

Offshore Wind Energy and Water



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Water or Energy?



Outline

- Water Security
- Desalination
- Desalination technologies
- Economics of desalination
- Renewable energy in desalination
- Future Work

Water Security and Conflicts



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Brazil drought

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California drought

Water used for electricity

Water Consumption in the Electricity Industry Value Chain (liters per megawatt-hour)

Source	Raw Materials	Transformation	Delivery
Coal Oil or natural gas Uranium	20–270 See Table 4 170–570	Thermoelectric generation with closed loop cooling: 720–2,700	Minimal
Hydroelectric		Evaporation losses: 17,000	Minimal
Geothermal		5,300	Minimal
Solar		Concentrating solar: 2,800–3,500	Minimal
Wind		Minimal	Minimal

Energy used in the provision of water

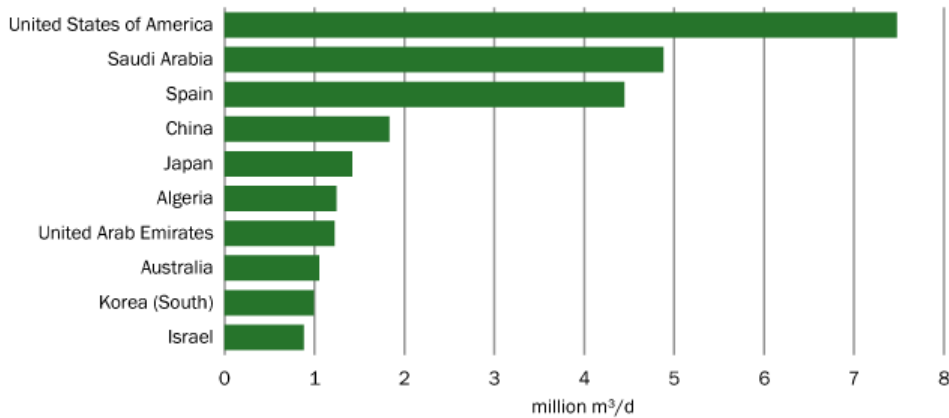
Energy Consumption in Industry Value Chain (kilowatt-hour per 1,000 cubic meters)

Source	Raw Materials	Transformation	Delivery
Surface water	0–2,400	Treatment: varies with raw water quality	Depends on distance and elevation: 290
Groundwater	40 meters: 150 120 meters: 520	High-quality groundwater: 26 Brackish water: 300–1,400 Seawater desalination: 3,600–4,500	
Municipal wastewater		660	

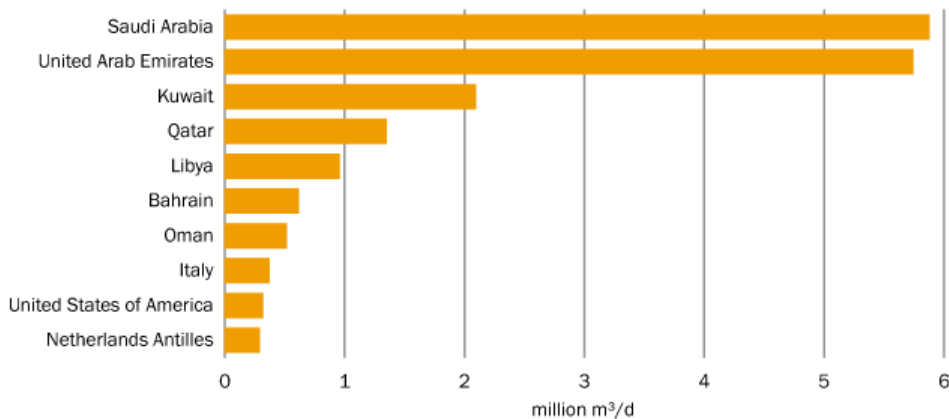


Desalination

Countries using desalination

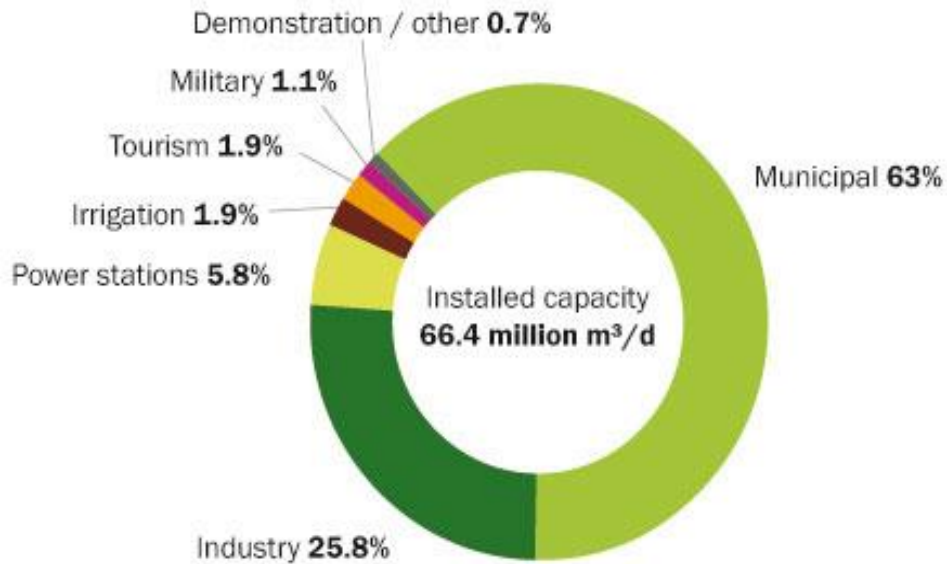


Top 10 countries by total installed membrane capacity since 1945

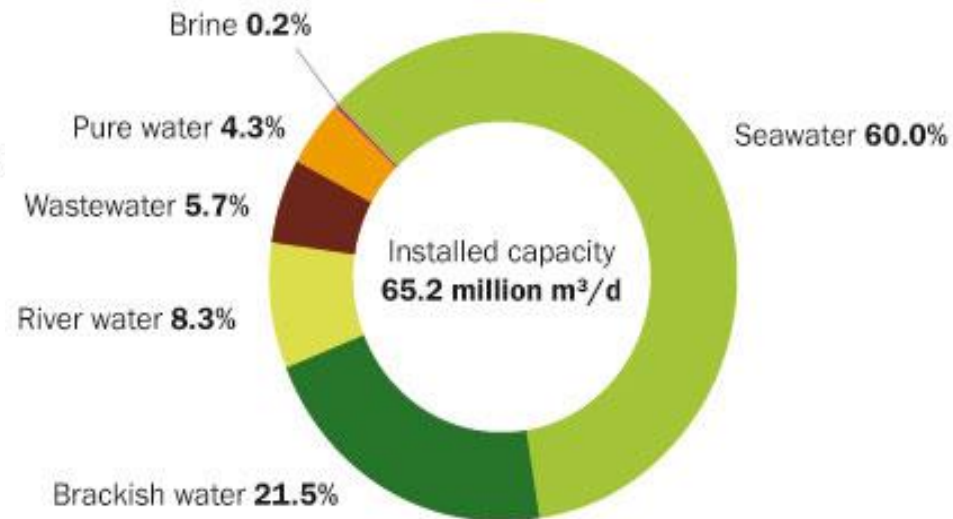


Top 10 countries by total installed thermal capacity since 1945

Global desalination capacity and trends

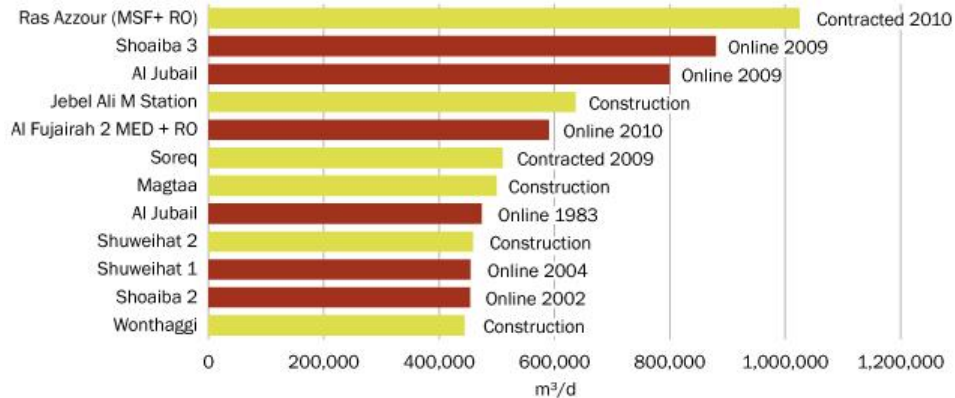


Total worldwide installed capacity by user type



Total worldwide installed capacity by feed water category

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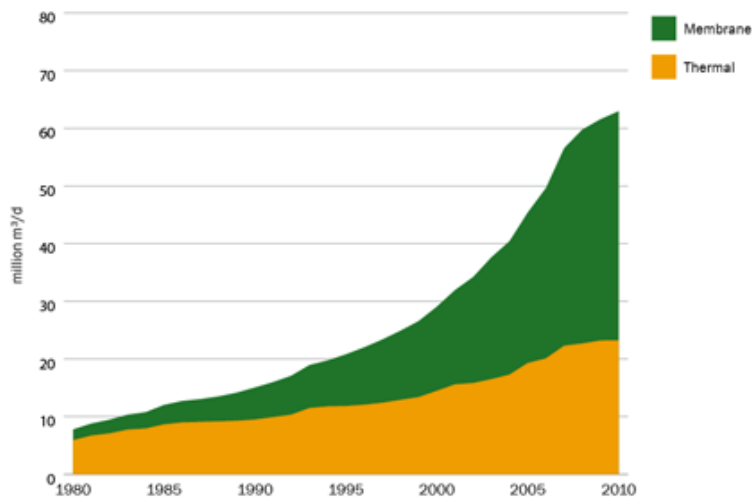


Top 12 plants by capacity

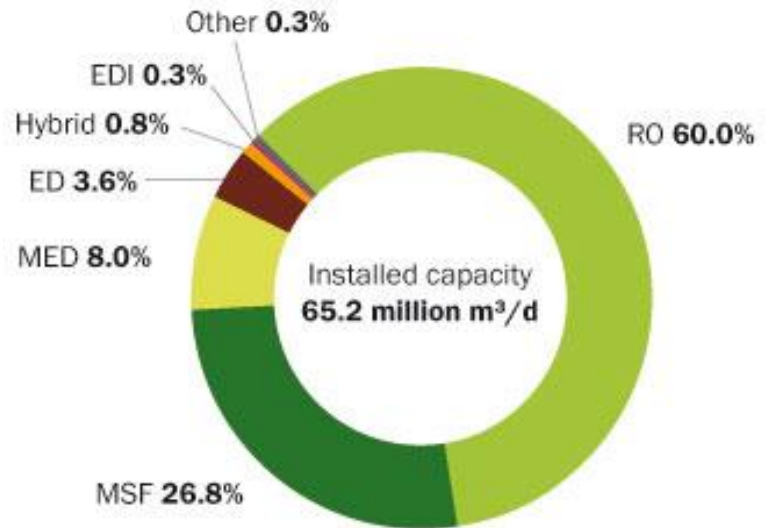


Shoaiba Power and Desalination Plant 3.6 million m³ of water per day

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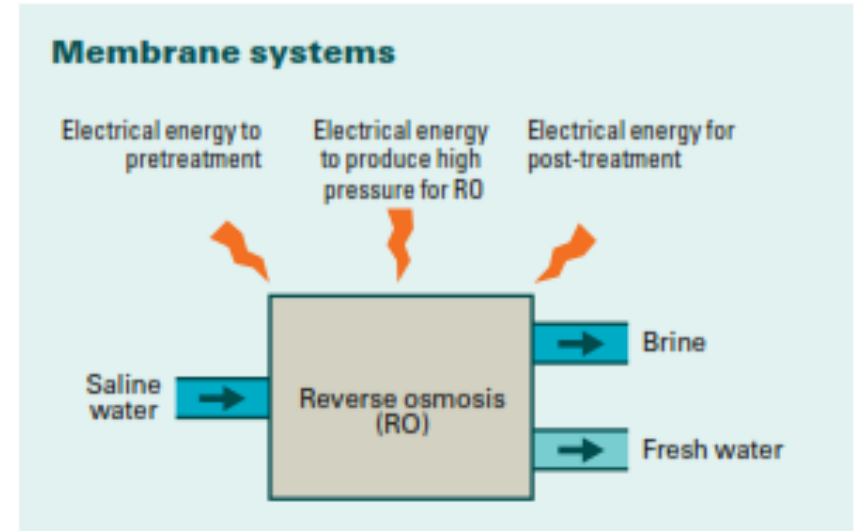
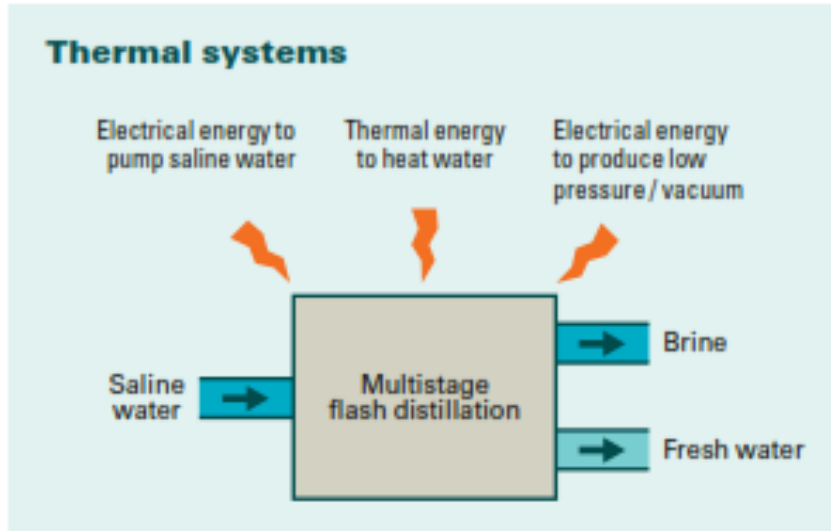


Installed membrane and thermal capacity, 1980-2010 (cumulative)



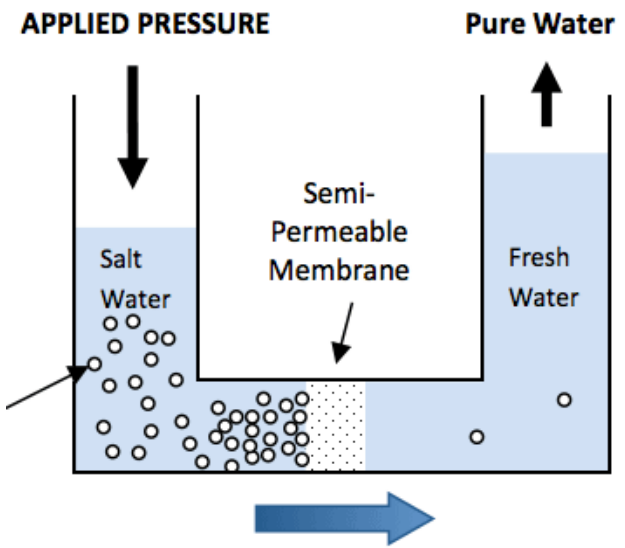
Total worldwide installed capacity by technology

Desalination technologies



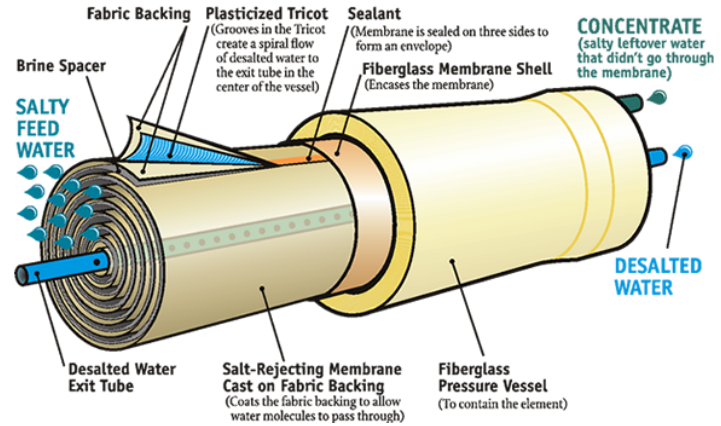
Schematic diagrams for major desalination technologies.

Desalination: Membrane (Reverse Osmosis)



Reverse Osmosis

Reverse Osmosis Membrane Element inside a Pressure Vessel

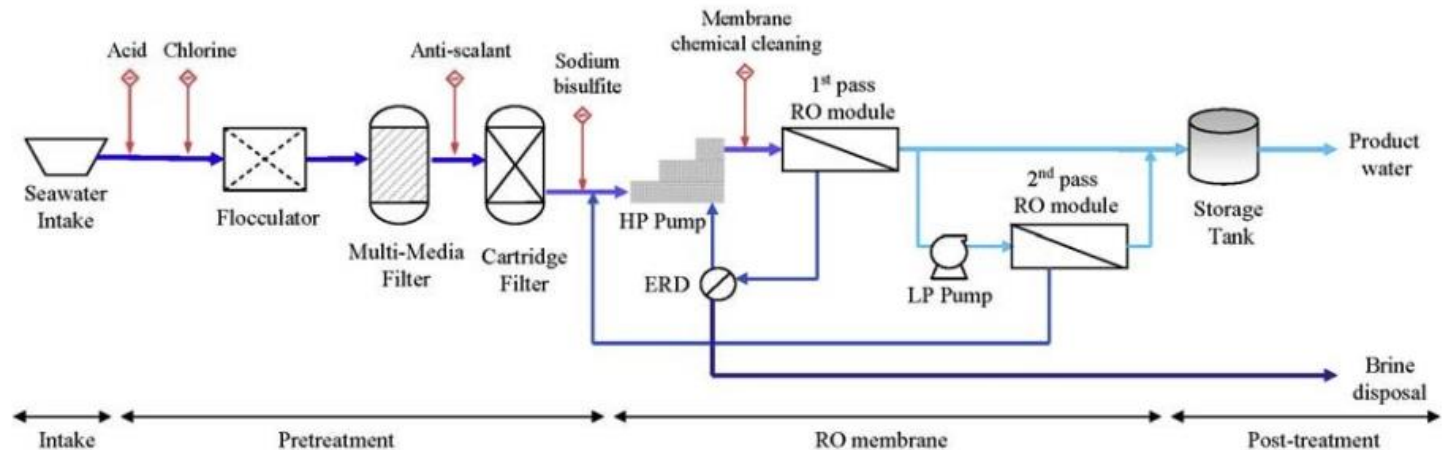


Membrane

Source: PureTec Water <http://puretecwater.com/what-is-reverse-osmosis.html>
U.S. Department of Interior http://www.usbr.gov/lc/yuma/facilities/ydp/yao_ydp_operations_ro.html

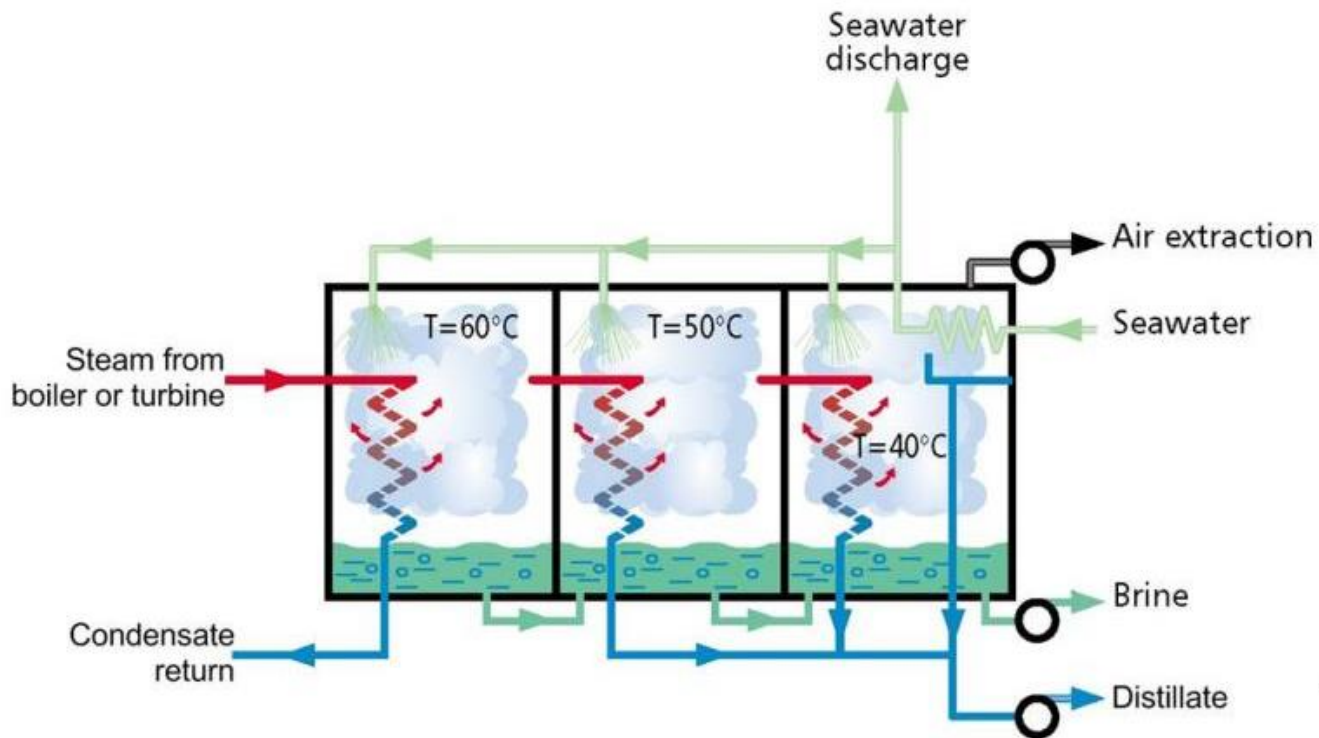
Desalination: Membrane (Reverse Osmosis)

- Seawater intake
- Pretreatment
- High pressure pumping unit
- Membrane element assembly unit
- Energy Recovery Device
- Permeate treatment
- Storage tank*



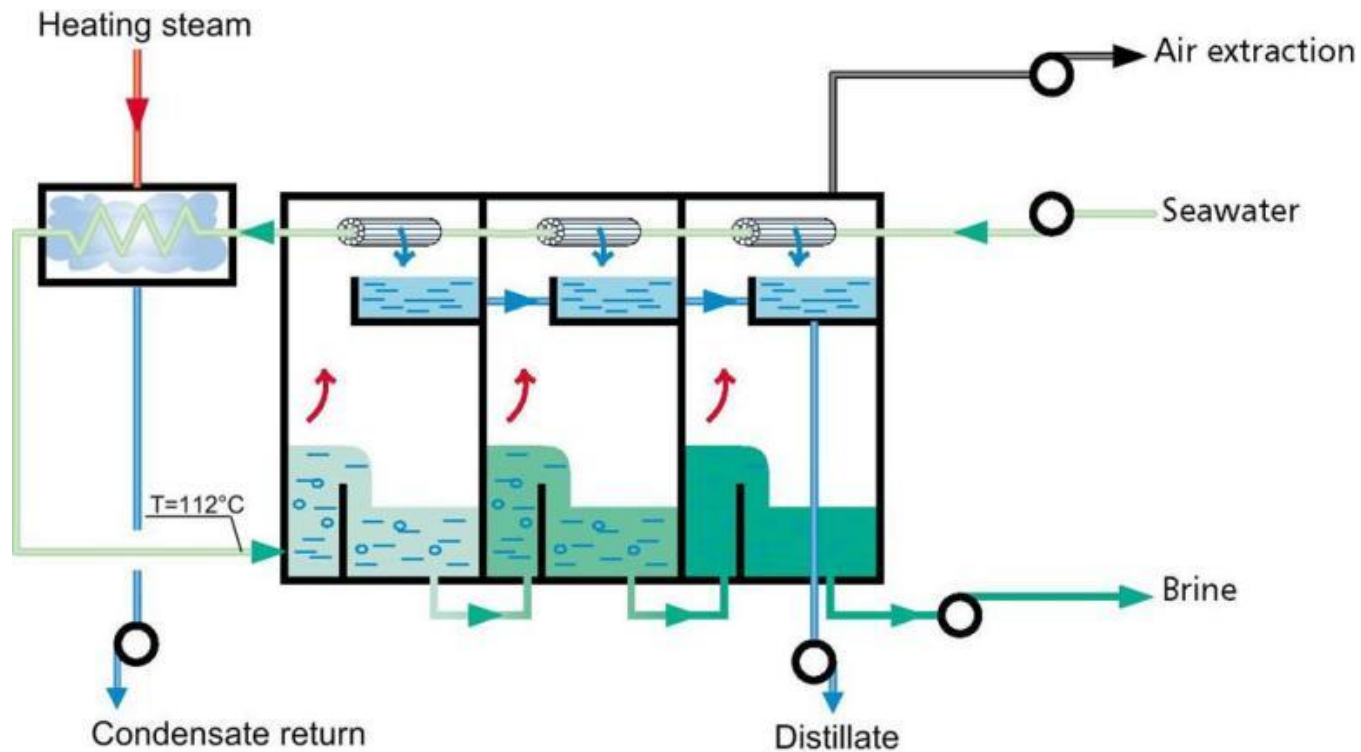
Schematic diagram of a typical SWRO desalination process

Desalination: Distillation (MED)



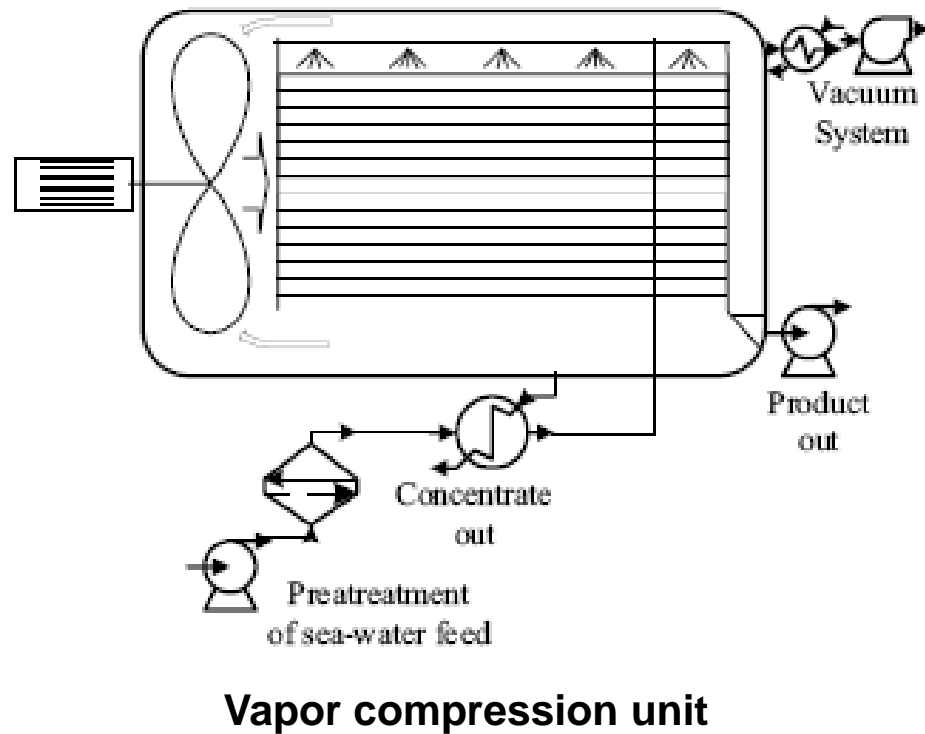
Multiple effect distillation unit

Desalination: Distillation (MSF)



Multi-stage flash unit

Desalination: Distillation (VC)

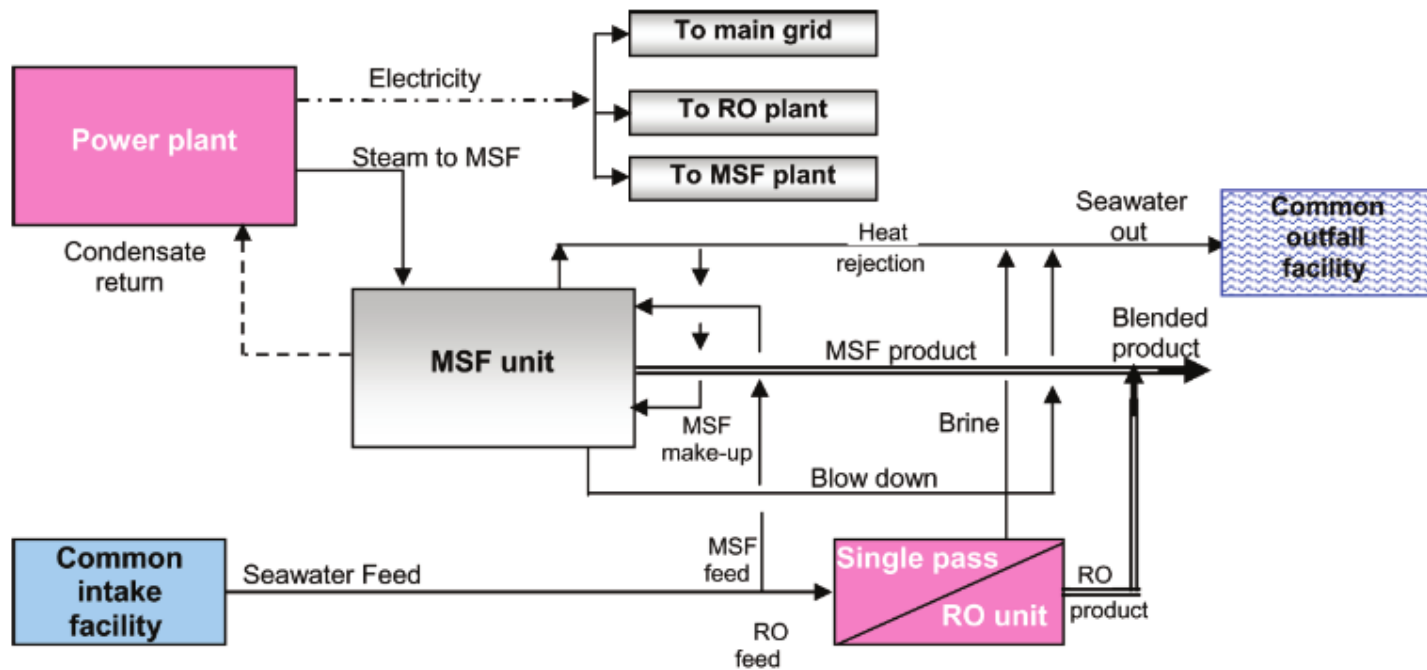


Vapor compression unit

Desalination: Energy Requirements

Process/energy type	MED	MSF	VC	RO
Electric energy equivalent, kwhr/m3	4.5	14.0	-	-
Electric consumption, kWh/m3	1.2-2.0	3.0-4.0	8.5	3-5
Total electric energy equivalent, kWh/m3	5.7-6.5	17-18	8.5	3-5

Hybrid Systems



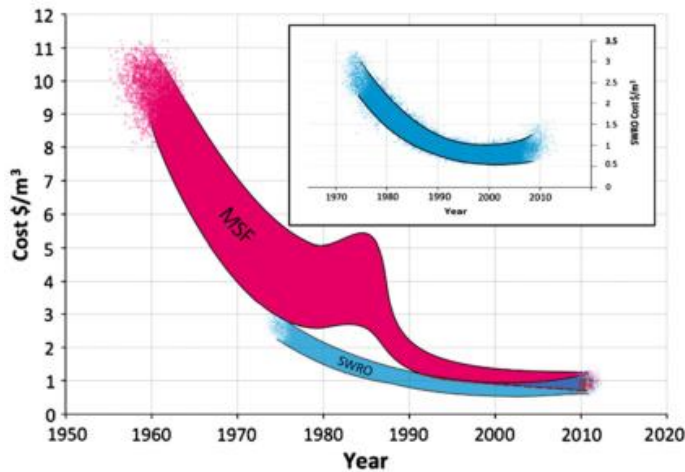
Schematic diagram of commercially available simple hybrid desalination plants.

Types of Hybrid Systems

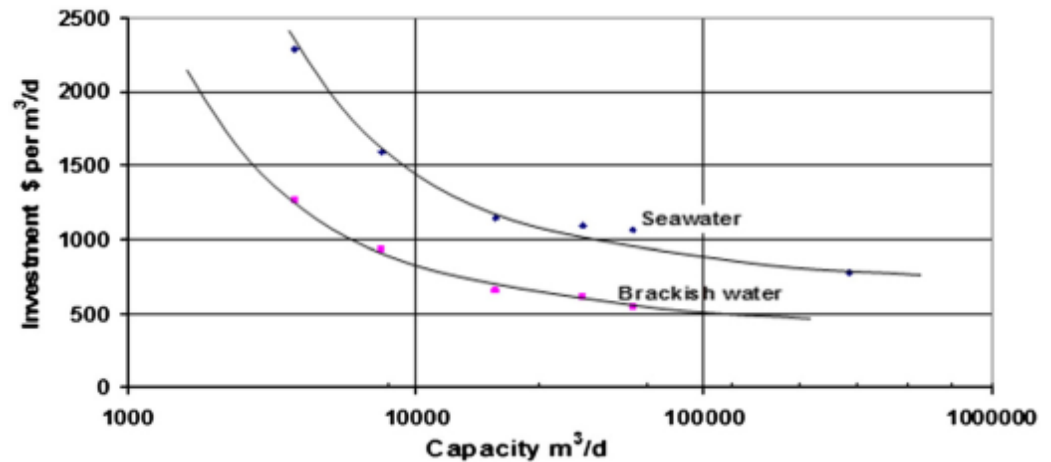
- Simple hybrid: combined with new or existing desalination process
- Integrated hybrid: application in new desalination complexes.
- Power/water hybrid:
 - Seasonal demands of electricity and water
 - Power-to-water ratio
 - Minimization of fuel consumption and increase in the power plant efficiency
 - Minimization of environmental impact of CO₂

Desalination: Economics

“The cost of desalinated seawater has fallen below US\$0.50/m for a large scale seawater reverse osmosis plant at a specific location and conditions while in other locations the cost is 50% higher (US\$1.00/m³) for a similar facility.” (Ghaffour, et. al, 2012)

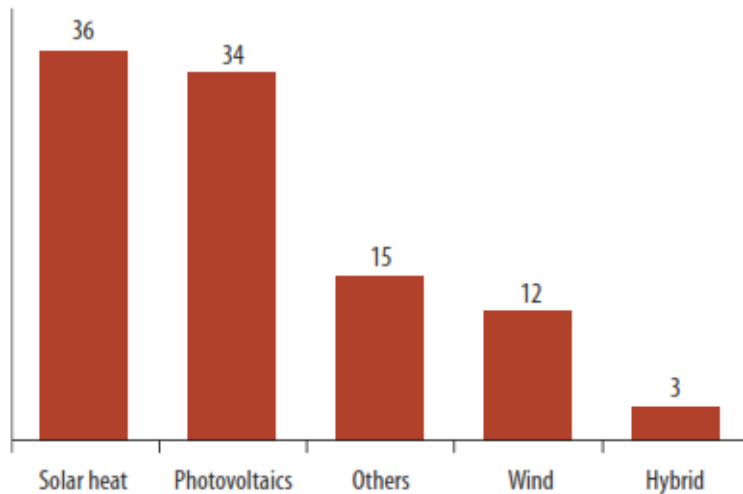


Unit water cost trends by SWRO and MSF processes.

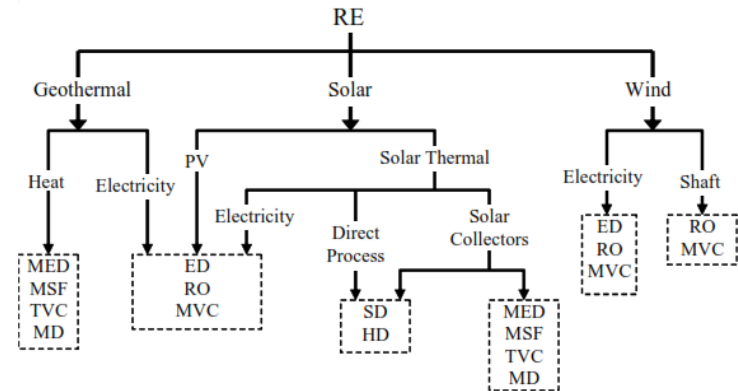


Investment costs in RO processes vs. capacity

Renewable Energy Powered Desalination



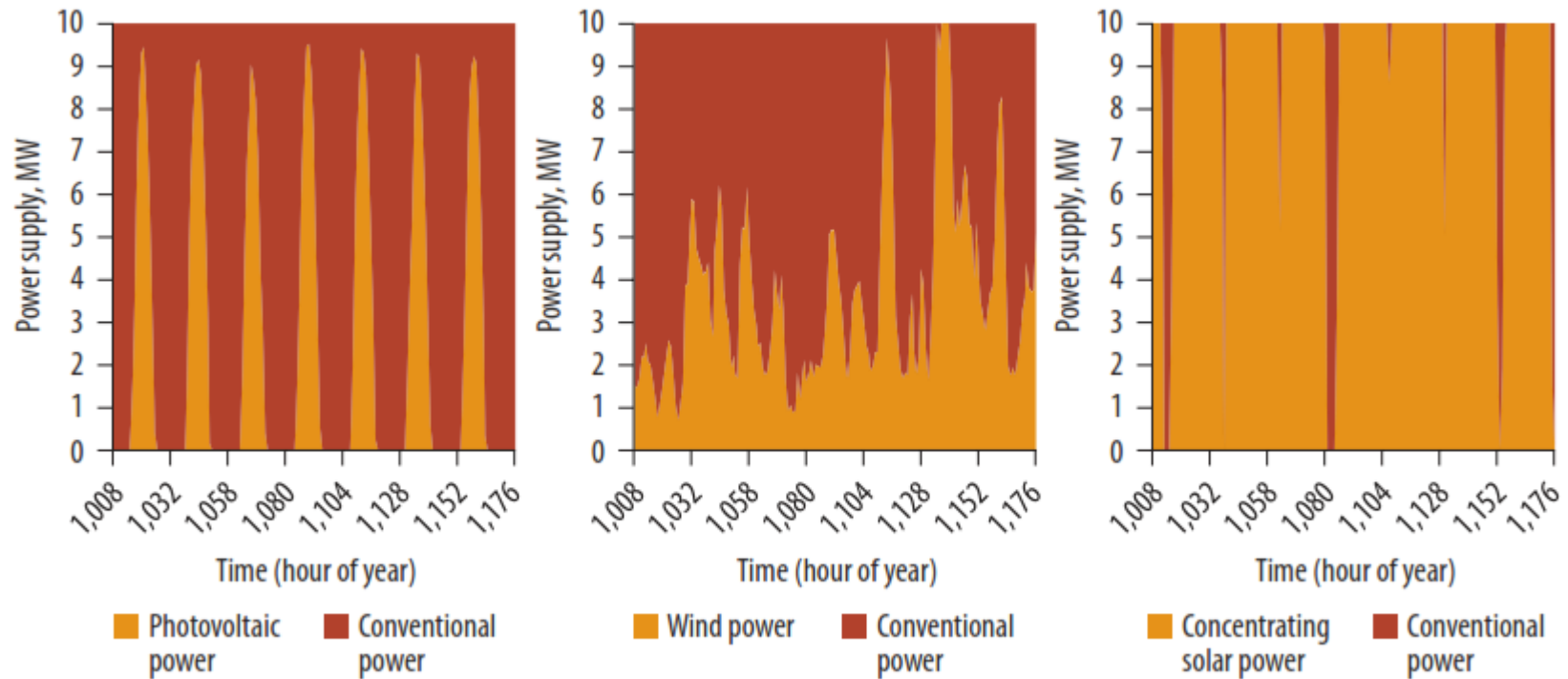
Global Renewable Energy Desalination by Energy Source, 2009 (percent)



Possible technological combinations of the main renewable energies and desalination methods.

Renewable Energy Powered Desalination

Renewable Energy Production from Photovoltaics, Wind, and Concentrating Solar Power at Hurghada Site, Egypt, Arab Rep.



Source: Fichtner and DLR 2011.

Renewable Energy Powered Desalination

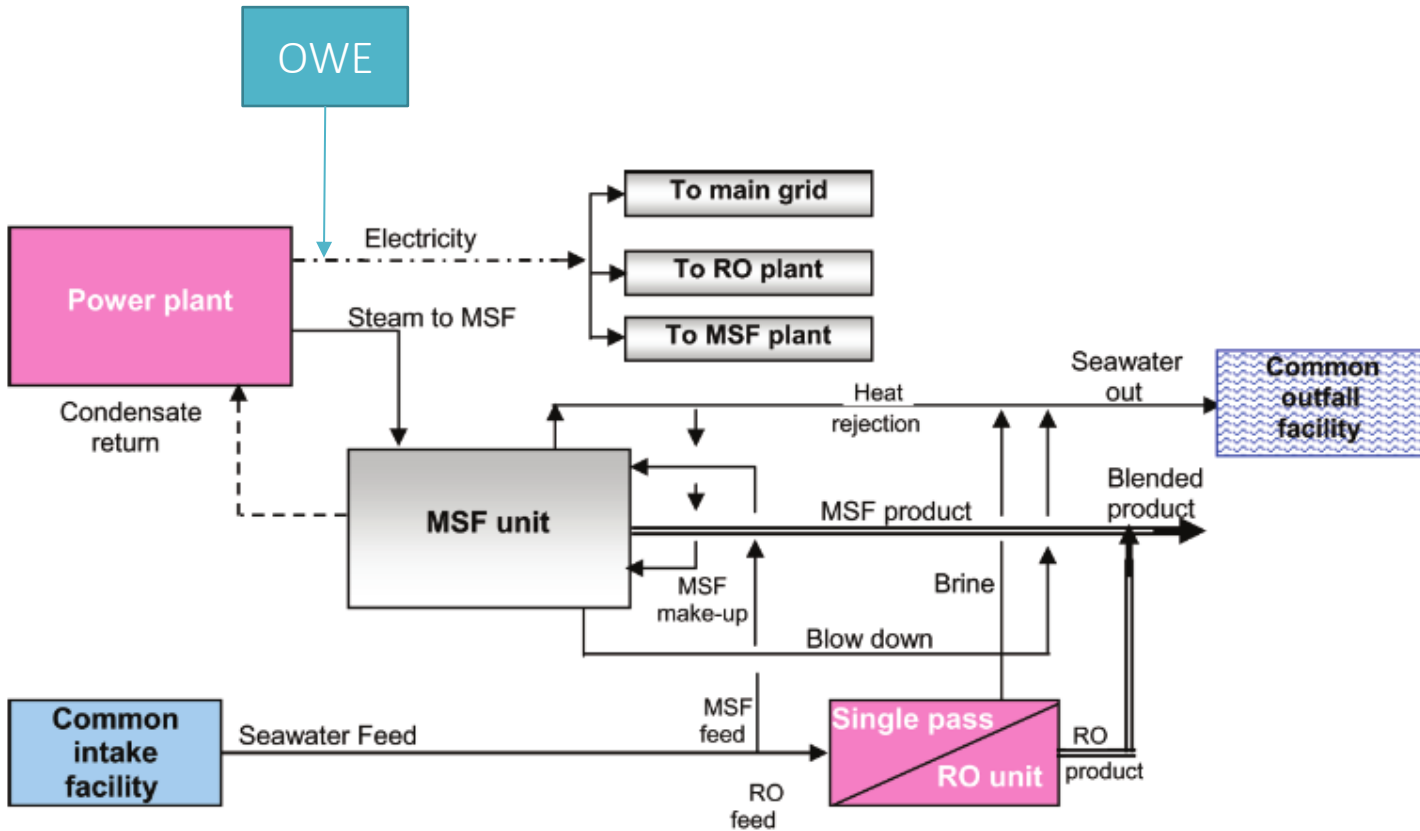
RE source	Solar heat			PV			Wind	
Desalination technology	CSP-MED	MEH	Stills	EDR	RO	MVC	RO Small	Large
Production (m ³ /day)	>5,000	1–100	<0.1	<100	<100	<100	50	1,000
Cost (€/m ³)	1.8–2.2	2–5	1–15	8–9	9–12	4–6	5–7	1.5–4.0

Source: After ProDes 2010, table 1.2.

Note: €1.0 = US\$1.40; EDR = electrodialysis reverse; MEH = multi-effect humidification; MVC = mechanical vapor compression.

Cost of Desalinated Seawater from Renewable Energy Alternatives

Offshore Wind and Desalination



Schematic diagram of commercially available simple hybrid desalination plants.

Research Questions and Future Work

- What is the desalinate water cost with offshore wind energy?
- Benefits of offshore wind in desalination industry and possible markets
- Technical aspects of this integration
- Backup system (grid, storage or other energy source) to be coupled with offshore wind in desalination system.
- Modeling optimization in the integration of offshore wind energy with desalination systems
- Case Study (Caribbean?)

Thank You!

