

# Chemical composition of PM in a residential area of Beijing, China

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## OBJECTIVES

Emission reduction measures were performed to improve air quality during the Olympic Summer Games in 2008: cut down mainly coarse particles.

Question: PM still a problem?

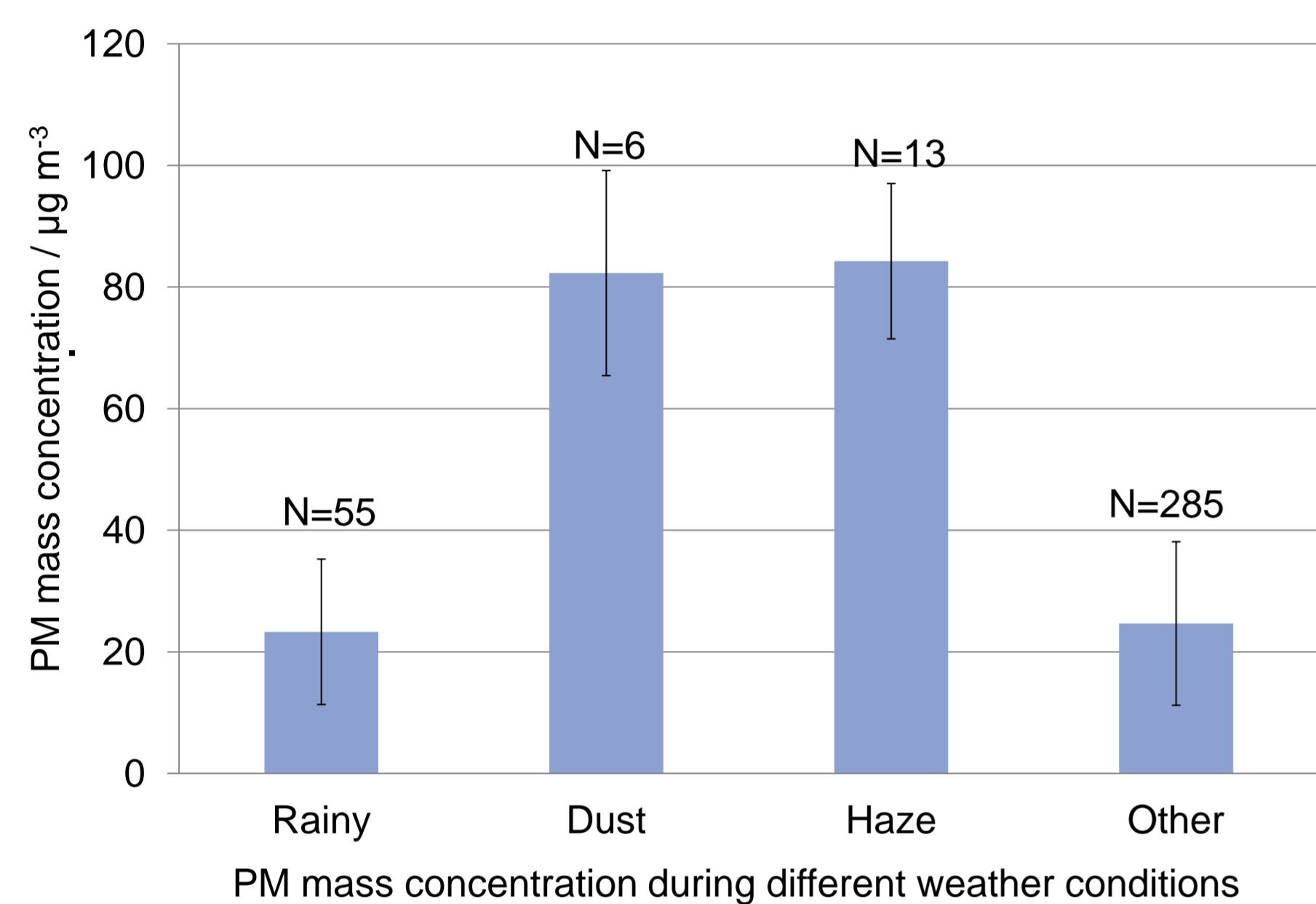
Objectives: Chemical composition of PM, source identification and special case studies during haze and dust events.

## METHODOLOGY

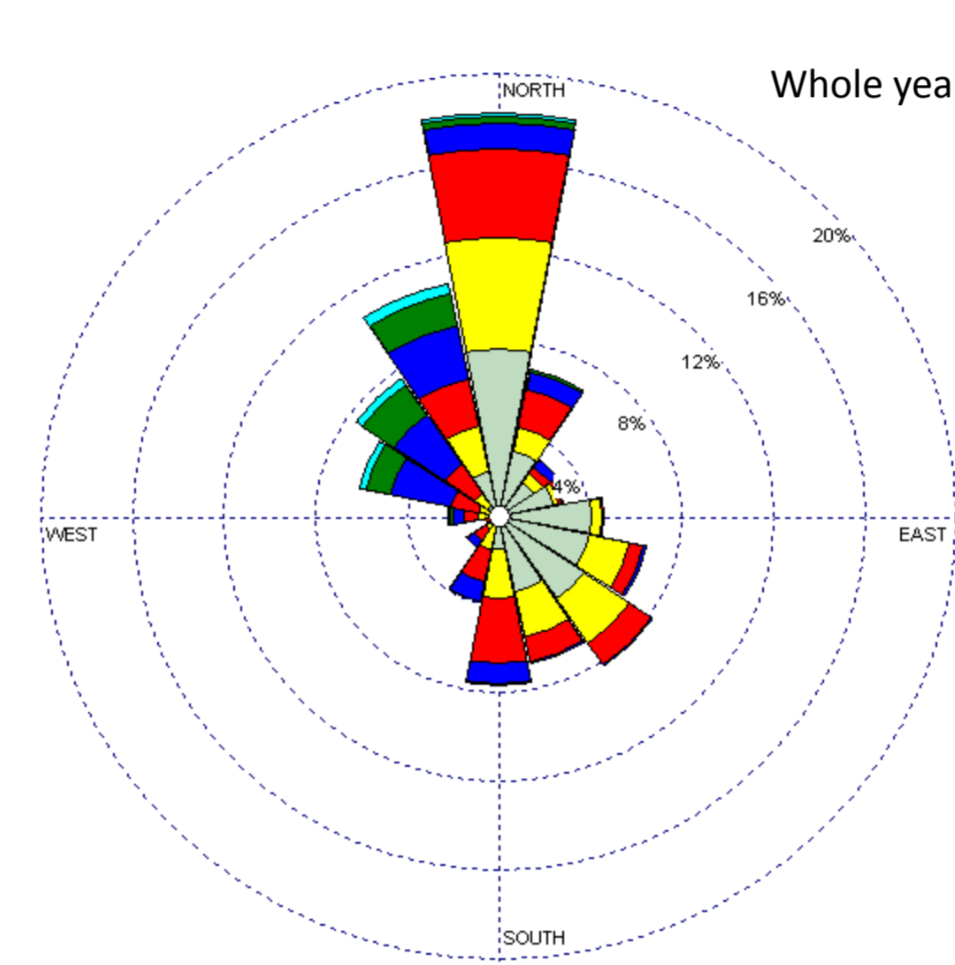
**Particulate concentrations:** Daily PM filter sampling on quartz fibre filters with 2 High-Volume Samplers DHA80 (Digitel) by KIT/IMK-IFU from 2010.06.21 on for one year with CUMTB at the entrance of CUGB in 20 m distance to Mini-Volume Sampler (weekly PM<sub>2.5</sub> samples) of KIT/IMG.

Meteorological data from IAP and ZBAA (<http://weather.uwyo.edu/upperair/sounding.html>).

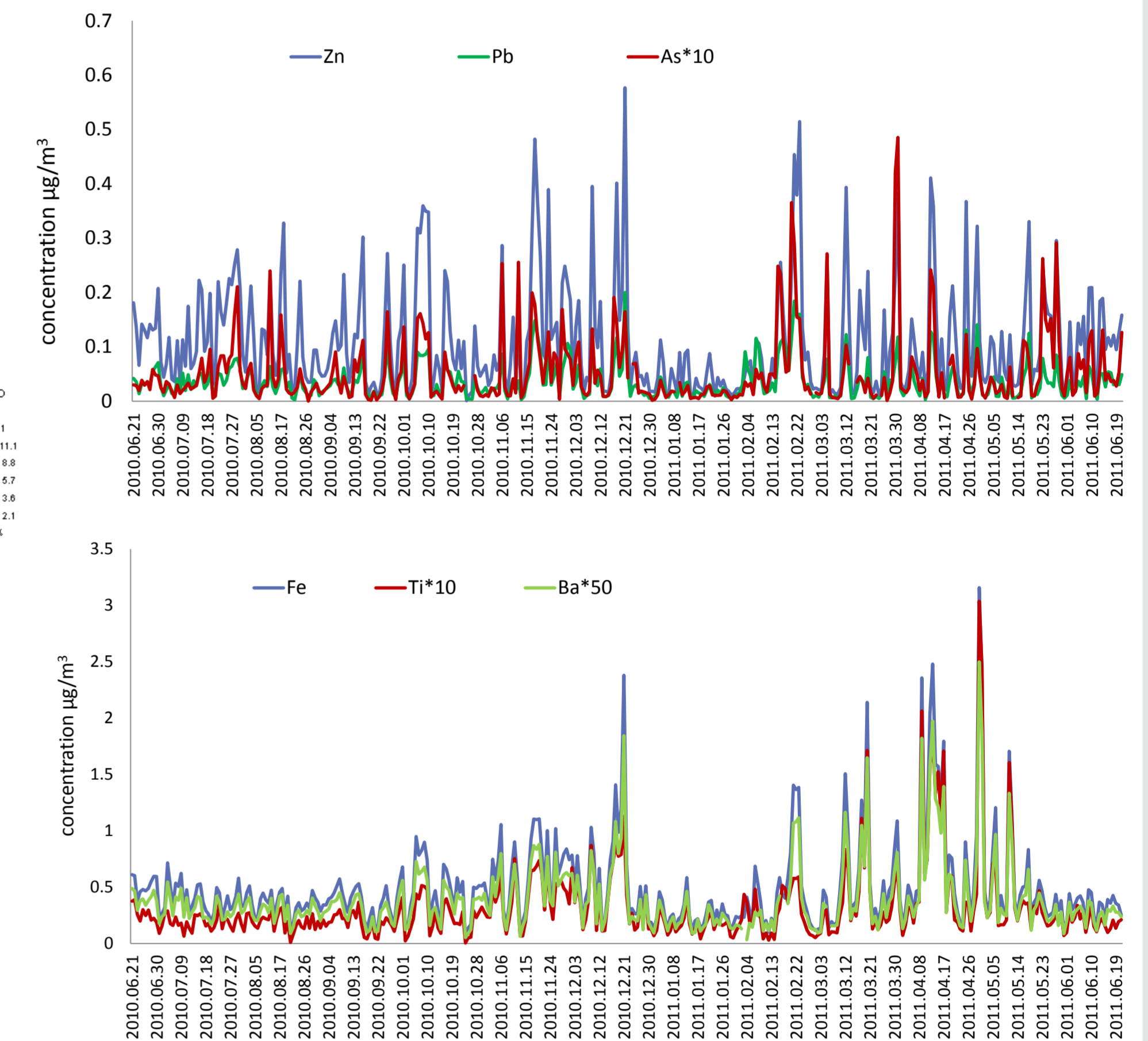
**Particle composition:** Main and trace elements analysed by PEDXRF (Polarized energy dispersive X-ray fluorescence) from KIT/IMG.



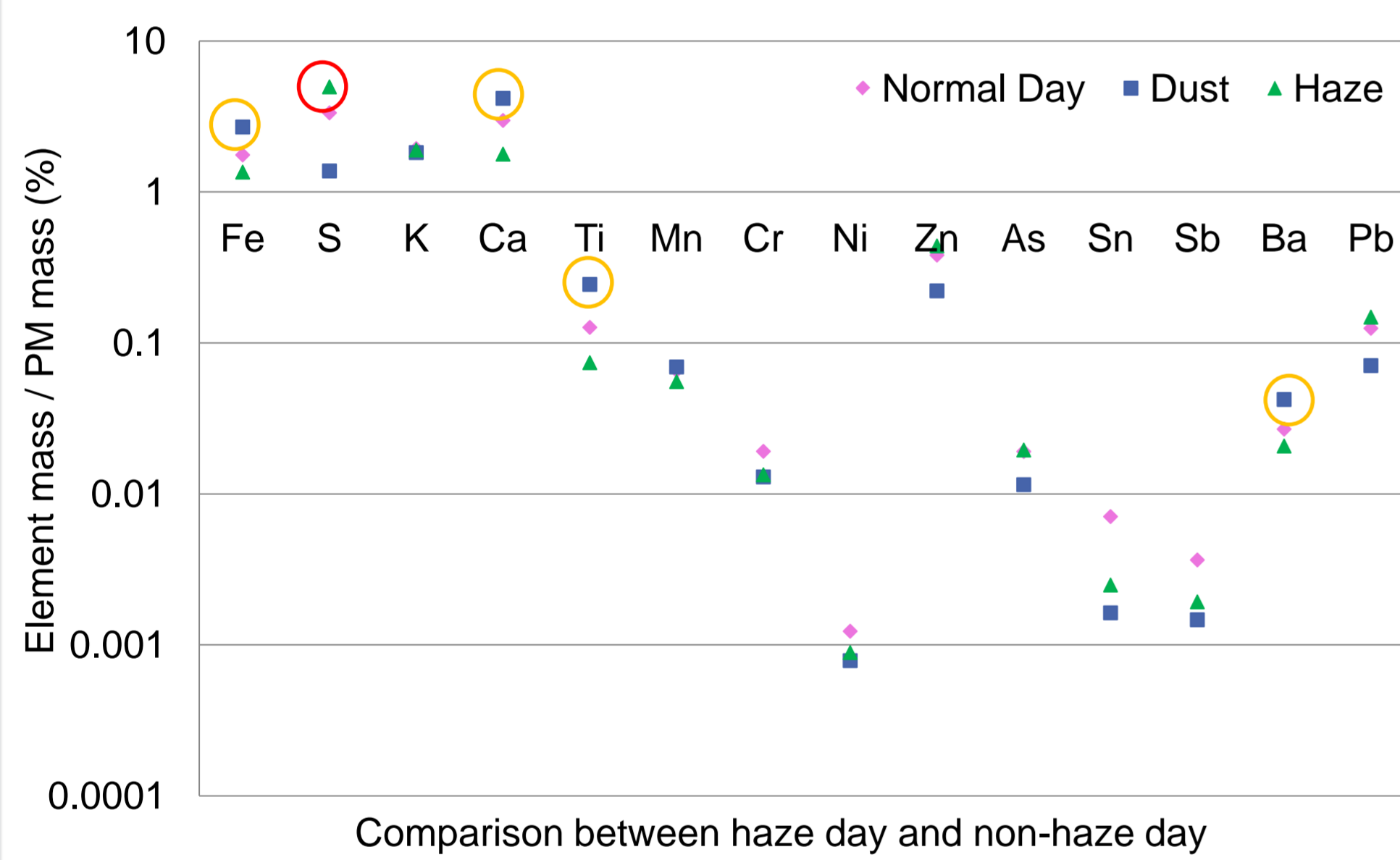
Comparison of PM mass concentration during different weather conditions: **haze days** highest PM mass concentration, followed by **dust days**.  
Dust days - most coarse particles.  
Haze days influenced by human activities - most secondary particles in fine mode.



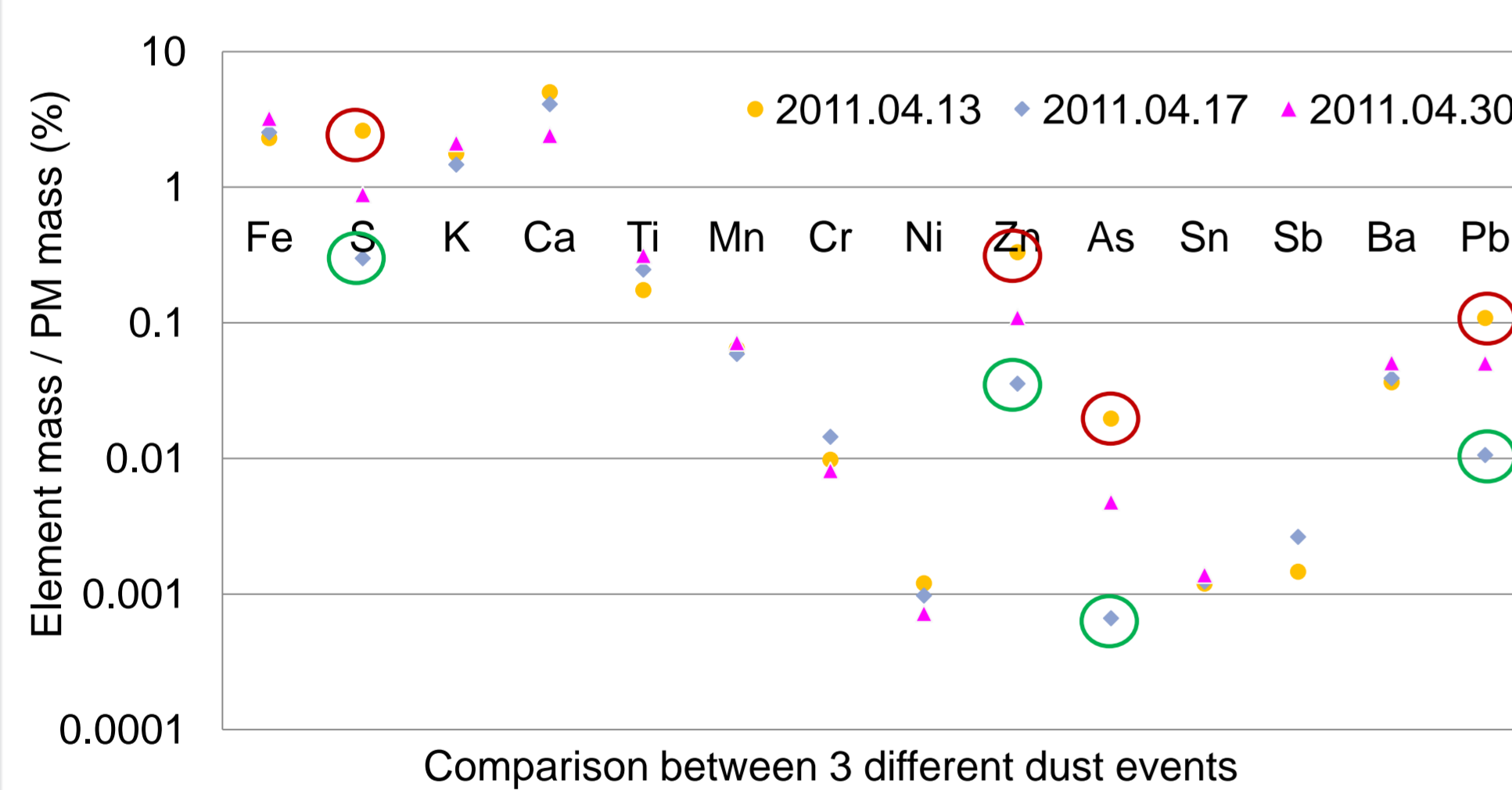
Whole year wind rose in Beijing: prevailing wind direction **north** and **south east**.



Concentrations of **natural sources** (Fe, Ti and Ba) and **anthropogenic sources** (Zn, As and Pb) in PM: dust storm on 2011.04.30 highest Fe, Ti and Ba concentrations.



**Sulfur, Zinc and Lead** which refer to anthropogenic influences - highest amount during haze days.  
**Fe, Ti, Ca, Mn, Ba** which refer to geogenic sources - highest amount during dust days.



**Sulfur and Zinc** highest amount during dust event on 2011.04.13 - influenced by re-suspended dust.

Element	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3
PM	0.684	0.647	0.129
Fe	0.944	0.261	0.107
S	0.009	0.874	-0.009
K	0.620	0.653	0.097
Ca	0.885	0.218	0.124
Ti	0.954	0.040	0.117
Mn	0.843	0.417	0.137
Cr	0.520	0.514	-0.078
Ni	0.467	0.564	0.060
Zn	0.367	0.814	0.273
As	0.132	0.677	0.419
Sn	0.008	0.174	0.792
Sb	0.172	0.068	0.680
Ba	0.947	0.240	0.110
Pb	0.348	0.850	0.236

**Source apportionment - Factor Analysis:**  
Factor 1: Geogenic sources  
Factor 2: Fossil fuel combustion (oil and coal combustion) and waste incineration  
Factor 3: Brake wear

## RESULTS

### PM mass concentration:

Highest in April - dust storm, re-suspended road dust.  
Lowest in January - low emissions during Spring Festival holiday as well as influenced by wind direction.

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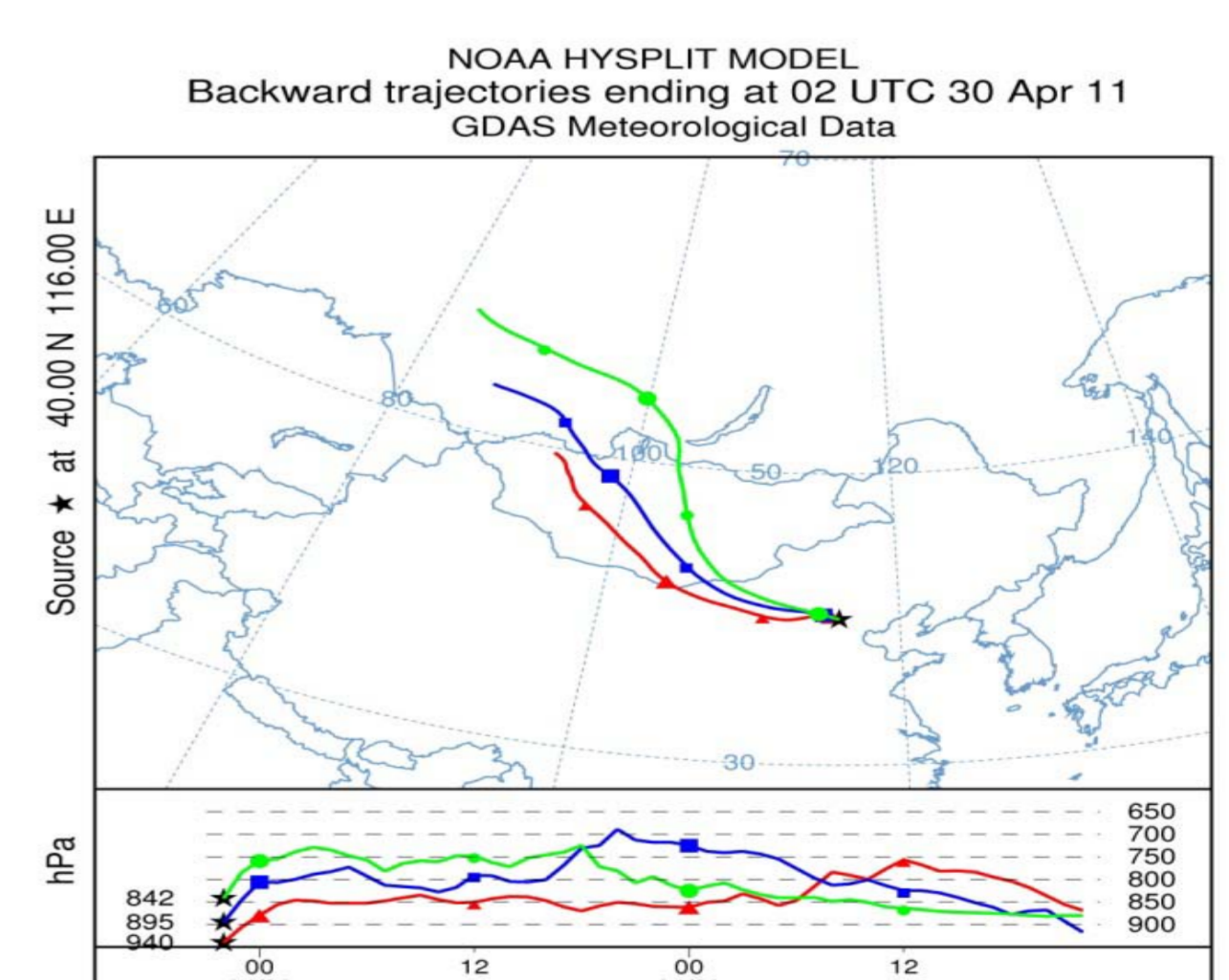
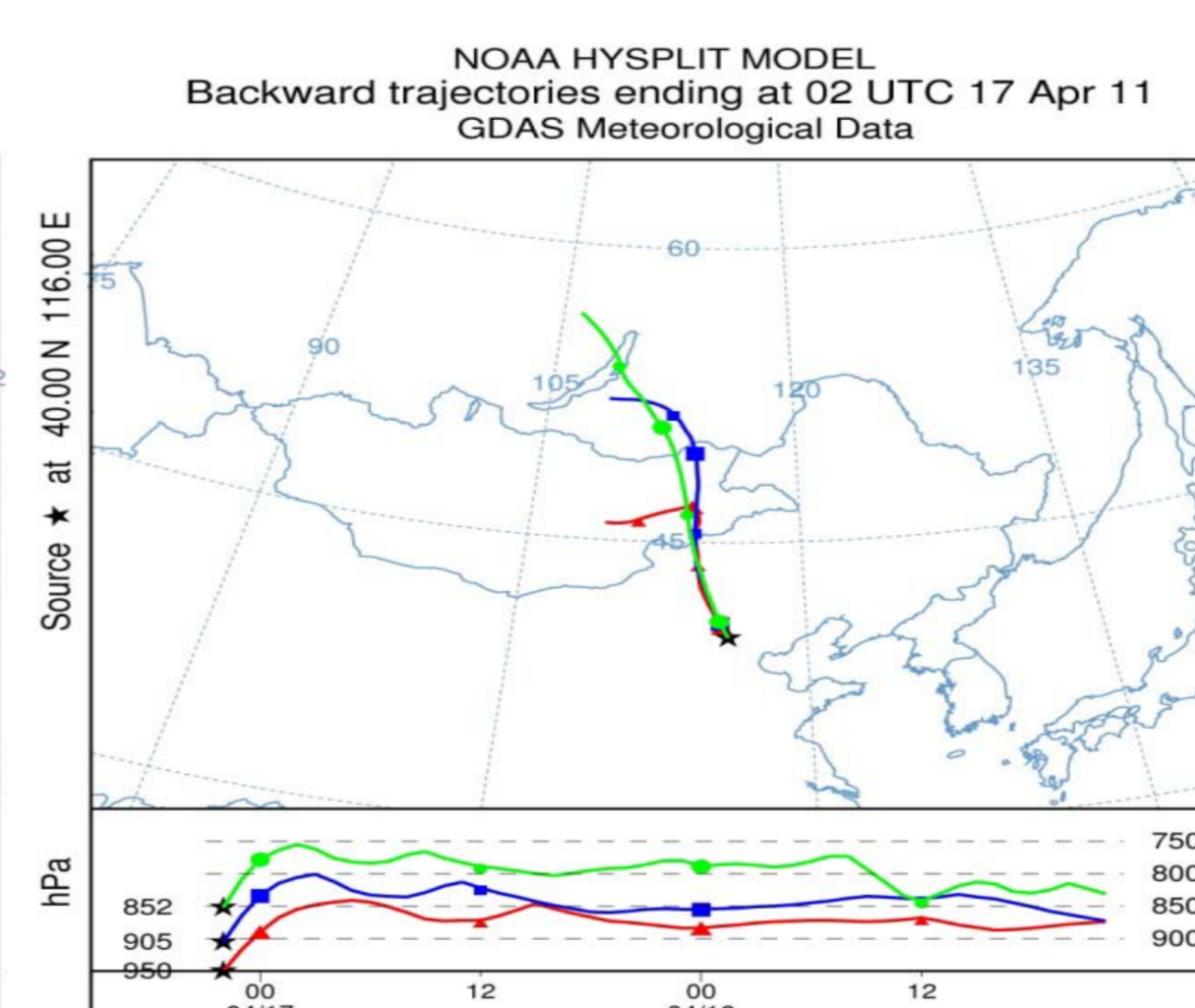
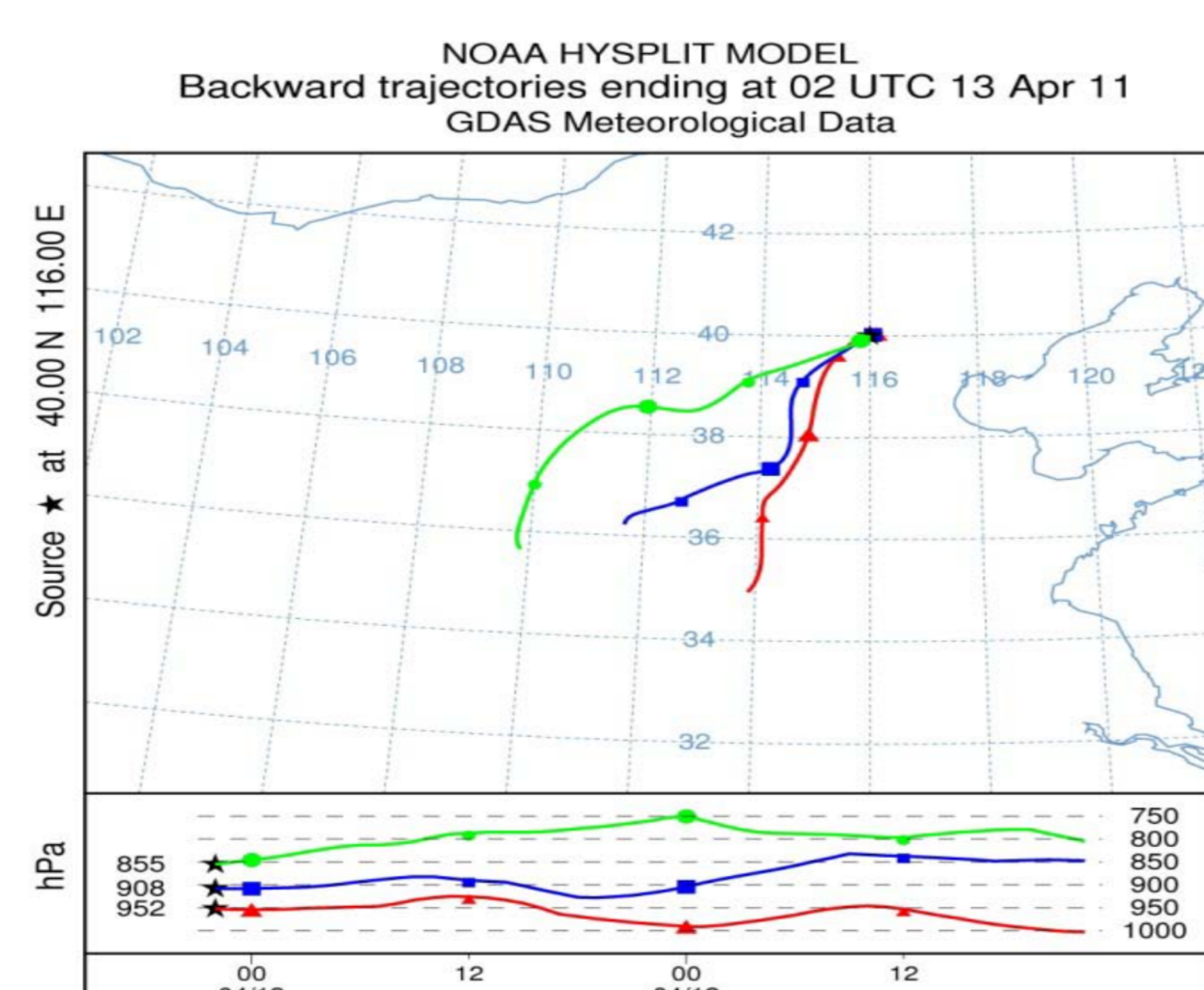
Soil and re-suspended dust (geogenic sources), fossil fuel combustion, waste incineration, and brake wear.

### Haze:

S, Zn and Pb - anthropogenic influences - highest contribution to PM and highest mass concentration: relative humidity and wind speed favour formation of secondary aerosols and aggravate pollution level.

### Dust:

High PM mass concentration by re-suspended road dust, Mongolian desert and Gobi desert respectively.



Backward trajectories of 3 different dust events

## CONCLUSIONS

**Sources of PM:** soil and re-suspended dust (geogenic sources), fossil fuel combustion, waste incineration, and brake wear.

**Haze days:** highest PM mass concentration from anthropogenic activities, highest sulfur amount.

**Dust events:** sources different, mainly desert dust, highest Fe, Ti, Ca, Mn, Ba amount.

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