

New Knowledge on NSW Air Quality

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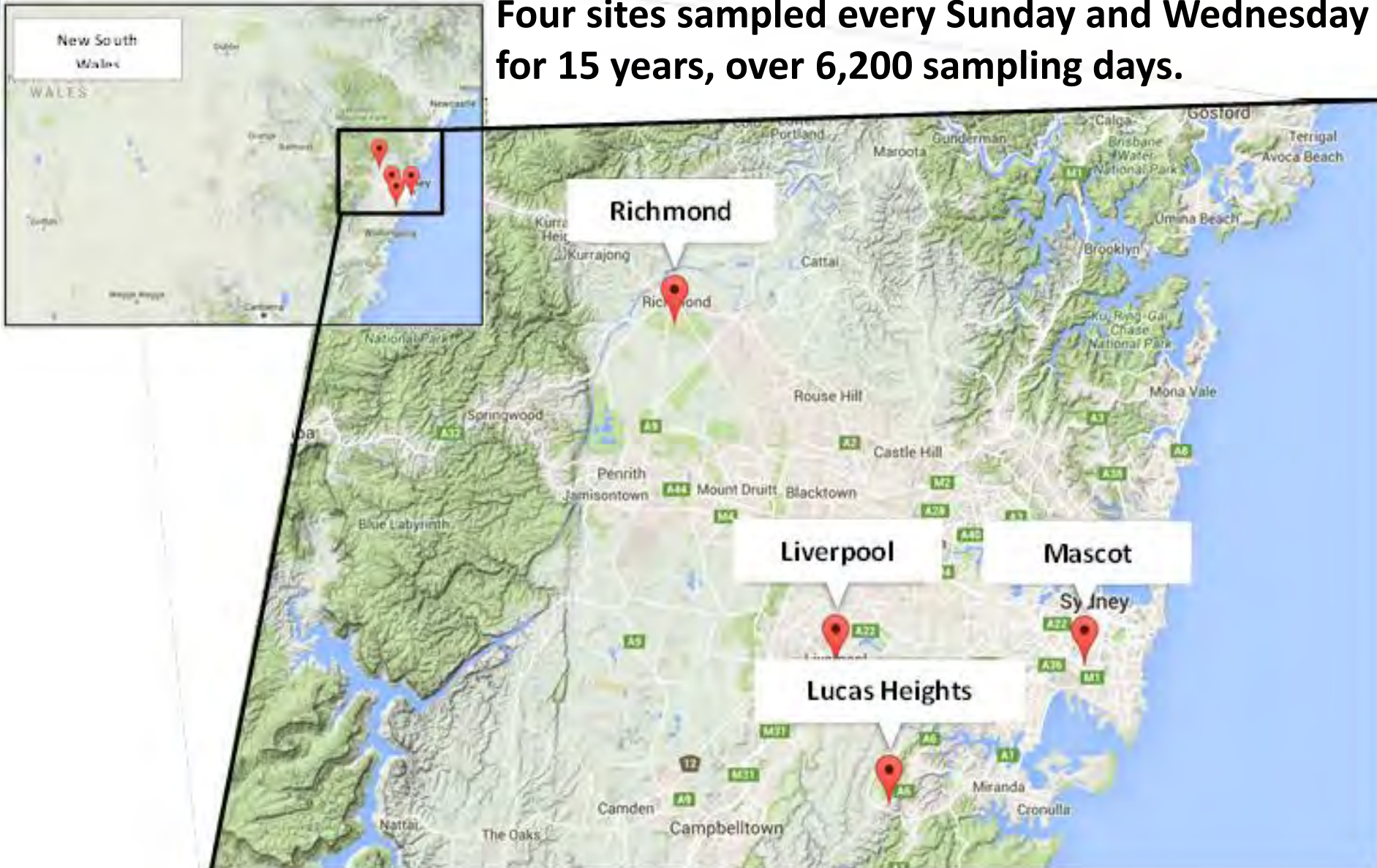


Sydney Particle Characterisation Study 2000-14

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Study Locations 2000-14

Four sites sampled every Sunday and Wednesday for 15 years, over 6,200 sampling days.



Samplers and Filters



**PM2.5 Cyclone unit with its
microprocessor at Lucas Heights**

**Filters exposed from midnight to midnight each Sunday and Wednesday
for 15 years**



**Exposed stretched Teflon filter,
specifically design for IBA analysis**

Measurements and Analysis

- PM2.5 mass pre- and post -exposure using $\pm 2\mu\text{g}$ microbalance.
- Accelerator based ion beam analysis (IBA) techniques for 25 elements from H to Pb. (MDL = $1\text{-}10\text{ ngm}^{-3}$)
- Black carbon (BC) using ANSTO laser absorption methods, assuming a mass absorption coefficient, $\epsilon = 7\text{ m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$ for all sites. (precision $\pm 8\%$, MDL = 20 ngm^{-3})
- Source apportionment using Positive Matrix Factorisation (PMF). One step process giving 7 source fingerprints and their contributions to PM2.5 mass.



STAR accelerator at ANSTO



Black carbon laser instrument

PM2.5 Mass at All Sites

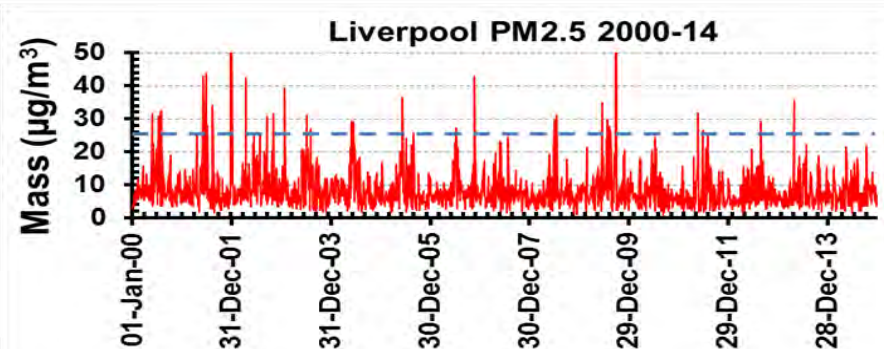
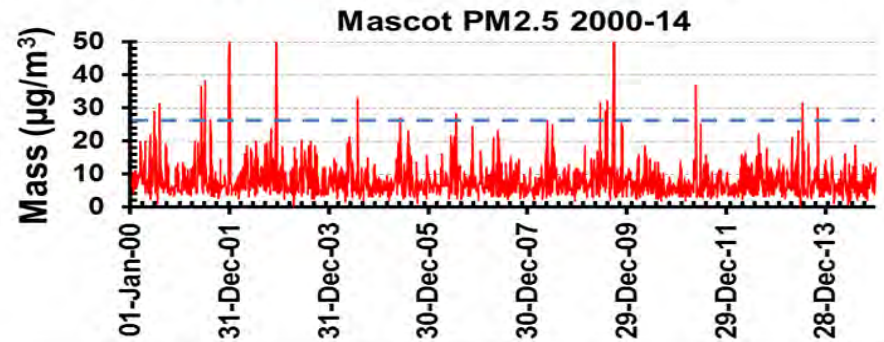
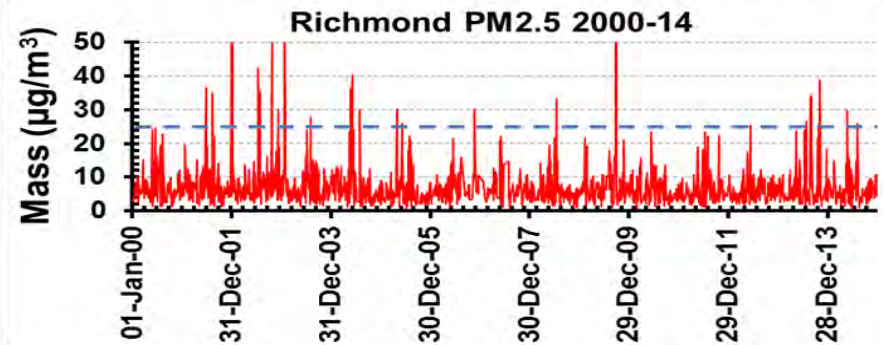
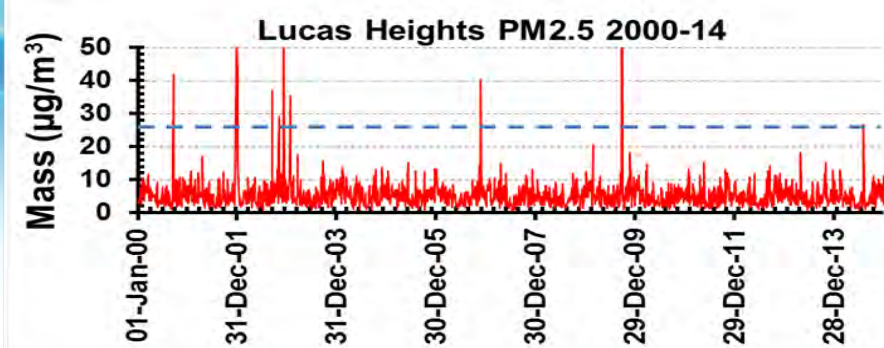
The average PM2.5 masses over 15 years were:-

❖ Lucas Heights,	5.43 μgm^{-3}
❖ Richmond,	7.10 μgm^{-3}
❖ Mascot	8.21 μgm^{-3}
❖ Liverpool	8.76 μgm^{-3}

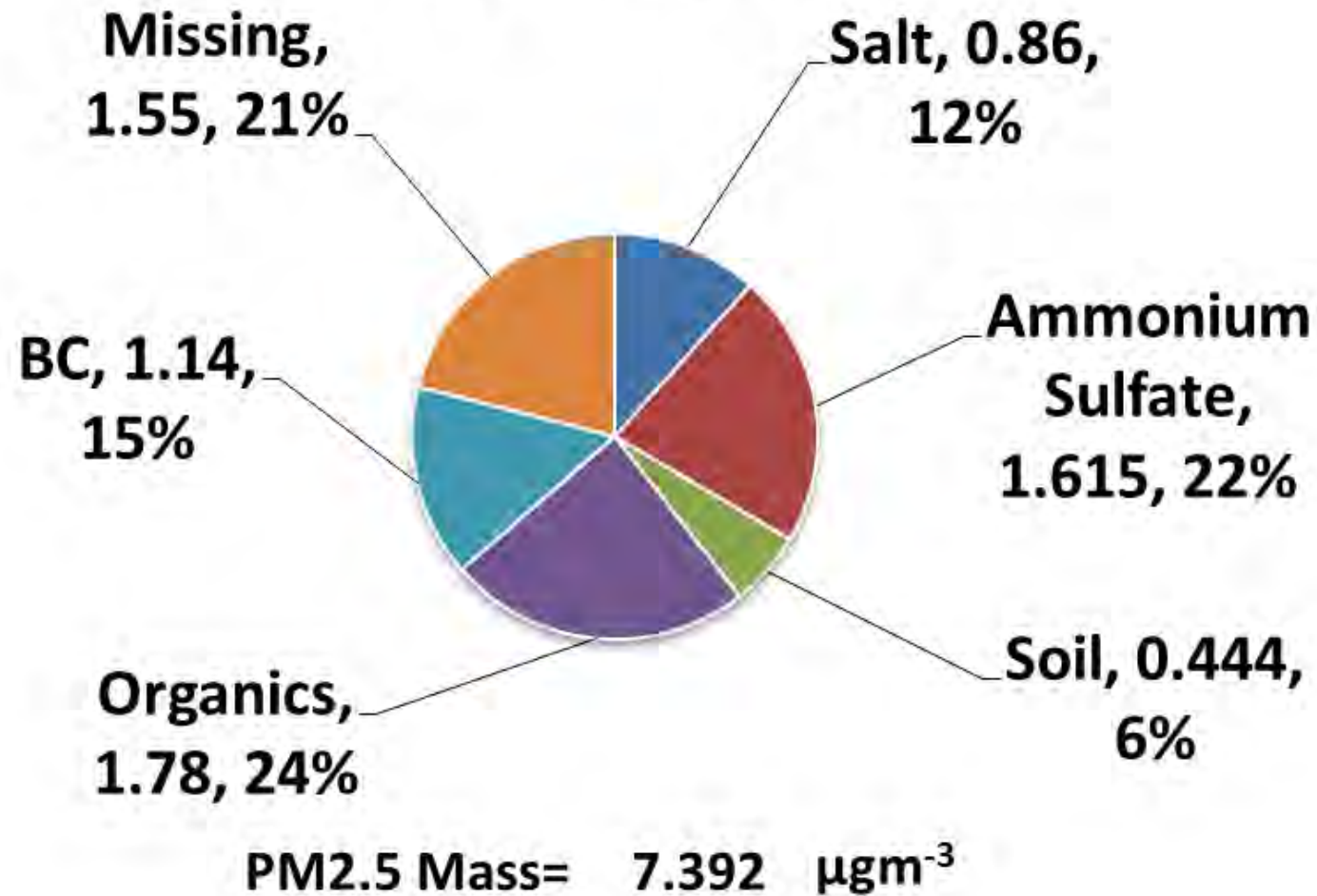
PM2.5 daily exceedances $> 25 \mu\text{gm}^{-3}$

❖ Lucas Heights,	11
❖ Richmond,	28
❖ Mascot,	23
❖ Liverpool,	43

This is not a large number of exceedances, sampling every Sun, Wed for 1,560 sampling days/ site.



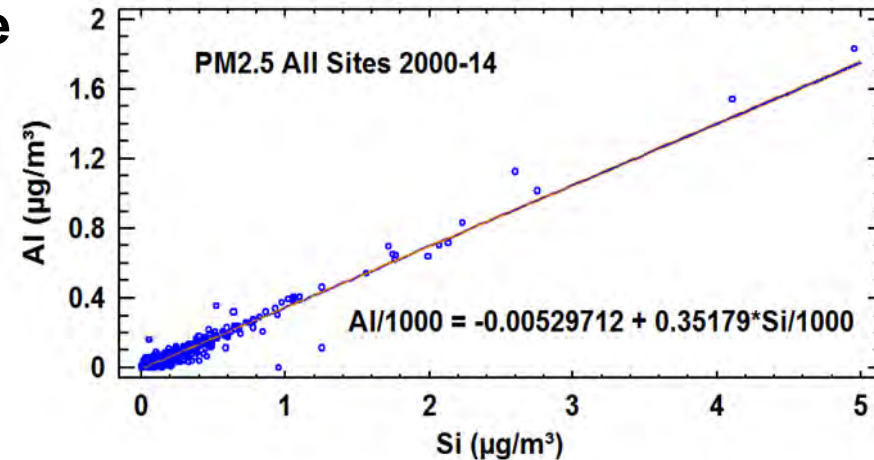
Average PM2.5 Chemical Composition All Sites 2000-14



Source Correlations and Source Fingerprints

When elements originate from the same source 2D correlations are more obvious Al vs Si in soils.

When elements occur across several different sources multi-dimensional statistical methods are needed to extract fingerprints and source contributions.



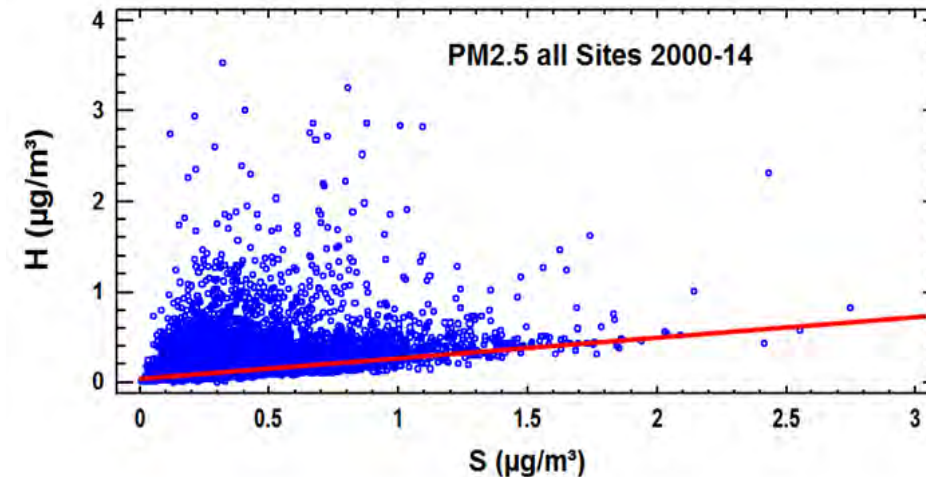
Positive Matrix Factorisation (PMF).

$$m_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^p f_{k,j} * g_{i,k} + e_{i,j}$$

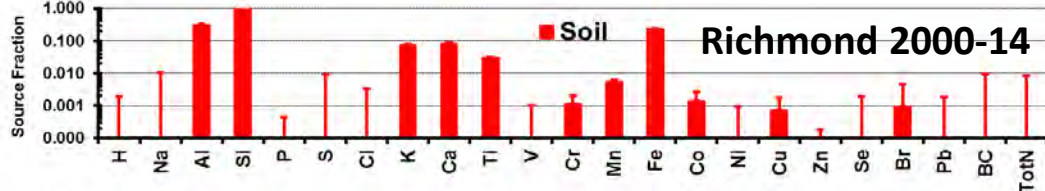
where,

$$Q = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{e_{i,j}^2}{s_{i,j}^2}$$

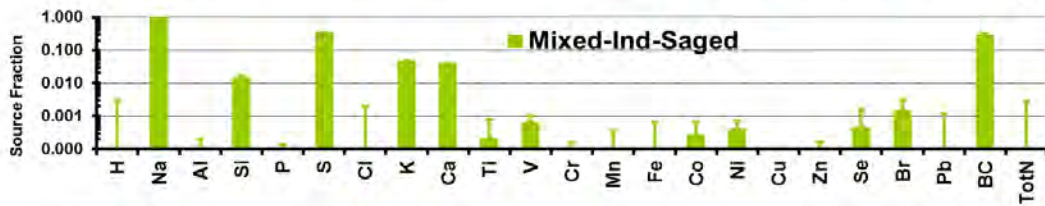
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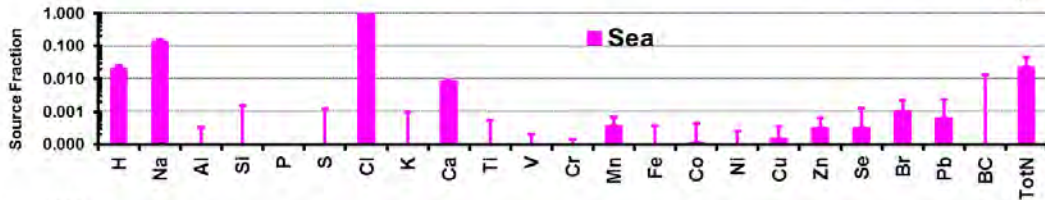
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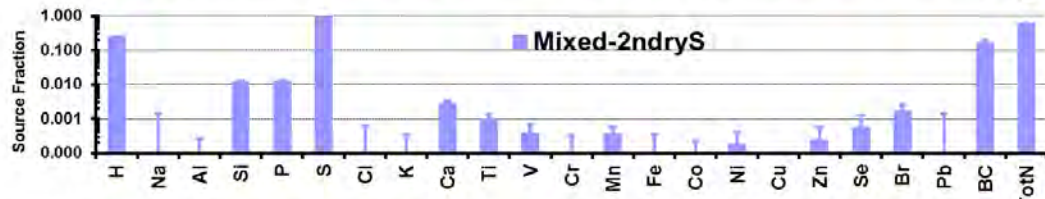
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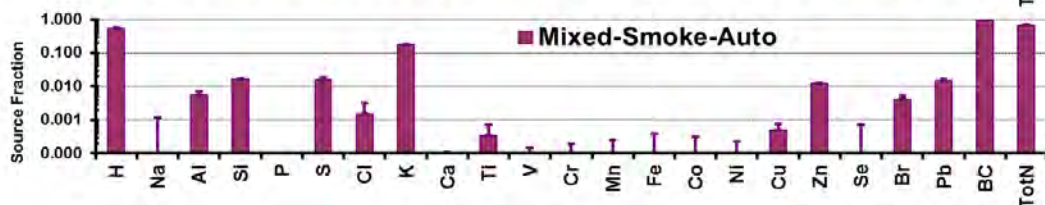
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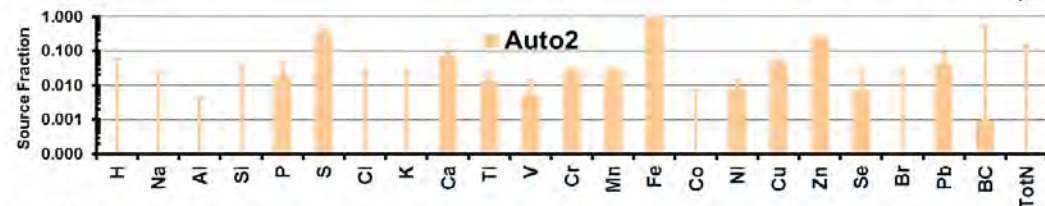
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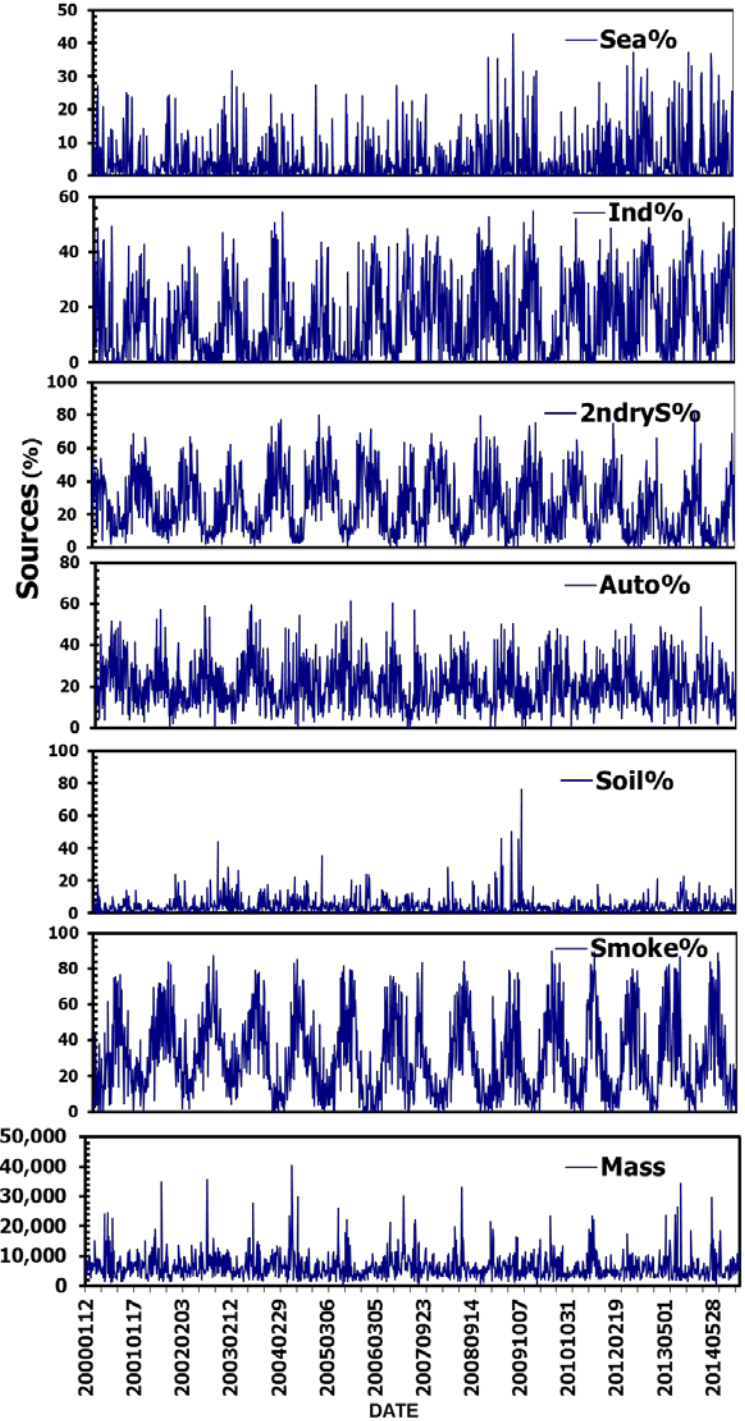
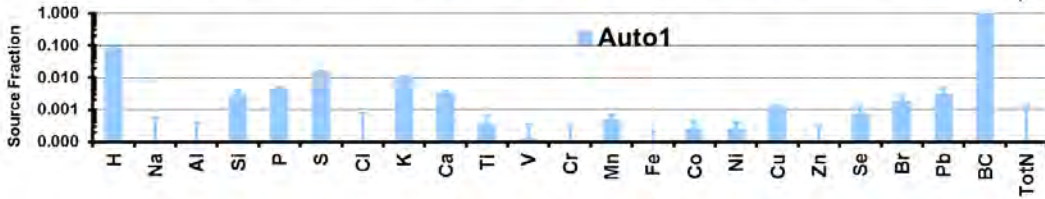
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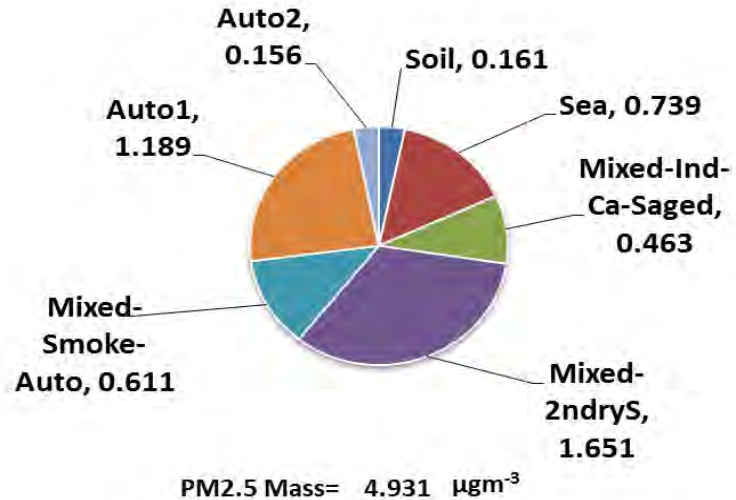


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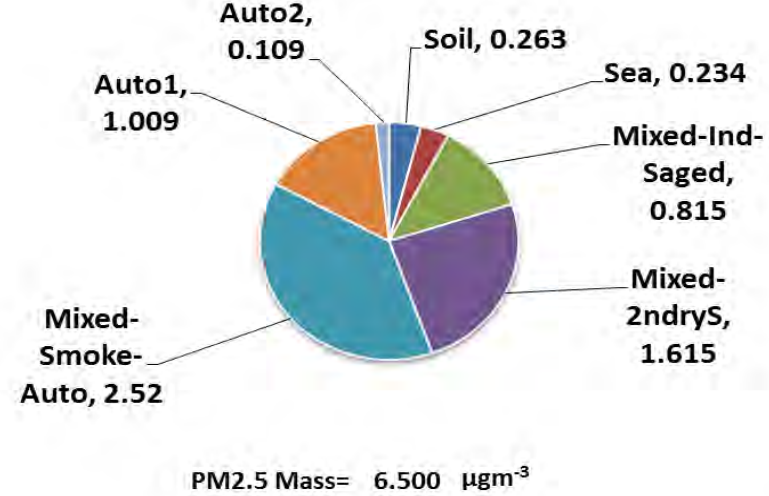


Average PMF Fingerprint Contributions by Site for 2000-14

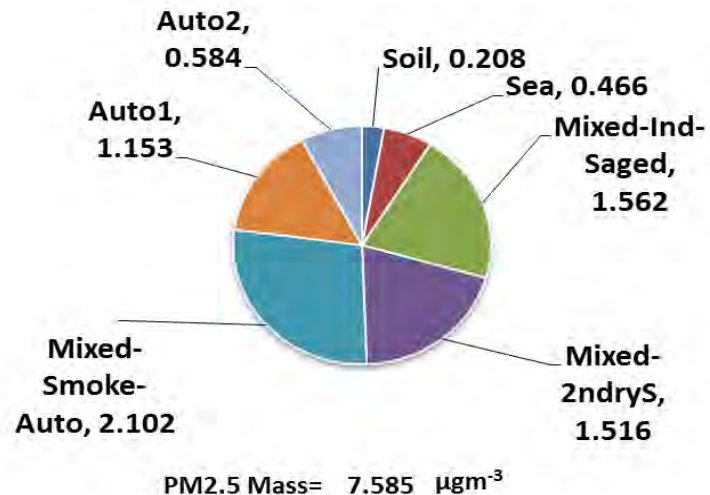
Lucas Heights 2000-14
Average Fingerprint Contributions



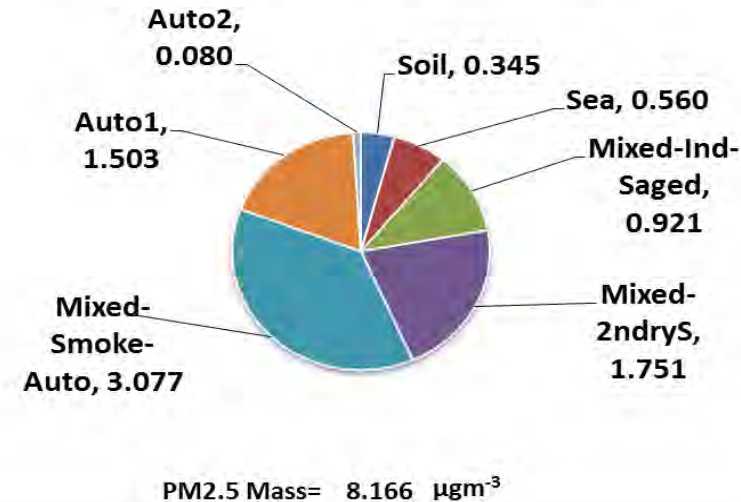
Richmond 2000-14
Average Fingerprint Contributions



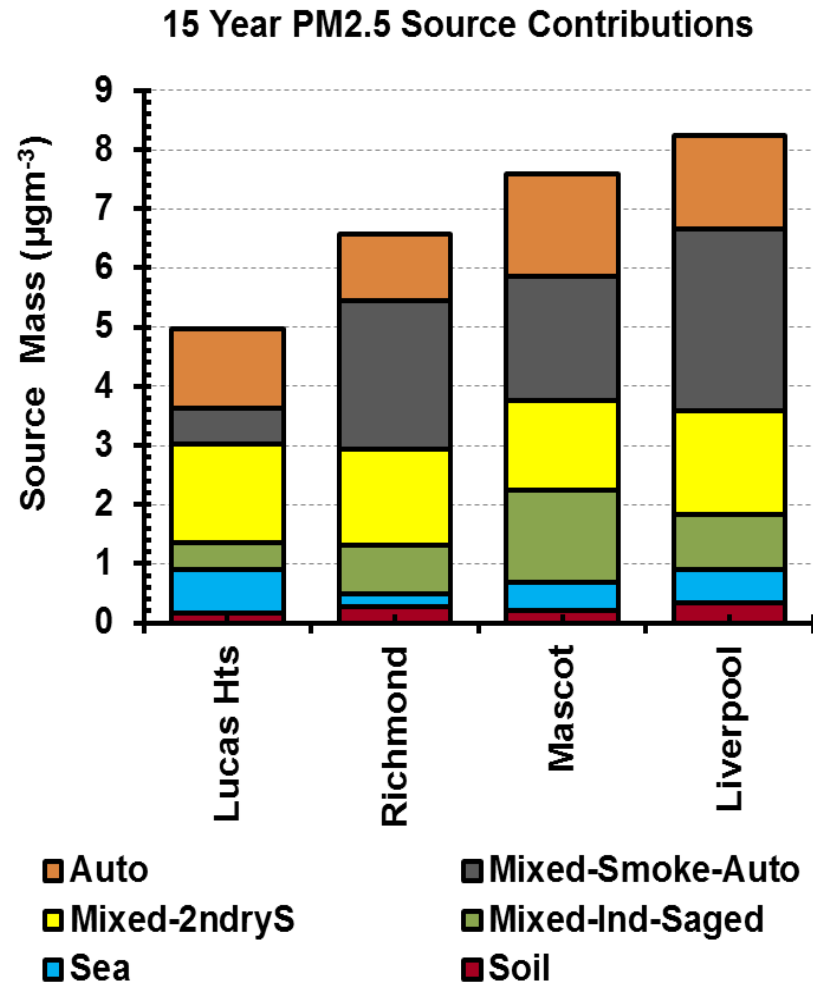
Mascot 2000-14
Average Fingerprint Contributions



Liverpool 2000-14
Average Fingerprint Contributions



Average 15 Year PMF Source Contributions



PM2.5%	Lucas Hts	Richmond	Mascot	Liverpool
Mass (μgm^{-3})	4.93	6.50	7.59	8.17
Auto%	27.3	17.2	22.9	19.4
Mixed-Smoke%	11.6	30.3	23.2	31.6
Mixed-2ndryS%	29.8	25.5	20.1	21.8
Mixed-Industry%	9.19	15	23.2	13.9
Sea%	17.1	4.43	7.73	8.91
Soil%	3.10	4.22	2.76	4.05

Project Summary

This study identified four main pollution source factors:

- ❖ smoke from domestic wood heaters peaking in winter months, (~60%-80%),**
- ❖ secondary sulfates from coal fired power stations, industry, motor vehicles peaking in the summer months (~50%-70%) ,**
- ❖ industrial sources, peaking in the summer months (~30%-50%),**
- ❖ vehicle emissions contributing 15% to 30% of the annual PM2.5 mass.**

It has provided a 7 factor daily database across all four sites covering the period January 2000 to December 2014.

15 Year PMF Database-2000-14

Sydney Particle Characterisation Study Database

PM2.5 Receptor Source Apportionment in the Sydney Region between 2000 and 2014



Ansto



Instructions

This program is used to view PMF data and plots from sampling sites related to the Sydney Particle Characterisation Study

1) First, press the (1) INITIALISE DATABASE button to initialise the macro program and clear any previous data. This ONLY needs to be performed once prior to the first site selection and extraction.

2) Using the Option Buttons (in cells C17 down), select the sampling site you wish to extract the PMF data for and press the (2) EXTRACT PMF Data & Plots button. Once completed, use navigation buttons on right side of menu page to view and navigate between the various extracted plots and data worksheets. To extract another site, simply select another site using the option buttons and press macro button (2) again. All plots and data worksheets are locked to preserve the integrity of data contained in this workbook. To be able to edit the extracted data and plots, see option (3) below.

3) **OPTIONAL:** To export an editable .xlsx version of the data/plots or a PDF, type the folder path where you want to save the file in the "Export Folder Path Location" text box (in cell F33) and press either the macro buttons (3) for an .xlsx file or (4) for a pdf file. NOTE: macro buttons (3) and (4) will appear only after a PMF site has been extracted using button (2).

4) **OPTIONAL:** click on the map image or small map icon to view an interactive map of the sampling sites. NB: This function requires internet access.

PMF Data and Plots for Sampling Sites

(1) INITIALISE DATABASE

SITE		COMMENT
Lucas Heights	<input type="radio"/>	Southern Sydney semi-rural / urban Site (2000 - 2014)
Richmond	<input type="radio"/>	North-West Sydney Rural / Semi-urban Site (2000-2014)
Mascot	<input type="radio"/>	Central Sydney CBD / airport Site (2000-2014)
Liverpool	<input type="radio"/>	Western Sydney Urban Site (2000-2014)
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Liverpool (2005-2009)	<input type="radio"/>	As above but for 5 year period
Liverpool (2010-2014)	<input type="radio"/>	As above but for 5 year period



EXCEL file with 8 worksheets covering >5,700 sampling days at 4 sites every Sunday and Wednesday for 15 years from 2000-14.

Includes 7 factor fingerprint plots and daily time series plots of these factors.

Available on the ANSTO and OEH WEB sites <http://www.ansto.gov.au/asp>.

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