

# TPM11 - Session 3

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Climate Pollutants in China





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# Outline

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**SLCPs**

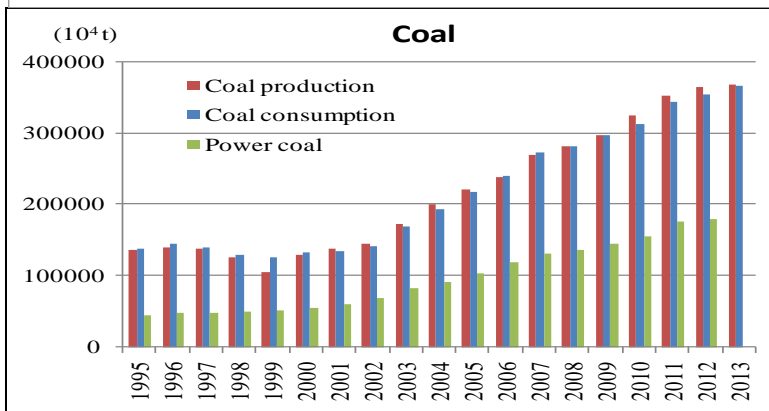
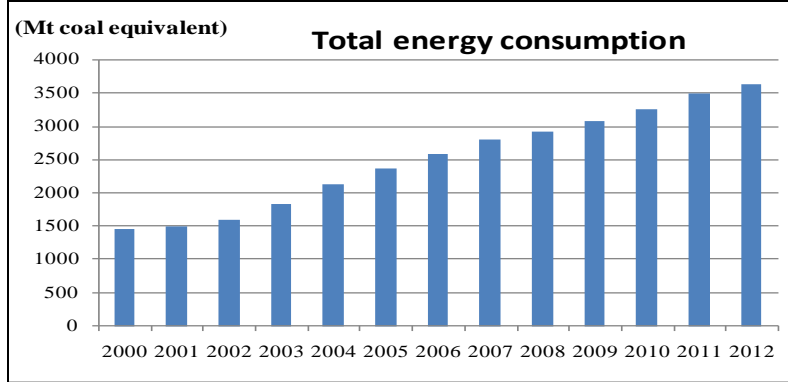
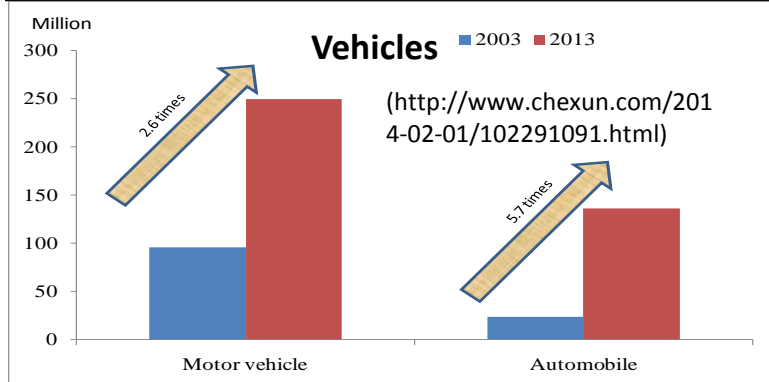
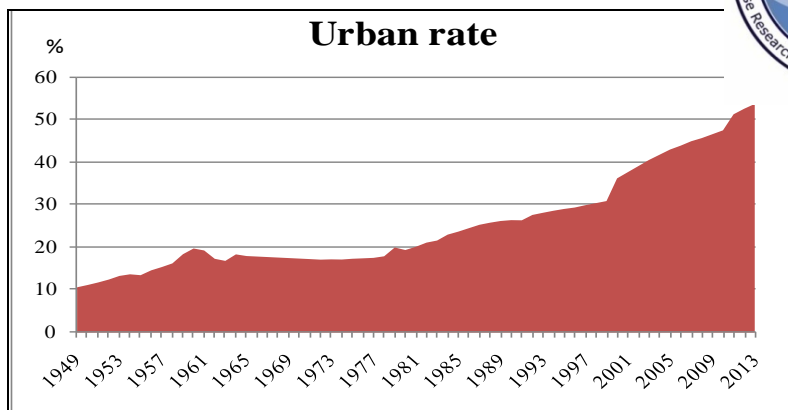
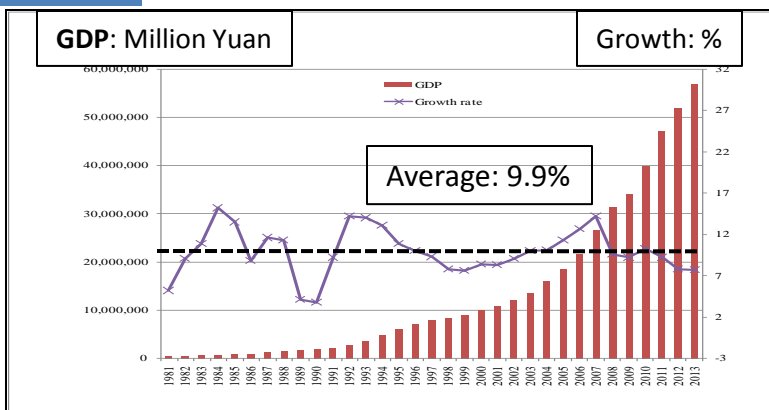
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**Identify the ignored sector:**

**A chance for fast return**



# 1 PM<sub>2.5</sub>



◆ China is faced with unprecedented environmental pressure, with air quality problem being the top concern



## 1 PM<sub>2.5</sub>

### Coal fired power plants

2000

ESP 90%  
WET 10%



2005

ESP 97%  
FF 3%  
FGD 15%



2010

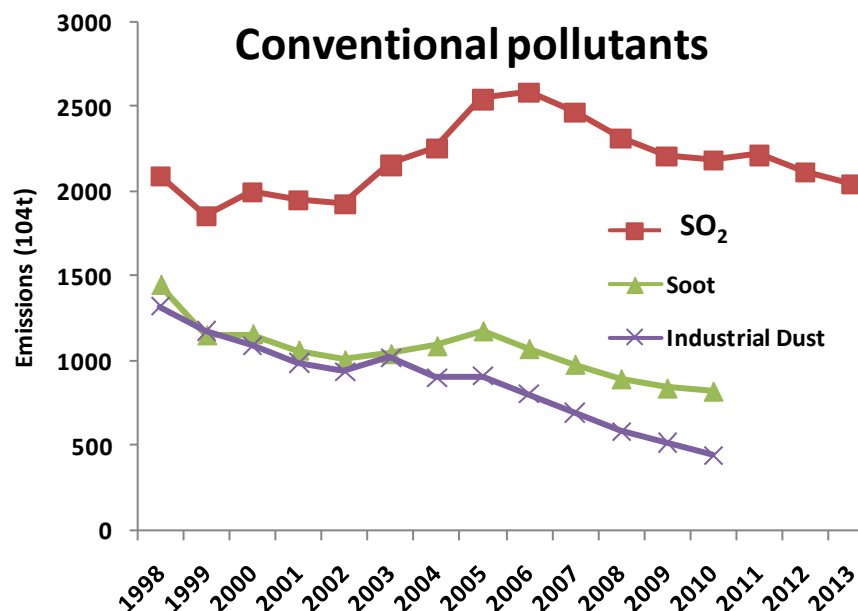
ESP 95%  
FF 5%  
FGD 86%  
De-Nox 13%



2015

ESP 86%  
FF >14%  
FGD 100%  
De-Nox >80%

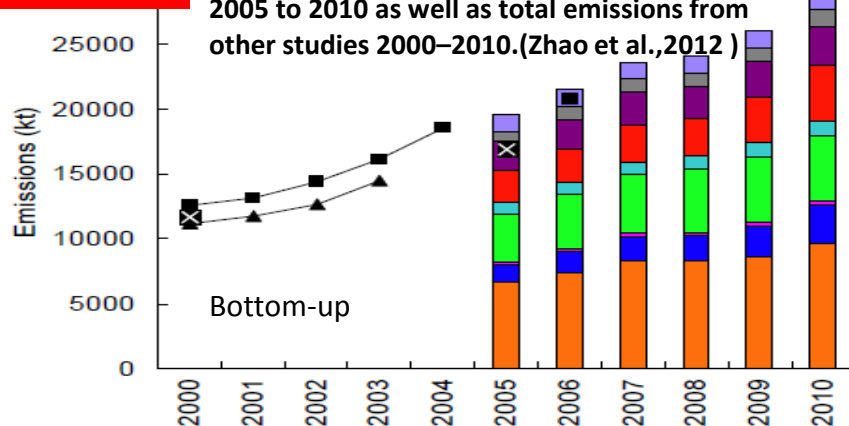
China's control efforts  
have seen significant  
reduction in traditional  
pollutants emissions, yet  
the total emission  
quantity is still high



# 1 PM<sub>2.5</sub>

## NO<sub>x</sub>

The annual emissions by sector in China from 2005 to 2010 as well as total emissions from other studies 2000–2010. (Zhao et al., 2012)



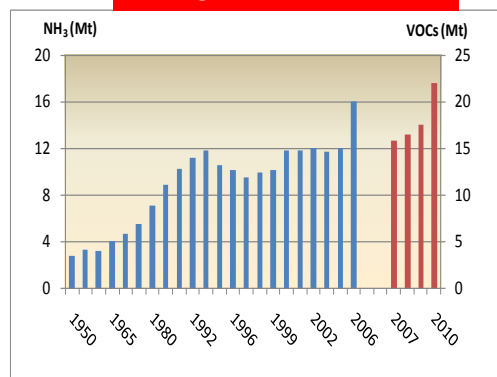
### Other studies

- Klimont et al.(2009); GAINS
- ▲— Ohara et al.(2007)
- Zhang et al.(2007; 2009)
- Lei et al.(2011a)
- ◆— Lu et al.(2011)
- CDIAC
- USEIA
- PBL
- △— IEA

### This work

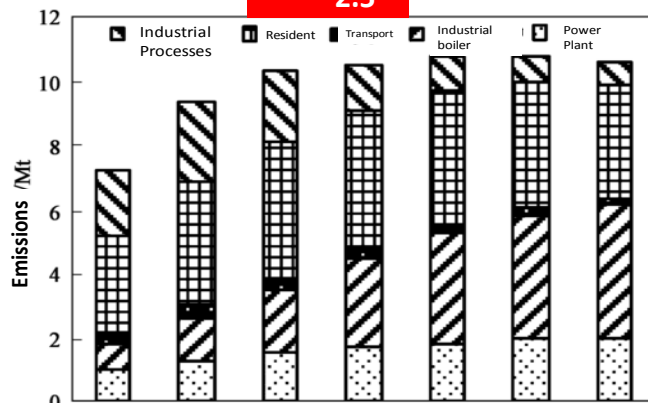
- Residential & commercial (Biofuel/biomass)
- Residential & commercial (fossil fuel)
- Non-road transportation
- On-road transportation
- Other industrial processes
- Other industrial boilers
- Iron & steel production
- Cement production
- Coal-fired power plants

## NH<sub>3</sub> and VOCs

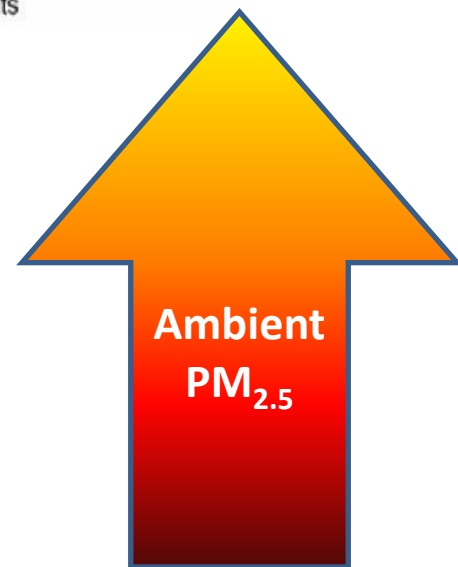


Sun et al., 1997; Li et al., 2012; Ye, 2010

## PM<sub>2.5</sub>



ZHANG et al., 2009

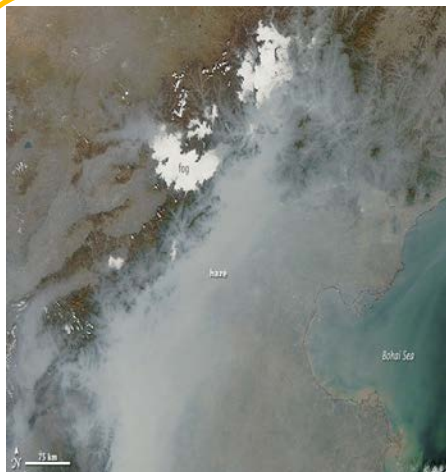


<http://www.chexun.com/2014-02-01/102291091.html>



## 1 PM<sub>2.5</sub>

### Current Characteristics



NASA's Earth Observatory released an image of north China's haze taken from space. The image shows that a thick layer of haze blanketed the North China Plain on Oct 9.



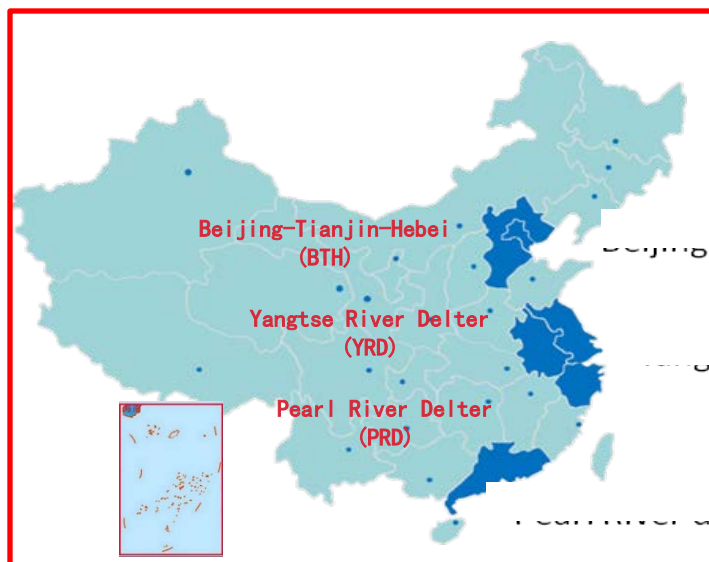
- Although The traditional pollution of SO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> remains unresolved; it is now superposed by new problems of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, VOCs and NH<sub>3</sub>, which exacerbates the air pollution situation
- Regional atmospheric haze and photochemical smog serve as new forms of atmospheric pollution



## 1 PM<sub>2.5</sub>

### Report on the State of the Environment in China 2013

## Air quality status of the 3 Key Areas 2013y



2013, in key areas, attainment city numbers for each pollutant

Key areas	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	CO	O <sub>3</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Attain
BTH	7	3	0	6	8	0	0
YRD	25	10	2	25	21	1	1
PRD	9	5	5	9	4	0	0

Attainment percent of days for the 3 Key Areas 2013y

Area	Total cities monitored	Percent of attainment days	PM <sub>2.5</sub> (μg/m <sup>3</sup> )
BTH	13	37. 5%	106
YRD	25	64. 2%	67
PRD	9	76. 3%	47

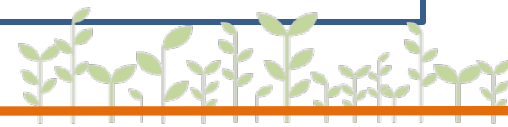
Triple standard





## National strategy and action of air pollution control

- **2010 State Council**  
Guiding Opinion on Promoting Regional Joint Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution for Better Air Quality
- **2012 MEP**  
Ambient Air Quality Standard (GB3095-2012)  
**State Council**  
12th Five-Year Plan on Key Area Atmospheric Pollution Prevention and Control
- **2013 State Council**  
Action Plan for Atmospheric Pollution Prevention and Control
- **2014 State Council General Office**  
Performance Evaluation Measures on Implementation of Action Plan against Atmospheric Pollution
- **2014 NPC (To be examined)**  
Law of Atmospheric Pollution Prevention and Control



## Phased implementation of the new Air Quality Standard (GB3095-2012)


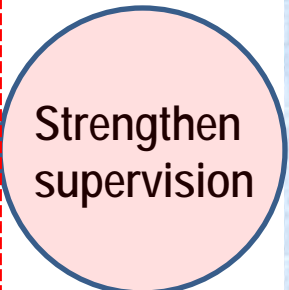

Pollutants	Mean time	Conc. Limit		Unit
		Level I	Level II	
SO <sub>2</sub>	Annual mean	20	60	μg/m <sup>3</sup>
	24-hour average	50	150	
	1-hour average	150	500	
NO <sub>2</sub>	Annual mean	40	40	μg/m <sup>3</sup>
	24-hour average	80	80	
	1-hour average	200	200	
CO	24-hour average	4	4	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
	1-hour average	10	10	
O <sub>3</sub>	8-hour average	100	160	μg/m <sup>3</sup>
	1-hour average	160	200	
PM <sub>10</sub>	Annual mean	40	70	
	24-hour average	50	150	
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Annual mean	15	35	
	24-hour average	35	75	

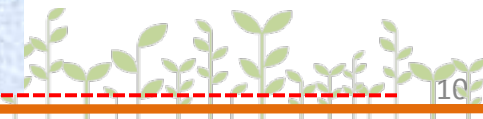


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PM<sub>2.5</sub>

## Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution

Category	Major efforts	action
	1. Step up Comprehensive Pollution Control, Reduce Emissions of Multi-Pollutants	1, 2, 3
	2. Adjust and Optimize Industrial Structure, Promote industrial transformation and upgrading	4, 5, 6, 7
	3. Speed up Technological transformation of Enterprises, Enhance the Sci-tec Innovation Capacity	8, 9, 10, 11
	4. Accelerate the Energy Restructuring, Increase Clean Energy Supply	12, 13, 14, 15
	5. Tighten the Entry Criteria in terms of Energy and Environment, Optimize the spatial layout of industries	16, 17, 18
	6. Give Play to Market Roles, Perfect Environmental Economic Policies	19, 20, 21
	7. Perfect the System of Laws and Regulations, Tighten the Supervision and Management According to Law	22, 23, 24, 25
	8. Establish Regional Cooperation Mechanism, Coordinate Regional Environmental Governance	26, 27, 28
	9. Set up Monitoring, Early Warning and Emergency Response System, Properly Address Heavy Pollution Weather Events	29, 30, 31
	10. Clarify the Responsibilities of Government, Enterprises and Society; Mobilize the Public to Participate in Environmental Protection	32, 33, 34, 35



## 1 PM<sub>2.5</sub>

### Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution

#### General Goal

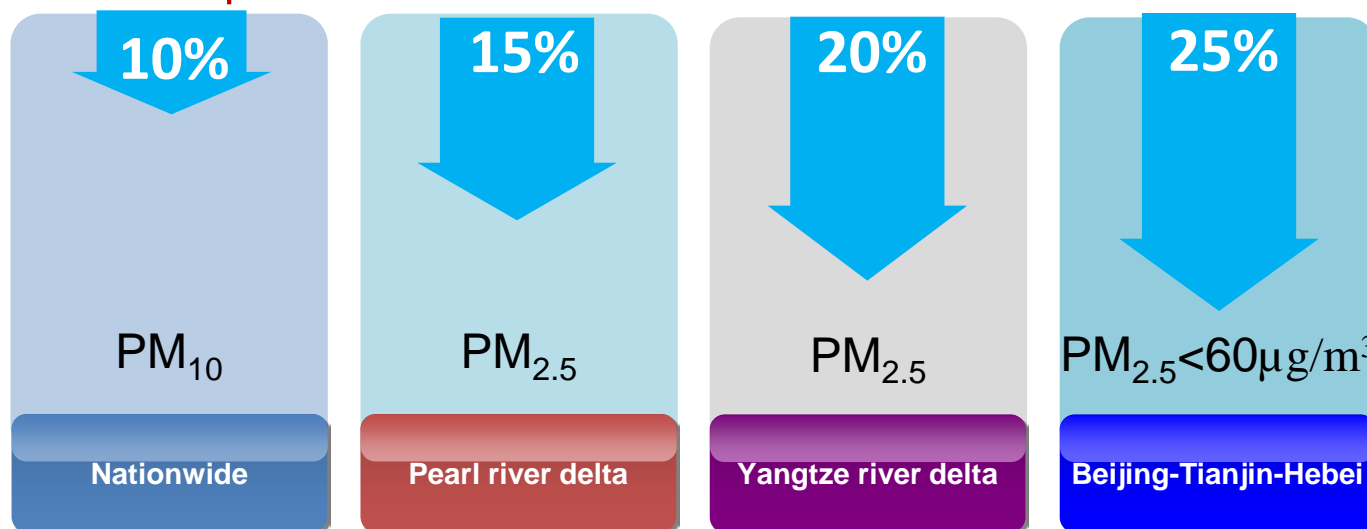


- Within five years, the air quality improved substantially for whole country, the number of heavily polluted days reduced significantly; air quality improved significantly for three key regions;
- Within ten or more years, gradually eliminate all heavily polluted days and air quality for the whole country improved significantly.

#### Specific Indicators

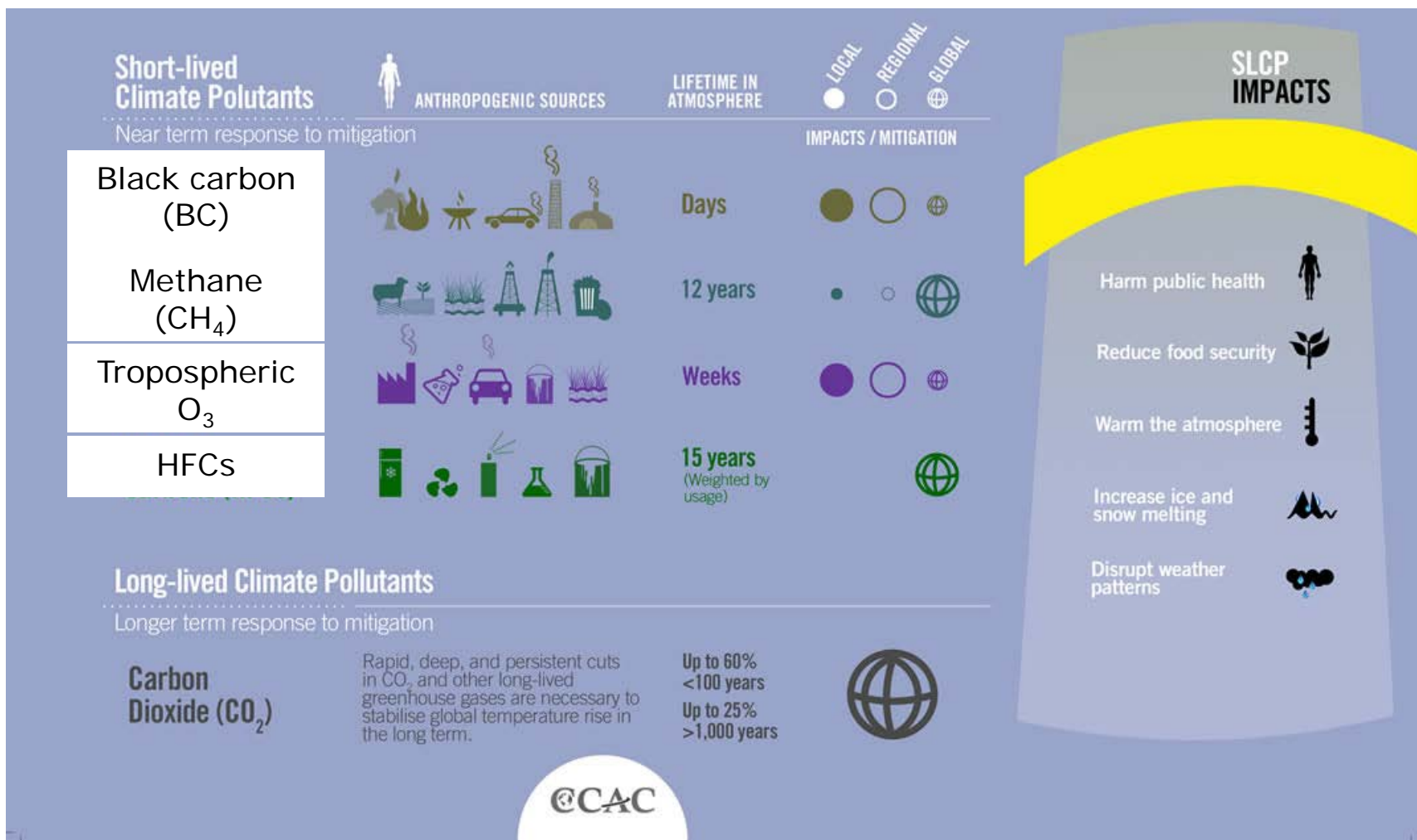


2017 Compared to 2012



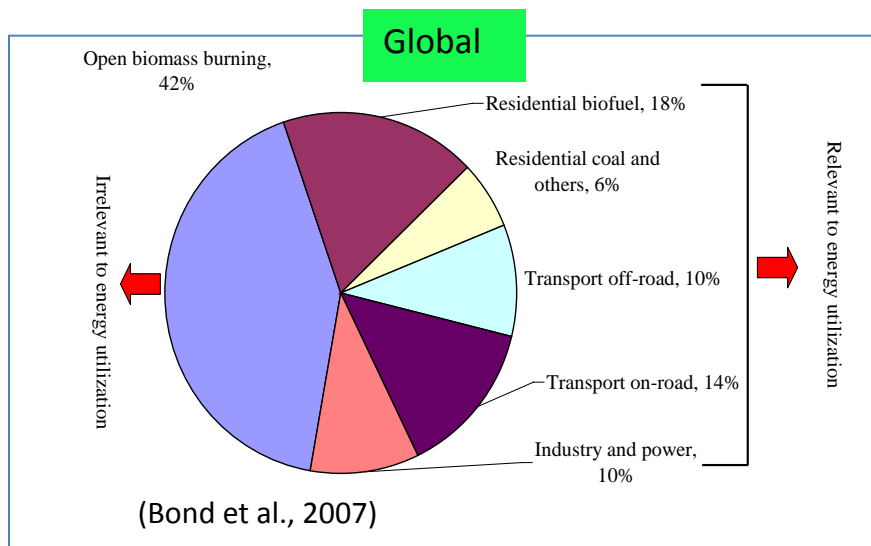
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Short-lived climate pollutants (SLCPs) are agents that have relatively short lifetime in the atmosphere - a few days to a few decades - and a warming influence on climate.



## 2 SLCPs

## Black carbon

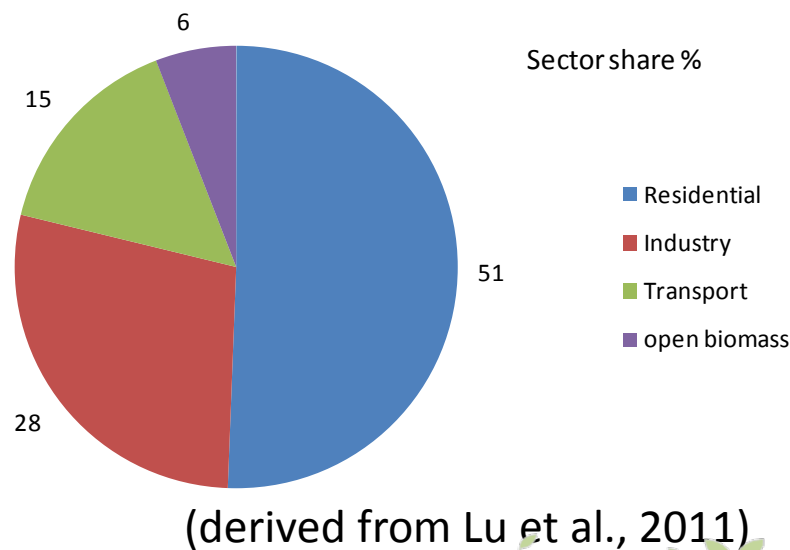
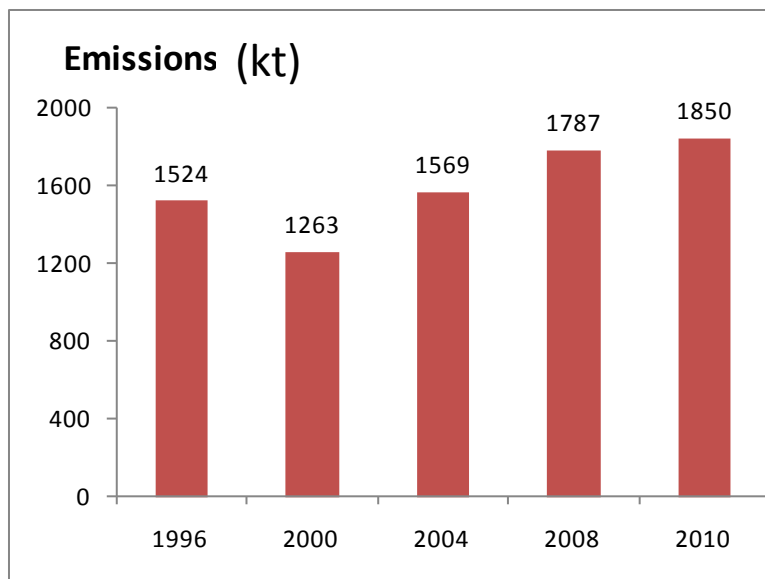
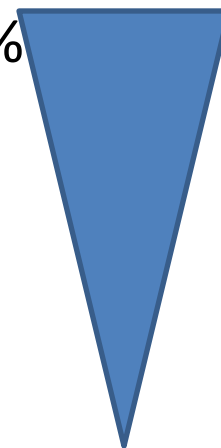


Open biomass: 42%

Residential: 24%

Transport: 24%

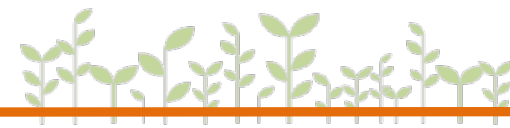
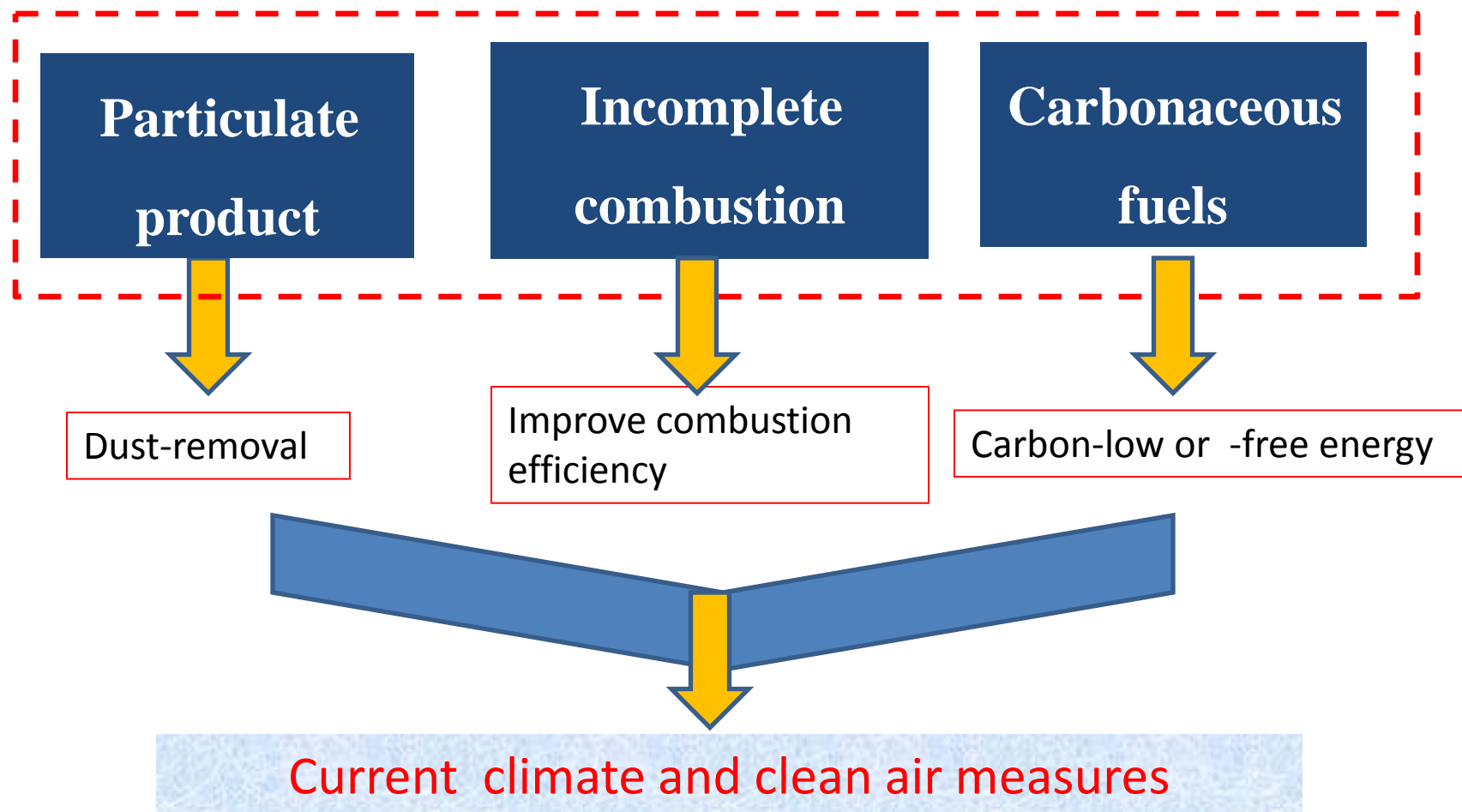
Industrial: 10%





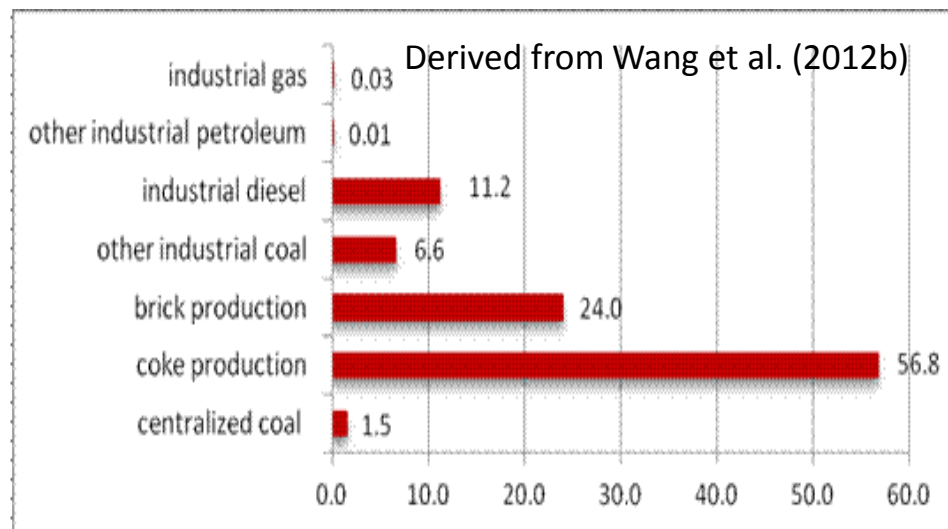
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## BC control in general



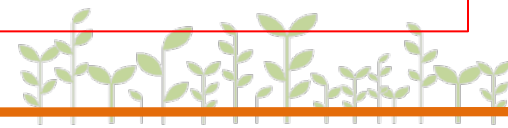
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**Industrial** Tighten Emission standard and market entry criteria, carry out equipment upgrading



- From traditional coke ovens to modern recovery ovens
- Improvement of end-of-pipe abatement measures
- the implementation of industrial policies such as phase-out of indigenous/modified coke ovens and change in market entry criteria
- mandate the use of technologies with more emission reduction and energy saving such as coke dry quenching and fine particles removal.

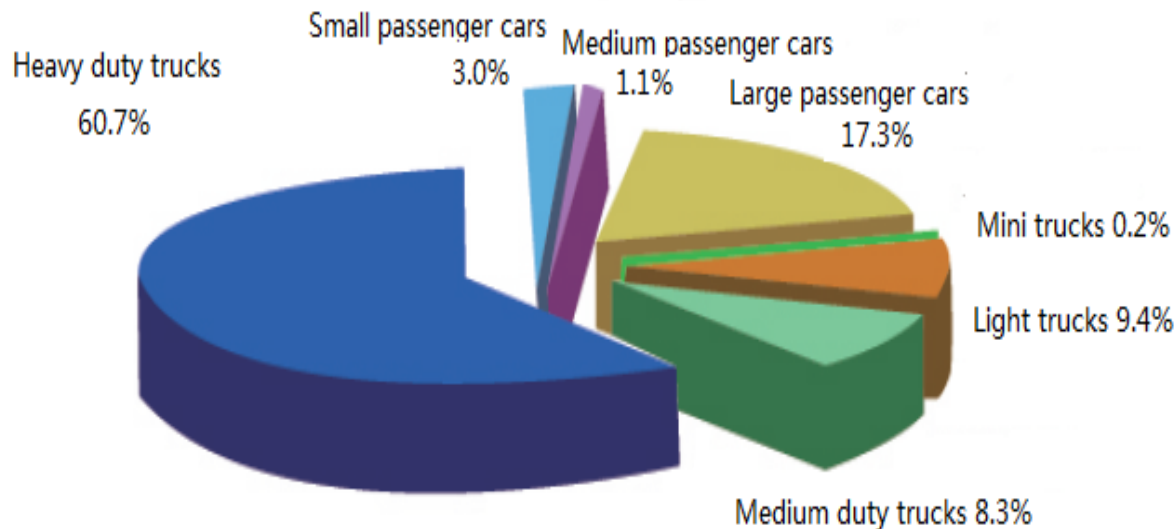
- From traditional brick kilns with vertical shaft kilns and Hoffman kilns of small scale
- replace the widely used small annular kilns with modern tunnel kilns
- market entry criteria
- Emission standard





## 2 SLCPs

### Transport



#### **Emission Reduction in Heavy Duty Vehicles through Fuel or Energy Switching**

- The use of low-sulphur diesel can be a precondition for various advanced technologies.
  - by the end of 2014**, the national IV standard (50ppm sulphur content or less)
  - By the end of 2015**, China's major cities, national V standard (<10ppm sulphur)
  - by the end of 2017**, extend to the whole country, in line with practice in EU and US.
- Another black carbon controlling technology for diesel vehicles is the use of clean fuels, such as natural gas



## 2 SLCPs

### Biomass open burning

biomass burning contributes between 4 and 6% to total black carbon emissions in China, much less than the global average of about 40%



Satellite in June 11, 2014

Source: <http://hjj.mep.gov.cn/stjc/>



## 2 SLCPs

### Biomass open burning

Specific measures for reducing black emissions from biomass burning generally involve seeking alternatives to stalk open burning

- ◆ returning straw to field by shattering the stalks
- ◆ turning biomass to briquette (pellets)
- ◆ turning biomass to biomass gas
- ◆ turning biomass to biodiesel
- ◆ burying biomass deep underground

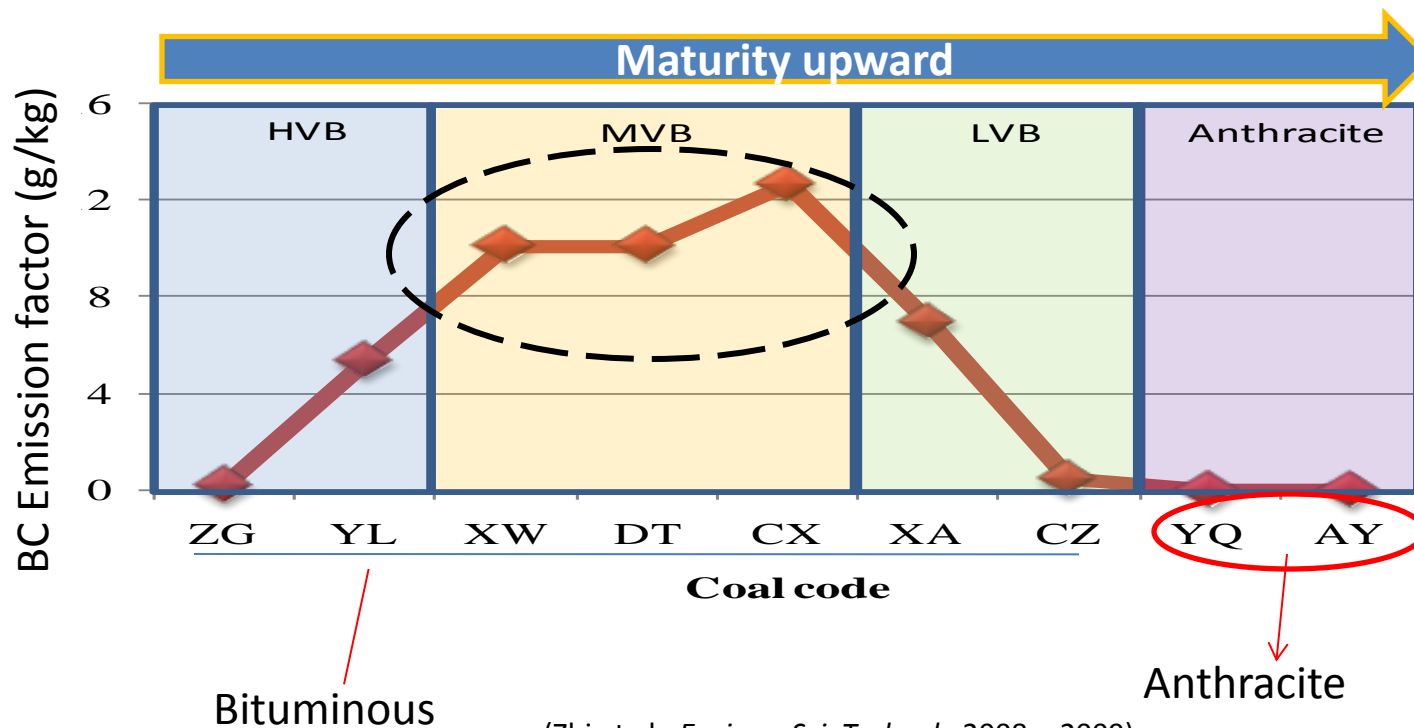




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## Residential sector

### Geological maturity of coal

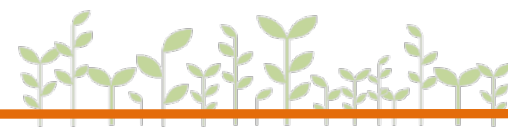


Bituminous

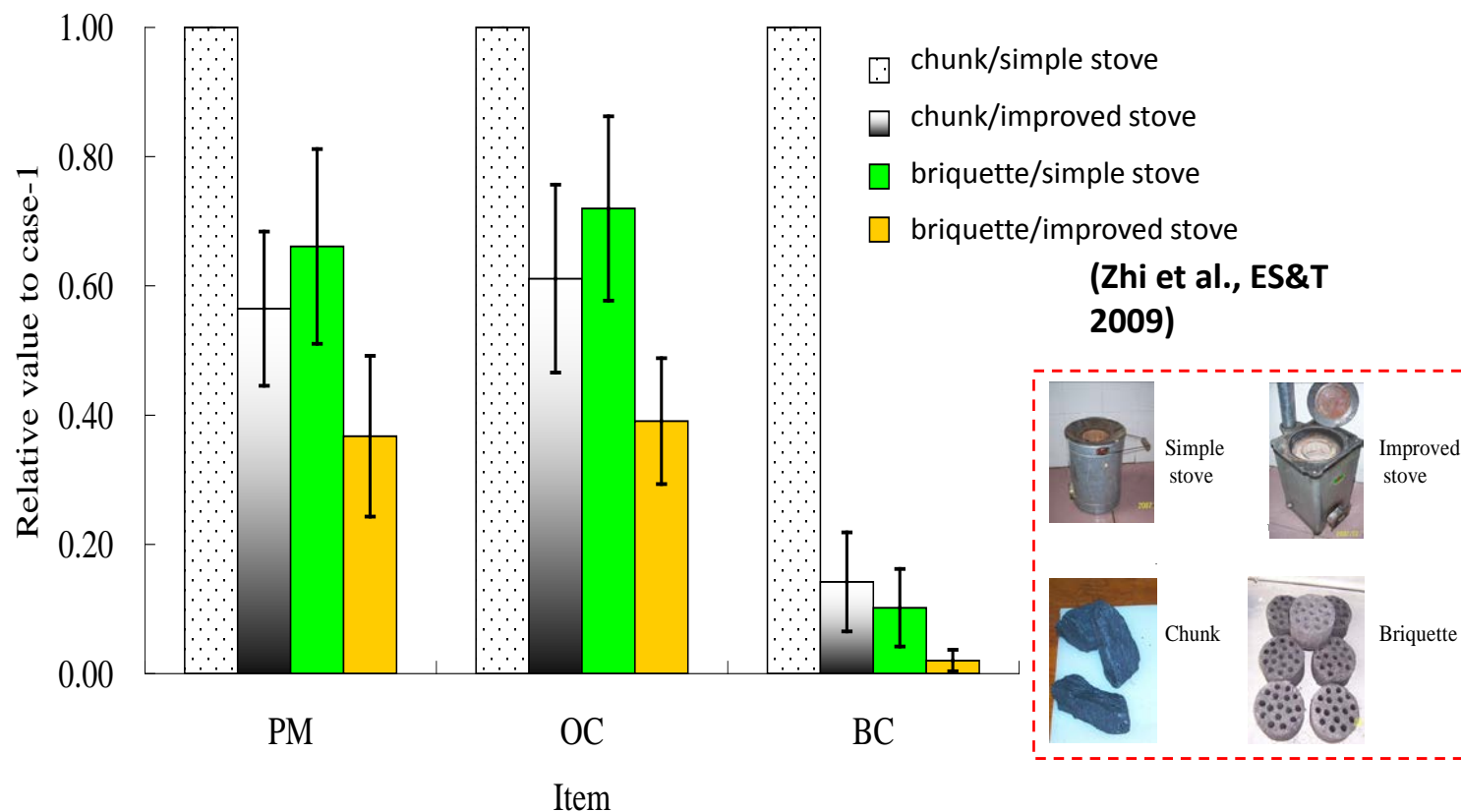
Anthracite

(Zhi et al., *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2008; 2009)

If middle maturity coal exit residential stoves, there will be a 60% decrease in China's residential BC emissions



## Coal and stove improvement



Emissions of particulate matter, organic carbon and black carbon were significantly reduced when briquette coal was burnt in an improved stove as compared to 3 other combinations involving traditional simple stove, improved cookstove and coal chunk

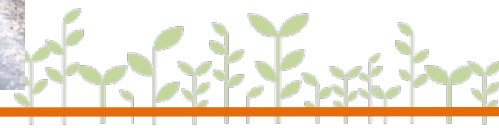


## 2 SLCPs

### **Extension of district heating systems in suburbs and villages**

In China, district heating in winter is an effective way to abate particulate pollution in urban areas. Through use of large combustion facilities, such as industrial coal boilers, district heating can ensure good ventilation, excellent particle trapping and regular maintenance, and thus result in reduced black carbon emissions. Extension to suburbs and villages could help reduce black carbon emissions from the residential sector. This is expected to happen with rapid urbanization; however effort may be needed to achieve quicker success.

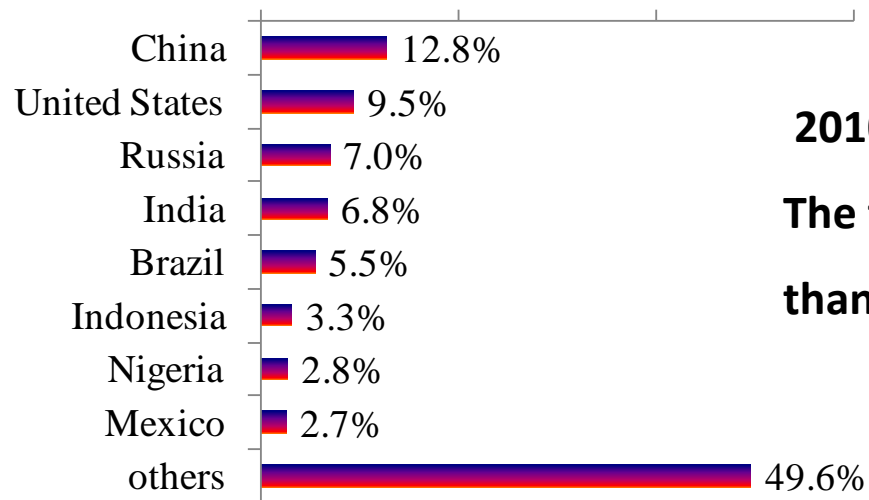
**South-north division line  
for wintertime heating**





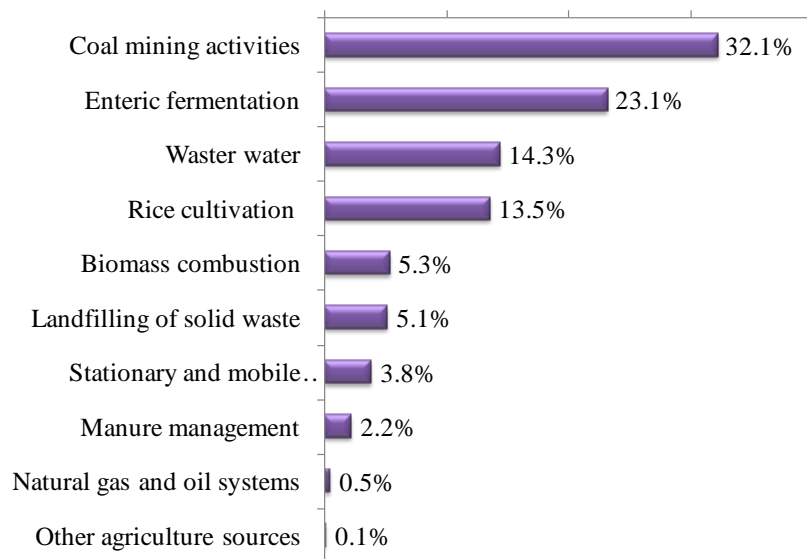
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# Methane



**2010 Global total CH<sub>4</sub>: 7,195.6 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq**

**The top eight countries account for more than half of the total**



**2010 China total CH<sub>4</sub>: 920.6 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq**

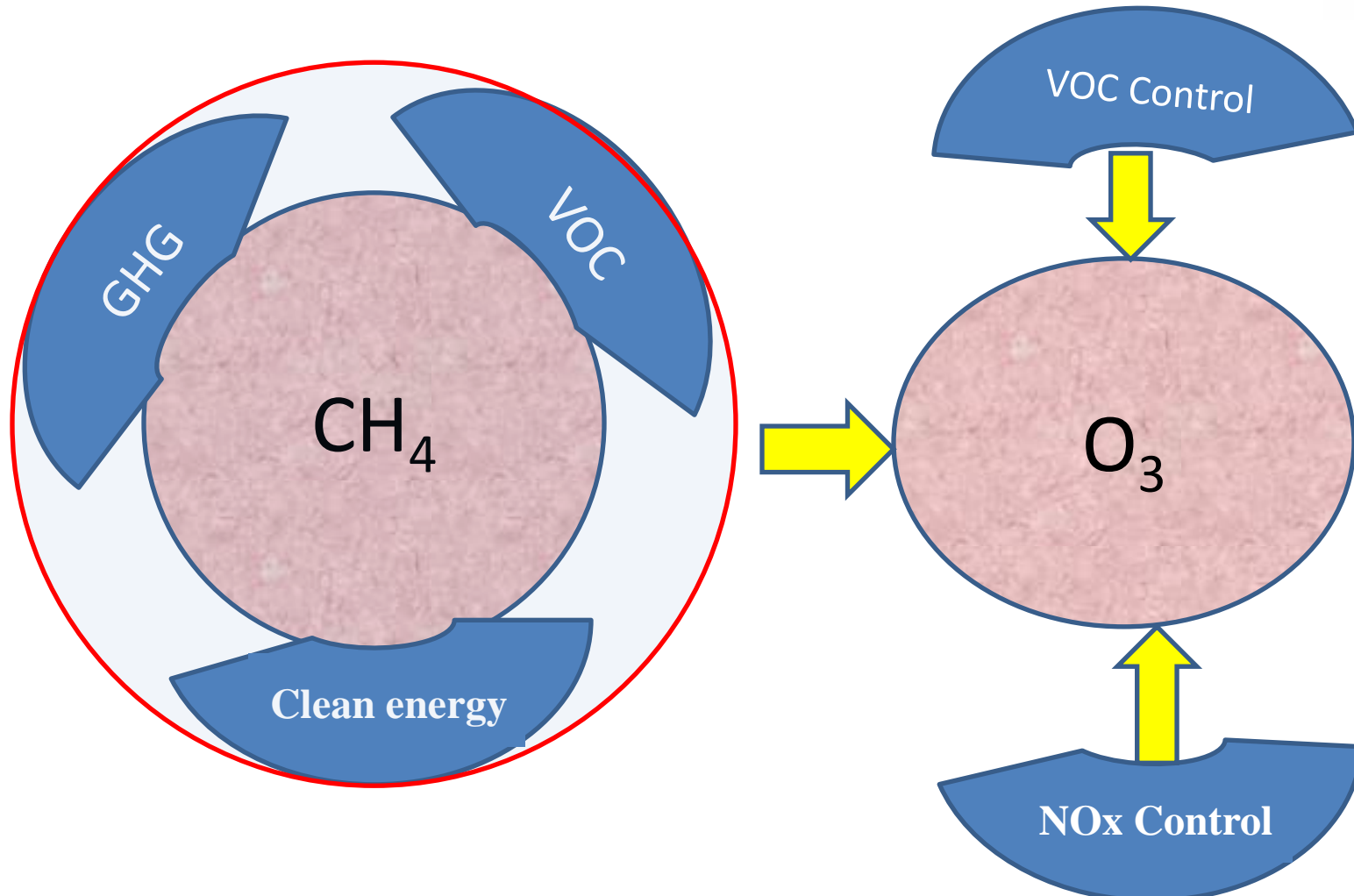
38% is from agriculture, 32% from coal mining activities, 14.3% from waste water treatment, 5% from biomass burning and 5% from landfilling of solid waste.

(Source: USEPA, 2012)



2 SLCPs

## Methane and O<sub>3</sub> control



Current climate and clean air measures





## 2 SLCPs

### Reducing Methane Emissions from Coal Mine Methane (CMM)



- ◆ Increase the Drainage Volume of CMM
- ◆ Increase the Utilized Volume of Extracted CMM
- ◆ Enhance the Utilization of Low-concentration (<30%) CMM
- ◆ Promote the Utilization of Ventilation Air Methane (VAM) and CMM Liquefaction
- ◆ Leakage from Oil and Natural Gas Production

### Reducing Methane Emissions from Agriculture



- ◆ from Animal Manure Management
- ◆ from Rice Paddies
- ◆ from Enteric Fermentation



## 2 SLCPs

### Reducing Methane Emissions from Waste Management

- ❑ anaerobic sludge digestion
- ❑ biogas capture at existing open air anaerobic lagoons
- ❑ installing centralized aerobic treatment facilities or anaerobic lagoons where they do not exist
- ❑ installation of gas capture and combustion systems to utilize methane. upgrading of existing primary wastewater treatment plants to secondary/tertiary treatment plants with gas recovery and overflow controls
- ❑ extraction generated methane for utilization and the separation and treatment biodegradable waste.
- ❑ the reduction, recycling and reuse of waste is an important strategy for ensuring that waste does not reach landfills in the first place



3 Identify ignored sector: a chance for fast return

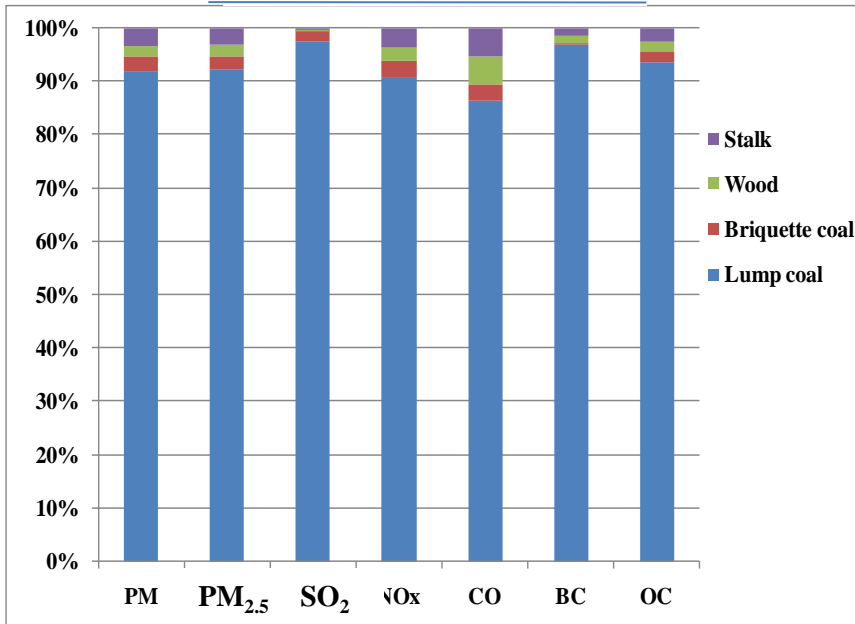
In-village questionnaire



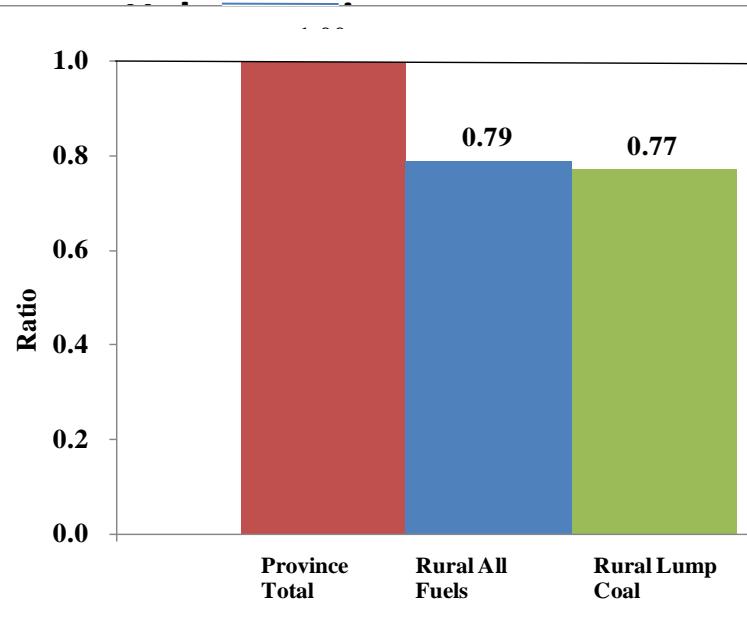


## Identify ignored sector: a chance for fast return

Multi-pollutants



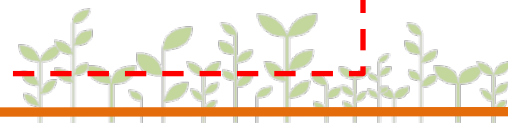
SO<sub>2</sub>



### Recommendation:



- On the one hand, we should continue our efforts in large point sources
- on the other hand, we are expected to pay special attention to rural energy, in particular, lump coal. This seems to be a fast-approach to PM<sub>2.5</sub> and BC control, a fast return





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