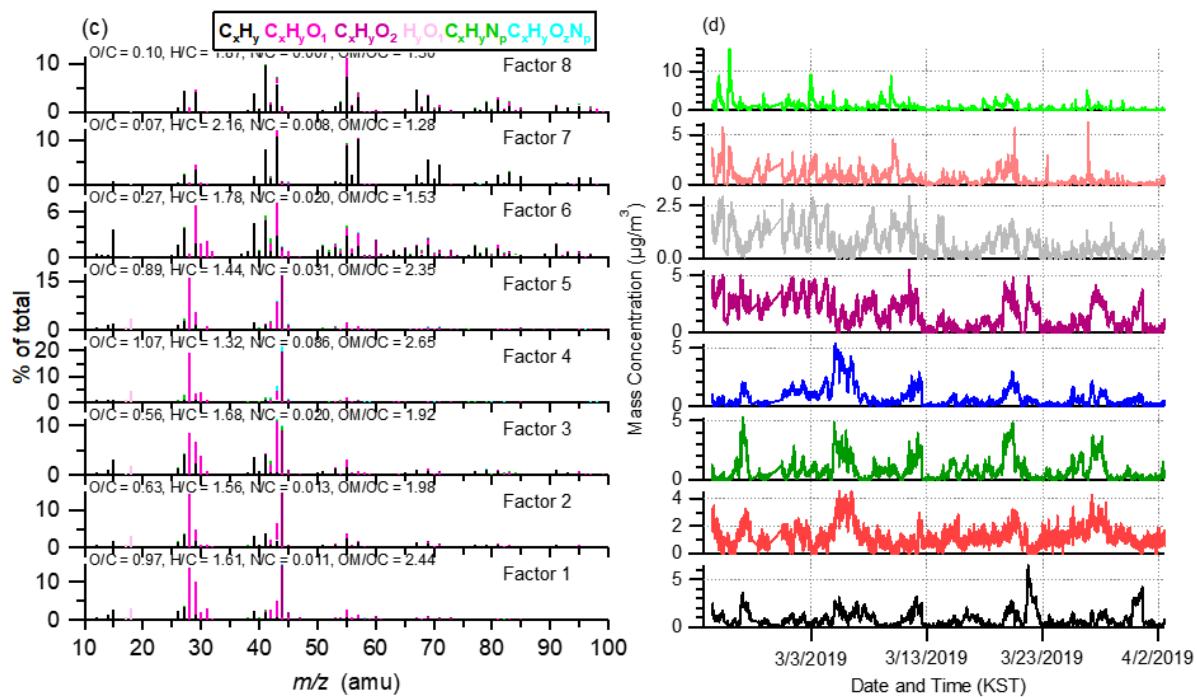
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228 **Figure S6.** Summary of the key diagnostic plots of the chosen 7-factor from PMF analysis of the
229 organic aerosol fraction: **(a)** Q/Q_{exp} as a function of the number of factors (p) explored in PMF
230 analysis, with the best solution denoted by the open orange circle. Plots **b-i** are for the chosen
231 solution set, containing 7 factors: **(b)** Q/Q_{exp} as a function of fPeak; **(c)** mass fractional
232 contribution to the total mass of each of the PMF factors, including the residual (in purple), as a
233 function of fPeak; **(d)** Pearson's r correlation coefficient values for correlations among the time
234 series and mass spectra of the PMF factors. Here, 1 = MO-OOA1, 2 = LO-OOA1, 3 = LO-
235 OOA2, 4 = MO-OOA2, 5 = SFOA, 6 = HOA, 7 = COA; **(e)** box and whiskers plot showing the
236 distributions of scaled residuals for each m/z ; **(f)** time series of the measured mass and the
237 reconstructed mass from the sum of the 6 factors; **(g)** time series of the variations in the residual
238 (= measured – reconstructed) of the fit; **(h)** the Q/Q_{exp} for each point in time; **(i)** the Q/Q_{exp}
239 values for each fragment ion.



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244 **Figure S7.** Overview of two other solution (6 factor and 8 factor solution) sets from PMF
245 analysis: **(a)(b)** High resolution mass spectra and time series of the different OA factors from the
246 6-factor solution; **(c)(d)** High resolution mass spectra and time series of the different OA factors
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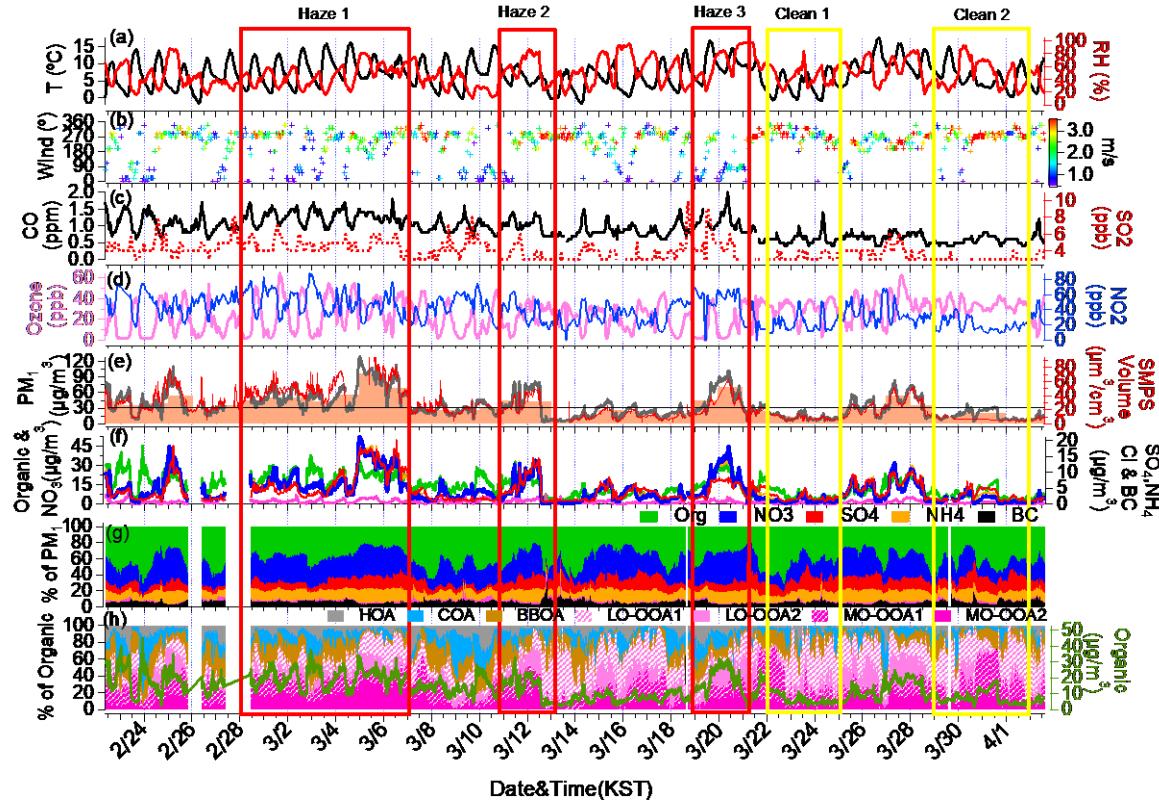
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260 **Figure S8.** Overview of the temporal variations of submicron aerosols at the Korea Institute of
 261 Science and Technology (KIST) in SMA from Feb. 22 to April 2 including three haze(red box)
 262 and two clean (yellow box) period: **(a)** Time series of ambient air temperature (T) and relative
 263 humidity (RH); **(b)** Time series of wind direction (WD), with colors showing different wind
 264 speeds (WS); **(c)** Time series of CO and SO₂; **(d)** Time series of O₃, and NO₂; **(e)** Time series of
 265 total particulate matter (PM₁), scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS) volume concentrations
 266 and also shown are the 24 h averaged PM₁+BC with bars. **(f)** Time series of the organic (Org.),
 267 nitrate (NO₃⁻), sulfate (SO₄²⁻), ammonium (NH₄⁺) and BC aerosols; **(g)** Time series of the mass
 268 fractional contribution of organic aerosols (Org.), nitrate (NO₃⁻), sulfate (SO₄²⁻), ammonium
 269 (NH₄⁺), chloride (Cl⁻), and BC to total PM₁ together with isoprene and toluene time series; **(h)**
 270 Time series of each factor derived from the positive matrix factorization (PMF) analysis

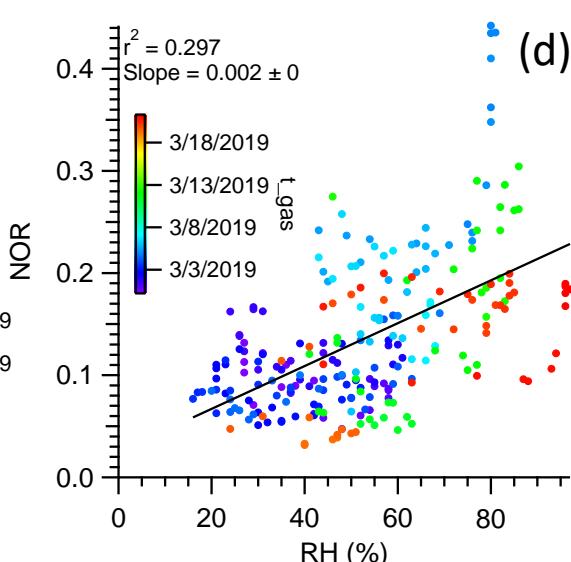
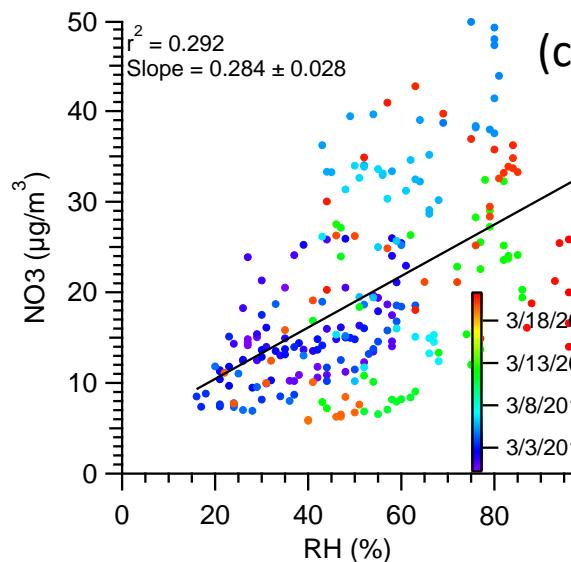
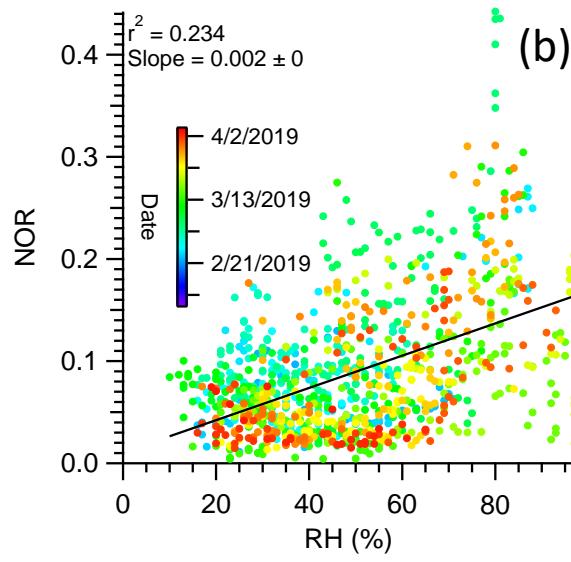
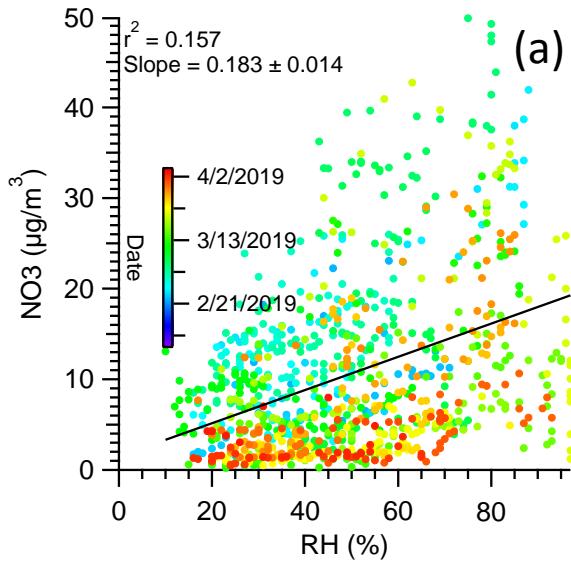
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Figure S9. Scatterplot of the variations of nitrogen oxidation ratio (NOR) and NO₃ as a function of RH (a)(b) during entire period; (c) (d) during haze period.

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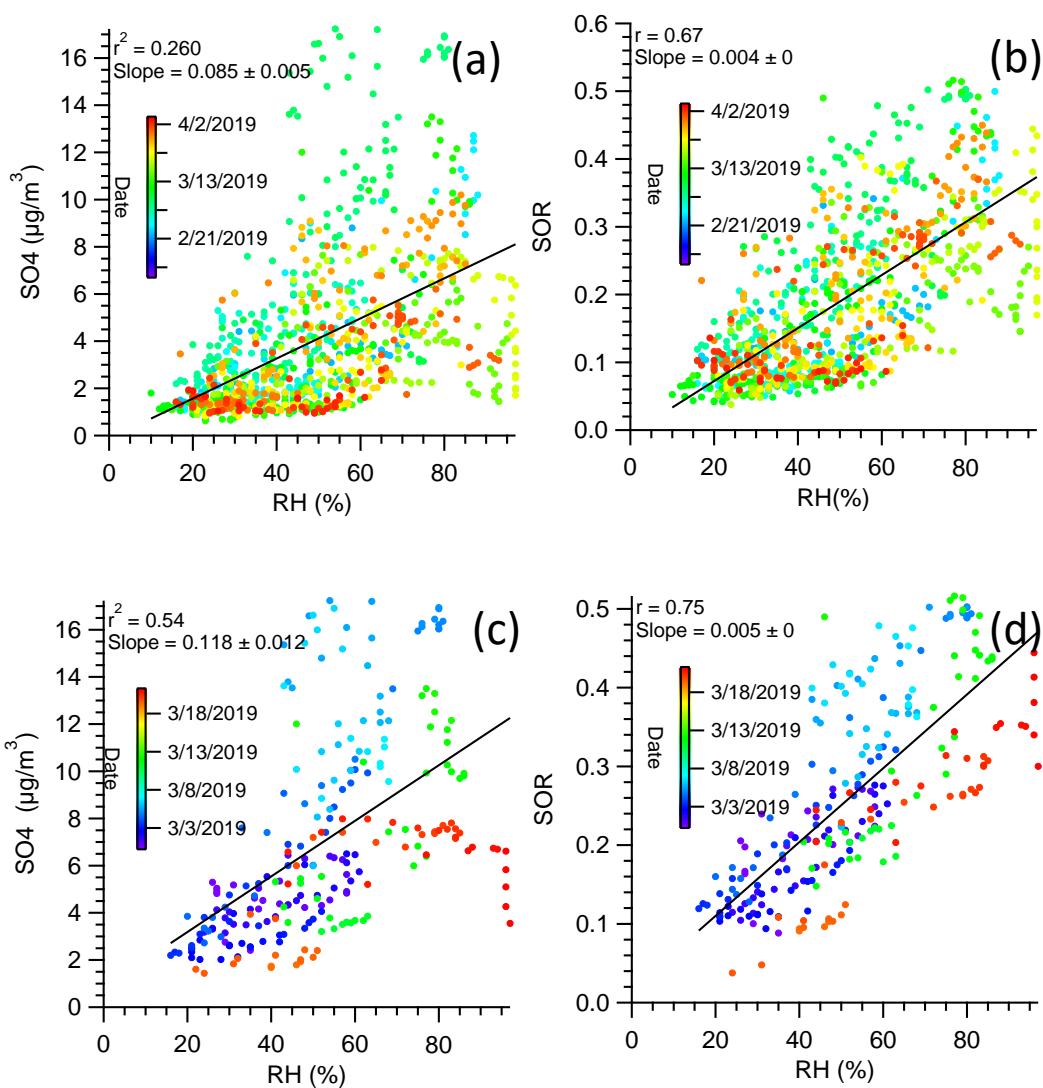


Figure S10. Scatterplot of the variations of sulfur oxidation ratio (SOR) and SO₄ as a function of RH (a)(b) during entire period; (c) (d) during haze period.

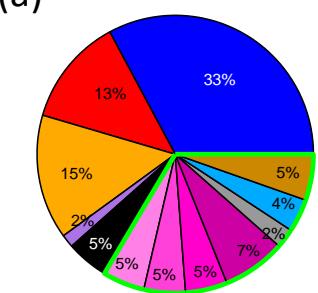
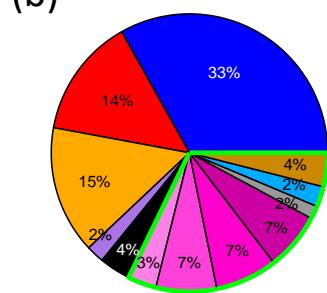
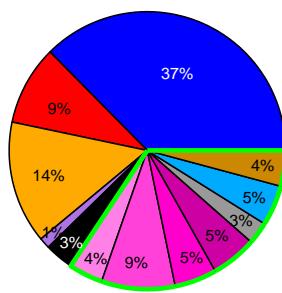
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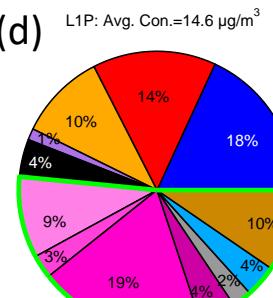
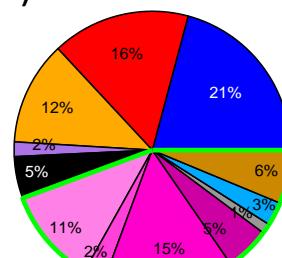
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325 (a) H1P: Avg. Con.= $59.7\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 326 (b) H2P: Avg. Con.= $54.4\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 327 (c) H3P: Avg. Con.= $57.5\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 

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331 (d) L1P: Avg. Con.= $14.6\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

- NO₃
- SO₄
- NH₄
- Chl
- BC
- HOA
- COA
- SFOA
- LO-OOA1
- LO-OOA2
- MO-OOA1
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332 (e) L2P: Avg. Con.= $16.1\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 

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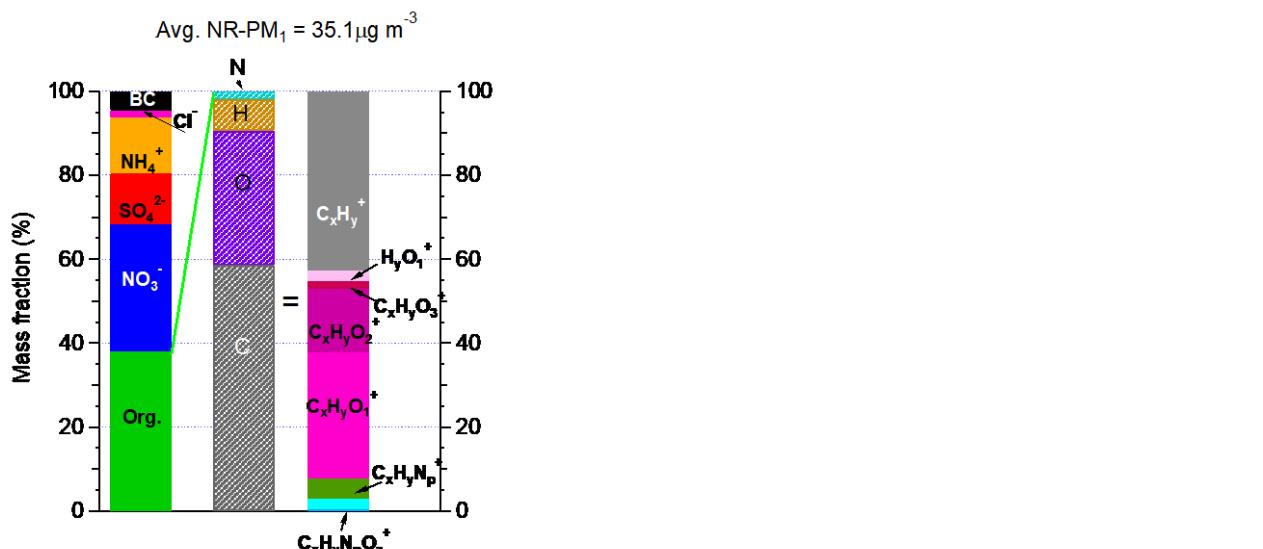
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341 **Figure S11.** Averaged compositional pie chart of PM₁ species (non-refractory-PM₁ plus black
342 carbon (BC)) in (a-c) three haze episodes and (d, e) two clean periods.

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351 **Figure S12.** Overview of the OA compositions in SMA during entire study (early spring of
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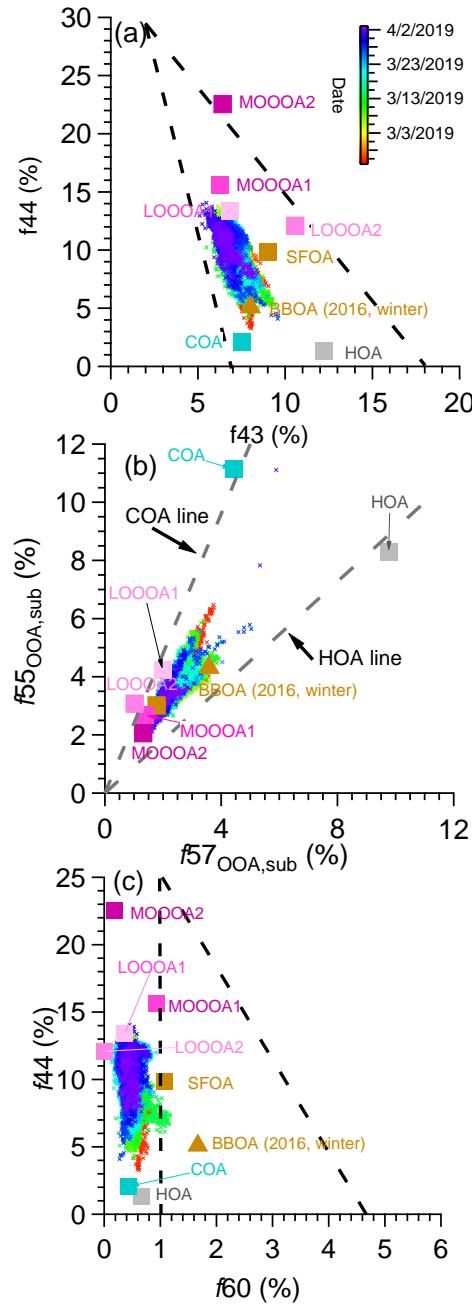
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384 **Figure S13.** Triangular plots of (a) f_{44} versus f_{43} (b) $f_{55,\text{OOA,sub}}$ versus $f_{57,\text{OOA,sub}}$ and (c) f_{44} versus
385 f_{60} for the seven OA factors and all of the measured OA data (dots), colored by date. f_{43}, f_{44} , and
386 f_{60} are the ratios of the organic signal at $m/z = 43, 44$, and 60 to the total organic signal in the
387 component mass spectrum, respectively. $f_{55,\text{OOA,sub}}$ and $f_{57,\text{OOA,sub}}$ are the ratios of the organic
388 signal at $m/z 55, 57$ after subtracting the contributions from LO-OOA1, LO-OOA2, MO-OOA1

389 and MO-OOA2(e.g., $f_{55,\text{OOA sub}} = m/z\ 55 - m/z\ 55_{\text{LO-OOA1}} - m/z\ 55_{\text{LO-OOA2}} - m/z\ 55_{\text{MO-OOA1}} - m/z\ 55_{\text{MO-OOA2}}$; $f_{57,\text{OOA sub}} = m/z\ 57 - m/z\ 57_{\text{LO-OOA1}} - m/z\ 57_{\text{LO-OOA2}} - m/z\ 57_{\text{MO-OOA1}} - m/z\ 57_{\text{MO-OOA2}}$). 2016 winter
 390 BBOA is also shown with triangle for comparison (Kim et al., 2017)
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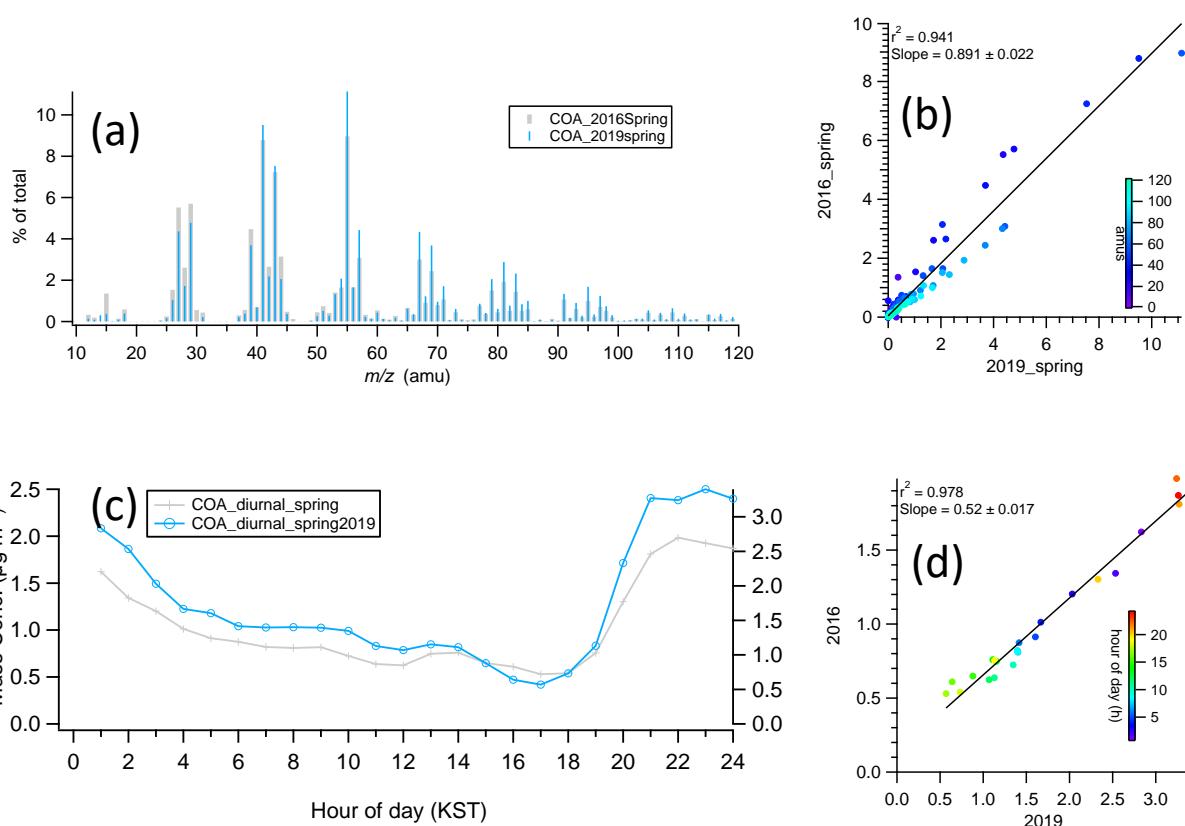
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409 **Figure S14.** **(a)** mass spectra of the COAs from this study (spring) and the one from KORUS-
 410 AQ (Kim et al., 2018); **(b)** scatter plots of both COA mass spectra; **(c)** diurnal profile of the
 411 COAs from this study (spring) and the one from KORUS-AQ (Kim et al., 2018);and **(d)** scatter
 412 plots of both COA diurnal profile.

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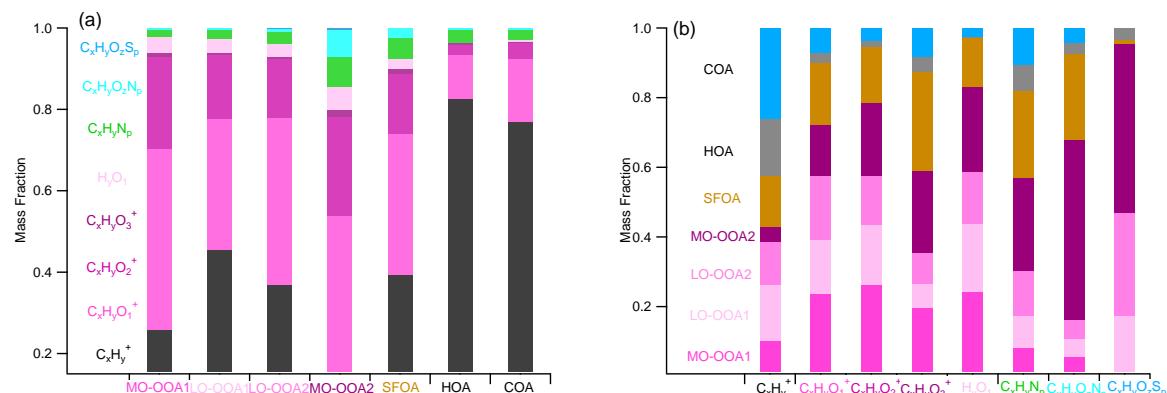
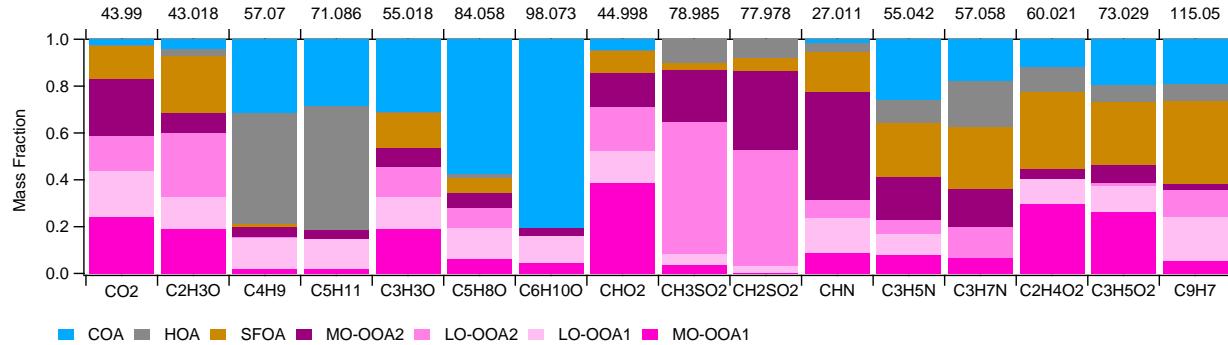


Figure S15. (a) Average mass fractional contributions of seven ion families to each of the OA factors and; (b) Average mass fractional contributions of seven OA factors to each ion family

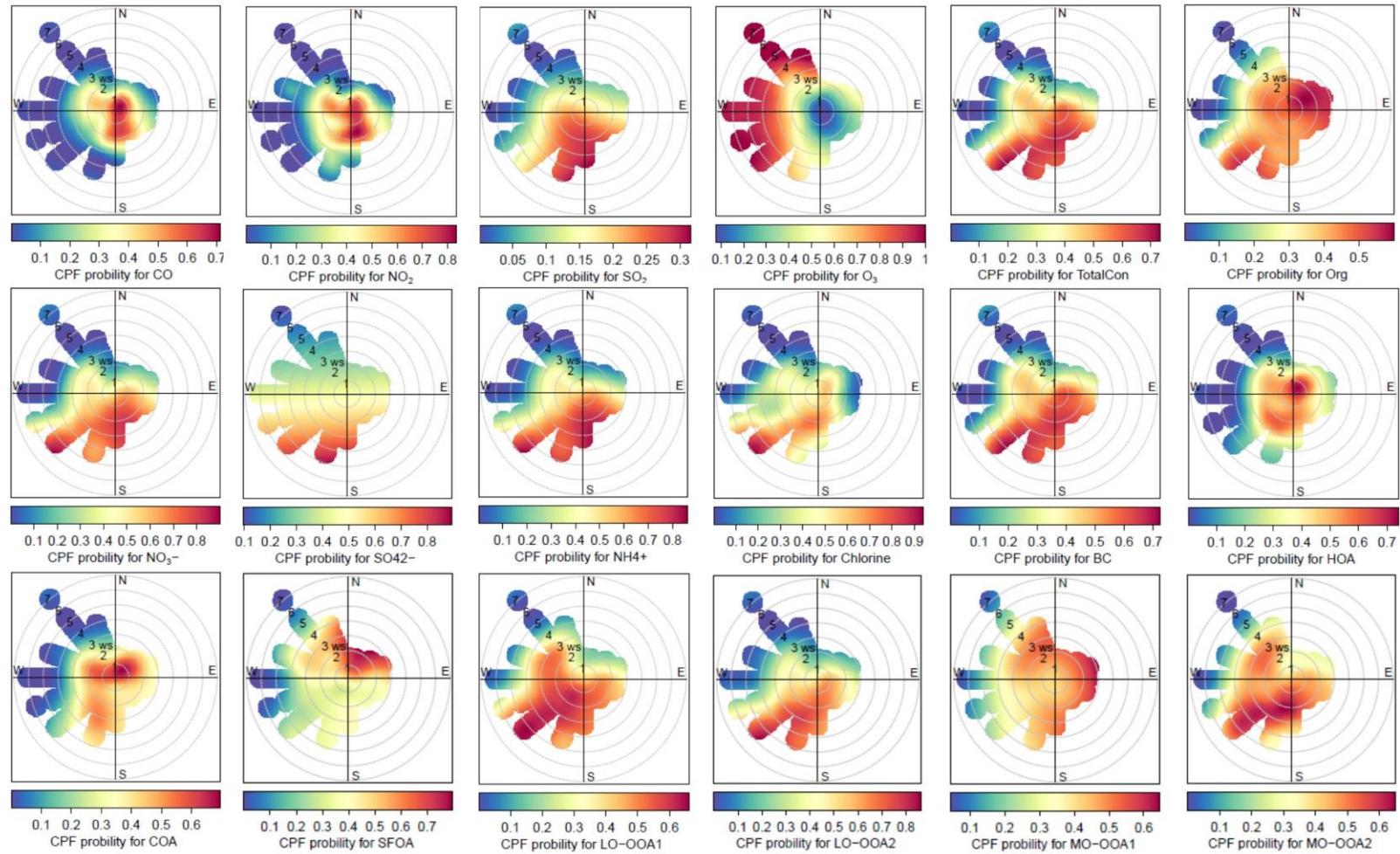


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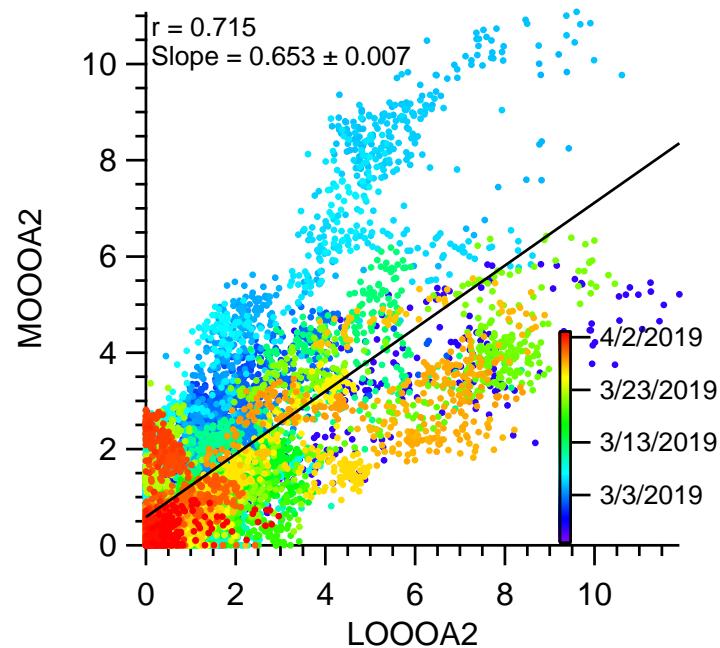
Figure S16. Mass fractional contribution of the seven factors from PMF analysis to various ions that are relevant to each significant tracer.



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2 **Figure S17.** Conditional probability function (CPF) of hourly averaged total PM₁ +BC, BC and mixing ratios various gas phase
 3 species concentrations (top row), hourly averaged total PM₁ species (middle row), and mass concentrations of the seven OA factors
 4 identified from PMF analysis (bottom row) as a function of WS and direction. Color is defined as my/ny , where my is the number of
 5 samples in the wind sector y with mixing ratio greater than the 50 percentile concentration, and ny is the total number of samples in
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5 **Figure S18.** Correlations between MO-OOA2 and LO-OOA2 colored by date.

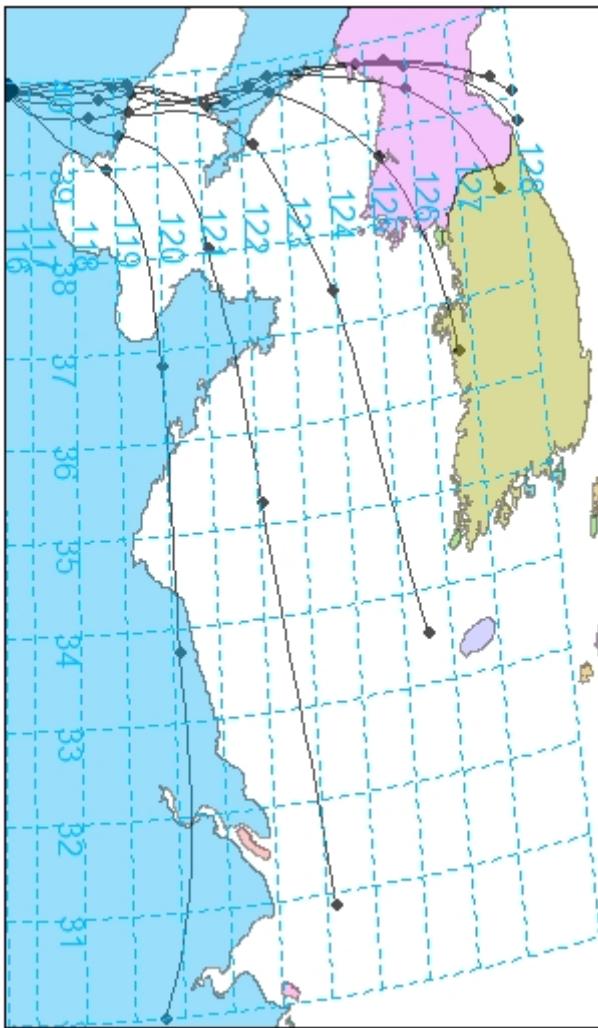
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12 **Figure S19.** Forward trajectory from Beijing measurement site. Each vertical and horizontal
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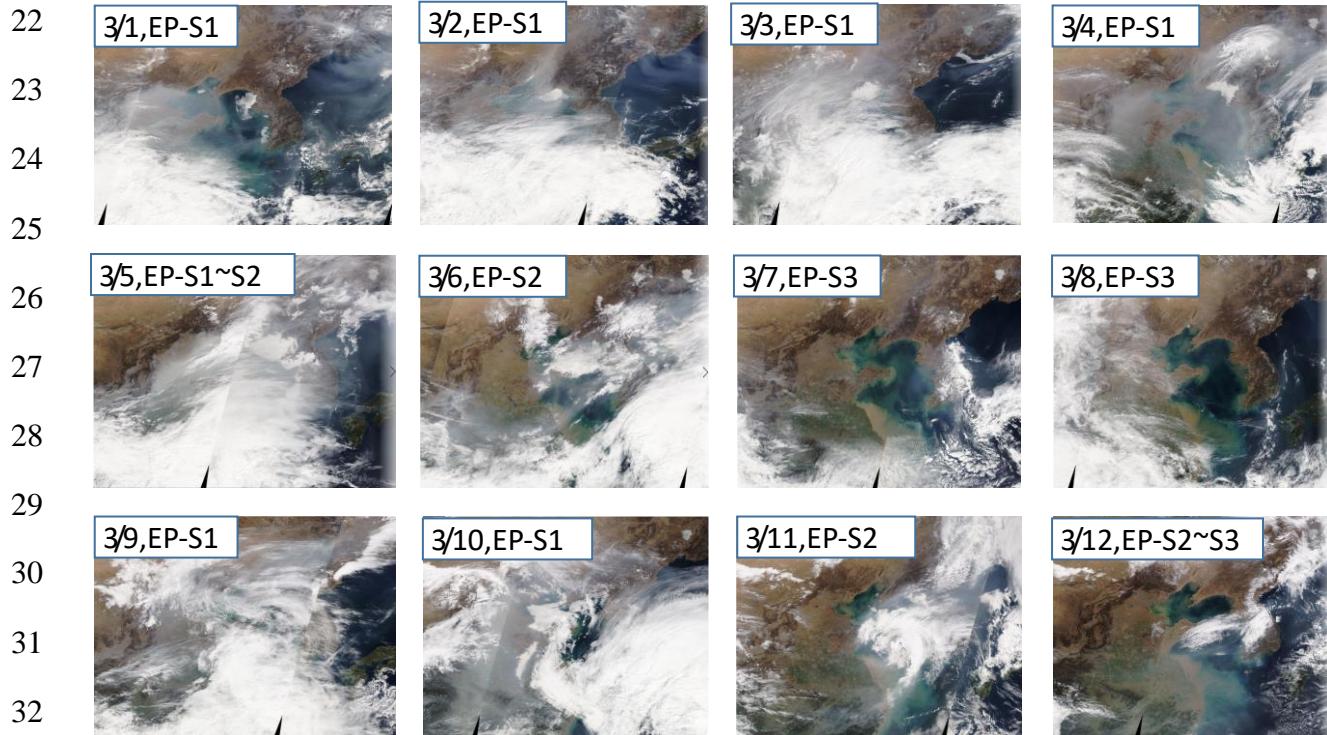
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Figure S20. Long range transportation of plums from China to Korea during Haze period. Plots are from MODIS, terra. Corresponded haze episode and stages are labeled left top of the figure.

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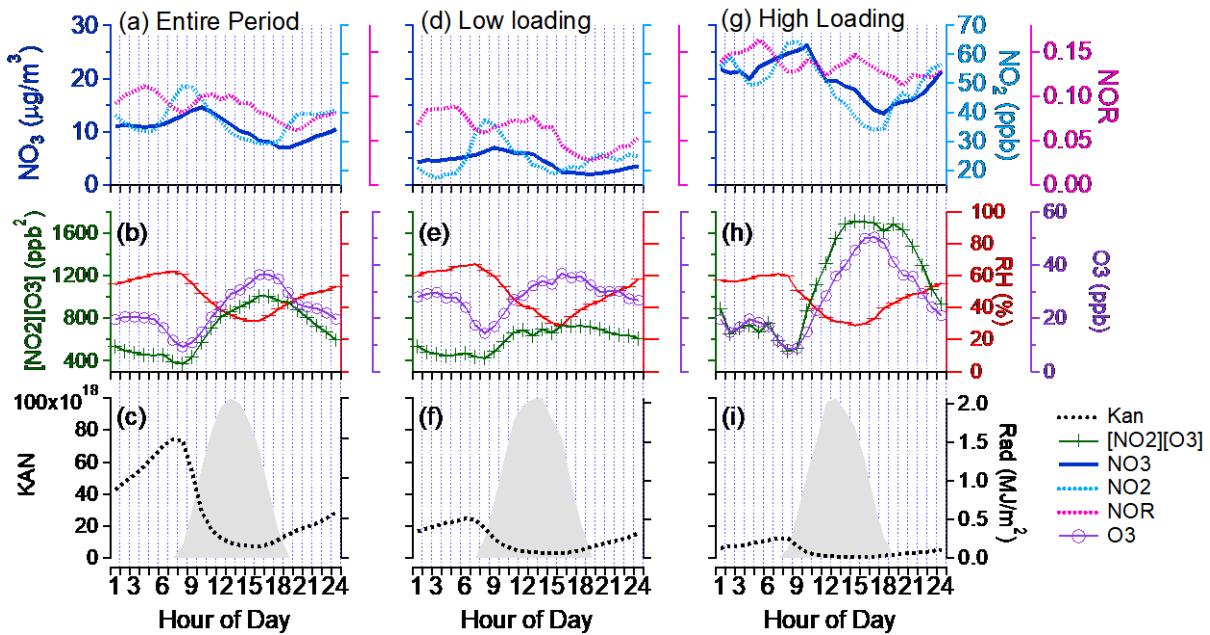
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Figure S21. One-hour averaged diurnal profiles for nitrate and various parameters and proxies for formation pathways in (a-c) entire period (d-f) low loading period and (g-i) high loading period during 2019 spring. One-hour averaged diurnal profiles of NO_2 , NO_3 , NOR (nitrate oxidation ratio) are shown in top row; $[\text{NO}_2][\text{O}_3]$ as a proxy for nighttime formation of HNO_3 , RH and one-hour averaged O_3 are shown in middle row; and KAN as the equilibrium constant for gas-to-particle partitioning for ammonium nitrate and solar radiation are shown at the bottom row.

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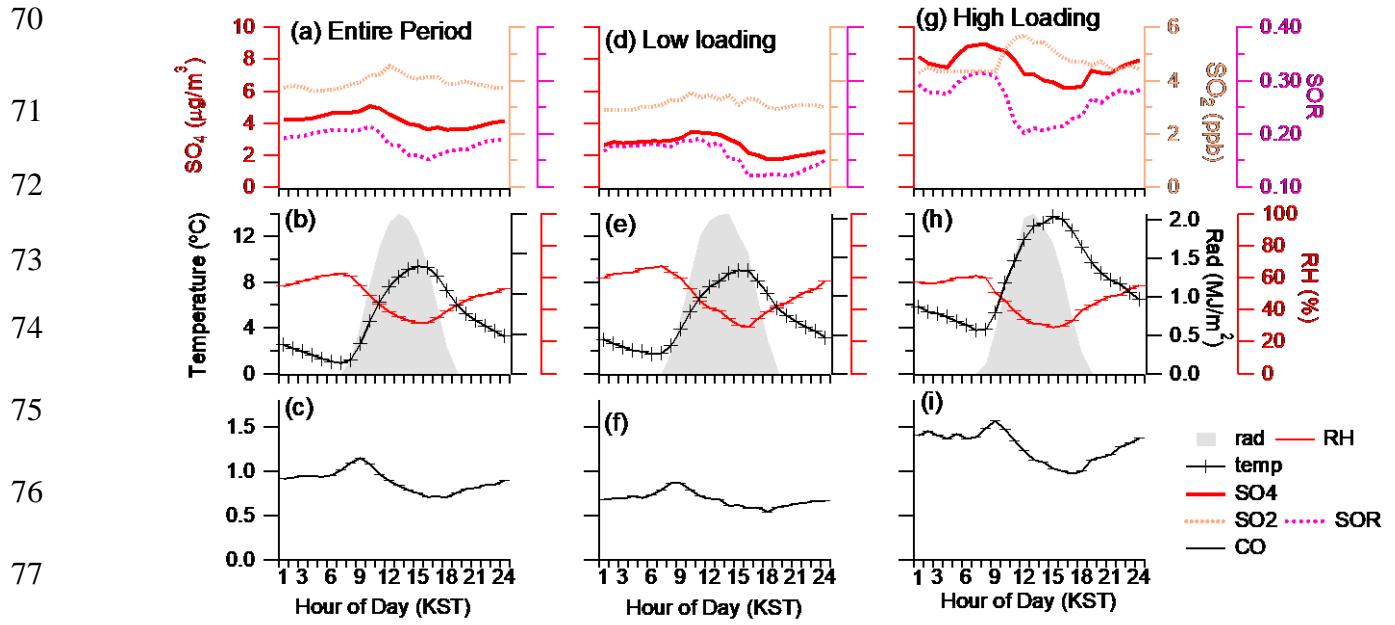
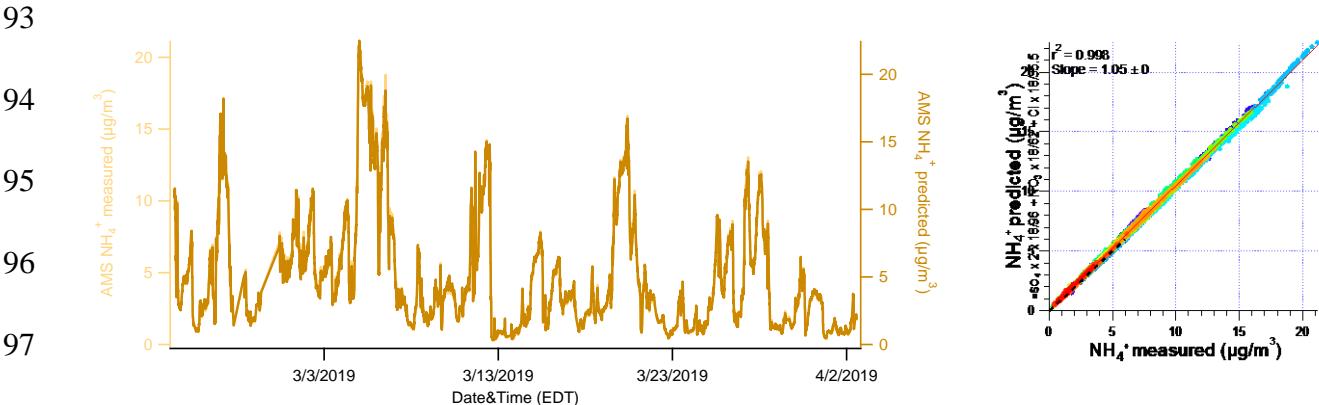


Figure S22. One-hour averaged diurnal profiles for sulfate and various parameters and proxies for formation pathways in entire, haze and clean period during 2019 spring; Temperature, relative humidity and solar radiation as a proxy for daytime H_2SO_4 formation in (a-c) entire period (d-f) low loading period and (g-i) high loading period.



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Figure S23. Time series (a) and Scatterplot (b) that compares predicted NH_4^+ versus measured NH_4^+ concentrations. The predicted values were calculated assuming full neutralization of the anions (e.g., sulfate, nitrate, and chloride). The data points are colored by date.

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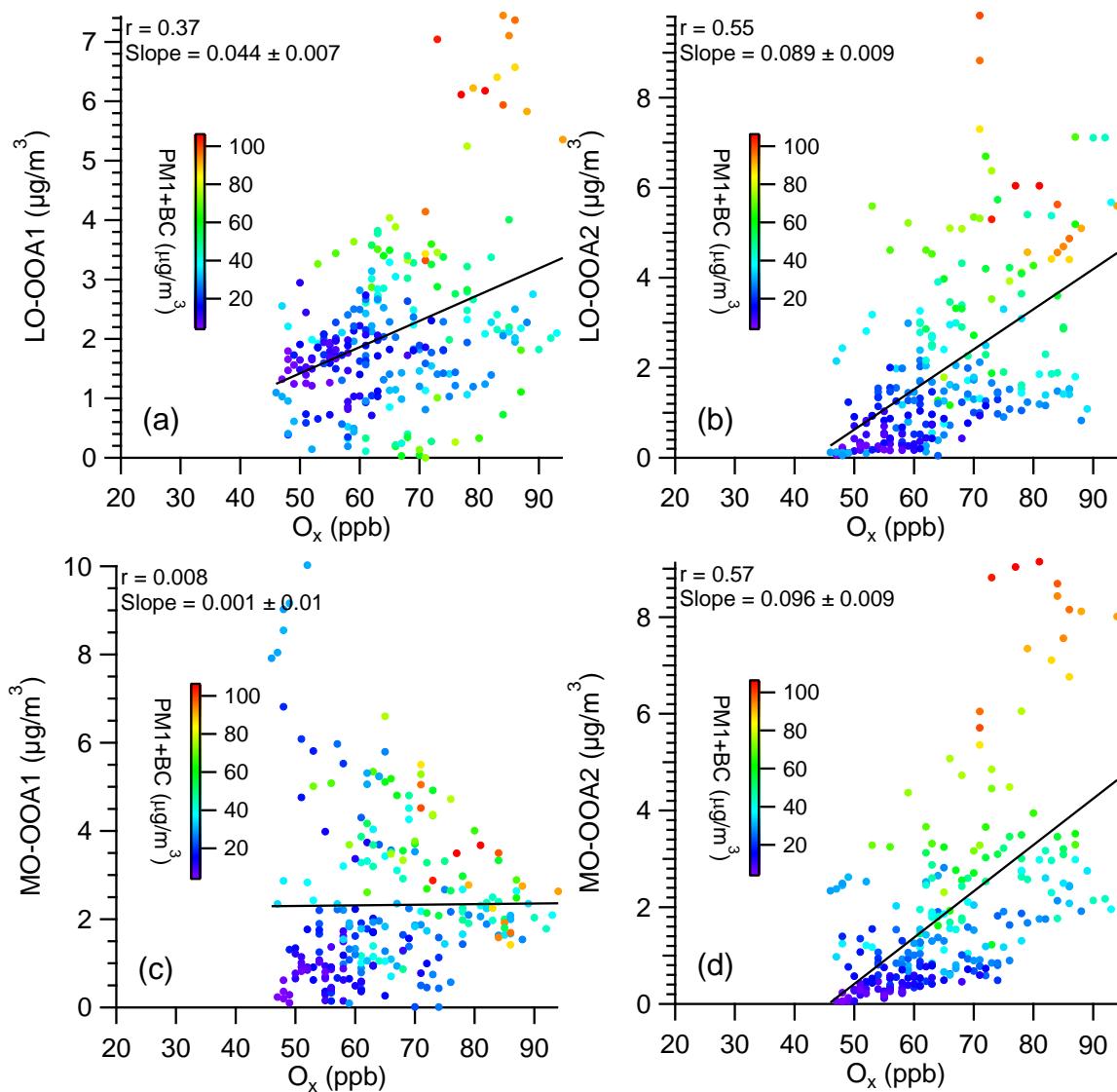


Figure S24. Time series (a) LO-OOA1; (b) LO-OOA2; (c) MO-OOA1; (d) MO-OOA2 vs O_x during the daytime (10:00 - 16:00) in the early spring of 2019.

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