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Chemical characteristics and sources of PM_{2.5} in Hohhot, a semi-arid city in northern China: insight from the COVID-19 lockdown

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Table S1. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP over the sampling year

BS Mapping	CC	BB	CD	SIAAs	VE	CS	Unmapped
CC	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
BB	0	86	0	8	6	0	0
CD	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
SIAAs	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
VE	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
CS	0	0	0	4	0	96	0

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest							
Decrease in	-0.042						
Q:							
%dQ:	-0.0003						
Swaps by							
Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIAAs, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S2. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP in spring

BS Mapping	VE	CD	SIAAs	CS	CC	BB	Unmapped
VE	96	2	1	0	1	0	0
CD	2	98	0	0	0	0	0
SIAAs	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
CS	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
CC	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
BB	0	0	0	0	0	100	0

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest							
Decrease in Q:	-0.0430						
%dQ:	-0.0017						
Swaps by							
Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIAAs, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S3. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP in summer

BS Mapping	SIA	Unknown	CS	BB	VE	CC	Unmapped
SIA	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	98	0	0	2	0	0
CS	1	1	95	0	3	0	0
BB	1	0	0	87	10	1	1
VE	2	0	0	0	95	3	0
CC	5	0	0	0	1	94	0

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest Decrease in Q:	-0.1070						
%dQ:	-0.0045						
Swaps by Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIA, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S4. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP in autumn

BS Mapping	CD	CC	SIA	BB	CS	VE	Unmapped
CD	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
CC	1	99	0	0	0	0	0
SIA	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
BB	2	1	3	90	2	1	1
CS	0	2	0	0	96	2	0
VE	0	0	0	0	0	100	0

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest Decrease in Q:	-0.3860						
%dQ:	-0.0109						
Swaps by Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIA, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S5. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP in winter

BS Mapping	BB	SIAAs	CS	CC	CD	VE	Unmapped
BB	93	1	0	3	1	2	0
SIAAs	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
CS	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
CC	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
CD	0	0	0	3	90	7	0
VE	0	0	0	0	0	100	0

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest Decrease in Q:	-0.0400						
%dQ:	-0.0017						
Swaps by Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIAAs, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S6. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP during pre-LD

BS Mapping	CD	CC	SIAAs	VE	CS	Unmapped
CD	95	1	1	0	2	1
CC	2	96	0	1	1	0
SIAAs	3	0	97	0	0	0
VE	1	5	3	91	0	0
CS	2	2	0	0	96	0

DISP Diagnostics						
Error Code:	0					
Largest Decrease in Q:	-0.0810					
%dQ:	-0.0111					
Swaps by Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIAAs, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S7. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP during LD

BS Mapping	CD	CC	SIA _s	VE	BB	CS	Unmapped
CD	99	0	0	1	0	0	0
CC	0	99	0	0	0	1	0
SIA _s	0	0	99	1	0	0	0
VE	0	11	0	89	0	0	0
BB	0	0	3	0	97	0	0
CS	0	9	0	2	0	89	0

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest Decrease in Q:	-0.0490						
%dQ:	-0.0119						
Swaps by Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIA_s, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S8. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP during post-LD

BS Mapping	CC	VE	SIA _s	BB	CS	Unmapped
CC	100	0	0	0	0	0
VE	0	97	0	1	2	0
SIA _s	0	0	100	0	0	0
BB	0	0	0	100	0	0
CS	3	0	1	0	95	1

DISP							
Diagnostics							
Error Code:	0						
Largest Decrease in Q:	-0.1500						
%dQ:	-0.0087						
Swaps by Factor:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CC, VE, CS, CD, SIA_s, and BB represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, crustal source, construction dust, secondary inorganic aerosols, and biomass burning, respectively.

Table S9. Comparison of chemical composition of PM_{2.5} in Hohhot and other cities.

Location	Date type	period	PM _{2.5} ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	Percentage (%)								Reference	
				OM	SO ₄ ²⁻	NO ₃ ⁻	NH ₄ ⁺	Cl ⁻	EC	MD	others		
Hohhot	Offline	pre-LD	108.7	27.8	24.4	22.9	8.0	2.9	4.6	4.7	4.7	This study	
		LD	68.3	30.5	17.2	18.0	4.9	3.9	5.4	11.8	8.2		
		post-LD	32.6	35.0	9.5	10.2	1.8	2.8	7.5	18.9	14.2		
		anual	42.6	31.5	13.4	12.3	3.3	2.5	6.6	14.2	16.1		
Xi'an	online	pre-LD	102.0	42	7	30	13	3	-	-	8	(Tian et al., 2021)	
		LD	60.2	48	8	25	12	3	-	-	7		
Tianjin	online	Same period in 2019	LD	-	10.6	9.8	20.2	9.7	2.8	3.1	-	43.8	(Ding et al., 2021)
				-	13.7	8.3	14.5	8.2	4.0	3.6	-	47.7	
Guangzhou	online	pre-LD	-	18.2 ^a	19.5	37.8	21.4	-	3.1	-	-	(Wang et al., 2021)	
		LD	-	35.2 ^a	20.3	18.7	22.1	-	3.8	-	-		
Beijing	online	pre-LD	32.2	18.3	12.1	22.2	14.2	3.6	3.0	-	26.5 ^c		
		LD	50.0	15.8	16.1	26.1	16.1	3.0	2.6	-	20.4 ^c		
Nanjing	online	pre-LD	68.2	12.3	18.0	34.4	15.8	1.9	2.5	-	15.3 ^c	(Ren et al., 2021)	
		LD	44.0	17.9	21.5	24.7	14.1	3.2	1.9	-	16.8 ^c		
Changsha	online	pre-LD	59.6	16.8	11.3	26.7	12.7	1.2	2.2	-	29.0 ^c		
		LD	36.6	20.8	12.5	14.2	9.2	1.5	1.3	-	40.5 ^c		
Shanghai	online	pre-LD	60.9	23.5 ^b	18.6	37.5	19.3	1.2	-	-	-	(Chen et al., 2020)	
		LD	41.2	39.5 ^b	21.0	29.4	18.4	1.7	-	-	-		
		post-LD	34.0	25.5 ^b	27.4	26.6	19.1	1.5	-	-	-		

^a The sum of POC and SOC. ^b Sum of oxygenated and hydrocarbon-like organic aerosols. ^c Sum of trace elements and unidentified. “-” represent no data available in the reference. Pre-LD, LD, and post-LD represent pre-lockdown, lockdown, and post-lockdown period, respectively.

Table S10 The changes of chemical composition of PM_{2.5} in Hohhot during pre-LD, LD, post-LD

species	period	Concentration		Percentage	
		change ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	p	Change (%)	p
SO ₄ ²⁻	LD	-12.42	0.004	-7.02	0.055
	post-LD	-17.46	0.000	-11.36	0.003
NO ₃ ⁻	LD	-10.38	0.007	-4.75	0.210
	post-LD	-13.41	0.001	-8.23	0.036
NH ₄ ⁺	LD	-4.27	0.005	-3.04	0.032
	post-LD	-5.41	0.001	-4.44	0.003
Cl ⁻	LD	-0.81	0.129	+0.96	0.154
	post-LD	-1.71	0.002	-0.14	0.841
OM	LD	-9.51	0.000	+2.35	0.423
	post-LD	-17.55	0.000	+2.97	0.326
EC	LD	-1.53	0.000	+0.79	0.276
	post-LD	-2.27	0.000	+2.07	0.006
MD	LD	+1.89	0.187	+6.96	0.003
	post-LD	+0.51	0.726	+11.55	0.000

Pre-LD, LD, and post-LD represent pre-lockdown, lockdown, and post-lockdown period, respectively. “-” and “+” represent “decrease” and “increase”, respectively.

Table S11. Comparison of source contribution of PM_{2.5} in Hohhot during pre-LD, LD, post-LD, and over the sampling year.

Location	Date type	Model	PM _{2.5} ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	Source contribution (%)								Reference
				period	CC	VE	DS	SIA _s	BB	SS	IP	
Hohhot	Offline	PMF	108.7	pre-LD	32.2	35.5	11.2 ^a	21.1	-	-	-	This study
			68.3	LD	30.5	4.4	18.0 ^a	37.8	9.4	-	-	
			32.6	post-LD	68.7	14.7	10.6 ^a	5.0	-	-	-	
Tangshan	Online	PMF	-	pre-LD	12	-	4	36	21	-	27	(Wang et al., 2021)
			-	LD	9	-	7	44	20	-	20	
Taiyuan	online	PMF	122.0	pre-LD	5.5	23.1	4.0	62.0	-	-	3.5	(Yumin et al., 2021)
			83.3	LD	6.2	7.7	2.3	71.5	-	-	3.4	
Xiamen	online	PMF	46.2	pre-LD	9	33	13	27	-	4	12	(Hong et al., 2021)
			24.4	LD	33	24	4.5	31	-	3	4	
			32.4	post-LD	11	25	24	25	-	8	7	
Hohhot	Offline	PMF	32.4	Spring	56.1	17.0	22.6 ^a	4.2	-	-	-	This study
			24.3	Summer	24.0	48.4	19.7 ^a	5.3	2.6	-	-	
			37.0	autumn	38.9	33.8	16.1 ^a	11.1	-	-	-	
			80.8	winter	65.4	14.3	6.8 ^a	10.5	-	-	-	
			42.6	annual	38.3	35.0	13.5 ^a	11.4	1.7	-	-	
Tianjin	Offline	PMF	60.1	annual	25	21	7	30	-	2 ^b	5	(Tian et al., 2021)
	Online	PMF	54.3	annual	24	18	4	38	-	1 ^b	4	
Shanghai	Offline	PMF	73.7	annual	2.4	18.3	4.6	31.6	12.3	10.6 ^c	20.2	(Feng et al., 2022)
Beijing	Offline	PMF	-	annual	11.1	24.7	4.3	48.1 ^d	11.7	-	-	(Z kov áet al., 2016)

CC, VE, DS, SIA_s, BB, SS, IP represent coal combustion, vehicular emission, dust source, secondary inorganic aerosols, biomass burning, sea salt, and industrial process, respectively. “-” represent no date available in the reference. ^a Sum of CS and CD contributions in this study. ^b Sum of SS and BB. ^c Ship emission. ^d Sum of secondary sulfate and secondary nitrate. Pre-LD, LD, and post-LD represent pre-lockdown, lockdown, and post-lockdown period, respectively.

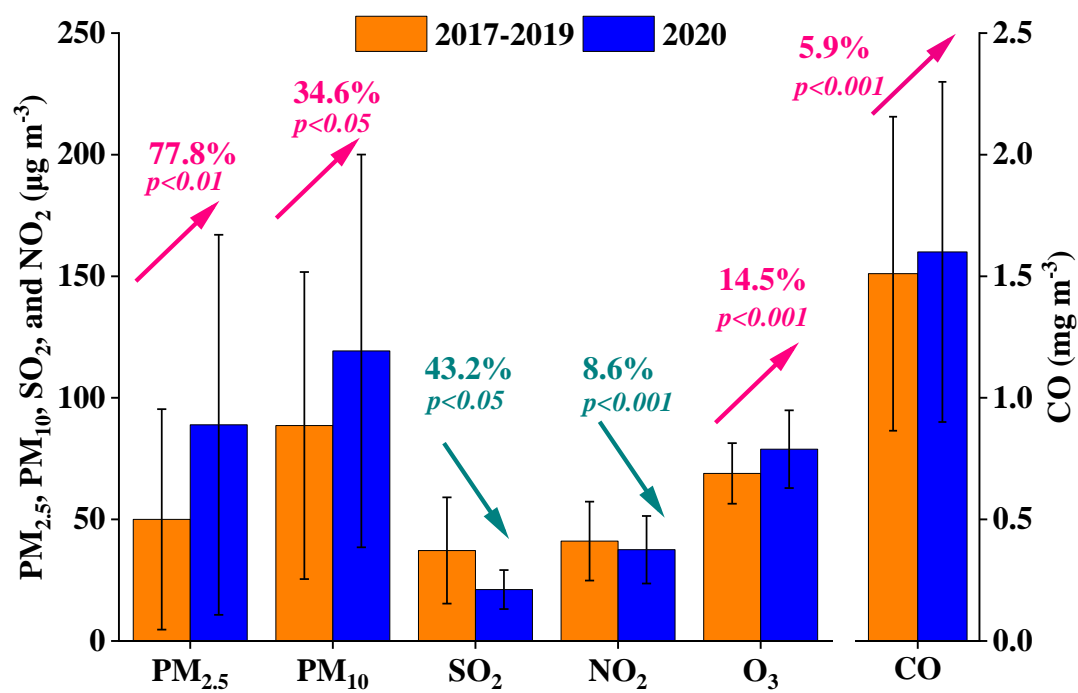


Figure S1. Comparison of air pollutants in Hohhot during the LD period with the same period in 2017-2019.

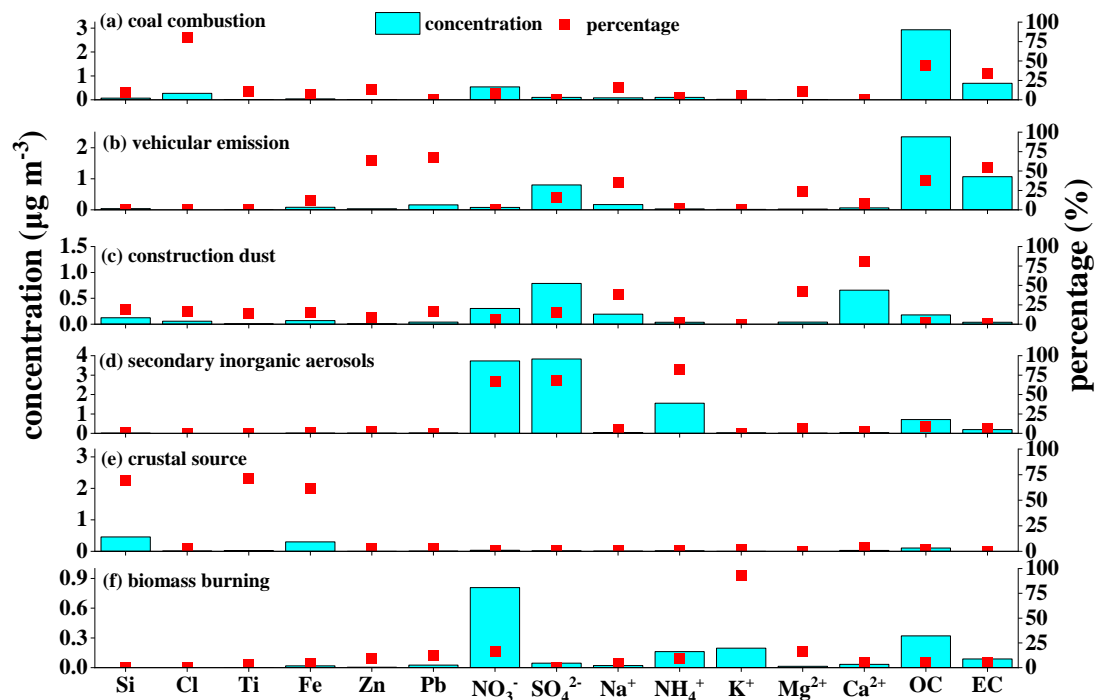


Figure S2. Source profiles of PMF for the whole sampling year.

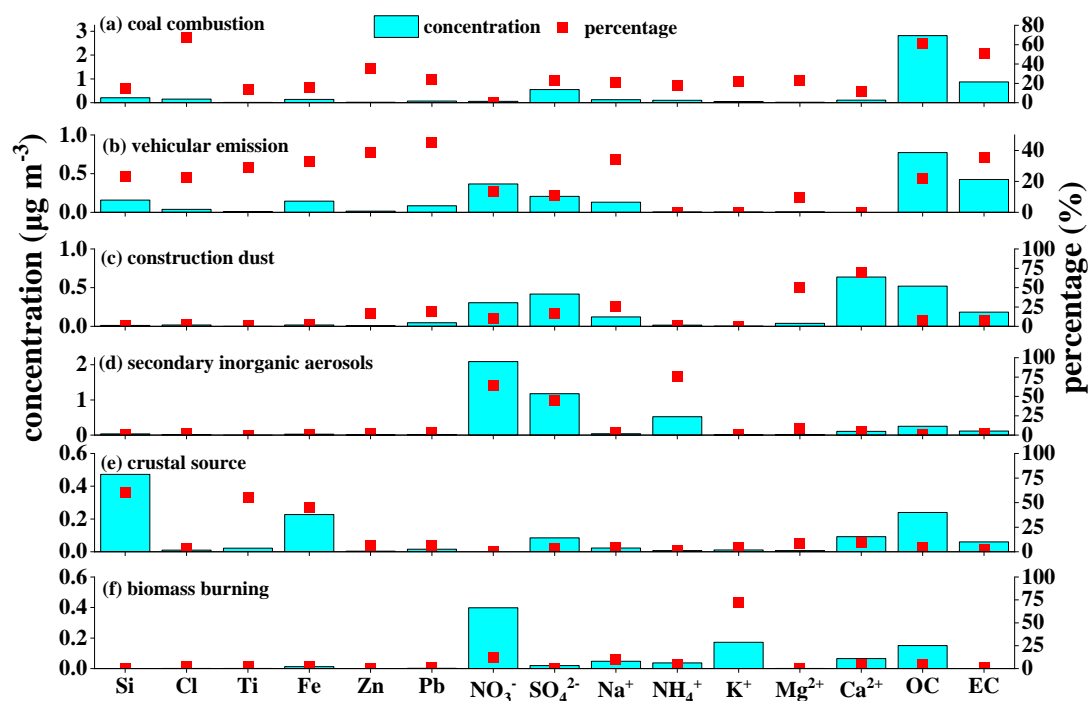


Figure S3. Source profiles of PMF for spring.

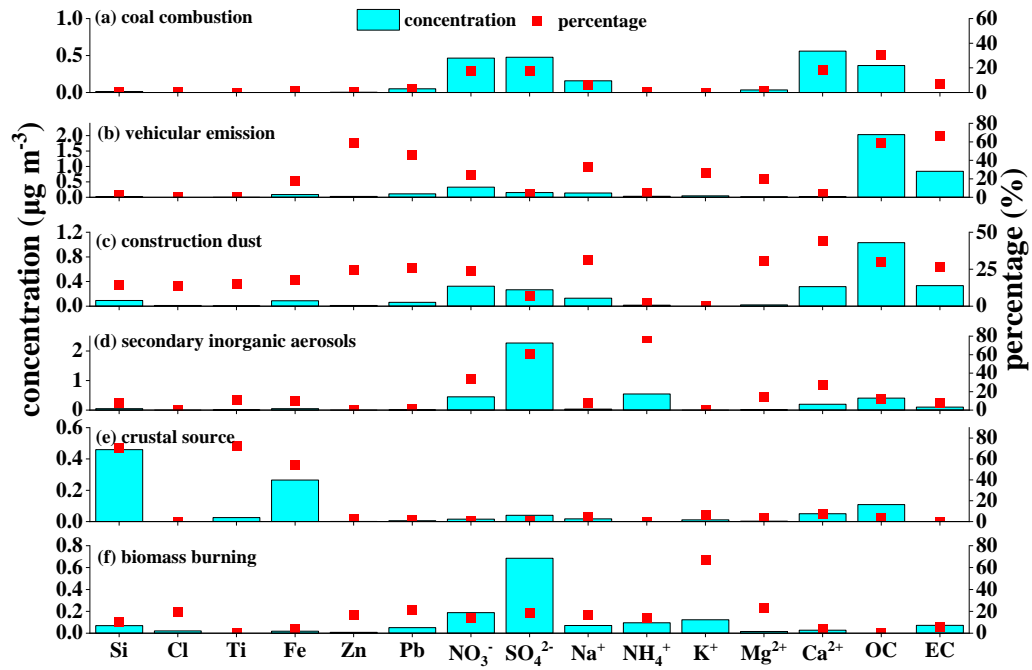


Figure S4. Source profiles of PMF for summer.

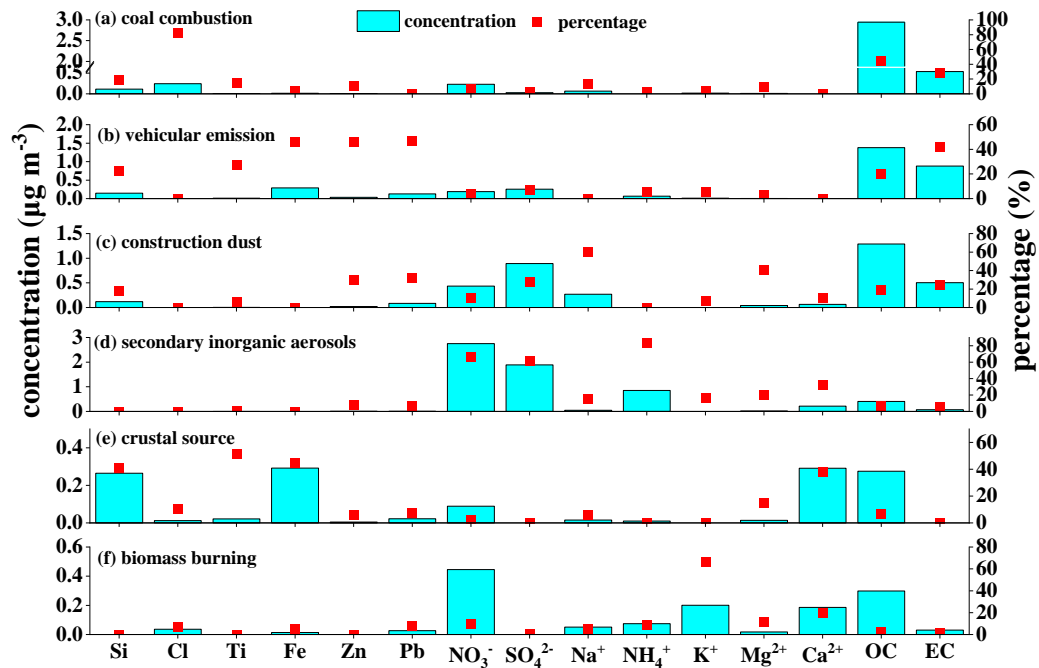


Figure S5. Source profiles of PMF for autumn.

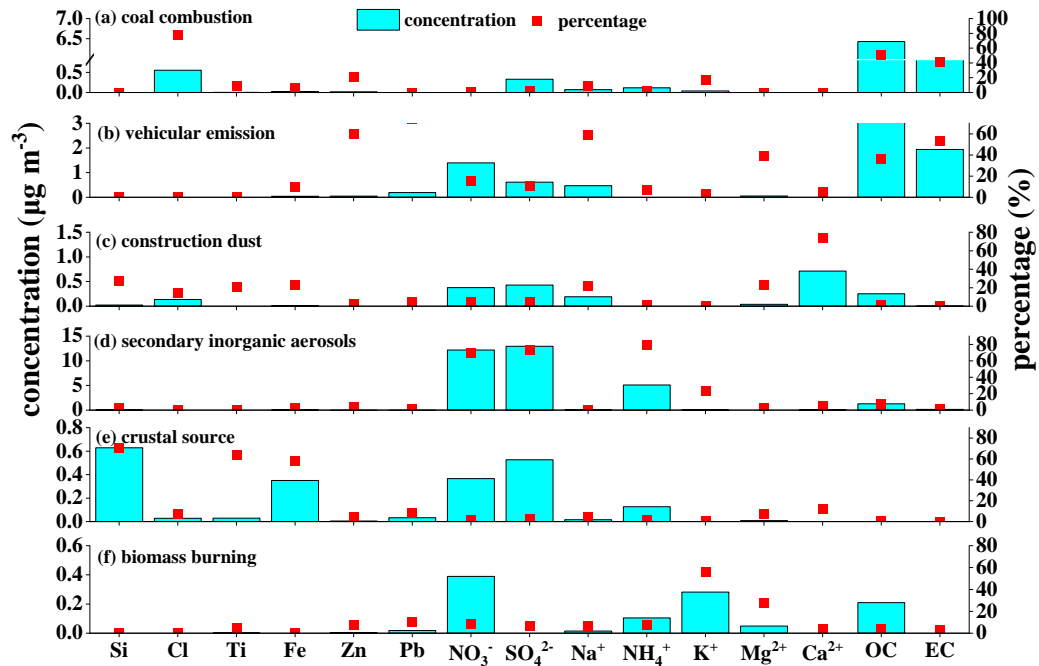


Figure S6. Source profiles of PMF for winter.

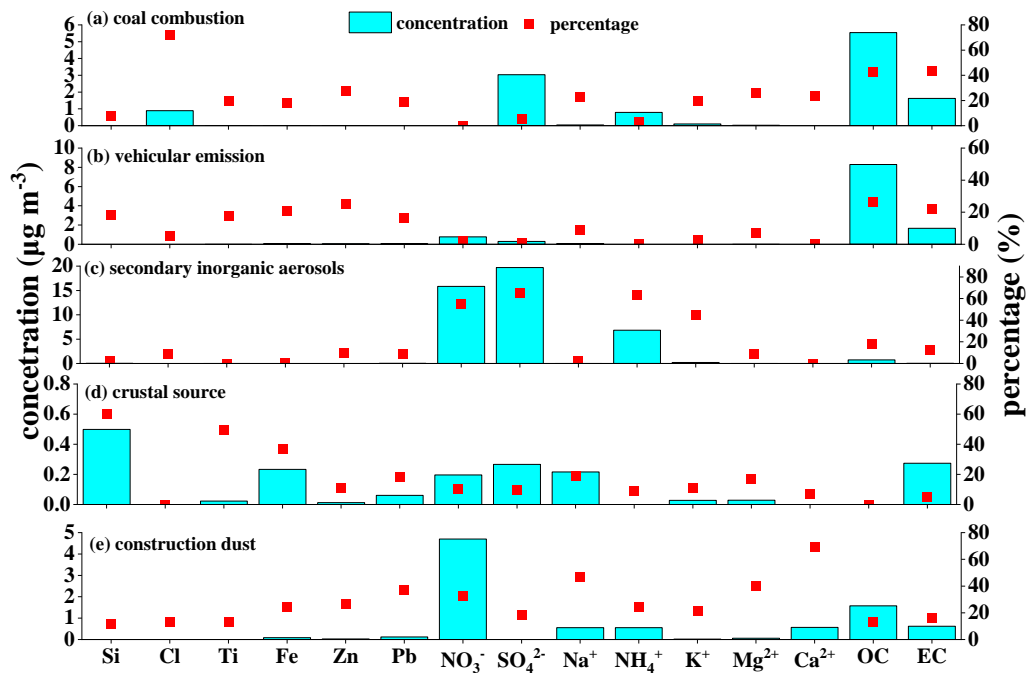


Figure S7. Source profiles of PMF during pre-lockdown.

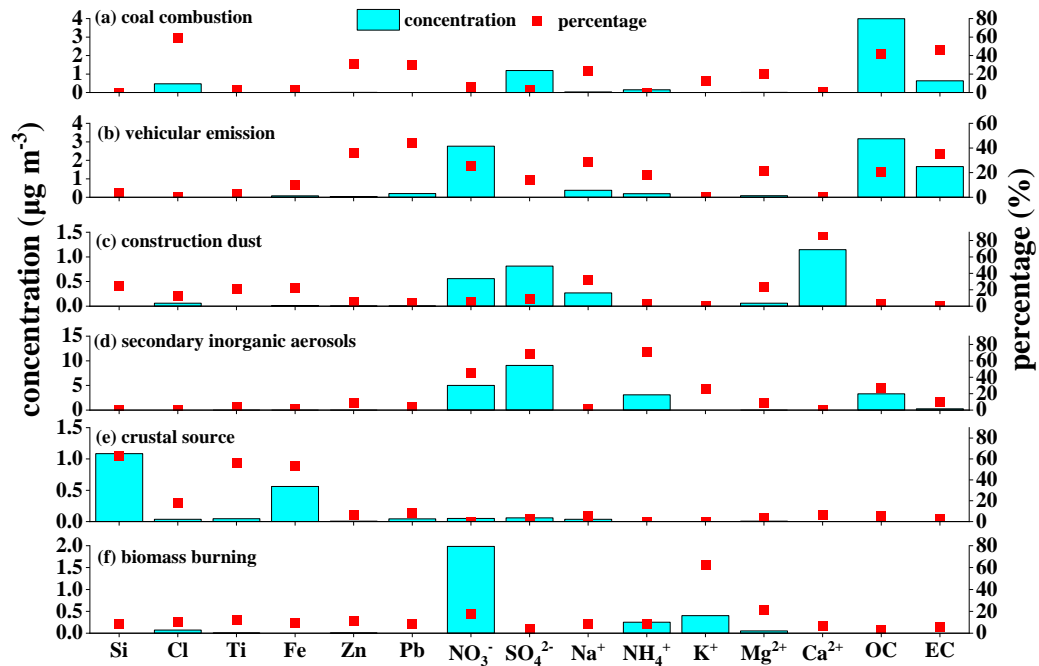


Figure S8. Source profiles of PMF during lockdown.

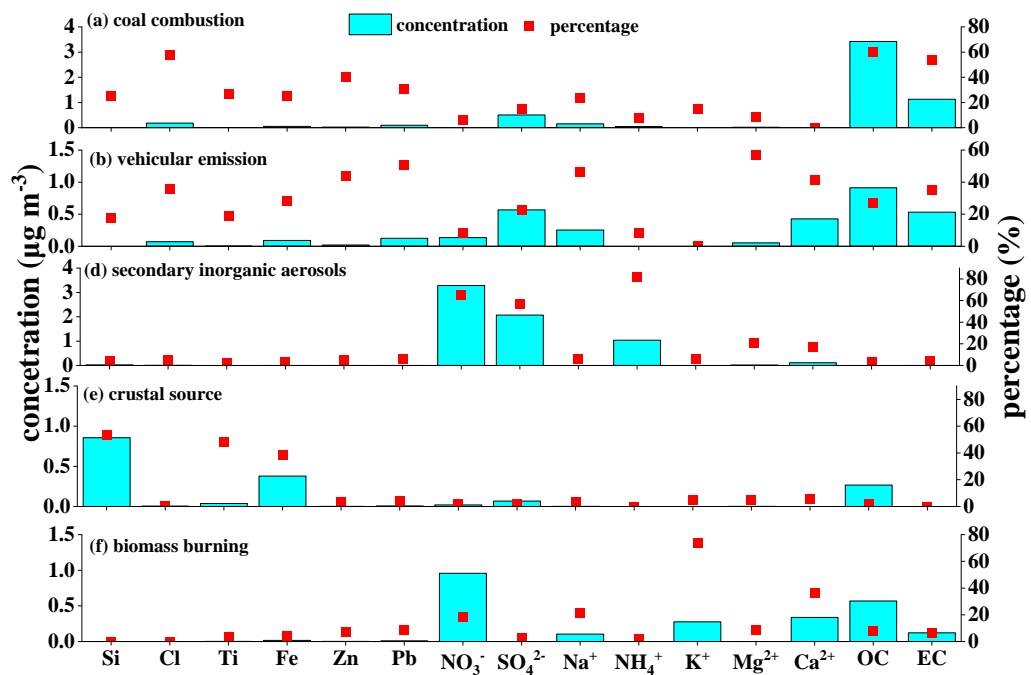


Figure S9. Source profiles of PMF during post-lockdown.

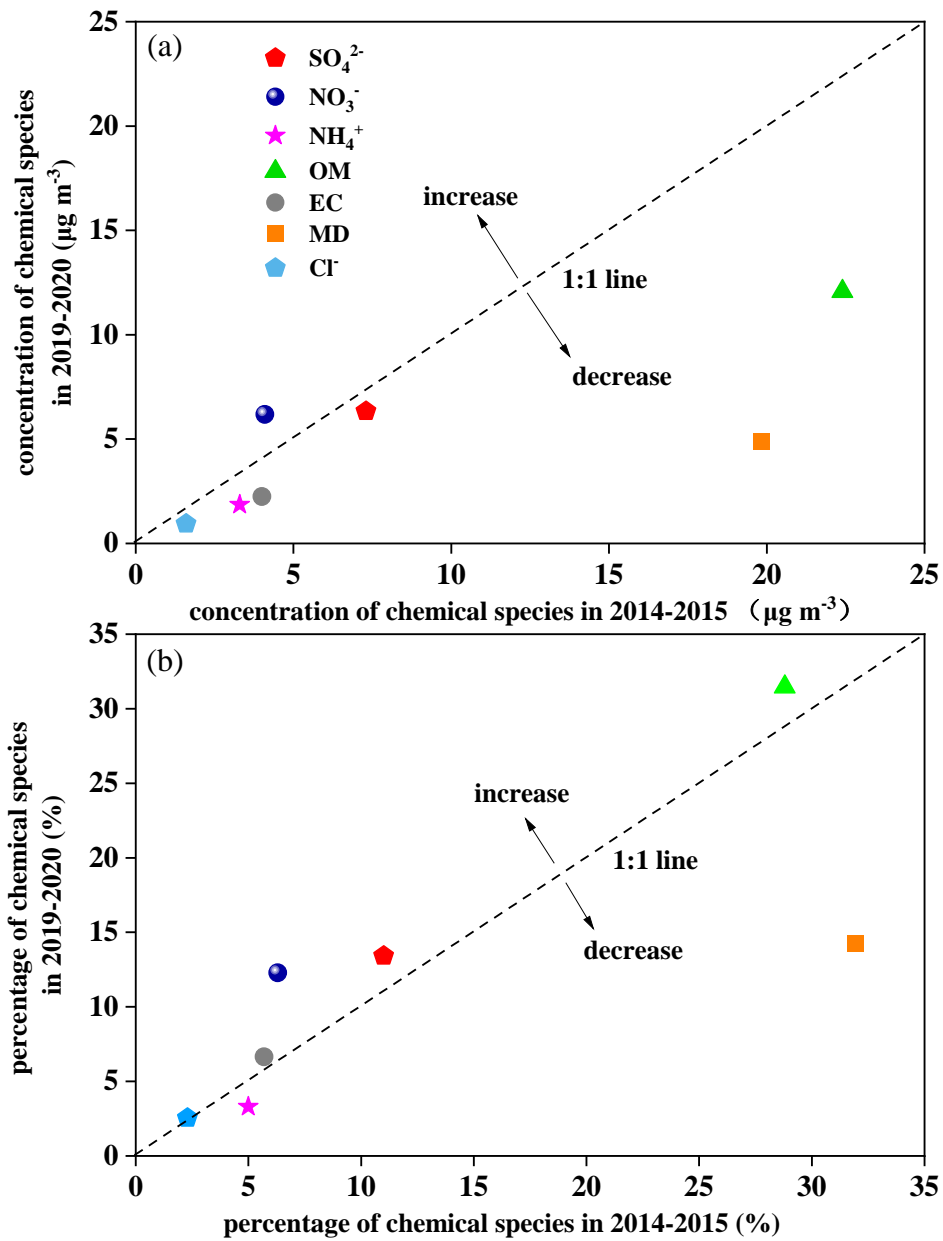


Figure S10. Comparison of chemical composition in (a) 2019-2020 and (b) 2014-2015 in Hohhot. The data of chemical composition in 2014-2015 were obtained from Wang (Wang et al., 2019). The organic matter (OM) and mineral dust (MD) were calculated by the following equations with the composition data, $\text{OM}=1.6 \times [\text{OC}]$ and $\text{MD} = 2.14 \times [\text{Si}] + 1.89 \times [\text{Al}] + 1.40 \times [\text{Ca}] + 1.43 \times [\text{Fe}] + 1.58 \times [\text{Mn}] + 1.21 \times [\text{K}] + 1.67 \times [\text{Ti}]$.

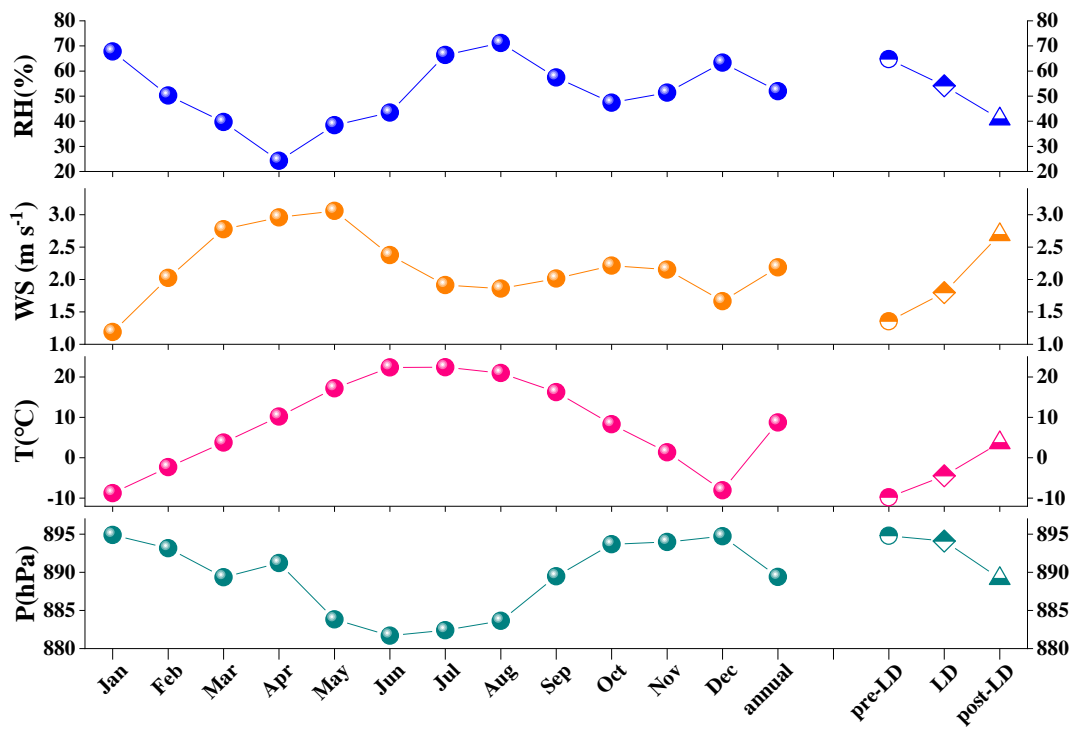


Figure S11. Monthly variation of (a) RH, (b) WS, (c) T, and (d) P in Hohhot during the sampling period.

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