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# *Measuring water from Sky:* **ETWatch and its Application**

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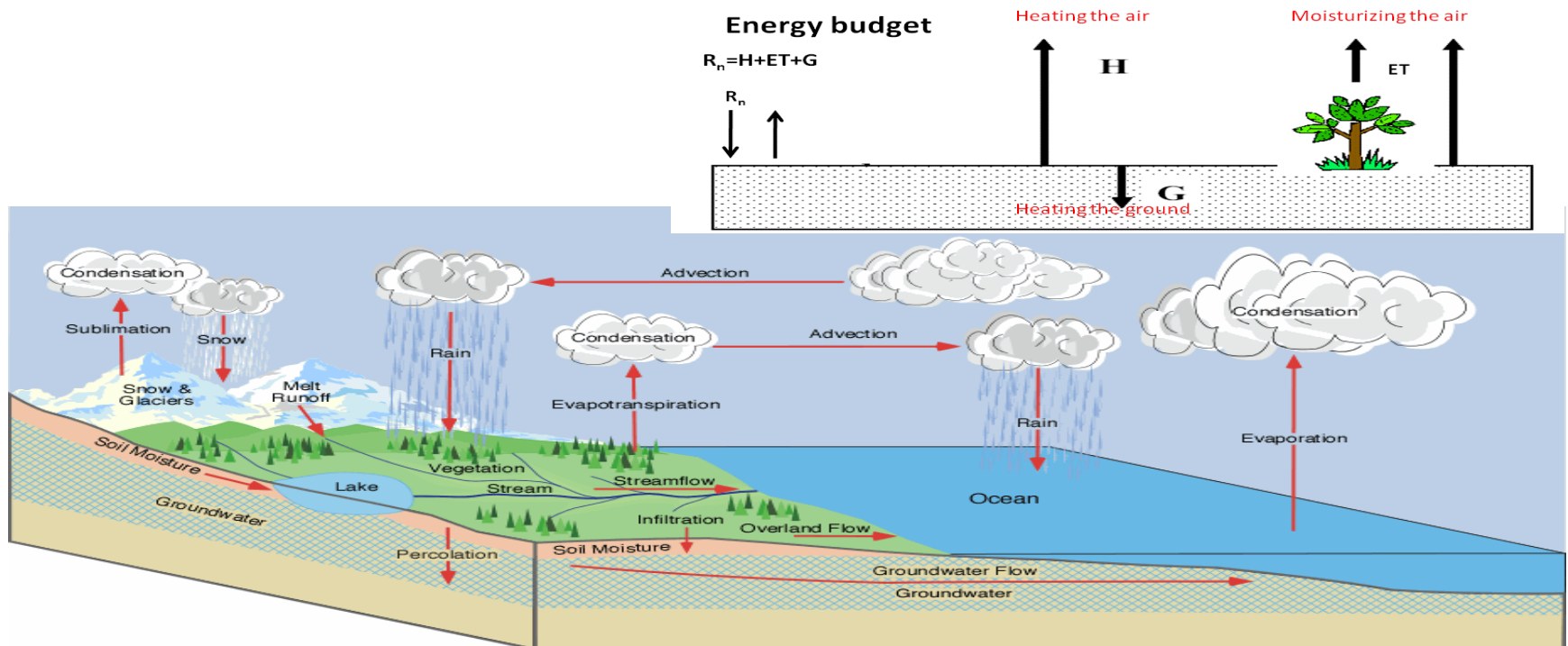
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# ET

**Evapotranspiration:** the canopy transpiration and soil evaporation

- ET is the actual water consumption.
- ET is the important segment of water circulation.
- ET is equally important to precipitation, hydrological observation.



# ETWATCH

# ETWatch – operational ET remote sensing system



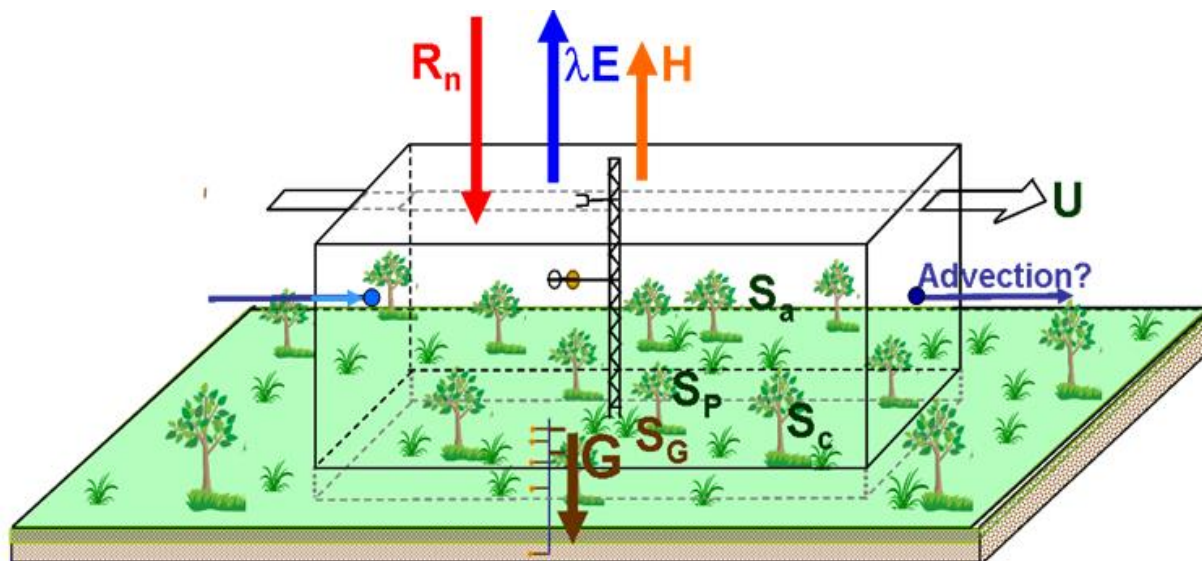
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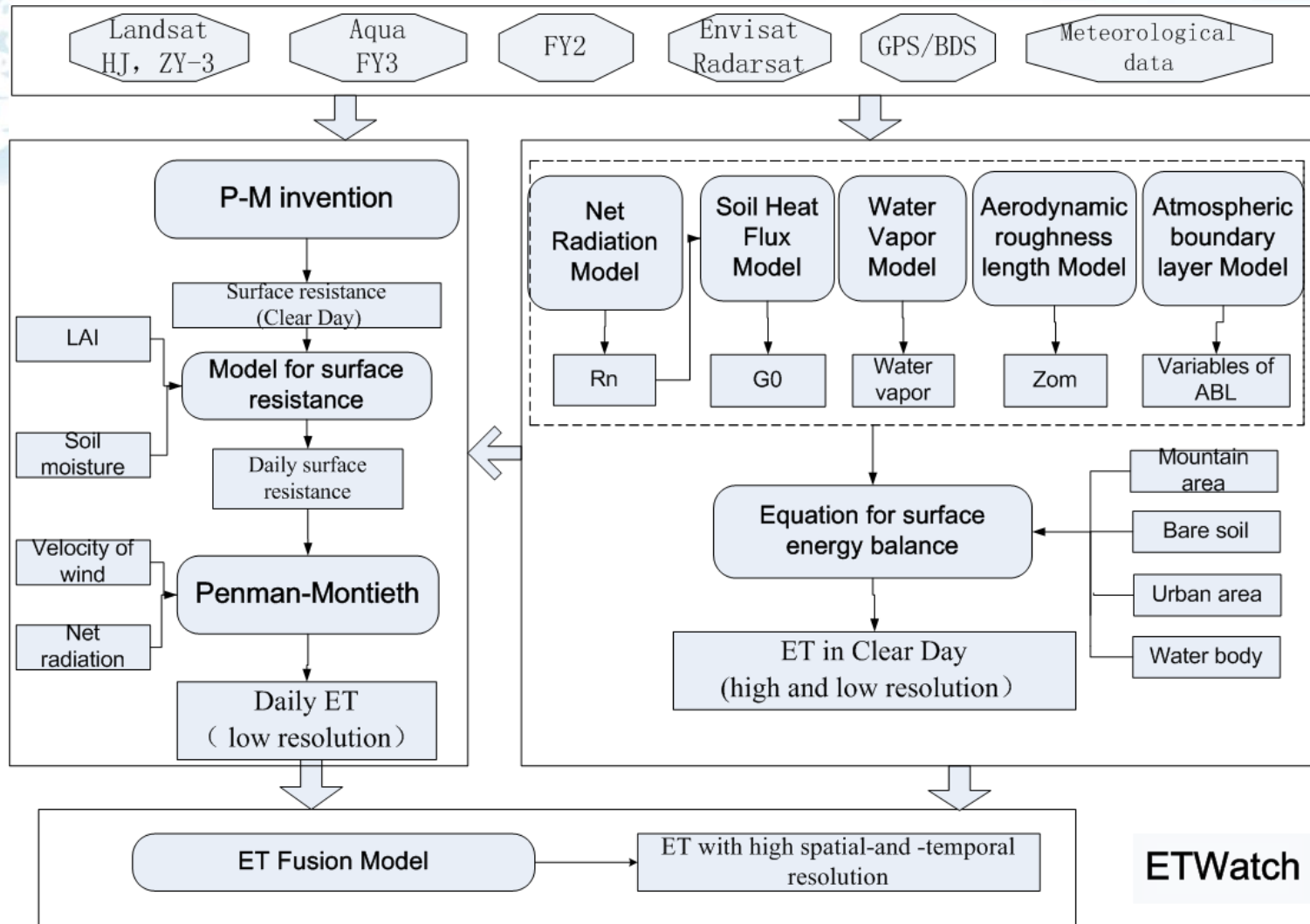
# New Models in ETWatch

## ■ Elements in surface energy balance:

- Net-radiance model
- Soil heat flux model
- Aerodynamic roughness
- Atmospheric Boundary Layer
- Daily Surface resistance ( $R_s$ )



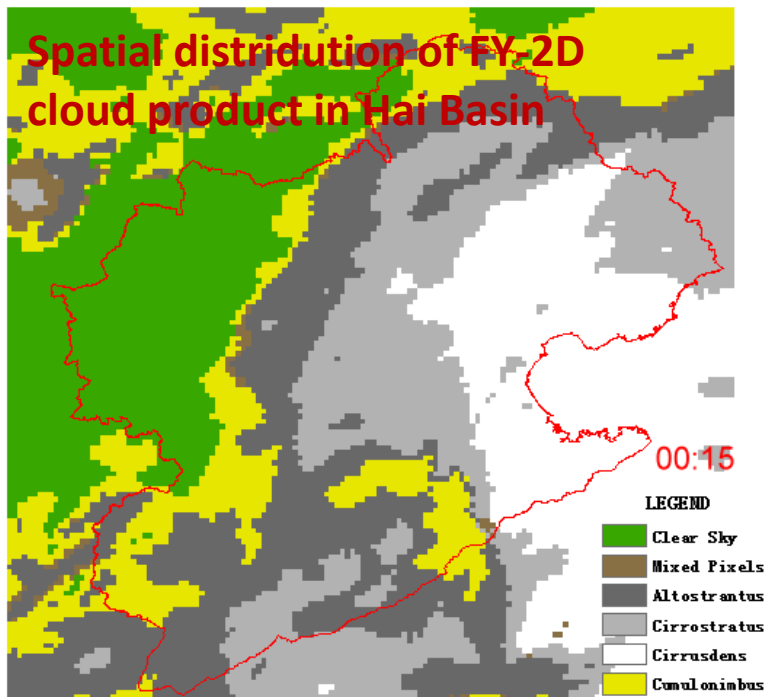
# ETWatch – operational remote sensing model



Parameter	Description	Source	Clear day	Cloud day
<b>Rn</b>	net radiation	RS+Meteo	○	○
<b>G</b>	soil heat flux	RS	○	✗
<b>rs</b>	land surface resistance	RS+Meteo	○	○ With Surface Resistance model
<b>es</b>	Saturated vapour pressure	Meteo	○	○
<b>ea</b>	Actual vapour pressure	Meteo	○	○
<b>ra</b>	air dynamic resistance	Meteo	○	○
<b>Z0m</b>	aerodynamic roughness length	RS	○	✗
<b>NDVI</b>	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	RS	○	○ With S-G model
<b>LST</b>	Land surface temperature	RS	○	✗
<b>Albedo</b>	Surface reflectivity of solar radiation	RS	○	○ With Filter method
<b>LAI</b>	Leaf Area Index	RS	○	○ With LAI-NDVI
<b>Meteo parameters</b>	Relative Humidity , Wind Velovity , Sun Shine Hours , Air Presure, Air Temperature	Meteo	○	○
<b>ABL</b>	Air temperature, Wind Velovity , Air Presurre and Humidity of Boudary Layers	RS	○	○

# ETWatch Input data

# Method of daily net radiation estimation



Sunshine Factor (SF) base on cloud product

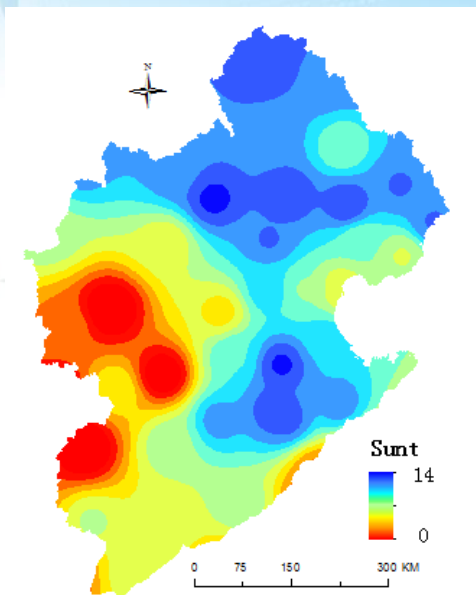
Value	Classification	SF
0/1	Clear Sky	1
11	Mixed Pixels	0.5
12	Altostratus or nimbostratus	0.6
13	Cirrostratus	0.8
14	Cirrusdens	0.6
15	Cumulonimbus	0.2
21	Stratocumulus or altocumulus	0.4

- Traditionally , sunshine hours from meteorological station are used to calculate surface net radiation
- Now, The surface sunshine hours can be replaced by cloud information from geostational meteorology satellite. It indicates more precise spatial distribution of surface net radiation
- The FY-2 cloud product was used to detect the sunshine changes every hour based on Sunshine Factor .



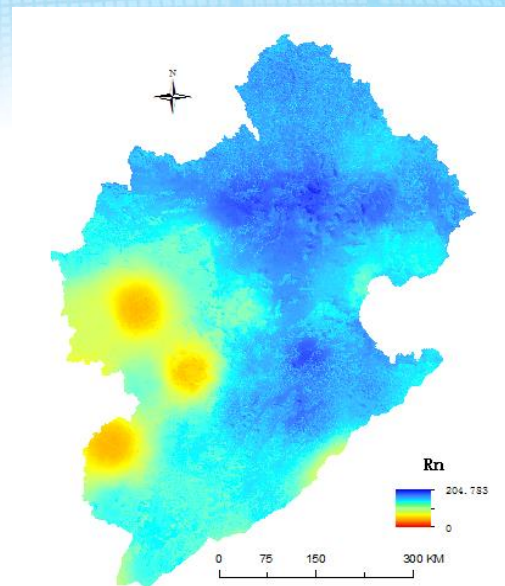
# Comparison between Rn Estimated and Observed

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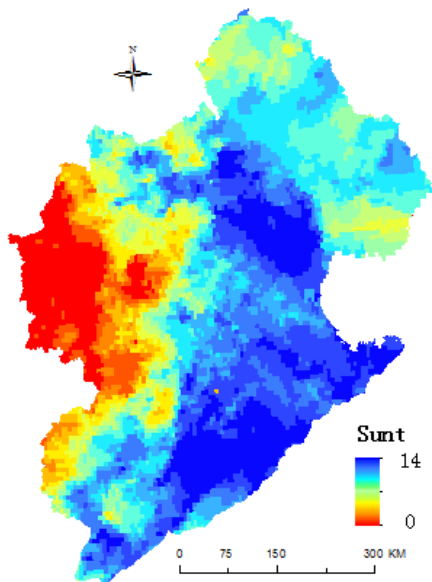
Sunshine Hour from Observation

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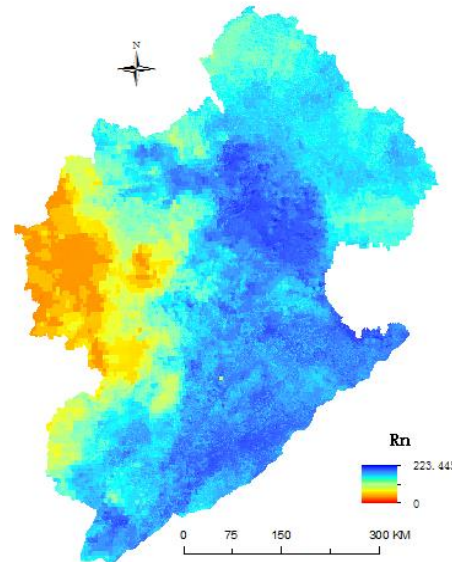
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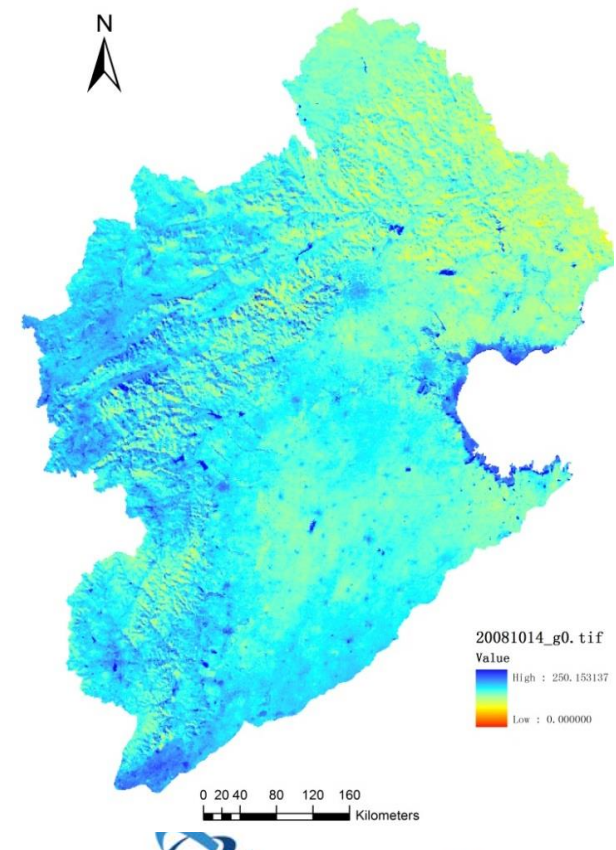


Surface Net radiation

# Soil heat flux parameterization method

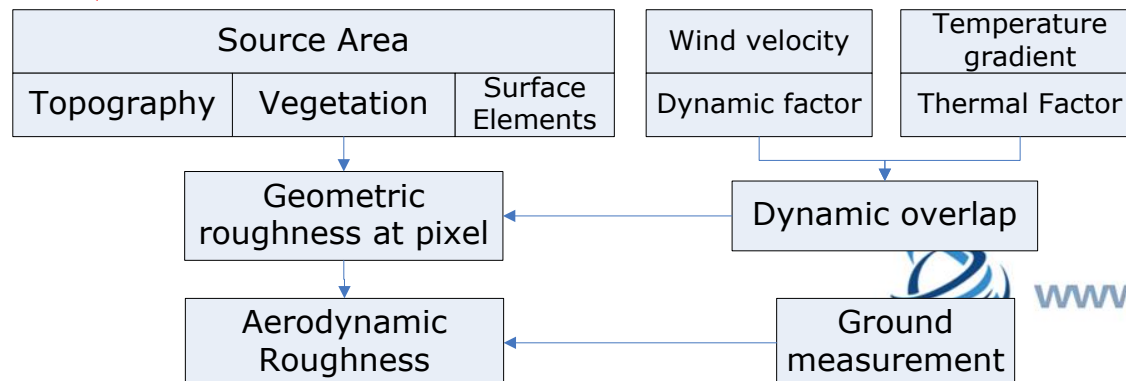
$$\frac{G}{R_n} = \frac{T_s}{15} (0.013RVI^2 - 0.121RVI + 0.396) (0.48b_3 + 0.76b_4 + 0.35) e^{\frac{1}{10}sm + 0.05 - \frac{0.25}{\cos(soz)}}$$

- G : Instantaneous soil heat flux
- Rn : Net radiation
- Ts : Surface temperature (unit: K)
- RVI: Ratio vegetation index  
( $RVI = \rho_{nir} / \rho_r$ )
- b3, b4 : Shortwave infrared reflectance
- sm : Soil moisture
- soz : Solar zenith angle



October 14, 2008, pm instantaneous soil heat flux

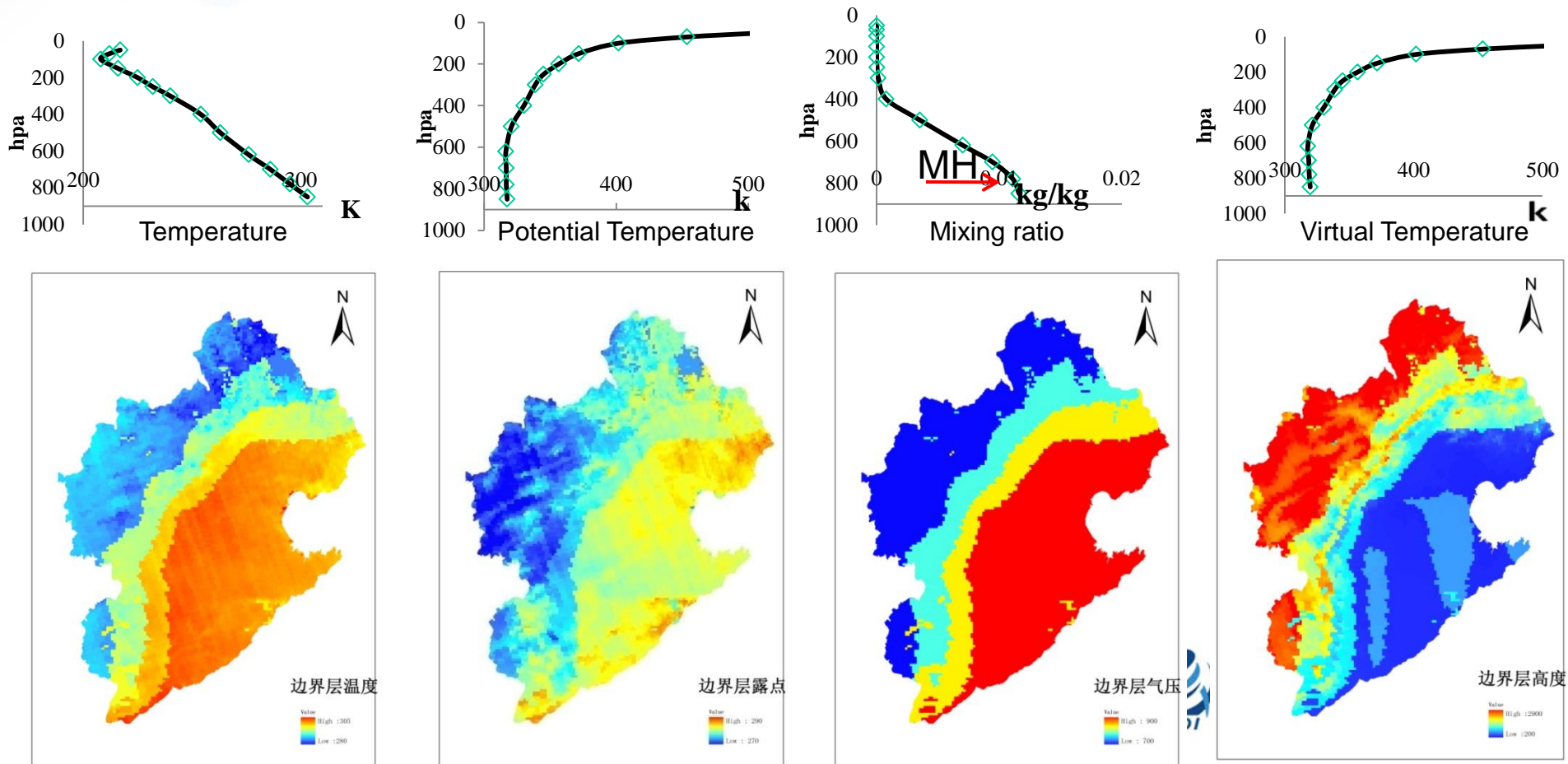
# Modelling of aerodynamic roughness length





# Model of ABL (Atmospheric Boundary Layer)

- With this method, we can reduce the sensitivity of ETwatch to the thermal character of ground. Using the atmospheric profile data derived from remote sensing, we can estimate the spatial distributing of MH, then improve the accuracy of ET model.





# Surface resistance Model

$$r_{s,daily} = \frac{r_{s,clear} \times LAI_{clear} \times Rn_{clear} \times SM_{clear} \times U_{clear}}{Rn_{daily} \times SM_{daily} \times U_{daily} \times LAI_{daily}}$$

LAI is used as a scalar to relate surface resistance with environmental constraints such as air temperature and vapour pressure deficit (VPD).

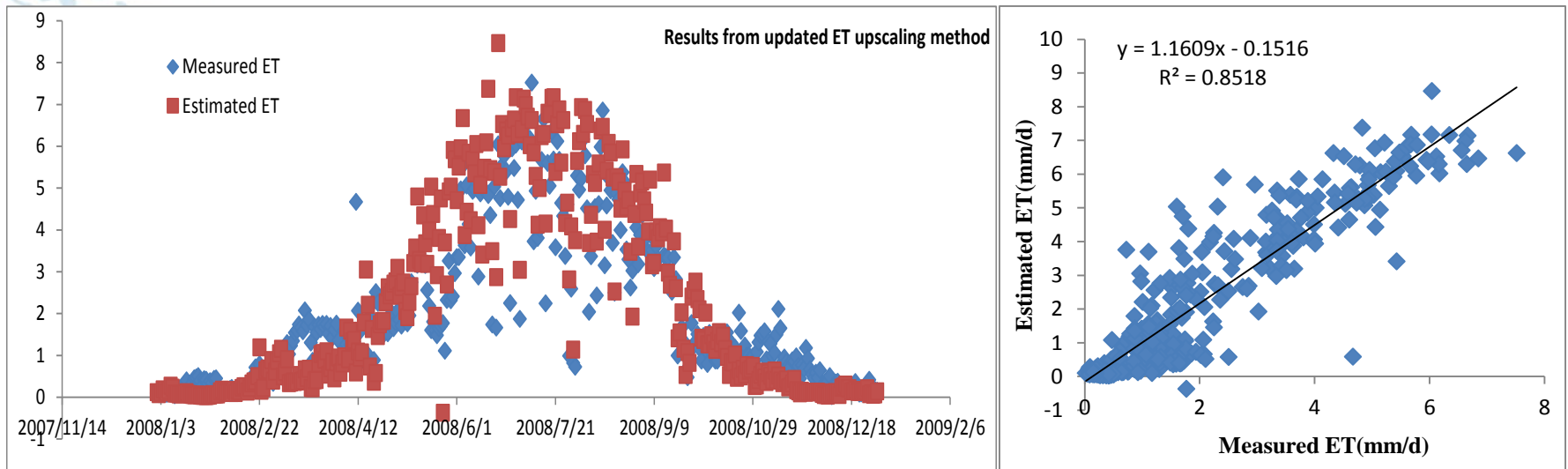
$r_{s,clear}$  is surface resistance on clear day inverted by P-M equation.

SM is soil moisture inverted by remote sensing data

U is wind speed

$R_n$  is surface net radiation

# Surface resistance Model



Comparison of measured ET and Estimated ET

The estimated ET based on model had significant linear relationship with measured ET .



# Validation of ETWatch

- Different regions and different surface conditions
- Five Flux stations. EC、LAS (2007-)
- Eight mountain flows stations (2001-)
- Two basins : Hai basin and Turpan

Spatial scale	Technique	Daily (%)	Season (%)	Annual (%)
Field scale	Soil moisture	N/A	13.6	N/A
Field scale	Lysimeter	N/A	11.3	9.0
Field scale	Eddy covariance	7.6	N/A	3.0
Village scale	Soil moisture	N/A	3.9	N/A
County scale	Soil moisture	N/A	3.7	N/A
Sub-basin scale	Water balance	N/A	N/A	3.8
Basin scale	Water balance	N/A	N/A	1.8



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## The memorandum of World Bank GEF assessment mission in 2008:

ET data using ETWatch was developed for 2002–2005 for the Hai Basin with 1 km pixels and for 13 counties with 30 m pixels. ET data was also produced using SEBAL for 2002–2005. All PMOs agreed that the ETWatch data was better and opted to use this data.

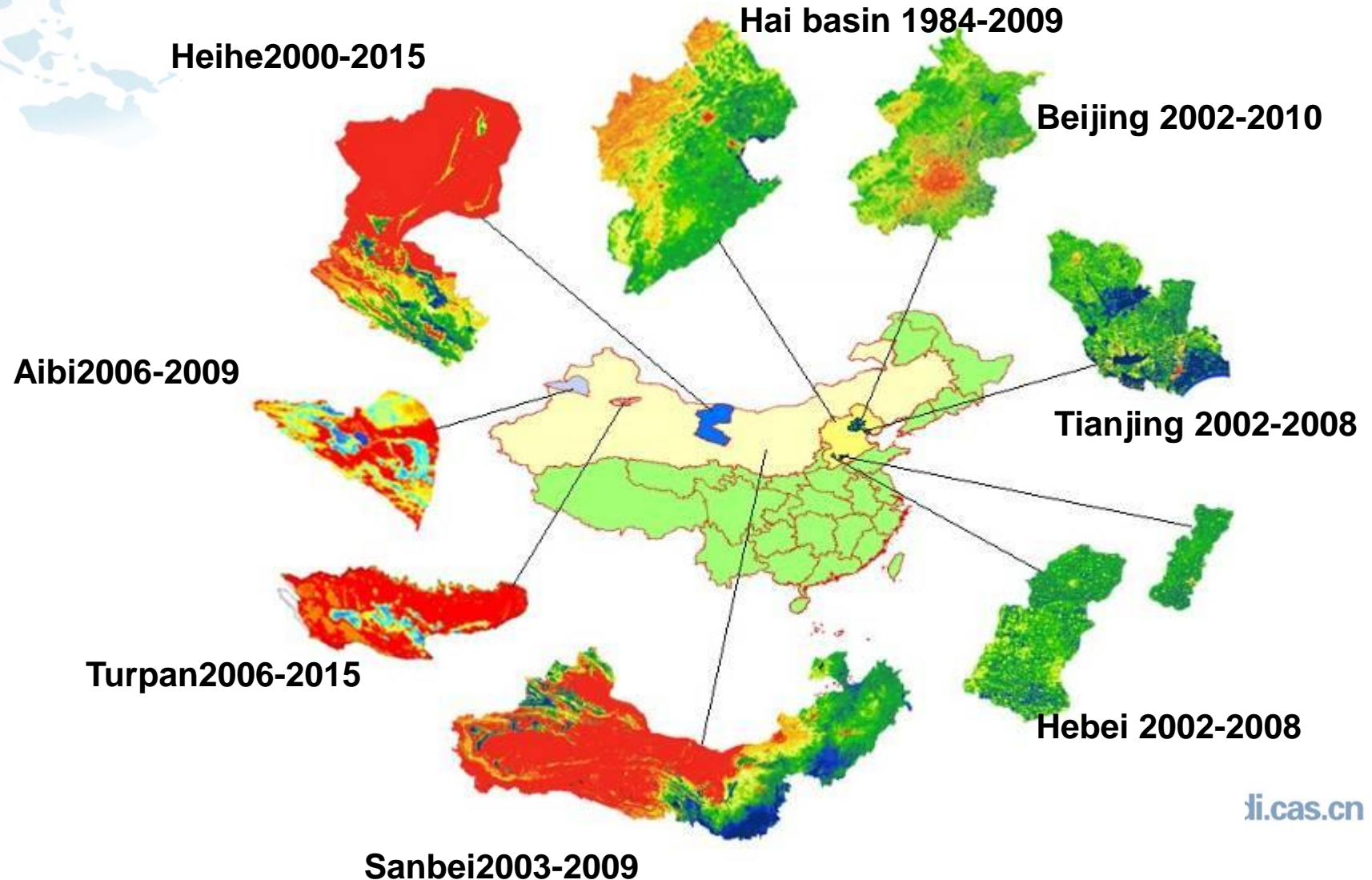
# ETWatch Features

- Basin scale, daily products
- Systematic
- Pre-processing of all data used
- New models and methods embedded
- Internal calibration
- Quality Control in process

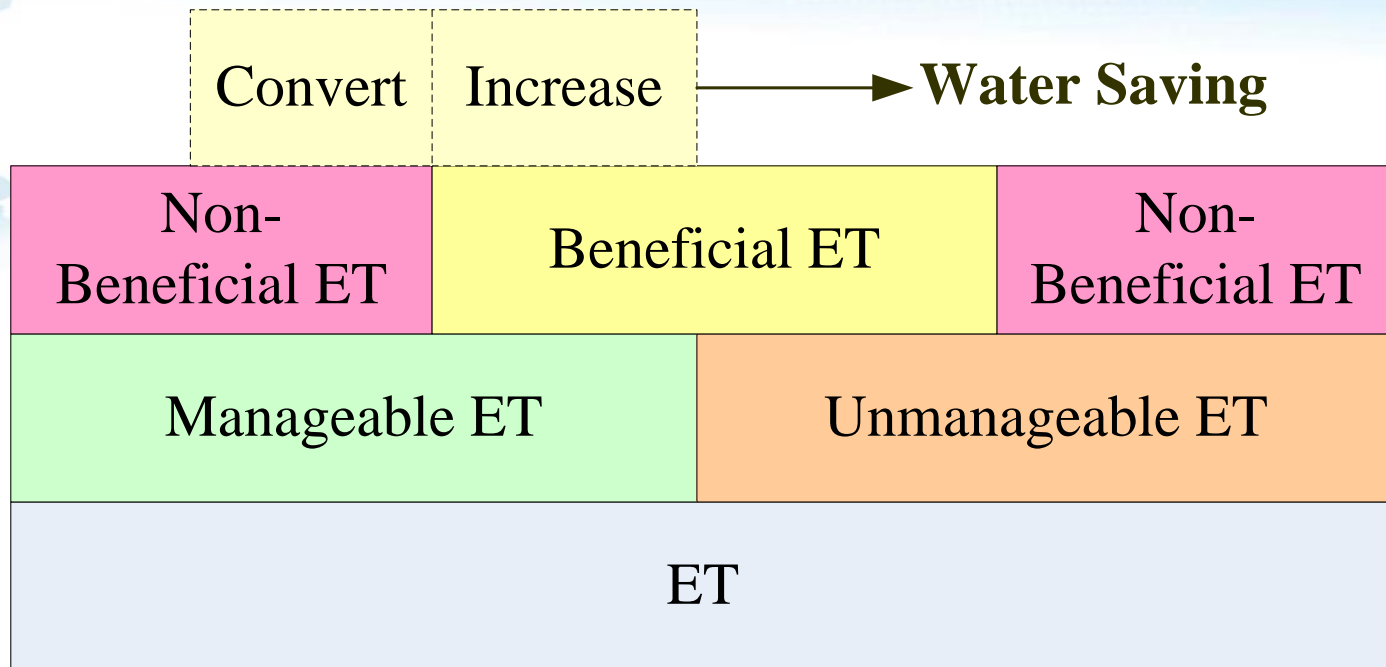


# Application

# Application: ETWatch in China



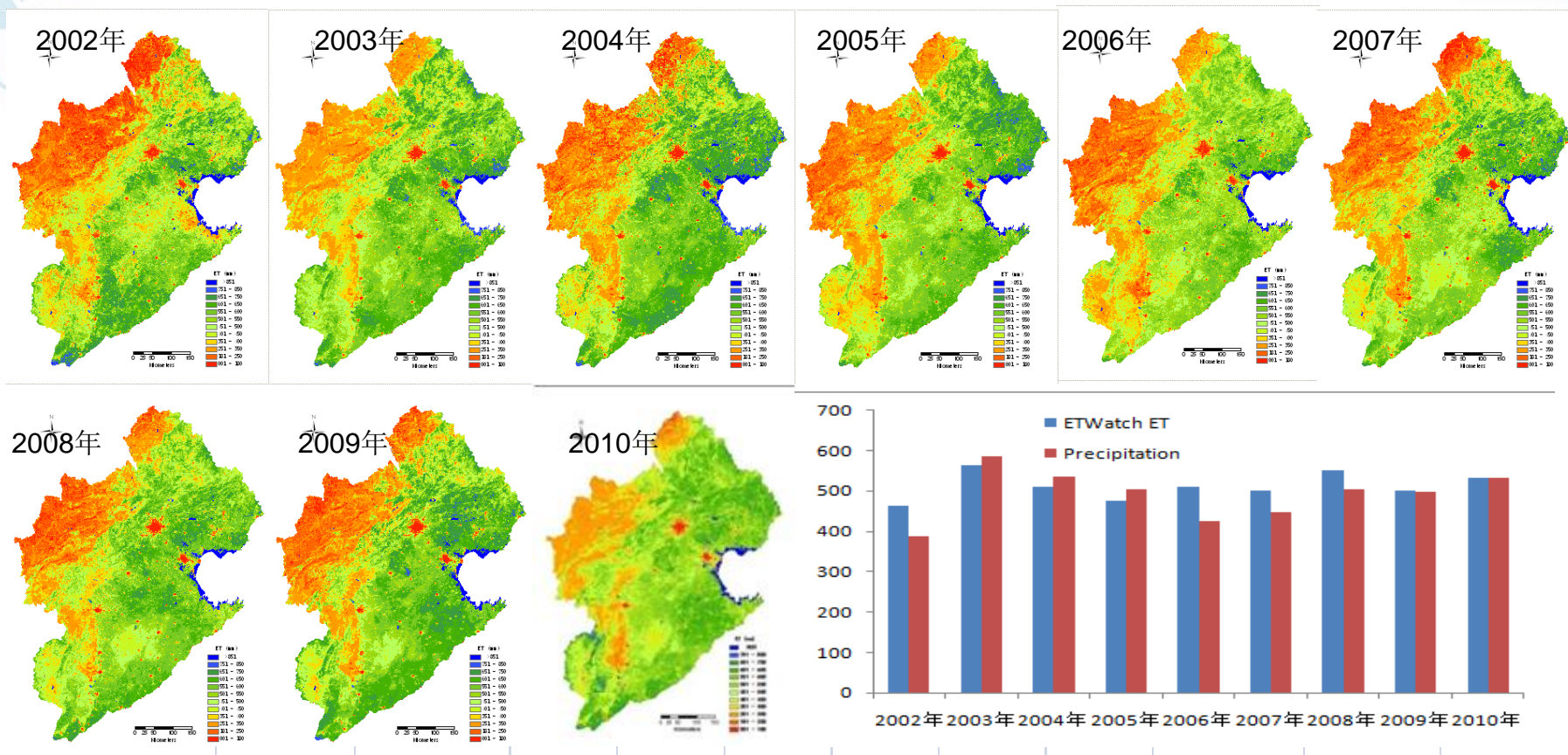
# Approach of ET Management



- ◆ ET Management has three elements: (1) reducing non-beneficial ET (2) converting non-beneficial ET to beneficial ET or (3) Increasing productivity of beneficial ET
- ◆ Increasing ET productivity will reduce water competition for irrigation from other sectors and improve social well-being by allowing water to be moved into higher value sectors.



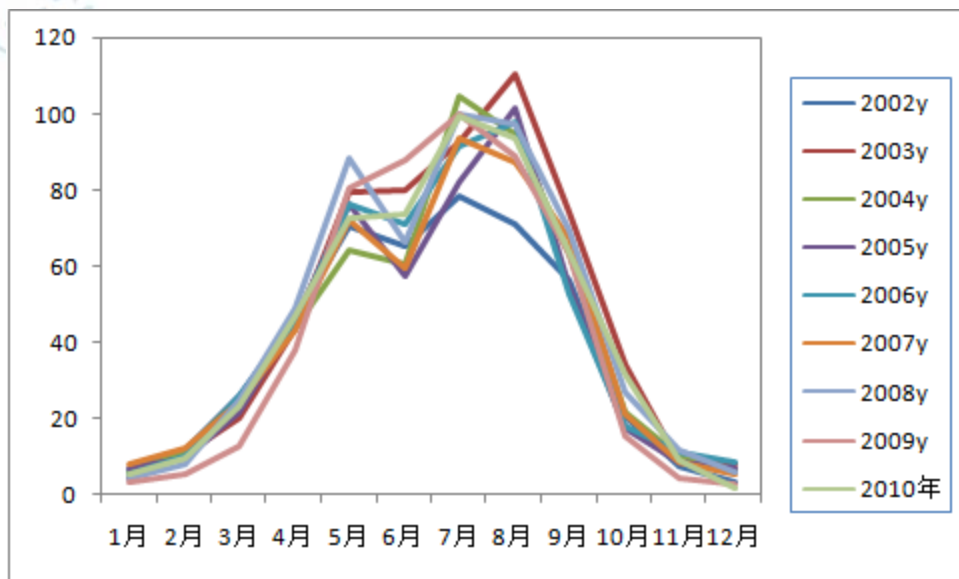
# Hai basin 1km ET dataset



	2002y	2003y	2004y	2005y	2006y	2007y	2008y	2009y	2010y
ETWatch ET	463.923	564.983	509.915	474.826	511.298	501.052	551.562	502.148	531.587
Precipitation	387.00	587.28	535.11	504.87	426.75	448.04	504.17	499.15	531.84



# Monthly 1km ET dataset on Hai basin, 2002-2010



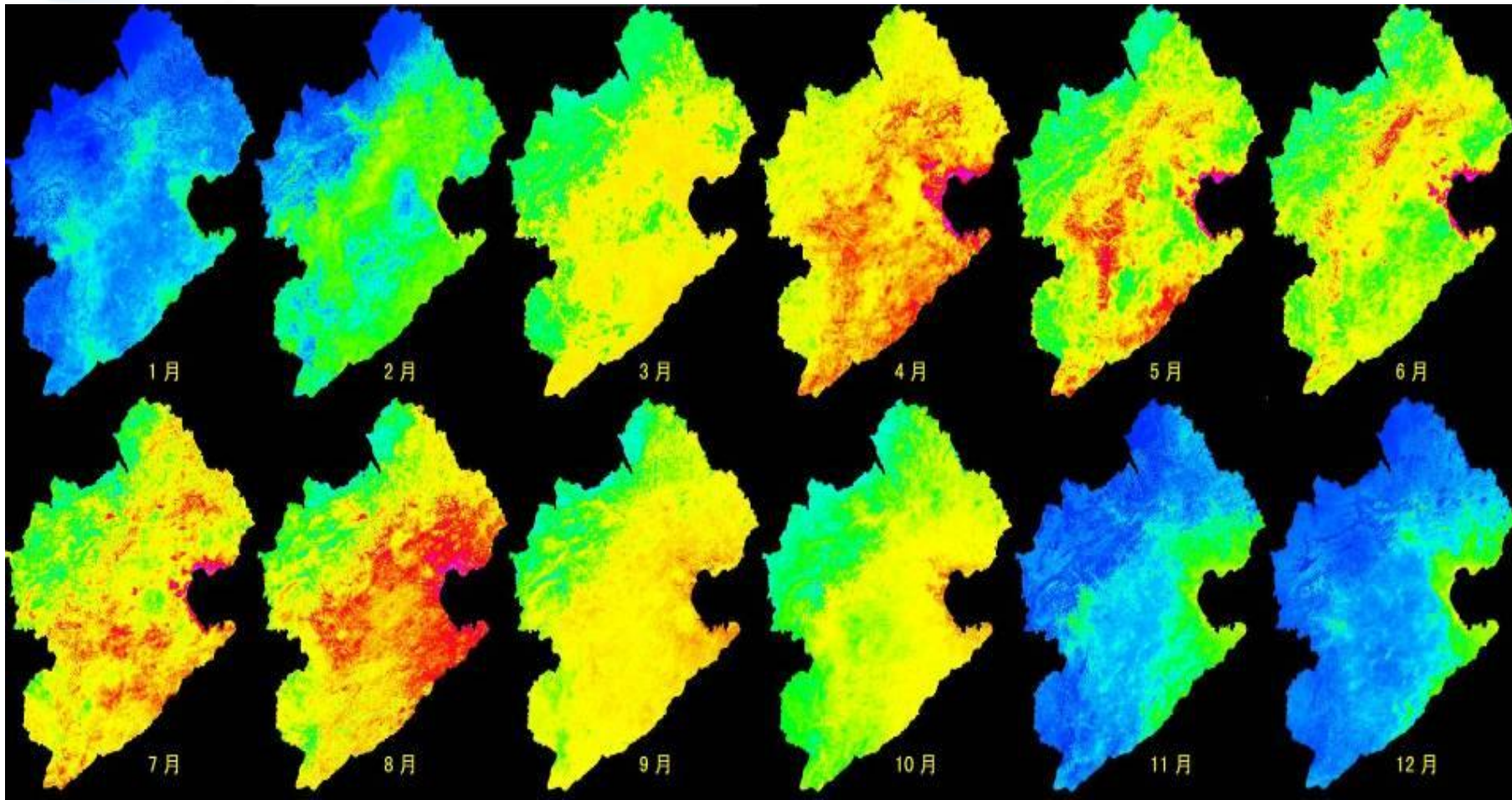
2002-2010逐月ET

海河	2002年	2003年	2004年	2005年	2006年	2007年	2008年	2009年	2010年
1月	6.54	4.14	5.96	7.1	5.26	7.79	4.36	3.17	5.28
2月	11.64	10.33	11.25	9.8	9.91	12.1	7.78	5.47	9.92
3月	25.86	19.81	25.37	21.92	25.57	24	24.94	12.41	23.34
4月	46.58	43.63	43.54	46.05	44.56	43.18	48.98	38.19	47.16
5月	70.74	79.18	64.08	76.52	75.87	71.87	88.23	80.6	72.49
6月	65.31	80.01	60.24	57.27	71.13	59.53	66.26	88.11	73.9
7月	78.39	92.76	104.55	81.99	91.43	93.66	100.01	100.18	99.44
8月	70.79	110.38	94.39	101.54	97.64	87.55	97.58	89.27	93.48
9月	56.35	74	62.9	54.78	52.63	67.55	69.45	63.37	63.84
10月	20.83	34.33	21.47	17.58	18.04	20.68	26.97	15.37	31.75
11月	7.72	8.61	9.96	8.38	10.91	8.25	11.46	4.06	9.17
12月	3.33	7.96	6.36	6.97	8.5	5.05	5.71	2.59	1.8

# Monthly ET in Hai Basin, 2003

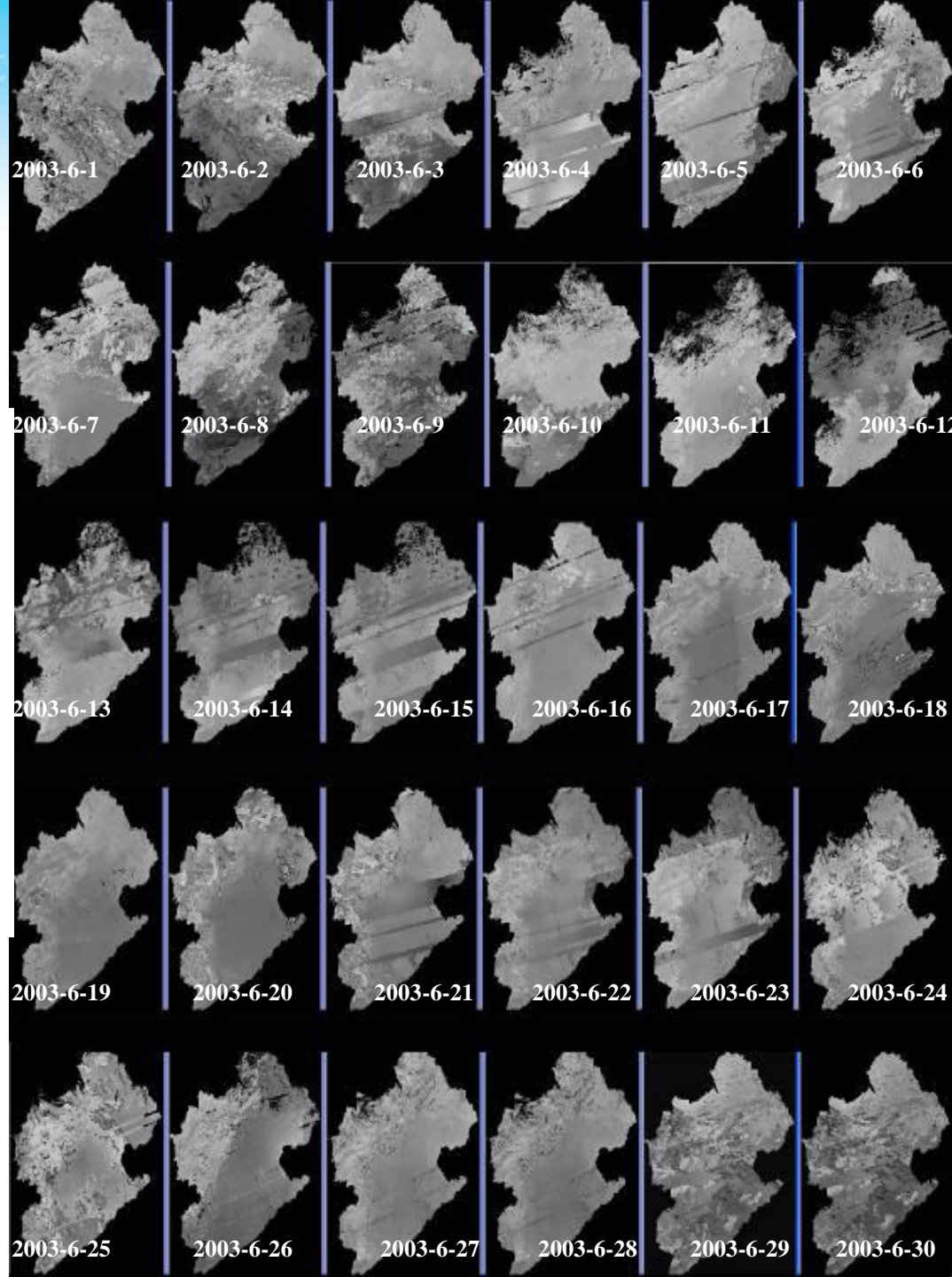
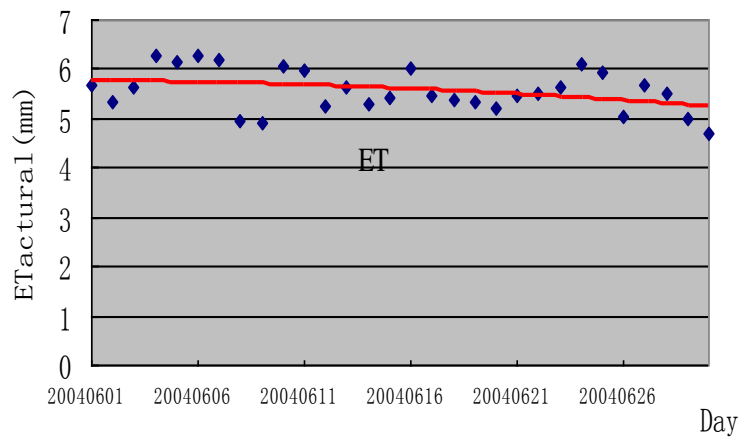
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0 - 10	mm
10 - 25	mm
25 - 40	mm
40 - 55	mm
55 - 70	mm
70 - 85	mm
85 - 100	mm





# Daily ET June 2003



# ET is main water consumption at basin level

- Three energy sources for water consumption
- Water consumption from solar energy (i.e. ET) accounts for 98%.

The water consumption from different energy sources, Hai Basin, 2002-2008 ( $10^8\text{m}^3$ )

Item	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Average
ET from solar energy	1480.9	1804.7	1627.3	1516.1	1632.4	1599.4	1760.3	1631.6
Water consumption from mineral energy	30.9	30.6	34.9	40.9	40.9	40.9	40.9	37.1
Water consumption from biological energy	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total water consumption	1512.6	1836.1	1663.0	1557.8	1674.1	1641.1	1802.0	1669.5

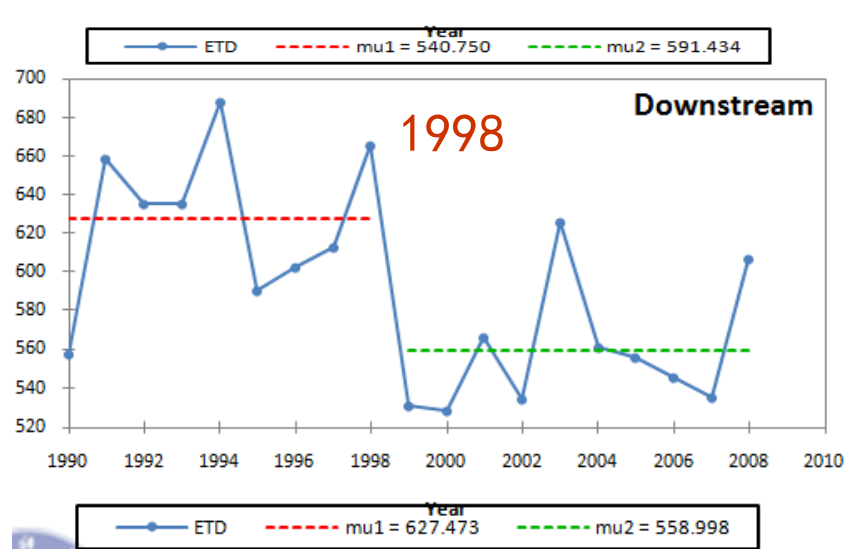
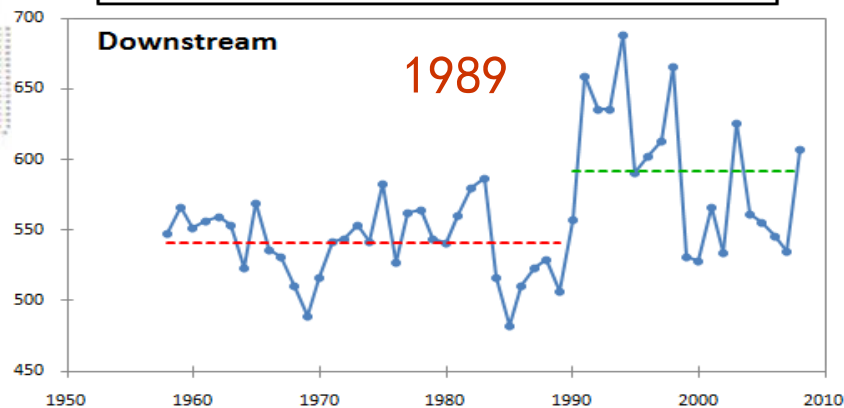
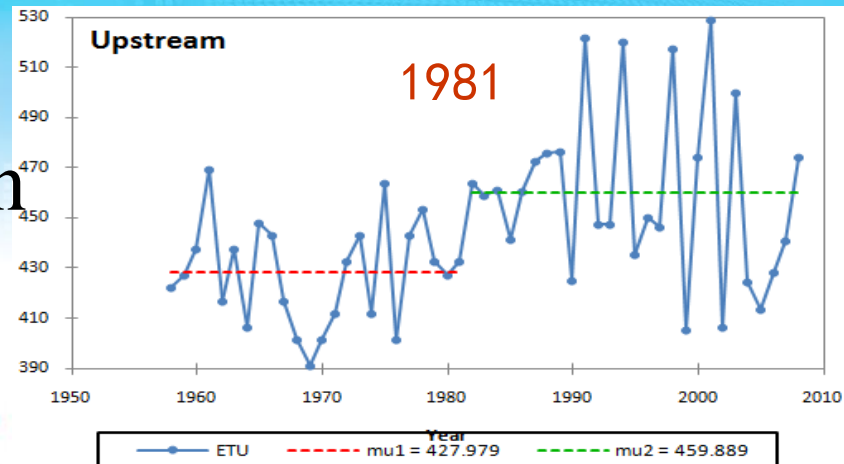
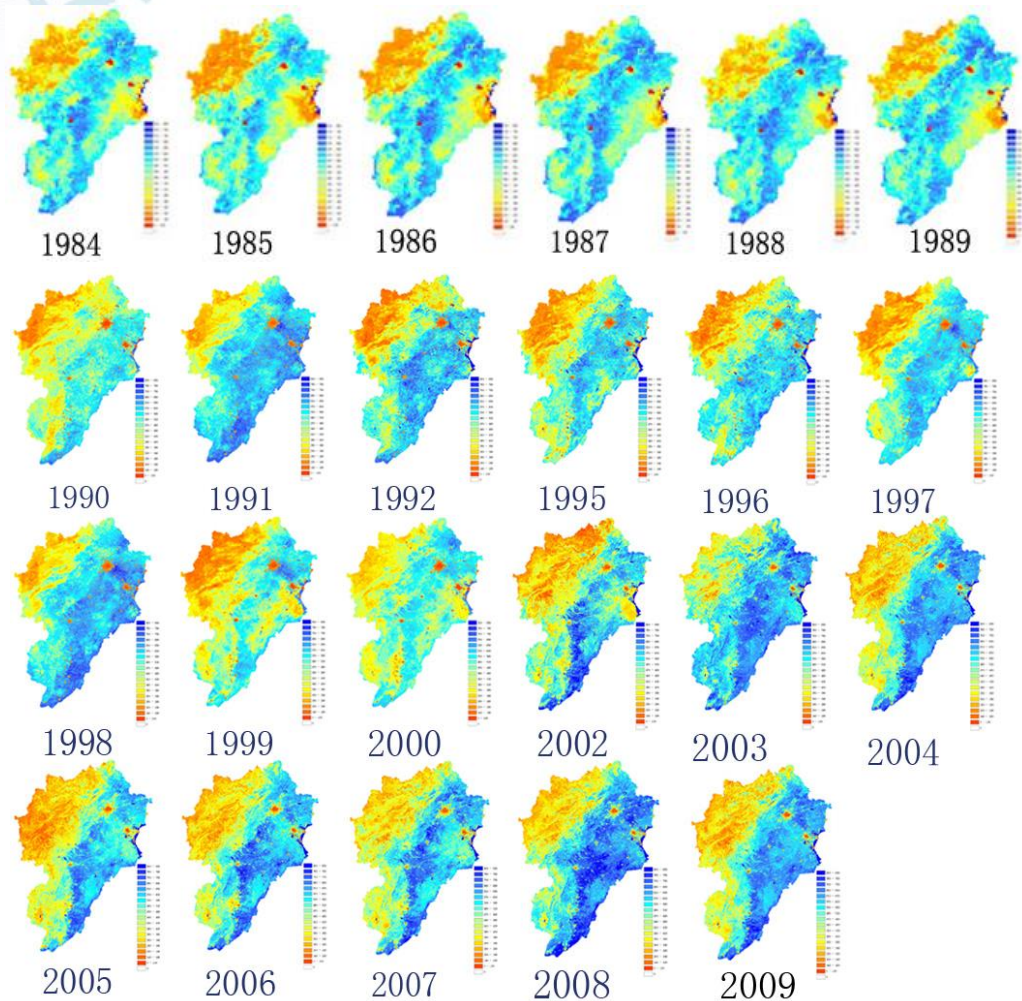


# Water balance based on water consumption in Hai Basin

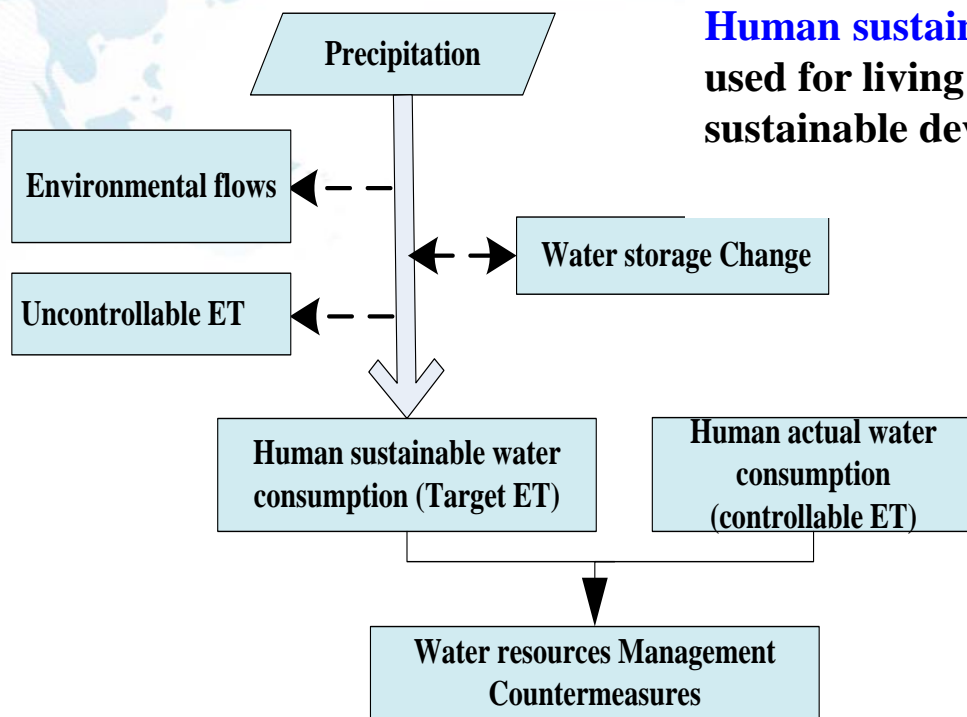
Item ( $10^8 m^3$ )	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average	%
<b>Water Resource(I+P)</b>	1320.2	1899.0	1764.8	1595.8	1448.8	1590.4	1603.1	100.00%
Inflow	46.4	36.1	42.3	37.3	46.3	42.8	41.9	2.60%
Precipitation	1273.8	1862.9	1722.4	1558.5	1402.5	1547.5	1561.3	97.40%
<b>Outflow</b>	1.8	21.8	37.1	24.9	13.9	17.1	19.4	
<b>Actual Water Consumption</b>	1511.5	1833.8	1661.8	1556.6	1672.7	1639.8	1646	100.00%
Agri ET	842.2	970.0	919.6	843.8	902.3	889.9	894.6	54.30%
Eco-environ ET	637.5	832.4	706.6	671.0	728.7	708.2	714.1	43.40%
Living water consumption	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.10%
Industrial water consumption	30.9	30.6	34.9	40.9	40.9	40.9	36.5	2.20%
<b>Water Storage Change <math>\Delta s</math></b>	-193.1	43.4	65.9	14.4	-237.8	-66.5	-62.3	

- ❑ The average water storage change is 6.23 billion  $m^3$
- ❑ The Agricultural ET accounted 54.3% of the total water consumption

# Spatio-temporal variation of Evapotranspiration in Hai basin from 1984-2009



# Watershed water consumption balance model



**Human sustainable consumable water:** the consumable water used for living and production while maintaining the sustainable development of ecological environment.

## Three conditions:

- Groundwater is not over-exploited
- Natural ecosystems are not destroyed
- Ensure that river channels have the ecological flow for the dilution of pollutants in order to maintain shipping and ecological diversity

$$SCW = P - ET_{env\_uc} - ET_{hum\_uc} - R_{env}$$

**SCW** -- human sustainable consumable water

**P** --the precipitation,

**R<sub>env</sub>** -- ecological flow

**ET<sub>env\_uc</sub>** --uncontrollable ET of natural ecosystems

**ET<sub>hum\_uc</sub>** --uncontrollable ET of artificial ecosystems.

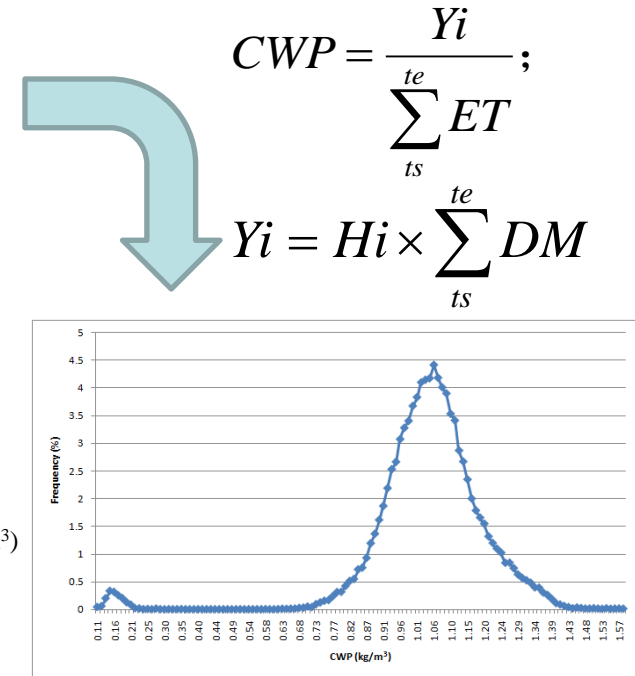
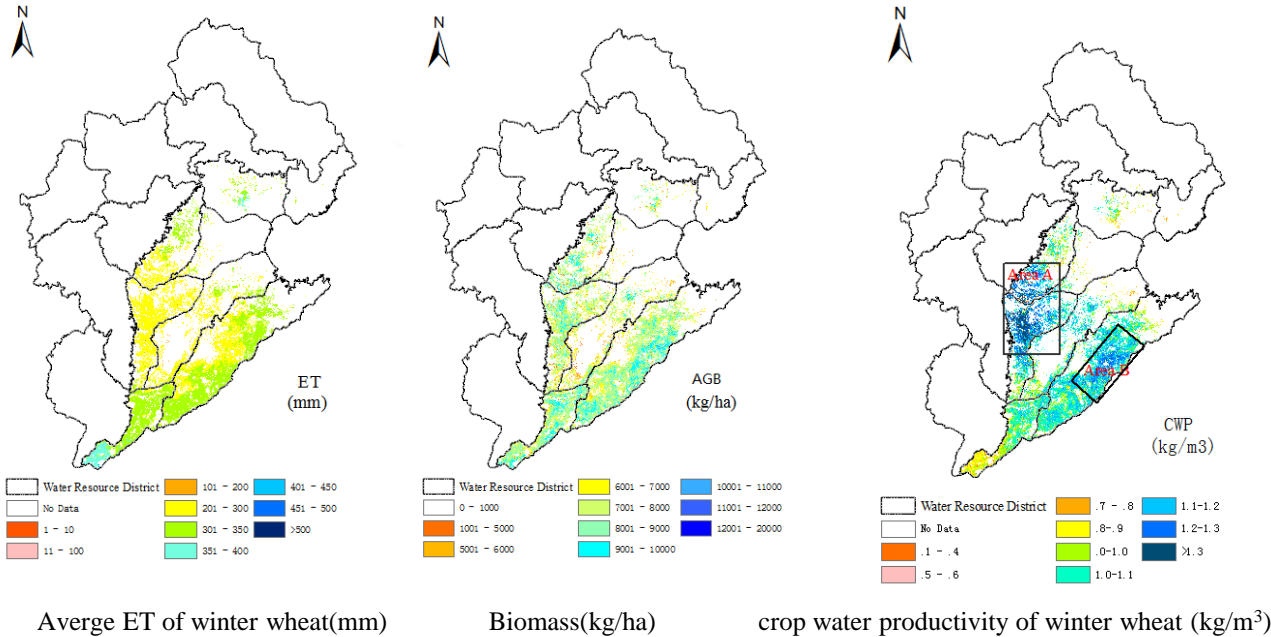
# Human sustainable water consumption and controllable ET

Third Grade	Precipitation	Uncontrollable ET	Environmental flows	Human sustainable water consumption	Solar controllable ET				Bioenergy ET	Mineral energy ET	Total human controllable
					Habitation sites			Farmland			
					Town	Rural area	Total				
Beisan river mountainous	109.86	101.58	5.24	3.04	1.21	0.47	1.68	8.44	0.01	0.30	10.43
The upstream of the Yongding River Cetian Reservoir	66.25	50.58	1.46	14.21	0.49	0.83	1.32	5.99	0.02	1.34	8.67
From the Yongding River Cetian Reservoir to Sanjiadian	108.38	86.21	2.06	20.11	0.87	1.07	1.94	9.58	0.03	1.04	12.59
Beisi river plain	82.35	45.25	2.86	35.24	8.90	1.57	10.47	35.15	0.10	3.03	48.75
Daqing river mountainous	92.11	79.10	5.44	7.57	0.54	0.41	0.95	7.20	0.01	0.48	8.64
Daqing river west plains	61.83	35.45	0.43	25.95	7.51	1.32	8.83	36.85	0.06	1.68	47.42
Daqing river east plains	68.99	41.82	1.68	25.49	6.42	0.76	7.18	26.71	0.07	1.60	35.56
Ziya river mountainous	158.00	111.25	6.52	40.23	1.50	0.88	2.38	16.91	0.04	2.62	21.95
Ziya river plains	76.34	42.15	0.26	33.93	8.27	1.77	10.04	46.34	0.07	2.64	59.09
Zhangwei river mountainous	148.27	100.72	5.85	41.70	1.17	1.34	2.51	20.00	0.04	2.24	24.79
Zhangwei river plains	52.69	26.41	1.41	24.87	3.52	1.32	4.84	32.32	0.05	1.36	38.57
Heilonggangyundong plains	119.73	67.43	1.35	50.95	8.60	1.24	9.84	62.94	0.06	1.36	74.20
Hai River system	1145.82	787.95	34.55	323.32	48.99	12.99	61.98	308.43	0.58	19.69	390.68
The proportion of the total controllable					13%	3%	16%	79%	0%	5%	100%



# Crop Water Productivity(CWP) estimation in Hai Basin

## Methods and results



- Average CWP of winter wheat from 2003 to 2009 is 1.05kg/m<sup>3</sup> (Western Europe>1.2, FAO).
- CWP can reach 1.2kg/m<sup>3</sup> with ET reduction of 36.5mm for winter wheat under the premise that yield dose not change.

# Crop Water Productivity(CWP) estimation in Hai Basin

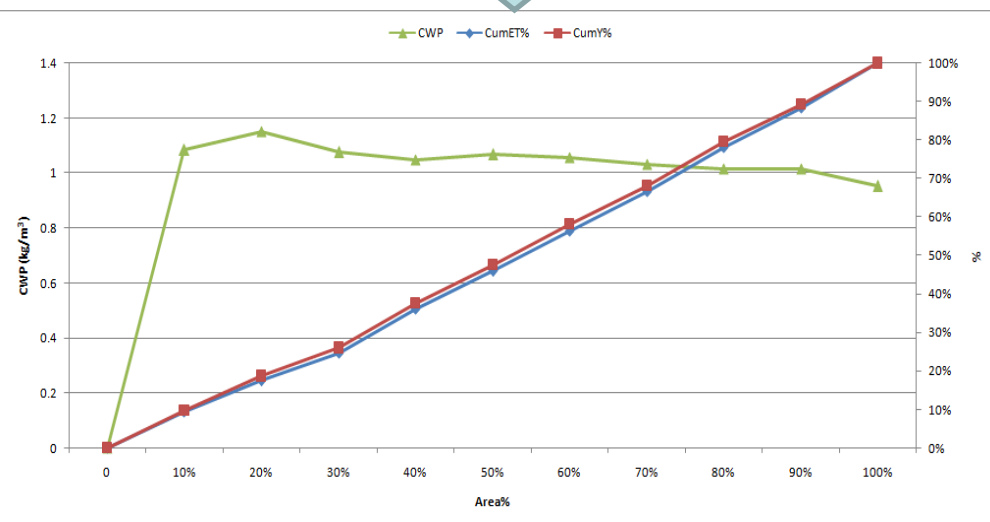
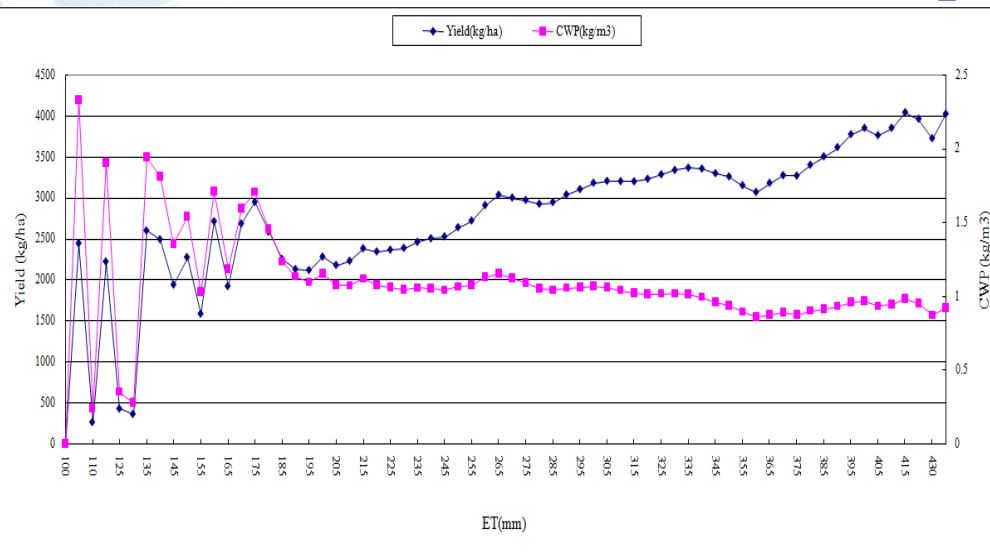
## Spatio-temporal integration analysis

The relations among ET, Yield and CWP at the regional scale :

□ The relation between yield and ET is significant, and correlation coefficient is 0.93

□ With increasing ET, Yield increases significantly, while CWP values are relatively stable.

□ It can be concluded that water saving does not necessarily mean the improvement of water productivity



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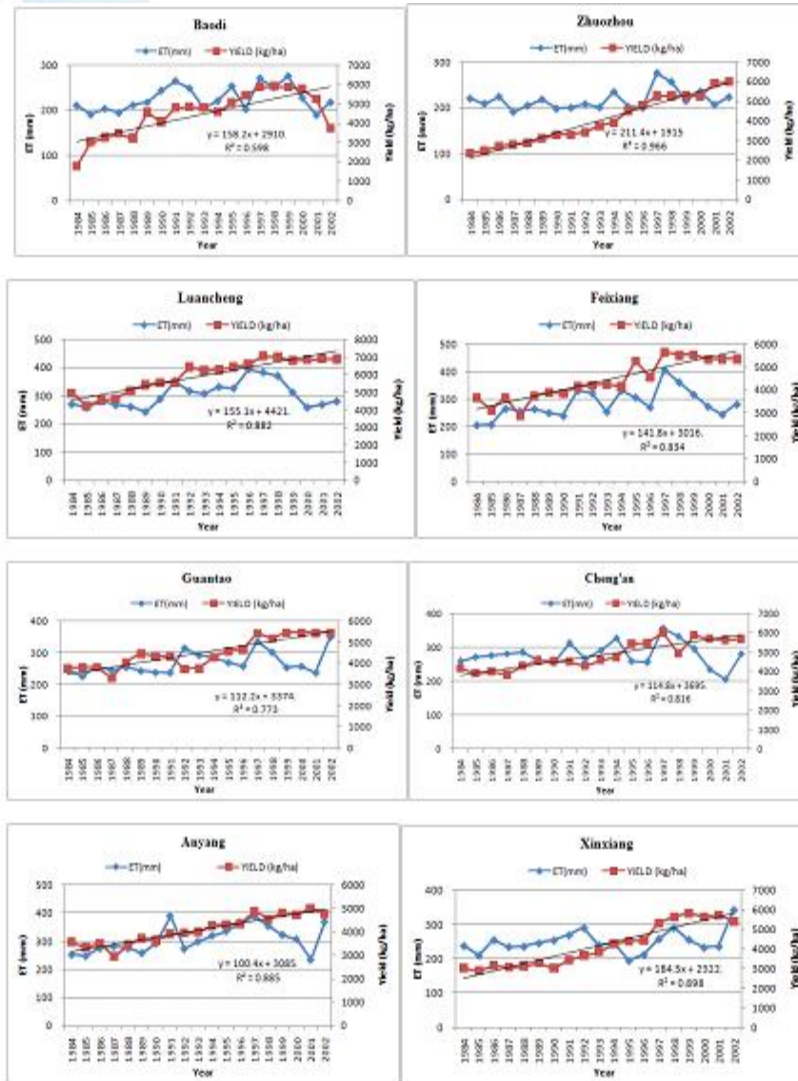
## Spatio-temporal integration analysis

The temporal change relation among yield CWP, and ET:

□ The significant linear increase trends of winter wheat yield were found at all stations from 1982 to 2002, without corresponding increase in ET. The increase in CWP depends on an increase in yield rather than on a reduction in ET.

□ The effects of irrigation engineering measures on the improvement of CWP, have been confirmed by the field experiments. The increase in CWP depends only on water saving would be very difficult.

The existing viewpoints of “Increasing yield through increasing ET” and “Increasing CWP through water saving measures implements ” are not appropriate for Hai River Basin.



# Water saving analysis in Hai Basin

**Based on water productivity**

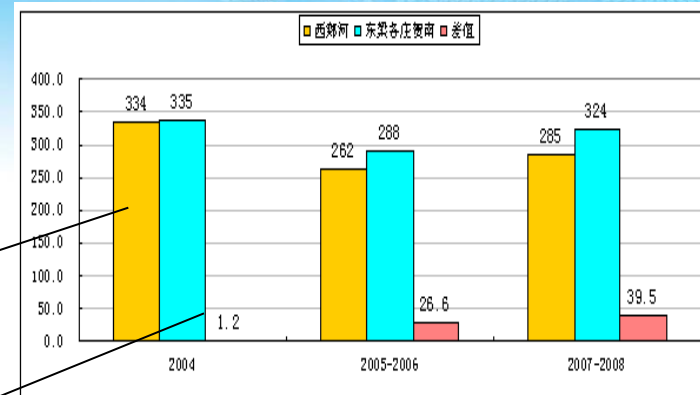
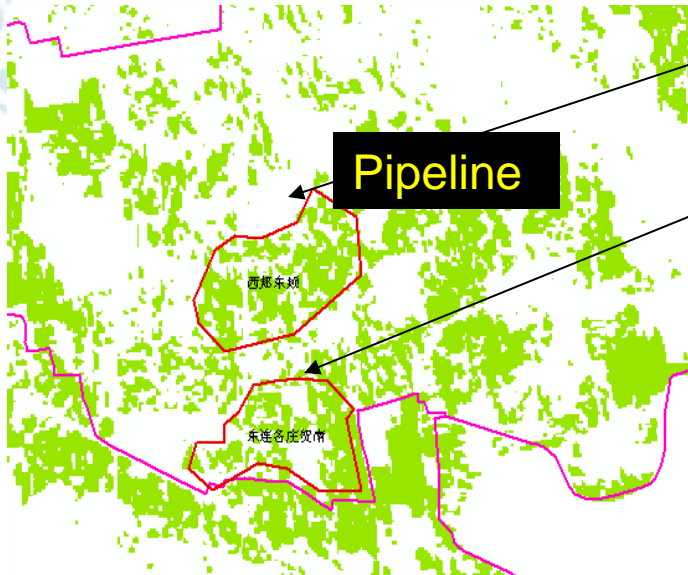
**Water saving potential in the farmland of Hai Basin from 2003 to 2009**

Third Grade District	CWP threshold	ET reduction	Area	Water saving potential in the farmland $10^8\text{m}^3$
Beisan river mountainous	1.14	74.1	3153	2.34
From the Yongding River Cetian Reservoir to Sanjiadian	1.11	72.7	11826	8.60
The upstream of the Yongding River Cetian Reservoir	0.88	73.1	11126	8.13
Beisi river plain	1.13	65.2	11583	7.55
Daqing river mountainous	1.15	55.8	3807	2.13
Daqing river west plains	1.18	48.8	10053	4.90
Daqing river east plains	1.17	49.8	9403	4.68
Ziya river mountainous	1.16	55.1	11584	6.39
Heilonggangyundong plains	1.31	32.1	18217	5.84
Ziya river plains	1.22	31.8	11803	3.75
Zhangwei river mountainous	1.02	40.7	11140	4.54
Zhangwei river plains	1.17	26.3	7370	1.94
Total				60.79

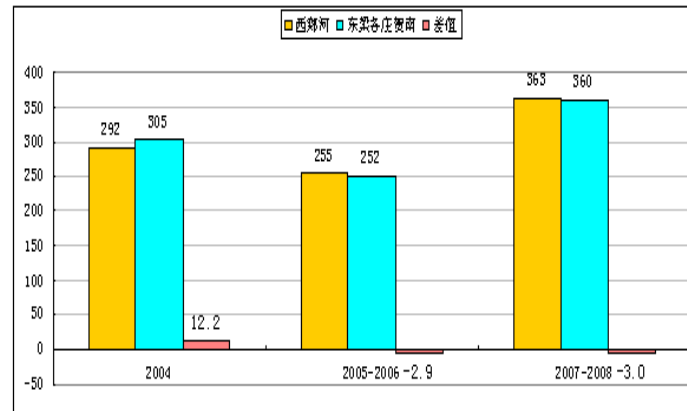
□ The total water saving potential of Hai Basin is  $60.79 * 10^8\text{m}^3$ .



# Water Saving



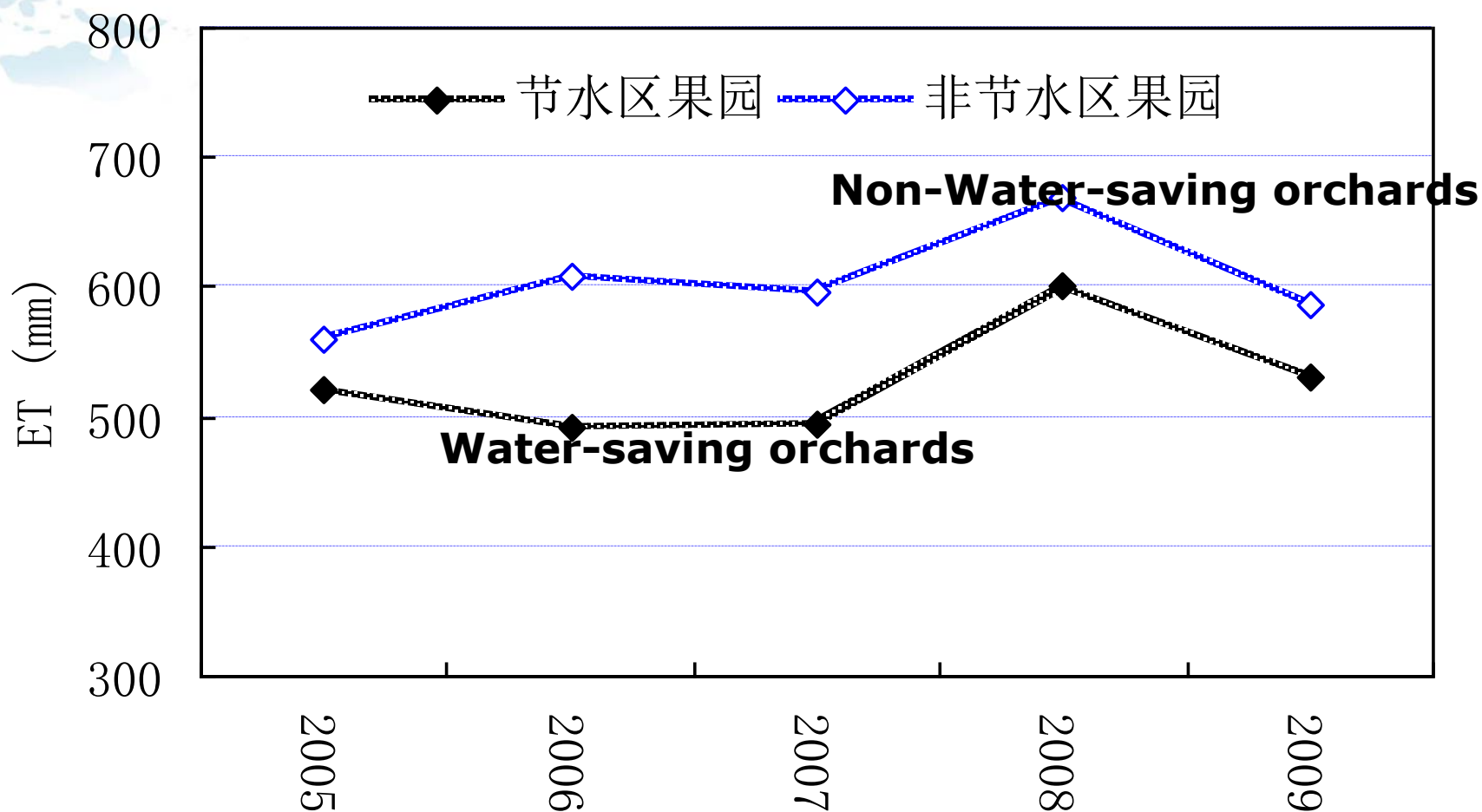
Wheat



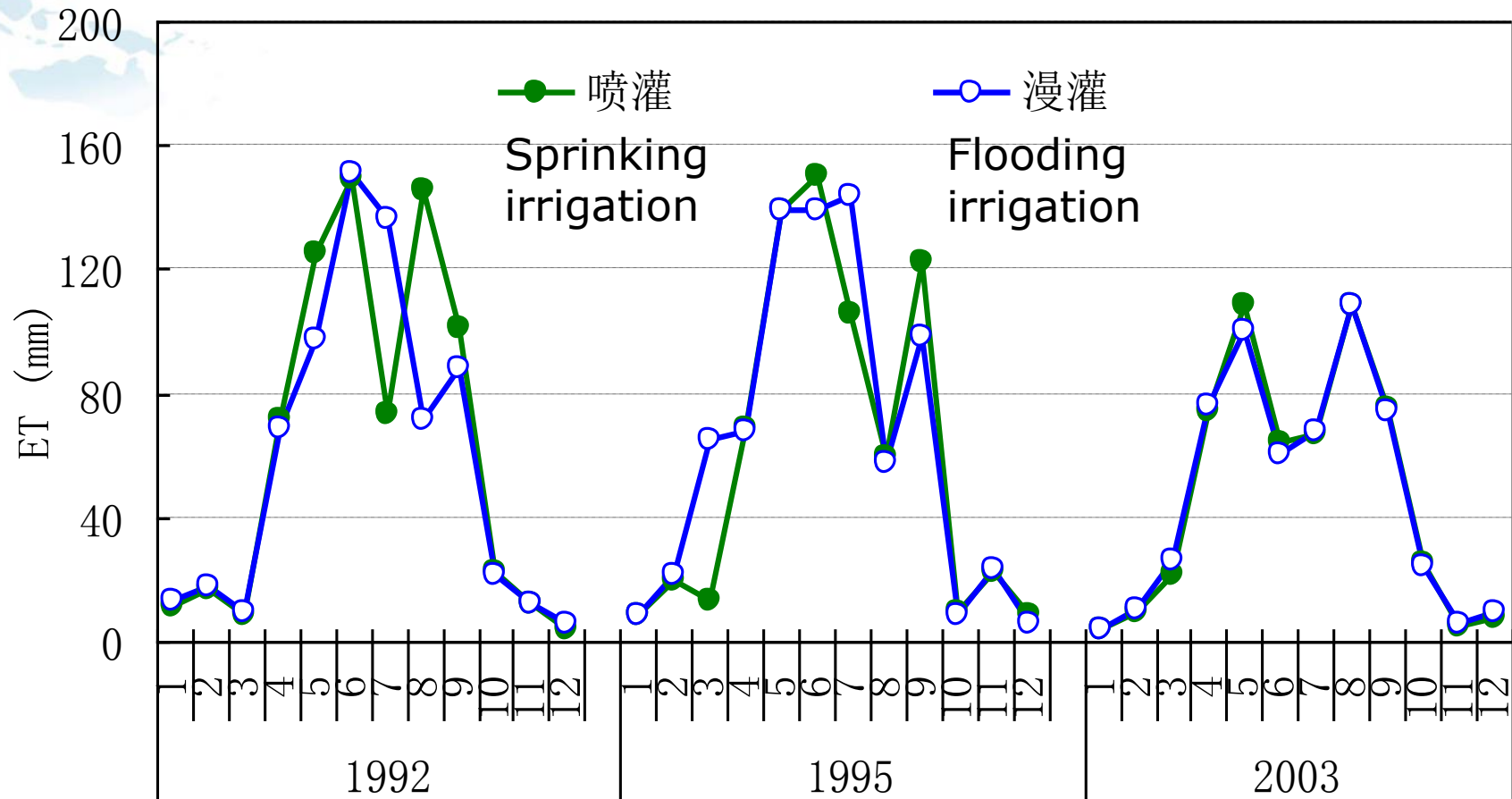
Maize

- Water saving measure: Xijiahe, pipeline irrigation since 2005
- Since 2005, ET in Xijiahe is lower than Donlianggezhuang in wheat growth season; But there is little difference in maize

# The water-saving effect of orchards drip irrigation in Neiqiu county

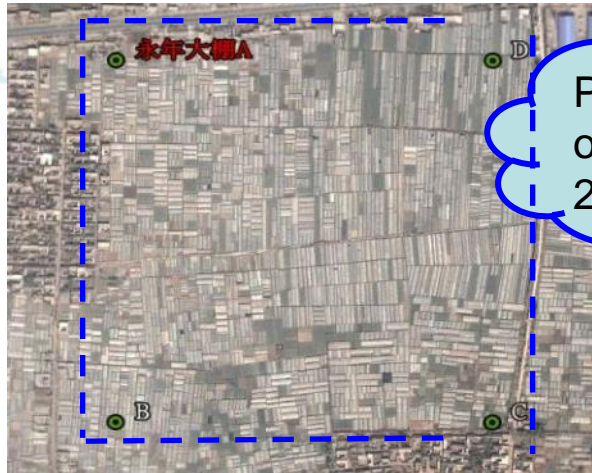


# Crop ET distribution of different irrigation modes in typical year (Dacaozhuang farms)

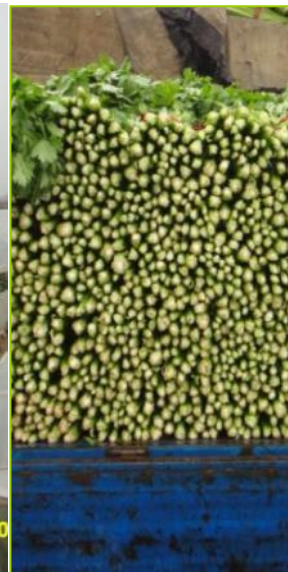
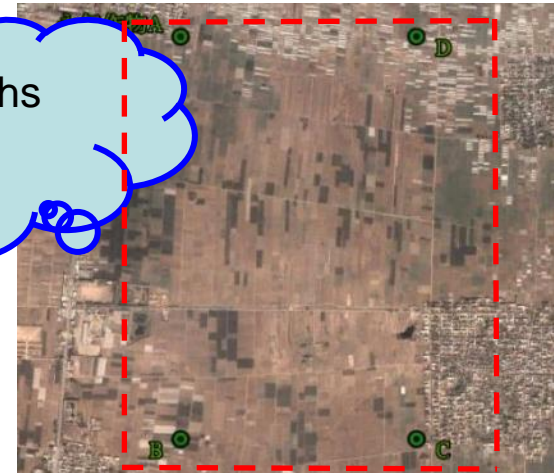




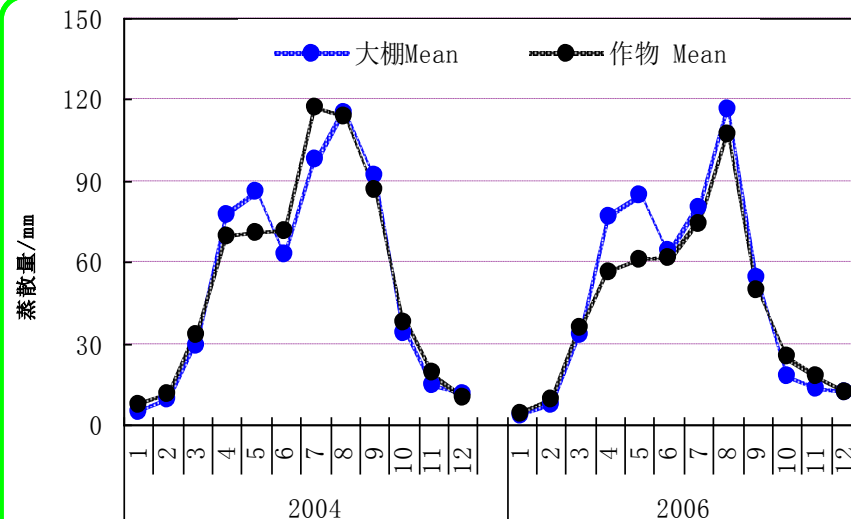
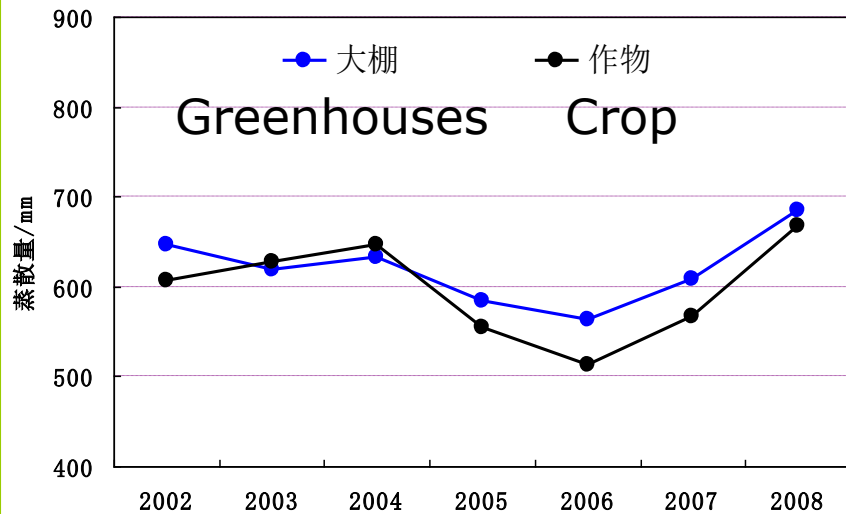
# Comparison of water consumption between vegetable greenhouses and crop in Yongnian county



Photographs  
of time  
2008/4/6







- ◆ The change trend of ET is basically consistency between field crops and Greenhouses from 2002 to 2008, and the average water consumption are 598mm and 620mm respectively. The average water consumption of vegetable greenhouses is more than field crops from 22mm to 50mm.
- ◆ The change trend of ET is basically consistency between field crops and Greenhouses during the year. The greenhouse ET was significantly higher than field crops from April to may because of rising temperatures, and the greenhouse need to be opened. At the same time vegetables are in the growing period and the water consumption was significantly higher than the water requirement of crops. The water consumption of vegetables was decreased in June, because the new vegetables is in the seeding stage.

石家庄栾城北屯示范  
区

A

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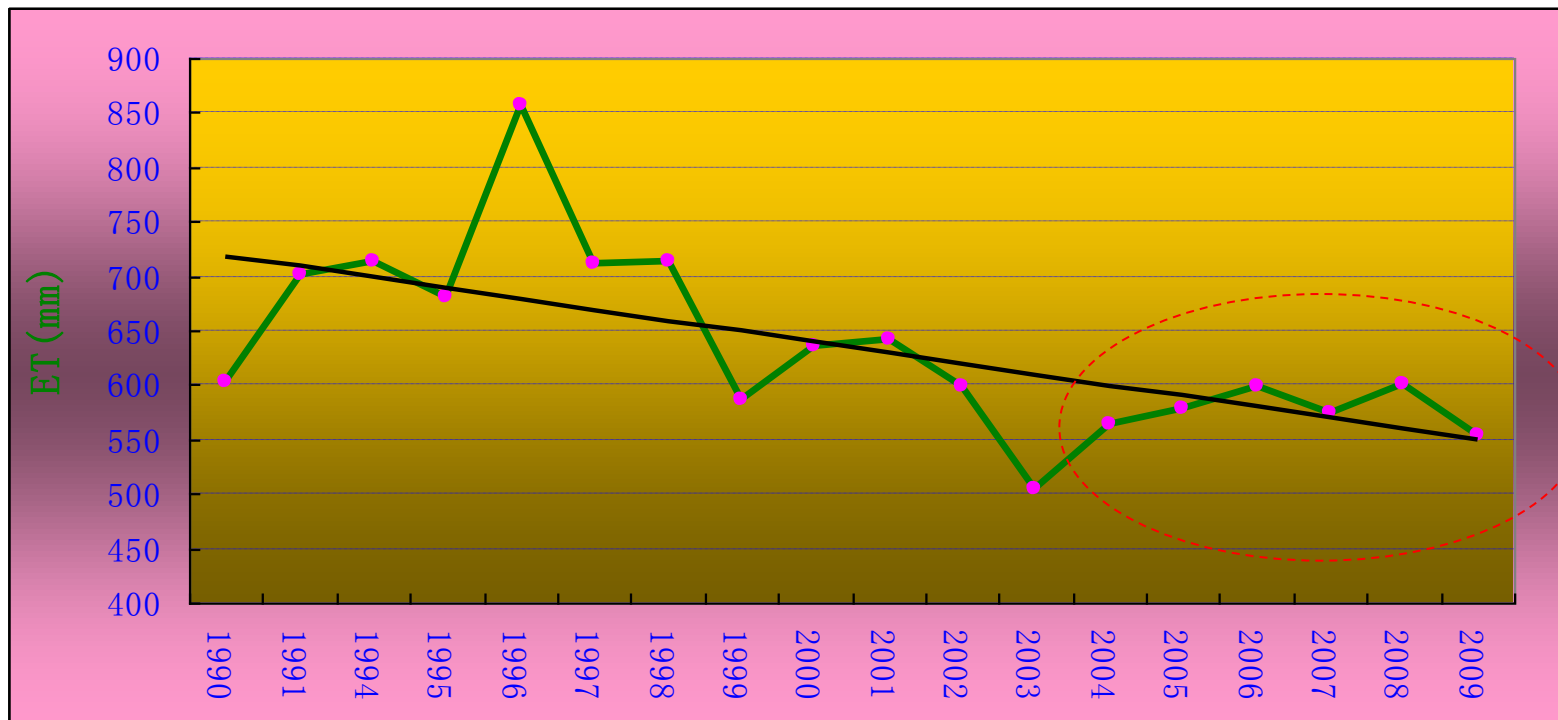
## Beitun demonstrative district

The first year of straw cover: 2003

The average ET from 1990 to 2002 is 676mm

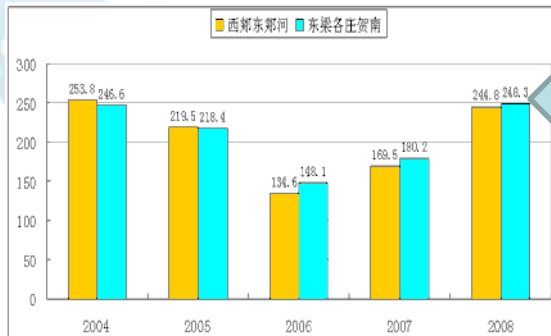
The average ET from 2003 to 2009 is 576mm

Average water- saving: 100mm

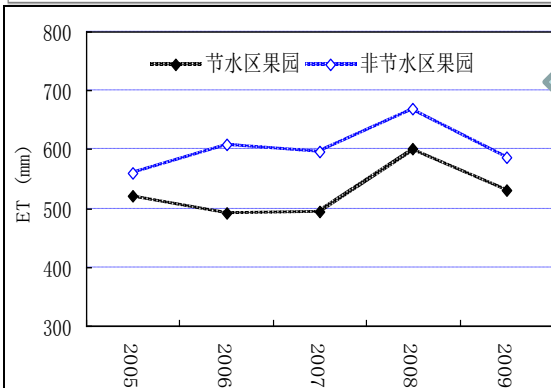
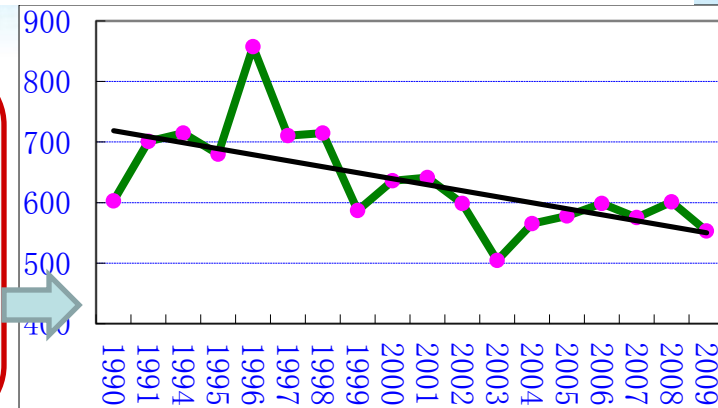


# Water saving analysis in Hai Basin

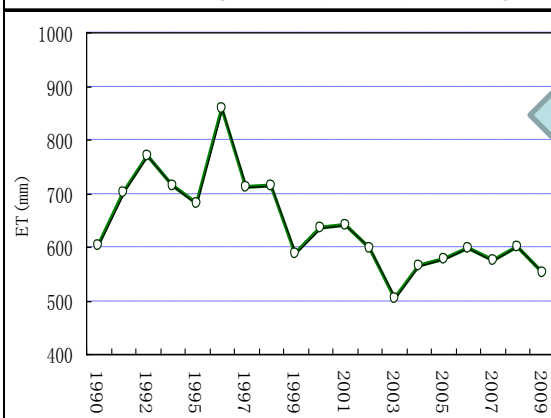
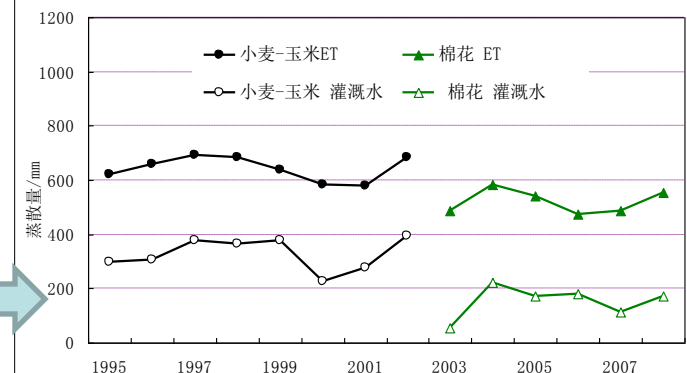
## The effect of agricultural water saving management measures



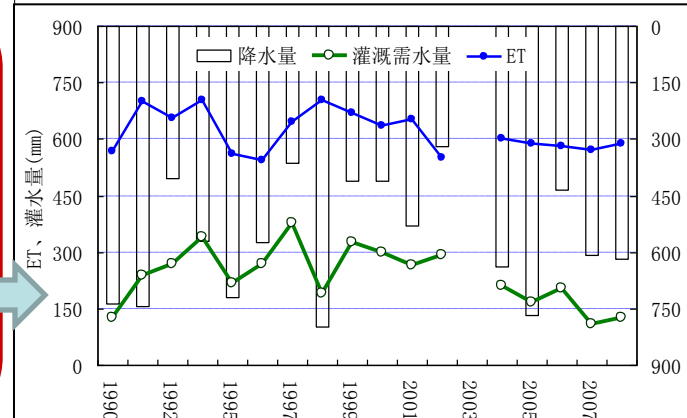
The average water saving of wheat is **16.5mm** with Tube feeding in Daxing.  
The average water saving is **49.6mm** with straw cover in Beitun demonstrative district



The average water saving of orchard is **77mm** with drip irrigation in Neiqiu.  
The average water saving is **82mm** with planting structure adjustment in Zhou county



The average water saving is **76mm** combination with agronomic, engineering and scientific irrigation in Beitun demonstrative district.  
The average water saving is **47mm** with engineering measures in Dacaozhuang county demonstrative district



# Water saving analysis in Hai Basin

## Water saving potential of different measures

	Coverage of anniversary stalks (wheat-corn)	The row spacing adjustment (wheat-corn)	Optimization of irrigation system(wheat)	Water saving and high yielding(wheat)	planting structure adjustment	Integrated water saving of wheat and corn
Area /10 <sup>4</sup> km <sup>2</sup>	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Water saving amount /mm	37.9	20-30	40-50	25-40	82	30-45
Water saving total amount /10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	16.3	8.6-13	17.2-21.5	10.8-17.2	35.3	13-19.4
Recharge /10 <sup>8</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	46.0	49.4-53.7	40.8-45.1	45.1-51.6	27.0	48.0-54.4
Scene 1			Scene 2			
Wheat growing season controllable ET/mm		187.9	Farmland controllable ET/mm			331.2
Wheat fallow area /10 <sup>4</sup> km <sup>2</sup>		2.6	Farmland fallow area /10 <sup>4</sup> km <sup>2</sup>			1.5
Proportion /%		24.8%	Proportion/%			14.1%

- ❑ The water deficit was 67.4 \*10<sup>8</sup>m<sup>3</sup> from 2002 to 2009 in Hai basin; The total water saving of integrated water saving measures was up to 19.4 \*10<sup>8</sup>m<sup>3</sup>; Because the total water saving amount is still unable to meet the sustainable development of the basin water resources, 14.8% (24.8%) of cultivated land (wheat) need to be fallow.
- ❑ The South-to-North Water Diversion project will provide about 90~140 \*10<sup>8</sup>m<sup>3</sup> of water every year, which is an important act plan to solve the deficit of water resources in the Hai basin and to gradually improve the ecological environment.



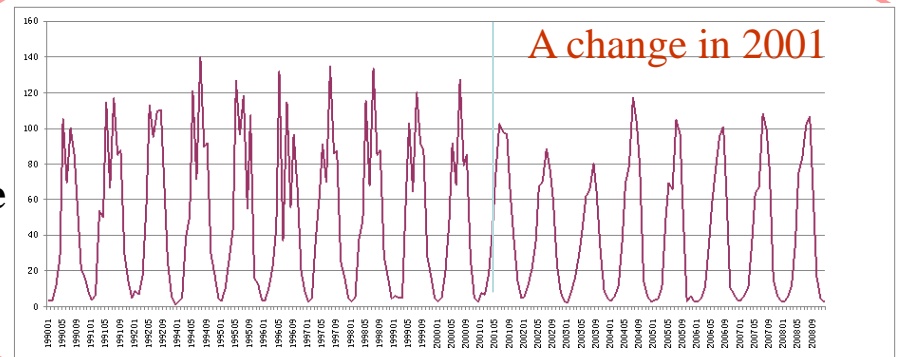
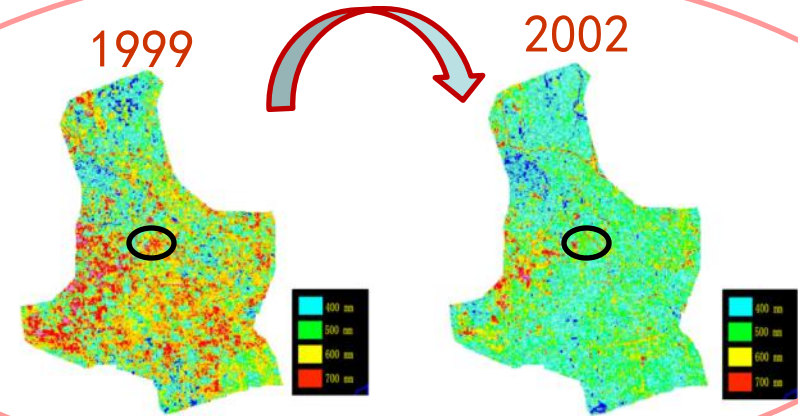
# Monitoring and evaluation of water consumption

Agricultural engineering

Water saving measures implement  
in Tongzhou

Water saving effect  
supervision after  
crop pattern  
adjustment

Planting structure adjustment in the  
downstream of Miyun reservoir



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**Before Project**

Legend(unit:mm)



**After Project**

# Remarks

## ■ **ET Technology: basin-wide and irrigation district measurement with same accuracy as prep/runoff**

- ET accuracy from ETWatch model is more than 95% on the watershed scale, more than 90% on a field scale.

## ■ **ET management**

- **simplifies WRM - wide range and future direction**
- **consumption balance is key to sustainable water resources development**
- **promotion and training needed to convince more people in water sector**
- **stimulus governance model, behaviour and awareness change on water consumption control**



# Develop water consumption saving society

What happen today?



Man-made Lawn



Man-made waterbody



Man-made ski slopes



Carwash uses groundwater



Cooling tower



Grass to forest



Canal seepage control projects



## What we should do?

- Strengthen remote sensing ET monitoring
- Monitoring water consumption from industry and mining
- Water consumption management regulations (fees, water rights, laws and so on)
- Raise awareness on water consumption



melon in gravel-mulched field



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