

# Formation and Evolution of Secondary Organic Aerosol Derived from Urban Lifestyle Sources: Vehicle Exhaust and Cooking Emission

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## ABSTRACT

Vehicle exhaust and cooking emissions are closely related to the daily life of city dwellers. Here, we defined the secondary organic aerosol (SOA) derived from vehicle exhaust and cooking emission as "Urban Lifestyle SOA", and simulated their formation using a Gothenburg potential aerosol mass reactor (Go: PAM). The vehicle exhaust and cooking emission were separately simulated, and their samples were defined as "vehicle group" and "cooking group", respectively. After samples had been aged under 0.3-5.5 days of equivalent photochemical age, these two urban lifestyle SOA showed markedly distinct features in SOA mass growth potentials, oxidation pathways, and mass spectra. The SOA/POA (primary organic aerosol) mass ratios of vehicle groups (107) were 44 times larger than those of cooking groups (2.38) at about 2 days of equivalent photochemical age, according to the measurement of scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS). A high-resolution time-of-flight aerosol mass spectrometer was used to perform a deeper analysis. It reveals that organics from the vehicle may undergo the alcohol/peroxide and carboxylic acid oxidation pathway to produce abundant less/more oxidized oxygenated OA (LO-OOA and MO-OOA), and only a few primary hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol (HOA) remains unaged. In contrast, organics from cooking may undergo the alcohol/peroxide oxidation pathway to produce moderate LO-OOA, and comparable

primary cooking organic aerosol (COA) remains unaged. Our findings provide an insight into atmospheric contributions and chemical evolutions for urban lifestyle SOA, which would greatly influence the air quality and health risk assessments in urban areas.

## 1. Introduction

Organic aerosol (OA) contributes 20-90% of submicron aerosols in mass (Jimenez et al., 2009;Zhang et al., 2011), and its fraction in urban areas is higher than that in suburban or background (Zhou et al., 2020). The OA can be divided into the primary organic aerosol (POA) and the secondary organic aerosol (SOA). There are many potential sources of POA, such as coal combustion, biomass burning, vehicle exhaust, cooking procedure, and so forth (Jimenez et al., 2009;Zhang et al., 2011;Zhou et al., 2020). SOA is formed via the oxidation of gas-phase organics and the distribution between gas and particle phase (Donahue et al., 2009). Significant SOA formation has been observed in several urban areas, but models typically fail to simulate this phenomenon accurately (Matsui et al., 2009;Kleinman et al., 2008;Volkamer et al., 2006;de Gouw et al., 2008). This discrepancy may attribute to the limited knowledge about the sources and characteristics of urban SOA.

Over the past decades, megacities have already been widespread in developed regions, and rapid urbanizations have been sweeping across the globe especially in developing areas (Zhang et al., 2015). An increasing number of people tend to live in the urban for their livelihood, where they suffer from serious air pollution simultaneously from urban lifestyle sources typically involving vehicle and cooking fumes (An et al., 2019;Zhang et al., 2015;Chan and Yao, 2008;Guo et al., 2014;Guo et al., 2020). For instance, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are important carcinogens coming from vehicle and cooking, which can cause severe lung cancer (Seow et al., 2000;Kim et al., 2015;Zhong et al., 1999). After PAHs are emitted to ambient air, they can be oxidized, distributed into particle phase, and finally become part of POA or SOA, thus adding unknown deviations on health risk assessments (Masuda et al., 2020).

Vehicle and cooking emissions are important sources of OA in urban areas (Rogge et al., 1991;Rogge et al., 1993;Hu et al., 2015;Hallquist et al., 2016;Crippa et al., 2013;Mohr et al., 2012;Guo et al., 2013;Guo et al., 2012), take the megacity (total population of its metro area is more than 3 M) for example, in London, these two lifestyle sources contributed 50% of OA in average (Allan et al., 2010). In addition, the vehicle itself could even contribute 62% of OA mass in the rush hour of New York City (Sun et al., 2012). As for OA source appointments in Paris, vehicle and cooking contributed a maximum of 46-50% OA (Crippa et al., 2013). According to seasonal observations in Beijing, there were at least 30% of OA coming from the vehicle and cooking emissions (Hu et al., 2017). Briefly, these two urban lifestyle sources are closely related to the daily life of city residents and could account for 20-60% of ambient OA mass in urban areas when only considering their contributions to POA (Allan et al., 2010;Sun et al., 2011;Ge et al., 2012;Sun et al., 2012;Lee et al., 2015;Hu et al., 2017). Furthermore, the model speculated that vehicle and cooking emissions might even contribute over 90% of SOA in downtown Los Angeles by applying hypothetical parameters with a certain degree of uncertainty (Hayes et al., 2015). Therefore, vehicle and cooking are momentous sources of both POA and SOA in urban areas, and could be defined as “Urban Lifestyle Source of OA”.

As is well-known, large amounts of volatile, semi-volatile and intermediate-volatility organic compounds (VOCs,

SVOCs and IVOCs, respectively) are emitted from vehicle and cooking sources, leading to largely potential SOA productions (Klein et al., 2016; Katragadda et al., 2010; Liu et al., 2017c; Tang et al., 2019; Zhao et al., 2015; Esmaeilirad and Hosseini, 2018; Zhao et al., 2017; Yu et al., 2020). Laboratory studies have investigated the formation of vehicle or cooking SOA using a smog chamber or an oxidation flow reactor (OFR). On the one hand, some laboratory experiments have investigated the vehicle SOA based on variables such as fuel types, engine types, operating conditions, and so on (Deng et al., 2020; Suarez-Bertoa et al., 2015; Zhao et al., 2015; Du et al., 2018). Several smog chamber studies found that the mass loading of SOA exceeded POA when the equivalent photochemical age was more than one day (Gordon et al., 2013; Chirico et al., 2010; Nordin et al., 2013). Besides, OFR could simulate a higher OH exposure, and the peak SOA production occurred after 2-3 days of equivalent atmospheric oxidation (Tkacik et al., 2014; Zhao et al., 2018; Timonen et al., 2017; Watne et al., 2018; Alanen et al., 2017). The mass spectra of vehicle SOA showed both semi-volatile and low-volatility oxygenated organic aerosol (SV-OOA and LV-OOA) features along with the growth of oxidation degree (Tkacik et al., 2014). NO<sub>x</sub> levels may greatly influence the chemical evolution of vehicle SOA, and its NO<sub>x</sub>/VOCs values are often strongly dependent on the sampling time and place in urban areas (Zhan et al., 2021; Wei et al., 2014). It is found that the photochemical ages for maximum SOA production under high-NO<sub>x</sub> levels were lower than those under low-NO<sub>x</sub> levels among OFR simulations (Liao et al., 2021). On the other hand, only a few laboratory experiments have investigated the cooking SOA based on simplified ingredients or a single cooking method, involving heated cooking oils (Liu et al., 2017a; Liu et al., 2018), stir-frying spices (Liu et al., 2017b), charbroiled meat (Kaltsonoudis et al., 2017) and Chinese cuisines (Zhang et al., 2020b). These laboratory experiments indicated that the characteristics of SOA are influenced by multiple factors, such as cooking methods, fuels, cookers, or ingredients. The mass ratios of POA and SOA derived from cooking are comparable, and the mass spectra of SOA showed much more similarities with the ambient semi-volatile oxygenated OA (SV-OOA) factors (Liu et al., 2018). Although these laboratory studies have provided important insights into the secondary formation of the vehicle and cooking SOA, significant uncertainties still exist. Nobody has compared the different natures generated from these two urban lifestyle sources in detail, let alone pointed out their potentially different roles in the real atmosphere.

In this work, we have designed our vehicle and cooking laboratory experiments according to daily basis situations in urban areas of China. For vehicle exhaust simulation, China Phase V gasoline and three common operation conditions were chosen. For cooking emission simulation, four prevalent Chinese domestic cooking types were evaluated. A Gothenburg potential aerosol mass reactor (Go: PAM) was used as the oxidation system. All the fresh or aged OA was characterized in terms of mass growth potentials, elemental ratios, oxidation pathways, and mass spectra. The aged OA could be divided into POA and SOA. The latter was defined as “Urban Lifestyle SOA” whose mass spectra would be compared with those of ambient SOA, like less-oxidized oxygenated OA (LO-OOA) and more-oxidized oxygenated OA (MO-OOA) measured in urban areas of China. These findings aim to support the estimation of these two urban lifestyle SOA in ambient air, conducting to the policy formulation of pollution source control and health risk assessment of exposure to vehicle and cooking fumes.

## 2. Material and Method

### 2.1 Experimental Setup

The vehicle experiment was conducted from July to October in 2019, at the Department of Automotive Engineering, Tsinghua University. The cooking experiment was conducted from November 2019 to January 2020, at Langfang Branch, Institute of Process Engineering, Chinese Academy of Sciences. The laboratory simulations of two urban lifestyle SOA were conducted with the same oxidation and measurement system. Table 1-2 contains information on vehicle and cooking experiment conditions. The vehicle exhaust was emitted from a Gasoline direct engine (GDI) with China V gasoline (similar to Euro V) under three speeds (20, 40, 60 km/h), which represented the urban road condition in China (Zhang et al., 2020a). The commercial China Phase V gasoline was used as the fuel, which has equivalent octane number 92 level (RON 92), 10 ppm (v/v, max) sulfur, 25% (v/v, max) olefin, about 40% (v/v, max) aromatics, 2 mg/L Mn and no oxygenates (Yinhui et al., 2016). More information about the GDI engine can be found in Table S2-S3. For all experiments, the GDI engine ran in a single room, its exhaust was drawn into the pipeline and then entered the Go: PAM at a 30 fold dilution where aerosols and gases reacted at a stable temperature and relative humidity. On the other hand, four kinds of domestic cuisines were cooked with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in an iron wok, including deep-frying chicken, shallow-frying tofu, stir-frying cabbage, and Kung Pao chicken composed of cucumbers, peanuts, and chicken. The cooking time and oil temperature were different due to the inherent features of the ingredients. For all experiments, the closed kitchen was full of fumes where the vision was blurred and the air was choky after a long time of the cooking process. Subsequently, the cooking fumes were drawn into pipeline from a kitchen to a lab and then entered the Go: PAM at an 8 fold dilution where aerosols and gases reacted at a stable temperature and relative humidity. Both vehicle and cooking fumes were diluted at a constant ratio by a Dekati Dilutor (e-Diluter, Dekati Ltd.). Vehicle exhaust from tailpipe was first diluted by a gradient heated dilution system (6 fold) and then diluted by an unheated dilution system (5 fold). The temperature of sample flow was near indoor temperature (20-25°C) after secondary dilution systems. The cooking fumes was collected through the kitchen ventilator, where the temperature was similar to that of indoor air. The Go: PAM was able to produce high OH exposures using an ultraviolet lamp ( $\lambda=254$  nm) in the presence of ozone and water vapor to simulate the photochemical oxidation in the atmosphere (Li et al., 2019a; Watne et al., 2018). The internal structure of Go: PAM can be found in Figure S1. Blank experiments were separately designed in the presence of boiling water or dilution air under the same condition. The OA concentrations of blank groups were far below those of experimental groups, which indicated the background values were minor (Table S1). All the sampling tubes are made of silanized stainless steel which is appropriate for a simultaneous gas and particle sampling (Deming et al., 2019; Wiedensohler et al., 2012). More details about experimental design and instruments can be found in SI.

### 2.2 Measurements of the Gas and Particle Phase.

Figure 1 presents the design of this laboratory simulation. The gases and aerosols were emitted from the GDI room or kitchen, then reacted and sampled in a lab. The chemical compositions of OA were measured by a high-resolution time-of-flight aerosol mass spectrometer (HR-ToF-AMS, Aerodyne Research Inc.), in which the non-refractory particles including

organics, sulfate, nitrate, ammonium, and chloride were instantly vaporized by a 600°C tungsten. Next, the vaporized compounds were ionized by an electron impact (EI) ionization with 70 eV. Finally, the fragment ions were pulsed to a time-of-flight MS chamber and detected by the multi-channel plate detector (MCP). More information about HR-ToF-AMS is described in detail elsewhere (Nash et al., 2006; DeCarlo et al., 2006). In this study, its time resolution was 2 min (precisely, 1 min for a mass-sensitive V-mode, and 1 min for a high mass resolution W-mode). As for HR-ToF-AMS, the aged OA were those measured under certain OH exposure. Two sets of scanning mobility particle sizers (SMPS-1, Differential Mobility Analyzer, Electrostatic Classifier model 3080; Condensation Particle Counter model 3778; SMPS-2, Differential Mobility Analyzer, Electrostatic Classifier model 3082; Condensation Particle Counter model 3772; TSI Inc.) scanned every 2 min before and after Go: PAM individually to identify the size distribution and number concentration of particles. The SMPS-1 determined the mass concentration of POA, while the SMPS-2 determined the mass concentration of aged OA, and their mass difference could be regarded as the SOA. A SO<sub>2</sub> analyzer (Model 43i, Thermo Electron Corp.) was used to measure the decay of SO<sub>2</sub> in offline adjustment. The measured CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (Model 410i, Thermo Electron Corp.) were used to conduct CO<sub>2</sub> correction for AMS data to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> interference to organic fragments in mass spectra of HR-ToF-AMS. The particle densities were measured through the determination of the DMA-CPMA-CPC system (DMA-Differential Mobility Analyzer, Electrostatic Classifier model 3080, TSI Inc.; CPMA- Centrifugal Particle Mass Analyzer, version 1.53, Cambustion Ltd.; CPC- Condensation Particle Counter, Condensation Particle Counter model 3778, TSI Inc.). To prevent freshly warm gas from condensing on the pipe wall, sampling pipes were equipped with heat insulation cotton and a temperature controller. Silicon tubes were used to dry the emissions before they entered measuring instruments. Before each experiment, all pipelines and the Go: PAM chamber were continuously flushed with purified dry air, until the concentrations were minimal (just like blank groups in Table S1) when the UV was on or off. The SOA formed in each experiment represented the upper limit due to the presence of background concentration.

## **2.3 Data Analysis.**

### **2.3.1 HR-ToF-AMS Data**

The SQUIRREL 1.57 and PIKA 1.16 written in IGOR (Wavemetrics Incorporation, USA) were used to analyze the HR-ToF-AMS data including mass concentrations, elemental ratios, ion fragments, and mass spectra. The ionization efficiency (IE), relative ionization efficiency (RIE), and collection efficiency (CE) were determined individually before data processing. The 300 nm ammonium nitrate particles were applied for converting the instrument signals to actual mass concentrations (Jayne et al., 2000; Drewnick et al., 2005). Before the formal experiment, the IE and RIE<sub>SO<sub>4</sub></sub> were calculated by the comparison of HR-ToF-AMS and SMPS, when the sampling flow was generated by 300 nm ammonium nitrate and 300 nm ammonium sulfate, respectively, with an Aerosol generator (DMT Inc.). The CE was a fluctuant value influenced by the emission condition, so it was estimated by the comparison of HR-ToF-AMS (sampling after Go: PAM) and SMPS-2 (sampling after Go: PAM) during the formal experiment. The CE and RIE<sub>Org</sub> were theoretically different in every emission or oxidation condition, so we directly use the SMPS measurements to determine the aged OA mass concentration. As for the cooking

experiment, the IE value was  $7.77 \times 10^{-8}$ , the RIESO<sub>4</sub> was 1.4, the RIEOrg was 1.4 (default value, the fluctuation of RIEOrg was included in CE), the average CE was about 0.55 (ranged from 0.3 to 0.7). As for the vehicle experiment, the IE value was  $7.69 \times 10^{-8}$ , the RIESO<sub>4</sub> was 1.3, the RIEOrg was 1.4 (default value, the fluctuation of RIEOrg was included in CE), the average CE was about 0.6 (ranged from 0.4 to 0.7). For some of the experimental groups, the mass spectra were resolved by positive matrix factorization (PMF) analysis to do deeper analyses (Ulbrich et al., 2009).

### 2.3.2 Determination and Evaluation of Oxidation Conditions in Go: PAM

The Go: PAM conditions for vehicle and cooking experiments could be seen in Table 3 and Table 4, respectively. Their experiment conditions (such as residence time and RH) were not completely the same because of the inherent difference and experimental design between two sources. Whereas, some comparisons could be still analyzed in the similar OH exposure, and their RH conditions were both low where photochemical oxidations instead of aqueous-phase processing dominated the chemical evolution process (Xu et al., 2017). The OH exposures and corresponding photochemical ages in Go: PAM were calculated through an offline adjustment based on the decay of SO<sub>2</sub> (Lambe et al., 2011). As shown in equation (1),  $K_{OH-SO_2}$  is the reaction rate constant of OH radical and SO<sub>2</sub> ( $9.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ molecule}^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ). The SO<sub>2,f</sub> and SO<sub>2,i</sub> are the SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (ppb) under the conditions of UV lamp on or off respectively. The photochemical age (days) can be calculated in equation (2) when assuming the OH concentration is  $1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ molecules} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$  in the atmosphere (Mao et al., 2009).

$$OH \text{ exposure} = \frac{-1}{K_{OH-SO_2}} \times \ln\left(\frac{SO_{2,f}}{SO_{2,i}}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$Photochemical \text{ age} = \frac{OH \text{ exposure}}{24 \times 3600 \times 1.5 \times 10^6} \quad (2)$$

Except for the off-line calibration based on the decay of SO<sub>2</sub>, a flow reactor exposure estimator was also used in this study (Peng et al., 2016). The OH exposures calculated by these two methods showed a good correlation (Figure S2&S3). This estimator could also evaluate the potential non-OH reactions in the flow reactor such as the photolysis of VOCs, the reactions with O(<sup>1</sup>D), O(<sup>3</sup>P), and O<sub>3</sub>. The flow reactor exposure estimator showed that OH reactions played the dominant role in our experiments. It is found that the heterogeneous reaction of ozone with oleic acid aerosol particles was influenced by humidity and reaction time in an aerosol flow reactor (Vesna et al., 2009). Therefore, non-OH reactions, such as the ozonolysis of unsaturated fatty acids, may also be important in forming SOA, which missed specific designs in our experiment.

Furthermore, the external OH reactivity and OH exposure were both influenced by external OH reactants, such as NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs during experiments. The NO<sub>x</sub> concentration was measured by a NO-NO<sub>2</sub>-NO<sub>x</sub> Analyzer (Model 42i, Thermo Electron Corporation, USA). As for VOCs, we have divided them into 5 types including alkane, alkene, aromatic, O-VOCs (Oxidized VOCs, mainly included aldehyde and ketone), and X-VOCs (halogenated-VOCs) using the measurement of GC-MS (Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry, GC-7890, MS-5977, Agilent Technologies Inc). The compounds with relatively high proportion were regarded as surrogate species for each type of VOCs. The total concentrations of VOCs were determined by a portable TVOC Analyzer (PGM-7340, RAE SYSTEMS). The external OH reactivities for different vehicle

experiments ( $10.4\sim20.2\text{ s}^{-1}$ ) were all comparable to that of off-line calibration results ( $15.8\text{ s}^{-1}$ ), and the external OH reactivities for different cooking experiments ( $21.7\sim25.7\text{ s}^{-1}$ ) were also comparable to that of off-line calibration results ( $24.0\text{ s}^{-1}$ ). Besides, the ratio of OH exposure calculated by the estimator to that calculated by the decay of  $\text{SO}_2$  ranged from 83% to 119% for vehicle experiments, and 97% to 111% for cooking experiments, which means that our off-line OH exposure could be a representative value to all experiments. Detailed tests about mixing condition and wall loss of the Go: PAM have been conducted in previous work according to Li et al. (Li et al., 2019a) and Watne et al. (Watne et al., 2018), which could be found in Figure S4. In this study, we still corrected the wall loss of particles in each size bin measured by two synchronous SMPS (two SMPS run before and after Go: PAM respectively). More details about Go: PAM can be found in SI.

### 3. Result and Discussion

#### 3.1 Secondary Formation Potential of the Urban Lifestyle OA.

The simulated SOA could be generated by the photochemical oxidation from gaseous precursors and the heterogeneous oxidation from POA. As Figure 2 shows, the mass growth potentials of two urban lifestyle OA were quite different. The mass growth potentials were represented by SOA/POA mass ratios. The SMPS-1 determined the mass concentration of POA, while the SMPS-2 determined the mass concentration of aged OA, and their mass difference could be regarded as the SOA. Their SOA/POA mass ratios both increased gradually and finally reached the peak after 2-3 days of equivalent photochemical age, and the overall SOA mass growth potentials of vehicle SOA were far larger than those of cooking SOA. When the equivalent photochemical age was near 2 days (1.7 days), the mass growth potentials of vehicle SOA ranged from 83 to 150. In contrast, the mass growth potentials of cooking SOA only ranged from 1.8 to 3.2 at about 2.1 days. Even if there was still a slight growth trend for cooking SOA at the highest OH exposure, it surely exhibited a much weaker mass growth potential on the whole compared with that of vehicle SOA. This significant distinction indicated that the vehicle exhaust may contribute abundant SOA and relatively fewer POA, while cooking emission may produce moderate POA and SOA in the atmosphere, which could attribute to their different types of gaseous precursors. Interestingly, a similar phenomenon had been observed from an OFR simulation in the urban roadside of Hong Kong, where potential SOA from motor vehicle exhaust was much larger than primary HOA, while potential SOA from cooking emission was comparable to primary COA (Liu et al., 2019).

#### 3.2 Secondary Formation Pathway of the Urban Lifestyle OA.

As Figure 3 shows, the evolution of O:C molar ratios (O/C) of two urban lifestyle OA were quite different. Although their oxidation degrees both increased gradually and finally reached the peak after 2-3 days of equivalent photochemical age, the O/C values of aged vehicle OA were far larger than those of aged cooking OA. When the equivalent photochemical age was 0.6 day, the O/C of aged vehicle OA was 0.4-0.5, resembling a kind of LO-OOA in ambient air. When the equivalent photochemical age was near 2 days (1.7 days), the O/C of aged vehicle OA could reach 0.6, which was almost like a type of MO-OOA in the atmosphere. In contrast, the O/C of aged cooking OA only rose to 0.4 at 2.1 days, similar to a kind of LO-OOA. These distinct features of O/C suggested that aged vehicle OA was divided into LO-OOA and MO-OOA under different oxidation conditions, while the aged cooking OA was only composed of LO-OOA. This difference was probably related to

their precursors.

Figure 4 illustrates diverse oxidation pathways of various sources of OA in a Van Krevelen diagram (Heald et al., 2010;Ng et al., 2011;Presto et al., 2014). The cooking groups fell along a line with a slope of -0.10 implying an alcohol/peroxide pathway in forming SOA, while the vehicle groups fell along a line with a slope of -0.55 implying an oxidation pathway between alcohol/peroxide and carboxylic acid reaction. Additionally, these two secondary evolution properties are both different from those of biomass burning OA (slope $\sim$ -0.6) (Lim et al., 2019) and ambient OA (slope $\sim$ -1 to -0.5) (Heald et al., 2010;Hu et al., 2017;Ng et al., 2011), indicating that these two urban lifestyles SOA may undergo distinct oxidation pathways.

### 3.3 Characteristics in Mass Spectra of the Urban Lifestyle OA.

As shown in Figure 5, the signal fraction of organic fragments at  $m/z$  43 ( $f_{43}$ ) and  $m/z$  44 ( $f_{44}$ ) has been widely adopted to represent the oxidation process of OA (Ng et al., 2010;Hennigan et al., 2011). Generally,  $f_{43}$  and  $f_{44}$  derive from oxygen-containing fragments, the former comes from less oxidized components while the latter comes from more oxidized ones. The datasets of vehicle and cooking groups fell along in different regions and showed different variations in the plot. Almost all aged cooking OA displayed relatively lower  $f_{44}$  and higher  $f_{43}$ , and its  $f_{43}$  and  $f_{44}$  both increased slightly with the growing OH exposure, eventually distributing in the LO-OOA region. In contrast, all aged vehicle OA displayed moderate  $f_{43}$  and abundant  $f_{44}$ , and only its  $f_{44}$  showed an obvious souring with the growing OH exposure, initially distributing in the LO-OOA region but finally spreading near the MO-OOA region. These distinct evolutions of oxygen-containing fragments for two urban lifestyle OA inferred their intrinsic oxidation pathways and precursors.

Figure 6 and Table 5 depict mass spectra and prominent peaks of aged OA from two urban lifestyle sources which could be used to deduce their inherent properties (Zhang et al., 2005;Kaltsonoudis et al., 2017;Liu et al., 2018;Chirico et al., 2010;Nordin et al., 2013;Zhang et al., 2020b). The maximum SOA mass growth potentials of aged cooking OA only ranged from 1.9-3.2 implying a mixture of POA and SOA, so its mass spectra needed to be deeply resolved by PMF to separate the POA and SOA (precisely, a kind of LO-OOA). Generally, there is at least one POA and one SOA (factor 1-POA; factor 2-SOA). When three or more factors were set, it was found that elemental ratios or mass spectra of additional OA factors are quite similar to factor 1 or factor 2, which means that it was hard to find another new OA factor. Therefore, 2 OA factors were finally set, one for POA and another for SOA. As Figure S5-S8 shows, the SOA factors present a larger fraction of oxygen-containing fragments (especially in  $m/z$  28, 29, 43, 44) and higher O/C, which is significantly different from those POA factors. Whereas, those mass growth potentials of aged vehicle OA were extremely high, suggesting that it was fully oxidized and almost composed of SOA. According to the O/C ratios, the vehicle SOA under 0.6 day of photochemical age was defined as vehicle LO-OOA, while that under 2.9 days was regarded as vehicle MO-OOA.

For average vehicle LO-OOA mass spectra, the prominent peaks were  $m/z$  43 ( $f_{43}=0.133\pm0.003$ ), 44 ( $f_{44}=0.077\pm0.001$ ), 29 ( $f_{29}=0.076\pm0.003$ ), 28 ( $f_{28}=0.066\pm0.001$ ), 41 ( $f_{41}=0.051\pm0.005$ ), and 55 ( $f_{55}=0.043\pm0.004$ ) dominated by  $C_2H_3O^+$ ,  $C_3H_7^+$ ,  $CO_2^+$ ,  $CHO^+$ ,  $C_2H_5^+$ ,  $CO^+$ ,  $C_3H_5^+$ ,  $C_3H_3O^+$ , and  $C_4H_7^+$  respectively, while the prominent peaks of average vehicle MO-OOA



were  $m/z$  44 ( $f_{44}=0.146\pm0.060$ ), 28 ( $f_{28}=0.134\pm0.062$ ), 43 ( $f_{43}=0.117\pm0.033$ ), 29 ( $f_{29}=0.071\pm0.014$ ), 45 ( $f_{45}=0.032\pm0.007$ ), and 27 ( $f_{27}=0.030\pm0.009$ ) dominated by  $\text{CO}_2^+$ ,  $\text{CO}^+$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{CHO}^+$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5^+$ ,  $\text{CHO}_2^+$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O}^+$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3^+$  respectively. Compared with vehicle SOA mass spectra from other studies (Table 5), our average GDI SOA (LO-OOA and MO-OOA) illustrated more abundances of oxygen-containing ions than those of Gasoline SOA and Diesel SOA simulated by a smog chamber with lower OH exposures (Chirico et al., 2010; Nordin et al., 2013).

For average cooking LO-OOA, it was less oxidized than those from vehicle groups, whose prominent peaks were  $m/z$  43 ( $f_{43}=0.097\pm0.008$ ), 44 ( $f_{44}=0.065\pm0.010$ ), 29 ( $f_{29}=0.065\pm0.013$ ), 41 ( $f_{41}=0.058\pm0.008$ ), 55 ( $f_{55}=0.056\pm0.006$ ), and 28 ( $f_{28}=0.053\pm0.011$ ) dominated by  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7^+$ ,  $\text{CO}_2^+$ ,  $\text{CHO}^+$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5^+$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_5^+$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_3\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7^+$ , and  $\text{CO}^+$  respectively. Compared with other cooking SOA mass spectra (Table 5), our average cooking LO-OOA had similar peaks with heated oil SOA but was different from that meat charbroiling SOA which displayed much more hydrocarbon-like features (Liu et al., 2018; Kaltsonoudis et al., 2017).

### 3.4 Potential Chemical Evolution of Urban Lifestyle OA in the Atmosphere.

The AMS mass spectra indicated that the chemical evolution of urban lifestyle OA in the Go: PAM might provide new insights and references on those of ambient OA observed in the atmosphere. Figure 7 plots the correlation coefficients between the laboratory aged OA and ambient PMF-OA factors with growing photochemical ages (Li et al., 2020a). The field study was deployed at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics (IAP), Chinese Academy of Sciences ( $39^\circ58'\text{N}$ ;  $116^\circ22'\text{E}$ ) in autumn and winter (Autumn: Oct. 1st, 2018 – Nov. 15th, 2018; Winter: Jan. 5th, 2019 – Jan. 31st, 2019) (Li et al., 2020a). The sample site is located in the south of Beitucheng West Road and west of Beijing-Chengde expressway in Beijing, which is a typical urban site affected by local emissions (Li et al., 2020b). Table 6 exhibits correlations of mass spectra between laboratory results and ambient PMF factors, where the aged laboratory cooking OA was divided into POA and LO-OOA while the laboratory vehicle OA was divided into LO-OOA and MO-OOA.

For the aged GDI OA in Figure 7, its average mass spectra remained some ambient HOA features (Pearson  $r=0.80$ ) under low photochemical age of 0.6 day with moderate hydrocarbon-like ions such as  $m/z$  41 and 55, but it had already reached the same oxidation degree of ambient LO-OOA (Pearson  $r=0.81$ ) with high O/C (0.46) and  $f_{43}$  (0.133). After aging in the Go: PAM, the aged OA might finally become a kind of ambient MO-OOA (Pearson  $r=0.97$ ) at 5.1 days of photochemical age. This evolution of GDI OA (from HOA to LO-OOA to MO-OOA) was similar to the result of a previous vehicle OA simulation (from HOA to SV-OOA to LV-OOA) (Tkacik et al., 2014).

For the aged cooking OA in Figure 7, although its correlations with ambient LO-OOA increased gradually from 0.56 to 0.73 along with the growing photochemical ages, its correlations with ambient COA kept a high level all the time (Pearson  $r>0.81$ ) implying a mixture of POA and SOA due to some hardly oxidized compounds emitted from the cooking process. Therefore, it is necessary to resolve aged cooking OA mass spectra deeply by PMF (Figures S4-S11) and then compared its laboratory PMF results with ambient PMF factors. As Table 6 shows, the laboratory cooking POA was similar to ambient COA (Pearson  $r=0.86$ ) but less likely to LO-OOA (Pearson  $r=0.46$ ) or MO-OOA (Pearson  $r=0.39$ ). By contrast, the laboratory

cooking LO-OOA displayed many more ambient LO-OOA features (Pearson  $r=0.76$ ) and relatively fewer ambient COA characteristics than laboratory cooking POA did. In short, these comparisons between laboratory and ambient results revealed that organics from these two urban lifestyle sources might eventually form different SOA types in the real atmosphere.

#### 4. Conclusion

In the present work, we define two urban lifestyle SOA in details and investigate their mass growth potentials, formation pathways, mass spectra, and chemical evolutions comprehensively. At about 2 days of equivalent photochemical age, the SOA/POA mass ratios of vehicle groups (107) were 44 times larger than those of cooking groups (2.38), and the O: C molar ratios of vehicle groups (0.66) was about 2 times large as those of cooking groups (0.34). Besides, both vehicle and cooking groups may undergo an alcohol/peroxide pathway to form LO-OOA, and the vehicle groups extra undergo a carboxylic acid pathway to form part of MO-OOA. Furthermore, the characteristic mass spectra of these two urban lifestyle SOA could provide necessary references to estimate their mass fractions in ambient air, through a multilinear engine model (ME-2) (Canonaco et al., 2013;Qin et al., 2017). This application would reduce the large gaps of total atmospheric contributions and relevant environment effects for urban SOA, although remaining several uncertainties on SOA mass spectra due to missing complex mixture conditions in the Go: PAM.

There are some uncertainties of our Go: PAM simulation. We focused more on the photochemical oxidation of SOA under low RH levels, but aqueous-phase processing at high RH levels may also have impacts to SOA production. In the future, it'll be better to strictly control the RH, high/low  $\text{NO}_x$  or  $\text{SO}_2$ , additional inorganic seeds, and so forth, to deeply investigate how the aerosol ages as a function of equivalent days of atmospheric oxidation. S/I VOCs may play important roles in forming SOA but were indeed partly lost in pipelines, and its sampling and quantification are really hard and challenging, which needs more sophisticated experimental design. Moreover, contribution of ozonolysis to SOA formation, should be individually studied in further research. Furthermore, the relative strength of the photochemical oxidation from gaseous precursors and the heterogeneous oxidation from POA were not deeply distinguished in this work. Besides, it is recommended to add humidity to the carrier gas and turn on the lights during the OFR cleanout stage, in order to minimize the background concentration in the Go: PAM.

Although strict policies have been implemented to reduce primary particulate matter (PM) in urban areas. However, secondary PM especially for the abundant and complicated SOA, is difficult to be restricted (Wu et al., 2017;Li et al., 2018). According to our results, on the one hand, vehicle SOA might be a mixture of both LO-OOA and MO-OOA with high secondary formation potential, so it would be better not only filter out the exhaust PM with Gasoline Particulate Filter (GPF) but also reduce the gaseous precursors to restrict the secondary formation. On the other hand, cooking SOA might be a kind of LO-OOA with relatively low secondary formation potential, so it could be enough to remove the gas and particle emissions at the same level. In the future, these two urban lifestyle SOA may present increasing contributions in urban areas especially in megacities with growing atmospheric oxidants (Li et al., 2019b;Wang et al., 2017;Li et al., 2020a;Li et al., 2020b), but their investigations and further managements are far from sufficient, making it possible to become a greatly meaningful research

focus.

This work is an initial attempt to explore a series of studies on urban lifestyle SOA. In another companionate publication-in-preparation (Song Kai, Guo Song\*, et al., Cooking emitted S/IVOCs are a large pool of SOA formation precursors, In preparing), gas and particle phase VOCs and S/IVOCs from four typical Chinese domestic cuisines are quantified. It is found that 26-78% of cooking SOA could be explained from the oxidation of VOCs and S/IVOCs. Moreover, oxygenated compounds were the most abundant in particle phase, including acids, furans, amides and esters. In contrast, significant differences were found in gas phase among four cuisines, for example, Kung Pao Chicken and shallow-frying Tofu showed larger proportion of aromatics. Furthermore, we have attempted to apply the laboratory mass spectra from this work into the ambient air. The contribution of vehicle SOA and cooking SOA for OA were estimated by ME-2 model in urban Beijing (Zhang Zirui, Hu Min\*, et al. Secondary Organic Aerosol Formation from Urban Lifestyle Sources in Beijing. In preparing). It is found that cooking SOA (27-42% of OA) and vehicle SOA (58-73% of OA) presented different diurnal patterns, implying their different formation pathways. Similar features of urban lifestyle SOA were found between laboratory and field results.

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**Table 1.** Descriptions of vehicle exhaust and sampling procedures.

Experiment	Revolving Speed	Torque	Sampling Time	Parallels	Particle Density	Fuel	Sampling Line Temperature
GDI 20 km/h	1500 Hz	16 N·m	60 min	3~5			
GDI 40 km/h	2000 Hz	16 N·m	70 min	3~6	1.1~1.2 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Gasoline (China V, similar to Euro V)	20~25°C
GDI 60 km/h	1750 Hz	32 N·m	60 min	3~5			

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**Table 2.** Descriptions of cooking emission and sampling procedures.

Experiment	Cooking Material	Oil Temperature	Total Cooking Time	Number of Dishes	Sampling Time	Parallels	Particle Density	Fuel & Cooware	Kitchen Volume	Sampling Line Temperature
Deep-fried Meat	170 g chicken, 500 ml corn oil and a few condiments	145~155°C	66 min	5	90 min	3~8	1.11±0.02 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) & iron wok	78 m <sup>3</sup> (5.6 m × 4 m × 3.5 m)	20~25°C
Shallow-fried Tofu	500 g tofu, 200 ml corn oil and a few condiments	100~110°C	64 min	5	60 min	3~5	1.04±0.03 g/cm <sup>3</sup>			
Stir-fried Cabbage	300 g cabbage, 40 ml corn oil and a few condiments	95~105°C	47 min	5	58 min	3~5	1.16±0.03 g/cm <sup>3</sup>			
Kung Pao Chicken	150 g chicken, 50 g ceanut, 50 g cucumber, 40 ml corn oil and a few condiments	Unmeasured <sup>a</sup>	40 min	5	60 min	3~5	1.07±0.02 g/cm <sup>3</sup>			

<sup>a</sup>It is need to stir constantly, so the oil temperature was unstable.

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**Table 3.** The Go: PAM condition for vehicle experiment.

Experiment	O <sub>3</sub> concentration (ppbV)	OH Exposure <sup>a</sup> (×10 <sup>10</sup> molecules·cm <sup>-3</sup> ·s)	Photochemical Age (days, [OH]=1.5×10 <sup>6</sup> molecules·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	External OH reactivity of SO <sub>2</sub> during offline calibration (S <sup>-1</sup> )	External OH reactivity of VOCs during experiment (S <sup>-1</sup> )	Ratio of OH Exposure calculated by an estimator <sup>b</sup> to that calculated by the decay of SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Temperature & RH in Go :PAM	Basic Description of Go: PAM	Wall Loss
GDI 20 km/h	624	7.79	0.6	15.8	10.4	119%	Temp: 19~22°C RH: 44-49%	Volume: 7.9 L. Flow rate: 4 L/min for sample air and 1 L/min for sheath gas. Residence time: 110 s.	The wall loss of particle have been adjusted in each size bin measured by two synchronous SMPS (two SMPS ran before and after Go: PAM respectively).The wall loss of gas phase is minor according to previous research.
	2367	21.4	1.7						
	4433	37.4	2.9						
	6533	53.8	4.2						
	8050	65.6	5.1						
	8701	70.6	5.5						
GDI 40 km/h	The same as 20 km/h experiments			20.2	83%				
GDI 60 km/h	The same as 20 km/h experiments			16.7	94%				

<sup>a</sup>OH exposure was calculated based on the decay of SO<sub>2</sub>.  
<sup>b</sup>OH exposure for each ingredient was calculated based on the OFR estimator.

**Table 4.** The Go: PAM condition for cooking experiment.

Experiment	O <sub>3</sub> concentration (ppbV)	OH Exposure <sup>a</sup> ( $\times 10^{10}$ molecules $\cdot$ cm <sup>-3</sup> $\cdot$ s)	Photochemical Age (days, [OH]= $1.5 \times 10^6$ molecules $\cdot$ cm <sup>-3</sup> )	External OH reactivity of SO <sub>2</sub> during offline calibration (S <sup>-1</sup> )	External OH reactivity of VOCs during experiment (S <sup>-1</sup> )	Ratio of OH Exposure calculated by an estimator <sup>b</sup> to that calculated by the decay of SO <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	Temperature & RH in Go: PAM	Basic Description of Go: PAM	Wall Loss
	-	0	0.0						
Deep-fried	310	4.3	0.3						The wall loss of particle have been adjusted in each size bin measured by two synchronous SMPS (two SMPS ran before and after Go: PAM respectively).The wall loss of gas phase is minor according to previous research.
Chicken	1183	9.6	0.7		25.7	97%			
	2217	14.4	1.1						
	3267	21.4	1.7						
	4025	27.1	2.1						
Shallow-fried Tofu	The same as Deep-fried Chicken experiments			24.0	21.7	111%	Temp: 16~19°C RH: 18~23%	Volume: 7.9 L. Flow rate: 7 L/min for sample air and 3 L/min for sheath gas. Residence time: 55 s.	
Stir-fried Cabbage	The same as Deep-fried Chicken experiments				23.3	104%			
Kung Pao Chicken	The same as Deep-fried Chicken experiments				23.6	103%			

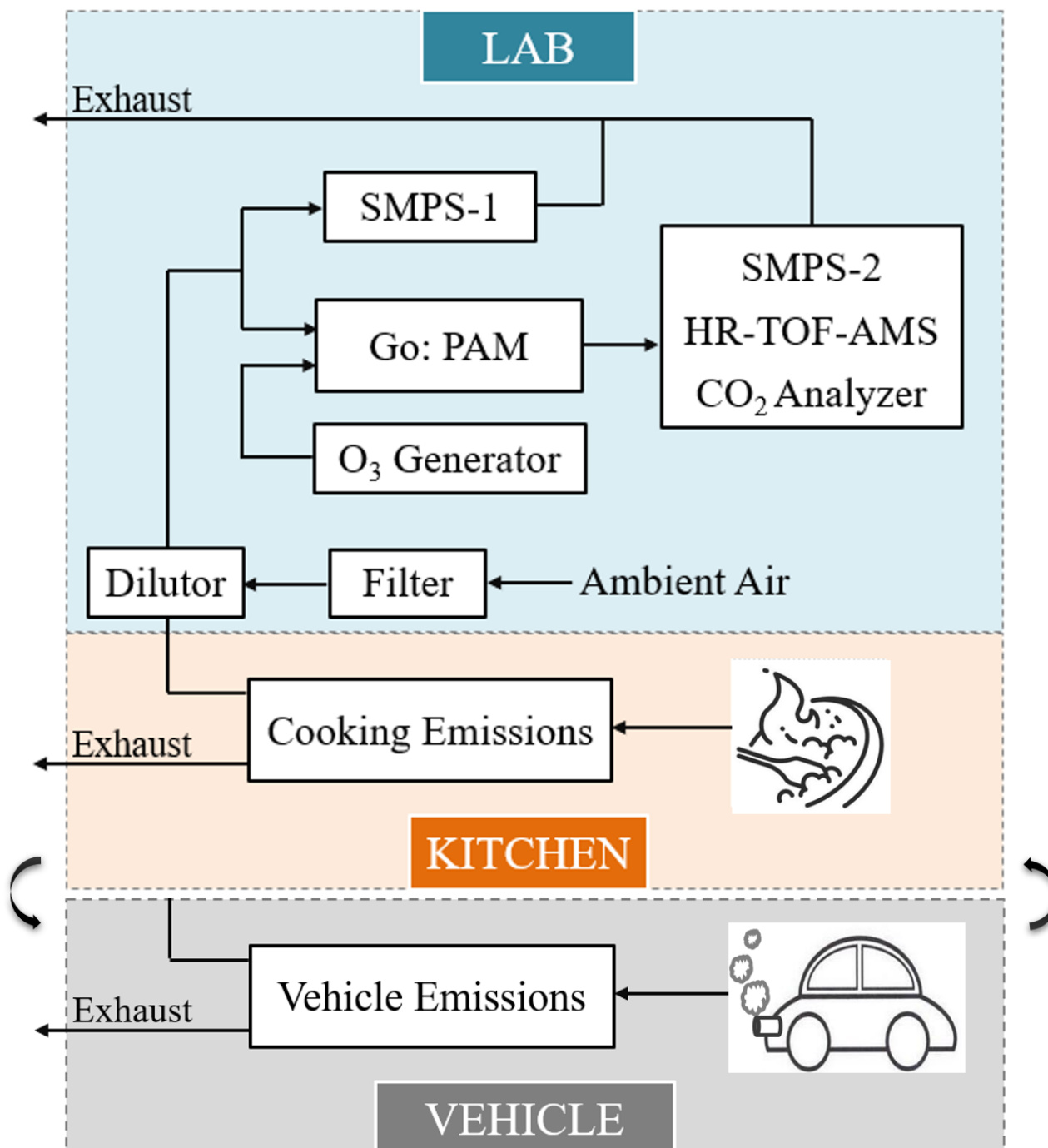
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**Table 5.** A summary of elemental ratios and dominant peaks among various SOA.

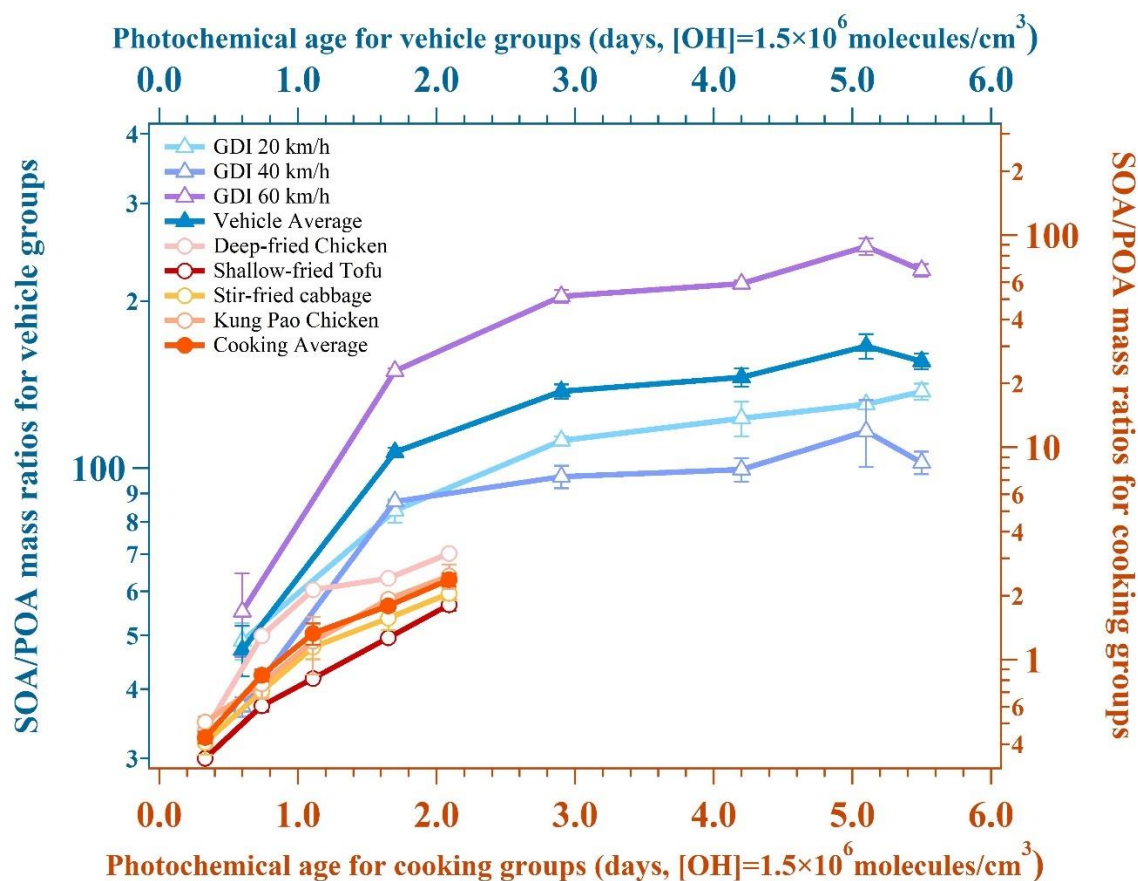
Type	O/C	H/C	$f_{28}$	$f_{29}$	$f_{41}$	$f_{43}$	$f_{44}$	$f_{55}$	$f_{57}$	Dominant Peaks (In decedning order)
GDI LO-OOA	0.46	1.80	0.066	0.076	0.051	0.133	0.077	0.043	0.029	m/z 43, 44, 29, 28, 41, 55
GDI MO-OOA	0.91	1.57	0.134	0.071	0.026	0.117	0.146	0.024	0.013	m/z 44, 28, 43, 29, 45, 27
Cooking LO-OOA	0.36	1.92	0.053	0.065	0.058	0.097	0.065	0.056	0.046	m/z 43, 44, 29, 41, 55, 28
Heated oil SOA (Liu, 2018)	0.38	1.53	0.070	0.087	0.067	0.078	0.067	0.053	0.023	m/z 29, 43, 28, 44, 41, 55
Meat charbroiling SOA (Kaltsonoudis, 2017)	0.24	1.83	0.039	0.061	0.077	0.075	0.052	0.074	0.035	m/z 41, 43, 55, 29, 27, 44
Gasoline SOA (Nordin, 2013)	0.40	1.38	0.122	0.032	0.031	0.094	0.129	0.019	0.008	m/z 44, 28, 39, 27, 29, 41
Disel SOA (Chirico, 2010)	0.37	1.57	0.069	0.092	0.062	0.112	0.073	0.045	0.022	m/z 43, 29, 44, 28, 41, 27

**Table 6.** Pearson correlations between laboratory OA and ambient OA mass spectra.

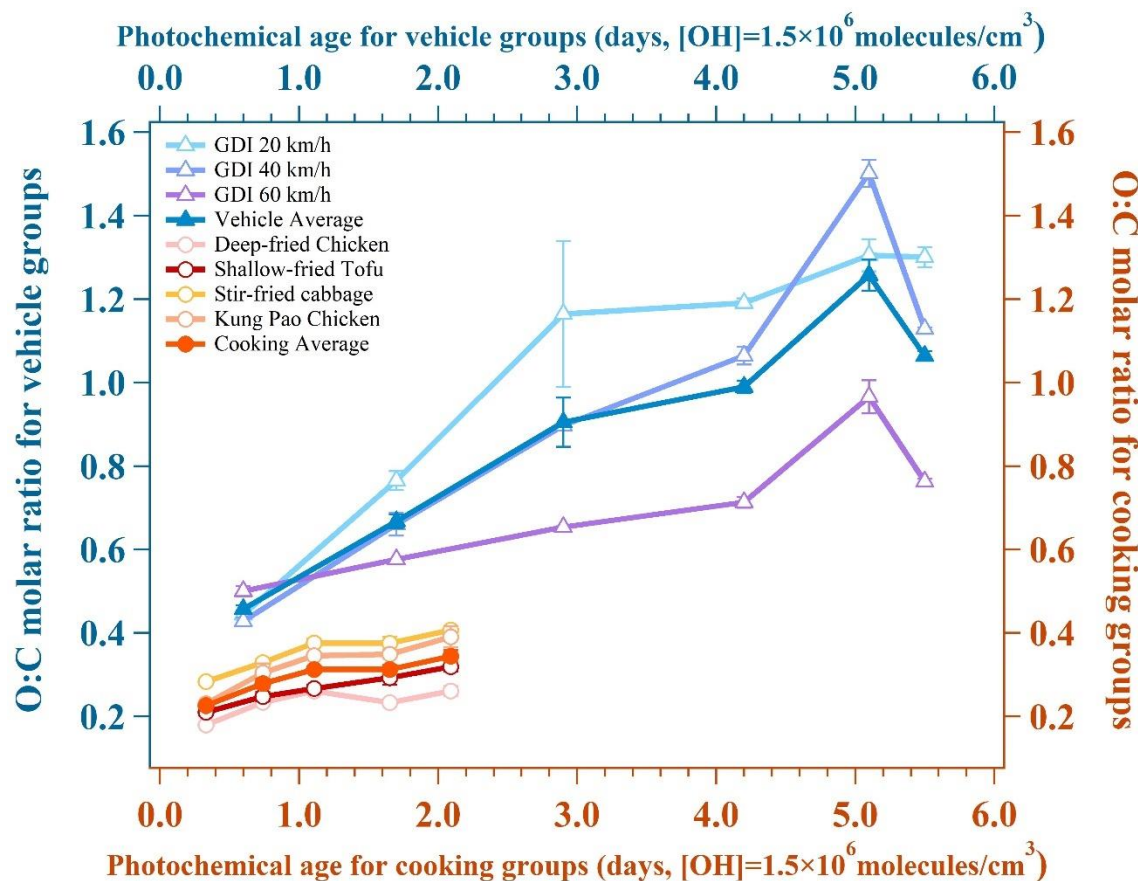
Pearson Correlation ( $\alpha=0.05$ )	Ambient HOA	Ambient COA	Ambient LO-OOA	Ambient MO-OOA
Lab Cooking POA	0.95	<b>0.86</b>	0.46	0.39
Lab Cooking LO-OOA	0.90	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.68</b>
Lab Vehicle LO-OOA	<b>0.80</b>	0.71	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.73</b>
Lab Vehicle MO-OOA	0.54	0.44	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.94</b>



**Figure 1.** Schematic of experiment system.

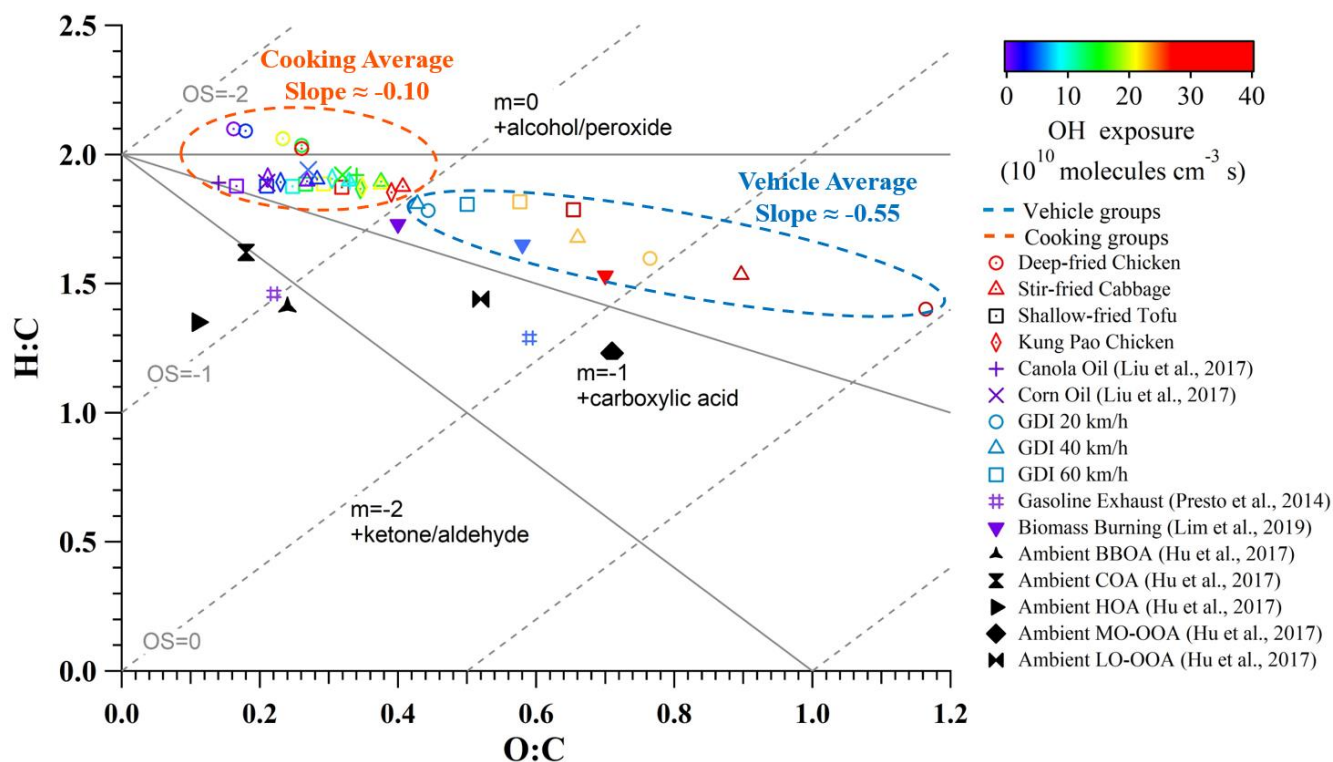


**Figure 2.** Secondary mass growth potentials for two urban lifestyle SOA. The SMPS-1 determined the mass concentration of POA, while the SMPS-2 determined the mass concentration of aged OA, and their mass difference could be regarded as the SOA. The average data and standard deviation bars are shown in the figure.

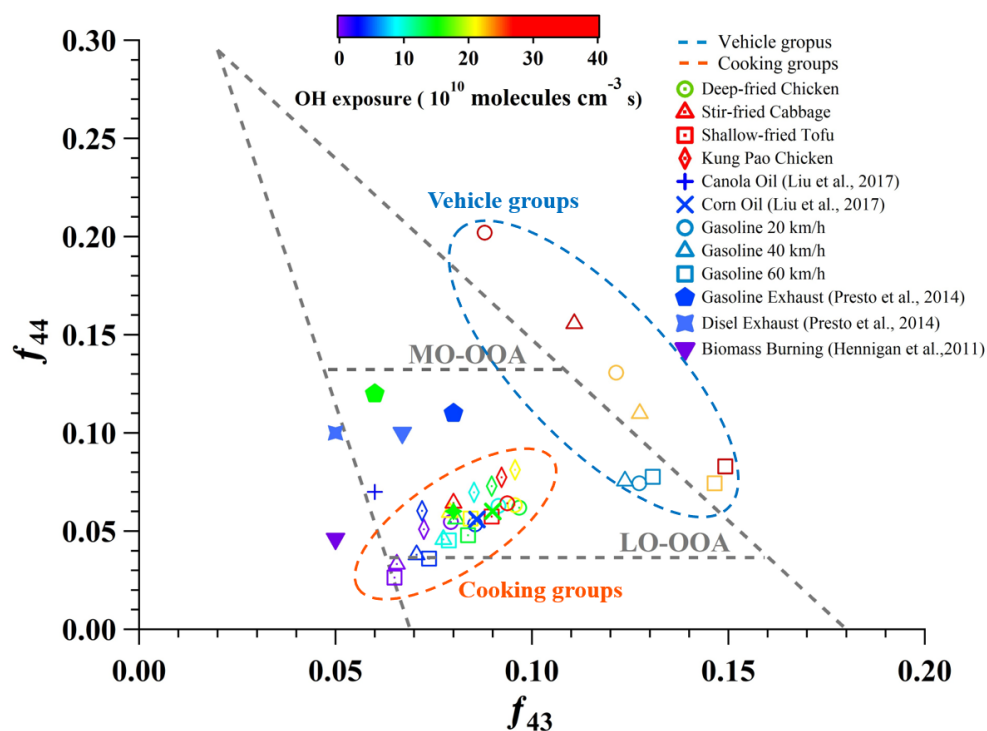


**Figure 3.** Evolution of O:C molar ratio for two urban lifestyle OA. The O:C molar ratios are determined by HR-Tof-AMS. The average data and standard deviation bars at each gradient are shown in the figure.

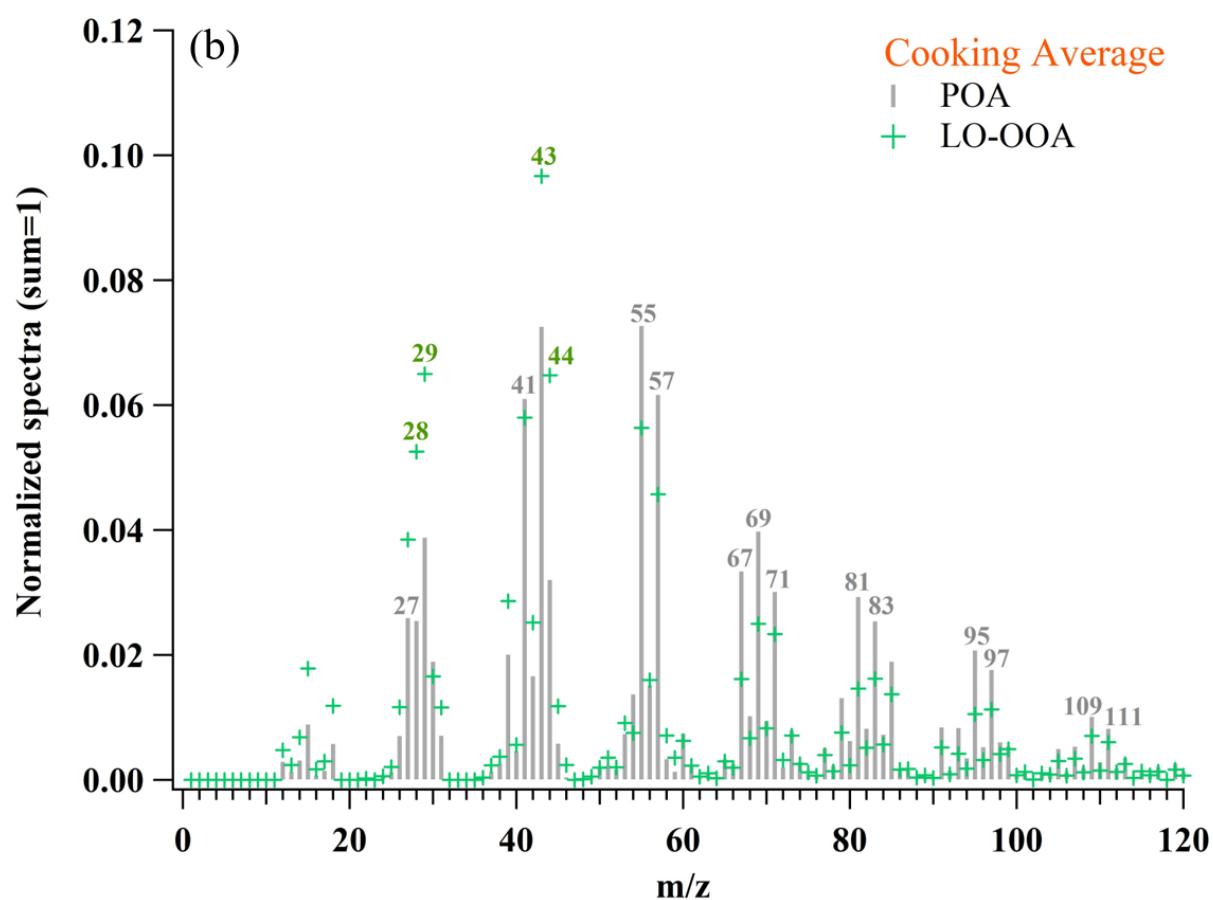
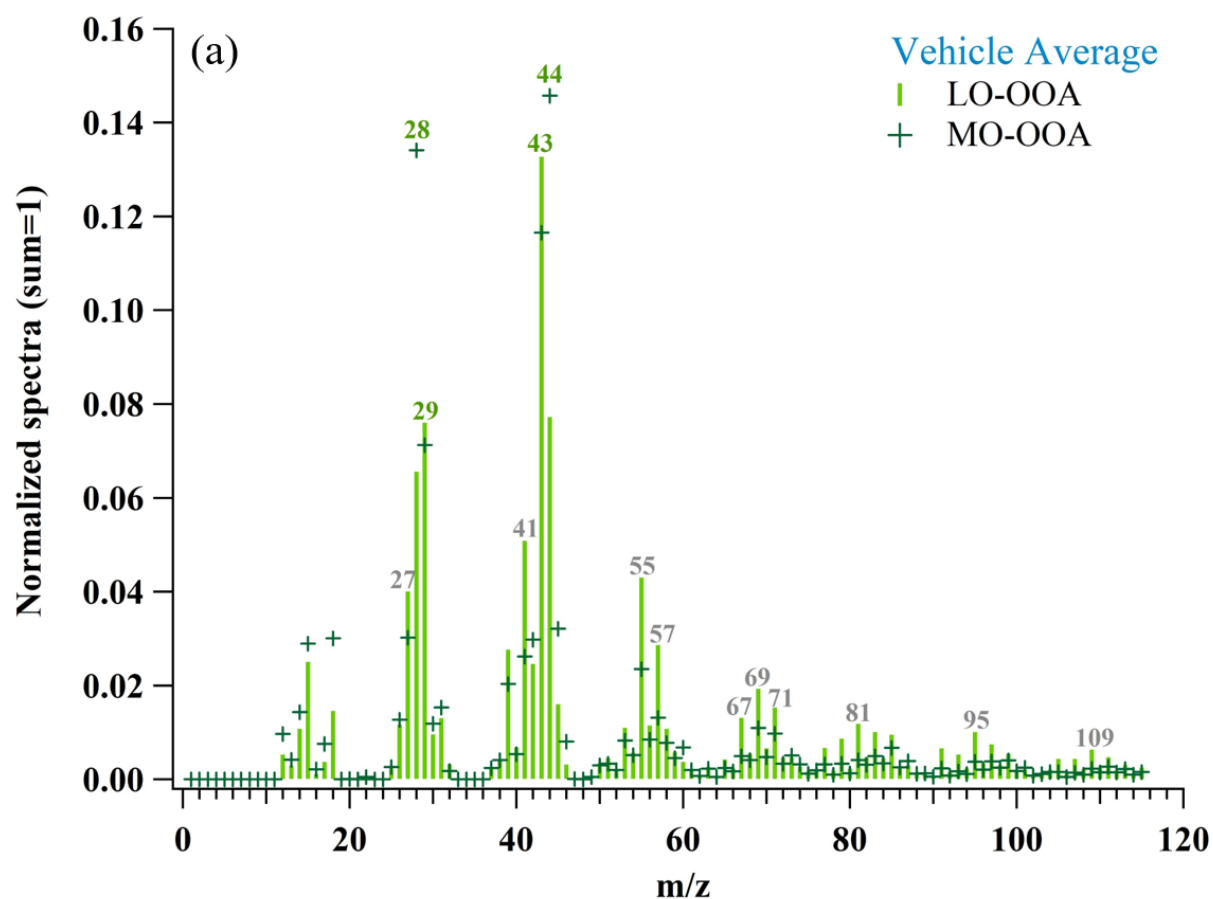




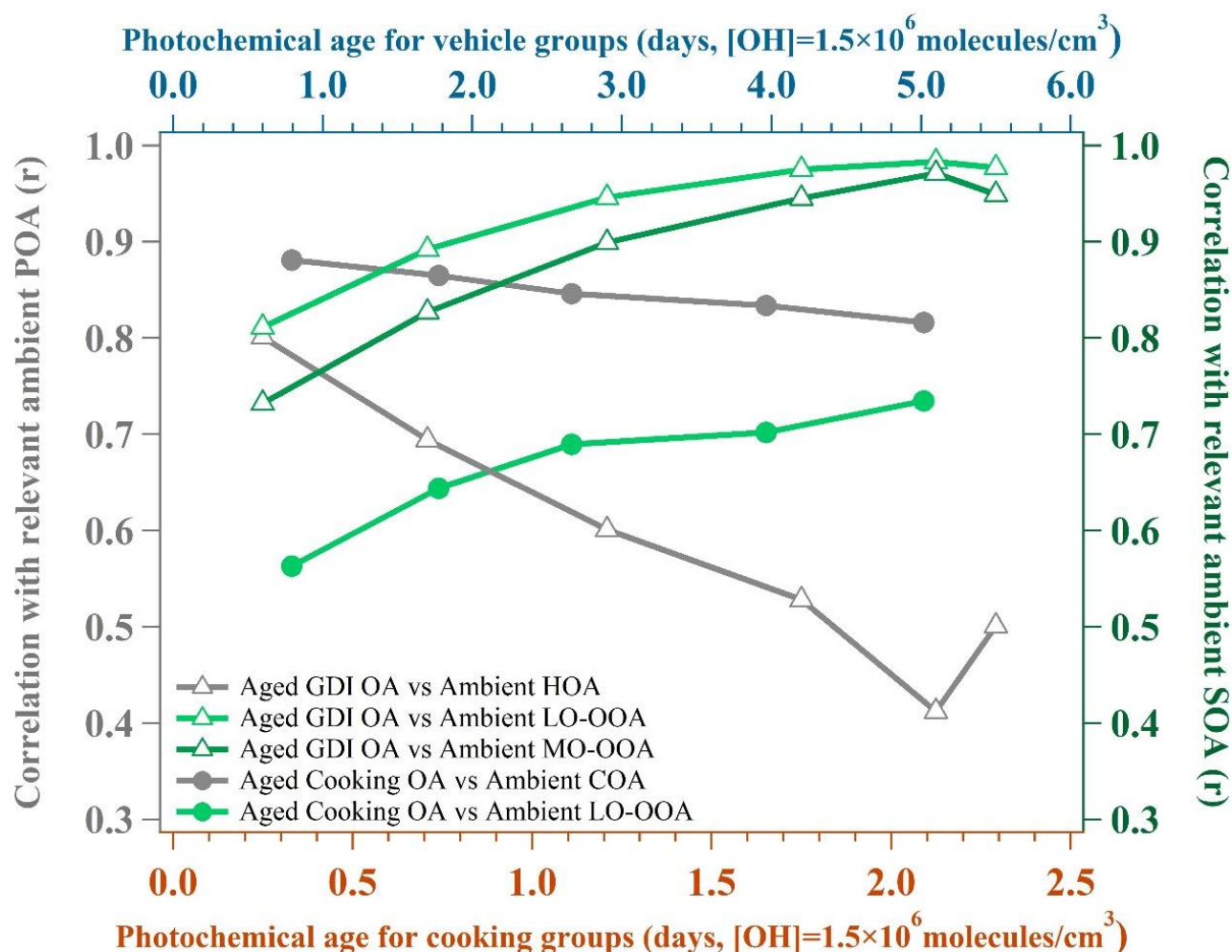
**Figure 4.** Van Krevelen diagram of OA from various sources. The O:C and H:C are determined by HR-ToF-AMS. The average data at each gradient are shown in the figure.



**Figure 5.** Fractions of entire organic signals at  $m/z$  43 ( $f_{43}$ ) vs.  $m/z$  44 ( $f_{44}$ ) from various sources as well as Ng triangle plot. The  $f_{43}$  and  $f_{44}$  are determined by HR-ToF-AMS. The average data at each gradient are shown in the figure.



**Figure 6.** Average mass spectra of OA from two urban lifestyle sources. The numbered symbols represent the  $m/z$  values with relatively large fractions. The gray symbols represent the fragments that mainly come from hydrocarbon-like fragments and the green symbols represent those mainly come from oxygen-containing fragments. The mass spectra are determined by HR-ToF-AMS. The average data are shown in the figure.



**Figure 7.** Correlation coefficients (Pearson  $r$ ) between the laboratory aged OA and published ambient PMF-OA factors with growing photochemical ages. Ambient PMF-OA factors are the average results from two field studies in Beijing (Measured at a typical urban site during autumn and winter; Autumn: Oct. 1st, 2018 – Nov. 15th, 2018; Winter: Jan. 5th, 2019 – Jan. 31st, 2019). The unit mass resolution mass spectra are determined by HR-ToF-AMS.