

## Supplementary Information

# Water Uptake by Fresh Indonesian Peat Burning Particles is Limited by Water Soluble Organic Matter

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### S1. A brief introduction to the HTDMA setup

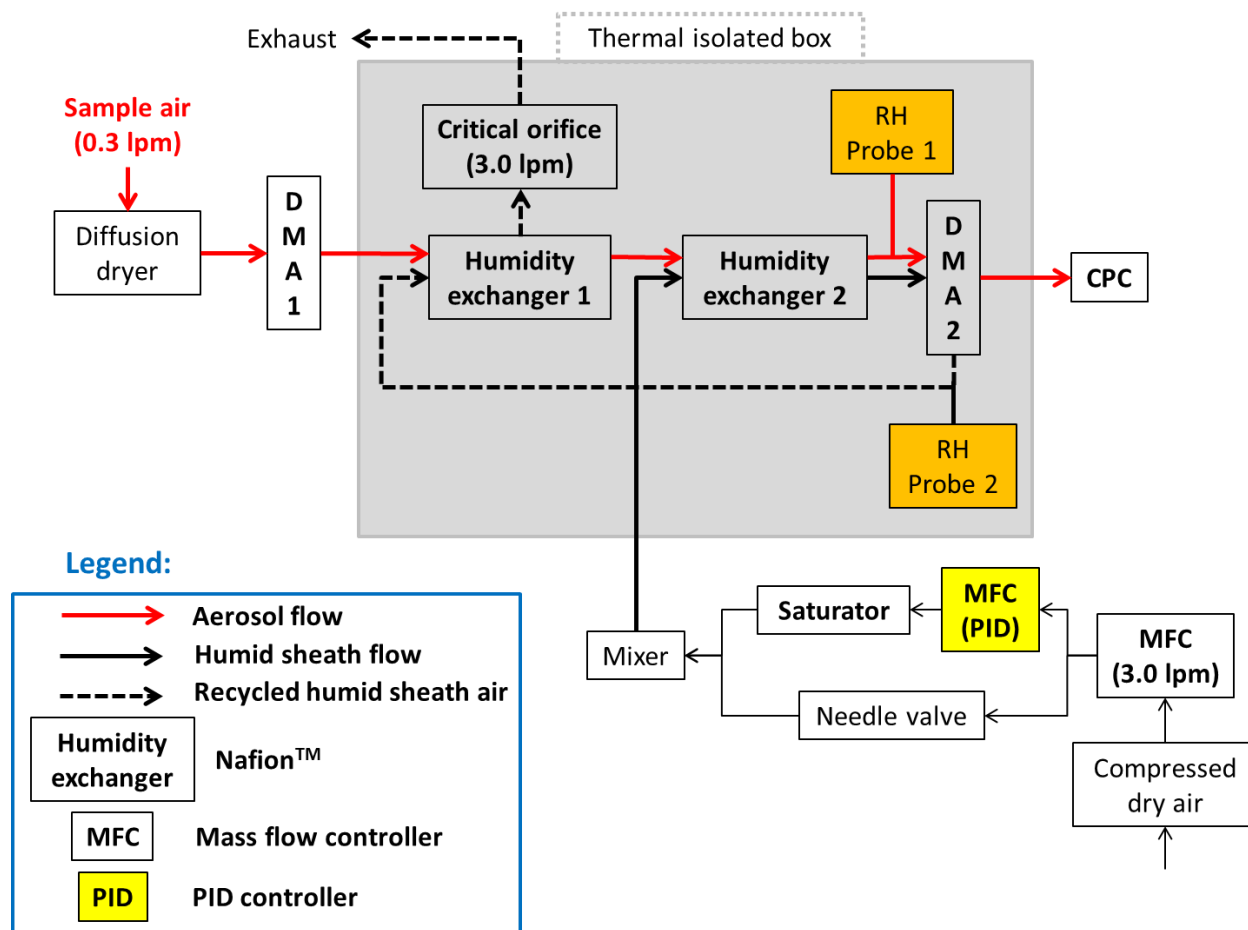
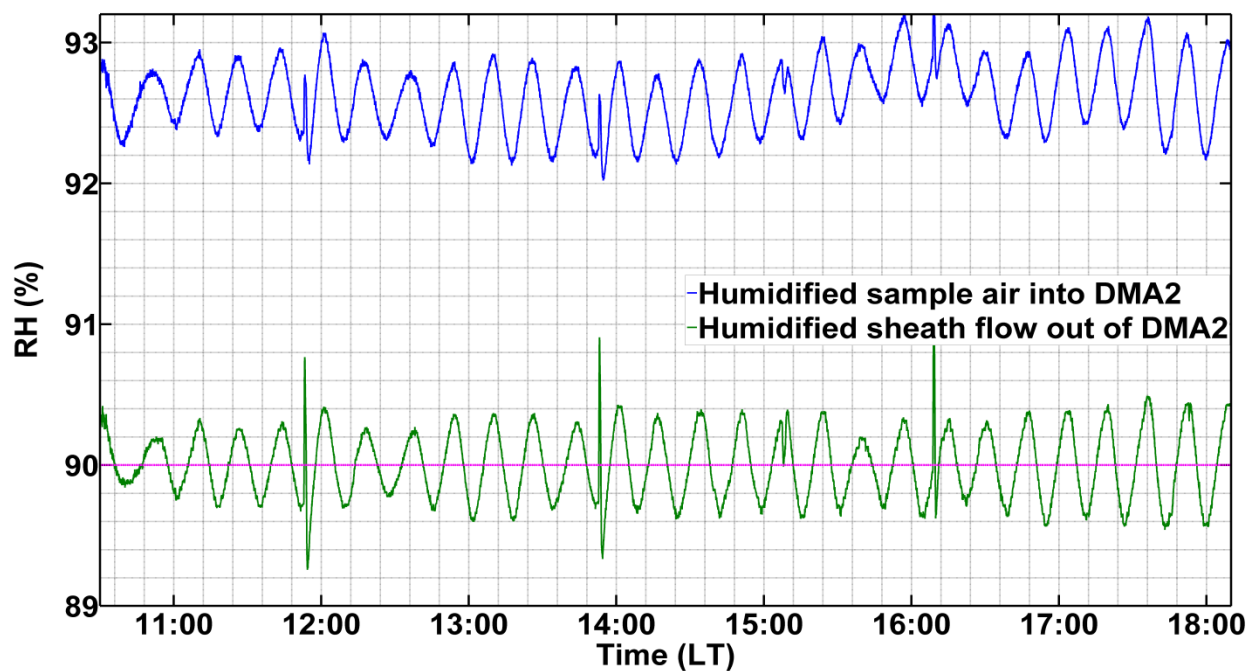


Fig.S1 Schematic diagram of the HTDMA system.

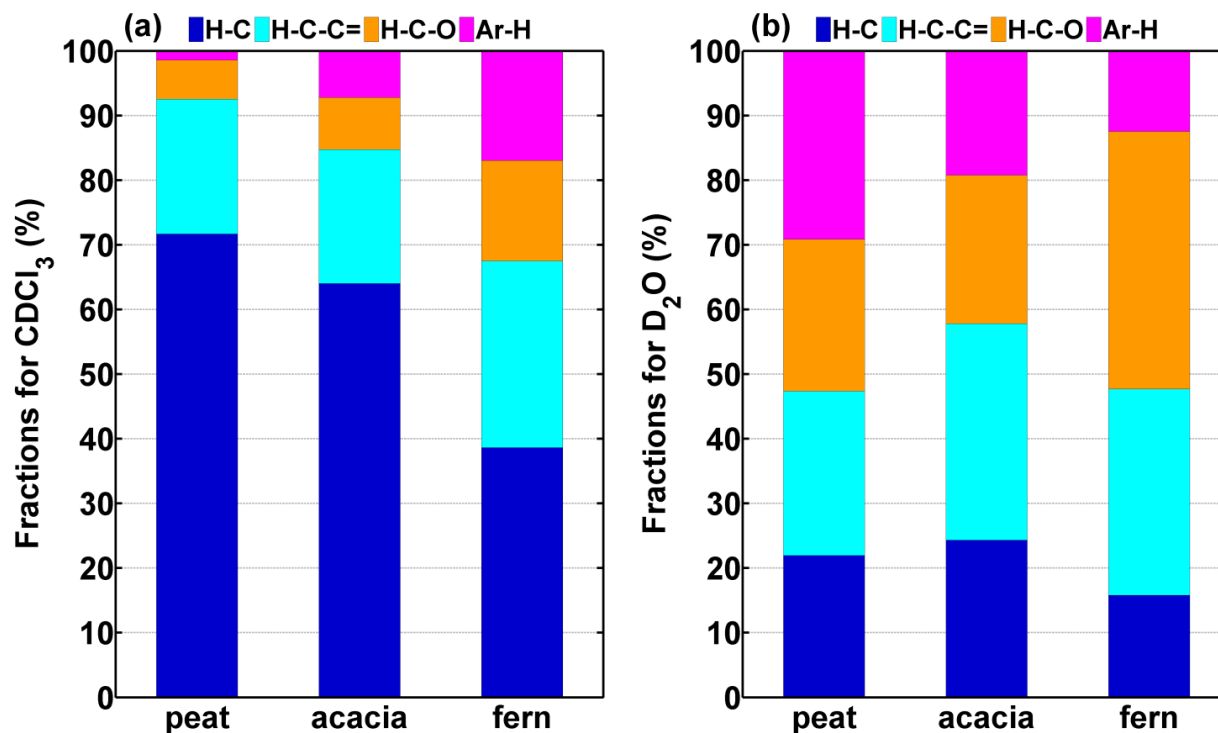
## S2. RH stability in the humidified DMA (DMA2)



**Fig.S2** RH recordings of both humidified sample air and humidified sheath flow are both fluctuating within  $\pm 1\%$  RH (peak-to-peak). RH of the sample flow is always higher than that of the sheath flow. The magenta line denotes the RH set point of 90%.

### S3. $^1\text{H}$ NMR measurements

NMR samples were prepared by dissolving particles collected on a filter in either  $\text{CDCl}_3$  or  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .  $\text{CDCl}_3$  dissolves most of organic compounds, including both water soluble and insoluble species. On the other hand, only water-soluble organic species will dissolve in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (Decesari et al., 2000; Graham, et al., 2002). The NMR spectra were measured using Bruker AMX-300 spectrometer at 300 MHz frequency.



**Fig.S3** Functional group analyses for peat sampled from a burnt area (Riau-1), acacia and fern burning particles with (a)  $\text{CDCl}_3$  and (b)  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , respectively. Four major functional groups identified from  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis indicate that aliphatic compounds containing the H-C structure are the most abundant in fresh Indonesian peat, fern and acacia burning particles, while oxygenated compounds containing the H-C-C= and H-C-O groups are more likely to dominate in water soluble organic materials (Lee et al., in preparation). An example of the corresponding  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra for peat burning particles dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  can be found in Kuwata et al. (2017). Note that the NMR result of the peat sample in the  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  case is only qualitative due to very weak signals were detected.

S4. Correlations between  $\kappa$  and OM mass spectra (mainly focusing on  $f_{44}$  and  $f_{60}$ )

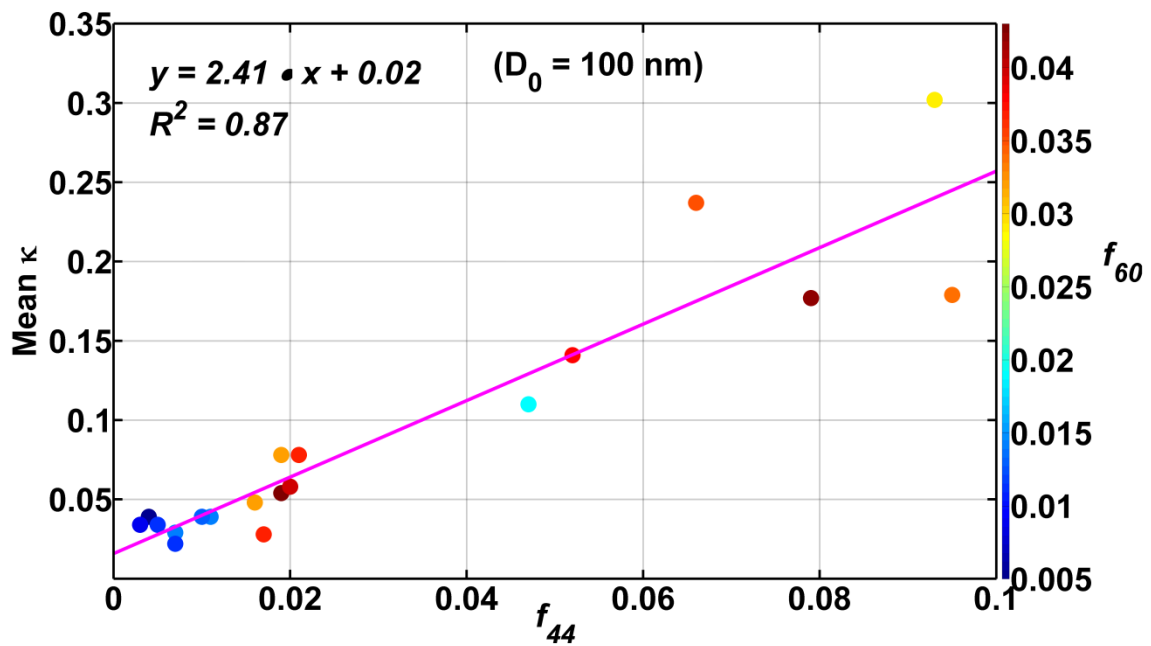


Fig.S4 Correlation of  $\kappa$  and  $f_{44}$  for all the online and offline measurements.

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