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8 Supplementary text

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HR-TOF-AMS analysis

- We conducted a comprehensive sampling campaign in the autumn during the COVID-19 lockdown period
- 11 (September 29 to November 18, 2020) at a regional background site, i.e., Hok Tsui, in Hong Kong to study
- 12 the influence of transport from mainland China on air quality of Hong Kong. During this period, we
- 13 employed an online HR-TOF-AMS (Aerodyne Inc.) to measure the chemical compositions of NR-PM₁,
- including concentrations of total organics, sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, and chloride. The AMS operated
- alternately in V-mode and W-mode on a 2-minute cycle. The elemental composition of organics,
- determined using W-mode data due to its high mass resolution (~5000–6000), was then used for the source
- apportionment of OA. The collection efficiency (CE) for this study was determined to be 0.73 and was
- applied to all measured NR-PM₁ components.
- 19 Data processing was performed using the ToF-AMS Analysis Toolkit 1.59D and TofAMS HR Analysis
- 20 1.19D, both implemented in Igor Pro 6.37 software. We applied relative ionization efficiencies (RIE) of 1.4,
- 21 1.1, 1.2, 4.0, and 1.3 to calculate the concentrations of total organics, nitrate, sulfate, ammonium and
- chloride, respectively. Method detection limits (MDLs) for each species were determined by collecting
- background mass spectra (HEPA filtered air, 60 min every 2 days). The calculated MDLs for organics,
- nitrate, sulfate, ammonium, and chloride were $0.21 \mu g \text{ m}^{-3}$, $0.020 \mu g \text{ m}^{-3}$, $0.022 \mu g \text{ m}^{-3}$, $0.013 \mu g \text{ m}^{-3}$, and
- 25 0.013 μg m⁻³, respectively. OA source apportionment was achieved using the Positive Matrix Factorization
- 26 (PMF) Evaluation Toolkit (PET v2.05). Several steps were conducted, as described in our previous studies,
- 27 to ensure robust results, including applying a minimum error value and ion filtrations(Huo et al., 2024a;
- Yao et al., 2022). The optimal 4-factor solution was selected based on Q/Q_{exp} values, residuals, and mass
- spectra(Zhang et al., 2011). Fig. S1 presents the mass spectra of the 4 OA factors resolved by PMF. The
- HOA factor was characterized by abundant alkyl fragments ($C_nH_{2n+1}^+$ and $C_nH_{2n-1}^+$), such as $C_3H_5^+$, $C_3H_7^+$,
- 31 $C_4H_7^+$, and $C_4H_9^+$ (Sun et al., 2011). The HOA factor identified in this study had O/C and H/C values of
- 32 0.25 and 1.72, respectively, which were the lowest and highest among the 4 factors. However, the O/C
- value was higher than typical ranges for HOA reported in previous studies (e.g., 0.05–0.25), indicating the
- influence of atmospheric aging processes (Huo et al., 2024a). The other 3 factors were characterized by high
- loadings of oxygenated species, such as m/z 44 (mainly CO₂⁺), confirming their classification as
- 36 oxygenated OA components. The 3 OOA factors were divided into two less oxidized OOAs (LO-OOA1
- and LO-OOA2) and one more oxidized OOA (MO-OOA) based on their O/C values. The LO-OOA factors
- 38 also contained many alkyl fragments, indicating closer associations with primary sources.

TAG-EI-TOF-MS analysis

- 40 During the sampling period, TAG-EI-TOF-AMS analysis was used to determine the concentrations of SOA
- 41 tracers in the particle phase. Detailed descriptions of the instrument and its performance are provided in our
- previous studies (Huo et al., 2024b; Lyu et al., 2020). Briefly, air samples were collected using a collection

43 and thermal desorption (CTD) unit at 30 °C with a flow rate of 10 L min⁻¹ over 90 min. Derivatization 44 occurred in the CTD unit by purging it with a mixed flow of pure helium (20 mL/min) and saturated N-45 methyl-N-(trimethylsilyl) trifluoroacetamide (MSTFA)-helium (80 mL/min). During derivatization, the 46 CTD unit was heated to 315 °C over 9 minutes and held at that temperature for 5 minutes. As the 47 temperature increased, derivatives were desorbed and transferred to a focusing trap (FT) unit (~30 °C), 48 where target compounds and their derivatives were trapped while excess MSTFA and most volatile organics 49 were vented. The FT was then gradually heated to 315 °C over 12 minutes, with pure helium purging the 50 target compounds from the FT to a mini-gas chromatography (GC) column. The GC column was heated 51 according to a programmed temperature profile (0.75 mL/min), starting at ~40 °C and increasing to 45 °C 52 in 1 minute, then rapidly rising to 330 °C over 10 minutes, and held at 330 °C for 12 minutes until the end 53 of the GC analysis. Before sampling, external standards with known concentrations were used for locating 54 and quantifying target compounds. Additionally, to address desensitization and peak drift during analysis, a 55 mix of concentration-constant internal standards composed of 26 deuterated compounds was injected 56 alongside each sample. A total of 62 compounds were identified, with details provided in Table S2.

PTR-TOF-MS analysis

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- An online proton transfer reaction quadrupole ion time-of-flight mass spectrometer (PTR-TOF-MS,
- 59 IONICON Analytik GmbH, Innsbruck, Austria) was used to measure the concentrations of VOC species.
- Detailed information about the instrument is available in previous studies (Yuan et al., 2024). Ambient air
- was continuously pumped at a rate of 3.0 L/min through a Teflon tube (4.7 mm Teflon-membrane filter,
- Whatman Ihc. Clifton, NJ, USA). A small fraction of this air (0.2 L/min) was introduced into the TOF-MS
- 63 for VOCs measurements. Certified standard gas mixtures (1 ppm, Linde Spectra Environmental Gases,
- 64 USA) were used to quantify the target VOCs species, determine the transmission curve of the instrument,
- and assess the sensitivities of the corresponding species. Calibration of the PTR-TOF-MS was performed
- weekly using a liquid calibration unit (LCU, Ionicon) at room temperature.

Other ancillary measurements

- 68 In addition to the online instruments used for detecting atmospheric organics, a series of other online
- instruments were employed to measure the concentrations of PM_{2.5}, trace gases (CO, NO, NO₂, O₃ and
- SO₂), and meteorological parameters (temperature and relative humidity). PM_{2.5} concentrations were
- 71 measured using a Tapered Element Oscillating Microbalance (TEOM) (Thermo ScientificTM 1405). SO₂
- 72 concentrations were determined with a Teledyne Advanced Pollution Instrumentation (API) Trace-level UV
- Fluorescence SO₂ Analyzer (T100U), while nitrogen species were measured using the Teledyne True
- NO₂/NO/NO_x Analyzer (T200UP) Ozone (O₃) concentrations were measured With an Ecotech UV
- Absorption Ozone Analyzer (EC9810B/S10). The photolysis frequency of NO₂ (jNO₂) was measured using
- 76 a MetCon Filter Radiometer.

Carbon analysis

- 78 The concentrations of organic carbon (OC) and elemental carbon (EC) in PM_{2.5} were determined using a
- 79 Sunset OC/EC analyzer with an enhanced thermal/optical reflectance protocol. A 1.5 cm² section of the
- 80 PM_{2.5} filters was placed in a quartz boat and subjected to stepwise heating in a quartz furnace to separate
- 81 OC and EC. During the analysis, four OC peaks (OC1, OC2, OC3, and OC4) and three EC peaks (EC1,
- 82 EC2, and EC3) were identified. Pyrolyzed organic carbon (PyC), formed by the coking of OC during the
- 83 procedure, was monitored through changes in laser reflectance signals. The total contents of OC and EC
- were then calculated using the formulas: OC = OC1 + OC2 + OC3 + OC4 + PyC; EC = EC1 + EC2 + EC3 + OC4 + OC4 + OC5 + OC6 +
- 85 PyC.

HR-orbitrap-MS analysis

- 87 The molecular composition of OAs in offline PM_{2.5} filters was analyzed using a high-resolution Q-
- 88 Executive Orbitrap mass spectrometer (Thermo Electron, Inc.) coupled with an ultra-high performance
- 89 liquid chromatography system (UHPLC, Dionex UltiMate 3,000, Thermo Electron, Inc.). Detailed
- 90 descriptions of the analysis procedures and instrumental settings are available in a previous study (Zhang et
- al., 2024). Briefly, two pieces of PM_{2.5} filters were punched using a stainless steel puncher (Φ =20 mm), and
- 92 the dissolved organic matter was extracted with 6 mL of mix-solvents (2×3 times, methanol: toluene=1:1,
- 93 v/v) in an ultrasonic cold-water bath for 20 minutes. The extracts were filtered through a 0.22 μm
- 94 polytetrafluoroethylene filter membrane, combined, and evaporated to near dryness under a gentle stream
- 95 of high-purity nitrogen. The residue was then redissolved in 150 μL of methanol and centrifuged, with the
- 96 supernatant transferred for subsequent HR-MS analysis.
- As noted in previous studies, potential intermolecular suppression effects can occur during the ionization
- process (Zhang et al., 2024; Thoma et al., 2022). To address these challenges, an UHPLC system was
- 99 employed for compound separation. Samples (5 μL) were injected into the system, and separation was
- performed on an Acquity UPLC HSS T3 column (1.8 μm particle size, 100 mm × 2.1 mm; Waters, Milford,
- 101 MA, USA) with a VanGuard pre-column (HSS T3, 1.8 μm) at a flow rate of 0.3 mL min⁻¹. A gradient
- elution procedure was used for compounds isolation, with eluent A/B consisting of 0.1% formic acid in
- 103 ultrapure water/methanol. Eluent B was initially maintained at 10% for 2 min, increased to 54% over 15.2
- min and held for 1 min, then increased to 90% over 7.5 min and held for 0.2 min, before returning to 1%
- within 1.8 min and held for 9.6 min before the next sample. Analytes were introduced to the heated
- 106 electrospray ionization (ESI) source system and ionized in negative mode. The spray voltages were set as
- 3.0 kV for ESI-, with the capillary temperature at 320°C. The sheath gas flow, auxiliary gas flow, and
- sweep gas flow were set 35, 10, and 0 units, respectively. The mass spectrometer scanned a range of m/z
- 109 50-800 with a typical mass resolution of 140,000 at m/z 200.
- 110 Xcalibur software (V2.2; Thermo Scientific) was used to acquire the raw data, while further non-target
- 111 compound analysis was performed using the open-source MZmine-2.37 software (http://mzmine.github.io).
- This analysis included raw data import, peak detection, shoulder peak filtering, chromatogram building,

113 chromatogram deconvolution, deisotoping, searching for adducts and peak complexes, alignment, gap 114 filling, identification, and duplicate peak filtering. Detailed processing steps and settings are described in 115 previous literature (Wang et al., 2017). Mass peaks were assigned to specific molecules with a mass 116 tolerance of 2 ppm for ESI- mode. The atoms in the assigned molecular formulas were limited to 117 C₁₋₄₀H₀₋₁₀₀O₀₋₄₀N₀₋₅S₀₋₃, with additional criteria on elemental ratios (e.g., H/C, O/C) and double bond 118 equivalents (DBE) applied to eliminate chemically meaningless molecular formulas. The elemental ratios, 119 DBE, and modified aromatic index were calculated based on the assigned formulas of $C_cH_hO_oN_nS_s$, where 120 c, h, o, n, and s represent the number of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur atoms, respectively. 121 All molecules reported in this study underwent blank subtraction, and those with an abundance ratio of less 122 than 5:1 were eliminated (Ditto et al., 2018).

The chemical parameters, including DBE, nO_{eff} , (Nie et al., 2022), AI_{mod} (Koch and Dittmar, 2006), and volatility (LogC*) (Li et al., 2016), of the compounds are calculated using the following equations respectively:

126 DBE =
$$(2 n_C + 2 - n_H + n_N)/2$$

$$nO_{\text{eff}} = n_{\text{O}} - 2 n_{\text{N}} - 3 n_{\text{S}}$$

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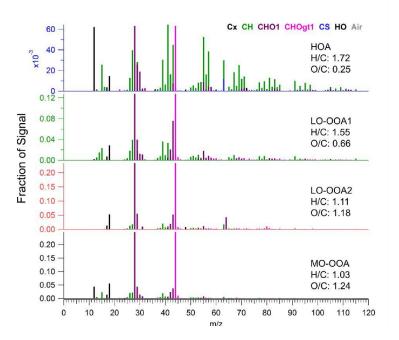
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$$AI = (1 + n_C - 0.5n_O - n_S - 0.5n_H)/(n_C - 0.5n_O - n_S - n_N)$$

$$Log_{10}C^* = (n_C^0 - n_C)b_C - n_Ob_O - 2\frac{n_C n_O}{n_C + n_O}b_{CO} - n_N b_N - n_S b_S$$

where n_C , n_H , n_O , n_N , and n_S denote the numbers of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur atoms in the molecular formula, respectively. n_C^0 is the reference carbon number. The parameters b_C , b_O , b_N , and b_S denote the contribution of each atom to $log_{10}C^*$, respectively, while b_{CO} is the carbon–oxygen nonideality.



135 Figure S1. Mass spectra of OA components obtained from AMS-PMF analysis

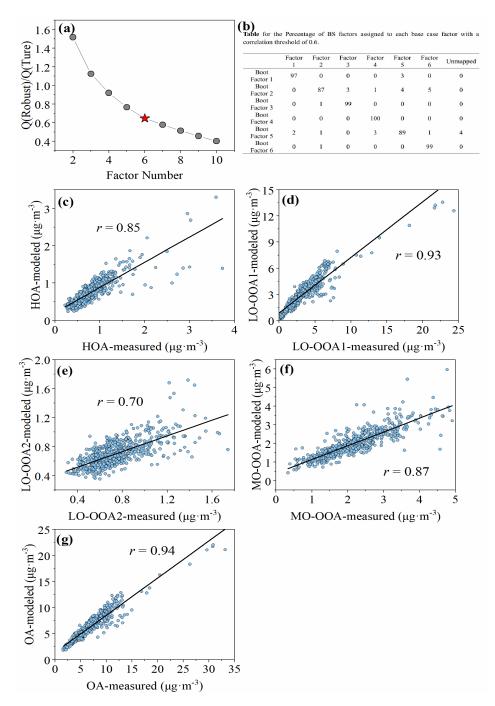


Figure S2. Diagnostic results for tracer-based PMF analysis. (a) Variation of average Q/Q_{exp} with increasing factor numbers in PMF. (b)Table showing the percentage of bootstrap (BS) factors assigned to each base case factor with a correlation threshold of 0.6. (c-g) Correlation analysis between the concentrations of AMS-PMF derived OA components and the tracer-based PMF modeled values

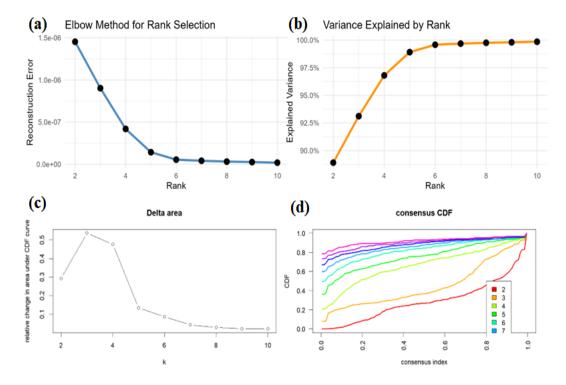


Figure S3. Diagnostic results for PMF results-constrained NMF analysis. (a) Variation of reconstructured error with increasing factor numbers. (b) Variation of explained total variances with increasing factor numbers. and (c) Variation of cumulative distribution function (CDF) delta area with increasing factor numbers. (d) Cumulative distribution functions of the consensus matrix for each factor number, estimated using a histogram with 100 bins

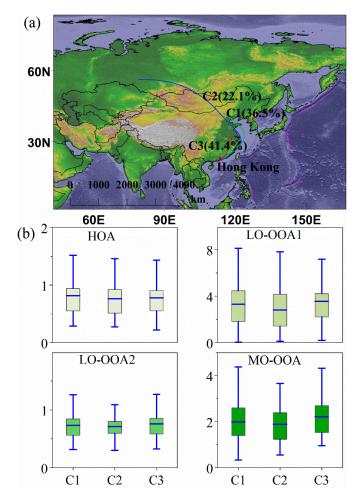
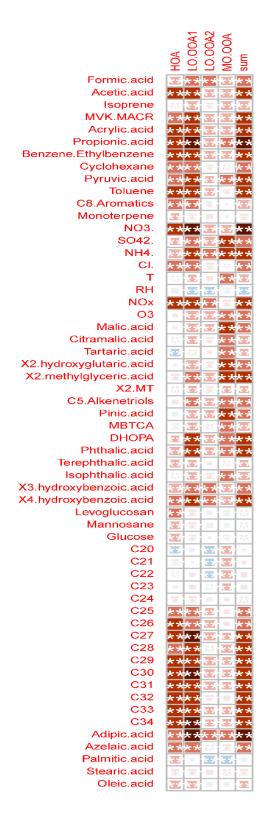


Figure S4. (a) Air mass clusters of the 120 - hr backward trajectories arriving at the sampling site during the study period. (b) Box plot of the four OA components for different air mass influence periods: The blue line in each box denotes the mean value, the upper (lower) boundary of the box represents the 75th (25th) percentile, and the top and bottom whiskers indicate the 95th and 5th percentiles, respectively



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Figure S5. Correlations between AMS-PMF derived OA components and various chemical species.

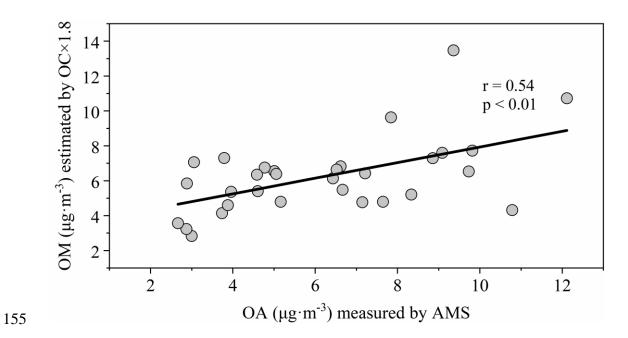


Figure S6. Correlations between AMS-derived OA concentrations and estimated OM (OC multiplied by a factor of 1.8). The correlation coefficient observed suggests that, despite the large uncertainty in OM estimations, errors between AMS and OC/EC analyzer, and the limited sample size, the OA in PM1 likely shares similar sources and formation pathways with OM in $PM_{2.5}$.

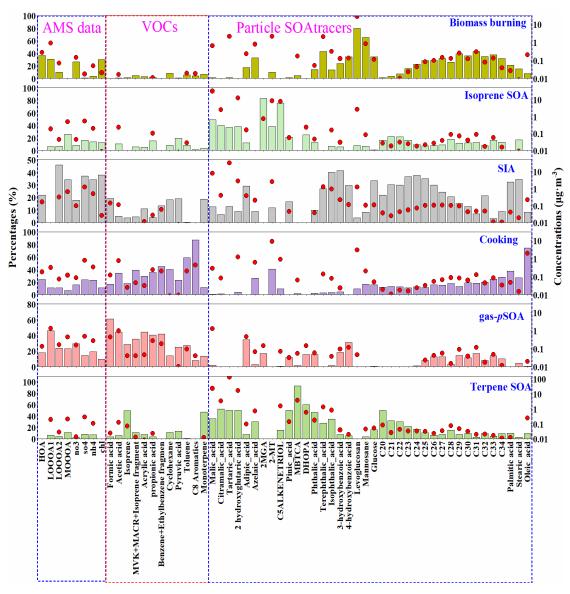


Figure S7. Source profiles of individual factors for the 6-factor solution resolved by tracer-based PMF

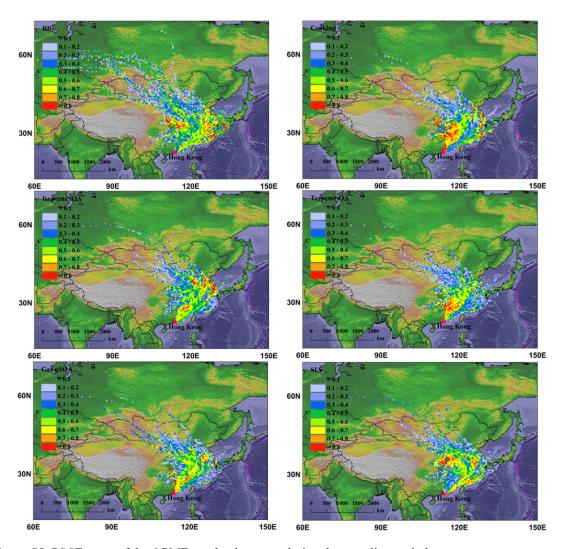


Figure S8. PSCF maps of the 6 PMF-resolved sources during the sampling period.

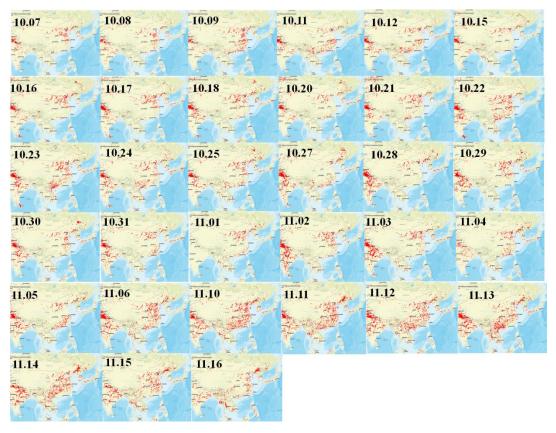


Figure S9. Daily fire maps corresponding to the offline PM2.5 filter samples.

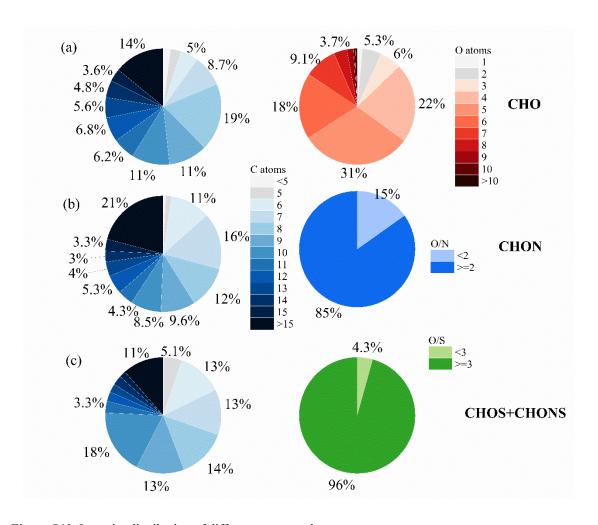


Figure S10. Intensity distribution of different compound groups

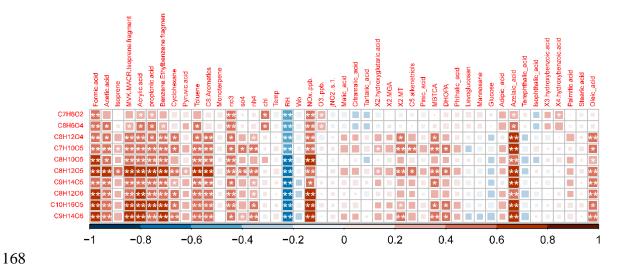


Figure S11. Correlations between the intensity of several highly abundant CHO compounds and various chemical species.

Table S1. Sampling information for offline PM2.5 samples.

| Sampling ID | Sampling | PM _{2.5} | Temp (°C) | RH (%) | OC (μg·m ⁻ | EC (μg·m ⁻ |
|-------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 6 | date | $(\mu g \cdot m^{-3})$ | 1 \ / | . , | 3) | 3) |
| HT01 | 2020/10/07 | 16.4 | 24.3 | 72 | 5.41 | 1.63 |
| HT02 | 2020/10/08 | 16.8 | 25.0 | 68 | 5.05 | 1.60 |
| HT03 | 2020/10/09 | 22.0 | 25.6 | 68 | 6.73 | 2.10 |
| HT04 | 2020/10/10 | 13.8 | 26.7 | 76 | 4.92 | 1.97 |
| HT05 | 2020/10/11 | 13.5 | 26.6 | 82 | 4.36 | 1.13 |
| HT06 | 2020/10/12 | 14.5 | 25.9 | 77 | 5.99 | 2.56 |
| HT07 | 2020/10/15 | 17.0 | 25.7 | 78 | 4.63 | 1.31 |
| HT08 | 2020/10/16 | 16.0 | 24.6 | 77 | 4.25 | 1.26 |
| HT09 | 2020/10/17 | 14.8 | 24.0 | 77 | 3.97 | 1.31 |
| HT10 | 2020/10/18 | 18.3 | 23.4 | 70 | 2.56 | 1.27 |
| HT11 | 2020/10/19 | 21.0 | 24.4 | 62 | 2.78 | 1.16 |
| HT12 | 2020/10/20 | 16.0 | 25.6 | 61 | 2.87 | 0.96 |
| HT13 | 2020/10/21 | 20.8 | 23.5 | 54 | 3.70 | 1.19 |
| HT14 | 2020/10/22 | 23.2 | 23.5 | 70 | 5.45 | 1.04 |
| HT15 | 2020/10/23 | 13.0 | 24.2 | 76 | 1.70 | 0.55 |
| HT16 | 2020/10/24 | 11.4 | 24.0 | 81 | 1.67 | 0.60 |
| HT17 | 2020/10/25 | 10.7 | 23.3 | 84 | 1.60 | 0.59 |
| HT18 | 2020/10/27 | 19.7 | 23.9 | 84 | 2.11 | 1.19 |
| HT19 | 2020/10/28 | 20.2 | 23.5 | 76 | 2.81 | 0.86 |
| HT20 | 2020/10/29 | 12.5 | 23.2 | 72 | 2.08 | 0.76 |
| HT21 | 2020/10/30 | 20.9 | 23.9 | 72 | 2.65 | 0.95 |
| HT22 | 2020/10/31 | 26.7 | 23.5 | 67 | 3.57 | 1.45 |
| HT23 | 2020/11/01 | 26.8 | 23.3 | 69 | 4.01 | 1.35 |
| HT24 | 2020/11/02 | 16.6 | 24.2 | 60 | 2.15 | 0.83 |
| HT25 | 2020/11/03 | 11.7 | 22.8 | 77 | 1.48 | 0.74 |
| HT26 | 2020/11/04 | 34.8 | 26.1 | 59 | 5.20 | 2.05 |
| HT27 | 2020/11/05 | 22.0 | 22.4 | 66 | 3.68 | 1.18 |
| HT28 | 2020/11/06 | 16.4 | 21.7 | 67 | 2.20 | 0.71 |
| HT29 | 2020/11/10 | 19.4 | 22.6 | 68 | 3.62 | 1.43 |
| HT30 | 2020/11/11 | 21.3 | 22.0 | 80 | 2.55 | 1.03 |
| HT31 | 2020/11/13 | 19.0 | 23.0 | 77 | 1.60 | 0.61 |

Table S2. Quantified compounds using TAG-EI-TOF-MS.

| Compounds | Abbreviations | IS |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Malic acid | MA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Citramalic acid | CA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Tartaric acids | TA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| 2-hydroxyglutaric acid | 2-HGA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| 2-methylglyceric acid | 2-MGA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| cis-2-methyl-1,3,4trihydroxy-1-butene | | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| 3-methyl-2,3,4trihydroxy-1-butene | C5-alkenetriols | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| trans-2-methy-1,3,4trihydroxy-1-butene | | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| 2-methylthreitol | 2-MTs | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| 2-methylerythritol | 2-WHS | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Pinic acid | PA | 1-Dodecan-D25-ol |
| 3-methyl-1,2,3butanetricarboxylic acid | MBTCA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| 2,3-dihydroxy-4oxopentanoic acid | DHOPA | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Phthalic acid | PhA | D-phthalic acid |
| Terephthalic acid | TPA | D-phthalic acid |
| Isophthalic acid | IPA | D-Pentadecanol |
| Levoglucosan | Lev | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Mannosane | Man | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Glucose | Glu | ¹³ C-Pentaerythritol |
| Adipic acid | AdiA | D-adipic acid |
| Azelaic acid | AzeA | D-Pentadecanol |
| 3-hydroxybenzoic acid | 3-HBA | 1-Dodecan-d25-ol |
| 4-hydroxybenzoic acid | 4-HBA | 1-Dodecan-d25-ol |
| Palmitic acid | PalA | 1-Octadeca-d37-nol |
| Stearic acid | StA | Stearic-d35 acid |
| Oleic acid | OleA | Stearic-d35 acid |
| C20 | | Eicosane-d42 |
| C21 | | Eicosane-d42 |
| C22 | | Docosane-d46 |
| C23 | | Docosane-d46 |
| C24 | | Tetracosane-d50 |
| C25 | | Tetracosane-d50 |
| C26 | | Hexacosane-d54 |
| C27 | | Hexacosane-d54 |
| C28 | | Octacosane-d58 |
| C29 | | Octacosane-d58 |
| C30 | | Triacontane-d62 |
| C31 | | Triacontane-d62 |
| C32 | | Dotriacontane-d66 |
| C33 | | Dotriacontane-d66 |
| C34 | | Tetratriacontane-d70 |

Table S3. Most intense compounds detected in different compound groups

| Formula | MW | DBE | AI_{mod} | VOC class | Structural | Possible name or Precursors | |
|---|--------|-----|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| CHO compounds | | | | | | | |
| Fatty acids (Sun et al. | | | | | | | |
| $C_6H_{10}O_1$ | 98.19 | 2 | 0.27 | VOC | Lipids | 2011) | |
| | | | | | | Benzoic acid and | |
| $C_7H_6O_2$ | 122.17 | 5 | 0.67 | IVOC | CRAMS | hydroxybenzaldehyde | |
| - | | | | | | Trimethyl benzene | |
| $C_7H_{10}O_2$ | 126.20 | 3 | 0.33 | IVOC | CRAMS | isomers (Mehra et al., | |
| C/1110O2 | 120.20 | 3 | 0.00 | | | 2020) | |
| | | | | | | Trimethyl benzene | |
| $C_7H_{10}O_4$ | 158.20 | 3 | 0.20 | IVOC | CRAMS | isomers (Mehra et al., | |
| C/11 ₁₀ O4 | 130.20 | 3 | 0.20 | 1.00 | | 2020) | |
| C ₈ H ₆ O ₄ | 166.19 | 6 | 0.67 | IVOC | CRAMS | Phthalic acid | |
| | | | | | | cis-Norpinic acid/ | |
| $C_8H_{12}O_4$ | 172.24 | 3 | 0.17 | IVOC | CRAMS | terpenylic acid | |
| C ₇ H ₁₀ O ₅ | 174.20 | 3 | 0.11 | IVOC | HOC | Bicyclic hydroperoxide | |
| C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ | 174.25 | 2 | 0.00 | IVOC | Protein | Suberic acid | |
| C ₇ H ₁₂ O ₅ | 176.22 | 2 | 0.00 | IVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpenes | |
| C ₈ H ₆ O ₅ | 182.19 | 6 | 0.64 | IVOC | CRAMS | Hydroxyphthalic acid | |
| | | | | | | Trimethyl benzene | |
| $C_8H_{10}O_5$ | 186.22 | 4 | 0.27 | IVOC | CRAMS | isomers/ monoterpenes | |
| C ₉ H ₁₄ O ₄ | 186.27 | 3 | 0.14 | IVOC | Protein | Pinic acid | |
| | | | | | | Monoterpene / | |
| $C_8H_{12}O_5$ | 188.23 | 3 | 0.09 | IVOC | CRAMS | hydroxyterpenylic acid | |
| | 100.00 | | | ***** | - · | Azelaic acid / | |
| $C_9H_{16}O_4$ | 188.29 | 2 | 0.00 | IVOC | Protein | monoterpene | |
| | 100.05 | | | ***** | - · | Diaterpenylic acid/ | |
| $C_8H_{14}O_5$ | 190.25 | 2 | 0.00 | IVOC | Protein | monoterpene | |
| 0.11.0 | 200.25 | 4 | 0.22 | IVOC | CDAMC | Aromatics (Molteni et | |
| $C_9H_{12}O_5$ | 200.25 | 4 | 0.23 | IVOC | CRAMS | al., 2018) | |
| | | | | | | Trimethyl benzene | |
| $C_8H_{10}O_6$ | 202.22 | 4 | 0.20 | SVOC | HOC | isomers/ isoprene | |
| 0 10 0 | | | | | | (Nguyen et al., 2011) | |
| C ₉ H ₁₄ O ₅ | 202.27 | 3 | 0.08 | IVOC | Protein | Monoterpene | |
| | | | | | | Monoterpene/ | |
| $C_8H_{12}O_6$ | 204.23 | 3 | 0.00 | SVOC | HOC | Trimethylbenzene | |
| C ₁₀ H ₁₄ O ₅ | 214.29 | 4 | 0.20 | IVOC | CRAMS | Monoterpene | |
| C ₁₀ H ₁₆ O ₅ | 216.30 | 3 | 0.07 | IVOC | Protein | Monoterpene | |
| | | | | | | Monoterpene/ | |
| $C_9H_{14}O_6$ | 218.27 | 3 | 0.00 | SVOC | Protein | Trimethylbenzene | |
| | | | | | | Monoterpene/biomass | |
| $C_{12}H_{14}O_4$ | 222.32 | 6 | 0.40 | IVOC | CRAMS | burning | |
| $C_{10}H_{14}O_6$ | 230.29 | 4 | 0.14 | SVOC | CRAMS | Monoterpene | |
| $C_{11}H_{18}O_5$ | 230.34 | 3 | 0.06 | SVOC | Protein | Monoterpene | |
| $\frac{C_{10}H_{16}O_{6}}{C_{10}H_{16}O_{6}}$ | 232.30 | 3 | 0.00 | SVOC | Protein | Monoterpene | |
| $\frac{C_{10}H_{18}O_{5}}{C_{12}H_{18}O_{5}}$ | 242.35 | 4 | 0.16 | SVOC | CRAMS | Monoterpene | |
| $\frac{C_{12}H_{18}O_5}{C_{11}H_{16}O_6}$ | 244.32 | 4 | 0.13 | SVOC | CRAMS | Biogenic | |
| $\frac{C_{11}H_{16}O_{6}}{C_{12}H_{20}O_{5}}$ | 244.37 | 3 | 0.05 | SVOC | Protein | Biogenic | |
| $C_{12}H_{20}O_5$ $C_{13}H_{20}O_5$ | 256.39 | 4 | 0.03 | SVOC | Protein | β-Caryophyllene | |
| C ₁₃ 11 ₂₀ O ₅ | 430.33 | - | | N compour | | p-Caryophynene | |
| С.Н МО | 139.15 | 5 | 0.86 | IVOC | CRAMS | Nitrophenol/catechol | |
| C ₆ H ₅ NO ₃ | 139.13 | 3 | 0.80 | 1000 | CKAIVIS | 141110phenol/catechol | |

| $C_5H_4N_2O_3$ | 140.13 | 5 | 1.67 | IVOC | CRAMS | Methylglyoxal |
|---|--------|----|--------|----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | +Ammonium Sulfate |
| C ₇ H ₇ NO ₃ | 153.19 | 5 | 0.67 | IVOC | CRAMS | Nitrocresol |
| C ₆ H ₅ NO ₄ | 155.15 | 5 | 0.83 | IVOC | CRAMS | 4-Nitrocatechol |
| $C_8H_6N_2O_2$ | 162.20 | 7 | 1.00 | SVOC | CRAMS | 3-Nitroindole |
| $C_7H_4N_2O_3$ | 164.17 | 7 | 1.29 | SVOC | Condensed | |
| , , 2 3 | | | | | Aromatics | \ |
| C ₈ H ₇ NO ₃ | 165.20 | 6 | 0.73 | IVOC | CRAMS | Nitroacetophenone or |
| | | | | | | methyl- |
| | | | | | | nitrobenzaldehyde |
| C ₈ H ₉ NO ₃ | 167.22 | 5 | 0.55 | IVOC | CRAMS | Dimethyl-nitrophenol |
| C ₇ H ₇ NO ₄ | 169.18 | 5 | 0.63 | SVOC | CRAMS | 2-Methyl-4- |
| | | | | | | nitroresorcinol |
| C ₇ H ₅ NO ₅ | 183.17 | 6 | 0.86 | SVOC | HOC | 2-Methyl-5- |
| , 5 | | | | | | nitrobenzoic acid |
| C ₉ H ₁₇ NO ₃ | 187.30 | 2 | 0.00 | SVOC | Protein | Biomass burning |
| $C_{10}H_7NO_3$ | 189.24 | 8 | 0.80 | SVOC | CRAMS | 2-Nitro-1-naphthol |
| C ₉ H ₇ NO ₄ | 193.22 | 7 | 0.75 | SVOC | CRAMS | Biomass burning |
| C ₈ H ₇ NO ₅ | 197.20 | 6 | 0.67 | SVOC | CRAMS | Methyl-hydroxy- |
| - 07- : - 3 | | | | | | nitrobenzoate |
| C ₈ H ₉ NO ₅ | 199.22 | 5 | 0.44 | SVOC | CRAMS | Dimethoxy-nitrophenol |
| C ₇ H ₄ N ₂ O ₇ | 228.17 | 7 | 1.67 | LVOC | Others | Toluene/ 3,5- |
| 0/1141 (20) | 220.17 | , | 1.07 | 2.00 | o there | dinitrosalicylic acid |
| C ₆ H ₃ N ₃ O ₇ | 229.15 | 7 | 0.00 | LVOC | Others | Picric acid |
| $\frac{C_{0}H_{3}N_{3}C_{7}}{C_{23}H_{17}N_{3}O_{2}}$ | 367.56 | 17 | 0.76 | ELVOC | Unsaturated | i iono dola |
| 023111/11/302 | 307.30 | 1, | 0.70 | ELVOC | Hydrocarbons | \ |
| C ₂₃ H ₄₉ NO ₄ | 403.80 | 0 | 0.00 | LVOC | Others | \ |
| $\frac{C_{27}H_{17}N_5O_{16}}{C_{27}H_{17}N_5O_{16}}$ | 667.64 | 22 | 0.82 | ULVOC | Condensed | |
| 02/11/11/3010 | 007.01 | 22 | 0.02 | CLICC | Aromatics | \ |
| | | (| CHOS+C | HONS com | | |
| $C_6H_{10}O_6S_1$ | 210.25 | 2 | 0 | SVOC | Others | Green leaf volatiles |
| $\frac{C_6H_{12}O_6S_1}{C_6H_{12}O_6S_1}$ | 212.26 | 1 | 0 | SVOC | Others | Monoterpene/ olefinic |
| 0011120001 | _10 | - | Ü | 2.32 | 0 11111 | acid |
| $C_5H_{10}O_7S_1$ | 214.23 | 1 | 0 | LVOC | Others | Isoprene/ olefinic acid |
| $C_7H_{12}O_6S_1$ | 224.28 | 2 | 0 | SVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene |
| $\frac{C_{6}H_{10}O_{7}S_{1}}{C_{6}H_{10}O_{7}S_{1}}$ | 226.25 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Others | Isoprene/ green leaf |
| 2011/00/51 | 220.23 | _ | Ů | 2.00 | o there | volatiles |
| C ₇ H ₁₄ O ₆ S ₁ | 226.30 | 1 | 0 | SVOC | Carbohydrates | Olefinic acid |
| $\frac{C_7H_{12}O_0S_1}{C_6H_{12}O_7S_1}$ | 228.26 | 1 | 0 | LVOC | Others | Isoprene |
| $\frac{C_0H_{12}O_7S_1}{C_7H_{12}O_7S_1}$ | 240.28 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Others | Isoprene |
| $\frac{C_7H_{12}C_7S_1}{C_6H_{10}O_8S_1}$ | 242.25 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Others | \ |
| $\frac{C_6H_{10}O_8S_1}{C_9H_{16}O_6S_1}$ | 252.35 | 2 | 0 | SVOC | Protein | Monoterpene |
| $\frac{\text{C}_{9}\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_{6}\text{S}_{1}}{\text{C}_{8}\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_{7}\text{S}_{1}}$ | 254.32 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene |
| $\frac{C_8H_{14}O_7S_1}{C_7H_{12}O_8S_1}$ | 256.28 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Others | Isoprene |
| $\frac{C_7H_{12}O_8S_1}{C_8H_{12}O_8S_1}$ | 268.30 | 3 | 0 | LVOC | HOC | |
| $\frac{C_8H_{12}O_8S_1}{C_{10}H_{16}O_7S_1}$ | 280.37 | 3 | 0 | LVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene Monoterpene |
| C9H14O8S1 | | 3 | 0 | LVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene Monoterpene |
| | 282.33 | | | | | Monoterpene |
| C10H18O7S1 | 282.38 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene |
| C8H12O9S1 | 284.30 | 3 | 0 | LVOC | Others | Mo |
| C10H17O7N1S | 284.35 | 2 | 0 | LVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene |
| C10H17O7N1S 1 | 295.38 | 3 | 0 | ELVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene |
| C10H16O8S1 | 296.37 | 3 | 0 | LVOC | Carbohydrates | Monoterpene |
| | | | | | | |

Table S4. Intensity-weighted molecular characteristics of organic compounds associated with NMF-derived OA factors

| | Cooking | IsopreneSOA | Biomass burning | Gas-pSOA | SIA |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|----------|-------|
| MW | 216 | 213 | 217 | 221 | 214 |
| C | 8.91 | 9.44 | 10.00 | 9.25 | 9.76 |
| Н | 12.75 | 13.38 | 12.92 | 12.78 | 13.76 |
| O | 5.25 | 5.02 | 4.81 | 5.42 | 4.83 |
| N | 0.22 | 0.11 | 0.33 | 0.20 | 0.17 |
| S | 0.28 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.23 | 0.10 |
| H/C | 0.63 | 0.59 | 0.52 | 0.63 | 0.56 |
| O/C | 1.44 | 1.42 | 1.28 | 1.38 | 1.40 |
| N/C | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| S/C | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| O/N | 0.88 | 0.30 | 1.09 | 0.71 | 0.40 |
| O/S | 1.84 | 0.75 | 0.43 | 1.59 | 0.56 |
| N/S | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| DBE | 3.64 | 3.81 | 4.71 | 3.96 | 3.97 |
| DBE/C | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.49 | 0.44 | 0.43 |
| nO_{eff} | 3.97 | 4.43 | 3.94 | 4.34 | 4.18 |
| $\mathrm{AI}_{\mathrm{mod}}$ | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.34 | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| Xc | 1.40 | 1.28 | 1.70 | 1.46 | 1.40 |
| $LogC^*$ | 1.42 | 2.12 | 1.90 | 1.39 | 2.09 |
| | | Compounds | classes | | |
| DBE=0 | 0.68 | 1.76 | 0.30 | 0.65 | 1.2 |
| DBE=1 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 4.8 | 3.9 |
| DBE=2 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 18 | 14 |
| DBE=3 | 29 | 28 | 22 | 25 | 22 |
| DBE > = 4 | 45 | 49 | 61 | 51 | 58 |
| Condensed | 3.7 | 3.3 | 5.6 | 3.0 | 3.1 |
| Aromatics | | | | | |
| CRAMS | 36 | 34 | 43 | 36 | 38 |
| Lipids | 4.7 | 7.4 | 10.6 | 6.1 | 9.1 |
| Protein | 18 | 25 | 20 | 21 | 19 |
| HOC | 12 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 13 |
| Carbohydrates | 12 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| Unsaturated | 0.88 | 1.25 | 0.72 | 0.56 | 2.7 |
| Hydrocarbons | | | | | |
| Others | 13 | 14 | 5 | 13 | 13 |

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