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Abstract:	The shortage of water resources restricts the sustainable development of economy, and the change of industrial water consumption plays a vital role in economy. In this paper, logarithmic average segmentation index (LMDI) index decomposition method and geographical weighted regression (GWR) model were used to measure the spatial heterogeneity of each driving effect on industrial water consumption, and to explore the spatio-temporal variation characteristics. The results show that :(1) From 2005 to 2016, China's industrial water consumption increased by nearly 2.3 billion m ³ ; Economic level effect and population size effect promote the change of industrial water consumption. The effect of industrial structure and technological progress play an inhibitory role. (2) Population size effect and economic level effect have the greatest impact on the eastern coastal areas. Coastal areas can reduce industrial water consumption by population control, reasonable design of water prices, and collection of sewage charges and taxes.

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8 Abstract: The shortage of water resources restricts the sustainable development of the
9 economy, and the changing of industrial water consumption plays a critical role in
10 economy, which directly affects the utilization of water resources, further the water
11 shortage. In this paper, the Logarithmic Mean Divisia Index (LMDI) exponential
12 decomposition method is used to decompose the driving factors of industrial water
13 consumption into economic level effect, population scale effect, industrial structure
14 effect and technological progress effect, and calculates the contribution value of each
15 driving effect. The spatial heterogeneity of each driving effect on industrial water
16 consumption is measured by Geographic Weighted Regression (GWR) model, and its
17 temporal and spatial variation characteristics are explored. The results show that: (1)
18 the industrial water consumption has increased by nearly 2.3 billion m³ due to four
19 effects from 2005 to 2016 in China. The economic level effect and population scale
20 effect have promoted the change of industrial water consumption. The industrial
21 structure effect and technological progress effects play a depressing role. (2) Population
22 scale and economic level effects have the greatest impact on the eastern coastal areas,
23 and coastal areas can reduce industrial water consumption by controlling population,
24 designing rational water price and levying sewage charges and taxes. The technological
25 progress effect has the greatest impact on the central and western regions, and the

26 industrial water consumption can be reduced by developing industrial water-saving and
27 recycling technologies. The industrial structure has the greatest impact on the northern
28 region. Therefore, the northern region should focus on the adjustment of the industrial
29 scale and optimization of the industrial structure to reduce water consumption. Analysis
30 of the driving effects of China's industrial water consumption and the adoption of
31 corresponding measures to reduce industrial water consumption are the key to solving
32 water shortages and economic development problems.

33 Keywords: Industrial water consumption; Driving effects; Regional heterogeneity;
34 GWR model

35 **1. Introduction**

36 As one of the countries with severe drought and water shortage in the world, China's
37 total freshwater resources account for only 6% of the world's total. The per capita water
38 resources are only one-fourth of the world's average. China has become one of the 13
39 countries with the lowest per capita water resources in the world. Industry is an
40 important supporting factor for economic development, its water consumption directly
41 affects the utilization of water resources and then greatly affects the shortage of water
42 resources. According to statistics (China Statistical yearbook, 2017), China's industrial
43 added value has increased from 160.3 billion yuan in 1978 to 28517.6 billion yuan in
44 2016, with an average annual growth rate of 4.66 times. It is expected to continue to
45 grow at a faster rate to drive the overall economic development in the future. At the
46 same time, China's industrial water consumption is also growing rapidly, from 52.3
47 billion m³ (11% of the total water consumption) in 1978 to 130.8 billion m³ (21.6%) in

48 2016, and it becomes the fastest department in growth rate of water use. Therefore, it is
49 of great significance to study the economic driving factors affecting industrial water
50 consumption and to analyze their spatial and temporal distribution characteristics in
51 order to better utilize water resources, better reduce industrial water consumption,
52 improve water use efficiency and develop the economy.

53 There are three key scientific questions that need to be addressed:
54 (1) How does China's industrial water consumption change on a time scale?
55 (2) What are the main factors driving such changes?
56 (3) What are the spatial distribution characteristics and intensity of these driving
57 factors?

58 Research on water consumption focuses on the following aspects:
59 First, the influencing factors of water consumption. Ward (1997) and Tate (1986)
60 analyzed the growth of water use in developed counties and found that there were
61 several factors affecting the growth of water demand, such as water resources
62 conditions, per capita water use, population, water consumption per unit product,
63 industrial structure, reuse rate of water resources and technical factors and so on. Shang
64 et al. (2016) found that industrial expansion will increase water use, while technological
65 advances and water efficiency improvements will reduce water use. Shang and Zhai
66 (2016) studied the changes of industrial water use from 2003 in Tianjin City and
67 obtained the main factors were industrial scale and water use efficiency. In addition,
68 Shang and Lu (2016) classified the driving forces of industrial water use changes into
69 three types: output, technological, and structural forces. In terms of the factors such as

70 the economic development, population, industrial water use efficiency and water
71 resources development and utilization effecting on the water consumption in Urumqi,
72 the economic development and water intensity are the decisive factors (Yu-fang Zhang
73 et al., 2015). There is a certain inverse U-shaped relationship between per capita
74 industrial water consumption and GDP (Yue Zhang et al., 2017). Taking the
75 metropolitan area of Barcelona as an example, the relationship between urbanization
76 and water consumption of residents was studied. The results demonstrated that income
77 and housing types played an important role in water consumption changes (Domene et
78 al., 2006). The dominant factors affecting wastewater discharge were the economy and
79 technological advance, however, the efficiency of resource utilization and population
80 played a less important role in wastewater discharge (Chen et al., 2016).

81 Second, spatial analysis of water consumption mainly focuses on the water use
82 efficiency and water pollution. The spatial dependence and local cluster from 2003 to
83 2012 were studied by Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis (ESDA) and Geographic
84 Information System (GIS). The results showed that the percentage of industrial water
85 in Hubei province shows a weak spatial dependence, and the center trajectory migrated
86 to the northwest (Zhou et al., 2017). Cai et al. (2016) studied the impact of China's
87 industrial transformation on water intensity and energy-related carbon intensity during
88 2003-2012. Ma et al. (2016) adopted the spatial panel data model to analyze the spatial
89 correlation of China's water use efficiency, and found that there a large variation of
90 water use efficiency varies among different provinces. Ding et al. (2018) measured
91 respectively the spatial correlations of total, industrial and agricultural water intensity

92 of 11 provinces in the Yangtze River Economic Belt. The spatial spillover effect of
93 China's provincial water use efficiency was studied with the space Durbin econometric
94 model. There is a significant spatial correlation based on China's provincial water use
95 efficiency (Sun et al., 2014). By using the ESDA method to analyze the spatial and
96 temporal distribution of total wastewater, it was found that the provinces with high
97 wastewater discharge were mainly located in the coastal developed provinces such as
98 Jiangsu province and Guangdong province(Chen et al., 2016).

99 The third, water research based on the GWR model. Taking Phoenix City and
100 Mediterranean region of Spain as an example, it was concluded that the GWR model
101 can better represent the spatial impact of the determinants of household water
102 consumption by comparing the results of the OLS model with the GWR model(Villar-
103 Navascués et al., 2018). Duan et al. (2015) indicated that the spatial distribution of
104 water footprint in 36 major maize producing areas in northeast China was uneven
105 with spatial autocorrelation analysis and GWR model. Kontokosta and Jain (2015)
106 applied the weighted robust regression and GWR model to analyze the determinants
107 and spatial patterns of water consumption in multi-family buildings in New York City.
108 It was found that the occupancy rate, building areas and so on had a significant impact
109 on the water intensity of multi-user.

110 Research studies dealing with the water consumption were analyzed from different
111 angles, more and more factors have been considered, and the research dimension is
112 gradually becoming wider and wider from time to space. However, little attention paid
113 to the spatial impact analysis of the driving factors of industrial water consumption.

114 Most studies only focused on the influencing factors of industrial water consumption
115 from a single dimension of time or space, and most of them ignored the correlation and
116 heterogeneity of the various factors which affected industrial water consumption among
117 different regions. So we establish the factor decomposition model based on the Kaya
118 formula, find out the driving factors affecting industrial water consumption. Then build
119 the LMDI exponential decomposition model to quantify the contribution value of each
120 driving effect with the industrial water consumption data of 31 provinces from 2005 to
121 2016. Furtherly, we combine the driving factors with GWR model for spatial
122 differentiation analysis and observe the distribution characteristics and influence degree
123 of driving factors of industrial water consumption among different provinces. It will
124 provide policy recommendations for rational utilization of industrial water
125 consumption.

126 **2. Methodology and data**

127 2.1 Methodology

128 2.1.1 Decomposition of driving factors

129 Based on the Kaya identity concept, proposed by Japanese professor Yoichi Kaya
130 (Kaya 1990) at a IPCC seminar, we expanded the Kaya identify and decomposed the
131 industrial water consumption (W) into the four driving factors: industrial water
132 efficiency (T), industrial structure (S), economic level (Q) and population scale (P) to
133 measure the impact of water technology advancement, industrial structure changes,
134 economic level improvement and population scale changes on Chinese industrial water
135 use. The extended Kaya formala can be expressed as follows:

$$W_t = \sum_{i=1}^I W_i^t = \sum_{i=1}^I (T_i^t \times S_i^t \times Q_i^t \times P_i^t) \quad (1)$$

136 Where, $T_i^t = \frac{W_i^t}{GDP_i^t}$, $S_i^t = \frac{GDP_i^t}{GDP_t}$, $Q_i^t = \frac{GDP_t}{P_t}$, $P_i^t = P_t$.

137 Where, W_i^t and GDP_i^t mean the industrial water consumption and industrial
 138 added value of the t -year in the i -th province of China's 31 provinces. GDP_t is the total
 139 GDP of the t -th year. P_t is the total national population in the t -th year, and W_t is the
 140 total industrial water consumption in the t -th year of China. I represents 31 provinces
 141 and cities in China.

142 According to the Logarithmic Mean Divisia Index (LMDI) proposed by Ang (2004
 143 and 2005), an analysis object (V) is composed of i subclasses, where each subclass has
 144 n driving factors x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . There V can be calculated as follows:

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^n V_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{1,i} x_{2,i} \cdots x_{n,i} \quad (2)$$

145 Suppose the base period $V_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{1,i}^0 x_{2,i}^0 \cdots x_{n,i}^0$, the end of the period $V_t =$
 146 $\sum_{i=1}^n x_{1,i}^t x_{2,i}^t \cdots x_{n,i}^t$. In the additive decomposition mode, the contribution value of the k -
 147 th driving factor is denoted by ΔV_{x_k} , and the relationship between the variation value
 148 of V and the n driving factors is as follows:

$$\Delta V_{t0} = V_t - V_0 = \Delta V_{x_1} + \Delta V_{x_2} + \cdots + \Delta V_{x_n}, \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta V_{xk} = \sum_i \frac{(V_i^t - V_i^0)}{(\ln V_i^t - \ln V_i^0)} \ln \left(\frac{x_{k,i}^t}{x_{k,i}^0} \right) \quad (4)$$

149 Combine equations (1), (2) and (3), we can get ΔW using equation (5)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta W &= W^{t+1} - W^t = \sum_{i=1}^I (T_i^{t+1} \times S_i^{t+1} \times Q_i^{t+1} \times P_i^{t+1}) - \sum_{i=1}^I (T_i^t \times S_i^t \times Q_i^t \times P_i^t) \\ &= \Delta T + \Delta S + \Delta Q + \Delta P \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

150 Based on equation (4), we can obtain ΔT , ΔS , ΔQ , and ΔP :

$$\Delta T = \sum_{i=1}^I L(W_i^{t+1}, W_i^t) \times \ln(T_i^{t+1}/T_i^t) \quad (6)$$

$$\Delta S = \sum_{i=1}^I L(W_i^{t+1}, W_i^t) \times \ln(S_i^{t+1}/S_i^t) \quad (7)$$

$$\Delta Q = \sum_{i=1}^I L(W_i^{t+1}, W_i^t) \times \ln(Q_i^{t+1}/Q_i^t) \quad (8)$$

$$\Delta P = \sum_{i=1}^I L(W_i^{t+1}, W_i^t) \times \ln(P_i^{t+1}/P_i^t) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Where, } L(W_i^{t+1}, W_i^t) = (W_i^{t+1} - W_i^t) / \ln(W_i^{t+1}/W_i^t) \quad (10)$$

151 2.1.2 Spatial autocorrelation

152 Spatial autocorrelation analysis is a method of quantitatively measuring whether a
153 variable is spatially related or not. Before establishing the GWR model, the Moran's I
154 index value is used to test the spatial correlation of industrial water consumption and
155 its driving effects. The Moran's I formula is as follows:

$$I = \frac{n \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n W'_{ij} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n W'_{ij}} \quad (11)$$

156 Where, I is the Moran's I value, where n is the number of sample regions, equal to
157 31. x_i and x_j are the value of the driving effect in the adjacent space. W'_{ij} is the spatial
158 neighboring weight matrix. If the two places are adjacent, then $W'_{ij}=1$, otherwise
159 $W'_{ij}=0$. Moran's I index is in the range of values $(-1,1)$, which is an indicator for
160 analyzing the global spatial correlation in spatial econometrics. Among them, if
161 $I > 0$, there is a positive correlation in the space; if $I < 0$, the variable has a negative
162 correlation in space; if $I = 0$, variables do not correlation in space.

163 2.1.3 GWR Model

164 The GWR model was proposed by Brunsdon et al. (2010) in order to study complex
 165 spatial parameter changes or spatial heterogeneity. The model shows that different
 166 geospatial spaces have different relationships. The results demonstrate that regional
 167 parameters with spatial dependence can be estimated, and the actual impacts or effects
 168 of different driving factors in different regions can be detected. It is widely used in the
 169 spatial analysis for economy, housing prices and ecology. The general form of the GWR
 170 model is as follows:

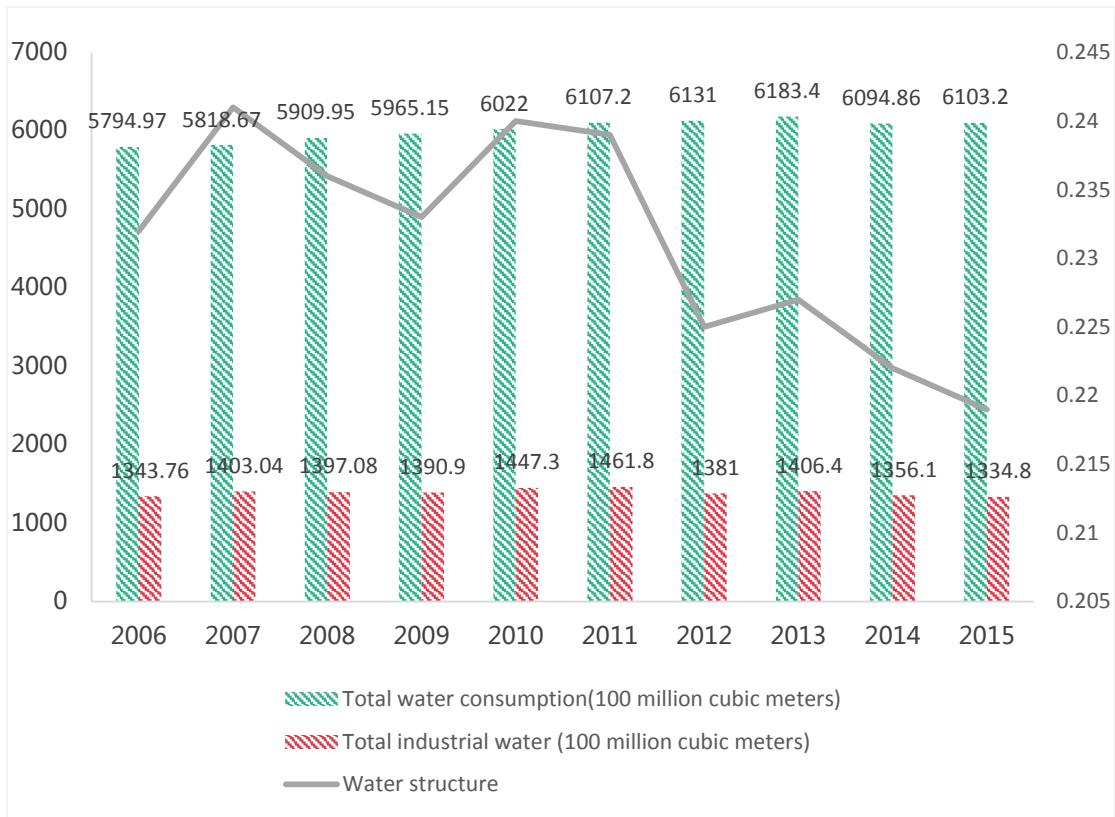
$$y_i = \beta_0(u_i, v_i) + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j(u_i, v_i)x_{ij} + \varepsilon_i \quad (12)$$

171 Where, (u_i, v_i) is the geographic coordinates of the the i-th provincial capital city.
 172 x_{ij} is the j-th driving factor in the i -th province, $\beta_k(u_i, v_i)$ is the regression coefficient
 173 of driving factors in different regions; ε_i is the random error of regression model. The
 174 regression coefficients in the GWR model are affected by the spatial position, and the
 175 formula is as follows:

$$\hat{\beta}(u_i, v_i) = [X^T W'(u_i, v_i) X]^{-1} X^T W'(u_i, v_i) XY \quad (13)$$

176 $\hat{\beta}$ is the estimated value of β and W' is the spatial weight matrix assigned to
 177 the data points by the model at position (u_i, v_i) .

178 2.2 Data sources and data processing



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Figure 1 China's total water consumption and status of industrial water use

181 The object of this paper is how to estimate industrial water consumption. The
 182 economic level effect index of decomposition is selected by per capita GDP. The
 183 population size index is characterized by the year-end resident population. The
 184 technical progress effect indicator is characterized by water use efficiency, which is
 185 represented by industrial added value water consumption of 10,000 yuan and the
 186 structural effect is expressed by the proportion of industrial added value.

187 The data used in this paper mainly come from the China Statistical Yearbook and the
 188 China Water Resources Bulletin from 2005 to 2016, and the Statistical Yearbook of the
 189 31 provinces in the National Bureau of Statistics from 2005 to 2016. The sample
 190 interval is defined as 2005-2016. Please note that the research lacks of relevant data in
 191 Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions.

192 **3. Results and Discussion**

193 3.1 Decomposition analysis of driving factors based on LMDI

194 Using formulas (4) and (5), the driving factors of industrial water consumption are
195 calculated and listed in Table 1 and Figure 3.

196 In Table 1, the contribution of population scale and economic level to industrial water
197 consumption is positive, indicating that both promotes the growth of industrial water
198 consumption. The expansion of population scale has led to an increase in industrial
199 water consumption about 7.742 billion m³ (2.10%), and the improvement of economic
200 level has made an increase to 184.12 billion m³ (48.272%). The contribution of
201 technological progress and industrial structure has positive or negative on industrial
202 water consumption. The technological progress effect is about 164.735 billion m³
203 (43.19%). Furthermore, the optimization and upgrading of industrial structure have also
204 reduce the industrial water consumption around 24.824 billion m³ (6.508%). Based on
205 the above analysis, it is not difficult to find that the economic level has become the main
206 driving force for the increase of industrial water consumption from the data. And the
207 technological progress has become the main inhibitor of industrial water consumption.
208 The industrial structure effect is the secondary inhibition factor, and the population
209 scale effect has the least driving effect. The cumulative effect of population scale effect
210 and economic level effect is better than the cumulative inhibition effect of industrial
211 structure effect and technological progress effect. Therefore, China's total industrial
212 water consumption increased by 2.305 billion m³ from 2005 to 2016.

213 From the trend of time series changes in Figure 1, the improvement of economic

214 level in 2005-2016 is the main driving factor increasing industrial water consumption
215 in China. Industrial technology progress has become a major inhibitor of industrial
216 water use, and industrial structural effects have also played a depressing role, which
217 showed a periodic wave. From 2005 to 2008, China's economic level reflected a state
218 of fluctuating growth, and industrial water consumption also increased. However, the
219 2008 economic crisis had a certain degree of impact on Chinese industry, directly
220 leading to a slowdown of China's economic development, which made industrial water
221 consumption reduce from 22.739 billion m³ in 2008 to 11.642 billion m³ in 2009. In
222 addition, after the industrial structure became smaller and optimized, the water use
223 efficiency had increased, but industrial water consumption reduced by 15.424 billion
224 m³. And the technological progress effect made industrial water consumption increase
225 by 2.468 billion m³. After the economic crisis, in 2010, the Chinese economy resumed
226 growth. Industrial restructuring was restored, and technological progress continued to
227 play its role, and water consumption also resumed growth. Since 2010, “Twelfth Five-
228 Year Plan” has entered, in which “Eleventh Five-Year Plan” promoted the optimization
229 and upgrading of industrial structure and the process of building a resource-saving and
230 environment-friendly society, the economic level has maintained a medium-to-high-
231 speed growth. However, the increasing in industrial water consumption has shown a
232 slow decline. For population, its effect has promoted the increase of industrial water
233 use, but the growth trend of population scale effect has been relatively flat.

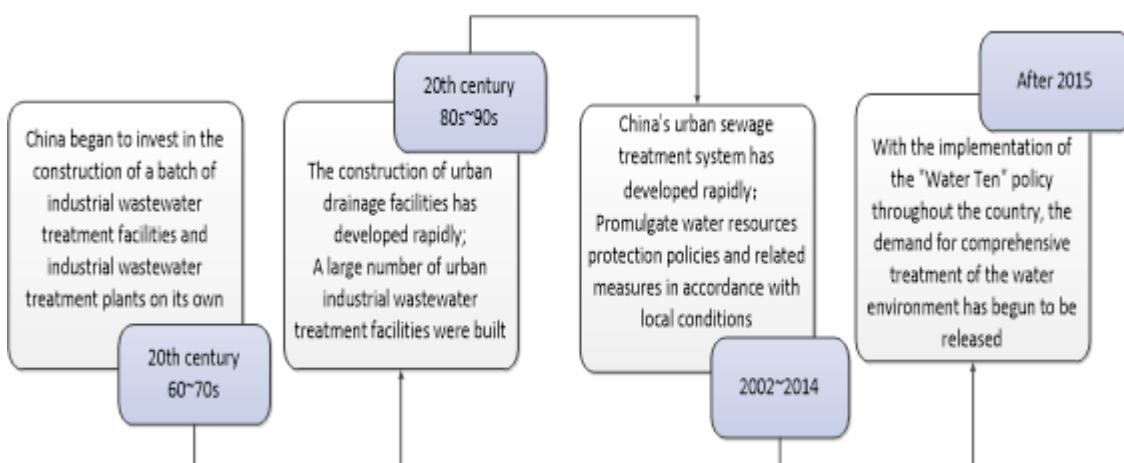
234 3.2 Global spatial autocorrelation analysis

235 Before the spatial regression, the spatial autocorrelation of industrial water

236 consumption should be examined. If the spatial effect is obvious, spatial modeling
237 analysis can be performed. Otherwise, spatial analysis is not needed. In this paper, the
238 GeoDa software (<http://geodacenter.github.io>) is used to calculate the global
239 autocorrelation Moran's I index of industrial water consumption in 31 provinces in
240 China from 2005 to 2016. The Moran's I index scatter plot is shown in Figure 4.

241 As shown in Figure 4, there is a positive correlation between China's industrial water
242 consumption and more than 80% of the provinces in the first and third quadrants,
243 indicating that the industrial water consumption in these provinces has a phenomenon
244 of high concentration and low concentration.

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247 Figure 2 Development history of China's industrial water and waste water industry

248 By analyzing the Moran's I index value, we can find its value fluctuates with a trend
249 of "first increases and then decreases". From 2005, the regions with similar industrial
250 water consumption in the country are spatially concentrated and the maximum value of
251 Moran's I index reaches up to 0.42 in 2012, mainly because of the rapid development
252 of economy in this period. When the industrial level of each province has also increased,

253 there is a strong correlation between the economic developments of the provinces.

254 Consequently, the positive correlation of industrial water consumption in the space is

255 gradually increased. Since 2013, the value of Moran's I index has decreased, however,

256 the decline rate is less than the increase rate. The value of Moran's I index in 2013 is

257 greater than the value in 2005 to 2008, indicating that the overall difference is gradually

258 narrowing in the process of industrial water use. Mainly because most provinces

259 developed the economic and related measures based on “adjust measures to local

260 conditions” and then reduced the overall spatial positive correlation of industrial water

261 consumption. More and more regions begin to combine and develop together and the

262 new developed “economic independence” is booming. The overall difference of

263 industrial water consumption in different provinces were reduced, and the spatial

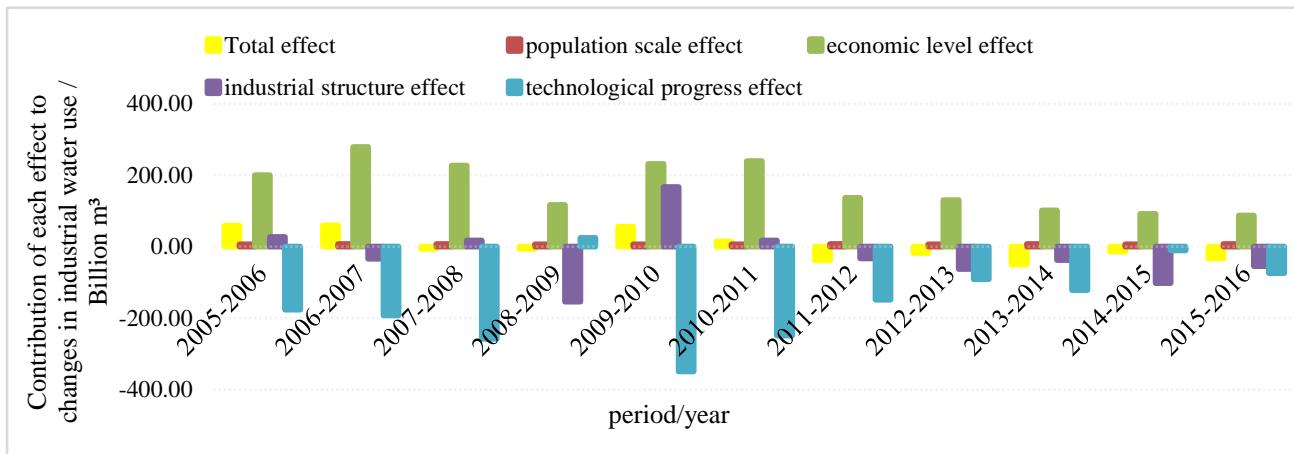
264 distribution of industrial water consumption is highly agglomerating locally.

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Table 1 Decomposition results of various driving factors of industrial water consumption in China from 2005 to 2016

Period/year	Water consumptio n /Billion m ³	Contribution of various effects to changes in industrial water use / Billion m ³				Contribution rate of each effect to industrial water change /%			
		Population Scale	Economi c Level	Industrial Structure	Technological Progress	Population Scale	Economic Level	Industrial Structure	Technologic al Progress
2005-2006	5.82	0.694	20.066	2.716	-17.656	1.687	48.784	6.603	42.925
2006-2007	5.912	0.71	27.874	-3.396	-19.276	1.385	54.382	6.626	37.607
2007-2008	-0.594	0.711	22.739	1.711	-25.755	1.396	44.66	3.36	50.583
2008-2009	-0.636	0.679	11.642	-15.424	2.468	2.247	38.533	51.051	8.169
2009-2010	5.634	0.68	23.182	16.741	-34.969	0.9	30.675	22.152	46.272
2010-2011	1.451	0.697	23.952	1.709	-24.907	1.36	46.722	3.334	48.585
2011-2012	-3.778	0.715	13.62	-3.262	-14.851	2.204	41.975	10.053	45.769
2012-2013	-1.755	0.696	12.986	-6.282	-9.155	2.39	44.596	21.574	31.44
2013-2014	-5.009	0.719	10.17	-3.735	-12.162	2.684	37.968	13.944	45.404
2014-2015	-1.426	0.667	9.14	-10.185	-1.048	3.17	43.441	48.408	4.981
2015-2016	-3.315	0.775	8.751	-5.416	-7.424	3.465	39.126	24.215	33.193
2005-2016	2.305	7.742	184.122	-24.824	164.735	2.03	48.272	6.508	43.19

268 Note: The positive values in the table represent the promotion effect, indicating that the increase of industrial water
269 consumption is promoted; the negative values represent the inhibition effect, indicating that the inhibition of
270 industrial water consumption increases.

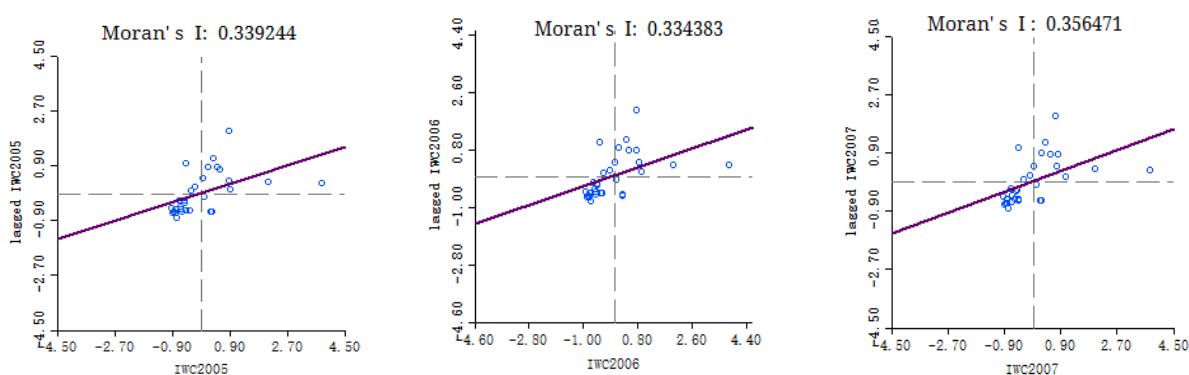


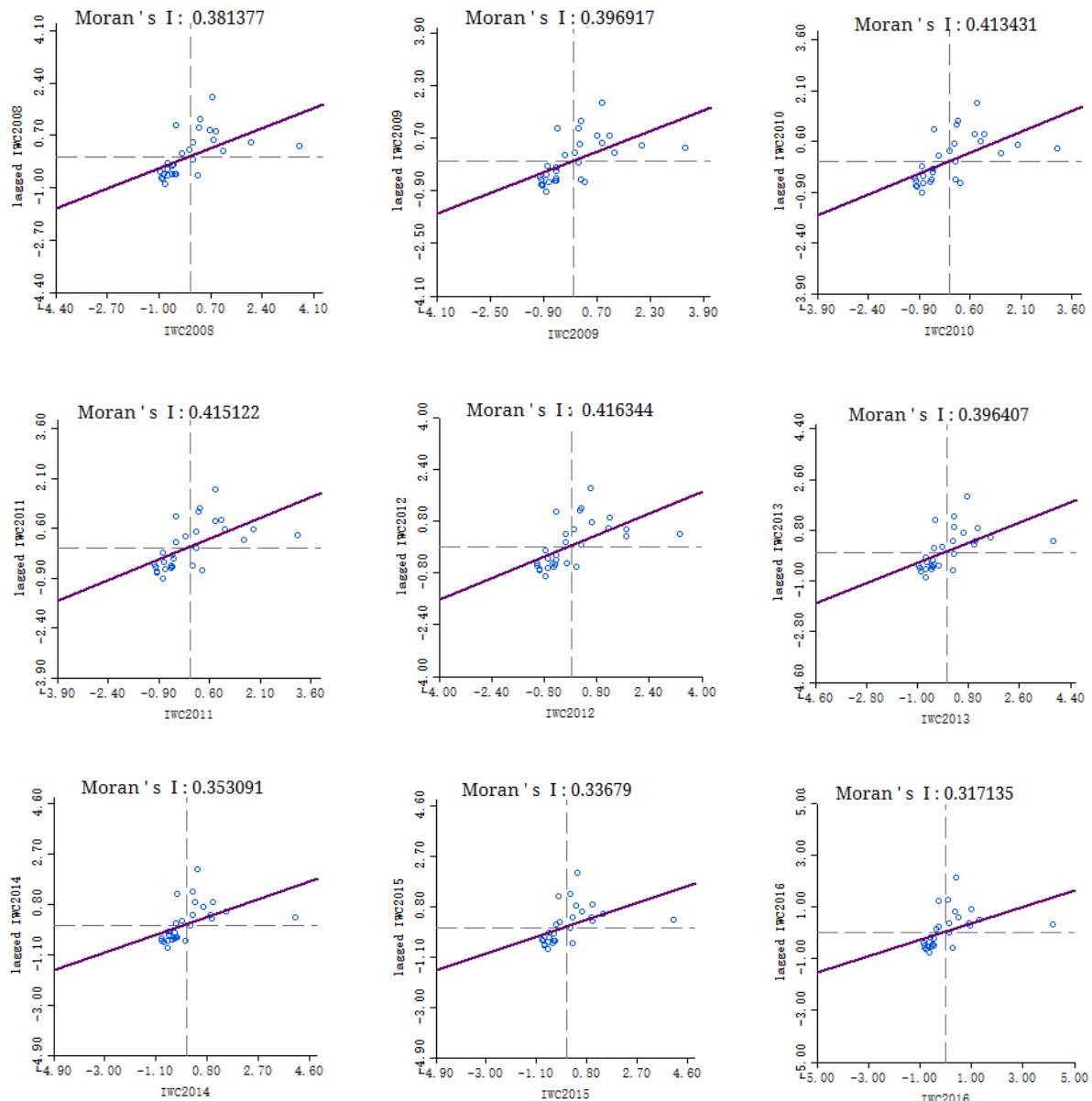
271 Note: The total effect is the amount of industrial water consumption change.

272 Figure 3 Driving effects of industrial water consumption changes in 2005-2016

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275 Figure 4 Moran's I Index of Industrial Water Consumption in 31 Provinces of China, 2005-2016

276 Note: Objects without neighbors in spatial weights have been deleted; IWC indicates industrial water
277 consumption

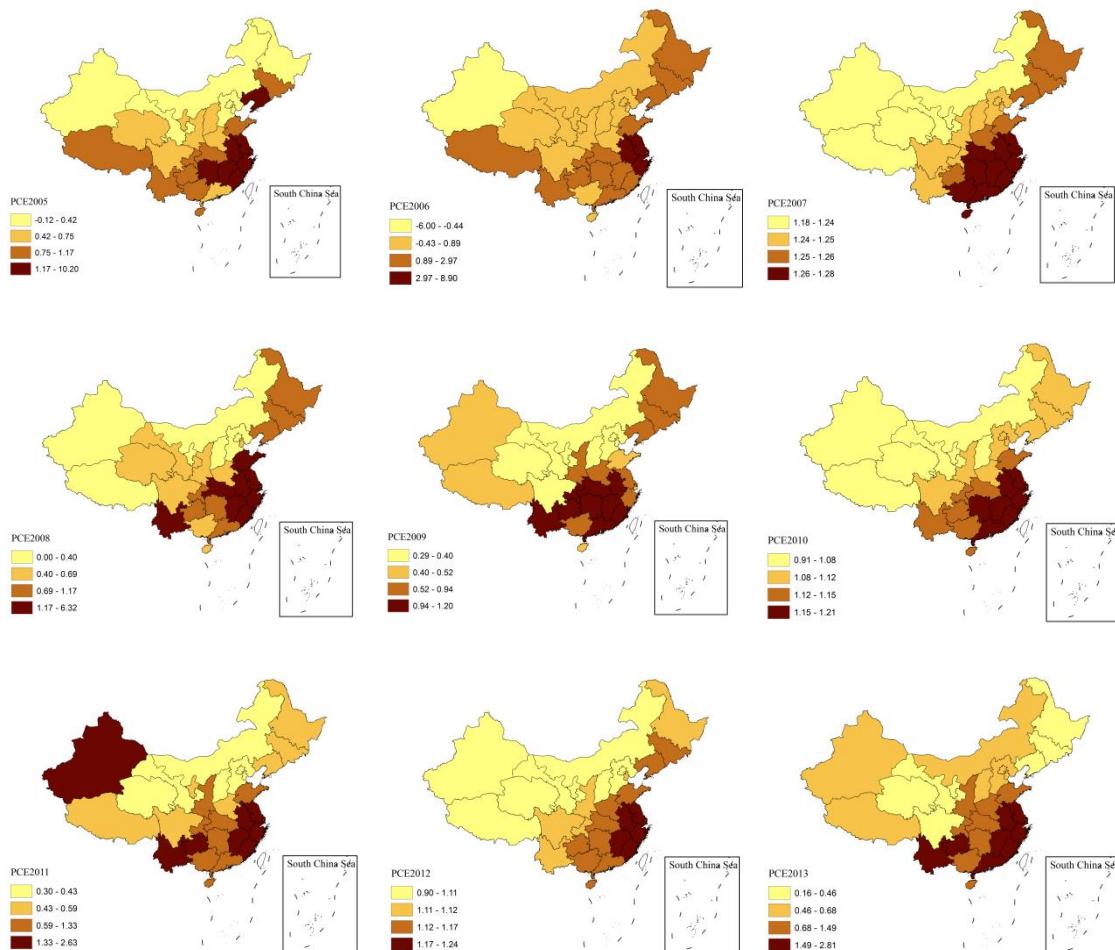
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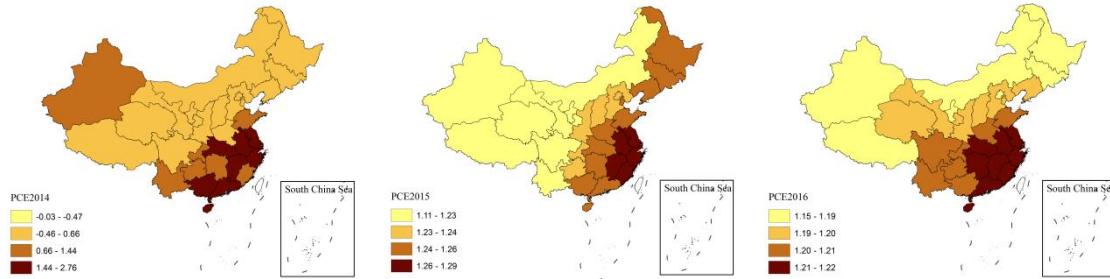
279 3.3 Spatial variation characteristics of driving factors

280 According to the global Moran's I index, the industrial water consumption is
281 spatially autocorrelative, that is, the spatial evolution of industrial water consumption
282 driving factors should be further explored. Therefore, it is necessary to establish a
283 spatial regression model to measure the impact of four driving factors on industrial

water consumption among 31 provinces (Duan et al., 2015). The industrial water consumption is the dependent variable, the four driving factors are the independent variables in the GWR model, and the Gaussian weight is adopted. The optimal bandwidth is determined by Akaike's Information Correlated Criterion (AICC). GWR v4.0 is used to get the regression coefficients of driving factors based on the latitude and longitude of 31 provinces. The effects of four driving factors on industrial water consumption in China can be shown in Figure 5-8.

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292 Figure 5 Spatial distribution of regression coefficients of population scale driving effect of GWR
 293 in 2005-2016

294 (1) Population scale

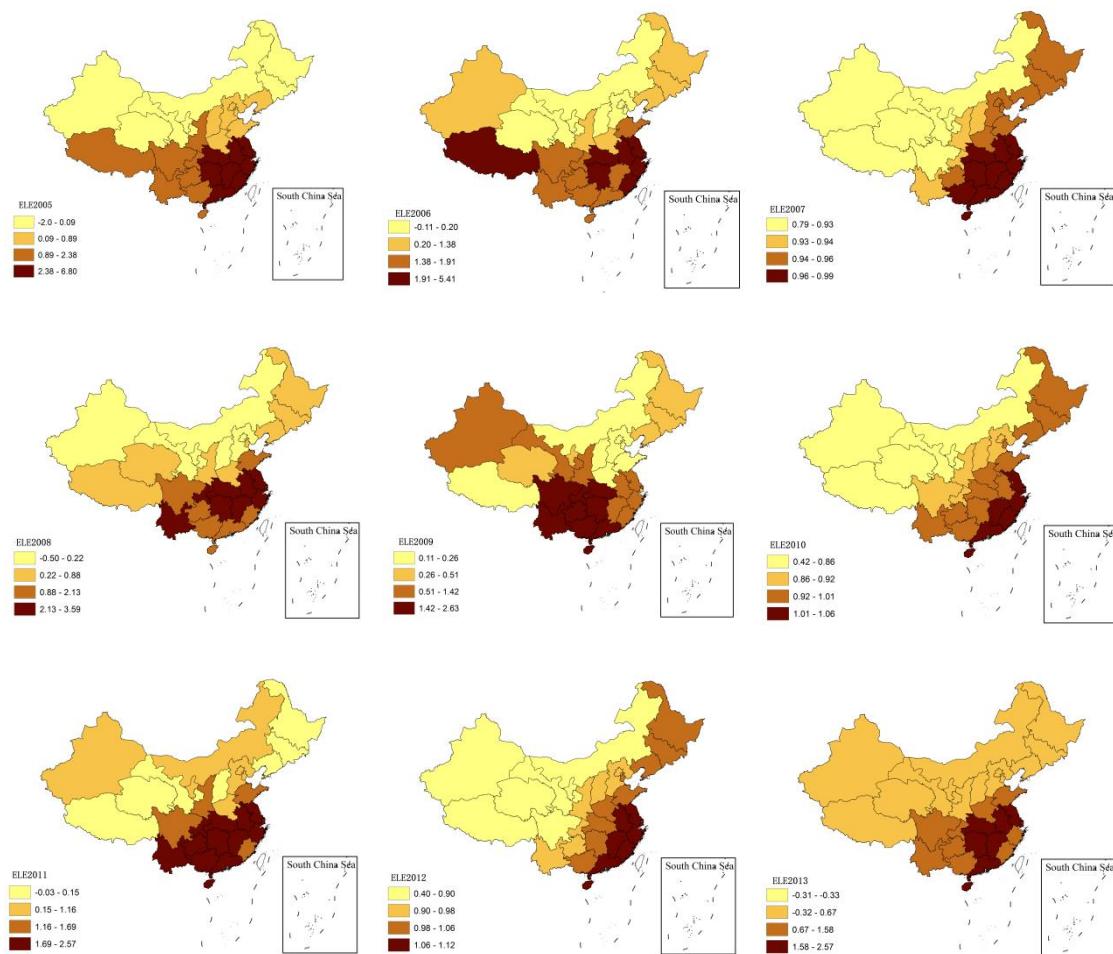
295 Figure 3 demonstrates that the spatial distribution of the regression coefficient
 296 population scale over years and it shows the population scale has positive relationship
 297 with industrial water consumption. In other words, the positive coefficient indicates that
 298 the expansion of the population has promoted the increase of industrial water
 299 consumption, and vice versa. As is shown in Figure 3, China's Xinjiang, Heilongjiang,
 300 and Jilin provinces have negative values in 2005, 2006, 2014. And the rest of the years
 301 are positive, indicating that the overall population scale expansion has a positive impact
 302 on the increase of industrial water consumption. Moreover, the coefficient value of
 303 population scale effect has gradually increased from 2005 to 2016, indicating that the
 304 degree of population expansion has gradually increased the impact on industrial water
 305 consumption.

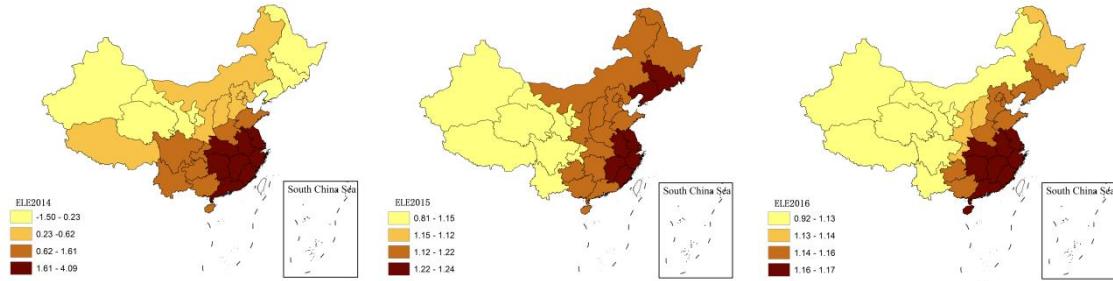
306 In terms of spatial distribution, the areas with large population impact on industrial
 307 water consumption mainly move southward from the eastern coastal areas of China
 308 because the industry was developing and made the industrial water consumption
 309 increased, then it attracted more people to come here and increased the population in
 310 these areas during 2005 and 2008. However, the high-value area of population scale has

311 extended to the west, including Yunnan, Guizhou, Hunan and Xinjiang regions during
312 2009-2011 with the Western development policy, but after 2012, its high-value areas
313 gradually moved to the southeast coastal areas since the development of society made
314 more and more people concentrate in the southeast coastal areas, which promotes the
315 development of industry and the industrial water consumption. In general, the impact
316 of population size on industrial water consumption increases from west to east and from
317 north to south. Which is consistent with the disproportionate distribution of China's
318 population. Therefore, the population in the provinces, which locates in the
319 southeastern coastal areas with large industrial water consumption, should be
320 appropriately controlled to reduce industrial water consumption. However, instead of
321 spending a lot of effort controlling the number of migrants, it is better to carry out
322 environmental and water-saving awareness education in these areas. The public have
323 strong awareness of environmental protection, but their awareness of water
324 conservation is quite weak. Hereby, local governments of those provinces should
325 inform the citizens the actual conditions of local water use, the seriousness of water
326 shortage and the quality of the population. The local governments should also
327 implement activities to teach their citizen to be aware of saving water, and to make the
328 public feel the pressure of water shortage and the urgency of water use. Furthermore,
329 coordinating the relationship between economy, population and environment, the local
330 governments should seek an efficient method to reduce industrial water consumption.
331 At present, the Chinese government has issued the "Water Pollution Prevention and
332 Control Law of the People's Republic of China", "Opinions on Comprehensively

333 Strengthening Ecological Environment Protection and Resolutely Fighting Pollution
334 Prevention and Control", "Technical Guidelines for the Development of National Water
335 Pollution Discharge Standards", and "Regarding the Issuance of Urban Sewage A series
336 of policies related to the industrial wastewater treatment industry, including the Three-
337 Year Action Plan to Improve Quality and Efficiency, have achieved remarkable results.
338 Economic development cannot be "GDP alone", but must achieve a win-win situation
339 between green and efficiency.

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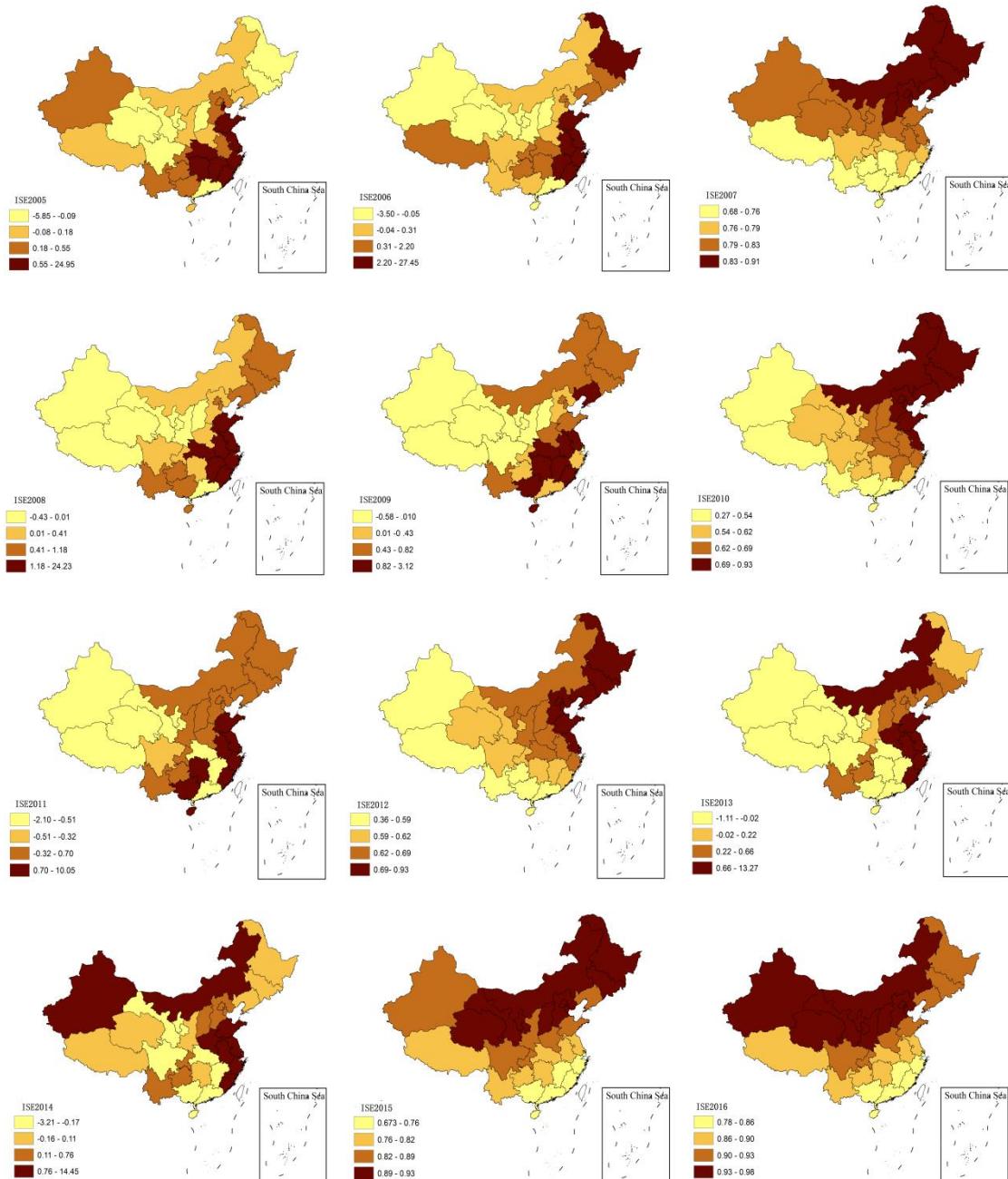
341 Figure 6 Spatial distribution of regression coefficients of economic level driving effect of GWR in
 342 2005-2016

343 (2) Economic level

344 The regression coefficient of the economic level is positive which means that
 345 economic effect increases the industrial water consumption. It has played a positive role,
 346 and the economic improvement has promoted the increase of industrial water
 347 consumption. Moreover, the coefficient value of the economic level effect is also
 348 gradually increasing, indicating that the impact of the economic improvement on the
 349 industrial water consumption is also gradually growing. The level of economic
 350 development will directly affect the various infrastructure construction, technological
 351 investment and government funding of various provinces and municipalities. In the
 352 initial period of economic development, resource development and utilization are
 353 crucial to supporting the sustainable development of the economy. With the
 354 improvement of the economic level and the accelerated development of
 355 industrialization, the demand for industrial water consumption has increased year by
 356 year. However, the resulting industrial wastewater pollution and Water waste is
 357 becoming more and more serious. With the continuous improvement of the economy
 358 and industrialization level, people are more and more aware of the importance of water
 359 saving and will take measures to improve the efficiency of industrial water use.

360 As is shown in Figure 4, between 2005 and 2016, the coefficient of economic level
361 effect decreased from south to north and then it changed to increase from the northwest
362 to the southeast. The reason is that the economy rapidly developed in the southeastern
363 coastal areas, and the industry is also increased, and then caused the increasing of the
364 industrial water consumption. In theory, this increasing economic level is a sign of
365 social development and progress. So the economic level should be improved actively.
366 However, in such a stage, China's economic development needs to mainly rely on
367 natural resources. Take the industry as an example, excessive pursuit of the economy
368 will increase the use of industrial water. Therefore, for well-developed areas in the
369 southeastern coastal areas, a step-by-step water price system is formed to play a role of
370 raising factors like price and market in demand regulation and water resource allocation,
371 and to enhance the awareness of industrial water conservation, which makes industrial
372 enterprises price incentives and restraint mechanisms reduce industrial water
373 consumption. It is also possible to impose industrial control measures such as sewage
374 discharge fees and water resources taxes to control the waste water caused by industrial
375 water use and to reduce industrial water consumption. In addition, all regions should
376 pay attention to the survival status of water-saving enterprises, speed up the pace of
377 perfecting its policy preferences and compensation system. Enterprises should arouse
378 the enthusiasm of using new technologies and technologies with low water
379 consumption. Only enterprises, continually strengthening the water-saving
380 management system, constantly increasing the utilization rate of industrial water
381 recycling and endlessly minimizing the waste rate of water use, can effectively reduce

382 the rapid growth rate of industrial water.



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384 Figure 7 Spatial distribution of regression coefficients of industrial structure driving effect of
385 GWR in 2005-2016

386 (3) Industrial structure

387 Figure 5 shows the spatial distribution of the regression coefficient of industrial
388 structure (CIS). Compared with figures 3 and 4, we can easily found that the CIS is
389 much smaller than the above two factors, indicating that the industrial structure has less

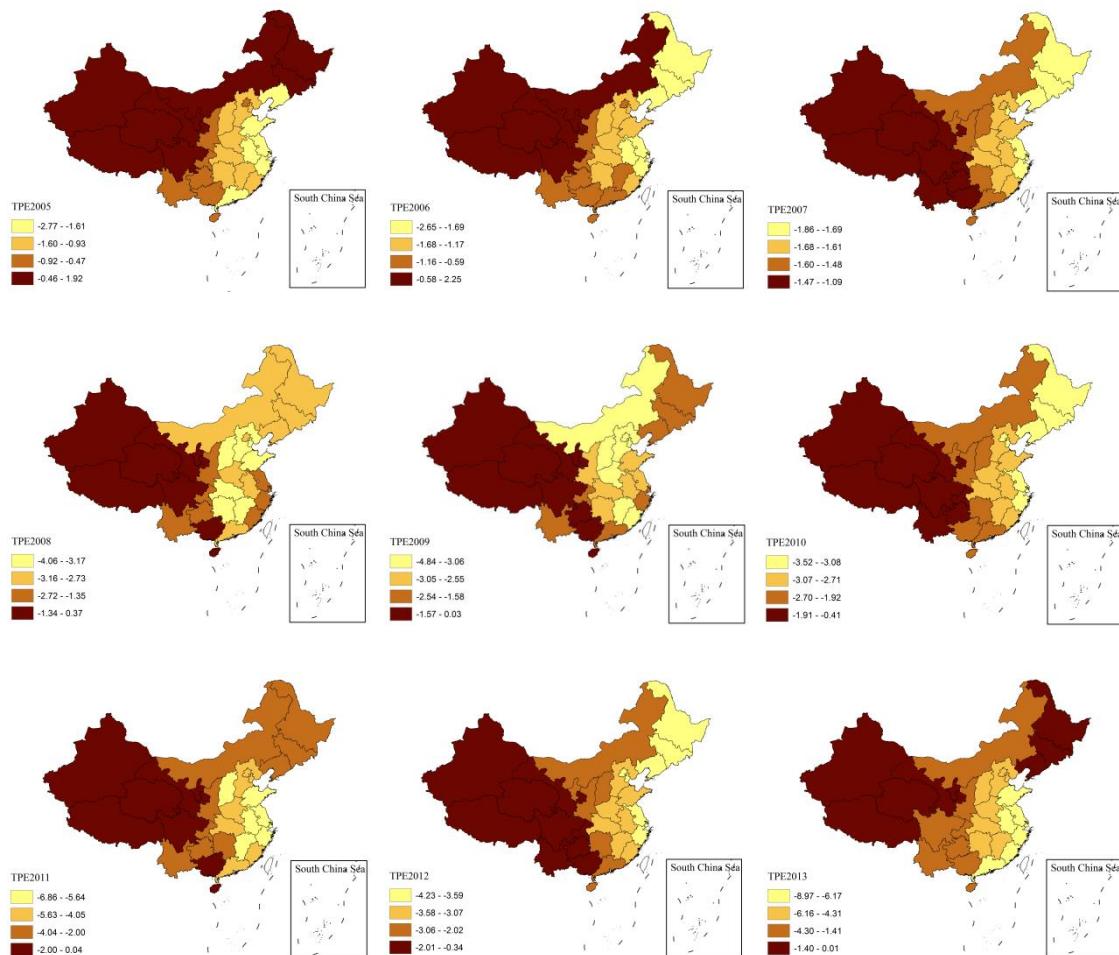
390 influence on the industrial water consumption. Most regions have positive CIS values,
391 which means the industrial structure effect has a positive impact on the increase of
392 industrial water consumption over these regions, and the expansion of industrial
393 structure also promotes industrial water consumption increasing.

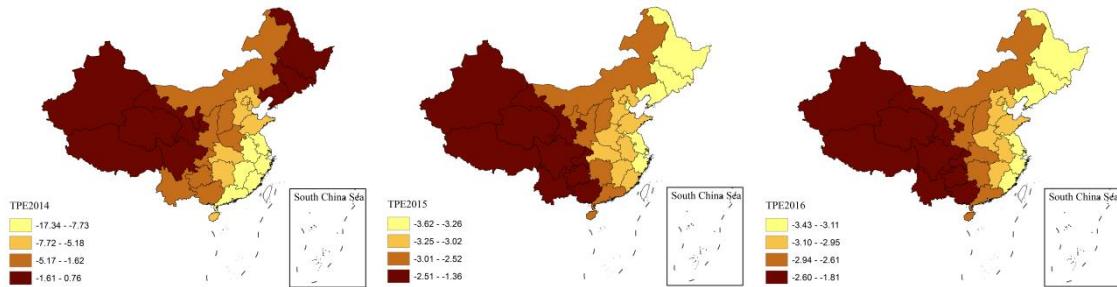
394 In terms of spatial distribution of CIS in figure 5, the regions with a great influence
395 on the increasing of industrial water consumption by industrial structure gradually
396 transferred from the eastern coastal areas to the northeast and northern regions during
397 2005 and 2013. After 2014, most areas with high CIS value were switched between the
398 eastern coastal areas and the northeastern regions. After 2015 and 2016, these areas
399 moved to the northern China, and have an increasing trend. All of changes indicate that
400 the influence of industrial structure effects on the increase of industrial water
401 consumption had an increasing trend and should be paid attention to by the local
402 governments. In general, the degree of influence of industrial structure on industrial
403 water consumption showed a trend that gradually increased from northwest to southeast
404 in 2005-2016. This was mainly because coastal cities were well-developed, and their
405 industrial development was rapid and structurally stable, however, the central and
406 northern regions were in the middle. During the period of industrial rise and expansion,
407 industrial water consumption is greater than that of coastal areas, and industrial water
408 consumption is relatively high. Therefore, it is necessary to properly adjust the
409 industrial structure in the northern regions, optimize their structure, and rationally
410 arrange the industrial structure to reduce industrial water consumption.

411 For example, these regions should collect and analyze the current data to master

412 the actual situation, and then start from industrial structure of the industrial sector: 1)
 413 optimizing energy structure; 2) adjusting the industrial structure according to the
 414 analysis, 3) promoting the optimization and upgrade of the industrial structure, and 4)
 415 formulating scientific and rational policies instead of blindly adopting a “one size fits
 416 all” approach. After this series actions, these regions will accelerate the transformation
 417 from resource-intensive industries with high water consumption to knowledge-
 418 intensive industries with low water consumption (such as microelectronics,
 419 bioengineering, new materials and information industries) and also reduce water
 420 demand to form a healthy advanced virtuous cycle of effectively utilizing water use.

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423 Figure 8 Spatial distribution of regression coefficients of technological progress driving effect
424 of GWR in 2005-2016

425 (4) Technological progress

426 Figure 6 reveals that the regression coefficient of technological progress (CTP)

427 was negative in all regions from 2005 to 2016, indicating that the technological progress

428 effect had a negative impact on the increase of industrial water consumption. However,

429 the absolute value of the CTP increased significantly with time, indicating that the

430 technological progress inhibited the industrial water consumption. Compared with the

431 other three driving factors, the absolute value of the CTP is the largest, which has the

432 greatest impact on the change of industrial water consumption. It can be seen from the

433 spatial distribution that absolute value of CTP has increased from the western and

434 northern areas to the eastern coastal areas and then gradually transferred to increase

435 from western to eastern areas, and its low-value areas gradually move to the southwest,

436 indicating that the technological progress of the eastern coastal areas of China has a

437 strong inhibitory effect on the increase of industrial water consumption, while the

438 inhibitory effects on southwestern and western regions are weaker. This is mainly

439 because the pace of industrial development in the western region is relatively late, and

440 the economy is under-developed. Furthermore, these regions have not enough industrial

441 high-tech supported development and application and the equipment lack or miss

442 technology for saving water and recycling wastewater, resulting in a larger industrial
443 water consumption than the eastern coast. Therefore, the western region should realize
444 the aim of reducing industrial water consumption, and increase investment in science
445 and technology to improve industrial technology, such as vigorously developing
446 industrial water-saving technologies and water recycling technologies, and using
447 industrial water-saving equipment to improve industrial water efficiency and reduce
448 units. The water consumption of output changes the extensive industrial water use mode
449 to promote the level of industrial water recycling.

450 According to the experience of developed countries, the decline of industrial water
451 can be divided into three categories. The first category is the optimization of industrial
452 structure and the improvement of process technology, which has led to a rapid decline
453 in industrial water use. Generally, it is more common in developed countries with more
454 advanced industrial technology. A high-standard industrial water-saving system
455 encourages the development of high-tech and low-energy-consumption aquatic
456 industries, and ultimately reduces industrial water consumption and even causes zero
457 growth in industrial water, such as America and Japan; The second category is that the
458 industrial structure and technological level are not comparable to those of advanced
459 countries such as the United States, but relying on certain technical conditions and using
460 strict water intake and drainage policies and regulations to reduce industrial water
461 consumption, such as Sweden and the Netherlands; The third category is to reduce the
462 overall water consumption of the entire country under the pressure of very scarce water
463 resources, such as Israel. Learning from the advanced experience of other countries can

464 provide reference ideas for China's industrial wastewater treatment

465 **4. Conclusions and implications**

466 (1) Industrial water consumption has shown a slow growth trend on the whole, with
467 a total increase of nearly 2.3 billion m³ from 2005 to 2016. This paper mainly uses
468 LMDI index decomposition method to decompose industrial water consumption into
469 four driving effects: economic level, population scale, technological progress and
470 industrial structure. Among them, the economic level effect totally increased by 184.12
471 billion m³ of water, and the population scale effect increased the water consumption by
472 7.742 billion m³. The technological progress effect reduced the industrial water
473 consumption by 164.735 billion m³, offsetting 89% of growth caused by the economic
474 level effect. Industrial structural effect reduced the industrial water consumption by
475 24.824 billion m³. It can be seen that the economic level effect is the main factor driving
476 industrial water consumption growth, and the population scale plays a secondary role.
477 Meanwhile technological progress plays a significantly inhibited effect on industrial
478 water consumption, and industrial structural effect is a secondary inhibitory factor. .

479 (2) The GWR model is used to analyze the spatial heterogeneity of four driving
480 effects on industrial water consumption. The results show that the technological
481 progress effect has the greatest impact on inter-provincial industrial water consumption,
482 followed by industrial structure effects, population scale effects and economic level
483 effects. Among them, the economic level and population scale have promoted the
484 change of industrial water consumption among provinces, and the influence gradually
485 decreases from the southeast coastal area to the northwest area. Industrial structure also

486 plays a promoting role, and its influence gradually grows from south to north.
487 Meanwhile technological progress has played a depressing role, the influence gradually
488 increases from west to east.

489 According to the spatial distribution of the influencing factors, combined with the
490 concept of innovation and green development of China in recent years, the following
491 suggestions are proposed:

492 (1) Water price regulation and policy innovation plays the key role in reducing the
493 industrial water consumption. A mature industrial water market is extremely important
494 for optimizing the allocation of water resources. It is necessary to effectively improve
495 the water price mechanism of industrial water use efficiency as the core, and truly give
496 play to the role of industrial water price in improving the utilization of industrial water
497 resources. The economic level has promoted the growth of industrial water
498 consumption, especially in the eastern coastal areas, so it is more important to pay
499 attention to the coordinated development of economy and water resources. Industrial
500 water consumption can be reduced by designing rational water price and levying
501 sewage charges and taxes. At the same time, local governments should innovate
502 rewards and compensation policies, give preferential policies to water-saving
503 enterprises, and promote enterprises to actively transform to the water -saving
504 production.

505 (2) The population size is controlled in big cities and people's awareness of water
506 conservation is raised. Actively propagate water-saving knowledge to industrial
507 enterprises, help them establish water-saving awareness, and actively build a water-

508 saving management system centered on improving industrial water efficiency.
509 Governments at all levels need to carry out various industrial water-saving publicity
510 activities to enhance the initiative and consciousness of enterprises in industrial water-
511 saving. At the same time, give play to the role of public opinion and supervision of the
512 public to enhance the social responsibility of industrial water conservation.

513 (3) Water-saving technologies are developed and industrial water reuse methods are
514 innovated. Increasing industrial technology and investment in science and technology
515 can reduce industrial water consumption, especially for the central and western regions.
516 Local governments should strengthen local science and technology investment,
517 developing and promoting the technologies and equipment of conserving and recycling
518 industrial water use. Furtherly reduce the water consumption per unit of output, and
519 improve industrial water efficiency. Research and develop advanced industrial water-
520 saving technologies and equipment, and fully apply modern science and technology to
521 improve the efficiency of industrial water use. Especially in high water-consuming
522 industries such as thermal power generation, textile printing and dyeing, petrochemicals,
523 medicine, papermaking, metallurgy, and food processing, water-saving technologies
524 must be upgraded and transformed. Increase investment in scientific research funds for
525 enterprises, research and develop new water-saving equipment and processes.

526 (4) Adjusting the industrial structure and promoting industrial transformation. More
527 attention is paid to strive for the goal of low-water, low-energy and high-output.
528 Government should pay more attention to the impact of industrial structure on industrial
529 water consumption and induce the adjustment of industrial structure. For different

530 regions, we should actively combine local conditions to plan the development model of
531 low-water industries. For those industrial sectors with large water consumption, the
532 proportion of their economic structure should be reduced, and enterprises with high
533 water demand should be gradually transferred to low-water consumption. Judging from
534 the empirical results of this article, the driving factors for industrial water use in eastern
535 my country are more reasonable than those in the central and western regions. This also
536 indicates that the industrial structure in the eastern region is relatively more reasonable.
537 Therefore, we are adjusting the industrial structure and industrial layout. At this time,
538 we must take care of the central and western regions. Pay attention to the spatial
539 deployment of water-scarce areas and water-rich areas, and make sound adjustments to
540 the industrial structure with enterprises as the main body, taking into account the natural
541 endowment conditions of the region, and respond to the call of the national industrial
542 policy to develop local characteristic industries.

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