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# Atmospheric Dry Deposition to Natural Water of Wetland in Suburban Beijing

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## Abstract

In recent years, with the development of industrialization and urbanization, ecological environment problems have been paid more attention in China, especially in atmospheric environments. Wetlands play a significant role in removing pollutants from the atmosphere via dry deposition. However, it is unrealistic for some places to carry out field collections. In order to seek a feasible and credible way to estimate the dry deposition of wetland, a particle dry deposition model for natural water was used to calculate the atmospheric dry deposition on the Cuihu Wetland of Beijing on the basis of the data of concentrations of particles, wind speed, temperature, and relative humidity. In addition, the atmospheric dry deposition fluxes and deposition velocities were simultaneously measured using a knife-edge surrogate surface, which has a sharp leading edge. The observed and modeled values were compared.

Results shows that  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  were the major components of water-soluble ions in the atmosphere. The mass concentration ratio of  $\text{NO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  shows that stationary source emissions are more important than vehicle emissions because of the current industrial use of high-sulfur coal during daytime in suburban Beijing. The ratios of the modeled/observed fluxes during daytime and nighttime were 1.38 and 3.47, respectively. The corresponding values during the normal, dry, and wet periods were 1.93, 2.47, and 2.36. The average ratio of the modeled/observed fluxes was 2.32. Thus, it is crucial to further improve both the laboratory and field measurements and analytical methods for the particle deposition to narrow the current uncertainty in the estimates of atmospheric dry deposition. In addition, further studies should be carried out to modify the model to extend its use for the evaluation of dry deposition on the wetlands of Beijing.

**Keywords:** dry deposition, natural water, wetland, suburban Beijing

## Introduction

Particulate matter in the atmosphere may undergo many different aerodynamic processes, such as

atmospheric dispersion, dry deposition and wet deposition [1]. Dry deposition is an extremely important process via which atmospheric trace chemicals are transferred by motion to the earth's surface [2]. In addition, it is an essential mechanism for removing pollutants from the atmosphere in the absence of precipitation [3]. In dry deposition, particulates are

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transferred to a terrestrial surface with no significant interaction with atmospheric moisture [4].

Wetlands considerably affect the improvement of air quality. A number of studies have reported the contribution of wetlands toward the reduction of air pollution. The results indicate that wetlands increase the relative humidity, thereby decreasing the concentration of particulates in the atmosphere [5]. Previously, the dry deposition of particulate matter on different surfaces in Beijing Olympic Park has been examined, and the modeled and measured values revealed that the lowest and highest particulate matter concentrations are observed during the wet and dry periods, respectively [6]. Despite the importance of dry deposition on wetlands, extremely few studies have reported the effect of the dry deposition fluxes of the major anions and cations in the atmospheric particles to natural water of wetlands in Beijing. It is crucial to examine the effects of the particulate matter deposition on wetlands. Hence, the accumulation of dry particulate matter deposited on wetlands should be thoroughly investigated. Cuihu wetlands play an important role in the ecologically beneficial environmental construction in Beijing. Therefore, Cuihu wetlands are selected, and the concentrations of water-soluble ions and dry deposition amounts of different ions during different periods within a year are measured.

Atmospheric particles constitute a mixture of small particles and liquid droplets suspended in the atmosphere, which can affect air quality and atmospheric visibility [7]. The dry deposition process involves a close interaction between the atmosphere and deposition

surface. Previous studies have reported that deposition may depend on particle size, shape, roughness, and collection surface [8-10]. In addition, meteorology plays an important role in dry deposition [11, 12]. A number of studies have investigated the process of dry deposition using various approaches, including the use of surrogate surfaces, plus micrometeorological, eddy accumulation, and gradient methods [13, 14]. The surrogate surface method can provide a relatively accurate value for the flux of dry-deposited atmospheric particles, and the direct measurement of dry deposition is becoming increasingly popular [15]. In this study, dry deposition samples were collected on a water surface using a smooth surface. Although the deposition rate has been measured by numerous methods, the measurement of the dry deposition of air pollution continues to be a challenge as it is unrealistic for some places to carry out field collection [16]. Thus far, parameter methods to laboratory chamber methods have been employed to measure the dry deposition flux of atmospheric particles [17]. Typically, dry deposition is characterized by a deposition velocity, which is defined as the flux of different species to the surface divided by the concentration at the reference height [18]. In addition, several dry deposition models have been reported in the past few years [2], and parameter methods have been developed and extensively verified. In this study, a crude model is used to estimate the dry deposition flux and deposition velocity for natural water [19]. The observed and modeled values were compared.

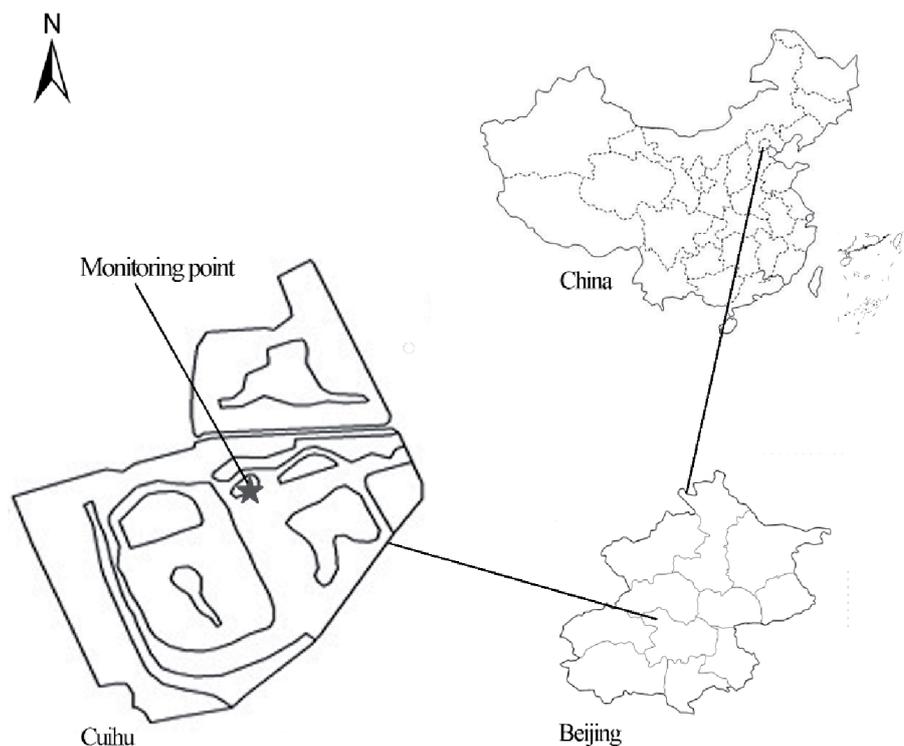


Fig. 1. Location of the experimental site.

## Material and Methods

### Study Area

The study was carried out at Cuihu Wetland Park (116°19'E, 40°10'N, an area of 1.57 km<sup>2</sup>, of which approximately 0.09 km<sup>2</sup> is water surface), which is the only approved national urban wetland park in Beijing, located in Shangzhuang Reservoir in the Haidian District of Beijing. It is managed by the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Landscape and Forestry, and it is 30 km from the Beijing city center.

The park has a warm-temperate, semi-humid continental monsoon climate with four distinct seasons. It experiences dry, strong winds in addition to dust in spring (March-June). The climate is characterized by adequate rainfall, and a stable hot weather is observed in the summer (June-September). The autumn (September-December) is cool, and the weather is sunny, while it experiences a dry, cold winter. Fig. 1 shows the location of the park.

### Sample Collection

The sampling time was from 2016 to 2017. Samples were collected at three heights (1.5, 6, and 10 m, respectively, Fig. 2). Particulate samples were collected by Tianhong samplers (TH-150C) at a flow rate of 100 L·min<sup>-1</sup>, and the flow remained stable during collection. Samples were collected five times a day during 6–10 a.m., 10 a.m.–2 p.m., 2–6 p.m., 6–10:00 p.m., and 10 p.m.–6 a.m. Each sampling process lasted for 4 h except for the last one, which lasted for 8 h. And there are three replications of our sample. In addition, meteorological parameters (i.e., temperature, relative humidity, and wind speed) at different heights were monitored using a handheld meteorological instrument. The sampling experiment was carried out for 10 consecutive days during each season. Table 3

gives information about meteorological conditions. Previous studies have reported a procedure using the above instruments to record the PM concentration and chemical composition, and this method has been successfully used [20]. Statistical analysis methods applied herein have been derived from previous studies based on this experimental design [19, 21], and these methods have been used in previous studies [22, 23].

Smooth horizontal collectors that do not appreciably disturb the airflow can be used to estimate the lower limits of aerosol dry deposition to rougher, natural surfaces [16, 24]. In this study, dry deposition samples were collected on a water surface using a knife-edge surrogate surface, which has sharp leading edges in order to minimize the disruption of airflow and consequently minimize the boundary-layer resistance. All sample media were prepared in a laminar-flow clean bench. Details about the sample preparation, extraction, and analysis are available elsewhere [25].

### Ion Analysis

By comparing different sampling filters, a desiccated, pre-weighed Teflon filter (Beijing leadcase technology co. LTD, China) of pore size 3 μm was finally used as the collecting surface because of its low background interference of inorganic ions, a relatively higher specific surface area, and the performance of resistant to high temperature. The filters were collected and placed in a desiccator. The samples were weighed after collection using an electronic balance (BT125D, Sartorius Co., Ltd., Beijing, China) with an accuracy of 0.00001 g. Then, one-fourth of each filter was cut into pieces and extracted using 50 mL of deionized water to measure the water-soluble inorganic compounds (Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, and Cl<sup>-</sup>) by ion chromatography (IC, WAYEE, 6200) using a separation column.

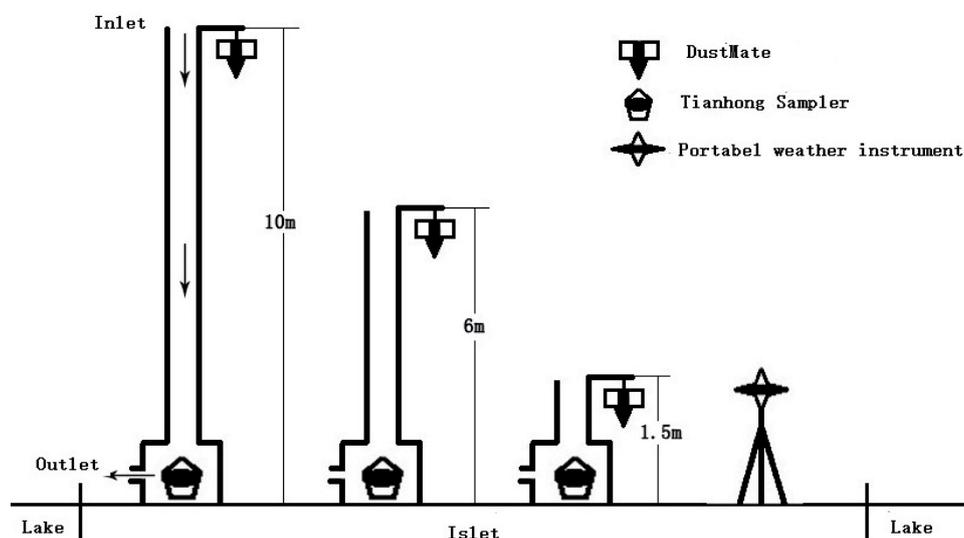


Fig. 2. Design of the experimental instrument.

## Data Analysis

In this study, a particle deposition model for particles deposited on natural water was used to calculate the deposition velocity  $V_x$ , which can be defined as follows [19, 21]:

$$\frac{1}{V_x} = \frac{1}{V_A} + \frac{1}{V_B} - \frac{V_g}{V_A \cdot V_B} \quad (1)$$

...where  $V_g$  represents the gravitational settling velocity,  $V_A$  represents the total transfer velocity in the turbulent layer, and  $V_B$  represents the total transfer velocity in the deposition layer. These parameters can be calculated as follows:

$$V_g = P_d \cdot F_c \cdot d_p^2 \cdot g / 18 \cdot \mu_a \quad (2)$$

$$V_A = V_A' + V_g \quad (3)$$

$$V_B = V_B' + V_g \quad (4)$$

...where  $F_c$  is the Cunningham correction factor,  $P_d$  is particulate matter density,  $d_p$  is particulate matter diameter, and  $\mu_a$  is the dynamic viscosity of air, which can be expressed as

$$\mu_a = \mu_0 \cdot T / T_0 \quad (5)$$

...where  $\mu_0$  is the reference coefficient of viscosity,  $T$  represents temperature and  $T_0$  is the reference temperature. Under normal circumstances, the  $\mu_a$  at 0°C is 17.1.  $V_A'$  is the transfer velocity without gravity in the turbulent layer, and  $V_B'$  is the deposition velocity without the effect of gravity in the deposition layer. These parameters can be expressed as follows:

$$F_c = 1 + \frac{2\lambda}{d_p} \cdot (1.257 + 0.4e^{-0.55 \cdot d_p / \lambda}) \quad (6)$$

$$V_A' = \frac{1}{1 - k} \cdot C_d \cdot u(z) \quad (7)$$

$$V_B' = -\alpha \cdot m + k^{-1} \cdot C_d \cdot u(z) \cdot Sc^{-1/2} + 10^{-3} \cdot St \quad (8)$$

...where  $\lambda$  is the mean free path of air (65 nm),  $k = 0.4$ ,  $\alpha$  is a constant ( $10^3 \text{cm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} / (1 \text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1})$ ),  $m$  is the water evaporation rate,  $C_d$  is the drag coefficient,  $C_d = [(1.3 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}]$ ,  $Sc$  is the Schmidt number, and  $St$  is the Stokes number, which can be calculated as

$$m = \frac{P}{\rho} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{2\pi RT}} \quad (9)$$

$$Sc = \frac{v_a}{D_B} = \frac{\mu_a}{P_d} \quad (10)$$

$$St = t_p \cdot \frac{u(z)}{d_d} \quad (11)$$

...where  $P$  is the saturated vapor pressure,  $\rho$  is the liquid density,  $\mu$  is the molar mass of water,  $R$  is a constant, and  $R = 8.31 \text{J} / (\text{molK})$ ,  $dd$  represents the dimension of the vegetation element for wetlands; typically,  $(dd = 1)$  [26] and  $tp$  represent the particulate matter relaxation time, which can be expressed as

$$t_p = P_d \cdot F_c \cdot d_p^2 / 18 \cdot \mu_a \quad (12)$$

## Results and Discussion

## Atmospheric Concentrations of Water-Soluble Ions

According to changes in the water amount in the Cuihu wetlands, the entire year was divided into three periods: dry (winter), normal-water (spring and autumn), and wet (summer). Table 1 summarizes the average atmospheric concentrations of water-soluble ions during different periods in addition to those recorded during daytime and nighttime.

The concentration of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  is highest among all of the water-soluble ions during different periods. Seasonally, the highest and lowest  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  concentrations were observed during the dry and wet periods, respectively. This can be explained by the increasing concentration of sulfur dioxide in winter because of the burning of coal fuel. The mass concentration of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ranged from 3.19 to 8.11  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , and its highest value shows in the normal-water period. Table 3 shows the average meteorological data during sample period. Various studies have shown that temperature is one of the most important parameters determining ammonia concentration in Beijing. In this study, the main wind blew from SE and NE during the normal-water period, and there are large areas of farmland to the north and south of the study site. In addition, the normal-water period is the season for sowing and fertilizing. Therefore, the temperature-related emission from the fertilizer may be one of the main reasons [27, 28].  $\text{Cl}^-$  is another abundant ion in the atmosphere and shows obvious seasonal variation, whereas the concentrations during daytime and nighttime have no obvious changes. The highest value of  $\text{Cl}^-$  shows in winter, which is due to the excessive discharge from coal burning for heating [29]. Fig. 3 shows the proportion of various water-soluble ions in the atmosphere. Different ionic species exhibited distinct characteristics during different periods. The total proportions of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , and  $\text{Cl}^-$  during

Table 1. Average atmospheric concentrations of water-soluble ions during different period along with daytime and nighttime values in the wetland ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ).

Species	Normal-water period	Dry period	Wet periods	Daytime	Nighttime
F <sup>-</sup>	0.09±0.03	0.36±0.12	0.09±0.02	0.17±0.14	0.17±0.17
HCOO <sup>-</sup>	3.87±0.60	2.03±1.13	2.16±0.54	2.74±1.22	2.20±1.30
Cl <sup>-</sup>	4.01±0.44	9.24±2.88	2.50±0.26	5.06±3.39	5.32±3.73
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	8.11±2.91	5.46±2.07	3.19±2.59	5.35±3.18	6.05±3.80
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	21.91±7.13	26.18±2.58	14.18±5.08	20.74±7.15	18.67±8.64
Na <sup>+</sup>	2.44±0.38	2.39±2.96	4.90±0.61	3.43±2.03	2.80±2.35
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	4.22±1.65	2.17±1.44	0.61±0.74	2.29±1.99	1.98±2.24
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	0.62±0.13	0.28±0.11	0.30±0.07	0.40±0.19	0.35±0.18
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	3.50±0.71	1.28±1.09	1.30±0.29	2.08±1.31	1.51±1.08
K <sup>+</sup>	1.62±0.50	0.97±1.07	1.95±0.33	1.57±0.78	1.33±0.89

different periods along with daytime and nighttime were 75.81%, 85.5%, 65.67%, 76.27%, and 79.3%, respectively. Previous research indicates that sulfate, nitrate and ammonium are the major components [30, 31], which is in good agreement with our results. In conclusion, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, and Cl<sup>-</sup> were the major components of water-soluble ions in the atmosphere of wetland in suburban Beijing.

The mass concentration ratio of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> has been used as an indicator for the relative importance of mobile versus stationary sources of sulfur and nitrogen in the atmosphere [32, 33]. Researchers have

attributed high NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> mass concentration ratios to the predominance of the mobile source over the stationary source of pollutants. The seasonal variation of NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>/SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> shown in Fig. 4 ranges from 0.02 to 2.11 (mean = 0.33, SD = 0.37), and this result is smaller than the value 0.6 to 4.3 in urban Beijing [27]. The highest value shows in normal-water period, also observed by Sun et al. [34]. This may be attributable to a higher concentration of nitrogen and meteorological factors. House heating starts in the middle of November in Beijing. Residential coal burning is the primary driver of overall Beijing emissions in winter [35]. Therefore,

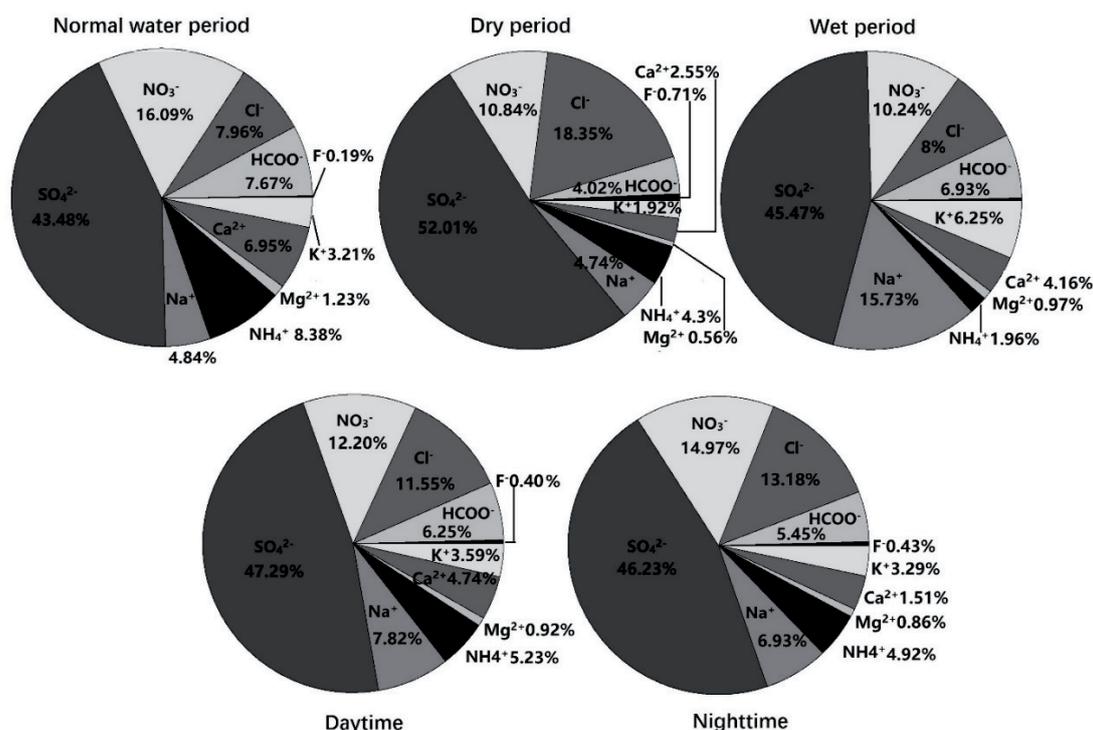


Fig. 3. Proportion of water-soluble ions in the atmosphere.

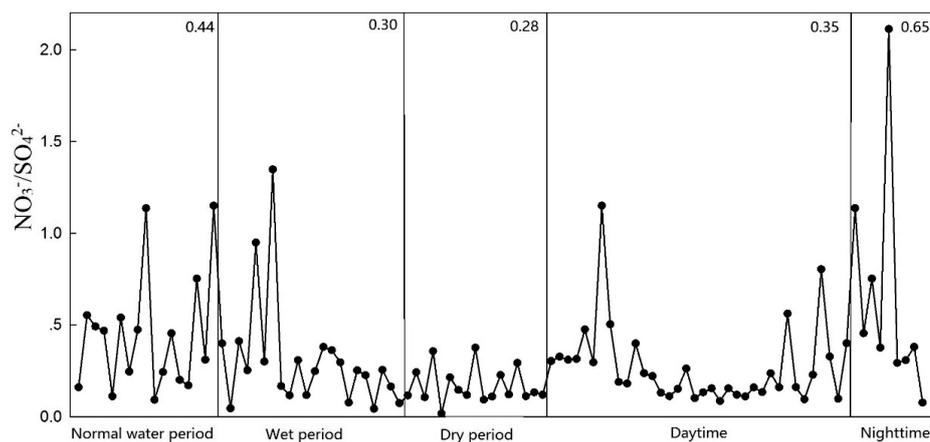


Fig. 4. Variations of  $\text{NO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  during different times (all the samples were divided into five different periods; average values are also shown in the figure).

higher  $\text{SO}_2$  emissions because of the increase in coal burning should be a major reason for the relatively low value of  $\text{NO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  in a dry period. The annual report on Beijing's transportation development of 2017 ([www.bjtrc.org.cn](http://www.bjtrc.org.cn)) shows that the daily traffic flow in Beijing's sixth ring road is about 10000 and the average daily traffic flow of other ring roads in the city is about 25000. The Cuihu wetland is 30 km from the Beijing city center and is located near the sixth ring road of Beijing. In addition, there are only a few country highways around the study sites. Thus, a low number of vehicles may contribute to the low mass concentration ratio of  $\text{NO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . As for daytime and nighttime, the difference may be due to photochemical oxidation [36, 37]. The low value during daytime suggests that stationary source emissions are more important than vehicle emissions in the area because of the current

industrial use of high-sulfur coal and relatively small number of cars in the suburban areas of Beijing. During daytime, relatively high temperature, relative humidity, and radiation were observed, which were favorable for the formation of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ . The increment of solar radiation and temperature lead to the increased oxidation rate of sulfur dioxide to sulfuric acid. Hence, the low value of ratio of  $\text{NO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  observed during daytime is possibly related to the above-mentioned reason [38].

#### Dry Deposition Fluxes and Deposition Velocities of Water-Soluble Ions in Wetlands

##### *Variation between Daytime and Nighttime*

Table 2 summarizes the observed and calculated average dry deposition fluxes of the major water-soluble

Table 2. Observed and calculated average dry deposition fluxes of major water-soluble ions during daytime and nighttime.

Period	Flux( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ )			
	Daytime		Nighttime	
Species	OV $\pm$ SD	CD	OV $\pm$ SD	CD
F <sup>-</sup>	0.06 $\pm$ 0.09	0.02	0.33 $\pm$ 0.41	0.01
HCOO <sup>-</sup>	0.50 $\pm$ 0.90	0.45	3.99 $\pm$ 6.08	1.20
Cl <sup>-</sup>	1.09 $\pm$ 1.15	1.12	4.26 $\pm$ 3.76	10.34
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	1.02 $\pm$ 1.33	1.51	0.53 $\pm$ 0.77	13.92
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	5.21 $\pm$ 8.74	19.82	9.98 $\pm$ 8.22	32.97
Na <sup>+</sup>	0.87 $\pm$ 1.81	0.53	0.88 $\pm$ 0.93	1.10
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	0.44 $\pm$ 0.83	0.58	5.55 $\pm$ 6.33	2.80
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	0.12 $\pm$ 0.13	0.04	0.18 $\pm$ 0.24	0.05
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	0.68 $\pm$ 0.73	0.24	2.06 $\pm$ 2.83	0.53
K <sup>+</sup>	0.33 $\pm$ 0.45	1.19	1.75 $\pm$ 2.32	0.21

OV: observed value; SD: standard deviation; CD: calculated value.

ions during daytime and nighttime. Standard deviation (SD) indicates the measurement errors from the difference between replicate samplers. During nighttime, the dry deposition flux was greater than that during daytime, except for  $\text{NO}_3^-$ . Table 3 gives information about meteorological conditions during the study period. Meteorological factors such as relative humidity have been thought to affect dry deposition [22, 39], so the higher relative humidity during nighttime may facilitate the deposition. A number of previous studies have concluded that wetlands can reduce particulate matter to some extent via the increase in relative humidity within a certain range [40, 41]. Previous studies have indicated that wind direction affects dry deposition [42, 43], while in this study, the main wind blew from SE during daytime and nighttime, and other wind directions were rarely recorded.

The observed dry deposition flux during daytime followed the order of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{Cl}^- > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{Na}^+ > \text{Ca}^{2+} > \text{HCOO}^- > \text{NH}_4^+ > \text{K}^+ > \text{Mg}^{2+} > \text{F}^-$  and that during nighttime followed the order of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{NH}_4^+ > \text{Cl}^- > \text{HCOO}^- > \text{Ca}^{2+} > \text{K}^+ > \text{Na}^+ > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{F}^- > \text{Mg}^{2+}$ . The sum of the major cations ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ) was 2.44 ( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ ) and 10.42 ( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ ) during daytime and nighttime, respectively, while the corresponding values for anions ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{HCOO}^-$ , and  $\text{F}^-$ ) were 7.88 ( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ ) and 19.10 ( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ ). For the modeled value, the dry deposition flux during nighttime was greater than that during daytime, except for  $\text{F}^-$  and  $\text{K}^+$ . The order of the modeled value during daytime followed the order of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{K}^+ > \text{Cl}^- > \text{NH}_4^+ > \text{Na}^+ > \text{HCOO}^- > \text{Ca}^{2+} > \text{Mg}^{2+} > \text{F}^-$  and that during nighttime followed the order of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{Cl}^- > \text{NH}_4^+ > \text{HCOO}^- > \text{Na}^+ > \text{Ca}^{2+} > \text{K}^+ > \text{Mg}^{2+} > \text{F}^-$ . The sum of the major cations ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , and  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ) was 2.59 and 4.68  $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$  during daytime and nighttime, respectively, while the corresponding values for the anions ( $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{HCOO}^-$ , and  $\text{F}^-$ ) were 22.92 and 58.45  $\text{mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ . The observed value and calculated value of cations is similar, while there is a big difference between the value of anions. The highest flux for  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  during the daytime and nighttime was observed. This could be due to the emission of coal burning which increased sulfur dioxide emissions according to previous research [44]. Odabasi et al. have reported the observed sulfate fluxes to be  $49.25 \pm 2.42 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$  using dry deposition plates. Hence, the flux in our study is generally less than those

previously reported for rural areas [45]. The modeled/observed flux ratio has been used to evaluate the accuracy of the model in the previous study [46]. The average ratios of the modeled/observed flux were 1.38 and 3.47 during daytime and nighttime, respectively. Hence, the modeled values of daytime are in good agreement with those observed to a certain extent. However, the value of nighttime shows a significant difference. This may be due to the model we used not taking sufficient account of the hygroscopic growth. In addition, the air-water temperature difference may change the water evaporation and this will also affect the accuracy of the model [47].

The observed value for the deposition velocity was calculated according to  $V_d = F/[C]$ ; in this equation, with  $F$  and  $[C]$  representing the deposition flux and pollution concentration at the study location, respectively. Deposition velocities were calculated by dividing the observed values of deposition fluxes for different species by the concentrations of those species in the atmosphere for their respective times. The calculated deposition velocity of anions, except for that of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  during nighttime was greater than that during daytime, while the value of cations except for  $\text{Na}^+$  was greater during daytime than that during nighttime (Fig. 5). The dry deposition velocities are in agreement with other experiment results [48], in which the deposition velocity of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  increased during daytime and was reduced during nighttime. On the other hand, the calculated value is smaller than the observed value during nighttime and it shows opposite results during daytime. The main reason could be that the model used in our study does not take phoretic effects and hygroscopic growth into consideration [47]. The observed deposition velocity for the major water-soluble ions (except for  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ) during nighttime was greater than that during daytime. Previously, particle dry deposition has been reported to be more efficient during daytime than during nighttime on average by a factor of 1.5-2.5; particle dry deposition is mainly governed by turbulence, which is strong during daytime and weak at night [49]. The spatiotemporal characteristics of particulate matter and dry deposition flux in the Cuihu wetland of Beijing have been reported, and the results indicate that relative humidity correlates positively with dry deposition [7]. Hence, a high relative humidity is possibly the main reason for the relatively high dry deposition velocity during nighttime.

Table 3. Average meteorological data during different periods along with daytime and nighttime values in the wetland.

	Temperature (°C)	Relative humidity (%)	Wind speed (m/s)	Wind direction
Normal-water period	17.85±1.77	52.8±5.6	0.48±0.23	SE NE
Dry period	-4.36±1.12	38.5±6.2	0.69±0.35	SE S
Wet period	31.22±2.31	66.7±4.5	0.54±0.46	SE
Daytime	16.98±2.26	40.32±3.2	0.49±0.23	SE
Nighttime	12.17±1.95	59.9±4.1	0.59±0.35	SE

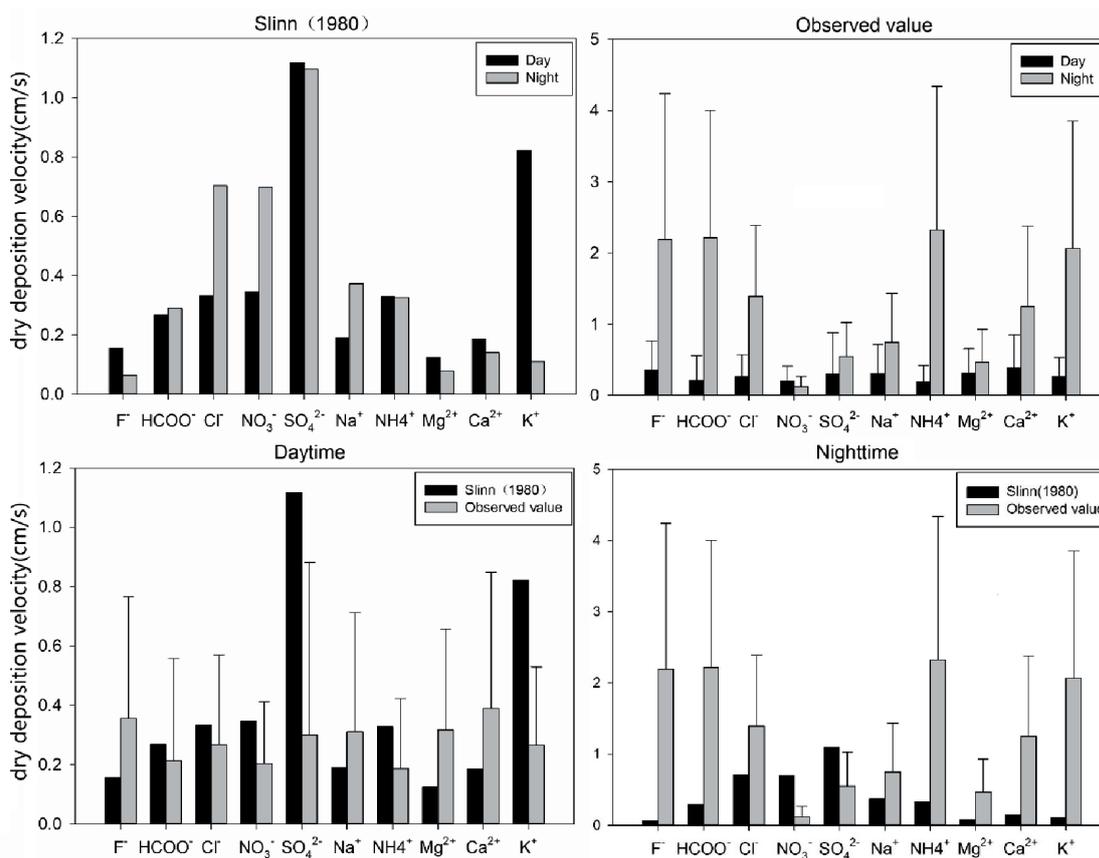


Fig. 5. Calculated dry deposition velocities and observed values of major water-soluble ions ( $F^-$ ,  $HCOO^-$ ,  $Cl^-$ ,  $NO_3^-$ ,  $SO_4^{2-}$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $K^+$ ) during daytime and nighttime; error bars show the errors of measurement from the differences between the samples.

#### Variation between Periods

Table 4 summarizes the average dry deposition fluxes of the major water-soluble ions during different periods. The observed dry deposition flux during the

normal-water period followed the order of  $SO_4^{2-} > NH_4^+ > Cl^- > HCOO^- > Ca^{2+} > NO_3^- > K^+ > Na^+ > Mg^{2+} > F^-$  and that during the dry period followed the order of  $SO_4^{2-} > Cl^- > Na^+ > NH_4^+ > NO_3^- > Ca^{2+} > HCOO^- > K^+ > F^- > Mg^{2+}$ , while that during the wet period following

Table 4. Observed and calculated average dry deposition fluxes of major water-soluble ions during different periods.

Period	Flux( $mg \cdot m^{-2} \cdot d^{-1}$ )					
	Normal-water period		Dry period		Wet period	
Species	OV $\pm$ SD	CD	OV $\pm$ SD	CD	OV $\pm$ SD	CD
$F^-$	0.07 $\pm$ 0.08	0.01	0.23 $\pm$ 0.30	0.04	0.01 $\pm$ 0.02	0.00
$HCOO^-$	2.28 $\pm$ 4.29	1.36	0.36 $\pm$ 0.33	0.66	0.60 $\pm$ 1.34	0.45
$Cl^-$	2.36 $\pm$ 2.47	1.22	2.19 $\pm$ 2.12	15.02	0.42 $\pm$ 0.94	0.96
$NO_3^-$	1.68 $\pm$ 1.89	15.47	0.84 $\pm$ 0.52	6.70	0.39 $\pm$ 0.80	0.97
$SO_4^{2-}$	12.19 $\pm$ 12.42	35.68	5.79 $\pm$ 5.32	36.11	0.78 $\pm$ 0.75	7.40
$Na^+$	0.52 $\pm$ 0.72	1.27	1.65 $\pm$ 2.81	0.25	0.50 $\pm$ 0.72	0.92
$NH_4^+$	2.60 $\pm$ 4.86	4.15	1.31 $\pm$ 1.85	0.88	0.04 $\pm$ 0.05	0.04
$Mg^{2+}$	0.22 $\pm$ 0.15	0.09	0.11 $\pm$ 0.11	0.02	0.06 $\pm$ 0.14	0.02
$Ca^{2+}$	1.94 $\pm$ 1.76	0.83	0.65 $\pm$ 0.57	0.17	0.21 $\pm$ 0.47	0.15
$K^+$	1.25 $\pm$ 1.67	1.22	0.31 $\pm$ 0.34	0.11	0.18 $\pm$ 0.21	0.77

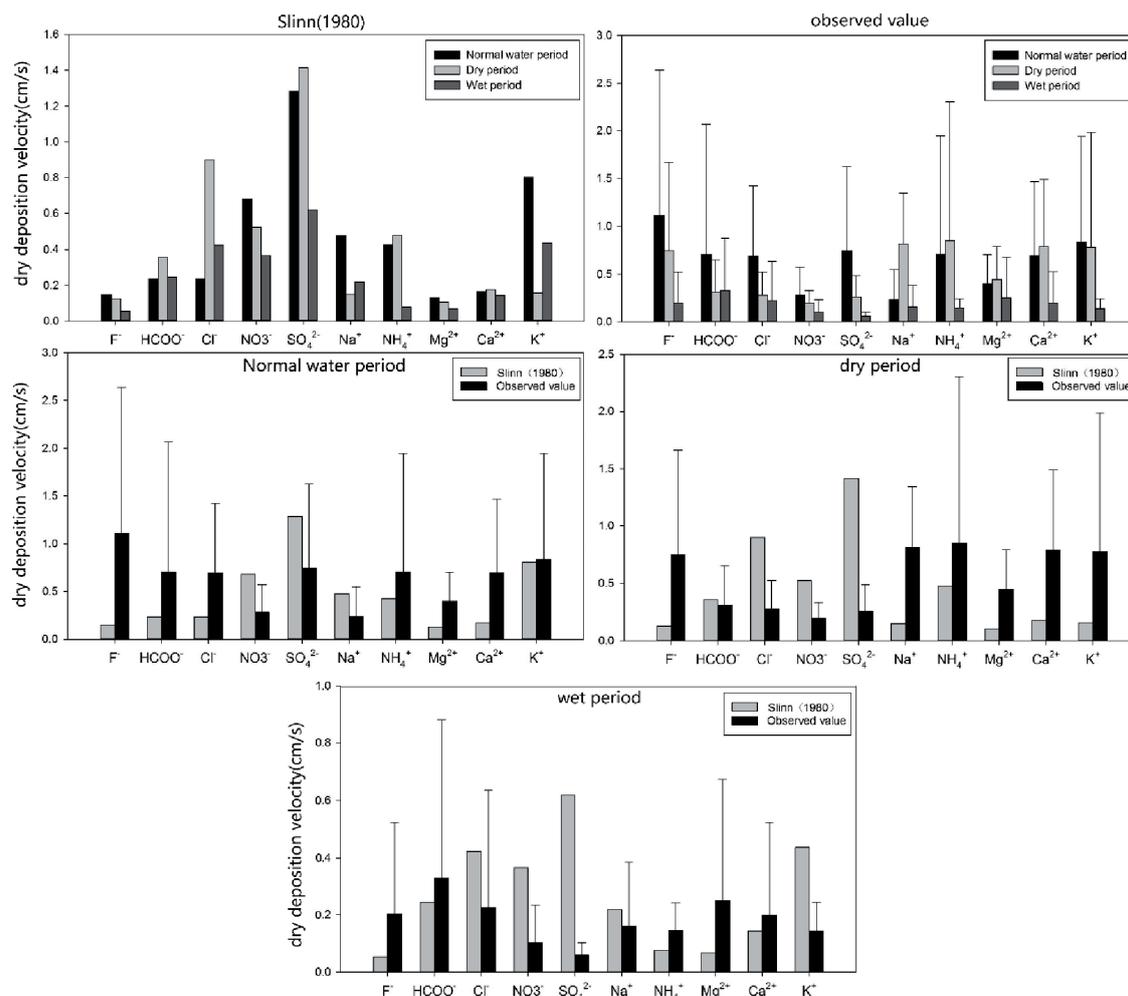


Fig. 6. Variation of deposition velocity of different water-soluble ions observed in this study and calculated by parameterization during different periods.

the order  $\text{SO}_4^{2-} > \text{HCOO}^- > \text{Na}^+ > \text{Cl}^- > \text{NO}_3^- > \text{Ca}_2^+ > \text{K}^+ > \text{Mg}^{2+} > \text{NH}_4^+ > \text{F}^-$ .  $\text{HCOO}^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{K}^+$  exhibited a similar trend in that the dry deposition flux was the highest during the normal-water period, followed by the dry and wet periods, while  $\text{F}^-$  and  $\text{Na}^+$  exhibited a similar trend in that the dry deposition flux was the highest during the dry period, followed by the normal water and wet periods. In the dry and wet periods, the extreme temperature and strong wind can lead to an unstable and turbulent situation in the atmosphere. The dilution of pollution will reduce the flux of most of the particles [50]. The atmospheric dry deposition on natural surfaces in a semiarid region of north-central India was directly measured, and the results indicated that seasonally dry deposition fluxes are greater in monsoon or summer for cationic species, while fluxes are greater in winter or monsoon for anionic species [18]. While in this study, different trends were observed in this study. Previous studies have shown that the chemical composition of the dry deposition flux have geographic variations [36]. For the modeled value, the dry deposition flux of

three periods shows some different orders among three periods. The calculated value of flux of  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  shows a considerable discrepancy between observed values. In some studies, the  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-$  were assumed to be in the form of  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  and  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ , then the calculated and observed values will agree well [29]. On the other hand, the performance of surrogate surfaces in measurement of deposition of small particles and gas is uncertain [51], and thus the transformation of ionic forms will also affect the results. In addition, the average ratios of modeled/observed fluxes were 1.93, 2.47, and 2.36 during the normal, dry, and wet periods, respectively.

Fig. 6 shows the variation in the deposition velocity of different water-soluble ions observed herein and that calculated by parameterization during different periods. Error bars represent the measurement errors from the difference between the samplers. Deposition velocity vary between  $0.05\text{-}1.14\text{ cm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ , and the range of the modeled value was comparable to the observed value. Dry deposition velocity is highest for  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and lowest for  $\text{F}^-$ . The variation may be due to the difference

in mass median diameter [51]. The highest calculated deposition velocity was observed for  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  during the dry period. Previous studies have shown that the dry deposition velocity of submicron aerosol over the water is mainly influenced by turbulent diffusion [47]. Thus, the cause of difference of deposition velocity of different ions cannot be determined. And the meteorological factor plays an important role in the difference [52]. In addition, the observed deposition velocity during the wet period was relatively smaller than those during the other periods. This may be due to the water-air temperature difference. When the water-air temperature difference becomes lower than  $-3^\circ\text{C}$ , the thermophoresis will have a great influence on the dry deposition velocity [47].

#### *Uncertainty Analysis*

Dry deposition on the surface is known to result from the combination of certain processes such as gravitational settling, Brownian diffusion, impaction, interception, thermophoresis, and electrostatic attraction [42]. Dry deposition flux estimates are decided by the type of collection surfaces. Therefore, it is difficult to estimate the accurate flux of dry deposition. Furthermore, resuspension, which means re-entrainment and suspension of particles in the atmosphere, is an important process during and after dry deposition [53]. In this study, experimental and analytical uncertainties originate from the collection of samples and the non-ideal chemical or physical behavior of analytical systems. Therefore, field blanks, repeatability, instrument analytical precision, accuracy and detection limits have been carried out to ensure the quality of our result. The surfaces were exposed for long periods for each sample to achieve concentrations within the detection limits of the analysis method [9]. Hence, the increase in the collection time also leads to increased uncertainty. Surrogate surfaces provide accurate measurements for rapidly falling particles [54], but performance of these devices vary from each other. The petri dish and bucket inside and filter plate surfaces have been reported to represent the most precise devices to estimate dry deposition on smooth, complex, and rough artificial surfaces, respectively. However, so far there is still no totally acceptable way for sampling and calculating dry deposition flux [16]. The difference in the surrogate surface and the collector geometry considerably affect the amount of material collected. Thus, the model assessment may also be affected. In addition, as for the large number of particles collected on the sample, only a small percentage of each sample was analyzed and great error was associated with particle composition categories with a small portion of the total mass. And the uncertainty associated with deposition velocity was determined with the uncertainty in the flux and airborne concentration measurements. Different concentrations of atmospheric particulate matter have great influence on deposition velocity [22, 55]. In future studies we will take atmospheric concentration into

account and distinguish between the concentrations of particles when sampling. Analytical uncertainties originate from the empirical parameters and constants used in the model. The deposition velocities are strongly influenced by particle size and the variation was not linear [39], hence it difficult to accurately reflect the complicated mechanism.

#### **Conclusions**

This 2016-2017 study employed a particle deposition model for natural water and the surrogate surface method to calculate dry deposition on natural water. Atmospheric dry deposition fluxes and deposition velocities of water-soluble inorganic ions such as  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{HCOO}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , and  $\text{Cl}^-$  were investigated at the Cuihu Wetland Park of Beijing. Based on the results, the following conclusions can be made:  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  were the major components of water-soluble ions in the atmosphere. The mass concentration ratio of  $\text{NO}_3^-/\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  shows that stationary source emissions are more important than vehicle emissions because of the current industrial use of high-sulfur coal during daytime of suburban Beijing. The ratios of the modeled/observed fluxes were 1.38 and 3.47 during the daytime and nighttime, respectively. The corresponding values were 1.93, 2.47, and 2.36 during the normal, dry, and wet periods, respectively, and the average ratio of modeled/observed fluxes was 2.32. Hence, both laboratory and field measurements and analytical methods for particle deposition need to be improved further to narrow the current uncertainty related to the flux and velocity estimates for atmospheric dry deposition. In addition, further studies have to be carried out to modify the model so that it can be used to evaluate the dry deposition in the wetland.

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#### **Conflict of Interest**

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