



# **Water Balance and Simulation of Eco-hydrological Processes along Tarim River**



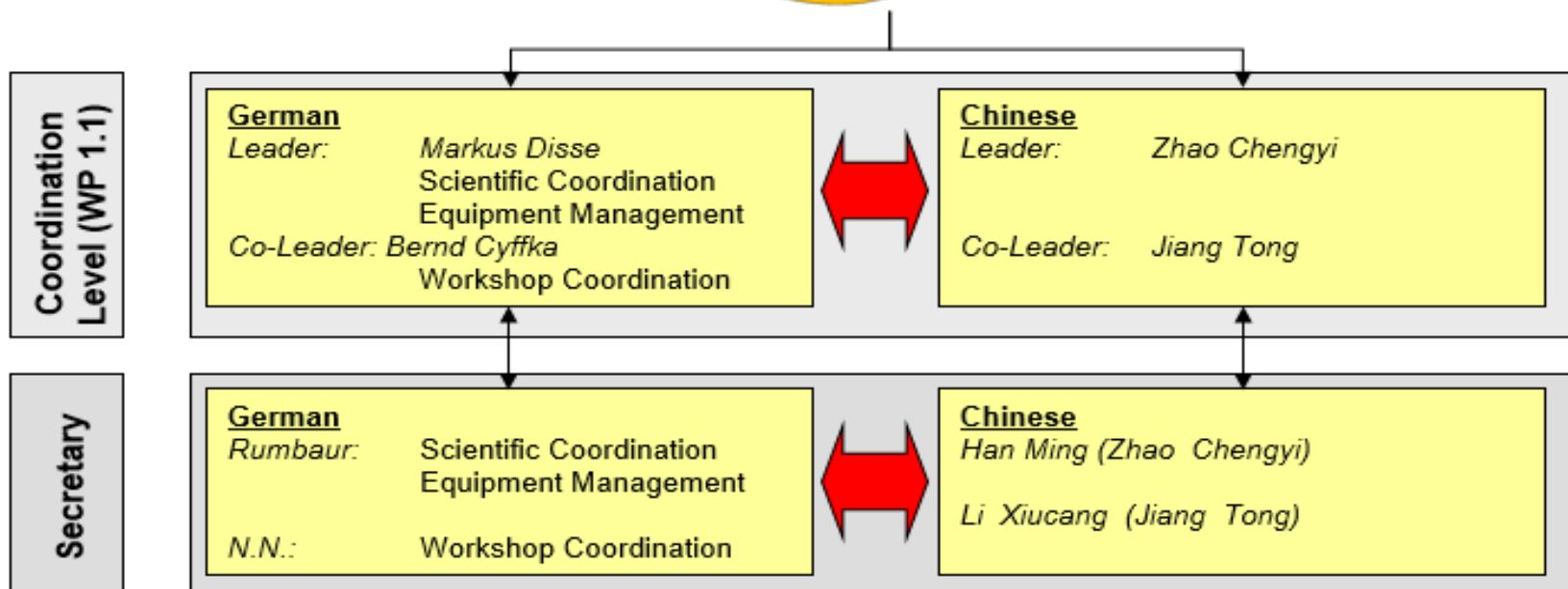
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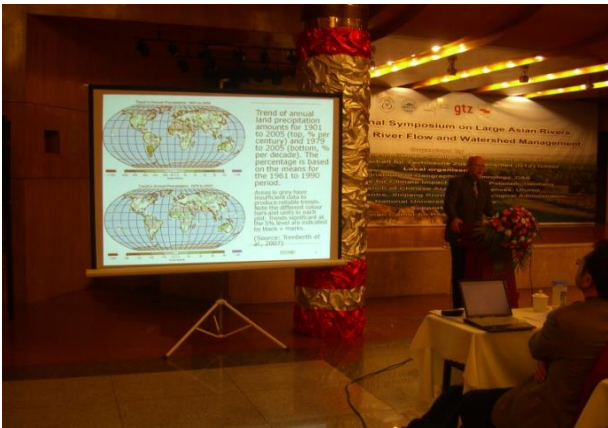
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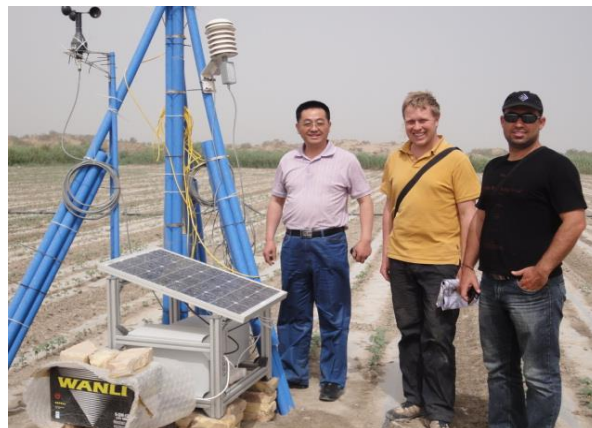
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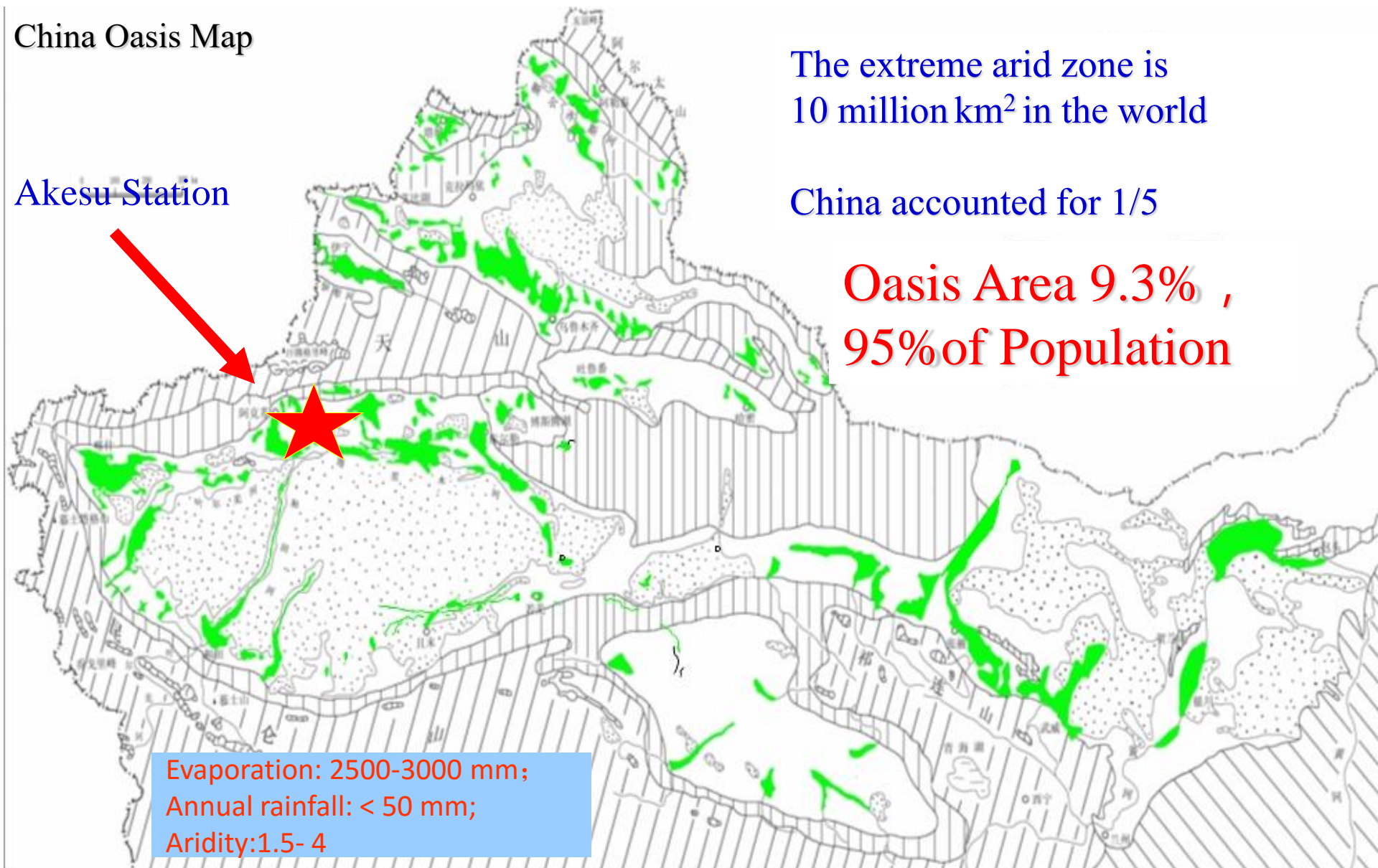
China Oasis Map

Akesu Station

The extreme arid zone is 10 million km<sup>2</sup> in the world

China accounted for 1/5

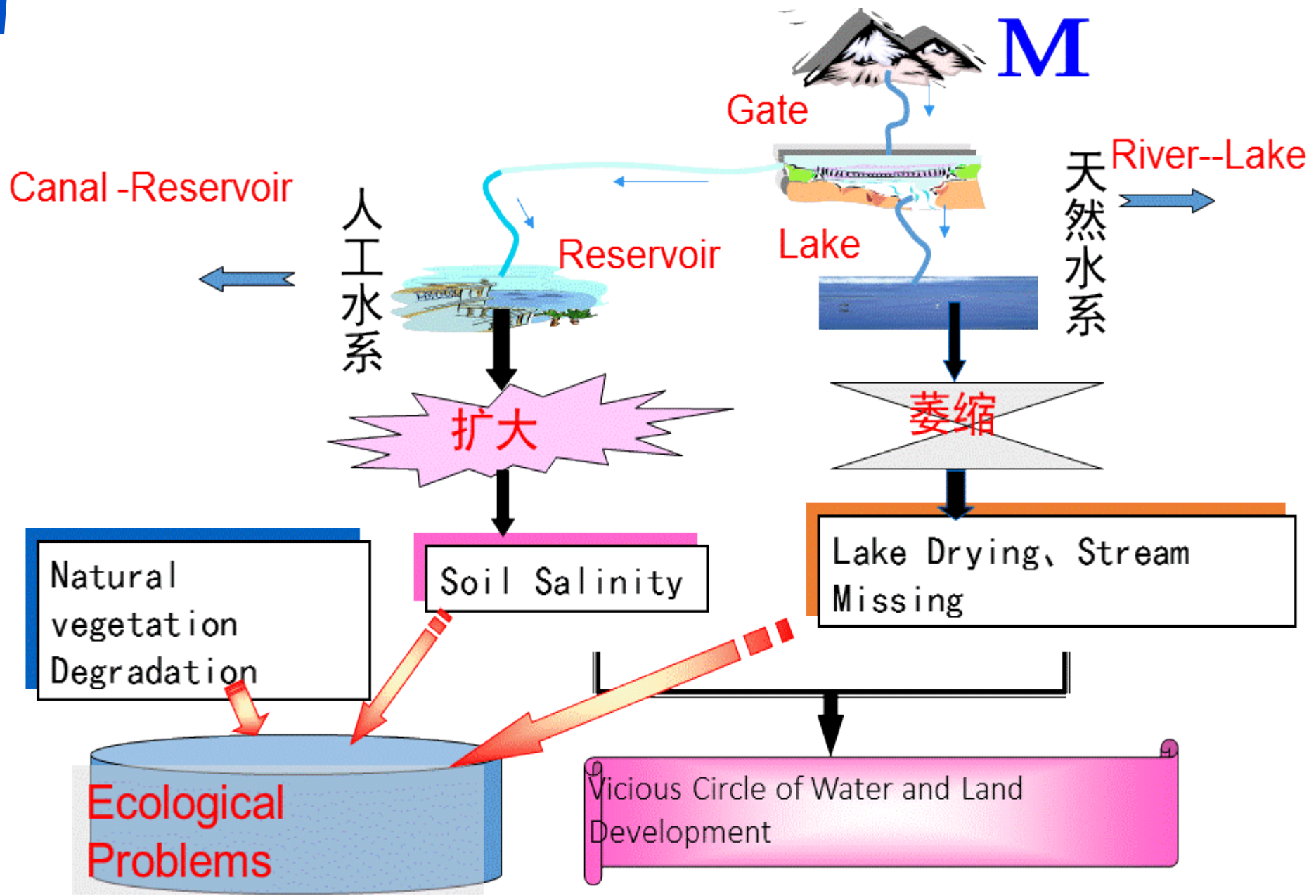
Oasis Area 9.3% , 95% of Population



Evaporation: 2500-3000 mm;  
Annual rainfall: < 50 mm;  
Aridity: 1.5- 4

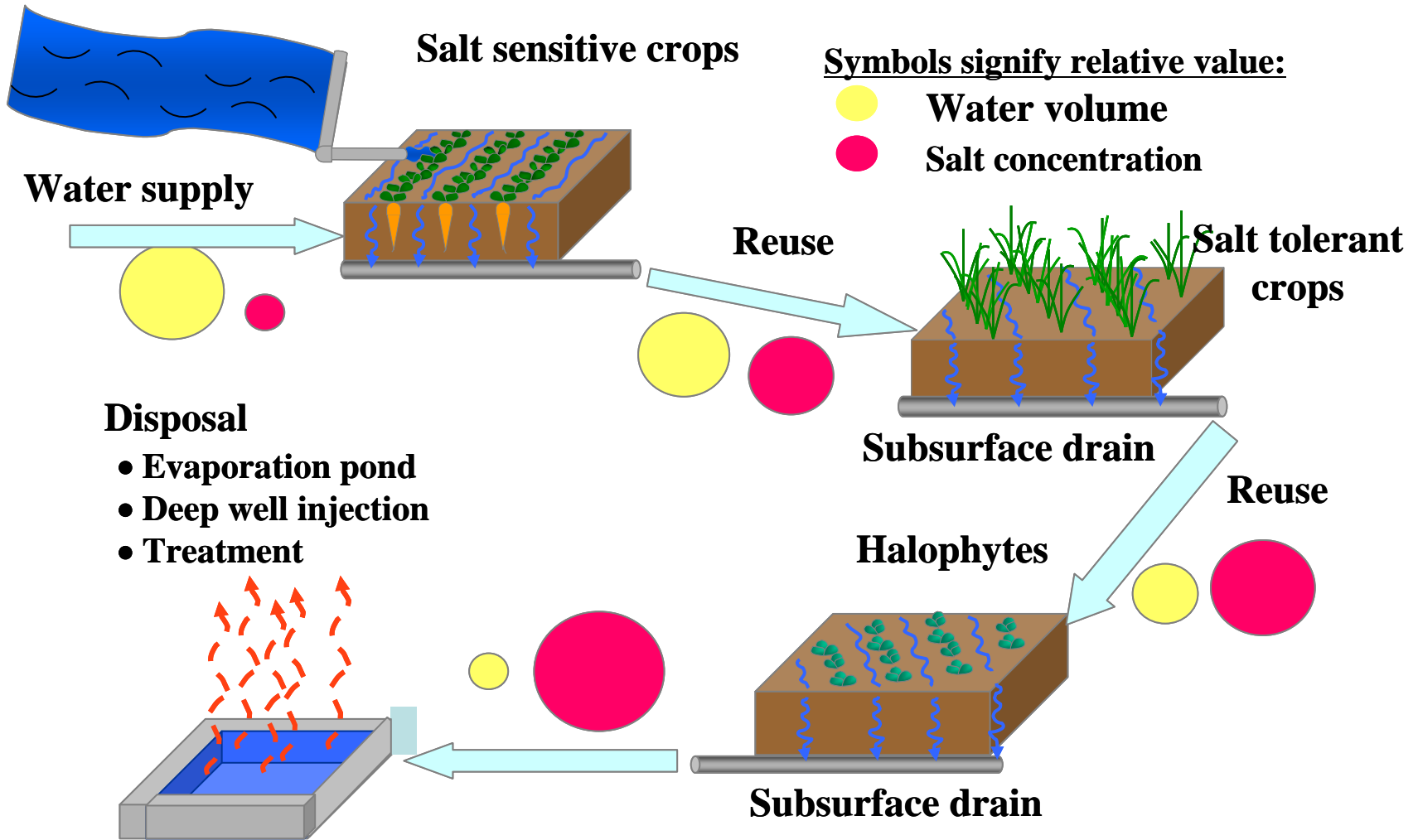


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(Zhao Chengyi, 2002)





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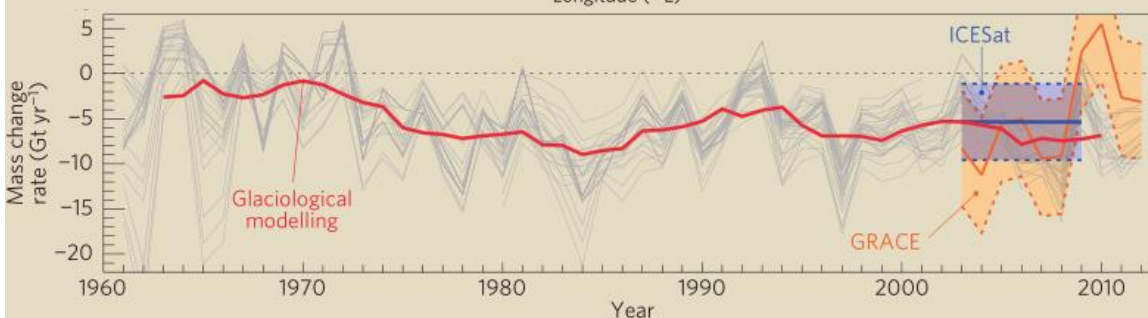
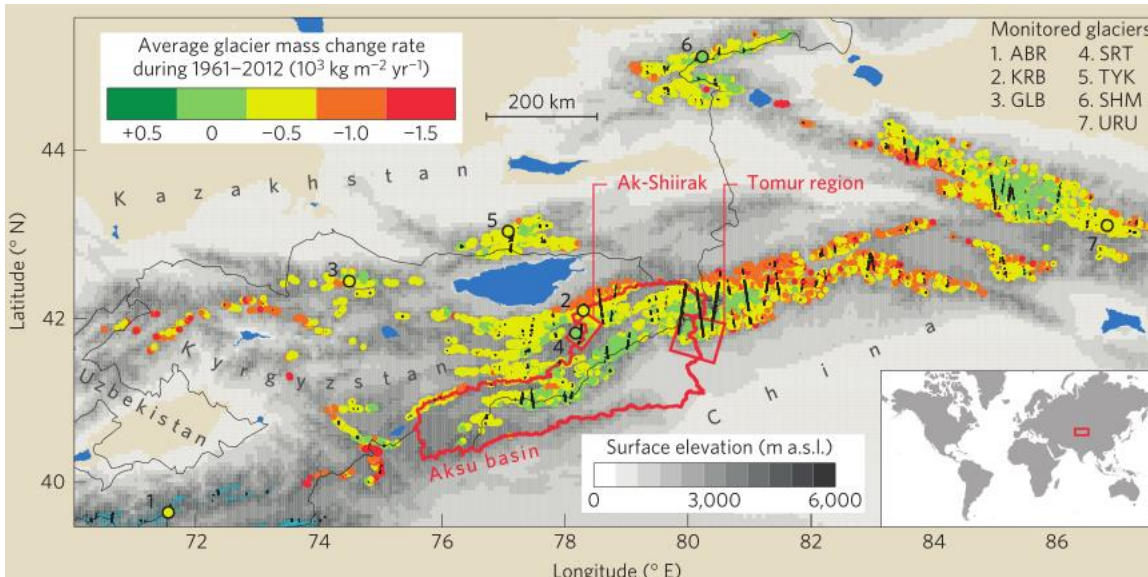
## ARTICLES

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### Substantial glacier mass loss in the Tien Shan over the past 50 years

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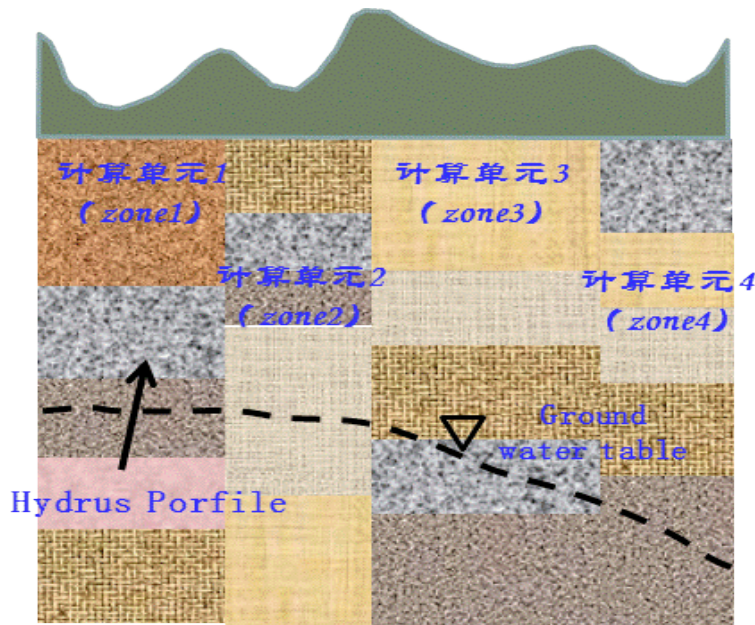
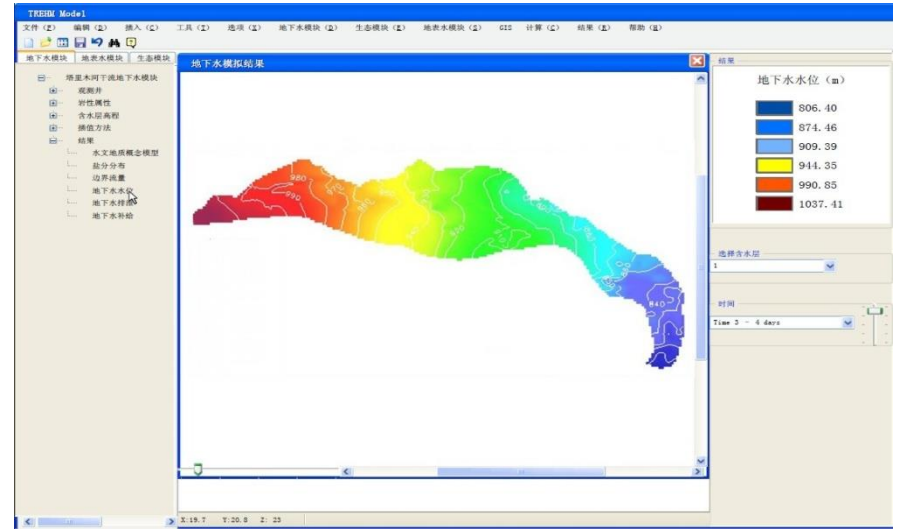
## Accelerated Glacial Melting

The overall decrease in total glacier area and mass from 1961 to 2012 to be  $18 \pm 6\%$  and  $27 \pm 15\%$ , respectively. These values correspond to a total area loss of  $2,960 \pm 1,030 \text{ km}^2$ , and an average glacier mass-change rate of  $-5.4 \pm 2.8 \text{ Gt yr}^{-1}$ .

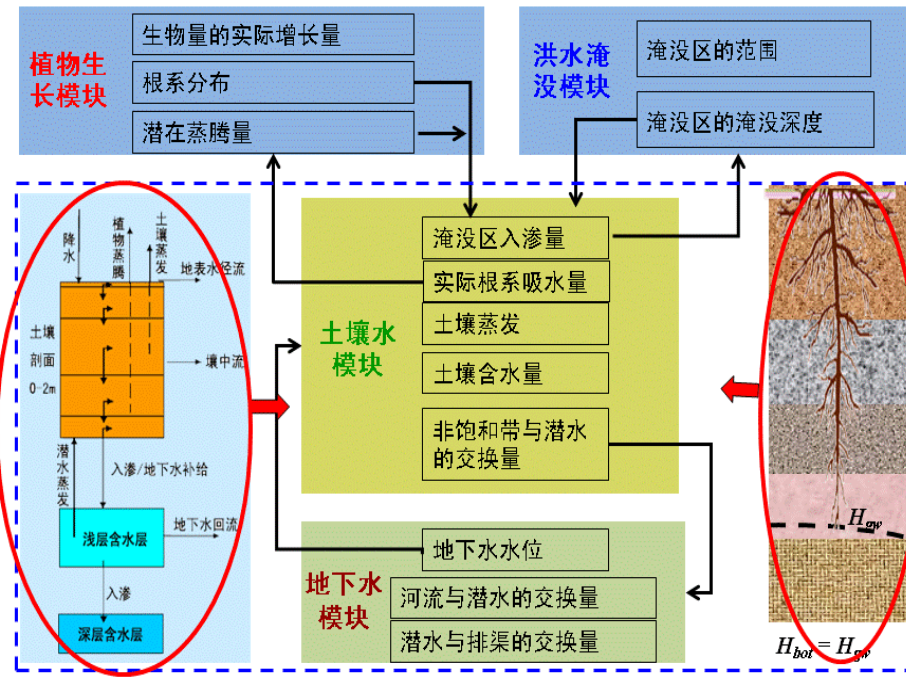




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Cross section along A-B



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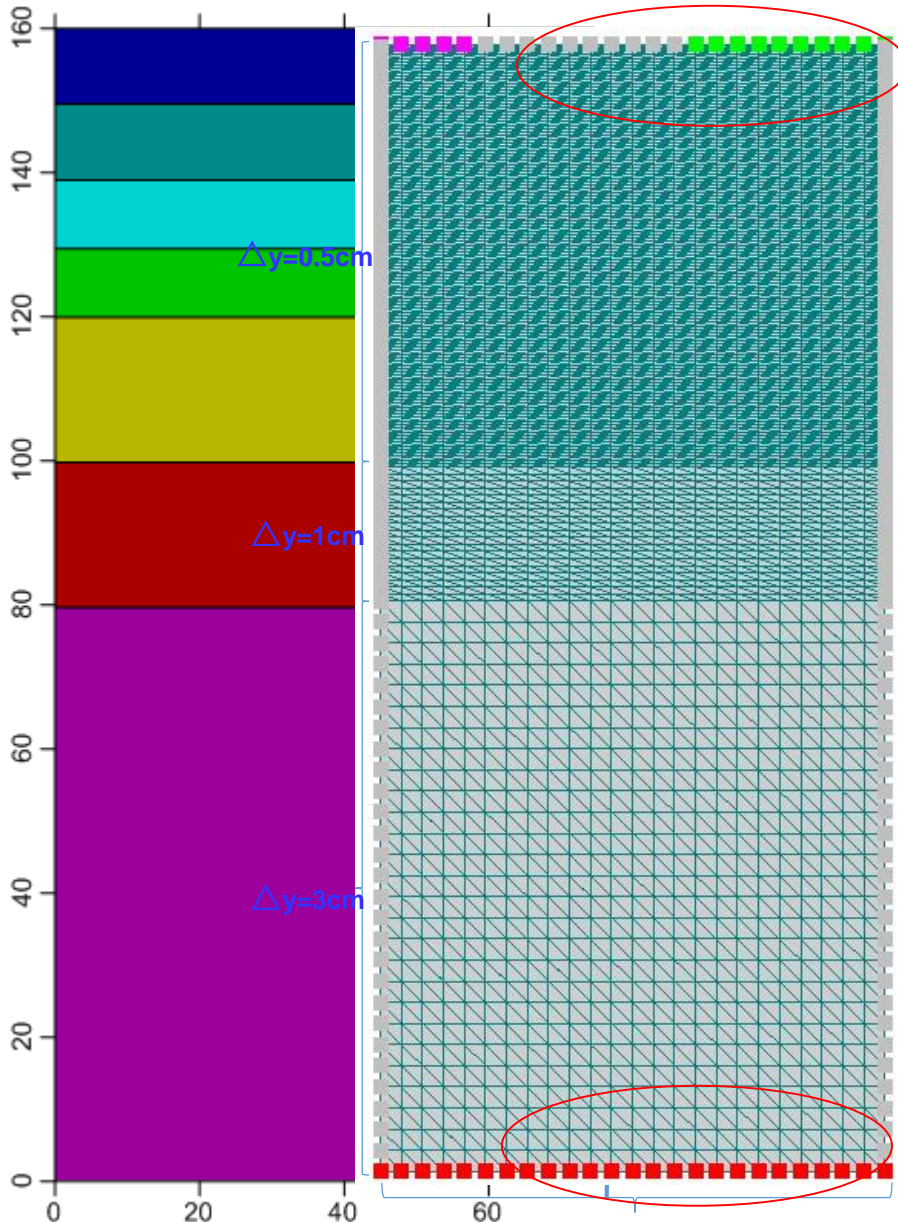


表4-1 利用PEST获得以及实测的土壤水力学参数

Tab 4-1 The van Genchten parameter got though measurement and PEST inverse solution

Depth	thr	ths	Alfa	n	Ks	L
10	0.04	0.453	0.012	2	27.3	0.5
20	0.04	0.483	0.011	1.7	12.5	0.5
30	0.04	0.482	0.01	1.5	8.9	0.5
40	0.0386	0.453	0.004	1.8	11.4	0.5
60	0.0386	0.482	0.009	1.37	9.3	0.5
80	0.0386	0.474	0.005	1.35	4.7	0.5
100	0.043	0.486	0.006	1.35	4.5	0.5

Column selected with blue means all the value is measured in the field

Column selected with means all the value is get via inverse solution using PEST

### Numerical model

Pink Nodes means variable-flux boundary

Red Nodes means Free-drainage boundary

Green Nodes means Atmosphere boundary

White Nodes means No-flux boundary



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### Interaction among inundation model, groundwater and soil water model

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ k(\theta) \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right] - \frac{\partial k(\theta)}{\partial z} - S$$

$$H_{top} = AtmosBoun$$

$$or H_{top} = H_{flood}$$

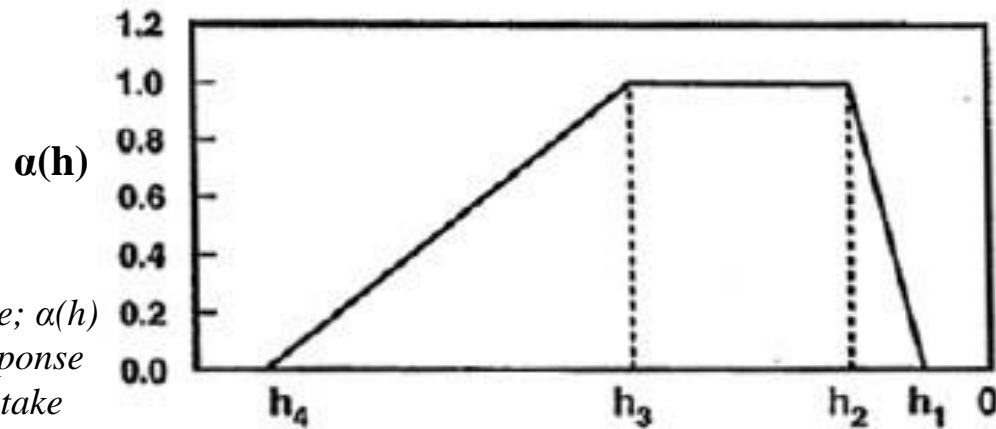
$$H_{top} = H_{flood} \quad or \quad H_{top} = AtmosBou$$

$$H_{bot} = H_{gw}$$

$$S(h) = \alpha(h) S_p$$

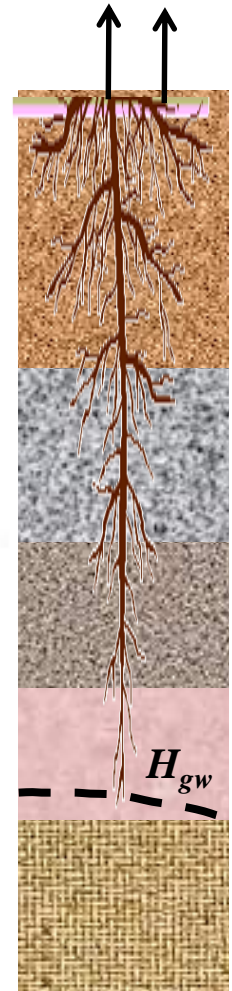
$$S_p = b(x) T_p$$

where :  $S(h)$  is the actual root uptake;  $\alpha(h)$  is root-water uptake water stress response function ,  $b(x)$  normalized water uptake distribution ,  $T_p$  is the potential transpiration from EPIC ;  $H_{gw}$  is the averaged ground water table



Soil water pressure head

( Feddes,1978 )



$$H_{bot} = H_{gw}$$



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### Interaction among river package, groundwater and soil water model

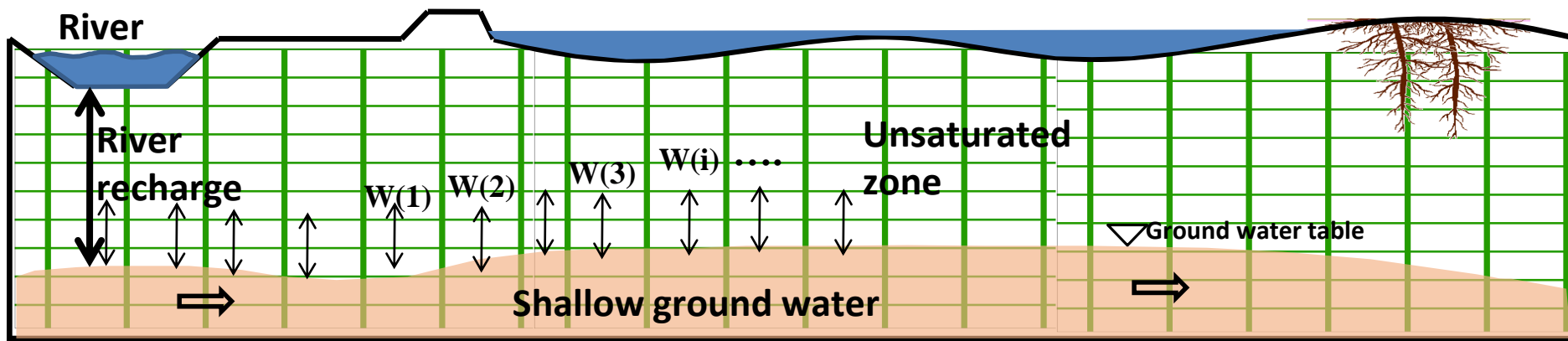
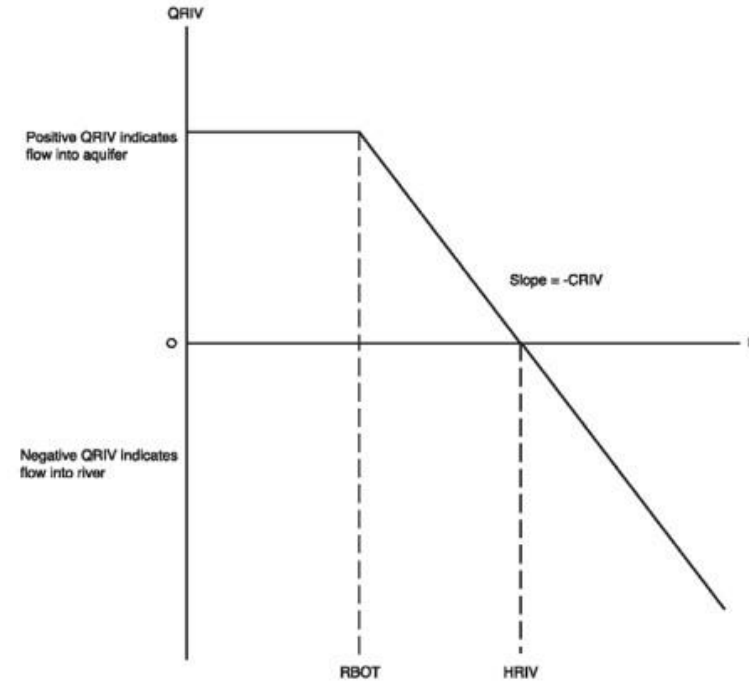
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial t} S_s = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[ k_x \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left[ k_y \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ k_z \frac{\partial h}{\partial z} \right] - W$$

Where:  $W$  is the recharge include recharge estimated by soil water variation

$$QRIV_n = CRIV_n \times (HRIV_n - h_{i,j,k}) \quad h_{i,j,k} > RBOT_n$$

$$QRIV_n = CRIV_n = (HRIV_n - RBOT_n) \quad h_{i,j,k} \leq RBOT_n$$

( McDonald and Harbaugh, 1988.)





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### Interaction among vegetation growth model and soil water model

#### Atmosphere condition input

##### Optimal Vegetation growth

$$H_{phosyn} = 0.5 \cdot H_{day} (1 - \exp(-k_l \cdot LAI))$$

$$\Delta bio = RUE \cdot H_{phosyn}$$

$$\Delta LAI_i = (fr_{LAI_{mx,i}} - fr_{LAI_{mx,i-1}}) \cdot LAI_{mx} \cdot (1 - \exp(5 \cdot (LAI_{i-1} - LAI_{mx})))$$

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##### Actual Vegetation growth

$$\Delta bio_{ac} = \Delta bio \cdot REG_i$$

$$\Delta LAI_{i,ac} = \Delta LAI_i \cdot REG_i$$

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##### Vegetation water stress

$$\lambda E_t = \frac{\Delta(H_{net} - G) + \gamma \cdot K_1 \cdot (0.622 \cdot \lambda \cdot \rho_{air} / P) \cdot (e_z^0 - e_z) / r_a}{\Delta + \lambda \cdot (1 + r_c / r_a)}$$

$$E_a = \sum_{i=1}^{NNodes} S(i)$$

$$REG_i = E_a / E_t$$

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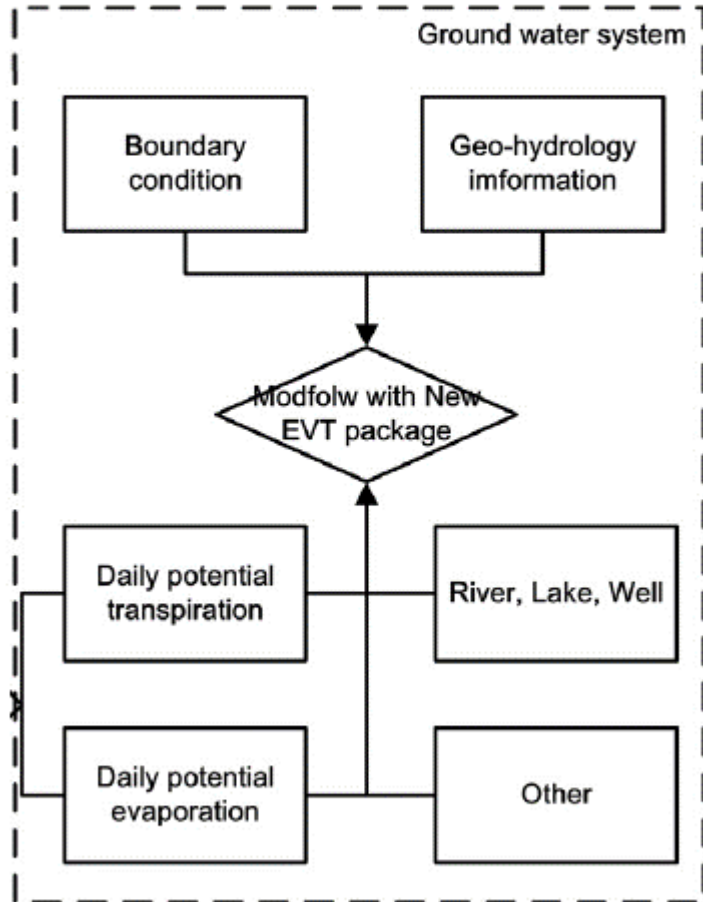
where :  $\Delta bio$  is the optimal biomass growth,  $\Delta LAI_i$  optimal LAI growth ,  $\Delta bio_{ac}$  is actual biomass growth ,  $\Delta LAI_{i,ac}$  is actual LAI growth ,  $REG_i$ 为water stress ,  $H_{day}$  is incident total solar radiation ,  $RUE$  is radiation use efficiency ,  $E_t$  is potential transpiration ,  $E_a$  is actual transpiration,  $S(i)$  actual root uptake for each node in hydrus profile .

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### New EVT package

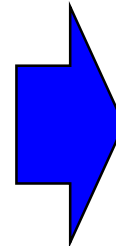
1. Calculate soil evaporation and vegetation transpiration separately.
2. Modified the water stress function of EVT package



$$ET_{act} = \alpha(mh)_{veg,i} \times E_{t,i}$$

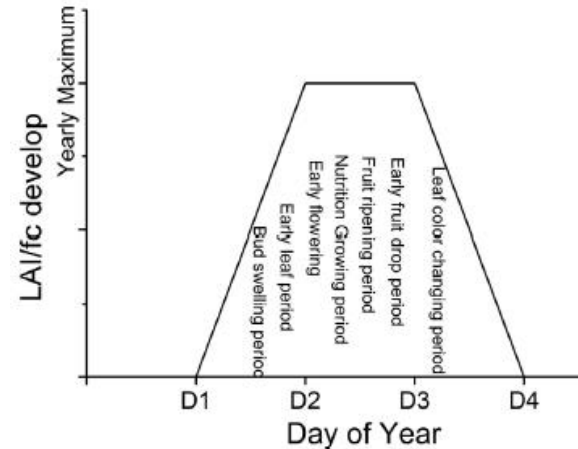
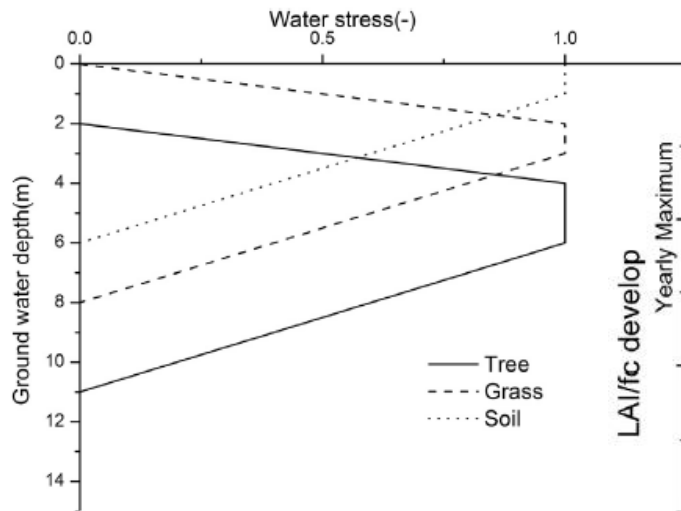
$$ES_{act} = \alpha(mh)_{soil} \times E_{s,i}$$

$$\alpha(mh) = \begin{cases} \frac{mh}{th_{a,i}} & mh \leq th_{a,i} \\ 1 & th_{b,i} < mh < th_{a,i} \\ \frac{(mh - th_{b,i})}{(th_{d,i} - th_{b,i})} & th_{d,i} \geq mh \geq th_{b,i} \\ 0 & mh > th_{d,i} \end{cases}$$



Daily GWD

Grow season averaged GWD





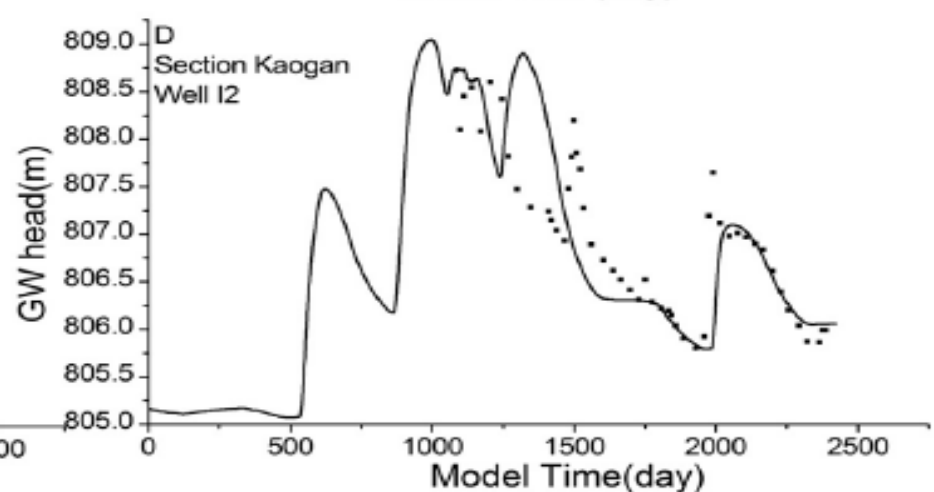
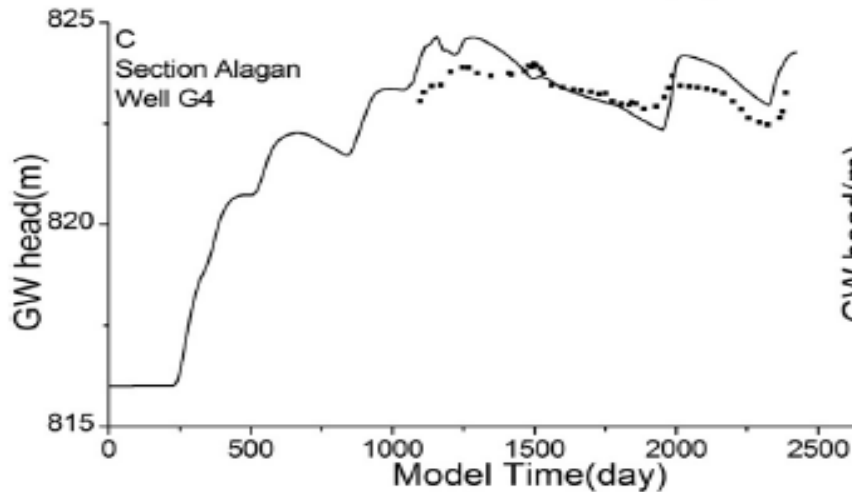
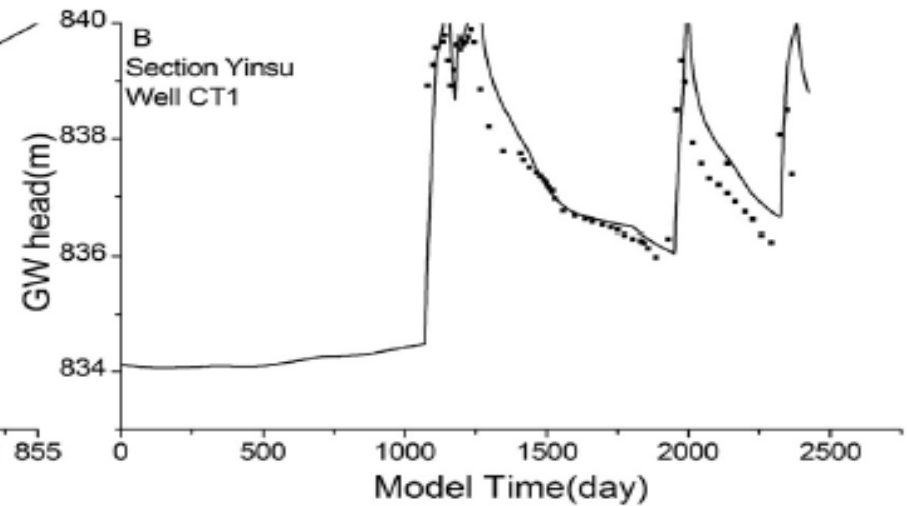
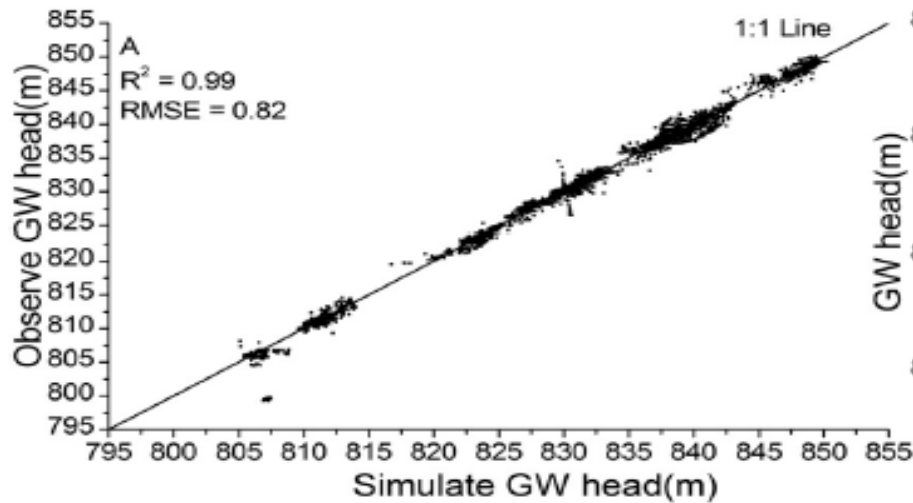


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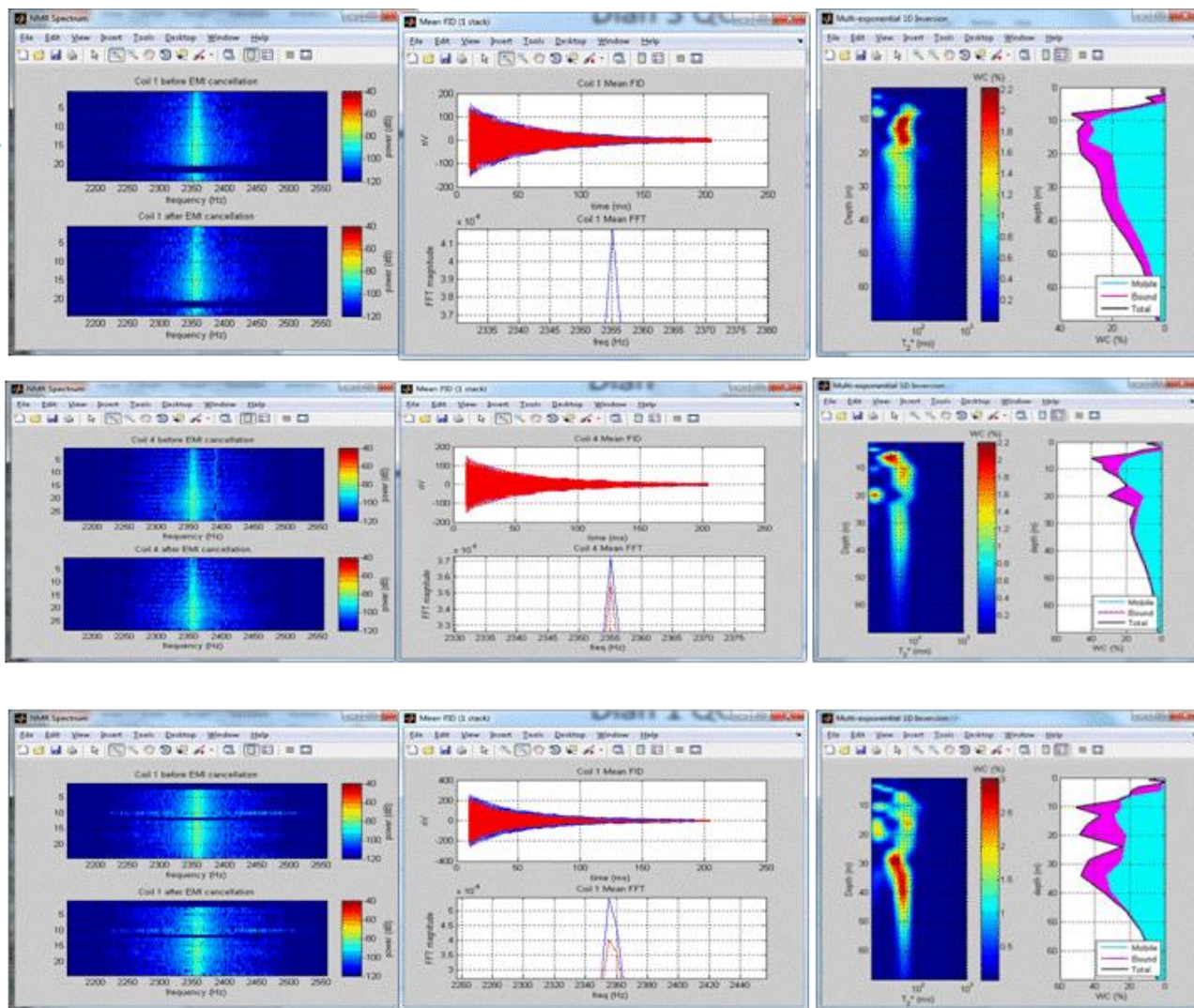
### TREHM: Calibration and validation

- Groundwater
  - Calibrated to 12 wells in downstream





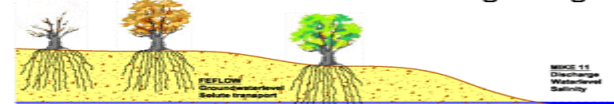
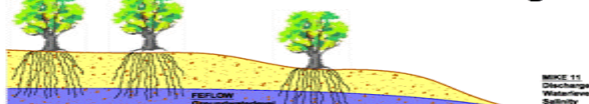
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GW level during flooding

GW level after flooding

GW level after a long drought

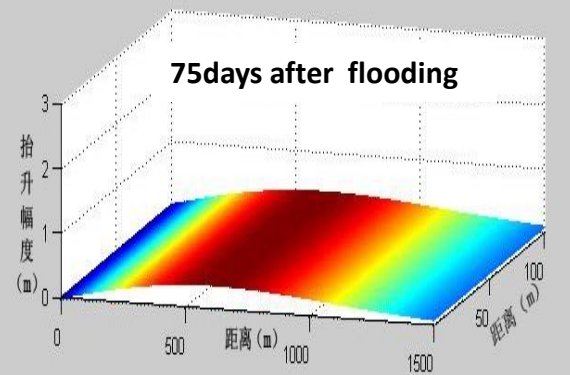
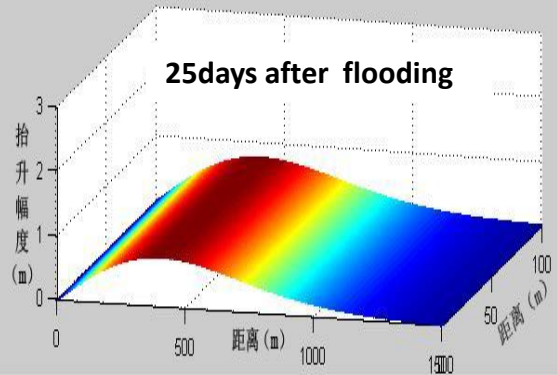
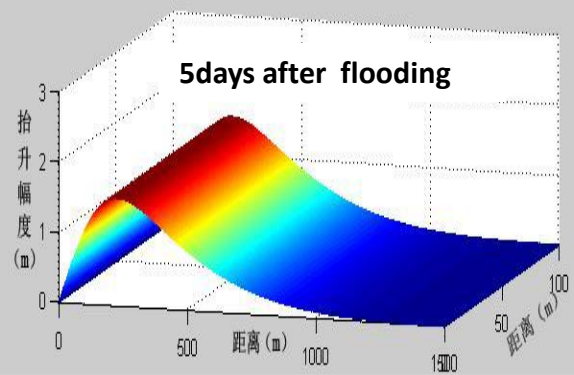
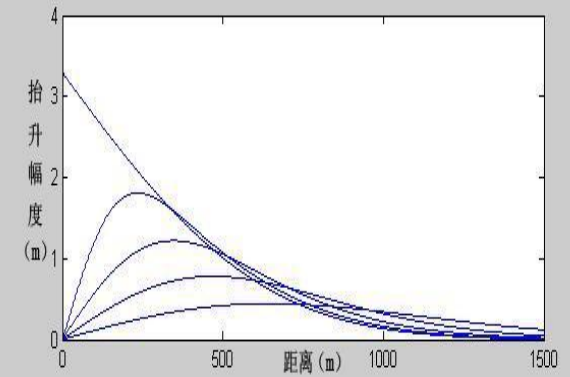
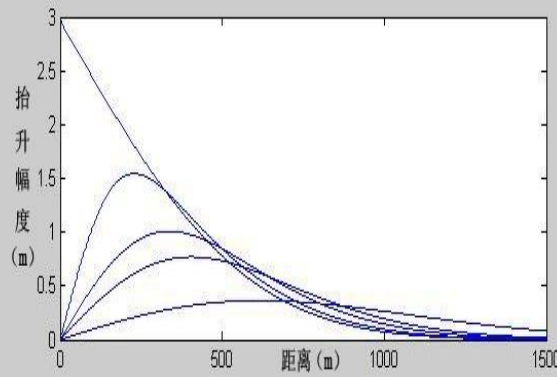
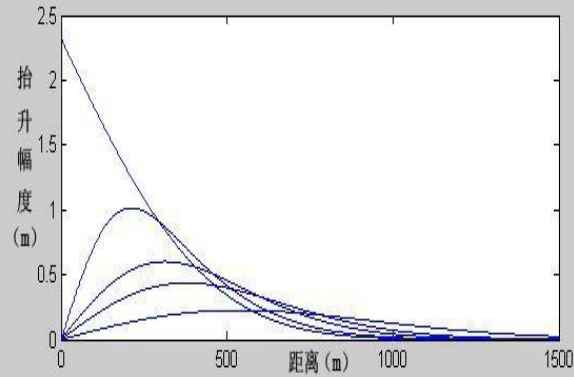




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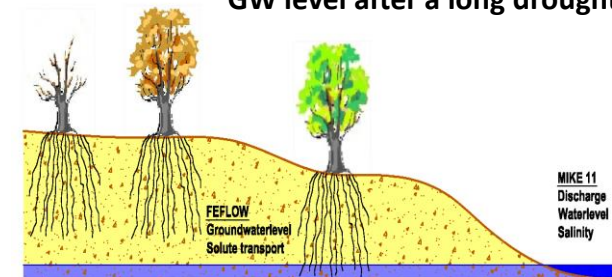
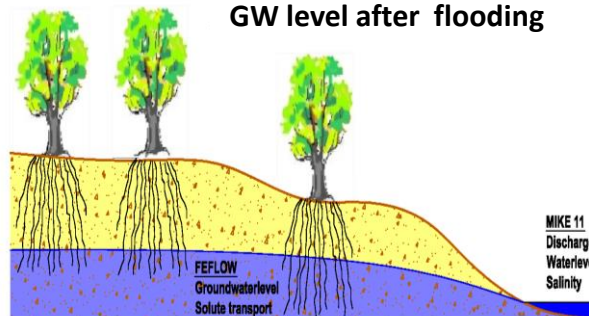
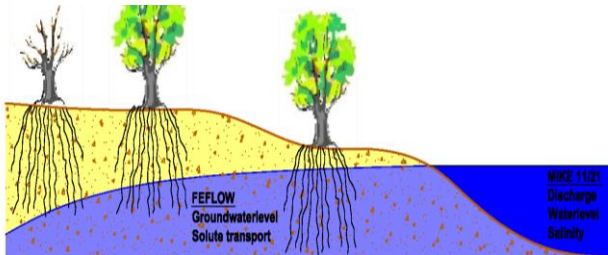
GW variation curve after flood at 5,15,25,60day, river discharge to GW from 221.59m<sup>3</sup>/m, 197.06m<sup>3</sup>/m to 181.01m<sup>3</sup>/m



GW level during flooding

GW level after flooding

GW level after a long drought

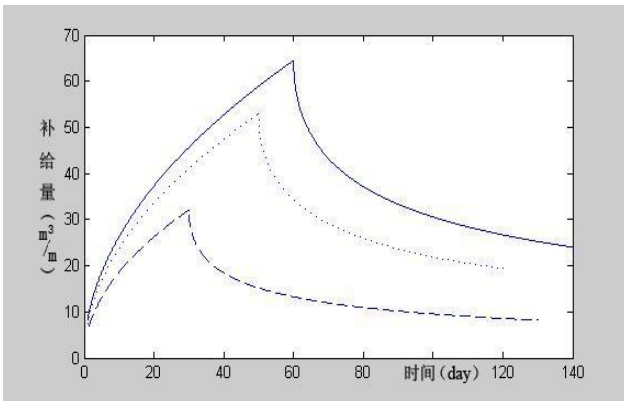
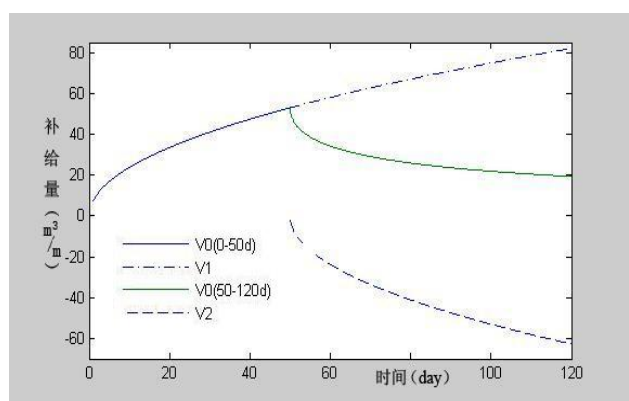
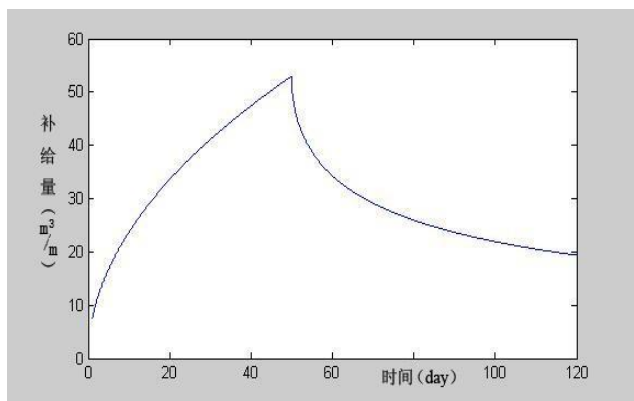
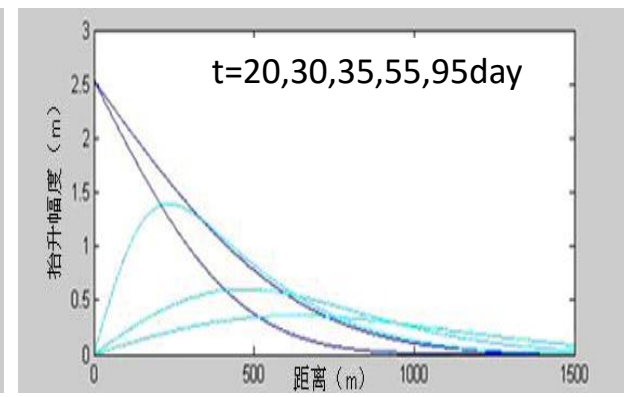
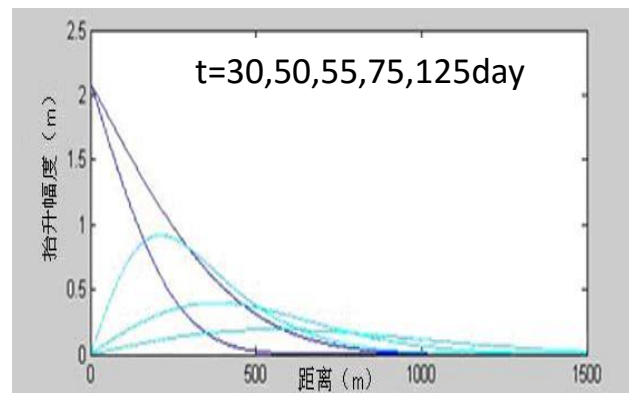
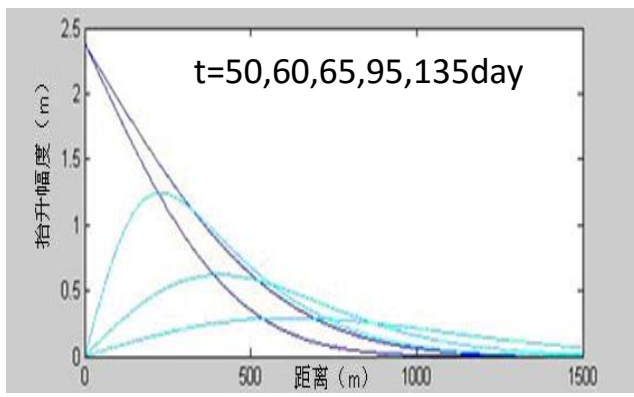




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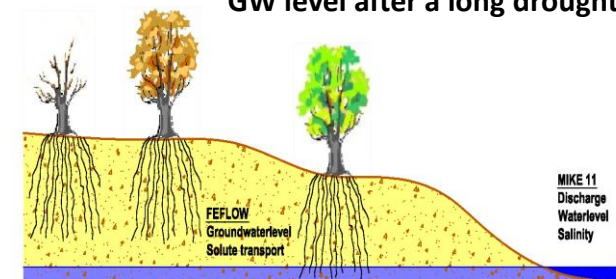
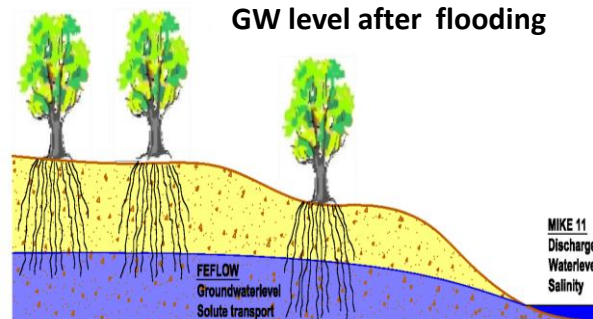
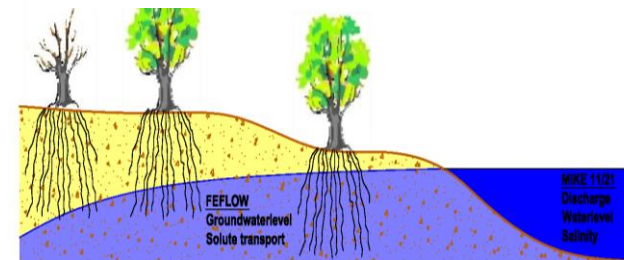
GW variation curve after built dam , river discharge to GW from 50.04m<sup>3</sup>/m, 43.06m<sup>3</sup>/m to 29.49m<sup>3</sup>/m



GW level during flooding

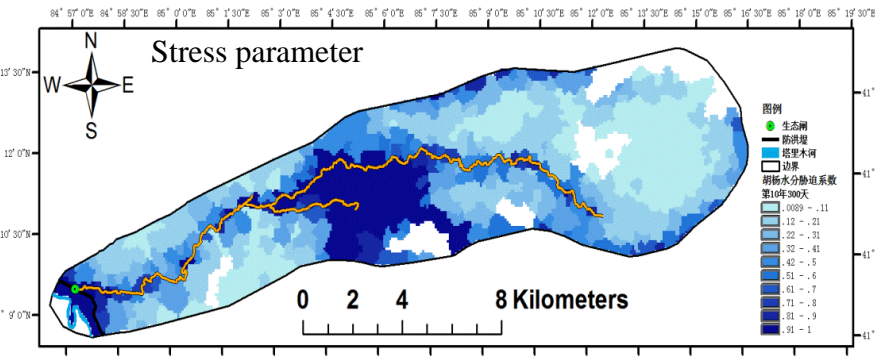
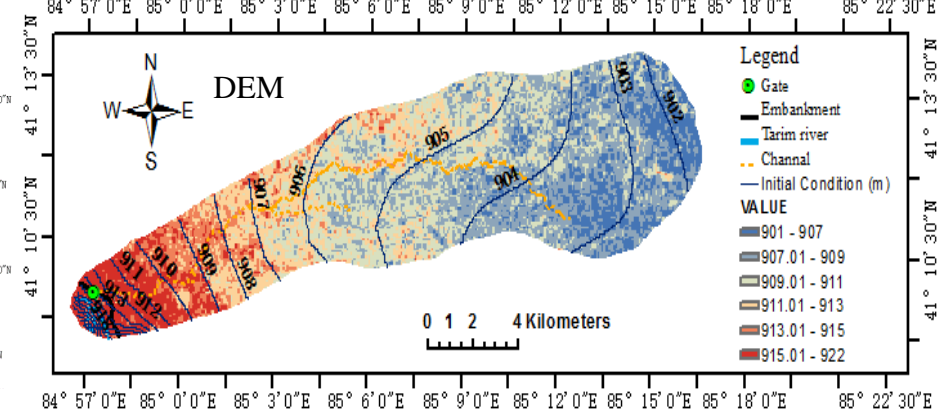
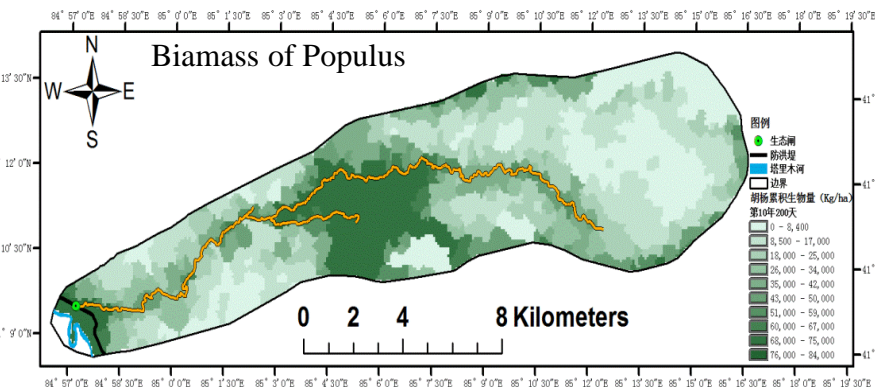
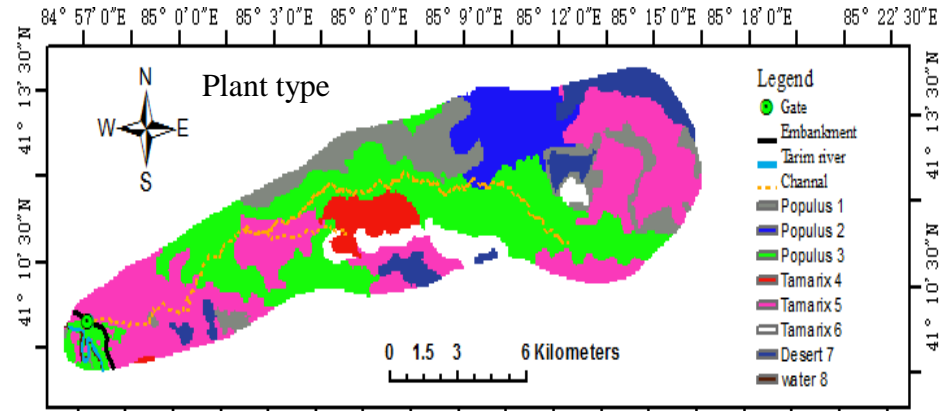
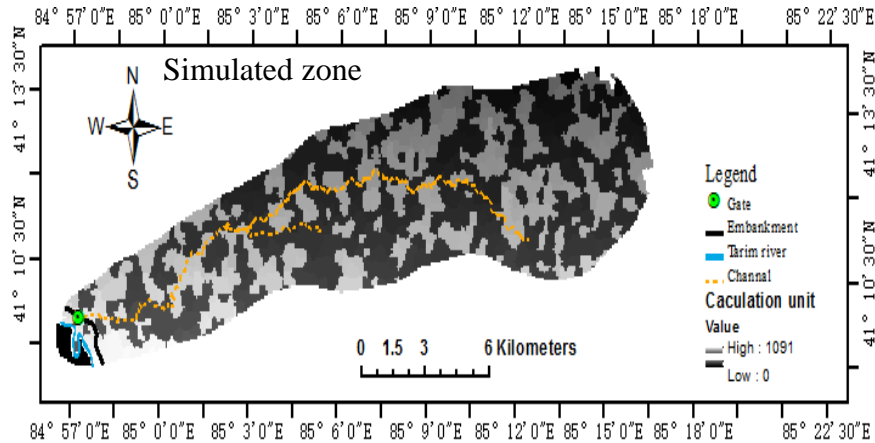
GW level after flooding

GW level after a long drought





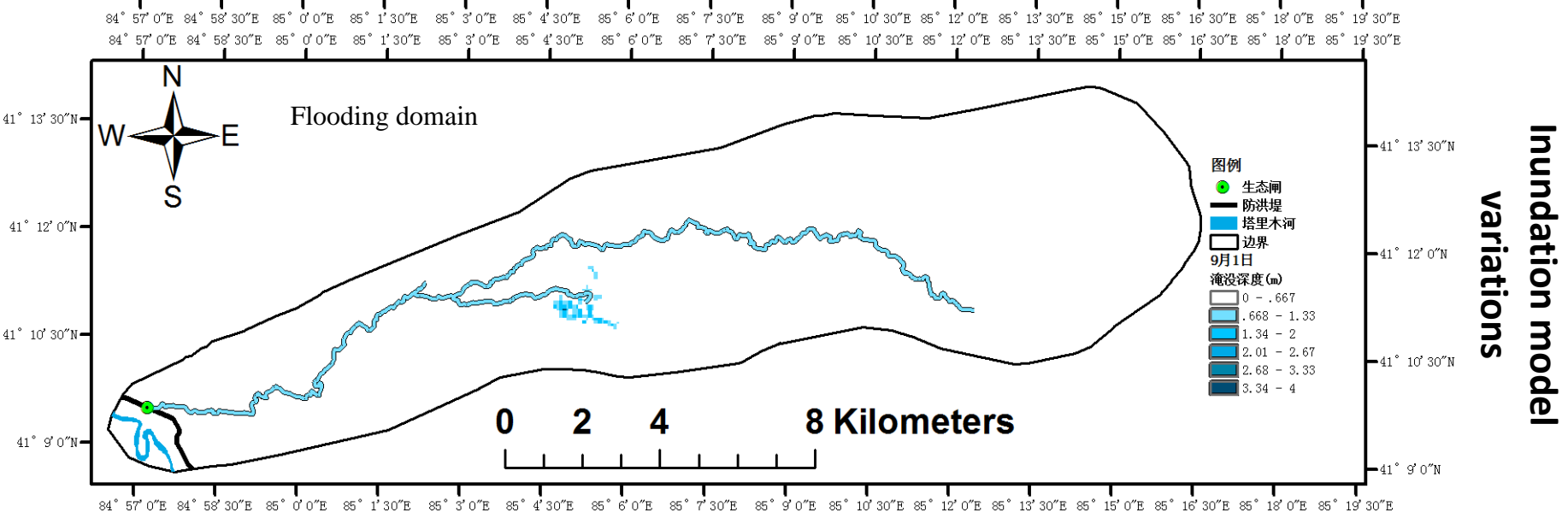
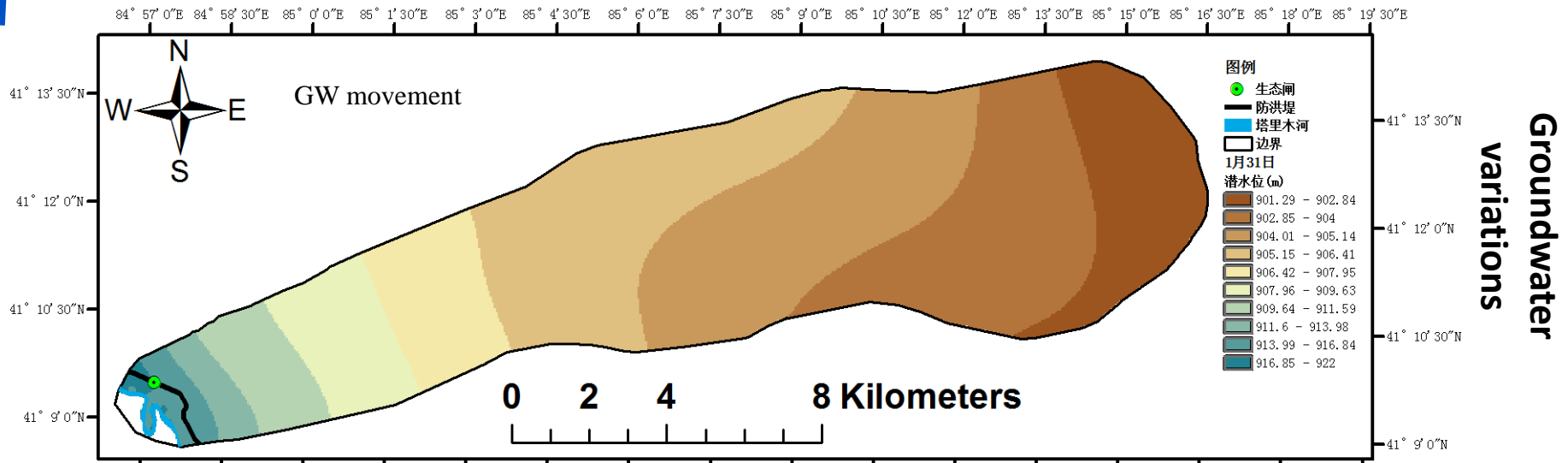
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- 当胡杨水分胁迫系数 $>0.5$ ，胡杨的生物量累积量大于0.7倍的怪柳生物量累积量时，该格点最终为胡杨。
- 对于不满足1条件的格点，当怪柳水分胁迫系数 大于0.5时为怪柳，小于0.5时，为荒漠。



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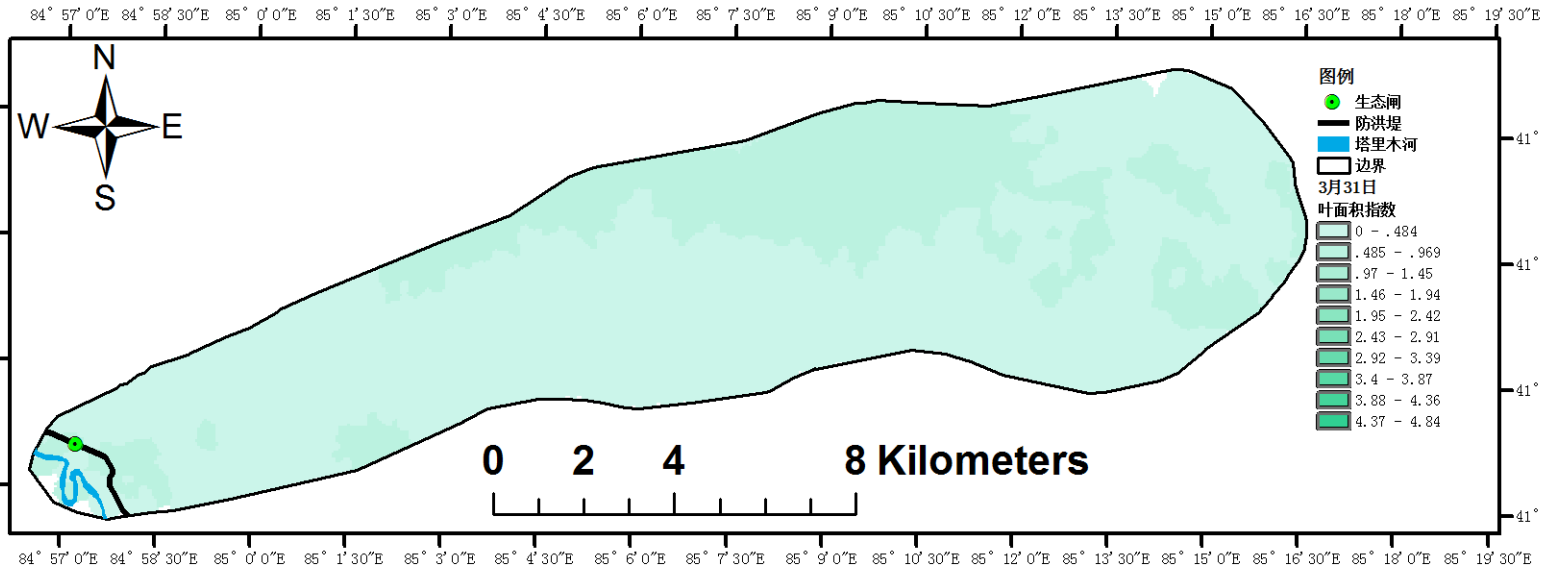


GW water balance at 10<sup>th</sup> year

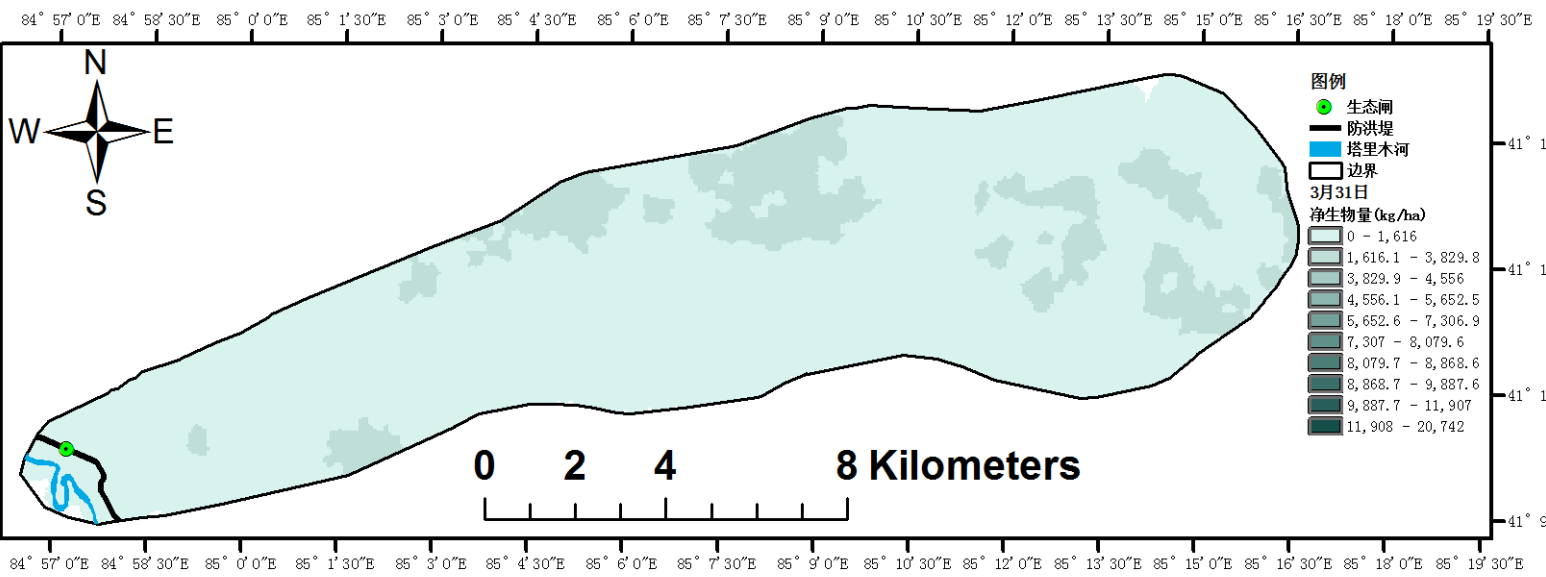
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Leaf area index variations



Net biomass accumulation

GW water balance at 10<sup>th</sup> year

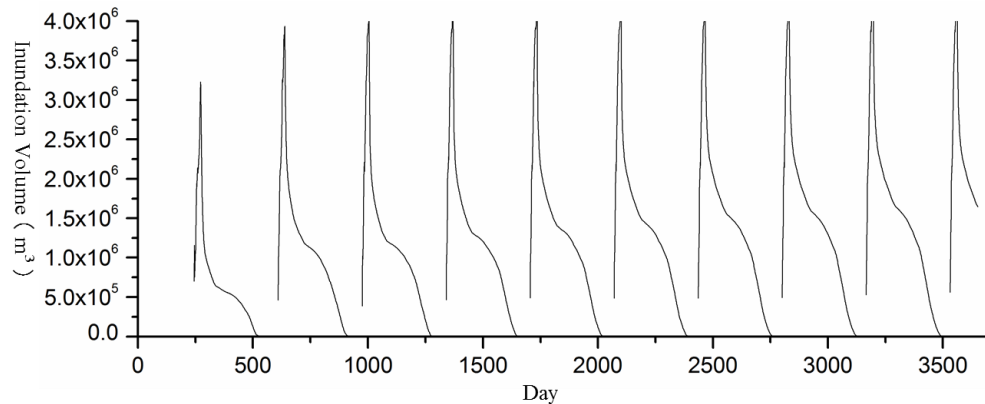
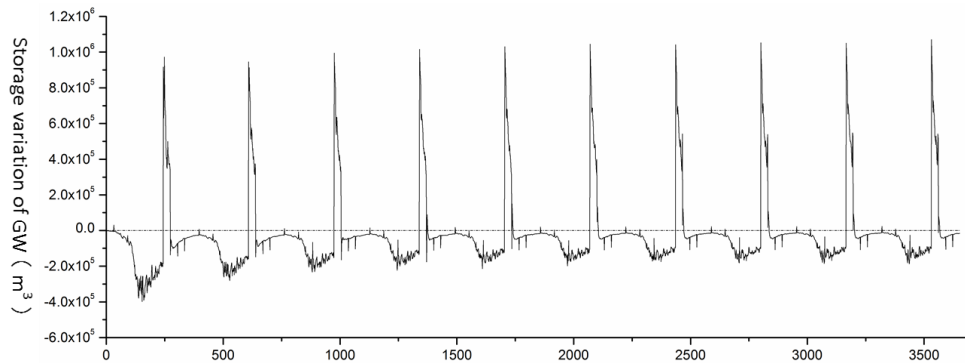
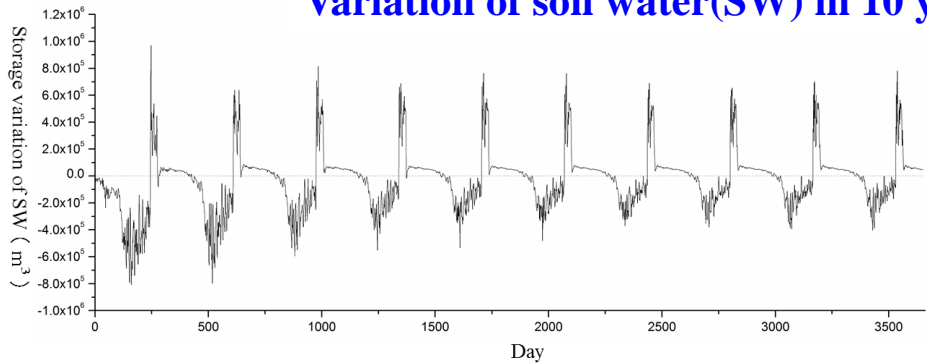
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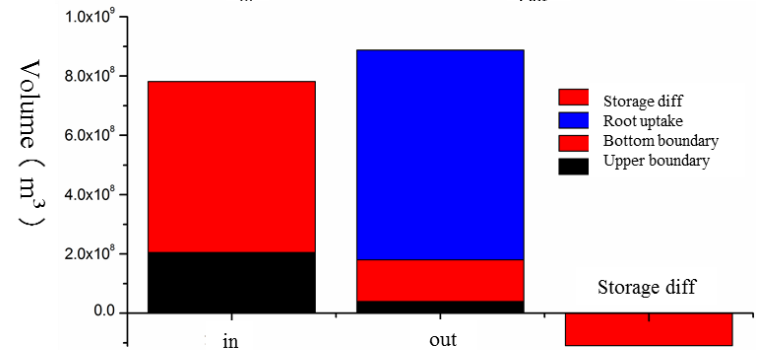
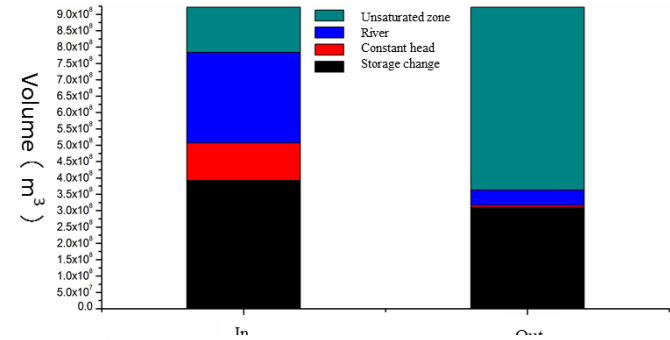
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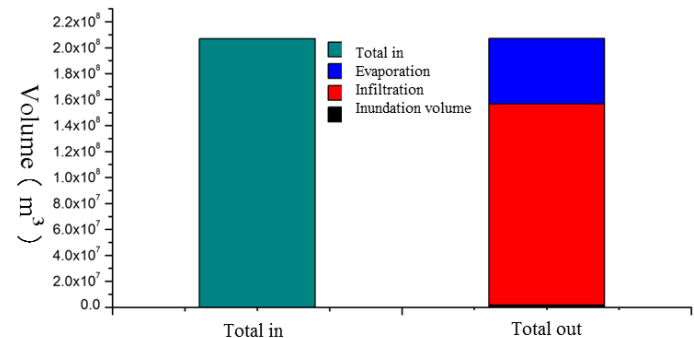
#### Variation of soil water(SW) in 10 years and water balance in 10<sup>th</sup> year



GW water balance at 10<sup>th</sup> year



SW water balance in 10 years



Water balance for inundation in 10 years  
GW water balance in 10 year



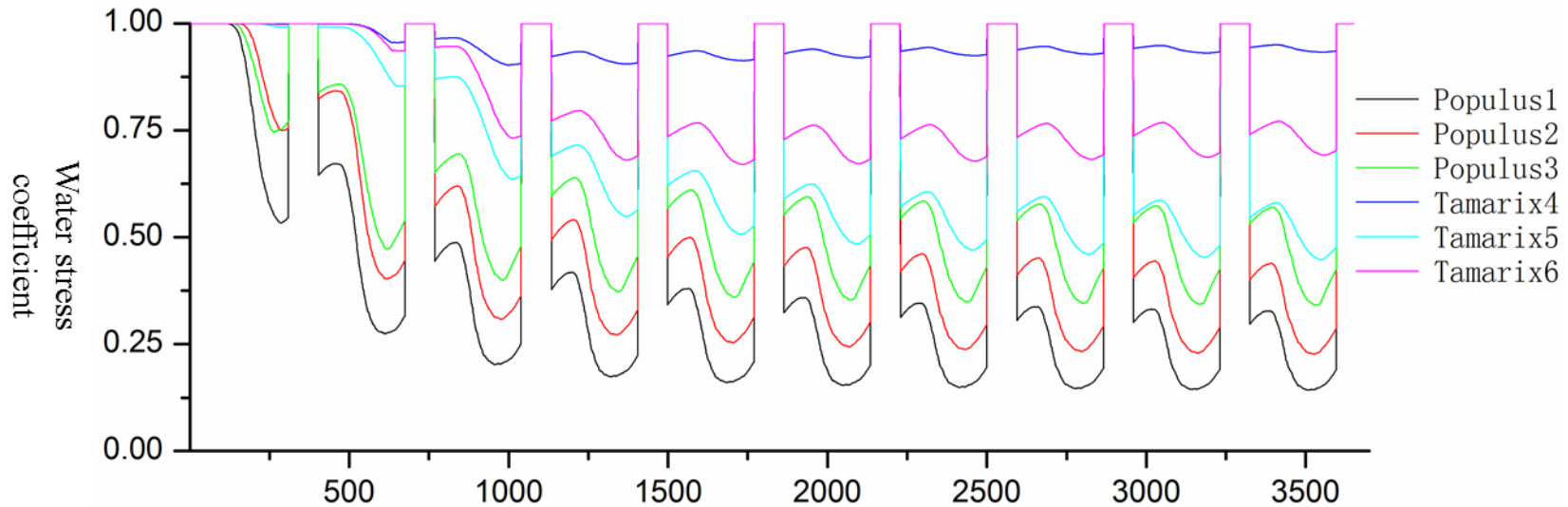


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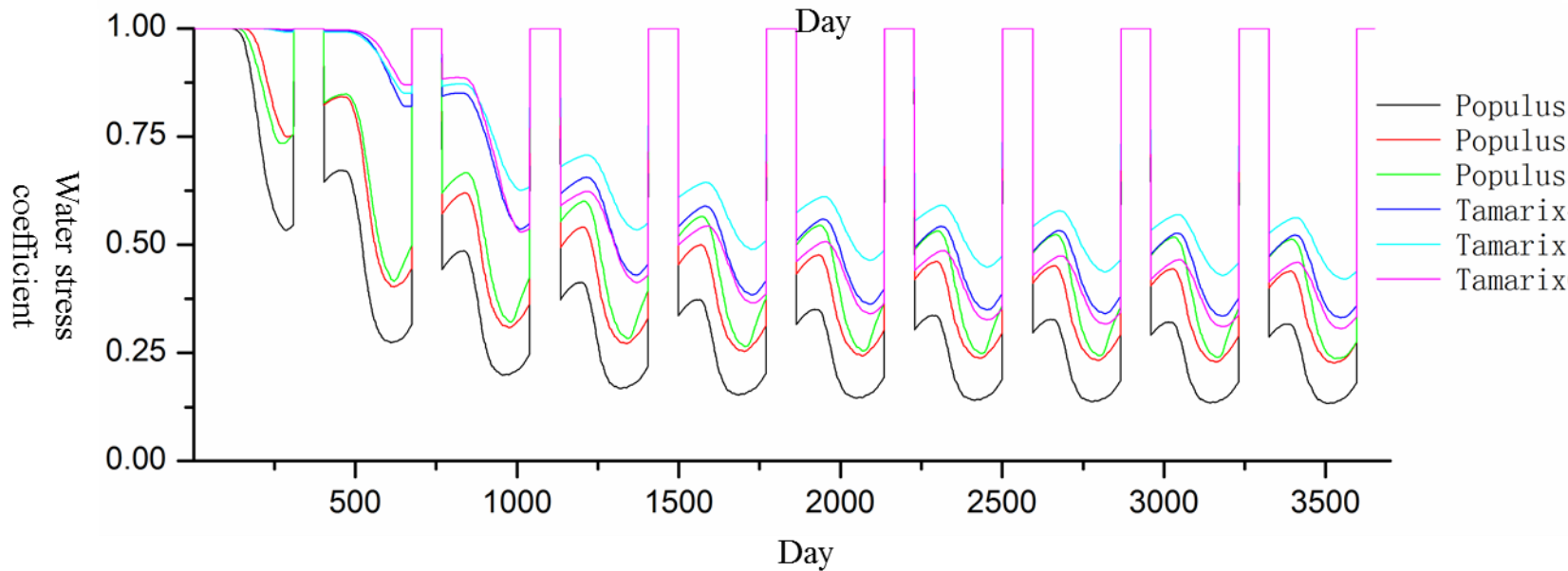


#### Response of vegetation water stress to manual irrigation

With irrigation



Without irrigation



GW water balance at 10<sup>th</sup> year

GW water balance in 10 year

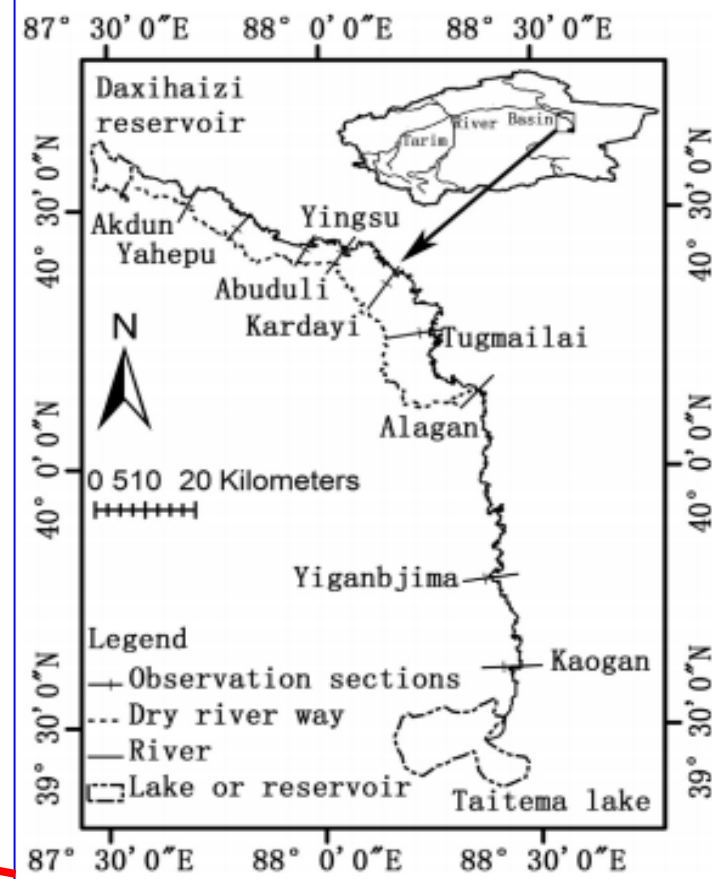
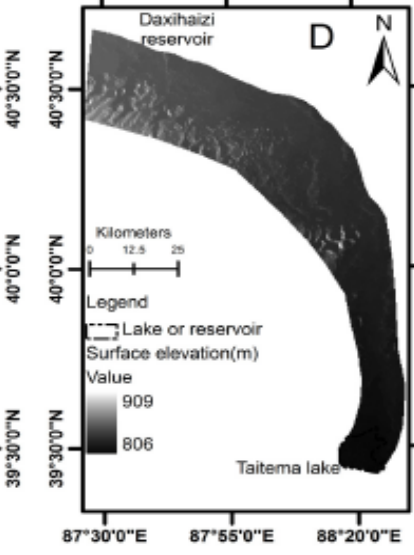
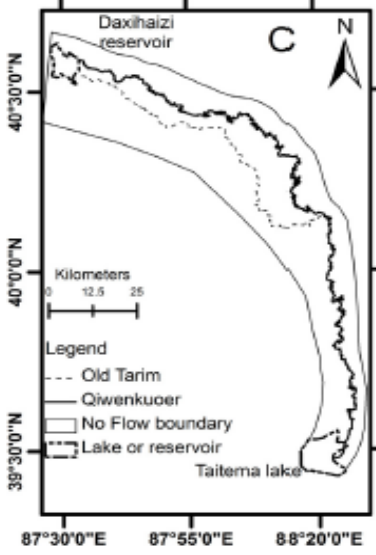
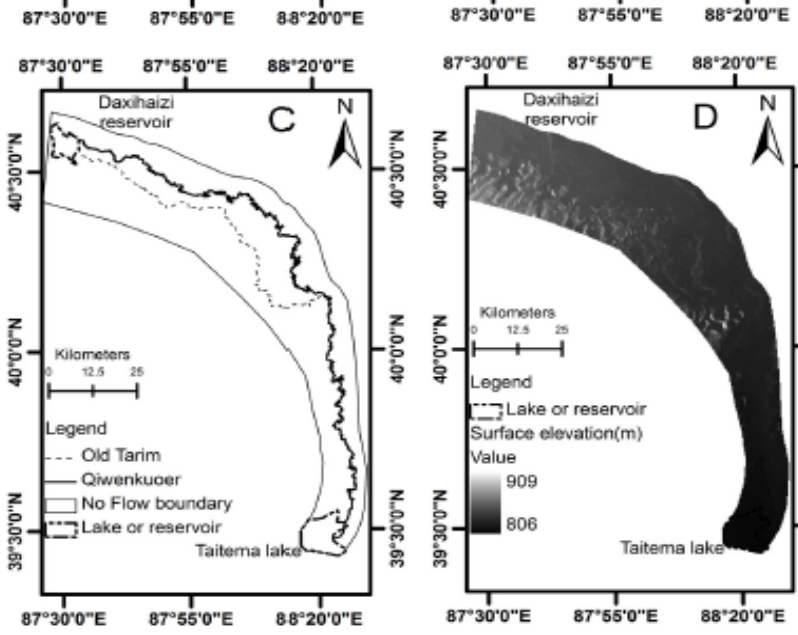
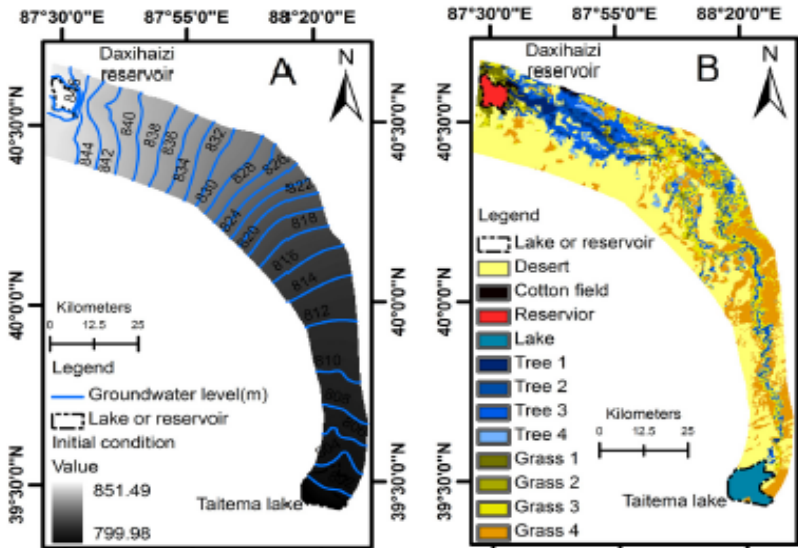


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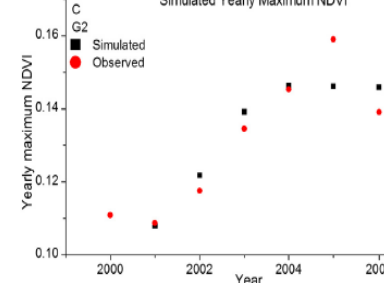
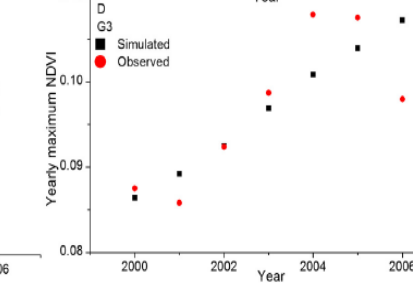
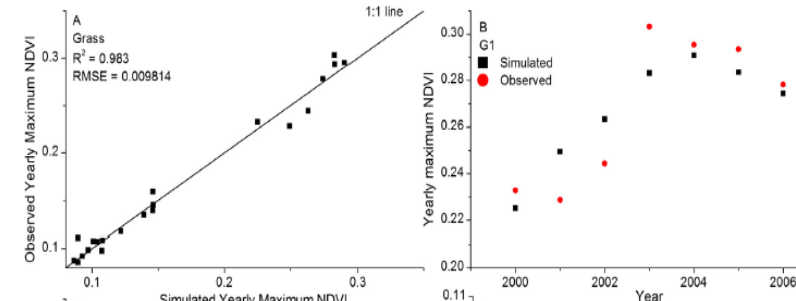
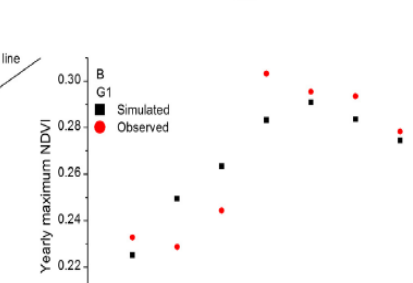
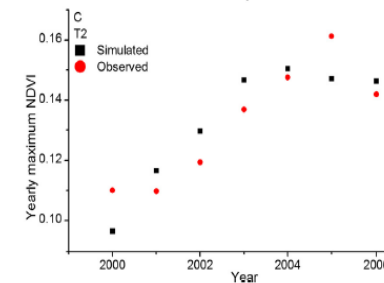
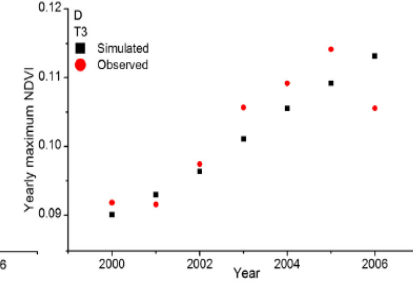
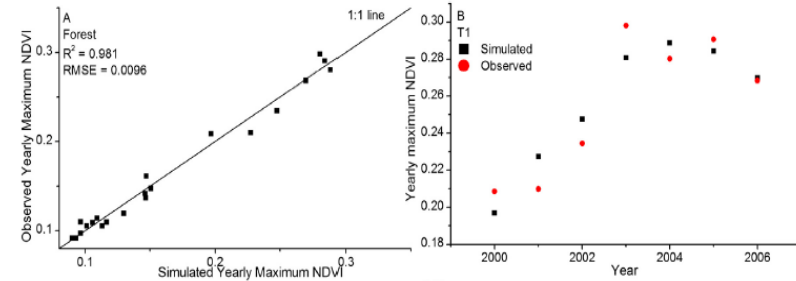
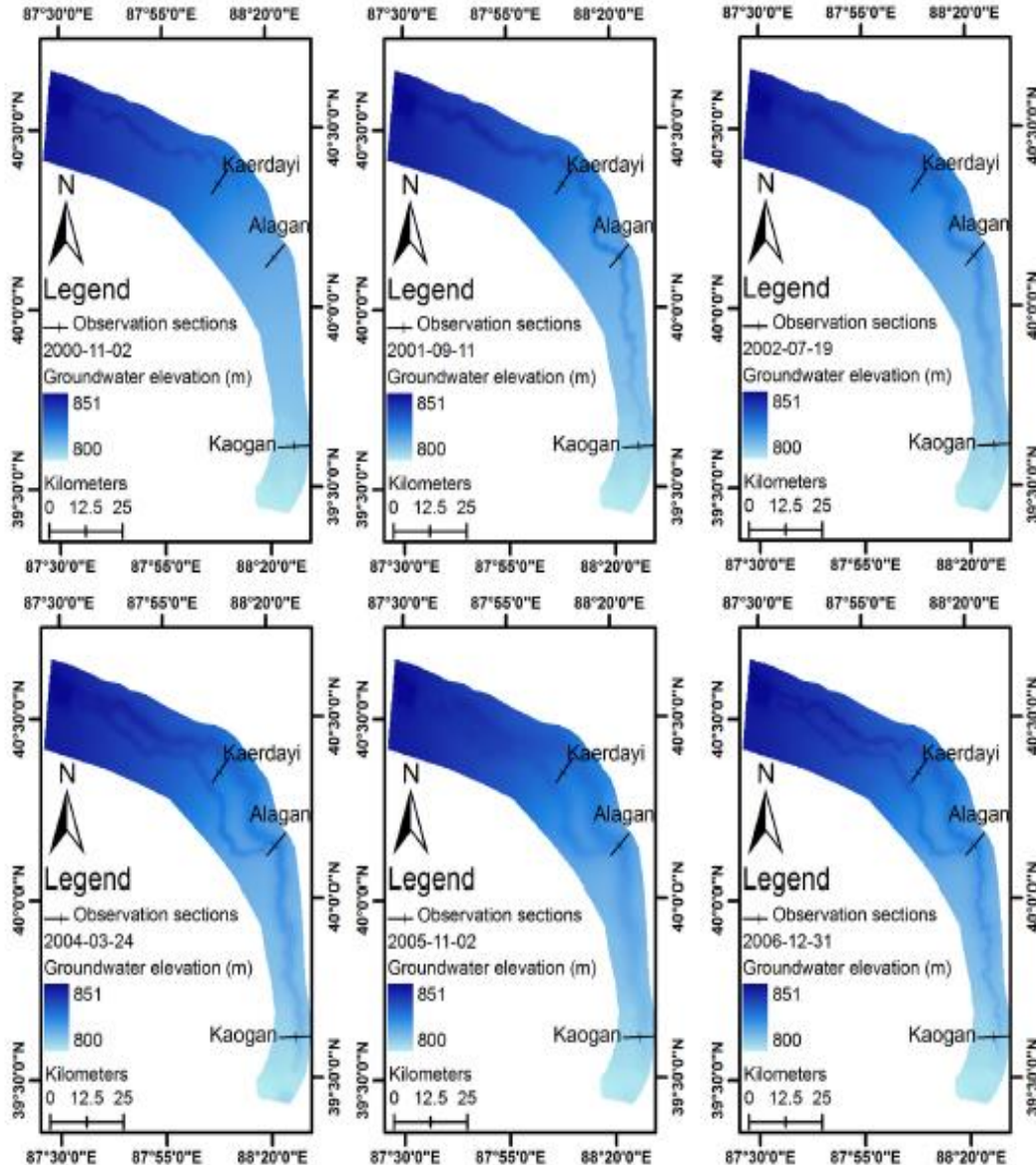
## Monitoring system

- Nine observation sections includes:
1. Discharge in each section
  2. 12 GW observation wells in 0- 1km
  3. Vegetation monitoring such as: coverage diversity, etc.
- MODIS NDVI product:  
16 day interval  
250 m resolution





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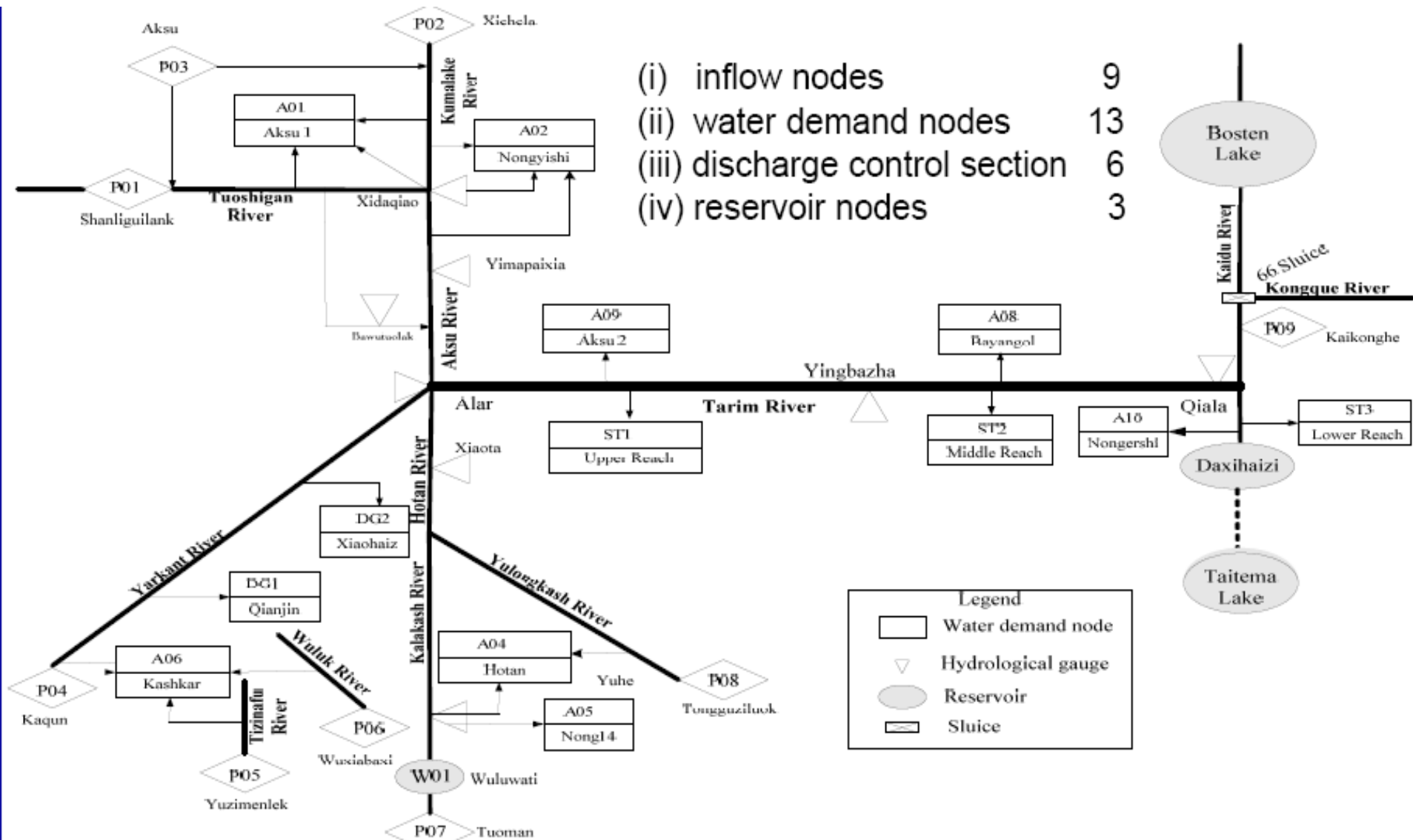


# 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



## Operation nodes of water balance in the Tarim River Basin

- (i) inflow nodes 9
- (ii) water demand nodes 13
- (iii) discharge control section 6
- (iv) reservoir nodes 3





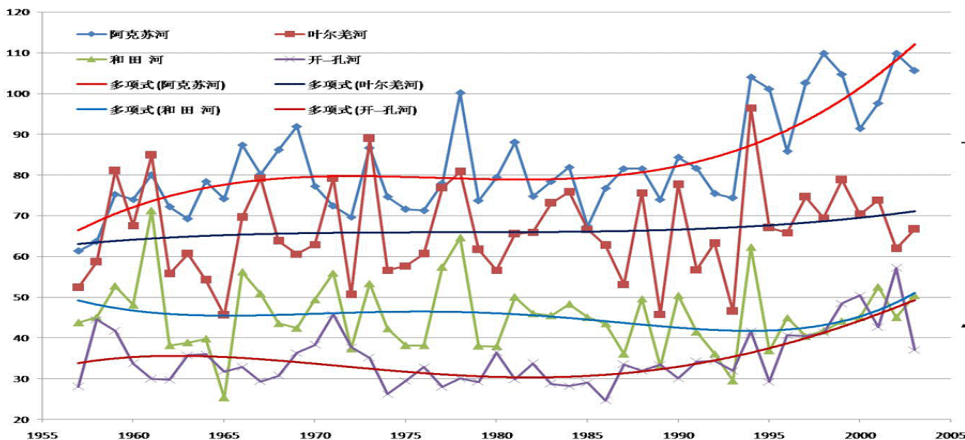
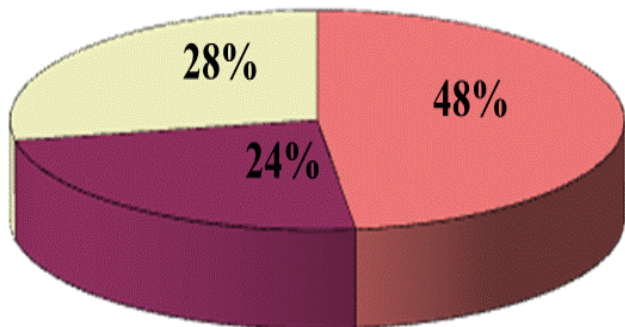
# 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



## (1) Water Balance in mountainous area

Runoff mainly origin from melted snow and glacier water, which account for 48% , the base flow and rainfall account for 24% and 28% respectively.

■ melted snow and glacier water ■ base flow □ Rainfall



塔河气候变化引起的耗水增加量 单位:亿m<sup>3</sup>

项目	0.5℃	1℃	2℃
农业耗水增加	3.5579	7.7214	16.6536
生态耗水增加	1.456	2.9547	5.9093
水库蒸发耗水增加	0.37	0.7528	1.5056
合计	5.3839	11.4289	24.0686

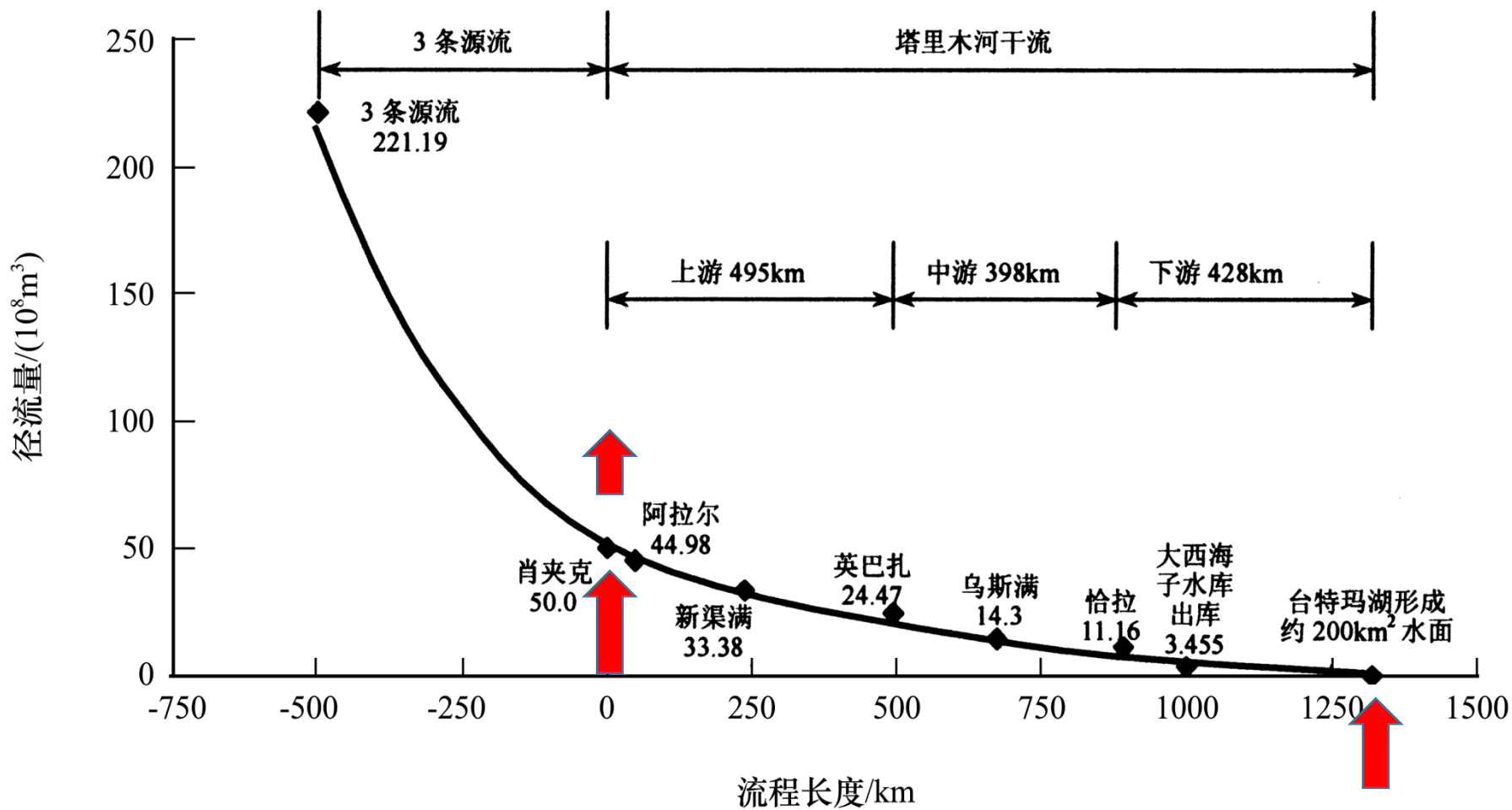
气候情景	塔河干流	基本生存	适宜	最佳
0.5℃	上游	23.63	27.07	29.87
	中游	22.53	27.22	31.65
	下游	5.50	5.50	5.50
	合计	51.67	59.79	67.02
1℃	上游	23.90	27.42	30.29
	中游	22.86	27.66	32.19
	下游	5.58	5.58	5.58
	合计	52.34	60.66	68.06
2℃	上游	24.43	28.12	31.13
	中游	23.50	28.54	33.28
	下游	5.73	5.73	5.73
	合计	53.67	62.39	70.15



# 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



## (2) Water Balance in main Tarim River Basin





## 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



### (3) Water Balance in farm land

Irrigation norm and suitability evaluation of cotton drip irrigation under mulching

Degree of salinity	$S_1$ (g/kg)	$S_2$ (g/kg)	I ( $m^3/hm$ )	$I_1$ ( $m^3/hm$ )		$I_2$ ( $m^3/hm$ )	Suitability
				demand	LR		
Light	0.3-0.6	1.0	5432	3465	0	2909	Y
Middle	0.6-1.0	1.0	5432	3465	0	2909	Y
Heavy	1.0-1.5	1.0	5432	3465	1158	2909	M
	1.5-1.7	1.0	5432	3465	2010	2909	M
	1.7-2.0	1.0	5432	3465	3300	4728	N
Solonchak	>2.0	Cotton dead					N

$I_1$ --irrigation norm in cotton growing season, it include cotton water demand and LR;  
 $I_2$ ---added irrigation in winter or spring



## 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



### (3) Water Balance in farm land

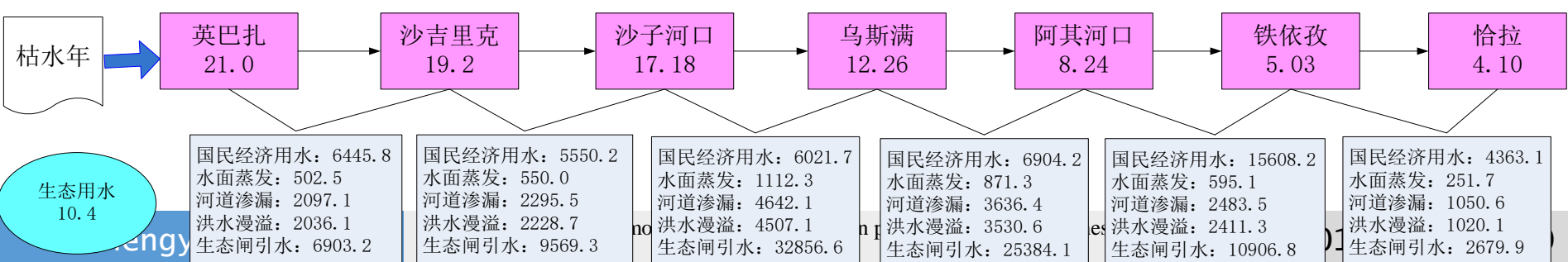
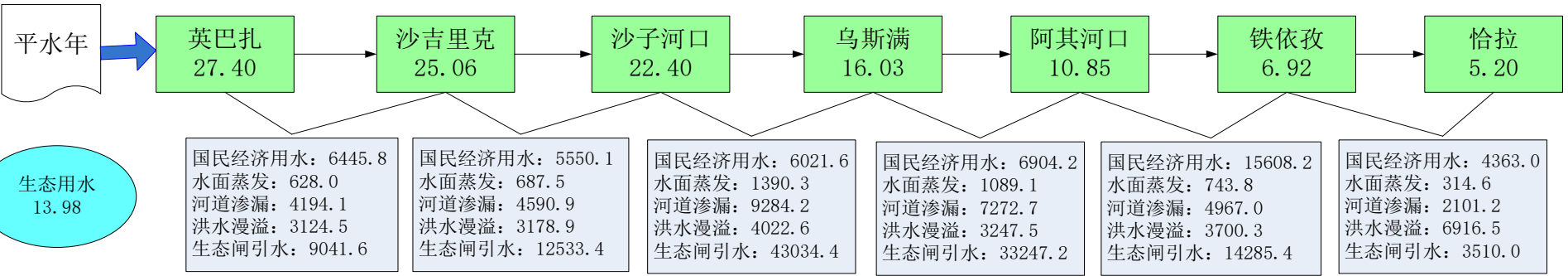
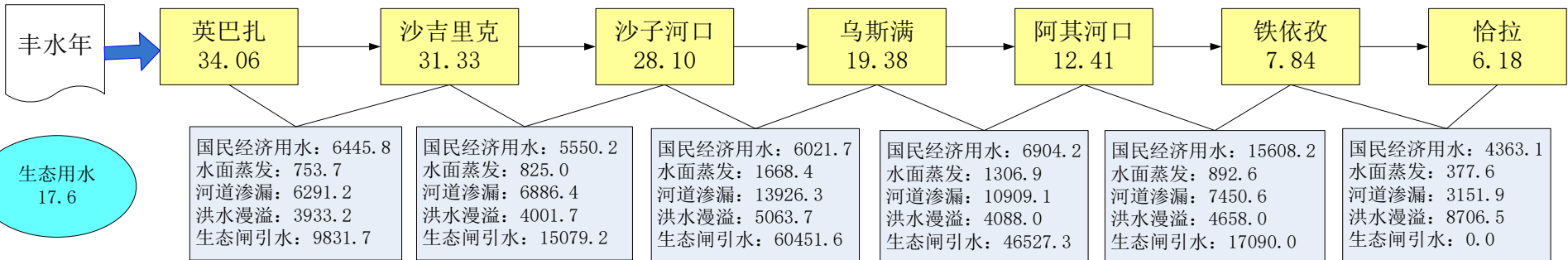
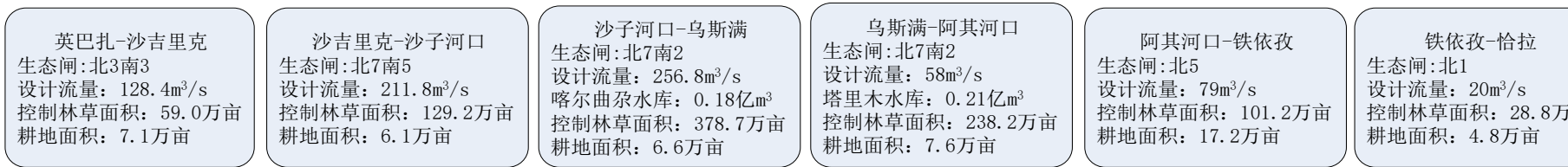
四源一干		现状年	温度升高 1℃	温度升高 2℃	适应成本 (亿元)	产生效益 (亿元)	
水资源总量	亿m <sup>3</sup>	274.88	302.368	327.1072			
总需	现状年	亿m <sup>3</sup>	291.2661	316.3895	340.6128	0	
水量	节水660 万亩	亿m <sup>3</sup>	278.3961	303.5195	327.7428	16.41	12.83
	节水1000 万亩	亿m <sup>3</sup>	272.4076	297.531	321.7543	248.65	209.54
余缺	现状年	亿m <sup>3</sup>	-16.3861	-14.0215	-13.5056		
水量	节水660 万亩	亿m <sup>3</sup>	-3.5161	-1.1515	-0.6356		
	节水1000 万亩	亿m <sup>3</sup>	2.4724	4.837	5.3529		



# 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



## (4) Water Balance in middle reach





## 四、Water Balance in Tarim River Basin



### (5) Water Balance in lower reach

Water balance after 12 times irrigation in lower reach

Start Date	End Date	Total water convergence	To Taitema lake	River leakage	Reseriver leakage	Lake leakage	Evapotraspiration	GW storage Change
2000-5-14	2000-11-2	0.99	0.00	0.96	0.07	0.00	-0.26	0.76
2000-11-3	2001-3-31	2.27	0.00	2.16	0.06	0.00	-0.14	2.08
2001-3-32	2001-9-11	1.84	0.00	1.79	0.06	0.00	-1.08	0.78
2001-9-12	2002-7-19	1.98	0.00	1.75	0.12	0.06	-0.86	1.07
2002-7-20	2003-3-2	3.31	0.08	2.53	0.08	0.07	-0.75	1.93
2003-3-3	2004-3-24	6.20	0.37	4.96	0.14	0.10	-3.02	2.19
2004-3-25	2005-5-6	1.12	0.00	1.01	0.15	0.00	-1.93	-0.77
2005-5-7	2006-9-24	2.82	0.12	2.56	0.19	0.03	-2.17	0.61
2006-9-25	2006-12-31	2.01	0.00	1.99	0.04	0.00	-0.18	1.85
2000-5-14	2006-12-31	22.55	0.57	19.71	0.91	0.28	-10.39	10.50

1. ET not only influenced by water convergence amount, but also groundwater depth and vegetation recovery status.
2. Via scenario study, vegetation recovery during 6 year totally increasing 3.8% of total evapotranspiration.

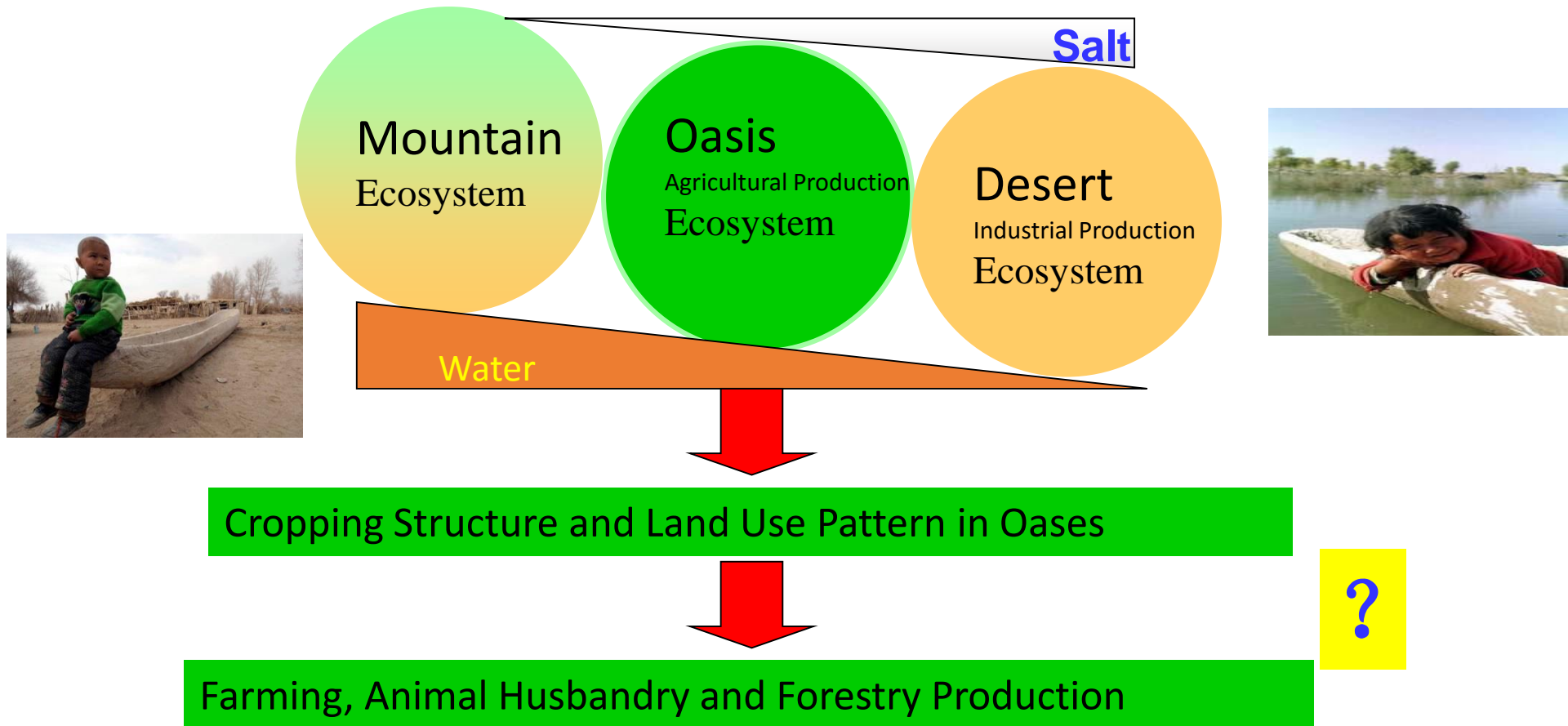


# SUMMARY



- TREHM model can simulate ecological and hydrological process in river system. Simulated results are helpful to understand riparian system and management water resources
- The probability woody species(*Populus* and *Tamarix*) distribution patterns is predicted. Using TerraSAR-X data allows the detection of flooded areas in regions with dense vegetation
- Floodplains have a high influence on groundwater recharge. The protection of the natural Tugai-forests requires enough water running into the floodplains
- Integrating the natural forests into the present agricultural land could create a win-win-situation for agriculture (drainage) and the natural vegetation (water supply)

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VOLUNTARY REDUCTION POTENTIAL OF *TAMARISK*



肉苁蓉(*Cistanche deserticola* Ma)  
Desert living Cistanche

**Output: 3000-5250 kg/hm<sup>2</sup> ,**  
**Market price: 80~100 yuan/kg**



**Thanks for your attention!**

