

**Supporting Information for**  
**Frequent haze events associated with transport and stagnation over**  
**the corridor between North China Plain and Yangtze River Delta**

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## Supplemental Information

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Table S1 Model configuration of WRF.

WRF configuration	Scheme
Microphysics	Morrison microphysics scheme (Morrison et al., 2009)
Land surface option	Unified Noah land surface model (Chen and Dudhia, 2001)
Longwave and shortwave radiation	Rapid Radiation Transfer Model Global (RRTMG) (Iacono et al., 2008; Morcrette et al., 2008)
Cumulus parameterization scheme	GrellFreitas cumulus parameterization scheme (Grell and Freitas, 2014)
Planetary boundary layer scheme	YSU (Hong et al., 2006)

Table S2 The evaluation of daily meteorological parameters, including air temperature at 2m (T2), specific humidity at 2m (Q2), wind speed (WS10) and direction (WD10) at 10m from WRF model simulation and NCDC observation.

	Model evaluation				Benchmarks (Emery and Tai, 2001)			
	T2	Q2	WD10	WS10	T2	Q2	WD10	WS10
Bias	-0.28	0.01	0.03	0.85	$\leq \pm 0.5$	$\leq \pm 1$	$\leq \pm 10$	$\leq \pm 0.5$
Gross Error	1.97	0.01	45.98	/	$\leq 2$	$\leq 2$	$\leq 30$	/
RMSE	/	/	/	1.62	/	/	/	$\leq 2$

Table S3 The total number of the polluted days exceedance in SWLY during winters in 2014-2019.

	75-150 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	150-250 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	greater than 250 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$	total <sup>a</sup>
seesaw patterns	98	22	1	121
stagnation	105	32	1	138
other	118	10	0	128
total <sup>b</sup>	321	64	2	387

a indicates the total number of polluted days due to seesaw patterns, stagnation days and other; b indicates the total number of days in three categories.

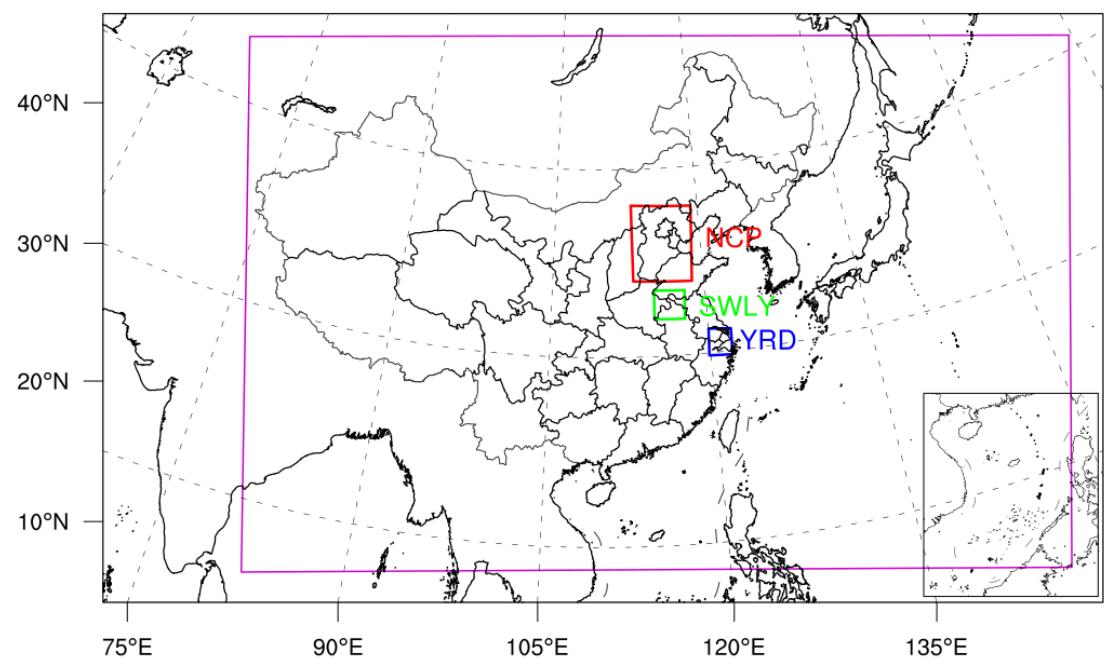


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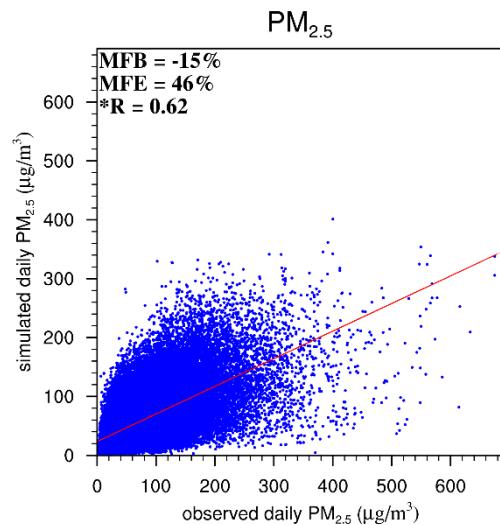


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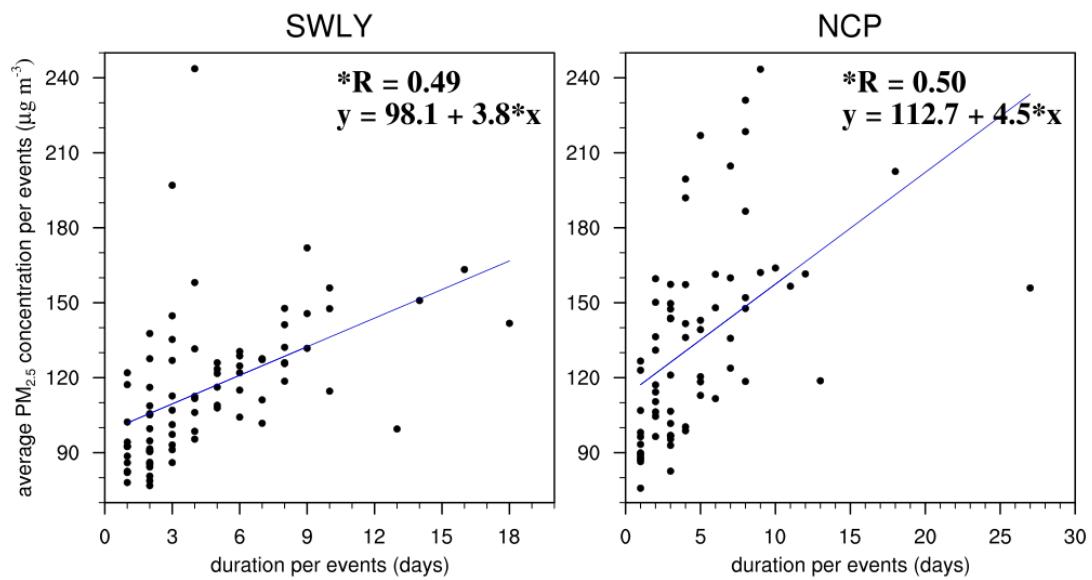


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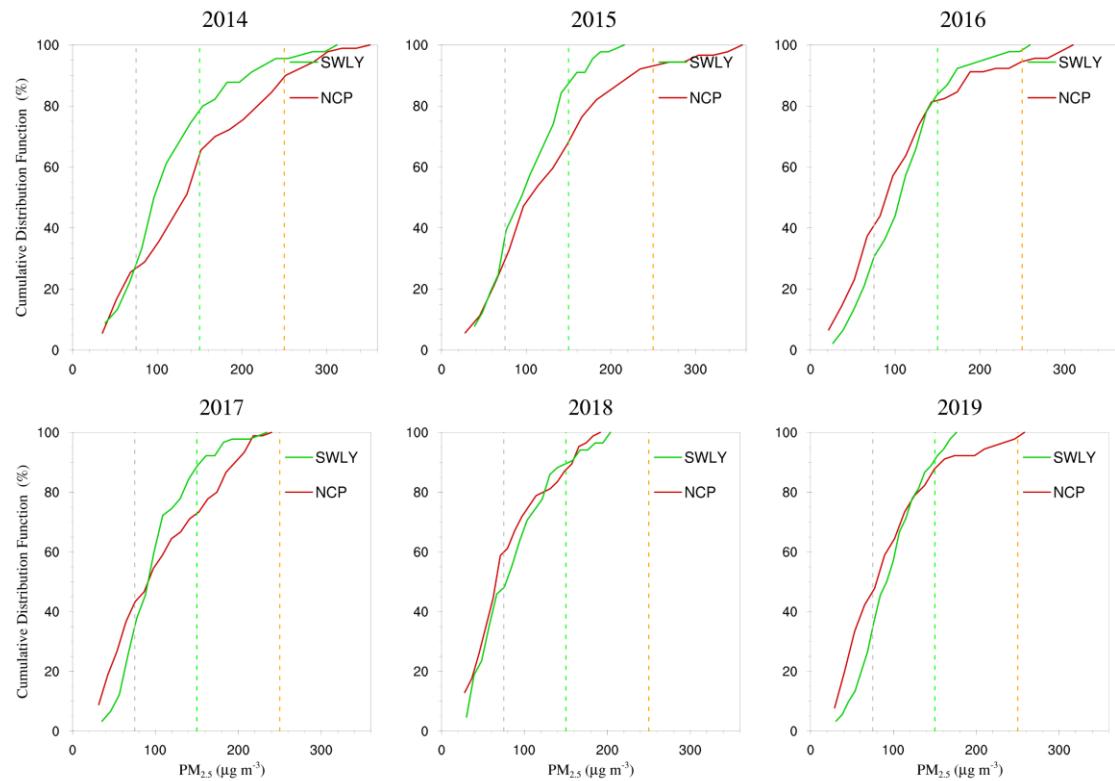


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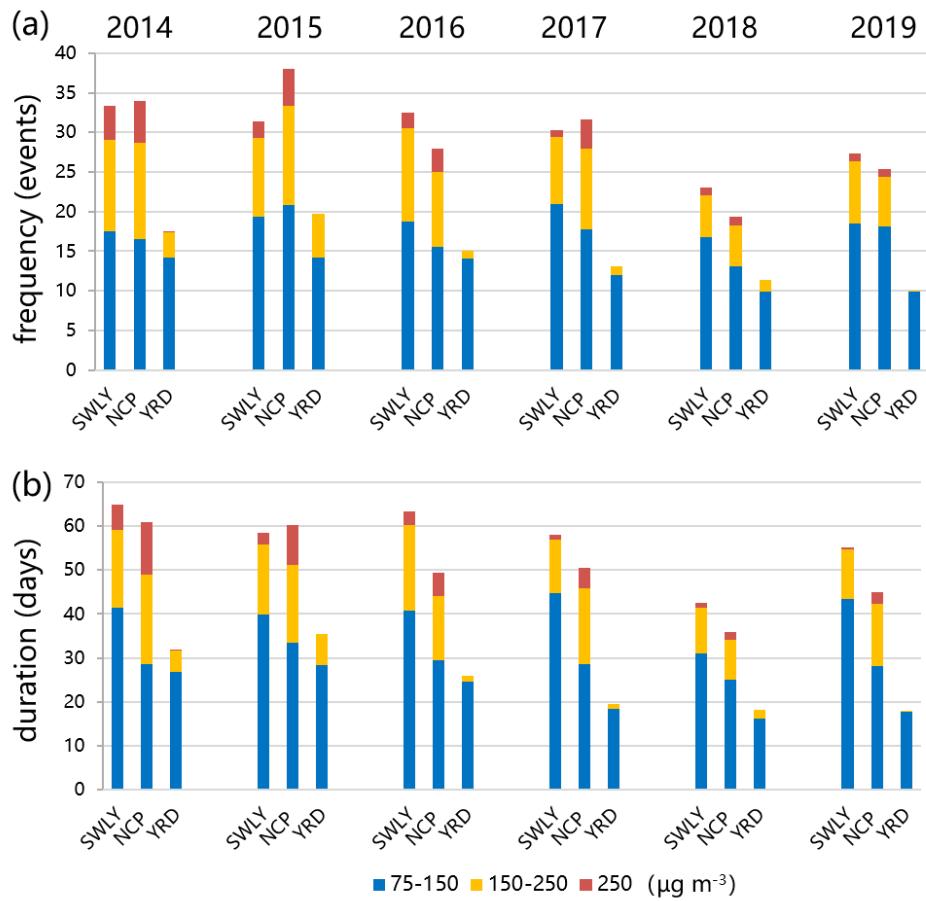


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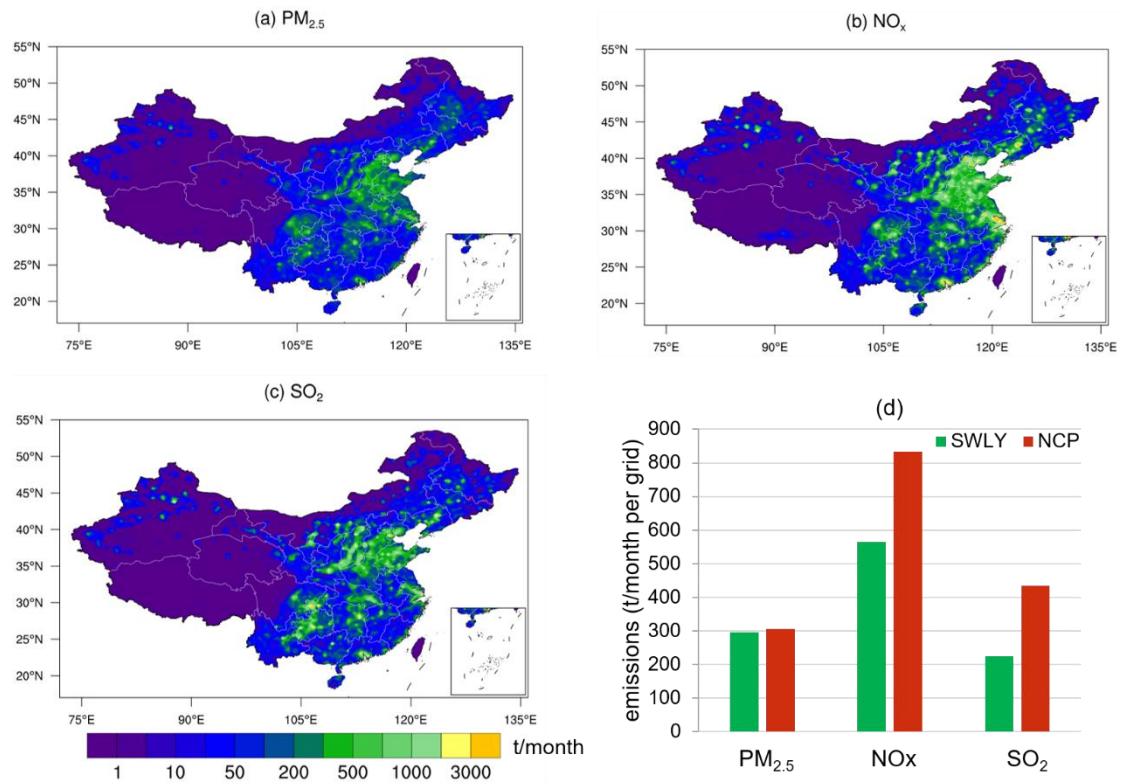


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