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## **Predicting gridded winter PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in the east of China**

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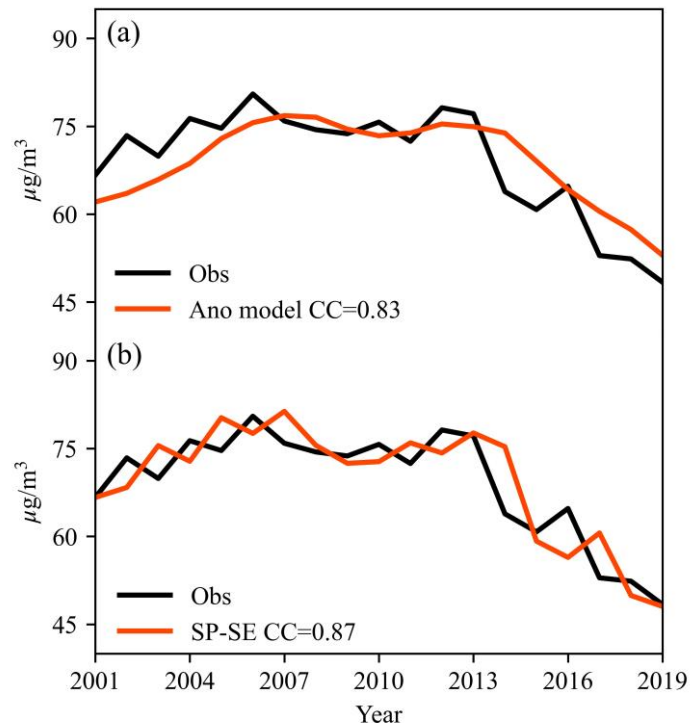
1 **Supplementary Materials**

2 **Table S1: The predictors for each PC and associated statistical models.**

		model
PC1	x <sub>1</sub> Sep SST Southwest Pacific (20.5 °–42.5 °S, 115.5 °–142.5 °W)	y=−0.51x <sub>1</sub> −0.51x <sub>2</sub>
	x <sub>2</sub> Oct SST Sargasso Sea (30.5 °–40.5 °N, 45.5 °–60.5 °W)	
PC2	x <sub>1</sub> Oct Soil moisture Indo-China Peninsula (20 °–30 °N, 92.5 °–100 °E)	y=0.55x <sub>1</sub> −0.49x <sub>2</sub>
	x <sub>2</sub> June-Aug SST Gulf of Alaska (35 °–60 °N, 135 °–180 °W)	
PC3	x <sub>1</sub> Oct Snow depth Eastern Siberia (57 °–70 °N, 110 °–170 °E)	y=−0.32x <sub>1</sub> −0.23x <sub>2</sub> −0.48x <sub>3</sub>
	x <sub>2</sub> Oct Sea ice North to Barents Sea (82 °–90 °N, 45 °–130 °E)	
	x <sub>3</sub> Sep-Oct Soil moisture India Peninsula (15 °–30 °N, 70 °–90 °E)	
PC4	x <sub>1</sub> Oct Sea ice Chukchi Sea (73 °–77 °N, 160 °–180 °W)	y=−0.55x <sub>1</sub> +0.39x <sub>2</sub> −0.36x <sub>3</sub>
	x <sub>2</sub> Oct Soil moisture Kamchatka peninsula (60 °–67 °N, 160 °–178 °E)	
	x <sub>3</sub> Aug-Sep SST Arabian Sea (25 °S–20 °N, 50 °–93 °E)	

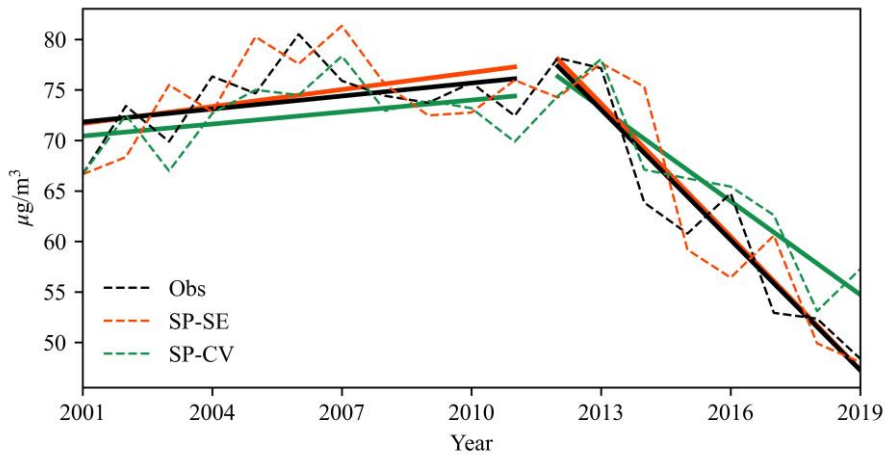
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6 **Figure S1: Variation in the reanalysis (black) and predicted winter-mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> (orange) by anomaly model (a) and SP-SE (b) in**  
 7 **east of China from 2001 to 2019.**



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9 **Figure S2: Variation in the reanalysis (black) and predicted winter-mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> by SP-SE (orange) and SP-CV (green) in east of**  
 10 **China from 2001 to 2019. The solid lines indicate the linear trend during 2000-2011 and 2012-2019 respectively.**

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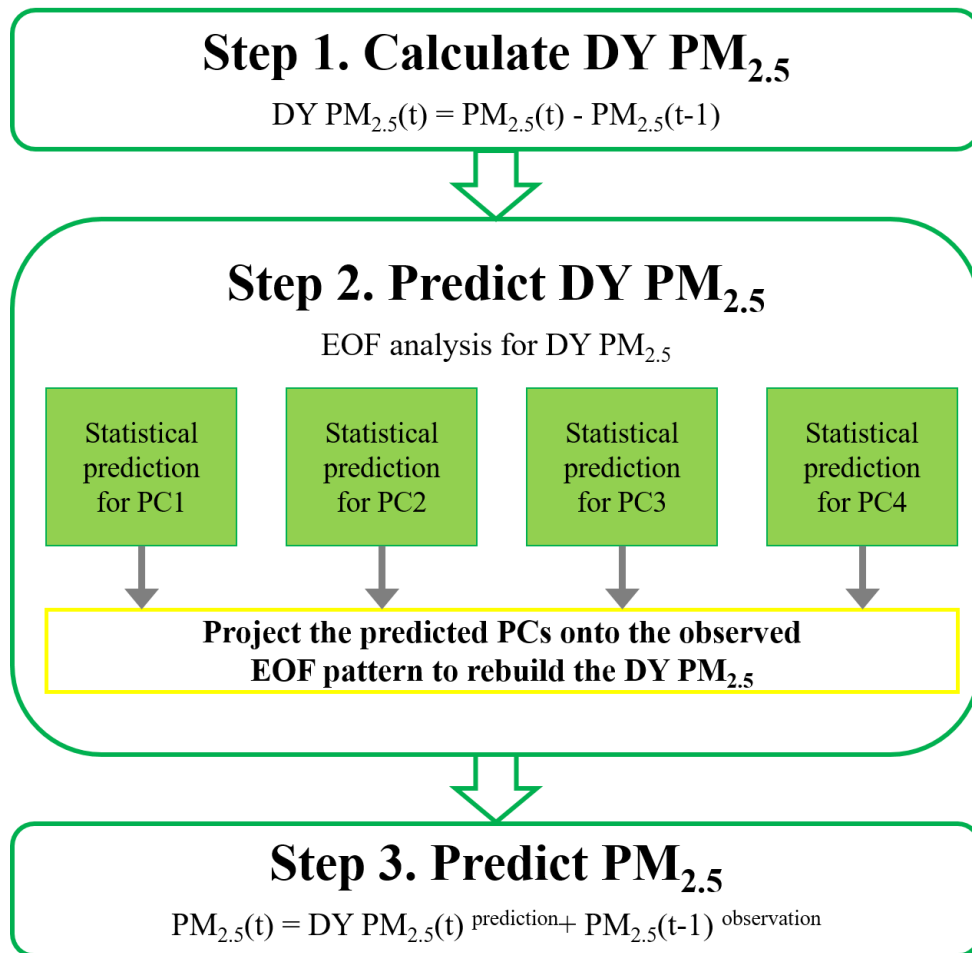
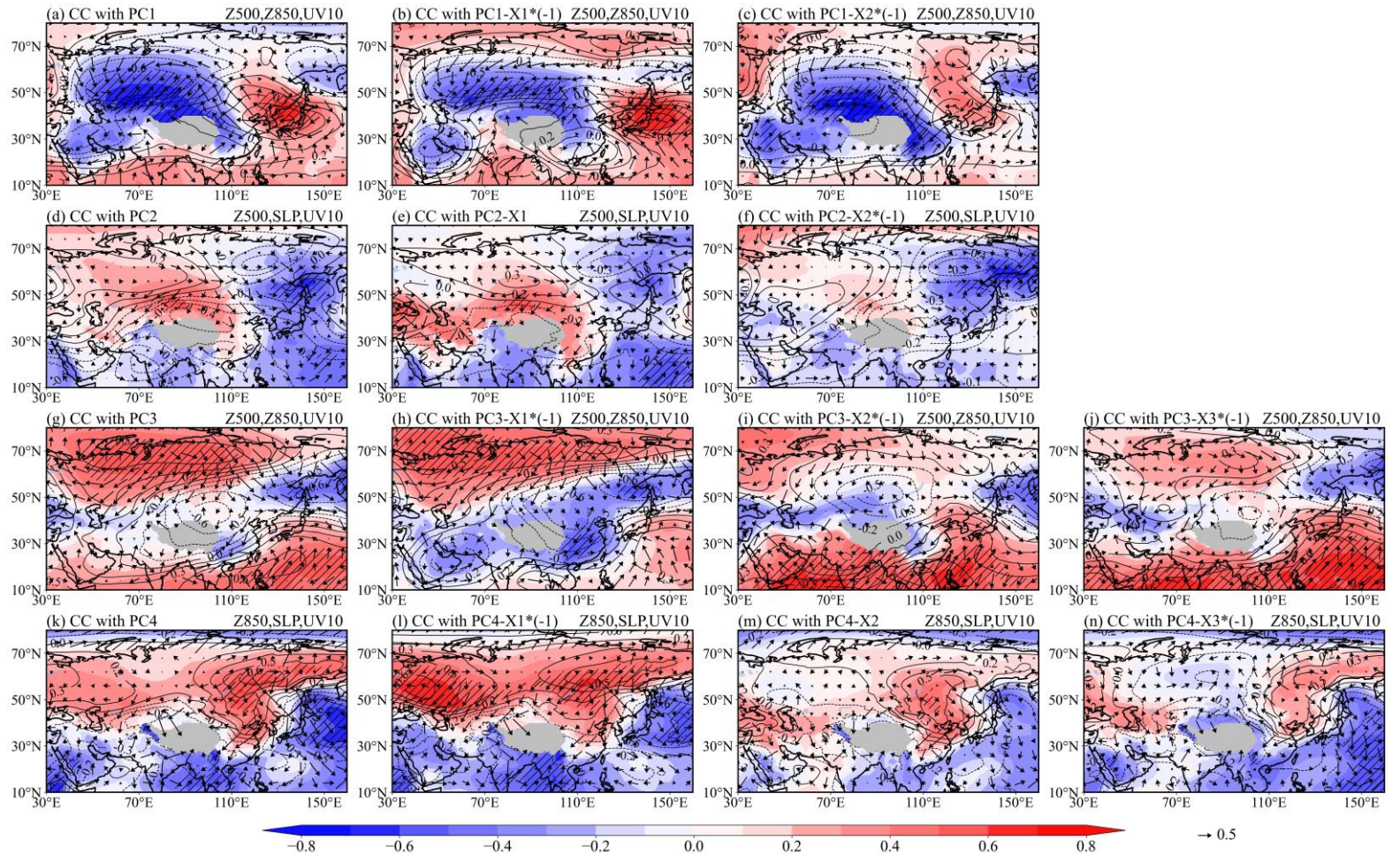


Figure S3: Flowchart of steps to build SP-CV model.

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17 **Figure S4: Correlation coefficients between each predictand (a, d, g, k), their predictors: (b-c, e-f, h-j, l-n) and observed DY of atmospheric circulations**  
 18 **in winter. The atmospheric variables involved 10m wind (arrows in panel a-n), Z500 (contours in panel a-j) and Z850 (shading in panel a-c, g-j)**  
 19 **and contours in panel k-n) and SLP (shading in panel d-f and k-n). The predictor in panel (b, c, f, h-j, l, n) was multiplied by  $-1$  before calculating the correlation**  
 20 **coefficient. The slashes indicate CCs exceeding the 95% confidence level.**