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196 for industrial activities and automobiles, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides, in existence of rain,  
197 will react to form sulfuric acid and nitric acid that are deposited on the earth (Seinfeld and Pandis,  
198 2006). Sulfuric acid is the precursor of acid deposition and plays an important role to decrease pH.  
199 A lot of amount of calcium and ammonium were also found in rainwater in Jakarta. Calcium and  
200 Magnesium were found mainly from dust (road dust or construction dust) or from mineral dust  
201 that came from outside the city. While, human and animal excretions were probably the source of  
202  $\text{NH}_4^+$ . The use of fertilizers as part of agricultural activities also contributes to the emitting major  
203 amount of ammonium, however, this is unlikely occur in Jakarta as an urban city. According to  
204 Safai *et al.* (2004), in an urban city, emissions from both brick kilns and vehicles could be other  
205 sources of ammonium as there are number of brick industries found in Jakarta and Bekasi areas.

206 **Figure 3** shows the temporal variation of rainfall amount, pH, and concentration of ionic  
207 constituents of rainwater in Kemayoran, one of the busiest areas in Central Jakarta during 2000-  
208 2015. Annual precipitation amount during 2000 to 2015 from Kemayoran site shows a significant  
209 increasing trend ( $R= 0.4507$ ,  $\alpha < 0.0000001$ ). This result is in accordance with Aldrian (2007) and  
210 Supari *et al.* (2016), who found an increasing trend of rainfall in Jakarta. Furthermore, Siswanto  
211 *et al.* (2015) found that the trend of extreme rainfall event ( $> 50 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ ) in Jakarta increasing

212 over the 1866–2010 period and stronger trend over the period 1961 – 2010, while the number of  
213 days with rainfall has decreased over the 1866–2010 period.

214 The concentration of anions of Jakarta rainfall showed a similar pattern. All ionic  
215 concentrations experienced decreasing trends from 2000 to 2015. However, from 2006 to 2015,  
216 the concentration of ion sulfate, nitrate and chloride are steady with 52.9% of relative acidity  
217 contribution from sulfuric acid during period of 2000 to 2015. The decreasing of ionic  
218 concentration after 2006 might be a result of policy intervention. In 2007, Governor of Jakarta  
219 has issued a regulation No. 141 about Utilization of Gas Fuel for Public Transportation and Local  
220 Government Operational Vehicles. This policy is established as a follow up of the previous  
221 policy by local government No. 2/2005 about Air Pollution Control. Also in 2007, Governor of  
222 Jakarta also issued Regulation No. 103 about Development of Mass Public Transportation  
223 through the improvement and development of busway and commuter line (MRT/Mass Rapid  
224 Transport). Besides improvement of the system transportation and fuels, other policies introduced  
225 by government to improve clean air are replacing traditional stove which using kerosene to gas  
226 for cooking; planting trees on city streets; requiring 30% of the total area of the city for green  
227 area (Act No 26, 2007 about spatial planning); introducing green building, and etc. In addition to  
228 the policy intervention, the decreasing trends of all chemical constituents in rainwater is also  
229 influenced by the total amount of rainfall which showed increasing trend.

230 The annual average pH during same period varied from 4.31 to 5.42 and showed a decreasing  
231 trend ( $R= 0.1515$ ), though it is not significant. Normal rain has a pH of about 5.6.. Acid rain  
232 usually has a pH between 4.2 and 4.4. Average pH values in Jakarta recorded less than 5.6  
233 meaning that the precipitation was slightly acidic (contains high  $H^+$  ion concentration). This is in  
234 line with EANET (2011) which assessed average pH values from 2005 to 2009 and revealed that  
235 Jakarta experiences acid rain. pH values in Jakarta are more acidic compared with other urban  
236 cities in Southeast Asia such as Hanoi, Metro Manila, and Bangkok during the same period.  
237 However, it is slightly better compared with Petaling Jaya in Malaysia (EANET, 2011).  
238 Distribution of pH values is presented in **Fig. 4**, where the first quartile is 4.60 and the third  
239 quartile is 4.77 with a mean of 4.73 ( $n=15$ ). It shows that most of pH ranged from 4.60 to 4.77.  
240 Long-range transport of sulfur and nitrogen is possible to other regions. Sulfur and nitrogen could  
241 transport to other region and deposited to earth to form acid rain (EANET, 2015; Seinfeld and  
242 Pandis, 2006). Long range transport from the industrialized areas of Jabodetabek may contribute  
243 to an anthropogenic sulfur and reactive nitrogen depositions throughout Jakarta city. High  
244 deposition in one area could be explained by high emission rates of their precursors around this  
245 area or other regions (EANET, 2015). Slightly decrease pH values while the ionic trends also  
246 decrease indicates the influence of long range distribution of regional pollution and not the local  
247 pollution.

## 248 ***Particulate Matter Pollution***

249 Seasonal variation of SPM concentration in Ancol (a) and Glodok (b) during 1980 to 2016 is  
250 shown in **Fig. 5**. The average of monthly SPM in Ancol (**Fig. 5a**) shows mostly that SPM  
251 concentration is higher in dry season (April to September) than wet season (October to March).  
252 Seasonal variation is most reflected in Ancol during El Nino year in 1982, 1983, 1997, and 2015.  
253 In the other hand, seasonal pattern does not strongly influence the SPM concentration in Glodok  
254 (**Fig. 5b**). In certain years, SPM concentrations appeared higher in wet season than dry season.  
255 Transportation and dust (from road and construction) could be the other factors influence the  
256 SPM concentrations. As explained previously that this sampling site is located in one of the  
257 busiest areas in West Jakarta. The SPM instrument shelter is in the sidewalk of main and busy  
258 street in Glodok whereas financial and business district are centered.

259 The correlation of SPM concentration in Glodok with the number of dry days per month in  
260 Tanjung Priok Meteorological station is 0.18 and is not stronger than in Ancol ( $r= 0.35$ )  
261 significantly with  $\alpha < 0.05$ . The significant positive correlation also indicates the concentration of  
262 SPM is influenced by the occurrences of rainfall. Naturally, rainfall will remove pollutants from  
263 the atmosphere through washout or wet deposition processes, therefore, decrease the  
264 concentration of SPM in ambient air. This fact is also in line with findings in previous studies  
265 (Dotse *et al.*, 2016; Tian *et al.*, 2015) which showed rainfall as one of meteorology variables that

266 influence the dispersion, transformation and removal of atmospheric pollutants from the  
267 atmosphere. Several statistical studies also confirmed that PM influenced temporal changes  
268 (typical diurnal, weekly, seasonal and annual cycles) in meteorological parameters (Choi *et al.*,  
269 2008; Han *et al.*, 2012; Lee *et al.*, 2011; Mamtimin and Meixner, 2011; Sfetsos and  
270 Vlachogiannis, 2010; Tian *et al.*, 2014; Unal *et al.*, 2011).

271 **Figure 6** illustrates the monthly mean SPM concentrations in Ancol and Glodok during 1980 –  
272 2016. The variation of monthly mean of SPM showed that the highest concentration occurred on  
273 June in Glodok with the value of  $512 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  and on September in Ancol with the value of  $298 \mu\text{g}$   
274  $\text{m}^{-3}$ . Meanwhile, the lowest is in February in both of sites with the value of  $390 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  and  $171$   
275  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ , respectively, in Glodok and Ancol. SPM concentration in Glodok appeared a much higher  
276 than that in Ancol. Glodok is recognized as a central business district and one of the busiest areas  
277 in West Jakarta, while Ancol is characterized as a coastal area and does not have many building  
278 offices surrounding it. This site, however, lays beneath the busiest Jakarta highway corridor.  
279 During the monitoring period, SPM concentration in both sites has exceeded the threshold set by  
280 Indonesia Ministry of Environment for SPM is  $230 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (24 h average) and  $90 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  (1-year  
281 average) except in Glodok during the rainy season.

282 According to its seasonal variability, SPM concentration is higher in the dry season (April –  
283 September) than in the rainy season (October – March) as seen in **Fig. 6**. This result is similar to

284 that of Juneng *et al.* (2009), who found that particulate matter in the Peninsula Malaysia exhibited  
285 a remarkable seasonal variation with maximum values from May to September (dry season)  
286 associated with southwesterly winds. Meanwhile, the minimum concentrations were found during  
287 the rainy season from December to March (Abas *et al.*, 2004). According to Kanniah *et al.*,  
288 (2016), and Inouye and Azman (1986), the washout effects of heavy rainfall and absences of  
289 strong ground-based inversion are the main causes for the low concentrations of atmospheric  
290 particles during the rainy season.

291 The distributions of wind direction and speed over the dry season and rainy season are shown  
292 in **Fig. 7(a)** and **7(b)**. The wind rose shows wind blowing in all directions in the dry season but  
293 dominant in the northeast quadrant with approximately 32.5% with weak prevailing winds in the  
294 southeast direction of 19% and west direction 5%. High SPM values during the dry season period  
295 were associated with the southeast monsoon months, while in the rainy season, the wind rose as  
296 can be seen in **Fig. 7(b)** blows dominantly in the northwest quadrant approximately 21.5% and  
297 west direction 18% and weak winds from all direction.

298 The concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> recorded in Kemayoran (Central Jakarta) during October 2014 to  
299 March 2017 is presented in **Fig. 8(a)**. The average concentration ranged from 38.30  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  to  
300 112.92  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ . Lowest concentration occurred during February 2017 and highest in September  
301 2015. This concentration is still below the threshold set by Indonesia Ministry of Environment for



302 PM<sub>10</sub>, which is 150 µg m<sup>-3</sup> (24 h average) (PP No. 41, 2007). However, some of them are  
303 exceeded the World Health Organization (WHO) air quality guidelines for PM<sub>10</sub> which is 50 µg  
304 m<sup>-3</sup> for 24 h average (WHO, 2006). The concentration of PM<sub>10</sub> and number of dry days per month  
305 is given in **Fig. 8(b)**. Similar with SPM, PM<sub>10</sub> and number of dry days per month showed positive  
306 correlation 0.52 indicated that increasing of PM<sub>10</sub> is accompanied by the increase of a number of  
307 dry days. During the investigation period, monthly mean of highest concentration occurred on  
308 September (during the dry season) and lowest concentration on December.

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#### 311 *Variations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> during the Ied Al Fitr feast day*

312 An investigation on PM<sub>2.5</sub> characteristic has been done during a special event of Ied Al Fitr in  
313 2016 and 2017. Ied Al Fitr is the most important day in the Islamic calendar and celebrated by  
314 84% of Muslim people in Indonesia. The Ied Al Fitr is the biggest holiday in the country and is  
315 celebrated officially in two days. However, most of the business activities including offices and  
316 services are closed for the whole week. The Ied Al Fitr for 2016 and 2017 was on 6 July and 25  
317 June, respectively. Holiday started from D-2 to D+3. During Ied Al Fitr holiday, most of the  
318 people living in urban areas like Jakarta leave the city and travel to their places of origin or  
319 hometowns in different cities and islands. During the Ied Al Fitr holiday, consequently, Jakarta

320 experienced fresher air. The concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> during fest event in 2016-2017 in Jakarta is  
321 summarized in **Fig. 9**. The number of concentration shall represent one day before the  
322 measurement. We only showed investigation during D-7 to D+7. The average daily PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
323 concentration in 2016 and 2017 feast events ranged from 36.41  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  to 65.92  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  and from  
324 3.66  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  to 59.16  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  respectively.

325 Based on two-week observations, on both feast events in 2016 and 2017, the most daily  
326 reduction of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration occurred during the Ied Al Fitr feast day (from D-1 to D). Both  
327 in 2016 and 2017 during the D-Day (with or without rain), concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> reduced  
328 compared than before and after D-Day. On the day of Ied Al Fitr 2016 and 2017, there were  
329 reductions of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration of 15.5 and 28.7  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$  from the previous day, respectively.  
330 Concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> during D-Day in 2017 experienced a lot of reduction due to rainfall while  
331 in 2016 the reduction was obvious when there was no rain at all. However, further observation of  
332 future similar events is needed to have a better statistics.

333 Besides rainfall, human activities through transportation, business, and industrial activities  
334 contribute to the reduction of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration. Most of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration reductions are  
335 attributed to the reduction of a number of vehicles remain in Jakarta city during the Ied Al Fitr  
336 feast day. There are three main gateways to Jakarta that connect the city to the east, south, and  
337 west, which are namely, consecutively, the Cikarang Utama toll gate, the Cibubur toll gate, and

338 the Cikupa toll gate. The Cikarang Utama toll road is the main highway that connects Jakarta  
339 with many cities east of Jakarta in West, Central, and East Java provinces. According to PT Jasa  
340 Marga, a company which operates toll roads in Indonesia, as reported by an online news  
341 (<http://www.aktual.com/ini-total-jumlah-kendaraan-pada-arus-mudik-dan-balik-lebaran-2017>,  
342 accessed on 2 October 2017) that 919.114 and 922.215 vehicles were passing the Cikarang  
343 Utama toll gate and leaving Jakarta to the east in 2016 and 2017, respectively. In addition,  
344 814.779 and 877.864 vehicles were reported to leave Jakarta to the south through the Cibubur  
345 Utama toll gate in 2016 and 2017, respectively. PT Jasa Marga also monitored the number of  
346 vehicles entered Jakarta after the holiday season (D+1 to D+10). In 2016 and 2017, more than 1  
347 million vehicles entered Jakarta through the Cikarang Utama toll gate during D+1 to D+10. In  
348 Cibubur Utama toll gate, 734.879 and 714.525 vehicles were recorded entering Jakarta in 2016  
349 and 2017 respectively, while 453.259 and 455.703 vehicles were passing through the Cikupa toll  
350 gate to enter Jakarta from the west.

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### 352 ***General Discussion***

353 In the atmosphere, particles like sulfur dioxide and nitrous oxide could react with rainfall to  
354 form sulfate and nitrate that can cause acidification. Particles like SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> could also affect  
355 heavy haze (Che *et al.*, 2007; Quinn and Bates, 2003; Tie *et al.*, 2009; Wu *et al.*, 2005; Liu *et al.*,

2013), photochemical smog (Ma *et al.*, 2002; Wang and Kwok, 2003) and transported to other region (Qu *et al.*, 2016). Reducing aerosols or particulate matter emissions could reduce air pollution and acid deposition (EANET, 2014). Sulfate and nitrate were found as dominant ions in rainwater in Jakarta. Based on observation, sulfate and nitrate experienced decreasing trends during 2006 to 2016. Decreasing trends were also observed in SPM and PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations. Management and improvement of a transportation system and limitation or restriction of fossil fuel could reduce the emissions of sulfur oxide and nitrogen oxide and improve air quality. Decreasing of annual PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations also studied by Lang *et al.* (2017) in Beijing during 2000 to 2015 as a result of implementation of air pollution control measures, including nthe controlling of industry, motor vehicle, coal combustion and fugitive dust pollution.

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## 367 **CONCLUSIONS**

368 During the investigation period in this study, chemical constituents, i.e. anion and cation  
369 concentration, in precipitation show decreasing trends starting from 2006 onward. Moreover, the  
370 trend of PM<sub>10</sub> and SPM concentration was also decreased slightly. On the contrary, the pH of  
371 rainfall chemistry shows decreasing trend, which signals a worsening air quality. We conclude  
372 that the local ambient air quality during the period of study was improved as shown in the anion

373 and cation concentration trend, while the regional contribution to the local ambient air quality  
374 show a worsening situation.

375 The causes of the local favorable trends are a climatic condition, which is an increasing trend  
376 of rainfall and the policy intervention. The decreasing trend of ions with rainfall also associated  
377 with the increasing of rainfall amount in the same period. Removal of SPM, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> are  
378 influenced by meteorological factors such as wind speed, wind direction, and rainfall. The second  
379 cause of the trends is the implementation of Governor Regulation in Public transportation and the  
380 use of gas fuel for public transportation. Nonetheless, an assessment of particulate matter  
381 pollution indicated that SPM concentration in 2 locations in Jakarta are still high and exceeded  
382 the guideline set by Ministry of Environment amid their locations in the busiest business district  
383 of Jakarta with heavy daily traffic load. In addition, an assessment during feast event of Ied Al  
384 Fitr in 2016 and 2017 showed a further reduction of PM<sub>2.5</sub> due to much reduction of the inner-city  
385 traffic. The case of Ied Al Fitr day exhibits an extreme reduction or extreme low case for PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
386 concentration in Jakarta city.

387 The finding of this study is confined to locations where observed data are available, i.e. central  
388 and north Jakarta. Further extension of observation network is expected to study the  
389 comprehensive Jakarta Metropolitan Area ambient air quality status.

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Location	Parameter	Coordinate	Data Collection
Kemayoran (BMKG Headquarter)	Rainfall chemistry (anion and cation) Total Rainfall  PM <sub>10</sub>	6.155 °S, 106.846 °E	2000 to 2015  2000 to 2015, and during June to July in 2016 and 2017 October 2014 to March 2017
Tanjung Priok Meteorological Station (BMKG)	Number of dry days/month Meteorological parameters (wind direction, wind speed, rainfall)	6.108 °S, 106.881 °E	October 2014 to March 2017 2013 to 2017
Ancol (BMKG)	SPM	6.130 °S, 106.830 °E	1980 to 2016
Glodok (BMKG)	SPM	6.150 °S, 106.820 °E	1980 to 2016
Central Jakarta (US Embassy)	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	6.183 °S, 106.834 °E	June to July in 2016 2017

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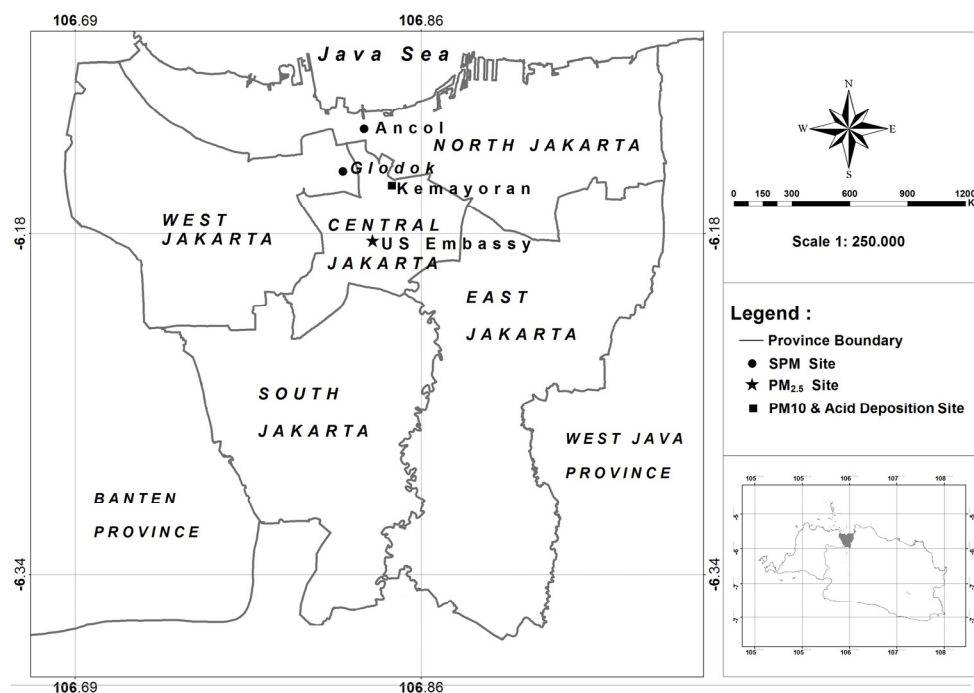
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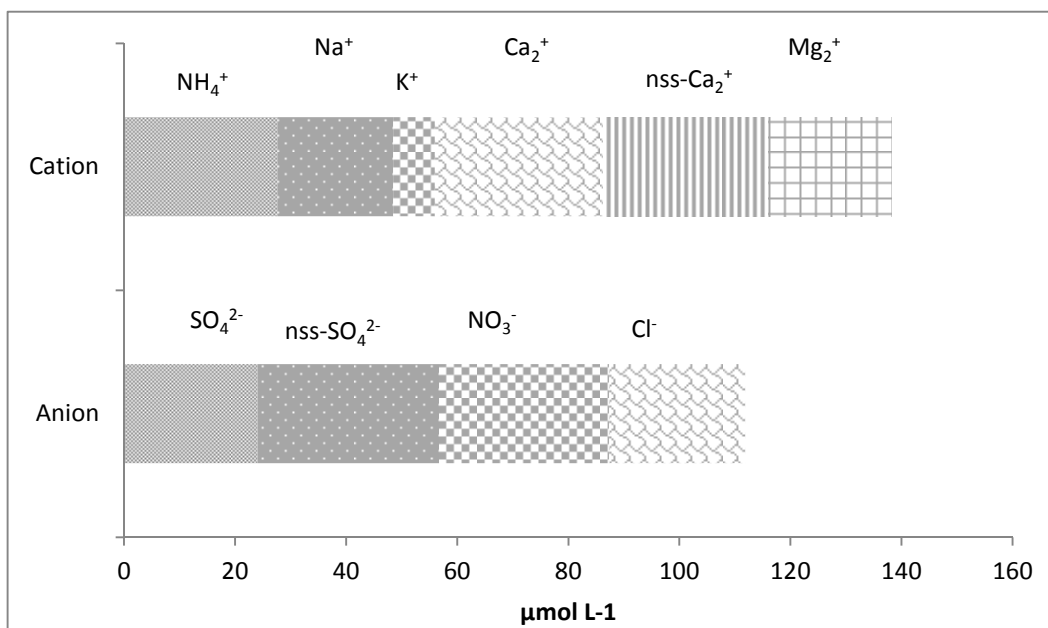
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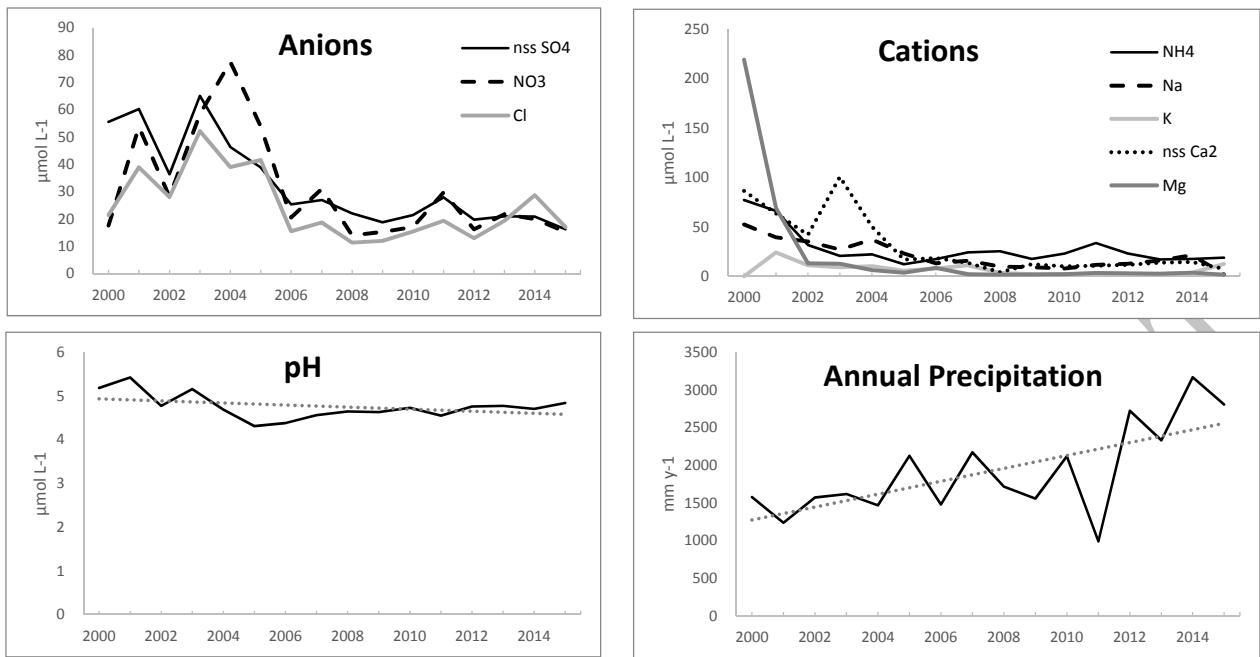


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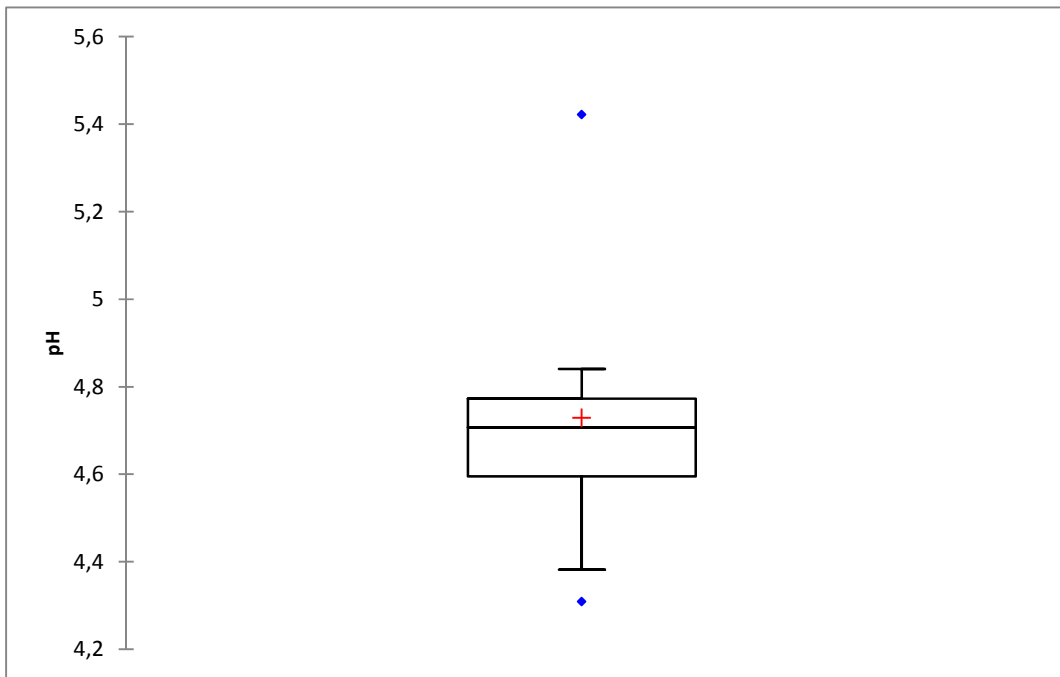
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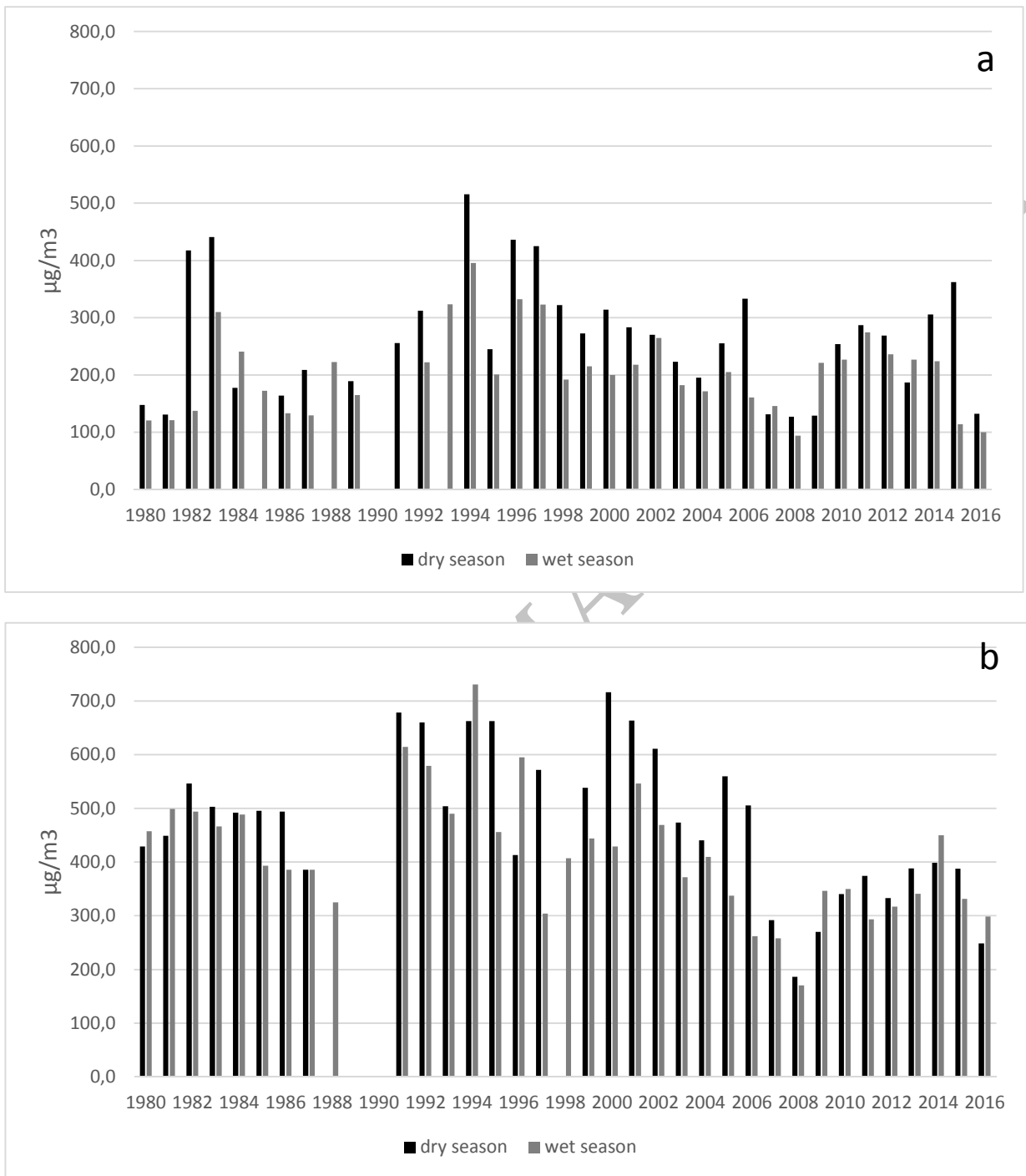
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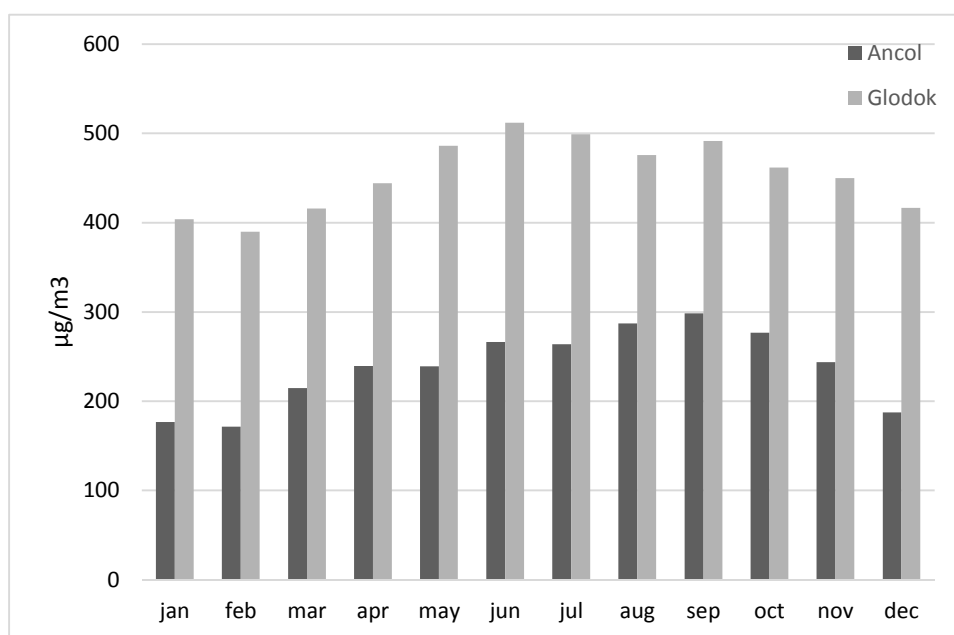
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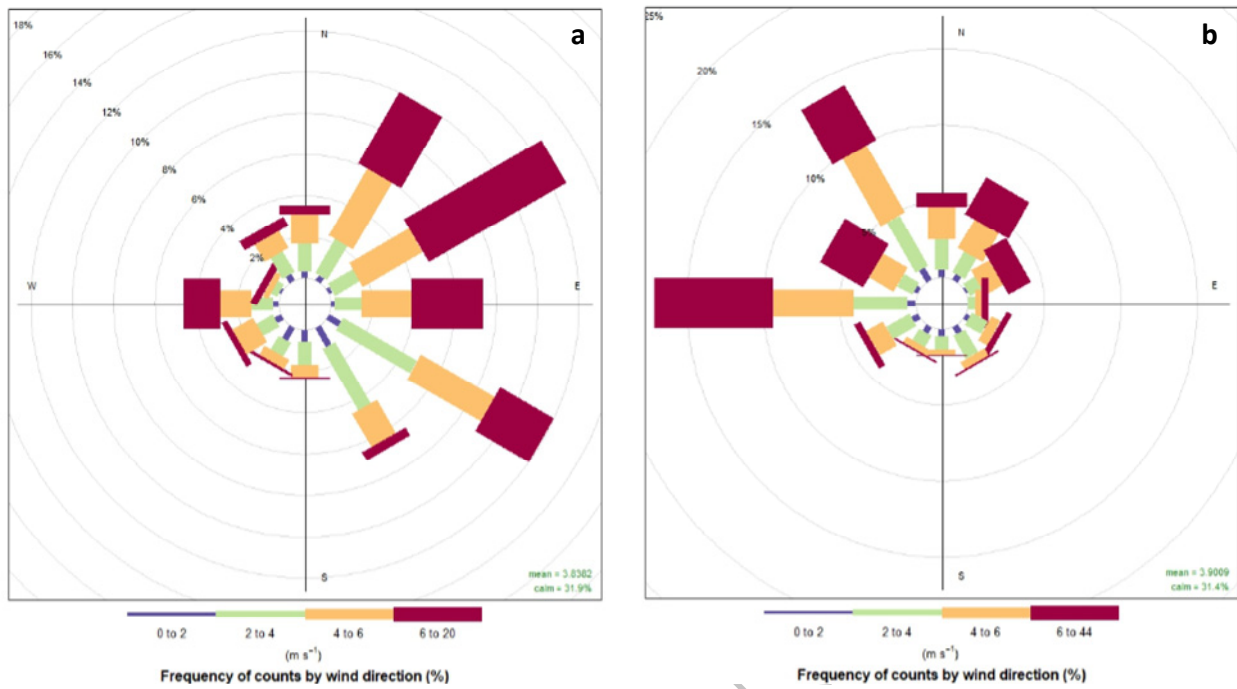


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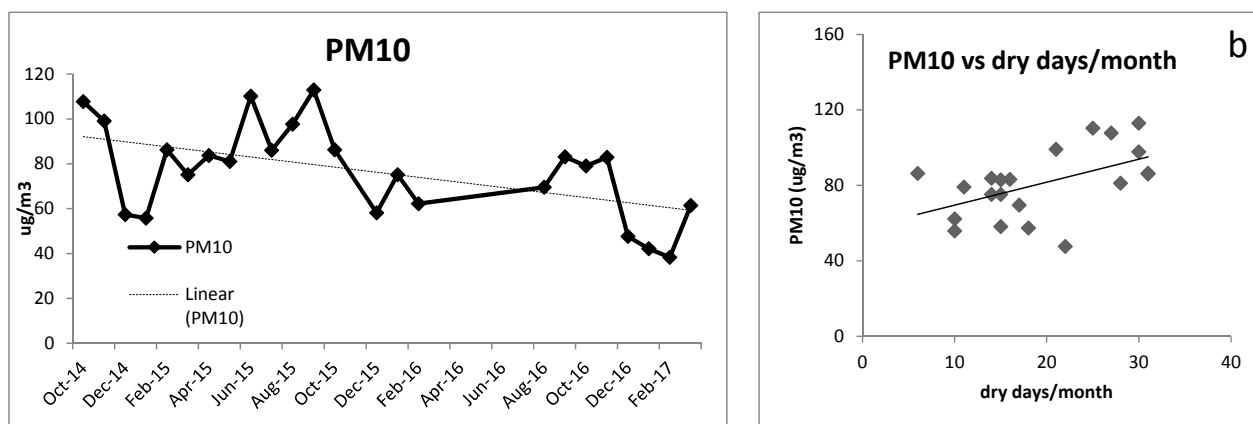
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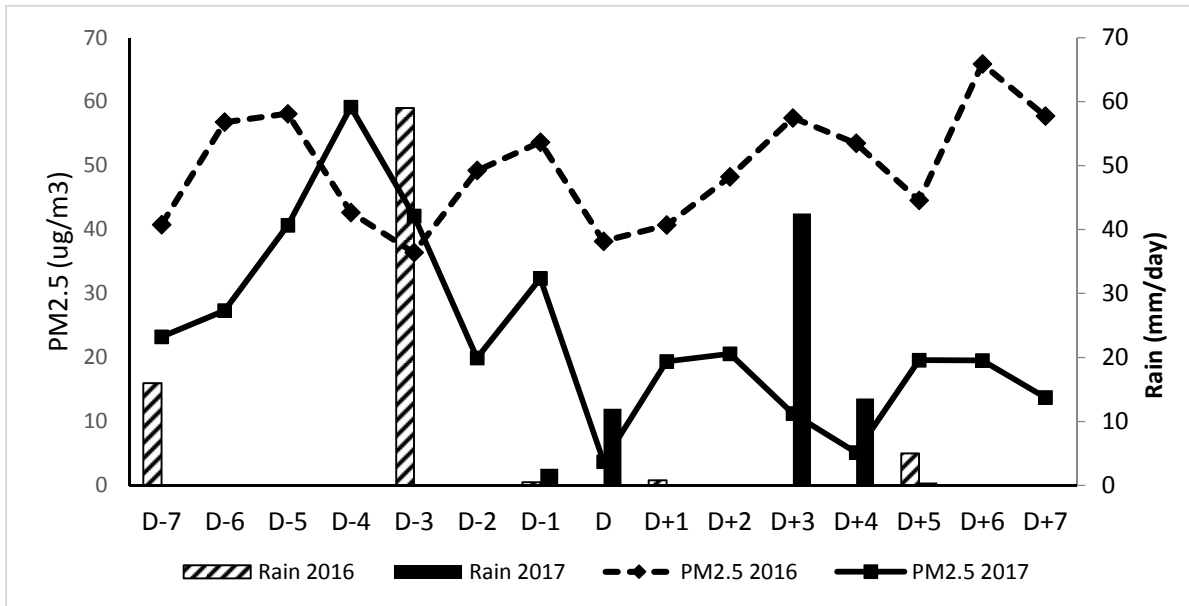
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