

1 **Table S1.** Outer (CONUS) boundary condition concentrations of major aerosol species.

Component	Concentration ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$)			
	West	East	South	North
Nitrate	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Ammonium	0.14	0.25	0.24	0.16
Sulfate	0.64	1.12	0.81	0.68
Elemental Carbon	0.04	0.05	0.09	0.03
Organic Aerosol (Winter)	0.20	0.16	0.58	0.80
Organic Aerosol (Summer)	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80

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4 **Evaluation of interpolated meteorological data at 1 x 1 km resolution**

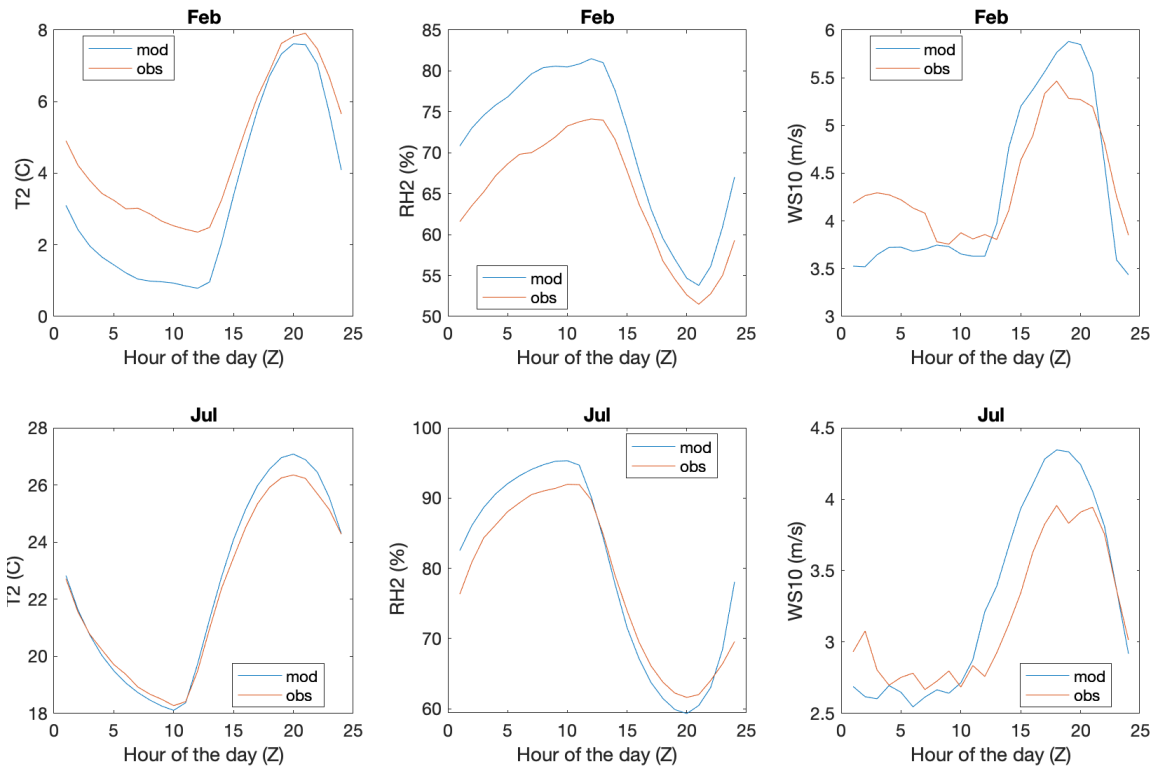
5 WRF was evaluated at the METAR stations surrounding the city of Pittsburgh
6 (Figure 1). The analysis focuses on the variables affecting atmospheric chemistry and
7 dispersion. The mean monthly (February, July) diurnal cycle of temperature (T2), relative
8 humidity (RH2) and wind speed (WS10) averaged at the 7 monitoring stations, as observed
9 and as simulated from WRF is presented in Figure 2a.

10 The cycles are well reproduced for T2 and RH2 in the warm season. This also holds
11 true for the daytime cycle in the cold season; at winter nights however, WRF
12 underestimates (overestimates) T2 (RH2) across all stations (Figure 2b). This results in
13 larger RMSE in February, being 3.1°C for T2 and 18.9% for RH2, i.e., roughly 50%
14 increased with respect to July (Table S1). The simulated wind demonstrates an
15 underestimation tendency during nighttime and an overestimation tendency during
16 daytime, resulting in a mild overestimation in the amplitude of the diurnal cycle. Seasonal
17 errors are comparable (RMSE~1.7m/s).

18 The spread of errors across stations is larger during (a) nighttime for the
19 thermodynamic variables (nocturnal boundary layer), (b) daytime for the dynamic
20 variables (small-scale winds affected by resolution). Moreover, the phasing is increasing
21 in the order WS10, RH2, T2 and is generally better in February due to the larger impact of
22 the synoptic forcing. No significant differences found spatially.

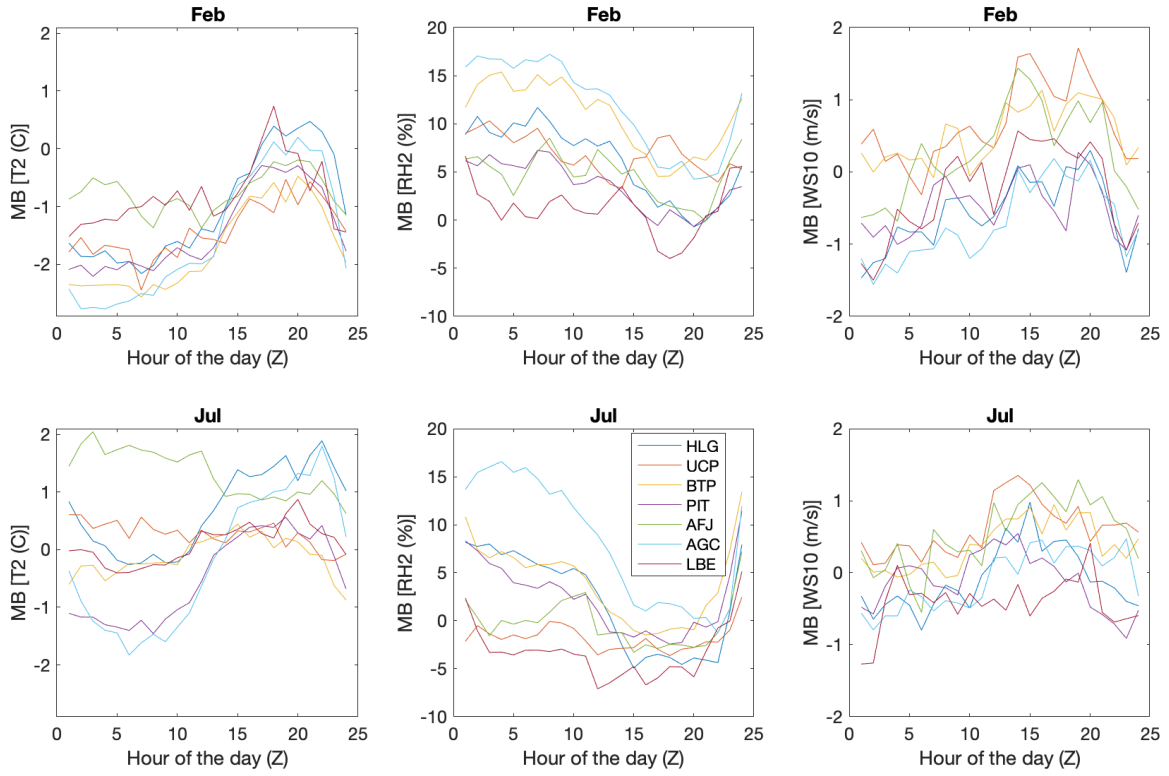
23 The above results are consistent with weaker vertical diffusion in the stable
24 boundary layer (night) and stronger vertical momentum fluxes in the convective boundary
25 layer (day). Even such, the magnitude and phasing of the errors are small, making the
26 simulations suitable for air quality studies.

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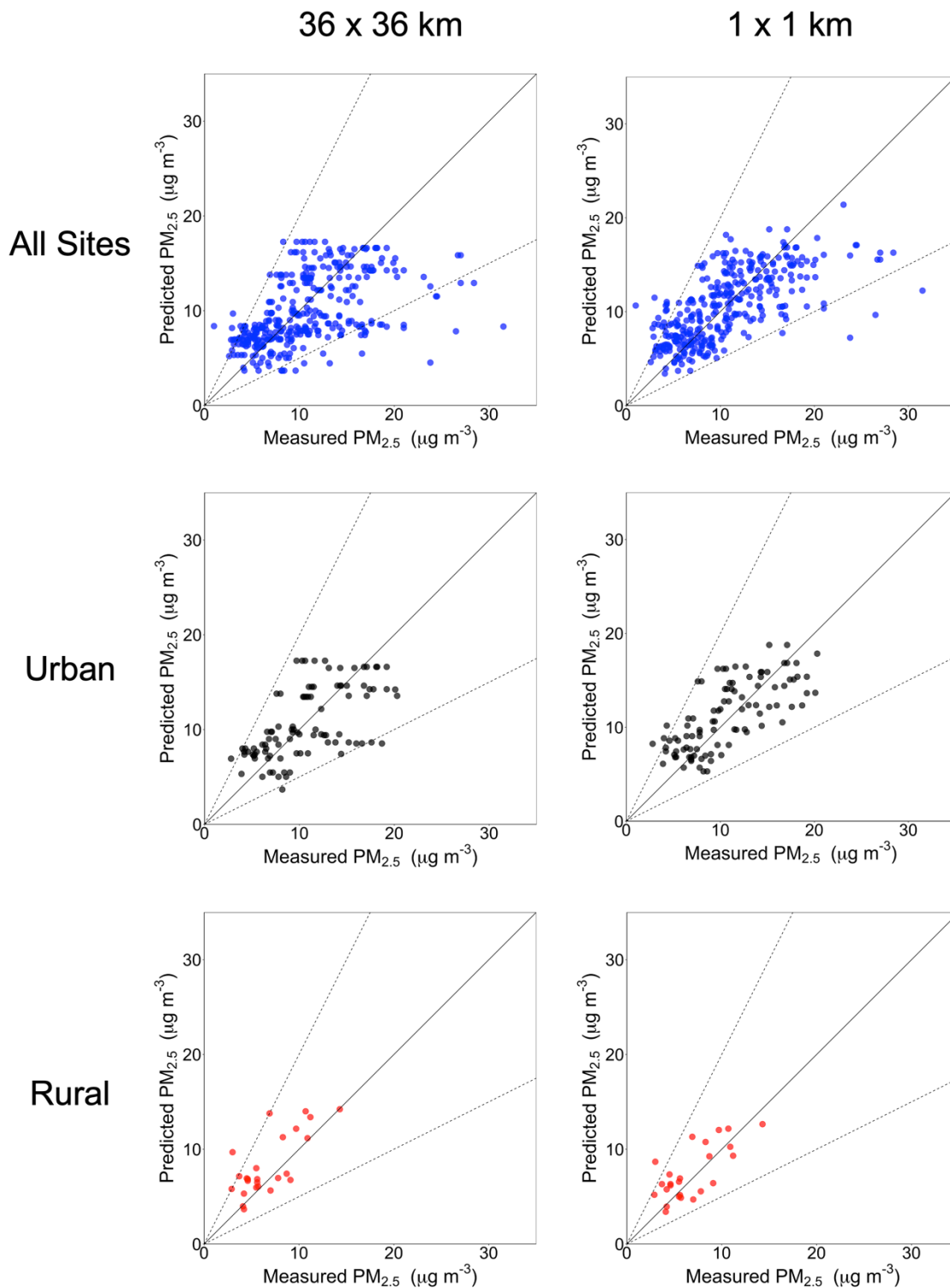
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Figure S1. (a) Mean monthly diurnal cycle of temperature (T2), relative humidity (RH2) and wind speed (WS10) averaged at the 7 monitoring stations, as observed and as simulated from WRF. All hours are in UTC.

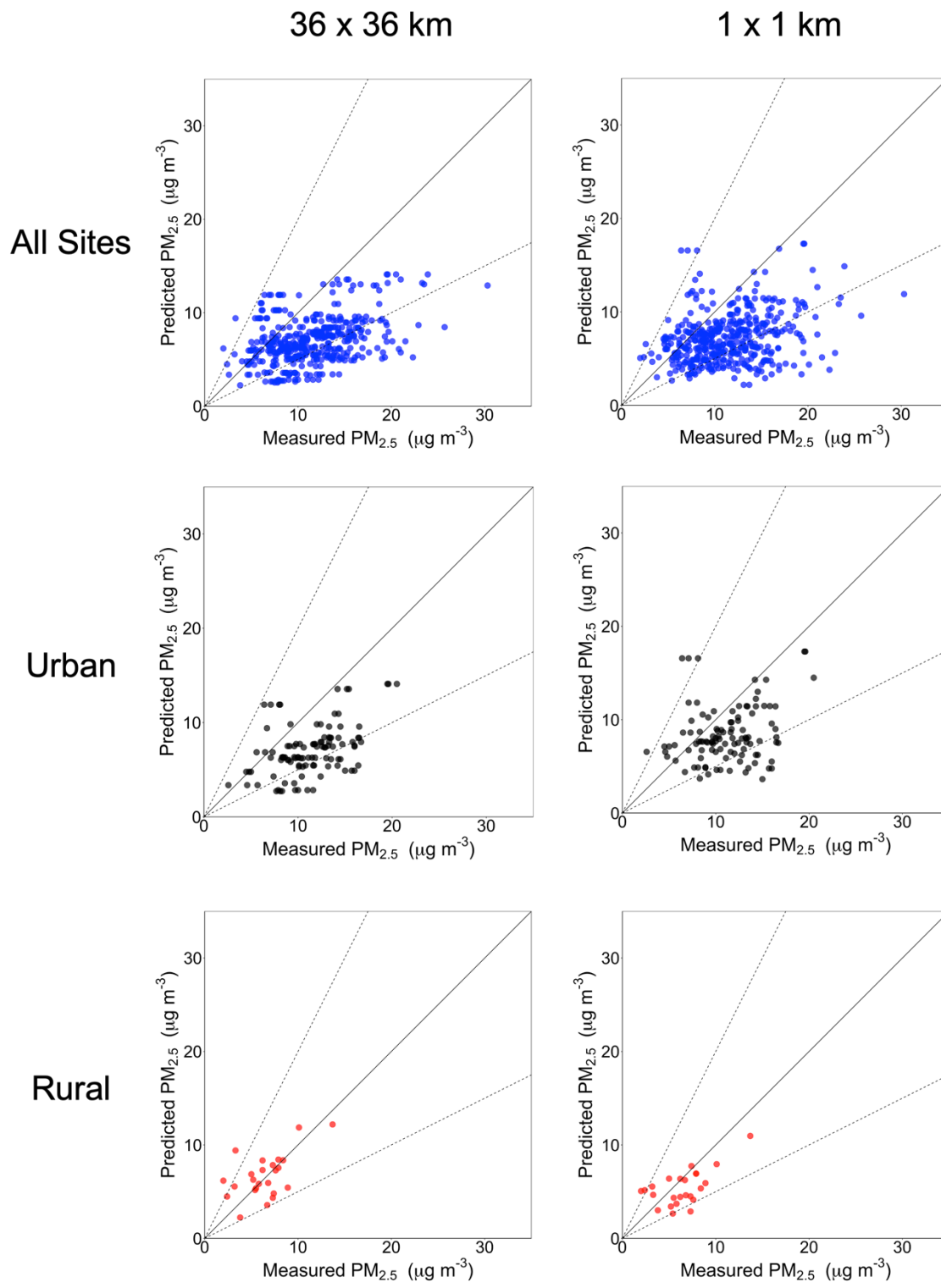


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Figure S2. Mean monthly diurnal cycle of the mean bias of temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed at each of the 7 monitoring stations. All hours are in UTC.

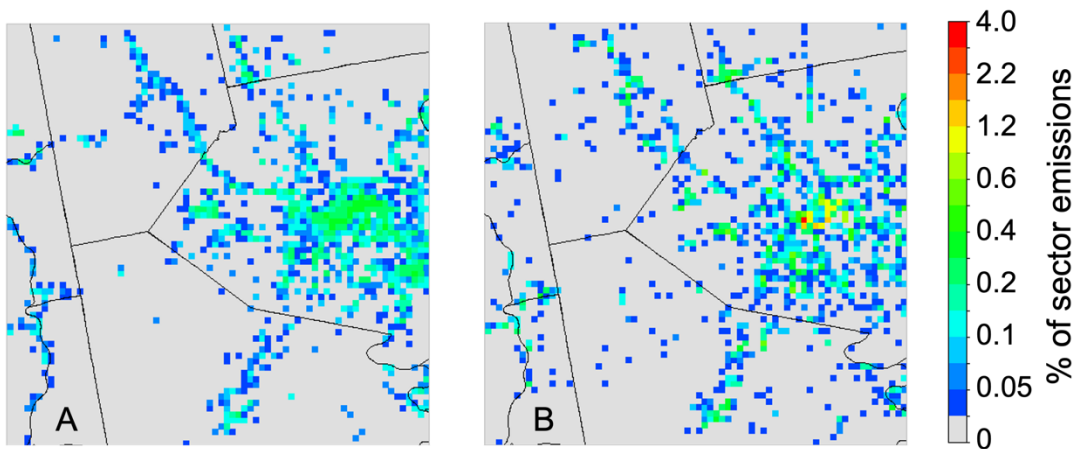


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 40 **Figure S3.** Comparison of PMCAMx-v2.0 predicted concentrations of PM_{2.5} with EPA
 41 regulatory measurements in the inner modeling domain at 36 x 36 and 1 x 1 km resolution
 42 during February 2017, for all sites, urban sites, and rural sites.



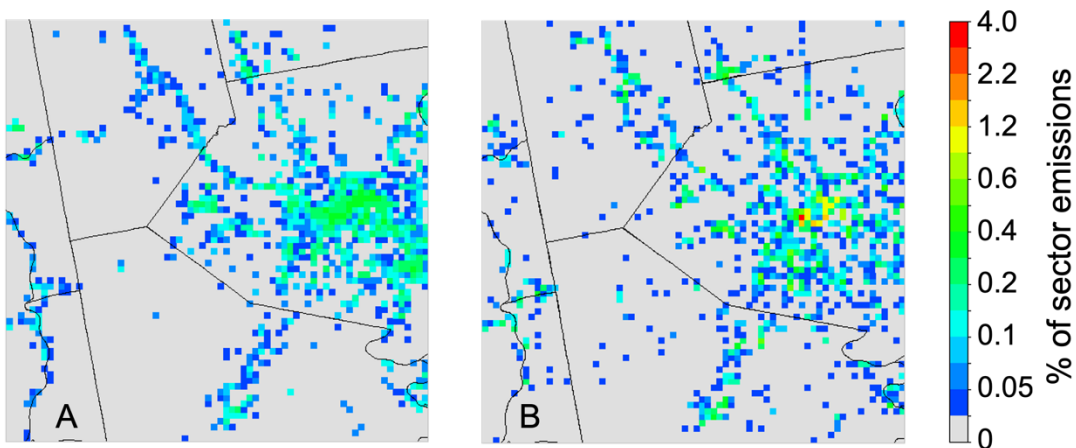
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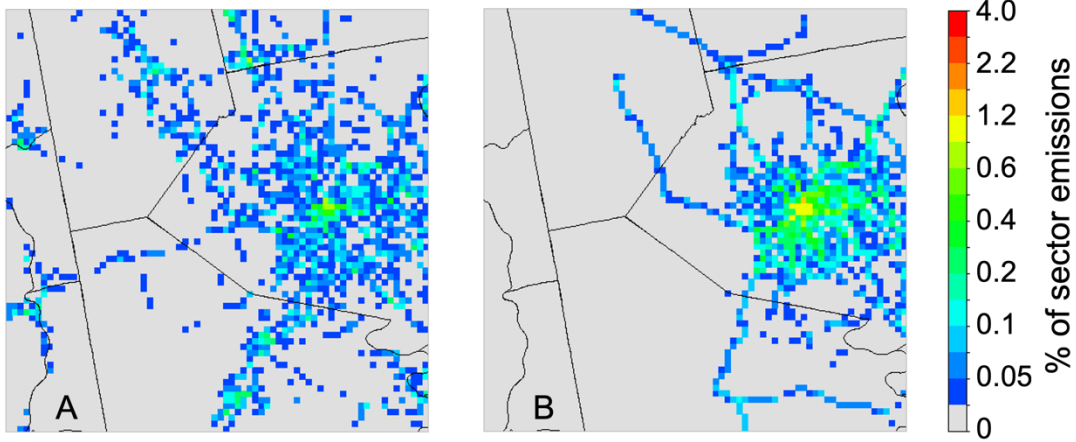
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 49 **Figure S5.** Percentage of sector $PM_{2.5}$ emissions in each 1x1 km computational cell for
 50 commercial cooking in February 2017 using: (A) old surrogates (B) novel surrogates using
 51 the normalized restaurant count approach. The values of the colored points in each frame
 52 add up to 1.0, corresponding to 100% of emissions for the respective sectors.

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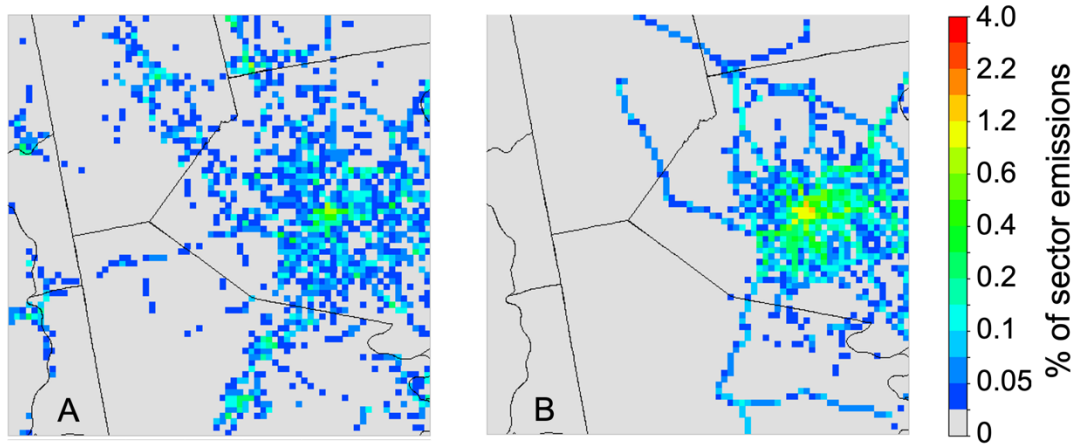


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 55 **Figure S6.** Percentage of sector $PM_{2.5}$ emissions in each 1x1 km computational cell for
 56 commercial cooking in July 2017 using: (A) old surrogates (B) novel surrogates using
 57 the normalized restaurant count approach. The values of the colored points in each frame
 58 add up to 1.0, corresponding to 100% of emissions for the respective sectors.

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 61 **Figure S7.** Percentage of sector $PM_{2.5}$ emissions in each 1x1 km computational cell for
 62 commercial cooking in February 2017 using: (A) old surrogates (B) novel surrogates using
 63 the simulated traffic approach. The values of the colored points in each frame add up to
 64 1.0, corresponding to 100% of emissions for the respective sectors.
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 67 **Figure S8.** Percentage of sector $PM_{2.5}$ emissions in each 1x1 km computational cell for
 68 commercial cooking in February 2017 using: (A) old surrogates (B) novel surrogates using
 69 the simulated traffic approach. The values of the colored points in each frame add up to
 70 1.0, corresponding to 100% of emissions for the respective sectors.

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