Water chemistry and greenhouse gases emissions in the rivers of the “Third Pole”/“Water Tower of Asia”

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The **Tibetan Plateau**

- The “Roof of the World” and the “Third Pole”,
  The world's highest plateau, average elevation exceeding 4,500 m a.s.l., 2,500,000 km².

- “Water tower of Asia”
  Head waters of more than ten large rivers in Asia.
Work during master program

SNICAR (Snow Ice Aerosol Radiative)

(Gardner, A. S. and M. J. Sharp 2010)

实测数据与SNICAR模拟数据的对比验证
(Flanner et al. 2007)
BC、粉尘对2011年7月扎当冰川附加冰带反照率降低的贡献率
Work during doctoral program

- Water chemistry in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau
- Dissolved carbon and nitrogen in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau

- Ions and trace elements
- Riverine dissolved carbon and nitrogen concentrations
- Isotope compositions of dissolved organic carbon (DOC)
- Greenhouse gases (GHGs) emissions

To present an overview of the environmental risks on the waters of the Tibetan Plateau and take the first step to provide information about the effects of climate change on the riverine carbon and nitrogen issues of the plateau.
Study area and sampling sites

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Water ionic chemistry in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau

Average concentrations of major ions of the rivers on the Tibetan Plateau and in the world.

Data source: a. this study; b. Müller et al. (2008); c. Chen et al. (2002); d. Huang et al. (2009); e. Meybeck and Ragu (2012); f. Meybeck and Helmer, (1989).
The Gibbs graph of major ion compositions (weight ratio) in the Yangtze River and the Yarlung Tsangpo.
Water quality assessment in rivers of Tibetan Plateau — concentrations of several elements in rivers were higher than that of WHO guideline for drinking.

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<th>River/SubRiver</th>
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Note: unit for Hg concentration is ng L⁻¹, others are μg L⁻¹
Waters quality assessment in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau
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Seasonal variations of dissolved trace metal levels of Lhasa River (a) and Duilong Qu (b) (Li et al., 2014).
Carbon emission and discharge from rivers, figure is modified from (Raymond, 2005 Nature).

Dissolved nitrogen and GHGs emissions from aquatic system, figure is modified from (Beaulieu et al., 2011).
Dissolved carbon and nitrogen in rivers of the ‘Third Pole’

a. Concentration distributions of dissolved C and N in the rivers of the Tibetan;
b. Mean concentrations of dissolved C and N in river of the Tibetan Plateau and the global average Plateau (Qu et al., 2017).
Correlation between riverine C and N in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau and the related influential factors

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<td>0.297</td>
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TDS: total dissolved solid; DIC: dissolved inorganic carbon; DOC: dissolved organic carbon; DIN: dissolved inorganic nitrogen; DON: dissolved organic nitrogen.

* Significant at 0.05 (2-tailed);
** Significant at 0.01 (2-tailed).

(Qu et al., 2017)
Distributions of $\Delta^{14}$C and $\delta^{13}$C of dissolved organic carbon for rivers of the Tibetan Plateau and other regions in the world. (Qu et al., 2017).
Significant relationship between permafrost soil area as a percentage of watershed area (%) and $^{14}$C age of dissolved organic carbon (DOC) in years before present (ybp) (Qu et al., 2017)
The thickness of the active layer has increased by 0.15 to 0.50 m and ground temperature at a depth of 6 m has risen by about 0.1°C to 0.3 °C between 1996 and 2001 (Cheng et al., 2007)
Water chemistry in the Himalayan region was influenced by the natural process (e.g. global warming, snow/glacier melting, runoff and soil erosion changing) as well as anthropogenic activities in the surrounding area.
Global Warming

GHGs emission would feedback to climate change.

Temperature

The Tibetan Plateau
Permafrost
Carbon storage

More bioavailable carbon transported might result in an increasing GHGs emission from rivers of the Tibetan Plateau.

C/N Flux

The C/N in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau is ~6.5, much lower than the world average (22.1). Lower C/N means riverine carbon is more bioavailable.

Precipitation

Vegetation

With the global warming and more intensive anthropogenic activities, the temperature, precipitation and land vegetation will increase on the Tibetan Plateau, the permafrost which with a huge amount of carbon storage will also melting in an accelerate speed.

Rivers

As the factors above, an increasing riverine carbon and nitrogen might be transported in the rivers of the Tibetan Plateau.
Future work

Next。。。 

课题组的优势：
1. 温室气体的多年连续积累观测；
2. 物理过程的解释；
3. 最关键—人员

尝试解决的科学问题：
1. 以高原（黄河源）为依托，探索碳（包括温室气体）在河水中的迁移（排放）机制；
2. 目前观测到的一些利用物理过程比较难解释的现象，尝试引入化学的方法；
3. 基于温室气体排放的观测，探索湖泊（自然开放水体，如太湖；封闭水体，全椒鱼塘）中碳的含量，成分，来源及其归宿。
谢谢！

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