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Effective densities of soot particles and their relationships with the mixing state at an urban site in the Beijing megacity in the winter of 2018

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1 Supplementary

2 Table. S1 Optical characteristics from the different models

MODEL	DF	DC	DP	CEXT	CABS	CSCA	MEC1064	MAC1064	MSC1064	MAC532	S/C RATIO
C	2	127	194	0.008249	0.007222	0.001028	4.273068	3.740848	0.53225	7.200429	1.527559
C	2.2	127	194	0.008481	0.00731	0.001171	4.392802	3.786476	0.606372	7.288254	1.527559
C	2.4	127	194	0.008713	0.007426	0.001287	4.512995	3.846496	0.666484	7.403781	1.527559
C	2.6	127	194	0.008807	0.007442	0.001365	4.562144	3.85507	0.706998	7.420285	1.527559
C	2.8	127	194	0.008894	0.007465	0.001429	4.607159	3.867013	0.740192	7.443273	1.527559
B	2.6	118	211	0.009052	0.006749	0.002303	5.845469	4.358303	1.487188	8.388915	1.788136
B	2.8	118	211	0.009081	0.006776	0.002306	5.864437	4.37569	1.488904	8.422382	1.788136
C	2	118	211	0.007509	0.00607	0.001438	4.848982	3.920012	0.928948	7.545286	1.788136
C	2.2	118	211	0.007634	0.00607	0.001565	4.930047	3.919786	1.010442	7.544851	1.788136
C	2.4	118	211	0.007902	0.006153	0.00175	5.103241	3.973302	1.129984	7.64786	1.788136
C	2.6	118	211	0.00805	0.006192	0.001859	5.198757	3.998593	1.200255	7.696539	1.788136
C	2.8	118	211	0.008196	0.006236	0.00196	5.292919	4.02727	1.265694	7.751738	1.788136
B	2.4	111	225	0.008644	0.00569	0.002954	6.706476	4.414534	2.292127	8.497148	2.027027
B	2.6	111	225	0.008784	0.005813	0.002971	6.814749	4.509543	2.305237	8.680022	2.027027
B	2.8	111	225	0.008772	0.005799	0.002973	6.805804	4.499055	2.306625	8.659835	2.027027
C	2	111	225	0.006794	0.005059	0.001735	5.270542	3.92499	1.345706	7.554867	2.027027
C	2.2	111	225	0.007256	0.005202	0.002054	5.629294	4.036039	1.593255	7.768617	2.027027
C	2.4	111	225	0.007386	0.005195	0.002191	5.729856	4.030178	1.699492	7.757336	2.027027
C	2.6	111	225	0.007596	0.005246	0.002349	5.892728	4.07028	1.822603	7.834523	2.027027
C	2.8	111	225	0.007747	0.005275	0.002472	6.010565	4.092798	1.917643	7.877867	2.027027
B	2.2	110	238	0.010017	0.005874	0.004144	7.985556	4.682386	3.303418	9.012713	2.163636
B	2.4	110	238	0.010097	0.005946	0.004151	8.049037	4.740193	3.309057	9.123981	2.163636
B	2.6	110	238	0.010119	0.005962	0.004156	8.066415	4.752961	3.313348	9.148556	2.163636
B	2.8	110	238	0.010234	0.006061	0.004174	8.158623	4.831337	3.327179	9.299416	2.163636

C	2	110	238	0.007595	0.005145	0.00245	6.054156	4.101122	1.952927	7.893889	2.163636
C	2.2	110	238	0.007898	0.005171	0.002727	6.296024	4.122401	2.173517	7.934847	2.163636
C	2.4	110	238	0.008168	0.005221	0.002946	6.510939	4.162121	2.348676	8.011301	2.163636
C	2.6	110	238	0.008391	0.00523	0.003161	6.689326	4.169569	2.519899	8.025636	2.163636
C	2.8	110	238	0.0087	0.005315	0.003385	6.93545	4.236597	2.698676	8.154652	2.163636
B	2.2	112	239	0.010308	0.006093	0.004215	7.784914	4.601424	3.183592	8.856876	2.133929
B	2.4	112	239	0.010509	0.006264	0.004245	7.936702	4.730851	3.205648	9.105998	2.133929
B	2.6	112	239	0.010464	0.006224	0.00424	7.902482	4.700357	3.202294	9.047304	2.133929
B	2.8	112	239	0.010527	0.006277	0.00425	7.950255	4.740337	3.210019	9.124258	2.133929
C	2	112	239	0.007729	0.005331	0.002398	5.837076	4.026119	1.811025	7.749522	2.133929
C	2.2	112	239	0.008068	0.005392	0.002676	6.093219	4.072197	2.021225	7.838215	2.133929
C	2.4	112	239	0.008395	0.005429	0.002966	6.340214	4.100319	2.239726	7.892343	2.133929
C	2.6	112	239	0.008832	0.005556	0.003276	6.670218	4.196203	2.47415	8.076902	2.133929
C	2.8	112	239	0.008973	0.005545	0.003428	6.776944	4.187733	2.589144	8.060598	2.133929

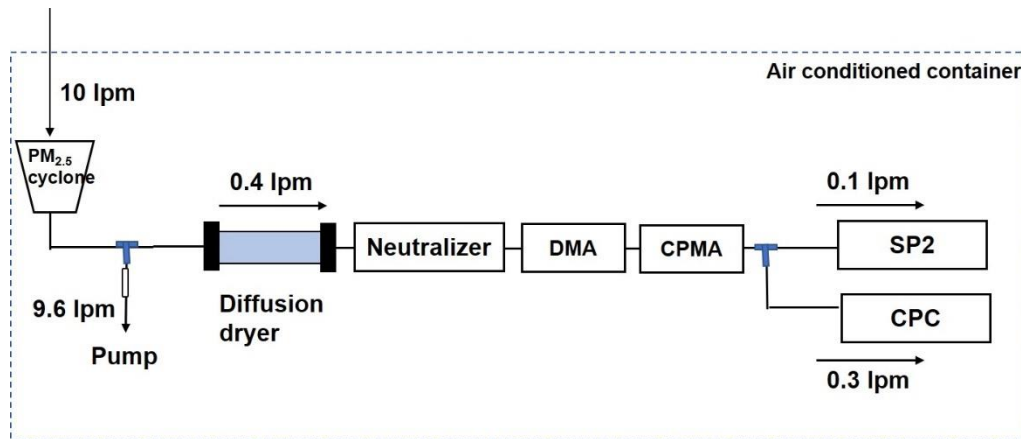


3 Cases 1-5, Models A/B/C from left to right

4 The fractal prefactor (k_0) is assumed to be 1.2. The monomer size (a) is assumed to be $0.02 \mu\text{m}$. The
5 monomer number (N_s) is calculated as the volume-equivalent radii of BC. The wavelength is $1.064 \mu\text{m}$.

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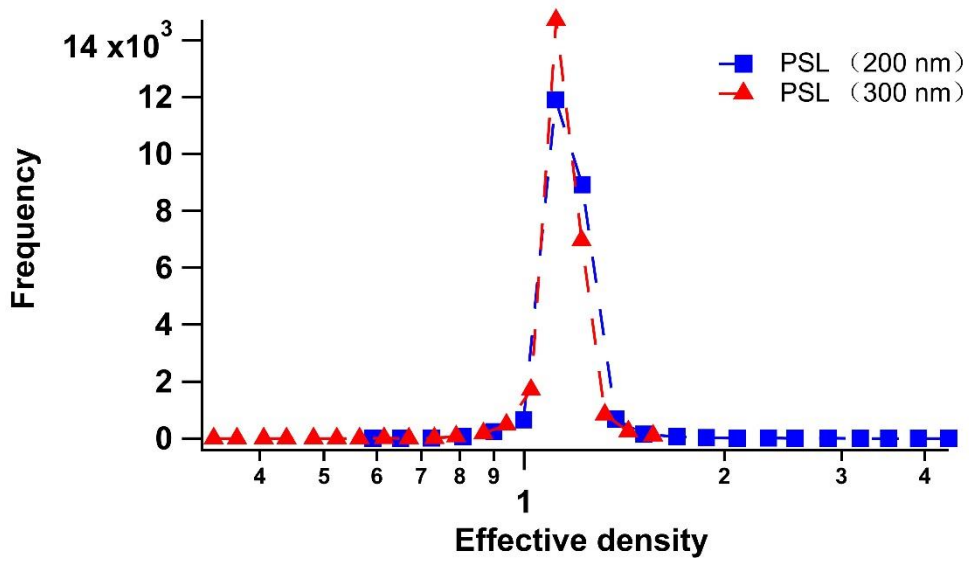
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9 **Figure. S1 Schematic diagram of the measurement system.**

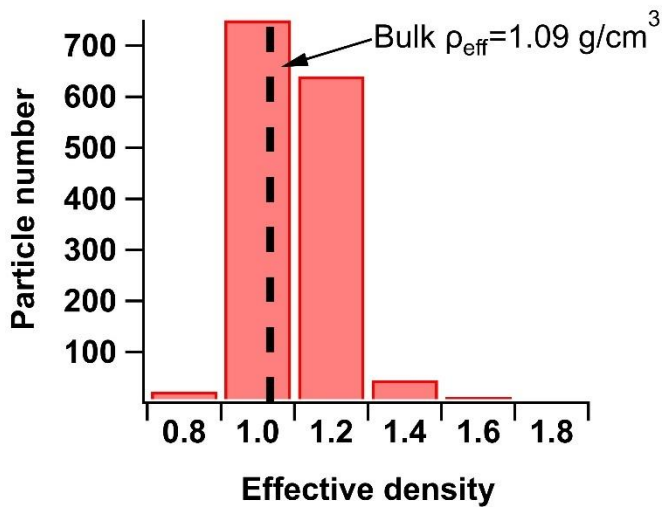
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12 Figure. S2 The effective density distribution of PSL determined by the DMA+CPMA tandem system.

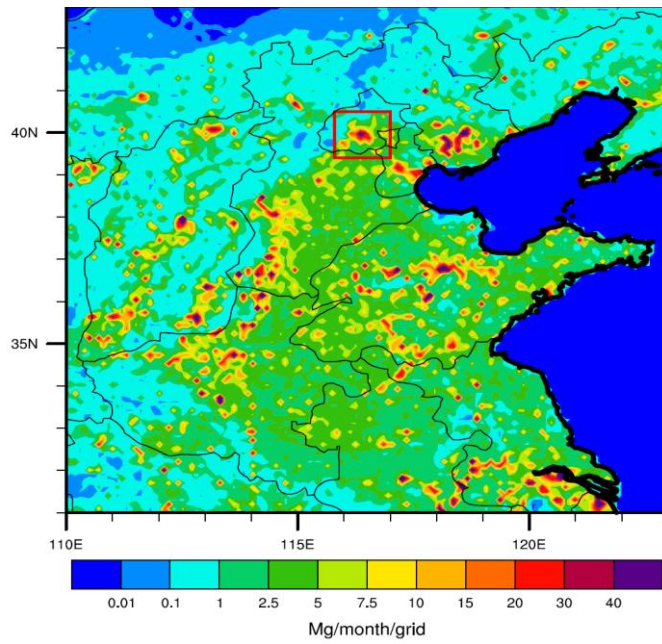
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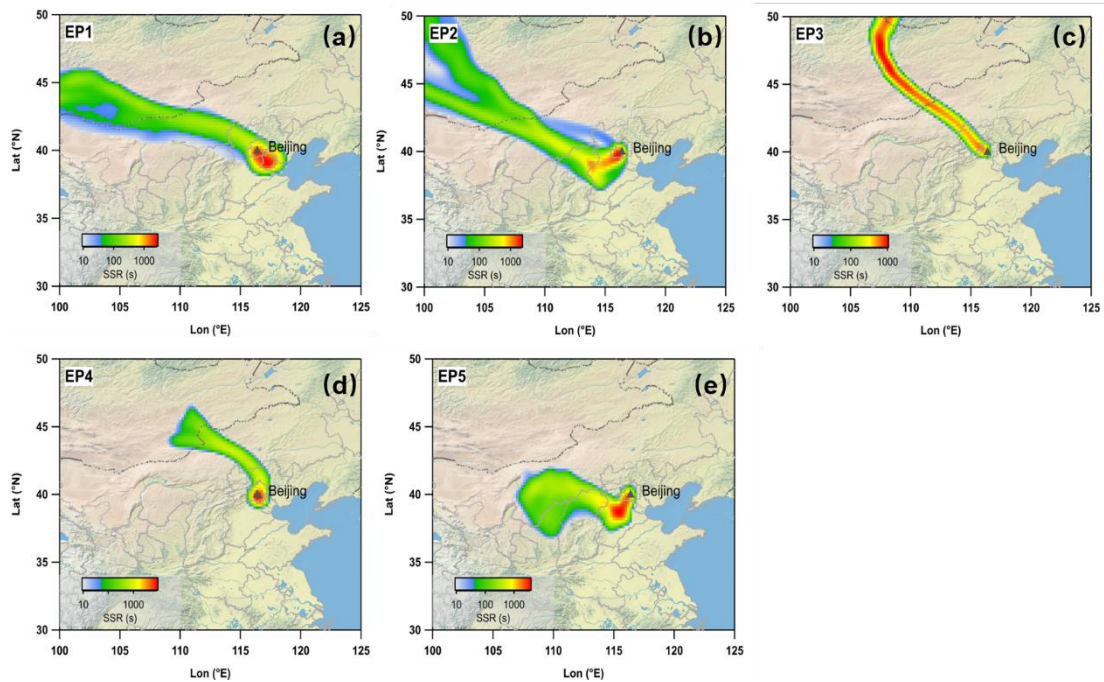
15 Figure. S3 The weighted average method used to determine the bulk aerosol density of PSL.

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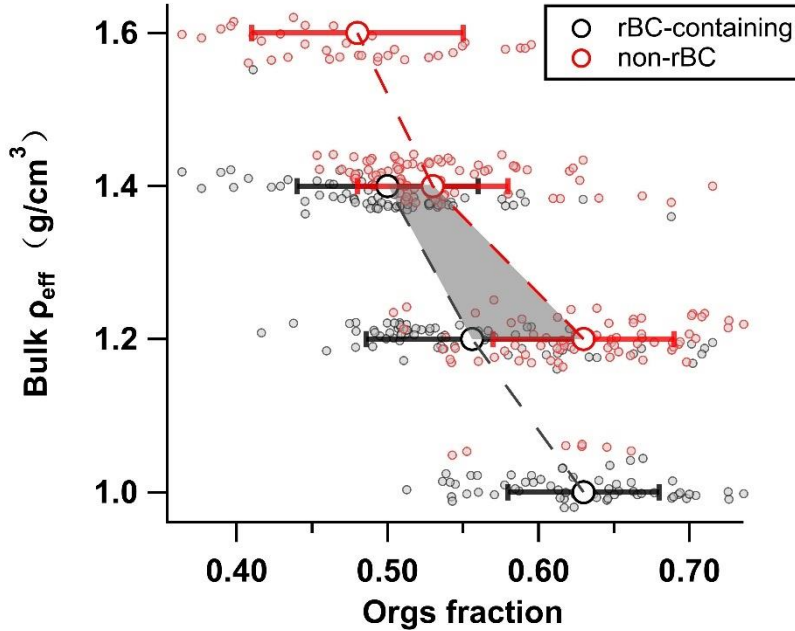
18 **Figure. S4** The emission of rBC in in eastern-central China. The red box denotes the geographical location of
 19 **the observation site.** The map is a built-in map in NCL software (<http://www.ncl.ucar.edu/>).



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21 **Figure. S5** The 24 h backward trajectories during the five episodes. SSR is the residence time of particles in
 22 each cell. The FLEXPART (FLEXible PARTicle) dispersion model (<https://www.flexpart.eu>, last access: 15
 23 June 2018) developed by the Norwegian Institute for Air Research was used to predicted the backward
 24 trajectory. Global Data Assimilation System (GDAS) with $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ resolution was used as the meteorology input

25 for FLEXPART. Air samples were released at 50m above ground level and the simulation time of backward
 26 trajectory is 1 day. The map is a built-in map in IGOR software (<https://www.wavemetrics.com/>).
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 29 **Figure. S6** The relationship between the bulk effective density and the organic mass fraction in the NR-PM_{2.5}.

30 **Uncertainty analyze:**

31 The physical parameters directly measured by the tandem system is the mass of rBC-containing particle
 32 (M_p), the mass of rBC core (M_{rBC}) and the mobility diameter of rBC-containing particle (D_{mob}).

33 M_p is selected by CPMA and its uncertainty is influenced by the voltage and rotate speed of CPMA
 34 (Olfert and Collings, 2005). In practice, the uncertainty can be determined through setting the resolution
 35 (R_m) parameter of CPMA. CPMA can change the voltage and rotate speed automatically to meet the
 36 uncertainty which was ~10% during our experiment.

37 The uncertainty of D_{mob} has been determined to be ~3% (Kinney et al., 1991). The uncertainty of M_{rBC}
 38 has determined to be ~30% (Shiraiwa et al., 2008).

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40 For particle density, from the equation

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$$\rho_{eff} = \frac{6M_p}{\pi D_{mob}^3} \tag{1}$$

42 Applying the propagation of uncertainty gives:

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$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\rho}}{\rho}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{M_p}}{M_p}\right)^2 + 9\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{D_{mob}}}{D_{mob}}\right)^2$$

44 Then the uncertainty of ρ was determined to be 13.5%.

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46 For dynamic shape factor, from the equation

$$47 \quad \chi = \frac{D_{mob} \times C_c(D_{mev})}{D_{mev} \times C_c(D_{mob})} \quad (2)$$

48 Applying the propagation of uncertainty gives:

$$49 \quad \left(\frac{\varepsilon_\chi}{\chi}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{D_{mob}}}{D_{mob}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{D_{mev}}}{D_{mev}}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{C_c}}{C_c}\right)^2 \quad (3)$$

50 the ε_{C_c}/C_c is the same for all particle sizes and equals to 2.1%(Allen and Raabe, 1985). The D_{mev} is

51 derived from equation 4-5 and the $\varepsilon_{D_{mev}}/D_{mev}$ is calculated to be ~4% .

$$52 \quad M_p = \frac{\pi}{6}(D_{mev}^3 - D_c^3) * \rho_{coat} + \frac{\pi}{6}D_c^3 * \rho_{rBC} \quad (4)$$

$$53 \quad D_{mev} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{6}{\pi}(M_p - \left(1 - \frac{\rho_{coat}}{\rho_{rBC}}\right) * M_{rBC})} \quad (5)$$

54 Then, the uncertainty of χ was determined to be 5.8%.

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56 For void ratio,

$$57 \quad R_{void} = 1 - \frac{D_{mev}^3}{D_{mob}^3} \quad (6)$$

$$58 \quad \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{R_{void}}}{R_{void}}\right)^2 = 9\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{D_{mob}}}{D_{mob}}\right)^2 + 9\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{D_{mev}}}{D_{mev}}\right)^2 \quad (7)$$

59 Then, the uncertainty of R_{void} was determined to be 19.6%.

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61 For mass ratio (M_R)

$$62 \quad M_R = \frac{M_p - M_{rBC}}{M_{rBC}} \quad (8)$$

$$63 \quad \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{M_R}}{M_R}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{M_p}}{M_p}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{M_{rBC}}}{M_{rBC}}\right)^2 \quad (9)$$

64 Then, the uncertainty of M_R was determined to be 31.6%.

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