

Figure S1. Simulated (a) and MODIS observed (b) 550 nm AOD data averaged for the months and regions in which fire emissions account for < 50% of the total AOD for 2010. AERONET measurements in the corresponding months and regions are shown as color-coded open circles in (a). MODIS data in the shaded Arctic region in (b) are not used due to the

5 uncertainty of MODIS retrieval above bright surface (Remer et al., 2013).

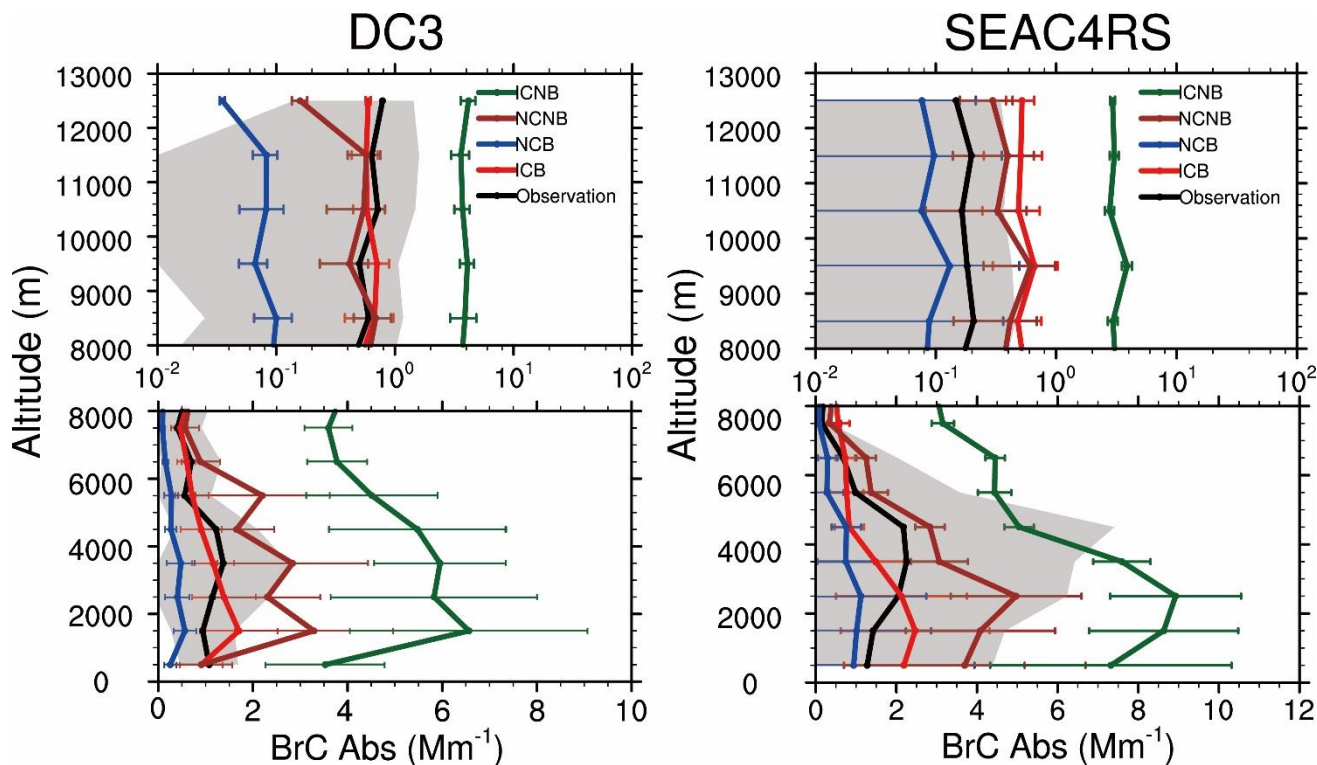


Figure S2. Comparison between observed and simulated vertical profiles of BrC absorption at 365 nm. Black lines and shaded areas show the means and standard deviations of the observations binned in 1-km intervals, respectively. The colored vertical lines and horizontal bars show the means and standard deviations of corresponding model results, respectively. Model sensitivity simulations of BrC are listed in Table 2.

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Table S1a. RRTMG wavelength boundaries for shortwave

Band Index	Lower boundary Wavelength (nm)	Upper Boundary Wavelength (nm)
1	3077	3846
2	2500	3077
3	2150	2500
4	1942	2150

5	1626	1942
6	1299	1626
7	1242	1299
8	778	1242
9	625	778
10	442	625
11	345	442
12	263	345
13	200	263

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Table S1b. RRTMG wavelength boundaries for longwave

Band Index	Lower boundary Wavelength (μm)	Upper Boundary Wavelength (μm)
1	28.57	1000
2	20	28.57
3	15.87	20
4	14.29	15.87
5	12.2	14.29
6	10.2	12.2
7	9.26	10.2
8	8.47	9.26
9	7.19	8.47
10	6.76	7.19
11	5.56	6.76
12	4.81	5.56
13	4.44	4.81
14	4.2	4.44
15	3.85	4.2
16	3.08	3.85

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45 **Reference**

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