

## **Supplementary materials**

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| Species                             | $m/z$    | Marker Ion               | Area | Relative Area | Function |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------|---------------|----------|
| Elemental and organic carbon (ECOC) | $\pm 12$ | $[C]^\pm$                | 50   | 0.005         | or       |
|                                     | $\pm 24$ | $[C_2]^\pm$              | 50   | 0.005         | or       |
|                                     | $\pm 36$ | $[C_3]^\pm$              | 50   | 0.005         | and      |
|                                     | 37       | $[C_3H]^+$               | 50   | 0.005         | and      |
|                                     | 43       | $[C_3H_7]^+/[C_2H_3O]^+$ | 50   | 0.005         | and      |
| Biomass Burning (BB)                | 39       | $[K]^+$                  | 1500 | 0.3           | and      |
|                                     | 113,115  | $[K_2Cl]^+$              | 50   | 0.005         | or       |
|                                     | 213      | $[K_3SO_4]^+$            | 50   | 0.005         | or       |
|                                     | -26      | $[CN]^-$                 | 50   | 0.005         | or       |
|                                     | -59      | $[C_2H_3O_2]^-$          | 50   | 0.005         | and      |
|                                     | -73      | $[C_3H_3O_2]^-$          | 50   | 0.005         | and      |
| Nitrate-rich                        | -46      | $[NO_2]^-$               | 1000 | 0.1           | and      |
|                                     | -62      | $[NO_3]^-$               | 1000 | 0.1           | and      |
| Ammonium                            | 18       | $[NH_4]^+$               | 50   | 0.005         |          |
| Nitrate                             | -46      | $[NO_2]^-$               | 100  | 0.05          | or       |
|                                     | -62      | $[NO_3]^-$               | 100  | 0.05          | or       |
| Sulfate                             | -80      | $[SO_3]^-$               | 100  | 0.05          | or       |
|                                     | -97      | $[HSO_4]^-$              | 100  | 0.05          | or       |

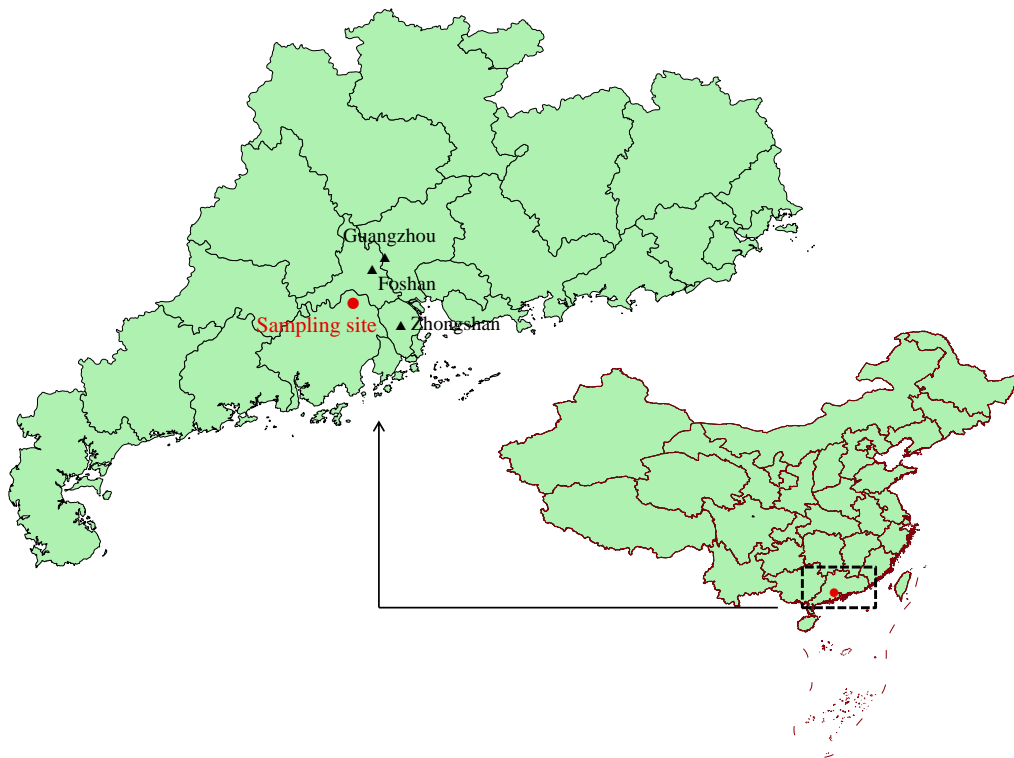


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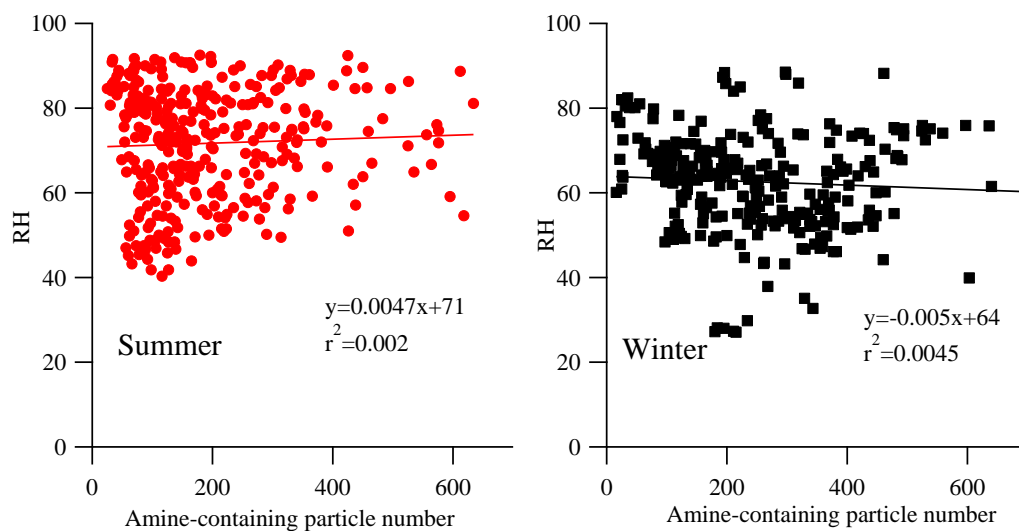


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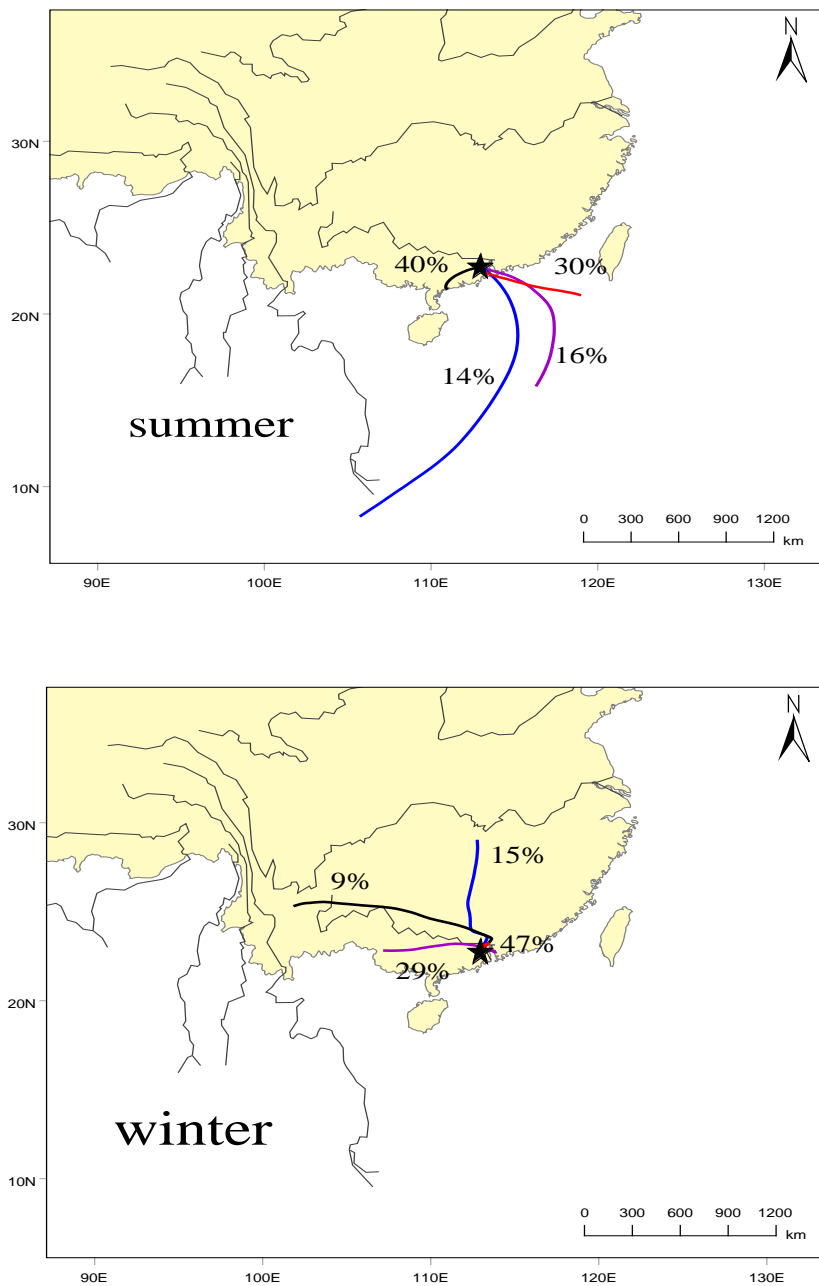


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