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## Chemical composition and mixing state of BC-containing particles and their implications on light absorption enhancement

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### Method of estimating the direct radiative forcing

Based on  $E_{\text{abs}}$  for each factor and the contribution of that factor to  $b_{\text{abs, BCpure}}$ , we further simply estimated the direct radiative forcing ( $\Delta F_R$ ) caused by BC-containing particles with their mixing state at the top-of-atmosphere (TOA), suggested by pervious study (Chylek and Wong, 1995; Chen and Bond, 2010). The modified version of the equation is given as below:

$$\Delta F_{R,fi} = \int -\frac{1}{4d\lambda} \tau_{atm}^2(\lambda)(1 - F_c)[(1 - a_s)^2 2\beta \tau_{scat,fi}(\lambda) - 4a_s \tau_{abs,fi}(\lambda)] d\lambda$$

where  $S$  is the solar irradiance ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ),  $\tau_{atm}$  is the atmospheric transmission (unitless),  $F_c$  is the fractional cloud amount (0.6 unitless),  $a_s$  is the surface reflectance (0.19 unitless),  $\beta$  is the backscatter fraction (0.29 unitless) (Charlson et al., 1992; Bond and Bergstrom, 2006; Wang et al., 2019), and  $\tau_{scat}$  and  $\tau_{abs}$  are the aerosol scattering and absorption optical depths (unitless), respectively. Wavelength-dependent  $S(\lambda)$  and  $\tau_{atm}(\lambda)$  are derived from the ASTM G173-03 reference spectra (Chen and Bond, 2010).  $\tau_{scat}$  and  $\tau_{abs}$  can be estimated as  $\tau_{scat}(\lambda) = b_{sca}(\lambda) \times \text{Heff}$  and  $\tau_{abs}(\lambda) = b_{abs}(\lambda)$

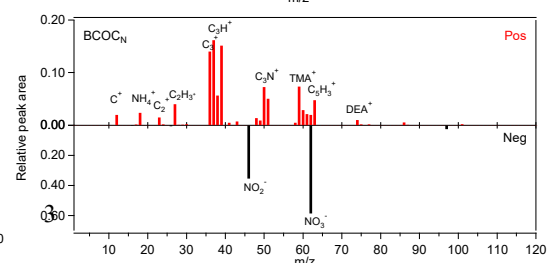
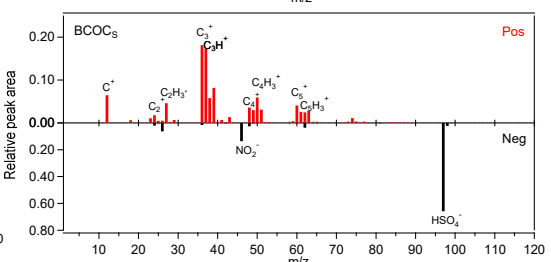
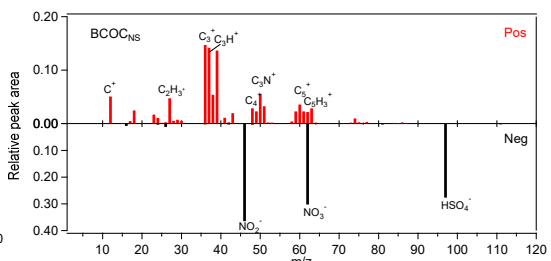
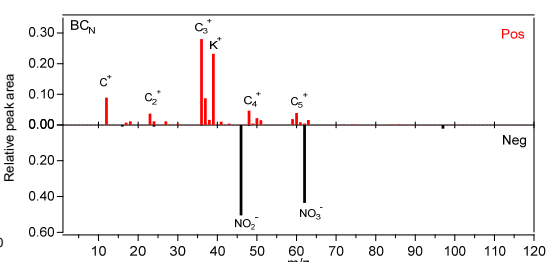
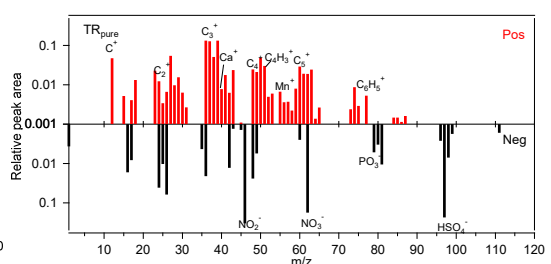
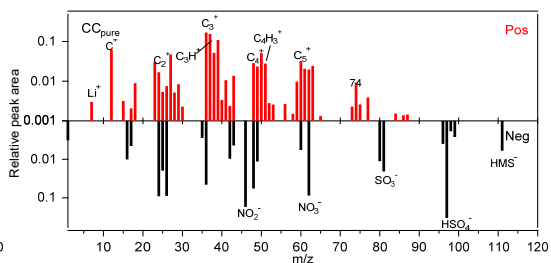
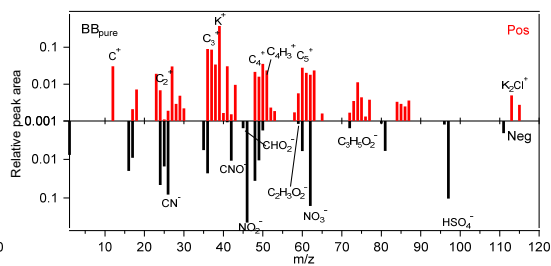
$E_{\text{abs}} \times \text{Heff}$ , respectively, where  $\text{Heff}$  is effective height (Wang et al., 2019) derived from the relationship between aerosol optical depth  $\tau$  ( $= \tau_{\text{scat}} + \tau_{\text{abs}}$ , available from the Aerosol Robotic Network data archive) and light extinction coefficient  $b_{\text{ext}}$  ( $= b_{\text{abs}} + b_{\text{sca}}$ , derived from PAX), shown in Figure S1. And  $\Delta F_{\text{R}}$  is the sum of all factor values of  $\Delta F_{\text{R},fi}$ .

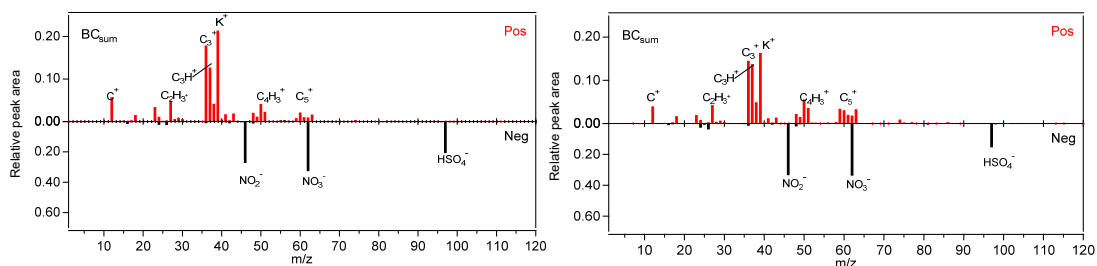
**Table S1. A summary of abbreviations and descriptions of BC-containing particle types and organic aerosol factors.**

Description of type or species	Abbreviation
BC only from biomass burning	BB <sub>pure</sub>
BC only from coal combustion	CC <sub>pure</sub>
BC only from traffic emission	TR <sub>pure</sub>
BC internally mixed more than one sources	MixSource
BC internally mixed with nitrate	BC <sub>N</sub>
BC internally mixed with sulfate	BC <sub>S</sub>
BC internally mixed with nitrate and sulfate	BC <sub>NS</sub>
BC internally mixed with OC and nitrate	BCOC <sub>N</sub>
BC internally mixed with OC and sulfate	BCOC <sub>S</sub>
BC internally mixed with OC, nitrate, and sulfate	BCOC <sub>NS</sub>
Biomass burning organic aerosol	BBOA
Coal combustion organic aerosol	CCOA
Fossil fuel-related organic aerosol	FFOA
Hydrocarbon-like organic aerosol	HOA
Cooking organic aerosol	COA
Oxygenated organic aerosol	OOA
Aqueous-related organic aerosol	aq-OOA
Less oxidized oxygenated organic aerosol	LO-OOA
More oxidized organic aerosol	MO-OOA

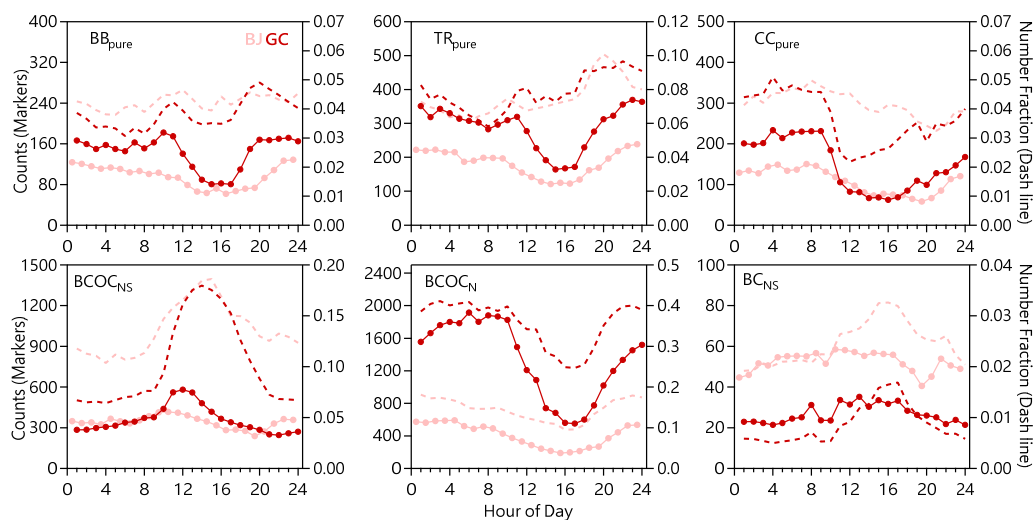
**Table S2. A summary of relationship between aerosol optical depth and light extinction coefficient measured by PAX at both sites.**

	Beijing	Gucheng
Effective Height	711	554
(m, slope)		
$r$	0.73	0.51

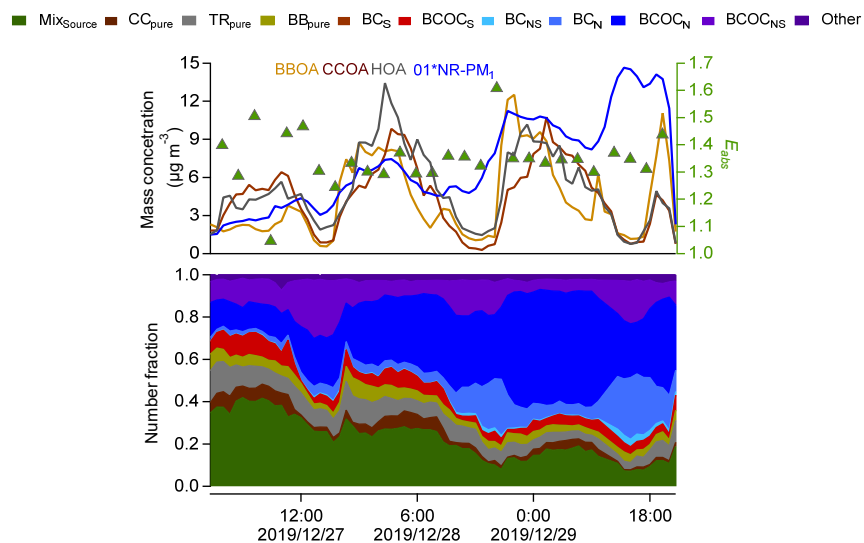




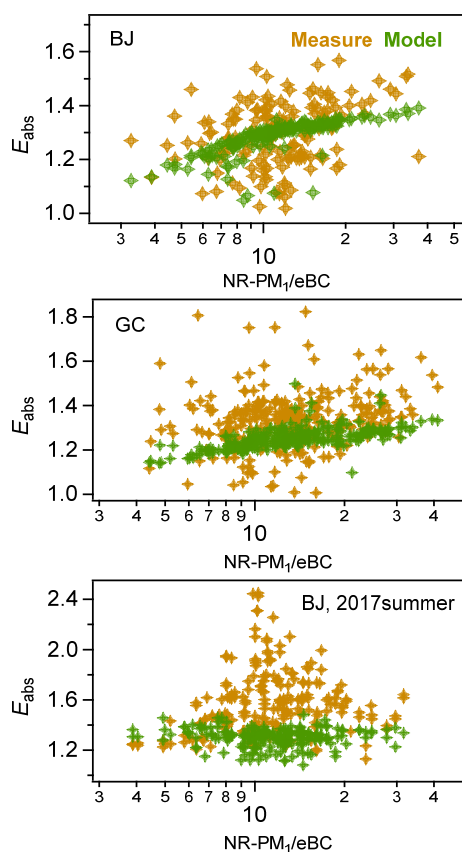
**Figure S1. Average mass spectra of six types of BC-containing particles and total BC- containing particles in Beijing (left panel) and Gucheng (right panel).**



**Figure S2. Diurnal variations of six types of BC-containing particles in Beijing and Gucheng.**



**Figure S3. Temporal variations of  $E_{abs}$ , number fractions of BC-containing particle types and mass concentration of species during pollution case in GC.**



**Figure S4. The comparisons between measured data and model results.**

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