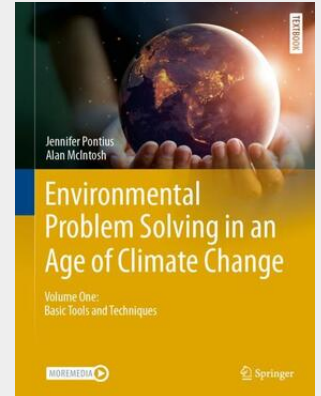


Environmental Problem Solving in an Age of Climate Change

Volume One: Basic Tools and Techniques

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