

Table S1. Statistical data of contour maps of coal seam thickness and burial depth (Well information is from Research Institute of Exploration and Development, Petro China Tuha Oilfield Company, and the data are statistics for this study).

| Well ID | Coal seam thickness(m) | Coal seam burial depth(m) |
|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tiao 15 | 13.08 | 877.5 |
| Tiao 11 | 42.3 | 1420 |
| Tiao 18 | 30.5 | 1670 |
| Tiao 26 | 13.3 | 1650 |
| Ma 76 | 44.66 | 1861 |
| Ma 18 | 20 | 1177 |
| Ma 37 | 52 | 988 |
| Ma 19 | 24.6 | 1247 |
| Ma 51 | 61.3 | 1520 |
| Ma 53 | 41 | 1450 |
| Tang 1 | 46.9 | 1034.4 |
| Ma 20 | 20 | 1200 |
| Bei 2 | 38.8 | 1964 |
| L5-2 | 6.5 | 280 |
| 310-1 | 4.2 | 380 |
| 340-3 | 3.7 | 270 |
| Tangqican 1 | 40.03 | 723 |

Table S2. Maceral compositions of the coals in the Xishanyao Formation of the Santanghu Basin (Data from Research Institute of Exploration and Development, Petro China Tuha Oilfield Company, the data with * in Well ID are the results of this study).

| Well ID | Depth (m) | Maceral compositions (%) | | | $R_{o,ran}$ |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| | | Vitrinite | Inertinite | Liptinite | |
| Tangqican1 | 722.4 | 41 | 59 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 723.91 | 34 | 52 | 14 | 0.59 |
| Tangqican1 | 724.73 | 22 | 78 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 726.54 | 33 | 67 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 728.28 | 46 | 54 | 0 | 0.66 |
| Tangqican1 | 728.6 | 40 | 60 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 728.79 | 49 | 51 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 729.18 | 36 | 50 | 14 | |
| Tangqican1 | 729.88 | 52 | 48 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 729.98 | 25 | 63 | 12 | |
| Tangqican1 | 730.16 | 32 | 55 | 13 | |
| Tangqican1 | 730.75 | 63 | 37 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 731.6 | 57 | 43 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 735.83 | 43 | 57 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 737.53 | 27 | 58 | 15 | |
| Tangqican1 | 738.22 | 46 | 54 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 738.78 | 42 | 58 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 739.35 | 52 | 48 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 740.7 | 65 | 35 | 0 | 0.57 |
| Tangqican1 | 740.88 | 58 | 42 | 0 | |

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|------------|-----------------|------|------|-----|------|
| Tangqican1 | 741.06 | 51 | 49 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 741.25 | 63 | 37 | 0 | 0.56 |
| Tangqican1 | 741.42 | 60 | 40 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 741.83 | 57 | 43 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 741.99 | 53 | 47 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 742.4 | 68 | 32 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 742.75 | 58 | 42 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 742.92 | 51 | 49 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 743.19 | 55 | 45 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 743.36 | 30 | 59 | 11 | 0.53 |
| Tangqican1 | 743.7 | 66 | 34 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 745.75 | 71 | 29 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 746.39 | 65 | 35 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 746.75 | 57 | 43 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 746.98 | 30 | 62 | 8 | 0.61 |
| Tangqican1 | 747.28 | 60 | 40 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 747.43 | 73 | 27 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 748.26 | 54 | 46 | 0 | |
| Tangqican1 | 749.79 | 26 | 46 | 28 | |
| Tangqican1 | 757.06 | 39 | 61 | 0 | 0.74 |
| Tang 1* | 991.57-992.31 | 36.4 | 59 | 4.6 | 0.51 |
| Tang1 | 994.00-994.35 | 12.6 | 87.4 | 0.0 | 0.48 |
| Tang1 | 998.10-998.45 | 27.2 | 72.8 | 0.0 | 0.48 |
| Tang1 | 1002.2 | 38.4 | 58.4 | 3.2 | |
| Tang1 | 1004.00-1004.35 | 15.1 | 84.9 | 0.0 | 0.49 |
| Tang 1* | 1008.01-1009.63 | 44.2 | 53.9 | 1.9 | 0.36 |
| Tang1 | 1012.43-1012.45 | 33.0 | 62.0 | 5.0 | |
| Tang 1* | 1017.74-1019.46 | 45.3 | 52.9 | 1.8 | 0.24 |
| Tang 1 | 1020.8 | 38.4 | 56.3 | 5.3 | 0.54 |
| Tang 1 | 1024.5 | 35 | 63.7 | 1.3 | 0.55 |
| Tang1 | 1026.78-1027.13 | 71.0 | 28.5 | 0.5 | 0.42 |
| Tang3 | 1186.3 | 90 | 8 | 2 | 0.57 |
| Bei2 | 1966.2 | 30 | 64 | 6 | 0.61 |
| Tiao15 | 843.72--844.01 | 43.9 | 54.6 | 1.5 | 0.39 |
| Tiao15 | 844.73--845.00 | 41 | 58.5 | 0.5 | 0.44 |
| Tiao15 | 846.56-846.58 | 46 | 47 | 7 | |
| Tiao15 | 846.80--847.10 | 42.3 | 55.1 | 2.6 | 0.46 |
| Tiao15 | 847.10--847.40 | 42.1 | 57.3 | 0.5 | 0.45 |
| Tiao15 | 847.40--847.70 | 39.3 | 60.3 | 0.4 | 0.44 |
| Tiao15 | 847.70--848.00 | 38.1 | 61.2 | 0.7 | 0.45 |
| Tiao15 | 848.00--848.26 | 30.2 | 68.7 | 1.1 | 0.45 |
| Tiao15 | 848.41--848.69 | 26 | 73 | 1 | 0.46 |
| Tiao15 | 848.69--848.86 | 32.7 | 66.4 | 0.8 | 0.42 |
| Tiao15 | 848.98--849.10 | 38.1 | 61 | 0.9 | 0.41 |
| Tiao15 | 849.10--849.31 | 37.5 | 61.8 | 0.7 | 0.41 |
| Tiao15 | 851.06--851.20 | 59.2 | 39.5 | 1.3 | 0.45 |
| Tiao15 | 851.20--851.46 | 65.4 | 34.3 | 0.4 | 0.45 |
| Tiao15 | 851.46--851.71 | 67.9 | 31.2 | 0.9 | 0.44 |
| Tiao15 | 851.71--851.93 | 67.9 | 30.7 | 1.4 | 0.46 |
| Ma205 | 768.85-768.88 | 46 | 44 | 10 | 0.38 |
| Ma76 | 1800.4 | 60.1 | 34.4 | 5.5 | 0.62 |

Table S3. Results of the partial proximate analysis of the coals in the Xishanyao Formation of the Santanghu Basin (Data from Research Institute of Exploration and Development, Petro China Tuha Oilfield Company, the data with * in Well ID are the results of this study).

| Well ID | Depth/m | Proximate analysis (%) | | | |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | M _{ad} /% | A _d /% | V _{daf} /% | FC _{ad} /% |
| Tangqican1 | 722.29-722.49 | 6.42 | 3.61 | 31.76 | 61.55 |
| Tangqican1 | 724.66-724.81 | 8.96 | 19.88 | 47.14 | 38.56 |
| Tangqican1 | 726.49-726.59 | 13.48 | 4.1 | 38.04 | 51.41 |
| Tangqican1 | 728.20-728.37 | 15.15 | 3.18 | 31.14 | 56.57 |
| Tangqican1 | 728.52-728.69 | 15.32 | 5.17 | 37.97 | 49.81 |
| Tangqican1 | 728.69-728.89 | 5.44 | 14.23 | 49.93 | 40.61 |
| Tangqican1 | 729.13-729.22 | 14.42 | 5.04 | 38 | 50.39 |
| Tangqican1 | 729.84-729.93 | 8.87 | 34.74 | 42.36 | 34.28 |
| Tangqican1 | 729.93-730.03 | 10.59 | 7.34 | 33.66 | 54.96 |
| Tangqican1 | 730.03-730.29 | 6.14 | 3.67 | 34.47 | 59.25 |
| Tangqican1 | 730.71-730.78 | 9.2 | 36.97 | 48.33 | 29.57 |
| Tangqican1 | 731.51-731.69 | 12.02 | 3.07 | 37.98 | 52.89 |
| Tangqican1 | 735.71-735.95 | 5.14 | 28.69 | 53.3 | 31.59 |
| Tangqican1 | 737.43-737.63 | 10.67 | 6.94 | 36.53 | 52.76 |
| Tangqican1 | 738.13-738.30 | 7.79 | 13.64 | 41.07 | 46.93 |
| Tangqican1 | 738.69-738.86 | 8.08 | 7.03 | 34.85 | 55.68 |
| Tangqican1 | 739.26-739.43 | 6.02 | 20.44 | 44.68 | 41.37 |
| Tangqican1 | 739.43-739.60 | 8.34 | 7.7 | 35.75 | 54.36 |
| Tangqican1 | 740.62-740.79 | 8.3 | 10.34 | 34.55 | 53.81 |
| Tangqican1 | 740.79-740.96 | 8.5 | 9.14 | 40.01 | 49.88 |
| Tangqican1 | 740.96-741.16 | 9.78 | 5.22 | 39.25 | 51.95 |
| Tangqican1 | 741.16-741.33 | 8.2 | 21.46 | 38.21 | 44.55 |
| Tangqican1 | 741.73-741.93 | 5.95 | 3.64 | 35.92 | 58.08 |
| Tangqican1 | 742.32-742.49 | 7.08 | 27.84 | 38.22 | 41.43 |
| Tangqican1 | 742.49-742.66 | 7.08 | 26.88 | 38.92 | 41.5 |
| Tangqican1 | 742.66-742.83 | 8.12 | 16.21 | 37.62 | 48.03 |
| Tangqican1 | 742.83-743.00 | 8.64 | 6.35 | 34.55 | 56 |
| Tangqican1 | 743.11-743.28 | 8.32 | 8.62 | 34.98 | 54.47 |
| Tangqican1 | 743.45-743.62 | 7.72 | 13.01 | 38.16 | 49.64 |
| Tangqican1 | 743.62-743.79 | 8.11 | 13.47 | 38.9 | 48.58 |
| Tangqican1 | 745.66-745.84 | 6.44 | 4.26 | 35.81 | 57.5 |
| Tangqican1 | 746.14-746.31 | 9.98 | 3.95 | 35.74 | 55.56 |
| Tangqican1 | 746.31-746.48 | 9.22 | 9 | 37.48 | 51.65 |
| Tangqican1 | 746.65-746.82 | 10.04 | 3.69 | 33.64 | 57.49 |
| Tangqican1 | 746.82-746.90 | 7.42 | 6.63 | 37.95 | 53.64 |
| Tangqican1 | 747.35-747.52 | 7.64 | 7.23 | 38.18 | 52.97 |
| Tangqican1 | 748.18-748.35 | 7.54 | 12.91 | 34.91 | 52.41 |
| Tangqican1 | 749.71-749.88 | 7.78 | 16.09 | 36.96 | 48.78 |
| Tangqican1 | 749.88-750.00 | 8.32 | 6.48 | 36.25 | 54.66 |
| Tangqican1 | 756.99-757.14 | 10.26 | 19.91 | 36.41 | 45.71 |
| Tangqican1* | 721.84-726.72 | 6.06 | 10.99 | 32.24 | 56.65 |
| Tangqican1* | 727.49-733.78 | 5.22 | 5.72 | 38.31 | 55.12 |
| Tangqican1* | 734.69-739.03 | 5.05 | 5.29 | 33.48 | 59.82 |
| Tangqican1* | 739.03-743.96 | 4.34 | 21.39 | 44.53 | 41.71 |
| Tangqican1* | 744.57-748.03 | 4.78 | 5.68 | 34.69 | 58.66 |
| Tangqican1* | 755.65-757.38 | 4.72 | 21.35 | 37.73 | 46.66 |
| Tang1* | 991.57-992.31 | 4.32 | 2.73 | 30.96 | 64.25 |

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|--------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Tang1 | 993.40-993.42 | 7.59 | 2.86 | 27.23 | 65.33 |
| Tang1 | 998.10-998.45 | 2.89 | 2.35 | 32.68 | 62.09 |
| Tang1* | 1000.46-1001.79 | 4.42 | 3.34 | 30.04 | 64.63 |
| Tang1 | 1005.8 | 5.43 | 1.78 | 26.66 | 66.14 |
| Tang1 | 1007.9 | 4.84 | 3.01 | 37.15 | 55.01 |
| Tang1 | 1013.95-1014.30 | 3.01 | 2.4 | 28.37 | 66.23 |
| Tang1* | 1017.74-1019.46 | 3.82 | 2.71 | 32.16 | 63.47 |
| Tang1 | 1026.78-1027.13 | 1.79 | 5.25 | 37.59 | 55.38 |
| Tang3 | 1186.30-1186.32 | 6.94 | 2.58 | 45.11 | 49.76 |
| Tiao15 | 843.72--844.01 | 8.19 | 4.39 | 32.26 | |
| Tiao15 | 843.98-844.00 | 5.52 | 4.89 | 32.95 | 60.25 |
| Tiao15 | 844.73--845.00 | 8.77 | 4.33 | 28.65 | |
| Tiao15 | 845.68-845.70 | 5.8 | 4.32 | 35.25 | 58.36 |
| Tiao15 | 846.80--847.10 | 8.88 | 4.6 | 31.35 | |
| Tiao15 | 847.10--847.40 | 8.52 | 4.82 | 29.7 | |
| Tiao15 | 847.40--847.70 | 8.2 | 6.68 | 27.56 | |
| Tiao15 | 847.70--848.00 | 8.79 | 5.88 | 29.3 | |
| Tiao15 | 848.00--848.26 | 7.74 | 9.58 | 27.72 | |
| Tiao15 | 848.41--848.69 | 7.76 | 9.82 | 26.93 | |
| Tiao15 | 848.69--848.86 | 7.99 | 5.98 | 29.9 | |
| Tiao15 | 848.98--849.10 | 8.47 | 5.42 | 32.92 | |
| Tiao15 | 849.10--849.31 | 8.4 | 4 | 29.67 | |
| Tiao15 | 851.06--851.20 | 8.89 | 3.24 | 35.99 | |
| Tiao15 | 851.20--851.46 | 8.79 | 3.08 | 38.55 | |
| Tiao15 | 851.46--851.71 | 8.69 | 2.94 | 38.15 | |
| Tiao15 | 851.71--851.93 | 8.89 | 5.93 | 40.77 | |
| Ma76 | 1800.4 | 3.71 | 29.47 | 4.17 | 62.66 |
| Ma76* | 1805.74-1806.54 | 2.28 | 31.01 | 39.29 | 40.93 |
| Ma205 | 768.77-768.79 | 7.73 | 3.1 | 46.19 | 48.12 |

Table S4. Coalbed Methane Isotope Data (Tiaohu and Malang sags data from [46]; Surat Basin data from [66]; Bowen Basin data from [65]; Erlian Basin data from [67]).

| Basin/Sag | Well ID | Depth | Sample ID | $\delta C^{13}-(CH_4)$ ‰ | $C_1/(C_2+C_3)$ | $\delta D-(CH_4)$ ‰ | Data Source | |
|-------------|----------|---------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|------|
| Tiaohu sag | Bei 2 | 1879.32 | B2-1 | -55.5 | 117.65 | -215.6 | [46] | |
| | | | B2-2 | -54.5 | 117.65 | -215.2 | | |
| | | | B2-3 | -54.1 | 117.65 | -215.1 | | |
| Malang sag | Ma 491 | 1489.00 | M491-1 | -63.6 | 139.32 | -267.2 | [46] | |
| | | | M491-2 | -64.1 | 139.32 | -267.5 | | |
| | Tang 1-5 | 1080.00 | T1-5-1 | -54.7 | 2515.75 | -248.2 | | |
| | | | T1-5-2 | -54.8 | 2515.75 | -248.4 | | |
| | | | T1-5-3 | -55.2 | 2515.75 | -248 | | |
| | Tang 1 | 993.00 | T1-1 | -54.8 | 203.65 | -239.3 | | |
| | | | T1-2 | -54.9 | 203.65 | -239.1 | | |
| | | | T1-3 | -55.3 | 203.65 | -238.9 | | |
| Surat Basin | | | | -53.3 | 9970 | -233 | [66] | |
| | | | | -53.6 | 9700 | -229 | | |
| | | | Walloon Subgroup | -53.4 | 9960 | -231 | | |
| | | | Juandah | -53.9 | 190 | -227 | | |
| | | | Coal | -54.1 | 9950 | -234 | | |
| | | | Measures | -55 | 9940 | -236 | | |
| | | | | | -54.5 | 706 | | -235 |
| | | | | | -54 | 206 | | -232 |

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|-------------|--------------|-------|------|------|
| | | -52.2 | 172 | -236 |
| | | -51.4 | 241 | -235 |
| | | -52.2 | 308 | -230 |
| | | -52.9 | 621 | -233 |
| | | -52.7 | 198 | -231 |
| | | -51.2 | 224 | -231 |
| | | -52.4 | 496 | -226 |
| | | -52.4 | 576 | -226 |
| | | -50.8 | 1655 | -223 |
| | | -52.1 | 496 | -222 |
| | | -51.8 | 1653 | -222 |
| | | -52.3 | 1976 | -221 |
| | | -53.1 | 210 | -225 |
| | | -54.7 | 1932 | -224 |
| | | -55.2 | 4981 | -221 |
| | | -54 | 9968 | -212 |
| | | -56 | 9970 | -202 |
| | | -55.2 | 9969 | -224 |
| | | -55.3 | 9962 | -223 |
| | | -51.9 | 4978 | -221 |
| | | -51.5 | 3320 | -225 |
| | Desorption 2 | -51.3 | 1992 | -225 |
| | Juandah | -50.9 | 3317 | -227 |
| | Coal | -51.7 | 3318 | -223 |
| Surat Basin | Measures | -49.2 | 3315 | -221 |
| | | -49.4 | 2486 | -219 |
| | | -49.9 | 3313 | -226 |
| | | -47.7 | 3315 | -224 |
| | | -47.8 | 1986 | -220 |
| | | -47.5 | 9944 | -213 |
| | | -48.5 | 3300 | -224 |
| | | -48.1 | 9924 | -222 |
| | | -58.5 | 311 | -202 |
| | | -54.3 | 354 | -203 |
| | | -53.6 | 1880 | -209 |
| | | -53.4 | 496 | -213 |
| | | -52.7 | 1984 | -208 |
| | | -53.9 | 1984 | -208 |
| | | -54 | 3303 | -210 |
| | | -53.2 | 3313 | -212 |
| | Taroom Coal | -52.2 | 2455 | -216 |
| Surat Basin | Measures | -52.1 | 4960 | -213 |
| | | -51.7 | 3303 | -214 |
| | | -51.7 | 3303 | -216 |
| | | -50.9 | 3307 | -213 |
| | | -50.3 | 2478 | -213 |
| | | -49.3 | 1978 | -212 |
| | | -47.4 | 1982 | -216 |
| | | -46.8 | 1984 | -214 |
| | | -49.2 | 2475 | -216 |
| | | -47.3 | 1986 | -215 |
| | Taroom Coal | -50.1 | 149 | -215 |
| Surat Basin | Measures | -51.1 | 116 | -214 |

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|--------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|------|--------|------|
| Bowen Basin | Upper seam north of fault | | -50.2 | 105 | -215 | [65] |
| | | 272.8 | -53.9 | 659 | -214 | |
| | | 187.3 | -54.4 | 1585 | -212 | |
| | Upper seam south of fault | 332.3 | -56.6 | | -212.1 | |
| | | 176.6 | -56.7 | | -212 | |
| | | 118.7 | -56.6 | | -212.2 | |
| | Lower seam north of fault | 208.1 | -56.3 | | -207.5 | |
| | | 332.9 | -62.2 | | -209.6 | |
| | | 237.5 | -48 | | -205.4 | |
| | Lower seam south of fault | 411.4 | -56.7 | | -212.7 | |
| | | 227.5 | -58 | | -215.8 | |
| | | 107.5 | -54.3 | | -211 | |
| | | 280.8 | -58.9 | | -211 | |
| | | | -61.7 | | -214.7 | |
| | | | -56.6 | | -207 | |
| Erlian Basin | | | -62.5 | 1532 | -275 | [67] |
| | | | -60.3 | 3035 | -270.2 | |
| | | | -60.1 | 2854 | -270.8 | |

Table S5. Hydrogeological types and mineralization of coal seam water of Santanghu Basin (Structural units' data from [70], Well data from Research Institute of Exploration and Development, Petro China Tuha Oilfield Company). The data with * in Well ID are the results of this study.

| Structural units/Well ID | Mineralization (mg/L) | Water chemical type | Hydrogeological type | Data Source |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Kumusu sag | 1800-3400 | Na-Cl-SO ₄ | confined weak runoff | [70] |
| Hanshuiquan sag | 1400-3100 | Na-Cl-SO ₄ | confined weak runoff | [70] |
| Tiaohu sag | 2400-5000 | Na-Cl-SO ₄ | open local stagnation | [70] |
| Malang sag | 1000-5000 | Na-HCO ₃ -SO ₄ | open local stagnation | [70] |
| Naomaohu sag | 1000-3000 | Na-Cl-SO ₄ | confined weak runoff | [70] |
| Ma 18* | 3882 | HCO ₃ -Na | | |
| Ma 206* | 5625-5657 | Na ₂ SO ₄ | | |
| Ma 214* | 3827 | NaHCO ₃ | | |
| Ma 208* | 3880 | NaHCO ₃ | | |
| Ma 209* | 3155 | NaHCO ₃ | | |
| Ma 203* | 1160 | Na ₂ SO ₄ | | |
| Ma 205* | 4778 | NaHCO ₃ | | |
| Ma 202* | 2241 | Na ₂ SO ₄ | | |
| Ma 201* | 2382 | NaHCO ₃ | | |
| Xi 9-13* | 2398 | NaHCO ₃ | | |
| Xi 9-11* | 2865 | NaHCO ₃ | | |