

# The health benefits and economic effects of cooperative PM<sub>2.5</sub> control: a cost-effectiveness game model

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**Abstract:** In the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control of Jing-jin-ji region, the emission reduction target is the decrease of concentration which is different from greenhouse gases control. We constructed a game model of PM<sub>2.5</sub> (all particulate matter that has an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns) that is based on the transmission and retention of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and that accounts for the direct costs, economic development effects and health benefits of the control of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. In addition, we conceived a new method to allocate the benefits of cooperative efforts based on changes in welfare. The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region of China was studied as an example for this model. The results show that cooperation is an effective strategy for PM<sub>2.5</sub> control in this region in 2015. The aggregate indirect cost was 30.87% lower in the cooperative case than the non-cooperative case. Cooperation increases the health benefits and economic effects by 2.3 billion Yuan. The most negative effects of economic development come from manufacturing and industry, and the health benefits of free rider are small based on transmission matrix. Compared with Hebei which owes the lowest cost, Beijing and Tianjin are more suitable to undertake more PM<sub>2.5</sub> control tasks in the cooperation because of their special transmission matrix and regional center location. Our research reveals the importance of transmission matrix in the control of air pollutants, the characteristics of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control and give policy implications based on our empirical study and game model.

**Keywords:** PM<sub>2.5</sub> control; Cost-effectiveness game model; Health benefits; Transmission matrix; Pollution control; Jing-jin-ji

## 1 Introduction

PM<sub>2.5</sub> is becoming a serious environmental problem in China, especially in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei (Jing-jin-ji) region. According to the data published by the Ministry of Environmental Protection, among the top 10 cities with serious air pollution, 6 cities are in

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45 the Jing-jin-ji region. The control of PM<sub>2.5</sub> involves issues like the control of other types  
46 of air pollution, such as negative externality, publicity, politics and synthesis. The  
47 traditional local-regional control method uses resources with low efficiency, is unable to  
48 control air pollution effectively, and can even develop a tendency towards increasing  
49 contamination. In addition, Zhou et al. (2017) showed that it is difficult to control the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
50 in the Jing-jin-ji region without government subsidies due to high direct costs and that  
51 cross-region cooperative control is the only way to solve the local regional control problem.

52 To regulate air pollution cross-region cooperative control, the United States Congress  
53 established the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. The agency divided the United  
54 States into 10 large areas and established a series of regional air pollution joint control  
55 institutions. Twenty-one countries of the EU signed the Helsinki Treaty in Finland in 1985,  
56 began to adopt joint control measures for sulfur dioxide pollution and achieved great  
57 success. Zhao et al. (2013), Xue J et al. (2014, 2015), and Wu et al. (2015) measured SO<sub>2</sub>  
58 removal costs in the Jing-jin-ji region and used game theory to allocate benefits. Shi et al.  
59 (2016) used the same model to study the SO<sub>2</sub> removal cost in Changsha, Zhuzhou and  
60 Xiangtan and indicated that a cooperative strategy would save 208 million Yuan. These  
61 studies only consider the direct costs of SO<sub>2</sub>. In PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, there are two important  
62 aspects in addition to the direct costs: (1) The health benefits of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control. It is widely  
63 recognized that PM<sub>2.5</sub> threatens human health; thus, PM<sub>2.5</sub> control can provide health  
64 benefits. According to Aunan and Pan (2004), short-term or long-term exposure to  
65 particulate matter can have adverse effects on human health, including short-term acute  
66 symptoms, increased mortality from chronic diseases, respiratory system and  
67 cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, etc. According to Yu et al. (2015), if the  
68 Chinese Air Pollution Prevention Action Plan was implemented as planned, the annual  
69 health gains would reach 8.7 billion Yuan. (2) The economic development effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
70 control. Jorgenson and Wilcoxon (1990), Nondo C et al. (2010), and Baiti et al. (2017)  
71 studied the impact of environmental regulation on economic growth. Jorgenson and  
72 Wilcoxon (1990) showed that the cost of pollution control has exceeded 10% of the  
73 aggregate cost of government procurement of goods and services in the United States. In  
74 summary, in the control of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and other air pollutants, the government must take into  
75 account the direct costs, economic development effects and health benefits to make multi-  
76 objective decisions. In recent research, Xie et al. (2016) constructed a model with the  
77 purpose of maximizing the health benefits while reducing the direct costs and studied the  
78 methods adopted by Shanghai and other provinces. These existing SO<sub>2</sub> cooperation models  
79 often employ a large bubble hypothesis as a prerequisite for the aggregate emission control  
80 like greenhouse gas control. Greenhouse gas control is a grand proposition, even including  
81 coal-electricity price (Fan *et al.*, 2016), production structure (Fan *et al.*, 2019). However,  
82 the hypothesis does not make sense because air pollutions such as SO<sub>2</sub> are harmful to  
83 human health when their concentration are beyond the restricted limitation in each region.  
84 In PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, the government claims the concentration control of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The central  
85 government asked the provinces of Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei to decrease the PM<sub>2.5</sub> to 4.2  
86 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, 2 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, and 7.2 μg/m<sup>3</sup> in 2015, respectively. For PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, the emission  
87 reduction target is a decrease in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration within a certain province. Thus, the  
88 large bubble hypothesis is not suitable for PM<sub>2.5</sub> control. There are few studies on PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
89 cooperative control due to the following: (1) PM<sub>2.5</sub> has only caught the public's attention  
90 in recent years, and pertinent research has failed to be carried out. (2) The composition of

91 PM<sub>2.5</sub> is complex and is different in each region (Yao et al., 2013; Liu et al., 2015; Tang et  
 92 al., 2017).

93 In the present study, we built a game model that satisfies the minimum direct costs, the  
 94 maximum health benefits and the minimum effect of economic development. Our study  
 95 has the following contributions: (1) The concentration-based air pollution control model is  
 96 originally proposed from cooperative management prospect. (2) The co-benefits of  
 97 PM<sub>2.5</sub> control is considered into the cooperative game model including the direct costs of  
 98 PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the effect on economic development and the health benefits of controlling PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 99 based on the transmission and retention of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. (3) The welfare function and the  
 100 contribution of the coalition to aggregate cost-effectiveness are created for the allocation  
 101 of the cooperative benefits. Compare to the previous literature about SO<sub>2</sub> control (Zhao et  
 102 al. (2013), Xue J et al. (2014, 2015), Wu et al. (2015), and Shi et al. (2016) (SO<sub>2</sub> control is  
 103 the most important mission before PM<sub>2.5</sub> control), The key in our work is that we reveal  
 104 the unique emission reduction target in PM<sub>2.5</sub> control based on the transmission and  
 105 retention of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. In the unique emission reduction target, cooperation is a natural select  
 106 and does not need the any additional hypothesis. Our cost-effectiveness game model  
 107 provides an explanation why local governments over-achieve goals even if control benefits  
 108 are less than control costs. Compare to Xie et al. (2016) of SO<sub>2</sub> control model based on  
 109 cost-effectiveness, we consider the effect on economic development of control and  
 110 improve its allocation way to ensure the superadditivity which it is very important in  
 111 cooperation game. We also supply the meaning of cost-effectiveness in the air pollution  
 112 control which is not mentioned.

113 The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 114 control relevant function. In Section 3, we present cost-benefit game model. In Section 4,  
 115 we compare the situation of cooperation and non-cooperation in the Jing-jin-ji region.  
 116 Section 5 provides the summary and outlook.

## 117 2 Methodology

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### 119 2.1 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Concentration and Removal

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121 In Table 1, we summarize the set, parameters, and variables involved in the model. We  
 122 assume that a set  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is a collection of all the provinces in the model;  
 123  $i, j \in N$  are two random provinces.

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**Table 1** Symbols

Symbol	Meaning of symbol	Unit
$N$	A collection of all provinces	none
$S$	A collection of all the cooperating provinces	none
$N / S$	A collection of all non-cooperative provinces	none
$ S $	The number of provinces in the collection of all the provinces involved in the cooperation	none
$ N / S $	The number of provinces in the collection of all non- cooperative provinces	none
$i$	A province $i, i \in N$	none
$j$	A province $j, j \in N$	none

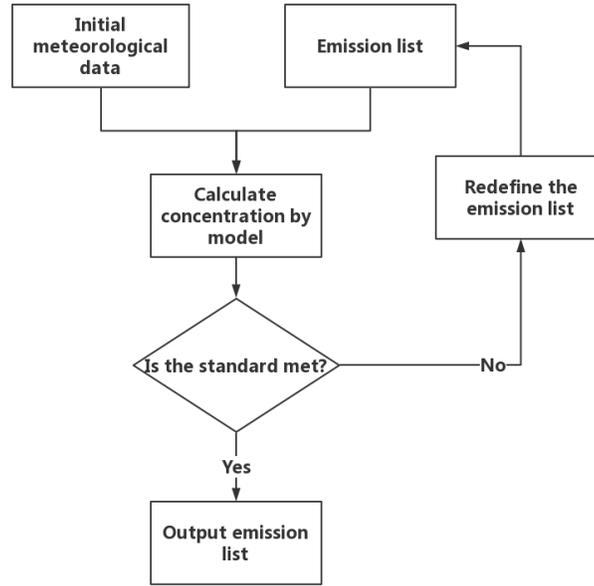
$P_i$	Emissions of PM <sub>2.5</sub> in the province $i$ in the current year	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P_{iPPM_{2.5}}$	Emissions of primary PM <sub>2.5</sub> in the province $i$ in the current year	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P_{iSO_2}$	Emissions of SO <sub>2</sub> in the province $i$ in the current year	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P_{iNO_x}$	Emissions of NO <sub>x</sub> in the province $i$ in the current year	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P'_i$	Emissions of PM <sub>2</sub> in the province $i$ in the previous year	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P_{iF}$	The actual emissions of PM <sub>2.5</sub> in the province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$C_i$	Control's direct costs of PM <sub>2.5</sub> in the province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$E_i$	Economic development effect of PM <sub>2.5</sub> in the province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> Yuan
$H_i$	Health benefits of PM <sub>2.5</sub> in the province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> Yuan
$\delta_{ij}$	Transmission factor, the portion of PM <sub>2.5</sub> transmitted from province $i$ to $j$ ; $i=j$ means the proportion of PM <sub>2.5</sub> that remains locally.	none
$\zeta_{ji}$	Retention factor, province $i$ 's atmospheric PM <sub>2.5</sub> quality comes from province $j$ 's transmission ratio; $i=j$ indicates that the proportion of province $i$ emissions PM <sub>2.5</sub> quality come from province $i$	none
$\Delta c_i$	Concentration of the PM <sub>2.5</sub> decline in province $i$	μg/m <sup>3</sup>
$q_i^{c_i}$	Environmental capacity when concentration of the PM <sub>2.5</sub> is $c_i$	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$S_i$	The area of province $i$	km <sup>2</sup>
$A_i$	the geographical regional total control coefficient of province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> tons·m <sup>3</sup> /(μg·km <sup>2</sup> )
$g_i$	Concentration decline goal of PM <sub>2.5</sub> in province $i$	μg/m <sup>3</sup>
$\beta_i$	Correlation coefficient of the concentration of PM <sub>2.5</sub> and emission in province $i$ . $\beta_i = A \times S_i$	10 <sup>10</sup> t·m <sup>3</sup>
$\alpha_{iSO_2}$	The relevant conversion coefficient about SO <sub>2+</sub> of province $i$ .	none
$\alpha_{iNO_x}$	The relevant conversion coefficient of NO <sub>x</sub> of province $i$ .	none
$W_i$	The emission of exhaust gas in the province $i$ ,	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P_{ijMin}$	Lower limit of air pollution $j$ removal in province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> tons
$P_{ijMax}$	Upper limit of air pollution $j$ removal in province $i$	10 <sup>4</sup> tons

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126 The concentration emission reduction target decline that the central government issued  
127 to the province  $i$  is  $g_i$  (μg/m<sup>3</sup>). The actual decline concentration in the province  $i$  is  $\Delta c_i$ .  
128 Thus,  $\Delta c_i \geq g_i$ . For PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, we first need to determine the relationship between  
129 PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration  $c_i$  and environmental capacity  $q_i^{c_i}$ . Environmental capacity  
130 indicates that if the amount of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emitted by region  $i$  is  $q_i^{c_i}$ , the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in

131 the region  $i$  will remain  $c_i$  unchanged.

132 At present, the way to calculate the environmental capacity can be divided into two  
133 categories, one is an iterative algorithm based on the climate model. Xue et al. (2014a.)  
134 calculate the environmental capacity based on the iterative algorithm of the CMAQ model.  
135 The core process is as Figure 1:



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137 Figure 1: Schematic diagram of iterative algorithm

138 Based on the original emissions list, we design emission reduction plans to further  
139 reduce  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions until the emission reduction targets are completed. Environmental  
140 capacity by iterative algorithm obtains is closer to the true value, but the solution process  
141 is approximately a black box. The relationship between the simple environmental capacity  
142 and the concentration cannot be obtained. For example, by the climate model, we find we  
143 need reduce 100,000 tons of  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions if we want to reduce the  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration  
144 from  $70 \text{ ug/m}^3$  to  $60 \text{ ug/m}^3$ . But if we reduce 120,000 tons of  $PM_{2.5}$ , how much  
145 concentration will drop? We can not draw conclusions from the previously known  $10 \text{ ug/m}^3$   
146 corresponding to 100,000 tons, and still need re-submit to the climate model for calculation.  
147 We can not get explicit expressions from the climate model.

148 A-value method (Da-hai *et al.*, 2016) is another common way to estimate  
149 environmental capacity. The formula A-value method is as follows:

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$$q_i^{c_i} = A_i \times c_i \times S_i \quad (1)$$

151 This method is widely used in the accounting of urban environmental capacity in China  
152 due to its ease of use and practicability. Where  $c_i$  indicates the  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration of the  
153 region  $i$ ,  $A_i$  is the geographical regional total control coefficient of province  $i$ ,  $S_i$  is the  
154 area of region  $i$ . (Da-hai et al., 2016) believes that the A value method is actually a static  
155 atmospheric environmental capacity and is also a dynamic atmospheric self-cleaning  
156 ability index. This method is relatively simple and has a clear relationship. In a known A-  
157 value and  $S_i$ , for any  $c_i$ , we can directly get its corresponding  $q_i^{c_i}$ , due to the use of a

158 simple linear relationship to deal with PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration and environmental capacity.  
 159 Compared with the iterative algorithm, A-value method has a larger error.

160 In this article, we combine the advantages and disadvantages of these two methods and  
 161 use the following ways:

- 162 (1) The relationship between environmental capacity and concentration used in our  
 163 paper is as shown in Eq. (1).  
 164 (2) In our paper, the difference between the environmental capacity at initial  
 165 concentration  $\rho_0$  and the environmental capacity at the goal concentration  
 166  $\rho_0 - g_i$  specified is solved by iterative algorithm based on the climate model  
 167 AERMOD. That is, in Eq. (1),  $A \times S_i$  is solved using the AERMOD model.

168 This method is equivalent to using the AERMOD model to obtain an accurate  
 169 environmental capacity  $q_i^{c_i}$  at a concentration of  $c_i$ , and using the A value method to  
 170 approximate the relationship between  $q_i^{c_i}$  and  $c_i$  in  $c_i$  neighborhood. If the players  
 171 just complete the goals in the final solution, then the environmental capacity at this time  
 172 is equal to the value solved by the AERMOD model. Compared with the AERMOD  
 173 iterative algorithm, despite the sacrifice of certain accuracy, this method guarantees the  
 174 solvability of the plan. Compared with the A-value method, the AERMOD iterative  
 175 algorithm provides a reference point and improves the accuracy.

176 The errors in this method are as follows:

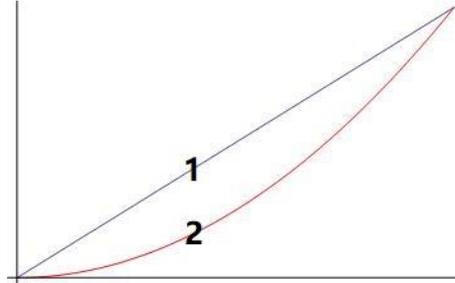


Figure 2: Error description

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 178 In Figure 2, line 1 represents the linear relationship between the environmental capacity  
 179 and the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in A value. Line 2 represents the unknown nonlinear  
 180 relationship between the environmental capacity and the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in the  
 181 AERMOD. Line 1 and line 2 have the same two endpoint values, and we are equivalent to  
 182 fitting a nonlinear relationship with a linear relationship. And if the solution of the final  
 183 model is near the endpoint, the error will be small. Here, we let  $\beta_i = A \times S_i$ .  $\beta_i$  is also  
 184 correlation coefficient of the concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and emission in province  $i$ . So  $\Delta c_i$  can also  
 185 be expressed as follows:  
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$$187 \quad \Delta c_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{ji} (P'_j - P_j)}{\beta_i} \quad i, j \in N \quad (2)$$

188 where  $P_j$  is the emissions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in province  $j$  in the current year.  $P'_j$  is the emission  
 189 in the previous year. If  $(P'_j - P_j) > 0$ , Then it will have a positive externality for the  
 190 treatment of air pollutants, and vice versa. Due to the fluidity of air pollutants, this

191 externality can have an impact on other provinces in the region.  $\delta_{ji}^1$  is the ratio of the  
 192 emission in province  $j$  sent to province  $i$ . Then the difference emission of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> from  
 193 the province  $j$  between current year and the previous year the is  $\delta_{ji}(P'_j - P_j)$ . The effect of  
 194 PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in province  $i$  is  $\delta_{ji}(P'_j - P_j)/\beta_i$ . Then the local PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration  
 195 decline of the province  $i$  is the sum of the effects of all provinces. That is

$$196 \quad P_{iF} = \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{ji}(P'_j - P_j) .$$

197 According to Eq. (2), province  $j$  controls the PM<sub>2.5</sub> and makes  $(P'_j - P_j) > 0$ , which not  
 198 only reduces the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in province  $j$  but can also reduce the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 199 concentration of province  $i$   $\delta_{ij} \neq 0$ .

200 The source of PM<sub>2.5</sub> is complex, including primary PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and also secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 201 generated by physicochemical reaction of other air pollutants such as NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> in the  
 202 air. According to the requirements of the “Technical Guidelines for Environmental Impacts  
 203 Assessment - Atmospheric Environment” of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment of  
 204 the People's Republic of China, for the AERMOD model, we evaluate the effect of NO<sub>x</sub>,  
 205 SO<sub>2</sub> on secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub> generated in air, and just use the coefficient method to convert  
 206 emissions of NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> to PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration,

$$207 \quad P_i = P_{iPPM_{2.5}} + \alpha_{iSO_2} P_{iSO_2} + \alpha_{iNO_x} P_{iNO_x} \quad (3)$$

208  $P_i$  is PM<sub>2.5</sub> emission of the player  $i$ , it is the sum of the three parts, including primary  
 209 PM<sub>2.5</sub> and secondary PM<sub>2.5</sub> generated by SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>.  $\alpha_{iSO_2}$ ,  $\alpha_{iNO_x}$  is the relevant  
 210 conversion coefficient. Here, we choose the recommended settings  $\alpha_{iSO_2} = 0.58$ ,  
 211  $\alpha_{iNO_x} = 0.44$  of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment (CHINA, M. O. E. E.,  
 212 2018).

## 214 2.2 Direct Cost Function

215 In terms of the direct cost of air pollutants, Zhao et al. (2013), Xue et al. (2014, 2015)  
 216 and Wu et al. (2015) constructed the pollutant removal function based on the models of Du  
 217 et al. (2007) and Cao et al. (2009).

218 The pollutant direct cost function form constructed by Cao et al. (2009), the cost model  
 219 of air pollutants control is established:

$$220 \quad C_i(P_{ij}) = \theta \cdot W_i^\phi \cdot \prod (P_{ij}^{industry})^{\mu_j} \quad (4)$$

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 222 Among them,  $C_i$  is the cost of air pollutants in province  $i$ ,  $W_i$  is the emission of  
 223 exhaust gas in the province  $i$ , and  $P_{ij}^{industry}$  is the industrial emissions of the  $j$ th air pollutant  
 224 in the region  $i$ ,  $\theta$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\mu_j$  are parameters.

225 In our paper, PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions include both industrial and non-industrial parts. We do not  
 226 discuss the non-industrial emission of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The lower limit of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions is the

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<sup>1</sup> The transmission and retention effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in each of our regions are constant and will be further explained in the appendix 7.1.

227 emissions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> non-industrial part. The emissions of PM<sub>2.5</sub> industrial part is  $P_i - P_{i\min}$ .  
 228 Eq. (4) can be transformed into:

$$229 \quad C_i(P_{ij}) = \theta \cdot W_i^\rho \cdot \prod (P_{ij} - P_{ij\min})^{\mu_j} \quad (5)$$

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 231 The industrial air pollutant data collected in the statistical yearbook only includes SO<sub>2</sub>,  
 232 NO<sub>x</sub>, and dust; and the air pollutants in our relevant source data only include SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>,  
 233 and primary PM<sub>2.5</sub>. So here we need to convert the dust emissions into primary PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 234 emission. We use a simple scaling relationship to estimate the conversion relationship

235 between dust and primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> in each province. Let  $t_i = \left(\frac{P_{iPPM_{2.5}}}{P_{iDust}}\right)^{\mu_j}$ , Eq. (5) can be

236 transformed into:

$$237 \quad C_i(P_{ij}) = t_i \cdot \theta \cdot W_i^\rho \cdot \prod (P_{ij} - P_{ij\min})^{\mu_j} \quad (6)$$

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### 240 **2.3 Health Benefit Function**

241 We selected respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, chronic and acute bronchitis,  
 242 and outpatient death as terminals with which to establish the function between the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 243 control and health benefits. The following assessment model, based on Delucchi et al.  
 244 (2002), can be established:

$$245 \quad L = \sum_{i=1}^M L_i = \sum_{i=1}^M E_i \cdot L_{pi} \quad (7)$$

246 where  $L$  is the sum of the costs of all health terminals due to the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration  
 247 decline,  $L_i$  is the health costs for health terminal  $i$ ,  $E_i$  is the risk of health terminal  $i$ , and  
 248  $L_{pi}$  is the value of the unit health risk change to the health terminal  $i$ .

249 The risk changes in health terminal  $i$  must be determined using environmental health  
 250 risk assessment methods. Scholars usually use the exposure-response coefficient between  
 251 the pollutant concentration and health effects to calculate the health effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 252 changes due to concentration changes, as shown in Eq. (8):

$$253 \quad \Delta E = p \cdot I \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{\exp(\beta(\rho - \rho_0))}\right) \quad (8)$$

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255 where  $I$  is the health risk in the actual concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub>,  $\beta$  is the exposure-  
 256 reaction coefficient,  $\rho$  is the actual concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and  $\rho_0$  is the reference  
 257 concentration. According to Eq. (1), the concentration of PM<sub>2.5</sub> can be transformed with  
 258 the quality. Thus, Eq.(7)-(8) establish the relationship between the removal of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and  
 259 the health cost.

260 We use the disease cost method (Huang and Zhang, 2013) to assess the loss caused by  
 261 respiratory disease, cardiovascular disease, acute bronchitis and outpatient and use the  
 262 disability adjusted life method (Huang and Zhang, 2013, Miao et al., 2017) to assess the  
 263 loss caused by chronic bronchitis and the adjusted human resource method (Huang et al.,  
 264 2012) to assess the loss caused by chronic and acute death.

#### 265 **(1) Health cost assessment of acute disease**

266 The cost of disease method is used to measure the cost of disease, including medical  
 267 expenses and work income losses. The calculation is shown in Eq. (9):

$$268 \quad c_i = (c_{pi} + GDP_p \cdot T_{Li}) \cdot \Delta I_i \quad (9)$$

269 where  $c_i$  is the aggregate cost,  $c_{pi}$  is the cost of disease for unit cases,  $GDP_p$  is the  
 270 average daily per capita GDP,  $T_{Li}$  is the work delay time due to illness, and  $\Delta I_i$  is the  
 271 change of the health effect.

## 272 (2) Health cost assessment of chronic disease

273 The disability adjusted life year (*Dalys*) refers to the loss of all health years from onset  
 274 to death, including the loss of life caused by premature death and disability. A greater value  
 275 of a disease indicates a greater health loss. The specific formula is shown in Eq. (10):

$$276 \quad Dalys = \int_{x=\alpha}^{x=\alpha+\beta} cxe^{-\tau x} e^{-\gamma(x-\alpha)} dx \quad (10)$$

277 where  $\alpha$  is the age of onset,  $\beta$  is the loss of life due to premature death,  $\gamma$  is the  
 278 discount rate (the rate in the paper is 7%, which is the current medium and long-term loan  
 279 interest rate), and  $c$  and  $\tau$  are constants.

## 280 (3) Cost assessment of life expectancy loss

281 The adjusted human resource method estimates the cost of premature death from the  
 282 PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The specific formula is

$$283 \quad HCL = \sum_{k=1}^t GDP_k^{pv} = GDP_0 \times \sum_{k=1}^t [(1 + \alpha) \div (1 + r)]^k \quad (11)$$

284 where  $HCL$  represents individual human capital or life value based on per capita GDP,  
 285  $t$  is the loss of life per year,  $GDP_k$  is the per capita GDP in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  year, the  $GDP_0$  is the  
 286 base year per capita GDP,  $\alpha$  is the per capita GDP growth rate, and  $r$  is the social  
 287 discount rate.

$$288 \quad \begin{aligned} H_i(P_{iF}) = & \sum_{j=1}^6 p_i * c_{ij} * I_{j0} ((1 - \exp(\beta_j(\rho_i - \frac{P_{iF}}{\phi_i}))) - (1 - \exp(\beta_j(\rho_i - \rho_0)))) \\ & + \sum_{j=7}^8 p_i * HCL_{ij} * I_{j0} ((1 - \exp(\beta_j(\rho_i - \frac{P_{iF}}{\phi_i}))) - (1 - \exp(\beta_j(\rho_i - \rho_0)))) \\ & + p_i * c_{i9} * I_{90} * Dalys * ((1 - \exp(\beta_j(\rho_i - \frac{P_{iF}}{\phi_i}))) - (1 - \exp(\beta_j(\rho_i - \rho_0)))) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

## 289 2.4 Economic Development Effects Function

290 PM<sub>2.5</sub> control measures must adjust the industrial structure and shut down certain  
 291 polluting enterprises while it also promotes the development of transportation and tourism  
 292 (Li, 2014). There are 41 industries in Table 5 of Appendix 7.2.3. The aggregate economic  
 293 effects in province  $i$  in 2015 due to environmental controls can be expressed as follows:

$$294 \quad E_i^{2015} = \sum_{n=1}^{41} \omega_{ni} \cdot p_{ni} \quad (13)$$

295 where  $\omega_{ni}$  is the coefficient related to the influence of environmental regulations for  
 296 industry  $n$  in 2015 and  $p_{ni}$  is the GDP of industry  $n$ .

297 
$$E_i(P_i) = \tau \cdot \frac{E_i^{2015} P_i^{2015}}{(P_i - P_{i\min})} \quad (14)$$

298 where  $P_i^{2015}$  is the real emission in emission,  $P_i$  is the emission that we want to solve  
 299 and  $\tau$  is the conversion factor between different years. If the year is 2015,  $\tau$  is 1. In  
 300 Eq. (14), a positive value means that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> has a negative effect on economic  
 301 development; a negative value means that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> has a positive effect on economic  
 302 development.

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## 304 2.5 The Cost-benefit Game Model

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306 Suppose that a set  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  is a collection of all of the provinces in the model,  
 307  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, |S|\}$  is a coalition, and  $S \subseteq N$ . Then, coalition  $S$ 's PM<sub>2.5</sub> control game  
 308 model is as follows:

309 
$$\underset{P_{iR}}{\text{Min}} \quad Z_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} C_i, i \in S \quad (15)$$

310 
$$\underset{P_{iF}}{\text{Max}} \quad Z_2 = \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} H_i, i \in S \quad (16)$$

311 
$$\underset{P_{iR}}{\text{Min}} \quad Z_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} E_i, i \in S \quad (17)$$

312 In the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, we often want to minimize the direct costs, minimize economic  
 313 development and maximize the health benefits. However, the emission reduction targets  
 314 are often contradictory. Therefore, we need to work out the next step and seek the  
 315 maximum cost-effectiveness of the PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The objective function (Z-value) is shown in Eq.  
 316 (18):

317 
$$\text{Max} \quad Z = \frac{Z_2 - Z_3}{Z_1} \quad (18)$$

318 The reason why we choose the cost-effectiveness game model is follow as: (1) We find  
 319 the local government overfulfill target even if  $Z_1 > Z_2 - Z_3$ . From the prospect of benefits,  
 320 it is hard to understand the government's behavior. (2) The pollution control is long-term  
 321 process and the target in later year will be adjusted due to the decrease concentration of  
 322 previous years. For example, the target of Beijing in 2017 is very high due to the less  
 323 decrease concentration in previous years meanwhile the target of Hebei in 2017 is low due  
 324 to the more decrease concentration in previous years. Based on the cost-effectiveness, the  
 325 local government maybe overfulfill target and loss current period benefits but lay a good  
 326 foundation for future control. So we think cost-effectiveness is a good way for the decision  
 327 of local government.

328 The restrictions are shown in Eqs. (19)-(22):

329 
$$P_{iF} = \sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{ji} (P'_j - P_j) = \beta_i \Delta p \quad j \in N, i \in S \quad (19)$$

330 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{|S|} C_i \leq \sum_{i=1}^{|S|} C_{i\text{Min}} \quad i \in S \quad (20)$$

331 
$$\Delta c_i \geq g_i \quad i \in S \quad (21)$$

332 
$$0 \leq P_{ij} \leq P_{iMax} \quad i \in S \quad (22)$$

333 Eq. (19) has been clarified in Eq. (2). For any members of the coalition  $i, j \in S$  because  
 334  $i$  and  $j$  are in the same coalition; thus,  $i$  can achieve its exact industrial removal target. For  
 335 the provinces outside the coalition  $j \in N / S$ ,  $i$  cannot achieve the exact  $P_j$ . Thus, it is  
 336 assumed that its removal in the current year is equal to that of the previous year  $P_j = P_j'$   
 337 based on the province's past control history. Eq. (20) indicates that each coalition has  
 338 budgetary limits on direct costs. We assume that each player only pays the minimum direct  
 339 costs to accomplish the emission reduction target. Therefore, the direct costs budget of  
 340 coalition  $S$  cannot exceed the sum of each member's budget. It also means that in the non-  
 341 cooperation, each province only pursues the least cost of control, and it is just a single-  
 342 objective model. Eq. (21) indicates that the decline concentration in each region must at  
 343 least meet the target  $g_i$ . Eq. (22) indicates that there are an upper limit and lower limit in  
 344 each province for every kind of air pollutant. In our model, we only discuss the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 345 control from industrial part, so the PM<sub>2.5</sub> emission's lower limit is other non-industrial part.  
 346 And according to our observations. After the announcement of the Air Pollution Prevention  
 347 and Control Plan, the emissions of various pollutants in the Jing-jin-ji region are decreasing  
 348 year by year, so the PM<sub>2.5</sub> emission's upper limit is the previous year's emissions.

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## 350 **2.6 The Benefits Allocation Model**

351 According to the previous discussion, cooperation can bring benefits in the control of air  
 352 pollution. It is important to allocate the benefits of cooperation. Unlike other studies in  
 353 which the Shapley value was used to allocate the changes of the aggregate costs, the  
 354 Shapley value (Shapley, 1952) is used here to allocate the changes in welfare.

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### 356 **2.6.1 Aggregate cost-effectiveness of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control**

357 The central government is concerned about all of the provinces' cost-effectiveness  
 358 between the the indirect cost (health benefit minus economic development effects) and the  
 359 direct cost. Thus, we define the aggregate welfare of the optimal removal model as Eq.  
 360 (23):

361 
$$G = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (H_i - E_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i} \quad (23)$$

362 The health benefits are different from that of Eq. (18), which assumes that the qualities  
 363 of the removal outside of the coalition are equal to those of the previous year and are  
 364 calculated based on the real industrial removal of all players. Eq. (23) is the cost-  
 365 effectiveness between the indirect cost and the direct cost.

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### 367 **2.6.2 The contribution of the coalition to aggregate cost-effectiveness**

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369 For any coalition structure  $\{S^1, S^2, \dots, S^m\}$ , the aggregate welfare  $G$  can also be expressed  
 370 as

371 
$$G = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{|S^k|} (H_j - E_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i} \quad j \in S^k, S^k \subseteq N \quad (24)$$

372 Eq. 31 is the sum of all of the coalition's contributions for the aggregate cost-  
 373 effectiveness. The variable  $\tilde{v}(S)$  is the welfare of coalition  $S$ :

374 
$$\tilde{v}(S) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{|S|} (H_j - E_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n C_i}, \quad j \in S \quad (25)$$

375 The variable  $\tilde{v}(S)$  is different from the Z-value. Whatever the coalition of  $\tilde{v}(S)$ , its  
 376 denominator is the same as the direct costs of all of the provinces.

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### 378 2.6.3 Benefits allocation according to the Shapley value

379 We use the Shapley value to allocate the  $\tilde{v}(S)$  changes in the welfare of coalition  $S$   
 380 after cooperation. Suppose that  $\phi = \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n\}$  is a set of assignments to  $G$ . Then,  
 381  $\phi_i(v)$  is the share of  $G$  in this set of allocation strategies for  $i$ , as shown in Eq. (26):

382 
$$\phi_i(v) = \sum_{i \in S} W |S| \cdot [\tilde{v}(S \cup \{i\}) - \tilde{v}(S)] \quad (26)$$

383 where  $W |S|$  is the weight vector,  $W |S| = \frac{(n-|S|)! (|S|-1)!}{n!}$ , and  $\tilde{v}(S \cup \{i\}), \tilde{v}(S)$

384 is the welfare of coalition  $S$  before and after  $i$  joining in the coalition. For  $i$ , the benefits  
 385 after allocation are  $\phi_i(v) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n C_i$ . Suppose the welfare of  $i$  before allocation is  $\phi_i(v)$ . Then,

386  $i$  should transfer the payments  $[\phi_i(v) - \phi_i(v)] \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n C_i$ .

387 We choose to allocate  $\tilde{v}(S)$  for the following reasons: (1) The optimal solution takes  
 388 into account 3 emission reduction targets. Thus, the optimal solution does not mean that

389 the aggregate cost  $(\sum_{i=1}^n (C_i + E_i - H_i))$  is minimal. (2) Although the Z-value is also

390 considered to combine 3 emission reduction targets, the Z value is not superadditive. The  
 391  $\tilde{v}(S)$  is additive. From this point of view, every coalition is stable. (3) From the final

392 transfer payments in this section, the allocation of the welfare is also an allocation for the  
 393 aggregate cost. This program also takes into account the direct costs, economic  
 394 development effects and health benefits. Therefore, the program is acceptable.

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## 396 3 Empirical study

397 In our empirical research, the Jing-jin-ji region was studied as an example. A brief  
 398 introduction of this region is provided in Section 4.1. The model is built and the results are  
 399 analyzed in Section 4.2.

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401 **3.1 Study Areas**  
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403 **Figure 3** Jing-Jin-Ji Areas

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405 Figure 3 shows the Jing-jin-ji region examined in this study. Beijing and Tianjin are  
406 located on the North China Plain. The open terrain is conducive to the spread of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The  
407 sparse rainfall does not facilitate the precipitation of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and it is extremely difficult for  
408 this pollutant to be precipitated out (Zhao et al., 2013). Beijing (Jing) has, relative to the  
409 other municipalities, the most advanced tertiary industries and higher per capita GDP,  
410 followed by Tianjin (Jin), while Hebei (Ji) has a higher proportion of secondary industries  
411 and lower per capita GDP. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels produced by Beijing and Tianjin are much  
412 lower than that in Hebei. Thus, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> of Beijing and Tianjin mainly arises from Hebei  
413 and the people in this province suffer from the PM<sub>2.5</sub> transferred into Beijing and Tianjin.  
414 For the region, the current situation of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control can be very severe, especially in  
415 Beijing. In the next section, we will study the situation in 2015. According to relevant  
416 government reports, the decline in emission reduction targets of the concentrations for  
417 Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei in 2015 were 4.2 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, 2 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, and 7.2 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively.  
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419 **3.2 Results and Analysis**

420 The model is operated according to the parameter values in Appendix 7.2 from the China  
421 Statistical Yearbook, China Environmental Statistics Yearbook, relevant statistical  
422 yearbooks in Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, and relevant data from MEIC (Liu *et al.*, 2015) (the  
423 full cooperation situation is shown, other situations are not shown due to lack of space.),  
424 the parameters in the correlation function is shown in Table 2 in Appendix 7.1.

425 The model is resolved by Mathematica 9.0. In the full cooperation situation, the optimal  
426 emissions of Beijing are 4.76 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) primary PM<sub>2.5</sub>, 4.48 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) SO<sub>2</sub>, 16.94 (10<sup>4</sup>  
427 tons) NO<sub>x</sub> respectively. The total amount emission is equivalent to the discharge of  
428 14.81(10<sup>4</sup> tons) of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The optimal emissions of Tianjin are 9.33 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) primary  
429 PM<sub>2.5</sub>, 11.40 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) SO<sub>2</sub>, 40.57 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) NO<sub>x</sub> respectively. The total amount is  
430 equivalent to the discharge of 33.79 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) of PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The optimal emissions of Hebei  
431 are 77.02 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) primary PM<sub>2.5</sub>, 113.55 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) SO<sub>2</sub>, 183.40 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) NO<sub>x</sub>  
432 respectively. The total amount is equivalent to the discharge of 223.57 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) of  
433 PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The aggregate welfare is -3.56. In this situation, the indirect cost caused is 3.56

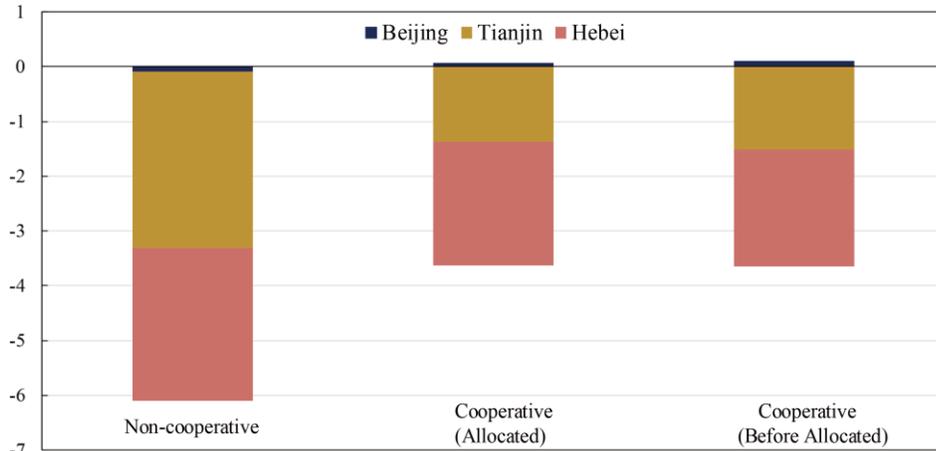
434 Yuan by the direct cost of per Yuan

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### 436 3.2.1 Comparative analysis of cooperation and non-cooperation results

437 In the non-cooperation situation, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> emission is 19.92 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) in Beijing, 38.63  
438 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) in Tianjin, and 218.22 (10<sup>4</sup> tons) in Hebei, and the aggregate removal is 276.77  
439 (10<sup>4</sup> tons). Compared with the non-cooperation situation, in the cooperation situation, the  
440 emission in Hebei decreased while the emission of Beijing, Tianjin increased, and the  
441 aggregate amount of removal also increased. The cost-effectiveness of the region increased  
442 by approximately 1.59 Yuan. The benefits increased by 2.318 billion Yuan.

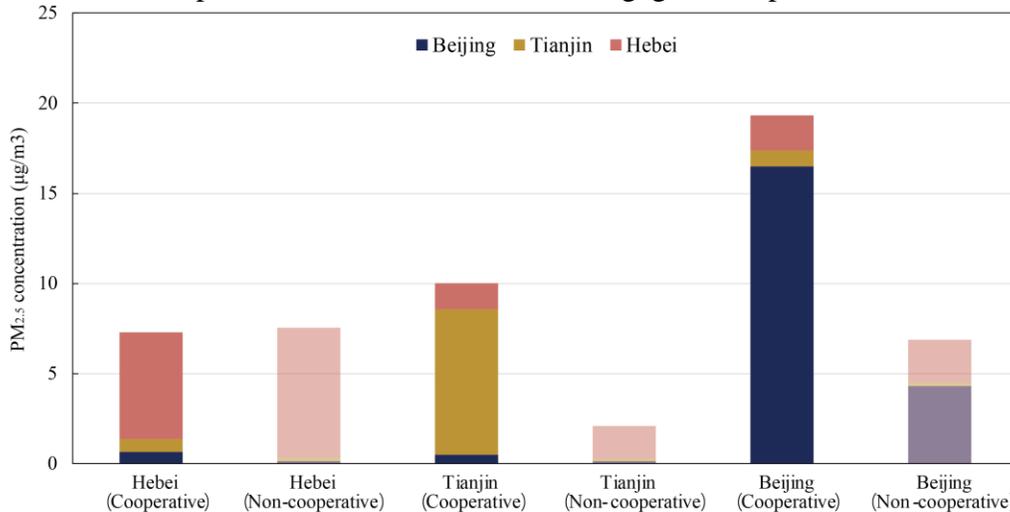
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445 **Figure 4** Comparison of cost-effectiveness in cooperation and non-cooperation

446 Tables 7 in Appendix 7.3 show that Beijing should transfer 0.373 billion Yuan, Tianjin  
447 should get 1.995 billion Yuan, and Hebei should transfer 1.622 billion Yuan in the  
448 cooperation situation. From Figure 4, after the benefits allocation, the contribution for the  
449 aggregate cost-effectiveness is better than the non-cooperation situation. The individual  
450 cost-effectiveness of each province is also better than the non-cooperation situations.  
451 Therefore, all three provinces have an incentive to engage in cooperation.



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453 **Figure 5** Comparison of PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration decline source in cooperation (dark color) and  
454 non-cooperation (light color).

455 Figure 5 shows that there is a certain difference concerning the PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration

456 decline source between the cooperation and non-cooperation situations. The decrease in  
 457 the concentration in Beijing and Tianjin in the cooperation situation is significantly higher,  
 458 which is positively correlated with the removals. Compared to the non-cooperation  
 459 situation, Tianjin and Hebei takes on more responsibilities to reduce the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 460 concentration of the region by discharging less PM<sub>2.5</sub> locally.

461 It is worth noting that Beijing and Tianjin governments will receive the most of benefits  
 462 in their own local emissions reduction because the very limited transmission factors from  
 463 Hebei and their center location of the Jing-jin-ji region as shown in Figure 3. Once Beijing  
 464 or Tianjin removes the emissions the two other provinces of the Jing-jin-ji region,  
 465 especially Hebei for it's around location, will receive the most positive external benefits.  
 466 While Tianjin and Beijing can only obtain a few positive external benefits from the Hebei  
 467 PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, other provinces adjacent to Hebei and outside the Jing-jin-ji region will share  
 468 the most of positive external benefits. Hence, provinces should be prior to reduce their local  
 469 haze to maximize their own benefits due to the restricted transmission factors as well as  
 470 their special locations, which is a highlight difference to the amount goal of greenhouse  
 471 gas reduction. The proposition illustrates that coalition should shift the best emission  
 472 reduction site from the province with the least marginal control cost to the province with  
 473 the most control effect within the region.

474 Since cooperation is superior to non-cooperation in most indicators, we will only discuss  
 475 the cooperation situation in the following sections.

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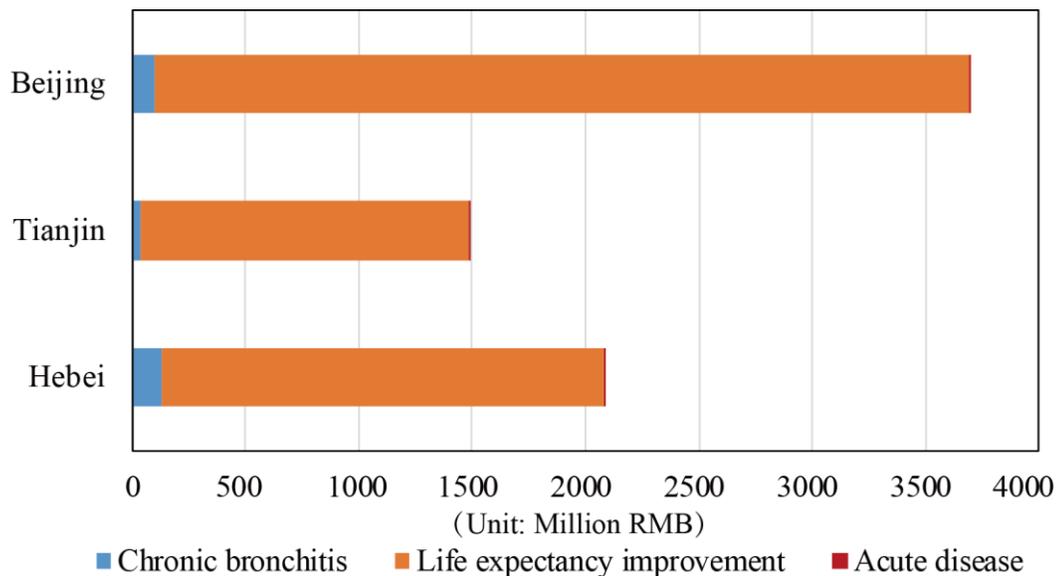
### 477 3.2.2 Analysis of health benefits in cooperation

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479 Human health is an important driving force for PM<sub>2.5</sub> control. In this section, we further  
 480 analyze the sources of the health benefits.

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**Figure 6** Disease sources of health benefits

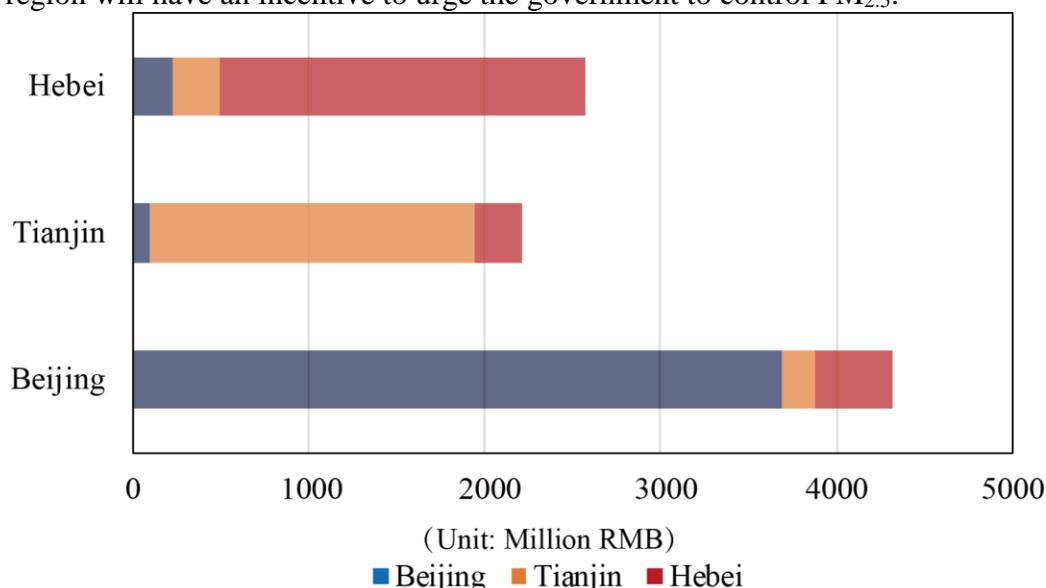
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From Figure 6, we can see that in any region, the vast majority of the health benefits come from the increase in peoples' life expectancies, followed by decreased chronic bronchitis. Acute diseases (including respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases,

488 pediatrics, internal medicine, acute bronchitis, and asthma) have little or even negligible  
 489 impacts on health benefits. For the treatment of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the proportion of health benefits  
 490 derived from the treatment costs is extremely low, and the vast majority come from the  
 491 improvement of the environment, health improvement, and the reduction of time lost from  
 492 work, which, in turn, increases the profit of the public and increases the output value of the  
 493 companies. In other words, in terms of health benefits, the control of PM<sub>2.5</sub> is a win-win  
 494 option in the long run. The public has reduced their loss of work, the companies have  
 495 increased their output value, and the government can then collect more taxes. Every stratum  
 496 in the region will have an incentive to urge the government to control PM<sub>2.5</sub>.



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**Figure 7** Province sources of health benefits

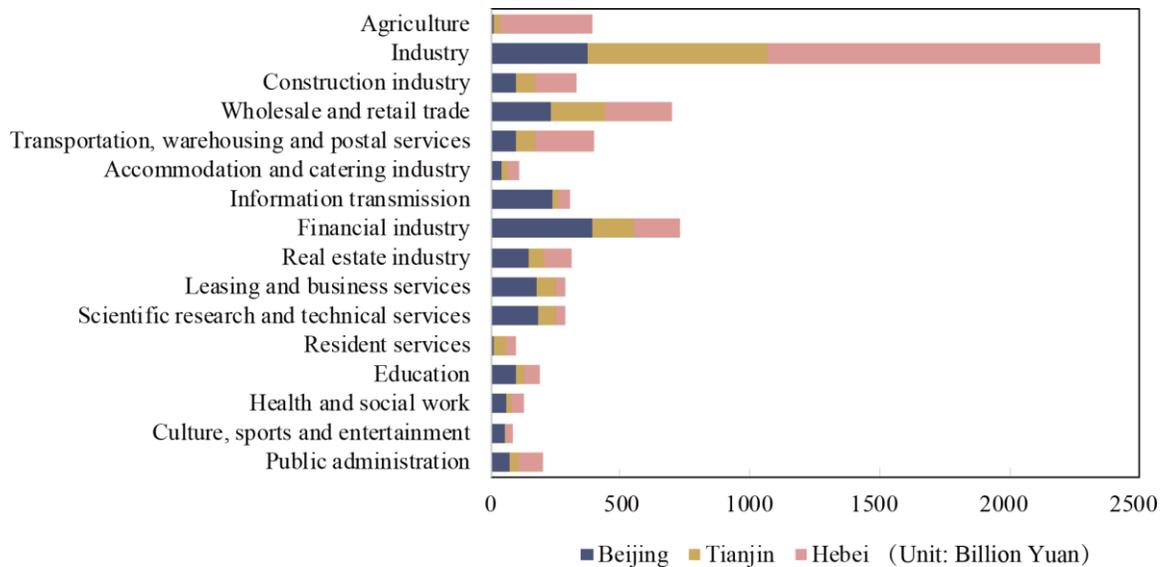
499 Figure 7 shows the health benefits from different provinces. As shown in Figure 3, PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 500 control in Beijing reduces the local concentrations and those in Tianjin and Hebei by 16.52  
 501  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , 0.85  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , and 1.94  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , respectively. Corresponding to Figure 7, the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
 502 control in Beijing increases the local health benefits and those in Tianjin and Hebei by  
 503 3.689 billion Yuan, 0.19 billion Yuan, and 0.442 billion Yuan, respectively, totaling 4.321  
 504 billion Yuan. According to Figure 7, we find that if a district controls the PM<sub>2.5</sub>, then the  
 505 district receives most of the health benefits. If the local government wants to guarantee the  
 506 health of the local people effectively, then it needs to concentrate on local control. The free  
 507 rider only brings a few health benefits. In the cooperation situation, the health benefits  
 508 brought by the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control of Beijing, Tianjin, and Hebei are 4.321 billion Yuan, 1.848  
 509 billion Yuan, and 2.575 billion Yuan, respectively. The direct costs in Beijing, Tianjin, and  
 510 Hebei are 1.535 billion Yuan, 7.608 billion Yuan, and 5.406 billion Yuan, respectively.  
 511 Using the ratio (health benefits/direct costs), we only considered the cost-effectiveness of  
 512 the direct costs in terms of health, and the result is Beijing > Hebei > Tianjin.

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### 514 3.2.3 Analysis of the economic development effect on cooperation

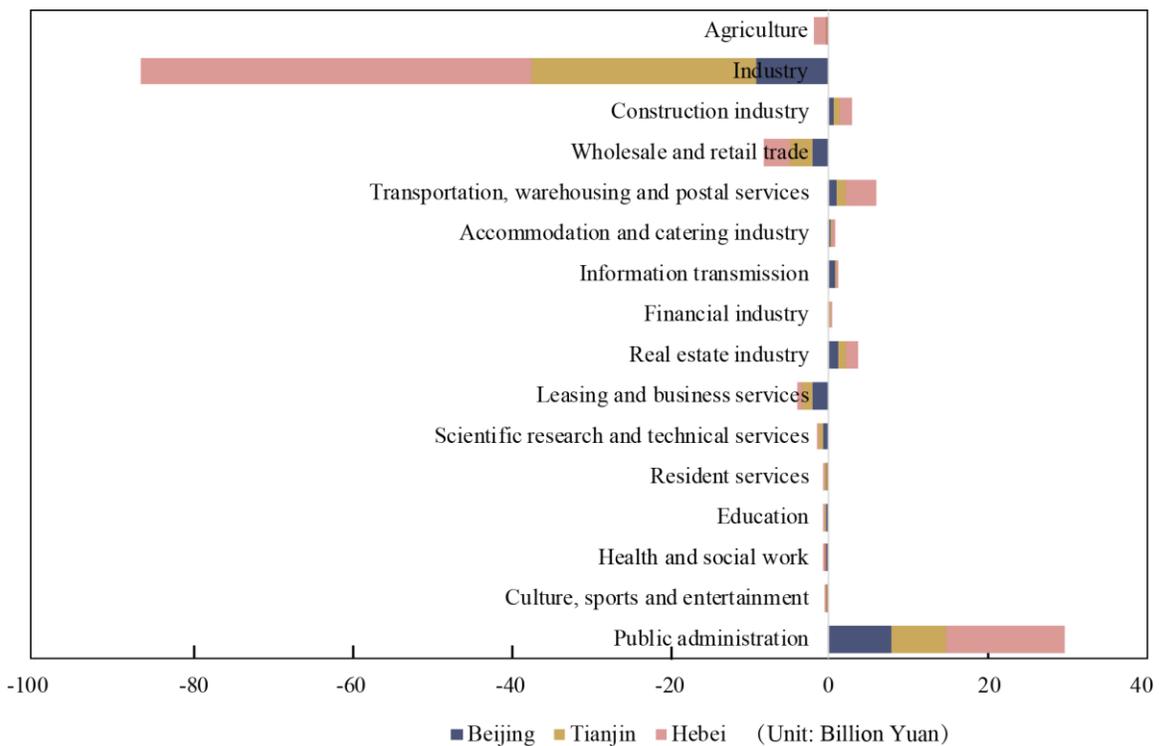
515 we further analyze the economic development effects of various industries in the region.  
 516 Figure 8 shows that the industrial structures of Beijing, Hebei and Tianjin are different.  
 517 Beijing is a service-oriented city with tertiary industry, while Hebei and Tianjin are still in  
 518 an industrial stage. Beijing's manufacturing/industrial output value is relatively small,  
 519 accounting for only 12% of the aggregate GDP, while it is 42% and 46% in Tianjin and

520 Hebei, respectively. At the same time, Beijing's tertiary industries, such as education,  
 521 culture and entertainment, scientific research, and finance, are particularly developed,  
 522 surpassing the sum of Hebei and Tianjin.  
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**Figure 8** Industrial structures of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei



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**Figure 9** Industrial structure of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei

531 Figure 9 shows the following: (1) The PM<sub>2.5</sub> control plays a negative role on the  
 532 economic development, which is 2.266 billion Yuan for Beijing, 23.492 billion Yuan for

533 Tianjin, and 33.270 billion Yuan for Hebei. In general, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control has a catalytic  
534 effect on the development of tertiary industries and an inhibitory effect on the development  
535 of secondary industries. Combined with the direct costs, we only considered the cost-  
536 effectiveness of direct costs in terms of economic development, and the result is Beijing >  
537 Hebei > Tianjin. However, considering the economic development and health benefits, the  
538 result is still Beijing > Hebei > Tianjin. The province benefitting most from the PM<sub>2.5</sub>  
539 control in the Jing-jin-ji is Beijing, followed by Hebei, and finally Tianjin. (2) In the  
540 cooperation situation, whatever the service-oriented and industrial cities, the  
541 manufacturing/industry in the secondary industries have a majority of the negative  
542 economic development effects. Tianjin and Hebei are expected to bear 28.249 billion Yuan  
543 and 48.995 billion Yuan, respectively, accounting for 80% of all local negative economic  
544 development effects and 0.8% of GDP. The effects on Beijing are 9.015 billion Yuan,  
545 accounting for 63% of all local negative economic development effects and 0.4% of GDP.  
546 (3) Not all secondary industries will be affected in the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> control is  
547 often accompanied by an upgrading of infrastructure, improving the local living  
548 environment and increasing peoples' willingness to live. As a result, the construction  
549 industry has developed, and the real estate industry that is closely associated with it has  
550 also developed. (4) PM<sub>2.5</sub> control does not have a significant positive effect on most tertiary  
551 industries. For example, finance is the industry with the highest value in Beijing; the output  
552 value is as high as 39.26 billion Yuan, but PM<sub>2.5</sub> control is expected to only bring 0.18  
553 billion Yuan to the finance industry. PM<sub>2.5</sub> control even causes a slight impediment to the  
554 development of certain tertiary industries. The benefits of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control to public  
555 management and social security is clear. Some of the sub-sectors in this industry have  
556 extremely high requirements for air quality, such as pensions. PM<sub>2.5</sub> control is expected to  
557 bring about a 7% improvement in output value for public management and social security,  
558 accounting for over 70% of the positive economic development effects. In Beijing  
559 especially, it has brought a positive effect of 7.944 billion Yuan, offsetting the negative  
560 effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control on manufacturing/industry. However, in public management and  
561 social security, Beijing does not have obvious advantages over the other two provinces.  
562 The positive effects of Tianjin and Hebei in the industry are 6.743 billion Yuan and 14.692  
563 billion Yuan, respectively.

564 Figures 8 and 9 reflect the control dilemmas of different cities under different industrial  
565 structures. Beijing accounts for a large proportion of the tertiary industry. The industrial  
566 structure can offset the negative effects of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control on industry/manufacturing.  
567 Naturally, there is sufficient incentive to control PM<sub>2.5</sub>. This is also true in practice. In the  
568 PM<sub>2.5</sub> control in the Jing-jin-ji region, Beijing has always been an advocate and sponsor.  
569 In Tianjin and Hebei, the secondary industry plays an important role on the industrial  
570 structure. These provinces do not have sufficient motivation to control the PM<sub>2.5</sub>. However,  
571 if they do not control the PM<sub>2.5</sub> actively, it will be difficult to achieve significant results in  
572 the control of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the region due to cross-border pollution effects. In addition, we  
573 find that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control has an interaction and counteraction on economic development.  
574 When the local industrial structure does not match with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, the industries  
575 that benefit from PM<sub>2.5</sub> control urge the local governments to control the PM<sub>2.5</sub>. For  
576 example, in recent years, the upgrading of the industrial structure in the Jing-jin-ji region  
577 has brought many job opportunities and the rapid development of the real estate industry.  
578 Because the real estate industry is closely related to the local environmental quality, the

579 real estate industry has provided positive incentives for local governments to control PM<sub>2.5</sub>.  
580 At the same time, the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control has further promoted the development of the real estate  
581 industry. After the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, the industries benefiting from the improvement of the  
582 environment also develop rapidly. In 2015, the environment was greatly improved, and the  
583 output value of the Public Management and Social Security in Beijing's industry increased  
584 by 30%.

585 Compare to the related literature about the health benefits of PM<sub>2.5</sub> control such as Yu  
586 et al. (2015), our work expose the origin of health benefits by transmission matrix and  
587 know free rider is unrealistic fantasy. Compare to the previous literature about SO<sub>2</sub> control  
588 (Zhao et al. (2013), Xue J et al. (2014, 2015), Wu et al. (2015), Shi et al. (2016) and Xie et  
589 al. (2016), we present a more reasonable concentration-based air pollution control game  
590 model and analyze the effect on economic development and get some insightful conclusion  
591 and our cost-effectiveness could explain the phenomenon the local governments overfull  
592 their targets.

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#### 594 **4 Conclusions and policy Implications**

595 According to the actual PM<sub>2.5</sub> control situation, the big bubble hypothesis is not used  
596 and the direct removal costs, economic development effect and health benefits are  
597 considered in this study. The optimal removal model with PM<sub>2.5</sub>'s transmission and  
598 retention factor is constructed. In addition, a strategy is provided under the condition that  
599 some provinces cannot achieve the emission reduction target and need a regional allocation  
600 based on the welfare function. Using the Jing-Jin-Ji region as an example, we conclude that  
601 the cooperative operation is more suitable than the non-cooperative operation, which can  
602 reflect several factors. Compared with the non-cooperative case, the cooperative case  
603 reduces the indirect cost by 1.59 Yuan RMB per 1 RMB. In the cooperation scenario,  
604 Beijing should transfer 0.373 billion Yuan RMB to Tianjin and Hebei should transfer 1.622  
605 billion to Tianjin, while Tianjin will receive 19.95 billion RMB from Beijing and Hebei.  
606 The benefits increased by 2.318 billion Yuan.

607 In the Jing-Jin-Ji region, even in the cooperative model, PM<sub>2.5</sub> control must involve a  
608 great deal of indirect cost. These three provinces also must accept an additional loss of 3.56  
609 RMB for every 1 RMB direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> removal cost. The distribution of the loss is also very  
610 unbalanced. Without a cost transfer, Beijing has no loss, while Hebei undertakes the largest  
611 removal task and experiences the greatest loss. Thus, the central government should  
612 develop a reasonable plan and compensation arrangement so that the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control  
613 achieves the desired results. For air pollutants control under concentration control, the  
614 transfer matrix is a very important factor. Unlike the existing total amount control  
615 researches, the coalition should shift the best emission reduction site from the province  
616 with the least marginal control cost to the province with the most control effect within the  
617 region.

618 Moreover, the construction of the benefits transfer institution is less important than the  
619 transformation of the industrial structure. Under the existing conditions, we can develop  
620 specific industries that produce synergies with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, especially public  
621 management and social security, which can provide additional incentives to control the  
622 PM<sub>2.5</sub>. PM<sub>2.5</sub> control has an interaction and counteraction on economic development. When  
623 the local industrial structure does not match with the PM<sub>2.5</sub> control, industries that benefit  
624 from PM<sub>2.5</sub> control will urge local governments to control the PM<sub>2.5</sub>. In terms of health

625 benefits, if a district controls the  $PM_{2.5}$ , the district will receive most of the health benefits.  
 626 If the local government wants to guarantee the health of the local people effectively, it  
 627 needs to concentrate on local control. The free rider system only bring a few health benefits.  
 628 Based on this article, we propose the following policy recommendations: for the central  
 629 government, providing accurate information about transmission matrix is vital to  $PM_{2.5}$   
 630 control which the local governments do not have enough ability to grasp it exactly. It is  
 631 indemnification for the complete of targets and important promote to achieve cooperation.  
 632 If the local governments know it, they will can find free rider is unrealistic fantasy and  
 633 control  $PM_{2.5}$ . There is a relation between the emission reduction targets of the various  
 634 provinces in the region due to the transmission matrix. The setting of emission reduction  
 635 targets has externalities in other provinces, and we will discuss the setting of emission in  
 636 the next article. The  $PM_{2.5}$  control process needs to be accompanied by the upgrading and  
 637 transformation of the industrial structure. As China's population gradually ages, the  
 638 prospects for the pension industry are bright. There are many elderly people with rich  
 639 pensions, especially in the Jing-jin-ji region. The pension industry demands very high local  
 640 air quality. If the local pension industry is vigorously developed, the local government will  
 641 have the incentive to control air pollutants spontaneously. The pension industry needs a  
 642 large amount of manpower to take care of occupations, such as nursing care. This industry  
 643 can also effectively absorb the employed population and ease the government's concerns  
 644 about unemployment caused by environmental governance. Therefore, the central  
 645 government can promote the development of the pension industry in the Jing-jin-ji region.  
 646 In addition, for the moment, the health benefits from the  $PM_{2.5}$  control in the Jing-jin-ji  
 647 region are still lower than the economic development effects and direct costs. From an  
 648 economic point of view,  $PM_{2.5}$  control is not worthwhile. Thus, in the process of control,  
 649 it is necessary to publicize the necessity of  $PM_{2.5}$  control, increase people's perception of  
 650 the health benefits of  $PM_{2.5}$  control, make  $PM_{2.5}$  control a priority among the people, and  
 651 urge the government to initiate control.

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## 659 **6 Appendix**

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### 661 **6.1 Transmission Matrix**

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663 At present, there are few studies (Xue et al., 2014b) on the transfer matrix. In this paper,  
 664 we used the transport matrix from the Environmental Planning Institute of the Ministry of  
 665 Environmental Protection in 2010 and 2015. According to the matrix, we obtained Tables  
 666 1 and 2:

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**Table 1** Retention matrix (2010)

Province	Beijing	Hebei	Tianjin	Others
Beijing	63%	24%	4%	9%

Hebei	5%	64%	6%	25%
Tianjin	5%	26%	58%	11%

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**Table 2** Retention matrix (2015)

Province	Beijing	Hebei	Tianjin	Others
Beijing	66%	18%	4%	12%
Hebei	3%	62%	4%	31%
Tianjin	56%	20%	3%	21%

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**Table 3** Transmission matrix (2015)

Province	Beijing	Hebei	Tianjin	Others
Beijing	55.61%	20.22%	2.79%	21.37%
Hebei	1.86%	51.32%	2.28%	44.53%
Tianjin	3.07%	24.59%	47.48%	24.86%

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According to Table 1 and Table 2, we can see that in 2010 and 2015, although the corresponding PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration and meteorological conditions vary greatly, but the difference of the transmission matrix is not significant, so we assume in this paper that the transport matrix remains the same in this year's PM<sub>2.5</sub> control.

Table 2 ( $\xi_{ji}$ ) can be obtained directly from the Ministry of Environmental Protection's matrix. Table 3 ( $\delta_{ji}$ ) needs to be combined with Table 2 ( $\xi_{ji}$ ),  $\beta_i$  and the concentration ( $c_i$ ). Finally, the transmission matrix for province  $j$  to another province  $k$  is

$$\delta_{jk} = \frac{\xi_{jk} \cdot \beta_k \cdot c_k}{\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_{ji} \cdot \beta_i \cdot c_i}.$$

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## 6.2 Function-related Parameters

### 6.2.1 Direct costs function fitting result

**Table 4** Jing-jin-ji region's removal cost function of SO<sub>2</sub> regression results

	Variable	Coefficient
Beijing	$R^2$	0.959
	$F$	5.778
	Sig.	0.301
Tianjin	$R^2$	0.945
	$F$	0.109
	Sig.	0.961
Hebei	$R^2$	0.775

<i>F</i>	0.863
Sig.	0.658

686 **6.2.2 Health benefits function-related parameters**

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688 According to the environmental bulletin, the average concentrations of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in Beijing,  
689 Tianjin and Hebei in 2014 are 81 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, 86 μg/m<sup>3</sup> and 90 μg/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively. In this paper,  
690 the exposed population is the residential population at the end of 2014. The benchmark  
691 incidences of the health terminals were obtained from the relevant social-economic  
692 statistical yearbook or health statistics yearbook, and the coefficient of the reaction under  
693 the exposure was obtained from the relevant research of the previous scholars' methods  
694 (Huang and Zhang, 2013; Miao et al., 2017; Huang et al., 2012). The average age of chronic  
695 bronchitis is approximately 55 years old. The expected life expectancy is 82, and the  
696 discount rate is 4.9%.  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are 0.16 and 0.04, respectively. According to Eq.(6), the  
697 Daly value is approximately 11.51.

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700 **6.2.3 Economic development effect function-related parameter**

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**Table 5** Impact of environmental regulation on output of 2015 industry

Industry	Output of 2015 Industry (%)	Industry	Output of 2015 Industry (%)
Agriculture	-0.2	Electricity, heat production and supply industry	-0.78
Coal mining and washing industry	-4.39	Gas production and supply	-1.07
Oil and gas extraction industry	0.18	Water production and supply	-0.36
Metal mining industry	-2.63	Construction industry	0.42
Non-metallic mining industry	-1.02	Transportation and warehousing	-0.26
Food manufacturing and tobacco processing industry	-0.37	Postal service	0.94
Textile industry	-1.7	Information transmission, computer services and software industry	0.23
Clothing, leather, down and its products industry	-1.26	Wholesale and retail trade	-0.54
Wood processing and furniture manufacturing	-0.36	Accommodation and catering	0.35
Paper printing and cultural and educational supplies manufacturing industry	-1.23	Financial and insurance industry	0.03
Oil processing, coking and nuclear fuel processing industry	-1.88	Real estate	0.58
Chemical industry	-1.67	Leasing and business services	-0.72
Non-metallic mineral products	-1.71	Tourism	0.64

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Metal smelting and rolling processing industry	-2.63	Scientific research business	-0.17
Metal products industry	-1.89	Integrated technical services	-0.09
General purpose, special equipment manufacturing industry	-0.84	Other social services	-0.33
Transportation equipment manufacturing industry	-0.47	Education	-0.17
Electrical, mechanical and equipment manufacturing	-2.01	Health, social security and social welfare	-0.22
Communications equipment, computers and other electronic equipment manufacturing industry	-1.71	Culture, sports and entertainment	-0.21
Instrumentation and cultural office machinery manufacturing industry	-7.18	Public administration and social organization	7.06
Other manufacturing + waste scrap	-0.93		

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#### 6.2.4 Model related parameter

**Table 6 Model related parameter**

	Beijing(B)	Tianjin(T)	Hebei (H)
<b>Z<sub>1</sub> Direct cost</b>			
$\theta \cdot W_i^p$	171888	1225290	2351410
$P_{iSO_2min}$	4.07	4.95	41.36
$P_{iNOxmin}$	15.45	23.55	100.58
$P_{iPPM_{2.5}min}$	4.53	3.80	32.42
$\mu_{SO_2}$	-0.060	-0.775	-0.209
$\mu_{NO_x}$	-0.210	-0.088	-0.012
$\mu_{PPM_{2.5}}$	-0.056	-0.259	-0.126
$t_i$	21.12	12.00	1.42
<b>Z<sub>2</sub> Healthy Benefit (Unit :Yuan )</b>			
Respiratory diseases	14.58	13.03	12.05
Cardiovascular diseases	4.67	4.18	3.86
Pediatrics	3.00	2.70	1.85
Internal medicine	6.42	5.77	3.95
Acute bronchitis	7.79	6.85	6.30
asthma	3.25	2.90	2.55
Chronic	637.65	555.93	587.69

bronchitis			
HCL	488657.6	527337.3	198776.7
$Z_3$ Economic Development Effects			
$\tau \cdot E_i^{2015} P_{iR}^{2015}$	1535830	24878400	254206000
$P_{i\min}$	13.70	17.03	100.67
Constraint			
$\beta_i$	0.2331	0.3803	2.1111
$g_i$	4.2	2	7.2
$\delta_{Bi}$	0.5561	0.0307	0.0186
$\delta_{Ti}$	0.0279	0.4748	0.0228
$\delta_{Hi}$	0.2022	0.2459	0.5132
$\sum_{j=1}^n \delta_{ji} P'_j$	21.73	40.23	247.84
$P_{iSO_2\min}$	4.07	4.95	41.36
$P_{iSO_2\max}$	14.51	22.45	141.88
$P_{iNO_x\min}$	15.45	23.55	100.58
$P_{iNO_x\max}$	29.19	40.60	196.88
$P_{iPPM_{2.5}\min}$	4.53	3.80	32.42
$P_{iPPM_{2.5}\max}$	14.83	9.34	78.91
Model solve	$Max Z = \frac{Z_2 - Z_3}{Z_1} = -3.56$		

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### 709 6.3 Allocation Based on Shapley Value

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711 According to Eqs. (23)-(26), the eigenvalues of the three provinces are shown in the

712 following Tables 7:

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Province	$R$	$\emptyset$	{T}	{H}	{T, H}
Beijing	$\tilde{v}(R)$	0	-1.5125	-2.1140	-3.5625
	$\tilde{v}(R \cup \{B\})$	0.0979	-1.1183	-2.2776	-3.5587
	$\tilde{v}(R \cup \{B\}) - \tilde{v}(R)$	0.0979	0.3942	-0.1636	0.0038
	$ R $	0	1	1	2
	$W R $	0.33	0.17	0.17	0.33
	$W R  * [\tilde{v}(R \cup \{B\}) - \tilde{v}(R)]$	0.0326	0.0657	-0.0272	0.0013
Tianjin	$\tilde{v}(R)$	0	0.0979	-2.1140	-2.2776
	$\tilde{v}(R \cup \{T\})$	-1.5125	-1.1183	-3.5625	-3.5587
	$\tilde{v}(R \cup \{T\}) - \tilde{v}(R)$	-1.5125	-1.2162	-1.4485	-1.2811
	$ R $	0	0	1	2
	$W R $	0.33	0.17	0.17	0.33
	$W R  * [\tilde{v}(R \cup \{T\}) - \tilde{v}(R)]$	-0.5041	-0.2027	-0.2414	-0.4270

	$\tilde{v}(R)$	0	0.0979	-1.5125	-1.1183
	$\tilde{v}(R \cup \{H\})$	-2.1140	-2.2776	-3.5625	-3.5587
Hebei	$\tilde{v}(R \cup \{H\}) - \tilde{v}(R)$	-2.1140	-2.3755	-2.0500	-2.4404
	$ R $	0	1	1	2
	$W R $	0.33	0.17	0.17	0.33
	$W R  * [\tilde{v}(R \cup \{H\}) - \tilde{v}(R)]$	-0.7047	-0.3959	-0.3417	-0.8134

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715 According to Table7, the proportion of welfare for Beijing through the allocation  
716  $\phi_B(V)$  is  $0.0326+0.0657-0.0272+0.0013=0.0723$ . In the indirect cost of 3.5587 Yuan, Beijing  
717 needs to get 0.0723 Yuan of benefits.

718 The proportion of welfare for Tianjin through the allocation  $\phi_T(V)$  is  $-1.3753$ . Tianjin  
719 needs to undertake 1.3753 Yuan of indirect cost.

720  $\phi_H(V)=-2.2557$ . Hebei needs to undertake 2.2557 Yuan of indirect cost.

721 Before allocation, the welfare of the three provinces in the aggregate welfare were 0.0979,  
722 -1.5125 and -2.1441. According to the aggregate control cost, Beijing should transfer 0.373  
723 billion Yuan RMB to Tianjin and Hebei should transfer 1.622 billion to Tianjin, while  
724 Tianjin will receive 19.95 billion RMB from Beijing and Hebei. The benefits increased by  
725 2.318 billion Yuan.

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