

Investigating the effect of carbon leakage on the environmental Kuznets curve using luminosity data

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## **ONLINE APPENDIX**

Table A1. *LIGHT* – Energy/Emission correlation<sup>a</sup>

	(1) logLIGHT World	(2) logLIGHT Low income	(3) logLIGHT Lower middle	(4) logLIGHT Upper middle	(5) logLIGHT High income Non-OECD	(6) logLIGHT OECD
logCO <sub>2</sub> eq # Adm0	0.796 <sup>***</sup> 135	0.380 <sup>**</sup> 33	0.735 <sup>***</sup> 41	0.616 <sup>***</sup> 25	0.687 <sup>**</sup> 12	0.249 24
logEnergyUse # Adm0	0.796 <sup>***</sup> 151	0.390 <sup>***</sup> 38	0.713 <sup>***</sup> 48	0.533 <sup>***</sup> 28	0.440 13	0.602 <sup>***</sup> 24
logElectr # Adm0	0.878 <sup>***</sup> 136	0.746 <sup>***</sup> 33	0.734 <sup>***</sup> 41	0.577 <sup>***</sup> 26	0.258 12	0.720 <sup>***</sup> 24

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Light, energy and emission data are averaged at the country level.

\*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ .

Table A2. *Effect of manufacturing on  $\eta$* 

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	$\eta$	$\eta$	$\eta$	$\eta$
Share of manufacturing (% of GDP)	-0.0154*** (-10.42)	-0.0154*** (-10.43)	-0.0152*** (-10.37)	-0.00806*** (-5.51)
Satellite FE	NO	YES	YES	YES
Year FE	NO	NO	YES	YES
Country FE	NO	NO	NO	YES
Constant	13.17*** (540.38)	13.26*** (305.07)	13.38*** (198.97)	13.42*** (186.53)
#Observations	4835	4835	4835	4835
R-squared	0.0240	0.0394	0.0601	0.9165

*t* statistics in parentheses. \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .

Table A3. *Fixed-effects model*

FE regressions	(1) $\eta$ World	(2) $\eta$ Low income	(3) $\eta$ Lower middle	(4) $\eta$ Upper middle	(5) $\eta$ High income Non-OECD	(6) $\eta$ OECD
Merch. Imports (% of GDP)	-0.343*** (-6.61)	0.151* (1.98)	-0.534*** (-6.41)	-1.547*** (-9.51)	0.106 (0.83)	0.154 (0.35)
Merch. Exports (% of GDP)	0.237*** (5.60)	-0.188** (-3.30)	0.596*** (6.58)	1.506*** (8.97)	0.0166 (0.11)	-0.151 (-0.40)
Constant	13.11*** (560.24)	13.34*** (340.39)	12.94*** (326.64)	12.82*** (157.37)	13.30*** (191.94)	12.93*** (187.91)
#Obs.	3464	1128	972	573	270	521
#Countries	164	53	47	27	13	24
R-squared within	0.2584	0.2672	0.4176	0.3587	0.4700	0.3211
R-squared between	0.0018	0.0118	0.0579	0.0349	0.7463	0.0304

*t* statistics in parentheses.

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .

Table A4. *First-difference model*

	(1) $\Delta\eta$ World	(2) $\Delta\eta$ Low income	(3) $\Delta\eta$ Lower middle	(4) $\Delta\eta$ Upper middle	(5) $\Delta\eta$ High income Non-OECD	(6) $\Delta\eta$ OECD
$\Delta$ Merch. Imports (% of GDP)	-0.0673 (-1.19)	-0.0490 (-0.70)	-0.104 (-0.97)	-0.281 (-1.82)	-0.102 (-0.84)	0.105 (0.13)
$\Delta$ Merch. Exports (% of GDP)	-0.0515 (-1.23)	-0.136** (-3.04)	0.278* (2.37)	0.463* (2.46)	0.298* (2.33)	0.239 (0.30)
$\Delta$ Satellite Config	-0.141*** (-22.82)	-0.162*** (-15.84)	-0.154*** (-15.69)	-0.154*** (-9.59)	-0.0686*** (-6.33)	-0.117*** (-4.89)
Constant	0.0483*** (11.38)	0.0506*** (7.16)	0.0481*** (7.13)	0.0555*** (5.09)	0.0391*** (5.43)	0.0424** (2.74)
#Obs.	3297	1075	922	546	257	497
R-squared	0.1425	0.2058	0.2137	0.1519	0.1400	0.0495

*t* statistics in parentheses.

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .

Table A5. *Constituents of merchandise trade*

All regressions Contain Satellite Country, Year FE	(1) $\eta$ World	(2) $\eta$ Low income	(3) $\eta$ Lower middle	(4) $\eta$ Upper middle	(5) $\eta$ High income Non-OECD	(6) $\eta$ OECD
Agricultural IM (% of GDP)	1.968 (1.53)	3.352* (2.42)	-7.953** (-2.99)	14.58** (3.00)	-11.99 (-1.80)	22.30*** (3.34)
Food IM (% of GDP)	-1.286*** (-3.66)	-0.874 (-1.82)	-0.0154 (-0.02)	0.535 (0.45)	-3.842*** (-3.85)	-5.623 (-1.23)
Fuel IM (% of GDP)	-0.225 (-1.26)	-1.298*** (-3.64)	-1.259*** (-4.99)	0.393 (0.94)	1.242*** (4.94)	2.100 (1.81)
Manufactures IM (% of GDP)	0.0509 (0.54)	0.273 (1.53)	-0.862*** (-4.69)	0.923*** (5.36)	0.0788 (0.45)	-0.785 (-1.32)
Ores and Metals IM (% of GDP)	-1.296* (-2.33)	-1.705* (-2.52)	3.789*** (4.43)	-9.601*** (-4.70)	1.933 (1.50)	3.460 (1.42)
Agricultural EX (% of GDP)	0.860* (2.12)	1.050* (2.37)	-0.237 (-0.18)	-0.867 (-1.38)	-10.48** (-3.03)	-10.68*** (-3.65)
Food EX (% of GDP)	0.0381 (0.29)	-0.600* (-2.13)	0.625*** (3.68)	-0.956*** (-4.96)	6.472*** (6.28)	1.971 (0.74)
Fuel EX (% of GDP)	0.293** (2.76)	-1.253*** (-3.98)	1.228*** (7.13)	-0.271 (-1.33)	-0.352* (-2.37)	1.577* (2.01)
Manufactures EX (% of GDP)	0.106 (1.27)	-0.991*** (-4.53)	0.498*** (4.24)	-0.00414 (-0.03)	-0.0566 (-0.36)	0.191 (0.54)
Ores and Metals EX	-0.111	-0.201	0.136	-0.476	-0.183	-2.019

(% of GDP)	(-0.73)	(-0.88)	(0.58)	(-1.75)	(-0.60)	(-1.21)
Constant	12.90*** (256.91)	13.86*** (175.23)	13.17*** (187.96)	11.73*** (107.20)	12.61*** (104.62)	13.16*** (183.34)
#Observations	4181	1043	1187	796	352	803
R-squared	0.9119	0.9457	0.9037	0.8171	0.9911	0.7581

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*t* statistics in parentheses.

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .

Table A6. *Robustness check using different subgroups*

All regressions contain Satellite, Year, Country FE	(1) $\eta$ LOW	(2) $\eta$ MIDDLE	(3) $\eta$ HIGH
Merch. Imports (% of GDP)	0.111 (1.58)	-0.321* (-2.58)	0.0524 (0.29)
Merch. Exports (% of GDP)	-0.144** (-3.06)	0.243** (3.17)	0.0232 (0.15)
Constant	13.29*** (206.02)	12.88*** (242.95)	13.22*** (66.52)
#Observations	2077	2795	498
R-squared	0.9344	0.8813	0.8989

*t* statistics in parentheses.

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ .



Table A7. *Robustness check of traditional EKC on the condition of the absence of trade (detailed perspective)*

	(1) logALIGHT	(2) logALIGHT	(3) logALIGHT
logAGDPpC	3.626*** (6.82)	3.547*** (5.55)	-6.828 (-1.36)
logAGDPpC <sup>2</sup>	-0.141*** (-4.75)	-0.136*** (-3.76)	1.040 (1.84)
logAGDPpC <sup>3</sup>			-0.0438* (-2.09)
Constant	-25.11*** (-10.67)	-24.79*** (-8.91)	5.299 (0.36)
#Observations	152	147	152
R-squared	0.8462	0.8378	0.8506

*t* statistics in parentheses.

\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$



Figure A1. *Satellite imagery range*

## Predictive Margins with 95% CIs

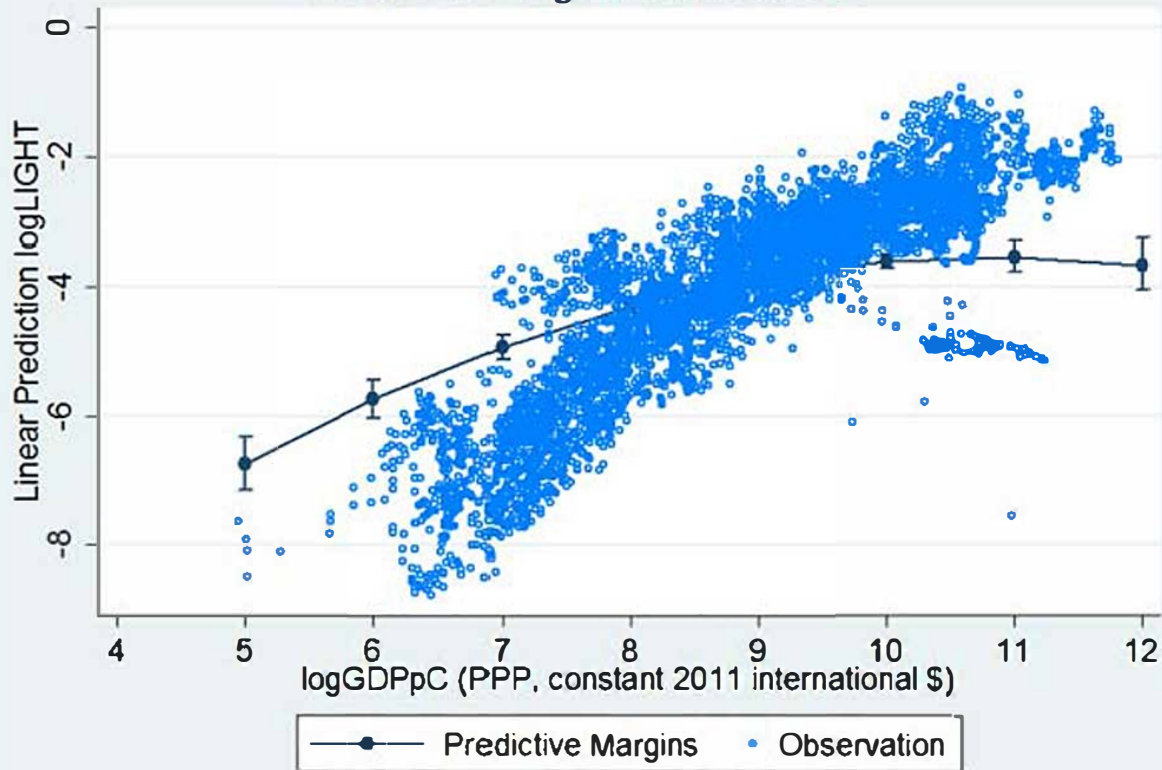


Figure A2. *Environmental Kuznets curve in raw data vs. predictive margins*

	(1)
	logALIGHT
logAGDPpC	1.792** (2.90)
logAGDPpC <sup>2</sup>	-0.0454 (-1.30)
Constant	-16.22*** (-5.99)
#Observations	119
R-squared	0.8152

t statistics in parentheses

\* p < 0.05, \*\* p < 0.01, \*\*\* p < 0.001

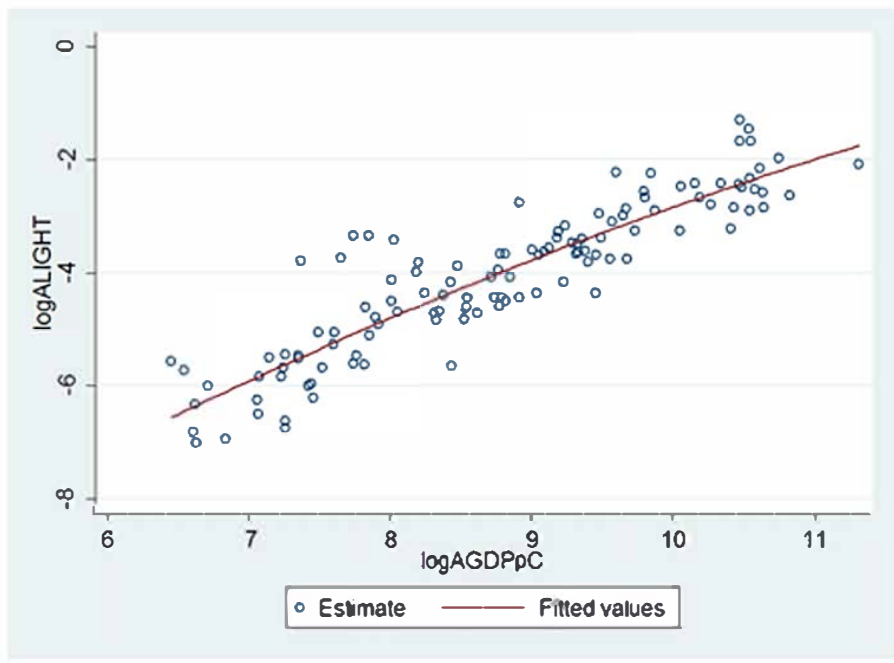


Figure A3. Light-income relationship conditional on the absence of trade and fuel-exporting countries