



Solar-Assisted Membrane Distillation for Water Production

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Water-Related Challenges



Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in and there is sufficient fresh water on the planet to achieve this. However, due to bad economics or poor infrastructure, millions of people including children die every year from diseases associated with inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene.

Water scarcity, poor water quality and inadequate sanitation negatively impact food security, livelihood choices and educational opportunities for poor families across the world. At the current time, more than 2 billion people are living with the risk of reduced access to freshwater resources and by 2050, at least one in four people is likely to live in a country affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water. Drought in specific afflicts some of the world's poorest countries, worsening hunger and malnutrition. Fortunately, there has been great progress made in the past decade regarding drinking sources and sanitation, whereby over 90% of the world's population now has access to improved sources of drinking water.

To improve sanitation and access to drinking water, there needs to be increased investment in management of freshwater ecosystems and sanitation facilities on a local level in several developing countries within Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia, Southern Asia, Eastern Asia and South-Eastern Asia.

SDG GOALS



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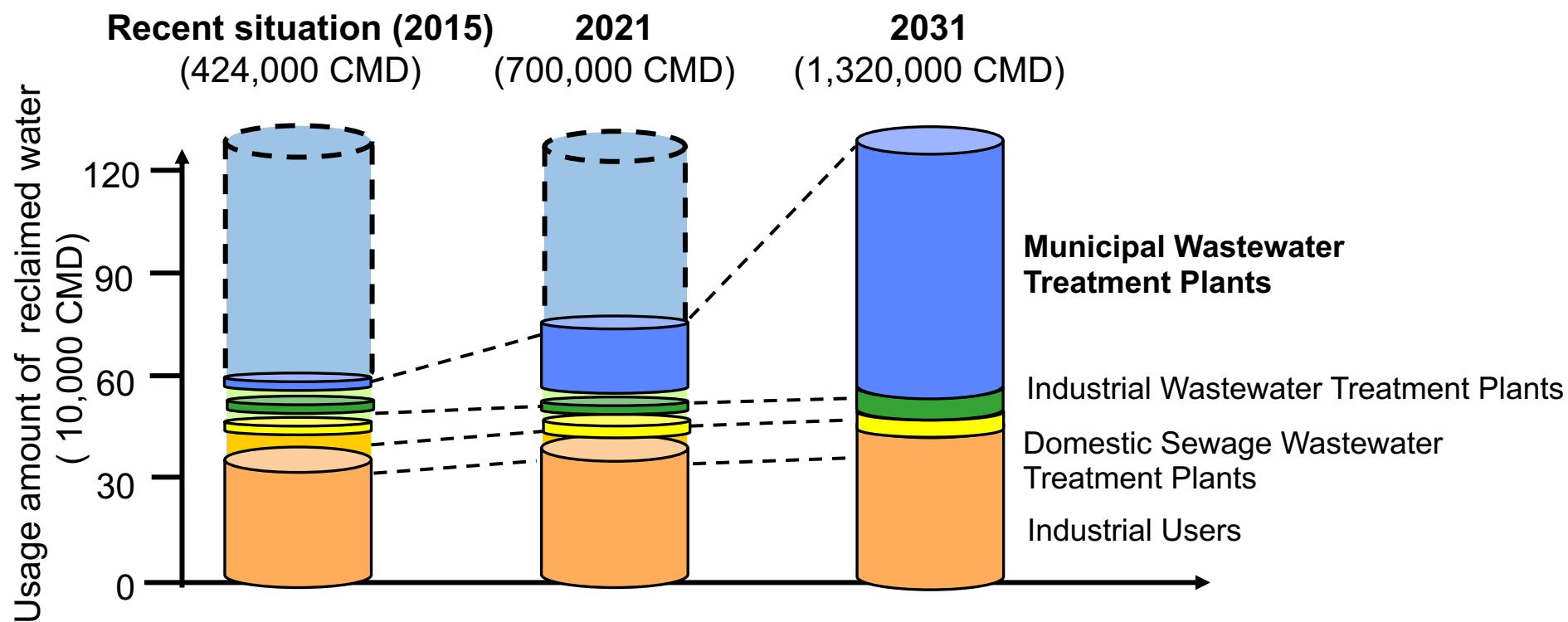


Water Security Challenge in Taiwan



Alternative Water Resource

- Policy made by Water Resource Agency



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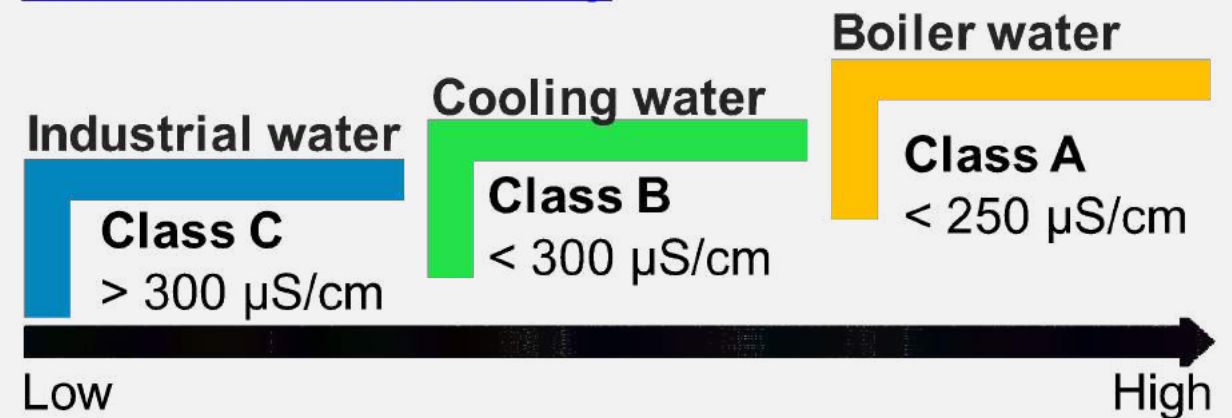
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How Big is the Impact on the Industry (semiconductor)?

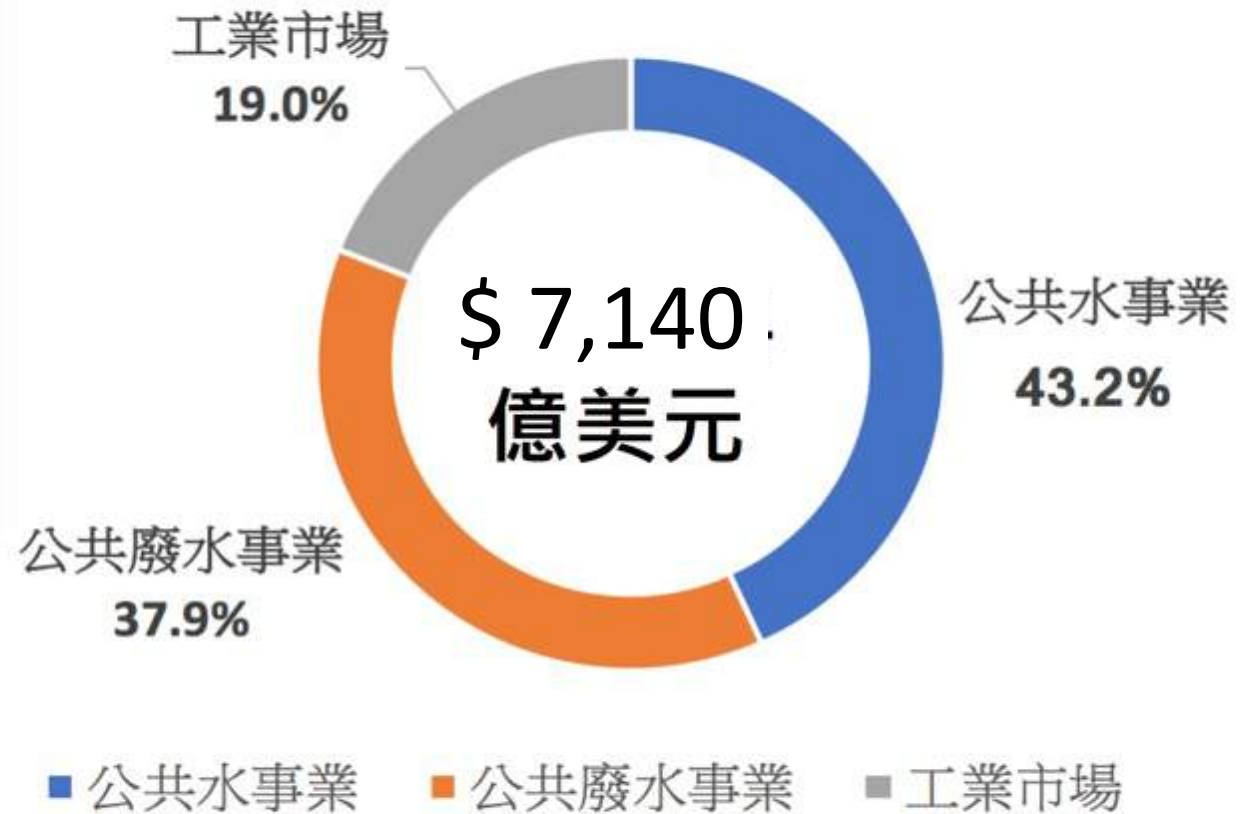


Reclaimed Water Quality





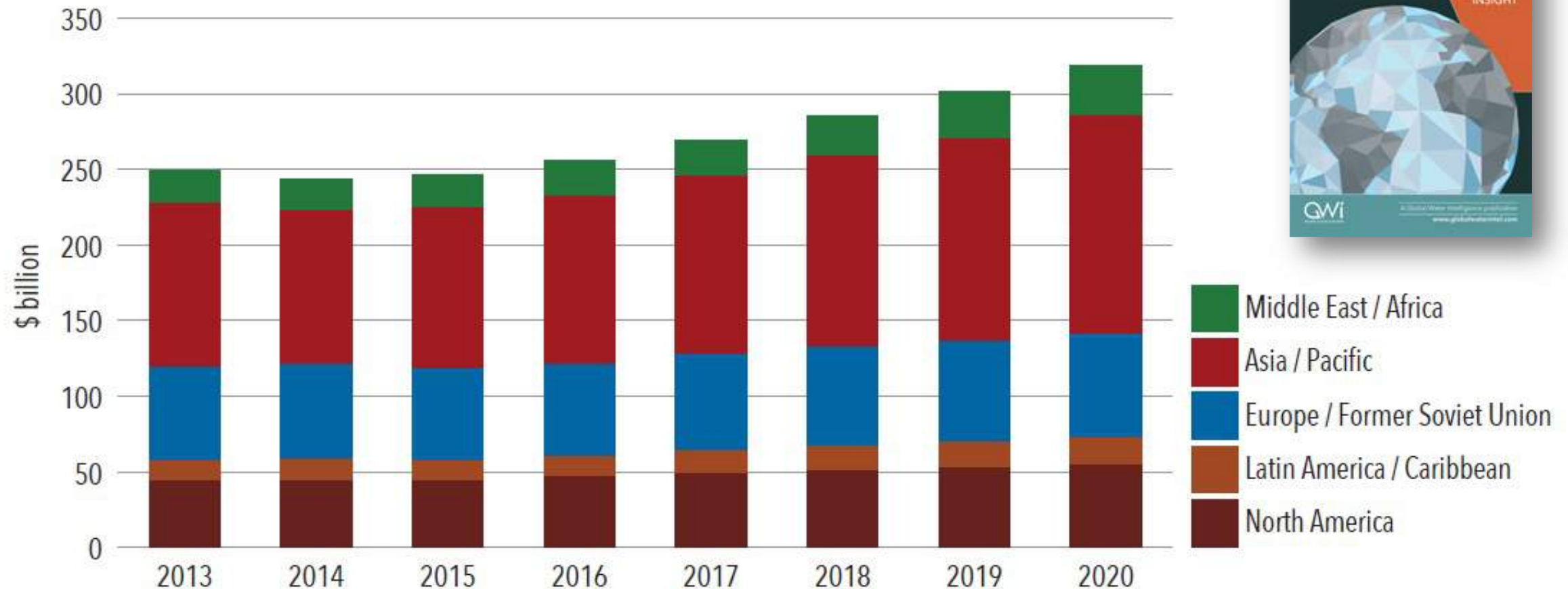
2016年水市場規模



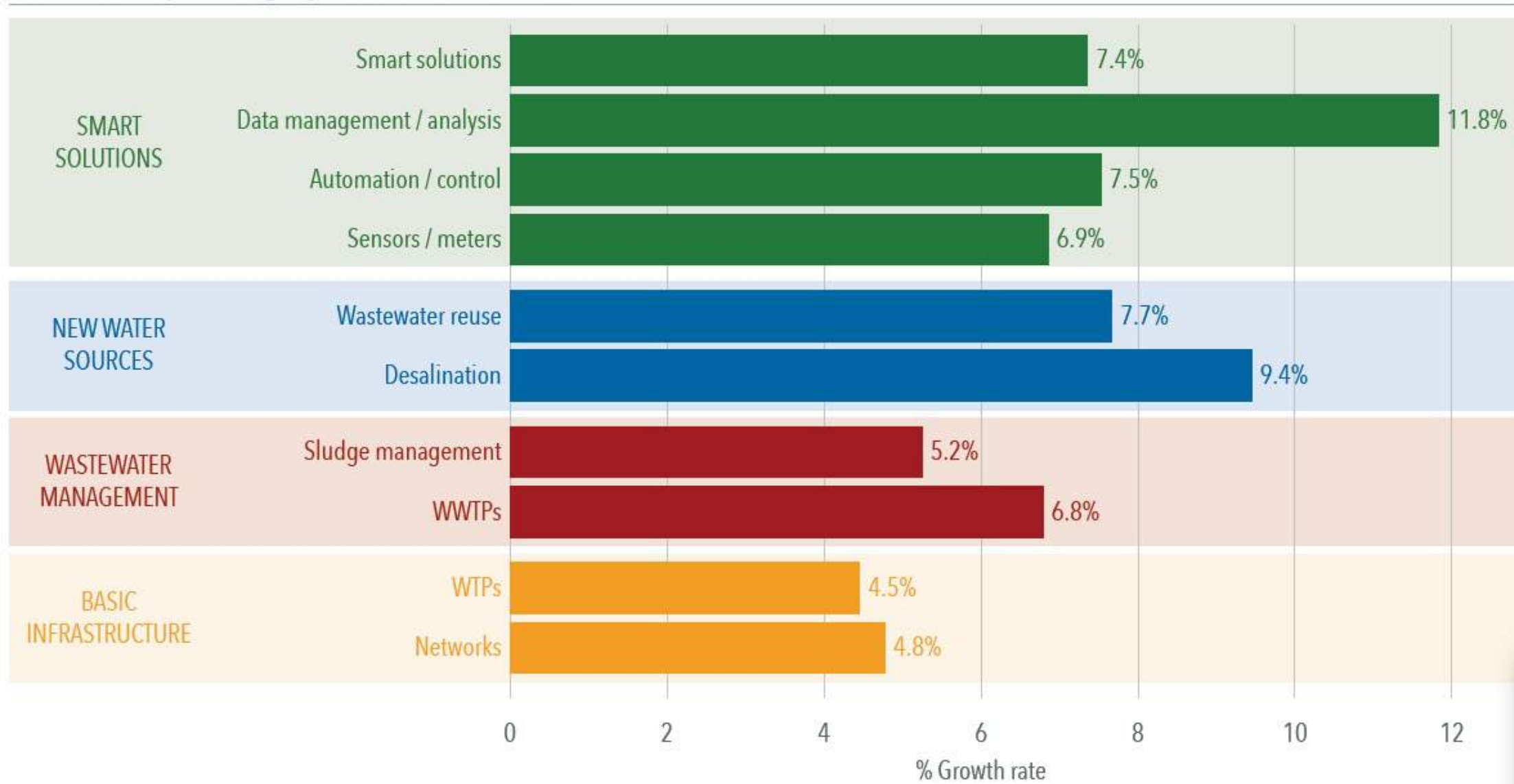
Source: GWI (Global Water Intelligence)

The global water market – that is to say the sum of both operating and capital expenditures by utilities and industrial water users on both water and wastewater – **is estimated to be worth around \$714 billion in 2016***. It is expected to grow at **an average annual rate of 3.8%** until 2020, with capex (+5.3%) growing faster than opex (+2.8%).

Capital expenditure by region, 2013-2020



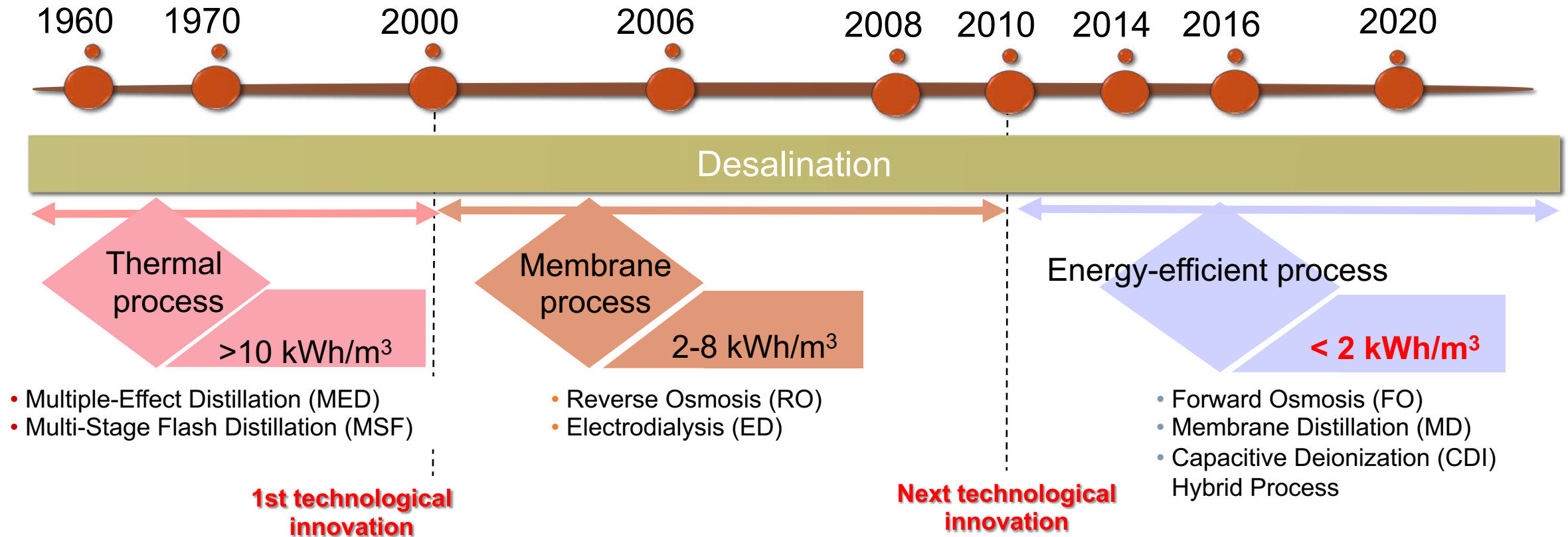
Growth in spending by market, 2017-2022

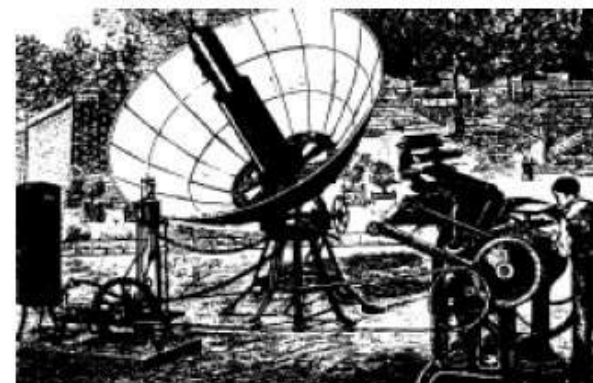
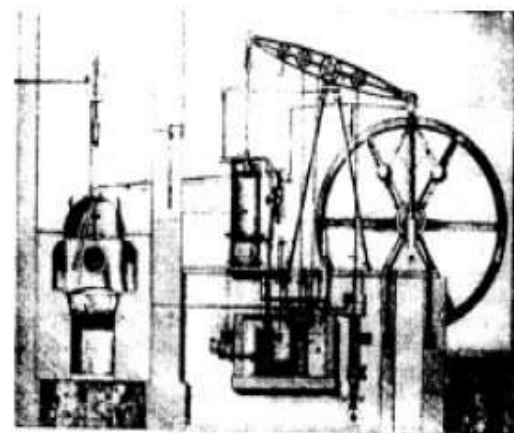
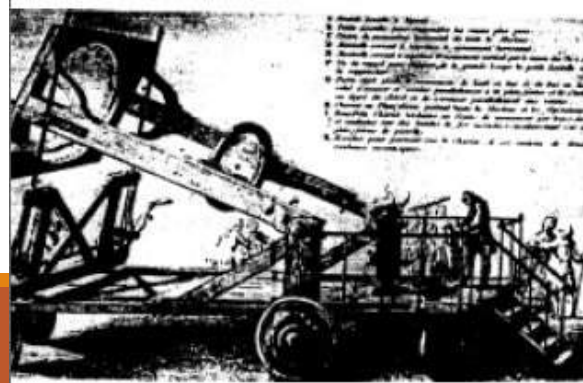
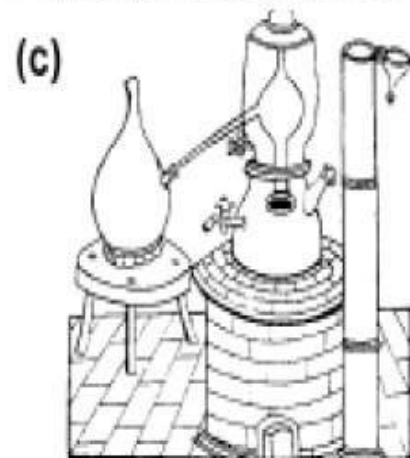
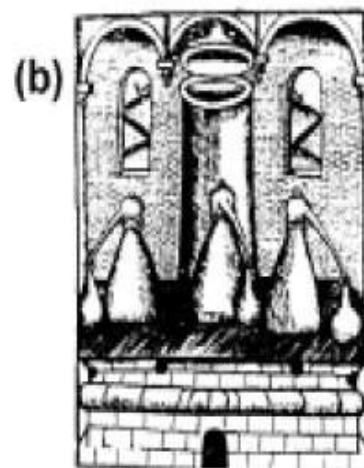
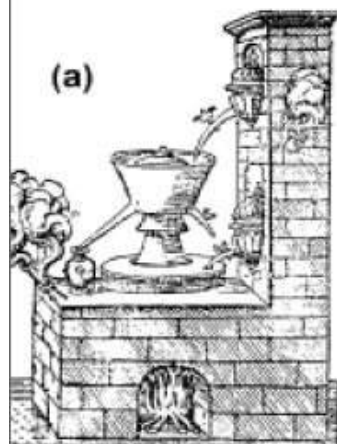
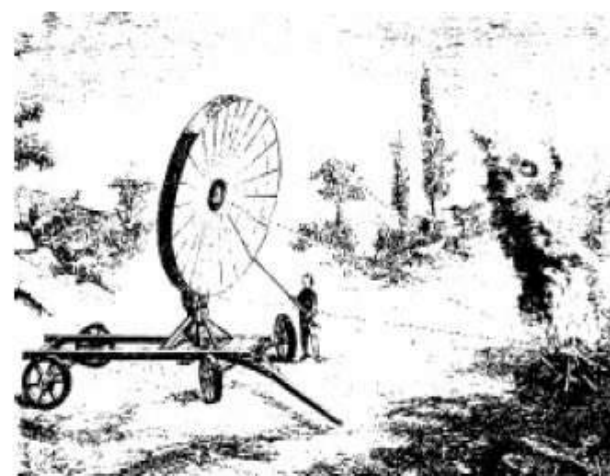
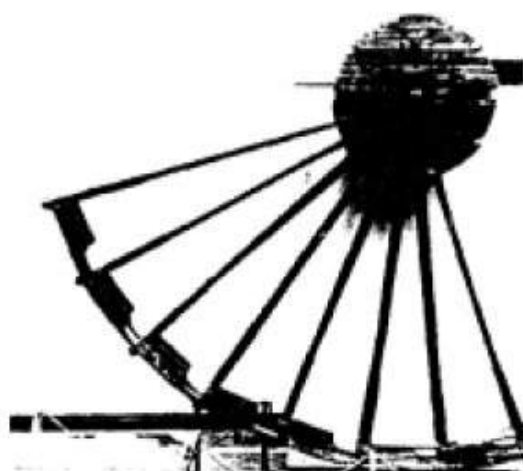
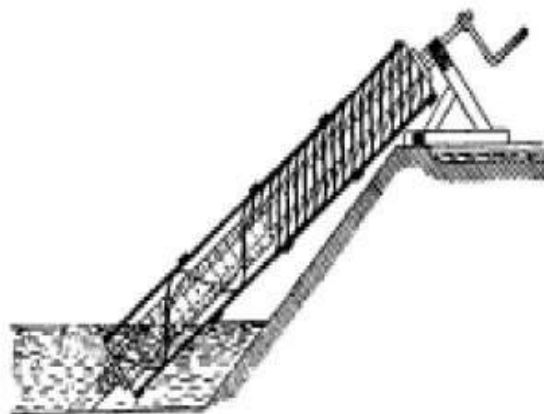


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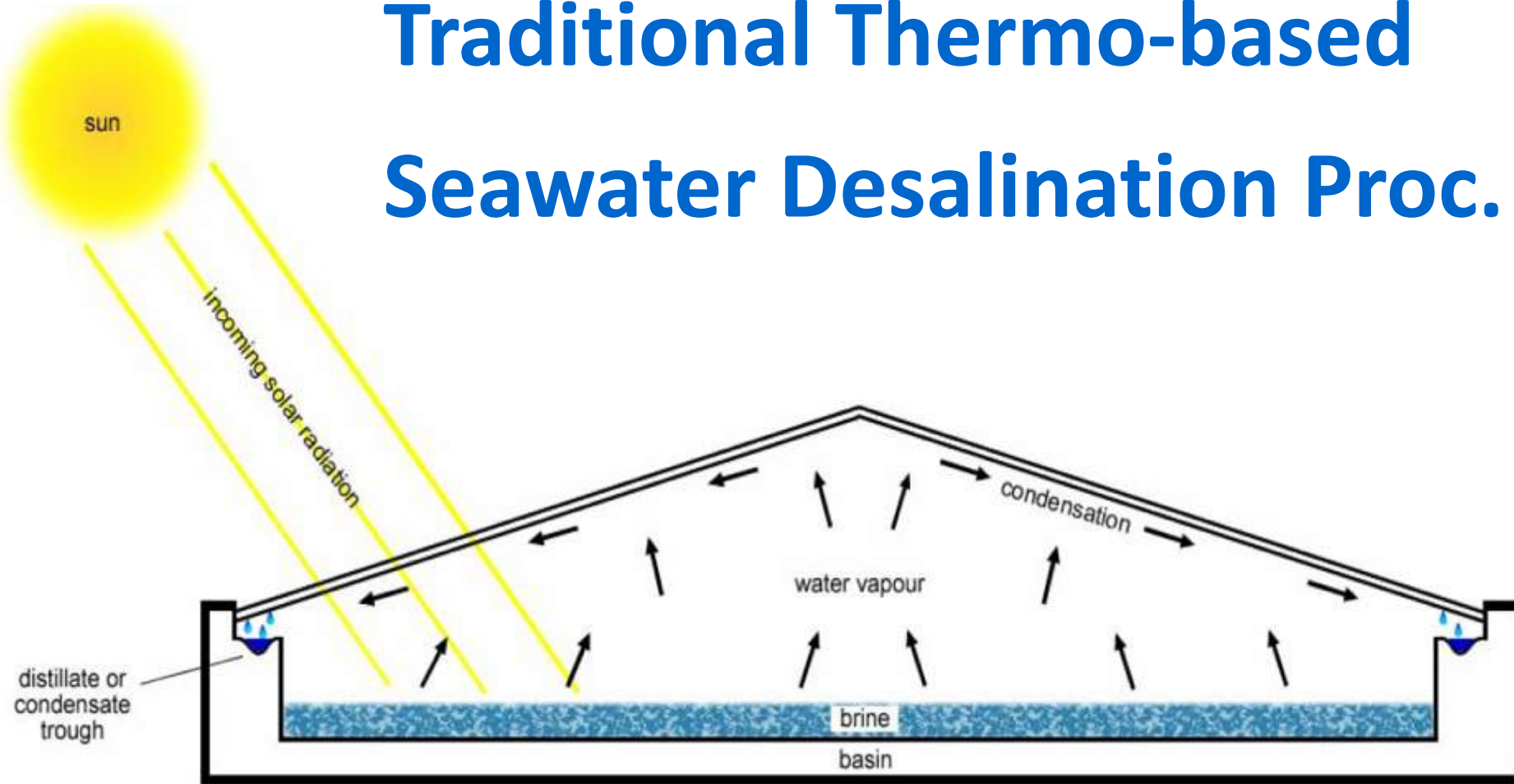


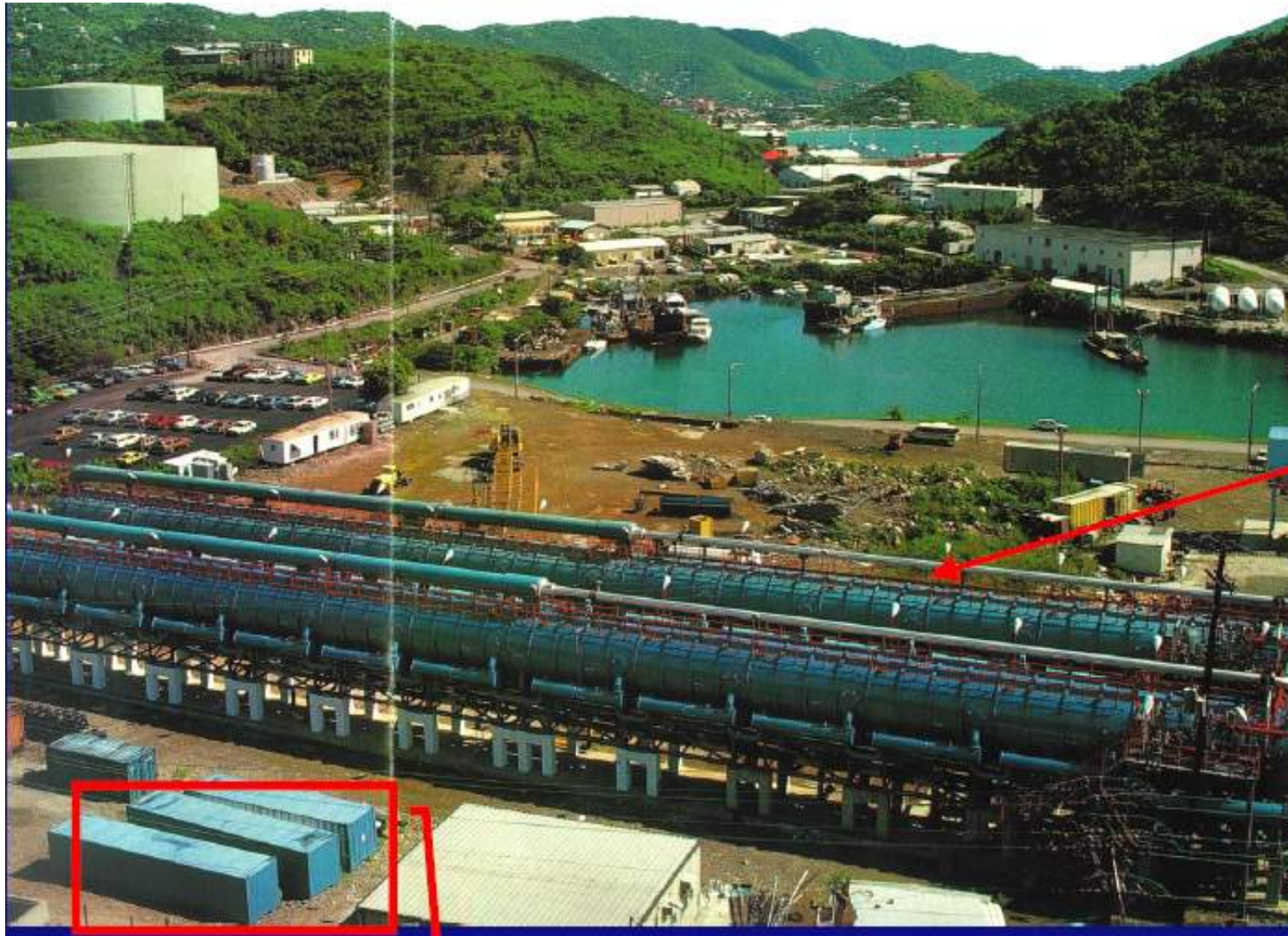
Timeline of Desalination Technologies





Traditional Thermo-based Seawater Desalination Proc.

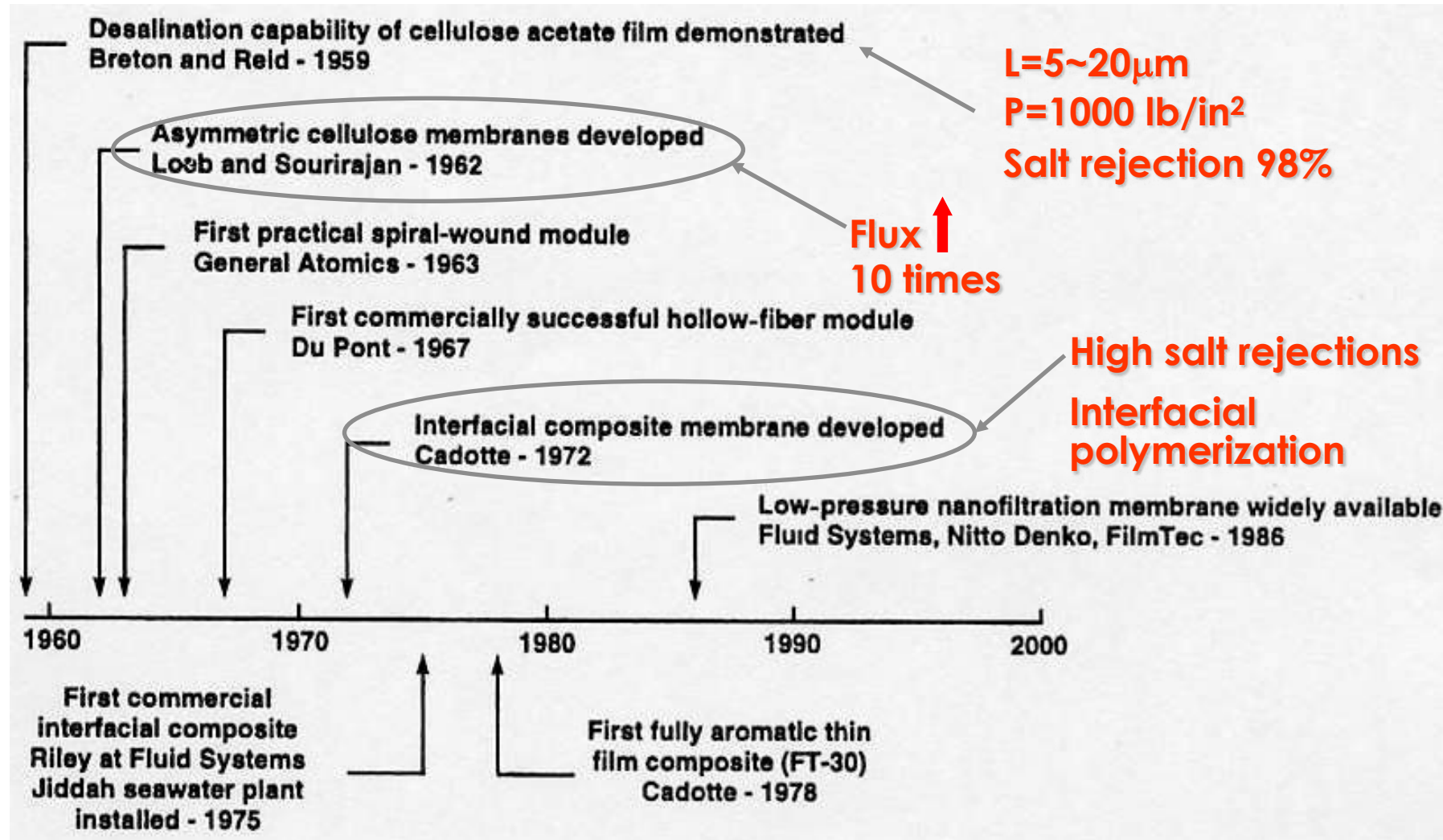


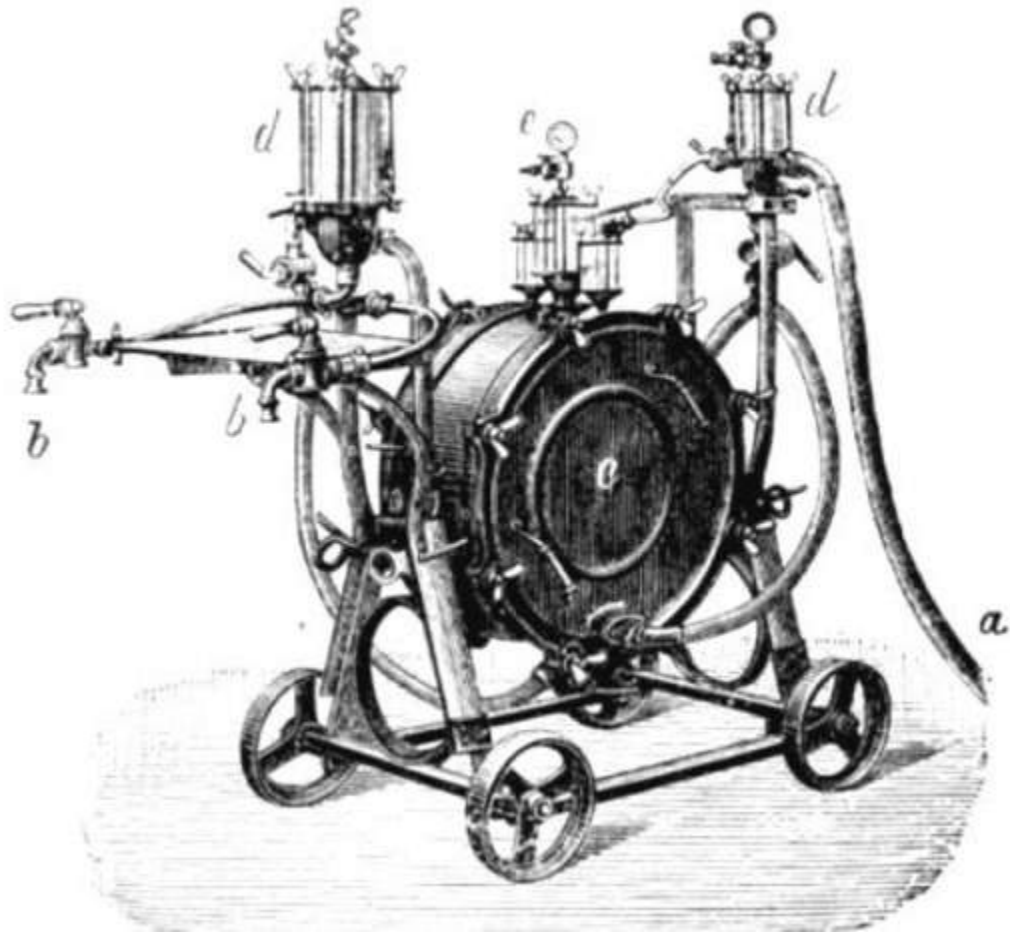


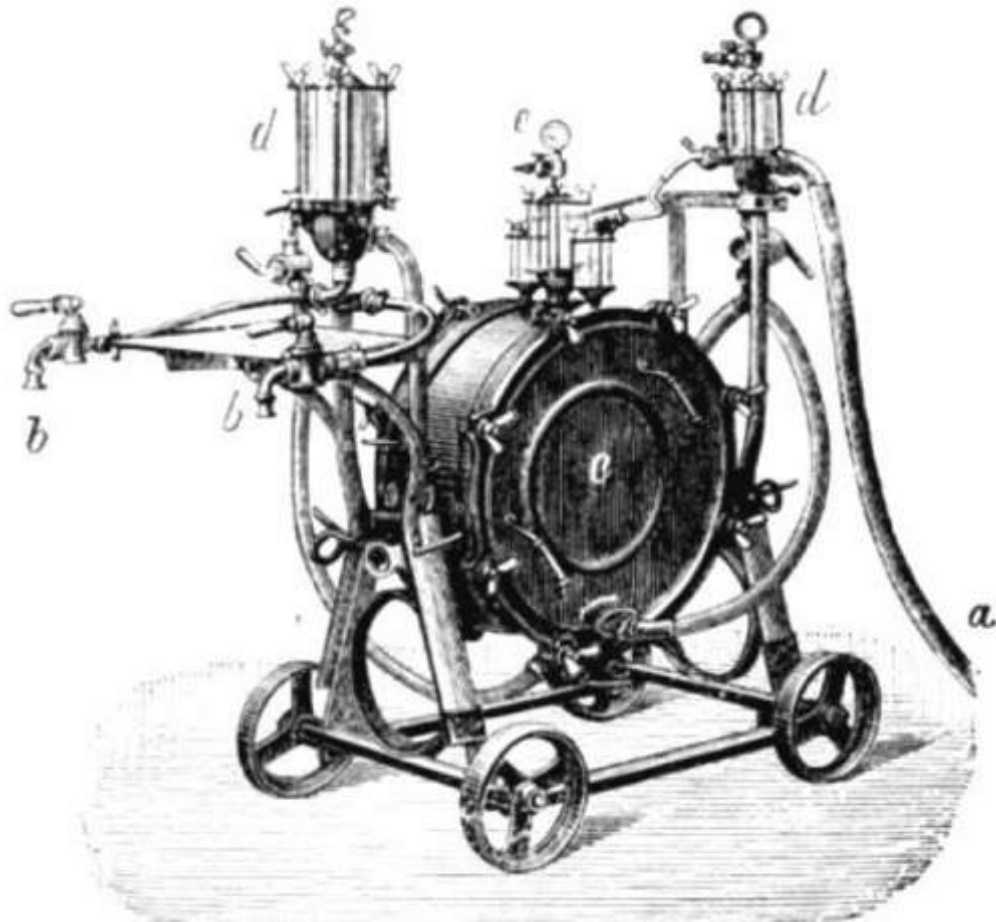
MED
4700 m³/hr

MD
5000 m³/hr

Milestones in the Development of RO & NF

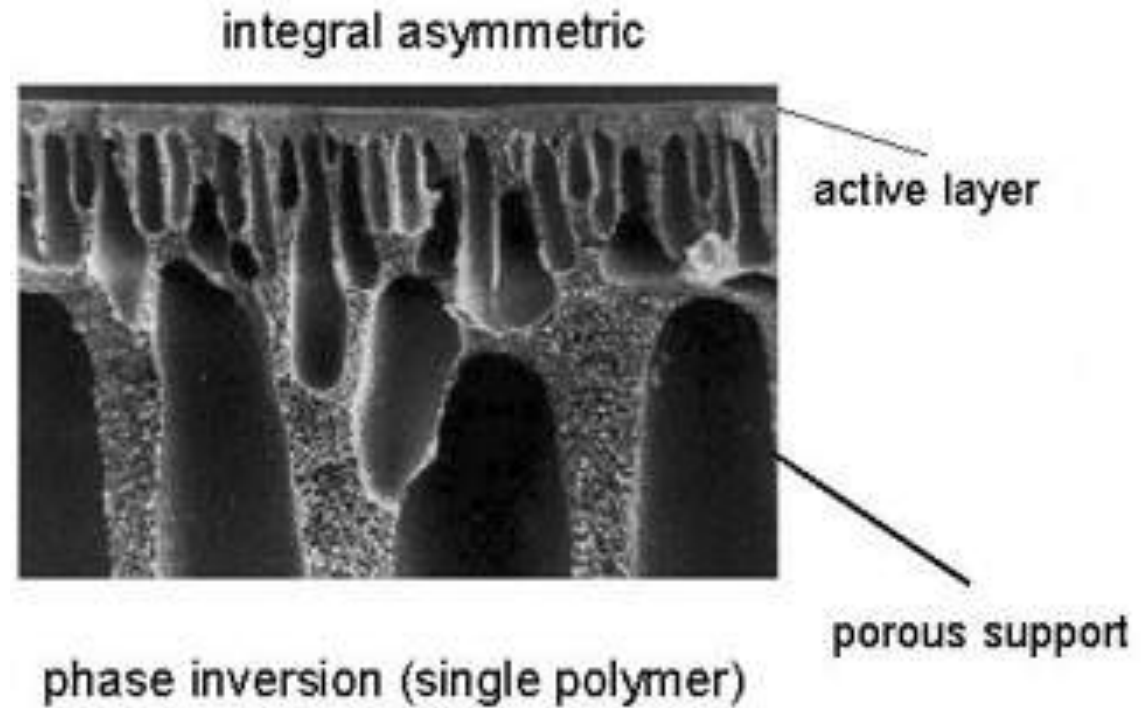








4. Membrane Filtrations



Loeb-Sourirajan asymmetric membrane



Water Desalination



Feedwater characterisation by salt content



	Minimum salinity TDS [ppm]	Maximum salinity TDS [ppm]
Seawater	15,000	50,000
Brackish water	1,500	15,000
River water	500	1,500
Pure water	0	500

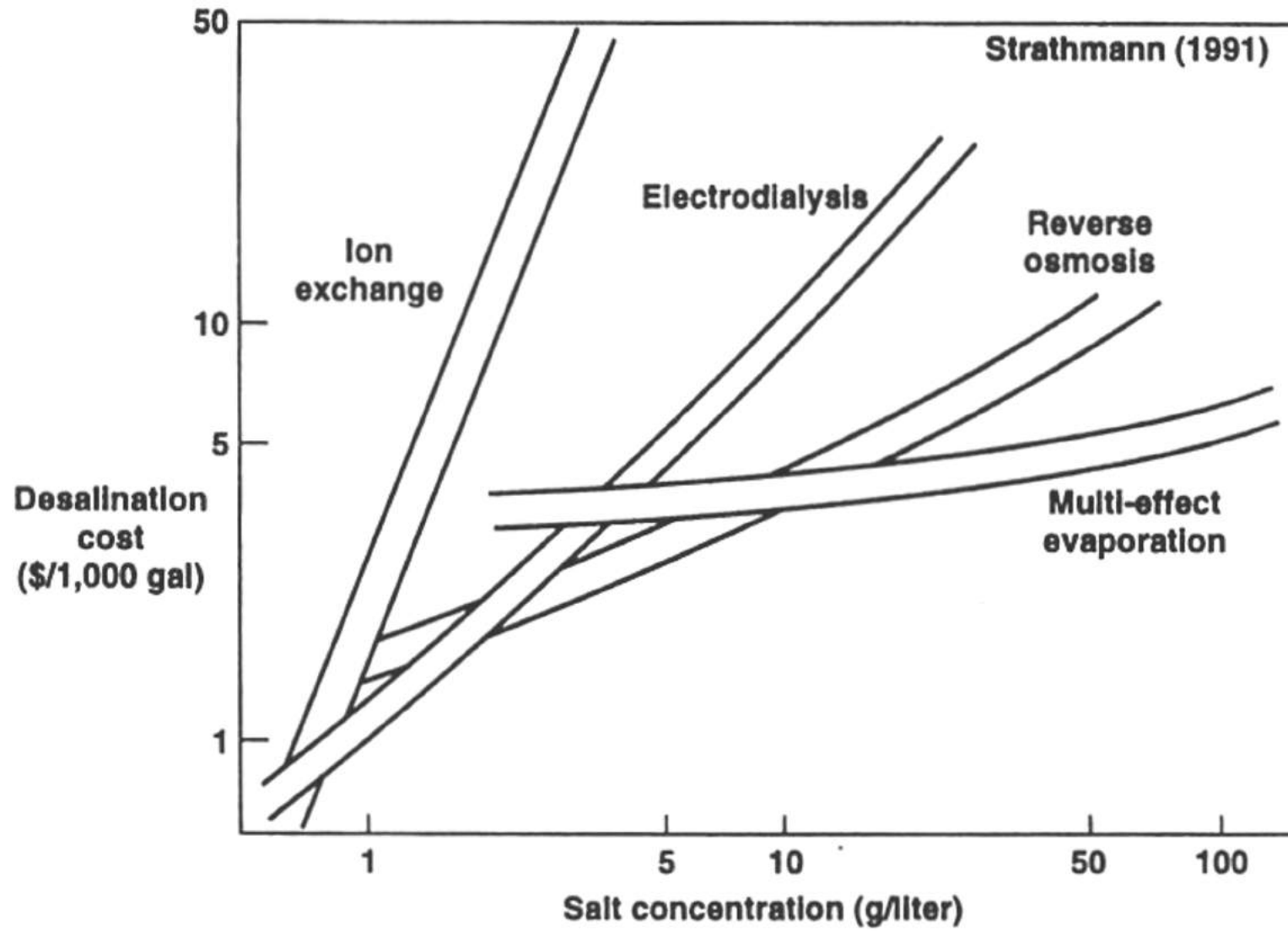


Desalination Technologies

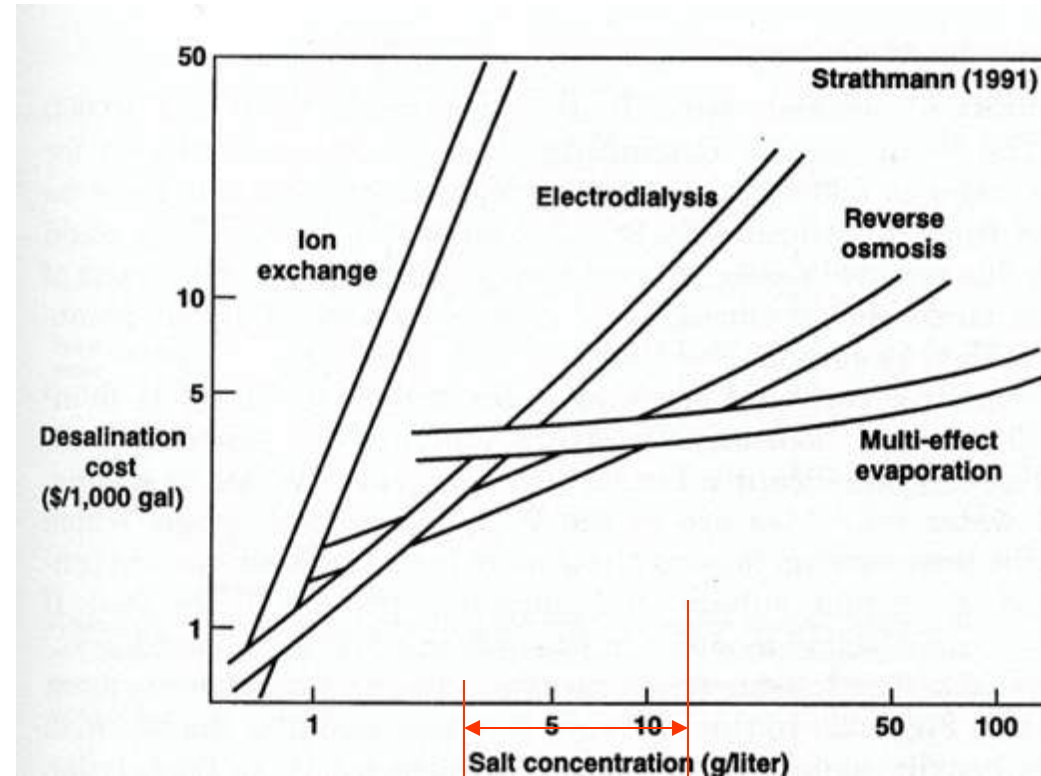


Thermal	Membrane-based
Multi-stage flash distillation (MSF)	Reverse osmosis (RO)
Multi-effect evaporation (MEE)	Nanofiltration (NF)
Vapor compression distillation (VCD)	Electrodialysis (ED)
Membrane Distillation (MD)	





Comparative cost of the major desalination



Reverse osmosis is the lowest-cost process at 3000 to 10000 ppm salt solution



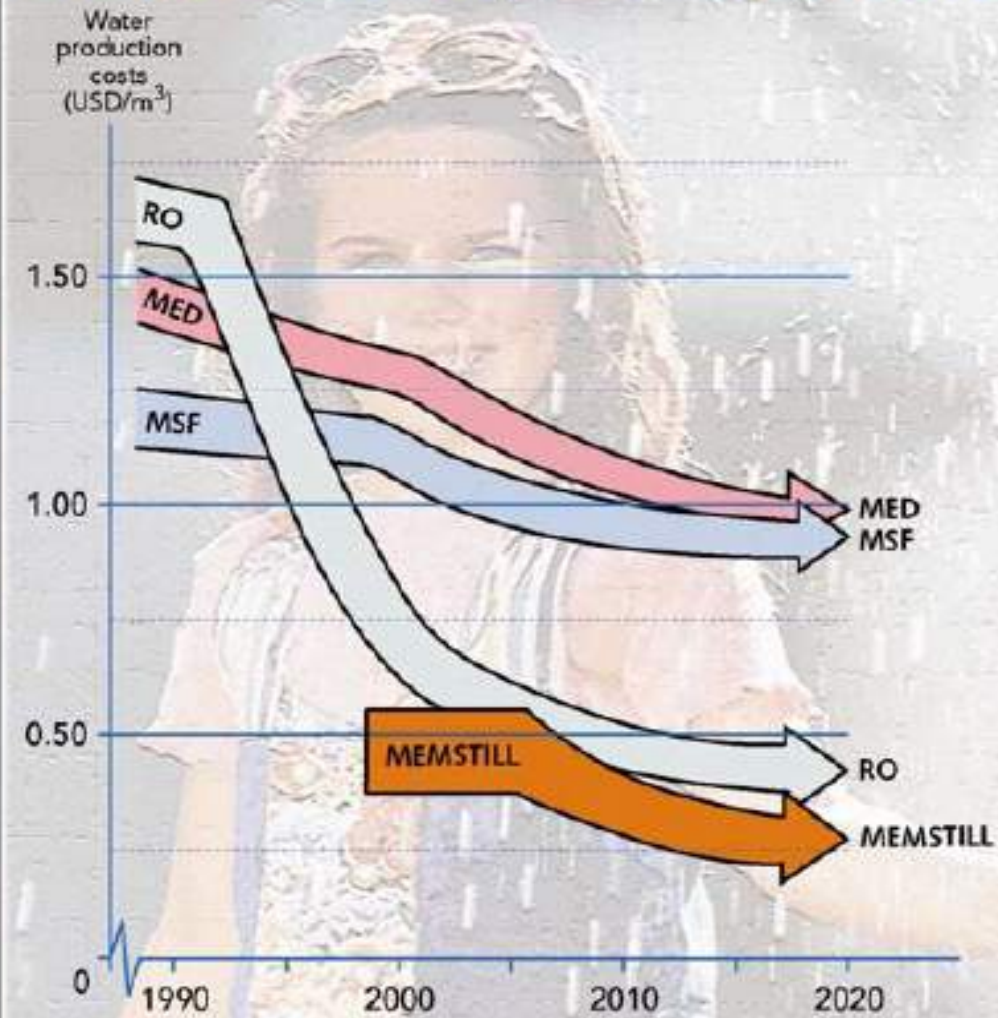
Membrane distillation (MD) utilize waste heat

Desalination, 187, 12-19, 2006

Water production costs of Memstill® vs. RO (seawater 105,000 m³/d)

	Memstill®		Memstill®		RO	RO
	Fuel fired	Co-gener.	Waste heat		Min.	Stand.
Energy costs						
Heat, MJ/m³	231	231	139	139	—	—
(Costs in \$/GJ)	(1.30)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.10)		
Electricity, kWh/m³	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	2.5	4.5
Heat costs, \$/m³	0.30	0.12	0.07	0.01	—	—
Electricity costs, \$/m³	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.18
Fixed costs						
Hardware, excl. membranes, \$/m³.d		165		165	750	1024
Module costs, \$/m³.d		214		233	35	49
Hardware costs, \$/m³	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.23	0.32
Module costs, \$/m³	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.02	0.03
Auxiliary costs						
O&M, chemicals, filters etc., \$/m³	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.10
Water costs total, \$/m³	0.54	0.35	0.31	0.26	0.45	0.63

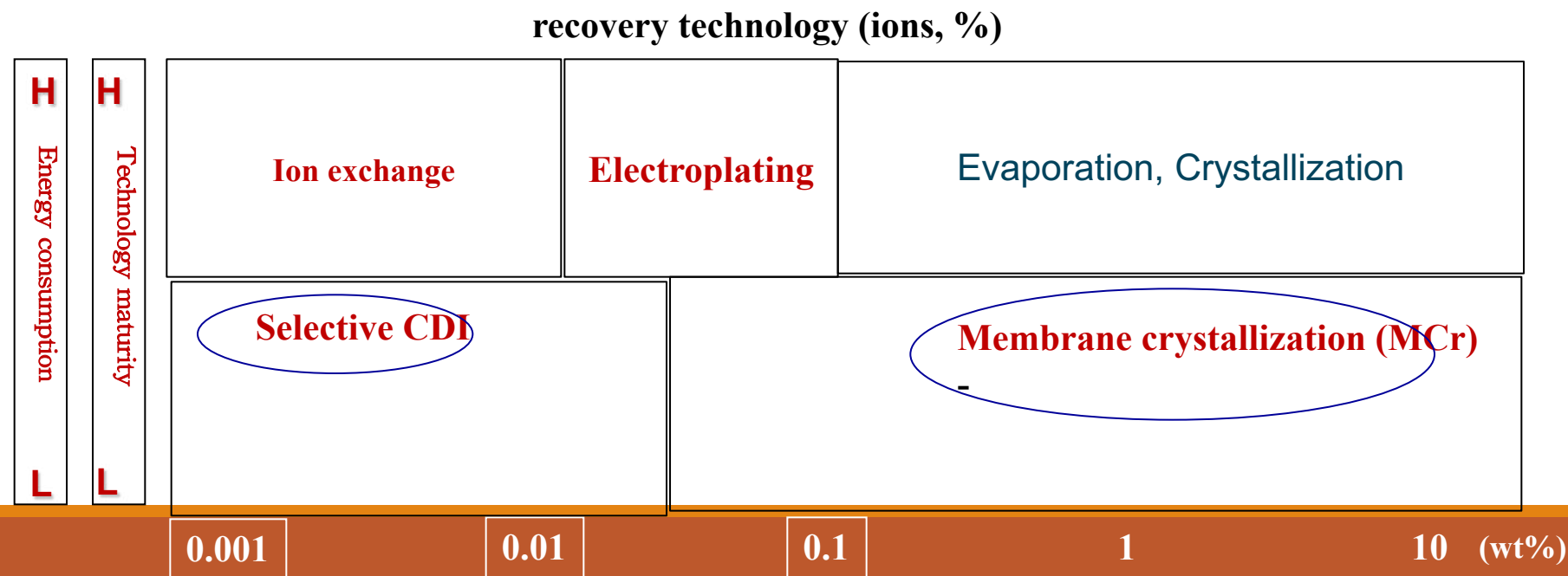
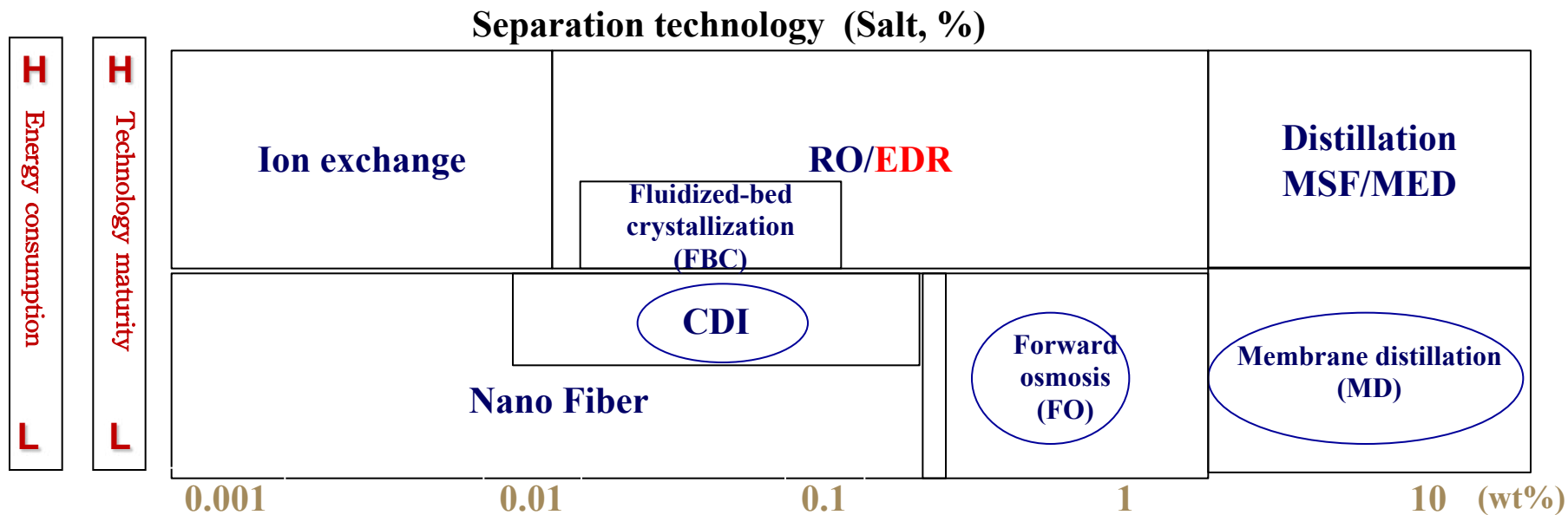
Expected cost development of large scale desalination processes



MED	multiple effect distillation
MSF	multistage flash
RO	reverse osmosis
MED*	vertical tube-MED
Memstill	Memstill membrane distillation

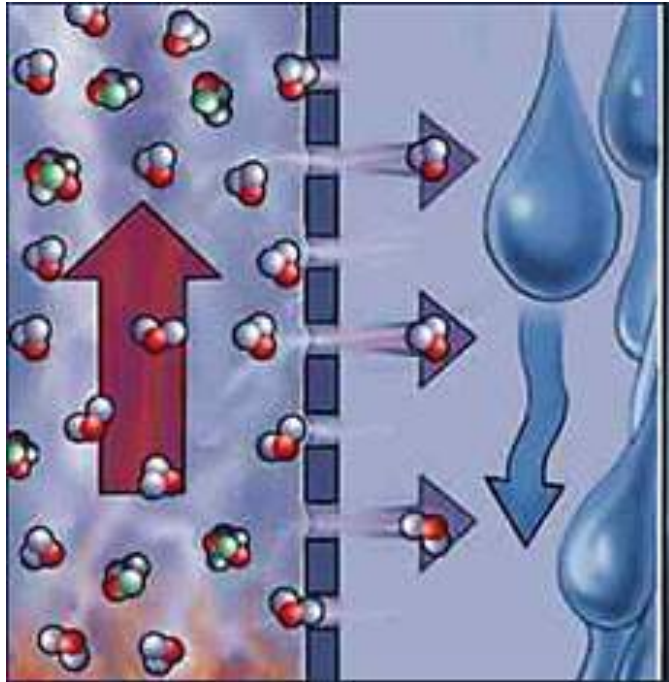


Mapping Technologies for Ions



Membrane Distillation

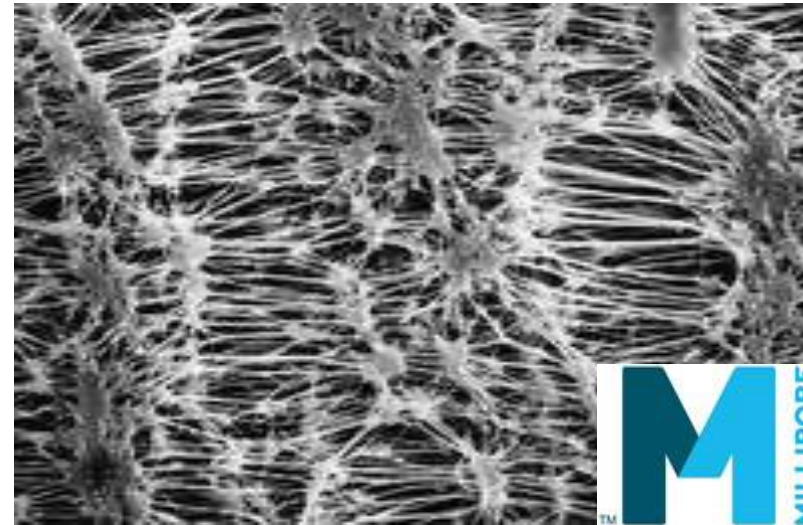
Membrane distillation (MD)



50~80 °C **15~25 °C**

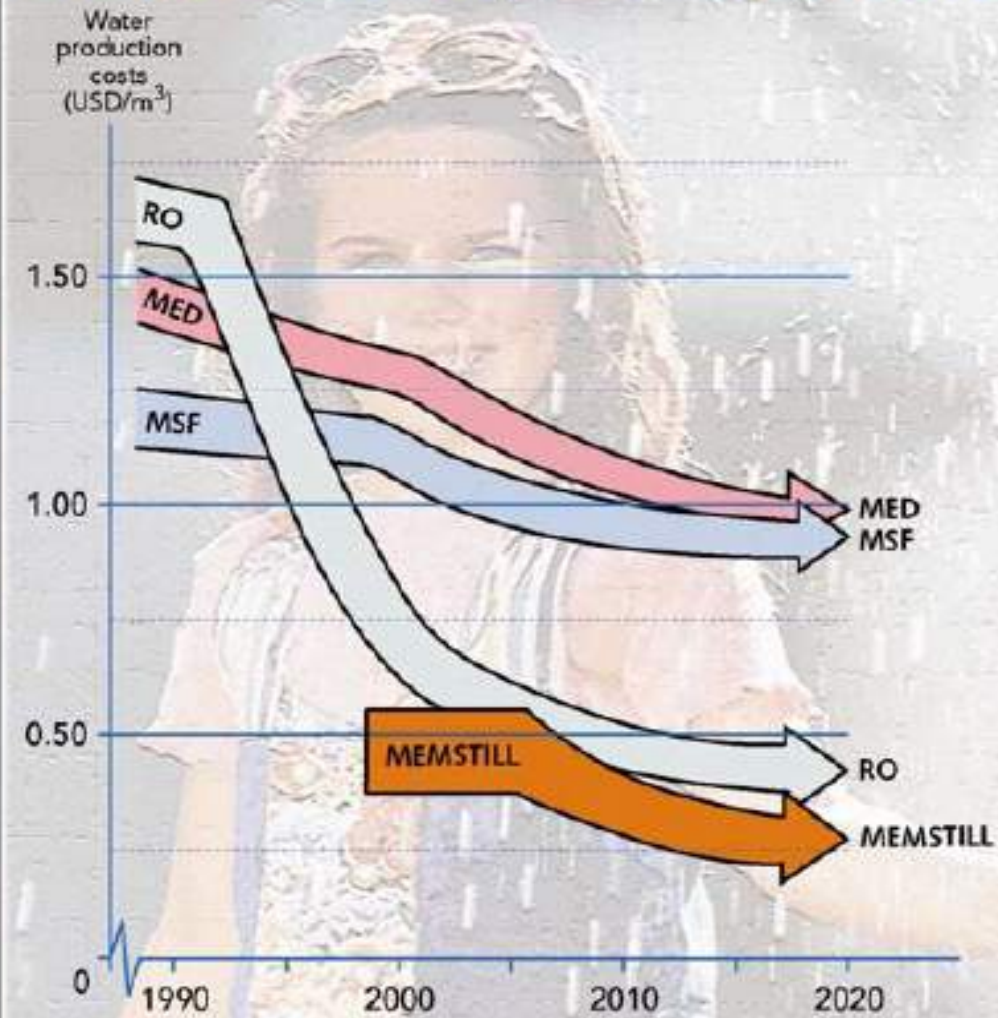
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Hydrophobic ePTFE membrane

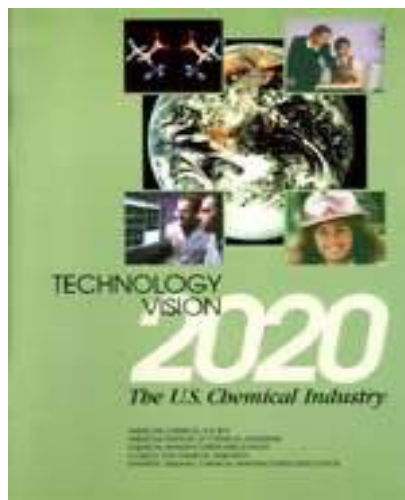


- hydrophobicity
- porosity

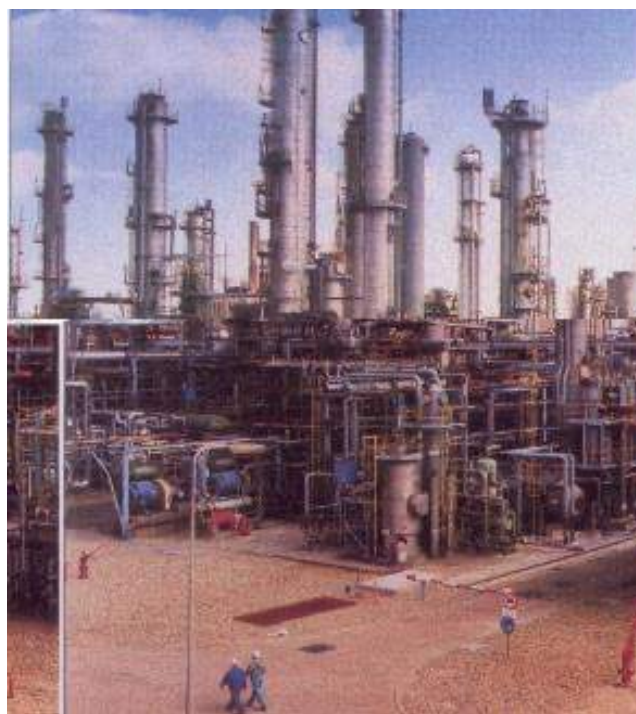
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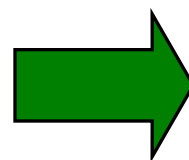
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Present



Operation



In 2020



Design

Process Intensification: Transforming Chemical Engineering

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Emerging equipment, processing techniques, and operational methods promise spectacular improvements in process plants, markedly shrinking their size and dramatically boosting their efficiency. These developments may result in the extinction of some traditional types of equipment, if not whole unit operations.

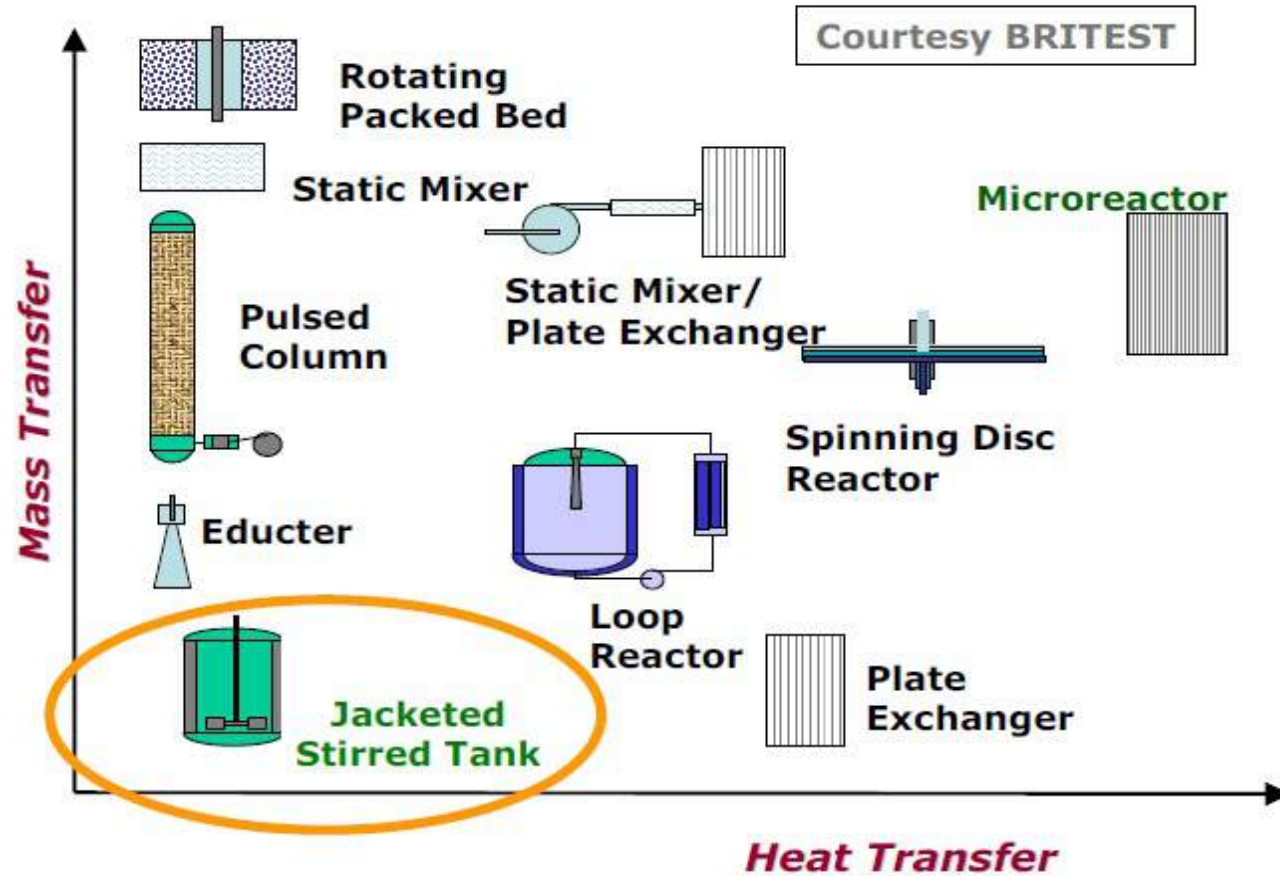
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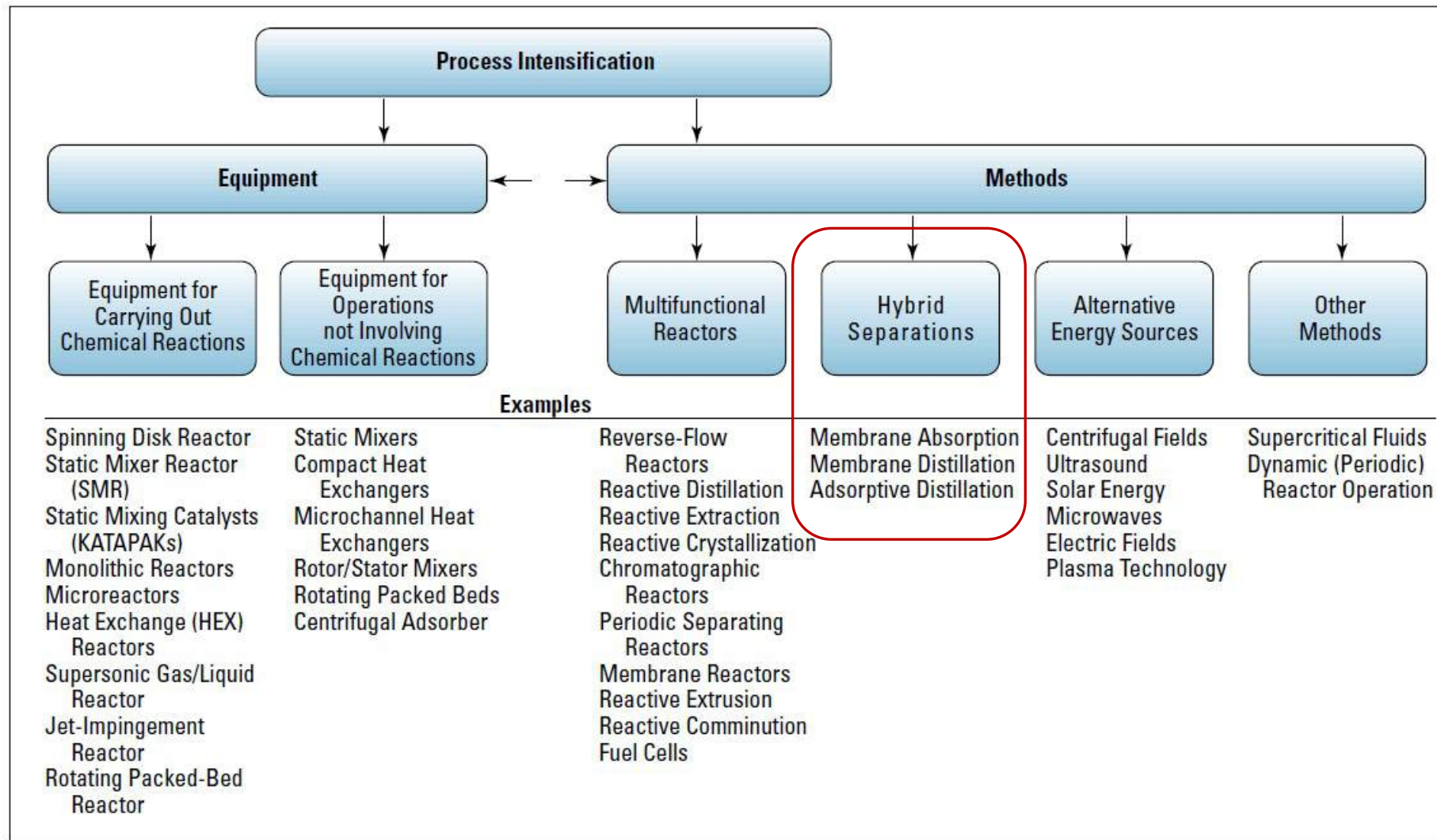
fication, no matter how we define it, does not seem to have had much impact in the field of stirring technology over the last four centuries, or perhaps even longer. But, what actually *is* process intensification?



Intro

Equipment already exist that can be characterized by their E & m transfer performances







Original Installation: PSA Recovery System



New Installation: Membrane System

Membrane distillation (MD) utilize waste heat

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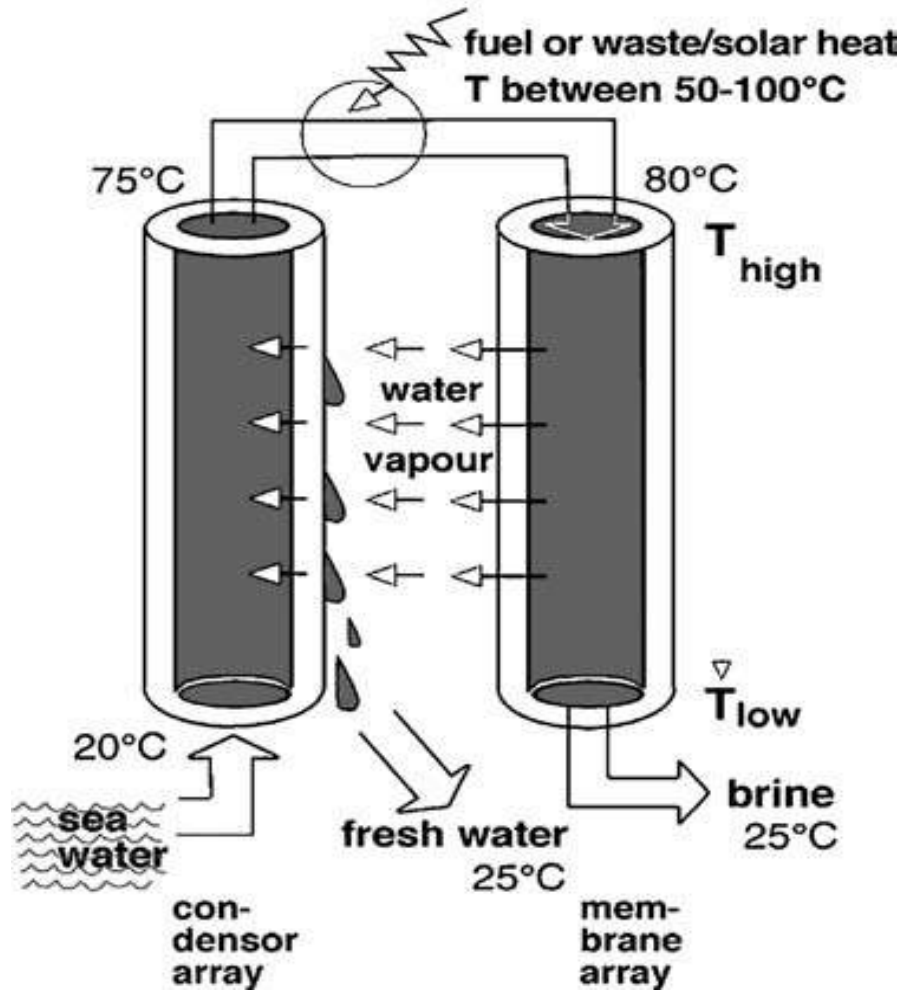
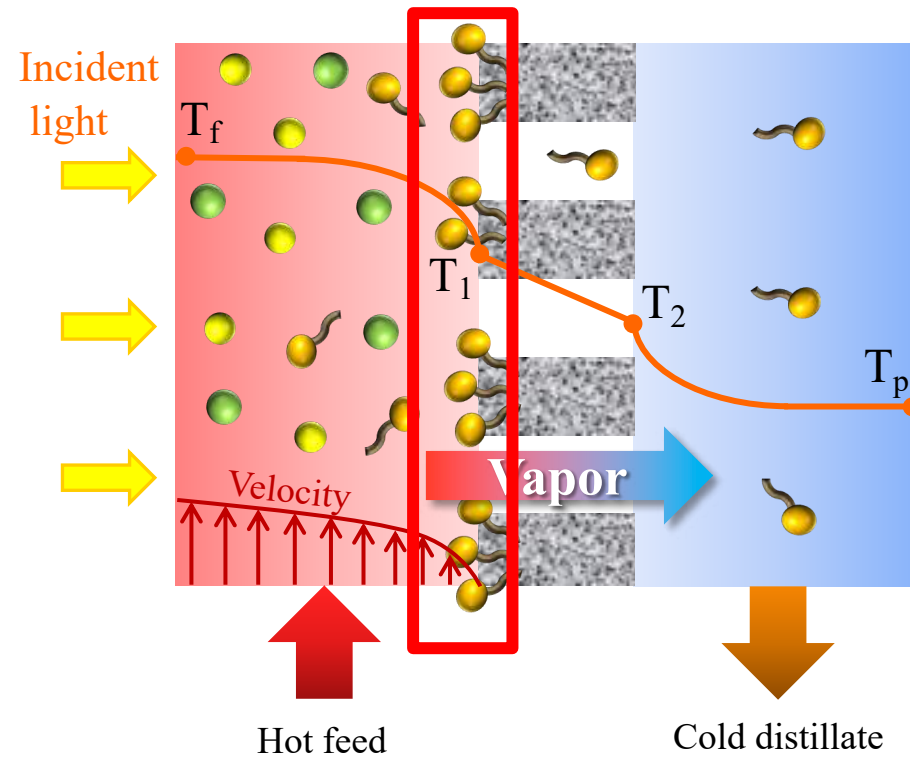


Fig. 1. Membrane modules for pilot plant.

Three major problems in MD process



1. Temperature polarization
2. Surfactant wetting membrane pore
3. Low energy efficiency ($< 40\%$)



Alternative Water Resources: Water-Energy Nexus



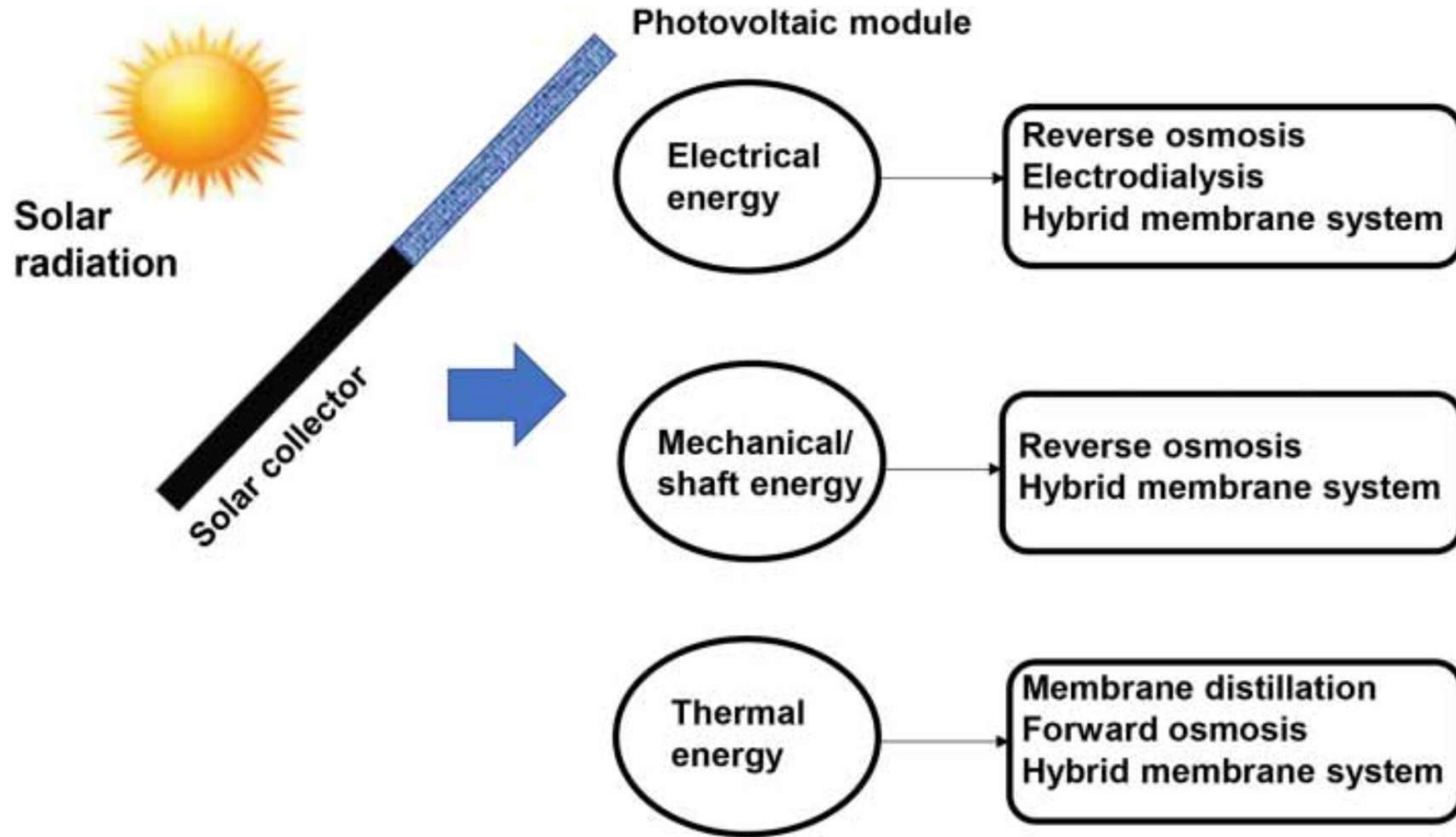
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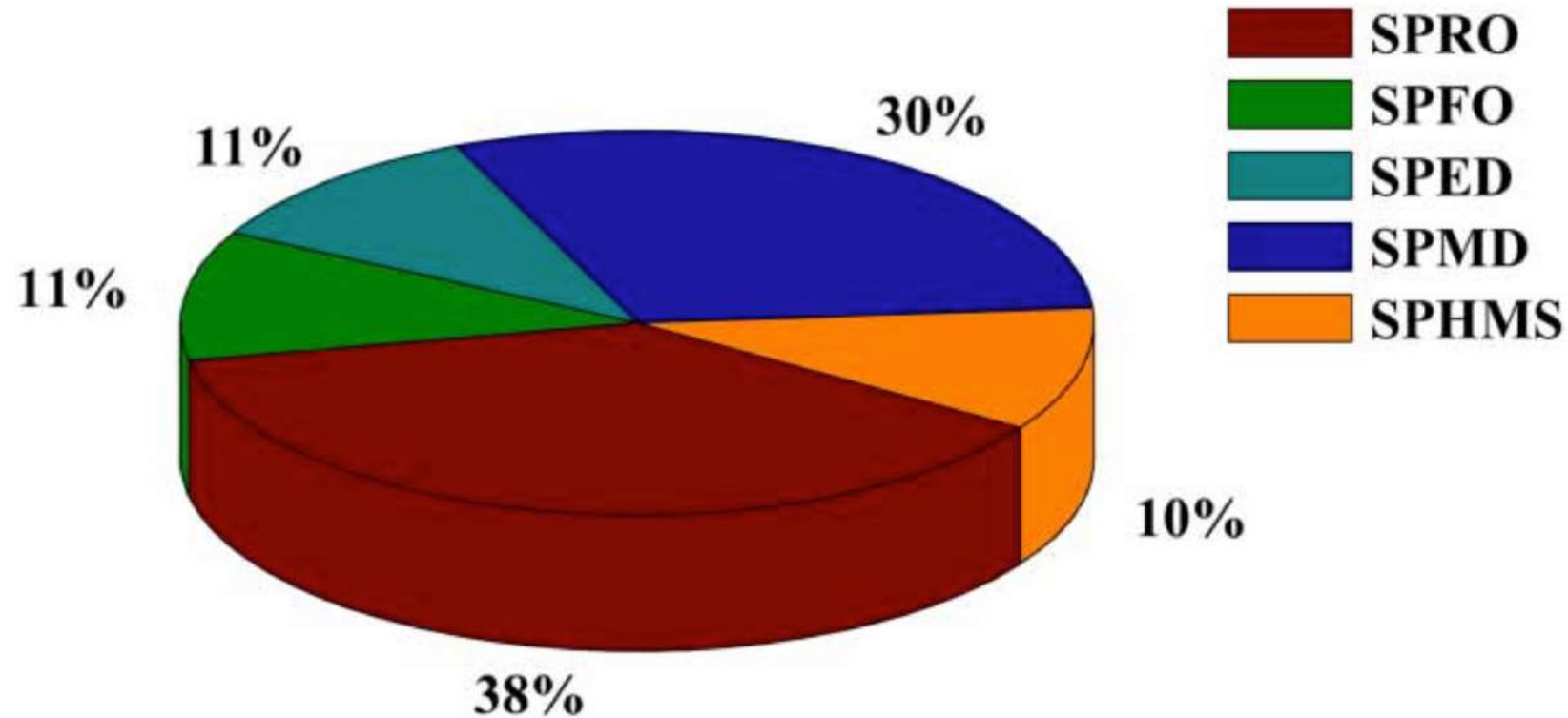
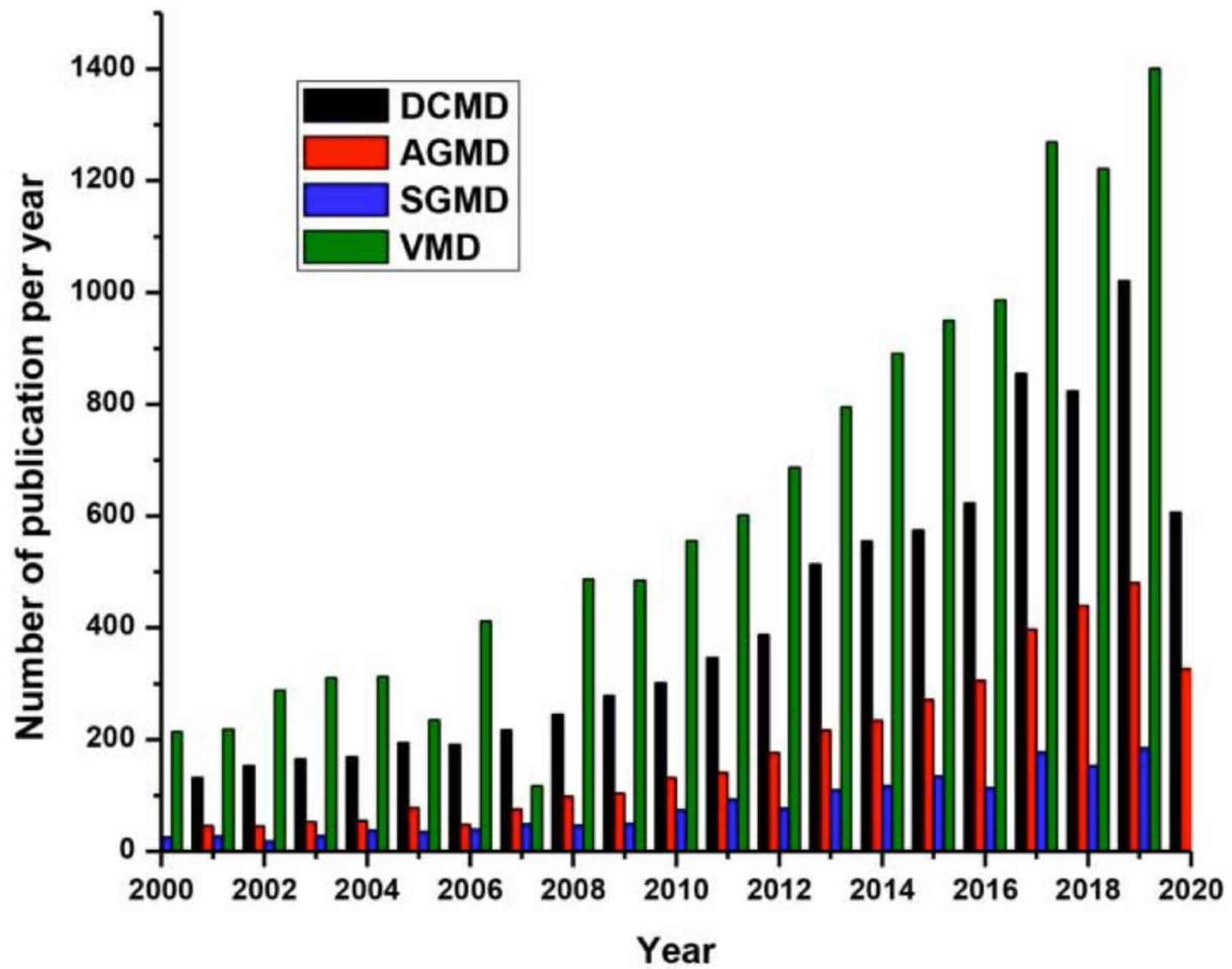
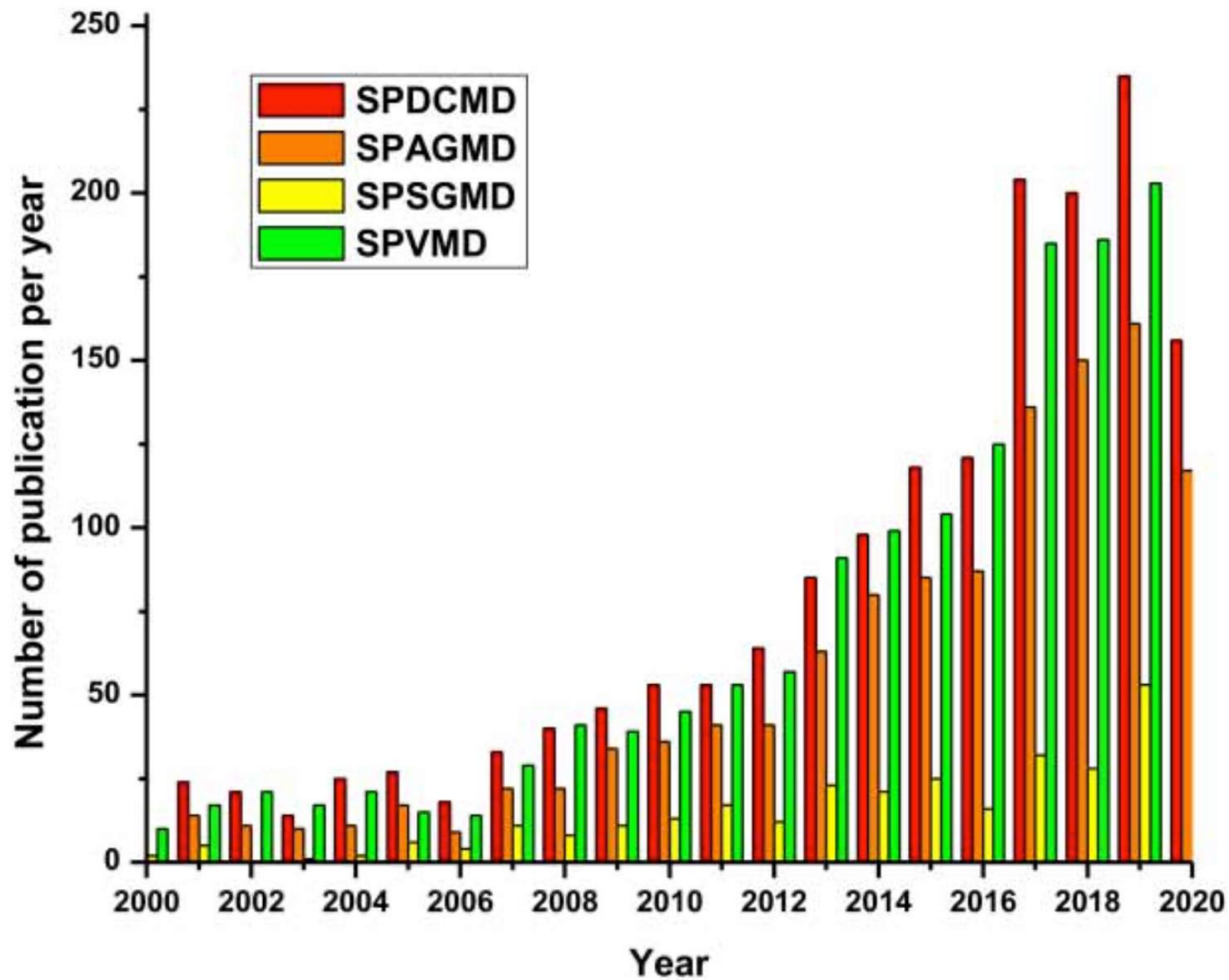
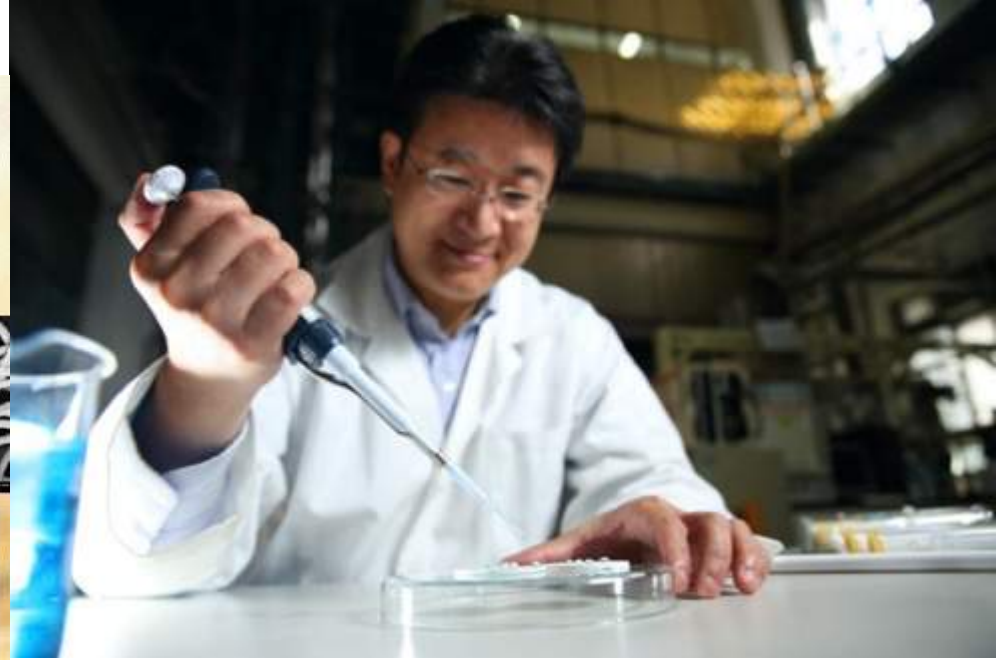
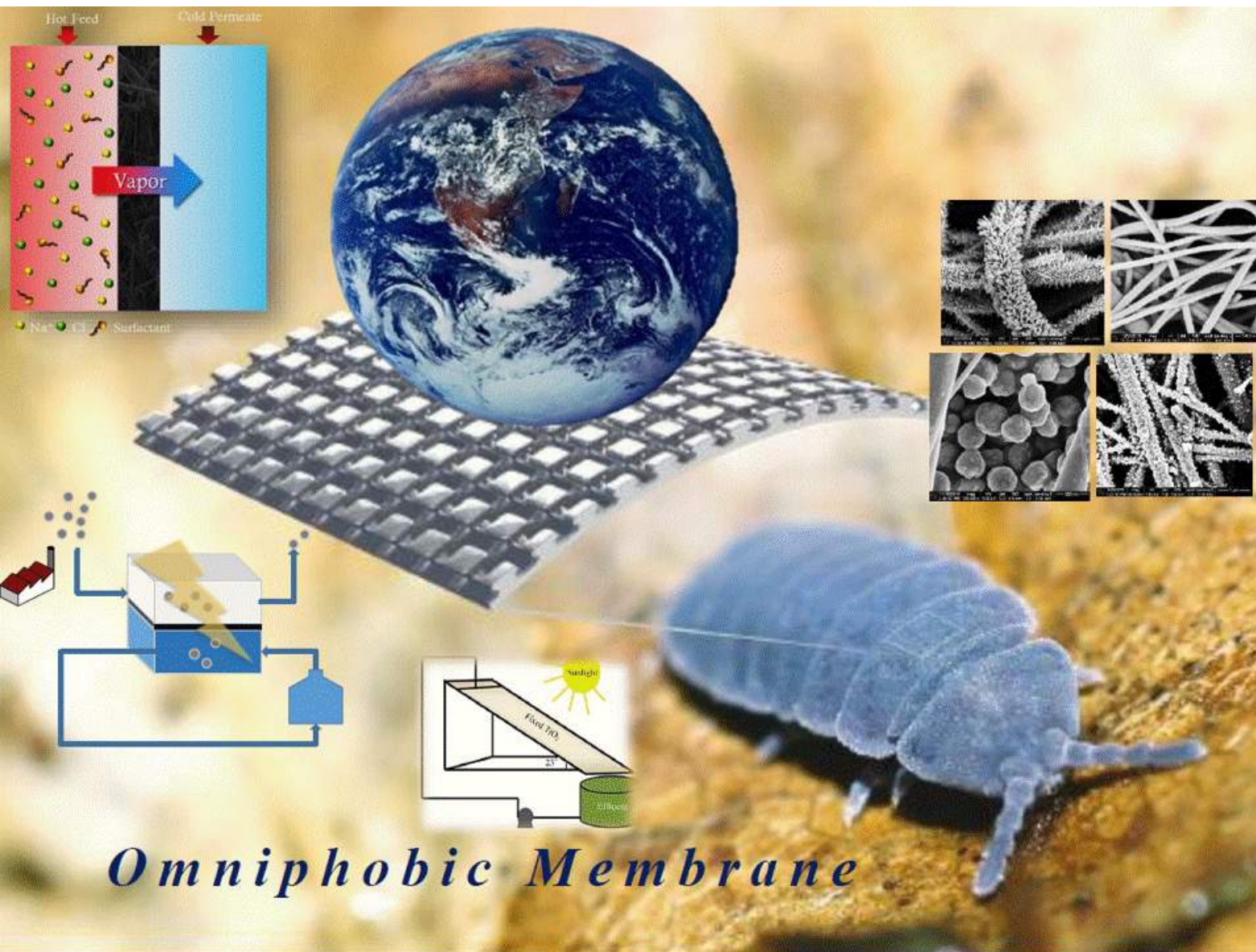


Figure 1 | Overview of the utilization of solar energy in membrane technologies (SPRO, solar-powered reverse osmosis; SPFO, solar-powered forward osmosis; SPED, solar-powered electrodialysis; SPMD, solar-powered membrane distillation; SPHMS, solar-powered hybrid membrane system) (data acquired from Web of Science, accessed on 29 April 2020).





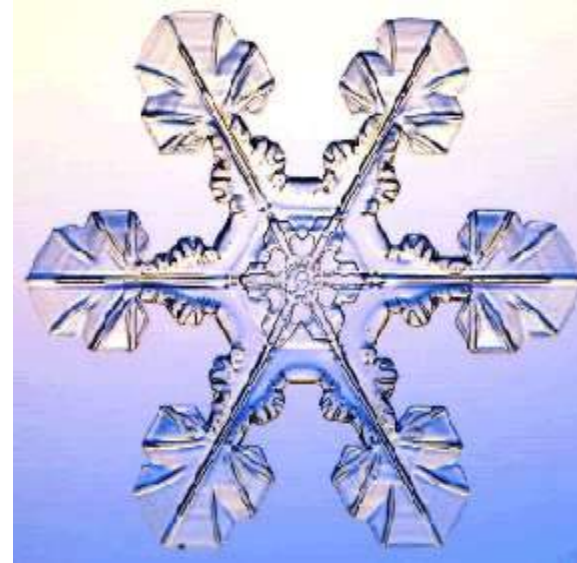


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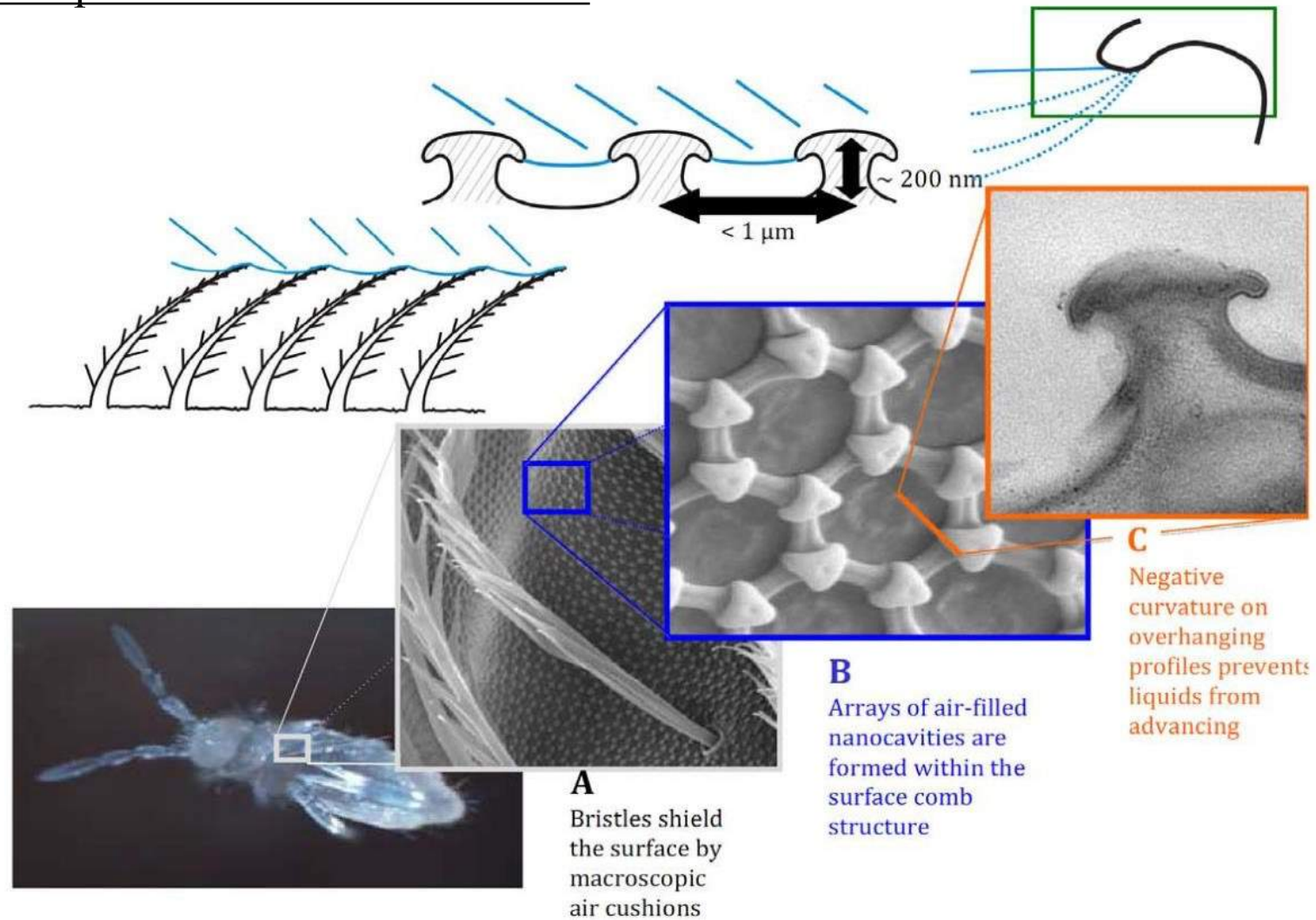
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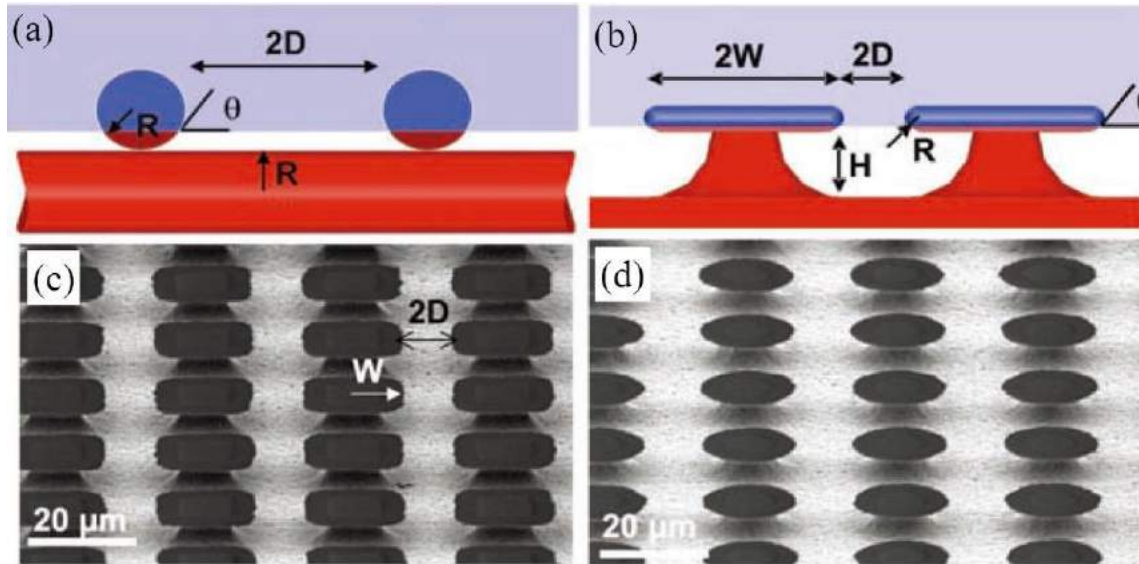
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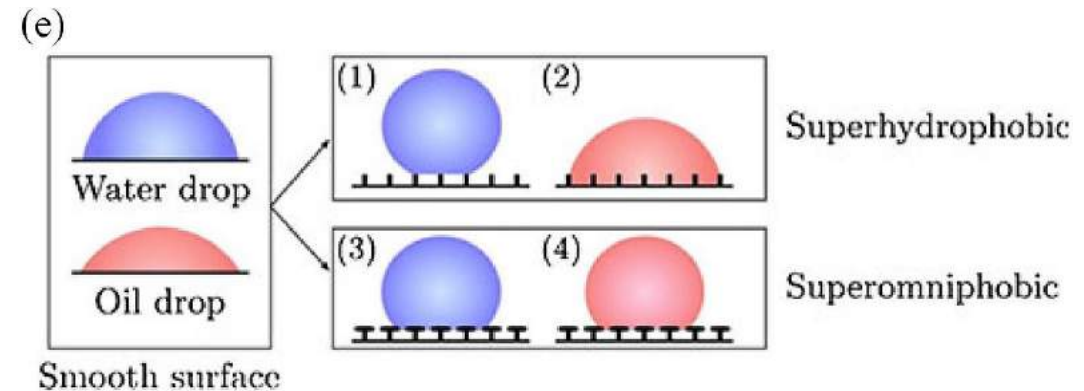
Superomniphobic Surfaces in Nature



Re-entrant structures

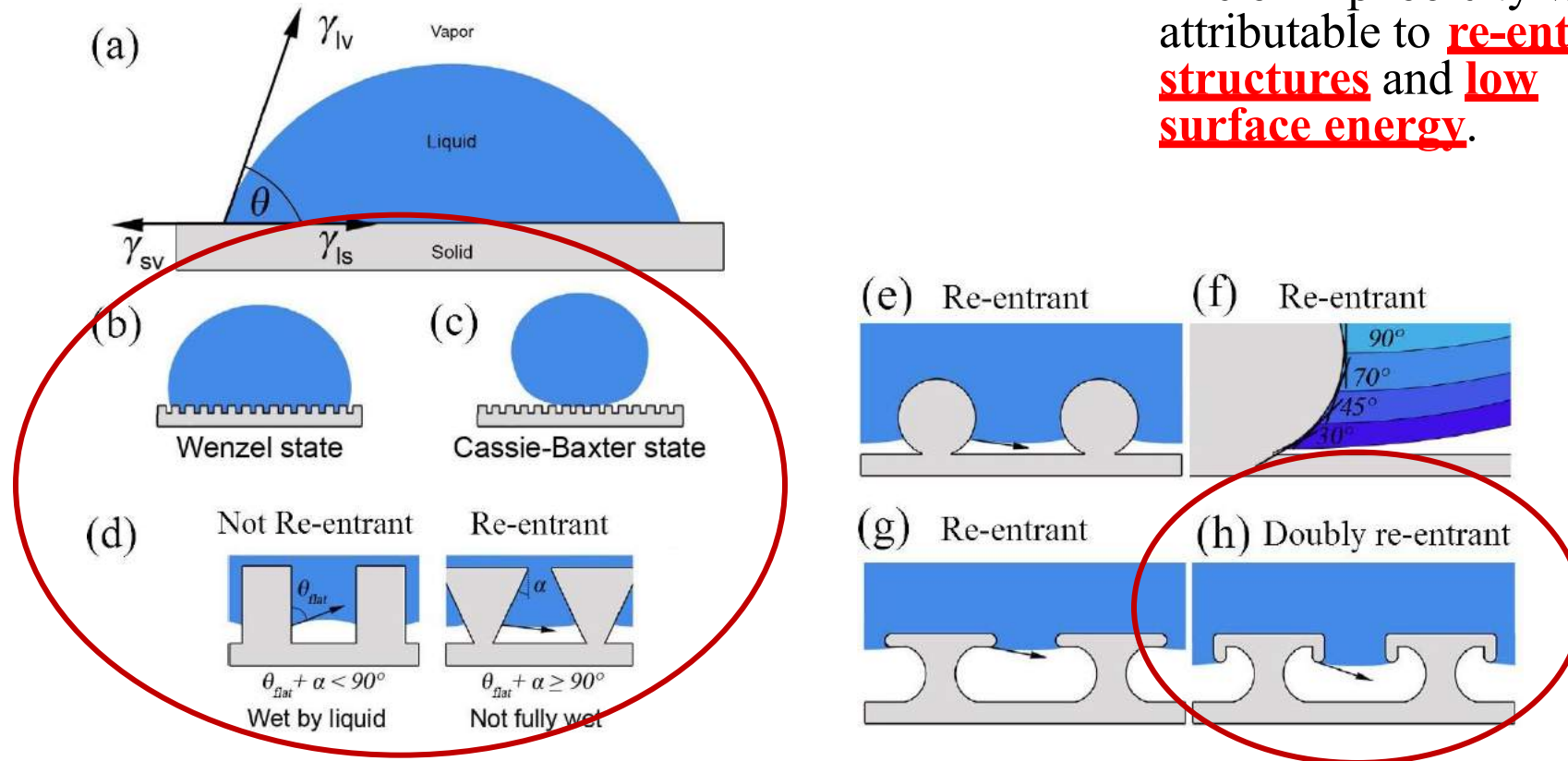


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(a) Liquid droplet displaying contact angle of θ on flat surface, (b) droplet exhibiting Wenzel state of wetting, (c) trapped air between droplet and surface in Cassie-Baxter state of wetting, (d) non-re-entrant and re-entrant structure, (e~g) re-entrant structure, (h) doubly re-entrant structure.

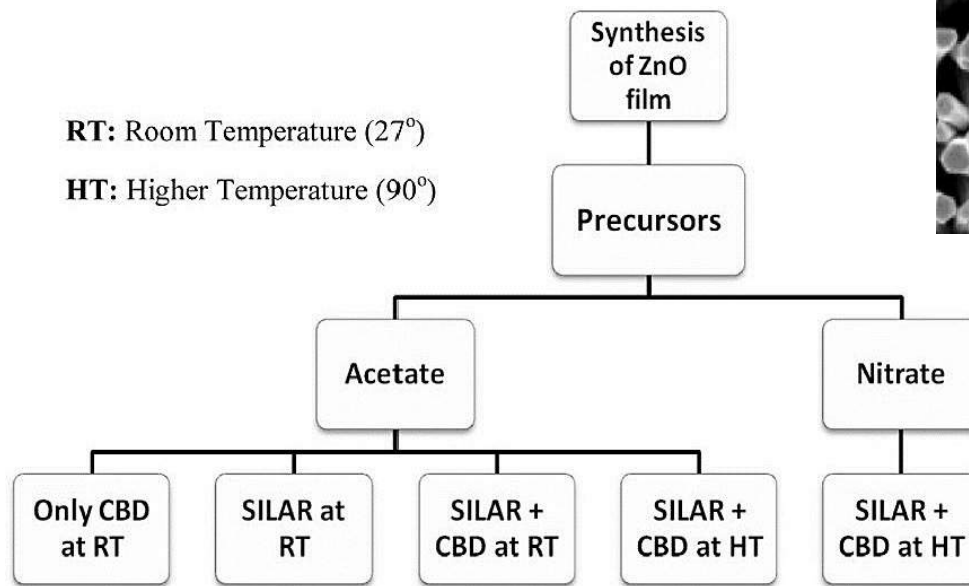


Figure 1 Schematic representation for the synthesis of ZnO via various route using different precursors at different temperature [1].

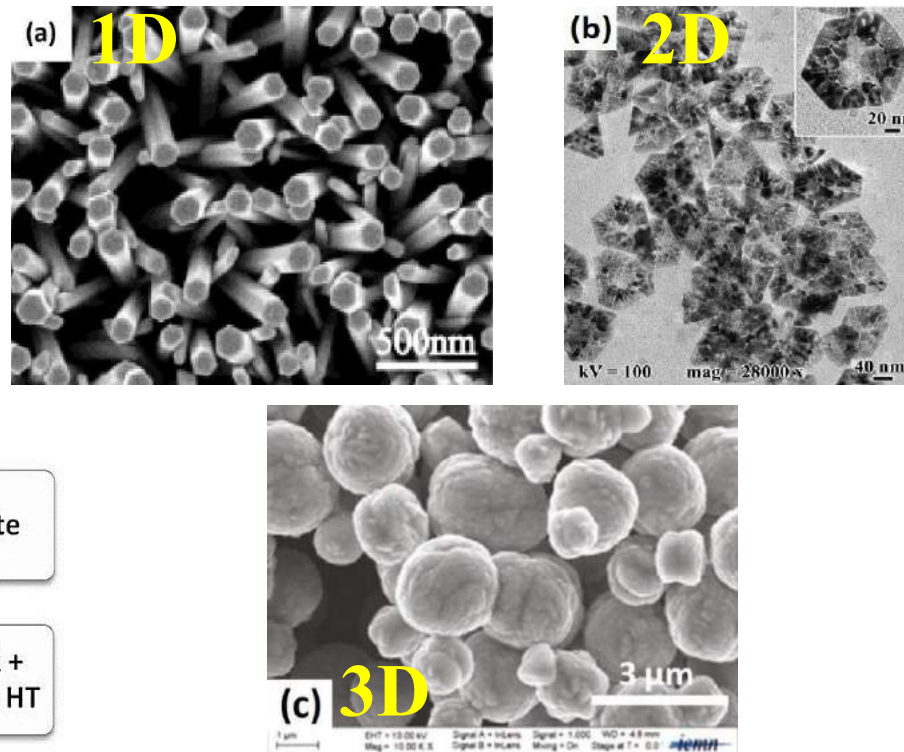
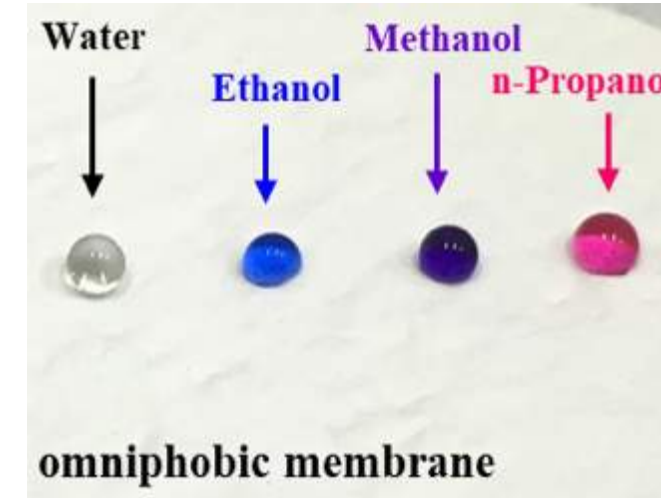
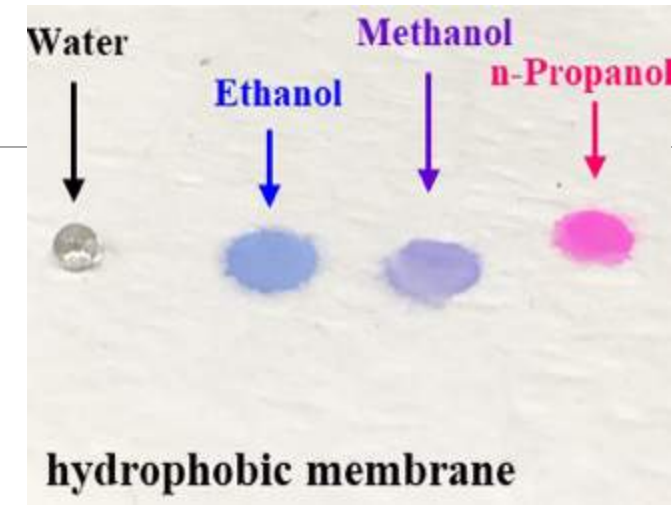
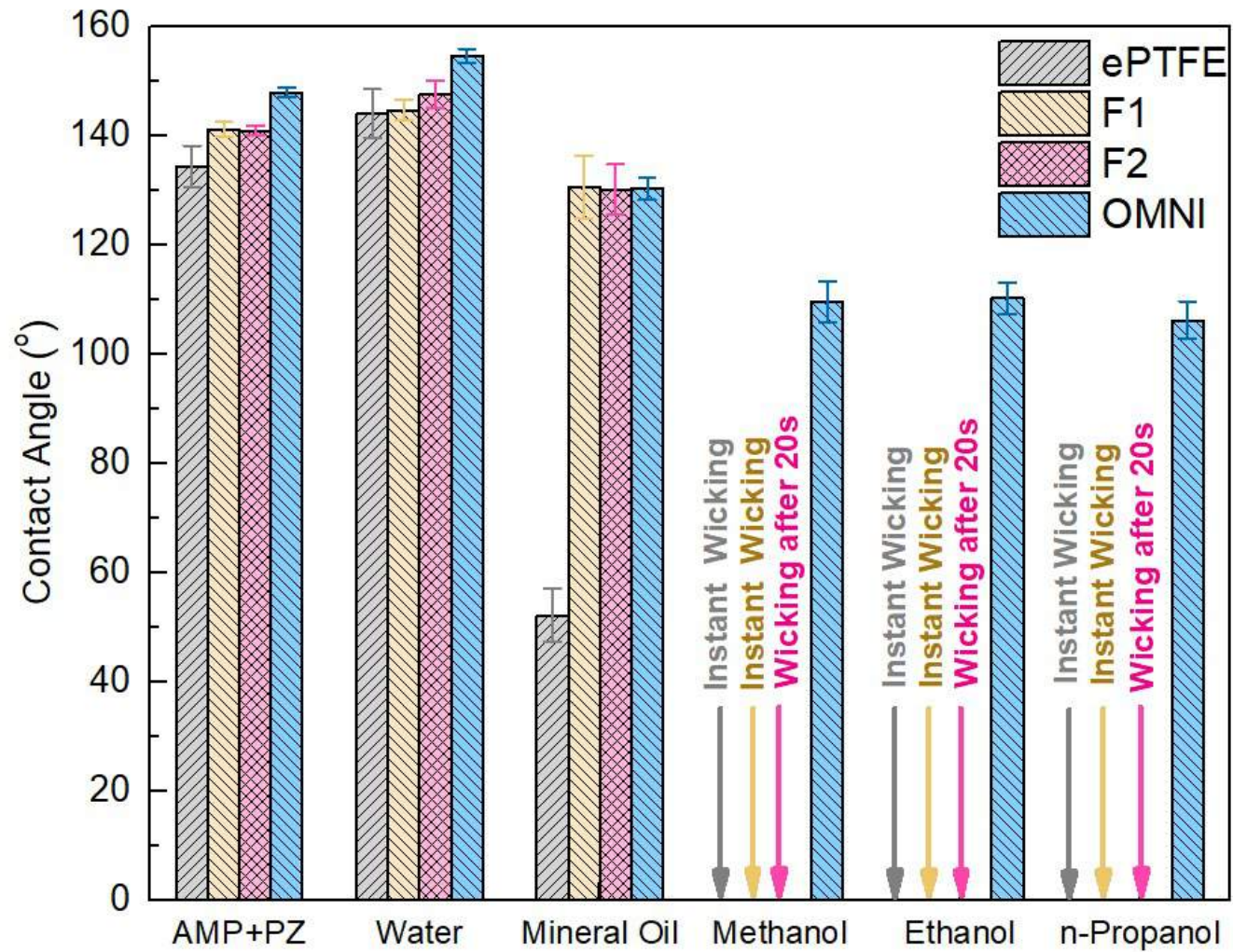


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Photothermal membrane



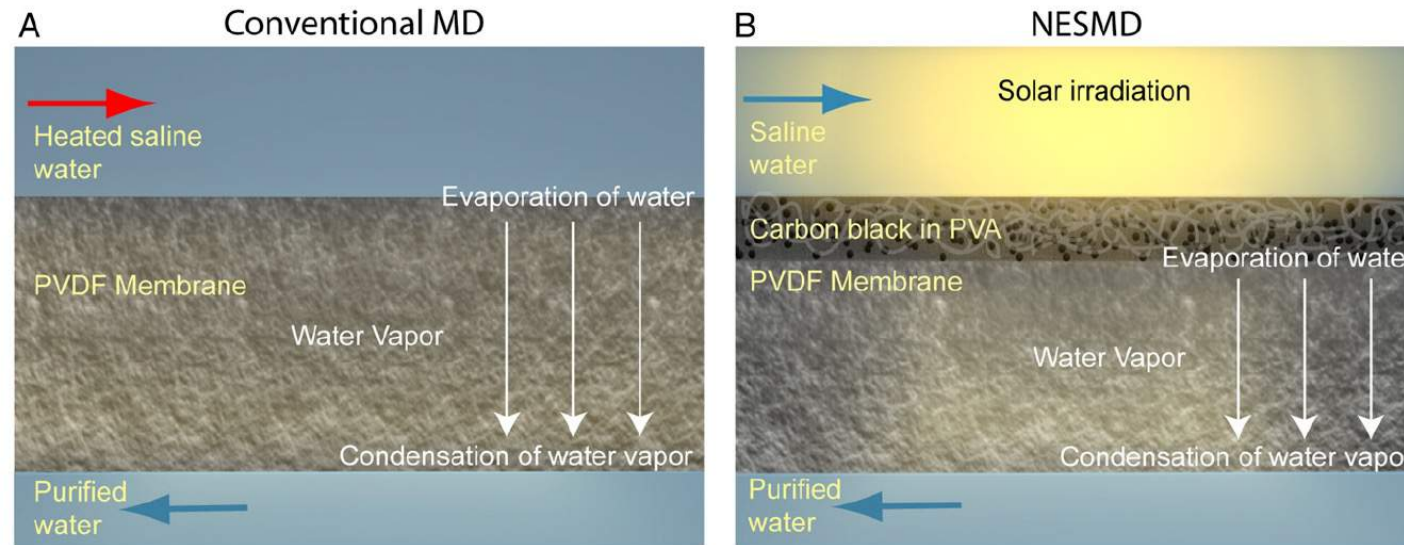
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Nanophotonics-enabled solar membrane distillation for off-grid water purification

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Photothermal membrane



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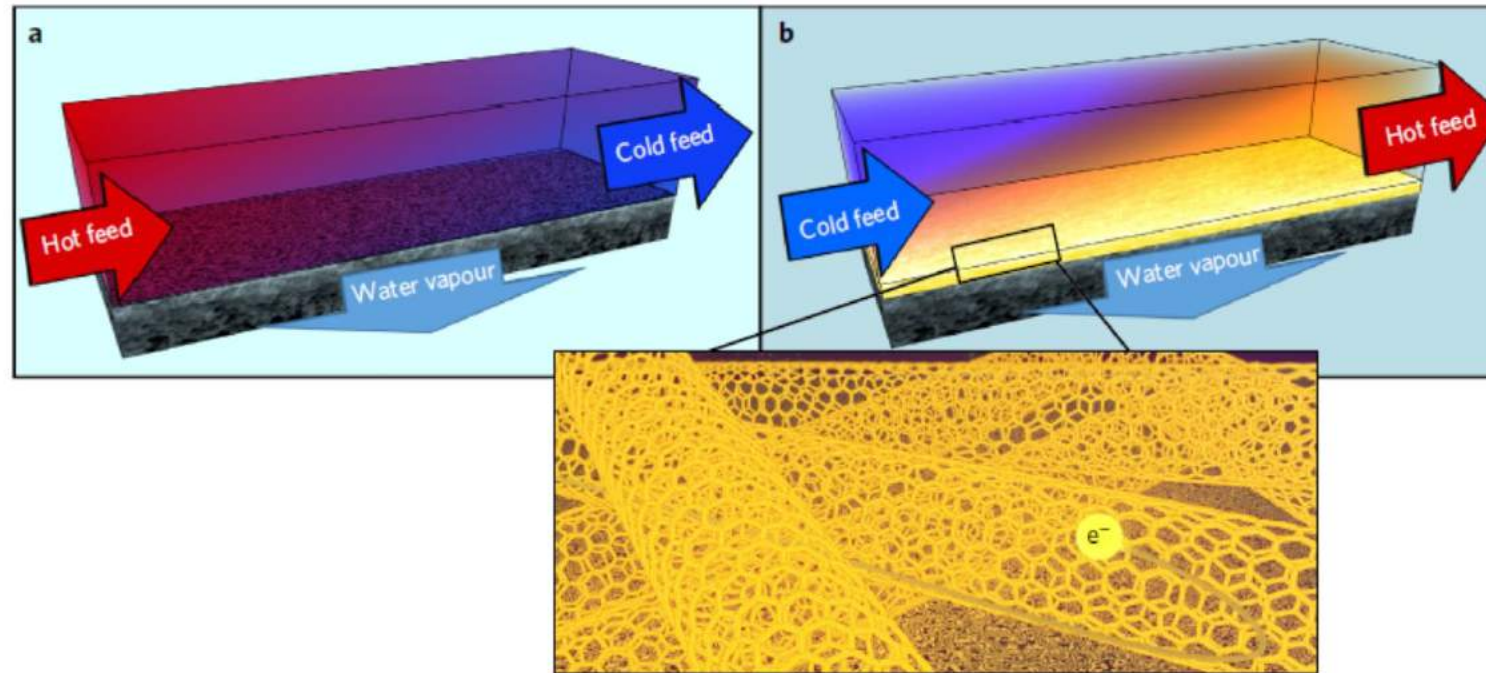


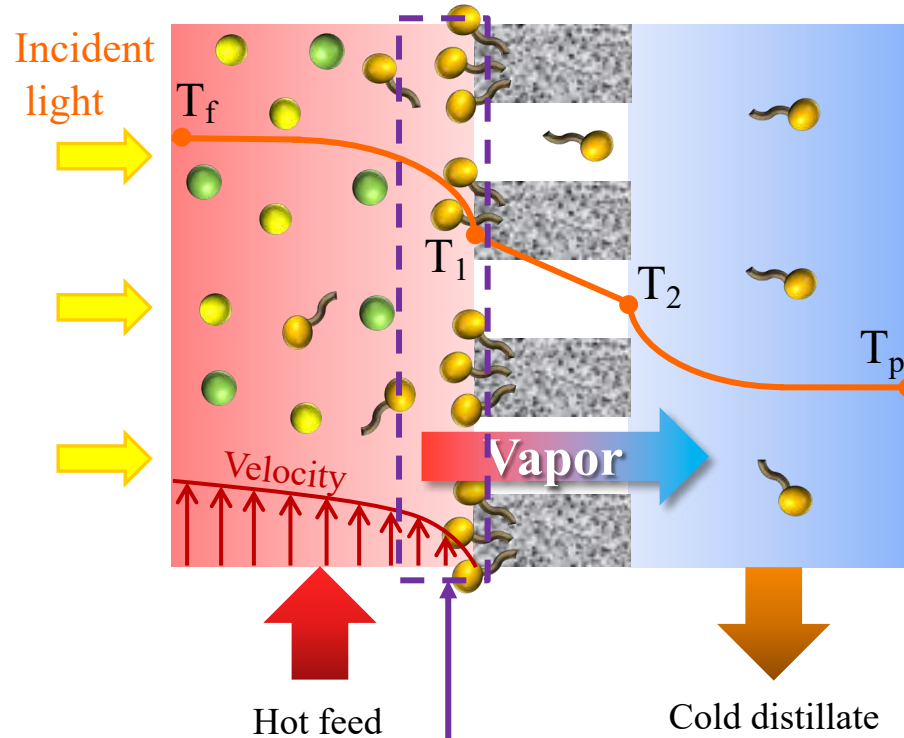
Figure 1 | Comparison of classical and directly heated membrane distillation. **a**, Diagram of a classical MD process where a hot feed (brine) flows over one side of a hydrophobic membrane and a cold distillate stream flows over the other side, leading to a vapour pressure gradient across the membrane that drives water vapour from the hot, salty feed to the cold distillate. **b**, Direct surface heating of a composite MD membrane composed of a porous CNT-based Joule heater and a hydrophobic porous support. The cold feed (brine) is heated on the membrane surface, which drives water vapour transport across the hydrophobic support into the distillate stream, leaving dissolved ions behind. Inset: zoomed-in rendition of the thin-film CNT Joule heater structure on an MD membrane surface showing electron (e^-) flow and heating.



Previous work: Overcome two major problems in MD



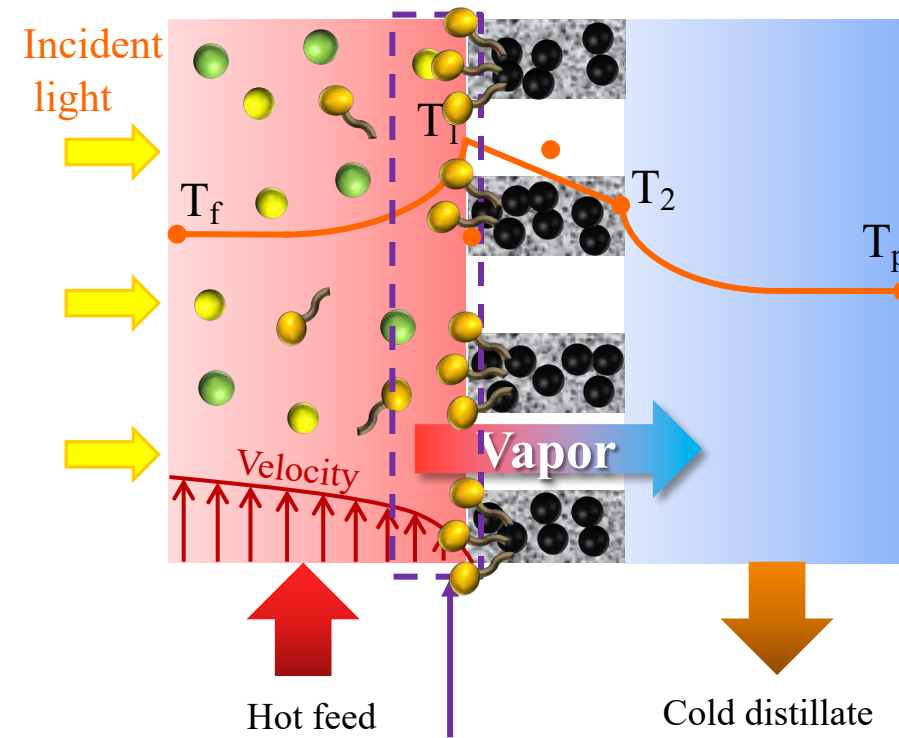
(a) Pristine hydrophobic membrane



1. Temperature polarization
2. Surfactant wetting membrane pore
3. Low energy efficiency (20~40 %)

● Na⁺ ● Cl⁻ 🐛 Surfactant ● CB NPs with omniphobic and photothermal properties

(b) Omniphobic and photothermal dual-functional membrane

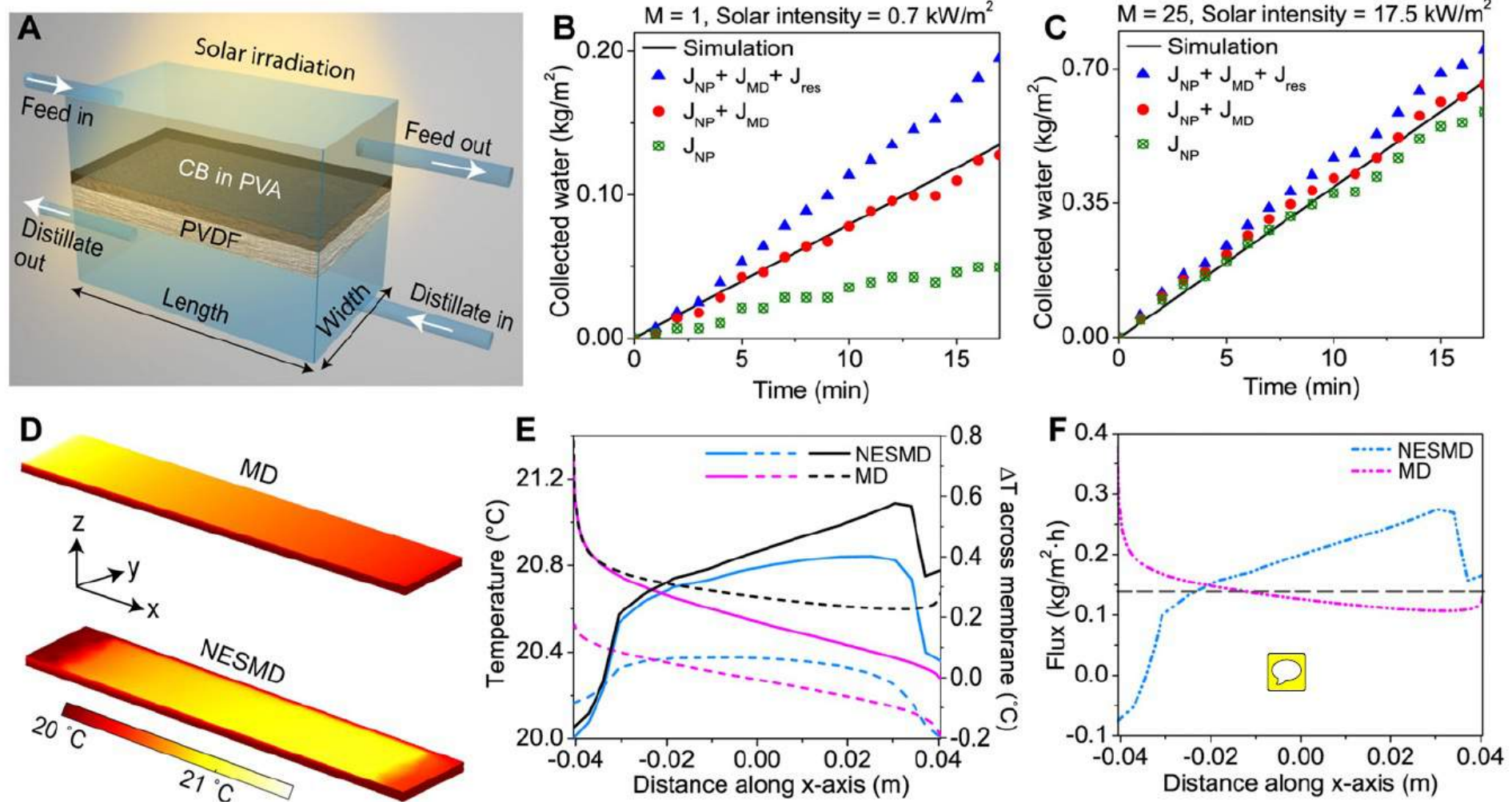


1. Overcome temperature polarization
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Photothermal membrane



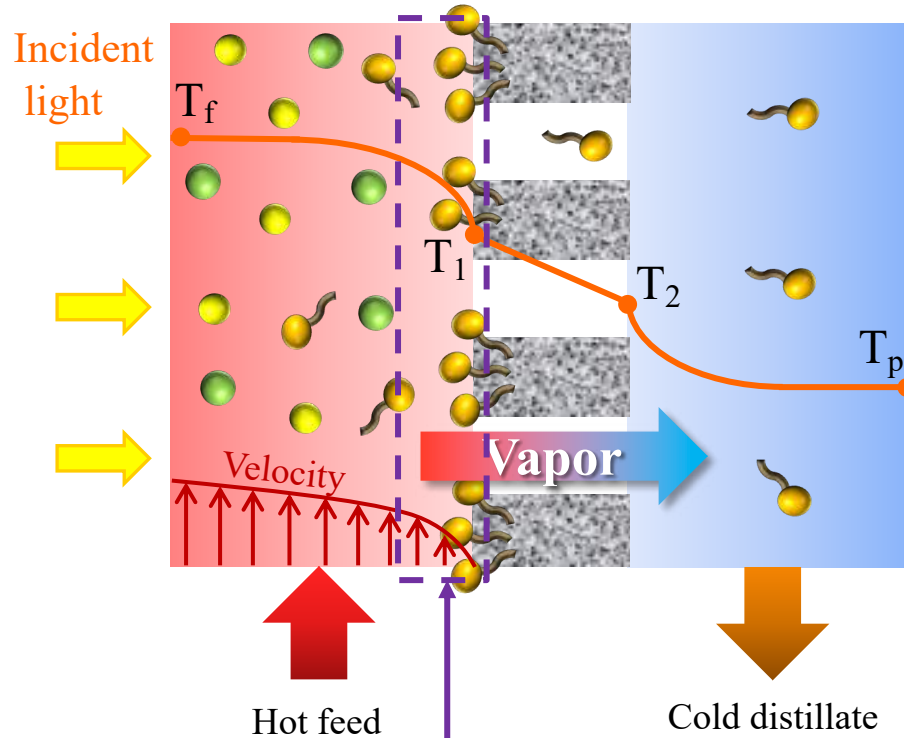
Prof Qilin Li group, Nanophotonics-enabled solar membrane distillation for off-grid water purification, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 114 (2017) 6936-6941.



Previous work: Overcome two major problems in MD



(a) Pristine hydrophobic membrane



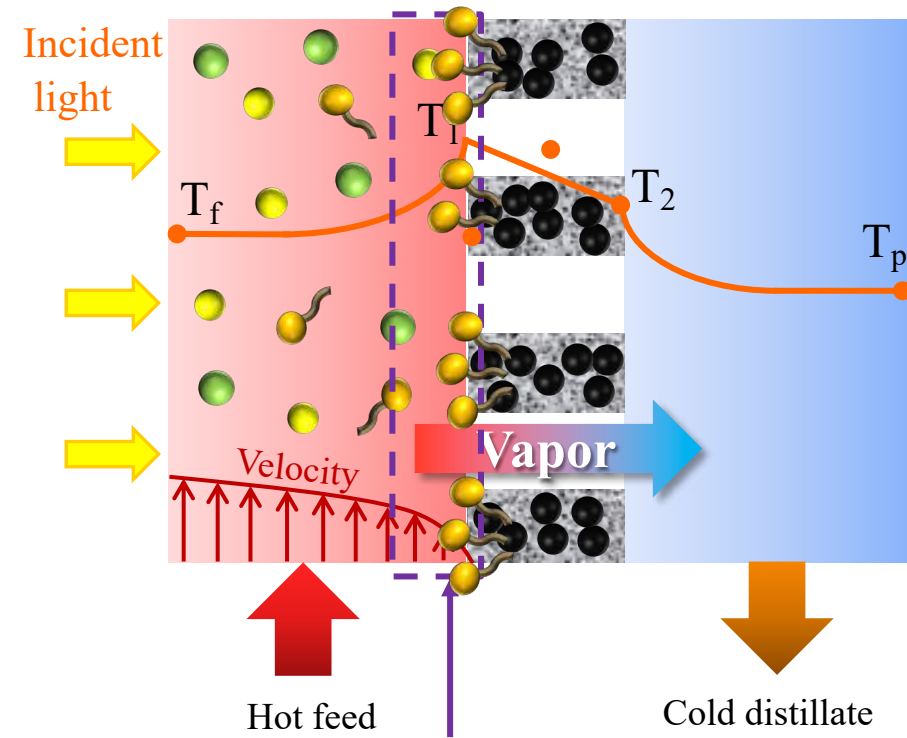
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2. Surfactant wetting membrane pore

3. Low energy efficiency (20~40 %)

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(b) Omniphobic and photothermal dual-functional membrane



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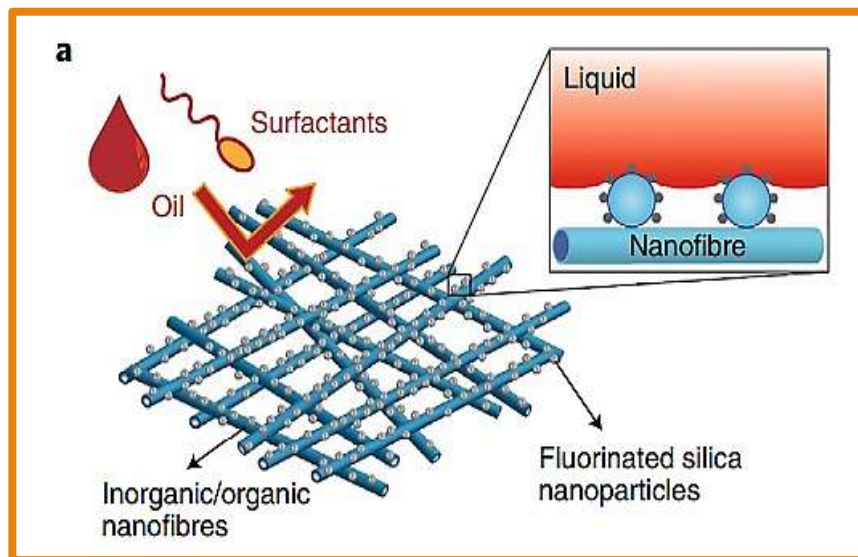
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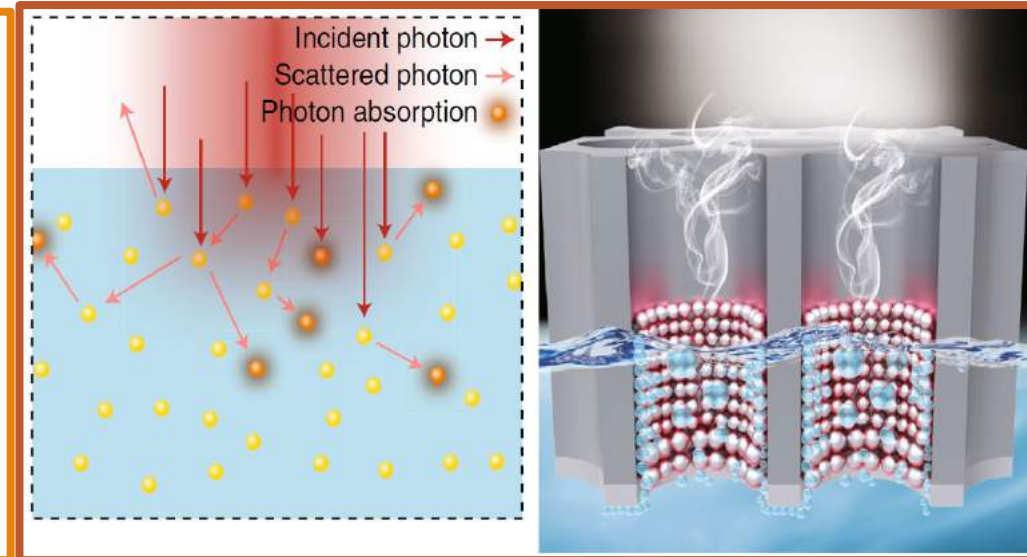
Emerging opportunities for nanotechnology to enhance water security

Pedro J. J. Alvarez^{1*}, Candace K. Chan², Menachem Elimelech³, Naomi J. Halas⁴ and Dino Villagrán⁵

(A) Omniphobic membrane



(B) Solar membrane distillation



The omniphobic and photothermal membrane are highlight in **nature nanotechnology** (Pedro et al., 2018, 13, 634-641)



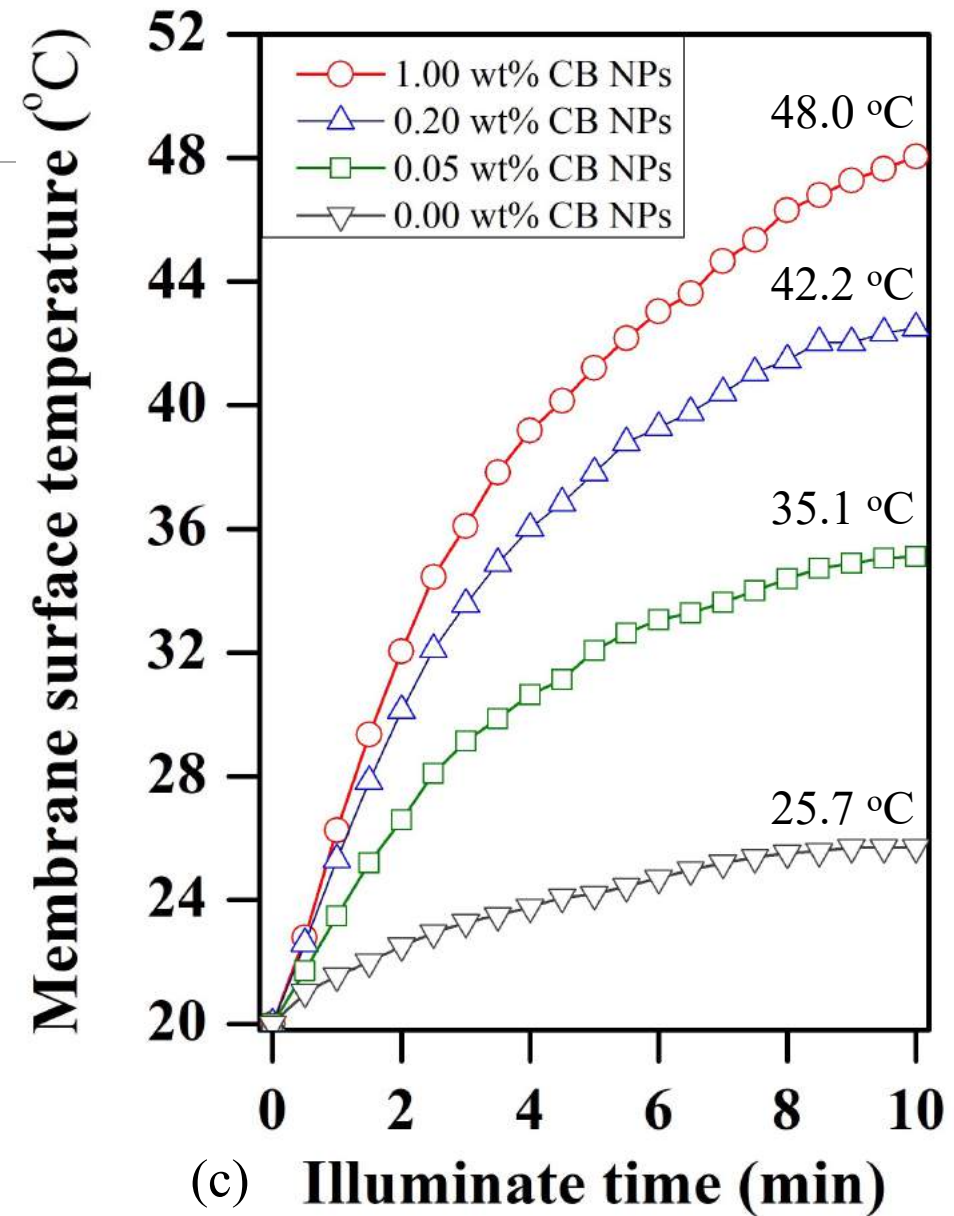
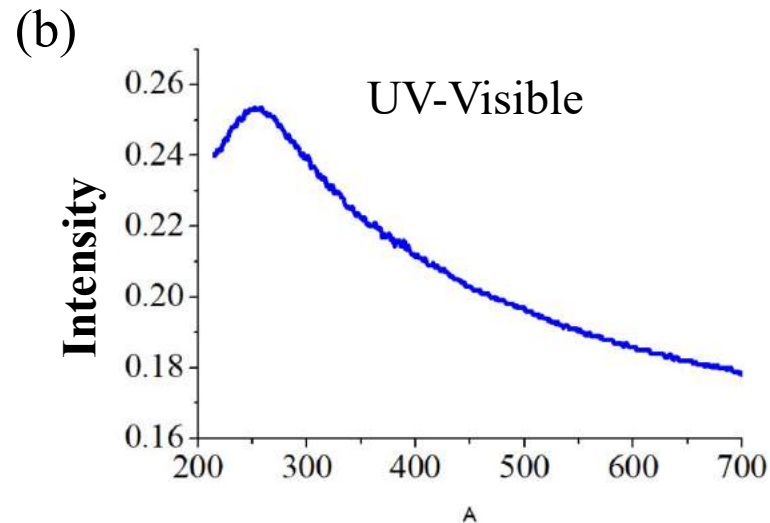
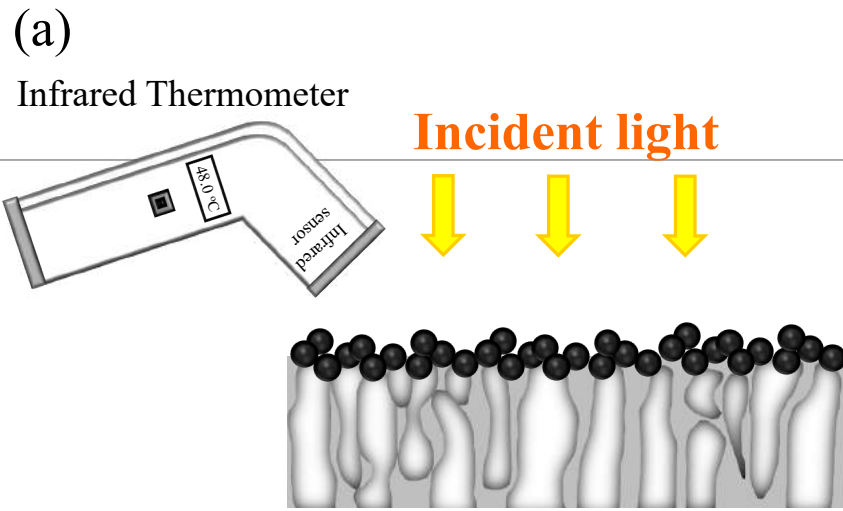


Figure (a) membrane surface temperature measured method, (b) CB NPs absorption spectrum by UV-Visible, and (c) membrane surface temperature increased by absorb sunlight (solar simulator intensity is 1000 kW/m^2).

Fig. 4
DSMD

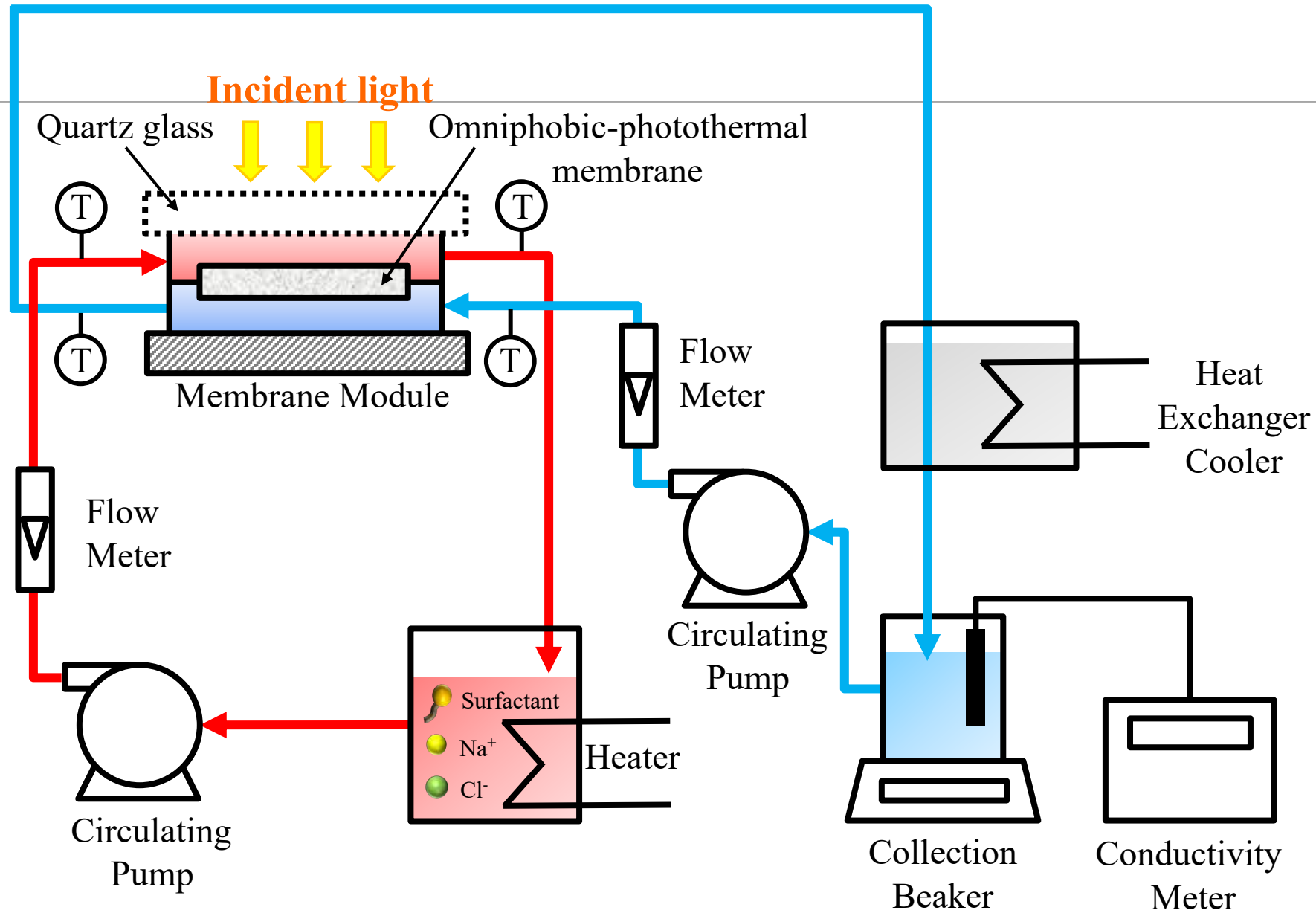


Figure Schematic diagram of the direct solar membrane distillation setup.

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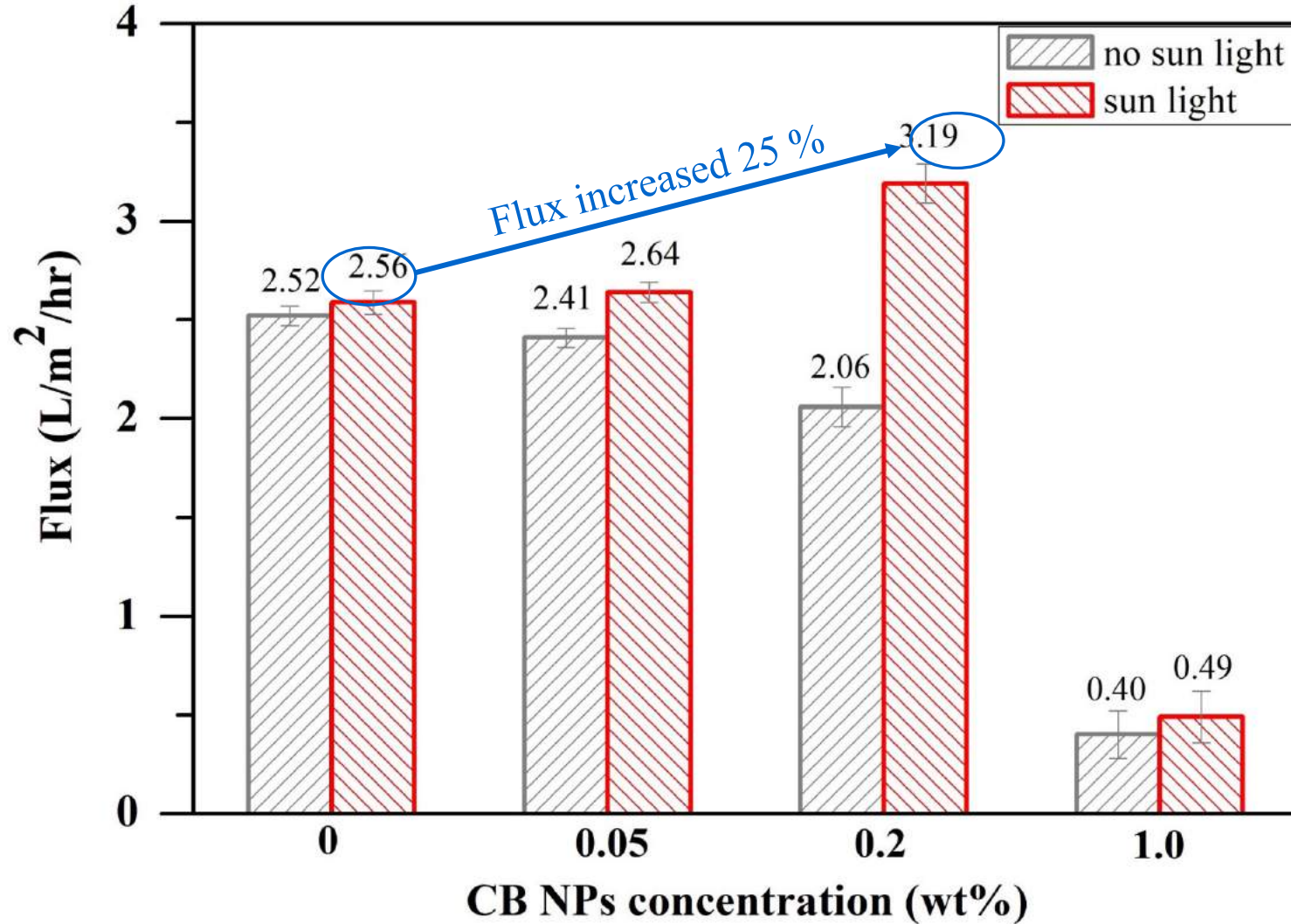


Figure Permeate flux for pristine hydrophobic membrane and dual-functional membranes with and without light irradiance. The solar simulator intensity is 1 sun unit (1000 W/m²).



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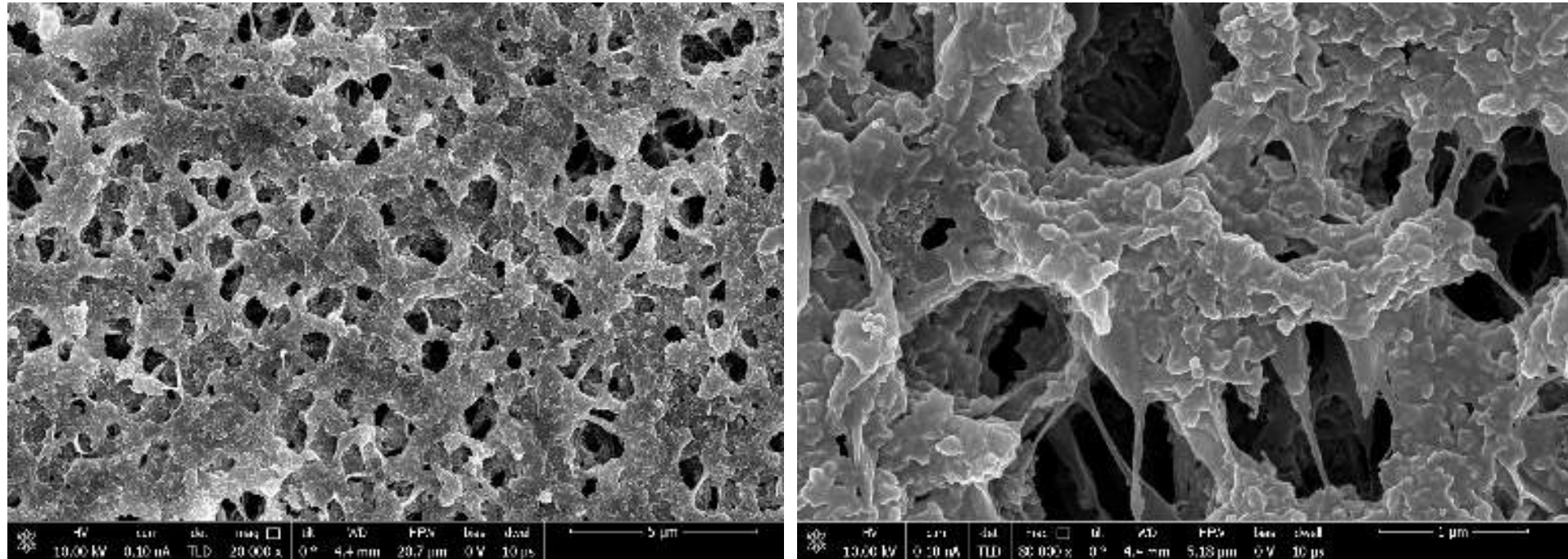


Figure SEM images of the outer surfaces of dual-functional membrane after DSMD test.

Capillary coating method

Polydopamine well connect substrate and carbon black nanoparticle



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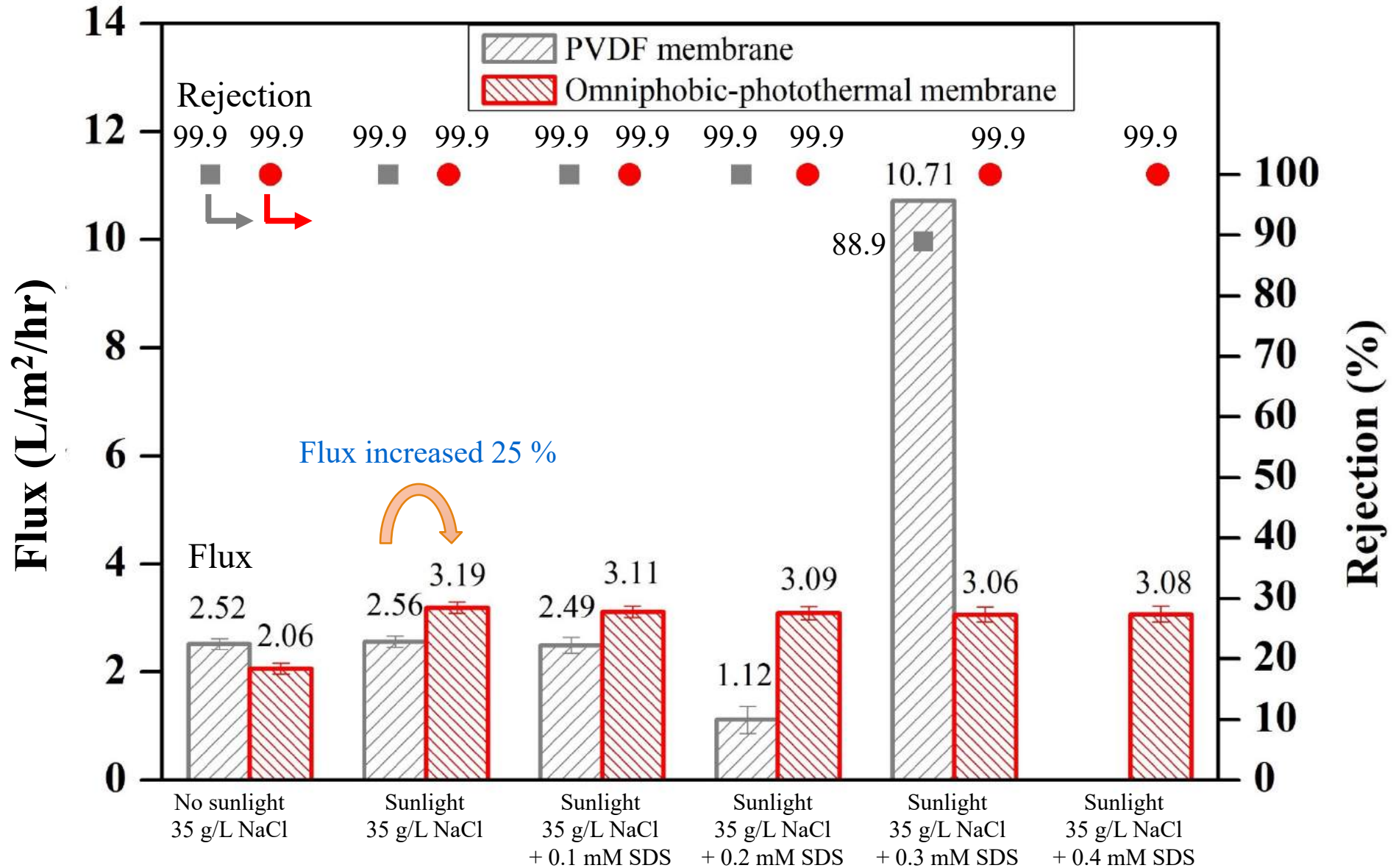
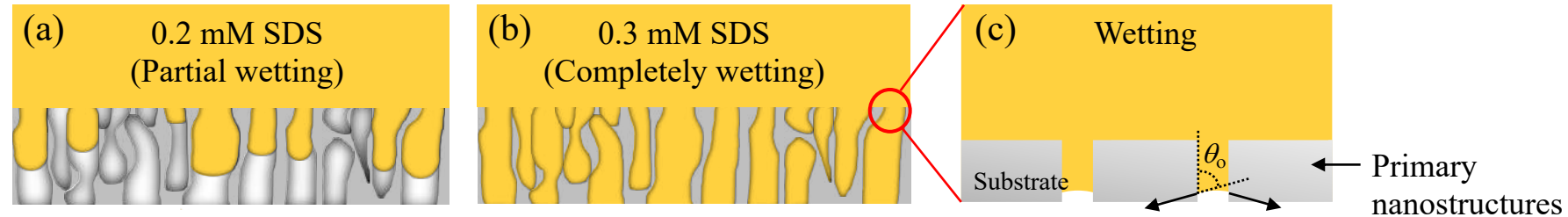


Figure Direct solar membrane distillation test with SDS surfactant for pristine membrane and dual-functional membrane with 0.2 wt% carbon black nanoparticles.



Schematic illustration of the liquid-air interfaces

Pristine membrane



Dual-functional membrane

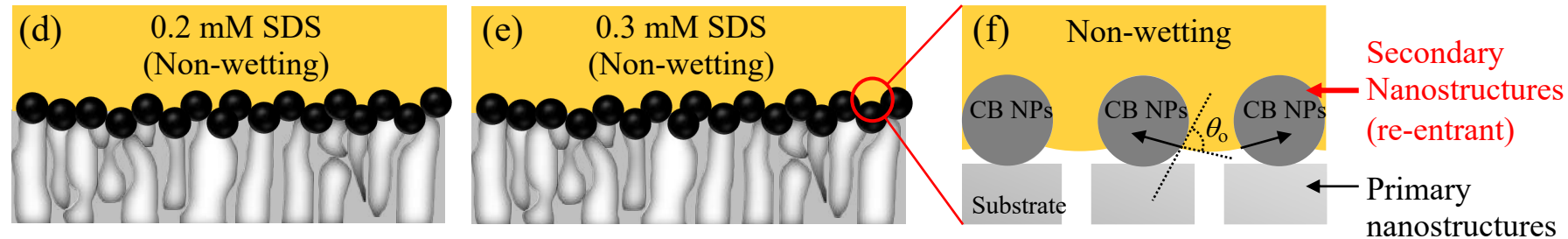
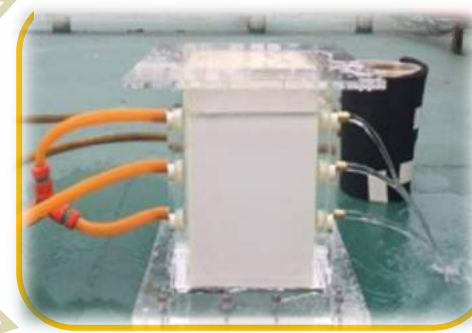
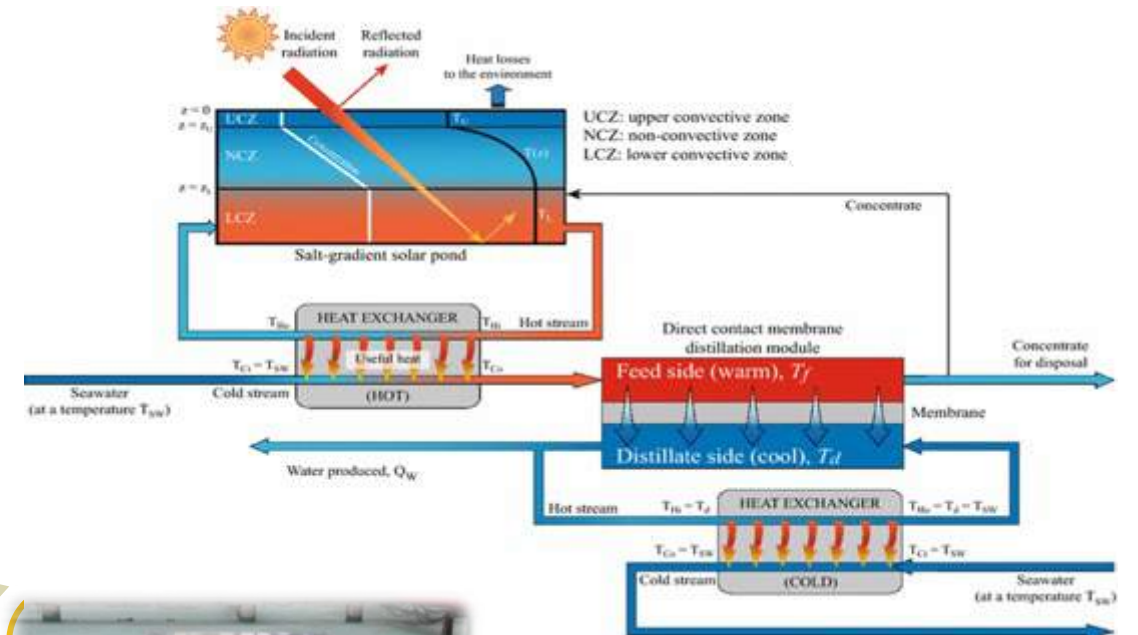
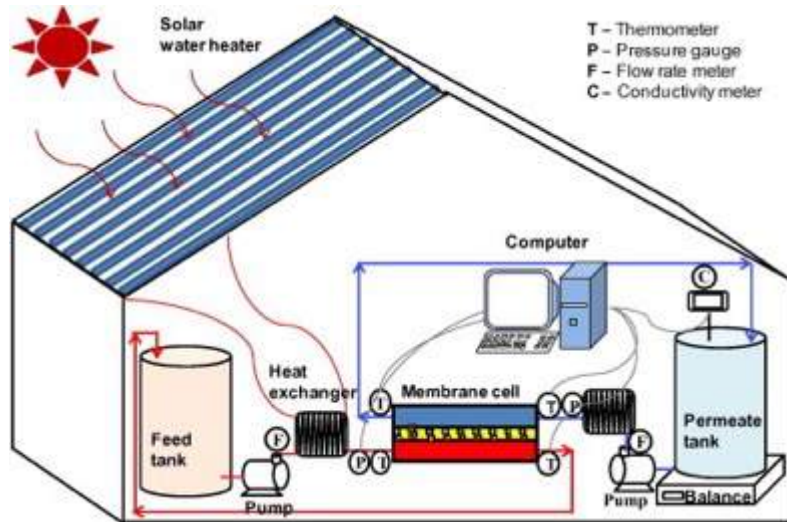


Figure Schematic illustration of the liquid-air interfaces for a low surface tension liquid. The intrinsic contact angles for the low surface tension liquid (θ_0) on the fluorinated surfaces.

Membrane distillation (MD)

utilize solar energy



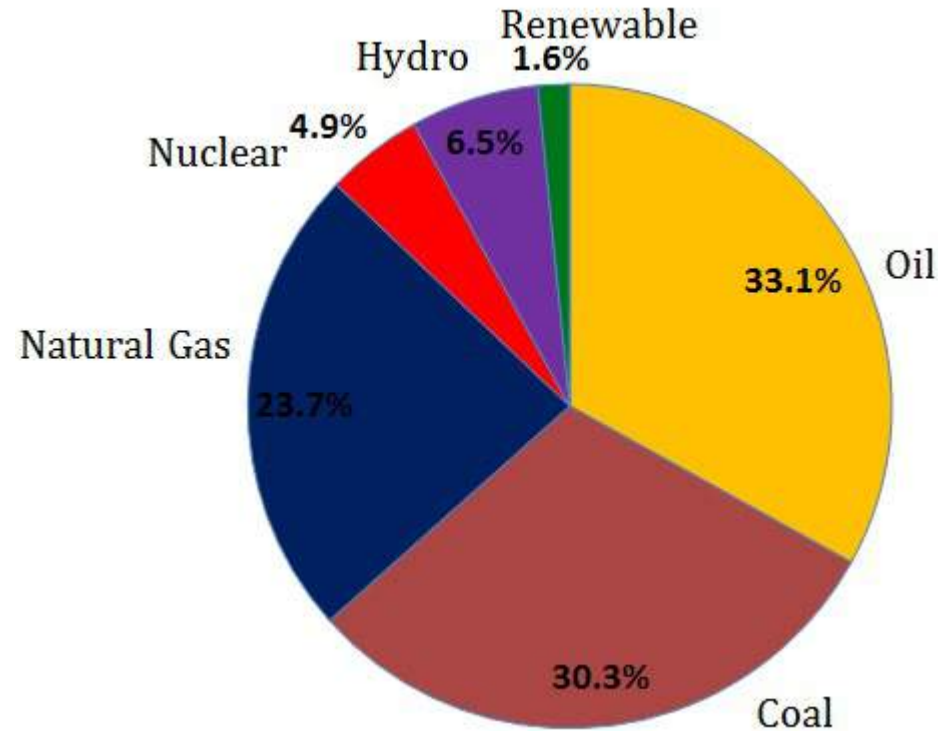
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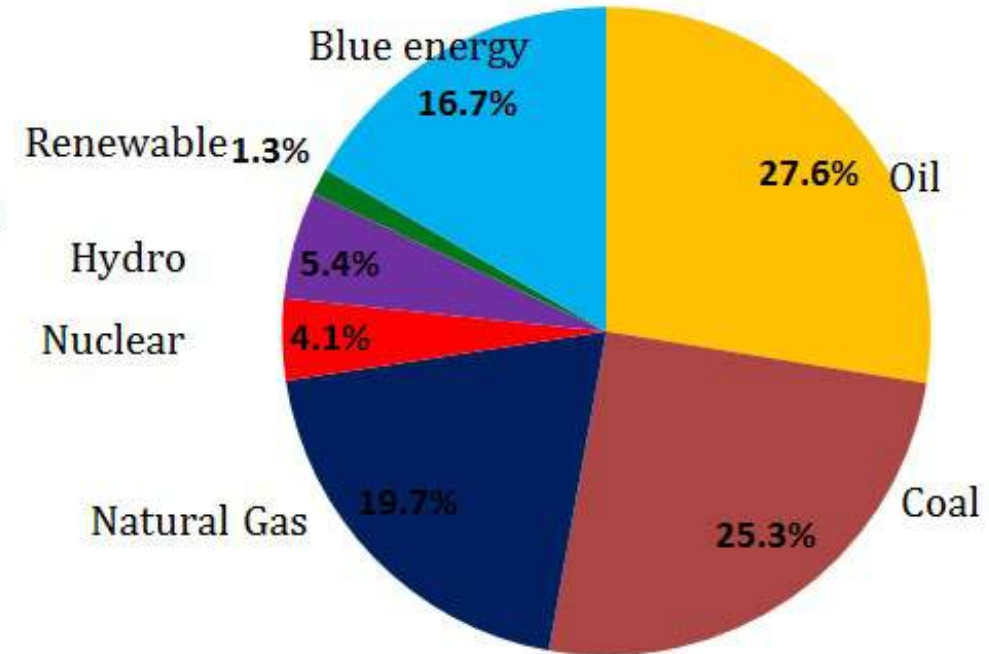
Blue energy and energy resources distribution



About 2 terawatt of blue energy is available globally from the river water falling into the sea.
Waste water discharged into the sea can generate additional 18GW of energy.



BP: Statistical review 2011



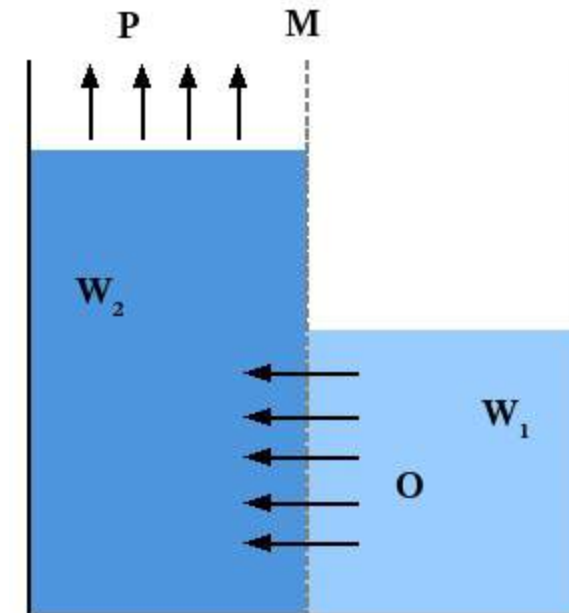
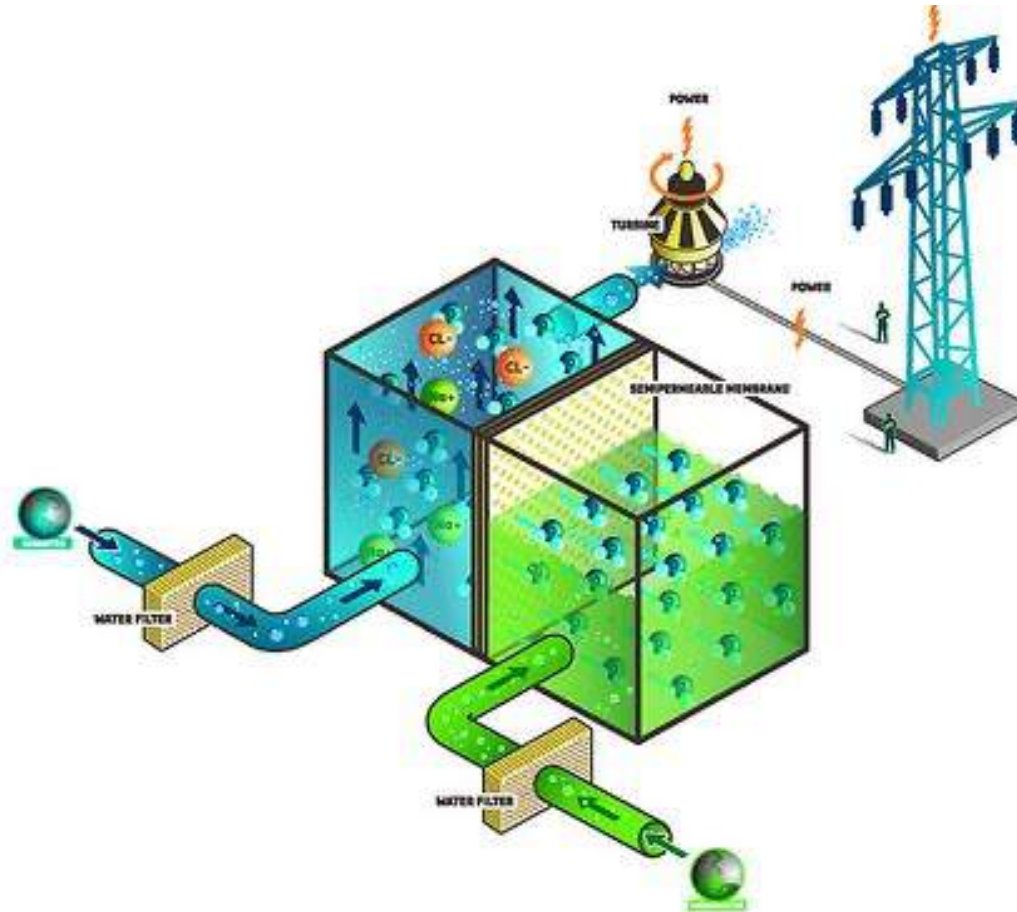
Recalculated

According to some optimistic estimations, 80% of the worlds power consumption can be generated from the salinity gradient. It can reduce 40% emission of green house gases.

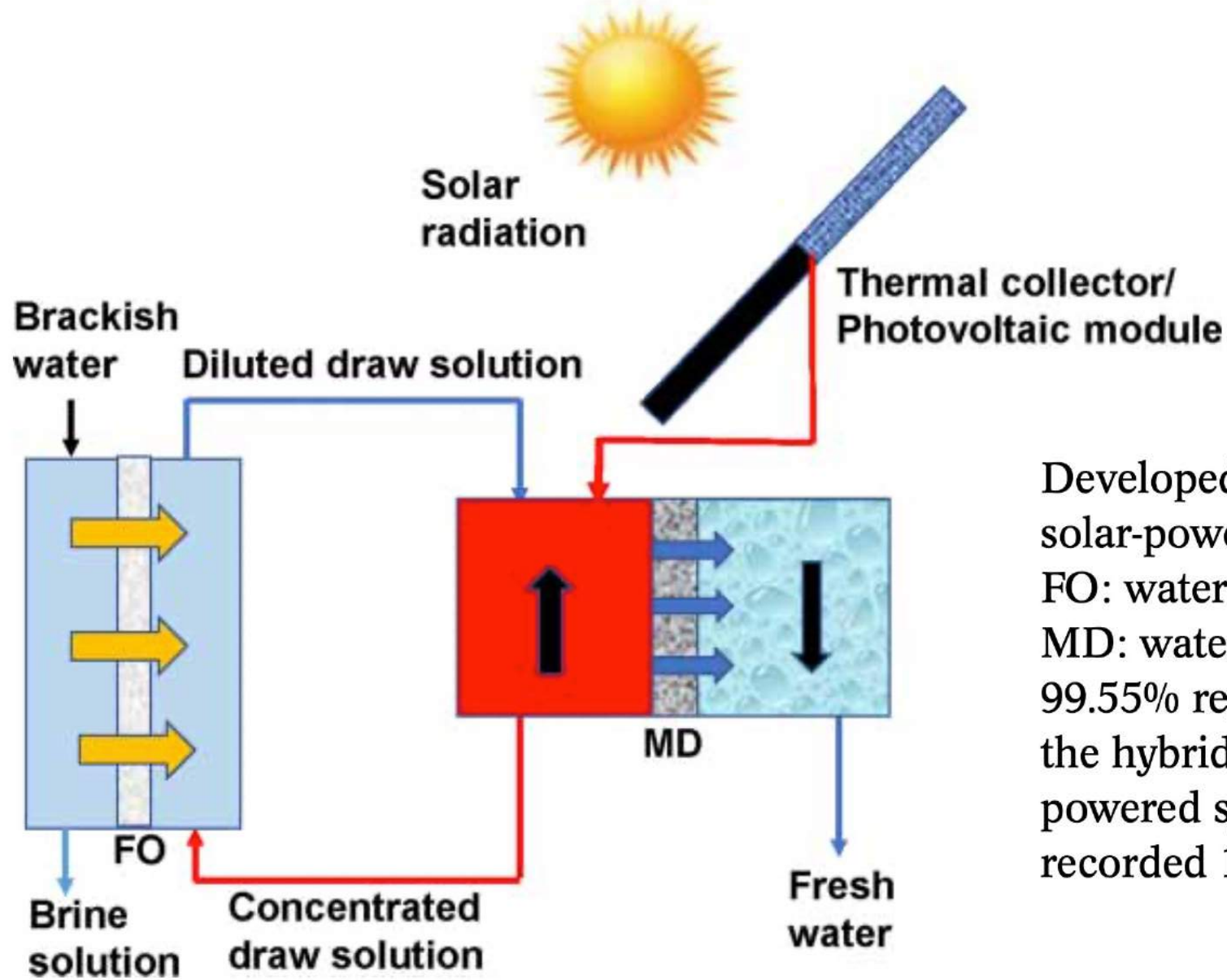
J.W. Post, PhD thesis, Wageningen University, Wageningen The Netherlands (2009)



Osmotic power



Statkraft is the world's leader in the development of osmotic power. Osmotic power is clean, renewable energy, with a global potential of 1600 to 1700 TWh – equal to China's total electricity consumption in 2002.



Developed an integrated forward osmosis-solar-powered membrane distillation system. FO: water recovery of 53.5%. MD: water flux of about 5.7 L/m² h and 99.55% rejection rate. Energy consumption of the hybrid system reduced by 67%. MD-solar-powered system energy consumption recorded 1.1 kWh

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Membrane-Assisted Crystallization Technology



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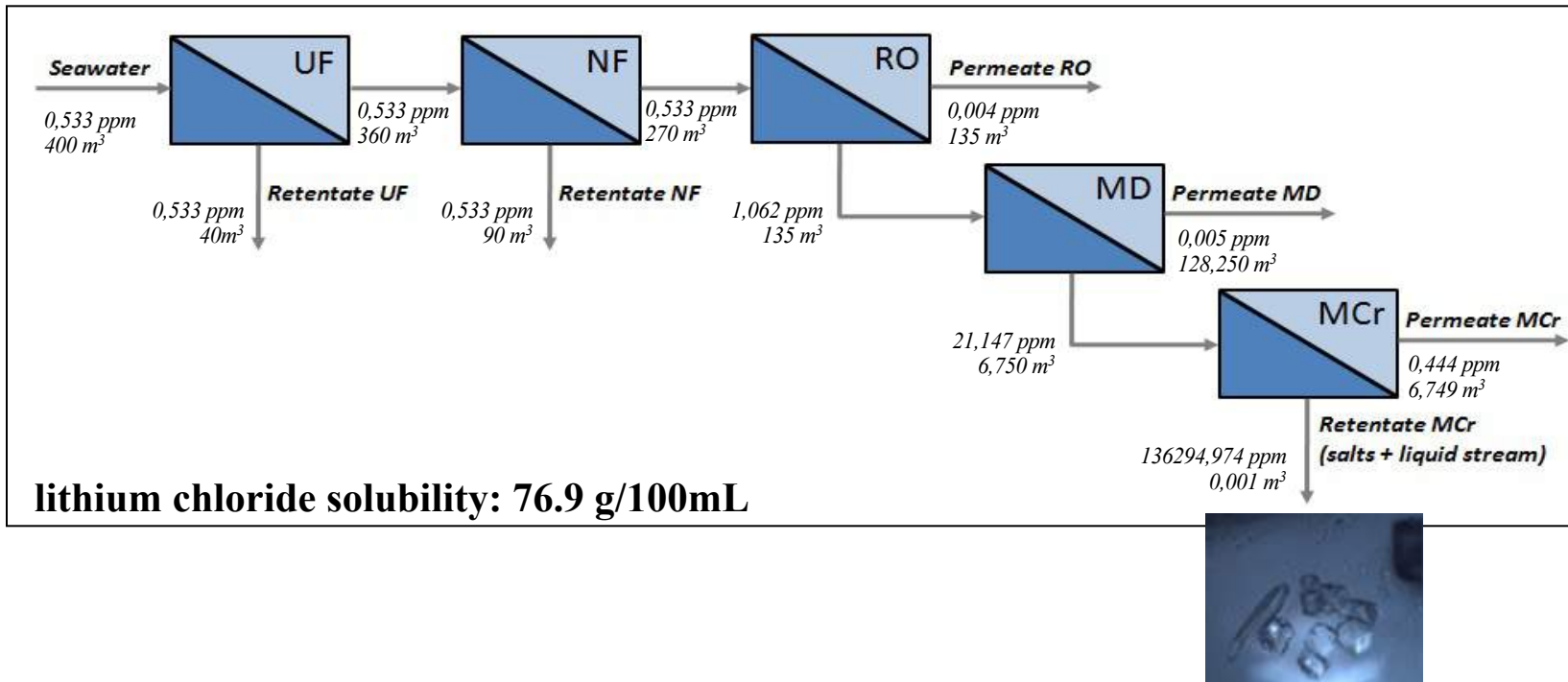


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Lithium crystallization

It is necessary to start from 400 m³ of seawater and to concentrate up to 1L of saturated solution to obtain the crystallization of lithium chloride.



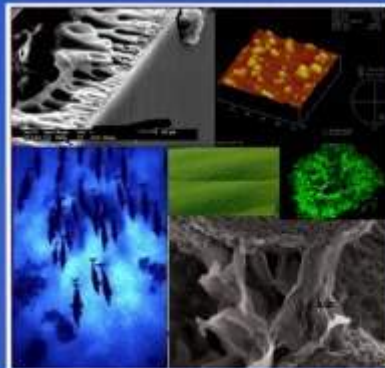
	Feed	PT (perm.)	NF (perm.)	RO (ret.)	MD (ret.)	MCr (ret.)
Recovery (%)	-	90	75	50	95	99.98
Rejection (%)	-	0	0	99.25	99.54	97.90
Volume (m ³)	400	360	270	135	6.75	0.001
Concentration (ppm)	0.533	0.533	0.533	1.062	21.147	136295
Concentration factor (-)	-	0	0	2	20	6445



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Membrane fouling and subsequent flux decline are undesirable but inevitable problems in membrane filtration processes for water treatment. To deal with these formidable obstacles, numerous methods have been adopted by experts in the discipline of water treatment membrane processes. For example, development of low fouling membranes, design of high efficiency water treatment systems, development of optimal operational strategies, and several improvements in membrane cleaning and backwashing techniques. However, the gradual decline in membrane performance over time is still the major obstacle to the competitiveness of the process. The development of early warning techniques is crucial to the improvement of membrane filtration processes. The development of fouling prediction models, membrane cleaning or process optimization, and the development of standards.

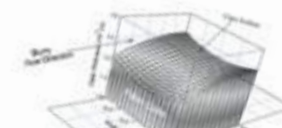


Figure 3 Three-dimensional color channels distribution curves: PHMMA (0.5 wt %).

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Approx. 20% can be determined from the following equation:

where c is the velocity of the ultrasonic wave in the medium. The denser the leading layer is, the better the reflection is, as well as the larger the amplitude will be detected. The detection of the interface where allows leading to be monitored in real time.

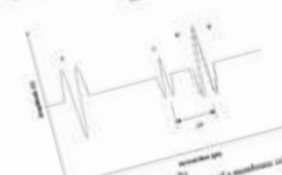
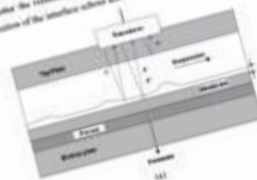


Figure 8 (a), a schematic diagram of a cross-section of a monolithic cell with a floating layer; (b) corresponding two-dimensional equivalent [24].

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Monitoring Technique for Water Treatment Membrane Processes

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15.1 Introduction

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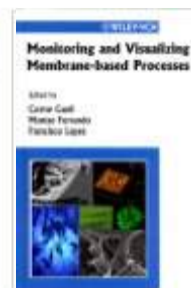


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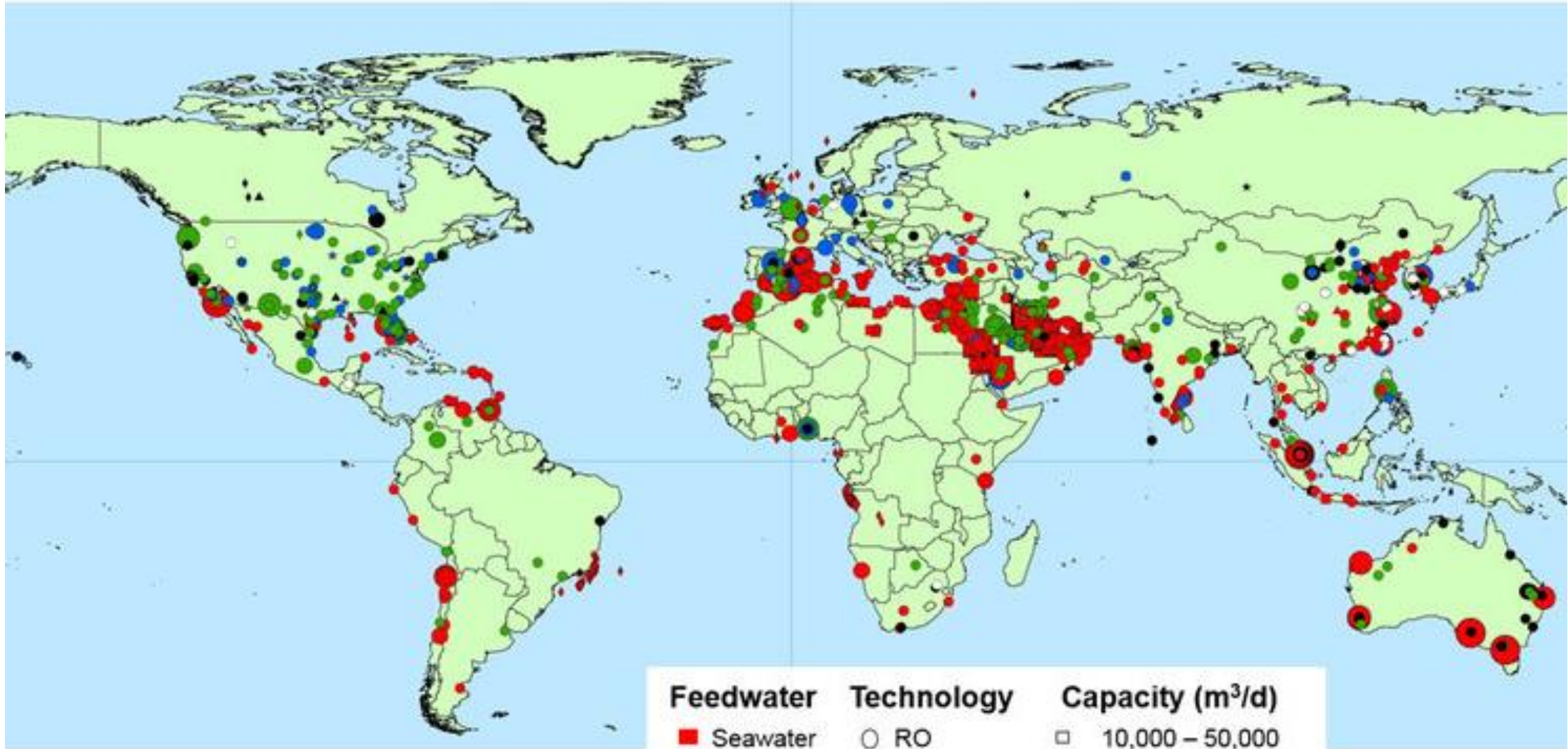
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CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

- Unconventional water resources, such as desalinated water, are key to support SDG 6 achievement.
- Currently, desalinated water production is 95.37 million m³/day.
- With growing water scarcity, desalination of various water source is one of the viable options to fulfill the water supply-demand gap.



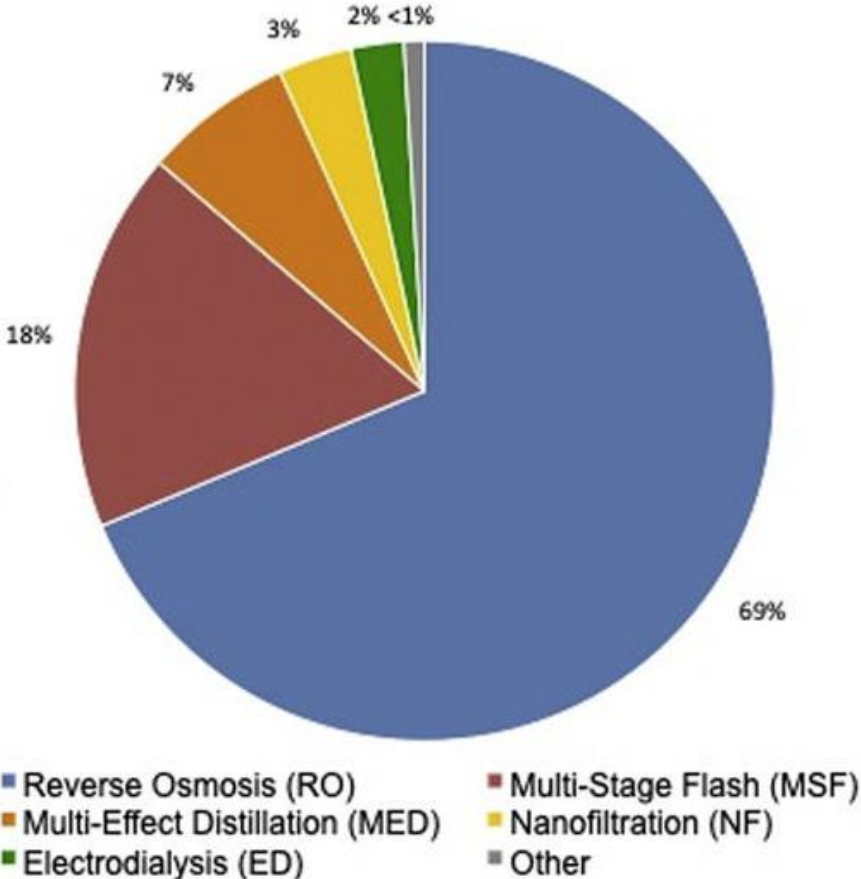
Global Distribution of Large Desalination Plants



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Operational Desalination Facilities by Technology and Feed Water Type

- Membrane technology (RO) and thermal technology (i.e., MSF & MED) are the two main desalination methods.
- Energy consumption and brine production are key barriers to desalination expansion.



Recovery ratio of different feed water-technology combinations producing desalinated water

Feedwater type	Technology							
	RO	MSF	MED	NF	ED	EDI	EDR	Other
Seawater (SW)	0.42	0.22	0.25	0.69	0.86	0.90		0.40
Brackish (BW)	0.65	0.33	0.34	0.83	0.90	0.97	0.90	0.60
River (RW)	0.81		0.35	0.86	0.90	0.97	0.96	0.60
Pure (PW) ^a	0.86	0.35		0.89	0.90	0.97	0.96	0.60
Brine (BR)	0.19	0.09	0.12		0.85			0.40
Wastewater (WW) ^b	0.65	0.33	0.34	0.83	0.90	0.97		0.60

Based on data from: Ahmed et al. (2001), Allison (1993), Almulla et al. (2003)

Average recovery ratio:

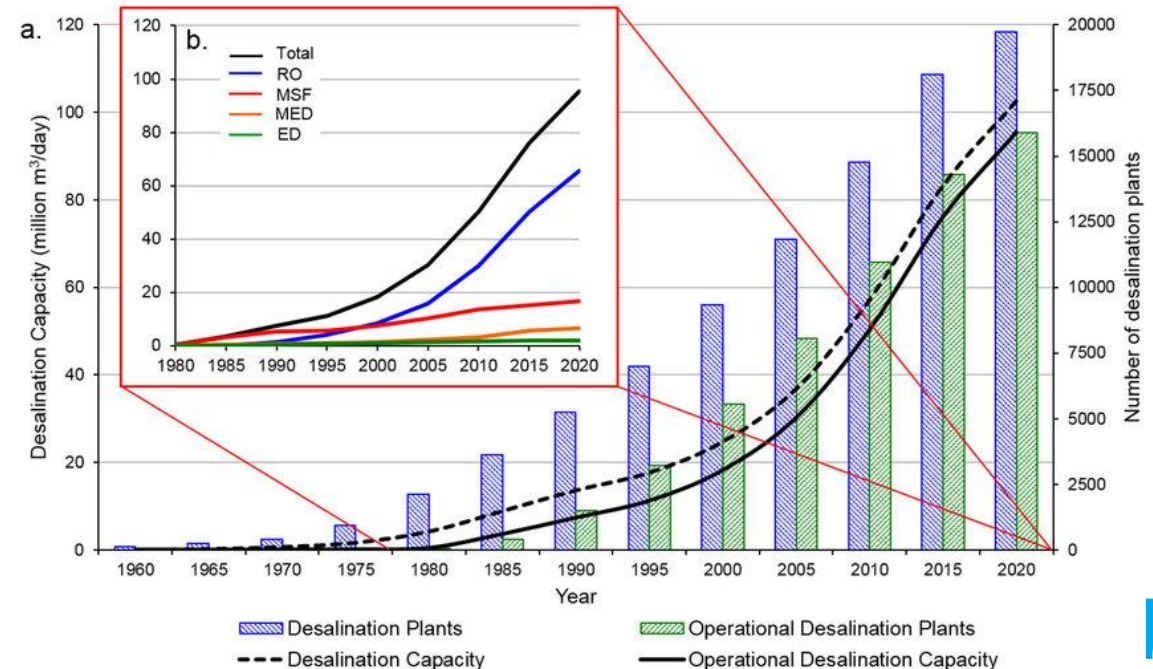
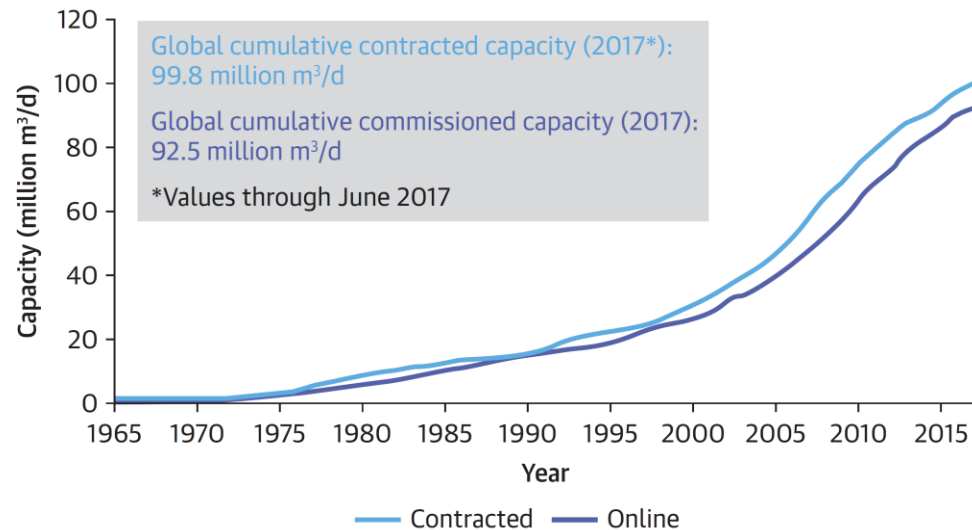
Electrodialysis (ED, EDR) > Membrane (RO, NF) > Thermal (MSF, MED)

Can be optimized by systematic design

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Current Status of Desalination Technology

Category	Membrane					Thermal				Adsorption	
Technology	Reverse Osmosis (RO)	Forward Osmosis (FO)	Membrane Distillation (MD)	Electro-Dialysis (ED)	Nano-filtration (NF)	Multi-Stage Flash (MSF)	Multi-effect Distillation (MED)	Vapor Compression (VC)	Adsorption/Desorption Desalination (AD)	Capacitive Deionization (CDI)	Ion Exchange (IE)
technological readiness level	9	5	6	8-9	8-9	9	9	9	5	4	9
Capital cost	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium-high	High	Medium
Operating cost	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High	Medium	Low	Medium	High
Full scale applications	+++	+	+	++	++	+++	+++	++	-	-	+



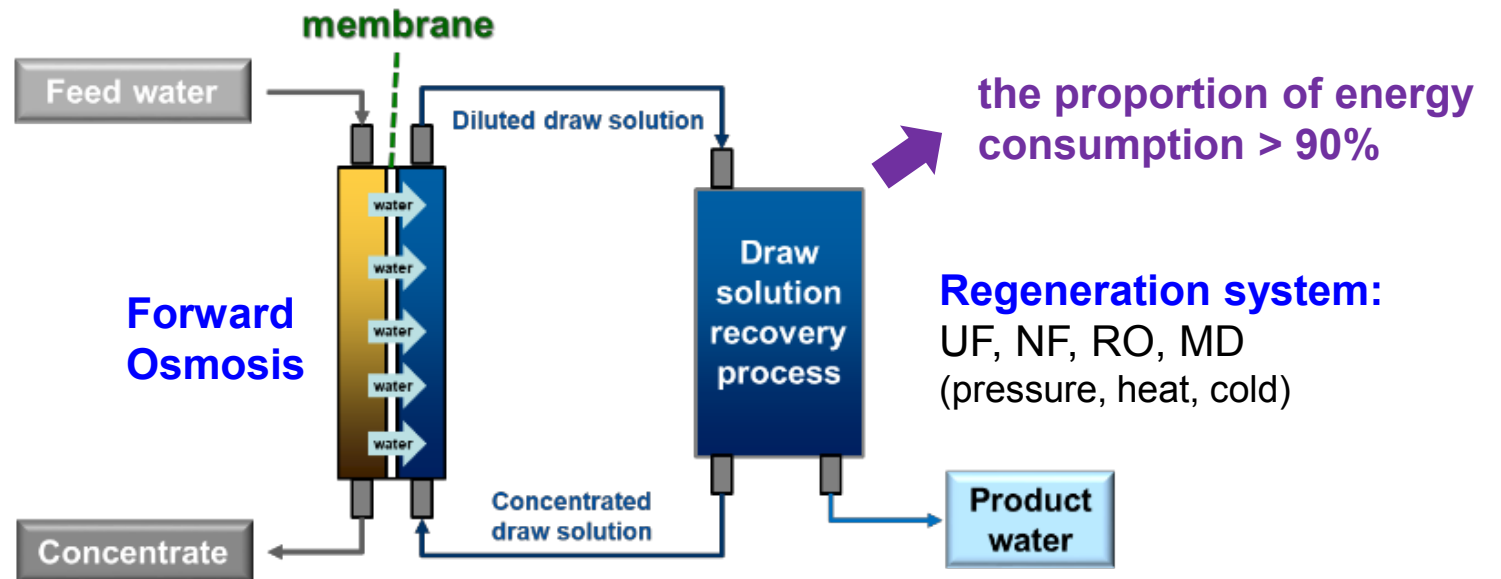
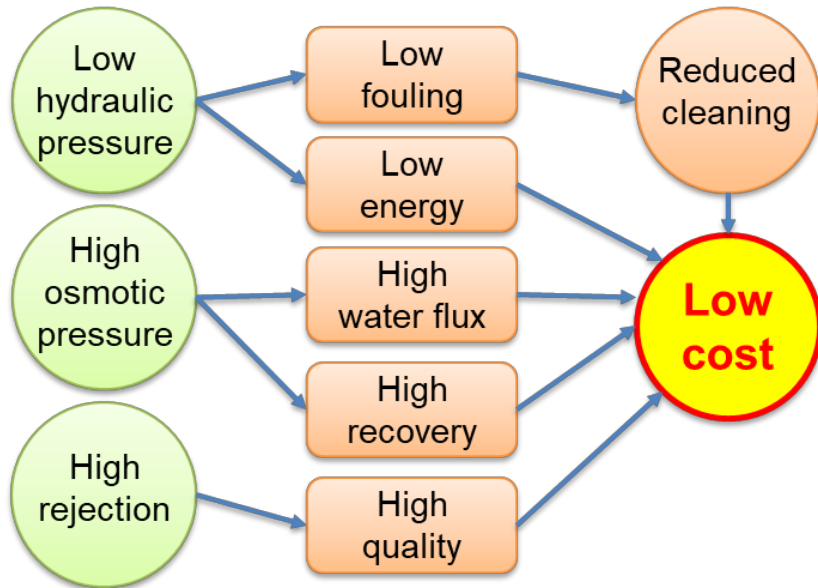
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Forward Osmosis (FO)

➤ Key barriers/needs for FO:

- **FO membrane** with high permeate flux, low concentration polarization, low reverse solute flux and low fouling potential
- **Recyclable draw solution** with low energy consumption for recovery (**the proportion of consumption in FO process for draw solution separation: > 90%**)

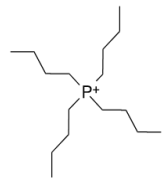
The potential benefits of FO



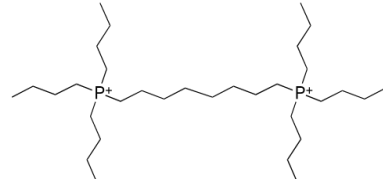
Thermal Responsive Draw Solute

- The LCST type mono-cationic and di-cationic phosphonium-based IL draw solutes with several anions, including p-toluenesulfonate (TSO), hydrogen maleate (Mal), and trimethylbenzenesulfonate (TMBS) were developed in ITRI.

(a) cations

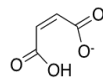


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([P₄₄₄₄]⁺, P1)

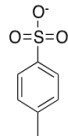


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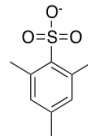
(b) anions



hydrogen maleate ([Mal]⁻)

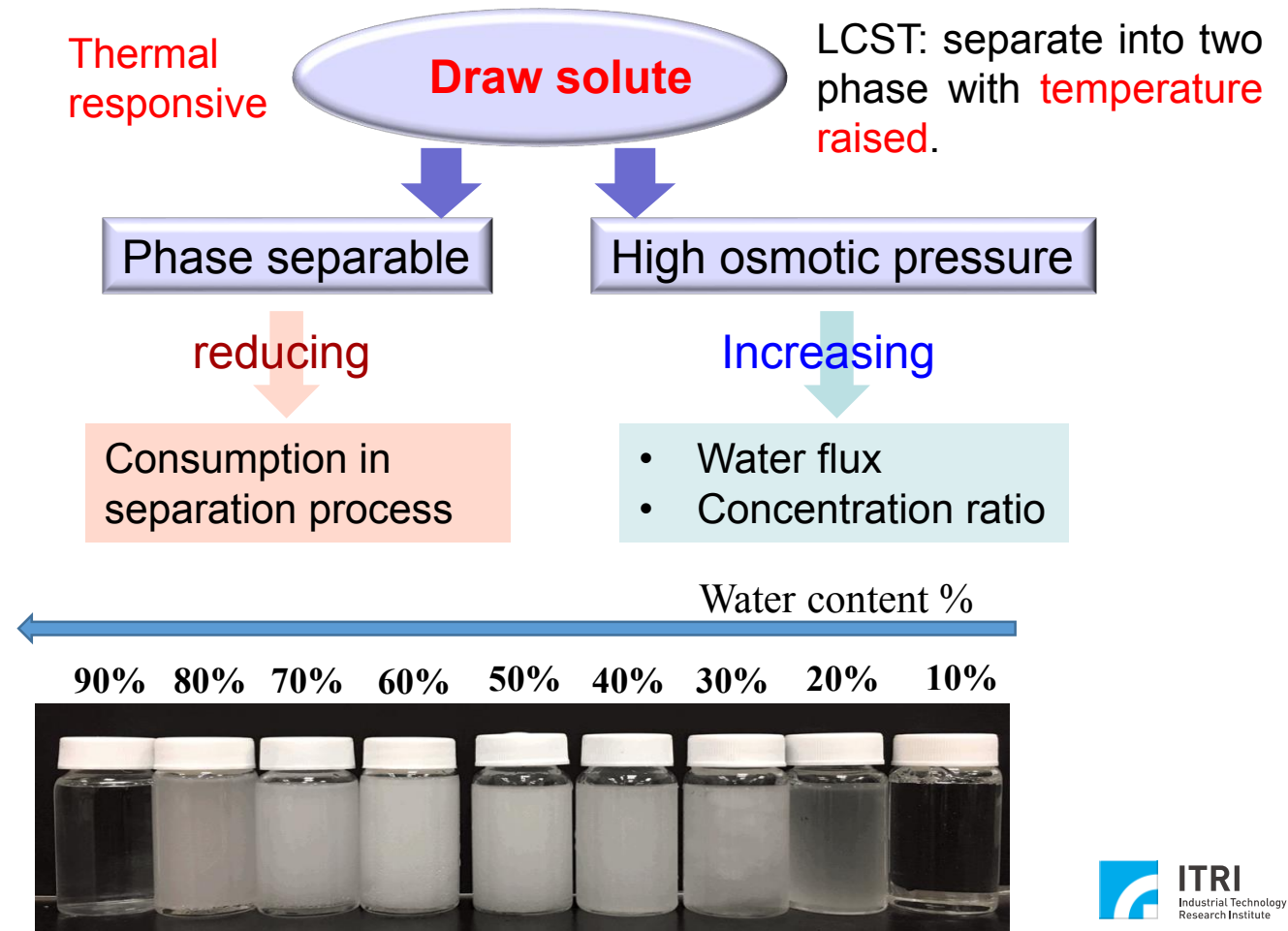


p-toluenesulfonate ([TSO]⁻)



2,4,6-trimethyl-benzenesulfonate
([TMBS]⁻)

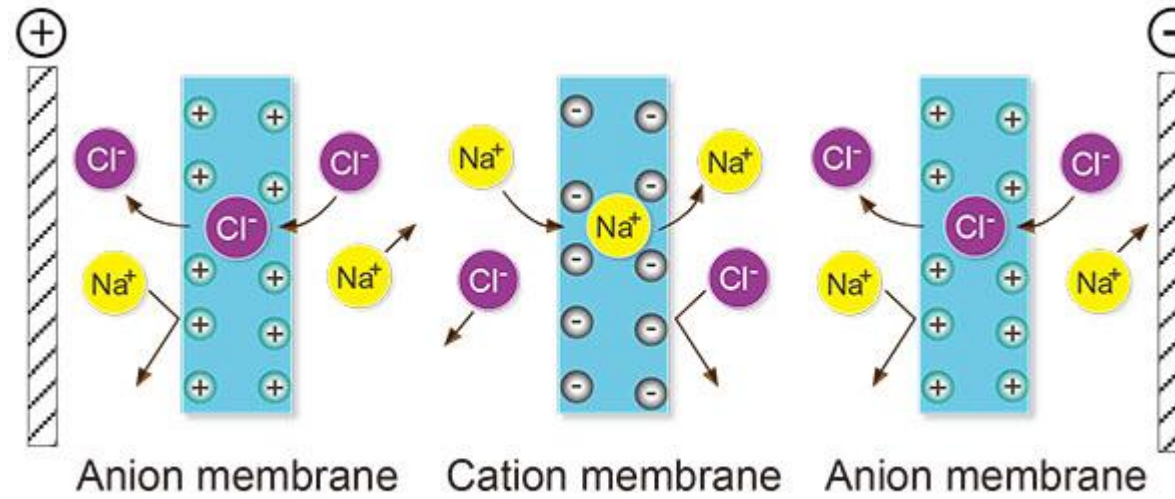
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ED/EDR technology

Electrodialysis (ED)

removes ions from water and wastewater using a **direct electric charge** to drive the ions in anion or cation exchange membranes. The **cations migrate to cathodes** and **anion migrate to anodes**.



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Electro-Dialysis Reversal (EDR)

reverses the polarity of electrodes periodically to improve anti-scaling and anti-fouling property, and also extends the life of ion exchange membranes.

Ion-exchange Membrane from ITRI

Low Membrane Resistance

- Membrane resistance:
CEM < 10 $\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ / AEM < 5 $\Omega\text{-cm}^2$
- Swelling ratio: $\leq 1\%$
- Burst strength: $\geq 5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$
- pH tolerance: 2~12
- Permselectivity: 90%
- Dimension: 40 cm (W) x 80 cm (L)

High Chemical Tolerance

- Membrane resistance:
CEM < 20 $\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ / AEM < 20 $\Omega\text{-cm}^2$
- Swelling ratio: $\leq 1\%$
- Burst strength: $\geq 5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$
- **pH tolerance: 1~13**
- Permselectivity: 90%
- Dimension: 50 cm (W) x 100 cm (L)



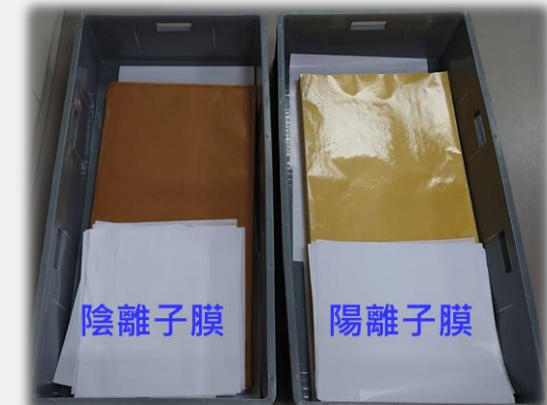
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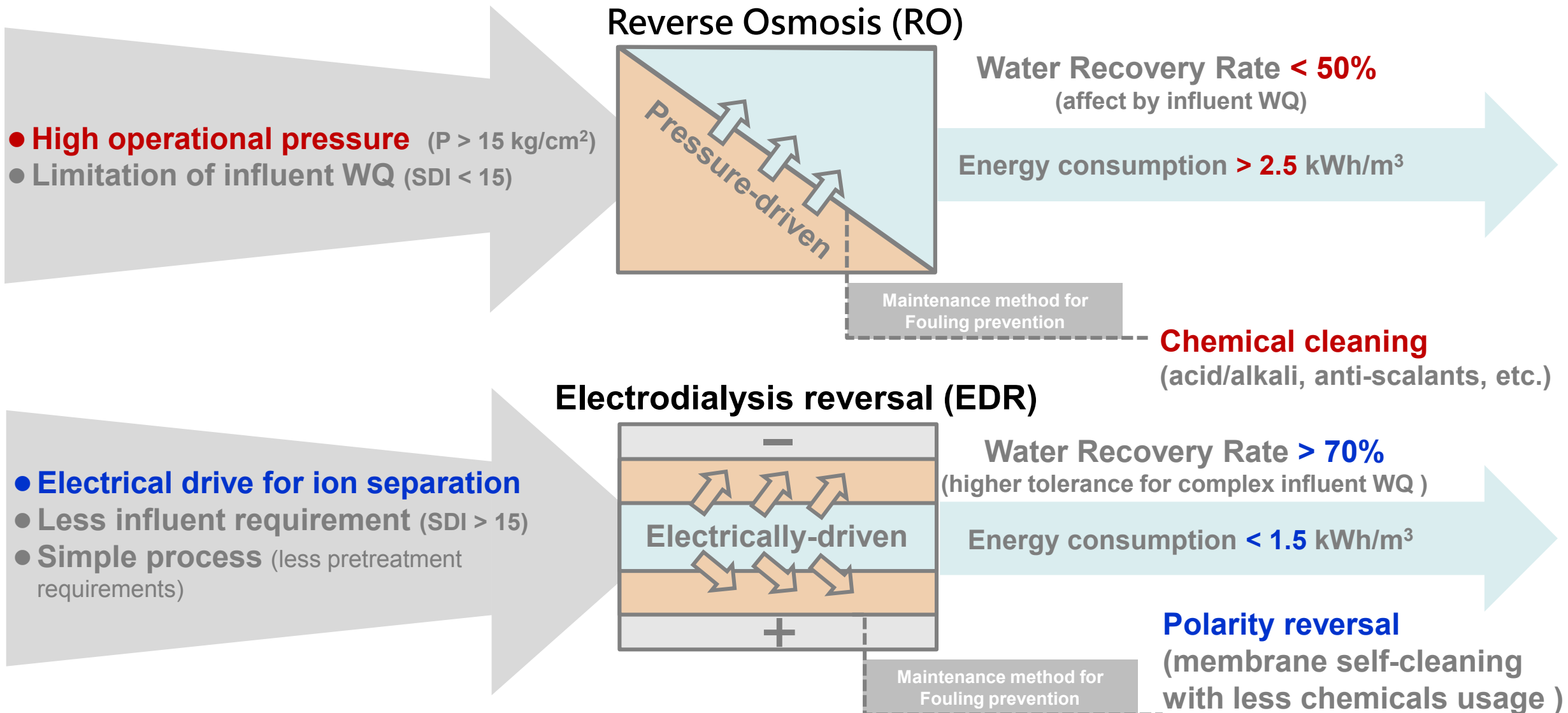
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10 Kg/batch

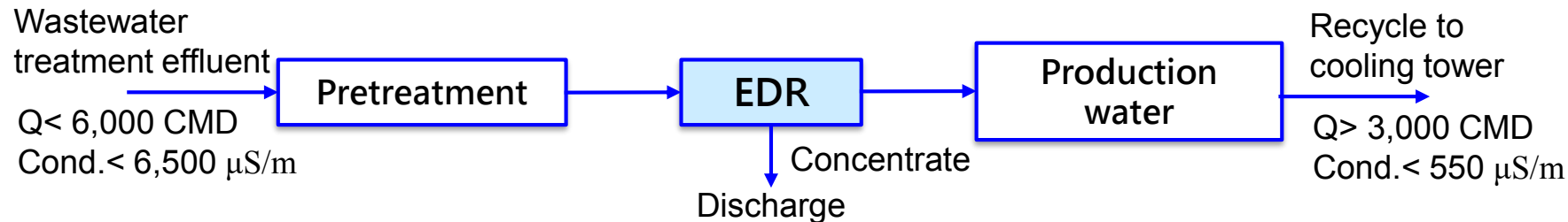


Comparison of Desalination Technology (EDR v.s. RO)



Industrial Wastewater Reclamation for Petrochemical Plant

- Wastewater treatment effluent contains high concentration of Ca^{+2} and SO_4^{-2} with high scaling potential.
- EDR is used as the major desalination unit for wastewater reclamation and the treated water is recycled as cooling tower make up.
- The wastewater reclamation plant is completed at 2020 with a daily production of 3,000 m³ of reclaim water.



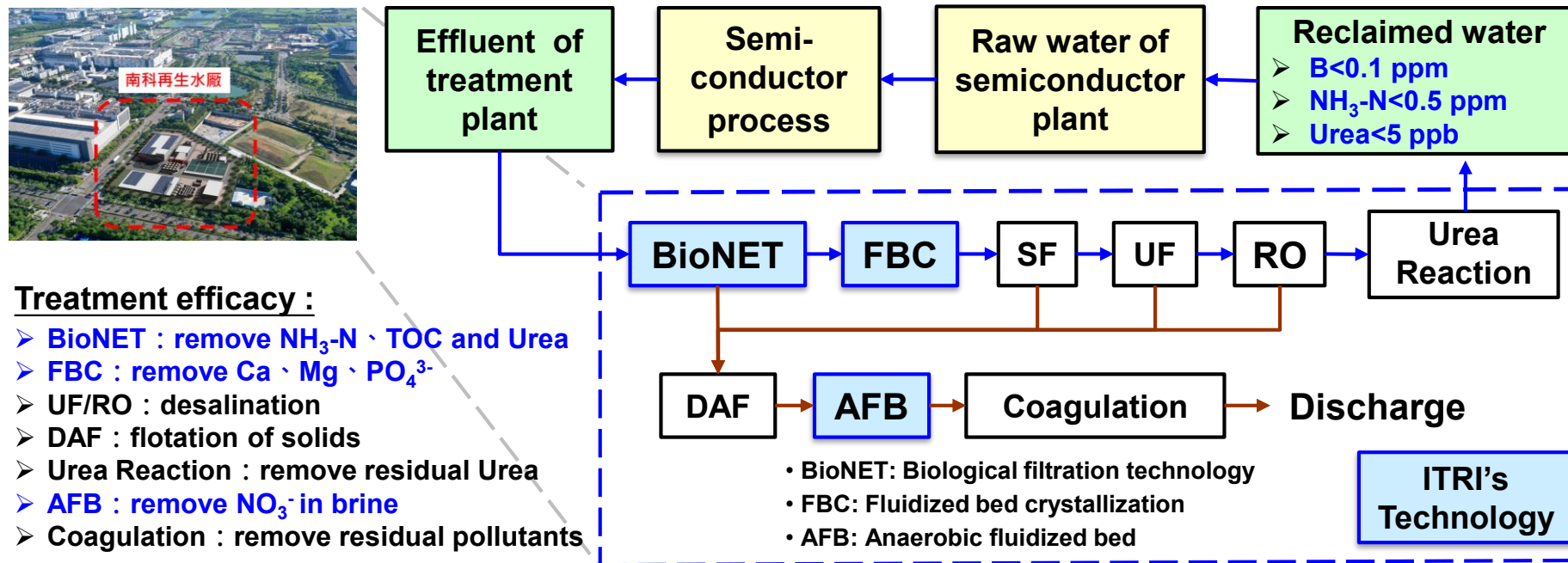
EDR wastewater reclamation plant



EDR system for wastewater reclamation

Industrial Wastewater Reclamation for Semiconductor Manufacturing

- Pretreatment and post-treatment are key factors for successful wastewater reclamation from industrial effluent.
- Integration of physical, biological and desalination technologies to achieve high quality requirement of reclaimed water applying to semiconductor manufacturing.
- The wastewater reclamation plant is expected to be completed at the end of 2021 with a daily production of 20,000 m³ of reclaimed water.



ED Hybrid System for Seawater Desalination

Traditional Desalination: SWRO

Problem Issue

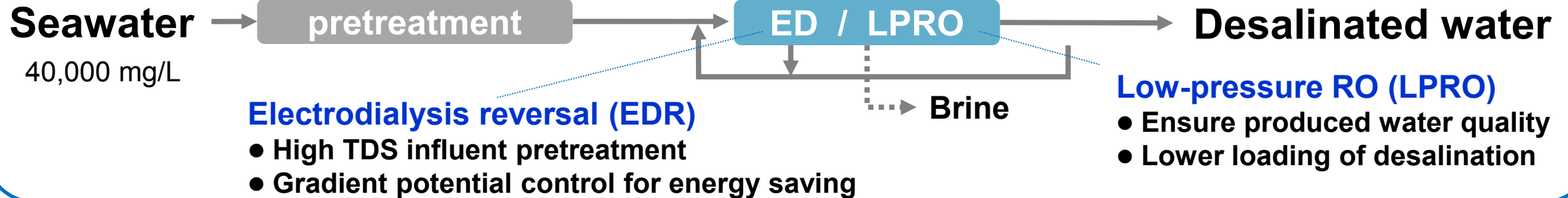
- High-pressure operation (50~80 kg/cm²) cause high energy consumption/carbon emission



Low-Carbon Desalination: ED/LPRO

Features

- Tolerance in various influent water quality



	SWRO	ED/LPRO	REMARKS
CapEX (NTD/CMD)	50,000 - 60,000	30,000 - 40,000	Expense of desalination unit
OpEX (NTD/m ³)	30 - 65	25 - 30	Including EC, chemicals, manpower, etc.
EC (kwh/m ³)	3.5 - 4.5	2.0 - 2.5	Based on TDS of produced water < 400 mg/L

Brine Management Is Critical for Desalination

Brine produced from seawater desalination and wastewater reclamation have huge environmental impact on receiving water body.

Current state of desalination and brine production:

- 15,906 operational desalination plants
- Desalinated water production: 95.4 million m³/day
- Brine production: 141.5 million m³/day



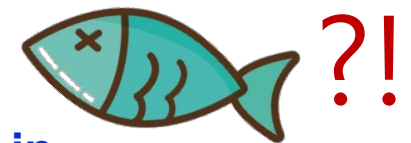
Desalination
Plant

Brine

Desalted Water

Adverse effect to the environment

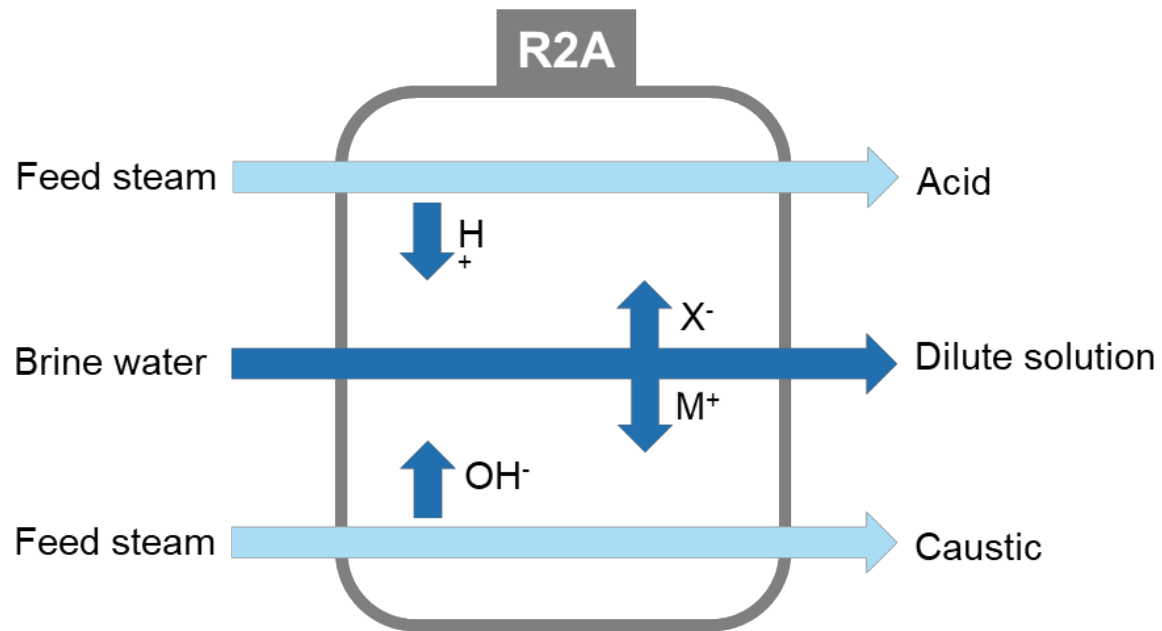
-Innovation and developments in
brine management and disposal
options are required.



From Waste to Resources?

Valuable Resource Recovery from Brine

Membrane-Based Electro-Separation Technology



- In-line separation anionic/cationic ions
- Selective production of $\text{HCl}/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{NaOH}$

Recovery to Acid and Alkali (R2A)

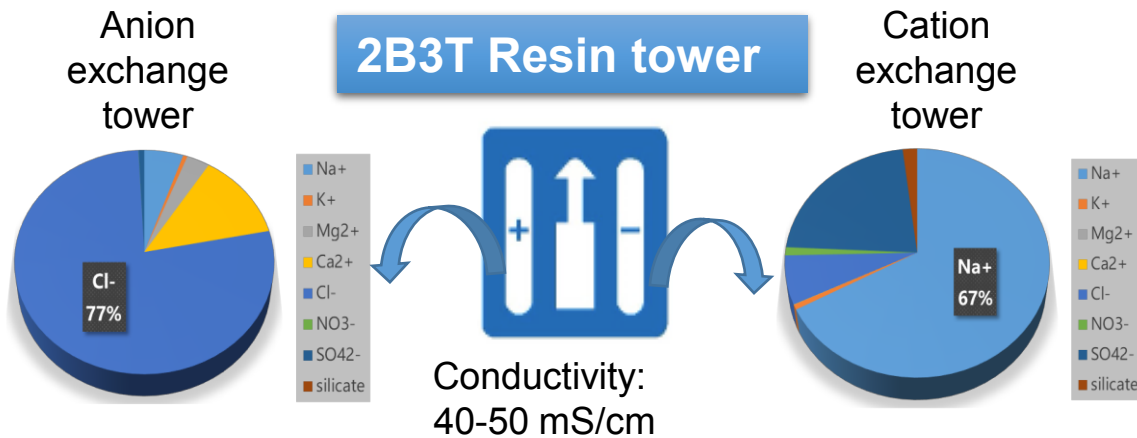
an IEM processes applies a **selective membrane** to split water into H^+ and OH^- for acid and alkali production.

Applications

- Brine recovery (cation/anion)
- Production of acid/caustic from mixed salt in liquid phase
- Pretreatment for final MVR/MED of ZLD process

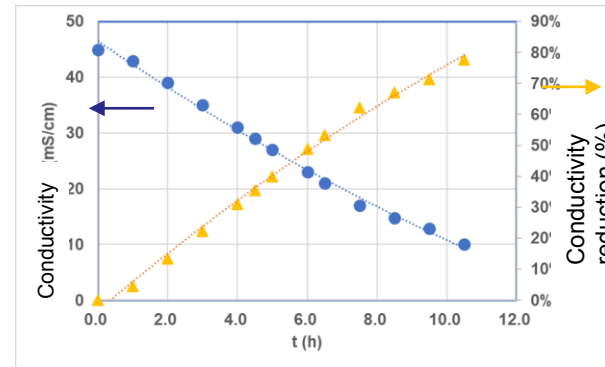
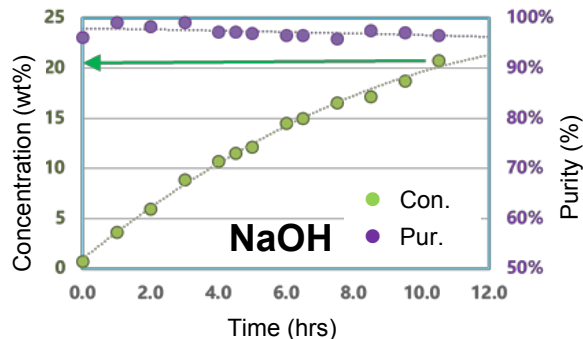
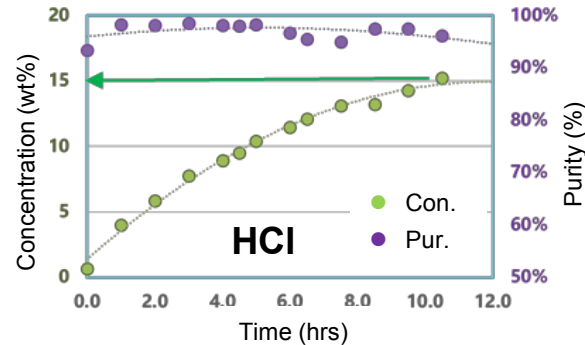


High Conductivity Waste Liquor Converting to Acid/Caustic Soda



Product:

- ✓ HCl/NaOH: concentration > 10 wt% and purity > 90%
- ✓ Waste liquor Conductivity reduce to below 1 mS/cm

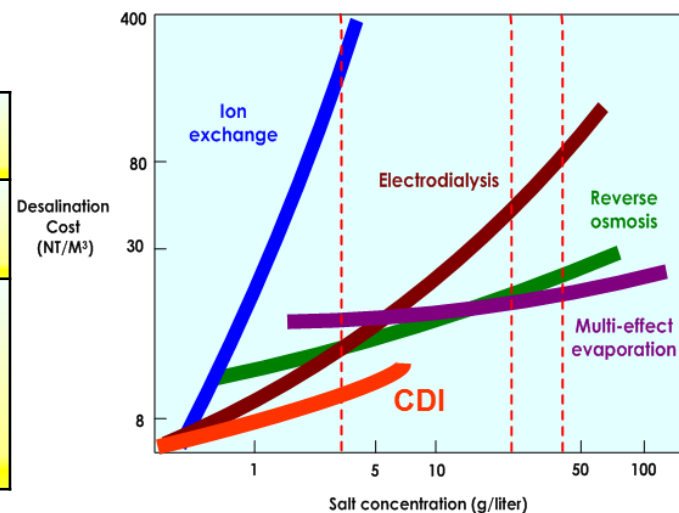


- For 90 CMD waste liquor, 3.0 t/d of 20.8 wt% NaOH and 3.0 t/d of 15.3 wt% HCl are produced.
- Purity of acid and caustic soda >90% and energy consumption of 3.4 kwh/kg-NaOH.
- ROI for investment is about 5.3 years.

Capacitive Deionization (CDI)

Existing desalination technologies

	Reversed osmosis (RO)	Electrodialysis reversal (EDR)	Capacitive deionization (CDI)
Process	Pressure-driven	Electrical-driven	Electrical-driven
Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High energy consumption (1.5~ 1.85 kWh/m³) Membrane fouling Mature technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High energy consumption (1.1~ 1.35 kWh/m³) Membrane fouling Mature technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low energy consumption (0.3~0.6 kWh/m³) No membrane needed Developing technology



• CDI technology

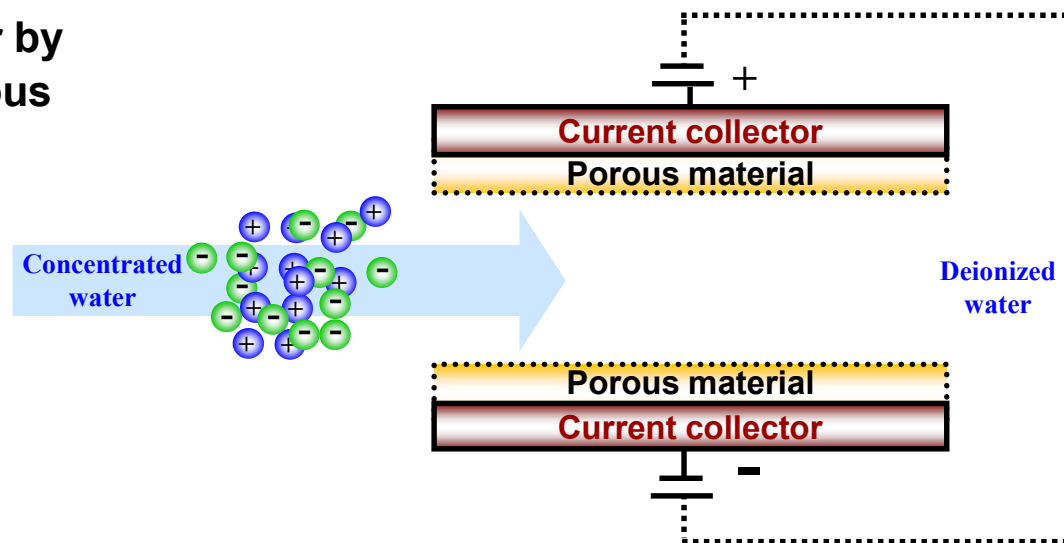
Salts and minerals are removed from water by applying an electric field between two porous electrodes

• Ideal electrode materials for CDI

Highly conductive, high surface area, suitable pore size distribution

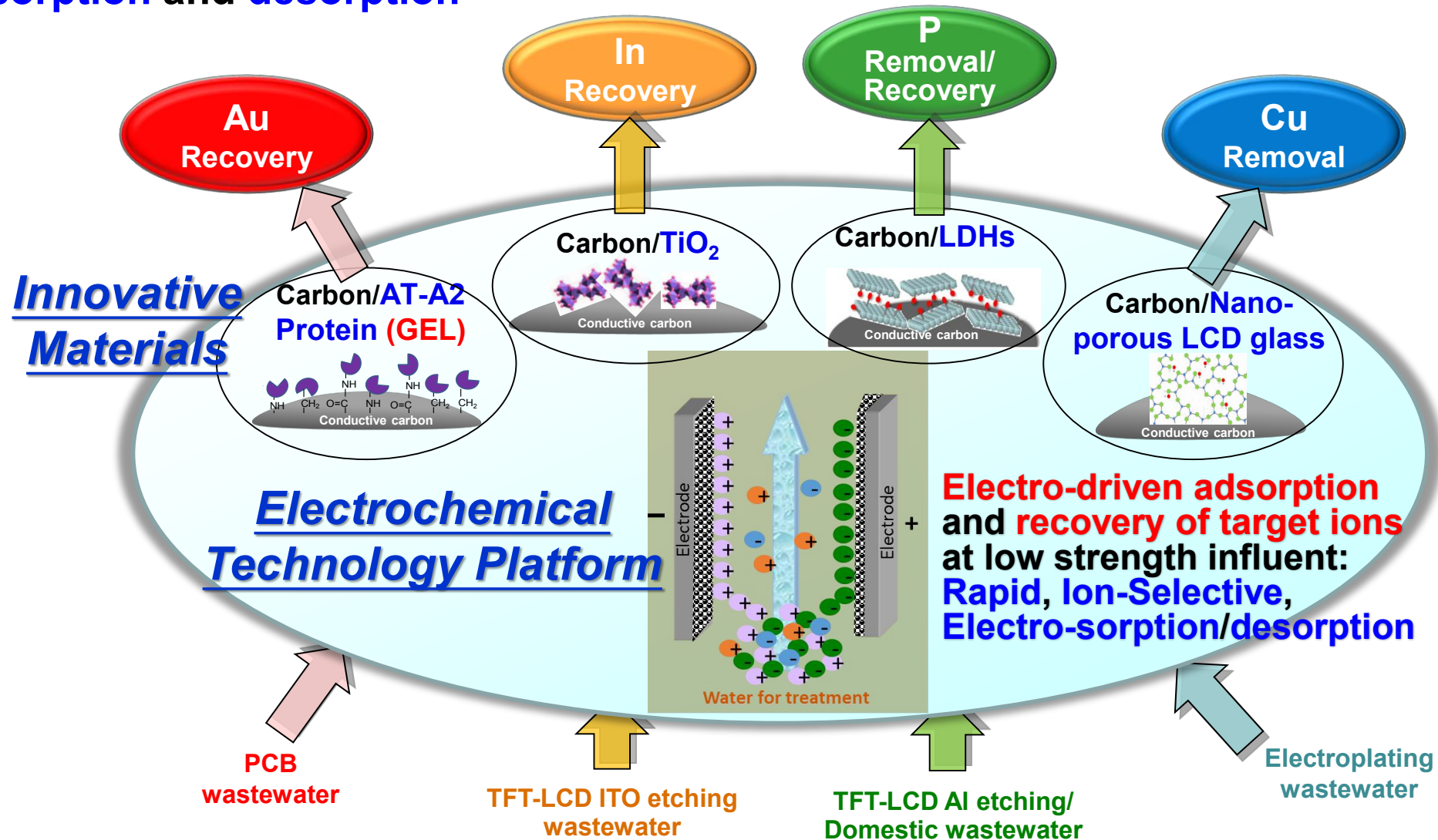
• Application

More economical at lower concentrations



Selective CDI Technology for Various Ion Recovery

Tailoring **inorganic/organic functional electrode materials** for specific ion **electro-adsorption** and **desorption**



Conclusion

- Unconventional water resources are key to support SDG 6 achievement. With growing water scarcity, **desalination as a water supply option has risen globally.**
- Generally, membrane technology and thermal technology are the major desalination methods. Both technologies face drawbacks such as high freshwater production cost, intensive carbon emission and significant impact to environment. **Innovative technologies with economic benefit and low environmental impact are critical to desalination expansion.**
- Innovation and developments **in brine management and disposal options** are key factors in desalination plants. R2A system is promising for brine treatment and further producing valuable resources for reuse.

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Thanks for your attention!

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海水淡化與環境營造-淺談吉寶濱海東部海淡廠

Desalination with the Environmentally Friendly Design- Keppel Marian East Desalination Plant

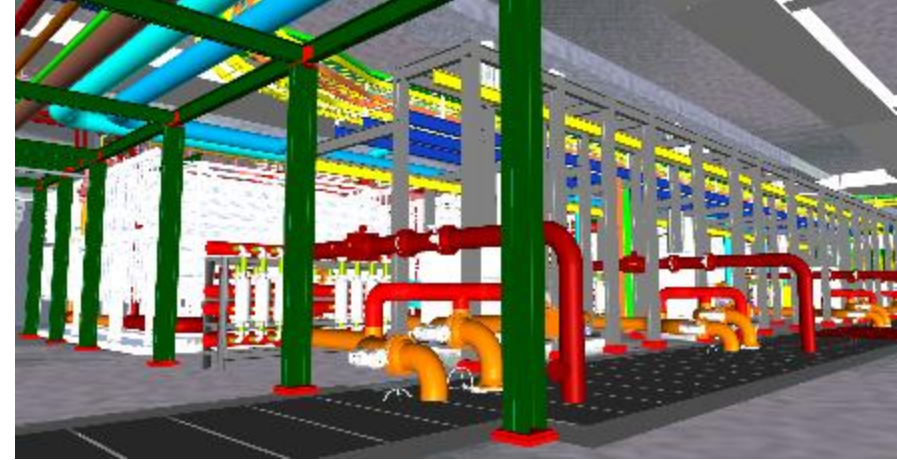
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Agenda

- Introduction of KMEDP
- KMEDP Process design
 - Dual mode
 - Direct coupling
 - Other energy saving approaches
- Conclusions



Background

- 137,000 m³/d capacity
- Design Build Own Operate (DBOO) with 25 years operation
- Dual intakes with Sea Water and Reservoir Water
- Green roof top link to Park Connector (accessible to the public)
- Viewing gallery



Project Background and Key Features Overview

計畫背景和主要功能概述



The KMEDP is **Singapore's fourth** desalination plant and is a public private partnership (PPP) between Keppel Infrastructure (through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Marina East Water) and PUB, Singapore's national water agency.

吉寶濱海東部海水淡化廠是新加坡的第四座海水淡化廠，是吉寶基礎設施籌設的全資子公司Marina East Water與新加坡公用事業局之間的公私合作夥伴關係（PPP）。

The plant can produce up to 137,000m³ of fresh drinking water daily.

該廠每天可生產多達137,000 m³的民生自來水。

Singapore's First Direct Coupling Desalination Plant 新加坡第一座直接連接海淡廠

Direct coupling of ultrafiltration and reverse osmosis systems – Omitting ONE pumping cycle results in saving of 15% of energy used in a pumping cycle.

超濾系統和逆滲透系統直接連接可省一個水泵循環，約可節省15%的循環能耗。

Incorporation of advanced system / equipment 整合先進的系統/設備

Singapore's first water desalination plant using UV as primary disinfection

新加坡首座使用紫外線作為主要消毒劑的海水淡化廠。

One of the most compact desalination plants in Singapore 新加坡最精簡的海水淡化廠之一

Compact Pre-treatment achieving nearly 30% reduction in space

精簡的預處理程序減少近 30% 的土地使用

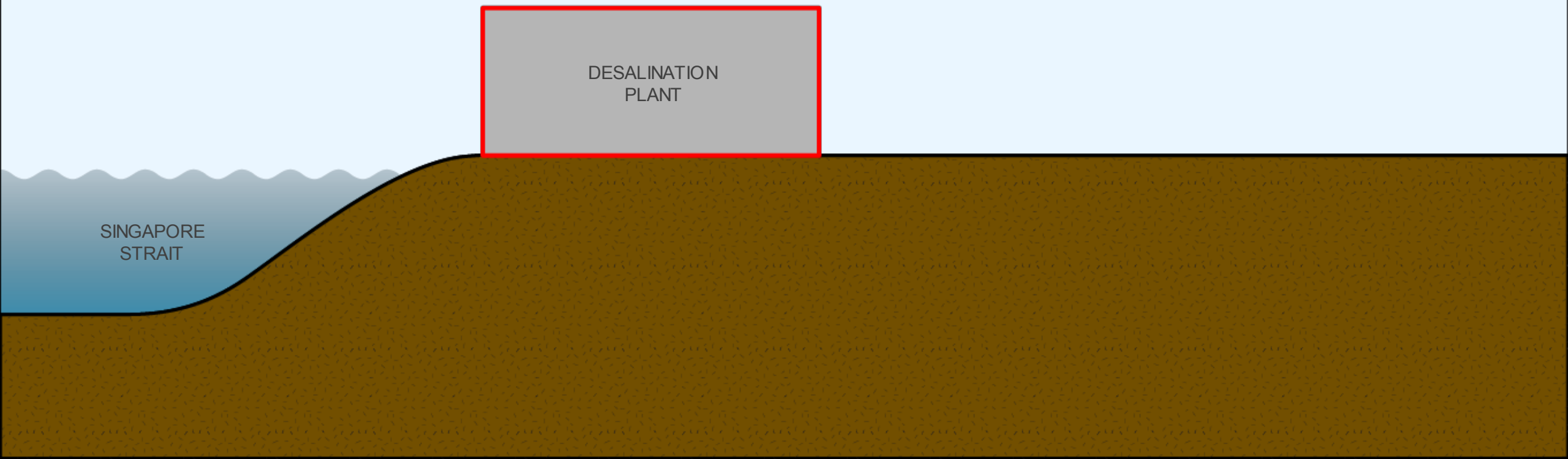
Direct coupling design with omission of booster pump, cartridge filters and UF filtrate tank

直接連接設計，可省略增壓泵、筒式過濾器 and 超濾產水槽

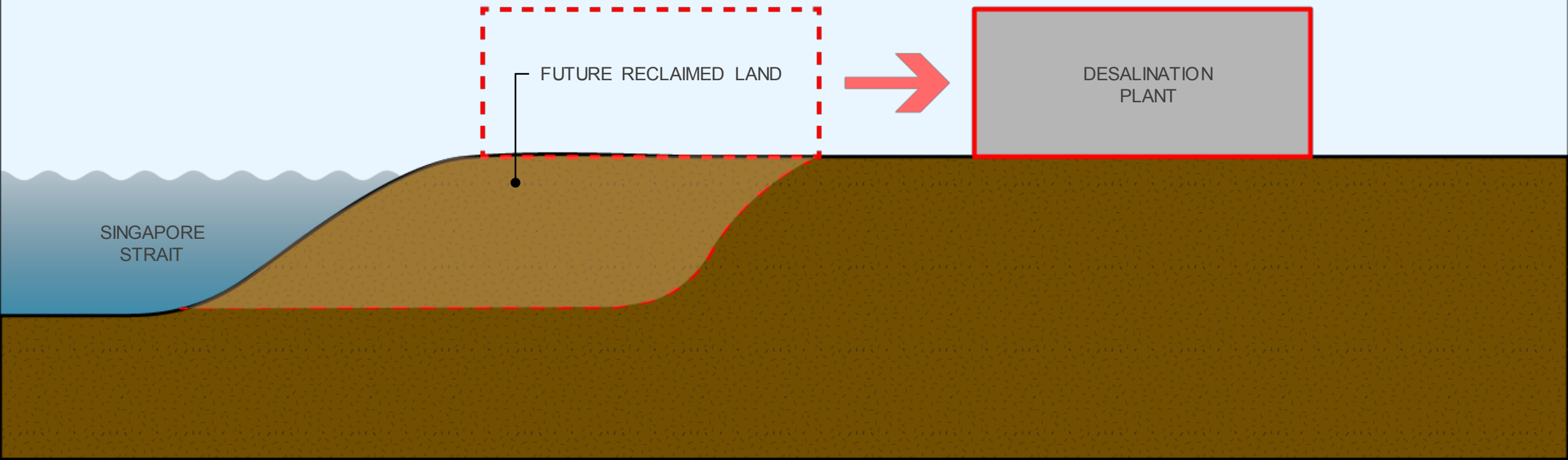
Smaller footprint of UV disinfection system compared to conventional chlorine-based disinfection

與傳統的加氯消毒相比，紫外線消毒系統的佔地面積較小

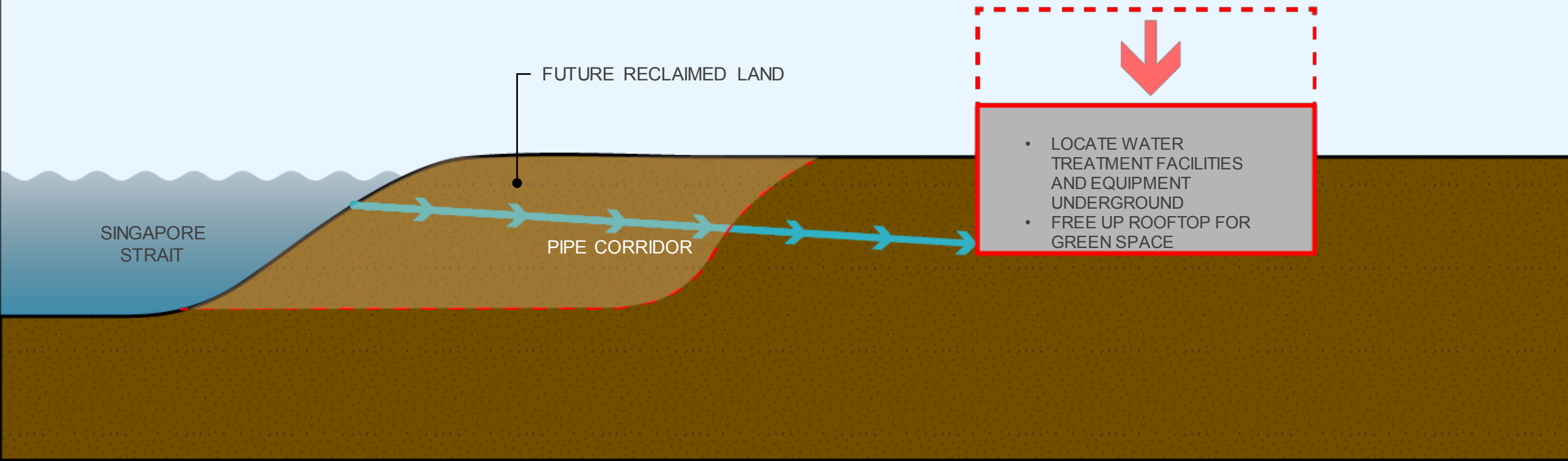
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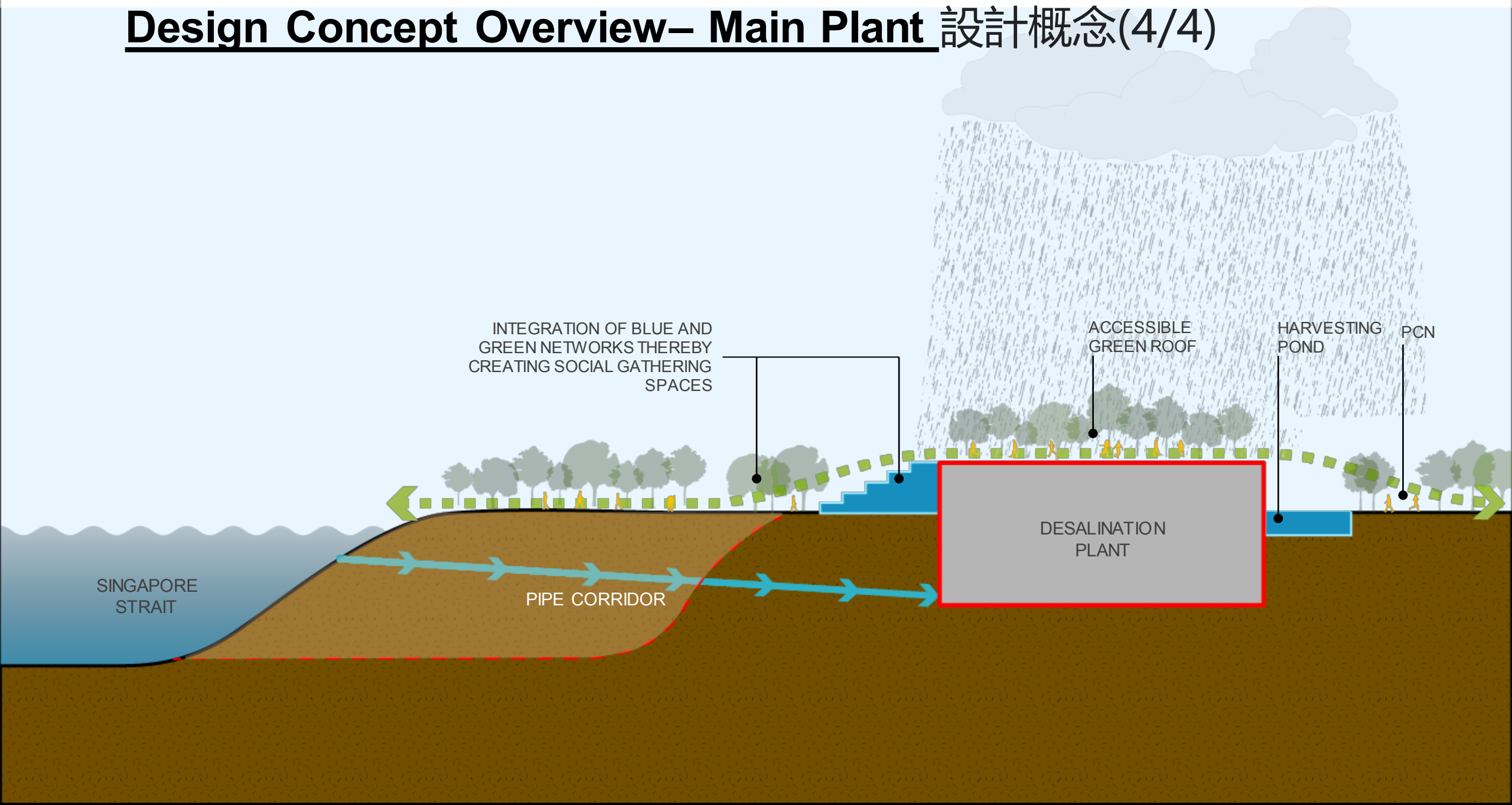
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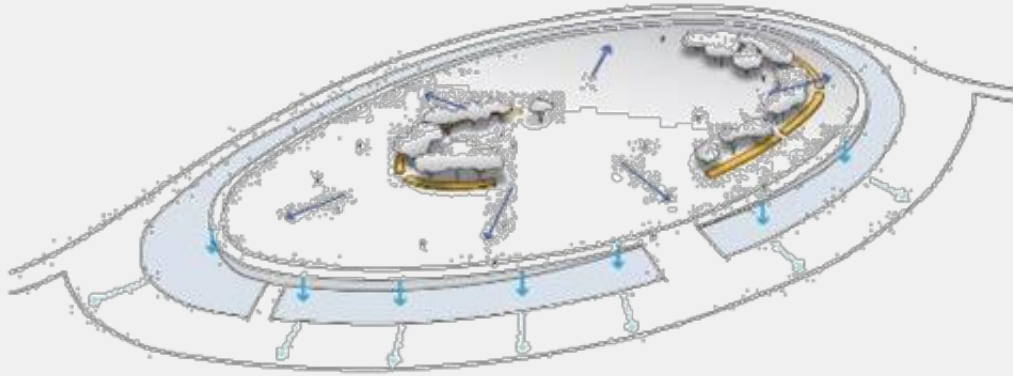


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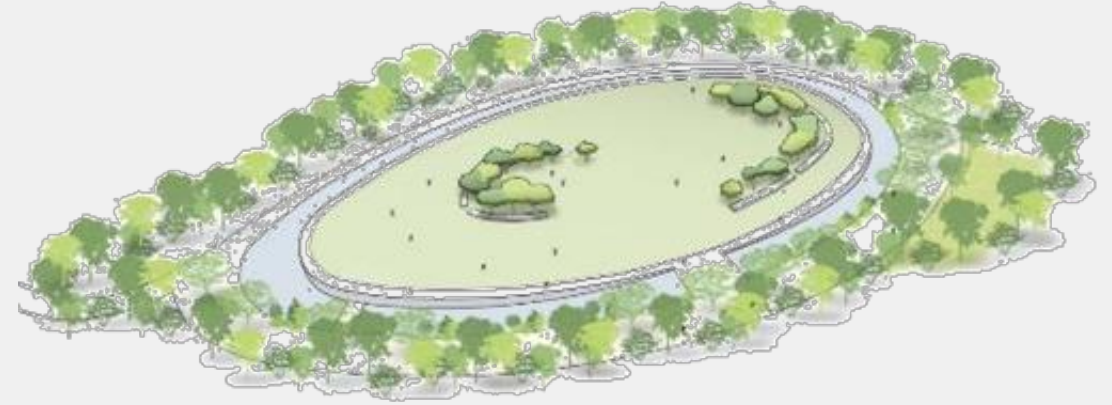


Design Concept Overview – Sustainability Features

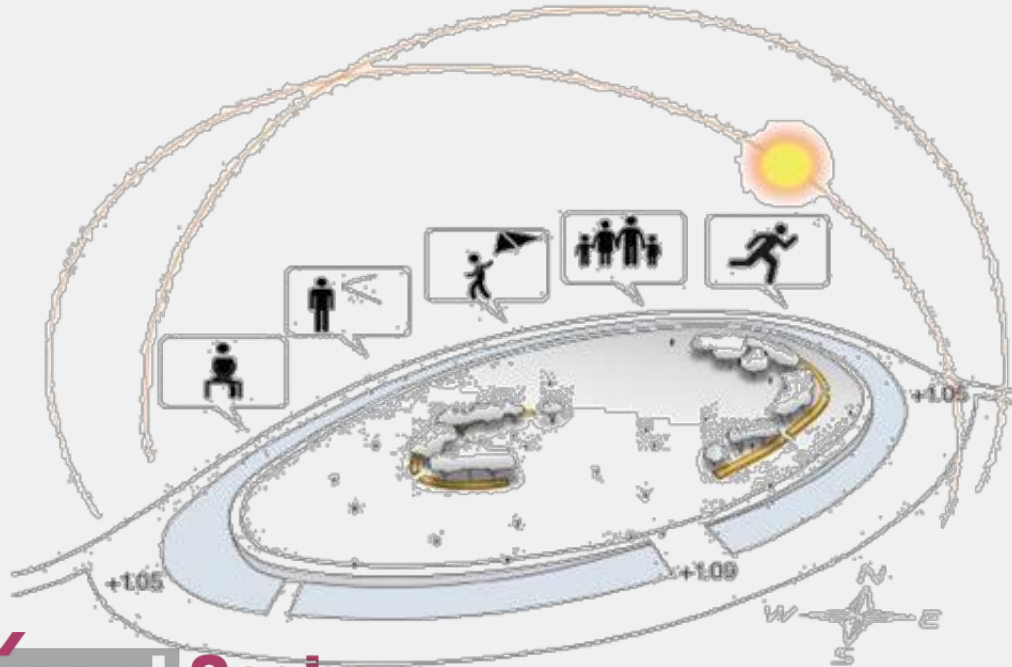
設計概念 - 永續功能



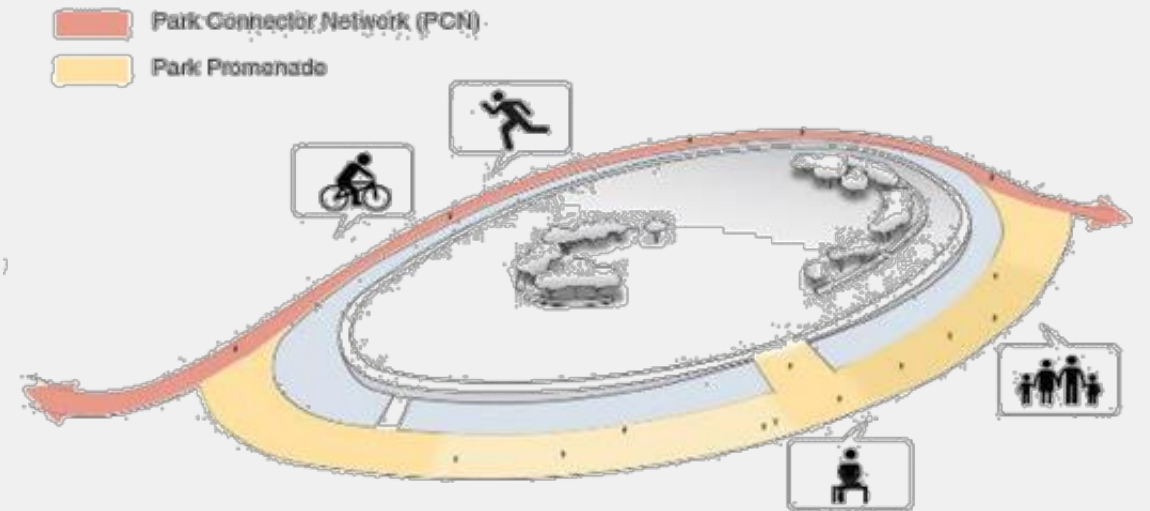
RESILIENT DESIGN



GREEN FABRIC AND BIODIVERSITY



INFRASTRUCTURE AS PUBLIC SPACE



CAR-LITE

KMEDP's Sustainability Design Features 永續性功能設計



The design of the KMEDP challenges conventional approaches to what large infrastructural facilities should look like.

濱海東部海水淡化廠設計對於傳統基礎設施的常規方法提出了挑戰。

Designed exclusively for people, the green roof blends into the existing environment to demonstrate that buildings as large as these can not only coexist, but be effortlessly integrated into an inclusive, park-like attraction.

人性化的綠色屋頂與週邊環境融合，此證明如此大的建築物亦可如此完美的融入到一個整合性的公園式景點中。

The Plant incorporates environmentally friendly elements within its landscape design, such as a stormwater managing strategy and a water harvesting system to retain rainwater as features and recycles water for irrigation and other uses.

該廠在景觀設計中融入了環保元素，例如雨水管理策略和集水系統，以保留雨水作為景觀特色，並回收水用於灌溉和其他用途。

The KMEDP allows people to adopt the building as their own and to ultimately understand the importance of water as an significant natural resource in the life of a nation.

濱海東部海水淡化廠讓人們將基礎設施視為自成一格的建築物，並了解水是國家生命中重要的自然資源。

Design Concept Overview– Main Plant 設計概念—主廠房



Design Concept Overview – Dual Flow Chamber

設計概念—雙水源模式取水泵站



Artist's Impression – Bird's Eye View



As Built – Bird's Eye View



Artist's Impression – Viewing Gallery Entrance



As Built – Viewing Gallery Entrance



Artist's Impression – Green Roof and Promenade Area



As Built – Green Roof and Promenade Area



Artist's Impression – Harvesting Pond



As Built – Harvesting Pond



Introduction of KMEDP

KMEDP Process design

Conclusions

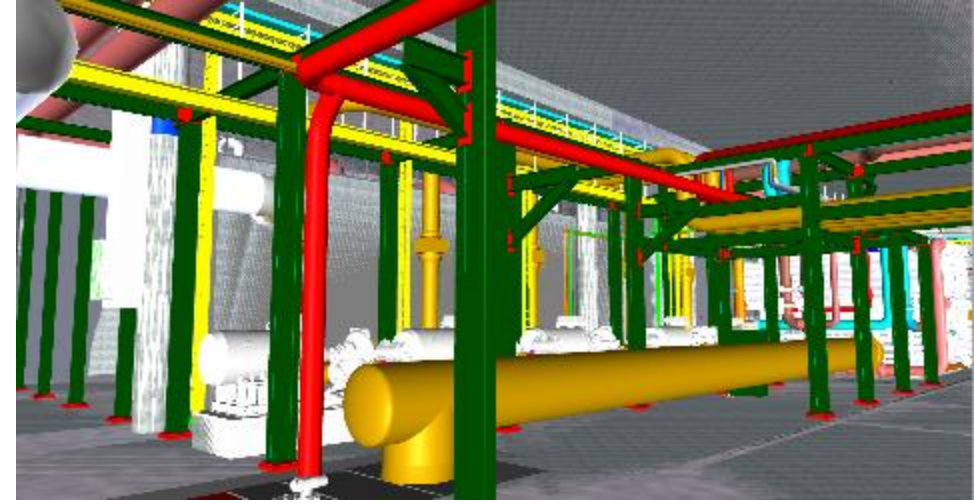
Energy Efficiency Improvement

- Dual mode
 - Sea water: SWRO+ Low pressure RO (LPRO)
 - Reservoir water: LPRO
- Direct coupling
- Split permeate
- Energy recovery device
- Variable frequency drive pump

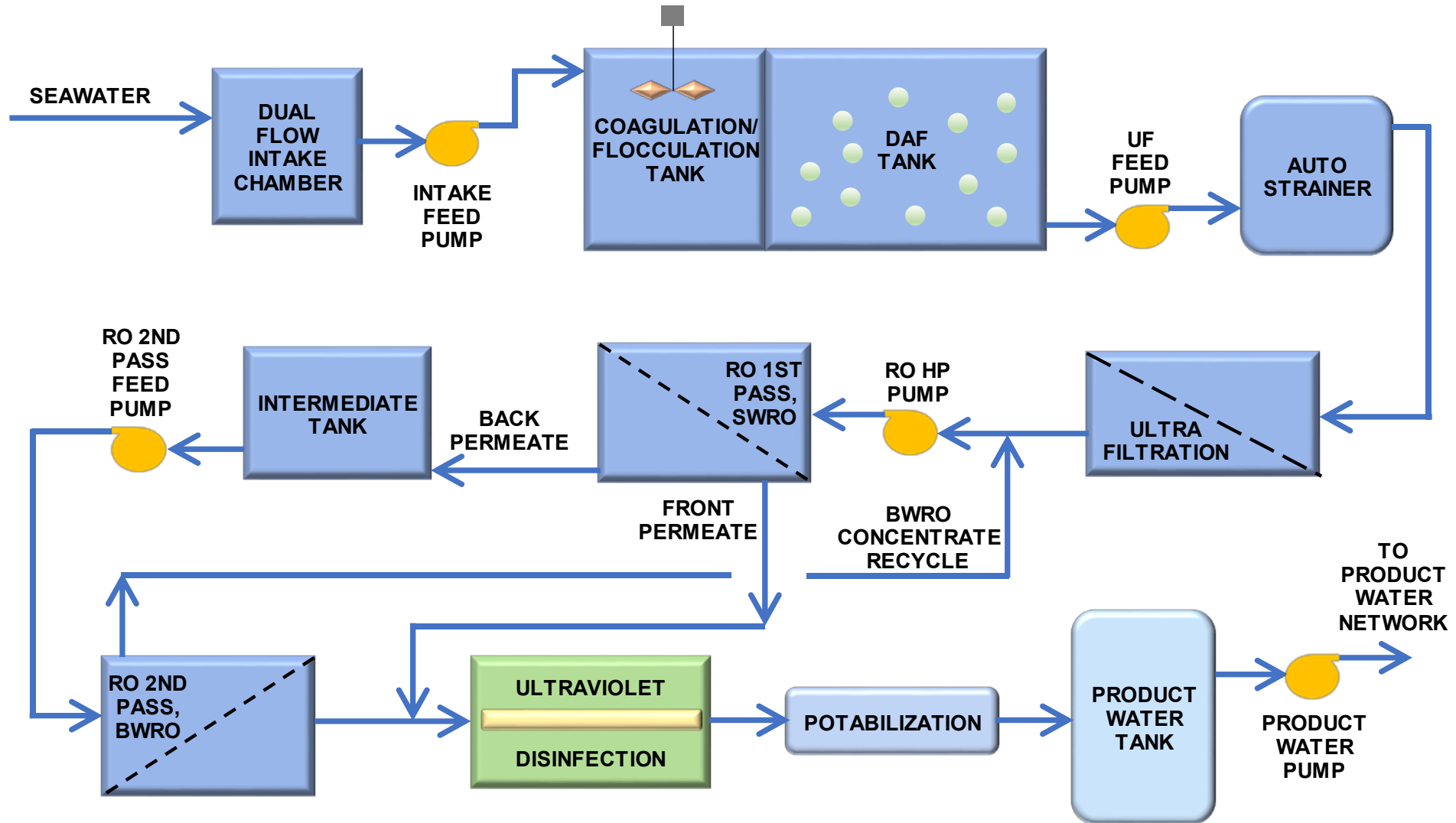


Process

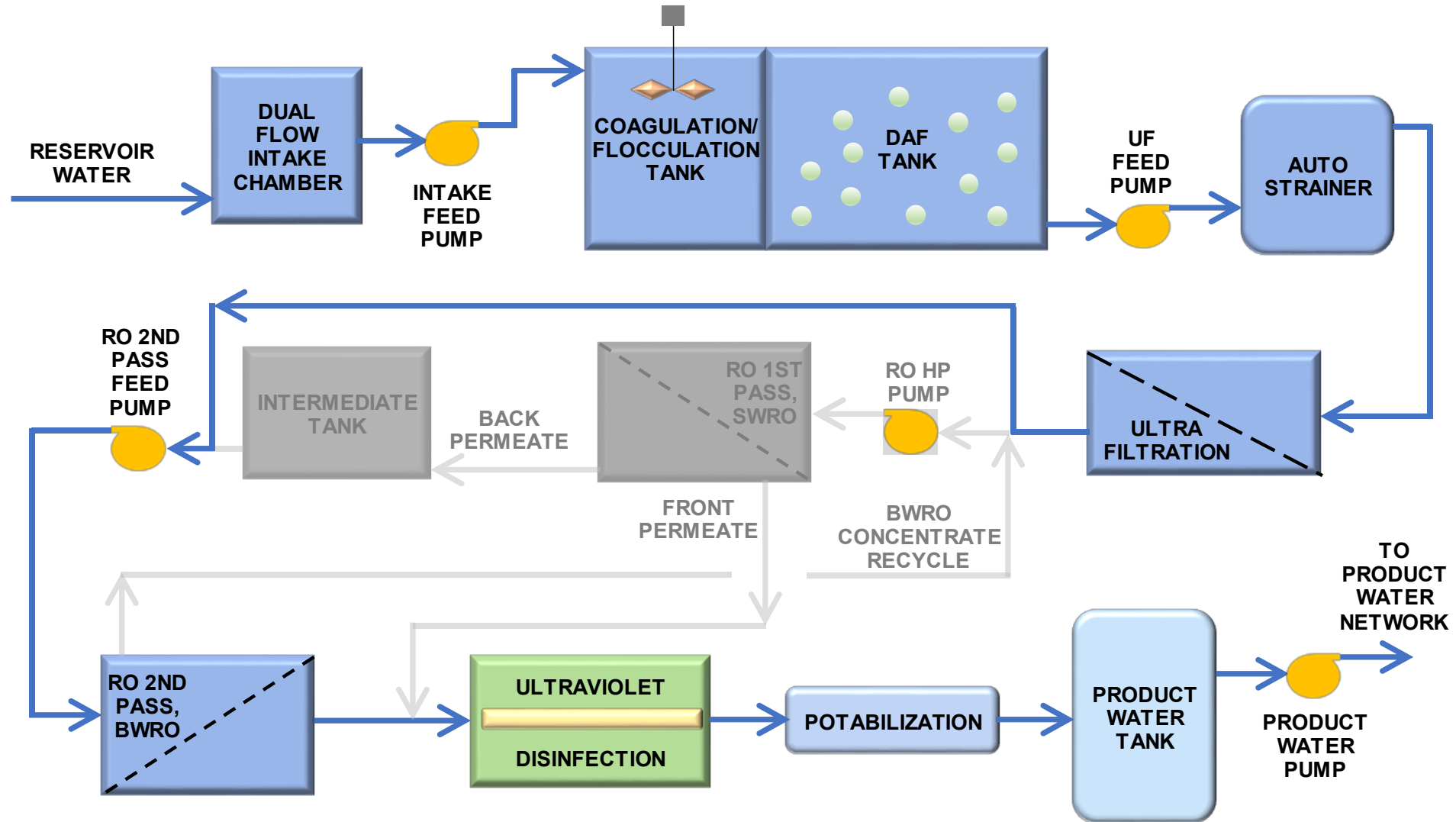
- Intake passive screens
- Dual flow chamber
- Dissolved air flotation (DAF)
- Micro strainer
- Ultrafiltration (UF)
- RO: SWRO and LPRO
- Post treatment (i.e., UV, mono-chloramine, lime, CO₂, Fluoridation)



Sea Water Mode

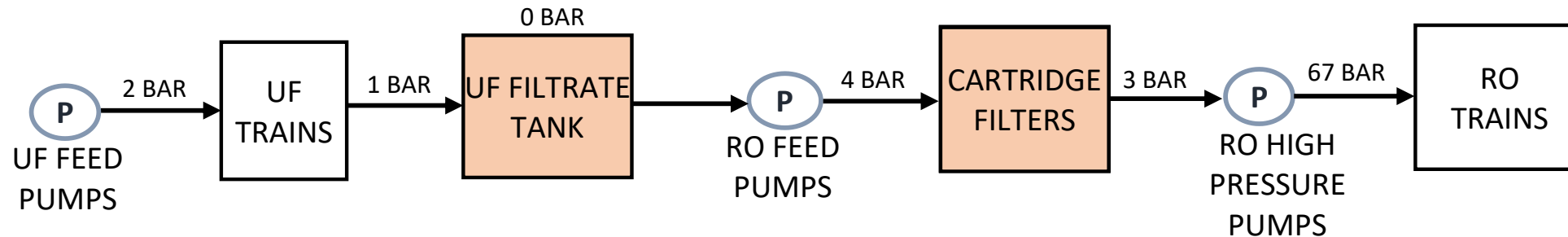


Reservoir water Mode

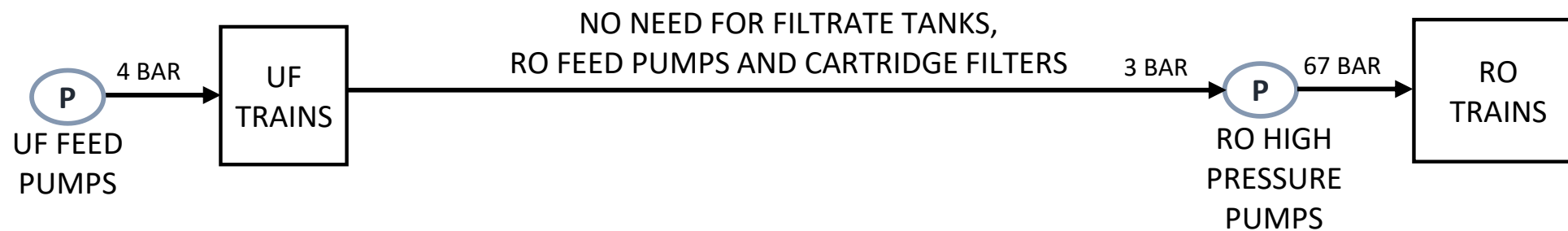


Direct coupling

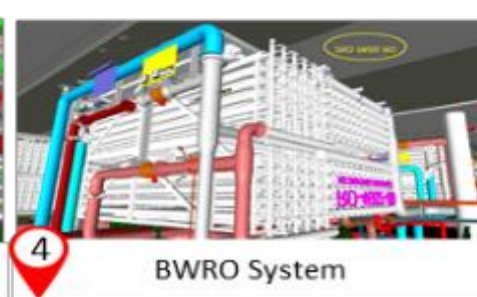
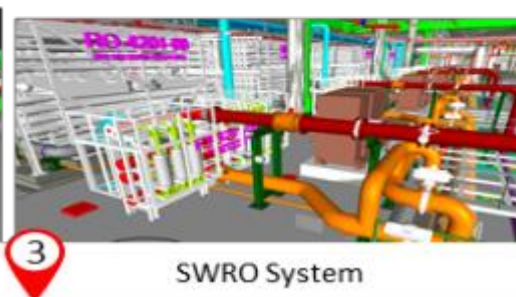
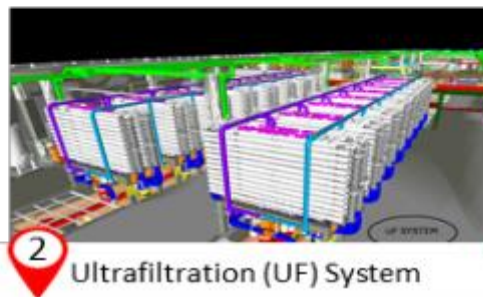
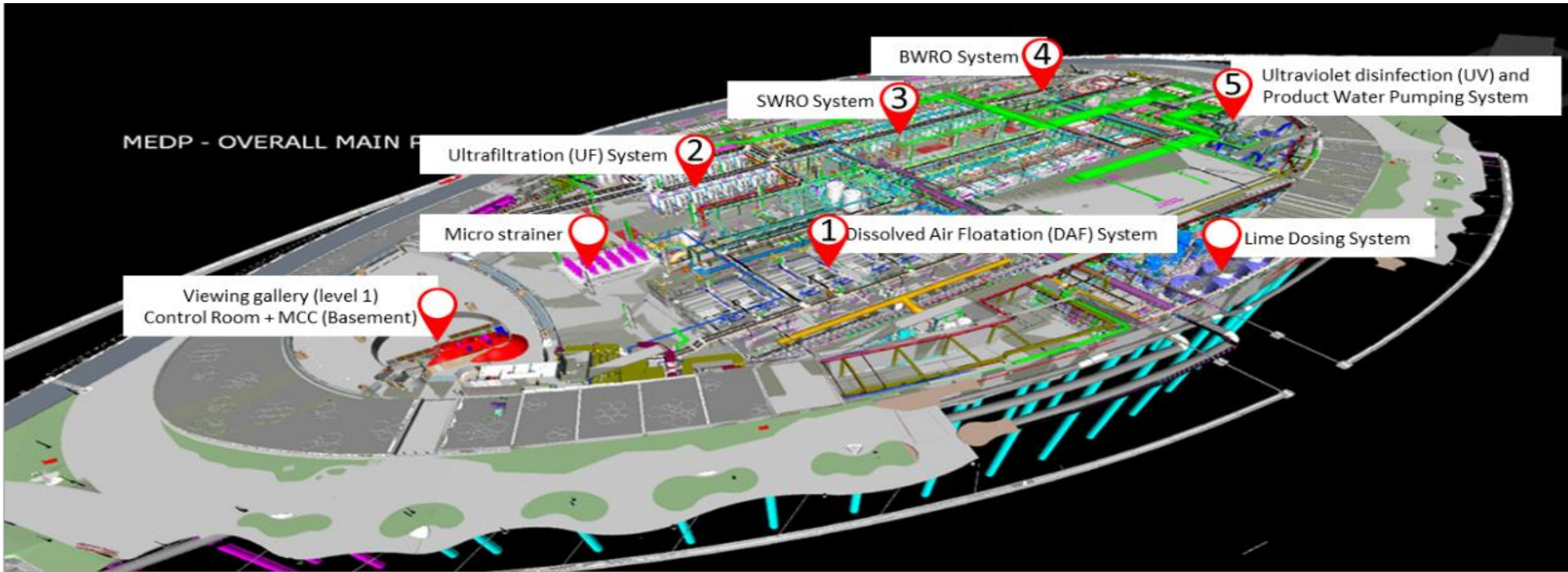
CONVENTIONAL UF - RO CONFIGURATION



DIRECT COUPLED UF - RO CONFIGURATION



Enhanced Engineering Process – 3D BIM 先進工程設計



Introduction of KMEDP

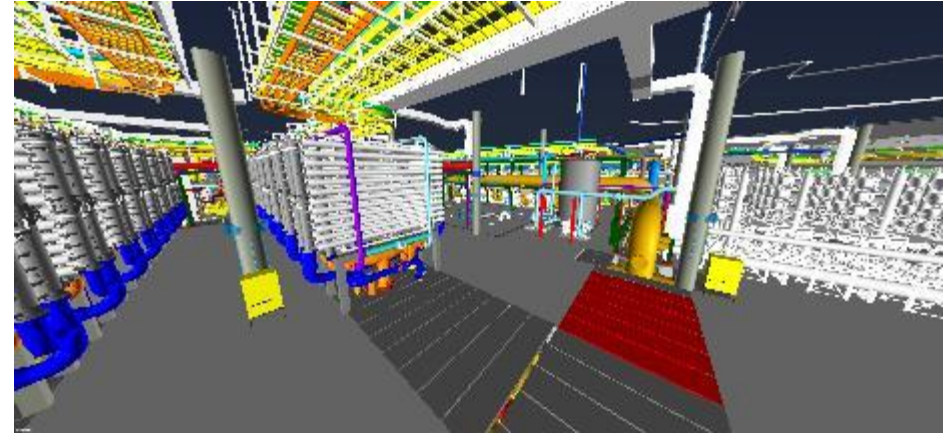
KMEDP Process design

Conclusions

Conclusions

- KMEDP provides an environmentally friendly community space
- KMEDP includes sustainable features in landscape
- KMEDP with capability to operate in both sea water and reservoir water mode
- KMEDP utilizes direct coupling to save more energy
- KMEDP provides highly efficient energy recovery devices (ERD) for the 1st pass SWRO system
- KMEDP utilizes the split partial configuration hence reduce pumping costs as well as reduce the capital costs of the plant
- KMEDP uses micro strainers as pre-treatment before UF and RO systems
- High-power consumption pumps are equipped with VFD

Video



The background image is a photograph of a modern architectural interior. It features a long, straight wooden walkway that leads towards a glass door at the end of the corridor. The walls are made of perforated metal, creating a rhythmic pattern of light and shadow. The ceiling is also perforated. The overall atmosphere is clean, modern, and industrial.

Thank You



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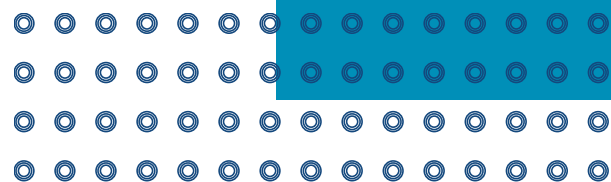
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Reducing Environmental Impact in Desalination

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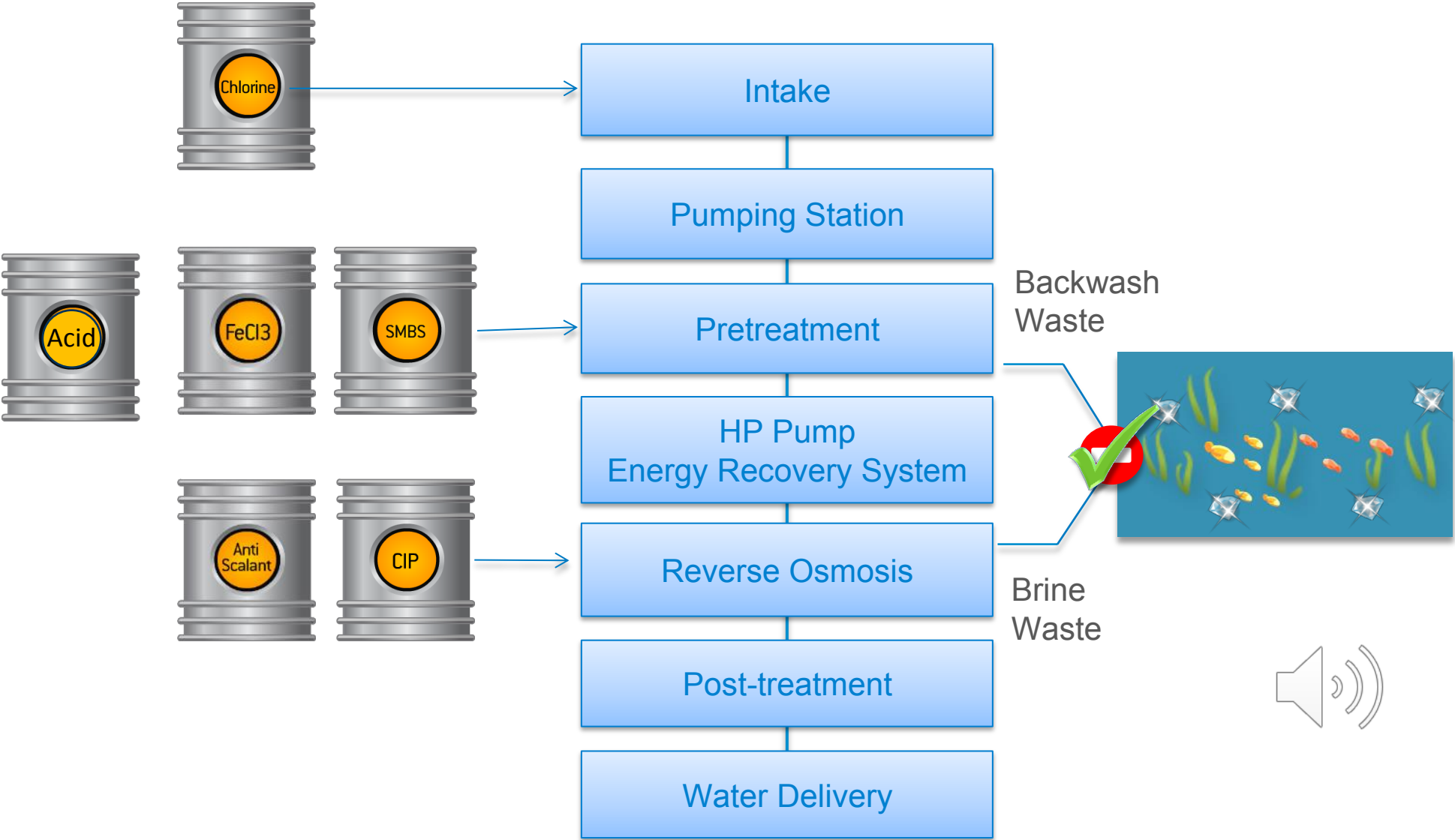


Main Goals of Desalination Plant Design

- Safe working conditions for staff
- Environmentally friendly operation
- Keeping the RO membranes clean
- Low power consumptions
- Low water cost

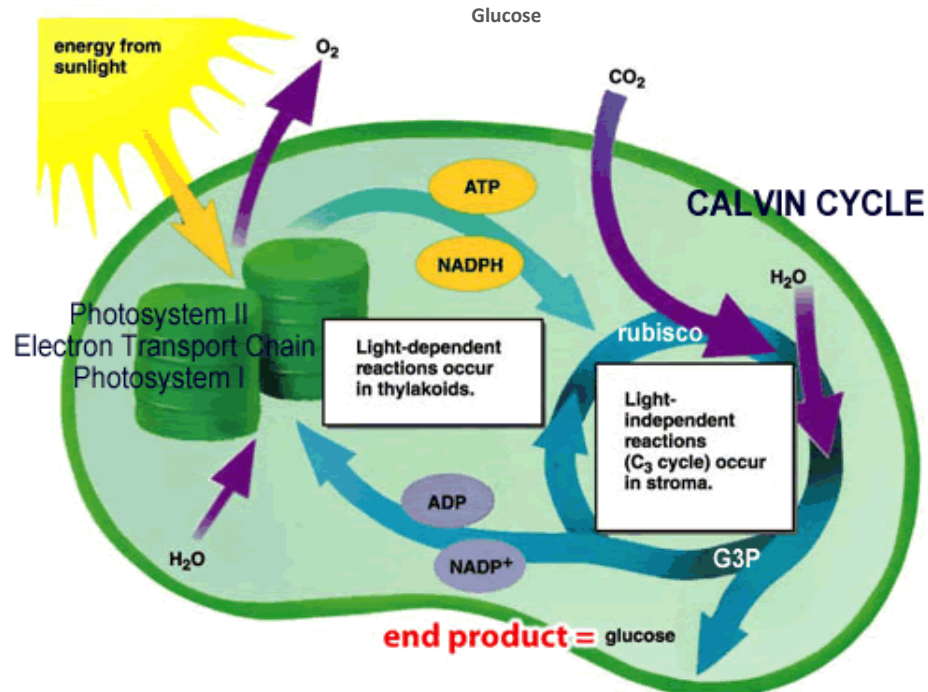
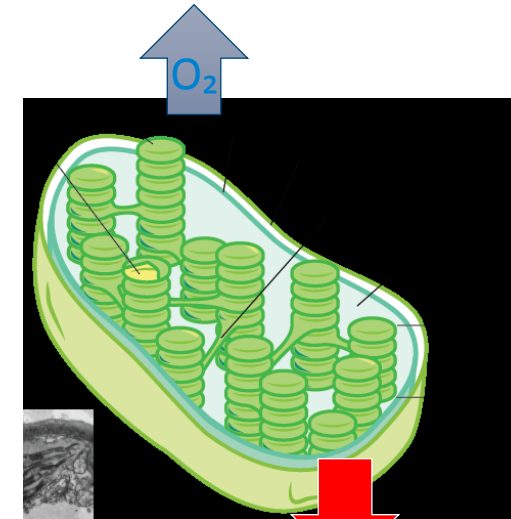
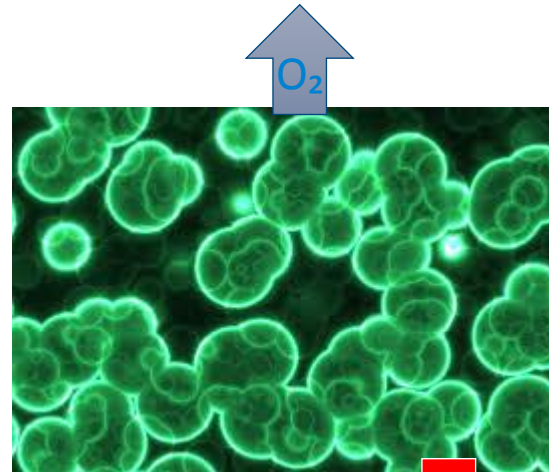
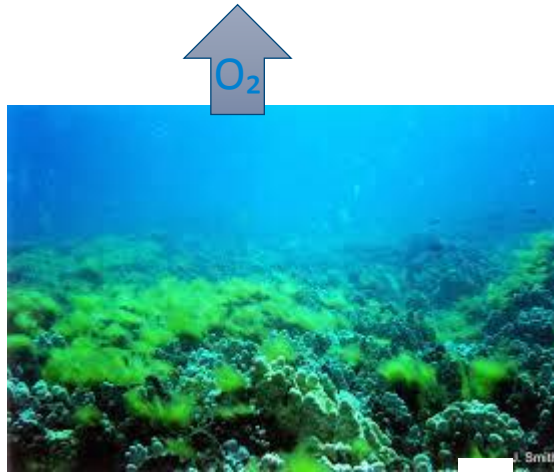


Chemicals in Conventional SWRO Plant Design



Super-saturation of Oxygen in Seawater

Used in pretreatment for safe and environmentally friendly operation

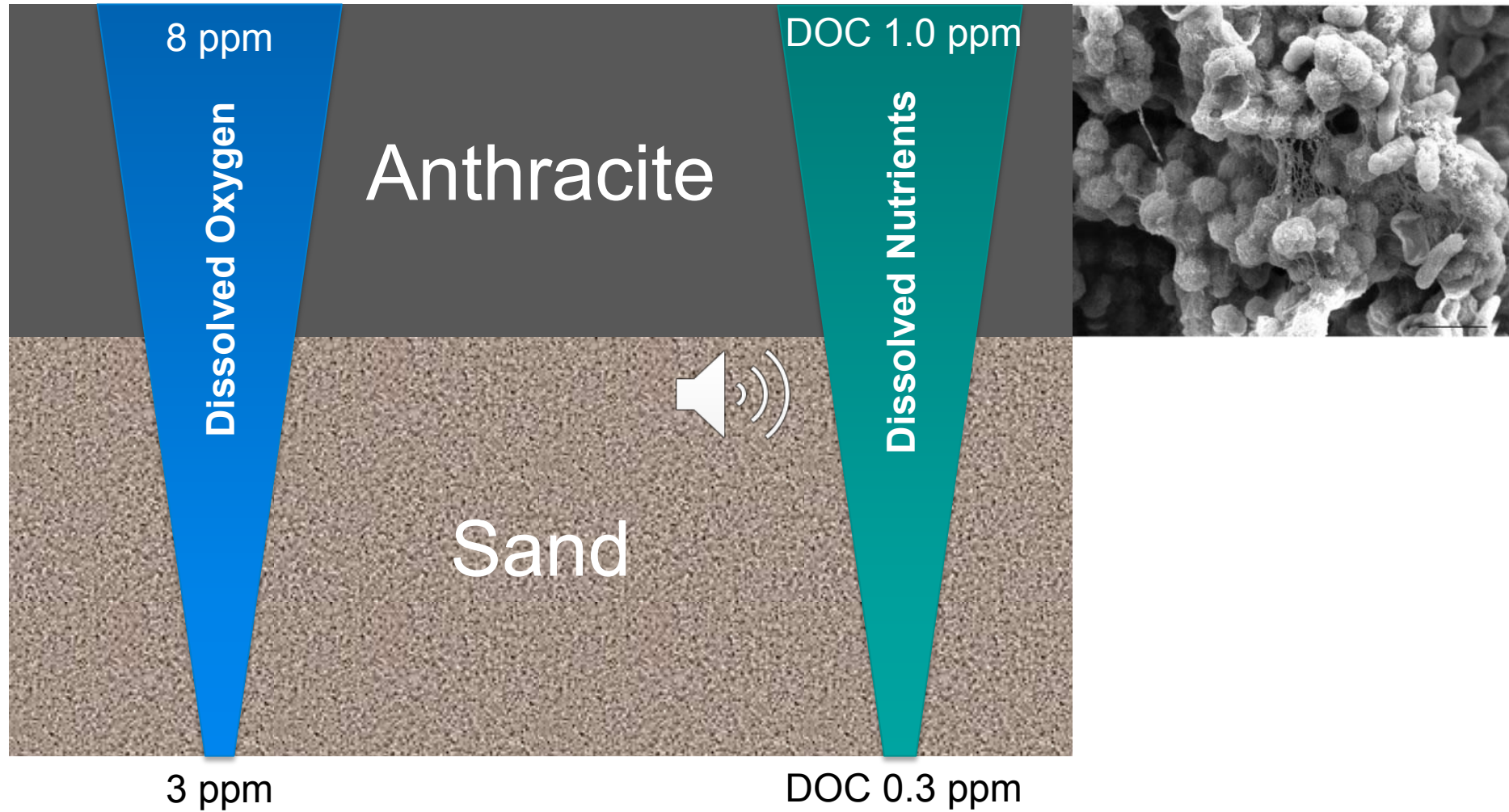


High concentration of
oxygen and glucose
in seawater due to
photosynthesis



Media Filtration

- Bacteria consume nutrients and oxygen



Pressure Center Design

Low power consumptions, low water cost achieved by Pressure Center Design



Ashkelon 400,000 m³/day



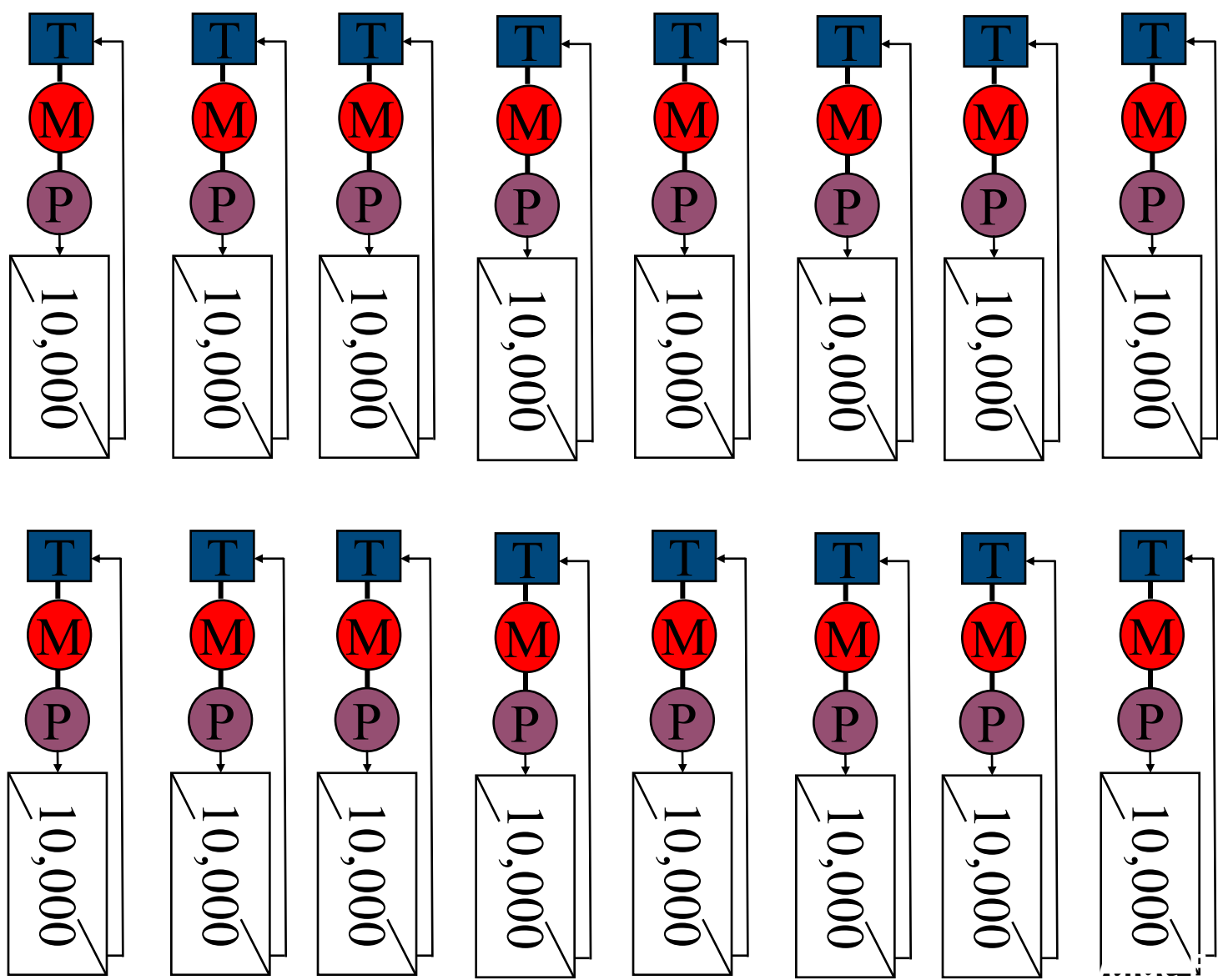
Hadera 500,000m³/day



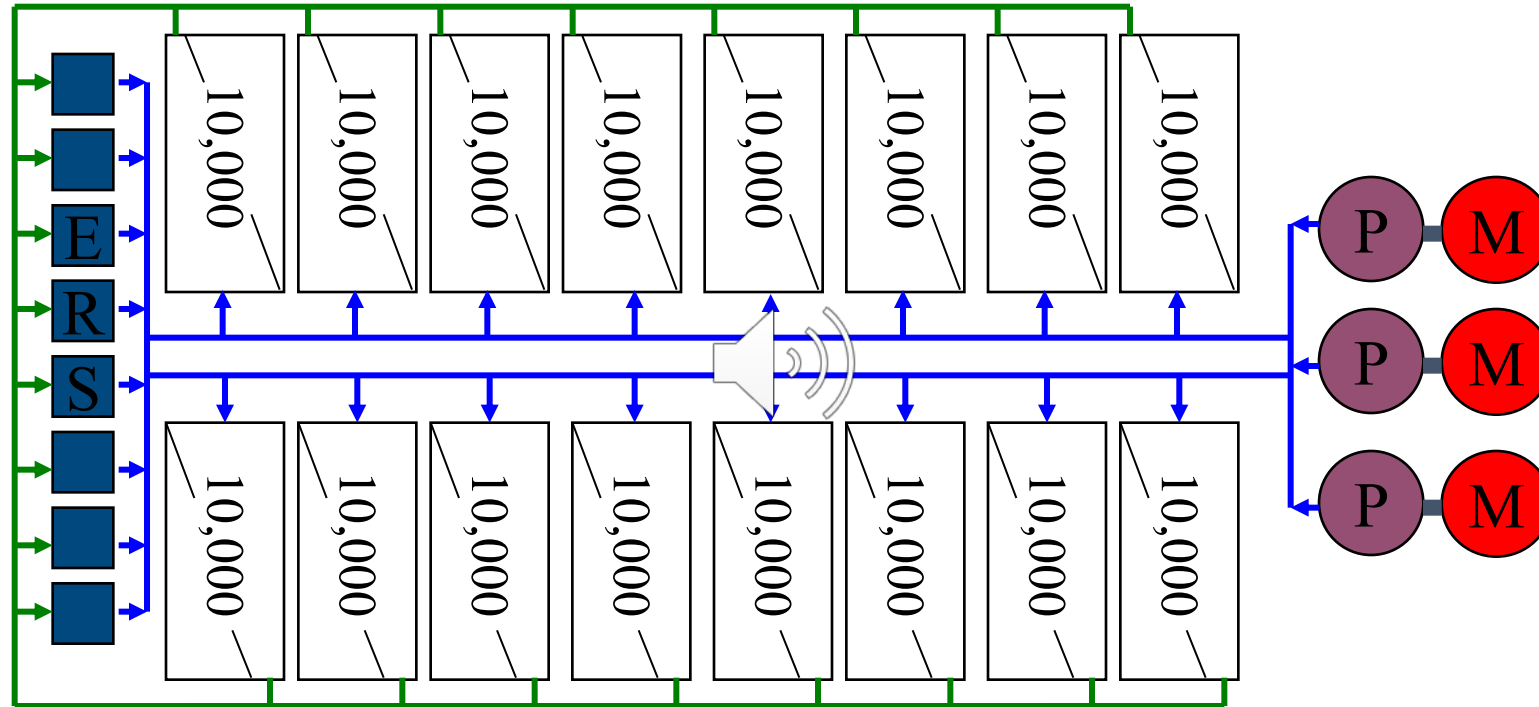
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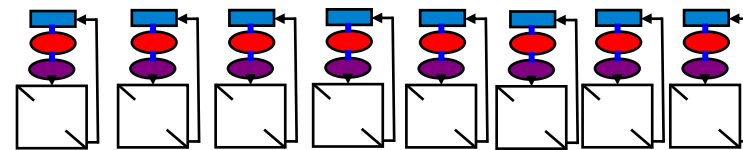
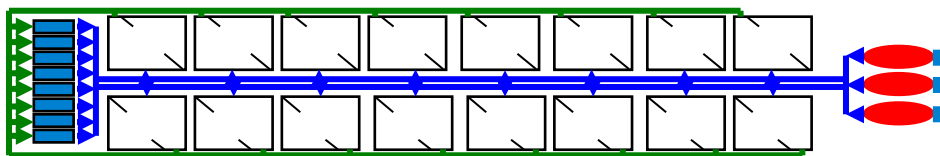


Conventional RO Plant Design: membranes, pump, motor, ERS



Pressure Center Design





Optimum Size of one RO Bank

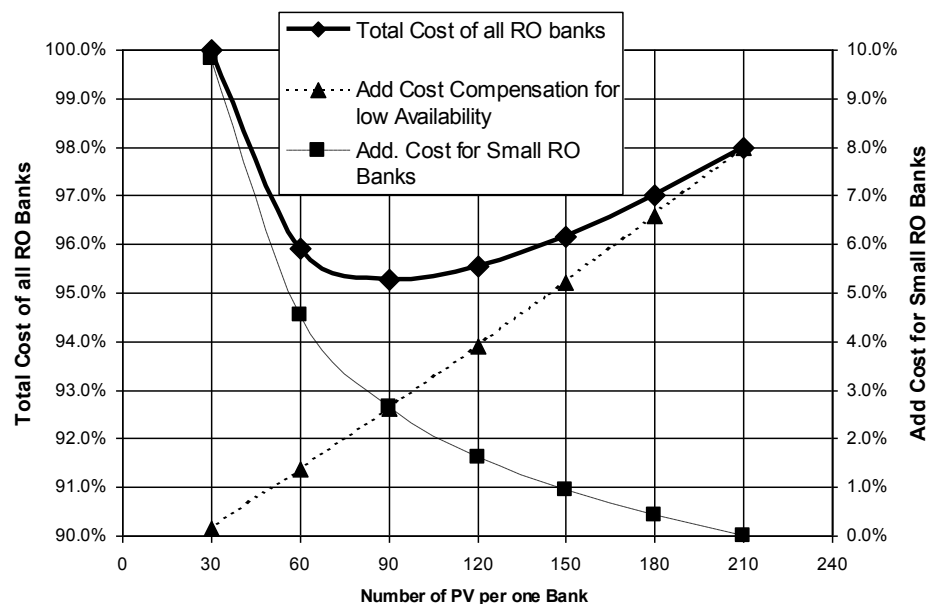
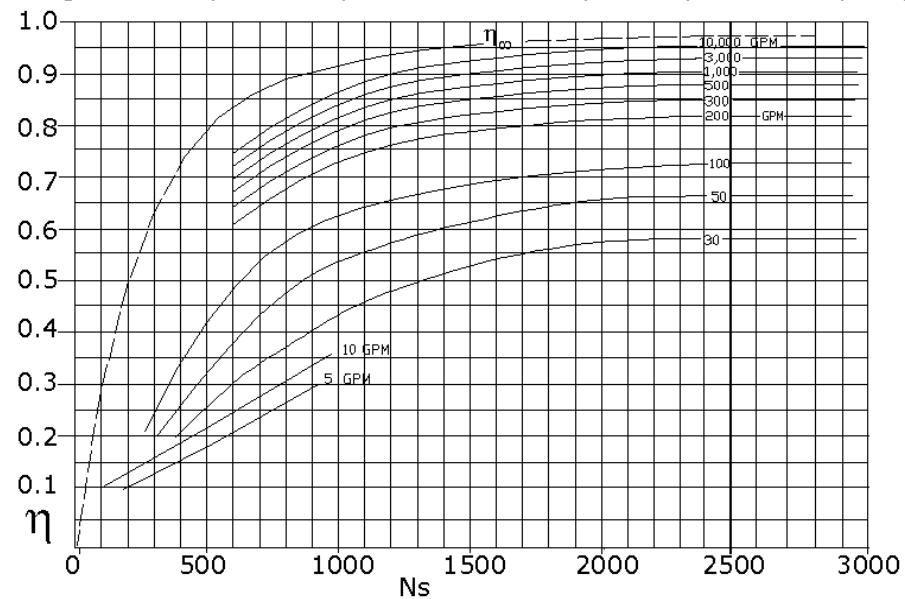


Figure 3 Pump efficiency as a function of specific speed and capacity.



Keeping RO Membranes Clean

- Physical methods instead of harsh chemicals

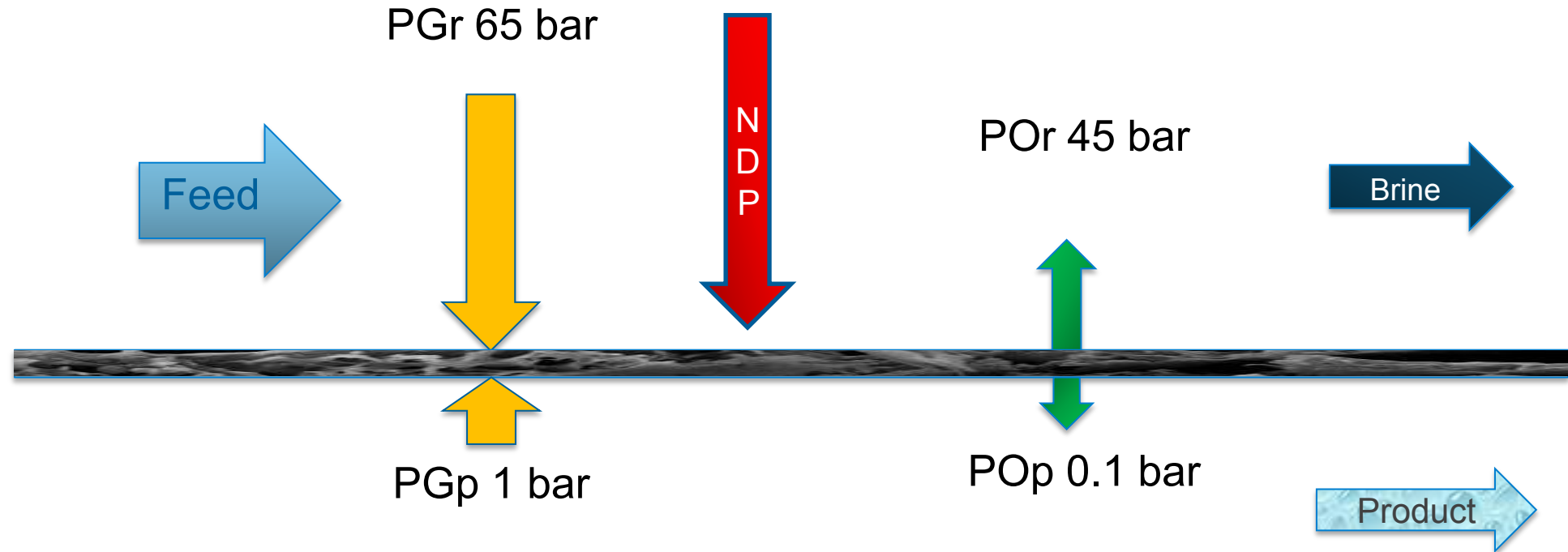
- Direct Osmosis High Salinity - **DOHS**

and

- Direct Osmosis Cleaning - **DOC**



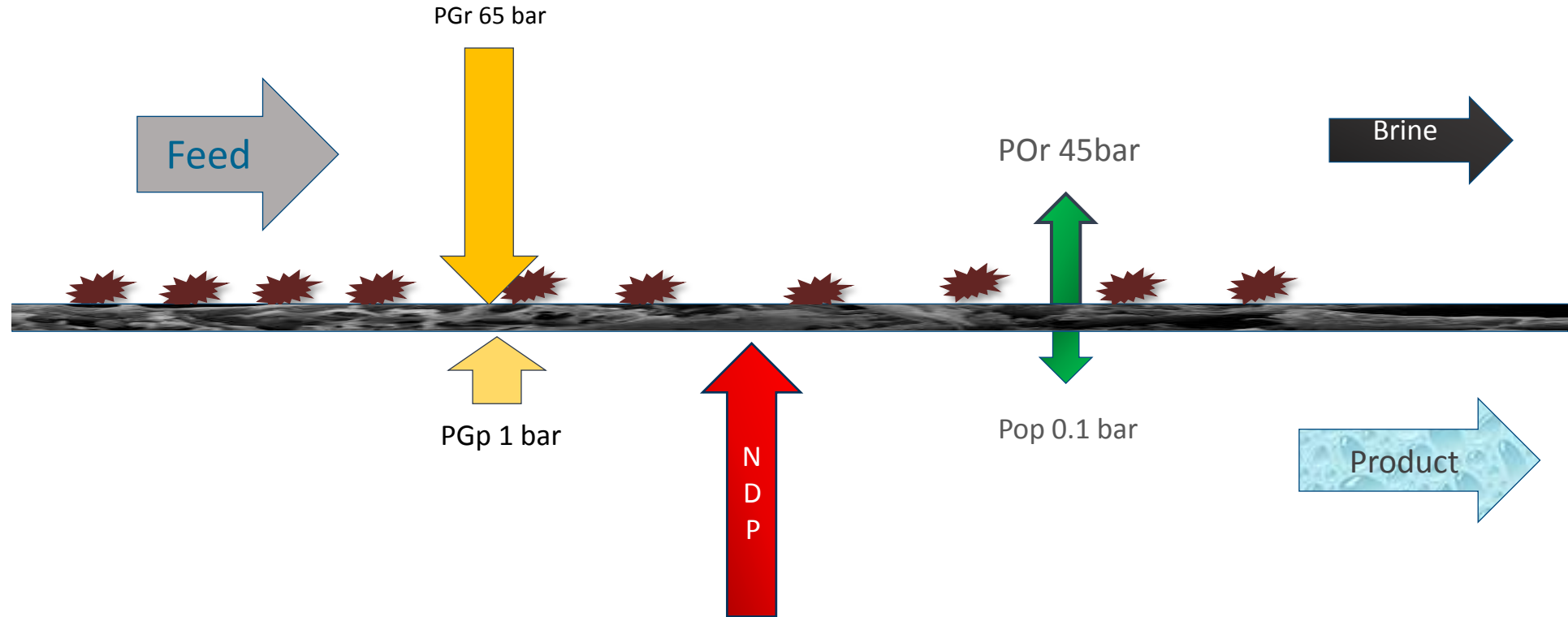
Normal RO Process



$$\begin{aligned} \text{NDP}_{\text{RO}} &= \text{PGr} - \text{POr} - \text{PGp} + \text{Pop} \\ \text{NDP}_{\text{RO}} &= 65 - 45 - 1 + 0.1 = +19.1 \text{ bar} \end{aligned}$$



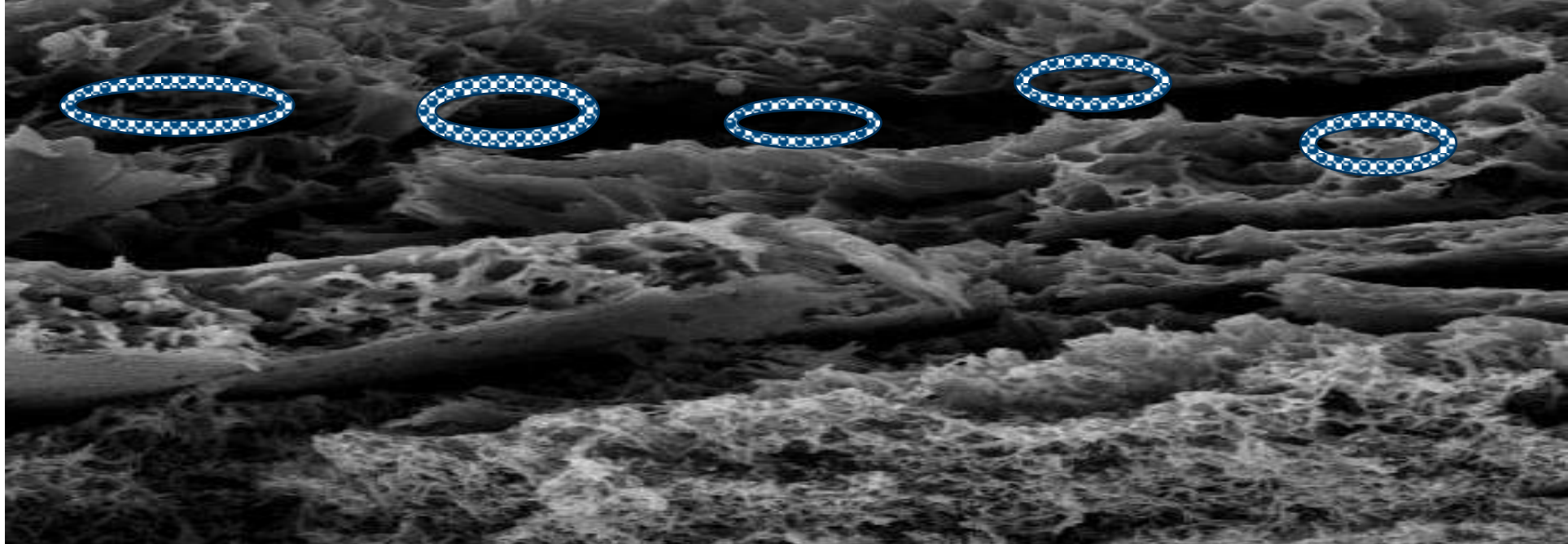
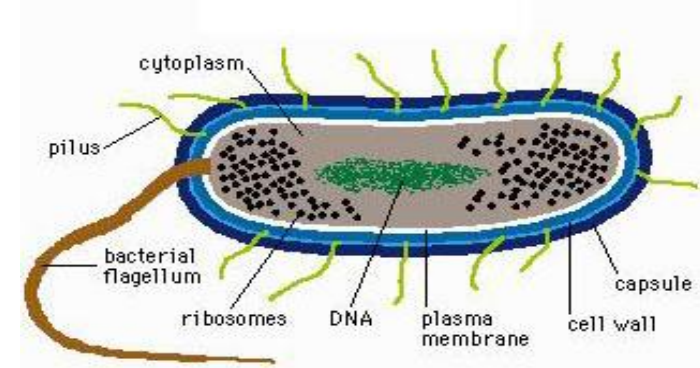
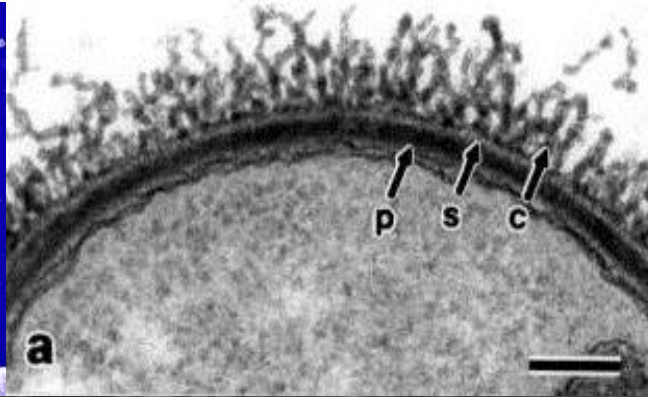
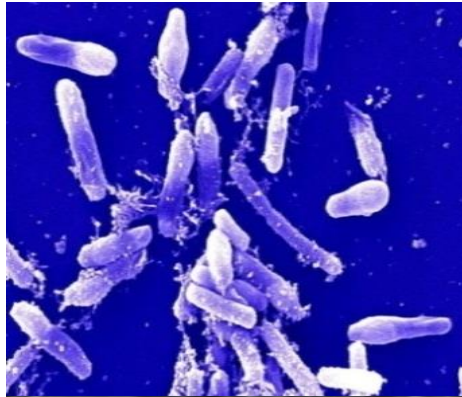
DOHS – Direct (Forward) Osmosis High Salinity Osmotic Backwash



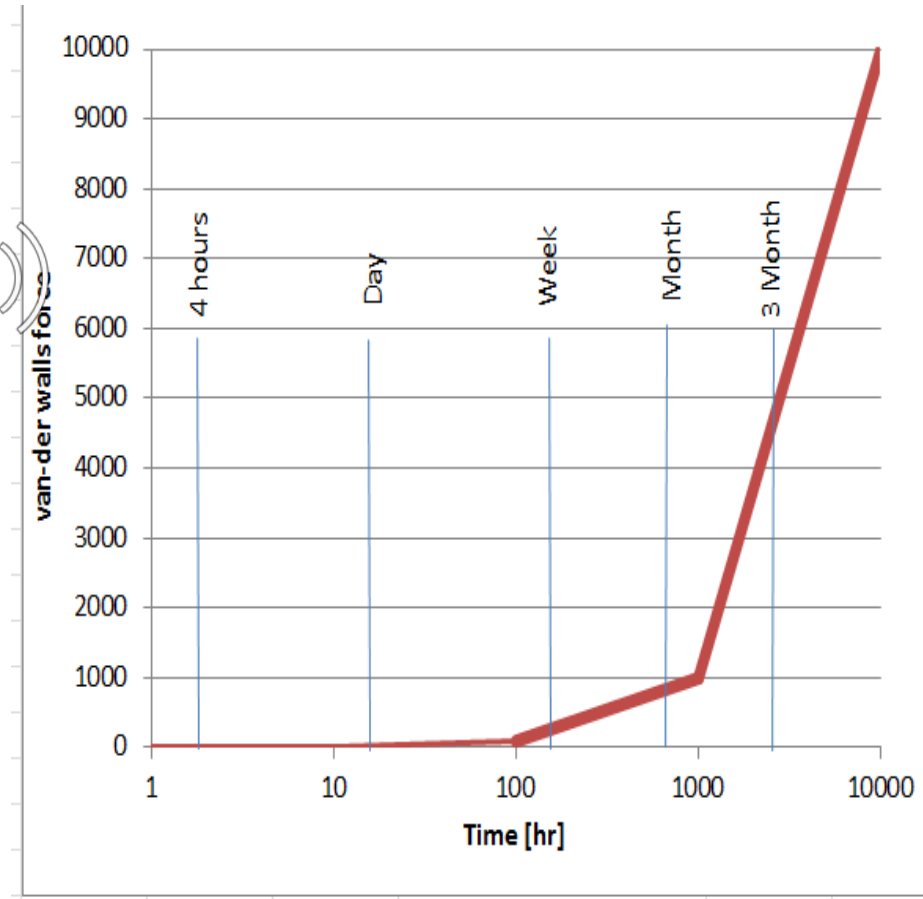
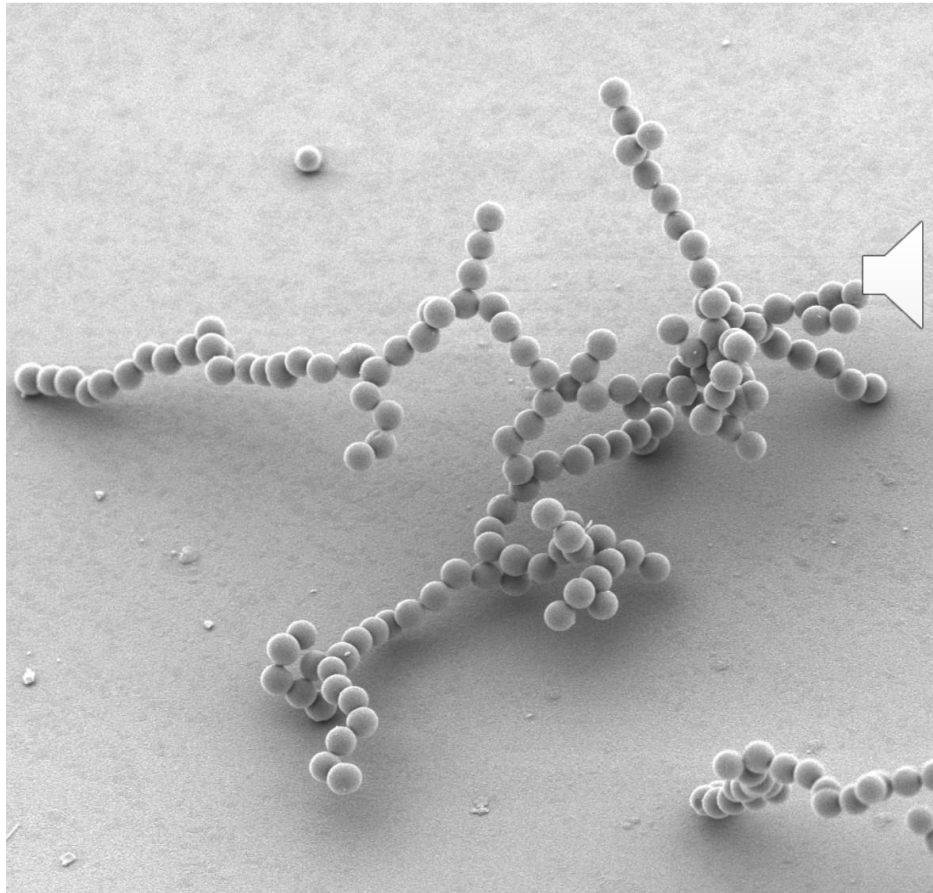
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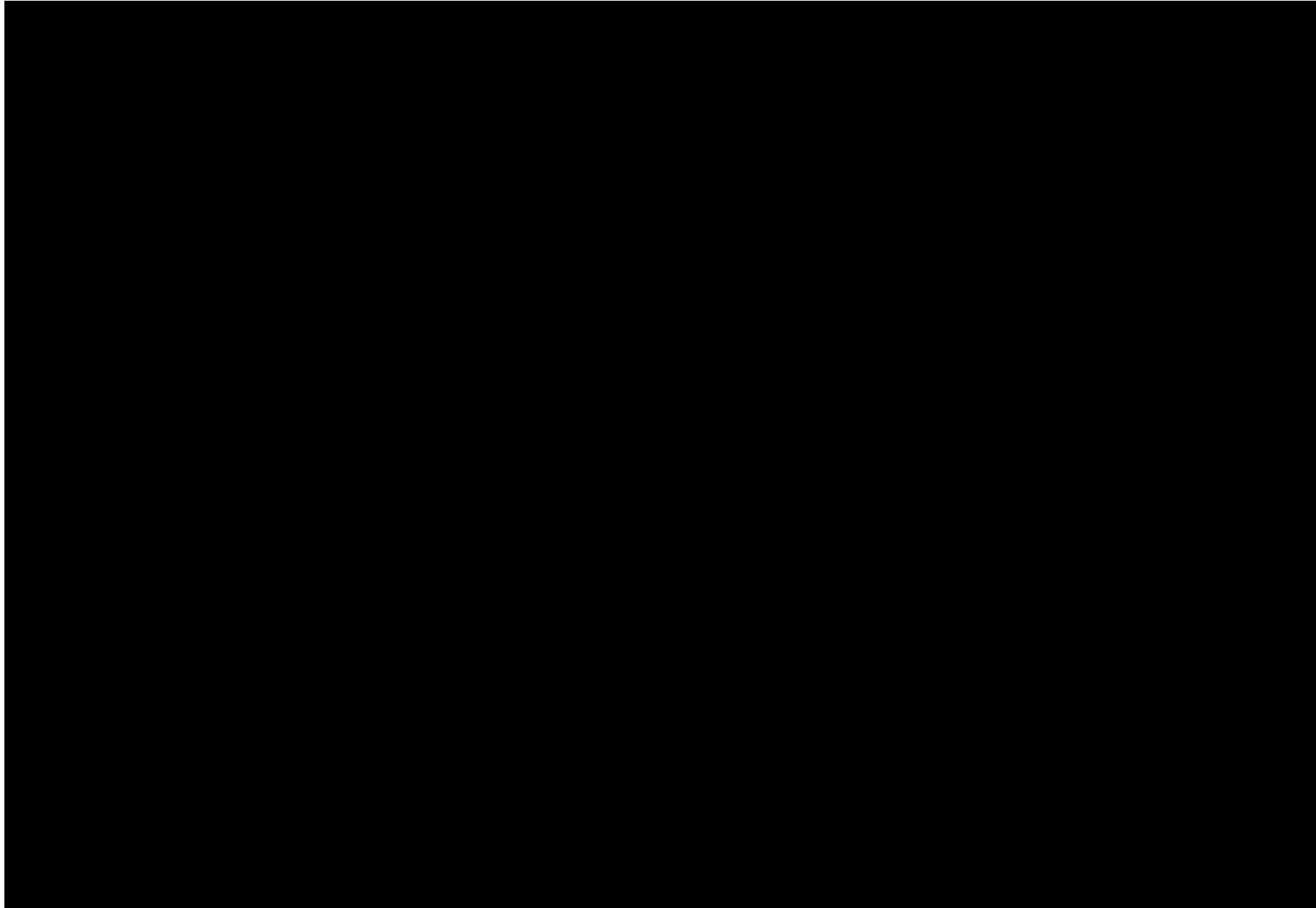
Osmotic Dehydration of Bacteria



Frequent removal of particles before a strong Van der Waals interaction is created with the surface



RO Membrane Direct Osmosis Cleaning



Pulse Flow RO Technology Implementation

- In wastewater applications allows:

- Chloramine free water reuse desalination
- Up to 95% recovery in single stage operation
- High flux operation 28 LMH
- 100% transmission of UV light
- 20% saving in water cost

- In brackish water applications allows:

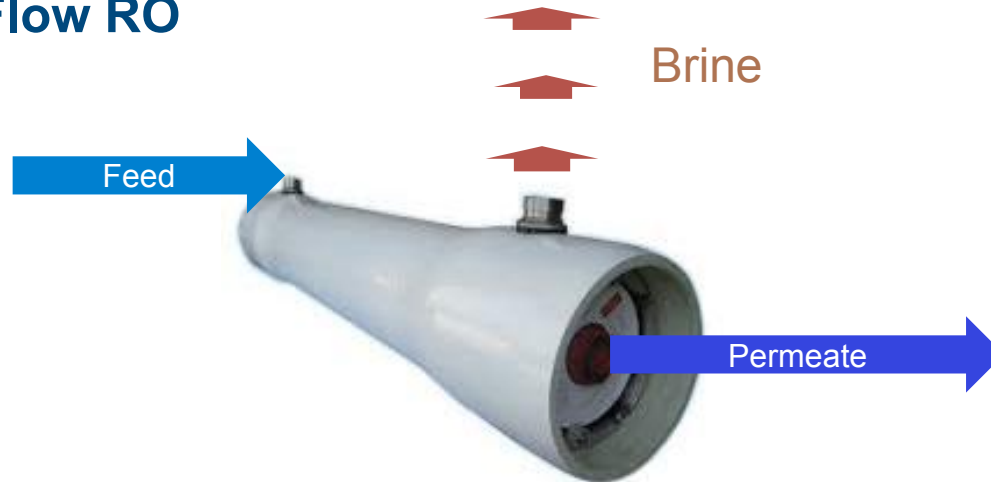
- Extremely high recovery operation



Conventional RO

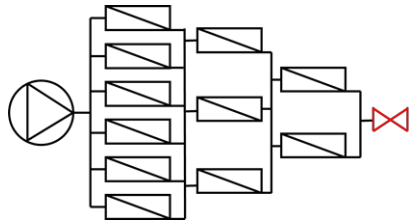
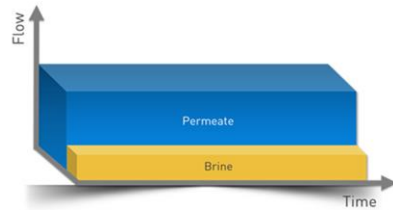


Pulse Flow RO



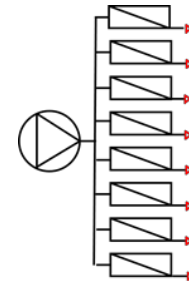
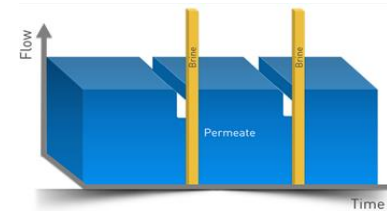
Conventional RO vs Pulse Flow RO

Continuous brine discharge



90% Recovery
Multi stage

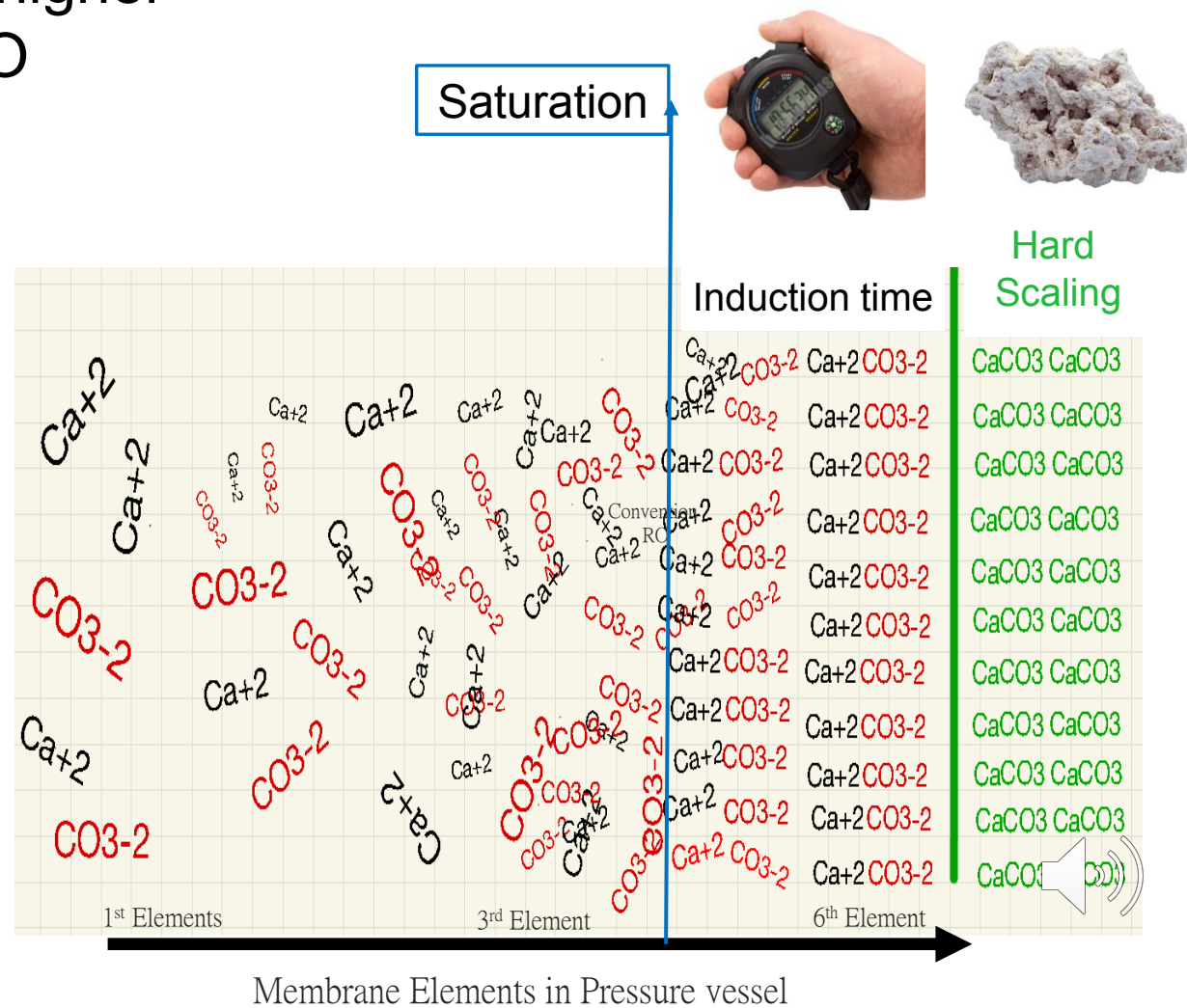
Brine discharge in pulses



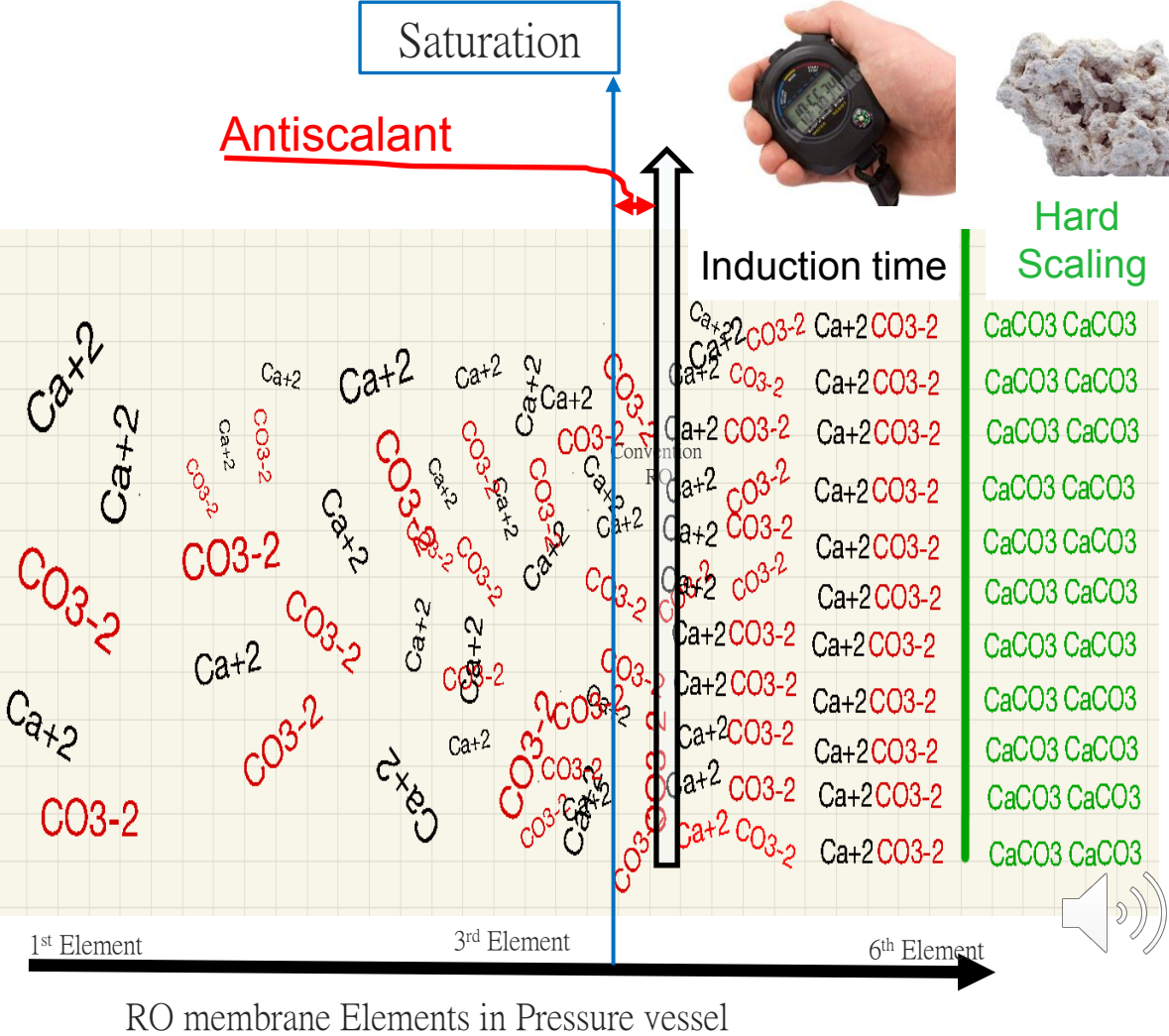
95% Recovery
Single stage



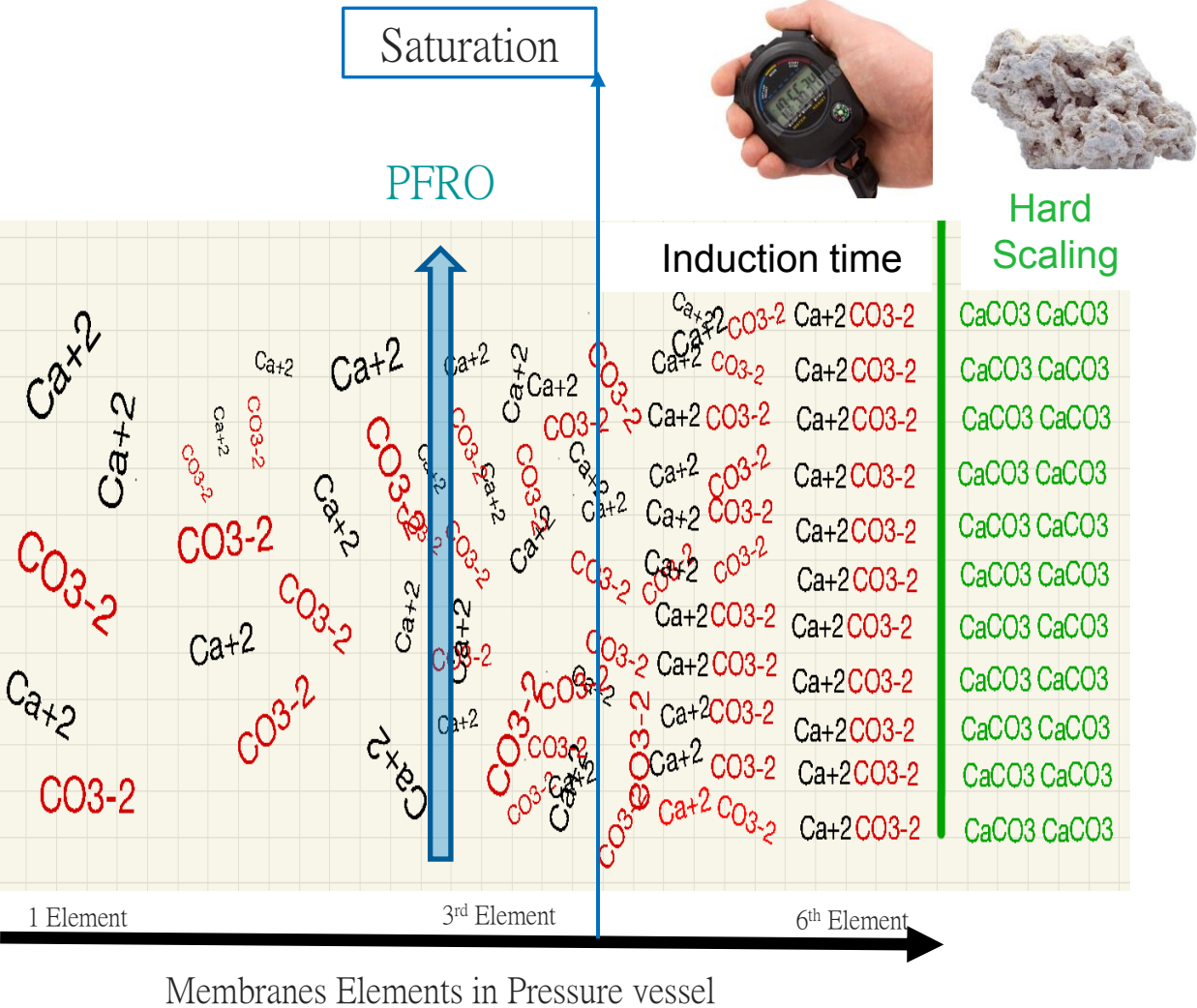
PFRO can reach significantly higher recovery than conventional RO



In conventional RO the induction time is endless



Pulse Flow RO
Higher recovery



PFRO Wastewater Demonstration Plant. Pismo Beach CA

- Under the supervision of Carollo Engineers Inc
- The source - secondary effluent, municipal wastewater
- 86% recovery, no chloramine dosing



PFRO Brackish Water application City of Abilene TX

- 80% recovery over final City brine

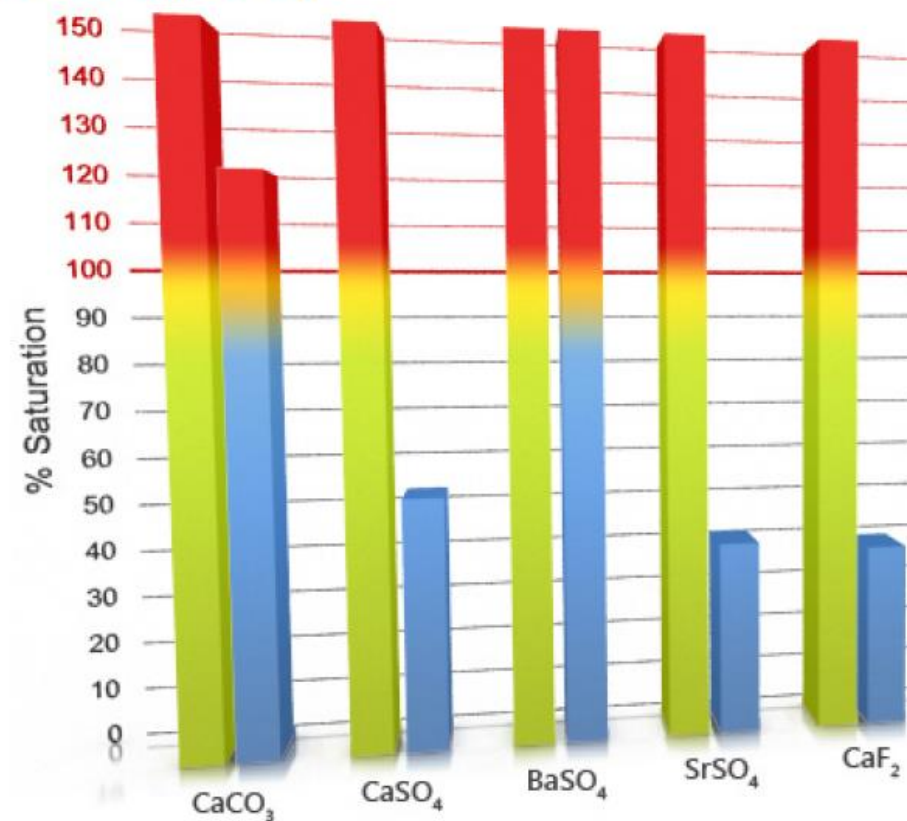


PFRO Demonstration Plant Abilene

- Brackish water application
- 80% recovery over final City brine



Saturation Graph



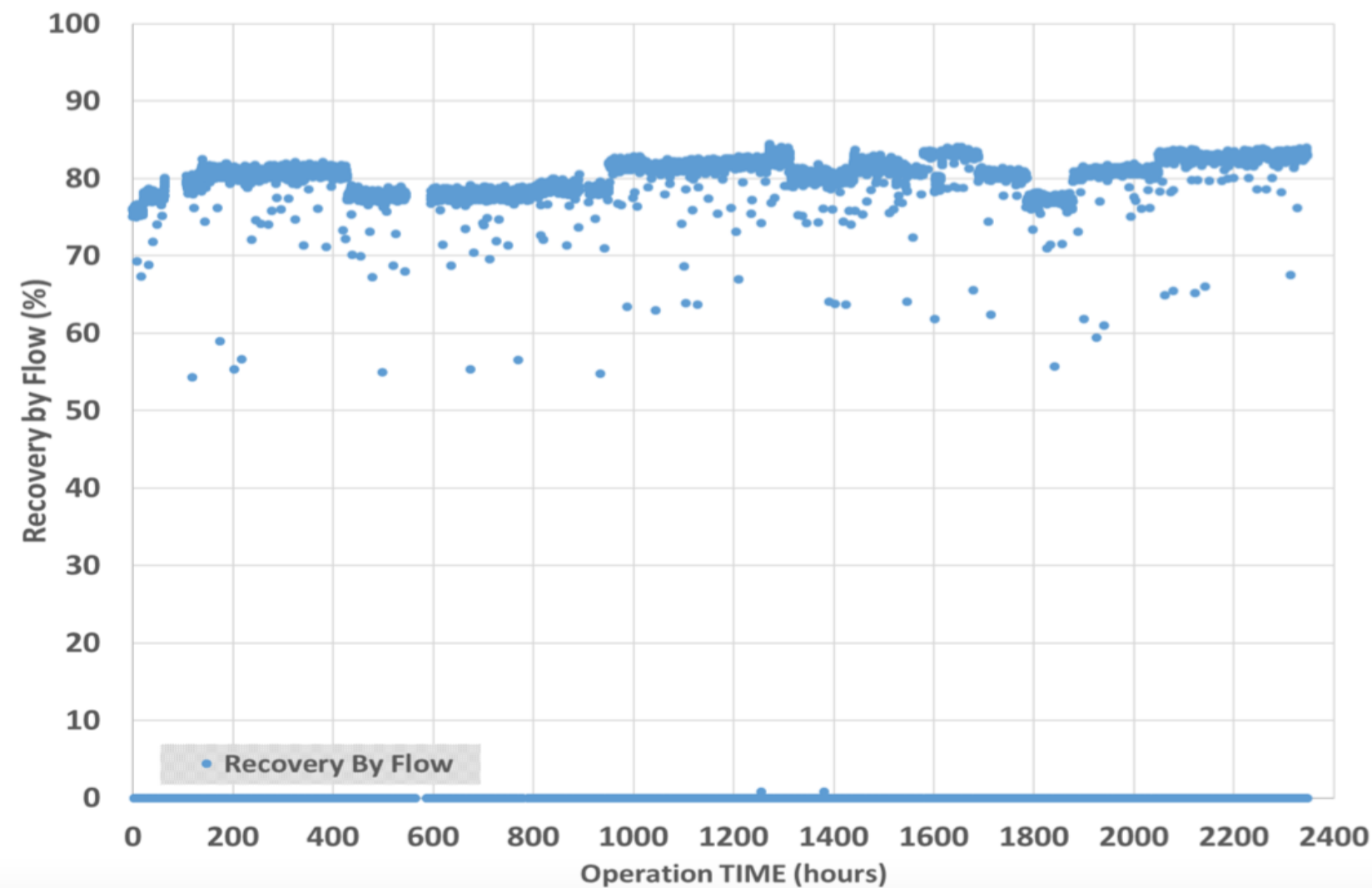
Scaling Indices

	CaCO ₃	CaSO ₄	BaSO ₄	SrSO ₄	CaF ₂	Ca ₃ (
Conc. Untreated	222.30	409.17	51632	404.91	5249	0.

Recovery (%). Abilene



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Specific Flux (GFD/PSI) Abilene



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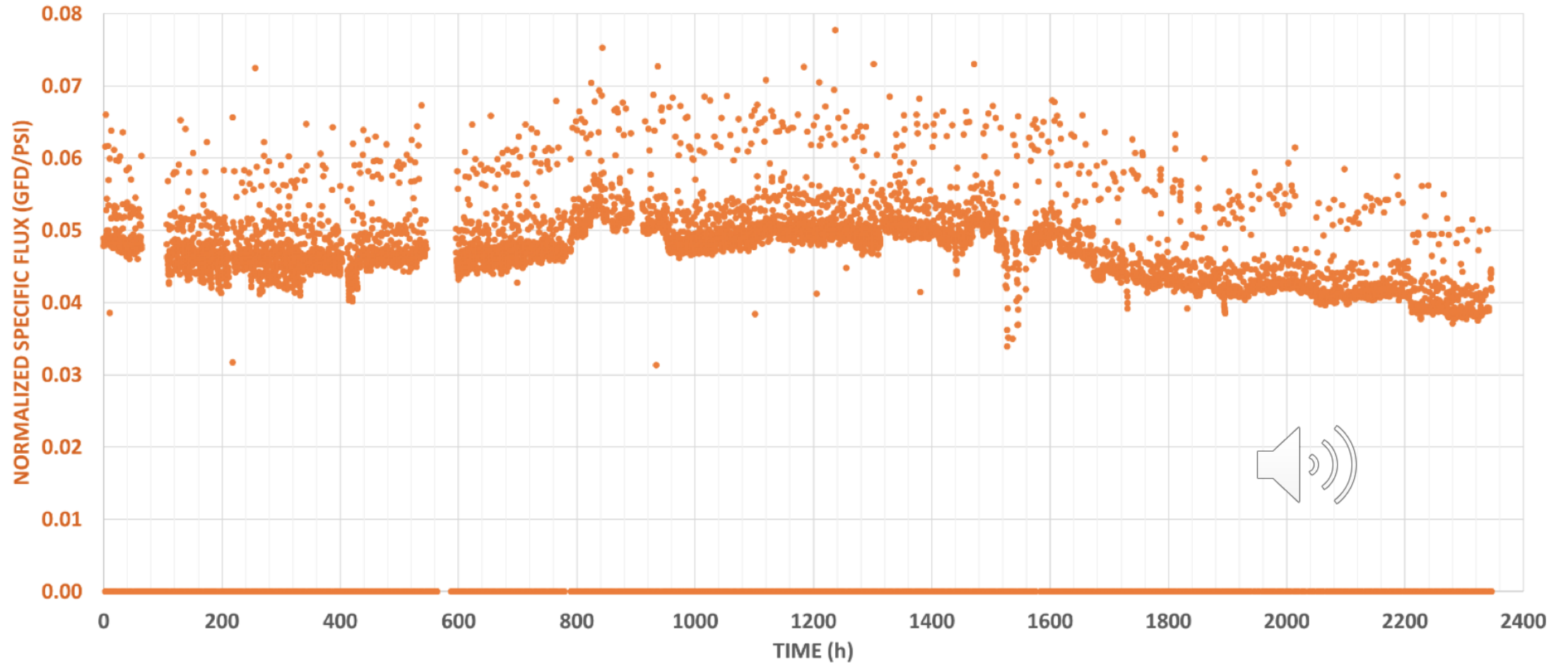


Figure 11: Specific Flux vs. Time

Product Conductivity

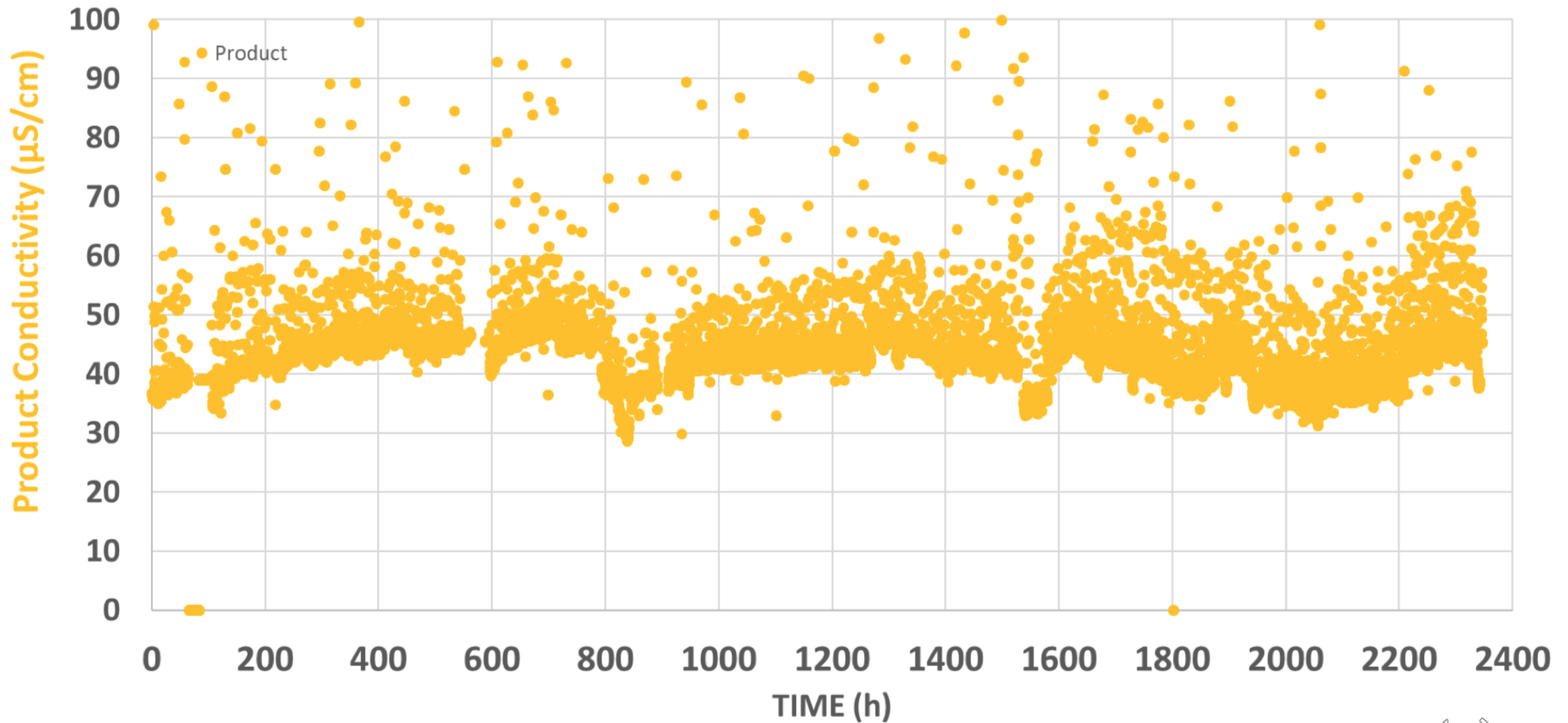


Figure 10: Permeate Conductivity vs. Time



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