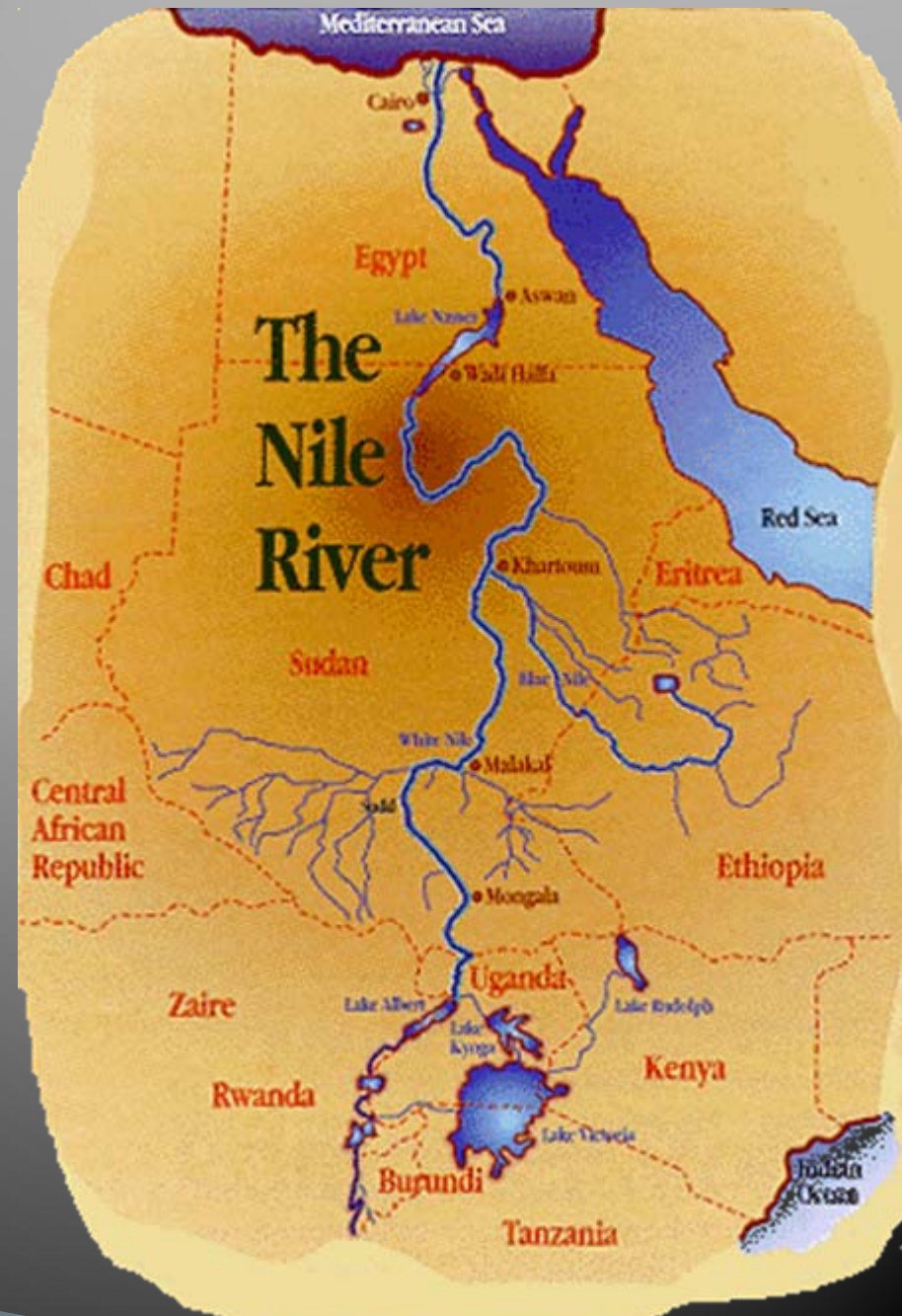
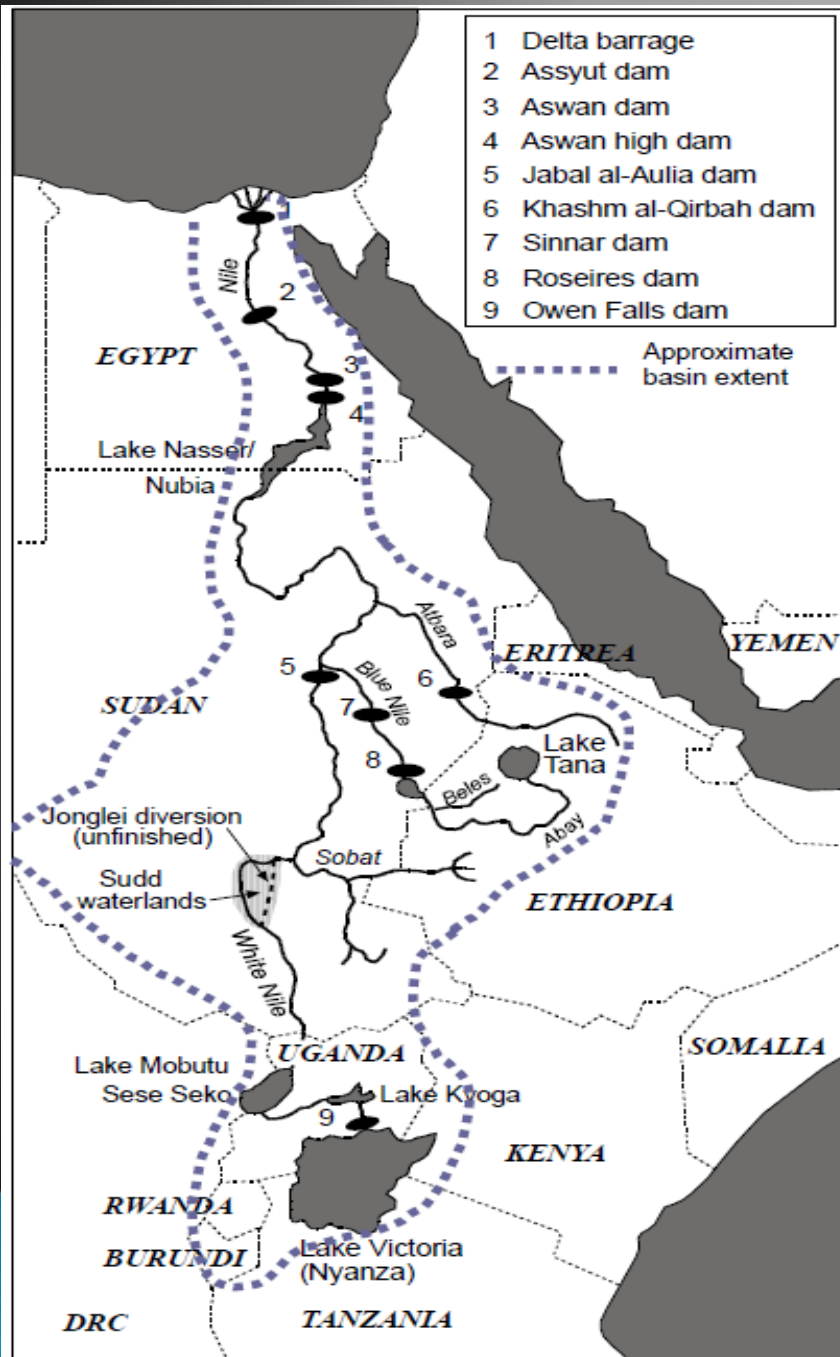


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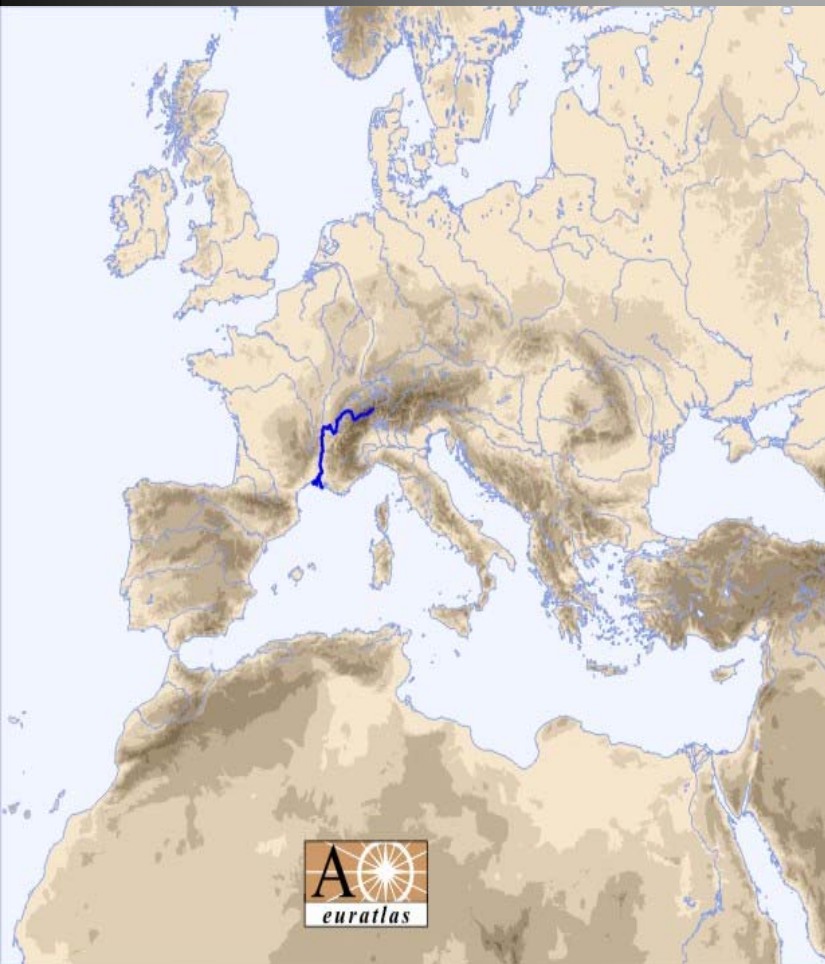
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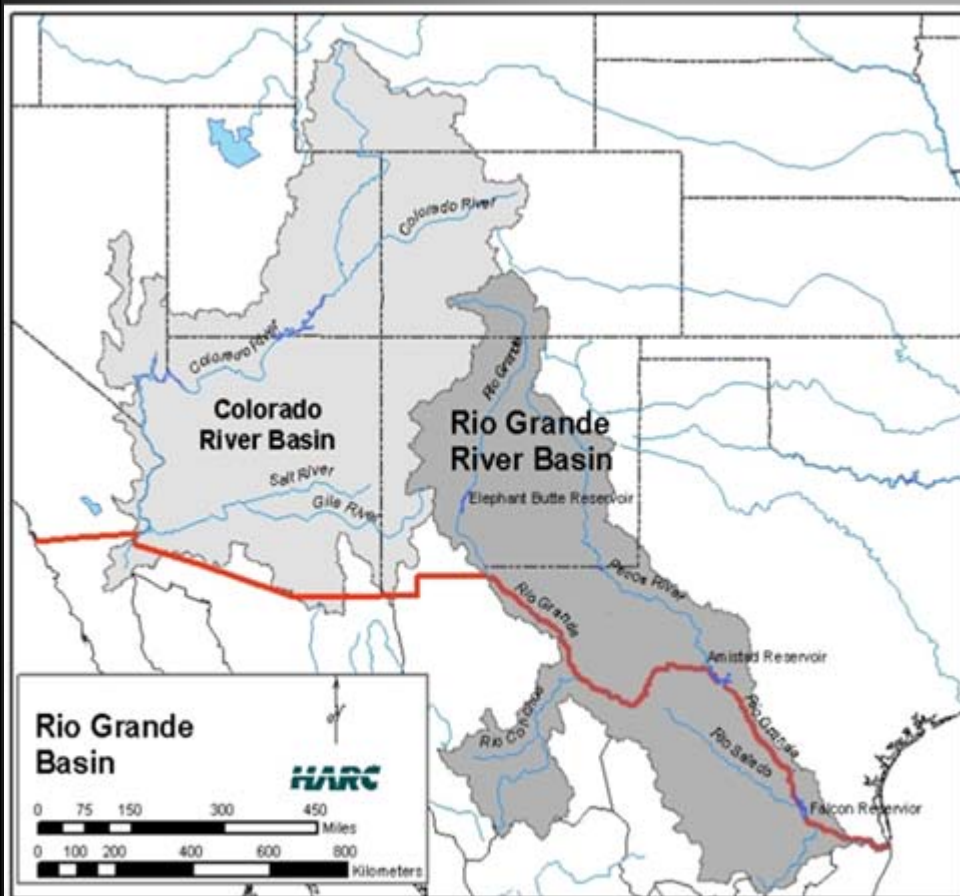


Figure 1 Rio Grande Dams and Diversions

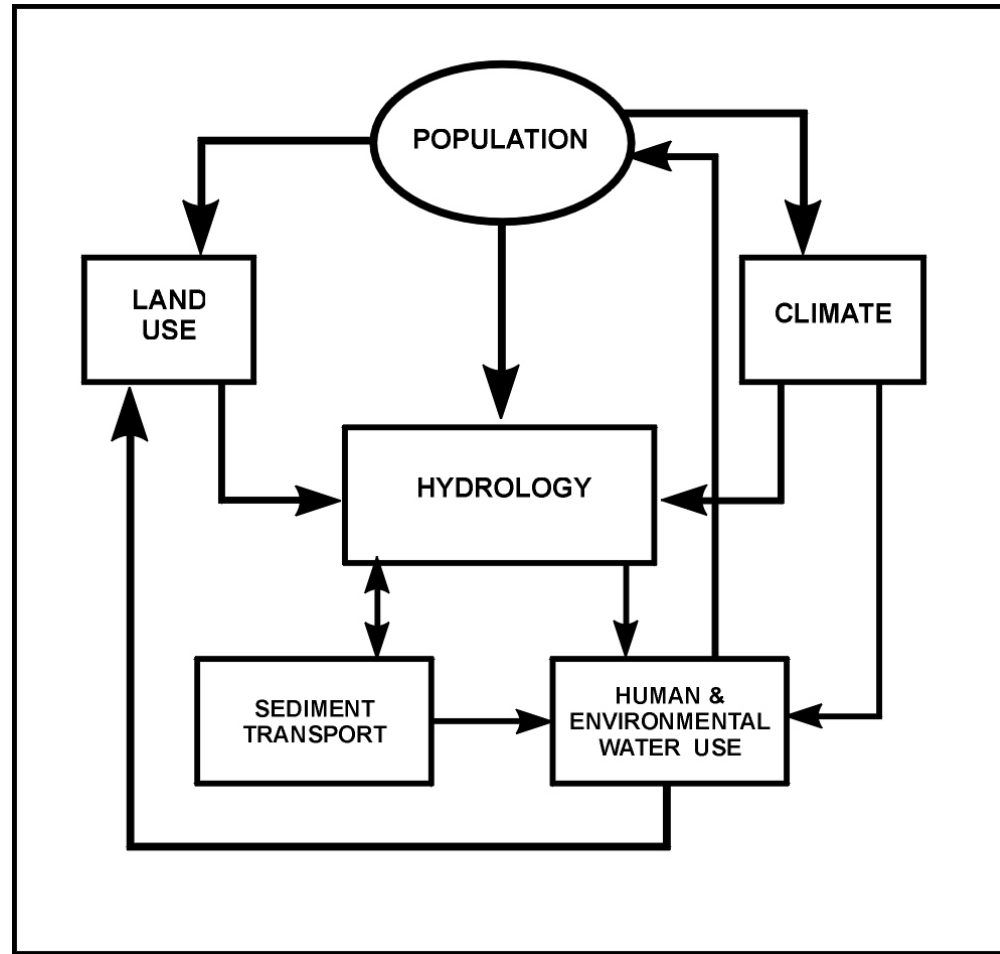
Figure 2 Colorado and Rio Grande Basins

# Common Features / Challenges


- ▶ Main water supply from winter precipitation/snowpack
- ▶ Multiple dams and diversions
- ▶ Irrigated agriculture in arid downstream basin
- ▶ Environmental damage
- ▶ Competition among countries/states
- ▶ Impact of climate change
- ▶ Storage loss from sedimentation
- ▶ Land use and population growth
- ▶ Instream flow/water quality
- ▶ Foresight capacity



# Water budget



# Results

- ▶ Sedimentation: Storage loss of 5 percent/decade
  - ▶ Climate change: < 10 percent/decade
  - ▶ In stream flow: irregular and declining
  - ▶ Land use: slow decline of irrigated land
  - ▶ Population growth: will double in 30 years
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# Results (ct'd)

- ▶ 30 to 40 Percent less water by 2040
- ▶ Cities will need larger share
- ▶ **Agriculture can do more with less**
- ▶ Ecological damage will increase
  
- ▶ *Food security: yes*
- ▶ *Sustainable development: no*