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2 **Evaluating China's fossil-fuel CO₂ emissions from a comprehensive dataset of**
3 **nine inventories**

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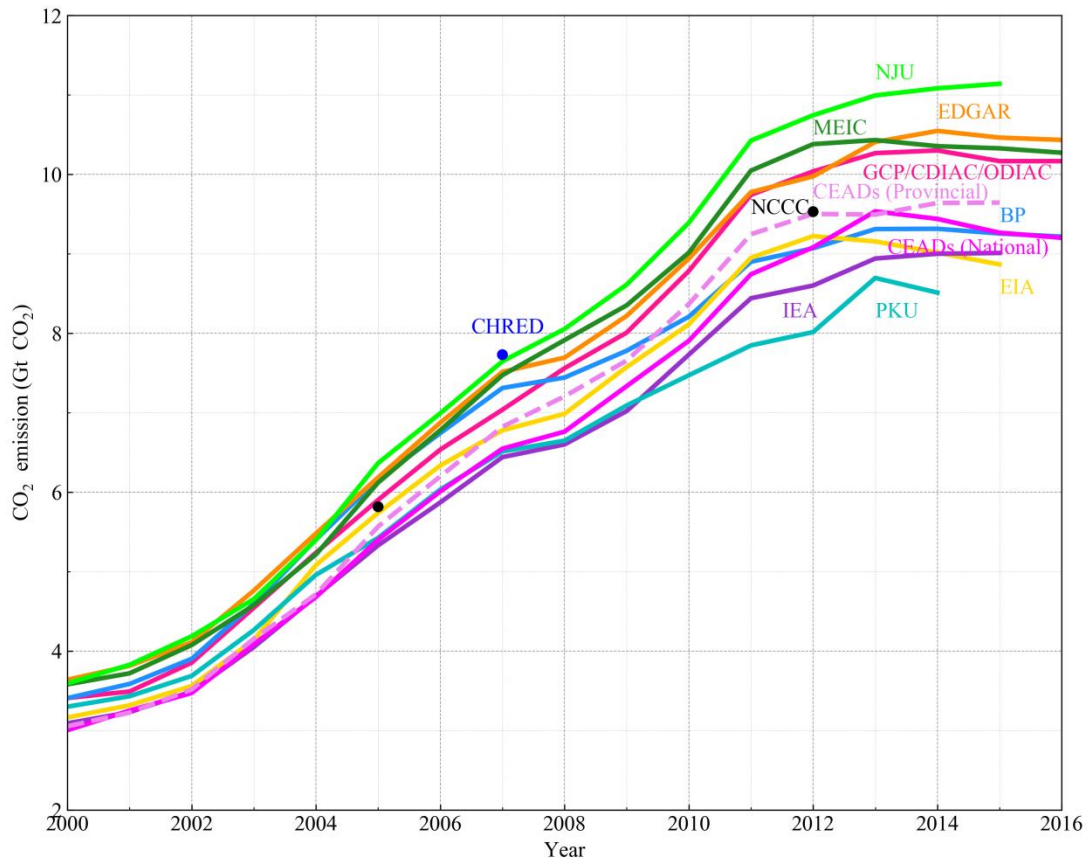
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41 **Figure S1**

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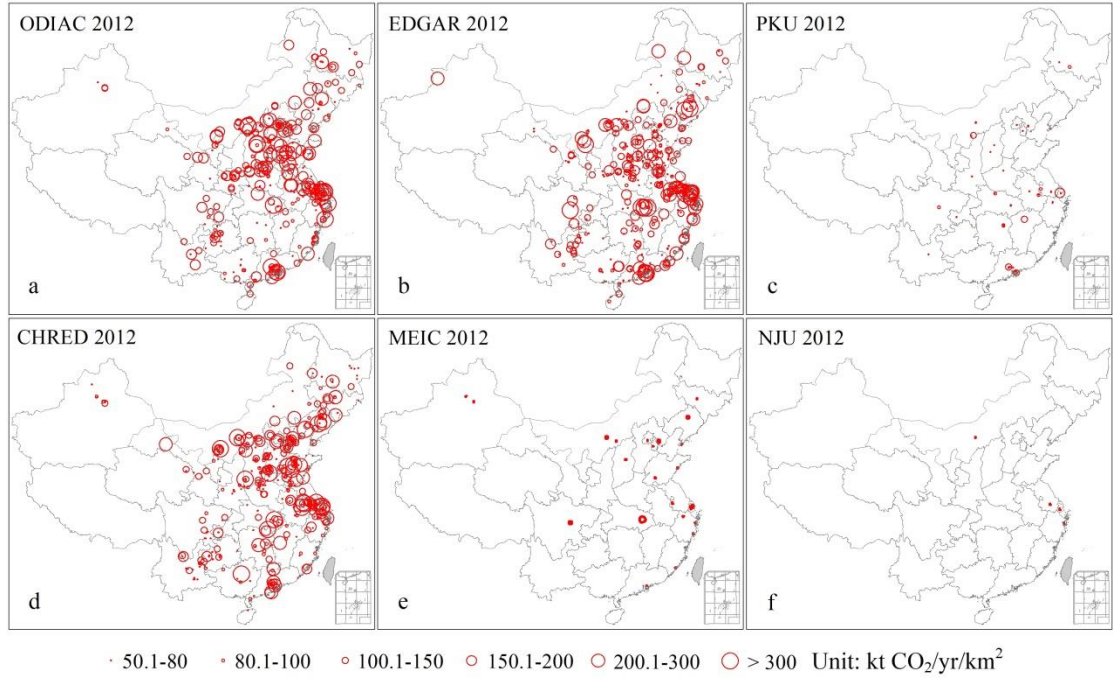


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44 Fig. S1 China's total FFCO₂ emissions from 2000 to 2016. The emissions are from
45 combustion of fossil fuels and cement production from different sources (IEA, EIA
46 and BP estimates do not include cement production. EDGARv4.3.2_FT2016 includes
47 international aviation and marine bunkers emissions). The values for 6 gridded
48 emission inventories are tabular data provided by data developers before spatial
49 disaggregation (e.g. (Oda, 2018)). For GCP data prior to 2014, it was from CDIAC
50 and 2015-2016 was calculated based on BP data and fraction of cement production
51 emission in 2014(Le Quéré 2018).

52 **Figure S2**

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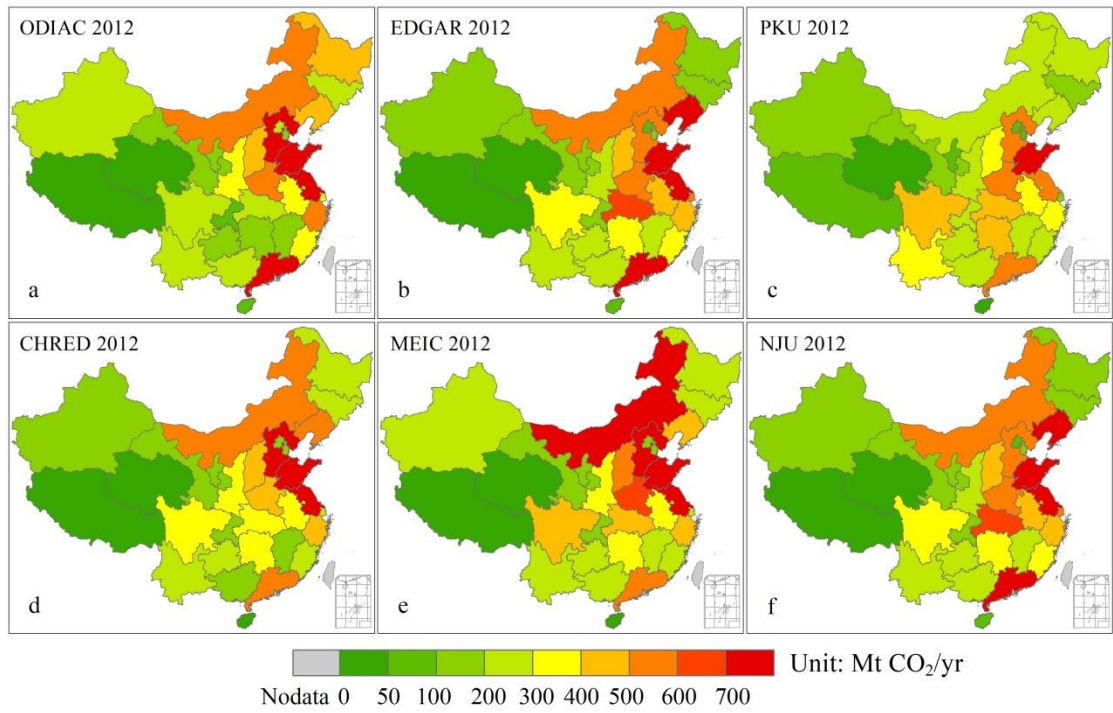
55 Figure S2 High-emitting grids bubble plots for ODIAC, EDGAR, PKU, CHRED,

56 MEIC and NJU in 2012 at 10 km resolution.

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59 **Figure S3**



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61 Figure S3 The spatial distribution of provincial total emissions for ODIAC, EDGAR,

62 PKU, CHRED, MEIC and NJU in 2012.

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65 **Table S1**

66 Table S1 Summary of total emission estimates*

Data	ODIAC2016	EDGARv432	PKU	CHRED	MEIC	NJU	CEADs
Emission estimates	Global & National	National	Subnational	Provincial	Provincial	Provincial	National, provincial, city
Emission sectors/categories	Fuel type: Point; Nonpoint; Cement production; Gas flare	IPCC sector: Fossil fuel production; Industrial processes; Agriculture; International	Fuel type: 64 fuel sub-types in 6 sectors. Energy production; Industry; Transportation;	IPCC sector: Industry; Service; Urban and rural households; Transportation; Agriculture	IPCC sector: Power; Industry; Residential;	IPCC sector: Power plants; Industrial energy consumption; Transportation;	Fuel type: 17 fuel types in 47 sectors. Energy production; Industry; process only

		aviation and bunkers	Residential and commercial; Agriculture; Natural			consumption; Industrial processes; Waste	cement production; Service; Urban and rural households
Emission calculation method	Apparent consumption	Sectoral approach	Apparent consumption	Sectoral approach	Sectoral approach	Sectoral approach	Apparent consumption
Fuel data used	UN statistics (Boden, 2016), and (BP, 2016)	(IEA, 2014), (BP, 2016)	(IEA, 2014)	FCPSC (2011); (Wang et al., 2014)	(NBS, 2018)	(NBS, 2016)	(NBS, 2016)

Emission factor							
for raw coal (tC	0.746	0.713	0.510	0.518	0.491	0.518	0.499
per t of coal)							
Emission factor							
for oil (tC per t	0.850	0.838	0.758	0.839	0.829	0.820	0.829
of oil)							
Emission factor							
for natural gas							
(tC per	0.521	0.521	0.651	0.591	0.584	0.590	0.584
thousand m ³ of							
natural gas)							

Uncertainty	17.5% (95% CI)	±15%	±19% (95% CI)	±8%	±15%	7-10% (90% CI)	-15% - 25% (95% CI)
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Notes

Estimates are based on CDIAC. Uncertainty estimate is based on (Andres et al., 2014)

Uncertainties for non-Annex I countries from (Olivier et al., 2015)

Monte Carlo simulations of 1000 times on all grids for the activity data and emission factors' PDFs

The uncertainty of activity data and emission factors is no more than 6% and 5%

Monte Carlo simulations of 10,000 times for input parameter PDFs

Monte Carlo simulations of 100,000 times for the activity data and emission factors' PDFs

7-10% (90% CI)

67 * CI: Confidence interval; PDFs: Probability density functions.

68 **Table S2**

69 Table S2 Summary of spatial disaggregation approach*

	Data	ODIAC	EDGAR	PKU	CHRED	MEIC	NJU	CEADs
								national,
	Spatial resolution	1 km	0.1 degree	0.1 degree	10 km	0.25 degree	0.25 degree	provincial, city scales
Point source	Data	CARMA2.0	CARMA3.0	CARMA2.0	FCPSC	CPED	CEC;ACC;C CTEN	N/A
	Notes	Geolocation and emission estimates for 720 point sources in China	1706 point sources for China	715 in year 2000 and 1007 in 2007 for China	1.58 million industrial enterprises	A unit-based 2320 power plants data	240-824 PP+CP during 2000-2016	N/A

Line source	Data	N/A	the OpenStreetM ap and OpenRailway Map (using different weighting factors), Int. aviation and bunker	N/A	The national road, railway, navigation network, and traffic flows	Transport networks	N/A	N/A
	Data	Nighttime light	Population density, nighttime	Vegetation and population	Population density, land use, human	Population density, land use	Population density, GDP	N/A

		light	density,	activity		
			nighttime			
			light			
		INP		INP includes		
	Street light might	includes CP,	INP	CP, lime		INP includes
	help for line sources	iron and	includes CP,	production,		cement and INP only
	(Oda, 2011); 1km	steel,	coke, brick	iron and steel		glass, include CP
Notes	data do not include	non-ferrous	and	production,	N/A	chemical, and (75% of total
	int. aviation and	metals and	aluminum	glass		metal INP)
	bunker	various	production	production,		productions
		chemicals		and ammonia		
				production.		

70 * INP: Industry process; CP: Cement production; PP: Power plants; N/A: Not available

71 **Methodology and source data of main data sets**

72 **1. ODIAC-The Open-source Data Inventory for Anthropogenic CO₂**

73 The Open-source Data Inventory for Anthropogenic CO₂ (ODIAC) is a global
74 monthly high-resolution (1x1km) gridded fossil fuel CO₂ emission data product(Oda,
75 2018;Oda, 2011). This high-resolution emission dataset was originally designed for
76 high-resolution atmospheric CO₂ tracer transport model simulations and flux
77 inversions.

78 ODIAC is primarily based on country emission estimates made by the Carbon
79 Dioxide Information Analysis Center (CDIAC) at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.
80 The CDIAC emission estimates are made by fuel types such as coal, gas, oil (e.g.
81 Marland and Rotty, 1984(Marland and Rotty, 1984)). CDIAC estimates also include
82 emissions from cement production, gas flaring and international bunker. Emissions for
83 the recent years are projected using BP. Major improves than previous ODIACv1.7
84 includes: (1) the use of the CDIAC emissions estimates instead of our own estimates,
85 (2) the use of multiple spatial emissions disaggregation methods to distribute CDIAC
86 national emission estimates, and (3) the inclusion of temporal variations. We
87 extrapolated the 2013 CDIAC emissions to years 2014 and 2015 using the 2016
88 version of the BP global fuel statistical data(BP, 2016). We simply used the same
89 fractions of emissions from cement production and gas flaring in 2013 (approximately
90 5.7 and 0.6 % of the global total; Boden et al., 2016(Boden, 2016)). International
91 bunker emissions were scaled using changes in national total emissions.

92 The ODIAC spatially distributes emissions in two steps. First, the power plant
93 emissions are mapped using the geolocation and emission estimates of point sources
94 taken the Carbon Monitoring for Action (CARMA2.0)(Wheeler and Ummel, 2008).
95 We might have less point sources than others with CARMA 2.0 and 3.0 as we
96 eliminated some of the point sources with wrong geolocations after visual inspection
97 (720 point sources in China left). The number of the point sources remains the same
98 across years, and emission magnitude was scaled by national totals. The spatial
99 distributions of the rest of the emissions (the total emission minus point source
100 emissions) are then estimates using the nighttime light data collected from the
101 Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) satellites(Oda, 2018;Oda, 2011).
102 We used a product that does not have an instrument saturation issue rather than a
103 regular nighttime light product(Ziskin, 2010). The improved nighttime light data have
104 mitigated the underestimation of emissions over dimmer areas seen in ODIAC
105 v1.7(Oda, 2010).We separately distributed CDIAC gas flare emissions using a 1×1
106 km nighttime light-based gas flare maps(Elvidge et al., 2009). We identified and
107 excluded bright gas flare pixels before distributing emissions using a global nighttime
108 light product that was specifically developed for gas flares by NOAA, National
109 Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI, formerly National Geophysical Data
110 Center, NGDC)(Oda, 2011).

111 The year 2017 version was used of the ODIAC data product
112 (ODIAC2017(Tomohiro Oda, 2015)) that covers from 2000 to 2016. The data product
113 is available from the Center for Global Environmental Research (CGER,

114 <http://db.cger.nies.go.jp/dataset/ODIAC/>).

115 **2. EDGAR-The Emission Database for Global Atmospheric Research (EDGAR)**

116 **V4.3.2**

117 **Overview**

118 The Emissions Database for Global Atmospheric Research is a comprehensive
119 global gridded emission dataset that indicates greenhouse gases and atmospheric
120 pollutants. The first version of EDGAR (EDGAR v2) was firstly published by Olivier
121 et al. (1996)(Olivier, 1996) (<http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/index.php#>) and has been
122 heavily used in the atmospheric chemistry and carbon cycle researches. In this study,
123 we used the most updated version of EDGAR (EDGAR v4.3.2,
124 -2014)(Janssens-Maenhout, 2017). The data are available from the EDGAR official
125 website http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=432_GHG&SECURE=123.

126 **Emission calculations**

127 The emissions are calculated based on the latest scientific knowledge and best
128 available global statistics, following methods defined by IPCC (2006)(IPCC, 2006).
129 Emission factors are technology-specific for different processes. Emissions reported
130 by countries, such as UNFCCC, are not used to keep internal consistency and
131 impartiality in the database. In EDGAR, country total CO₂ emissions (E) are
132 calculated using the following equation:

$$133 \quad E = \sum_{i,j,k} [AD_i * TECH_{i,j} * EOP_{i,j,k} * EF_{i,j} * (1 - RED_{i,j,k})] \quad (1)$$

134 where i is a given sector, AD refers to activity data, j is technology (TECH), k
135 represents (end-of-pipe) abatement measure (EOP) installed with share k for each
136 technology j , EF refers to uncontrolled emission factor and RED is relative reduction
137 by abatement measure k . The activity data include consumed energy (TJ) of a certain
138 fuel, the amount of products manufactured, etc. CO₂ emissions are mainly driven by
139 the carbon content of the fuel in the combustion process. Technology-specific EFs are
140 applied to different infrastructures (e.g. different distribution networks) or
141 management processes. EDGAR v4.3.2 has monthly time step
142 (http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/overview.php?v=432_GHG&SECURE=123).

143 **Definitions of source sectors**

144 The source sectors are defined according to the codes used in the 1996 IPCC
145 guidelines, but with updates to the 2006 IPCC guidelines (IPCC, 2006)(IPCC, 2006)
146 with all sectors related to fuel consumptions considered. By contrast, the Land-Use,
147 Land-Use Change and Forestry sector is not included due to data limitation. Therefore,
148 biomass burning (wild fire) is not included in this new version. For the CO₂ fluxes
149 result from forests biomass, we use results from Petrescu et al. (2012)(Petrescu, 2012).
150 This version is mostly based on international statistics such as IEA (2014)(IEA, 2014)
151 and FAOSTAT (2014)(FAOSTAT, 2014), and raw data was preprocessed for
152 completeness and consistency, such as removing outliers and filling holes with a
153 linear interpolation for near year data. The national data from the Chinese Bureau for
154 statistics is consulted to make sure the quality of activity data with consumption of

155 fuels (fossil and biofuel) and of products (such as cement, metals, chemicals and
156 solvents). To ensure consistency and comparability, CO₂ emission factors are selected
157 from the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (IPCC,
158 2006)(IPCC, 2006).

159 The input datasets for point, line and area sources were processed using GIS
160 techniques for conversion, resampling and aggregation on a 0.1 ° × 0.1 ° grid
161 resolution.

162 **Emission factors and Activity data**

163 **Energy statistics:**

164 Data for the annual energy content of fossil fuel consumption was derived from
165 the IEA energy balance statistics (IEA, 2014)(IEA, 2014) for 1970-2012. This dataset
166 comprises 64 fuel types and 94 fuel use activities. The biofuel data for China are
167 supplemented with the data from USDA (2014)(USDA, 2014).

168 **Fossil fuel production statistics**

169 Based on the World Coal Association (2016)(association, 2016), the hard coal
170 and brown coal production data have been separated into surface and underground
171 mining. For gas transmission and distribution, the leakage rate is assumed
172 proportional to the pipelines length and determined by its construction material.
173 Pipeline length and 2012 material statistics are mainly taken from reports on Europe
174 by the Eurogas (2010)(Eurogas, 2010) report and Marcogaz (2013)(Marcogaz, 2013)

175 technical sheet, UNFCCC National Inventory Reports (2014)(UNFCCC, 2014). The
176 total amount of natural gas flared from 1994 onwards is primarily determined from
177 the NOAA satellite observation of the intensity of flaring lights (Elvidge et al.
178 2009)(Elvidge et al., 2009).

179 **Industrial processes statistics**

180 CO₂ from cement production is based on the Tier 1 EF for clinker production,
181 whereas clinker production is calculated from cement production reported by USGS
182 (2014)(USGS, 2014) using clinker to cement ratio from the China Cement Almanac.
183 Iron and steel production is further split into technologies using data of WSA
184 (2014)(WSA, 2015). For other CO₂ sources such as lime, soda ash and ammonia
185 production, we combine USGS (2014)(USGS, 2014) and the UNFCCC
186 (2014)(UNFCCC, 2014) data. Urea production data is from IFA (2015)(IFA, 2015),
187 which considers the fossil carbon in CO₂ from ammonia production.

188 **Agricultural statistics**

189 Following IPCC (2006)(IPCC, 2006) methodology we apply FAO crop and
190 livestock data and IPCC (2006) emission factors for CO₂. Livestock numbers are
191 combined with estimates for animal waste per head to estimate the total amount of
192 animal waste produced. The fraction of crop residues removed from and burned in the
193 field is estimated using data of Yevich and Logan (2003)(Yevich and Logan, 2003)
194 and UNFCCC (2014)(UNFCCC, 2014) for the fraction burned in the field by Annex I

195 countries.

196 **Spatial modeling of emissions**

197 The spatial distribution of EDGAR is based on disaggregation of country
198 sectoral total emissions. As an important input to global atmospheric transport and
199 inversion models, EDGAR v4.3.2 disaggregates CO₂ emissions over a 0.1x0.1 grid.
200 The emissions can be emitted either from a point source or a linear source or an area
201 source. The line and area sources are distributed over the grid cells with the proxy
202 data covering the globe entirely or partially, whereas the point sources are allocated to
203 individual grid cells using geographical coordinate (lat and lon). A detailed
204 description for spatial mapping is available in the EDGAR gridding
205 manual(Janssens-Maenhout, 2013). A key proxy dataset is the gridded world
206 population provided by the Center for International Earth Science Information
207 Network (CIESIN) for the years 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and projected to
208 2015(CIESIN: Center for International Earth Science Information Network - CIESIN
209 - Columbia University et al., 2005). Industrial activities are mainly located at the plant
210 location coordinates on the point source grid-maps. Power plant emissions have been
211 distributed according to the CARMAv3.0 (2012)(CARMAv3.0, 2012) point source
212 distribution. CARMA's point sources with low intensity are used to allocate emissions
213 from auto-producing power or heat plants. A specific proxy was mainly developed for
214 cement and lime for China based on the plant locations and annual throughput of the
215 facility listed by the CEC (2014)(CEC, 2014, 2015) for China. Because of the

216 incompleteness of the list of cement factories, annual emission estimates per facility
217 were applied. For the major coal producers, the coordinates of coal mines from the
218 World coal association (2016)(association, 2016) are used to distribute emissions.
219 Coal mine locations for China have been updated and extended with the data of Liu et
220 al. (2015)(Liu et al., 2015). Line sources are exclusively used to describe emissions
221 from the transport sector. For example, road maps can tell you where the roads are
222 located, but the real question is how to distribute emissions on to the road map. So
223 different proxy data layers for three road types worldwide (highways, primary and
224 secondary, residential and commercial roads) obtained from the OpenStreetMap of
225 Geofabrik (2015)(Geofabrik, 2015) are used with different weighting factors for the
226 emission distribution, depending on road types. Similar data from OpenRailwayMap
227 are used for railways. For inland waterways the maritime traffic lines (for ships and
228 ferries) are composed from the navigable parts of rivers and lakes, using the
229 hydrology map of Lehner et al. (2011)(Lehner et al., 2011). Wang et al.
230 (2008)(Chengfeng et al., 2008) is used for international shipping. The spatial proxy
231 for the aviation sector is derived from International Civil Aviation Organization(ICAO,
232 2015) flight information. Input data regarding airports and routes are taken from
233 “Airline Route Mapper”. It should be noted that point sources are jointly constrained
234 by the country total. Line sources are correlated one-dimensionally along the lines
235 within the length of the total network. For more detailed considerations of uncertainty
236 grid-maps we refer to Andres et al. (2016)(Andres et al., 2016). The total estimate
237 data was from EDGARv4.3.2_FT2016. The annual spatial data of EDGARv4.3.2

238 used in this study was from 2000 to 2012 with a resolution at 0.1×0.1 degree.

239 **3. PKU-CO₂**

240 The PKU-CO₂ data set was constructed for 64 fuel sub-types in 5 categories and
241 6 sectors, in addition to cement production(Wang, 2013). Due to differences in data
242 sources and data processing methods, the 64 fuel sub-types were classified into 8
243 groups, namely (1) wildfires, (2) aviation/shipping, (3) power stations, (4) natural gas
244 flaring, (5) agricultural solid wastes, (6) non-organized waste incineration, (7) dung
245 cakes, and (8) others. County-level fuel consumptions in China were determined
246 based on the provincial fuel consumption(NBS, 2008) and a set of
247 provincial-data-based regression models(Zhang et al., 2007).

248 Based on PKU-FUEL data, CO₂ emissions were calculated using CO₂ emission
249 factors (EFC) and the combustion rates for different fuel types. EFC for all
250 combustion processes were derived as the means of data collected from the literature.
251 Specially, EFC for oil consumed in petroleum refinery industry was from Nyboer et al.
252 (2006)(Nyboer, 2006), and EFC for oil consumed by 7 ship types and 5 types of
253 biomass burning were collected from Wang et al. (2008)(Wang, 2008) and van der
254 Werf et al. (2010)(van der Werf, 2010). For the remaining fuel types, EFC were
255 collected from URS (2003)(URS, 2003), IPCC (1996)(IPCC, 1996), US Department
256 of Energy (2000)(Energy, 2000), API (2001)((API), 2001), and US EPA
257 (2008)((USEPA), 2008). Fixed combusted rates of 0.990, 0.980, 0.995, 0.980,
258 0.901,0.887, 0.789, 0.919, and 0.901 were applied to petroleum, coal, natural gas,

259 solid municipal and industrial waste fuel, biomass burned in the field, firewood
260 burned in cook stoves, firewood burned in fireplaces, crop residue burned in cook
261 stoves, and open burning of agriculture waste, respectively(Lee, 2005;Johnson,
262 2008;Oda, 2011;Zhang, 2008). CO₂ emissions from cement production were also
263 compiled. These are based on cement production data in 155 countries (USGS,
264 2010)((USGS), 2010) and CO₂ emission factors from the literature(Andres, 1996).
265 Country-level reported CO₂ emissions from cement production were disaggregated to
266 0.1 °×0.1 °grids using the industrial coal consumption map from PKU-FUEL as a
267 proxy, hence making the assumption that cement manufactures are co-located with
268 coal consumption.

269 Accuracy of the location of the power plants were examined(Wang, 2013). The
270 locations for 100 randomly selected power plants for China were checked one by one
271 in Google imagery. It was found that 45 % of the stations are located in the same grid
272 points (0.1 °×0.1 °) as reported in the CARMA v2.0 database, and that the remaining
273 42% stations are actually located in grids adjacent to the one listed in CARMA v2.0.
274 This suggests that the accuracy of the CARMA v2.0 power plant spatial localization
275 errors in China are relatively large for 0.1 °×0.1 ° resolution mapping. Thus, the
276 authors suggest that location of power plants is expected to be updated when an
277 improved version of CARMA product is available. The monthly PKU-CO₂-v2
278 inventory data was used for evaluation over the periods 2000—2014.

279 4. CHRED-China High Resolution Emission Database

280 The CHRED CO₂ data covers emissions from energy combustion, industrial
281 processes, transportation, agriculture, households and services. Details about the
282 emission estimation and spatial disaggregation methods can refer to previous
283 work(Cai et al., 2012;Wang et al., 2014;Cai et al., 2016a;Cai et al., 2016b;Cai and
284 Zhang, 2014). The CHRED uses a bottom-up method to calculate total emissions
285 which is based on the data of each individual enterprise. Emissions from
286 transportation, agriculture, and services are estimated based on proxy data.
287 Specifically, emissions from the transport are calculated based on provincial data for
288 energy consumption of the transport sector(Cai et al., 2012). We spatialized the total
289 transport emissions using two datasets: 1) data for the national road network, railway
290 network, navigation network, and air-port locations; 2) and traffic flows of these
291 networks. We disaggregated provincial agricultural emissions to each grid based on
292 farmland spatial distribution at the 30 m × 30 m spatial resolution. Moreover, we
293 disaggregated emissions from services at the province level to each grid based on
294 spatial distribution of built-up areas. CHRED contains a core account and an
295 extension account. The core account contains emissions by industries, and the
296 extended account contains socioeconomic data (e.g., land uses, population, and
297 human activity data) which are supplemental to emission data.

298 The total emission for year 2007 was summed from the gridded data. The spatial
299 data of year 2012 used in this study was rescaled from the 2007 emissions provided
300 by Cai et al., (2018)(Cai et al., 2018) by a factor according to the CO₂ emission

301 inventory in 2012 from NCCC.

302 **5. MEIC-Multi-resolution Emission Inventory for China**

303 **Overview**

304 The Multi-resolution Emission Inventory for China (MEIC) is a bottom-up
305 emission inventory framework developed and maintained by Tsinghua University,
306 which uses a technology-based methodology to calculate air pollutant and
307 CO₂ emissions for more than 700 anthropogenic sources for China from 1990 to the
308 present. With the detailed source classification, the MEIC model can represent
309 emission characteristics from different sectors, fuels, products, combustion/process
310 technologies, and emission control technologies. The MEIC model improved the
311 bottom-up emission inventories developed by the same group(Zhang, 2009), with
312 major improvements of a unit-based power plant emission database(Liu, 2015), a
313 high-resolution vehicle emission modeling approach(Zheng, 2014), an explicit
314 NMVOC speciation assignment methodology(Li, 2014), and a unified, online
315 framework for emission calculation, process, and download (available at
316 <http://www.meicmodel.org>). In this study, we used the most updated version of MEIC
317 1.3(Zheng, 2018), and derived emissions data between the years 2000 and 2016.

318 **Emission calculations**

319 The MEIC model calculates CO₂ emissions for 31 provinces in mainland China
320 using the technology-based method as follows:

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$$Emis_{i,j} = A_{i,j} \times \sum_m (X_{i,j,m} \times EF_{i,j,m})$$

322 Where i represents the province, j represents the emission source, m represents
323 the technologies for manufacturing, A is the activity rate, X is the fraction of a specific
324 manufacturing technology, EF is the CO₂ emission factor. The details of the
325 technology-based approach can be found in Zhang et al. (2007, 2009)(Zhang, 2007,
326 2009), Lei et al. (2011)(Lei et al., 2011), and Li et al. (2017)(Li, 2017).

327 Emissions from power plants and on-road vehicles are calculated using more
328 detailed methods that can achieve high spatial resolutions in emissions mapping. The
329 unit-based method is developed to track emissions for each coal-fired power plant
330 based on unit-specific parameters, including boiler type, fuel consumption, fuel
331 quality, and electricity generation(Liu, 2015). Emissions from on-road vehicles are
332 estimated using a county-level database developed by Zheng et al. (2014)(Zheng,
333 2014), which resolves the spatial distribution of vehicle ownership in each county as
334 well as the vehicle kilometers traveled on different types of roads. Detailed
335 documentation of the method and data for power plants and on-road vehicles can be
336 found in Liu et al. (2015)(Liu, 2015) and Zheng et al. (2014)(Zheng, 2014),
337 respectively.

338 **Definitions of source sectors**

339 The MEIC model covers more than 700 anthropogenic sources in China,
340 including all the combustion sources and industrial processes that generate CO₂
341 emissions. For example, the MEIC calculates CO₂ emissions from the combustion of

342 coal, oil, and natural gas used in stationary (i.e., industrial and residential facilities)
 343 and mobile (i.e., on-road and off-road) sources, as well as from the industrial
 344 processes of cement and lime production. All the detailed anthropogenic sources that
 345 emit CO₂ are classified into several sub-sectors and finally grouped into four source
 346 sectors used in the analysis of this study. The four sectors are power, industry,
 347 residential, and transportation, and their relations with IPCC source codes are as
 348 follows.

349 Table. The MEIC source sectors and IPCC codes

MEIC sub-sector	MEIC sector	IPCC codes
power	power	1A1a
industrial heating	industry	1A1bc
residential heating	residential	1A1bc
industrial boiler	industry	1A2
residential combustion	residential	1A4
iron and steel	industry	1A2, 2C
cement	industry	1A2, 2A
other industrial process	industry	2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 1B
on-road vehicles	transportati on	1A3b
motorcycles	transportati on	1A3b

off-road	transportati on	1A3c, 1A3d, 1A3e
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350 **Emission factors and Activity data**

351 Activity rates of energy consumptions by fuel type, by sector, and by province
352 are derived from China Energy Statistical Yearbook. The production of cement and
353 lime in each province are achieved from China Statistical Yearbook. For the coal-fired
354 power plants, we derive the unit-level activity data from the unpublished database
355 owned by the Ministry of Ecology and Environment. These data are collected from
356 each plant by local agencies, and then managed and verified by Ministry of Ecology
357 and Environment. Emission factors of CO₂ in MEIC are based on Liu et al.
358 (2015)(Liu et al., 2015).

359 **Spatial modelling of emissions**

360 The spatial modelling of emissions in MEIC is conducted for the point, nonpoint,
361 and mobile sources, respectively. The point sources (i.e., coal-fired power plants) in
362 MEIC have accurate geographical coordinates, which are visually checked using the
363 Google Map and are used to locate the emissions for each point source. The nonpoint
364 sources emissions are first estimated at the provincial level and then spatially
365 allocated to each county and 30"×30" grid cells according to spatial proxies such as
366 urban or rural extents(Schneider, 2009) and population distributions((ORNL), 2013).
367 The mobile source (i.e., on-road vehicles) emissions are estimated at the county level

368 and allocated to grid cells according to the road map. The spatial modelling methods
 369 uses in MEIC are summarized in the following table. The 30"×30" emissions map of
 370 MEIC are finally aggregated to 0.25×0.25 degrees when the data product published,
 371 because a finer resolution could induce large uncertainties due to the nonlinear
 372 relationship between emissions and spatial proxies(Zheng, 2017).

373 Table. Spatial modelling methods and proxies used in MEIC.

Sector	Source	Province to county	County to grid
Power	Coal-fired power plants	Point source (geographical coordinates)	
	Other power plants	Industrial GDP	Urban population
Industry	All	Industrial GDP	Urban population
Residential	Urban	Urban population	Urban population
	Rural	Rural population	Rural population
Transportation	On-road	/	Road network
	Motorcycle	Vehicle numbers	Road network

Off-road: agriculture	Machine power	Rural population
Off-road: construction	Total GDP	Urban population
Off-road: other sources	Total population	Total population

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375 In this study, we used the MEIC data from the latest version 1.3 excluding
376 biofuel emissions specially prepared by Bo Zheng(Zheng et al., 2018) to increase
377 comparability, and derived the 2000-2016 monthly CO₂ emissions from power,
378 industry, residential, and transportation sectors at the spatial resolution of 0.25 × 0.25
379 degree.

380 **6. NJU-CO₂**

381 The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) sectoral approach
382 (IPCC, 2006) was used to develop NJU-CO₂ emission inventories for 31 provinces in
383 China (excluding Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan) from 2000 to 2016. Total fossil
384 fuel consumption data were calculated from a production perspective based on final
385 energy consumption, plus energy used for transformation minus non-energy use.
386 Emissions from fossil fuel consumption were further divided into three sub-sectors of
387 industrial energy consumption (IEC), transportation energy consumption (TEC) and
388 other energy consumption (OEC). Emissions from fossil fuel use for international

389 bunker were not calculated here. Emissions from industrial processes (INP) referred
390 to direct CO₂ emissions from chemical or physical transformation of materials during
391 non-combustion industrial production (e.g., cement, steel, etc.) processes(Wang,
392 2012). Data on energy consumption for the whole of society and for each sector in
393 provinces were derived from provincial energy balance tables in the China Energy
394 Statistical Yearbook, with exception of transportation fuel consumption. For Tibet,
395 CO₂ emissions from IEC and OEC have not been calculated due to data shortage. Fuel
396 use by road transportation was calculated as the product of vehicle mileage traveled
397 and the relevant fuel economy. Data on vehicle populations were taken from the
398 statistical yearbooks(NBS, 2008, 2016) for each province. Vehicle mileage traveled
399 (VMT) and fuel economy (FE) data were taken from previous studies(Wang, 2010,
400 2011). Industrial products were taken from the statistical yearbooks for each province
401 and the China Cement Yearbook. The authors substituted cement production with
402 clinker production in order to calculate CO₂ emissions from the cement industrial
403 process. Activity data (AD), such as energy consumption and industrial production,
404 are primarily from two sources: China's provincial statistics and national statistics,
405 which do not match well. A triangular distribution function is assumed for AD data for
406 limited samples(Brinkman, 2005;Wu, 2010). The national data point was set as the
407 minimum value, and then the maximum value was calculated by adding up the
408 provincial AD data and absolute difference between provincial and national statistics.

409 As power plants accounted for nearly 30 % of China's total emissions(Zhao,
410 2012) and cement production accounted for 60 % of emissions from INP, we mapped

411 those emissions as large point sources (LPS) and identify their locations exactly by
412 latitude and longitude. Power plants ranking in the top 80 % in terms of electricity
413 production(CEC, 2014, 2015) and cement plants with capacity above 1 Mt yr^{-1} were
414 selected as LPS in this study. We derived the geographical coordinate of LPS by
415 checking their addresses with Google Earth. Some LPS that could not be identified for
416 lack of information were included in area emissions. The emissions from other
417 sources (except LPS) were treated as area emission and allocated to each grid at 0.25°
418 resolution via the proxies of population and/or GDP (gross domestic product). The 1
419 km \times 1 km gridded data of China's population and GDP densities(Liu, 2005;Yang et al.,
420 2009) from 2000 to 2009 were developed and applied. Here we used the most up to
421 date NJU-CO₂ version 2017 provided by data developer.

422 **7. CEADs-China Emission Accounts and Datasets**

423 CEADs provides time-series multi-scale CO₂ emission inventories for China, its
424 provinces and cities. The national and provincial level emission inventories from 1997
425 to 2015 can be collected from the CEADs website(CEADs) or Figshare(Shan Y,
426 2018a). The inventory for 182 Chinese cities in 2010 can be collected in the same way
427 as well(Shan Y, 2018b;Shan et al., 2018a).

428 CEADs CO₂ emissions were estimated with the IPCC administrative
429 territorial-based scope which do not include emissions from international aviation and
430 shipping(Barrett J, 2013). The CO₂ emissions include both fossil fuel- and
431 process-related (cement) emissions. The emissions related to electricity and heat

432 consumption are not considered as these parts belong to scope 2 indirect emissions.
433 The emissions induced by electricity and heat generation are allocated to the power
434 sectors instead. Meanwhile, the fossil fuel used as industrial materials (known as
435 non-energy use) are excluded from the total consumption as well.

436 CEADs provides two approaches of fossil fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions:
437 the sectoral approach and reference approach. The sectoral approach is calculated
438 from the consumption perspective of fossil fuel, while the reference approach is
439 calculated from the production side of three primary fuels. The sectoral emission
440 inventories are constructed as 47 socioeconomic sectors, 17 fossil fuels, and the
441 industrial process emissions.

442 The CO₂ emissions are calculated by Mass Balance Theory, they equal to activity
443 data (fossil fuel consumption or industrial production) timed by emission factors. The
444 fossil fuel consumption is collected based on Energy Balance Table (for national and
445 provincial level). Restricted by the data quality at the city level, CEADs develops a
446 series of methods to estimate the city level Energy Balance Table (Shan Y, 2017). In
447 this way, the city level emission inventories are designed in the same way with the
448 national and provincial inventories, making them consistent and comparable. Then the
449 CEADs adopts the “crowd-sourcing” working mode to compile and verify the city
450 level emission inventories. Emission factors used by CEADs datasets are collected
451 from Liu, Guan’s previous studies (Liu et al., 2015) on China’s energy qualities. The
452 factors are measured based on a wide survey of over 4000 coal mines in China, and
453 are assumed to be more accurate than the IPCC default value. The factors are adopted

454 by the Chinese governments in its third National Communications on Climate
455 Change(NDRC, 2016).

456 Detailed information about CEADs emission inventories and their calculation
457 methods can be found at Shan, Guan(Shan et al., 2018b). The annual CEADs at both
458 national and provincial level emissions from 2000 to 2015 were used in the present
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