

# Water & Energy Management



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# 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](#)



# Worth \$15T and Control \$50T

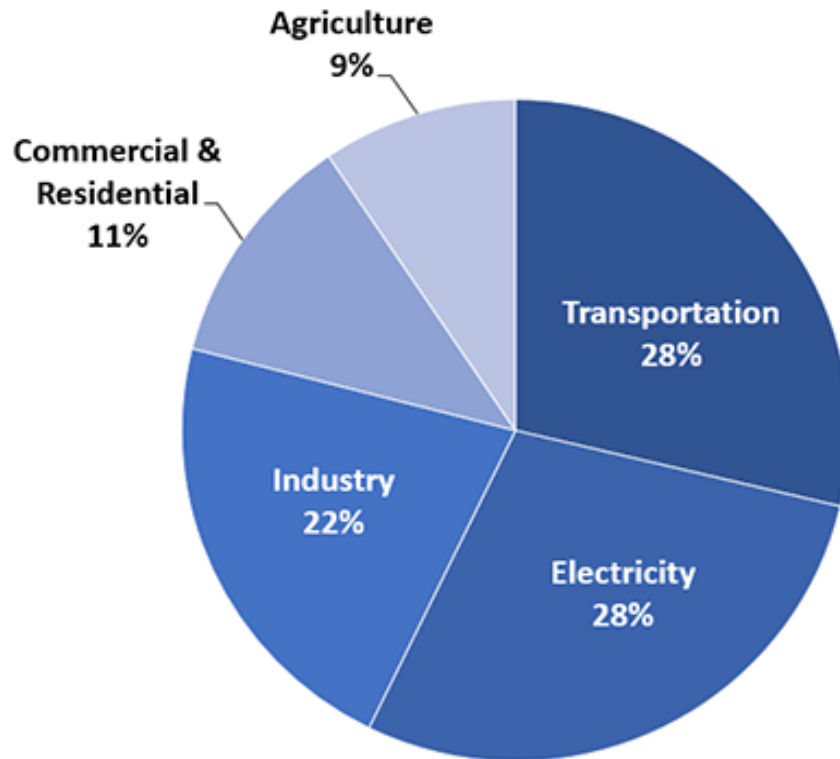
250 BT Chemical = 7 x CO2 Pouring to Atmosphere

## The Global Corporatocracy



# Worth \$15T and Control \$50T

Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
by Economic Sector in 2016



Total Emissions  
in 2020  
over

**35,000**

Million Metric Tons  
of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent

China 28%,  
USA 14%,  
Europe 10%,  
Iran 2%

# More than just temperature climate change and ocean acidification

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- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere is being absorbed in greater amounts in the surface ocean.
- As the surface ocean takes up more CO<sub>2</sub>, it becomes more acidic (pH becomes lower).
- Lower pH affects ocean chemistry and makes it harder for many marine animals to build their skeletons and shells.
- The oceans are going to feel the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> for a long time—it takes tens of thousands of years for oceans to recover their pH once it has been changed.

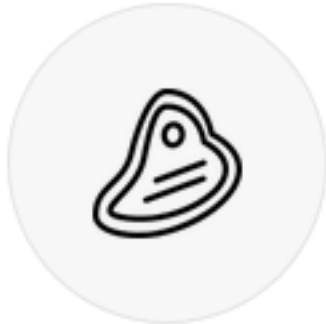
# Plastic Pollution by COVID-19

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- For instance, an estimated monthly use of 129 billion face masks and 65 billion gloves would be necessary to protect citizens world wide
- use of reusable masks significantly reduces the amount of waste by 95%, followed by reusable masks with disposable filters (60%).
- estimated recommended monthly consumption of 65 billion gloves globally ((14 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> eq)
- synthetic rubber gloves produced in Malaysia, the production of each kilogram of product consumes up to 10.0413 MJ of energy, with impacts highly dependent on energy production. In Thailand, the total carbon footprint emission of 200 pieces of rubber glove was about 42 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

# Water Used in meat production in 2020

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285,240,789

Tons of meat eaten

Globally, this year

IN 2020

THIS MONTH

THIS WEEK

TODAY



1,873,708,726,900

Tons of water used in meat production

Globally, this year

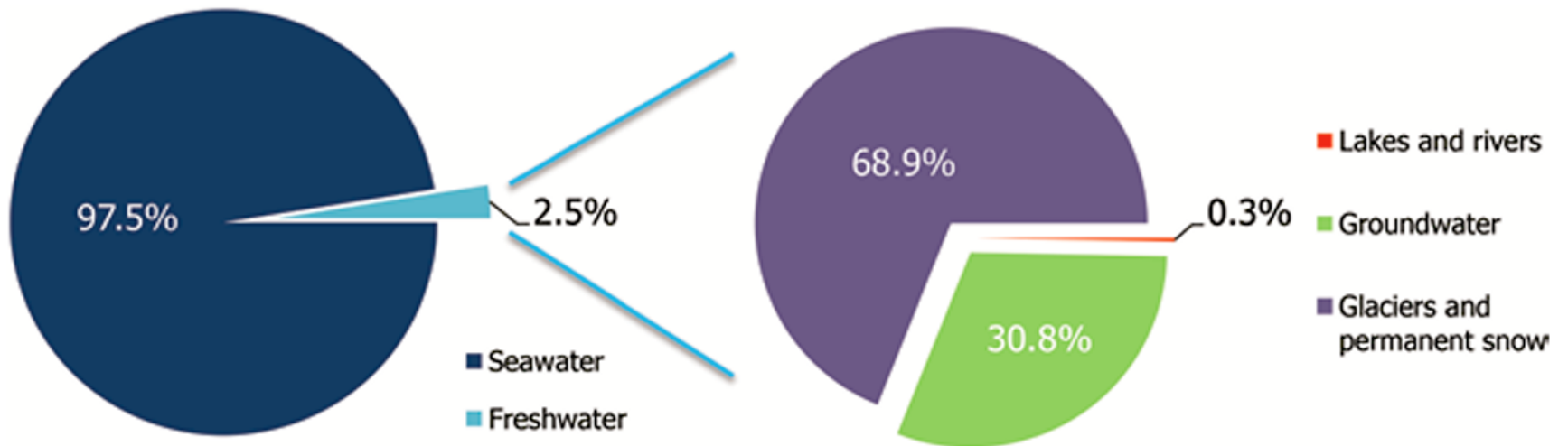
IN 2020

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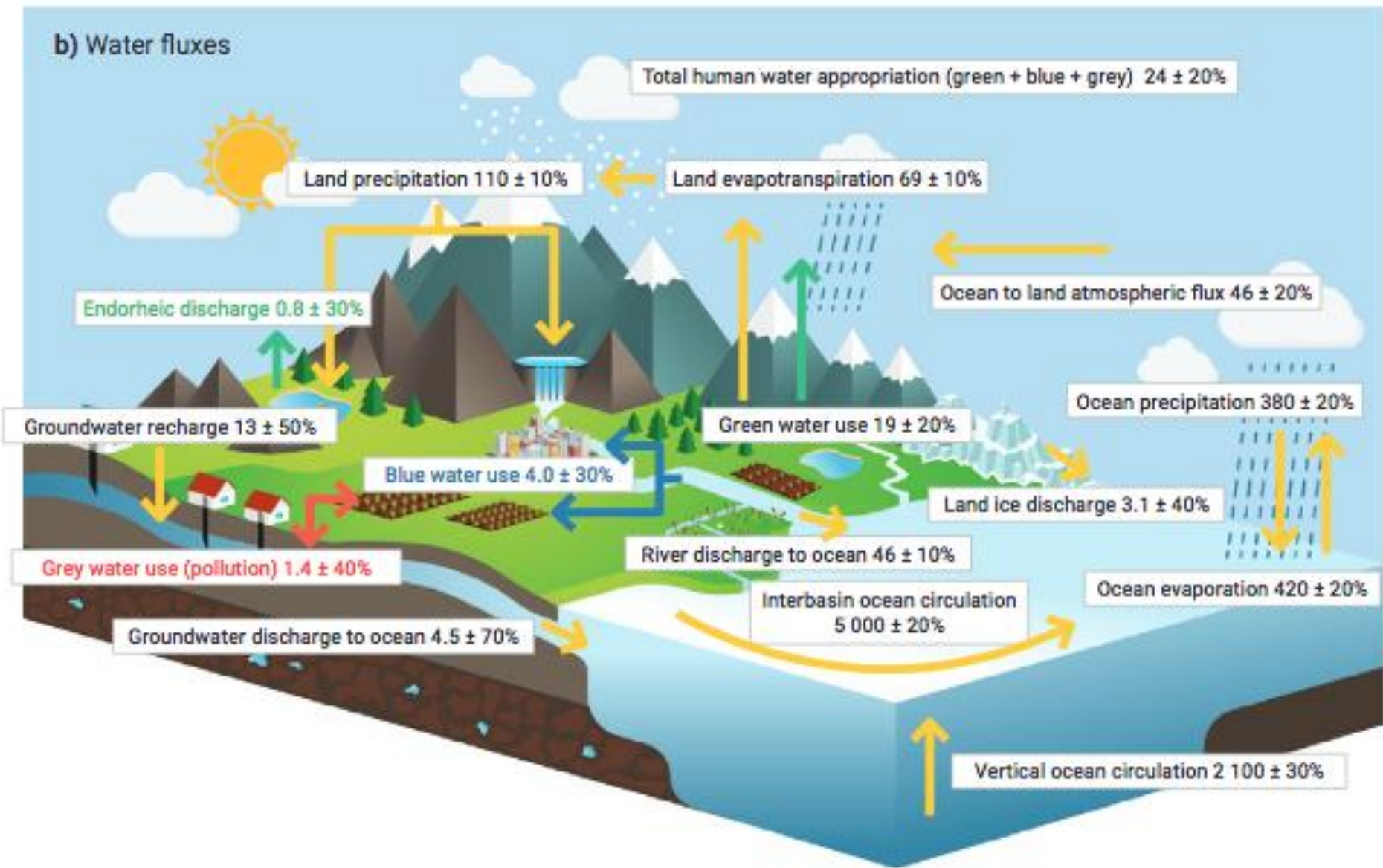
TODAY

# Available Freshwater

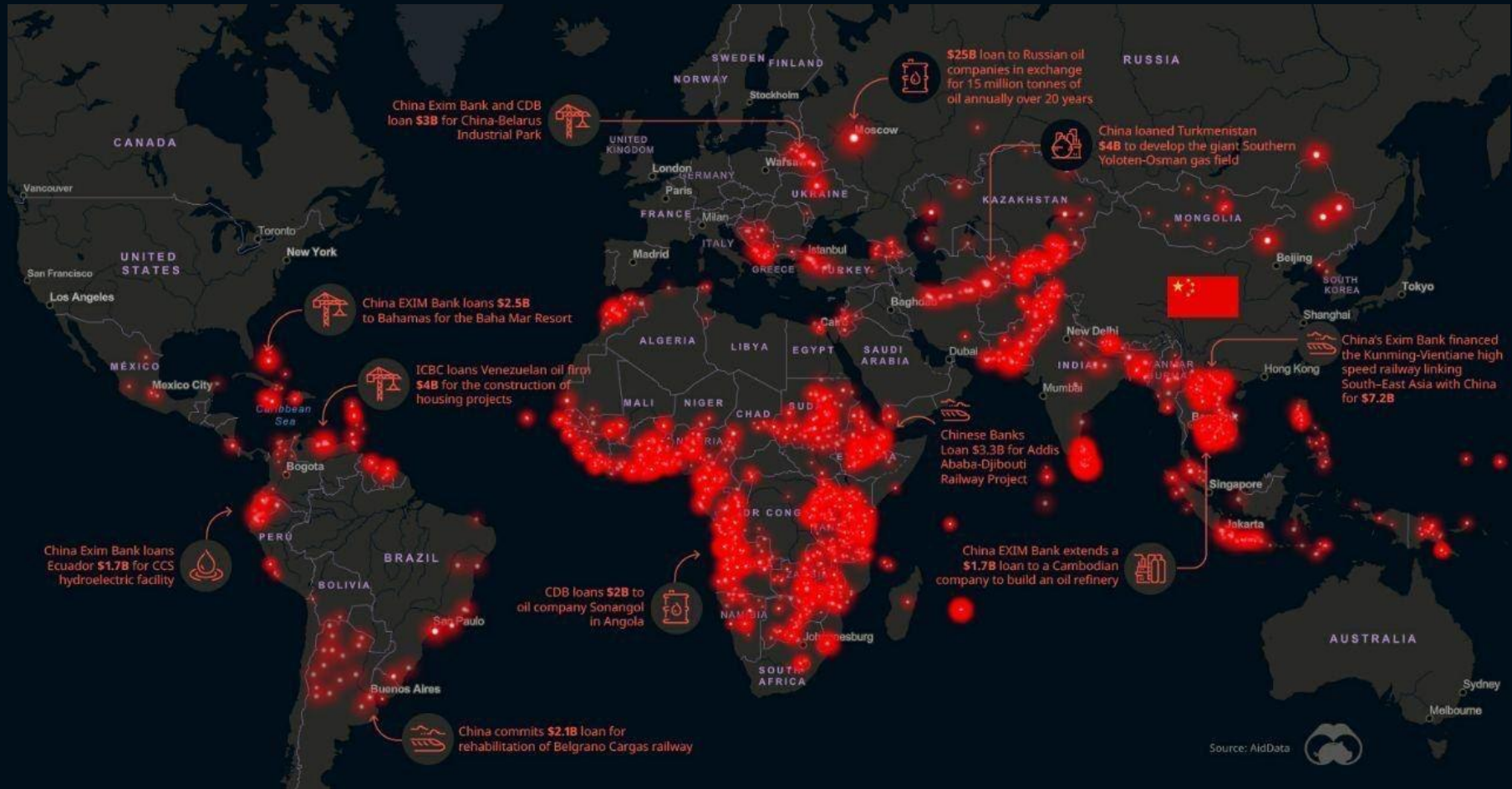




## b) Water fluxes



# Energy Investment by China (2020)



# Water & Energy Technologies to Save the World

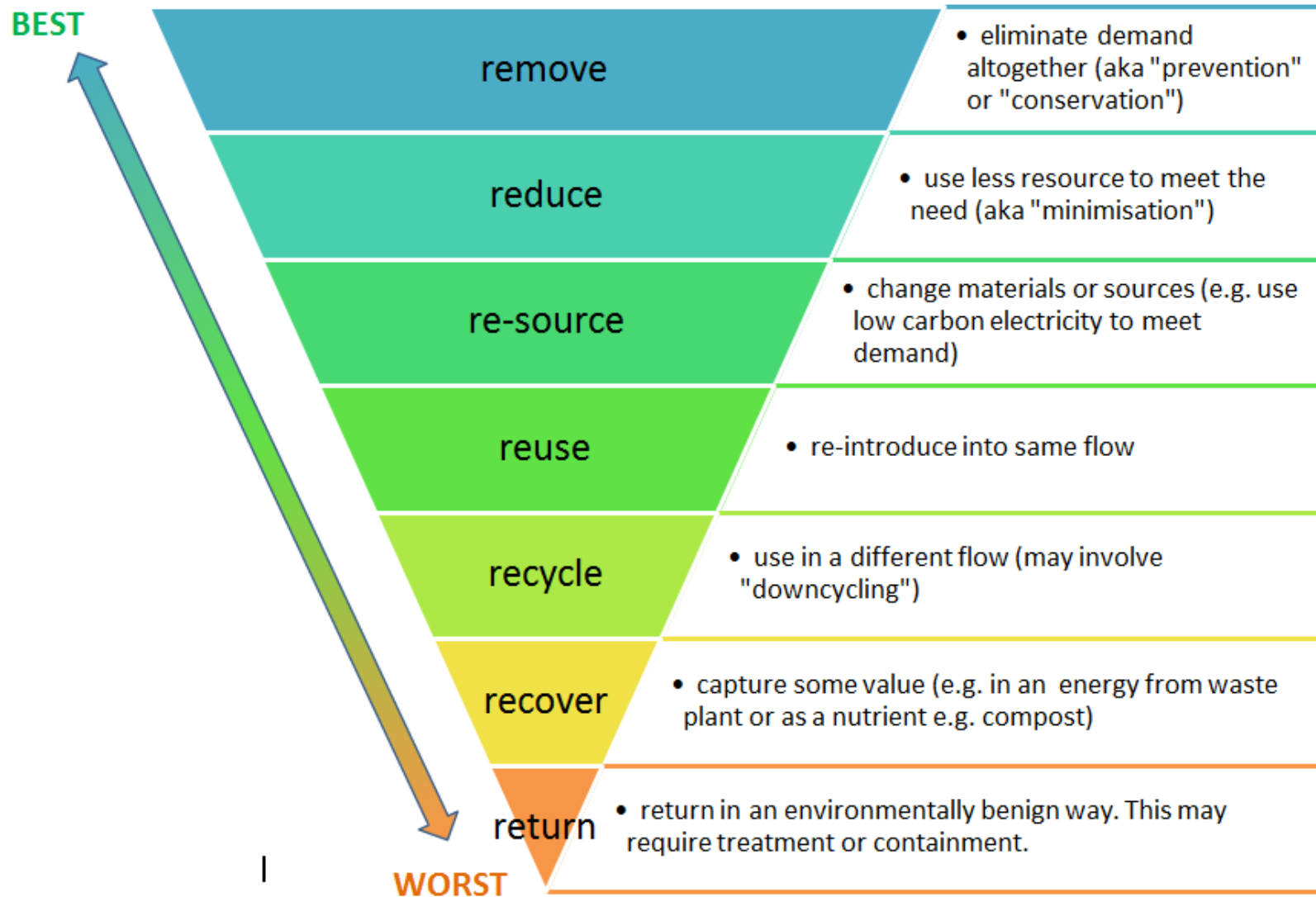
(Report by Global Water Intelligence)

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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. Chemical industries also consume 20% of total energy.
- **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,...)



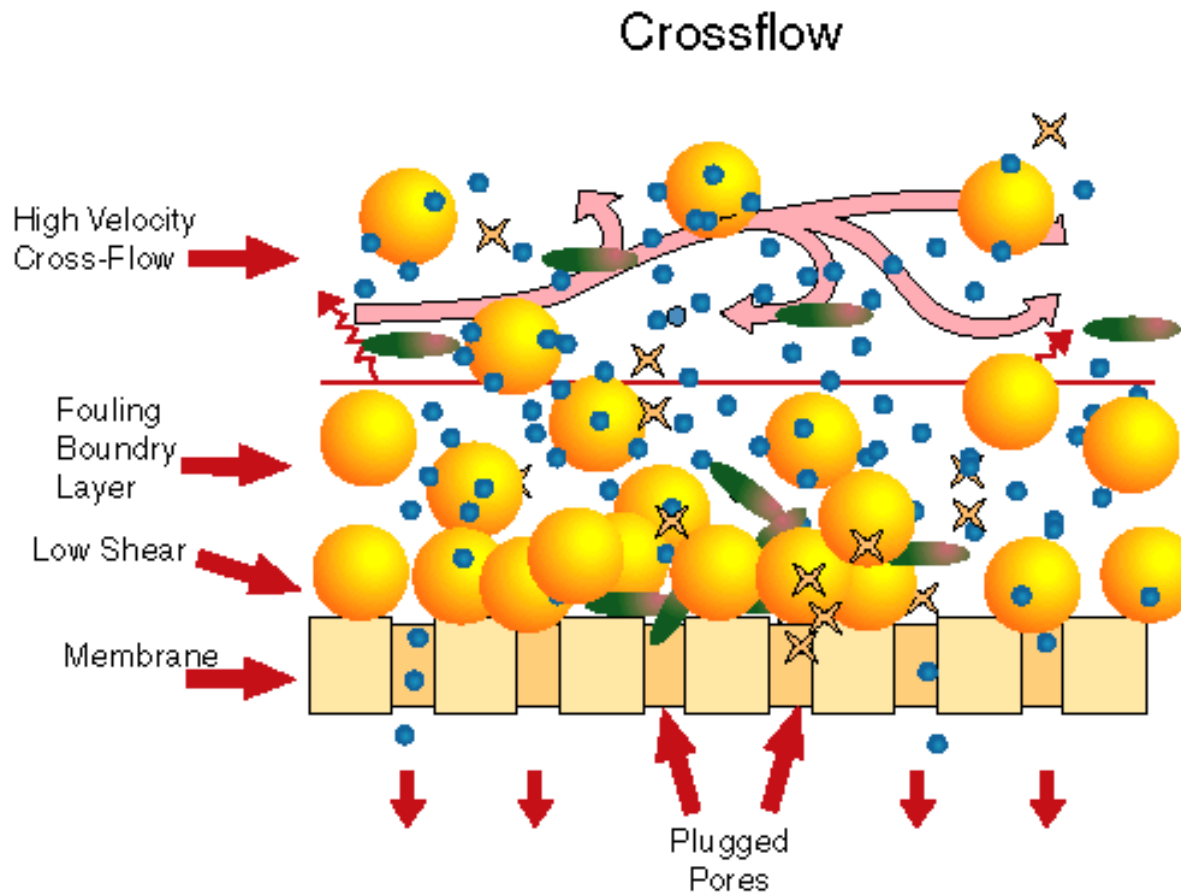
# Top 10 Technologies

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- 1. Nano-engineering membrane
- 2. Aquaporins
- 3. Bio-polymers from wastewater
- 4. Biogas recovery
- 5. Microbial fuel cells
- 6. Vapour transfer irrigation
- 7. Ultrasonic sludge pre-treatment
- 8. Phosphorous recovery
- 9. Decentralised wastewater treatment
- 10. Forward osmosis



# Fouling Mechanism



# Nanotube Membrane



Despite improvements, reverse osmosis membranes still offer disappointingly low flux rates. New developments such as nanocomposite membranes and carbon nanotubes will significantly reduce the energy required in desalination.

Two firms from the University of California, NanoH2O and Porifera, are at the cutting edge of this technology.

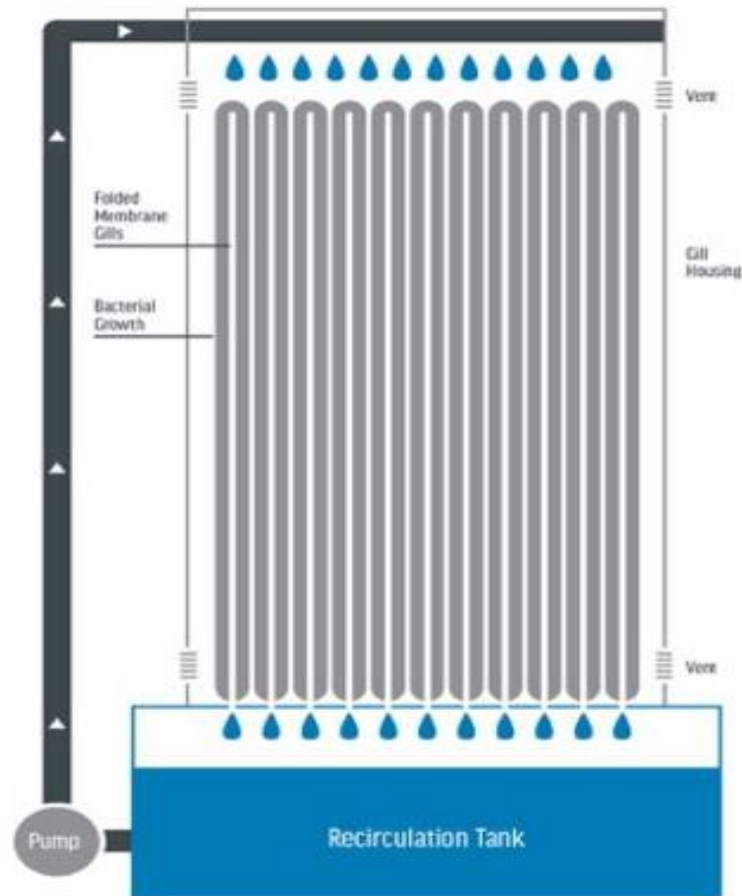
# Nano Ceramic Membrane

Nano ceramic membranes™ ("gills") are formed into a loop pair separated by a spacer to allow for airflow.

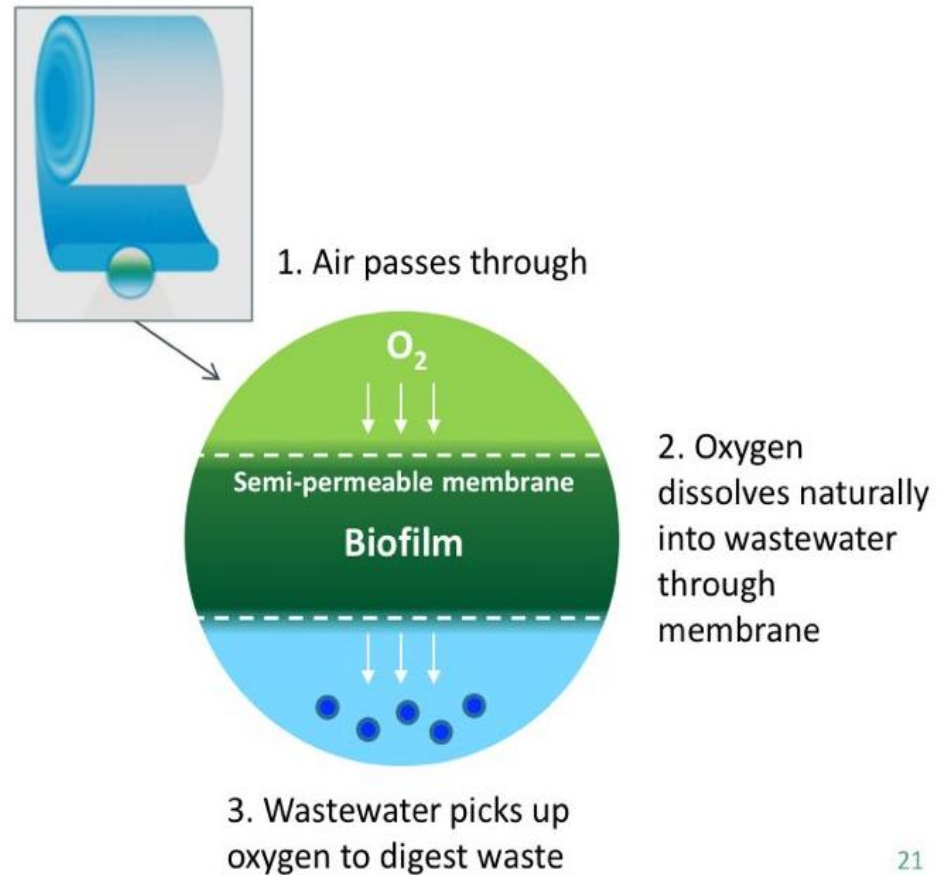
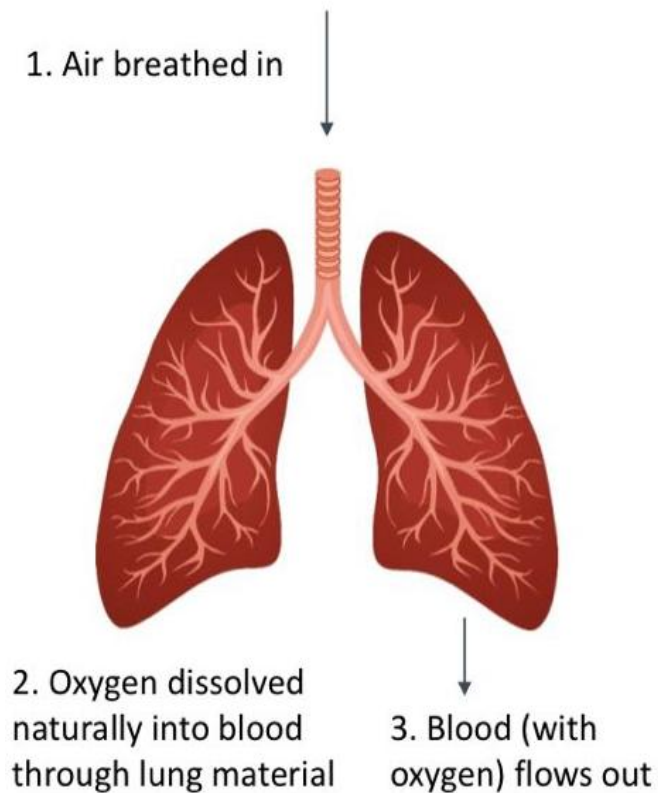
Creating an air/liquid interface the gills are compacted vertically in a treatment core.

Wastewater is dispersed over the gills and then gravity fed through this core.

Nutrients are quickly removed as wastewater contacts the biomass on the gills.

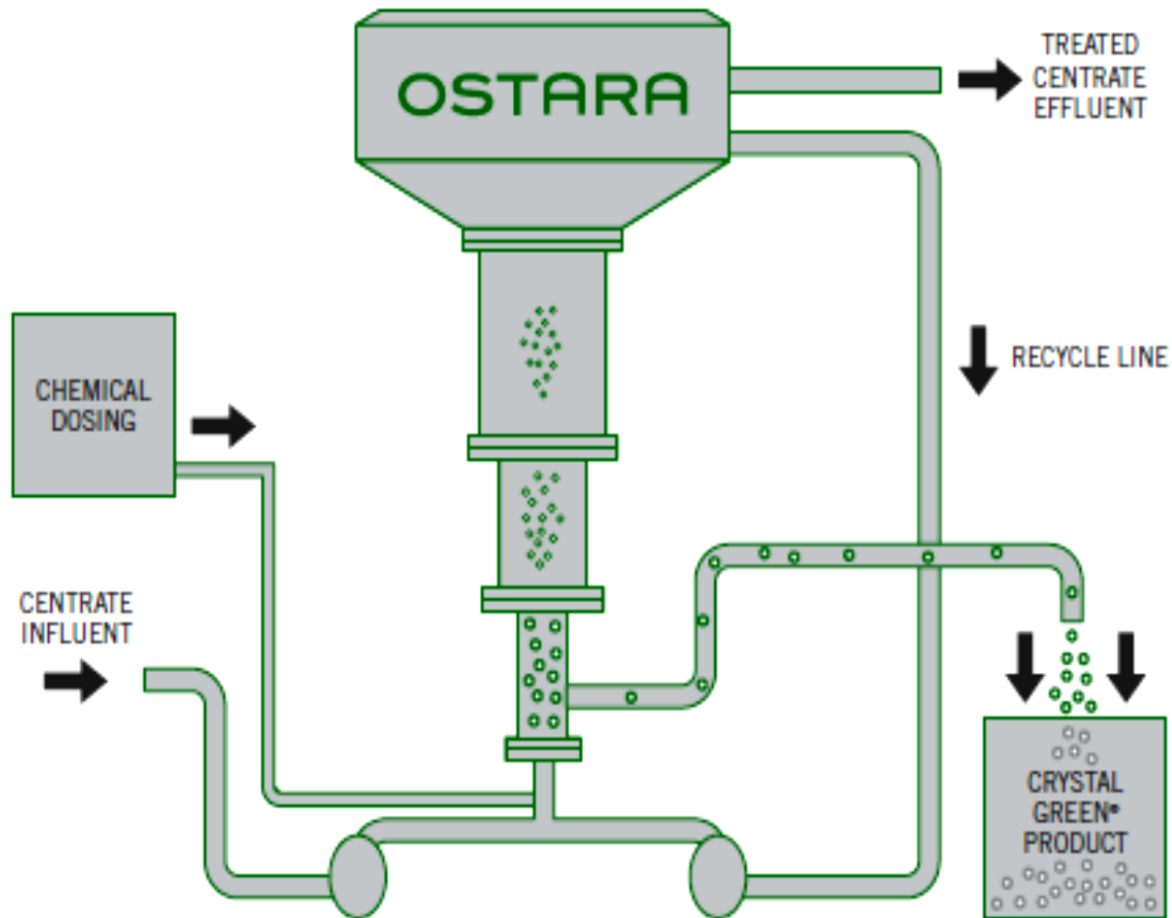


# MABR Inspired by nature



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# Phosphorus Recovery





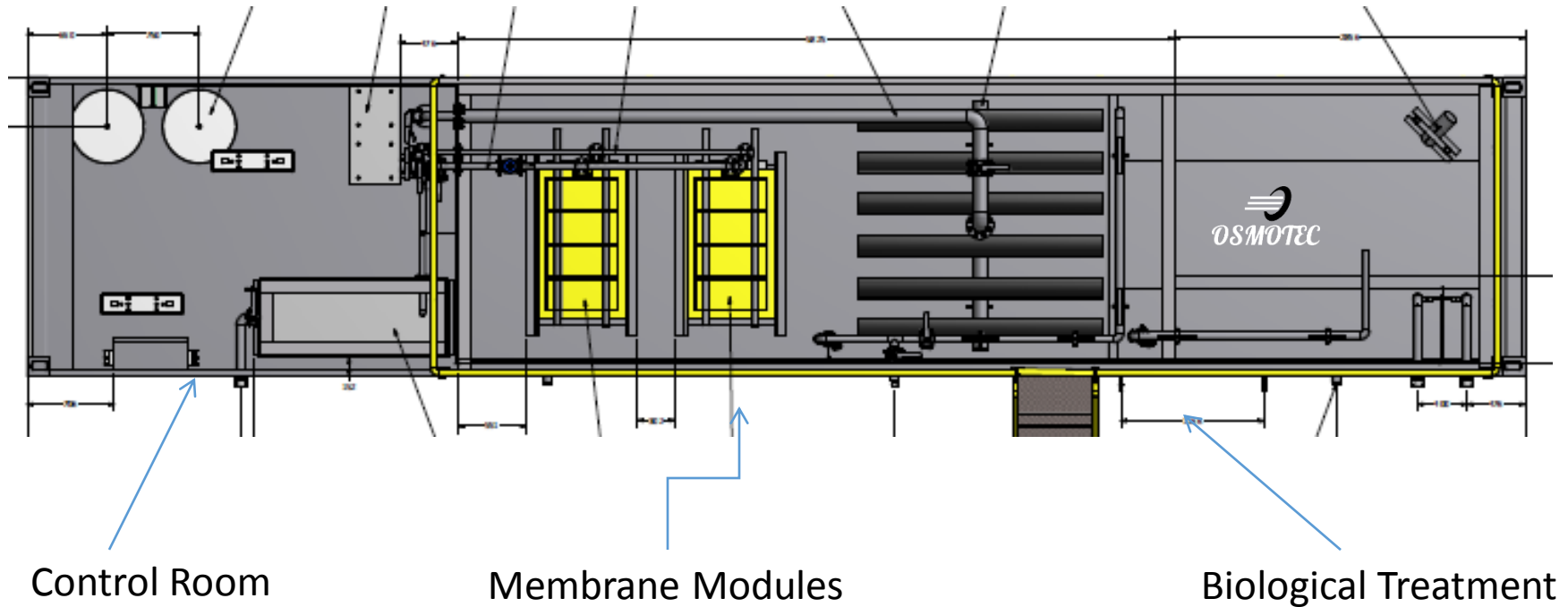
# Decentralized Wastewater Treatment

His technology stands behind 80% of anaerobic (oxygen-free) water treatment systems used worldwide and enables efficient purification of highly polluted used water while producing renewable energy

Sustainable society		
Anaerobic Technology	Environmental capacity building New sanitation (concepts) Water and waste treatment Cradle to cradle Closing nutrient cycles Resource recovery Bio-energy Digestion Environmental risk assessment	DESAR
Sustainable technology		

# Modular Mobile Hybrid – STP

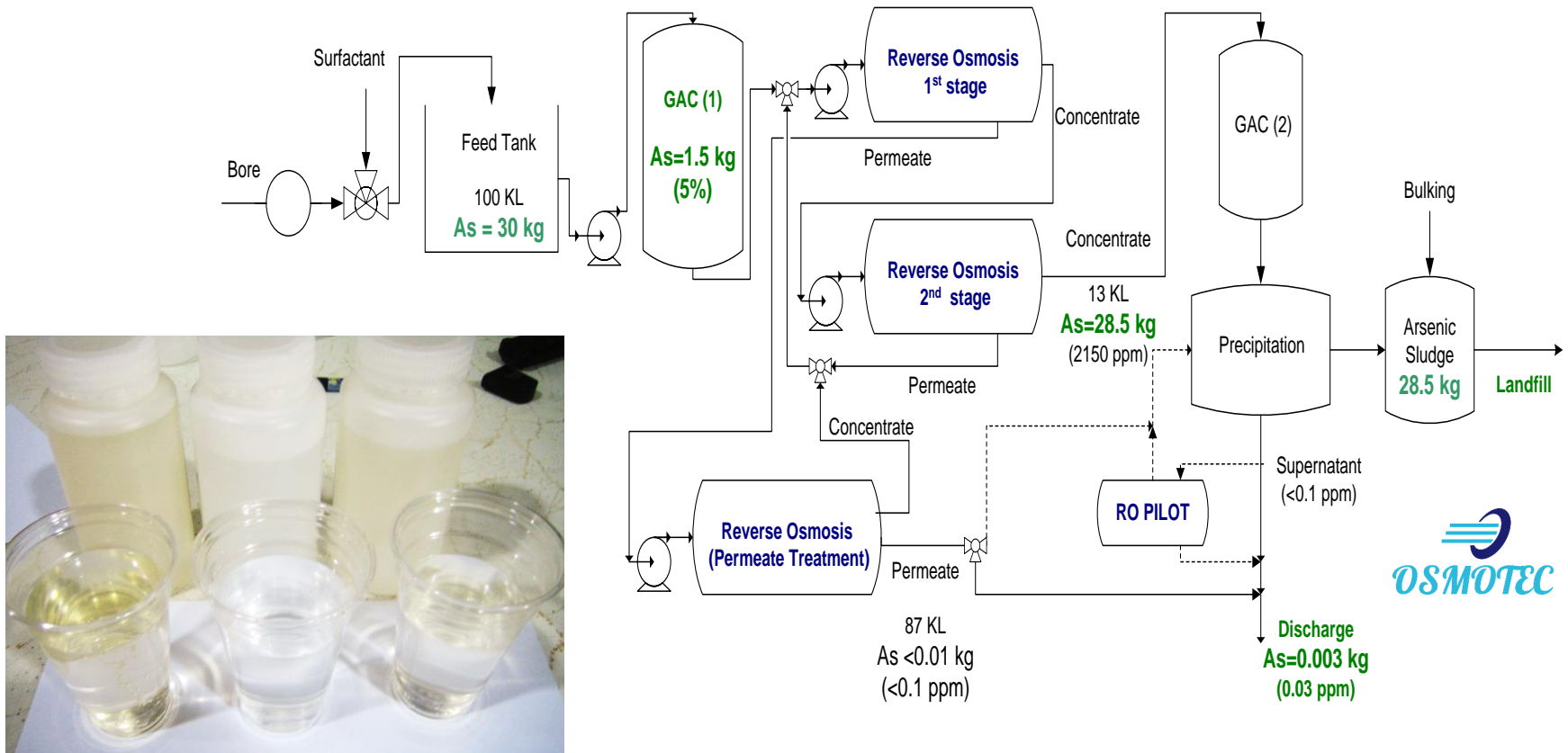
Sewage Treatment Plant (50 kl/d)



## MMH – 50

# Heavy Metal/Industrial Treatment Plant

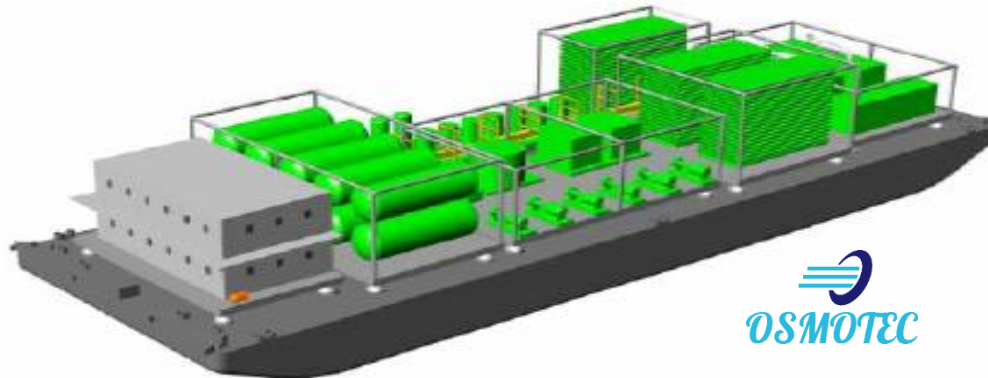
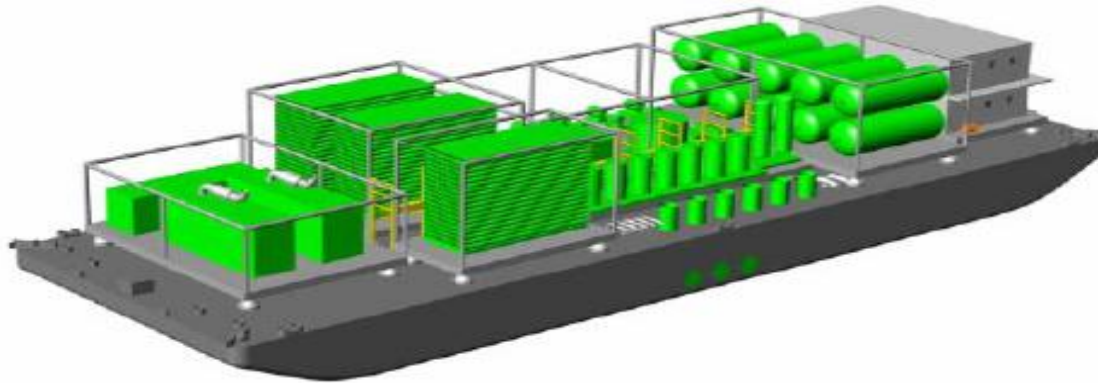
## (Hybrid Membrane System Solution)



# Mobile Seawater Desalination Plant

(Membrane Solution) – 25 MLD

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# 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

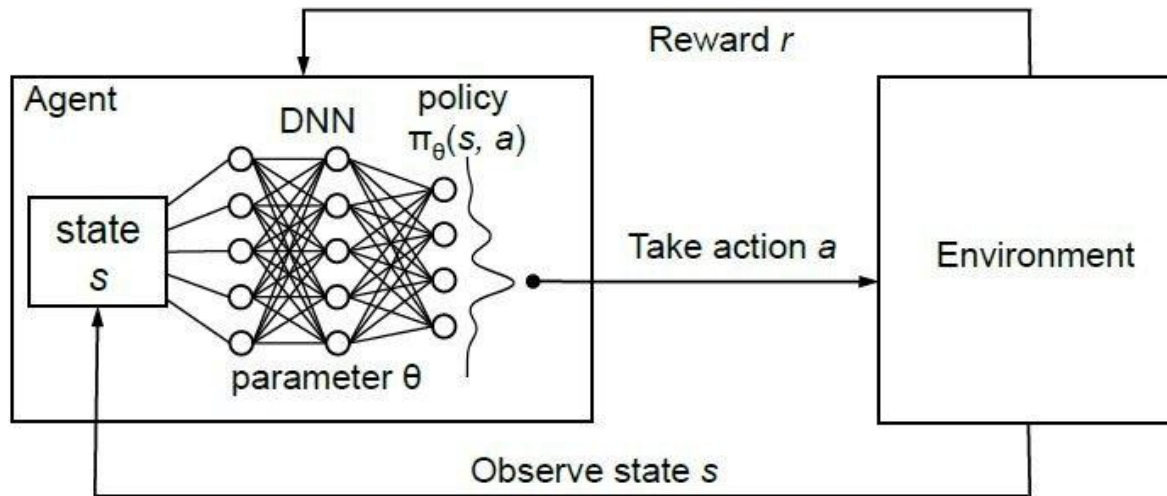




# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

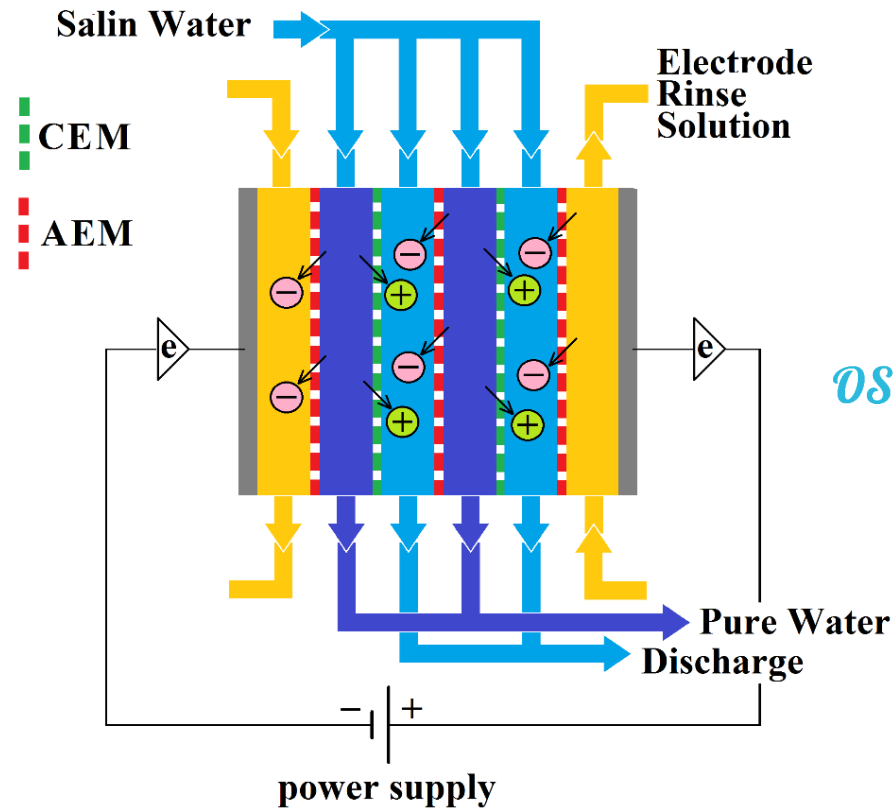
UP to 20% less OPEX

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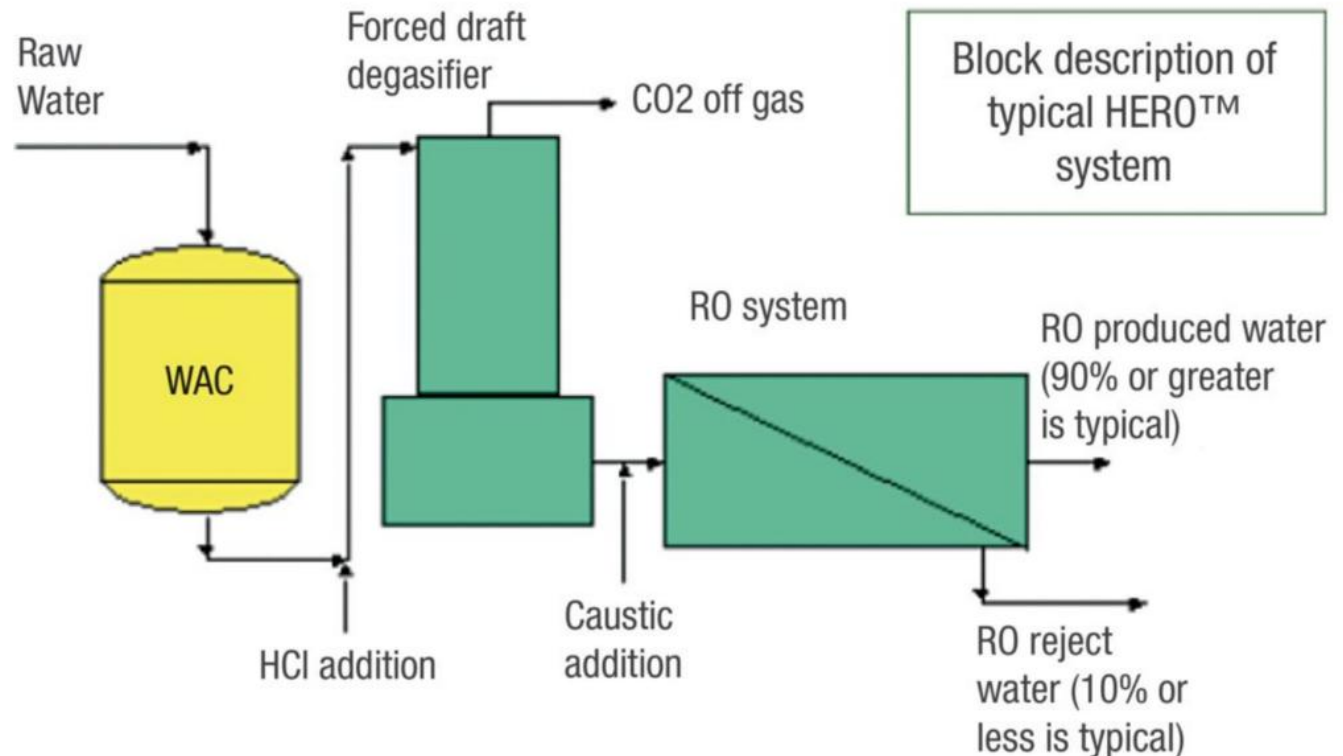
# Optimized Electrodialysis (OED)

UP to 75% less Brine recovery



# High Efficiency Reverse Osmosis (HERO)

UP to 95% recovery



# Polyethylene Terephthalate Production

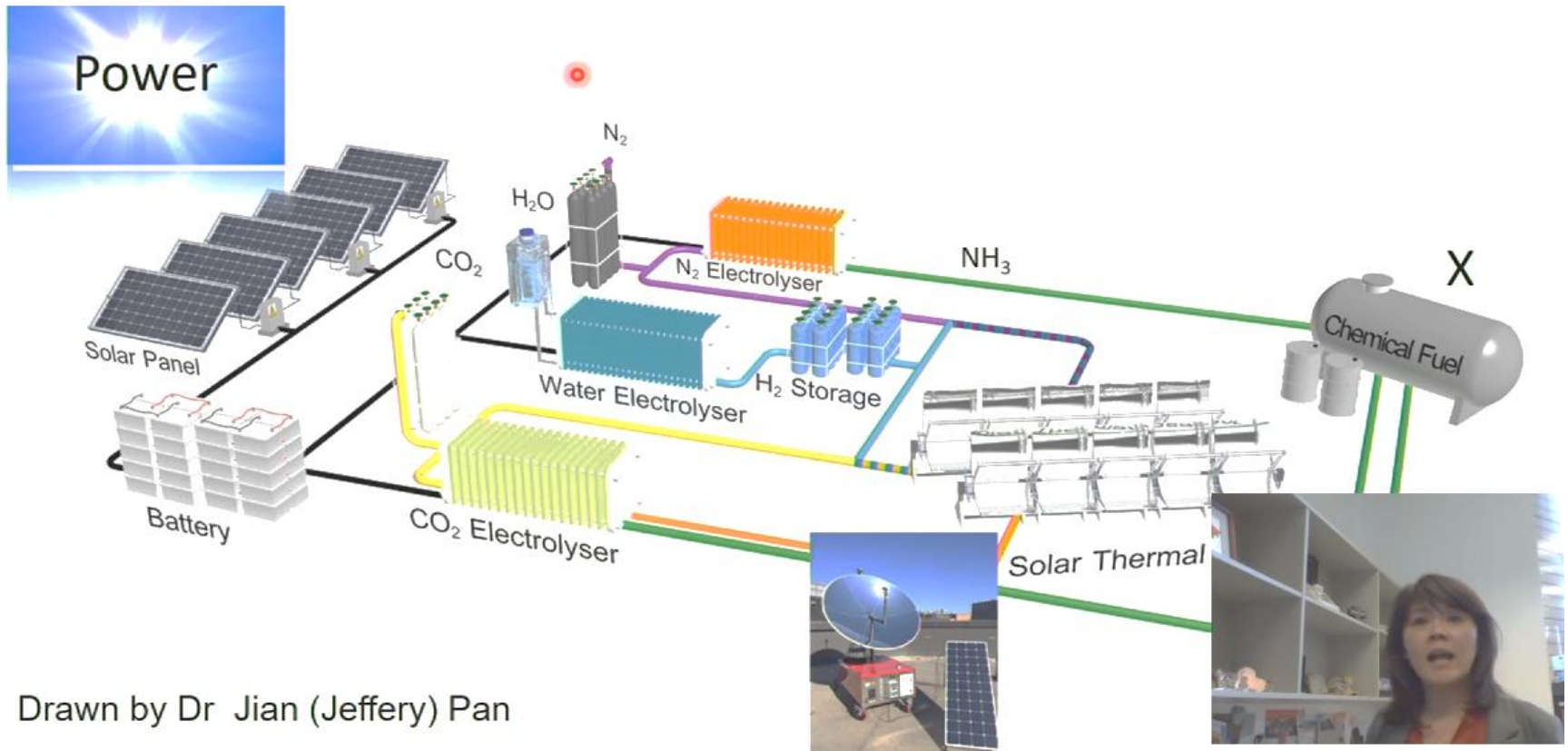
## Pilot case study result

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- Sustainable production approach was conducted in chemical industry.
- Environmental performance evaluation (EPE) was followed by implementations.
- Soft cooling water consumption was reduced by 151,428 m<sup>3</sup>/year (46.7%).
- Energy consumption was reduced by 117,848 kWh/year.
- The total cost saving was **\$104,905/year** and the payback period was **6 months**.

# 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



# Water & Energy Management Issues

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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%**.

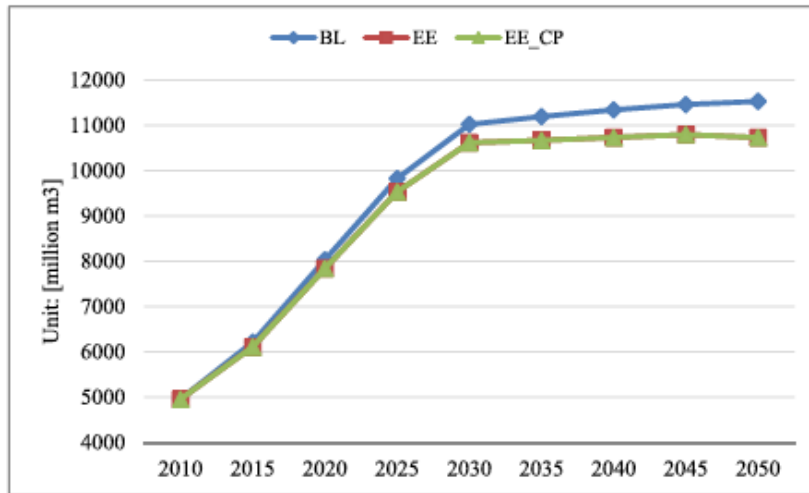
“Sanctioning prevents investment in many essential infrastructures, including those related to water management and agriculture. Weak water infrastructures will lead to inefficient use of water, such [water leakage](#) or not [recycling wastewater](#).

# Efficiency improvement & emission mitigation potentials China's petroleum refining industry

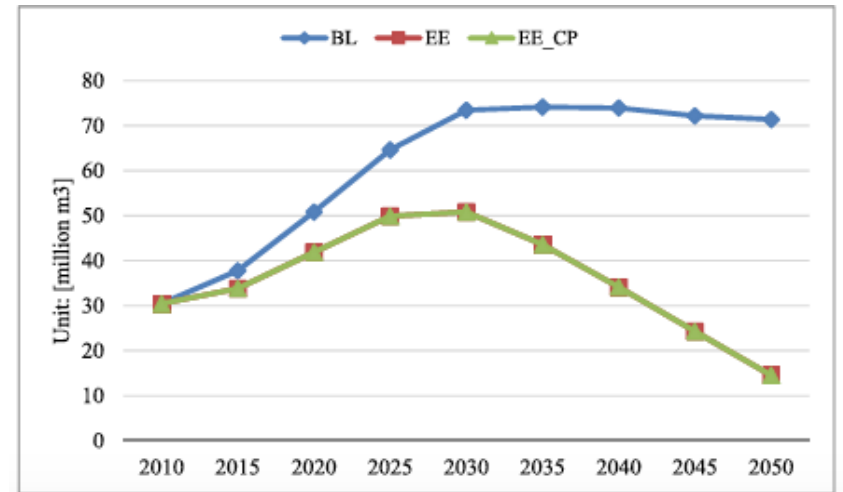
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- Maximum cost-effective saving potential of circulation and softened water in 2050 is 7% and 80%, respectively
- Key conclusions related to CO<sub>2</sub> and air pollutants:
  - a) The maximum savings potential of CO<sub>2</sub> is 10%, 47% of CO<sub>2</sub> comes from process emissions, 39% and 50% of this CO<sub>2</sub> come from atmospheric and vacuum distillation and kerosene hydrogenation, refining, respectively.
  - b) Process emissions produce 57% of NO<sub>x</sub>, 95% of SO<sub>2</sub>, and 94% of PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and among the air pollutants emitted by processes, 65% of NO<sub>x</sub>, 91% of SO<sub>2</sub>, and 99% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> come from catalytic cracking technologies.
  - 3) Applying a carbon price is effective in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, but it does not work for air pollutants like NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub>.

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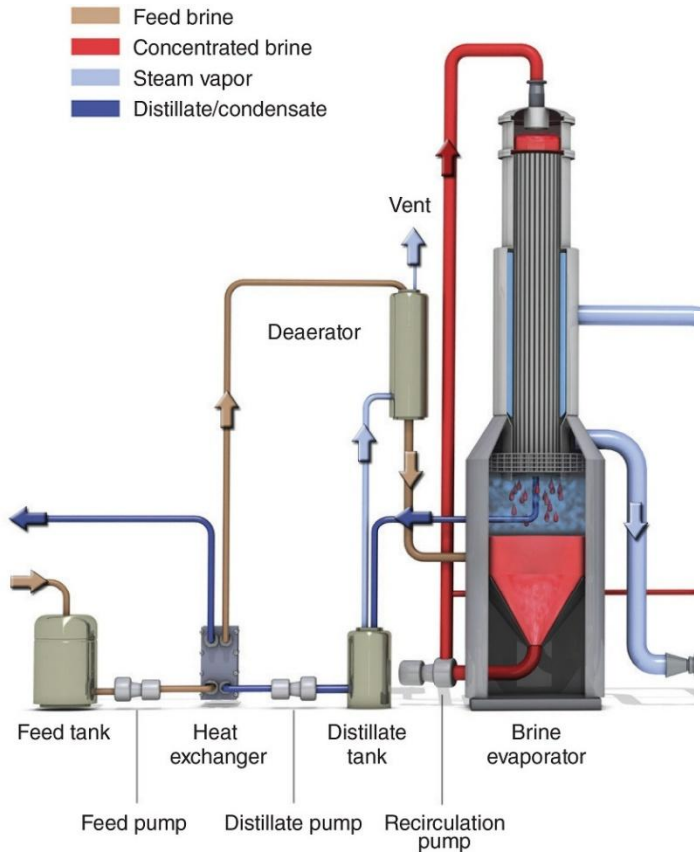


(a): Circulation water



(b): Softened water

# Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD)



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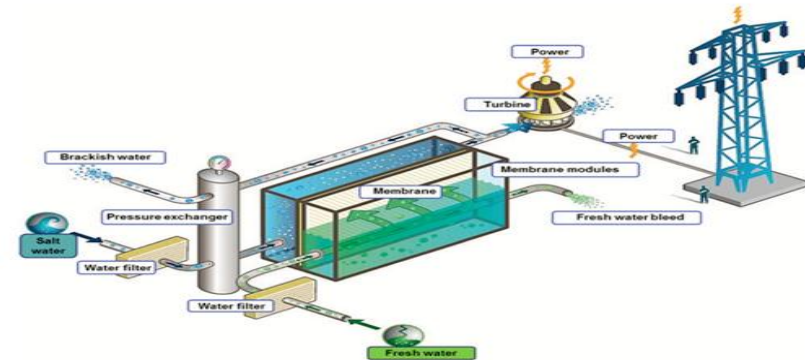
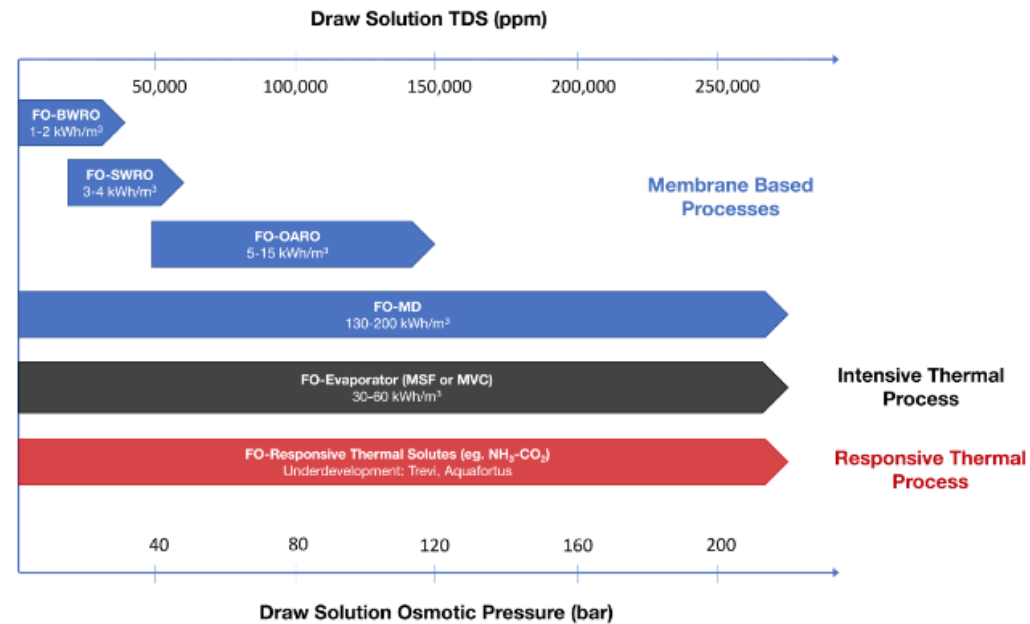
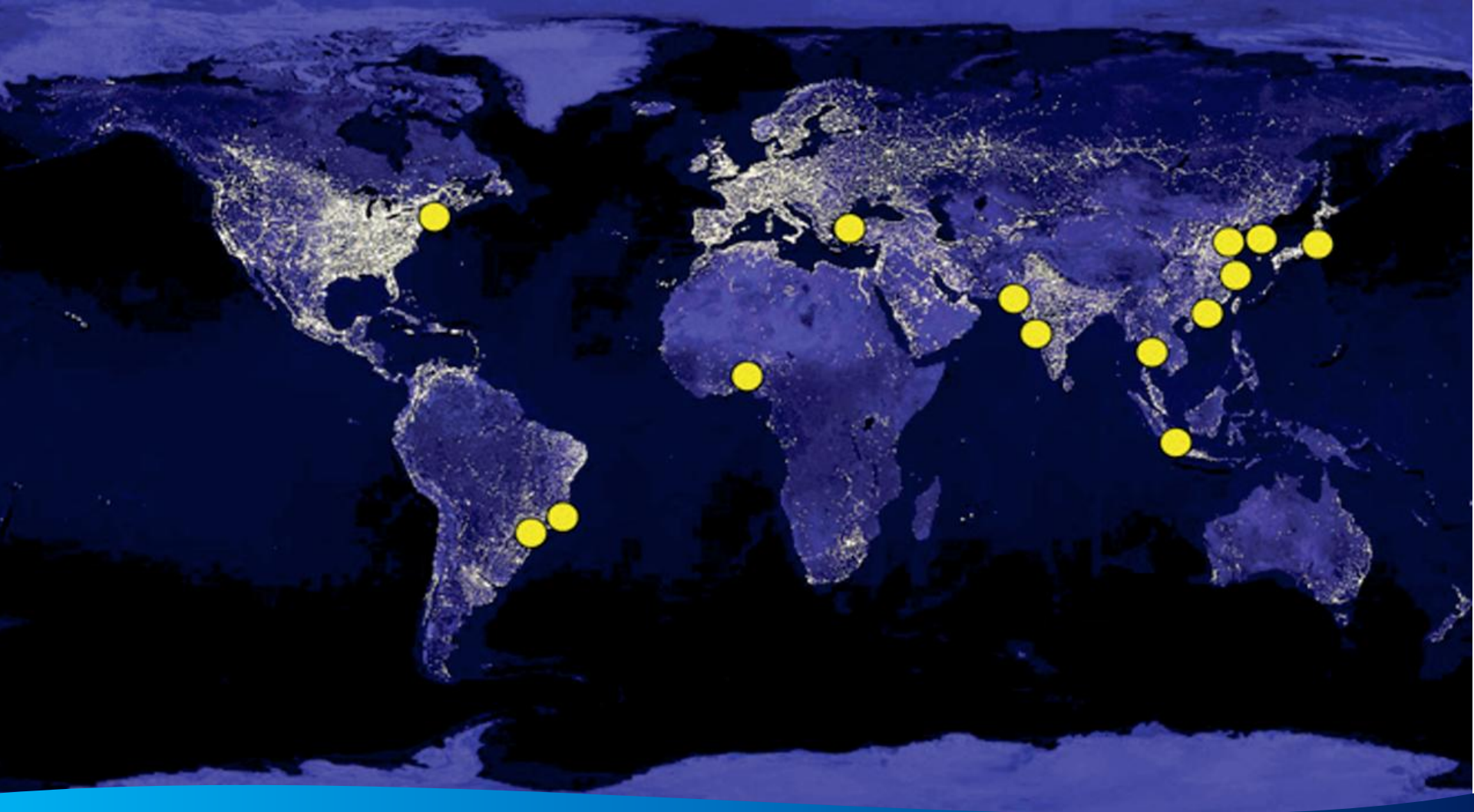


Figure 7.3.7 Pressure retarded osmosis (PRO) system adopted by Statkraft (2014).



# Hybrid WWT and Desalination by FO-RO

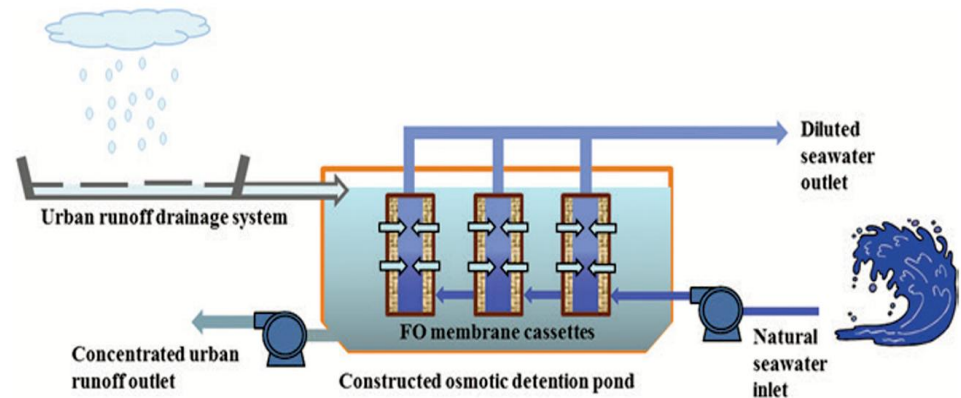
## Case Study – 14 Major Cities



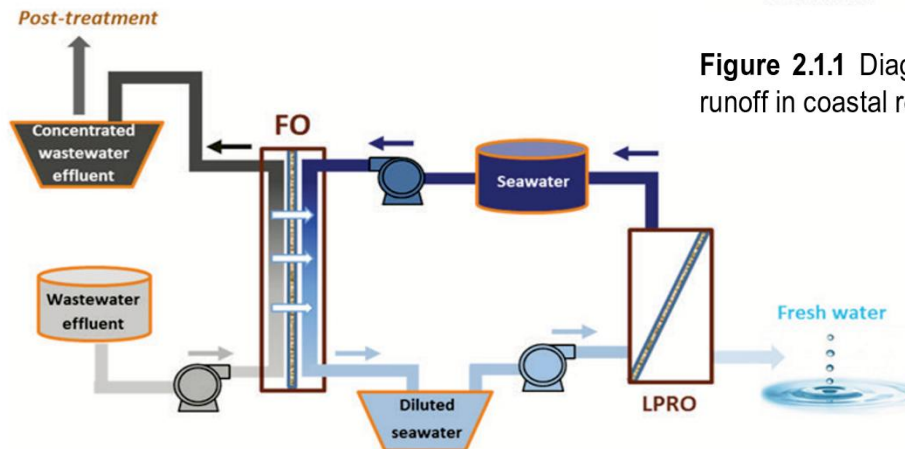


# Hybrid WWT and Desalination by FO-LPRO

## 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.

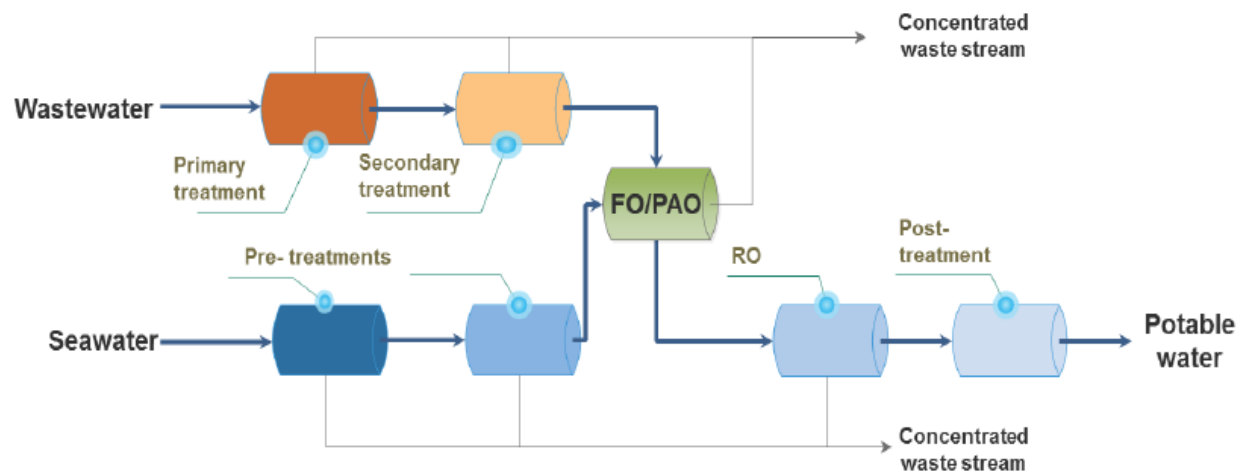
# FO-LPRO Versus SWRO

## Energy Consumption

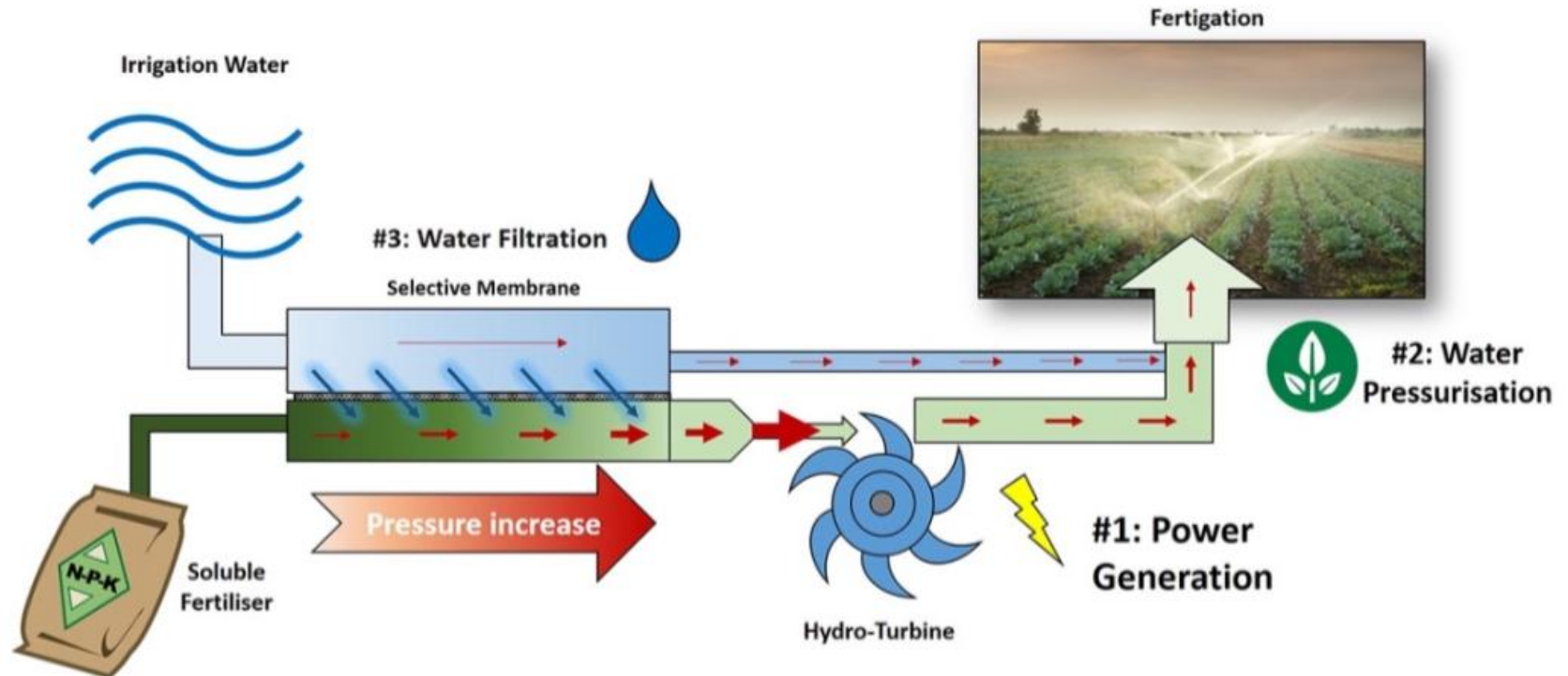


**Figure 2.3.8** Comparison of energy consumption between desalination with RO and desalination with immersed FO-LPRO.

# 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.

Prevention

Design

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

Reuse

Maintenance

Repair

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

Repurpose

Pyrolysis

Microwave Pyrolysis

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

Recycling

Fluidised Bed

Thermal

Chemical

Solvolysis

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

Recovery

Mechanical

High Voltage Pulse Fragmentation

Landfill and incineration without energy recovery.

Disposal

Material

Cement Kiln

Energy

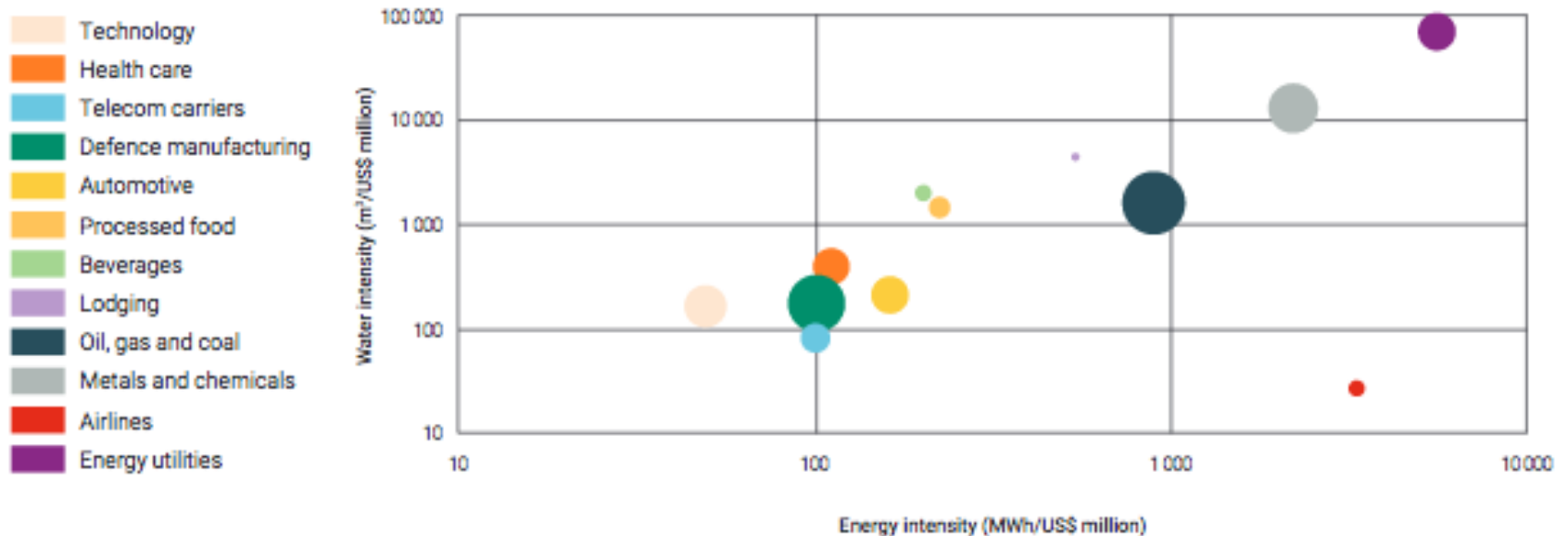
Incineration



# Summary

## Water & Energy Intensity

Figure 7.3 Water and energy intensity of major industries



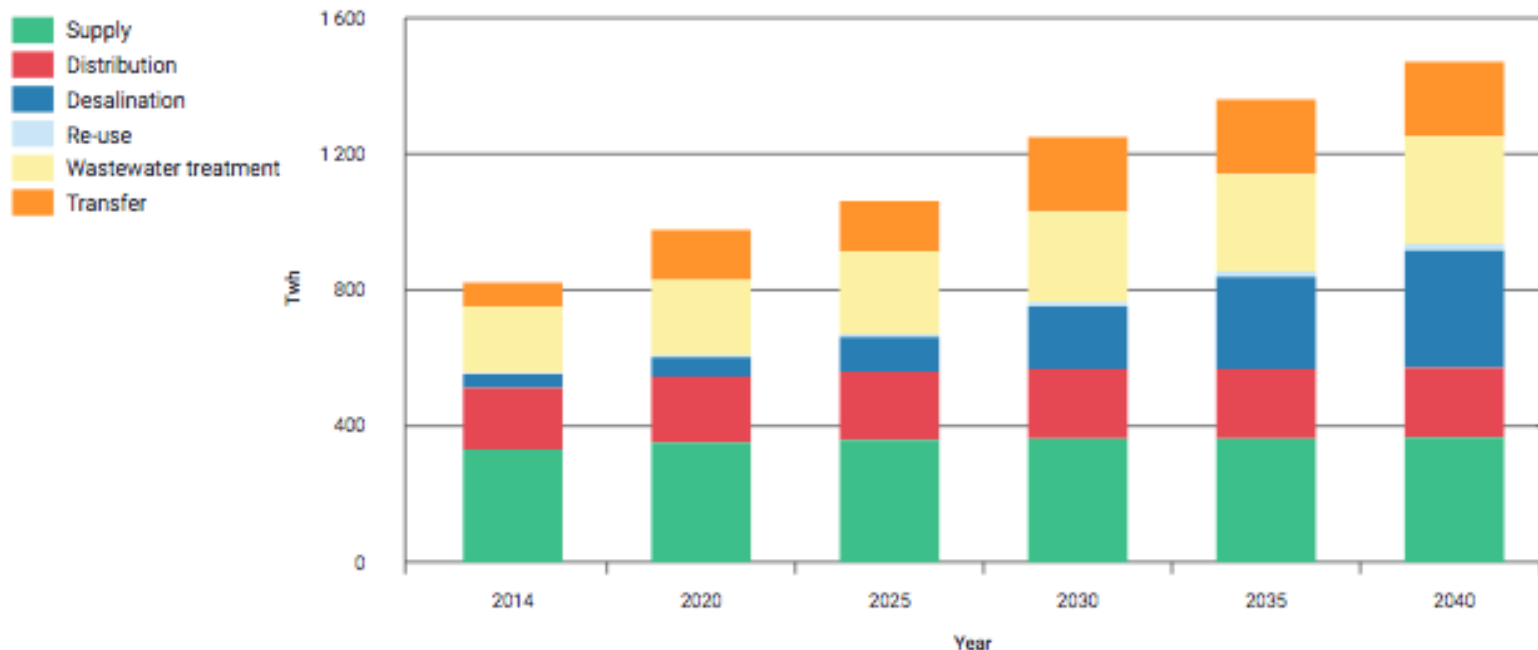
Note: Bubble area proportional to total industry revenue.

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

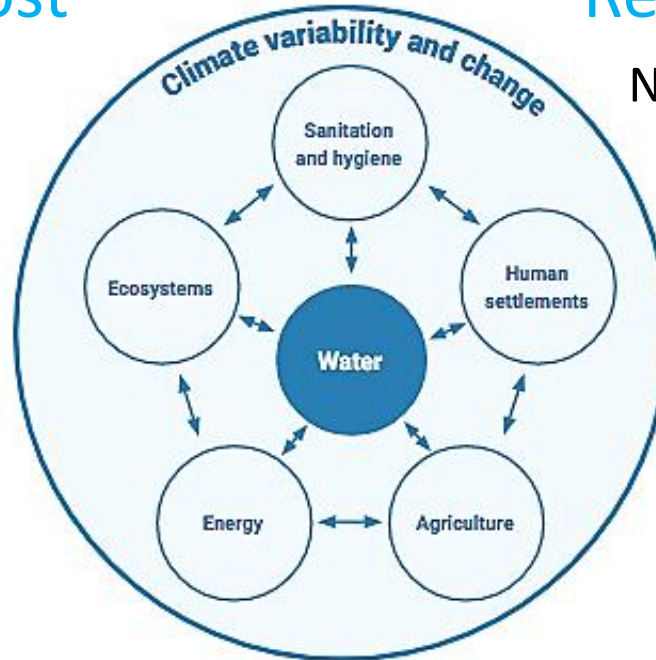
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- Improving **efficiency** W&E allow countries to **reduce** resource scarcity & maximize the benefits provided by existing W&E infrastructure.
- W&E efficiency “doing more and better with less”
- Without efficiency gains, demand 40% by 2030
- Energy 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.

# 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**

**تاجر ترسنده دل، لرزنده جان، در جهان، نی نفع بیند، نی زیان**



700

Number of chemical contaminants

IN YOUR BODY, RIGHT NOW



6,427,559,655,407

Value in USD of synthetic chemicals produced

IN THE WORLD

IN 2020

THIS MONTH

THIS WEEK

TODAY



151,642

Number of man-made chemicals on the market

RIGHT NOW, RIGHT NOW

NOW

IN 2020

THIS MONTH

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ALL OF US**

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**Please Consider the Environment**