

1 Supplementary Information for:

2 “Aqueous benzene-diols react with an organic triplet excited state and hydroxyl radical to form
3 secondary organic aerosol”

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27 Table S1: Second-order rate constants of probe compounds reacting with $\cdot\text{OH}$

	$k_{\text{Probe}+\cdot\text{OH}}$ ($10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	Source
Phenol (pH 2)	1.91	Hermann et al. ¹ ; Monod et al. ²
Guaiacol (pH 6)	20	Buxton et al. ³
Benzoate	6.0	Ashton et al. ⁴
Benzoic Acid	5.9	Wander et al. ⁵
Benzene (pH 3.5)	7.6	Kochany et al. ⁶

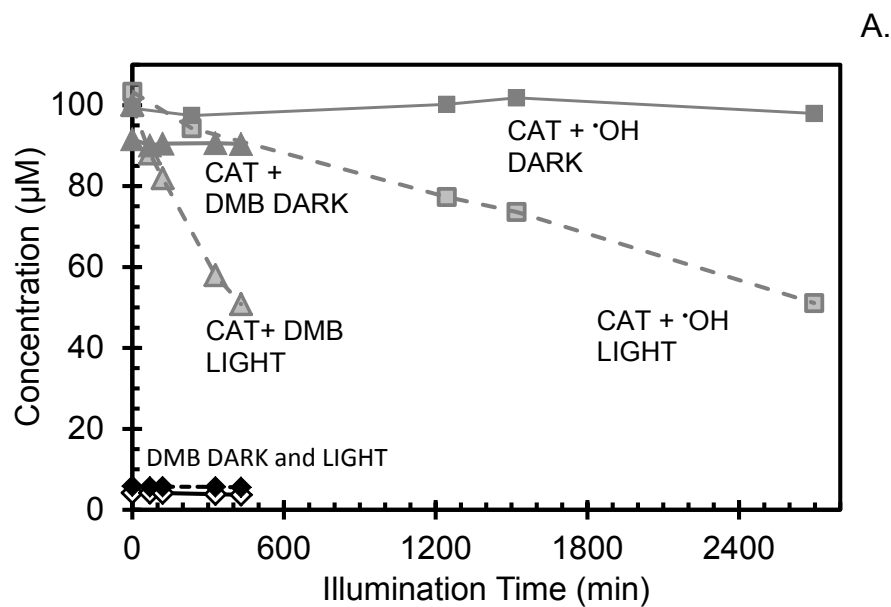
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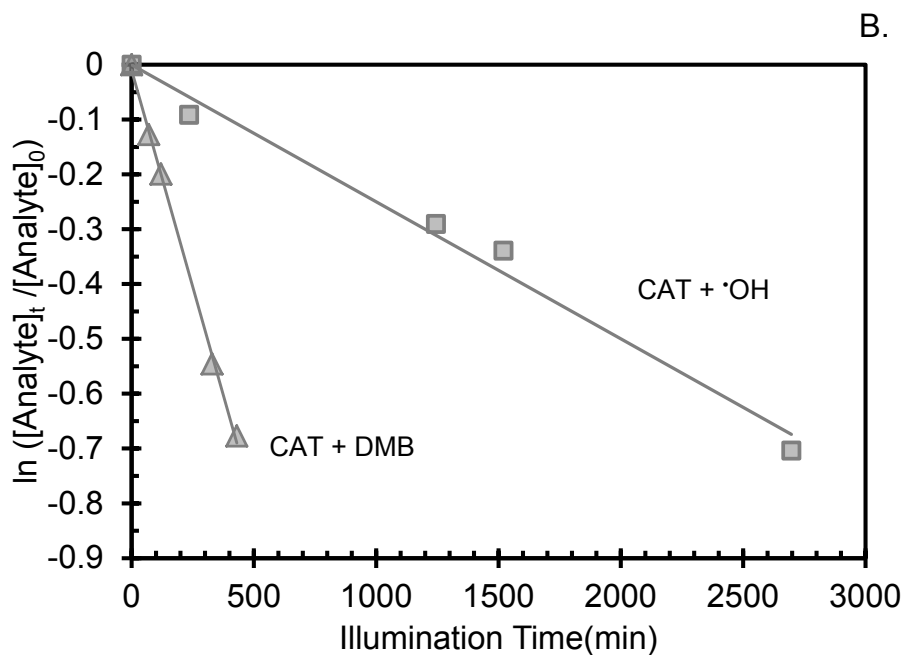
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35 Figure S1: Panel A are representative decay curves for benzene-diol oxidation, and panel B are
 36 the natural log transformation of the illuminated solutions in panel B. As there is not change in
 37 concentration, DMB and dark control data are not included in panel B. Data for $^3\text{C}^*$ oxidation is
 38 with 100 μM catechol (CAT; triangles) and 5 μM 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (DMB;
 39 diamonds) at pH 5. Data for $\cdot\text{OH}$ oxidation (squares) is 100 μM CAT with 100 μM HOOH
 40 added as a $\cdot\text{OH}$ precursor at pH 5.

41 Section S1: Correction of pH 5 kinetic data to account for contributions from the
42 protonated triplet excited state (HT)

43 The reactivity of benzene-diols with 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (DMB) is pH
44 dependent. This behavior was seen in our previous work and we use a similar approach in this
45 study to correct the pH 5 data for the contribution of the protonated DMB triplet.⁷ The apparent
46 first-order destruction rate constants for a phenol by the protonated and neutral triplet states of
47 DMB are defined as k'_{HT} and k'_T , respectively. The value of k'_{HT} is larger than k'_T and thus our
48 measured values of k'_{ArOH} (the observed rate constants for ArOH loss) at pH 2 are essentially
49 equal to k'_{HT} (the first-order rate constant for ArOH with the protonated triplet). At pH 5, 98%
50 of the triplet excited state of DMB should be in the neutral form (since the pK_a for the triplet is
51 3.3^{7, 8}). However, since the protonated triplet can be much more reactive than the neutral triplet
52 (i.e., $k'_{HT} > k'_T$), in the pH 5 solutions we corrected for contribution of the protonated triplet
53 excited state in our calculation of k'_T by using a modified form of Equation 4:

$$k'_T = \frac{(k'_{ArOH} - \alpha_{HT} \times k'_{HT})}{\alpha_T} \quad [S8]$$

55 Here k'_{ArOH} is the apparent, photon-flux-normalized, measured first-order rate constant for
56 phenol loss at pH 5 (Equations 2 and 3 in the main text) and α_{HT} and α_T are the mole fractions of
57 the protonated and neutral triplet excited states, respectively. As seen in Table S2, the
58 corrections for the pH 5 benzene-diol experiments are smallest for resorcinol (average correction
59 = 1 %), intermediate for hydroquinone (average correction = 15%) and highest for catechol
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70 Table S2: Summary of k'_T correction in the pH 5 data due to the contribution from the protonated triplet (k'_{HT}).

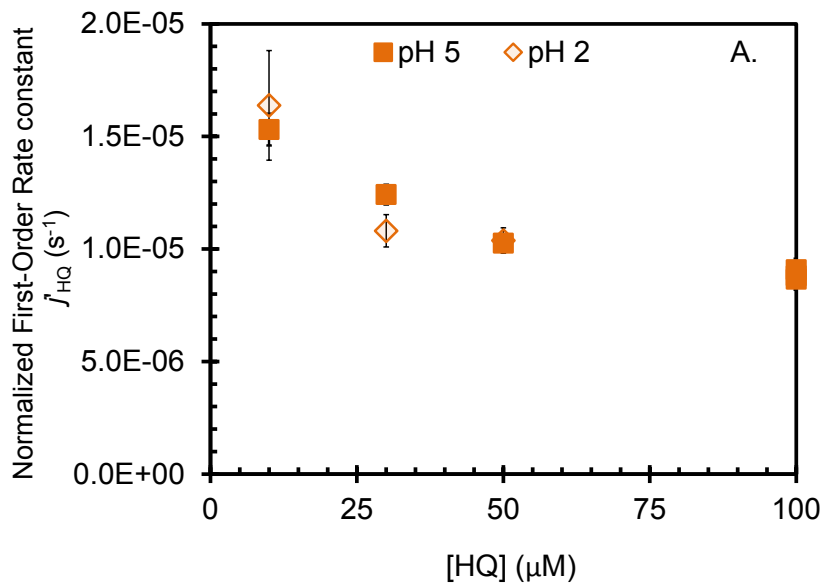
Catechol				Resorcinol				Hydroquinone			
Concentration (μM)	k'_{ArOH} (min^{-1})	k'_T (min^{-1})	% Difference	Concentration (μM)	k'_{ArOH} (min^{-1})	k'_T (min^{-1})	% Difference	Concentration (μM)	k'_{ArOH} (min^{-1})	k'_T (min^{-1})	% Difference
100	1.04E-03	8.36E-04	22	100	9.30E-04	9.12E-04	2	100	7.66E-04	6.54E-04	16
100	9.82E-04	8.16E-04	18	100	9.40E-04	9.17E-04	2	100	5.76E-04	4.32E-04	28
50	1.49E-03	1.01E-03	38	100	1.27E-03	1.26E-03	1	100	8.15E-04	6.85E-04	17
50	1.07E-03	9.31E-04	14	50	1.56E-03	1.54E-03	1	100	5.69E-04	4.45E-04	25
50	1.50E-03	1.11E-03	30	50	1.27E-03	1.26E-03	1	100	7.69E-04	7.10E-04	8
50	1.51E-03	1.23E-03	21	30	2.38E-03	2.34E-03	2	50	1.20E-03	1.06E-03	2
30	1.56E-03	1.32E-03	17	30	2.15E-03	2.13E-03	1	30	1.84E-03	1.70E-03	8
30	9.73E-04	6.68E-04	37	30	1.72E-03	1.70E-03	1	10	2.98E-03	2.72E-03	9
10	2.27E-03	1.89E-03	18	10	2.76E-03	2.76E-03	< 1	5	4.39E-03	4.05E-03	8
10	2.65E-03	2.27E-03	15	10	2.00E-03	1.99E-03	< 1				
10	1.84E-03	1.49E-03	21	5	2.38E-03	2.38E-03	< 1				
5	2.32E-03	2.05E-03	12	5	2.77E-03	2.76E-03	< 1				
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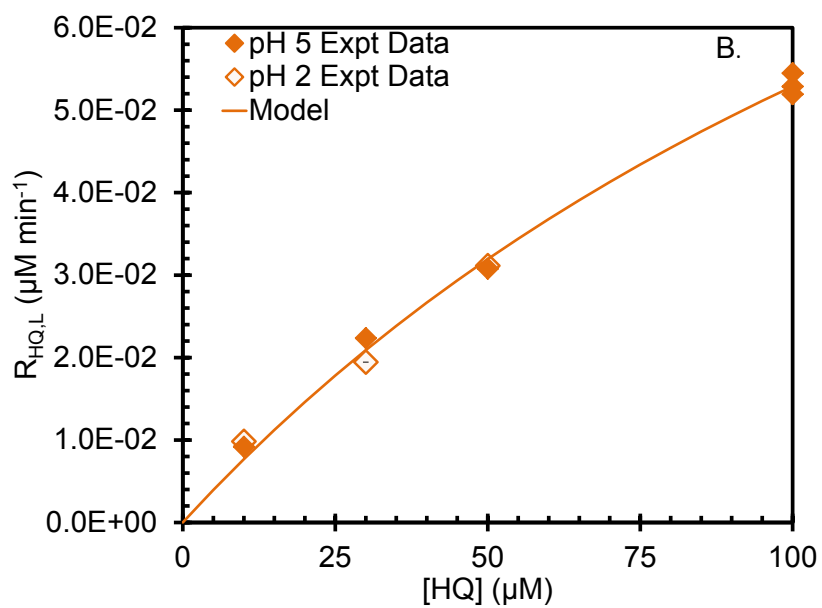
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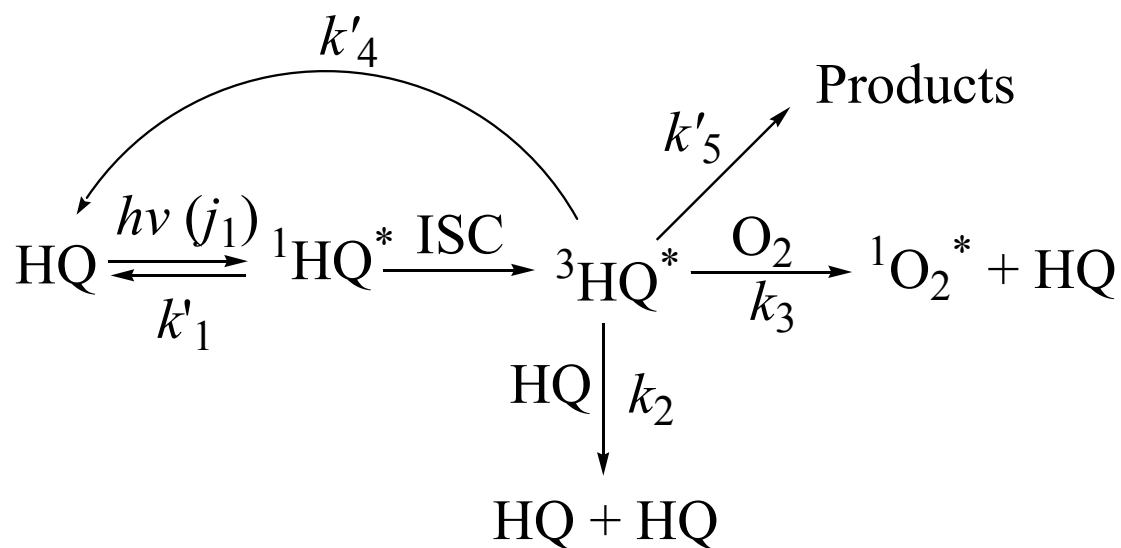


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77 Figure S2: Direct photodegradation of hydroquinone (HQ) as a function of initial [HQ] at pH 2
 78 (open orange diamonds) and pH 5 (filled orange diamonds). Panel A is the normalized first-
 79 order rate constant for HQ loss and panel B is the rate of HQ loss as a function of concentration.
 80 The line in Panel B is the non-linear regression fit to the data described in Section S1 (Equation
 81 S6-S7) ($R^2 = 0.88$).

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86 Figure S3: Proposed mechanism for the direct photodegradation of hydroquinone (HQ). ISC
 87 represents the intersystem crossing from the first excited singlet state of HQ (${}^1\text{HQ}^*$) to the triplet
 88 excited state of HQ. Based on previous work,⁹ the k'_4 pathway is negligible.

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100 Section S2: Hydroquinone Direct Photodegradation

101 The chemistry of hydroquinone (HQ) in sulfuric acid solutions (pH 4) under 313 nm light was
102 investigated in previous work.⁹ It was identified that ground state HQ rapidly forms a singlet
103 excited state, followed by conversion to an excited triplet excited state (³HQ*) with an
104 intersystem crossing yield (ϕ_{ISC}) of 0.63. This system is shown in Figure S3. Based on this set
105 of reactions, we can define the rate of change of the triplet excited state concentration
106 ($d[{}^3\text{HQ}^*]/dt$) as:

$$107 \quad \frac{d[{}^3\text{HQ}^*]}{dt} = j_1\phi_{ISC}[\text{HQ}] - k_2[\text{HQ}][{}^3\text{HQ}^*] - k_3[\text{O}_2][{}^3\text{HQ}^*] - k'_4[{}^3\text{HQ}^*] - k'_5[{}^3\text{HQ}^*] \quad (\text{S1})$$

108 Where j_1 is the first-order rate constant for light absorption by HQ under our conditions, ϕ_{ISC} is
109 the intersystem crossing efficiency of singlet HQ to triplet HQ, k_2 is the bimolecular rate constant
110 for the quenching of ³HQ* by ground state HQ, k_3 is the bimolecular rate constant for the
111 reaction of molecular oxygen with ³HQ* resulting in singlet oxygen, k'_4 is the first-order rate
112 constant for relaxation of ³HQ* to the ground state and k'_5 is a first-order process that results in
113 the destruction of HQ. Since we do not know details about the k'_5 pathway resulting in the
114 destruction of HQ, we have simply modeled it with respect to HQ loss. All rate constants
115 correspond to those shown in Figure S3. If we assume a steady state of ³HQ* in our system we
116 can simplify Equation S1 to:

$$117 \quad [{}^3\text{HQ}^*] = \frac{j_1\phi_{ISC}[\text{HQ}]}{k_2[\text{HQ}] + k_3[\text{O}_2] + k'_4 + k'_5} \quad (\text{S2})$$

119 Since the relaxation of the triplet excited state back to the ground state (k'_4) is slow relative to the
120 other processes,⁹ Equation S2 then simplifies to:

$$121 \quad [{}^3\text{HQ}^*] = \frac{j_1\phi_{ISC}[\text{HQ}]}{k_2[\text{HQ}] + k_3[\text{O}_2] + k'_5} \quad (\text{S3})$$

124 The only term in Equation S3 that results in the loss of HQ is k'_5 . Thus the observed rate of loss
125 of HQ is:

$$126 \quad R_{\text{HQ},L} = k'_5[{}^3\text{HQ}^*] \quad (\text{S4})$$

127 Substituting Equation S3 into S4 we get:

$$R_{HQ,L} = k'_5 \left(\frac{j_1 \phi_{ISC} [HQ]}{k_2 [HQ] + k_3 [O_2] + k'_5} \right) \quad (S5)$$

We can rearrange this equation as:

$$R_{HQ,L} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{k_2}{k'_5 j_1 \phi_{ISC}} + \frac{k_3 [O_2] + k'_5}{k'_5 j_1 \phi_{ISC}} \times \frac{1}{[HQ]} \right)} \quad (S6)$$

We fit our experimental data to Equation S6 using SigmaPlot Version 11 and the following regression form:

$$R_{HQ,L} = \frac{1}{a + \frac{b}{x}} \quad (S7)$$

As shown in Figure S2, there is no pH dependence on direct photodegradation of HQ; thus we performed the regression using both pH 2 and pH 5 data. Using the molar absorptivities of HQ¹⁰ and the measured photon flux of our illumination system,⁷ we calculate that $j_1 = 4.14 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The resulting 'a' and 'b' regression terms from our fit are $6.5 (\pm 0.8) \text{ s } \mu\text{M}^{-1}$ and $1.24 (\pm 0.07) \times 10^3 \text{ s}$, respectively. The corresponding regression line of this fit is shown as the line in Figure S2B. We next use the values for $k_3 [O_2]$ and $j_1 \phi_{ISC}$ described in the main text (Section 3.1) to calculate the relative importance of the pathways for ³HQ* loss. Since the k_2 pathway involves HQ, the relative importance of the pathways depends upon [HQ]. At 10 μM HQ, the relative sizes of $k_2 [HQ] : k_3 [O_2] : k'_5$ are $0.0305 \text{ s}^{-1} : 5.81 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1} : 1.80 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$, i.e., <0.01 %, 99.7%, and 0.30% of the HQ triplet go down paths 2 (physical quenching by HQ), 3 (quenching with O₂), and 5 (product formation), respectively. Under aqueous conditions, pathway 4 (decay to the ground state) is negligible relative to other loss pathways.⁹ In this system, the majority of HQ goes through non-destructive reaction with oxygen with only a very small fraction of triplet HQ destruction leading to products.

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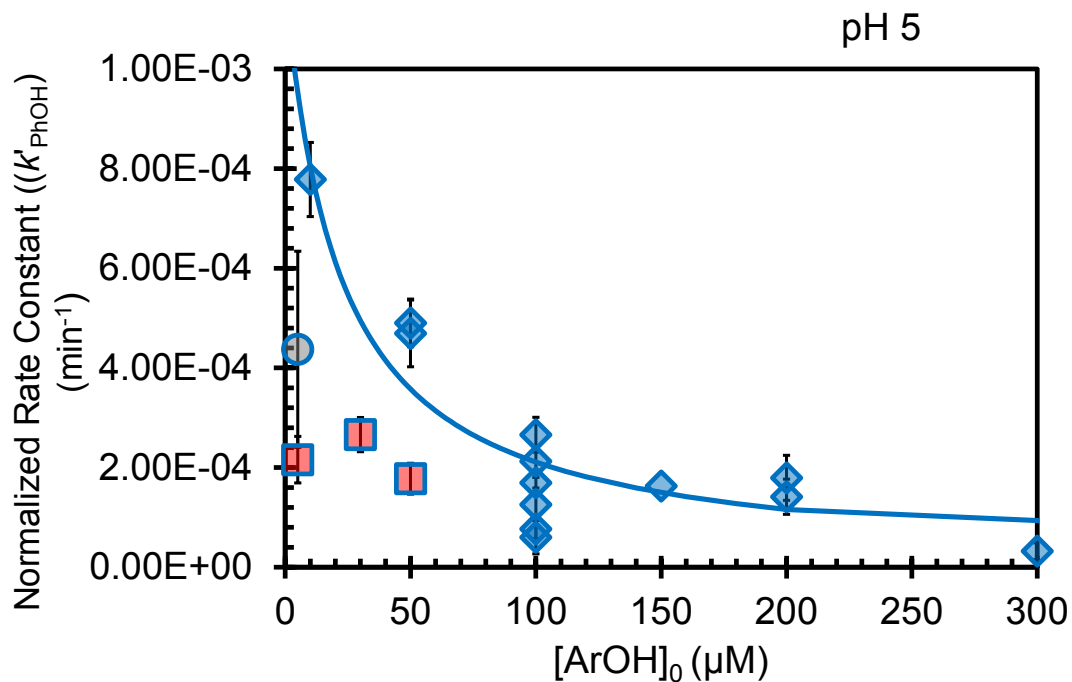
155 Table S3: Second-order rate constants for the non-reactive interactions between an ArOH and
156 ³DMB*. Error bars are (± 1 SE) calculated from the regression of Equation 3 in the main text.

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	pH 2 k_Q ($10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	pH 5 k_Q ($10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
PhOH	1.6 (± 1.0)	14 (± 8)
GUA	1.7 (± 1.3)	1.0 (± 0.9)
SYR	2.6 (± 2.4)	0.3 (± 0.7)
CAT	3.1 (± 2.2)	14 (± 6)
RES	7.2 (± 3.5)	9.1 (± 3.6)
HQ	15 (± 7)	45 (± 17)

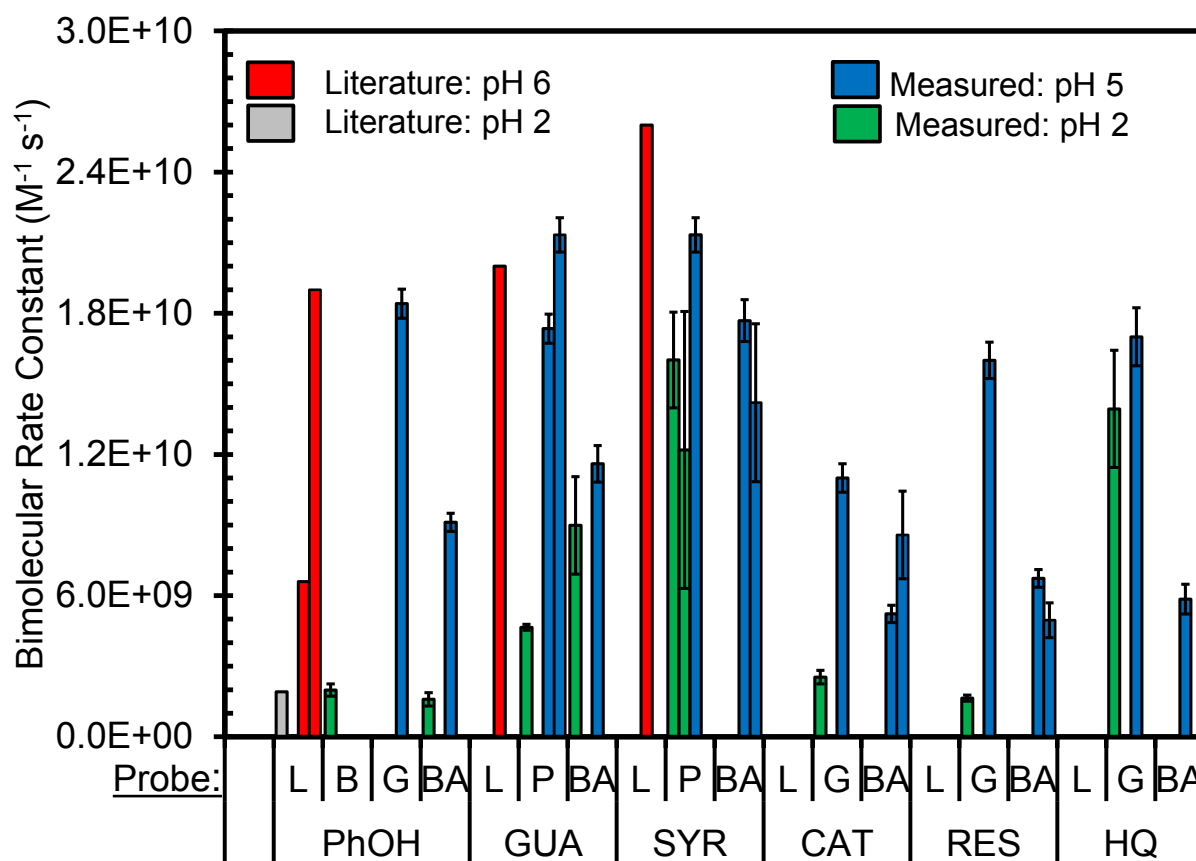
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162 Figure S4: Dependence of phenol destruction kinetics on initial PhOH concentration at pH 5 in
 163 illuminated solutions containing 5 μM DMB (blue diamonds). Please see Smith et al.⁷ for
 164 experimental information. All values have been normalized to Davis, CA Winter Solstice light
 165 conditions ($j_{2NB}=0.0070 \text{ s}^{-1}$).¹¹ Error bars represent ± 1 SE, propagated from the standard errors
 166 of k_{light} and j_{2NB} . The grey circle represents a data point (also at 5 μM DMB) that we removed
 167 from consideration due to noisy and non-linear kinetics for PhOH loss. The red squares
 168 represent results from three experiments with solutions containing 20 μM DMB; we removed
 169 these from the regression fit because of their different DMB condition. The blue diamonds were
 170 regressed to Equation 5 in the main text, yielding the parameters ' a ' = 856 min⁻¹ and ' b ' = 39 min
 171 μM⁻¹. In our previous work⁷ we published this figure and fit the regression to all of the data
 172 points. The new regression fit (to just the blue diamonds) is shown in the figure above. The
 173 value for $k_{\text{PhOH}+3\text{DMB}^*}$ determined from this fit (Table 2 in the main text) is in better agreement
 174 with the relative rate result for SYR and PhOH loss from illuminated DMB by Richards-
 175 Henderson et al.¹² the ratio $k_{\text{SYR}+3\text{DMB}^*}/k_{\text{PhOH}+3\text{DMB}^*}$ at pH 5 is 9.3 ± 3.1 from Richards-Henderson
 176 et al. and 12.1 ± 4.7 for our rate constants in Table 2.



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178 Figure S5: Summary of relative rate experiments for $\cdot\text{OH}$ reaction with phenols and benzene-
 179 diols at pH 2 and 5. Each bar represents a single relative rate experiment using a given probe.
 180 Error bars represent the standard error of the slope (main text Equation 1). For each phenol there
 181 are three or four entries in the “Probe” row on the x-axis. The first entry (L) shows the literature
 182 value for the rate constant (Table S1). The values reported in Table 2 are the average of replicate
 183 experiments using different reference compounds shown here. The next two or three entries
 184 represent rate constants determined using different probes: B = benzene, G = guaiacol, BA =
 185 benzoic acid.

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192 Section S3– Intersystem Crossing of DMB

193 Section S3.1: Determination of the DMB Intersystem Crossing Quantum Yield

194 In our previous work⁷ we used data from Anastasio et al.⁸ to estimate the intersystem crossing
195 efficiency (ϕ_{ISC}) for 3,4-dimethoxybenzaldehyde (DMB) to go from the singlet excited state to
196 triplet excited state. The value we estimated was 0.06 ± 0.04 ; this intersystem crossing efficiency
197 is important because it is needed to determine the second-order rate constants for ${}^3C^*$ with
198 phenols.⁷ Given this importance, we experimentally determined the value in this work using new
199 experiments.

200 In our previous work, we determined that the initial rate of phenol loss ($R_{ArOH,L}$) approaches a
201 saturation plateau as phenol concentration increases.⁷ Therefore, the y-intercept of a plot of the
202 inverse of the initial rate of phenol loss ($R_{ArOH,L}^{-1}$) versus inverse phenol concentration ($[ArOH]$
203 ⁻¹) yields the rate of triplet formation, $R_{3C^*,F}$, at infinite phenol concentration, where essentially
204 the fate of every triplet state is reaction with phenol and the phenol loss is the maximum possible
205 value. At this saturation point, the rate of loss of phenol ($R_{ArOH,L,\infty}$) is equal to the rate of triplet
206 excited state formation ($R_{3C^*,F}$) times the fraction of the triplet-phenol interactions that lead to a
207 net reaction (loss) of phenol ($f_{Reaction}$):

$$208 \quad R_{ArOH,L,\infty} = f_{Reaction} \times R_{3C^*,F} \quad [S9]$$

209 We used syringol as our phenol in these experiments since it is very reactive and has a value of
210 $f_{Reaction}$ that is essentially unity.⁷ $R_{3C^*,F}$ is a function of the light-absorbing properties of DMB,
211 the intensity of light, the concentration of DMB in our system, and the intersystem crossing
212 efficiency. Thus at “infinite” phenol concentration, we can place the rate of triplet formation
213 (Equation S4 in Smith et al.⁷ into S9 above to express the loss of phenol as:

$$214 \quad R_{ArOH,L,\infty} = 2.303 \times [DMB] \times l \times \epsilon_{313nm,DMB} \times \phi_{ISC} \times I'_{313nm} \quad [S10]$$

215 where l is the cell pathlength, $\epsilon_{313nm,DMB}$ is the molar absorptivity of DMB at 313 nm (9155 ± 177
216 $M^{-1} cm^{-1}$)⁷ and I'_{313nm} is the actinic flux at 313 nm in our illumination system. (To determine ϕ_{ISC}
217 we only illuminate our sample with 313 nm radiation to simplify the experiment.) Solving
218 Equation S10 for ϕ_{ISC} yields:

$$219 \quad \phi_{ISC} = \frac{R_{ArOH,L,\infty}}{2.303 \times \epsilon_{313nm,DMB} \times l \times I'_{313nm} \times [DMB]} \quad [S1]$$

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221 where $R_{ArOH,L,\infty}$ is the maximum phenol loss possible, calculated as the y-intercept of the plot of
222 $R_{ArOH,L}^{-1}$ vs. $[ArOH]^{-1}$, I'_{313nm} is calculated from j_{2NB} , the measured decay constant of the

223 chemical actinometer 2-nitrobenzaldehyde (2NB), which was measured on the day of each ϕ_{ISC}
224 experiment.¹¹

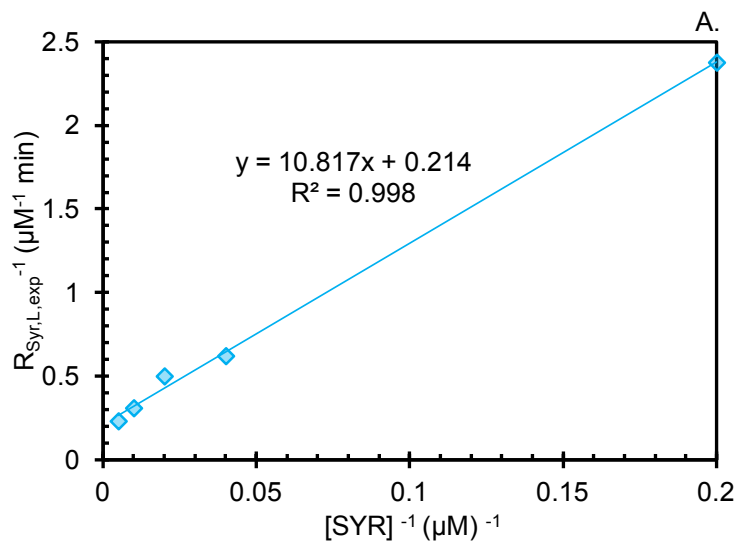
$$225 \quad I'_{313nm} = \frac{j_{2NB}}{2.303 \times \epsilon_{2NB,313nm} \times l \times \phi_{2NB}} \quad [S12]$$

226 The term $\epsilon_{313nm,2NB} \times \phi_{2NB}$ is the product of the molar absorptivity of 2NB at 313 nm and the
227 quantum yield for destruction of 2NB ($640 \pm 44 \text{ L mol-photon}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$).^{7, 13}

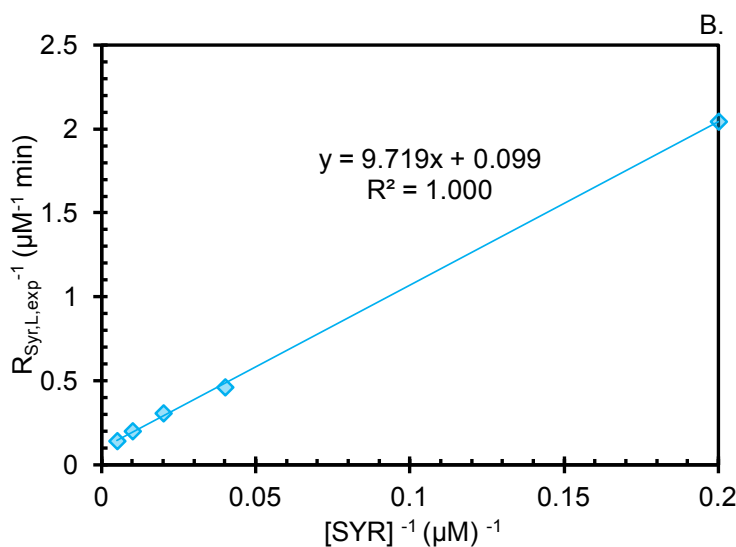
228 Syringol (SYR) and DMB were used as the reactants in these experiments to determine ϕ_{ISC} of
229 DMB.⁷ SYR concentrations ranged from 5-200 μM with a constant [DMB] of 5 μM at pH 5.
230 Results from our two new determinations of ϕ_{ISC} are shown in Figure S6. The difference
231 between the two experiments performed can be explained in part by the difference in $j_{2NB,exp}$ for
232 the two experiments, which were 0.0131 s^{-1} (Panel A) and 0.0194 s^{-1} (Panel B), corresponding to
233 I'_{313nm} values of 8.9×10^{-6} and $1.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol photons L}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$. Using Equation S11 the resulting
234 ϕ_{ISC} values are 0.08 ± 0.01 and 0.12 ± 0.01 for Figures S6A and B, respectively, giving an
235 average ($\pm 1\sigma$) value for ϕ_{ISC} of 0.10 ± 0.03 .

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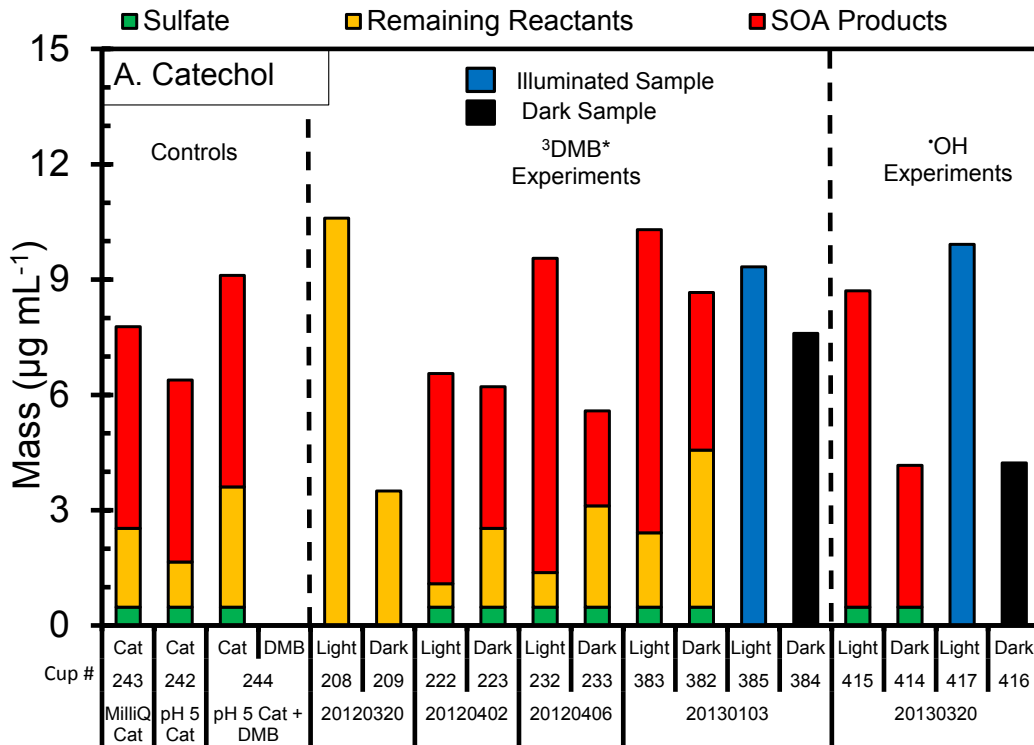
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241 Figure S6: Experimental results of the loss of SYR from oxidation by the triplet excited state of
242 DMB at 313 nm. Panels A and B are the inverse plots of the two independent experiments of
243 SYR oxidation by ³C* of DMB. The y-intercept of each panel is assumed to be the inverse of
244 the maximum SYR loss at infinite [SYR] (Section S3).

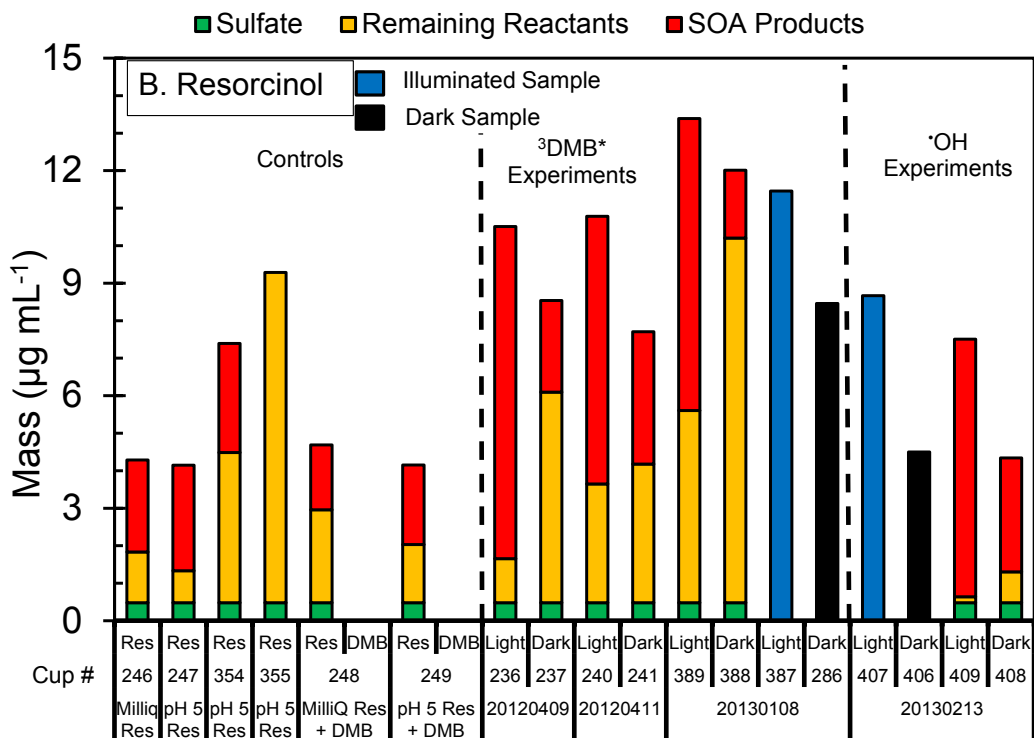
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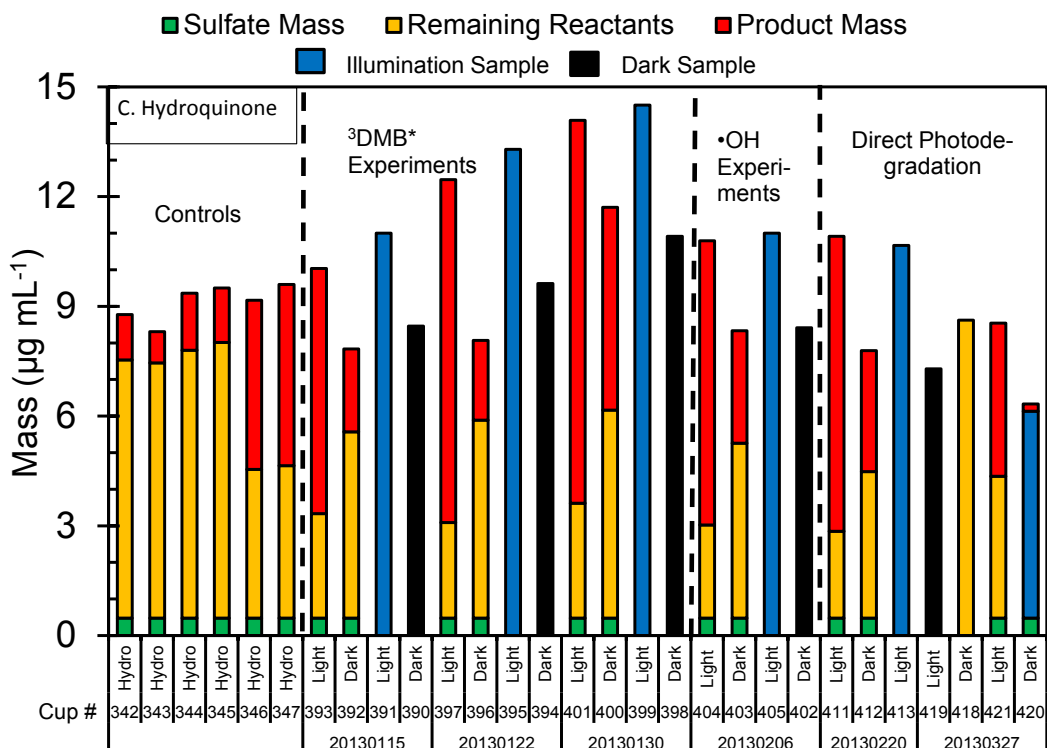


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251 Figure S7: Masses in each blown-down solution for experiments with catechol (Panel A),
 252 resorcinol (Panel B), and hydroquinone (Panel C). Each illumination experiment is categorized
 253 by the sample ID as “YearMonthDay”, i.e., the experiment performed on March 5, 2013 is listed
 254 as ‘20130315’. For the Control experiments (the first series of experiments in each graph) we
 255 prepared the solution and immediately blew it down with N₂. In all experiments (controls,
 256 illuminated and dark), only remaining diol mass was found in the cups and all DMB evaporated
 257 during blow down. In contrast, for the Dark Control accompanying each illumination (Light)
 258 experiment, we made the solution and it sat in the dark with the illuminated sample during the
 259 entire experiment. ³DMB* illumination experiments contained 5 µM DMB as a precursor for the
 260 DMB triplet state, and OH experiments contained 100 µM HOOH as a precursor for OH. Direct
 261 photodegradation experiments for HQ only contained hydroquinone (HQ) and H₂SO₄. All
 262 experiments were performed at pH 5. The ‘Cup #’ refers to the individual cup that was blown
 263 down to determine the reported mass. For a subset of the cups we measured the amount of
 264 benzene-diol remaining in the blown-down material. For these cups (stacked bars) we show: the
 265 calculated sulfate mass (green portion; determined from the 5 µM H₂SO₄ added to the solution),
 266 the mass concentration of remaining benzene-diol (yellow portion), and the remaining mass, i.e.,
 267 SOA products (red portion). In some cups we did not measure the concentrations of remaining
 268 reactants. In these cases a blue bar corresponds to the total cup mass concentration for the
 269 illuminated (light) sample and a black bar for the mass in the corresponding dark sample.

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271 Section S4: Composition and kinetics for aqueous mixtures of phenols

272 Section S4.1: Phenol Concentrations

273 In this section we explain how we estimated the composition of the aqueous phenol
274 mixtures (section 3.4 in main text) that we used to mimic the concentrations of some of the major
275 phenols in ambient fog and cloud drops in areas with biomass burning. We first estimated the
276 aqueous concentrations of phenols using wood-burning emissions data of Schauer et al.¹⁴ and
277 ambient phenol and particulate matter data for a wintertime stagnation event in Bakersfield or
278 Fresno, California from Schauer and Cass.¹⁵ The total concentration of an individual phenol,
279 [ArOH(tot)] ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), during this event was calculated as:

$$280 \quad [\text{ArOH}(\text{tot})] = [\text{Primary OC mass}] \times \frac{R_{\text{ArOH,tot}} \times 0.001 \text{ g mg}^{-1}}{R_{\text{PM,fine}} \times f_{\text{OC}}} \quad (\text{S12})$$

281 where [Primary OC mass] is the primary organic carbon mass concentration from wood
282 combustion reported by Schauer and Cass¹⁵ based on CMB modeling for both hardwood and softwood
283 burning during the Bakersfield (5.7 and 4.5 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, respectively) and Fresno (8.7 and 17.5 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$,
284 respectively) events, $R_{\text{ArOH,tot}}$ is the measured emission rate of the gas- and particulate phase
285 phenol (mg phenol per kg wood burned) from a source profile,¹⁴ $R_{\text{PM,fine}}$ is the measured
286 emission rate of fine particulate matter (PM) from hardwood and softwood burning (5.1 and 9.5 g per
287 kg wood burned, respectively)¹⁴, and f_{OC} is the fraction of PM that is organic carbon (59 and 56
288 % for hardwood and softwood burning, respectively)¹⁴. For mixture experiments we lumped
289 emissions into 4 classes: phenols ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$; PhOH), guaiacols, syringols, and *m,p*-benzene-diols.
290 *o*-benzene-diol (catechol) was grouped with PhOH due to its similar reactivity and Henry's law
291 constant. We took the measured phenols in Schauer and Cass¹⁵ and assigned them to a phenol
292 reactivity class based on their structures and their resemblance to PhOH, GUA, or SYR. A
293 detailed description of this assignment is in an upcoming publication (Smith et al., 2015; *In*
294 *preparation*). For SOA rate estimations we used data reported for catechol, resorcinol and
295 hydroquinone individually.

296 Using [ArOH(tot)] we can then calculate the available gas-phase phenol concentration at
297 the measured level of OA (26.2 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for Fresno, CA)¹⁵ using the saturation concentration of
298 each phenol (C_i^*) calculated using¹⁶:

$$299 \quad C_i^* = \frac{p_{\text{vap}}^o}{RT} \times MW_i \quad [\text{S13}]$$

300 Where p_{vap}^o is the saturation vapor pressure (EPI Suite Version 4.1 (US EPA); values of 4.8×10^{-6} ,
301 3.2×10^{-8} , and 6.4×10^{-7} atm for CAT, RES, and HQ, respectively), R is the ideal gas constant
302 ($0.0825 \text{ L atm mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$), T is temperature (all calculations at 5°C), and MW_i is the molecular
303 weight of a given phenol. The fraction of a phenol that will be in the particulate phase ($f_{\text{PM},i}$) can
304 be estimated from:

$$f_{PM,i} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{C_i^*}{[POA]}}$$

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[S14]

306 After determining the gas-phase concentration of each phenol or phenol class, we allowed the
 307 phenols to partition into a hypothetical fog assuming Henry's law equilibrium. The phenols used
 308 in the work have moderate to high Henry's Law constants (K_H), with values of 1.5×10^4 , 5.0
 309 $\times 10^3$, 2.5×10^4 , 1.5×10^7 M atm⁻¹, for PhOH, GUA, SYR, and RES/HQ respectively.¹⁷ For a
 310 typical foggy winter day in the Central Valley of California (pH 5, Liquid Water Content (L) =
 311 1.0×10^{-7} L_{aq} L_g⁻¹, T = 278 K) we calculated the fraction of each phenol class that would exist in
 312 the aqueous phase (f_{aq}) as:

$$f_{aq} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{K_H \times L \times R \times T}}$$

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(S15)

314 where R is the gas constant (0.08205 L atm mol⁻¹ K⁻¹). The aqueous fraction for each phenol
 315 class, calculated assuming each member has the same K_H value as the class namesake (i.e.,
 316 PhOH, GUA, SYR, and diols), is shown in Figure S9. Using this information we estimate the
 317 aqueous concentration of each phenol class ($[ArOH(aq)]$) reported by Schauer and Cass¹⁵ as

$$[ArOH(aq)] = [ArOH]_{gas} \times f_{aq} \times MW_{ArOH}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{10^{-9} g m^3}{\mu g L} \right)$$

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(S16)

319 where MW_{ArOH} is the molecular weight of the phenol class (assumed as phenol (C₆H₅OH),
 320 guaiacol, syringol, or catechol for the respective classes). The mole fraction of each phenol class
 321 to the total phenol concentration ($f_{ArOH,mix}$) was determined as:

$$f_{ArOH,mix} = \frac{[ArOH(aq)]_{class}}{[ArOH(aq)]_{total}}$$

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(S17)

323 where $[ArOH(aq)]_{class}$ is the aqueous concentration of a given phenol class, and $[ArOH(aq)]_{total}$ is
 324 the sum of all phenol classes reported by Schauer and Cass¹⁵. We assumed an initial mixture
 325 concentration of 100 μM total aqueous phenol based on previous estimations,⁸ and applied the
 326 corresponding class fraction to this initial value.

327 Section S4.2: Theoretical k'_{ArOH} Calculations

328 The rate of loss of phenol due to reaction with the triplet excited state of DMB is:

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$$R_{ArOH,L} = k_{ArOH+3C^*}[ArOH][^3DMB^*] \quad (S18)$$

330 . If we assume $^3DMB^*$ is at steady state, the equation can be rewritten in terms of a pseudo first-
331 order rate constant:

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$$R_{ArOH,L} = k'_{ArOH}[ArOH] \quad (S19)$$

333 where

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$$k'_{ArOH} = k_{ArOH+3C^*}[^3DMB^*] \quad (S20)$$

335 Applying a steady-state approximation to the system we can calculate $[^3DMB^*]$ for a given
336 experiment using Equation S19:

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$$[^3DMB^*] = \frac{R_{3DMB^*,F}}{\sum (k_{ArOH+3DMB^*} + k_Q)[ArOH] + k_{O_2+3DMB^*}[O_2] + k'_{3DMB^*}}$$

338 (S21)
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340 where $R_{3DMB^*,F}$ is the rate of DMB triplet excited state formation under winter solstice sunlight in
341 Davis ($R_{3DMB^*,F} = j_{hv,abs} \phi_{ISC}[DMB] = 2.3 (\pm 0.5) \mu M \text{ min}^{-1}$; Section 3.1 main text), $\Sigma(k_{ArOH+3DMB^*}$
342 $+k_Q)$ is the sum of all phenol sinks for $^3DMB^*$, $k_{O_2+3DMB^*}[O_2]$ is the reaction of the triplet with
343 molecular oxygen, and k'_{3C^*} is the relaxation of the triplet to the ground state. We have
344 previously determined that $(k_{O_2+3DMB^*}[O_2] + k'_{3DMB^*}) = 5.8 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$.⁷ Using our calculated value
345 of $[^3DMB^*]$, Equations S18, and our second-order rate constants (Table 1 of the main text and
346 Equation S18), we can predict k'_{ArOH} for each phenol in our illuminated HW and SW mixtures.
347 Values of $k_{ArOH+3DMB^*}$ were determined in this work (Table 1; main text) and in previous work.⁷
348 Values of $[^3DMB^*]$ were $4.6 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$, $4.2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$, $4.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$, $4.1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ M}$ for the (1)
349 HW phenols (no diols), (2) SW phenols (no diols), (3) HW diols (no Phenol), and (4) SW diols
350 (no Phenol) solutions, respectively.

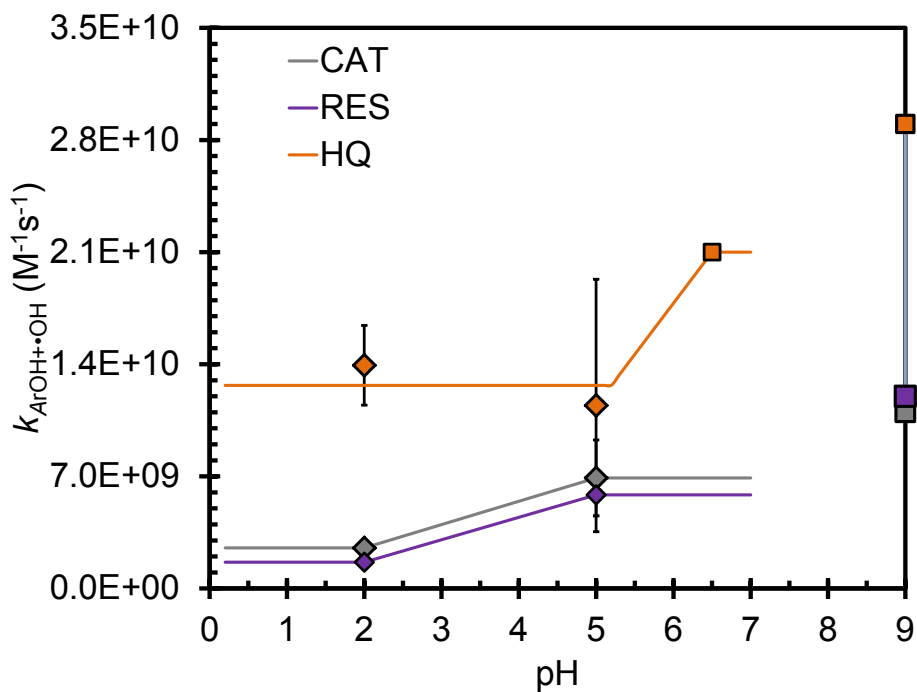
351 Equation S21 is also used to estimate the $[^3DMB^*]$ for individual phenol experiments shown in
352 Figure 4 (main text). For experiments with initial concentrations of 1, 5, and 10 μM DMB
353 (corresponding to the bottom, middle, and top lines of Figure 4A), we calculate triplet excited
354 state concentrations of approximately 9×10^{-15} , 5×10^{-14} , and 9×10^{-14} , respectively in our
355 hypothetical fog/cloud drops; these are in the range of the $^3C^*$ concentration of $9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M}$ that
356 we recently estimated for a Davis fog water.¹²

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358 Section S5: Empirical fit of $\cdot\text{OH}$ data as a function of pH

359 In order to estimate the importance of $\cdot\text{OH}$ across a wide range of solution acidities, we
360 estimated values of $k_{\text{ArOH}+\cdot\text{OH}}$ between pH 0 and 7 based on experimental results at pH 2 and 5,
361 as well as a literature value of HQ at pH 6.5.³ We did not include the available literature values³
362 at pH 9 as these values were measured near the expected pK_a 's of CAT, RES and HQ.¹⁸ Since
363 the phenolate ion contains a higher electron density in the aromatic ring we expect higher rate
364 constants for solutions near, or above, the pK_a values of phenols,¹⁸ thus producing a system that
365 is not comparable to that at pH 2 or 5.

366 For CAT and RES, we assume that $k_{\text{ArOH}+\cdot\text{OH}}$ at $\text{pH} < 2$ is equal to our measured value at pH 2
367 and that values above pH 5 are equal to the measured pH 5 rate constants (Figure S8). In
368 between pH 2 and 5 we use a linear regression, as shown in Figure S7. For HQ the experimental
369 values at pH 2 and 5 were not statistically different (main text, Table 2), so we assume the
370 average of these two values for $\text{pH} < 5$. For $\text{pH} > 6.5$ we assume the rate constant is equal to the
371 literature value³ at pH 6.5, and we use a linear regression between the pH 5 and 6.5 values
372 (Figure S7). We stop our pH analysis at pH 7 to eliminate interference from the phenolate ion on
373 our system.



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375 Figure S8: Estimated hydroxyl radical rate constants for catechol (CAT; grey), resorcinol (RES;
376 purple), and hydroquinone (HQ; orange) as a function of pH. Diamond data points are
377 experimentally determined values from this work, and square data points are literature values.³
378 Rate constants at pH 9 were not included in our fits to the data because of the presence of the
379 phenolate ion in these basic solutions.

380 Table S4: Compilation of reaction conditions and results for the mixture experiments.

Mixture	Initial Fraction ^a of [ArOH] _{tot}	Reaction Time (min)	% Loss	Calculated k'_{ArOH} / Measured k'_{ArOH}
HW: No Diols		240		
PhOH	0.33		23	0.22
GUA	0.07		72	1.25
SYR	0.60		94	0.98
HW: No PhOH		240		
GUA	0.07		56	2.68
SYR	0.61		74	1.99
CAT	0.29		N/A ^b	N/A ^b
HQ	0.03		50	1.53
SW: No Diols		1305		
PhOH	0.79		40	0.73
GUA	0.21		100	1.06
SW: No PhOH		360		
GUA	0.06		19	8.76
CAT	0.88		32	1.81
HQ	0.06		79	0.80

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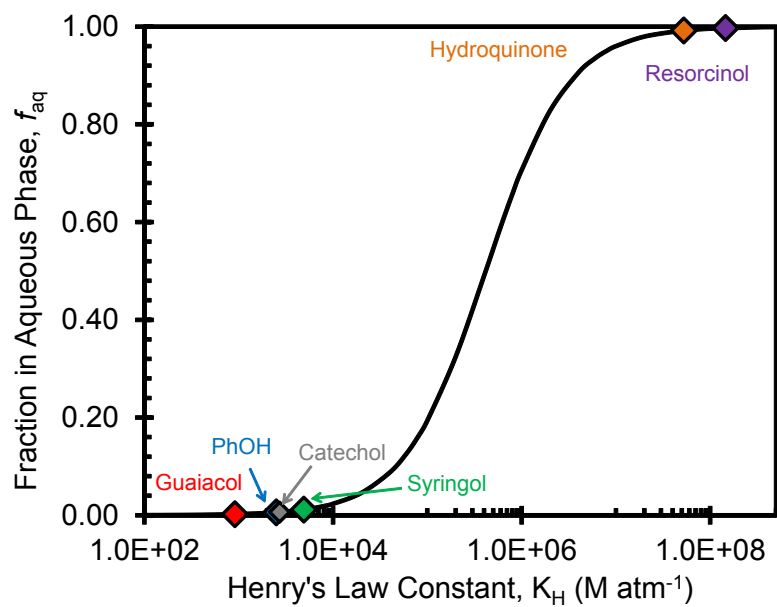
382 ^a Total [ArOH]=100μM.

383 ^b CAT could not be quantified during experiments due to a co-eluting product peak formed from
384 SYR oxidation.

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389 Figure S9: Fraction of a phenol in fog drops under typical California Central Valley fog
 390 conditions: $T = 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $\text{LWC} = 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ L}_{\text{aq}} \text{ L}_{\text{g}}^{-1}$. Values were calculated using Equation S13.
 391 Henry's Law constants were taken from Sander et al.¹⁷

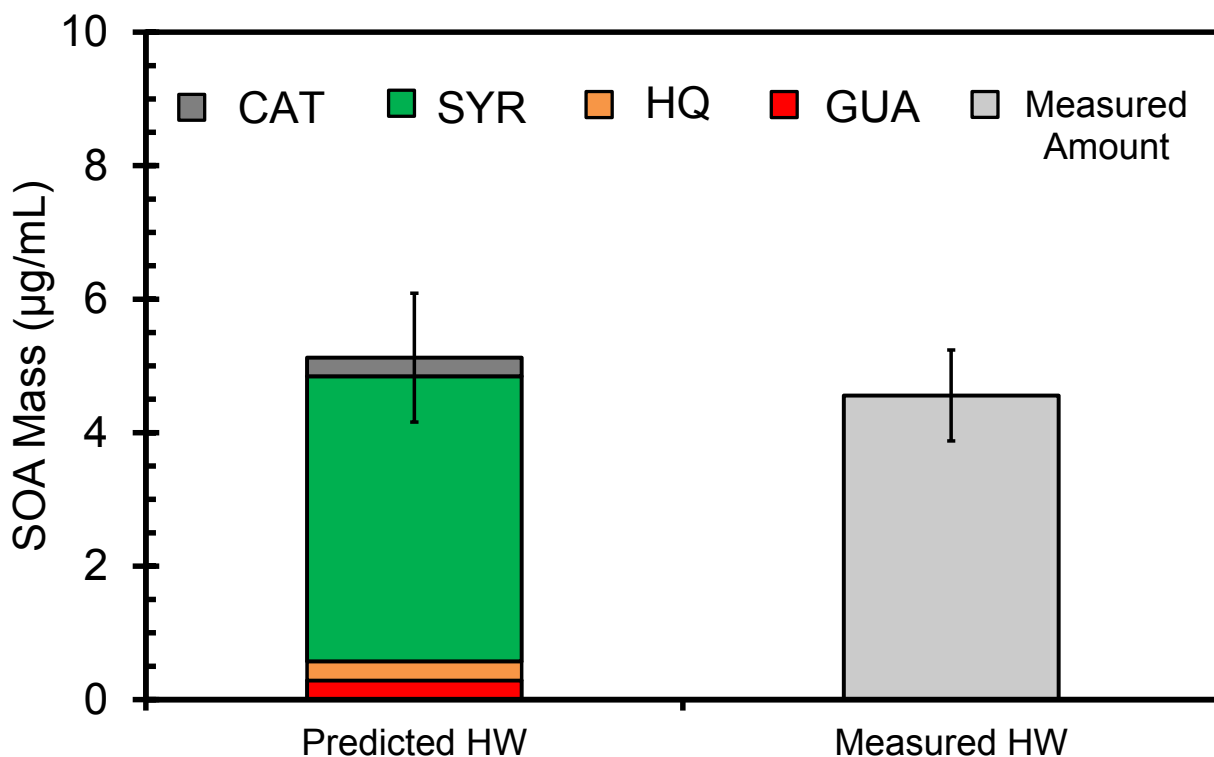
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398 Figure S10: Comparison of predicted and measured SOA mass concentrations (corrected for the
 399 dark control mass concentration) for an illuminated hardwood mixture (no PhOH) containing
 400 benzene-diols and HOOH (i.e., oxidation by $\bullet\text{OH}$). The initial concentrations of each
 401 phenol/benzene-diol in the mixture are shown in Figure 4 of the main text and Table S4. Error
 402 bars represent the propagated errors from each individual phenol/benzene-diol mass
 403 determination as shown in Section S3.

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