

**Assessing and enhancing Noah-MP land surface modeling over tropical environments**

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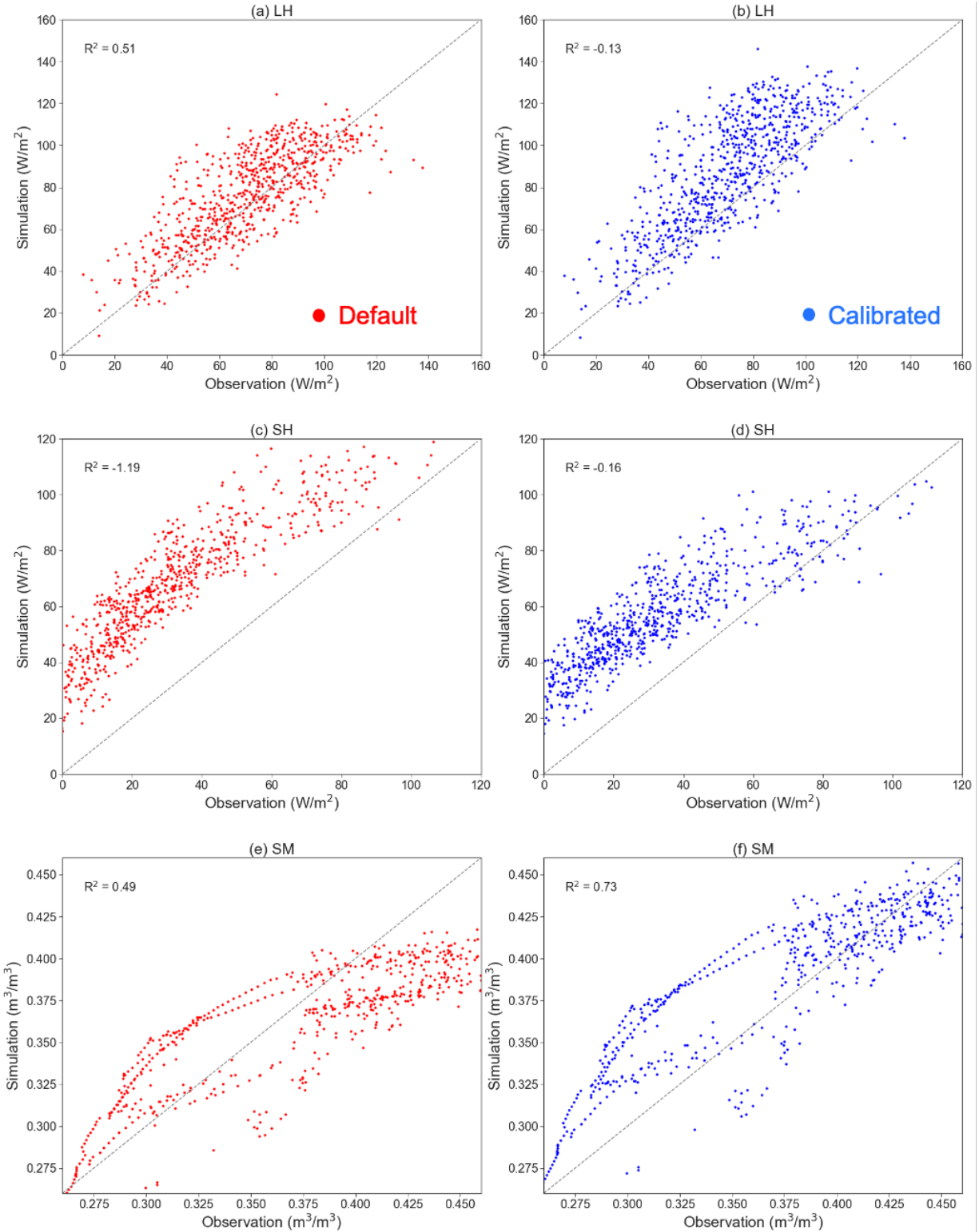
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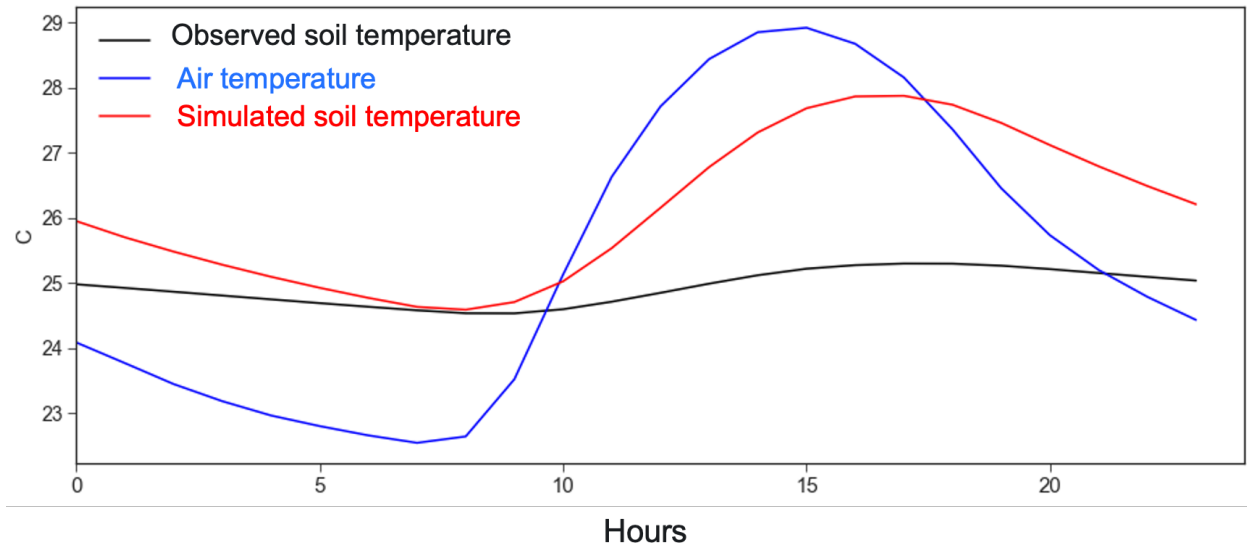
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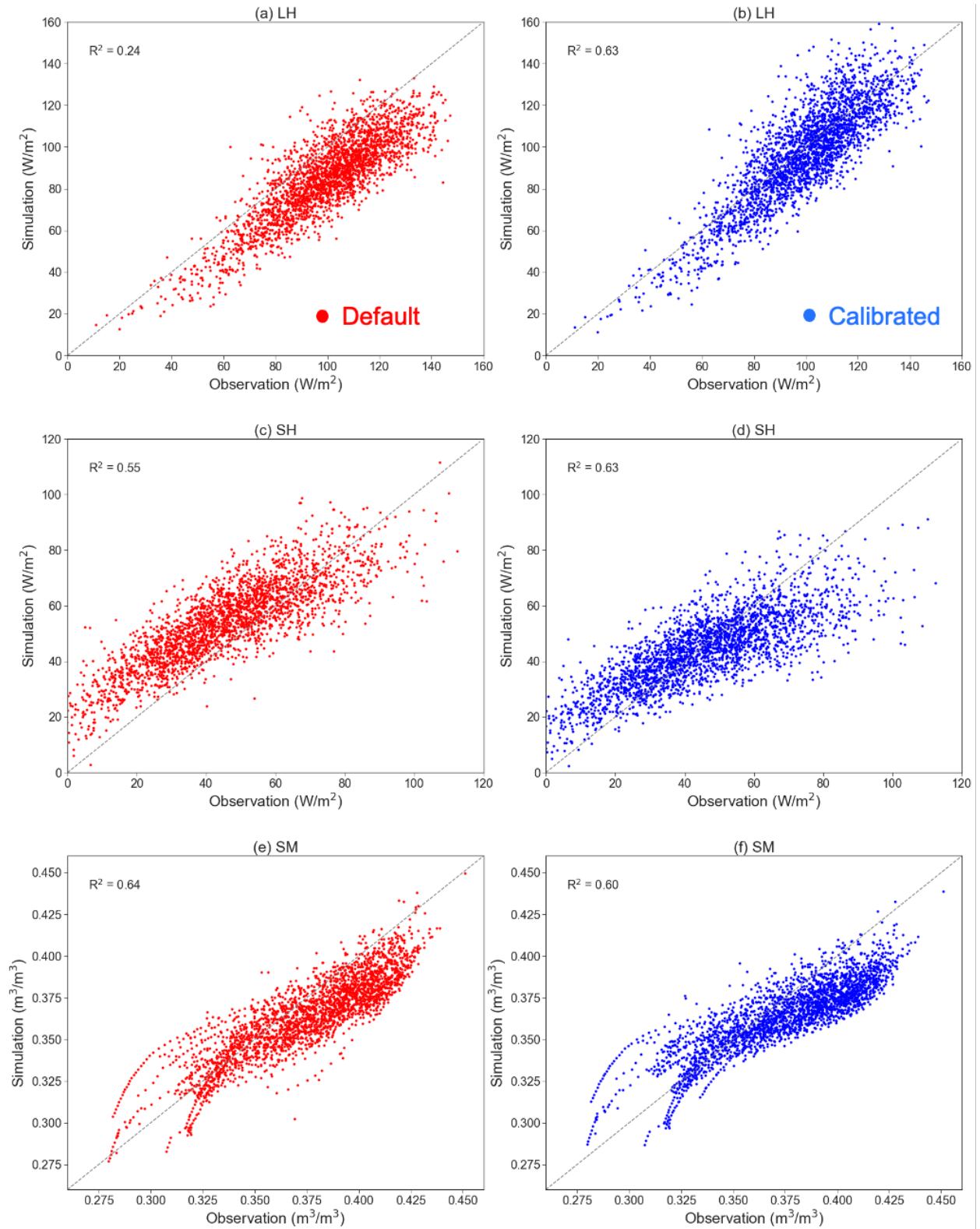
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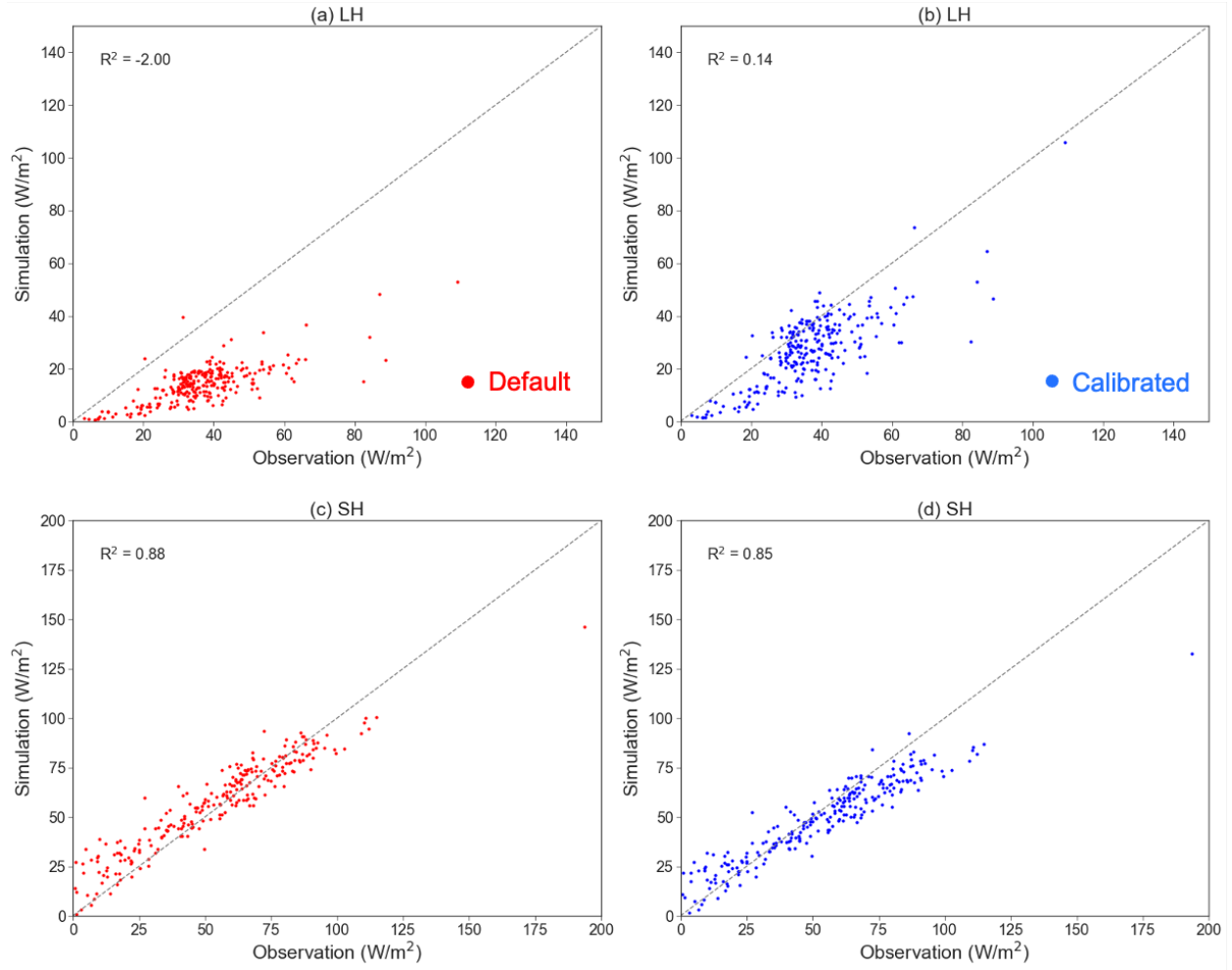
**Figure S1:** Scatterplot for observed and simulated for (a-b) latent heat, (c-d) sensible heat, and (e-f) soil moisture at the Panama BCI tropical forest site, using default parameters (left column, red dots) and calibrated parameters (right column, blue dots). The negative  $R^2$  values indicate the model is arbitrarily poor.



**Figure S2:** Observed and Noah-MP simulated soil temperature and air temperature at the Malaysia PSO site.



**Figure S3:** Scatterplot for observed and simulated for (a-b) latent heat, (c-d) sensible heat, and (e-f) soil moisture at the Malaysia PSO tropical forest site, using default parameters (left column, red dots) and calibrated parameters (right column, blue dots).



**Figure S4:** Scatterplot for observed and simulated for (a-b) latent heat and (c-d) sensible heat at the Singapore tropical urban site, using default parameters (left column, red dots) and calibrated parameters (right column, blue dots). The negative  $R^2$  values indicate the model is arbitrarily poor.