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## Chemical Characteristics and Source of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Hohhot, a Semi-arid City in Northern China: Insight from the COVID-19 Lockdown

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| <b>BS Mapping</b>   | CC      | BB | CD  | SIA | 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        |
| SIA                 | 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<br>Factor: | 0       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  |          |

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

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

| Table S2. Summary of error estimation diagnostics from BS and DISP in spring |
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| <b>BS Mapping</b>         | VE      | CD | SIA | CS  | CC  | BB  | Unmapped |
|---------------------------|---------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| VE                        | 96      | 2  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0        |
| CD                        | 2       | 98 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0        |
| SIA                       | 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<br>Decrease in Q: | -0.0430 |    |     |     |     |     |          |
| %dQ:                      | -0.0017 |    |     |     |     |     |          |
| Swaps by<br>Factor:       | 0       | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   |          |

| 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        | 0 1070  |         |    |    |    |    |          |
| Decrease in Q: | -0.1070 |         |    |    |    |    |          |
| %dQ:           | -0.0045 |         |    |    |    |    |          |
| Swaps by       | 0       | 0       | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |          |
| Factor:        | 0       | 0       | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |          |

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

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

| <b>BS Mapping</b>         | 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<br>Decrease in Q: | -0.3860 |    |     |    |    |     |          |
| %dQ:                      | -0.0109 |    |     |    |    |     |          |
| Swaps by<br>Factor:       | 0       | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |          |

| <b>BS Mapping</b>         | BB      | SIA | CS  | CC  | CD | VE  | Unmapped |
|---------------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----------|
| BB                        | 93      | 1   | 0   | 3   | 1  | 2   | 0        |
| SIA                       | 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<br>Decrease in Q: | -0.0400 |     |     |     |    |     |          |
| %dQ:                      | -0.0017 |     |     |     |    |     |          |
| Swaps by<br>Factor:       | 0       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   |          |

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

| T 4 <sup>9</sup> |            |                        | PM <sub>2.5</sub> |                   |                   |                   | Percenta          | ge (%) |     |      |                   | Deferrer                       |  |
|------------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|-----|------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Location         | Date type  | period                 | $(\mu g/m^3)$     | ОМ                | SO4 <sup>2-</sup> | NO <sub>3</sub> . | $\mathbf{NH_4}^+$ | Cľ     | EC  | MD   | others            | Keterence                      |  |
|                  |            | pre-LD                 | 108.7             | 27.8              | 24.4              | 22.9              | 8.0               | 2.9    | 4.6 | 4.7  | 4.7               |                                |  |
| II.11.4          |            | LD                     | 68.3              | 30.5              | 17.2              | 18.0              | 4.9               | 3.9    | 5.4 | 11.8 | 8.2               | <b>T1</b>                      |  |
| Honnot           | Offline    | post-LD                | 32.6              | 35.0              | 9.5               | 10.2              | 1.8               | 2.8    | 7.5 | 18.9 | 14.2              | This study                     |  |
|                  |            | anuual                 | 42.6              | 31.5              | 13.4              | 12.3              | 3.3               | 2.5    | 6.6 | 14.2 | 16.1              |                                |  |
| V:?              | 1'         | pre-LD                 | 102.0             | 42                | 7                 | 30                | 13                | 3      | -   | -    | 8                 | (Tian et al., 2021)            |  |
| Afan             | online     | LD                     | 60.2              | 48                | 8                 | 25                | 12                | 3      | -   | -    | 7                 |                                |  |
|                  |            | LD                     | -                 | 10.6              | 9.8               | 20.2              | 9.7               | 2.8    | 3.1 | -    | 43.8              |                                |  |
| Tianjin          | online     | Same period<br>in 2019 | -                 | 13.7              | 8.3               | 14.5              | 8.2               | 4.0    | 3.6 | -    | 47.7              | (Ding et al., 2021)            |  |
| Cuanazhau        | 1 <b>:</b> | pre-LD                 | -                 | 18.2 <sup>a</sup> | 19.5              | 37.8              | 21.4              | -      | 3.1 | -    | -                 | $(W_{app} \text{ at al} 2021)$ |  |
| Guangzhou        | omme       | LD                     | -                 | 35.2 <sup>a</sup> | 20.3              | 18.7              | 22.1              | -      | 3.8 | -    | -                 | (wang et al., 2021)            |  |
| Dailing          | 1.         | pre-LD                 | 32.2              | 18.3              | 12.1              | 22.2              | 14.2              | 3.6    | 3.0 | -    | 26.5 <sup>c</sup> |                                |  |
| Deijing          | omme       | LD                     | 50.0              | 15.8              | 16.1              | 26.1              | 16.1              | 3.0    | 2.6 | -    | 20.4 <sup>c</sup> |                                |  |
| Noniina          | onling     | pre-LD                 | 68.2              | 12.3              | 18.0              | 34.4              | 15.8              | 1.9    | 2.5 | -    | 15.3 <sup>c</sup> | (Bon at al. $2021$ )           |  |
| Nanjing          | omme       | LD                     | 44.0              | 17.9              | 21.5              | 24.7              | 14.1              | 3.2    | 1.9 | -    | 16.8 <sup>c</sup> | (Ken et al., 2021)             |  |
| Changsha         | onling     | pre-LD                 | 59.6              | 16.8              | 11.3              | 26.7              | 12.7              | 1.2    | 2.2 | -    | 29.0 <sup>c</sup> |                                |  |
|                  | omme       | LD                     | 36.6              | 20.8              | 12.5              | 14.2              | 9.2               | 1.5    | 1.3 | -    | 40.5 <sup>c</sup> |                                |  |
|                  |            | pre-LD                 | 60.9              | 23.5 <sup>b</sup> | 18.6              | 37.5              | 19.3              | 1.2    | -   | -    | -                 |                                |  |
| Shanghai         | online     | LD                     | 41.2              | 39.5 <sup>b</sup> | 21.0              | 29.4              | 18.4              | 1.7    | -   | -    | -                 | (Chen et al., 2020)            |  |
|                  |            | post-LD                | 34.0              | 25.5 <sup>b</sup> | 27.4              | 26.6              | 19.1              | 1.5    | -   | -    | -                 |                                |  |

Table S6. Comparison of chemical composition of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Hohhot and other cities.

<sup>a</sup> The sum of POC and SOC. <sup>b</sup> Sum of oxygenated and hydrocarbon-like organic aerosols. <sup>c</sup> Sum of trace elements and unidentified. "-" present no date available in the reference. Pre-LD, LD, and post-LD present pre-lockdown, lockdown, and post-lockdown period, respectively.

| Lesster  | Date    | M. 1.1 | PM <sub>2.5</sub> |        |        | S    | ource contri      | bution (%)        |      |                   |  | D                        |  |
|----------|---------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------|------|-------------------|-------------------|------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Location | type    | Model  | $(\mu g/m^3)$     | period | CC     | VE   | DS                | SIA               | BB   | SS                | IP<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>5<br>4<br>20.2<br>- | – keierence              |  |
| Hohhot C |         |        | 32.4              | Spring | 56.1   | 17.0 | 22.6 <sup>a</sup> | 4.2               | -    | -                 | -  |                          |  |
|          |         |        | 24.3              | Summer | 24.0   | 48.4 | 19.7 <sup>a</sup> | 5.3               | 2.6  | -                 | -  |                          |  |
|          | Offline | e PMF  | 37.0              | autumn | 38.9   | 33.8 | 16.1 <sup>a</sup> | 11.1              | -    | -                 | -  | This study               |  |
|          |         |        |                   | 80.8   | winter | 65.4 | 14.3              | 6.8 <sup>a</sup>  | 10.5 | -                 | -  | -                        |  |
|          |         |        | 42.6              | annual | 38.3   | 35.0 | 13.5 <sup>a</sup> | 11.4              | 1.7  | -                 | -  |                          |  |
| Tianjin  | Offline | PMF    | 60.1              | annual | 25     | 21   | 7                 | 30                | -    | 2 <sup>b</sup>    | 5  | (Tian et                 |  |
|          | Online  | PMF    | 54.3              | annual | 24     | 18   | 4                 | 38                | -    | $1^{\mathrm{b}}$  | 4  | al., 2021)               |  |
| Shanghai | Offline | PMF    | 73.7              | annual | 2.4    | 18.3 | 4.6               | 31.6              | 12.3 | 10.6 <sup>c</sup> | 20.2   | (Feng et al., 2022)      |  |
| Beijing  | Offline | PMF    | -                 | annual | 11.1   | 24.7 | 4.3               | 48.1 <sup>d</sup> | 11.7 | -                 | -  | (Z kov áet<br>al., 2016) |  |

Table S7. Comparison of source contribution of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Hohhot during pre-LD, LD, post-LD, and over the year.

CC, VE, DS, SIA, BB, SS, IP present coal combustion, vehicular emission, dust source, secondary inorganic aerosol, biomass burning, sea salt, and industrial process, respectively. "-" present no date available in the reference. <sup>a</sup> Sum of CS and CD contributions in this study. <sup>b</sup> Sum of SS and BB. <sup>c</sup> Ship emission. <sup>d</sup> Sum of secondary sulfate and secondary nitrate. Pre-LD, LD, and post-LD present 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.** Monthly variation of (a) RH, (b) WS, (c) T, and (d) P in Hohhot during the sampling period.



Figure S3. Source profiles of PMF for annual.



Figure S4. Source profiles of PMF for spring.



Figure S5. Source profiles of PMF for summer.



Figure S6. Source profiles of PMF for autumn.



Figure S7. Source profiles of PMF for winter.

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