



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



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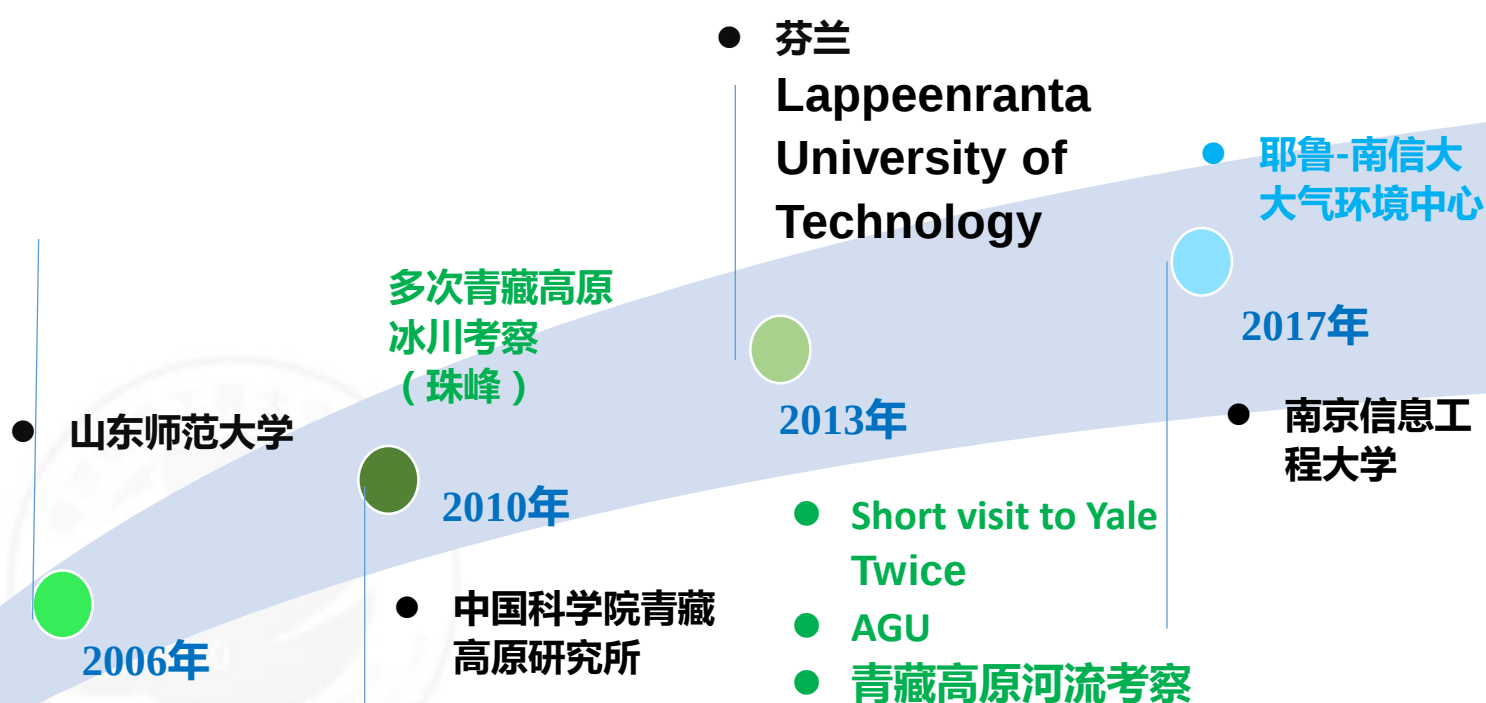
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The Tibetan Plateau

- 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.

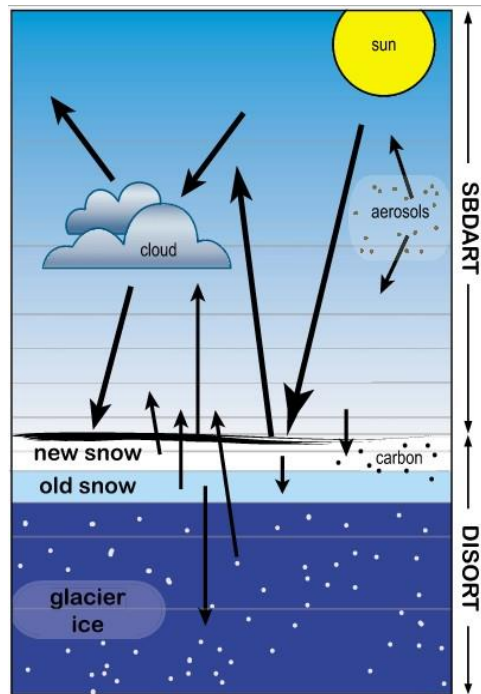
- “Water tower of Asia”

Head waters of more than ten large rivers in Asia.

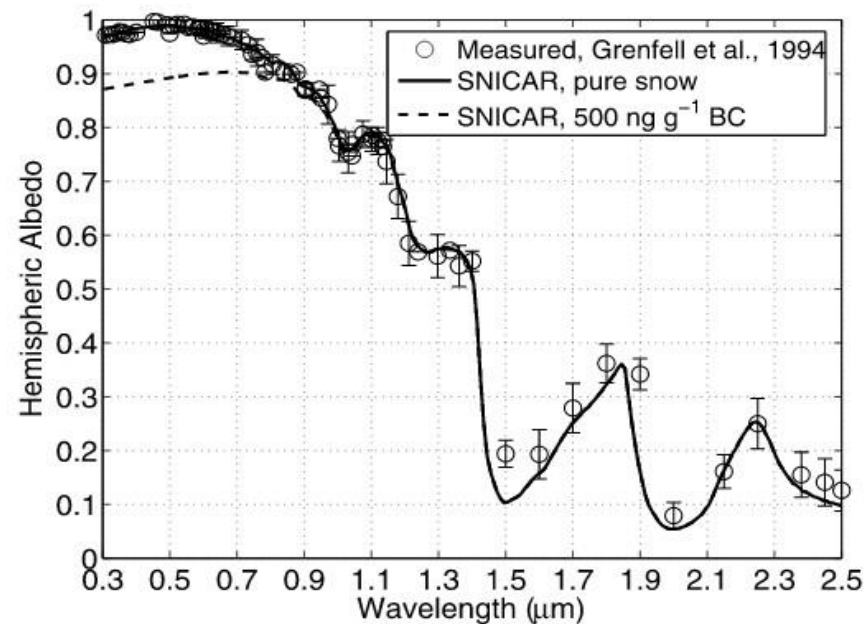


Work during master program

SNICAR (Snow Ice Aerosol Radiative)



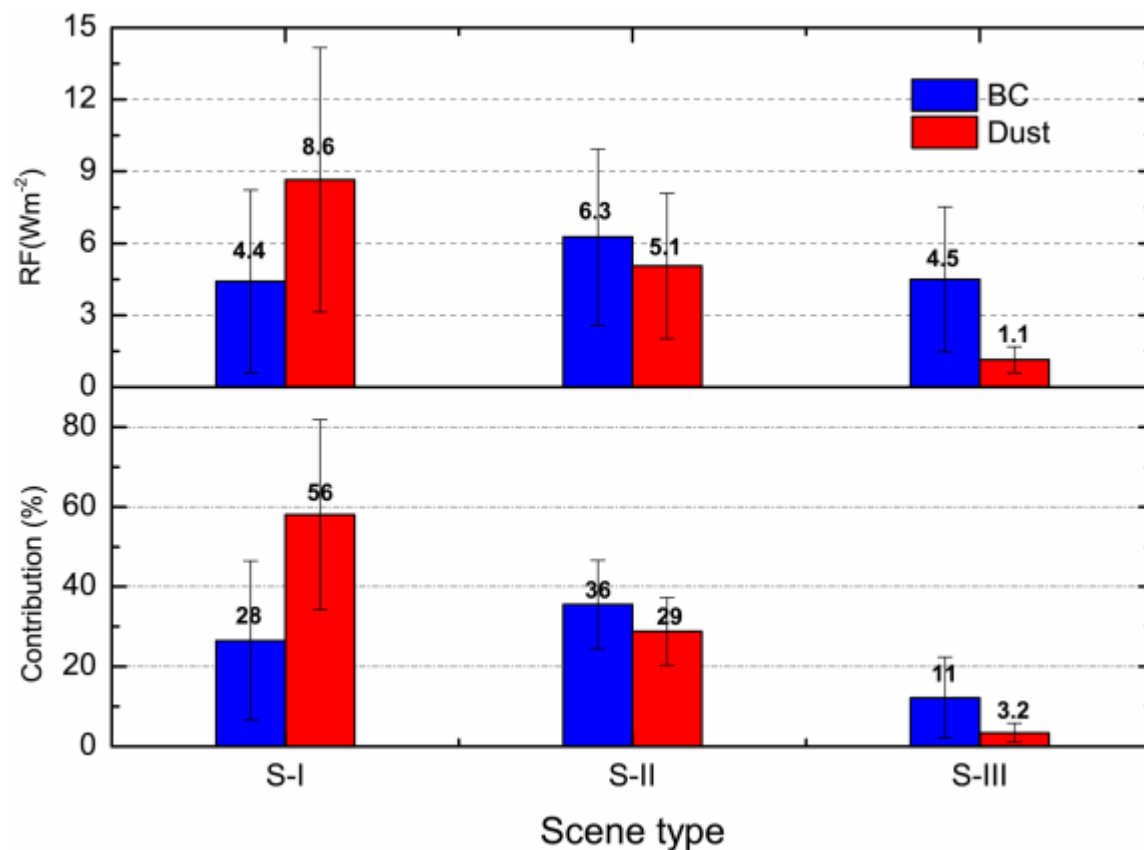
(Gardner, A. S. and M. J. Sharp 2010)



实测数据与SNICAR模拟数据的对比验证

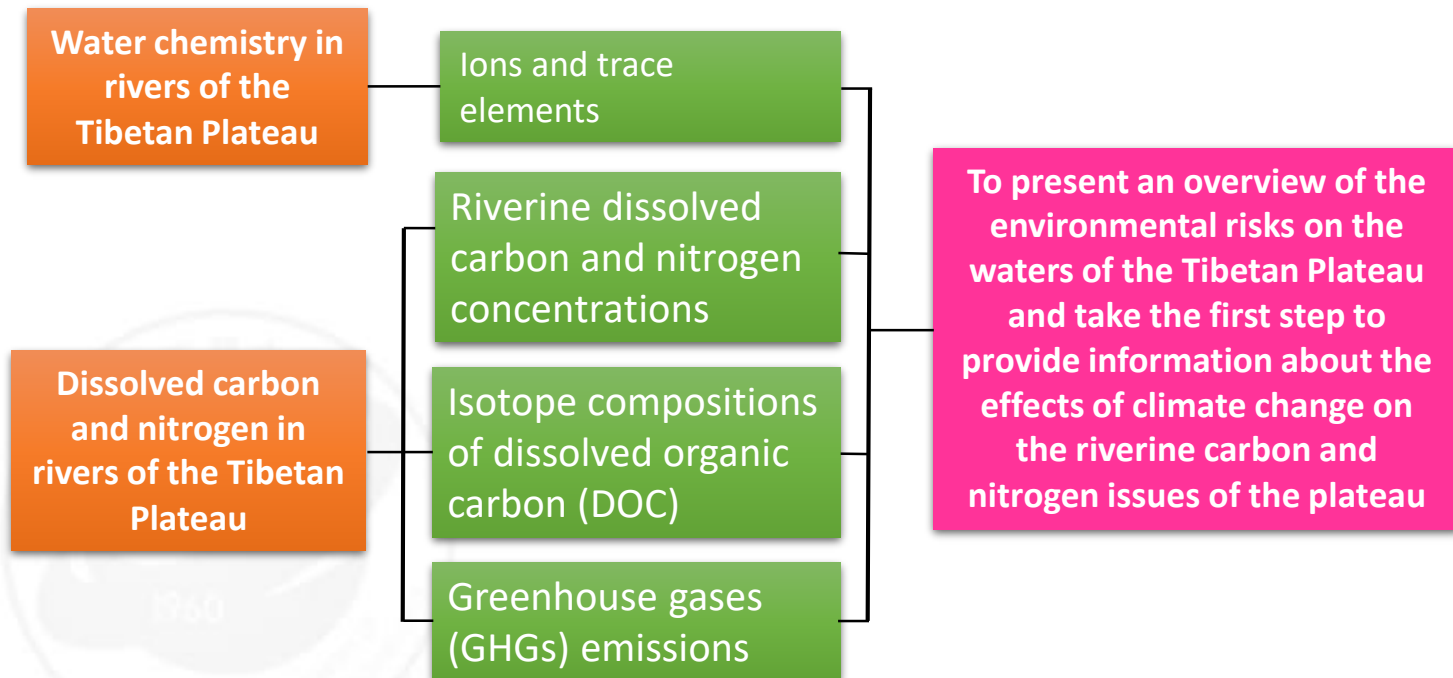
(Flanner et al. 2007)

SNICAR

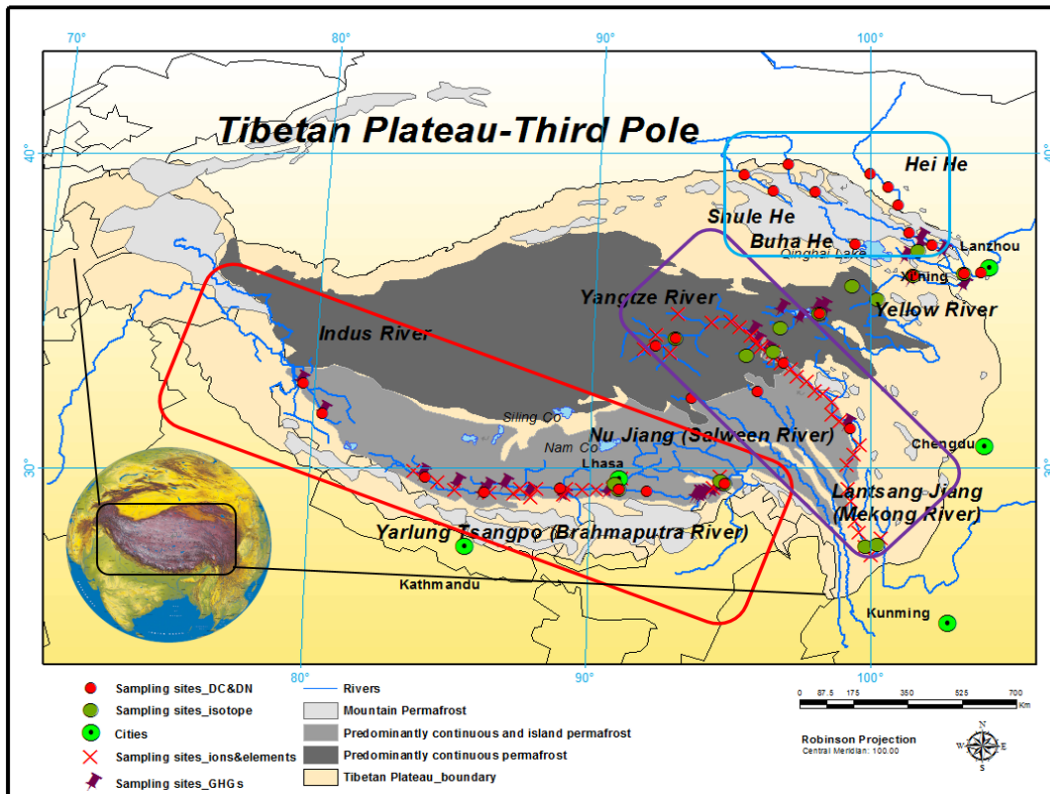


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Work during doctoral program



Study area and sampling sites



Inland river watershed

Shule He (IL-S)
Hei He (IL-H)
Buha He (IL-B)



Pacific Ocean Water System

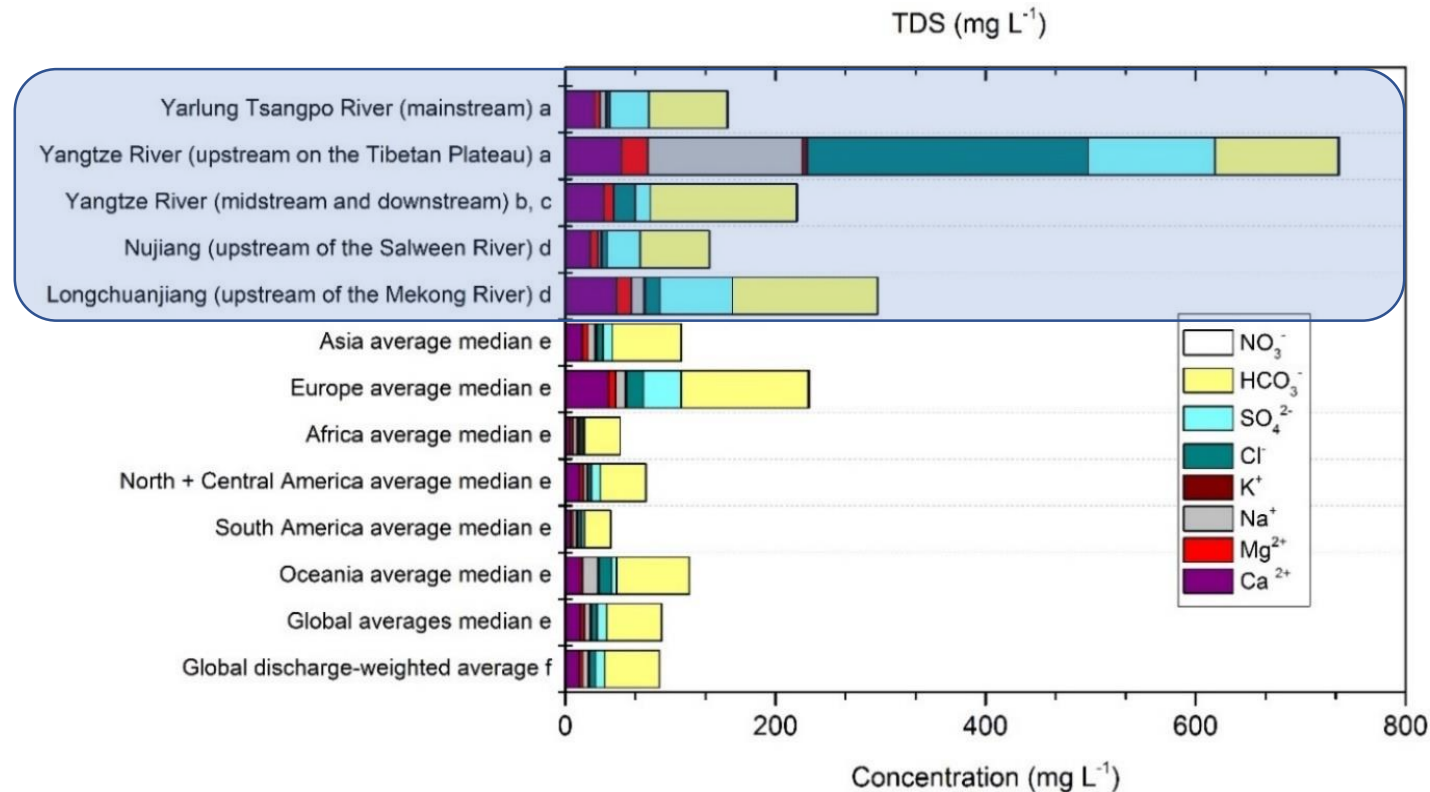
Yangtze River (P-YZ)
Lancang Jiang (Mekong, P-L)
Yellow River (P-YL)



India Ocean Water System

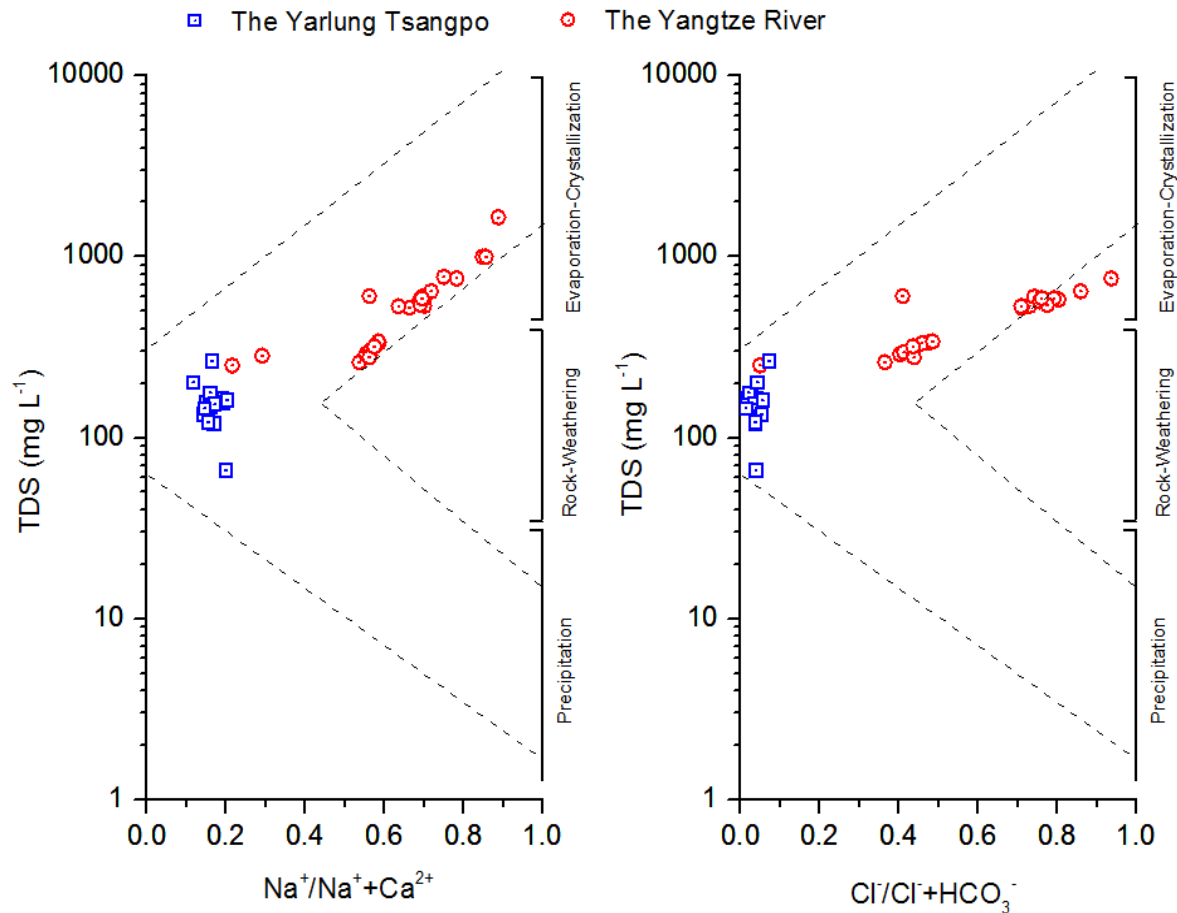
Indus River (Indus I-I)
Yarlung Tsangpo (I-YT)
Nujiang (Salween, I-N)

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.



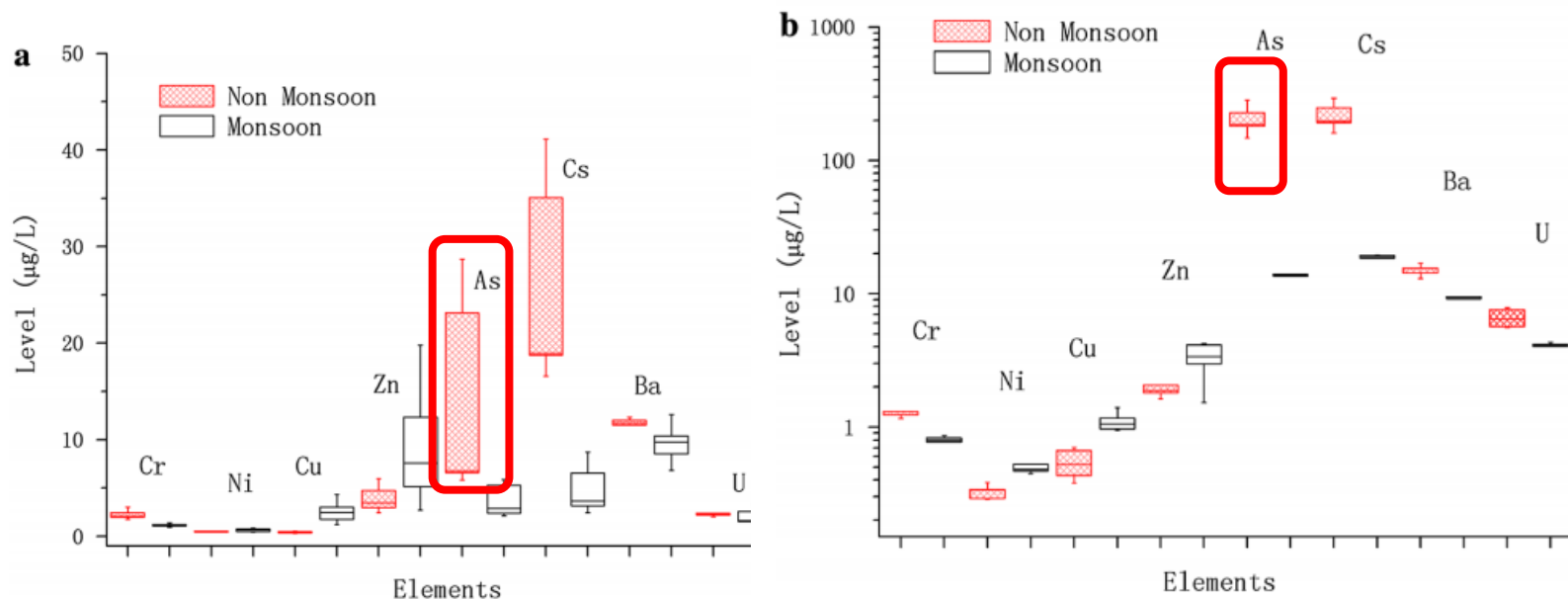
Water quality assessment in rivers of Tibetan Plateau —
concentrations of several elements in rivers were higher than that of
WHO guideline for drinking.

		Sr	Rb	Ti	Tl	B	Ba	Hg				
Yangtze River	Mainstream	1.1	654.6	1.9	4.2*	69.5	46.6	2.6				
		Mn	Cr	Ni	Cu	Zn	Cd	Sb	Ba	Pb	U	Mo
Yarlung Tsangpo	Mainstream	30.7	2.8	2.8	1.9	20.5	3.6*	4.3	15.3	15.8*	2.4	1.4
Yarlung Tsangpo tributaries	Lhasa River	19.4	3.5	0.9	3.1	2.2	0.2	4.1	12.1	1.6	2.3	1.8
	Doxung Tsangbo	24.3	1.1	2.0	1.3	6.9	0.9	2.5	21.3	4.7	2.2	1.6
	Xiabu Qu	265.0*	12.0*	11.9	7.4	26.6	0.2	1.9	20.8	5.1	0.7	0.1
	Nianchu River	3.2	3.1	1.2	0.7	8.3	0.6	18.4	11.1	3.4	2.4	0.7
	Nyang River	0.8	1.7	1.7	1.1	3.4	2.1	2.5	8.6	9.3	1.3	0.8

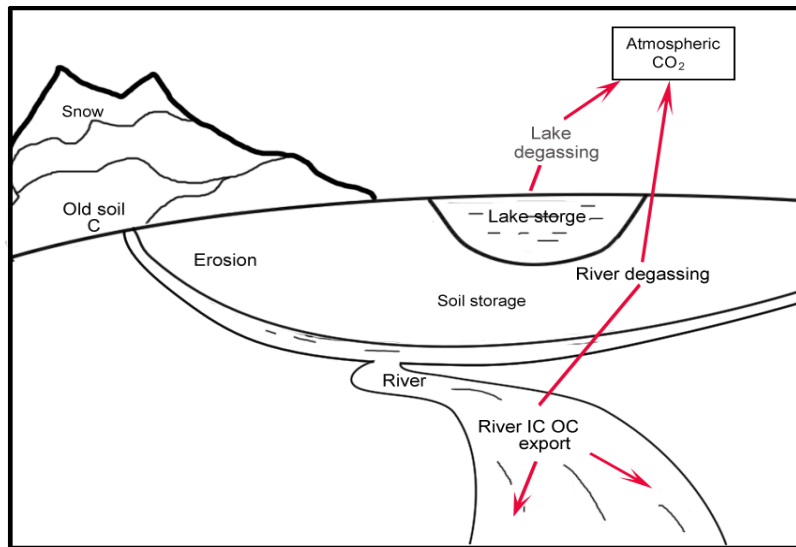
Note: unit for Hg concentration is ng L⁻¹, others are µg L⁻¹

Waters quality assessment in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau

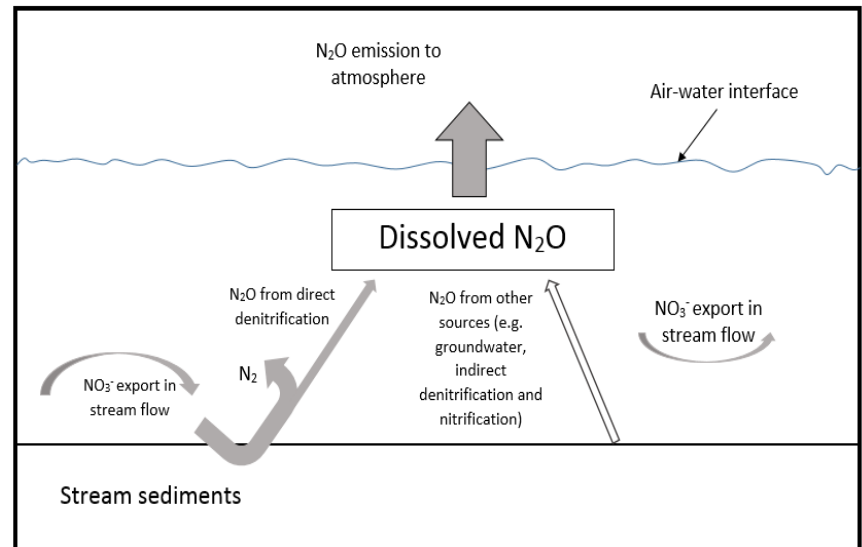
—arsenic concentrations in rivers were higher than that of WHO guideline for drinking.



Seasonal variations of dissolved trace metal levels of Lhasa River (a) and Duilong Qu (b) (Li et al., 2014).

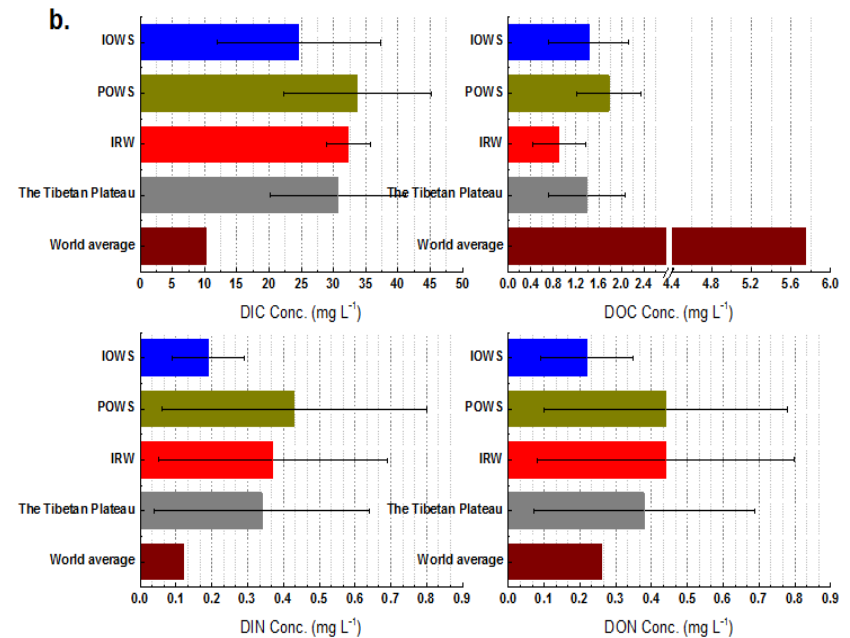
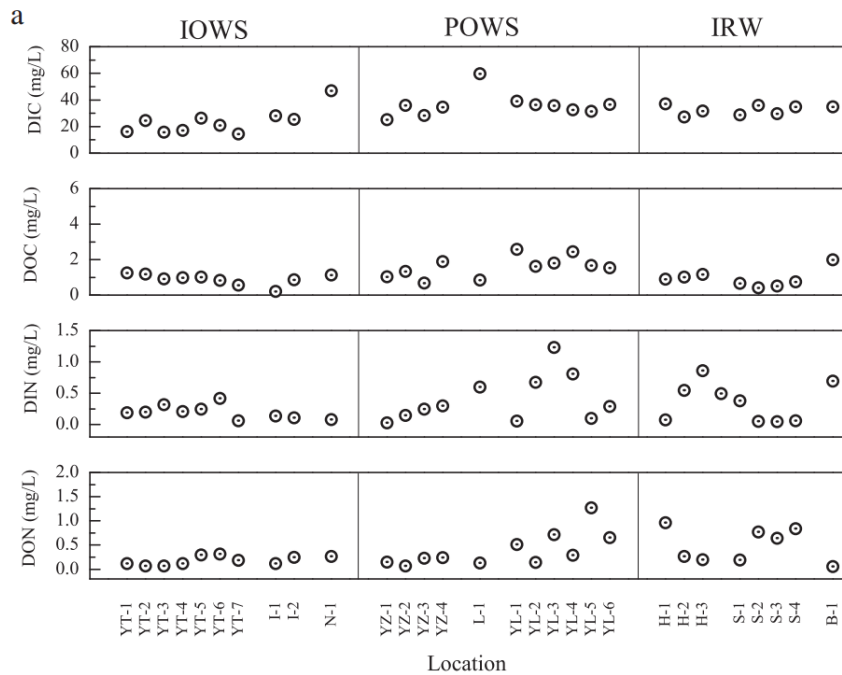


Carbon emission and discharge from rivers, figure is modified from (Raymond, 2005 Nature).



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'

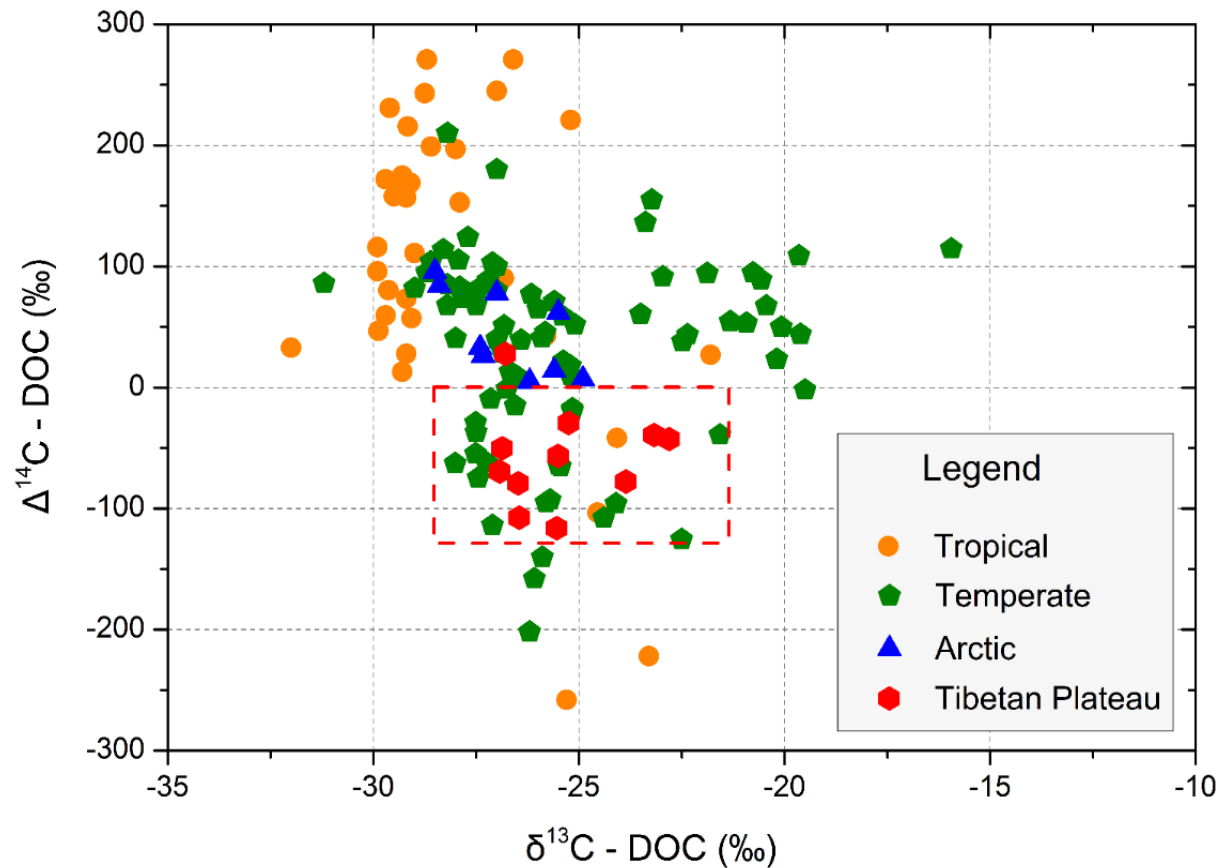


- a. Concentration distributions of dissolved C and N in the rivers of the Tibetan;
b. Mean concentrations of dissolved C and N in river of the Tibetan Plateau and the global average Plateau (Qu et al., 2017).

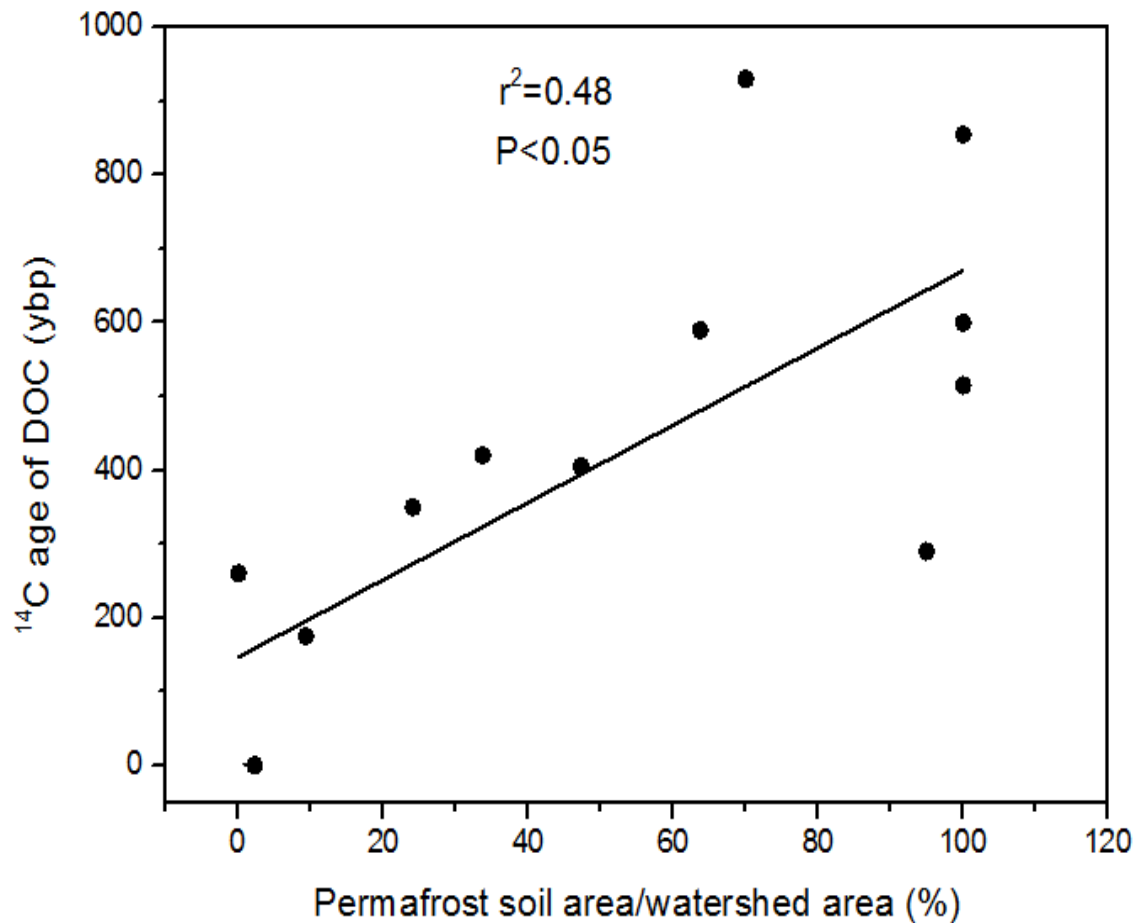
Correlation between riverine C and N in rivers of the Tibetan Plateau and the related influential factors

	Natural vegetation (n = 27)	Cultivated vegetation (n = 27)	Water temperature (n = 27)	TDS (n = 27)	Runoff (n = 19)
DIC	-0.105	-0.034	-0.038	0.415 *	-0.590 **
DOC	0.100	0.021	-0.548 **	0.457 *	-0.015
DIN	0.048	0.452 *	-0.229	0.326	-0.031
DON	-0.403 *	0.408 *	0.297	0.174	-0.145
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).					

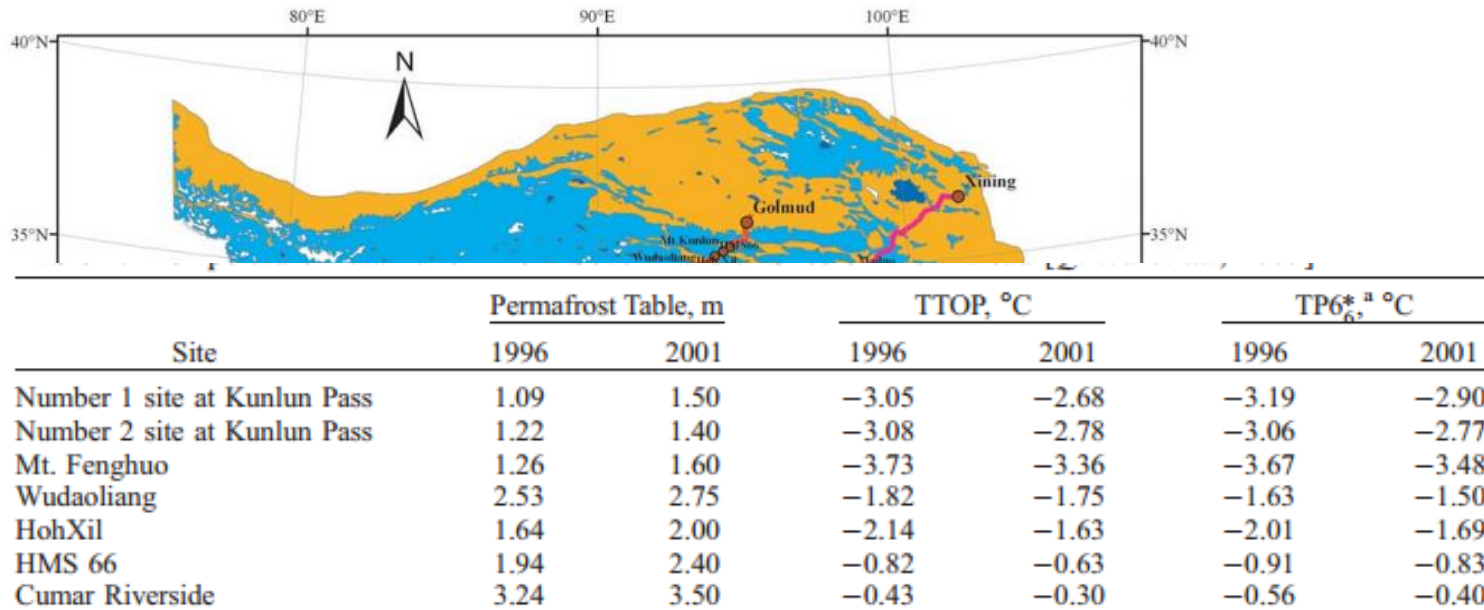
(Qu et al., 2017)



Distributions of $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of dissolved organic carbon for rivers of the Tibetan Plateau and other regions in the world.
([Qu et al., 2017](#)).



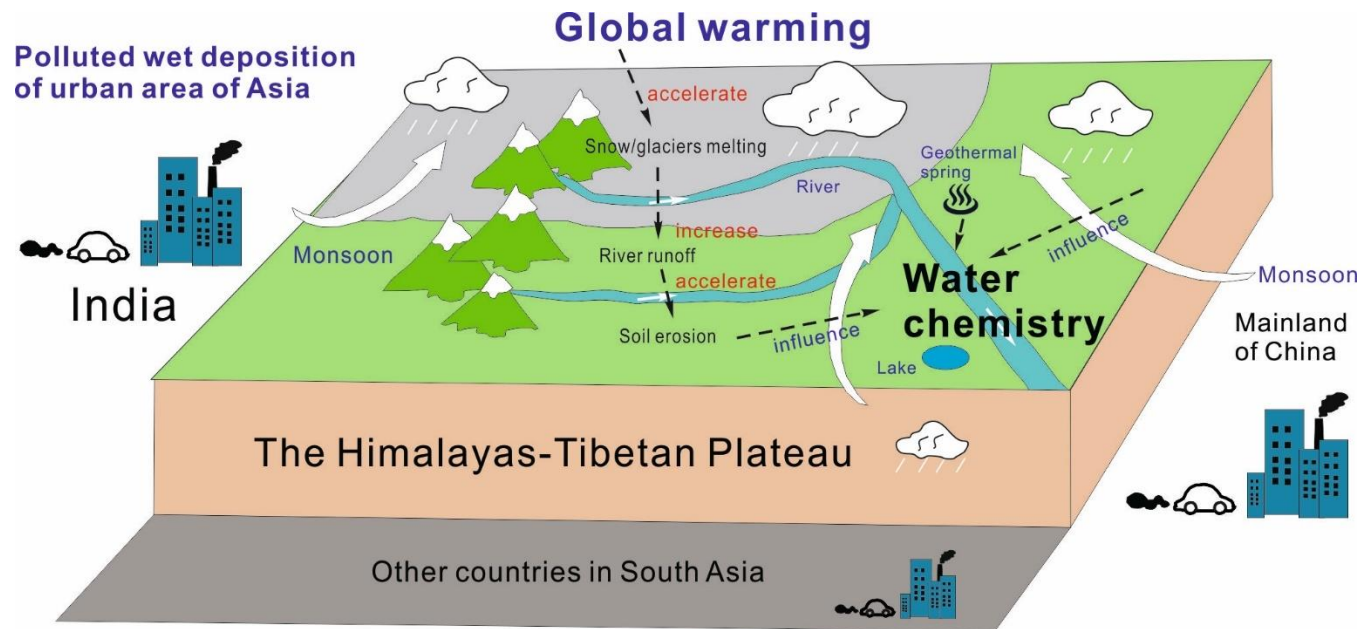
Significant relationship between permafrost soil area as a percentage of watershed area (%) and ¹⁴C age of dissolved organic carbon (DOC) in years before present (ybp) (Qu et al., 2017)



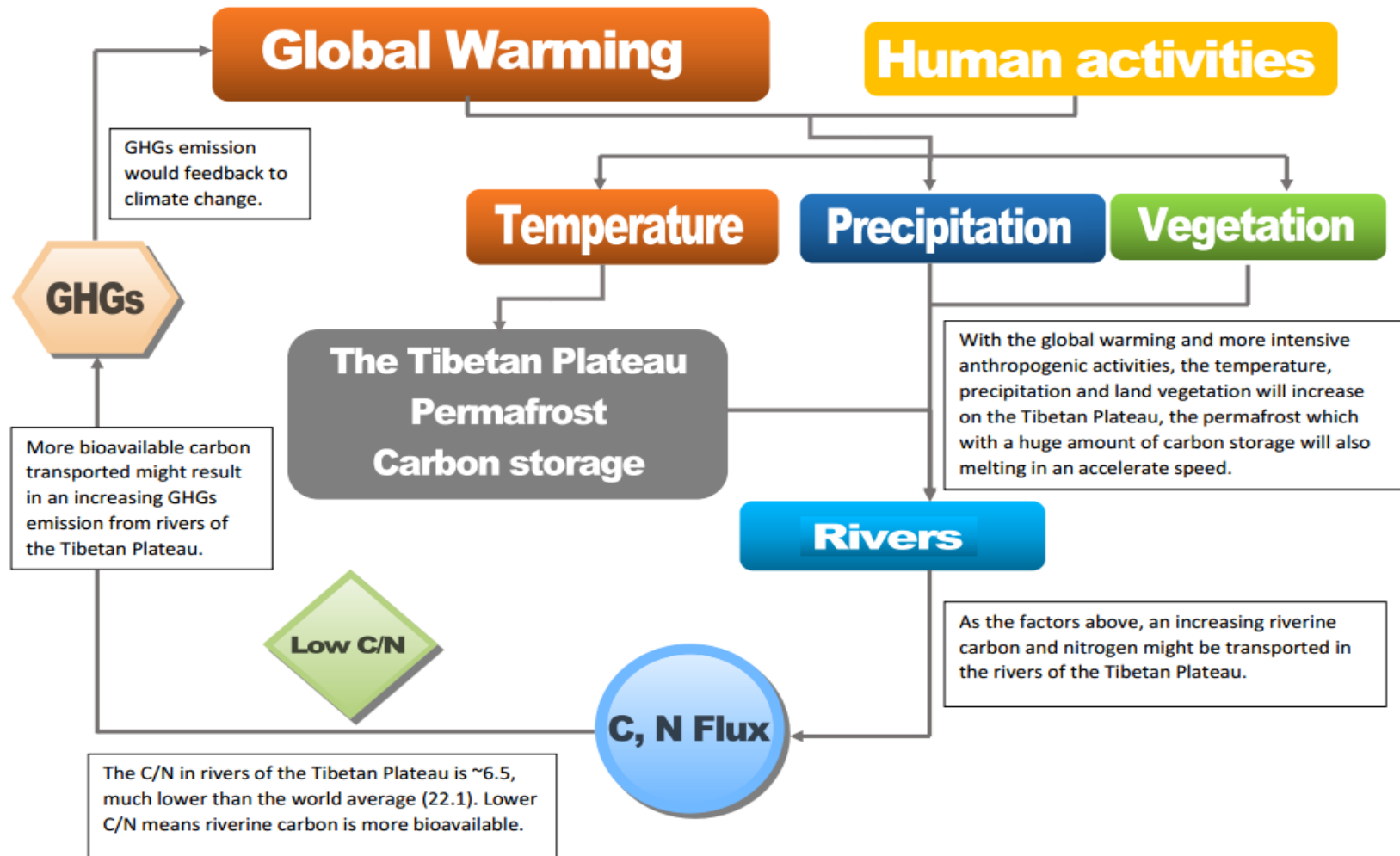
^aTP₆^{*} denotes permafrost temperature taken at 6 m depth.

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)

Summary and perspectives



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.





Future work

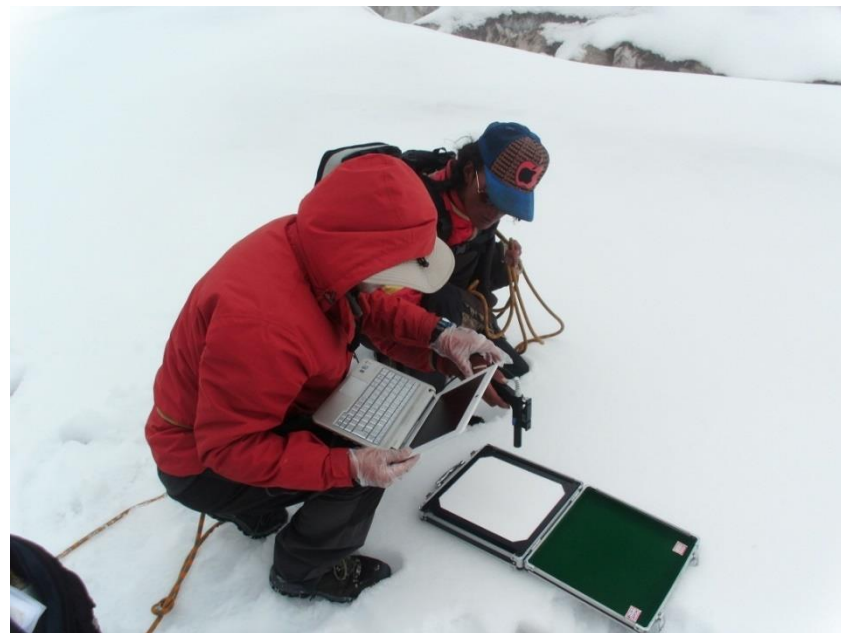
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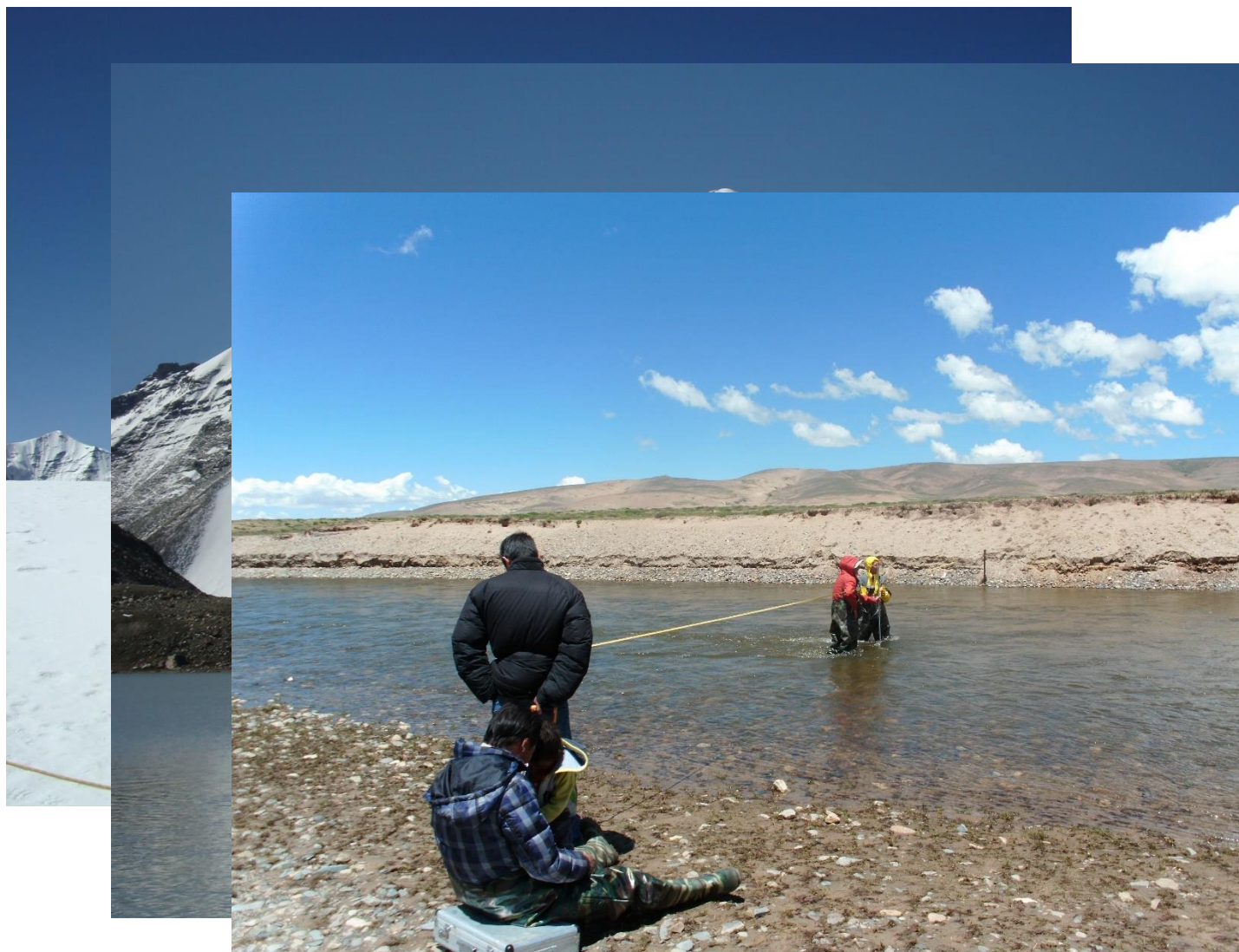
课题组的优势：

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。



















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