

Supplemental Information for  
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Southern California sources during the CalMex campaign”

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## 1 S1 Dimension reduction methods

### 2 S1.1 PMF description

3 Given a column matrix of row vectors (i.e., the sample spectra),  $\mathbf{X}$ , the forward model is expressed as  
4  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{GF} + \mathbf{E}$ .  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  are matrices comprising component strengths and profiles, respectively;  $\mathbf{E}$  is  
5 the residual matrix. The  $Q$  (or  $\chi^2$ ) value to be minimized is defined by the canonical objective function  
6  $Q = \sum_i \sum_j e_{ij}^2 / s_{ij}^2$ , where  $e_{ij}$  are the residuals (elements of  $\mathbf{E}$ ) and  $s_{ij}$  define the weighting for the fit.  
7 These weights are derived from mechanistic estimates of the measurement error (Polissar et al., 1998) for  
8 both FTIR (Russell et al., 2009b) and ACSM (Ng et al., 2011). The goodness-of-fit metric ( $Q$ ) is evaluated  
9 against a theoretical or expected value, which is approximated by the degrees of freedom in the system:  
10  $Q_{expected} \approx \nu = m \cdot n - p(m + n)$  (Paatero et al., 2002). For data sets with large number of  $n$  variables (e.g.,  
11 FTIR spectra) or large number of  $m$  samples (e.g., ACSM), is essentially the number of elements in the data  
12 matrix,  $\mathbf{X}$  (Ulbrich et al., 2009). The assumption in this model is that  $\mathbf{X}$  is composed of a signal and noise,  
13 and we wish to represent the signal with factor components and allow the residual term to carry the noise.  
14 A commonly prescribed criterion for selecting a solution is that  $Q/Q_{expected} \approx 1$ , according to the premise  
15 that  $\mathbf{S}$  represents the magnitude of noise component, and factor components are fitting only the true signal  
16 such that  $\mathbf{E} \approx \mathbf{S}$ .

17 The four-factor FTIR solution discussed has a  $Q/Q_{expected}$  value of 0.8 and is chosen as it satisfies the  
 18 criteria outlined by Russell et al. (2009b): the factor strengths are not strongly correlated ( $|r| < 0.5$ ) and  
 19 the reconstructed  $X$  matrix adequately reproduces the original spectra (Explained Variation  $> 95\%$ ). Factor  
 20 components are presumably a mixture of compounds; source classes are inferred for each of these mixtures  
 21 by examining correlations with elemental tracers and confirmed by comparison to factor spectra obtained  
 22 from previous campaigns (Russell et al., 2011). For ACSM, we choose a two-factor solution under a modified  
 23  $\mathbf{S}$  matrix (discussed in Section S1.2). The PMF analysis for both FTIR and ACSM is performed using the  
 24 PMF2 algorithm by Paatero and Tapper (1994). Exploration of parameters and evaluation of solutions are  
 25 performed using a set of scripts written in  $R$  (R Development Core Team, 2012).

## 26 S1.2 Augmentation of the ACSM PMF standard deviation matrix

27 If  $x$  = the measured signal (OM),  $u$  the true signal, and  $\epsilon$  represents the instrument noise, a scalar repre-  
 28 sentation of their relationship can be written as

$$x = u + \epsilon . \tag{S1}$$

29  $\text{Var}(\epsilon)$  is estimated from measurement errors compounded for ion counts converted to analog signals (Ng  
 30 et al., 2011). The PMF statement is equivalent to Equation (S1) except that  $\epsilon$  represents the residuals  
 31 (fitting error), which is assumed to be approximately equal to the measurement error in magnitude for  
 32 the purpose of finding a suitable solution (Paatero and Tapper, 1994). Upon an initial iteration of PMF  
 33 decomposition, we find that the  $Q/Q_{expected}$  does not converge to unity even for a large number of factors  
 34 (out to 12), suggesting that  $\mathbf{S}$  may be underestimated for this data set ( $Q/Q_{expected}$  is approximately 3  
 35 for a four-factor solution). This underestimation leads to solutions in which some of the factors appear  
 36 to representing additional noise rather than an underlying component of the true signal. To remedy this  
 37 situation, we select a solution in which the model is purposely over-fitting the data such that the factors  
 38 with the lowest loadings are fitting the noise. These components are taken as estimates of the unaccounted  
 39 measurement error and append this to the original  $\mathbf{S}$  matrix. In formula, this is expressed as  $x = u + \delta + \epsilon$ .  
 40 In this solution, a factor component,  $\delta$ , contributes little to explaining the systematic variation in  $x$  (median  
 41 correlation with any m/z signal  $\sim 0.1$ ). Therefore, the measurement error matrix is augmented by assuming  
 42 that  $\text{Var}(\delta) = \delta$  (limit of Poisson statistics) and deriving a new estimate of the standard deviation matrix.  
 43 In terms of the matrix formulation of PMF, the first decomposition yields  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{GF})_u + (\mathbf{GF})_\delta + \mathbf{E}$ ; the  
 44 standard deviation matrix  $\mathbf{S}$  is augmented as  $\mathbf{S}_{(new)} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{GF})_\delta^2 + \mathbf{S}^2}$ . This reduces the  $Q$ -value from 3.9  
 45 to 1.7 for a two-factor solution, but more importantly, eliminates the generation of solutions in which a  $\delta$   
 46 term or terms are included (i.e., components appear to represent true signals). Residuals ( $e_{ij}$ ) normalized  
 47 by the corresponding standard deviation are shown in Figure (S1).

## 48 S1.3 Comparison of ACSM spectra classification analysis by LDA and $k$ -nn 49 algorithms

50 Linear discriminant analysis (LDA) is a method for determining linear decision boundaries (hyperplanes) for  
 51 multidimensional, continuous variables, to delineate regions of observations belonging to a particular class  
 52 or category. The  $k$ -nearest neighbor ( $k$ -nn) method assigns categories to multivariate observations based on  
 53 proximity (the Euclidean distance metric is most commonly used) to elements in the training set. Details of  
 54 these statistical learning methods are described by (Hastie et al., 2009).

55 As described in Section 2, ACSM mass fragment spectra are compared to a training set of unit mass  
 56 resolution mass spectra from AMS (Ulbrich et al., 2009, 2012). As a projection of the measurements in the  
 57 space of normalized mass fragment concentration pairs (including  $f_{43}$ ,  $f_{44}$ ,  $f_{57}$ ,  $f_{60}$ ; each plotted against  $f_{44}$   
 58 shown in Figure 7) indicates that a segregation of the training set naturally lends itself to a partitioning of the  
 59 composition space such a method as linear discriminant analysis (LDA), we can obtain a first-order estimate  
 60 of the types of samples present. Given the number of assumptions required for LDA (equal covariances,  
 61 multi-normality) that are difficult to assess for the small number of samples in the training set,  $k$ -nearest

neighbor ( $k$ -nn) classification is also used to provide another method of classification subject to different a set of constraint criteria. We use a reduced set for the classification based on our understanding that m/z 43, 44, 57, and 60 are the important mass fragments that differentiate among OOA, HOA, and BBOA aerosol (Ng et al., 2011) and avoid using the full spectrum where collinearity may inflate the errors in the classification. We apply a square-root transformation of the feature vector so that normal distributions are approximated by the data, and scale each vector by its 2-norm distance. Both LDA and  $k$ -nn classifications are performed in *R* (R Development Core Team, 2012) using the `MASS` and `class` libraries, respectively. Figure S2 shows the similarities in classified fractions according to LDA and  $k$ -nn analysis.

## S1.4 Using classification analysis to approximate ensemble mixture proportions

Let us assume the existence of two end-member states,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .  $x$  represents the proportion of component  $M_1$  in a sample, obtained from feature vector  $\mathbf{v}$  of an arbitrary number of dimensions using a mapping represented by  $g_{M_1}$ . If we allow  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  to denote categories with approximately similar composition to their respective end members, we can also define an indicator function  $I_{\mathcal{M}_1}(\mathbf{v})$ :

$$I_{\mathcal{M}_1}(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{M}_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } \mathbf{v} \notin \mathcal{M}_1 \end{cases} .$$

According to this formulation, the result of classification analysis is to alternatively represent the feature vector for each sample with a discrete (binary) value,  $x'$ , rather than a continuous variable,  $x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x &= g_{M_1}(\mathbf{v}) \\ x' &= I_{\mathcal{M}_1}(\mathbf{v}) . \end{aligned}$$

The expected value of  $X'$  (a Bernoulli random variable) can be shown to approximate the ensemble average of  $X$  (a continuous random variable) according to the indicator function. That is to say that we approximate  $E(X)$  with  $E(X')$  by replacing  $x$  with  $x'$  for each sample  $i$ :

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n g_{M_1}(\mathbf{v}_i) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_i^n I_{\mathcal{M}_1}(\mathbf{v}_i) = \frac{n_{\mathcal{M}_1}}{n} , \quad (\text{S2})$$

where  $n$  is the total number of samples and  $n_{\mathcal{M}_1}$  is the number of samples classified into category  $\mathcal{M}_1$ . The right-hand side of Equation (S2) follows from the fact that the estimator for  $E(X')$  is  $\hat{p} = n_{\mathcal{M}_1}/n$ . This concept can be extended to extended to  $N$  exhaustive end-member states by specification of complementary indicator functions such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^N I_{\mathcal{M}_k}(\mathbf{v}_i) = 1 \quad \forall i = \{1, \dots, n\} .$$

To fix ideas in a simple, one-dimensional case with two end members, let  $x = \mathbf{v}$  and  $g_{M_1}$  be the identity function. We define the indicator function in terms of a threshold value,  $\phi_{\mathcal{M}_1}$ , such that  $I_{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) = \Phi(-x + \phi_{\mathcal{M}_1})$ .  $\Phi$  is the Heaviside unit step function;  $\phi_{\mathcal{M}_1}$  is the threshold below which  $x$  is categorized as  $\mathcal{M}_1$  (and above as  $\mathcal{M}_2$ ). The probability distribution of the Bernoulli random variable,  $X'$ , is related to the continuous distribution of the original variable such that

$$E(X') = \Pr(X' = 1) = \Pr(X \in \mathcal{M}_1) = \Pr(X \leq \phi_{\mathcal{M}_1})$$

since the empirical cumulative distribution function (c.d.f.) of  $X$  also has the form  $\Pr(X \leq \phi) = \Phi(-x + \phi)$  where  $\phi$  is any value in the domain of  $X$ , which is  $[0,1]$ . Markov's inequality (Wasserman, 2010) can approximately constrain the complementary c.d.f. for a continuous distribution from its expected value. Since in our example the c.d.f. is equal to  $E(X')$ , this inequality can give us some indication of how  $E(X)$  and  $E(X')$  are related in this specific case. If we let  $\Delta = |E(X') - E(X)|$ , then  $\Delta \leq E(X') [1 + \phi_{\mathcal{M}_1}] - \phi_{\mathcal{M}_1}$ ,

94 and we can bound the magnitude of the approximation (between  $E(X)$  and  $E(X')$ ) for choice of  $\phi_{\mathcal{M}_1}$  and  
 95 estimated values of  $E(X')$  (and also minimize  $\Delta$  with respect to  $\phi_{\mathcal{M}_1}$ ). While many classification algorithms  
 96 preclude definition of a simple threshold and each estimation method may require different preparation of  
 97 feature vectors to satisfy required assumptions, this illustration shows a very simple case in which discrete  
 98 categorizations can be used to approximate mixture proportions. In the more general case, if we define  
 99  $d = I_{\mathcal{M}_1}(\mathbf{v}) - g_{\mathcal{M}_1}(\mathbf{v})$ , then  $\Delta = |E(D)|$  (from Equation S2). Therefore, we expect that the bias in estimation  
 100 between the two methods would depend on the distribution of  $D$ .

101 It should be noted that the correctness of the approximation strongly depends on the classification  
 102 scheme which defines the indicator functions. Therefore, the solution of 88/12% OOA/HOA (Section S1.5)  
 103 rather than 60/40% OOA-1/OOA-2 (Section 3.2) apportionment cannot be ruled out, especially if the  
 104 feature vectors or classification algorithm cannot fully discriminate between HOA and OOA-2 if they are  
 105 approximately collinear along a continuum of oxidation states. But as stated in Section 3.2, this partitioning  
 106 affects the estimation of the more and less oxygenated fractions, but their respective trends are robust with  
 107 respect to either interpretation. Therefore, the source association of the components based on the diurnal  
 108 variations showed in Figure 8 remains unchanged.

## 109 S1.5 Additional methods for ACSM spectra analysis: SVD and regression anal- 110 ysis (CMB)

111 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) on the sample matrix  $\mathbf{X}$  (which does not account for the measure-  
 112 ment error matrix,  $\mathbf{S}$ ) indicates that two components explain approximately 80% of the variation in the  
 113 measurements, consistent with an Explained Variation of 80% from PMF analysis for a two-component  
 114 solution.

115 Regression analysis, often referred to as a Chemical Mass Balance (CMB) approach (Chow and Watson,  
 116 2002; Ng et al., 2011), to component apportionment is also used but yielded results not consistent with the  
 117 domain delineated by Figure 7 because of the large collinearity among regressands. Approximate apportion-  
 118 ment to HOA and OOA ( $HOA_{\text{est}}$  and  $OOA_{\text{est}}$ , respectively) from unit-mass resolution AMS measurements  
 119 using OM-equivalent concentrations of mass fragments 44 and 57 ( $C_{44}$  and  $C_{57}$ , respectively) is suggested  
 120 by Ng et al. (2011):

$$\begin{pmatrix} HOA_{\text{est}} \\ OOA_{\text{est}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & b & a \cdot b \\ d & 0 & c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ C_{57} \\ C_{44} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{S3})$$

121 Using Equation (S3) with coefficients  $\{a = 0.095, b = 15.2, c = 6.92, d = 0.07\}$  estimated from median  
 122 values of various campaigns (Ng et al., 2011) provides an alternate method of partitioning the OM into  
 123 more and less oxygenated fractions. The HOA and OOA apportioned using this method correlate well  
 124 with OOA-2 ( $r=0.86$ ) and OOA-1 ( $r=0.77$ ), respectively. Therefore, conclusions dependent on the relative  
 125 variation of the less oxygenated and more oxygenated components in time are robust with respect to either  
 126 interpretation. However, the regression coefficients  $\beta = \{\text{intercept}, \text{slope}\}$  are  $\{-0.25, 0.46\}$  for  $HOA_{\text{est}}$  on OOA-  
 127 2, and  $\{-0.5, 1.8\}$  for  $OOA_{\text{est}}$  on OOA-1. This alternative interpretation would suggest that the transported  
 128 fraction to OM may be as high as 88% – rather than 60% as suggested using the OOA-1 and OOA-2 PMF  
 129 solution – based on the justified assumption that the majority of the more oxygenated fraction of OM is  
 130 due to long-range transport (Section 3.3). However, more weight is placed on the OOA-1 and OOA-2 PMF  
 131 solution as it is derived for measurements at the Tijuana site specifically, and the solution is supported by  
 132 the chemical composition space delineated by Figure 7 and classification analysis discussed in section S1.3.

## 133 S2 Apportionment of OM

### 134 S2.1 Synthesis of FTIR and ACSM PMF solutions

135 As the FTIR and ACSM provides complementary information regarding the organic fraction of ambient  
 136 aerosols, we wish to harmonize our interpretation of our measurements by combining the information re-

137 trievied from both instruments. One method is to combine measurements from both instruments into a  
 138 single data matrix for multivariate PMF analysis, which poses many challenges. For instance, the num-  
 139 ber of variables provided by each instrument are different; appropriate downweighting must be applied to  
 140 reduce redundancies for each instrument, and for one set of measurement with respect to the other such  
 141 that one is not favored more heavily in the solution. These issues are effectively handled through the ad-  
 142 justment of the standard deviation matrix; a bottom-up approach to specification of this matrix, including  
 143 the measurement-uncertainty component, requires absolute calibration such that they are comparable across  
 144 instruments. Slowik et al. (2010) combined measurements from an AMS and PTR-MS to find covarying  
 145 mass-fragments from PMF analysis, and iteratively adjusted the elements of the standard deviation matrix  
 146 (collectively by instrument) with a single scaling factor to obtain empirical weightings such that mass frag-  
 147 ments from both instruments were well represented and reproduced by the solutions. In this way, Slowik  
 148 et al. (2010) retained relative weights (due to measurement uncertainties) for each instrument, but adjusted  
 149 overall according to their information content with respect to the other instrument. Combining absorbance  
 150 and mass fragment spectra for PMF analysis could possibly be approached in this way to ensure that solu-  
 151 tions represent apportionment based on variation, rather than (possibly miscalibrated) variance. However,  
 152 in this work, we adopt a naive approach which provides an interpretation of the two measurements after  
 153 PMF decomposition has been applied independently.

154 Taking a rather extreme perspective, we assume FTIR PMF components retain information regarding  
 155 source class (Russell et al., 2011) and ACSM PMF components indicate information regarding aerosol age  
 156 (Jimenez et al., 2009). From this analysis we attempt to approximate age of OM attributed to each source  
 157 class (from which notions of local and remote origins emerge). Let  $OM_A$  and  $OM_F$  represent OM concentra-  
 158 tions measured by ACSM and FTIR, respectively, and  $OM_C$  represent the OM concentration measured by  
 159 both techniques (for a single sample). Disregarding non-systematic disturbances to each set of measurements  
 160 (PMF presumably retains the signal to factor components and apportions these disturbances to the residual  
 161 term), it is assumed that the primary differences among these metrics of OM are the unmeasured compounds  
 162 or organic aerosol fractions due to reasons described in Section 3.2.  $\alpha$  is a vector which indicates the frac-  
 163 tion of OM attributed to components  $\mathcal{A} = \{\text{OOA-1, OOA-2}\}$  from ACSM PMF analysis, or components  
 164  $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{FF1, FF2, BB}\}$  from FTIR PMF analysis (as denoted by subscripts). The Marine factor is excluded  
 165 from this portion of the analysis as we expect marine organic OM associated with non-refractory sea salt  
 166 not to be measured by the ACSM (Section 3.2). We additionally define a vector of all ones,  $\mathbf{1}_m$ , where  $m$   
 167 indicates the number of elements (often defined here by the cardinality of a set,  $|\cdot|$ , or number of samples,  
 168  $n$ ). Using these definitions,  $OM_C$  can be defined in terms of the fractional sum of components for each  
 169 instrument:  $OM_C = OM_A \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{A}|} = OM_F \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|}$ . In this context,  $\mathbf{1}_m$  is introduced as a postfix operator  
 170 which sums elements of a vector (or rows or columns of matrices, depending on orientation). In our present  
 171 specification,  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{A}|}$  and  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|}$  are not required to equal unity, as the marine component for FTIR has  
 172 been excluded from  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}$ , for instance. We can eliminate the explicit references to  $OM$  by redefining  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  
 173  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}$  with scaling factors  $OM_A/OM_C$  and  $OM_F/OM_C$ , respectively, such that

$$1 = \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{A}|} = \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|} \quad (\text{S4})$$

174 The proportion of  $OM_C$  attributed to any component from one measurement can be described with respect  
 175 to contributions from the other, which follows from Equation (S4):

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}} &= \alpha_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|} \\ \alpha_{\mathcal{F}} &= \alpha_{\mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{A}|} . \end{aligned} \quad (\text{S5})$$

176 The two outer products,  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}} \alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T$  and  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}} \alpha_{\mathcal{A}}^T$ , define the fraction of FTIR components associated with ACSM  
 177 components, and vice versa. For instance, the former case (Equation S5) is also written,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}} \\ \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}} \alpha_{\text{FF1}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}} \alpha_{\text{FF2}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}} \alpha_{\text{BB}} \\ \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}} \alpha_{\text{FF1}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}} \alpha_{\text{FF2}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}} \alpha_{\text{BB}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{S6})$$

178 where the first matrix on the right-hand side is  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T$ . Campaign-averaged contributions for  $OM_C\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T$  are  
 179 shown in Figure S3. Averaged quantities of  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T$  and  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}^T$  are essentially a measure of the uncentered  
 180 covariance scaled by individual measurements of OM. To illustrate this interpretation, let us define two  
 181 matrices,  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}$  for ACSM and FTIR measurements, respectively, which contain all rescaled values of  
 182  $\alpha$  for the campaign:

$$183 \quad \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} = (\alpha_{\mathcal{A},1} \quad \alpha_{\mathcal{A},2} \quad \dots \quad \alpha_{\mathcal{A},n}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}}^T \\ \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}}^T \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} = (\alpha_{\mathcal{F},1} \quad \alpha_{\mathcal{F},2} \quad \dots \quad \alpha_{\mathcal{F},n}) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{FF1}}^T \\ \alpha_{\text{FF2}}^T \\ \alpha_{\text{BB}}^T \end{pmatrix} .$$

184 Each matrix of  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined in two equivalent representations, either as 1) vectors containing component  
 185 fractions,  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A},i}$  or  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F},i}$  – with second indices indicating the sample number – or 2) vectors containing OM  
 186 mass fractions for each PMF component in  $\mathcal{A}$  or  $\mathcal{F}$ , with number of dimensions equal to the number of  
 187 measurements,  $n$ , in the campaign. We adopt the second notation for illustrating similarities to the array  
 188 notation of  $\alpha_{\mathcal{A}}\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}^T$  displayed in Equation (S6). We can restate the equality in OM reconstruction for each  
 189 sample (Equation S4):

$$\mathbf{1}_n = \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{A}|} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|} ,$$

190 and define their averages:

$$\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{1}_n = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|} \tag{S7}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{1}_n = \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}^T \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{A}|} . \tag{S8}$$

191 A product of  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}$  will yield uncentered covariances across components (scaled by the number of  
 192 observations,  $n$ ):

$$\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T = \frac{1}{n} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}}^T \alpha_{\text{FF1}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}}^T \alpha_{\text{FF2}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}}^T \alpha_{\text{BB}} \\ \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}}^T \alpha_{\text{FF1}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}}^T \alpha_{\text{FF2}} & \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}}^T \alpha_{\text{BB}} \end{pmatrix} .$$

193 Russell et al. (2009a) explored linear relationships between fragments and bonds measured by AMS  
 194 and FTIR, respectively, through ordinary regression. We consider this approach for explaining variations  
 195 in  $\alpha$ s in  $\mathcal{A}$  through linear combinations of  $\alpha$ s in  $\mathcal{F}$ . We extend individual statements of regression to  
 196 a multivariate, multiple regression expression,  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} = \beta^T \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} + \mathbf{E}$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is the residual matrix. The  
 197 expected value of  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}$  can be written as  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{H}^T$ . A possible solution for the regression coefficients  
 198 are  $\hat{\beta} = (\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}^T$ , and the hat (projection) matrix can be defined as  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T \hat{\beta} (\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}^T)^{-1} =$   
 199  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T (\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Of course, a naive solution is proposed for illustration in this case, but non-negativity  
 200 should be considered in the actual specification of  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ . To summarize the two approaches based on  
 201 Equation S8 and Russell et al. (2009a), we can postfix  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{\text{OOA-1}}^T \\ \alpha_{\text{OOA-2}}^T \end{pmatrix}$  with either  $\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}} \mathbf{1}_{|\mathcal{F}|}$  to get  $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha}_{\text{OOA-1}} \\ \hat{\alpha}_{\text{OOA-2}} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  
 202 or with  $\mathbf{H}^T$  to get  $\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\alpha}_{\text{OOA-1}}^T \\ \hat{\alpha}_{\text{OOA-2}}^T \end{pmatrix}$ . The former statement makes a remark regarding the marginal expectation  
 203  $E(X)$  from the joint expectation  $E(X, Y)$ , and the latter, the conditional expectation  $E(X|Y = y)$ , where  $X$   
 204 and  $Y$  are used to denote any pair of covariates in standard scalar notation. The relationship between  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}}$   
 205 and  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}$  are embodied in  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{A}_{\mathcal{F}}^T$  in the former case, and  $\hat{\beta}$  (matrix of regression coefficients) for the latter  
 206 case.

207 Since the separation between FTIR FF1 and FF2 are thought to be in degree of oxygenation (Russell  
 208 et al., 2011), the expectation is that FF1 and FF2 are less and more aged, respectively, which is not supported  
 209 by this analysis if OOA-1 and OOA-2 are strictly interpreted as indicators of age in Tijuana. It is therefore  
 210 possible that there are other factors which lead to the separation of ACSM OM into OOA-1 and OOA-  
 211 2, and FTIR OM into FF1 and FF2 at this location. For instance, there may be aspects of molecular  
 212 composition that are similar (from the perspective of the ACSM mass spectra) across different source types,  
 213 and therefore an overlap in functional groups apportioned to OOA-1 and OOA-2. Using the same method

214 (Equation ??) but letting  $\alpha_{\mathcal{F}}$  represent FTIR OFG fractions rather than PMF factor fractions, we can  
215 estimate OFG contributions (sans marine OM) to the different ACSM PMF factors and provide support for  
216 this interpretation (Figure S4). As discussed in Section 3.2, another interpretation (not mutually exclusive  
217 with respect to the previous statement) is that some fraction of FF2 is associated with non-refractory mineral  
218 dust (Section 3.2). OM associated with this material is not believed to be sampled by ACSM. Regarding the  
219 separation of other components (e.g., BB) between OOA-1 and OOA-2 fractions, the coarse time resolution  
220 of the FTIR measurements may also affect the ability to resolve component contributions well (Henry, 2003).

221 Liggio et al. (2010) apportioned HOA to primary (local) OM, and OOA to a combination of aged back-  
222 ground OM and locally-produced SOA. In our case, we conclude that local production of SOA was small at  
223 our measurement site, based on estimates of diurnal increases in OM during photochemically active periods  
224 (approximately noon each day) and consistently high degree of oxygenation (Sections 3.2 and 3.3). With  
225 similar reasoning, we consider our less oxygenated aerosol (OOA-2) to local aerosol and more oxygenated  
226 (OOA-1) as aged. As a zeroth-order estimate, we disregard the separation in fossil fuel combustion OM  
227 by FTIR PMF into FF1 and FF2 and consider this as a single source component, and evaluate the local  
228 and regional contributions based on the degree of oxygenation of mass fragment spectra (Jimenez et al.,  
229 2009). In this case, 60% of the FF OM is associated with OOA-1 (50% if we disregard FF2 contribution to  
230 OM measured by FTIR in accordance with our previously stated hypothesis); this value may be considered  
231 a lower bound on the average contribution of anthropogenic combustion-related material transported to  
232 Tijuana (and oxygenated in the process) from regional sources (Section 3.3).

## 233 S2.2 Mass fragment and VOC ratios

### 234 S2.2.1 Lag-time correlations

235 The hourly lag time correlations between ACSM mass fragments and selected VOCs from PTR-MS mea-  
236 surements, as discussed in Section 3.3, are shown in Figure S5.

### 237 S2.2.2 Toluene-to-benzene ratios

238 The toluene-to-benzene ratio,  $R_{[T/B]}$ , is used as a metric of age and a parameter by which oxygenated  
239 aerosol is fractionated into primary and secondary, and background OM (e.g., Liggio et al., 2010). While  
240 requirements for chemical specificity precludes apportionment using ACSM mass spectra, correlations of  
241  $R_{[T/B]}$  with O/C ratio, and OOA-1 and OOA-2 normalized by OM (Figure S6) suggests that constant and  
242 point-source emission assumption (Liggio et al., 2010) required for  $R_{[T/B]}$  analysis are not likely to be valid.  
243 Despite the constant wind direction/ direction of origin of airmasses to Tijuana, it may be the case that  
244 that mixing of airmasses or the existence of multiple sources along the trajectory path leads to inconsistent  
245 proportions of toluene to benzene with which to measure airmass age.

## 246 S3 Meteorological analysis

247 Wind speed are estimated to vary between 2-5 m/s as calculated by the HYSPLIT model (Figure S7)  
248 streamlines with end-heights of 10, 50, and 100 m as described in Section 2. Using these values, The aged  
249 aerosol formed  $\geq 10$  hours prior is determined to lie beyond the Tijuana and San Diego regions (Figure S8).

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Table S1: Summary of instruments used in this work. Further details are described in Section 2.

Analytical method	Measurement	Time resolution
FTIR	PM <sub>1</sub> total OM and organic functional group abundance	6-12 hours
ACSM	Nonrefractory (NR) PM <sub>1</sub> mass (SO <sub>4</sub> , NO <sub>3</sub> , NH <sub>4</sub> , Cl, Organics) and organic molecular mass fragments	15-30 minutes
XRF	PM <sub>1</sub> elemental composition	6-12 hours
PTR-MS	VOC compound concentrations from mass fragment analysis	10 minutes
SP2	Size-resolved black carbon number and mass concentrations (only total number concentrations used in this work)	Single-particle
STXM-NEXAFS	Individual Morphology and composition of carbonaceous particles	Single-particle

Table S2: Organic aerosol spectra components or classes derived for FTIR absorbance spectra and ACSM mass fragment spectra. Further details are described in Section 3 and text of this document.

Instrument	Method	Components or classes (campaign average $\pm$ standard deviation, or range in estimated value from multiple methods)
FTIR	PMF	FF1 (40 $\pm$ 28%), FF2 (17 $\pm$ 19%), BB (20 $\pm$ 20%), Marine (23 $\pm$ 24%)
FTIR	Nonlinear regression	hydroxyl (22 $\pm$ 13%), alkane (44 $\pm$ 9%), carboxylic acid (26 $\pm$ 7%), ketonic carbonyl (3 $\pm$ 5%), primary amine (5 $\pm$ 2%), and organic nitrate (0.3 $\pm$ 0.3%) functional groups
ACSM	PMF	OOA-1 (60 $\pm$ 19%), OOA-2 (40 $\pm$ 19%)
ACSM	Linear regression	OOA (88 $\pm$ 19%), HOA (12 $\pm$ 19%)
ACSM	Classification	OOA-1 (69-77%), OOA-2 (20-26%), BBOA (2-4%), HOA (1-2%)

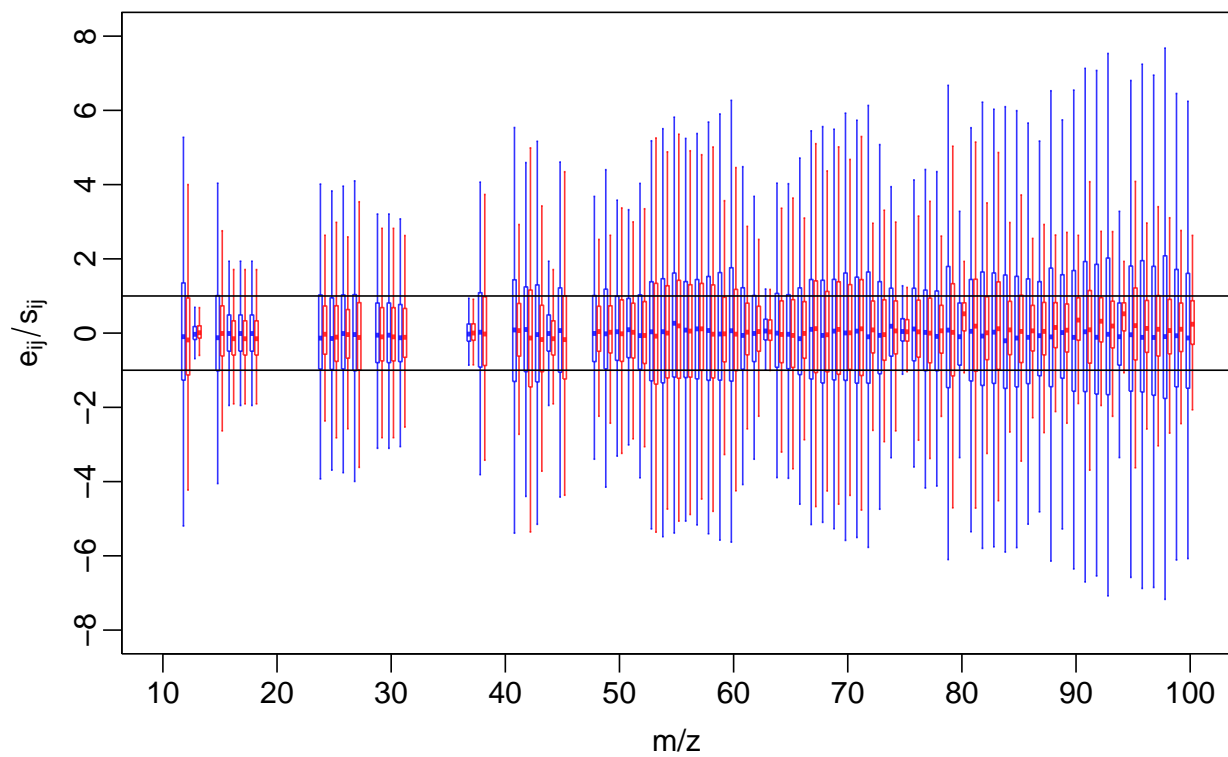


Figure S1: Residuals normalized by corresponding standard deviation values (original in blue; revised in red). Thick, horizontal lines indicate median values, boxes span interquartile range, and whiskers span 1.5 times the interquartile range. Black, horizontal lines are drawn at values of  $\pm 1$ .

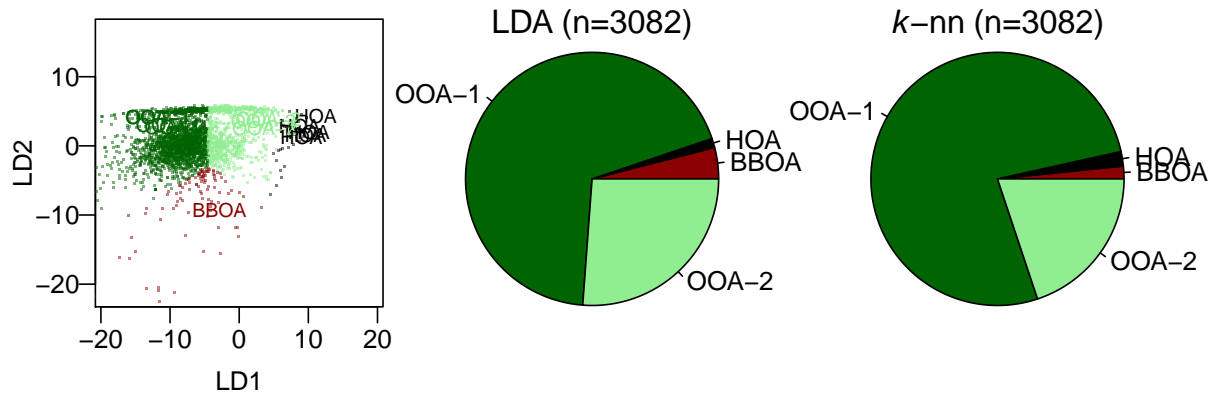


Figure S2: Feature vectors projected onto the space of the first two linear discriminants, and classified fractions of sample spectra according to LDA and  $k$ -nn methods (from left to right).

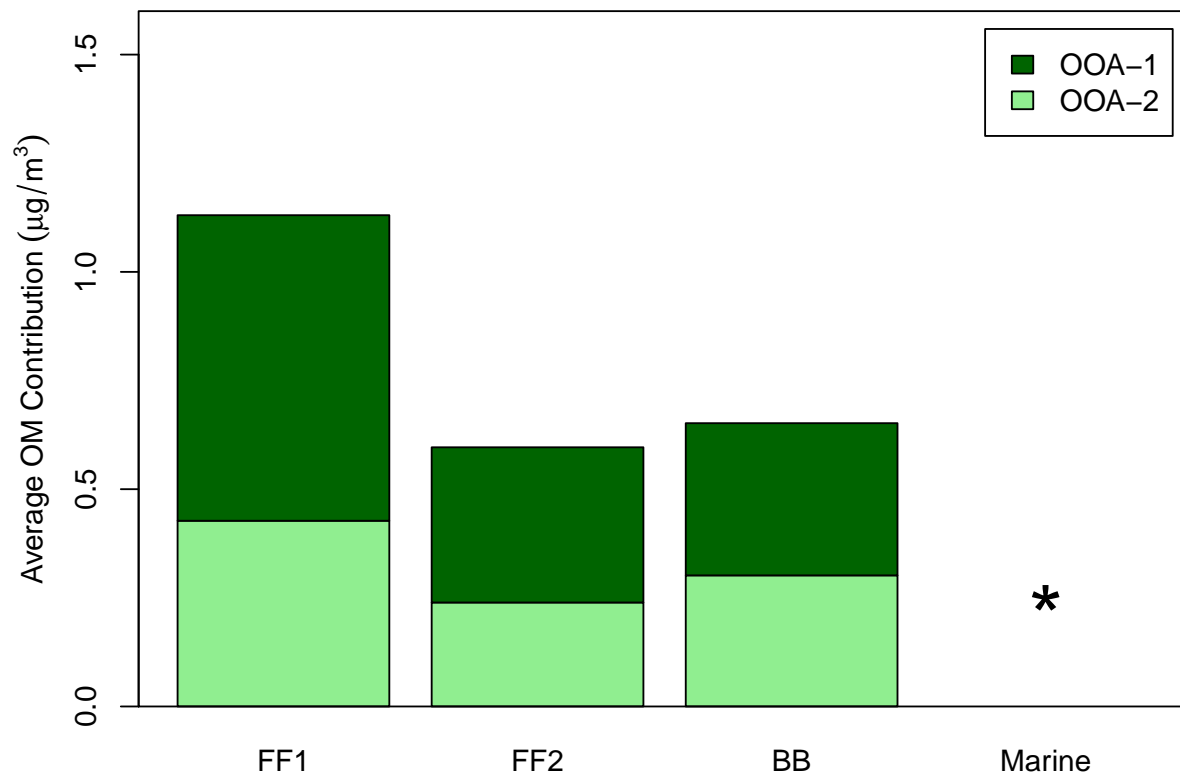


Figure S3: Proportion of FTIR PMF factors associated with ACSM PMF factors, estimated from Equation (S6). Asterisk indicates component not included in OM sum.

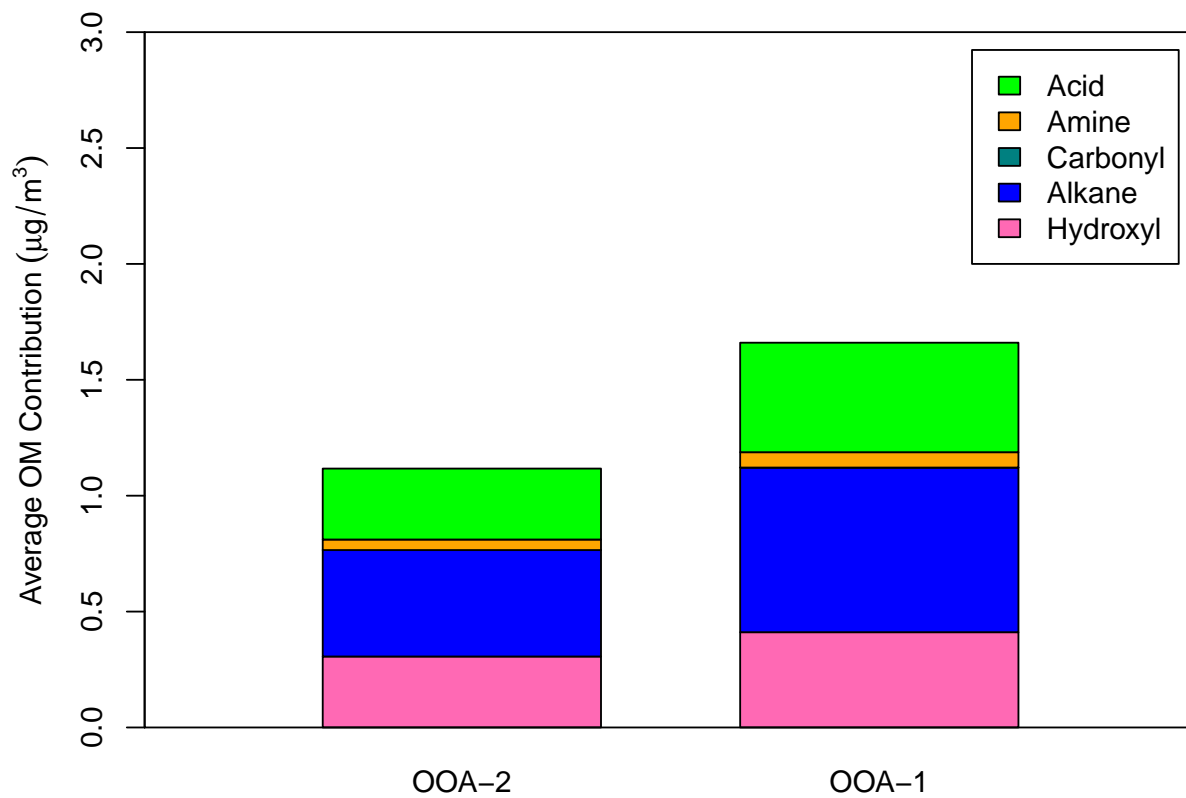


Figure S4: Proportion of FTIR (non-marine) OFG associated with ACSM PMF factors, estimated from Equation (S6) with modifications described in Section S2.1.

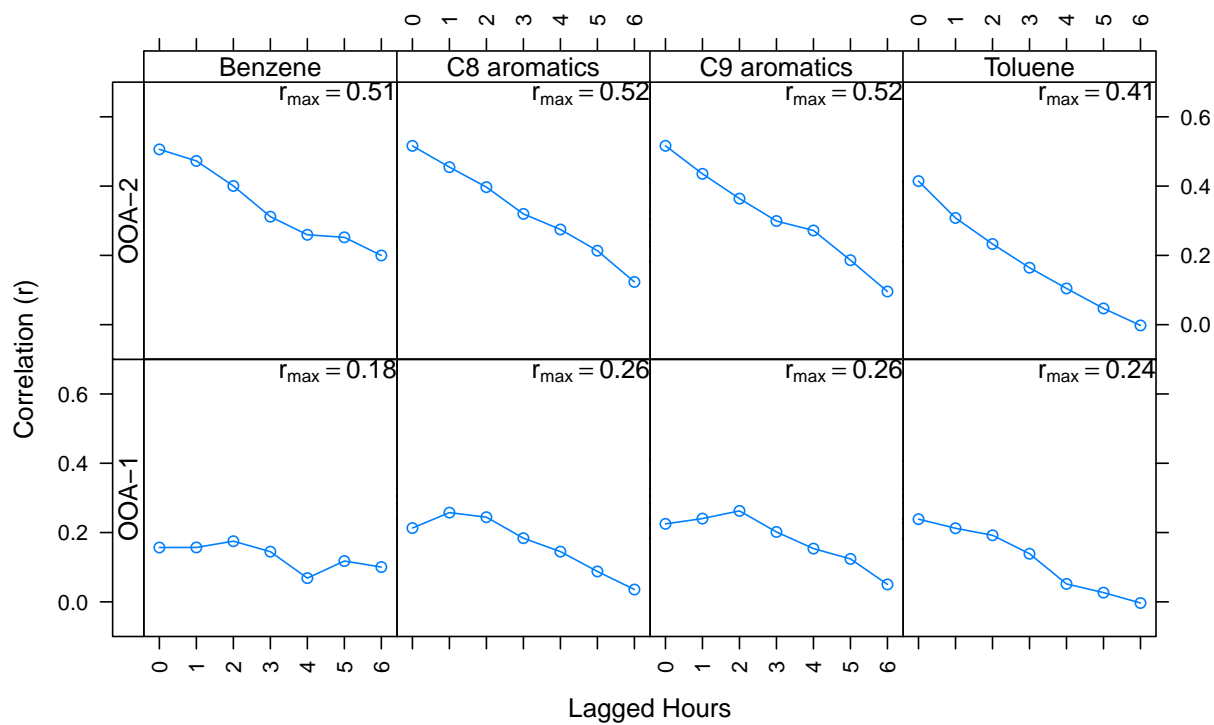


Figure S5: Lagged correlations of ACSM PMF factors with VOCs measured by PTR-MS.

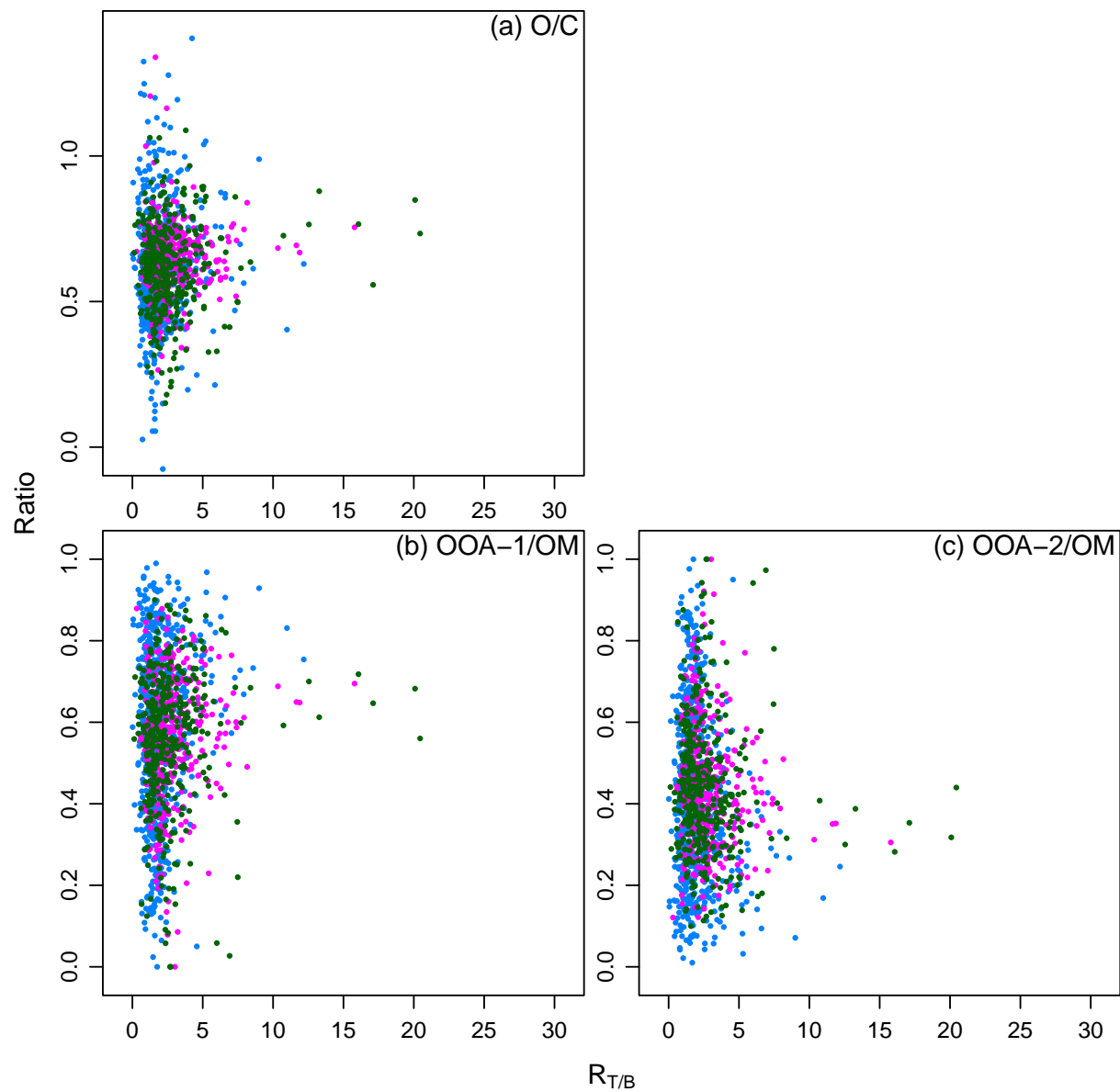


Figure S6: O/C ratio and PMF-factor fractions of OM as a function of Toluene-to-benzene ratio ( $R_{T/B}$ ). Color indicates time of day: evening (blue), morning (pink), afternoon (green).



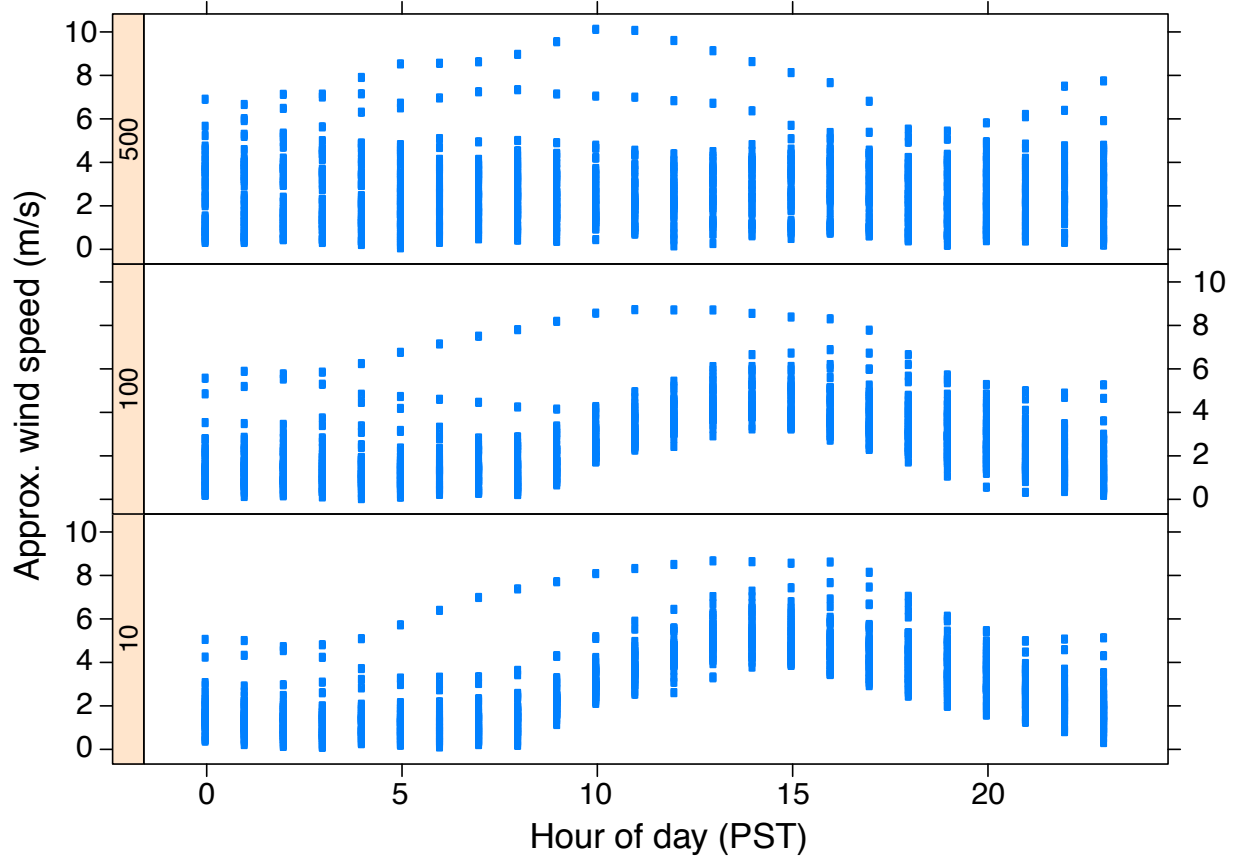


Figure S7: Wind speeds estimated by HYSPLIT model at altitudes of 10, 100, and 500 m shown in vertical panels from bottom to top, respectively.

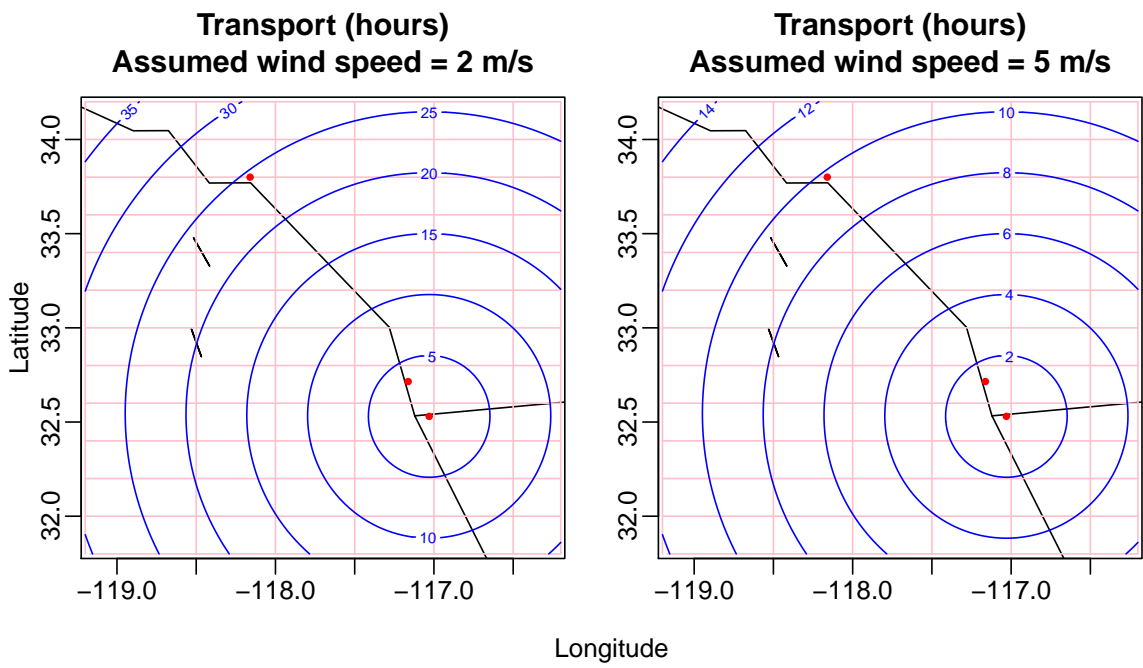


Figure S8: Transport times (blue) required for airmasses to reach Tijuana, estimated for fixed wind speeds of 2 and 5 m/s. Red dots from north to south represent Long Beach, CA, San Diego, CA, and Tijuana (Parque Morelos), Mexico.