

**Source apportionment of fine atmospheric particles using Positive matrix factorization in Pretoria, South Africa**

**Table S1** Input Data Statistics for positive matrix factorisation modelling

| No | Species           | Category          | Signal-to noise ration |
|----|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1  | PM <sub>2.5</sub> | Weak*             | 5.7                    |
| 2  | BC                | Strong            | 4.7                    |
| 3  | OC                | Strong            | 4.7                    |
| 4  | Si                | Strong            | 9.0                    |
| 5  | S                 | Strong            | 9.0                    |
| 6  | Cl                | Strong            | 8.7                    |
| 7  | K                 | Strong            | 9.0                    |
| 8  | Ca                | Strong            | 8.5                    |
| 9  | Ti                | Strong            | 8.8                    |
| 10 | V                 | Weak <sup>#</sup> | 0.3                    |
| 11 | Fe                | Strong            | 9.0                    |
| 12 | Ni                | Strong            | 7.6                    |
| 13 | Cu                | Strong            | 6.0                    |
| 14 | Zn                | Strong            | 8.9                    |
| 15 | As                | Weak              | 2.1                    |
| 16 | Se                | Strong            | 3.8                    |
| 17 | Br                | Strong            | 8.8                    |
| 18 | Sb                | Strong            | 4.1                    |
| 19 | Ba                | Strong            | 3.4                    |
| 20 | Pb                | Weak              | 2.9                    |
| 21 | U                 | Strong            | 3.5                    |

\*PM<sub>2.5</sub> is set to be a "Total Variable" and therefore automatically set to "Weak".

<sup>#</sup>Vanadium (V) was used in run as test for fuel combustion. This was only observed in the 7 factors profile.

**Table S2** Summary of temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed in Pretoria during 18 April 2017 and 17 April 2018.

| <b>Variables</b>      | <b>Autumn</b> | <b>Winter</b> | <b>Spring</b> | <b>Summer</b> | <b>Full study</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Mean temperature (°C) | 16.2          | 14.4          | 19.4          | 20.4          | 17.6              |
| Min temperature (°C)  | 9.6           | 11.0          | 11.5          | 16.5          | 9.6               |
| Max temperature (°C)  | 21.6          | 17.6          | 26.2          | 24.7          | 26.2              |
| Mean RH (%)           | 64.1          | 49.9          | 45.1          | 57.3          | 54.3              |
| Min RH (%)            | 37.4          | 22.7          | 14.1          | 30.1          | 14.1              |
| Max RH (%)            | 81.9          | 80.0          | 73.2          | 84.1          | 84.1              |
| Wind direction        | ENE,WSW,W     | SSE,E,W       | ENE,WSW,W     | ENE,WSW,W     | SSE,WSW,W         |
| Mean wind speed (m/s) | 1.2           | 2.11          | 1.5           | 1.6           | 1.6               |
| Max wind speed (m/s)  | 2.1           | 2.3           | 3.1           | 2.4           | 3.1               |

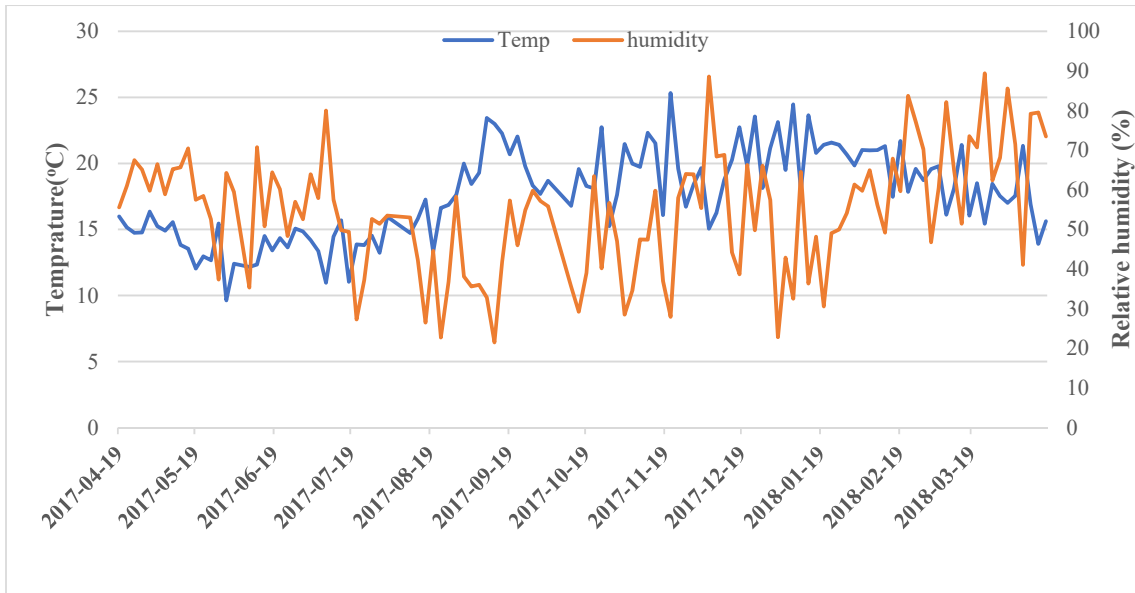
RH: Relative humidity

**Table S3.** Trace elemental composition of PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels in Pretoria during 18 April 2017 to 17 April 2018 (ng m<sup>-3</sup>)

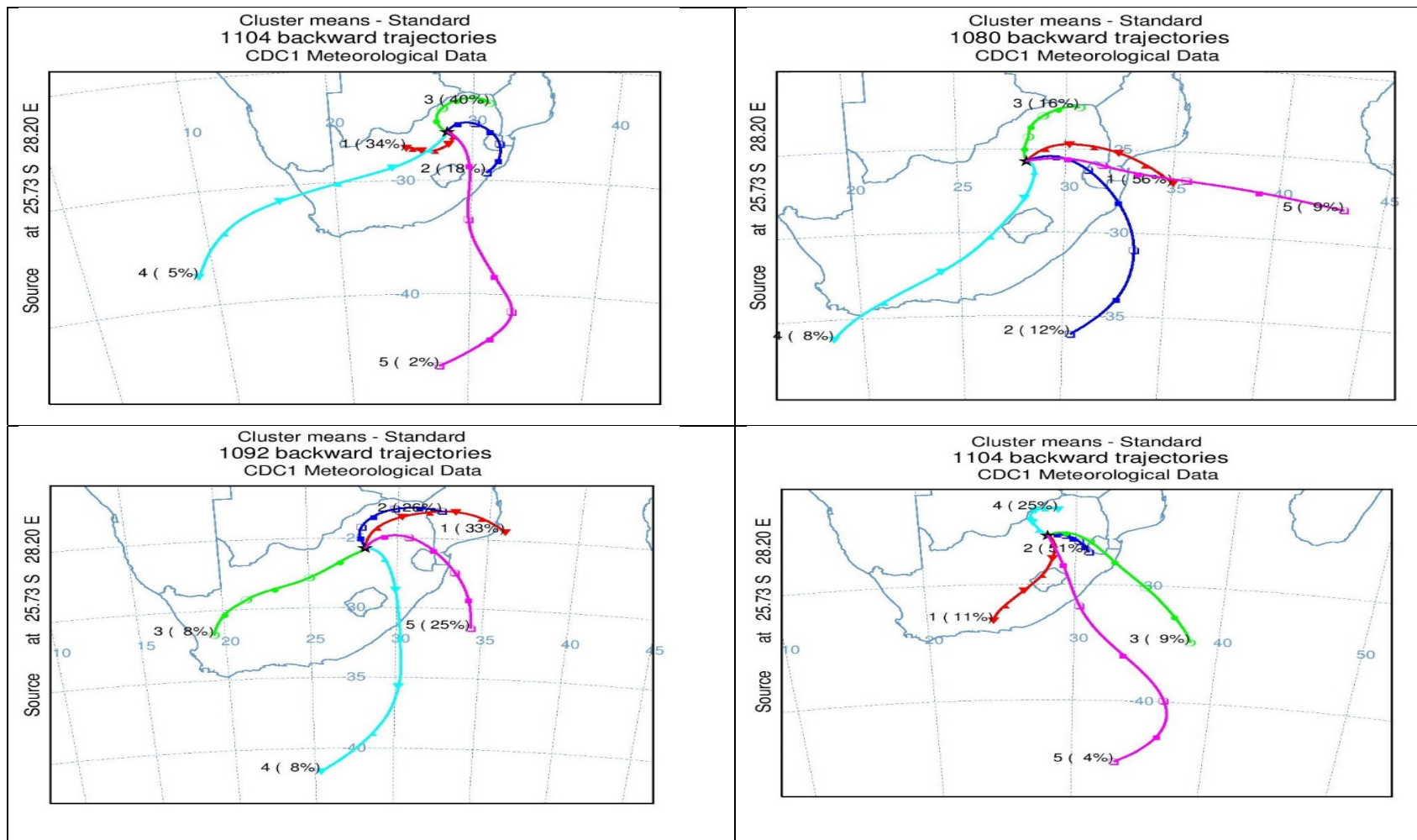
| <b>Elements</b>   | <b>Average</b> | <b>Mean</b> | <b>SD</b> | <b>median</b> | <b>Range</b>  |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Si                | 560 ± 340      | 565.5       | 517.1     | 405.9         | 4.1 – 2503.8  |
| S                 | 1480 ± 510     | 1476.2      | 1302.3    | 1094.8        | 8.0 – 6127.5  |
| Cl                | 70 ± 90        | 69.5        | 146.8     | 17.6          | 0.4 – 1223.5  |
| K                 | 360 ± 300      | 357.0       | 373.7     | 1176.8        | 7.7 – 1527.1  |
| Ca                | 170 ± 120      | 174.3       | 168.9     | 117           | 3.7 – 834.9   |
| Ti                | 30 ± 20        | 31.2        | 23.7      | 25.5          | 1.1 – 129.8   |
| V                 | 2 ± 2          | 1.5         | 5.3       | 0.6           | 0.6 – 46.8    |
| Fe                | 370 ± 160      | 368.1       | 197.6     | 335.9         | 47.9 – 1102.8 |
| Ni                | 140 ± 80       | 146.1       | 90.9      | 190.4         | 0.3 – 266.3   |
| Cu                | 10 ± 4         | 7.9         | 8.8       | 3.8           | 0.0 – 58.6    |
| Zn                | 60 ± 60        | 55.6        | 83.0      | 17.6          | 0.1 – 462.5   |
| As                | 2 ± 3          | 1.9         | 4.1       | 0.4           | 0.4 – 23.3    |
| Se                | 1 ± 1          | 1.2         | 2.0       | 0.4           | 0.0 – 14.6    |
| Br                | 20 ± 20        | 18.1        | 28.4      | 8.3           | 0.4 – 253.7   |
| Sb                | 10 ± 4         | 11.1        | 10.7      | 5.3           | 0.6 – 49.5    |
| Ba                | 12 ± 4         | 11.9        | 10.9      | 5.3           | 1.0 – 40.8    |
| Pb                | 10 ± 10        | 10.3        | 25.6      | 2.1           | 0.1 – 194.9   |
| U                 | 1 ± 1          | 1.6         | 1.3       | 1.1           | 0.1 – 8.2     |
| PM <sub>2.5</sub> | 21100          | 21.1        | 15.0      | 15.6          | 0.7 – 66.8    |
| BC                | 3860 ± 2460    | 3.9         | 3.0       | 2.9           | 0.4 – 11.4    |

**Table S4** Summary of positive matrix factorisation outputs for the different number of factors showing the probable sources and main markers

| <b>Factor</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Probably sources</b>                   | <b>Main marker/Analysed chemical</b> |
|---------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 5             | 1             | Diesel/vehicle exhaust                    | Sb, S, U, Pb                         |
|               | 2             | Coal/biomass burning                      | As, Pb, Br, Cl                       |
|               | 3             | Mineral dust<br>Soil, resuspended         | Si, K, Ca, Ti                        |
|               | 4             | Vehicle exhaust/fossil fuel combustion    | Ba, Cu, Ca, Se                       |
|               | 5             | Residual/diesel/road traffic              | Ni, Fe                               |
| 6             | 1             | Mineral dust<br>Soil, resuspended dust    | Si, K, Ca, Ti                        |
|               | 2             | Coal burning/biomass burning              | Br, As, K, Cl, BC, S                 |
|               | 3             | Residual oil /diesel                      | S, Sb, U                             |
|               | 4             | Residual oil/ domestic heating/industrial | Ni, Fe                               |
|               | 5             | Vehicle exhaust/ road traffic             | Cu, Zn                               |
|               | 6             | Industrial/ road traffic                  | Cu, Se, Ba, Pb                       |
| 7             | 1             | Vehicle exhaust/ fossil fuel combustion   | Cu, Se, Pb, U                        |
|               | 2             | Mineral dust/ soil dust                   | S, Cl, K, Ca, Ti, Fe                 |
|               | 3             | Secondary sulphur/ vehicle exhaust        | S, BC                                |
|               | 4             | Vehicle exhaust                           | Zn, Cl, Cu, BC                       |
|               | 5             | Road traffic                              | V, Sb, Ba, Ca, Se                    |
|               | 6             | Base metal/Pyrometallurgical              | Ni, Fe, V, U                         |
|               | 7             | Coal burning                              | BC, K, As, Pb, Cl                    |



**Fig. S1** Time series plot of temperature and relative humidity levels in Pretoria during 18 April 2017 and 17 April 2018 by month.



**Fig. S2** Five transport pathways (cluster plots) arriving at the sampling site during 18 April 2017 and 18 April 2018 by seasons, clockwise from top left, winter, autumn, spring and summer.