

Significant contributions of biomass burning to PM<sub>2.5</sub>-bound aromatic compounds: insights from field observations and quantum chemical calculations

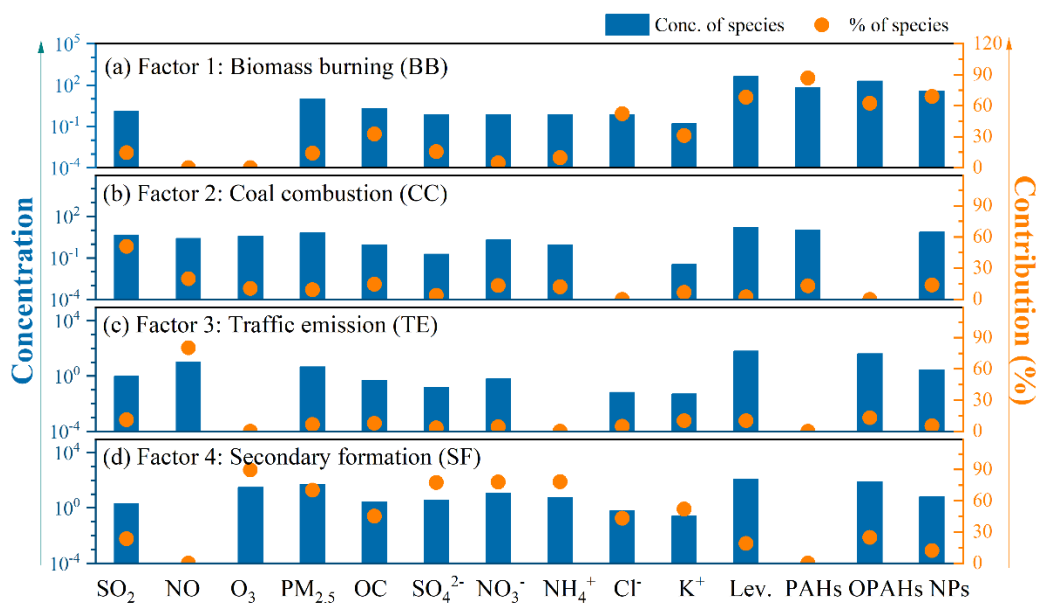
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**Fig.S1** Source profiles of aromatic compounds obtained from PMF analysis (lev. – levoglucosan, and NPs – nitrated phenols).

**Table S1.** The electronic energy  $E_{\text{DFT}}$  and the Gibbs free energy  $G_{\text{DFT}}$  of reactant monomers at the M062X/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory. All energies are in Hartree and  $T = 298$  K.

Phase	Monomers	$E_{\text{DFT}}$	$G_{\text{DFT}}$
gas phase	OH	-75.72917436	-75.737513
	NO <sub>2</sub>	-205.0652725	-205.079389
	H <sub>2</sub> O	-76.42489661	-76.42151
	Nitrobenzene	-436.7193104	-436.64666
	Phenol	-307.4438958	-307.367152
	cis-HONO	-205.6987083	-205.701639
	p-Cresol	-346.7471095	-346.645291
	IM1	-306.7561086	-306.693032
	IM2	-436.0322146	-435.973217
	IM3	-346.065347	-345.97788
	IM4	-421.9825728	-421.878094
	IM5	-421.2955673	-421.203709
	4NP	-511.9504536	-511.874497
	4M5NC	-626.485922	-626.380532
	liquid phase	NO <sub>2</sub>	-205.0667262
Phenol		-307.4507633	-307.374249
IM1		-306.7629835	-306.700134
IM4		-421.9910599	-421.88603
IM5		-421.3038828	-421.212406

**Table S2.** The electronic energy  $E_{\text{DFT}}$ , Gibbs free energy  $G_{\text{DFT}}$  and the imaginary frequency of TS calculated for the formation of 4NP by Phenol at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory. All energies are in Hartree and  $T = 298$  K.

phase	Steps	Molecules	$E_{\text{DFT}}$	$G_{\text{DFT}}$	$\nu_{\text{im}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
gas phase	H-abstraction by OH	RC <sub>ph-OH</sub>	-383.1814862	-383.099624	
		TS <sub>ph-OH</sub>	-383.1635205	-383.085864	-1237.1969 <i>i</i>
		IM1---H <sub>2</sub> O	-383.1866979	-383.106300	
	H-abstraction by NO <sub>2</sub>	RC <sub>ph-NO<sub>2</sub></sub>	-512.5131701	-512.435702	
		TS <sub>ph-NO<sub>2</sub></sub>	-512.4535054	-512.382309	-1585.4851 <i>i</i>
		IM1---cis-HONO	-512.4624726	-512.388355	
NO <sub>2</sub> addition	IM1+NO <sub>2</sub>	-511.8213812	-511.772421		
	4NP	-511.9504536	-511.874497		
liquid phase	H-abstraction by NO <sub>2</sub>	RC <sub>ph-NO<sub>2</sub></sub>	-512.5192961	-512.444301	
		TS <sub>ph-NO<sub>2</sub></sub>	-512.4621090	-512.390595	-1628.5336 <i>i</i>
		IM1---cis-HONO	-512.4713810	-512.397119	
	NO <sub>2</sub> addition	IM1+NO <sub>2</sub>	-511.8297097	-511.781083	
		4NP	-511.9625041	-511.886975	

**Table S3.** The electronic energy  $E_{\text{DFT}}$ , Gibbs free energy  $G_{\text{DFT}}$  and the imaginary frequency of TS calculated for the formation of 4NP by Nitrobenzene at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory. All energies are in Hartree and  $T = 298$  K.

phase	Steps	Molecules	$E_{\text{DFT}}$	$G_{\text{DFT}}$	$\nu_{\text{im}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
gas phase	H- abstraction by OH	$\text{RC}_{\text{Nb-OH}}$	-512.4506363	-512.375738	
		$\text{TS}_{\text{Nb-OH}}$	-512.4374359	-512.364003	-1412.9321 <i>i</i>
	OH addition	$\text{IM2}---\text{H}_2\text{O}$	-512.4617599	-512.385901	
		$\text{IM2}+\text{OH}$	-511.7613890	-511.710730	
		4NP	-511.9382659	-511.862064	

**Table S4.** The electronic energy  $E_{\text{DFT}}$ , the Gibbs free energy  $G_{\text{DFT}}$  and the imaginary frequency of TS calculated for the formation of 4M5NC by *p*-Cresol at the M06-2X/6-311++G(3df,3pd) level of theory. All energies are in Hartree and  $T = 298$  K.

Steps	phase	Molecules	$E_{\text{DFT}}$	$G_{\text{DFT}}$	$\nu_{\text{im}}$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
Step 1: H-abstraction by OH	gas phase	RC <sub>pC-OH</sub>	-422.4918755	-422.383209	
		TS <sub>pC-OH</sub>	-422.4773183	-422.371344	-1188.6897 <i>i</i>
		IM3---H <sub>2</sub> O	-422.5033608	-422.395347	
Step 2: OH addition	gas phase	IM3+OH	-421.7945214	-421.715393	
		IM4	-421.9825728	-421.878094	
Step 3: H-abstraction by OH	gas phase	IM4---OH	-497.7235822	-497.612110	
		TS <sub>OH</sub>	-497.7035890	-497.596750	-1196.772 <i>i</i>
		IM5---H <sub>2</sub> O	-497.7267084	-497.618336	
Step 3: H-abstraction by NO <sub>2</sub>	gas phase	IM4---NO <sub>2</sub>	-627.0553941	-626.950478	
		TS <sub>NO<sub>2</sub></sub>	-626.9941024	-626.892971	-1555.5559 <i>i</i>
		IM5---HONO	-627.0054168	-626.899673	
Step 3: H-abstraction by NO <sub>2</sub>	liquid phase	IM4---NO <sub>2</sub>	-627.0642238	-626.958635	
		TS <sub>NO<sub>2</sub></sub>	-627.0043629	-626.903942	-1613.0626 <i>i</i>
Step 4: NO <sub>2</sub> addition	gas phase	IM5---HONO	-627.0130492	-626.908874	
		IM5+NO <sub>2</sub>	-626.3608398	-626.283098	
Step 4: NO <sub>2</sub> addition	liquid phase	4M5NC	-626.485922	-626.380532	
		IM5+NO <sub>2</sub>	-626.370609	-626.293355	
		4M5NC	-626.4995951	-626.394496	