

Sustainable and Integrated Water Supply: Singapore – A Case Study

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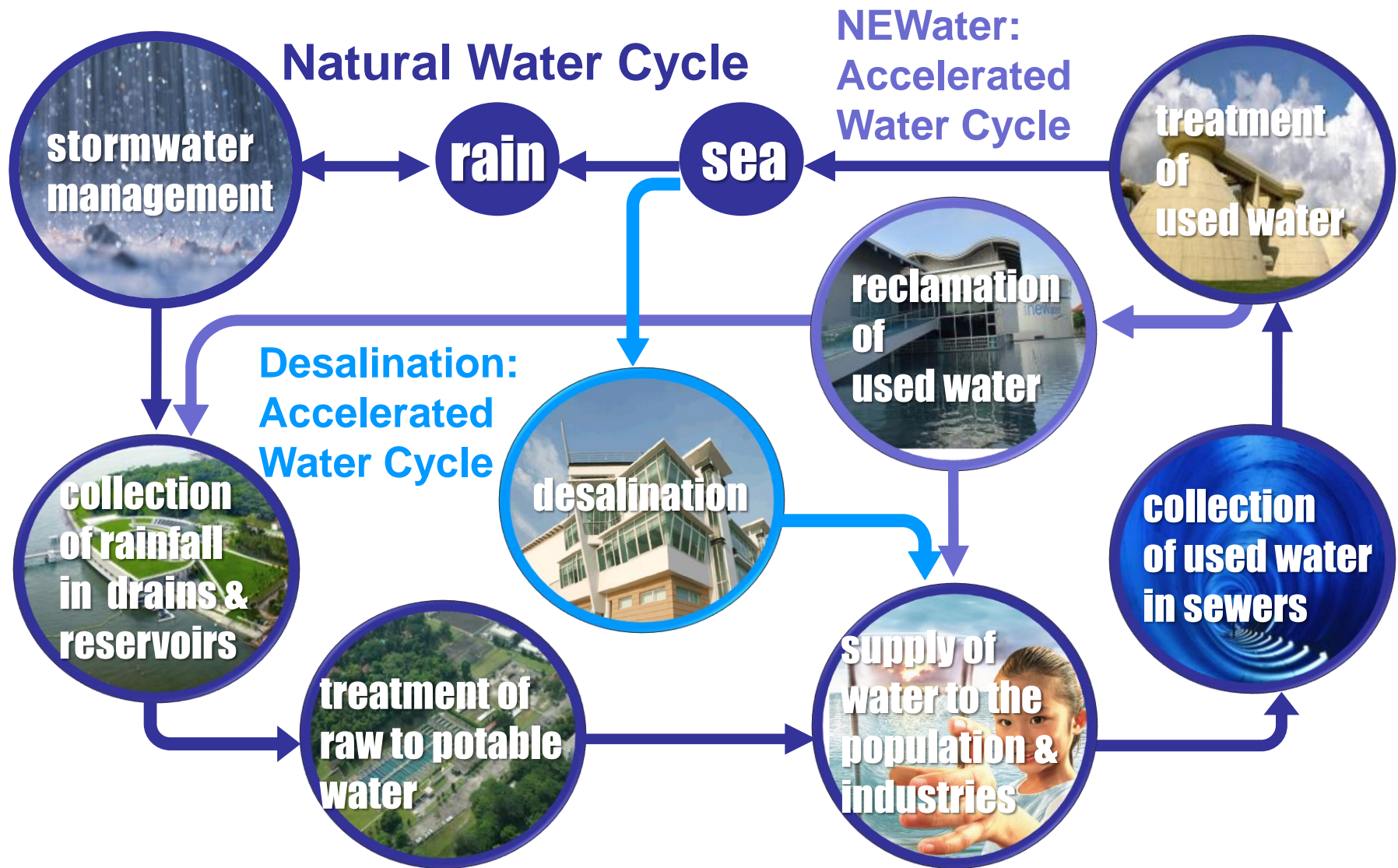


Challenges

- Lack of land to store water
- Lack of natural resources (apart from strategic locations for port, and high population)

Land Area	~710 km ²
Population	5.5 mil
Average Annual Rainfall	2.4m
Average Water Demand	400MGD (1.82mil m ³ /day)

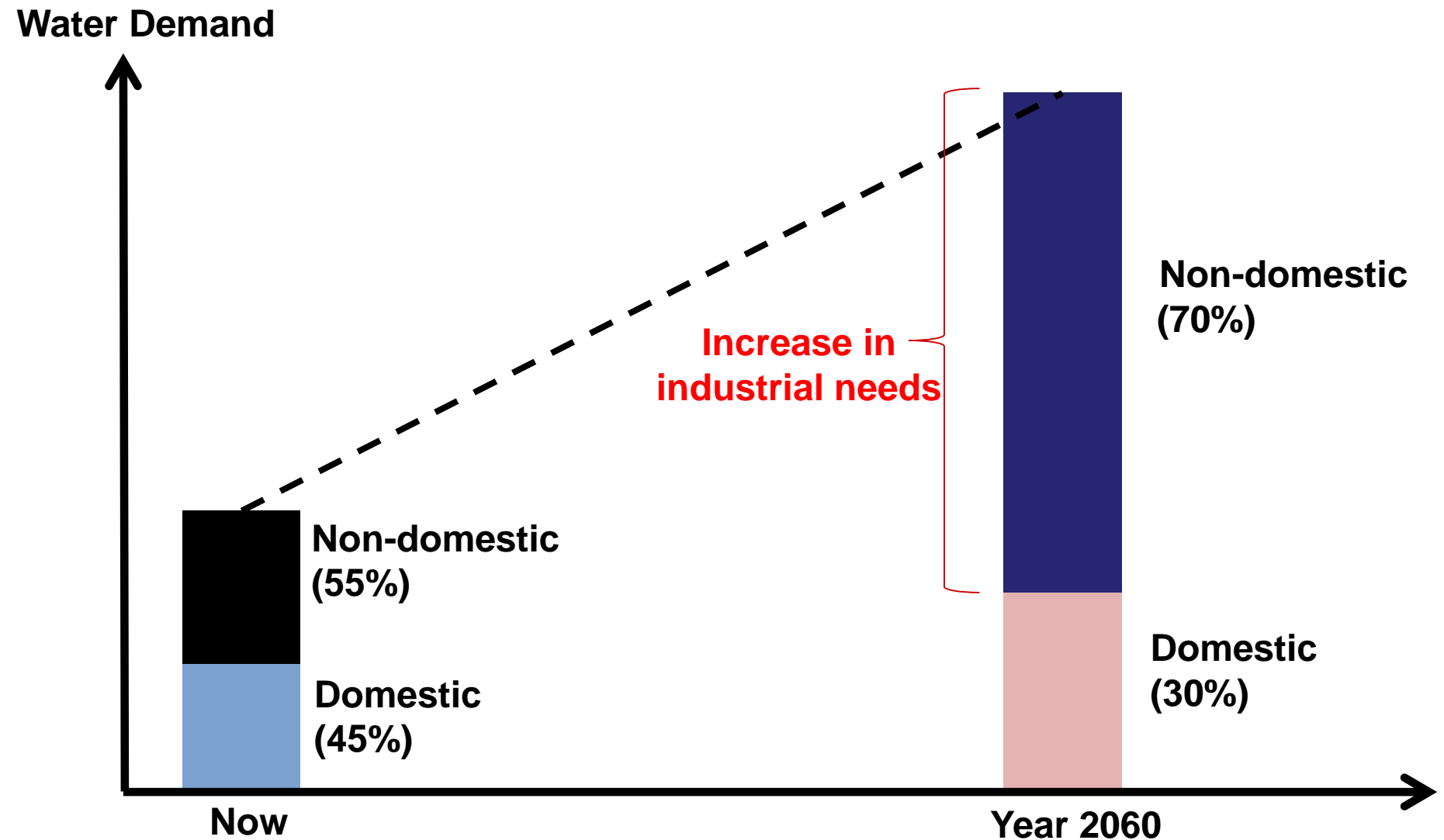
Closing the Water Loop



Building Resilience - Four National Taps

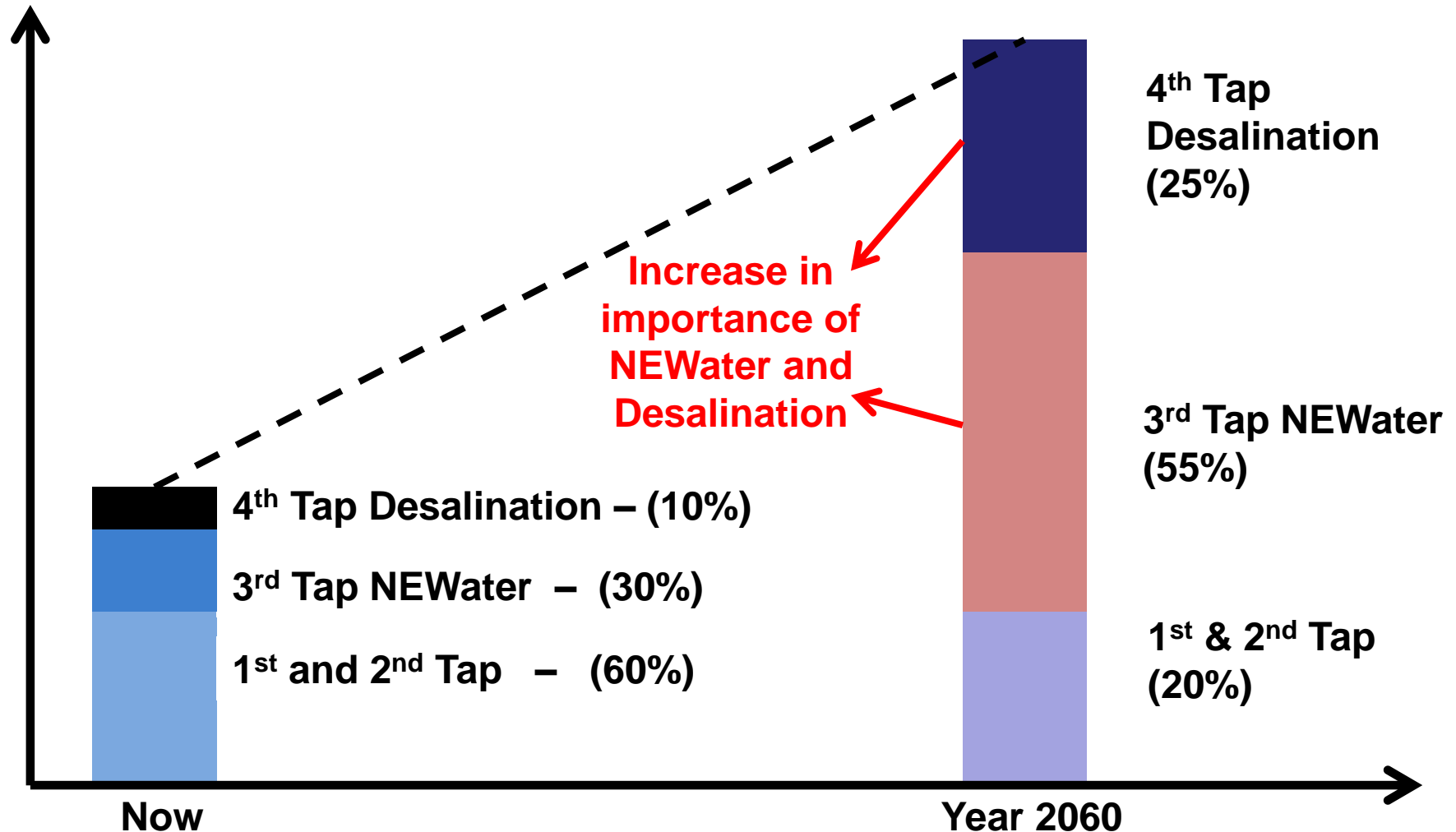


Our Challenges - Water Demand



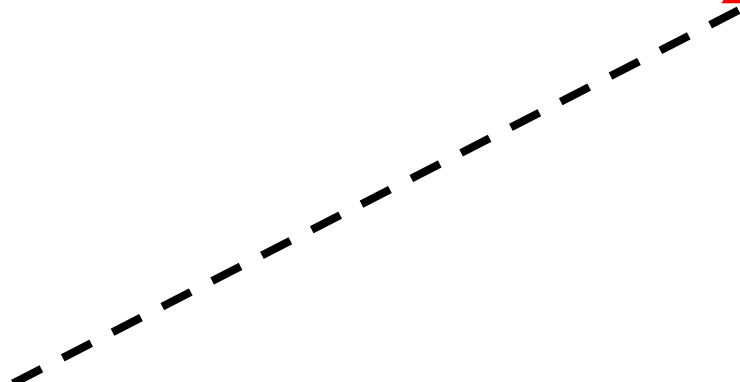
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Energy: Triple from 1050 GWh/yr to 3200 GWh/yr ; Footprint to increase from 1.7kWh/m³ to 2.5kWh/m³.

Sludge: Double to more than 600,000 tonnes/yr

Not sustainable

- Energy
- Chemicals
- Wastewater
- Sludge
- Cost of operations
- Land for infrastructure

Now

Year 2060

Tackling our Challenges – Looking for Ideas

Leveraging on
technological
innovation to
overcome water
challenges



Case Studies

Reducing Energy – Seawater Desalination

Current
 3.5kWh/m^3



SWRO

Short-term
 $<1.5\text{kWh/m}^3$

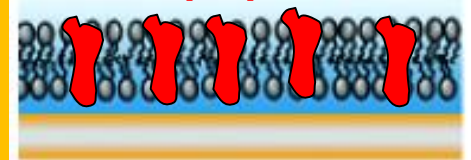
- Variable Salinity Process : 1.7 kWh/m^3
- Membrane distillation (with waste heat): 1.0 kWh/m^3
- Electrochemical Desalting: 1.5 kWh/m^3

Long-term
 $<1\text{kWh/m}^3$

Breakthrough R&D

- Biomimetic
- Biomimicry

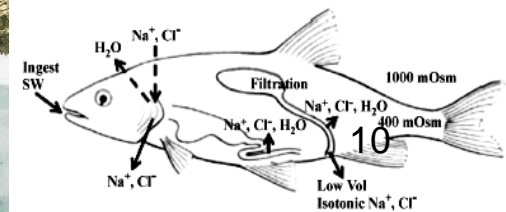
Aquaporins



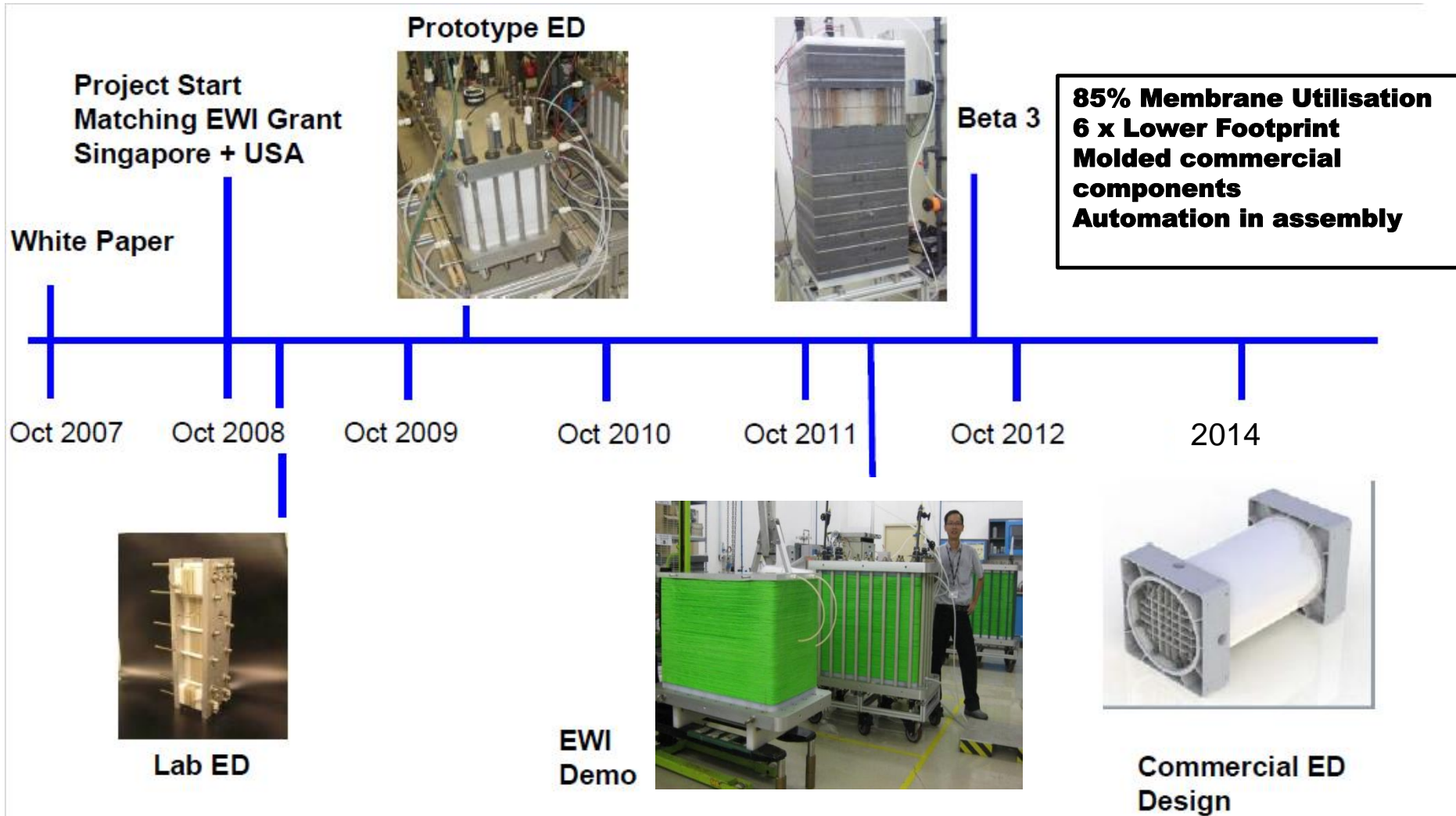
Mangrove



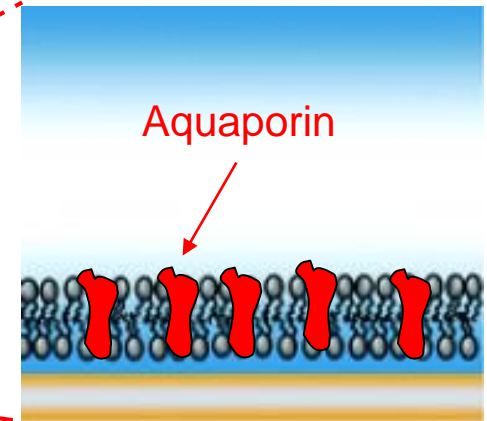
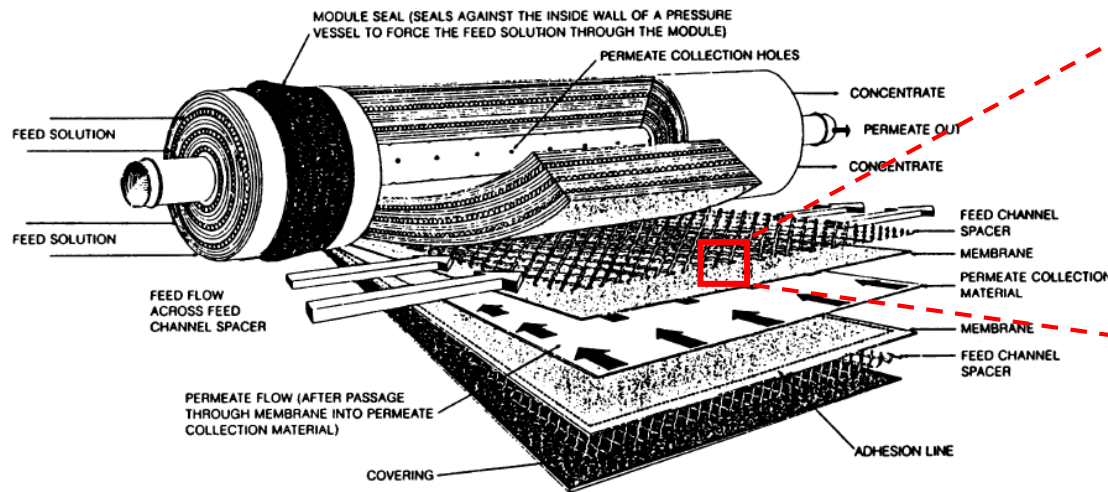
Seawater



Electrochemical Desalination Technology



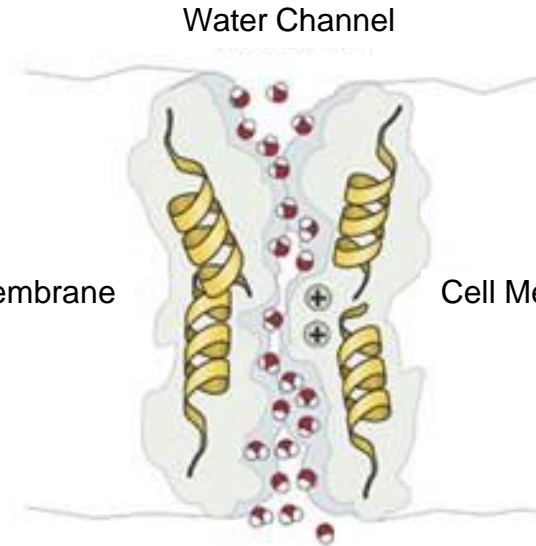
Biomimetic Membranes



Potential Applications:

1. Seawater desalination membrane
→ 3.5kWh/m³ to < 1 kWh/m³
2. RO membrane for NEWater production
→ 0.8kWh/m³ to 0.3kWh/m³

Cell Membrane



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Aquaporin:

- ✓ High water flux
- ✓ Quantitative rejection of Na⁺ and Cl⁻ ions

Energy Self-Sufficiency – Used Water Treatment

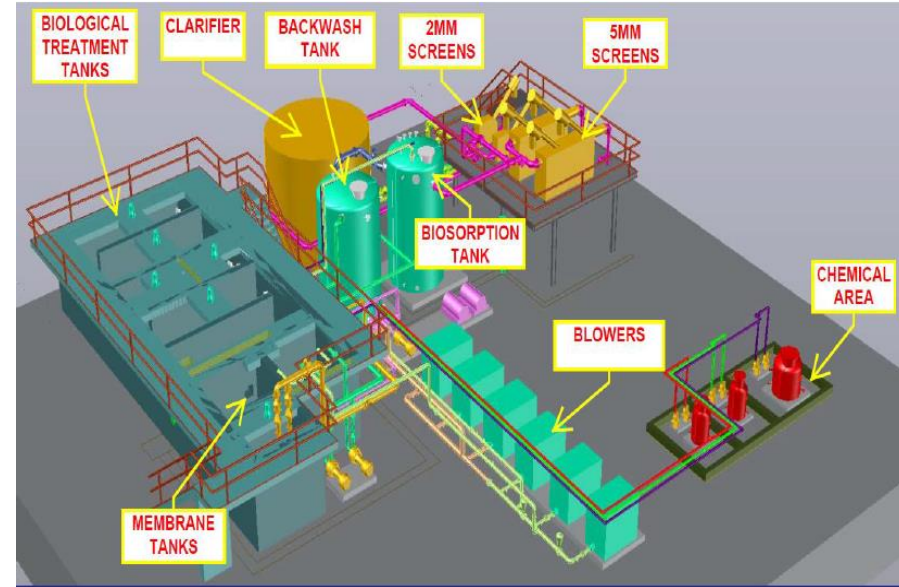
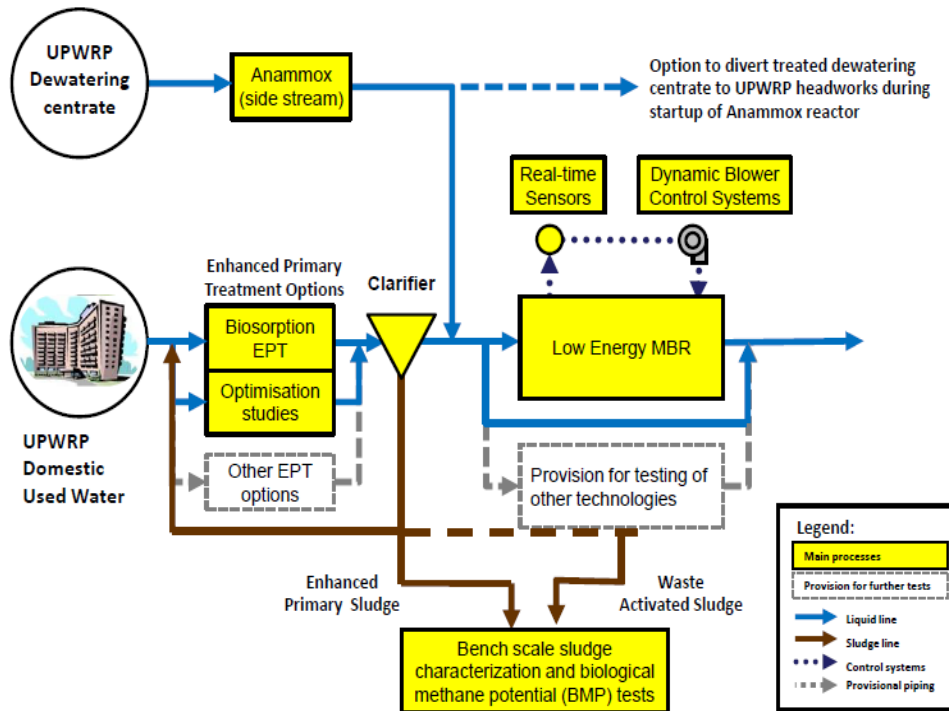
Multi-Dimensional Challenge:

- Maintain Effluent Quality for NEWater Production
- Reduce Energy & Sludge
- Minimise Land Use



Integrated Validation Plant

Energy-efficient Water Reclamation Plants with higher recovery



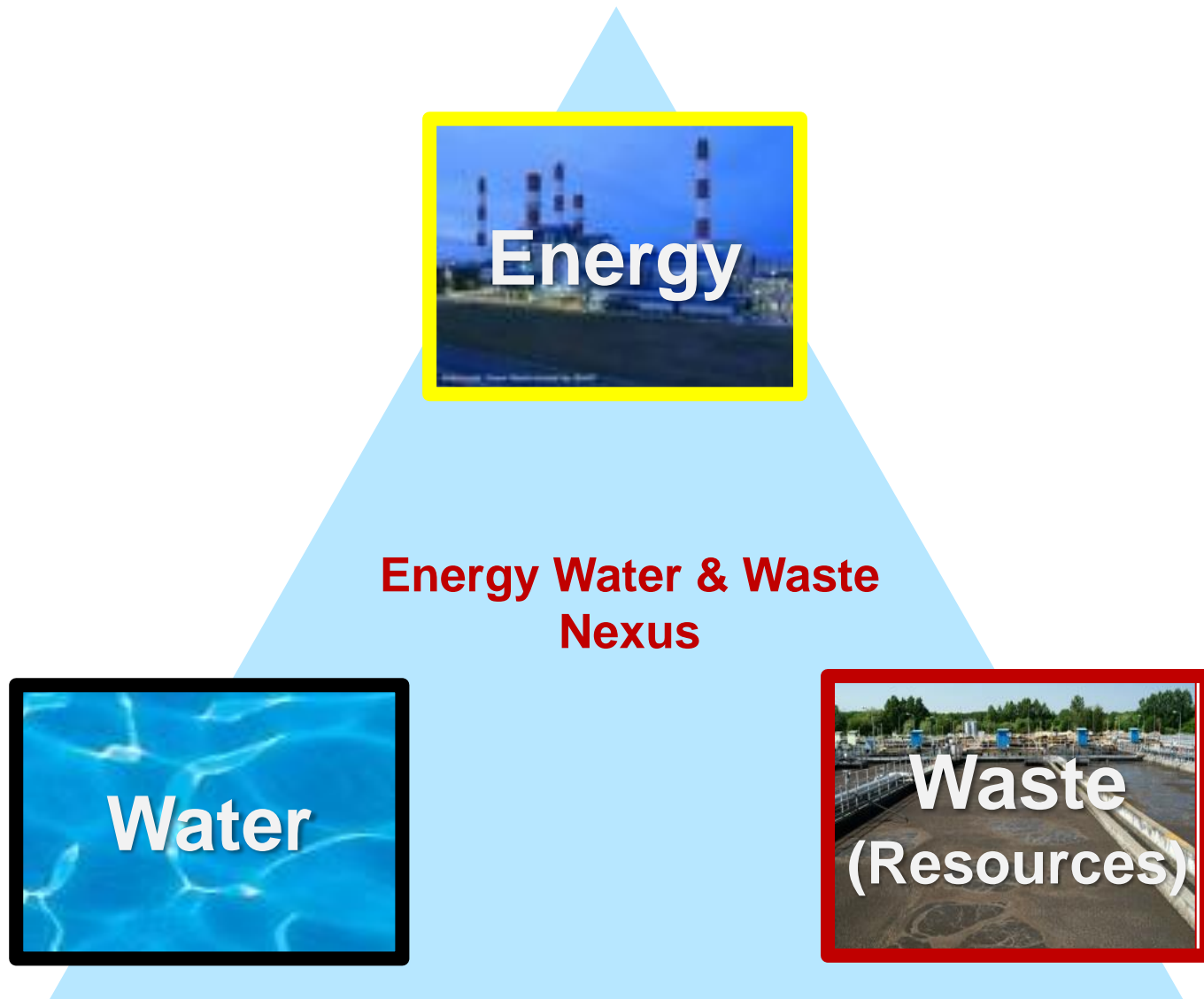
Expected Outcomes of the Integrated Validation Plant

- 150% more energy recovery
- 40% reduction of net system energy consumption
- 30% reduction in plant footprint
- 10% reduction in quantity of waste dewatered sludge

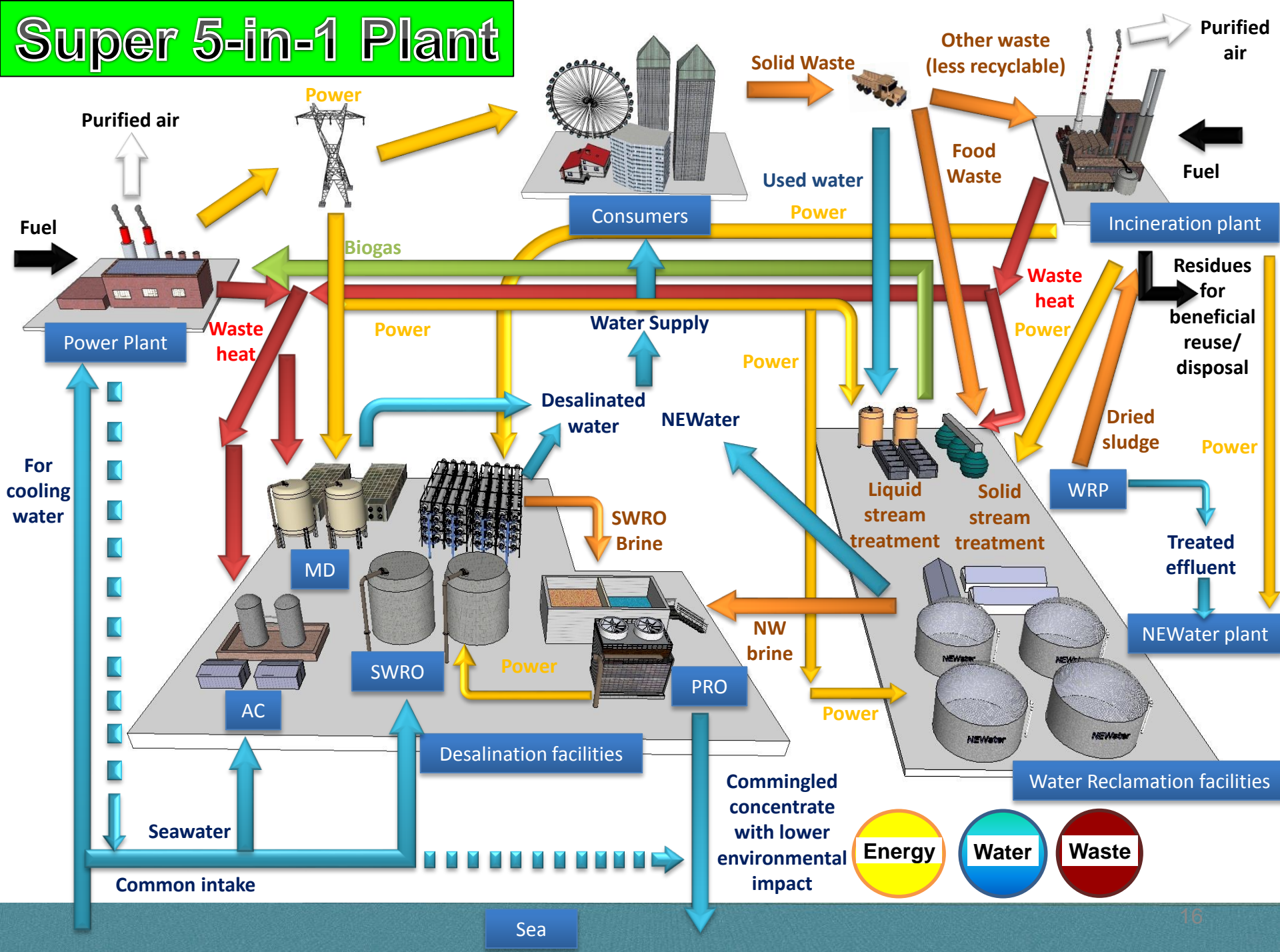


Water for All: Conserve, Value, Enjoy

Co-location: The Energy-Water-Waste Nexus



Super 5-in-1 Plant



We Cannot Work Alone

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