

## **Supplemental Material**

### **Effects of air pollution control policies on PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution improvement in China from 2005 to 2017: a satellite based perspective**

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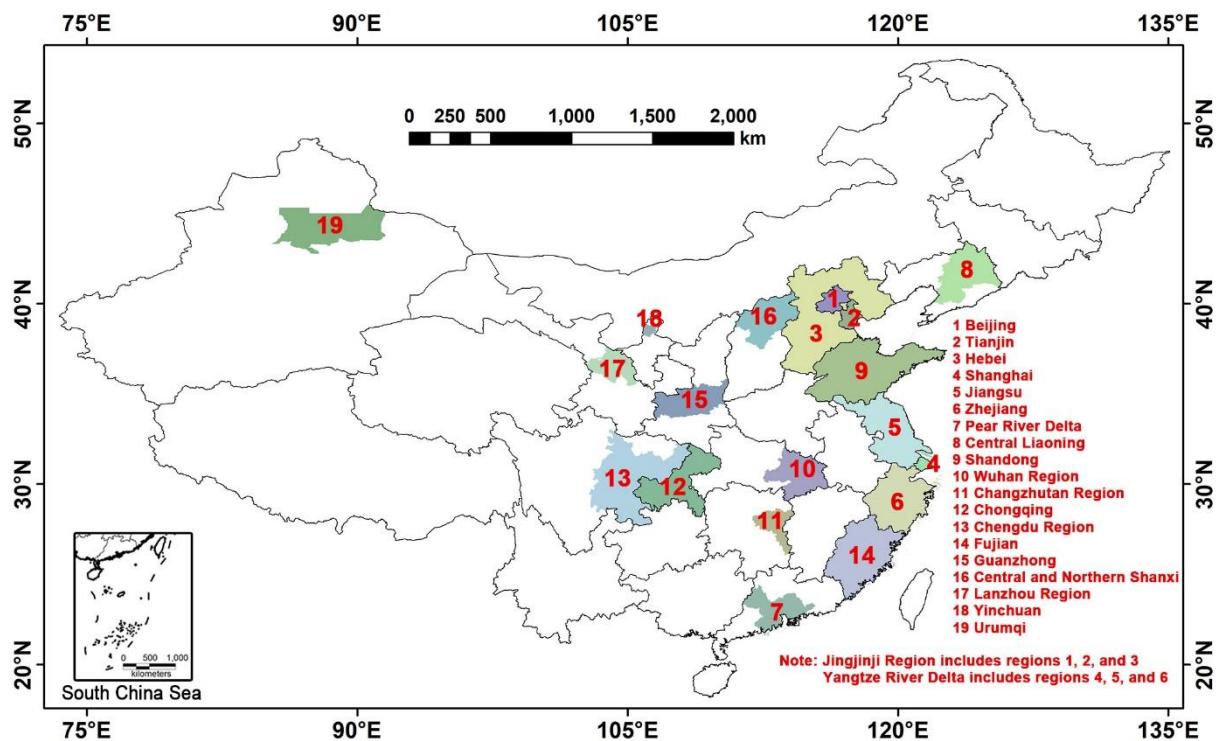
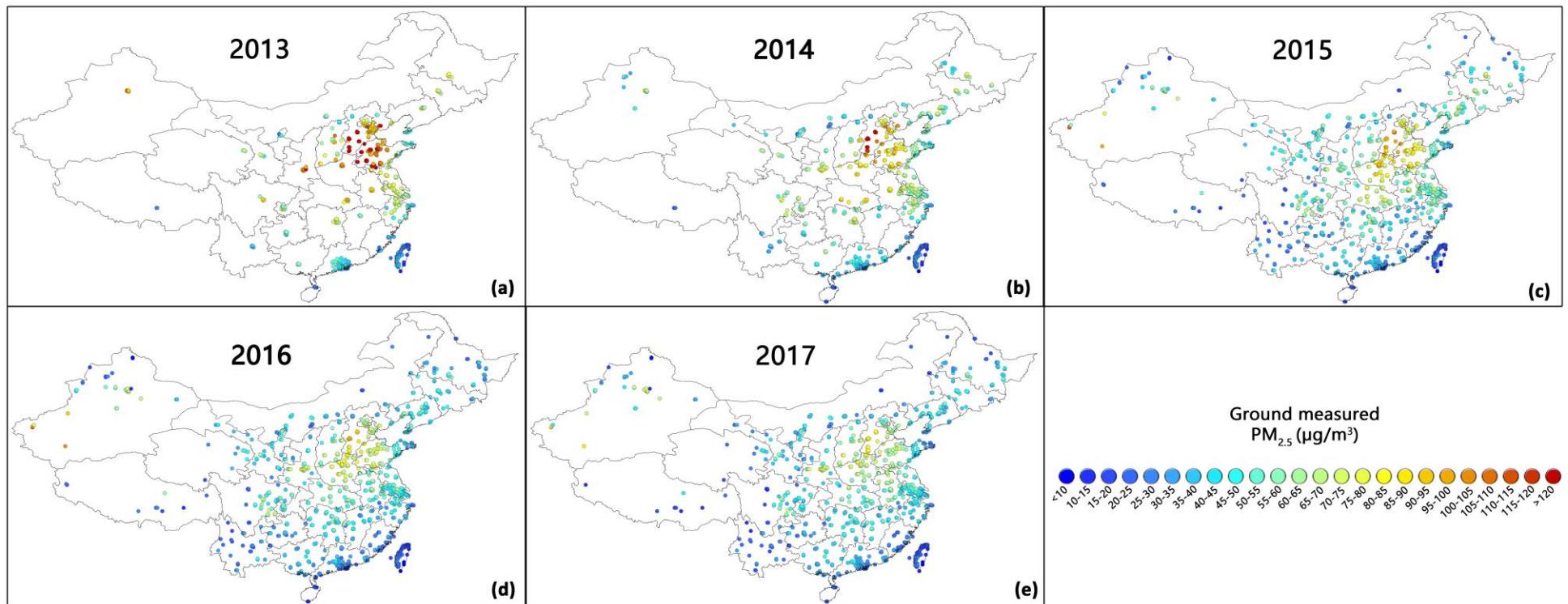


Figure S1. Key regions in 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan on Air Pollution Prevention and Control in Key Regions

**Table S1 Summary statistics of variables for the modeling dataset from 2014 to 2017**

Year	Variables <sup>a</sup>	Min	Max	Median	Mean	S.D.
2014 (N=95,649)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	0.00	517.00	53.45	65.66	47.84
	AOD (unitless)	-0.01	4.51	0.50	0.67	0.61
	WS (m/s)	0.02	18.72	3.82	4.25	2.35
	PBLH (100m)	0.61	52.93	16.22	17.07	5.86
	PS (hPa)	589.22	1037.16	1001.92	980.71	55.83
	RH_PBLH (%)	7.93	96.46	49.05	49.93	18.22
	Precip_Lag1 (mm)	0.00	200.72	0.01	1.29	5.69
	Fire_spots (counts)	0.00	462.00	0.00	2.97	10.64
	ForestCover (%)	0.00	92.52	3.75	13.10	18.74
	UrbanCover (%)	0.00	100.00	22.17	27.48	22.68
2015 (N=110,805)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	0.50	417.99	43.64	54.02	39.32
	AOD (unitless)	-0.05	4.16	0.44	0.58	0.54
	WS (m/s)	0.03	18.45	3.53	3.97	2.28
	PBLH (100m)	0.63	49.78	15.26	16.05	6.30
	PS (hPa)	558.24	1038.16	996.03	964.45	72.78
	RH_PBLH (%)	5.30	98.81	51.37	51.75	17.74
	Precip_Lag1 (mm)	0.00	283.99	0.02	1.71	6.83
	Fire_spots (counts)	0.00	688.00	0.00	2.58	11.29
	ForestCover (%)	0.00	97.60	4.55	14.23	19.61
	UrbanCover (%)	0.00	100.00	19.19	24.23	21.10
2016 (N=113,490)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	1.00	520.61	40.00	50.65	38.55
	AOD (unitless)	-0.03	4.25	0.40	0.53	0.48
	WS (m/s)	0.04	15.25	3.43	3.81	2.11
	PBLH (100m)	0.71	52.44	14.13	15.04	6.45
	PS (hPa)	558.16	1042.00	995.34	964.64	72.06
	RH_PBLH (%)	4.86	96.48	52.39	52.56	17.13
	Precip_Lag1 (mm)	0.00	277.79	0.02	2.15	8.69
	Fire_spots (counts)	0.00	330.00	0.00	2.08	7.06
	ForestCover (%)	0.00	97.60	4.58	14.37	19.72
	UrbanCover (%)	0.00	100.00	19.20	24.36	21.24
2017 (N=123,652)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )	2.00	632.00	39.25	48.32	35.68
	AOD (unitless)	-0.03	3.99	0.38	0.50	0.46
	WS (m/s)	0.03	18.22	3.57	3.94	2.18
	PBLH (100m)	0.71	51.45	14.69	15.68	6.85
	PS (hPa)	555.44	1038.19	997.61	968.18	69.90
	RH_PBLH (%)	7.06	97.09	48.70	49.54	16.64
	Precip_Lag1 (mm)	0.00	240.04	0.00	1.48	6.68
	Fire_spots (counts)	0.00	288.00	0.00	2.32	8.98
	ForestCover (%)	0.00	97.60	4.58	14.45	19.81
	UrbanCover (%)	0.00	100.00	19.45	24.66	21.32

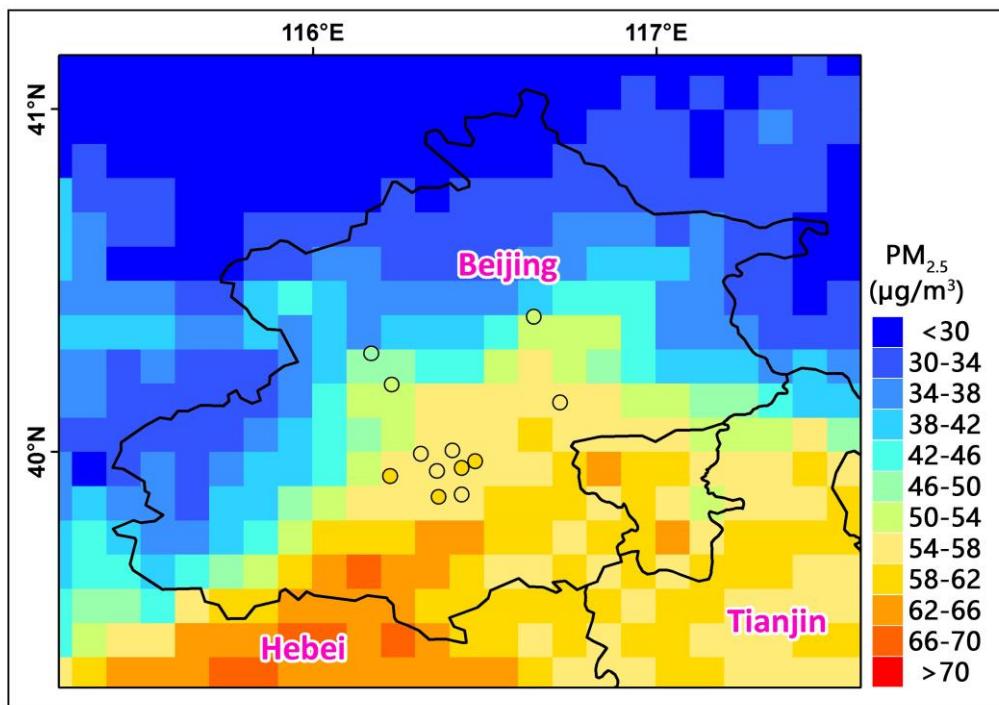
<sup>a</sup> Abbreviations used for the meteorological variables: WS: wind speed at 10 m above ground; PBLH: planetary boundary layer height; PS: surface pressure; RH\_PBLH: mean relative humidity in planetary boundary layer; Precip\_Lag1: cumulative precipitation of the previous day.



**Figure S2. Spatial distributions of annual mean ground measured  $\text{PM}_{2.5}$  concentrations in China from 2013 to 2017**

**Table S2 Trends and 95% confidence intervals (CI) of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations for entire China and Jing-Jin-Ji, Yangtze River Delta, and Pearl River Delta Regions from 2004 to 2017**

Period	Trend	Entire China	Jingjinji Region	Yangtze River Delta	Pearl River Delta
2004-2017	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	-1.27	-1.55	-1.60	-1.27
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(-1.50, -1.04)	(-2.06, -1.03)	(-2.02, -1.18)	(-1.66, -0.88)
	Significance	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001
2005-2010	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	0.41	0.26	0.61	-1.26
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(-0.01, 0.82)	(-0.83, 1.36)	(-0.31, 1.54)	(-2.73, 0.21)
	Significance	<i>p</i> =0.055	<i>p</i> =0.633	<i>p</i> =0.191	<i>p</i> =0.091
2004-2007	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	1.88	3.14	1.12	1.72
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(1.12, 2.64)	(1.07, 5.22)	(-0.51, 2.74)	(-0.79, 4.23)
	Significance	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.005	<i>p</i> =0.174	<i>p</i> =0.174
2007-2010	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	-0.56	-0.08	-0.37	-4.81
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(-1.12, 0.01)	(-1.80, 1.64)	(-2.10, 1.35)	(-7.06, -2.55)
	Significance	<i>p</i> =.053	<i>p</i> =0.927	<i>p</i> =0.664	<i>p</i> <0.001
2010-2013	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	-1.03	-0.45	-0.04	0.89
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(-1.84, -0.21)	(-3.73, 2.83)	(-2.16, 2.08)	(-1.34, 3.13)
	Significance	<i>p</i> <0.05	<i>p</i> =0.783	<i>p</i> =0.970	<i>p</i> =0.425
2010-2015	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	-2.89	-3.63	-3.33	-0.90
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(-3.50, -2.28)	(-5.59, -1.68)	(-4.76, -1.89)	(-2.34, 0.54)
	Significance	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> =0.219
2013-2017	Trend ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	-4.27	-6.77	-6.36	-2.11
	95% CI ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ )	(-5.20, -3.34)	(-9.46, -4.07)	(-8.38, -4.34)	(-4.14, -0.09)
	Significance	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.001	<i>p</i> <0.05



**Figure S3** Spatial distribution of satellite and ground PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations of 2017 in Beijing. The circles denote the ground monitoring stations.