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Influences of emission sources and meteorology on aerosol chemistry in a polluted urban environment: results from DISCOVER-AQ California

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21 Figure S1. (a) Scatter plot of the total PM₁ mass (NR-PM₁ plus BC) versus SMPS mass, where 22 the NR-PM₁ has been corrected using a time- and composition-dependent collection efficiency 23 (Middlebrook et al., 2012). The SMPS mass was calculated using a time-varying composition 24 dependent density from the AMS. The density was calculated based on PM_1 composition, which consists of ~34% ammonium nitrate (density = 1.72 g cm^{-3}), ~4.3% ammonium sulfate (density 25 $= 1.77 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$), ~1.6% ammonium chloride (density = 1.52 g cm⁻³), ~55% OA (density = 1.18 g 26 cm⁻³), and ~4.8% BC (density = 1.77 g cm^{-3}), averaging 1.44 g cm⁻³. The densities for 27 28 ammonium nitrate and ammonium sulfate are from Cross et al. (2007), for ammonium chloride 29 the value is from Haynes (2014), the OA density was calculated using the method reported in 30 Kuwata et al. (2012) based on the O/C and H/C ratios for bulk OA, and the BC density is from 31 Cross et al. (2007) and Zhang et al. (2015); (b) histogram of particle density calculated based on 32 PM₁ composition.



Figure S2. Diurnal variations of the size distribution of (a) volume from the SMPS (in mobility diameter, $D_{\rm m}$); (b) NR-PM₁ mass from the AMS (in vacuum aerodynamic diameter, $D_{\rm va}$).

36 **Table S1.** Comparison of the O/C, H/C, and OM/OC ratios of total OA and the six OA factors

37 identified from PMF analysis calculated using the Aiken-Ambient method (Aiken et al., 2008)

- 38 and the Canagaratna Improved-Ambient method (Canagaratna et al., 2015).
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Species	Ratio	Aiken-Ambient	Improved-Ambient
OA	O/C	0.32	0.42
	H/C	1.54	1.70
	OM/OC	1.57	1.71
HOA	O/C	0.07	0.09
	H/C	1.95	2.10
	OM/OC	1.28	1.28
COA	O/C	0.15	0.19
	H/C	1.76	1.90
	OM/OC	1.35	1.42
BBOA1	O/C	0.25	0.33
	H/C	1.56	1.74
	OM/OC	1.48	1.60
BBOA2	O/C	0.43	0.60
	H/C	1.56	1.78
	OM/OC	1.72	1.94
SV-OOA	O/C	0.50	0.63
	H/C	1.55	1.70
	OM/OC	1.84	1.98
LV-OOA	O/C	0.69	0.90
	H/C	1.38	1.57
	OM/OC	2.05	2.33



41 **Figure S3.** Comparison of the (a) O/C, (b) H/C, and (c) OM/OC ratios for bulk OA and the six

- 42 OA factors identified from PMF analysis calculated using the Aiken-Ambient method (Aiken et
- 43 al., 2008) and the Improved-Ambient method (Canagaratna et al., 2015).



Figure S4. Summary of the key diagnostic plots of the chosen 6-factor solution from PMF analysis of the organic aerosol fraction: (a) Q/Q_{exp} as a function of the number of factors (*p*)

47 explored in PMF analysis, with the best solution denoted by the open orange circle. Plots **b-i** are 48 for the chosen solution set, containing 6 factors: (b) Q/Q_{exp} as a function of fPeak; (c) mass 49 fractional contribution to the total OA mass of each of the PMF factors, including the residual (in 50 black), as a function of fPeak; (d) Pearson's r correlation coefficient values for correlations 51 among the time series and mass spectra of the PMF factors. Here, 1 = LV-OOA, 2 = BBOA1, 3 = SV-OOA, 4 = BBOA2, 5 = HOA, and 6 = COA; (e) box and whiskers plot showing the 52 53 distributions of scaled residuals for each m/z; (f) time series of the measured organic mass and 54 the reconstructed organic mass from the sum of the six OA factors; (g) time series of the 55 variations in the residual (= measured – reconstructed) of the fit; (h) the Q/Q_{exp} for each point in time; (i) the Q/Q_{exp} values for each fragment ion. 56

Table S2. Correlation coefficient (Pearson's r) for comparisons between the mass spectra of the
OA factors derived in this study with reference mass spectra from Ng et al. (2010) and those
determined from the winter 2010 campaign (Ge et al., 2012a).

	Reference mass spectrum	Pearson's r	2010 campaign mass spectrum	Pearson's r
НОА	НОА	0.98	HOA	0.98
COA	COA*	0.95	COA	0.99
BBOA1	BBOA	0.94	BBOA	0.91
BBOA2	BBOA	0.90	BBOA	0.97
SV-OOA	SV-OOA	0.90	OOA	0.96
LV-OOA	LV-OOA	0.84	OOA	0.95

60 *COA mass spectrum from Allan et al. (2010).



Figure S5. Overview of two other solution sets from PMF analysis: (a)(b) High resolution mass spectra and time series of the different OA factors from the 5-factor solution; (c)(d) High resolution mass spectra and time series of the different OA factors from the 7-factor solution. The mass spectra are colored by different ion families and the time series are colored by possible factor sources (grey = HOA, blue = COA, brown = BBOA, pink = OOA). See Sect. 2.3.2 in the main manuscript for a discussion on these solution sets.



Figure S6. Summary of key diagnostics from the fitting of the derived size distributions of the four main OA factors from the whole measurement campaign: (a) scatter plot of the reconstructed vs. measured OA mass concentration for each size bin (40-1200 nm); (b) absolute residual of the reconstructed compared to the measured OA mass concentration for each size bin; (c) scaled residual of the reconstructed compared to the measured OA mass concentration for each size bin; and (d) stacked size distributions of the OA factors and the total measured organic aerosol size distribution.



Figure S7. Diurnal variations of mass-based size distributions of (a) organics; (b) nitrate; (c)
sulfate; (d) ammonium; (e) Org44 as a tracer for secondary organic aerosols; and (f) Org41 as a
tracer for hydrocarbon containing aerosols.



81 Figure S8. Comparison of the HOA mass spectrum from the current study and mass spectra of

82 different types of vehicles from a vehicle emissions study (Collier et al., 2015).

Table S3. Comparison of the O/C ratios for COA from various locations calculated using the
Improved-Ambient and the Aiken-Ambient methods and the associated references for where the
values are reported.

Location	Improved- Ambient O/C ratio*	Reference	Aiken- Ambient O/C ratio	Reference
Barcelona	0.27	Canagaratna et al. (2015)	0.21	Mohr et al. (2012)
New York City	0.23	Canagaratna et al. (2015)	0.18	Sun et al. (2011)
Fresno	0.14	Canagaratna et al. (2015)	0.11	Ge et al. (2012a)

86 *Calculated and reported in the Supplement of Canagaratna et al. (2015).





Figure S9. Mass fractional contribution of the six OA factors from PMF analysis to various ions.



90 Figure S10. Average mass fractional contributions of seven ion families to each of the OA

91 factors.



93 Figure S11. (a) Mass spectra of COA and the difference of between COA from 2013 and 2010

94 (after scaling the 2013 COA mass spectrum (MS) based on the ratio between $C_3H_3O^+$ in 2010 95 and 2013) and (b) Average diurnal profiles of the COA derived from PMF analysis and COA

with the influence of BBOA removed (see Sect. 3.2.3 for more details).



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Figure S12. Triangle plots of (a) f_{44} vs. f_{60} and (b) f_{44} vs. f_{43} for the six OA factors and all 98 99 measured OA data (dots), colored by date. f_{44} , f_{60} , and f_{43} are the ratios of the organic signal at 100 m/z = 44, 60, and 43 to the total organic signal in the component mass spectrum, respectively. 101 The triangular space in (a) is used to investigate the evolution of BBOA and was proposed by 102 Cubison et al. (2011). In this study BBOA1 locates at the lower left corner whereas BBOA2 103 locates outside of the triangle on the right due to its high m/z 60 signal. The triangular space in 104 (b) is used to investigate the evolution of OA, particularly OOA. OOA is typically observed to 105 fall into a well-defined triangular region within which SV-OOA and LV-OOA tend to occupy discrete regions, thus it is suggested that SV-OOA represents fresh SOA with low f_{44} and LV-106 OOA represents aged and highly oxidized OA, with high f_{44} . It has been observed that fresh SOA 107 108 becomes increasingly oxidized and less volatile through additional processing in the atmosphere 109 resulting in LV-OOA, thus the evolution of SOA is regarded as a continuum of oxidation.



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Figure S13. (a) Mass fractional contribution to total PM_1 of the non-refractory secondary inorganic species (nitrate (NO₃⁻), sulfate (SO₄²⁻), ammonium (NH₄⁺), chloride (Cl⁻)), black carbon (BC), and the six OA factors (hydrocarbon-like OA (HOA), cooking OA (COA), biomass burning OA 1 (BBOA1), biomass burning OA 2 (BBOA2), semi-volatile oxygenated OA (SV-OOA), low volatility oxygenated OA (LV-OOA)) as a function of temperature during the whole campaign and average total PM₁ as a function of temperature; (b) frequency of occurrence of the temperature bins in plot (a) as a function of hour of the day.



Figure S14. Average diurnal mass concentrations when different definitions of weekdays and weekends are used for (a) nitrate and (b) NO_x, a gaseous precursor of particulate nitrate. (c) Time series of nitrate highlighted with the occasions when a rapid increase in concentration during the morning (between approximately 08:00 and 12:00 PST) is observed.



- 124 Figure S15. Diurnal profiles of (a-f) PM₁ species, (g-l) OA factors from PMF analysis, (m-r)
- 125 various gas-phase species from the CARB monitoring station, (s-x) several VOCs measured by
- 126 the PTR-TOF-MS, and (**v-ad**) various meteorological parameters. In all plots, thick lines relate
- 127 to weekday diurnal variables and thin lines relate to weekend diurnal variables. Weekdays are
- 128 defined as Monday-Friday, inclusive, and weekends are defined as Saturday and Sunday. Black
- 129 lines represent the average diurnal profile with the hatched pattern denotes the \pm one standard
- 130 deviation.



Figure S16. Average mass concentration diurnals for BBOA1 for the weekday and weekends for

133 the first week of the campaign and weeks 2-4.



Figure S17. Scatter plots between various gas-phase species: (a) SO_2 vs. NO_x , which are gaseous precursors to particulate sulfate and nitrate, respectively; and (b) CO vs. SO_2 , where CO is used as an indicator for boundary layer dynamics.



Figure S18. Box and whisker plots of solar radiation, temperature, and RH for the winter 2010 and 2013 campaigns. Solar radiation data plotted here are for the daytime peak between 12:00 and 13:00 for both years. The 95th and 5th percentiles are denoted by the whiskers above and below the boxes, the 75th and 25th percentiles are denoted by the top and bottom of the boxes, the median values are denoted by the horizontal line within the box, and the mean values are denoted by the cross markers.



Figure S19. Comparisons of the average size distributions between 2013 and 2010 (Ge et al., 2012b) for the estimated size distributions of the OA factors (a) HOA, (b) COA, (c) BBOA, and (d) OOA. (e) and (f) show the average size distribution of nitrate and sulfate, respectively, from 2013 compared with the average size distribution of the same species from 2010 during different meteorological conditions, defined as rain, fog, and 'other' (see Ge et al. (2012b) for further details).

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