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Characteristics of the main primary source profiles of particulate 1

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Abstract

Based on the published literatures and typical profiles from the source library of 12 13 Nankai University, a total of 3244 chemical profiles of the main primary sources of ambient particulate matter across China from 1987 to 2017, including coal 14 combustion, industrial emissions, vehicle emissions, fugitive dust, biomass burning 15 16 and cooking emissions, were investigated and reviewed to trace the evolution of their main components and identify the main influencing factors to the evolution. As a 17 result, the most complicated profiles are likely attributed to coal combustion and 18 industrial emissions, which are evidently influenced by the decontamination processes 19 20 and sampling techniques as well as the coal nature and the boiler types. The profiles of vehicle emissions are dominated by OC and EC, and varied with the changing 21 standard of sulfur and additives in the gasoline and diesel as well as the sampling

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methods. The profiles of fugitive dust, such as soil dust and road dust, are dominated 23 24 by the crustal materials and influenced by the sampling methods to some extent. The profiles of biomass burning is impacted mainly by the biomass categories and 25 sampling methods. As expected, the profiles of cooking emissions is impacted mainly 26 27 by the cooking types and materials. The uncertainty analysis and cluster analysis of all these source profiles are conducted to reveal the variations of the different source 28 29 profiles in the same source category and evaluate the differences between source 30 categories. A relatively large variation has been founded in the source profiles of coal 31 combustion, vehicle emissions, industry emissions and biomass burning, indicating that it is necessary to establish the local profiles for these sources due to their high 32 uncertainties. While the profiles of road dust and soil dust present a less variation with 33 the stable chemical characteristics among the different profiles in the same category, 34 35 suggesting that the profiles of these sources could be referenced for the cities in China when such local profiles are not available. The presented results highlight the need for 36 increasing investigation of more specific markers (e.g., isotopes, organic compounds 37 38 and gaseous precursors) beyond routine measured components to discriminate sources. Additionally, specific focus should be placed on the sub-type of source profiles in the 39 future, especially for local industrial emissions in China, to support the air quality 40 research communities in their efforts to develop high resolution source apportionment 41 42 for making a more effective control strategies.

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1. Introduction

In light of preventing us from being exposure to high level of PM, source 47 apportionment technique is a critical tool to help us in quantitative recognition of the 48 source contributions of ambient particulate matter (PM) and developing efficient and 49 50 cost-effective abatement policy. Source profile is of great importance in the application of receptor models for source apportionment study as it characterizing 51 52 specific sources from the chemical point of view that revealing the signatures of 53 source emissions (Hopke, 2016). Note that the measurement of source samples is 54 costly and tough. Therefore, tons of studies using factor analytical model (source-unknown models, such as PMF, PCA etc) instead of using chemical mass 55 balance (CMB) model (source profiles need to be known a priori) for the source 56 apportionment. However, source sampling is essentially a very important basic work 57 to get to know source signature and then make source identification and 58 apportionment possible. In addition to source apportionment study, source profiles 59 have played an important role in calculating source-specific emissions of individual 60 61 compounds and converting total emissions from sources into the speciated emissions for air quality models, which can further provide effective strategies for 62 environmental management (Simon et al., 2010). 63 In the past decades, source profiles of particulate matter from a variety of source types 64 65 were substantially developed all over the world, especially in USA (Simon et al., 2010), Europe (Pernigotti et al., 2016) and East Asia (Liu et al., 2017). Most of the 66 source profiles in China can be roughly divided into coal combustion (CC), industrial 67

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emissions (IE), vehicle emissions (VE), fugitive dust (FD), biomass burning (BB), 68 69 cooking emissions (CE) etc. These available profiles have filled the gap of the knowledge of source compositions and provided effective markers for the source 70 apportionment studies. With the development of sampling and chemical analysis 71 72 techniques, more valuable information, such as organic compounds, isotopes and size distribution etc., has been explored to further expand the existing or new profiles. The 73 74 new valuable information gives significant possibilities to source apportionment 75 models to get more precise and reliable result. 76 From 1980s, source profile studies were initially implemented in China (Dai et al., 1987). During the past three decades, hundreds of source profiles have been achieved 77 across China. These profiles covered more than forty cities and several source types. 78 Source measurement is actually It is time to overview these source profiles along the 79 80 time line and give more profile knowledge to the atmospheric research community. This review is based on the following ideas. In Section 2.1, we summarized the types 81 and the number of particulate source profiles in China published since the 1980s, and 82 83 reviewed the technological innovations of the sampling and chemical analytical methods for source samples. In Section 2.2, we discussed the characteristics and 84 evolutions of source profiles including coal combustions, industrial emissions, vehicle 85 emissions, fugitive dust (soil dust and road dust), biomass burning and cooking 86 87 emissions. We also investigated the effect of various impact factors on source profiles. In section 2.3, we used the coefficient of variation (CV, the standard deviation divided 88 by the mean) to further characterize the homogeneity of sources within the same 89

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90 source category. Moreover, we also explored the heterogeneity between different

91 source categories through cluster analysis. In Section 3, we summarized the main

92 findings and a few issues of current source profiles, as well as the future requirements

93 for the development of source profiles in China.

2. Overview of source profiles across China

We have used the key words included source profile/chemical profile/source emissions, source apportionments/source contributions/particulate matter, and China for literature research, searching for papers and dissertations in Chinese on China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI) and papers in English on Elsevier ScienceDirect, respectively. The source profile data were compiled. After literature searching (peer-reviewed papers published in international and Chinese journals), a total of 374 published source profiles since 1980s across China were collected. In general, all of these profiles were eventually divided into six source categories, with 70 of them were attributed to coal combustion, 32 to industrial emissions, 33 to vehicle emissions, 118 to fugitive dust, 32 to cooking emissions, and 89 to biomass burning. For the certain aerodynamic size, it obtained a total of 230 PM_{2.5} profiles, 112 PM₁₀ profiles, and 32 for other sizes. The overview of these profiles are shown in Fig. 1.

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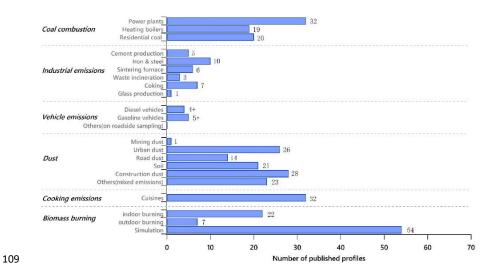


Figure 1. Overview of published source profiles across China.

In fact, more profiles measured in real-world in China were actually not published. A database of source profiles in China founded by Nankai University contains 2870 profiles across China. In this paper, the characteristics of the published primary profiles and some typical profiles of particulate matter founded by Nankai University were discussed.

2.1 Development of sampling and analysis techniques

In the past thirty years, the sampling and chemical analysis techniques used in the source apportionment research in China have been significantly improved to catch the emissions of particles from various complex sources in real-world. In 1980s, the samples from different sources were mainly obtained by sampling the dust directly from the precipitators (CC, et al.), or the surface of fugitive dust sources (soil, road

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dust, et al.) (Dai et al., 1987; Qu, 2013). Apparently, such sampling method cannot catch the real emissions from the sources to the ambient air, especially for the CC or other emission sources with humid and high-heat fume. The compositions of the particulate matter in such fume will be changed due to the chemical reactions during their dispersion process in the ambient air. With the development of sampling techniques, samples were obtained that could reflect the real compositions from the sources in 2000s (Hildemann et al., 1989;Lind et al., 2003;Ferge et al., 2004;Wang et al., 2012). Nowadays, such technique called dilution tunnel sampling has been widely used in China (Li et al., 2009). In the published profiles, 29% coal combustions, 91% industrial emissions, and 12% biomass burning profiles were obtained with dilution tunnel sampling method (as shown in Fig. 2). Another problem is how to get the particle samples with certain aerodynamic size from the sources of fugitive dust. In 1980s-1990s, the Bacho particle size analyzer was widely used to obtain the size distributions from the source samples (Kauppinen et al., 1991). Due to the low efficiency and potential safety risk of Bacho sampler, a new sampling technique called the resuspended chamber was developed in 1990s by Chow et al. (1994), and has been widely used since 2000 in China. This method could obtain the particle sample with the certain aerodynamic size from the dust powder collected from the source field. Nowadays, most source samples with the particle aerodynamic size of 2.5 µm or 10 µm of fugitive dust were collected by the resuspended sampling method in China (Ho et al., 2003; Zhao et al., 2006). Although the resuspended chamber couldn't completely simulate the real environment, it still is

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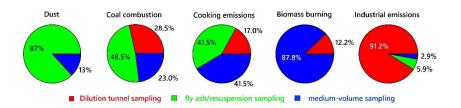




the best choice for the collection of fugitive dust samples until now.

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Figure 2. Share of sampling methods for the collection of source samples in China from

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153 typical source profile usually contains elements (e.g., Al, As, Ca, Cd, Cr, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Na, Pb and Zn), organic carbon (OC), elemental carbon (EC), and 154 water-soluble ions (WSI, e.g., Cl⁻, NO₃⁻, SO₄²⁻, NH₄⁺, K⁺, Na⁺, Mg²⁺ and Ca²⁺) in 155 China. Details procedures in terms of the establishment of different source profiles are 156 available in previous publications (Chow et al., 1994; Chow et al., 2004; Hou et al., 157 2008b; Pei et al., 2016). 158 159 Teflon-membrane filters were analyzed for elements major by Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES) or Inductively Coupled Plasma 160 161 Atomic Emission Spectrometer (ICP-AES). In recent years, Inductively Coupled 162 Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) and X Ray Fluorescence were also used, with measurement systems have lower threshold and higher accuracy (Tsai et al., 2004). 163 For thermal/optical carbon analyzer, DRI Model 2001A and Sunset-Lab are the most 164 widespread technique, were used to analyze organic carbon and elemental carbon on 165 quartz filter by the thermal/optical reflectance (TOR) method (Chow et al., 1994;Ho 166 et al., 2003; Chow et al., 2004; Zhang et al., 2007) in source samples. Quartz fiber 167

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filters were normally used for the determination of WSI by different types of Ion 168 Chromatography (IC) with high-capacity cation-exchange 169 anion-exchange column (Qi et al., 2015). 170 171 Initially, the mass balance models were developed for specific elements and particular source types in 1970s (Winchester and Nifong, 1971; Miller et al., 1972). To improve 172 173 the discrimination of sources, more chemical species were subsequently introduced into receptor models. Tracer species, a unique species that can be used as an indicator 174 of a particular source, playing an important role in estimating source contributions. 175 176 However, most of the source profiles in China are constituted of inorganic species, with only a few studies providing information of organic compounds. Organic tracers 177 are of great value in source apportionment studies, as it is more source-specific than 178 179 inorganic species. For example, leveglucosan is a well-known organic tracer 180 represents for biomass burning (Lee et al., 2008), azzaarenes as a marker of inefficient coal combustion (Junninen et al., 2009; Bi et al., 2008), sterols, monosaccharide 181 anhydrides and amides as a marker of cooking emissions (Schauer et al., 1999; Cheng 182 et al., 2016; Schauer et al., 2002; He et al., 2004; Zhao et al., 2007b, a). 183 The VOCs source profiles from China have been measured from various emission 184 sources by measuring both hydrocarbons and oxygenated VOCs (OVOCs) (Mo et al., 185 186 2016). And the analysis of 16 USEPA priority PAHs was performed using a gas chromatograph coupled with a mass spectrometer (GC-MS) to determine source 187 188 profile species (Cai et al., 2017a). Furthermore, for better discriminating sources, Pb 189 stable isotopes, which are not obviously influenced by ordinary chemical, physical or biological fractionation processes (Gallon et al., 2005; Cheng and Hu, 2010), were 190 determined with an ICP-MS. Additionally, some other isotope measurements, for 191 example radiocarbon (Wang et al., 2017), sulfur (Han et al., 2016), and nitrogen (Pan 192

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et al., 2016), as well as natural silicon (Lu et al., 2018), have also been reported to be

used as source indicators recently.

The above efforts indicate that the reported source profiles were collected by different

sampling methods and analyzed by different instruments, making the source profiles a

197 high uncertainty of comparability. Thus it is very urgent to establish standards for the

procedures of source sampling, chemical analysis and QA/QC to ensure the

199 representativeness, validation and comparability of source profiles in China.

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2.2 Characteristics and evolution of source profiles

higher than that of IBW, while NO₃-, K⁺ and Mg²⁺ are lower.

2.2.1 Coal combustion and Industrial emissions

As the most complicated source types, the source profiles of CC are influenced by several factors, such as coal nature, boiler type, decontamination devices etc. Despite all the influencing factors, the source profiles of CC in China are mainly consisted of crustal materials, OC, EC, SO₄²⁻ and trace metals. There are great differences in the source profiles from different CC sources. Fig. 3 shows difference of the chemical composition of source profiles between industrial boilers with wet desulfurization (IBW) and power plant boilers with wet desulfurization (PPW) using the same sampling method, as Mg, Al, Si, Ca, SO₄²⁻, NH₄⁺ and OC in the profile of PPW are

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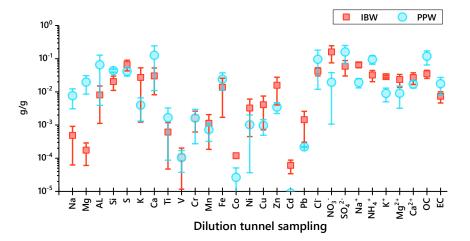


Figure 3. Compositions of source profiles between different boiler categories. IBW and PPW

denote industrial boilers using wet desulfurization and power plant boilers using wet

desulfurization, respectively. Data were collected from the source library of Nankai

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Within the same sampling method (dilution tunnel sampling method) and the same boiler category, the characteristics of the source profiles of coal-fired power plants

equipped with different dust removal and desulfurization facilities are compared (Fig.

221 4). OC and EC in the profiles of the electrostatic precipitators (EP) are higher than

that in the electric bag compound dust collectors (EBCC), with average values of

0.1182±0.1254 and 0.0175±0.0196 g/g, respectively. High Ca in the source profiles

obtained by the electric bag compound dust collector is found as well (0.2307 ±0.0491

225 g/g).

Comparing data from different desulfurization facilities (Fig. 4), SO₄²⁻ and Ca in

227 PM_{2.5} profiles from the wet flue gas desulfurization (WFGD) is much higher than that

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from dry desulfurization (DD). It suggested that SO_4^{2-} is converted from SO_2 in the flue gas through a limestone slurry washing reaction and then discharged with the fume (Ma et al., 2015). Ca is also infused in the fume when the flue gas went through the limestone washing process. OC in $PM_{2.5}$ profiles from the WFGD is also higher than that from DD, indicating that the conversion of gaseous organics to the particulate state caused by the wet desulfurization consequently increase the OC content (Chen et al., 2005).

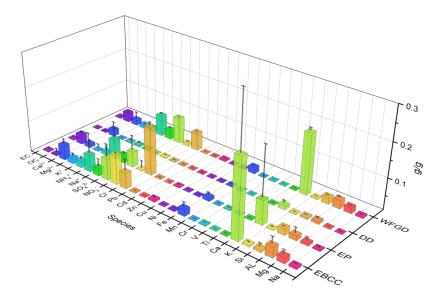


Figure 4. Comparison of PM_{2.5} source profiles collected under different dust removal and desulfurization facilities. EP denotes electrostatic precipitators, EBCC denotes electric bag compound dust collectors, WFGD denotes wet flue gas desulfurization, DD denotes dry desulfurization. Data from the source library of Nankai University) were counted.

To evaluate the impact of different sampling methods on the contents of source

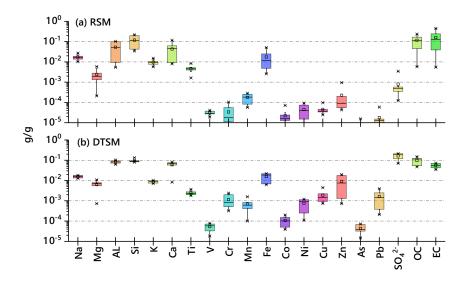
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profiles, measurements with the resuspension sampling method (RSM) and the dilution tunnel sampling method (DTSM) were simultaneously used for source sampling at a coal-fired power plant in Wuxi, China were compared. The results of the obtained PM₁₀ source profiles are shown in Fig. 5. For RSM, the crustal elements (Si) and carbon components (OC, EC) are significantly higher than DTSM. The SO₄²⁻¹ content of DTSM is significantly higher than RSM, reaching 0.1600 g/g. And V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Pb and other trace metal fractions are strongly enriched in DTSM, which is 1.4 to 100 times that in RSM, suggesting that these trace metal elements have a low melting point and are easily liquefied or gasified during combustion, and then condensed on the surface of the particles in the flue or after exiting the flue (where small particles have a large specific surface area and are more prone to enrichment) (Dai et al., 1987). The similar results were also reported earlier elsewhere (Meij, 1994;Meij and Winkel, 2004;Zhang et al., 2009b).



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258 Figure 5. Characteristics of chemical profiles for PM₁₀ emitted from coal-fired power plant 259 obtained by different sampling methods in Wuxi city. RSM and DTSM denote resuspension sampling method and the dilution tunnel sampling method, respectively. Data from the source 260 261 library of Nankai University were counted. 262 The PM speciation profiles of coal-fired sources have rarely been reported in China 263 264 (Kong et al., 2011). Comparing the main components of coal combustion PM_{2.5} source 265 profiles derived from several other published source profiles (Chow et al., 2004;Liu et al., 2016;Xia et al., 2017;U.S.EPA, 2014), the SO₄²⁻, Ca²⁺ and OC have significantly 266 higher abundances than other components in China and USA, but there are also large 267 variations in species abundances. The most diverse components are NO₃⁻ and S. The 268 difference between these two components with less content may not only be related to 269 270 the coal nature and the dust removal equipment, but also the determination method of the components and the sensitivity of the corresponding instrument (Xia et al., 2017). 271 As we mentioned above, there are many factors that affecting the profiles of coal 272 273 combustion sources. Therefore, when performing source apportionment study, local source profiles have the priority to be measured in the study area. To improve the 274 accuracy and reliability of source apportionment results, it is necessary to measure the 275 local sources in real-world to avoid blindly drawing on the foreign source profiles. 276 277 The industrial emissions are one of the most important sources in China (Zhu et al., 2018). Particles from industrial emissions is mainly collected by dilution tunnel 278 sampling method. The source profiles of industrial emissions could be influenced by 279

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several key factors, such as raw materials used in industrial processes, manufacture 280 281 processes, various sampling methods, different sampling site, control measures taken by different factories and process operating conditions (Watson and Chow, 2001; Kong 282 et al., 2011; Pant and Harrison, 2012; Guo et al., 2017). The primary source profiles of 283 284 industrial emissions in China include cement plant, steel plant and coking plant. Fig. 6 shows the chemical composition of China's main industrial emissions (cement plant, 285 286 coking plant and steel plant) (Ma et al., 2015;Qi et al., 2015;Yan et al., 2016;Zhao et 287 al., 2015a). There are great differences between the source profiles from different industrial sources. For cement industrial sources, Ca²⁺, Al, OC and SO₄²⁻ are the most 288 abundant species, with average value less than 0.0010 g/g. For coking industrial 289 sources, Ca²⁺, Al and SO₄²⁻ are elevated while OC displayed a somewhat notable 290 lower level. For steel industrial sources, the highest fraction species are Fe, Si, K and 291 SO₄²⁻, while Cl⁻, Ca²⁺, EC and OC showed a lower content less than 0.0010 g/g. 292 In China, there are many industrial types with different emission characteristics. The 293 source profiles of industrial emissions are far from being fully understood so far. The 294 295 profiles of some important industrial sources, such as the glass melt kiln, non-ferrous smelting, and ceramics, are still unknown and needed further investigation in the 296 297 future.

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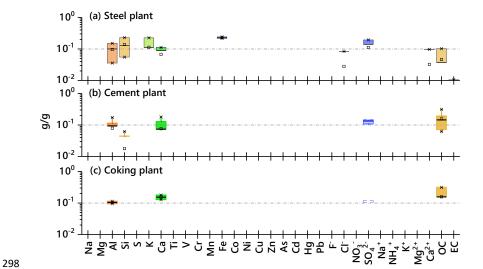


Figure 6. Characteristics of chemical profiles for particulate matter emitted from industrial emissions. Data from the source library of Nankai University, Zhan et al. (2015), Qi et al. (2015), Ma et al. (2015) and Yan et al. (2016) were counted.

2.2.2 Vehicle emissions

Vehicle emissions is appears to be the predominant source of ambient PM_{2.5} in urban areas in China (Cai et al., 2017b;Cui et al., 2016;Zhang et al., 2015). It is reported that the contribution of vehicle emissions to PM_{2.5} is in the range of 5% to 34% over China based on receptor models (Zhang et al., 2017b). Given that there are many factors affecting vehicle emissions such as fuel types, vehicle types, emission control technologies, operating conditions, engine performance, sampling methods and so on (Watson et al., 1990;Chen et al., 2017b;Maricq, 2007). The representative of the source profiles of vehicle emissions are often controversial. Generally, there are two methods for the sampling of vehicle emissions: direct sampling method (DSM) and

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source dominated sampling method (SDSM) (e.g., measured in tunnel, on parking lot and roadside.) (Kong and Bai, 2013). Fig. 7 summarizes the PM₁₀ source profiles of different vehicle types obtained by direct sampling method in China (Chen et al., 2017b). For both diesel and gasoline vehicles, their emission profiles are dominated by OC, EC, NO₃-, NH₄+, SO₄²-, Ca, Fe and Zn. While the abundance of EC in diesel vehicle exhaust (particularly in heavy-duty diesel vehicle exhaust) is much higher than that in gasoline vehicles, which may due to the different combustion completion rates between diesel and gasoline on account of the length of hydrocarbon chains of them (Chen et al., 2017b). Since Mn has been used in the gasoline explosion-proof agent, the fraction of Mn in the particulate matter from the gasoline vehicle emission is higher than that of the diesel vehicle.



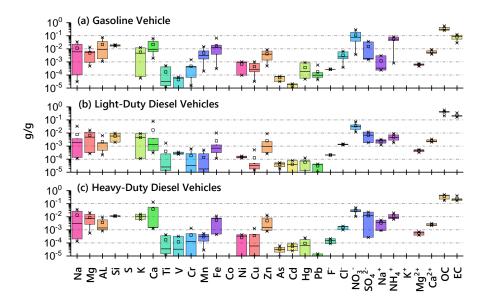


Figure 7. Chemical compositions of source profiles for PM_{10} of different vehicle types obtained by direct sampling method. Data from the source library of Nankai University and

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Chen et al. (2017) were counted.

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Fig. S1 summarizes the characteristics of chemical profiles for particulate matter emitted from vehicles obtained by different sampling methods. Crustal elements (Si, Al, Ca, Mn, etc.) in the chemical profiles obtained by SDSM are higher than that of DSM, which may due to the influence of suspended road dust. NH₄⁺ and NO₃⁻ in chemical profiles obtained by DSM are lower than that of SDSM, probably because the volatile organic compounds and other precursors are still in the gaseous state when the samples were collected at a higher temperature by DSM (Kong and Bai, 2013). The source profiles of the vehicle exhaust also varied with fuel types, vehicle types and vehicle age. In China, the oil used for vehicle has been upgraded for 5 times in the past eighteen years. The evolutions of the fractions of Mn, Pb and SO₄²⁻ in particulate matter emitted by vehicle from the past three decades are shown in the Fig. 8. Pb was a tracer of the gasoline before 2000 while leaded gasoline was banned to be used in mainland China after 2000 (Zhang et al., 2009a). The standard value of sulfur in the car-used gasoline is 800 µg/g in 2000 and 10 µg/g in 2018 (Guo, 2013). The standard value of Mn is 0.018 g/L in 2000 and only 0.002 g/L in 2018 (Li, 2016). The similar trend could also be found in the standard of diesel in China (Zhang et al., 2009a). All these changes in the oil standard will definitely cause the evolution of source profiles of vehicle exhaust. With the government's request to stop producing, selling and using of leaded gasoline, the fraction of Pb in vehicle emissions decreased significantly. In 2005, the fraction of Pb in motor vehicle emissions dropped significantly as compared

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with 1985 (Dai et al., 1986;Han et al., 2009). And the fraction of Mn is also greatly reduced after 2000 (Bi et al., 2007;Han et al., 2009). After 2000, the fraction of SO_4^{2-} in vehicle emissions also showed a significantly decreasing trend, indicating a causal relationship with the reduction of sulfur in the car-used gasoline in China.

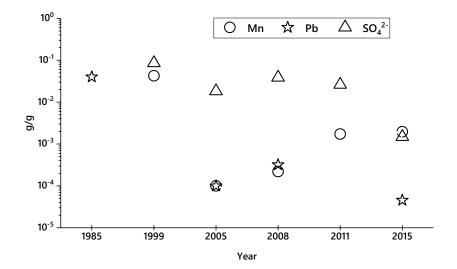


Figure 8. Time series of Mn, Pb and SO₄²⁻ of the particulate matters emitted from vehicles obtained. Data were collected from the source library of Nankai University, Zhang et al. (2000), Guo et al. (2013), Li et al. (2016). Zhang et al. (2009), Dai et al. (1986), Han et al. (2009) and Bi et al. (2007).

Xia et al. (2017) compared the main components of on-road vehicles PM_{2.5} source profiles derived from local studies and SPECIATE database, finding that both the source profiles of motor vehicles in China and the United States were dominated by OC and EC, but their proportions were quite different (Kong, 2012). In American, the gasoline, ethanol and methanol are added as the aerator, while the oxygen content in

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domestic gasoline is relatively small, which is an important reason for the difference in the OC content in the spectrums at home and abroad (Xia et al., 2017). In China, the fraction of SO₄²⁻ is generally higher than that of foreign motor vehicles (Wang et al., 2015;Xia et al., 2017), which may be related to the relatively backward implementation of domestic oil standards and the high sulfur content (Guo, 2013;Li, 2016).

Fugitive dust is founded to be one of the major sources of urban particulate matter

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2.2.3 Fugitive dust

(Chow et al., 2003; Kong et al., 2011; Cao et al., 2012; Zhu et al., 2018), especially in 374 northern cities in China with dry climate and limited precipitation (Shen et al., 375 376 2016; Cao et al., 2008). Urban fugitive dust is not only influenced by soil properties with geographic locations. In addition, it is actually the mixture of various 377 dust-related sources. Therefore, fugitive dust is often referred to soil dust, road dust, 378 379 construction dust et al (Doskey et al., 1999; Kong et al., 2014). Fugitive dust samples were eventually collected by using resuspension chamber. 380 381 Fig. 9 shows that the primary species in soil dust are Si, Al, Ca, with mass fractions 382 ranged from 0.0500 to 0.2010 g/g. Si is the predominant species among the detected elements, followed by Fe, Na and Mg. The main chemical components of road dust 383 are Si, OC and Ca, with fractions ranged from 0.0712 to 0.0855 g/g. Al, Fe and SO₄²-384 are the relatively lower species (less than 0.0005 g/g) in the chemical profiles of road 385 386 dust. Si, Ca, Al and Fe are all crustal elements, indicating that the soil dust has a Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2018-687 Manuscript under review for journal Atmos. Chem. Phys.

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greater impact on the composition of road dust. It also shows that OC and SO_4^{2-} in the source profiles of road dust are higher than that of soil dust, indicating that the road dust is also affected by vehicle emissions or coal combustion and other anthropogenic sources (Ma et al., 2015). In general, the total water–soluble ions accounts for 0.0248-0.0648 g/g of fugitive dust, which suggests that insoluble matter is the main component of fugitive dust.

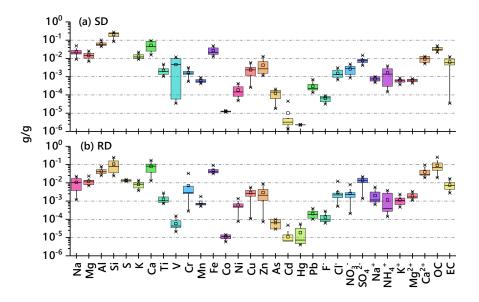


Figure 9. Characteristics of chemical profiles for particulate matter emitted from fugitive dust. SD and RD denote soil dust and road dust, respectively. Data were collected from the source library of Nankai University.

Many studies have demonstrated that ratios of different chemical components can be used as markers for fugitive dust (Alfaro et al., 2003; Arimoto et al., 2004). Kong et al.

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(2011) found that the Ca/Al ratio of paving road dust affected by construction activities was significantly different from that of soil dust. Zhang et al. (2014) reported that the heavy metals like Zn and Pb are able to be considered as the tracers of urban fugitive dust, because they found Zn/Al and Pb/Al ratios in urban fugitive dust were 1.5 to 5 times those in desert, Gobi, and loess soil samples. The NO₃-/SO₄²- ratio has been used to compare the relative importance of stationary sources vs mobile sources. Much high NO₃-/SO₄²- ratio of road dust in Hong Kong has been reported by Ho et al. (2003), revealing the more important impact of vehicle emissions on the chemical composition of road dust as compared to coal combustion.

2.2.4 Biomass burning

Traditionally, China is an agricultural-based country in the world (Bi et al., 2007). As an effective way to eliminate plant residues, direct combustion (open burning) is the predominant and popular practice during the harvest seasons (Andreae and Merlet, 2001;Ni et al., 2017;Cheng et al., 2013;Li et al., 2014b;Streets et al., 2003), but it releases a lot of pollutants into air, and consequently impacting air quality, health and climate (Yao et al., 2017;Chen et al., 2017a). Biofuel burned with stoves is also an important source of biomass burning (Tian et al., 2017). The wheat straw, corn stalks and rice straw represent 80% of the agricultural combustion in China (Ni et al., 2017), and there are also firewood, soybean and rape, etc. In addition to biofuel, sampling procedures and conditions, there are great differences in the levels and chemical properties of PM measured from different methods (Tian et al., 2017; Vicente and

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Alves, 2018). At present, there are two popular ways in the measurements of biomass 423 424 burning: field combustion experiment (FCE) and laboratory combustion simulation (LCS) (Hays et al., 2005; Li et al., 2014a; Sanchis et al., 2014; De Zarate et al., 2000). 425 Compared with other sources, reports on the profiles of the biomass burning in China 426 427 were rarely published. Fig. 10 summarizes the source profiles for PM_{2.5} obtained by different sampling method in China. The profiles of biomass boiler exhaust are 428 429 obtained by resuspension sampling method. The main components in the profiles of 430 biomass burning are OC, EC, K⁺, Cl⁻, K and Ca (Fig. 10). The fraction of EC is much 431 higher in the biomass boiler exhaust than the laboratory combustion simulation, showing that the limitation and the uneven mixing of the air in the biomass boiler is 432 easy to cause straw to burn in anaerobic condition (Tian et al., 2017), and make the 433 emission of EC higher. The oxygen content is relatively sufficient in open-air 434 435 combustion, which leads to relatively high OC emission. The fraction of Ca was much higher in biomass boiler exhaust than in field measurements (Fig. 10). 436 Field combustion experiment (FCE) is closer to the actual conditions of outdoor 437 438 combustion of straw, but the experimental condition is difficult to control well. In consideration of the relatively small burning amount of straw in the LCS and a certain 439 difference with the actual environment conditions of the FCE, the LCS can better 440 control the combustion conditions (Wang et al., 2016). Due different 441 the 442 temperature between FCE and LCS (Jensen et al., 2000), a clear different release of K⁺ and Cl⁻ in PM_{2.5} emissions to atmosphere (Fig. 9). 443 For specific components of the emissions from the biomass burning, EC emissions 444

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from firewood combustion was highest, which is mainly due to the higher content of lignin in wood (Tang et al., 2014). The content of lignin make for the formation of black carbon (Wiinikka and Gebart, 2005). At the same time, the content of volatile components of the firewood is relatively high, and the structure is dense, making it easy to combust completely in the furnace, reducing the production of OC.

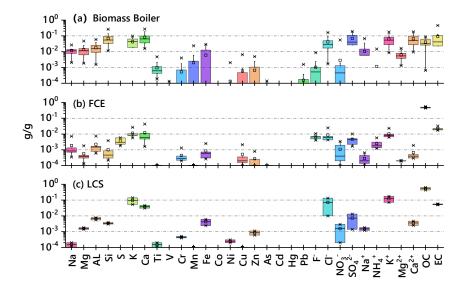


Figure 10. Major chemical compositions of 5 source profiles of biomass burning PM2 obtained by different sampling method. FCE and LCS denote field combustion experiment and laboratory combustion simulation, respectively. Data were collected from the source library of Nankai University.

Chen et al. (2007) investigated the particulate emissions from wildland fuels burning in a laboratory combustion facility in the U.S., and found the percentage of TC of PM was $63.7\% \sim 100\%$, which was higher than that in China ($4.9\% \sim 68\%$). In addition,

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adsorbed organic vapors were detected as OC in the experiment conducted by Chen et

461 al. (2007), resulting in increased content of OC and TC. K (0.4%~23.7%), Cl

462 (0.1%~9.6%) and S (0.1%~2.9%) were important part of the remaining PM mass in

the U.S, which is different from China due to the different biomass categories and

464 combustion processes.

2.2.5 Cooking emissions

With the economic growing, the types of food ingredients on the table and cooking styles have gradually become more diverse. Since 1990s, the variety of ingredients and cooking styles was also influenced by the foreign food culture. As China is famous for its food culture, various cooking styles can be found in different regions, even in different cities. Thus, cooking is undoubtedly an important local source of ambient particles. Given that there is no ubiquitous source profile for cooking emission, it is better to measure source profile of cooking emissions in real-world in the study area. As one of the essential cooking ingredients in the food and beverage industry, the types of edible oils are changing in recent years (Pei et al., 2016). Soybean oil, rapeseed oil and peanut oil are common edible oils for public dining. Due to changes in consumer demand, other types of edible oils, such as olive oil, camellia oil and flaxseed oil, have also been increasingly welcomed by the catering industry. Furthermore, Chinese-style cooking is characterized by high temperature stir-frying that releasing much more organic matter than the cooking style of western food (Zhao et al., 2007b).

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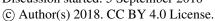




The chemical nature of PM_{2.5} emitted from commercial cooking were investigated in 482 483 many studies, with source profiles varied greatly with different factors such as cooking styles, cooking foods, seed oils, fuel, et al (He et al., 2004; Zhao et al., 484 2007b;Hou et al., 2008b;Zhao et al., 2015b;Pei et al., 2016). Robinson et al. (2006) 485 found that the contribution of cooking emission to OC in PM2.5 calculated by 486 chemical mass balance model using different source profiles yielded a difference by a 487 488 factor of more than 9. Studies founded that organic matter accounted for 66.9 % of the TSP mass emitted 489 490 from cooking activities (Zhao et al., 2015b). OC is the major constituent and accounted for 36.2% ~42.9% of the total mass, while the fraction of EC is much lower. 491 Several water-soluble ions measured in the fine particles emission presented a 492 relatively lower but a noticeable percentages, which made up of about 9.1%~17.5% of 493 494 the total PM_{2.5} mass (Anwar et al., 2004). Inorganic elements are found to contribute about 7.3%~12.0% of the total PM_{2.5} mass due to their greater presence in cooking oil 495 and raw materials (He et al., 2004). 496 497 Fig. 11 shows the PM_{2.5} chemical profiles of cooking emissions including hot pot, Chinese restaurant, barbecue and cafeteria (See and Balasubramanian, 2006; Taner et 498 al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2017a). For elements, on average, the most abundant elements 499 in cooking profiles is Al, followed by Ca and Fe. Similar results have also been 500 501 reported elsewhere. The high levels of Ca and Fe are probably emitted from raw material and cooking utensils (See and Balasubramanian, 2006; Taner et al., 2013). 502 And the high level of Cr, originated from stainless steel grills, was observed in a 503

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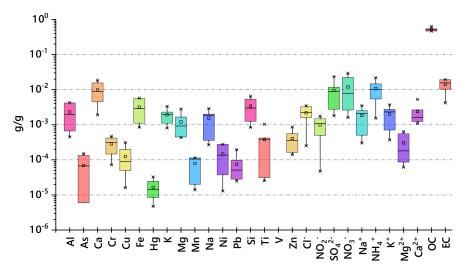


barbeque restaurant (Taner et al., 2013). Overall, OC is the most abundant species in the profiles of cooking emissions.

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Figure 11. PM_{2.5} Chemical profiles of cooking emissions. Data from the source library of Nankai University, Zhang et al. (2017), See et al. (2006) and Taner et al. (2013) were counted.

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Organic matter (OM) is the predominant species in PM2.5 emitted from cooking activities (He et al., 2004; Hou et al., 2008a; Pei et al., 2016). Many organic compounds, including n-alkanes, dicarboxylic acids, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), saturated fatty acids and unsaturated fatty acids, were quantified in the above studies. Fig. 12 shows the fractions of main organic compounds in the quantified OM emission from residential cooking (Zhao et al., 2015b) and commercial cooking (Pei et al., 2016). Among the quantified organic compounds, the predominant species is unsaturated fatty acids (49.4%-77.8%), followed by saturated fatty acids

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519 (25.1%-43.8%).

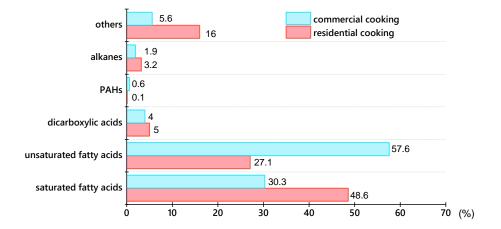


Figure 12. Proportions of major organic compounds in quantified OM emission from commercial cooking (Pei et al., 2016) and residential cooking (Zhao et al., 2015b).

In addition, except for biomass burning, many studies have reported that the levoglucosan was also founded in the emissions from residential coal combustion (Yan et al., 2017) and a variety of Chinese and western cooking styles (He et al., 2004; Zhao et al., 2007b, a). Pei et al. (2016) also found Italian cooking style released the smallest amount of monosaccharide anhydrides and the largest amount of cholesterol due to the lower ratio of vegetables to meat used in the Italian cooking than Chinese cooking materials. Malay cooking released higher PAHs concentrations than the Chinese and India methods (See et al., 2006). Deep frying emitted more PAHs than other cooking methods because of the higher temperature and more oil

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used during cooking. As far as we know now, molecular markers used for cooking 534 535 included levoglucosan, galactosan and cholesterol (He et al., 2004; Zhao et al., 2007b, a) while cholesterol can be regarded as a best marker for meat cooking (Schauer et al., 536 1999; Schauer and Cass, 2000; Schauer et al., 2002).

The chemical profile of a given source category was always established from profiles

of several similar sources belonging to this category. Non-negligible uncertainties

would be introduced in this process. To evaluate such uncertainties, the coefficient of

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2.3 Source categories cluster analysis

variation (CV, the standard deviation divided by the mean) is used in this section to further characterize the homogeneity of sources within the same source category (Fig. 13). The values of CV above 3 (Pernigotti et al., 2016) are observed in coal combustion, industry emissions and biomass burning, indicating these source profiles shows a great variation due to the large variations of their influencing factors as described in above sections. The profiles of road dust and soil dust showed a less variation with the stable chemical characteristics among the different profiles in the same category. However, the response of source profiles to various impact factors is different (Fig. 13(a)-(c)). For example, the difference of coal combustion source profiles obtained by resuspension sampling is greater than that by dilution tunnel sampling, while the desulfurization method has less influence. For biomass burning, small differences exist in the source profile established through FCE and LCS methods while quite Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2018-687 Manuscript under review for journal Atmos. Chem. Phys.

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Since source profiles owned local characteristic, it is important and necessary to establish and update local source profiles to reveal the real situation of source emissions (Zhang et al., 2017b;Zhu et al., 2018). However, local source profiles are not always available in some developing areas in the case of limited founds and poor instruments. According to the above statistical results, it can be inferred that the profiles of road dust and soil dust could be references for the cities in China without such local profiles, while it is necessary to establish the local profiles of the local

industrial emissions, vehicle emissions, coal combustion, and biomass burning, etc.

difference from that from biomass boilers. More details need further investigation.

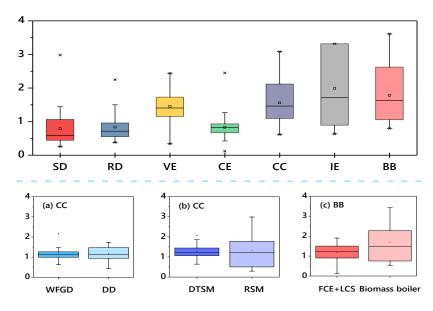


Figure 13. Coefficients of variation calculated for each source category. SD denotes soil dust, RD denotes road dust, VE denotes vehicle emissions, CE denotes cooking emissions, CC denotes coal combustion, IE denotes industrial emissions, BB denotes biomass burning,

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WFGD denotes wet flue gas desulfurization, DD denotes dry desulfurization, DTSM denotes

571 the dilution tunnel sampling method, RSM denotes resuspension sampling method, FCE

denotes field combustion experiment, LCS denotes laboratory combustion simulation.

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In order to attribute the real-world measured source profiles with homogeneous chemical signature, cluster analysis was applied to the collected data by using the package R pvclust (Suzuki and Shimodaira, 2006; Pernigotti et al., 2016). The significance test was performed with resampling the data via bootstrap method. This function is expected to assign to each cluster an approximated unbiased (AU) p-value by hierarchic clustering (Shimodaira, 2002). More details about the operation steps of this method are discussed earlier by Pernigotti et al. (2016). Moreover, the source profiles involved in the cluster calculation must contain more than two common species. In order to reduce the interference of different particle sizes, we used 214 source profiles of PM2.5 for the calculation. The result of cluster analysis and additional information of the source profiles are shown in Fig. 14 and Table S1. As shown in Fig. 14, clusters are marked if the AU p-value ≥ 90 (values were reported in red). It shows that the source profiles are divided into (1) biomass burning, (2) cooking emissions, (3) vehicle emissions, (4) and (5) coal combustion, (6) soil dust, (7) road dust, (8) industrial emissions. The result indicates that most of the measured source profiles in China have their own characteristics, however, there are some different sources mixed up (Fig. 14), indicating that the information of routine measured components such as elements, ions and carbon fractions in these profiles is

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probably not enough to distinguish all the source categories. Both the source profiles of cooking and vehicle emissions are characterized by high OC, which makes them easy to be identified as the same source type. And the chemical collinearity of the source composition between coal combustion and dust also makes it difficult to be distinguished. To solve the chemical co-linearity problem between sources, more specific tracers, especially organics should be further explored.

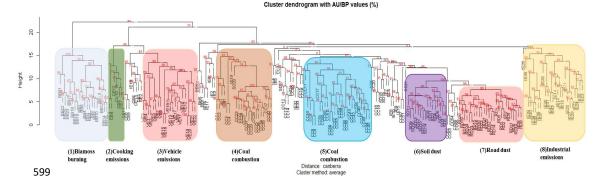


Figure 14. Result of cluster analysis on the profiles. AU p-values are reported in red

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3. Conclusion

The chemical profiles of main sources of particulate matter have been established in China since 1980s. With the development of sampling and analysis techniques, the dataset of source profiles have been gradually enlarged and could to able to reflect the real emissions of the sources to the ambient air. A total of 374 published source profiles, coupled with the database of source profiles (2870 profiles) founded by Nankai University are reviewed in this work. Six source categories include coal

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combustion, industrial emissions, vehicle emissions, fugitive dust, biomass burning 610 611 and cooking emissions are investigated to characterize sources in chemical nature and explore the main factors that influencing the chemical composition. This effort gives 612 insights into the development of source profiles in terms of its applications in receptor 613 614 models, air quality models, validation of emission inventories and estimation of source-specific emissions of individual compounds. 615 616 In general, coal combustion is the most complicated source in all source categories as 617 it is influenced by many factors from the fuel combustion processes to 618 pollution-controlling processes. Sulfate is the predominant species emission from coal combustion source equipped with wet flue gas desulfurization device. The source 619 profiles of industrial emissions are mainly determined by the components of the 620 industrial products and its pollution-controlling techniques. With the changing 621 622 standards of gasoline and diesel oil since 1980, Pb and Mn are no longer the tracers of emission from the gasoline vehicles. OC and EC are always the dominant species of 623 vehicle emissions from 1980s despite the changing standards. The profiles of the 624 625 fugitive dust including the road dust and soil dust are characterized by the high levels of crustal elements, such as Si, Al and Ca. The profiles of the biomass burning are 626 determined by the biomass categories and the different combustion phases 627 (smoldering and flaming), with K⁺ and levoglucosan to be the tracers. As for cooking 628 629 emissions, the source profiles of the emissions from the different cooking types were all dominated by OC. 630 The uncertainty analysis of all these source profiles are undertook to explore the 631

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variations of the different source profiles in the same source category and evaluate the differences between source categories. A relatively large variation has been founded in the source profiles of industry emissions, vehicle emissions, coal combustion and biomass burning, indicating that it is necessary to establish the local profiles for these source due to their high uncertainties. While the profiles of road dust and soil dust present a less variation with the stable chemical characteristics among the different profiles in the same category, suggesting that the profiles of these sources could be referenced for the cities in China when the local profiles are not available. Since source profiles owned local characteristic, it is important and necessary to establish and update local source profiles to reveal the real situation of source emissions. The result of cluster analysis on the routine measured species of source profiles suggested that industrial emissions are quite homogeneous, but some of the sources are difficult to be distinguished (cooking emissions vs vehicle emissions), indicating that more chemical tracers, such as the isotopes and organic compounds, should be further explored in the source profiles to reduce the collinearity among different source profiles. In addition to chemical components, physical information (for example, size distribution), is also an important property of particles that has a much higher potential to be used to discriminate sources. There are hundreds of sources of particulate matter in the real world, however, current database of source profiles still lacking some important source categories that have significant impacts on the air quality, especially the industrial emissions, such as the glass melt kiln, nonferrous metal smelting, bricks and tiles kiln etc. Thus, specific focus should be placed on

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these important but overlooked sources and the source profiles should be focused on 654 655 the sub-type in the future. 656 Acknowledgements 657 658 This work was financially supported by the National Key R&D Program of China (Grant No. 2016YFC0208500 (No. 2016YFC0208501)) and the Fundamental 659 660 Research Funds for the Central Universities of China. The authors thank Jing Ding, 661 Xian Ma, Jiamei Yang, Tingkun Li, Jinsheng Zhang, Xin Du, Baoshuang Liu, Ming 662 Zhou and other students in our research group for their assistances in the literature research, source sampling and post-chemical analysis related to this work. 663 664 References 665 666 Alfaro, S. C., Gomes, L., Rajot, J. L., Lafon, S., Gaudichet, A., Chatenet, B., Maille, M., Cautenet, G., Lasserre, F., Cachier, H., and Zhang, X. Y.: Chemical and 667 optical characterization of aerosols measured in spring 2002 at the ACE-Asia 668 669 supersite, Zhenbeitai, China, J Geophys Res-Atmos, 108, Artn 8641 10.1029/2002jd003214, 2003. 670 Andreae, M. O., and Merlet, P.: Emission of trace gases and aerosols from biomass 671 burning, Global Biogeochem. Cycles, 15, 955-966, Doi 10.1029/2000gb001382, 672 2001. 673 Anwar, F., Kazi, T. G., Saleem, R., and Bhanger, M. I.: Rapid determination of some 674 trace metals in several oils and fats, Grasas Aceites, 55, 160-168, 2004. 675

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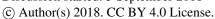
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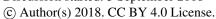






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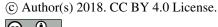
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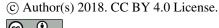
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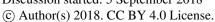




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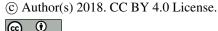






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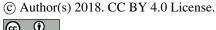


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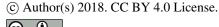
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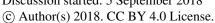
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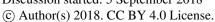


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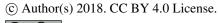




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