

Aerosol-heat flux interactions in the boundary layer during the SIJAQ campaign

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Aerosol-Heat flux-PBL relations are presented during the SIJAQ campaign.
- A sequential process of PM_{2.5}-Heat flux-PBL relation was found during the campaign.
- The measured SHF-PM_{2.5} showed strong negative correlation with R of -0.38
- WRF-Chem showed that the aerosol-induced SHF was up to 14% (15 W/m²).

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ABSTRACT

The Satellite Integrated Joint Monitoring of Air Quality (SIJAQ) field campaign, carried out from October 10 to November 25, 2021, included the measurement of detailed heat flux and air pollutants. In this study, we interpreted interactions between particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and sensible heat flux (SHF) in the planetary boundary layer (PBL) over the Seoul metropolitan area during the SIJAQ campaign based on measurements and on- and offline WRF-Chem model simulations. Heat flux data obtained during the SIJAQ campaign was varied, depending on meteorological variables, including cloud cover, and revealed meaningful interactions between PM_{2.5} and SHF. Throughout the campaign, the measured PM_{2.5}-SHF during the daytime (10:00–16:00 LST) showed overall negative correlation with the correlation coefficient (R) of -0.38 . During the campaign, the measured SHF on average was 68 ± 38 W/m² on high PM_{2.5} days (daily mean PM_{2.5} ≥ 50 µg/m³), which is significantly lower (35% decrease) compared to the SHF of 105 ± 57 W/m² on low PM_{2.5} days (daily mean PM_{2.5} < 50 µg/m³). Both on- and offline WRF-Chem simulation also showed that SHF and PM_{2.5} were negatively correlated throughout the campaign with R of -0.49 , in good agreement with the observations. As the comparative case study, we selected two extreme cases of 3-day periods with the lowest and highest PM_{2.5} concentrations and aerosol effects were estimated based on both on- and offline WRF-Chem simulation and the case-specific aerosol-cloud-SHF-PBL relationship was explored. The results showed that the simulated aerosol-induced SHF was $\sim 14\%$ (15 W/m²) lower on the highest PM_{2.5} case during the campaign, whereas there was little or no significant relationship on the lowest PM_{2.5} concentration case. Our modeling study also revealed the underlying impact of PM_{2.5} concentrations on reducing SHF (with a slope = -0.41), and this reduction follows a specific sequence of processes: elevated PM_{2.5} level led to a decrease in SHF, weakening the PBL evolution and reducing vertical mixing, ultimately resulting in high PM_{2.5} concentrations accumulated in the PBL over the Seoul metropolitan area.

1. Introduction

Surface heat flux (HF), the sum of sensible heat flux (SHF) and latent

heat flux (LHF), have direct impacts on the structure and development of the planetary boundary layer (PBL) (Stull, 1988; Arya, 1988), which acts as a source or sink for energy, and atmospheric pollutants. The PBL plays

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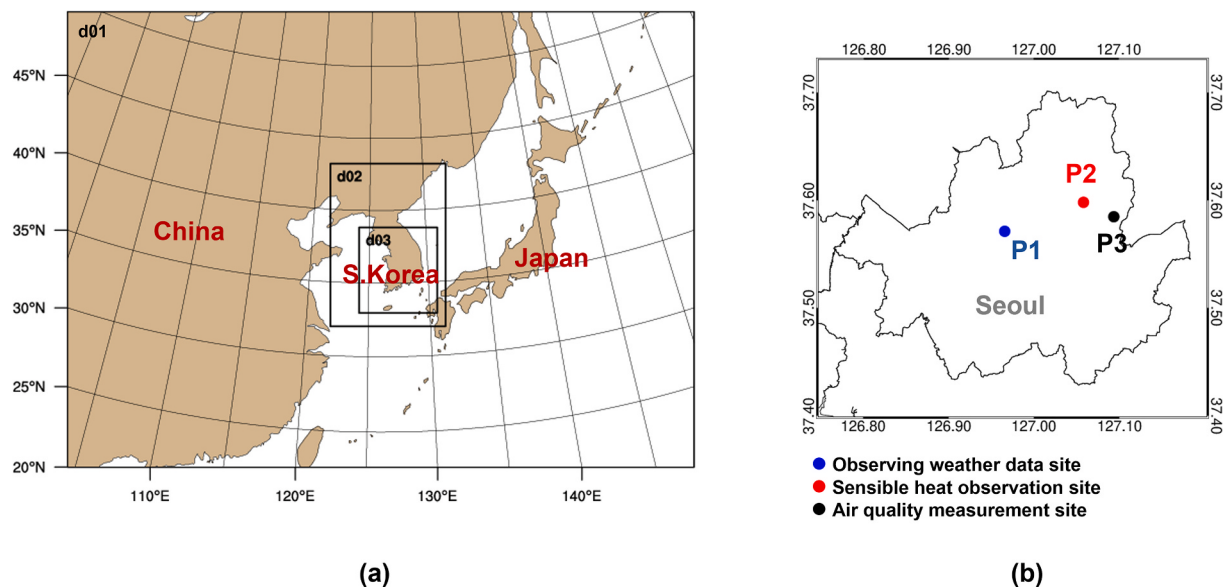


Fig. 1. Weather Research and Forecast (WRF) with chemistry (WRF-Chem) modeling domain (a), and locations of Automated Synoptic Observing System (ASOS) meteorological stations and air-quality-monitoring stations (AQMS) during the Satellite Integrated Joint Monitoring of Air Quality (SIJAQ) campaign over the Seoul metropolitan area (SMA) in South Korea (b). Three nested domains were implemented in the model, covering Northeast Asia (D01; grid spacing, 27 km), the Korean Peninsula (D02; 9 km), and South Korea (D03; 3 km). P1, P2, and P3 indicate weather observation, sensible heat observation, and air quality measurement sites, respectively.

Table 1
Summary of physical and chemical options used in WRF-Chem simulations in this study.

Physics Option	Adopted Scheme
Microphysics	Lin et al. scheme
Longwave radiation	Rapid radiative transfer model (PRTM)
Shortwave radiation	Goddard
Surface layer	Monin-Obukhov similarity
Land surface	Noah Land Surface Model
Planetary boundary layer	Yonsei University scheme (YSU)
Cumulus parameterizations	Grell 3-D
Chemistry Option	Adopted scheme
Photolysis	Mandronich photolysis
Gas phase chemistry	NOAA/ESRL RACM Chemistry
Aerosols	Modal Approach Dynamics model for Europe/Volatility Basis Set (MADE/VBS)
Anthropogenic emissions	Comprehensive Regional Emissions inventory for Atmospheric Transport Experiments (CREATEv3 2019)
Biogenic emissions	Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature (MEGAN) v2.04

a significant role in the vertical dispersion of atmospheric pollutants, and surface air pollution levels are heavily influenced by PBL evolution. Thus, HF is a controlling factor of PBL evolution, and its variation has a large impact on the vertical mixing of air pollutants. In this context, detailed HF measurements and analyses are necessary for the determination and prediction of pollution levels throughout the PBL.

Increases in aerosol loading also impact processes within the PBL, because aerosols can alter atmospheric radiative transfer, and subsequent changes in HF directly influence PBL properties. Thus, interactions among aerosols, the PBL, and radiation within the PBL are thought to control the amount of solar radiation reaching the surface. Therefore, aerosols decrease the amount of incident solar radiation, which stabilizes the PBL, and ultimately impedes PBL development, increasing surface aerosol concentrations by feedback. In this context, aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL feedback mechanisms have been studied intensively, including the direct effect of aerosols on flux reduction at global (Liu et al., 2014), regional (Matsui et al., 2008), and *in situ* measurement

scales (Murthy et al., 2014). Quan et al. (2014) used field observations of the PBL and *in situ* measurements of air pollutants, and suggested a possible positive feedback between aerosols and PBL during pollution episodes. Petaja et al. (2016) showed that high PM_{2.5} concentrations decreased the amount of solar radiation energy reaching the earth's surface, which led to a reduction in SHF that deteriorated the surface air quality by weakening vertical diffusion processes in the PBL. Liu et al. (2014) showed that SHF had decreased by up to 16 W/m² during the period 2003–2010 due to aerosols in the global terrestrial ecosystem, and Matsui et al. (2008) similarly reported decreases of 7.57 W/m² in 2000 and 8.36 W/m² in 2001 through aerosol–radiation feedback in the eastern USA. In recent years, greater aerosol loading was suggested to effectively reduce incident solar radiation, with cross-regional differences in aerosol–PBL interactions reported in many urban cities in Northeast Asia (i.e., Huang et al., 2023).

Modeling studies have investigated interactions between aerosols and the PBL at various scales. For example, regional-scale simulations have explored aerosol–PBL interactions during periods with high aerosol concentrations using online models (Chen et al., 2015; Sharma et al., 2023). Such models fully couple meteorological and chemical constituents within a single system with two-way interactions, whereas offline models allow only one-way coupling from meteorological to chemical constituents. Previous studies have also shown that the absorption and re-emission of energy by aerosols can result in a smaller temperature difference between the upper and lower atmosphere, leading to a weakened PBL (Miao et al., 2016; Yu et al., 2002). Through such modeling/monitoring studies, aerosol–PBL interactions have been conceptually understood; however, fewer such studies have explored this relationship using actual measured HF mainly due to the paucity of quantitative SHF and LHF measurements and the complexity of aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL interactions.

The Satellite Integrated Joint Monitoring of Air Quality (SIJAQ) field campaign was conducted from October 10 to November 26, 2021. It analyzed the factors contributing to high-particulate matter <2.5 μm in size (PM_{2.5}) episodes in the Seoul metropolitan area (SMA). During the campaign, comprehensive measurements of micrometeorological variables, upper air meteorological data, and PM_{2.5} concentrations were concurrently measured over the SMA. This campaign allowed the

Table 2

Cloud cover (%), weather phenomena and insolation(MJ/m²) at Seoul Station during the SIJAQ campaign. Daytime is defined as the period from 07LST to 16LST in this study.

Date (2021)	CC (%)	MLCC (%)	Daytime CC (%)	Daytime MLCC (%)	Daytime LCH (m)	Cloud Type	Insolation (MJ/m ²)	RH (%)	Weather Condition (mm)
18 Oct	66	61	72	61	1522	Sc, As	12.08	60.4	Rain (5.6)
19 Oct	40	40	55	54	730	Sc, St	13.34	72.8	Rain (4.4)
20 Oct	3	3	5	5	1133	Sc	16.7	64.9	–
21 Oct	33	1	53	5	1200	Cl, Sc	5.13	64.1	–
22 Oct	8	3	19	8	1500	Cl, Sc	16.45	58.4	–
23 Oct	3	0	1	0	–	Cl	16.25	57.3	–
24 Oct	3	1	5	1	1000	Cl	15.97	63.1	–
25 Oct	8	3	4	3	1100	Sc, Cl	11.74	64.5	–
26 Oct	36	5	19	0	–	Cl	13.08	74.5	–
27 Oct	25	25	23	23	720	Sc, St	14.72	63.4	Rain (0.0)
28 Oct	0	0	0	0	–	–	15.58	54.6	–
29 Oct	46	1	42	1	1700	Cl, Sc	14.16	55.9	–
30 Oct	61	40	85	56	1620	Sc, Cl	6.35	62.4	–
31 Oct	38	18	42	15	1060	Cl, Sc	12.25	73.3	Rain (0.7)
1 Nov	30	28	43	43	1120	Sc	11.32	77.3	–
2 Nov	40	14	30	16	977	Sc, Cl	12.69	76.6	–
3 Nov	30	13	9	3	1166	Sc, Cl	13.24	71.1	–
4 Nov	24	21	48	43	1250	Sc	6.9	80.4	Rain (0.0)
5 Nov	6	0	17	0	–	Cl	12.76	68.5	–
6 Nov	13	0	31	0	–	Cl	12.8	61.1	–
7 Nov	70	14	74	3	1000	Cl, Sc	12.2	57.5	–
8 Nov	99	63	100	80	660	St, Ns	2.57	82.1	Rain (25.7)
9 Nov	81	61	99	74	780	St, Ns	3.4	80.3	Rain (2.0)
10 Nov	74	59	81	68	870	Sc, Ac	8.8	73.4	Rain (0.3)
11 Nov	30	30	45	42	1120	Sc	9.68	60.6	Rain (0.0)
12 Nov	13	10	14	14	1000	Sc	13.47	55.4	–
13 Nov	45	45	40	40	1312	Sc	9.9	66.1	–
14 Nov	34	34	32	32	1066	Sc	10.52	69.8	–
15 Nov	36	0	39	0	–	Cl	11.39	81.3	–
16 Nov	0	0	0	0	–	–	12.07	65.5	–
17 Nov	35	16	28	0	–	Cl	11	64.1	–
18 Nov	75	73	82	82	850	Sc	5.68	70.8	Rain (0.0)
19 Nov	65	49	71	71	710	Sc	4.98	84.8	–
20 Nov	33	10	30	19	850	Sc, Cl	8.62	77.0	–
21 Nov	89	39	97	60	3180	Ac, Cs,	3.3	74.4	Rain (5.9)
22 Nov	33	29	38	38	950	Sc	8.99	61.8	Rain (1.3)
23 Nov	29	29	48	48	1311	Sc	8.4	60.9	–
24 Nov	39	39	53	53	1311	Sc	7.93	64.3	Rain (0.0)
25 Nov	19	19	8	8	1400	Sc	10.25	55.0	–
26 Nov	14	11	37	32	1300	Sc, As	7.6	57.5	Rain (0.0)

CC: Cloud Cover (%).

MLCC: middle and lower cloud cover.

LCH: Lowest cloud height.

Cl: Cirrus, Cs: Cirrostratus, As: Altostratus, Ac: Altocumulus, St: Stratus, Sc: Stratocumulus,

Ns: Nimbostratus.

investigation of relevant PM_{2.5}–HF–PBL interactions, and provided an opportunity to perform measurement-based aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL feedback studies over the SMA.

In this study, we explored the relationship between aerosol (PM_{2.5}) and HF based on concurrently measured SHF, LHF, PBL, and PM_{2.5} concentrations collected during the SIJAQ campaign. We examined the aerosol–SHF relationship, and then obtained regional modeling results from both on- and offline Weather Research and Forecast (WRF) with chemistry (WRF-Chem) simulations to evaluate and compare aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL interactions and also to estimate the aerosol effects on PBL. As the case study, we selected two 3-day periods with the highest and lowest PM_{2.5} concentrations, and discussed in detail the role of PM_{2.5} in controlling the HF and PBL over SMA.

2. Data and methodology

2.1. Meteorological observations collected during the SIJAQ campaign

During the SIJAQ campaign, various types of micrometeorological variables and pollutants were observed through satellite, aircraft, and *in situ* measurements. SHF and LHF were observed using a surface energy

balance system installed at the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (P2 in Fig. 1). This flux observation system includes sensors that measure basic micrometeorological variables and a sonic anemometer that measures surface SHF and LHF based on a surface energy balance equation; the surface observation system provides 30 min averages of surface HF observations sampled at a frequency of 10 Hz (Park et al., 2017). The process for obtaining surface HF measurements involves physical limit checks, spike detection and removal (Vickers and Mahrt, 1997), 30 min vertical flux averaging (Kwon et al., 2014), and Webb–Peraman–Leuning correction (Leuning, 2007). Quality assurance of the HF measurements was performed as described previously (Kim et al., 2015; Park et al., 2013).

Meteorological observations employed in this study were obtained from the Automated Synoptic Observing System (ASOS) located in Seoul (126.97°E, 37.57°N; P1 in Fig. 1). Cloud types and cloud cover were measured by a meteorologist's visual evaluation method at Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), following the 10-category system of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) (WMO, 1987). Lowest cloud height is also provided by the expert's visual observation conforming to the ground weather observation guidelines of the KMA (KMA, 2022). We utilized daily and daytime average cloud-relevant

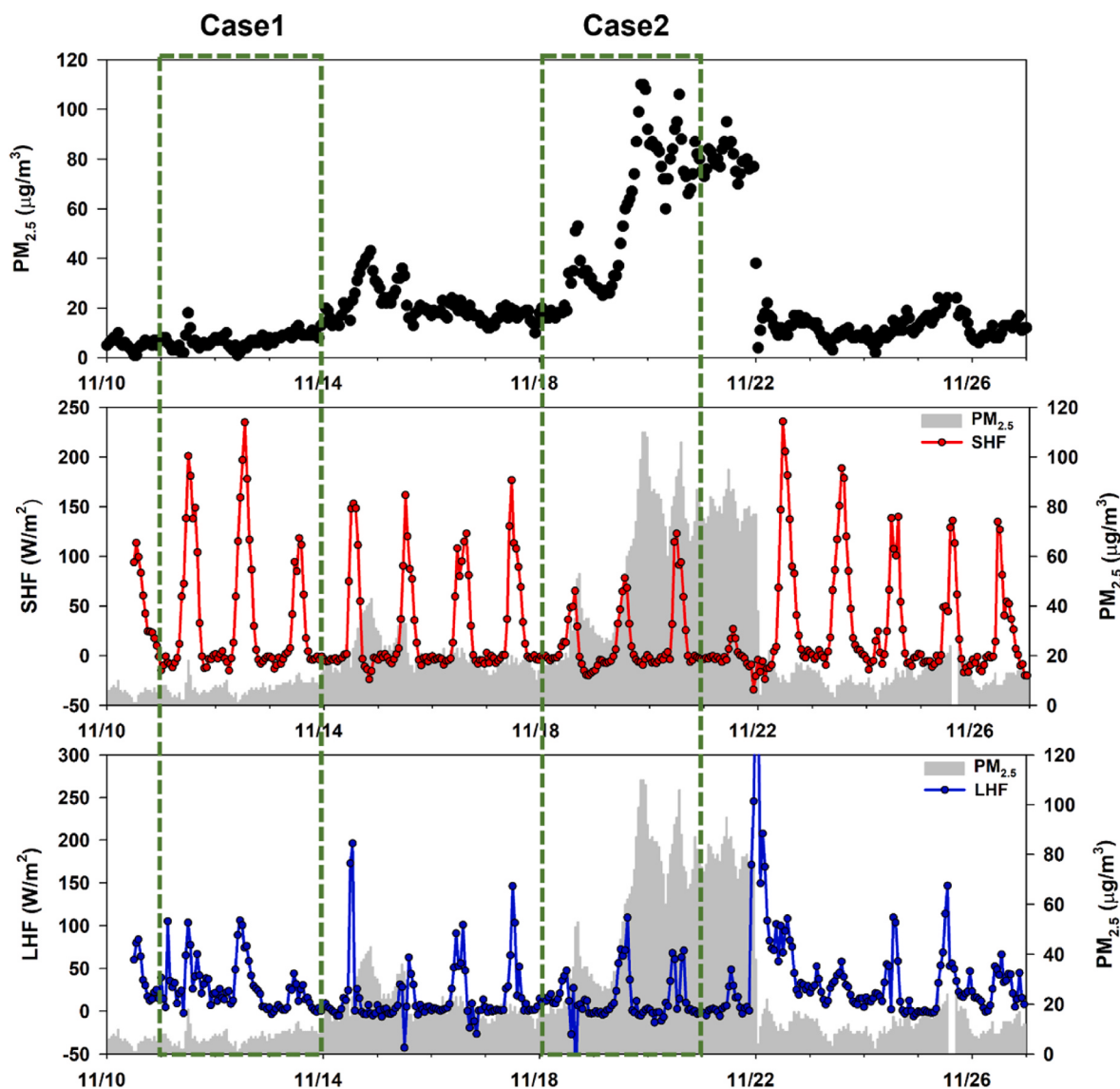


Fig. 2. Time series of sensible heat flux (SHF) and latent heat flux (LHF) observed at site P2 and observed $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations at site P3 from November 10 to 26, 2021, during the SIJAQ campaign. Case 1 and Case 2 denote the periods for two extreme case studies in this study.

variables to consider solar energy at specific times of the day and its impact on accumulated energy affecting SHF. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations were measured at Jungnang (P3), which is in close proximity (3.4 km apart) to a surface energy balance system site (P2). The Jungnang site is an Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQMS) managed by the Korean Ministry of Environment, which provides concentrations of various pollutants including $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10} , O_3 , NO_2 , CO, and SO_2 .

2.2. WRF-Chem simulations

To explore the relationships among aerosols, SHF, and LHF, we estimated differences in radiative effects between on- and offline simulations by WRF-Chem. The WRF model was developed by the National Center for Atmospheric Research and includes a chemical transport module (Grell et al., 2005) to consider interactions between meteorological and chemical factors and provide impact pathways for the effects of aerosols on air quality. Sensitivity tests of the on- and offline WRF-Chem modeling results were used to investigate relationships between $PM_{2.5}$ and HF, followed by comparisons of simulated and measured data. Here, the model results that account for the feedback between $PM_{2.5}$ and meteorology are referred to as ‘online,’ while the

results that do not consider this feedback are referred to as ‘offline’.

The on- and offline WRF-Chem v3.9.1 models were configured with three nested domains with horizontal resolutions of 27, 9, and 3 km. The horizontal domains are designated D01–D03 and targeted East China, the Korean Peninsula, and South Korea, respectively (Fig. 1). Meteorological initial and boundary conditions were obtained from the National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP). The final data had a spatial resolution of $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ and temporal resolution of 6 h. Grids in the WRF-Chem domain were defined using a Lambert conformal conic projection centered at $38^\circ N$, $126^\circ E$. All meteorological configurations were identical in the on- and offline WRF-Chem models.

The emissions used for WRF-Chem simulations were the Comprehensive Regional Emissions inventory for Atmospheric Transport Experiments (CREATE) v3 product, which was developed for scientific studies and policy development in East Asia (Woo et al., 2020). The impact of aerosols was quantitatively evaluated using on- and offline WRF-Chem simulations with identical settings, except for the aerosol radiative feedback process, which was independent of meteorological factors and investigated through a comparison of results from two simulations. Taking advantage of the high resolution of the data, we analyzed simulated SHF and LHF over the smallest domain (D03) and

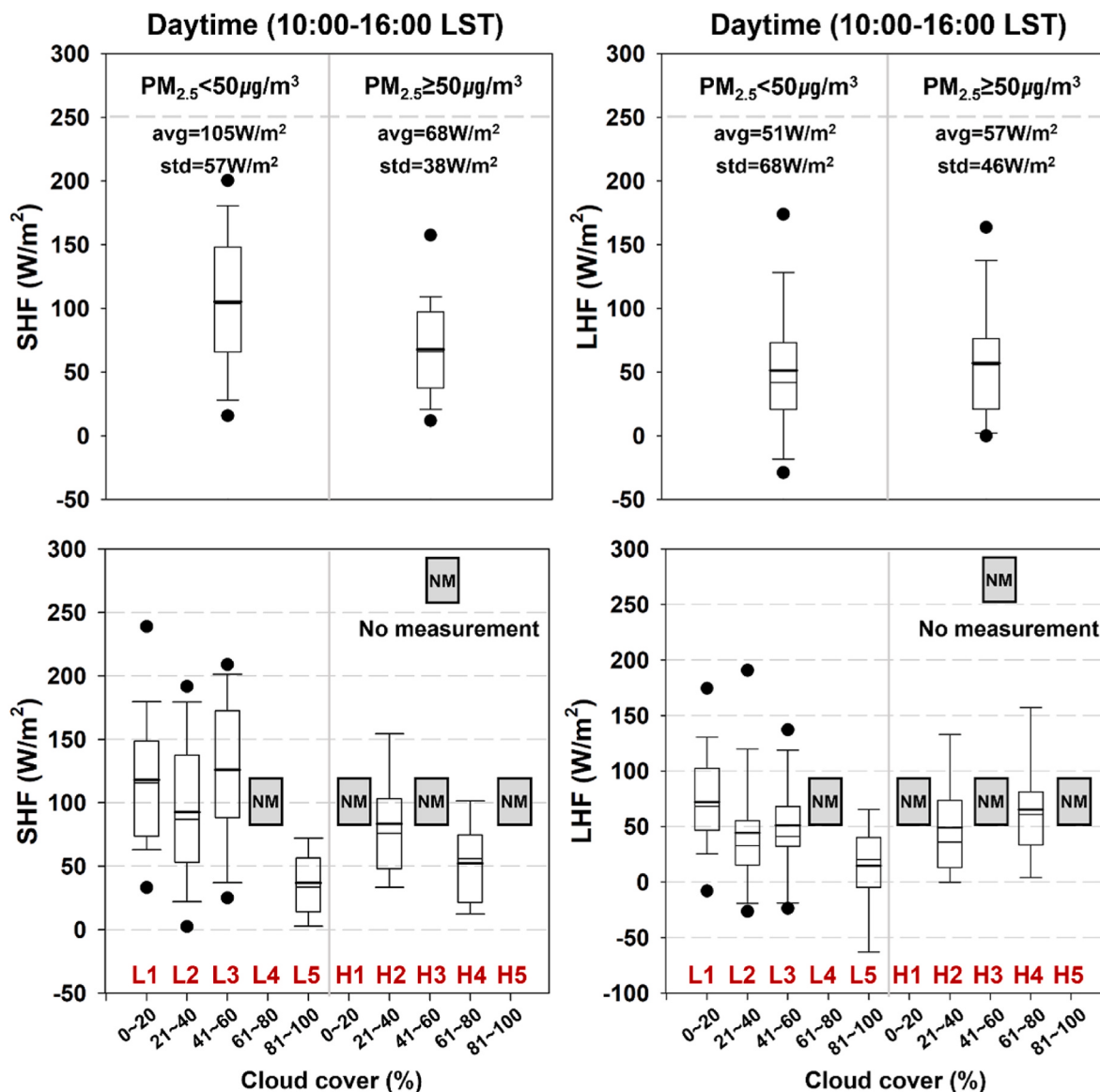


Fig. 3. Box plots of cloud cover and HF (SHF, LHF) versus $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations observed during non-precipitation days. For each box, the center line, boundaries, and dark lines indicate the median, 25th and 75th quartiles, and average values, respectively. Points above and below the box indicate the 5th and 95th percentiles.

compared the simulations with SIJAQ campaign observations. The Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature (MEGAN) v2.04 was used for biogenic emissions. The detailed WRF-Chem options for both meteorology and chemistry are listed in Table 1.

2.3. Evaluation of model performance

To evaluate the meteorological variables simulated by WRF-Chem model, we compared both campaign measurements and ASOS observation data against the model grid values closest to the observation sites. We used statistical indices including the index of agreement ($IOA = 1 - \frac{\sum (M_i - O_i)^2}{\sum (|M_i| + |O_i|)^2}$), Pearson correlation coefficient ($R = \frac{\sum (M_i - \bar{M})(O_i - \bar{O})}{[\sum ((O_i - \bar{O})^2)^{1/2} \sum ((M_i - \bar{M})^2)^{1/2}]}$), and root mean square error ($RMSE = [\sum (M_i - O_i)^2 / N]^{1/2}$) (Kryza et al., 2012; Willmott, 1982) to evaluate the surface temperature at 2 m, wind speed, and HF simulated by the online WRF-Chem model. Here, N is the total sampling number, M_i is the set of model simulations, O_i is the set of observations, $\bar{M}$ is the simulated mean, $\bar{O}$ is the observed mean, and M' and O' represent $M_i - \bar{M}$, and $O_i - \bar{O}$, respectively.

3. Results

3.1. Measurements and simulations of HF and $PM_{2.5}$ during the campaign

The observed solar radiation, cloud covers (%): daily average cloud cover, daytime average cloud cover, middle- and lower cloud cover, and daytime middle- and lower cloud cover, daytime lowest cloud height (LCH), cloud types; Cirrus (Ci), Cirrostratus (Cs), Altostratus (As), Altopumulus (Ac), Stratus (St), Stratocumulus (Sc), Nimbostratus (Ns), insolation, relative humidity, and weather conditions throughout the SIJAQ campaign are summarized in Table 2. From now on, when referred to simply as 'cloud cover' without specific designation, it will be denoted as 'daytime' average cloud cover. From the measurements, inversely proportional relationships were found between daytime average cloud cover and SHF ($R = -0.63$) and LHF ($R = -0.53$). The strong negative correlation between cloud cover and SHF suggests that cloud cover should be classified when examining the aerosol-SHF relationships. Previous studies also mentioned that SHF is greatly influenced by factors such as cloud cover and synoptic meteorological weather conditions in micrometeorological observation analyses (i.e., Stull, 1988).

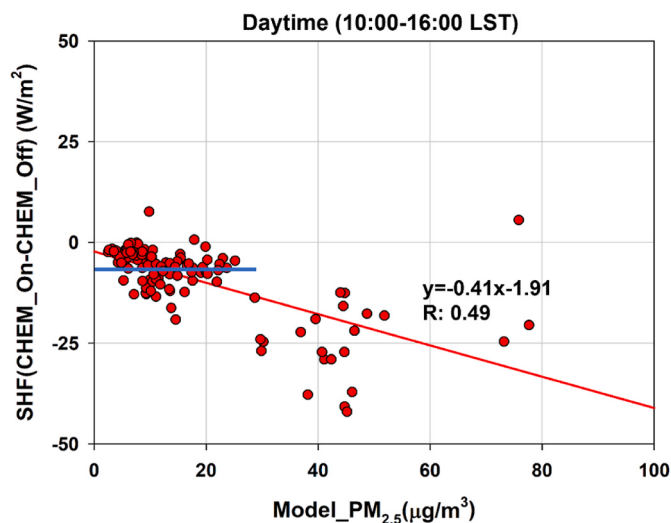


Fig. 4. Scatter diagram of differences between radiative on- and offline SHF modeling results for a range of daytime (10:00–16:00 LST) $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations.

Trends in $PM_{2.5}$, SHF, and LHF observations collected during the SIJAQ campaign are shown in Fig. 2. The period average $PM_{2.5}$ concentration was $24.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and the daytime (10:00–16:00 LST) average was $25.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, with a maximum daily mean of $81.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ recorded on November 20 (Fig. 2). The highest hourly $PM_{2.5}$ concentration occurred on November 19; it gradually and then rapidly increased in the afternoon of November 19, but still maintained high levels until November 21, with hourly averages of 60 – $110 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. After a precipitation event in the afternoon of November 22, the $PM_{2.5}$ concentration decreased significantly. Micrometeorological variables such as SHF and LHF were measured during the later period of the campaign (November 10–26, 2021); thus, our model results were evaluated for November 10–26, 2021. Throughout the analysis period during the campaign, the average measured SHF was $67.7 \pm 38.2 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ on days with $PM_{2.5} \geq 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, while it was $105.0 \pm 57.3 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ on days with $PM_{2.5} < 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, clearly indicating significantly lower (35% decrease) in higher $PM_{2.5}$ days (Fig. 3). The measured hourly mean $PM_{2.5}$ –SHF for daytime showed strong negative correlation with a correlation ($R = -0.38$), and there was little correlation between LHF and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations ($R = -0.15$).

Cloud effects are playing a role in aerosol–cloud–radiation interactions through the radiation–cloud interactions and chemical reactions, as mentioned many earlier studies (i.e., Park et al., 2018; Lee et al., 2015; Kim et al., 2002). In this study, we classified cloud cover

into categories 1–5 (0–20%, 21–40%, 41–60%, 61–80%, and 81–100%, respectively) and $PM_{2.5}$ concentration levels into low and high categories, with $PM_{2.5} < 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ designated as L1–L5 and $PM_{2.5} \geq 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as H1–H5. Then we examined the $PM_{2.5}$ –HF relationship in detail for the $PM_{2.5}$ –cloud cover of 10 subcategories. Variation in SHF and LHF for subcategories L1–L5 and H1–H5 are shown in Fig. 3. Certain combinations of $PM_{2.5}$ concentration and cloud cover contained no HF measurements (i.e., H1, H3, H5, and L4). Overall, SHF levels were higher at low $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations ($PM_{2.5} < 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and lower at high $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations ($PM_{2.5} \geq 50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). For example, the observed SHF was $92.6 \pm 54.7 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ for L2, but $83.2 \pm 39.8 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ for H2 for the same cloud cover grades, indicating that SHF was $\sim 11\%$ higher at low $PM_{2.5}$ than at high $PM_{2.5}$. However, LHF was $44.3 \pm 64.5 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ for L2 and $48.9 \pm 44.4 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ for H2, with no significant difference between high and low $PM_{2.5}$ conditions. Therefore, we focused on the SHF– $PM_{2.5}$ relationship and aerosol feedback effects on $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. However, since both cloud and aerosol effects are influenced by synoptic meteorology, it is possible to evaluate the interactions between SHF and $PM_{2.5}$ through on- and offline modeling tests, without the impact of synoptic meteorology contributions.

We conducted on- and offline WRF-Chem simulations for the quantitative analysis of aerosol–SHF interactions during the campaign. Our online models considered aerosol–cloud–radiative effects, whereas our offline models neglected aerosol–cloud–radiation–PBL interactions. The results of both on- and offline WRF-Chem modeling were compared to observation data. The online simulations showed acceptable accuracy for basic meteorological variables such as temperature and wind speed. For temperature, the online WRF-Chem model showed RMSE, IOA, and R values of 1.52, 0.97, and 0.97, comparable to those of the offline simulation (1.56, 0.97, and 0.97, respectively). For wind speed, the online model had RMSE, IOA, and R values of 1.62, 0.72, and 0.69, and the offline model again had comparable values of 1.60, 0.72, and 0.69, respectively. However, the simulation accuracy for SHF was higher in the online simulation, with RMSE, IOA, and R values of 51.85, 0.86, and 0.85, respectively, compared to those of the offline simulation (55.72, 0.85, and 0.85, respectively). Thus, the online simulation performed better than the offline simulation to some extent. These results are consistent with a previous study, which showed that a model including aerosol–radiation interactions performed better than models without aerosol feedback effects (Grell and Baklanov, 2011).

The differences in simulated SHF between the on- and offline WRF-Chem simulations during the campaign and their correlation with $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations were denoted in Fig. 4. As shown in Fig. 4, the simulated differences in SHF were inversely proportional to the $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations with the correlation coefficient (R) of -0.49 . The overall trend of SHF had a slope of -0.41 , indicating larger negative differences in SHF as $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations increased, whereas there was no

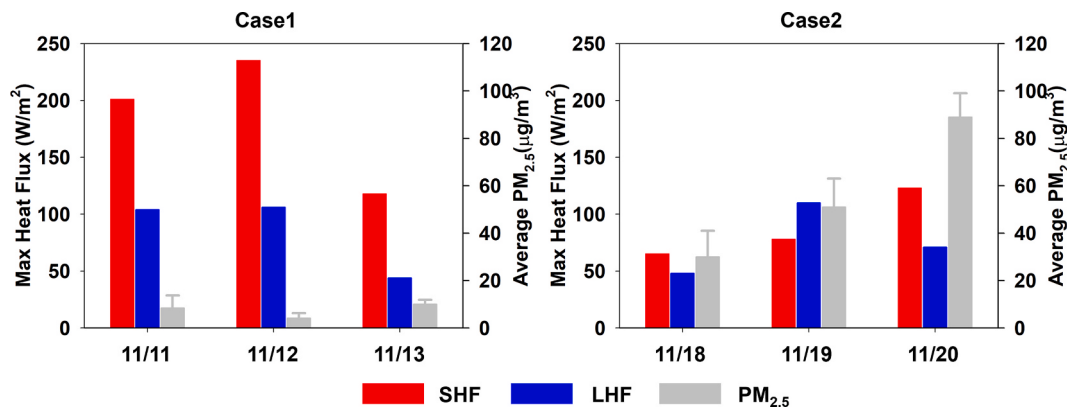
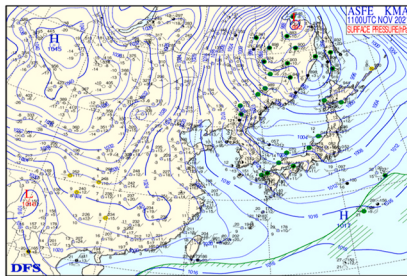


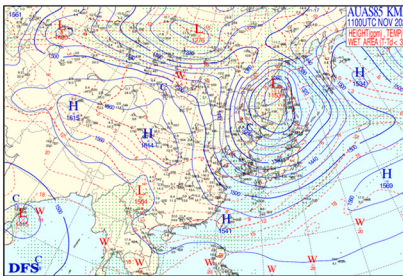
Fig. 5. Maximum SHF and LHF observed at site P2, and daily mean $PM_{2.5}$ observations at site P3 for Case 1 (November 11–13, 2021) and Case 2 (November 18–20, 2021) during the SIJAQ campaign.

• Case1

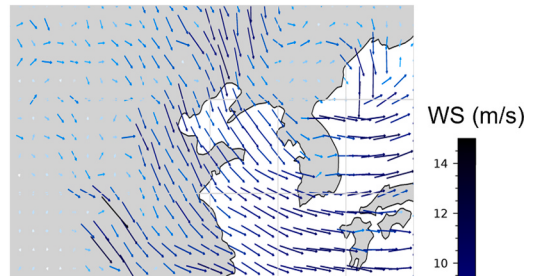
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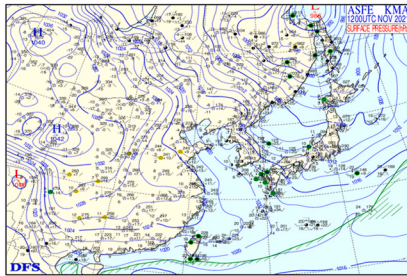
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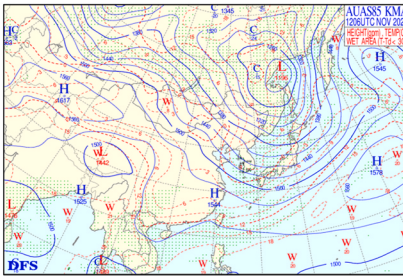
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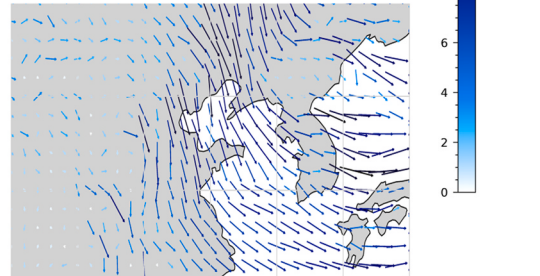
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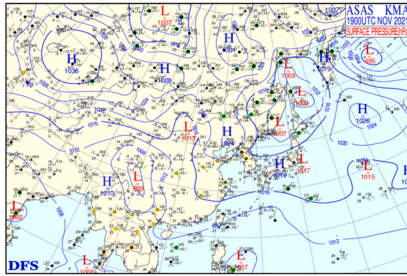


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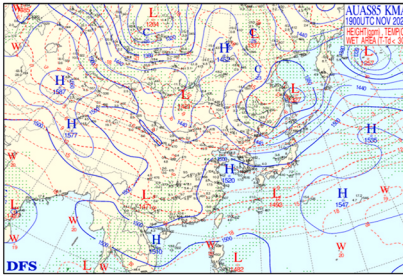


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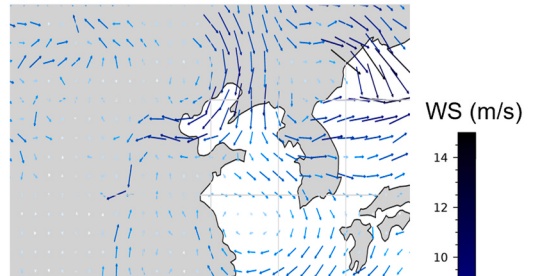
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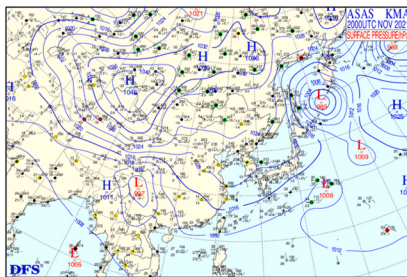
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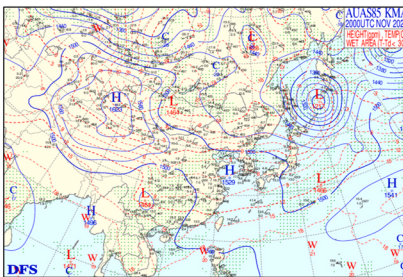
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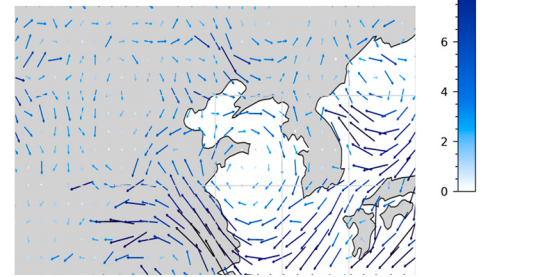


Fig. 6. Surface and 850 hPa weather charts at 0900 LST (0000 UTC), and horizontal wind field distributions at 850 hPa for Case 1 (lowest PM_{2.5} loading period) and Case 2 (highest PM_{2.5} loading period).

significant relationship between the two simulations at lower PM_{2.5} concentrations (i.e., PM_{2.5} < 20 µg/m³). This is again indicating that the sequence of events in the aerosol–SHF relationship and its feedback on PM_{2.5}: high PM_{2.5} decreased SHF, which weakened PBL evolution, which led to reduced vertical mixing, resulting in high PM_{2.5} accumulation in the PBL.

3.2. Case studies of aerosol–SHF interactions

As a comparative study, we conducted on and offline simulations for the period with the lowest PM_{2.5} (Case 1; November 11–13) and highest PM_{2.5} (Case 2; November 18–20), and compared two contrasting PM_{2.5} cases to explore the aerosol–SHF relationship in greater detail. Case 1

was the period with the lowest daily PM_{2.5} (November 11–13), and Case 2 had the highest daily PM_{2.5} (November 18–20). For both Case 1 and Case 2, cloud information is available in Table 2, which includes daytime LCH, insolation, and relative humidity, all under similar cloud types, mainly Cs and partially Ci. The most noteworthy differences are observed in the average LCHs, ranging from 1000 to 1312 m for upper-level clouds in Case 1 and 710–850 m for middle-level clouds in Case 2, along with varying insolation, which ranges from 9.7 to 13.5 MJ/m² and 5.7–8.6 MJ/m², respectively (Table 2).

Daily averages of observed PM_{2.5}, SHF, and LHF for both cases are shown in Fig. 5. There were significant differences in observed PM_{2.5} levels between the cases, with daytime average PM_{2.5} concentrations of 7.52 ± 4.13 µg/m³ for Case 1 (maximum, 18 µg/m³) and 56.3 ± 27.2

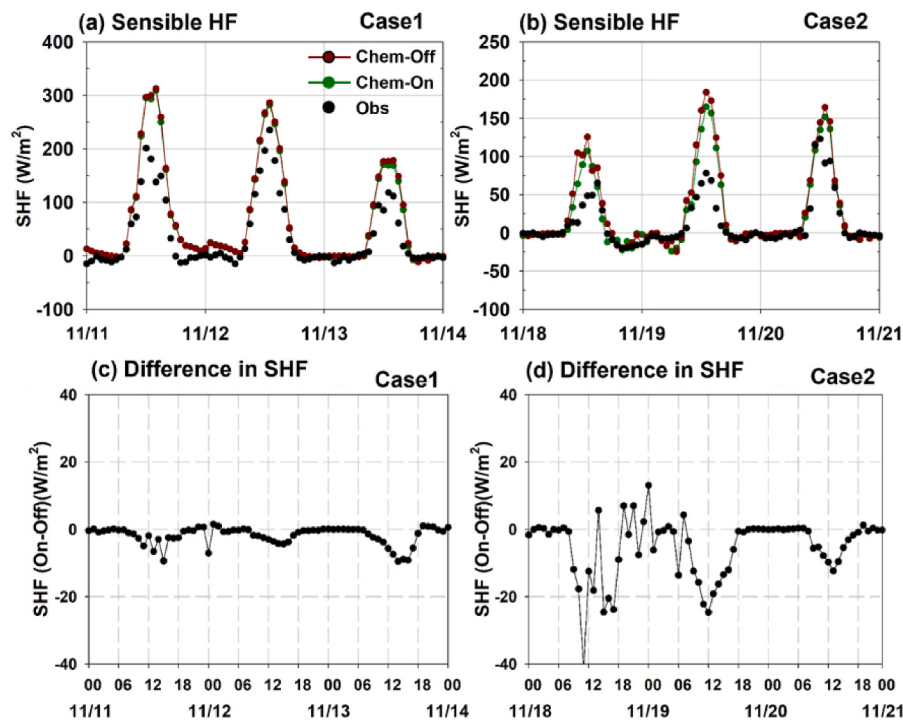


Fig. 7. (a, b) Time series of observed and on- and offline simulated SHF at site P2 for Cases 1 and 2. (c, d) Time series of differences between two model results (on-off).

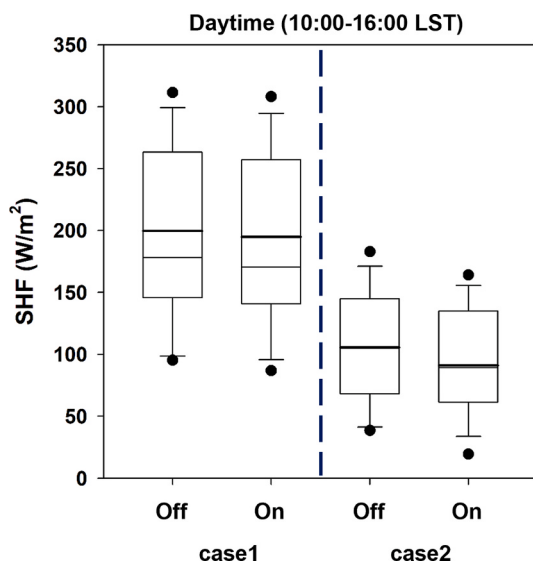


Fig. 8. Box plots of the on- and offline model results of sensible heat flux for Cases 1 and 2 during the daytime (10:00–16:00 LST). For each box, the center line, boundaries, and dark lines indicate the median, 25th and 75th quartiles, and average values, respectively. Points above and below the box indicate the 5th and 95th percentiles.

$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ for Case 2 (maximum, $106 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The cloud cover ratios for Cases 1 and 2 were (2.9/10) and (5.8/10), respectively; therefore, these cases, characterized by different cloud conditions, were considered suitable for comparatively evaluating the aerosol-SHF relationship in model sensitivity analysis. Observed peak SHF was $185 \pm 60.1 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ for Case 1 (maximum, $235 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$) and $89 \pm 30.4 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ for Case 2 (maximum, $123 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$), indicating significantly lower SHF at high $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentrations than at low $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ concentrations. The daily maximum SHF values for Case 1 were 201, 235, and $118 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ (November 11–13),

mainly exceeding $100 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ throughout the 3-day period, whereas those for Case 2 were 65, 78, and $123 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$ (November 18–20), with a 52% lower SHF on average on high- $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ days than on low- $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ days.

In Case 1, the maximum SHF occurred at approximately 12:00 LST, when solar energy was strongest, and approximately 1–2 h later in Case 2 (Fig. 2), suggesting that SHF was perturbed at higher $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ levels in Case 2. The SHF peak was sustained for approximately 2 h on November 13 (Case 1), but lasted for only 30 min on November 20 (Case 2) and rapidly declined thereafter. This decrease in SHF in Case 2 may be partly attributed to aerosol effects that decreased incident solar radiation due to high $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ levels, which in turn hindered sufficient surface heating. These apparent differences suggest interaction between $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and SHF, which was also discussed in a prior study that highlighted how aerosols impact the scattering and reflection of solar radiation, consequently leading to a reduction in surface SHF in the PBL (Barbaro et al., 2013).

By contrast, no significant differences in LHF were observed between the two cases. The daily maximum LHF values for Case 1 (November 11–13) were 104, 106, and $44 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, respectively, and those for Case 2 (November 18–20) were 48, 110, and $71 \text{ W}/\text{m}^2$, respectively (Fig. 5). In this study, we focused on evaluating the relationship between SHF and $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ and related aerosol feedback effects during the campaign in our online modeling tests.

Fig. 6 shows the synoptic conditions obtained from the $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ NCEP Final product for selected days in each of the two case periods. During November 8–14, 2021 (Case 1), the area was affected by a migratory continental low-pressure system (Kim et al., 2023), and a strong low-pressure system over the northeastern Korean Peninsula, with dense pressure contour lines at both the surface and 850 hPa. As a result, strong winds at 850 hPa ($>15 \text{ m/s}$) were observed on November 10, 2021. These were associated with active mixing and resultant lower surface $\text{PM}_{2.5}$ levels (Figs. 2 and 5). In Case 2, the synoptic conditions were influenced by a migratory continental high-pressure system. The NCEP Final wind field data indicated slow clockwise patterns over East China, and slow eastward movement of a high-pressure system from the western Korean Peninsula resulted in weakened vertical mixing. Wider spacing between the contour lines of isobars indicated lower wind

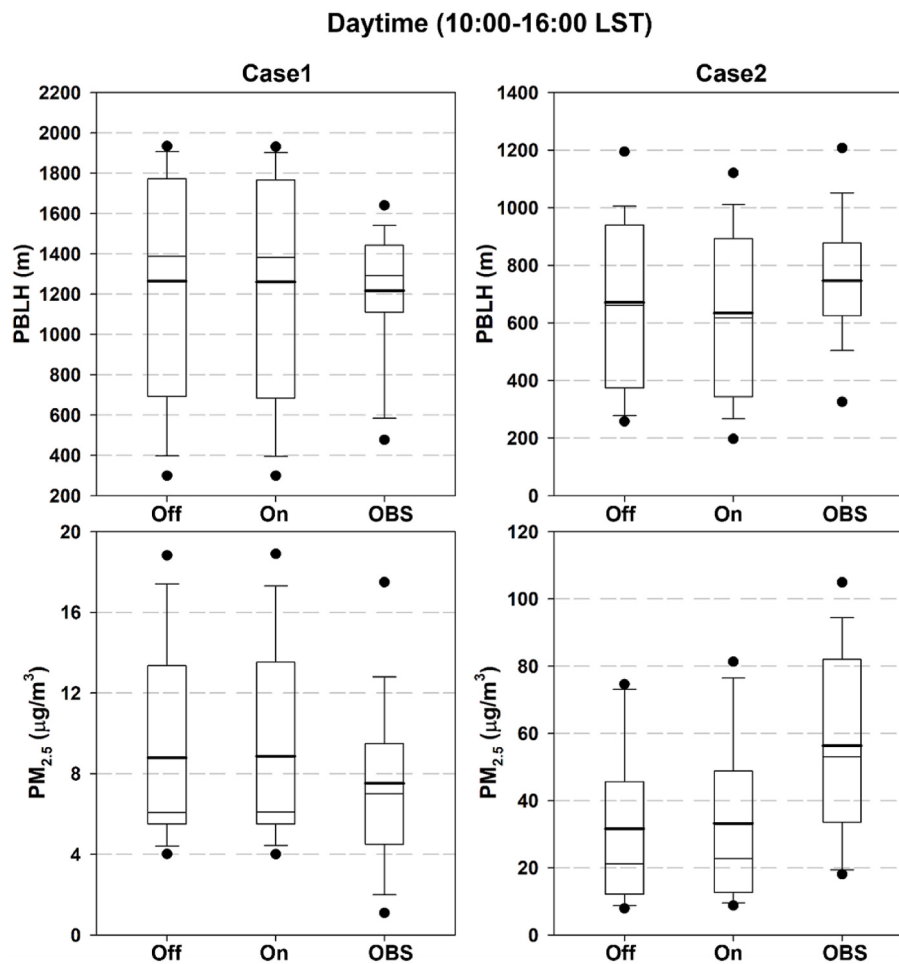


Fig. 9. Box plots of the model results and observation data for Case1 and Case2 during the daytime (10:00–16:00 LST). First row is PBL height (Units: m) and second row is $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations ($\mu g/m^3$). The center line in the rectangle, boundaries, dark lines in the box represent the median, 25 and 75 quartiles, and the average value, respectively. The points above and below the box mean 5 and 95 percentiles.

speeds than observed in Case 1. As the high-pressure system moved slowly eastward, pollutants transported by northwesterly winds on November 18 were expected to stagnate above the Korean Peninsula, particularly after November 19. Thus, Case 2 featured low wind speeds under a stagnant pressure high located over the Korean Peninsula, leading to higher surface $PM_{2.5}$ levels due to poor vertical mixing (Figs. 2 and 4), in contrast to the synoptic conditions observed in Case 1. More detailed synoptic descriptions of the campaign period and similar synoptic characteristics during high air quality episodes can be found in previous studies (Kim et al., 2018, 2023).

We used the simulated SHF selected from the smallest high-resolution domain (D03) (Fig. 1); the results for grid points closest to SHF observation site P2 were compared against observations during the campaign. SHF also differed significantly between the cases. At first, we analyzed the simulated cloud microphysical properties which are closely associated with radiative forcing on surface flux, and investigated the response of the $PM_{2.5}$ -loaded atmosphere in both the on- and offline models before evaluating the aerosol–SHF relationships.

The differences in simulations on cloud microphysical variables between on- and offline simulations for two cases were illustrated in Fig. S1. As shown, the low, middle, and upper-level cloud fractions in Case 1 were nearly identical between the on- and offline models. However, in Case 2, despite similar cloud cover, some differences were observed. For example, the low-level cloud fraction in Case 2 exhibited some temporal variability; the offline model averaged 46%, while the online model had 44%. Notably, mid-level clouds (clouds at altitudes between 2 and 6 km) had a higher simulated fraction in the offline model

at 8%, compared to 2% in the online model (Fig. S1). Shortwave radiation exhibited differences between on- and offline models of up to $-15 W/m^2$ in Case 1, but online model simulated $45 W/m^2$ less peak insolation than offline model in Case 2 (Fig. S1). Cloud water mixing ratios in Case 2 showed relatively higher values from online model, although not significantly different. Further detailed variations in cloud microphysical parameters between the online and offline models in various high $PM_{2.5}$ days can be found in previous studies (i.e., Park et al., 2018; Gao et al., 2020). Differences in other variables including temperature, wind speed, and LHF were found in Fig. S2.

Fig. 7 compares observed and on- and offline simulated SHF for both cases. Despite the overestimation of the peak SHF (November 19) by both the on- and offline simulations, simulated SHF was generally similar between the on- and offline model results for both Cases 1 and 2 (Fig. 7a and b) except for some periods. On November 18, the offline simulation yielded higher overestimations than the online simulation. The online simulation yielded 6% lower average daytime PBL heights and 5% higher $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations than the offline simulation, which overestimated measured SHF and underestimated $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. This phenomenon is thought to have been caused by reduced vertical mixing due to a SHF decrease caused by aerosol radiative effects. Aerosol perturbations (i.e., offline results–online results) for the two model simulations for both cases are also shown in Fig. 7. SHF perturbations caused by $PM_{2.5}$, particularly during November 18–19, reached $-40 W/m^2$, which was the maximum difference on hourly basis obtained in this study (Fig. 7c and d).

The daytime average SHF results of the on- and offline models are

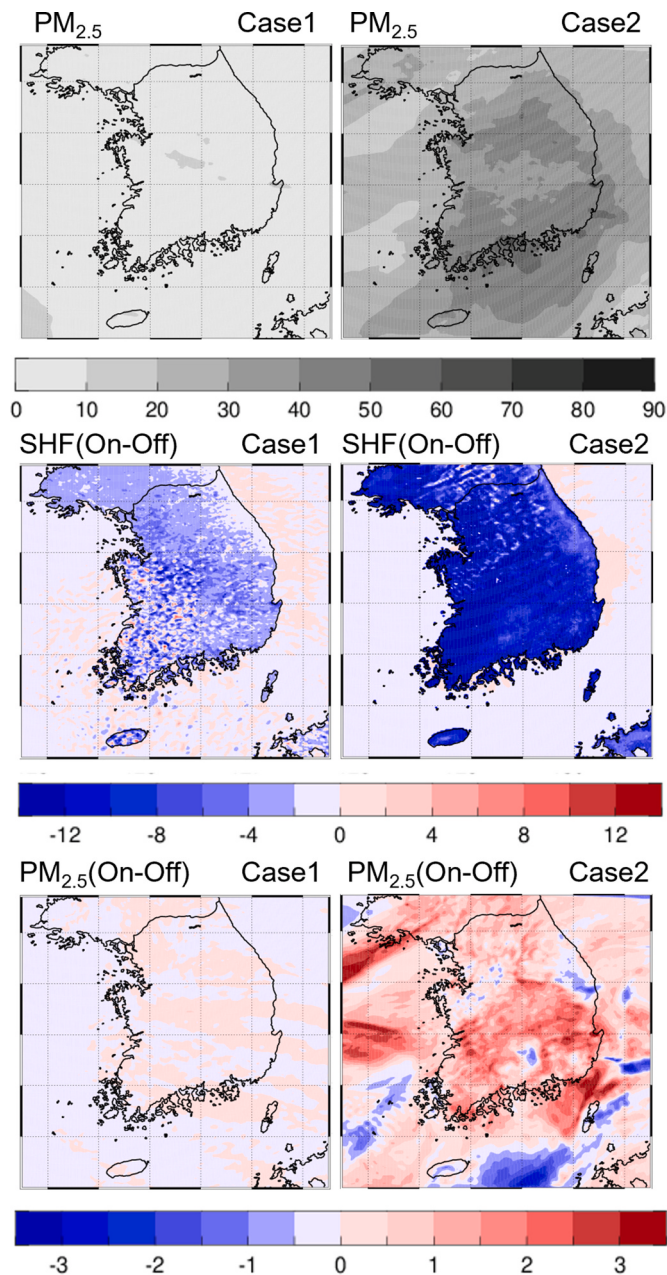


Fig. 10. Horizontal distributions of simulated $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations ($\mu g/m^3$) averaged over the daytime (10:00–16:00 LST) (top row), differences in radiative on- and offline WRF-Chem simulations of SHF (W/m^2) (middle row), and differences in $PM_{2.5}$ concentration (bottom row), for Cases 1 and 2.

shown in Fig. 8. In Case 1, simulated SHF did not significantly differ between the models, with 3-day averages of $195 W/m^2$ (online) and $200 W/m^2$ (offline) with a difference of only $-5 W/m^2$ which is only 2% lower for Case 1. However, in Case 2, the offline model provided SHF values of $91 W/m^2$ (online) and $106 W/m^2$ (offline) on daily basis, with a difference of $-15 W/m^2$. This is believed to be attributed to aerosol–SHF interactions, which were approximately $\sim 14\%$ ($15 W/m^2$) lower in Case 2.

Fig. 9 provides the comparisons of PBL height and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations between on- and offline modeling for two specific cases. In Case 1, the daily average $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations, as simulated by both online and offline models, closely approximated $9.3 \mu g/m^3$, in close agreement

with the observations. The corresponding PBL heights showed negligible disparities between models, with values of 1.25 and 1.24 km for the on- and offline model, respectively. However, Case 2 exhibited notable differences between models. The online model simulated PBL heights and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations of 672 m and $31.6 \mu g/m^3$, while the offline model showed 634 m and $33.2 \mu g/m^3$, respectively (Fig. 9). The online model simulated relatively lower PBL heights and considerably higher $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations compared to the offline model. Together, these results indicate lower HF and higher ambient $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations persisting within the PBL during high- $PM_{2.5}$ days (Case 2), when higher $PM_{2.5}$ levels drive the following sequence of events: the aerosol radiative effect reduces incoming surface heating, which reduces HF, weakening the PBL and reducing vertical mixing, which leads to greater $PM_{2.5}$ loading in the PBL. Our results demonstrate the occurrence and extent of aerosol effects on the diurnal evolution of PBL during the SIJAQ campaign due to aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL feedback, based on *in situ* observations and on- and offline meteorology/chemistry simulations. This sequential process was well supported by concurrent HF observations and $PM_{2.5}$ measurements during the SIJAQ campaign.

Fig. 10 shows the horizontal distributions of simulated $PM_{2.5}$ concentration averaged over the daytime (10:00–16:00 LST), and differences in both SHF and $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations between the on- and offline simulations for the two cases. In Case 1, the offline model generally produced higher values, and spatial distributions of differences between the two simulations were within only $5 W/m^2$. However, in Case 2, the difference in SHF between the two model simulations was greater at high $PM_{2.5}$ (Fig. 10), and the online SHF simulation was consistently lower, but with domain-average differences $> 10 W/m^2$; this contrasts well with those produced by the offline model. $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations were significantly higher in Case 2 than in Case 1, with notable differences in SHF. This finding is consistent with observations over the SMA, and indicates that the decrease in SHF caused by aerosol reflection and scattering effects reduces vertical mixing, resulting in higher $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations for higher $PM_{2.5}$ loading.

However, long-term observations of aerosol–LHF are needed to sufficiently quantify LHF– $PM_{2.5}$ –radiation interactions, particularly for moisture transportation from the Yellow Sea toward the SMA, where there is vigorous secondary formation of $PM_{2.5}$. An analysis of the diurnal variation in secondary and hygroscopic aerosol species composition is also needed to determine how the persistence of these species contributes to high- $PM_{2.5}$ episodes.

4. Summary and conclusions

The SIJAQ field campaign, conducted from October 10 to November 25, 2021, involved the measurement of detailed heat flux. We analyzed aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL interactions based on measurements collected throughout the campaign, and performed on- and offline WRF-Chem simulations to evaluate the impact of $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations on surface SHF. Then, we selected two comparative cases of 3-day periods with the lowest and highest $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations and examined the aerosol–cloud–HF–PBL relationship based on measurements and on- and offline WRF-Chem modeling results, focusing on case-specific $PM_{2.5}$ effects on HF.

HF measurements during the SIJAQ campaign revealed meaningful features of SHF– $PM_{2.5}$ interactions. A clear decrease in SHF was observed, particularly at higher $PM_{2.5}$ concentrations. Throughout the campaign, the measured daytime (10:00–16:00 LST) SHF– $PM_{2.5}$ showed negative correlation with the correlation coefficient (R) of -0.38 . The measured SHF on average was $68 W/m^2$ on days with $PM_{2.5} \geq 50 \mu g/m^3$, which is 35% decrease compared to the SHF of $105 W/m^2$ on days with $PM_{2.5} < 50 \mu g/m^3$, indicating the extent of aerosol effects on the diurnal evolution of the PBL due to sequential $PM_{2.5}$ –HF–PBL interactions over the SMA.

The on- and offline WRF-Chem simulations also clearly showed an inverse relationship between SHF and PM_{2.5} concentrations (slope = 0.41) throughout the campaign period. In the comparative case study, the simulated SHF on the highest PM_{2.5} case decreased by ~14% (15 W/m²), whereas surface SHF decreased by ~2% on lowest-PM_{2.5} case. Thus, both observations and simulations of the HF–PM_{2.5} relationship indicated aerosol–HF–PBL interactions over the SMA for the SIJAQ campaign period. Both observational and simulated data clearly suggested a sequential process driven by PM_{2.5} interactions with radiation: a decrease in SHF caused by high PM_{2.5} concentrations weakened PBL evolution, which led to reduced vertical mixing, resulting in high PM_{2.5} accumulations in the PBL. The results of this study will contribute to the improvement of high-PM_{2.5} forecasting accuracy, which is crucial for public health, as well as our understanding of persistent regional haze episodes that occur frequently over the SMA (Jo et al., 2020; Lee et al., 2019).

Although establishing a definitive relationship of aerosol–cloud–SHF–PBL and all the relevant changes in PM_{2.5} concentrations are challenging, there is little doubt that these changes are interconnected. During the SIJAQ campaign, they are also likely to have an impact on, or be clearly influenced by, various aspects of PM_{2.5} concentrations. Therefore, as the next follow-up field campaign to the SIJAQ, it is crucial to conduct a more comprehensive modeling and a well-designed field campaign focused on aerosol–cloud–SHF–PBL feedback process. This comprehensive campaign approach targeting the SMA can provide unveiling the complexity of the feedback process, and understanding the sequential processes of aerosol–HF–PBL for assessing the environmental implications of these changes on urban surface PM_{2.5} concentrations over SMA.

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