## Electronic Supplementary Information for

## Fragmentation of nanoplastics driven by plant-microbe rhizosphere interaction during abiotic stress combination

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рН	EC	CEC	O.M.	TOC	T-N	P	K	Ca	Mg	Fe
	(ds·m <sup>-1</sup> )	(cmol·kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(%)	(%)	(%)	(mg·kg⁻¹)	(mg∙kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg∙kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg∙kg <sup>-1</sup> )	(mg∙kg⁻¹)
6.4±0.6	1.99	14.98	2.15	1.25	0.120	49±10	53±10	50±10	44±10	6550 ±157

**Table S1.** Physicochemical characteristics of the test soil used in this study

**Table S2.** Chemical names, abbreviation, molecular form and weight of styrene oligomers used

 in this study

	Abbreviation	Molecular formula	Molecular mass
Styrene monomer	Styrene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	104.15
1,3-diphenyl propane	SD-1	$C_{15}H_{16}$	196.29
2,4-diphenyl-1-butene	SD-2	$C_{16}H_{16}$	208.30
Trans-1,2-diphenyl cyclobutane	SD-4	$C_{16}H_{16}$	208.30
2,4,6-triphenyl-1-hexane	ST-1	$\mathrm{C}_{24}\mathrm{H}_{24}$	312.45
1a-phenyl-4e-(1'phenylethyl)tetralin	ST-3	$C_{24}H_{24}$	312.45

No	C-source	Group
1	Water	-
2	Pyruvic acid methyl ester	Carbohydrates
3	Tween 40	Polymers
4	Tween 80	Polymers
5	a-cyclodextrin	Polymers
6	Glycogen	Polymers
7	D-cellobiose	Carbohydrates
8	α-D-lactose	Carbohydrates
9	β-methyl-D-glucoside	Carbohydrates
10	D-xylose	Carbohydrates
11	i-erythritol	Carbohydrates
12	D-mannitol	Carbohydrates
13	N-acetyl-D-glucosamine	Carbohydrates
14	D-glucosaminic acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
15	Glucose-1-phosphate	Carbohydrates
16	D,L-α-glycerol phosphate	Carbohydrates
17	D-galactonic acid-y-lactone	Carboxylic & acetic acids
18	D-galacturonic acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
19	2-Hydroxy benzoic acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
20	4-Hydroxy benzoic acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
21	γ-hydroxybutyric acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
22	Itaconic acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
23	$\alpha$ -ketobutyric acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
24	D-malic acid	Carboxylic & acetic acids
25	L-arginine	Amino acids
26	L-asparagine	Amino acids
27	L-phenylalanine	Amino acids
28	L-serine	Amino acids
29	L-threonine	Amino acids
30	Glycyl-L-glutamic acid	Amino acids
31	Phenylethylamine	Amino acids
32	Putrescine	Amino acids

Table S3. List of carbon sources in the EcoPla	ate <sup>TM</sup>
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**Fig. S1** PS NP characterization. (a) Representative TEM image (scale bar, 100 nm). (b) Hydrodynamic diameter and (c) zeta potential as a function of pH. (d) FTIR spectrum.



**Fig. S2** Histochemical staining assay detecting  $H_2O_2$  and  $O_2^{-}$  with DAB and NBT in in whole (except roots) 21-day-old *A. thaliana* grown in half-strength MS media with NP, Cd or Cd/NP. Scale bars, 5 mm.



Fig. S3 Cd speciation as determined by sequential extraction. Significant differences are indicated by different letters (P < 0.05).



**Fig. S4** (a) Representative TEM image (scale bar, 200 nm) of transverse sections of 21-dayold roots subjected to NP alone. (b) NP particle size in exposure stock suspension and roots subjected to NP alone. Averages and standard deviations are shown (n = 100).



**Fig. S5** Representative cryo-TEM image (scale bar, 100 nm) (inset: higher magnification, scale bar, 10 nm) of residual NPs in hydroponic media after 21-day-old plants were removed from the media.



Fig. S6 Physiological profiling of rhizosphere bacterial communities by Biolog EcoPlate. (a) AWCD (means  $\pm$  SD) for different treatments. (b) Relative ratio of utilized substrate (SAWCD) at 8 d.



**Fig. S7** HPLC chromatograms of root exudates from control and treated plants. The peaks are assigned to different organic acids: 1, malic acid; 2, succinic acid; 3, fumaric acid.



Fig. S8 Alpha diversity indices for control and treated rhizosphere samples. Averages and standard deviations are shown (n = 3). \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.005.



Fig. S9 Average relative abundance of the top 9 most abundant bacterial phyla in each root microbiome.