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Double Desalinization Approach (DDA) as Integrated Solution for Salt-Affected Soil Management in Water Shortage Region

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Conservation and Development



**Aral Sea 'Probably Biggest
Ecological Catastrophe of Our Time',
UN Secretary-General António
Guterres Says**

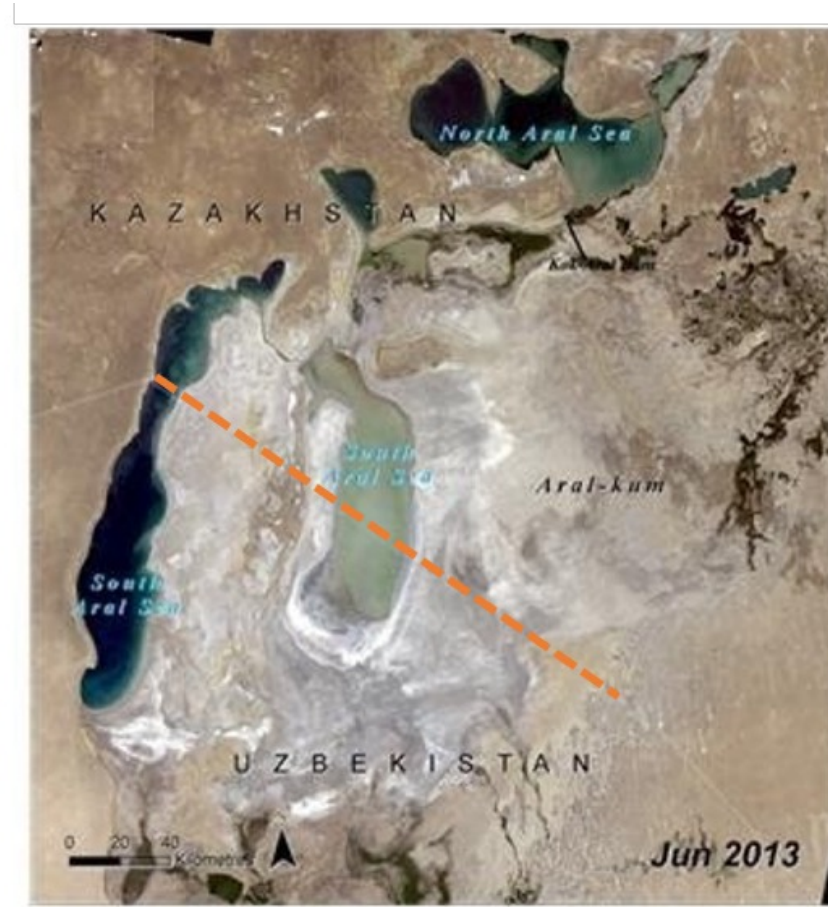
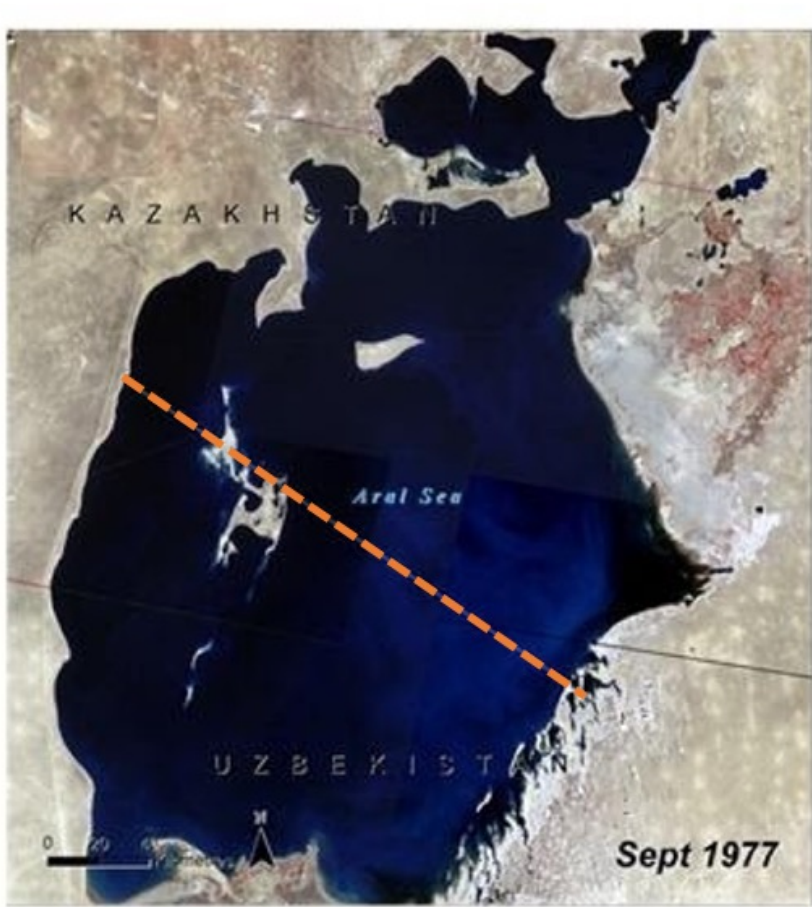


Shrinkage of area: 85%

68 thousand km²  1.0 thousand km²

Decline of water > 95%

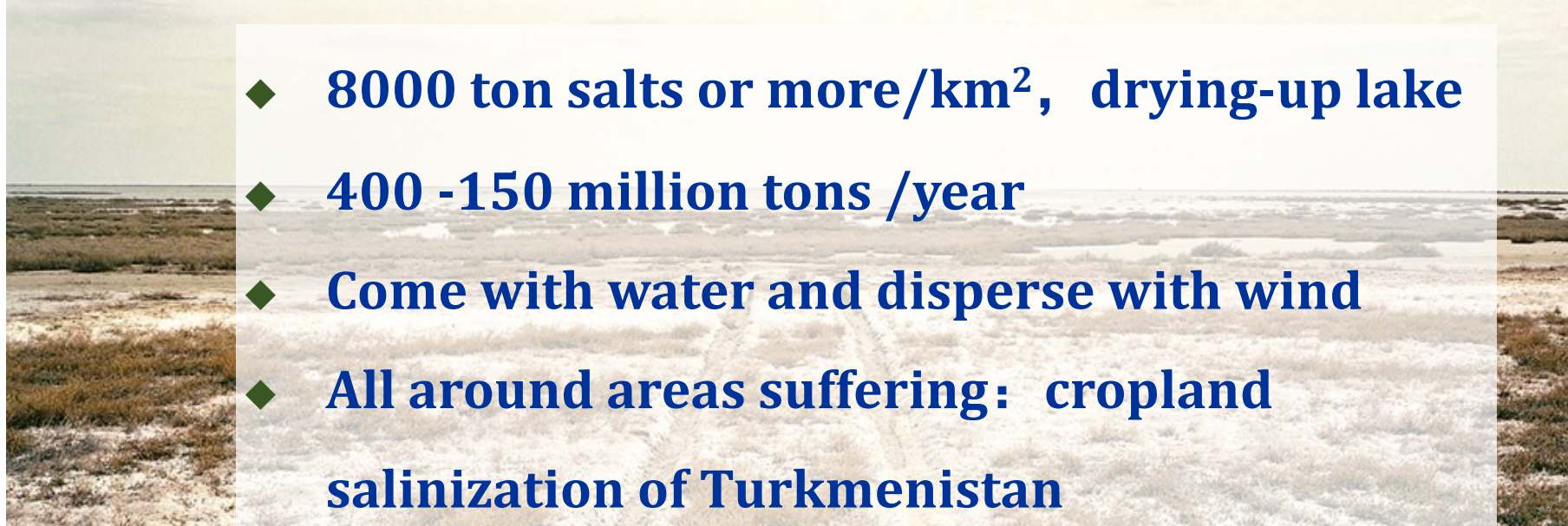
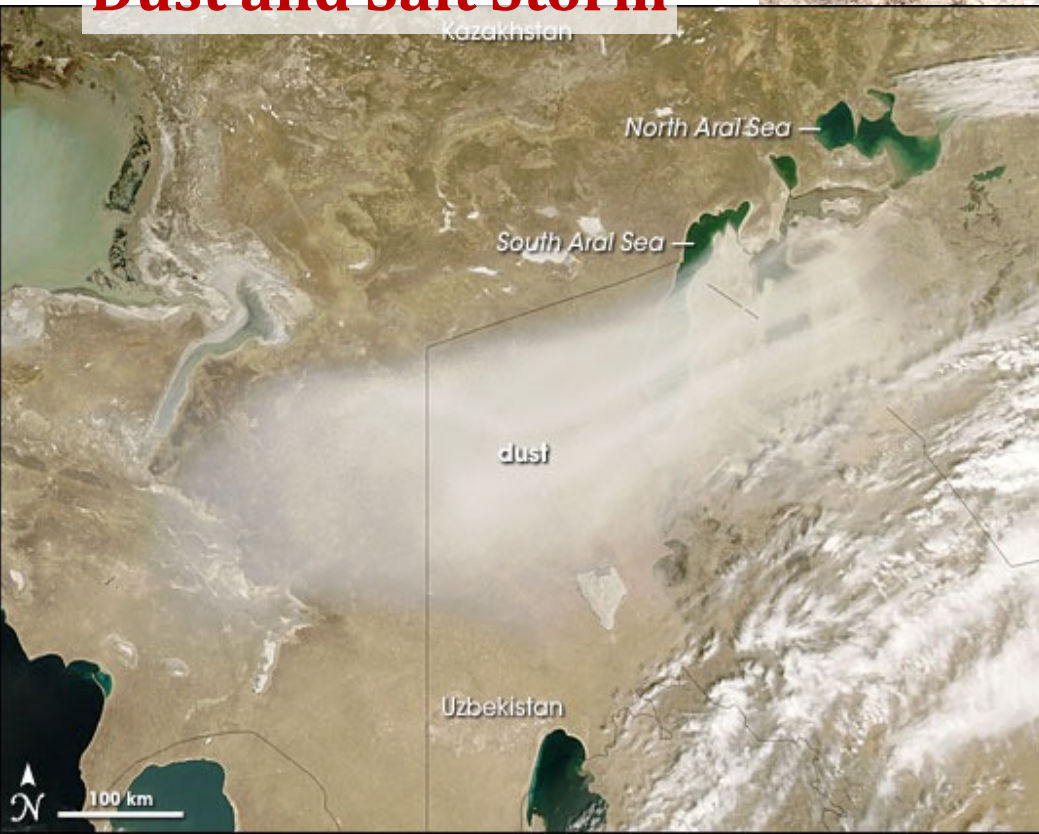
1064 km³  30 km³



Beginning about 1960, the Aral Sea's water level was systematically and drastically reduced, because of the diversion of water from the Amu Darya and Syr Darya rivers for purposes of agricultural irrigation.



Dust and Salt Storm



- ◆ 8000 ton salts or more/km², drying-up lake
- ◆ 400 -150 million tons /year
- ◆ Come with water and disperse with wind
- ◆ All around areas suffering: cropland salinization of Turkmenistan



Global saline soils

Saline Soils (Average of top- and subsoil)

Country	Total Area
Chile	8,642
USA	8,517
Chad	8,267
Egypt	7,360
Canada	7,238
Iraq	6,726
Nigeria	6,502
Saudi Arabia	6,002
Bolivia	5,949
Botswana	5,679
Somalia	5,602

Country	Total Area
Sudan	4,874
Kenya	4,858
Brazil	4,503
Mongolia	4,070
United Rep. of Tanzania	3,537
Algeria	3,150
Afghanistan	3,101
Malaysia	3,040
Bangladesh	3,017

Country	Total Area
Australia	357,240
USSR	170,720
Argentina	85,612
China	36,658
Iran	27,085
India	23,796
Paraguay	21,902
Indonesia	13,213
Ethiopia	11,033
Pakistan	10,456

Country	Total Area
Mali	2,770
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2,457
Namibia	2,313
Afars and Issas	1,741
Mexico	1,649
Sarawak	1,538



Legend

Saline soils by severity

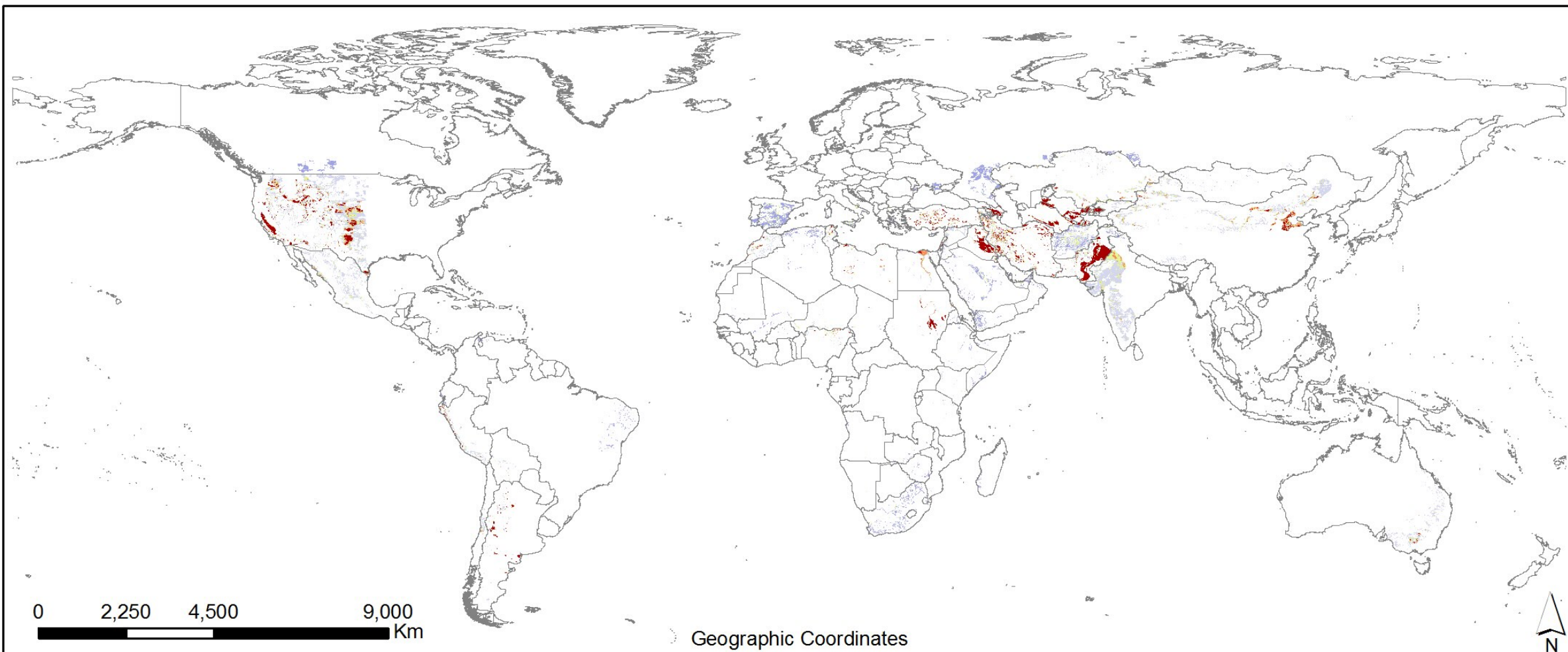
 Slight
 Moderate
 High
 Extreme
 Very extreme

Note: This map indicates the location of saline soils worldwide but does not properly present their areal extent.

This is because each mapping unit consists of up to nine soil units and, while not all of these may be affected, the map depicts the whole mapping unit to be salt-affected.

Source of Data: FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISSCAS/JRC, 2008. Harmonized World Soil Database (version 1.0). FAO, Rome, Italy and IIASA, Laxenburg, Austria.

March 2009, BIOSAFOR Consortium



Irrigation Salinity Risk



**Physical
measures**

**Water conservancy
measures**

**Main methods of
salted-affect soil
management**

**Chemical
measures**

**Biological
measures**

Example in Bayannur

- ◆ Irrigation area 1.4 million ha, and 5.2 billion m³ annually, 1/7 of the runoff of the Yellow River
- ◆ 0.7 million ha cropland, and 44% are salt-affected land

Integrated method

- ❑ Organic fertilizer application
- ❑ Sand-mixture to improve soil permeability
- ❑ Application of desulfurized gypsum and modifier to alkali
- ❑ Straw mixture to reduce water movement
- ❑ Hidden tubes for salt drainage



Shortcomings and problems

Economic costs:
Annual input; Short-term benefit



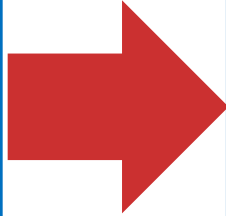
Water resources cost



Ecological impacts:
local ecosystem,
quality of
downstream, aquatic
life; Lake
eutrophication and
salinity

Options in different conditions

- ◆ **Seasonal irrigation on-site: salt in the soil will cost a great amount of water every year**
- ◆ **Drainage of polluted water: damage the water body and system**
- ◆ **Water-shortage area: hopeless**



Best way:

- ◆ **Considering the impacts of salts in soil and the wetland**
- ◆ **Abstract soil from soil**

China

中国年降水量

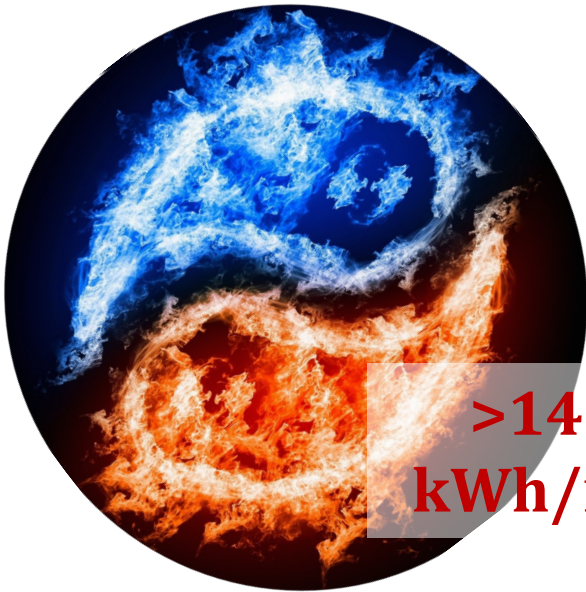
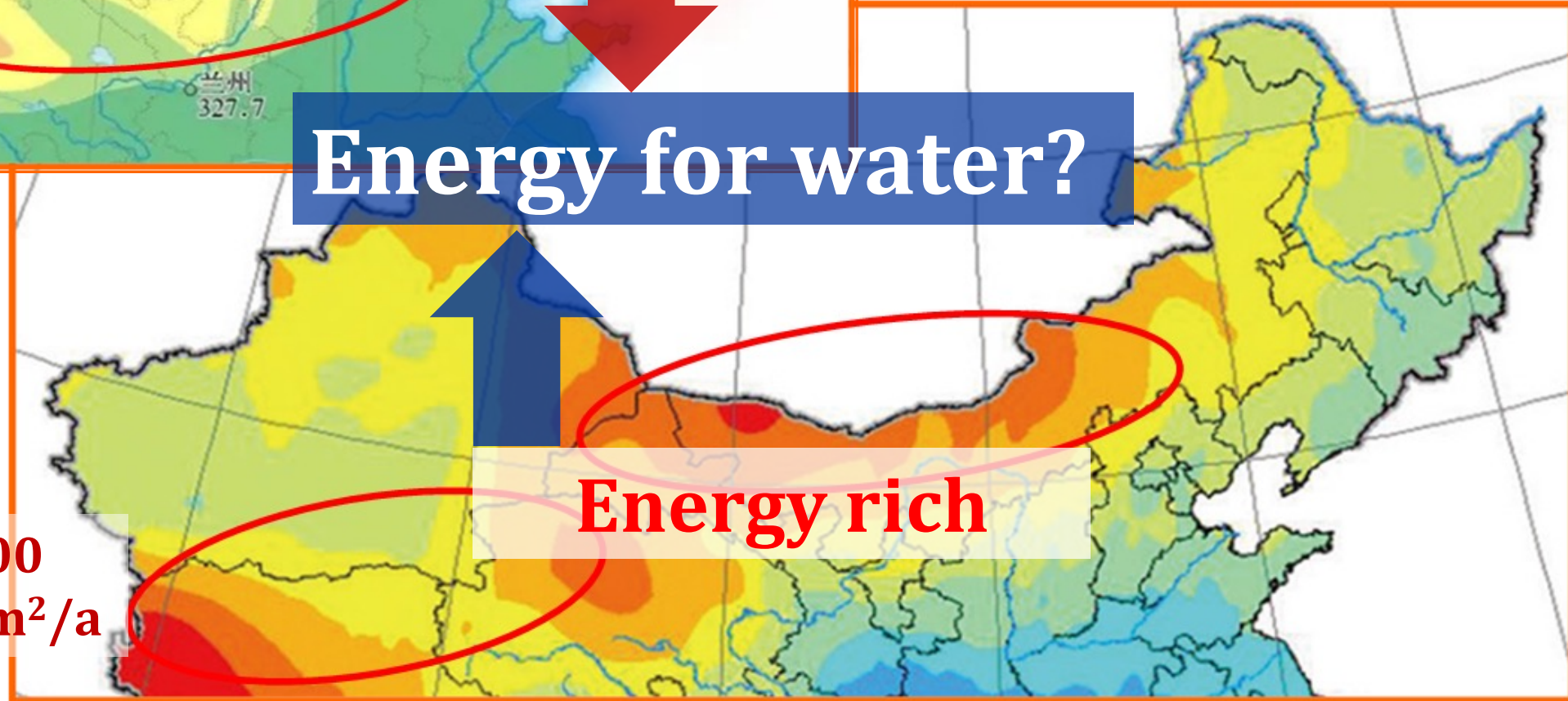
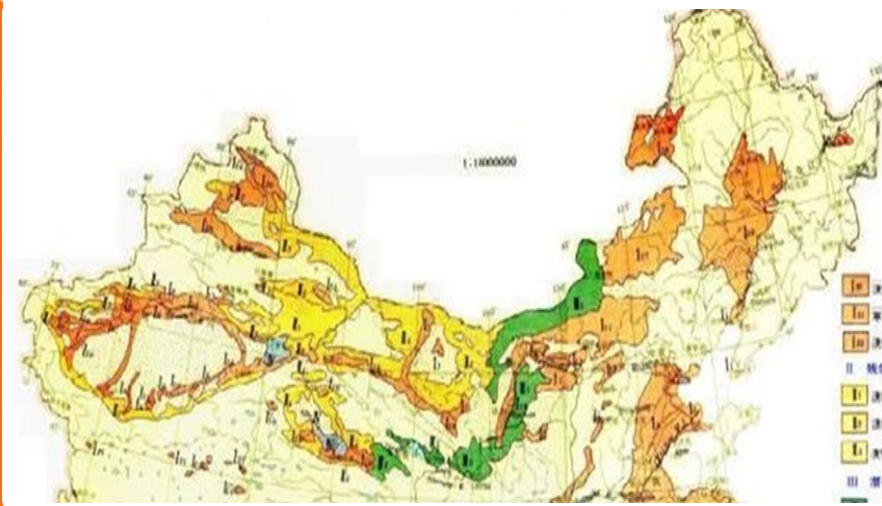
Water scarcity

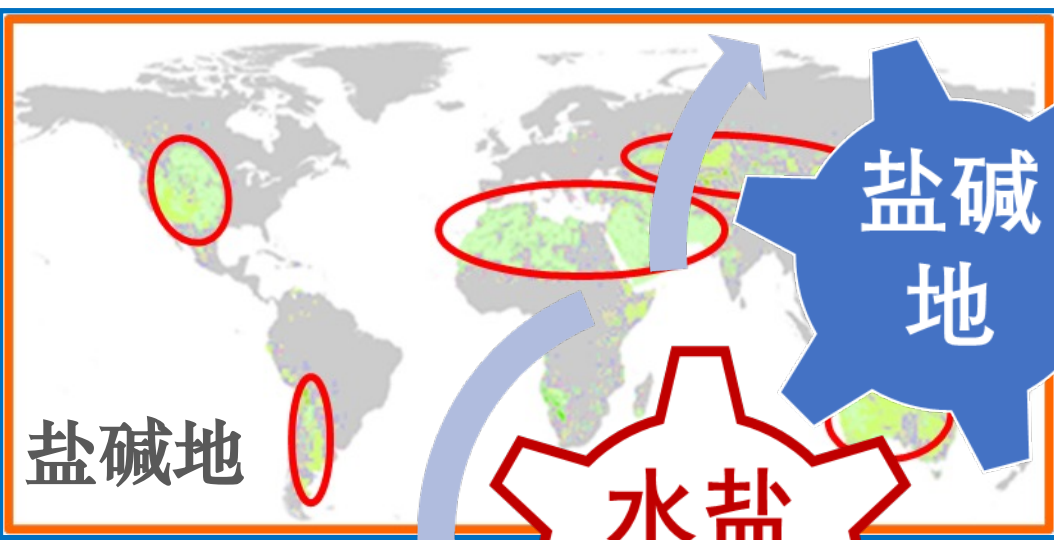
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Energy for water?

Energy rich

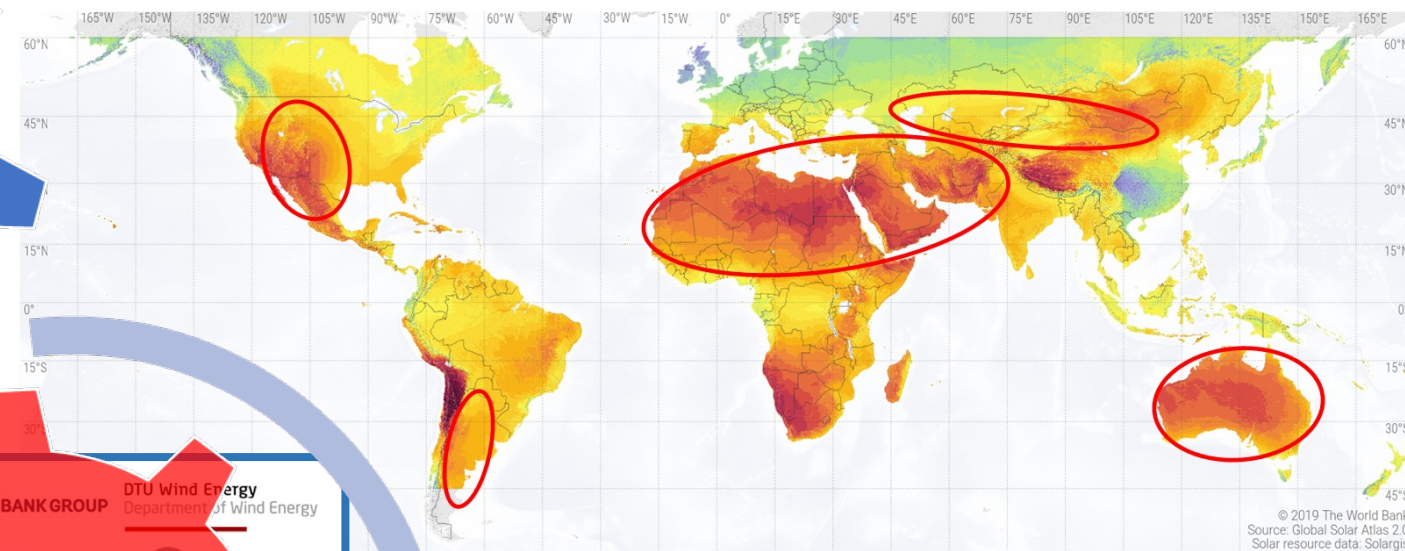
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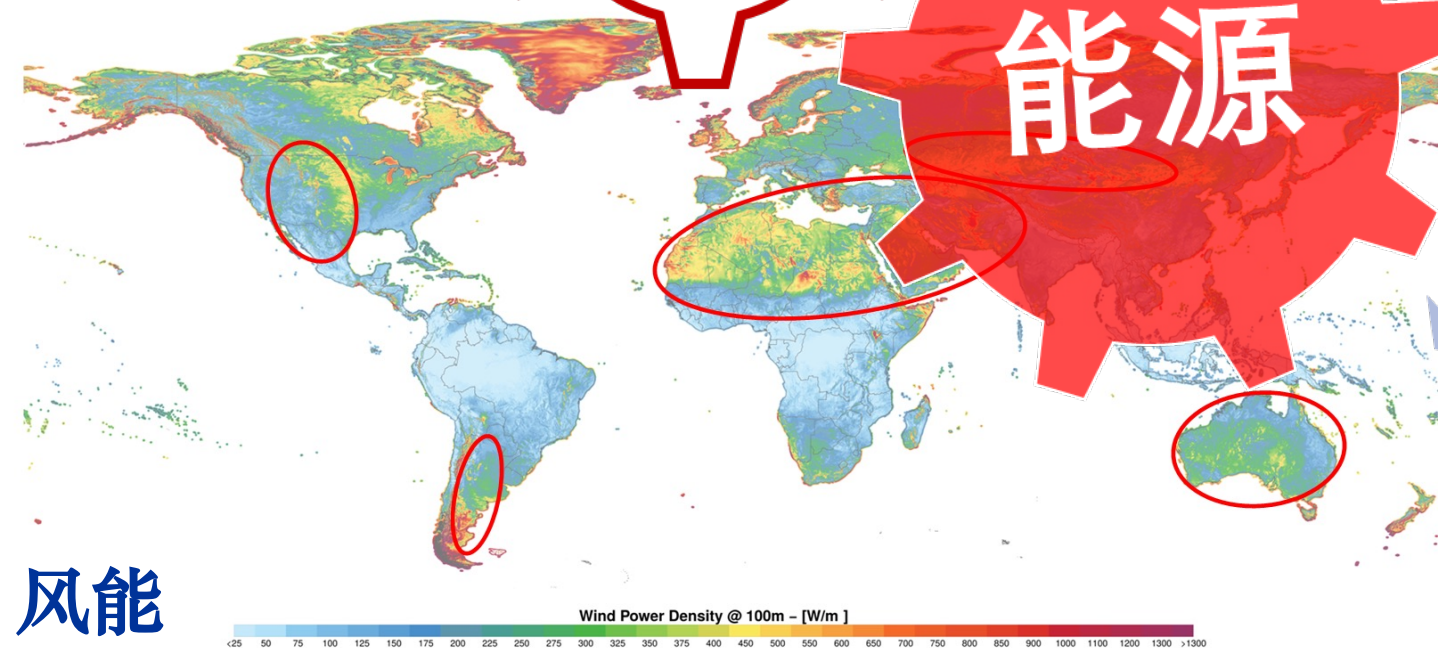


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ONSHORE & OFFSHORE WIND RESOURCE MAP WIND POWER DENSITY POTENTIAL



能源

水盐
关系

盐碱地

Salt and food:
Water shortage
Clean energy

光伏

The background of the entire slide is a close-up photograph of a rope knot. The rope is multi-colored, featuring blue, red, yellow, and green strands. The knot is a complex, multi-looped structure, possibly a reef knot or a similar sailing knot, with the strands interwoven in a way that creates a textured, three-dimensional appearance. The lighting is bright, highlighting the individual fibers of the rope.

0.85 °C

Warming

**From 1800
to 2012**

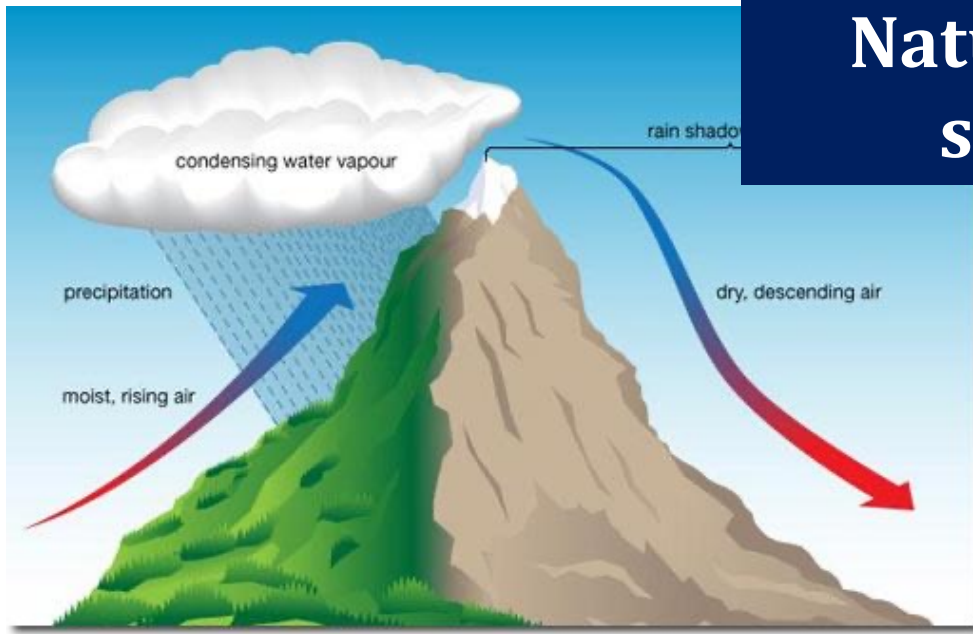
6.0 °C

Cooling

**Every 1000m-up
by height**

Value of landform

Nature-based solution



Condensation in tubes

Dry air

Clean water

Solar energy

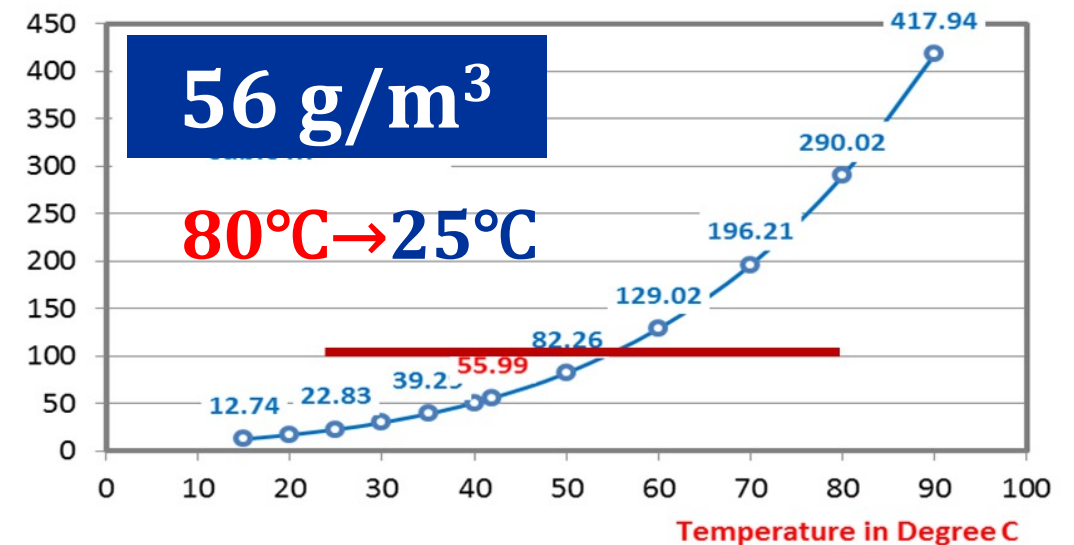


High concentration saline-alkali drainage

Hot vapor

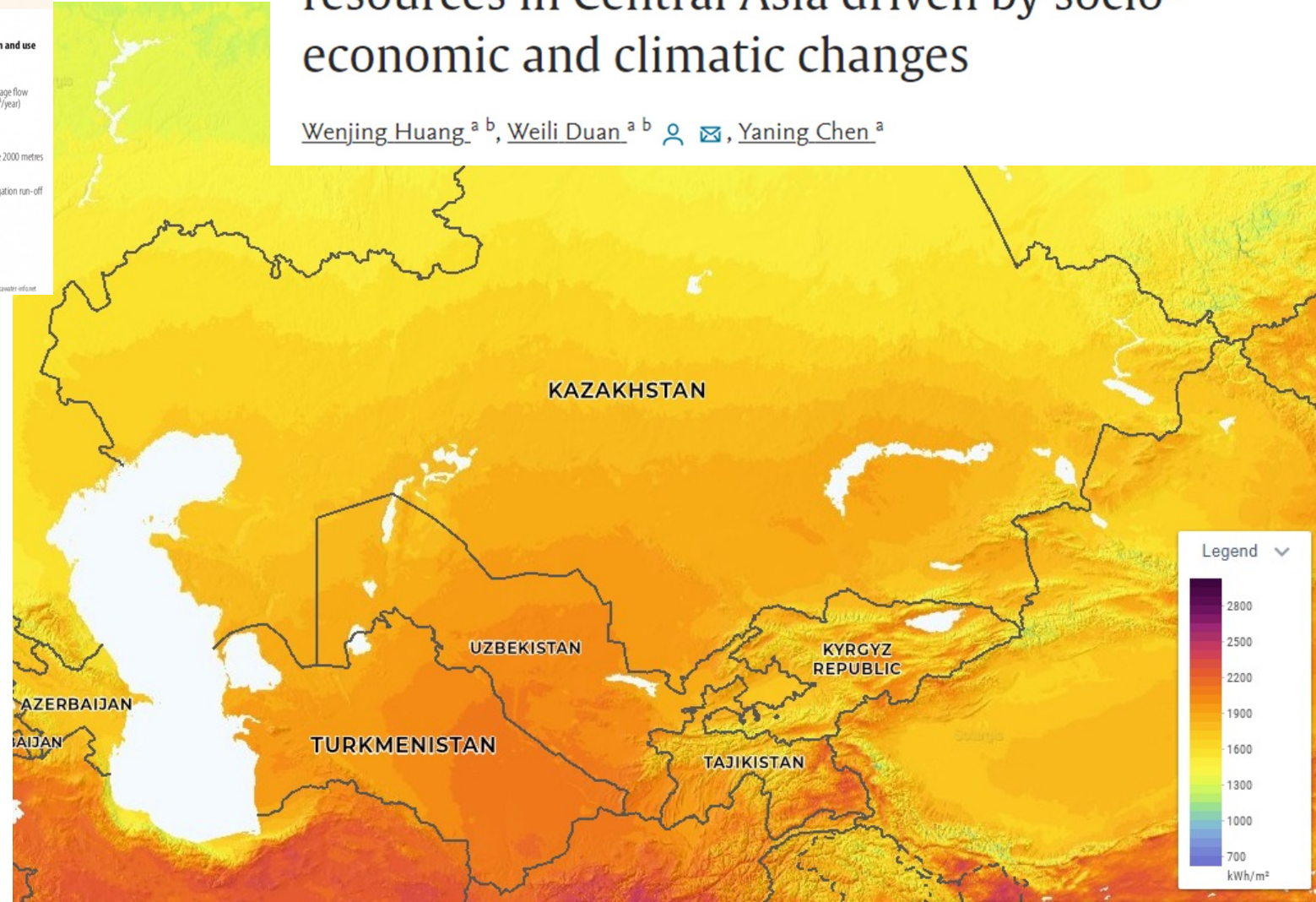
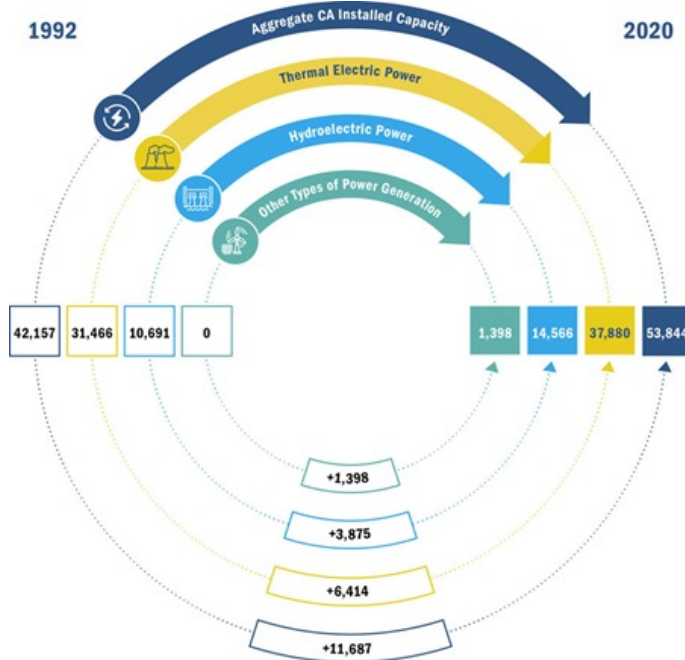
Heating with Unstable or excess electric energy

Saturated water content at a specific temperature



Rapidly declining surface and terrestrial water resources in Central Asia driven by socio-economic and climatic changes

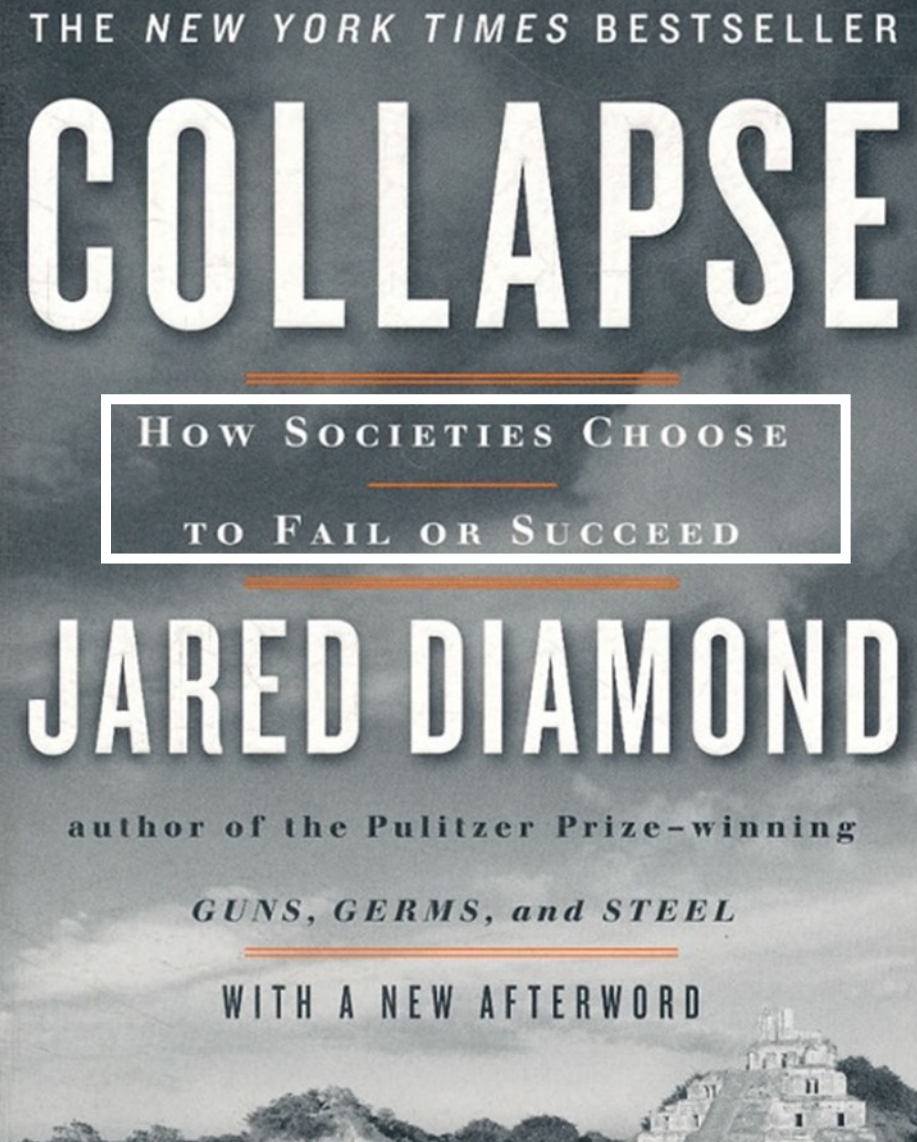
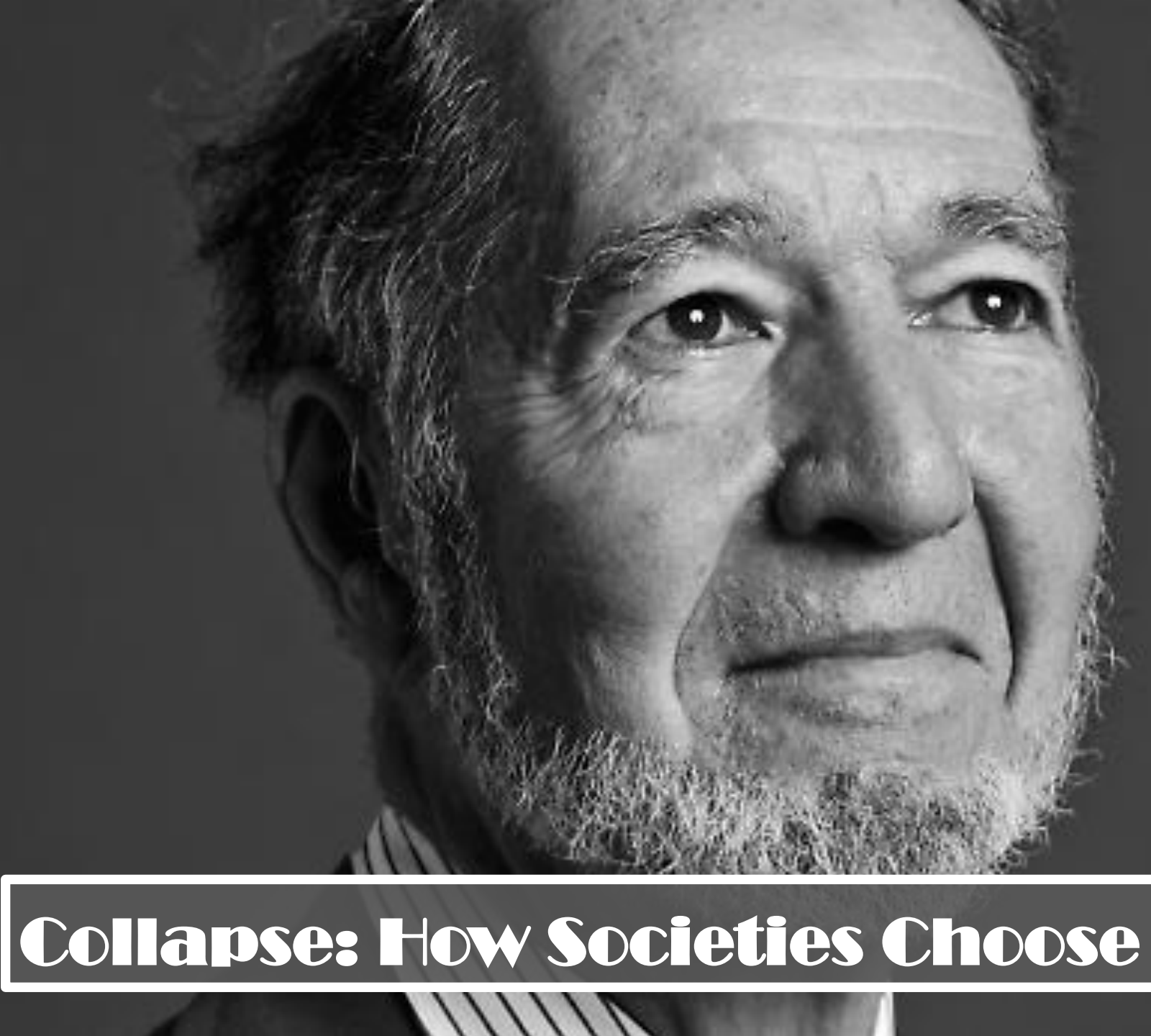
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Usage of salts

用盐做建筑
The TU Delft faculty of Civil Engineering





Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed





Je Maintiendrai! (我将一如既往)



荷兰填海: land and mind

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WHAT IS OUR CHOICE?



Thank you for your attention!

**Welcome you for further
discussion, cooperation and
visiting our university.**



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