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16 **Abstract**

17 As a carrier to promote rural greening and beautification and further implement the rural
18 revitalization strategy, it is of great significance to study the spatial distribution characteristics of
19 China national forest villages and its influencing factors. Taking 7586 China national forest
20 villages as examples, the spatial distribution characteristics and influencing factors of China
21 national forest villages were studied by using such methods as nearest neighbor index, Tyson
22 polygon, cold hot spot analysis, standard deviation ellipse and kernel density index. The results
23 showed that: (1) the overall clustering distribution characteristics of China national forest villages
24 were significant, and the distribution type was agglomeration. There was no breakthrough in the
25 Hu Huanyong Line, and the southeast of the line was the main concentration area. (2) From the
26 perspective of spatial clustering, it shows the distribution characteristics of "hot spots in the south
27 and cold spots in the north". Hot spots are mostly located in the south, represented by Sichuan,
28 Guangdong, Hunan, etc., while cold spots are mostly in the north, mainly in Xinjiang, Xizang,
29 etc.(3) From the perspective of spatial distribution direction, the standard deviation ellipse
30 coincidence degree of the two batches is relatively high. The two batches are distributed in a dense
31 direction from northeast to southwest with Suizhou city, Hubei as the geometric center. The
32 concentration degree of the second batch increases on the basis of the first batch, showing a trend
33 of migration and distribution in the southwest.(4) From the perspective of the distribution
34 characteristics of kernel density, the distribution of kernel density has a strong correlation with
35 two factors, one is the forest vegetation coverage, the other is the distribution location of urban
36 agglomeration;(5) Elevation, slope direction, river basin, traffic are important factors affecting the
37 distribution of China national forest villages, which show the spatial distribution characteristics of
38 "low altitude, positive, near water and convenient transportation". Based on the spatial distribution
39 characteristics and influencing factors, the paper puts forward policy Suggestions for the
40 evaluation and construction of China national forest villages in the future.

41 **Key words** China National Forest Villages • Spatial distribution • Influencing factors • GIS

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43 **1 Introduction**

44 China national forest village refers to the administrative village which is organized and guided by
45 the National Forestry and Grassland Administration and meets the evaluation standard through
46 comprehensive evaluation through the application of certain quantitative indicators, evaluation
47 methods and evaluation standards[1]. It is the model in the countryside, in the greening degree,
48 ecological civilization, environmental protection industry, quality of life and other aspects of
49 outstanding performance. In the Strategic Plan for Rural Revitalization, it is clearly proposed that
50 the construction of China national forest villages should be taken as a key action, the building of
51 green, beautiful and livable villages should be taken as a key content, and the green coverage rate

52 should be taken as the main index of assessment to continuously and steadily promote rural
53 greening and beautification[2].In response to the central strategic deployment, the National
54 Forestry and Grassland Administration has published the Rural Greening and Beautification
55 Action Plan. According to the plan, China plans to build 20,000 unique and ecologically livable
56 national forest villages and local forest villages by 2020.With the construction of forest villages as
57 the carrier, the natural ecological features of villages can be effectively protected, people's living
58 environment can be improved, green coverage rate can be significantly increased, and green
59 industry can develop rapidly [3].Up to now, China has published the first and second batch of list
60 of national forest villages. Take the lead of national forest villages, gradually develop local forest
61 villages and national model counties for rural greening and beautification, and finally drive all
62 villages to jointly promote rural greening and beautification, so as to realize rural revitalization
63 strategy. In view of this, this paper has two batches of national forest country geographical spatial
64 distribution, the influence mechanism and study about whether its distribution is breakthrough Hu
65 Huanyong Line, not only to the rich geography research object and the content is of great
66 significance for further research, but also to improve the popularity and the evaluation of China
67 national forest country and construction to provide the reference value.

68 Scholars at home and abroad to a lot of research on rural afforestation theme, foreign scholars
69 mainly involves internal social form in the country [4], rural types and changes [5], balanced rural
70 development [6], rural culture protection and inheritance [7], rural environmental diagnosis [8],
71 rural tourism management and operation [9], rural aggregation characteristics [10-11] and other
72 aspects to explore ways and strategies to promote rural development. Chinese scholars also made
73 a lot of exploration and the contribution in this study, through combing, can be roughly divided
74 into the following several parts: (1) Rural greening plan: Ding Yanfen et al. [12] revealed that the
75 research on rural greening tends to be quantitative, scientific and standardized, and the
76 introduction of rural landscape evaluation method in the research field is a general trend; Zhang
77 Shaolei et al. [13] used landscape evaluation method to give detailed guidance on the newly built
78 green landscape in Xudian Village when exploring and analyzing the greening scheme in south
79 Jiangsu.(2) Spatial distribution of rural settlements: Xu Xiantang et al.[14] explored the spatial
80 distribution and influencing factors of national rural tourism destinations; Yan Huili et al.[15]
81 studied the spatial pattern and influence mechanism of the demonstration sites of the most
82 beautiful leisure villages in China by taking them as research objects.(3) Rural green industry
83 development: Wang Bin et al.[16] emphasized the importance of green industry development, and
84 green industry helps rural revitalization; In the study of Qiu Haiyang et al.[17], it was found that
85 the green food industry has a positive promoting effect on rural development, and the marginal
86 efficiency is increasing.(4) Rural tourism construction: Zhang Gaojun et al.[18]concluded that
87 tourism development can promote the revitalization of local economy, population, culture,
88 environment and other aspects; Zhang Zhong [19] studied the correlation between rural tourism
89 and rural revitalization strategy, and pointed out that rural tourism plays a vital role in realizing
90 rural revitalization strategy as soon as possible.(5) Revitalization of rural culture: Lu Bin[20]
91 proposed the way to revitalize rural culture -- remolding rural culture; Xiao Ziyang et al.[21]
92 believe that public libraries can effectively cope with the dilemma of rural cultural construction.

93 Other scholars conducted studies from various aspects, such as rural resource utilization [22],
94 improve education in rural areas [23], and drawing on foreign experience to provide new ideas for
95 rural revitalization [24].

96 The existing exploration on various aspects of rural revitalization has laid a solid foundation
97 for the study of this paper. However, China national forest village is a new term emerging in
98 response to the development of The Times. In the academic world, it is a new field waiting to be
99 explored and analyzed by scholars. Few scholars begin to explore national forest village. In view
100 of this, this article possible innovation point is that fill a vacancy to China national forest village
101 as the research object, and the integrated use of spatial analysis methods and tools, to determine
102 the spatial distribution features, and clarify the distribution pattern of the various factors, as well
103 as to whether the breakthrough Hu Huanyong Line problem answer, subsequent evaluation and
104 development of forest country will provide theoretical basis and reference.

105 **2 Theoretical analysis framework and research methods**

106 **2.1 Theoretical analysis framework**

107 Forest countryside refers to the countryside with the characteristics of relatively complete original
108 natural features, rich rural atmosphere, prominent forestry development, rich forest resources,
109 orderly management of the countryside and beautiful and tidy living environment. The national
110 forest village is a typical representative of the forest villages. By building the China national forest
111 village in the first batch, the demonstration will drive the rural greening and beautification step by
112 step and contribute the forestry power to the rural revitalization. By studying its spatial
113 distribution and making a superposition analysis with Hu Huanyong Line, we can explore the
114 correlation between its distribution and Hu Huanyong Line, and further excavate the formation
115 causes and influencing factors.

116 Hu Huanyong Line is one of the classical theoretical achievements of Chinese geography. It
117 is the boundary line of population density proposed by Chinese geographer Hu Huanyong in 1935,
118 also known as Heihe-Tengchong line. It is of great significance in geography and demography,
119 and to a certain extent it has also become the boundary line of urbanization level[25].96% of the
120 population lives on 36% of the land in the southeast of the line, and the urbanization level of most
121 provinces and cities in the southeast is higher than the national average. The two parts of the line
122 are extremely unbalanced. Whether Hu Huanyong Line can break through has been the focus of
123 academic attention.

124 Therefore, the question is raised: can the spatial distribution of China national forest villages
125 break through the Hu Huanyong Line?

126 According to its spatial distribution characteristics, this paper analyzes the problem, discusses
127 the conclusions, and finally provides reasonable policy Suggestions for the construction and
128 evaluation of China national forest villages in the future.

129 **2.2 The research methods**

130 **2.2.1 Nearest distance**

131 Clark et al. [26], 1954 first proposed the adjacent analysis method and applied to the analysis of
132 characteristics of spatial distribution of population, but at the time of the adjacent analysis method
133 is not perfect enough and mature, the later scholars Pinder et al. [27] on the improvement of the
134 adjacent analysis method developed for arbitrary spatial point elements distribution types can be
135 researched methods of mature.

136 Take China national forest village macroscopically as point element. The distribution of points can
137 be divided into three types: uniform, random and condensed. The distribution characteristics of
138 points can be analyzed by using the nearest point index R, which is a geographical indicator of the
139 proximity between points [28].Its formula is:

140

$$R = r_1/r_E \quad (1)$$

$$r_E = 1/2\sqrt{n/A} \quad (2)$$

141

142 Where, r_1 represents the closest distance in practice, r_E represents the closest distance in
143 theory, n represents the total number of research objects, and A represents the area of the research
144 area. When $R>1$, the distribution is uniform. When $R=1$, the distribution is random; When $R<1$,
145 the distribution is a condensed distribution.

146 **2.2.2 Tyson polygon**

147 The criteria for defining the nearest point index used to determine the spatial distribution of point
148 elements are still controversial. In order to ensure the accuracy of determining the spatial
149 distribution types of China national forest villages, the coefficient of variation method for
150 calculating the area of Tyson polygon is used for testing. Since the area of Tyson polygon varies
151 with the degree of agglomeration of point elements, the coefficient of variation can be calculated
152 according to the area of Tyson polygon, which can be used to judge the spatial distribution type of
153 the research object. The variation coefficient formula is:

154

$$CV = R/S \times 100\% \quad (3)$$

155

156 Where, R represents the standard deviation of the area of Tyson polygons, and S represents
157 the average value of the area of Tyson polygons. Duyckaerts pointed out that when $CV=57\%$

158 (including 33%-64%), the point elements were randomly distributed. When CV=92%
 159 (including >64%), the point elements are clustered distribution. When CV=29% (including <33%),
 160 the point element is uniformly distributed [29].

161 2.2.3 Hot spot analysis

162 Hot spot analysis is a comprehensive analysis of the elements themselves and the surrounding
 163 elements. The so-called hot spot refers to the element itself has high value and every element in
 164 the surrounding element environment has high value at the same time. By calculating the statistics
 165 of Getis-Ord G_i^* for each element in the data set, the spatial clustering location of high and low
 166 value elements was determined based on the obtained Z score and P value[30]. Its formula is:

167

$$G_i^* = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} x_j - \bar{x} \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}}{\sqrt{\frac{n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}^2 - \left(\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} \right)^2}{n-1}}} \quad (4)$$

168

169 Where, n represents the total number of elements, x_j represents the attribute value of element
 170 J, w_{ij} represents the space weight between element i and j, and:

171

$$\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j}{n}; S = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}{n} - (\bar{X})^2} \quad (5)$$

172

173 For a statistically significant positive Z score, the higher the Z score, the closer the clustering
 174 of the high value (hot spot) will be. For negative Z-scores with significant statistical significance,
 175 the lower the Z-score, the tighter the clustering of low values (cold points).

176 2.2.4 Standard deviation ellipse

177 Standard deviation ellipse is one of the commonly used methods to analyze the spatial distribution
 178 direction characteristics. The elliptic area reflects the agglomeration degree of elements. The
 179 major axis of the ellipse reflects the main distribution direction of the elements. The greater the
 180 difference (bias) between the long axis and the short axis is, the stronger the directivity of element
 181 distribution is. If the long axis and the short axis are equal, it means that they have a
 182 non-directional distribution characteristic [31]. Its formula is:

183

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 + \sqrt{\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \right] + 4 \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}) \right]^2} \right)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}) \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})} \quad (6)$$

184

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[(x_i - \bar{x}) \cos \theta - (y_i - \bar{y}) \sin \theta \right]^2} / n \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma_y = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left[(x_i - \bar{x}) \sin \theta - (y_i - \bar{y}) \cos \theta \right]^2} / n \quad (8)$$

185

186 Where, (x_n, y_n) represents element coordinates; \bar{x} 、 \bar{y} respectively all the elements of x, y
 187 axis average; θ represents the direction of rotation; $\tan \theta$ represents the standard deviation of the
 188 ellipse; σ_x 、 σ_y represent the maximum and minimum standard deviation distances, namely, the
 189 length of the long axis and the short axis of the ellipse.

190 **2.2.5 Kernel density analysis**

191 The kernel density estimation method is used to reflect the condensate by the spatial distribution
 192 of point density. Each grid node was taken as a center, and the circular area was searched with a
 193 certain radius. The point elements falling into the circular area were counted, and different weights
 194 were given to the point elements. The weight of the point elements closer to the center was greater,
 195 and then the grid node density value was calculated [32].Its formula is:

196

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{nh} \sum_{i=1}^n k \left(\frac{x - x_i}{h} \right) \quad (9)$$

197

198 In the formula, n represents the coordinate points, h represents the bandwidth, k represents
 199 the kernel function, x_i represents the coordinates of point i, and $(x-x_i)$ represents the distance
 200 between two points. The larger $f(x)$ is, the denser the distribution is. ArcGIS10.3 software kernel
 201 density analysis tool was used to analyze the core density of national forest villages, and the
 202 kernel density index was divided into 5 sections from high to low according to the natural break
 203 point classification method.

204 **3 Data Sources**

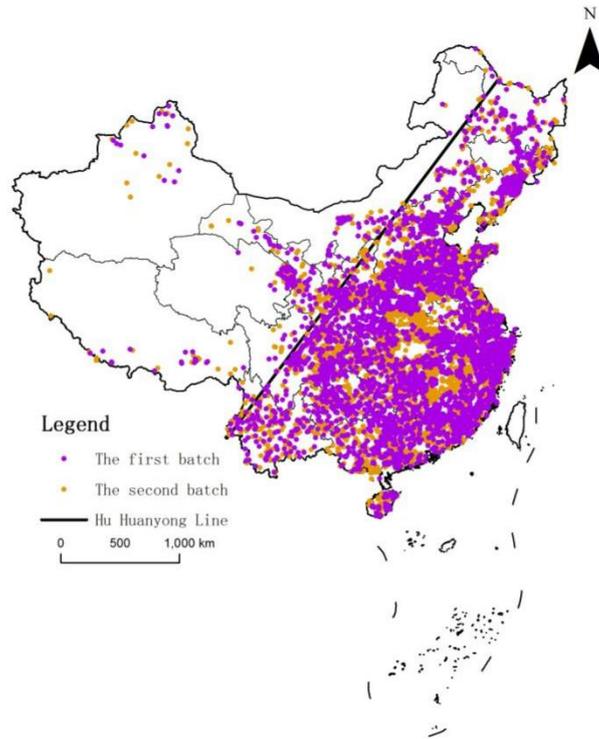
205 A total of 7,586 China national forest villages in the first and second batch were selected as the
206 research objects. The list is from the official website of National Forestry and Grassland
207 Administration (www.forestry.gov.cn). Then the coordinate picker of Baidu map is used to
208 determine the geographic coordinates of China national forest villages. The spatial data comes
209 from 1:400,000 map database of China Basic Geographic Information Center (www.ngcc.cn), and
210 the vector data is obtained through ArcGIS vectorization.

211 **4 Results analysis**

212 **4.1 Spatial distribution characteristics**

213 **4.1.1 Population distribution**

214 As shown in Figure 1, the spatial distribution characteristics of China national forest villages are
215 obvious. From the perspective of the four comprehensive geographical divisions of China, the
216 southern region is the main gathering place, followed by the northern region, and the northwestern
217 region and The Qinghai-Tibet region are the least distributed. Fewest from provinces distribution,
218 Tianjin, Henan, the amount according to the statistics, Henan, Zhejiang, Sichuan, Guangdong,
219 Jiangxi, Hunan, Shandong, Guangxi is the main distribution area of eight provinces, accounted for
220 46.12%, followed by Hubei, Fujian, Hebei, Shanxi, Anhui, Guizhou, Jiangsu, Shanxi, Yunnan nine
221 provinces, accounted for 34.83%, accounts for only 19.05% of the total number of the other 14
222 provinces; According to the three regions, the proportion of eastern, central and western regions is
223 40.23%, 36.70% and 23.07% respectively, showing a decreasing distribution in eastern and
224 western regions. From the perspective of the seven regions, east China, Central China and
225 southwest China are in the top three, accounting for 28.71%, 17.06% and 15.03% respectively.
226 The gap between North China and South China is not large, while the gap between northwest
227 China and northeast China is at least 8.04% and 6.25% respectively. In terms of batches, the total
228 number of the first batch is 3947, and the number of the second batch is 3639. There is not much
229 difference between the two batches, and the spatial distribution characteristics of the two batches
230 are similar. From the perspective of Hu Huanyong Line, the number of the southeast area of the
231 line is 7, 167, accounting for up to 94.48%, while the northwest area only accounts for 5.52%.
232 There is a significant gap between the two areas divided by the line.



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Figure 1 Spatial distribution of China national forest villages

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236 4.1.2 Spatial distribution type

237 The mean nearest neighbor tool in ArcGIS10.3 was used to analyze the spatial distribution types
 238 of China national forest villages, and the spatial distribution types were preliminarily determined
 239 according to the nearest neighbor index obtained. The mean nearest neighbor results are shown in
 240 Table 1.

241

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Table 1 Mean nearest-neighbor results for China national forest villages

Project	Value
Average observation distance	10433.91
Expected average distance	22682.15
Nearest neighbor ratio	0.46
Z score	-89.98
P value	0.00

243

244

It can be seen from Table 1 that $R=0.46 < 1$, so the spatial distribution type of China national

245 forest villages is preliminarily determined as condensed type.

246 In order to ensure the accuracy of the results, the tyson polygon method was used to verify
247 the results obtained by mean nearest neighbor. The Tyson polygon of China national forest village
248 was created by ArcGIS10.3 (Figure 2a), and the average area and area standard deviation of the
249 Tyson polygon were calculated. According to the results, $R=8753.9342$, $S=1222.4104$, so
250 $CV=716.12\%$, much higher than 64% , indicating that the distribution of China national forest
251 villages is of agglomeration type, and the degree of agglomeration is obvious. Based on the mean
252 nearest neighbor results, the spatial distribution type of China national forest villages can be
253 determined as cohesive type.

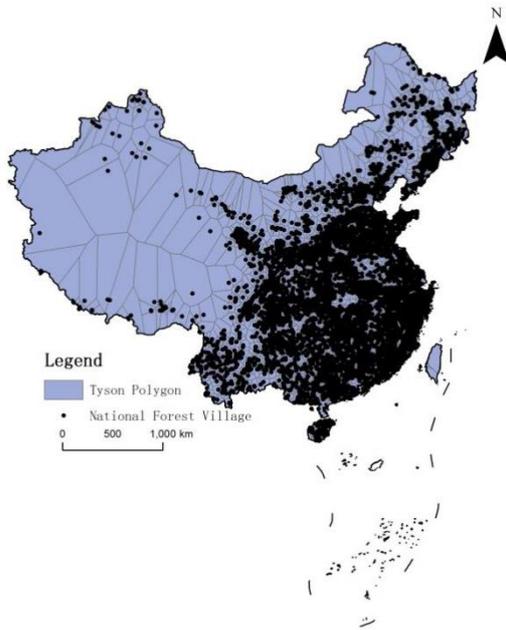
254 **4.1.3 Cold hot spot analysis**

255 In ArcGIS10.3 tool, the China national forest village was firstly connected with the vector map of
256 China in space, and then the hot spot analysis was carried out in the space statistical tool to
257 produce the cold spot map of the spatial distribution of the China national forest village (Figure
258 2b).The Z value is divided into four stages by natural break point classification method, which are
259 respectively represented as four intervals of hot spot area, sub-hot spot area, sub-cold spot area
260 and cold spot area. It can be seen from the figure that hot spots include nine provinces, namely
261 Sichuan, Shandong, Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Jiangxi, Zhejiang, Guangxi and Guangdong,
262 accounting for 19.65% of the country's total area. There are eight provinces (cities) as
263 sub-hotspots, namely, Hebei, Shanxi, Shaanxi, Jiangsu, Anhui, Fujian, Yunnan and Guizhou,
264 accounting for 15.41% .There are also eight provinces (cities) in the sub-cold spots, namely
265 Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning, Inner Mongolia, Gansu, Qinghai, Beijing and Chongqing,
266 accounting for 33.80% .Xinjiang, Xizang, Ningxia, Tianjin, Shanghai and Hainan were among the
267 cold spots, accounting for 31.15% percent. In general, the number of provinces (cities) belonging to
268 hot spots is more than that of cold spots, but in terms of coverage area, cold spots account for
269 64.95% of the total area, accounting for more than half of the total area. From the figure, we can
270 also intuitively observe the distribution characteristics of "hot spots in the south and cold spots in
271 the north". Hot spots are mainly in the south, and most areas in the north are cold spots.

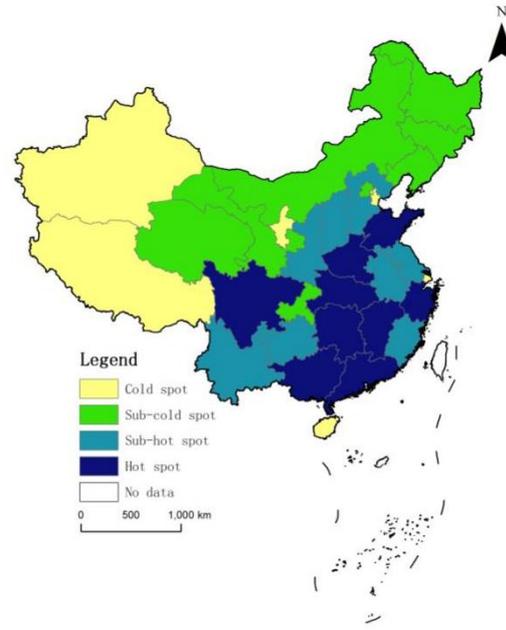
272 **4.1.4 Spatial distribution direction characteristics**

273 In the ArcGIS10.3 geographical distribution tool, the standard deviation ellipse was made for the
274 first and second batches of China national forest villages and the average center point location was
275 determined respectively (Figure 2c). It was found that the standard deviation ellipse and the
276 average center point of the two batches had a high degree of coincidence, indicating that the
277 spatial distribution direction characteristics and the degree of agglomeration of the two batches
278 were almost the same. Take the first group as an example for analysis. The standard deviation of
279 the ellipse is 1044273.14 on the long axis and 726345.12 on the short axis. The difference
280 (skewness) between the two is $317,928.02$.The long axis is from northeast to southwest, indicating
281 that the China national forest villages are densely distributed from northeast to southwest. The
282 average center is located in Suizhou city of Hubei Province, indicating that the geometric center of
283 national forest and rural intensive areas is Suizhou City of Hubei Province. To sum up, the first

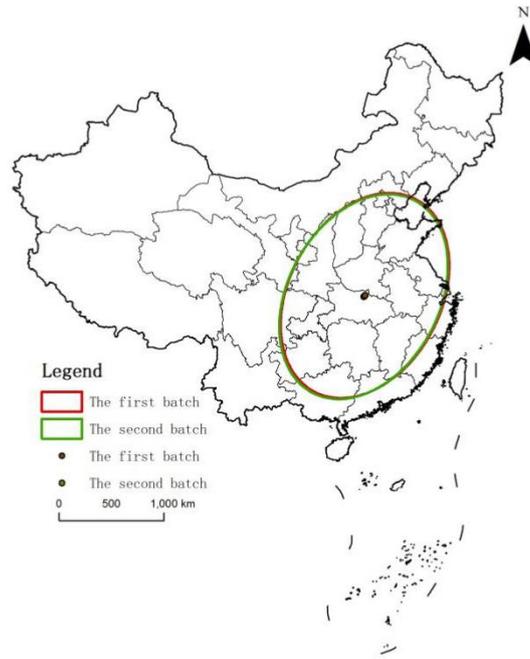
284 batch of China national forest villages showed a significant spatial distribution direction with
285 Suizhou city in Hubei province as the center and extending to the northeast to the southwest.
286 Second, compared with the first batch of ellipse area slightly smaller show that the second batch
287 of concentration increased, from the Angle of rotation 27.2989° and 27.7063° , slightly to the
288 clockwise rotation Angle, the second batch of northeast to southwest is more significant, the
289 average center moved to the southwest of small distance, shows that the trend of the development
290 of the China national forest village has to southwest direction, but in general the second batch of
291 characteristics on the basis of the first changes not by much.



a Spatial distribution of Tyson polygons



b Spatial distribution of cold hot spots



c Chart of standard deviation ellipse and mean center point

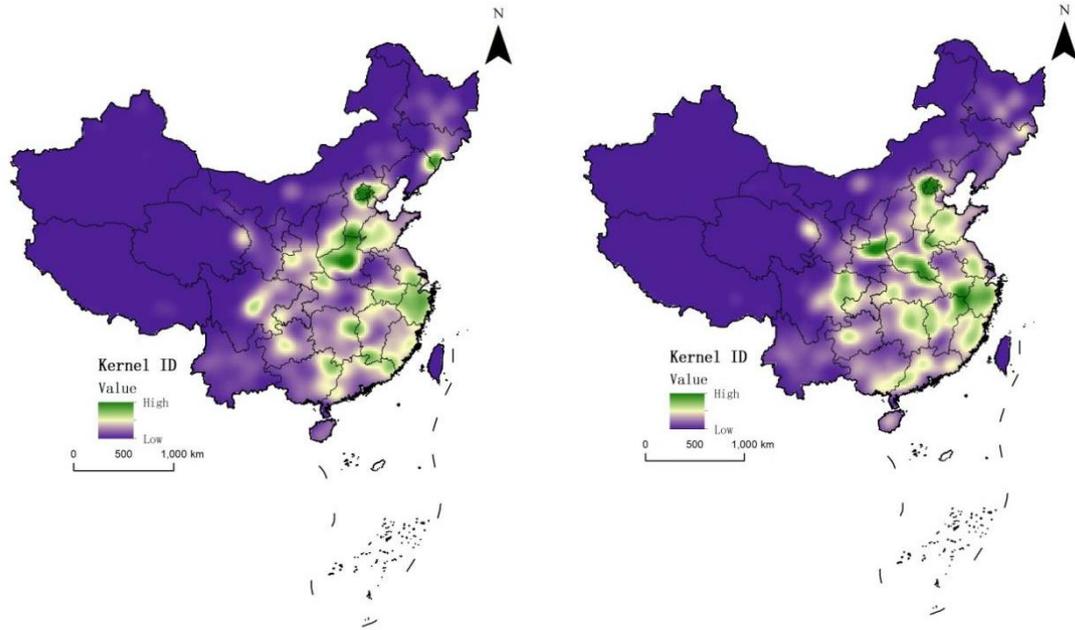
Figure 2 Spatial distribution characteristics of China national forest villages

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293 4.1.5 Kernel density distribution characteristics

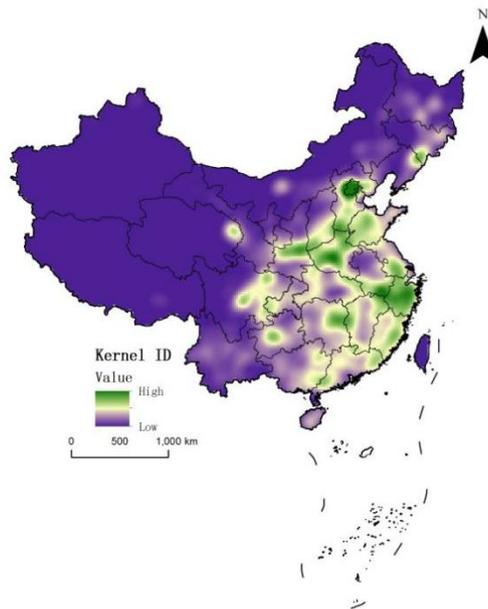
294 The kernel density function in ArcGIS10.3 spatial analysis tool was used to study the spatial
 295 distribution density of two batches of China national forest villages. The results are shown in
 296 Figure 3. According to the figure, the spatial distribution density of China national forest villages
 297 was significantly different, and the two batches of kernel density map had similar characteristics.
 298 On the one hand, the density distribution of China national forest villages is highly correlated with
 299 the coverage of vegetation. The density and high-value areas are almost all within the coverage of
 300 forest vegetation, which also conforms to the selection conditions of China national forest villages.
 301 On the other hand, the high density area can be found in accordance with the distribution of urban
 302 agglomeration degree is high, the first formed the Yangtze river delta, the central plains, the Bohai
 303 sea, the pearl river delta, the Yangtze river middle reaches high density area and
 304 Chengdu-Chongqing density area, formed the second batch of the Yangtze river delta, the central
 305 plains, Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei, Chengdu-Chongqing high density area and the pearl river delta, the
 306 Yangtze river middle reaches density area. Urban agglomeration as the future economic
 307 development pattern in the core of the most dynamic and potential region, is important and
 308 optimized development zone, the strategy of development priority zones in urban agglomeration
 309 based on country often is in the leading level in the afforestation, the establishment of China
 310 national forest country, step by step to achieve rural afforestation all over the country.

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a The first kernel density maps

b Second batch density map approved



c Total kernel density map

Figure 3 Kernel density map of China national forest villages

312 4.2 Influencing factors

313 4.2.1 Elevation factor

314 The difference of elevation means that climate, precipitation, temperature, soil, vegetation and
 315 other conditions are different, and thus determine the factors that directly affect the spatial
 316 distribution of China national forest villages, such as population distribution, economic

317 development, forest resources and so on. In ArcGIS10.3, China's topographic elevation map is
 318 divided into five levels according to the classification method of natural discontinuity points, and
 319 then superimposed with China national forest villages to obtain the topographic distribution map
 320 of national forest villages (Figure 4a), and the number of them is counted (Table 2).From table 2,
 321 with the increase of grade, the higher elevation country quantity is less, the elevation in rural -
 322 152-788 m between 5793, proportion is as high as 76.36%, followed by 789-2092 m between rural
 323 number is 1572, accounting for 20.72, the first two level country accounted for 97.08%, only
 324 2.92% of national forest village is located in elevation above 2093 m, and the elevation between
 325 4669-8848 - m rural existence, has not been found country presents the obvious characteristics of
 326 "low altitude" distribution. Low altitude tends to be characterized by small topographic relief, flat
 327 terrain, developed transportation and convenient living conditions, which are conducive to
 328 population concentration and residence. In addition, the humid airflow from the eastern ocean, due
 329 to the low altitude, can directly enter the inland and bring abundant precipitation, which is
 330 conducive to the cultivation and growth of vegetation. The distribution of vegetation directly
 331 affects the evaluation of China national forest villages.

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333 Table 2 China national forest village elevation statistics table

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Elevation(m)	-152-788	789-2092	2093-3570	3571-4668	4669-8848
Quantity(number)	5793	1572	203	18	0
Proportion(%)	76.36	20.72	2.68	0.24	0

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335 4.2.2 Aspect factor

336 The slope direction is the direction projected by the normal line of the tangent plane of a point on
 337 the slope surface on the horizontal plane. The direction is defined as the included Angle formed
 338 between the projection and the positive north of the point, so the value range is 0~360°.Different
 339 elevation has great influence on climate, precipitation, vegetation, temperature, etc., and the
 340 geographical position of different slope direction at the same height also makes the difference
 341 significantly. In order to explore the influence of slope direction on the distribution of China
 342 national forest villages, the elevation map was introduced into ArcGIS for slope direction analysis,
 343 and the obtained slope direction map was superimposed with China national forest villages, and
 344 the number of different slope direction villages was counted, as shown in Table 3.It can be seen
 345 from the table that the distribution of China national forest village slope is diverse due to the
 346 complexity of topography, among which the distribution of west slope, northwest slope and
 347 southeast slope is large, with a total proportion of 39.36%, while the distribution of north slope
 348 and northeast slope is small. According to the yin-yang slope, the yang-Yang slope ranges from
 349 90° to 270°, while the yin-Yang slope ranges from 0° to 90° and 270° to 360° [33].The Yin-Yang

350 slope usually needs to be analyzed in combination with different regions. In arid and semi-arid
 351 areas, the soil on the Yin slope is moist and suitable for the growth of forest trees, while the sunny
 352 slope has sufficient illumination, large moisture evaporation, low soil humidity and more grasses.
 353 In the south, due to abundant precipitation, there is little difference in soil moisture on the
 354 Yin-Yang slope. At this time, the sunny slope is full of sunshine and the vegetation coverage
 355 density is higher than that on the shady slope. According to statistics, there are 3,764 Yang slopes
 356 and 3,316 Yin slopes in rural areas of the national forest, respectively. From the perspective of
 357 quantity, the number of Yang slopes is slightly higher than that of Yin slopes, which is highly
 358 correlated with the characteristics of Yin and Yang slopes of southern vegetation.

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360 Table 3 Statistical table of China national forest country slope

Aspect	North slope	Northeast slope	East slope	Southeast Slope	South slope	Southwest slope	West slope	Northwest slope
Angle range (°)	0~22.5, 337.5~360	22.5~67.5	67.5~112.5	112.5~157.5	157.5~202.5	202.5~247.5	247.5~292.5	292.5~337.5
Quantity(number)	689	758	863	987	863	970	1004	995
Proportion(%)	9.08	9.99	11.38	13.01	11.38	12.79	13.23	13.17

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362 4.2.3 River factor

363 Water sources play an important role in people's daily life, agricultural irrigation, shipping and
 364 transportation, vegetation growth and other aspects [34]. Rivers are an important source of water
 365 supply. Taking the secondary river as the center, three buffer zones of different levels were made,
 366 namely 30km, 60km and 90km. The China national forest village and river buffer zones were
 367 superimposed (Figure 4b), and the corresponding number of buffer zones of each level was
 368 counted respectively (Table 4).According to Table 4, the proportion of China national forest
 369 villages within 30km of the river is 37.66%, 25.73% within 30-60km, 17.18% within 60-90km,
 370 and 80.57% within 90km of the river. In addition, China's terrain is high in the west and low in the
 371 east, and most rivers flow from the west to the east. In contrast, the central and eastern regions
 372 have more water than the west. According to Figure 4b, it can be intuitively observed that most
 373 villages are located in the middle and lower reaches of rivers. As can be seen from the above
 374 information, most of the country's forest villages are located around rivers, and their location close
 375 to water sources can provide a lot of help for residents' life and rural development. As rural

376 afforestation model of national forest village, river conditions are necessary, on the one hand,
 377 water, rural greening coverage on the development of forestry plays an important role, on the other
 378 hand, water is the rural residents the necessities of life, has a population of water source place to
 379 gather, thus forming various unique country. In addition, the utilization of rivers can also be
 380 further explored. River resources can often be turned into tourism resources, and promoting the
 381 development of local tourism is an important direction to promote the development of rural
 382 economy. To sum up, watershed factor is an important factor affecting the spatial distribution of
 383 China national forest villages.

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385 Table 4 Statistical table of distance between China national forest villages and rivers

Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Distance (m)	0-30km	30-60km	60-90km	90km
Quantity(number)	2857	1952	1303	6112
Proportion(%)	37.66	25.73	17.18	80.57

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387 4.2.4 Traffic factor

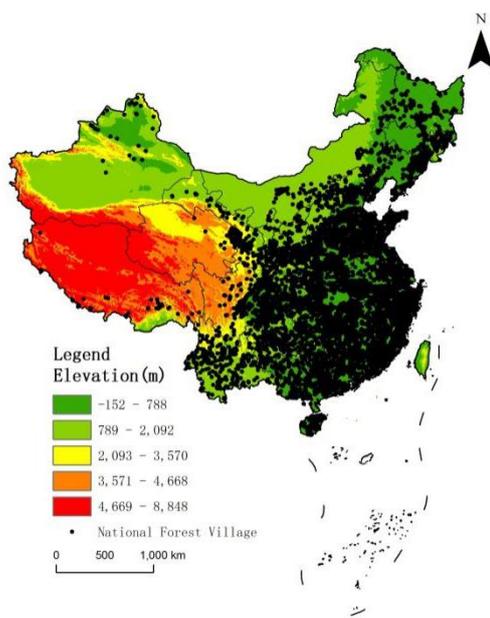
388 Accessibility has an important impact on all aspects of rural areas, such as the dissemination and
 389 development of rural traditional culture, the quality of life of residents, the influence of the outside
 390 world on it, the degree of rural greening, and the level of economic development. Traffic
 391 developed directly decided the country accessibility, which represented by main highway and
 392 railway, respectively make 50 km, 100 km from the buffer, and compared with China national
 393 forest village, national forest rural transportation network distribution (Figure 4c), and statistics of
 394 the different distance within the buffer country number, as shown in table 5. According to statistics,
 395 83.42% of China national forest villages are located within 100km of the main road, of which
 396 58.87%, more than half, are within 50km. 86.04% of China national forest villages are located
 397 within 100km of the main railway, among which 61.84% are within 50km, accounting for a
 398 relatively high proportion. According to Figure 4c, most of the China national forest villages are
 399 located near the main roads and railways, indicating that the vast majority of the China national
 400 forest villages are located near the dense transportation network, that is, the China national forest
 401 villages have strong accessibility. Rural greening and beautification cannot be separated from the
 402 support and help of the outside world. Strong accessibility provides conditions for the
 403 communication within and outside the countryside. In addition, as the saying goes, "If you want to
 404 get rich, build roads first", rural economic development must rely on convenient transportation
 405 facilities. Rural revitalization requires rural economy to be improved and rural residents' living
 406 standards to be improved. If you don't keep up with The Times, you will eventually fall behind
 407 and be eliminated.

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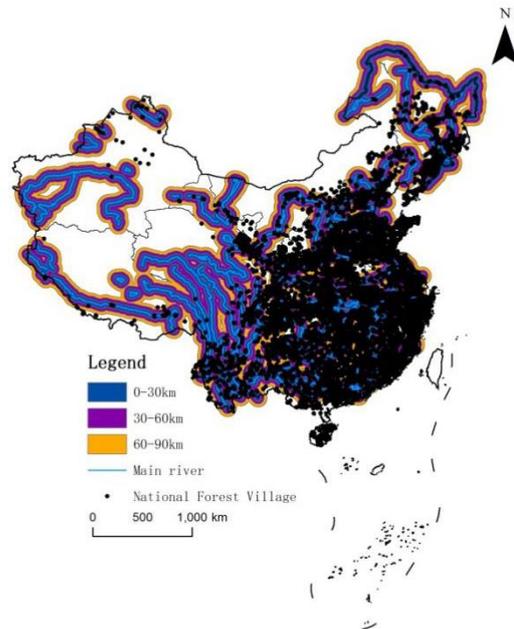
409 Table 5 Statistical table of distance between China national forest villages and roads and railways

Distance(km)	0-50km	50-100km	Total
Main road	4466	1862	6328
Main railway	4691	1836	6527

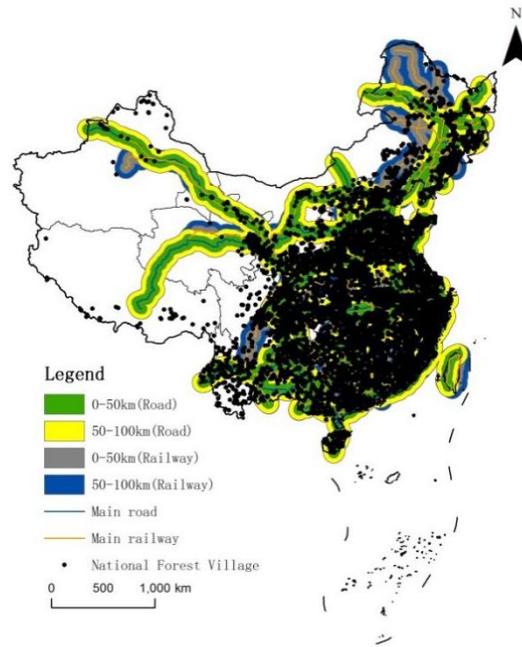
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a Elevation map



b River distribution map



c Road map

Figure 4 Influencing factors of China national forest villages

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412 5 Conclusion, discussion and policy implication

413 5.1 Conclusion

414 (1) According to the nearest neighbor ratio $R=0.46 < 1$, it was preliminarily determined that the
 415 spatial distribution type of China national forest villages was condensed type. The results
 416 were verified by using the variation coefficient of the calculated area of Tyson polygon,
 417 $CV=716.12\%$, far greater than 64% , and the China national forest village was
 418 comprehensively identified as the condensed distribution. The spatial distribution of China
 419 national forest villages failed to break through the Hu Huanyong Line, the southeast of which
 420 is the main gathering place.

421 (2) According to the analysis of cold spots, the distribution characteristics of China national forest
 422 villages are "hot in the south and cold in the north". Hot spots include Sichuan, Shandong,
 423 Henan and other nine provinces, accounting for 19.65% of the total area of the country.
 424 Sub-hotspots included Eight provinces (cities), including Hebei, Shanxi and Shaanxi,
 425 accounting for 15.41% . The secondary cold spots include Eight provinces (cities) including
 426 Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning, accounting for 33.80% . Six provinces (municipalities),
 427 including Xinjiang, Xizang and Ningxia, are cold spots, accounting for 31.15% percent. The
 428 number of hot-spot areas is more than that of cold-spot areas, but cold-spot areas account for
 429 more than half of the total area.

- 430 (3) According to the elliptic analysis of the standard deviation, the spatial directional
431 characteristics and degree of agglomeration of the two batches are very similar, presenting
432 the significant spatial distribution direction characteristics that extend from northeast to
433 southwest mainly with Suizhou in Hubei as the center. On the basis of the first batch, the
434 second batch changed slightly: the aggregation degree increased, the average center moved to
435 the southwest direction, and the direction of the spatial distribution between northeast and
436 southwest strengthened.
- 437 (4) According to kernel density analysis, it is found that the high-density areas are significantly
438 correlated with vegetation coverage and urban agglomeration distribution. On the one hand,
439 most of the high-density areas are located within the forest vegetation cover. On the other
440 hand, the first group formed high-density areas in urban agglomerations such as the Yangtze
441 River Delta, the Central Plains and the Bohai Rim, and the second group formed high-density
442 areas such as the Yangtze River Delta, the Central Plains and the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei
443 region.
- 444 (5) Select the elevation, slope direction, river and traffic in the terrain as impact factors to explore
445 their correlation with the spatial distribution of China national forest village. It is found that
446 elevation, river and traffic are all significantly correlated with their spatial distribution, but
447 the correlation is weak because slope direction needs to combine elevation, region and other
448 complex factors. On the whole, China national forest villages are characterized by low
449 altitude, sunny distribution, close proximity to water sources, and dense transportation
450 network.

451 **5.2 Discussion**

452 The proportion of China national forest villages in the southeast area of Hu Huanyong Line is as
453 high as 94.48%, and only a small amount are distributed in the northwest area. It can be seen that
454 the spatial distribution of China national forest villages still has not broken through Hu Huanyong
455 Line, which is consistent with the view of "Hu Huanyong Line is not broken" proposed by Chen
456 Mingxing et al [35]. First, the population distribution is extremely uneven, which has a pattern of
457 dense population in the east and sparse population in the west for a long time. It is inevitable that
458 all kinds of villages can be formed in the places where people gather. Second, the main urban
459 agglomerations in the coastal or plains of the Midwest, as can be seen from the China national
460 forest village kernel density figure, first two batch of all form high density urban agglomerations
461 area, urban agglomeration is the economy, information, transportation and so on various aspects
462 development center, is the key point of urbanization area, construction of rural afforestation in a
463 leading position, meet the conditions of the country is more; Third, inborn natural geographical
464 factors play a decisive role. The northwest part of the line is dominated by deserts, grasslands and
465 plateaus, with a relatively harsh climate, while the southeast part of the line is dominated by plains
466 and hills, with a climate more suitable for human survival. Fourth, the topography from the west
467 to the east leads to dense water network, developed transportation and high vegetation coverage in
468 the east, which are important factors affecting the distribution of China national forest villages. In

469 conclusion, various factors determine the spatial distribution of national forests and villages
470 without breaking through the Hu Huanyong Line.

471 **5.3 Policy implication**

472 First, from the perspective of evaluation indicators, China national forest village spatial
473 distribution not overcome Hu Huanyong Line is determined by many factors, but in order to try to
474 balance development trend, the China national forest village selection index can begin, do not
475 apply to the selection of a nationwide, should consider the actual situation in different areas,
476 especially the line integral parts of the two, take different evaluation criteria, cold spots in
477 selection of the future to bring more rural area are selected as a successful breakthrough gradually.

478 Second, from the perspective of incentives and subsidies, rural construction needs a large
479 amount of capital investment. The southeast area of the line is relatively superior in all aspects, so
480 it is relatively easy to build a China national forest village, while the northwest area of the line is
481 relatively difficult due to various restrictions. Therefore, it is suggested that the state issue relevant
482 policies and give more incentives and subsidies to rural construction in the northwest area of the
483 line.

484 Third, from the perspective of industrial development, Tan Mazhuang Village is a "China
485 national forest village deep in the mountain". It can be seen from this example that only the
486 villages located in good geographical location can be selected successfully. Local governments
487 should combine local conditions, develop characteristic industries, drive economic development,
488 get rid of poverty circle, and gradually realize rural greening and beautification.

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