

1 Table S1. Concentrations ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) of external liquid standards and certified accuracy check  
 2 standard.

	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$\text{Na}^+$	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{K}^+$	$\text{Mg}^{2+}$	$\text{Ca}^{2+}$
Level 1	3.28	2.15	2.07	0.42	2.06	0.35	0.21	0.24
Level 2	6.55	4.31	4.15	0.84	4.12	0.70	0.42	0.47
Level 3	16.39	10.77	10.37	2.09	10.30	1.74	1.05	1.19
Level 4	32.78	21.54	20.75	4.18	20.60	3.49	2.10	2.37
Level 5	65.55	43.07	41.50	8.36	41.20	6.98	4.20	4.74
Level 6	163.87	107.68	103.74	20.90	103.01	17.44	10.48	11.86
Level 7	327.74	215.36	207.48	41.80	206.02	34.88	20.95	23.72
Level 8	655.48	430.72	414.96	83.59	412.04	69.75	41.91	47.43
Check std	25.00	25.00	25.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	20.00	20.00

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22 Table S2. Peak areas of internal standard LiBr as integrated by MARGA tool and Chromeleon  
 23 over different external standard levels.

	MARGA tool		Chromeleon		Difference %		Average difference %	
	Br <sup>-</sup> area	Li <sup>+</sup> area	Br <sup>-</sup> area	Li <sup>+</sup> area	Br <sup>-</sup>	Li <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	Li <sup>+</sup>
level 1	207.86	437.51	174.78	374.34	19	17	18	17
	214.16	444.26	183.06	382.26	17	16		
	209.94	449.25	178.38	379.98	18	18		
level 2	208.63	448.56	175.68	381.90	19	17	17	16
	207.29	446.07	177.42	381.18	17	17		
	207.36	439.45	179.16	388.08	16	13		
level 3	205.33	456.92	175.44	391.56	17	17	17	16
	206.85	439.84	176.10	378.06	17	16		
	207.14	450.44	174.90	387.60	18	16		
level 4	209.18	443.28	178.68	381.96	17	16	17	17
	206.42	450.00	177.00	382.26	17	18		
	206.28	465.22	176.82	397.14	17	17		
level 5	207.80	452.03	177.72	388.74	17	16	17	16
	208.56	444.99	178.86	383.70	17	16		
	204.07	442.72	174.30	383.28	17	16		
level 6	207.06	447.54	177.42	386.40	17	16	17	15
	207.88	440.05	178.08	384.30	17	15		
	206.26	444.83	177.06	388.56	16	14		
level 7	212.62	432.12	181.14	381.30	17	13	17	13
	205.94	442.50	176.64	389.88	17	13		
	207.03	448.96	177.78	398.40	16	13		
level 8	207.31	428.00	177.96	388.92	16	10	16	11
	208.51	426.98	182.04	383.40	15	11		
	206.86	435.68	177.18	390.36	17	12		

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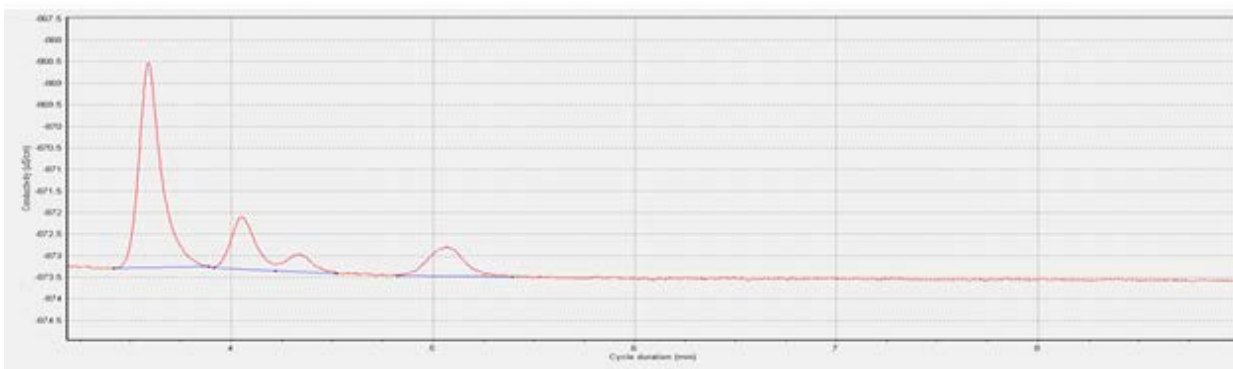
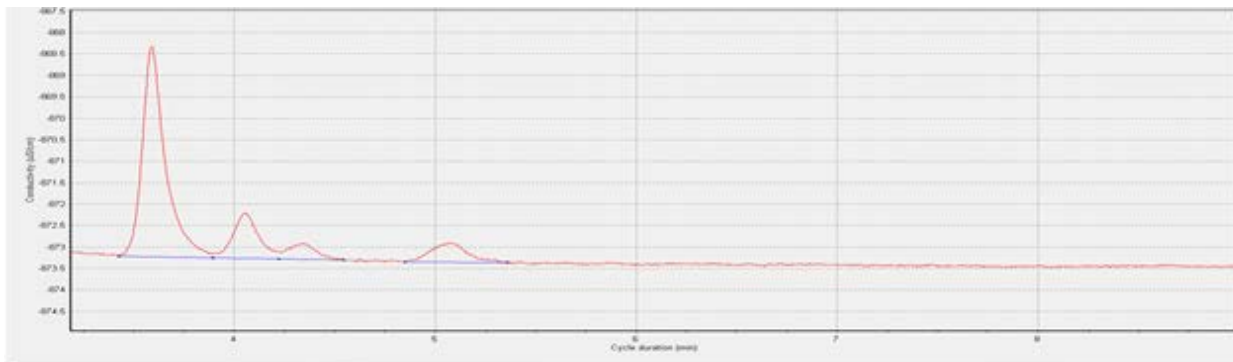
35 Table S3. Percentage of data points invalidated due to misidentification and misintegration by  
36 MARGA tool during field intensive. Total # indicates number of observations included in the  
37 comparison between the MARGA tool and Chromeleon.

	$\text{NO}_3^-$	$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$	$\text{NH}_4^+$	$\text{HNO}_3$	$\text{SO}_2$	$\text{NH}_3$
% Invalid	3.5	0.2	0.5	6.2	0.1	0.8
Total #	1271	1271	1300	1305	1305	1302

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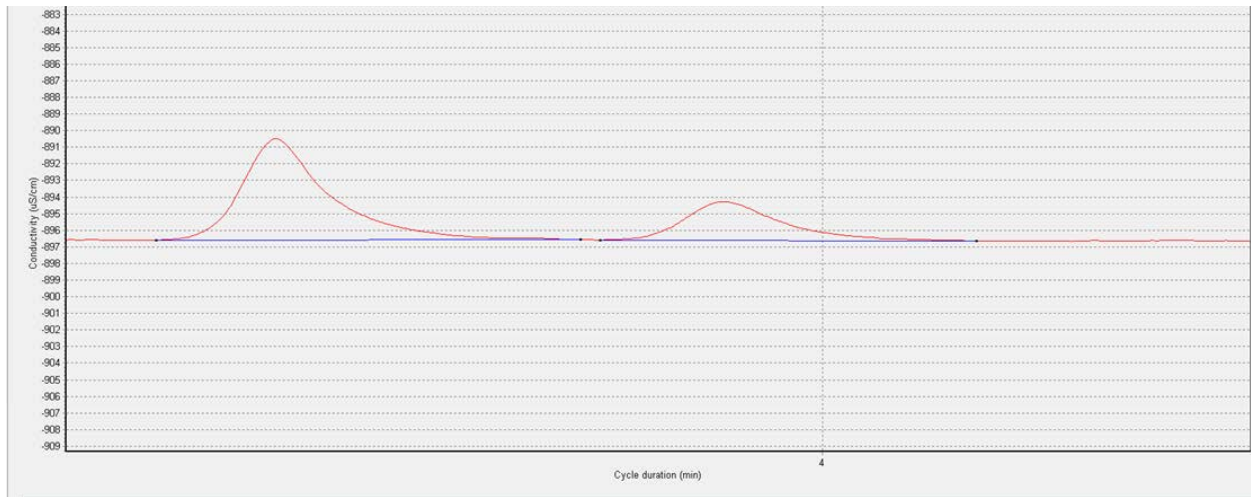
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 42 Figure S1. Chromatograms integrated by MARGA tool; top figure shows integration option of  
 43 “drop perpendicular” applied to  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  peaks; while the bottom figure shows option  
 44 “valley to valley” applied to a parallel chromatogram (note MARGA tool shows a dot  
 45 representing peak start or end point; from left to right, the peaks shown are  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  
 46  $\text{K}^+$ ).

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57 Figure S2. Chromatogram integrated by MARGA tool showing  $\text{NH}_4^+$  peak misidentified as  $\text{Na}^+$   
 58 (from left to right, the peaks shown are  $\text{Li}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ).

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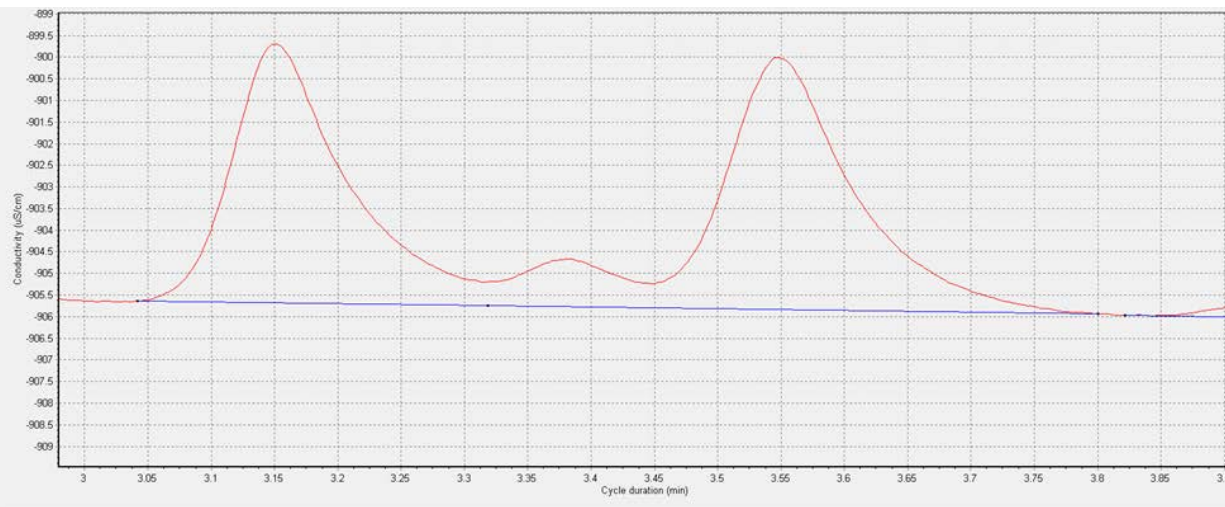
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74 Figure S3. Chromatogram integrated by MARGA tool showing misidentification of  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  
75  $\text{Na}^+$  peaks together as a single  $\text{NH}_4^+$  peak (note MARGA tool shows a dot representing peak start  
76 or end point; from left to right, the peaks shown are  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ).

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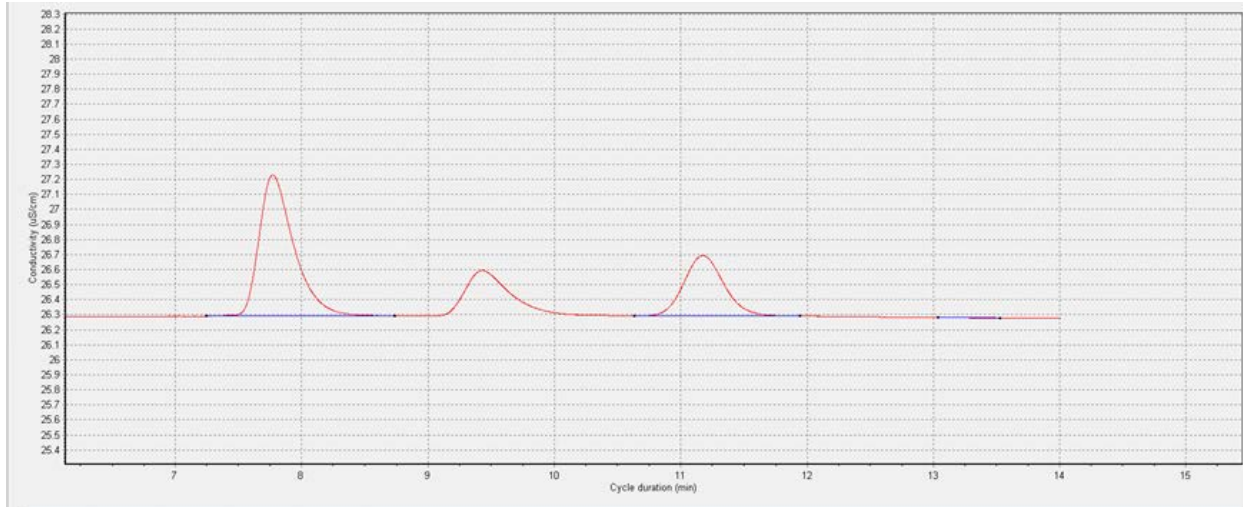
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92 Figure S4. Chromatogram integrated by MARGA tool showing  $\text{NO}_3^-$  peak not integrated or  
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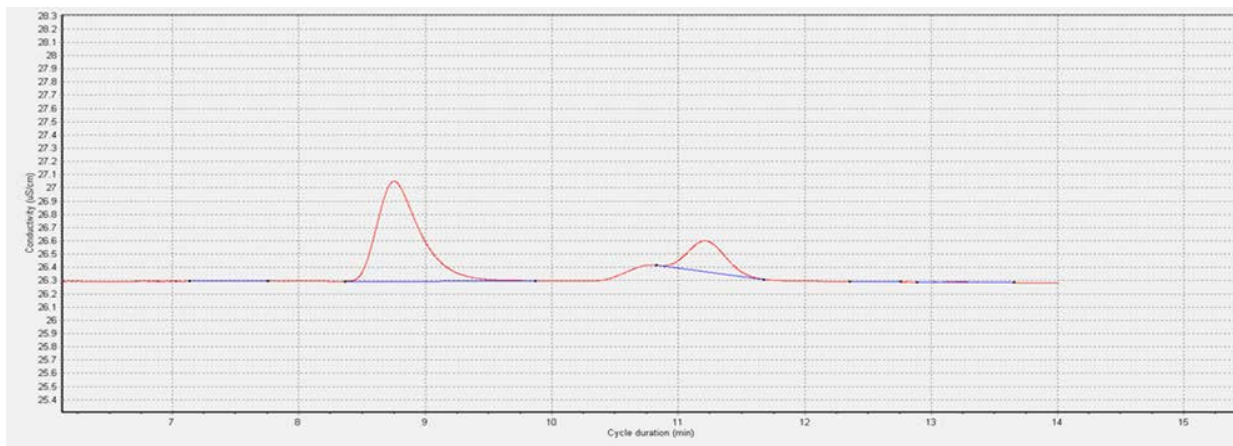
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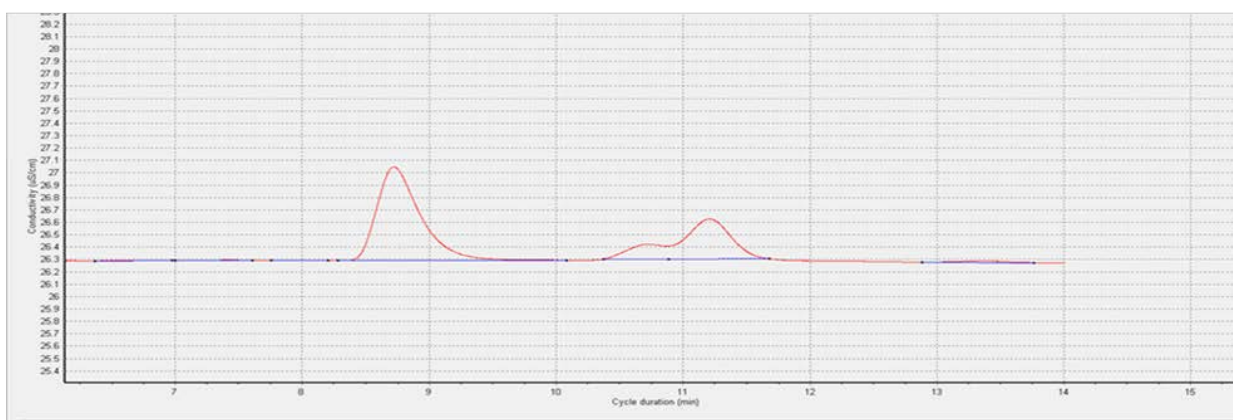
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111 Figure S5. Chromatograms integrated by MARGA tool. Top figure shows “valley to valley”  
112 integration of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  peak while  $\text{NO}_3^-$  peak was not identified and integrated by sample box 1.  
113 Bottom figure shows integration option “drop perpendicular” applied to a parallel sample of the  
114 same hour by sample box 2 in which both  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  peaks were identified and integrated  
115 (from left to right, the peaks shown are  $\text{Br}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$  and  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ).

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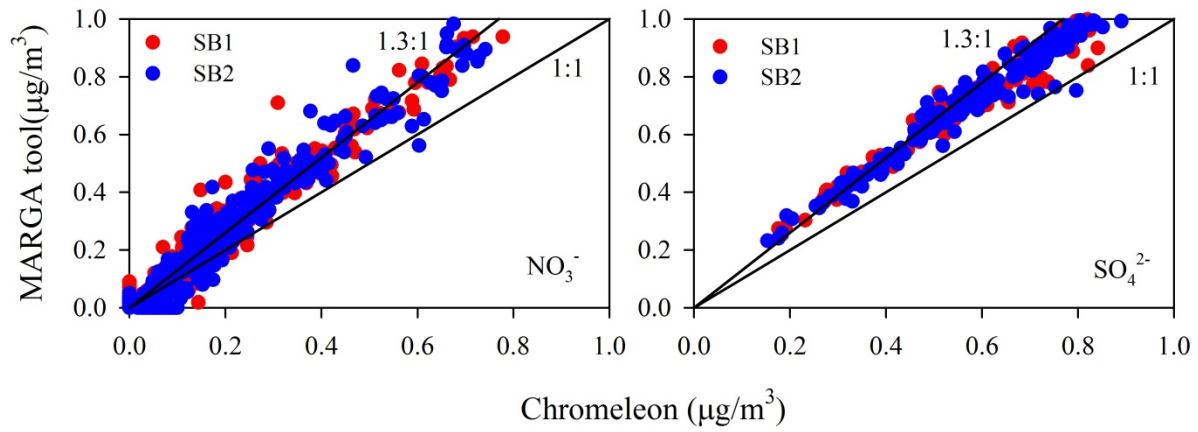
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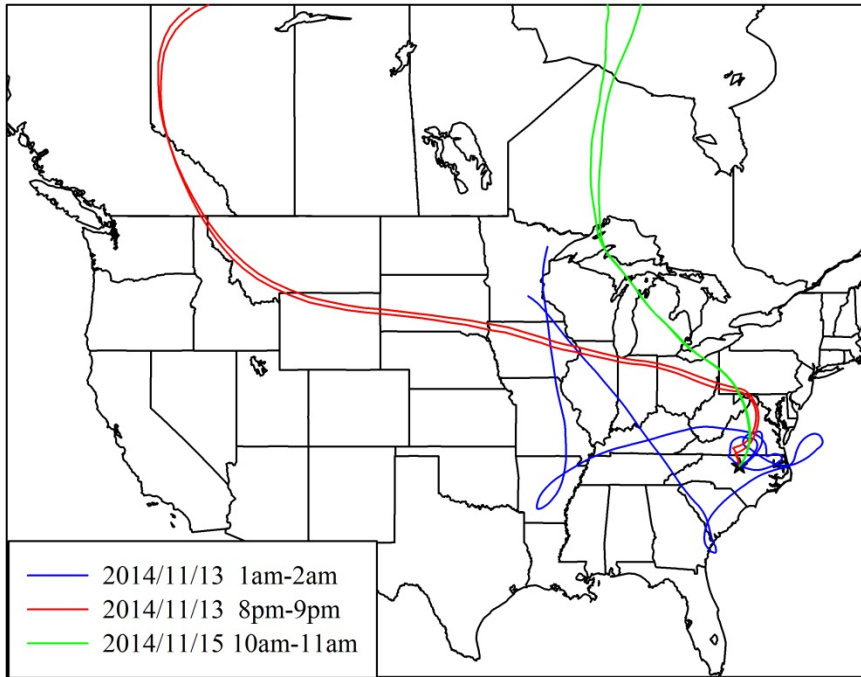
122 Figure S6. Comparison of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> during field intensive as reported by MARGA tool and  
 123 Chromeleon for concentration regions lower than 1.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Data misintegrated by the MARGA  
 124 tool were excluded from this comparison (SB: sample box, lines 1.3:1 and 1:1 are shown as  
 125 guide).

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131 Figure S7. Corresponding back trajectories (arrival at 500AGL, backwards for 168hrs) of 3 spike  
132 peaks ( $\pm 1$ hr) of observed SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

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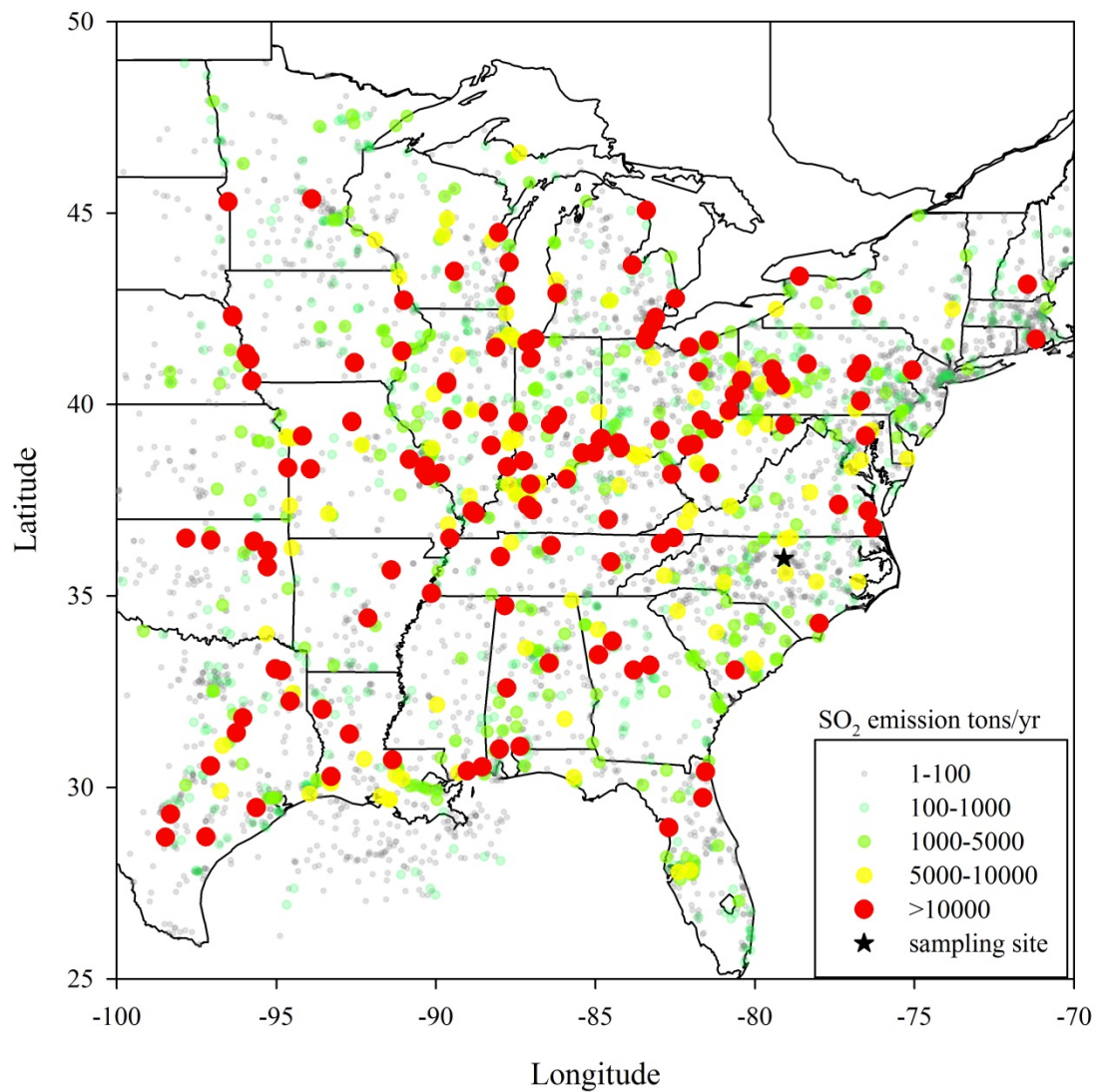
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145 Figure S8. SO<sub>2</sub> Emission inventory map covering mid and eastern US from point sources 2011.

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