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Does afforestation deteriorate haze pollution in Beijing–Tianjin–Hebei (BTH), China?

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19 Table S1 Land use categories in the MCD12Q1 IGBP layer and WRF-CHEM MODIS land
 20 use.
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Land Cover Category	Category number	
	WRF-CHEM MODIS	MOD12Q1
Evergreen Needleleaf forest	1	1
Evergreen Broadleaf forest	2	2
Deciduous Needleleaf forest	3	3
Deciduous Broadleaf forest	4	4
Mixed forest	5	5
Closed shrublands	6	6
Open shrublands	7	7
Woody savannas	8	8
Savannas	9	9
Grasslands	10	10
Permanent wetlands	11	11
Croplands	12	12
Urban and built-up	13	13
Cropland/Natural vegetation mosaic	14	14
Snow and ice	15	15
Barren or sparsely vegetated	16	16
Water	17	0
Wooded Tundra	18	×
Mixed Tundra	19	×
Barren Tundra	20	×
Unclassified	×	254
Fill Value	×	255

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27 Table S2 Threshold of the area fractional coverage of green vegetation, minimal and maximal
 28 SFz0 used in the coupled unified Noah land-surface model.
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Category No.	Land Cover Category	G_T	$SFz0_{min}$	$SFz0_{max}$
1	Evergreen Needleleaf forest	0.70	50	50
2	Evergreen Broadleaf forest	0.95	50	50
3	Deciduous Needleleaf forest	0.70	50	50
4	Deciduous Broadleaf forest	0.80	50	50
5	Mixed forest	0.80	20	50
6	Closed shrublands	0.70	1	5
7	Open shrublands	0.70	1	6
8	Woody savannas	0.70	1	5
9	Savannas	0.50	15	15
10	Grasslands	0.80	10	12
11	Permanent wetlands	0.60	30	30
12	Croplands	0.80	5	15
13	Urban and built-up	0.10	50	50
14	Cropland/Natural vegetation mosaic	0.80	5	14
15	Snow and ice	0.00	0.1	0.1
16	Barren or sparsely vegetated	0.01	1	1
17	Water	0.00	0.01	0.01
18	Wooded Tundra	0.60	30	30
19	Mixed Tundra	0.60	15	15
20	Barren Tundra	0.30	5	10

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38 (VOCs), (c) Nitrogen oxide, and (d) Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission rates in
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43 at monitoring sites in BTH from 1 December 2013 to 31 January 2014. The black
44 dots represent the observations, and the red lines denote the reanalysis data. Data
45 are averaged over all monitoring stations in BTH.

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47 **Figure S3** Pattern comparisons of simulated (color counters) vs. observed (colored circles)
48 near-surface PM_{2.5} mass concentrations averaged during each episode. The black
49 arrows indicate simulated surface winds.

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51 **Figure S4** Horizontal distribution of near-surface PM_{2.5} mass concentration changes caused
52 by the afforestation during each episode. The wind field changes are shown in
53 black arrows.

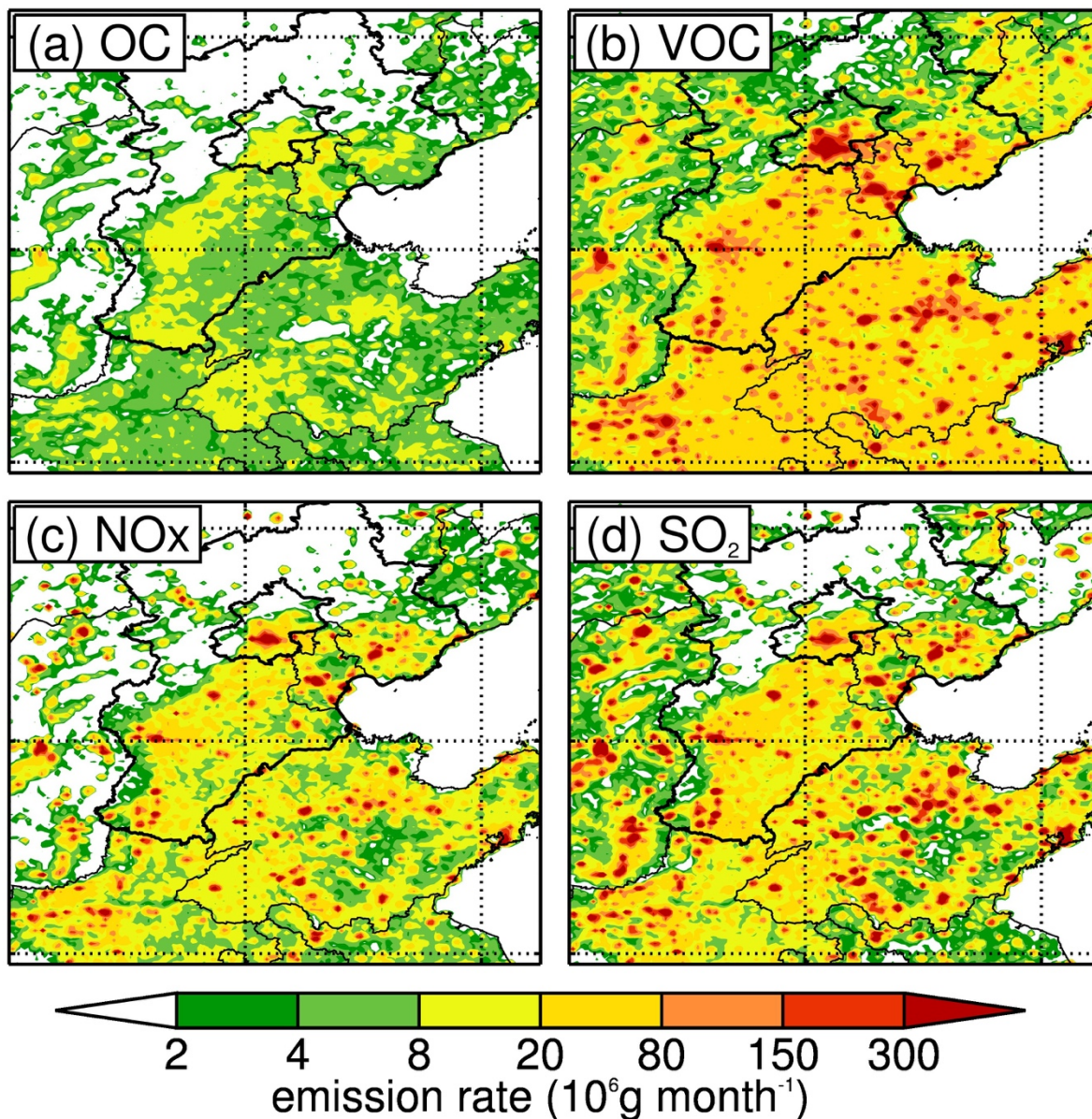
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57 nitrate (NO₃), (d1, d2) ammonium (NH₄), and (e1, e2) elemental carbon (EC)
58 during the episodes.

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61 and (b) its change due to the afforestation during the episodes.

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65 (b, d, f) corresponding changes caused by the afforestation during the episodes,
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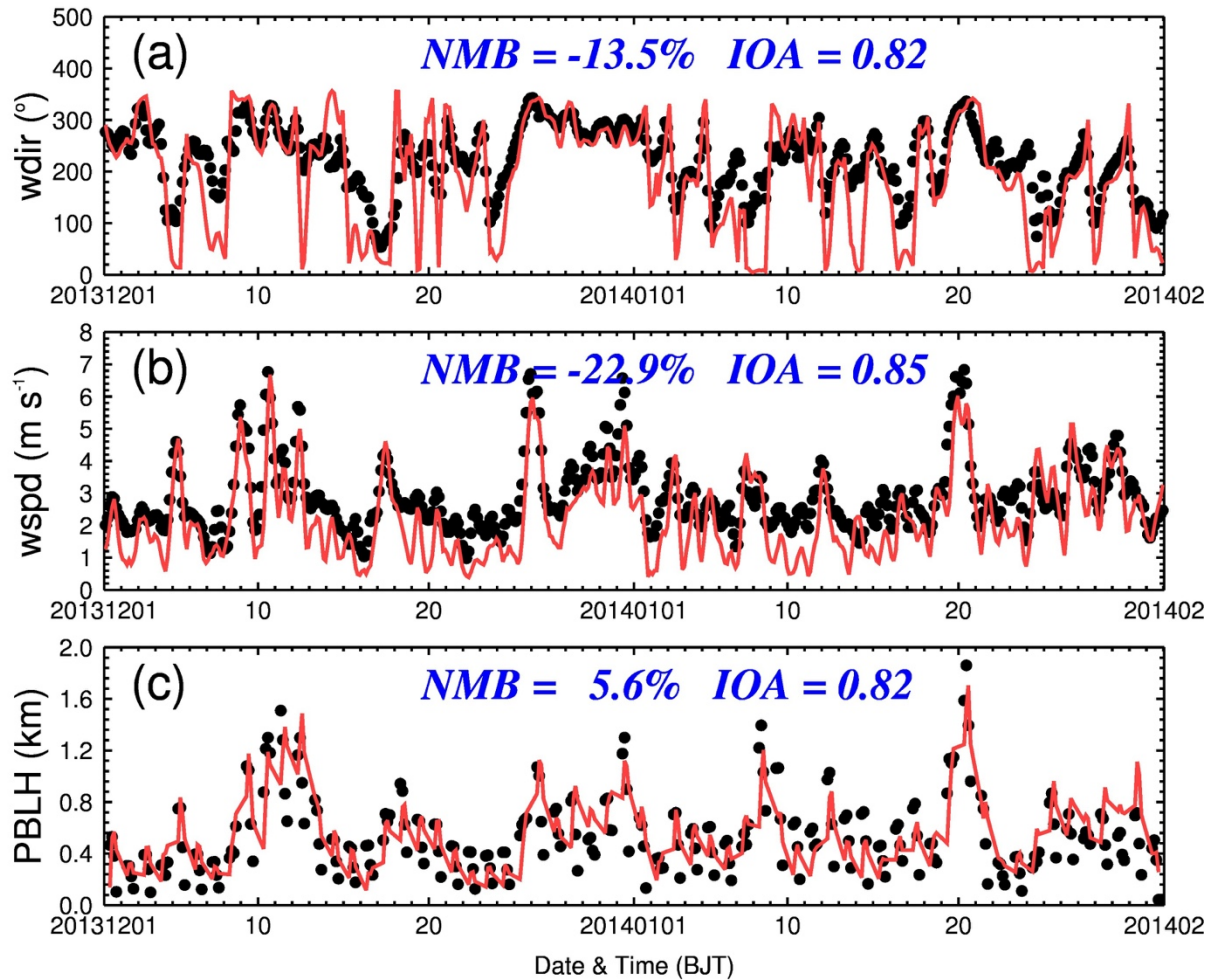
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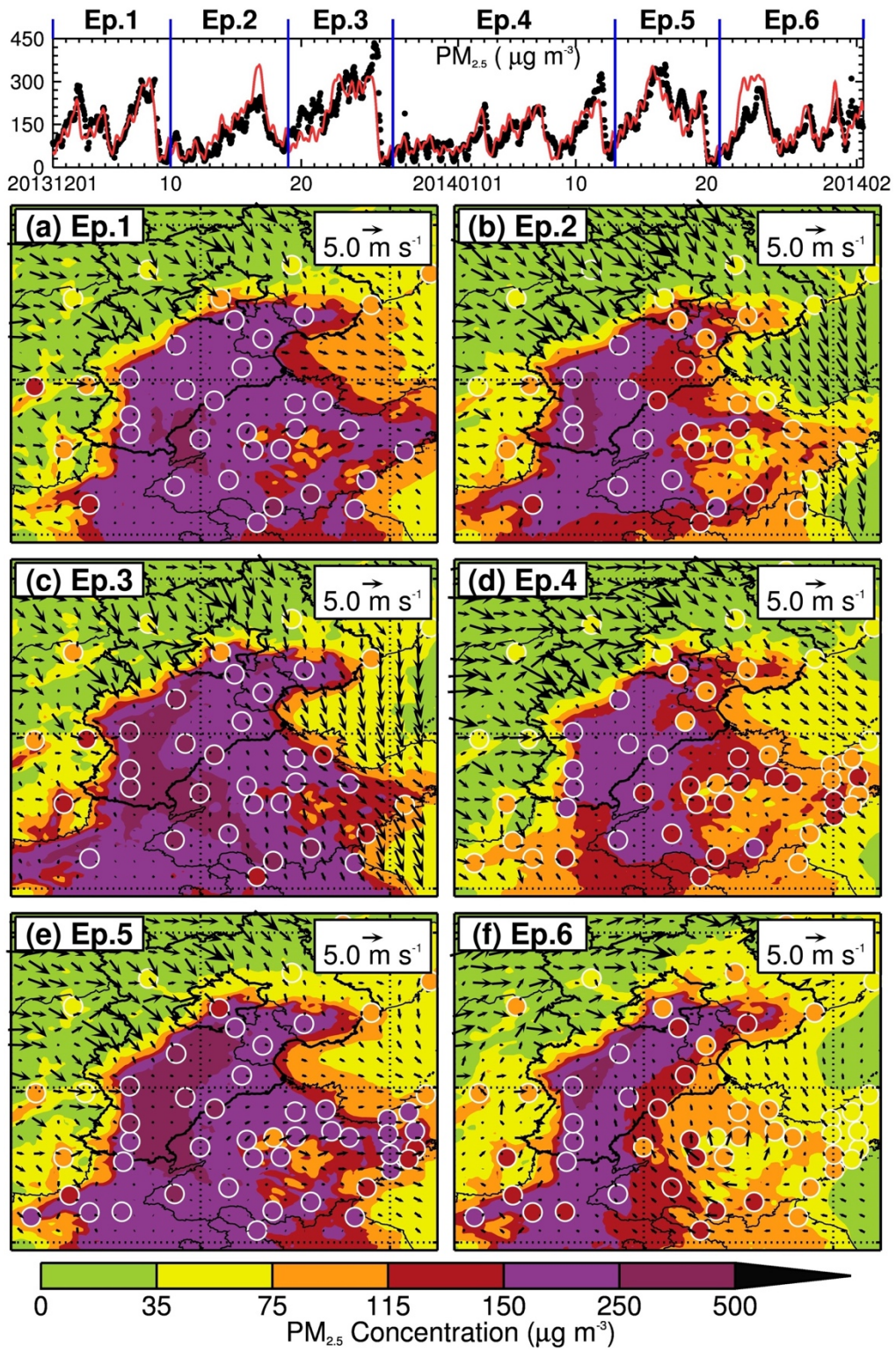
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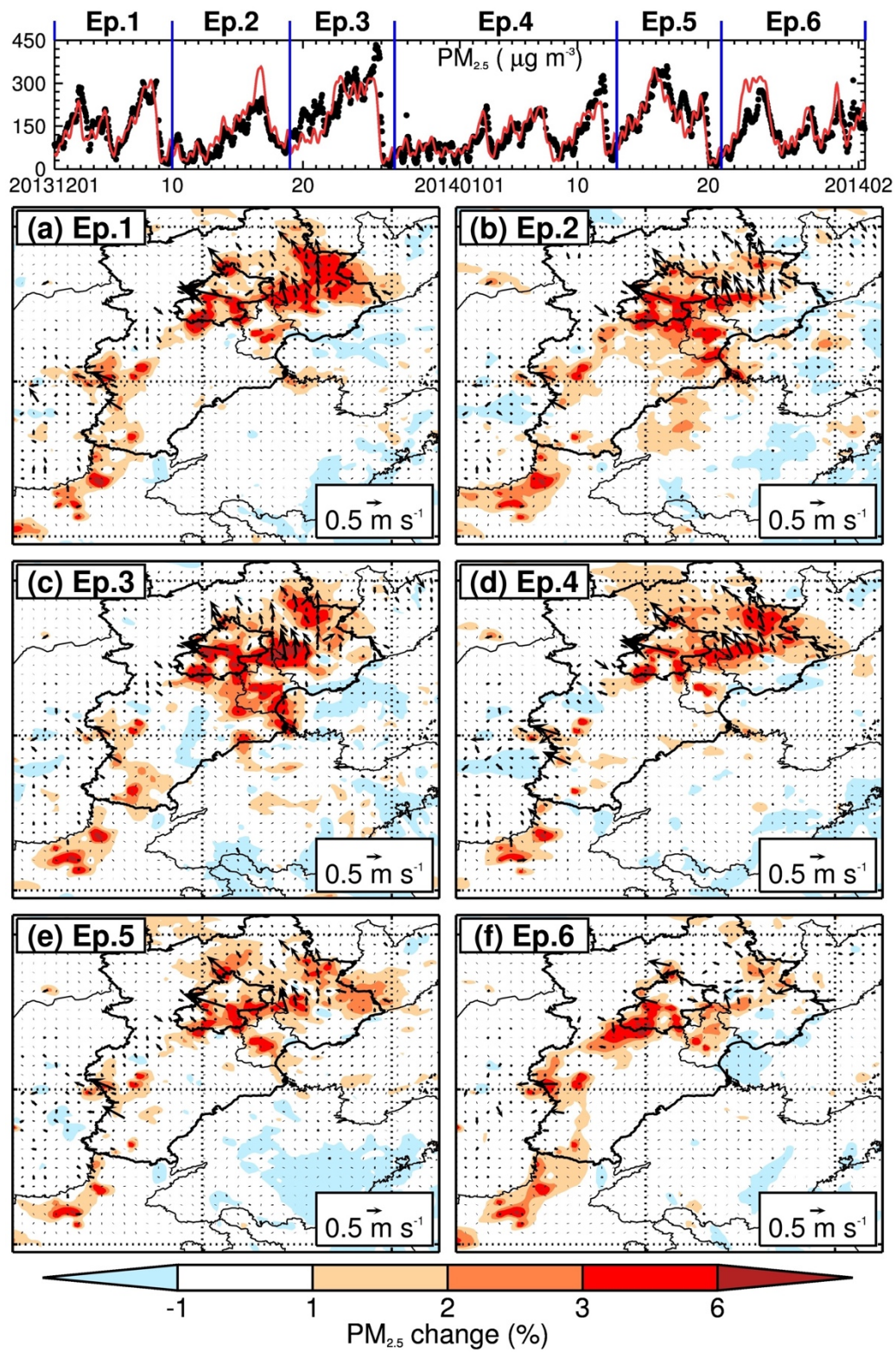
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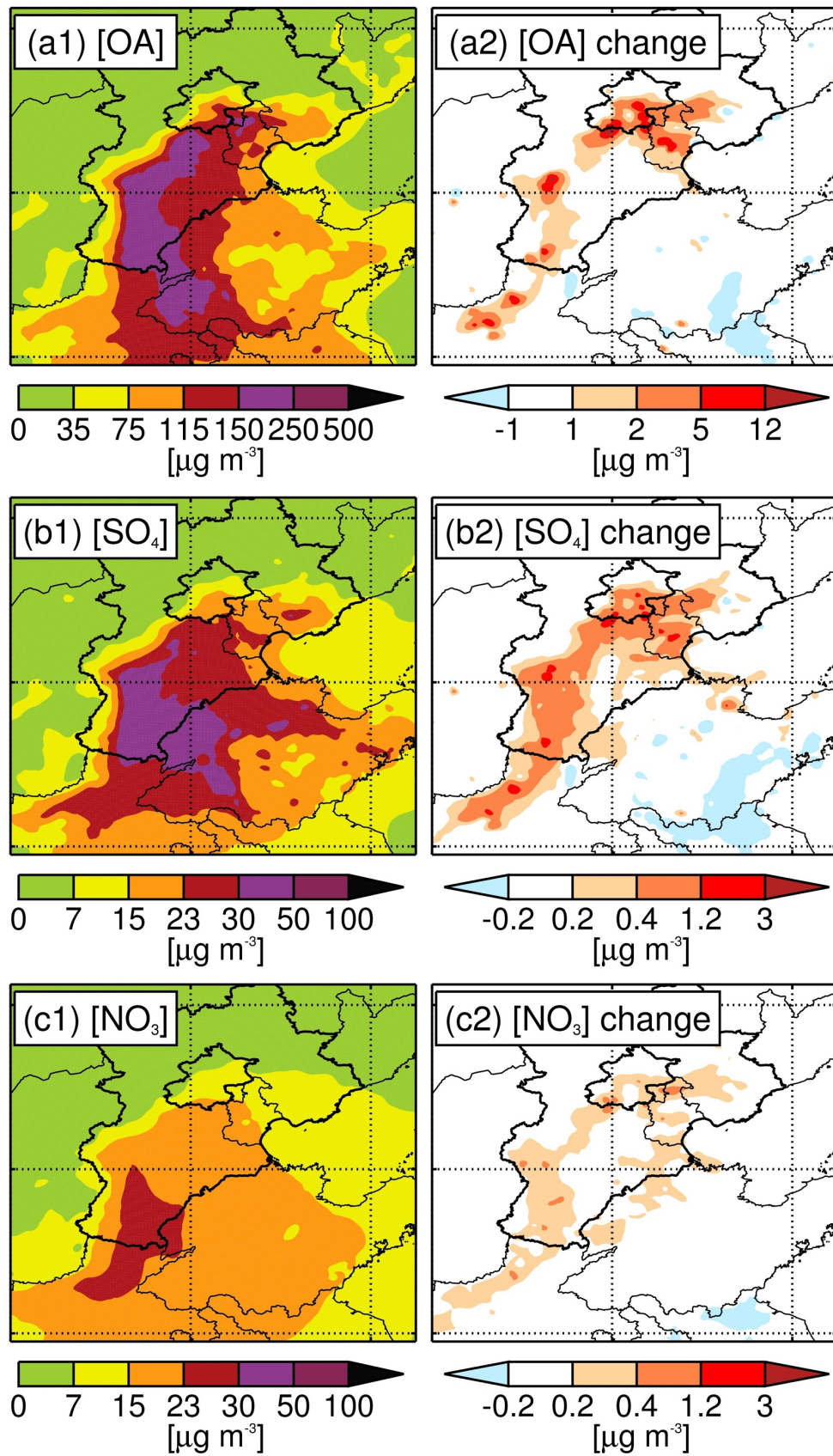
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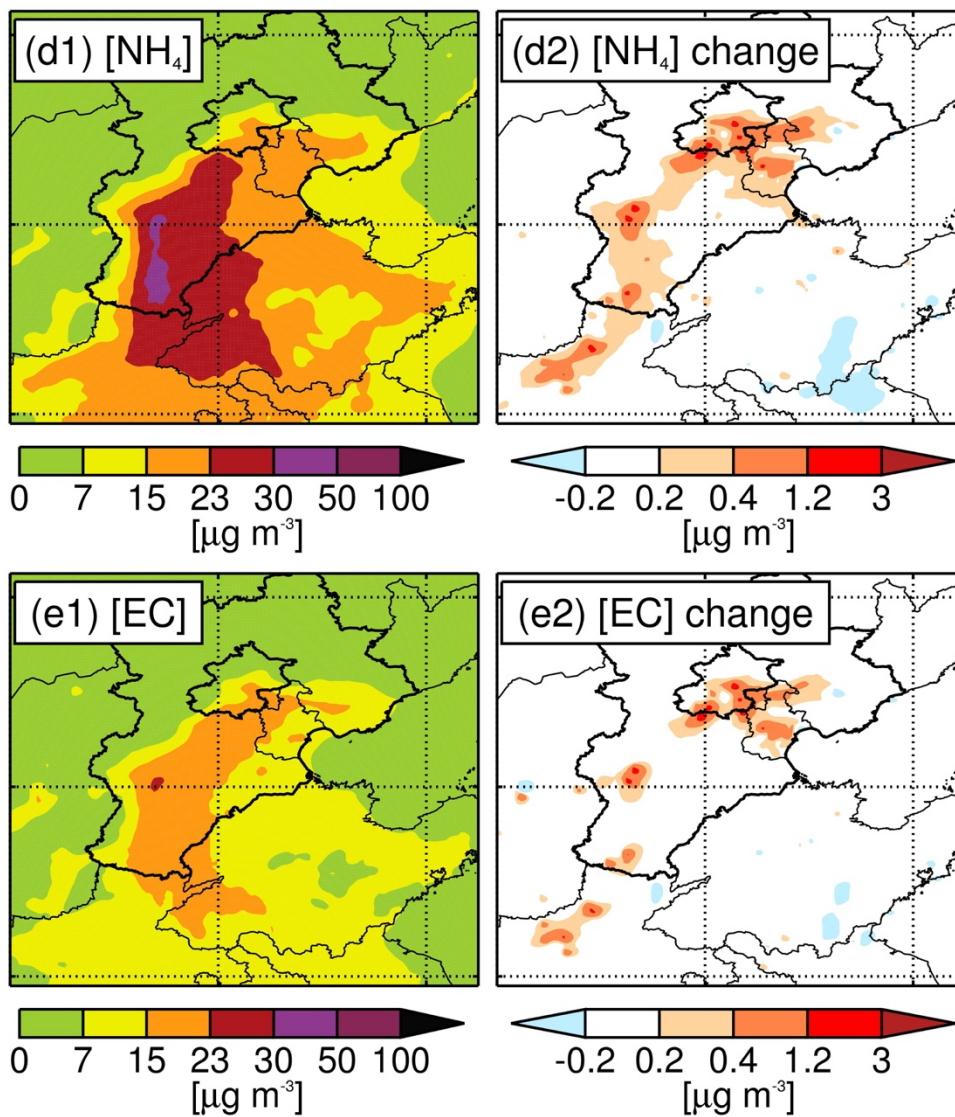


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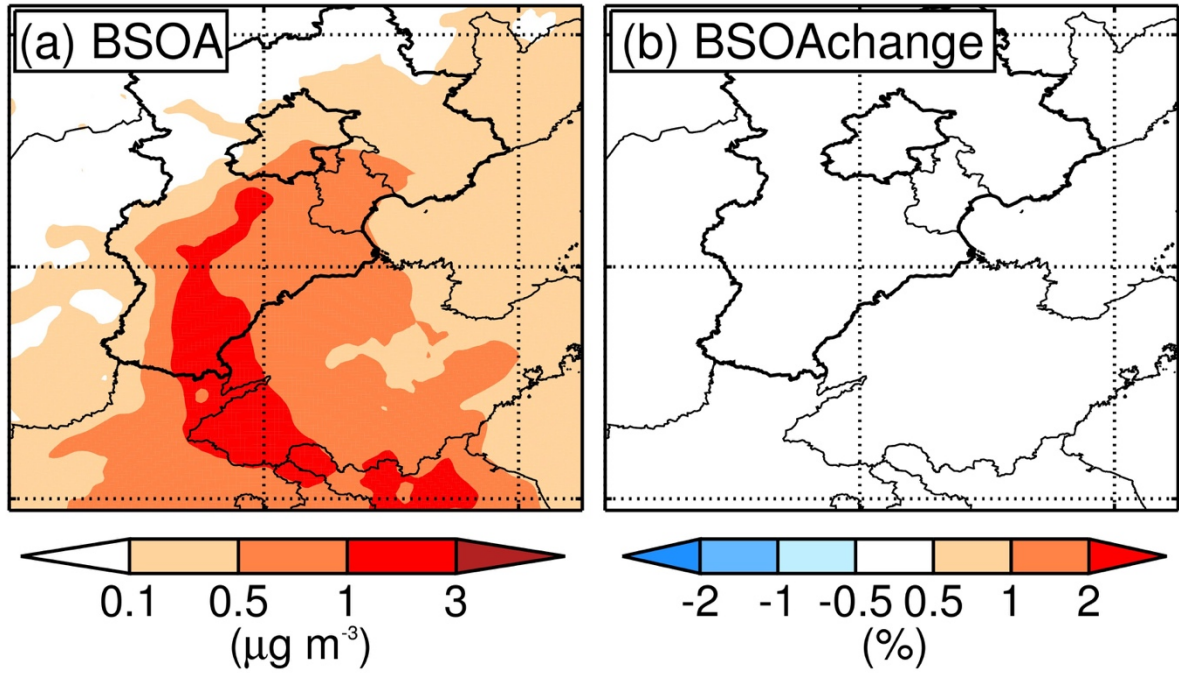


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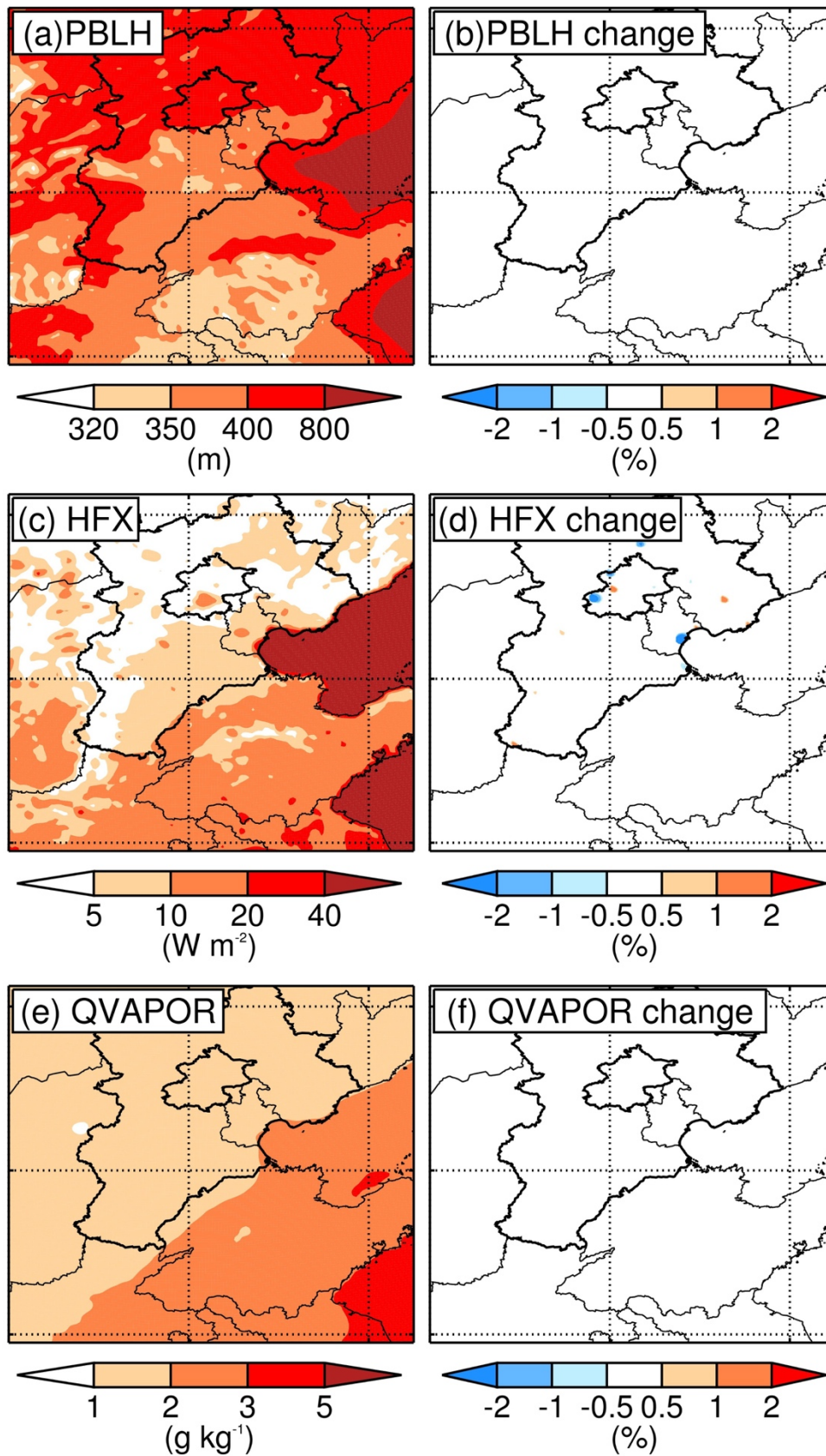
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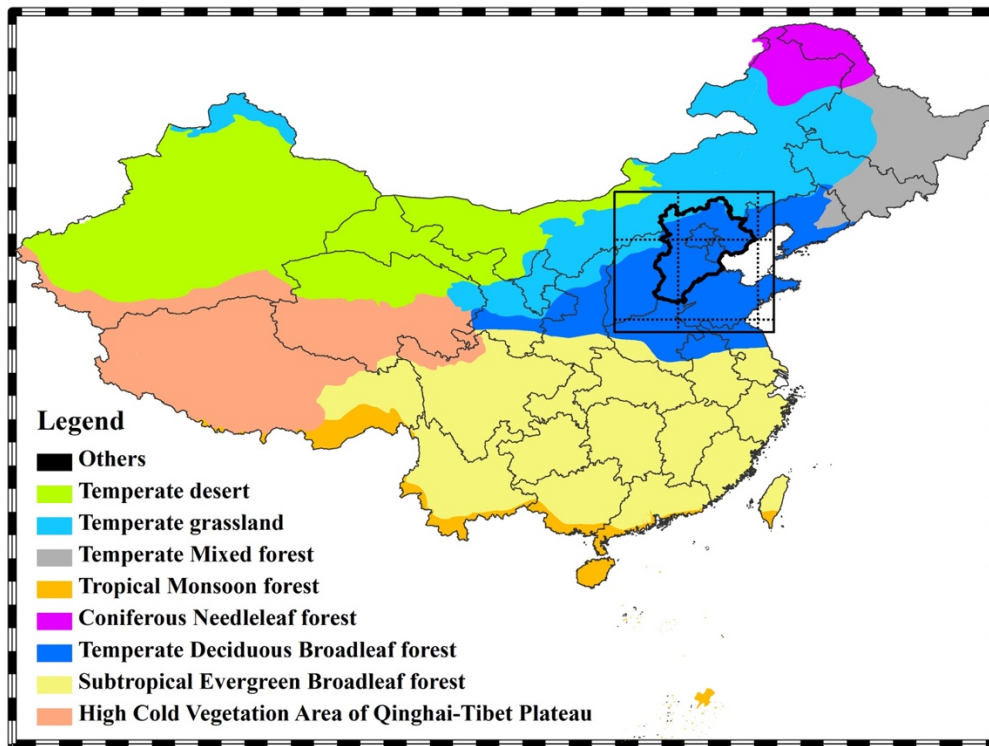
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