



**The TWO Analysis in the
Jordan River Basin:
A Regional Positive-Sum Outcome**

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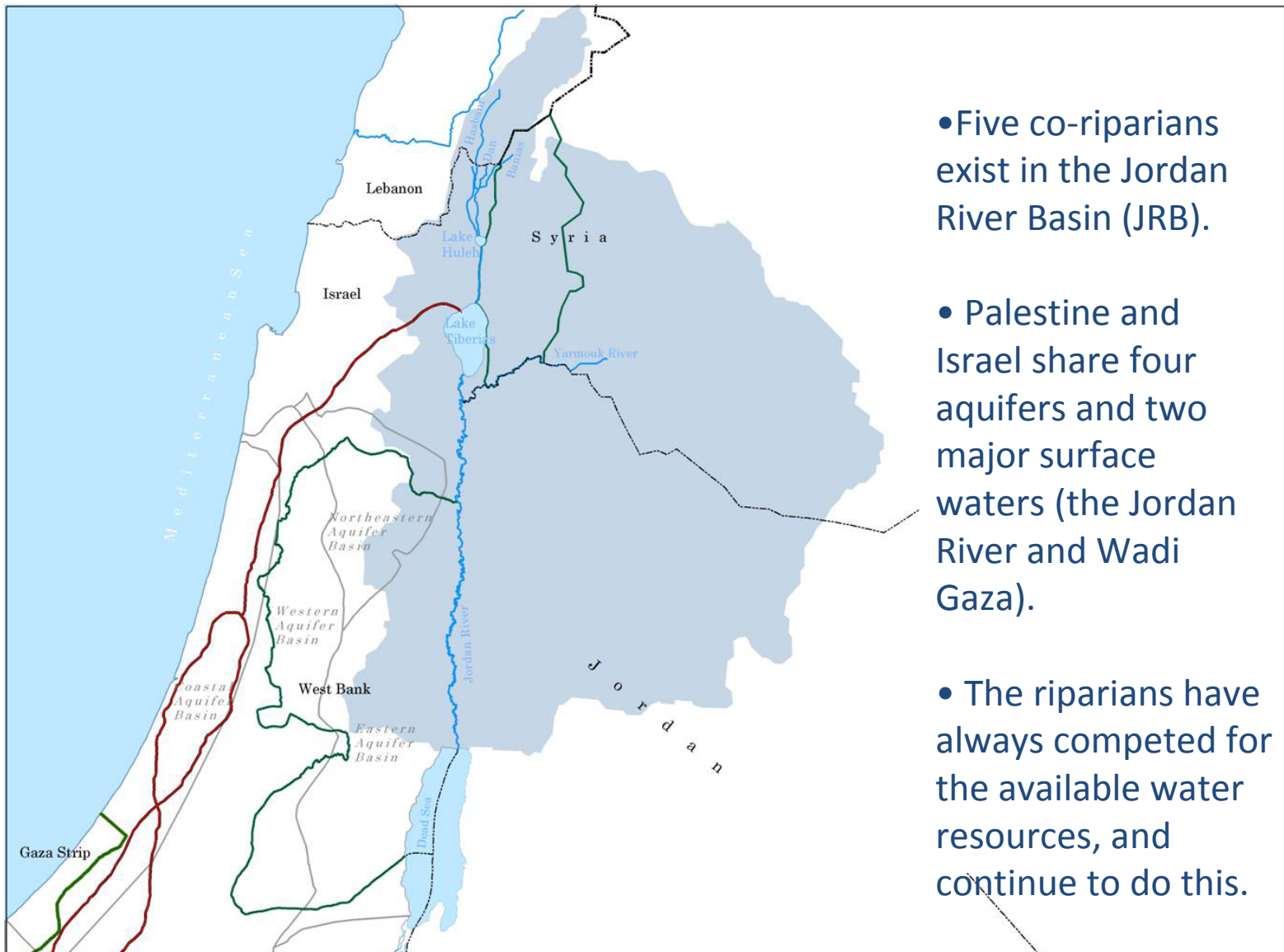
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The Jordan River Basin: Overview

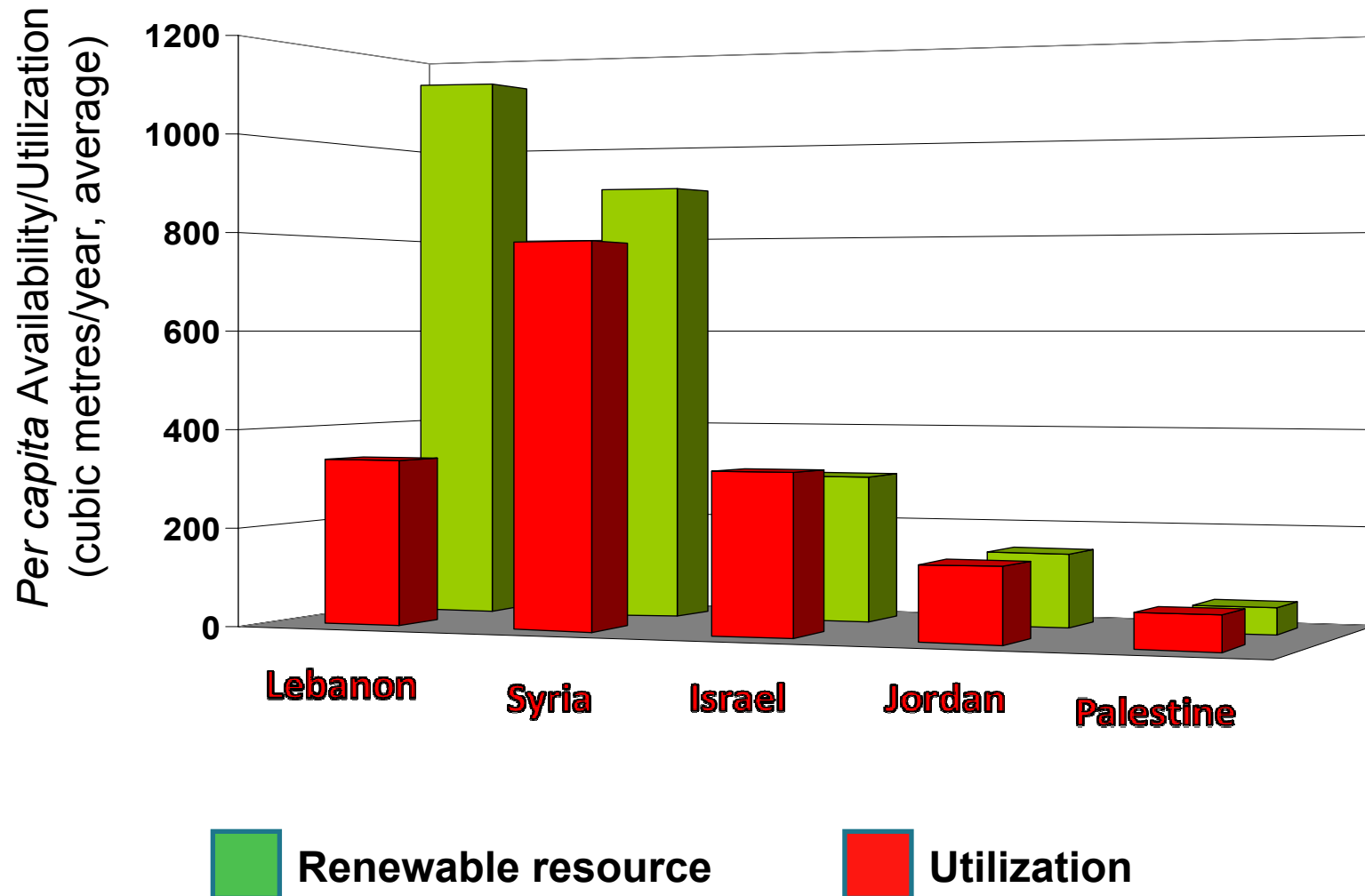


- Five co-riparians exist in the Jordan River Basin (JRB).
- Palestine and Israel share four aquifers and two major surface waters (the Jordan River and Wadi Gaza).
- The riparians have always competed for the available water resources, and continue to do this.

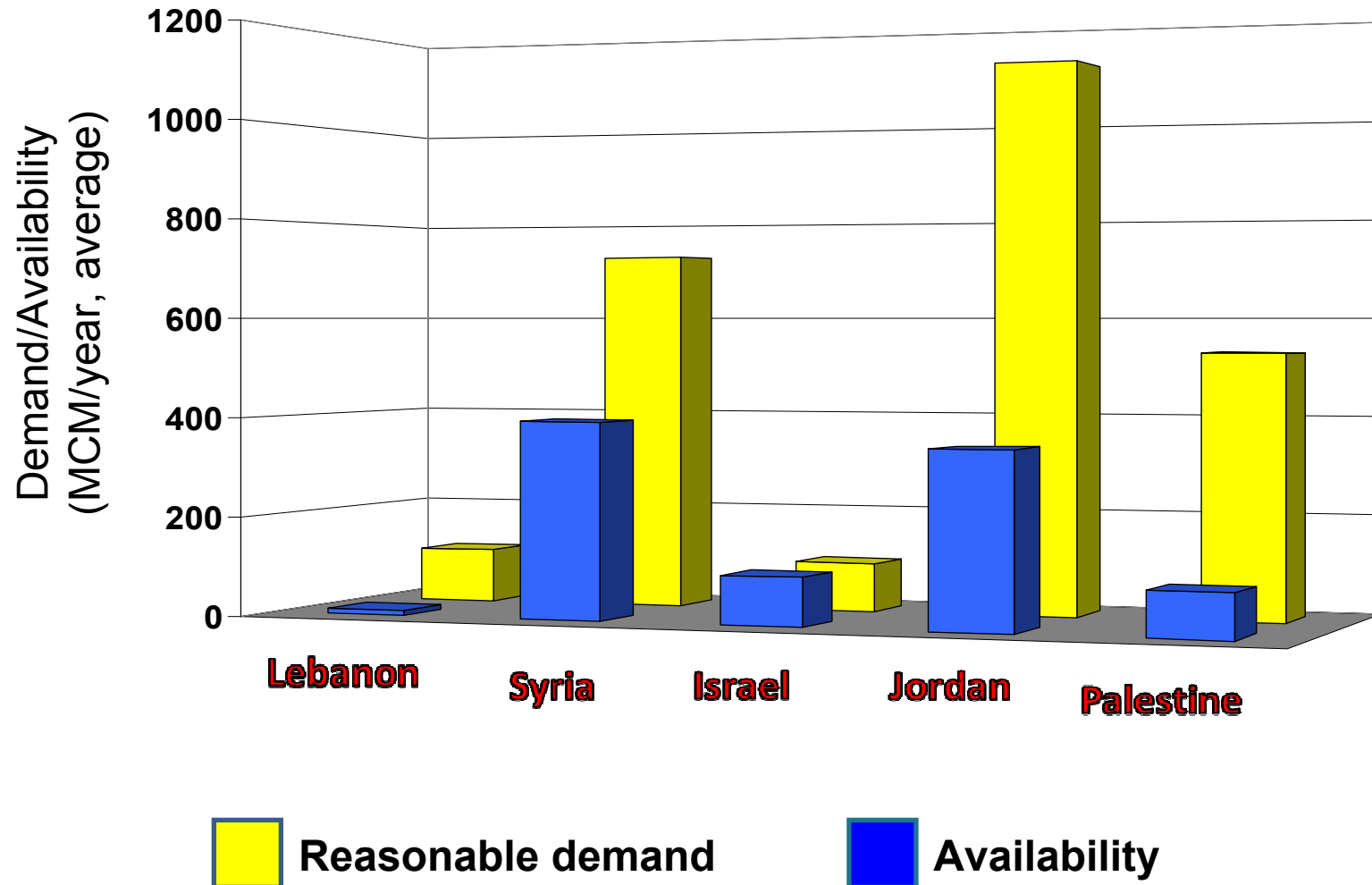
The Key Problems in the JRB

- **Deeply inequitable allocations of fresh water between the five riparians.**
- **Considerable distrust between the riparians; ongoing political and sometimes military hostility.**
- **Historical agreements of questionable quality and/or equitability; no basin-wide agreement.**
- **Shortages of water within the basin, for all riparians other than Israel.**
- **Little or no interest to date, in optimising or sharing the basin-wide benefits.**

Present *Per Capita* Renewable Fresh Water and Utilization, Country-wide



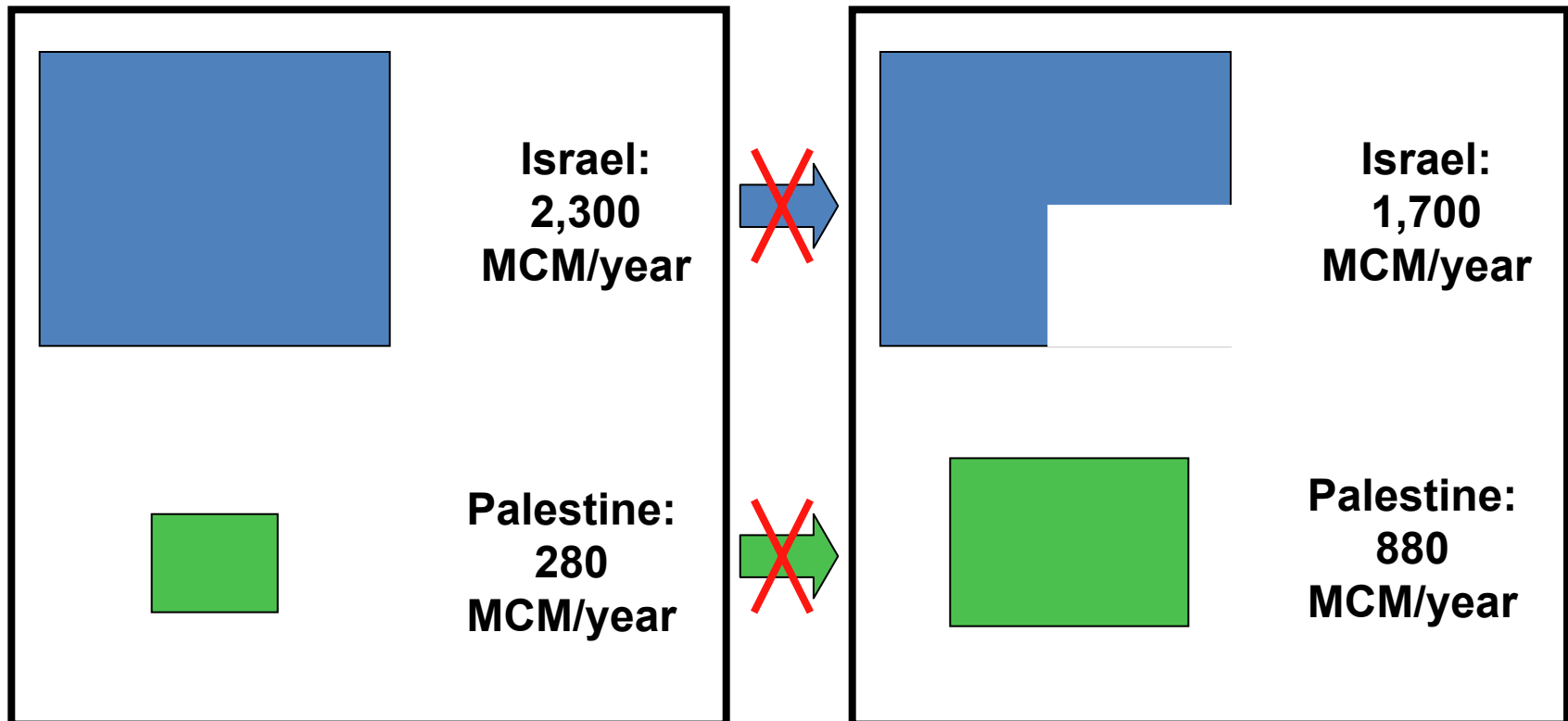
Reasonable Total Water Demand and Availability, Within the Basin



Demand Management

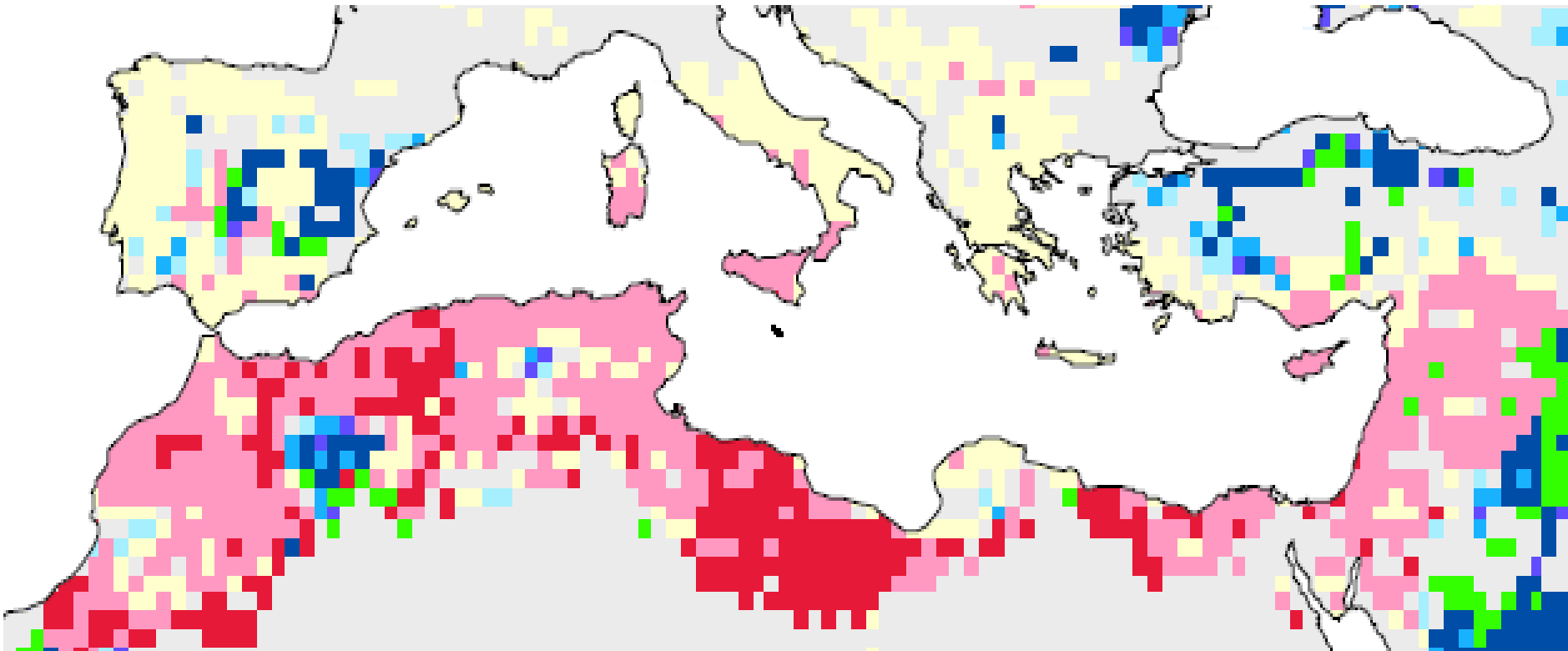
- **The existing problems cannot be solved by demand management, as the inequities between the riparians are too great.**
- **Demand management is important, but does not provide a route to agreement between the riparians as to the future of the basin, or any equitable and reasonable allocations of water.**

The Zero-sum Dilemma

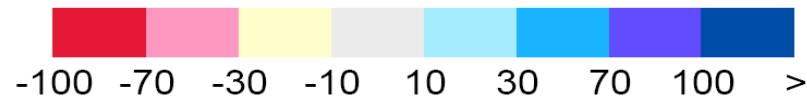


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Probable Climate Change



Change in groundwater recharge (%)
from 1961-1990 to the 2050s



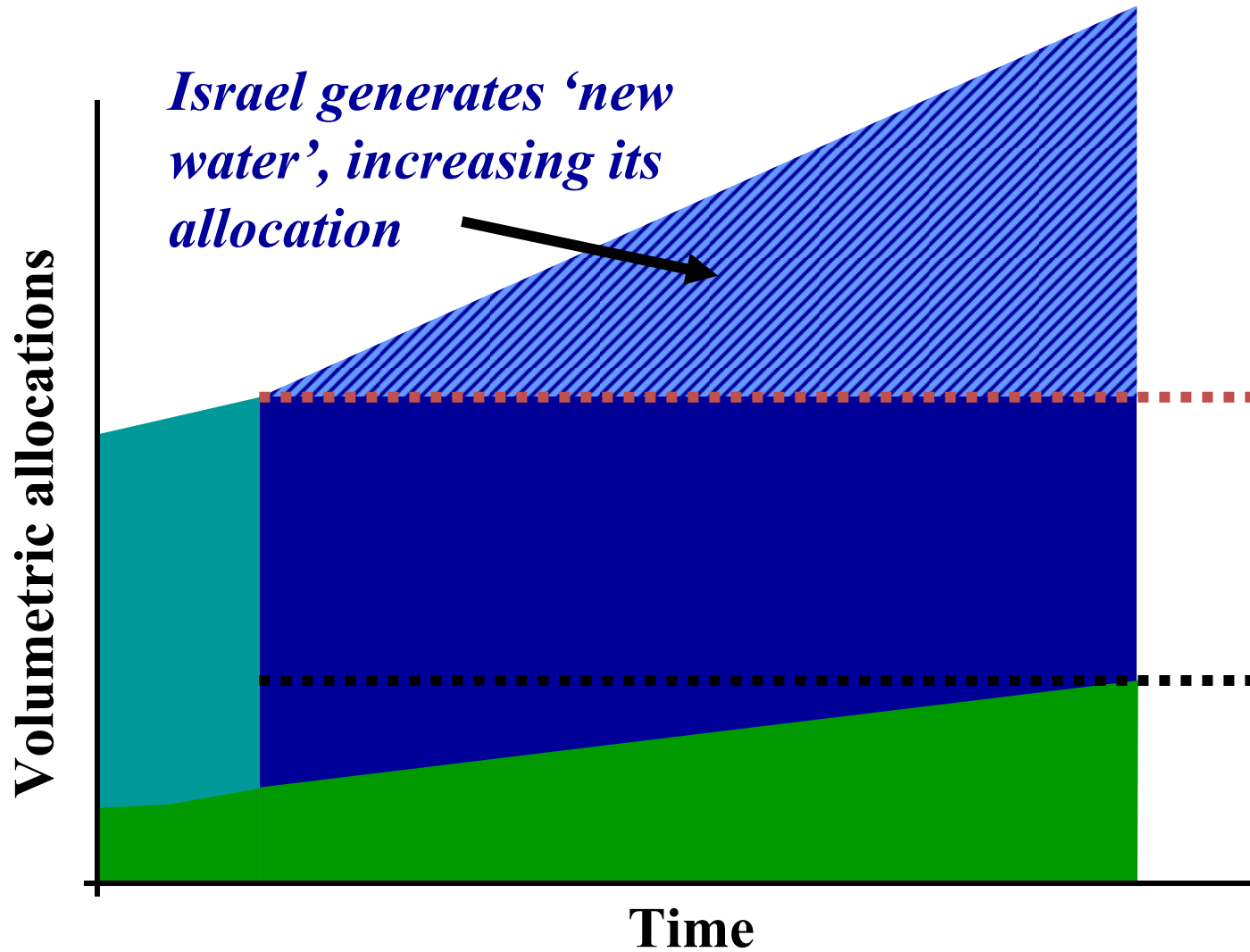
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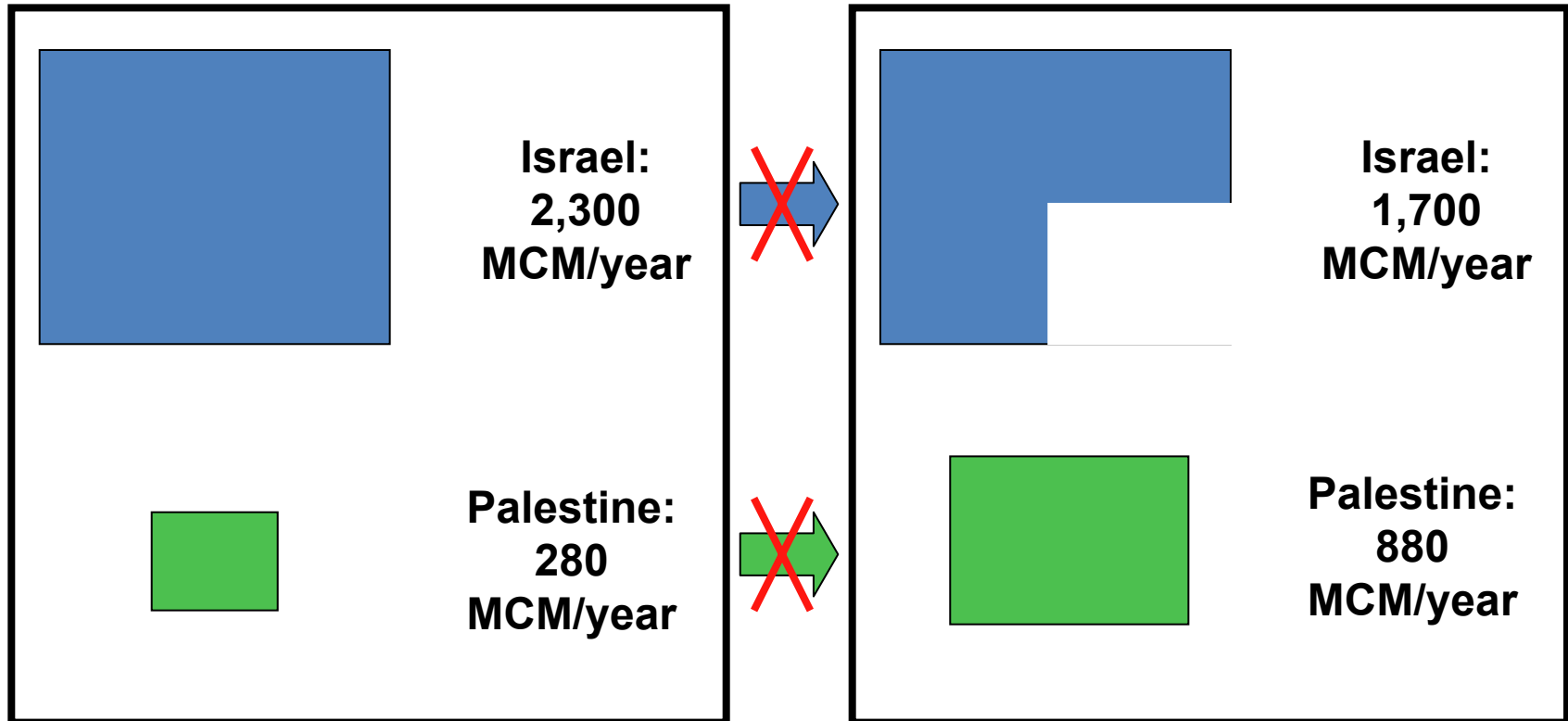
The Proposed Positive-Sum Outcome

- **The Positive-Sum Outcome (PSO) increases the total water volume available within the basin.**
- **This ‘makes the pie bigger’ and also allows reallocation to occur without any party losing water over time.**
- **New Water can be produced by:**
 - **desalination;**
 - **enhanced wastewater re-use;**
 - **improved Green Water/Blue Water management;**
 - **inter-basin transfers.**
- **Transition is the key concept, here.**

Bilateral Transition

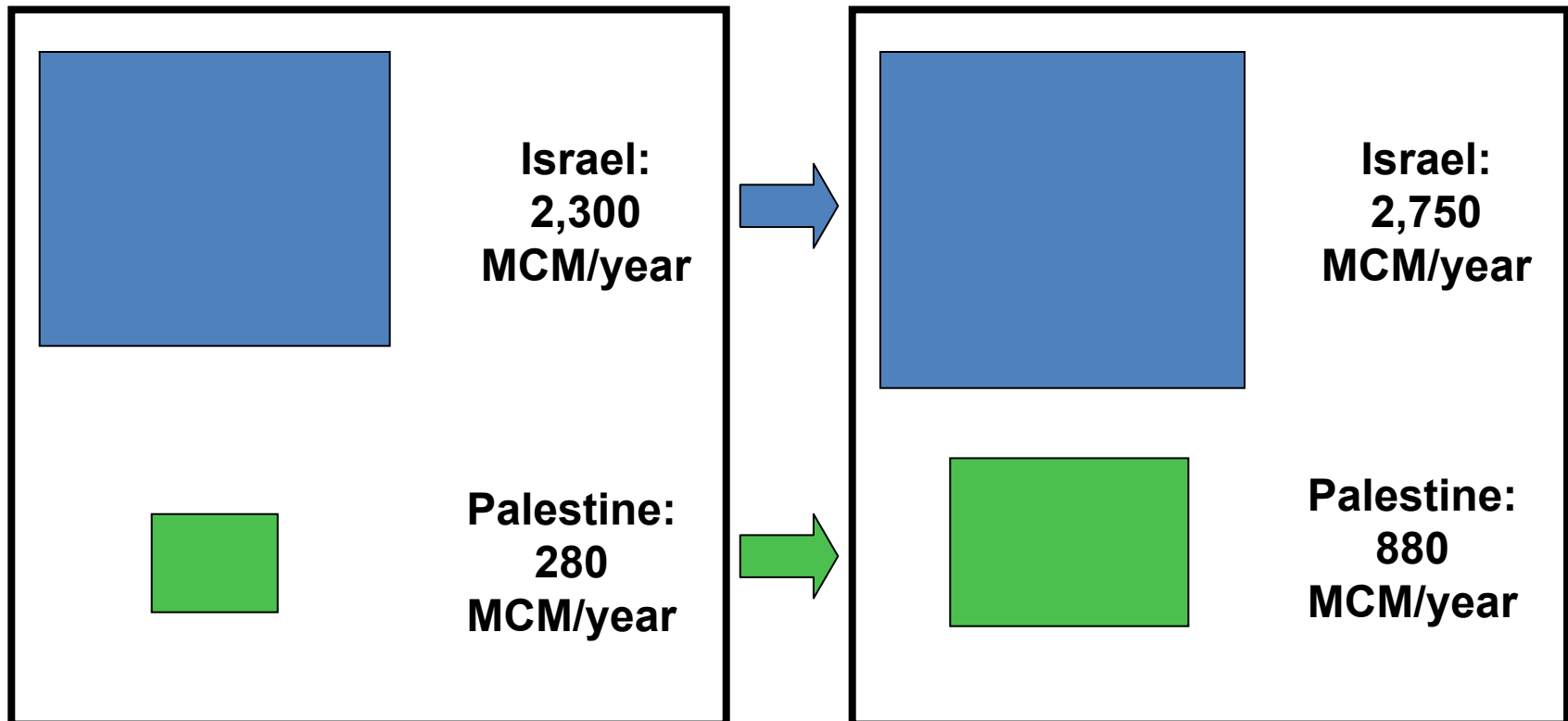


The Bilateral Zero-sum Dilemma



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The Bilateral Positive-Sum Outcome



Reallocation can be attained, as both parties wish to enhance their water resource volumes over time, and the PSO achieves this.

Aligning the Bilateral and Multilateral PSOs

- The bilateral (Palestine/Israel) and multilateral PSOs *must* be aligned, and fully compatible with each other.
- This is because any bilateral and multilateral agreements must not be allowed to ‘poison each other’, and it is uncertain which agreement would be signed first.
- A multilateral PSO has also been generated by the study team, to take account of this requirement.
- The multilateral PSO acknowledges the current and future water uses in all five co-riparians of the Jordan River basin.

The Multilateral PSO: Main Water Sources [1]

- **Improvements in Flow Management:**

- Green Water should be used more efficiently in the upper basin, especially in Syria.
- This will drive enhanced Blue Water flows to the lower three riparians.

- **Desalination:**

- High desalination capacities (and strong technology) exist in the region.
- Three of the five riparians **must** include desalinated water in their future water supply strategies.

The Multilateral PSO: Main Water Sources [2]

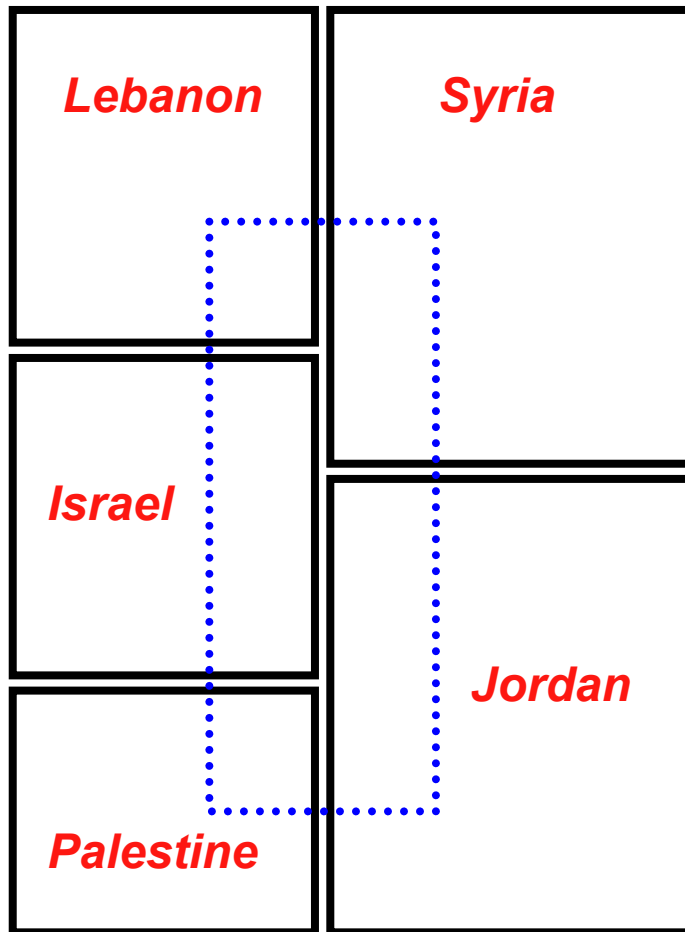
- **Wastewater Re-use:**

- Re-use is already considerable in Israel, and moderate in Jordan.
- Syria and Palestine in particular could improve re-use rates, but new sewage treatment works are required.

- **Inter-basin Transfers:**

- Several options exist of smaller scale, relevant to Lebanon and Syria especially.
- An option exists for a large-scale inter-basin transfer from Turkey to the Jordan River basin.

Multilateral Transition [0]

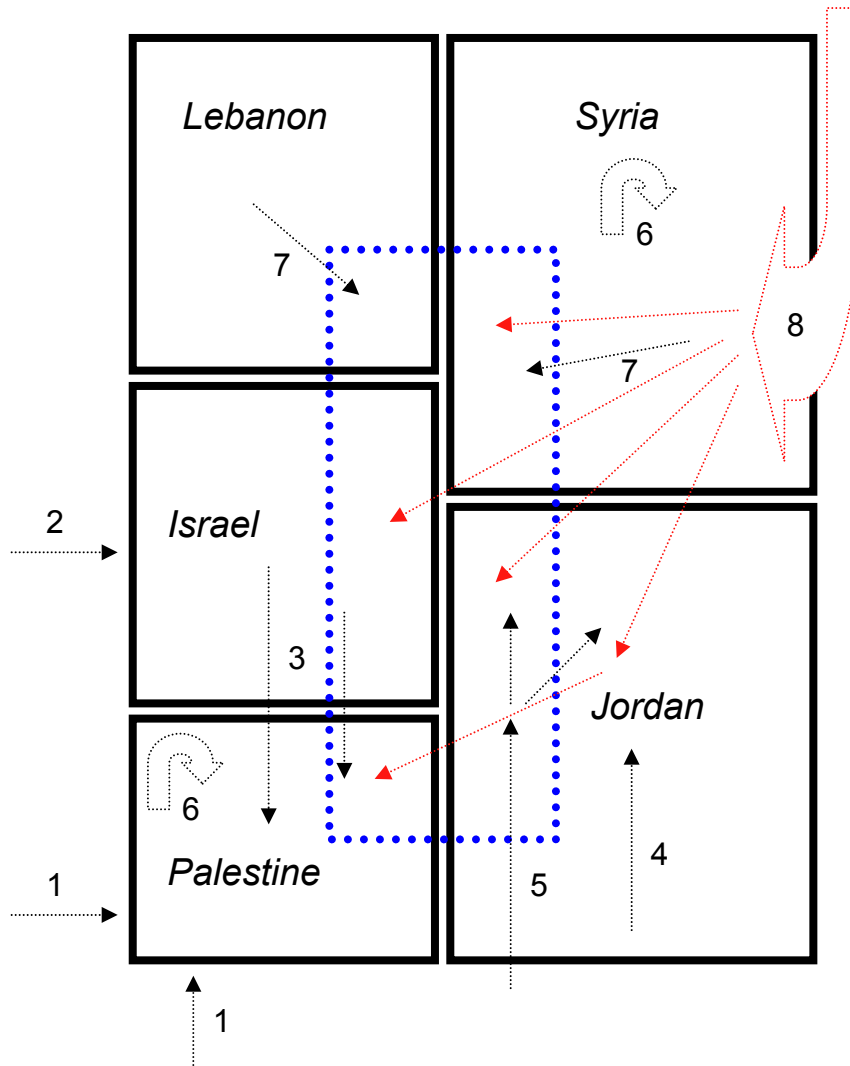


The water demand and supply scenarios have been analysed for the countries as a whole, with the Jordan River basin 'nested within this' (shown here within the dashed blue line).

'Reasonable demand' is again used, with equal *per capita* allocations of 350 m³/year.

Current population growth rates and distributions are assumed to continue, unchanged.

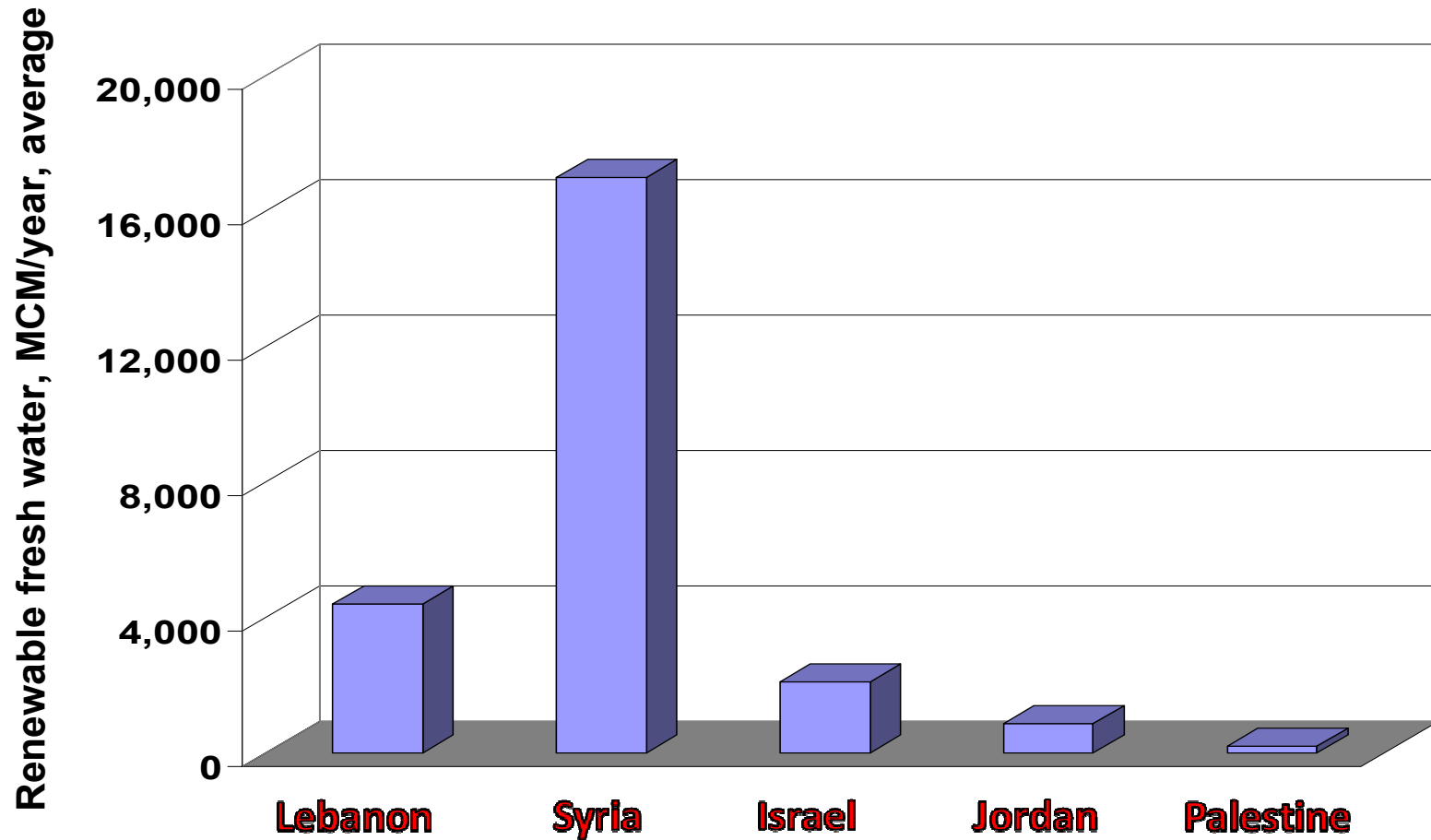
Multilateral Transition



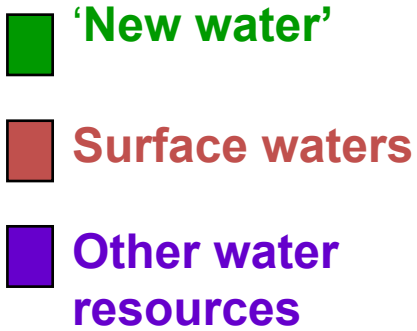
Components:

- [1] Desalination, Gaza
- [2] Desalination, Israel
- [3] Reallocation, Israel/Palestine
- [4] Disi abstraction, Jordan
- [5] Red-Dead Conduit, Jordan
- [6] Wastewater re-use, Syria and Palestine especially
- [7] Inter-basin transfers in-country, Lebanon and Syria
- [8] Inter-basin transfer from the Seyhan/Ceyhan in Turkey

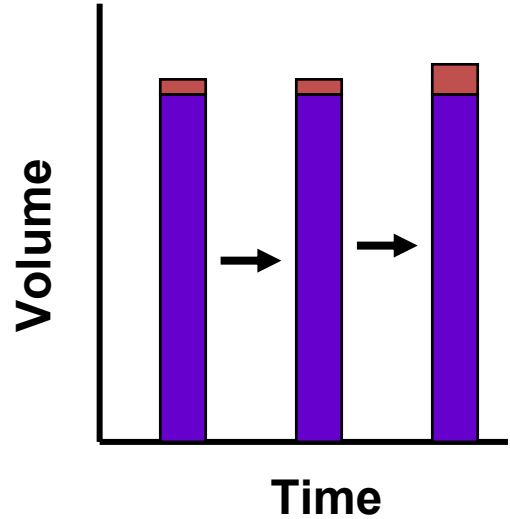
Relative Renewable Fresh Water Resources



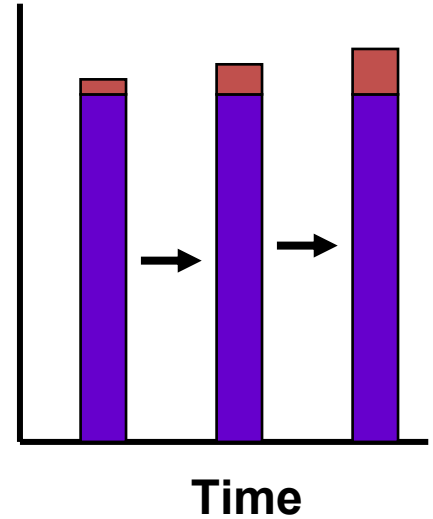
The Multilateral Transition, over time.



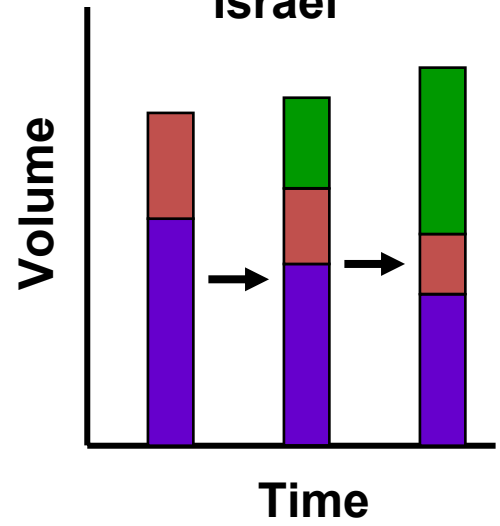
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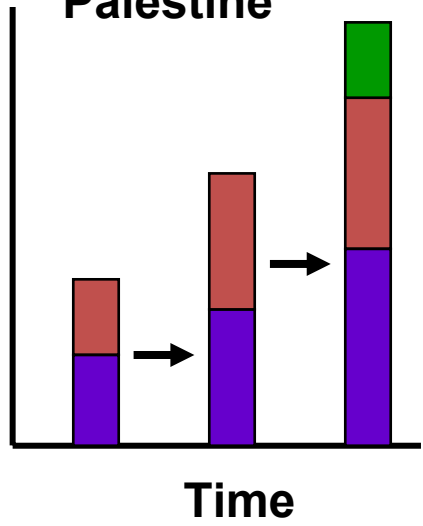
Syria



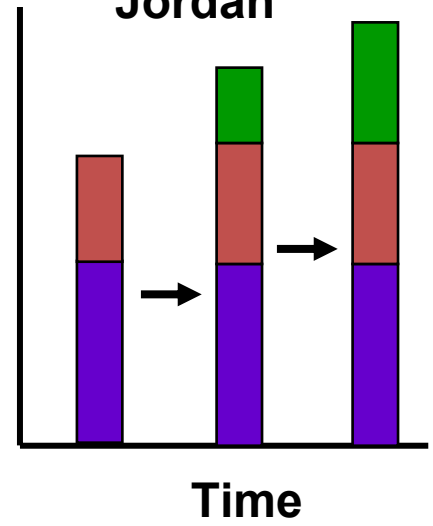
Israel



Palestine



Jordan



The Result of the PSOs

- The bilateral and multilateral PSOs will guarantee enhanced fresh water availabilities (on a *per capita* basis) to all five co-riparians, simultaneously.
- Within the transition period, reallocations will occur such that the availabilities approach equitable and reasonable allocations.
- No party ever experiences a zero-sum dilemma.
- The total volumes of New Water required are known, and are affordable.
- The PSO is much more affordable than continuing conflict between the co-riparians.

Key Messages

- The availability of water in the basin can be improved markedly, generating the PSO.
- If this does not occur, the Zero-Sum Dilemma will obstruct improvements.
- The PSO solves all the existing problems, and is affordable.

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The JRB: Economic Returns, Agriculture

<i>Country</i>	<i>Agriculture</i>		
	<i>Allocation [MCM/y]</i>	<i>Contribution to GDP [US\$millions]</i>	<i>Ratio</i>
Lebanon	920	2,114	2.30
Syria	18,900	21,301	1.13
Israel	1,280	4,438	3.47
Jordan	760	1,043	1.37
Palestine	163	403	2.47

Water in the Agricultural Sector [1]

- Israel's economic return per unit volume of Blue Water is much higher than those of other riparians.
- The differences are even greater when Green Water is taken into account.
- **Great improvements can be made in the other four riparians.**

The JRB: Economic Returns, All Sectors

<i>Country</i>	Ratios, Contribution to GDP [US\$m]/ Sectoral Water Allocations [MCM/y]		
	<i>Agriculture</i>	<i>Industry</i>	<i>Services</i>
Lebanon	2.30	499	69
Syria	1.13	59	67
Israel	3.47	396	198
Jordan	1.37	74	115
Palestine	2.47	93	37

Fresh water allocated to other sectors attains much higher returns!

Agriculturally-based Economy

Palestine: Transition constrained by the occupation.

Syria: Drive for food self-sufficiency; very low efficiency in the agricultural sector.

Lebanon and Jordan: In transition at present.

Israel: High GDP *per capita* already, but maintaining a strategic water reserve in the agricultural sector.

Industrial and Service-based Economy

The JRB: The TWO Analysis Matrix

<i>Factor:</i>	<i>Riparian/ Activity</i>	<i>Efficiency, Water Use</i>	<i>Flow Management</i>	<i>Desalination</i>	<i>Wastewater Re-use</i>	<i>Inter-basin Transfers</i>
Primary production	Lebanon					Later stage
	Syria	High	High		High	
	Israel	Ongoing			Ongoing	
	Jordan	High			Ongoing	
	Palestine	High			High	
Hydropower	All	Low for the basin as a whole; moderate in Syria externally.				
Urban Growth and Industrial Development	Lebanon	Ongoing				Later stage
	Syria	High				
	Israel	Ongoing				
	Jordan	High				
	Palestine	Critical				
Ecosystem Services	<i>Fisheries</i>					
	<i>Tourism</i>	Dependent on a sustainable peace.				

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Water Use in the JRB: Key Conclusions [1]

- The present allocation/utilization of fresh water in the basin is inequitable and unreasonable.
- Within-basin shortages of water are a particular problem for all the Arab co-riparians.
- Climate change is likely to make matters worse, over time.
- The availability of water in the basin can be improved markedly, generating the PSO.
- If this does not occur, the Zero-Sum Dilemma will obstruct improvements.
- **The PSO solves all the existing problems, and is affordable.**

Water Use in the JRB: Key Conclusions [2]

- A scheme is available to introduce the PSO over time, and the TWO Analysis then shows how the fresh water may best be used.
- The intra-sectoral efficiency ('water productivity') can be increased markedly in the agricultural sector.
- The inter-sectoral reallocation of water will give rise to much greater economic returns.
- **The Parties can continue to compete, or can start to cooperate -- and all can markedly increase their net benefits from the basin.**

Thank you for your attention.



