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## Sources and trends of black carbon aerosol in the megacity of Nanjing, eastern China, after the China Clean Action Plan and Three-Year Action Plan

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Figure S1 The location of sampling site, In the right panel, the sampling site in Nanjing is marked with a black elliptical dot (© Google Earth)



Figure S2 10-fold cross-validation results for the random forest model predicting BC concentration at 880 nm. Each panel in the figure corresponds to one of the 10 folds.



Figure S3 10-fold cross-validation results for the random forest model predicting BC concentration at 370 nm. Each panel in the figure corresponds to one of the 10 folds.



Figure S4 Bivariate polar plots of hourly BC concentration in four seasons



Figure S5 Diurnal variation of pollutant gases and meteorology factors



Figure S6 Hourly, annually, seasonal and monthly variation of AAE



Figure S7 Comparison of BC from TAP data and predicted daily average BC by the machine learning models



Figure S8 The predictor's importance for BC at (A) 880 nm and (B) 370 nm



Figure S9 Uncertainty analysis of BC source apportionment using the Aethalometer model. Contributions of liquid and solid fuel combustion to BC were calculated using five different combinations of  $AAE_{liquid}$  and  $AAE_{solid}$ 



Figure S10 Trends in air pollutants at sampling site. The solid black line represents the monthly medians, the dash black lines represent the 10th and 90th monthly percentiles, and the orange line is the fitted long-term trend.



Figure S11 Different component distinguished by KZ filter for (A) BC (B) BC<sub>liquid</sub> (C) BC<sub>solid</sub>



Figure S12 (A) Emission-related and (B) meteorology-related trends of BC. The left, middle and right panels

represent BC, BCliquid and BCsolid.



Figure S13 Seasonal variation of meteorology-related  $BC_{liquid}$  and  $BC_{solid}$ . The square in the figure represents the 25th and 75th percentiles of the data, the vertical lines represent the 10th and 90th percentiles, and the horizontal line inside the square indicates the median. The Y-axis represents the log-transformed concentrations of  $BC_{liquid}$  and  $BC_{solid}$ 

AAE <sub>BB</sub> -AAE <sub>FF</sub> pairs						
Parameters	AAE <sub>solid</sub> =1.8	AAE <sub>solid</sub> =2.0	AAE <sub>solid</sub> =2.2			
AAEliquid=0.8	62%	71%	77%			
AAE <sub>liquid</sub> =1	73%	80%	85%			
AAEliquid=1.1	81%	87%	90%			

Table S1 The relative contributions (%) of fossil fuel to BC estimated by Aethalometer model with the different

Sources	BC/PM <sub>2.5</sub>
Biomass burning & coal	
Agricultural burning	0.058-0.131ª
Forest fire	0.032ª
Residential wood combustion	0.042-0.33 <sup>a</sup>
Residential coal combustion	$0.26^{a}$
Fossil fuel	
Light-duty gasline	0.059-0.37ª
Heavy-duty diesel	0.33-0.74 <sup>a</sup>
Light-duty diesel	0.62-0.64ª
Sources	BC/CO
Industry	0.0072 <sup>b</sup>
Power plant	0.0177 <sup>b</sup>
Residential	0.0371 <sup>b</sup>
Traffic	0.0052 <sup>b</sup>

Table S2 BC/PM $_{2.5}$  and BC/CO ratios from different sources

a:(Chow et al., 2011)

b:(Zhang et al., 2009)

season	pollutants	absolute slope <sup>a</sup>	relative slope <sup>b</sup>	р
	BC	-0.19	-7.16%	0.003
	$\mathrm{BC}_{\mathrm{liquid}}$	-0.16	-7.60%	0.003
	BC <sub>solid</sub>	-0.05	-8.74%	0.013
spring	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-6.00	-15.90%	0.001
	NO <sub>2</sub>	-3.00	-7.82%	0.003
	$SO_2$	-3.38	-28.15%	0.001
	СО	-0.09	-11.67%	0.008
	BC	-0.13	-5.16%	0.013
	$\mathrm{BC}_{\mathrm{liquid}}$	-0.09	-4.16%	0.011
	BC <sub>solid</sub>	-0.04	-12.65%	0.000
summer	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-6.67	-25.44%	0.001
	NO <sub>2</sub>	-1.50	-5.50%	0.054
	$SO_2$	-2.20	-20.17%	0.000
	СО	-0.04	-6.06%	0.090
	BC	-0.13	-4.87%	0.030
	$\mathrm{BC}_{\mathrm{liquid}}$	-0.11	-5.08%	0.008
	BC <sub>solid</sub>	-0.01	-1.64%	0.790
autumn	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-6.00	-20.02%	0.001
	NO <sub>2</sub>	-0.36	-3.28%	0.790
	$SO_2$	-2.29	-20.61%	0.001
	СО	-0.03	-3.55%	0.001
	BC	-0.33	-9.95%	0.001
	$\mathrm{BC}_{\mathrm{liquid}}$	-0.26	-10.50%	0.001
	BC <sub>solid</sub>	-0.06	-8.55%	0.006
winter	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	-7.06	-14.20%	0.000
	$NO_2$	-1.33	-3.35%	0.413
	$SO_2$	-4.67	-36.15%	0.001
	СО	-0.09	-8.63%	0.001

Table S3 The change rates of BC and other air pollutants across different seasons

<sup>a</sup>: μg m<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

<sup>b</sup>: % yr<sup>-1</sup>

Component	BC	Bcliquid	$BC_{ m solid}$
Var(X)	0.16	0.16	0.40
Var(X <sub>ST</sub> )	68.87%	72.80%	51.71%
Var(X <sub>SN</sub> )	15.90%	11.37%	39.71%
Var(X <sub>LT</sub> )	8.00%	8.10%	0.35%
Cov (X <sub>SN</sub> , X <sub>ST</sub> )	2.73%	2.76%	0.23%
$Cov(X_{SN}, X_{LT})$	0.90%	1.15%	0.00%
Cov (X <sub>ST</sub> , X <sub>LT</sub> )	0.00%	0.00%	2.44%
$Var(X_{LT}^{emi})$	2.76%	2.31%	2.31%
$Var(X_{LT}^{met})$	2.16%	2.68%	0.35%
Cov (X <sub>ST</sub> , X <sub>LT</sub> )	1.50%	1.54%	0.41%

Table S4 Total variance of log-transformed time series of BC, BC<sub>liquid</sub> and BC<sub>solid</sub> and relative contributions of variances of and covariances among each component to total variance

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