

Interactive comment on “Decomposition analysis of water footprint changes in a water-limited river basin: a case study of the Haihe River Basin, China” by Y. Zhi et al.

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This manuscript reports a developed framework to assess the changes in water footprint and identify the contributions of factors leading to the changes in the level of river basin. This topic is attractive and important. The method used is innovative enough and the results are accurate. Clearly water footprint or virtual water plays an important role in Chinese manufacturing and given China's limited water resources. Water resource management based on water footprint and decomposition analysis will be a very important issue in the future. Overall, the manuscript is interesting and informative. Thus, it is proposed that this manuscript could be accepted for publication in this

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