An aerial nighttime photograph of a massive concrete dam. A powerful stream of water is cascading down the central spillway, illuminated by numerous bright lights along the edges. The surrounding reservoir is a deep, reflective blue. In the distance, a long bridge stretches across the water under a dark sky.

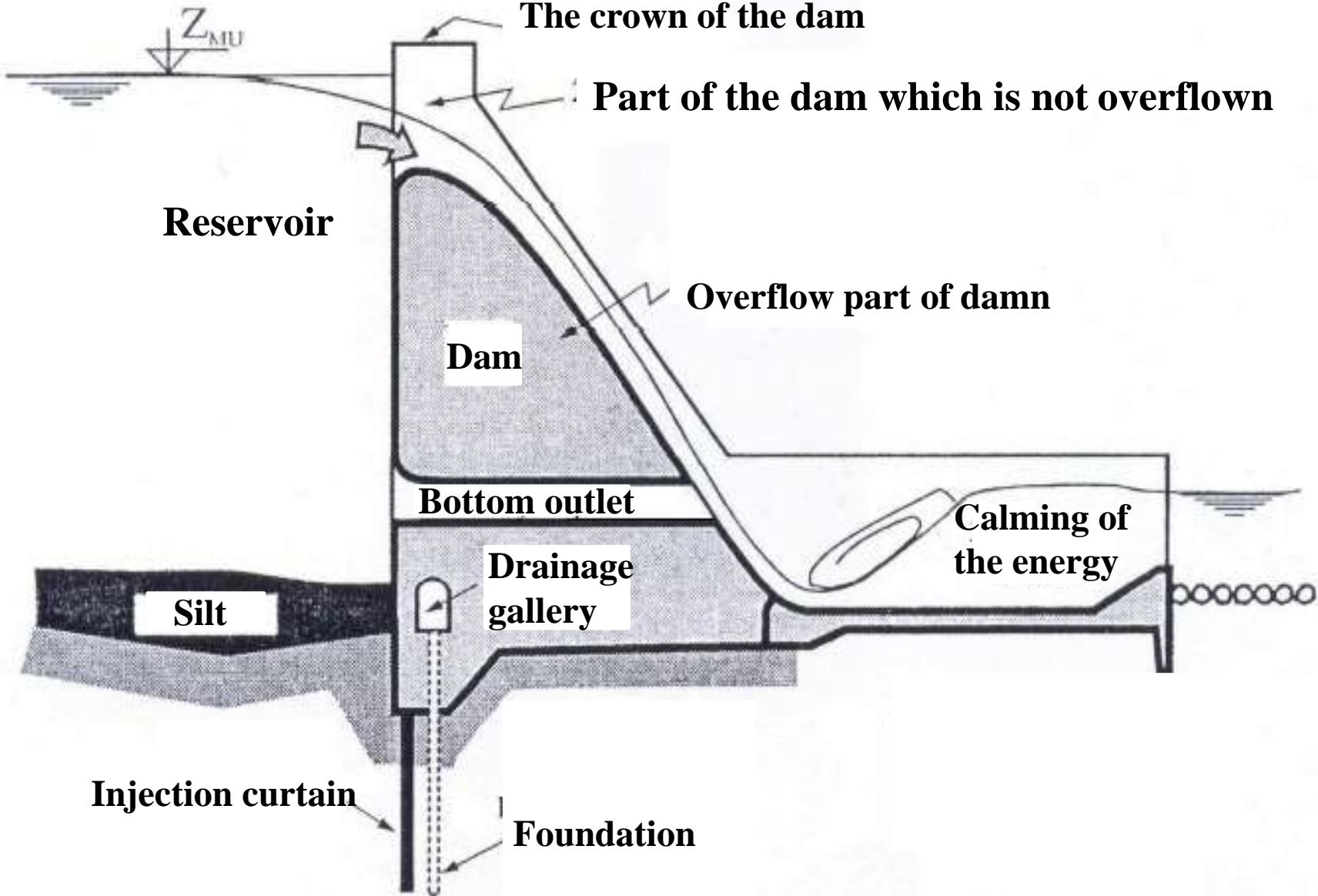
**DAMS**

The oldest  
hydraulic  
structures

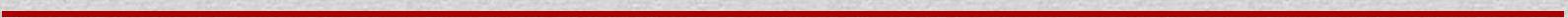


# The basic elements of a dam:





# Types of dams:



compacted earth,  
crushed rock and sand

uilt across wider  
streams where water  
flows rather slowly

## **EMBANKMENT DAMS**

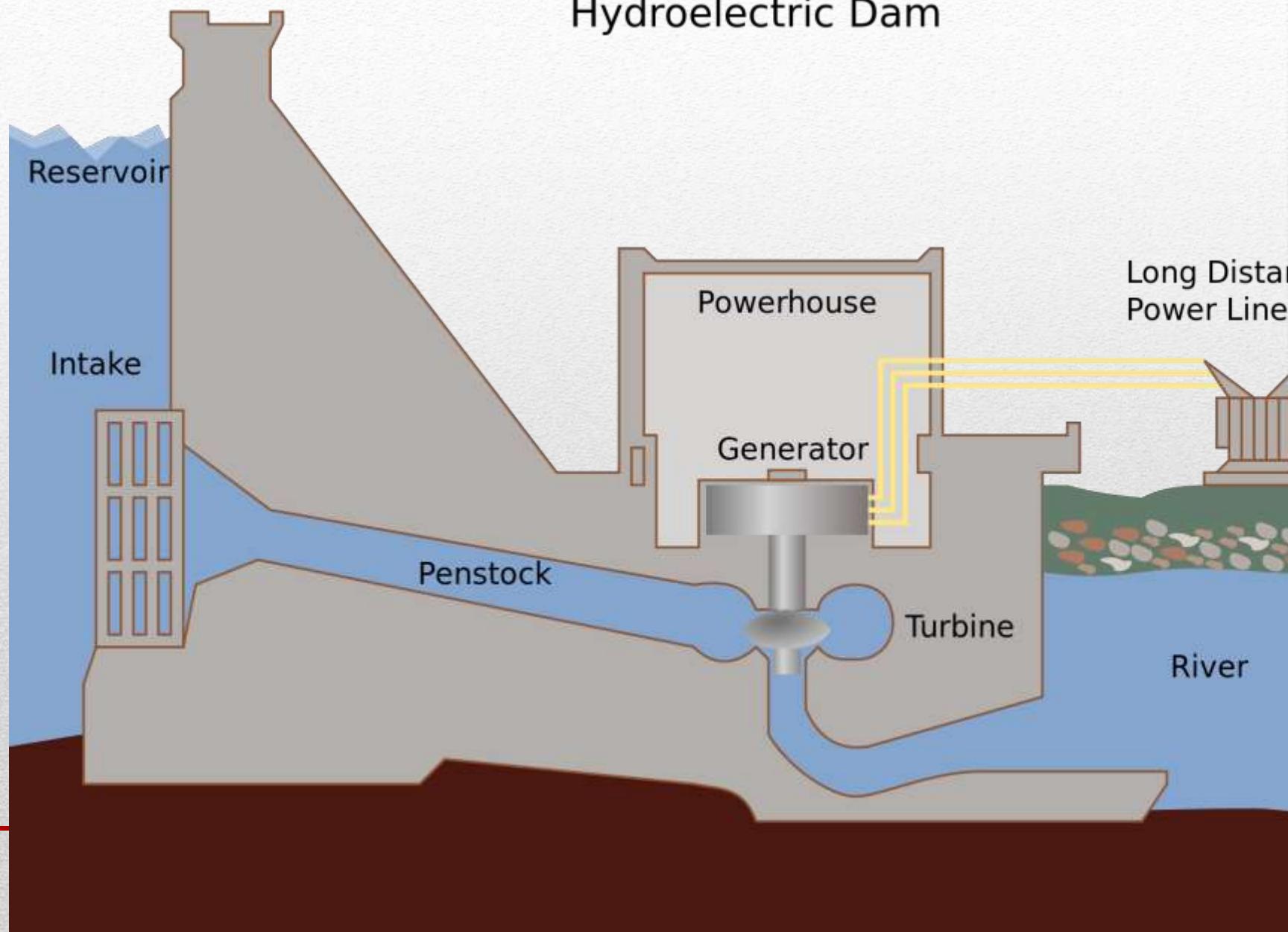
### **ADVANTAGES:**

- minimum requirements for foundation conditions
- adaptable to almost all types of terrain
- various materials for embankment
- cheaper and faster building

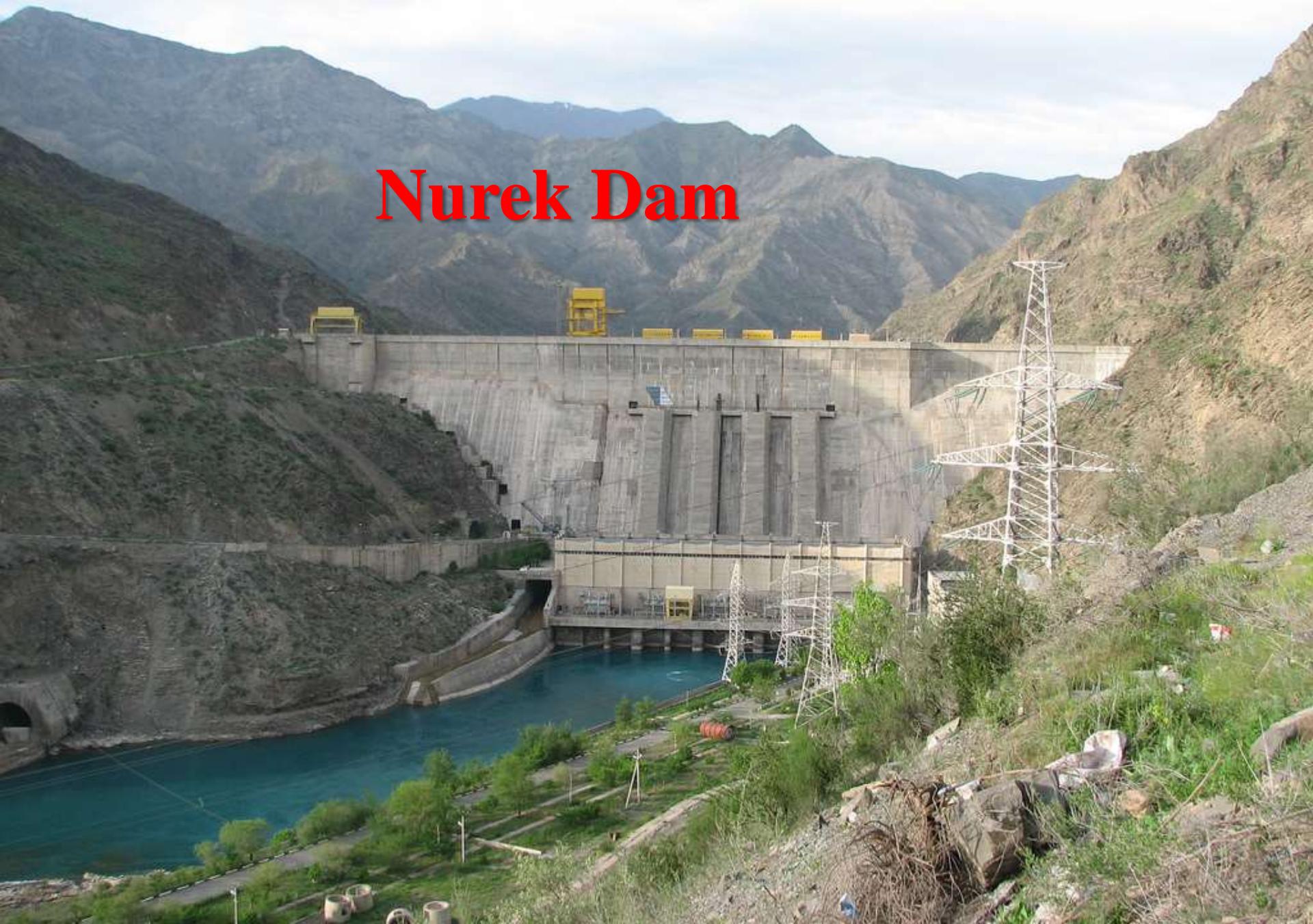
### **DISADVANTAGES:**

- great sensitivity to overflow
- great sensitivity to uncontrolled seepage and leaking

# Hydroelectric Dam



# Nurek Dam



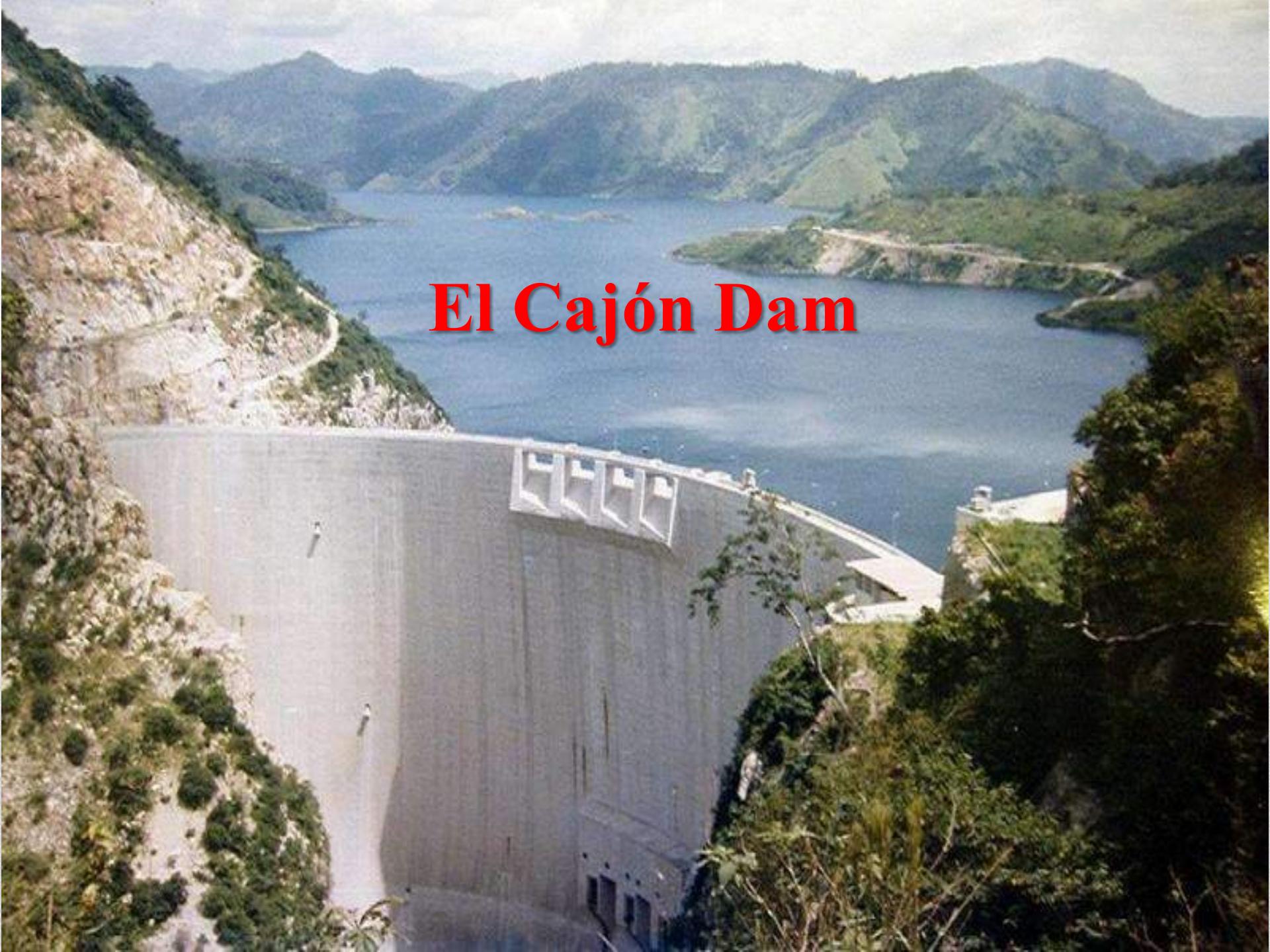


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A photograph of the El Cajón Dam, a massive concrete structure built across a deep valley. The dam's wall is visible on the left, leading to a long, low dam section with several gates. Behind the dam is a large, blue reservoir that stretches towards the horizon, surrounded by lush green mountains.

# El Cajón Dam





# Dams in Croatia

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**Sklope**

**Bajer**





# Varaždin





# Words:

- irrigation – navodnjavanje
  - to impound water – akumulirati vodu
  - water-supply system – vodoopskrbni sustav
  - extenstive survey – opsežno/detaljno mjerjenje
  - to excavate a temporary channel – iskopati privremeni tunel
  - masonry dam – zidana brana
  - embankment – nasip
  - narrow valley – uska dolina
  - compacted earth – čvrsto zbijena/nabijena zemlja
  - crushed rock – drobljeno kamenje
  - velocity –brzina
  - seepage – curenje vode ispod temelja
  - protective features – zaštitne mjere
  - leaking – curenje
  - porous material – porozni/ šupljikav materijal
  - sandstone – pješčenjak
  - to outweigh gains- premašiti prednosti/dobitke
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