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Top-down estimate of black carbon emissions for city clusters using ground observations: a case study in southern Jiangsu, China

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Table S1. Data sources of activity levels and scaling factors for BC emissions from 2012 to 2015 by source category in southern Jiangsu.

Sector	Subsector	Main sources of activity level	Scaling factor
Power generation		Jiangsu Statistical Yearbook	1.108
Industry	Iron and steel		1.302
	Nonmetal mineral production		1.074
	Nonferrous metal smelting	China and Jiangsu Statistical Yearbook; China Energy and	0.690
	Oil refinery	Industry Statistical Yearbook	1.089
	Chemical industry		1.107
	Glass		0.716
	Other industry		1.020
Residential sources	Fossil fuel combustion	Jiangsu Energy Statistical Yearbook; Jiangsu Statistical	1.106
	Biofuel	Yearbook	1.043
Transportation	On-road	Jiangsu Energy Statistical	1.112
	Off-road	Yearbook; Jiangsu Statistical Yearbook	1.182

Table S2. Reduction rates in monthly emissions from 2012 to 2015 in MEIC for southern Jiangsu and other regions within the third modeling domain (unit: %).

Region	Jan.	Apr.	Jul.	Oct.
Southern Jiangsu (%)	18	18	26	21
Outside southern Jiangsu (%)	12	16	21	15

Table S3. Reduction rates in annual PM_{2.5} concentration for cities within the third modeling domain from 2013 to 2015 (unit: %).

Province	City	Reduction rate (%)
Anhui	Hefei	15.26
	Nantong	15.90
	Taizhou	11.76
	Yangzhou	16.84
Jiangsu	Nanjing	15.58
	Suzhou	12.76
	Wuxi	10.45
	Changzhou	12.31
	Zhenjiang	12.80
Shanghai	Shanghai	10.88

Table S4. Statistic indicators of meteorological parameters at three stations in the third modeling domain for January (a), April (b), July (c) and October (d) in 2015.

Variable	Parameter	Lukou	Hongqiao	Liyang
T2	Average OBS (°C)	4.63	6.81	5.40
	Average SIM (°C)	5.28	5.89	5.70
	Bias (°C)	0.64	-0.92	0.30
	NMB (%)	13.85	-13.52	5.49
	NME (%)	30.23	20.13	22.34
	RMSE (°C)	1.78	1.80	1.61
	IOA	0.95	0.95	0.96
RH2	Average OBS (%)	74.14	66.99	70.97
	Average SIM (%)	73.24	75.52	71.63
	Bias (%)	-0.90	8.63	0.66
	NMB (%)	-1.21	12.90	0.92
	NME (%)	17.11	18.65	18.85
	RMSE (%)	16.89	15.78	17.49
	IOA	0.84	0.85	0.82
WS10	Average OBS (m/s)	2.34	3.90	1.98
	Average SIM (m/s)	3.20	3.68	3.47
	Bias (m/s)	0.86	-0.22	1.49
	NMB (%)	36.94	-5.62	75.50
	NME (%)	52.02	31.40	83.33
	RMSE (m/s)	1.50	1.52	2.02
	IOA	0.76	0.77	0.51
WD10	Average OBS (deg)	159.39	201.94	175.17
	Average SIM (deg)	162.71	190.50	172.29
	Bias (deg)	3.32	-11.44	-2.89
	NMB(%)	2.09	-5.66	-1.65
	NME(%)	27.73	27.94	36.27
	RMSE (deg)	85.02	116.00	116.03
	IOA	0.85	0.78	0.76

(a)

Variable	Parameter	Lukou	Hongqiao	Liyang
T2	Average OBS (°C)	15.54	16.51	16.05
	Average SIM (°C)	15.05	14.99	15.44
	Bias (°C)	-0.49	-1.53	-0.59
	NMB (%)	-3.19	-9.30	-3.68
	NME (%)	9.21	11.70	8.39
	RMSE (°C)	1.86	2.42	1.76
	IOA	0.97	0.95	0.98
RH2	Average OBS (%)	70.84	65.91	68.85
	Average SIM (%)	77.27	80.28	75.31
	Bias (%)	6.43	14.40	6.38
	NMB (%)	9.08	21.85	9.26
	NME (%)	16.66	23.07	19.07
	RMSE (%)	16.29	18.97	17.49
	IOA	0.85	0.79	0.82
WS10	Average OBS (m/s)	2.88	4.13	2.46
	Average SIM (m/s)	3.57	4.08	3.56
	Bias (m/s)	0.69	-0.05	1.31
	NMB (%)	24.10	-1.26	53.35
	NME (%)	42.71	23.93	65.83
	RMSE (m/s)	1.57	1.30	2.01
	IOA	0.81	0.87	0.68
WD10	Average OBS (deg)	159.28	182.74	145.96
	Average SIM (deg)	146.63	155.97	151.14
	Bias (deg)	-12.66	-26.77	5.18
	NMB(%)	-7.95	-14.65	3.55
	NME(%)	34.68	27.75	36.30
	RMSE (deg)	102.58	105.95	95.15
	IOA	0.74	0.75	0.77

(b)

Variable	Parameter	Lukou	Hongqiao	Liyang
T2	Average OBS (°C)	26.51	27.31	26.74
	Average SIM (°C)	25.20	25.28	25.22
	Bias (°C)	-1.23	-1.88	-1.41
	NMB (%)	-4.62	-6.90	-5.26
	NME (%)	6.02	8.13	6.52
	RMSE (°C)	1.97	2.72	2.19
	IOA	0.92	0.89	0.92
RH2	Average OBS (%)	83.92	77.01	79.34
	Average SIM (%)	86.57	85.49	85.50
	Bias (%)	2.34	7.78	5.63
	NMB (%)	2.79	10.10	7.10
	NME (%)	7.01	14.05	9.55
	RMSE (%)	8.04	13.28	9.64
	IOA	0.90	0.77	0.86
WS10	Average OBS (m/s)	2.76	3.91	1.97
	Average SIM (m/s)	2.89	3.24	2.95
	Bias (m/s)	0.13	-0.62	0.97
	NMB (%)	4.58	-15.88	49.50
	NME (%)	38.09	28.71	64.82
	RMSE (m/s)	1.34	1.42	1.65
	IOA	0.76	0.88	0.65
WD10	Average OBS (deg)	144.66	143.00	142.43
	Average SIM (deg)	131.51	127.30	134.01
	Bias (deg)	-12.67	-15.50	-8.36
	NMB(%)	-8.76	-10.86	-5.87
	NME(%)	27.75	27.22	28.38
	RMSE (deg)	73.74	77.58	74.94
	IOA	0.79	0.76	0.79

(c)

Variable	Parameter	Lukou	Hongqiao	Liyang
T2	Average OBS (°C)	17.97	20.13	18.46
	Average SIM (°C)	18.69	18.72	18.80
	Bias (°C)	0.70	-1.42	0.32
	NMB (%)	3.87	-7.03	1.72
	NME (%)	7.52	8.25	5.76
	RMSE (°C)	1.72	2.10	1.36
	IOA	0.95	0.90	0.96
RH2	Average OBS (%)	77.67	68.84	75.70
	Average SIM (%)	67.74	76.94	70.72
	Bias (%)	-9.58	8.00	-4.62
	NMB (%)	-12.34	11.62	-6.10
	NME (%)	16.85	14.97	12.52
	RMSE (%)	18.35	12.71	13.53
	IOA	0.82	0.87	0.88
WS10	Average OBS (m/s)	2.43	3.24	1.81
	Average SIM (m/s)	2.92	2.84	3.11
	Bias (m/s)	0.51	-0.37	1.27
	NMB (%)	20.98	-11.31	70.27
	NME (%)	44.50	34.11	82.49
	RMSE (m/s)	1.40	1.44	1.90
	IOA	0.74	0.74	0.55
WD10	Average OBS (deg)	149.11	152.48	131.42
	Average SIM (deg)	134.04	134.22	138.19
	Bias (deg)	-15.43	-14.32	8.64
	NMB(%)	-10.34	-9.39	6.58
	NME(%)	30.36	27.30	28.26
	RMSE (deg)	83.86	80.38	63.01
	IOA	0.80	0.83	0.85

(d)

Note: OBS and SIM indicated the results from observation and simulation, respectively. The Bias, NMB, NME, RMSE and IOA were calculated using following equations (P and O indicated the results from modeling prediction and observation, respectively):

$$Bias = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - O_i);$$

$$NMB = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - O_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n O_i} \times 100\% ;$$

$$NME = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |P_i - O_i|}{\sum_{i=1}^n O_i} \times 100\% ;$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - O_i)^2} ;$$

$$IOA = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - O_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (|P_i - \bar{O}| + |O_i - \bar{O}|)^2}$$

Table S5. The monthly and annual contributions of industry, power generation, residential resources and transportation to ambient BC concentrations at NJU and PAES (unit: %).

Period	Site	Industry (%)	Power generation (%)	Residential resources (%)	Transportation (%)	Sum (%)
January	NJU	11.48	0.53	11.72	11.27	35.00
	PAES	12.78	0.25	13.17	13.31	39.51
April	NJU	25.22	0.53	16.97	21.33	64.05
	PAES	25.26	0.21	19.54	24.23	69.24
July	NJU	29.73	0.62	20.16	32.27	82.78
	PAES	27.05	0.35	23.61	35.43	86.44
October	NJU	24.31	0.99	13.55	19.96	58.81
	PAES	23.58	0.57	16.14	23.32	63.61
Annual	NJU	21.01	0.68	14.71	19.21	55.61
	PAES	21.91	0.34	17.84	23.53	63.62

Table S6. Statistical indicators for observed and simulated BC concentrations using JS-prior and JS-posterior in January excluding data from 16th to 26th at PAES.

Site	Parameter	JS-prior	JS-posterior
PAES	Average SIM ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2.86	2.68
	Average OBS ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2.15	2.15
	NMB (%)	32.95	24.65
	NME (%)	52.61	49.63
	R	0.72	0.74

Table S7. The simulated monthly average PBL heights and the range of hourly simulations at NJU and PAES in four months (unit: m).

Month	Site	Monthly average PBL (m)	Hourly average PBL (m)
January	NJU	370.25	27.59-1443.64
	PAES	384.56	27.20-1460.07
April	NJU	432.73	28.61-2157.87
	PAES	441.72	28.61-2157.87
July	NJU	381.14	30.70-1617.69
	PAES	431.02	30.02-1975.01
October	NJU	462.57	29.70-2065.97
	PAES	488.30	29.78-2073.46

Table S8. Statistical indicators for observed and simulated BC concentrations for all periods, those included in the multiple regression model, and those excluded from the model in JS-prior and Case 2 for April 2015 at NJU.

Site	Parameter	JS-prior: All period	JS-prior: Included	JS-prior: Excluded	Case 2: All period	Case 2: Included	Case 2: Excluded
NJU	Average SIM ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2.38	2.71	2.08	2.27	2.42	2.08
	Average OBS ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	2.69	2.56	2.99	2.69	2.56	2.99
	NMB (%)	-16.02	5.90	-56.48	-21.59	-5.32	-56.63
	NME (%)	42.31	34.01	57.62	32.47	21.09	57.61

Table S9. BC emissions from Nanjing and Suzhou–Wuxi–Changzhou-Zhenjiang city cluster in different cases in April 2015 (unit: Gg).

Case	Sector	Nanjing	Suzhou–Wuxi–Changzhou -Zhenjiang	Southern Jiangsu
Scenario B	Power	0	0.01	0.01
	Industry	0.21	1.13	1.34
	Residential	0.08	0.24	0.32
	Transportation	0.12	0.30	0.42
	Total	0.41	1.68	2.09
Case 1	Power	0	0.01	0.01
	Industry	0.05	0.25	0.30
	Residential	0.04	0.14	0.19
	Transportation	0.08	0.20	0.28
	Total	0.17	0.60	0.78
Case 2	Power	0	0.01	0.01
	Industry	0.09	0.47	0.56
	Residential	0.07	0.23	0.30
	Transportation	0.08	0.20	0.27
	Total	0.24	0.91	1.14
Case 3	Power	0	0.01	0.01
	Industry	0.04	0.47	0.51
	Residential	0.03	0.23	0.26
	Transportation	0.08	0.20	0.27
	Total	0.15	0.90	1.05

Table S10. The monthly emissions, simulated wet depositions and the ratios of wet deposition to emissions at NJU (a), PAES (b) and southern Jiangsu (c) using JS-prior and JS-posterior, respectively.

	January		April		July		October	
	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior
Emission (kg)	410.84	383.01	379.81	225.56	417.61	203.25	368.48	347.25
Wet deposition (kg)	100.97	93.81	172.97	169.79	254.33	194.64	91.62	85.88
Wet deposition/emissions (%)	24.58	24.49	45.54	75.27	60.90	95.77	24.86	24.73

(a)

	January		April		July		October	
	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior
Emission (kg)	1221.70	1286.89	1145.83	698.33	1130.99	528.42	1103.29	1219.42
Wet deposition (kg)	109.27	105.10	186.10	183.60	189.71	146.10	51.03	50.00
Wet deposition/emissions (%)	8.94	8.17	16.24	26.29	16.77	27.65	4.63	4.10

(b)

	January		April		July		October	
	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior	JS-prior	JS-posterior
Emission (Gg)	2.26	1.45	2.10	0.78	2.26	0.90	2.38	1.33
Wet deposition (Gg)	0.54	0.48	0.59	0.53	0.71	0.58	0.41	0.37
Wet deposition/emissions (%)	24.06	33.36	27.96	67.58	31.26	64.26	17.24	27.85

(c)

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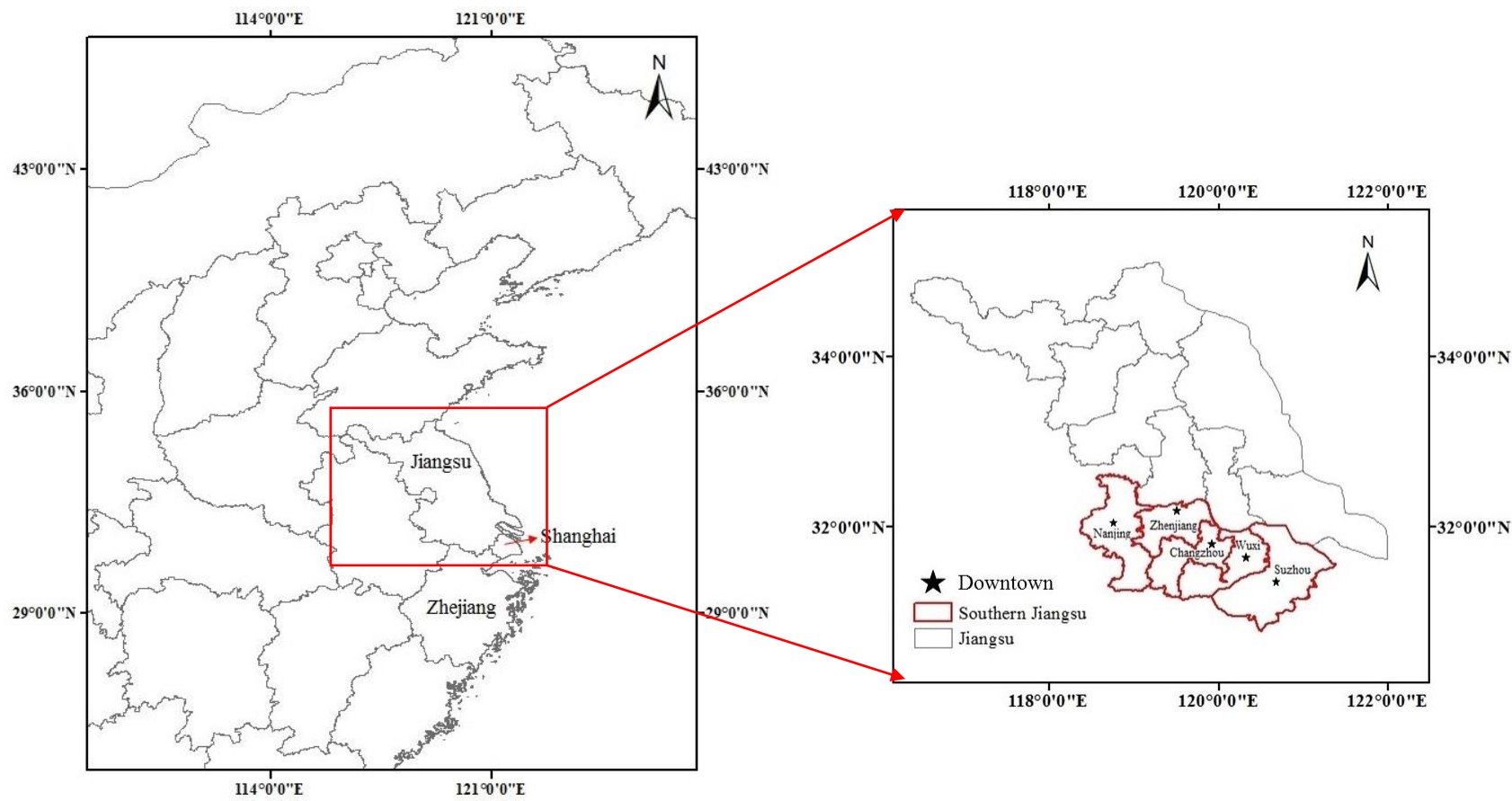
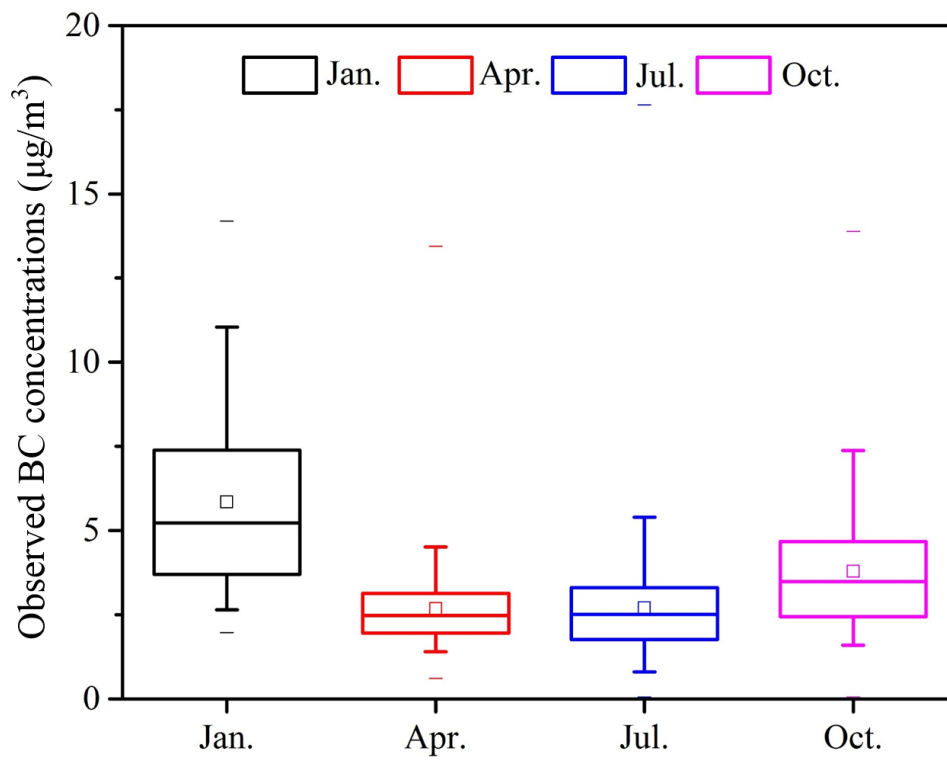
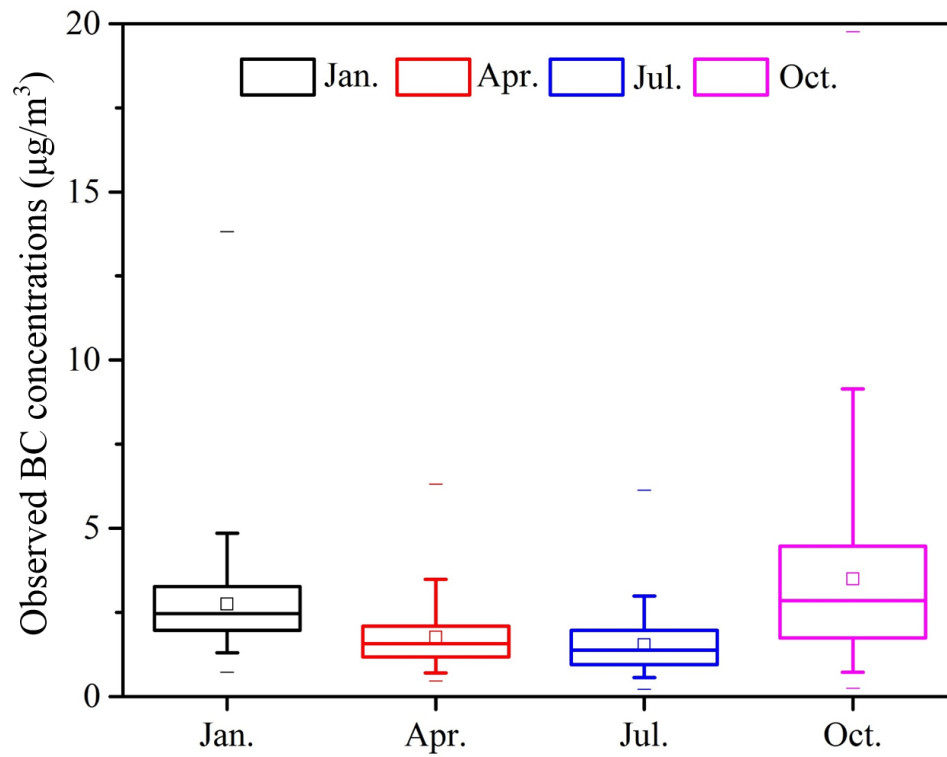


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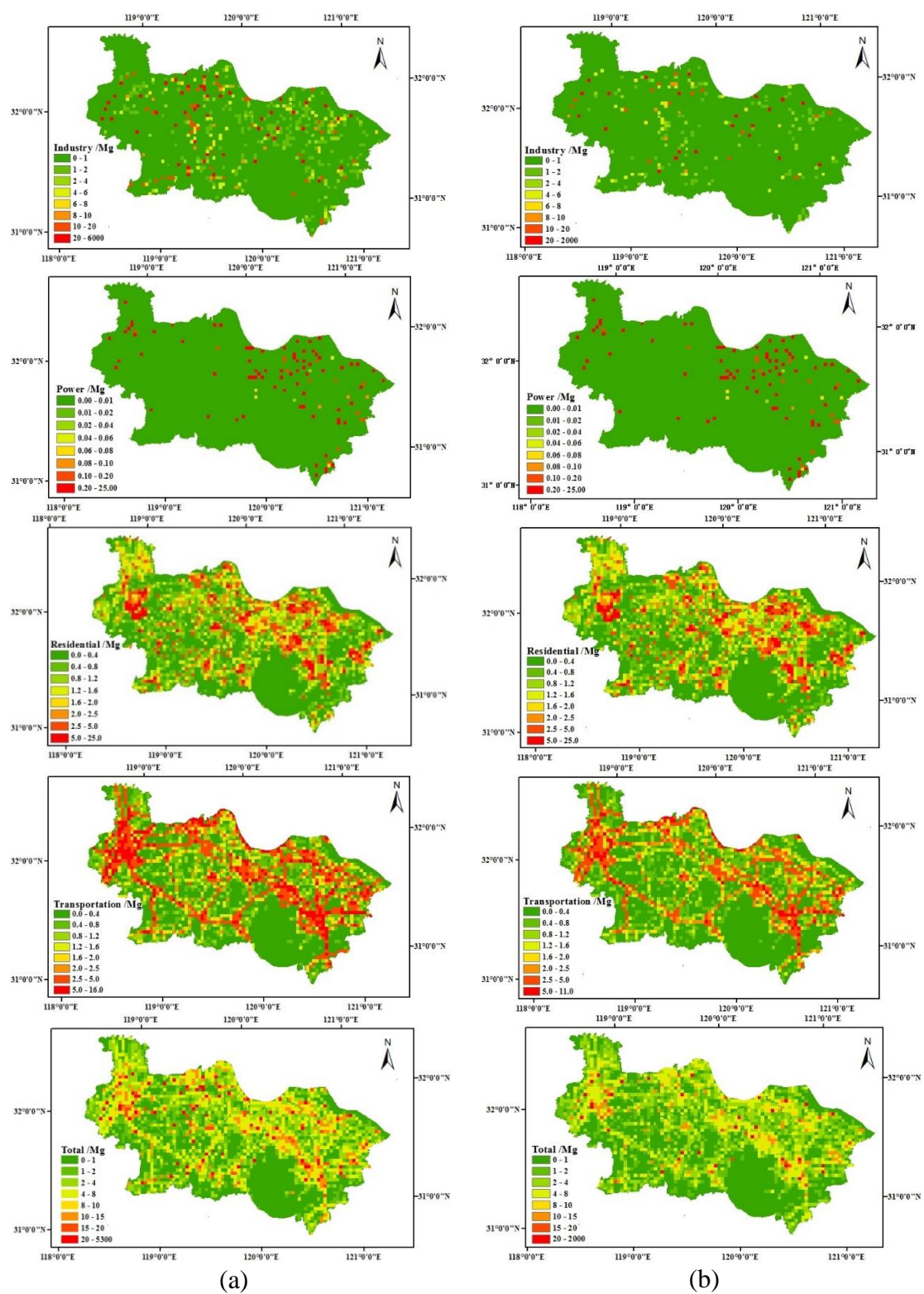
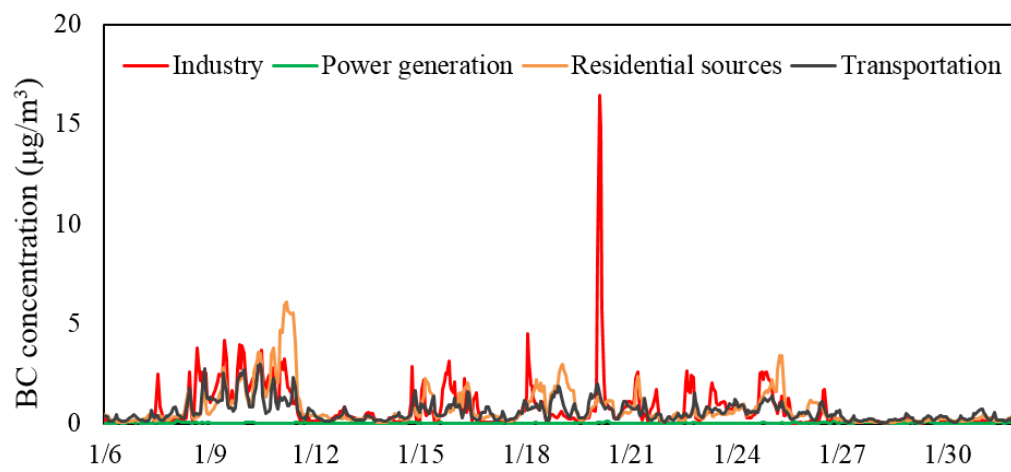
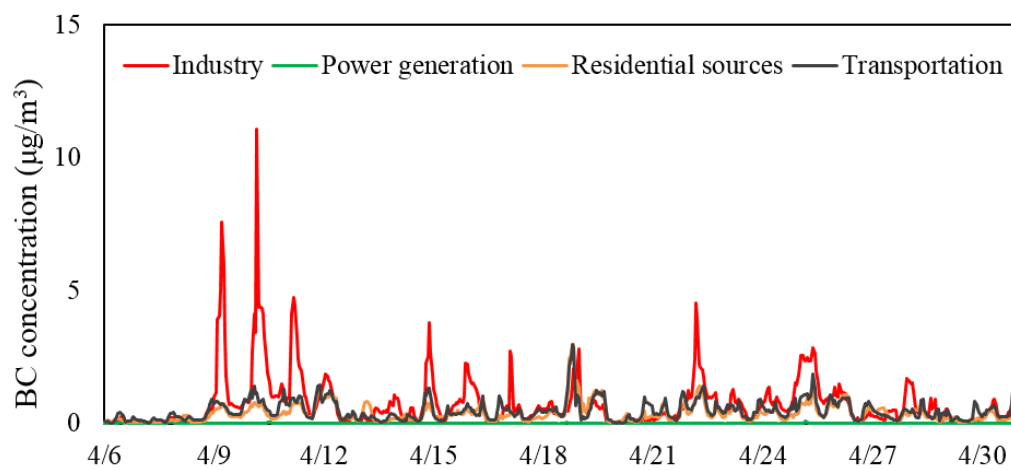


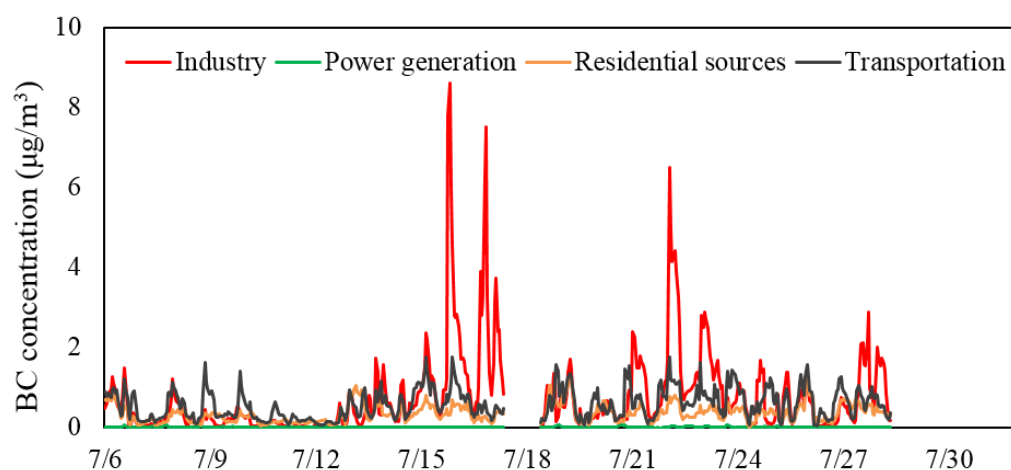
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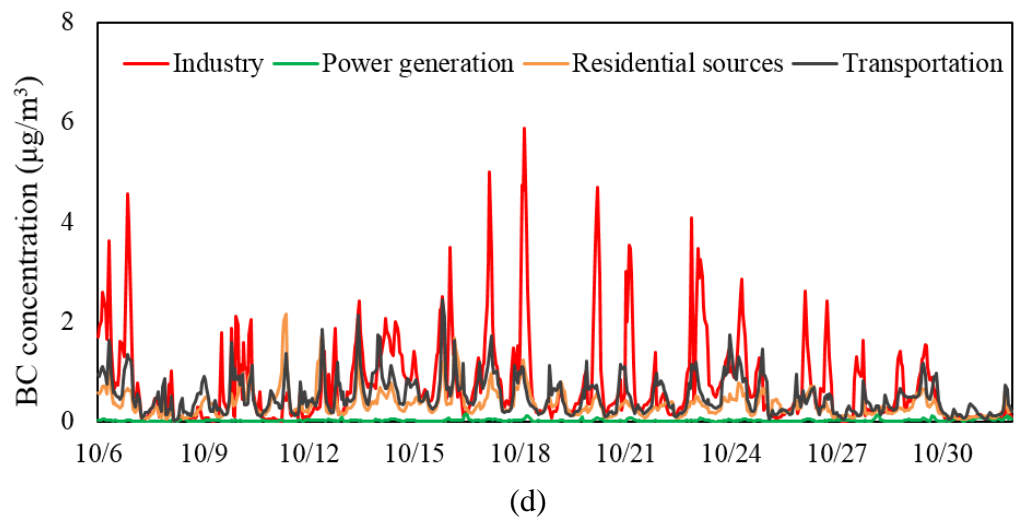
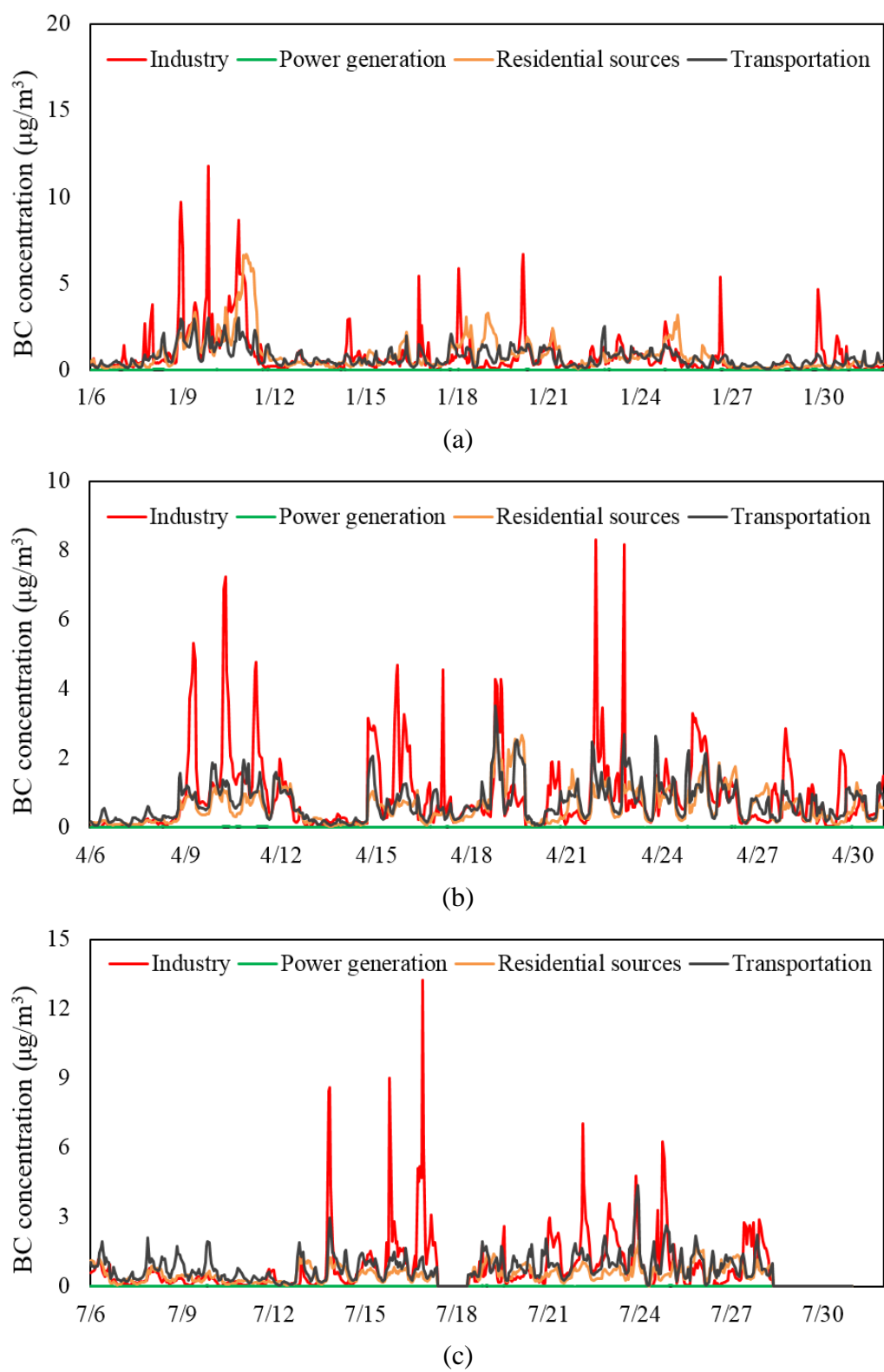


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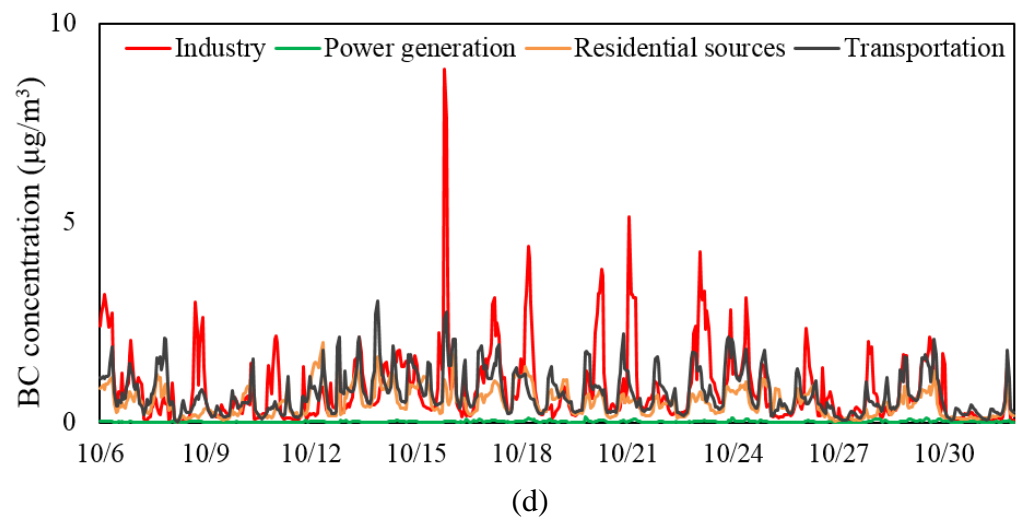


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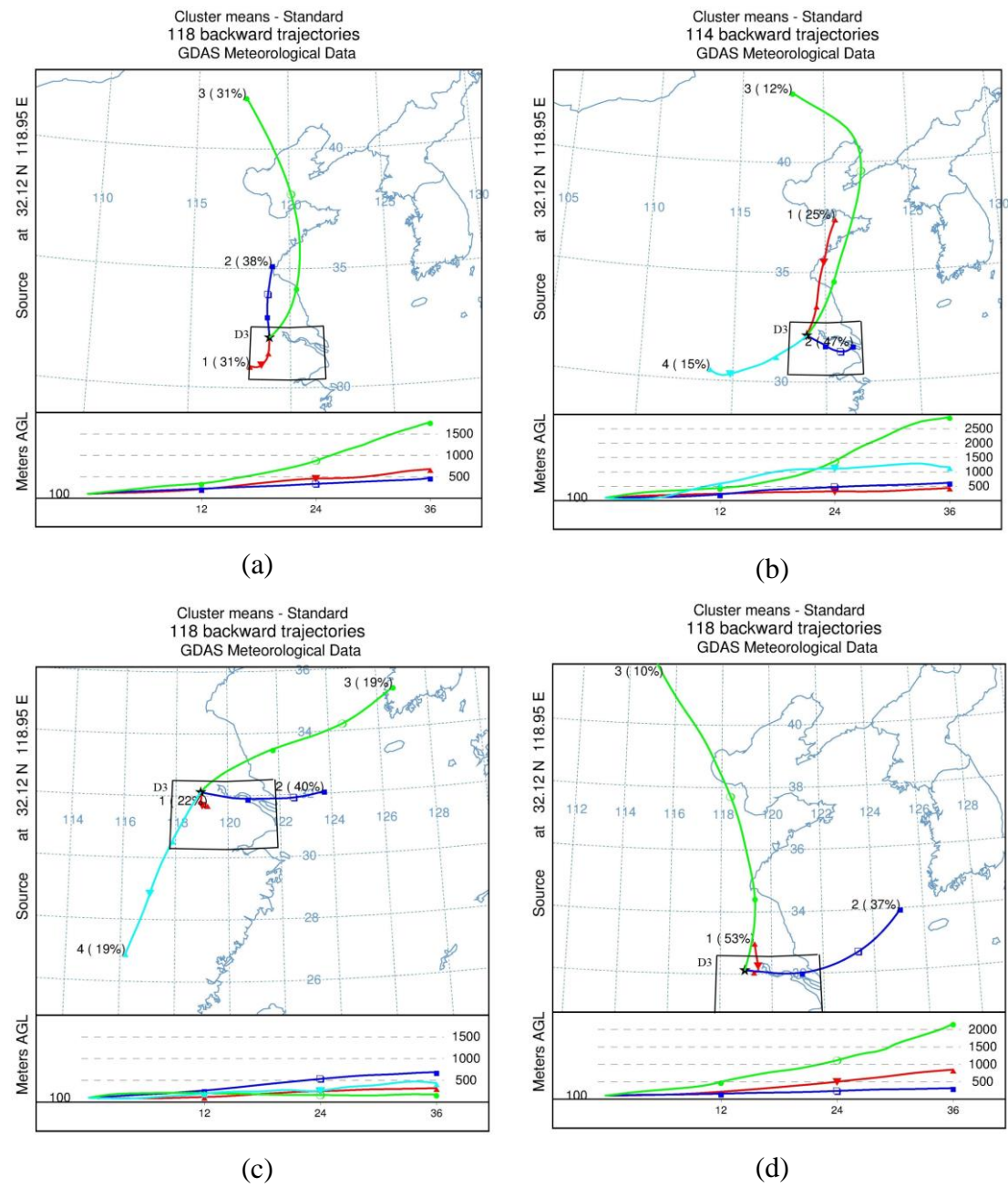


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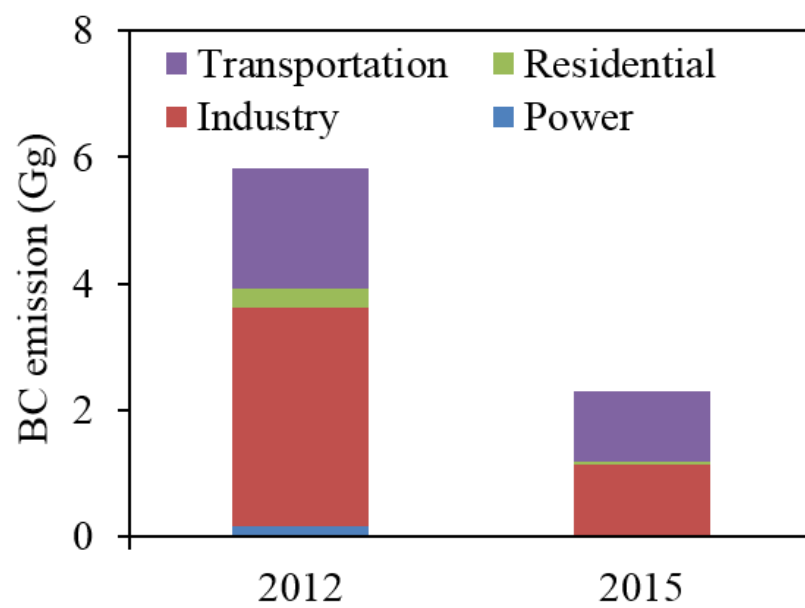
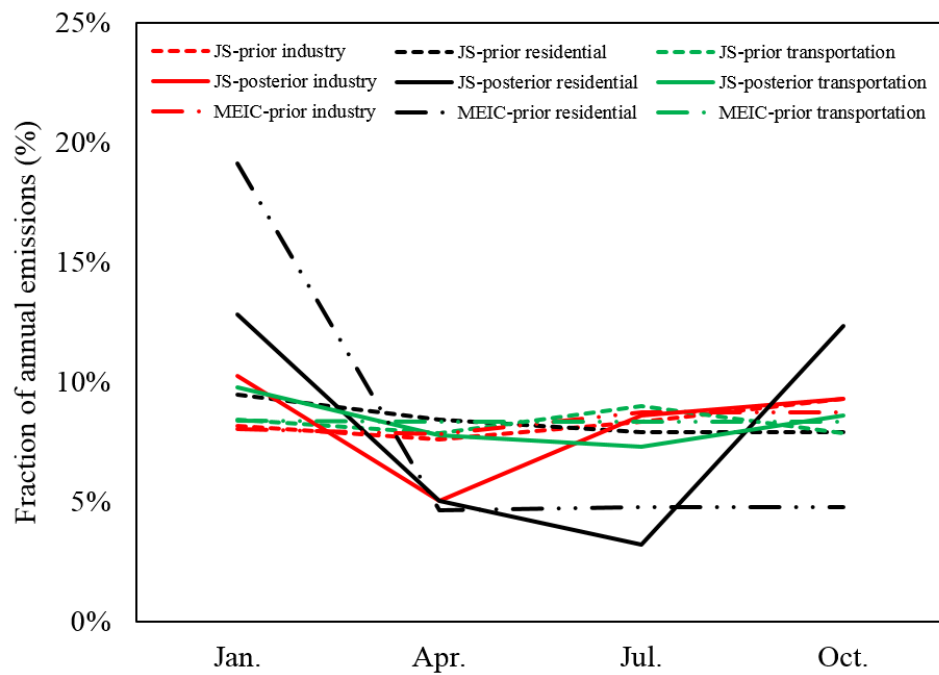
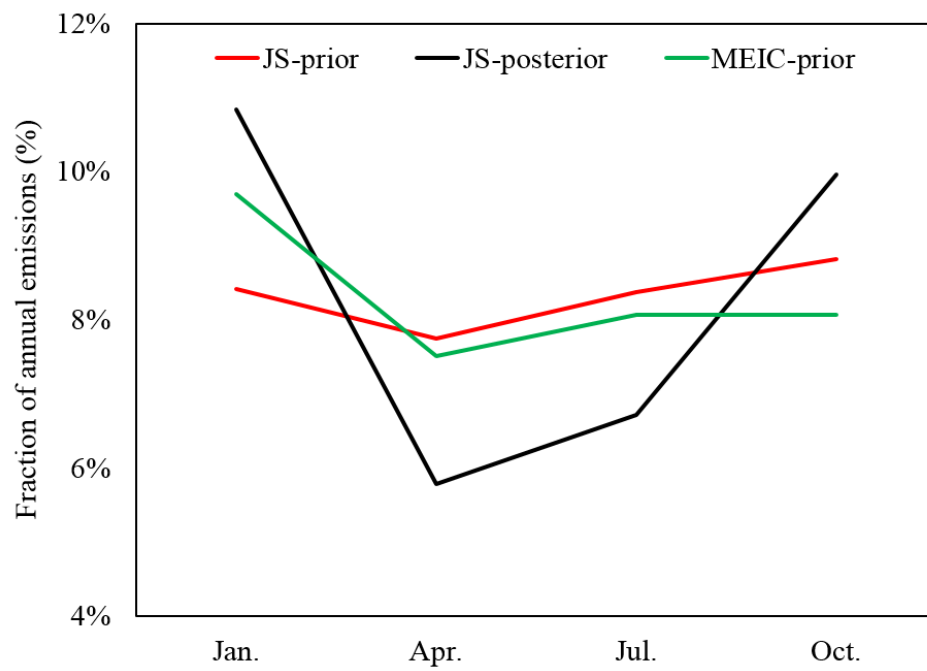


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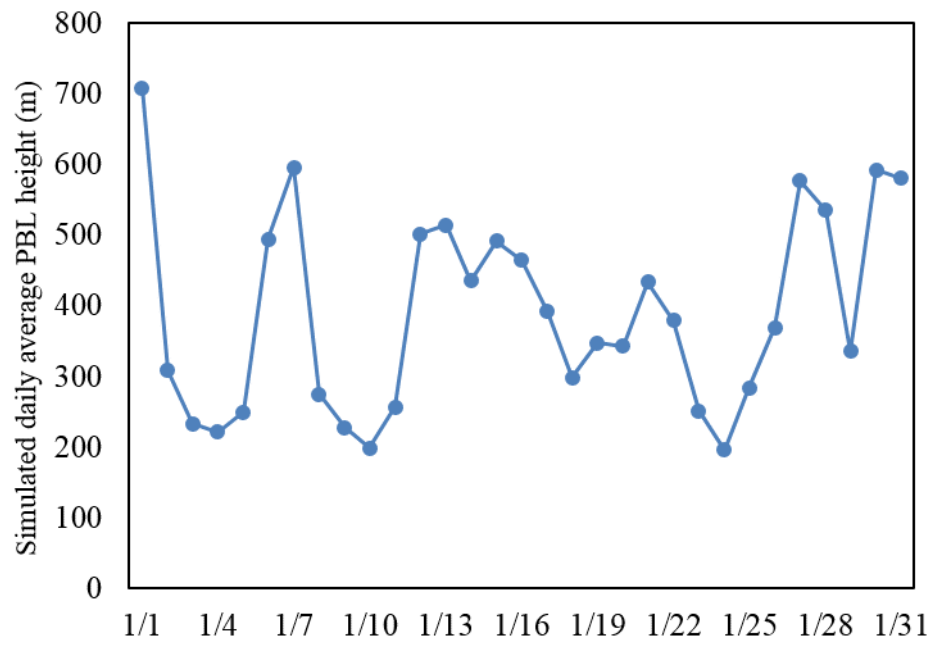


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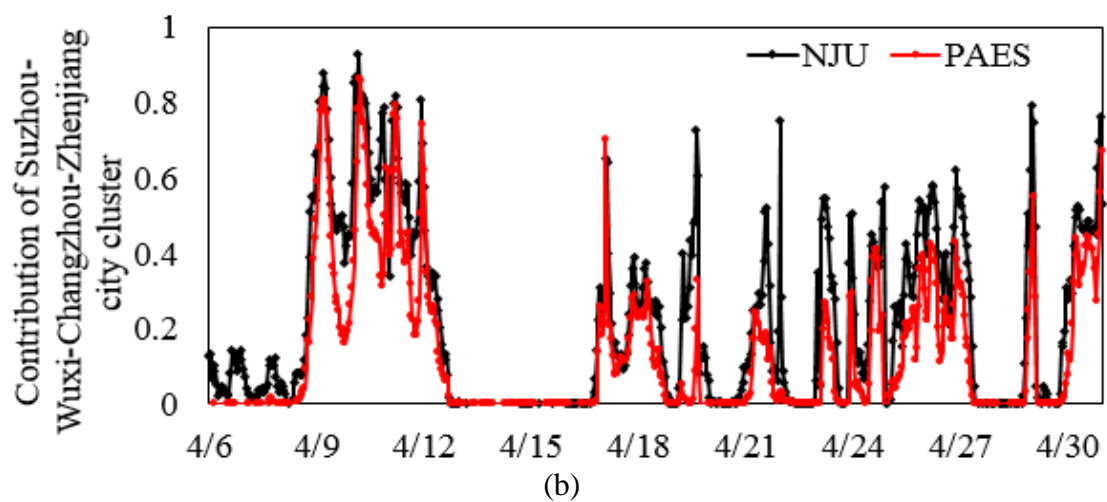
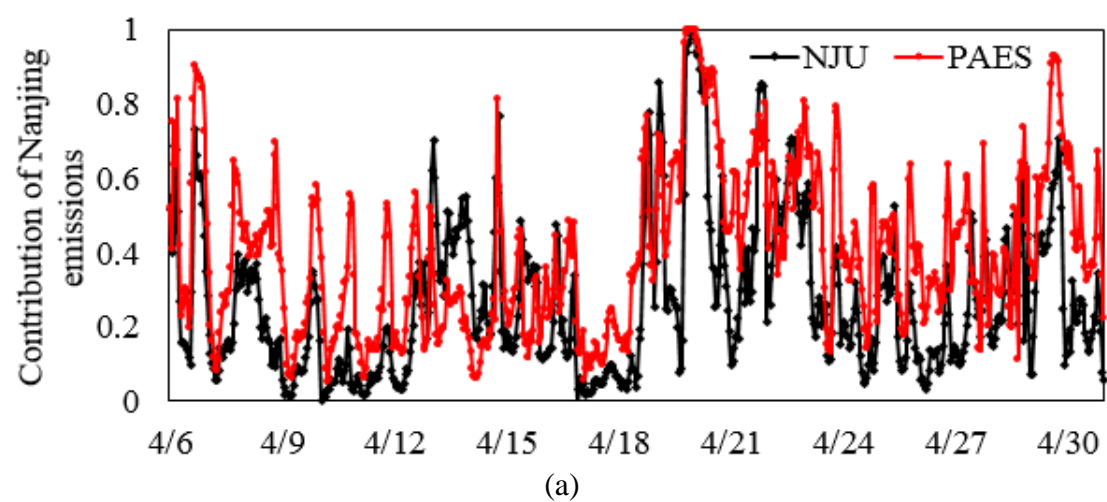
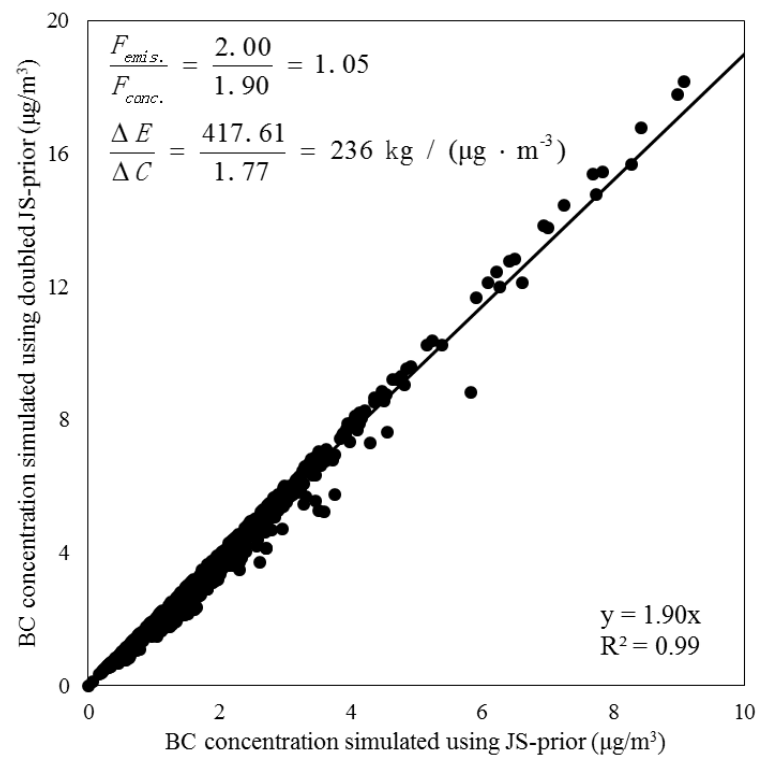
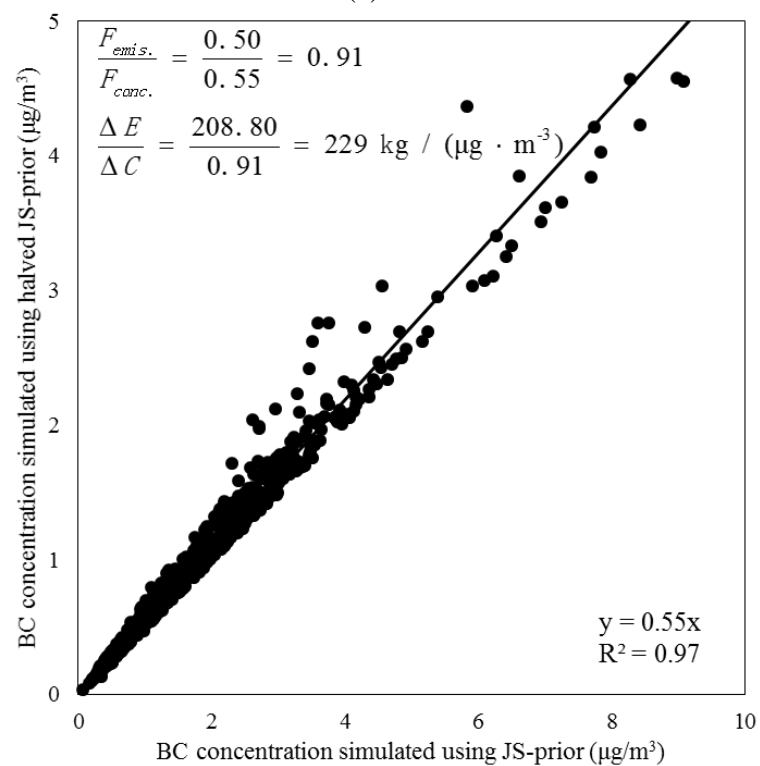


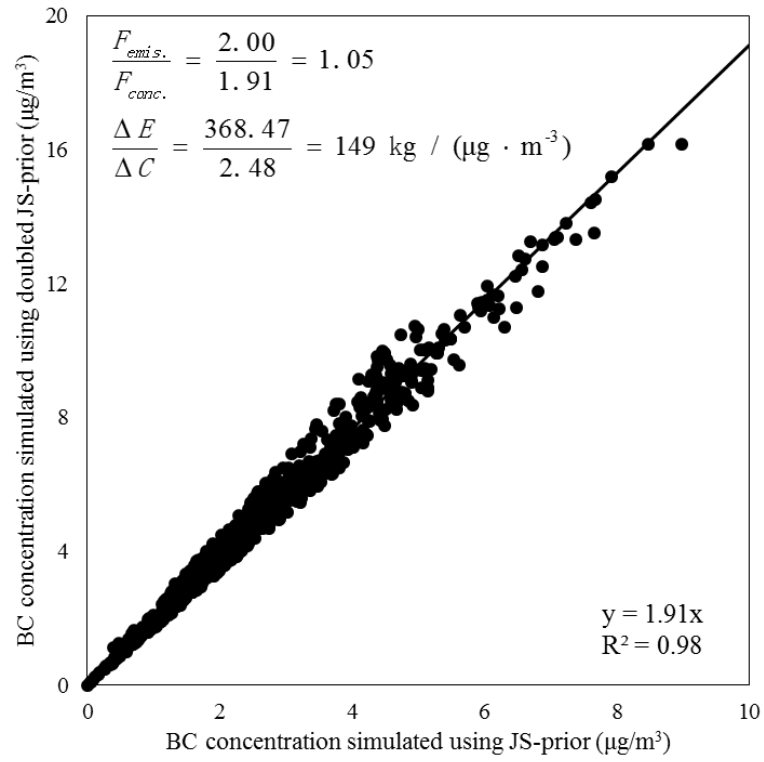
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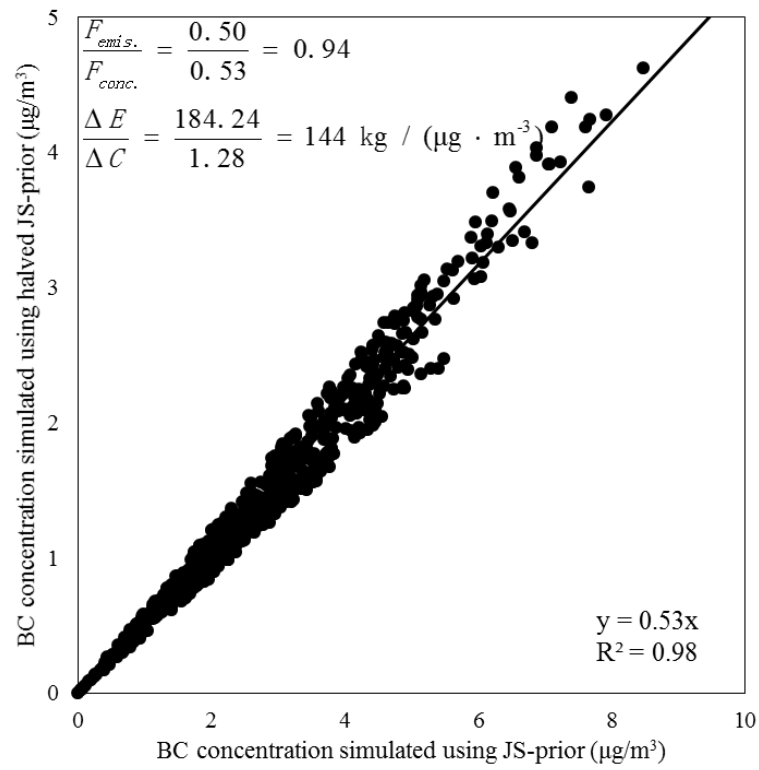
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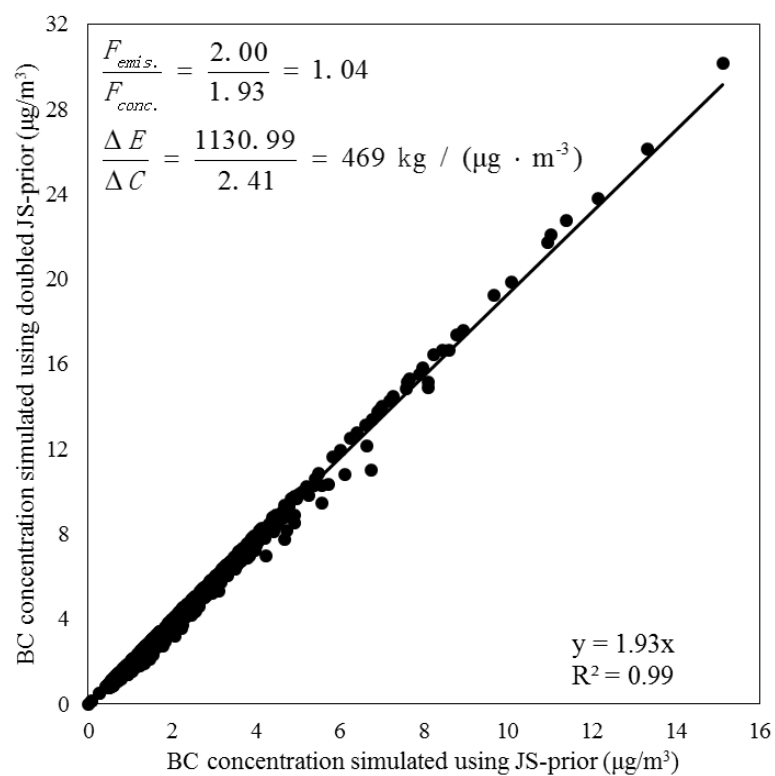


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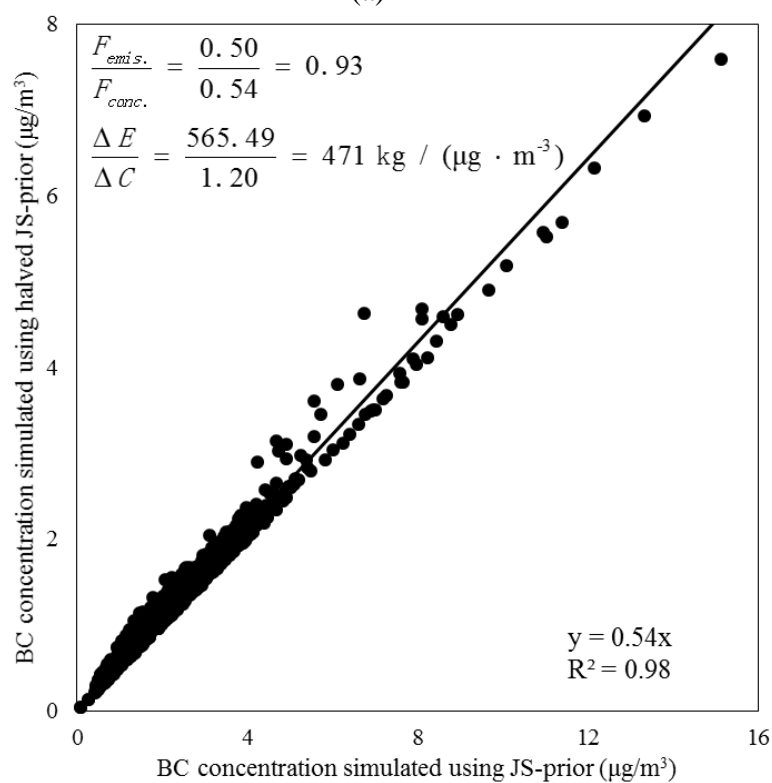


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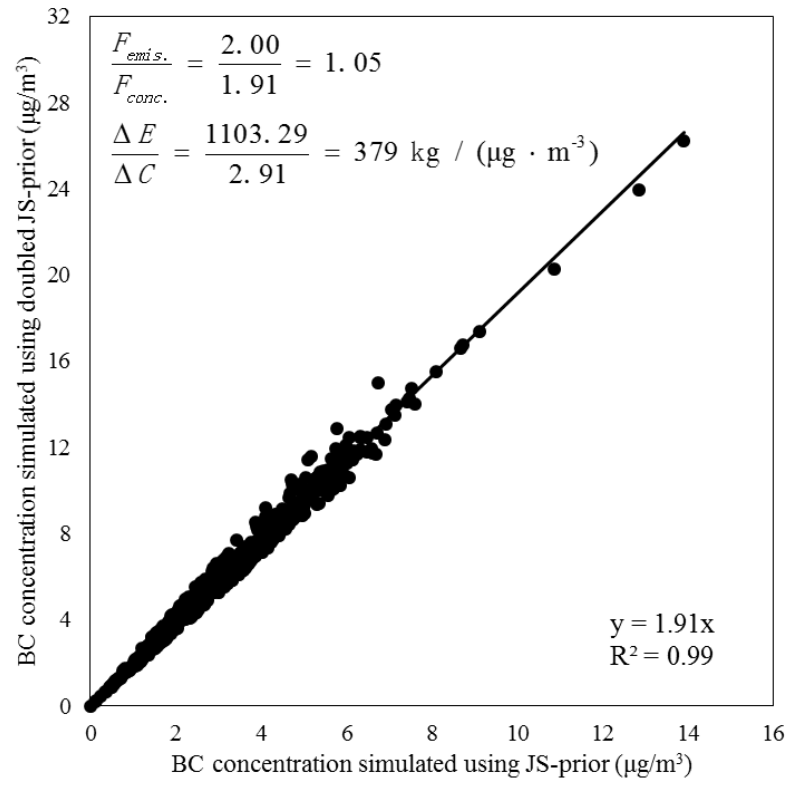
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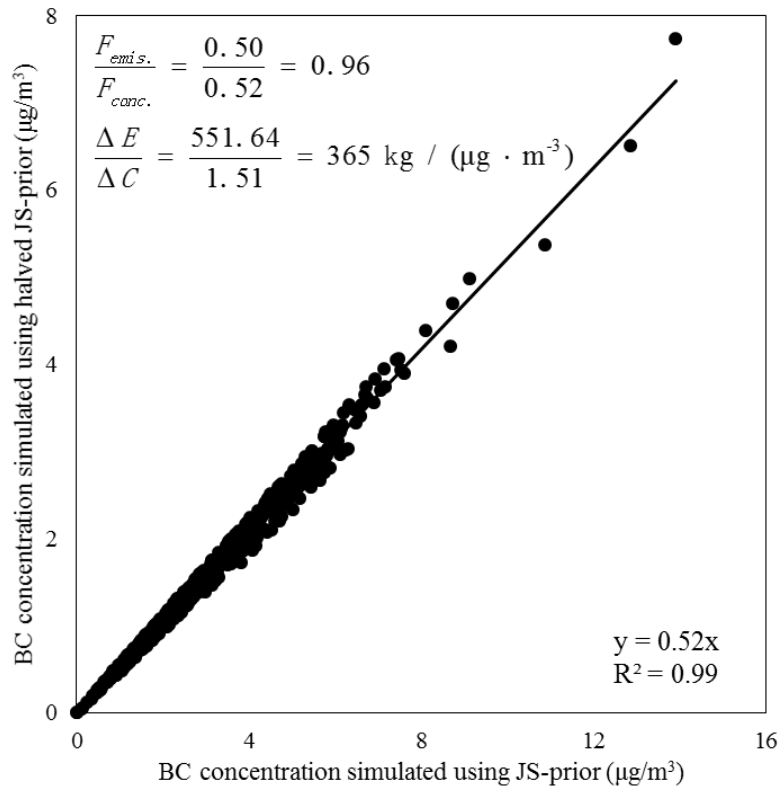
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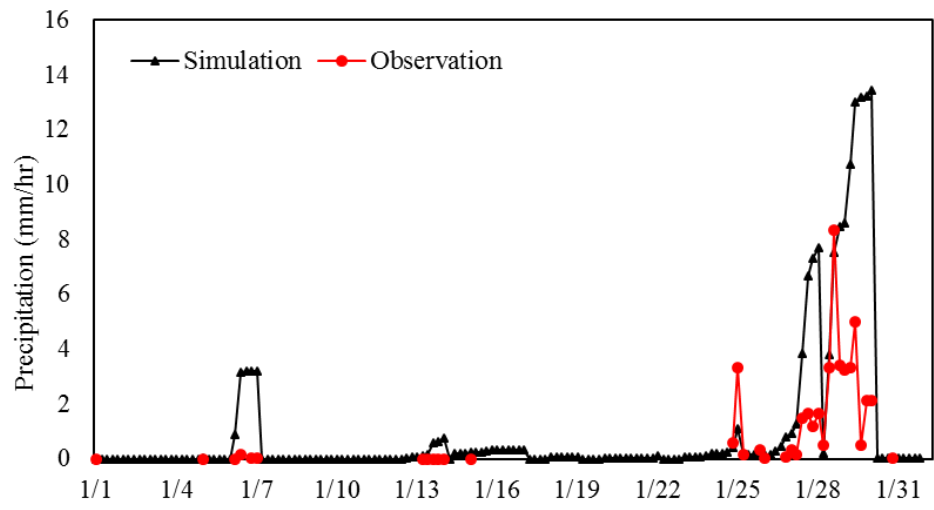


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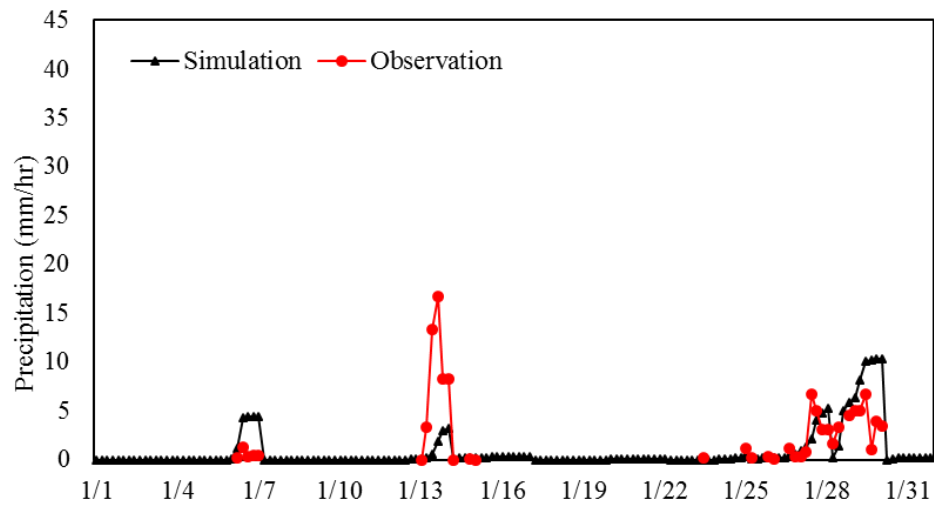


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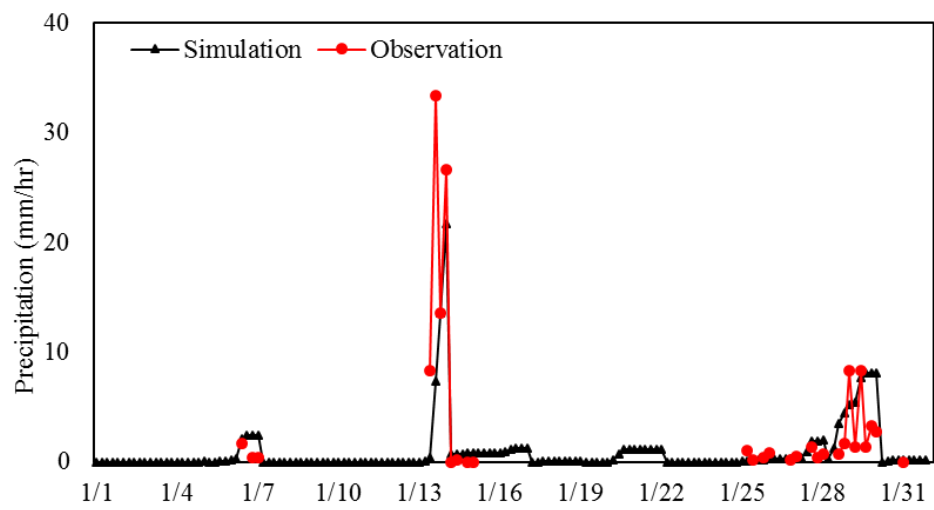
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(a)

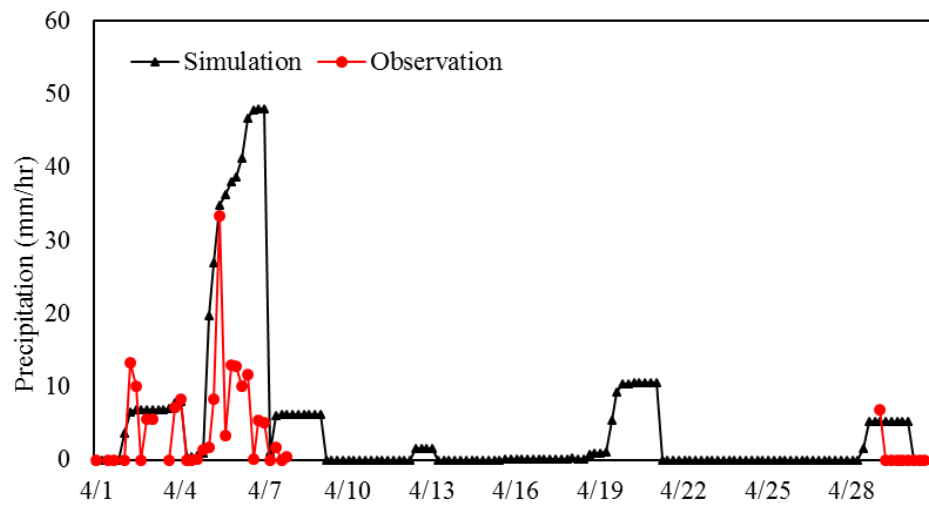


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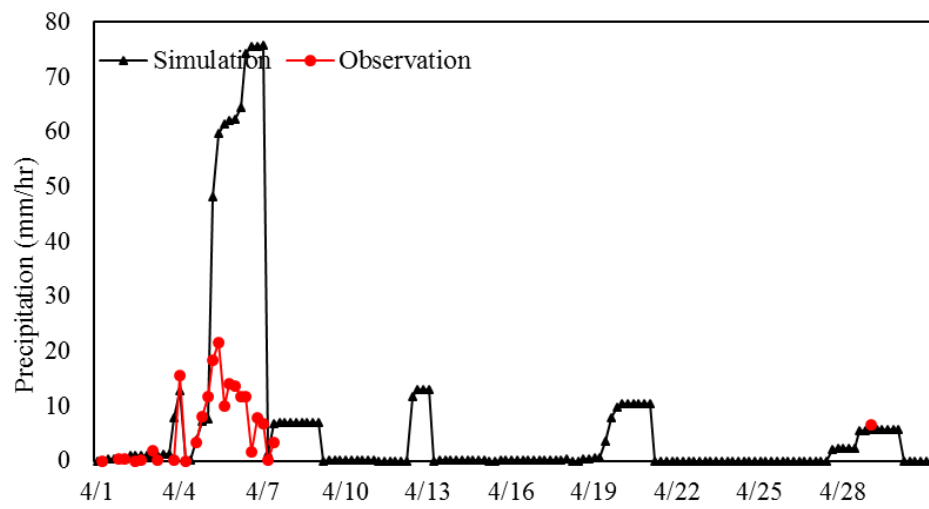


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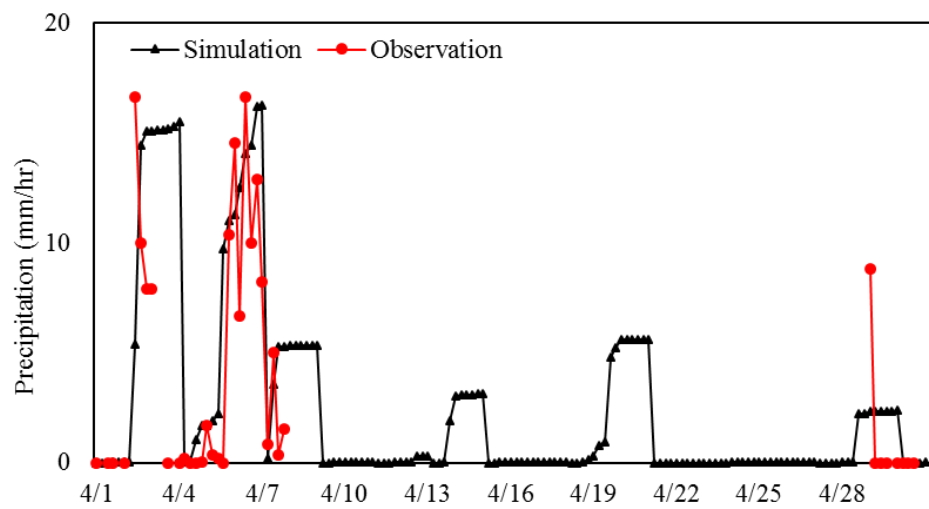
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(a)

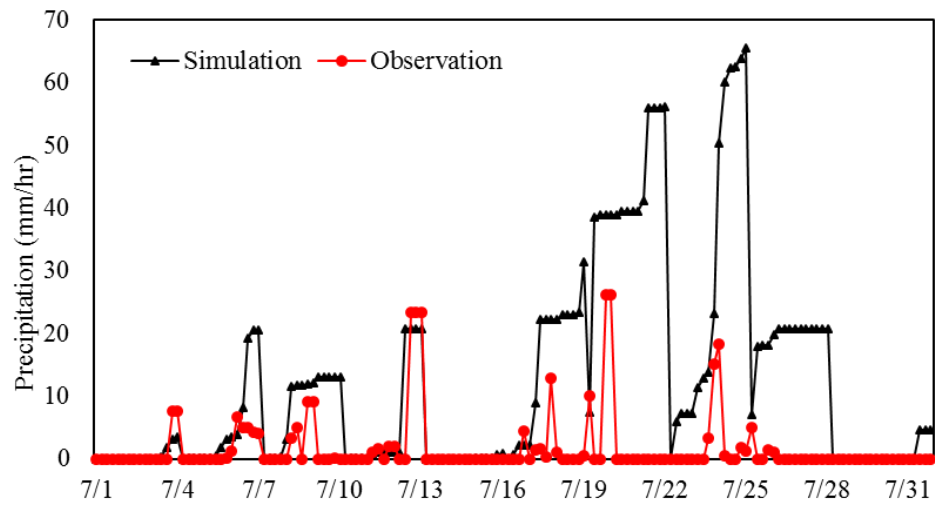


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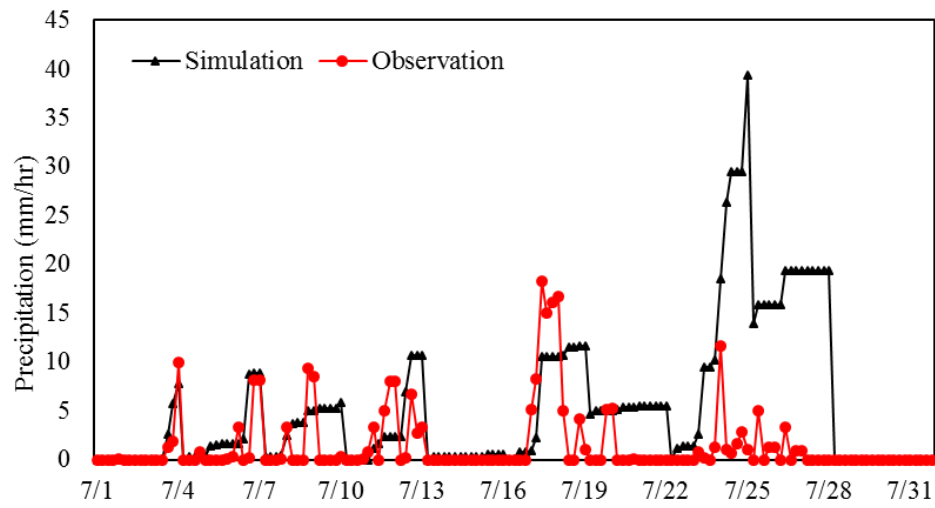


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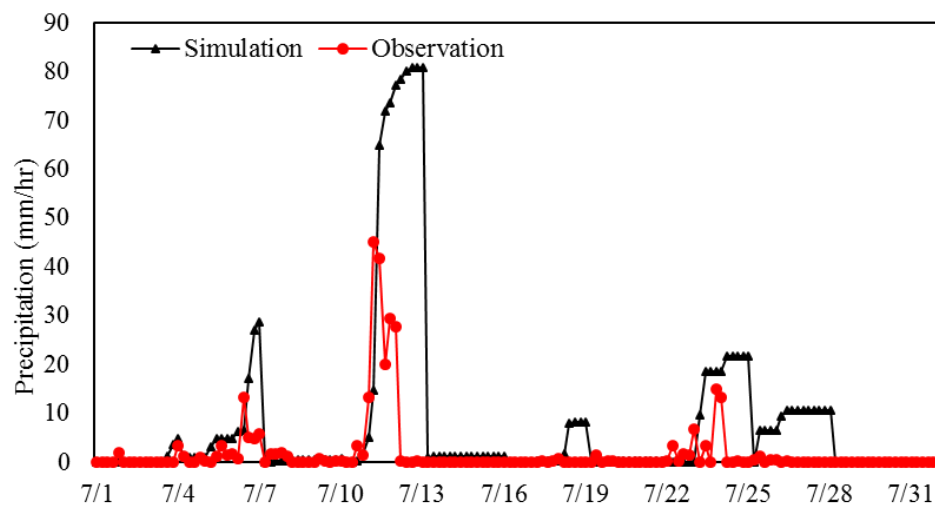
Figure S15.



(a)

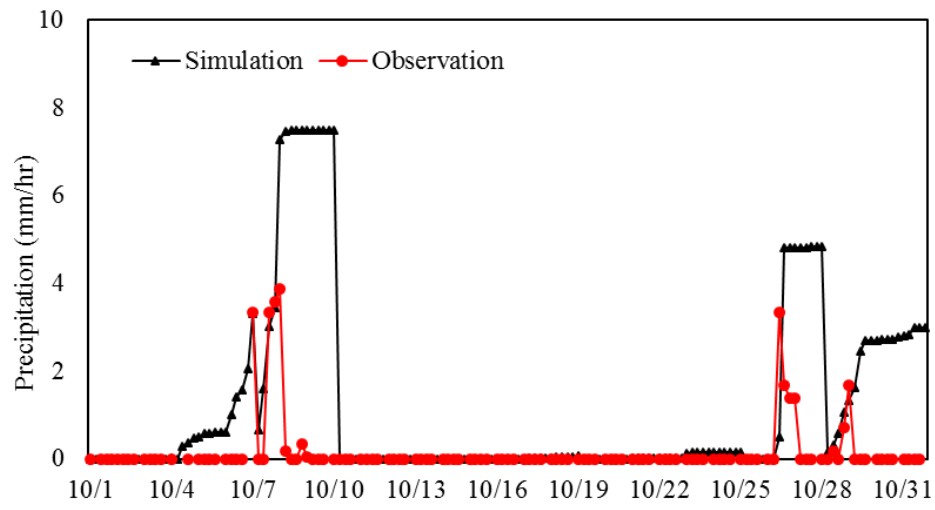


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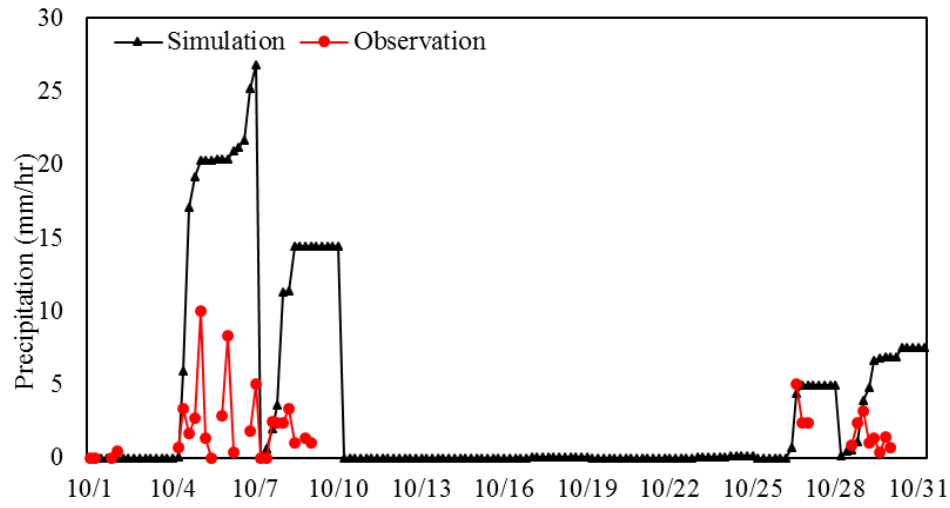


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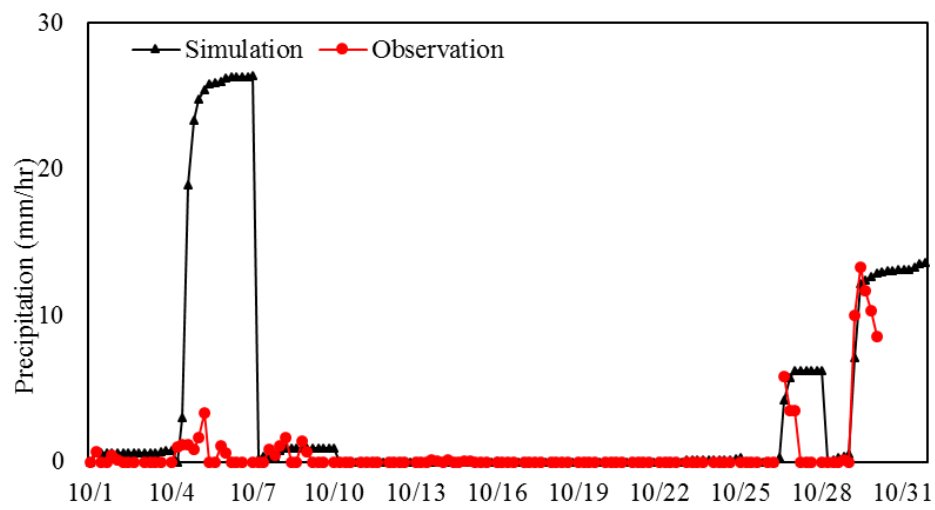
Figure S16.



(a)



(b)



(c)