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28 Figure S1. Left panel: Comparison of total AOD from simulations and AERONET

29 observations in anthro-dominant areas of China. The results are both averaged for January

and July 2015. The blue and red line represent the "Interpolated" and the "Resolved" method,

respectively. The AERONET AOD values are indicated by black dots in each panel. The

32 simulation results are obtained from the grid box closest to the AERONET stations. **Right**

33 panel: Locations of selected AERONET stations over anthro-dominant areas in China.





38 Figure S2. Imaginary part of refractive index used in "Interpolated" method. The blue and

39 red lines represent water and dust, respectively.



Figure S3. (a,d) Spatial distribution of skin temperature in China and Sahara, respectively;
(b,e) The difference in skin temperature between "Interpolated" method and ERA5 results in

- 45 China and Sahara, respectively. (c,f) The difference in skin temperature between "Resolved"
 46 and "Interpolated" method in China and Sahara, respectively.



Figure S4. (a,d) Spatial distribution of geopotential height and wind field in China and

- Sahara, respectively; (b,e) The difference between "Interpolated" method and ERA5 results
 in China and Sahara, respectively. (c,f) The difference between "Resolved" and
- 58 "Interpolated" method in China and Sahara, respectively.