



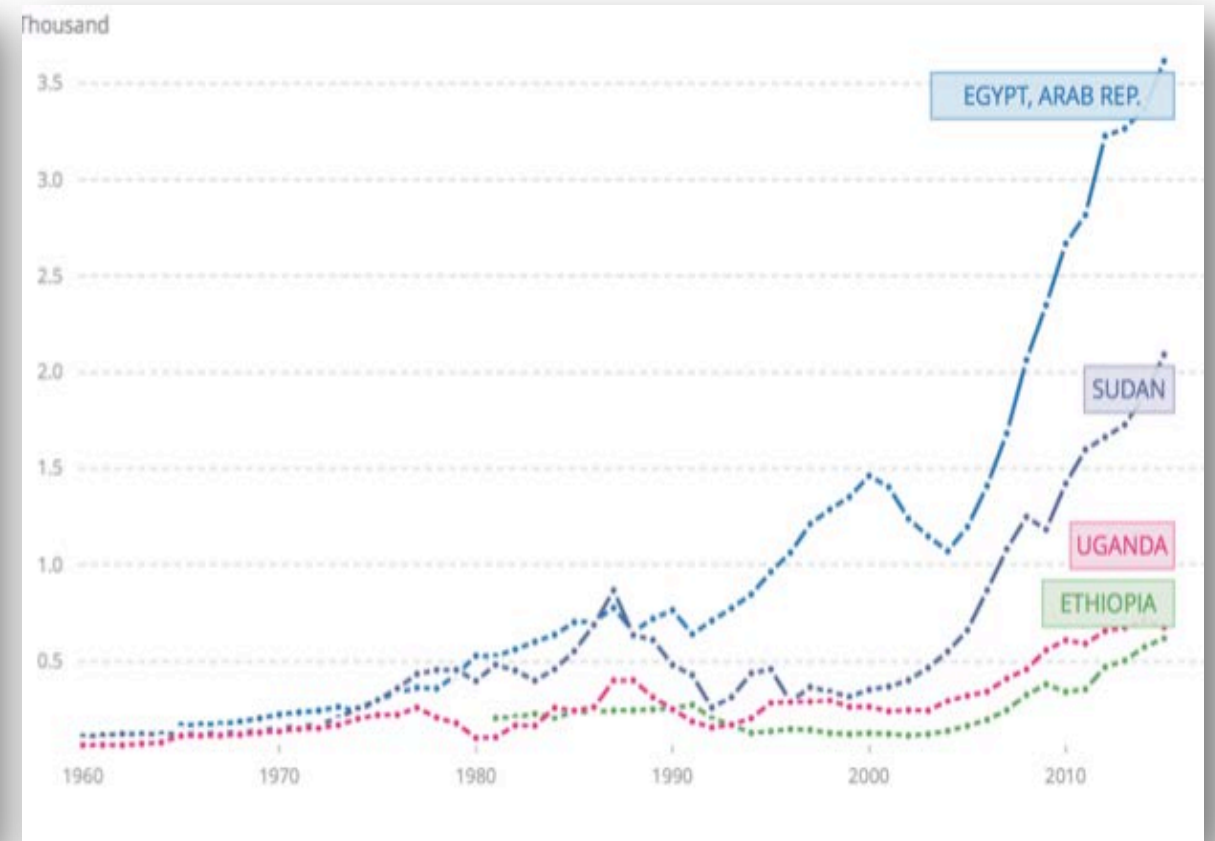
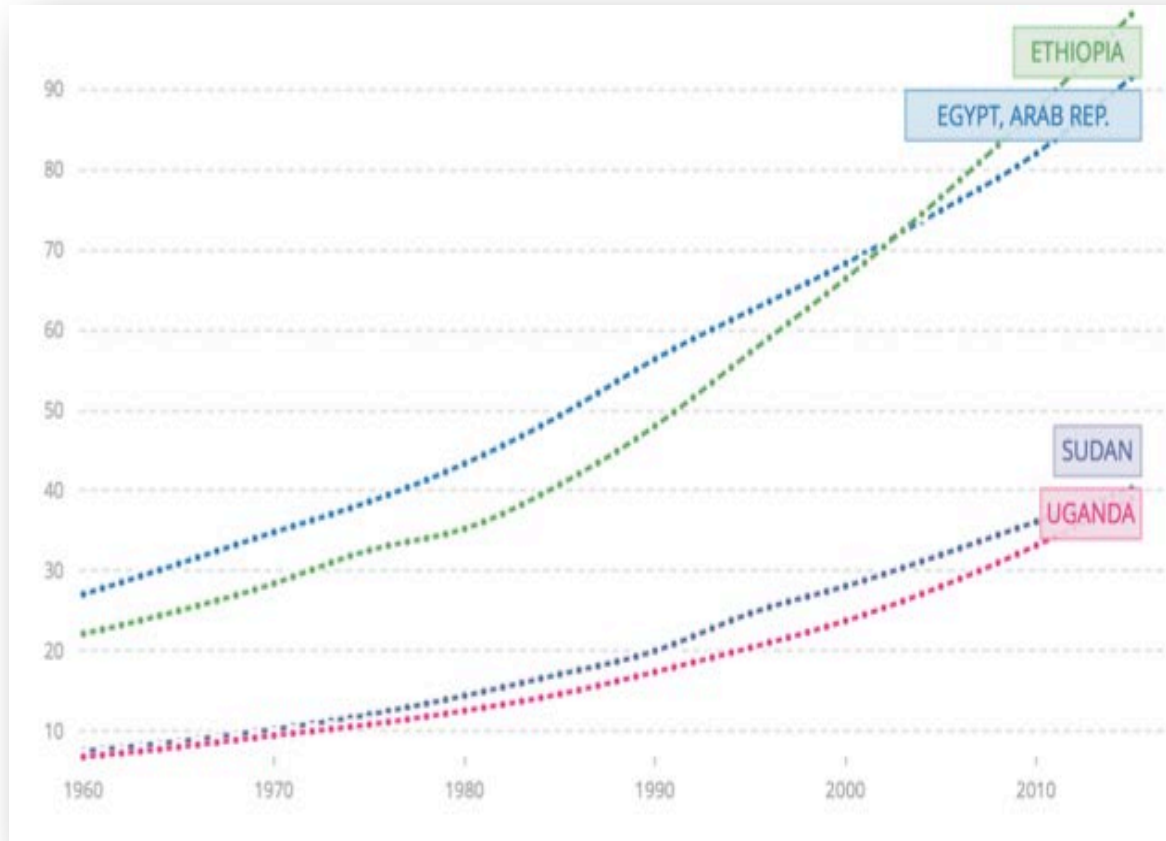
Water and Energy: Some Key Pointers

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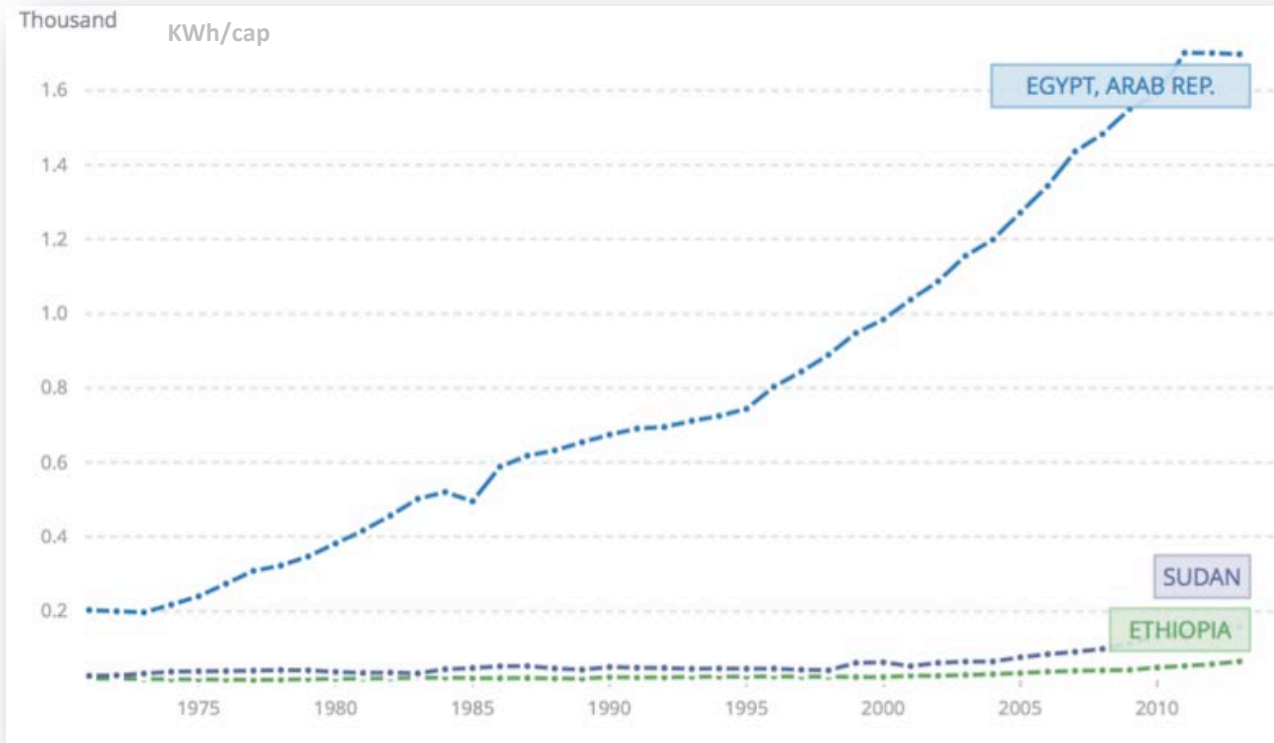
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Introduction: *Rapid transformations*



Challenges: *Energy disparities*

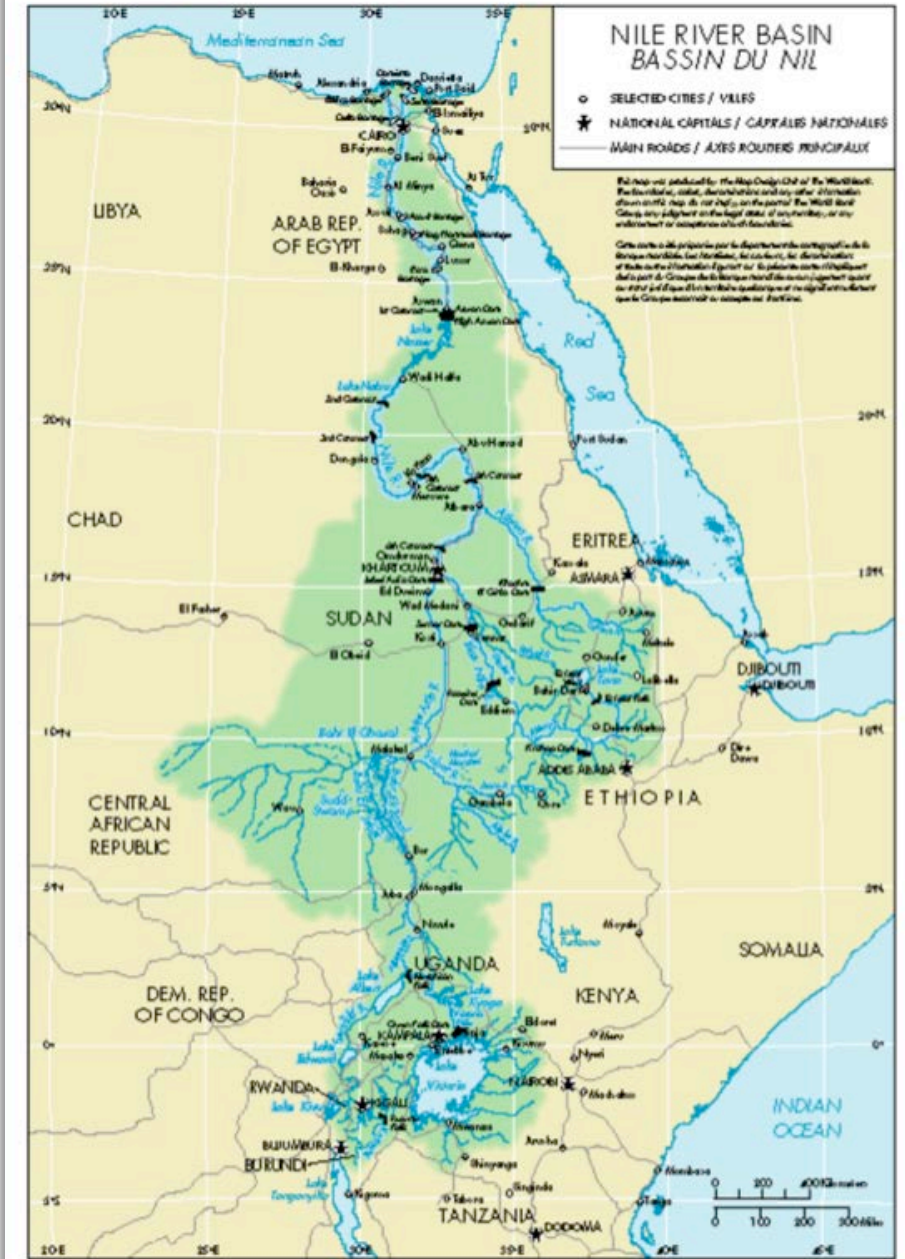


Cheaper energy and rural electrification could transform small-scale agriculture, making more use of dry season cropping through groundwater development



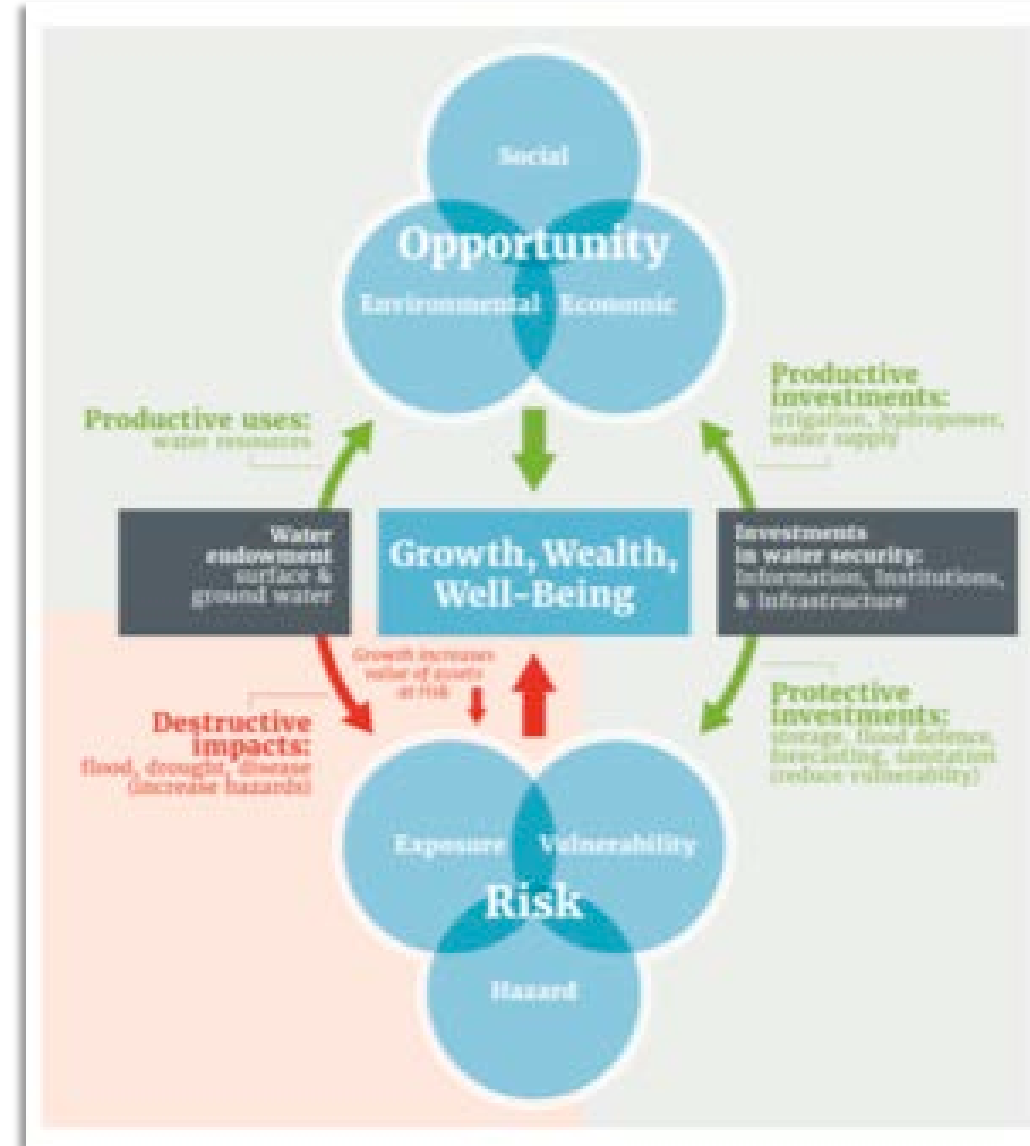
Pressures and stresses result from biomass energy consumption contributing to soil loss

Consequences?



Implications: Energy-water securities

- Water insecurity costs global economy about \$500 billion annually; drag on the world economy of c.1% GDP (conservative estimate)
- Challenge of 'difficult hydrologies':
 - management through blending natural and built infrastructure
- Employment dependency:
 - WWDR three out of four jobs water-dependent
 - > 1.4 billion jobs, or 42% of the world's total active workforce, heavily water-dependent

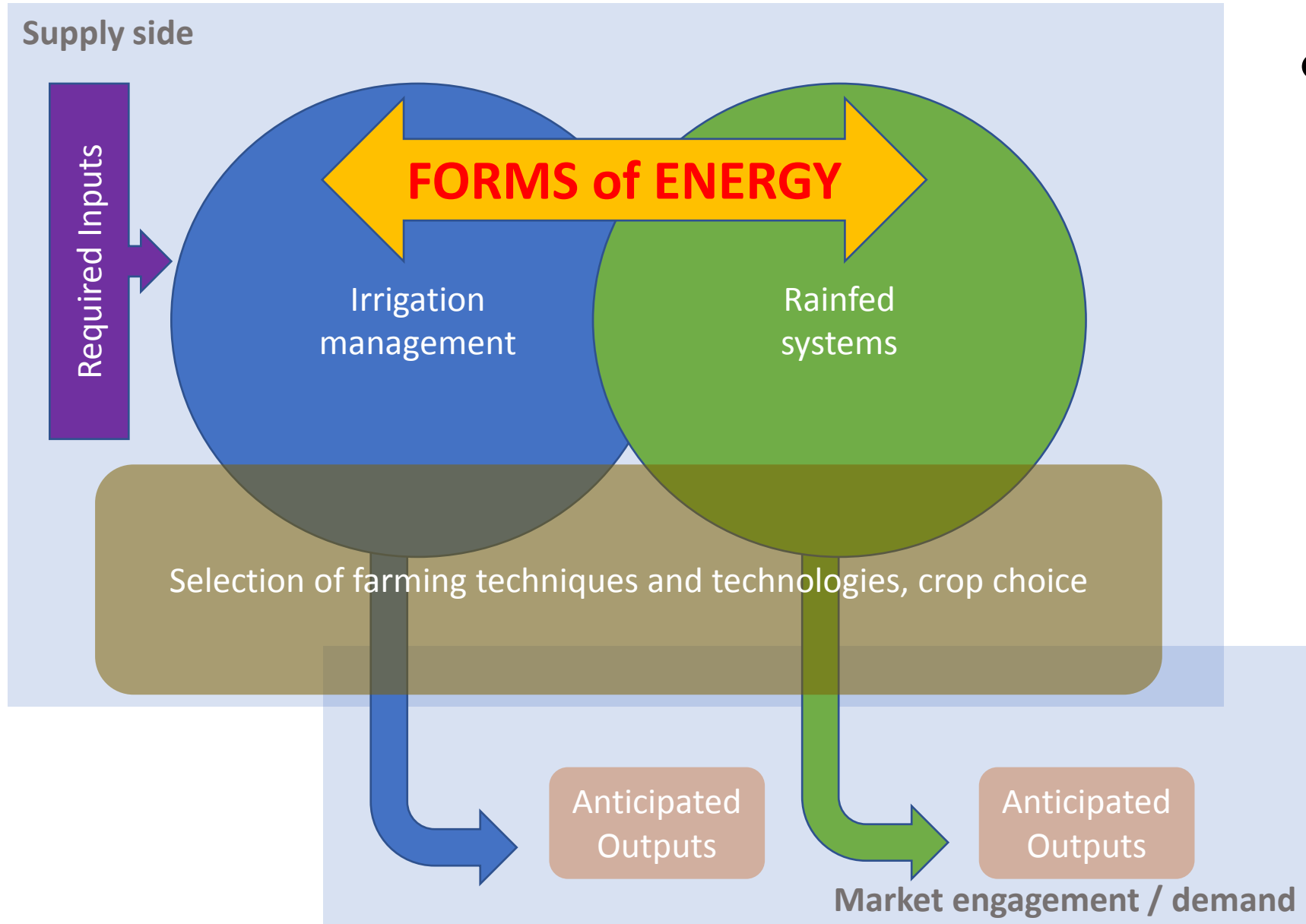


Future: *Energy options*



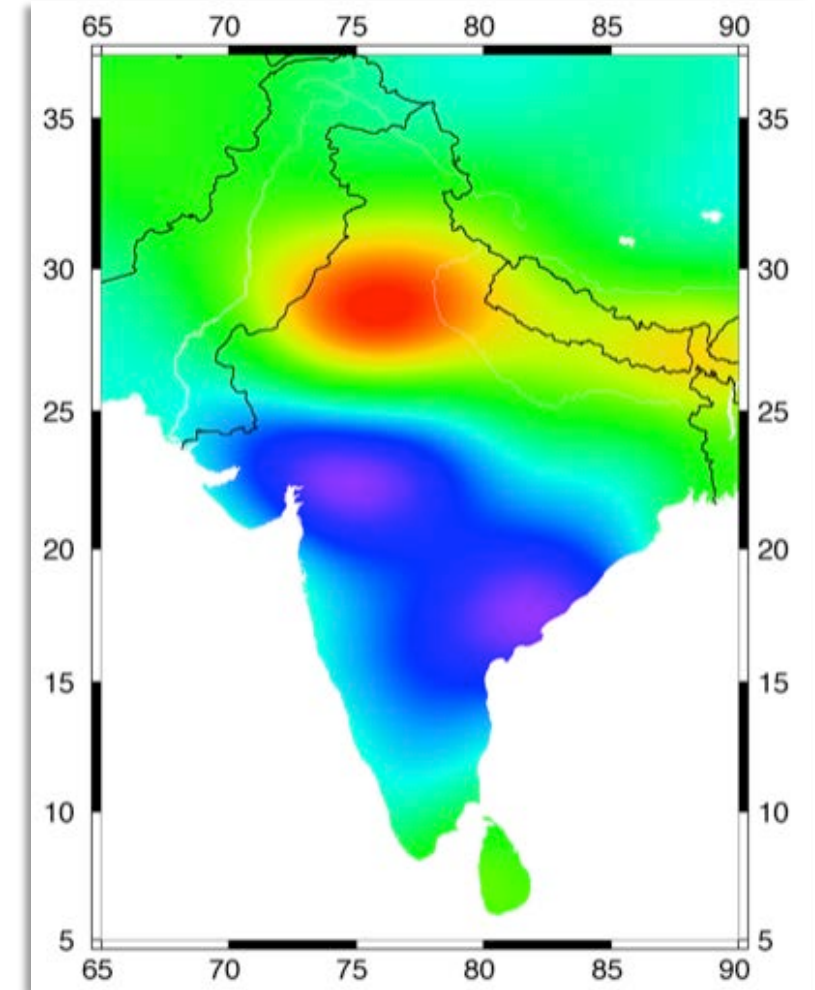
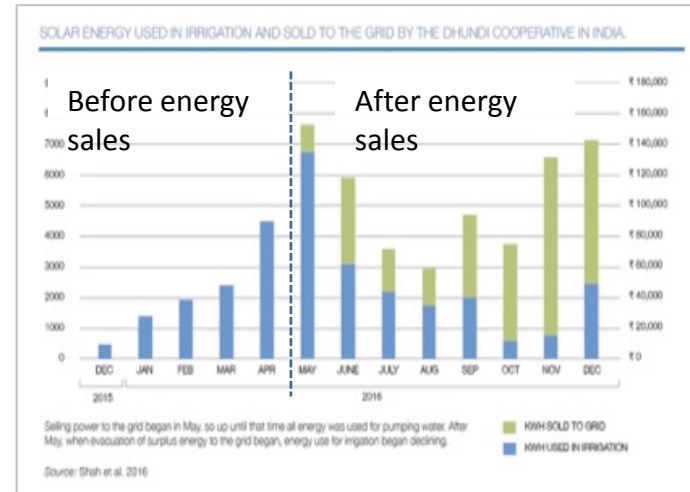
- Solar irrigation for dry season cropping
 - Horticulture for local markets
 - Including urban demand
 - Regulating abstraction





- Energy (ies) across the 'water-smart agriculture' mix

Risks: Managing abstraction

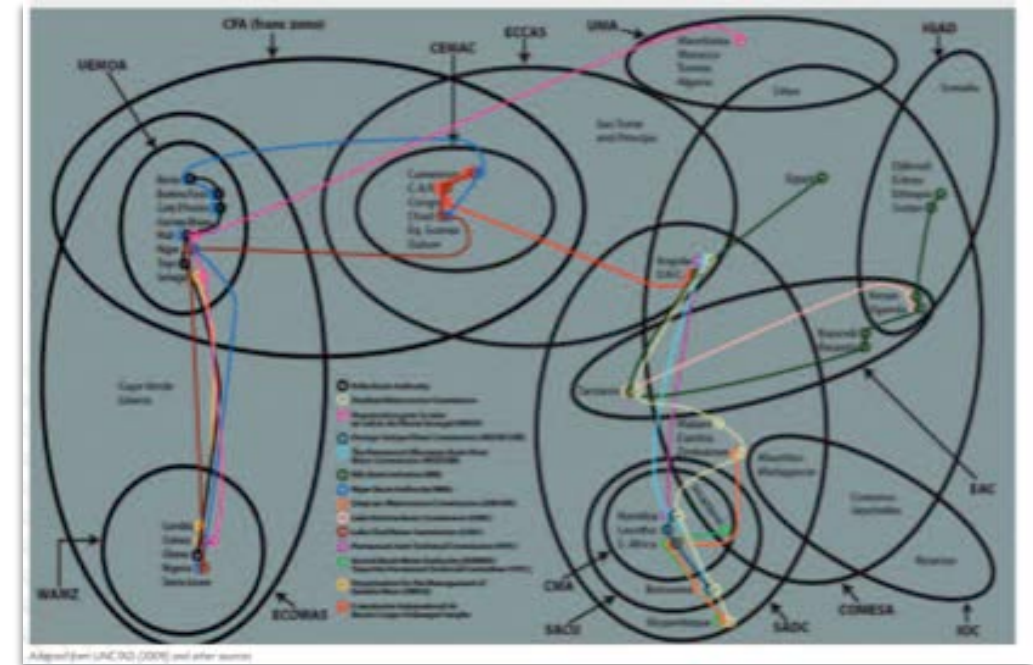


Securities: *Energy options*



Interrelatedness

- More than 280 transboundary basins
 - Include 45% world's surface
 - 40% global population
 - Provide 60% annual renewable water
- Complex political economies
- Collective action problem



Conclusions

- Climate-energy-water mix
 - High-level uncertainties
- No/low regrets solutions
 - Affordable energy solutions
 - Energy blends
 - Carbon-energy relationships (soils)
 - **Codifying benefits across the water-ag-energy spectrum**
 - Systematizing links and relationships
 - Establishing trade-offs
 - Offering policy options (and connections)

