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Naphthalene-derived secondary organic aerosols interfacial photosensitizing properties

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21 **Introduction**

22 The following text, tables, and figures are referred to as supplementary material in the main text.
23 Text sections S1-S3 provide detailed information on HRMS analysis of Nap-derived SOA,
24 chemical characteristics of Nap-derived SOA, and SMPS and AMS measurements, respectively.
25 Figures S1-S2 show the histograms of atom number in C- (black) and O- (red) containing
26 compounds and the Van Krevelen diagram for CHO compounds detected in Nap-derived SOA
27 samples. Table S1 lists all organic compounds in Nap-derived SOA, together with their m/z , peak
28 abundances, RDBE, and elemental ratios.

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30 **Text S1. HRMS analysis of Nap-derived SOA**

31 Nap-derived SOA was collected onto 47 mm quartz fiber filters (Tissuquartz 2500QAT, PALL
32 Life Sciences) with a sampling time of 15 min at the flow rate of 4.05 L min^{-1} . The blank samples
33 were collected using the same procedure but without injecting naphthalene. All filter samples were
34 extracted with two subsequent 6 mL extractions of acetonitrile (Optima® LC/MS, Fischer
35 Scientific, USA) and agitated for 20 min on an orbital shaker set at 1000 rpm. The combined
36 extracts were filtered through a $0.2 \mu\text{m}$ polytetrafluoroethylene membrane (13 mm, Pall
37 Corporation, USA) using a glass syringe. Next, 0.5 mL of the extracts were diluted by adding 0.5
38 mL of water (Optima® LC/MS, Fischer Scientific, USA), before being analyzed by an Orbitrap
39 high resolution mass spectrometer (HRMS, Q Exactive, Thermo Scientific, Bremen, Germany)
40 with heated electrospray ionization (HESI). The diluted extracts were injected in a direct-infusion
41 mode using a Hamilton syringe at a flow rate of $5 \mu\text{L min}^{-1}$ and analyzed in negative (ESI-) mode.
42 The details of the HRMS analysis has been described in previous studies (Wang et al., 2020; Wang
43 et al., 2016).

44 In this study, Xcalibur software (V2.2, Thermo Scientific) was used to analyze the obtained
45 mass spectra and export mass lists (Lin et al., 2012). All ions with a signal-to-noise ratio (s/n) ≥ 3 ,
46 signal intensity : background ratio > 10 , and in the m/z range of 50-750 were exported. Chemical
47 formula (i.e., $[M-H]^-$ and $[M+H]^+$) assignments for these ions were calculated using a mass
48 tolerance of ± 3 ppm in ESI- and ± 4 ppm in ESI+ modes, respectively (Lin et al., 2012).
49 Additionally, formulas were further constrained by setting H/C and O/C in the ranges of 0.3-3 and
50 0-3, respectively.

51 **Text S2. Chemical characteristics of Nap-derived SOA**

52 A total of 97 organic compounds were determined in ESI-. All formulas, together with their m/z ,
53 intensities, ring and double bond equivalence (RDBE), and elemental ratios are listed in Table S1.
54 Notably, ESI-HRMS is highly sensitive to polar compounds, while being quite insensitive to non-
55 polar ones, as those exhibit very poor ionization efficiency (Kuang et al., 2018). Therefore, many
56 non-polar compounds might not have been measured in this study. In addition, ESI techniques are
57 prone to matrix effects and varying ionization efficiencies for different compounds, meaning the
58 signal intensities reported here do not represent actual concentrations.

59 As shown in Figure S1, C_{10} compounds (i.e., compounds with ten carbon atoms) are the
60 most dominant ones, accounting for 18.4% of total determined formulas and represent the ring-
61 retaining products (Chan et al., 2009). Both the ring-opening products (i.e., C_7 , C_8 , and C_9 series)
62 and the dimers (i.e., C_{18} , C_{19} and C_{20}) are also important products from the OH-initiated oxidation
63 of naphthalene. In addition, more than 78% of determined organic compounds contained more than
64 3 oxygen atoms (Figure S1), suggesting that these compounds bear multiple oxidation functional
65 groups. Moreover, Figure S2 shows that most of these compounds have high degrees of
66 unsaturation and oxygenation, highlighting their aromatic and polycyclic aromatic structures.

67 Notably, excitation in natural waters typically involves the promotion of an electron from an n or
68 π orbital (the bonding orbitals common in carbonyl and aromatic compounds) to a higher energy
69 anti-bonding orbital (π^*), suggesting that carbonyl-containing aromatic compounds are well-suited
70 candidates to act as photosensitizers (Canonica et al., 1995; Osburn & Morris, 2003). Therefore, in
71 addition to naphthoquinone, other carbonyl-containing aromatic products existing in Nap-derived
72 SOA (Huang et al., 2019) probably also play an important role in the photosensitized oxidation of
73 SO₂ and VOCs.

74 **Text S3. SMPS and AMS descriptions**

75 The SMPS instrument consists of a differential mobility analyzer (DMA, TSI 3081) and a
76 condensation particle counter (CPC, TSI 3772, or TSI 3776). The gas flow was 0.3 L min⁻¹ and the
77 corresponding sheath flow was 3 L min⁻¹.

78 The ionization efficiency (IE) and relative ionization efficiency (RIE) of the AMS were
79 calibrated using 300 nm ammonium nitrate particles. Ammonium nitrate (NH₄NO₃) particles were
80 generated by a constant-output atomizer (TSI Model 3076), then dried by a silica dryer, size
81 selected by a DMA, and then sent to the AMS and CPC simultaneously. Notably, the Nap-SOA
82 used for the sulfate production measurement experiments were size selected at 100 nm diameter
83 before being injected into the AFT. Therefore, dried monodispersed ammonium sulfate ((NH₄)₂SO₄)
84 particles with the same size (i.e., 100 nm) were flowed into the AMS and SMPS simultaneously,
85 and the collection efficiency (CE) of the AMS was derived by comparing the sulfate concentrations
86 measured by the AMS and calculated by the SMPS. The particle size distributions of (NH₄)₂SO₄
87 measured by the SMPS were converted to mass concentrations using a density of 1.77 g cm⁻³
88 (Sarangi et al., 2016). The study of Allan et al. (2004) showed that the CE value depends on the
89 RH of the sample air. As such, all experiments in our study had the aerosol flow RH prior to the

90 analysis by AMS below 25%; therefore, the calculated CE is applicable for all experiments. The
91 AMS analysis software Squirrel version 1.60P and Pika version 1.20P were used to analyze the
92 obtained mass spectra.

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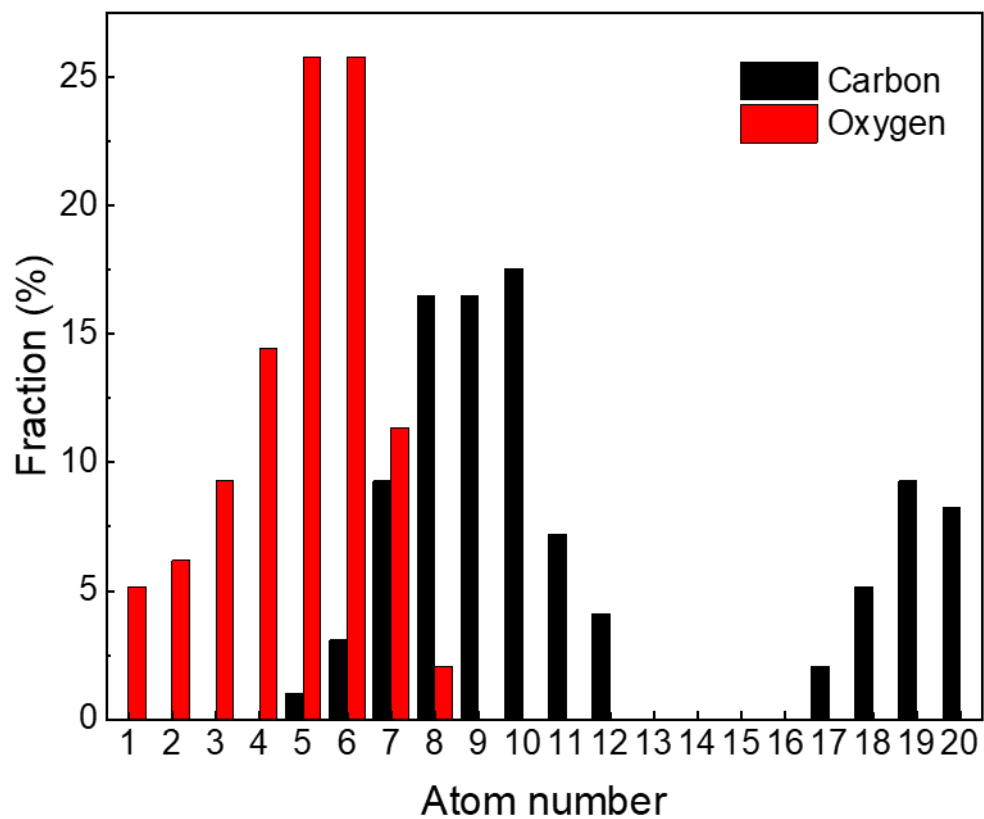
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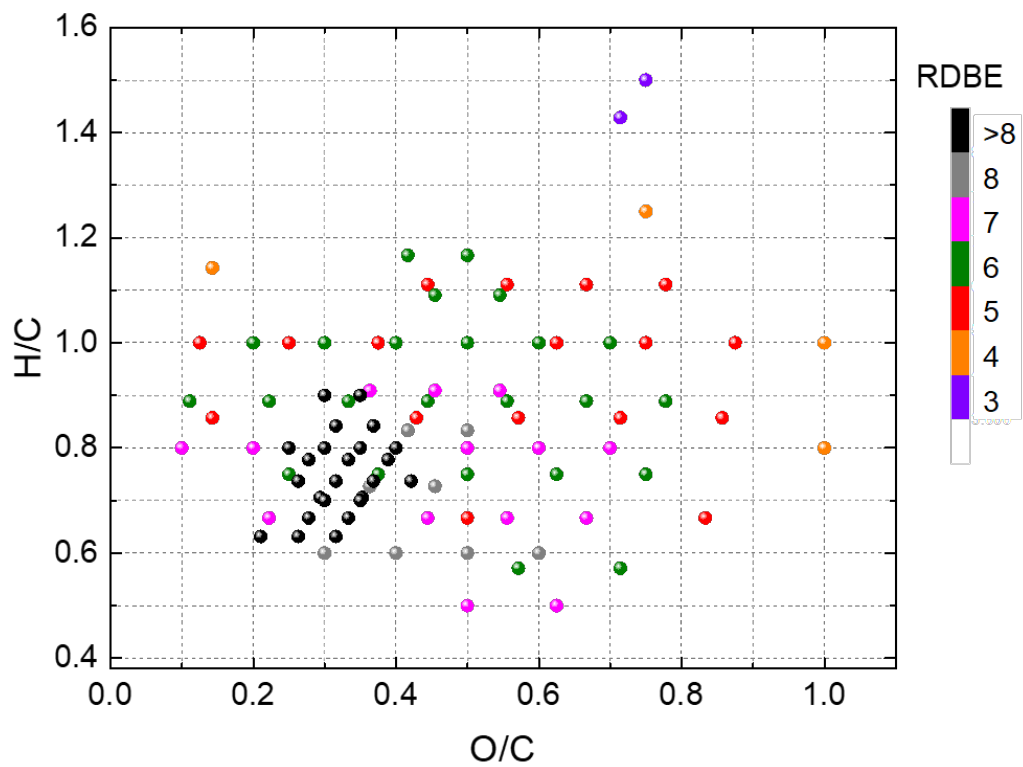
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119 **Figure S1.** Histograms of atom number in C- (black) and O- (red) containing compounds of the
120 determined constituents in Nap-derived SOA samples.

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124 **Figure S2.** Van Krevelen diagrams for identified formulas in Nap-SOA. The color-coding indicates

125 the RDBE values.

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137 **Table S1.** All formulas, together with their m/z , intensities, ring and double bond equivalence
 138 (RDBE), and elemental ratios tentatively determined in Nap-derived SOAs.

m/z	assigned formula	Intensity	H/C	O/C	RDBE
105.0345	C ₇ H ₆ O	3.52×10 ⁴	0.86	0.14	5
107.0501	C ₇ H ₈ O	1.35×10 ³	1.14	0.14	4
119.0499	C ₈ H ₈ O	2.43×10 ⁵	1.00	0.13	5
123.0087	C ₆ H ₄ O ₃	1.13×10 ⁴	0.67	0.50	5
131.0501	C ₉ H ₈ O	2.27×10 ⁵	0.89	0.11	6
133.0294	C ₈ H ₆ O ₂	3.92×10 ⁵	0.75	0.25	6
135.0450	C ₈ H ₈ O ₂	1.52×10 ⁵	1.00	0.25	5
137.0242	C ₇ H ₆ O ₃	5.95×10 ⁵	0.86	0.43	5
142.9984	C ₅ H ₄ O ₅	1.56×10 ⁴	0.80	1.00	4
143.0500	C ₁₀ H ₈ O	1.15×10 ⁵	0.80	0.10	7
145.0293	C ₉ H ₆ O ₂	3.12×10 ⁵	0.67	0.22	7
147.0450	C ₉ H ₈ O ₂	7.93×10 ⁵	0.89	0.22	6
149.0241	C ₈ H ₆ O ₃	3.77×10 ⁶	0.75	0.38	6
151.0034	C ₇ H ₄ O ₄	8.24×10 ³	0.57	0.57	6
151.0399	C ₈ H ₈ O ₃	1.47×10 ⁵	1.00	0.38	5
153.0191	C ₇ H ₆ O ₄	1.59×10 ⁵	0.86	0.57	5
154.9985	C ₆ H ₄ O ₅	8.56×10 ³	0.67	0.83	5
159.0449	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₂	1.60×10 ⁵	0.80	0.20	7
161.0242	C ₉ H ₆ O ₃	5.92×10 ⁵	0.67	0.33	7
161.0606	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₂	2.17×10 ³	1.00	0.20	6
163.0035	C ₈ H ₄ O ₄	5.48×10 ⁵	0.50	0.50	7
163.0399	C ₉ H ₈ O ₃	2.05×10 ⁶	0.89	0.33	6
165.0191	C ₈ H ₆ O ₄	1.44×10 ⁷	0.75	0.50	6
166.9983	C ₇ H ₄ O ₅	9.55×10 ³	0.57	0.71	6
167.0347	C ₈ H ₈ O ₄	4.17×10 ⁴	1.00	0.50	5
169.0140	C ₇ H ₆ O ₅	3.55×10 ⁴	0.86	0.71	5
173.0090	C ₆ H ₆ O ₆	4.63×10 ³	1.00	1.00	4
173.0241	C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₃	9.04×10 ⁵	0.60	0.30	8
173.0450	C ₇ H ₁₀ O ₅	1.42×10 ⁴	1.43	0.71	3
175.0398	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₃	5.12×10 ⁶	0.80	0.30	7
177.0191	C ₉ H ₆ O ₄	7.30×10 ⁵	0.67	0.44	7
177.0553	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₃	2.10×10 ⁵	1.00	0.30	6
178.9984	C ₈ H ₄ O ₅	1.35×10 ⁴	0.50	0.63	7
179.0347	C ₉ H ₈ O ₄	2.00×10 ⁶	0.89	0.44	6
181.0136	C ₈ H ₆ O ₅	4.43×10 ⁵	0.75	0.63	6
181.0504	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₄	3.33×10 ⁴	1.11	0.44	5
183.0295	C ₈ H ₈ O ₅	2.57×10 ⁴	1.00	0.63	5
185.0089	C ₇ H ₆ O ₆	1.08×10 ⁴	0.86	0.86	5

189.0191	C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₄	4.70×10 ⁵	0.60	0.40	8
191.0347	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₄	2.48×10 ⁶	0.80	0.40	7
193.0139	C ₉ H ₆ O ₅	1.10×10 ⁶	0.67	0.56	7
193.0501	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₄	7.06×10 ⁵	1.00	0.40	6
195.0296	C ₉ H ₈ O ₅	6.49×10 ⁵	0.89	0.56	6
197.0088	C ₈ H ₆ O ₆	2.84×10 ⁴	0.75	0.75	6
197.0452	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₅	9.20×10 ³	1.11	0.56	5
199.0245	C ₈ H ₈ O ₆	2.03×10 ⁴	1.00	0.75	5
201.0401	C ₈ H ₁₀ O ₆	8.90×10 ³	1.25	0.75	4
203.0346	C ₁₁ H ₈ O ₄	2.89×10 ⁴	0.73	0.36	8
203.0571	C ₈ H ₁₂ O ₆	1.12×10 ⁵	1.50	0.75	3
205.0139	C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₅	9.57×10 ⁴	0.60	0.50	8
205.0513	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₄	1.66×10 ⁴	0.91	0.36	7
207.0295	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₅	1.41×10 ⁶	0.80	0.50	7
209.0088	C ₉ H ₆ O ₆	7.31×10 ⁴	0.67	0.67	7
209.0450	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₅	6.48×10 ⁵	1.00	0.50	6
211.0245	C ₉ H ₈ O ₆	6.55×10 ⁴	0.89	0.67	6
213.0401	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₆	5.14×10 ³	1.11	0.67	5
215.0204	C ₈ H ₈ O ₇	3.48×10 ⁴	1.00	0.88	5
219.0295	C ₁₁ H ₈ O ₅	1.35×10 ⁴	0.73	0.45	8
221.0092	C ₁₀ H ₆ O ₆	1.28×10 ⁴	0.60	0.60	8
221.0454	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₅	4.10×10 ⁴	0.91	0.45	7
223.0245	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₆	2.38×10 ⁵	0.80	0.60	7
223.0608	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₅	4.49×10 ⁴	1.09	0.45	6
225.0401	C ₁₀ H ₁₀ O ₆	1.55×10 ⁵	1.00	0.60	6
227.0193	C ₉ H ₈ O ₇	6.79×10 ³	0.89	0.78	6
229.0351	C ₉ H ₁₀ O ₇	1.10×10 ³	1.11	0.78	5
233.0451	C ₁₂ H ₁₀ O ₅	9.71×10 ³	0.83	0.42	8
237.0401	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ O ₆	2.84×10 ⁴	0.91	0.55	7
237.0766	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ O ₅	2.23×10 ⁴	1.17	0.42	6
239.0194	C ₁₀ H ₈ O ₇	5.56×10 ⁴	0.80	0.70	7
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253.0714	C ₁₂ H ₁₄ O ₆	6.84×10 ³	1.17	0.50	6
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311.0557	C ₁₇ H ₁₂ O ₆	5.84×10 ³	0.71	0.35	12
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351.0870	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ O ₆	3.73×10 ⁴	0.80	0.30	13
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353.1025	C ₂₀ H ₁₈ O ₆	7.92×10 ³	0.90	0.30	12
355.0820	C ₁₉ H ₁₆ O ₇	1.04×10 ⁴	0.84	0.37	12
365.0661	C ₂₀ H ₁₄ O ₇	8.09×10 ³	0.70	0.35	14
367.0818	C ₂₀ H ₁₆ O ₇	4.32×10 ⁴	0.80	0.35	13
369.0609	C ₁₉ H ₁₄ O ₈	8.74×10 ³	0.74	0.42	13
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