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# Impact of Manufacturing Transfer on SO$_2$ Emissions in Jiangsu Province, China

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**Abstract:** The impact of manufacturing transfer in Jiangsu province, China, on the spatial-temporal variations of SO$_2$ emissions is investigated using estimated sector-specific SO$_2$ emissions, and emissions in the different transfer-in and transfer-out regions were quantified during 2000–2011. Our results show that SO$_2$ emissions had undergone three phases: an increase in the period of 2000–2005, a rapid decline in 2005–2008 and a slow decline in 2008–2011. Emissions from the south dominated the total emissions in the province. Cleaner production generally contributed to the reduced emissions, but rather, at the industrial scale. Pollution abatement was occasional and industrial structure was negligible in some years. The three phases also coincided with the three periods of the manufacturing transfer: transferred to the south from outside the province during 2000–2005, to the central from the south within the province during 2005–2008 and to the north from the south or partly from the inner central within the province during 2008–2011. With the manufacturing transfer, SO$_2$ emission magnitudes and distributions were also changed. In the south, $-12.36$ and $-5.62$ Mt of SO$_2$ emissions were transferred out during 2005–2008 and 2008–2011, respectively. Forty-three-point-four percent and 56.4% of the SO$_2$ emissions in the south were transferred to the central and north during 2005–2008, respectively. The north region received 77.7% and 22.1% of SO$_2$ emissions from the south and the central region during 2008–2011, respectively. The paper reveals that structure adjustments should be executed in a timely manner in the manufacturing transfer-in process so that the transfer-in regions can benefit from the economic boom without bearing a deteriorated environment.

**Keywords:** spatial and temporal pattern; SO$_2$ emission; manufacturing transfer; Jiangsu province

## 1. Introduction

At present, developing countries, especially China, are experiencing elevated emissions and concentrations of air pollutants [1–3], which not only degrade regional air quality, but also exert significant impacts on public health and the global climate [4–6]. Moreover, with the transfer of international industries and the upgrade of industrial structure, Asian countries, including China, are also undergoing challenges of air pollutants' transfer [7–9]. However, few studies have established correlations between pollution variations and source relocation, due to the fact of the large regional disparities in terms of economic development, physical geography, industry layout and

lifestyles [10,11]. Hence, it is necessary and important to understand the role of industrial relocation from the developed to the developing region (e.g., from eastern to western China) in the progress of air pollution transfer for effectively controlling emissions.

Benefitting from the implementation of China's opening reform policies and physical geography, Jiangsu province (116°18′–121°57′E, 30°45–35°20′N) is one of the most developed provinces in China and experienced rapid economic growth from 2000–2012 with its GDP (Gross Domestic Product) reaching RMB 5.4 trillion in 2012 [12] or a 532% increase during this period. The manufacturing industry has been one of the main drivers of Jiangsu's economic development, and the province has been an important manufacturing base. Jiangsu province is located on the eastern coast of China, has 13 cities and a population of 79.6 million, although it has a relatively small land area of 102,600 km$^2$ (Figure 1). Fuel consumption increased by 235% from 2000–2012 [12]. The rapid growth in the coal-dominated energy consumption has caused series environmental issues [13–15]. Deteriorating air quality due to increasing particulate matter in air, especially fine particles (PM$_{2.5}$), is one of the environmental issues that needs immediate attention. Sulphur dioxide (SO$_2$) is one of the gaseous precursors contributing to PM$_{2.5}$, and it also causes acid rain events, which affect ecosystem health [16–19].
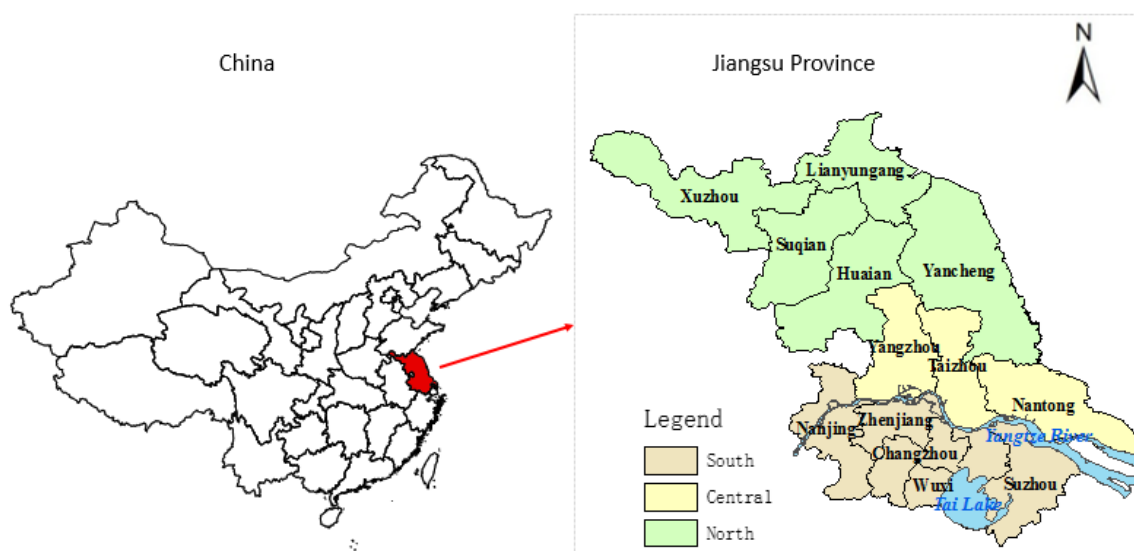


**Figure 1.** The study area, Jiangsu province, grouped into three regions: south, central and north. The south is the developed region, which includes Suzhou, Wuxi, Changzhou, Nanjing and Zhenjiang; the central is the developing region, which includes Yangzhou, Taizhou and Nantong; and the north is the undeveloped region, which includes Xuzhou, Suqian, Huai'an, Lianyungang and Yancheng.

Industrial SO$_2$ emission in Jiangsu province reached 1.31 Mt (megatonne) in 2005 (Figure 2), accounting for 52% of the total SO$_2$ emission in the Yangtze River Delta region, which is one of most developed and heavily-polluted regions in eastern China. During the same period, China has become the largest SO$_2$ emitter in the world [20]. Under such a circumstance, policies for reducing SO$_2$ emissions, such as clean production, industrial restructuring and eco-environmental policies, were actively implemented [21–24]. While the total industrial SO$_2$ emissions in Jiangsu province were reduced by 26.7% during 2001–2005 to 0.96 Mt in 2010 and surpassed the original goal of a 10% reduction, the manufacturing sector did not reach the goal (Figure 2). Similarly, many studies have been conducted to examine the SO$_2$ issues in the total industrial sector and coal-fired power plants nationwide and in specific provinces or cities [22,25,26], while little attention has been paid to the manufacturing sector.
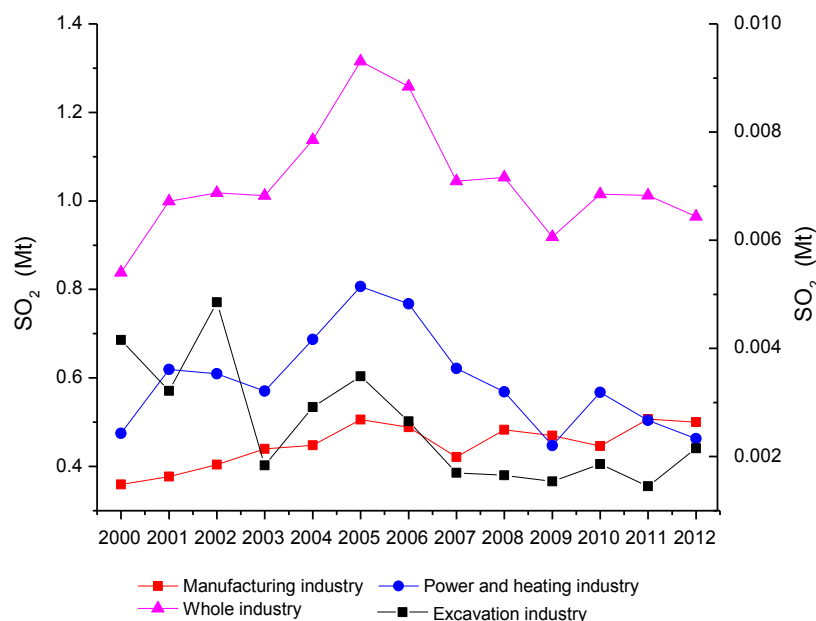
**Figure 2.** Variations of industrial $SO_2$ emissions in the excavation, manufacturing and power and heating industries from a survey dataset in Jiangsu province during 2000–2012 (JSPBS, Jiangsu Provincial Bureau of Statistic, 2011–2013) [12].

As time goes by, the distribution of the manufacturing base has changed, and the center has been slowly moved from the southeast region to the northwest in Jiangsu province [27,28]. In 2005, the Chinese government implemented the policy of the "Advices of Promoting Industrial South-North Transfer in Jiangsu Province". Subsequently, the manufacturing sector in the region has formed a typical "enclave development area" named "South-North Co-Building Industrial Parks (SNCBIP)". In May 2007, the drinking water crisis in Wuxi city (Figure 1) sped up the process, since the local government quickly implemented a stringent environmental policy, especially in high-energy-consuming and heavy-polluting sectors, such as textile, paper, chemical, ferrous and non-metallic subsectors [27–29]. Based on official statistics, the number of transfer enterprises was 291 in 2006 and then reached 356 in 2011, and about 94% enterprises rebuilt in the north or transferred their production departments to the north (Table 1). One example of the benefits from the relocation and evolution of some manufacturing sectors was the improvement in the environment surrounding Lake Taihu, e.g., the total $SO_2$ emissions in Suzhou, Changzhou and Wuxi reduced from 0.45 Mt in 2006 to 0.31 Mt in 2009 with a 32.5% reduction in three years [12,14,30,31]. However, quantitative studies on $SO_2$ emission are still lacking in this region.

**Table 1.** The number of all transferred enterprises by different pathways from the south to the north of Jiangsu during 2006–2010.

| Time | Total | Line Departments | Integral Enterprise | Marketing, R&D Departments |
|------|-------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 2006 | 291 | 278 | 0 | 13 |
| 2008 | 417 | 397 | 9 | 10 |
| 2010 | 356 | 325 | 11 | 20 |

Note: data were calculated using the available website [32].

The present study aims to quantify the spatial and temporal distribution characteristics of $SO_2$ emissions produced by the manufacturing sector across Jiangsu province, and to investigate the impact of manufacturing redistribution on emission changes. Results generated in this study are expected to provide a scientific basis for making future sustainable development policies for the manufacturing

sector and also offer concerted air pollution control strategies for both local and regional economic development and environmental benefits.

## 2. Methodology and Data

### 2.1. SO$_2$ Emission Estimation

High resolutions of spatial and temporal SO$_2$ emission data are needed to calculate the accurate emission of the individual manufacturing subsector in the special year, further to explore the impact of manufacturing industry redistribution on SO$_2$ emissions' distribution. However, such datasets were not readily available [33]. In order to exclude the SO$_2$ emissions from the self-addition of individual manufacturing subsectors in one region, the following hypothesizes were made: (1) the technology level was the same in the same subsector, which was equal to that at the national level; (2) the emission intensity at the city scale was the same as that at the national scale in the same subsector. With reference to He *et al.* [27] and Tao *et al.* [34], SO$_2$ emissions ($E_i$) were estimated and are shown in Figure 3. The detailed equation is:

$$E_i = e_i \times G_i \tag{1}$$

where $e_i$ and $G_i$ are the SO$_2$ emission intensity per GDP and the GDP of manufacturing subsector $i$, respectively. Due to the constraint of SO$_2$ emission intensity from the manufacturing sector in China [35], $e_i$ in this study is estimated from the national SO$_2$ emission and its GDP in the $i$ manufacturing subsector (the related data of national SO$_2$ emissions and GDP are taken from the China Environment Statistical Yearbook (2001–2012); the estimated $e_i$ is listed as the Appendix at the end of the manuscript.). In order to contrast the inter-annual $e_i$ and $E_i$, GDP in other years directly, they are converted to the value at the constant price level in 2000 (Jiangsu Statistical Yearbook, 2001–2012).
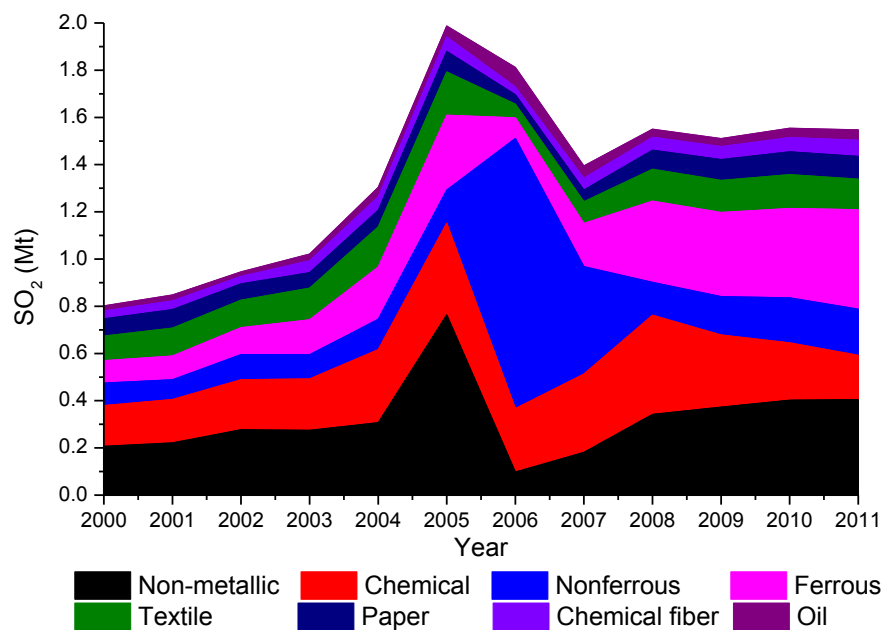


**Figure 3.** Temporal variations of SO$_2$ emissions of different manufacturing sectors in Jiangsu province during 2000–2011.

### 2.2. Decomposition of SO$_2$ Emissions

The main goal of the present study is to identify SO$_2$ emission changes and influencing factors. Decomposition analysis is an effective method to distribute emission changes to the contributions of several independent variables, as has been demonstrated in earlier studies [21,35,36]. Here, the logarithmic mean Divisia index model [37,38] is adopted as a refined decomposition method as

described in Lu *et al.* [24]. In this method, four well-known determinants are taken into consideration, including pollution abatement, cleaner production, industrial structure and the scale of industrial economic output.

Firstly, a traditional strategy to reduce pollutant emissions is exhaust treatment. In the 1970s and 1980s, pollution abatement was regarded as the focus of environmental protection, including desulphurization and dust removal. Even during 2001–2010, pollution abatement was still an important measure to achieve pollution reduction targets [36]. The advantages of pollution abatement are due to the mature technology that will not affect the whole production process [39].

Secondly, it is insufficient to treat pollutants from the end product; instead, they need to be prevented from the very first step of production. That is to say, reducing pollution generation intensity is the new direction of environmental protection [40]. This can be achieved through either using cleaner production technology or cleaner energy. Adopting cleaner production technology will consume less energy and produce lower amounts of pollutants while keeping the same product output. Using cleaner energy will adjust the energy structure to reduce pollution emissions. In the long run, adopting cleaner production technology will bring more benefits at relatively low costs [41–43]. Hence, reducing pollution from the very first step though cleaner production, rather than pollution abatement at end-of-pipe treatment, is a permanent pathway. China has taken a series of pollution control measures, such as encouraging utilization of clean materials and fuels to reduce pollution, since 1997 [44,45].

Thirdly, owing to regional differences in resource endowments and economic development level, industrial structure is a crucial factor influencing pollution emissions, which can be either positive or negative [46]. From a global perspective, the developed countries specialized in high pollution products, while the developing countries were far behind. Industrial structure changes may sometimes increase global pollutant emissions [47,48]. This happens if manufacturing sectors with high emission intensities grow faster than those with low emission intensities, causing a faster increasing rate in emissions than the growth rate in income [35,49].

Fourthly, the scale of industrial economic output is expected to be a "pollution-increasing" factor. Grossman stated that an increase in economic output means a proportionate increase in pollution [50]. However, such a relationship will be reversed by the improvement of the industrial structure and production technology [51,52].

In this study, the method of the refined logarithmic mean Divisia index described in Ang and Liu [38] is used. Based on the above analysis, we define the variable $E_i$ as the $SO_2$ emissions of the $i$ manufacturing sector, and $E$ is the total $SO_2$ emissions of all of the sectors. $T_i$ and $G_i$ are the $SO_2$ generation amount and the GDP of the $i$ manufacturing sector, respectively. $V$ is the total GDP. The total emission can be expressed as:

$$E = \sum_i E_i = \sum_i \frac{E_i}{T_i}\frac{T_i}{G_i}\frac{G_i}{V}V = \sum_i R_i I_i S_i V \tag{2}$$

where $R_i = E_i/T_i$ is the emission ratio of the $i$ manufacturing sector, representing the abatement level. A lower $R_i$ means a higher abatement level. $I_i = T_i/G_i$ is the $SO_2$ generation intensity, indicating a cleaner production level. $S_i = G_i/V$ is the GDP share of sector $i$, representing the industrial structure.

To study how the aggregate emissions are affected by the factors on the right-hand side of Equation (2) over time, we take the difference of Equation (2) over the time interval $[t-1, t]$:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E &= \sum_i (E_i^t - E_i^{t-1})\\ &= \sum_i R_i^t I_i^t S_i^t V^t - \sum_i R_i^{t-1} I_i^{t-1} S_i^{t-1} V^{t-1}\\ &= \sum_i \frac{E_i^t - E_i^{t-1}}{\ln E_i^t - \ln E_i^{t-1}}(\ln E_i^t - \ln E_i^{t-1})\\ &= \sum_i \frac{E_i^t - E_i^{t-1}}{\ln E_i^t - \ln E_i^{t-1}}\ln \frac{R_i^t I_i^t S_i^t V^t}{R_i^{t-1} I_i^{t-1} S_i^{t-1} V^{t-1}}\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Because the change of emissions is influenced by the four factors $R$, $I$, $S$ and $V$, the inter-annual change in emission is defined as:

$$\Delta E = R_{effect} + I_{effect} + S_{effect} + V_{effect} \tag{4}$$

where $R_{effect}$, $I_{effect}$, $S_{effect}$ and $V_{effect}$ are the effects of pollution abatement, cleaner production, industrial structure and industrial scale, respectively, representing the contributions of each factor to the $SO_2$ emissions' change.

Meanwhile, let $\omega_i(t*) = \left( E_i^t - E_i^{t-1} \right) / \left( \ln E_i^t - \ln E_i^{t-1} \right)$; the additive decomposition can be written as:

$$\Delta E = \sum_i \omega_i(t*)(\ln \frac{R_i^t}{R_i^{t-1}} + \ln \frac{I_i^t}{I_i^{t-1}} + \ln \frac{S_i^t}{S_i^{t-1}} + \ln \frac{V^t}{V^{t-1}}) \tag{5}$$

and then:

$$R_{effect} = \sum_i \omega_i(t*)\ln \frac{R_i^t}{R_i^{t-1}} \tag{6}$$

$$I_{effect} = \sum_i \omega_i(t*)\ln \frac{I_i^t}{I_i^{t-1}} \tag{7}$$

$$S_{effect} = \sum_i \omega_i(t*)\ln \frac{S_i^t}{S_i^{t-1}} \tag{8}$$

$$V_{effect} = \sum_i \omega_i(t*)\ln \frac{V^t}{V^{t-1}} \tag{9}$$

### 2.3. Shift-Share Analysis of Manufacturing

A Shift-Share Model (SSM) is employed to explain changes in different sectors and to examine whether a sector is active in Jiangsu province. This model has been widely used to describe regional and industrial economic growth and to examine the structural effect and regional or industrial competiveness [53,54]. In this study, the SSM is adopted with reference to Chen and Xu [54].

$$D_{ij} = b_{ij}^{t-1} \left( \frac{b_{ij}^t - b_{ij}^{t-1}}{b_{ij}^{t-1}} - \frac{R_j^t - R_j^{t-1}}{R_j^{t-1}} \right) \tag{10}$$

where $D_{ij}$ is the $j$ sector's competitive component of region $i$, $b_{ij}^t$ is the $j$ sector's GDP of region $i$, $R_j^t$ is the GDP of the $j$ sector in the benchmark region in the calculation year $t$, $b_{ij}^{t-1}$ is the $j$ sector's GDP of region $I$ and $R_j^{t-1}$ is the GDP of the $j$ sector in the benchmark region in the base year $t-1$, respectively.

As shown in Equation (10), the $D$ value represents the developing speed superiority of the $j$ sector in region $i$ over the benchmark region's counterpart. If $D_{ij} > 0$, the $j$ sector is active in region $i$, in which healthy sectors take a large share; if $D_{ij} < 0$, the $j$ sector is non-competitive in region $i$, in which weak sectors take a large share. In some period, if the $j$ sector has lost its competitiveness in region $i$, that is $D_{ij} < 0$, this indicates that the $j$ sector is transferred out from region $i$. Similarly, if the $j$ sector has its competitive edge in region $i$, that is $D_{ij} > 0$, this indicates that the $j$ sector is transferred to region $i$.

### 2.4. Estimate $SO_2$ Emissions of Manufacturing Transfer

In this study, the $SO_2$ emission of manufacturing transfer over the time interval $[t-1, t]$ is adopted with reference to He *et al.* [27]:

$$P_{ij} = D_{ij}e_j$$
$$= b_{ij}^{t-1} \left( \frac{b_{ij}^t - b_{ij}^{t-1}}{b_{ij}^{t-1}} - \frac{R_j^t - R_j^{t-1}}{R_j^{t-1}} \right) e_j^t \qquad (11)$$

where $P_{ij}$ is the SO$_2$ emission of the $j$ subsector transfer in the region $i$, $D_{ij}$ is the same as in Equation (10) and $e_j^t$ is the SO$_2$ emission intensity per GDP of manufacturing subsector $j$ in the $t$ year, respectively.

*2.5. Data Sources*

The study period is chosen to be from 2000–2011. The GDP data in all manufacturing sectors are directly extracted from the 2001–2012 JSPBS datasets. The first communique of pollution sources [55] and the statistical results suggested that the non-metallic, chemical, non-ferrous, ferrous, textile, paper, chemical fiber and oil subsectors are the main contributors to the total SO$_2$ emissions, accounting for 71%–88% of the emissions from the whole manufacturing sector during 2000–2011. The eight subsectors accounted for 39.5%–50.6% of the total number transferred from the south to the north during 2006–2010 (Tables 1 and 2). These eight subsectors are selected as the key subject in this study. The total SO$_2$ emissions here are defined as the sum of SO$_2$ emissions from these eight subsectors.

**Table 2.** The number of transfer enterprises in the eight subsectors from the south to north during 2006–2010.

| Year | Non-Metallic | Chemical | Non-Ferrous | Ferrous | Textile | Paper | Chemical Fiber | Oil | Summation |
|------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| 2006 | 14 | 65 | 12 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 115 |
| 2007 | 14 | 72 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 119 |
| 2008 | 20 | 89 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 156 |
| 2010 | 30 | 99 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 180 |

Note: data were calculated using the available website [32].

## 3. Results

*3.1. Temporal Variations of SO$_2$ Emissions*

Based on the temporal trend of the total SO$_2$ emissions in Jiangsu province, the study period can be divided into three phases (Figure 3): a typical increase from 2000–2005, a typical decrease, except the chemical and non-ferrous subsector, from 2005–2008 and, then, a slow increase, except the chemical subsector, from 2008–2011. However, different trends were observed for each separate subsector (Figure 3). From 2000–2011, SO$_2$ emissions increased tremendously in the non-ferrous subsector by 346.0%. From 2005–2011, emissions in non-metallic, chemical, textile and oil sectors decreased by 10.5%–39.0%. From 2008–2011, emissions decreased only in the chemical and textile sectors by 55.4% and 4.5%, respectively. This indicates that SO$_2$ emissions have been controlled effectively in the chemical and textile subsectors, while related measures should be strengthened further to reduce SO$_2$ emissions in the other six subsectors, especially for non-metallic, non-ferrous and ferrous subsectors.

*3.2. Spatial Variations of Regional SO$_2$ Emissions*

During the period of 2000–2011, the south region was the main contributor, accounting for ~70% of the total SO$_2$ emissions, and the other two regions contributed a similar amount (Figure 4). Emissions declined in the three regions since 2006. Before 2008, there was a similar trend in SO$_2$ emissions among the three regions. During 2008–2011, an increasing trend was found in the north, while decreasing trends happened in the other two regions.
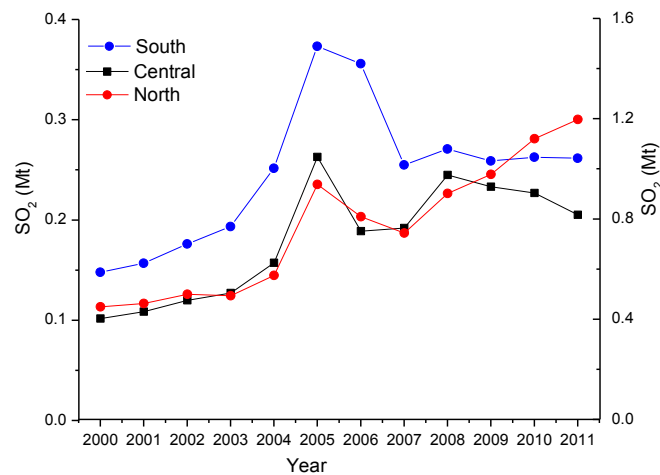
**Figure 4.** Spatial variations of total SO$_2$ emissions of manufacturing in Jiangsu province during 2000–2011.

In terms of subsectors (Figure 5), SO$_2$ emissions declined only in the southern chemical and textile subsectors and the central chemical fiber subsector, while the emissions in the ferrous subsector increased by 320.9%, 305.4% and 690.0% in the south, central and north, respectively, from 2000–2011. During 2005–2011, the emissions of the non-metallic sector declined in the three regions, of the chemical subsector decreased in the south and north, of the oil subsector also declined in the south and central and of the textile and chemical fiber subsectors declined in the south and central. During 2008–2011, SO$_2$ emissions declined only in the southern chemical and textile subsectors, the central chemical subsector and the northern chemical subsector, with a reduction rate of 60.1%, 16.5%, 52.0% and 37.8%, separately. This led to different SO$_2$ emission fractions from each region between the three time periods of 2000–2005, 2005–2008 and 2008–2011. Emission ratios declined in the southern subsectors, except chemical fiber, increased in the central ones, expect ferrous, and increased in the northern ones, respectively, from the first period (2000–2005) to the third period (2008–2011). Hence effective measures should be implemented on the ferrous, non-ferrous, chemical fiber and oil subsectors for SO$_2$ reduction in the province.
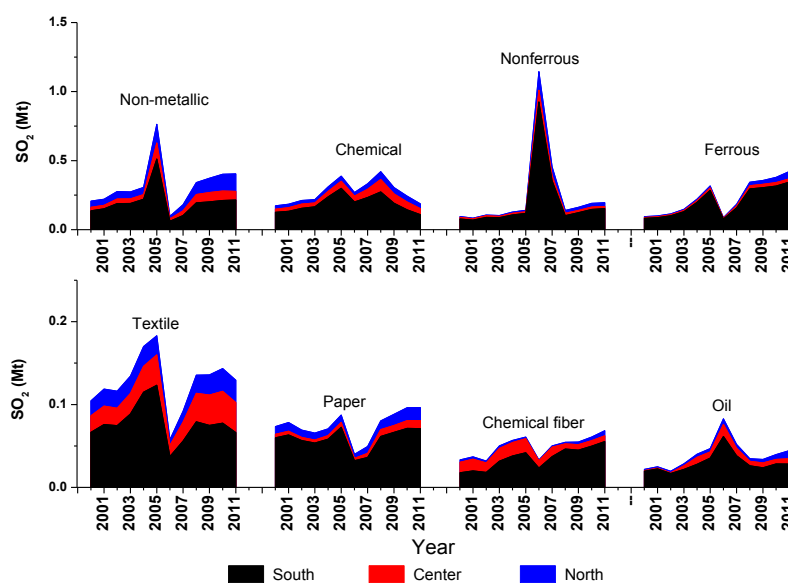


**Figure 5.** Spatial variations of the SO$_2$ emissions of different manufacturing subsectors in Jiangsu province during 2000–2011.

Generally, $SO_2$ emissions from the manufacturing industry had significant regional differences in Jiangsu province, which was similar to the industrial $SO_2$ emissions in Jiangsu [56] and the national trend in China [57,58].

### 3.3. Decomposition Analysis of $SO_2$ Emissions

To further analyze the characteristics of regional $SO_2$ emissions, its sector decomposition is studied using Equations (5)–(9), and the results are shown in Tables 3–5 respectively. A negative value means emission-reduction from the calculation year to the base year. The value does not represent the absolute increase/decrease amount of $SO_2$ emissions. For instance, the cleaner production technology effect reflects the contribution of the technology factor to the emissions change between the calculation year and the base year, not the absolute reduction amount of $SO_2$ emissions due to technology in the calculation year.

**Table 3.** Decomposition results of $SO_2$ emission changes in Jiangsu province (unit: Mt).

| Time | $\Delta E$ | $R_{effect}$ | $I_{effect}$ | $S_{effect}$ | $V_{effect}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2000–2001 | 0.046 | −0.001 (1.6%) | −0.049 (90.4%) | −0.004 (8.0%) | 0.101 |
| 2001–2002 | 0.098 | −0.059 (76.3%) | 0.017 | −0.018 (23.7%) | 0.158 |
| 2002–2003 | 0.075 | −0.022 (13.3%) | −0.079 (47.6%) | −0.065 (39.1%) | 0.241 |
| 2003–2004 | 0.283 | 0.022 | −0.044 (100%) | 0.012 | 0.294 |
| 2004–2005 | 0.684 | −0.110 (100%) | 0.455 | 0.018 | 0.321 |
| 2005–2006 | −0.176 | −0.028 (4.7%) | −0.574 (95.3%) | 0.123 | 0.303 |
| 2006–2007 | −0.417 | −0.619 (83.0%) | −0.126 (17.0%) | 0.026 | 0.302 |
| 2007–2008 | 0.156 | 0.150 | −0.182 (91.7%) | −0.017 (8.3%) | 0.205 |
| 2008–2009 | −0.040 | 0.028 | −0.257 (78.6%) | −0.070 (21.4%) | 0.259 |
| 2009–2010 | 0.044 | 0.031 | −0.226 (89.5%) | −0.027 (10.5%) | 0.266 |
| 2010–2011 | −0.007 | 0.033 | −0.205 (100%) | 0.009 | 0.157 |

Note: data in parenthesis are the percentage of each reduction effect to the total reduction effect in the same row; the same below.

**Table 4.** Regional decomposition results of $SO_2$ emission changes in Jiangsu province (unit: Mt).

| Region | Period | $\Delta E$ | $R_{effect}$ | $I_{effect}$ | $S_{effect}$ | $V_{effect}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South | 2000–2005 | 0.902 | −0.134 (64.5%) | 0.089 | −0.074 (35.5%) | 1.021 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.410 | −0.071 (7.3%) | −0.883 (90.8%) | −0.018 (1.9%) | 0.562 |
| | 2008–2011 | −0.037 | 0.061 | −0.430 (93.3%) | −0.031 (6.7%) | 0.363 |
| Central | 2000–2005 | 0.161 | −0.023 (83.2%) | 0.034 | −0.005 (16.8%) | 0.155 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.018 | −0.009 (4.1%) | −0.197 (95.9%) | 0.003 | 0.184 |
| | 2008–2011 | −0.040 | 0.014 | −0.135 (77.1%) | −0.040 (22.9%) | 0.121 |
| North | 2000–2005 | 0.122 | −0.024 (54.8%) | 0.058 | −0.019 (45.2%) | 0.107 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.009 | −0.006 (2.8%) | −0.211 (97.2%) | 0.029 | 0.179 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.074 | 0.016 | −0.126 (90.9%) | −0.013 (9.1%) | 0.197 |
| Whole | 2000–2005 | 1.185 | −0.181 (63.4%) | 0.181 | −0.104 (36.6%) | 1.289 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.437 | −0.086 (6.2%) | −1.296 (93.8%) | 0.018 | 0.927 |
| | 2008–2011 | −0.003 | 0.091 | −0.692 (89.5%) | −0.081 (10.5%) | 0.680 |

In the whole province, the inter-annual fluctuations and the decompositions of $SO_2$ emissions are shown in Table 3. $I_{effect}$ contributed to reduced emissions, while both $R_{effect}$ and $S_{effect}$ acted as the same contribution in some specific years, e.g., $R_{effect}$ had a removal rate of 83.0% and made $SO_2$ decline by 0.042 Mt during 2006–2007. $V_{effect}$ always made a negative contribution to emission reduction. Such a contribution caused an inverted U-shaped curve for time *vs.* $SO_2$ emissions. The peak of this curve was 0.031 Mt in 2005. Table 3 also shows that the inter-annual emissions ($\Delta E$) were negative in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2011. In 2006 and 2011, $I_{effect}$ also contributed to reduced emissions with removal rates

of 95.3% and 100%, respectively. In 2007 and 2009, the combined actions of both $I_{effect} + R_{effect}$ and $I_{effect} + S_{effect}$ reduced the emissions. Moreover, $S_{effect}$ always played an important role in the emission reduction, which was closely associated with the 2008 financial crisis.

**Table 5.** Decomposition results of $SO_2$ emission changes in the seven industrial subsectors of Jiangsu province (unit: Mt).

| Subsector | Period | ΔE | $R_{effect}$ | $I_{effect}$ | $S_{effect}$ | $V_{effect}$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Non-metallic | 2000–2005 | 0.557 | −0.071 (28.4%) | 0.382 | −0.180 (71.6%) | 0.426 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.422 | 0.027 | −0.752 (100%) | 0.023 | 0.280 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.063 | 0.025 | −0.167 (100%) | 0.040 | 0.165 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.197 | −0.014 (3.8%) | −0.290 (75.4%) | −0.080 (20.8%) | 0.582 |
| Chemical | 2000–2005 | 0.215 | −0.034 (66.5%) | −0.002 (4.9%) | −0.014 (28.6%) | 0.266 |
| | 2005–2008 | 0.033 | 0.002 | −0.199 (100%) | 0.015 | 0.215 |
| | 2008–2011 | −0.233 | −0.004 (1.0%) | −0.380 (99.0%) | 0.023 | 0.128 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.015 | −0.024 (6.9%) | −0.328 (93.1%) | 0.011 | 0.356 |
| Non-ferrous | 2000–2005 | 0.046 | −0.027 (31.0%) | −0.061 (69.0%) | 0.017 | 0.116 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.001 | −0.065 (61.5%) | −0.041 (38.5%) | 0.030 | 0.075 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.056 | 0.012 | −0.017 (59.2%) | −0.012 (40.8%) | 0.074 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.100 | −0.087 (40.6%) | −0.128 (59.4%) | 0.040 | 0.276 |
| Ferrous | 2000–2005 | 0.222 | −0.018 (18.3%) | −0.080 (81.7%) | 0.137 | 0.184 |
| | 2005–2008 | 0.027 | −0.015 (9.1%) | −0.147 (90.9%) | 0.012 | 0.176 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.078 | 0.028 | −0.038 (31.7%) | −0.082 (68.3%) | 0.170 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.327 | −0.015 (6.6%) | −0.214 (93.4%) | 0.124 | 0.432 |
| Textile | 2000–2005 | 0.079 | −0.006 (10.4%) | −0.018 (30.2%) | −0.036 (59.4%) | 0.140 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.048 | −0.010 (7.9%) | −0.087 (65.6%) | −0.035 (26.5%) | 0.084 |
| | 2008–2011 | −0.006 | 0.023 | −0.050 (57.3%) | −0.038 (42.7%) | 0.059 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.025 | 0.007 | −0.123 (58.1%) | −0.089 (41.9%) | 0.230 |
| Paper | 2000–2005 | 0.014 | −0.013 (20.2%) | −0.034 (52.0%) | −0.018 (27.8%) | 0.080 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.007 | −0.003 (6.4%) | −0.044 (85.6%) | −0.004 (7.9%) | 0.045 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.016 | −0.008 (27.7%) | 0.005 | −0.020 (72.3%) | 0.039 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.023 | −0.025 (17.3%) | −0.076 (52.9%) | −0.043 (29.8%) | 0.167 |
| Chemical fiber | 2000–2005 | 0.028 | −0.007 (40.6%) | −0.008 (43.1%) | −0.003 (16.3%) | 0.046 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.006 | 0.002 | −0.024 (59.9%) | −0.016 (40.1%) | 0.031 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.014 | 0.001 | −0.019 (100%) | 0.005 | 0.027 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.035 | −0.005 (8.5%) | −0.043 (71.0%) | −0.012 (20.5%) | 0.096 |
| Oil | 2000–2005 | 0.025 | −0.004 (36.5%) | 0.003 | −0.007 (63.5%) | 0.033 |
| | 2005–2008 | −0.012 | −0.024 (71.4%) | −0.003 (7.6%) | −0.007 (21.1%) | 0.022 |
| | 2008–2011 | 0.010 | 0.015 | −0.025 (100%) | 0.002 | 0.017 |
| | 2000–2011 | 0.023 | −0.010 (26.1%) | −0.019 (48.6%) | −0.010 (25.3%) | 0.063 |

As for regional decomposition (Table 4), $I_{effect}$ also contributed to reduced emissions, while $V_{effect}$ was the opposite. $R_{effect}$ and $S_{effect}$ acted as different contributions to the emission reductions in the three regions during the different periods of 2000–2005, 2005–2008 and 2008–2011. In the south, $R_{effect}$ caused a 0.376-Mt $SO_2$ emission reduction with a removal ratio of 37.5% during the period 2005–2008, while $V_{effect}$ contributed to increased emissions during the three periods. In the central region, the reduction contributions were 4.1% for $R_{effect}$ during 2005–2008 and 22.9% for $S_{effect}$ during 2008–2011. In the north, $R_{effect}$ had a removal ratio of 54.8% during 2005–2008, and $V_{effect}$ increased the emissions during the three periods. Though $I_{effect}$ cut down 0.126 Mt, ΔE increased 0.074 Mt during 2008–2011. For the overall $SO_2$ emission reductions, the combined action of $I_{effect} + R_{effect}$ achieved a reduction during 2005–2008, while that of $I_{effect} + S_{effect}$ achieved this during 2008–2011.

In all manufacturing subsectors (Table 5), $I_{effect}$ also played a key role in reducing the $SO_2$ emissions in the chemical and ferrous subsectors. The combined effects of $I_{effect} + S_{effect}$ and $I_{effect} + R_{effect}$ reduced the emissions effectively in the textile and non-ferrous subsectors, respectively, especially in the two periods of 2000–2005 and 2005–2008. The combined three effects of $I_{effect}$, $S_{effect}$ and $R_{effect}$

decreased the emissions in three out of the other four subsectors. Table 5 also shows negative values of the inter-period emissions in manufacturing sectors, except the ferrous sector during 2005–2011. The negative values were found in the non-metallic, non-ferrous, textile, paper, chemical fiber and oil subsector during 2005–2008 and in the chemical and textile subsectors during 2008–2011. This also indicated that the period of $SO_2$ emission reduction mainly appeared during 2005–2008. However, during 2008–2011, the inter-period $SO_2$ emissions increased mainly for $R_{effect}$, which contributed to reduced emissions, especially in the chemical and paper subsectors. Moreover, $S_{effect}$ did not fulfill itself in the emission reduction, especially for the non-metallic, chemical, chemical fiber and oil subsectors.

### 3.4. Characteristics of Manufacturing Transfer

Using the shift-share model, the competitive component D values of the non-metallic, chemical, non-ferrous, ferrous, textile, paper, chemical fiber and oil subsectors are calculated and shown in Figure 6. There are different agglomerations for different manufacturing subsectors in the south, central and north during the three periods of 2000–2005, 2005–2008 and 2008–2011.
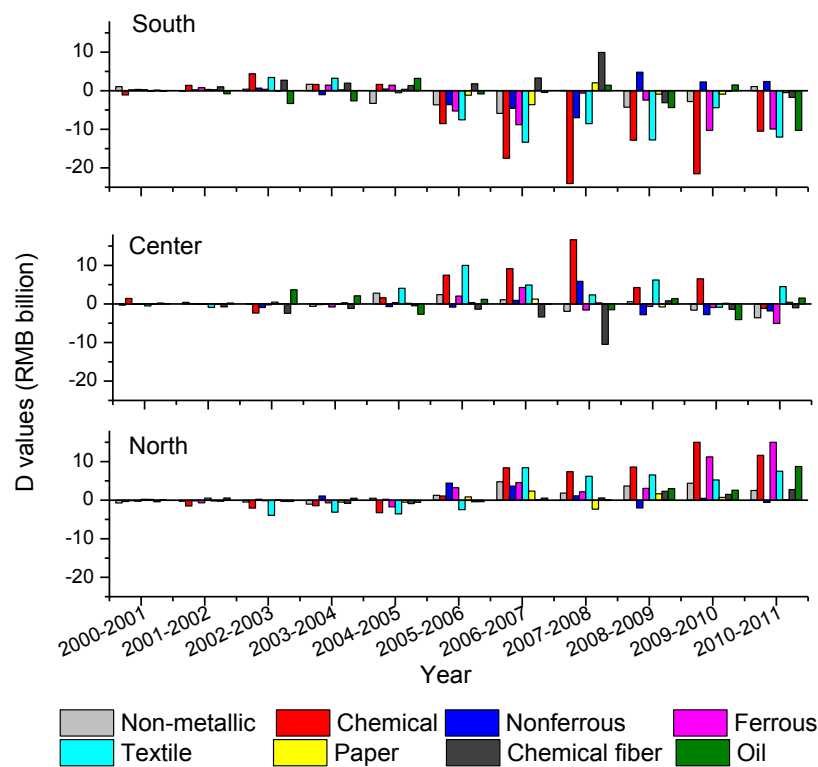


**Figure 6.** D values in individual subsectors in the three regions during 2000–2011.

During 2000–2005, most of the D values for the eight subsectors were positive in the south and negative in the north, indicating that these subsectors had not been transferred from the central and north to the south. During that period, manufacturing, especially for the chemical subsector in the south, was booming for the regional developments along the Yangtze River and along the Hu-Ning expressway, while the center and north regions were left for further development [27]. Thus, it could be concluded that those subsectors, such as the chemical, chemical fiber, textile and ferrous subsectors, are clustering and had a stronger competitive advantage in the south, which is attributed to the transfer from other developed regions outside the province, such as Shanghai and foreign countries [59]; while in the north, the industrial economic level was low and the industrial structure was simple, which led to the negative D values. The clustering pattern changed since 2005, which was attributed to regional

policies, such as the industry belt along Long-Hai railway and the Advices of Promoting Industrial South-North Transfer in Jiangsu Province after 2004 [27].

During 2005–2008, the estimated D values for these five subsectors (non-metallic, chemical, non-ferrous, ferrous, textile, paper sector) were negative in the south and the opposite in the central and north, from which we can conclude that these subsectors, especially the chemical and textile sector had, transferred from the south to the central and north (Table 6). D values of chemical subsector accounted for −58.1% of the total negative D values in the south, while 38.9% and 19.3% of the total positive D values in the central and north, respectively. D values of the textile subsector accounted for −31.2% of the total negative D values in the south, while 19.1% and 12.1% of the total positive D values in the central and north, respectively. As for the chemical fiber subsector, the positive D values were found in the south and north, and the former was larger, which indicated that the chemical fiber subsector still had a stronger competitive advantage in the south. D values of the oil subsector were negative and only accounted for 0.04% and 1.2% of their total negative D values in the south and central, respectively. In the north, all of the D values in the eight subsectors were positive. The D value of the oil subsector was 0.24 RMB billion, accounted for 0.4% of the total positive D value, indicating that the oil subsector somewhat transferred from the south and central to the north. In total, these five subsectors of the non-metallic, chemical, non-ferrous, ferrous, textile and paper sector had an absolute competitive ability in the central and north and had been transferred from the south to the central and north during 2005–2008.

**Table 6.** D values in individual sectors and the percentage for the total positive and negative D values during 2005–2008, 2008–2011 and 2000–2011 (unit: RMB billion).

| Region | Time | Non-Metallic | Chemical | Non-Ferrous | Ferrous | Textile | Paper | Chemical Fiber | Oil |
|--------|------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|----------------|-----|
| South | 2005–2008 | −12.67 (−9.0%) | −58.12 (−41.1%) | −16.21 (−11.5%) | −18.53 (−13.1%) | −31.20 (−22.1%) | −4.51 (−3.2%) | 14.76 (100%) | −0.06 (−0.04%) |
| | 2008–2011 | −8.07 (−5.7%) | −55.49 (−39.0%) | 10.69 (100%) | −24.38 (−17.1%) | −30.20 (−21.2%) | −2.39 (−1.7%) | −6.63 (−4.7%) | −15.28 (−10.7%) |
| Center | 2005–2008 | 3.04 (4.0%) | 38.86 (51.4%) | 5.76 (7.6%) | 6.33 (8.4%) | 19.13 (25.3%) | 2.46 (3.3%) | −14.96 (−98.8%) | −0.18 (−1.2%) |
| | 2008–2011 | −4.60 (−20.4%) | 13.02 (55.5%) | −8.13 (−36.0%) | −6.88 (−30.5%) | 10.46 (44.5%) | −0.23 (−1.0%) | −1.48 (−6.6%) | −1.26 (−5.6%) |
| North | 2005–2008 | 9.62 (14.6%) | 19.26 (29.1%) | 10.45 (15.8%) | 12.20 (18.5%) | 12.07 (18.3%) | 2.05 (3.1%) | 0.20 (0.3%) | 0.24 (0.4%) |
| | 2008–2011 | 12.67 (9.5%) | 42.47 (31.8%) | −2.56 (−100%) | 31.26 (23.4%) | 19.74 (14.8%) | 2.63 (2.0%) | 8.11 (6.1%) | 16.54 (12.4%) |

Note: negative data in parenthesis are the percentage of each negative D value of the sum of negative D values in the same row. The opposite was for the positive D value.

During 2008–2011, following the preceding developmental tendency of manufacturing subsectors, some subsectors, such as the non-metallic, non-ferrous, ferrous, paper, chemical fiber and oil subsector in the central, were transferred to the north, and the first three subsectors accounted for 20.4%, 36.0% and 30.5% of the total negative D values in the central (Figure 6 and Table 6). In the south, chemical and textile sectors also were the main transfer sectors; their D values contributed −55.5% and −30.2% to the total negative D value, respectively. In the north, seven D values in the eight subsectors were positive, and the D values of the chemical, ferrous and textile sectors contributed 31.8%, 23.4% and 14.8% to the total positive D value, respectively. This indicates that chemical and textile subsectors continued to be transferred from the south to the central and north while the ferrous sector transferred from the south and central to the north during 2008–2011.

Compared to the D values (Figure 6 and Table 6) and the official data on the transfer of enterprise (Tables 1 and 2), the result could be deduced that the chemical and textile subsectors were typical and had been transferred from the south to the central and north during 2005–2011. The ferrous sector began to transfer from the central to the north during 2008–2011.

*3.5. SO$_2$ Emissions for Manufacturing Transfer*

Based on Section 3.4, manufacturing transfer was only found in the south during 2000–2005, while the pattern was formed that manufacturing subsectors transferred from the south to the Central and north during 2005–2008 and 2008–2011. Therefore, the SO$_2$ emissions of the manufacturing transfer during the two periods were estimated by Equation (11) and are shown in Table 7.

**Table 7.** SO$_2$ emissions of manufacturing transfer during 2005–2008 and 2008–2011 (unit: Mt).

| Region | Time | Non-Metallic | Chemical | Non-Ferrous | Ferrous | Textile | Paper | Chemical Fiber | Oil | Sum |
|--------|------|--------------|----------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|----------------|-----|-----|
| South | 2005–2008 | −3.50 | −5.11 | −1.51 | −1.37 | −1.22 | −0.55 | 0.90 | 0.00 | −12.36 |
| | 2008–2011 | −1.52 | −1.28 | 0.96 | −1.76 | −0.94 | −0.28 | −0.30 | −0.52 | −5.62 |
| Center | 2005–2008 | 0.84 | 3.42 | 0.54 | 0.47 | 0.75 | 0.30 | −0.91 | −0.01 | 5.36 |
| | 2008–2011 | −0.86 | 0.30 | −0.73 | −0.50 | 0.32 | −0.03 | −0.07 | −0.04 | −1.60 |
| North | 2005–2008 | 2.66 | 1.69 | 0.97 | 0.90 | 0.47 | 0.25 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 6.97 |
| | 2008–2011 | 2.38 | 0.98 | −0.23 | 2.25 | 0.61 | 0.31 | 0.36 | 0.56 | 7.23 |

During 2005–2008, SO$_2$ emissions in the south transferred out −13.26 Mt, which were transferred as 6.31 and 6.97 Mt to the central and north, respectively. The non-metallic and chemical subsectors were the main SO$_2$ emission transfer subsectors. The former SO$_2$ emissions were mainly transferred from the south (3.50 Mt) to the north (2.66 Mt), while the latter mainly from the south (5.11 Mt) to the central (3.42 Mt), respectively.

During 2008–2011, SO$_2$ emissions in the south kept transferring out, and its emissions were −6.58 Mt. Some subsectors, such as the non-metallic, non-ferrous, ferrous, paper, chemical fiber and oil subsector, began to transfer from the central, and its SO$_2$ emissions were −2.23 Mt. SO$_2$ emissions only in the chemical and textile sectors were still transferred to the central with 0.30 and 0.32 Mt, respectively. In the north, there were 7.46 Mt SO$_2$ emissions, which were from the south and central. In that period, these subsectors, including the non-metallic and ferrous subsectors in the south and the non-metallic and non-ferrous subsectors in the central, had larger SO$_2$ emissions that were transferred out. Certainly, the north had 4.63 Mt emissions transferred only from the non-metallic and ferrous subsectors, which accounted for 62.1% of the total SO$_2$ emissions transferred in (7.46 Mt).

Accounting to all of the transferred SO$_2$ emissions of the eight subsectors transferred together, the south, central and north showed −12.36, 5.36 and 6.97 Mt during 2005–2008 and −5.62, −1.60 and 7.23 Mt during 2008–2011, respectively (Table 7). It could be concluded that SO$_2$ emissions were of the same amount for the transfer-in and transfer-out in the same period. Thus, 43.4% and 56.4% SO$_2$ emissions in the south were transferred to the central and north during 2005–2008, respectively. Additionally, 77.7% of the transfer-in SO$_2$ emissions in the north were from the south and 22.1% from the central during 2008–2011, respectively.

## 4. Discussion

In the eight typical manufacturing subsectors, the total SO$_2$ emissions increased from 0.99 Mt in 2000 to 1.82 Mt in 2011, though the emissions decreased by 22.1% from 2005–2011 in Jiangsu province. The increasing trend for the total SO$_2$ emissions was in agreement with the trend of SO$_2$ deposition [60]. Meanwhile, regional nitrogen emissions and depositions also increased [60–62]. This changed the compositions of acid rain [63,64] and brought a new challenge for the regional eco-environment and the regional economies [26,65,66].

During 2000–2011, SO$_2$ emissions had similar variations, but there was a sharp reduction during 2005–2007. As for the manufacturing transfer and related SO$_2$ emissions, those for the south and the central happed during 2005–2008 and 2008–2011, respectively. The reasons for the above variations of SO$_2$ emissions are considered complicated and intertwined:

(1) Industrial policies: The policy "Temporary Regulation of Promoting Industrial Structure Adjustment, Advices of Promoting Industrial South-North Transfer in Jiangsu Province, and the

Catalogue of Industrial Structure Adjustment" was unveiled in 2005. A series of circulars on industrial structure adjustments were then passed in the chemical (soda and coal), non-metallic (cement), non-ferrous (Al and Cu), ferrous (Fe) and textile subsectors in 2006. The Circular on Strict Enforcements of Entry Conditions in tungsten (W), tin (Sn) and antimony (Sb) subsectors was issued in January 2007. The Cement Approval Conditions of Jiangsu Province was also passed in August 2007. These policies led to important $SO_2$ emission reductions, especially in the textile subsector, during 2007–2010 (Tables 3–5) and related subsectors transferred from the south to the central and north (Figure 6 and Table 6).

(2) Unforeseen conditions: In 2007, the Lake Taihu water pollution incident occurred. Since its pollution sources were located in the south, such as Wuxi, Changzhou and Suzhou, parts of high-energy-consuming and heavy-polluting industries, such as the textile, chemical, ferrous and non-metallic subsectors, were forced to relocate to the north, such as Suqian, Lianyungang and Yancheng. In 2008, the global financial crisis broke out and also negatively impacted the whole manufacturing sector in Jiangsu province. Many factories in the south or central were forced to suspend operations, declare bankruptcy or relocated to the central or north. Meanwhile, to achieve the target of a high GDP ratio and against the financial crisis, both governments and businessmen paid more attention to GDP and made measures to expand domestic demand even more to promote the development of the domestic market, but in the moving process, pollution emissions were neglected, especially in pollution abatements. These might be important reasons that $SO_2$ emissions had a sharp reduction in 2007 and that the higher shift-share values occurred during 2005–2008, especially in the chemical and textile subsectors (Figures 4–6 and Tables 3–5).

(3) Environmental policies: The "Notice on Chemical Industry Pollution Treatments in the Taihu Lake Basin, Jiangsu Province" and the "Proposals of further promoting the Level of Environmental Protection and Construction in the Development Areas in Jiangsu Province" were made in 2005. The "Proposals of strengthening Eco-Environmental Protection" and the "Construction and Notice on a Work Program of Taihu Lake Pollution Treatments" were issued in 2006 and 2007, respectively. A "Regional Compensatory Approach of Environment Resources in Jiangsu Province I and Circular of Environmental Protection and Eco-construction Plan (2006–2010)" was issued in 2008. These policies improved the regional environment and the industrial structure, especially in the south, and further promoted manufacturing transfer to inner Jiangsu province.

(4) Government actions: The government played a leading role in the environmental protection, but in many cases, the government was also the cause of environmental degradation [67]. Furthermore, the government created sound conditions for regional industrial development by implementing "top-down" macro-policies that focused development on selected subsectors and regions [68]. Regardless of the $SO_2$ emission reduction or the manufacturing transfer, the government would play an important role without dispute [68,69].

## 5. Conclusions

The manufacturing $SO_2$ emissions in Jiangsu province still increased during 2000–2011, though the emissions had a reduction during 2005–2010. Regionally, the south was the main region for $SO_2$ emissions and dominated the total emission trend of the whole of Jiangsu province. During 2000–2011, the cleaner production level contributed to reducing the $SO_2$ emissions, while the industrial scale level was the opposite. The output structure level had not fully played its role in decreasing the emissions. Both the levels of the output structure and pollution abatement played key roles in specific years. For the regional manufacturing development, the south was the transfer-in region during 2000–2005 and then changed into the transfer-out region during 2005–2011. The central was the transition zone, with a transfer-in period of 2005–2008 and a partial transfer-out period of 2008–2011. Additionally, the north was the main transfer-in region during 2005–2011. Because of the manufacturing transfer, the central region transferred in 43.4% of the south's emissions during 2005–2008. The north region transferred in 56.4% and 77.7% of the south's emissions during 2005–2008 and 2008–2011, respectively, and 22.1%

of the central's emissions during 2008–2011. Manufacturing transfer redistributed environmental pollution spatially, and the damage to the ecological environment during the manufacturing transfer needs to be controlled.

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## Appendix

**Table A1.** Changes of $SO_2$ emission intensity ($e_i$) in the seven industrial subsectors of Jiangsu province (unit: t/1000 RMB).

|               | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Non-metallic  | 0.529 | 0.495 | 0.558 | 0.547 | 0.489 | 0.420 | 0.118 | 0.180 | 0.276 | 0.243 | 0.214 | 0.188 |
| Chemical      | 0.165 | 0.163 | 0.155 | 0.133 | 0.151 | 0.144 | 0.083 | 0.086 | 0.088 | 0.057 | 0.036 | 0.023 |
| Non-ferrous   | 0.420 | 0.339 | 0.381 | 0.275 | 0.248 | 0.198 | 0.200 | 0.302 | 0.093 | 0.092 | 0.091 | 0.090 |
| Ferrous       | 0.206 | 0.175 | 0.152 | 0.122 | 0.111 | 0.121 | 0.028 | 0.045 | 0.074 | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.072 |
| Textile       | 0.085 | 0.088 | 0.075 | 0.074 | 0.081 | 0.071 | 0.019 | 0.027 | 0.039 | 0.036 | 0.034 | 0.031 |
| Paper         | 0.388 | 0.354 | 0.257 | 0.222 | 0.214 | 0.214 | 0.084 | 0.101 | 0.121 | 0.120 | 0.119 | 0.117 |
| Chemical fiber| 0.122 | 0.127 | 0.093 | 0.115 | 0.100 | 0.088 | 0.040 | 0.049 | 0.061 | 0.055 | 0.050 | 0.045 |
| Oil           | 0.088 | 0.095 | 0.083 | 0.087 | 0.096 | 0.086 | 0.128 | 0.075 | 0.044 | 0.041 | 0.037 | 0.034 |

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