

使用 Aethalometer 光吸收模型辨識台灣北部的黑碳排放源

Identifying Black Carbon Emission Sources Using an Aethalometer Light Absorption Model in Northern Taiwan

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Abstract

Black carbon (BC), a by-product of incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, biofuels, and biomass, poses significant risks to human health and exacerbates climate change due to its fine particle size and light-absorbing properties. Addressing this issue is paramount globally. This research focused on monitoring the mass concentrations of PM_{2.5} and BC in New Taipei City, Taiwan. The study utilized an aethalometer (AE33; Magee Scientific) to provide real-time monitoring of BC, employing a light absorption observation method across seven different wavelengths. A source apportionment model was deployed to estimate the contributions of various sources of BC in the ambient environment, such as fossil fuel combustion (BC_{ff}) or biomass combustion (BC_{bb}), with respective Absorption Ångström Exponents (AAE) of 1.1 and 2.2. Over one year of monitoring, the mean mass concentrations of PM_{2.5} and BC were determined to be 13±8 µg/m³ (ranging from 1 to 67 µg/m³) and 1016±816 ng/m³ (ranging from 14 to 11284 ng/m³), respectively. The average AAE was calculated to be 1.21±0.05 (ranging from 1.10 to 1.71), with BC_{ff} accounting for a significantly higher proportion (87%) compared to BC_{bb} (13%) of the total BC mass. Seasonal variations revealed elevated PM_{2.5} and BC concentrations in spring, peaking at 17±10 µg/m³ and 1357±1037 ng/m³, respectively, whereas the lowest concentrations were observed in autumn, registering only 10±6 µg/m³ and 822±631 ng/m³, respectively. Furthermore, the one-year monitoring period indicated that the average PM_{2.5} concentration exceeded the annual standard recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) of 5 µg/m³. These findings underscore the pressing need to mitigate BC emissions, particularly from fossil fuel sources, to alleviate pollution in northern Taiwan.

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