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## Spatio-temporal distribution, photoreactivity and environmental control of dissolved organic matter in the sea-surface microlayer of the eastern marginal seas of China

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Fig. S1. Absorption spectra averaged by seawater samples between 230 to 500 nm in the SSW and SML during spring (a), winter (b), and summer (d).





Fig. S2. Representative fluorescence excitation-emission matrix spectra (EEM) contours from samples
in the SML and the SSW of the East China Sea (ECS) and the Yellow Sea (YS) during spring, summer,
winter, and spring. The fluorescence intensities were quantified using Raman units (RU).









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24 Fig. S3. Distributions of temperature, salinity, CDOM, DOC, Chl-a, four fluorescence components, 25 S275-295, SR and SUVA254 in the subsurface water during spring, summer, and winter. (a) Temperature, b) Salinity, c) a(254), d) DOC, e) Chl-a, f) C1, g) C2, h) C3, i) C4, j) S275-295, k) SR and l) SUVA254)





34 Fig. S4. Distributions of concentrations CDOM, DOC, chl-a and four fluorescence components in the













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four fluorescence components.

Fig. S7. The Screen Sampler.

55 **Table S1** Correlation coefficients between CDOM optical properties, DOC, salinity, Chl-*a*, DO, and cell

56 in the SSW in the ECS and the YS during spring, summer, and winter.

57 Spring

	a(254)	DOC	S <sub>275-295</sub>	S <sub>350-400</sub>	S <sub>R</sub>	C1	C2	C3	C4	SUVA <sub>254</sub>	Chl-a	DO	Cell
DOC	.679**												
S <sub>275-295</sub>	-0.221	0.157											
S <sub>350-400</sub>	0.207	0.218	.808**										
S <sub>R</sub>	315**	-0.258	421**	677**									
C1	.883**	.327*	-0.092	.368**	327**								
C2	.615**	0.199	0.003	.331**	-0.195	.722**							
C3	.846**	.375**	-0.071	.361**	337**	.980**	.677**						
C4	.813**	.337*	-0.166	0.215	277*	.708**	.678**	.674**					
SUVA <sub>254</sub>	.698**	-0.032	-0.13	0.214	307*	.598**	0.223	.573**	.458**				
Chl-a	0.177	0.163	-0.045	0.054	-0.134	0.159	0.125	0.16	0.201	0.182			
DO	.683**	.512**	-0.045	0.103	-0.235	.436**	.288*	.433**	.391**	.457**	.556**		
Cell	-0.192	-0.25	-0.073	-0.036	-0.083	-0.184	-0.248	-0.191	-0.115	0.037	0.103	-0.042	
Salinity	821**	327*	0.158	-0.235	.263*	916**	538**	893**	502**	691**	-0.175	433**	0.133
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59	Summer												
	a(254)	DOC	S <sub>275-295</sub>	S <sub>350-400</sub>	S <sub>R</sub>	C1	C2	C3	C4 5	SUVA <sub>254</sub>	Chl-a D	O Ca	ell
DOC	.661**												
S <sub>275-295</sub>	0.075	0.14											
S <sub>350-400</sub>	-0.066	-0.058	.475**										
$S_R$	-0.213	-0.148	409**	448**									
C1	.571**	.433**	-0.091	-0.067	-0.117								
C2	-0.009	0.215	0.014	0.178	-0.123	.569**							
C3	733**	492**	-0.019	-0.062	-0.155	941**	474**						
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SUVA <sub>254</sub>	.779**	0.13	-0.007	-0.026	-0.177	.459**	-0.084	.597**	.512**				
Chl-a	0.234	0.002	-0.113	0.004	0.04	.525**	0.182	.554**	0.234	.337**			
DO	.641**	.551**	0.118	0.009	-0.222	0.238	-0.058	.303*	.297*	.418**	246*		
Cell	254*	261*	-0.193	-0.096	0.035	0.034	0.001	-0.035	0.012	-0.13	0.153	343**	
Salinity	505**	-0.166	0.158	0.109	0.069	551**	-0.047	639**	377**	609**	735**	-0.065	0.001
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61	Winter												
	a(254)	DOC	S <sub>275-295</sub>	S <sub>350-400</sub>	S <sub>R</sub>	C1	C2	C3	C4	SUVA <sub>254</sub>	Chl-a	DO	
DOC	.536**												
S <sub>275-295</sub>	-0.204	-0.007											
S <sub>350-400</sub>	.270*	0.057	-0.06										
S <sub>R</sub>	292*	-0.15	.538**	567**									
C1	.750**	.278*	-0.179	.286*	330**								
C2	-0.084	-0.075	0.027	0.041	-0.02	.347**							
C3	.886**	.358**	-0.206	.279*	312**	.950**	0.127						
C4	.777**	0.221	260*	.337**	297*	.745**	0.204	.822**					
SUVA <sub>254</sub>	.834**	0.016	-0.232	.317**	258*	.718**	-0.093	.827**	.795**				
Chl-a	.333**	.353**	0.084	243*	0.109	0.121	-0.049	0.199	.252*	0.126			
DO	.884**	.581**	-0.092	0.119	-0.139	.649**	-0.194	.779**	.516**	.675**	.380**		
Salinity	716**	254*	0.099	-0.224	.240*	837**	0.078	852**	567**	724**	-0.092	723**	
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63 \*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (two-tailed)

64 \* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (two-tailed)

70 Table S2 Correlation coefficients between CDOM optical properties, DOC, salinity, Chl-a, DO, and

71 nutrients in the SML in the ECS and the YS during spring, summer, and winter.

	a(254)	DOC	SUVA <sub>254</sub>	Chl-a	S <sub>275-295</sub>	$S_{350-400}$	$\mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{R}}$	$PO_4^-$	NO <sub>3</sub> -	NO <sub>2</sub> -
DOC	0.706**									
SUVA <sub>254</sub>	0.051	-0.530*								
Chl-a	0.662**	0.241	0.208							
S <sub>275-295</sub>	-0.19	-0.325	0.251	0.063						
S <sub>350-400</sub>	-0.036	-0.19	0.233	0.144	0.938**					
S <sub>R</sub>	-0.33	-0.205	-0.02	-0.251	-0.465*	-0.730**				
PO <sub>4</sub> -	-0.005	-0.108	0.324	0.322	0.238	0.281	-0.241			
NO <sub>3</sub> -	0.714**	0.259	0.066	0.963**	-0.07	-0.006	-0.176	0.24		
NO <sub>2</sub> -	0.232	0.068	-0.129	.542*	0.101	0.075	-0.111	0.346	0.976**	
SiO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-0.269	-0.125	-0.126	-0.149	-0.303	-0.252	0.071	0.229	-0.086	-0.137

72 Spring

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## 74 Summer

	a(254)	DOC	SUVA <sub>254</sub>	Chl-a	S <sub>275-295</sub>	S <sub>350-400</sub>	S <sub>R</sub>	PO <sub>4</sub> -	NO <sub>3</sub> -
DOC	0.756**								
SUVA <sub>254</sub>	-0.537**	-0.746**							
Chl-a	0.089	0.061	-0.233						
S <sub>275-295</sub>	0.17	0.102	-0.336*	0.046					
S <sub>350-400</sub>	-0.175	-0.202	0.244	-0.067	0.154				
S <sub>R</sub>	0.134	0.227	-0.098	-0.182	-0.315*	-0.708**			
PO <sub>4</sub> -	0.193	0.375**	-0.232	0.242	-0.096	-0.084	0.024		
NO <sub>3</sub> -	0.306*	0.097	-0.104	0.579**	0.042	-0.052	-0.17	0.456**	
NO <sub>2</sub> -	0.195	0.125	-0.137	0.501**	0.063	-0.075	-0.115	0.647**	0.838**

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## 76 Winter

	a(254)	DOC	SUVA <sub>254</sub>	S <sub>275-295</sub>	S <sub>350-400</sub>
DOC	0.897**				
SUVA <sub>254</sub>	0.14	-0.272	1		
S <sub>275-295</sub>	0.14	0.245	-0.283*		
S <sub>350-400</sub>	-0.26	-0.298*	0.17	-0.778**	
$S_R$	0.044	0.216	-0.417**	0.968**	-0.728**

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