

Supplementary Material

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Table S1. Decisive variety x and linear coded data of the Anshun Pan experiment.

| Variable (X_i) | Changes in pitch | Design level® | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Density (X_1) | 6,000 (plants/hm ²) | 42,000 | 48,000 | 54,000 | 60,000 | 66,000 |
| N (X_2) | 52.5 (kg/hm ²) | 69 | 121.5 | 174 | 226.5 | 279 |
| P ₂ O ₅ (X_3) | 37.5 (kg/hm ²) | 75 | 112.5 | 150 | 187.5 | 225 |
| K ₂ O (X_4) | 45 (kg/hm ²) | 75 | 120 | 165 | 210 | 255 |

Table S2. Experiment structural matrix of the Anshun Pan experiment.

| Group code | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | Production (kg/hm ²) |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10,120.5 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 10,480.5 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 10,705.5 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 10,153.5 |
| 5 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 10,212.0 |
| 6 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 10,315.5 |
| 7 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 10,932.0 |
| 8 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 9,205.5 |
| 9 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10,123.5 |
| 10 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 10,051.5 |
| 11 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 10,365.0 |
| 12 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 10,534.5 |
| 13 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 10,603.5 |
| 14 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 10,095.0 |
| 15 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 10,500.0 |
| 16 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 8,925.0 |
| 17 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9,589.5 |
| 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,407.0 |
| 19 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 10,732.5 |
| 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10,015.5 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 9,606.0 |

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|----|---|---|---|----|----------|
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10,233.0 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 10,237.5 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10,017.0 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,228.5 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,020.5 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,112.0 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,421.0 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,365.5 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,248.5 |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,905.0 |
| 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,167.5 |
| 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,269.5 |
| 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,227.5 |
| 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,943.0 |
| 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,905.5 |

Table S3. Decisive variety x and linear coded data of the Anshun Tang experiment.

| Variable (X_i) | Changes in pitch | Design level® | | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Density (X_1) | 5,340 (plants /hm ²) | 53,355 | 58,695 | 64,035 | 69,360 | 74,700 |
| N (X_2) | 180 (kg/hm ²) | 0 | 180 | 360 | 540 | 720 |
| P ₂ O ₅ (X_3) | 120 (kg/hm ²) | 0 | 120 | 240 | 360 | 480 |
| K ₂ O (X_4) | 120 (kg/hm ²) | 0 | 120 | 240 | 360 | 480 |

Table S4. Experiment structural matrix of the Anshun Tang experiment

| Group code | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | Production (kg/hm ²) |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11,288.40 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 11,719.35 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 11,993.55 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 10,898.40 |
| 5 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 11,843.25 |

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|----|----|----|----|----|-----------|
| 6 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 11,517.00 |
| 7 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 12,269.40 |
| 8 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 10,163.85 |
| 9 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11,284.05 |
| 10 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 11,195.85 |
| 11 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 11,577.75 |
| 12 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 11,785.05 |
| 13 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 11,868.60 |
| 14 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 11,247.90 |
| 15 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 12,471.60 |
| 16 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 10,885.35 |
| 17 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,628.30 |
| 18 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,631.70 |
| 19 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 12,025.50 |
| 20 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 11,152.20 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 10,653.00 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 10,812.45 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 11,423.10 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11,152.80 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,428.00 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,721.30 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,489.45 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,864.90 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,797.25 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,655.20 |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,237.00 |
| 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,555.90 |
| 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,681.60 |
| 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,630.30 |
| 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,502.10 |
| 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,456.65 |

Table S5. Decisive variety x and linear coded data of the Chifeng Zheng experiment.

| Variable (X_i) | Changes in pitch | Design level ® | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| | | -2 | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Density (X_1) | 0.75 (10,000 plants/hm ²) | 5.25 | 6 | 6.75 | 7.5 | 8.25 |
| N (X_2) | 75 (kg/hm ²) | 450 | 525 | 600 | 675 | 750 |
| P ₂ O ₅ (X_3) | 75 (kg/hm ²) | 75 | 150 | 225 | 300 | 375 |
| K ₂ O (X_4) | 37.5 (kg/hm ²) | 75 | 112.5 | 150 | 187.5 | 255 |

Table S6. Experiment structural matrix of the Chifeng Zheng experiment.

| Group code | x_1 | x_2 | x_3 | x_4 | Production (kg/hm ²) |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12,696.9 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 12,360 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 12,691.5 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 13,038 |
| 5 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 13,128 |
| 6 | 1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 10,619.4 |
| 7 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 10,121.25 |
| 8 | 1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 8,980.95 |
| 9 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1,1347.35 |
| 10 | -1 | 1 | 1 | -1 | 12,156.75 |
| 11 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 1 | 11,232.9 |
| 12 | -1 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 13,891.65 |
| 13 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 12,916.8 |
| 14 | -1 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 13,147.05 |
| 15 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 1 | 11,794.05 |
| 16 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 12,329.85 |
| 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,056.15 |
| 18 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,371.4 |

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|----|---|----|----|----|-----------|
| 19 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10,450.2 |
| 20 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 0 | 10,670.25 |
| 21 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 12,561.75 |
| 22 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 0 | 14,222.85 |
| 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13,220.1 |
| 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 12,652.35 |
| 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,888.1 |
| 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11,153.4 |
| 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,295.8 |
| 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,187.4 |
| 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12,271.8 |
| 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10,712.55 |
| 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,017.9 |

Table S7. Yield and efficiency values of various cultivation measures in the Anshun Pan experiment. The yield data of three independent experiments were processed by min-max normalization.

| Group Code | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Production | 0.39 | 0.51 | 0.59 | 0.40 | 0.42 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.50 | 0.39 | 0.70 | 0.37 | 0.53 |
| <i>CCR efficiency value</i> | 0.75 | 1.08 | 0.53 | 0.89 | 0.70 | 0.96 | 0.40 | 0.81 | 1.10 | 0.98 | 0.41 | 1.00 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.69 | 0.50 | 0.78 | 0.30 | 0.85 | 0.40 | 0.89 | 0.30 | 0.76 | 0.50 | 0.84 | 0.70 |
| Group Code | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Production | 0.55 | 0.60 | 0.38 | 0.52 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.22 | 0.49 | 0.10 | 0.59 | 0.36 | 0.10 |
| <i>CCR efficiency value</i> | 1.00 | 0.01 | 1.00 | 0.01 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.98 | 0.31 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.83 | 0.31 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.84 | 0.70 | 0.89 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.95 | 0.70 | 0.86 | 0.30 | 0.81 | 0.51 |
| Group Code | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| Production | 0.43 | 0.20 | 0.69 | 0.40 | 0.72 | 0.50 | 0.82 | 0.70 | 0.80 | 0.90 | 0.77 | 0.00 |
| <i>CCR efficiency value</i> | 0.85 | 0.60 | 0.92 | 0.30 | 0.93 | 0.00 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 0.95 | 0.20 | 0.94 | 0.20 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.85 | 0.60 | 0.92 | 0.30 | 0.93 | 0.00 | 0.95 | 0.60 | 0.95 | 0.20 | 0.94 | 0.20 |

Table S8. Yield and efficiency values of various cultivation measures in the Anshun Tang experiment. The yield data of three independent experiments were processed by min-max normalization.

| Group Code | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 0.337 | 0.466 | 0.548 | 0.220 | 0.503 | 0.405 | 0.631 | 0.000 | 0.336 | 0.309 | 0.424 | 0.486 |
| CCR efficiency value | 0.768 | 0.865 | 0.962 | 0.925 | 0.838 | 1.000 | 0.984 | 0.934 | 0.905 | 0.950 | 0.928 | 1.000 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.768 | 0.807 | 0.816 | 0.750 | 0.806 | 0.793 | 0.835 | 0.700 | 0.905 | 0.910 | 0.928 | 0.958 |
| Group Code | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Production | 0.511 | 0.325 | 0.691 | 0.216 | 0.439 | 0.140 | 0.558 | 0.296 | 0.147 | 0.194 | 0.377 | 0.296 |
| CCR efficiency value | 0.952 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 1.000 | 0.776 | 0.943 | 0.891 | 1.000 | 0.789 | 0.801 | 0.840 | 1.000 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.952 | 0.914 | 1.008 | 0.884 | 0.750 | 0.943 | 0.891 | 0.826 | 0.789 | 0.801 | 0.836 | 0.836 |
| Group Code | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| Production | 0.978 | 0.467 | 0.697 | 0.809 | 0.789 | 0.746 | 0.621 | 0.717 | 0.754 | 0.739 | 1.000 | 0.986 |
| CCR efficiency value | 0.995 | 0.868 | 0.925 | 0.953 | 0.948 | 0.937 | 0.906 | 0.930 | 0.939 | 0.935 | 1.000 | 0.997 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.995 | 0.868 | 0.925 | 0.953 | 0.948 | 0.937 | 0.906 | 0.930 | 0.939 | 0.935 | 1.003 | 0.997 |

Table S9. Yield and efficiency values of various cultivation measures in the Chifeng Zheng experiment.

| Group Code | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Production | 0.709 | 0.645 | 0.708 | 0.774 | 0.791 | 0.313 | 0.218 | 0.000 | 0.451 | 0.606 | 0.430 |
| CCR efficiency value | 0.744 | 0.847 | 0.788 | 0.939 | 0.959 | 0.808 | 0.813 | 0.728 | 0.726 | 0.875 | 0.809 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.744 | 0.829 | 0.770 | 0.911 | 0.858 | 0.808 | 0.688 | 0.715 | 0.665 | 0.816 | 0.682 |
| Group Code | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Production | 0.937 | 0.751 | 0.795 | 0.537 | 0.639 | 0.777 | 0.647 | 0.280 | 0.322 | 0.683 | 1.000 |
| CCR efficiency value | 1.000 | 0.982 | 1.000 | 0.957 | 1.000 | 0.881 | 1.000 | 0.663 | 1.000 | 0.816 | 1.000 |
| GDM-DEA efficiency value | 0.970 | 0.844 | 1.027 | 0.801 | 0.982 | 0.881 | 0.835 | 0.605 | 0.817 | 0.816 | 1.199 |
| Group Code | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| Production | 0.809 | 0.700 | 0.555 | 0.414 | 0.632 | 0.802 | 0.628 | 0.330 | 0.770 | | |
| CCR efficiency value | 0.855 | 1.000 | 0.803 | 0.753 | 0.830 | 0.890 | 0.828 | 0.723 | 0.879 | | |

GDM-DEA efficiency value 0.779 1.030 0.803 0.753 0.830 0.890 0.828 0.723 0.879

*The yield data of three independent experiments were processed by min-max normalization.

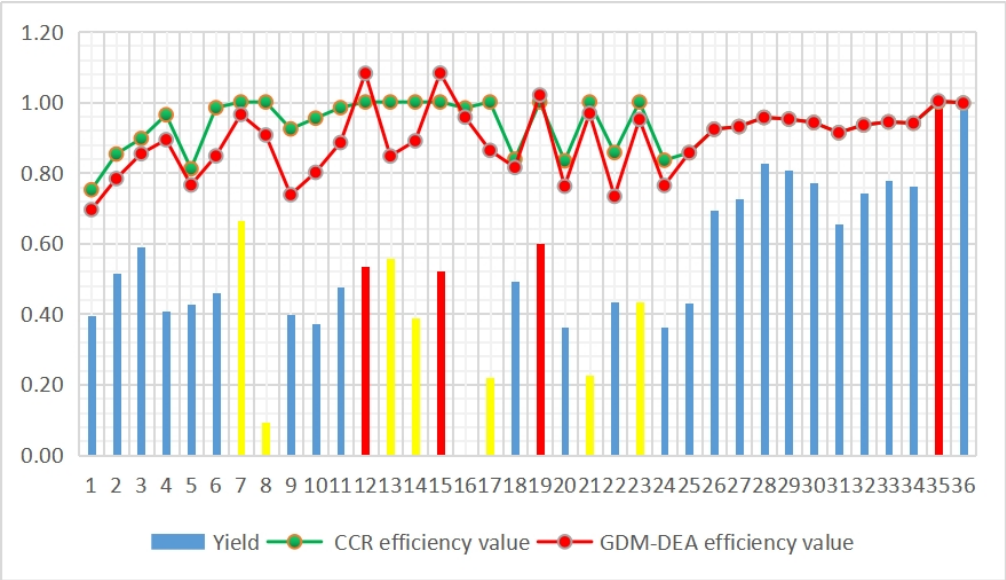


Figure S1. Output and efficiency of the Anshun Pan experiment. The red column bar represents the yield corresponding to the cultivation measures with *CCR* and GDM-DEA effective, while the yellow column bar represents the yield corresponding to the cultivation measures with *CCR* effective only. The green broken line indicates the efficiency trend of GDM-DEA, and each broken point represents the efficiency value of GDM-DEA. The red broken line represents the efficiency trend of *CCR*, and each broken point represents the *CCR* efficiency value.

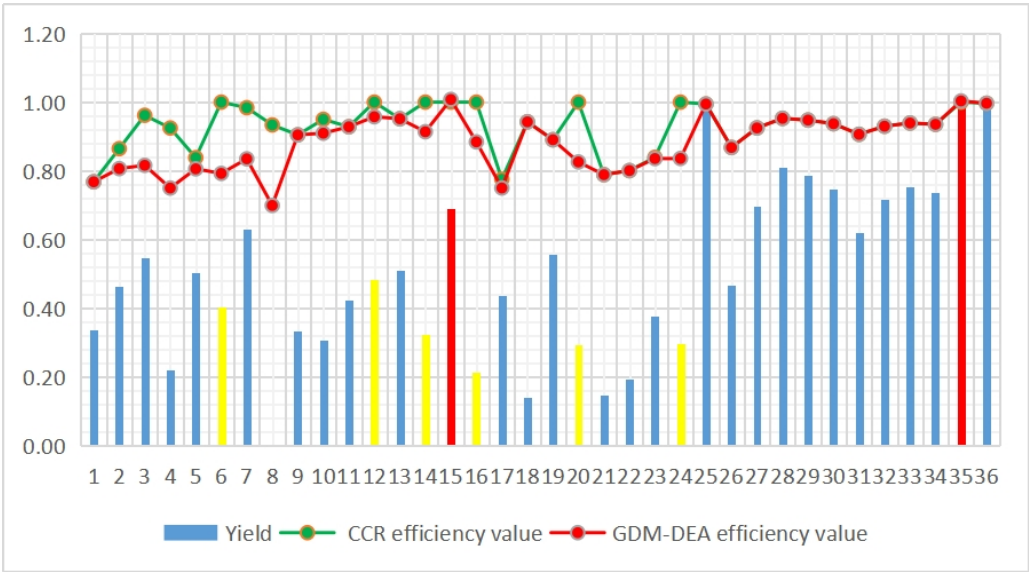


Figure S2. Output and efficiency of the Anshun Tang experiment. The red column bar represents the

yield corresponding to the cultivation measures with *CCR* and GDM-DEA effective, while the yellow column bar represents the yield corresponding to the cultivation measures with *CCR* effective only. The red broken line indicates the efficiency trend of GDM-DEA, and each broken point represents the efficiency value of GDM-DEA. The green broken line represents the efficiency trend of *CCR*, and each broken point represents the *CCR* efficiency value.

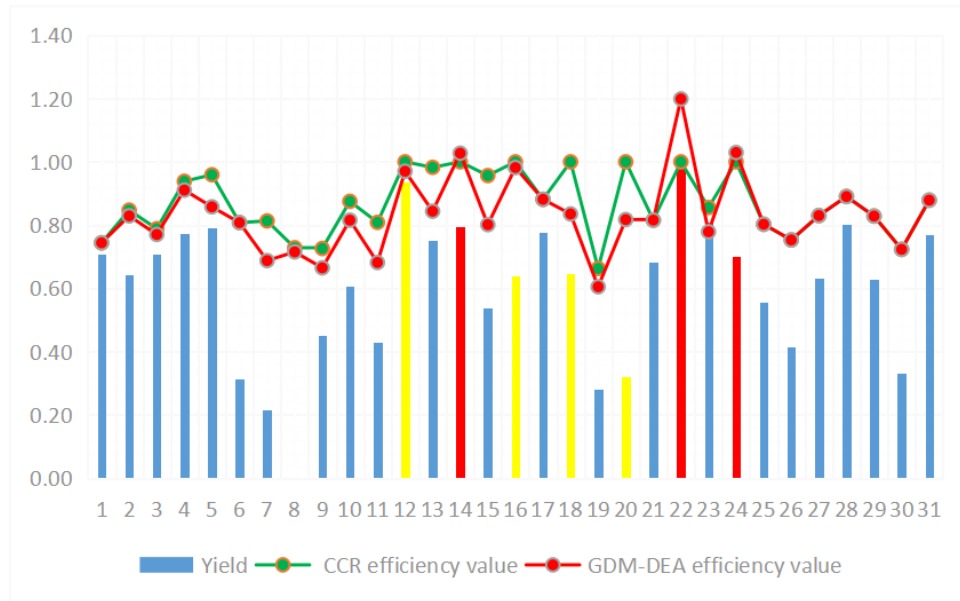


Figure S3. Output and efficiency of the Chifeng Zheng experiment. The red column bar represents the yield corresponding to the cultivation measures with *CCR* and GDM-DEA effective, while the yellow column bar represents the yield corresponding to the cultivation measures with *CCR* effective only. The red broken line indicates the efficiency trend of GDM-DEA, and each broken point represents the efficiency value of GDM-DEA. The green broken line represents the efficiency trend of *CCR*, and each broken point represents the *CCR* efficiency value.