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# A stacking ensemble learning model for monthly rainfall prediction in the Taihu Basin, China

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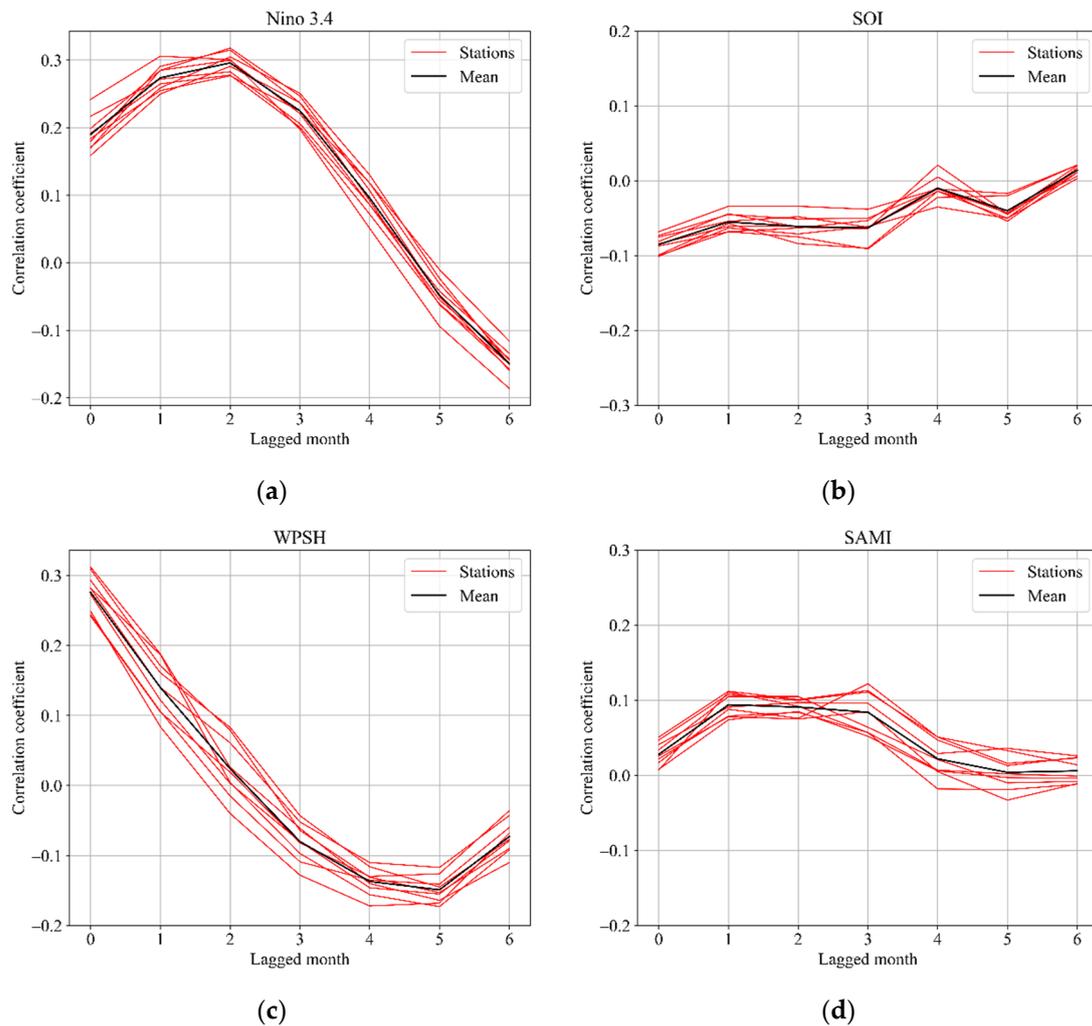
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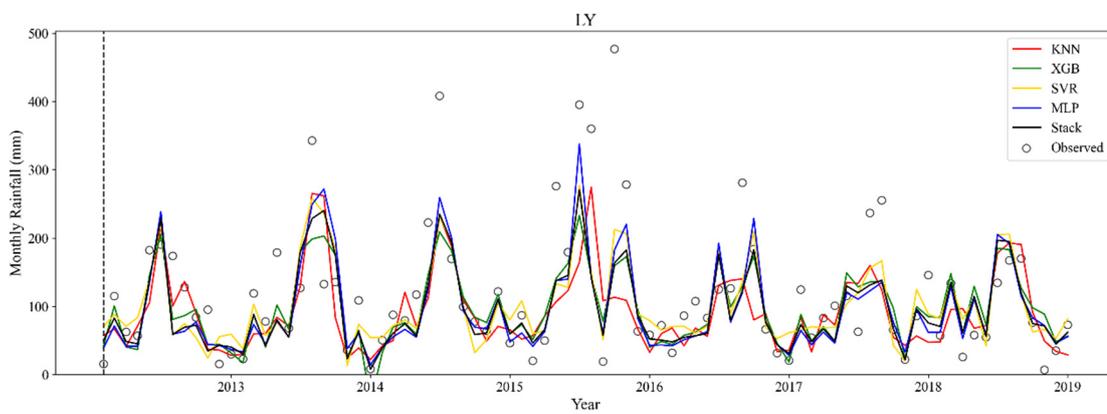
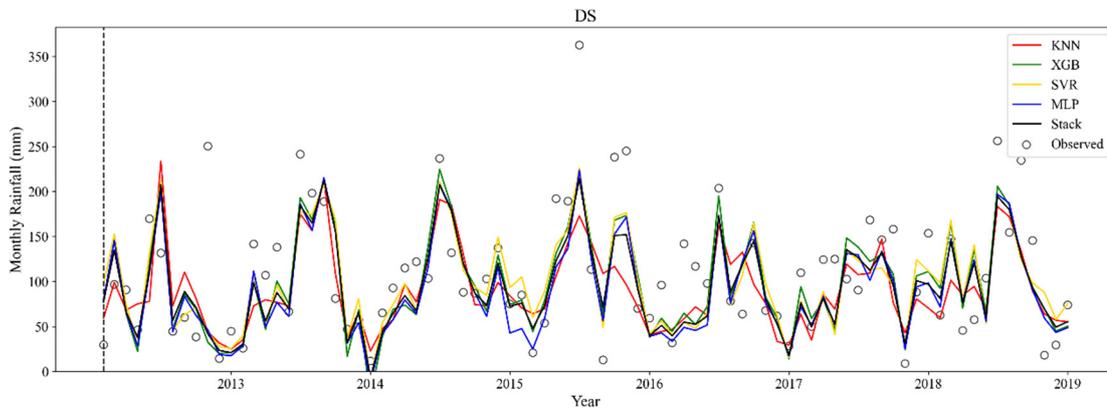
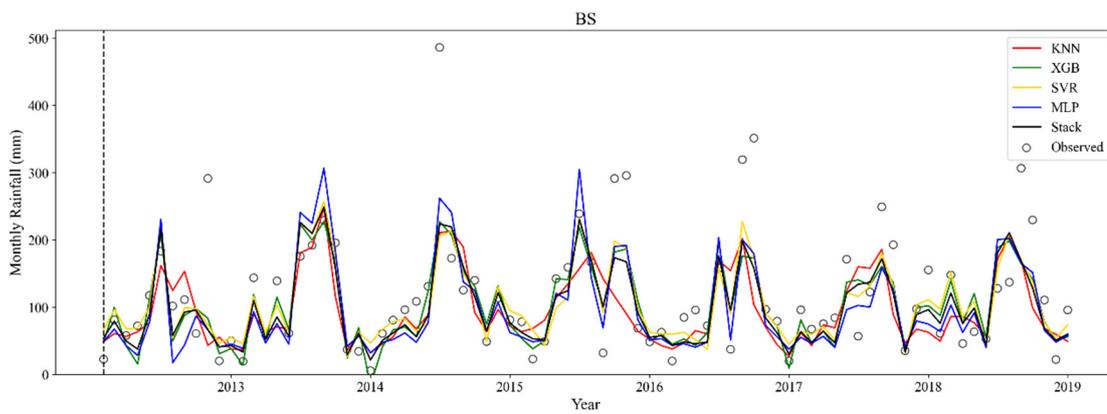
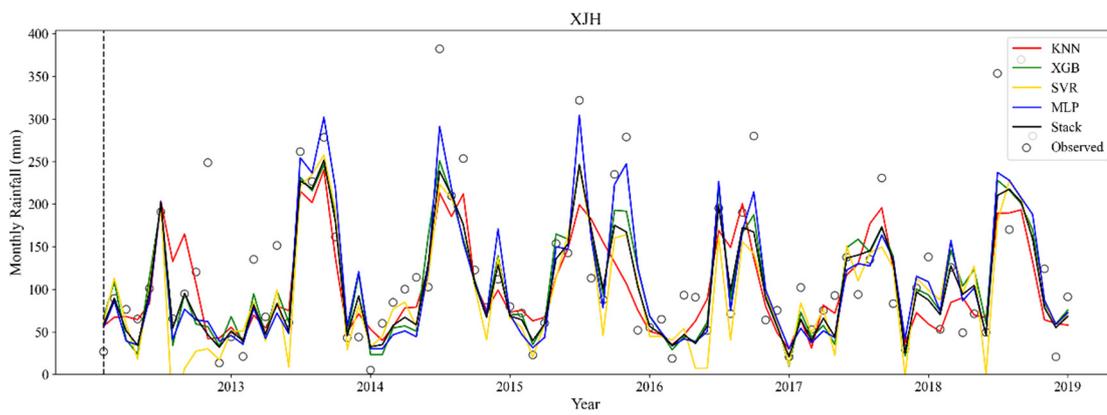
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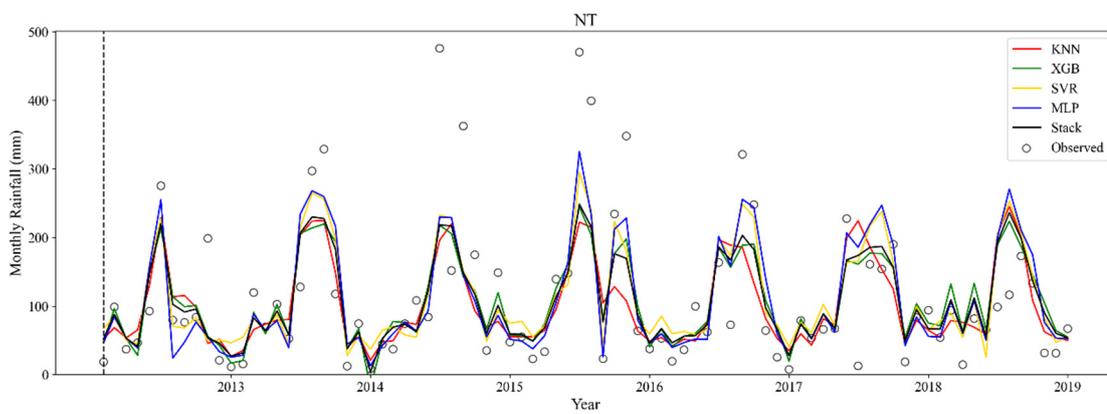
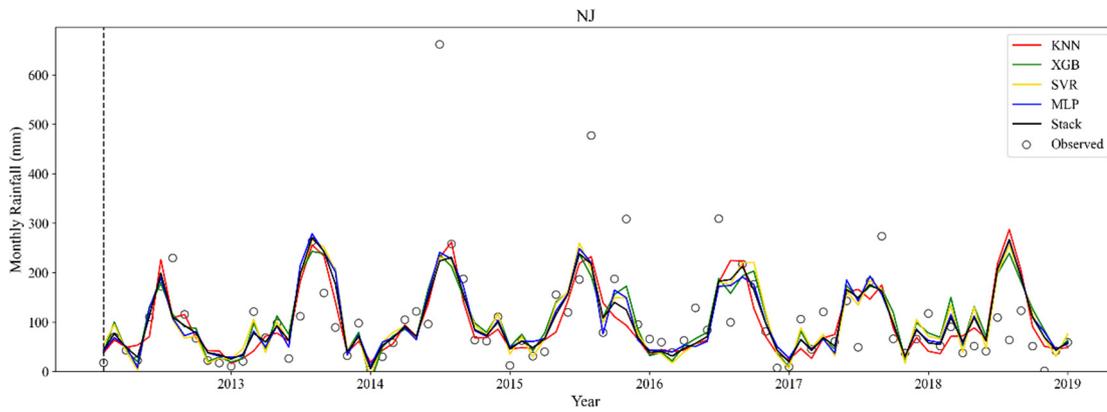
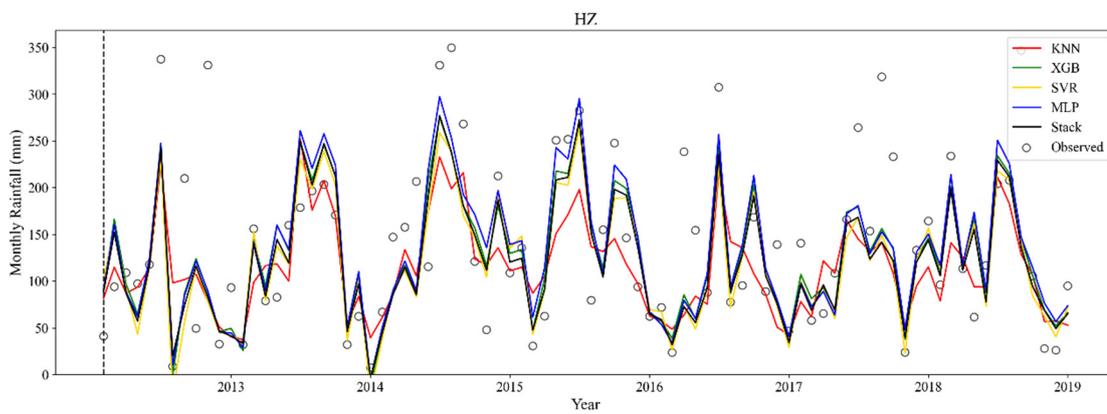
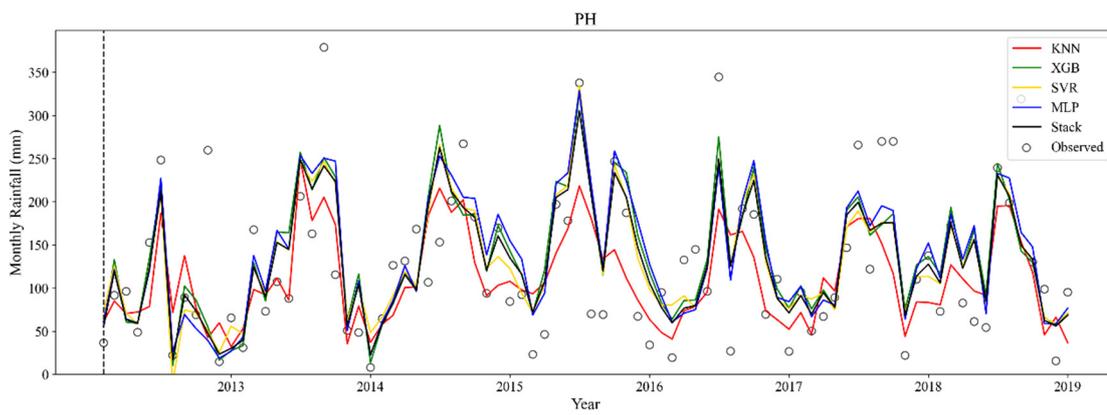
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## Supplementary Figures



**Figure S1.** The correlation between lagged climate indices and rainfall at the 9 stations in the Taihu basin. Climate indices are: (a) Nino 3.4; (b) SOI; (c) WPSH; (d) SAMI.





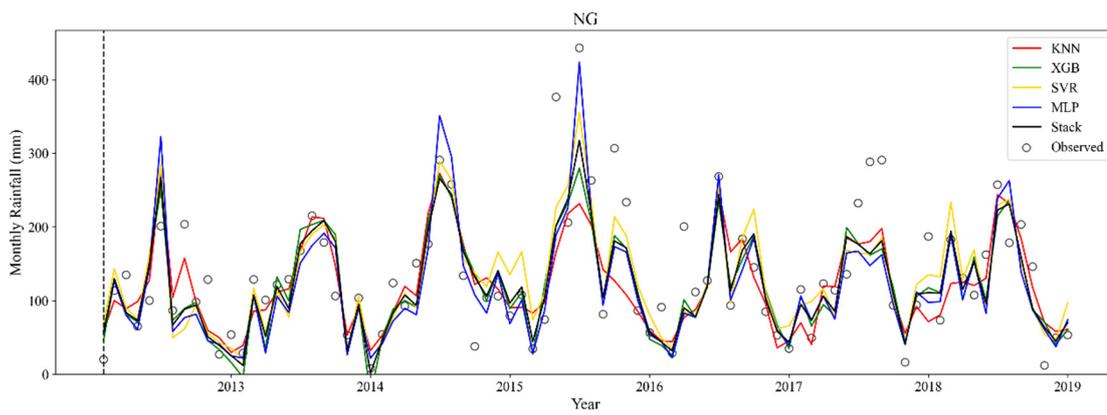
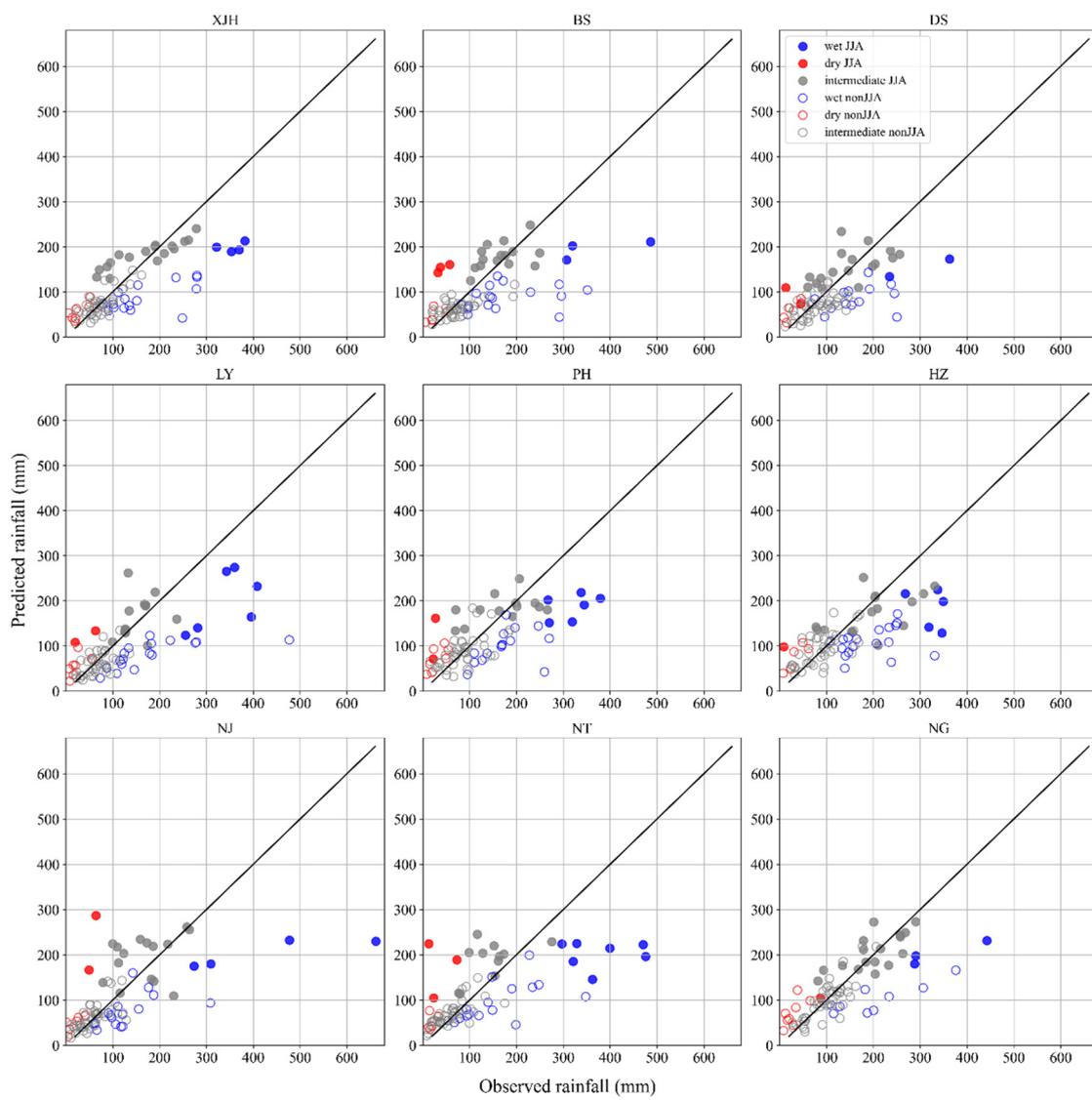
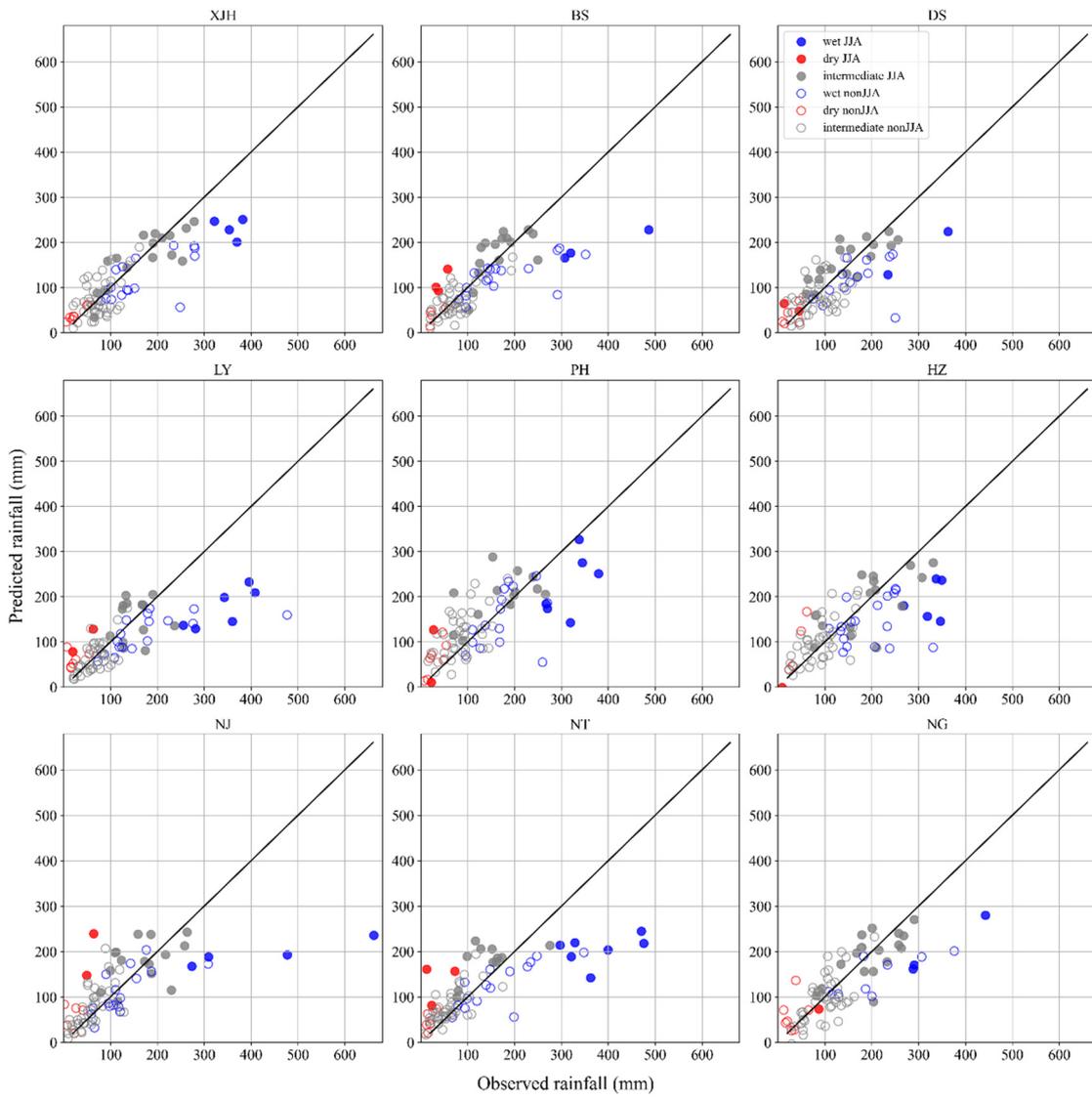


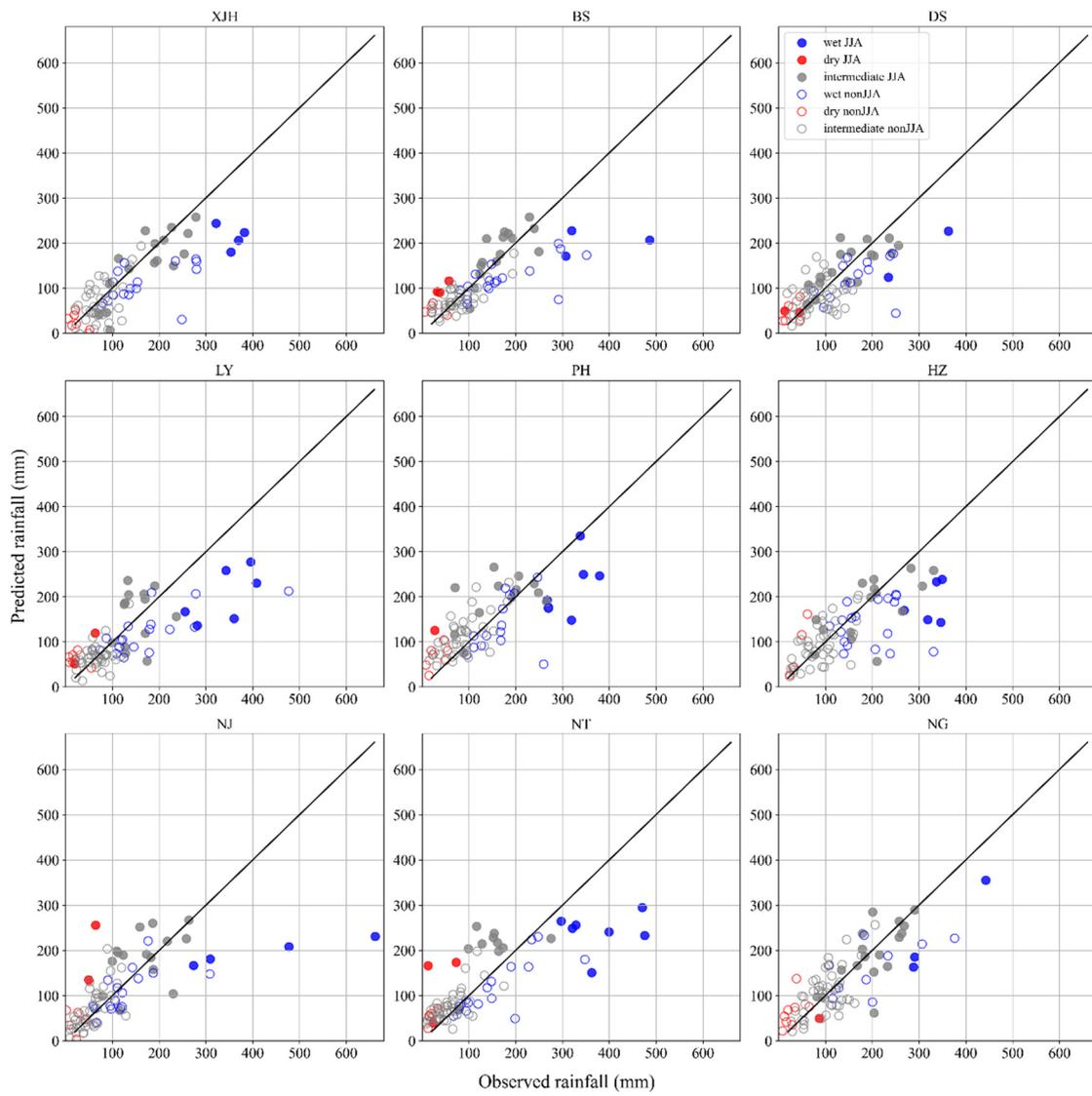
Figure S2. Prediction results of monthly rainfall at the nine stations in the Taihu basin.



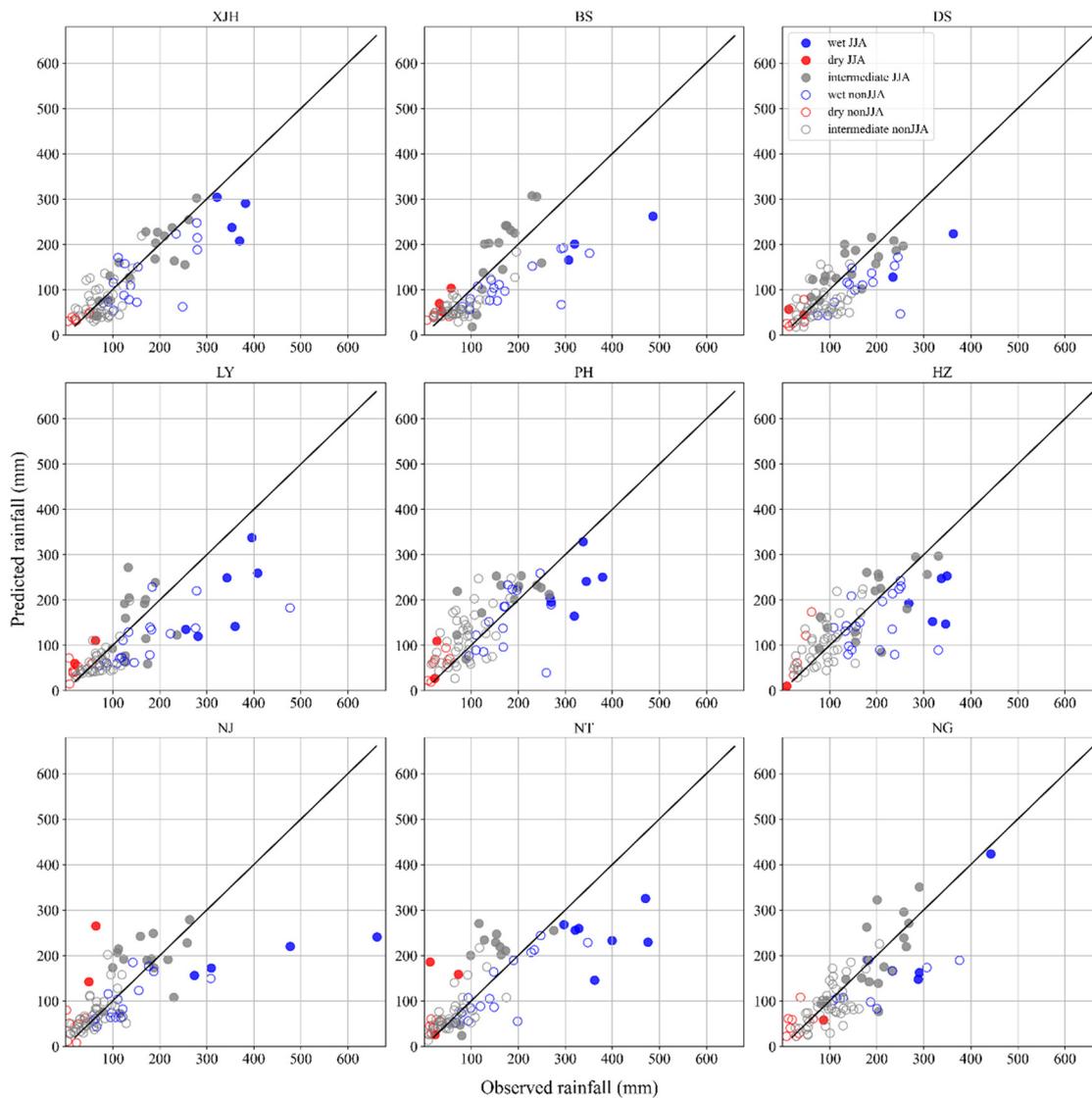
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**Figure S3.** Scatter plot showing the association between observed and predicted rainfall of the base models for the testing period (2013-2019): (a) k-NN model; (b) XGB model; (c) SVR model; (d) ANN model.

**Table S1.** The best model selected in terms of  $R^2$ , RMSE and MAE at the nine stations.

|       | XJH | BS  | DS  | LY    | PH    | HZ    | NJ    | NT  | NG    |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| $R^2$ | ANN | SVR | XGB | SVR   | Stack | XGB   | XGB   | ANN | Stack |
| RMSE  | ANN | SVR | XGB | SVR   | Stack | XGB   | XGB   | ANN | Stack |
| MAE   | ANN | SVR | XGB | Stack | Stack | Stack | Stack | ANN | KNN   |

**Table S2.** The coefficient of variation deviation ( $C_v$ ) of the observed and the predicted monthly rainfall series at the nine stations.

|                         | XJH   | BS    | DS    | LY    | PH    | HZ    | NJ    | NT    | NG    |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Observation (1961-2012) | 0.820 | 0.837 | 0.781 | 0.809 | 0.800 | 0.723 | 0.944 | 0.890 | 0.737 |
| Observation (2013-2019) | 0.722 | 0.739 | 0.612 | 0.824 | 0.654 | 0.604 | 0.960 | 0.935 | 0.635 |
| KNN                     | 0.543 | 0.553 | 0.471 | 0.621 | 0.456 | 0.430 | 0.688 | 0.599 | 0.488 |
| XGB                     | 0.591 | 0.563 | 0.543 | 0.552 | 0.454 | 0.494 | 0.594 | 0.552 | 0.539 |
| SVR                     | 0.647 | 0.529 | 0.497 | 0.577 | 0.447 | 0.513 | 0.641 | 0.620 | 0.520 |

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ANN   | 0.664 | 0.677 | 0.571 | 0.680 | 0.458 | 0.507 | 0.633 | 0.691 | 0.627 |
| Stack | 0.587 | 0.569 | 0.512 | 0.605 | 0.448 | 0.509 | 0.623 | 0.570 | 0.523 |

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