

1 **Characterizing the impact of urban emissions on regional aerosol particles; Airborne**
2 **measurements during the MEGAPOLI experiment.**

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15 **Supplementary information**

16 **Description MONA :**

17 NO, NO₂, and NO_y were measured, at a 30s time resolution, using the MONA (Measurement
18 Of Nitrogen on Aircraft) instrument developed at LISA. This instrument, composed of two
19 racks, is a unique prototype for airborne measurements and designed to fit into the French
20 ATR-42. It comprises three similar commercial analysers: CLD780TR (ECO-PHYSICS®)
21 which are based on ozone chemiluminescence and thus permit the measurements of NO
22 concentrations at ppt levels (DL = 10ppt). The air is sampled, through backward facing inlets,
23 by a vacuum pump at a flow rate of 9L.min⁻¹ (3L.min⁻¹ for each analyser). The flow rate of
24 each analyser is controlled by a critical orifice and a system used to control the pressure of the
25 inflow. Furthermore, an O₂ flow of 330mL.min⁻¹, using pure O₂ cylinders (Air liquide,
26 Alphagaz 1), allow the generation of ozone in each analyser. Finally, purified air (air pumped
27 passing trough three cartridges containing drierite®, purafil® and charcoal) is injected into
28 the analytical system before take off and landing to avoid any contamination.

29 For the measurement of NO₂ concentrations, the air sampled passes through a photolytic
30 converter (Blue light converter- MetAir®) to convert it into NO. NO_y measurements are
31 performed using another sampling line, since this one needs to be heated to avoid any loss of
32 nitric acid (The sampling line was heated at 60°C). Then the air sampled passes through a

33 gold converter (8mm Inox tube cover of gold) heated at 200°C with H₂ as reagent to convert
34 nitrogen species into NO. H₂ is generated at a flow rate of 0.5mL.min⁻¹ thanks to a heated
35 reservoir of hydride to avoid the use of H₂ cylinder.

36 Calibrations of the three analysers were performed before and after each flight using a
37 standard 8ppm NO/Air mixture (Crystal, Air Liquid (uncertainty: ± 2%)) and a clean air
38 cylinder (Alphagaz 1, zero air at 99,99% Air Liquid) used to dilute NO concentrations (8
39 ml/min for NO, and 10 L/min for the zero air, which leads to a NO concentration for
40 calibration of 6 ppbv.). Gas-Phase Titration (GPT) was used to calibrate NO₂. The principle of
41 GPT is based on the rapid gas-phase reaction between NO and O₃ that produces
42 stoichiometric quantities of NO₂. If the initial and final NO concentrations for this reaction
43 are known, the resulting NO₂ concentration can be determined. Ozone is added to excess NO
44 in a dynamic calibration system, and the NO channel of the chemiluminescent analyzer
45 detects the changes in NO concentration. After the addition of O₃, the observed decrease in
46 NO concentration is equivalent to the concentration of NO₂ produced. The NO₂ generated is,
47 then, used to calibrate both the NO₂ and the NO_y analysers. Finally, The NO measurement
48 uncertainty was estimated to be 10% and the NO₂ and NO_y measurement uncertainties were
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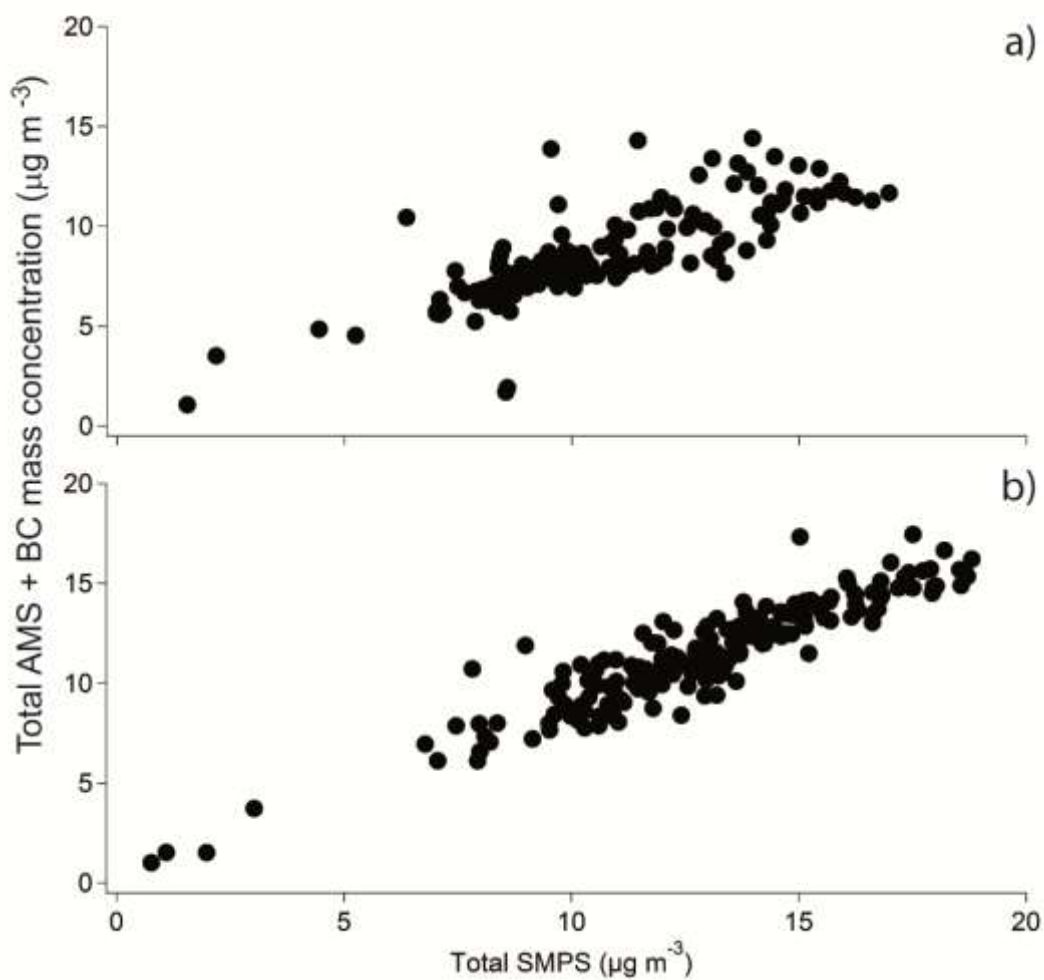
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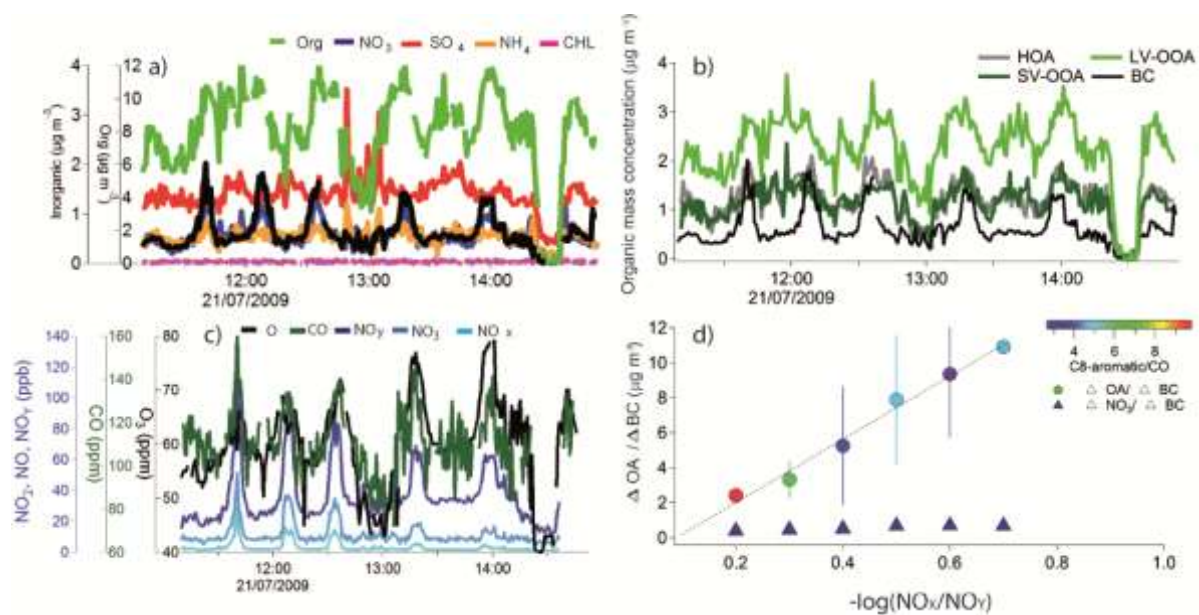
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63 **Supplementary figures and tables**

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65 **Figure S1. Comparison between the total mass concentration of the C-ToF-AMS and**
66 **SMPS for a) N13, and b)N29**

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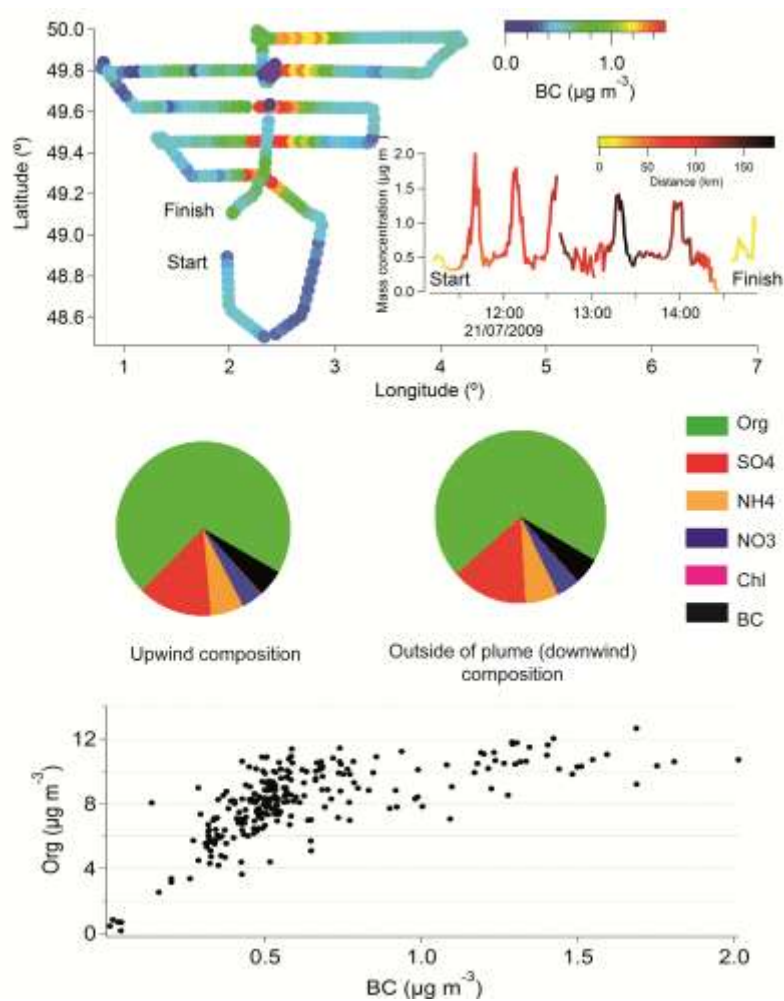


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69 Figure S2. An overview of aerosol gas and particle composition measured during N21. a)
 70 Time series of AMS particle composition, and BC (in black). b) PMF analysis of the organic
 71 aerosol mass spectra along with BC. d) Temporal evolution of gas-phase species and d)
 72 increase in the organic aerosol mass concentration as a function of photochemical age.

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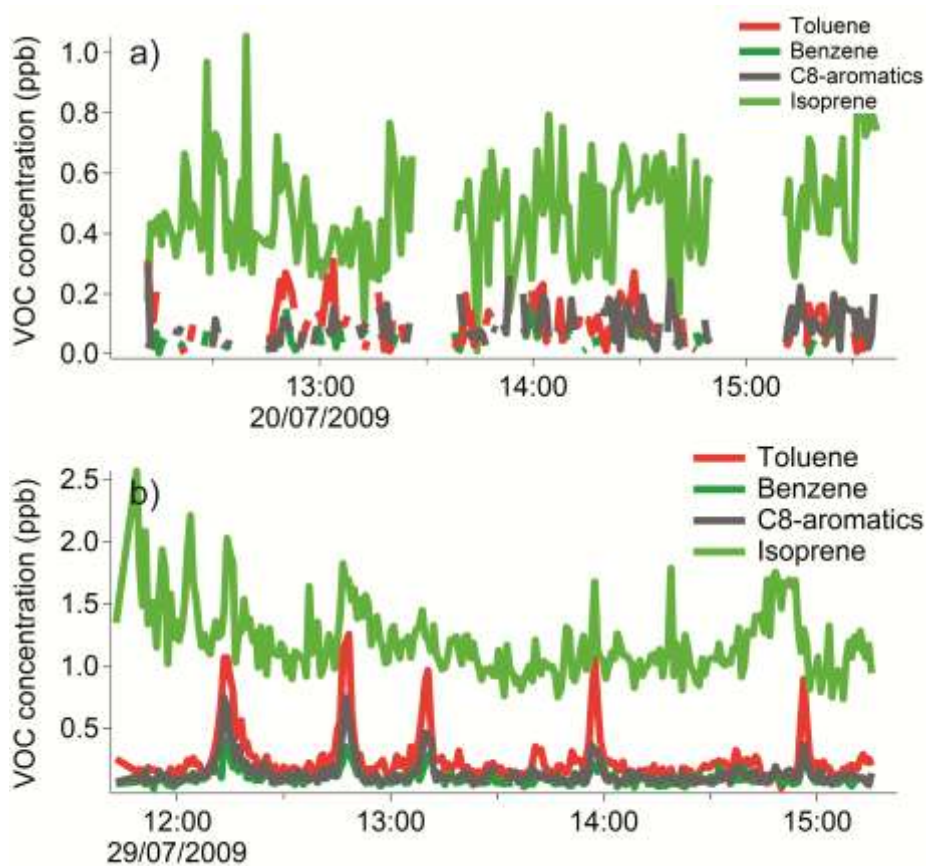
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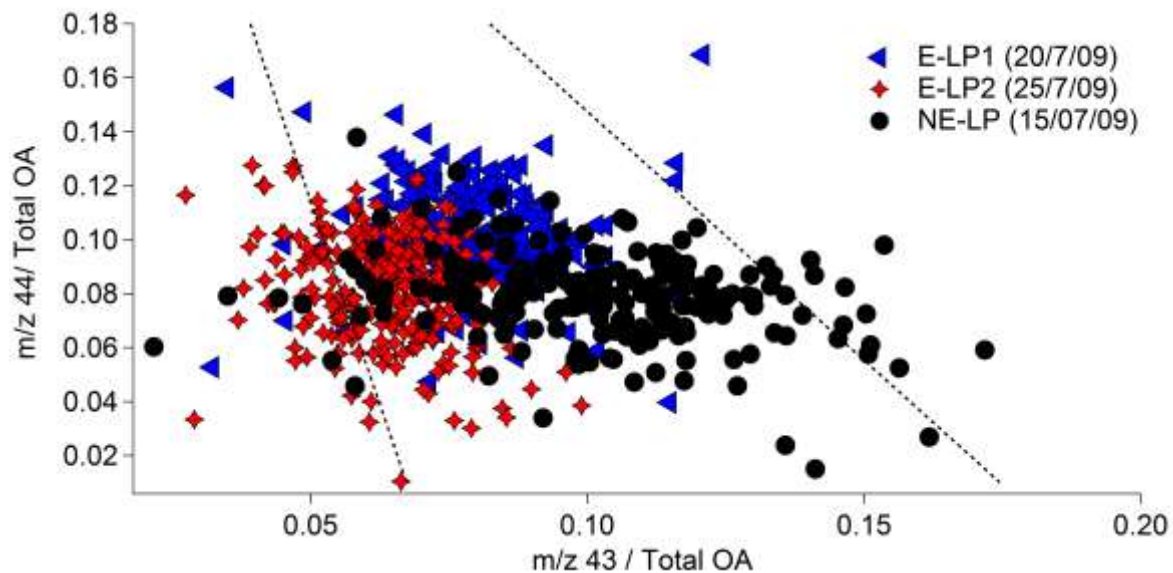
76 Figure S3: Average aerosol composition measured upwind of the plume area during N21 and
77 on the sides of the plume area. Pie charts illustrate that the composition outside of the plume
78 are representative of upwind aerosol composition.

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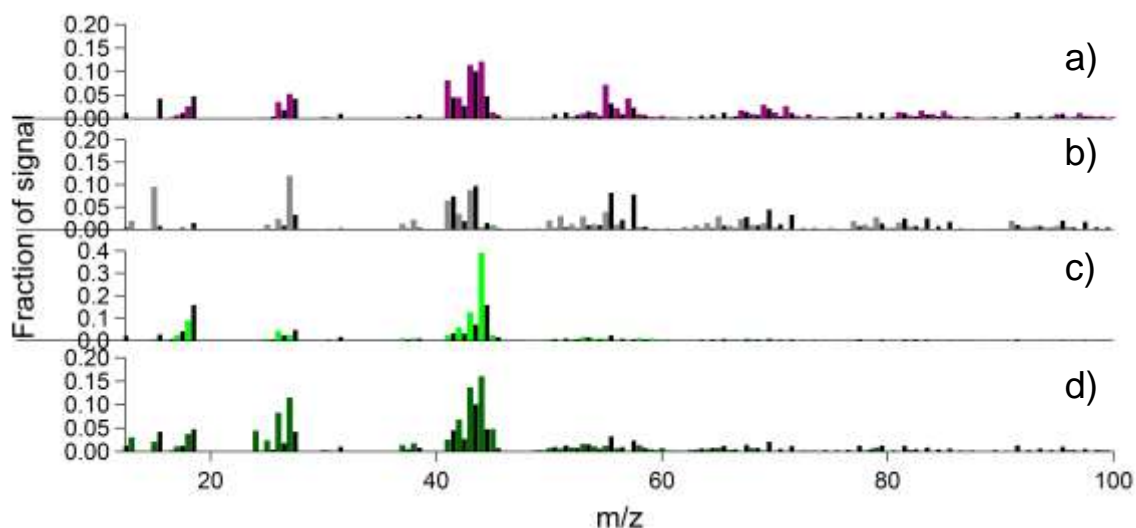
81 Figure S4. An example of some of the VOC species measured using PTR-MS during E20 and
 82 N29.



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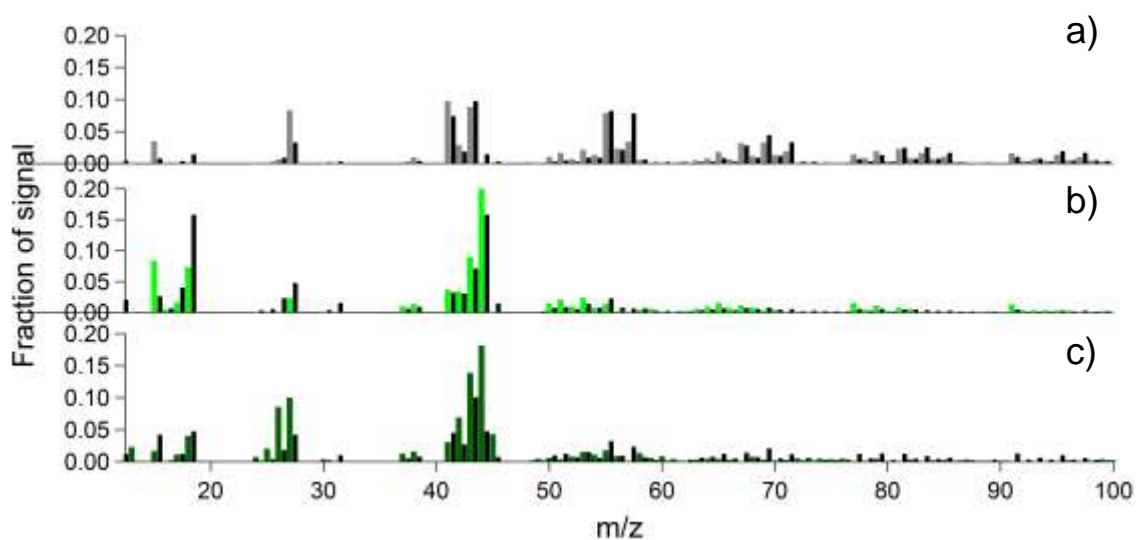
84 Figure S5: Fraction of Org44 to total Organics (F44) against the fraction of Org 43 to total
 85 Organics (F43) for E20, E25, and NE15. The black dotted lines show boundaries set by Ng et
 86 al., (2010).

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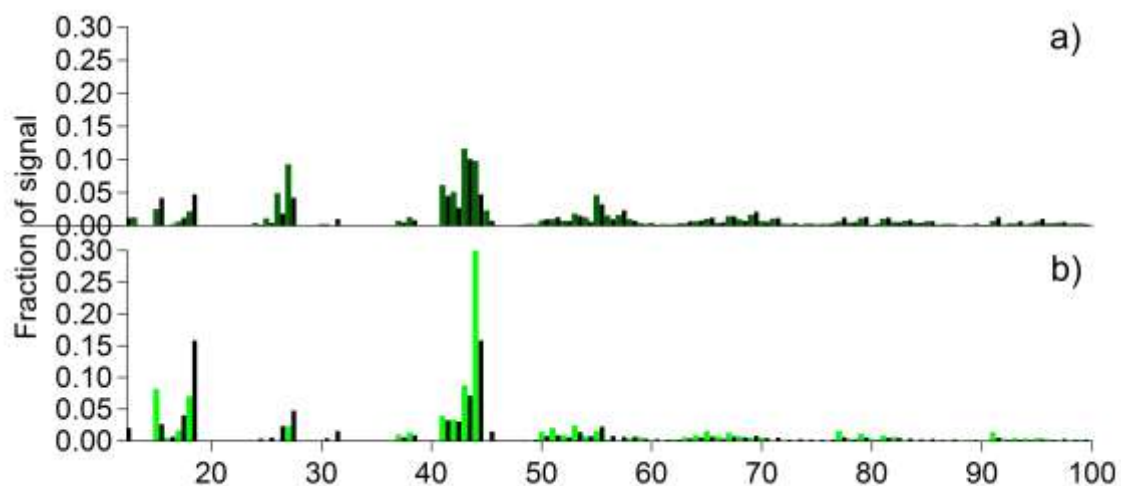
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89 Figure. S6 Four factor PMF solution a) SV-OOA1 b) HOA c) LV-OOA, and d) SV-OOA1.
90 Black mass spectra correspond to reference mass spectra for a) SV-OOA, b) HOA, c) LV-
91 OOA, and d) SV-OOA.



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93 Figure. S7 Three factor PMF solution a) HOA b) LV-OOA, and c) SV-OOA. Black mass
94 spectra correspond to reference mass spectra for a) HOA, b) LV-OOA, and c) SV-OOA.



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96 Figure. S8 Two factor PMF solution a) SV-OOA b) LV-OOA. Black mass spectra correspond
 97 to reference mass spectra for a) SV-OOA, and b) LV-OOA.

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99 Table S1. Research flight number, date and principal measurements available during each
 100 flight. A denotes available and N/A denotes unavailable.

RF	Date	C-ToF-AMS	PTR-MS	MONA	O ₃ , CO, BC	Classification
28	13/07/09	A	A	N/A	A	N13
29	15/07/09	A	A	N/A	A	NE15
30	16/07/09	A	N/A	A	A	N16
31	20/07/09	A	A	A	A	E20
32	21/07/09	A	A	A	A	N21
33	25/07/09	A	N/A	A	A	E25
35	28/07/09	A	N/A	N/A	A	NE28
36	29/07/09	A	A	A	A	N29

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106 Table S2. Pearsons R (P_R) correlation values a four factor PMF solution using a fpeak =0.

External Data	OOA	SV-OOA	LV-OOA	HOA
CO	-0.077	-0.134	0.262	-0.041
Ozone	-0.106	-0.537	-0.370	-0.511
NO ₃	-0.039	0.467	0.304	0.377
SO ₄	-0.076	0.172	0.015	0.085
NH ₄	-0.049	0.338	0.138	0.235
Chl	-0.072	0.187	-0.003	0.009
RH	0.205	-0.317	-0.116	-0.135
Methanol	0.094	0.894	0.693	0.819
Monoterpenes	0.145	0.476	0.670	0.504
C8-aromatics	0.033	0.421	0.541	0.593
Toluene	-0.090	0.472	0.530	0.619
Benzene	-0.052	0.431	0.596	0.598
Isoprene	-0.160	0.160	0.342	0.127
Methacrolein	0.125	0.642	0.635	0.660
Methyleketone	0.011	0.543	0.341	0.630
NO ₂	-0.014	0.073	0.023	0.270
NO	-0.014	0.103	0.062	0.301
NO _Y	-0.016	0.236	0.297	0.437
BC	-0.006	0.522	0.527	0.655
Reference mass spectra				
HOA	0.277	0.476	0.367	0.876
OOA	0.439	0.806	0.847	0.454
LV-OOA	0.419	0.775	0.844	0.387
SV-OOA	0.521	0.785	0.745	0.842
BBOA	0.476	0.702	0.651	0.859

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117 Table S3. Pearsons R (P_R) correlation values with particle and gas phase species for a three
 118 factor PMF solution with an fpeak of 0.2.

External Data	SV-OOA	LV-OOA	HOA
CO	-0.187	0.255	0.031
Ozone	-0.549	-0.374	-0.504
NO ₃	0.455	0.314	0.380
SO ₄	0.184	0.013	0.076
NH ₄	0.345	0.142	0.227
Chl	0.177	0.008	0.020
RH	-0.292	-0.127	-0.147
Methanol	0.888	0.698	0.864
Monoterpenes	0.446	0.665	0.571
C8-aromatics	0.404	0.541	0.588
Toluene	0.436	0.535	0.614
Benzene	0.394	0.599	0.620
Isoprene	0.085	0.352	0.195
Methacrolein	0.631	0.636	0.673
Methyleketone	0.552	0.349	0.570
NO ₂	0.088	0.027	0.187
NO	0.115	0.066	0.221
NO _Y	0.225	0.299	0.392
BC	0.504	0.532	0.642
Reference mass spectra			
HOA	0.416	0.262	0.857
OOA	0.803	0.842	0.389
LV-OOA	0.776	0.848	0.321
SV-OOA	0.752	0.662	0.803
BBOA	0.667	0.560	0.822

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128 Table S4. Pearsons R (P_R) correlation values with particle and gas phase species for a two
 129 factor PMF solution with an fpeak of 0.2.

External Data	SV-OOA	LV-OOA
CO	0.266	-0.004
Ozone	-0.359	-0.525
NO ₃	0.307	0.409
SO ₄	0.015	0.102
NH ₄	0.139	0.259
Chl	0.009	0.063
RH	-0.121	-0.194
Methanol	0.628	0.896
Monoterpenes	0.673	0.563
C8-aromatics	0.522	0.554
Toluene	0.509	0.588
Benzene	0.575	0.580
Isoprene	0.349	0.193
Methacrolein	0.628	0.675
Methyleketone	0.317	0.563
NO ₂	0.011	0.151
NO	0.050	0.185
NO _y	0.286	0.351
BC	0.514	0.621
Reference mass spectra		
HOA	0.624	0.560
OOA	0.731	0.837
LV-OOA	0.686	0.809
SV-OOA	0.869	0.862
BBOA	0.813	0.786

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131 Table S5. Yields used for the prediction of the formation of secondary organic aerosol.

	Low NOx yield	High NOx Yield	
Benzene	0.369*	0.08*	*Ng et al., 2007
Toluene	0.3*	0.281*	*Ng et al., 2008
C8-aromatics	0.36**	0.035**	**yield of m-xylene (Ng et al, 2007)
C9-aromatics	0.36**	0.035**	** yield of m-xylene (Ng et al, 2007)

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