DESALINATION OF WATER

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DEFINITION

- Desalination is a process that remove some amount of salt and other minerals from saline water
- Water is desalinated in order to convert salt water to fresh water so it is suitable for human consumption

- Desalination is used on many seagoing ships and submarines
- Large scale desalination uses extremely large amount of energy as well as specialized, expensive infrastructure
- By making it very costly compare to the use of fresh water from conventional sources such as rivers or ground water.

DESALINATION PLANT

JEBEL ALI DESALINATION PLANTS

- The world's largest desalination plant is the Jebel Ali desalination plant (phase 2) in the united Arab Emirates
- It uses multi-stage distillation and is capable of producing 300 million cubic meters of water per year



TAMPA BAY DESALINATION PLANT

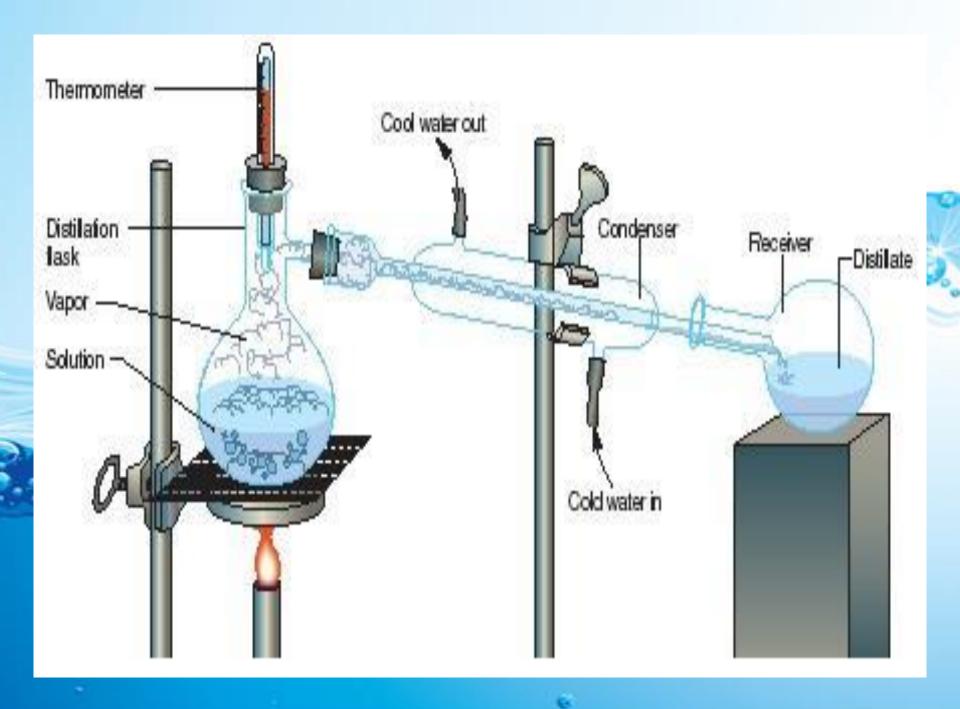
- By comparison the largest desalination plant in the united states is located in Tampa bay, Florida & operated by Tampa bay water
- The Tampa bay plant runs at around 12% the output of the jebel ali desalination plant
- The Tampa bay producing 34.7 million cubic meters per year





VACUUM DISTILLATION

- The traditional process used in these operations is vacuum distillation, essentially the boiling of water at less than atmospheric pressure and thus a much lower temperature than normal
- Distillation is a technique by which two or more substances with different boiling point can be separated from each other



COGENERATION

- Cogeneration is a process of using excess heat from power production to accomplish another task
- It is a production of portable water from sea water or brackish ground water in an integrated facility in which a power plant is used as the source of energy for the desalination process



PROFESSOR NOLAN HERTEL

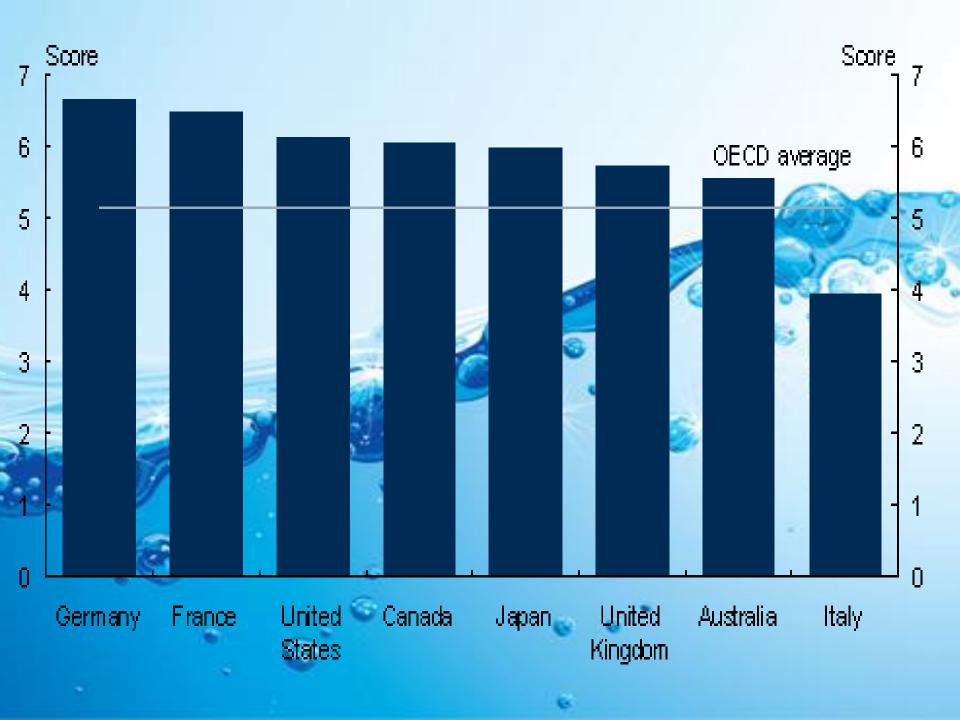


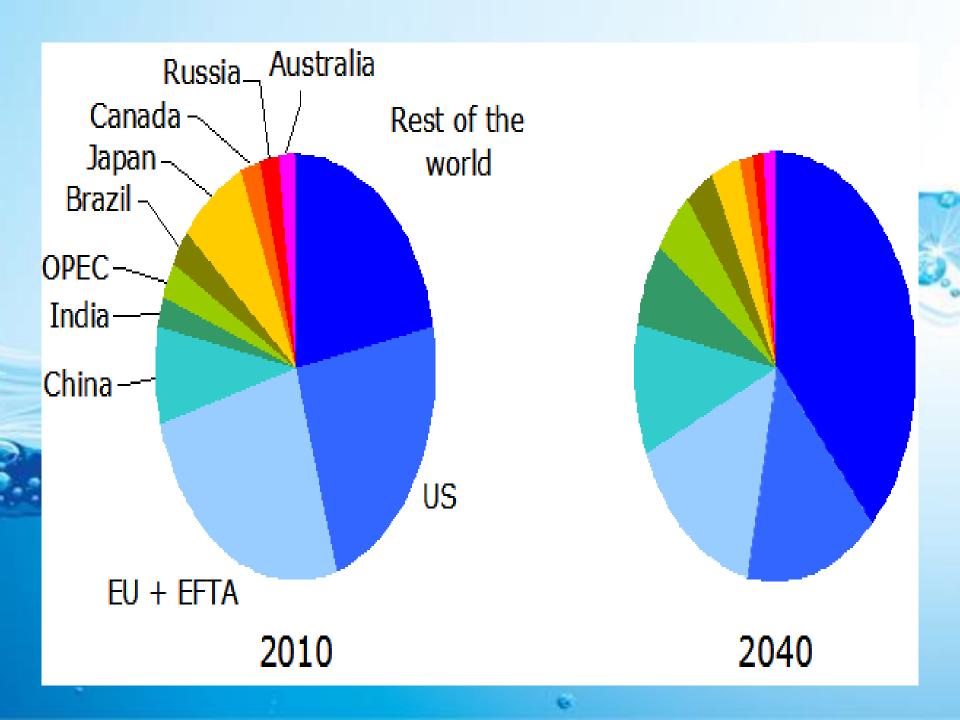
• The Atlanta journal constitution, Nolan Hertel a professor of nuclear and radio logical engineering at Georgia tech wrote nuclear reactors can be used to produce large amount of portable water

- The process is already in use in a number of places around the world from India to Japan and Russia
- Eight nuclear reactors are coupled to desalination plants are operating in Japan
- A typical aircraft carrier in the U.S military uses nuclear power to desalinate 400000 U.S Gallons

ECONOMICS

- A number of factors determine the capital and the operating cost for the desalination
 - 1. capacity
 - 2. types of facility
 - 3. location
 - 4. feed water
 - 5. labor
 - 6. energy
 - 7. financing and concentrate disposal

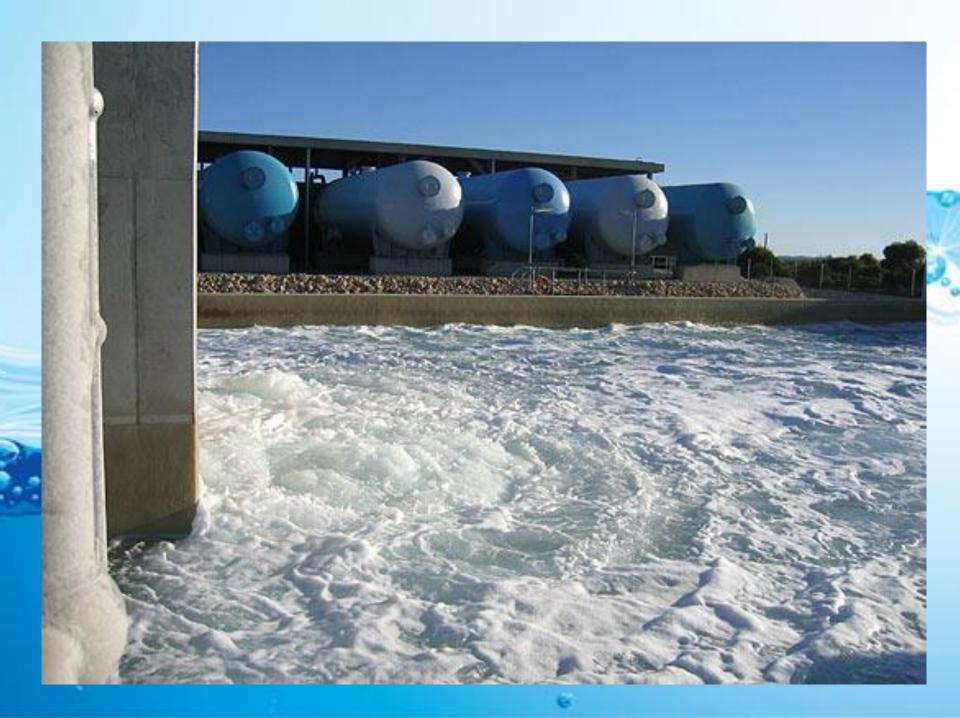




- Desalination stills now control pressure, temperature and brine concentration to optimize the water extraction efficiency
- Israel is now desalinating water at a cost of US\$0.53 per cubic meter
- Singapore is desalinating water for US\$0.49 per cubic meter
- Many large coastal cities in developed countries are considering the feasibility of sea water desalination due to its cost effectiveness

PERTH DESALINATION PLANT

- The Perth desalination plant is powered partially by renewable energy from the Emu Downs Wind Farm
- A wind farm at Bungendore in NSW has been purpose built to generate enough renewable energy to offset the energy use of the Sydney plant



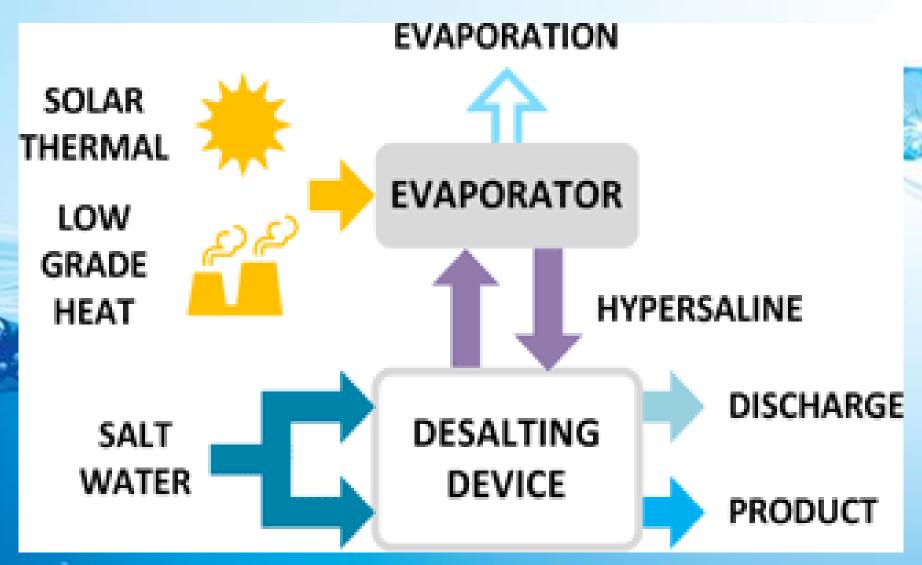
LOW TEMPERATURE THERMAL DESALINATION

- The principle of LTTD has been known for a long time originally stemming from ocean thermal energy conversion research
- Some experiments were conducted in US and Japan to test the low temperature driven desalination technology

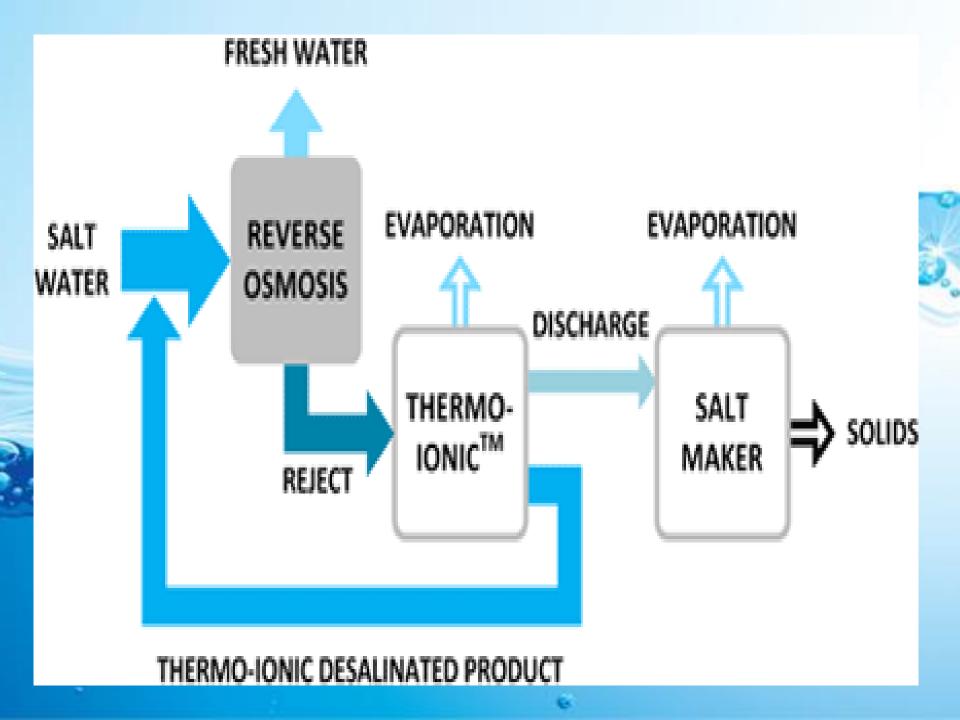




Thermo-ionic process



- The Thermo-Ionic[™] process works by first evaporating salt water to air to create a hyper-salty solution which holds energy relative to the original salt water.
- Evaporation is achieved in a modified cooling tower or spray pond by harnessing low grade heat from renewable sources such as the sun or waste heat rejected by an industrial process



- The Salt-Maker, also built largely from plastics, accepts Thermo-Ionic's highly concentrated reject, removes remaining water, and produces solid salt.
- Powered with low grade waste heat only 10 deg Celsius warmer than ambient, it operates a fraction of the electrical energy consumption of conventional crystallizers.

