



Supplement of

Measurement report: Optical characterization, seasonality, and sources of brown carbon in fine aerosols from Tianjin, North China: year-round observations

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Table S1. Mass concentrations of WSOC, WIOC and absorbance efficiency of WSBrc and WI-MSBrc (Range & Median) in PM_{2.5} from Tianjin, North China.

	Annual		Summer		Autumn		Winter		Spring	
	Range	Median	Range	Median	Range	Median	Range	Median	Range	Median
Concentrations										
WSOC ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	0.69–16.0	2.56	1.14–3.12	1.74	1.16–7.68	3.13	1.37–16.0	4.19	0.69–4.03	2.44
WIOC ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)	0.00–8.93	1.01	0.00–1.33	0.38	0.21–5.07	1.39	0.00–8.93	3.33	0.23–2.62	0.73
Optical parameters										
Abs ₃₆₅ (Mm ⁻¹)	0.49–36.7	2.94	0.49–3.16	1.23	0.55–13.5	3.09	2.35–36.7	8.27	0.66–13.3	2.94
MAE ₃₆₅ (m ² g ⁻¹)	0.38–3.41	1.14	0.38–1.98	0.64	0.40–1.76	1.02	0.90–3.08	2.02	0.52–3.41	1.34
AAE(300–500 nm)	3.85–7.99	5.65	3.90–6.88	4.90	5.12–7.99	6.17	4.50–7.39	5.88	3.85–7.57	5.27
E ₂ /E ₃	3.30–7.66	5.18	3.64–7.66	5.74	4.61–7.66	5.59	4.18–6.22	5.15	3.30–6.25	4.80
FI	1.13–1.63	1.37	1.16–1.49	1.32	1.36–1.61	1.45	1.29–1.44	1.37	1.13–1.63	1.37
BIX	0.79–1.39	1.03	0.79–1.04	0.91	0.83–1.26	1.06	1.03–1.39	1.19	0.82–1.24	1.00
HIX	1.72–4.17	2.86	2.47–3.98	3.00	2.11–4.17	2.97	1.72–3.72	2.48	1.84–3.76	2.87
k ₃₆₅	0.017–0.149	0.050	0.017–0.086	0.028	0.018–0.077	0.044	0.039–0.134	0.088	0.023–0.149	0.058
SFE _{Abs300–400} (W g ⁻¹)	0.60–5.13	1.74	0.60–2.99	0.97	0.81–5.13	1.55	1.40–4.76	3.14	0.62–2.71	2.00
SFE _{Abs300–700} (W g ⁻¹)	0.98–13.1	4.50	1.22–10.5	2.95	1.48–12.5	3.30	3.75–13.1	7.56	0.98–6.36	4.99
Abs ₃₆₅ (Mm ⁻¹)	0.32–25.0	1.54	0.40–1.26	0.71	0.32–11.0	2.08	2.85–25.0	9.45	0.44–11.3	1.36
MAE ₃₆₅ (m ² g ⁻¹)	0.18–7.05	2.26	0.89–7.05	1.66	0.18–4.70	1.50	2.01–3.42	2.71	0.42–5.81	1.96
AAE(300–500 nm)	2.08–12.9	5.99	4.27–9.19	5.05	2.08–12.9	5.72	5.49–6.76	6.29	3.94–8.38	6.30
E ₂ /E ₃	3.32–24.1	6.16	4.32–9.58	6.58	3.32–10.1	5.31	5.28–7.73	6.11	4.50–24.1	6.96
FI	1.29–2.24	1.59	1.34–1.92	1.58	1.48–1.73	1.57	1.61–2.24	1.71	1.29–1.77	1.51
BIX	0.83–1.76	1.27	0.92–1.65	1.36	0.83–1.36	1.05	1.20–1.62	1.42	0.94–1.76	1.22
HIX	0.11–2.38	0.59	0.11–0.49	0.25	0.30–2.38	1.34	0.62–1.79	1.44	0.11–1.26	0.34
k ₃₆₅	0.0080.307	0.098	0.039–0.307	0.072	0.008–0.205	0.065	0.0870.149	0.118	0.018–0.253	0.087
SFE _{Abs300–400} (W g ⁻¹)	0.64–8.84	2.89	0.60–2.99	0.97	0.75–7.01	2.34	3.04–5.29	4.15	0.64–8.84	2.94
SFE _{Abs300–700} (W g ⁻¹)	0.92–51.3	7.55	1.22–10.5	2.95	0.92–51.3	6.47	7.06–11.7	9.14	2.48–21.8	6.28

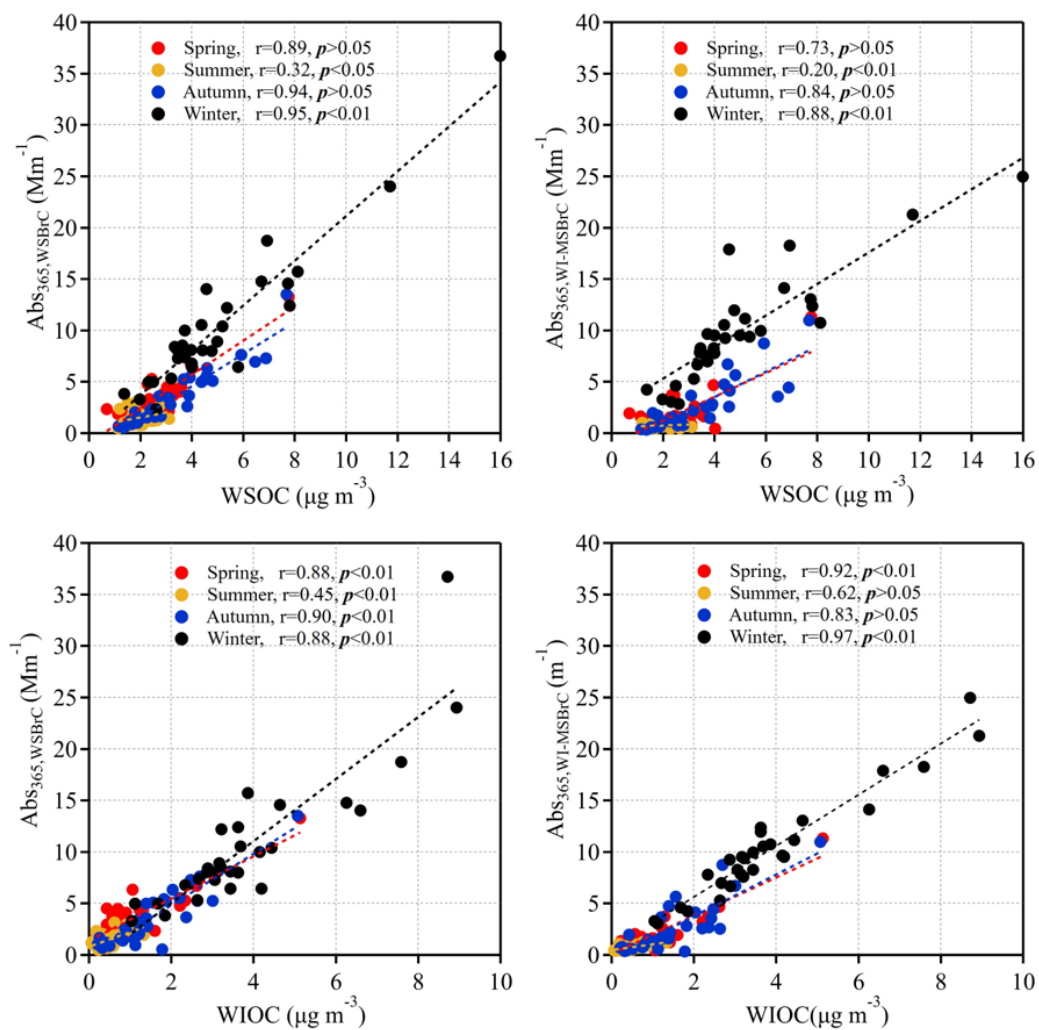


Figure S1. Scatter plots of Abs₃₆₅(WSBrC) and Abs₃₆₅(WI-MSBrC) with the concentration of WSOC and WIOC in PM_{2.5} from Tianjin in each season during 2018–2019. The WSOC and WIOC data is obtained from (Dong et al., 2021).

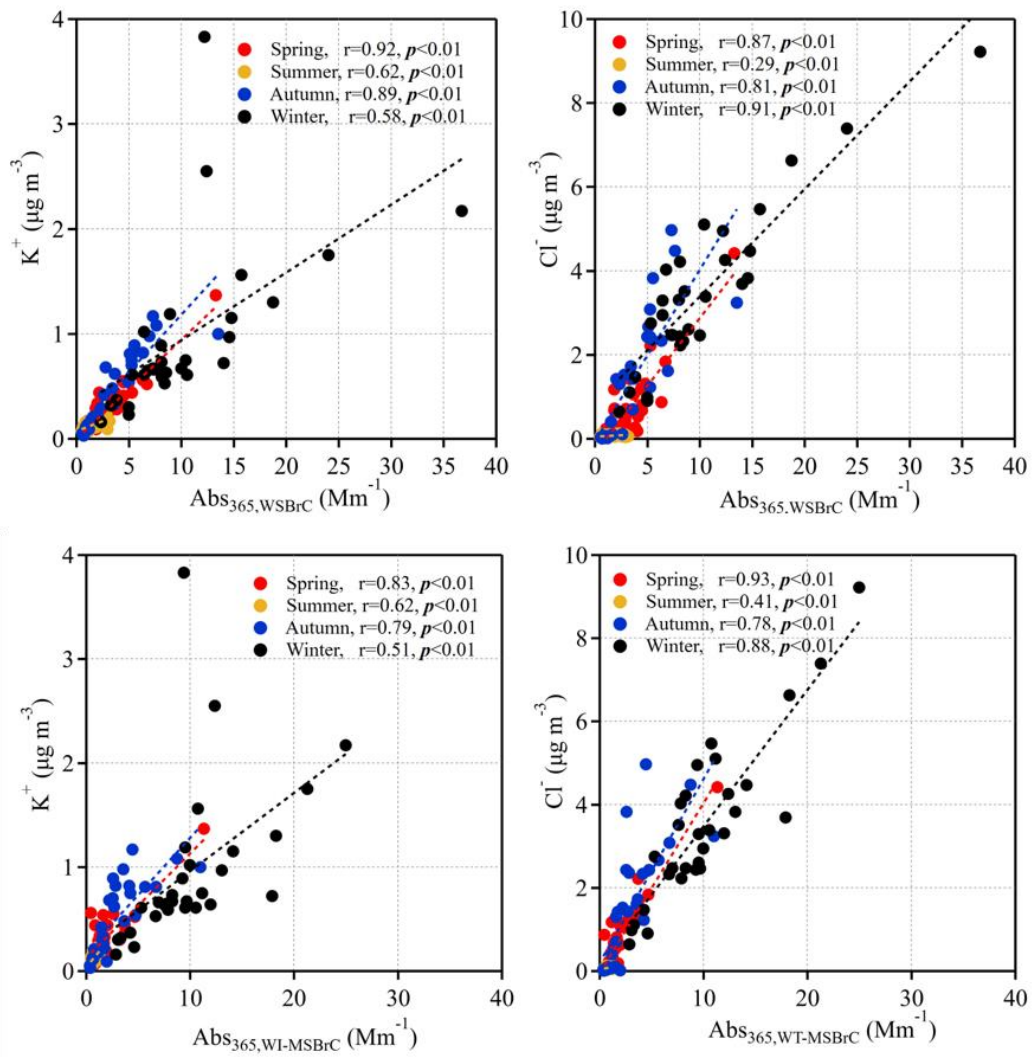


Figure S2. Scatter plots of Abs₃₆₅(WSBrC) and Abs₃₆₅(WI-MSBrC) with K⁺ and Cl⁻ in PM_{2.5} from Tianjin in each season during 2018–2019. The concentration of K⁺ and Cl⁻ from (Dong et al., 2021).

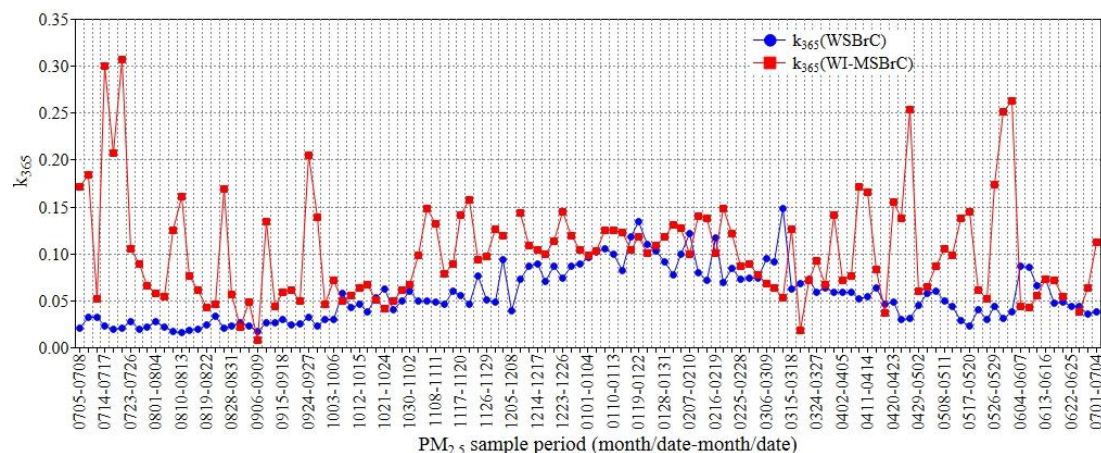


Figure S3. Temporal variations in imaginary refractive index (k) of WSBBrC and WI-MSBrC in PM_{2.5} from Tianjin in each season during 2018–2019.

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