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RISK MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT OF WATER  
RESOURCES OF THE AMUDARYA RIVER BASIN  
UNDER CONDITION OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND  
CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE RESERVOIRS

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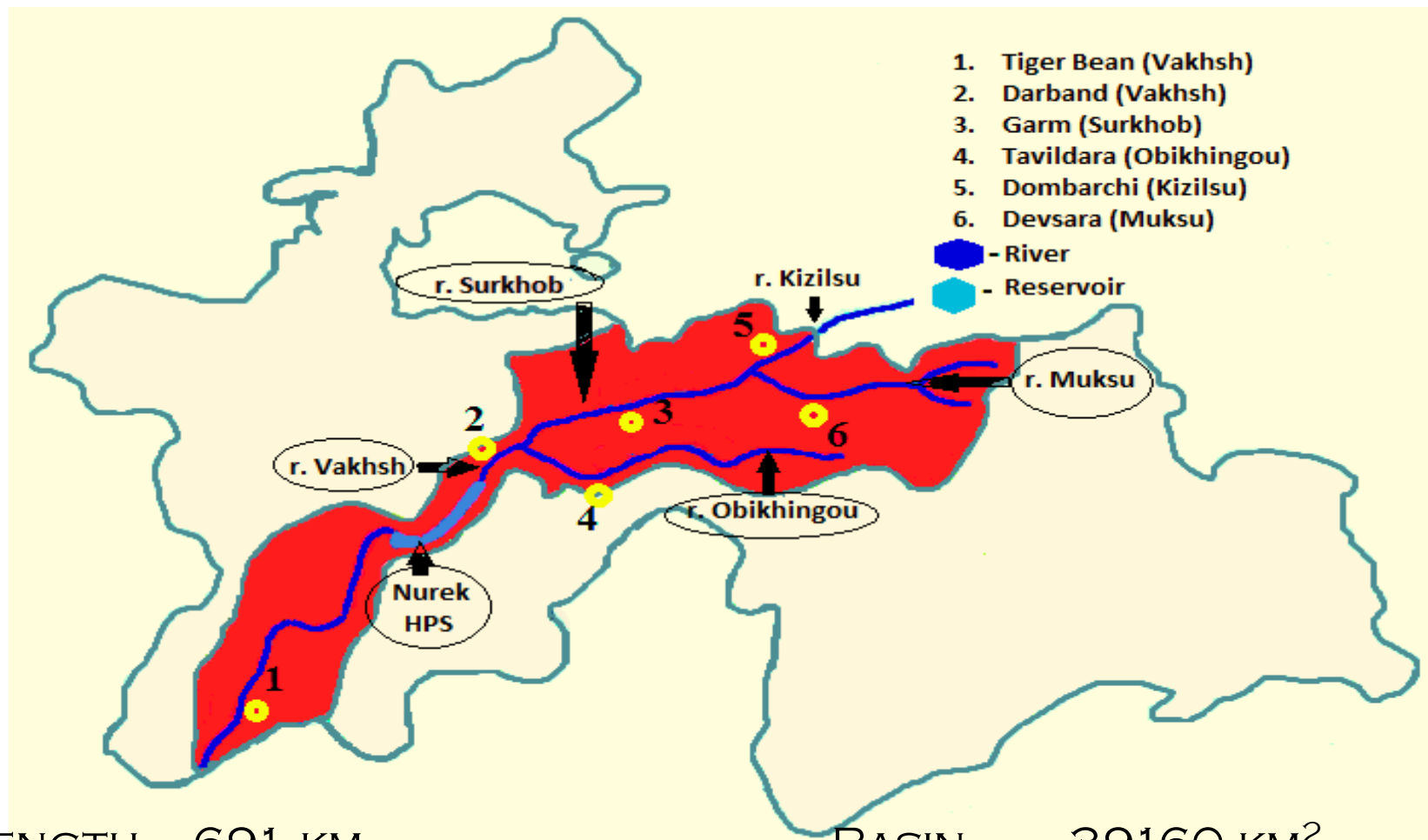
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# INTRODUCTION

The presentation covers the following aspects:

- Hydrological characteristics Vakhsh River and its tributaries
- Hydrochemistry of Vakhsh River and its tributaries
- Meteorological Conditions of the Vakhsh River Basin





LENGTH - 691 KM

BASIN - 39160 KM<sup>2</sup>

DISCHARGE (AVER) - 2273 M<sup>3</sup>/SEC

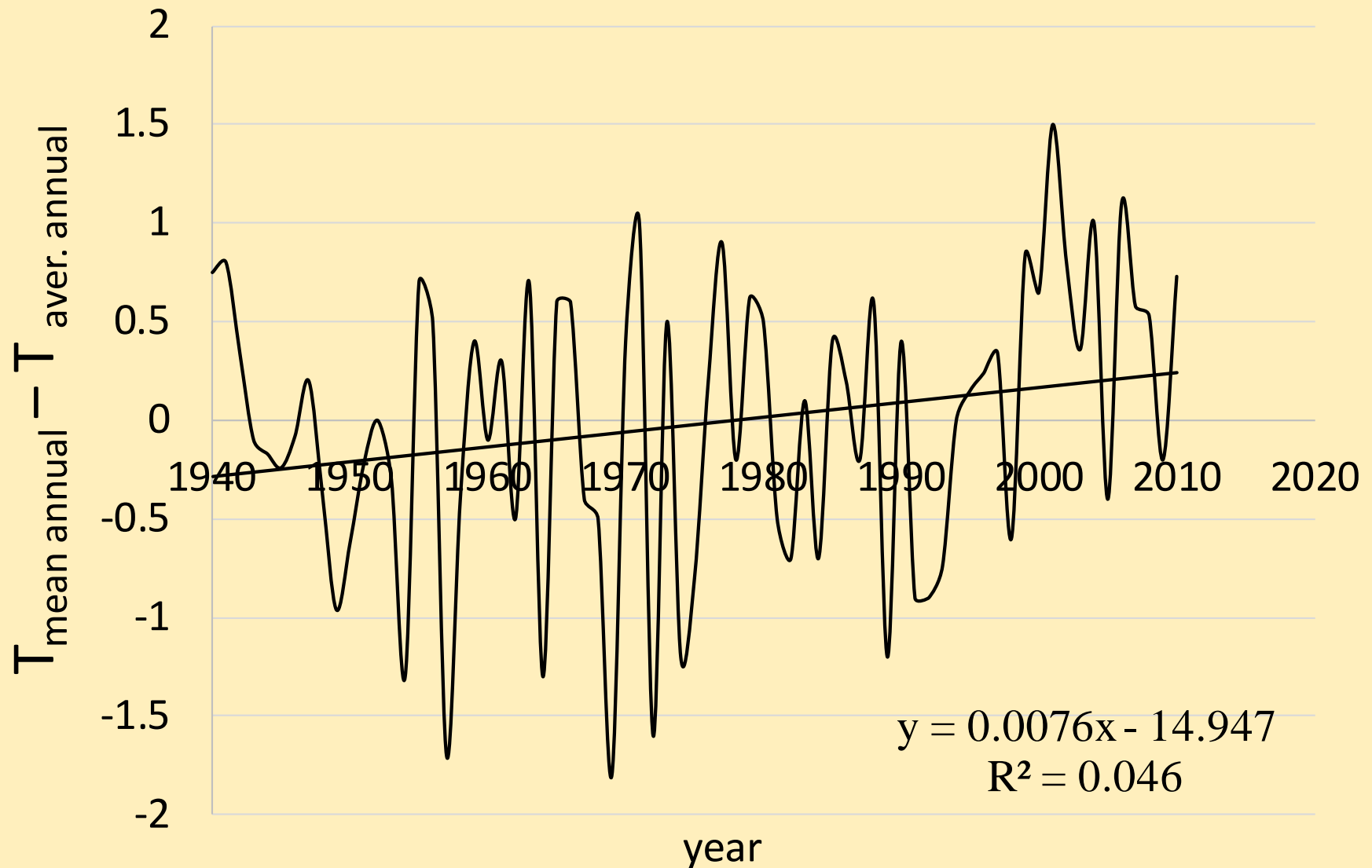
GLACIATION AREA (4685 M) - 3856 KM<sup>2</sup>

TRIBUTARIES - SURKHOB, OBIKHINGOU ELEVATION- 1151 M

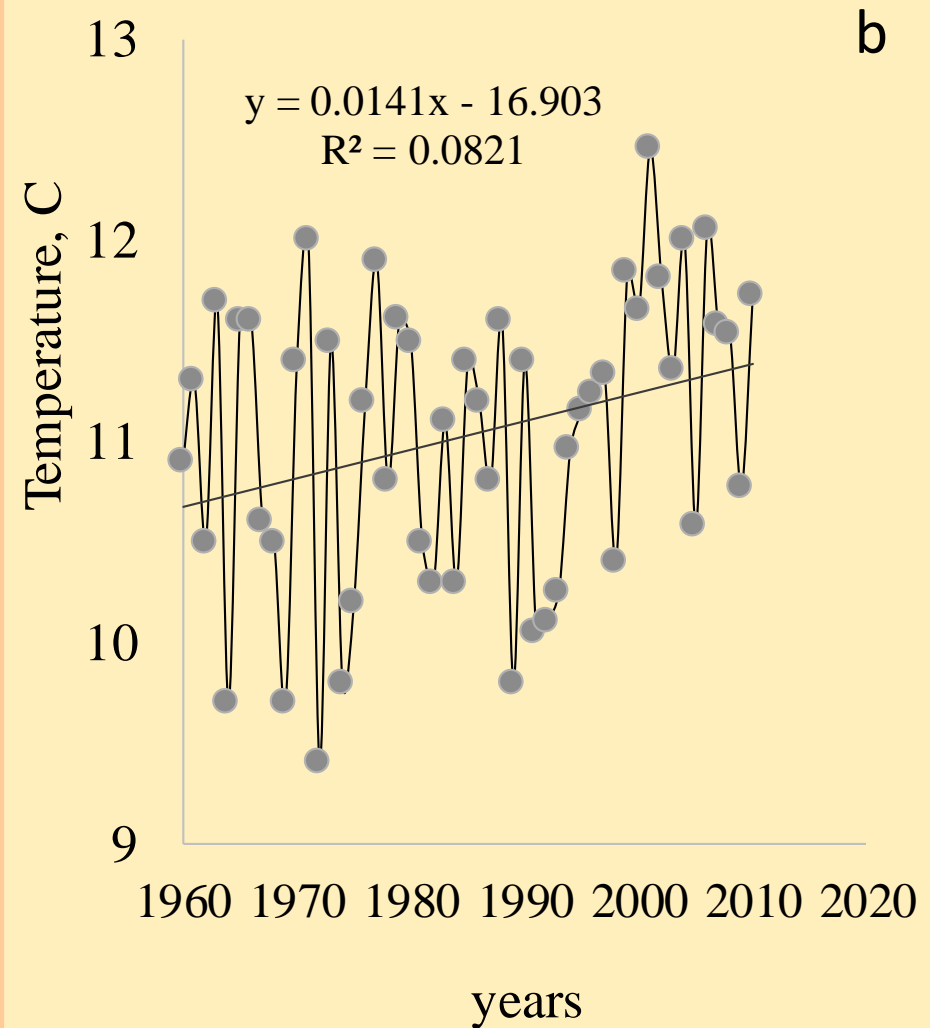
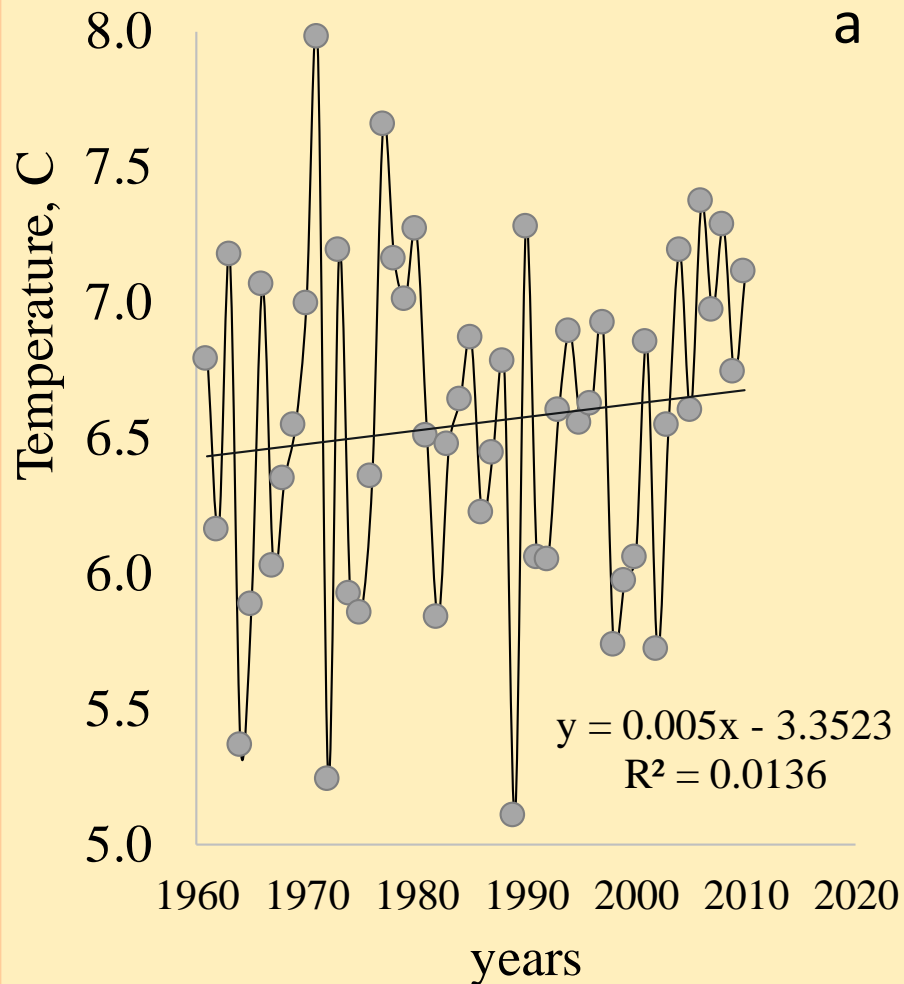
## METHODOLOGY

- the Lyakhsh meteorological station -Kyzilsu river basin
- the Tavildara meteorological station -Obikhingou river basin
- the Garm meteorological station - Surkhob river basin

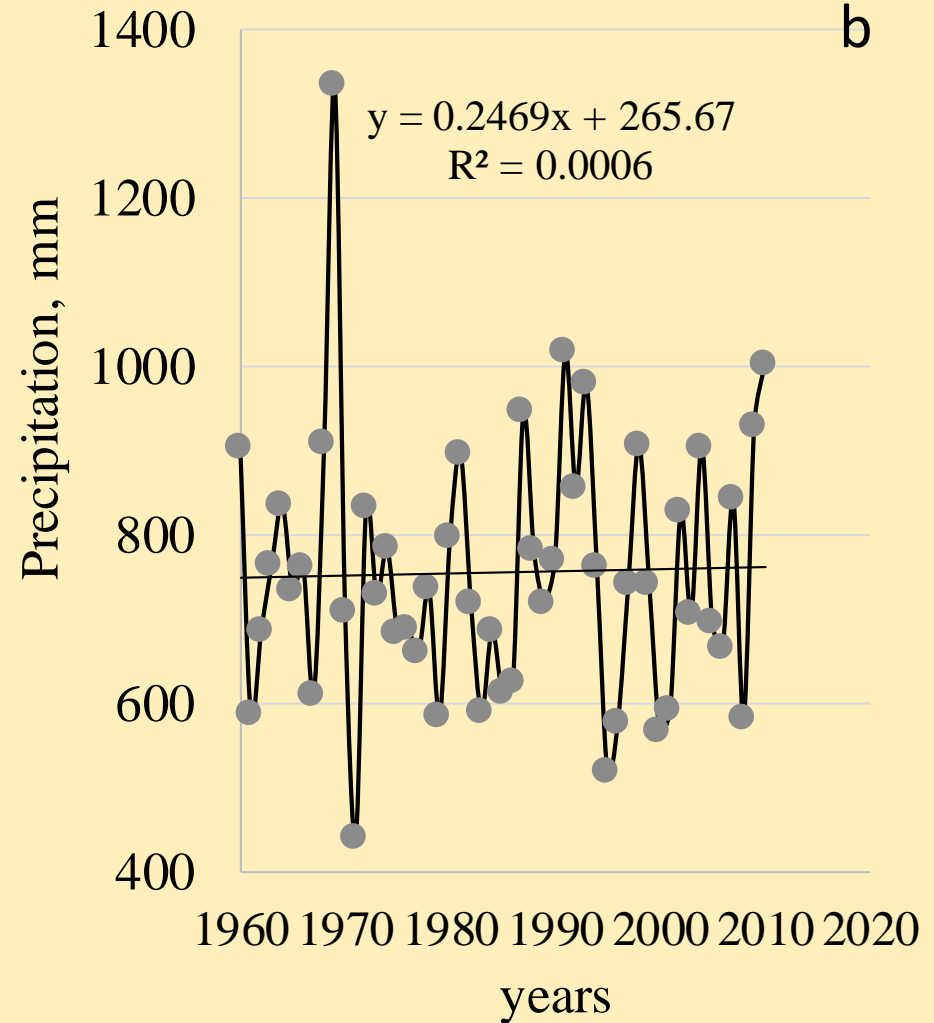
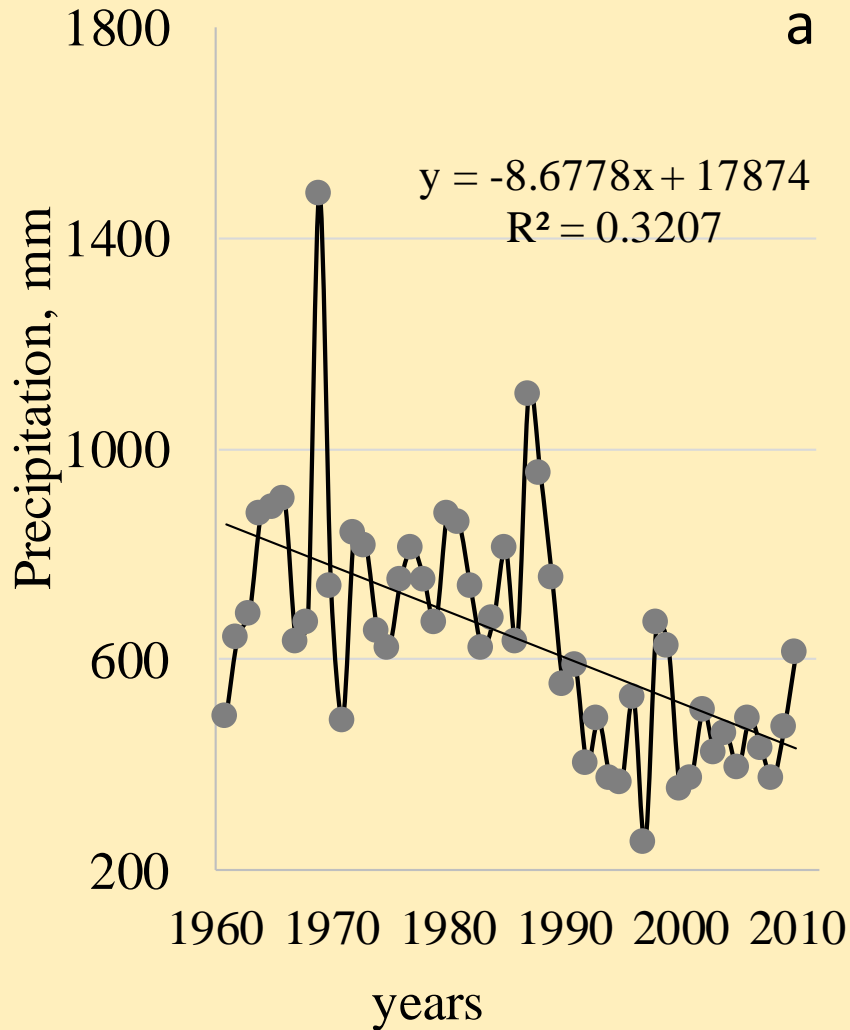
# Dynamics of the temperature change in the Vakhsh River Basin (Garm Meteorological station)



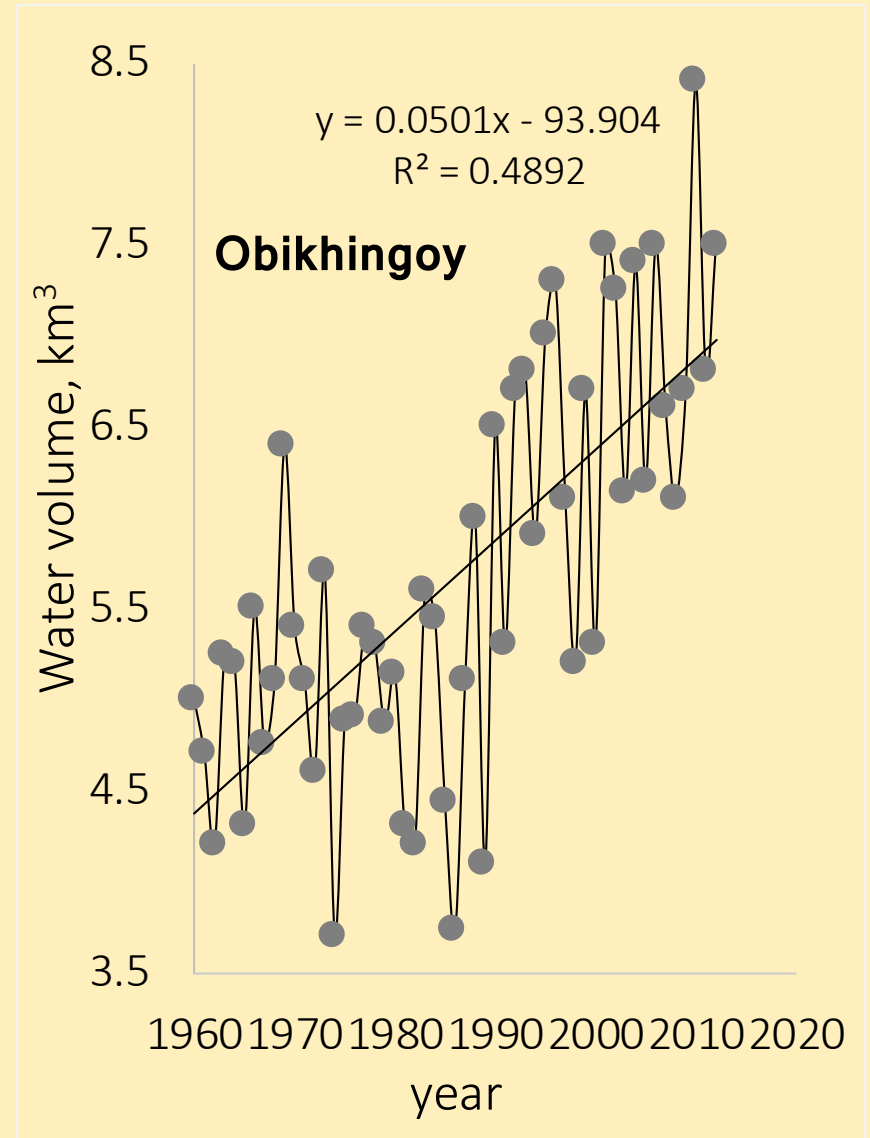
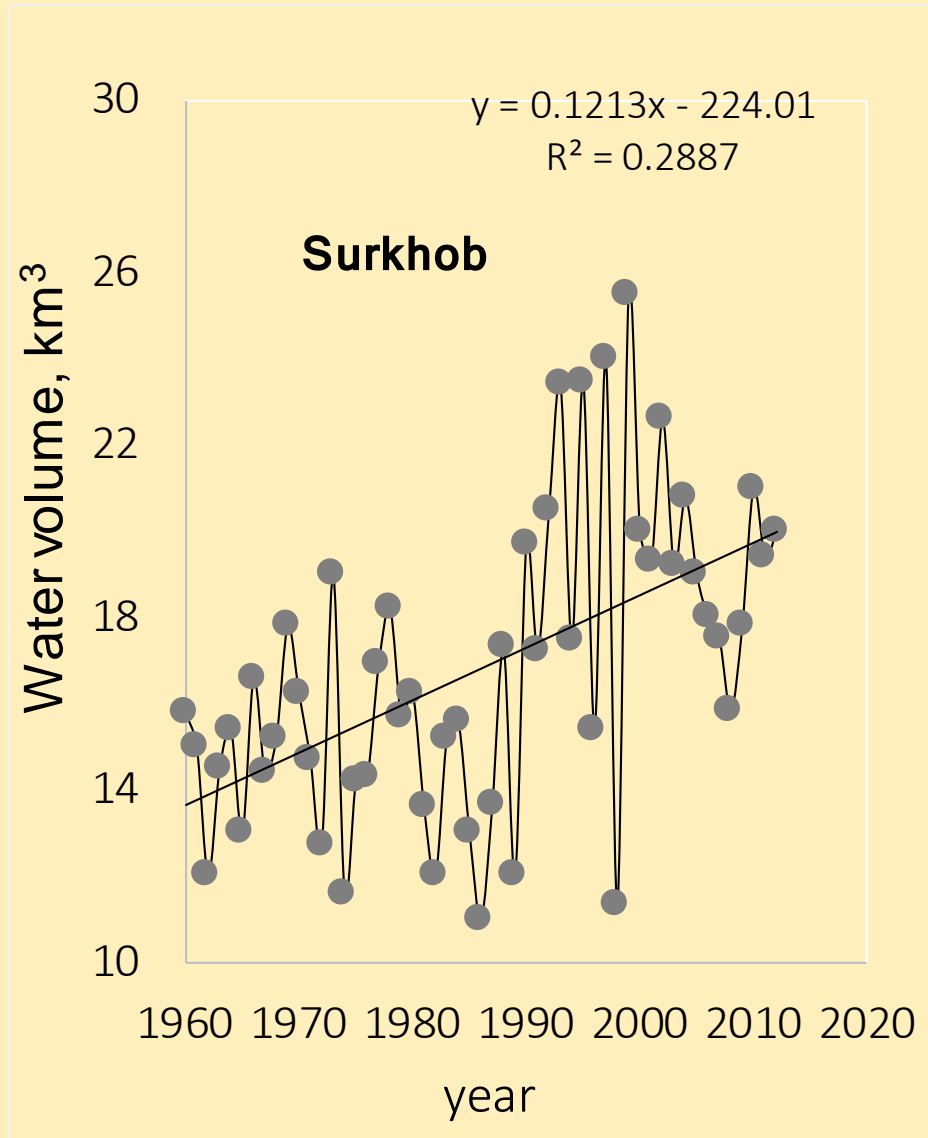
Annual average temperature according to  
meteorological station **Lyakhsh (a)** and **Tavildara (b)** for the  
period 1960-2018



# Annual average precipitation according to meteorological station **Lyakhsh (a)** **Tavildara (b)** for the period 1960-2018



# The Hydrological Characteristics of Tributaries and Vakhsh River



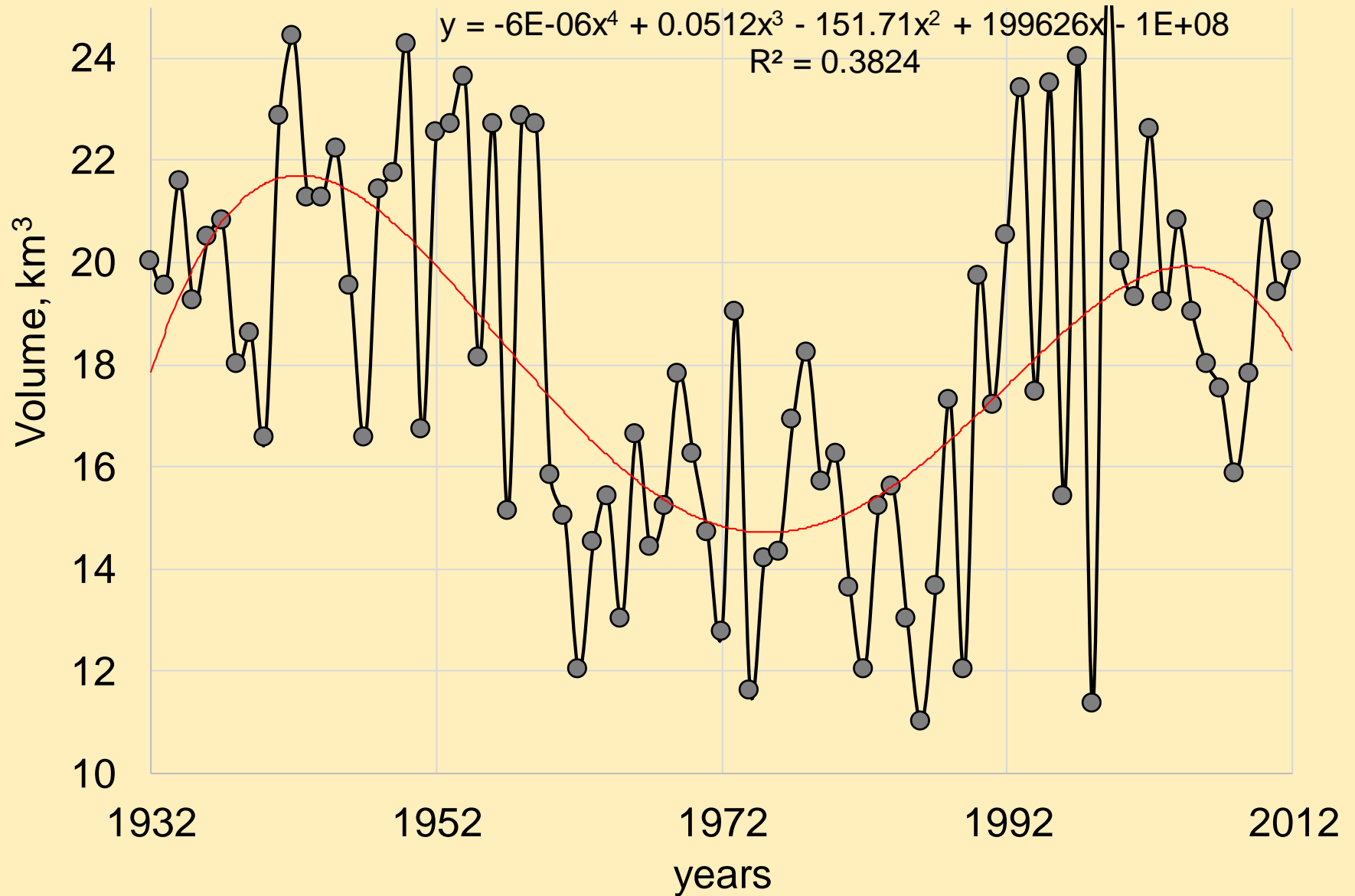


The increase of water volume of the Vakhsh river and its tributaries- Surkhob and Obikhingou rivers, as shown on the above slides in tune with the statements that currently there is a reduction of glaciations area of Tajikistan, probably due to an increase in the overall temperature of the background in the region and changing precipitation patterns.

Thus, the increase of water volume in rivers and reduce the amount of atmospheric precipitation in river basins give reason to believe that in the Vakhsh river basin continued reduction of the area of glaciation

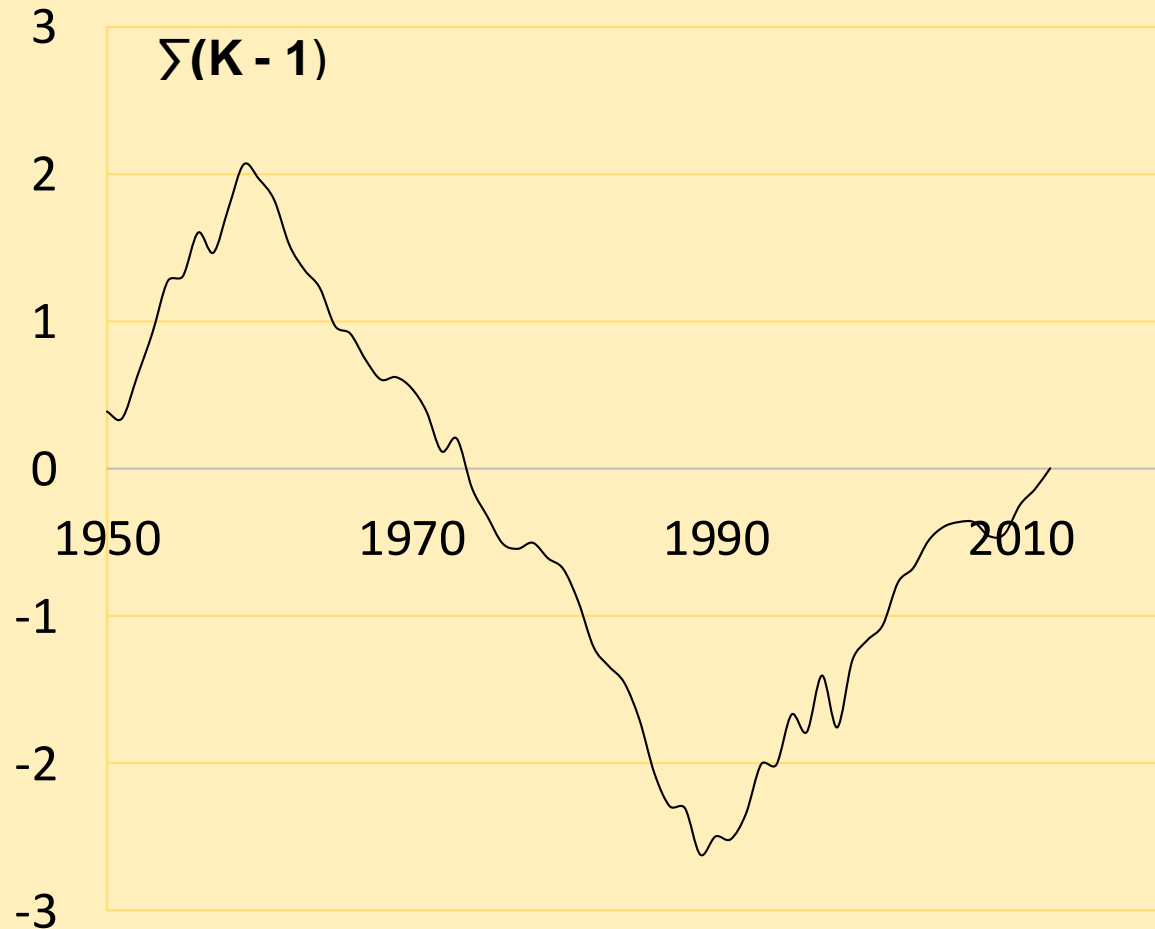
- In the Surkhob river basin intensively melting small glaciers of the Northern slopes in the Western part of Peter Great ridge
- On the Southern slopes of Alay ridge, glaciation decreases slower
- In the Obikhingou river basin intensively melting the largest glacier Garmo. During the XX century it became shorter by almost 7 km, having lost more than 6.0 km<sup>2</sup> area
- Currently glacier retreats at an average speed of 9 m/year, the surface settles due to the melting of up to 4 m/year.
- Another glacier in the same basin - Skogach retreats annually on 11 m.

# Trends of the Vakhsh River Runoff for the period 1932-2017



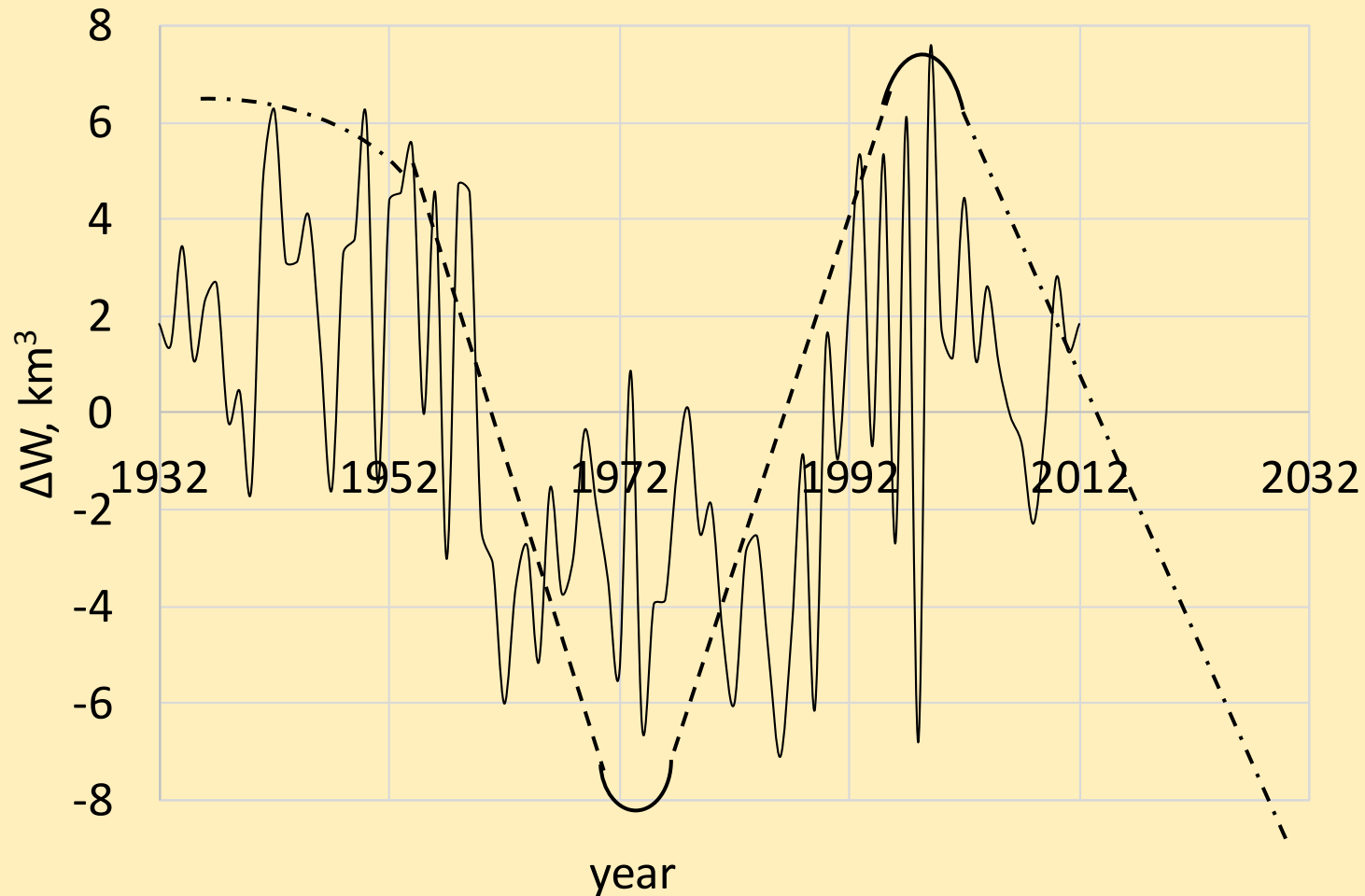
For allocation of periods with high and low water content are used differential integral curves of average annual discharge.

The use of differential integral curves give a vision of cyclical fluctuations without the effect of the displacement of the boundaries between the phases of the cycles of low and high duration



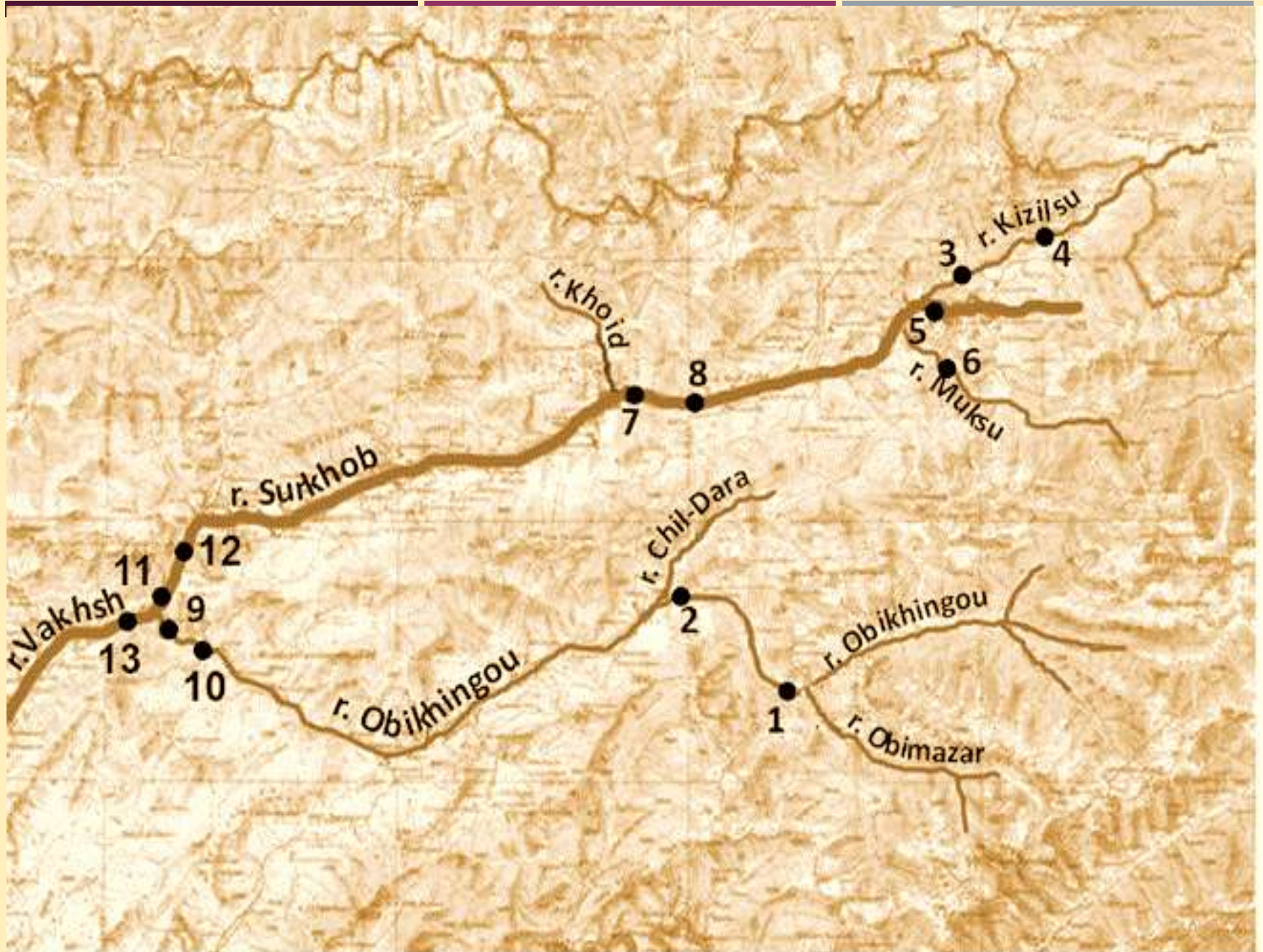
# The water volume change of the Vakhsh River for the period 1932-2018

It should be noted that the appearance of cyclicity in the water flow of rivers allows predicting future scenarios of changes in the water flow of the river. From the slide can see that the harmonic law changes the Vakhsh river volume of water for the period 1932-2012. Hence, the continuation of the right part of the harmonics may indicate the volume of water by 2030.





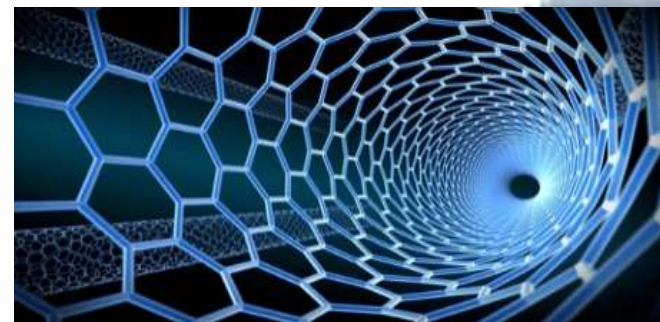
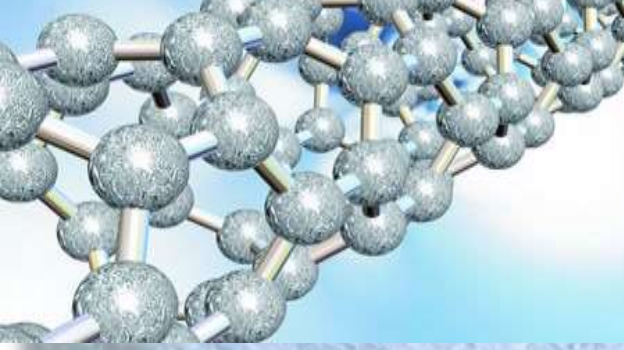
# Scheme of sampling of water from the Vakhsh River and its tributaries

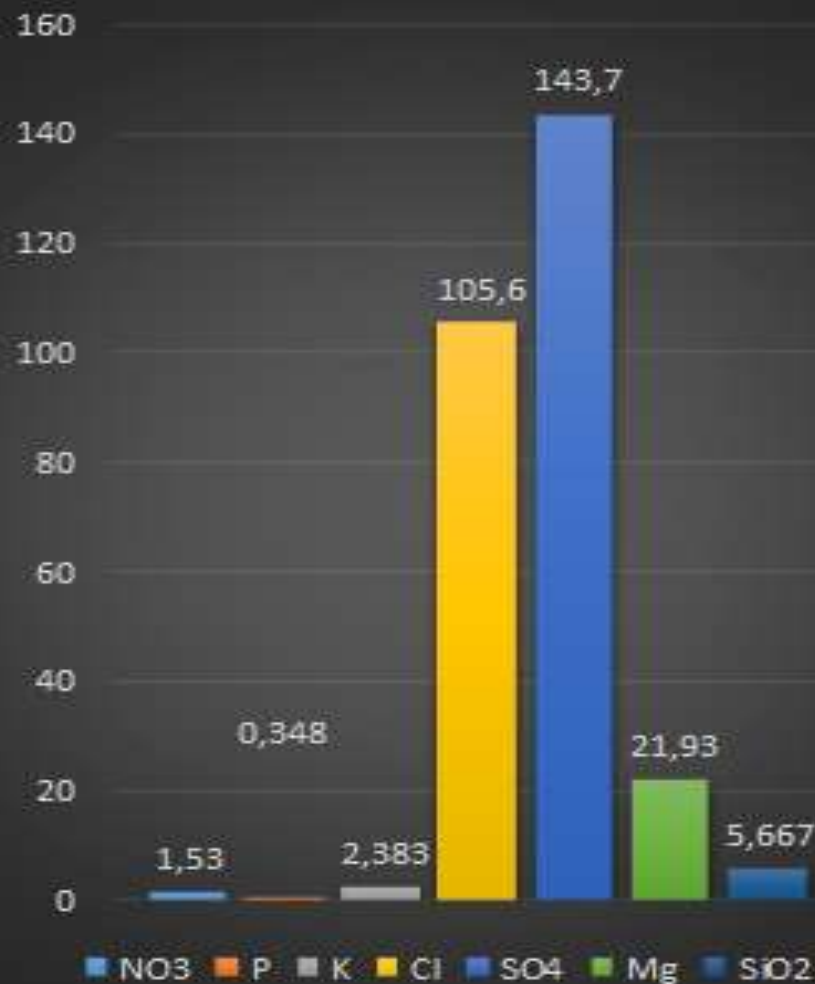
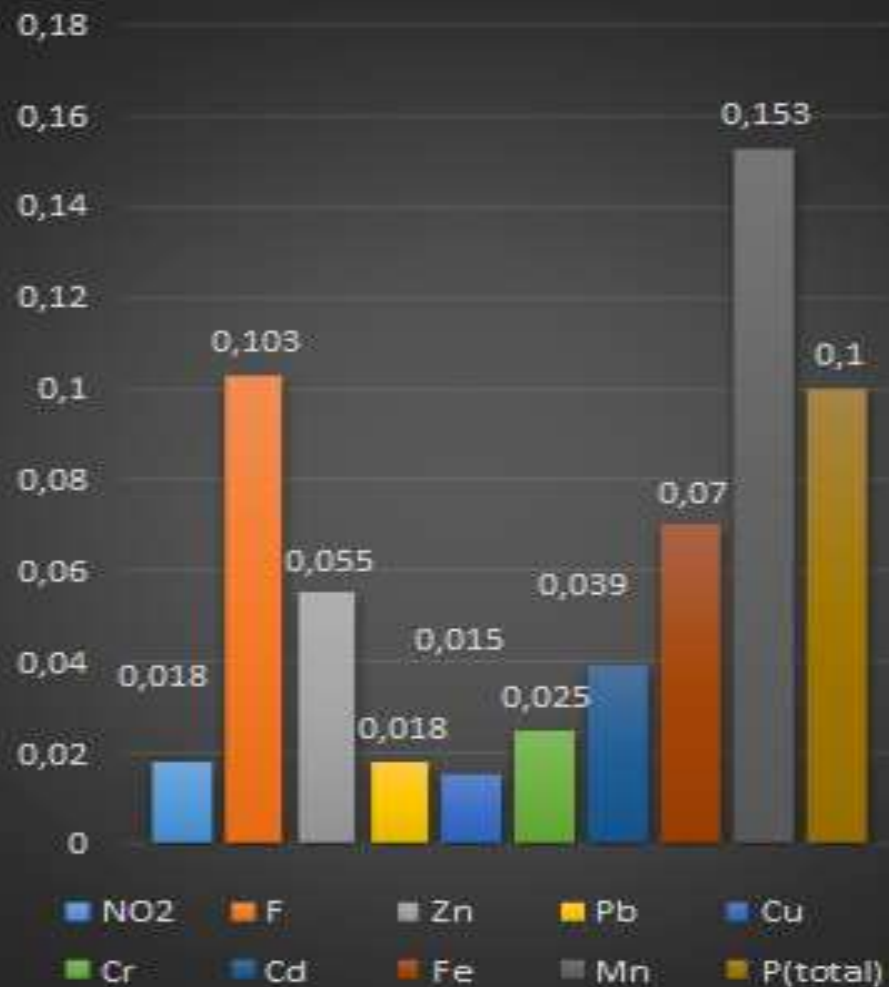
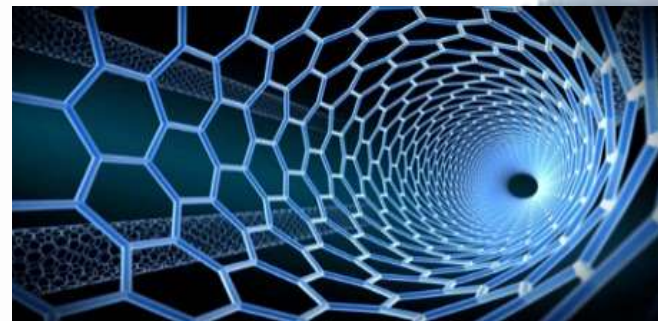






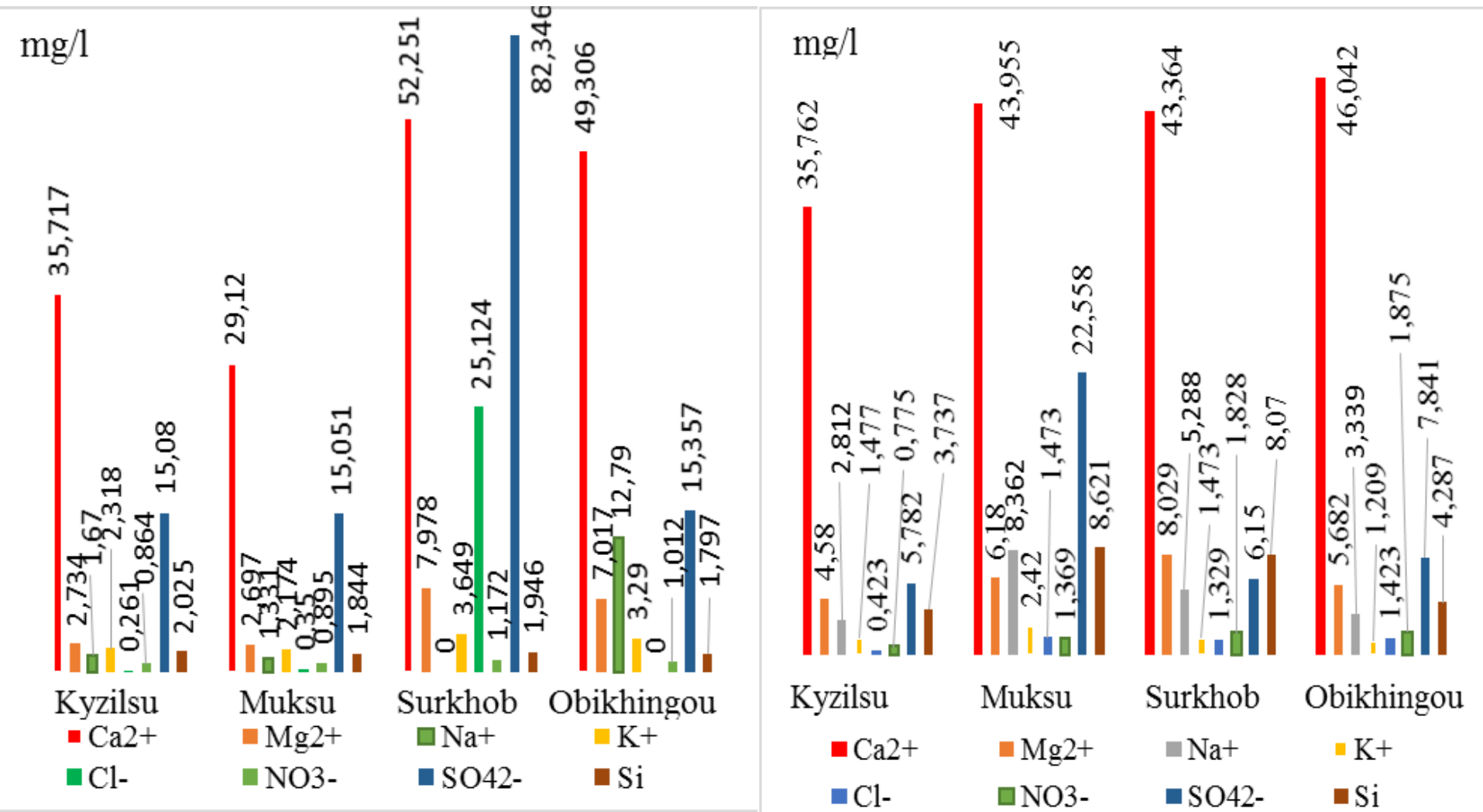








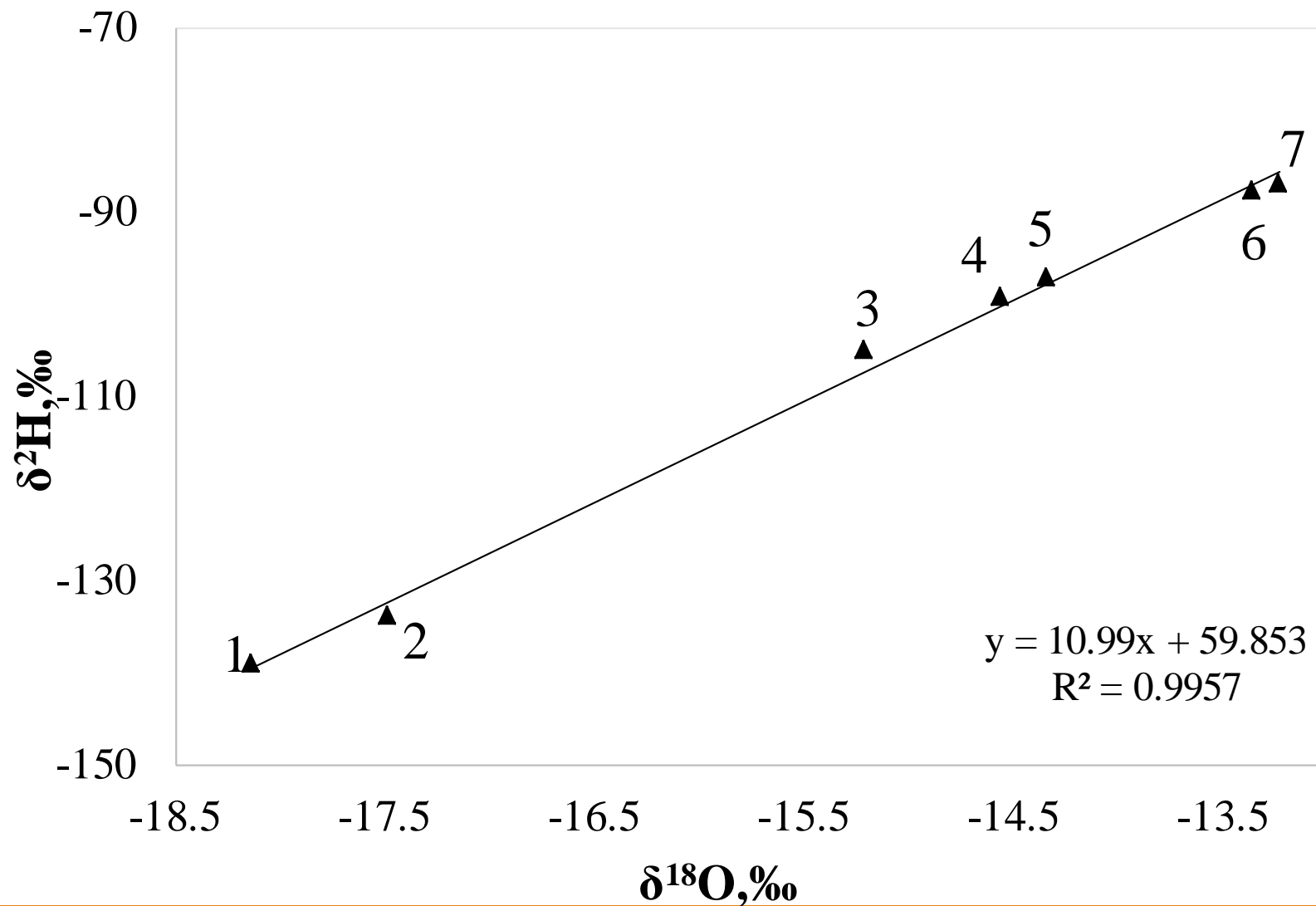
The results of chemical analysis of the waters of the tributaries of the Vakhsh river (a) and groundwater basins of these rivers (b)



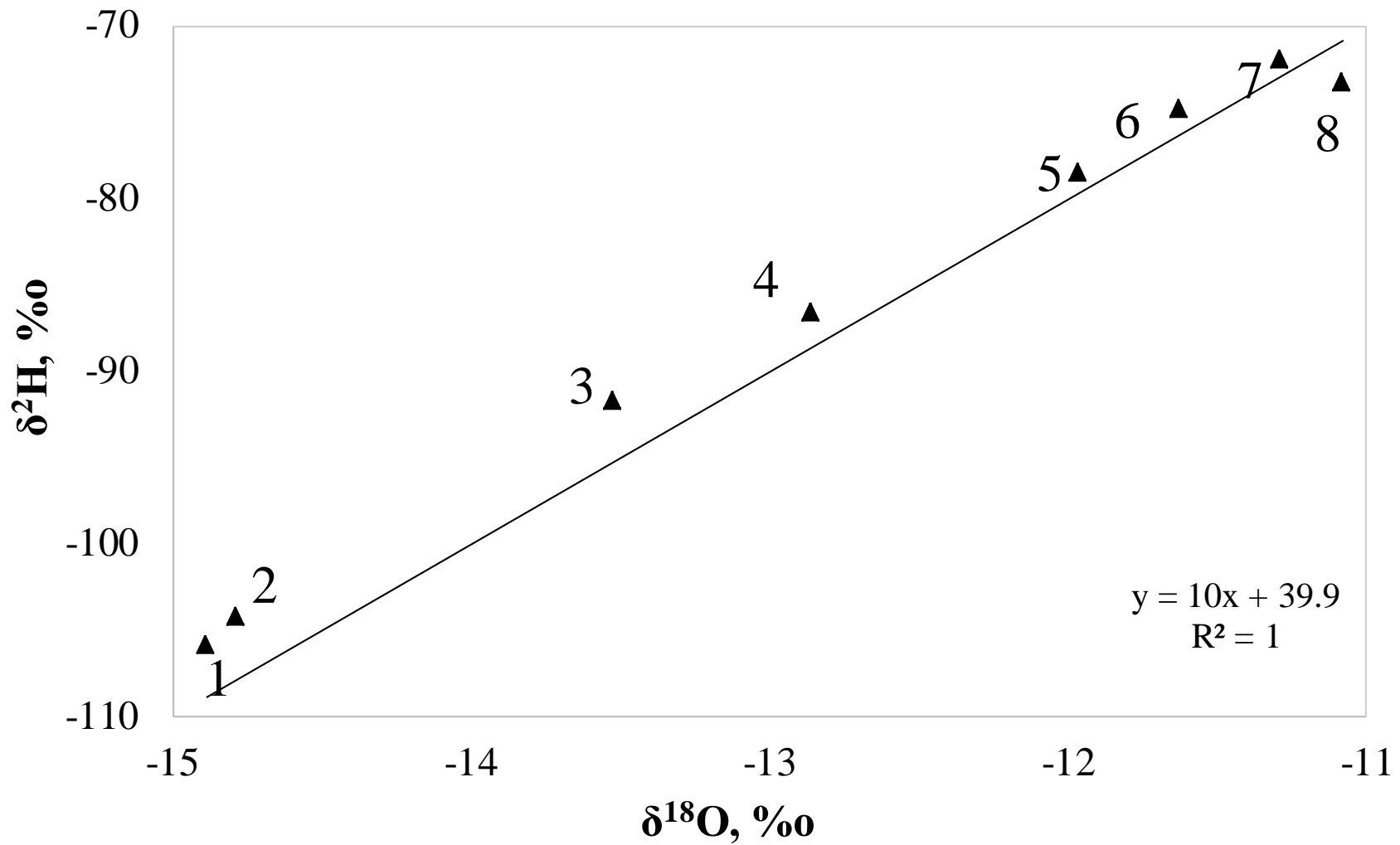


# Isotopic composition of water in the Vakhsh River and tributaries:

**1, 2-** Garmo glacier; **3** - Surkhob river; **4** – Vakhsh river; **5** –Obikhingou river;  
**6** – Kyzilsu river; **7** – river Muksu



Isotopic analysis of spring (1, 3, 4, 5) and underground waters (2, 6, 7, 8) the basin of the rivers Muksu, Kizilsu, Surkhob, Obikhingou, accordingly



## Conclusion

- For the period 1960-2017 it is observed that the water objects in the Vakhsh river basin is vulnerable to climate change.
- The increasing of the river water volume is the result of small glaciers melting.
- Using the cyclical change in the Vakhsh River water volume its value by 2030 is predicted
- The basins of the investigated rivers there are no stationary sources of pollution
- Formation of chemical composition of water is mainly due to the leaching of mineral rocks.
- ❖ Based on isotopic analyses observed: the main tributaries of the river Vakhsh (Surkhob, Obikhingou) have a glaciers feeds
- ❖ the reservoirs of underground waters of the Muksu river basin in period of the snowmelt accumulate glacial melt water. In the dry turn to water supply sources of the Muksu river

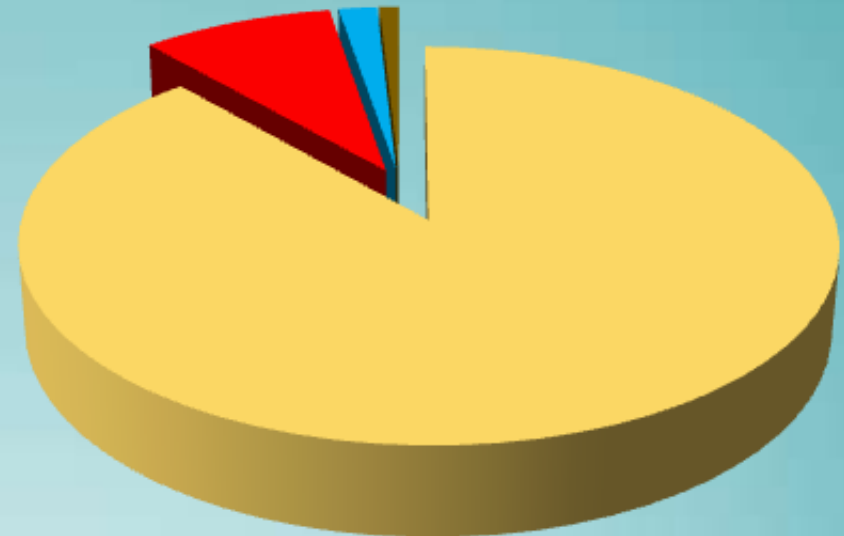
Reservoir



Microclimate



Agriculture



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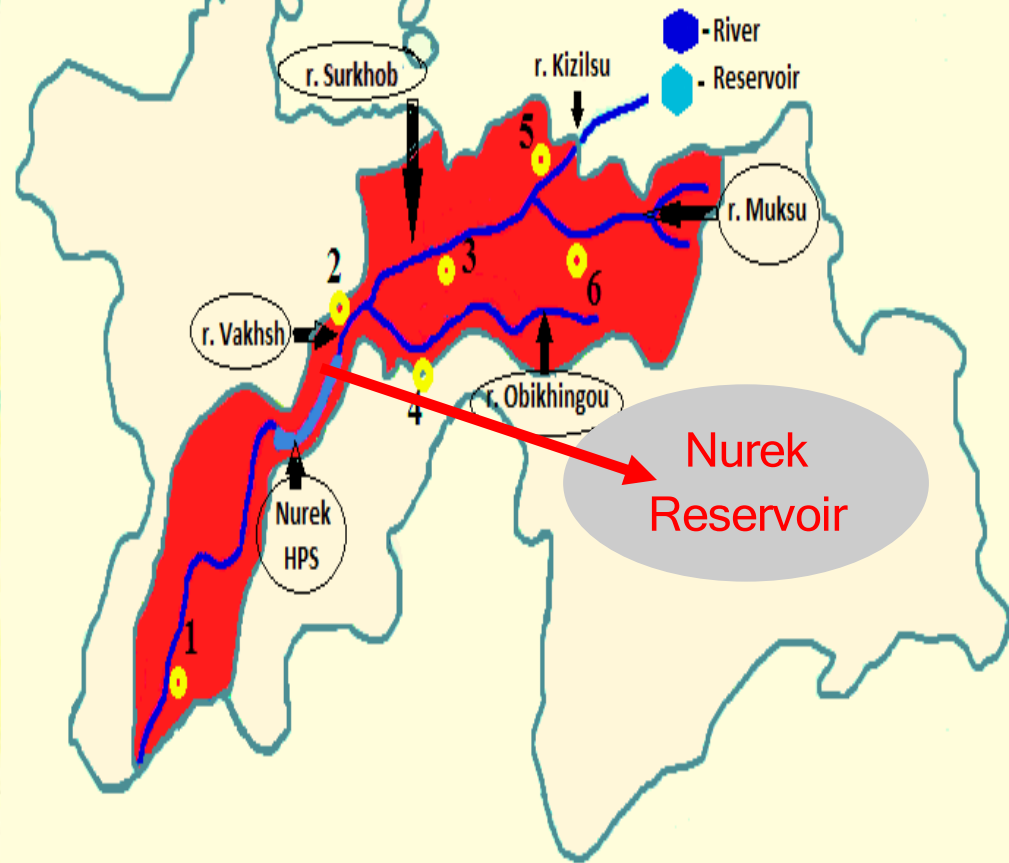
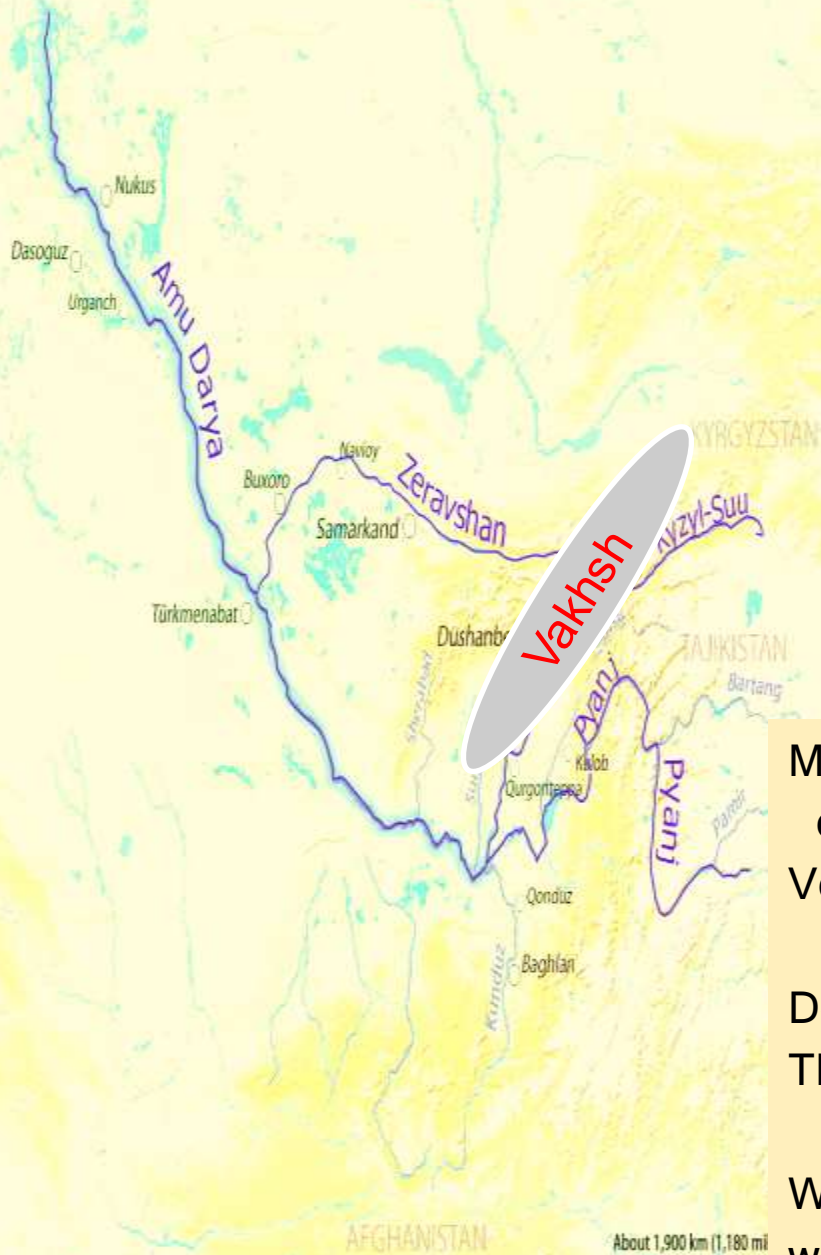
Republic of Tajikistan:

Hydropower resources - 527 Bln.  
kWt·h

Now used only - 5%

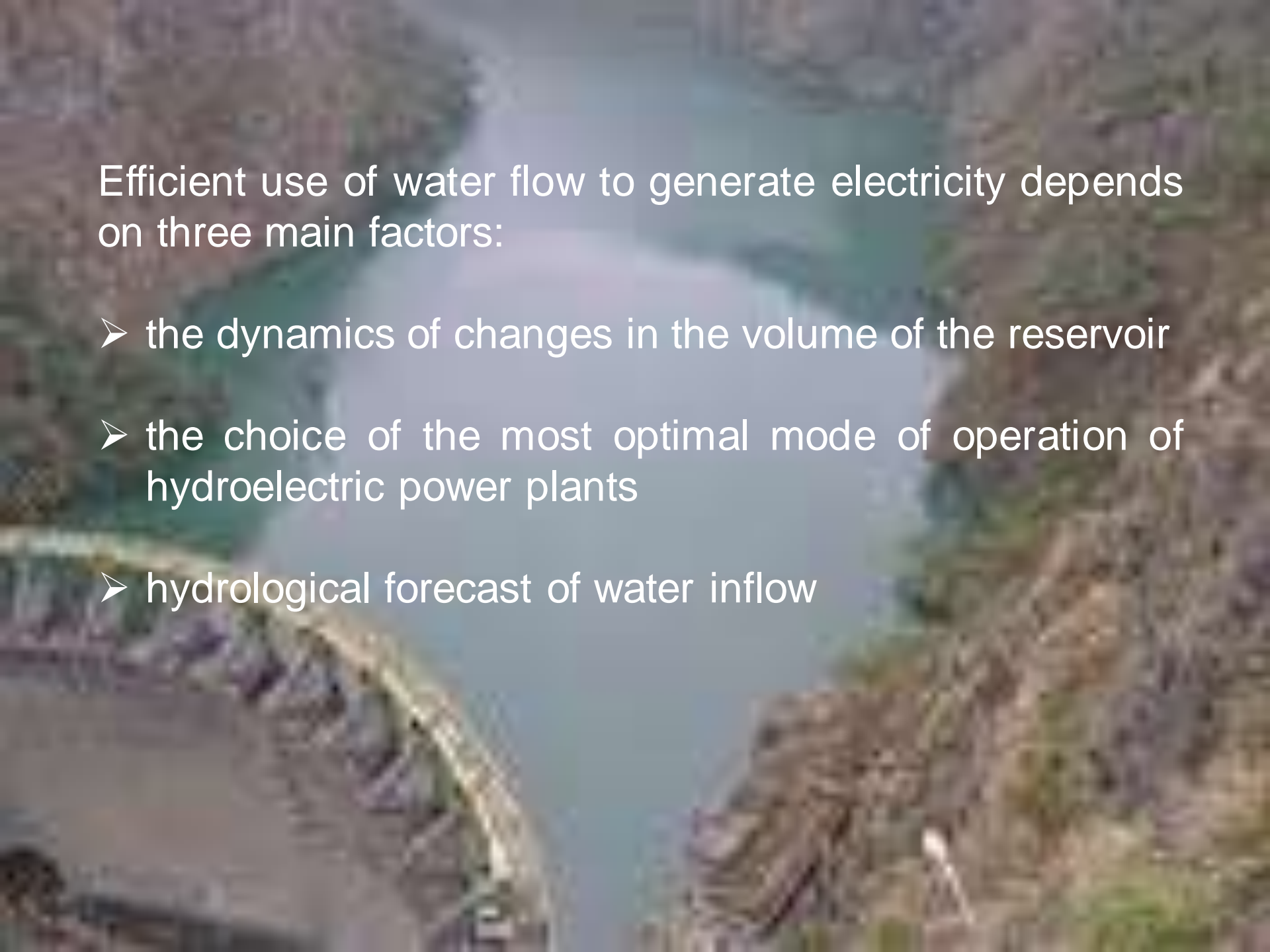
In perspective- construction many middle and  
large HPS with reservoirs

# Vakhsh River Basin



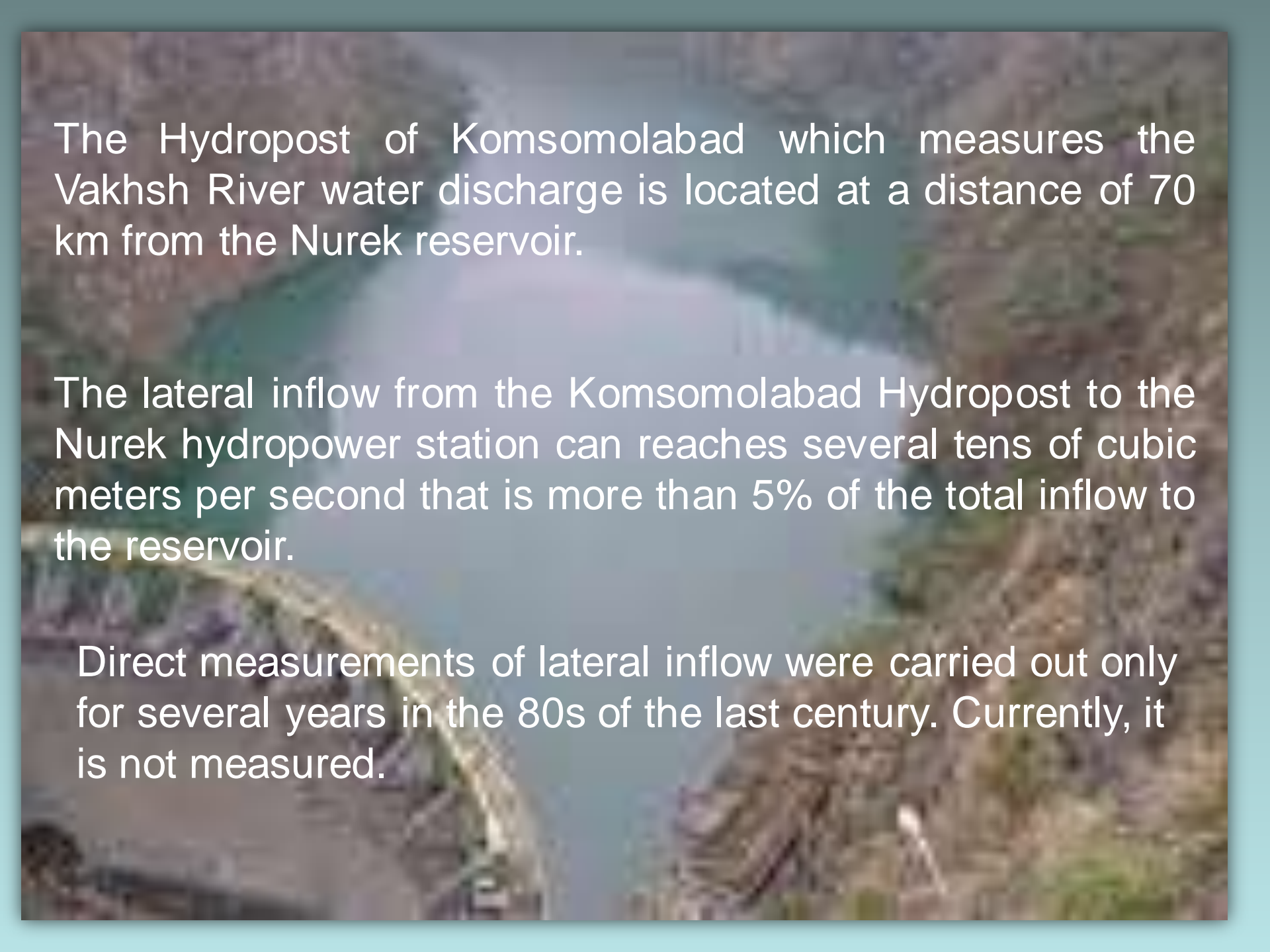
Mirror area at the optimum highest mark of the water surface of the reservoir	98 km <sup>2</sup>
Volume: full	10.5 km <sup>3</sup>
useful	4.5 km <sup>3</sup>
Depth: maximum / average	270 / 107 m
The length of the coastline of the Reservoir	234 km
Water level at highest mark of the water surface of the reservoir	910 m



An aerial photograph of a river winding through a lush, green forested valley. In the lower-left foreground, a concrete dam structure is visible, with water flowing over it. The river continues into the distance, surrounded by dense trees and vegetation. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

Efficient use of water flow to generate electricity depends on three main factors:

- the dynamics of changes in the volume of the reservoir
- the choice of the most optimal mode of operation of hydroelectric power plants
- hydrological forecast of water inflow



The Hydropost of Komsomolabad which measures the Vakhsh River water discharge is located at a distance of 70 km from the Nurek reservoir.

The lateral inflow from the Komsomolabad Hydropost to the Nurek hydropower station can reach several tens of cubic meters per second that is more than 5% of the total inflow to the reservoir.

Direct measurements of lateral inflow were carried out only for several years in the 80s of the last century. Currently, it is not measured.

The efficiency of Hydropower station - maximization of power generation

The criterion efficiency - specific water consumption for the production of one kilowatt-hour of electricity:

$$q = \frac{367}{\eta \times H}$$

H - Water pressure, m

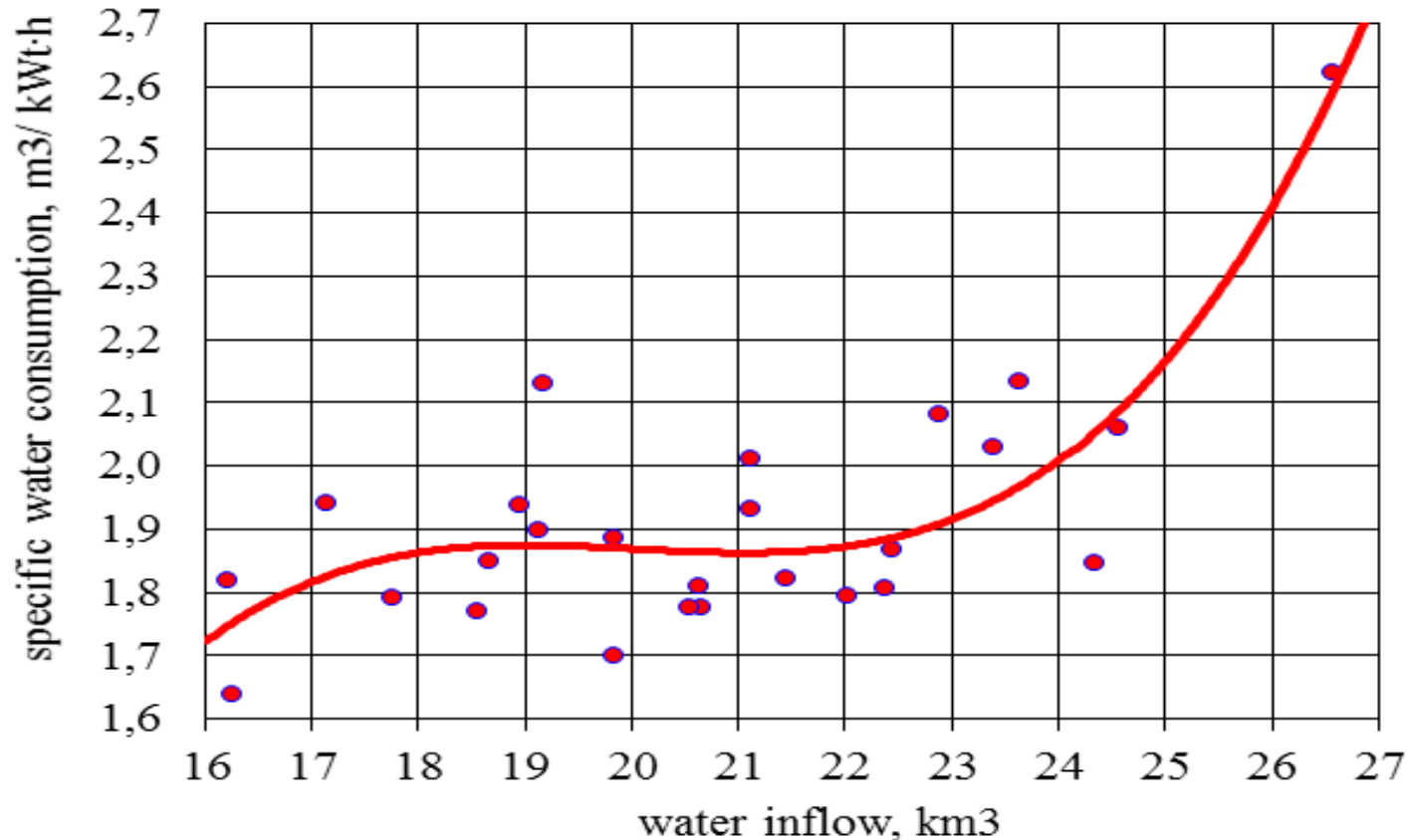
For Nurek HPS:

$$H = 230 \text{ m} \quad \eta = 0,866$$

Respectively:

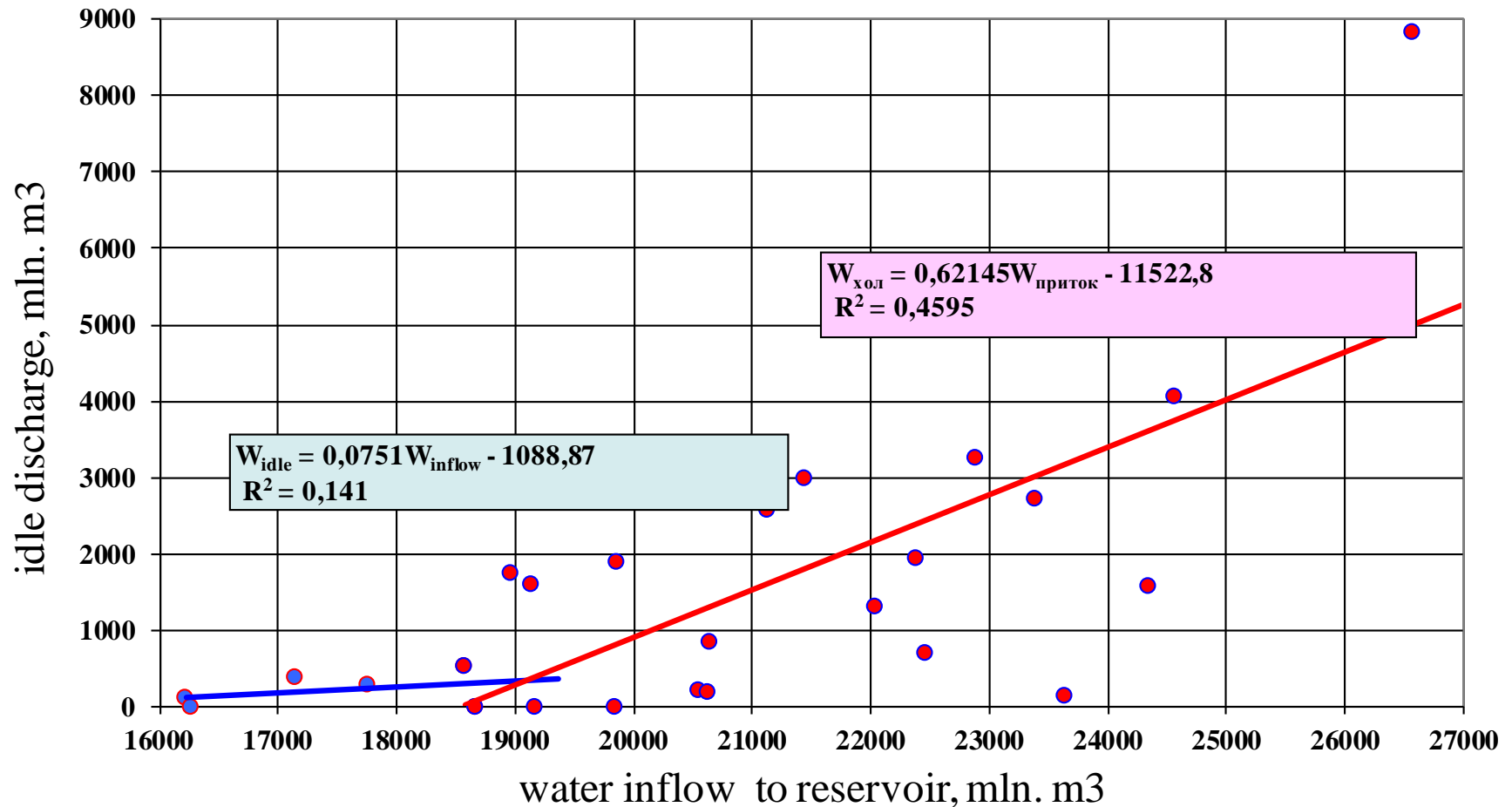
$$q = 1.84$$

## Dependence of the specific water discharge on the generation of electricity from the inflow of water into the reservoir



it is very important to note that in this slide there is a very large variation of  $q$  values for the same values of the inflow. For example, in the range of inflow **19÷20 km3** per year there are points (that is, years) in which  **$q = 1,69$**  and  **$q = 2.13$** . It is impossible to explain it only by idle discharges. This suggests that, on average, for the considered period and especially in some years, the Nurek HPS hydroelectric power station was operating inefficiently.

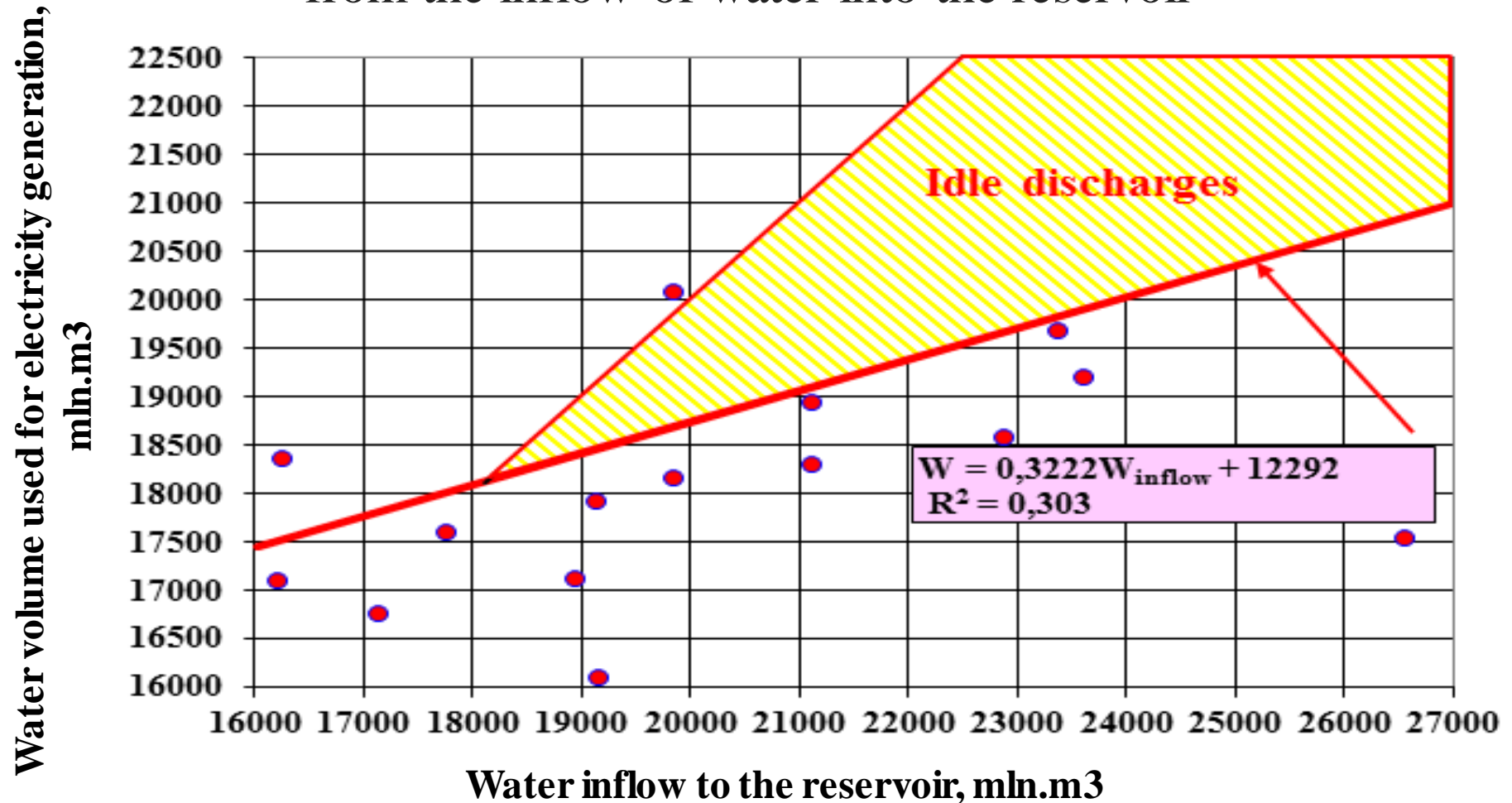
# Dependence of the idle discharge from inflow water to the reservoir



from the figure on the slide shows that only 18-19 km3 inflow water to reservoir at HPS without idle discharge used.



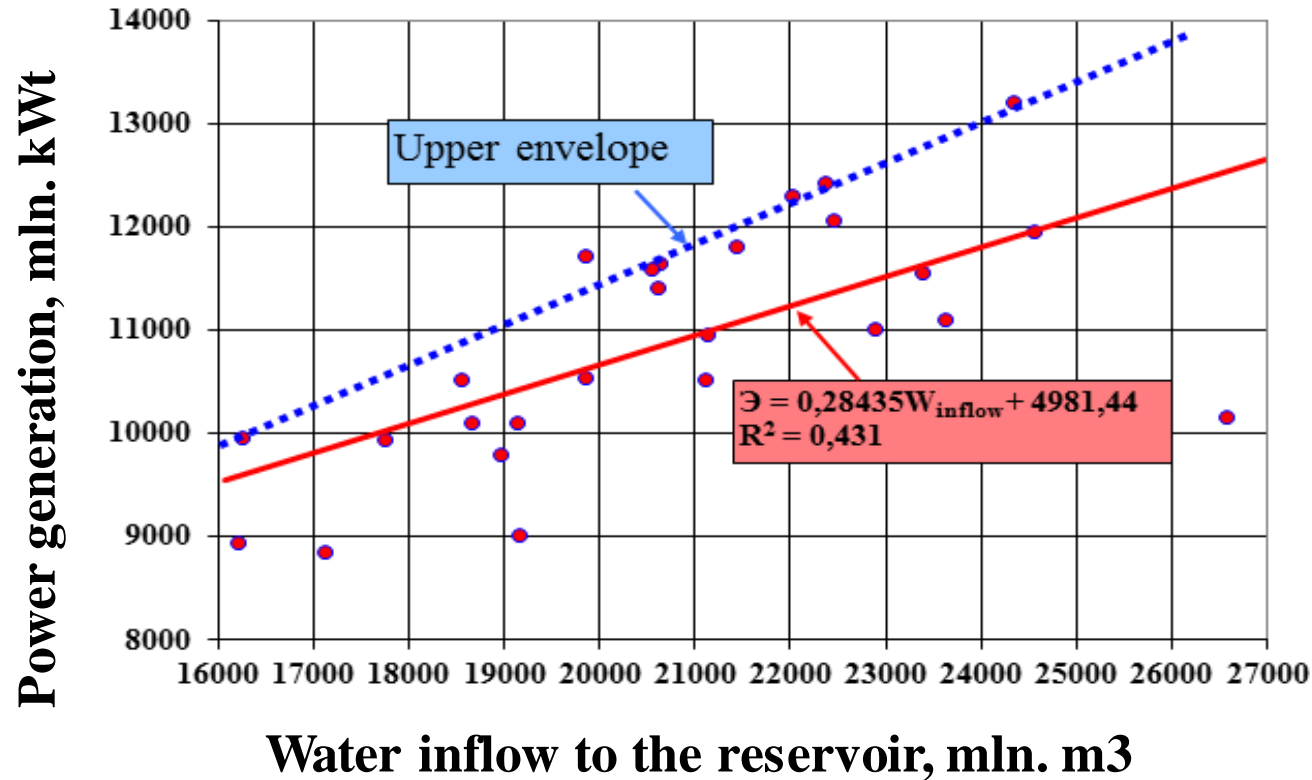
# Dependence of the volume of water used to generate electricity from the inflow of water into the reservoir



For example, with a total inflow of 27 km<sup>3</sup>, the volume of useful runoff is already 21 km<sup>3</sup>. This shows that idle discharges with a reliable runoff forecast could be excluded at least at a total flow of 21 km<sup>3</sup>.

The decrease in electricity generation can be estimated in monetary terms. These economic losses are, in fact, the cost of a hydrological forecast.

### The economic cost of hydrological forecast for hydropower



The figure shows both the average curve and the upper envelope of the dependence of the annual power generation of the Nuremberg HPP on the water inflow into the reservoir. The difference between them determines the loss of electricity due to inaccuracy of the hydrological forecast. These losses vary depending on the inflow from 0.5 to 1.5 TWt·h per year. For the long-term mean inflow 20 km 3 it is 1 TWt·h per year.

## Conclusion

As the analysis of the results of the Nurek HPS shows, the efficiency of using water resources for power generation depends to a large extent on the accuracy of hydrological forecasts.

The cost of electricity losses due to inaccurate hydrological forecasts today, with an electricity tariff of **1 cent / kWt·h** already makes 10 million dollars, and further, at increase of tariffs to a normal world level **5 ÷ 10 cent / kWt·h** they will increase accordingly to 50 ÷ 100 million dollars per year

To a certain extent, these losses can be considered the economic value of the hydrological forecast at its 100-percent accuracy.





For establishment influences of Reservoirs on possible changes of Agroclimatic Resources we spend the analyses of climatic parameters of three districts with developed Agricultural branches **(Dangara, Fayzabad and Yavan)** adjoined to **Nurek HPS with reservoirs.**



# Impact of Nurek Reservoir and Microclimate on irrigation norm for 1968-2017

Now for cultivation of agricultural grounds still use old norms of irrigation. For example, in Tajikistan for cultivation of cotton and Lucerne the following norms of irrigation are established.

- Cotton - 1100 m<sup>3</sup>/ha
- Lucerne - 3000 m<sup>3</sup>/ha



However during 1968-2017 meteorological conditions essentially changed

↓	T (°C)	- 0.50
↑	Humidity (%)	- 7.20
↓	Evaporation (%)	- 17.00
↑	Precipitation (%)	- 11.00

Unproductive losses of water more than  
**2000 m<sup>3</sup>/ha**



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Now two dissertations are presented for defense:

Abulqosim Muminov. ***Geoecological assessment of surface waters and snow covers pollutions of the Vakhsh River Basin and Impact of water reservoirs on climatic conditions of coastal areas***

Bakhtiyor Markaev. ***Study of meteorological conditions, formation of the snow cover in the Vakhsh and Pyanj River Basins and their influence on the tributaries runoff***

# NOTIFICATION OF CHAPTER ACCEPTANCE

February 06, 2018

Dear Professor Normatov,

On behalf of the Editorial Board, it is my pleasure to inform you that the manuscript titled:

## **Monitoring of meteorological, hydrological conditions and water quality of the main tributaries of the Transboundary Amu Darya River**

has been accepted for publication in the book:

### **INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONS ISBN 978-953-51-5889-9**

We firmly believe that your contribution will be of great importance for the scientific community.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Agencies of Hydrometeorology of the Committee for the Protection of Nature and the Environment under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan:**

To account of lateral inflow in the area from the Hydropost to the corresponding reservoir of Hydroelectric Power Station (HPS) and to increase the efficiency of the HPS units, it is necessary to increase the networks of meteorological and hydrological stations

### **Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan:**

- Taking into account the fact of the influence of reservoirs on the formation of the microclimate of the area, make appropriate adjustments to the norms of irrigation of agricultural varieties in the coastal areas to the reservoirs
- Stimulation of research and applied work on the selection of agricultural varieties resistant to climatic factors and easily adaptable to new meteorological conditions

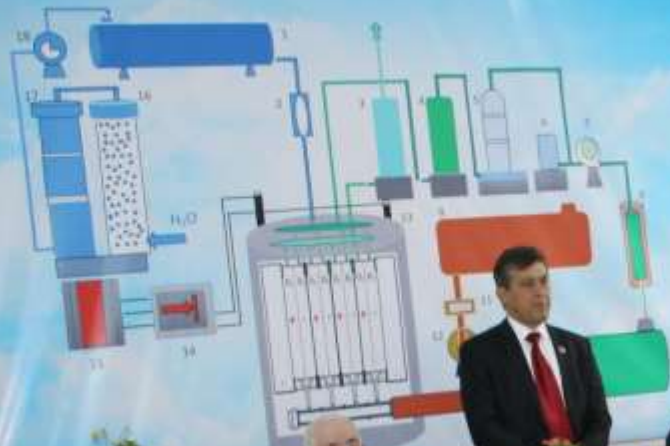
### **Ministry of Water Resources and Energy of the Republic of Tajikistan:**

Taking into account the efficient use of hydropower resources of rivers and taking into account the possibility of favorable orography of the same rivers for the construction of hydroelectric power stations with a reservoir, consider a scheme for the possibility of transferring water between rivers





# TECHNOLOGICAL SCHEME OF HYDROGEN PRODUCTION BY ELECTROLYSIS OF WATER











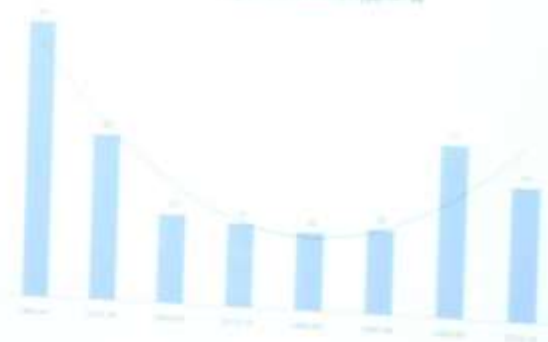
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$\text{NH}_4^+$ , mg/Liter	0.08
$\text{NO}_3^-$ , mg/Liter	0.08
$\text{NO}_2^-$ , mg/Liter	0.08
$\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , mg/Liter	0.08
pH	0.08
Electrical conductivity, $\mu\text{S/cm}$	0.08

21A = 1





Число случаев с температурой  $\geq 40.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  по десятилетиям, Худжанд



















A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there is a rocky, grassy slope with some purple and yellow wildflowers. A small stream flows through the valley floor. In the middle ground, a river winds through the valley. The background features steep, rocky mountains under a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene is bright and natural.

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