



1 Supplementary Information (SI)

# 2 Characterization of Atmospheric PM<sub>2.5</sub> Inorganic

**3** Aerosols Using the Semi-Continuous PPWD-PILS-IC

4 System and the ISORROPIA-II

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## 13 Section S1: The Preparation of the 5 L/min Porous Metal Denuder (PDS)

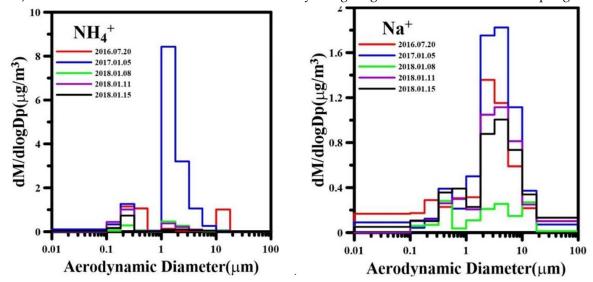
The 5 L/min PDS is used to sample precursor gases and water-soluble inorganic ions (WSII) manually. Two PDSs are used, each of which is prepared for the next sampling day while another one is sampling. Before sampling, two porous metal discs (PMD) and three filters of the PDS need to be prepared with the following procedures.

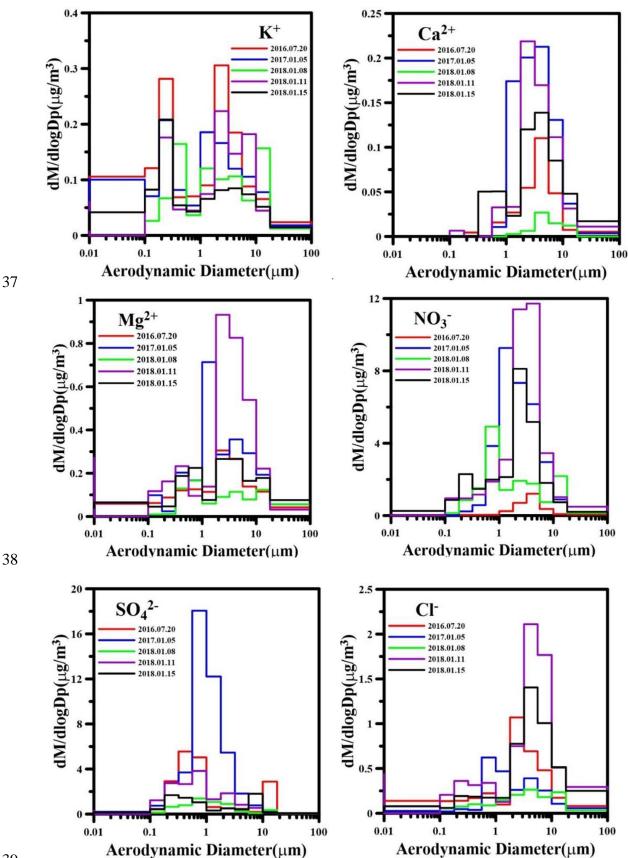
### 18 Preparation of Porous Metal Discs

19 To sample precursor gases with a good sampling accuracy, the PMDs need to be cleaned 20 carefully before re-use after every sampling day. The PMDs are firstly soaked and cleaned with dilute 21 detergent under the vacuum condition (0.2 atm) and ultrasonicated for 30 min. The PMDs are then 22 soaked and cleaned with deionized (DI) water under the same vacuum condition and ultrasonicated 23 for 15 min. This step is repeated 4-5 times to minimize the background effect. After washing, the 24 PMDs are dried in the oven at 50 °C in 3 hours. The dried and cleaned PMDs are stored in sealed 25 bottles for the next sampling day. Before sampling, one dried and cleaned PMD is coated with 1% 26 w/v carbonate/glycerin and another one is coated with 1% nitric acid in methanol/water solution 27 under the vacuum condition (0.2 atm) and ultrasonicated for 30 min. Two coated PMDs are then 28 dried by using N<sub>2</sub> gas for 15-20 min. Finally, the cleaned and coated PMDs are ready for use.

### 29 Preparation of Filters

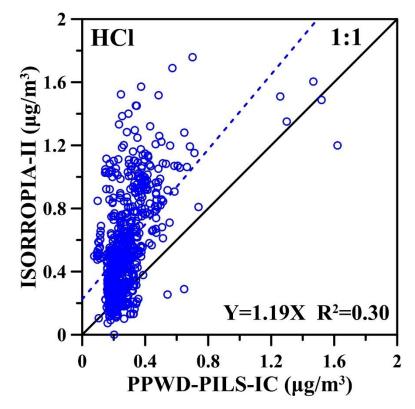
47. -mm Teflon (Teflo R2PJ047, Pall Corp., New York, USA), and 47-mm Nylon (Nylasorb
Membrane 66509, Pall Corp., New York, USA) and 47-mm Quartz (Tissuquartz 2500 QAT-UP
37mm,47mm, Pall Corp., New York, USA) filters are used in the PDS for sampling non-volatile and
semi-volatile species in PM<sub>2.5</sub>, respectively. Only the Quartz filter needs to be prepared before
sampling. The Quartz filter is coated with 500 µL, 1% acid nitric under the vacuum condition (0.2
atm) and ultrasonicated for 30 min and then dried by using N<sub>2</sub> gas for 15-20 min before sampling.



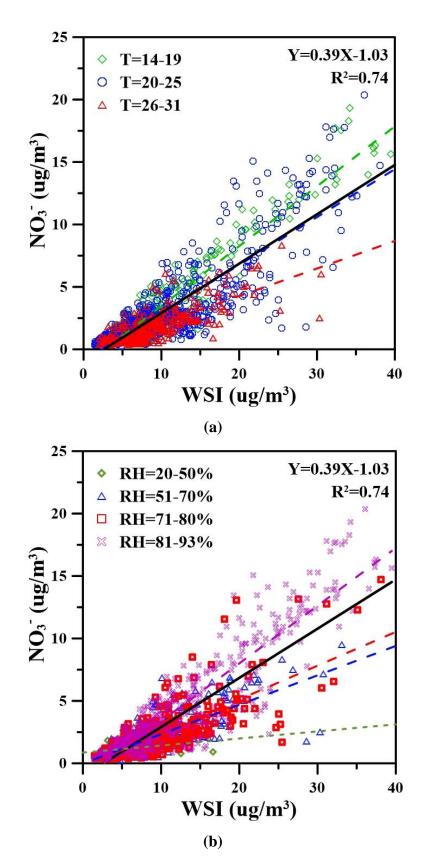




40 Figure S1. The size distribution of the water-soluble inorganic ions (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, MG<sup>2+</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> 41 and Cl<sup>-</sup>) sampled by NCTU micro-orifice cascade impactor (NMCI) at National Chiao Tung University 42 (NCTU) site from July, 2016 to Jan, 2018.



45 **Figure S2.** Comparison of the prediction and the observation for HCl.



**Figure S3.** Correlation of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and water-soluble inorganic ions at different temperature (T) and 52 relative humidity (RH) ranges.