



## Supplement of

## An updated parameterization of the unstable atmospheric surface layer in the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) modeling system

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Figure S1. Variation of different functional forms of  $\phi_m$  and  $\phi_h$  with respect to  $-\zeta$  utilized in this study based on the different classes.



**Figure S2.** Variation of  $\zeta$  with Ri<sub>B</sub> (upper panel), C<sub>D</sub> (middle panel) and C<sub>H</sub> (lower panel) with  $\zeta$  calculated from bulk flux algorithm (offline simulation) for different functional forms of similarity functions corresponding to BD71, CL73, KY90, and F96 forms for different values of  $z_h$  for the case when  $z_0 = 0.1$  m. The background color corresponds to different sublayers in convective conditions (Kader and Yaglom 1990), from the dynamic sublayer ( $0 \ge \zeta > -0.04$ ; light grey) to the free convective sublayer ( $\zeta < -2$ ; dark grey).



**Figure S3.** Q-Q plot for model simulated (a)  $u_*^2$ , and (b) U<sub>10</sub> from different experiments and CTRL simulation with respect to the observational data derived from the flux tower at Ranchi (India) during MAM season (2009).



**Figure S4.** Time variation of 10-m wind speed predicted from different similarity functions in the surface layer scheme of WRF model. The maximum value of wind speed in observational data is shown by dotted grey line.



**Figure S5.** Time variation of 2-m temperature predicted from different similarity functions in the surface layer scheme of WRF model.



**Figure S6:** Mean spatial distribution of model simulated  $\zeta$  (1<sup>st</sup> row), C<sub>D</sub> (2<sup>nd</sup> row) and C<sub>H</sub> (3<sup>rd</sup> row) from different experiments and their differences with respect to CTRL simulation averaged during strong unstable conditions (hours during daytime in which  $\zeta$  is smaller than -10) for whole simulation period. Hatched regions show significant differences at 95% confidence level in experiments with respect to CTRL simulation.



Figure S7: Mean spatial distribution of  $T_{2m}$  from ERA5 land reanalysis (a1) and simulated using different experiments (a2-a5) and their differences with respect to ERA5 land reanalysis data (b1-b4) averaged during strong unstable regime (hours during daytime in which  $\zeta$  is smaller than -10) for whole simulation period. The differences between different experiments and CTRL simulation are shown in last row (c1-3).



Figure S8: Same as Figure S7 but for T<sub>s</sub>.



**Figure S9:** Same as Figure S7 but for  $U_{10}$ .

MAM		Bias (%)	RMSE	PCC
SHF (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	CTRL	7.09	37.37	0.47
	Exp1	7.04	37.42	0.47
	Exp2	7.12	37.44	0.46
	Exp3	7.17	37.42	0.48
LHF (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	CTRL	-33.54	50.70	0.39
	Exp1	-33.54	50.70	0.38
	Exp2	-33.58	50.72	0.39
	Exp3	-33.55	50.71	0.38
T <sub>2m</sub> (K)	CTRL	0.24	1.26	0.72
	Exp1	0.24	1.26	0.72
	Exp2	0.24	1.26	0.72
	Exp3	0.25	1.27	0.72
T <sub>s</sub> (K)	CTRL	0.51	2.75	0.50
	Exp1	0.51	2.76	0.50
	Exp2	0.51	2.76	0.50
	Exp3	0.50	2.75	0.51
$U_{10} (m s^{-1})$	CTRL	32.28	0.54	0.89
	Exp1	32.12	0.54	0.90
	Exp2	31.18	0.54	0.89
	Exp3	32.06	0.53	0.91
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**Table S1:** Comparison statistics for SHF (W m<sup>-2</sup>), LHF (W m<sup>-2</sup>),  $T_{2m}$  (K),  $T_S$  (K), and  $U_{10}$  (m s<sup>-1</sup>) simulated using different experiments together with CTRL simulation with respect to ERA5 land reanalysis data averaged during daytime for the entire simulation period. The mean bias (%), pattern correlation coefficient (PCC), and root mean square error (RMSE) are shown.