



# Hydrological Responses to Rapid Changes of the Earth Surface Environments in China

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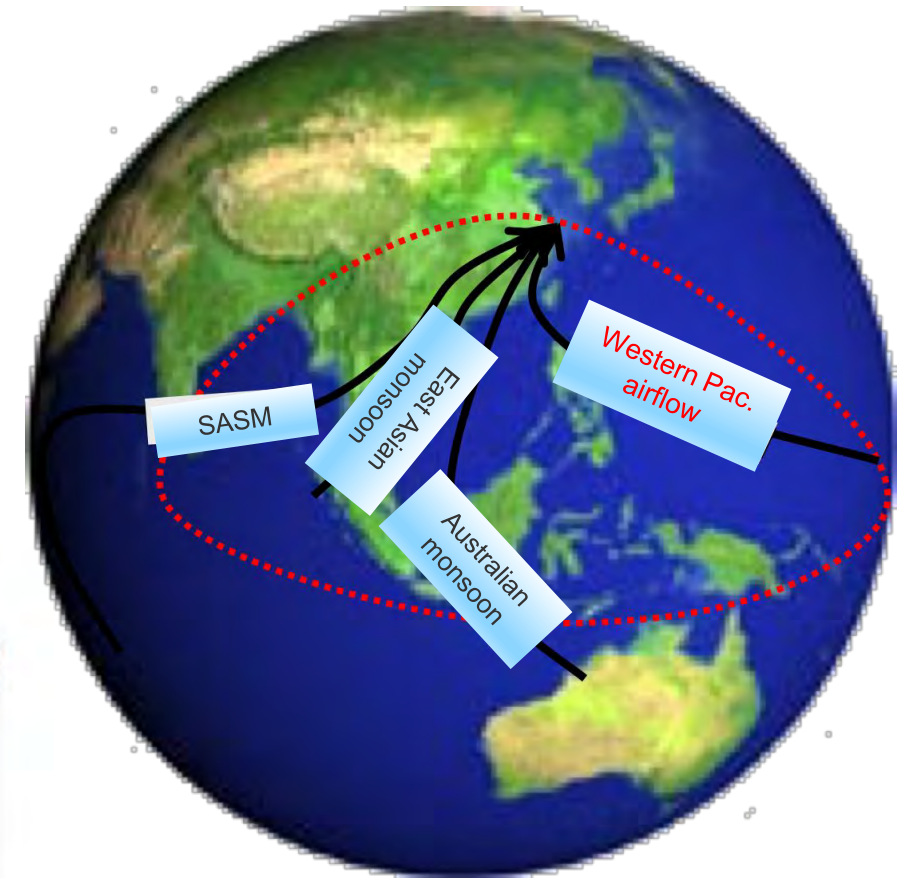
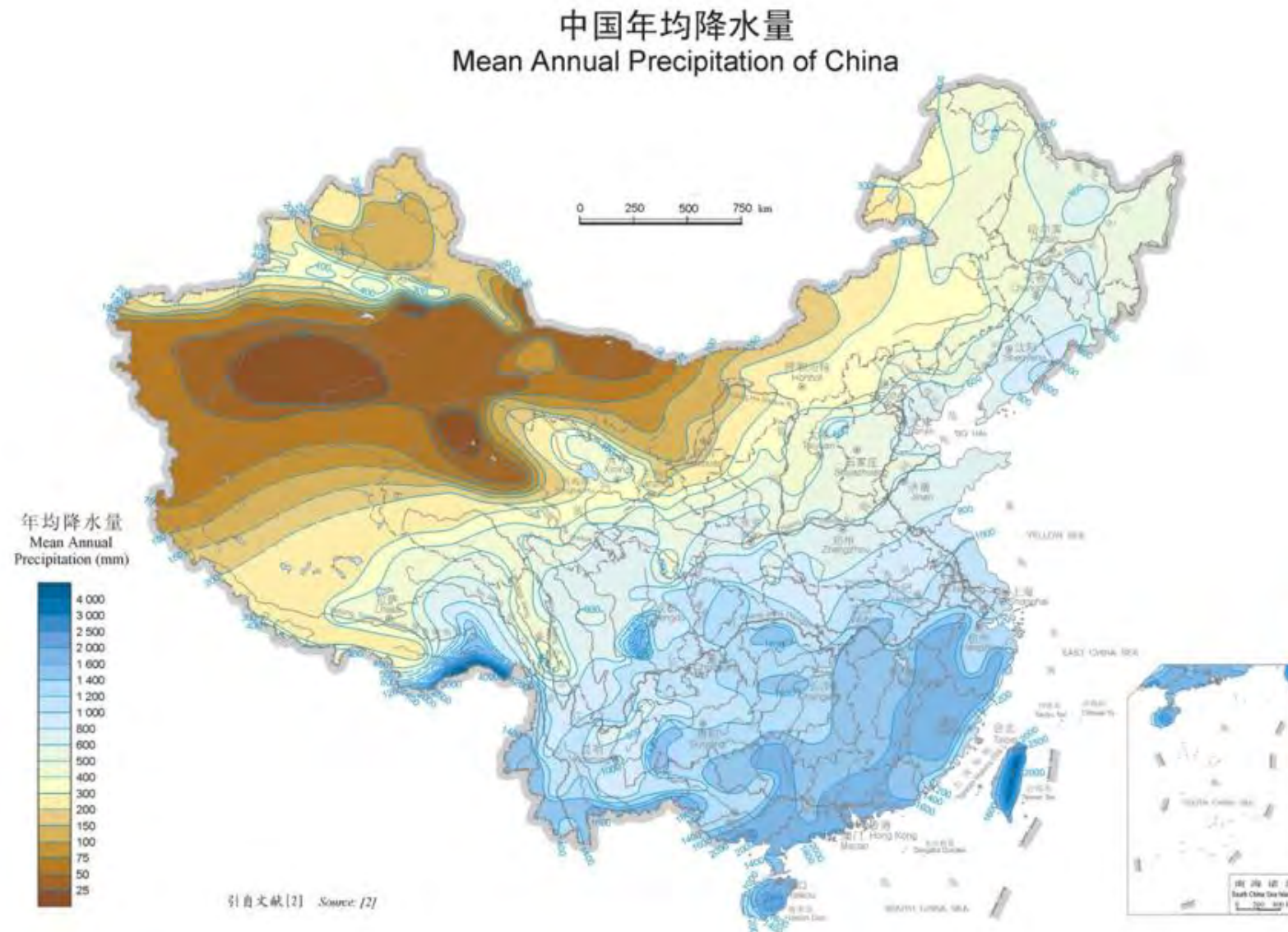


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# 1 Background- Climate in China

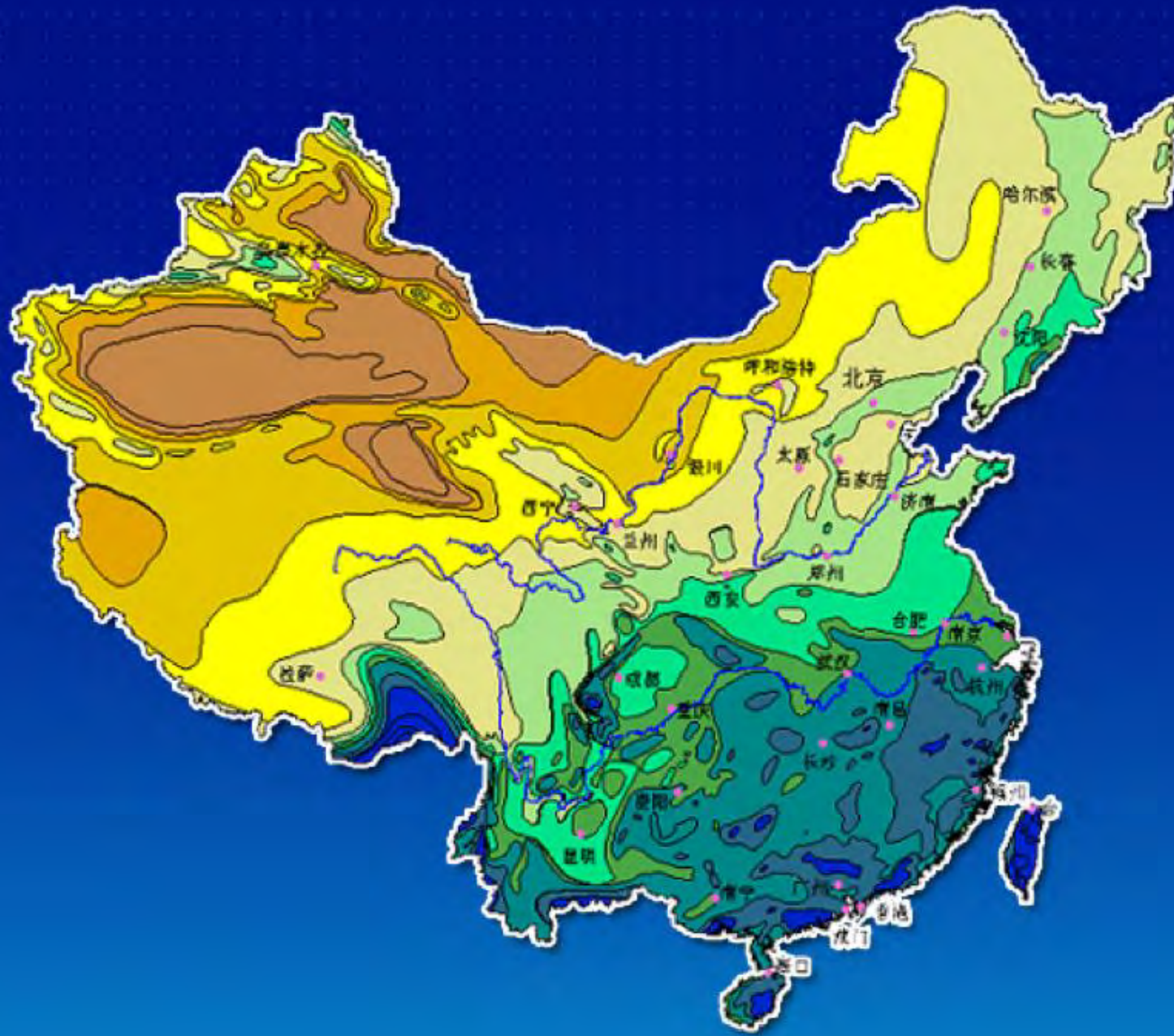


- Monsoon-dominated climate causes very distinctive wet (Apr - Sep) and dry (Oct - Mar) seasons in a *Water Year*
- From humid to arid: a gradient from SE to NW



# 1 Background- Climate in China

## Water resources uneven distribution



### North:

- water resources 19%
- population 47%
- cultivated land 64%
- GDP 45%

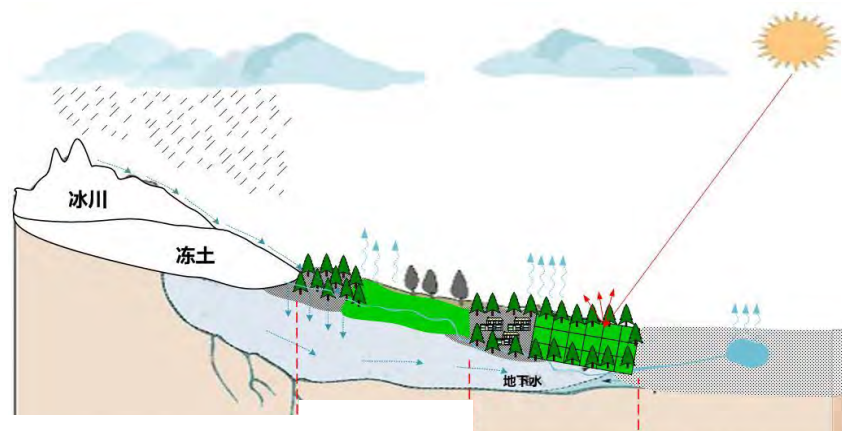
### South:

- water resources 81%
- population 53%
- cultivated land 35%
- GDP 55%



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Glacier and frozen mountainous area

Native vegetation area

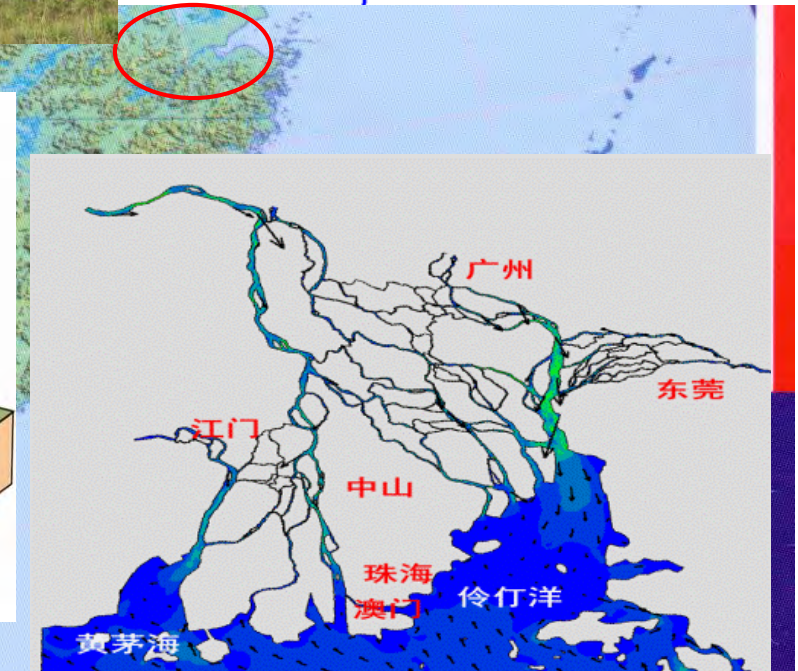
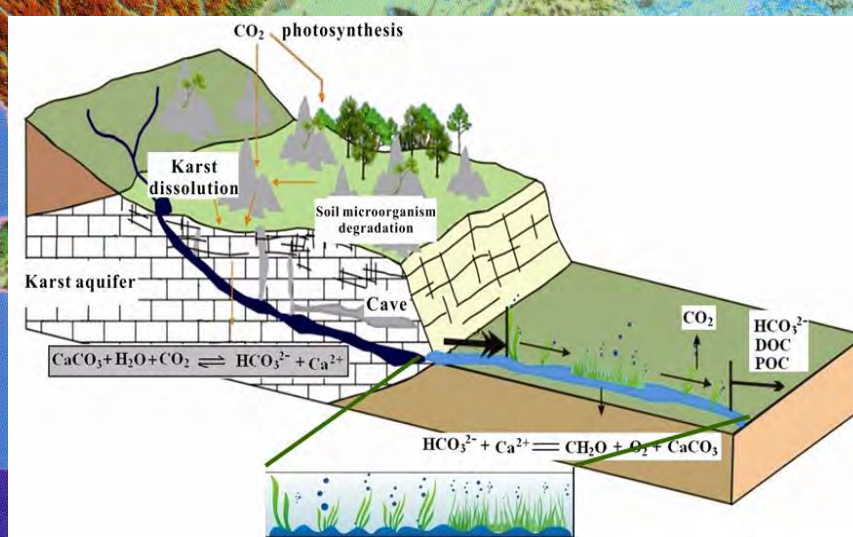
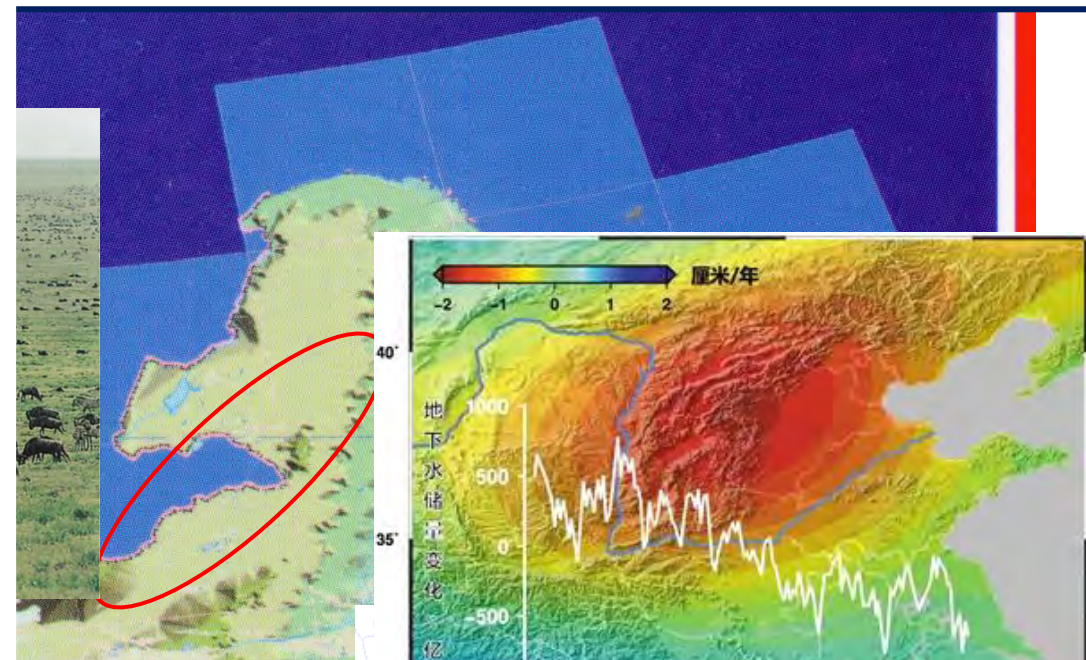
Oasis area

Desert area

山地  
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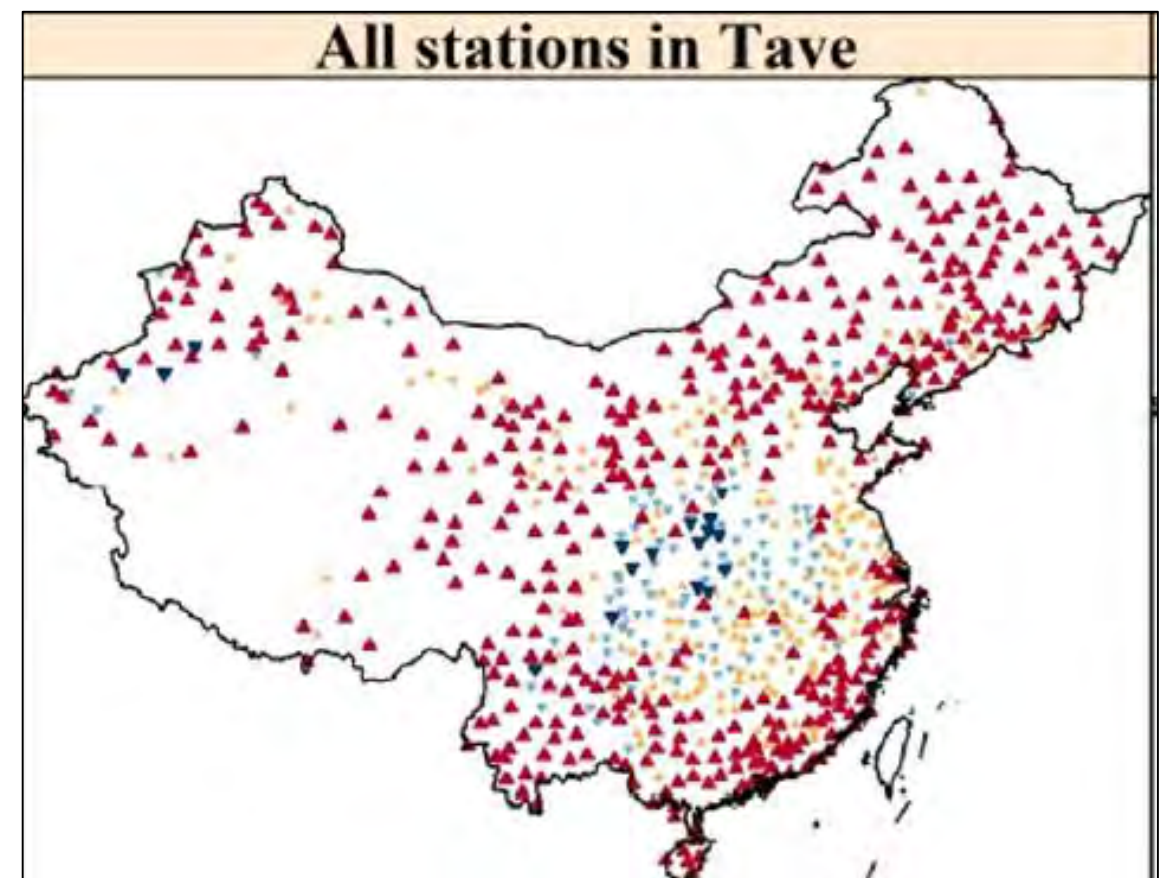
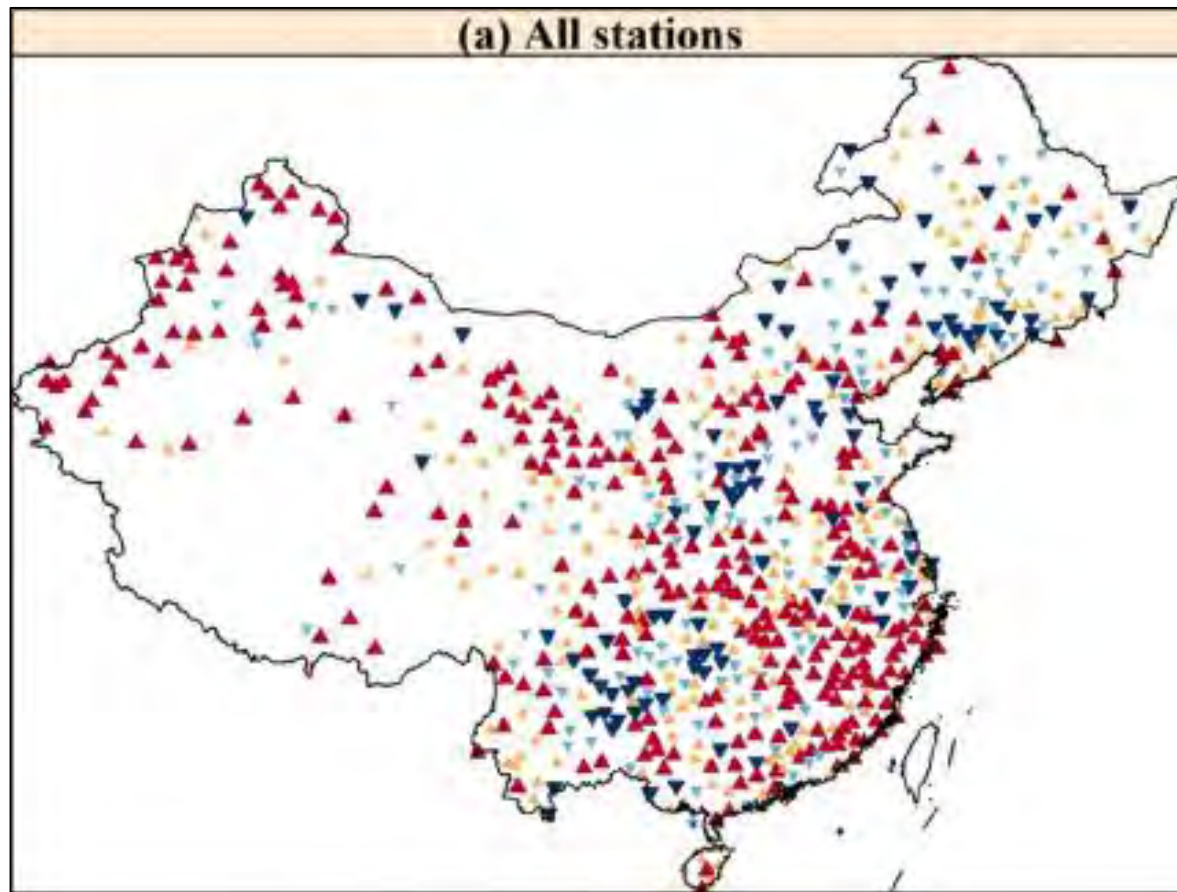
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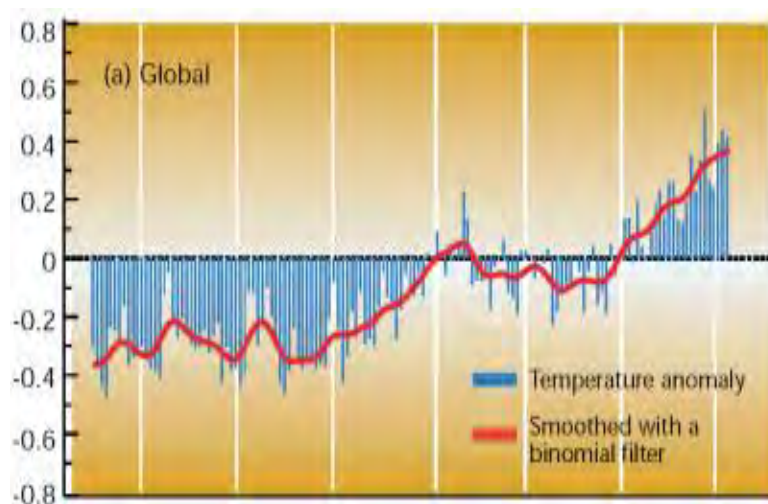




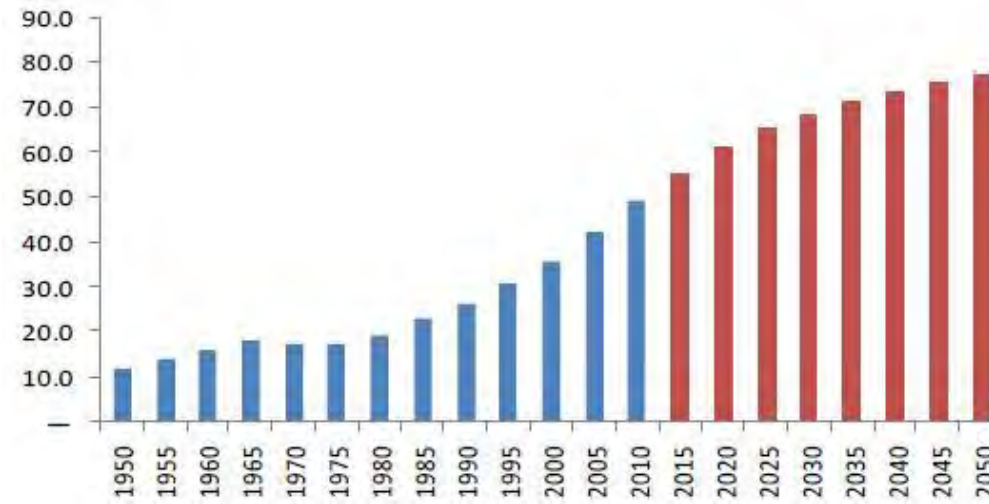
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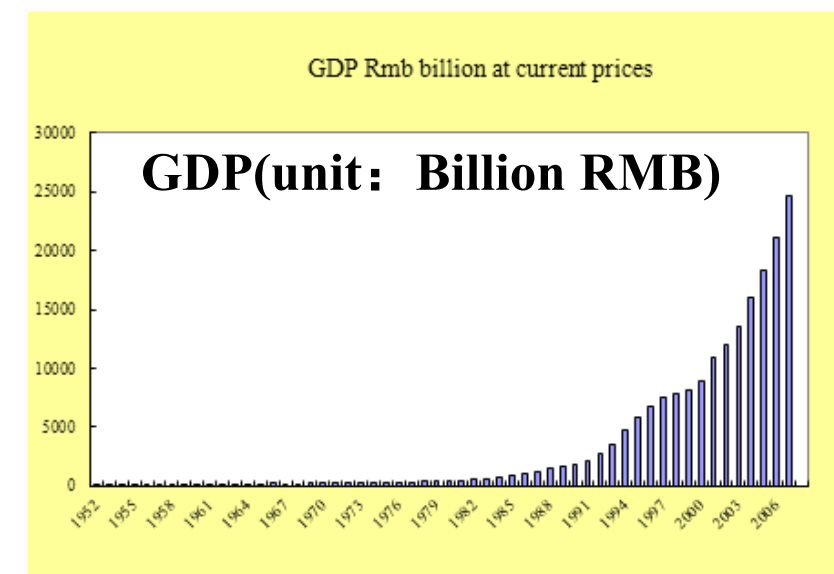
Daily precipitation and temperature data from 728 meteorological stations covering 1951–2014 (Gu and Zhang et al., JH, 2017)



Global warming  
(0.24 °C/10a in China)



Urbanization rate in  
China



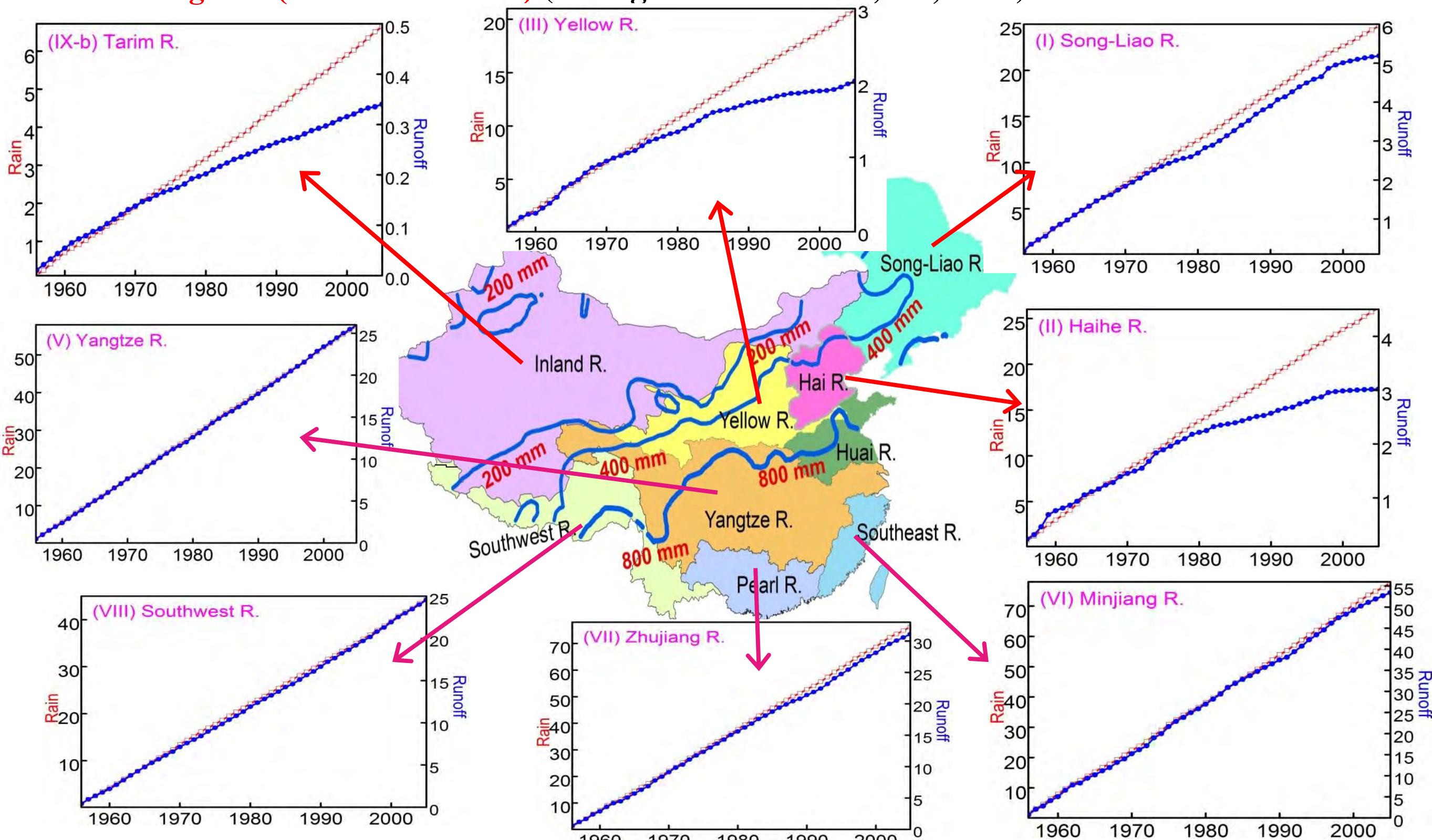
Economic development  
in China



# 1 Background- Global Change

## Human induced runoff decrease

- Annual accumulation series of P and R : **decreasing trend of annual runoff since 1980s in the north regions ( $\Delta R / \Delta P$  decreases)** (Zhang and Chen et al., JH, 2011)

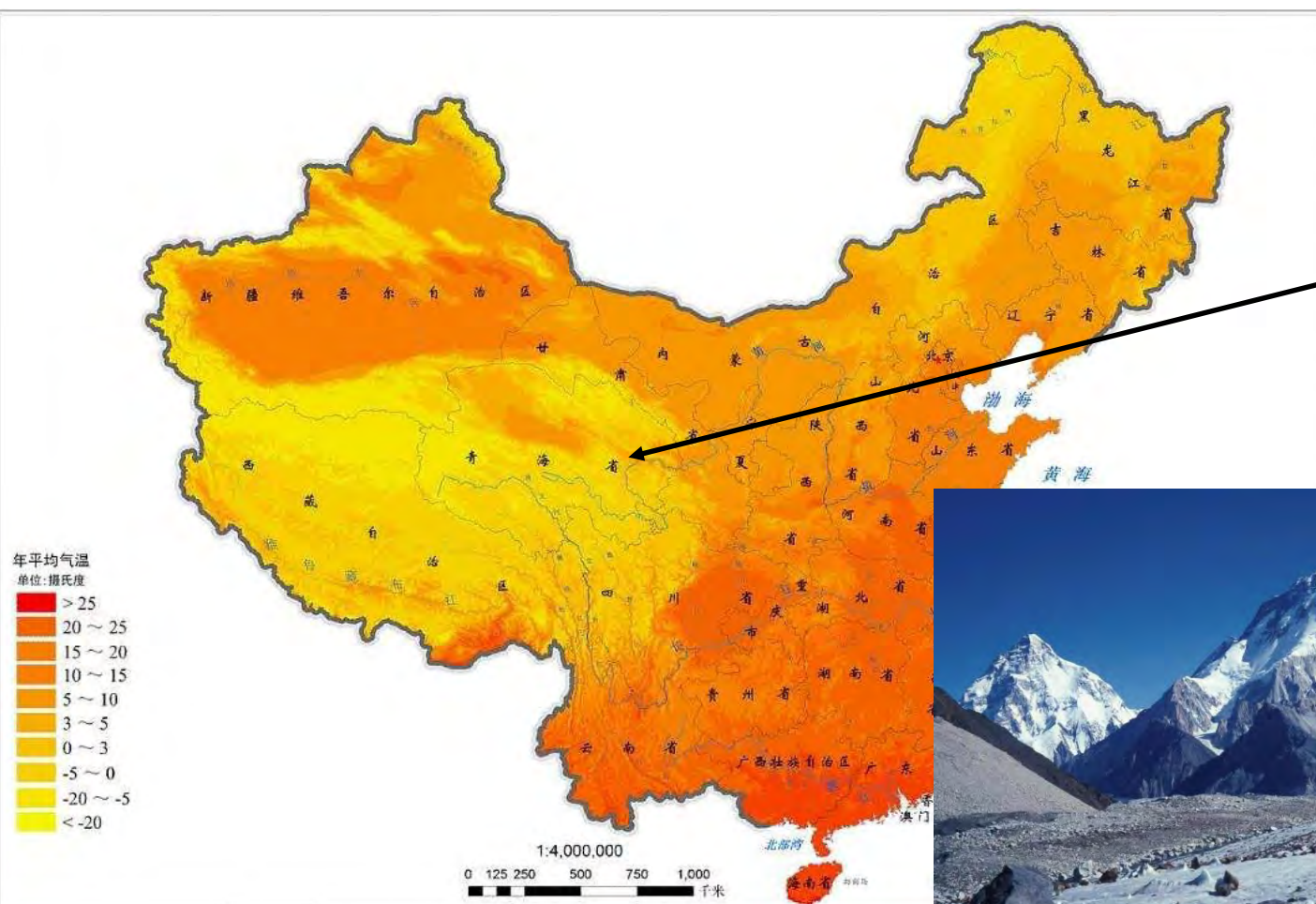




## 2 Hot topics - Glacier Hydrology

### Climate Change (Rapid rise of T)

- Glacier, snow and permafrost melting
- Runoff (stream flow), groundwater storage and lake area change
- Hazard (flood, debris flow and landslide)
- Water utilization and ecological protection



亚洲水塔影响面积近600万km<sup>2</sup>,人口近10亿

### Climate Change Will Affect the Asian Water Towers

Science, 2010

Walter W. Immerzeel,<sup>1,2\*</sup> Ludovicus P. H. van Beek,<sup>2</sup> Marc F. P. Bierkens<sup>2,3</sup>

More than 1.4 billion people depend on water from the Indus, Ganges, Brahmaputra, Yangtze, and Yellow rivers. Upstream snow and ice reserves of these basins, important in sustaining seasonal

Parameter	Indus	Ganges	Brahmaputra	Yangtze	Yellow
Total area (km <sup>2</sup> )	1,005,786	990,316	525,797	2,055,529	1,014,721
Total population (10 <sup>3</sup> )	209,619	477,937	62,421	586,006	152,718
Annual basin precipitation (mm)	423	1,035	1,071	1,002	413
Upstream area (%)	40	14	68	29	31
Glaciated area (%)	2.2	1.0	3.1	0.1	0.0
Annual upstream precipitation (%)	36	11	40	18	32
Annual downstream precipitation (%)	64	89	60	82	68
Irrigated area (km <sup>2</sup> )	144,900	156,300	5,989	168,400	54,190
Net irrigation water demand (mm)	908	716	480	331	525

in these areas (2, 5), and changes in temperature

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qualitative (4–6) or local in nature (/, 8). The relevance of snow and glacial melt for Asian river basin hydrology therefore remains largely unknown, as does how climate change could affect the downstream water supply and food security.

We examined the role of hydrological processes in the upstream areas, which we defined as

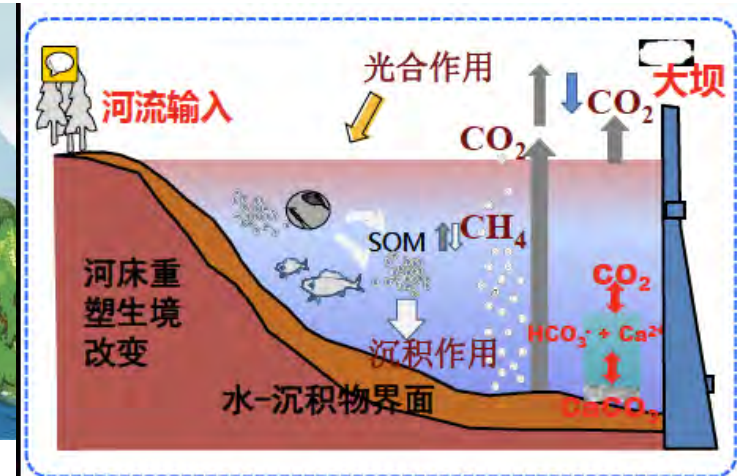
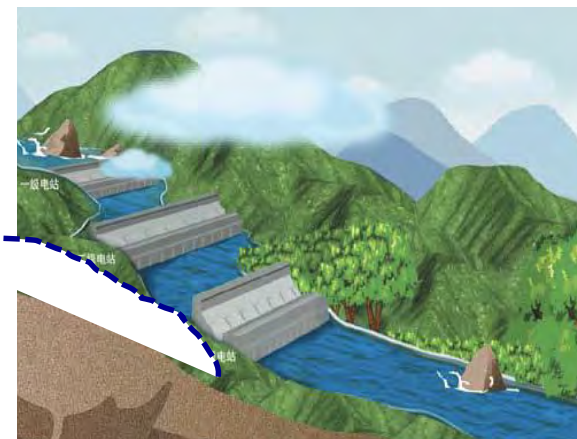
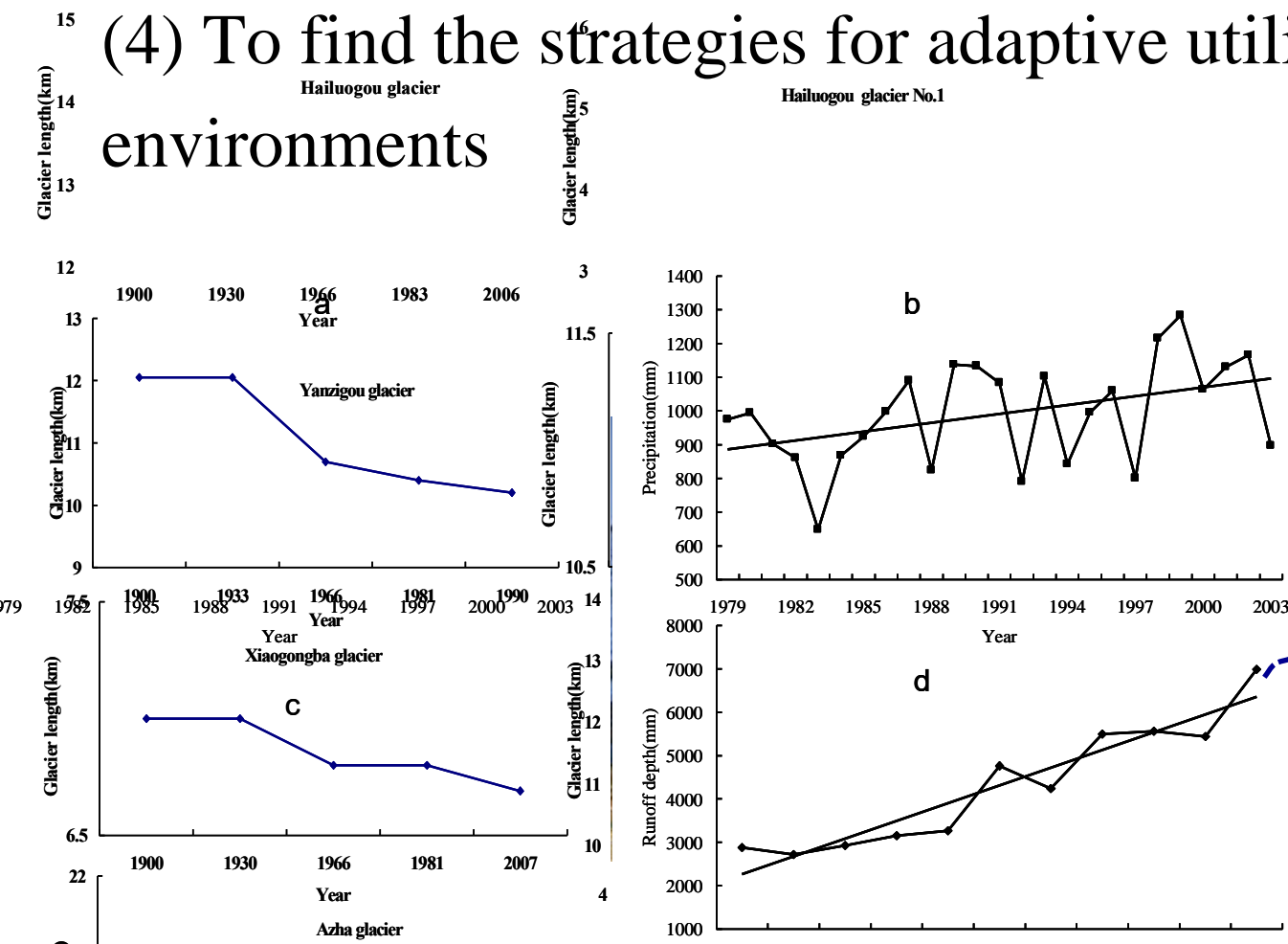


## 2 Hot topics - Glacier Hydrology

### Runoff Change and Adaptive Management in the River Source Region of Southwestern China (NSFC Major Research Plan 2016-2024)

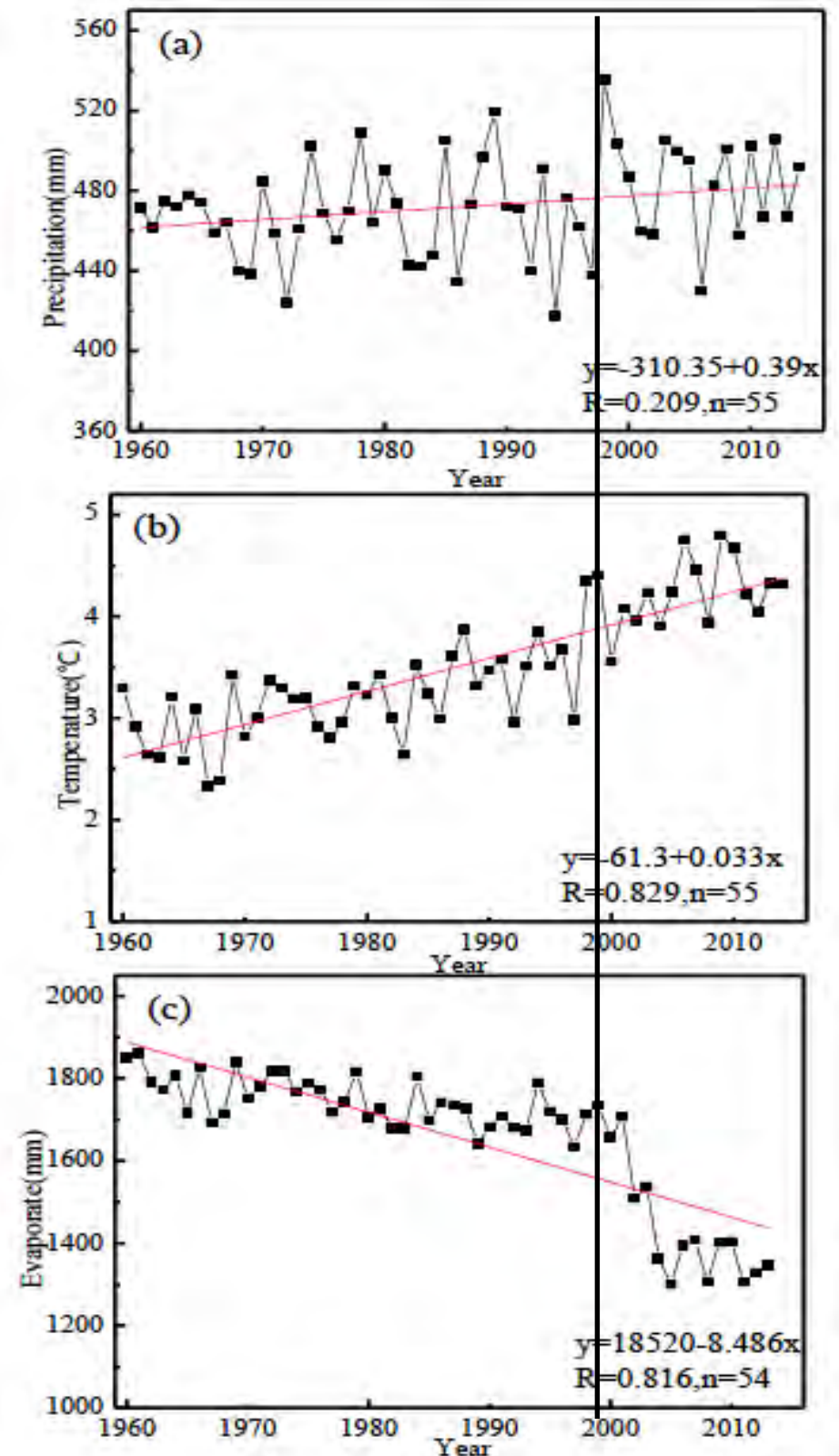
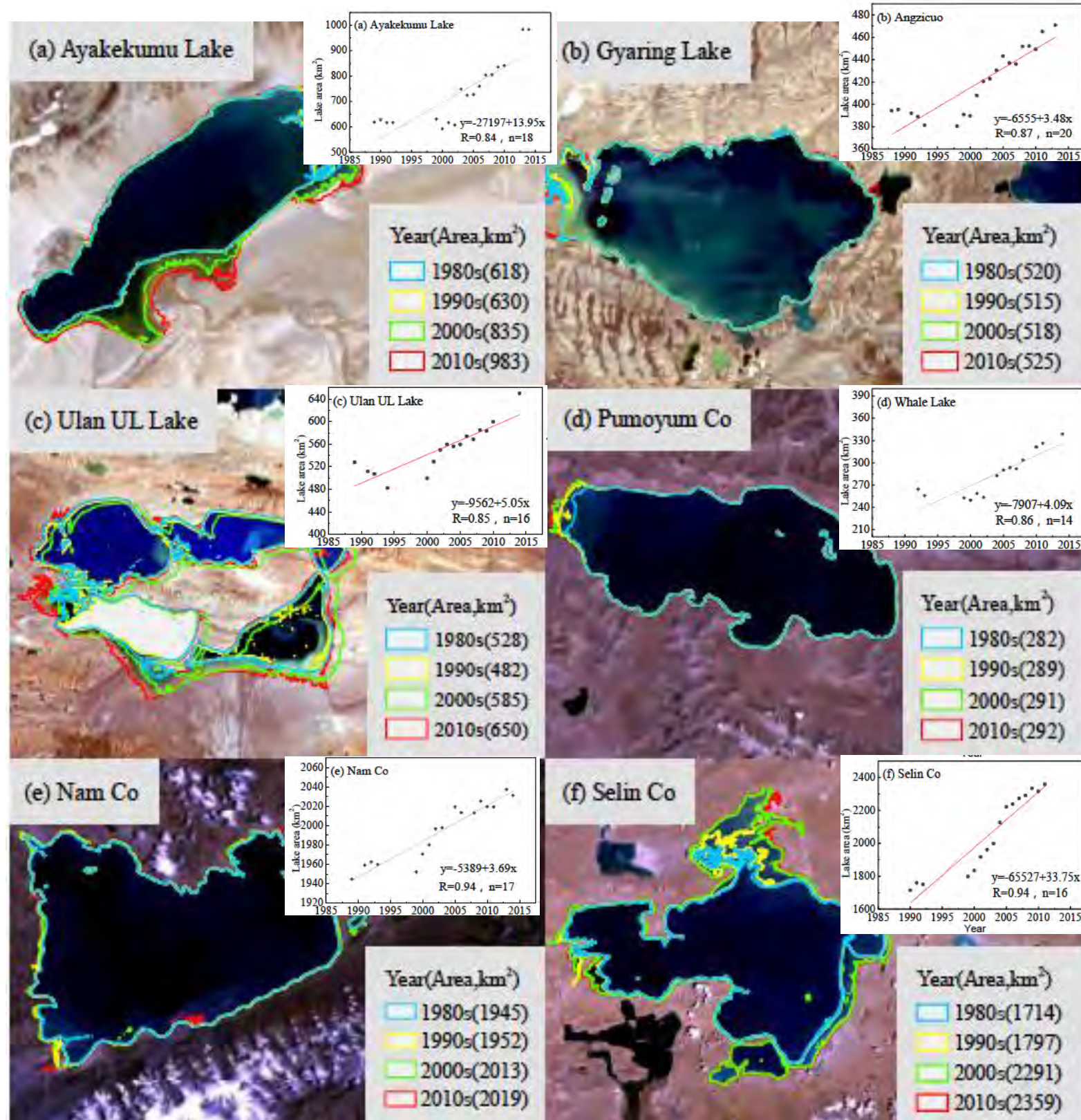
#### The main objectives of this research:

- (1) To quantify the runoff variations in response to climate change;
- (2) To estimate changes of the biogenic substances in rivers, reservoirs and lakes affected by the runoff variations
- (3) To establish the water-energy-environment nexus in the region
- (4) To find the strategies for adaptive utilization of runoff under changing environments





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Has the climate shifted from warm-dry period to warm-wet period over Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau during the past 30 years? (Zhang and Chen et al., STE, 2018)



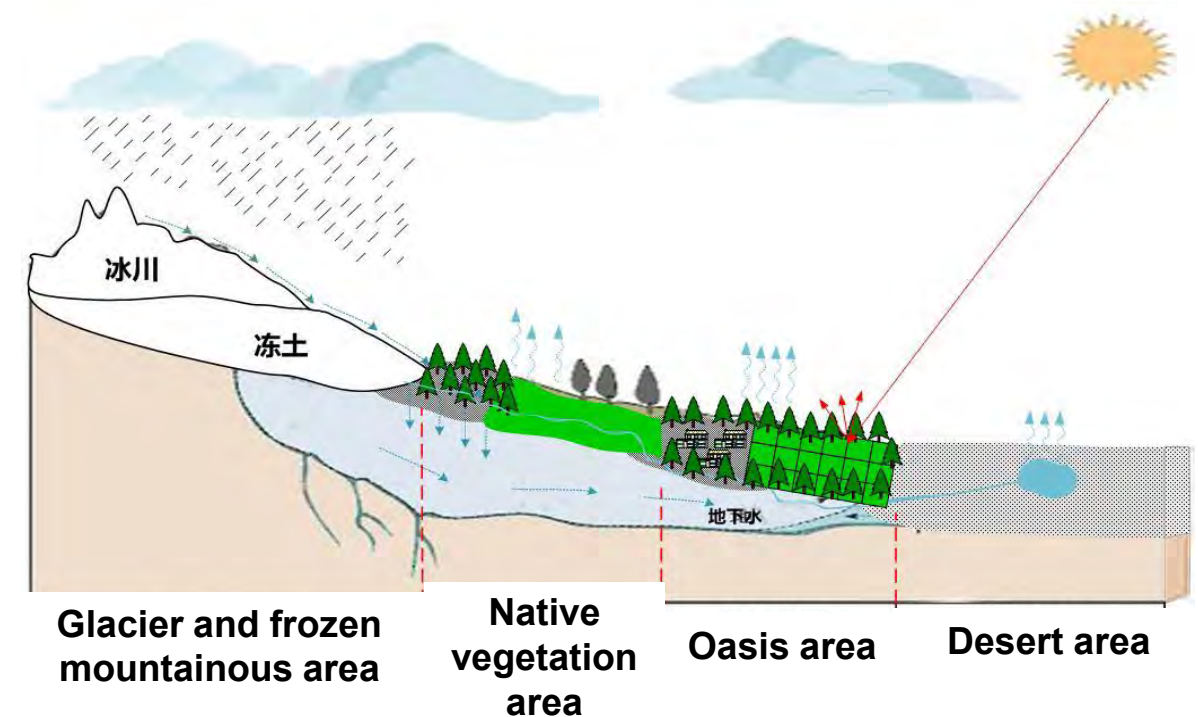
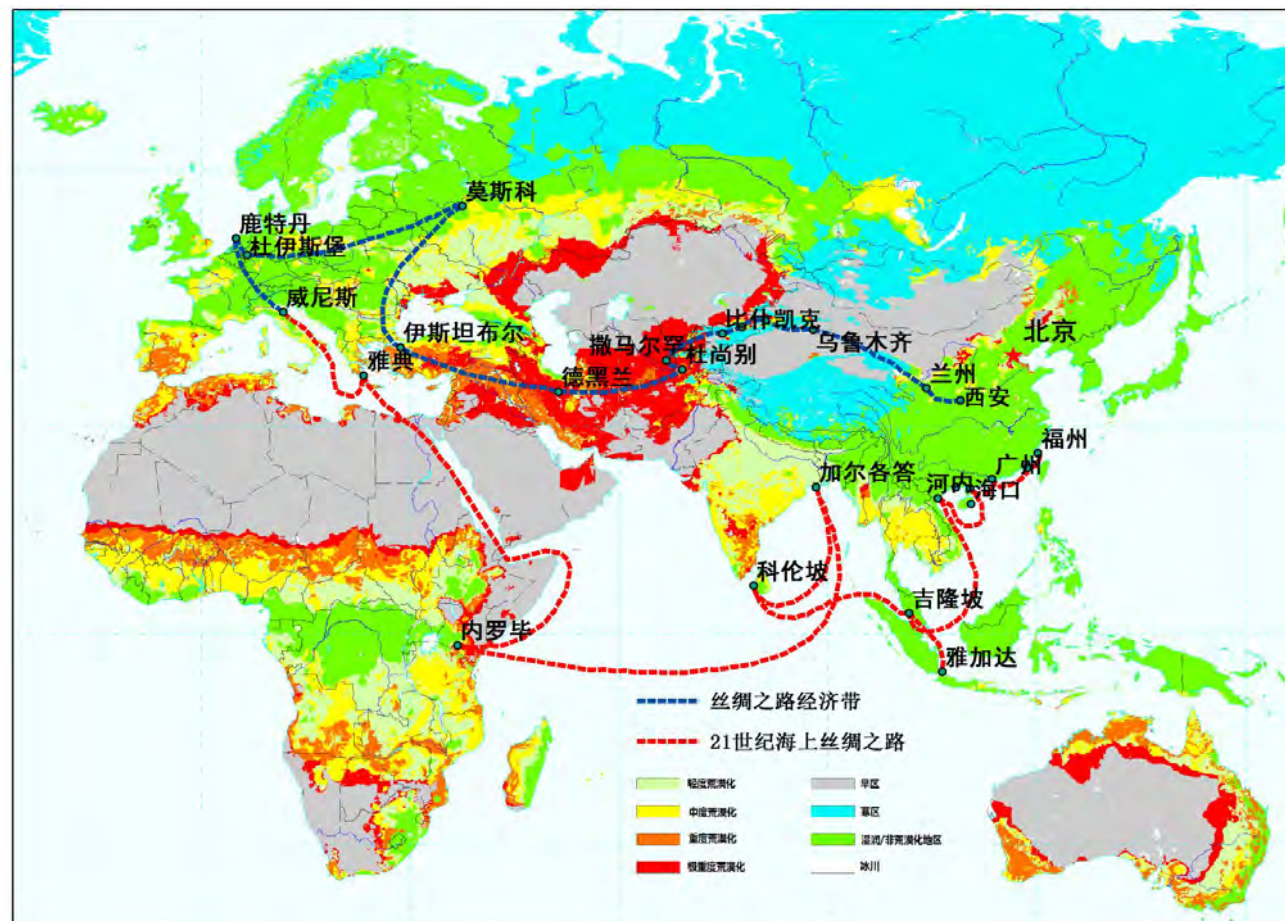
# 2 Hot topics - Ecohydrology

## Climate Change and de/reforestation

(The Grain-for-Green Project)

- Mountainous hydrological variability: P, ET, R
- Oasis hydrology: ET, groundwater table,  $\alpha$
- Desert: prevention of desert area expansion
- Connection among mountainous runoff –

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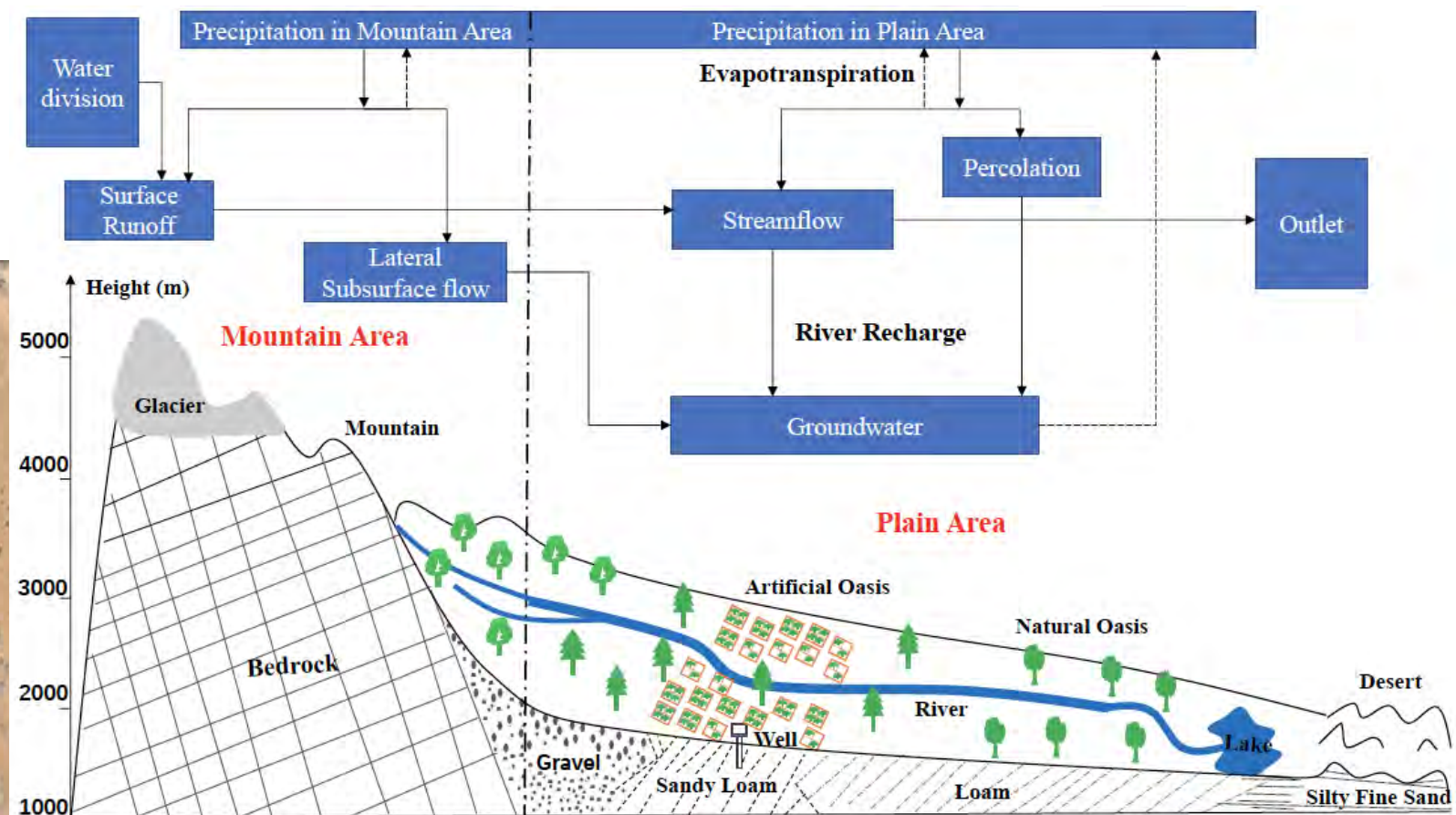
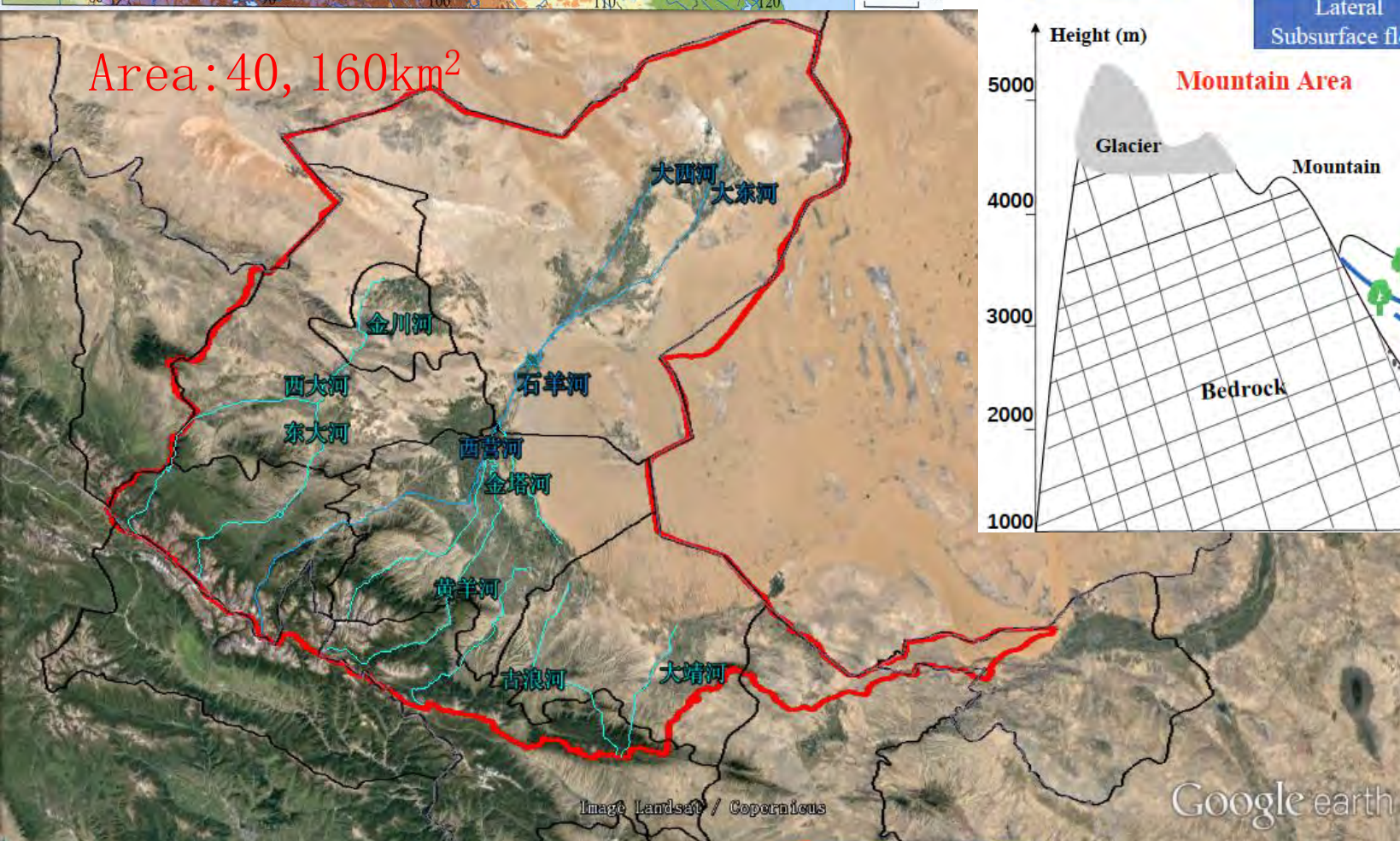
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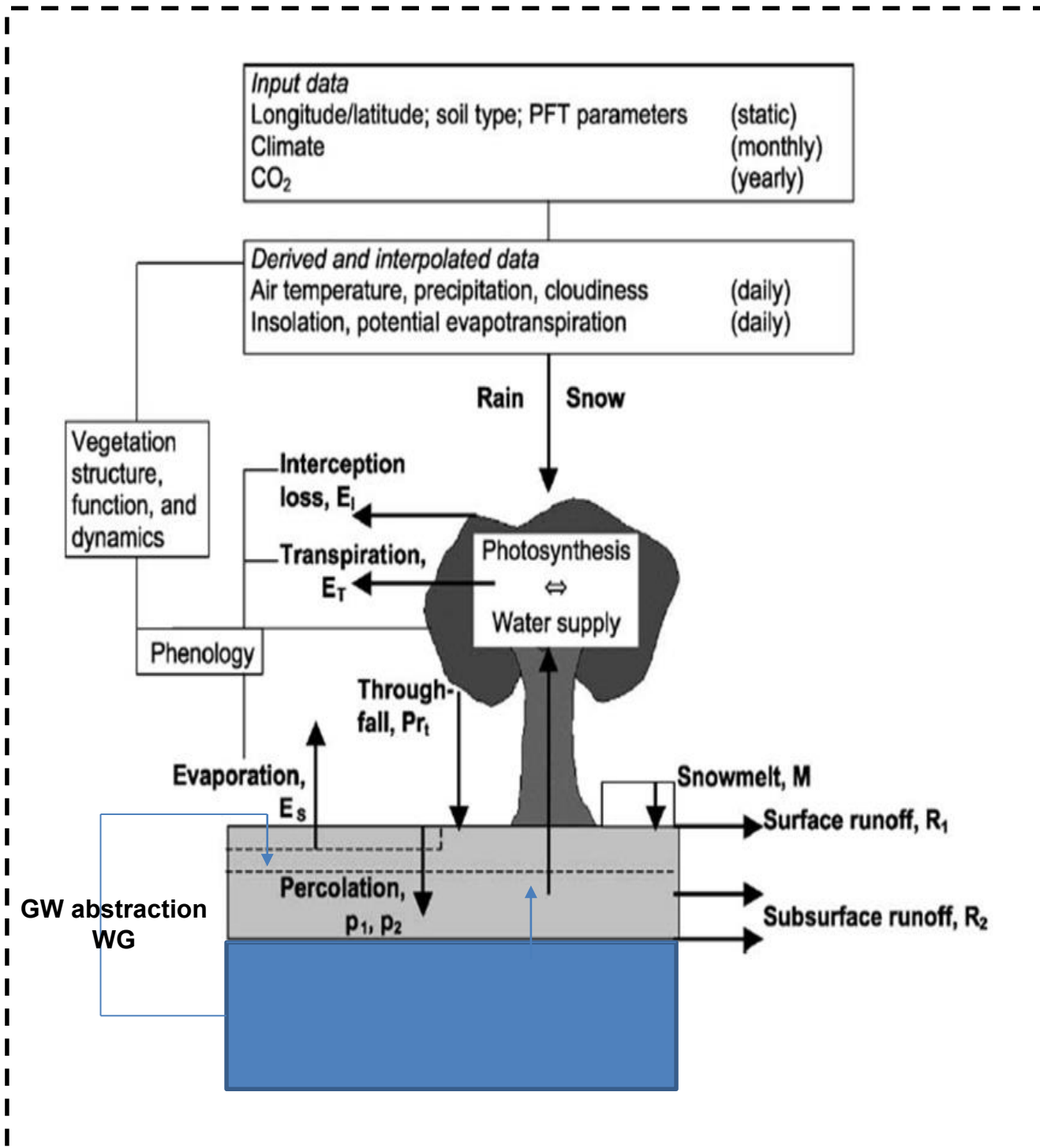
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Reasonable groundwater utilization for prevention of ecosystem degradation in the western China  
(MOST, 2017-2020; PI, Chen)





## Observations -> Modeling -> Water utilization strategies



Modified LPJ ( according to Gerten D et al ,2004)

### Evapotranspiration:

Interception:  $E_i = E_q w$

Soil Evap.:  $E_s = w r_{20} E_p (1 - f_v)$

Transpiration:  $E_t = \text{Min}(S, D) f_v$

$S = E_{max} * W_r$   $W_r = f_1 * w_1 + f_2 * w_2$

$D = (1 - w) * (E_q * a_m) * (1 + g_m / g_{pot})$

### Runoff:

$R_1 = (w_1 - 1) * fwhc_1 * d_1$   $R_2 = (w_2 - 1) * fwhc_2 * d_2$

$R = R_1 + R_2 + P_2$

### Groundwater flow:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (K_x \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} (K_y \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} (K_z \frac{\partial h}{\partial z}) = S_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} - W$$

### Net primary production(NPP):

$$NPP = GPP - R_m - \max[(GPP - R_m) \times 0.25, 0]$$

Leaf Area Index (LAI):  $LAI = C_{leaf} * SLA / CA$

# Under climate and human activities

Mountainous  
lateral flow

Groundwater  
Depth,  
mineralization

Soil  
Moisture, salinity

Ecology  
(vegetation)

Gradual change  
(NDVI decrease)

Species change  
(forest -> grass ->  
desert)

Disaster  
(desert)

Hydrological change and  
ecosystem degradation

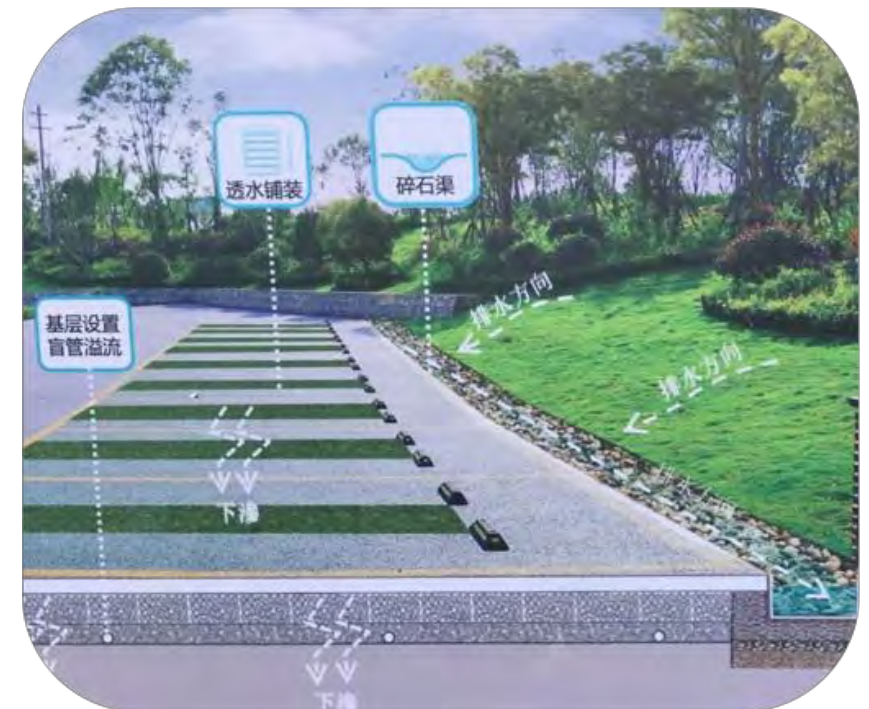
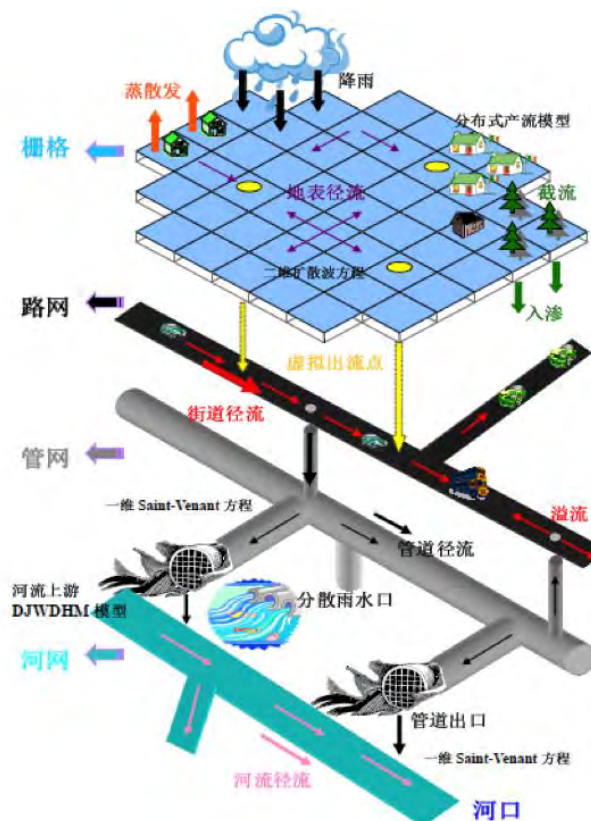




## 2 Hot topics - Urban hydrology

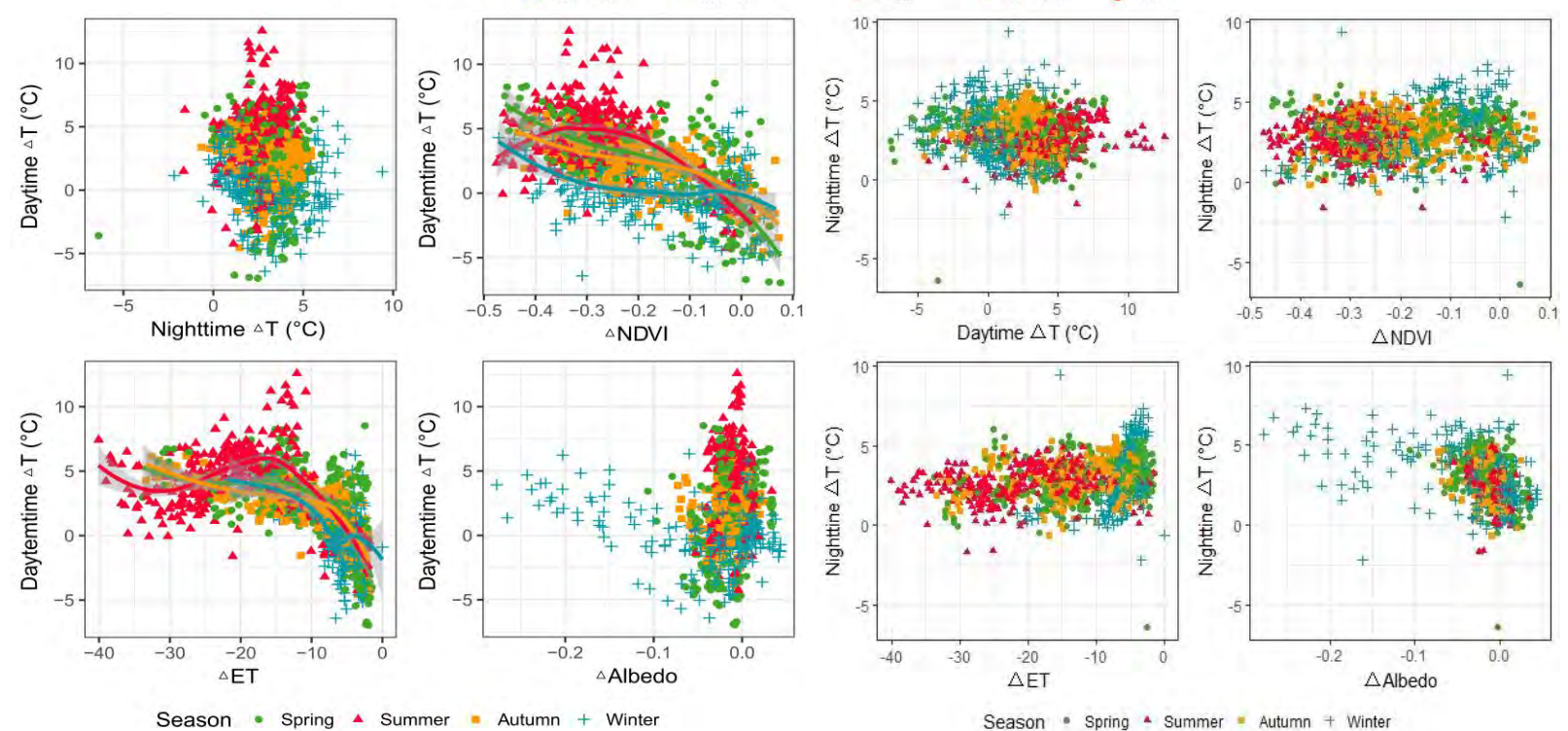
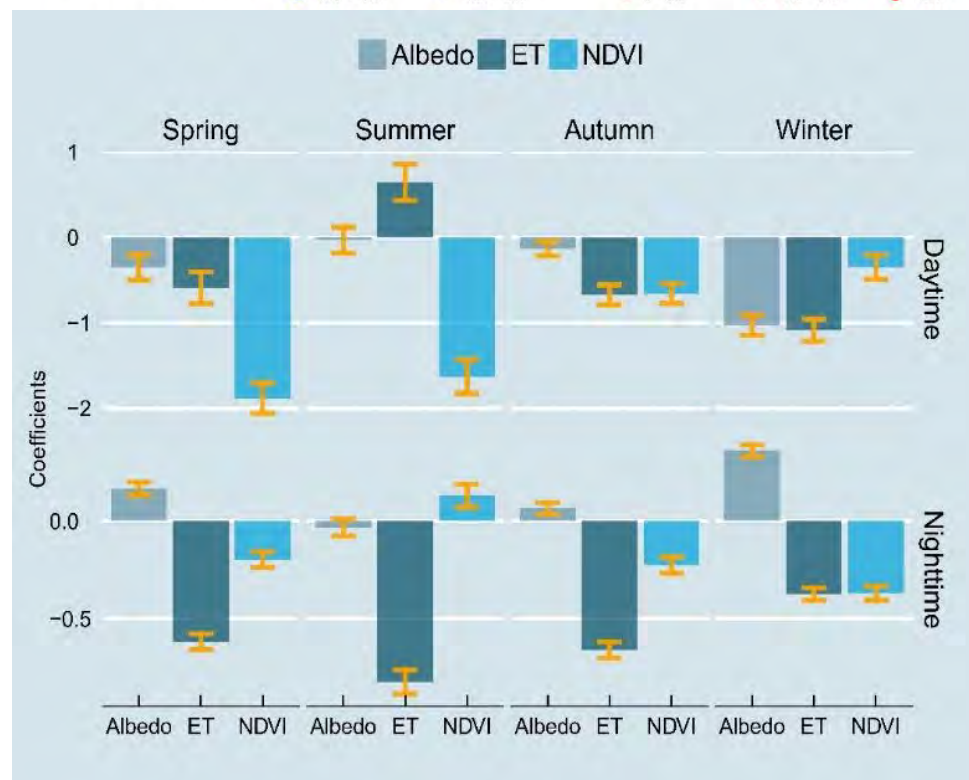
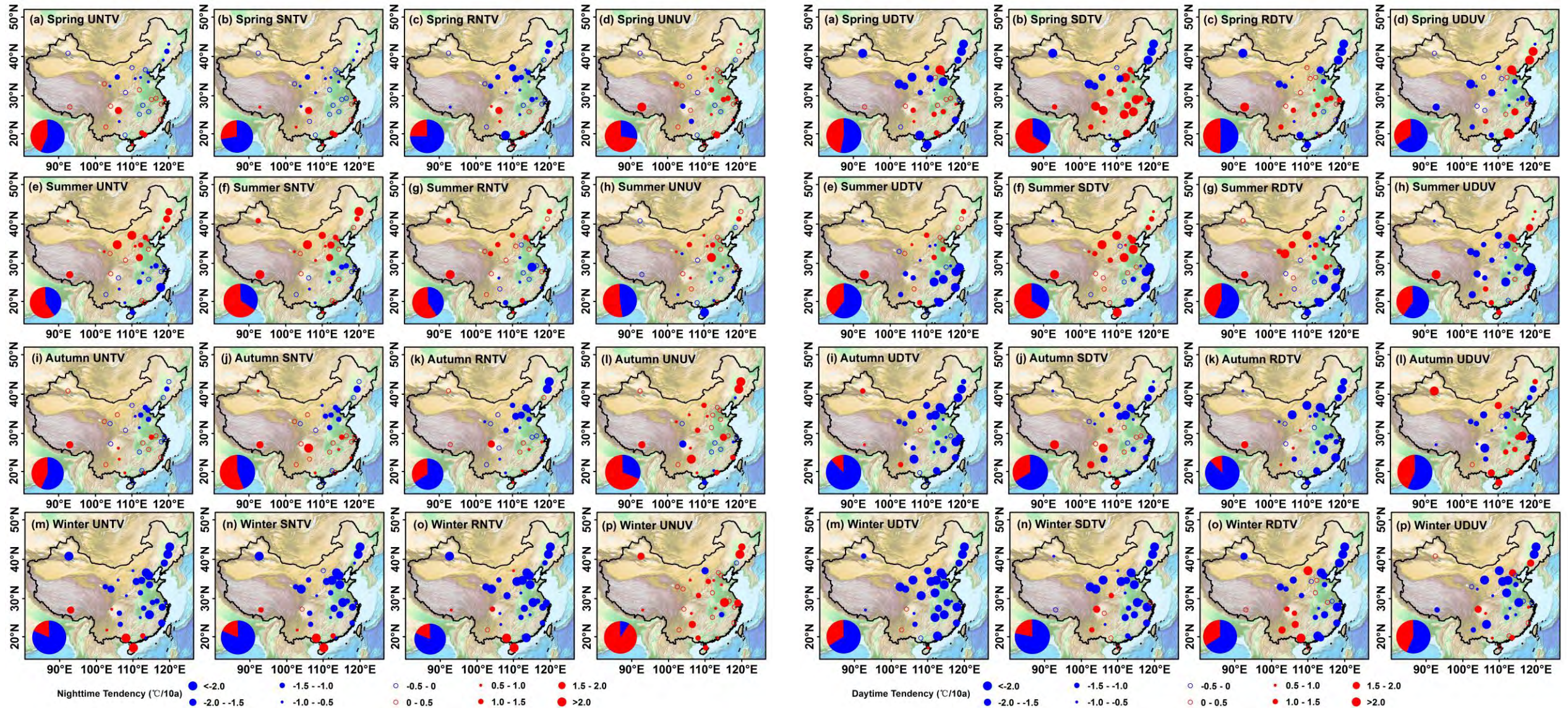
### Climate change and urbanization (Sponge City)

- Effect of Urban heat island on hydrology
- the urban water infrastructure (e.g. storm drains)
- models of the city hydroscape and the urban water balance
- implementation of green infrastructure



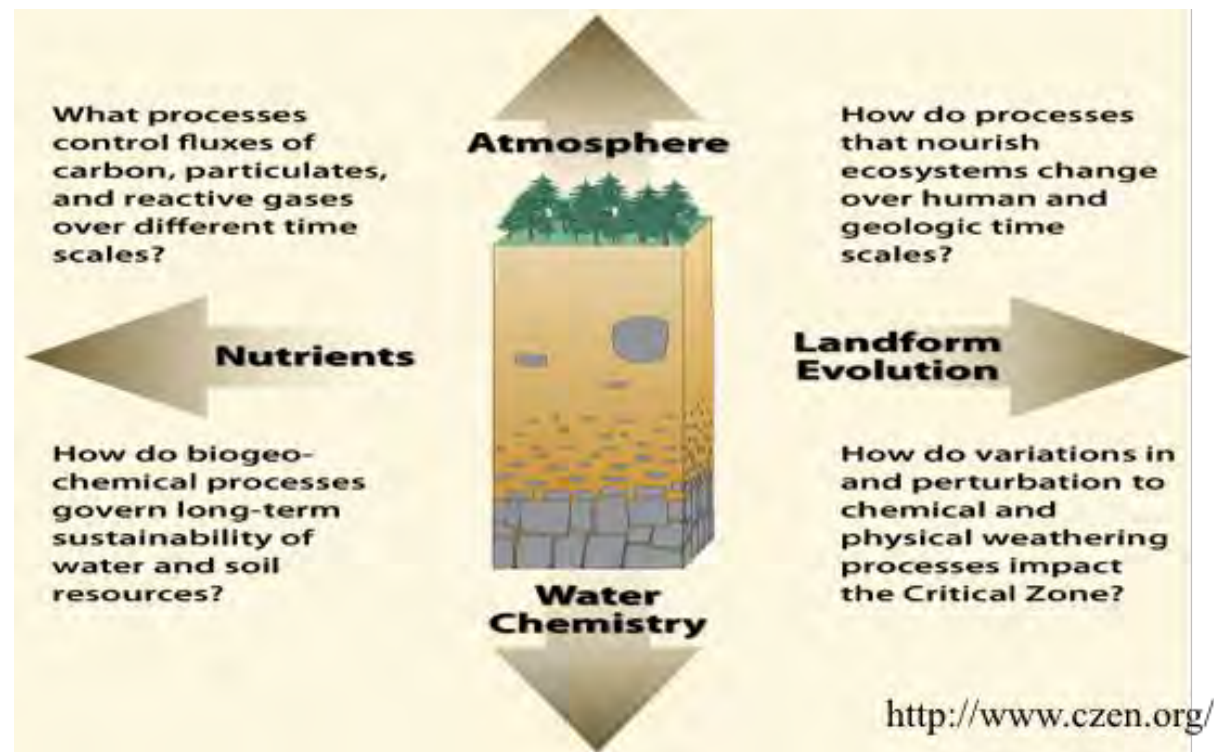
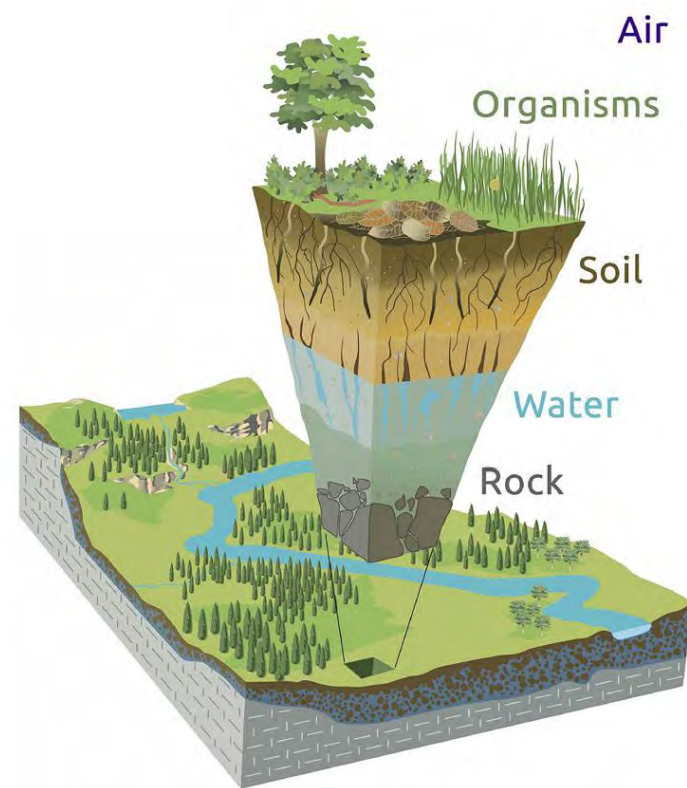


# Urbanization-induced regional climate variability (Zhang et al.)





# 2 Hot topics - Earth Critical Zone Hydrology





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## The 5 Projects

The programme supports 5 UK – China research consortia, each of which is carrying out research to better understand the ecosystem services of soil and water resources in key sites across China: ranging from the complex and fragile Karst ecosystems of Guizhou; the highly eroded Loess Plateau; the peri-urban agricultural soils of Shanghai; to the unique red soils of the Sunjia Critical Zone Observatory near Yangling. The programme aims to link more closely the 5 projects and establish a coherent research programme that can interface with other UK, China and international research programmes and networks. Together the projects aim to carry out internationally-leading scientific research that also achieves ODA outcomes for soil and water resources in China.



### PROJECT 1

*The transmissive critical zone: understanding the karst hydrology-biogeochemical interface for sustainable management*



### PROJECT 2

*Using Critical Zone Science to Enhance Soil Fertility and Improve Ecosystem Services for Peri-Urban agriculture in China*



### PROJECT 3

*SPECTRA: Soil Processes and Ecological Services in the Karst Critical Zone of SW China*



### PROJECT 4

*Red Soil CZ: From Natural to Anthropogenic Evolution of Red Soil and its Impact on Ecosystem Function in the Critical Zone*



### PROJECT 5

*Modelling and managing critical zone relationships between soil, water and ecosystem processes across the Loess Plateau*

<http://www.czo.ac.cn>

**Using Critical Zone Science to Understand Sustaining the Ecosystem Service of Soil & Water (CZO)- supported by NSFC and NERC**

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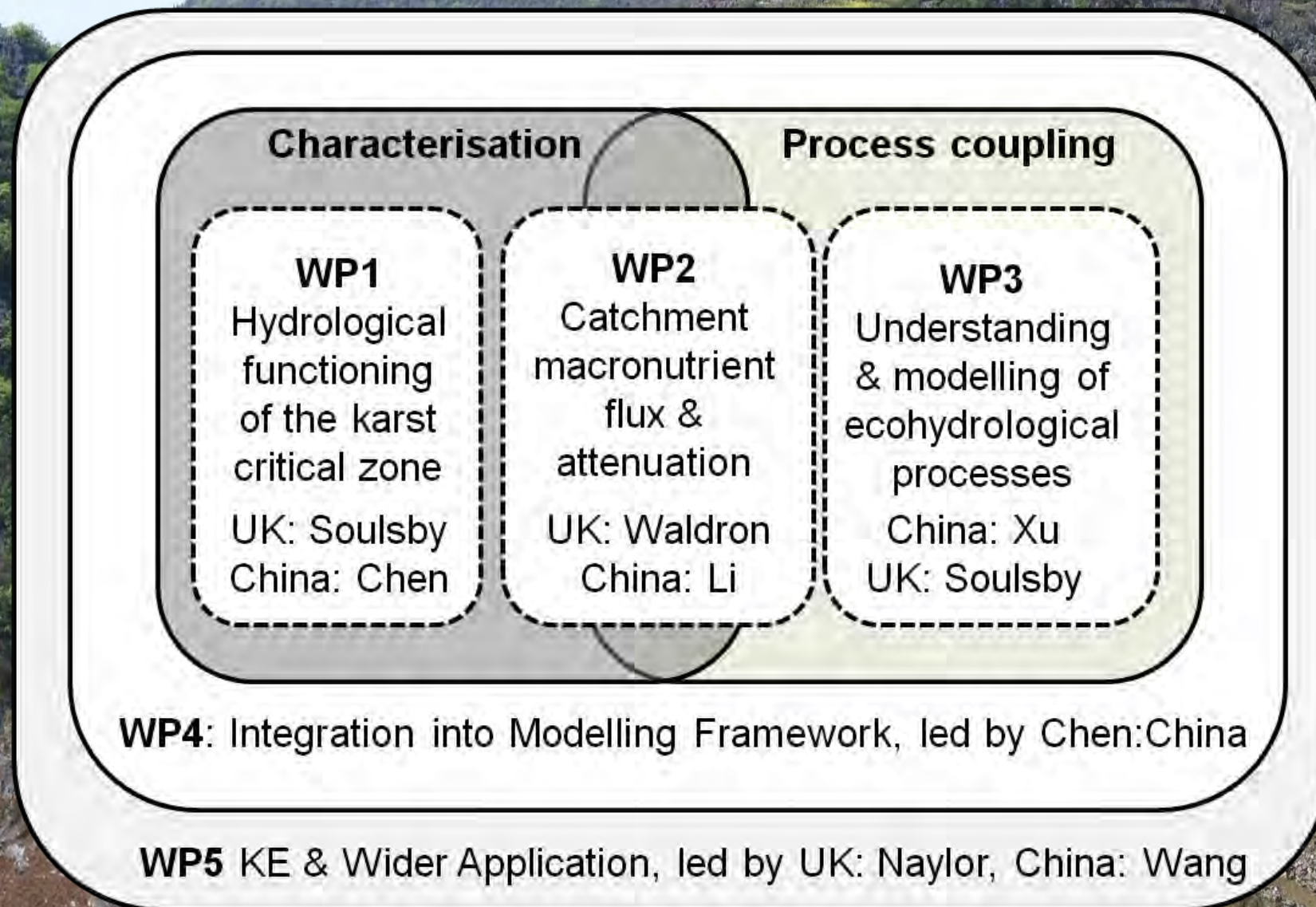
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## *喀斯特关键带水文-生物地球化学耦合机理及生态系统服务提升机制*

Prof. Susan Waldron

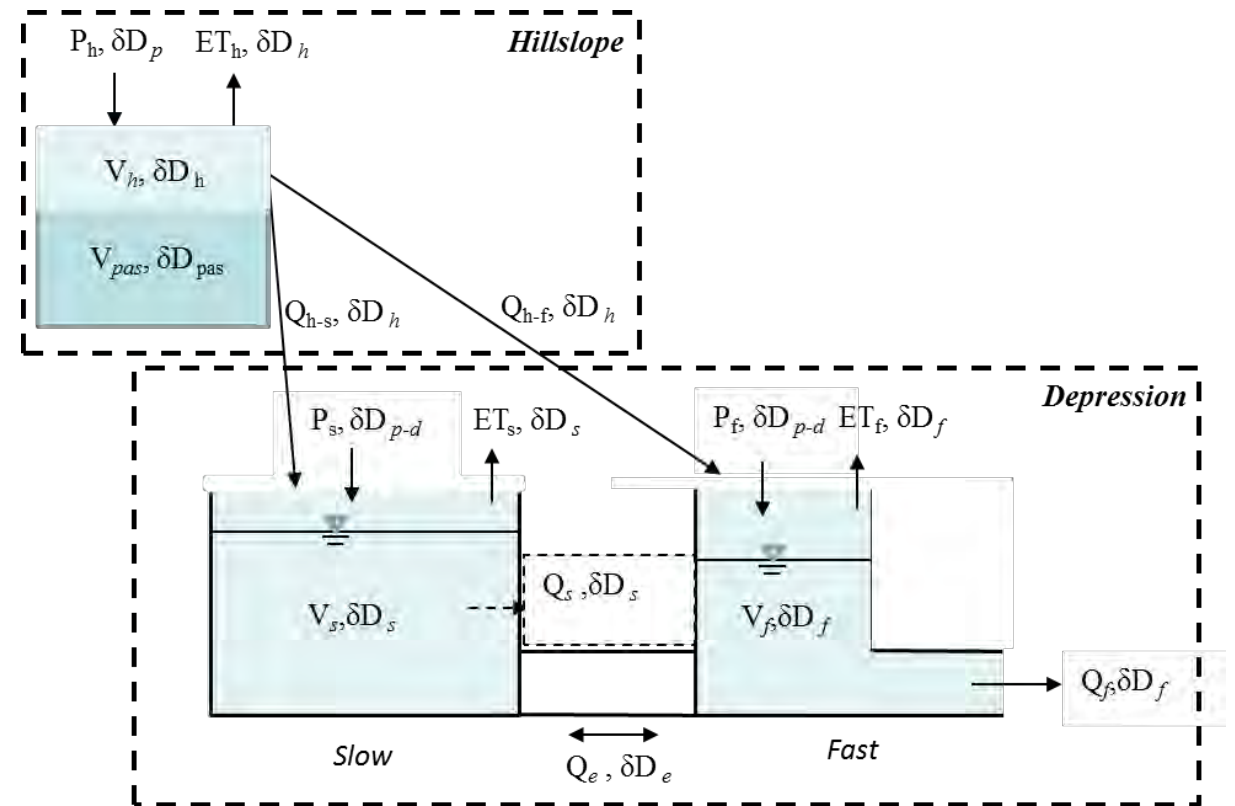
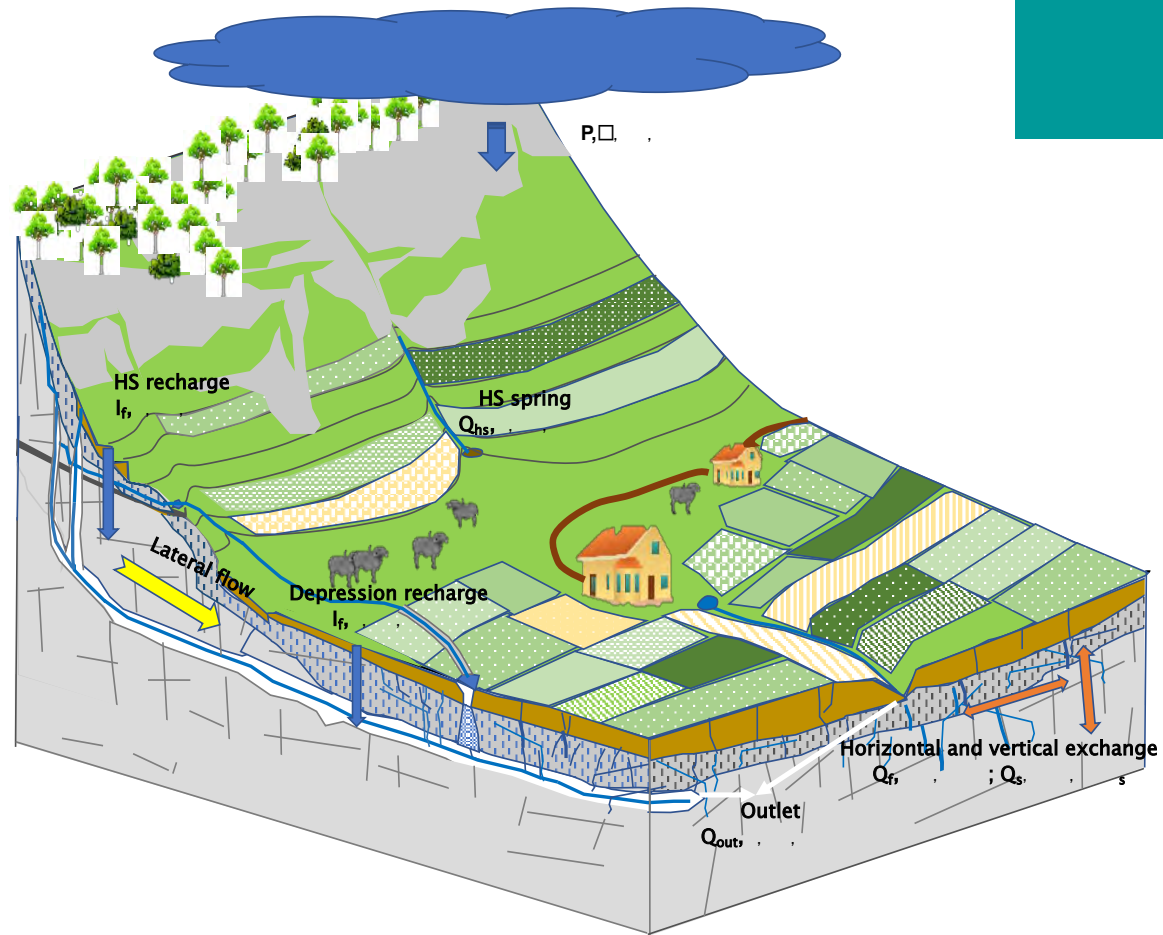
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Work Package Management Structure & Interactions

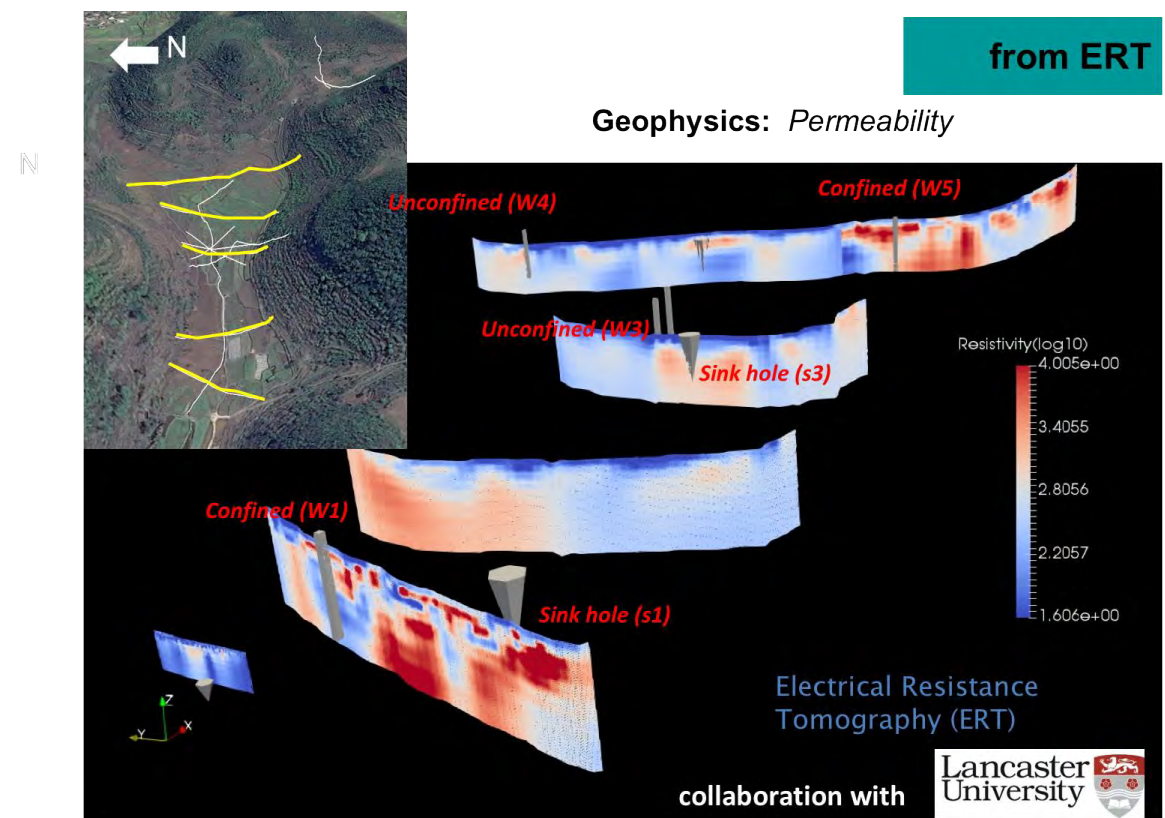
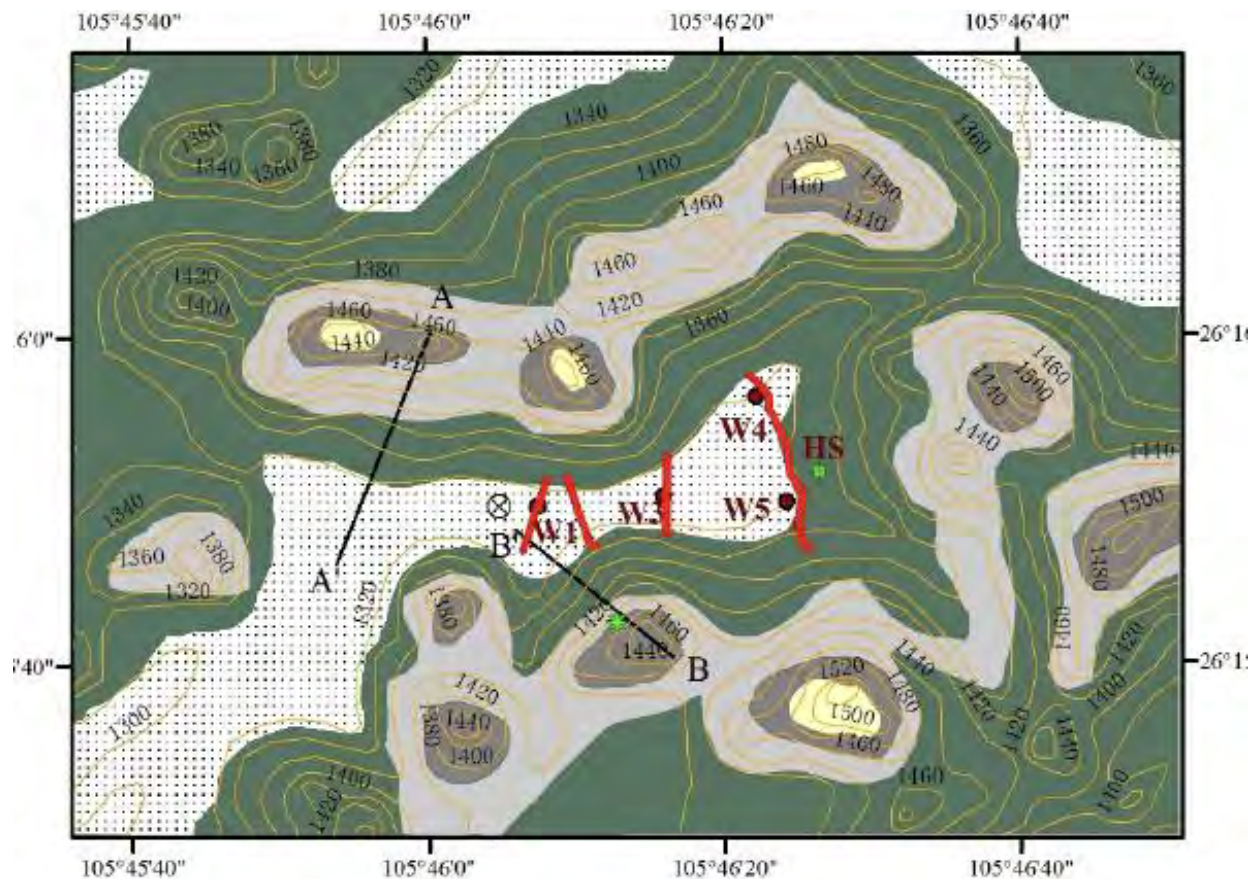




# Conceptual Modelling: Using stable isotopes



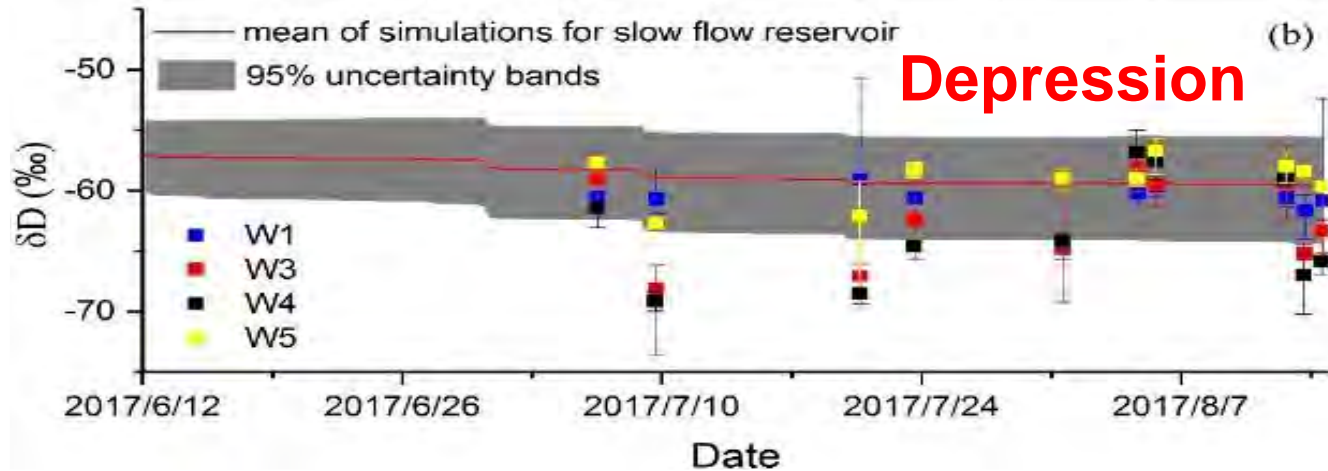
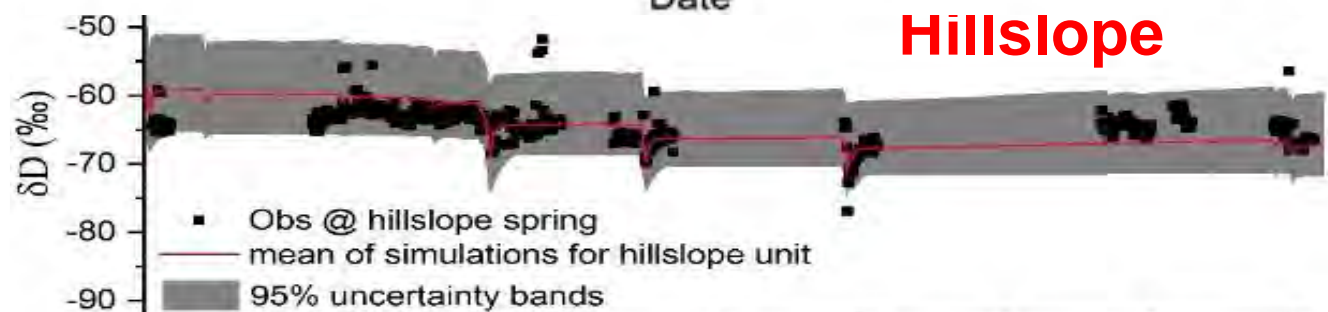
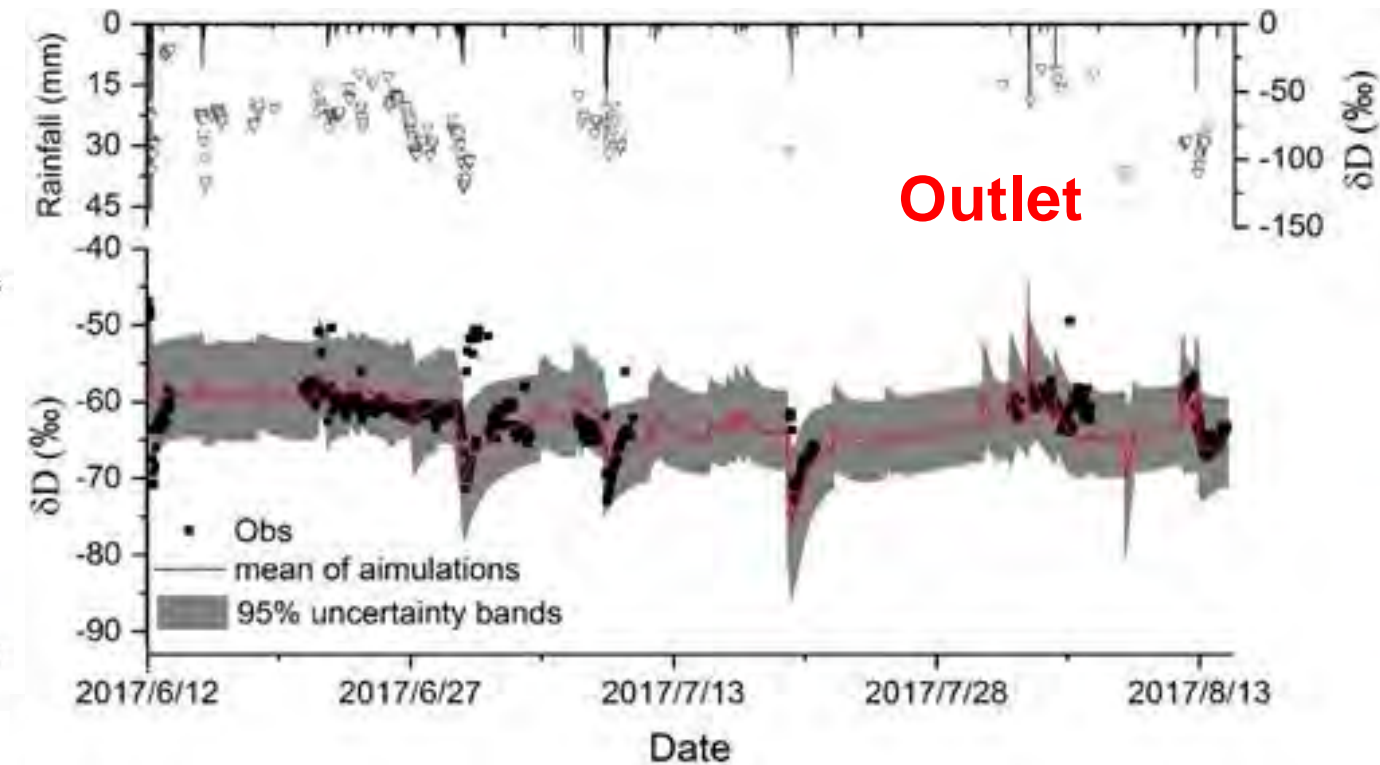
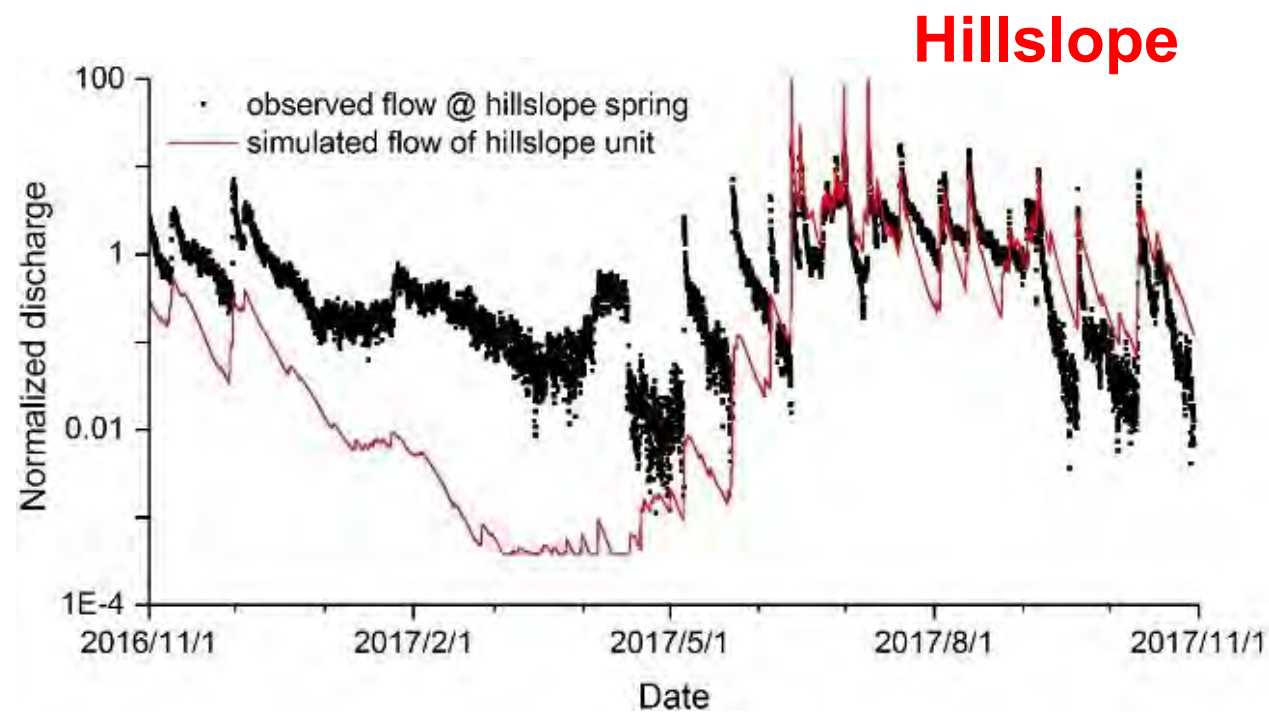
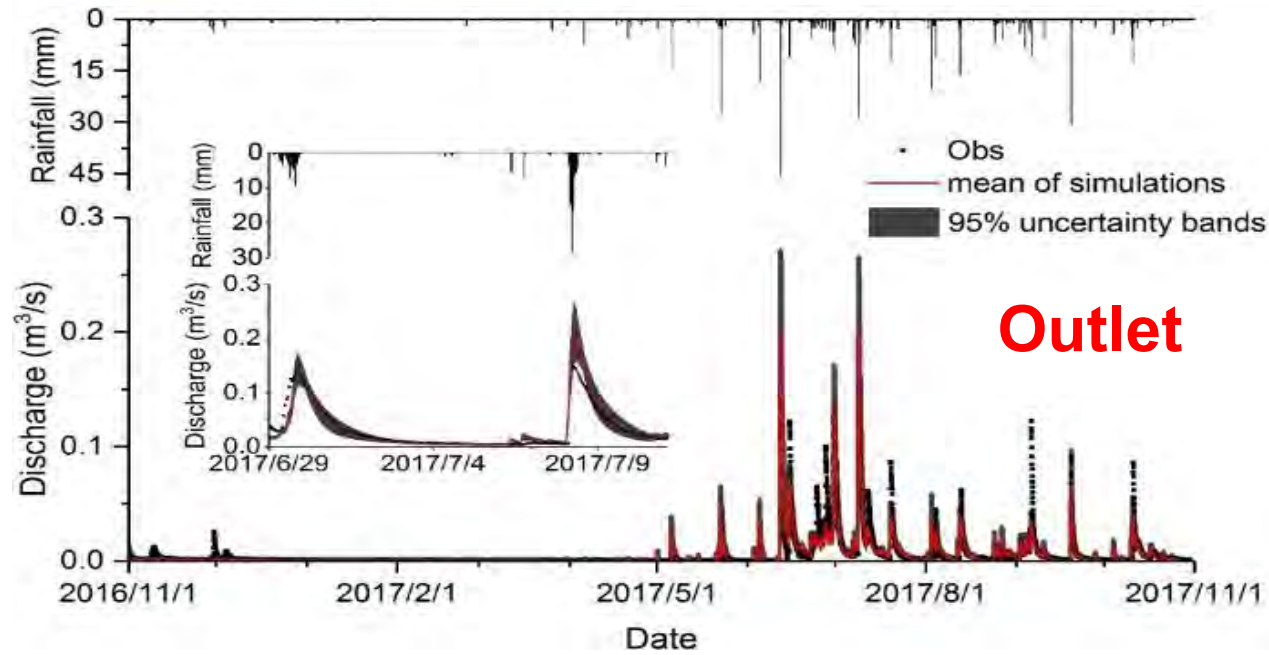
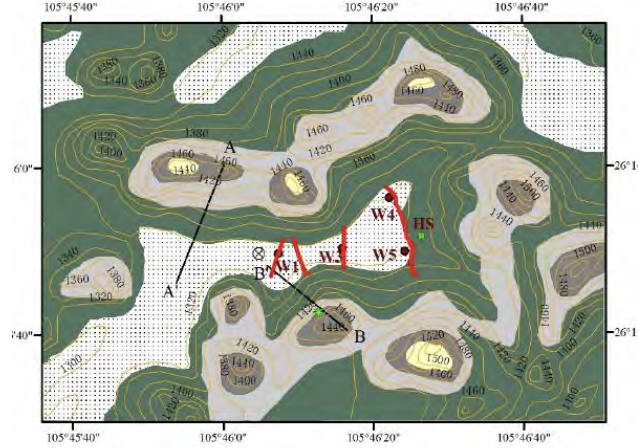
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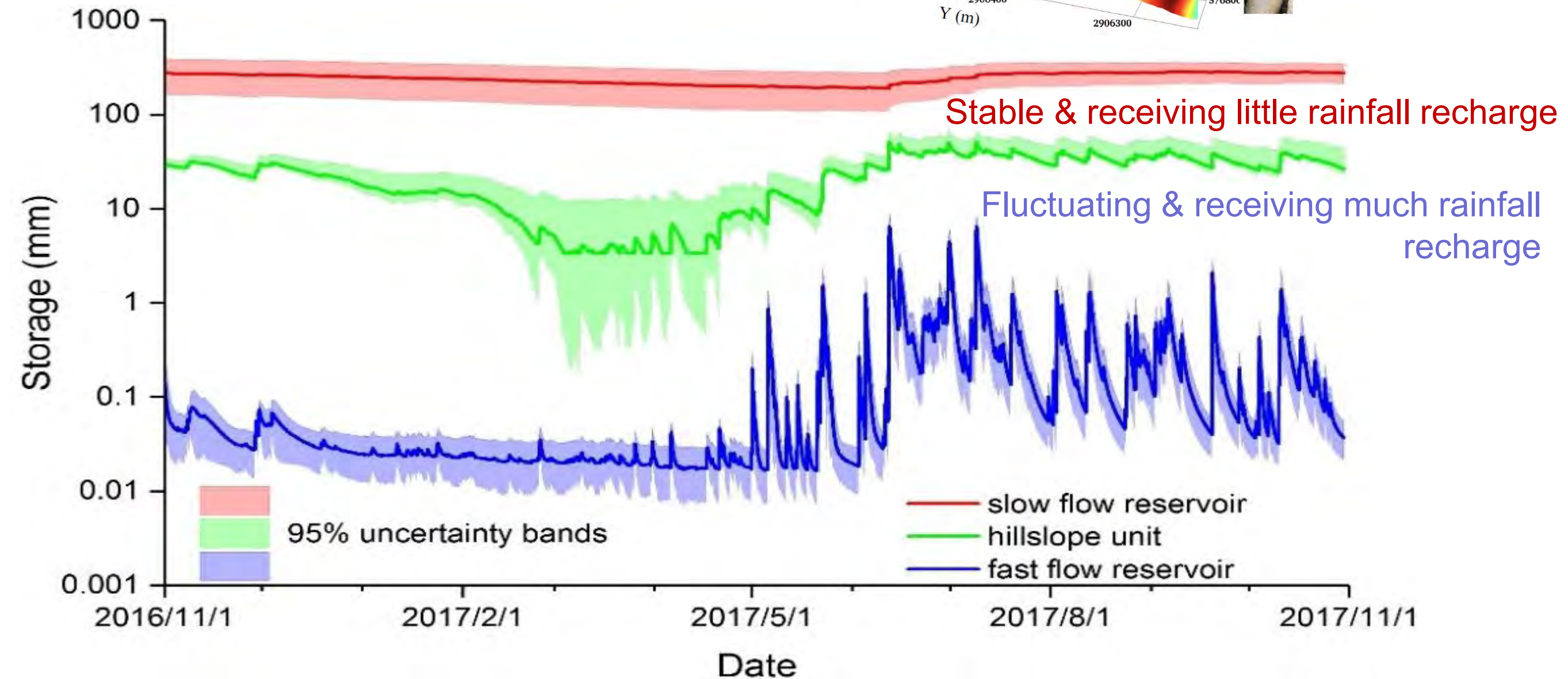
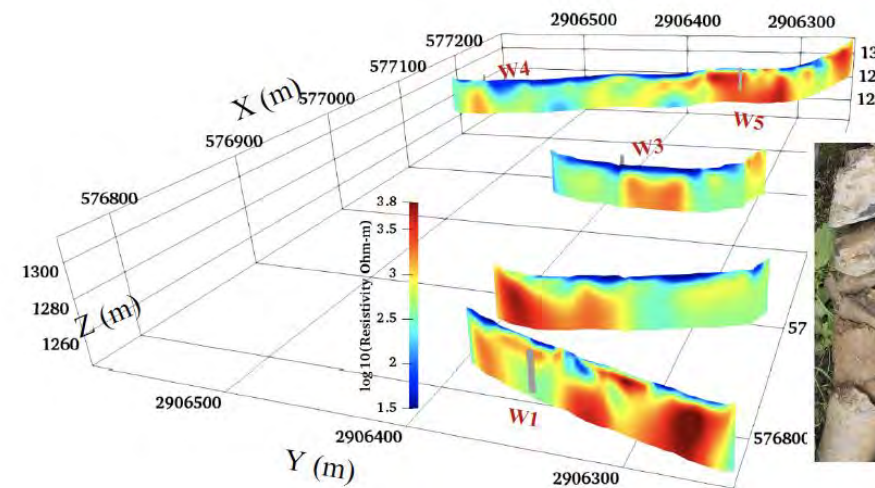
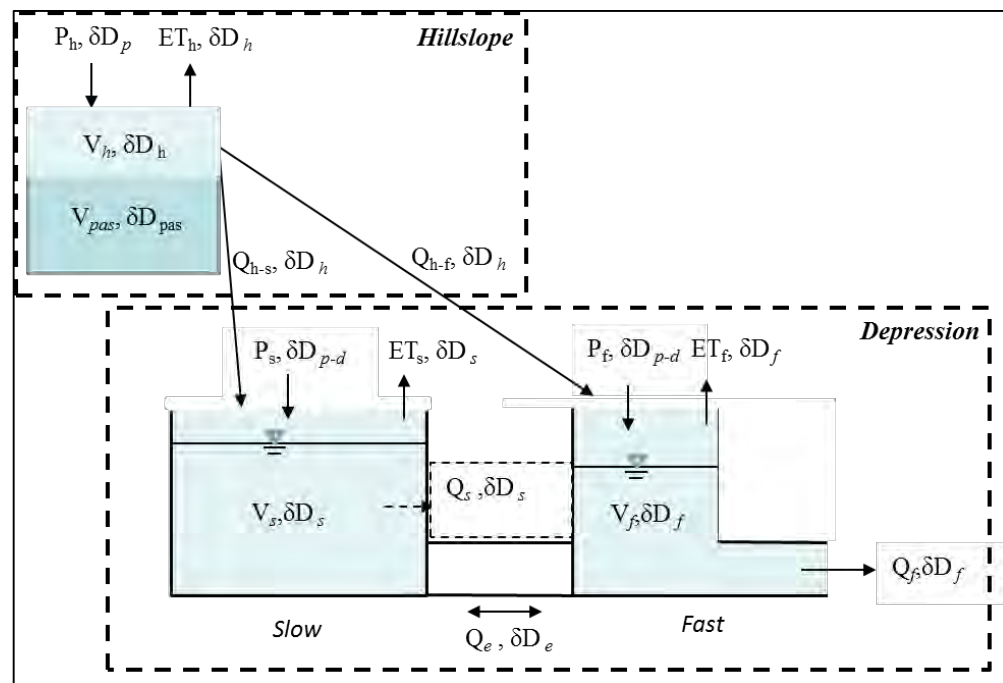
# Conceptual Modelling: simulated vs. observed flow at outlet and hillslope



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# Modelling: Quantifying storage dynamics

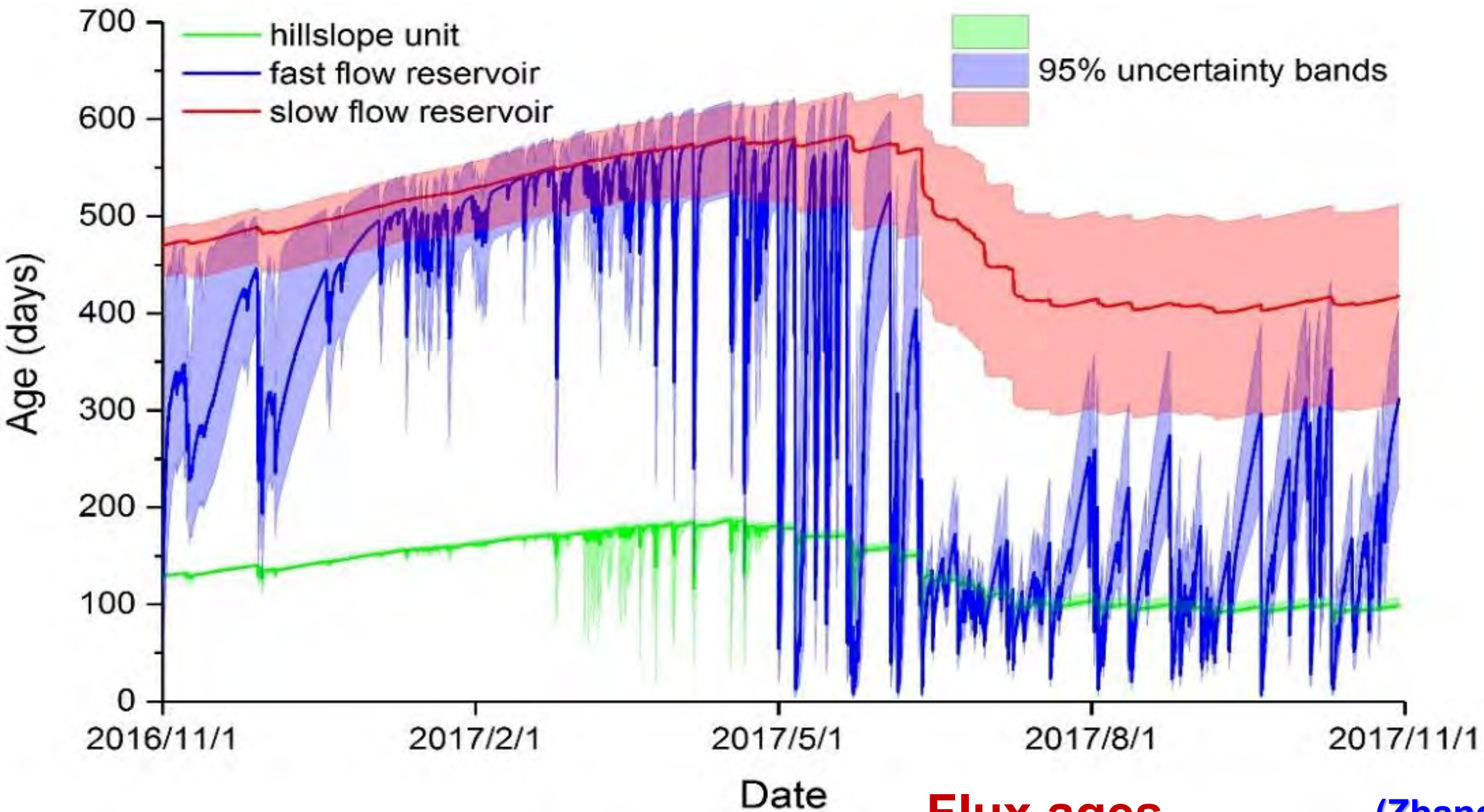
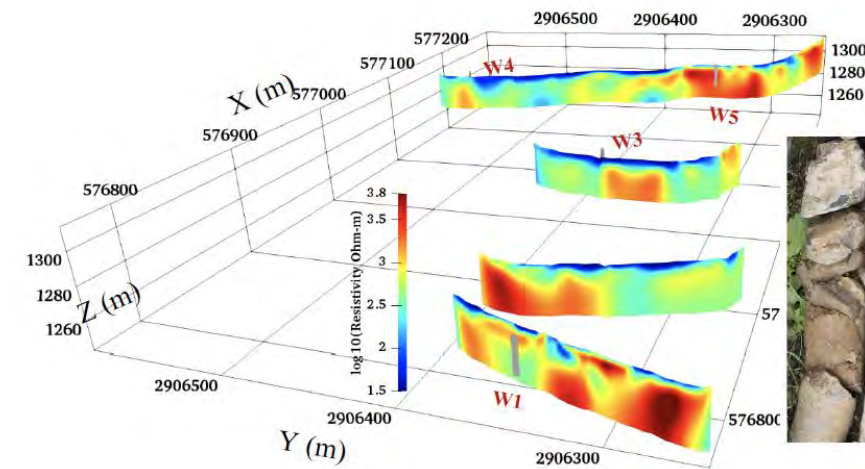
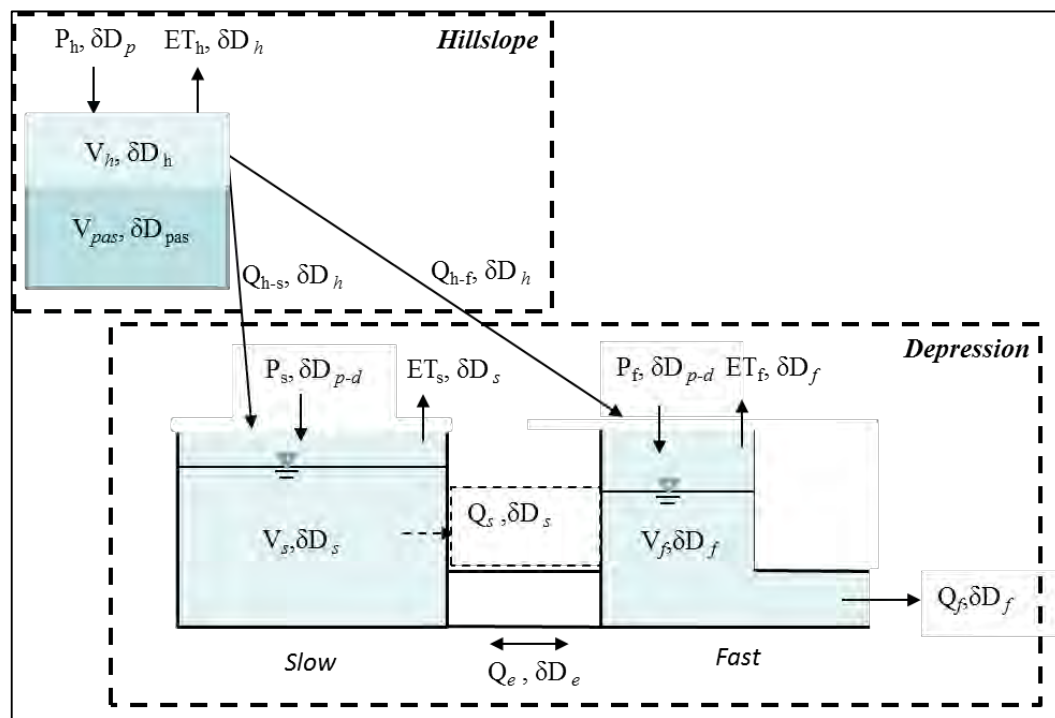


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Storage dynamics



# Modelling: Profiling flux ages from different units



**High capacity & slow response**

**Low capacity & rapid response**

**Flux ages**

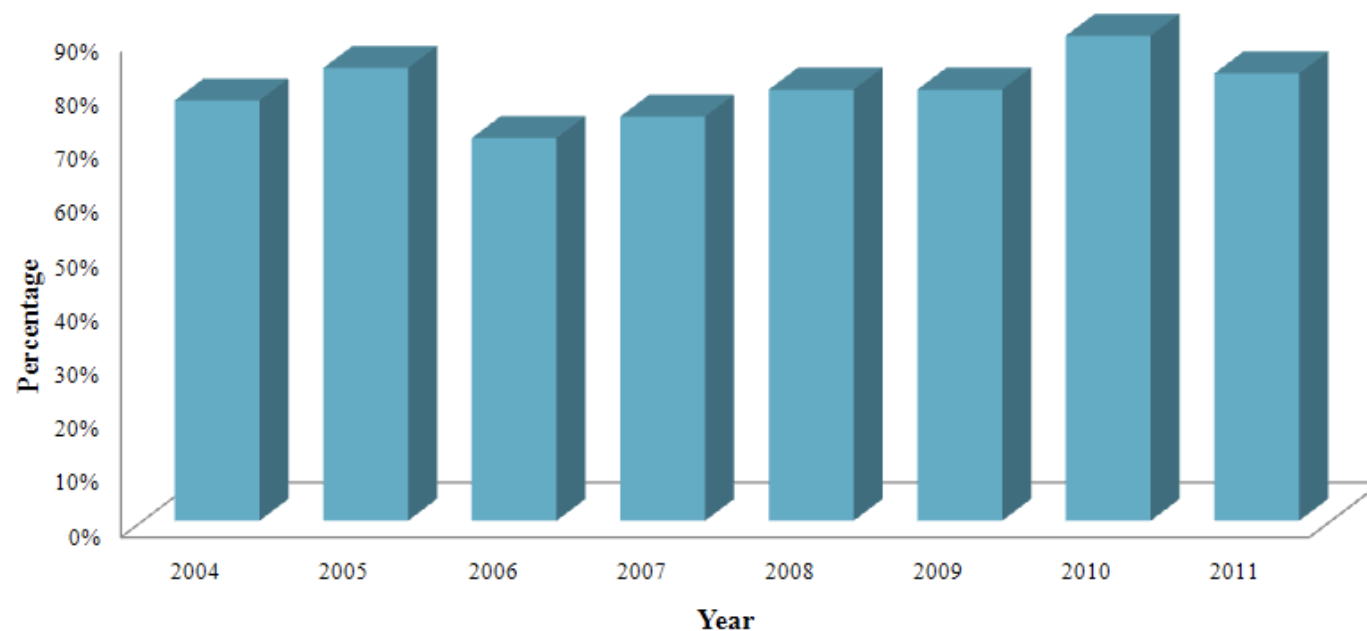
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## 2 Hot topics – Flash flood forecast

Mountainous and hilly areas account for 2/3 of the land area in China, among which the prevention and control area of flash flood disaster reaches to 4.63 million km<sup>2</sup>, involving in the population of 560 million.

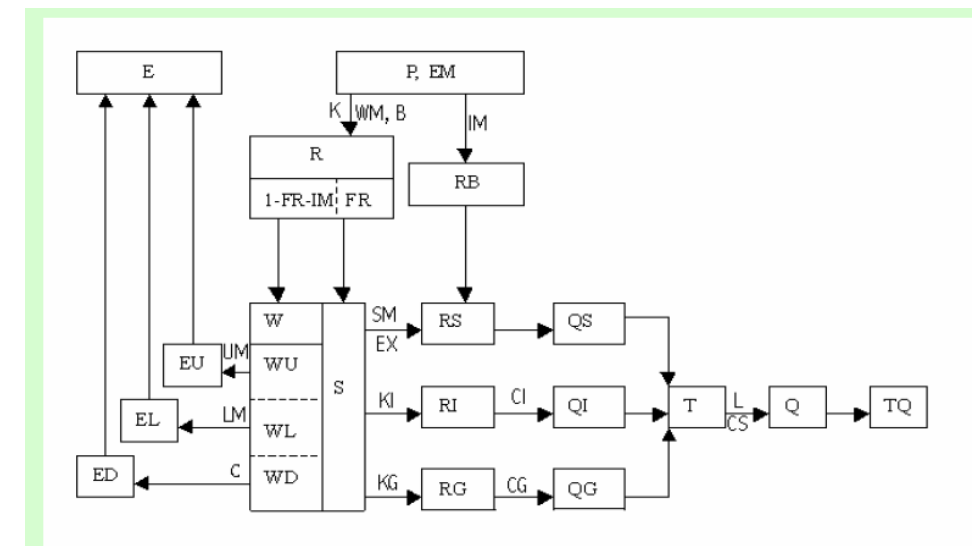
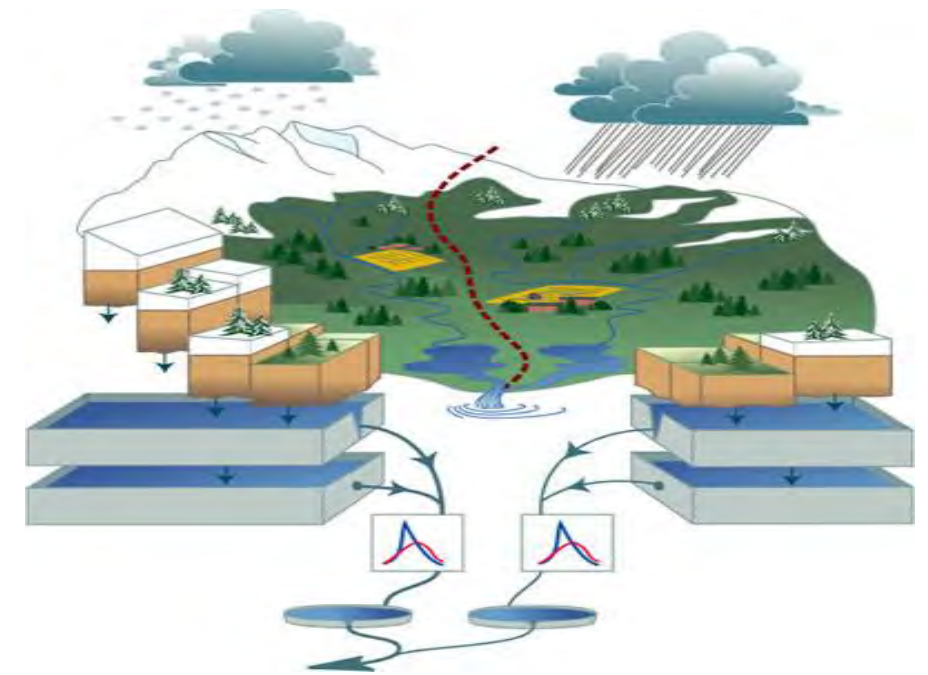
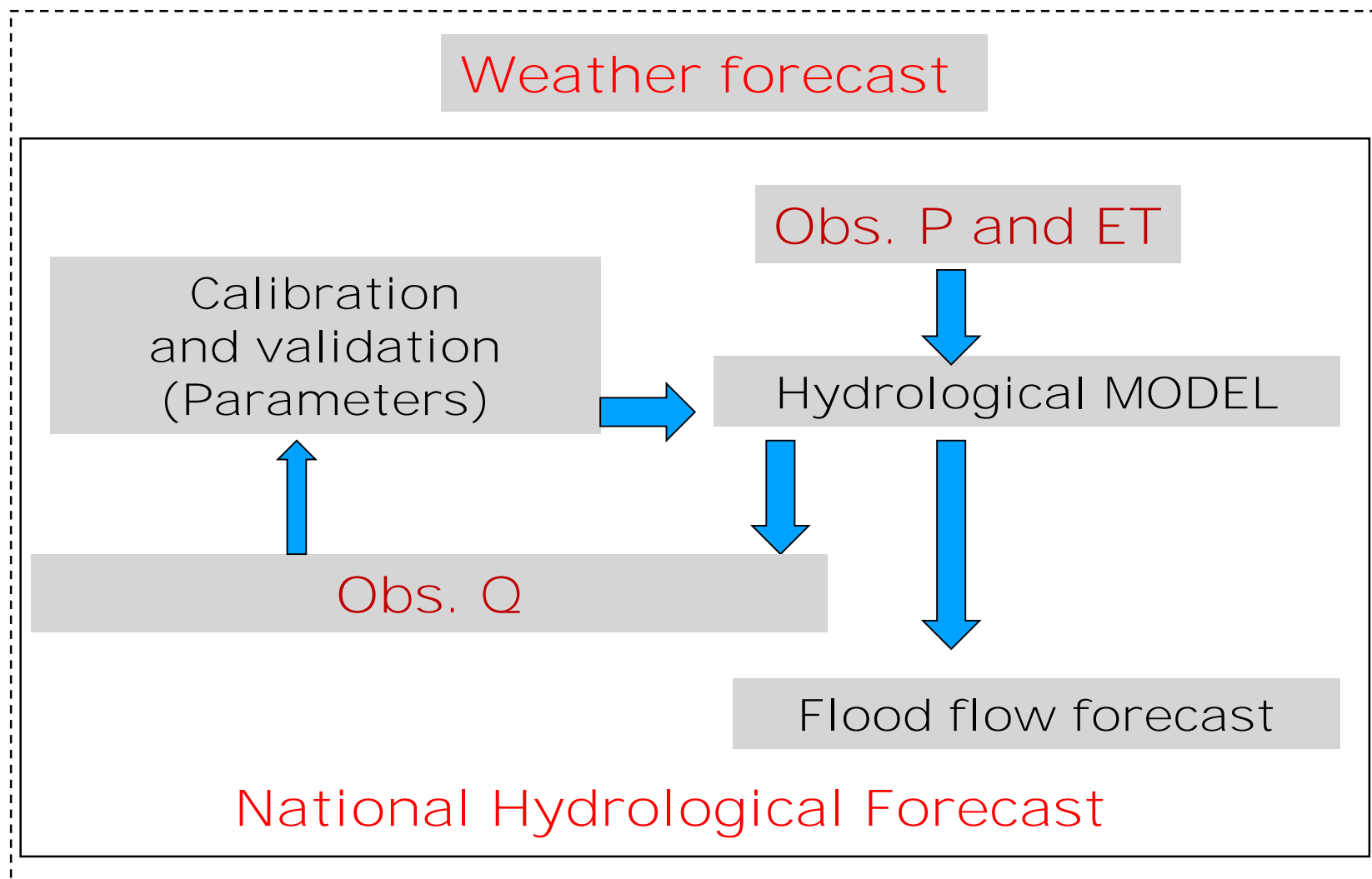
- Over 8,600 rivers with areas among 200~3000km<sup>2</sup>
- Flush flood and mud-rock flow for small catchments are particular severe:
  - number of deaths: 158,000 people
  - Economic loss: 131.4 billion RMB (2001-2000)



Proportion of deaths caused by flash flood disasters compared to those caused by all flood disasters in China (He et al., 2012)



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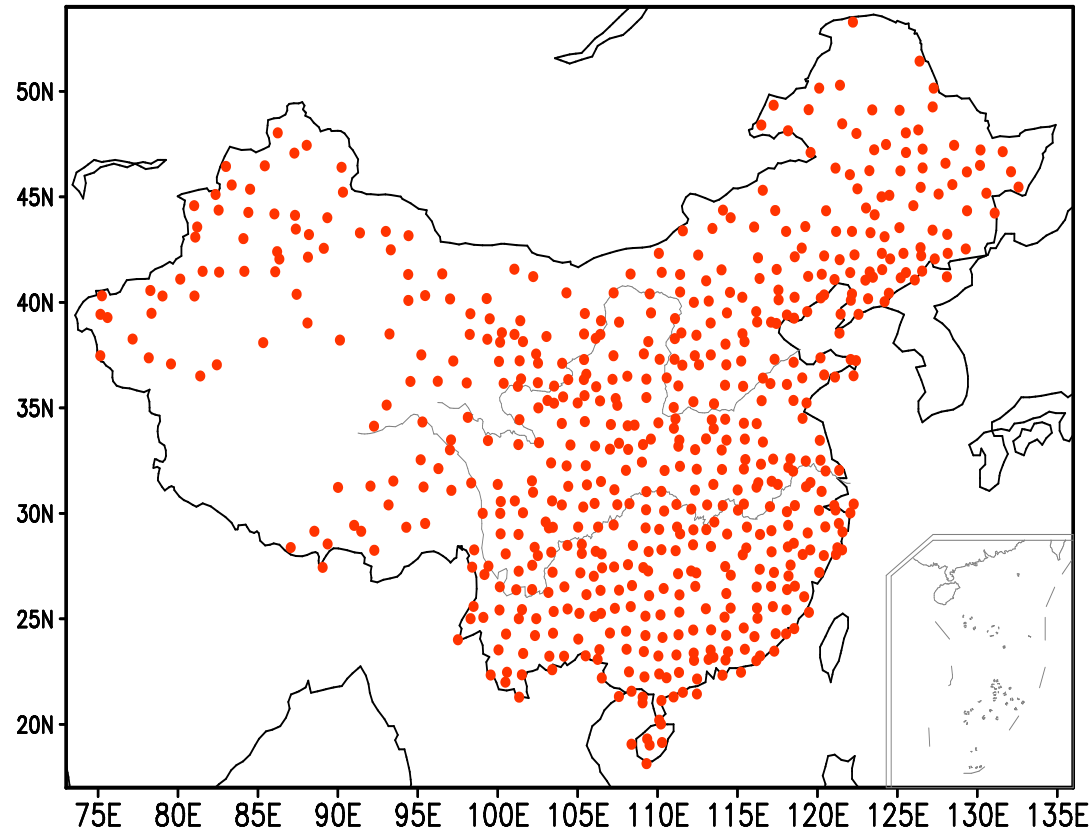


Flowchart of the Xin'anjiang model (after Zhao & Liu, 1995)

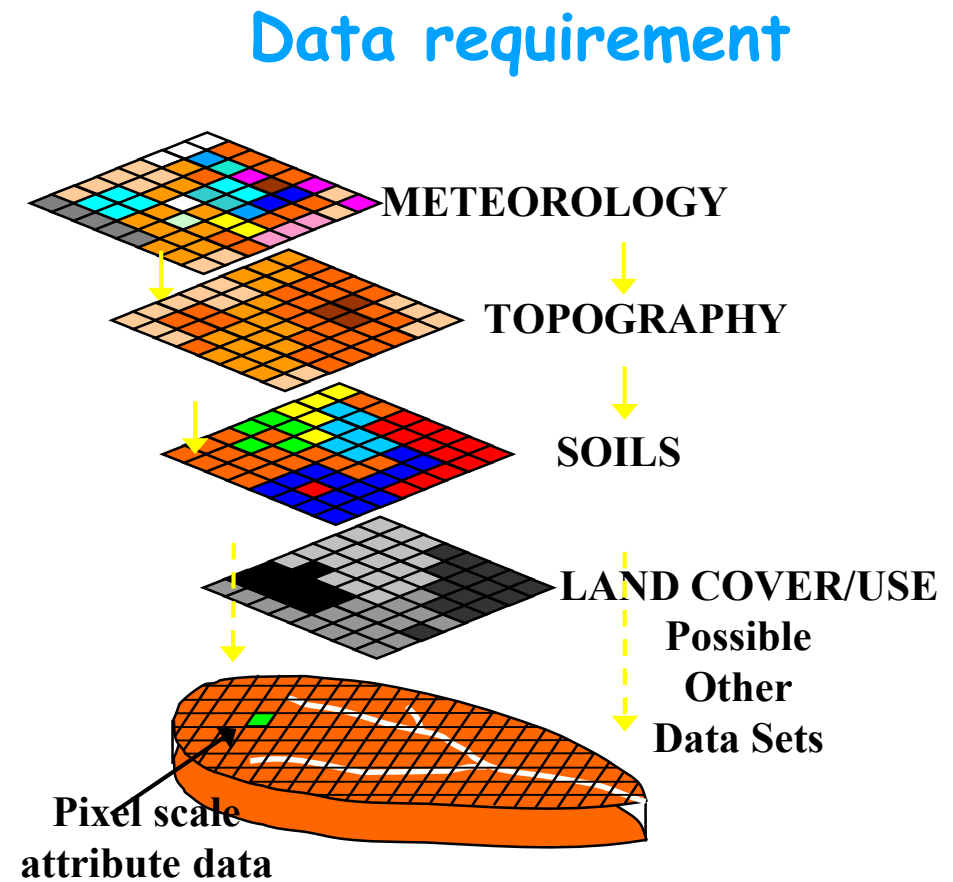
- the short-duration (<12 hrs), short-term (< 3 days), medium-term (4–10 days) and long-term (>10 days) weather forecasting of storms
- flood control departments and meteorological administrations at various levels maintain about 6600 rainfall- observation stations and 2300 rainfall-monitoring stations. 420 meteorological radars are installed for monitoring disastrous weather system, and 4 meteorological satellites have been successfully launched



## 2 Hot topics – Flash flood forecast



**Precipitation stations: 30,000(meteorological dep.)  
and 20,000 (hydrological dep.) to 100, 000**



## Parametrization and regionalization

## Prediction in Ungauged Basins (PUB)

## Management of Medium and Small Rivers





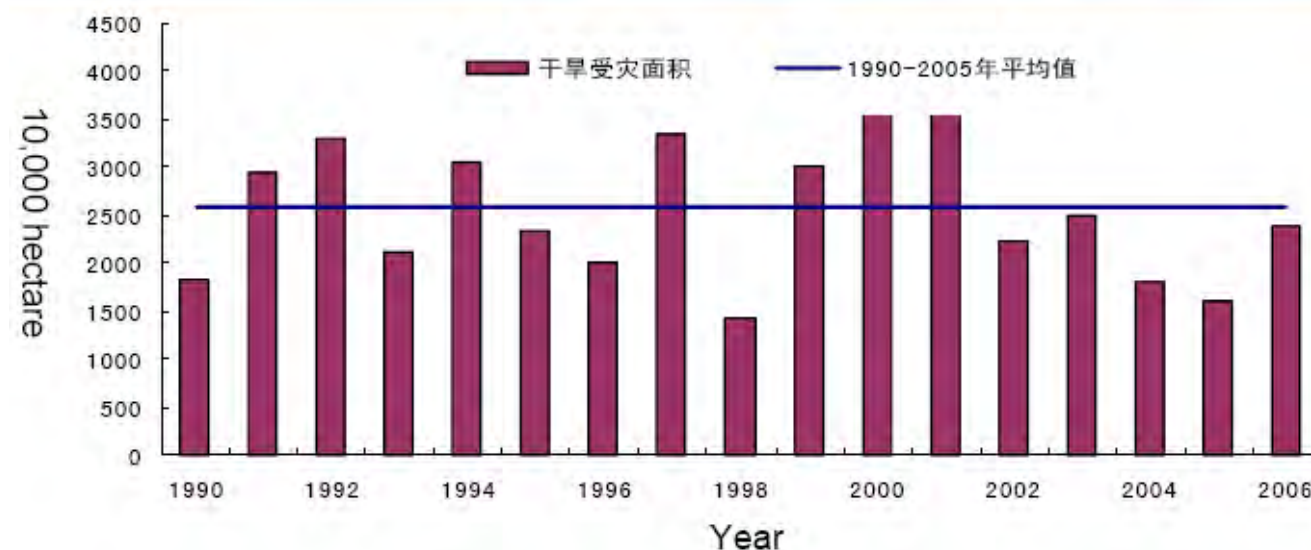
## 2 Hot topics – Drought monitoring and prediction



With characteristic of slow development, long duration, wide *stricken* area and severity.

Significant impact on hydrology, agriculture, eco-environment, economy and society

- 26 million hectare crop land affected by drought each year
- Severe drought in the Southwest of China in 2006
- Affected 0.72 million hectare crop , 19 billion RMB economic loss

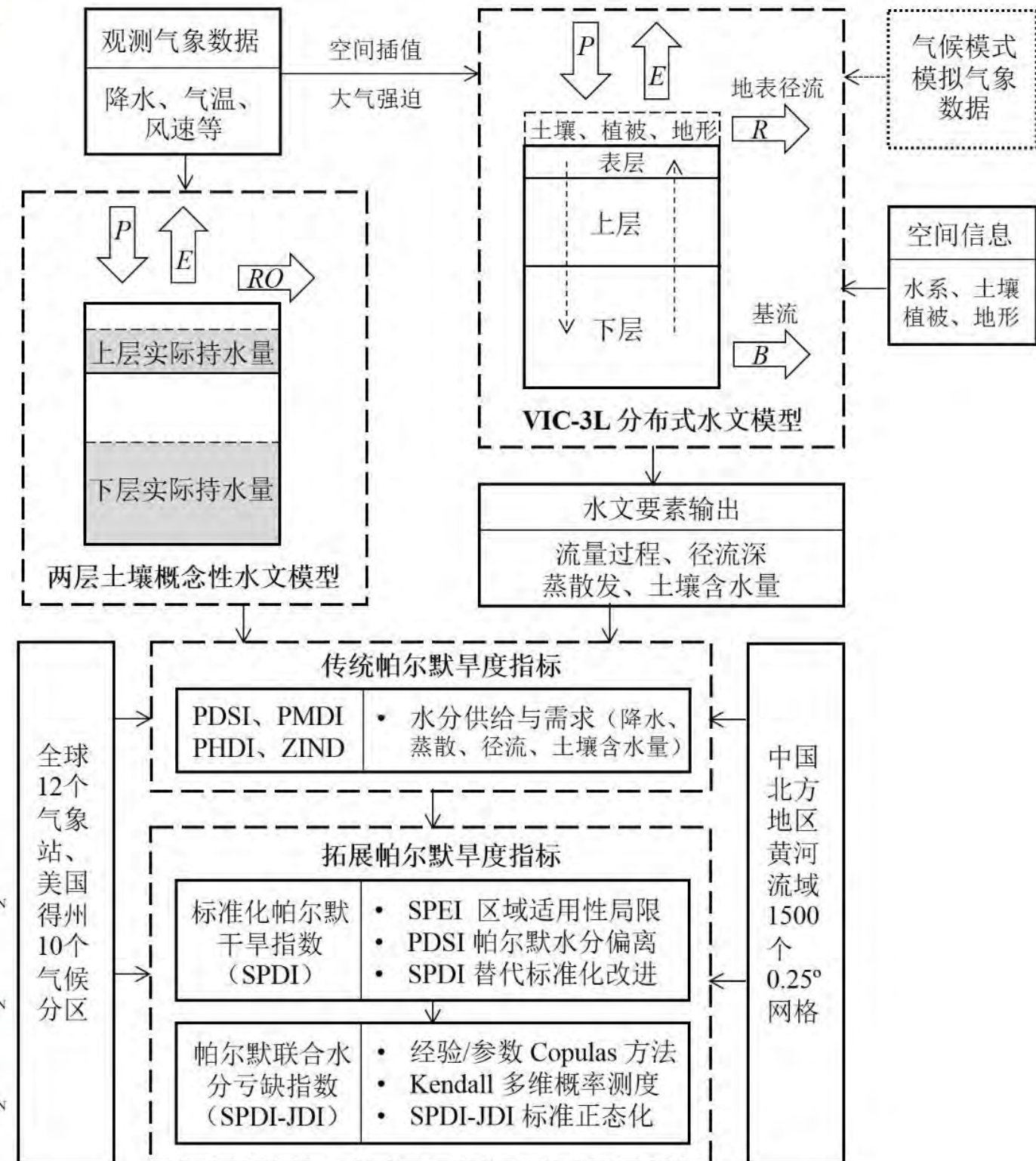
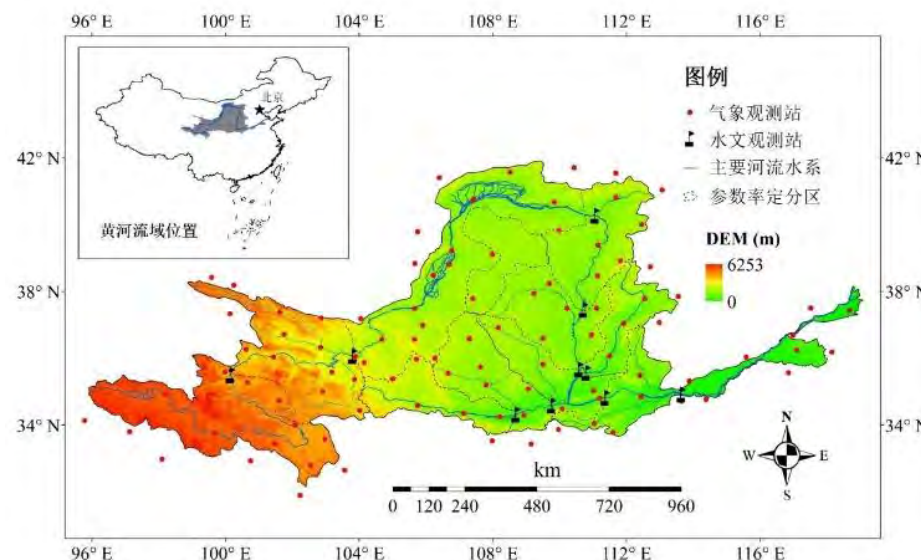
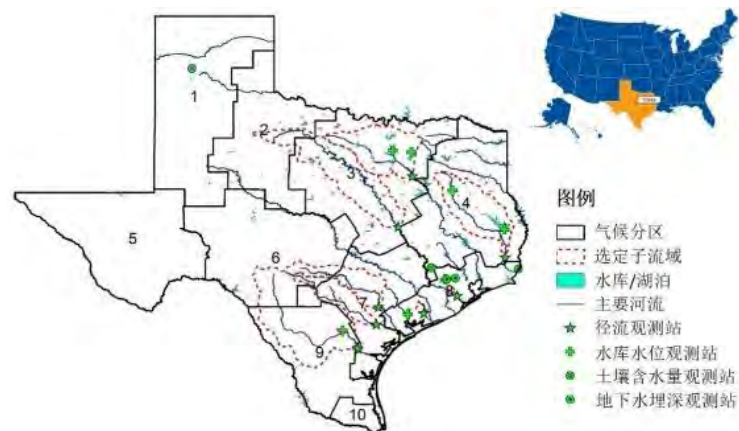








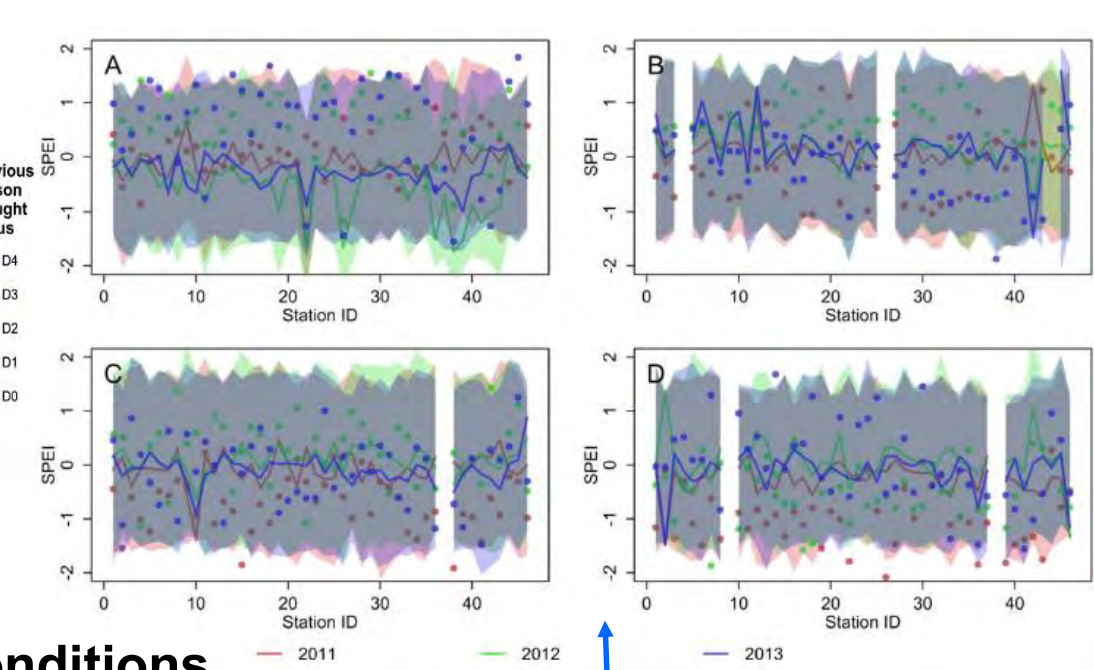
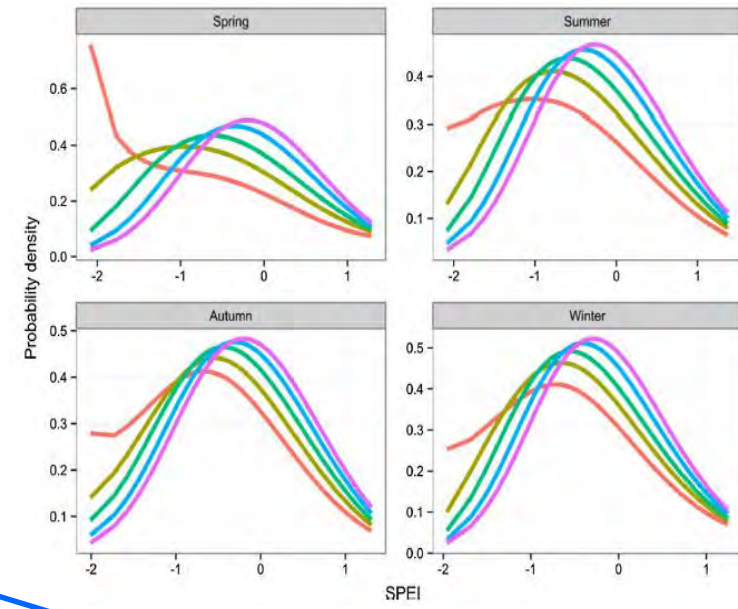
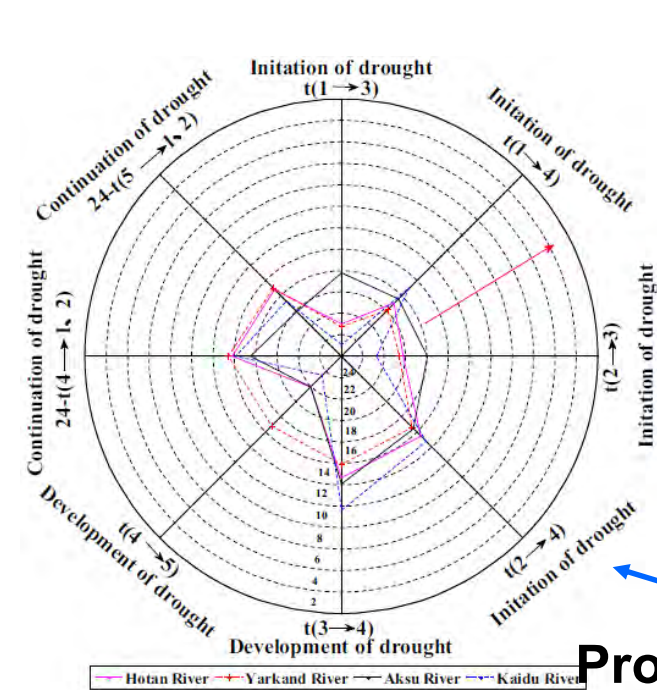
# 2 Hot topics – Drought monitoring and prediction



Coupling of Self-Calibrating PDSI with the VIC Model (SCPV)



Drought- and flood-related researches (ZHANG et al)



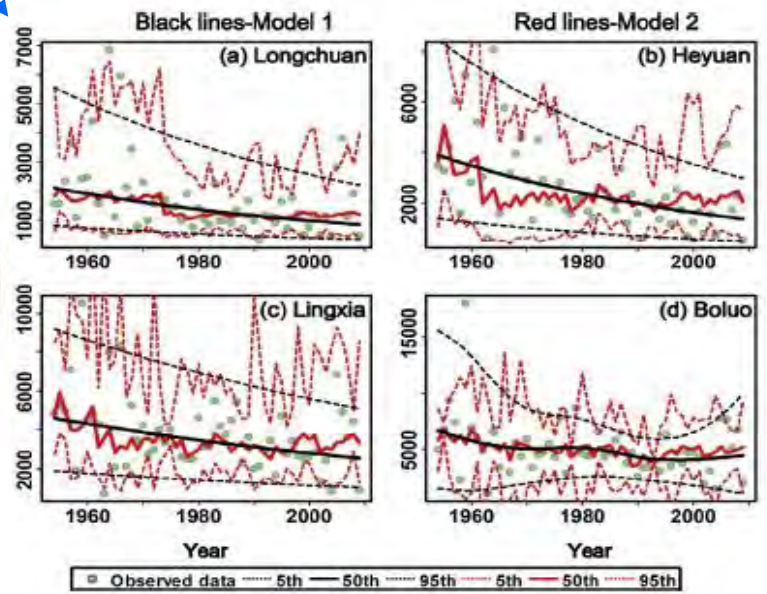
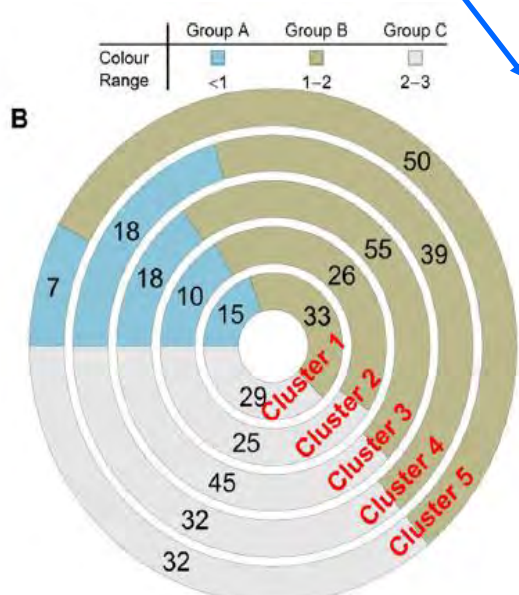
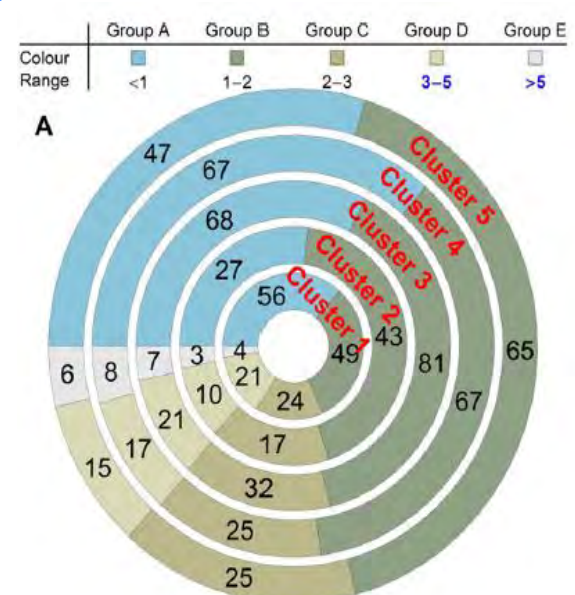
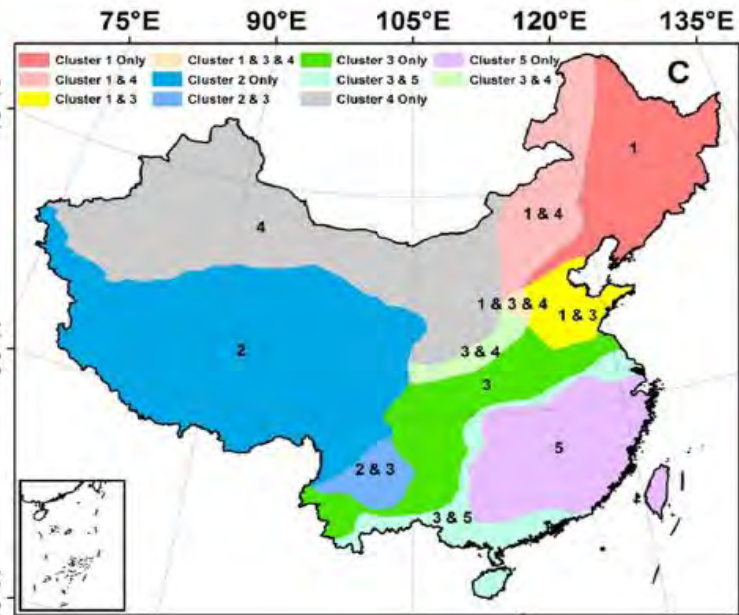
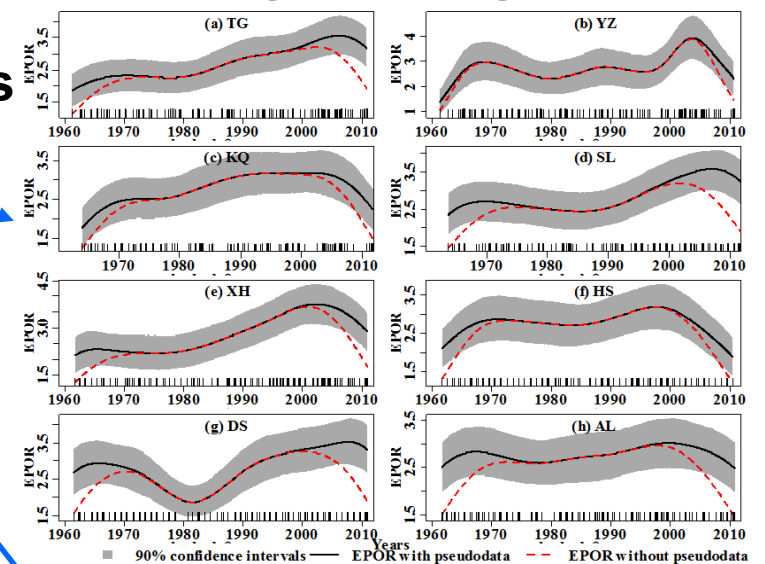
Probabilistic transition of drought conditions

Probabilistic modeling and forecasting of drought conditions

Copula	Function	Support
Gumbel	$C(u_1, u_2) = \exp\{-[(-\ln u_1)^\theta + (-\ln u_2)^\theta]^{1/\theta}\}$	$\theta \in [1, +\infty)$
Clayton	$C(u_1, u_2) = (u_1^{-\theta} + u_2^{-\theta} - 1)^{-1/\theta}$	$\theta \in [0, +\infty)$
Frank	$C(u_1, u_2) = -\frac{1}{\theta} \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{(e^{-\theta u_1} - 1)(e^{-\theta u_2} - 1)}{e^{-\theta} - 1} \right]$	$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$
Gaussian	$C(u_1, u_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{u_1^{-1}(u_1)} \int_{-\infty}^{u_2^{-1}(u_2)} \frac{1}{2\pi(1-\theta^2)^{1/2}} \left[ -\frac{x_1^2 - 2\theta x_1 x_2 + x_2^2}{2(1-\theta^2)} \right] dx_1 dx_2$	$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ $u_1 = \Phi(x_1)$ $u_2 = \Phi(x_2)$
t	$C(u_1, u_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{u_1^{-1}(u_1)} \int_{-\infty}^{u_2^{-1}(u_2)} \frac{1}{2\pi(1-\theta^2)^{1/2}} \left[ 1 + \frac{x_1^2 - 2\theta x_1 x_2 + x_2^2}{v(1-\theta^2)} \right]^{-\frac{(v+2)}{2}} dx_1 dx_2$	$x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ $u_1 = t_v(x_1)$ $u_2 = t_v(x_2)$ $v$ : degree of freedom
Plackett	$C(u_1, u_2) = \frac{[1 + (\theta - 1)(u_1 + u_2)] - \sqrt{[1 + (\theta - 1)(u_1 + u_2)]^2 - 4u_1 u_2 \theta (\theta - 1)}}{2(\theta - 1)}$	$\theta \in [0, +\infty)$

Statistical modelling of flood processes

Regionalization and spatial pattern of drought events





# 3 Comparative studies in hydrology

## Green development

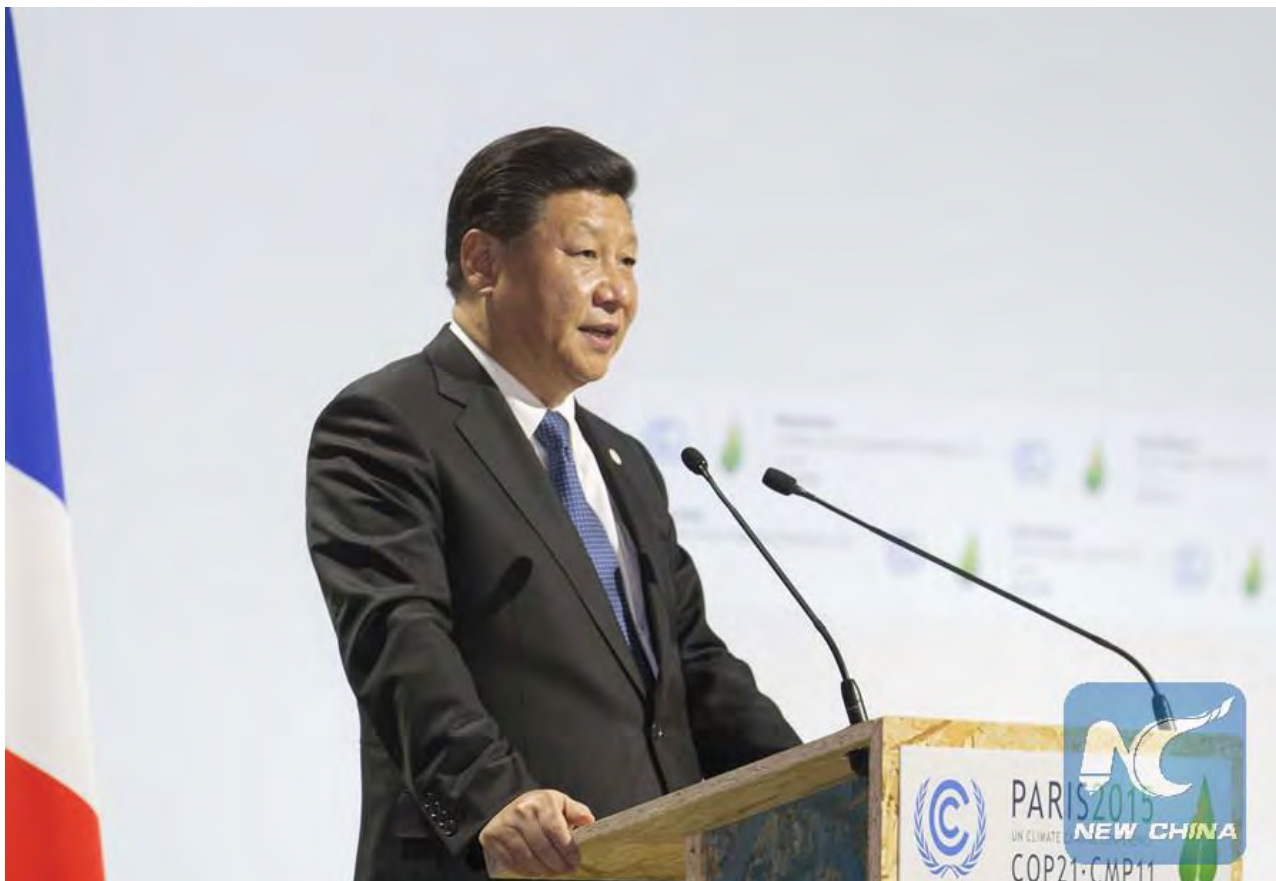
To cut carbon emissions per unit of the GDP by 60-65 percent from 2005 levels by 2030

调整经济结构、提高能源效率、开发利用水电和其他可再生能源、加强生态建设

- transform the economic development pattern
- Improving energy efficiency
- Exploitation and utilization of renewable sources of energy
- carry out systematic ecological control

绿水青山就是金山银山

“clear waters and green mountains are as valuable as mountains of gold and silver”



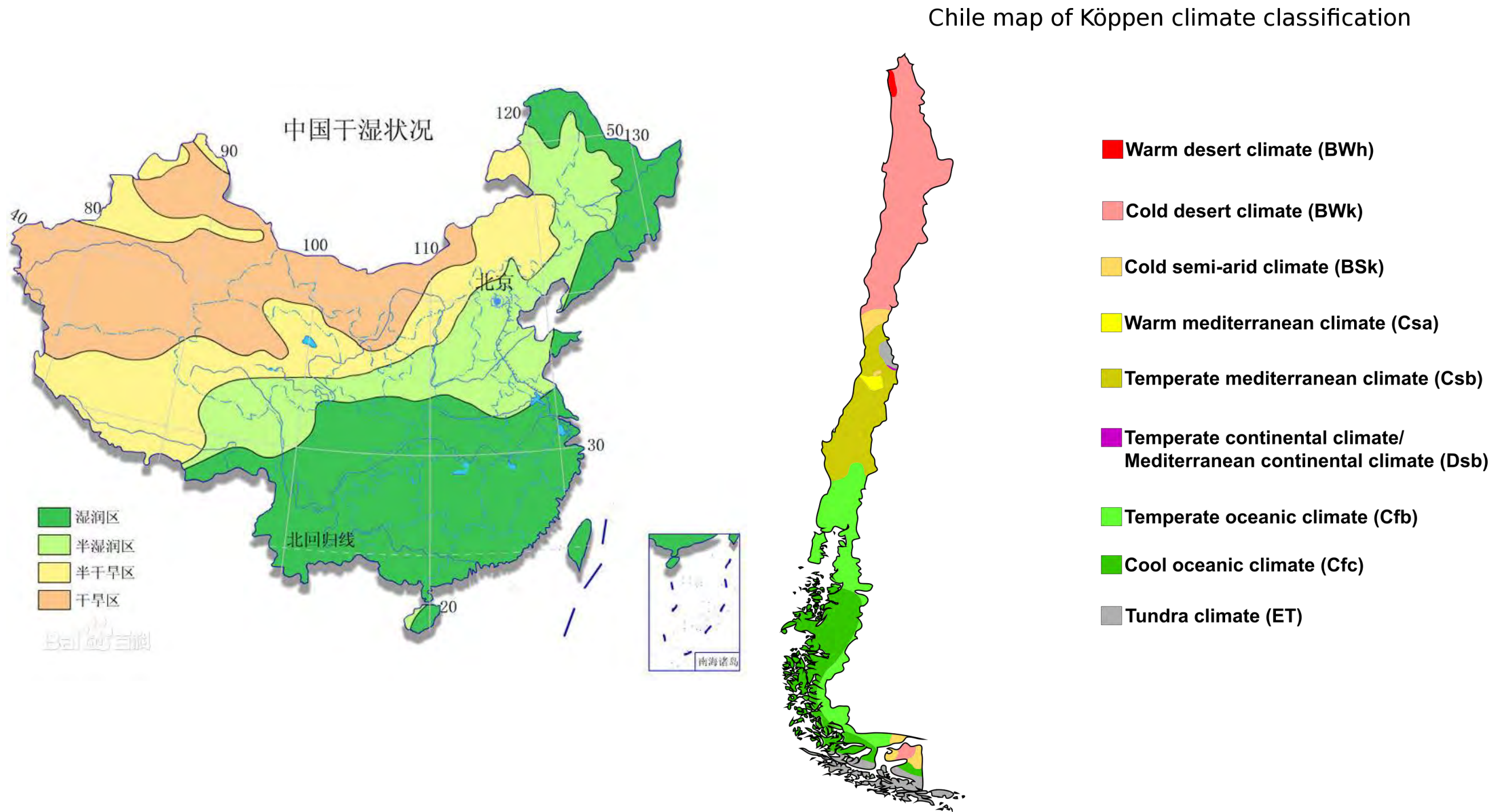
## UN 2030 Development Agenda

### 17项可持续发展目标 (SDG)





# 3 Comparative studies in hydrology

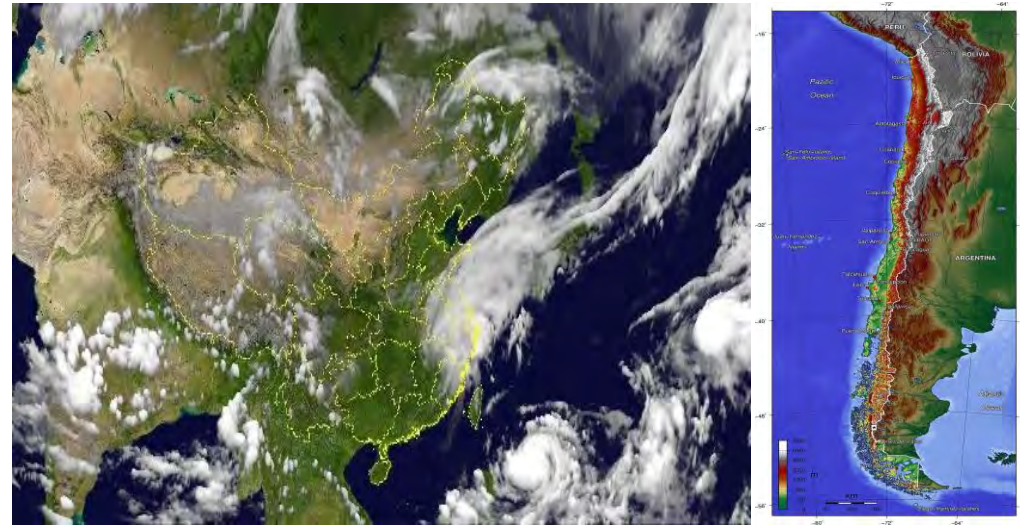


**Great diversity in Climate and landscape in both countries**



# 3 Comparative studies in hydrology

## Climate Change



Impacts and responses

Impacts and responses

## Landscape and Human activities



Observation and monitoring



Modeling



Forecast & Prediction

## Short- and long- term impacts and responses:

- (1) Available water resources (streamflow and groundwater; green and blue water)
- (2) Hazard prevention (hydrological extremes)
- (3) Evolution of Climate-Landscape-Hydrology



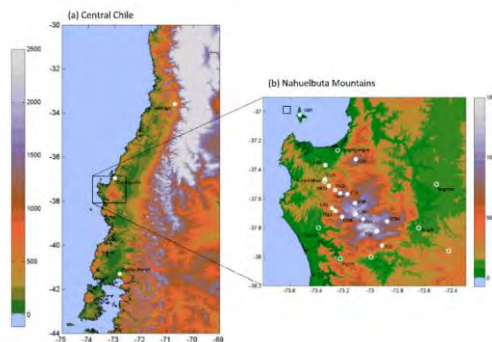
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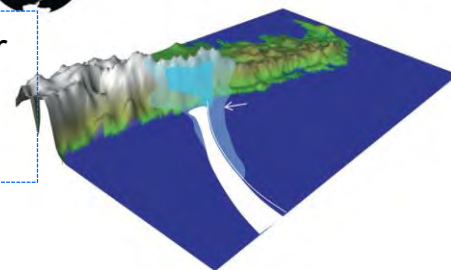
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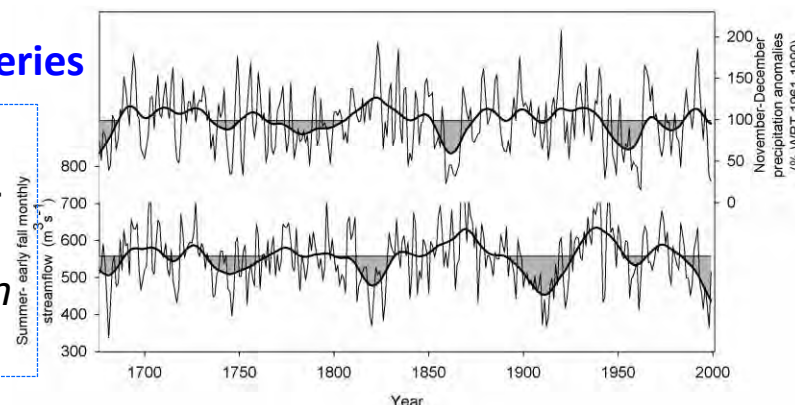
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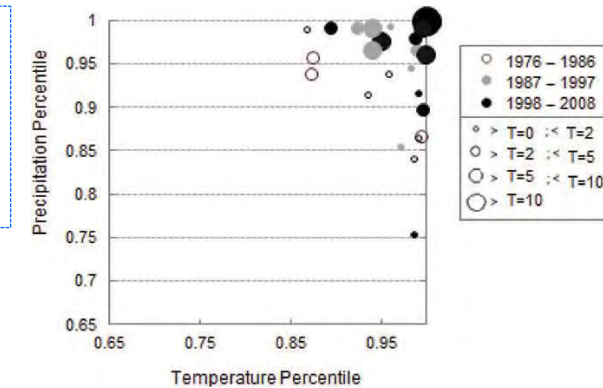
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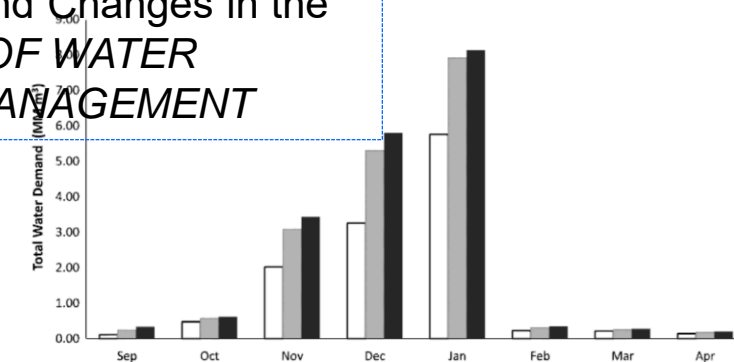
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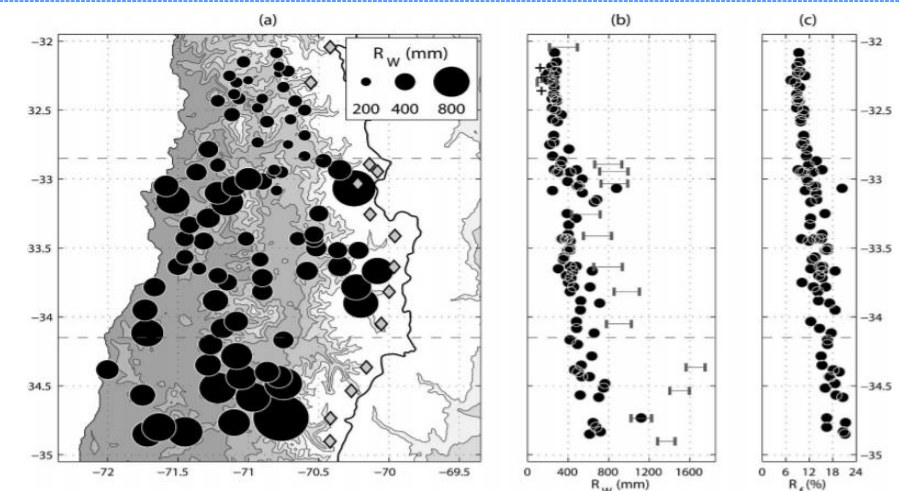


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