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Sample ID	Sampling period		Sampling duration (min)	Midpoint position of the sampling period		Sea area	Average ambient temperature (°C)	Average relative humidity (%)	Average wind speed (m s ⁻¹)
	Start time	End time		Longitude (°E)	Latitude (°N)				
S2	16:30, 28 Mar.	16:30, 29 Mar.	1020	122.32	36.00	SYS	8.2	99.3	6.4
S3	16:38, 29 Mar.	16:20, 30 Mar.	810	123.95	34.98	SYS	9.1	86.3	5.2
S4	17:20, 30 Mar.	15:10, 31 Mar.	1170	121.12	34.67	SYS	8.8	99.2	4.9
S5	15:40, 31 Mar.	15:13, 1 Apr.	1110	124.00	34.00	SYS	12.2	100.0	6.9
S6	15:15, 1 Apr.	15:20, 2 Apr.	1050	122.15	32.65	SYS	12.1	100.0	7.2
S8	15:30, 2 Apr.	20:40, 2 Apr.	450	123.98	32.00	SYS	13.0	99.7	6.6
S10	15:30, 3 Apr.	19:34, 3 Apr.	450	122.23	35.50	SYS	7.8	100.0	11.1
S12	16:30, 7 Apr.	17:41, 8 Apr.	840	123.70	37.15	SYS	6.2	68.9	6.7
S13	19:11, 8 Apr.	18:20, 9 Apr.	1050	121.85	38.63	NYS	7.1	83.4	6.7
S14	09:00, 10 Apr.	07:50, 11 Apr.	810	119.38	37.80	BS	10.9	67.4	7.7
S15	16:53, 11 Apr.	16:53, 12 Apr.	630	119.93	39.22	BS	7.8	67.4	7.5
S16	18:03, 12 Apr.	18:00, 13 Apr.	540	120.63	38.33	BS	8.3	66.6	6.6
S17	18:05, 13 Apr.	20:00, 14 Apr.	1410	123.12	38.75	NYS	6.1	93.2	5.0
S18	14:31, 15 Apr.	14:33, 16 Apr.	810	123.08	38.15	NYS	7.1	79.8	4.7
S19	15:00, 16 Apr.	23:58, 16 Apr.	540	121.78	36.35	SYS	9.1	81.5	5.2

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43 **Table S2.** Statistical summary of measured chemical components.

Component (ng m ⁻³)	SYS (N = 9)	NYS (N = 3)	BS (N = 3)
Amines	40.4 ± 16.4	43.5 ± 17.5	63.6 ± 18.3
MA	10.0 ± 7.0	15.7 ± 7.7	22.8 ± 15.0
EA	1.7 ± 0.6	2.0 ± 1.8	3.0 ± 1.3
DMA	3.5 ± 2.1	3.8 ± 2.6	7.9 ± 2.1
IPA	1.9 ± 0.9	1.3 ± 0.7	2.1 ± 1.4
PA	2.5 ± 0.9	3.0 ± 0.7	4.1 ± 0.7
TMDEA	20.7 ± 9.1	17.8 ± 7.3	23.8 ± 3.7
Water soluble inorganic ions (WSIIs)	8692.1 ± 4363.1	13043.1 ± 6299.9	26912.3 ± 4926.0
Na ⁺	510.4 ± 455.1	714.7 ± 459.3	1626.9 ± 323.8
NH ₄ ⁺	1642.1 ± 657.5	2357.2 ± 989.6	3778.2 ± 481.2
K ⁺	162.8 ± 70.5	183.3 ± 74.7	481.4 ± 110.4
Mg ²⁺	41.3 ± 38.9	82.9 ± 51.3	271.0 ± 49.4
Ca ²⁺	253.5 ± 199.1	456.6 ± 199.6	1949.9 ± 441.7
F ⁻	12.3 ± 10.1	28.6 ± 31.2	36.1 ± 7.3
Cl ⁻	237.6 ± 411.3	602.2 ± 425.1	1582.1 ± 570.7
NO ₂ ⁻	4.4 ± 3.5	2.8 ± 2.2	4.3 ± 5.3
NO ₃ ⁻	1805.9 ± 2097.6	5255.1 ± 2655.6	10569.0 ± 3189.7
SO ₄ ²⁻	4021.8 ± 2178.3	3359.6 ± 1544.8	6613.4 ± 893.5
Low molecular organic acids	249.3 ± 124.3	204.0 ± 91.0	247.7 ± 17.0
CHO ₂ ⁻	31.8 ± 8.9	38.8 ± 26.2	50.6 ± 10.6
C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻	29.5 ± 13.5	27.4 ± 10.8	52.1 ± 20.1
C ₄ H ₄ O ₄ ²⁻	44.9 ± 36.0	40.5 ± 28.1	58.2 ± 8.3
C ₅ H ₆ O ₄ ²⁻	43.7 ± 26.3	47.9 ± 27.4	47.1 ± 2.2
CH ₃ O ₃ S ⁻ (MSA ⁻)	99.5 ± 76.1	49.5 ± 39.9	39.7 ± 8.2
Carbonaceous components (TC)	4670.7 ± 1511.5	5911.3 ± 1775.7	9467.5 ± 1774.8
Organic carbon (OC)	4227.8 ± 1375.7	5126.6 ± 1344.7	8448.9 ± 1627.7
Elemental carbon (EC)	442.9 ± 159.5	784.7 ± 431.6	1018.6 ± 156.8
Organic compositions	126.2 ± 74.3	230.6 ± 159.8	474.8 ± 174.6
<i>n</i> -Alkanes (ALK, C ₁₄ -C ₃₅)	41.4 ± 22.5	50.6 ± 20.8	93.8 ± 29.1
ALK _{LMW} (C ₂₀ -C ₂₆)	22.9 ± 13.8	25.4 ± 10.3	40.3 ± 10.6
ALK _{HMW} (C ₂₇ , C ₂₉ , C ₃₁ , C ₃₃)	11.2 ± 6.0	16.9 ± 7.4	35.9 ± 13.5
Fatty acids (FA, C _{14:0} -C _{30:0})	33.4 ± 15.4	56.4 ± 49.9	67.9 ± 25.3
FA _{LMW} (≤ C _{19:0})	24.1 ± 6.5	29.8 ± 19.6	54.0 ± 20.1
FA _{HMW} (> C _{19:0})	3.6 ± 3.0	10.3 ± 8.3	11.5 ± 4.1
Fatty alcohols (ALC, C ₁₅ -C ₃₀)	2.9 ± 1.3	5.0 ± 3.0	8.7 ± 3.2
ALC _{LMW} (≤ C _{19alc})	1.4 ± 0.5	1.0 ± 0.6	1.5 ± 0.4

Component (ng m ⁻³)	SYS (N = 9)	NYS (N = 3)	BS (N = 3)
ALC _{HMW} (> C _{19alc})	1.5 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 2.4	7.2 ± 3.0
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	0.9 ± 0.8	2.0 ± 1.1	3.9 ± 1.5
Hopanes	3.0 ± 3.7	2.4 ± 1.3	4.6 ± 2.5
Steranes	0.5 ± 0.5	0.4 ± 0.2	0.9 ± 0.5
Anhydrosugars	20.0 ± 27.4	46.2 ± 36.7	69.8 ± 22.9
Lignin products	2.0 ± 1.5	4.3 ± 2.4	6.6 ± 1.4
Primary sugars and sugar alcohols	11.8 ± 10.7	37.4 ± 32.0	190.0 ± 97.4
Hydroxy-/polyacids	3.4 ± 2.9	11.5 ± 9.1	7.8 ± 1.7
Aromatic acids	3.4 ± 2.3	7.3 ± 4.1	10.0 ± 2.4
Isoprene SOA (SOA _I)	0.4 ± 0.2	0.9 ± 0.6	1.7 ± 0.8
Monoterpene SOA (SOA _M)	2.1 ± 1.2	4.8 ± 2.8	7.6 ± 3.3
β-Caryophyllene SOA (SOA _C)	0.3 ± 0.3	0.5 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.3
2,3-dihydroxy-4-oxopentanoic acid (DHOPA)	0.5 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.4	0.6 ± 0.1

44 Note: The data format is mean ± standard deviation.

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46 **Table S3.** Concentrations of amines in marine and coastal atmospheres.

Sea area	Sampling period	Particle size or gas	Concentrations of amines (ng m ⁻³)						Reference
			MA	EA	DMA	IPA	PA	TMDEA	
SYS	March–April 2018	TSP	10.0	1.7	3.5	1.9	2.5	20.7	This study
NYS	April 2018		15.7	2.0	3.8	1.3	3.0	17.8	
BS	April 2018		22.8	3.0	7.9	2.1	4.1	23.8	
ECS–SCS–YS (Coastline)	April–May 2018	Gas			11.0			5.4	(Chen et al., 2022)
	April–May 2018	PM _{2.5}			< 4–100*			< 2–21*	
Coastal Qingdao, China	January–February 2018	PM _{2.5}	8.5	2.7	58.7		0.9	19.3	(Liu et al., 2022)
	November–December 2019		6.9	2.4	86.3		0.9	14.6	
Huaniao Island, China	January 2013	PM _{2.5}	4.8	0.8			2.5		(Huang et al., 2018)
SYS–ECS	March–May 2015	PM ₁₀			18.4			22.8	(Yu et al., 2016)
NWPO	April 2015				12.9			13.2	
SYS	August 2015				42.8			45.6	
SYS	November 2013				19.8			37.0	
SYS	November 2012				13.4			30.0	
NYS–BS	August–September 2015				20.7			28.8	
NYS–BS	November 2012				≈ MDL			15.0	
YS–NWPO	April 2015	PM _{0.056–10}			12.9			13.2	
ECS	June 2016				30.8			12.0	
YS–BS	June–July 2016				50.6			21.0	
YS–BS	August 2015				23.9			18.6	
SYS	November 2013				18.9			31.8	
Coastal Qingdao, China	August 2016				28.5			9.0	

Sea area	Sampling period	Particle size or gas	Concentrations of amines (ng m ⁻³)					Reference	
			MA	EA	DMA	IPA	PA		TMDEA
YS-BS	May 2012	PM _{0.43}			46.0			108	(Hu et al., 2015)
		PM ₁₁			202			432	
Huaniao Island, China	March–April 2017	PM _{1.8}			11.9			14.6	(Zhou et al., 2019)
		PM ₁₀			13.5			16.6	
	August 2016	PM _{2.5}			4.0			8.7	
	November–December 2016	PM _{1.8}			10.7			6.0	
		PM ₁₀			15.1			8.4	
	March 2017	PM _{1.8}			6.8			2.7	
	March 2017	PM ₁₀			11.4			3.1	
	June–July 2017	PM _{1.8}			29.0			24.8	
	June–July 2017	PM ₁₀			32.2			27.5	
	August–September 2017	PM _{1.8}			25.8			25.0	
August–September 2017	PM ₁₀			27.4			26.3		
Arabian Sea	August–October 1994	PM _{0.9}	3.2		2.1			0.3	(Gibb et al., 1999)
	November–December 1994		3.7		11.0			0.5	
North Atlantic	June–July 2006	PM ₁			14.7			14.3	(Facchini et al., 2008)
Mace Head, Ireland	January–December 2006				4.7			7.6	
East Mediterranean, Greece	2005–2006	PM ₁			9.2			< MDL	(Violaki and Mihalopoulos, 2010)
Cape Verde, northeast Tropical Atlantic	May 2007	PM _{0.14–0.42}	0.02		0.22			0.06	(Müller et al., 2009)
	June 2007		0.06		0.2			0.08	
	December 2007		0.18		0.57			0.32	
Jeju Island, South Korea	March–April 2001	PM _{2.5}	13.5	3.1					(Yang et al., 2004)

Sea area	Sampling period	Particle size or gas	Concentrations of amines (ng m ⁻³)					Reference	
			MA	EA	DMA	IPA	PA		TMDEA
Cape Verde, tropical	November 2011 and 2013	Gas	0.8		4.5			< MDL	(Pinxteren et al., 2019)
Atlantic Ocean	November 2011 and 2013	PM ₁	0.2		5.6			3.9	
Off the central coast of California, USA	July 2007	PM ₁						22.0	(Sorooshian et al., 2009)

47 Note: * represent ranges; all other data are mean values; blank cells indicate not measured. Some TMDEA values were reported as TMA, as TMA was expected to
48 overwhelm DEA in marine and coastal environments, although they are co-eluted in IC analysis. The SYS, NYS, BS, ECS, SCS and NWPO represent the South
49 Yellow Sea, North Yellow Sea, Bohai Sea, East China Sea, South China Sea and Northwest Pacific Ocean, respectively.

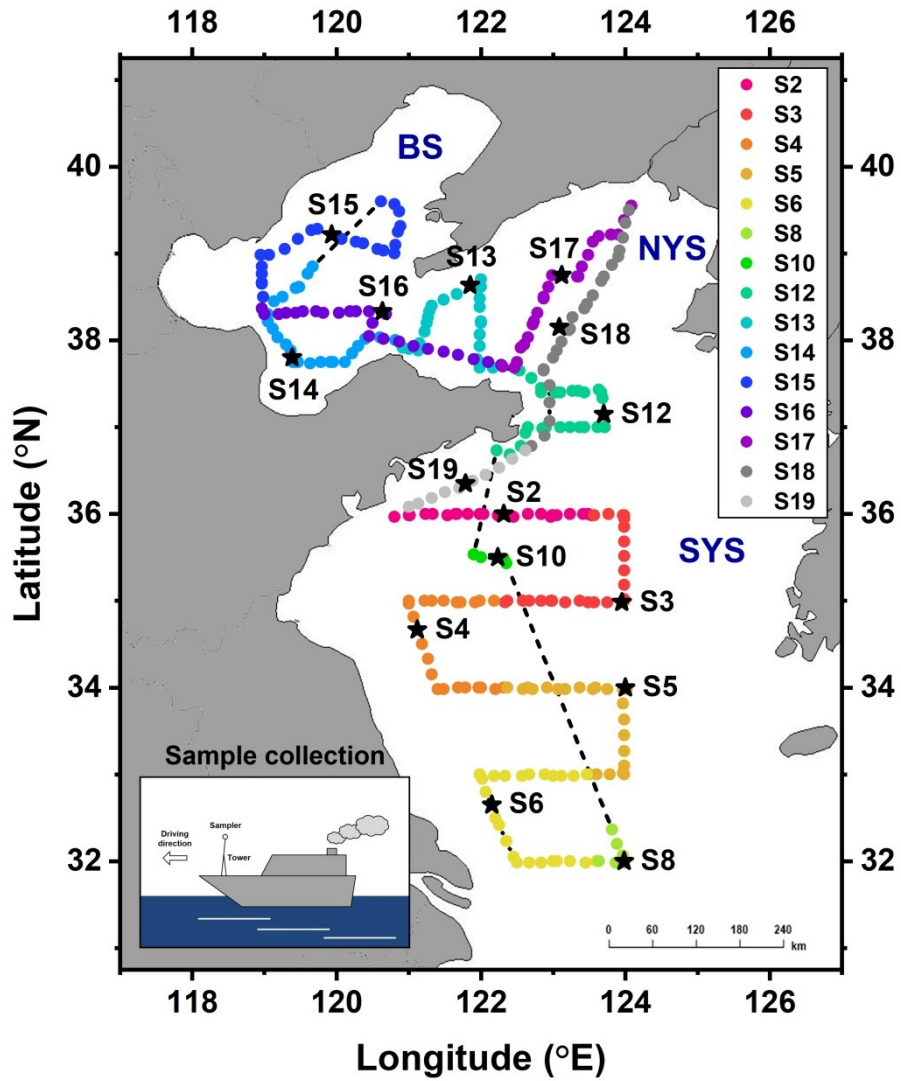
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51 **Table S4.** Correlation coefficients between amines and organic molecular tracers in
 52 TSP over the YS–BS.

Source	Tracer	MA	EA	DMA	IPA	PA	TMDEA
Primary biogenic sources	Primary sugars and sugar alcohols	0.72**	0.55*	0.64**	-0.12	0.45	0.23
	Fungal spore OC	0.70**	0.57*	0.64**	-0.10	0.49	0.18
	Plant debris OC	0.72**	0.53*	0.66**	-0.12	0.47	0.26
Higher plant waxes	ALK _{HMW}	0.60*	0.51	0.58*	0.06	0.60*	0.20
	FA _{HMW}	0.39	0.11	0.25	0.00	0.50	0.19
	ALC _{HMW}	0.70**	0.49	0.58*	-0.12	0.53*	0.25
Marine/microbial sources	FA _{LMW}	0.48	0.29	0.35	0.02	0.53*	0.14
	ALC _{LMW}	0.05	-0.04	-0.05	0.03	0.07	0.06
BSOA	Isoprene SOC	0.73**	0.44	0.55*	-0.18	0.42	0.33
	Monoterpene SOC	0.69**	0.43	0.47	-0.11	0.43	0.34
	β -Caryophyllene SOC	0.24	0.13	0.35	0.27	0.67**	0.18
Biomass burning	Levogluctosan (Lev)	0.35	0.23	0.36	-0.00	0.44	0.15
	Lev _{bb}	0.45	0.33	0.48	0.02	0.52*	0.17
	Lignin products	0.49	0.30	0.47	0.09	0.63*	0.28
Fossil fuel combustion	ALK _{LMW}	0.33	0.31	0.46	0.15	0.67**	0.15
	PAHs	0.57*	0.41	0.54*	0.08	0.63*	0.21
	Hopanes	0.13	-0.08	0.22	0.27	0.55*	0.30
	Steranes	0.09	-0.03	0.22	0.27	0.57*	0.19
Secondary oxidation products	Aromatic acids	0.44	0.30	0.40	-0.02	0.63*	0.19
	Hydroxy-/polyacids	0.26	-0.08	0.04	-0.19	0.25	0.20
	DHOPA	0.16	-0.05	-0.12	0.14	0.01	0.47

53 Note: ** represent $P < 0.01$, and * represent $P < 0.05$.

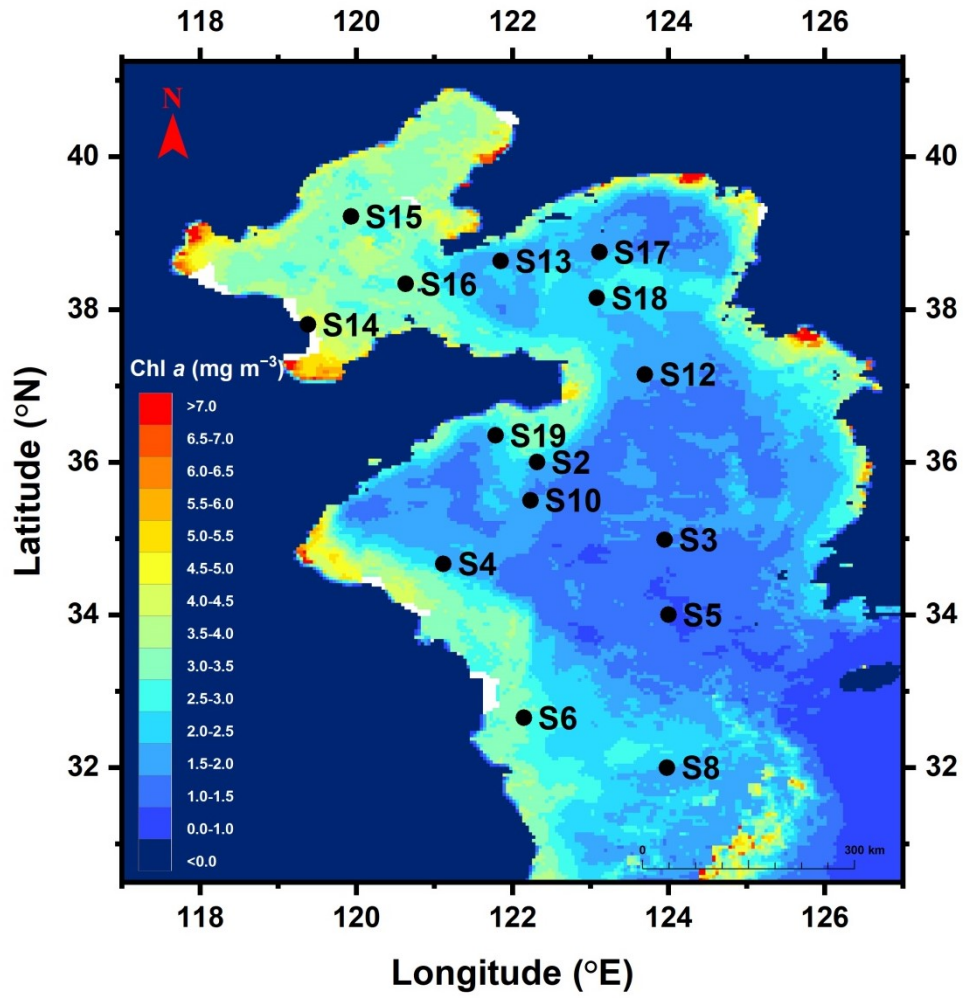
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57 **Figure S1.** Map of the hourly sampling positions along the cruise track over the
58 YS-BS, together with a schematic diagram of the sampling setup.

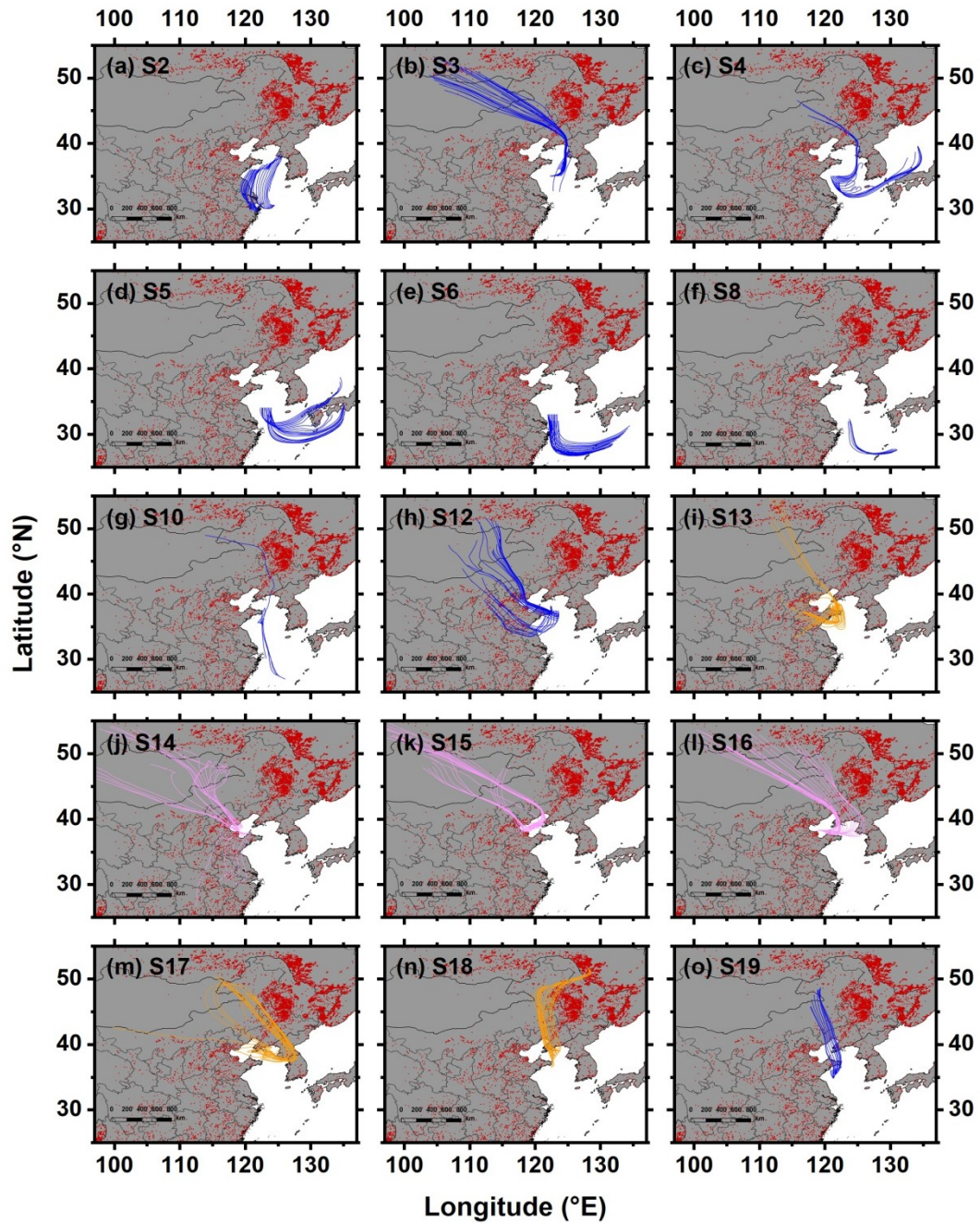
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61 **Figure S2.** Map of chlorophyll *a* concentrations in surface seawater over the YS-BS
 62 during the cruise.

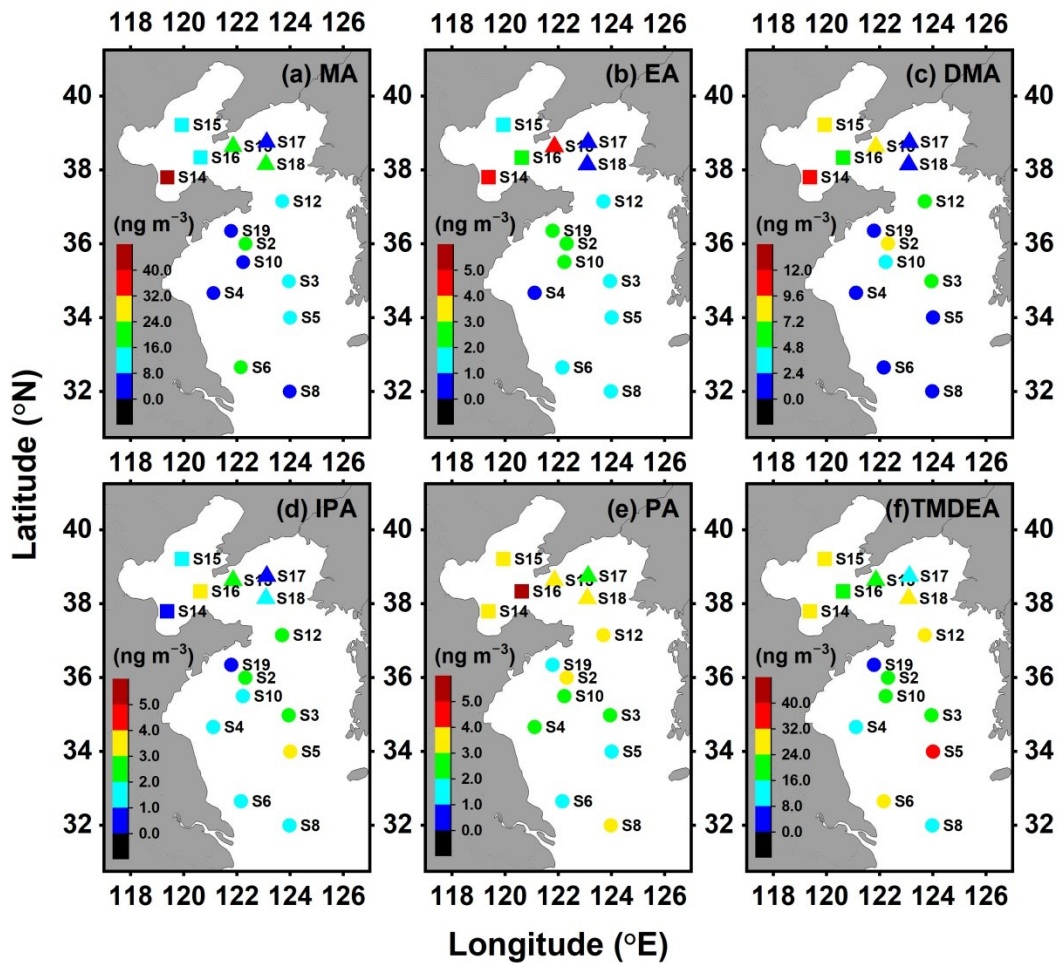
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 66 point at the beginning of each sampling, with hourly intervals thereafter. Red dots
 67 indicate fire spots during the entire cruise period. Blue, orange, and pink lines
 68 represent samples from the SYS, NYS, and BS, respectively.

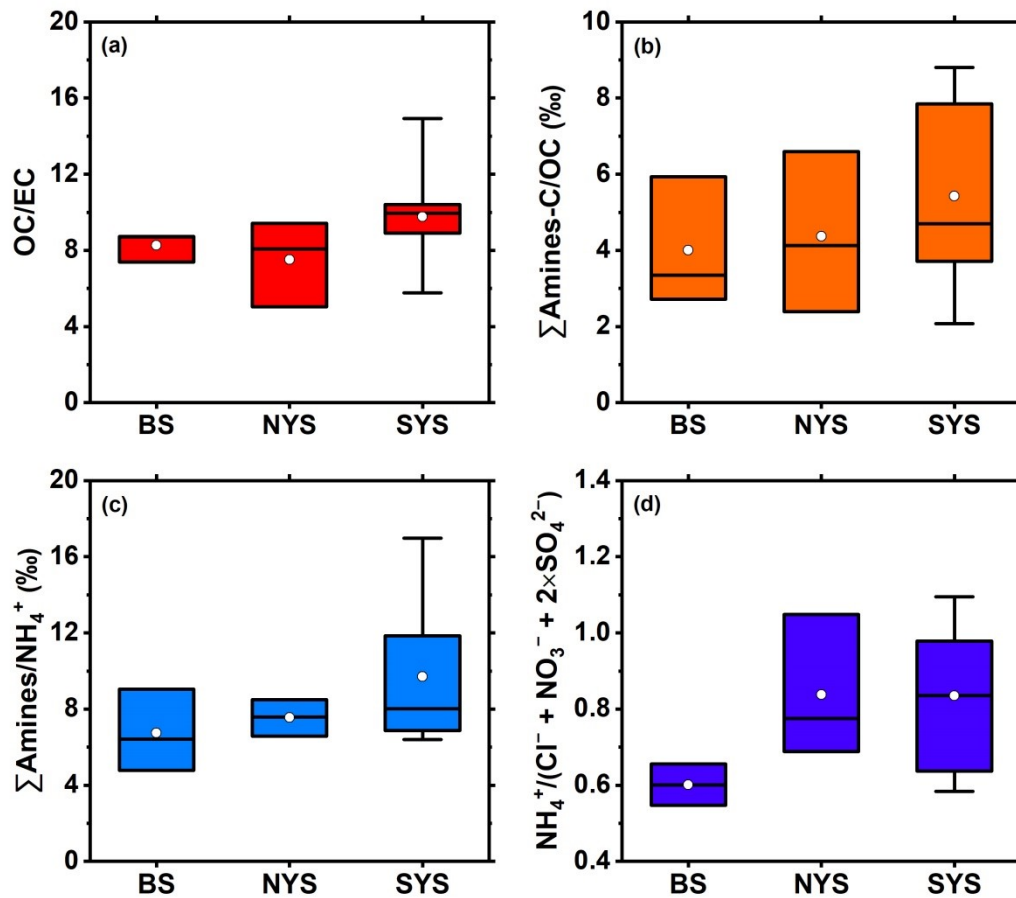
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71 **Figure S4.** Spatial distributions of MA (a), EA (b), DMA (c), IPA (d), PA (e), and
 72 TMDEA (f) in TSP samples over the YS–BS. Circles, triangles, and squares represent
 73 samples from the SYS, NYS, and BS, respectively.

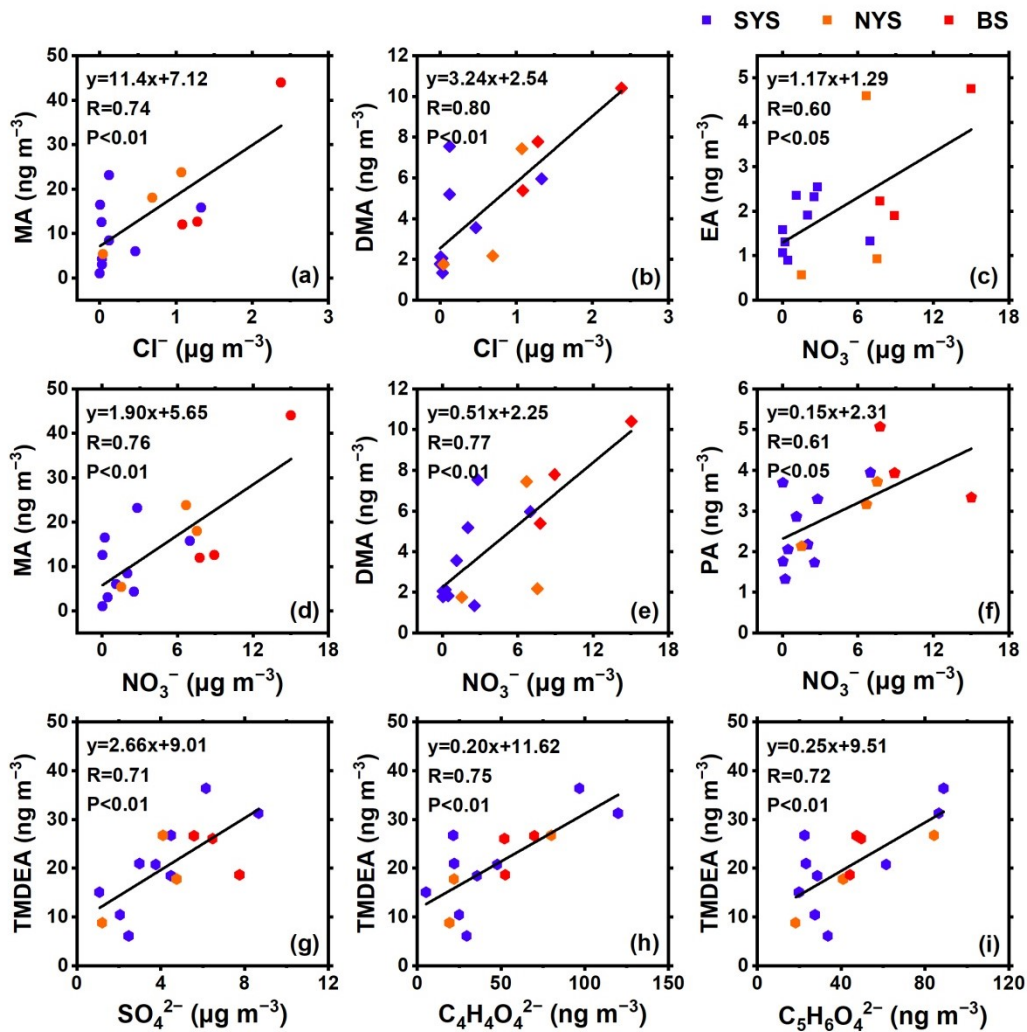
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76 **Figure S5.** Variations of OC/EC ratios (a), Σ amines-C/OC ratios (b), Σ amines/ NH_4^+
 77 molar ratios (c), and $\text{NH}_4^+ / (\text{Cl}^- + \text{NO}_3^- + 2 \times \text{SO}_4^{2-})$ molar ratios (d) in TSP over the
 78 SYS, NYS, and BS. Lower and upper box boundaries indicate the 25th and 75th
 79 percentiles; lines within the box indicate the medians; dots within the box indicate the
 80 mean values; and whiskers below and above the box indicate the minimum and
 81 maximum values.

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84 **Figure S6.** Linear regressions between amines and acidic species in TSP over the
 85 SYS, NYS, and BS.

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