

# “Global Trends in Water Environmental Management”

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3. Water as Hazard
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5. Concluding Thoughts/Future Directions



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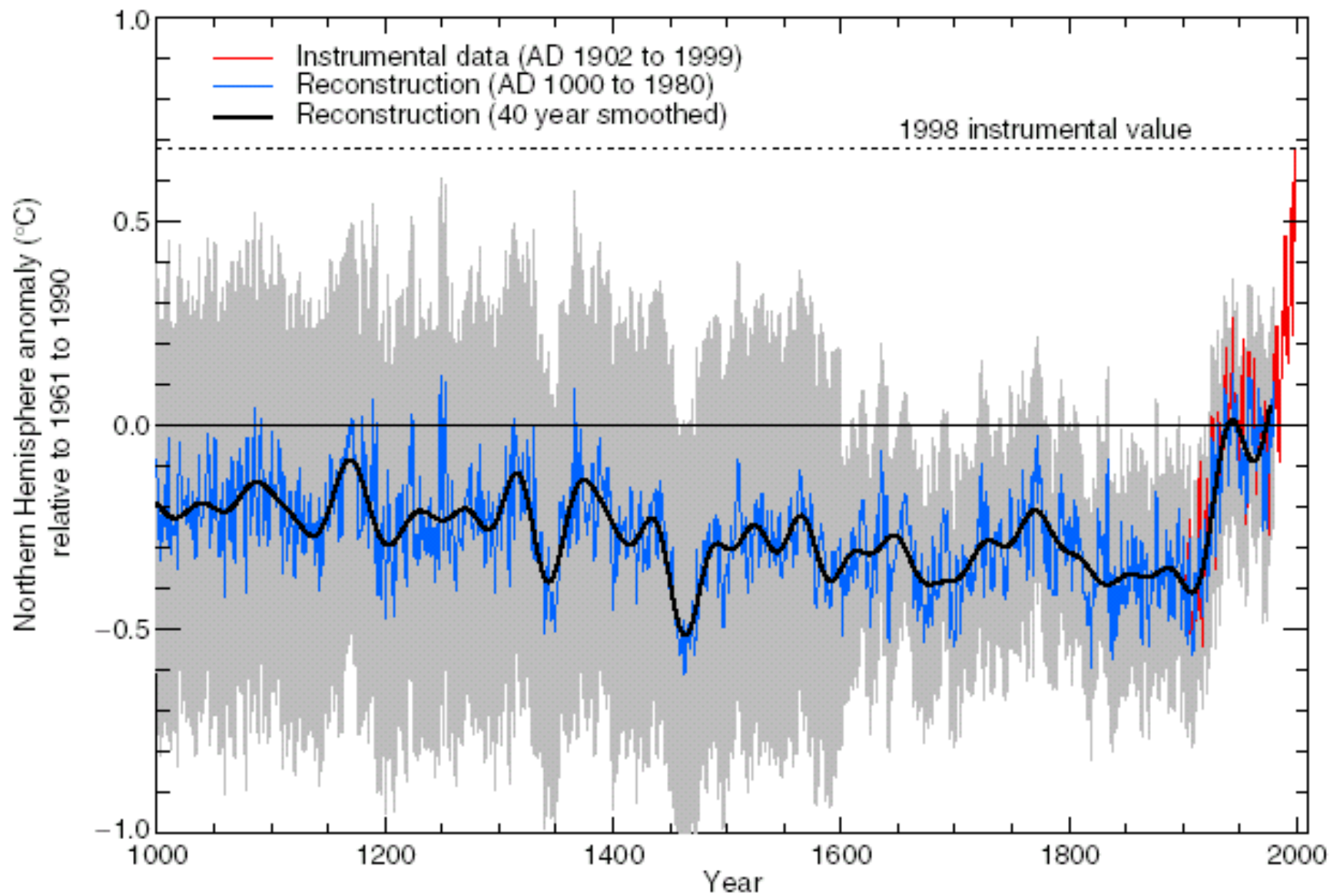
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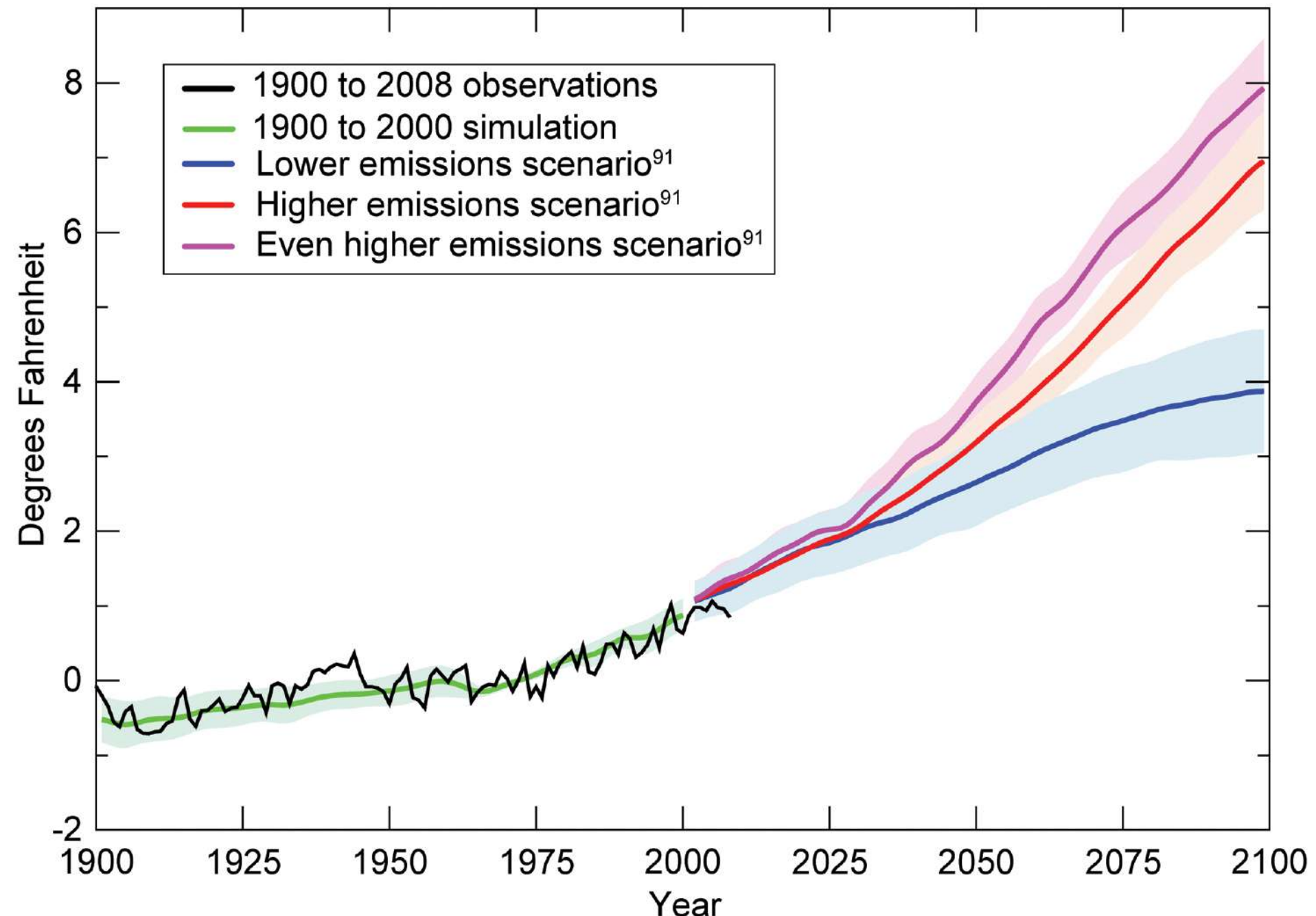
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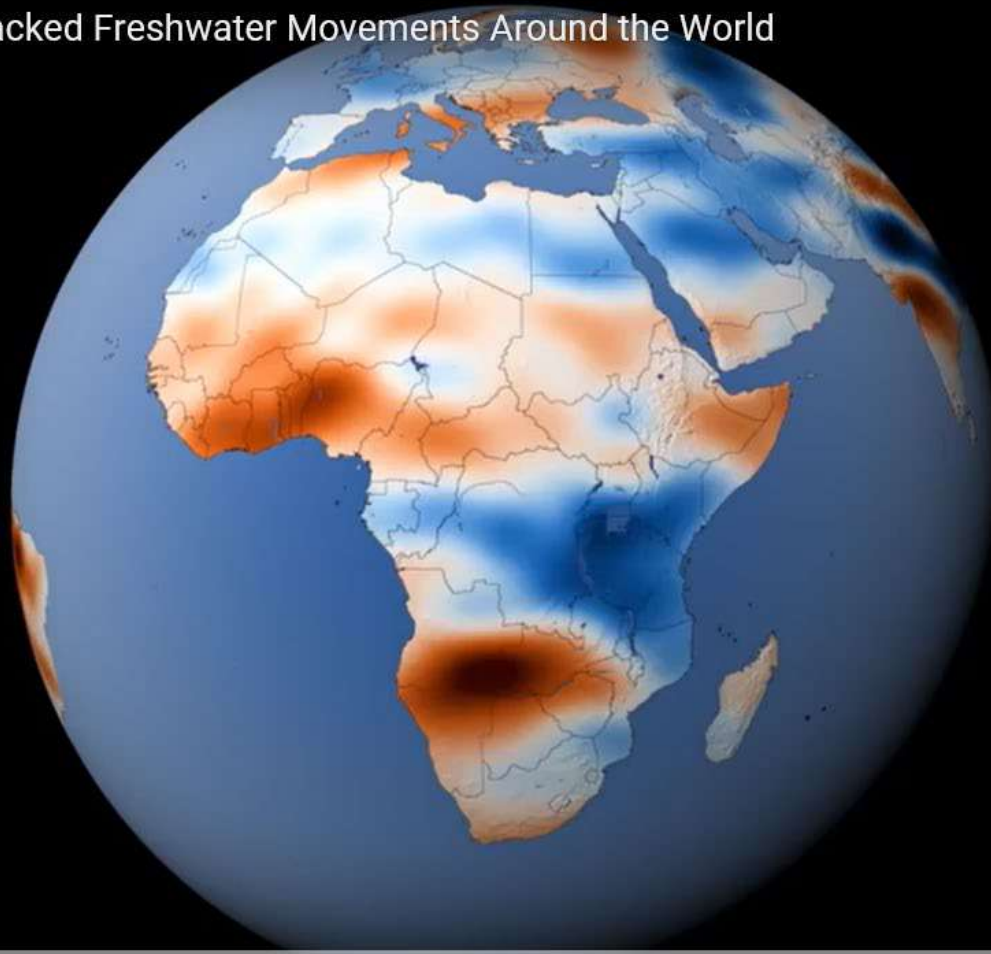






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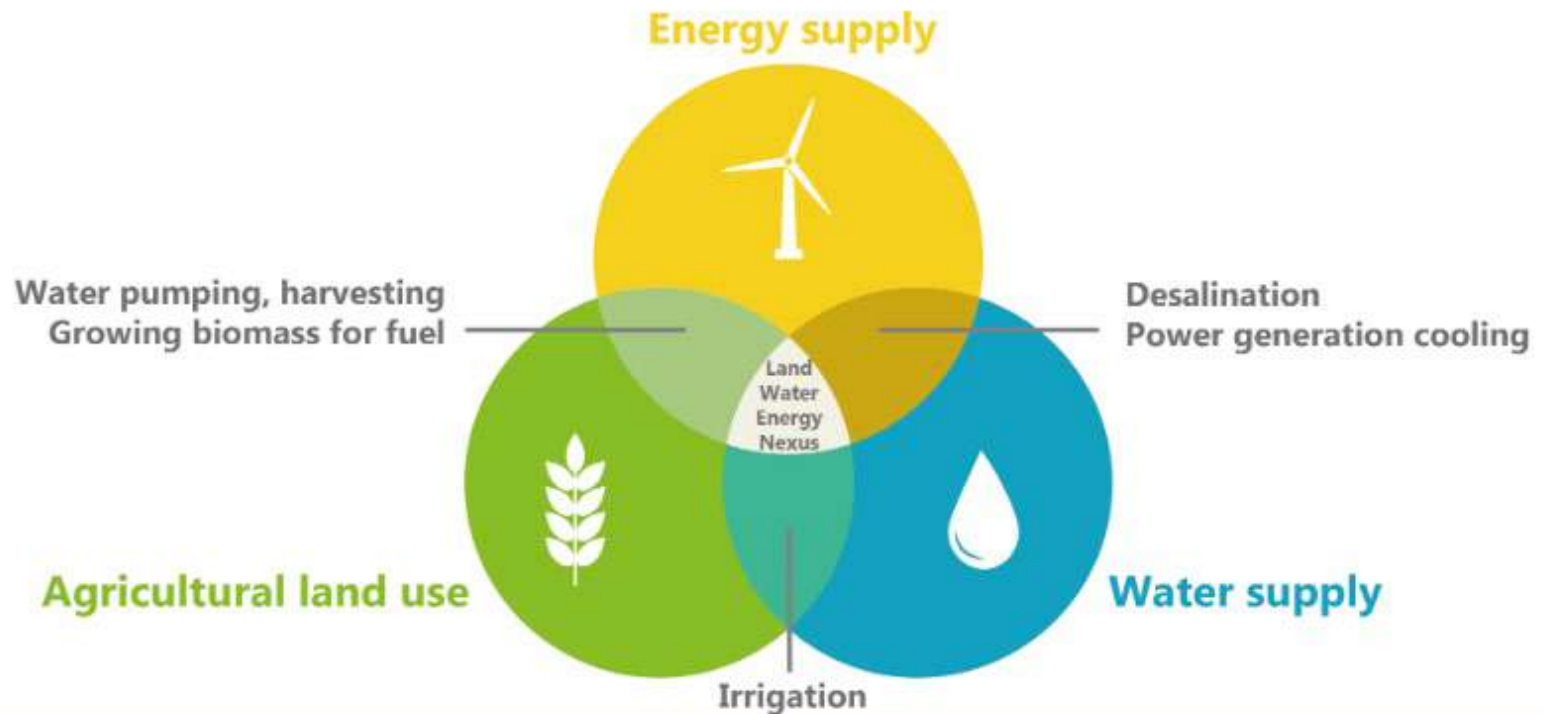
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*Water is also a “nexus” issue .....*

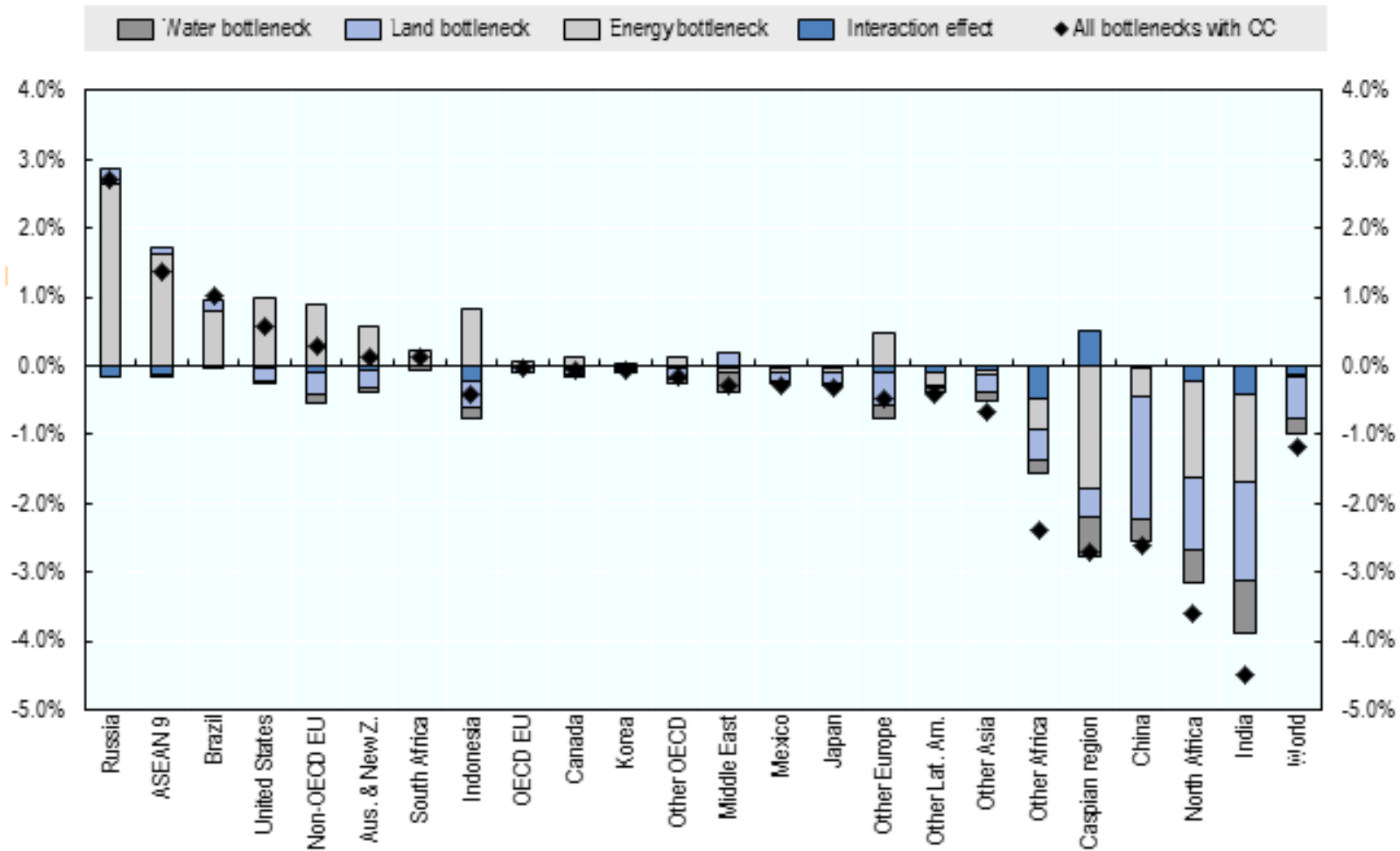


## Linking land, water and energy



Source: OECD (2017), *The Land-Water-Energy Nexus: Biophysical and Economic Consequences*, available at: [bit.ly/LWEnexus](http://bit.ly/LWEnexus)

# Consequences of nexus bottlenecks for regional GDP in 2060



Source: OECD (2017), Land-water-energy nexus: Biophysical and Economic Consequences

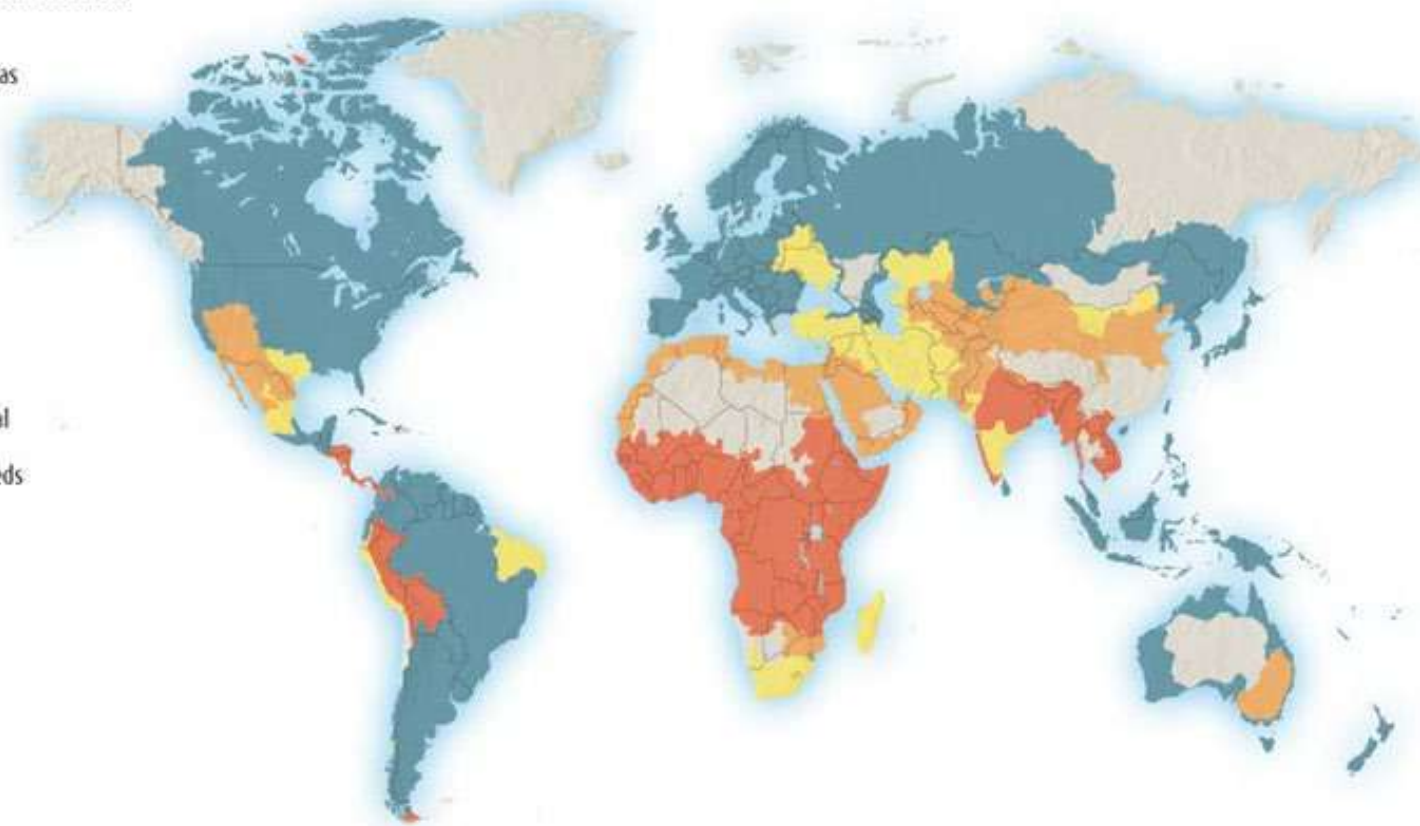


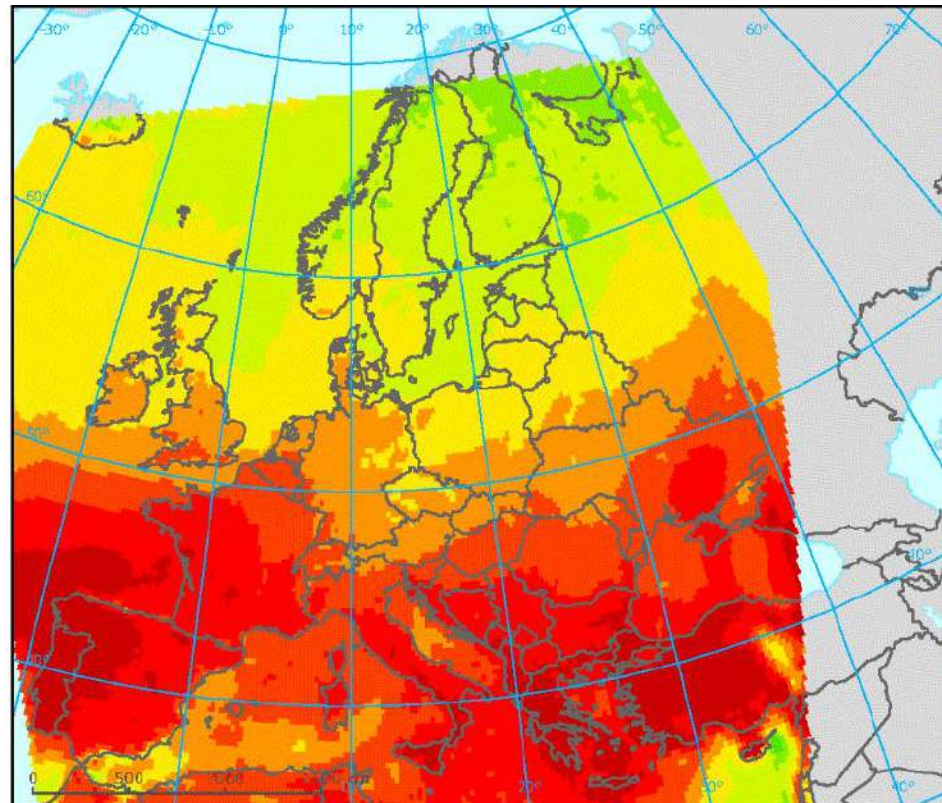
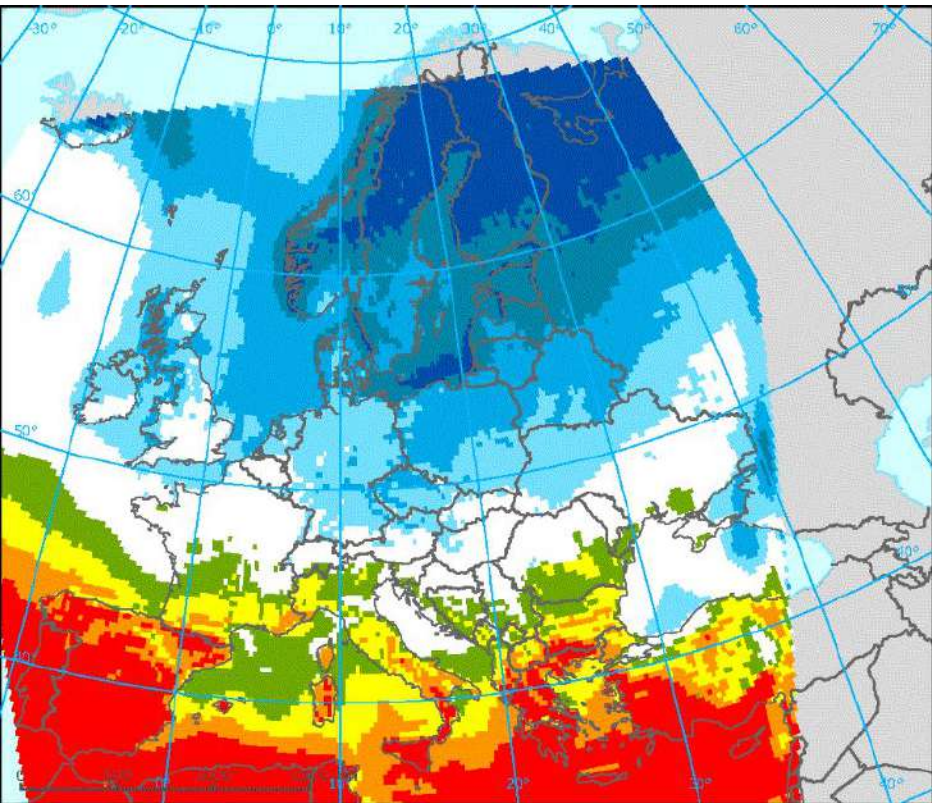
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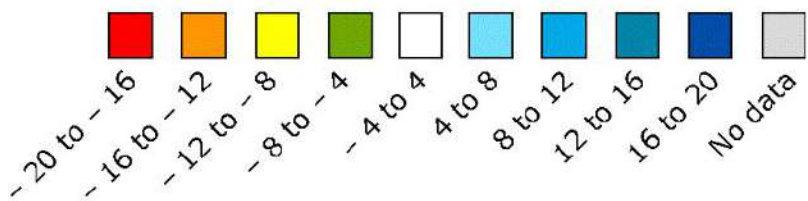
## Areas around the globe suffering from depleted water resources

- Physical water scarcity**  
Water resource development is approaching or has exceeded sustainable limits. More than 75% of river flow is extracted for agriculture
- Approaching physical water scarcity**  
More than 60% of river flow is extracted. These areas will experience physical water scarcity in the near future
- Economic water scarcity**  
Limited access to water even though natural local supplies are available to meet human demands. Less than 25% of water extracted for human needs
- Little or no water scarcity**  
Abundant water resources relative to use, with less than 25% of water extracted for human purposes
- Not estimated**

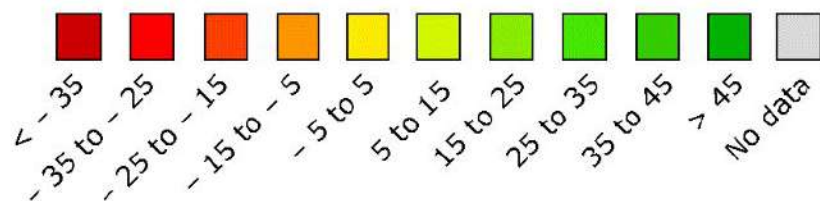


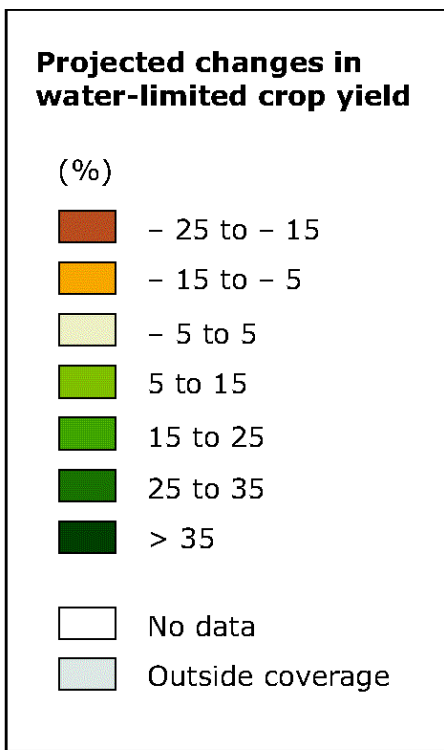
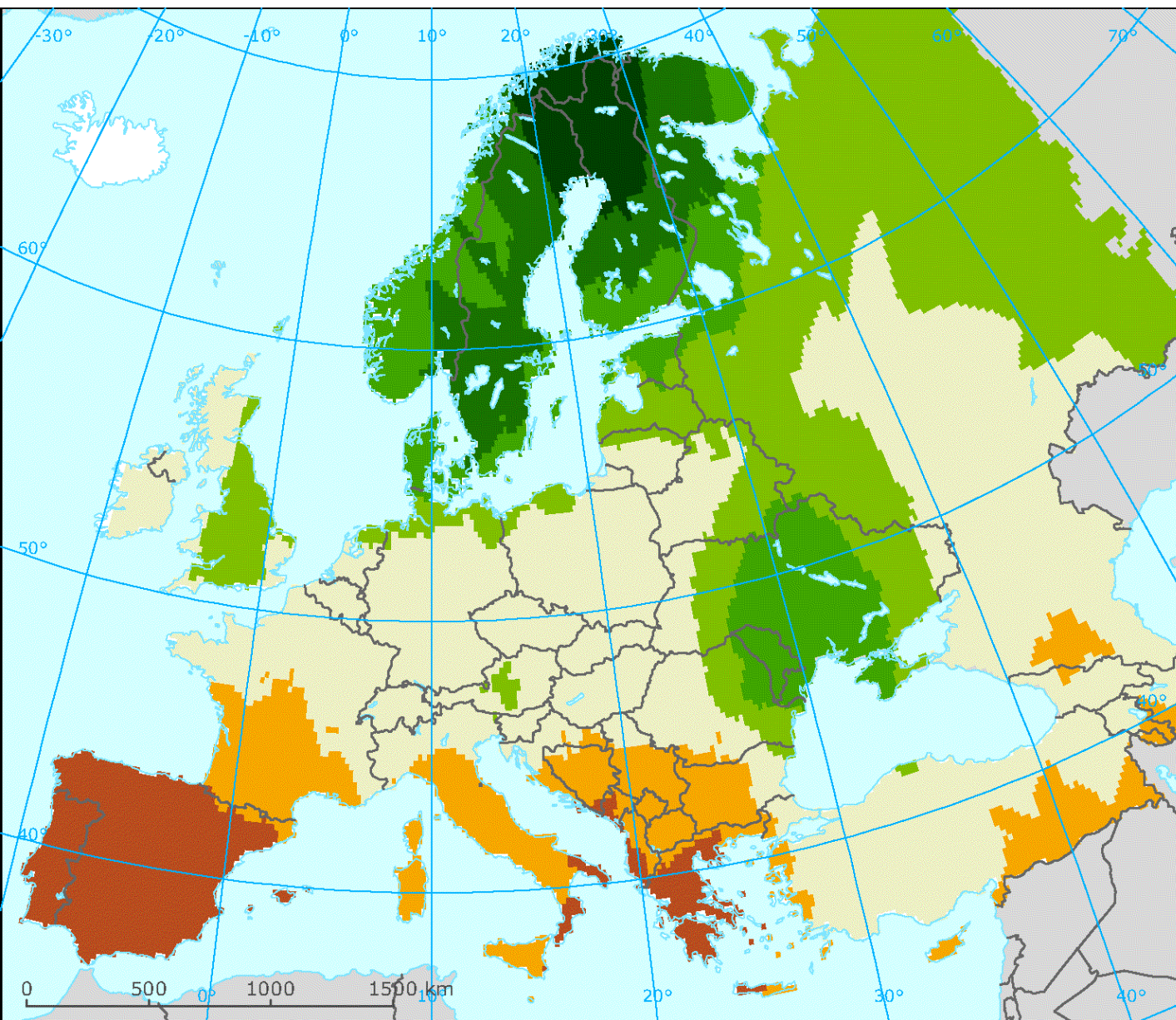


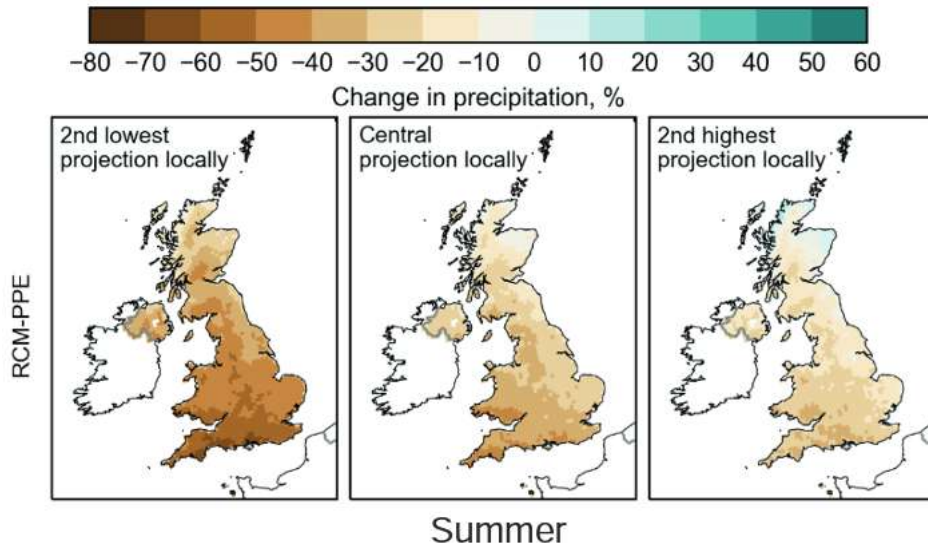
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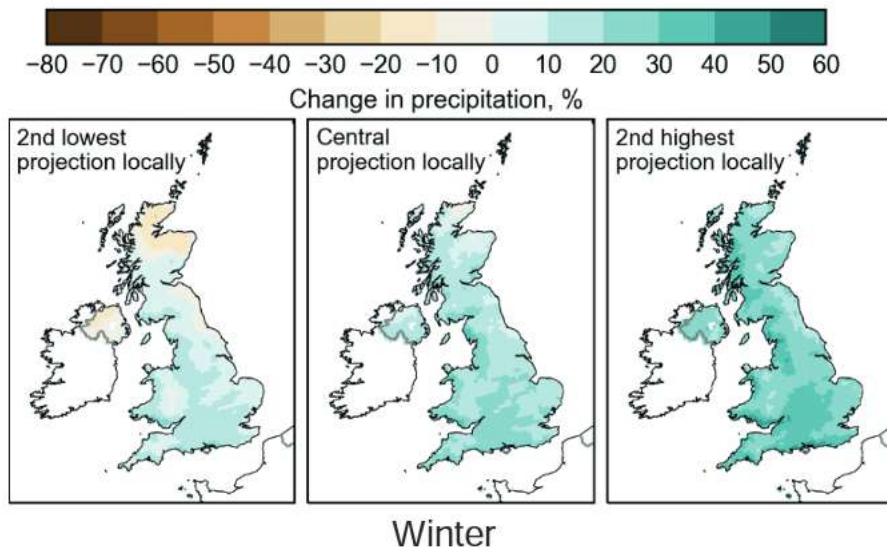
**Projected changes in in summer precipitation (%)**

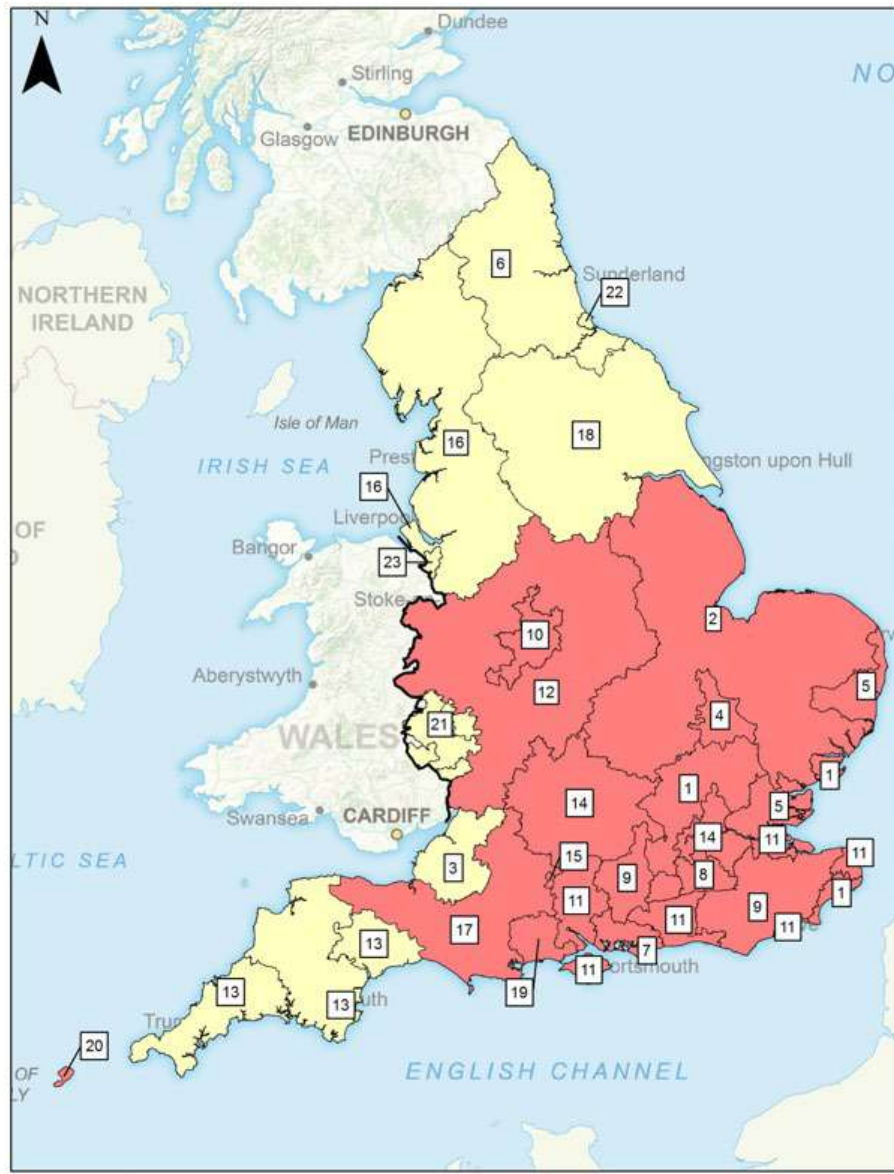






- Drier summers and wetter winters
- Increased frequency of heavy rain events
- Increased frequency of droughts





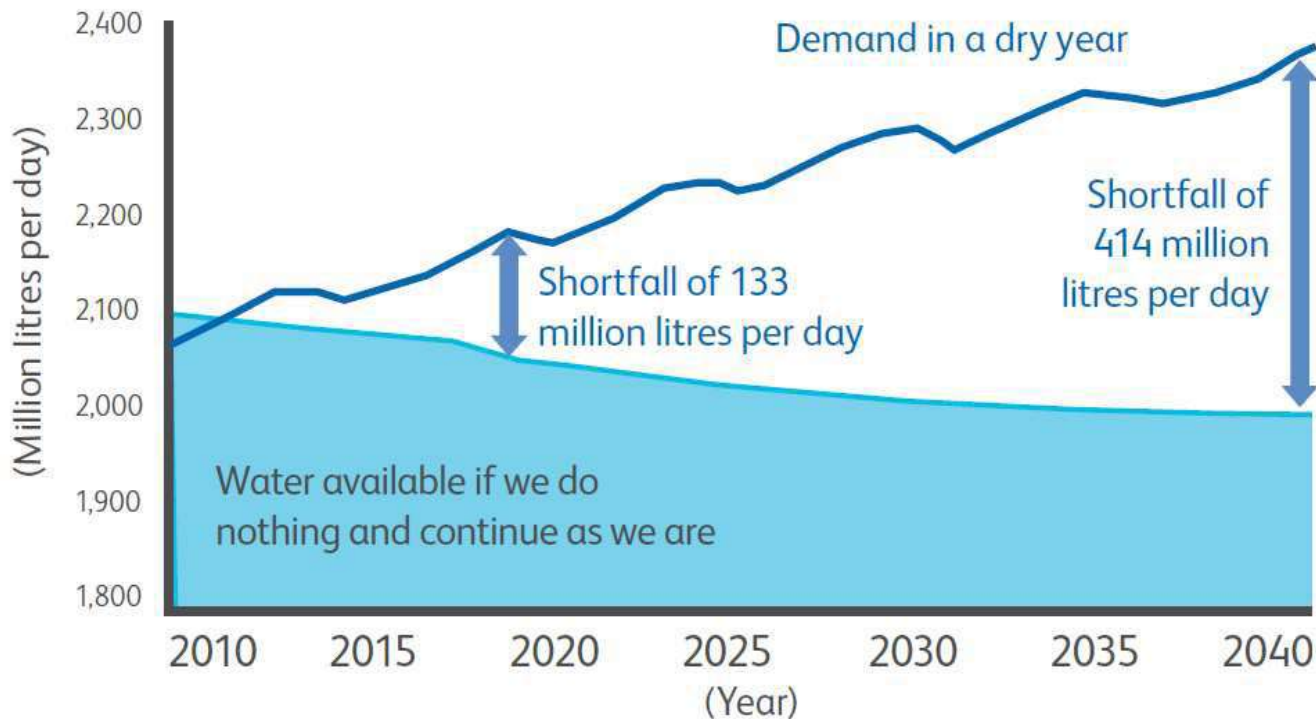
from *Water Stressed Regions – final classification, 2021*, UK Government

- Most water supply regions in serious water stress by 2030
- Discussions about regional water transfers
- New systems for water abstraction management
- Indirect wastewater re-use?

Water Stress Map		Notes			
England Wales	1. Affinity Water	7. Portsmouth Water	14. Thames Water	20. Isles of Scilly WRZ (South West Water)	
Boundary	2. Anglian Water	8. Sutton and East Surrey	15. Veolia Water	21. DCWW (South West Water)	
Not Serious	3. Bristol Water	9. South East Water	16. United Utilities	22. Hartlepool WRZ (Anglian Water)	
Serious	4. Cambridge Water	10. South Staffordshire	17. Wessex Water	23. Chester WRZ (Severn Trent Water)	
	5. Essex and Suffolk	11. Southern Water	18. Yorkshire Water		
	6. Nothumbrian Water	12. Severn Trent Water	19. Bournemouth WRZ (South West Water)		
		13. South West Water			



## Forecast gap between supply and demand in London



Source: Draft Water Resources Management Plan, 2014

# Water Quality



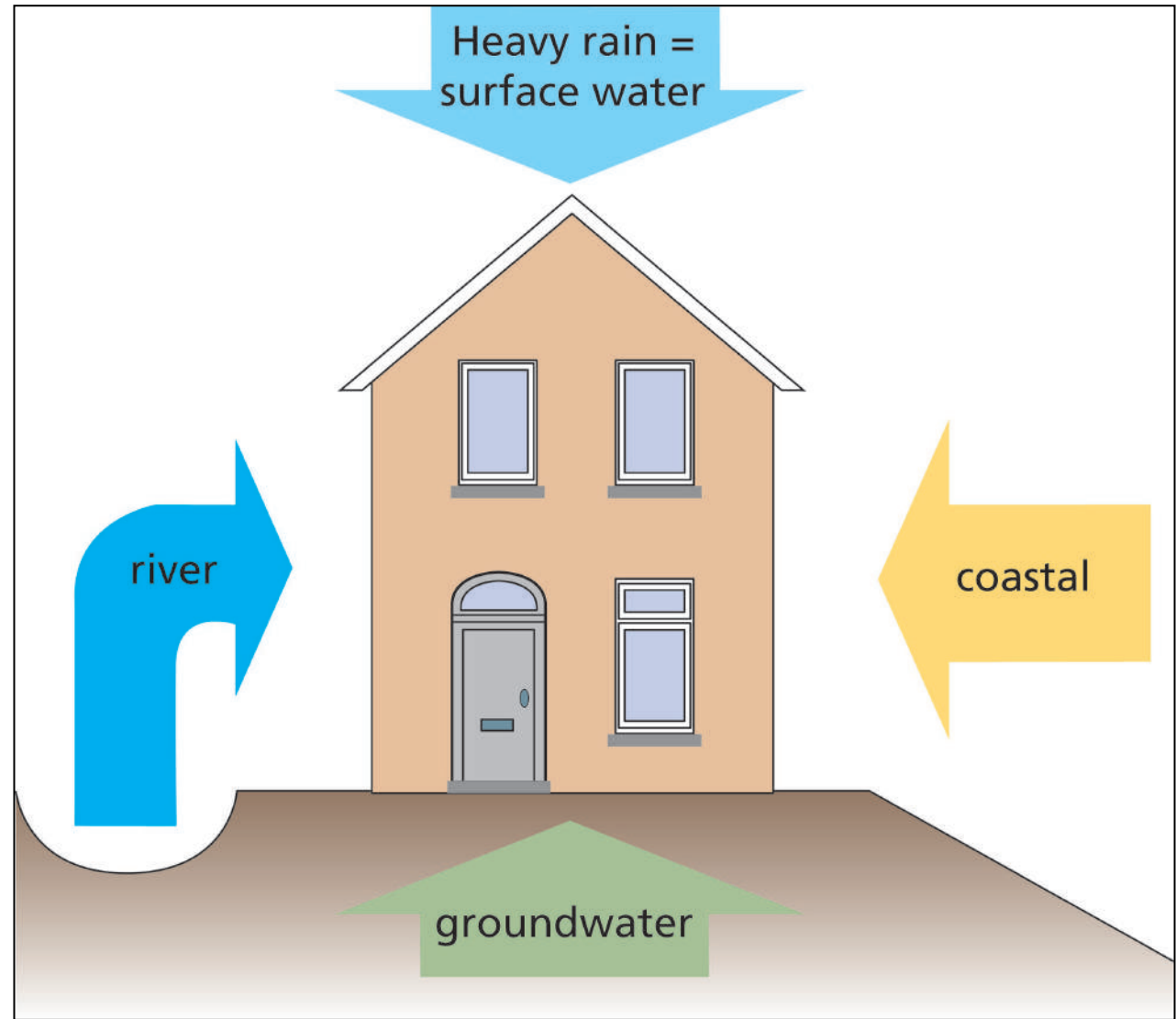


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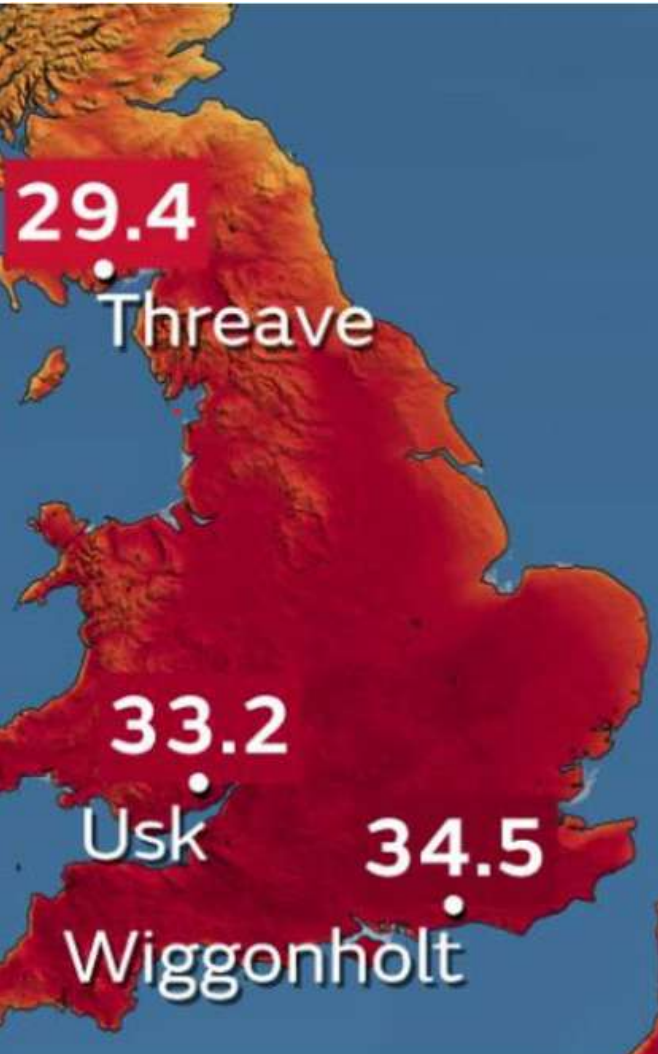
- pluvial
- fluvial
- groundwater
- coastal







*.....and of course drought!*



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## 4. Water and “Sustainability”: near & long term prospects

- the *EC Water Framework Directive* (2000)
- sustainable urban drainage schemes (SuDS)
- circular economy in water



## ***EC Water Framework Directive (2000)***

- an attempt to create a unified approach to water quality management out of the plethora of specific technical water quality directives developed over the past 20 years.
  - it requires all inland and coastal water bodies to reach at least “good status” (defined in chemical and biological terms) by 2015.
  - does this by establishing a stakeholder-based river basin district management structure within which demanding environmental objectives will be set, including ecological targets for surface waters.
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## ***EC Water Framework Directive (2000)***

Although its primary aims are environmental, the WFD embraces all three principles of sustainable development: *environmental, economic* and *social* needs must all be taken into account when river basin management plans are being developed (Article 9). cf. “IWRM”

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# The Government's Response to Sir Michael Pitt's Review of the Summer 2007 Floods

## PROGRESS REPORT

June 2009

- Pitt Review: focus on infrastructure and resilience
  - New Infrastructure Planning Commission
  - Vulnerable citizens
  - Civil defence
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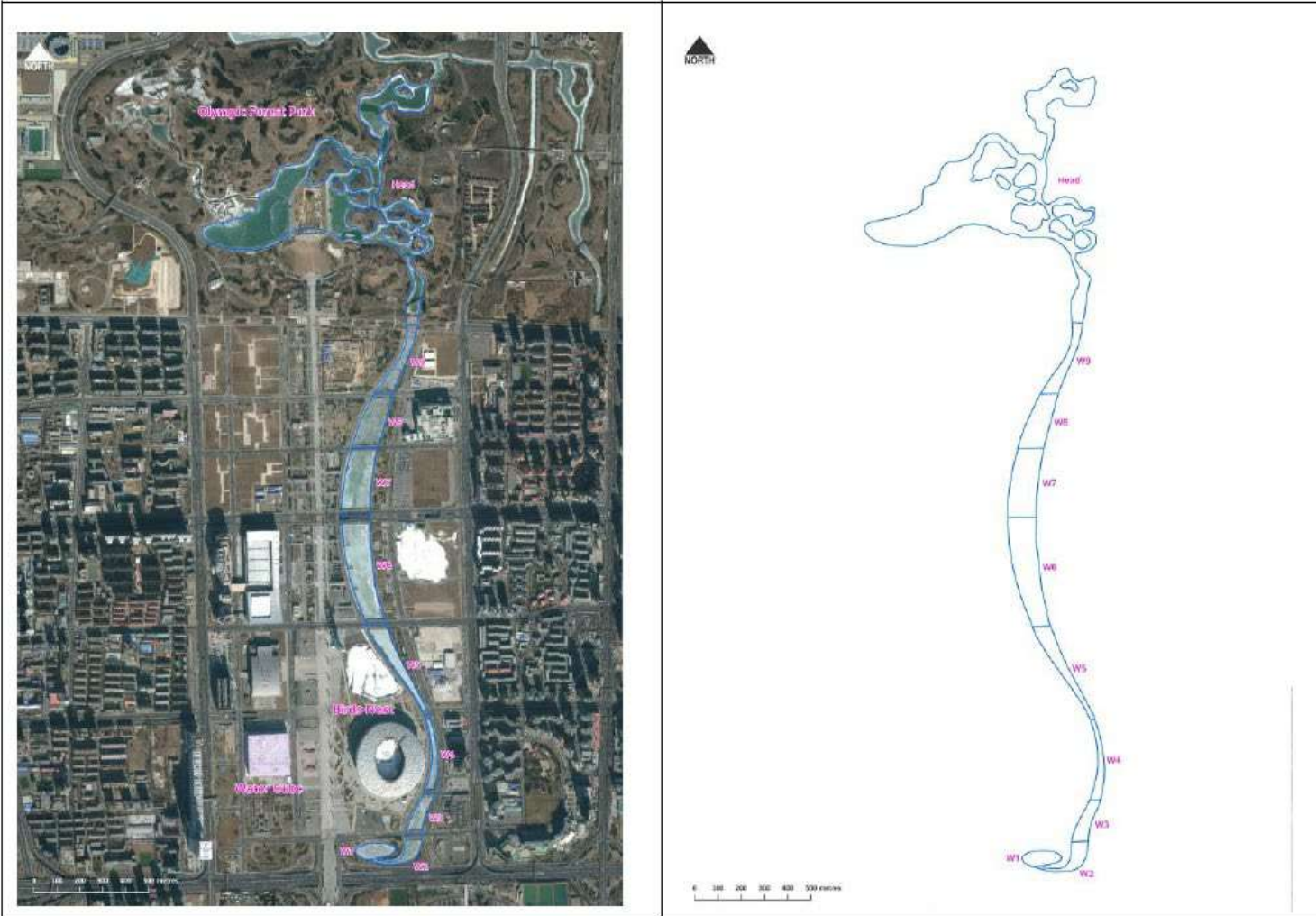
The *CIRIA SUDS Manual* suggests that a well-designed SUDS should:

1. “store or safely pass the runoff from extreme storm events, without putting public or property at risk
  2. reduce if possible, or at least not increase, the pre-development risk of flooding associated with the receiving watercourse
  3. prevent downstream stream bank and channel erosion
  4. reduce urban runoff pollutants and improve stormwater water quality before discharge
  5. provide amenity and ecological benefits, wherever practicable.
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**UWE Bristol, Frenchay Campus (2010)**



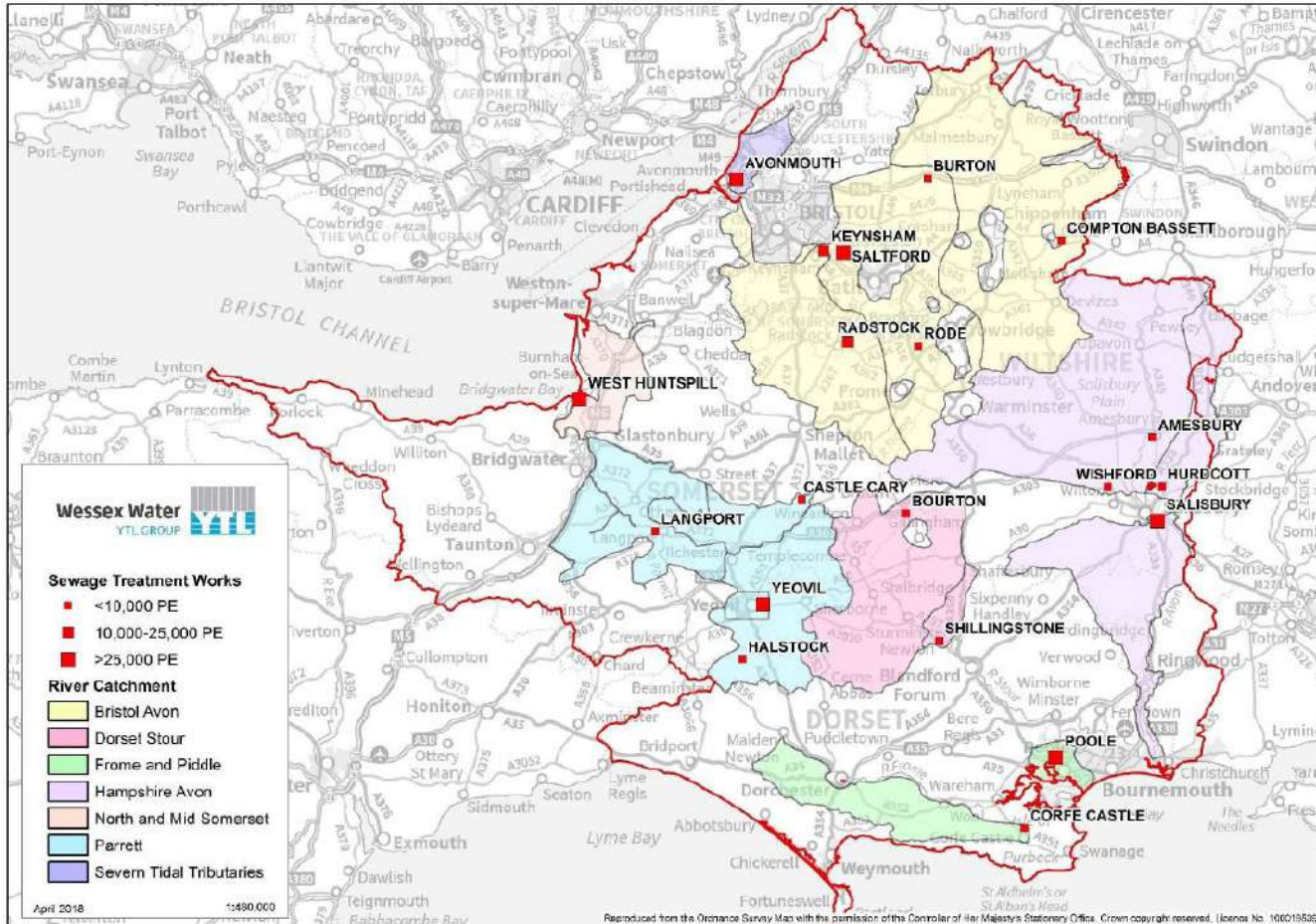


**Figure 1: Main Beijing Olympic Site, showing Dragon-shaped River system, with Dragon Lake and Olympic Forest Park at top. Source: Paul Satchell, UWE, Bristol**



Learning from Windhoek and Singapore: circular water systems “from toilet to tap”

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Step 4: Secondary Treatment

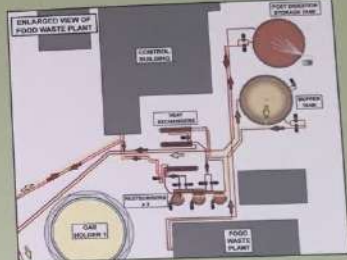
Step 5: Final treatment and outfall

Step 3: Primary Settlement Tanks

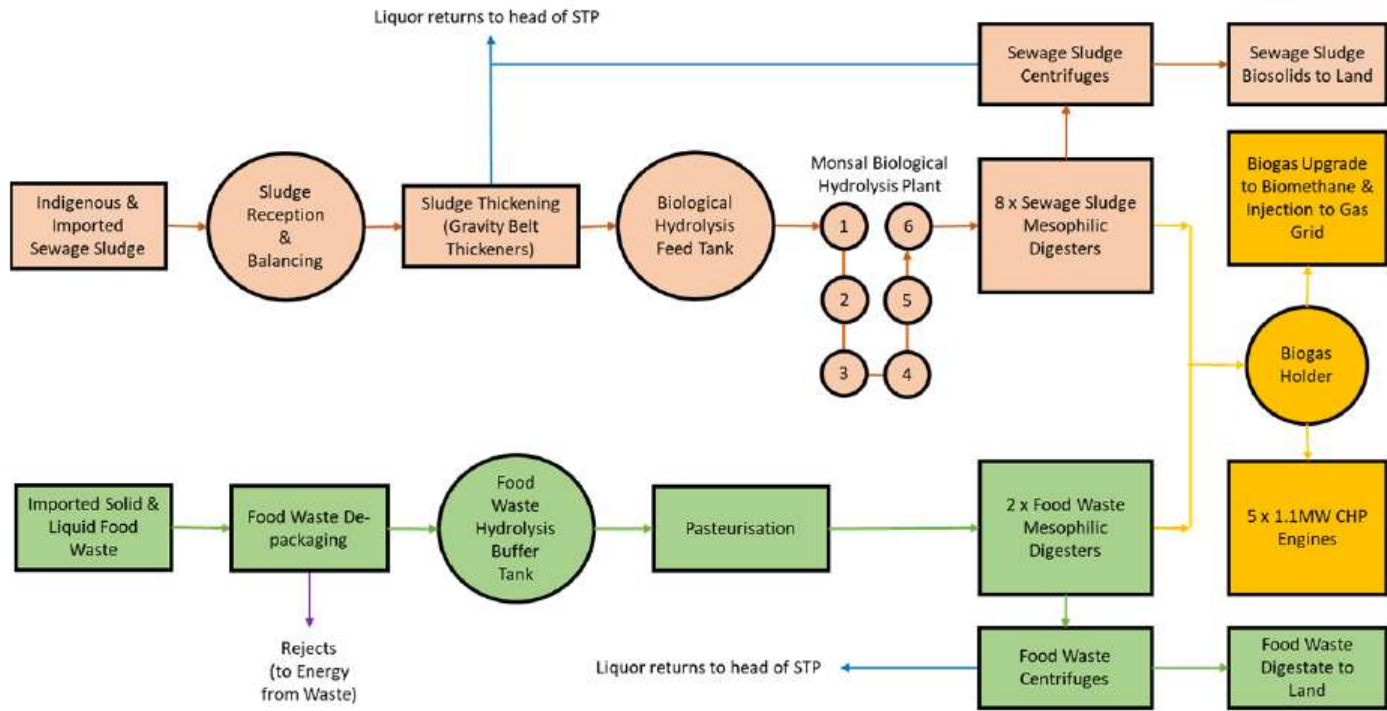
Step 2: Screening and Grit Removal

Step 6: Bioenergy Facility

Step 1: Initial Wastewater Reception on Site



# Co-location of sewage sludge and food waste AD



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