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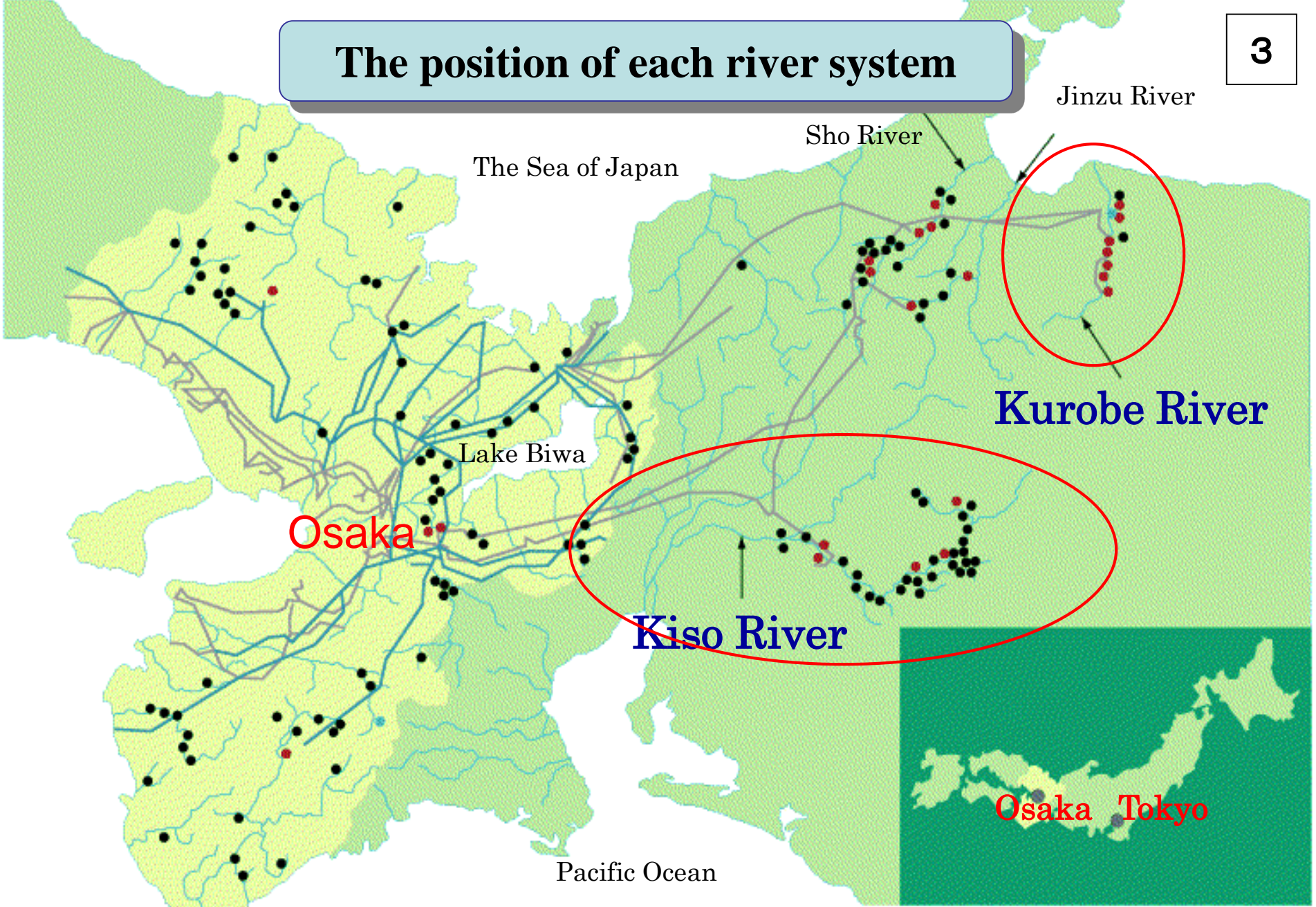
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## Consistent development of the whole river system

### The concept in Japan

**Consistent river-system development involves setting up a reservoir at the most upper-reach of the river system for improved river flow, and making maximum use of the river's elevation head and water flow to achieve a large peak output across the whole river system.**

# The position of each river system



0 50km

▪ 150 hydropower stations

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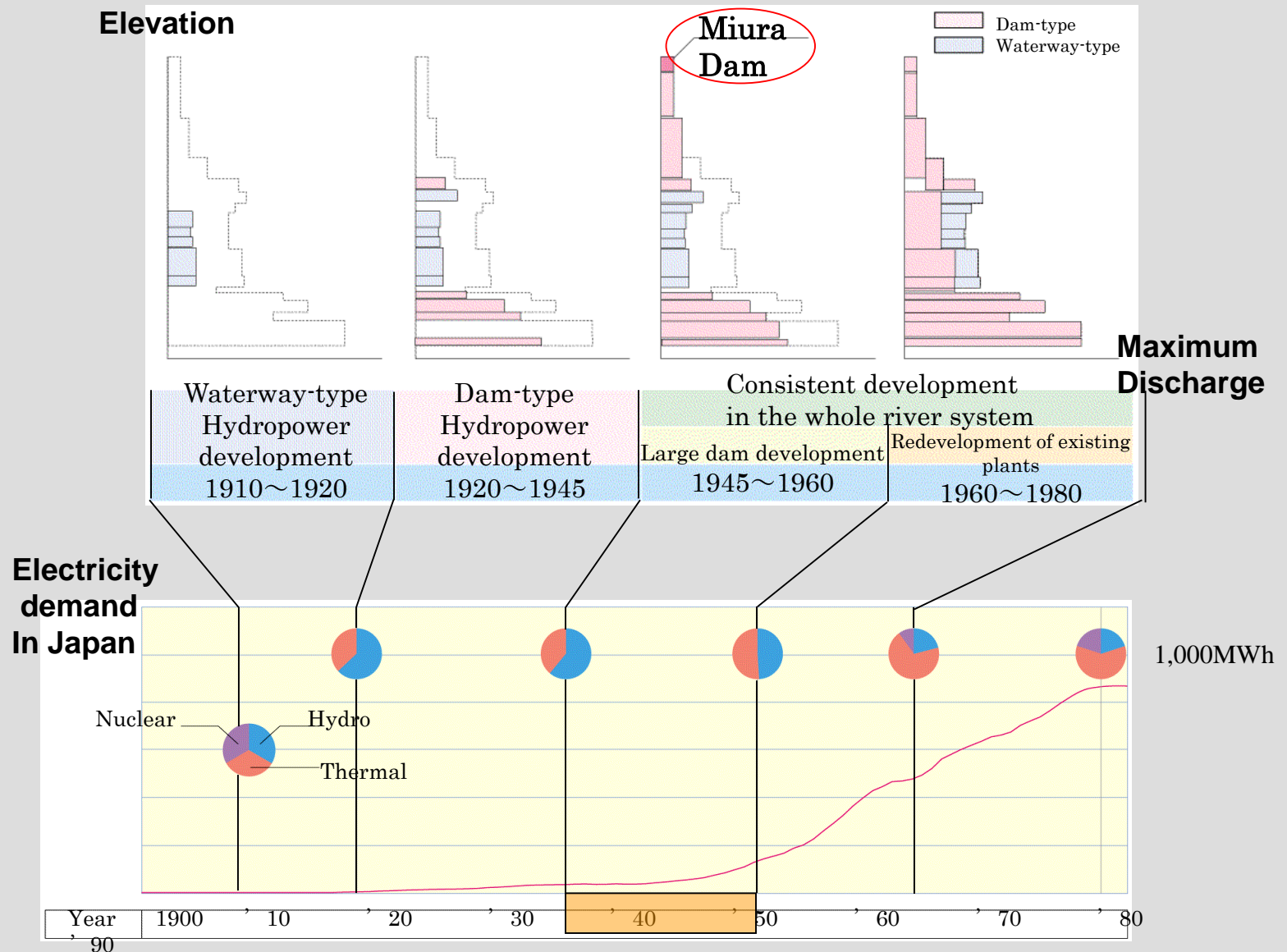
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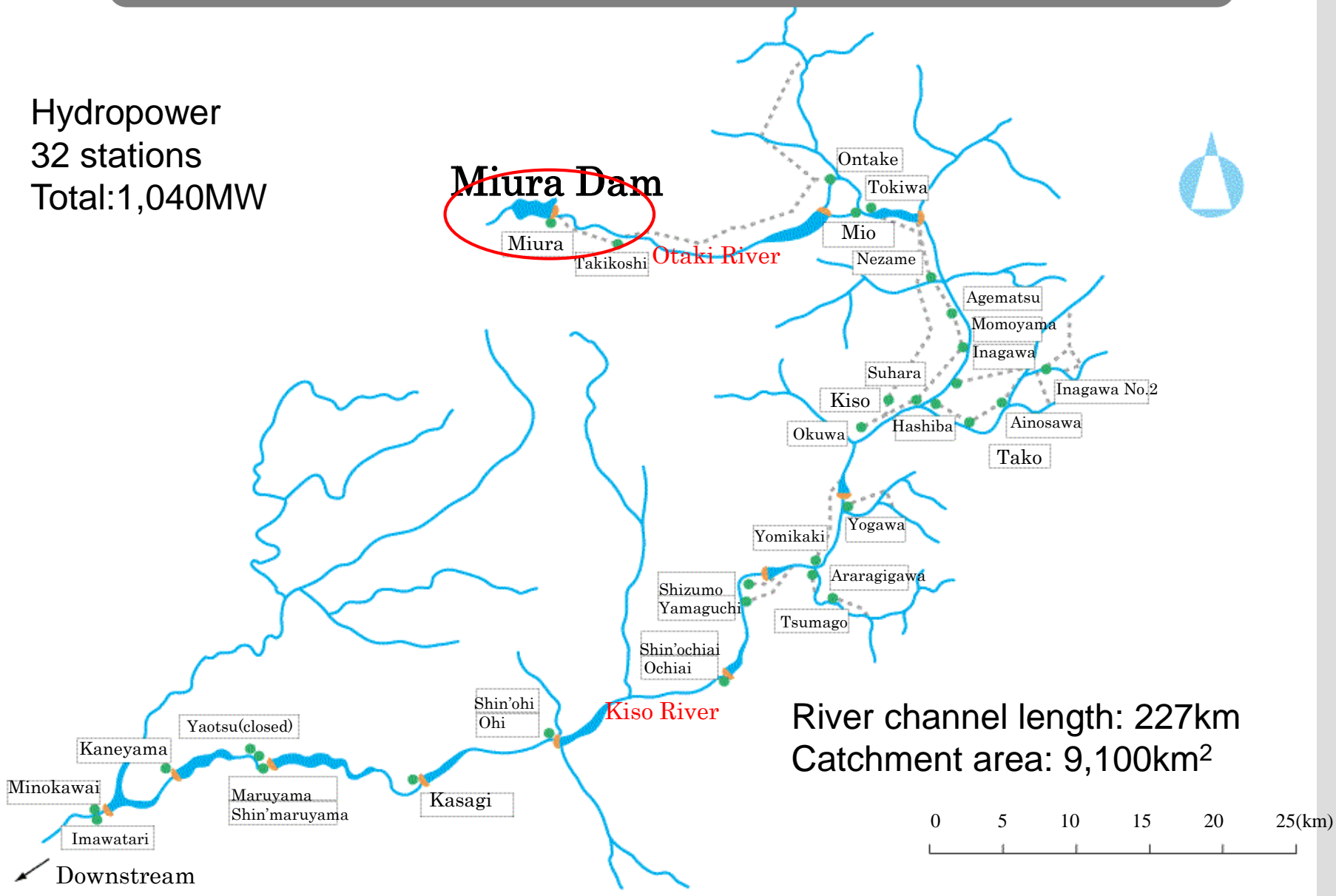
# The history of hydropower development in the Kiso River



# Hydropower Development in Kiso River System

Hydropower  
32 stations  
Total: 1,040MW

**Miura Dam**

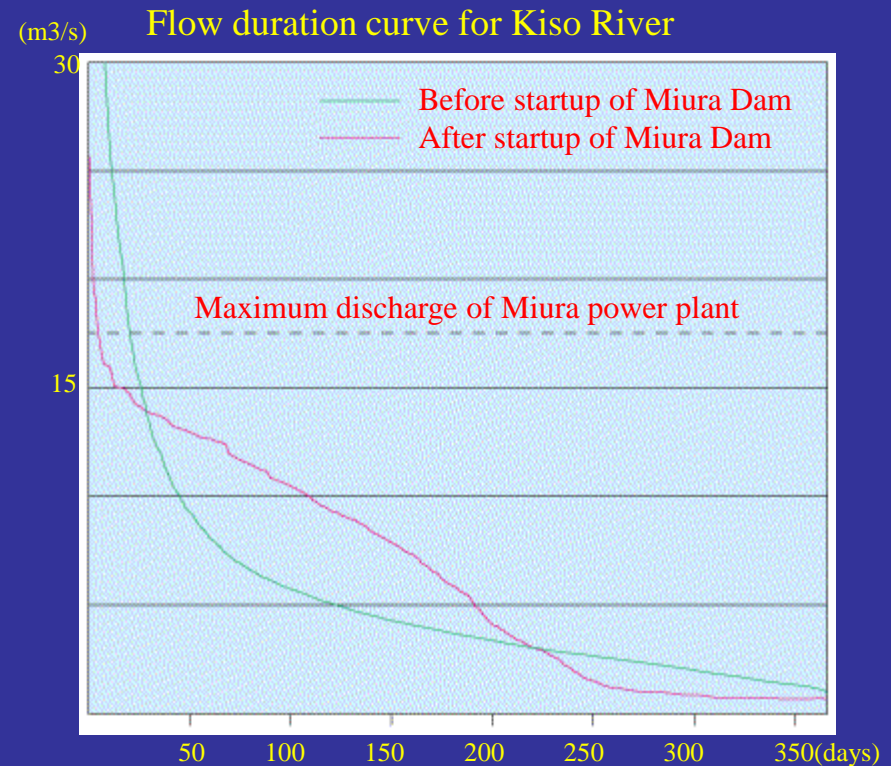


## Miura power plant

Following the startup of Miura Dam, the annual river flow of Kiso river was improved as illustrated below

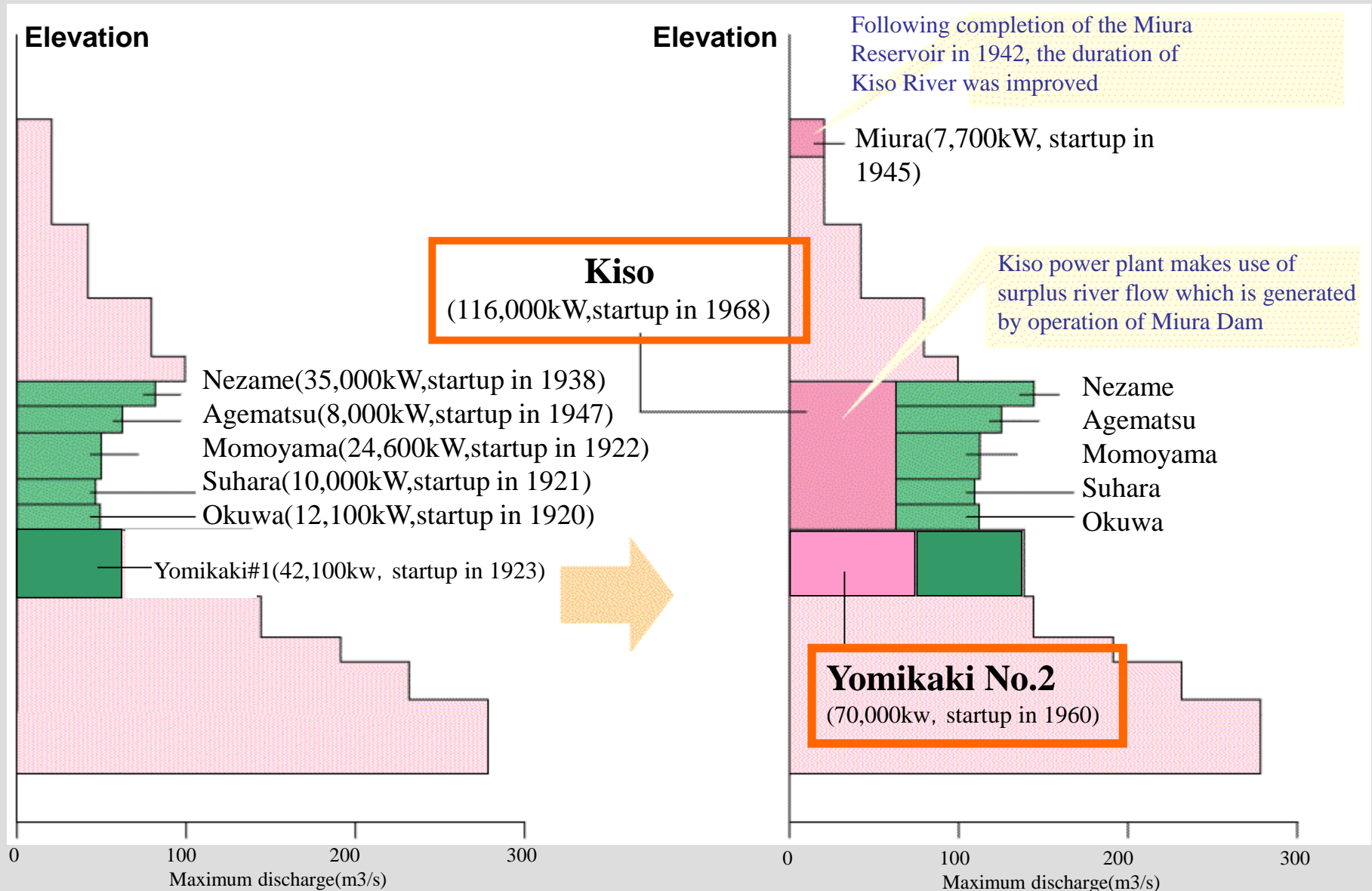


Miura Dam (Miura Power Plant)  
Maximum output : 7,700kW  
Maximum discharge : 17.5m<sup>3</sup>/s  
Effective head : 54.7m





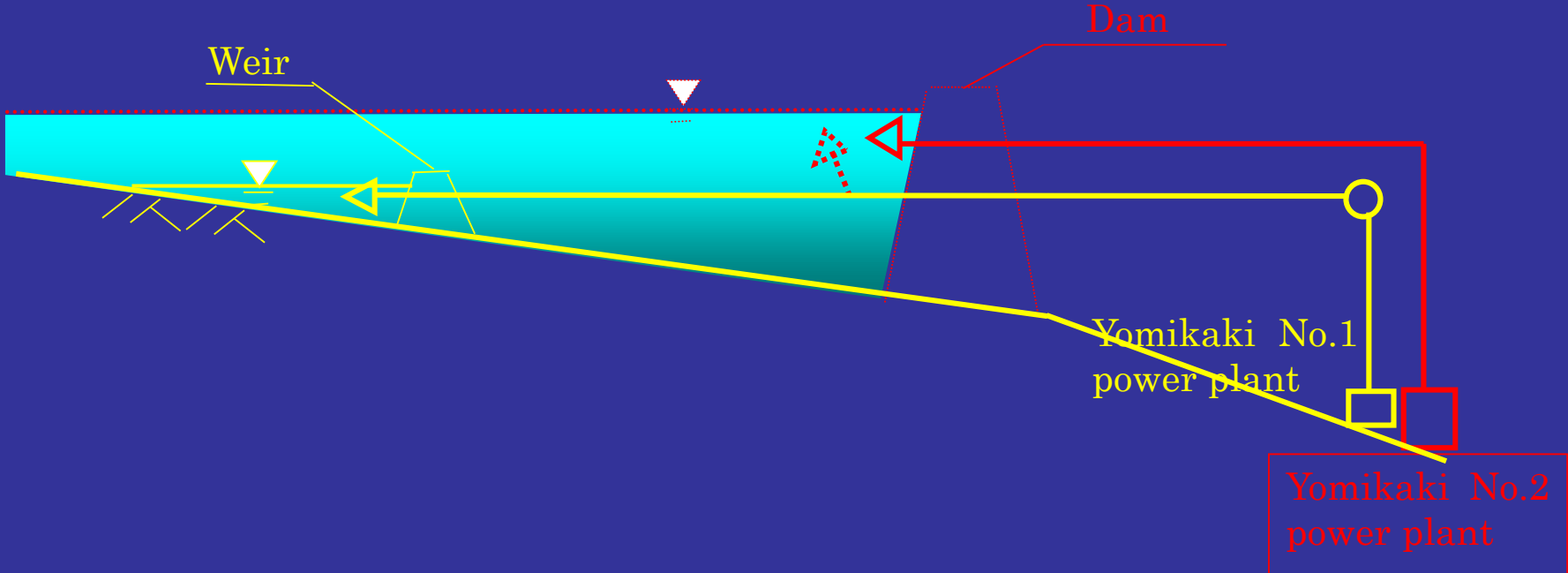
# Redevelopment of hydropower plant, Kiso & Yomikaki P/S



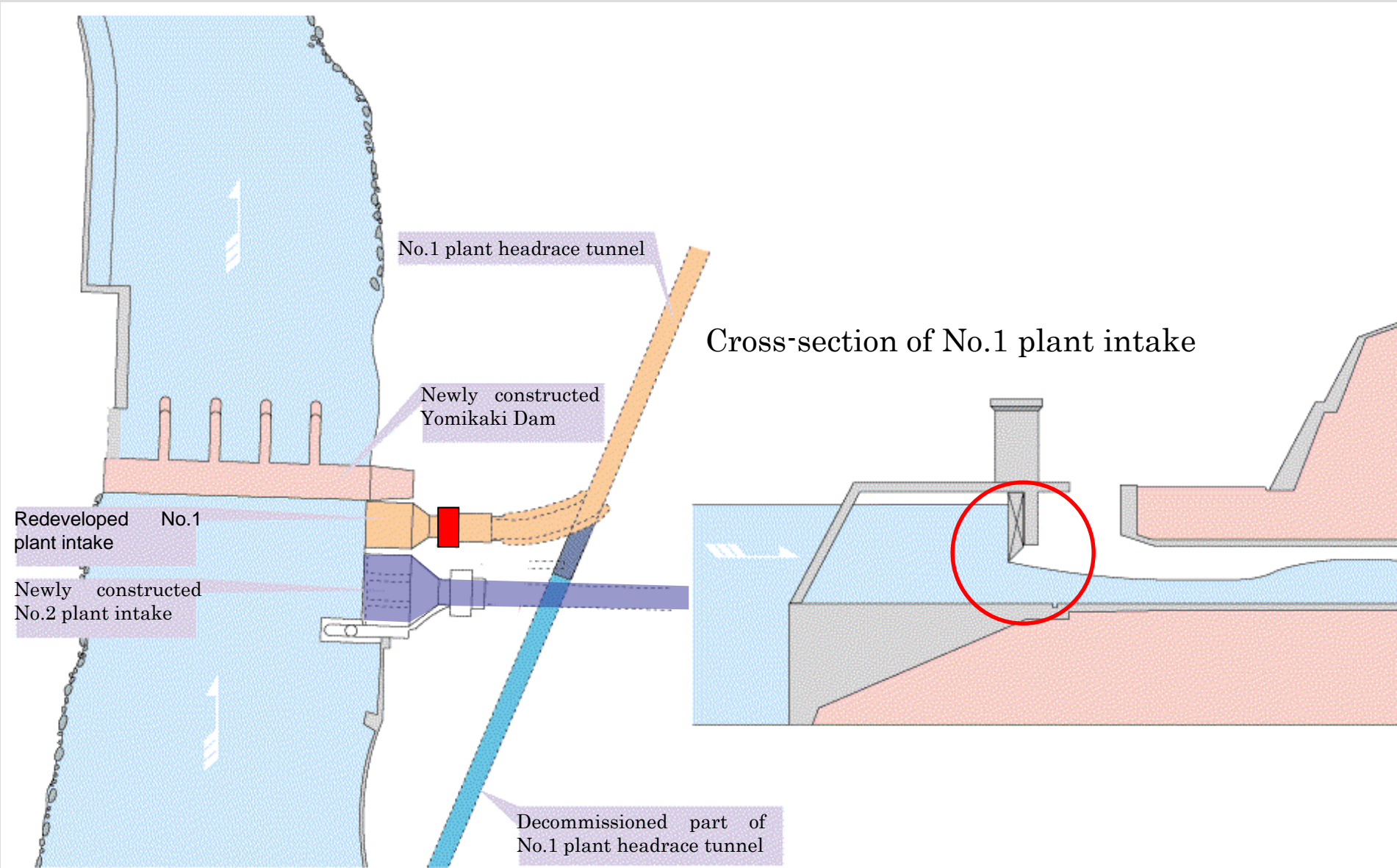


# Development image of Yomikaki No.2 power plant

———— : Old system      ..... : New system



# Optimal use of existing facilities



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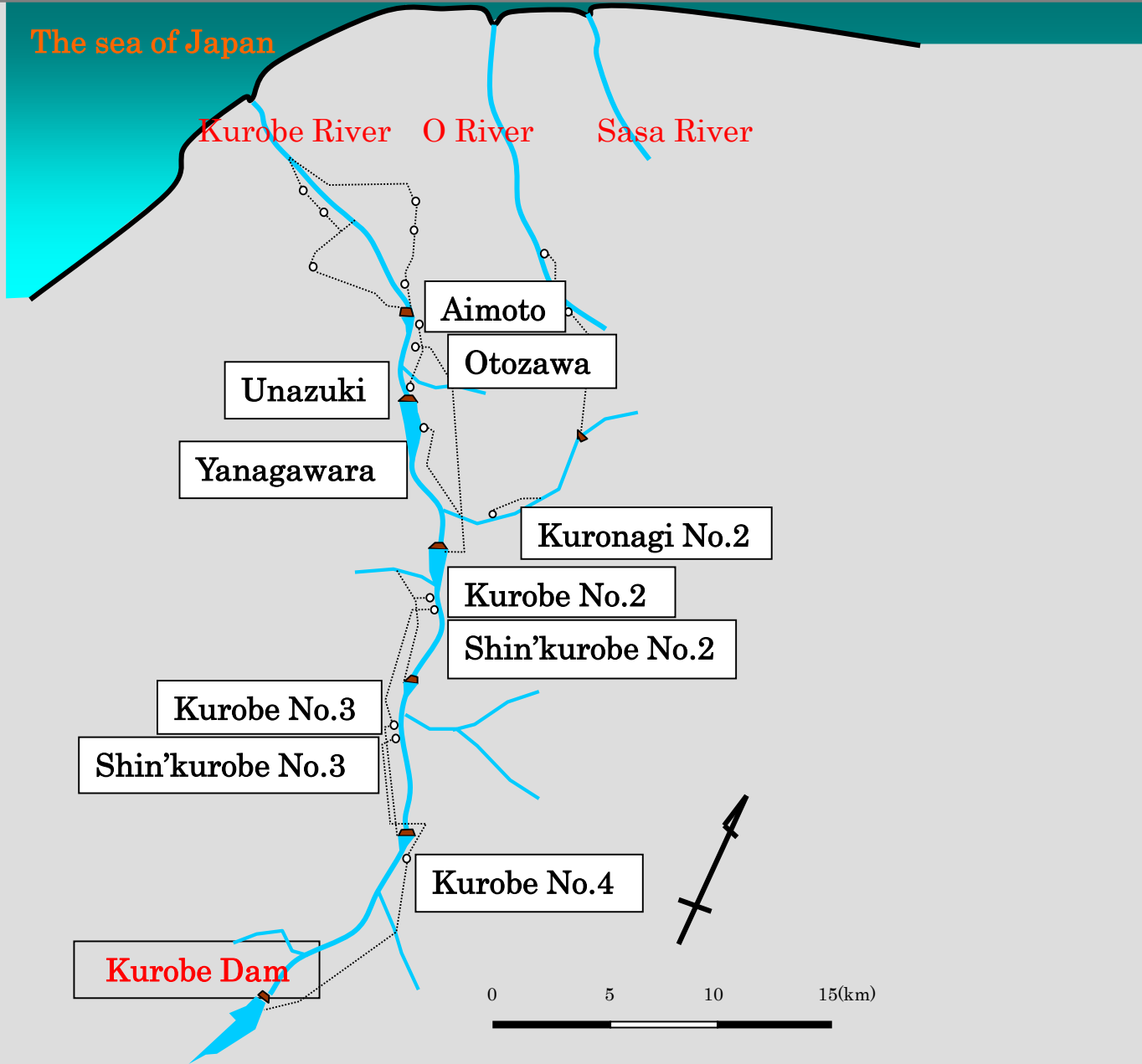
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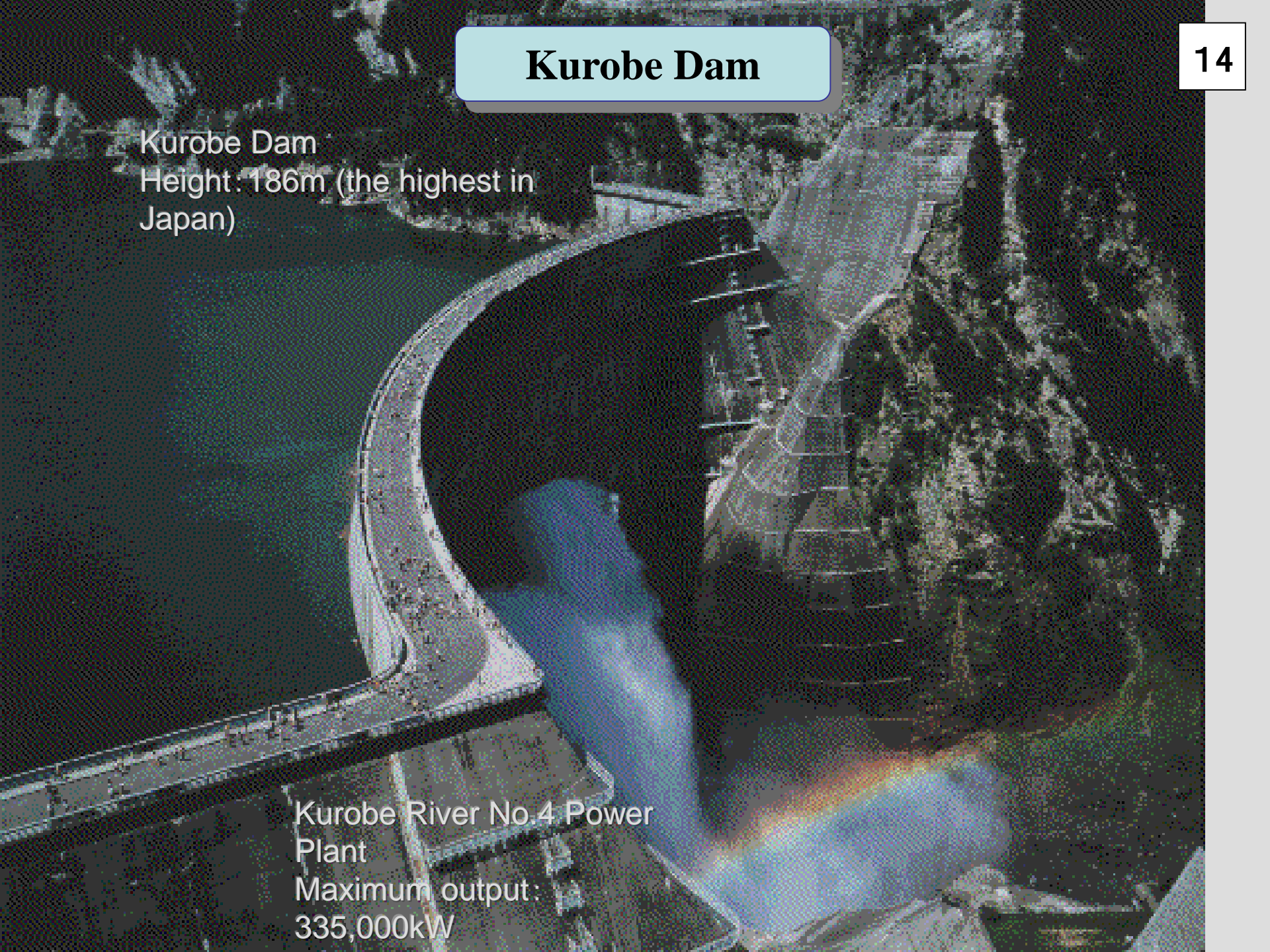


# Kurobe Dam

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Kurobe Dam  
Height: 186m (the highest in  
Japan)

Kurobe River No.4 Power  
Plant  
Maximum output:  
335,000kW



# River profiles

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Elevation [m]

1500

1000

500

0

Kurobe River

Average river gradient :  $1/40$

River gradient around  
the source of the river:  $1/20 \sim 1/35$

Shou River

Kiso River

Shinano River

0

50

100

150

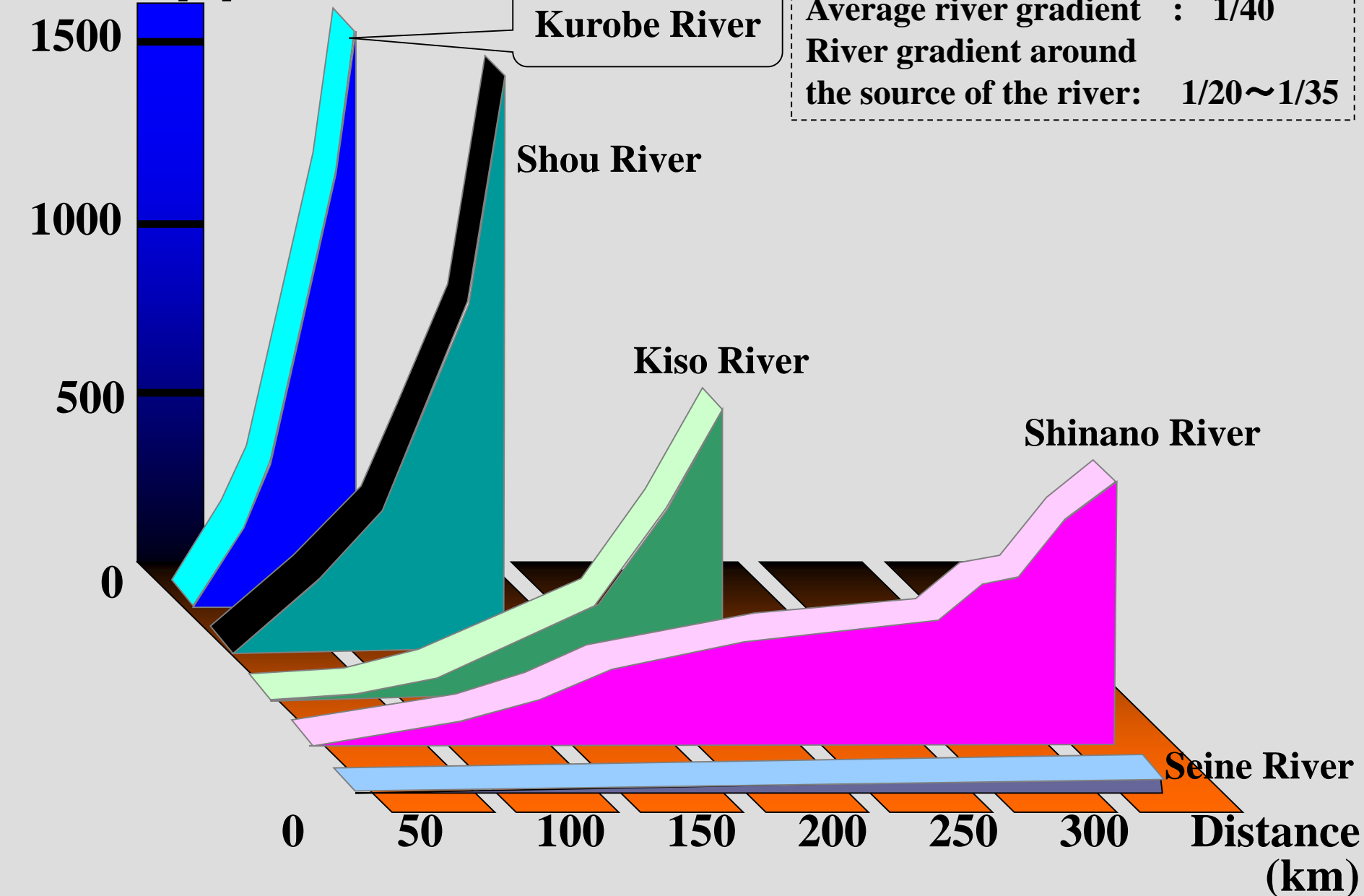
200

250

300

Seine River

Distance  
(km)





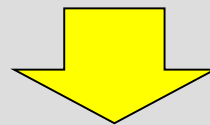
# Background of flushing operation

## Situation

- The amount of inflowing sediment into dams is huge compared with reservoir capacities.
- It is difficult to transport excavated or dredged materials to the downstream under the conditions of steep gorge.

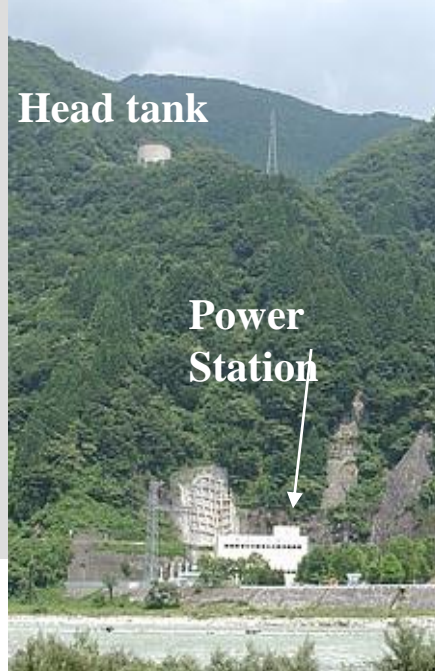
Blocking the flow of sand and soil causes

- raising the riverbed **at the upstream**
- lowering the riverbed or coastline set back **at the downstream**



A more comprehensive soil management approach is needed.

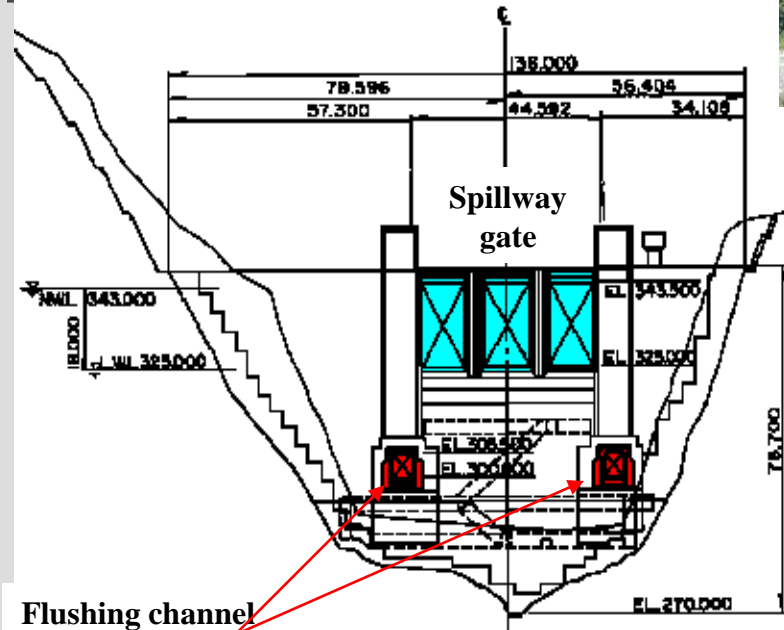
# Outline of Dashidaira dam



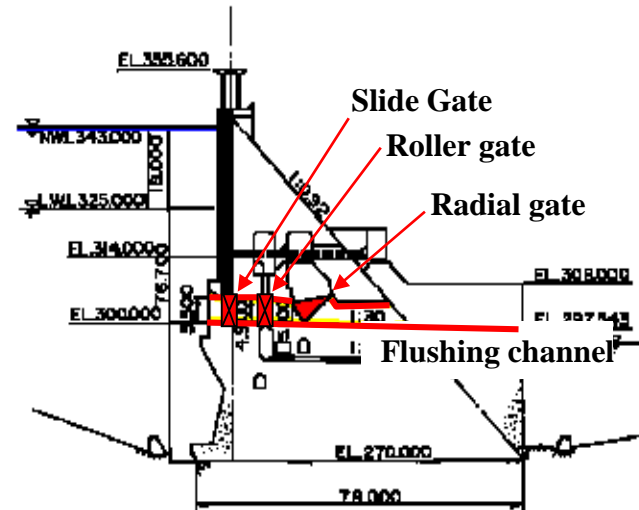
Head tank

Power Station

Catchment area	461.18 km <sup>2</sup>	
Power Plant	Name	Otozawa
	Maximum Output	124MW
Dam	Type	Concrete gravity
	Height	76.7m
	Length	136.0m
Reservoir	Total Capacity	9.01 x 10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
	Effective Capacity	1.66 x 10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
	Operation area	18m
Flushing channel	Number	2
	Area	5.0 x 5.0m
Flushing gate	Upstream	Slide gate
	Center	Roller gate
	Downstream	Radial gate



Upstream

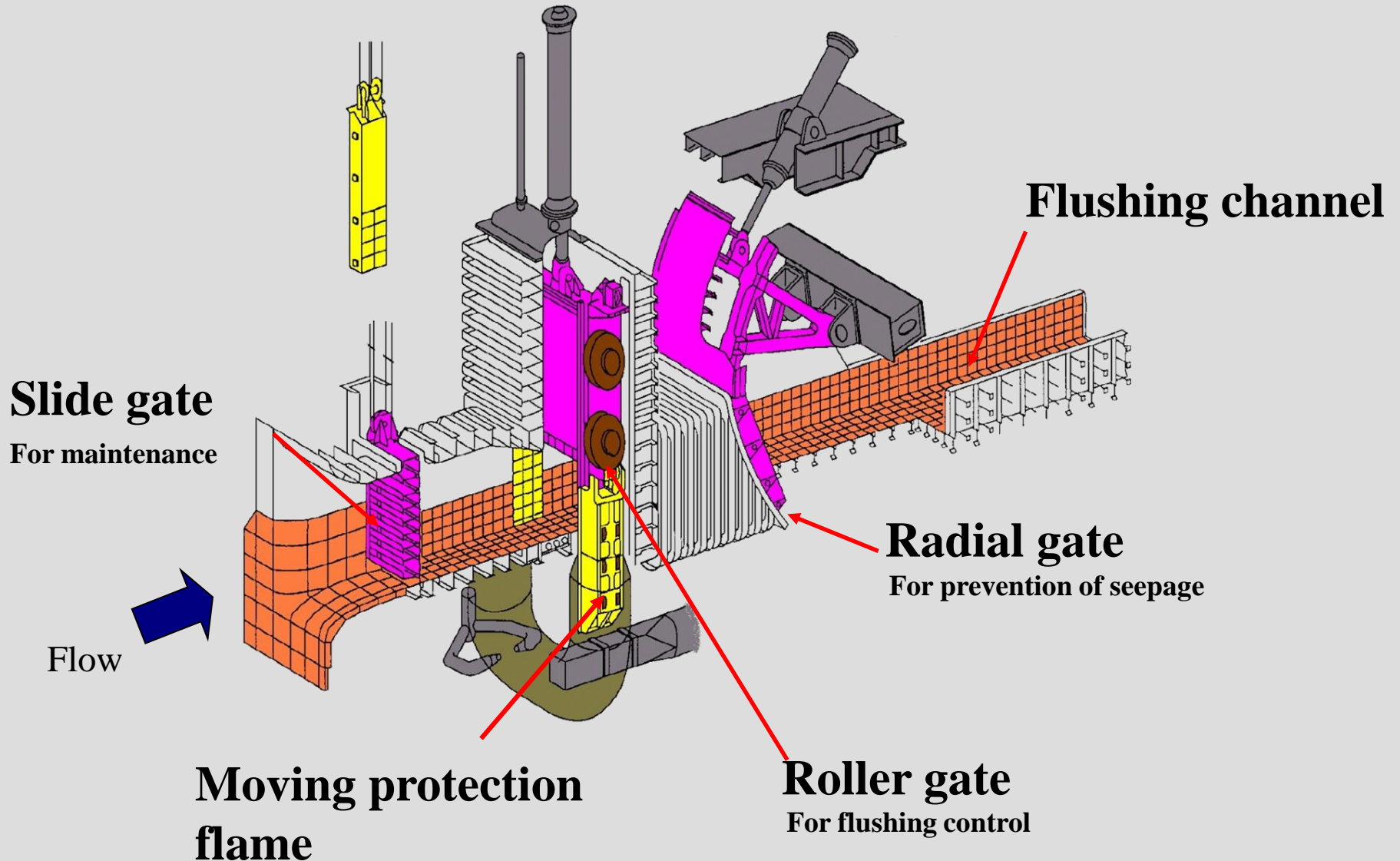


Longitudinal section

Flushing channel

Slide Gate  
Roller gate  
Radial gate  
Flushing channel

# Outline of flushing facilities



# Flushing operation

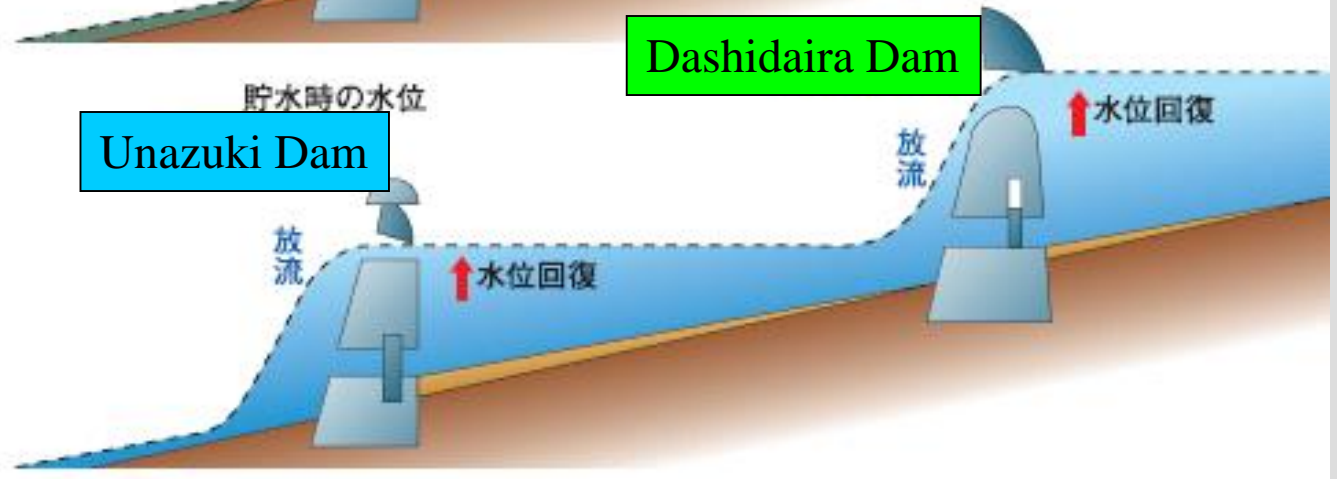
Drawdown



Flushing through a low-level outlet

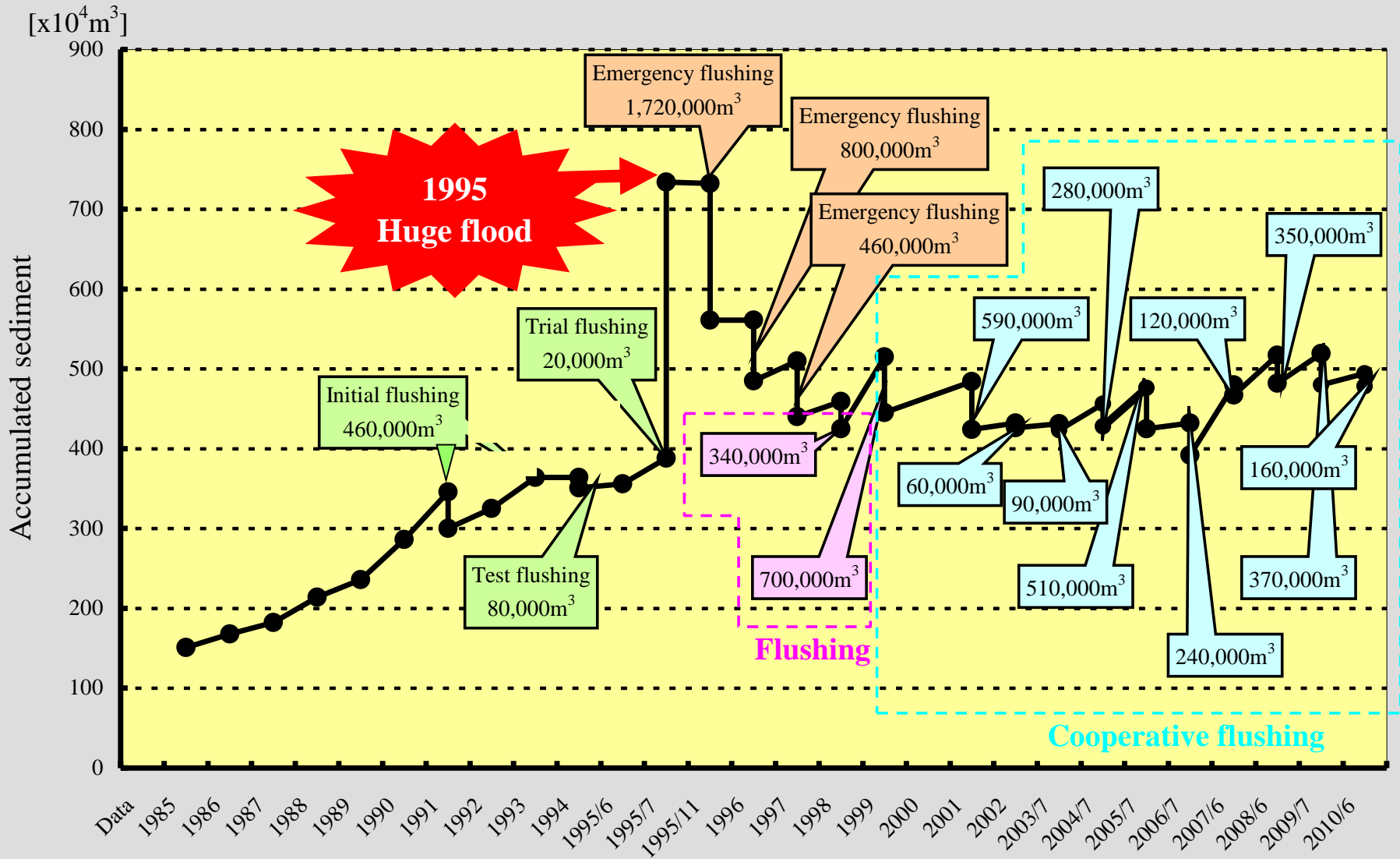


Refill





# Sedimentation volume of Dashidaira reservoir



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