

1 **Supporting information of**

2 **Chemical speciation of trace metals in atmospheric deposition and impacts on soil**  
3 **geochemistry and vegetable bioaccumulation near a large copper smelter in China**

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22 Summary

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25 **Text S1**

26 **Study site**

27 The study was conducted nearby the largest Cu smelter in China located in Guixi  
28 city of Jiangxi province in southeastern China (Supplementary information, Fig. S1). The  
29 climate is typical subtropical humid with an annually average temperature of 18 °C,  
30 average annual rainfall of 1905 mm and prevailing northeastern winds. The production  
31 capacity of the smelter was about  $7.2 \times 10^5$  tons of Cu in 2018. Some other accessory  
32 products were also produced simultaneously, such as  $1.65 \times 10^5$  tons of  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $1.4 \times 10^3$   
33 tons of  $As_2O_3$ ,  $1.3 \times 10$  tons of gold (Au), and  $3.5 \times 10^2$  tons of silver (Ag) per year (Xiao  
34 et al., 2011). Due to a large amount of metal smelting, the surrounding farmland has been  
35 heavily polluted, resulting in trace metals concentrations in crops exceeding the  
36 acceptable level (Xu et al., 2017a). Annual atmospheric deposition fluxes of trace metals  
37 around the smelter between July 2012 to June 2016 were  $767.0 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{a}^{-1}$ ,  $6.6$   
38  $\text{mg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{a}^{-1}$ , and  $70.0 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{a}^{-1}$  for Cu, Cd, and Pb, respectively (Zhou et al., 2018).

39 Three study sites (A1, A2, and A3) along an expected gradient of atmospheric  
40 deposition near the smelter were selected, including: a high atmospheric deposition site  
41 (A3) located about 1 km downwind from the smelter; a moderate atmospheric deposition  
42 site (A2) located about 6 km away following the same direction as site A3; and a control  
43 site with low deposition (A1) located about 34 km away, also following the same  
44 direction as sites A2 and A3 (Supplementary information, Fig. S1).

45 **Text S2**

46 **Soil properties and measuring method**

47 Soils properties used to grow vegetables were showed in Table S1. In short, soils  
48 (S1, S2, and S3) were hydragric anthrosols, acidic ( $\text{pH}_{\text{CaCl}_2}=4.3-5.3$ ), and moderately  
49 fertile (OM=27-41 g/kg, CEC=7.4-8.8 cmol/kg), with available nitrogen of 113-185  
50 mg/kg, available phosphorus of 34-58 mg/kg, and available potassium of 67-76 mg/kg).  
51 Soils S2 taken from the atmospheric exposure site A2 were moderately polluted  
52 ( $80.02\pm 0.88$  mg/kg Cu,  $0.72\pm 0.05$  mg/kg Cd and  $50.20\pm 0.43$  mg/kg Pb) while soils S3  
53 from site A3 were heavily polluted ( $556.67\pm 12.61$  mg/kg Cu,  $1.66\pm 0.05$  mg/kg Cd, and  
54  $74.13\pm 1.77$  mg/kg Pb) due to the long-term metal smelting emissions. Soil S1 from the  
55 control site (A1) was not or only minimally affected by smelting emissions ( $23.32\pm 0.09$   
56 mg/kg Cu,  $0.22\pm 0.01$  mg/kg Cd, and  $29.61\pm 0.19$  mg/kg Pb) and lower than the regulatory  
57 limit for soil pollution of agricultural land by the China Ministry of Ecology and  
58 Environment (GB 15618-2018, 50 mg/kg for Cu, 0.3 mg/kg for Cd, and 70 mg/kg for Pb).  
59 While in general soil physicochemical properties of soils from the three study sites were  
60 similar (Table S1), soil pH and available P were higher in soils S3 due to previous  
61 applications of alkaline materials containing phosphorus to stabilize trace metals as a  
62 farmland remediation technique (Xu et al., 2017b).

63 Soil pH was measured in 0.01M  $\text{CaCl}_2$  (1 : 2.5 soil : solution ratio). OM was  
64 measured by the Walkley and Black method (Potassium dichromate oxidation-ferrous

65 sulphate titrimetry). Soil texture (percent sand, silt, and clay) was analyzed by Laser  
66 particle size analyzer (Beckman LS 13320, America). Cation exchange capacity (CEC)  
67 was measured by the ammonium acetate centrifugal exchange method. Available N was  
68 measured by the alkaline hydrolysis diffusion method. Available P was measured by  
69 Mo-Sb colorimetry. Available K was measured by ammonium acetate extraction-flame  
70 spectrophotometry. The values of trace metals in soils were determined by the  
71 inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (Agilent 7800 ICP-MS, America) with  
72 mixed-acid digestion ( $\text{HNO}_3\text{-HClO}_4\text{-HF}$ ). Blanks and the certified soil reference material  
73 (GBW07406, the National Research Center for Standard Materials of China) were used  
74 for controlling the quality of our analysis and the recovery rates were 96-105%.

### 75 **Text S3**

#### 76 **Method of the fully factorial exposure experiment**

77 In order to distinguish the recently trace metals by atmospheric deposition (<1 year)  
78 and the original trace metals (including parent rock matrix and earlier deposited  
79 atmospheric trace metals), a fully factorial soil and atmosphere exposure design with  
80 replications ( $n = 3$ ) including seven treatment groups was conducted between July 2017  
81 and June 2018. The polluted soils in moderate and high sites of atmospheric deposition  
82 were transferred to a control site and the unpolluted soil in control site was transferred to  
83 moderate and high deposition sites. In brief, the first treatment pot was a control site-box  
84 (A1-S1), located at A1 site, and filled with topsoil collected from A1 paddy field with the

85 low levels of trace metals ( $23.32 \pm 0.09$  mg/kg Cu,  $0.22 \pm 0.01$  mg/kg Cd, and  $29.61 \pm 0.19$   
86 mg/kg Pb). This box received a comparatively low trace metals input by atmospheric  
87 deposition. The second treatment pot was also a control site-box (A1-S2), located at A1  
88 site, but filled with A2 paddy field topsoil (S2) with the moderately polluted levels of  
89 trace metals ( $80.02 \pm 0.88$  mg/kg Cu,  $0.72 \pm 0.05$  mg/kg Cd, and  $50.20 \pm 0.43$  mg/kg Pb).  
90 The third pot was a control site-box (A1-S3), located at A1 site, and filled with topsoil  
91 collected from A3 paddy field (S3) with the heavily polluted levels of trace metals  
92 ( $556.67 \pm 12.61$  mg/kg Cu,  $1.66 \pm 0.05$  mg/kg Cd, and  $74.13 \pm 1.77$  mg/kg Pb). The pots of  
93 A1-S1, A1-S2 and A1-S3 received a low trace metals input by atmospheric deposition  
94 throughout the cultivation duration. The fourth pot was a moderate deposition site-box  
95 (A2-S1), located at A2 site receiving the moderate metals input by atmospheric  
96 deposition, but filled with the paddy field with the low levels of trace metals from A1  
97 site. The fifth pot was also a moderate deposition site-box (A2-S2), located at A2 site  
98 receiving the same deposition input as A2-S1, and filled with the moderately polluted  
99 paddy soil from A2 site itself. The sixth pot was a high deposition site-box (A3-S1),  
100 located at A3 site, but filled with A1 paddy field topsoil with the low levels of trace  
101 metals. The box received a high trace metals input by atmospheric deposition. The  
102 seventh box was also a high deposition site-box (A3-S3), located at A3 site, and filled  
103 with the heavily polluted paddy soil from A3 site itself. To manage the high number of  
104 treatment numbers, we selected not to expose soil from moderate deposition site A2 at

105 the high atmospheric deposition site A3, and vice versa not to expose soil from the high  
106 deposition site A3 at the moderate atmospheric deposition site A2. All boxes filled with  
107 soil profiles (dimensions: 0.58 m length×0.44 m wide×0.32 m height) were mounted on  
108 the stone mounds about 0.5 m above the surrounding ground in order to avoid any  
109 contamination from soil particles by splashing during heavy rainfall. These boxes were  
110 also filled with 10 mm thickness acid washed quartz and 40 mesh nylon mesh in the  
111 bottom with hole (3 cm in diameter) in order to discharge excess water in the rainy  
112 season.

113 Three wide cultivation vegetables in study area, including radish (*Raphanus sativus*  
114 L., rhizome vegetable), lettuce (*Lactuca sativa* L., leaf vegetable) and soybean  
115 (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L., fruit vegetable) were grown in each of these combined  
116 soil-atmosphere exposure categories, resulting in a total of 63 plant samples for the study  
117 (2-3 soil exposures, 3 atmospheric exposures, 3 vegetable types, 3 replications). The  
118 vegetable types were chosen because they represented different edible parts for human  
119 consumption, such as rhizomes for radish, leaves for lettuce and seeds for soybean. The  
120 planting order and growing season of the three vegetables were chosen according to local  
121 farming practices. Germinated radish seeds were firstly cultivated in the experimental  
122 with a density of 4 seedlings each pot in early January 2018. The radish was exposed for  
123 60 d and then the lettuce seedlings (mean 8 g for fresh biomass, with the germinated  
124 seeds firstly cultivated in uncontaminated soils for one month) were continuously

125 transplanted into plots in early March 2018. The lettuce was exposed for 45 d, after  
126 which the germinated soybean seeds were continuously transplanted into plots in  
127 mid-April 2018 and the mature soybean was harvested in late June 2018. Vegetables  
128 were watered by the qualified tap water containing the low concentrations of trace metals  
129 (Cu < 0.1 µg/L, Cd < 0.01 µg/L, and Pb < 0.01 µg/L) during the entire experiment. The  
130 effect of trace metals in the irrigation water was negligible compared with atmospheric  
131 deposition trace metals.

132 The objective of A1-S1 (filled with soil from the control site) exposed to low  
133 atmospheric deposition was to estimate bioaccumulation of trace metals in three  
134 vegetables from background soils (not/minimally affected by recent or earlier  
135 atmospheric deposition). Further, the key difference among A1-S3, A1-S2, and A1-S3  
136 was the pollution level of trace metals in soils. The objective of three groups was to  
137 estimate bioaccumulation of trace metals in three vegetables from soils exposures, which  
138 would be indicative of the effect of past (i.e., >1 year) atmospheric deposition impacts  
139 (Zhou et al., 2018). Moreover, the key difference among A1-S1, A2-S1, and A3-S1 was  
140 the deposition flux. The objective of three groups was to understand whether the recently  
141 deposited trace metals are readily absorbed and accumulated in vegetable. Meanwhile,  
142 the objective of group A1-S2 and A2-S2 was to understand the process of trace metals  
143 accumulation from the moderately polluted soil and air. In addition, the objective of  
144 group A1-S3 and A3-S3 was to understand the contribution of trace metals accumulation

145 in vegetable from the heavily polluted soil and air. The bioavailability of the recently  
146 deposited Cu, Cd, and Pb and those in original soil for vegetable can be well  
147 distinguished using such experimental design method. The bioaccumulation effect from  
148 the recently deposited trace metals on different edible types of vegetables also can be  
149 well investigated by this experiment.

#### 150 **Text S4**

#### 151 **Method of sampling and analytical deposition**

152 The atmospheric deposition samples during the period July 2017 to June 2018 were  
153 collected each month by automatic wet and dry deposition sampler (APS-3A, Changsha  
154 Xianglan Scientific Instruments Co., Hunan, China) situated on the rooftops of buildings  
155 at each site to minimize local soil contamination. The collector was equipped with one  
156 moisture sensor to collect dry and wet deposition separately. The moisture sensor would  
157 activate the electric pathway allowing automatic transfer of the dustproof cover from wet  
158 deposition polyethylene bottle to dry deposition polyethylene bottle during the rain event.  
159 The sampler was washed every month by 2% HNO<sub>3</sub> solution and 0.2% benzalkonium  
160 chloride (Osvan) for sterilization (Osada et al., 2014). For wet deposition, the sample was  
161 not collected in October 2017 due to absent rain; for dry deposition each month, a plastic  
162 brush was carefully used to collect deposition particles, and then they were stored in  
163 polypropylene centrifuge tube at 4 °C (Corning, USA) and brought into laboratory for

164 subsequent analyses. The operating principle of collector in detail can be obtained from  
165 the previous study (Wang et al., 2012).

166 In wet deposition, the rain samples of each month were divided into two equal parts,  
167 and one was used to determine pH and hydrodynamic diameter by Dynamic light  
168 scattering (DLS, NanoBrook 90Plus PALS, America). The other part was used to  
169 measure size distribution of Cu, Cd, and Pb, whereby size distribution included  
170 separation into particulate ( $> 0.45 \mu\text{m}$ , unfiltered samples), dissolved (corresponding  
171 colloid fraction,  $< 0.45 \mu\text{m}$ , filtered by  $0.45 \mu\text{m}$  filter) (PES, MEMBRANA, Germany),  
172 and defined ionic fraction (i.e., ionic metals and those adsorbed onto small molecular  
173 weight colloid,  $< 3 \text{ kDa}$ , filtered by  $3 \text{ kDa}$  filter) (Amicon Ultra-15, Millipore, USA)  
174 (Javed et al., 2017). All rain samples analyzed for species of trace metals (Cu, Cd, and Pb)  
175 were extracted using nitric acid (5%, v/v) facilitated by heating under  $80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  according to  
176 the modified method of USEPA 200.8 and determined by ICP-MS (Agilent 7800,  
177 America) (Wang et al., 2017).

178 For dry deposition, samples were air-dried, grinded and sieved to  $< 0.15 \text{ mm}$ . One of  
179 the halves samples each month were used to conduct the characterization of mineral  
180 composition by X-ray diffractometer XRD (Ultima IV, Japan) analysis. Dust samples  
181 from pulse bag filter from the Guixi copper smelter were also collected and sieved to  $<$   
182  $0.15 \text{ mm}$  to assist in the characterization of trace metal hosting mineral phases by XRD  
183 considering that the low trace metal content in atmospheric deposition cannot meet the

184 XRD identification limit, which can be also used for verifying the likely origin of  
185 atmospheric deposition and links to this assumed emission source. The other halves were  
186 used to conduct Tessier five-step sequential extraction (F1 exchangeable, F2 carbonate,  
187 F3 reducible, F4 organic and sulfide, and F5 residual fractions) determining the  
188 partitioning of trace metals (Cu, Cd, and Pb) by ICP-MS (Agilent 7800, America) (Lee et  
189 al., 2015). Blanks and the certified soil reference material (GBW07442, the National  
190 Research Center for Standard Materials of China) were used for controlling the quality of  
191 our analysis and the recovery rates were 97-103%. These characteristics were conducive  
192 to analyze the mobility and bioavailability of atmospheric deposition trace metals.

### 193 **Text S5**

#### 194 **Method of sampling and analytical vegetable and soil**

195 The three vegetables (radish, lettuce, and soybean) grown in sequence for the  
196 duration of 60, 45, and 75 days, respectively were harvested in early March, mid-April,  
197 and late June 2018, respectively. Sampling radish and lettuce were dissected into shoot  
198 and rhizome (or root) washed by running tap water and then deionized water (Uzu et al.,  
199 2010), and the root, stem, and seed of soybean were also washed by the same operation  
200 as above. Additionally, the leaf and pod (excluding seed) of soybean were both splitted in  
201 two sub samples and one was washed as above and the other halve was unwashed and  
202 cleaned carefully with a brush to compare and study the effect of the direct foliar  
203 absorption of atmospheric deposition pollutants on trace metals accumulation in

204 vegetables (De Temmerman et al., 2015). The fresh weight and dry weight of vegetable  
205 tissues were weighed separately, and then samples were dried at 105 °C for 30 min and  
206 80 °C to a constant weight, grinded, sieved to < 0.15 mm and Cu, Cd, and Pb of vegetable  
207 samples were extracted in a 1:1 mixture of HNO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at 90 °C for 4 h. Meanwhile,  
208 the corresponding surface soils after harvest of the soybean in late June 2018 were  
209 collected by stratified sampling (0-2, 2-4, 4-6, 6-10, 10-15, and 15-20 cm, three samples  
210 constituting one pooled sample per layer per pot) and stored in liquid nitrogen. Tessier  
211 five-step sequential extraction (F1 exchangeable, F2 carbonate, F3 reducible, F4 organic  
212 and sulfide, and F5 residual fractions) was performed using 1.0 g sub-samples of soils  
213 within polypropylene centrifuge tubes to determine the partitioning of Cu, Cd, and Pb in  
214 soils.

215 Soil and plant extracted samples were determined by ICP-MS (Agilent 7800,  
216 America) for Cu, Cd, and Pb. Blanks and the certified soil and spinach reference material  
217 (GBW07442 and 10015, the National Research Center for Standard Materials of China)  
218 were used for controlling the quality of our analysis and the recovery rates were 96-102%.

219 **Table S1**

220 Soil properties of all three study sites. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 3).

Soil ID	S1	S2	S3
Soil type	Hydragric anthrosols	Hydragric anthrosols	Hydragric anthrosols
Latitude	116°56'20" E	117°10'8" E	117°12'32" E
Longitude	28°12'29" N	28°17'42" N	28°19'44" N
pH	4.28 $\pm$ 0.03	4.45 $\pm$ 0.01	5.27 $\pm$ 0.02
OM (g/kg)	40.62 $\pm$ 0.91	27.13 $\pm$ 0.62	32.05 $\pm$ 0.81
CEC (cmol/kg)	8.81 $\pm$ 0.01	8.32 $\pm$ 0.08	7.35 $\pm$ 0.03
Clay %	27.45 $\pm$ 0.07	22.80 $\pm$ 0.14	15.50 $\pm$ 0.09
Silt %	48.35 $\pm$ 0.21	40.7 $\pm$ 0.01	23.70 $\pm$ 0.14
Sand %	23.60 $\pm$ 0.12	36.13 $\pm$ 0.08	57.15 $\pm$ 0.23
Available N (mg/kg)	184.69 $\pm$ 1.59	146.81 $\pm$ 1.79	113.41 $\pm$ 2.85
Available P (mg/kg)	34.11 $\pm$ 0.58	43.55 $\pm$ 1.02	58.09 $\pm$ 0.26
Available K (mg/kg)	74.10 $\pm$ 2.40	67.18 $\pm$ 0.88	75.75 $\pm$ 2.33
Cd (mg/kg)	0.22 $\pm$ 0.01	0.72 $\pm$ 0.05	1.66 $\pm$ 0.05
Cu (mg/kg)	23.32 $\pm$ 0.09	80.02 $\pm$ 0.88	556.67 $\pm$ 12.61
As (mg/kg)	5.58 $\pm$ 0.13	11.24 $\pm$ 0.42	50.17 $\pm$ 0.59
Pb (mg/kg)	29.61 $\pm$ 0.19	50.20 $\pm$ 0.43	74.13 $\pm$ 1.77
Cr (mg/kg)	63.76 $\pm$ 0.85	52.45 $\pm$ 0.70	38.28 $\pm$ 1.11
Zn (mg/kg)	52.41 $\pm$ 0.48	80.27 $\pm$ 0.68	77.55 $\pm$ 2.15
Ni (mg/kg)	16.53 $\pm$ 0.23	16.07 $\pm$ 0.23	12.78 $\pm$ 0.40

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223 **Table S2**

224 Descriptive design of a fully factorial soil and atmosphere exposure experiment including seven treatment

225 groups.

Soil substrate/Atmospheric exposure	A1: Low atmospheric deposition (control)	A2: Moderate atmospheric deposition	A3: High atmospheric deposition
S1: Background soil (control)	A1-S1	A2-S1	A3-S1
S2: Moderate soil pollution	A1-S2	A2-S2	---
S3: Heavy soil pollution	A1-S3	---	A3-S3

226 **Table S3**

227 The contribution range (%) of recently atmospheric deposition to Cu, Cd, and Pb of soybean tissues.

Group	Cu					Cd					Pb				
	root	stem	leaf	pod	seed	root	stem	leaf	pod	seed	root	stem	leaf	pod	seed
A2-S1	21.6	32.6	56.8	35.1	2.6	9.5	2.3	17.3	2.2	3.2	5.5	12.2	65.7	47.7	14.2
A2-S2	11.1	12.8	25.6	15.9	3.0	2.4	1.0	2.0	4.4	2.2	3.3	10.2	55.7	21.0	11.3
A3-S1	41.2	55.4	86.8	78.9	23.8	42.2	27.1	36.7	29.4	31.3	46.5	59.7	87.9	79.9	42.4
A3-S3	11.2	18.1	29.1	35.6	14.6	8.0	9.2	15.0	8.0	15.8	22.7	32.6	80.1	44.8	27.3

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248 **Table S4**

249 The contribution range (%) of recently atmospheric deposition to Cu, Cd, and Pb of radish tissues.

Group	Cu		Cd		Pb	
	rhizome	shoot	rhizome	shoot	rhizome	shoot
A2-S1	8.6	37.2	12.1	29.1	5.8	35.1
A2-S2	4.7	14.6	2.5	8.2	8.0	21.9
A3-S1	46.1	78.8	56.6	57.2	54.8	67.4
A3-S3	16.2	29.1	31.5	27.3	39.3	53.8

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271 **Table S5**

272 The contribution range (%) of recently atmospheric deposition to Cu, Cd, and Pb of lettuce tissues.

Group	Cu		Cd		Pb	
	root	shoot	root	shoot	root	shoot
A2-S1	8.5	30.1	9.2	35.4	10.2	25.2
A2-S2	5.0	20.2	0.3	13.4	2.2	18.0
A3-S1	54.2	76.0	22.3	58.4	37.5	63.6
A3-S3	23.7	48.6	13.8	32.6	28.7	44.5

273 **Table S6**

274 The contribution range (%) of trace metals originally present in soils to vegetable bioaccumulation.

Vegetable	Soil substrate	Cu	Cd	Pb
soybean	moderate pollution S2	19.2	61.8	28.0
	heavy pollution S3	36.7	73.7	37.9
radish	moderate pollution S2	66.0	60.6	47.5
	heavy pollution S3	80.3	67.4	64.8
lettuce	moderate pollution S2	48.3	74.3	51.3
	heavy pollution S3	68.6	81.5	57.4

275 **Table S7** The partitioning (F1 exchangeable, F2 carbonate, F3 reducible, F4 organic and sulfide, and F5 residual fractions) of Cu, Cd, and Pb (mg/kg) in soils  
 276 (0-2 and 2-4 cm profile) exposed to atmospheric deposition over one year. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 3).

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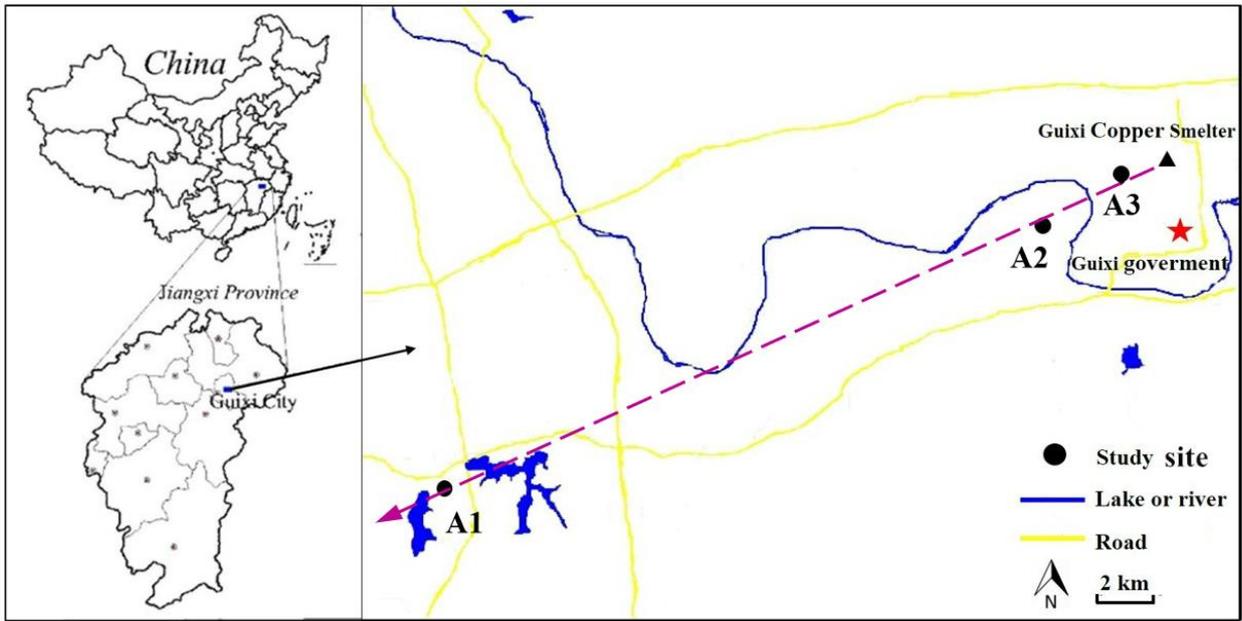
Metal	Group	F1		F2		F3		F4		F5	
		0-2cm	2-4 cm	0-2 cm	2-4 cm						
Cu	A1-S1	1.5 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.6 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.5 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>a</sup>	0.5 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>a</sup>	1.5 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.4 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	13.1 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	12.7 $\pm$ 0.8 <sup>a</sup>	8.1 $\pm$ 0.5 <sup>a</sup>	7.9 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>a</sup>
	A2-S1	2.4 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>b</sup>	2.3 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>b</sup>	1.0 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>b</sup>	0.9 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>b</sup>	1.9 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>b</sup>	1.8 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>b</sup>	15.1 $\pm$ 0.7 <sup>b</sup>	14.3 $\pm$ 1.0 <sup>a</sup>	8.3 $\pm$ 0.5 <sup>a</sup>	8.1 $\pm$ 0.5 <sup>a</sup>
	A3-S1	9.2 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>c</sup>	5.7 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>c</sup>	5.0 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>c</sup>	2.9 $\pm$ 0.0 <sup>c</sup>	5.1 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>c</sup>	4.2 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>c</sup>	25.7 $\pm$ 1.5 <sup>c</sup>	21.2 $\pm$ 1.1 <sup>c</sup>	10.2 $\pm$ 0.5 <sup>b</sup>	9.3 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>a</sup>
	A1-S2	7.0 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	5.1 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	2.1 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	1.9 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	5.2 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	5.2 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	40 $\pm$ 2 <sup>a</sup>	38 $\pm$ 2 <sup>a</sup>	24 $\pm$ 2 <sup>a</sup>	24 $\pm$ 3 <sup>a</sup>
	A2-S2	8.5 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>b</sup>	5.1 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>b</sup>	2.4 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	2.0 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>a</sup>	5.6 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>a</sup>	5.3 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>a</sup>	41 $\pm$ 3 <sup>a</sup>	40 $\pm$ 3 <sup>a</sup>	24 $\pm$ 1 <sup>a</sup>	23 $\pm$ 2 <sup>a</sup>
	A1-S3	83 $\pm$ 3 <sup>a</sup>	87 $\pm$ 6 <sup>a</sup>	20 $\pm$ 1 <sup>a</sup>	18 $\pm$ 1 <sup>a</sup>	140 $\pm$ 12 <sup>a</sup>	141 $\pm$ 11 <sup>a</sup>	238 $\pm$ 12 <sup>a</sup>	235 $\pm$ 9 <sup>a</sup>	57 $\pm$ 5 <sup>a</sup>	55 $\pm$ 6 <sup>a</sup>
	A3-S3	93 $\pm$ 4 <sup>b</sup>	92 $\pm$ 7 <sup>a</sup>	23 $\pm$ 1 <sup>a</sup>	19 $\pm$ 1 <sup>a</sup>	150 $\pm$ 13 <sup>a</sup>	147 $\pm$ 16 <sup>a</sup>	255 $\pm$ 15 <sup>a</sup>	248 $\pm$ 5 <sup>a</sup>	60 $\pm$ 8 <sup>a</sup>	58 $\pm$ 7 <sup>a</sup>
Cd	A1-S1	0.06 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.06 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.07 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.06 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>			
	A2-S1	0.08 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.06 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.08 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.07 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.07 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.07 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.06 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>
	A3-S1	0.13 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.09 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.09 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.08 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.09 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.07 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.08 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.07 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.06 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>b</sup>	0.05 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>
	A1-S2	0.20 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.19 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.09 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.09 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.11 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.11 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.14 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.14 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.10 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.10 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>
	A2-S2	0.25 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>b</sup>	0.20 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.10 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.09 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.12 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.11 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.15 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.14 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.10 $\pm$ 0.00 <sup>a</sup>	0.11 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>
	A1-S3	0.64 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.60 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.17 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.16 $\pm$ 0.01 <sup>a</sup>	0.27 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.27 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.432 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.43 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>
	A3-S3	0.73 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.65 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.22 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.20 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.30 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.28 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.54 $\pm$ 0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	0.43 $\pm$ 0.04 <sup>a</sup>	0.43 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>a</sup>
Pb	A1-S1	1.02 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>a</sup>	1.03 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>a</sup>	1.45 $\pm$ 0.09 <sup>a</sup>	1.34 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	6.44 $\pm$ 0.19 <sup>a</sup>	6.38 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>a</sup>	7.20 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>a</sup>	7.43 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>a</sup>	18.7 $\pm$ 0.7 <sup>a</sup>	18.6 $\pm$ 0.9 <sup>a</sup>
	A2-S1	1.04 $\pm$ 0.02 <sup>a</sup>	1.03 $\pm$ 0.07 <sup>a</sup>	1.45 $\pm$ 0.05 <sup>a</sup>	1.33 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	6.38 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	6.41 $\pm$ 0.22 <sup>a</sup>	7.20 $\pm$ 0.30 <sup>a</sup>	7.40 $\pm$ 0.42 <sup>a</sup>	18.6 $\pm$ 0.8 <sup>a</sup>	18.6 $\pm$ 1.4 <sup>a</sup>
	A3-S1	1.20 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>a</sup>	1.14 $\pm$ 0.12 <sup>a</sup>	1.46 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>a</sup>	1.37 $\pm$ 0.15 <sup>a</sup>	6.83 $\pm$ 0.24 <sup>a</sup>	6.77 $\pm$ 0.30 <sup>a</sup>	7.21 $\pm$ 0.21 <sup>a</sup>	7.93 $\pm$ 0.61 <sup>a</sup>	18.4 $\pm$ 1.1 <sup>a</sup>	18.8 $\pm$ 0.8 <sup>a</sup>
	A1-S2	3.08 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>a</sup>	2.88 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	2.04 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	2.02 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	13.5 $\pm$ 2.3 <sup>a</sup>	12.0 $\pm$ 1.3 <sup>a</sup>	9.20 $\pm$ 0.13 <sup>a</sup>	9.08 $\pm$ 0.33 <sup>a</sup>	22.2 $\pm$ 1.7 <sup>a</sup>	21.2 $\pm$ 2.7 <sup>a</sup>
	A2-S2	3.15 $\pm$ 0.31 <sup>a</sup>	2.95 $\pm$ 0.20 <sup>a</sup>	2.14 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	2.07 $\pm$ 0.10 <sup>a</sup>	14.0 $\pm$ 1.8 <sup>a</sup>	12.1 $\pm$ 2.5 <sup>a</sup>	9.30 $\pm$ 0.32 <sup>a</sup>	9.14 $\pm$ 0.42 <sup>a</sup>	22.8 $\pm$ 2.1 <sup>a</sup>	22.0 $\pm$ 1.5 <sup>a</sup>
	A1-S3	4.81 $\pm$ 0.42 <sup>a</sup>	4.58 $\pm$ 0.17 <sup>a</sup>	5.48 $\pm$ 0.55 <sup>a</sup>	5.55 $\pm$ 0.53 <sup>a</sup>	21.5 $\pm$ 2.3 <sup>a</sup>	22.4 $\pm$ 0.8 <sup>a</sup>	12.5 $\pm$ 0.9 <sup>a</sup>	12.5 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>a</sup>	29.8 $\pm$ 2.7 <sup>a</sup>	29.5 $\pm$ 1.6 <sup>a</sup>
	A3-S3	4.95 $\pm$ 0.72 <sup>a</sup>	4.89 $\pm$ 0.37 <sup>a</sup>	6.35 $\pm$ 0.90 <sup>a</sup>	6.23 $\pm$ 0.56 <sup>a</sup>	21.7 $\pm$ 1.3 <sup>a</sup>	22.9 $\pm$ 1.7 <sup>a</sup>	12.7 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>a</sup>	11.8 $\pm$ 0.8 <sup>a</sup>	30.7 $\pm$ 2.1 <sup>a</sup>	29.6 $\pm$ 1.7 <sup>a</sup>

278 **Table S8**

279 Hydrodynamic diameter distributions of fine particles (intensity) and pH in wet deposition over one year  
 280 (July 2017 to June 2018). The precipitation is absent in October 2017. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD (n =  
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Month	A1			A2			A3		
	Size (nm)	PDI*	pH	Size (nm)	PDI*	pH	Size (nm)	PDI*	pH
17-07	3.19 $\pm$ 0.16	0.26 $\pm$ 0.05	5.21 $\pm$ 0.04	13.56 $\pm$ 4.06	0.34 $\pm$ 0.02	4.46 $\pm$ 0.05	5.30 $\pm$ 1.06	0.29 $\pm$ 0.06	3.41 $\pm$ 0.04
17-08	10.23 $\pm$ 2.75	0.38 $\pm$ 0.04	4.86 $\pm$ 0.06	37.73 $\pm$ 7.50	0.36 $\pm$ 0.01	4.35 $\pm$ 0.04	39.50 $\pm$ 5.82	0.32 $\pm$ 0.01	3.53 $\pm$ 0.05
17-09	3.85 $\pm$ 0.18	0.46 $\pm$ 0.11	4.73 $\pm$ 0.05	52.93 $\pm$ 2.37	0.30 $\pm$ 0.01	4.44 $\pm$ 0.02	26.77 $\pm$ 4.03	0.26 $\pm$ 0.04	3.79 $\pm$ 0.03
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17-11	79.05 $\pm$ 7.73	0.47 $\pm$ 0.06	6.11 $\pm$ 0.05	2.80 $\pm$ 0.20	0.52 $\pm$ 0.02	4.99 $\pm$ 0.04	12.26 $\pm$ 2.05	0.35 $\pm$ 0.03	3.07 $\pm$ 0.05
17-12	2.99 $\pm$ 1.05	0.47 $\pm$ 0.05	5.34 $\pm$ 0.03	3.08 $\pm$ 1.09	0.37 $\pm$ 0.02	4.64 $\pm$ 0.03	6.06 $\pm$ 0.47	0.50 $\pm$ 0.04	4.50 $\pm$ 0.04
18-01	3.82 $\pm$ 0.19	0.48 $\pm$ 0.03	6.30 $\pm$ 0.04	31.3 $\pm$ 4.7	0.35 $\pm$ 0.05	4.39 $\pm$ 0.03	88.07 $\pm$ 8.80	0.33 $\pm$ 0.03	3.77 $\pm$ 0.05
18-02	9.56 $\pm$ 0.25	0.31 $\pm$ 0.01	5.94 $\pm$ 0.02	18.49 $\pm$ 2.13	0.40 $\pm$ 0.03	4.56 $\pm$ 0.02	8.48 $\pm$ 1.05	0.46 $\pm$ 0.05	3.43 $\pm$ 0.04
18-03	22.06 $\pm$ 3.74	0.53 $\pm$ 0.05	6.12 $\pm$ 0.03	30.94 $\pm$ 5.19	0.36 $\pm$ 0.05	4.63 $\pm$ 0.04	15.07 $\pm$ 2.10	0.32 $\pm$ 0.08	3.24 $\pm$ 0.02
18-04	15.35 $\pm$ 0.96	0.38 $\pm$ 0.02	5.53 $\pm$ 0.04	10.69 $\pm$ 3.03	0.29 $\pm$ 0.02	4.32 $\pm$ 0.03	21.09 $\pm$ 4.11	0.44 $\pm$ 0.03	3.09 $\pm$ 0.03
18-05	9.84 $\pm$ 0.62	0.22 $\pm$ 0.02	4.98 $\pm$ 0.03	7.74 $\pm$ 1.08	0.41 $\pm$ 0.03	4.52 $\pm$ 0.05	12.82 $\pm$ 2.18	0.26 $\pm$ 0.05	3.51 $\pm$ 0.02
18-06	19.41 $\pm$ 1.14	0.32 $\pm$ 0.03	5.13 $\pm$ 0.02	11.01 $\pm$ 2.08	0.27 $\pm$ 0.02	4.43 $\pm$ 0.02	4.19 $\pm$ 0.86	0.30 $\pm$ 0.06	3.63 $\pm$ 0.05

282 \* PDI (particle dispersion index).



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284 **Fig. S1.** Locations of the study sites.

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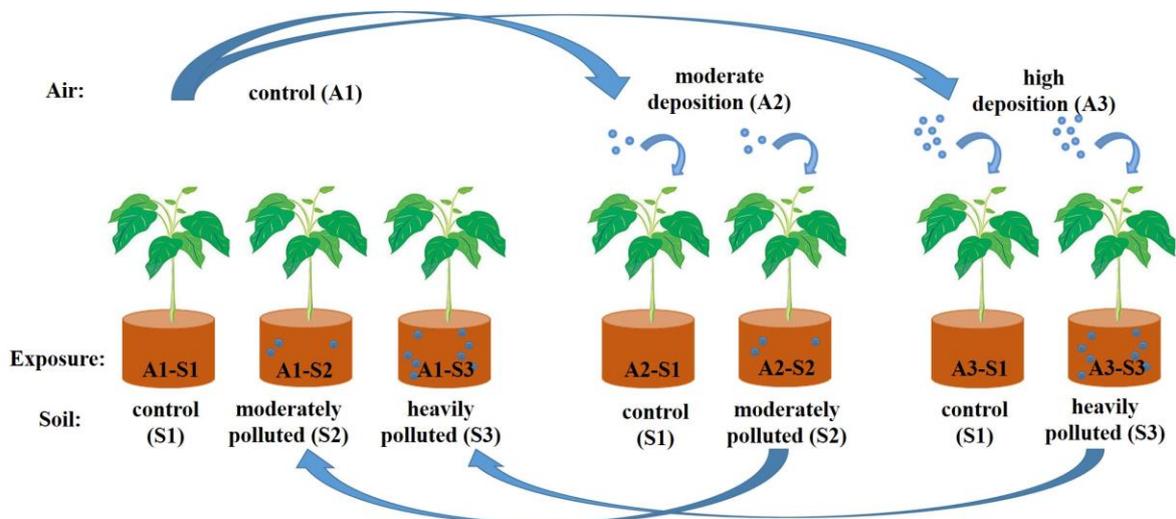
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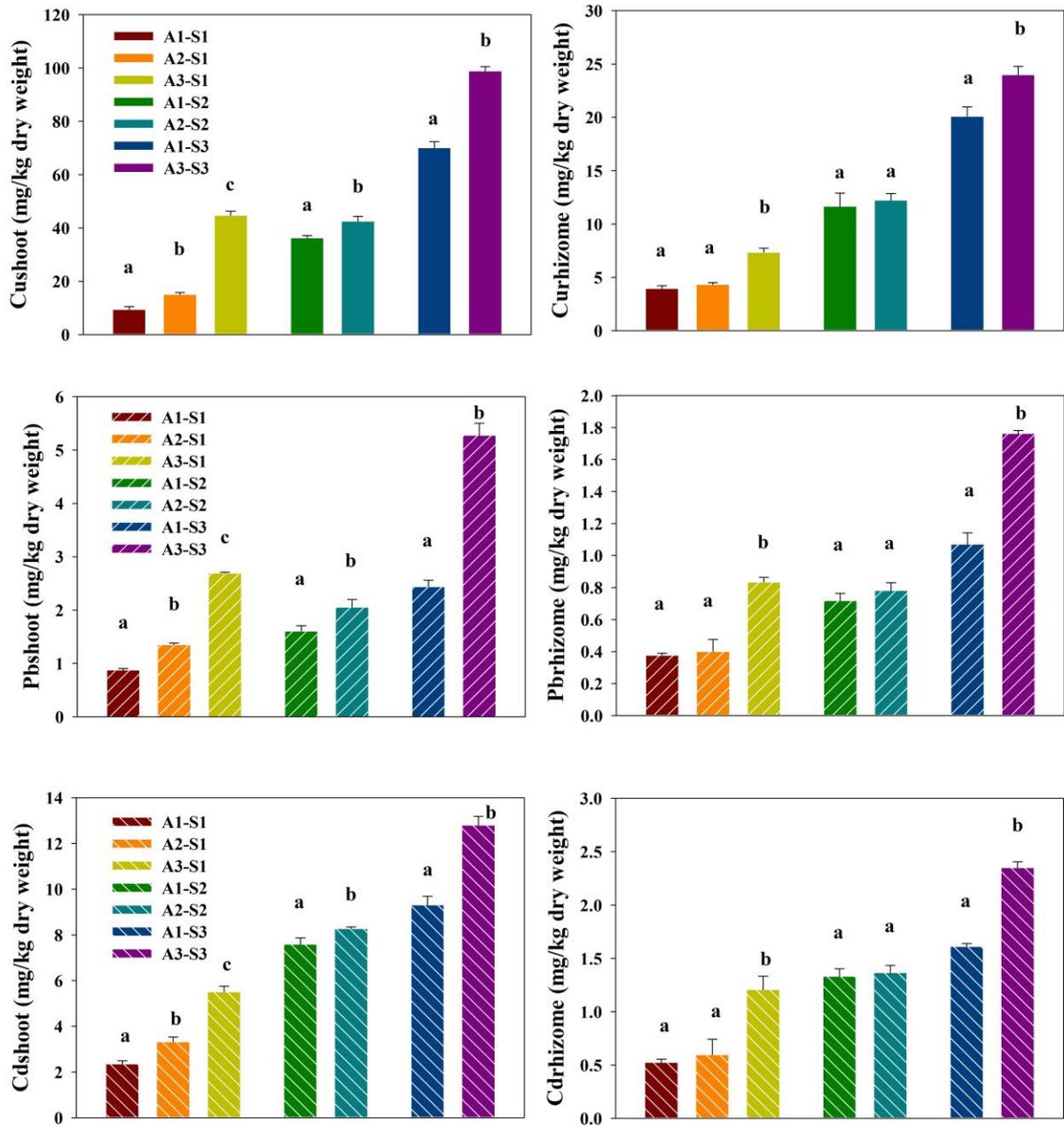
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300 **Fig. S2.** Design of a fully factorial soil and atmospheric exposure experiment with vegetable

301 including seven treatment groups.



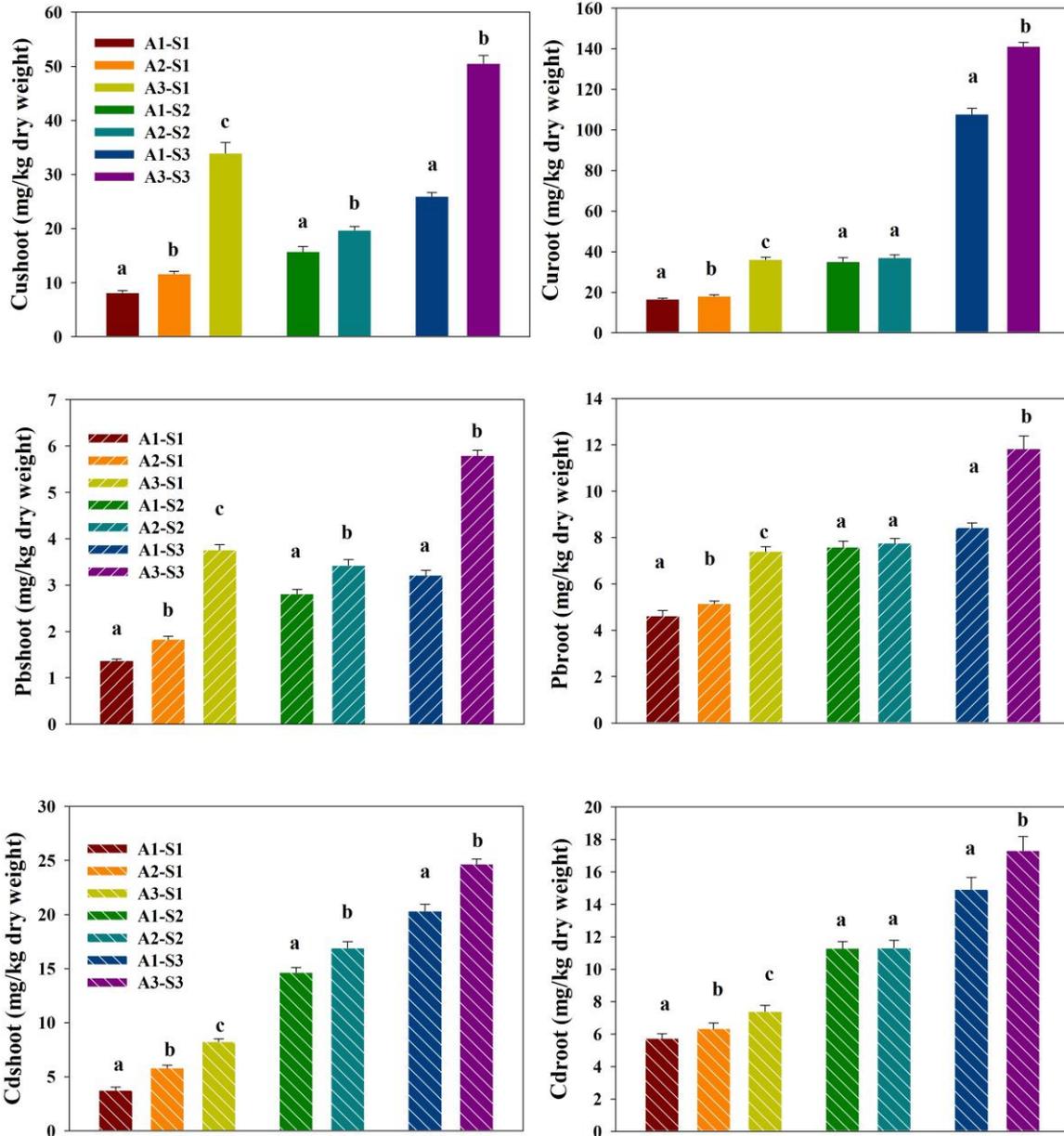
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303 **Fig. S3.** Total Cu, Pb, and Cd concentrations of radish shoots and rhizomes collected from  
 304 seven experiment groups in three study sites. Different letters indicate values significantly  
 305 different among three deposition sites ( $p < 0.05$ ). Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 3$ ).

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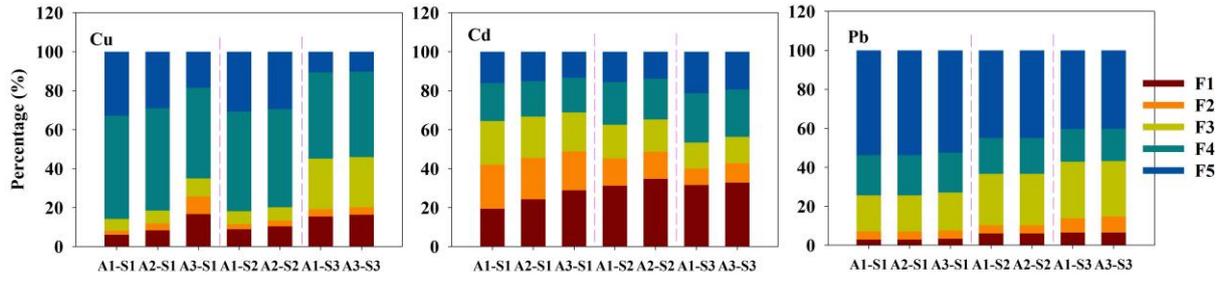
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310 **Fig. S4.** Total Cu, Pb, and Cd concentrations of lettuce shoots and roots collected from seven  
 311 experiment groups in three study sites. Different letters indicate values significantly different  
 312 among three deposition sites ( $p < 0.05$ ). Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD ( $n = 3$ ).

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317 **Fig. S5.** The percentage of Cu, Cd, and Pb in soils (0-2 cm profile) exposed to atmospheric

318 deposition over one year. Data are shown as mean (n = 3).

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