

Water for energy production in Mongolia

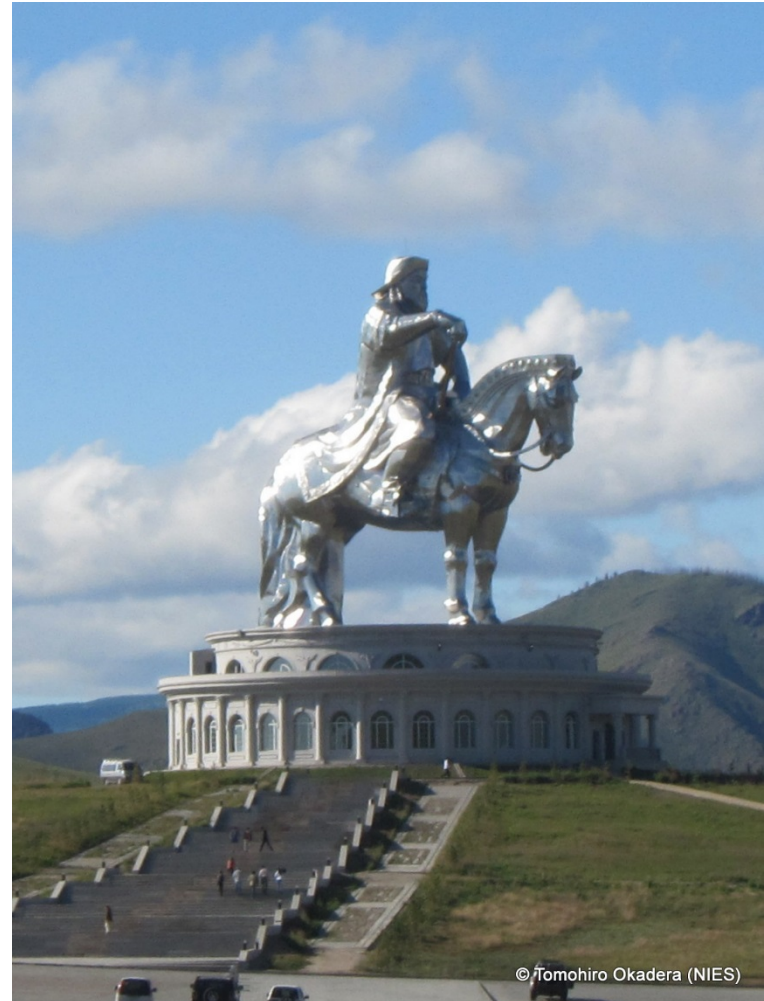
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Background



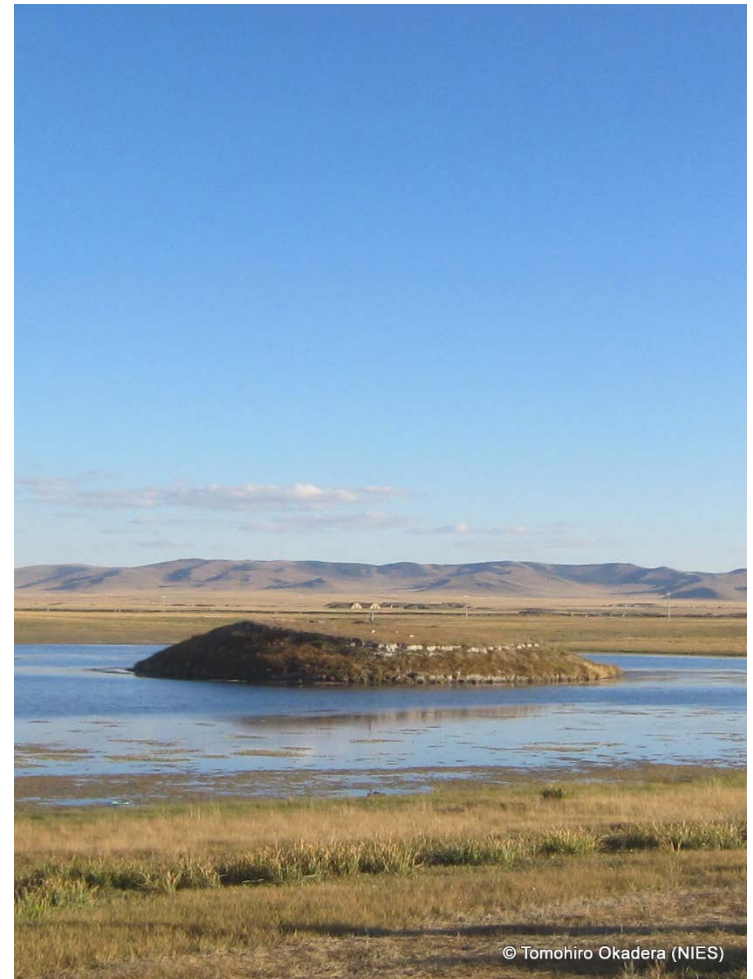
- **Vulnerable water resources**
 - Low precipitation: 87-324 mm (2010)
 - Melting permafrost by climate change (Wu et al., 2012a; Wu et al., 2012b; Wu et al., 2013)
- **Rapid economic growth**
 - Annual GDP growth rate + 25% (2010)
- **Coal Production**
 - 22% of industrial gross output
 - Annual growth rate: +115%
- **Power consumption**
 - Power generation +9%
 - Import +68%
- **Energy production requires much water (Gleick, 1994)**



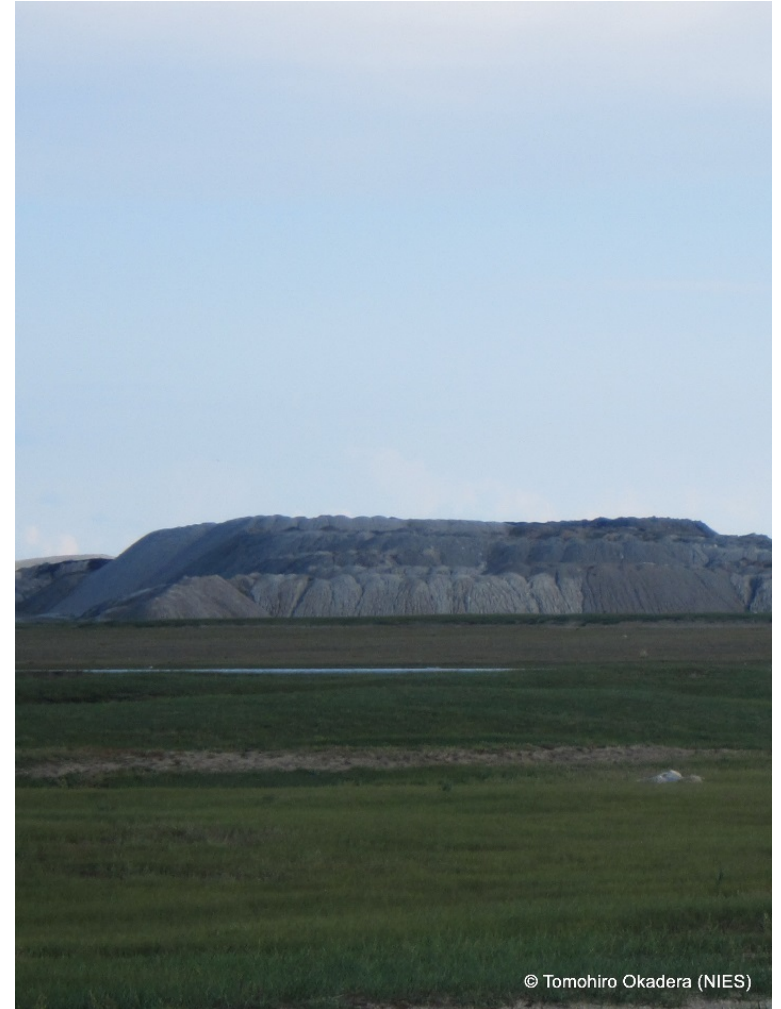
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Issues

- Sustainability of energy production under the limitation of water resources in Mongolia
 - How much water is required to produce coal and electricity?
 - Impacts to water resources in Mongolia



Water for coal



Water for coal production



Production Process	Consumed water (m ³ /TJ)
Surface mining (No vegetation)	2
Surface mining (Revegetation)	5
Underground mining	3–20
Beneficiation	4
Slurry pipeline	40–85
Other plant operation	90
Total	136–199

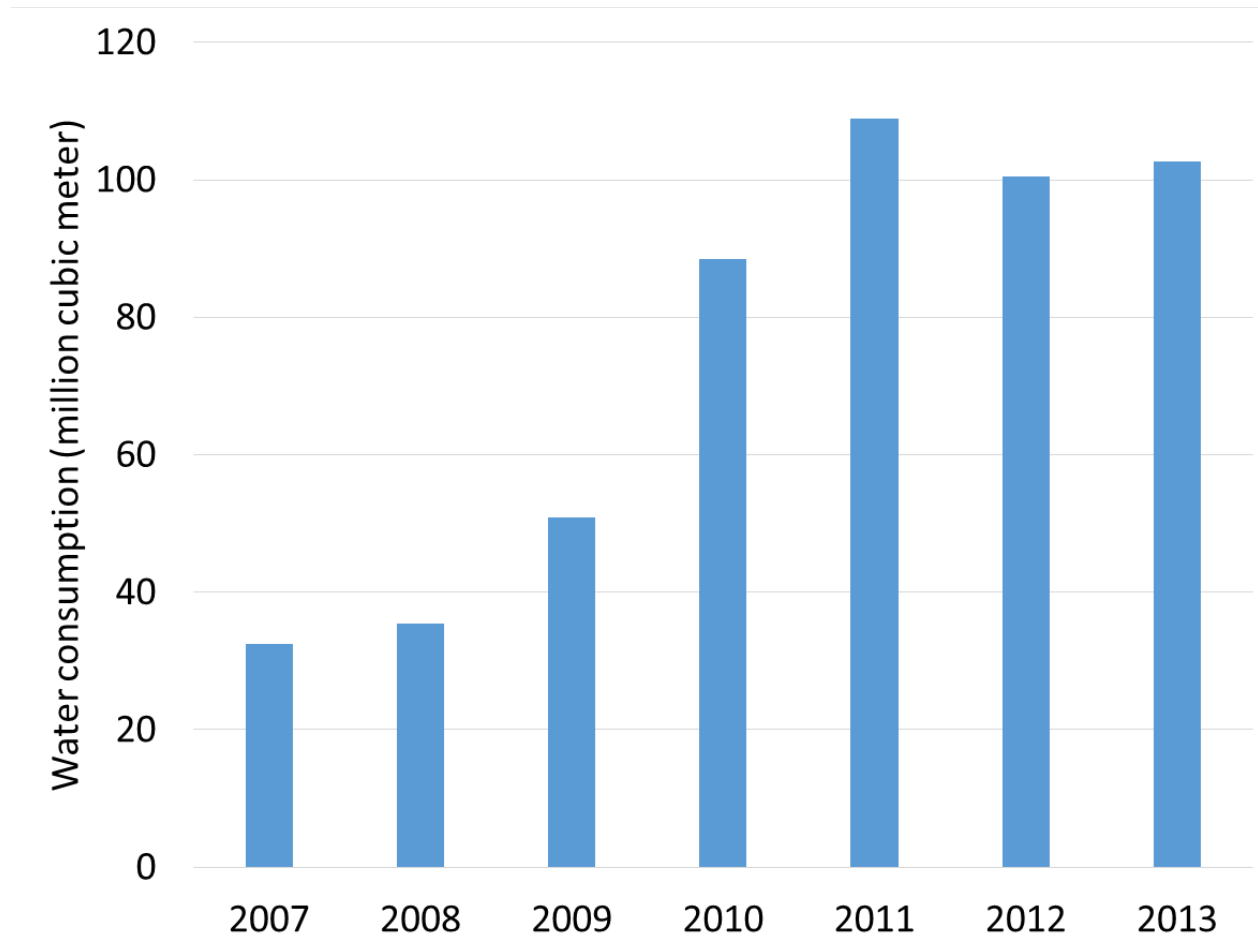
(Gleick, 1994)

Calculation of water for coal production



- Bottom-up approach
 - Coal production
 - Water consumption per coal production
- Amount of coal production (GJ)
 - The balance of coal (NSOM, 2011; 2013)
- Water consumption per coal production
 - 0.17 m³/GJ (Gleick, 1994; Okadera et al., 2014)

Water consumption to produce coal in Mongolia



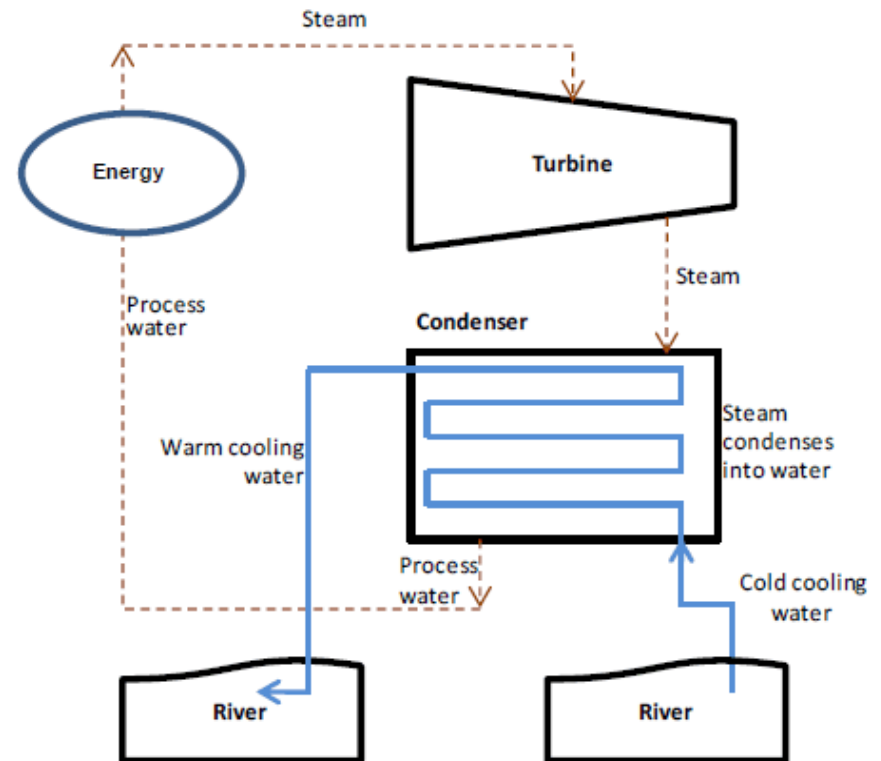
Water for electricity



Water for power generation



- Process water
 - Water drawn into hydropower plants
 - Steam of thermal plants (Dotted line)
- Cooling water
 - Water for cooling process water in thermal plants (blue line)

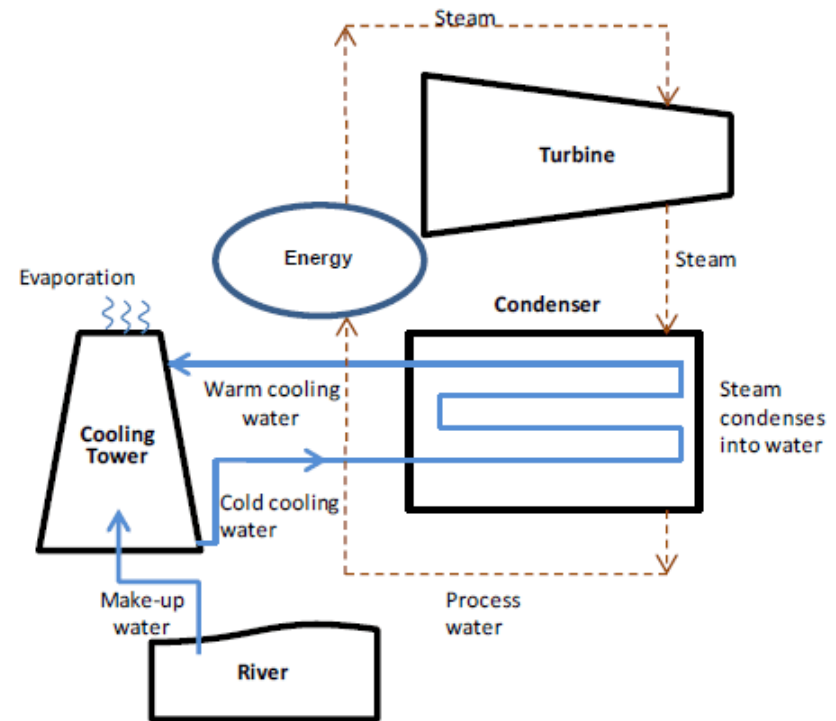


(Kohli and Frenken, 2011)

Methods of water for electricity



- Indicator
 - Water withdrawal
 - Water consumption
- Bottom-up approach
 - Power generation (kWh)
 - Water use parameters for power generation (i.e. m^3 / kWh)

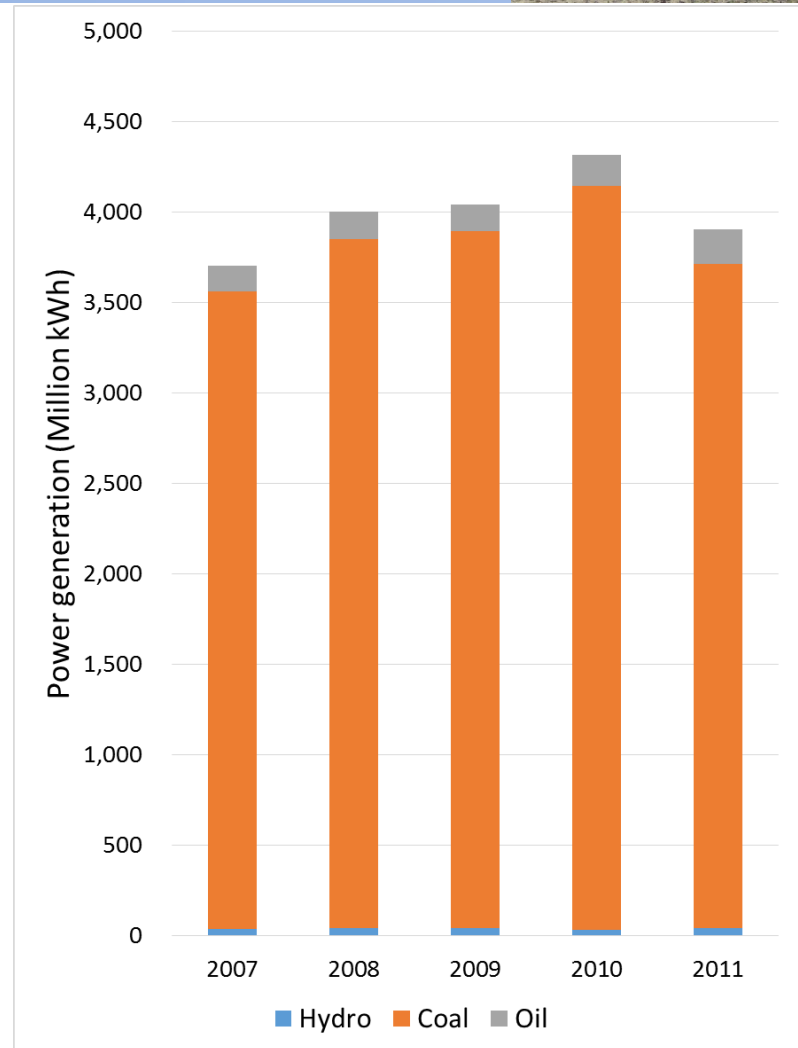


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Data



- Domestic power generation
 - Electricity balance sheet (NSOM, 2011)
- Power generation by fuel
 - IEA statistic (IEA, 2014)
 - Hydro
 - Coal
 - Oil
- Water use parameters
 - Averaged value by literature reviews (Rio Carrillo and Frei, 2009; Gleick, 1994; Sovacool and Sovacool, 2009)
 - Water consumption per power generation (35 samples)
 - Water withdrawal per power generation (19 samples)



Water use parameter

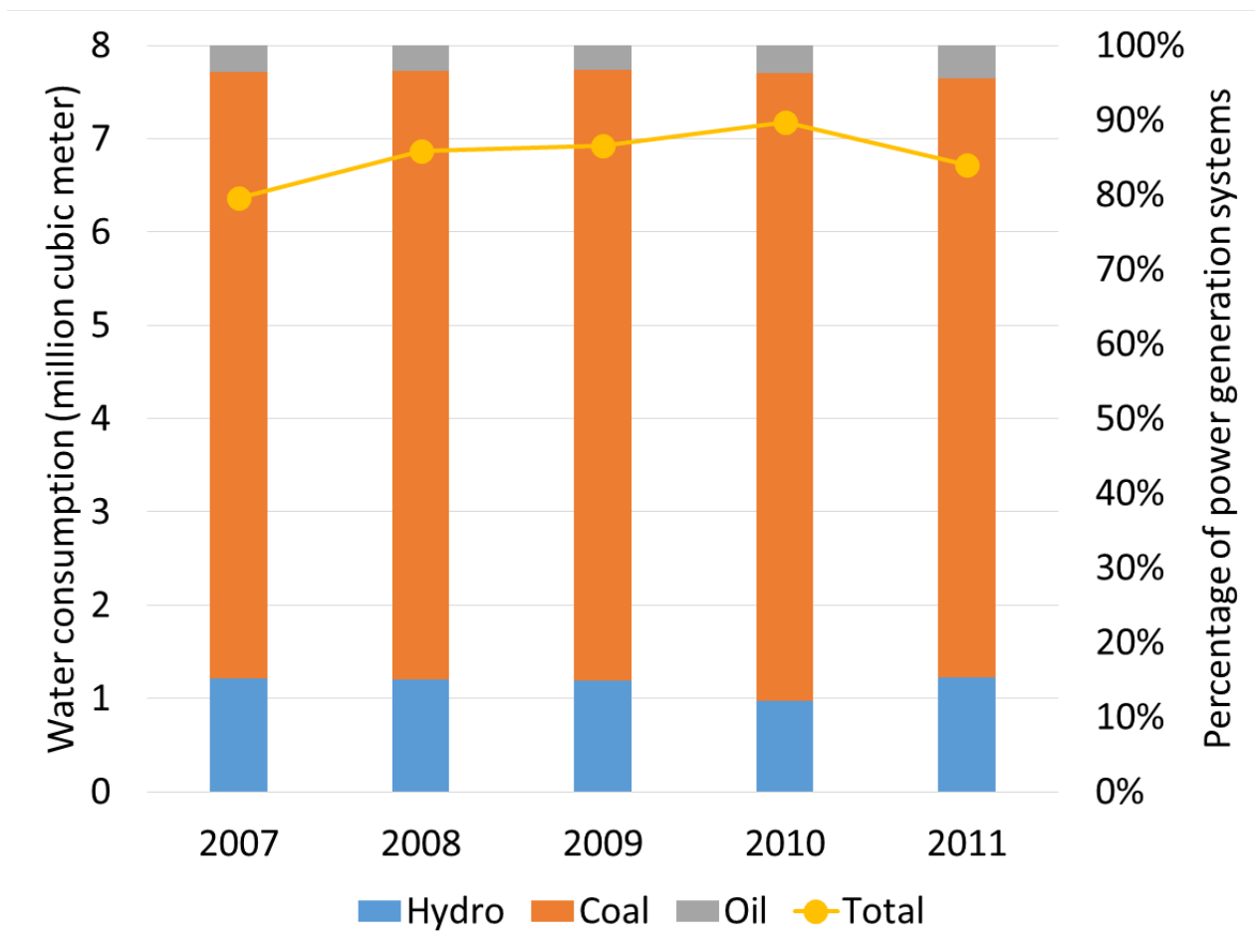


	Water consumption (m ³ /MWh)	Water withdrawal (m ³ /MWh)
Coal	1,469	41,088
Oil	1,557	44,310
Hydro	27,439	1,086,142

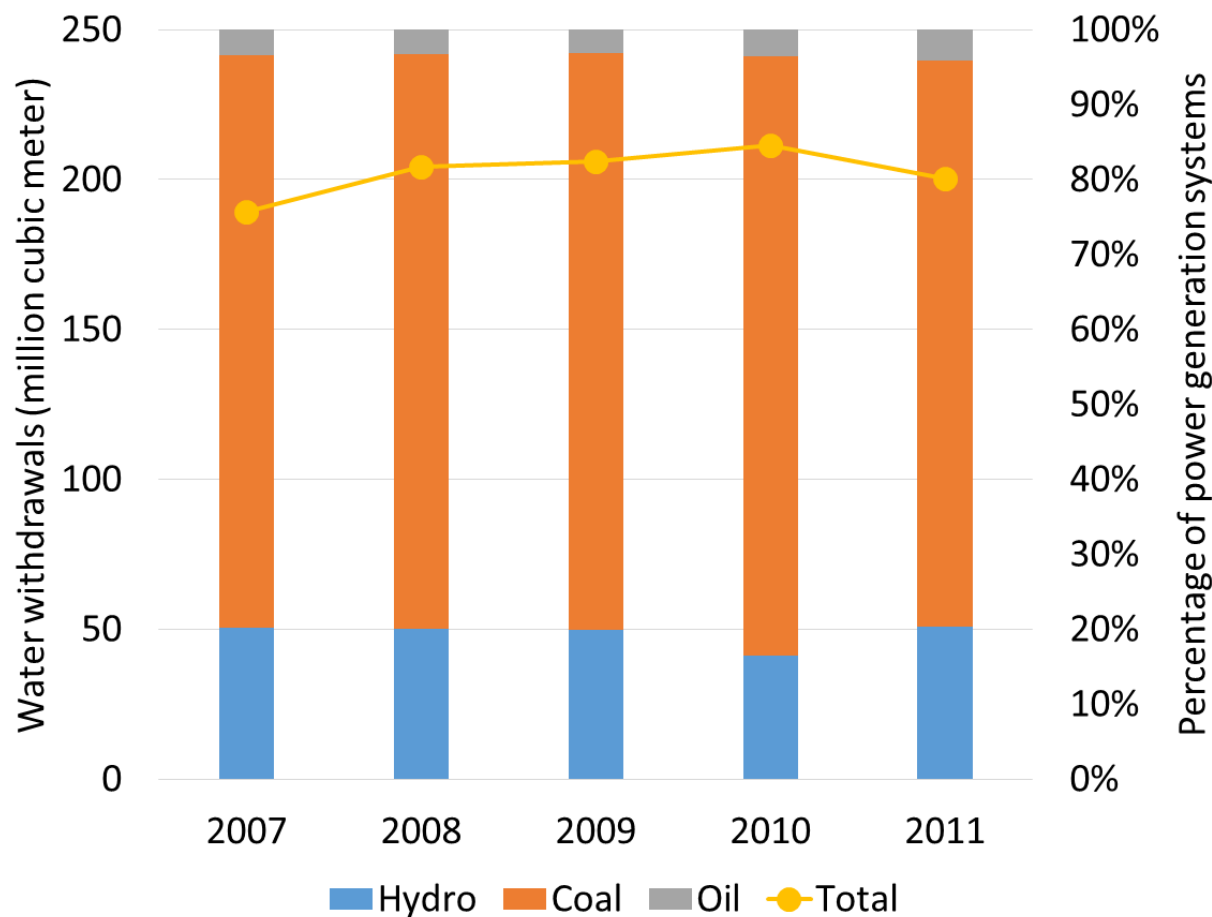
- **Limitation**

- The differences of cooling systems is not taken into account .
- Wind and photovoltaic is assumed as zero or negligible (Gleick, 1994; Rio Carrillo and Frei, 2009).

Water consumption of power generation in Mongolia

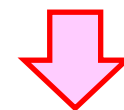


Water withdrawal of power generation



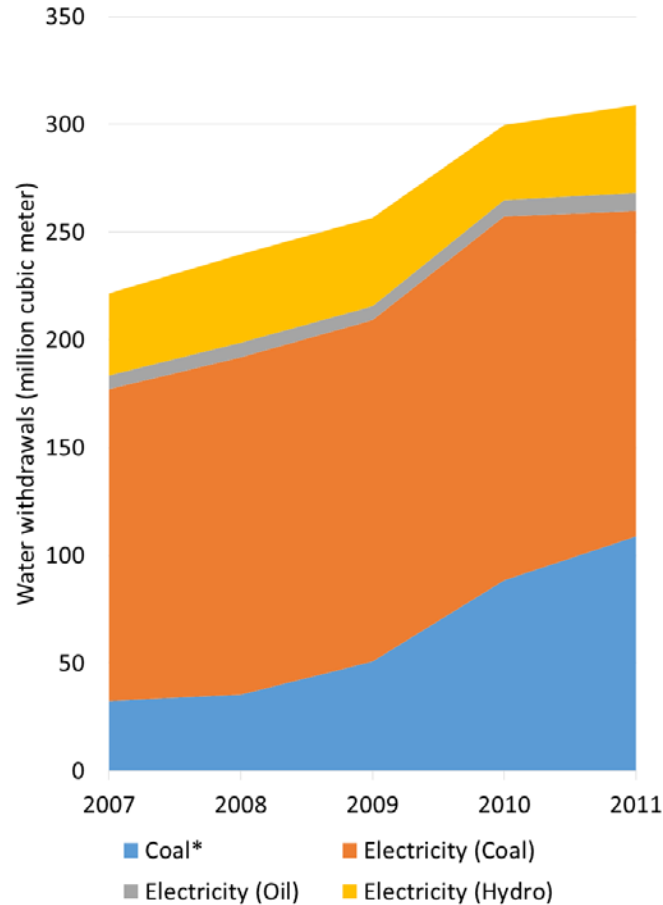
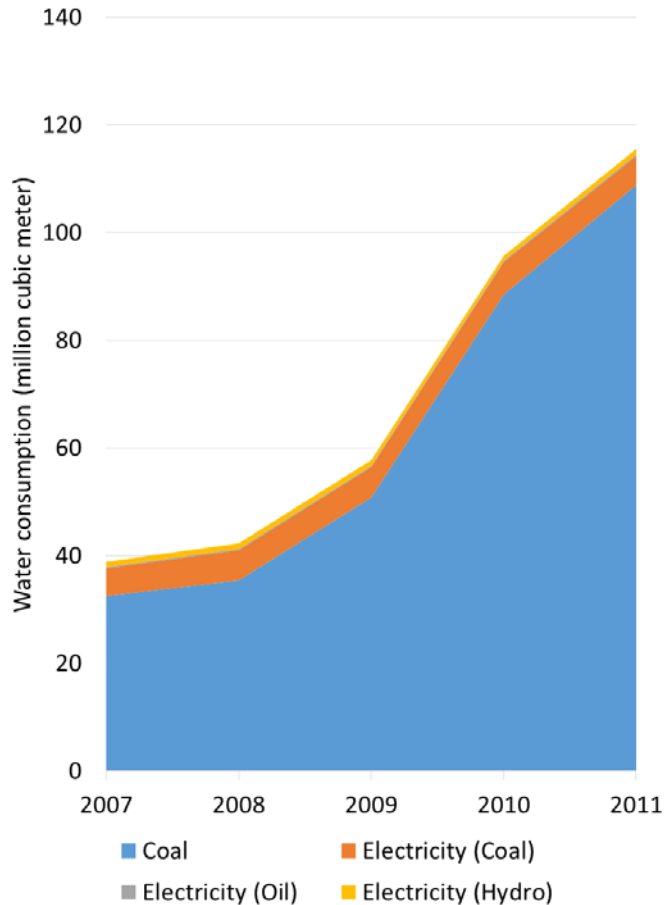
Industrial water withdrawal*
238 million m³
(2009; FAO, 2014)

* It includes cooling water of thermoelectric plants, but it does not include hydropower.



- 69% of the industrial water is drawn by thermoelectric plants.
- Hydro additionally withdraws water corresponding to 17% of the industrial water.

Impact to water resource by energy production



* Water consumption.

Renewable water resources
34,800 million m³
(FAO, 2013)



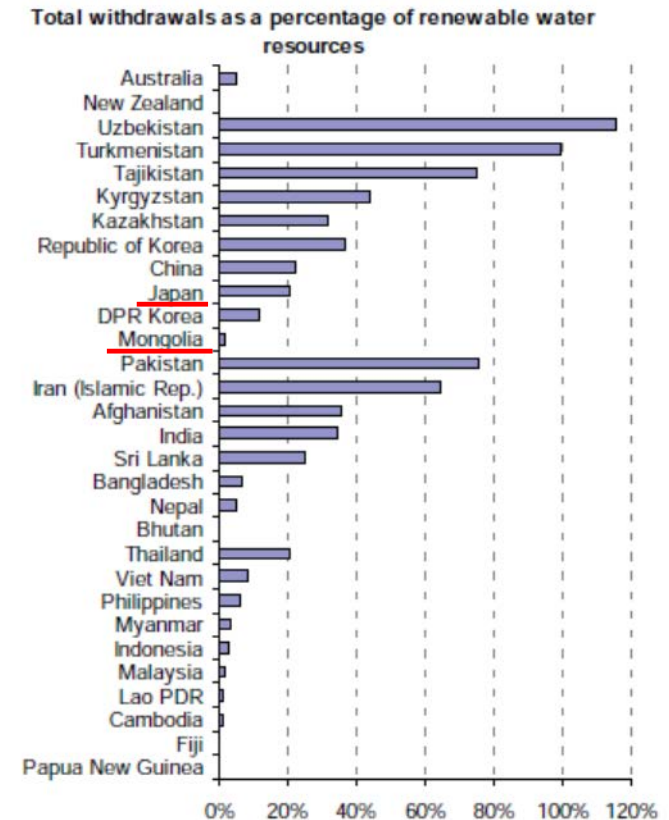
6-9% of renewable water resources is withdrawn, while 1-3% of them is evaporated for energy production.

Conclusions



- Power generation has a great influence for industrial water withdrawals in Mongolia.
- Coal mining a main contributor to promote consumed water resources.
- The current impacts to water resources not so serious in the nation.
 - Low water exploitation

Water exploitation indices (WEI) in Asia-Pacific region



(Alexander and West, 2011)

Future tasks for adaptation and green development



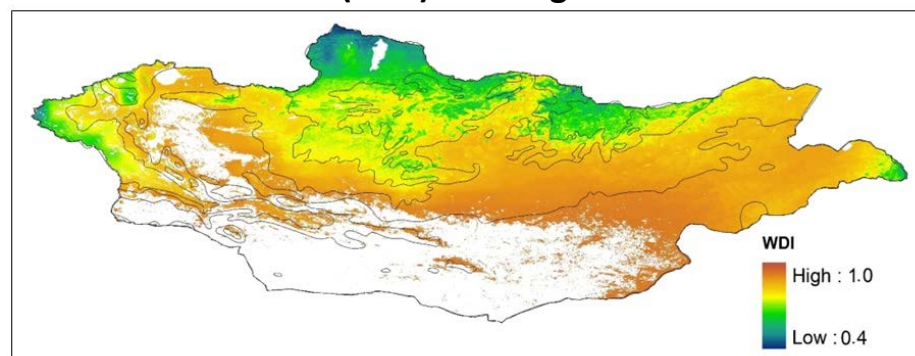
- **High potential to develop water resources**
 - Utilization of surface water
 - Advantage to sustainable energy supply (i.e. hydro power plants)
 - Increase energy demand
- **“Regional” water availability and requirement**
 - Regional water availability (i.e. WDI)
 - Controllable/usable water resources
 - Regional water requirements
 - 70% of power generation capacity is installed in Ulaanbaatar;
 - Coal is mainly produced in arid areas.
- **Multiple trade-offs (co-benefits)**
 - Water for energy production (i.e. power generation with saving water or without water)
 - Water for animal husbandry (food security) and grassland (CO₂ sequestration)
- **Regional scientific database**
 - Regional natural resources (i.e. renewable water resources, grassland)
 - Regional development level (i.e. infrastructures)
 - Verification (i.e. water use by power plants and coal mining)
- **Water-based performance index for adaptation and green developments**

Actual usage of renewable water resources in Mongolia

	Renewable water resources	Withdrawals
Surface water	32,700	92
Ground water	6,100	448
Overlap	- 4,000	
Total	34,800	540
		Agriculture Industry Municipal
		224 218 98

(FAO, 2014)

Water deficit index (WDI) in Mongolia



(Wang, 2014)

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