## Supplementary materials



Figure S1 Vegetation types (DNF, deciduous needle-leaf forest; ENF, evergreen needle-leaf forest; EBF, evergreen broadleaf forest; DBF, deciduous broadleaf forest) as well as three sub-region divisions (a), and provinces distribution (b) in China.



Figure S2 Distribution of meteorological stations across China, red points represent stations for temperature and precipitation, and black triangles represent stations for solar radiation.



Figure S3 Spatial distribution of Turing Point (TP) years (a) and corresponding △AIC values (b) of the NPP in China for the period 2001–2014.



Figure S4 Spatial distribution of the Hurst exponent in China from 2001 to 2014.

The observed NPP data were collected from ChinaFLUX directly and from literatures indirectly. The calculations were based on the eddy covariance method. The details such as locations for field NPP data could see Table S1 below.

Observation	Year	Types of	Latitude	Longitude	NPP	Reference
site ID		vegetation	(°)	(°)	$(gC m^{-2} yr^{-1})$	
1	2003-2008	Forest	23.17	112.53	395.95±106.76	ChinaFLUX
2	2009-2010	Forest	24.53	101.02	976.15	(Tan et al., 2011)
3	2003-2008	Forest	26.73	115.05	487.512±52.06	ChinaFLUX
4	2008	Forest	26.83	109.75	313.4	(Zhang, 2010)
5	2008-2009	Cropland	28.51	115.98	391.36	(Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
6	2006-2007	Forest	29.53	112.86	515.65	(Han, 2008)
7	2006-2007	Forest	30.47	116.99	506.1	(Han, 2008)
8	2010	Forest	33.35	113.91	343.4	(Geng, 2011)
9	2006-2007	Forest	35.02	112.47	497.25	(Tong <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
10	2007-2008	Cropland	36.65	116.05	559	(Lei & Yang, 2010)
11	2003-2008	Cropland	36.83	116.57	365.96±123.77	ChinaFLUX
12	2008	Cropland	37.83	114.67	202	(Chen, 2011)
13	2009	Grassland	37.87	102.85	241.8	(Guo et al., 2010)
14	2006	Forest	39.53	116.25	462	(Zha, 2007)
15	2006	Grassland	40.38	108.55	49.17	FLUXNET
16	2006	Cropland	41.15	121.92	301.62	(Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
17	2006	Cropland	41.15	121.20	333.56	(Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
18	2003-2008	Forest	42.40	128.10	302.33±38.37	ChinaFLUX
19	2006	Grassland	43.55	116.67	65.1	(Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2009), FLUXNET
20	2007-2008	Grassland	44.58	123.50	112.35	(Dong <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
21	2004	Forest	45.33	127.67	146	(Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2008a)
22	2004	Forest	45.42	127.67	204	(Wang, 2008b)
23	2006	Cropland	47.58	133.52	262	(Song, 2007)
24	2007-2008	Forest	48.10	129.23	199	(Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2010)
24	2008	Forest	48.12	129.25	212.32	(Yu & Liu, 2011)
26	2010	Forest	51.78	123.02	242.35	ChinaFLUX

Table S1 Sites information of the field Net primary productivity (NPP) data used in this study

Note: Each row represents one site, and yearly averaged value for more than one year in the NPP column. The error

interval means the standard deviation of carbon fluxes in the same climate zone. Limited to the observation number, some climate zones with lower than 3 observations does not have the error interval.

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