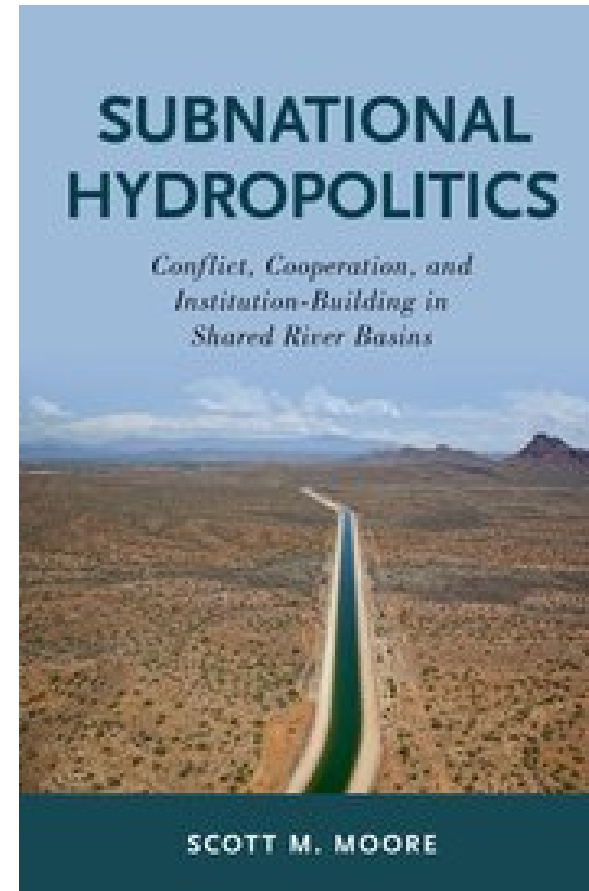


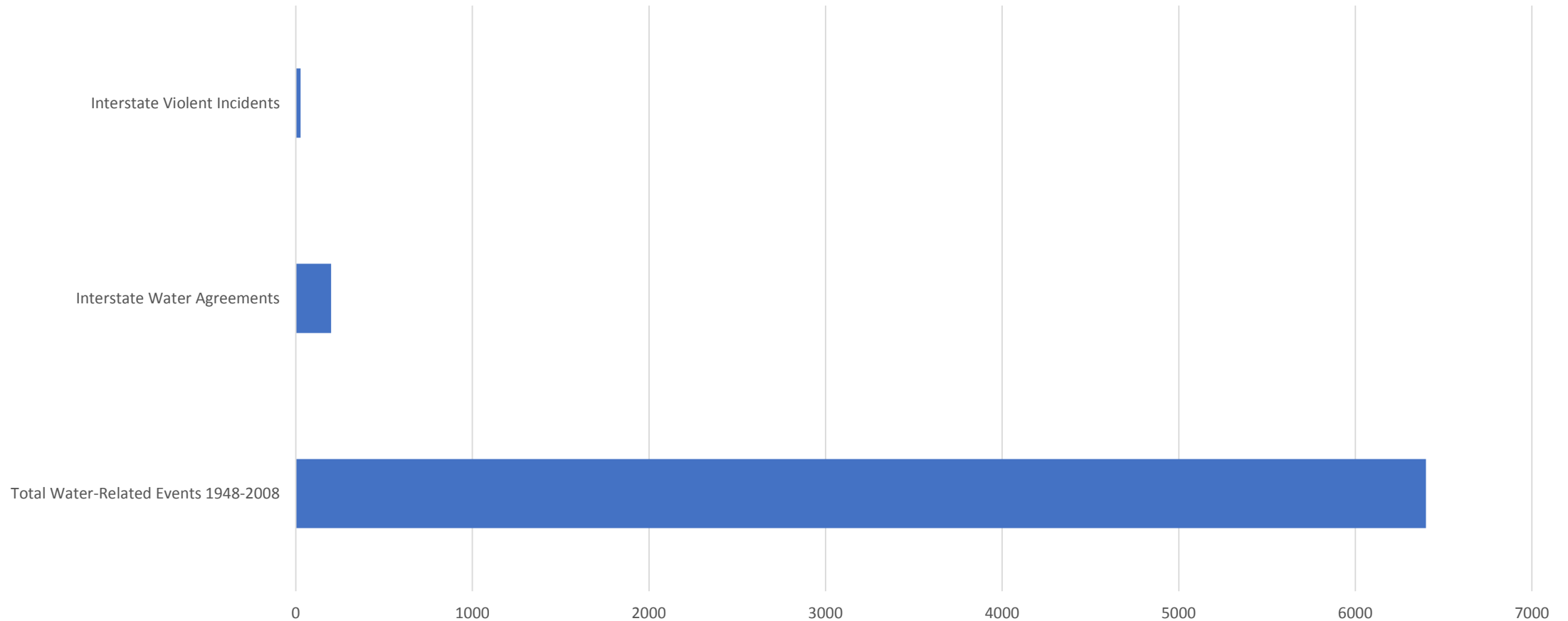
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Three Myths

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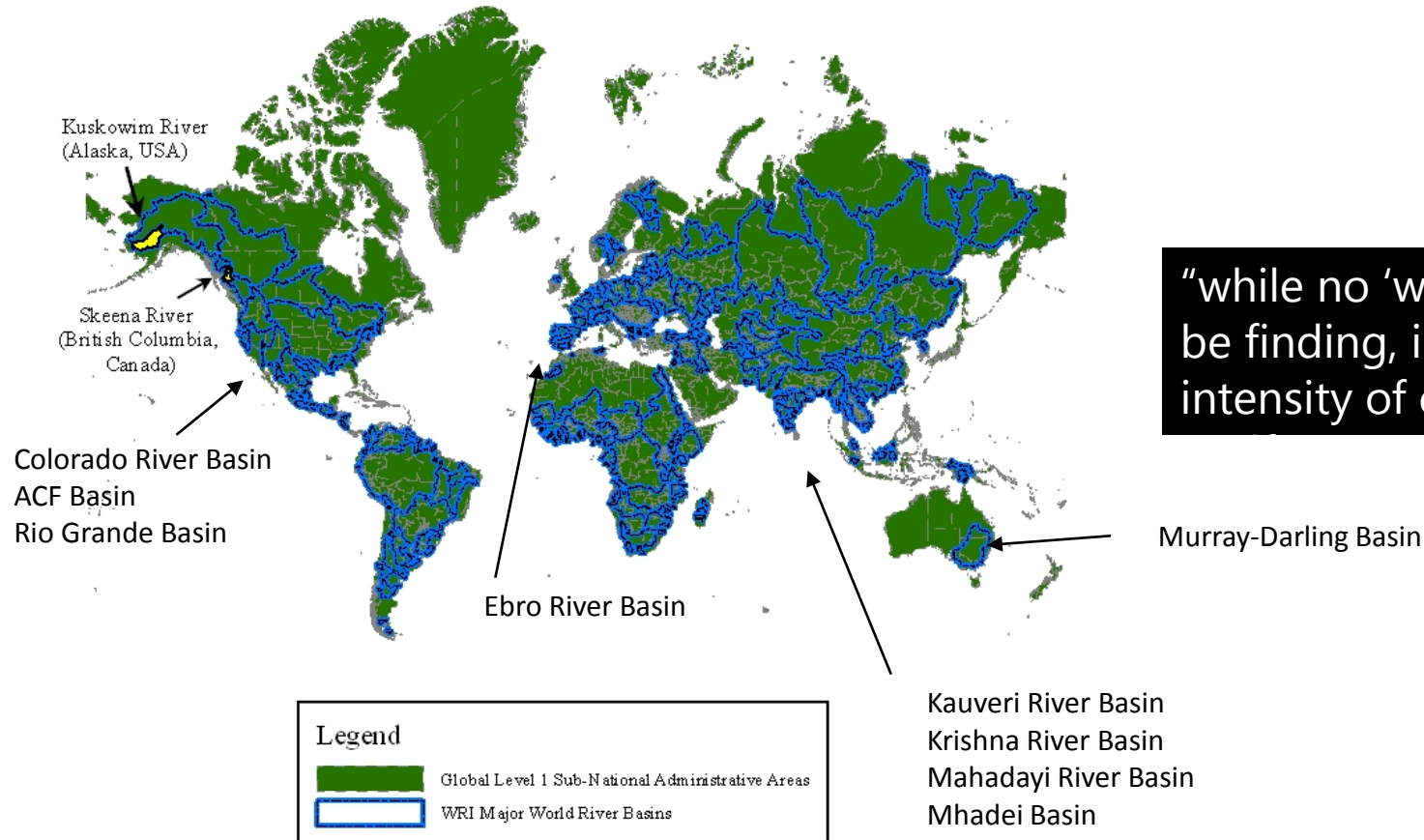


Myth I: Water is for fighting over



After De Stefano et al. 2010

Myth II: Water wars are international



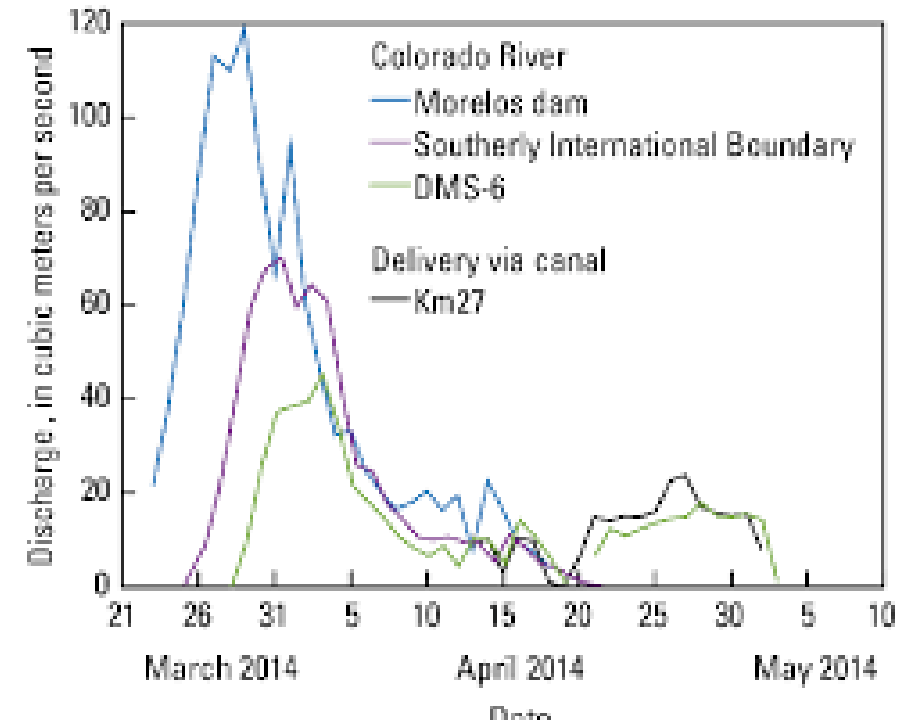
“while no ‘water wars’ have occurred, what we seem to be finding, in fact, is that geographic scale and intensity of conflict are *inversely related*” – Yoffe and

Myth III: Scarcity stokes conflict

1934: The "Arizona Navy"



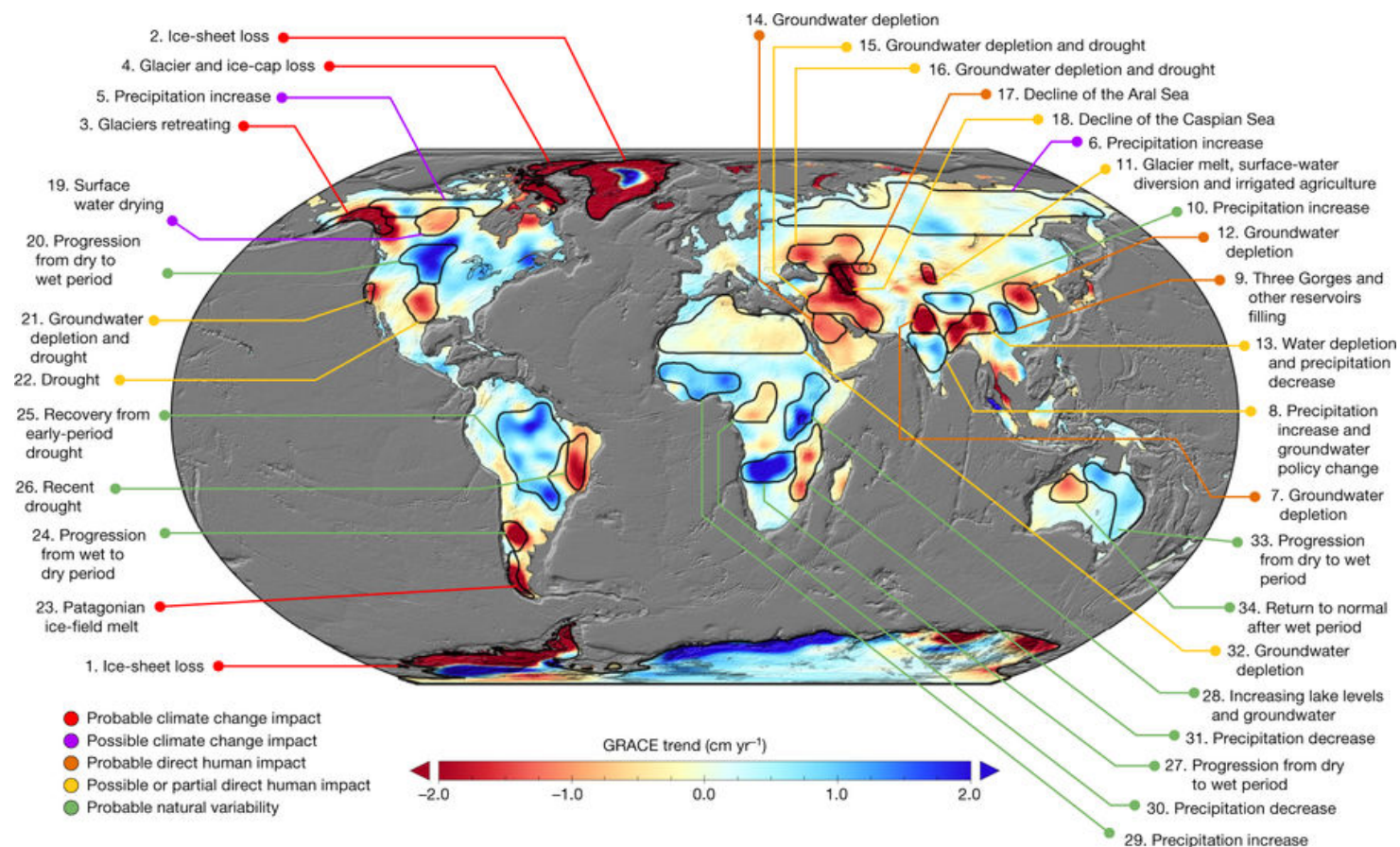
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Thank you

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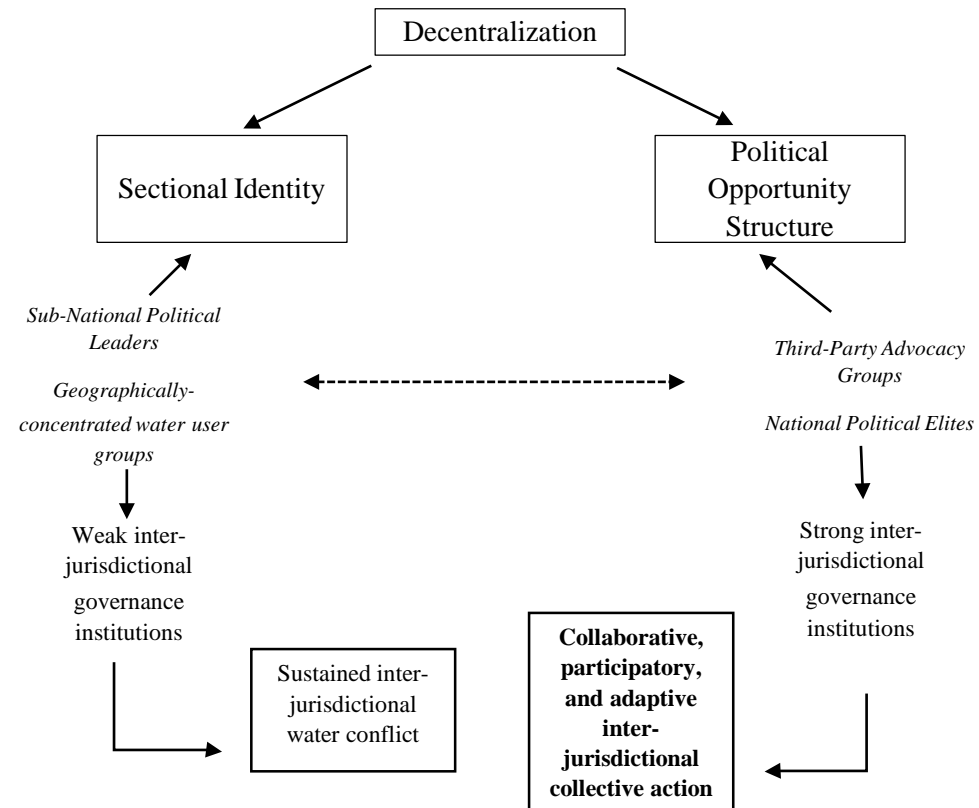


From Rodell et al. 2018

A Golden Age of Water Conflict?

- "water and water-supply systems are increasingly likely to be both objectives of military action and instruments of war as human populations grow, as improving standards of living increase the demand for fresh water, and as global climactic changes make water supply and demand more problematic and uncertain" – Peter Gleick, 1993
- "the wars of the next century will be fought over water – unless we change our approach to managing this precious and vital resource" – Ismail Serageldin, 1995
- "by building megadams and reservoirs in its borderlands, China is working to re-engineer the flows of major rivers that are the lifeline of lower riparian states" – Brahma Chellaney, "Asia's New Battleground" 2013

Theoretical Framework



A Better Way



From Eau Seine-Normandie 2015

