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4 **1 Climate change drives rapid warming and increasing heatwaves of lakes**

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4 **39 Abstract**
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7 40 Climate change could seriously threaten global lake ecosystems by warming lake surface
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12 42 quantifying lake temperature changes globally due to a lack of accurate large-scale model
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18 44 temperature modeling and explore the multifaceted characteristics of trends in surface
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21 45 temperatures and lake heatwave occurrence in Chinese lakes from 1980 to 2100. Our model-
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24 46 data integration approach revealed that the lake surface waters have warmed at a rate of
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27 47 $0.11\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$ during the period 1980–2021, being only half of the pure model-based
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30 48 estimate. Moreover, our analysis suggested that an asymmetric seasonal warming rate has led
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33 49 to a reduced temperature seasonality in eastern plain lakes but an amplified one in alpine
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36 50 lakes. The durations of lake heatwaves have also increased at a rate of $7.7\text{ days decade}^{-1}$.
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39 51 Under the high-greenhouse-gas-emission scenario, lake surface temperature and lake
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48 54 lakes subjected to high and increasing anthropogenic pressures, posing great threats to aquatic
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56 56 **Keywords:** lake water temperature, numerical model, satellite observations, climate change
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1. Introduction

Global lakes store 87% of Earth's liquid surface freshwater [1] and provide numerous critically important ecosystem services to human society [2]. However, lake ecosystems worldwide are already under severe threats from anthropogenic pressures and climate change. Lake surface water temperature (LSWT), an important physical indicator of the lake environment, is highly sensitive to climate change [3]. Evidence is mounting that lake surface warming – especially an increasing occurrence of lake heatwaves – has significantly affected the physical and chemical environment of aquatic systems [4, 5] and, ultimately, biodiversity and human health [6, 7]. But great uncertainties remain as to the quantification of lake temperature changes from regional [8-10] to global scales [11, 12]. The common approaches used to characterize lake temperature change include ground observations, satellite data, and numerical simulations, but they yield results that are not often comparable [12-14]. Ground observations of lake surface temperature are traditionally considered the most accurate but are scarcely and unevenly distributed both regionally and globally. For example, only summertime ground data observations of 151 lakes are included in the global lake temperature collaboration (GLTC), with nearly 80% of the data concentrated in Western Europe and North America [15]. Although satellite data could provide information on LSWT across large spatial scales [15] and, indeed, help to fill the void in global lake observations, a temporally consistent estimate of lake surface temperature using satellite sensors is only possible during the cloud-free period. Furthermore, satellite observations of lake surface temperature could be influenced by the thermal characteristics of adjacent lands, especially

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4 79 for small lakes, thus contaminating the lake surface temperature signal. In contrast to satellite
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7 80 products and ground measurements, numerical lake models can provide a spatially-explicit
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10 81 estimate of high temporal resolution lake surface temperature at a longer time scale [13, 16].
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12 82 However, the accuracy of the modeled lake surface temperatures is often questioned due to
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18 84 atmospheric forcings, and poor parameterization of lake-specific parameters. For instance,
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26 87 China has a total lake area of 81414.6 km². The lakes support nearly half of China's
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29 88 national centralized drinking water sources, and play critical roles in ecosystem services for
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32 89 human beings [19, 20]. The ongoing drastic climate change, together with rapid urbanization
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35 90 and economic growth, has greatly reshaped the thermal conditions of lakes over the past four
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38 91 decades. Furthermore, lakes in China have variable characteristics and geographical locations
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41 92 and have therefore been exposed to a wide variety of climate change factors [21], potentially
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47 94 existing global investigations have not explored Chinese lakes in detail [12]. How lake
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99 Here, we integrated, in a novel way, satellite observations with a numerical lake model to

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7 101 Chinese lakes during the period from 1980 to 2100 as an example. Specifically, we proposed
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10 102 a framework that auto-calibrates model parameters for each lake simulated by the Freshwater
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12 103 Lake model (FLake) [22] by assimilating satellite-derived LSWT from the European Space
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14 104 Agency Climate Change Initiative project (ESACCI; 2000–2020). The assimilation of
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17 105 satellite observations could overcome the large-scale parameterization limitation of FLake
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20 106 and provide an effective and accurate approach to estimating lake surface warming across
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23 107 large spatial and temporal scales. Our results showed widespread warming and increased
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26 108 heatwaves in Chinese lakes during the past four decades. Lake heatwaves were projected to
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29 109 become stronger and more prolonged by the end of the twenty-first century.

31 110 **2. Materials and methods**

34 111 **2.1 Study sites**

37 112 We selected 168 lakes with a surface area ≥ 50 km², as defined in the HydroLAKES
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43 114 (see [Materials and methods](#)). The lakes ranged between 0 and 5387 m in altitude, between
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46 115 24.5 and 49.0 °N in latitude, between 50.0 and 4266.6 km² in surface area, and between 1.1
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49 116 and 120 m in average depth ([Figure S1](#); [Table S2](#)). These lakes covered all five lake regions
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51 117 in China [19], i.e., the Northeast Plain and Mountain Lake (NPML), Inner Mongolia-Xinjiang
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54 118 Lake (IMXL), Tibetan Plateau Lake (TPL), Eastern Plain Lake (EPL), and Yunnan-Guizhou
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57 119 Plateau Lake (YGPL).

120 2.2 FLake model

121 The FLake model is a one-dimensional bulk model based on the concept of self-
122 similarity, where the vertical profiles of lake ice, the mixed layer, the thermocline, and the
123 thermally active upper layer of sediments are described by their own shape functions [23],
124 which contributes to its low computational cost. FLake has been implemented into large-scale
125 lake simulations [16, 24, 25] and global weather prediction models [23, 26]. It has been
126 widely tested on lakes in China [27-30]. The meteorological variables required to drive FLake
127 include 2 m air temperature, 10 m wind speed, 2 m specific humidity, surface pressure,
128 surface downward shortwave radiation, and surface downward longwave radiation. Lake-
129 specific characteristics also need to be described for each lake, including average depth, fetch,
130 light extinction coefficient, and latitude. The snow module of FLake, which is currently under
131 development, was turned off in our study. Regarding the bottom sediment module, we
132 adopted the suggestions from the model's official site – that the heat exchange between lake
133 water and sediments is only important for shallow lakes and that the heat fluxes at the water-
134 sediment interface can be neglected when the lake depth is larger than 5 m. The lake fetch
135 (km) was calculated from the lake surface area (km²) as
136 $fetch = 39.9 + 0.00781 \times surface\ area$ [17].

137 The wind speed over land at latitudes > 35°N was scaled by $U_{water} = 1.62 + 1.17U_{land}$
138 [17], where U_{water} is the wind speed over water (m s⁻¹) and U_{land} is the wind speed over land
139 (m s⁻¹). We ran the FLake model from January 1st 1950 and repeated the first 365 days as the
140 model spin-up. The model simulation results since 1980 were analyzed as the drastic

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10 143 **2.3 Datasets and the experimental design**

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15 145 ERA5-Land was available at a grid resolution of $0.1^\circ \times 0.1^\circ$ and at an hourly time interval.
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29 150 SSP3-7.0, and SSP5-8.5, representing a radiative forcing of 2.6, 4.5, 3.7, and 8.5 W m^{-2} by
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32 151 2100, respectively. These data were available at daily time steps and a spatial resolution of
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35 152 $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$. The historical (1950–2014) and scenario (2015–2100) data from NEX-GDDP-
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41 154 extracted the time series of the closest grid points from the center of the lakes as model
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45 156 The satellite-derived LSWT from the ESACCI project [34] was used as a reference for
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48 157 assessing FLake model performances. ESACCI provided daily LSWT data on more than 2000
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51 158 inland water bodies worldwide at a resolution of 1 km during 1992–2020. We filtered the data
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59 161 We collected ground observations of LSWT from nine lakes (Table S1) to verify the
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12 165 We used the human footprint index (HFI) to analyze the impact of anthropogenic
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15 166 stressors on lake temperature, including the effects of building, cropland, pasture, population
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21 168 represents the human activity intensity in 2019 and has a spatial resolution of 0.00989°. HFI
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24 169 values range from 0 to 1, indicating low to high anthropogenic influence.

25 26 170 **2.4 The workflow of CSFLake**

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52 179 affects the surface water temperature, especially in summer [17]. In the FLake model, it is 3
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55 180 m^{-1} by default. We set the range of light extinction coefficients to 0.1–0.3 m^{-1} for the lakes on
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12 186 albedo as a unique constant and altered its value to 0.1–0.85, which is within the range of
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15 187 observations [37]. The depth factor was used to set an “effective depth” for each lake [17, 38],
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18 188 which is widely used in FLake modeling studies to compensate for the uncertainty in lake
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20 189 depth estimates. Deep lakes have larger thermal inertia, a lower summer surface temperature,
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23 190 and a later freeze date [17]. We set the range of depth factors to 0.25–4 [38].
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37 195 one of the auto-calibration algorithms in a lake modeling package [40]. We first sampled 300
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204 non-freshwater lakes, horizontal advection, intrusion of groundwater or glacial melt water,
205 which constitute important inflows in lakes on the Tibetan Plateau.

206 **2.5 Lake heatwaves**

207 A lake heatwave is defined as when the daily LSWT exceeds the 90% threshold of the
208 seasonally varying climatology period for at least five consecutive days [16, 42]. We selected
209 1980–2009 as the climatology period while calculating the heatwave for the historical and
210 future simulations. We followed the same computation method as in a previous study [16] but
211 excluded heatwave events occurring when the threshold value is less than the climatology
212 value. This could happen in some lakes that have regular ice cover but do not freeze for a few
213 years. The annual mean lake heatwave maximum intensity (maximum temperature anomaly
214 relative to the climatological mean in an event) and total annual days (time between the start
215 and end dates of an event) were computed in each year as metrics for heatwaves. We
216 categorized lake heatwaves into four groups depending on their duration: 5–15 days for short
217 events, 15–25 days for medium events, 25–35 days for long events, and above 35 days for
218 prolonged events. The lake heatwave events were detected from the daily simulated LSWT
219 using the Python package “marineHeatWaves”
220 (www.github.com/ecjoliver/marineHeatWaves).

221 **2.6 Contribution analysis**

222 We performed six simulations, denoted as S1–6, for the period 1979–2021 using climate
223 fields from ERA5-Land. The control simulation (CTL) was a subset of the historical
224 simulation. In the S1–6 simulations, air temperature (AT), wind speed (U), surface pressure

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20 231 occurrence of long lake heatwaves. FAR quantifies the impacts of cause A on an event by
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26 233 counterfactual world (the world in which cause A is absent), and it has been used previously
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29 234 to quantify the impacts of anthropogenic climate change on the intensity of lake
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31 235 heatwaves [44]. We calculated FAR as $FAR = 1 - P_0 / P_1$, where P_1 is the probability that a
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37 237 long heatwave event occurred in the counterfactual worlds (S1–6). Any negative resulting
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53 243 **2.7 Time series analysis**

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20 252 **3. Results and discussion**

23 253 **3.1 Spatial distribution of LSWT using a blended analysis of a numerical model and** 24 25 254 **satellite observations**

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31 256 the satellite-based LSWT across both spatial and temporal scales (Figure 1). Overall, the
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37 258 compared to the calibration phase (Figure S2). For both 2011–2020 and 2001–2010, the
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42 260 (the uncertainty means the standard deviation across lakes). The RMSE for 2011–2020 was
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45 261 1.31 ± 0.32 °C and 1.35 ± 0.35 °C for 2001–2010. Over the entire satellite data-taking period,
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51 263 1.39 °C, indicating substantial improvements. Compared to ground observations (Table S1),
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7 268 determined by daily satellite observations. The original FLake model well captured the LSWT
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12 270 considerable bias occurred for ice-covered lakes on the Tibetan Plateau (RMSE = 4.80 °C).
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18 272 biases are in part attributed to the absence of saline effects on lake temperature and the effects
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21 273 of snow insulation on preventing ice thickening in FLake [45]. CSFLake overcame the
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24 274 deficiencies of the FLake model due to unknown lake-specific characteristics (e.g., water
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30 276 methods). Given the difficulty of monitoring lake interior information at large scales and the
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36 278 based simulation. The flexibility and good performance demonstrated across diverse Chinese
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39 279 lakes, further support the future global application of CSFLake.

40 280 The annual mean climatology of LSWT (1980–2021) revealed an average LSWT of
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42 281 11.2 °C across all the studied lakes but with a substantial spatial variation (Figure S5).
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45 282 Among the five lake zones considered, EPL has the highest annual mean LSWT (17.8°C),
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48 283 followed by YGPL (17.7°C), NPML (16.7°C), IMXL (12.1°C), and TPL (8.8°C). EPL and
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51 284 YGPL were the warmest due to their low latitudes, but the annual range of LSWT was much
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54 285 smaller in YGPL than in EPL as the summer heating is mitigated by its highlands.
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57 286 Unsurprisingly, TPL was the coldest of the five lake zones.
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287 3.2 Changes in LSWT and heatwave characteristics from 1980 to 2021

288 Our results suggested that LSWT in the studied Chinese lakes has experienced rapid
289 warming over the past four decades. During 1980–2021, the annual mean LSWT across
290 Chinese lakes significantly increased at a rate of $0.11\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$ ($p < 0.01$) (Figure 2a),
291 while the original FLake overestimated the warming trend by about 100%, especially for
292 Tibetan lakes (Figure S6). This implies that the model parameters should be carefully
293 calibrated to avoid systematic errors in the estimation of long-term trends.

294 The spatial distribution of LSWT trends showed clear altitudinal and latitudinal
295 dependences, with plain and subtropical lakes warming faster than alpine and boreal lakes,
296 respectively (Figure S7a; Figure 2d). If the warming trend was normalized by its climatology,
297 boreal, and alpine lakes, particularly TPL, would have the most significant trend (Figure S8).
298 Among the five lake zones, the average warming trend was higher in the warmer (i.e., lakes
299 with higher climatological annual mean LSWT) and shallower lakes (Figure S9a&b). For
300 example, EPL had a larger warming rate ($0.22\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$) than the other lake zones (0.08 to
301 $0.12\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$) (Figure 2d; Figure S9e). Moreover, we found that the warming trend in five
302 lake zones increased with the intensity of human activity, as indicated by HFI in 2019 (Figure
303 S9f). This suggests that the emission of greenhouse gases and rapid urbanization, which have
304 been identified as the primary causes of the extreme summer air temperatures in eastern
305 China [46], accelerated lake surface warming.

306 The lake warming rates across China were considerably smaller than the global
307 average [12] ($0.34\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$), which only includes 15 Chinese lakes. In contrast to

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4 308 temperate lakes with seasonal ice cover [3], alpine lakes on the Tibetan Plateau experienced
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7 309 much less warming. This demonstrates how the performance of lake temperature simulation
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10 310 results, particularly for Tibetan lakes, can significantly bias estimates of lake warming. In
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12 311 addition, a previous LSWT analysis using satellite products across Chinese lakes indicated a
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15 312 much higher warming rate of $0.26\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$ ($p < 0.01$) in 2001–2016 than our model-data
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26 316 insignificant warming trend is consistent with the change in global air temperature during the
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31 318 At seasonal timescales, the warming trend of Chinese lakes was uneven (Figure S10).
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34 319 The annual maximum LSWT had a mean rate of $0.14\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$ from 1980 to 2021, which
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37 320 is faster than the annual mean LSWT (Figure S11a). The annual maximum LSWT trends
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40 321 showed a clear latitudinal gradient, with lakes at higher latitudes exhibiting stronger trends.

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42 322 The lakes generally displayed the highest warming rate in spring (March–May) for EPL
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45 323 and IMXL lakes. The warming rate in summer (June–August) and autumn (September–
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48 324 November) was most notable for NPML and TPL lakes with seasonal ice cover. By contrast,
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54 326 (Figure S12b). The spring warming rate in EPL ($0.45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$) was more than twice as
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57 327 high as the annual warming rate, with a maximum in March reaching $0.67\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C decade}^{-1}$ (Figure
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60 328 S12b). This result is consistent with previous findings from four lakes in the Yangtze River

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7 330 rate in the spring was twice to four times higher than in other seasons [27]. Moreover, the
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12 332 high-altitude lakes (Figure S13), suggesting that seasonality was reduced in plain lakes but
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15 333 amplified in alpine lakes due to asymmetric warming.

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20 335 and total annual days across Chinese lakes had an average value of $1.6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 21 days,
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23 336 respectively (Figure S14b). In terms of the spatial pattern, the average maximum intensity of
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29 338 (EPL and NPML; 3.5 and $3.7\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$) and the lowest at YGPL and TPL (1.0 and $1.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$). This
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31 339 result is possibly related to the lower variability of LSWT in alpine lakes (Figure S5b), which
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34 340 is consistent with previous findings that lakes with higher interannual variability experience
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37 341 stronger lake heatwaves [16]. The total annual days of lake heatwaves were larger for lakes
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40 342 located at lower latitudes, with YGPL experiencing the longest lake heatwaves. Moreover,
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7 351 whereas the increasing rates of heatwave total annual days were greatest for the alpine lakes
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10 352 of YGPL ($11.0\text{ days decade}^{-1}$) and TPL ($5.9\text{ days decade}^{-1}$) (Figure 3c&d; Figure S7c&d).

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12 353 We also found a strong negative correlation between lake depth and the maximum
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21 356 heatwaves (Figure S9d) because their greater thermal inertia increases their resistance to
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33 360 Hence, morphological characteristics affect lake heatwave intensity more than duration.

34 361 3.3 Drivers of lake warming

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37 362 Air temperature, specific humidity, and longwave radiation all increased across China
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46 365 showed that longwave radiation (47.7%), specific humidity (39.4%), and air temperature
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49 366 (24.3%) were the major factors contributing to lake warming, although the magnitude of their
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52 367 respective contributions varied by season and lake zone (Figure 4a-e). We also calculated
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58 369 we refer to as a “long event” (see Materials and methods). It appears that the FAR for these
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4 371 lakes, which were mainly distributed in Eastern China and the Tibetan Plateau (Figure 4f;
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12 374 for long heatwaves, with 71.3%, 73.9%, and 69.8% probability for 48, 36, and 34 lakes,
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28 380 LSWT for EPL (41.8%), YGPL (58.3%), and IMXL (50.7%), whereas longwave radiation
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31 381 was the most important factor for TPL (79.5%). The increased shortwave radiation
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34 382 contributed to the lake surface warming in EPL, NPML, and YGPL, whereas the decreased
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37 383 shortwave radiation in TPL prevented lake surface warming (Figure S17d). The slow
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39 384 warming rate for Tibetan lakes can be explained by the dimming of solar radiation on the
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45 386 and moistening [49]. Tibetan Plateau lakes are typically warmer than the overlying
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48 387 atmosphere because of the strong solar radiation in the high-altitude region [50], and the
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50 388 influence of increasing air temperature may thus be counteracted by solar dimming [28].
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4 392 In spring, the combined effects of increasing air temperature, shortwave radiation,
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15 396 China [53]. This phenomenon could enhance the warming of lakes in eastern China (EPL and
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17 397 NPML) because of their relatively low water clarity [36]. The intense spring warming in EPL
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26 400 to 2017 [54] and this could worsen in the future without interventions.

401 **3.4 Future projections of LSWT and lake heatwaves**

402 Annual mean LSWT, annual maximum LSWT, and the annual mean maximum intensity
403 and total annual days of lake heatwaves are projected to increase substantially during the
404 twenty-first century, with the magnitude of these changes increasing with the severity of
405 climate change scenarios (Figure 5). Under the most stringent scenario (SSP1-2.6), relative to
406 the period 1980–2009, the annual mean LSWT, annual maximum LSWT, heatwave annual
407 mean maximum intensity, and heatwave total annual days (averaged during 2071–2100) will
408 increase by 1.0 [0.7, 1.7] °C, 1.4 [0.9, 2.5] °C, 1.7 [1.2, 3.1] °C, and 119 [88, 180] days by the
409 end of the century, respectively. The values within square brackets represent the minimum
410 and maximum for the five climate model ensembles. Under the worst-case scenario (SSP5-
411 8.5), the annual mean LSWT, annual maximum LSWT, heatwave annual mean maximum
412 intensity, and heatwave total annual days will increase by 2.2 [1.8, 3.3] °C, 3.6 [2.8, 5.6] °C,

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4 413 4.8 [3.9, 7.3] °C, and 197 [189, 218] days, respectively. In different lake zones, the strongest
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26 421 bottom water [3]. Along with the warming lake surface in spring, thermal stratification will
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29 422 start earlier, thereby inhibiting the exchange of oxygen and nutrients between the lake surface
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32 423 and bottom [55] and increasing the summer surface temperature [7].

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34 424 The lake surface warming will also result in reduced gas solubility, which is the primary
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40 426 phenomenon could be diminished by the strengthened photosynthesis due to increasing
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52 430 will follow [56]. For example, within deep Lake Qiandao, the strong lake stratification in
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55 431 2016 drastically reduced the dissolved oxygen in the thermocline and deep layers [57].

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29 443 speed up the recycling of nutrients and favor phytoplankton growth, suggesting positive
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34 445 Together with the heavy external nutrient loading from domestic, agricultural, and
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48 450 2010s has increased nearly nine times relative to the 1980s–1990s [68], and many blooms
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50 451 have been reported recently in natural lakes and reservoirs (Figure S18).

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53 452 Furthermore, the warmer surface water and stronger stratification will favor the
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24 25 463 **4. Conclusion**

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28 464 Our study proposed a novel model–satellite data blended approach to investigate the
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31 465 changes in water temperature in 168 Chinese lakes from 1980 to 2100. During 1980–2021,
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37 467 rate of 0.11 °C decade⁻¹ and 0.14 °C decade⁻¹, respectively. Among the five Chinese lake
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49 471 increase of lake water temperature and the prolongation of lake heatwaves. Our projections
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52 472 showed that warming in Chinese lakes will continue into the twenty-first century, along with
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58 474 and managers to enhance their understanding of the changing physical environment and
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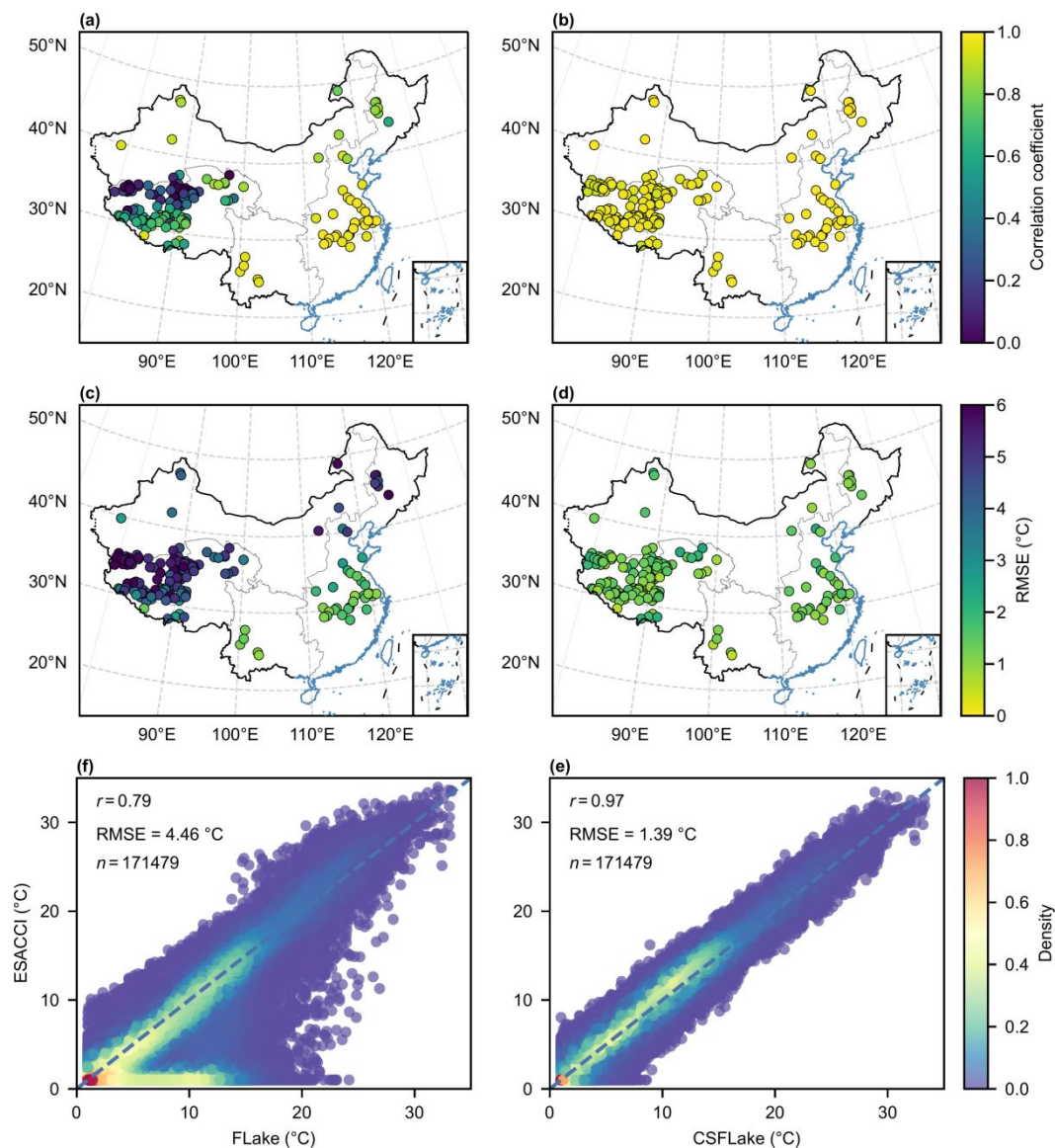
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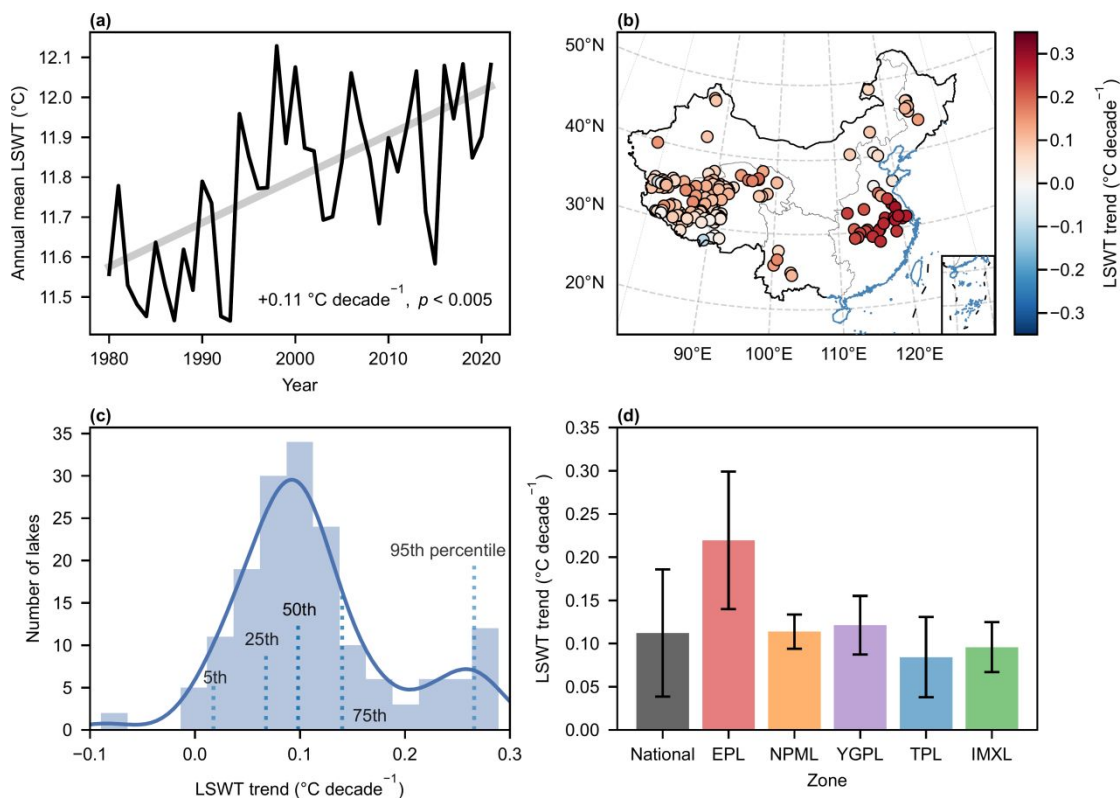
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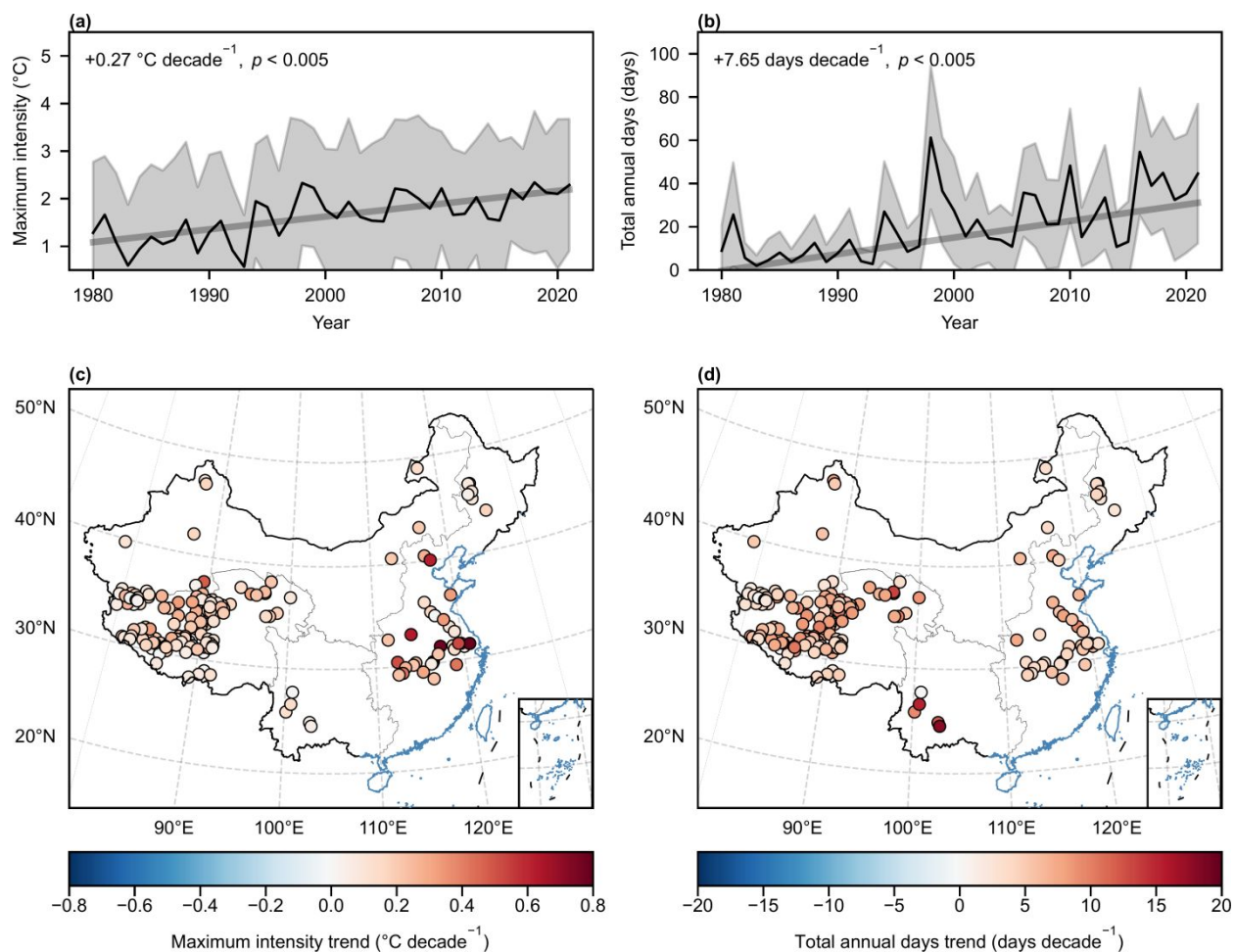
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Figure 1 Validation of simulated lake surface water temperature (2000–2020). (a–b) Pearson correlation between ESACCI and FLake (a) and CSFLake (b). (c–d) Root mean square error (RMSE) between ESACCI and FLake (c) and CSFLake (d). (e–f) Comparisons between the lake surface water temperature from satellites and simulation results. (e) ESACCI versus FLake. (f) ESACCI versus CSFLake. Pearson correlation coefficient (italics “ r ”), RMSE, and the number of points (italics “ n ”) are given in the text. The density of points was computed as the normalized kernel density estimation. Note that some lakes in (a) were not shown because they remained frozen (always 1 °C) during satellite data-taking period.



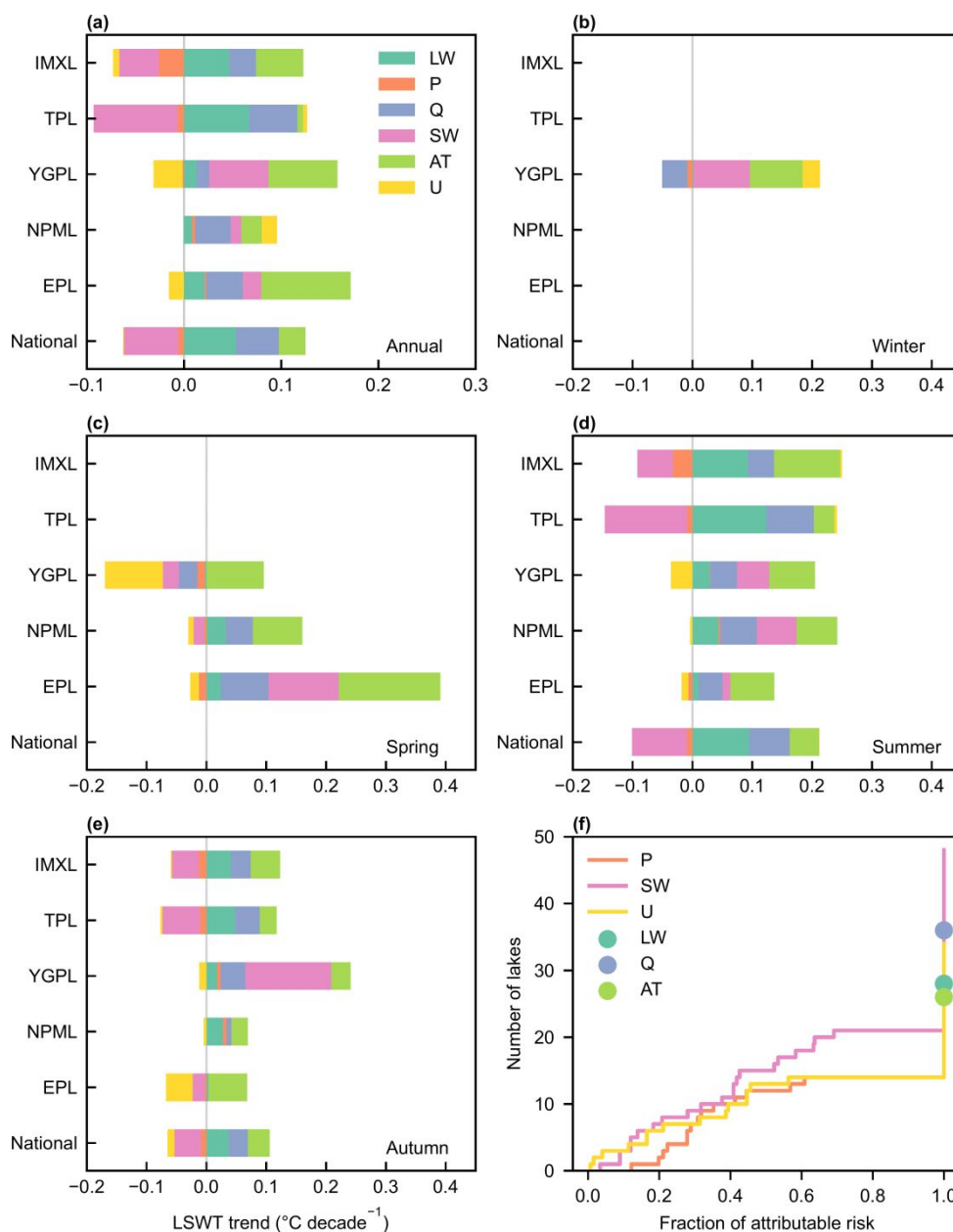
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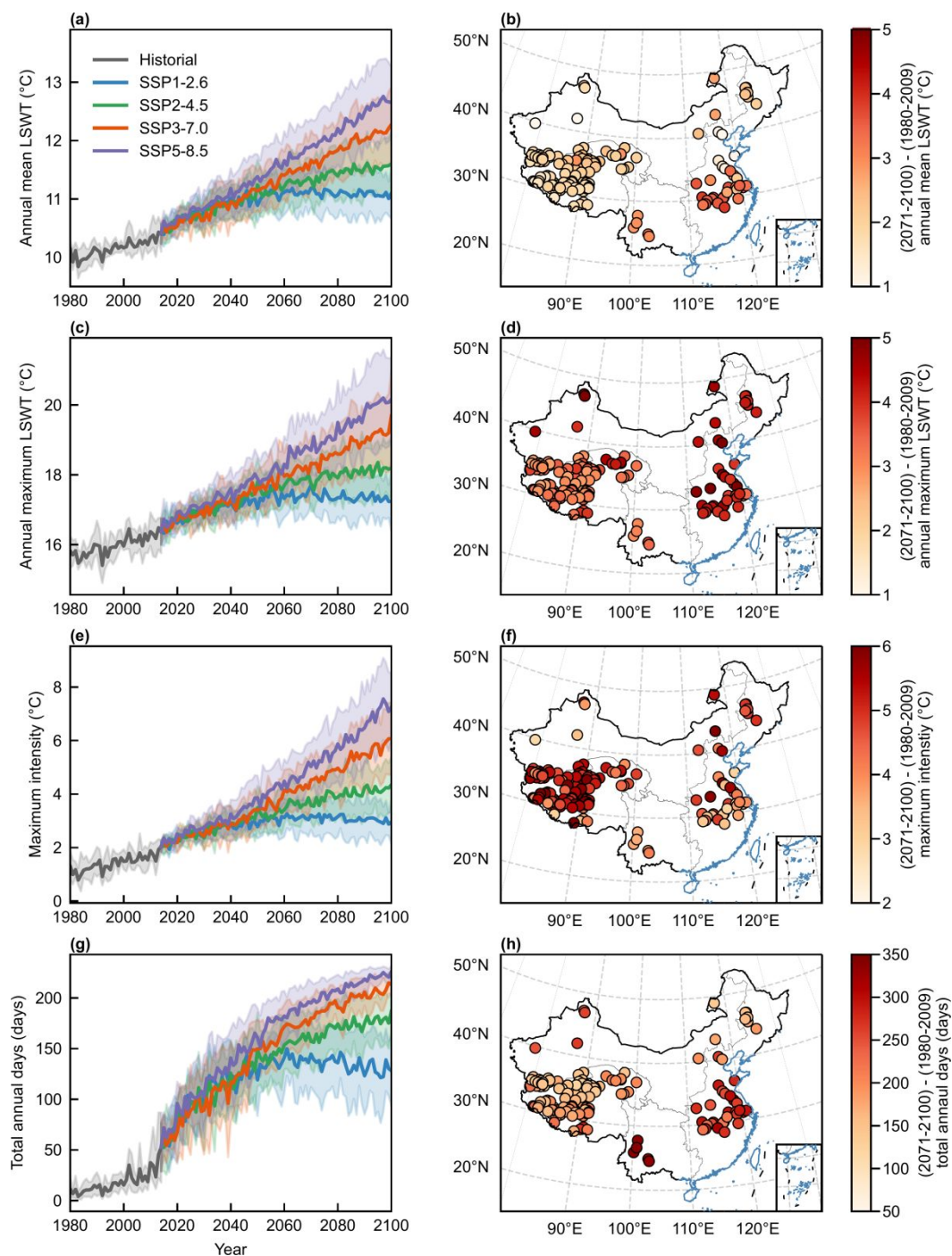
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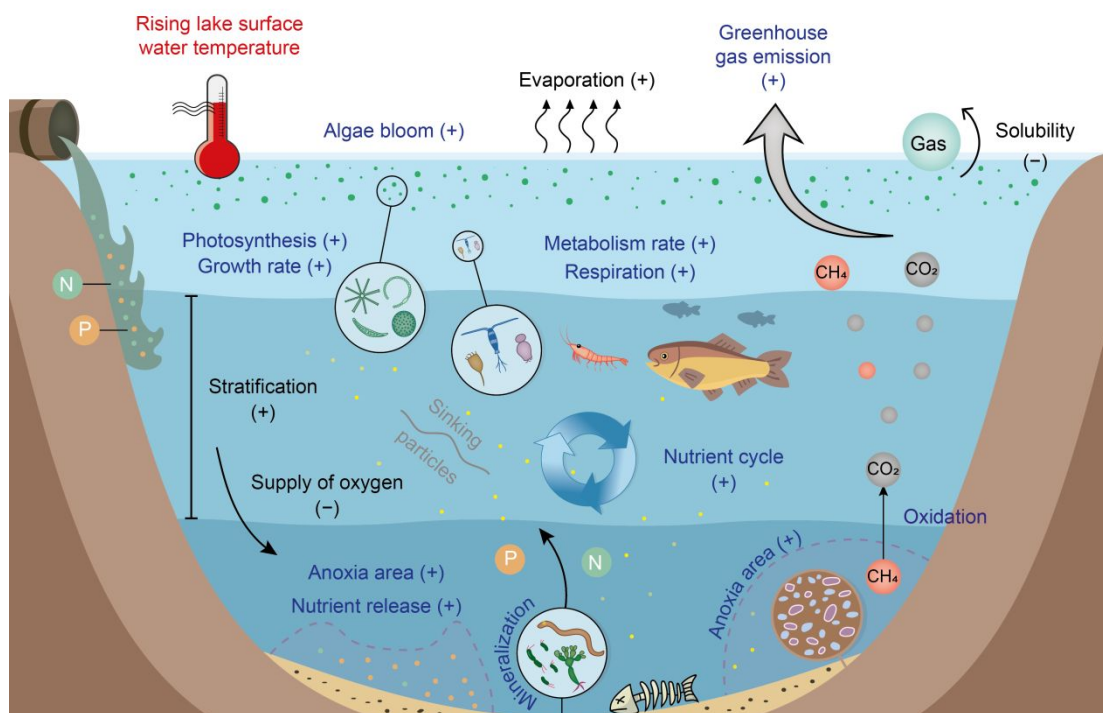


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Figure 4 Contribution of meteorological variables to the trend of lake surface water temperature (LSWT; 1980–2021). (a) Contribution of surface downward longwave radiation (LW), surface pressure (P), 2 m specific humidity (Q), surface downward shortwave radiation (SW), 2 m air temperature (AT), and 10 m wind speed (U) to the LSWT trend for five lake zones. (b-e) The contribution of meteorological variables for winter (b; December, January, and February), spring (c; March, April, and May), summer (d; June, July, and August), and autumn (e; September, October, and November) to the LSWT trends. (f) Contributions of meteorological variables to the occurrence of long lake heatwaves.



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 681 Figure 5 Future projection of lake surface water temperature and heatwaves. Temporal changes of
 682 the (a) annual mean lake surface water temperature (LSWT), (c) annual maximum LSWT, (e)
 683 annual mean lake heatwave maximum intensity, and (g) lake heatwave total annual days under
 684 historical and future climate forcing (SSP1-2.6, SSP2-4.5, SSP3-7.0, SSP5-8.5). The solid lines
 685 show the mean across all the studied lakes and five lake-climate ensembles. The shaded areas
 686 represent the standard deviation between climate ensembles. Differences between SSP5-8.5 run
 687 (averaged over 2071–2100 and five lake-climate ensembles) and historical run (averaged over
 688 1980–2009 and five lake-climate ensembles) of the (b) annual mean LSWT, (d) annual maximum
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Figure 6 Implications of rising lake surface water temperature in the lake ecosystem. The biochemical and physical processes are represented by blue and black text, respectively. The symbol “+” after the name of a process indicates that increases in lake surface water temperature may facilitate the process, while “-” indicates the opposite. The absence of a symbol means the effect of rising lake surface water temperature on this process is unclear.

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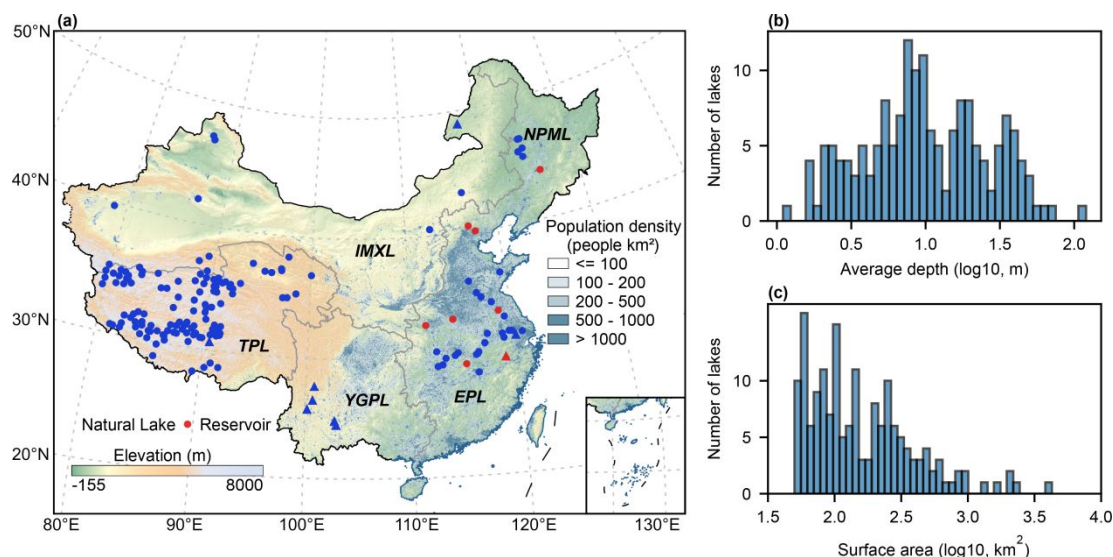
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40 **Supplementary Figures and Tables**

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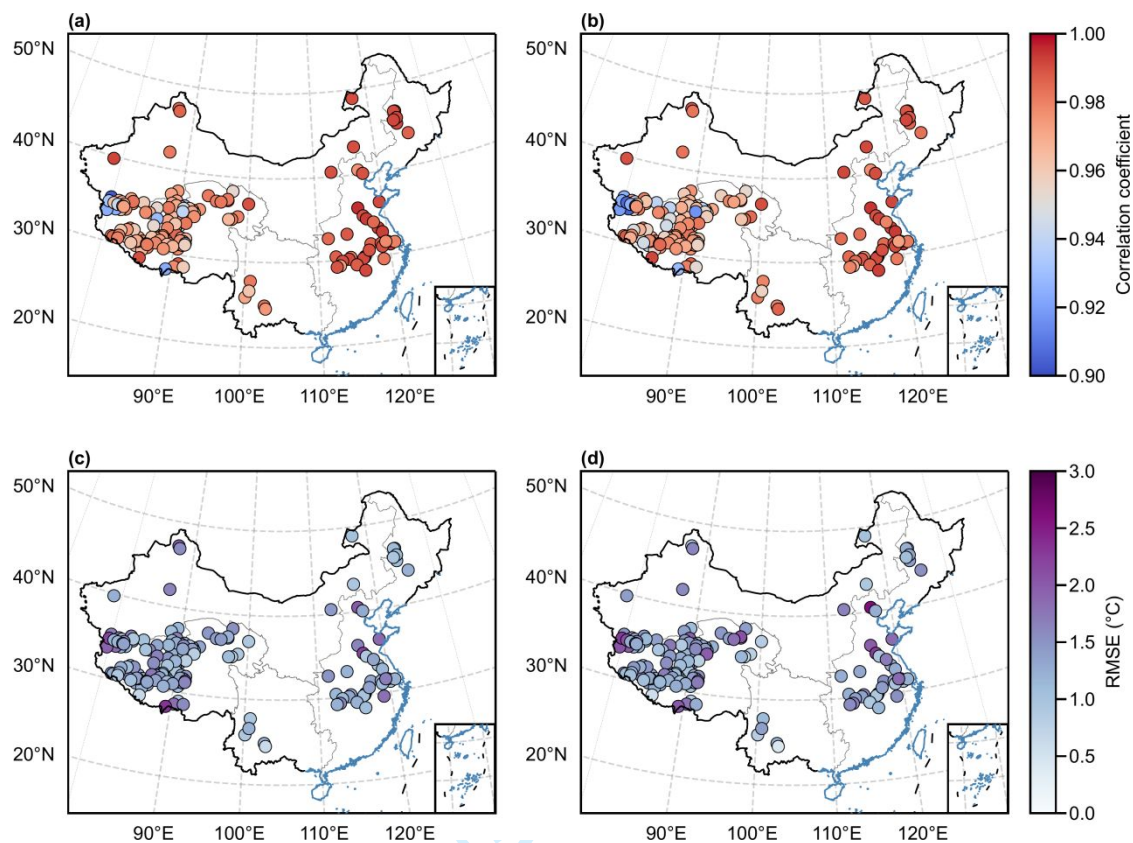
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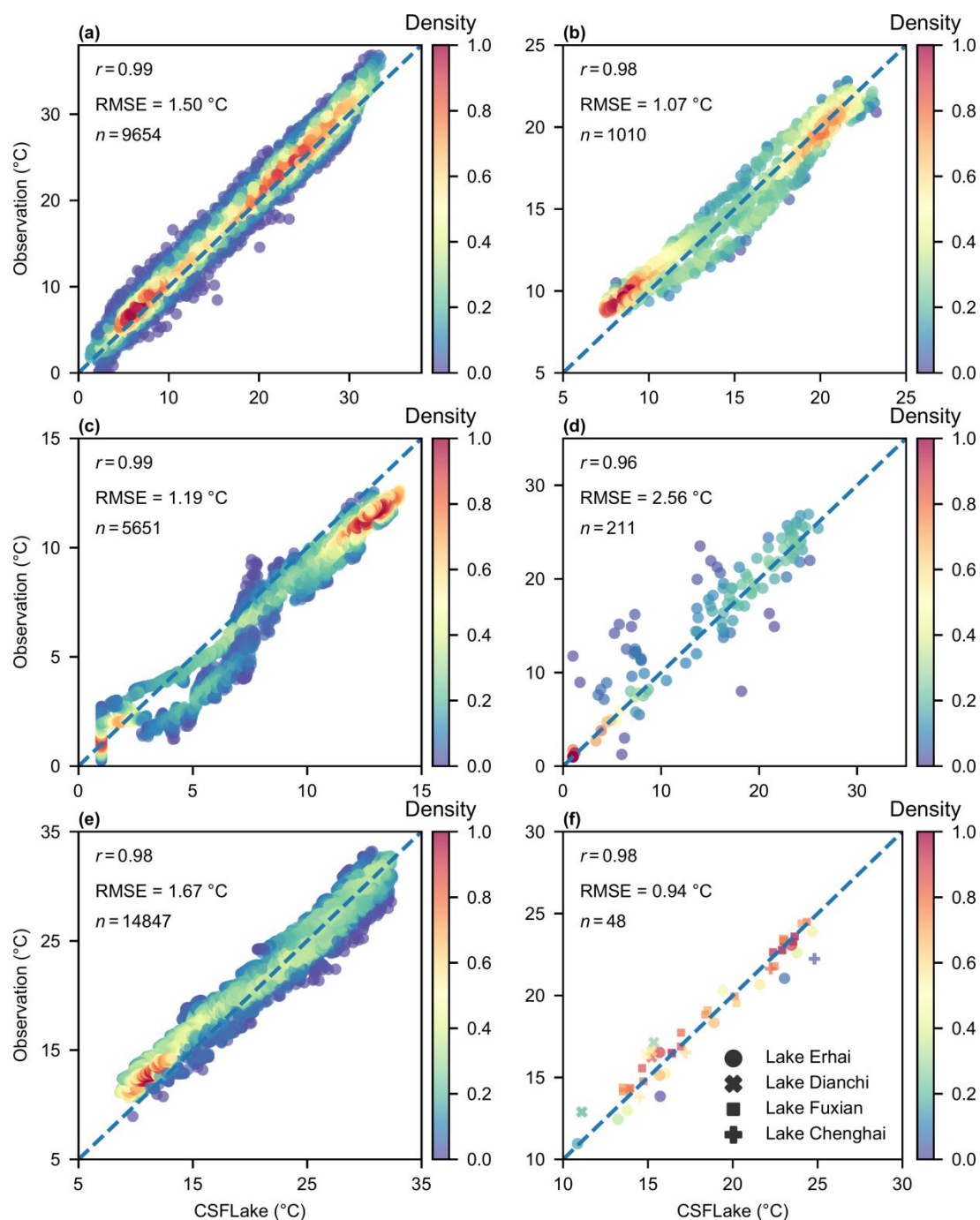


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44 Figure S1 Distribution and characteristics of the studied lakes. (a) Map of the studied natural
 45 lakes and artificial reservoirs. (b) Histograms of \log_{10} [surface area (km²)]. (c) Histograms of
 46 \log_{10} [average depth (m)]. The information is derived from the HydroLAKES database. The
 47 location of lake points is the centroids of lake polygons. The triangles in (a) represent the nine
 48 lakes on which ground observations are available for model verification. The population
 49 density dataset is derived from WorldPop (www.worldpop.org).



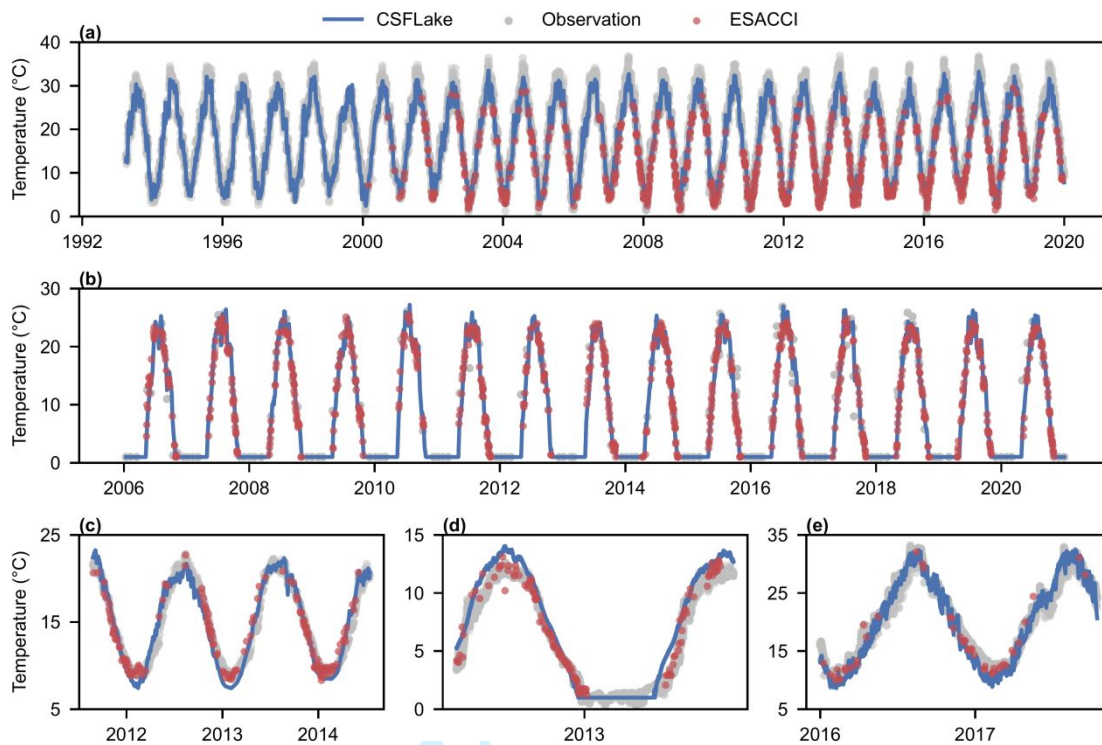
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 51 Figure S2 Model performances during 2001–2010 (calibration phase) and 2011–2020 (verification
 52 phase). (a-b) Pearson correlation coefficient between simulation results and ESACCI during
 53 2001–2010 (a) and 2011–2020 (b). (c-d) Root mean square error (RMSE; unit: °C) between
 54 simulation results and ESACCI during 2001–2010 (c) and 2011–2020 (d).



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56 Figure S3 Comparison between the simulated lake surface water temperature using CSFLake and
 57 observations. (a) Lake Taihu. (b) Lake Lugu. (c) Lake Namco. (d) Lake Hulun. (e) Lake Qiandao.

58 (f) Four lakes on the Yunnan-Guizhou plateau. The Pearson correlation coefficient (italic “*r*”),
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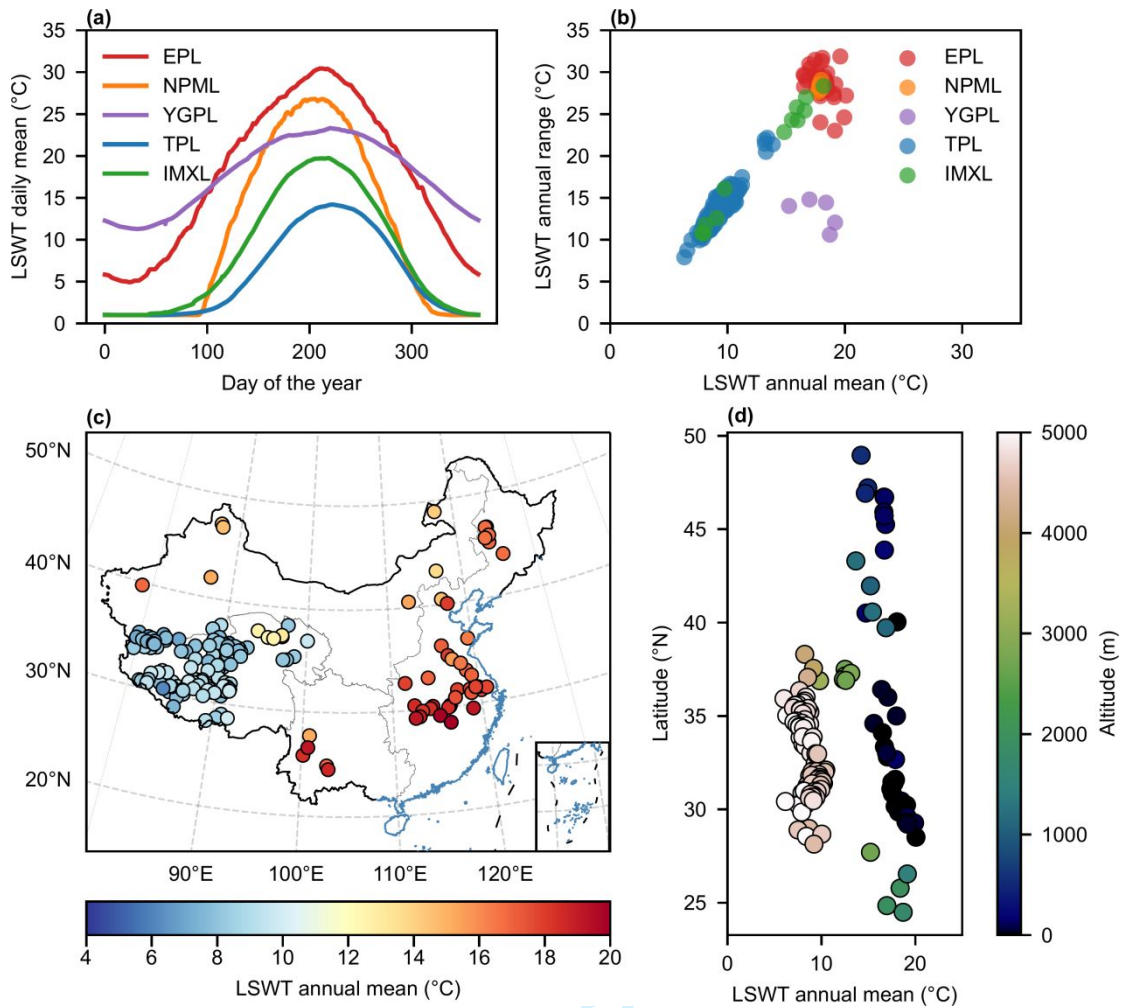


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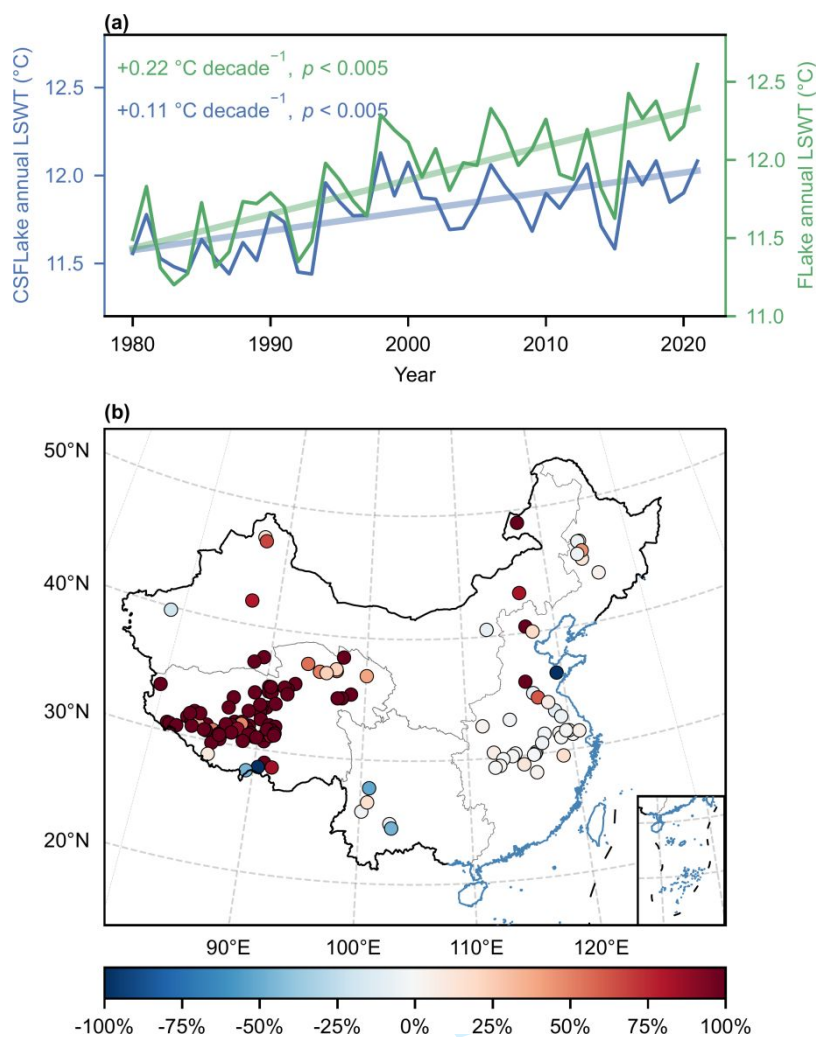
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Figure S4 Comparison of lake surface water temperature between CSFLake, ESACCI, and ground observations. (a) Lake Taihu. (b) Lake Hulun. (c) Lake Lugu. (d) Lake Namco. (e) Lake Qiandao.

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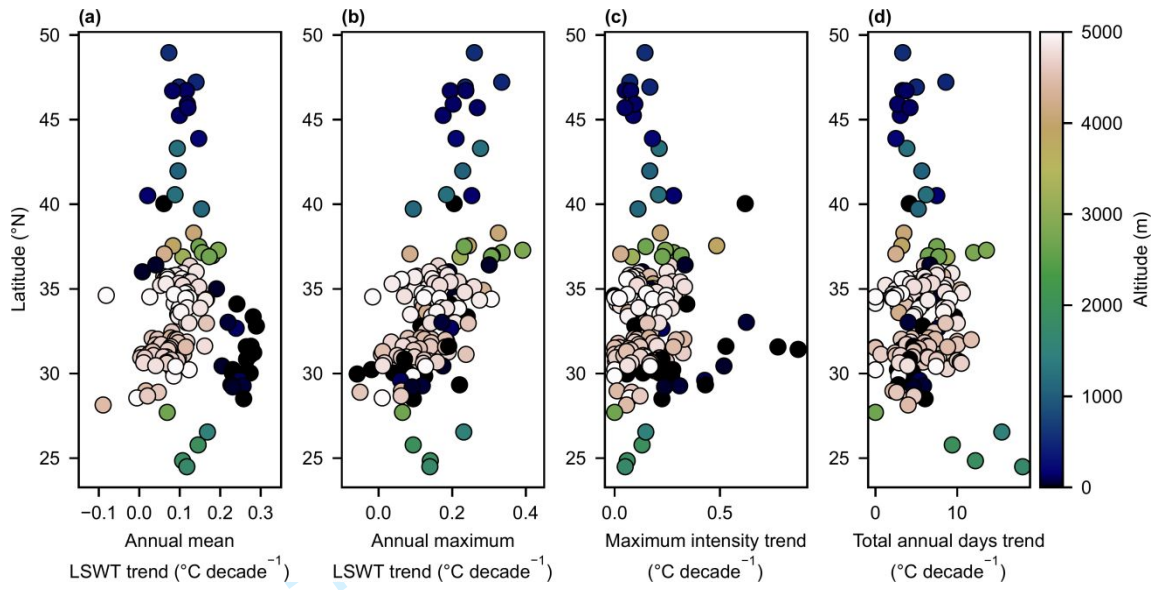
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 65 Figure S5 Climatological daily mean, annual mean, and annual range of lake surface water
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 67 of the year from 1980 to 2021 in five lake zones. (b) Average of LSWT annual mean vs. annual
 68 range from 1980 to 2021 in five lake zones. The annual range was calculated by annual maximum
 69 minus annual minimum surface water temperatures. (c) Spatial distribution of the climatological
 70 annual mean LSWT for each year from 1980 to 2021 and (d) its variation across latitudes and
 71 altitudes.



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73 Figure S6 Comparison of the LSWT trends simulated by CSFLake and FLake. (a) Annual mean
 74 LSWT and trend of all studied lakes. (b) Percent errors between the LSWT trends simulated by
 75 CSFLake and FLake. Percent error = $(T - E) / T \times 100$, where T and E denote the LSWT trend
 76 simulated by CSFLake and FLake, respectively. Note that some lakes are not shown in the figures
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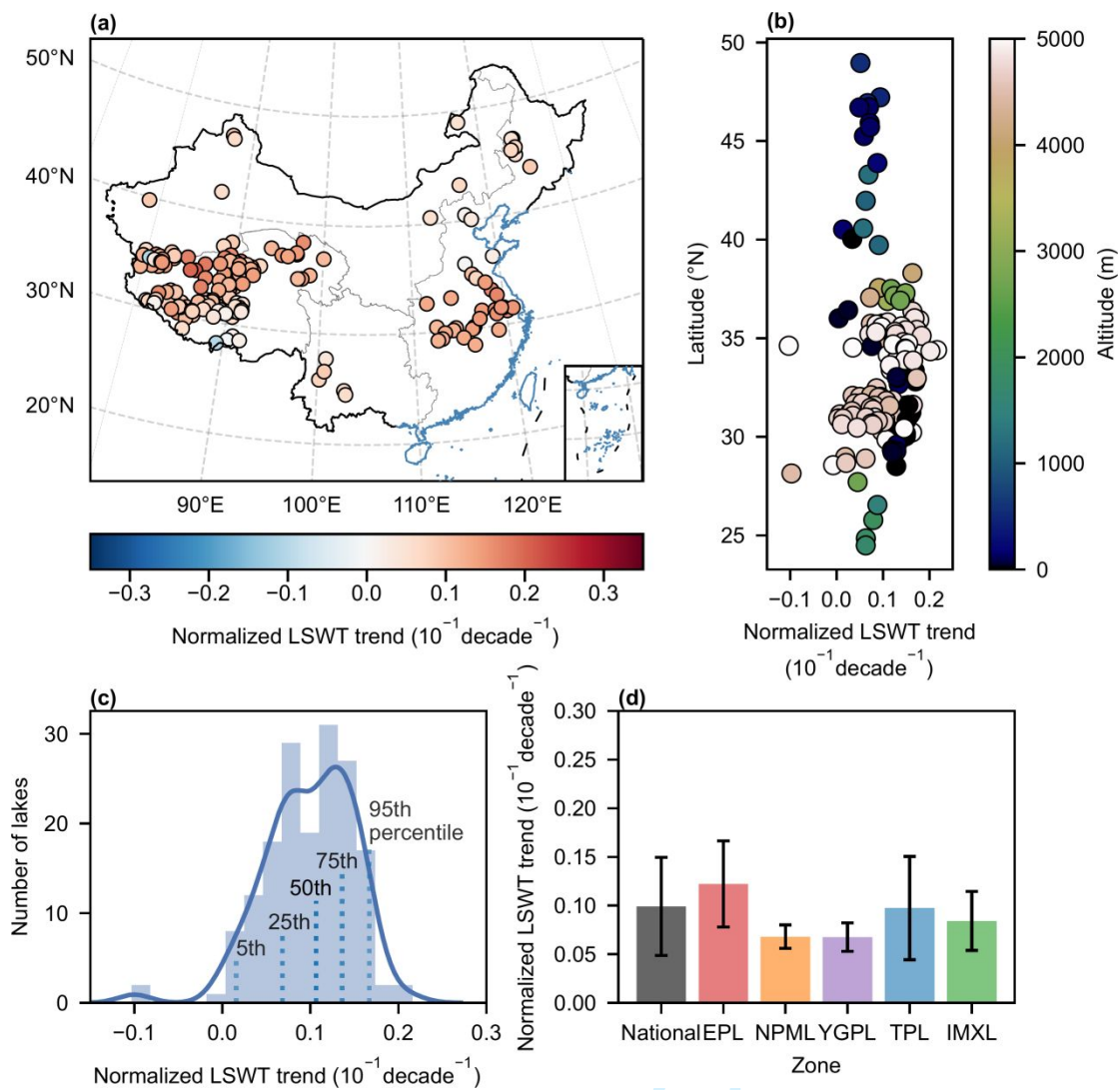
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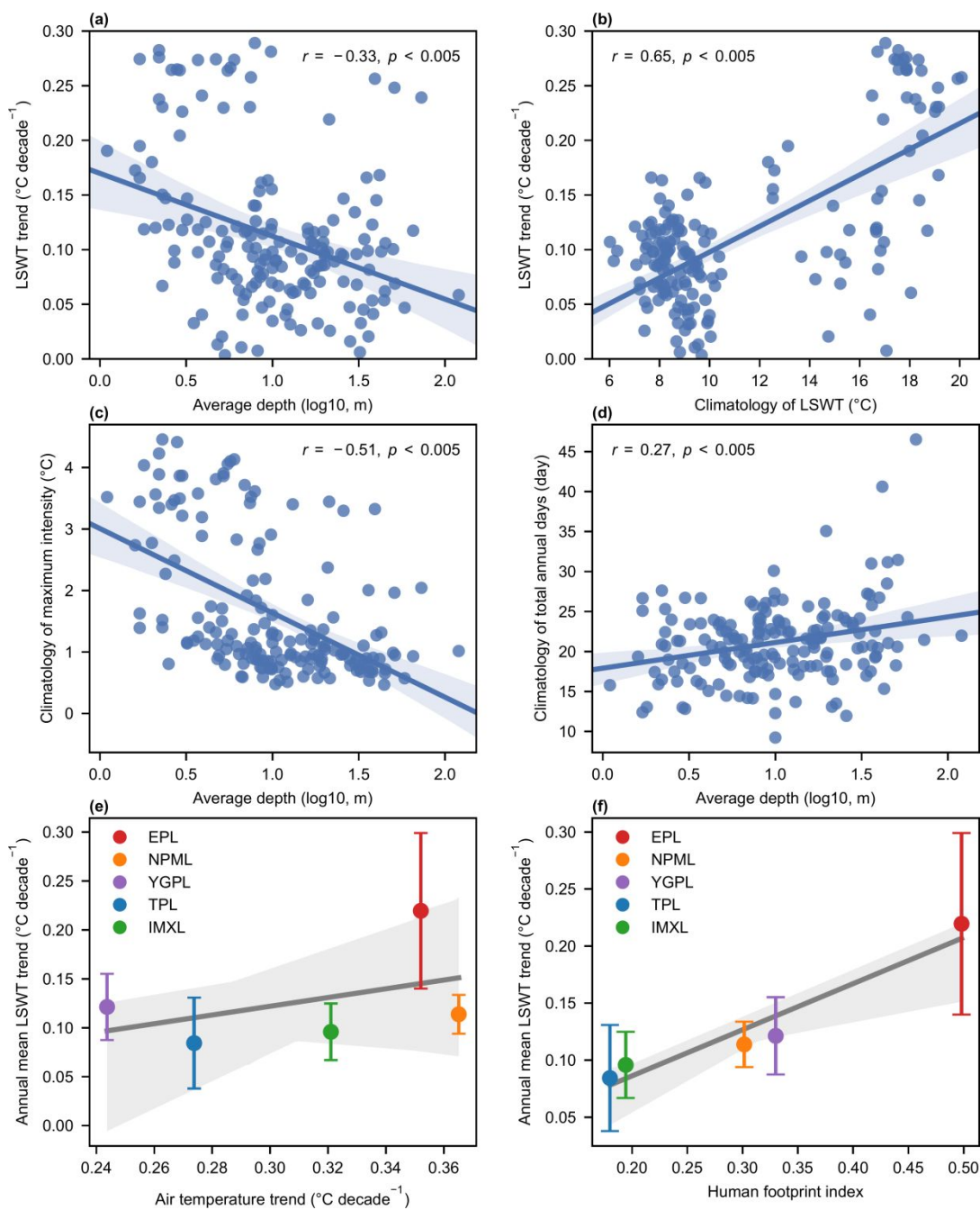
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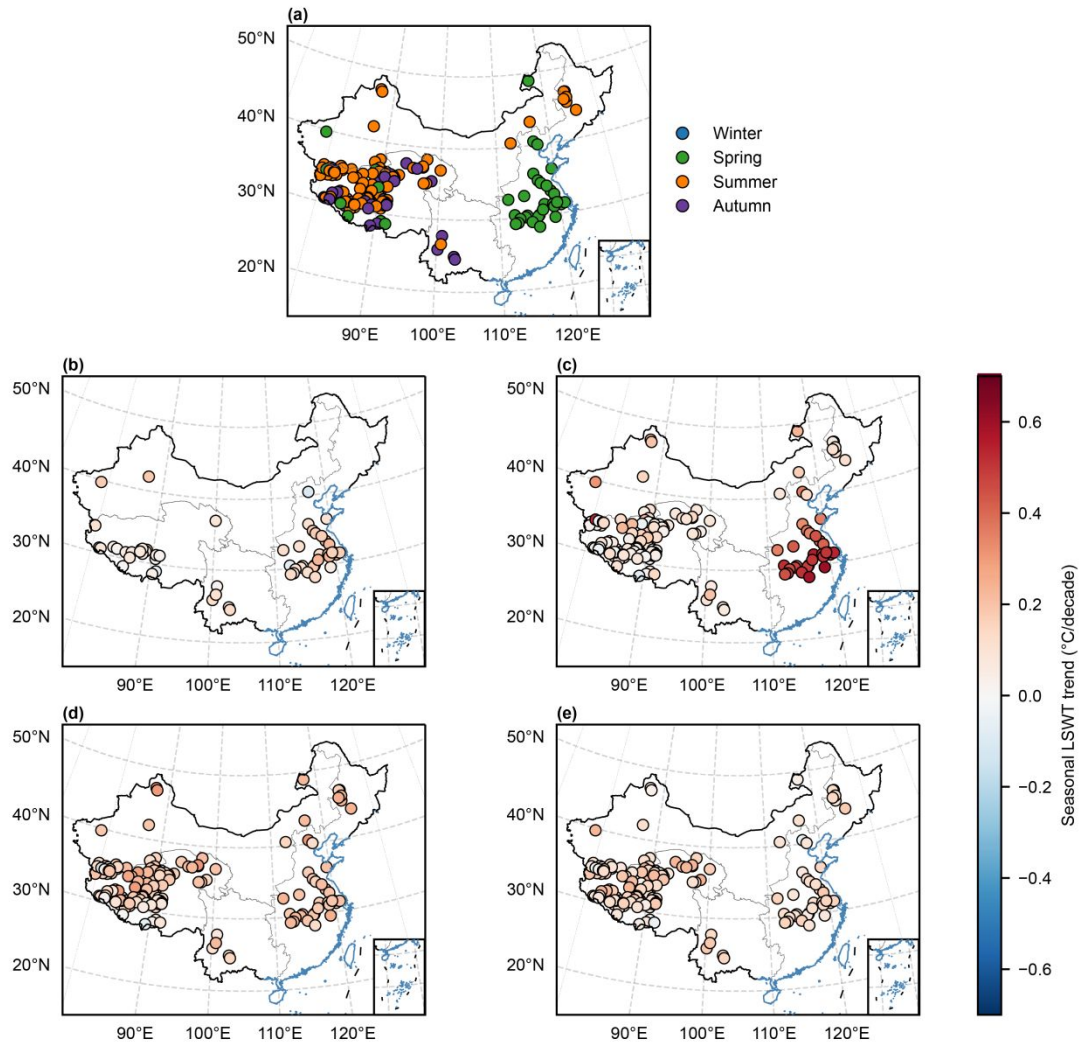
maximum intensity trend. (d) LHW total annual days trend.



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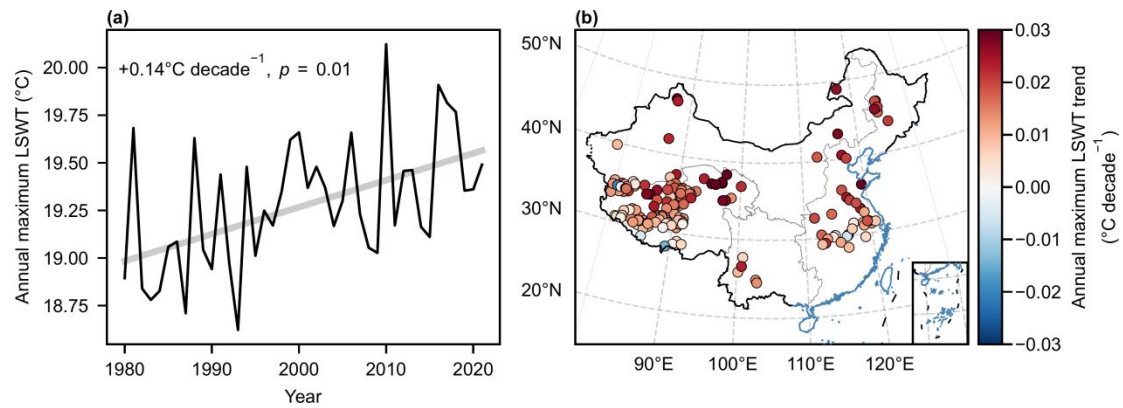


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 87 Figure S9 Relationships between lake characteristics and lake water temperature. (a–b) Lake
 88 surface water temperature (LSWT) trend versus average depth (a) and annual mean climatology of
 89 LSWT (b; 1980–2021). (c–d) Lake average depth versus the annual mean climatology of lake
 90 heatwave maximum intensity (c) and total annual days (d). Each point represents a value from one
 91 lake. Italics “r” and “p” denote the Pearson correlation coefficient and its significance. (e–f) The
 92 relationship between LSWT trend and air temperature trend (e) and human footprint index (f). The
 93 solid lines and their surrounding shaded areas show the linear regression model fit and 95%
 94 confidence interval, respectively.



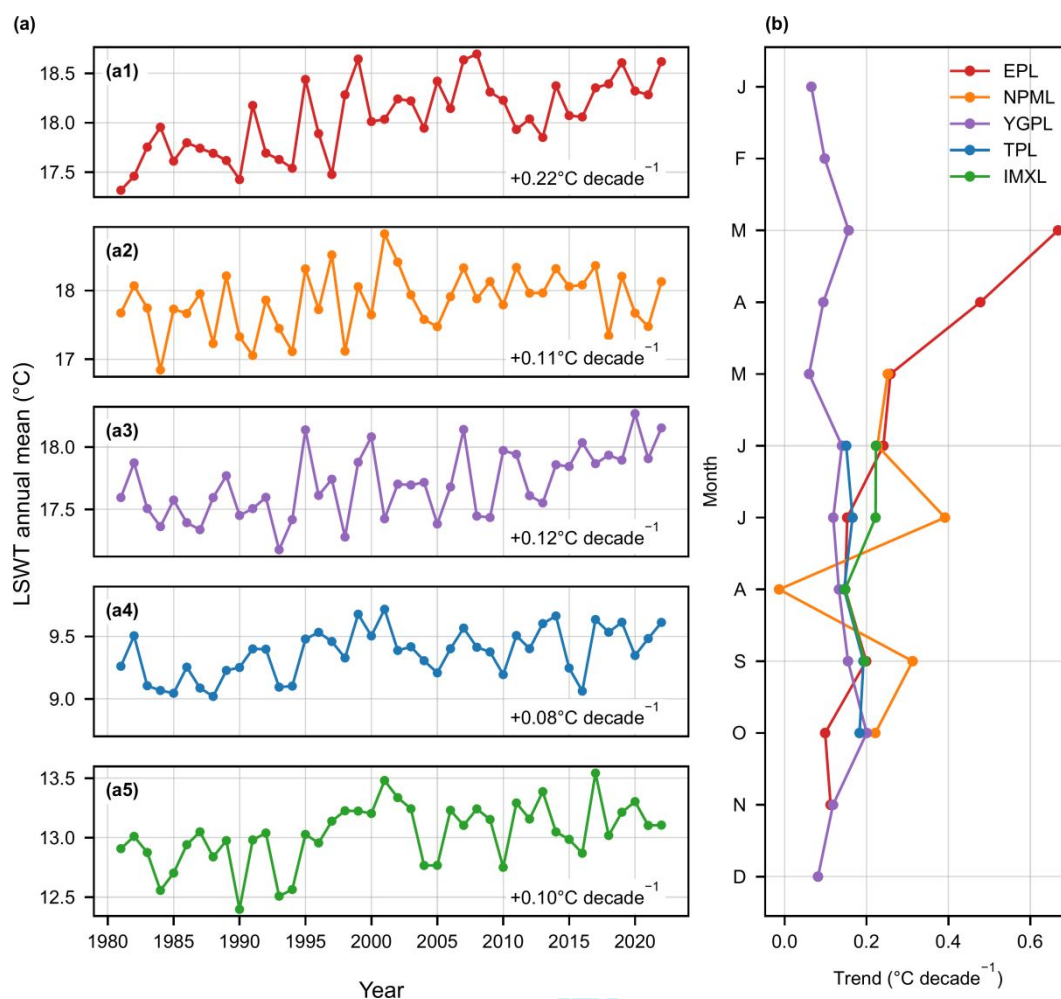
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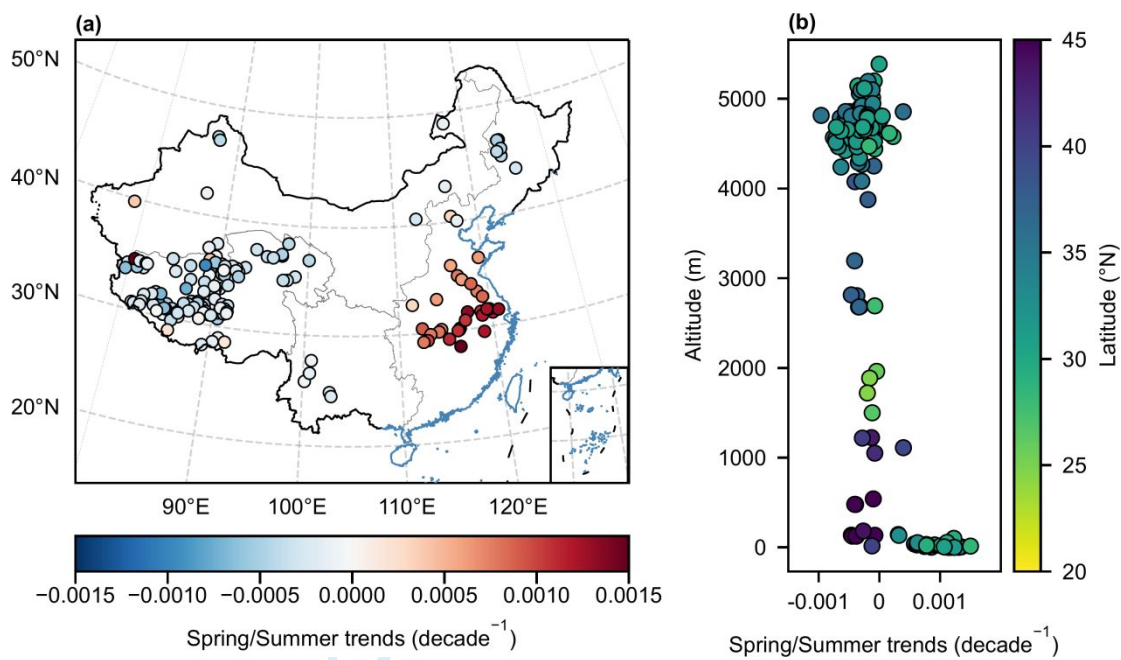
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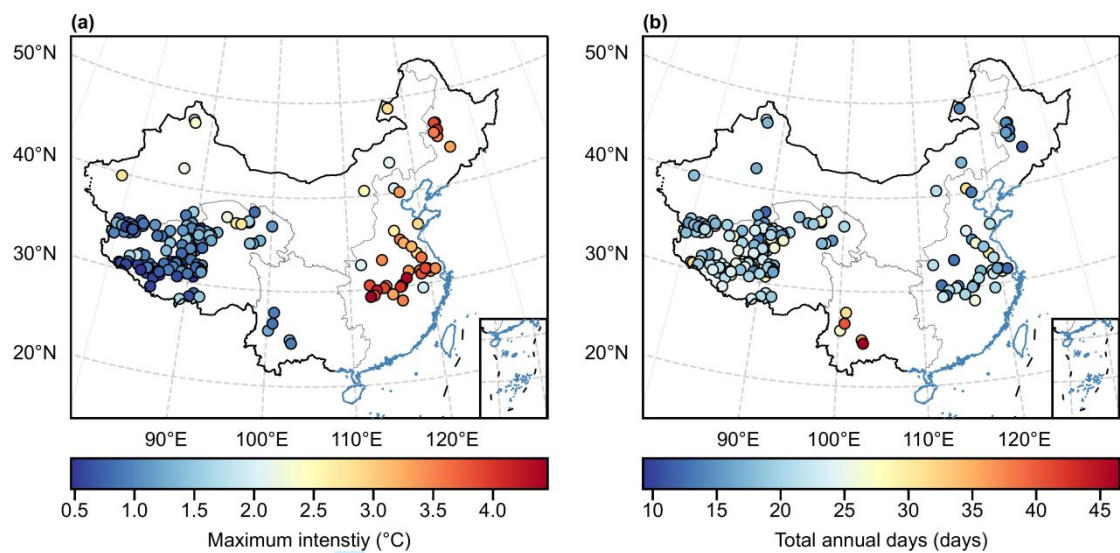
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Figure S12 Variation of lake surface water temperature at different time scales. (a) Interannual variation of lake surface water temperature (LSWT) in EPL (a1), NPML (a2), YGPL (a3), TPL (a4), and IMXL (a5). (b) Monthly variation of LSWT. The solid lines in (a–b) denote the annual mean LSWT across the five lake zones.



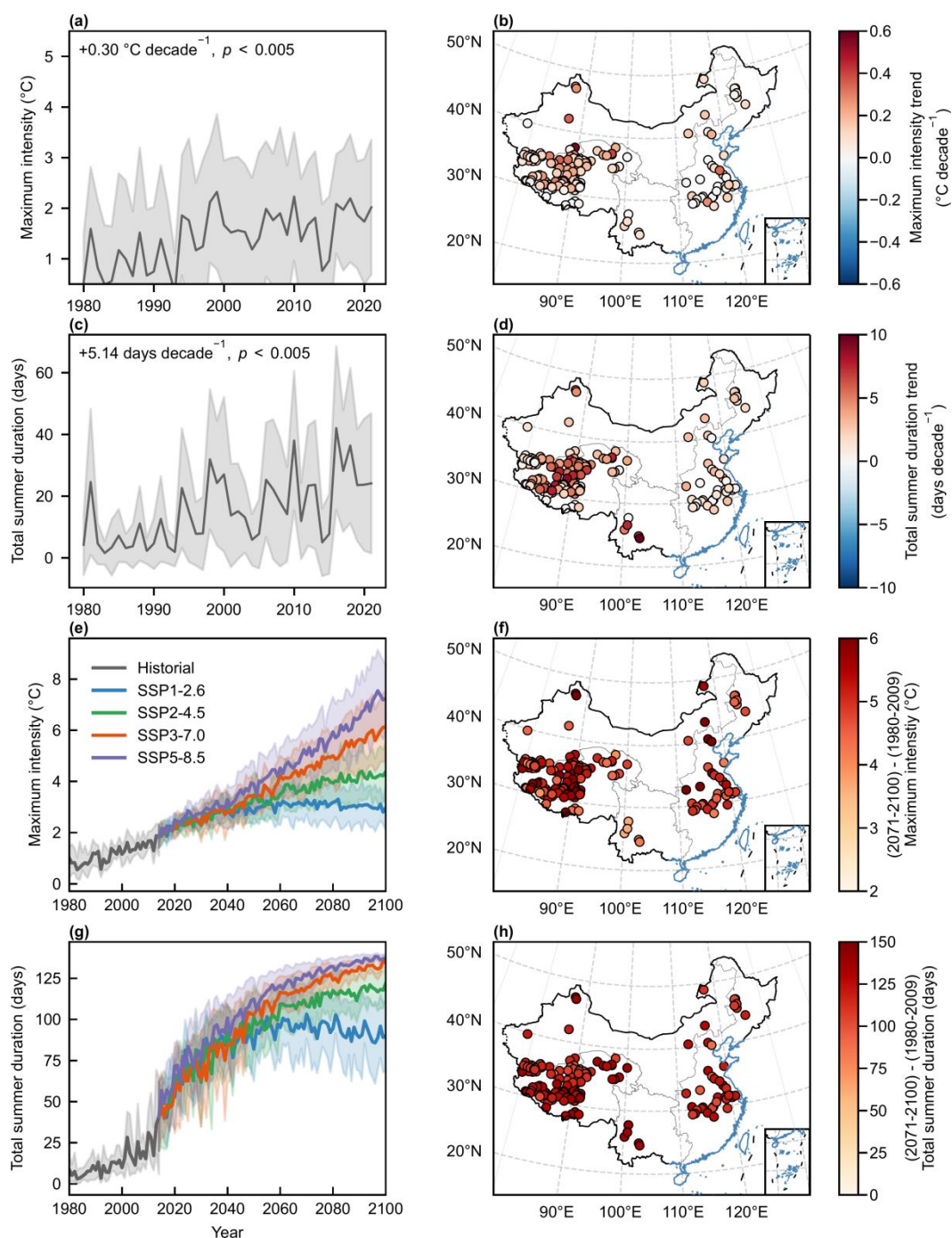
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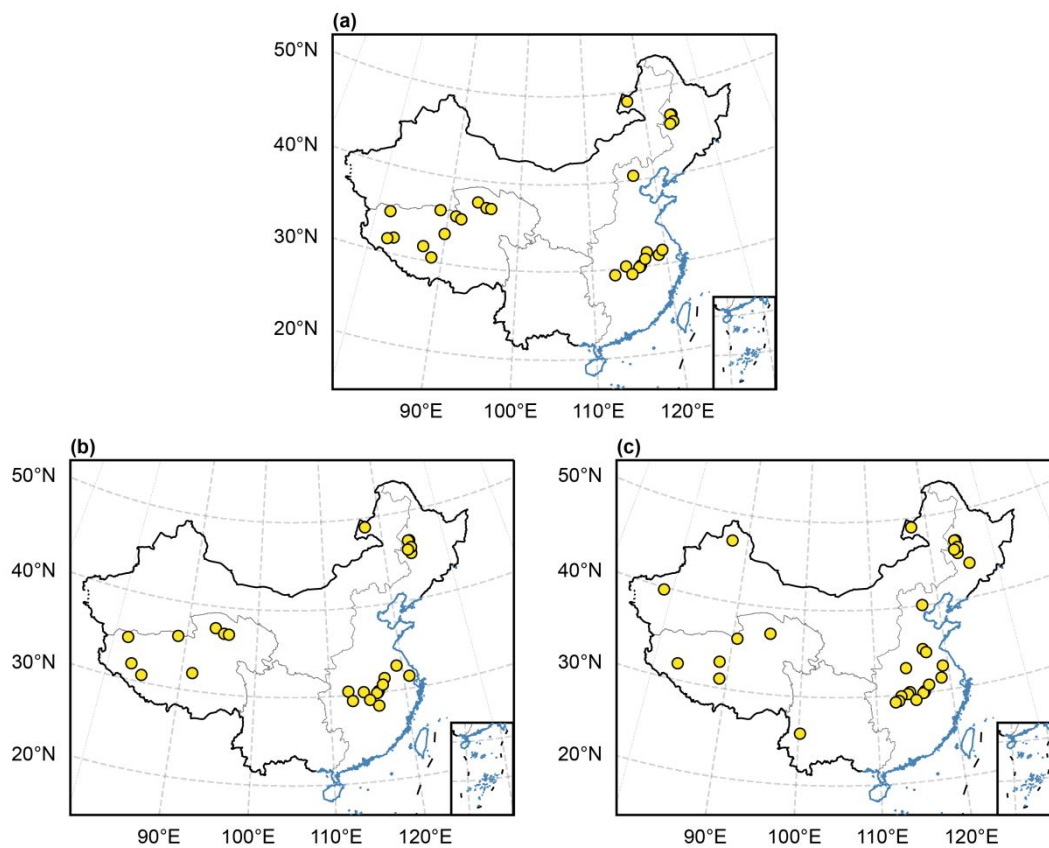


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112 1980–2021 of lake heatwave maximum intensity. (b) The climatological mean during 1980–2021
113 of lake heatwave total annual days.



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 115 Figure S15 Historical and future projection of the warm-season (May–September) lake heatwave
 116 (1980–2100). (a-b) Annual mean (a) and climatology (b; 1980–2021) of the maximum intensity
 117 averaged over all studied lakes. (c-d) Annual mean (c) and climatology (d) of the total annual days
 118 averaged over all studied lakes. (e-f) Future projection (e) and the differences between 2071–2100
 119 and 1980–2009 under the SSP5-8.5 scenario (f) of the maximum intensity. (g-h) Future projection
 120 (g) and the differences between 2071–2100 and 1980–2009 under the SSP5-8.5 scenario (h) of the
 121 total annual days. The solid lines and their surrounding shaded areas represent the ensemble mean
 122 and standard deviation of the simulation results driven by five global circulation models,
 123 respectively. The upper-right texts in (a) and (c) show the trend calculated using the Theil-Sen
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126 Figure S16 Lakes with a fraction attributable risk equals one. (a) Longwave radiation. (b) Specific
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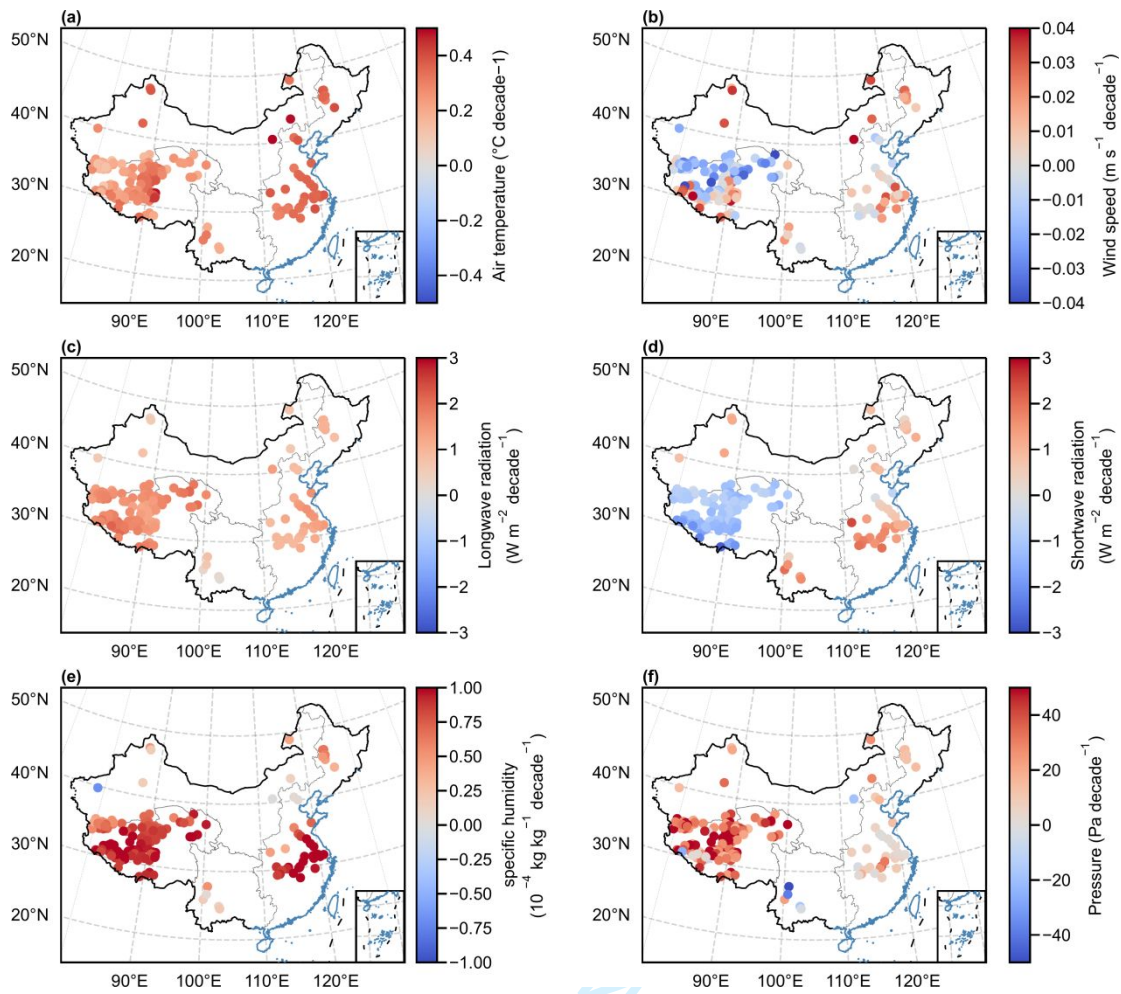
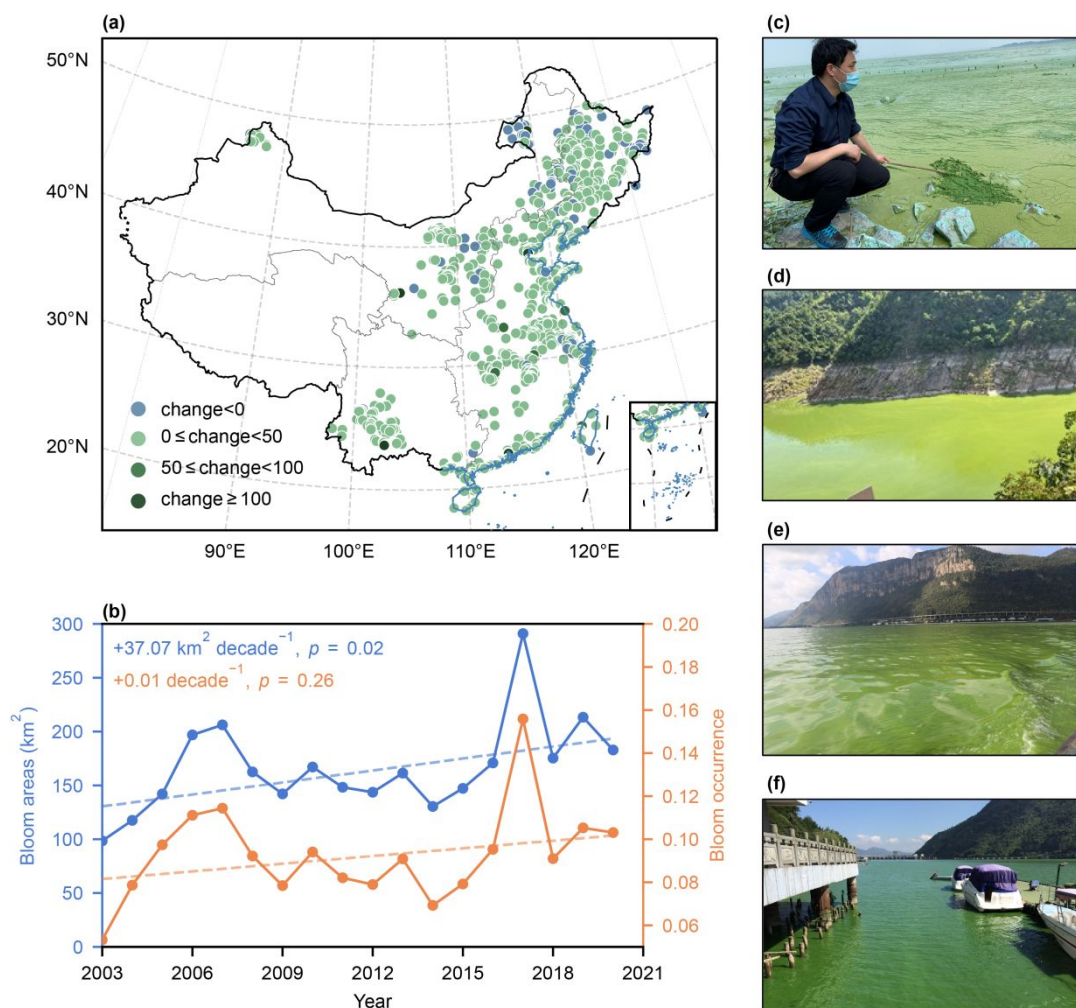


Figure S17 Trend of meteorological variables (1980–2021). (a) 2 m air temperature. (b) 10 m wind speed. (c) Surface downward longwave radiation. (d) Surface downward shortwave radiation. (e) 2 m specific humidity. (f) Surface pressure.

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133 Figure S18 Algae blooms in Chinese lakes. (a) The changes in the bloom occurrence between the
 134 2010s and 1980–1990s [1]. “change” was calculated as $(BO_{2010s} - BO_{1980-1990s}) / BO_{1980-1990s}$,
 135 where BO_x denotes the bloom occurrence during the period x . (b) The bloom areas and occurrence
 136 from 2003 to 2020 in Lake Taihu were derived from MODIS images [2]. (c–f) Photographs of
 137 algae blooms in May 2020 in Lake Taihu (c), in August 2022 in Three Gorges Reservoir (d), in
 138 October 2015 in Lake Dianchi (e), and in August 2016 in Fuchunjiang Reservoir (f).

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Table S1 Nine lakes with ground observations.

Lake Name	ID	Temporal frequency	Thermal regime	Lake zone	Surface area (km ²)	Average depth (m)
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Lake Lugu	15431	Daily	Warm monomictic	YGPL	50.03	51.30
Lake Namco	149	Two-hourly	Dimictic	TPL	1963.82	44.40
Lake Hulun	123	Monthly	Cold polymictic	IMXL	2121.43	6.20
Lake Qiandao	1467	Hourly	Warm monomictic	EPL	424.57	50.90
Lake Erhai	1479	Irregular	Warm polymictic	YGPL	242.26	40.00
Lake Dianchi	1483	Irregular	Warm polymictic	YGPL	298.34	19.70
Lake Fuxian	1485	Irregular	Warm monomictic	YGPL	215.37	65.30
Lake Chenghai	15455	Irregular	Warm monomictic	YGPL	74.75	41.70

141 Table S2 Information on the studied lakes and selected best parameters. Lake ID is the ID in the HydroLAKES database. Lake type=1 or 3 represent natural lakes and
 142 lake type=2 represent reservoirs. The nine lakes that provided ground lake surface water temperature for model verification are emphasized in italics.

Lake ID	Lake type	Lake zone	Surface area (km ²)	Average depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Latitude	Longitude	Light extinction coefficient (m ⁻¹)	Ice albedo	Depth factor
<i>123</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>IMXL</i>	<i>2121.43</i>	<i>6.20</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>48.96</i>	<i>117.41</i>	<i>0.58</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.59</i>
143	1	TPL	4266.55	16.80	3194	36.89	100.05	0.24	0.25	1.02
145	2	EPL	1374.36	9.80	10	33.35	118.77	0.38	0.18	0.49
147	1	TPL	1749.53	28.00	4539	31.79	88.95	0.28	0.13	0.77
<i>148</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>EPL</i>	<i>2329.14</i>	<i>2.20</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>31.24</i>	<i>120.14</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>0.47</i>	<i>1.93</i>
<i>149</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>TPL</i>	<i>1963.82</i>	<i>44.40</i>	<i>4724</i>	<i>30.72</i>	<i>90.59</i>	<i>0.16</i>	<i>0.28</i>	<i>0.65</i>
1245	1	IMXL	854.89	8.00	478	47.22	87.21	0.17	0.15	1.13
1250	1	IMXL	165.81	20.90	479	46.93	87.45	0.52	0.14	0.92
1252	1	NPML	132.18	6.90	135	46.72	124.37	1.79	0.16	0.31
1257	1	NPML	429.94	5.20	136	46.71	124.17	1.75	0.14	0.30
1286	1	NPML	246.95	2.70	126	45.25	124.30	1.13	0.14	1.00
1300	1	IMXL	213.64	7.70	1223	43.30	116.65	0.54	0.20	0.80
1304	1	IMXL	961.84	9.10	1050	41.97	87.05	2.65	0.13	1.24
1317	2	EPL	121.66	36.00	143	40.51	116.89	1.86	0.25	0.71
1323	2	EPL	118.62	13.10	16	40.04	117.57	1.75	0.14	0.30
1325	1	IMXL	102.82	8.40	1111	39.73	78.73	1.61	0.20	0.38
1336	1	TPL	585.60	30.00	4076	38.30	97.58	0.15	0.10	0.50
1344	1	IMXL	616.34	10.00	3876	37.55	89.33	1.99	0.11	0.93
1347	1	TPL	204.51	2.40	2686	37.50	93.94	0.80	0.12	1.04
1350	1	TPL	142.97	9.90	2805	37.14	96.95	0.25	0.12	1.00
1352	1	IMXL	354.71	13.60	4251	37.07	88.43	0.45	0.11	0.70
1353	1	TPL	321.88	2.00	2680	36.96	95.23	1.62	0.11	0.79

1357	1	IMXL	225.85	4.10	4713	36.36	89.39	0.42	0.14	3.98
1359	1	EPL	139.85	8.20	38	36.01	116.20	0.87	0.16	0.44
1364	1	TPL	100.81	11.00	4881	35.93	90.64	0.10	0.20	2.00
1366	1	TPL	220.78	16.70	4870	35.75	90.18	0.30	0.11	0.50
1367	1	TPL	261.40	16.60	4475	35.74	92.89	0.55	0.14	1.04
1369	1	TPL	300.10	12.60	4886	35.58	91.09	0.31	0.12	1.44
1370	1	TPL	255.38	14.70	4753	35.55	91.92	0.41	0.15	1.23
1371	1	TPL	231.17	42.70	4081	35.30	98.57	1.25	0.10	0.66
1372	1	TPL	208.99	6.40	4787	35.30	89.27	0.17	0.15	1.13
1373	1	IMXL	165.96	9.60	4844	35.21	79.86	0.33	0.10	1.00
1374	1	TPL	269.64	5.50	4772	35.22	90.31	0.30	0.10	1.00
1375	1	TPL	198.59	16.00	4688	35.21	92.19	1.75	0.14	0.30
1377	1	TPL	617.76	17.40	4267	34.94	97.69	0.24	0.17	0.99
1378	1	TPL	248.04	35.70	5080	35.03	81.08	0.32	0.12	0.71
1379	1	TPL	121.34	8.00	4960	35.04	83.13	0.20	0.12	1.00
1382	1	TPL	107.02	8.50	4904	34.95	81.56	0.54	0.20	0.80
1383	1	EPL	237.73	1.10	32	35.00	116.84	1.53	0.18	4.73
1385	1	TPL	520.58	9.00	4290	34.91	97.25	0.40	0.10	2.00
1386	1	TPL	372.84	19.30	4855	34.81	90.36	0.25	0.11	0.50
1387	1	TPL	108.03	7.20	4857	34.77	90.65	0.25	0.11	1.00
1388	1	EPL	175.30	3.00	28	34.60	117.26	0.77	0.30	1.00
1389	1	TPL	268.13	22.50	4818	34.57	89.00	1.75	0.14	0.30
1391	1	TPL	127.93	8.00	4920	34.21	82.32	0.25	0.20	1.00
1395	1	TPL	113.96	20.00	4961	34.15	79.78	0.25	0.10	0.60
1396	1	EPL	247.63	3.90	17	34.11	118.21	0.63	0.27	4.03
1399	1	TPL	347.02	45.10	4812	34.01	81.64	0.20	0.10	0.30
1401	1	TPL	105.06	19.70	4525	33.95	80.91	0.80	0.10	1.00
1402	1	TPL	101.50	12.80	5062	33.85	88.59	0.40	0.13	1.42

1403	1	TPL	332.93	50.00	4239	33.60	79.70	1.65	0.11	0.62
1404	1	TPL	472.55	25.70	4935	33.49	90.36	0.51	0.10	0.82
1405	1	TPL	378.99	20.00	4929	33.38	89.87	0.51	0.10	0.82
1411	1	TPL	106.31	5.10	4872	33.01	89.81	1.13	0.14	0.25
1416	1	EPL	703.14	7.90	2	32.81	119.28	1.86	0.49	0.41
1417	2	EPL	286.45	72.90	134	32.68	111.56	0.73	0.14	0.49
1419	1	TPL	149.16	8.20	4615	32.46	89.98	0.50	0.10	1.00
1422	1	TPL	207.16	12.70	4568	32.08	90.87	0.51	0.11	1.43
1424	1	TPL	188.28	33.70	4585	32.03	91.47	1.14	0.10	0.72
1425	1	TPL	251.56	8.50	4465	31.90	87.54	0.25	0.10	1.50
1427	1	TPL	134.17	11.90	4551	31.70	91.17	0.25	0.10	0.80
1428	1	TPL	346.70	19.20	4554	31.71	88.03	0.27	0.18	0.95
1429	1	TPL	267.15	37.90	4563	31.55	88.77	0.25	0.10	0.50
1430	1	EPL	786.91	2.60	5	31.57	117.45	0.63	0.12	4.35
1431	1	TPL	498.06	10.00	4716	31.54	82.98	2.65	0.13	1.00
1433	1	TPL	148.14	12.20	4529	31.51	90.97	0.20	0.13	1.00
1434	1	EPL	161.56	2.90	0	31.58	119.82	0.68	0.15	4.28
1436	1	EPL	206.35	3.70	4	31.47	118.88	0.73	0.30	1.00
1437	1	TPL	146.74	2.30	4424	31.41	84.07	0.70	0.10	2.00
1438	1	EPL	124.24	1.70	1	31.43	120.79	1.34	0.19	4.58
1439	1	TPL	477.00	32.10	4649	31.14	88.36	0.33	0.14	0.73
1440	1	TPL	200.64	18.30	4560	31.25	90.59	0.48	0.10	0.97
1441	1	TPL	144.14	38.30	4666	31.22	91.17	0.51	0.10	0.69
1442	1	TPL	182.53	18.80	4760	31.28	83.47	0.20	0.10	1.00
1443	1	TPL	105.95	11.30	4623	31.24	84.96	0.30	0.10	1.00
1444	1	TPL	101.75	14.60	4629	31.22	89.20	0.50	0.10	1.24
1445	1	TPL	473.71	34.10	4567	31.13	84.12	0.28	0.23	0.72
1446	1	EPL	145.01	4.70	5	31.10	118.99	0.86	0.78	0.56

1447	1	TPL	389.33	8.70	4685	31.02	87.16	0.40	0.10	1.00
1448	1	TPL	102.74	5.30	4656	30.94	89.64	0.80	0.10	1.00
1449	1	TPL	958.10	25.00	4612	30.91	85.61	0.49	0.11	0.83
1450	1	TPL	825.06	120.00	4535	31.06	86.58	1.80	0.12	0.31
1451	1	TPL	141.17	15.10	5101	30.88	83.59	0.20	0.10	1.00
1452	1	TPL	261.27	32.50	4570	30.72	81.22	0.32	0.20	0.73
1454	1	TPL	413.60	44.80	4585	30.68	81.49	0.19	0.13	0.65
1456	1	EPL	128.23	2.90	27	30.45	112.46	1.04	0.14	4.28
1457	1	TPL	205.49	36.30	4714	30.28	86.41	0.17	0.24	0.70
1458	1	EPL	302.36	7.40	16	30.23	114.49	0.63	0.13	3.15
1459	1	TPL	141.90	37.90	5198	30.23	84.79	0.55	0.10	0.69
1460	1	EPL	128.37	5.70	9	30.17	116.45	1.03	0.41	0.45
1461	1	EPL	261.58	6.00	9	30.03	116.35	1.03	0.41	0.45
1462	1	EPL	101.95	5.20	17	30.03	114.21	0.86	0.78	0.56
1463	1	EPL	302.31	5.50	9	29.97	116.22	1.86	0.49	0.41
1464	1	EPL	215.13	2.20	19	29.86	113.30	1.15	0.64	0.26
1465	1	TPL	110.98	18.30	5145	29.85	85.73	0.26	0.10	0.97
1467	2	EPL	424.57	50.90	100	29.60	118.96	1.00	0.70	0.70
1470	1	EPL	143.81	3.00	19	29.33	112.97	0.80	0.17	4.25
1472	2	EPL	201.81	39.20	55	29.28	115.21	0.34	0.17	0.69
1473	3	TPL	566.97	28.20	4442	28.98	90.92	0.27	0.11	0.77
1474	1	TPL	277.69	58.30	4580	28.90	85.61	0.31	0.16	0.57
1476	1	EPL	151.81	7.50	14	28.51	116.31	0.38	0.18	0.49
1477	1	TPL	283.19	36.40	5013	28.56	90.40	0.37	0.11	0.70
1479	1	YGPL	242.26	40.00	1962	25.78	100.18	0.57	0.18	0.68
1483	1	YGPL	298.34	19.70	1886	24.85	102.72	0.33	0.10	0.29
1485	1	YGPL	215.37	65.30	1721	24.49	102.89	0.14	0.23	0.52
14153	1	NPML	73.78	1.80	125	45.92	124.45	1.99	0.11	0.93

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14177	1	NPML	98.83	2.10	125	45.71	123.87	1.13	0.14	0.25
14316	2	NPML	58.11	25.80	182	43.88	125.83	1.13	0.14	0.25
14520	1	IMXL	86.94	2.70	1218	40.57	112.69	0.77	0.10	1.43
14765	1	TPL	54.33	1.70	2814	37.29	96.90	0.30	0.10	3.00
14800	1	TPL	82.42	1.60	2680	36.91	95.92	0.77	0.10	1.43
14821	1	EPL	99.99	3.90	33	36.42	119.46	0.96	0.12	1.47
14845	1	TPL	80.39	7.80	4856	36.01	88.77	1.62	0.11	0.50
14864	1	TPL	87.44	10.50	4858	35.81	89.43	0.30	0.10	0.70
14872	1	TPL	53.69	8.00	4886	35.70	91.38	0.30	0.10	1.00
14878	1	TPL	99.99	17.40	4911	35.61	90.56	0.43	0.11	0.99
14884	1	TPL	91.01	9.90	5049	35.57	82.76	0.30	0.10	1.00
14894	1	TPL	59.34	6.20	4778	35.43	84.66	0.40	0.10	3.45
14895	1	TPL	64.77	3.20	4815	35.41	88.37	0.25	0.11	2.00
14898	1	TPL	53.86	3.70	4783	35.33	91.87	0.78	0.10	4.08
14901	1	TPL	86.02	7.60	4889	35.30	83.12	0.61	0.12	1.12
14908	1	TPL	51.96	4.30	4772	35.20	90.50	0.77	0.10	1.00
14913	1	TPL	81.87	3.20	4793	35.12	86.73	0.54	0.10	4.20
14940	1	TPL	53.82	3.70	4805	34.81	92.22	0.30	0.12	2.00
14943	1	TPL	71.81	7.50	5039	34.74	81.90	0.30	0.25	0.60
14948	1	IMXL	50.75	4.70	5187	34.69	79.70	0.54	0.10	1.00
14954	1	TPL	97.70	10.60	5004	34.62	80.45	0.15	0.10	1.00
14959	1	TPL	91.22	21.50	5194	34.53	81.05	0.20	0.10	0.60
14966	1	TPL	61.08	9.90	5099	34.48	81.80	0.25	0.10	1.00
14972	1	TPL	61.93	16.10	5100	34.44	81.95	0.25	0.11	0.70
14977	1	TPL	87.28	35.10	5166	34.40	85.78	0.15	0.20	0.30
14984	1	TPL	57.48	9.40	4885	34.34	85.23	0.30	0.12	1.00
15013	1	TPL	80.93	9.80	4922	33.89	91.20	0.25	0.10	1.00
15014	1	TPL	67.52	2.30	4836	33.87	87.02	1.00	0.10	1.50

15026	1	TPL	63.34	5.40	4947	33.63	89.71	0.50	0.10	1.00
15062	1	TPL	57.10	2.50	4822	32.98	88.69	0.40	0.10	3.00
15063	1	TPL	64.98	1.70	4557	32.97	86.72	0.40	0.10	2.00
15064	2	EPL	77.81	21.30	52	33.03	114.26	1.91	0.72	0.27
15135	1	TPL	93.44	5.80	4340	32.11	83.54	0.73	0.10	1.00
15142	1	TPL	93.66	22.90	4467	32.03	84.12	0.77	0.10	0.88
15146	1	TPL	61.22	4.90	4515	32.00	88.23	0.30	0.10	1.50
15160	1	TPL	60.20	7.10	4718	31.86	83.16	1.75	0.14	0.30
15163	1	TPL	88.15	30.70	4553	31.82	88.21	0.37	0.10	0.74
15169	1	TPL	58.80	6.80	4683	31.72	90.74	0.30	0.20	1.00
15175	1	TPL	53.09	8.60	4800	31.62	82.34	1.75	0.14	0.30
15178	1	TPL	54.89	8.80	4605	31.58	87.28	0.20	0.20	1.50
15180	1	TPL	54.07	8.80	4464	31.57	86.75	0.40	0.10	1.00
15184	1	EPL	83.49	2.20	0	31.61	119.55	0.86	0.21	4.45
15191	1	TPL	70.30	4.80	4523	31.47	91.50	0.20	0.20	1.20
15197	1	TPL	72.23	25.80	4648	31.38	87.91	0.69	0.12	0.82
15208	1	TPL	75.95	3.50	4524	31.30	91.46	0.73	0.10	4.13
15232	1	TPL	81.23	10.00	4675	31.07	89.04	1.13	0.14	0.25
15245	1	TPL	58.45	10.80	5116	30.98	82.23	0.30	0.10	1.00
15252	1	TPL	70.76	7.00	4692	30.98	87.41	0.50	0.10	1.50
15257	1	TPL	56.08	4.80	4658	30.93	89.84	0.50	0.10	2.00
15265	1	TPL	65.39	20.10	4657	30.76	84.98	0.50	0.10	0.70
15267	1	TPL	60.05	17.30	4640	30.81	84.79	0.41	0.11	0.99
15270	1	EPL	71.47	2.80	6	30.85	117.11	1.15	0.64	0.26
15276	1	TPL	58.81	6.60	4784	30.63	82.15	0.40	0.10	1.50
15277	1	TPL	84.68	15.50	4684	30.67	86.22	0.31	0.14	1.15
15278	1	TPL	59.30	30.80	4684	30.61	86.31	0.31	0.11	0.74
15292	1	TPL	81.06	10.40	5387	30.43	84.07	0.10	0.13	2.30

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15296	1	TPL	68.93	6.70	4807	30.47	88.61	0.35	0.10	1.50
15381	1	EPL	80.79	2.30	22	29.21	112.51	0.86	0.78	0.56
15405	1	TPL	61.67	5.10	4616	28.68	91.68	1.20	0.14	0.30
15424	1	TPL	62.15	4.40	4472	28.14	89.35	1.20	0.30	0.30
<i>15431</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>YGPL</i>	<i>50.03</i>	<i>51.30</i>	<i>2692</i>	<i>27.71</i>	<i>100.79</i>	<i>1.60</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.61</i>
<i>15455</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>YGPL</i>	<i>74.75</i>	<i>41.70</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>26.55</i>	<i>100.67</i>	<i>0.27</i>	<i>0.62</i>	<i>0.63</i>

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