



## **Derivation of PM<sub>2.5</sub> based on satellite AOD and Spatiotemporal trends of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations in China from 2006 to 2017**

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Previous studies showed that fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) has adverse impacts on human health and environment. In last decade, several air pollution episodes occurred in the vast area of China. We used two-stage model, multiple linear regression (MLR) model and geographically weighted regression (GWR) model, combined with MODIS Collection 6.1 (C6.1) Level 3 deep blue aerosol product, meteorological data, socio-economic data, land use and NDVI data to predict the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration among China from 2006 to 2017 at 1°×1° resolution. Coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>), mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean square error (RMSE) between the predicted and measured daily PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations for 2016 were selected to evaluate the model accuracies, and the two-stage model showed the best performance (R<sup>2</sup>=0.78, MAE =16.31 μg m<sup>-3</sup>, RMSE=11.91 μg m<sup>-3</sup>) and was chosen for prediction of historical PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations. The predicted accuracy (R<sup>2</sup>) were 0.55, 0.69, 0.76 and 0.77 in 2017 at weekly, monthly, seasonal and yearly levels. The monthly, seasonally and yearly mean PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations predicted from 2006 to 2017 were used to analyze the spatial and temporal trends in China. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration was highest in winter and lowest in summer, and the North China Plain and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region were the most polluted areas in China. We also selected eight city clusters in China to analyze trends of PM<sub>2.5</sub> for these 12 years. Except Beijing-Tianjin-Bohai and Yangtze River Delta urban agglomerations where the trends were insignificant, all of the city clusters showed significant decreasing trends (p<0.05). The decreasing trends of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration were slight (slope= -0.04 to -0.06 μg m<sup>-3</sup> month<sup>-1</sup>) in eastern city clusters, while in contrast, it was more obvious in western city clusters (slope= -0.13 μg m<sup>-3</sup> month<sup>-1</sup>).