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Supplementary Information

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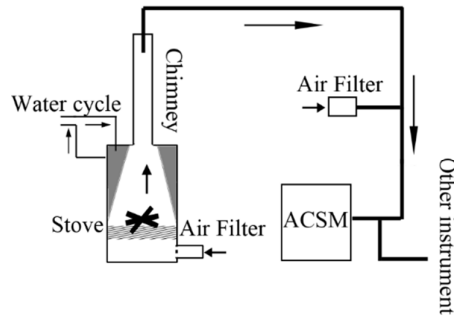
**The following materials are included:**

- Combustion and sampling system, Scheme S1
- Emission factors and caloric values for oil, peat, coal, and wood, Table S1
- Correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) between ACSM profiles of different sources and PMF factors
- The households by the type of central heating (oil, peat, coal, and wood) from Central Statistics Office, 2011, Figure S1
- Relative fraction of ACSM measured species, Figure S2
- Mass spectra of each type of fuel under different states, Figure S3-5
- Relative difference of dry wood and smoky coal MS profile compared to peat at each m/z, Figure S6
- Time series and mass spectra of PMF solutions, Figure S7-9
- Relative contribution of the resolved factors and correlation between OOA and sulfate with different  $a$  values (0-0.2), Figure S10
- Back trajectory during the measurement period in Galway, Ireland, Figure S11

**Summary: 13 pages, 1 scheme, 2 tables, and 11 figures**

38 **Fingerprinting Setup and ACSM data analysis:** A boiler stove is used for both home  
39 heating and the generation of hot water. The combustion chamber was built into a  
40 wall with the water pipe network inside the wall behind the chamber. The water pipes  
41 will take up part of the heat generated in the chamber, producing hot water for  
42 everyday use and also circulating through the central heating system warming up the  
43 house. The open fire chamber was directly connected to a chimney having no  
44 emission control. During each type of fuel sampling, new fuel was added to maintain  
45 the combustion which is always the case for the real application instead of waiting for  
46 its extinction and igniting a new burning. And each type of sampling fuel was  
47 continuously burned for at least 1 hour with a total use of fuel >5kg. ACSM measured  
48 the emission with ~1 min resolution and 1 h ACSM data was averaged to get the  
49 relative mass contribution and mass spectrum. The NR-PM<sub>1</sub> aerosols generated from  
50 the combustion of fuels were collected using a sampling line connected to the  
51 chimney. The sampling line was made of ordinary ½ inch copper pipe which extended  
52 approximately 10 cm inside the chimney flue. An automobile fuel filter was fitted 2 m  
53 downstream of the inlet, which was effective in trapping moisture and large  
54 particulate matter. This was followed by a gate valve to restrict the flow of smoke and  
55 allow dilution with clean air. The gate valve was adjusted to allow a dilution rate in  
56 the range of 80-160:1. The total length of copper line between the chimney and the  
57 mobile station was around 10 meters, which provided sufficient time for the aerosol to  
58 cool down to ambient temperature before ACSM measurement.

59 ACSM spectra analysis were performed using the standard ACSM analysis  
60 software (version: ACSM\_local\_1.5.12.0) provided by Aerodyne which is written  
61 within Wavemetrics Igor<sup>TM</sup>. Collection efficiency (CE) in terms of the mass fraction  
62 of ammonium nitrate, particle acidity, and water content should be considered to  
63 account for sampling losses as suggested by Middlebrook et al (2012). However, in  
64 this study, CE-corrected NR-PM<sub>1</sub> results in higher mass concentration than  
65 simultaneous PM<sub>10</sub> measured by TEOM at several evening/night time peaks. Thus, the  
66 CE need to be further investigated. Here, we assumed a CE of 1, which provides a  
67 lower limit for ACSM-measured mass concentration. A CE of 1 was also used by  
68 Canonaco et al. (2013) in which they also found composition dependent CE would  
69 underestimate CE resulting in a higher CE-corrected PM<sub>1</sub> than collocated TEOM  
70 PM<sub>10</sub>. However, changes in CE won't affect the relative contribution of all species  
71 since CE is applied to all measured species



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Scheme S1. Schematic of Irish residential solid fuel combustion and ACSM measurement system.

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Table S1 Emissions factors from the CEPMEIP database (TNO,2001)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Source	Emission factor	Net calorific value	
	Kg PM <sub>2.5</sub> TJ <sup>-1</sup>	MJ kg <sup>-1</sup>	KJ m <sup>-3</sup>
Bituminous coal	30	27.84	
Sod peat	60	13.1	
Briquettes	60	18.55	
Petroleum coke	30	32.1	
Fuel oil	40	41.24	
Gas oil	5	43.31	
Kerosene	5	44.2	
LPG	0.2	47.16	
Natural gas	0.2		39334
Biomass (wood)	270	~16.00	

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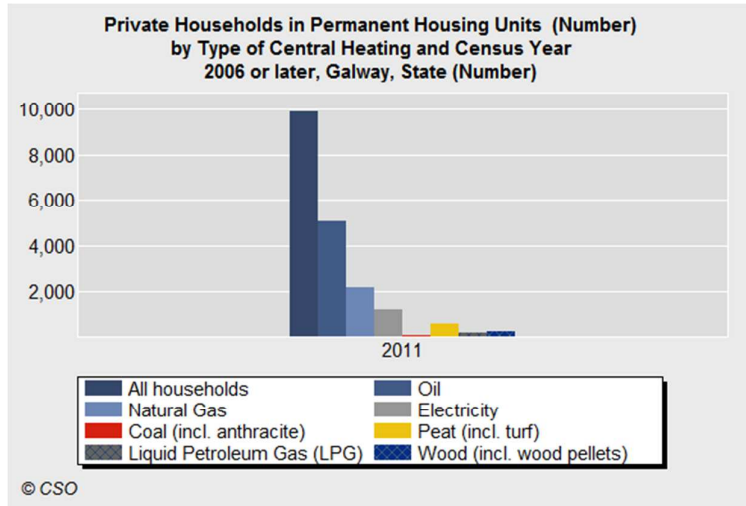
Table S2. Correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) between ACSM profiles of different sources and PMF factors (dry wood (DW), wet wood (WW), dry raw peat (DP), wet raw peat (WP), peat briquettes (PB), bituminous (smoky) coal (SC), and ovoids (smokeless, based on anthracite) coal (SLC))

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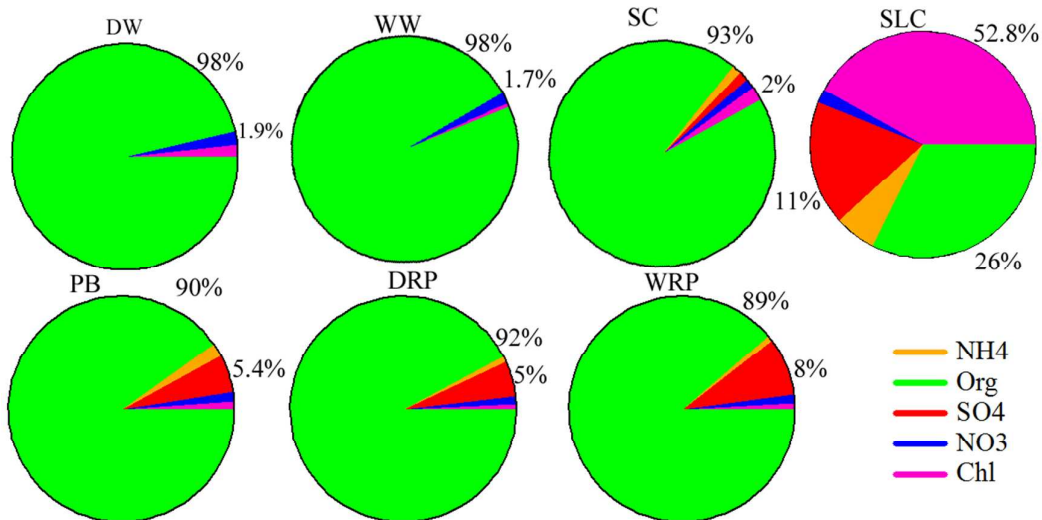
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$R^2$	DW	WW	DP	WP	PB	SC	SLC	HOA <sup>4</sup>	BBOA <sup>5</sup>
DW	1	0.91	0.62	0.62	0.69	0.37	0.69	0.30	0.77
WW	0.91	1	0.47	0.48	0.54	0.32	0.54	0.21	0.57
DP	0.62	0.47	1	0.98	0.96	0.87	0.88	0.8	0.78
WP	0.62	0.48	0.98	1	0.99	0.81	0.89	0.82	0.84
PB	0.69	0.54	0.96	0.99	1	0.77	0.92	0.77	0.88
SC	0.37	0.32	0.87	0.81	0.77	1	0.78	0.76	0.51
SLC	0.69	0.54	0.88	0.89	0.92	0.78	1	0.64	0.83
HOA	0.30	0.21	0.80	0.82	0.77	0.76	0.64	1	0.58
BBOA	0.77	0.57	0.78	0.84	0.88	0.51	0.83	0.58	1



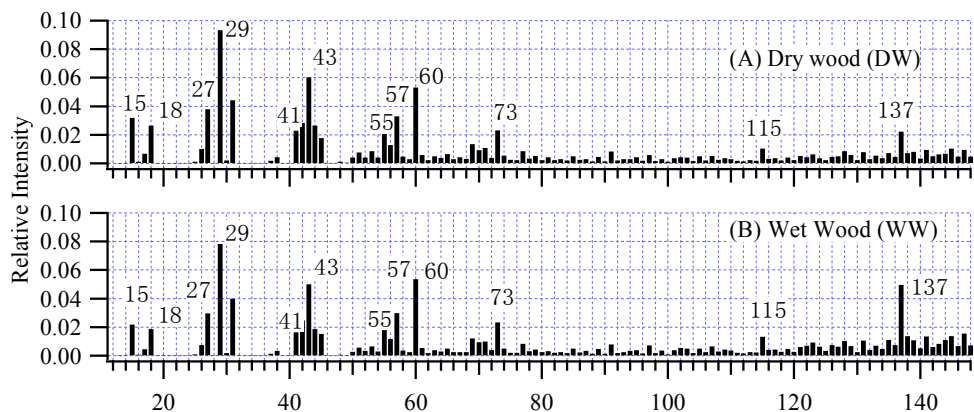
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Figure S1. Private households by type of central heating in Galway (Image reprinted with permission from Central Statistics Office, 2011)<sup>6</sup>.



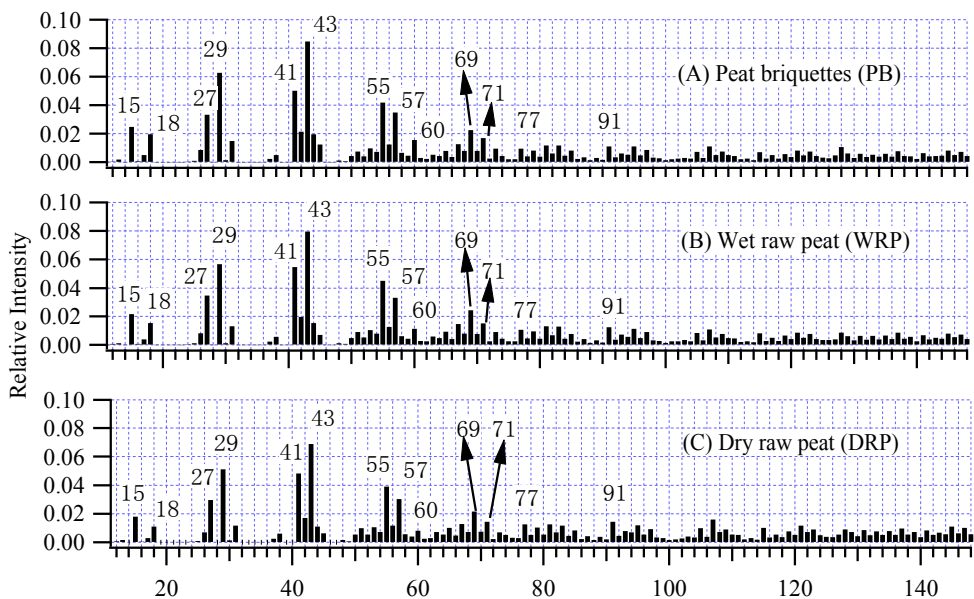
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Figure S2. Chemical composition of non-refractory emissions (i.e. Organics, sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, and chloride) from burning dry wood (DW), wet wood (WW), dry raw peat (DRW), wet raw peat (WRP), peat briquettes (PB), smoky coal (SC), and smokeless coal (SLC) in a typical residential Irish stove. Peat is an accumulation of partially decayed vegetation, it contains more minerals (including sulfur) than fresh biomass (e.g. wood).



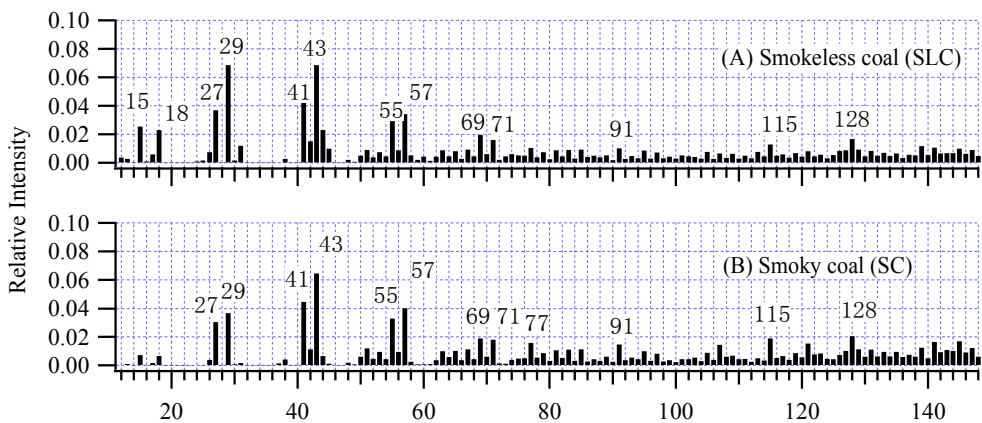
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Figure S3. Average normalized mass spectra of measured organic aerosols from the combustion of (A) dry wood; (B) wet wood in a typical domestic Irish stove using an ACSM.



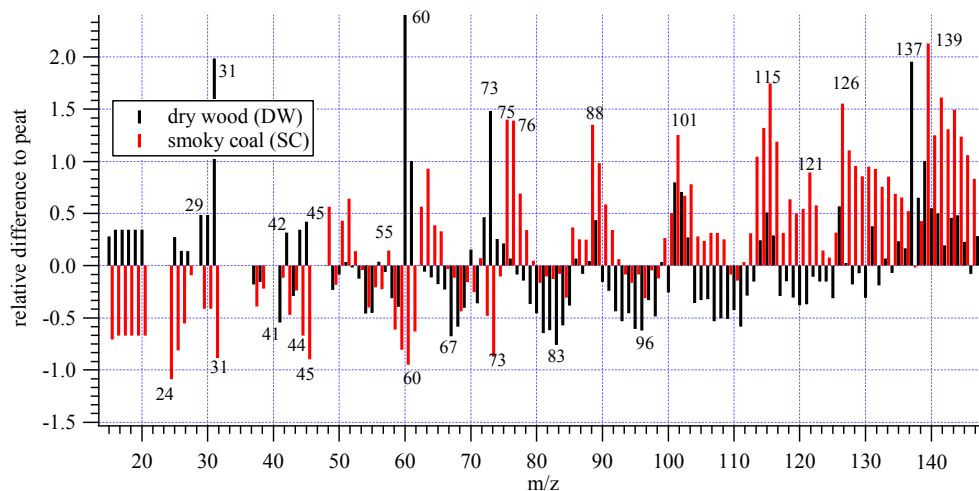
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Figure S4. Average normalized mass spectra of measured organic aerosols from the combustion of (A) peat briquettes; (B) wet raw peat; (C) dry raw peat in a typical domestic Irish stove using an ACSM.



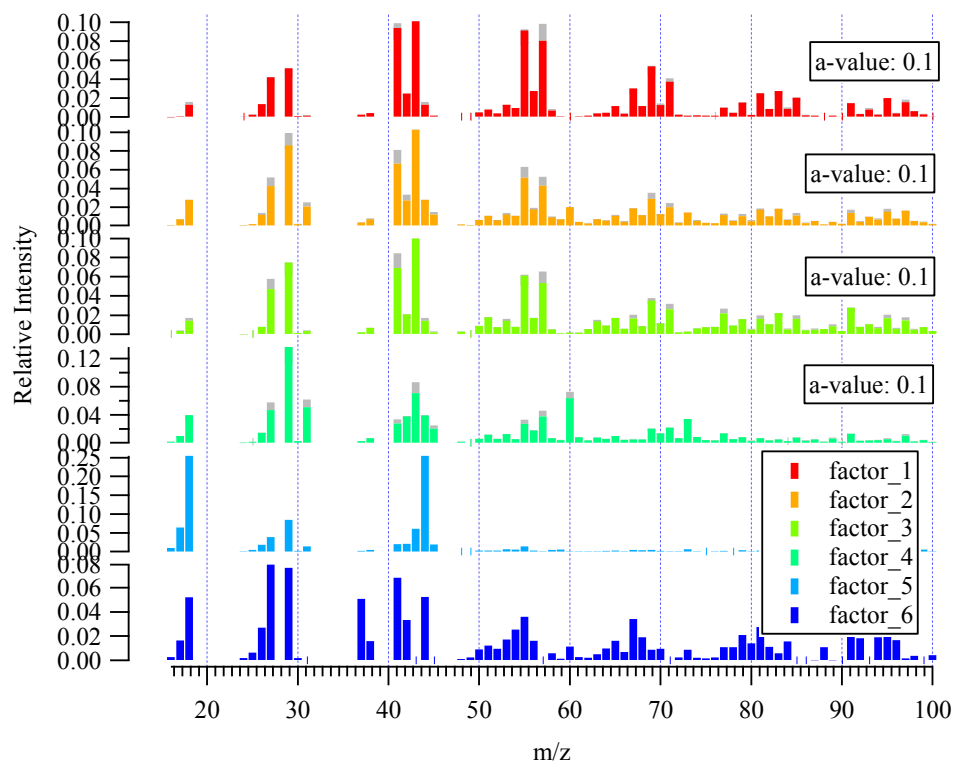
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108 Figure S5. Average normalized mass spectra of measured organic aerosols from the  
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 110 using an ACSM.



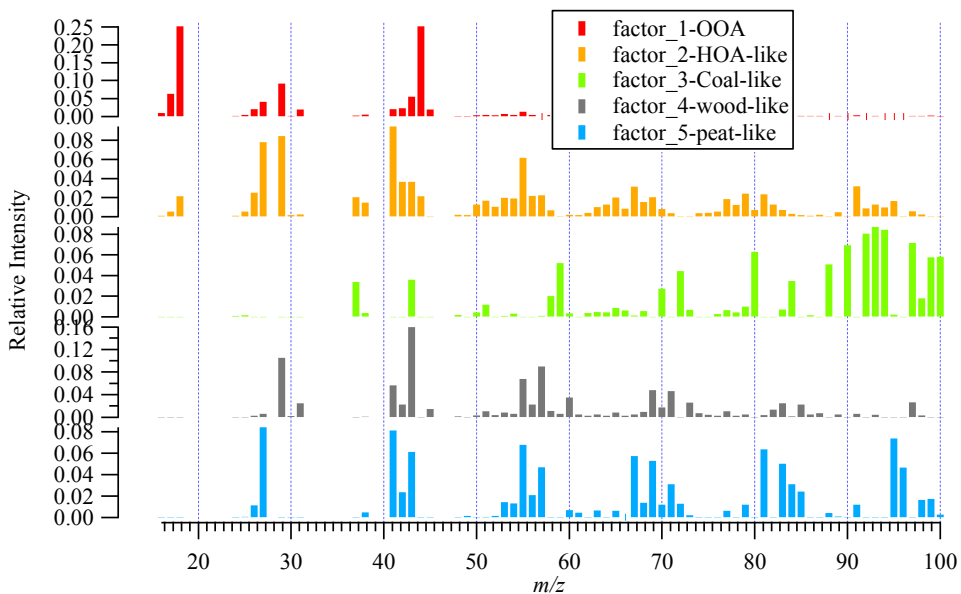
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112 Figure S6. Relative difference of dry wood and smoky coal MS profile compared to  
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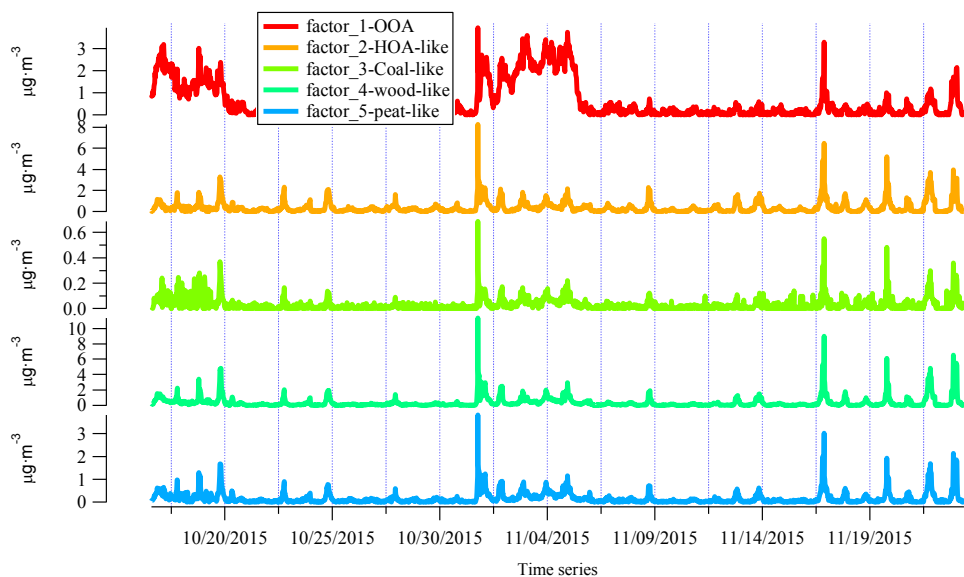
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 116 Figure S7. Factor profiles (mass spectra) of the 6-factor solution with four primary  
 117 factors constrained and two additional left free. Factor 6 is not interpretable by  
 118 comparing with the profiles in AMS database  
 119 (<http://cires1.colorado.edu/jimenez-group/AMSSd/>). The  $\alpha$ -value method within ME-2  
 120 was applied. Oil burning (factor 1) profile is from ambient data PMF-derived  
 121 hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) (Crippa et al. 2013)<sup>4</sup>. Peat (factor 2), coal  
 122 (factor 3), and wood (factor 4) reference profiles are from fingerprinting experiments  
 123 (Figure 1). Grey bar in the back represents reference profile employed.  
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127 Figure S8. Profiles of 5-factor free PMF solution. Factor 1 is a typical OOA profiles  
 128 with high  $m/z$  44 signal. Factor 2 shows no signal at  $m/z$  60 and has a higher fraction  
 129 of signals at lower  $m/z$  values, and it is HOA-like. Factor 3 has a higher fraction at  
 130 higher  $m/z$  values, thus it is coal-like. In contrast, both factor 4 and 5 have elevated  
 131 signals at  $m/z$  60, and the allocation of signals at  $m/z$  29, makes factor 4 wood-like  
 132 and factor 5 peat like. However, primary factors from free PMF are highly mixed due  
 133 to rotational ambiguity arising from similar emission time. Thus, it is inappropriate to  
 134 use this solution to estimate the contribution of different sources.

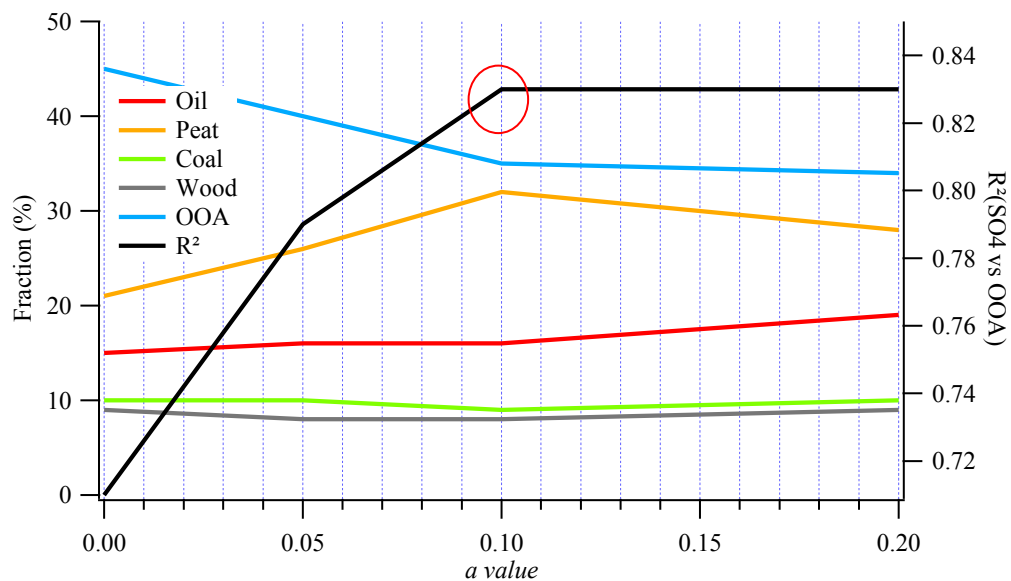


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136 Figure S9. Time series of 5-factor free PMF solution.

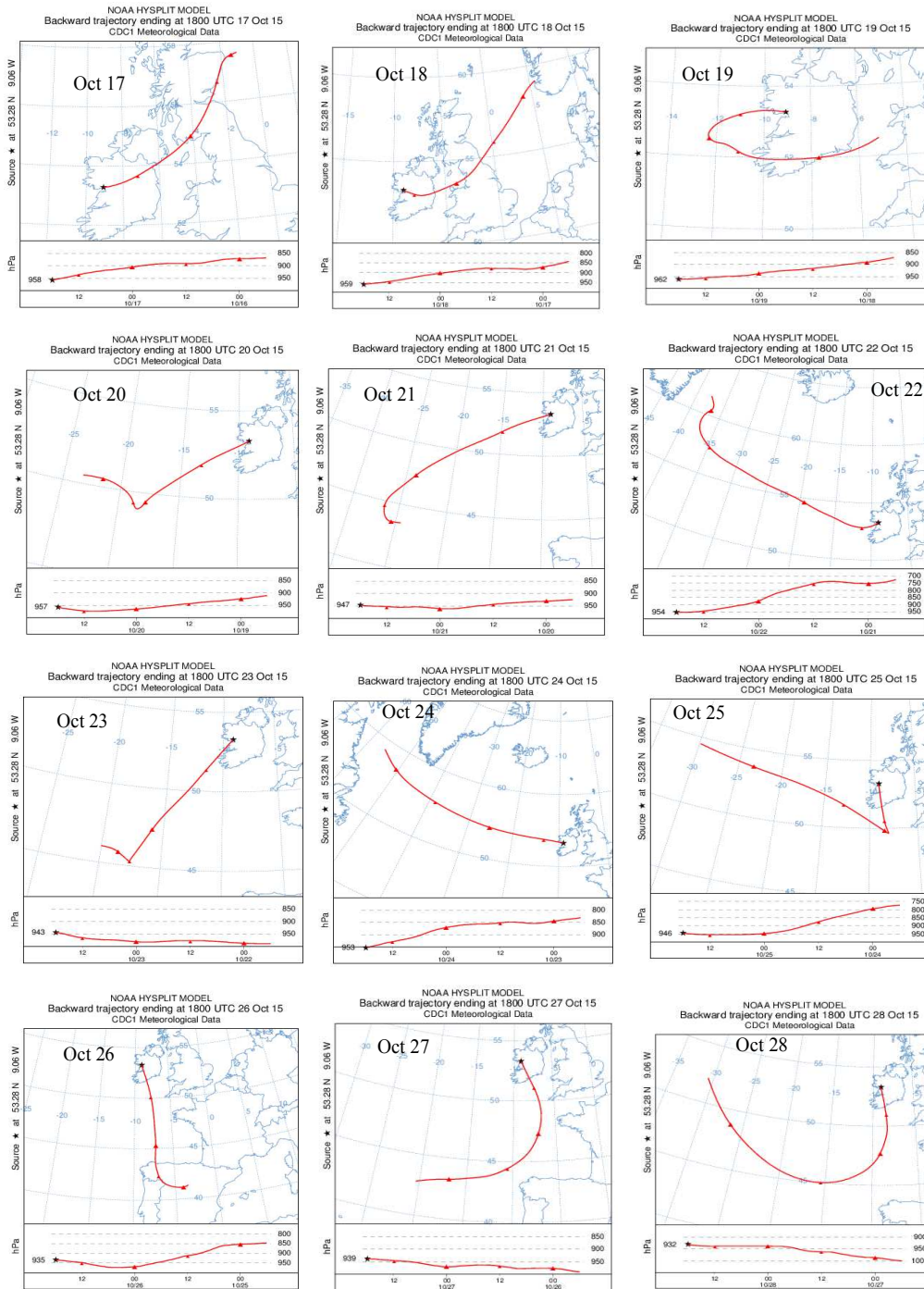
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140 Figure S10. The relative contribution of oil, peat, coal, wood, and OOA (left axis)  
141 over the whole periods to total OA mass as well as correlation ( $R^2$ ) between sulfate  
142 and OOA (right axis) as a function of  $a$  value. An  $a$  value of 0.1 was selected (red  
143 cycle) from which the  $R^2$  starts to level off.



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146 Figure S11. Backward trajectory analysis for 48 h by NOAA Hysplit4 model<sup>7</sup> ending  
 147 at 18:00 from October 17 to November 21, 2015 in Galway, Ireland. From Oct 17 to  
 148 19 (or S1 in Figure 3) and from Nov 1 to 4 (or S2 in Figure 3), the air masses have a  
 149 continental origin (from the mainland Europe, the UK, and Ireland itself). From Oct  
 150 19 to 31 (or M1 in Figure 3) and Nov 5 to 21 (M2 and M3 in Figure 3), the air masses  
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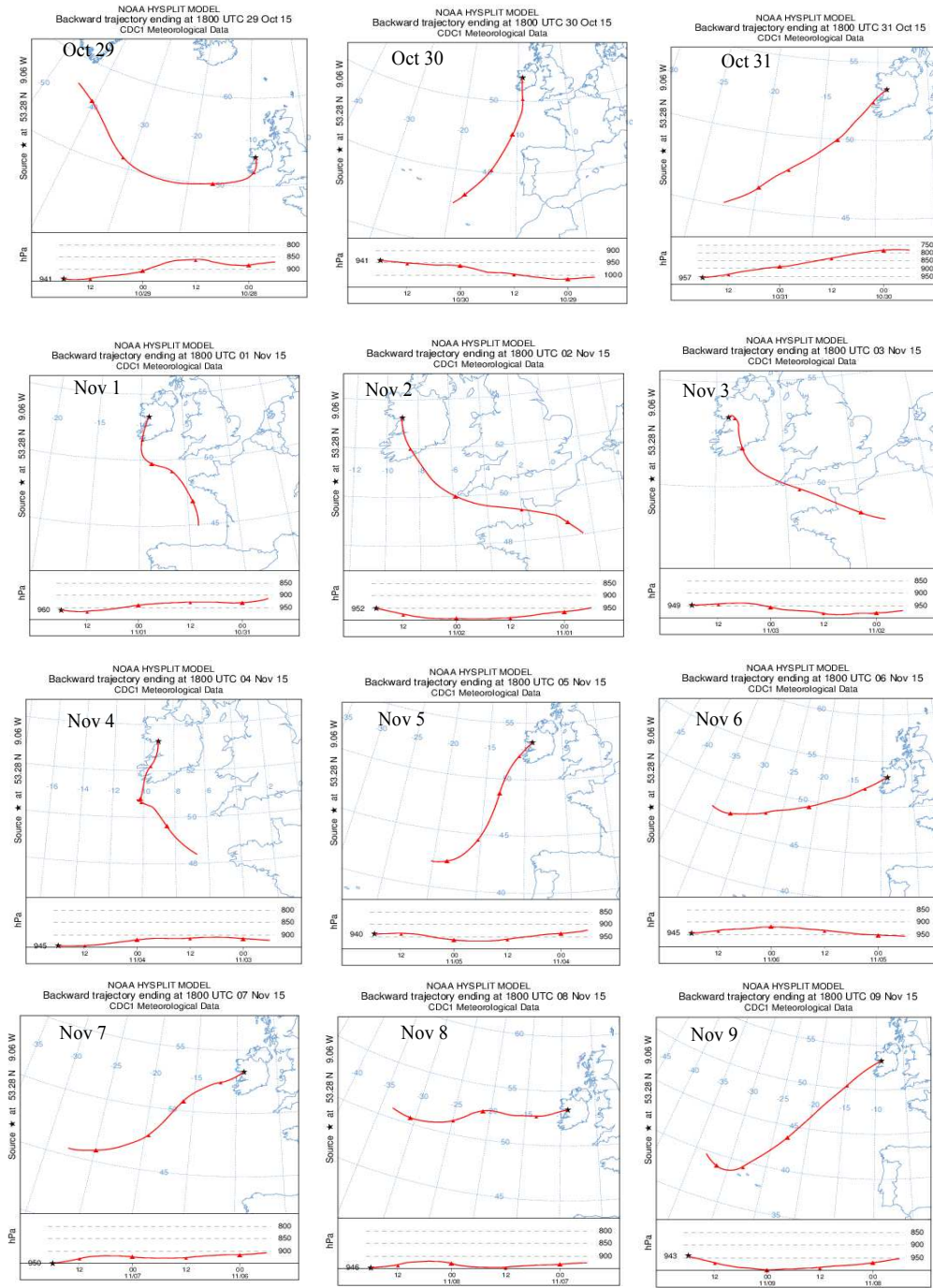
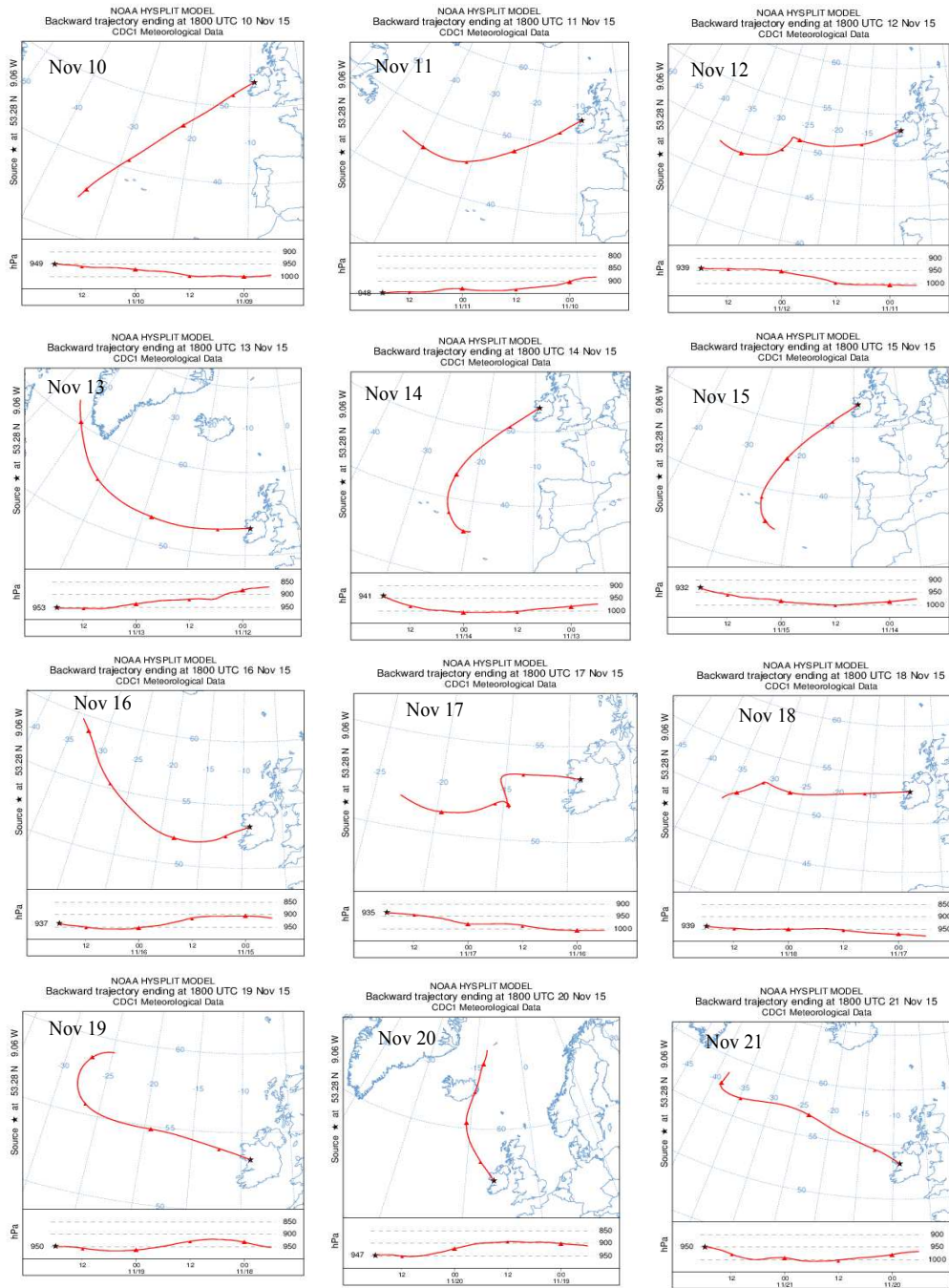


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