

Virkkula et al., Aerosol optical properties calculated from size distributions, filter samples and absorption photometer data at Dome C, Antarctica and their relationships between seasonal cycles of sources

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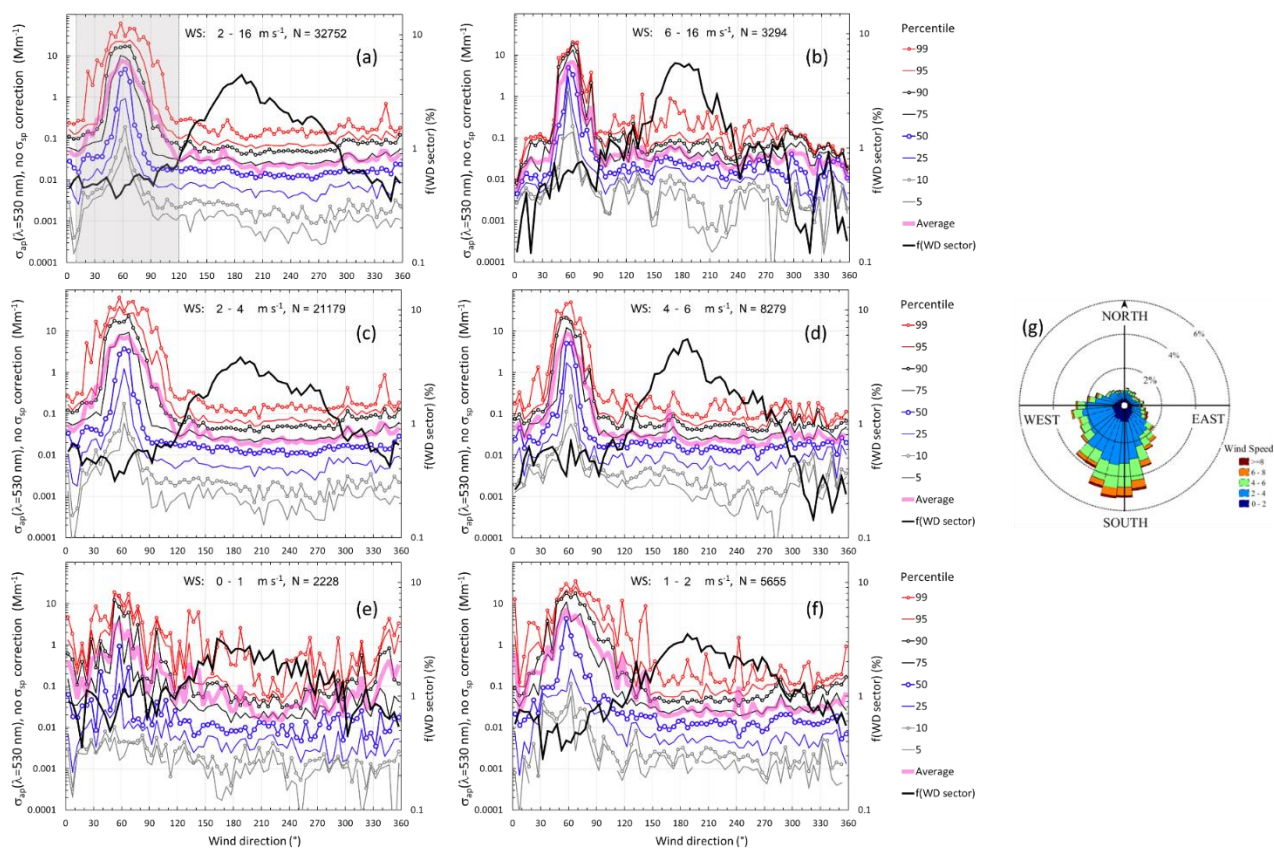


Figure S1. Absorption coefficient $\sigma_{ap,nsc}(\lambda=530\text{nm})$ at different wind directions.

Table S1. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of mass concentrations calculated from the number size distributions (m(DMPS,PM_{0.8}) and m(DMPS,PM₁₀)) and the sum of chemical constituents analyzed from the PM₁ and PM₁₀ filter samples. N: for m(DMPS) the number of hourly data, for PM₁ and PM₁₀ the number of filter samples. See the main text for detailed explanations.

| m(size distributions) | | m(DMPS,PM _{0.8}), ng m ⁻³ | | | | m(DMPS,PM ₁₀), ng m ⁻³ | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--|-------------|-----|-----|---|-----|-------------|-----|-----|
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 1263 | 247 | 148 | 191 | 268 | | 284 | 170 | 220 | 308 |
| FEB | 2480 | 299 | 174 | 272 | 386 | | 349 | 203 | 318 | 451 |
| MAR | 1912 | 139 | 86 | 121 | 164 | | 176 | 108 | 153 | 208 |
| APR | 1735 | 61 | 33 | 48 | 87 | | 84 | 46 | 66 | 120 |
| MAY | 1880 | 42 | 17 | 26 | 37 | | 75 | 31 | 46 | 67 |
| JUN | 1434 | 88 | 15 | 22 | 49 | | 176 | 29 | 44 | 99 |
| JUL | 2471 | 85 | 17 | 32 | 57 | | 172 | 34 | 65 | 116 |
| AUG | 1783 | 52 | 13 | 21 | 41 | | 95 | 25 | 39 | 75 |
| SEP | 2021 | 72 | 33 | 49 | 71 | | 115 | 52 | 79 | 113 |
| OCT | 2421 | 71 | 48 | 62 | 83 | | 110 | 74 | 96 | 128 |
| NOV | 1275 | 151 | 94 | 122 | 208 | | 202 | 126 | 163 | 279 |
| DEC | 1312 | 192 | 128 | 161 | 263 | | 239 | 159 | 200 | 327 |
| N _{tot} | 21987 | | | | | | | | | |

| m(filter samples) | | PM ₁ , ng m ⁻³ | | | | PM ₁₀ , ng m ⁻³ | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----|--|
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | | AVE | Percentiles | | | |
| | | | 25 | 50 | 75 | N | | 25 | 50 | 75 | |
| JAN | 45 | 141 | 82 | 141 | 183 | 159 | 167 | 111 | 143 | 208 | |
| FEB | 41 | 179 | 116 | 172 | 238 | 161 | 235 | 143 | 194 | 287 | |
| MAR | 45 | 92 | 66 | 88 | 114 | 183 | 164 | 93 | 138 | 207 | |
| APR | 44 | 53 | 30 | 46 | 71 | 177 | 121 | 60 | 93 | 134 | |
| MAY | 47 | 38 | 19 | 31 | 48 | 137 | 126 | 44 | 88 | 148 | |
| JUN | 34 | 39 | 17 | 26 | 37 | 148 | 139 | 40 | 75 | 171 | |
| JUL | 36 | 63 | 24 | 43 | 69 | 134 | 159 | 53 | 104 | 171 | |
| AUG | 39 | 54 | 23 | 44 | 69 | 135 | 150 | 56 | 113 | 194 | |
| SEP | 39 | 56 | 36 | 46 | 65 | 114 | 169 | 53 | 83 | 196 | |
| OCT | 29 | 51 | 22 | 47 | 66 | 159 | 148 | 82 | 125 | 196 | |
| NOV | 30 | 88 | 68 | 87 | 118 | 124 | 203 | 107 | 173 | 247 | |
| DEC | 39 | 114 | 82 | 112 | 142 | 133 | 167 | 94 | 140 | 204 | |
| N _{tot} | 468 | | | | | 1764 | | | | | |

Table S2. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of scattering coefficients calculated from the particle number size distributions ($\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{0.8})$ and $\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{10})$) at $\lambda = 530$ nm and from the filter samples ($\sigma_{sp}(\text{PM}_1)$ and $\sigma_{sp}(\text{PM}_{10})$) at $\lambda = 550$ nm. See the main text for detailed explanations. Explanation of columns as in Table S1.

| $\sigma_{sp}(\text{size distributions})$ | | $\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{0.8}), \text{Mm}^{-1}$ | | | | $\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{10}), \text{Mm}^{-1}$ | | | |
|--|-------|---|------|------|------|--|------|------|------|
| | | Percentiles | | | | Percentiles | | | |
| | N | AVE | 25 | 50 | 75 | AVE | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 1263 | 0.43 | 0.17 | 0.29 | 0.44 | 0.54 | 0.21 | 0.37 | 0.56 |
| FEB | 2480 | 0.54 | 0.23 | 0.45 | 0.71 | 0.72 | 0.31 | 0.60 | 0.93 |
| MAR | 1912 | 0.23 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.20 | 0.29 | 0.46 |
| APR | 1735 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.23 |
| MAY | 1880 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.21 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.17 |
| JUN | 1434 | 0.30 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 0.57 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.27 |
| JUL | 2471 | 0.30 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.19 | 0.56 | 0.09 | 0.17 | 0.35 |
| AUG | 1783 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.27 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.19 |
| SEP | 2021 | 0.23 | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.22 | 0.34 | 0.13 | 0.21 | 0.34 |
| OCT | 2421 | 0.18 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0.32 |
| NOV | 1275 | 0.32 | 0.14 | 0.24 | 0.52 | 0.47 | 0.21 | 0.35 | 0.75 |
| DEC | 1312 | 0.31 | 0.19 | 0.25 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.26 | 0.34 | 0.58 |
| N_{tot} | 21987 | | | | | | | | |

| $\sigma_{sp}(\text{filter samples})$ | | $\sigma_{sp}(\text{PM}_1), \text{Mm}^{-1}$ | | | | $\sigma_{sp}(\text{PM}_{10}), \text{Mm}^{-1}$ | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--|------|------|------|---|------|------|------|------|
| | | Percentiles | | | | Percentiles | | | | |
| | N | AVE | 25 | 50 | 75 | N | AVE | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 45 | 0.51 | 0.29 | 0.51 | 0.66 | 159 | 0.32 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 0.39 |
| FEB | 41 | 0.64 | 0.42 | 0.62 | 0.86 | 161 | 0.45 | 0.27 | 0.37 | 0.55 |
| MAR | 45 | 0.33 | 0.24 | 0.32 | 0.41 | 183 | 0.31 | 0.18 | 0.26 | 0.39 |
| APR | 44 | 0.19 | 0.11 | 0.17 | 0.26 | 177 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 0.18 | 0.26 |
| MAY | 47 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.17 | 137 | 0.24 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.28 |
| JUN | 34 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 148 | 0.26 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.32 |
| JUL | 36 | 0.23 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.25 | 134 | 0.30 | 0.10 | 0.20 | 0.33 |
| AUG | 39 | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.16 | 0.25 | 135 | 0.28 | 0.11 | 0.22 | 0.37 |
| SEP | 39 | 0.20 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.23 | 114 | 0.32 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.37 |
| OCT | 29 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.24 | 159 | 0.28 | 0.16 | 0.24 | 0.37 |
| NOV | 30 | 0.32 | 0.24 | 0.31 | 0.43 | 124 | 0.39 | 0.20 | 0.33 | 0.47 |
| DEC | 39 | 0.41 | 0.30 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 133 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 0.27 | 0.39 |
| N_{tot} | 468 | | | | | 1764 | | | | |

Table S3. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of scattering Ångström exponents of the wavelength pair $\lambda = 467$ nm and 660 nm calculated from the lower and upper estimates of scattering coefficients, ($\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{0.8})$ and $\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{10})$), respectively. See the main text for details. Unitless. Explanation of columns as in Table S1.

| $\alpha_{sp}(\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{0.8}))$ | | | | | $\alpha_{sp}(\sigma_{sp}(\text{DMPS}, \text{PM}_{10}))$ | | | | |
|--|-------|------|------|------|---|------|------|------|------|
| Percentiles | | | | | Percentiles | | | | |
| | N | AVE | 25 | 50 | 75 | AVE | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 1263 | 2.64 | 2.55 | 2.69 | 2.78 | 1.92 | 1.84 | 1.97 | 2.07 |
| FEB | 2480 | 2.62 | 2.55 | 2.63 | 2.76 | 1.90 | 1.83 | 1.91 | 2.03 |
| MAR | 1912 | 2.49 | 2.26 | 2.57 | 2.72 | 1.72 | 1.49 | 1.79 | 1.95 |
| APR | 1735 | 2.26 | 2.12 | 2.25 | 2.38 | 1.44 | 1.30 | 1.43 | 1.56 |
| MAY | 1880 | 2.24 | 2.11 | 2.24 | 2.36 | 1.17 | 1.04 | 1.17 | 1.30 |
| JUN | 1434 | 2.05 | 1.96 | 2.05 | 2.15 | 0.81 | 0.72 | 0.81 | 0.90 |
| JUL | 2471 | 2.09 | 1.98 | 2.05 | 2.16 | 0.89 | 0.79 | 0.86 | 0.97 |
| AUG | 1783 | 2.10 | 2.03 | 2.11 | 2.20 | 1.07 | 0.99 | 1.07 | 1.17 |
| SEP | 2021 | 2.08 | 1.98 | 2.11 | 2.21 | 1.21 | 1.10 | 1.23 | 1.33 |
| OCT | 2421 | 2.13 | 2.08 | 2.15 | 2.21 | 1.25 | 1.20 | 1.27 | 1.33 |
| NOV | 1275 | 2.27 | 2.15 | 2.31 | 2.43 | 1.36 | 1.24 | 1.40 | 1.52 |
| DEC | 1312 | 2.55 | 2.50 | 2.55 | 2.62 | 1.62 | 1.57 | 1.62 | 1.69 |
| N_{tot} | 21987 | | | | | | | | |

Table S4. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of absorption coefficient. $\sigma_{ap}(B1999, \text{no } \sigma_{sp} \text{ correction})$: σ_{ap} calculated by using Eq. (11) without scattering correction, essentially that calculated by the PSAP; $\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), B1999)$: σ_{ap} calculated by using $\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10})$ for the scattering correction in Eq. (11); $\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), V2010)$: σ_{ap} calculated by using $\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10})$ for the scattering correction in Eq. (12). Unit: Mm^{-1} .

| $\sigma_{ap} (\lambda=530 \text{ nm}), Mm^{-1}$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|--|-------------|--------|--------|--|-------------|--------|--------|
| | $\sigma_{ap, nsc}$ | | | | | $\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), B1999)$ | | | | $\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), V2010)$ | | | |
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 838 | 0.0212 | 0.0135 | 0.0175 | 0.0228 | 0.0119 | 0.0058 | 0.0104 | 0.0161 | 0.0106 | 0.0046 | 0.0088 | 0.0143 |
| FEB | 1756 | 0.0229 | 0.0125 | 0.0151 | 0.0236 | 0.0114 | 0.0031 | 0.0080 | 0.0142 | 0.0099 | 0.0018 | 0.0062 | 0.0126 |
| MAR | 1227 | 0.0110 | 0.0071 | 0.0100 | 0.0137 | 0.0052 | 0.0016 | 0.0037 | 0.0077 | 0.0043 | 0.0007 | 0.0028 | 0.0065 |
| APR | 1052 | 0.0073 | 0.0051 | 0.0064 | 0.0093 | 0.0038 | 0.0013 | 0.0028 | 0.0064 | 0.0035 | 0.0008 | 0.0025 | 0.0062 |
| MAY | 1262 | 0.0082 | 0.0024 | 0.0040 | 0.0073 | 0.0042 | 0.0009 | 0.0018 | 0.0046 | 0.0038 | 0.0006 | 0.0014 | 0.0042 |
| JUN | 1056 | 0.0143 | 0.0027 | 0.0046 | 0.0151 | 0.0050 | 0.0005 | 0.0018 | 0.0067 | 0.0042 | 0.0002 | 0.0016 | 0.0056 |
| JUL | 1886 | 0.0147 | 0.0047 | 0.0076 | 0.0139 | 0.0069 | 0.0013 | 0.0036 | 0.0074 | 0.0064 | 0.0008 | 0.0032 | 0.0065 |
| AUG | 1059 | 0.0145 | 0.0062 | 0.0102 | 0.0146 | 0.0102 | 0.0045 | 0.0071 | 0.0098 | 0.0092 | 0.0040 | 0.0062 | 0.0092 |
| SEP | 1681 | 0.0267 | 0.0119 | 0.0217 | 0.0289 | 0.0208 | 0.0086 | 0.0183 | 0.0256 | 0.0192 | 0.0077 | 0.0166 | 0.0237 |
| OCT | 1961 | 0.0287 | 0.0219 | 0.0260 | 0.0329 | 0.0244 | 0.0185 | 0.0228 | 0.0285 | 0.0228 | 0.0172 | 0.0214 | 0.0266 |
| NOV | 1091 | 0.0398 | 0.0233 | 0.0297 | 0.0578 | 0.0320 | 0.0170 | 0.0239 | 0.0495 | 0.0297 | 0.0154 | 0.0222 | 0.0470 |
| DEC | 946 | 0.0266 | 0.0176 | 0.0211 | 0.0257 | 0.0203 | 0.0127 | 0.0160 | 0.0200 | 0.0189 | 0.0120 | 0.0147 | 0.0185 |
| N_{tot} | 15815 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table S5. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of single-scattering albedo.

| Single-scattering albedo $\omega_b = \sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}) / (\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}) + \sigma_{ap})$, $\lambda = 530 \text{ nm}$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|---|-------|-------------|-------|---|-------|-------------|-------|-------|
| | $\omega_b(\sigma_{ap, nsc})$ | | | | $\omega_b(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), B1999)$ | | | | $\omega_b(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), V2010)$ | | | | |
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 838 | 0.952 | 0.934 | 0.958 | 0.971 | 0.967 | 0.949 | 0.973 | 0.987 | 0.970 | 0.953 | 0.976 | 0.990 |
| FEB | 1756 | 0.957 | 0.931 | 0.972 | 0.979 | 0.972 | 0.946 | 0.987 | 0.995 | 0.975 | 0.951 | 0.990 | 0.998 |
| MAR | 1227 | 0.964 | 0.959 | 0.974 | 0.980 | 0.980 | 0.974 | 0.990 | 0.996 | 0.982 | 0.978 | 0.992 | 0.998 |
| APR | 1052 | 0.951 | 0.942 | 0.960 | 0.979 | 0.966 | 0.957 | 0.975 | 0.995 | 0.968 | 0.959 | 0.978 | 0.997 |
| MAY | 1262 | 0.955 | 0.933 | 0.965 | 0.976 | 0.970 | 0.947 | 0.981 | 0.992 | 0.973 | 0.951 | 0.984 | 0.994 |
| JUN | 1056 | 0.961 | 0.948 | 0.965 | 0.981 | 0.976 | 0.963 | 0.981 | 0.997 | 0.978 | 0.965 | 0.983 | 0.999 |
| JUL | 1886 | 0.944 | 0.923 | 0.948 | 0.978 | 0.959 | 0.937 | 0.963 | 0.994 | 0.962 | 0.943 | 0.967 | 0.996 |
| AUG | 1059 | 0.910 | 0.869 | 0.912 | 0.960 | 0.923 | 0.882 | 0.925 | 0.976 | 0.929 | 0.890 | 0.932 | 0.979 |
| SEP | 1681 | 0.891 | 0.855 | 0.898 | 0.937 | 0.905 | 0.868 | 0.911 | 0.951 | 0.911 | 0.877 | 0.919 | 0.957 |
| OCT | 1961 | 0.888 | 0.861 | 0.895 | 0.916 | 0.901 | 0.873 | 0.909 | 0.930 | 0.907 | 0.880 | 0.914 | 0.936 |
| NOV | 1091 | 0.910 | 0.893 | 0.922 | 0.939 | 0.924 | 0.907 | 0.936 | 0.954 | 0.929 | 0.914 | 0.940 | 0.958 |
| DEC | 946 | 0.933 | 0.924 | 0.937 | 0.948 | 0.947 | 0.938 | 0.952 | 0.963 | 0.950 | 0.941 | 0.955 | 0.966 |
| N_{tot} | 15815 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table S6. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of absorption Ångström exponent.

| $\alpha_{ap}(\sigma_{ap} > 3 \times \delta\sigma_{ap})$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|------|-------------|------|------|--|------|-------------|------|------|--|------|-------------|------|------|
| | $\alpha_{ap}(\sigma_{ap, nsc})$ | | | | | $\alpha_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), B1999)$ | | | | | $\alpha_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}), V2010)$ | | | | |
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | N | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | | 25 | 50 | 75 |
| JAN | 835 | 0.90 | 0.78 | 0.89 | 1.07 | 695 | 0.45 | 0.14 | 0.40 | 0.75 | 620 | 1.29 | 1.06 | 1.28 | 1.51 |
| FEB | 1743 | 0.93 | 0.50 | 0.82 | 1.22 | 983 | 0.84 | 0.34 | 0.83 | 1.51 | 870 | 1.17 | 0.76 | 1.21 | 1.49 |
| MAR | 1217 | 0.70 | 0.35 | 0.60 | 1.04 | 645 | 0.34 | -0.27 | 0.37 | 0.94 | 530 | 1.29 | 0.71 | 1.46 | 1.67 |
| APR | 1045 | 0.69 | 0.50 | 0.69 | 0.84 | 529 | 0.56 | 0.39 | 0.52 | 0.99 | 494 | 1.35 | 1.22 | 1.34 | 1.49 |
| MAY | 1208 | 0.75 | 0.50 | 0.78 | 0.99 | 535 | 0.81 | 0.60 | 0.89 | 1.03 | 392 | 1.44 | 1.25 | 1.44 | 1.74 |
| JUN | 1044 | 0.80 | 0.60 | 0.79 | 0.97 | 429 | 0.94 | 0.60 | 0.89 | 1.27 | 262 | 1.73 | 1.37 | 1.67 | 2.23 |
| JUL | 1832 | 0.90 | 0.73 | 0.91 | 1.09 | 1180 | 0.88 | 0.63 | 0.89 | 1.12 | 917 | 1.54 | 1.44 | 1.62 | 1.77 |
| AUG | 1028 | 0.96 | 0.82 | 0.96 | 1.10 | 913 | 0.93 | 0.78 | 0.95 | 1.12 | 760 | 1.46 | 1.20 | 1.48 | 1.75 |
| SEP | 1668 | 0.93 | 0.86 | 0.96 | 1.04 | 1589 | 0.88 | 0.79 | 0.92 | 1.02 | 1472 | 1.41 | 1.23 | 1.41 | 1.59 |
| OCT | 1952 | 0.89 | 0.81 | 0.90 | 0.98 | 1952 | 0.84 | 0.73 | 0.84 | 0.94 | 1945 | 1.35 | 1.18 | 1.33 | 1.49 |
| NOV | 1089 | 0.87 | 0.79 | 0.89 | 0.95 | 1089 | 0.76 | 0.67 | 0.80 | 0.86 | 1062 | 1.38 | 1.22 | 1.34 | 1.48 |
| DEC | 946 | 0.83 | 0.72 | 0.84 | 0.92 | 936 | 0.55 | 0.42 | 0.60 | 0.74 | 946 | 1.29 | 1.12 | 1.27 | 1.43 |
| N_{tot} | 15607 | | | | | 11475 | | | | | 10270 | | | | |

Table S7. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of equivalent Black Carbon concentrations calculated from the absorption coefficients at $\lambda=530$ nm calculated by using the B1999 algorithm without any scattering corrections and with B1999 and V2010 algorithms using $\sigma_{sp} = \sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10})$ for the scattering corrections and assuming $MAC = 7.78 \text{ m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$.

| | eBC, ng m^{-3} | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|-------------|------|---|------|-------------|------|---|------|-------------|------|------|
| | eBC($\sigma_{ap, nsc}$) | | | | eBC($\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}))$, B1999) | | | | eBC($\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}))$, V2010) | | | | |
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | |
| JAN | 838 | 2.72 | 1.73 | 2.25 | 2.93 | 1.53 | 0.74 | 1.34 | 2.07 | 1.36 | 0.60 | 1.12 | 1.84 |
| FEB | 1756 | 2.95 | 1.60 | 1.94 | 3.03 | 1.47 | 0.40 | 1.03 | 1.83 | 1.27 | 0.23 | 0.80 | 1.62 |
| MAR | 1227 | 1.41 | 0.91 | 1.29 | 1.76 | 0.66 | 0.20 | 0.48 | 0.99 | 0.55 | 0.09 | 0.36 | 0.84 |
| APR | 1052 | 0.94 | 0.66 | 0.82 | 1.19 | 0.49 | 0.17 | 0.37 | 0.83 | 0.45 | 0.10 | 0.32 | 0.80 |
| MAY | 1262 | 1.06 | 0.30 | 0.52 | 0.93 | 0.54 | 0.12 | 0.23 | 0.59 | 0.48 | 0.08 | 0.18 | 0.54 |
| JUN | 1056 | 1.84 | 0.34 | 0.59 | 1.94 | 0.64 | 0.06 | 0.23 | 0.86 | 0.54 | 0.02 | 0.21 | 0.72 |
| JUL | 1886 | 1.89 | 0.61 | 0.98 | 1.79 | 0.88 | 0.16 | 0.46 | 0.94 | 0.82 | 0.11 | 0.41 | 0.84 |
| AUG | 1059 | 1.87 | 0.80 | 1.31 | 1.87 | 1.31 | 0.57 | 0.92 | 1.26 | 1.18 | 0.51 | 0.79 | 1.18 |
| SEP | 1681 | 3.43 | 1.54 | 2.79 | 3.71 | 2.68 | 1.10 | 2.35 | 3.28 | 2.46 | 0.98 | 2.13 | 3.04 |
| OCT | 1961 | 3.69 | 2.82 | 3.35 | 4.23 | 3.13 | 2.38 | 2.92 | 3.67 | 2.93 | 2.21 | 2.75 | 3.42 |
| NOV | 1091 | 5.11 | 2.99 | 3.81 | 7.43 | 4.11 | 2.19 | 3.07 | 6.35 | 3.82 | 1.98 | 2.86 | 6.04 |
| DEC | 946 | 3.42 | 2.26 | 2.71 | 3.30 | 2.60 | 1.63 | 2.06 | 2.57 | 2.43 | 1.54 | 1.89 | 2.38 |
| N _{tot} | 15815 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table S8. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of mass fractions of equivalent Black Carbon concentrations calculated from $eBC/m(DMPS, PM_{0.8}) \times 100\%$.

| | eBC mass fraction: eBC/m(DMPS, PM _{0.8}), % | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|------|-------------|------|--|------|-------------|------|--|------|-------------|------|------|
| | feBC($\sigma_{ap, nsc}$) | | | | feBC($\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}))$, B1999) | | | | feBC($\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}))$, V2010) | | | | |
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | |
| JAN | 838 | 1.16 | 0.80 | 1.10 | 1.42 | 0.75 | 0.36 | 0.68 | 1.03 | 0.67 | 0.29 | 0.60 | 0.94 |
| FEB | 1756 | 1.19 | 0.64 | 0.90 | 1.39 | 0.72 | 0.14 | 0.39 | 1.06 | 0.64 | 0.08 | 0.31 | 0.95 |
| MAR | 1227 | 1.03 | 0.63 | 0.93 | 1.22 | 0.53 | 0.12 | 0.35 | 0.73 | 0.45 | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.63 |
| APR | 1052 | 1.87 | 0.88 | 1.53 | 2.39 | 1.25 | 0.15 | 0.92 | 1.76 | 1.17 | 0.09 | 0.82 | 1.69 |
| MAY | 1262 | 2.38 | 1.25 | 1.74 | 3.54 | 1.53 | 0.41 | 0.90 | 2.79 | 1.38 | 0.29 | 0.76 | 2.60 |
| JUN | 1056 | 2.76 | 1.40 | 2.29 | 3.28 | 1.66 | 0.21 | 1.24 | 2.30 | 1.50 | 0.07 | 1.10 | 2.15 |
| JUL | 1886 | 3.66 | 1.69 | 3.75 | 5.11 | 2.59 | 0.48 | 2.64 | 4.09 | 2.34 | 0.32 | 2.34 | 3.67 |
| AUG | 1059 | 5.62 | 2.68 | 5.70 | 7.90 | 4.66 | 1.62 | 4.73 | 7.07 | 4.27 | 1.41 | 4.33 | 6.51 |
| SEP | 1681 | 6.33 | 3.87 | 5.78 | 7.74 | 5.44 | 2.90 | 4.99 | 7.01 | 5.06 | 2.57 | 4.49 | 6.43 |
| OCT | 1961 | 5.89 | 4.41 | 5.68 | 7.13 | 5.11 | 3.65 | 4.84 | 6.37 | 4.78 | 3.39 | 4.57 | 5.97 |
| NOV | 1091 | 3.68 | 2.48 | 3.08 | 4.88 | 3.05 | 1.80 | 2.45 | 3.96 | 2.83 | 1.61 | 2.31 | 3.76 |
| DEC | 946 | 1.98 | 1.50 | 1.85 | 2.42 | 1.53 | 1.06 | 1.40 | 1.95 | 1.43 | 0.98 | 1.29 | 1.76 |
| N _{tot} | 15815 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table S9. Seasonal averages, 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of mass fractions of equivalent Black Carbon concentrations calculated from $eBC/m(DMPS, PM_{10}) \times 100\%$.

| | eBC mass fraction: eBC/m(DMPS, PM ₁₀), % | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|------|-------------|------|--|------|-------------|------|--|------|-------------|------|------|
| | feBC($\sigma_{ap, nsc}$) | | | | feBC($\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}))$, B1999) | | | | feBC($\sigma_{ap}(\sigma_{sp}(DMPS, PM_{10}))$, V2010) | | | | |
| | N | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | | AVE | Percentiles | | |
| | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | | 25 | 50 | 75 | |
| JAN | 838 | 1.01 | 0.70 | 0.95 | 1.23 | 0.65 | 0.32 | 0.59 | 0.90 | 0.58 | 0.25 | 0.52 | 0.82 |
| FEB | 1756 | 1.02 | 0.55 | 0.77 | 1.19 | 0.61 | 0.12 | 0.33 | 0.91 | 0.54 | 0.07 | 0.26 | 0.82 |
| MAR | 1227 | 0.81 | 0.50 | 0.73 | 0.97 | 0.42 | 0.10 | 0.28 | 0.57 | 0.36 | 0.05 | 0.22 | 0.50 |
| APR | 1052 | 1.36 | 0.64 | 1.12 | 1.74 | 0.91 | 0.11 | 0.67 | 1.28 | 0.85 | 0.07 | 0.60 | 1.23 |
| MAY | 1262 | 1.32 | 0.69 | 0.97 | 1.96 | 0.85 | 0.23 | 0.50 | 1.55 | 0.76 | 0.16 | 0.42 | 1.44 |
| JUN | 1056 | 1.37 | 0.70 | 1.14 | 1.63 | 0.83 | 0.10 | 0.62 | 1.14 | 0.75 | 0.04 | 0.55 | 1.07 |
| JUL | 1886 | 1.81 | 0.84 | 1.86 | 2.53 | 1.28 | 0.24 | 1.31 | 2.03 | 1.16 | 0.16 | 1.16 | 1.82 |
| AUG | 1059 | 3.06 | 1.46 | 3.10 | 4.30 | 2.54 | 0.88 | 2.57 | 3.85 | 2.33 | 0.77 | 2.35 | 3.54 |
| SEP | 1681 | 3.96 | 2.42 | 3.62 | 4.84 | 3.40 | 1.81 | 3.12 | 4.39 | 3.17 | 1.61 | 2.81 | 4.03 |
| OCT | 1961 | 3.80 | 2.85 | 3.67 | 4.60 | 3.30 | 2.36 | 3.12 | 4.11 | 3.09 | 2.19 | 2.95 | 3.85 |
| NOV | 1091 | 2.75 | 1.85 | 2.30 | 3.65 | 2.28 | 1.34 | 1.83 | 2.96 | 2.11 | 1.20 | 1.73 | 2.81 |
| DEC | 946 | 1.60 | 1.21 | 1.49 | 1.95 | 1.23 | 0.85 | 1.12 | 1.57 | 1.15 | 0.79 | 1.03 | 1.41 |
| N _{tot} | 15815 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table S10. Seasonal cycles of emissions of major absorbing and scattering aerosols.
 BC emission:s Southern Hemisphere emissions from GFED v3.1data base (<http://www.globalfiredata.org>),
 SSA: Sea-Spray Aerosol flux from the Southern Ocean, Grythe et al. (2014)

| Month | BC emissions, g m ⁻² | | | SSA flux, g m ⁻² s ⁻¹ |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|--|
| | South America | Africa | Oceania | |
| JAN | 4.9 | 3.1 | 8.9 | 0.924 |
| FEB | 6.1 | 2.1 | 5.2 | 1.227 |
| MAR | 7.4 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.253 |
| APR | 7.1 | 10.1 | 8.2 | 1.417 |
| MAY | 9.6 | 72.2 | 20.6 | 1.534 |
| JUN | 19.1 | 195.8 | 16.7 | 1.475 |
| JUL | 56.4 | 278.9 | 23.3 | 1.691 |
| AUG | 347.1 | 356.4 | 60.0 | 1.565 |
| SEP | 342.9 | 302.9 | 94.6 | 1.565 |
| OCT | 57.5 | 115.1 | 122.0 | 1.306 |
| NOV | 17.0 | 16.5 | 54.0 | 1.306 |
| DEC | 6.8 | 4.5 | 23.9 | 1.056 |