

Supplementary Materials

Long-Term Air Quality Study in Fairbanks, Alaska: Air Pollutant Temporal Variations, Correlations, and PM_{2.5} Source Apportionment

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Table S1. Anderson-Darling test results of meteorological parameters, criteria air pollutants and PM_{2.5} speciation. (H—hypothesis test result; P—*p*-value; ADTEST—test statistics; CV—critical value). H = 1 indicates the rejection of the null hypothesis (data follows normal distribution) at the 0.05 significance level. When calculated P is less than the smallest tabulated value, 0.0005 is used for *p*-value.

| Category | | H | P | ADSTAT | CV |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------|--------|---------|
| Meteorological parameters | RH | 1 | 0.0005 | 21.975 | 0.75161 |
| | T | 1 | 0.0005 | 27.792 | 0.75161 |
| | WS | 1 | 0.0005 | 30.462 | 0.75161 |
| | SO ₂ | 1 | 0.0005 | 66.648 | 0.75161 |
| Criteria air pollutant | NO ₂ | 1 | 0.0005 | 27.115 | 0.75154 |
| | O ₃ | 1 | 0.0005 | 10.822 | 0.75158 |
| | CO | 1 | 0.0005 | 98.548 | 0.75159 |
| | PM _{2.5} | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75135 |
| | PM ₁₀ | 1 | 0.0005 | 339.57 | 0.75161 |
| | Al | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | NH ₄ ⁺ | 1 | 0.0005 | 82.501 | 0.75104 |
| | Br | 1 | 0.0005 | 35.872 | 0.75104 |
| | Ca | 1 | 0.0005 | 44.572 | 0.75104 |
| | Cl | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | Cr | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | Cu | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | EC1 | 1 | 0.0005 | 88.351 | 0.75104 |
| | EC2 | 1 | 0.0005 | 37.393 | 0.75104 |
| | Fe | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| PM _{2.5} speciation | Mg | 1 | 0.0005 | 32.93 | 0.75104 |
| | OC1 | 1 | 0.0005 | 131.63 | 0.75104 |
| | OC2 | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | OC3 | 1 | 0.0005 | 54.075 | 0.75104 |
| | OC4 | 1 | 0.0005 | 85.213 | 0.75104 |
| | K | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | Si | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | Na | 1 | 0.0005 | Inf | 0.75104 |
| | S | 1 | 0.0005 | 58.823 | 0.75104 |
| | NO ₃ ⁻ | 1 | 0.0005 | 48.546 | 0.75104 |
| | Zn | 1 | 0.0005 | 54.141 | 0.75104 |

Table S2. Correlation significance test results (*p*-value) of PM_{2.5} sources and meteorological parameters.

| | Diesel | Nitrate | Sulfate | Wood Smoke | Soil | Road Salt | Gasoline |
|----|--------|---------|---------|------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| RH | 0.0053 | 0.1615 | 0.1213 | 0.0027 | 0.0032 | 0.0324 | 0.0145 |
| WS | 0.0010 | 0.0280 | 0.0222 | 0.0002 | 0.0012 | 0.0082 | 0.0010 |
| T | 0.0000 | 0.0008 | 0.0002 | 0.0204 | 0.0666 | 0.0002 | 0.0159 |

Table S3. Correlation significance test results (*p*-value) of criteria air pollutants.

| Yearly | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| SO ₂ | 4.72 × 10 ⁻⁷⁶ | 1.26 × 10 ⁻¹⁶ | 3.19 × 10 ⁻⁶³ | 4.28 × 10 ⁻⁶² | 2.20 × 10 ⁻²⁷ |
| NO ₂ | — | 6.75 × 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.46 × 10 ⁻⁷¹ | 2.96 × 10 ⁻⁵⁴ | 2.43 × 10 ⁻²⁵ |
| O ₃ | | — | 1.45 × 10 ⁻³⁵ | 7.69 × 10 ⁻²⁶ | 1.85 × 10 ⁻⁷ |
| CO | | | — | 1.93 × 10 ⁻⁸¹ | 1.31 × 10 ⁻²⁶ |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 1.76 × 10 ⁻⁵⁵ |
| Spring | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 1.78 × 10 ⁻¹⁴ | 0.042409 | 1.49 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 1.28 × 10 ⁻¹¹ | 0.011073 |
| NO ₂ | — | 0.001101 | 4.65 × 10 ⁻¹⁶ | 5.66 × 10 ⁻¹³ | 0.052803 |
| O ₃ | | — | 0.002609 | 0.03395 | 0.97901 |
| CO | | | — | 1.03 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ | 0.058666 |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 1.06 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| Summer | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 0.000313 | 0.58835 | 0.084332 | 0.000478 | 5.54 × 10 ⁻³ |
| NO ₂ | — | 7.14 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 0.10436 | 0.001588 | 8.82 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| O ₃ | | — | 0.84244 | 0.078213 | 0.011449 |
| CO | | | — | 3.31 × 10 ⁻⁷ | 0.000178 |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 6.39 × 10 ⁻¹⁶ |
| Fall | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 9.65 × 10 ⁻²¹ | 1.41 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 7.06 × 10 ⁻²⁶ | 8.82 × 10 ⁻²⁶ | 1.77 × 10 ⁻⁹ |
| NO ₂ | — | 0.016514 | 6.58 × 10 ⁻²⁰ | 1.29 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ | 6.28 × 10 ⁻¹² |
| O ₃ | | — | 2.39 × 10 ⁻⁶ | 1.69 × 10 ⁻⁹ | 8.36 × 10 ⁻⁵ |
| CO | | | — | 7.72 × 10 ⁻²⁶ | 1.17 × 10 ⁻⁹ |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 1.13 × 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| Winter | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 0.000405 | 6.12 × 10 ⁻⁷ | 3.16 × 10 ⁻⁹ | 7.41 × 10 ⁻¹⁸ | 4.11 × 10 ⁻¹⁵ |
| NO ₂ | — | 0.034838 | 1.36 × 10 ⁻⁷ | 3.07 × 10 ⁻⁵ | 4.8 × 10 ⁻⁶ |
| O ₃ | | — | 4.7 × 10 ⁻⁶ | 3.84 × 10 ⁻⁹ | 7.68 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ |
| CO | | | — | 1.77 × 10 ⁻¹³ | 1.45 × 10 ⁻¹³ |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 2.66 × 10 ⁻³⁷ |

Table S4. Correlation significance test results (*p*-value) of criteria air pollutants and meteorological parameters.

| | SO₂ | NO₂ | O₃ | CO | PM_{2.5} | PM₁₀ |
|----|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| T | 6.11×10^{-50} | 1.38×10^{-64} | 1.53×10^{-22} | 9.06×10^{-54} | 2.33×10^{-36} | 1.67×10^{-9} |
| WS | 3.07×10^{-22} | 1.34×10^{-16} | 1.91×10^{-28} | 1.58×10^{-28} | 1.44×10^{-29} | 2.81×10^{-10} |
| RH | 1.63×10^{-4} | 2.51×10^{-4} | 4.42×10^{-48} | 1.54×10^{-15} | 3.72×10^{-6} | 1.43×10^{-2} |

Table S5. Quantities of pollutants emitted by wildfires in Alaska, 2015 (adapted from [16]).

| Pollutant | Abbreviation | Quantities (ton) |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| carbon monoxide | CO | 37,739,788 |
| coarse particulate matter | PM ₁₀ | 3,669,509 |
| fine particulate matter | PM _{2.5} | 3,147,159 |
| methane | CH ₄ | 1,775,990 |
| volatile organic compounds | VOC | 1,775,990 |
| organic carbon | OC | 1,514,815 |
| oxides of nitrogen | NO _x | 809,643 |
| sulfur dioxide | SO ₂ | 221,999 |
| elemental carbon | EC | 195,881 |
| ammonia | NH ₃ | 169,764 |

Table S6. Correlations between PM_{2.5} sources and meteorological parameters (T-temperature; WS-wind speed; RH-relative humidity) in spearman correlation coefficient. Daily data were grouped by month, and monthly averages were used for calculation. Strong correlation: $|ρ| > 0.5$; Moderate correlation, $0.3 < |ρ| < 0.5$; Weak correlation, $|ρ| \leq 0.3$. Number of stars represent significant levels. (**— p -value < 0.001 ; **— p -value < 0.05 ; *— p -value < 0.1).

| | Diesel | Nitrate | Sulfate | Wood Smoke | Soil | Road Salt | Gasoline |
|------|----------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| RH | 0.77** | 0.43 | 0.48 | 0.80** | -0.80** | 0.63** | 0.70** |
| WS | -0.85*** | -0.64** | -0.66** | -0.88*** | 0.84** | -0.74** | -0.85*** |
| Temp | -0.99*** | -0.85*** | -0.88** | -0.67** | 0.55* | -0.88*** | -0.69** |

Table S7. Annual and seasonal (two-season division) correlations of six criteria air pollutants in spearman correlation coefficient. Daily measurements were used for calculation. Strong correlation: $|Q| > 0.5$; Moderate correlation, $0.3 < |Q| < 0.5$; Weak correlation, $|Q| \leq 0.3$. Number of stars represent significant levels. (** $-p$ -value < 0.001 ; ** $-p$ -value < 0.05 ; * $-p$ -value < 0.1).

| Yearly | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| SO ₂ | 0.80*** | -0.43*** | 0.76*** | 0.75*** | 0.55*** |
| NO ₂ | — | -0.38*** | 0.79*** | 0.72*** | 0.53*** |
| O ₃ | | — | -0.61*** | -0.53*** | -0.28*** |
| CO | | | — | 0.82*** | 0.54*** |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 0.72*** |
| Warm Season | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 0.44*** | 0.06 | 0.23** | 0.37*** | 0.31*** |
| NO ₂ | — | 0.23** | 0.36*** | 0.35*** | 0.41*** |
| O ₃ | | — | -0.20** | 0.11 | 0.30*** |
| CO | | | — | 0.44*** | 0.29*** |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 0.67*** |
| Cold Season | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 0.73*** | -0.54*** | 0.80*** | 0.83*** | 0.52*** |
| NO ₂ | — | -0.40*** | 0.71*** | 0.69*** | 0.42*** |
| O ₃ | | — | -0.72*** | -0.75*** | -0.45*** |
| CO | | | — | 0.90*** | 0.51*** |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 0.66*** |

Table S8. Correlation significance test results (*p*-value) of criteria air pollutants (two-season division).

| Yearly | NO₂ | O₃ | CO | PM_{2.5} | PM₁₀ |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| SO ₂ | 4.72×10^{-76} | 1.26×10^{-16} | 3.19×10^{-63} | 4.28×10^{-62} | 2.20×10^{-27} |
| NO ₂ | — | 6.75×10^{-13} | 1.46×10^{-71} | 2.96×10^{-54} | 2.43×10^{-25} |
| O ₃ | | — | 1.45×10^{-35} | 7.69×10^{-26} | 1.85×10^{-7} |
| CO | | | — | 1.93×10^{-81} | 1.31×10^{-26} |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 1.76×10^{-55} |
| Warm Season | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 1.29×10^{-8} | 0.48727 | 0.003872 | 2.57×10^{-6} | 9.92×10^{-5} |
| NO ₂ | — | 0.004837 | 4.51×10^{-6} | 9.38×10^{-6} | 1.38×10^{-7} |
| O ₃ | | — | 0.012436 | 0.19827 | 0.000222 |
| CO | | | — | 1.16×10^{-8} | 0.000391 |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 1.28×10^{-20} |
| Cold Season | NO ₂ | O ₃ | CO | PM _{2.5} | PM ₁₀ |
| SO ₂ | 9.81×10^{-32} | 3.33×10^{-15} | 6.54×10^{-43} | 4.51×10^{-48} | 6.02×10^{-14} |
| NO ₂ | — | 1.62×10^{-8} | 6.16×10^{-30} | 4.76×10^{-27} | 3.75×10^{-9} |
| O ₃ | | — | 2.13×10^{-30} | 2.76×10^{-35} | 1.73×10^{-10} |
| CO | | | — | 3.67×10^{-67} | 2.11×10^{-13} |
| PM _{2.5} | | | | — | 9.01×10^{-25} |

Table S9. Annual and seasonal average source contributions using newly-defined seasons.
(SE-standard error).

| Source | Warm Season (May–Sept) | | Cold Season (Oct–Apr) | | Average | |
|------------|--|-------|--|-------|--|-------|
| | Mean ± SE ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) | % | Mean ± SE ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) | % | Mean ± SE ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) | % |
| Diesel | -0.018 ± 0.015 | -0.5 | 1.381 ± 0.062 | 10.7 | 0.858 ± 0.047 | 9.2 |
| Nitrate | 0.406 ± 0.074 | 10.6 | 2.139 ± 0.096 | 16.6 | 1.455 ± 0.070 | 15.7 |
| Sulfate | 0.051 ± 0.065 | 1.3 | 4.900 ± 0.340 | 38.0 | 3.038 ± 0.229 | 32.7 |
| Wood Smoke | 1.440 ± 0.204 | 37.6 | 2.254 ± 0.142 | 17.5 | 1.787 ± 0.102 | 19.3 |
| Soil | 0.334 ± 0.030 | 8.7 | 0.294 ± 0.020 | 2.3 | 0.355 ± 0.022 | 3.8 |
| Gasoline | 1.599 ± 0.062 | 41.8 | 1.782 ± 0.081 | 13.8 | 1.694 ± 0.053 | 18.2 |
| Road Salt | 0.013 ± 0.006 | 0.3 | 0.144 ± 0.016 | 1.1 | 0.095 ± 0.011 | 1.0 |
| Sum | 3.825 ± 0.302 | 100.0 | 12.894 ± 0.499 | 100.0 | 9.282 ± 0.363 | 100.0 |

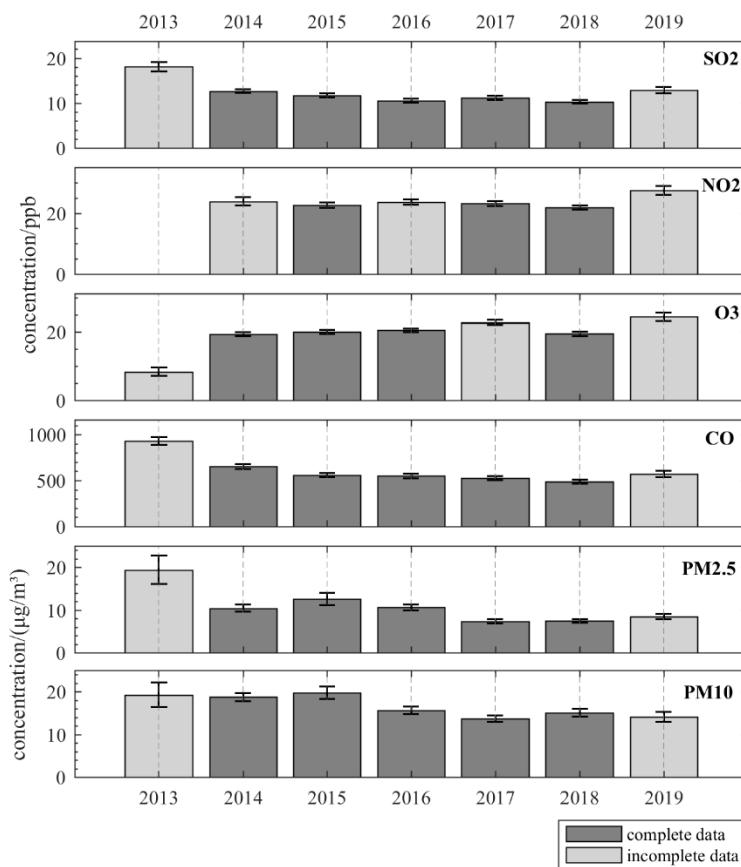


Figure S1. Interannual variations of six criteria air pollutants ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀, ppb for SO₂, NO₂, O₃ and CO) in Fairbanks from 2013 to 2019. Dark grey bars represent years with observations from every month. Light grey bars represent years with at least one month of missing observations. Error bars represent one standard error.

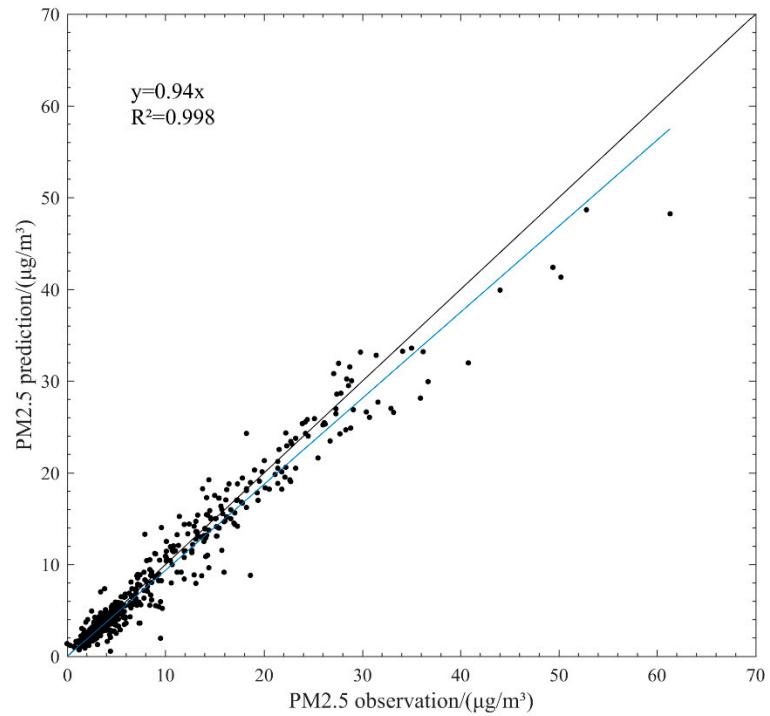


Figure S2. Predicted VS observed PM_{2.5} concentrations. Data points with missing PM_{2.5} observations and data points on June 23rd, June 26th, July 2nd and July 8th, 2015 were removed. Black line represents the one-to-one line. Blue line represents the fitting straight line.

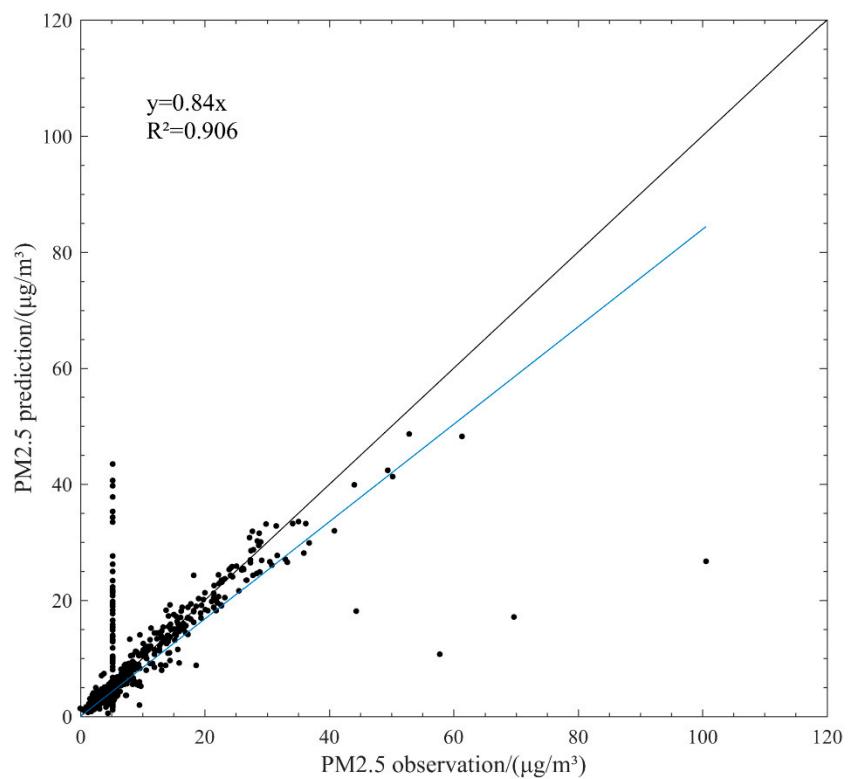


Figure S3. Predicted VS observed PM_{2.5} concentrations (complete data). Black line represents the one-to-one line. Blue line represents the fitting straight line.

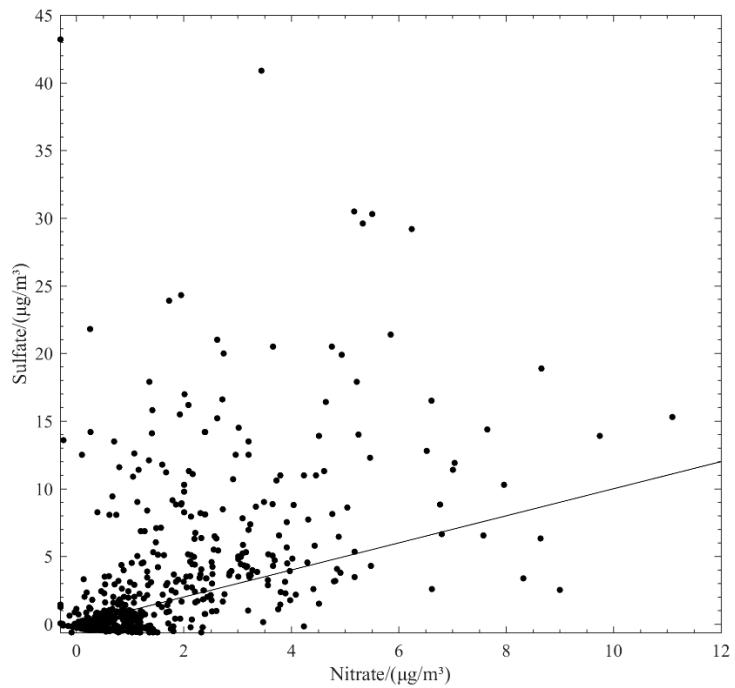


Figure S4. Nitrate VS Sulfate G-space scatter plot. Black line represents the one to one line.

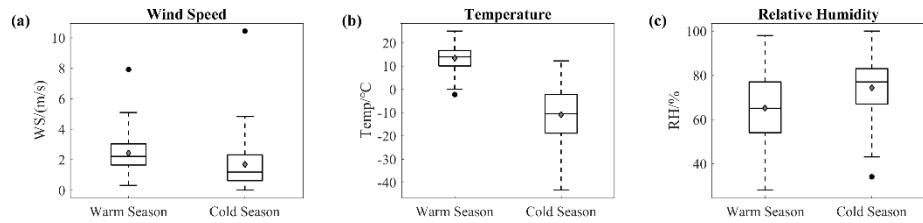


Figure S5. Comparison of (a) wind speed (b) temperature (c) relative humidity in warm and cold seasons. The central box represents values from lower to upper quartile (25th to 75th percentile). The vertical line extends from the 10th percentile to the 90th percentile. The middle solid line represents the median. The grey diamond represents the arithmetic average. Maximal and minimal outliers are plotted as black dots.

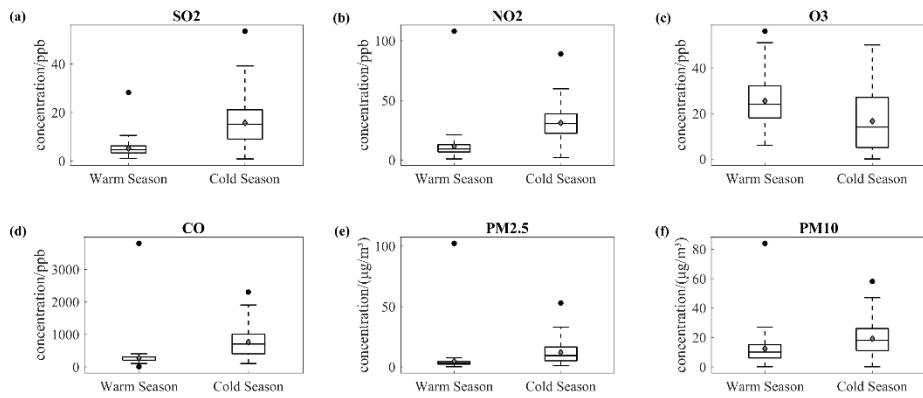


Figure S6. Comparison of (a) SO₂ (b) NO₂ (c) O₃ (d) CO (e) PM_{2.5} (f) PM₁₀ in warm and cold seasons. The central box represents values from lower to upper quartile (25th to 75th percentile). The vertical line extends from the 10th percentile to the 90th percentile. The middle solid line represents the median. The grey diamond represents the arithmetic average. Maximal and minimal outliers are plotted as black dots.