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# Coupling of offline AMS and radiocarbon analyses for the investigation of the seasonal variation of organic aerosol in an alpine valley Magadino, Switzerland.

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#### 10 Figure S1. Sampling location.

#### S.1 Exploration of PMF solutions

To understand the variability of our dataset we explored several constrained PMF solutions with a total of 4-10 factors. With a four-factor solution, a biomass burning OA (BBOA) factor was resolved exhibiting a high contribution of the fragment  $C_2H_4O_2^+$ , a typical marker for BBOA which originates from the pyrolysis of cellulose. In addition, this factor was significantly enhanced during winter which is expected due to the increased residential wood burning activity during this time of year in Magadino. However, the BBOA factor

included some sulphur-containing fragments which are not expected in such a profile. Meanwhile, Daellenbach et al., 2017, resolved for the first time a sulphur-containing factor (SCOA) with a similar off-line AMS analysis in their study about long-term chemical analysis of OA at 9 sites in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, including Magadino. In our case it seemed that SCOA was mixing with BBOA in this 4-factor solution. The other two

- factors included an oxygenated OA (OOA) with high contribution of the fragment CO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, but with no distinct yearly cycle and a factor with notable m/z 43 (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>) and m/z 61 (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>) signals enhanced in summer which seemed to be a mixing between a primary and a secondary OA factor. Bozzetti et al. in 2016 were the first to identify a primary biological OA (PBOA) factor whose mass spectrum resembled the mass spectra of plant debris and biological carbohydrates, with fragments like C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> being particularly enhanced. Such a factor is also expected at our measurement site, therefore a solution with higher number of
  - factors could lead to such a separation.

A five-factor solution resulted in a reduction of the residuals and a clearer separation of the BBOA. However, PBOA and SCOA were still not clearly separated. A six-factor solution allowed for a segregation of the OOA into two different factors, with one showing increased concentrations during winter. Moreover, the SCOA could be better isolated, describing the variability of the  $CH_3SO_2^+$  fragment and was dominant for the  $PM_{10}$  size fraction.

Yet, the PBOA factor was clearly identified with the introduction of a seventh factor which exhibited a distinct enhancement in the coarse fraction in spring and summer. This seven-factor solution resulted in a further decrease of the residuals and the resolution of three oxygenated factors. Two of which were named after their seasonal behaviour, winter and summer OOA (WOOA and SOOA), as proposed by Daellenbach et al., 2017. The third OOA exhibited a rather stable yearly cycle and high contribution of the m/z 44 ( $CO_2^+$ ); see below in Fig. 5. As this factor is mainly fossil and correlates with fossil OC (as shown below in section 4.3), we name this factor fossil OOA (FOOA). Higher order solutions resulted in a further splitting of the oxygenated factors WOOA and OOA, which could not be interpreted. Hence, we selected this seven-factor solution.



Figure S2. Scatter plot with p-values from the comparison of the two size fraction for the selected solutions of the factors SOOA and HOA. Some data points from the factors SOOA and HOA exhibited higher concentrations for the  $PM_{2.5}$  size fraction compared to  $PM_{10}$ , which is not physically possible as aerosols collected by a  $PM_{10}$  inlet include also the  $PM_{2.5}$  size fraction.

| 30 | Table S1. | P-value | range |
|----|-----------|---------|-------|
|----|-----------|---------|-------|

| P value | HOA      | BBOA     | PBOA     | SCOA     | OOA      | SOOA     | WOOA    |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| range   |          |          |          |          |          |          |         |
| Min     | 1.08E-05 | 4.00E-04 | 1.04E-06 | 1.30E-13 | 6.86E-10 | 8.02E-08 | 7.66E-3 |
| Max     | 0.99     | 0.33     | 0.01     | 0.77     | 0.33     | 0.94     | 0.99    |

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Figure S3. Example of a scatter plot between each bootstrap solution i and their average for the water soluble PBOA (WSPBOA) factor.

### S.2 Recoveries weighting factor

5 To select the physically meaningful recoveries we applied a weighting factor f calculated by the following equation:

$$f = \begin{cases} 1 , for \ 0 < R_{i,k,max} \le 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} exp* \left(-\frac{\left(R_{i,k,max}-\mu\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} exp* \left(-\frac{(1-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) , for \ R_{i,k,max} > 1 \end{cases}$$
(S1)

Where  $\sigma = 0.05$ ,  $\mu = 1$ , i the number of iterations and k the factor.

A visualisation of the weighting factor is shown in figure S4.



Figure S4. Probability of Rk occurrence.



Figure S5. Scatter plots between OA factors in  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  for winter (a), spring (b), summer (c) and autumn (d).



5 Figure S6. Correlation between  $OC_{nf}$  and  $EC_{nf}$  with a zoom at the points in summer, late spring and early autumn (a) and correlation between  $OC_{f}$  and  $EC_{f}$  (b). The R<sup>2</sup> for the selected data points in the zoomed plot is 0.29.



Figure S7. Correlations between  $OC_{nf}$  (a) and  $EC_{nf}$  (b) with levoglucosan.



Figure S8. Correlations between:

(a) the ratio  $EC_f / PM_{10}$  and  $EC_f$ . The fact that the ratio  $EC_f / PM_{10}$  remains constant with the increase of  $EC_f$  indicates that the  $EC_f$  variability is influenced by meteorology.

(b) EC<sub>f</sub> and NOx. Note that the regression line shows a linear relationship.



10 Figure S9. Scatter plot between HOA and NOx for  $PM_{10}$  (a) and  $PM_{2.5}$  (b).





Figure S10. Time series of HOC and  $EC_{f}(PM_{10})$  (a) and scatter plot between HOC and  $OC_{f}$  (b).

Figure S11. Time series of SCOA and MSA for PM<sub>10</sub>.



5 Figure S12. Timeseries of FOOC and OC<sub>f</sub>.



Figure S13. Correlations between WOOA and  $NH_4^+$  for  $PM_{10}$  (a) and  $PM_{2.5}$  (b).

Table S2. Season-wise averaged concentrations ( $\pm$  one standard deviation) of per factor OC per size fraction.

|                    | Autumn                         |                | Winter     |                               | Spring             |           |                               | Summer                     |           |                               |                         |            |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| μgm <sup>-3</sup>  | 2013<br>(Sept,<br>Oct,<br>Nov) | 2014<br>(Sept) |            | 2013<br>(Jan,<br>Feb,<br>Dec) | 2014<br>(Jan, Feb) |           | 2013<br>(Mar,<br>Apr,<br>May) | 2014<br>(Mar, Apr,<br>May) |           | 2013<br>(Jun,<br>Jul,<br>Aug) | 2014<br>(Jun, Jul, Aug) |            |
|                    | PM10                           | PM10           | PM2.5      | PM10                          | PM10               | PM2.5     | PM10                          | PM10                       | PM2.5     | PM10                          | PM10                    | PM2.5      |
| нос                | 0.17±0.15                      | 0.35±0.16      | 0.33±0.14  | 1.04±1.02                     | 0.34±0.27          | 0.49±0.19 | 0.51±0.42                     | 0.39±0.40                  | 0.40±0.34 | 0.09±0.10                     | 0.21±0.11               | 0.19±0.14  |
| BBOC               | 1.75±2.14                      | 0.12±0.12      | 0.12±0.10  | 4.70±3.15                     | 5.36±2.64          | 3.83±1.81 | 0.77±0.68                     | 0.38±0.54                  | 0.28±0.31 | 0.08±0.06                     | 0.12±0.06               | 0.11±0.05  |
| SCOC <sub>f</sub>  | 0.28±0.32                      | 0.06±0.05      | 0.04±0.01  | 0.22±0.26                     | 0.21±0.13          | 0.03±0.03 | 0.10±0.08                     | 0.21±0.17                  | 0.07±0.04 | 0.08±0.12                     | 0.05±0.03               | 0.03±0.02  |
| SCOC <sub>nf</sub> | 0.06±0.07                      | 0.01±0.01      | 0.01±0.003 | 0.05±0.06                     | 0.05±0.03          | 0.01±0.01 | 0.02±0.02                     | 0.05±0.04                  | 0.02±0.01 | 0.02±0.03                     | 0.01±0.01               | 0.01±0.004 |
| PBOC               | 1.02±0.49                      | 0.89±0.34      | 0.12±0.07  | 0.33±0.28                     | 0.80±0.34          | 0.50±0.36 | 0.51±0.30                     | 0.55±0.22                  | 0.19±0.12 | 0.81±0.30                     | 0.98±0.24               | 0.15±0.10  |
| FOOC <sub>f</sub>  | 0.28±0.24                      | 0.32±0.22      | 0.08±0.07  | 0.46±0.24                     | 0.49±0.19          | 0.35±0.10 | 0.49±0.24                     | 0.38±0.35                  | 0.23±0.23 | 0.50±0.23                     | 0.27±0.16               | 0.13±0.09  |
| FOOC <sub>nf</sub> | 0.08±0.07                      | 0.10±0.07      | 0.03±0.02  | 0.14±0.07                     | 0.15±0.06          | 0.11±0.03 | 0.15±0.07                     | 0.11±0.11                  | 0.07±0.07 | 0.15±0.07                     | 0.08±0.05               | 0.04±0.03  |
| SOOC <sub>f</sub>  | 0.14±0.14                      | 0.25±0.09      | 0.27±0.09  | 0.04±0.03                     | 0.04±0.03          | 0.06±0.04 | 0.13±0.10                     | 0.18±0.09                  | 0.19±0.09 | 0.30±0.13                     | 0.24±0.11               | 0.29±0.10  |
| SOOC <sub>nf</sub> | 0.55±0.54                      | 0.95±0.34      | 1.04±0.36  | 0.14±0.10                     | 0.15±0.11          | 0.22±0.15 | 0.50±0.37                     | 0.68±0.33                  | 0.75±0.35 | 1.15±0.50                     | 0.93±0.41               | 1.12±0.40  |
| WOOC <sub>f</sub>  | 0.09±0.08                      | 0.05±0.04      | 0.07±0.06  | 0.27±0.23                     | 0.16±0.13          | 0.07±0.06 | 0.13±0.12                     | 0.07±0.11                  | 0.08±0.15 | 0.08±0.06                     | 0.03±0.02               | 0.03±0.03  |
| WOOC <sub>nf</sub> | 0.28±0.28                      | 0.15±0.13      | 0.21±0.21  | 0.88±0.74                     | 0.53±0.43          | 0.22±0.19 | 0.44±0.39                     | 0.22±0.35                  | 0.25±0.49 | 0.25±0.21                     | 0.09±0.08               | 0.10±0.09  |

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