

Water, Energy & Waste Management In Desalination

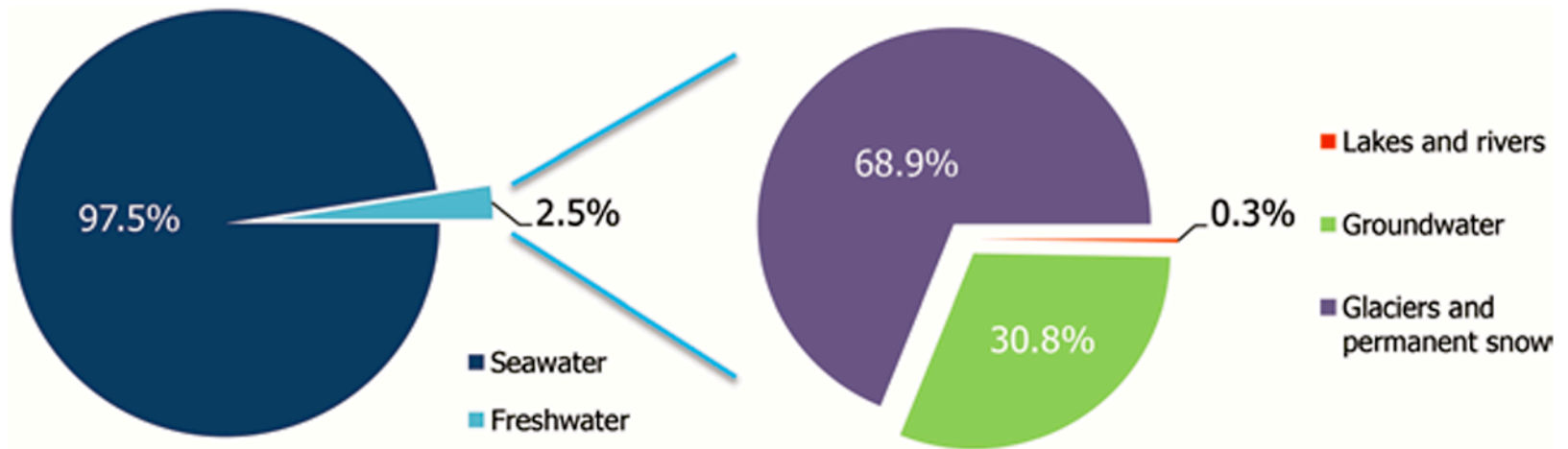


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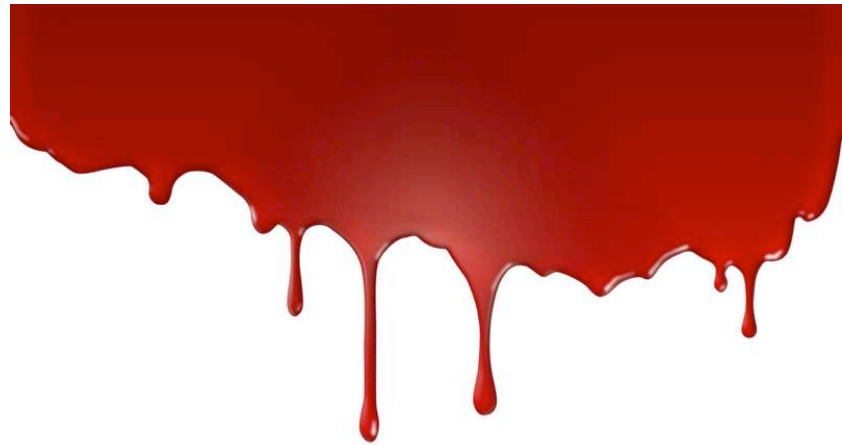


Available Freshwater

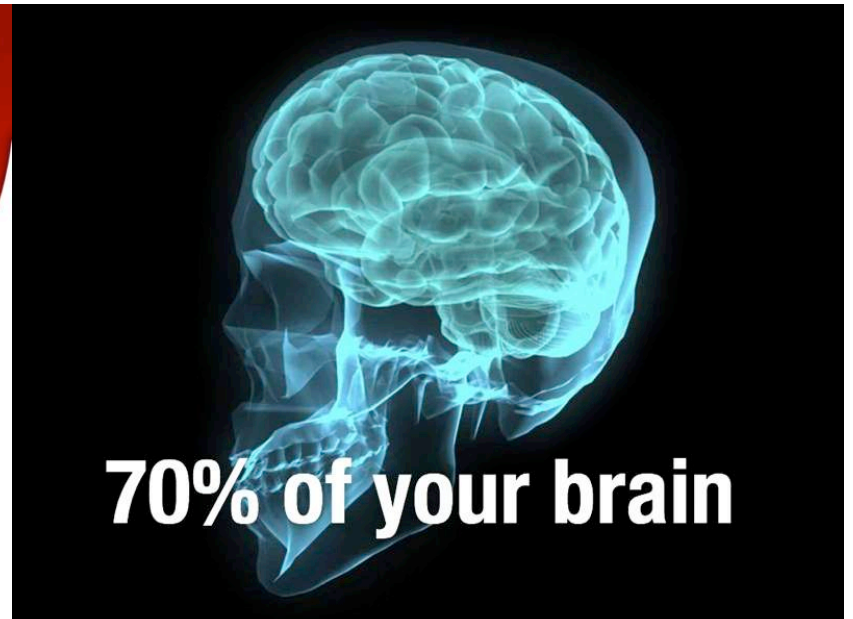


"Fierce competition for fresh water may well become a source of **conflict & wars** in the future."
Kofi Annan, March 2001

<0.007% is available to drink



80% of your blood



70% of your brain

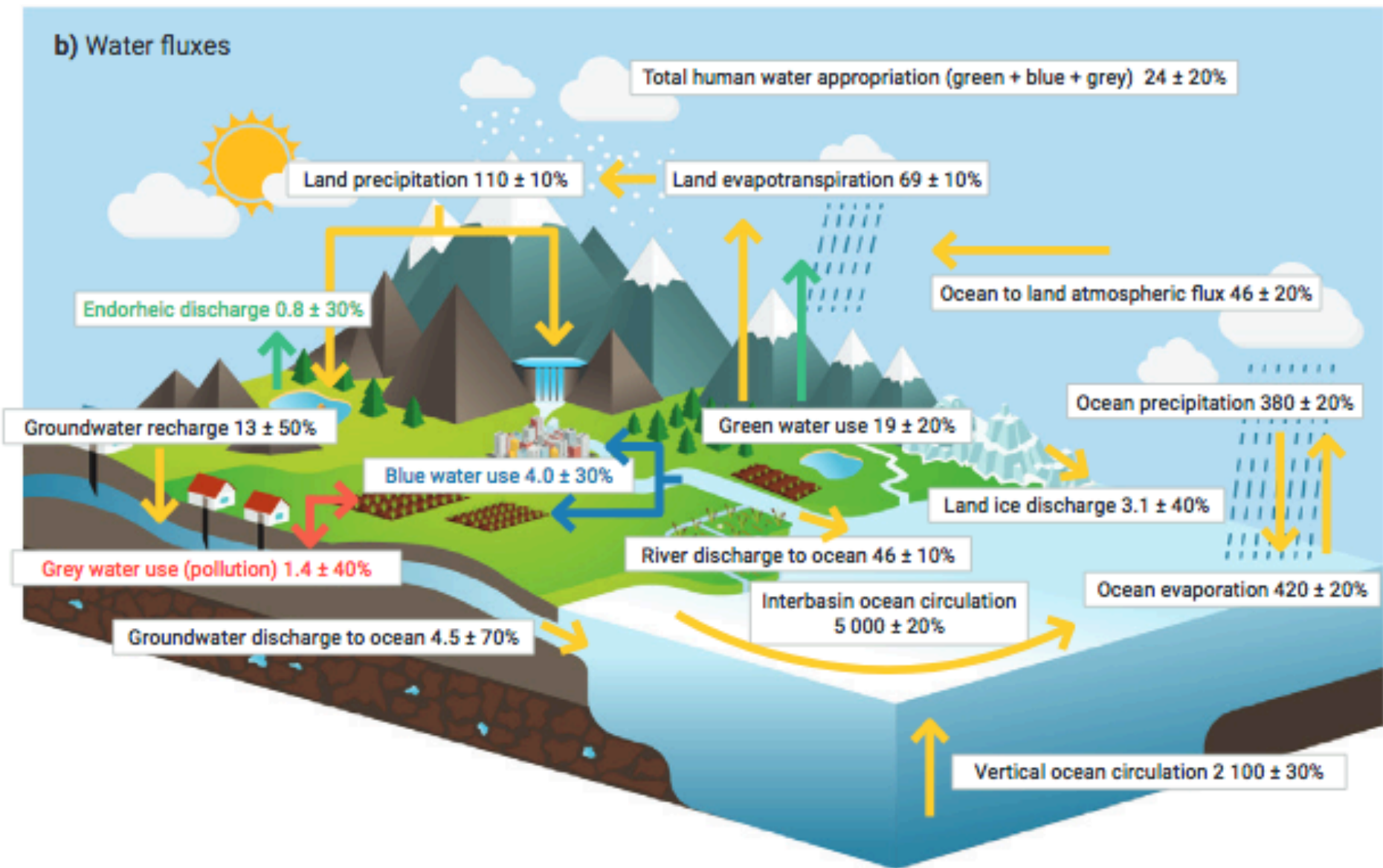
**your body
can't survive
one week
without water.**



**While you can go almost
a month without food...**



b) Water fluxes



Energy Comparisons of A Seawater Desalination Plant

One Jumbo Jet



| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Taking Off Power | = 77 MW |
| Cruising Power | = 65 MW |
| Full Power of One Engine | = 26 MW |
| Full Power Requirement PSDP | = 24 MW |

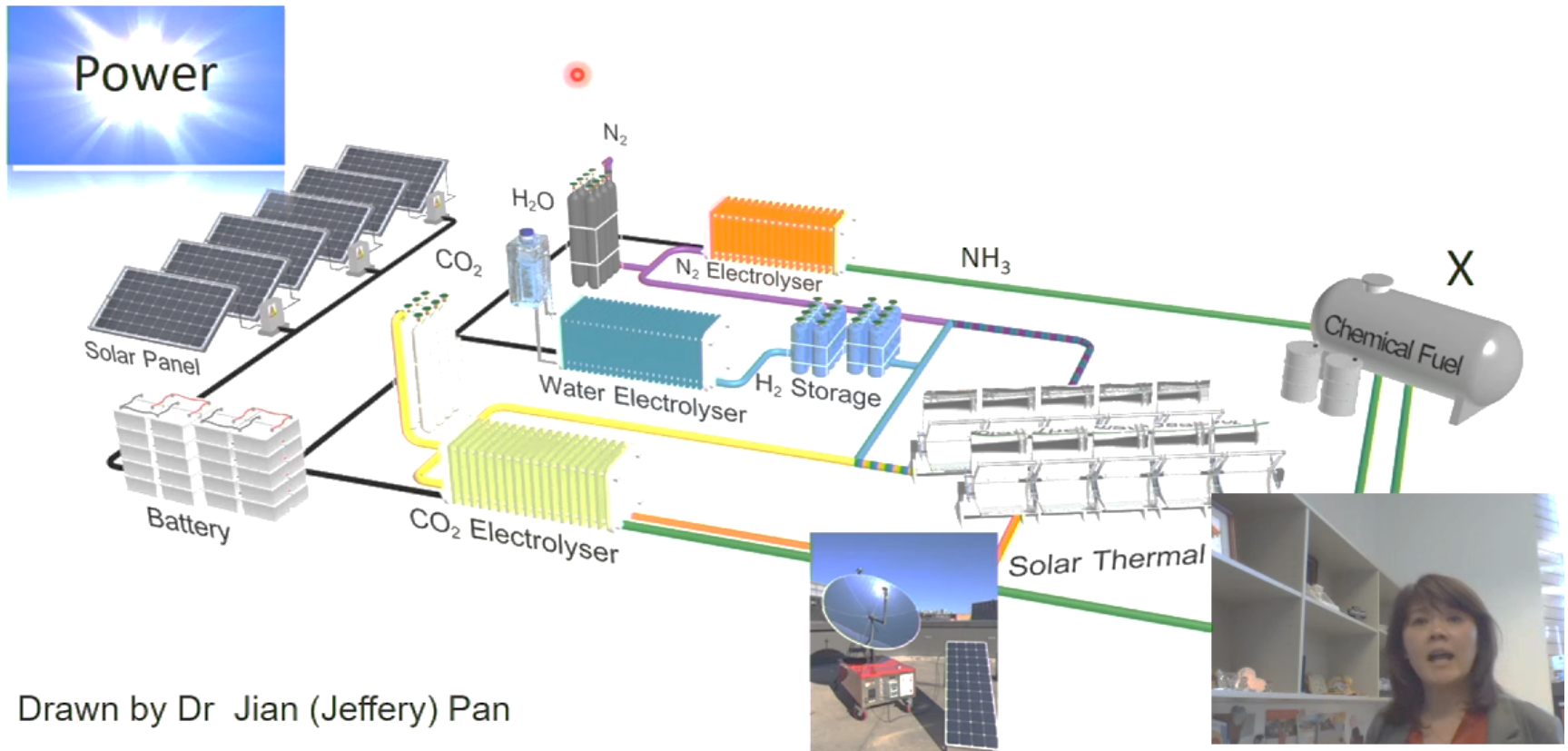
Water for 450,000 homes or 120,000 passengers in the air continuously and Jumbo's cannot use renewable energy

Equal to 400 MLD Desalination Plant



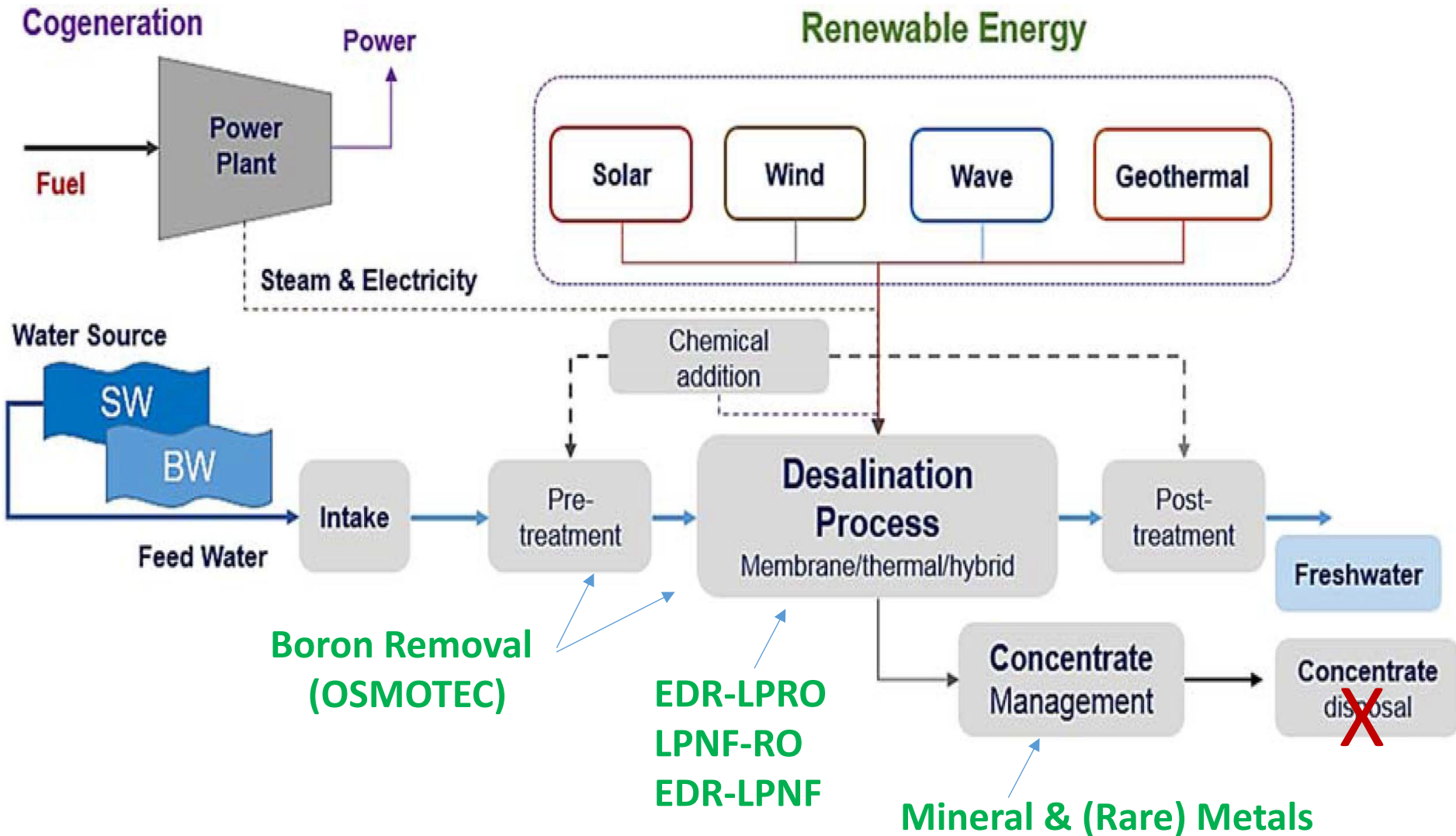
Solar Power to Chemical Fuel

Power-to-X - processes and technologies that convert renewable energy into various forms of chemical energy carriers (X)



Drawn by Dr Jian (Jeffery) Pan

Generic diagram for Desalination Processes powered by Renewable Energy sources.



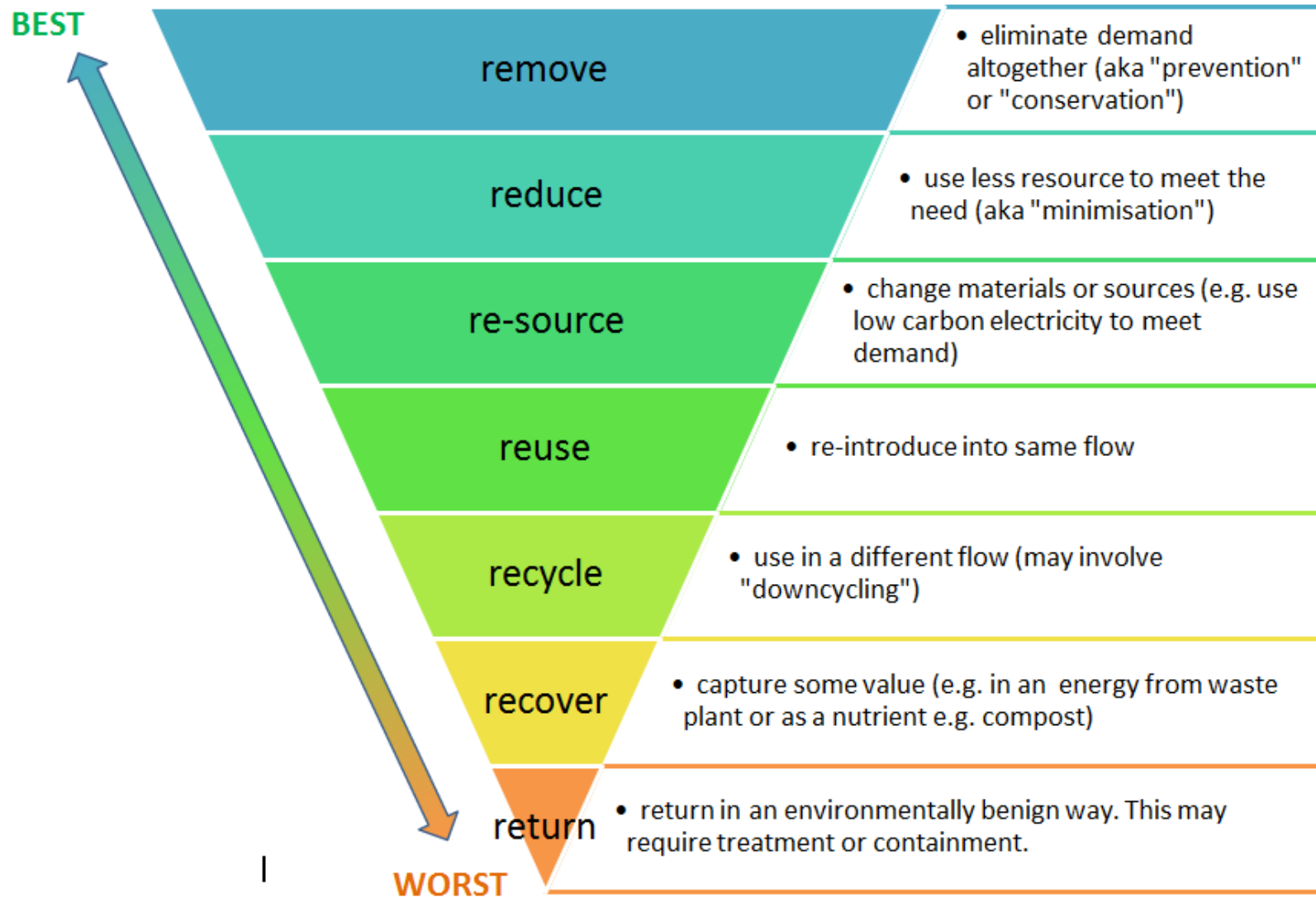
Water & Energy Technologies to Save the World

(Report by Global Water Intelligence)

The technologies address some of the greatest challenges facing the water & Energy sectors today. These include:

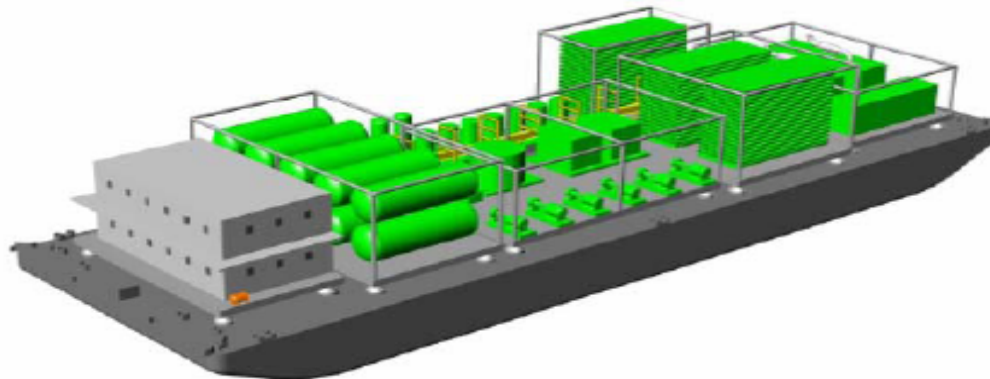
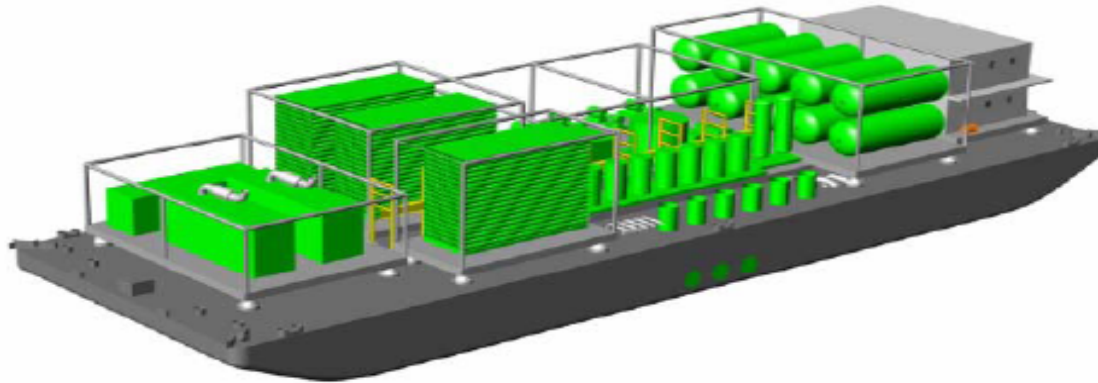
- **Water scarcity:** the world's freshwater resources are fixed, but both population and per capita consumption of water is growing. By 2025 one in three people around the world will experience either water scarcity or water stress.
- **Energy consumption:** In some parts of the world the process of treating and moving water represents 17-20% of total energy consumption.
- **Salt intrusion:** over-exploitation of our natural water resources has resulted in a build up of salt in our water systems.
- **Materials recycling:** Water & Energy Systems contain materials that may be valuable if recycled but are damaging to the environment if they are not.

Hierarchy (Water, Energy,...)

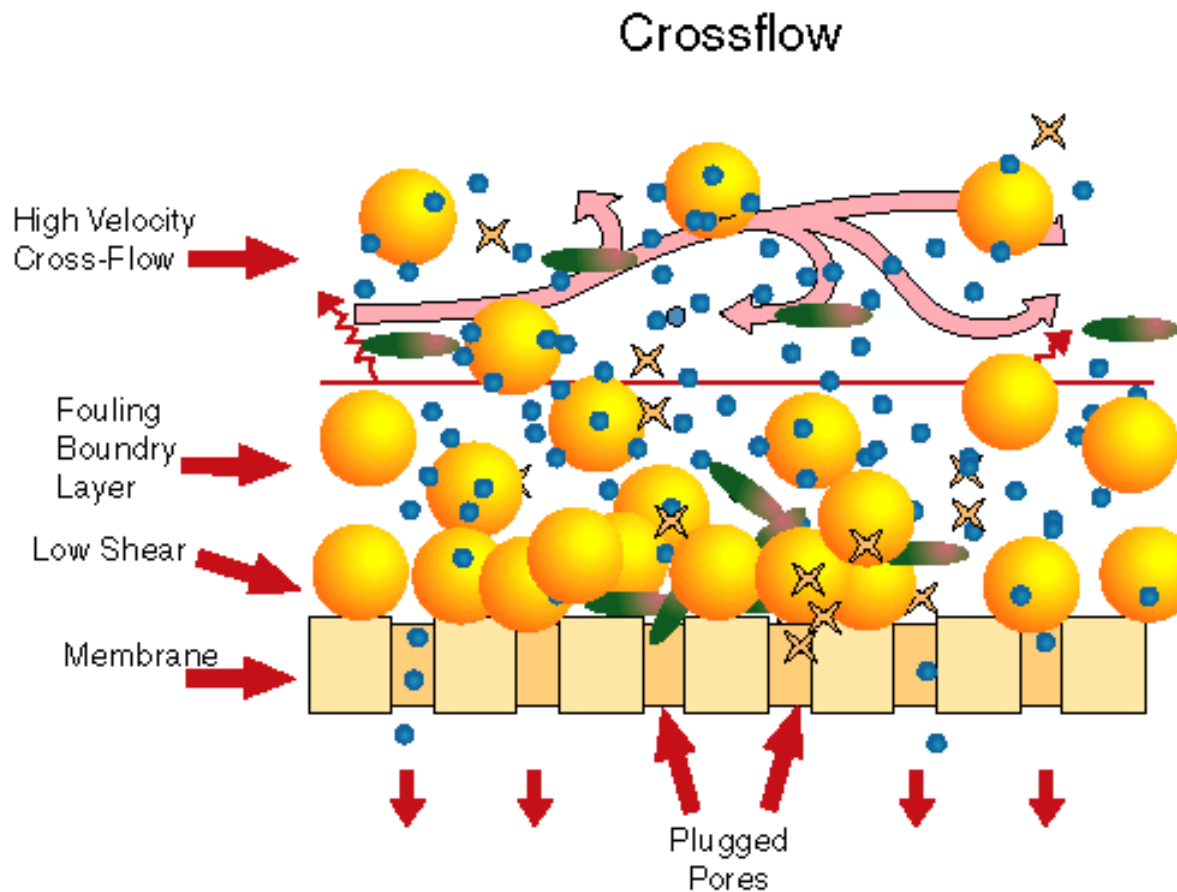


Mobile Seawater Desalination Plant

(Membrane Solution) – 25 MLD

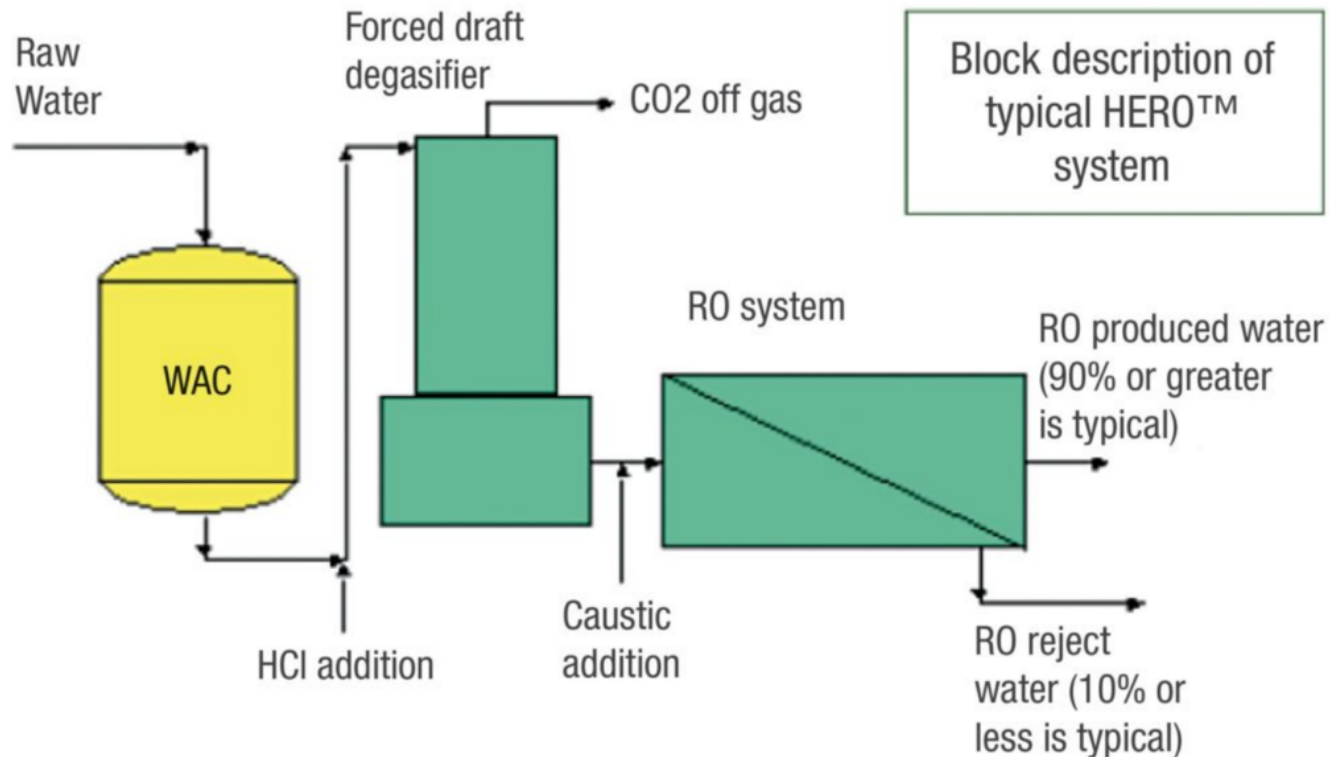


Fouling Mechanism



High Efficiency Reverse Osmosis (HERO)

UP to 95% recovery



One of major drawbacks in the RO

SCALING

Scaling occur when dissolved compounds exceed their solubility limits and precipitate on the membrane.

results of scaling

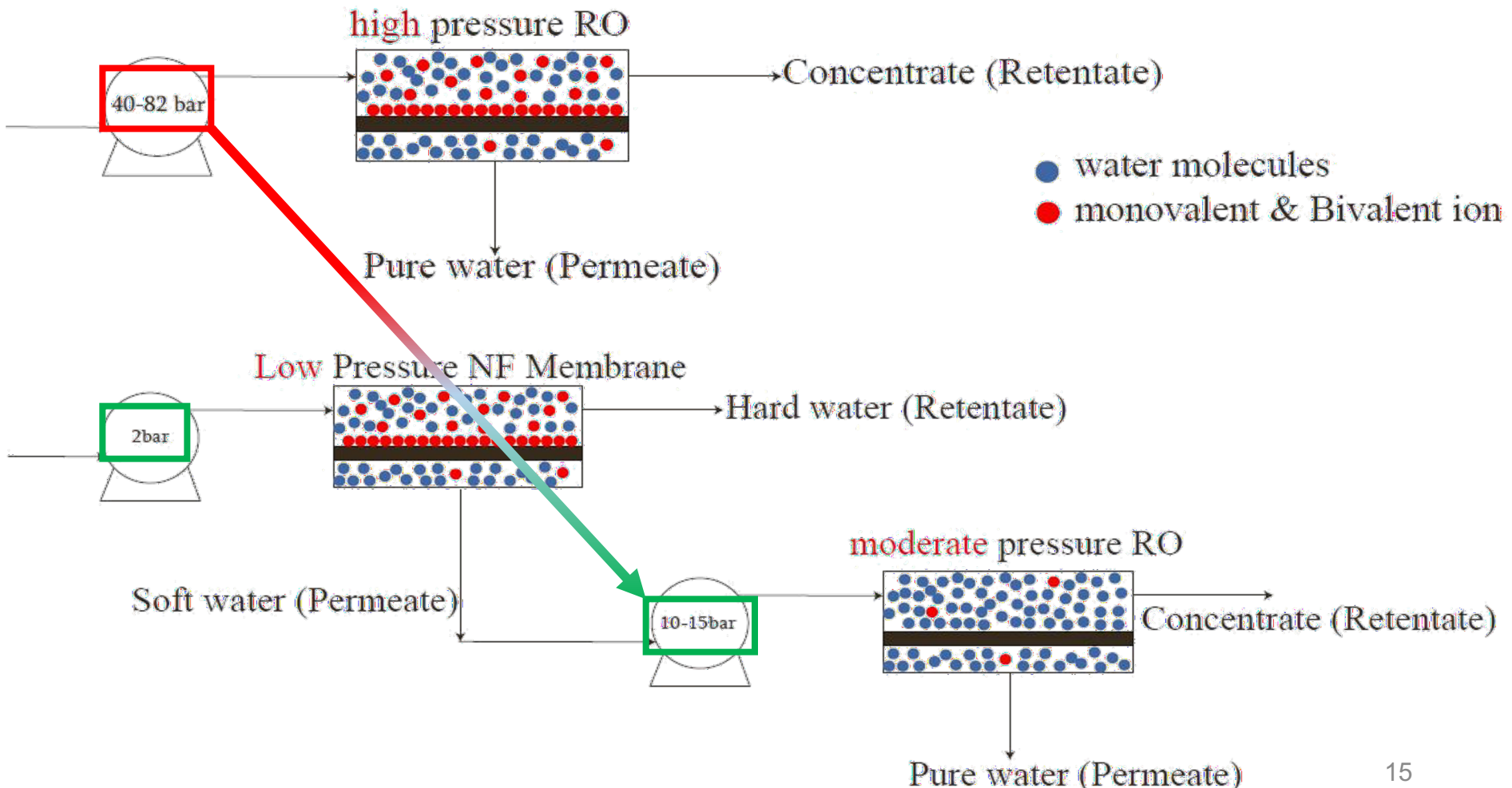
**higher
pressure drop
across the
system**

**higher salt
passage**

**low permeate
flow and
lower
permeate
water quality**

**An example of a common scale
that tends to form on an RO
membrane is calcium carbonate
(CaCO₃)**

Low pressure water softening



Energy consumption with ROSA software

Feed solution:

TDS=7000;

MgCl₂

CaCl₂

NaCl

NF/RO

RO

Pressure (bar)

10.19

36.45

**Electrical
energy(kWh/m³)**

0.5

1.49

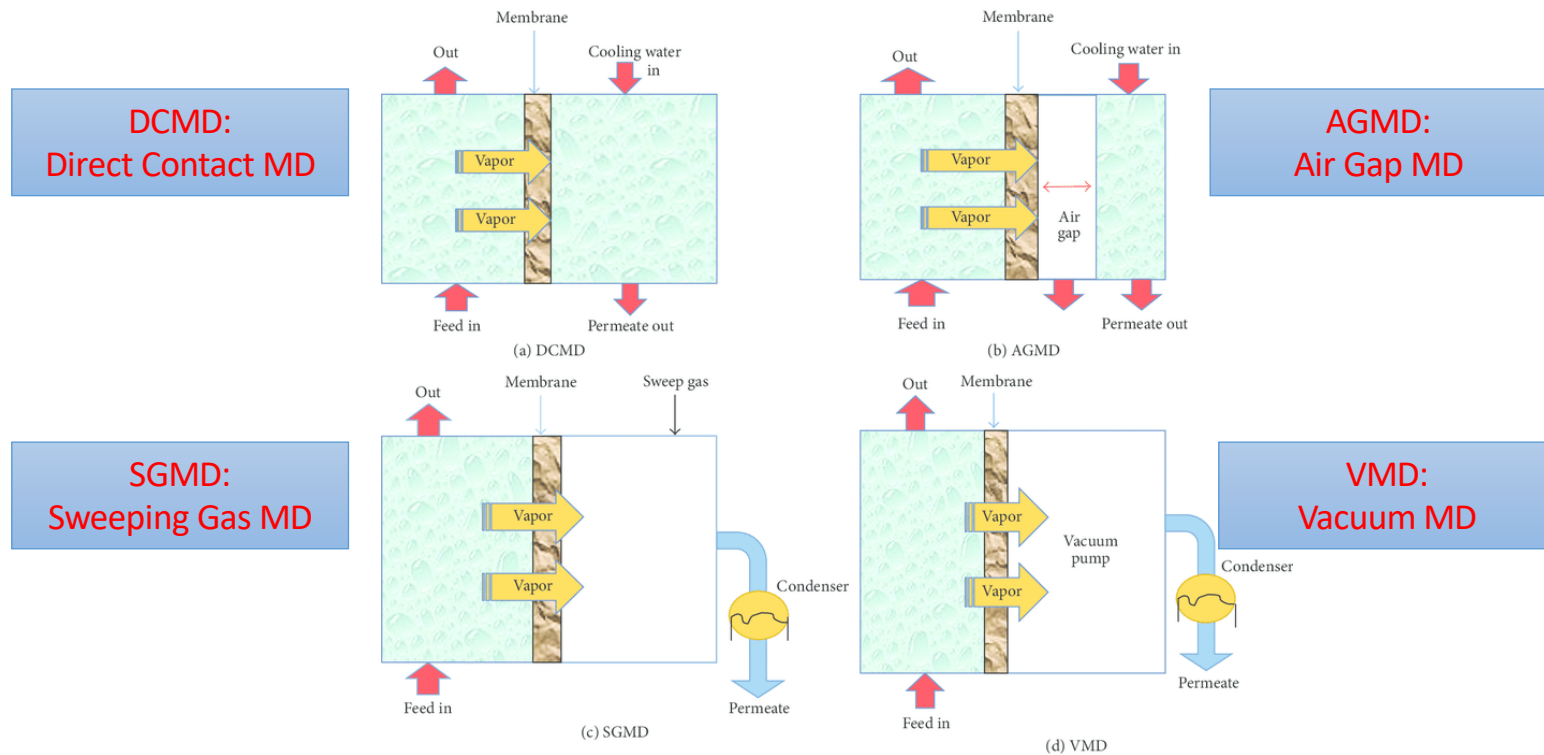
*** Water recovery 80%**

*** Total decrease in
TDS=99.9%**

**Reduce 67% energy
consumption**

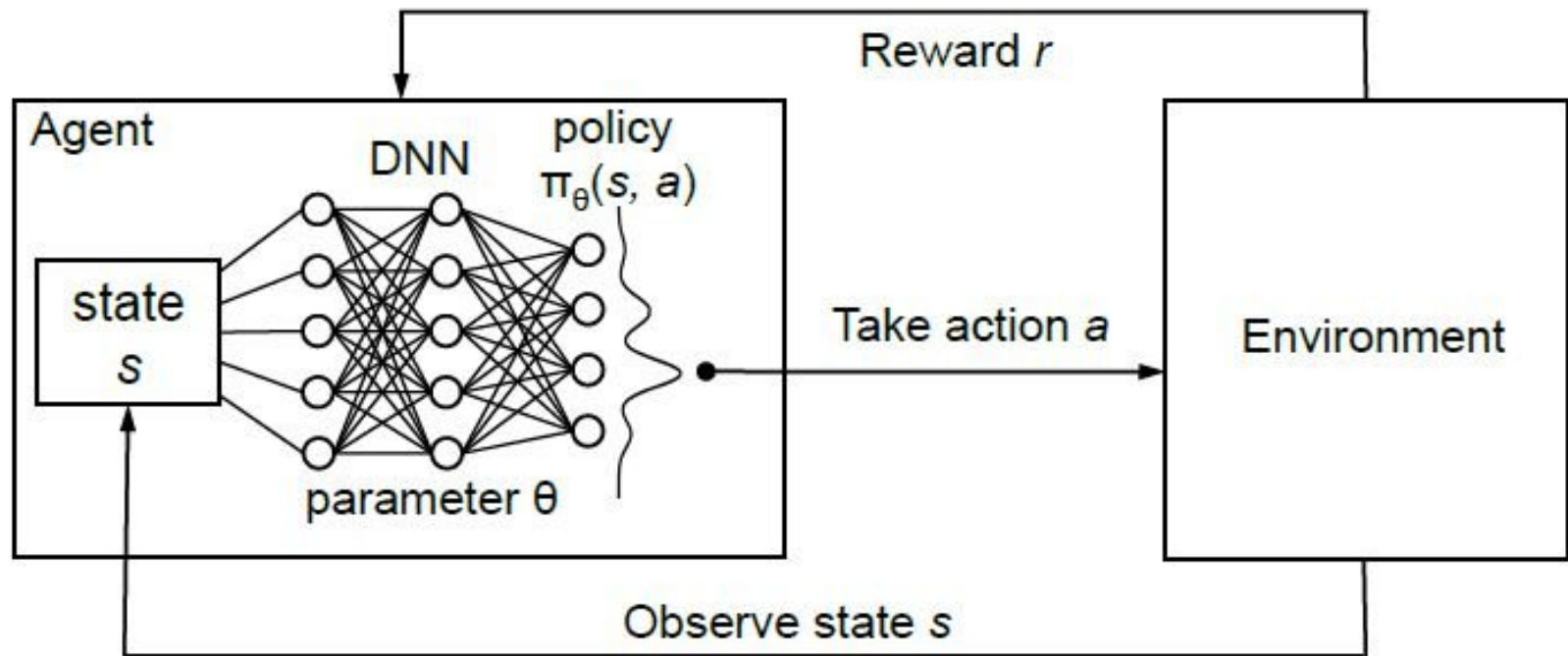
MD Configurations

There are 4 configurations for Membrane Distillation



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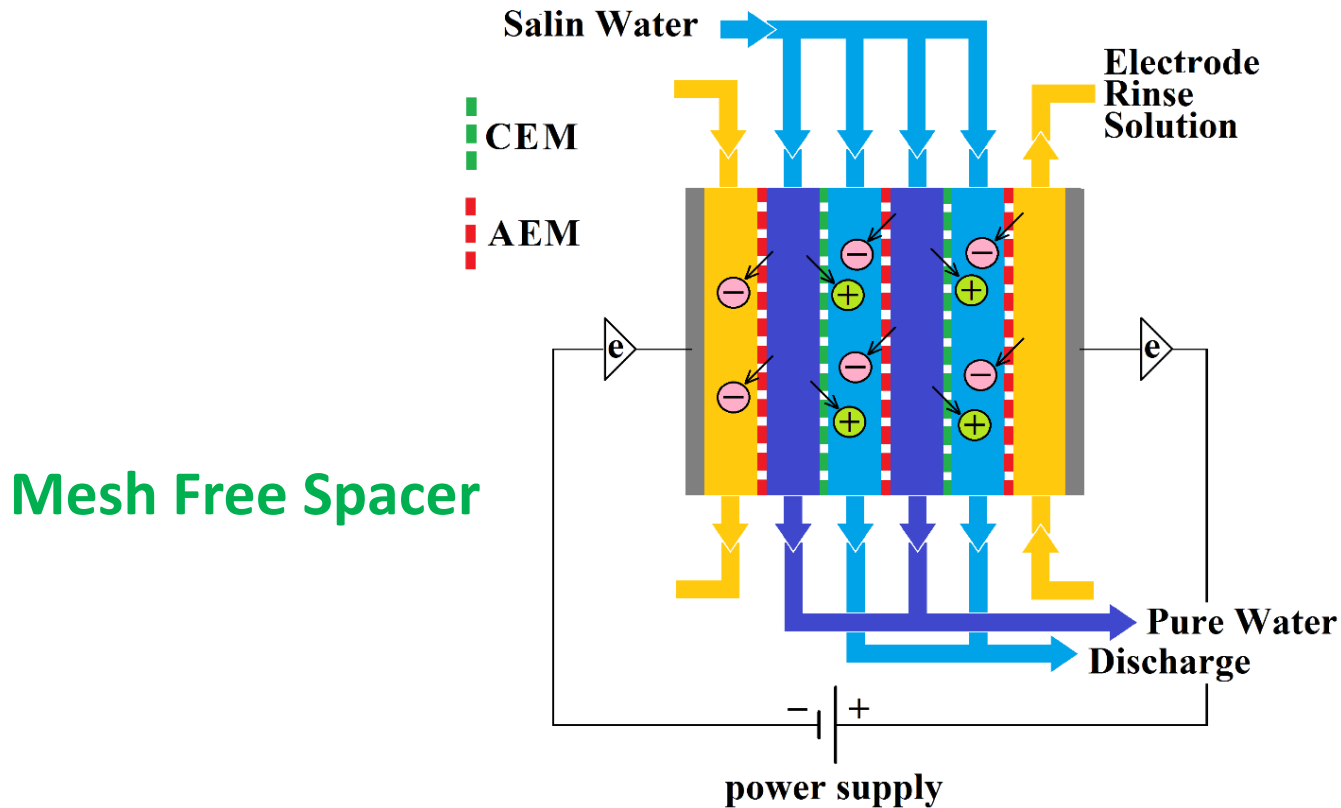
UP to 20% less OPEX



Optimized Electrodialysis (OED)

UP to 75% less Brine recovery

Modified Flow Spacer



Why optimized Electrodialysis?

| Item | Electrodialysis | Reverse Osmosis | Thermal Methods |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Pressure (P) | 0.5 - 1 bar | 30 – 60 bar | (-1) - 4 bar |
| Temperature (T) | (-4) (saline water) - 50°C | 10 – 45 °C | 40 – 100 °C |
| Material | Polymeric (Cheap) | SS – FRP (Expensive) | SS (Expensive) |
| Energy Consumption | 5-10 kw/m ³ | 3-5 kw/m ³ | 5-12 kw/m ³ |
| Piping | Low Pressure | High Pressure | High Pressure |
| Life Time | 7-10 years | 0.5 to 2 years | 5 – 15 years |
| Instrumentation & Control | Simple | Complex | Complex |
| Pretreatment | Simple | Complex | Simple |
| Maintenance | Easy - Cheap | Complex - Expensive | Expensive |
| Chemical Consumption | Rarely | Continuously | Continuously |
| Capital cost | Low | High | Average |

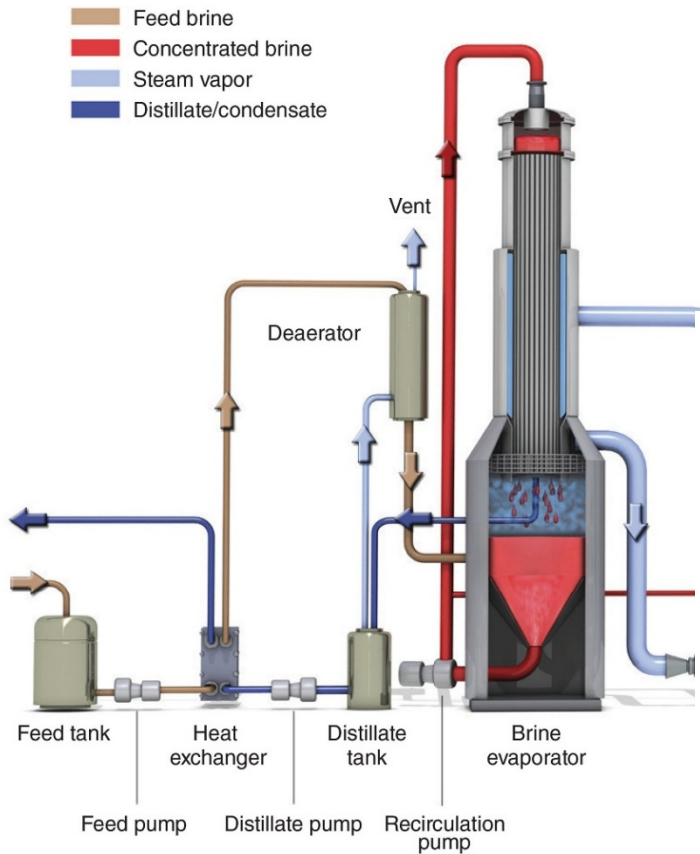
Water & Energy Management Issues

Eleanor Beevor July 2018 “And as this figure rises, the volume of renewable water resources available per capita drops. It is already critically low. **35%** of the population are living in areas experiencing water **shortages and droughts**”

A recent report suggested that over **90%** of Iran’s water was consumed by agriculture, but that the sector’s efficiency rate of water usage was **35%**. The average global efficiency rating is **75%**.

“**Sanctioning** prevents investment in many essential infrastructures, including those related to water management and agriculture. Weak water infrastructures will lead to inefficient use of water, such **water leakage** or not **recycling wastewater**.”

Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD)



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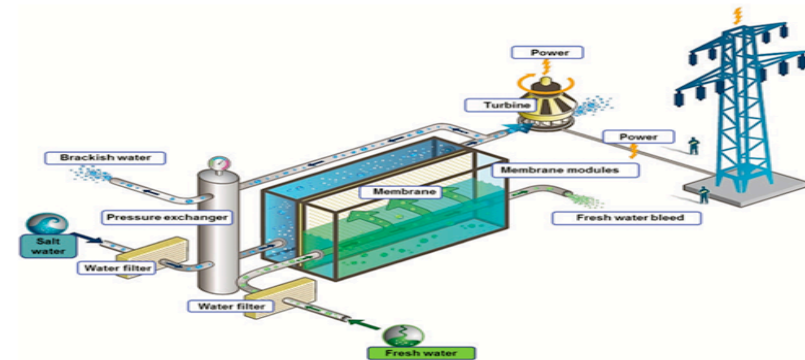
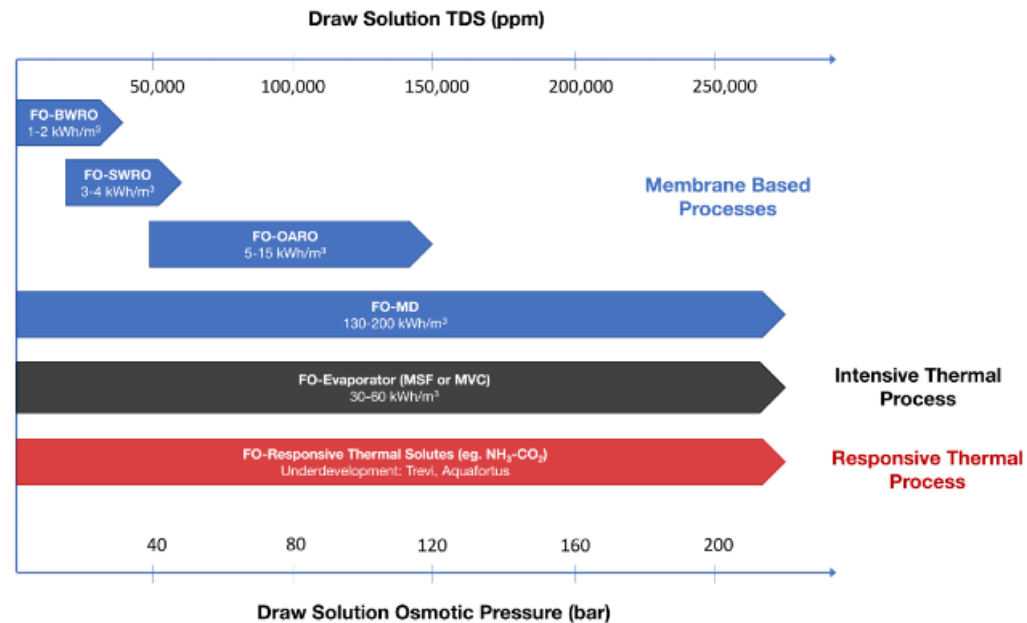


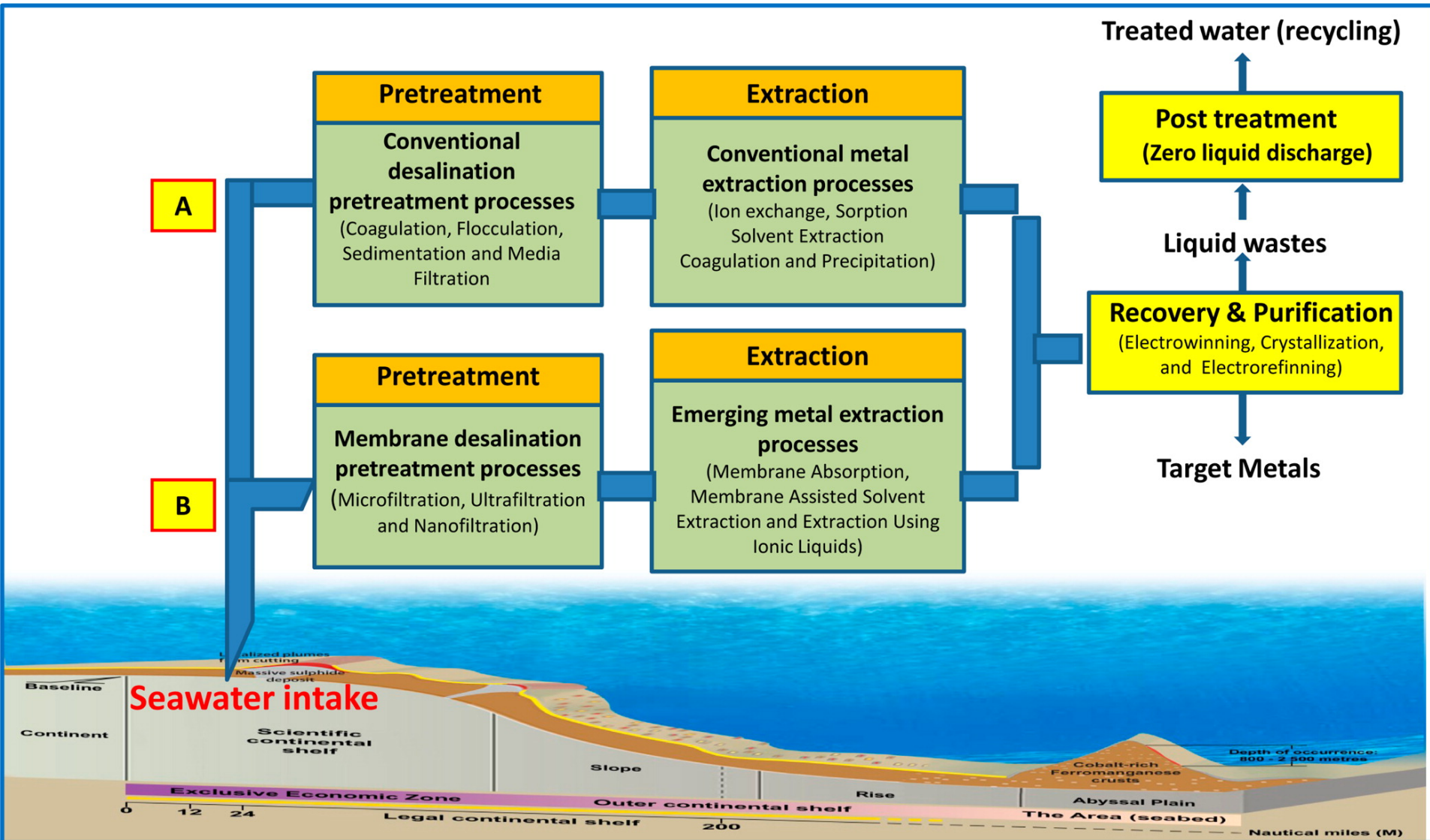
Figure 7.3.7 Pressure retarded osmosis (PRO) system adopted by Statkraft (2014).



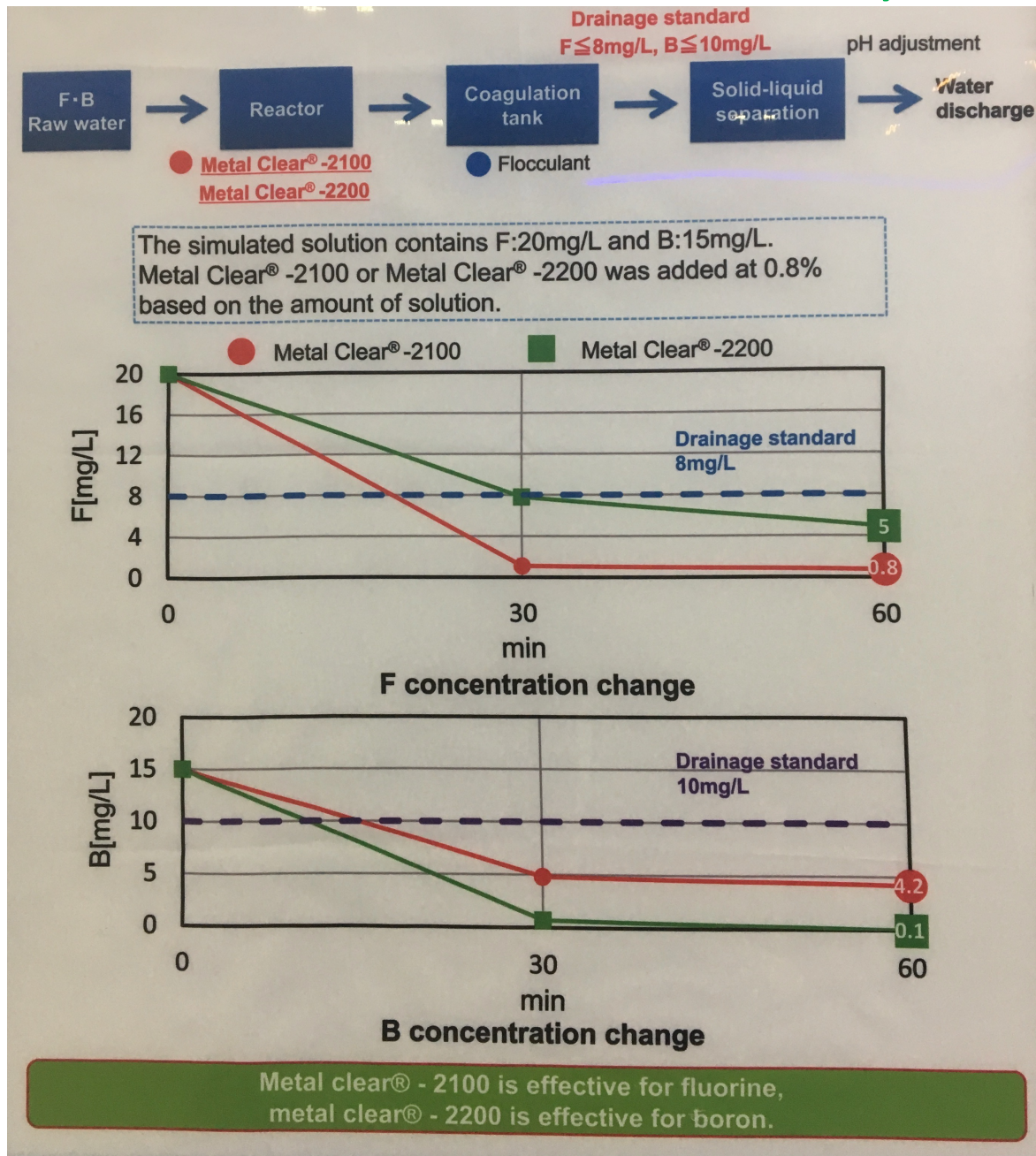
ZLD Current Case Study

- State of the Art of Thermal Brine Concentration
- Advanced Technologies for Membrane Brine Concentration
- Non-thermal & Non-membrane Brine Concentration Technologies
- Brine Concentration for Harvesting of Minerals
- Brine Concentration for Harvesting of Rare Metals
- Brine Concentration for Zero Liquid Discharge
- Case Studies for Brine Concentration
- Case Studies for Zero Liquid Discharge
- Lowering Cost and Energy Use Barriers for Brine Concentration
- The Future of Brine Concentration – Next Generation Technologies
- Advanced Technologies for Mining of Sodium Chloride
- Advanced Technologies for Mining of Calcium and Magnesium Salts
- Market Survey for Ocean Brine Minerals
- Case Studies for Mining of Minerals
- Advanced Technologies for Mining of Lithium, Rubidium and Cesium
- Advanced Technologies for Mining of Other Rare Metals
- Market Survey for Mining of Rare Metals from Ocean Brine
- Case Studies for Mining of Rare Metals from Ocean Brine

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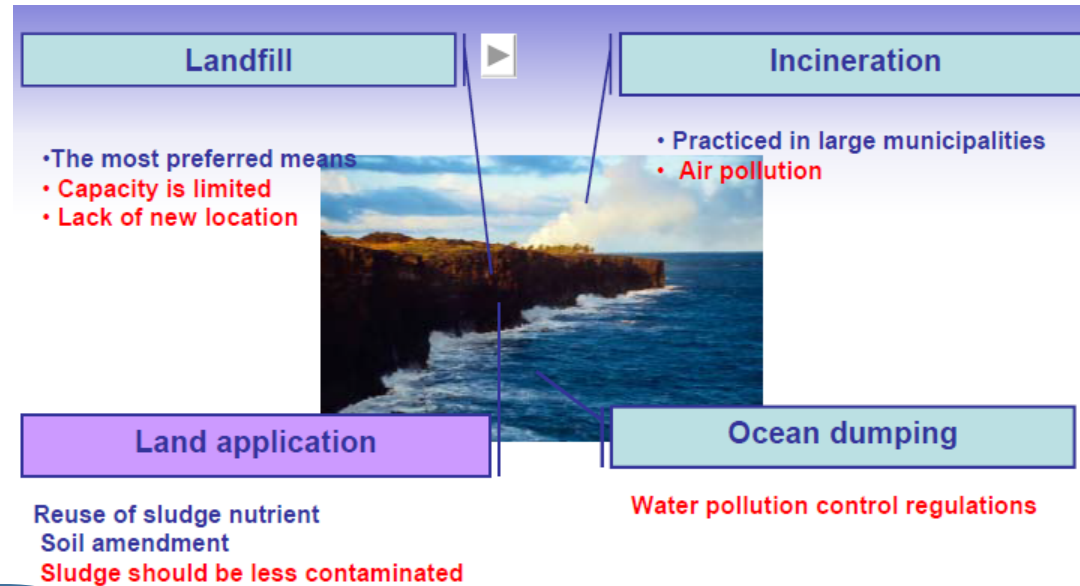


Boron Removal – Case Study



Sludge Treatment

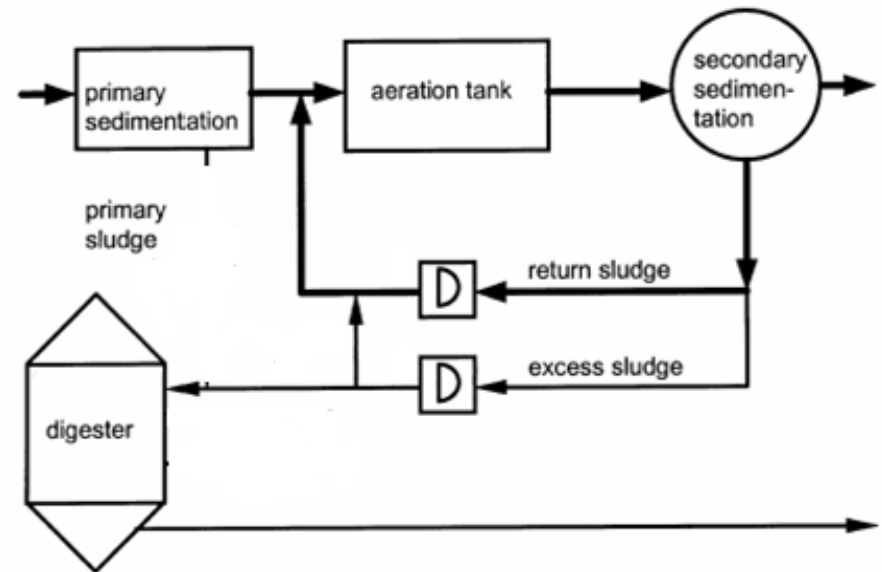
- Thickening
- Digestion
- Conditioning
- Dewatering
- Drying
- Disposal (Incineration)



BEST SOLUTION:
SLUDGE REDUCTION !!!

Sludge Reduction

- Sludge pretreatment through:
 - Thermal
 - Mechanical
 - or chemical treatment



- Restricting/limiting sludge growth in an aeration tank

OUR SOLUTION:
Advanced Oxidation Processes(AOPs)

Sludge Reduction

Advanced Oxidation Processes(AOPs)

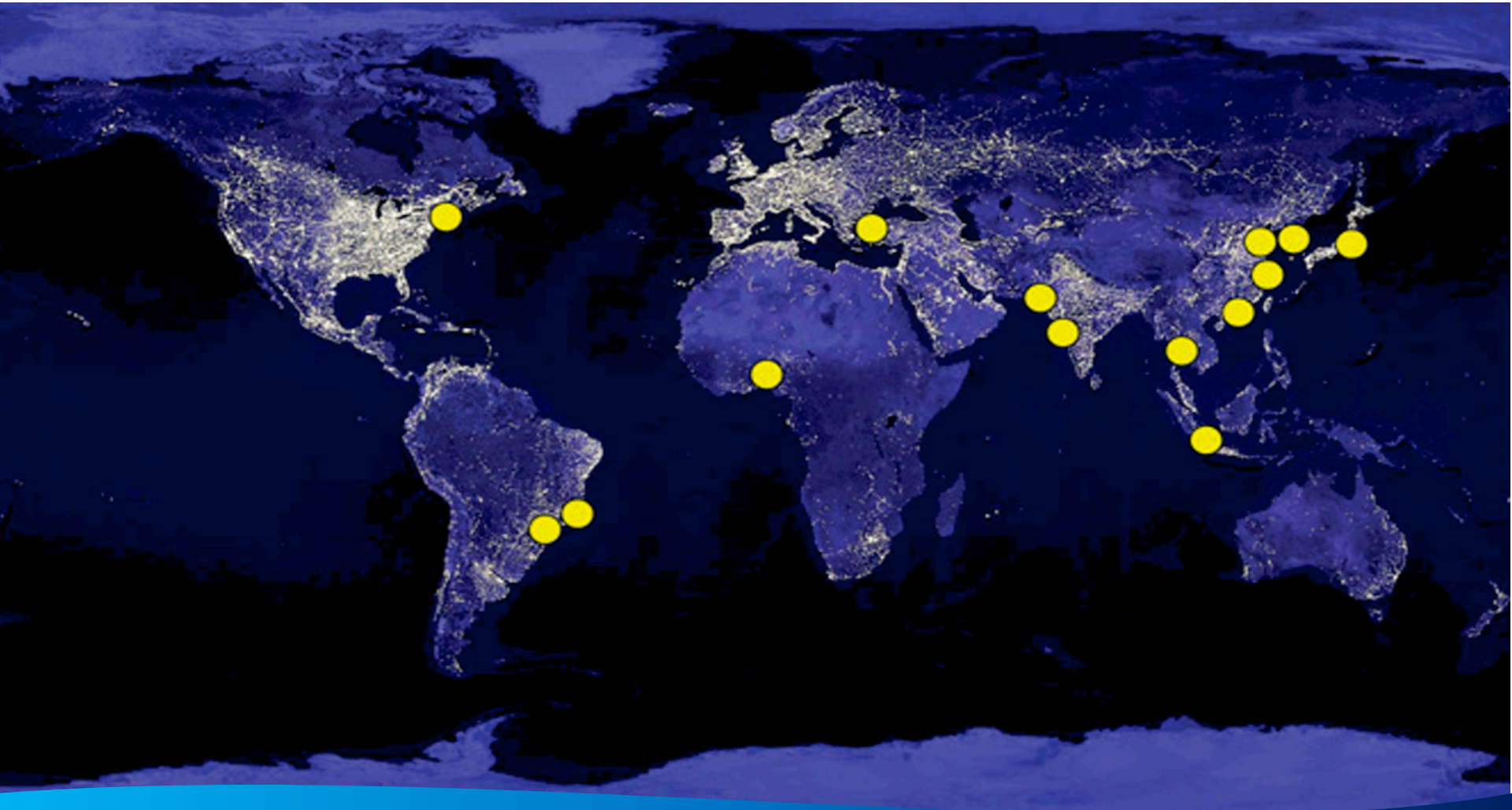
- Ozonation
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Peroxone
- Fenton Reagent
- UV Radiation
- Ultrasounds
- Persulfate

OUR SUGGESTION:

**COMBINATION OF AOPs
DEPENDS ON THE SLUDGE
CHARACTERISTICS**

Hybrid WWT and Desalination by EDR, LPNF-RO and/or FO-RO

(Case Study – 14 Major Cities)



Hybrid WWT and Desalination by FO-LPRO

System Layout

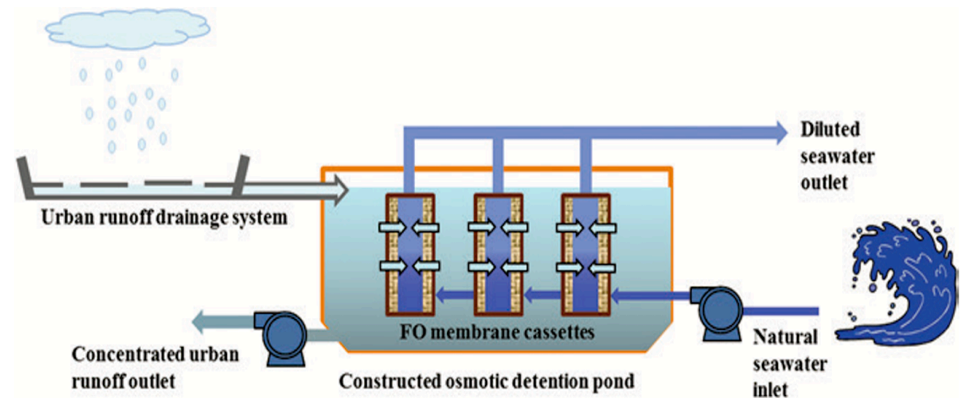


Figure 2.1.1 Diagram of the osmotic detention pond for the treatment of urban runoff in coastal regions.

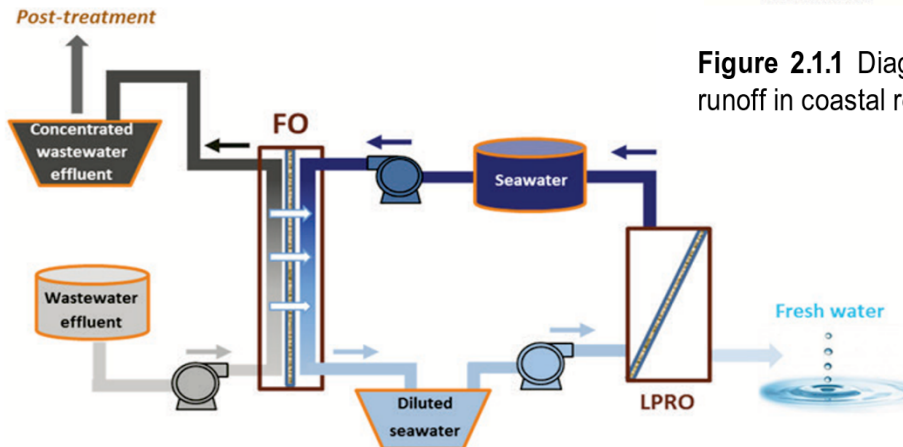


Figure 1.1.6 FO-LPRO system layout combining wastewater recovery and seawater desalination.

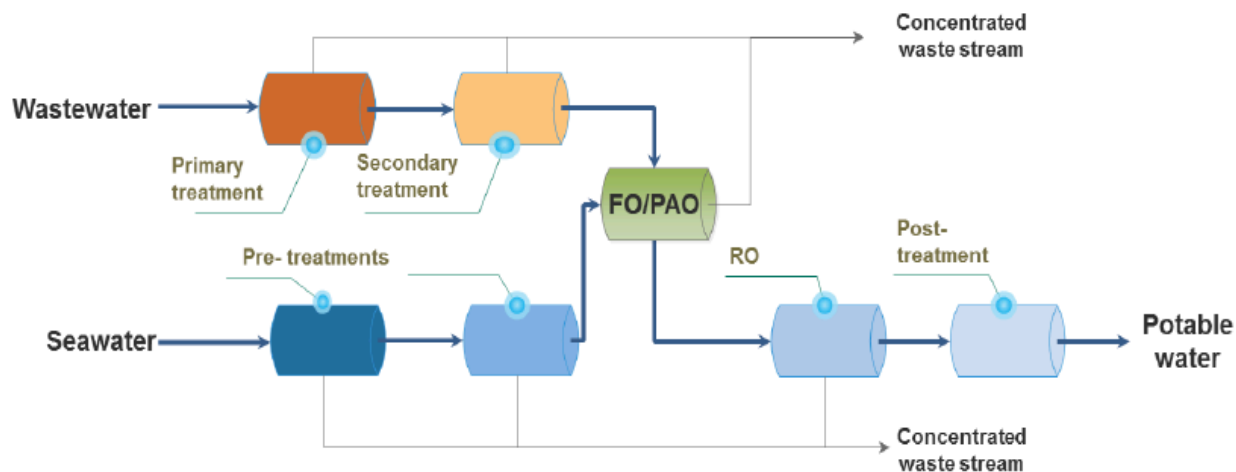
FO-LPRO Versus SWRO

Energy Consumption

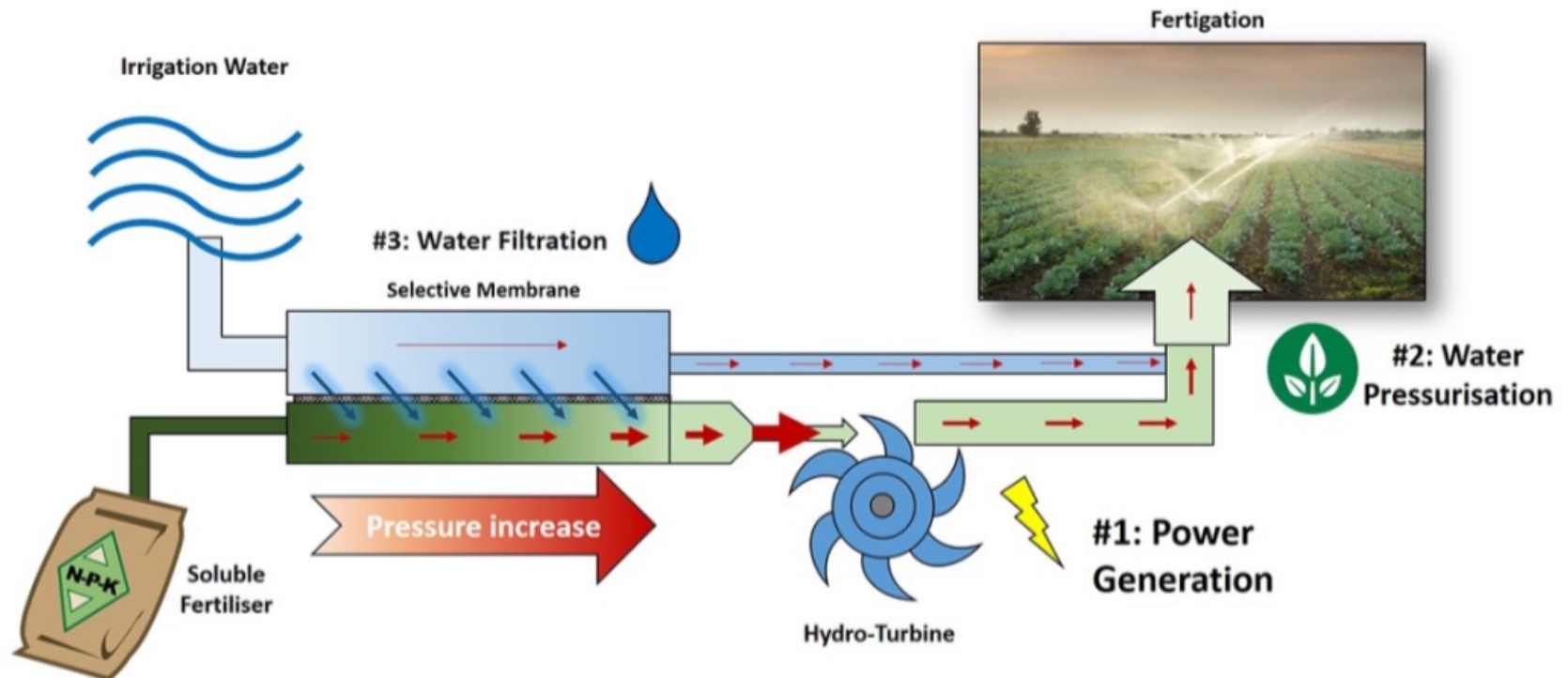


Figure 2.3.8 Comparison of energy consumption between desalination with RO and desalination with immersed FO-LPRO.

Hybrid FO-RO for industrial waste water reuse



Forward Osmosis Application In irrigation systems



Summary

Water & Energy Hierarchy

Keeping parts for longer.
Design for easier dismantling and recycling. Minimise number of materials in design and manufacture.

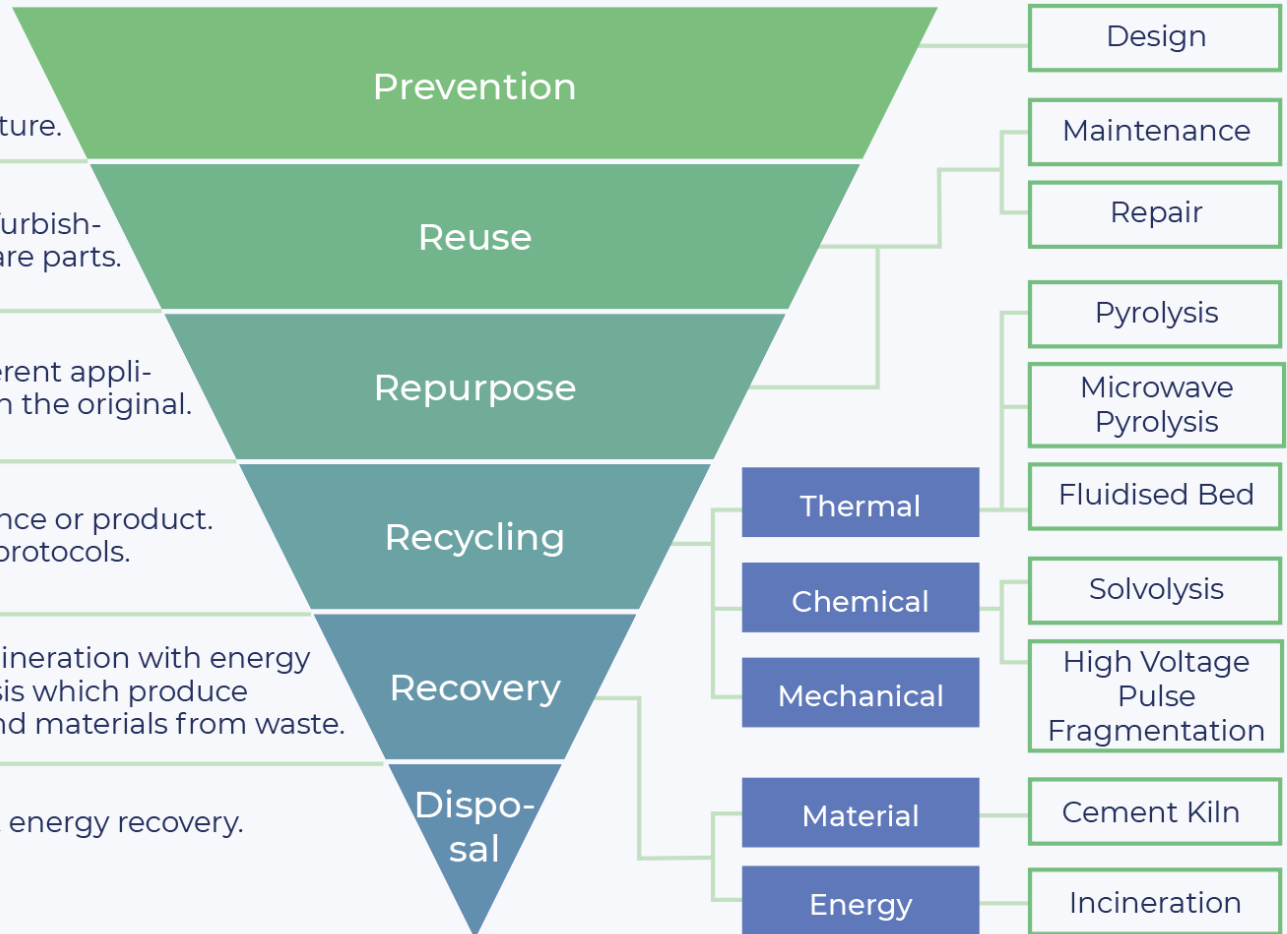
Checking, cleaning, repairing, refurbishing, repair for whole items or spare parts.

Re-use an existing part for a different application, usually of lower value than the original.

Turning waste into a new substance or product. Includes composting if it meets protocols.

Includes anaerobic digestion, incineration with energy recovery, gasification and pyrolysis which produce energy (fuels, heat and power) and materials from waste.

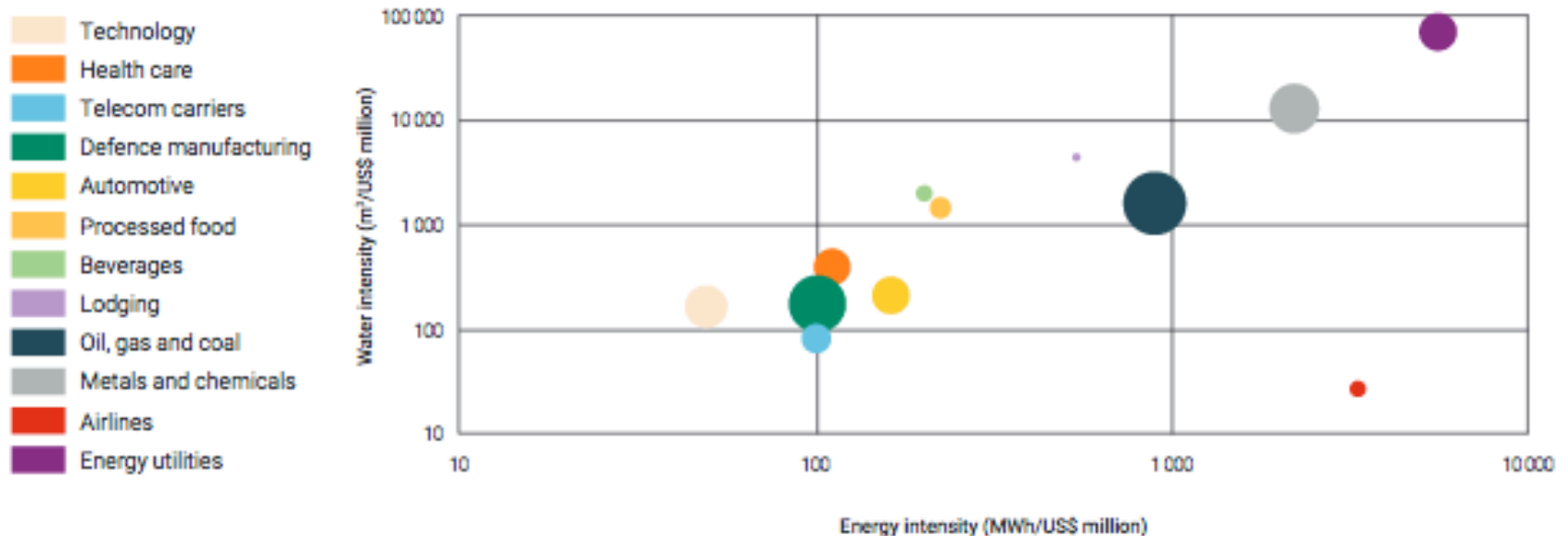
Landfill and incineration without energy recovery.



Summary

Water & Energy Intensity

Figure 7.3 Water and energy intensity of major industries



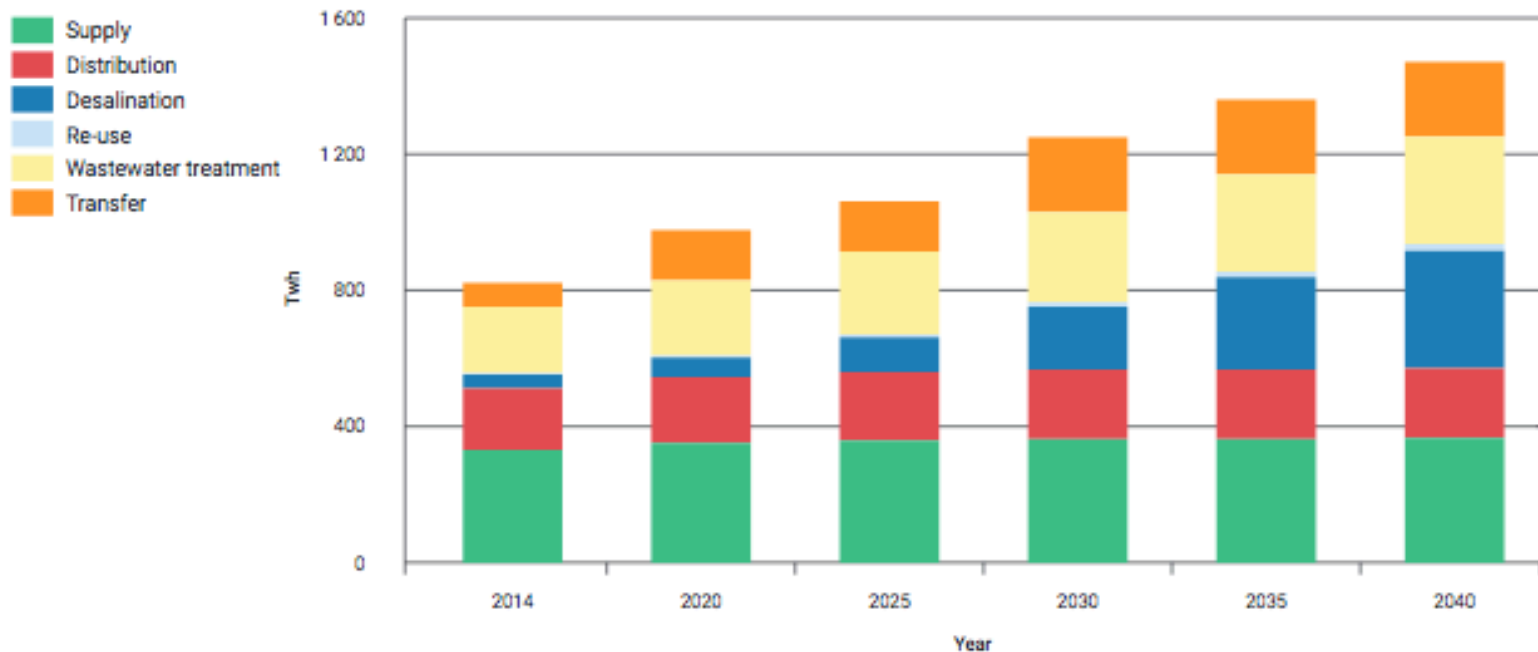
Note: Bubble area proportional to total industry revenue.

Source: Metzger et al. (2016, fig. 2, p. 4).

Summary

Electricity Consumption (Water Sector)

Figure 3.2 Electricity consumption in the water sector by process, 2014–2040



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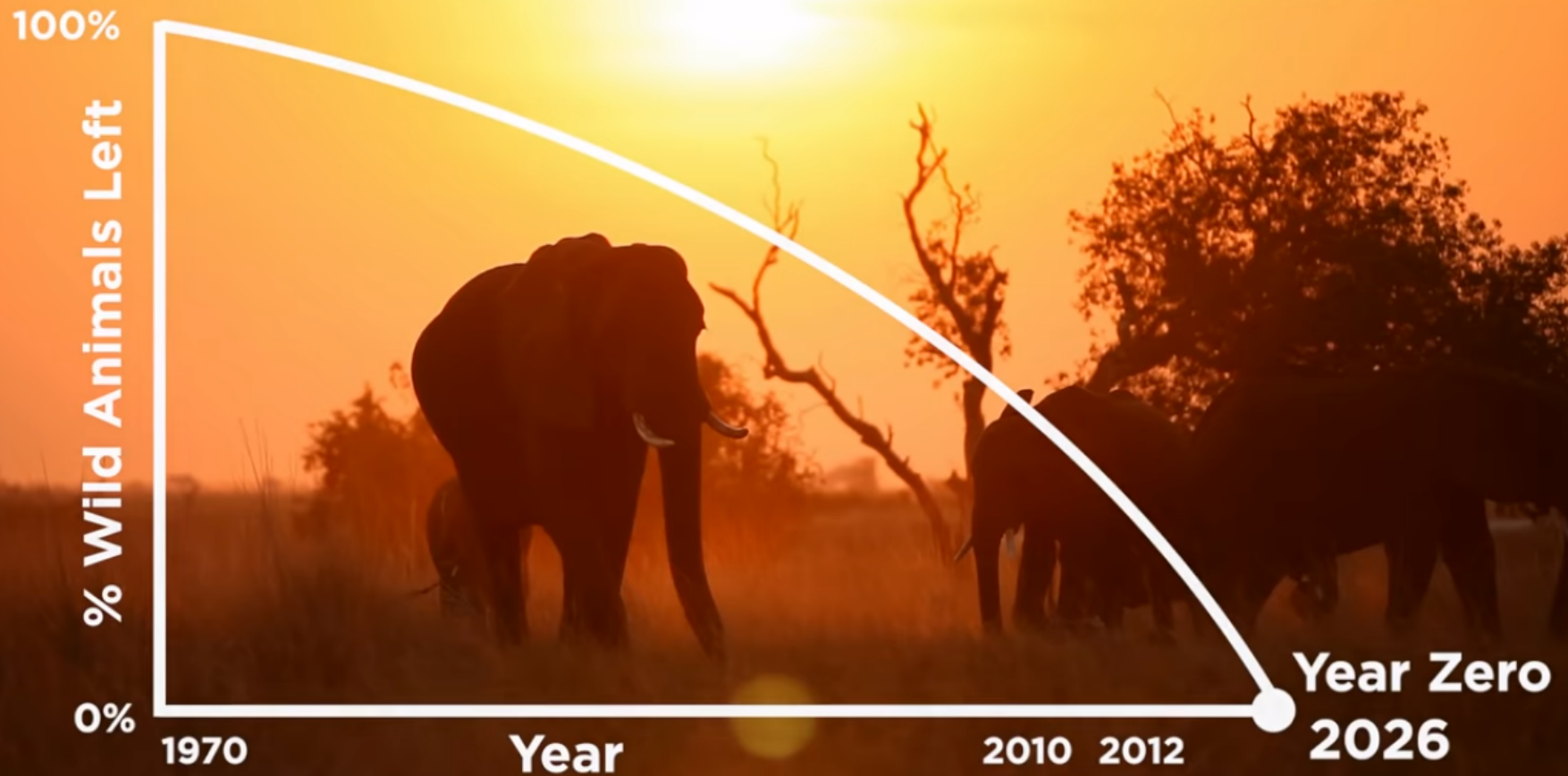
Conclusion

Water and Energy: A tale of two resources

- Improving **efficiency** W&E allow countries to **reduce** resource scarcity & maximize the benefits provided by existing W&E infrastructure.
- W&E efficiency “doing more and better with less”
- Without efficiency gains, demand 40% by 2030
- Energy uses about 8-40% of all freshwater withdrawn worldwide.
- Energy demand increases 30% by 2035, Water needs for energy production are set to grow at **twice** the rate of energy demand.

YEAR ZERO

The year when wild animals are gone
100% of wild vertebrates will be gone by 2026

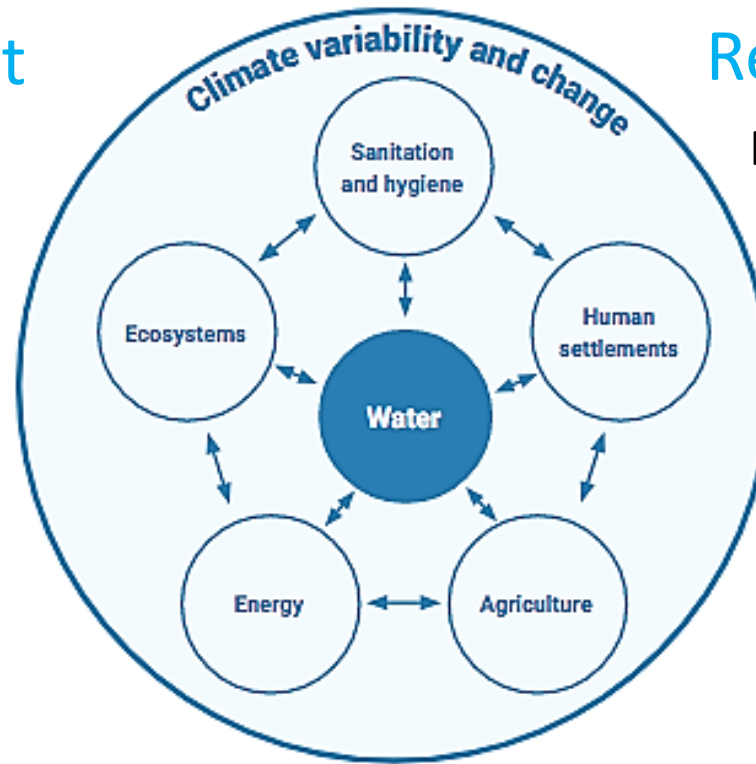


For more information please click on [Reference 1](#) & [Reference 2](#)

Conclusion | New Technologies Challenging Rules

Reducing the Cost

H2 Fuel, Coal, Nuclear
Renewable, Solar
Artificial Intelligence
Hybrid Technologies



Reducing the waste

Nuclear, Acid Mine, Brine
Solar Panels, Turbine
Membrane Re-use
Recycle, biomaterial

The frightening merchant, the trembling of the soul, in the world, does not benefit, does not harm

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