

# **Urban water security – Water-energy-food nexus**

## **城市水资源安全 – 水-能源-食品关系**

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# Urban Water Security: Water-Energy-Food Nexus 确保城市水资源安全：水-能源-食品关系

## Objectives:

- Exchange between Chinese and European authorities on state of the art approaches and technologies
- Improve methods for analyzing synergies and conflicts between the major water uses of domestic, industrial, agricultural and energy production in urban areas
- Improve policy coherence between water and energy in China and the EU

## Key activities:

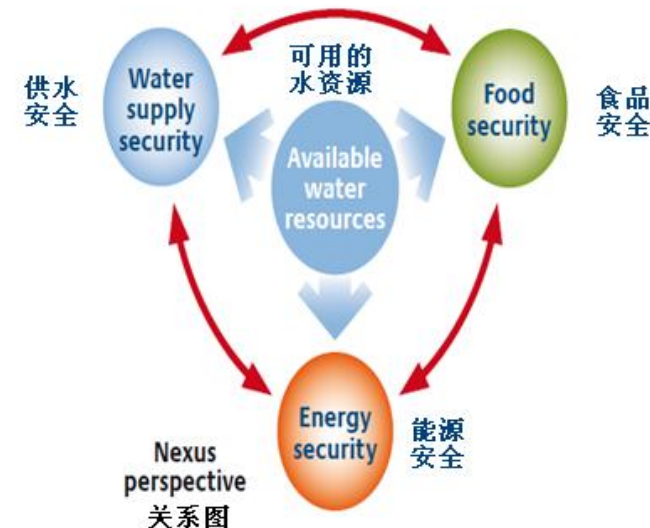
- Taihu Basin Region Urban Water Security Programme
- Managing water risks in China's energy sector
- Managing energy risks in China's Urban Water Sector
- Sustainable and intensive agriculture for urban areas

## 目标:

- 中国和欧洲当局之间在先进方法和技术方面的交流
- 改进对城市地区居民、工业、农业和能源生产主要用水之间合成效应和冲突的分析方法
- 提高中国和欧盟在水资源和能源之间的政策一致性

## 主要活动:

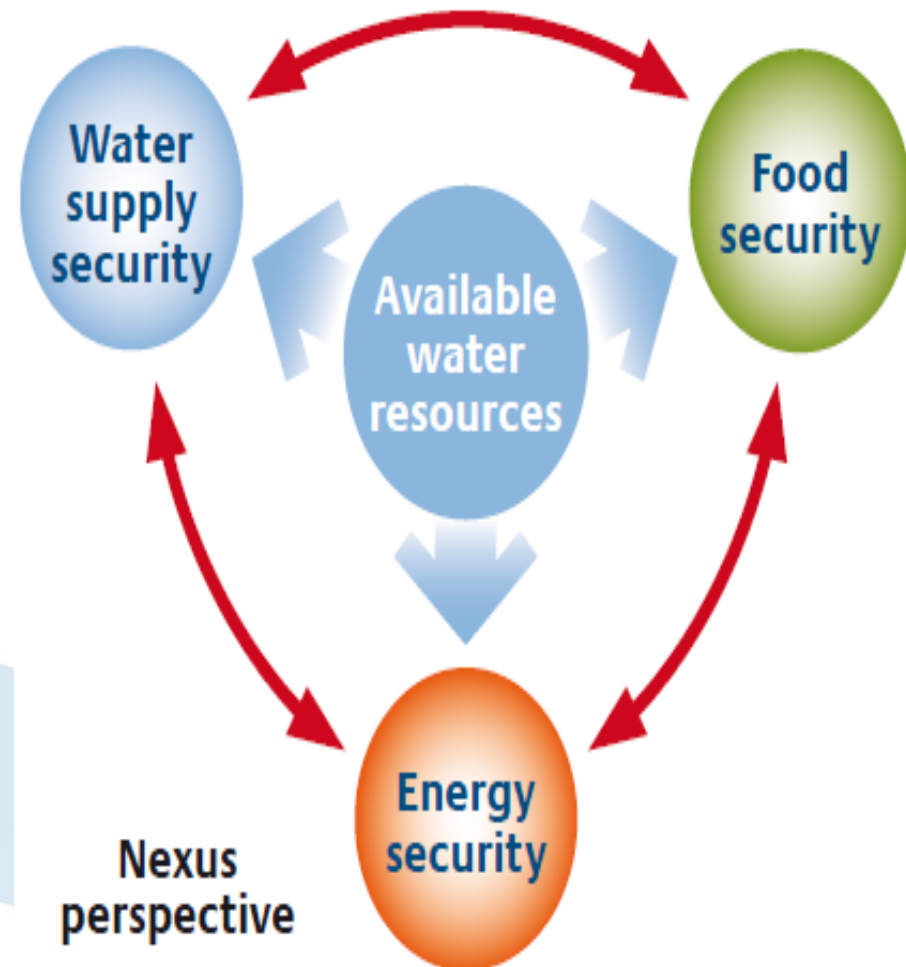
- 太湖流域地区城市水资源安全项目
- 管理中国能源领域的水资源风险
- 管理中国城市水资源领域的能源风险
- 城市地区的可持续和集约型农业



# Water-Energy-Food Nexus

## Nexus snapshots

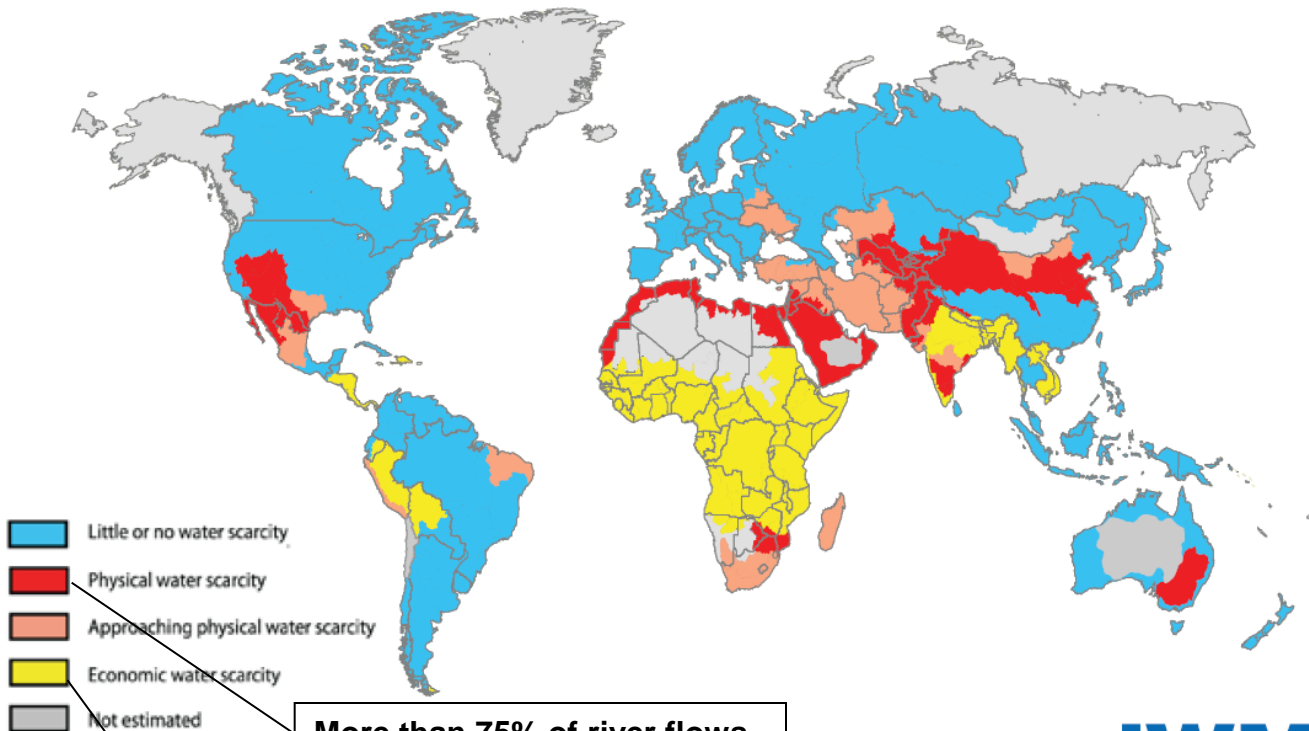
- Global water demand (in terms of water withdrawals) is projected to increase by some 55% by 2050 (WWDR 2014)
- Global energy demand to grow by one-third by 2035 - with fastest growth in Asia at 2.3 per cent per annum. (IEA 2010)
- US & EU- 40-50 % water withdrawal for energy (Granit & Lindström, 2011).
- Food production and supply chains use 30% of total global energy demand (UNECE 2013)



# Global trends and drivers

- Water scarcity: Aggregated global water supply gap, estimated to be 40% by 2030 assuming no efficiency gains

**Increased climate variability intensifies existing problems**



**More than 75% of river flows are allocated to agriculture, industries or domestic**

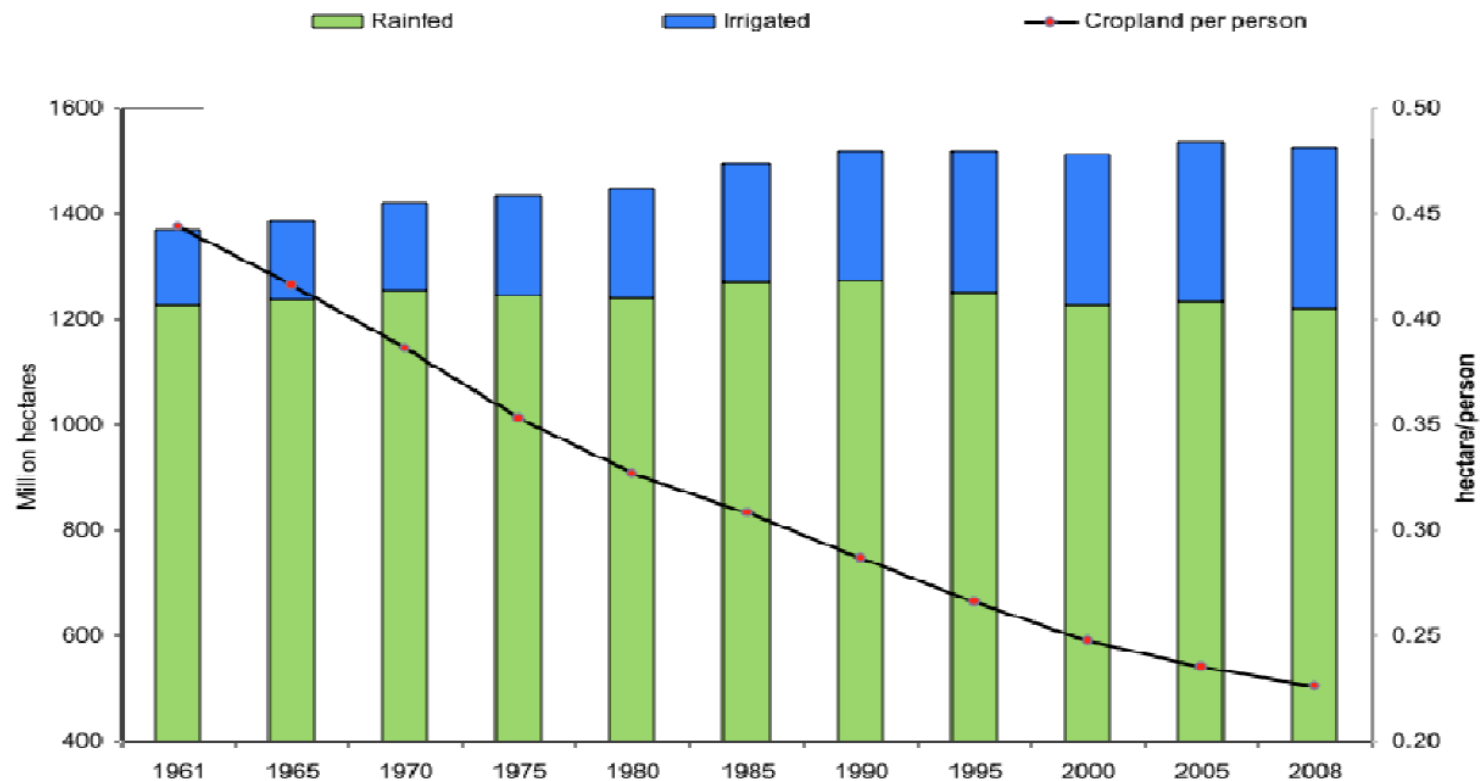
**purposes**

**Water resources can be abundant but lack of investment makes them unavailable for exploitation**

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# Global trends and drivers

- Increasing food demand – available land area for agriculture is reducing



FAO, 2011

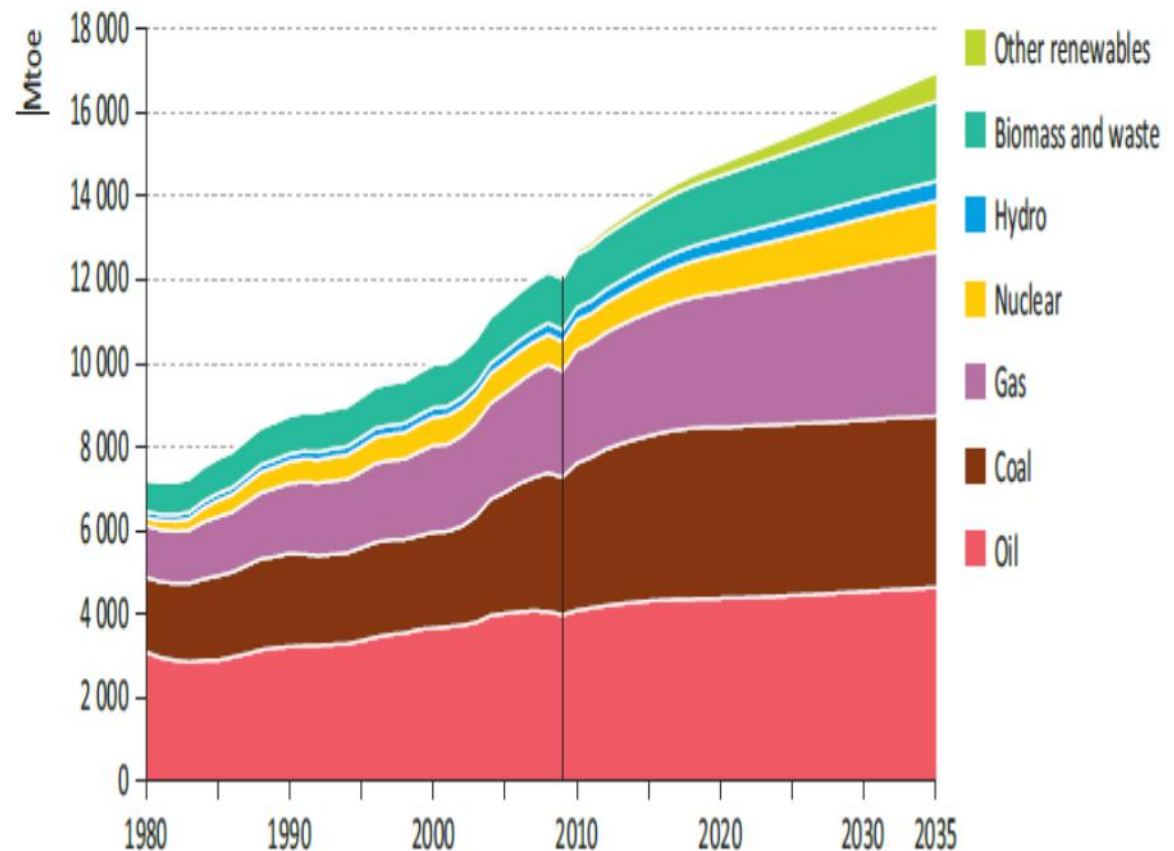
# Projected energy demand

## - Increases by 40 % to 2035

- Oil: 18%
- Coal: 25%
- Natural gas: 43 %
- Nuclear: 70%
- RE: Grows the fastest in relative terms- little impact in absolute terms
  - Includes most water efficient options

IEA; 2012

**Figure 2.6** • World primary energy demand by fuel in the New Policies Scenario





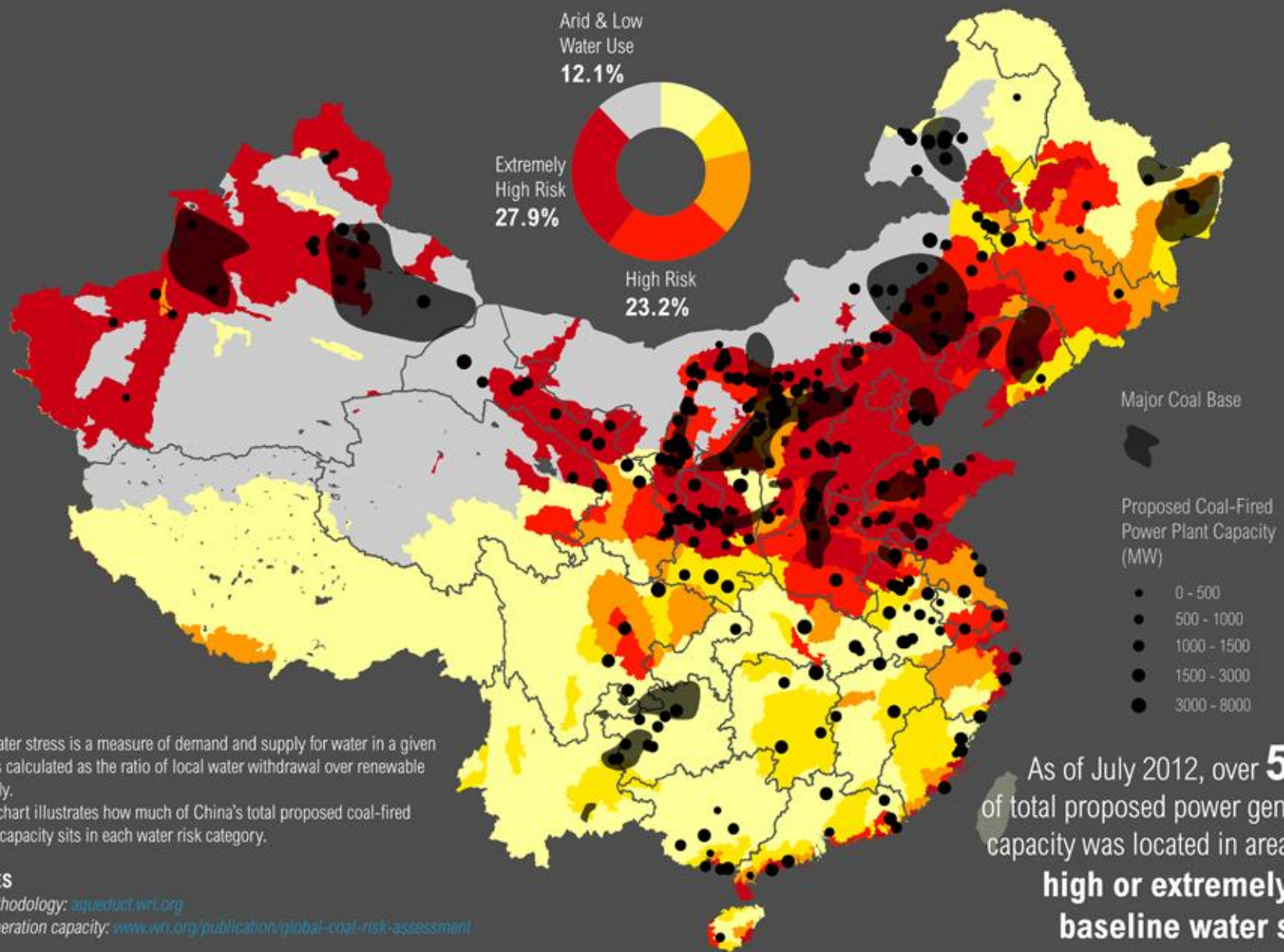
Urbanization is driving demand for energy, food and water

60-80% of commercial energy consumption in cities

Water needs for energy production will grow at twice the rate of energy demand.

Urban lifestyles increase consumption of water intensive foods





**NOTE**

1. Baseline water stress is a measure of demand and supply for water in a given area, and is calculated as the ratio of local water withdrawal over renewable water supply.

2. The donut chart illustrates how much of China's total proposed coal-fired generation capacity sits in each water risk category.

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Proposed generation capacity: [www.wri.org/publication/global-coal-risk-assessment](http://www.wri.org/publication/global-coal-risk-assessment)

As of July 2012, over **50%** of total proposed power generation capacity was located in areas with **high or extremely high baseline water stress**





# Common Urban Nexus Challenges in China and Europe

## 中国和欧洲面临着共同的城市关系挑战

- Growing water and energy demand resulting from urban growth
  - Coherence of energy and water policy
  - Linking resource management to spatial planning
  - Growing water demand for energy production
  - Need for optimisation of urban infrastructure for water and energy efficiency
  - Technical knowledge gap on water risks in unconventional energy
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- 城市发展导致的不断增长的水资源和能源需求
  - 能源和水资源政策的一致性
  - 水资源管理与空间规划的关系
  - 不断增长的能源生产对水资源的需求
  - 优化城市水资源和能源效率基础设施的需求
  - 在非传统能源水资源风险方面技术知识的欠缺



## Summary of key activities

### Taihu Region Urban Water Security Programme

This program seeks to apply and develop a methodology for operationalizing nexus approach at a regional scale in the Chinese context. It will:

- Map and assess water and energy inter-linkages in the Taihu basin and how those are impacted by the urbanization process.
- Perform pathway and policy analysis to increase water-energy resource use efficiency
- Devise regional sustainable intensification development strategy

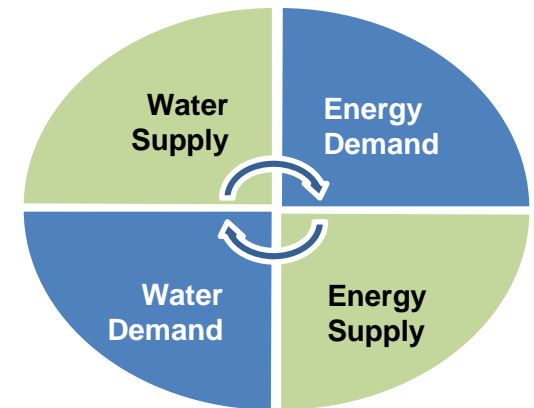
### Managing water risks in China's energy sector

This programme will provide a systematic review and forecast on the water reserve in China's main energy bases with detailed situation, current utility condition and main feature. It will:

- Establish a quantitative model calculating the main energy bases maximum production scale considering local water carrying capacity.
- Provide policy proposal suggesting the main energy bases energy type, production methods and scale in the "Energy Thirteenth Five-Year Plan" to achieve both water and energy SDGs.



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**Long range Energy Alternatives Planning**



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# Implementation team

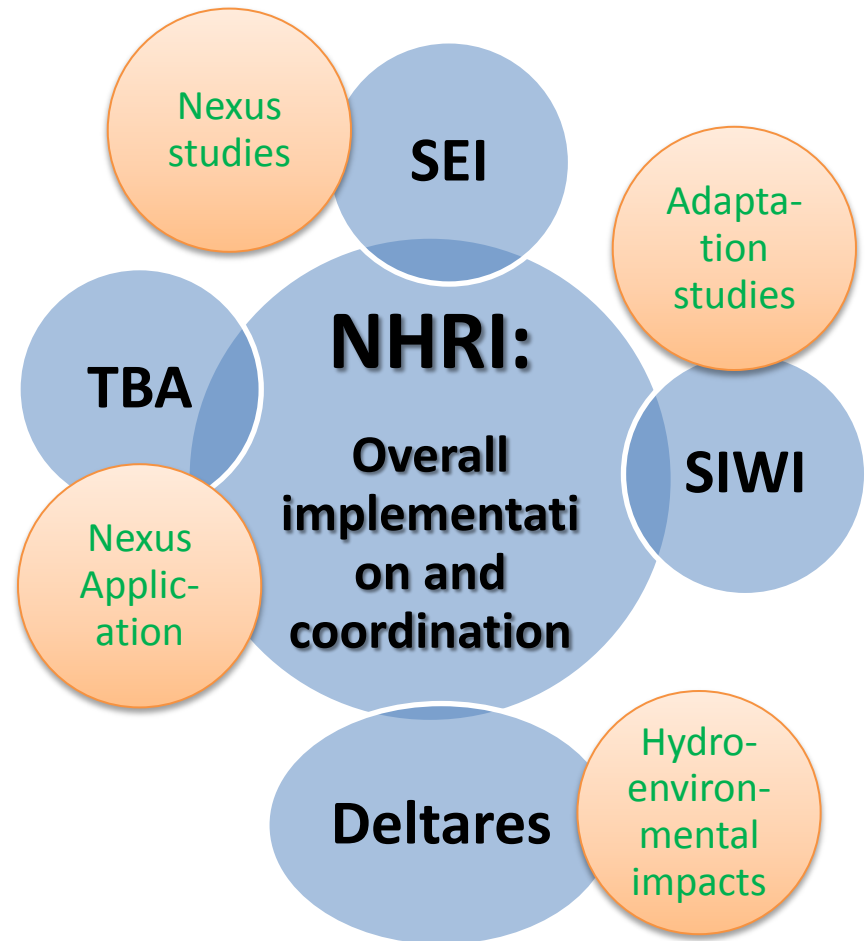
## ■ Partnership:

- The project will be implemented by a partnership led by NHRI. SEI will be the coordinating overseas organization. SIWI, Deltares and TBA are also important partners.

## ■ Project team:

- The project team is going to be made up by **20** specialists, of which **12** are from NHRI, **3** from SEI, **2** from SIWI, and **3** from Deltares.

## ■ Labor division:





# Tai Basin Urban Water Security Programme (2015-2017)

## Programme objectives:

- Assess of water-energy nexus under rapid urbanization in China which fits the country;
- Evaluate the adaptation of regional energy allocation and water supply, and search for optimized water-energy allocation strategies for sustainable urbanization;
- Provide policy recommendations for optimized water-energy allocation and usage.



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# Tai Basin Urban Water Security Programme (2015-2017)

## Expected Outputs:

- Analytic system of planning and management of water-energy nexus;
- Forecast and assessment of hydro-environmental impacts of point-group energy distribution
- Forecast model of regional water-energy nexu
- Assessment system of water-energy allocation for urbanization in China.

## Planned cooperation activities:

- Annual seminars and workshops
- Published papers and patents;
- Regular staff exchange, and 3-5 PHD/Master students.



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# Tai Basin Urban Water Security Programme (2015-2017): Timeline

## YEAR 1 (04.2015-03.2016): Context and background analysis – understanding the water-energy nexus

- One workshop in Europe and one in China
- Background report on the changing water-energy nexus in the Taihu basin from 1980 to 2010 (or with the most year with data)
- Two research papers

## YEAR 2 (04.2016-03.2017): Water-energy nexus scenario analysis: Identifying sustainable intensification pathways, nexus innovation, policy and technology solutions

- One workshop in Europe and one in China
- Research report on water-energy nexus scenario analysis and sustainable development pathway for the Taihu Basin
- Four research papers

## YEAR 3 (04.2017-03.2018): Synthesis, communication and dissemination

- Synthesis report on an operational approach for water and energy nexus research in the context of urbanization.
- Knowledge exchange and dissemination
- One workshop in Europe and one in China
- Two research papers



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# 水专项规划案例分享

Cases of water special plan

Case Studies – Qingdao Water Energy Nexus

案例研究-青岛水和能源纽带



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Qingdao Water resources Department

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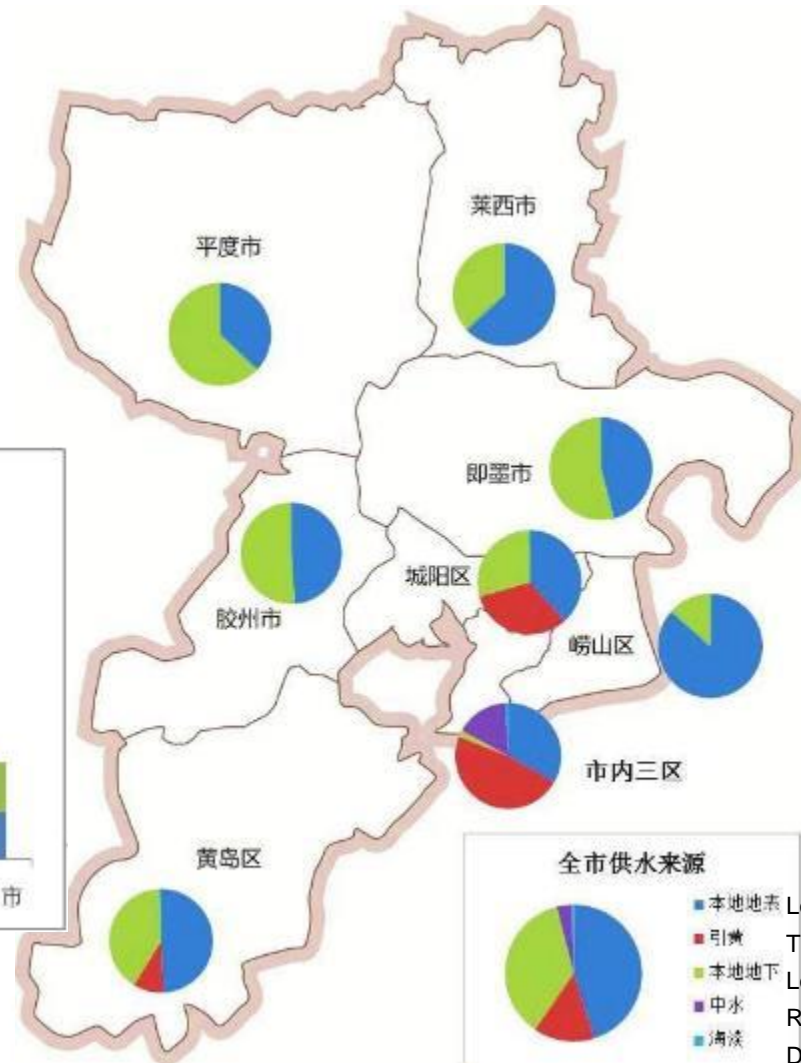
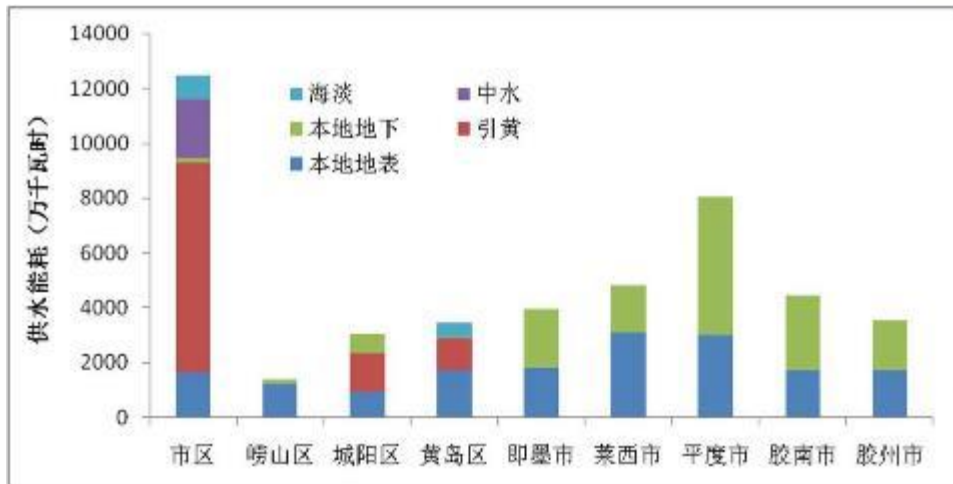
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### 1. Understand city Water resources

**40%** of local water resources has been exploited for the city. water supply.

该城市**40%**的当地水资源已经被消耗掉。



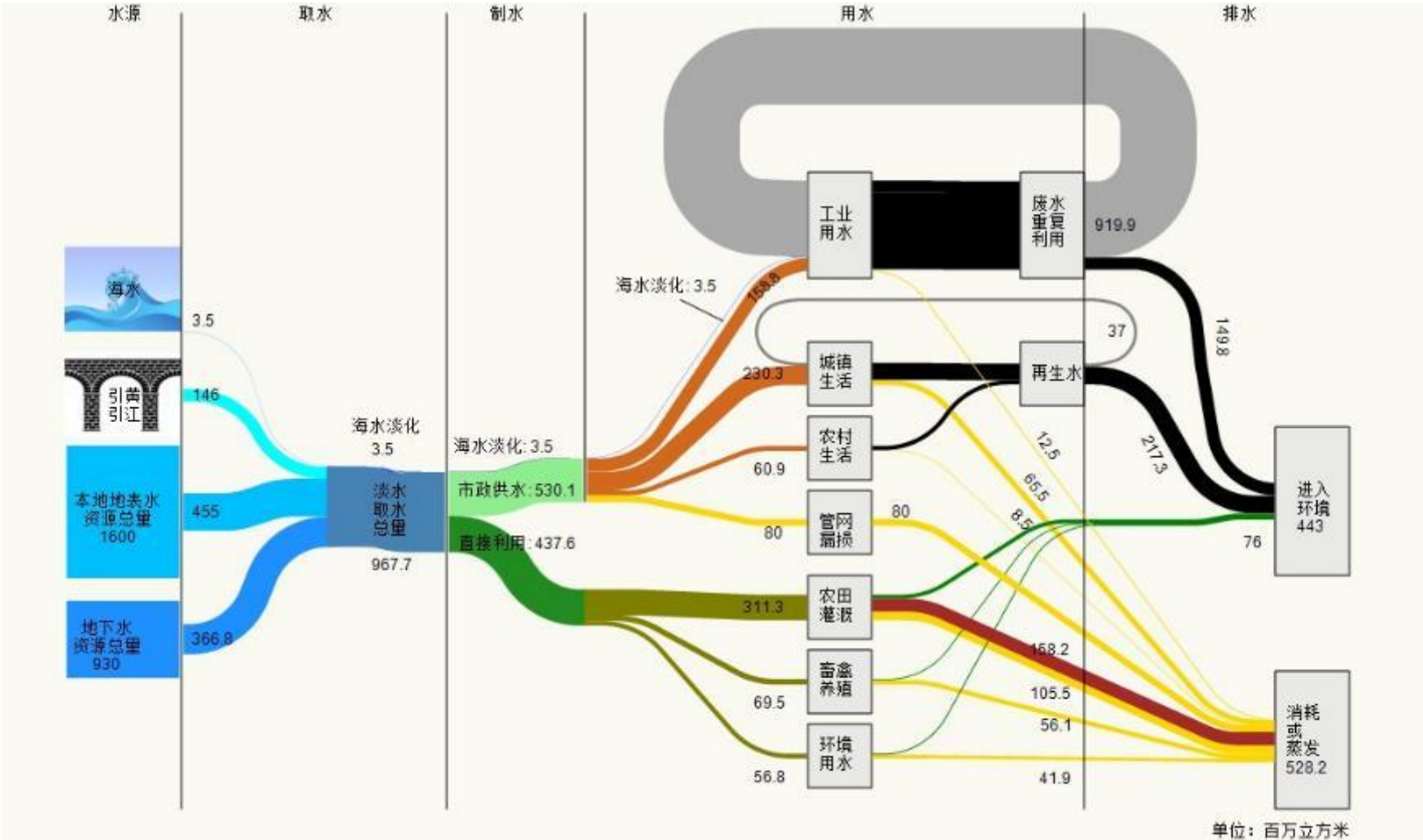
# Qingdao: Sankey Diagram - Water Use 2011

## 青岛市2011年水源分配与利用桑基图



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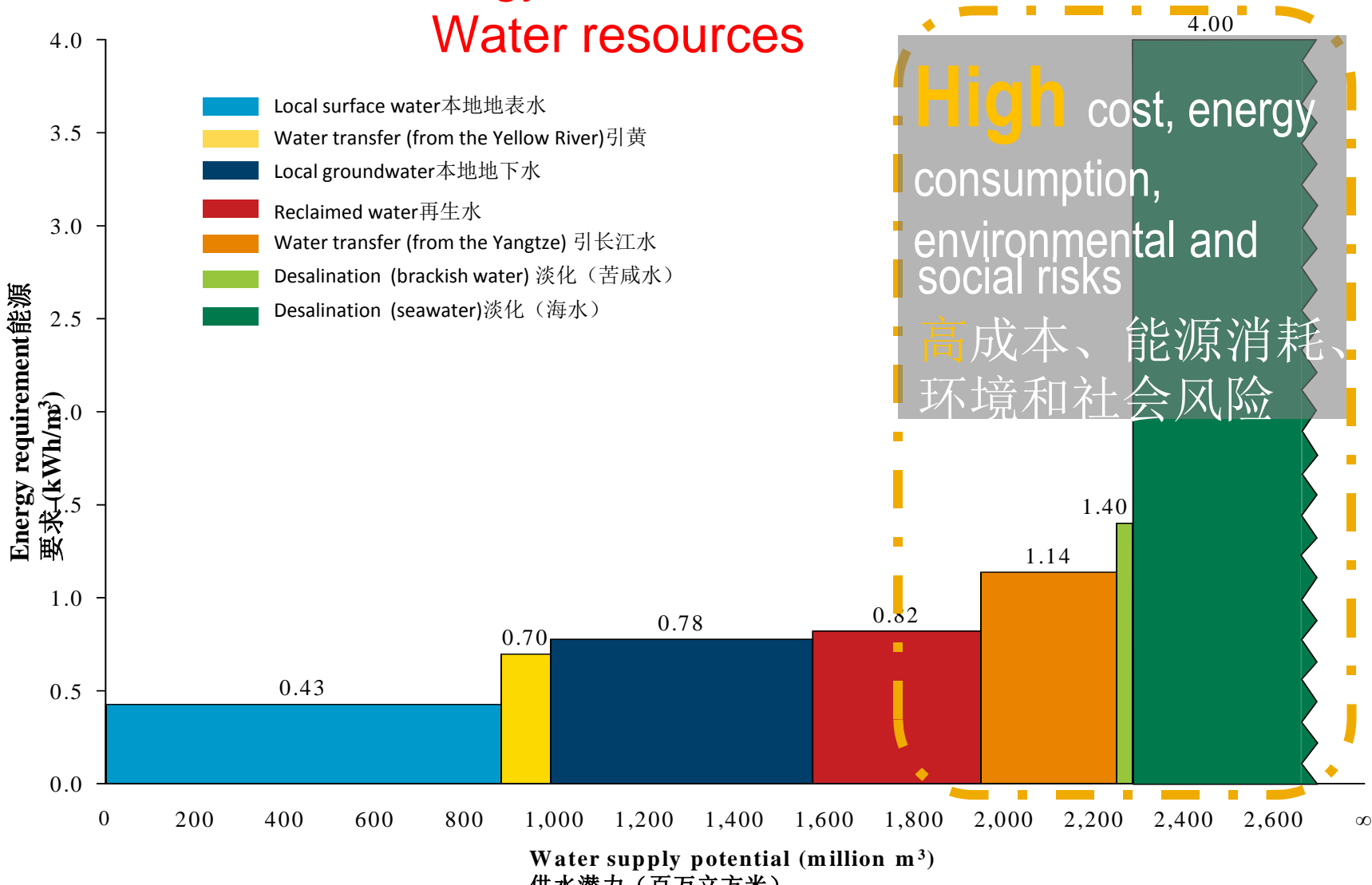


城市供水：非传统水资源的利用带来城市供水能源强度的迅速增长  
(青岛)

Water Supply: Increased energy intensity with the use of non traditional water resources



2. Energy associated with Water resources



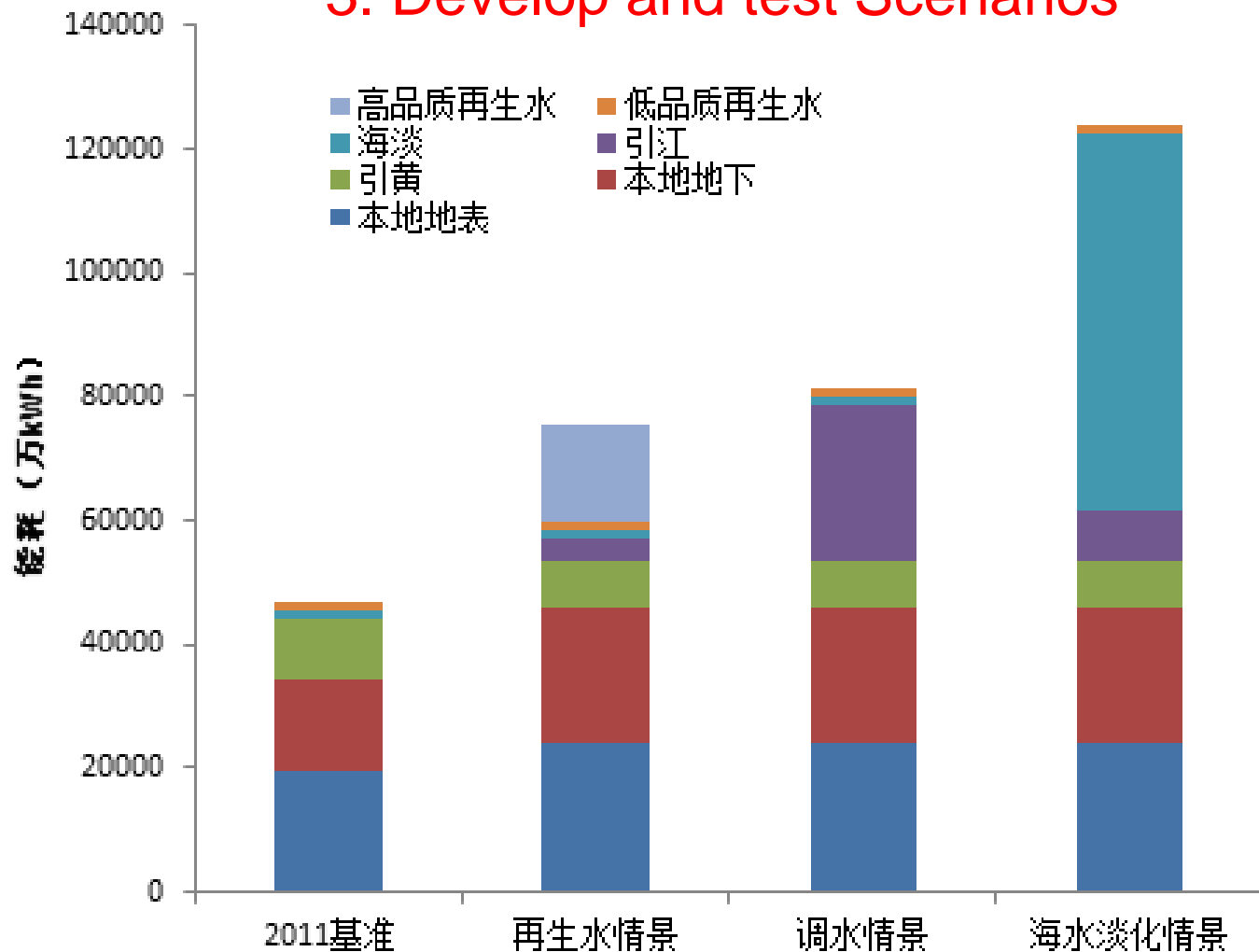
## Example: Energy Requirements of Different Scenarios 举例：不同情景下的能源要求



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### 3. Develop and test Scenarios





# Recommendations 建议



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- To meet future demand Qingdao must exploit unconventional water resources 为满足未来需求，青岛必须利用非传统水资源
  - long-distance water diversion, 长距离输水
  - reclaimed water, 再生水
  - seawater desalination. 海水淡化
- The Choice of water source allocation will have a direct impact on the energy consumption and carbon emissions
- 水源分配的选择会直接影响能源消耗和碳排放
- Wastewater recycling the most energy efficient option
- 废水回收再利用是能源效率最好的方案
- Alternative is to take from farming, with social and economic consequence
- 替代方案是占取农业用水，但是会带来社会经济后果

## Achievements and Next Steps

### 成果和下一步工作

#### Achievements:

- Partnership agreements between multiple parties
- 2 programmes in progress, 1 completed
- 1 research programme submitted to Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology to begin in January 2015
- Water energy nexus scoping case study performed in Ningxia
- Workshops and knowledge exchange on nexus

#### Plans:

- Urban Water Security Governance Programme, October-November 2014
- Taihu Regional Urban Water Security Programme Inception (2015-2017)
- Policy proposal for 13<sup>th</sup> 5 year plan for Energy to achieve water and energy SDG (March 2015)
- Staff and technical exchanges between partners (Spring 2015)

#### 成果:

- 多个合作方之间的合作协议
- 2个项目正在进行中，一个已经完成
- 1个将在2015年1月开始的研究项目已经提交给了中国科学技术部
- 在宁夏进行了水资源-能源关系调查案例研究
- 关于欧盟和中国合作关系的研讨会、介绍和知识交流

#### 计划:

- 城市水资源安全治理项目，2014年10月-11月
- 启动太湖地区城市水资源安全项目（2015年-2017年）
- 为实现水资源和能源可持续发展目标提出“十三五计划”政策建议（2015年3月）
- 合作方之间的人员和技术交流（2015年春季）

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