

# Training Course on Planning of Desalination plant using R.O system

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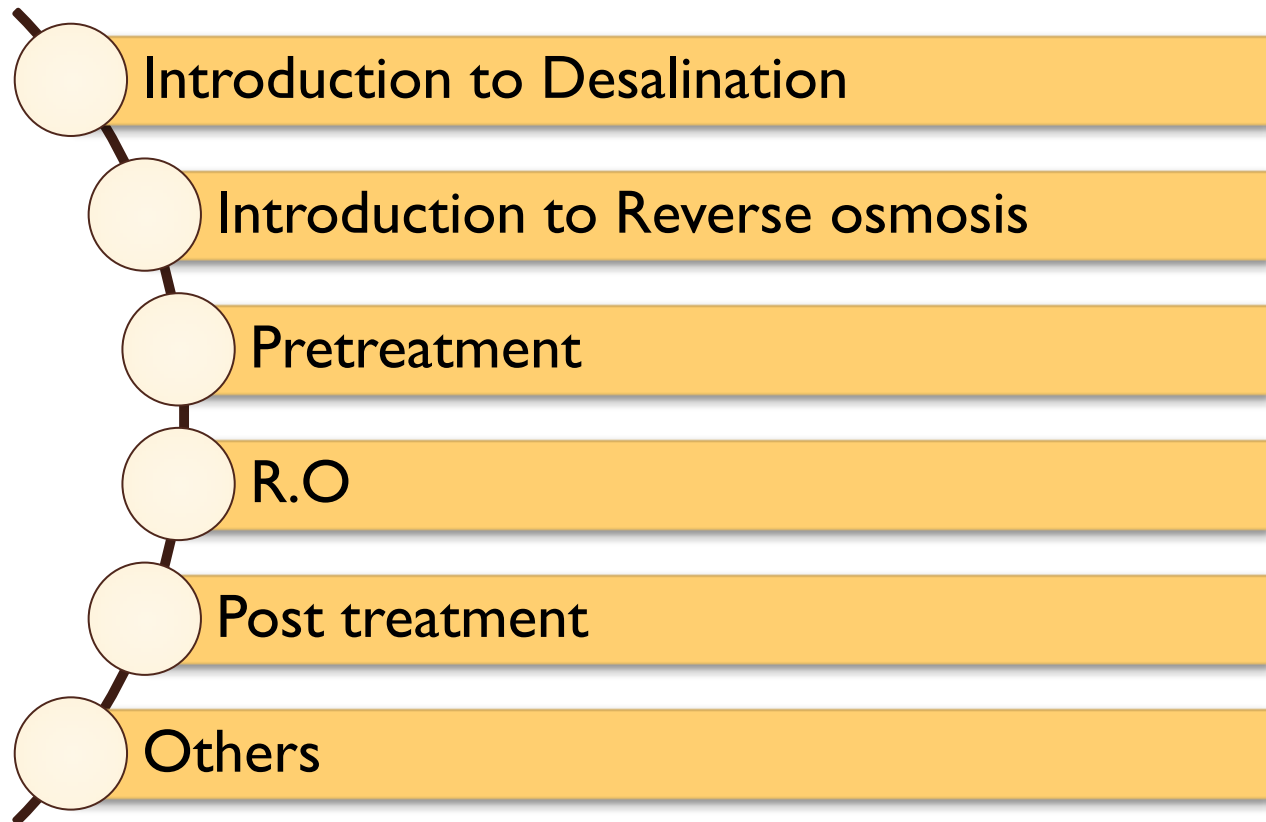
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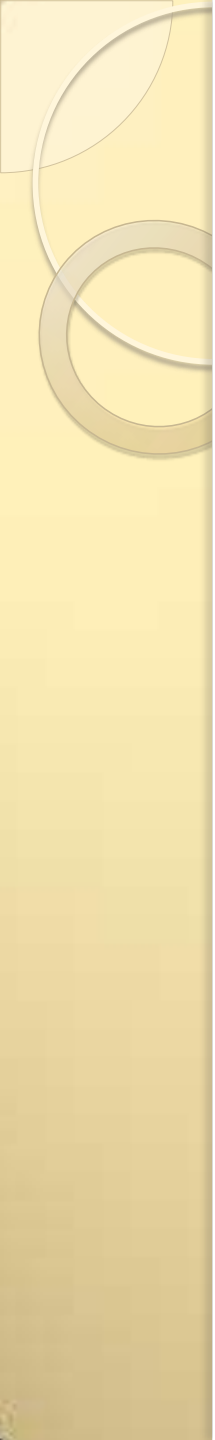
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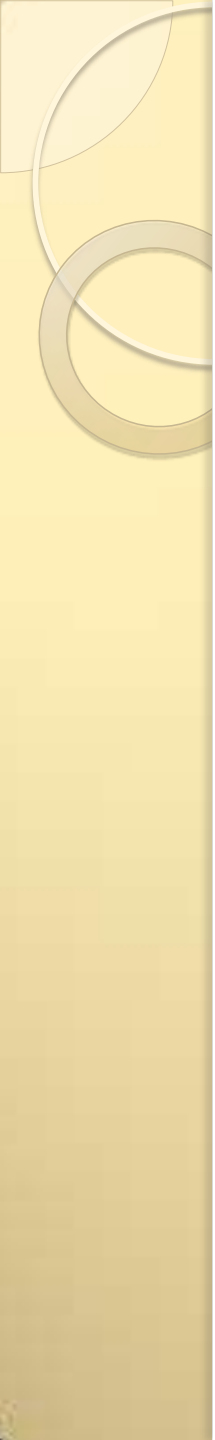
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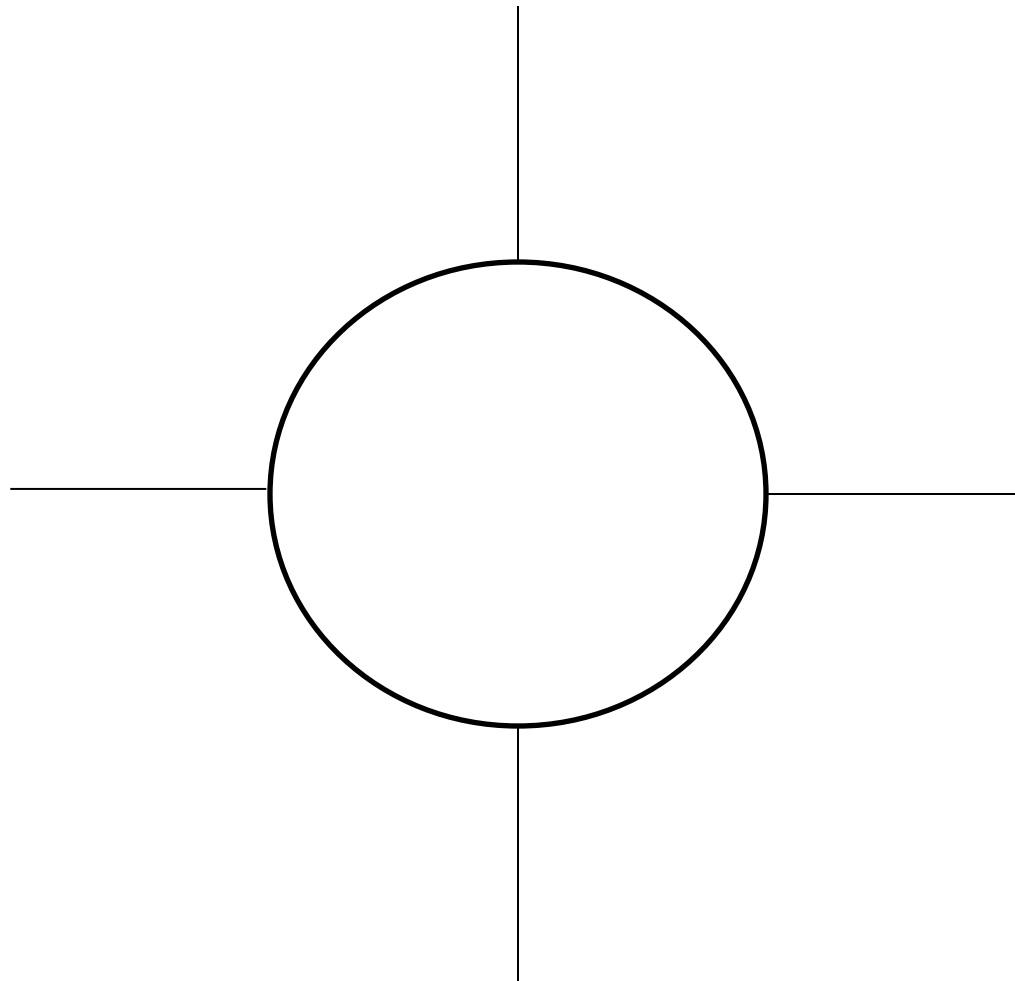


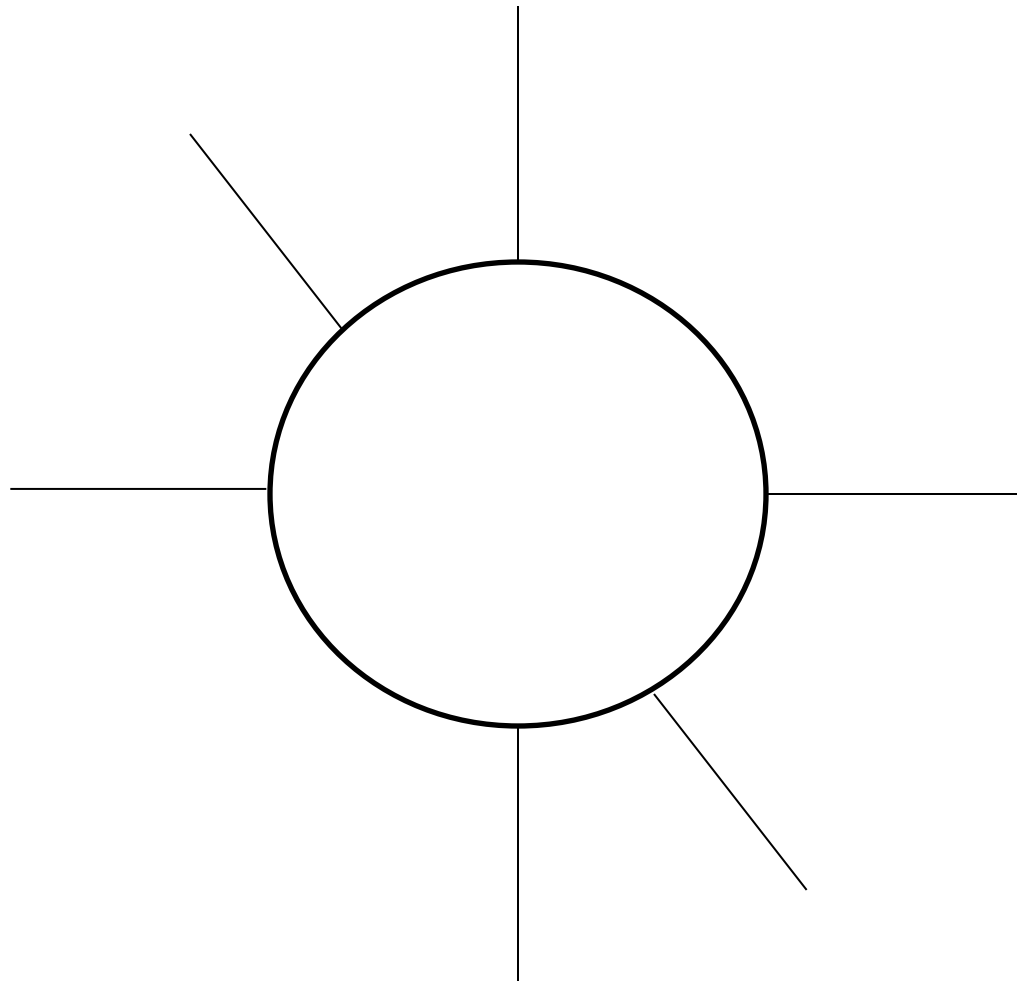
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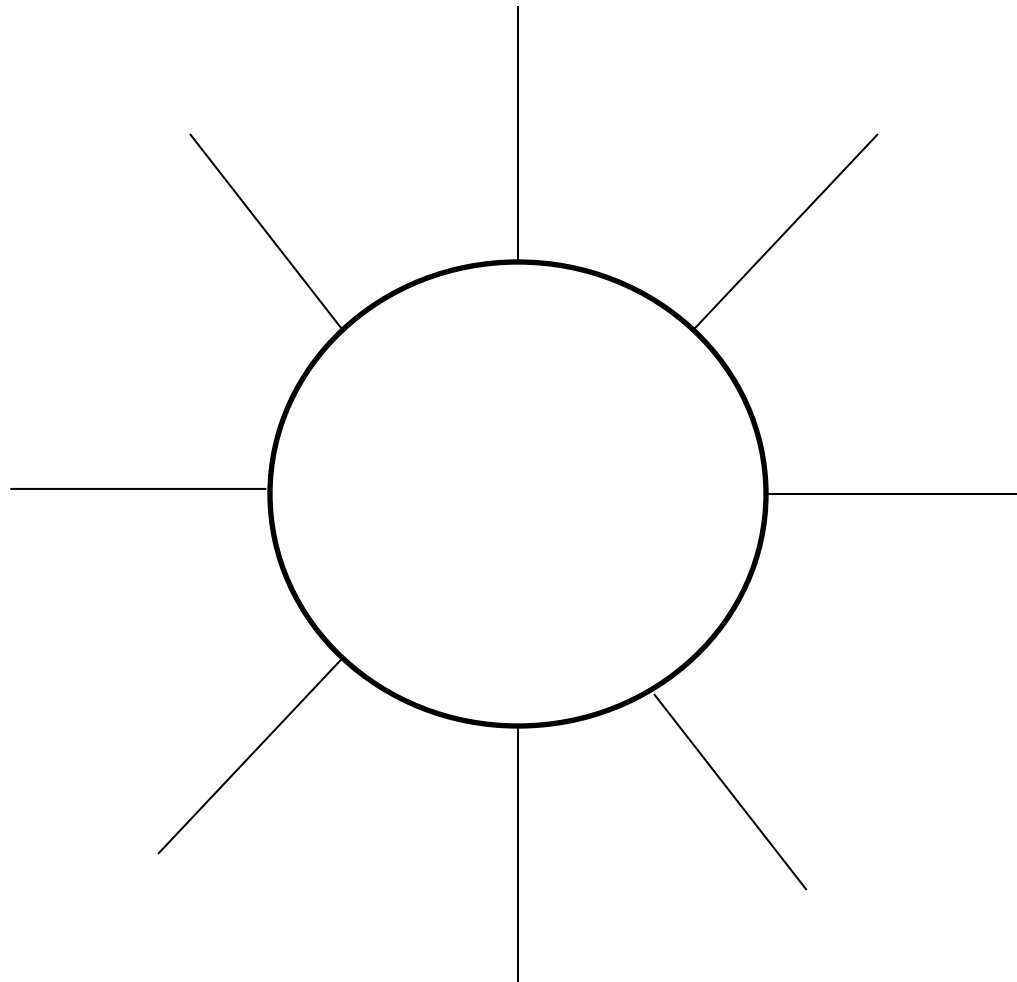
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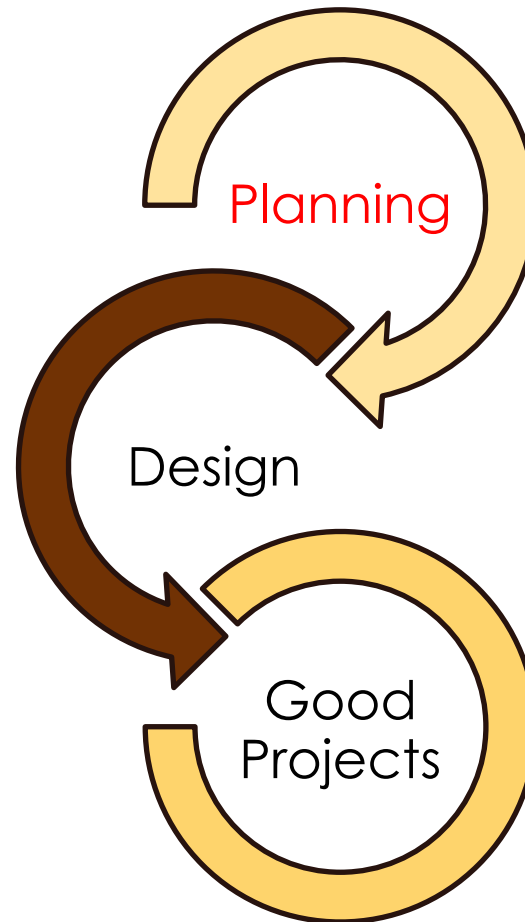




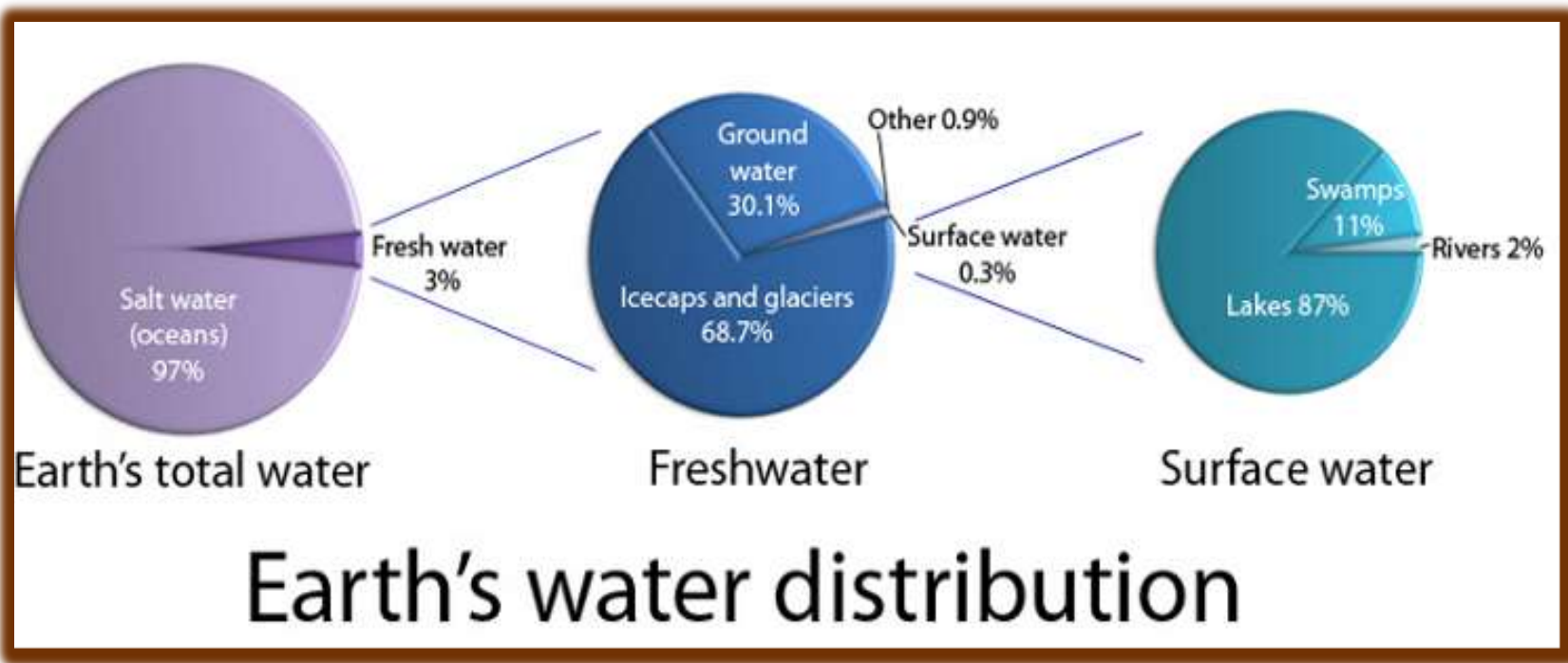
Planning

Then

Design



# Earth's water distribution



## Earth's water distribution

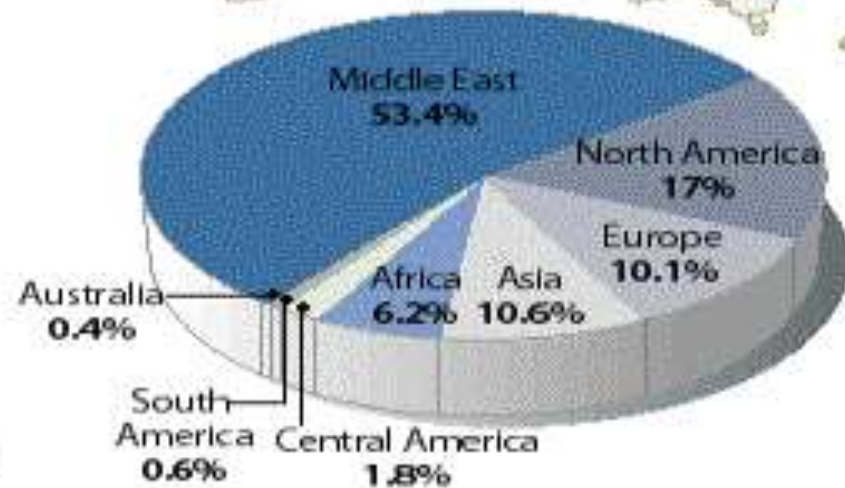
# MAJOR DESALINATION PLANTS WORLDWIDE

The United States has 2 major municipal seawater-desalination plants — 1 under construction in Tampa and another inactive plant in Santa Barbara, Calif. Other countries with 1 or more major plants are marked with red dots.



## Capacity by region

A breakdown of where desalination technology is used on seawater, salty underground water and in other water treatments around the world.



SOURCES: Engineering News-Record; Aqua Resources International Corp.; International Desalination Association

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# Classification of water salinity



# What we know about Desalination

- 1 • **Number** of desalination plants in Jordan ?
- 2 • Amount of **permeate** water come from desalination plants ?
- 3 • **TDS** of Brackish water and seawater ?
- 4 • Desalination methods ?



In Jordan



## Waste water reuse

## Desalination



☐ 118 MCM / Year

☐ 90 MCM / Year

☐ More knowledge

☐ Less knowledge

☐ 27 plants

☐ 24 plants

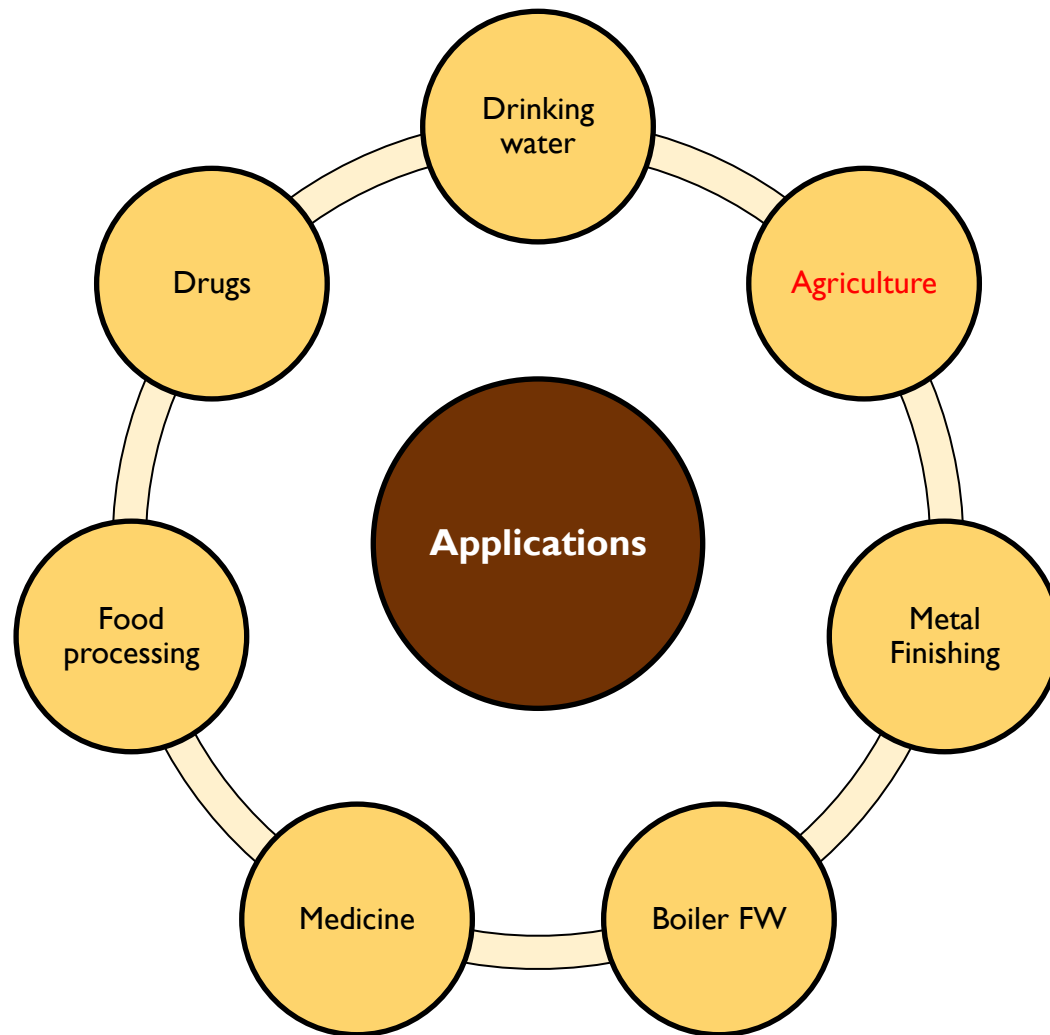
☐ AlSamra

☐ Zara Ma'in (46 MCM/Yr)

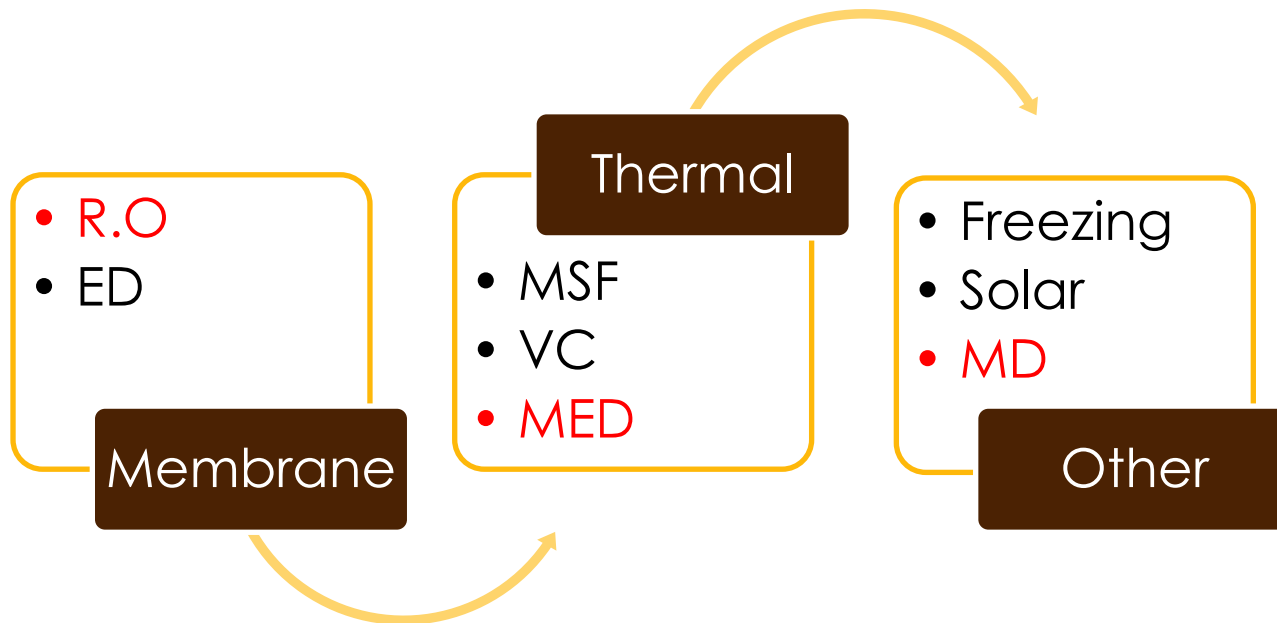
☐ 0.08 – 0.55 JD / Cubic meter

☐ 0.16 – 0.25 JD / Cubic meter

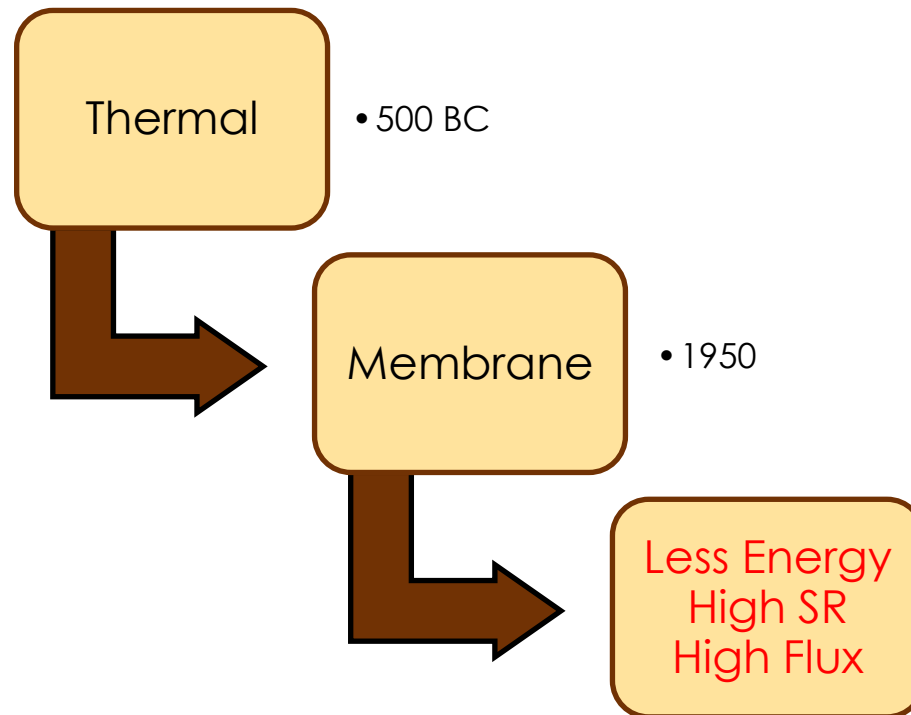
# Applications of Desalination



# Desalination Methods







# What is Desalination ?

**Desalination** : is a separation process used to reduce the dissolved salt content of saline water to a usable level.

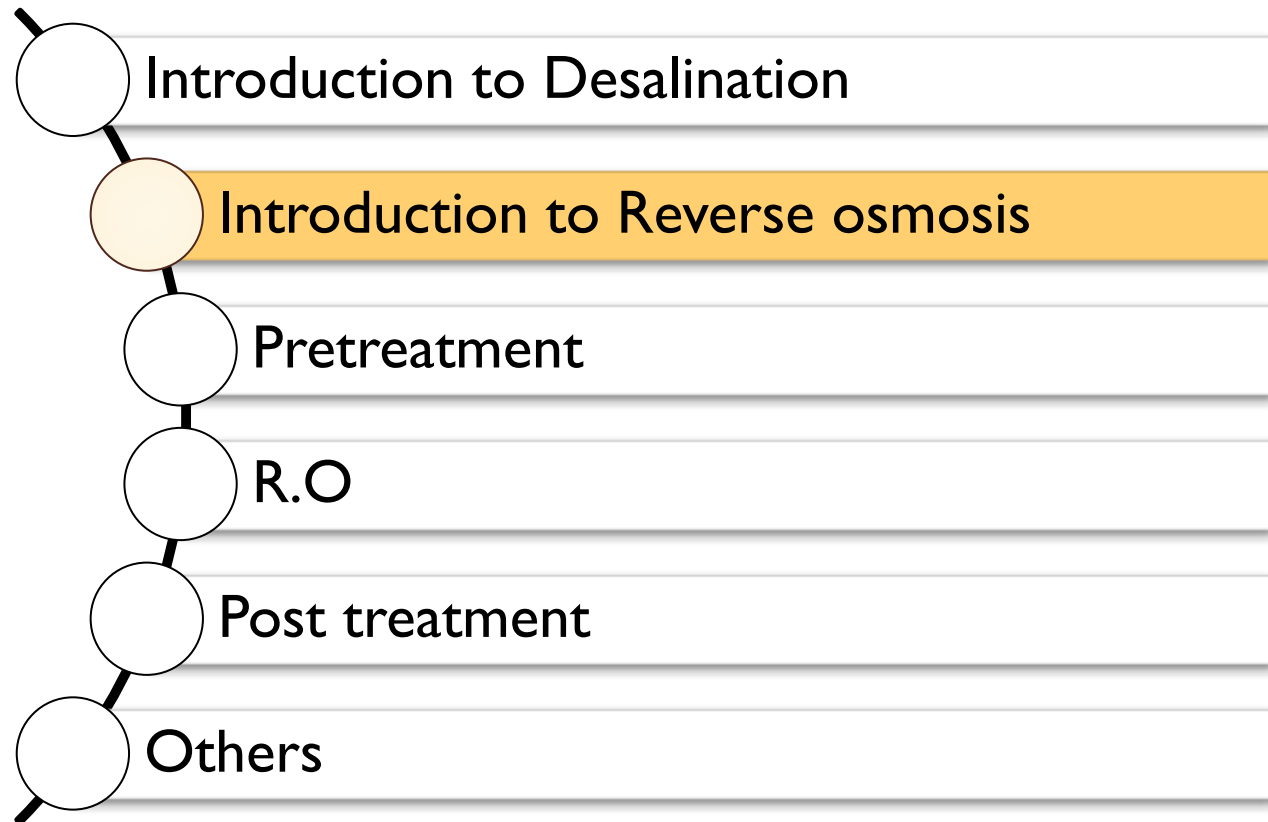
-All desalination processes involve three liquid streams:

the saline feedwater (**brackish water or seawater**).

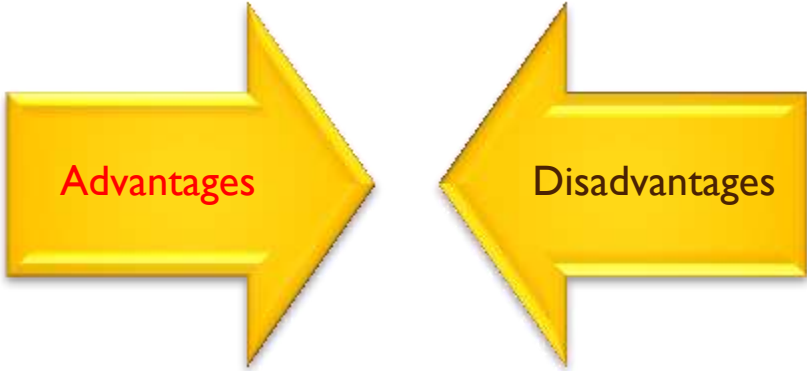
low-salinity product water. (**permeate**)

very saline concentrate (**brine or reject water**).

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# Introduction to R.O



Advantages

Disadvantages



Low energy (60 % of thermal Desalination plant )



Less Area (50 % of thermal Desalination plant)



Low capital cost



High development

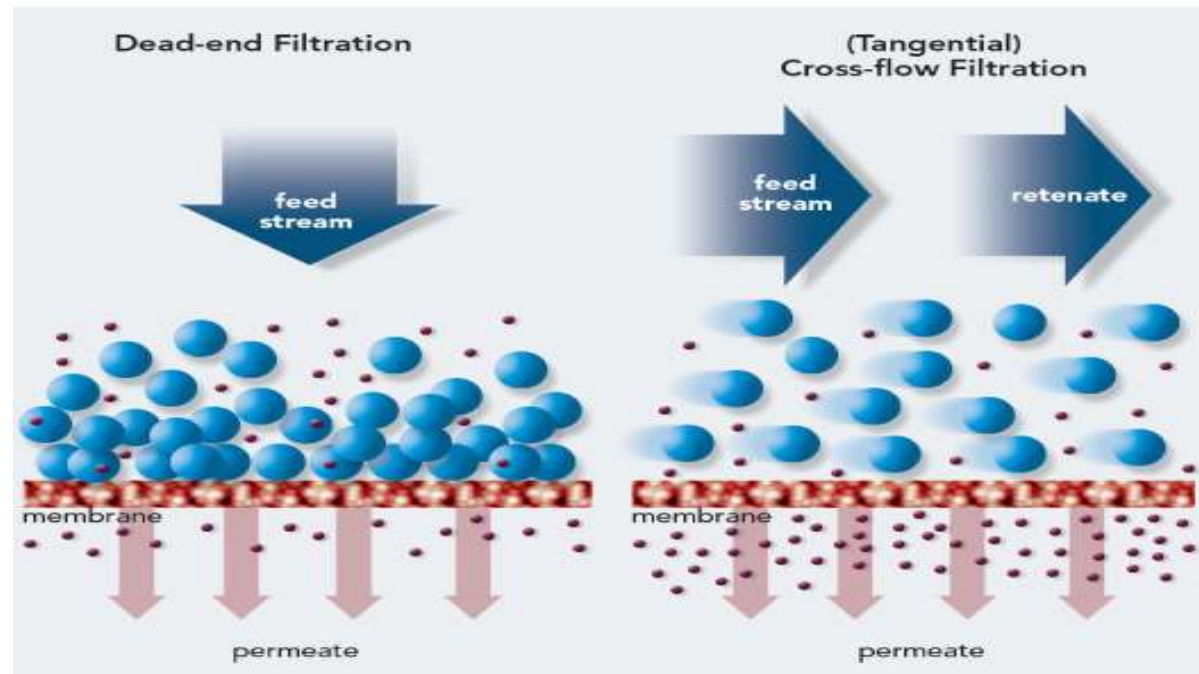
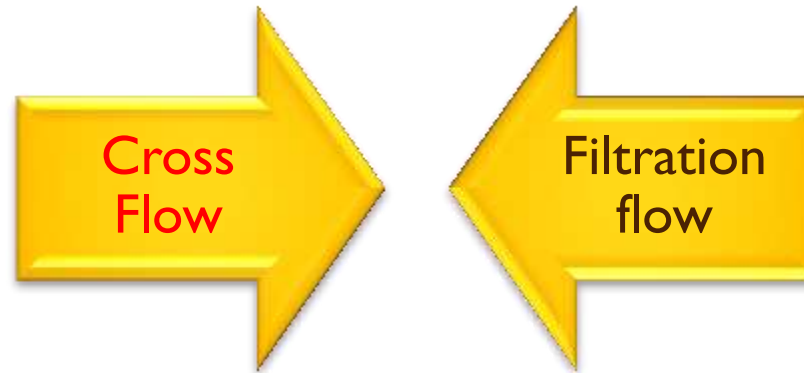


The membranes are sensitive to abuse

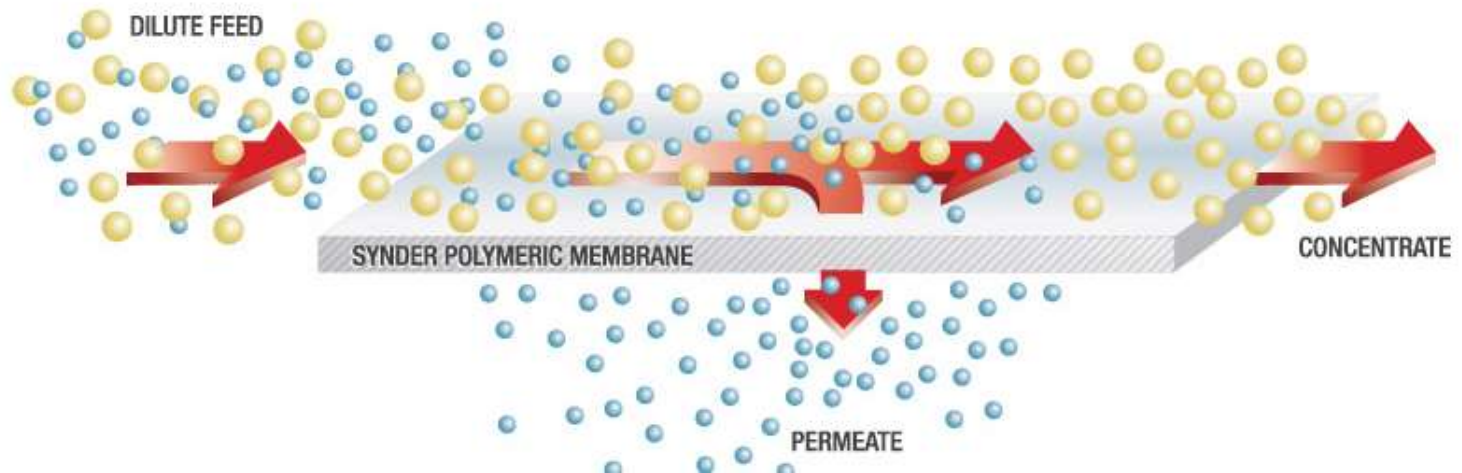


The feedwater usually needs to be pretreated

# Flow in R.O membrane



## CROSS FLOW PROCESS



### Cross flow



☐ High permeate flow

☐ Reject flow

☐ No backwash

☐ R.O membrane

### Dead End Filtration Flow



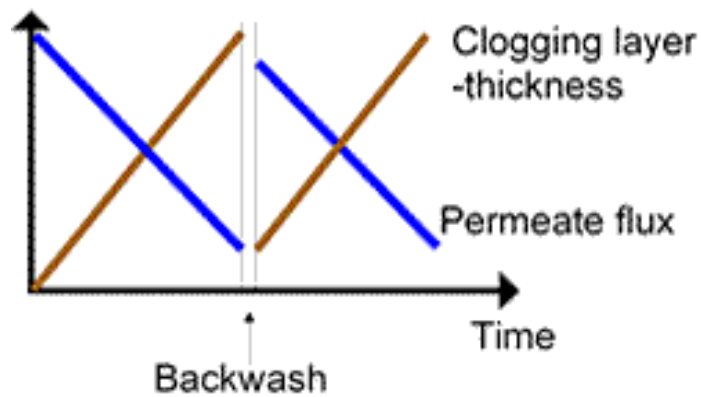
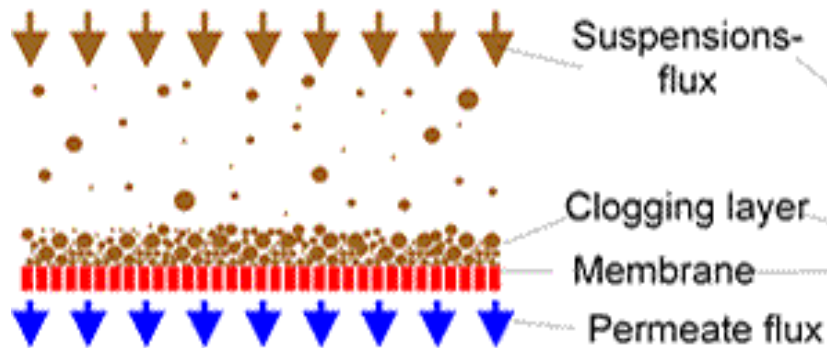
☐ Low permeate flow

☐ No reject flow

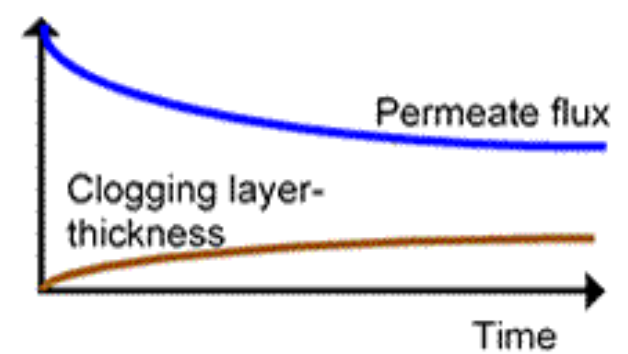
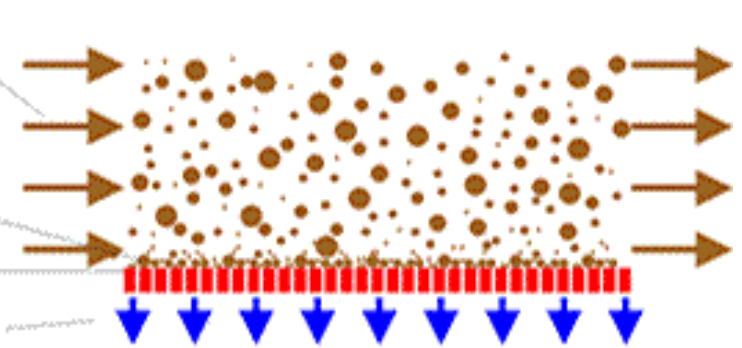
☐ Backwash

☐ Sand filter

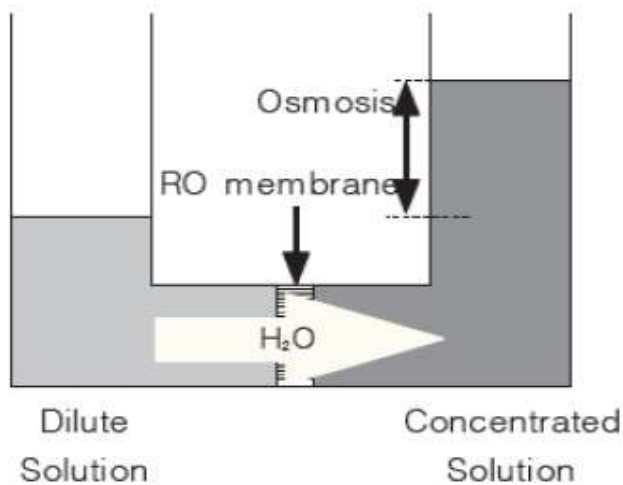
## Dead-end-Filtration



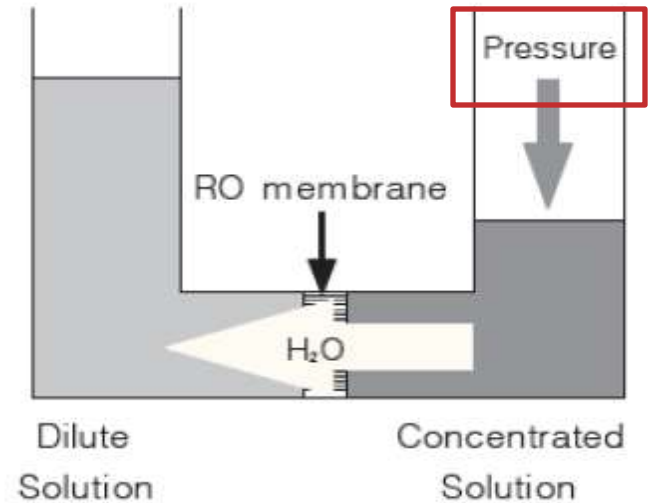
## Crossflow-Filtration



# Theory of reverse osmosis

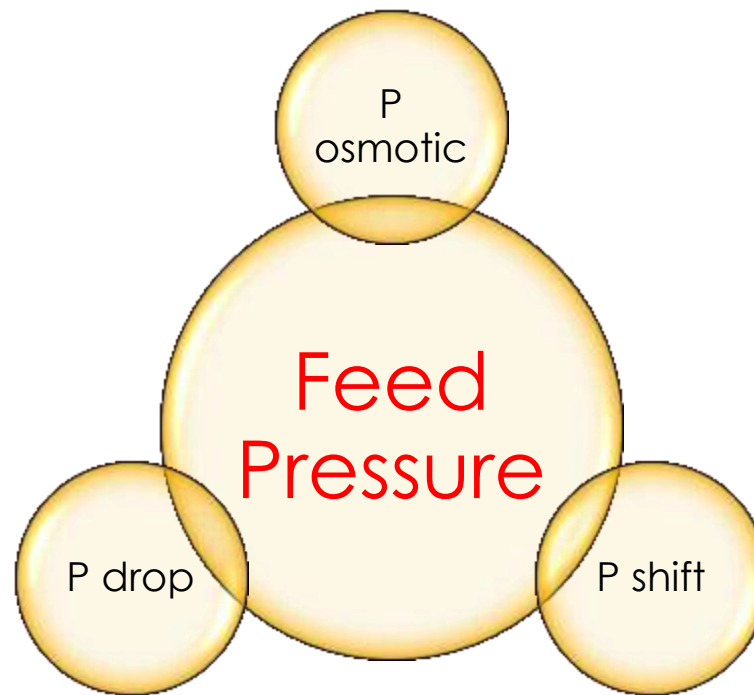


A) Osmotic pressure process



B) Reverse Osmotic pressure process





$$\text{Feed pressure} = P \text{ osmotic} + P \text{ drop} + P \text{ shift}$$



## Major components of reverse osmosis unit



Pre treatment



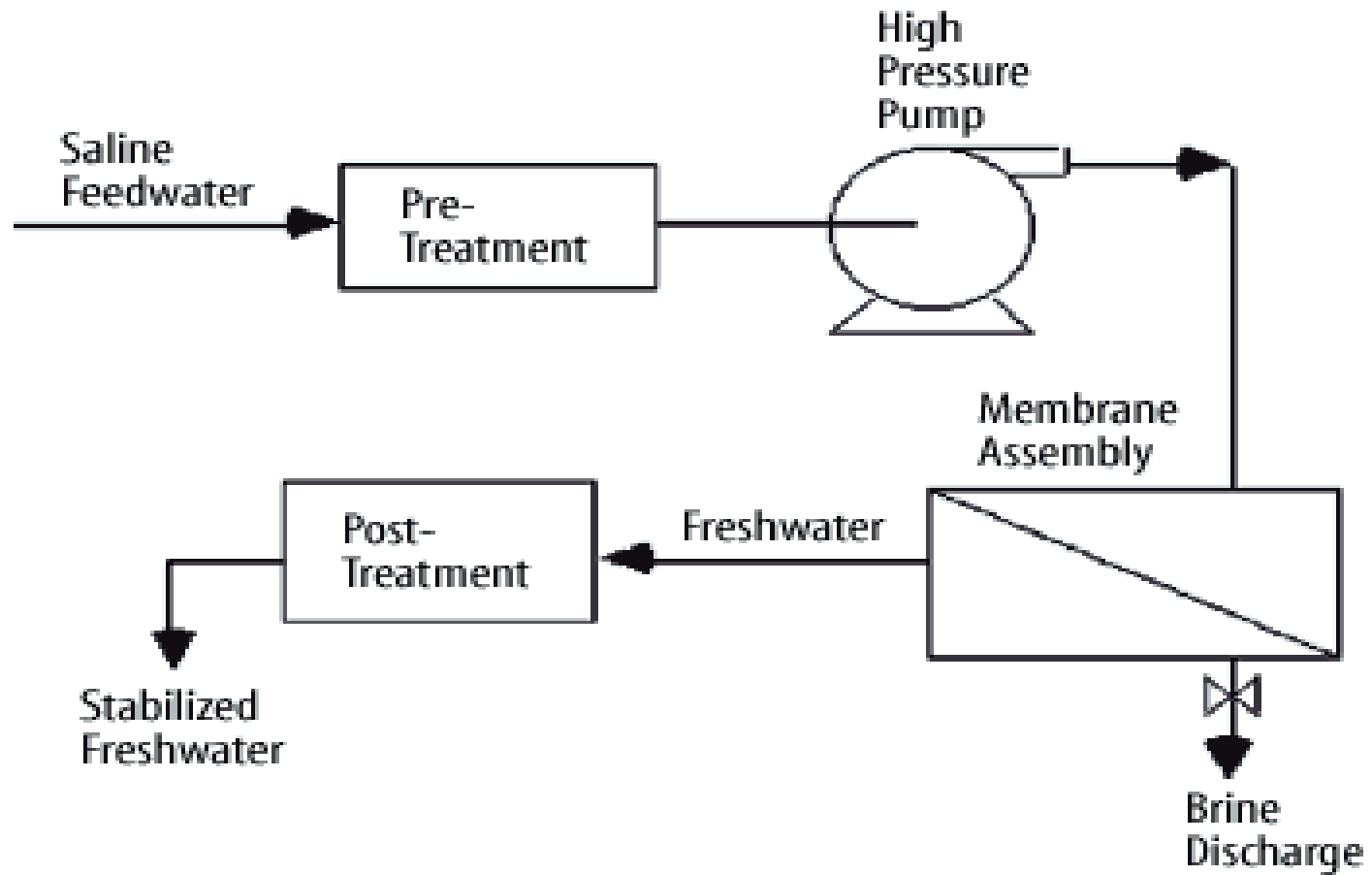
High Pressure pump



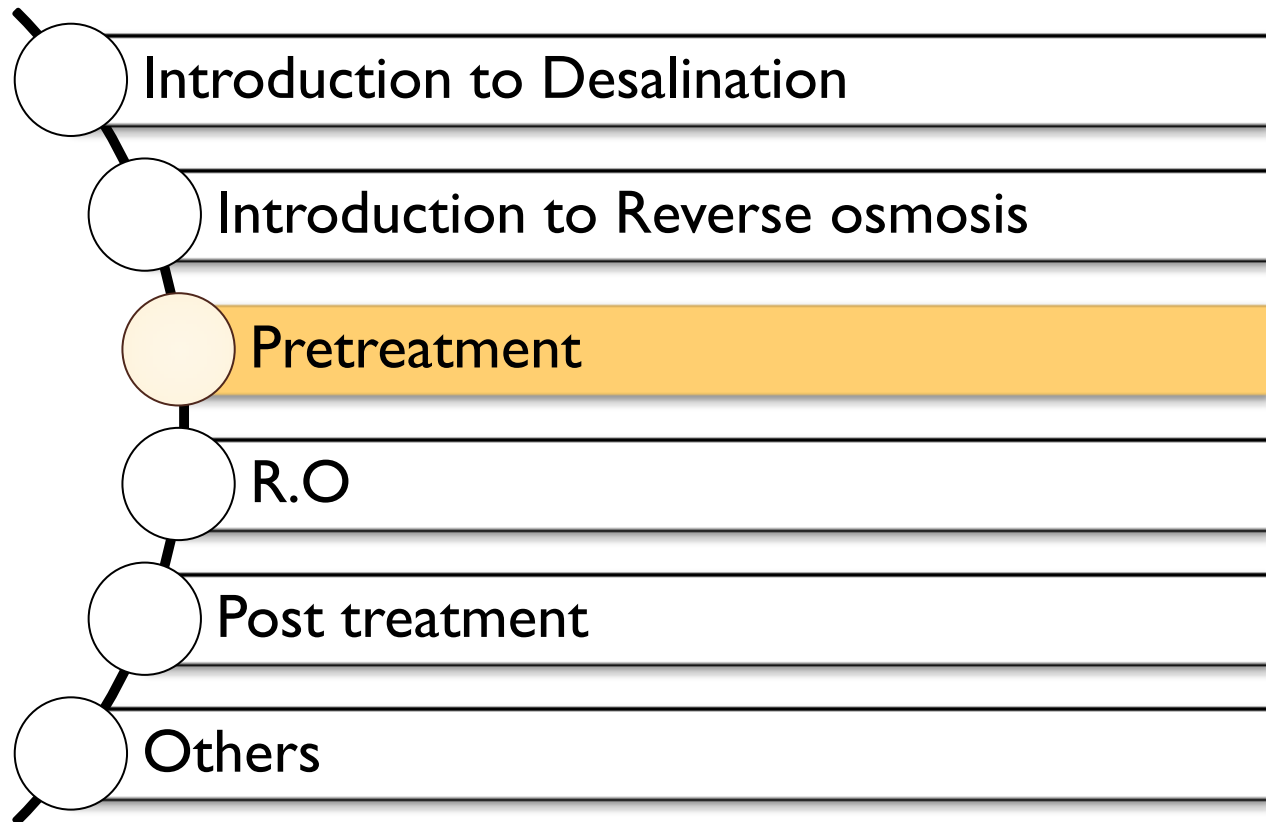
Membrane separation



Post treatment



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# Major pollutants affects on R.O membrane

suspended solid

**Scaling** (Hardness)

Colloid

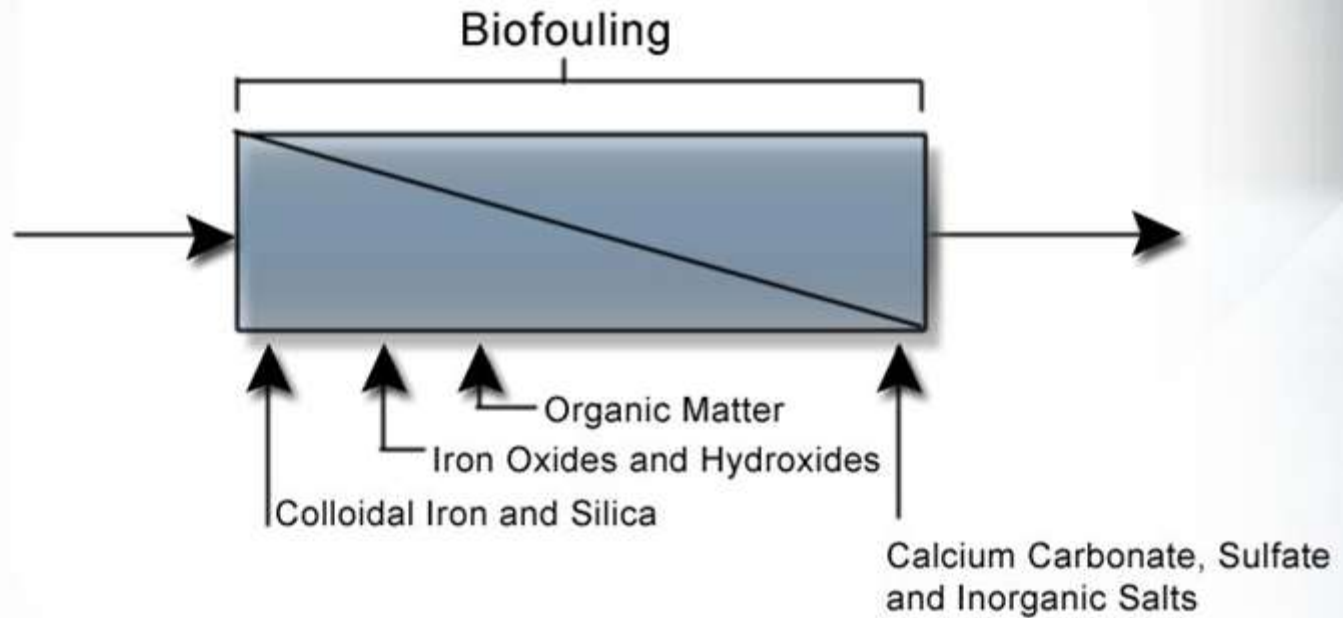
Organic compound

**Anoxic ions**

Oxidation agent

Microorganisms

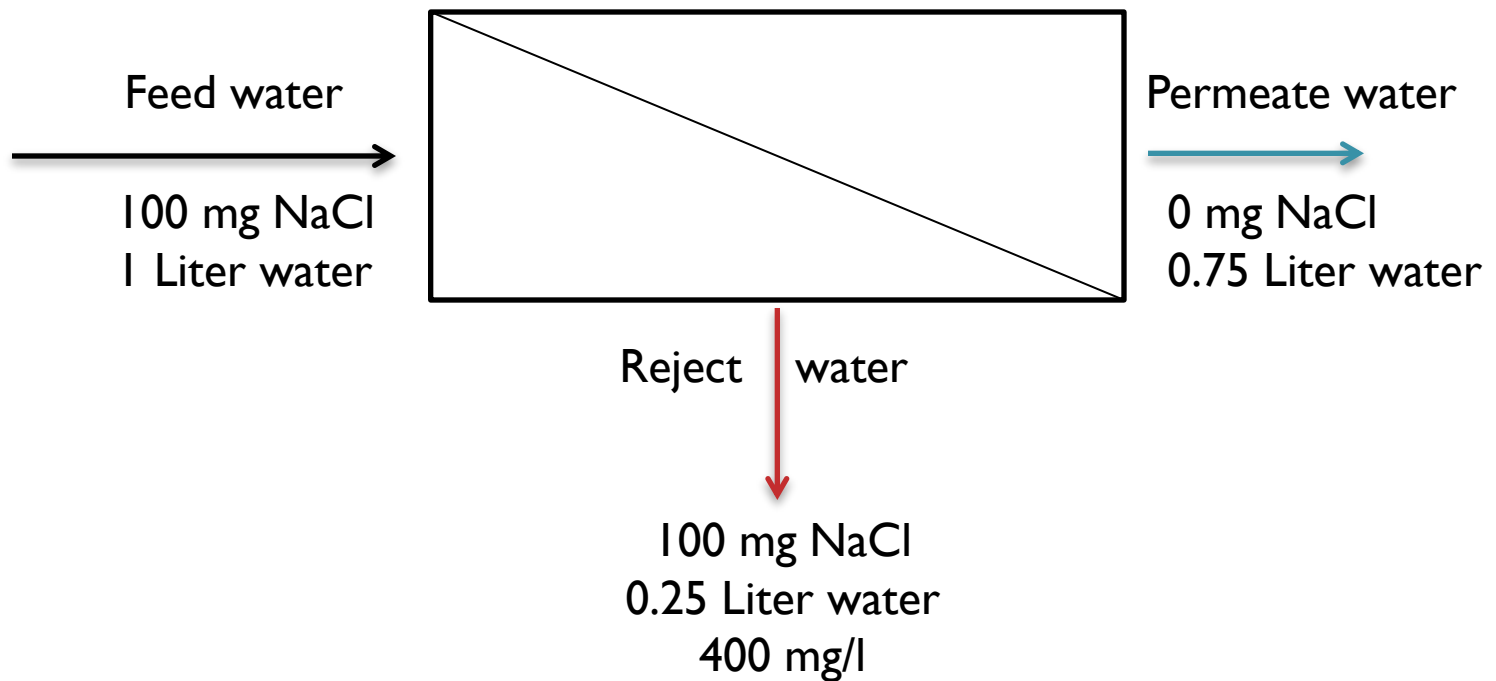
## Principle Fouling Location







100 mg NaCl in 1 liter water >> Conc = 100 mg/l  
100 mg NaCl in 0.25 liter water >> Conc = 400 mg/l

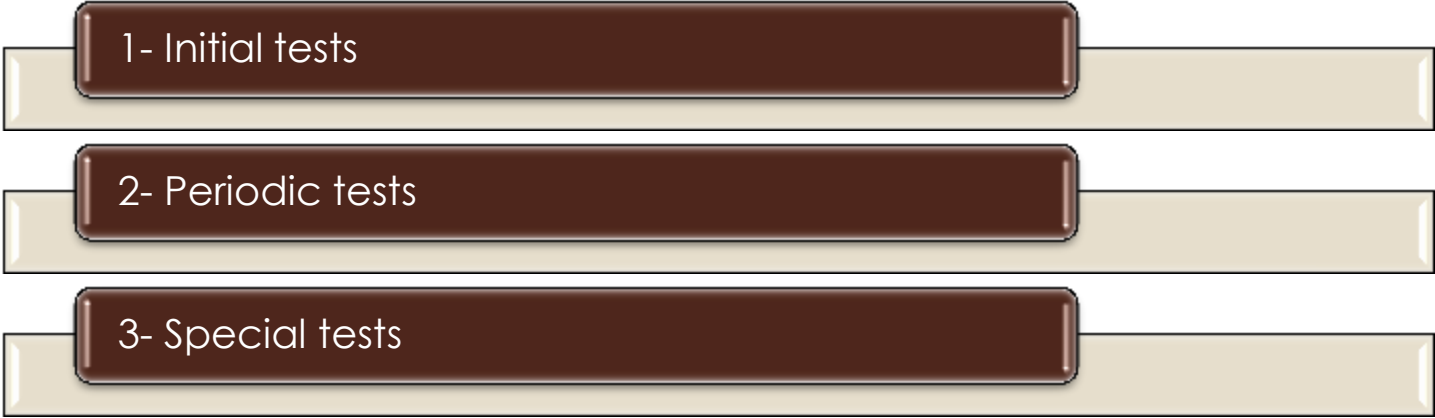


# Membrane Data sheet

| Membrane Element         |                                                                | ESPA1                                     |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>Performance:</b>      | Permeate Flow:                                                 | 12,000 gpd (45.4 m <sup>3</sup> /d)       |
|                          | Salt Rejection:                                                | 99.3 % (99.0 % minimum)                   |
| <b>Type</b>              | Configuration:                                                 | Spiral Wound                              |
|                          | Membrane Polymer:                                              | Composite Polyamide                       |
|                          | Membrane Active Area:                                          | 400 ft <sup>2</sup> (37.1m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| <b>Application Data*</b> | Maximum Applied Pressure:                                      | 600 psig (4.16 MPa)                       |
|                          | Maximum Chlorine Concentration:                                | < 0.1 PPM                                 |
|                          | Maximum Operating Temperature:                                 | 113 °F (45 °C)                            |
|                          | pH Range, Continuous (Cleaning):                               | 2-10 (1-12)*                              |
|                          | Maximum Feedwater Turbidity:                                   | 1.0 NTU                                   |
|                          | Maximum Feedwater SDI (15 mins):                               | 5.0                                       |
|                          | Maximum Feed Flow:                                             | 75 GPM (17.0 m <sup>3</sup> /h)           |
|                          | Minimum Ratio of Concentrate to Permeate Flow for any Element: | 5:1                                       |
|                          | Maximum Pressure Drop for Each Element:                        | 10 psi                                    |

# Tests

The test considered to be one of the most important factors for the success of any **desalination plant**, there are so many benefits of the testing, because designing and building of a treatment plant is depending on it. as its reduce **the problems** that may affect the plant later, and give officials on the station a future predictions for plant efficiency and quality of work and expected problems in the future.

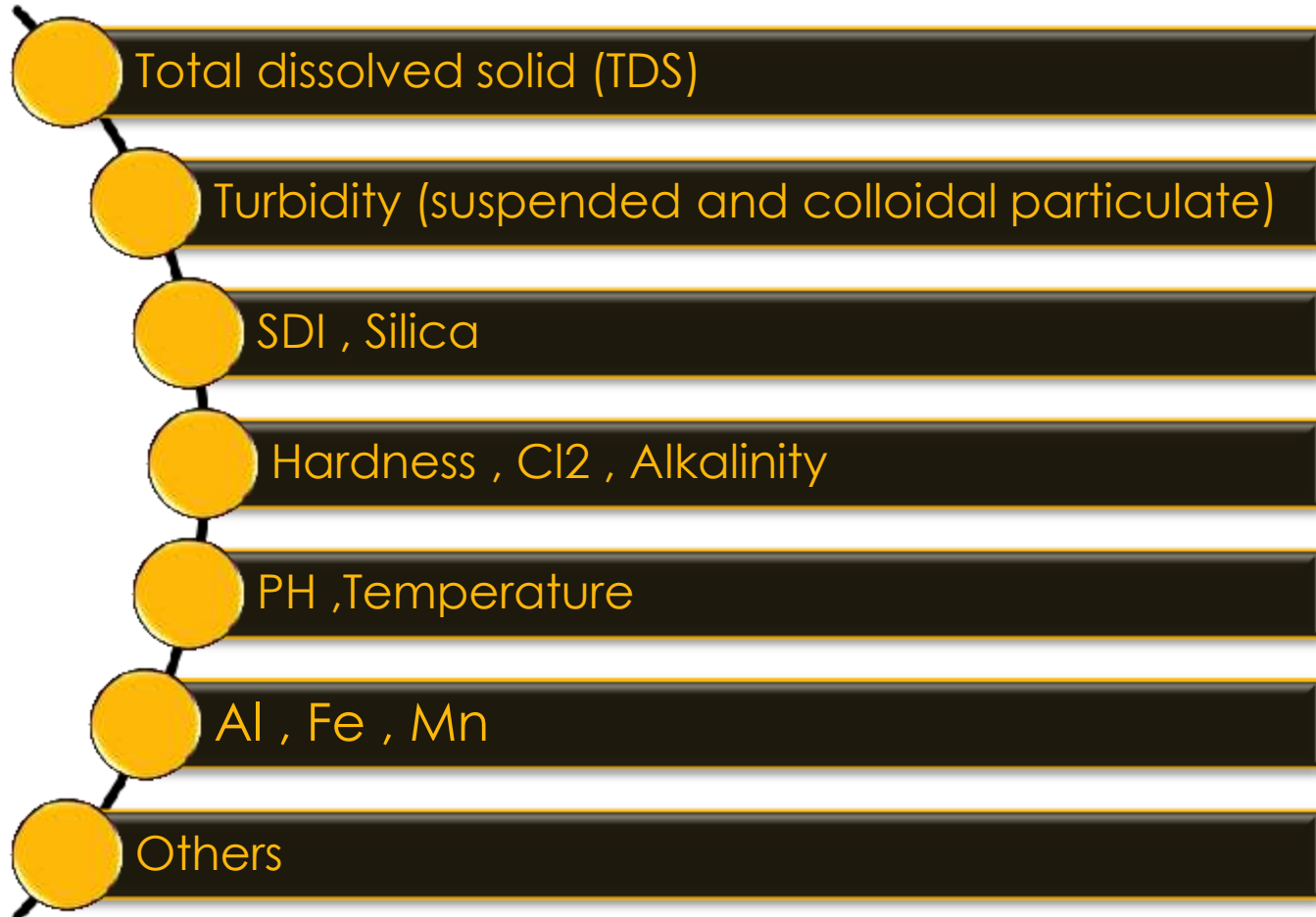


1- Initial tests

2- Periodic tests

3- Special tests

# Initial and periodic test



# Biological test

## 1- Culture Techniques

The number of colony forming units (CFU) is a quantitative expression of the number of culturable microorganisms in a water sample. The main advantage of this method is that it can be performed easily without expensive equipment. The test results, however, are only available after up to seven days, and the counted colonies may represent as little as 1-10 % or less of the total bacteria count (TBC).

## 2- Total Bacteria Count ( TBC )

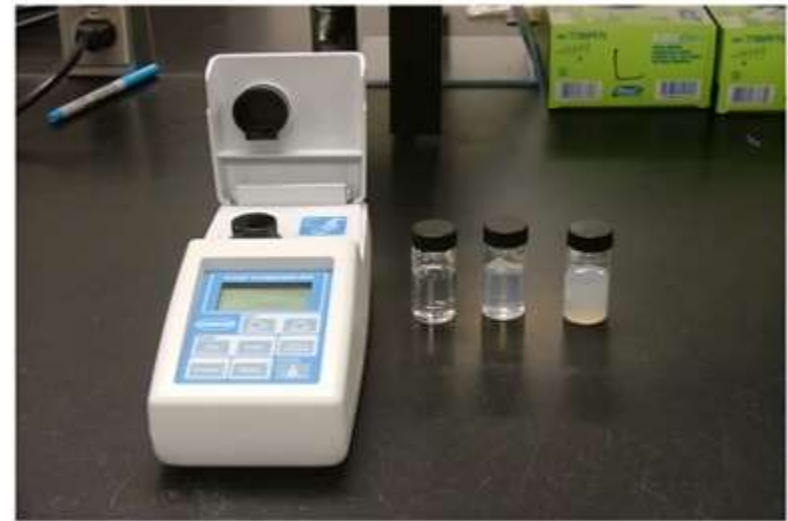
The total bacteria count (TBC) is determined with direct count techniques. These employ filtration of the water sample and counting the retained microorganisms on the filter plate directly under a microscope.

## 3- Assimilable Organic Carbon (AOC)

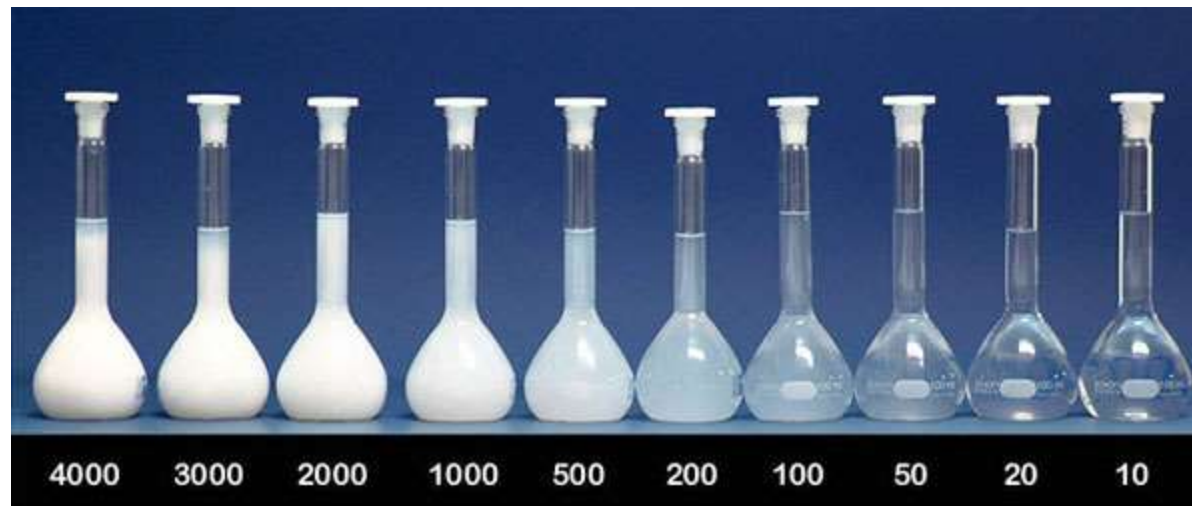
The AOC test addresses the growth potential of microorganisms in a given water sample with given nutrients. proposed a standard of 10 µg/L to prevent biological fouling

## 4- Biofilm Formation Rate (BFR)

The BFR value is determined with an online operated biofilm monitor at a continuous flow rate of 0.2 m/s. BFR values exceeding 100 pg/cm<sup>2</sup> ATP were observed with severe biofouling, and BFR values of less than 1 pg/cm<sup>2</sup> ATP were measured in cases of stable operation without any cleaning needs . The BFR value is most closely correlated with the degree of biofouling in a membrane plant .



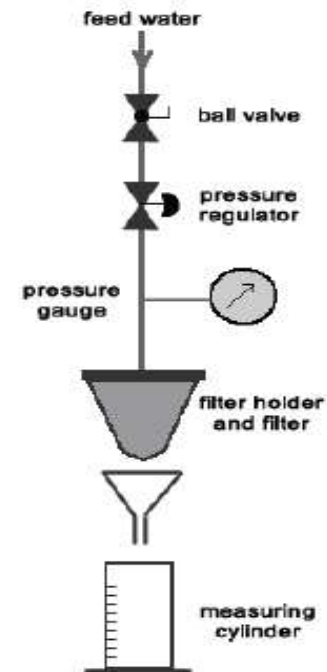
**Turbidimeter. Three standards are shown- 5, 50, and 500 NTRU.**



# SDI (Silt density index)

SDI stands for **silt density index** and is a test that attempts to quantify the amount of particulate contamination in a water source. The results are used to estimate how quickly feed water will **foul** a membrane. It is one of the **most** important parameter for the design and operation of RO membrane process.

**Pressure 2 bar**



$$SDI_T = \frac{\% P_{30}}{T} = \frac{\left[ 1 - \frac{t_i}{t_f} \right] \times 100}{T} \quad (1)$$

SDIT = **Silt Density Index value.**

%P30 = plugging filter at 30 psi.

$t_i$  = initial filtration time (in seconds),

$t_f$  = filtration time (in seconds) after Time,

T = interval between the two readings in most cases **15 minutes**



|                   |                                                               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SDI &lt; 1</b> | <b>Several years without colloidal fouling</b>                |
| <b>SDI &lt; 3</b> | <b>Several months between cleaning</b>                        |
| <b>SDI 3 – 5</b>  | <b>Particular fouling likely a problem, frequent cleaning</b> |
| <b>SDI &gt; 5</b> | <b>Unacceptable, additional pre-treatment is needed</b>       |

# LSI & SDSI Test

The most common method for determining the solubility of **calcium carbonate** ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) in water.

| LSI (Carrier)      | Indication                               |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| $-2,0 < -0,5$      | Serious corrosion                        |
| $-0,5 < 0$         | Slightly corrosion but non-scale forming |
| $\text{LSI} = 0,0$ | Balanced but pitting corrosion possible  |
| $0,0 < 0,5$        | Slightly scale forming and corrosive     |
| $0,5 < 2$          | Scale forming but non corrosive          |

# Membrane Autopsy

Internal and external visual examination

The Fujiwara test

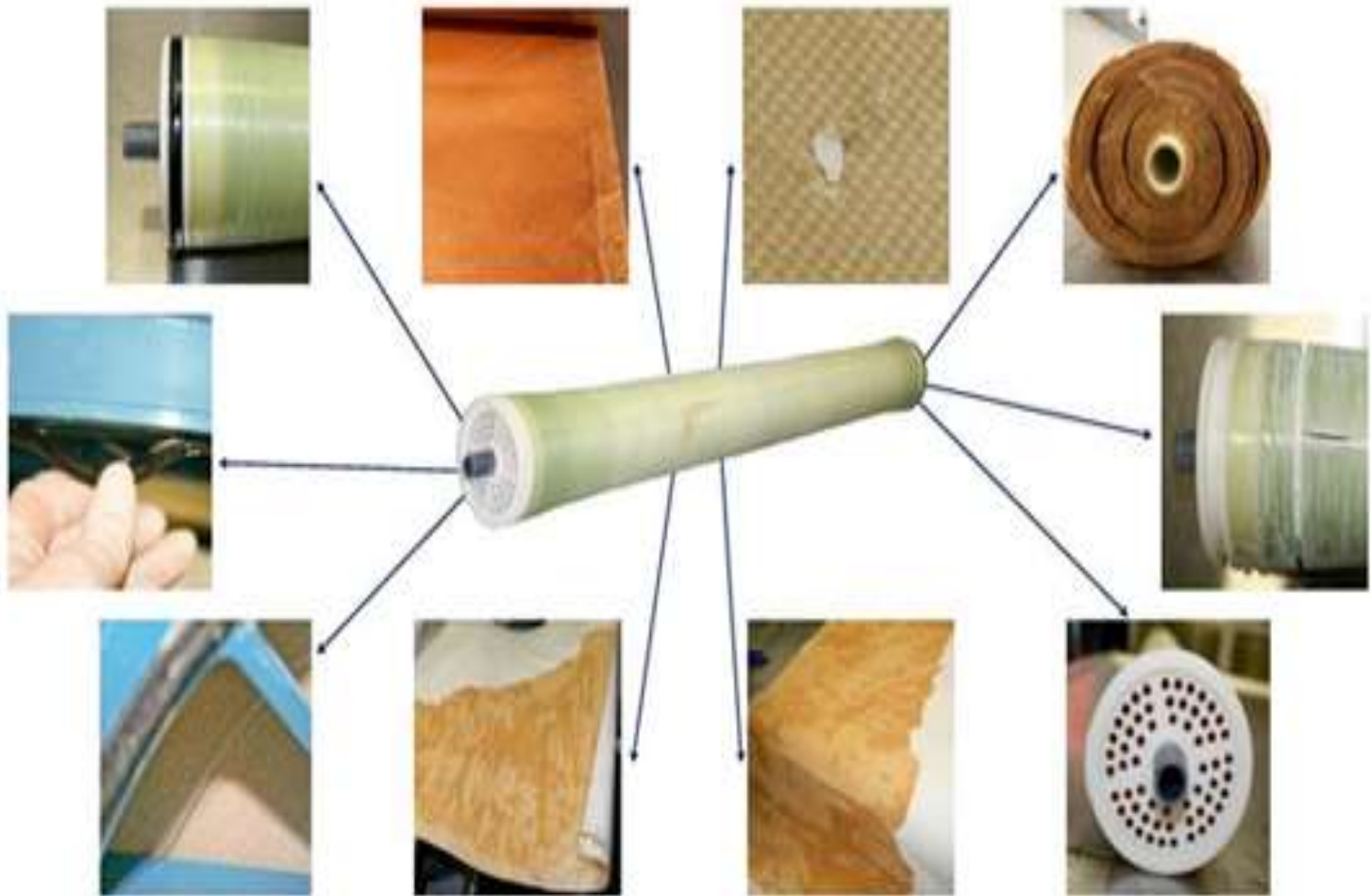
Biological Activity Reaction Test(BART)

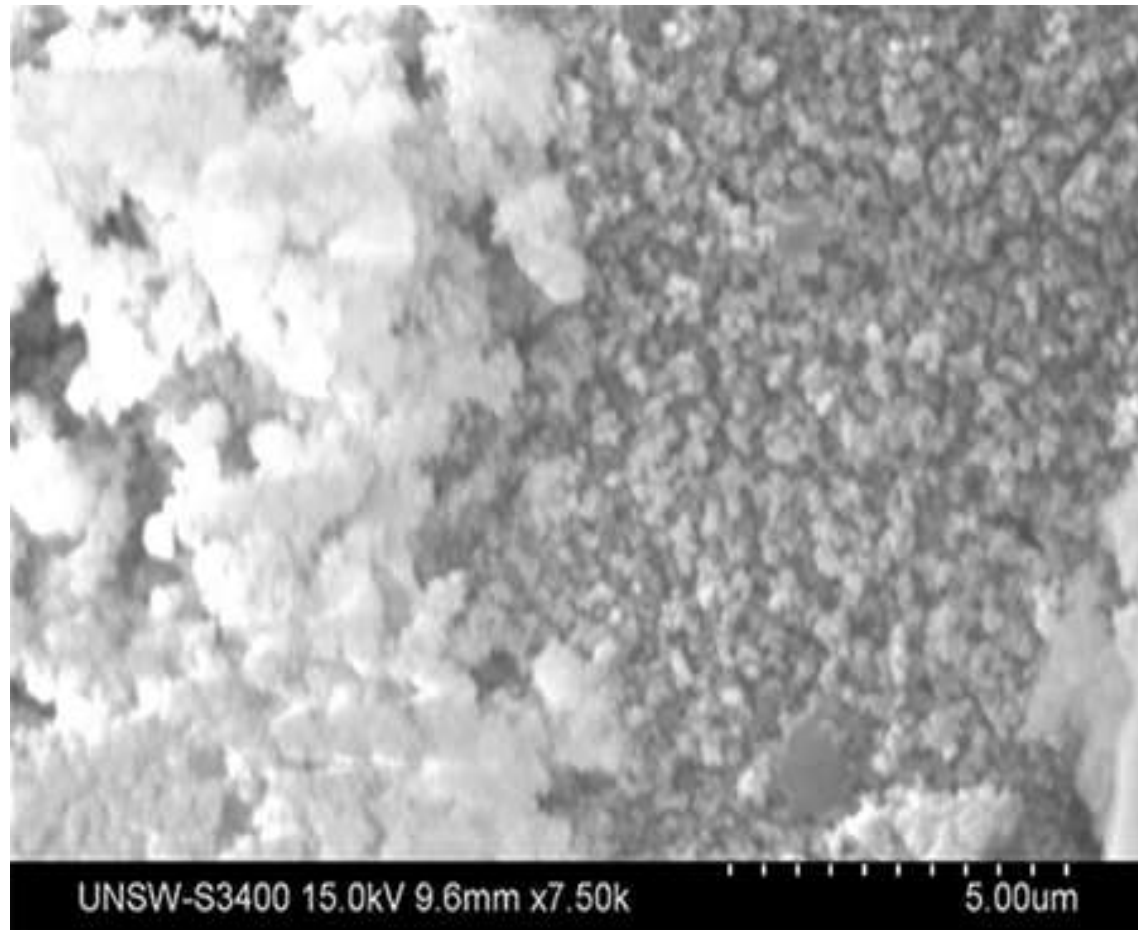
Fourier transform infrared spectrometry (FTIR)

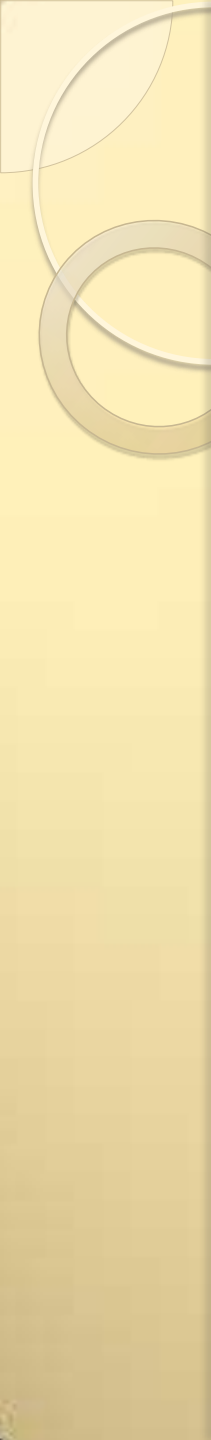
Scanning electron microscopy (SEM)/Energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS)  
Wet testing/Dye integrity testing

Inductively coupled plasma (ICP)/Optical emission spectroscopy (OES/AES)

X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)

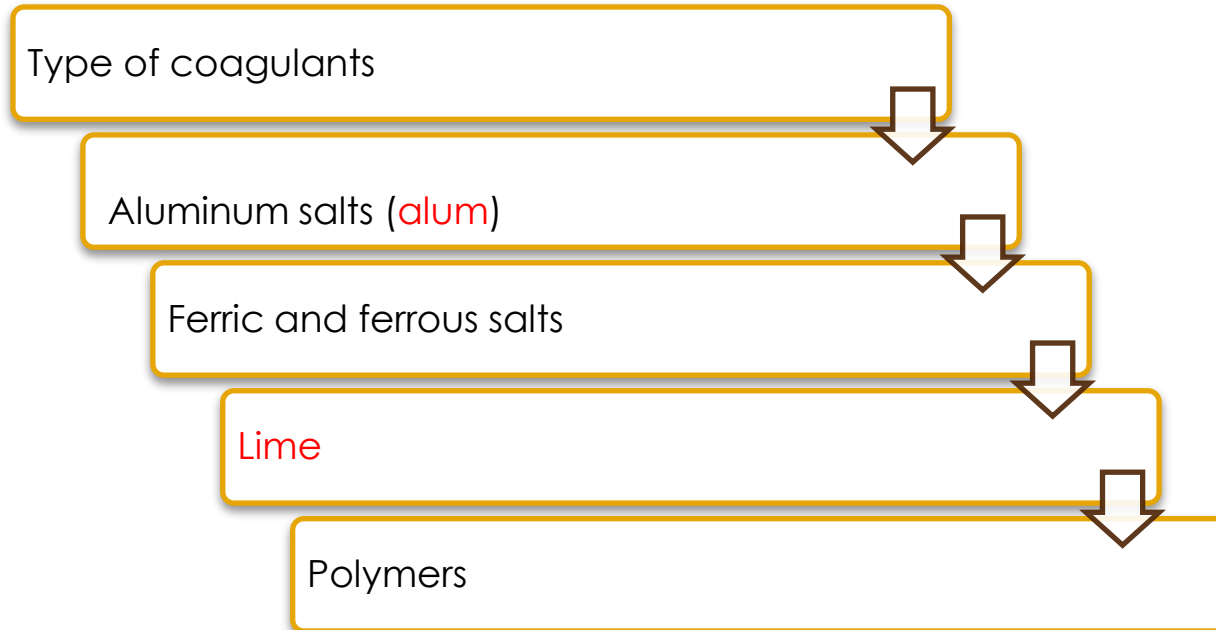






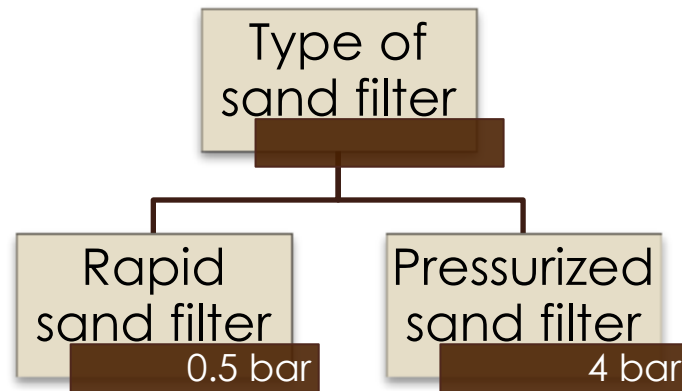
# **Questions number 1 ?!**

# Coagulation & Flocculation



For raw waters containing high concentrations of suspended matter resulting in a high SDI, the classic coagulation-flocculation process is preferred. The hydroxide flocs are allowed to grow and settle in specifically designed reaction chambers. The hydroxide sludge is removed, and the supernatant water is further treated by media filtration.

# Sand Filter



**Dual filter** media with anthracite over sand permit more penetration of the suspended matter into the filter bed, thus resulting in more efficient filtration and longer runs between cleaning. The design depth of the filter media is a minimum of 31 inches (**0.8 m**). In the dual filter media, the filters are usually filled with 20 inches (**0.5 m**) of sand covered with 12 inches (**0.3 m**) of anthracite.



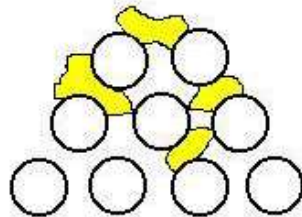
# More details about sand filter

Media : Silica Sand + gravel

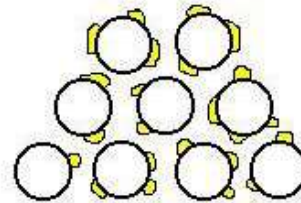
Filtration Process , Mechanical + Adsorption

Removal , 75 % of TSS + 60 % of Turbidity

## Filtration process



Mechanical Straining



Physical Adsorption

when the differential pressure increase between the inlet and outlet of the pressure filter is (0.3–0.6 bar), and about (0.14 bar) for the gravity filter, the filter is backwashed and rinsed

# In-Line filtration( in-line coagulation)

The efficiency of media filtration can be markedly **improved** if the colloids in the raw water are coagulated and/or flocculated prior to filtration. In-line filtration can be applied to raw waters with a SDI only **slightly above 5**.

Ferric sulfate and ferric chloride are used to destabilize the negative surface charge of the colloids and to entrap them into the freshly formed ferric hydroxide microflocs. Aluminum coagulants are also effective, but **not recommended** because of possible fouling problems with residual aluminum. Rapid dispersion and mixing of the coagulant is extremely important. An in-line static mixer or injection on the suction side of a feed pump is recommended. The optimum dosage is usually in the range of **10–30 mg/L**, but should be determined case by case.

# Cartridge filters

A cartridge filter with an absolute pore size of less than **10  $\mu\text{m}$**  is the suggested minimum pretreatment required for every RO system. It is a safety device to **protect** the membranes and the high pressure pump from suspended particles. Usually it is the last step of a pretreatment sequence. A pore **size of 5  $\mu\text{m}$**  absolute is recommended



## Melt Blown

- **For SS** Removal

## Activated Carbon

- **For  $\text{Cl}_2$**  removal



# Biological Fouling Introduction

All raw waters contain **microorganisms** such as bacteria, algae, fungi, viruses, and higher organisms. The typical size of bacteria is about **1  $\mu\text{m}$** . The difference between microorganisms and non-living particles, however, is the ability of microorganisms to **reproduce** and form a **biofilm** under favorable conditions.

Microorganisms entering a RO/NF system find a large membrane surface where dissolved nutrients from the water are enriched due to concentration polarization, thus creating **an ideal environment** for the formation of a biofilm. Biological fouling of the membranes may seriously affect the performance of the RO system.

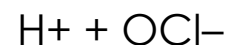
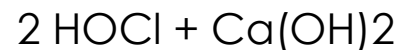
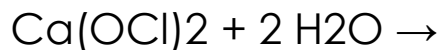
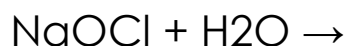
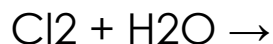
A biofilm is **difficult** to remove because it protects its microorganisms against the action of shear forces and chemicals. In addition, if not completely removed, remaining parts of a biofilm lead to a rapid **regrowth**.

# Chlorination

Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>) has been used for many years to treat municipal and industrial water and waste waters to control microorganisms because of its capacity to inactivate most pathogenic microorganisms **quickly**. The effectiveness of chlorine is dependent on the **chlorine concentration**, **time** of exposure, and the **pH** of the water. A free residual chlorine concentration of **0.5–1.0 mg/L** or higher needed.

Chlorine is added continuously at the intake, and a reaction time of **20–30** min should be allowed. A free residual chlorine concentration of 0.5–1.0 mg/L should be maintained through the whole pretreatment line. Dechlorination upstream of the membranes is required, however, to protect the membranes from **oxidation**.

Chlorine is most commonly available as chlorine **gas** and the **hypochlorites** of sodium and calcium. In water, they hydrolyze instantaneously to hypochlorous acid:



# Dechlorination

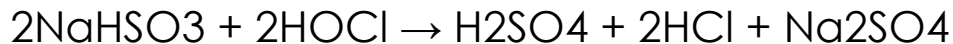
When RO or NF membrane is used in the RO/NF process, the feed must be dechlorinated to **prevent** oxidation of the membrane.

Sodium metabisulfite (**SMBS**) is commonly used for removal of free chlorine. Other chemical reducing agents exist (e.g., sulfur dioxide), but they are not as cost-effective as SMBS.

When dissolved in water, sodium bisulfite (**SBS**) is formed from SMBS:



SBS then **reduces** hypochlorous acid according to:



## **Shock treatment**

Sodium bisulfite can be added into the feed stream (for a limited time period) **during normal plant operation**. This intermittent application is often referred to as shock treatment. In a typical application, **500–1,000 mg/L**  $\text{NaHSO}_3$  is dosed for **30 minutes**.

The treatment can be carried out on every **24 hours** or only when biogrowth is suspected.

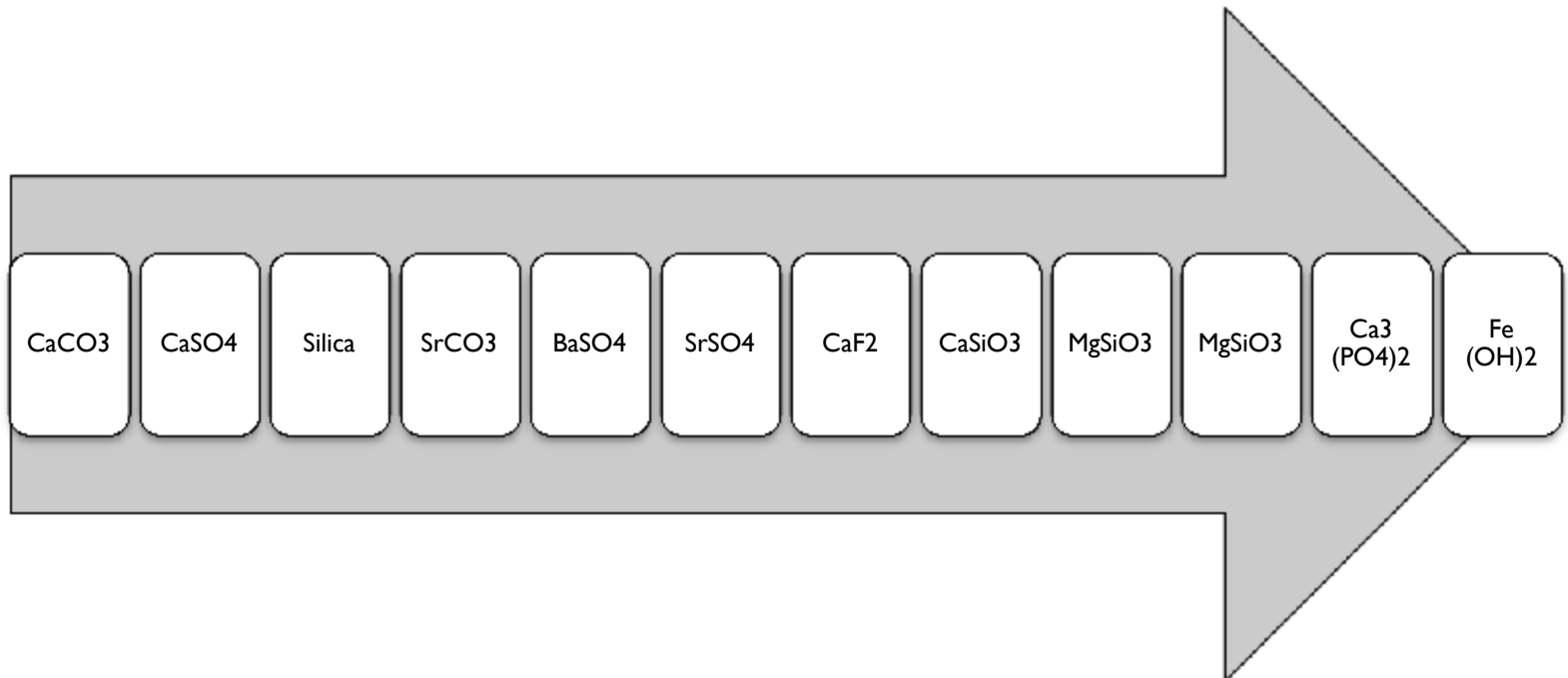
**Copper sulfate** can be used to control the growth of algae. Typically, copper sulfate is fed continuously at concentrations of 0.1 to 0.5 ppm. pH of the water must be low (to prevent the precipitation of copper hydroxide).

**Ozone** is an even stronger oxidizing agent than chlorine. However, it decomposes readily. A certain ozone level must be maintained to kill all microorganisms. The resistance of the materials of construction against ozone has to be considered. Usually, stainless steel is employed. Removal of ozone must be performed carefully to protect the membranes



# Scaling problem

**Scaling** of an RO membrane may occur when sparingly soluble salts are **concentrated** in the RO element beyond their solubility limit.

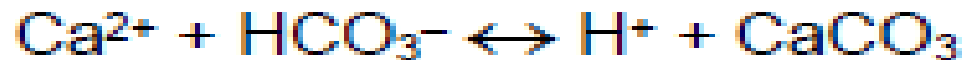




## Acid addition

To control calcium carbonate scaling by acid addition alone, the LSI or S&DSI in the concentrate stream must be **negative**. Acid addition is useful to control carbonate scale only.

For seawater systems, a dosage of typically **10 mg/L** sulfuric acid is required to achieve a pH of about 7 and a negative S&DSI in the concentrate.



# Anti Scalants

**Scale inhibitors** (anti-scalants) slow the precipitation process of sparingly soluble salts by being absorbed on the forming salt crystals to prevent the attraction of the supersaturated salt to the crystal surfaces.

Type of Anti Scalants

SHMP

Organophosphonates

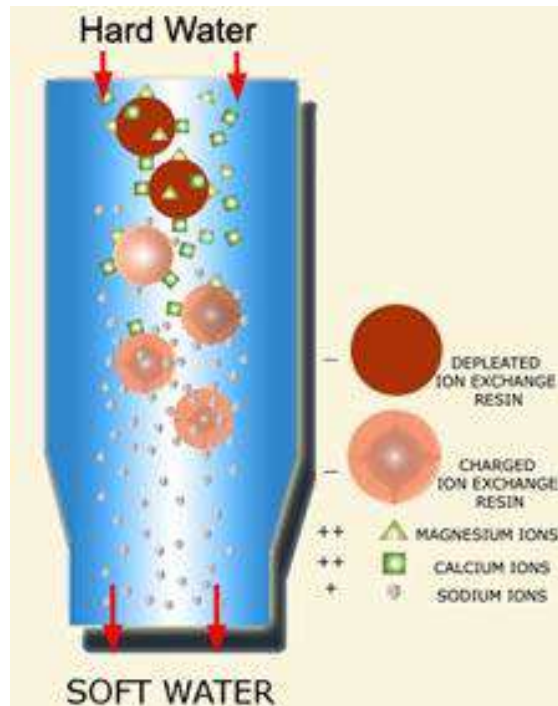
Polyacrylic acids

Anti Scalants + Acid addition

**scale inhibitor** is recommended when operating above a recovery of 35%.

# Water Softener with a Strong Acid Cation Exchange Resin

In the ion exchange softening process, the scale-forming cations, such as  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$ , are removed and replaced by sodium cations. The resin is regenerated with NaCl at hardness breakthrough. ion exchange resins, the removal efficiency for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  is greater than 97%, which usually eliminates any risk of carbonate or sulfate scaling.





# Dealkalization with a Weak Acid Cation Exchange Resin

Dealkalization with a weak acid cation exchange resin is used mainly in large brackish water plants for partial softening to minimize the consumption of regeneration chemicals.

In this process, only  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Sr}^{2+}$  associated with bicarbonate alkalinity (temporary hardness) are removed and replaced by  $\text{H}^{+}$

## The advantages

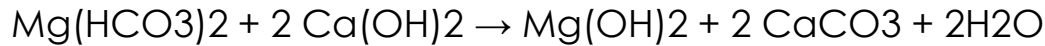
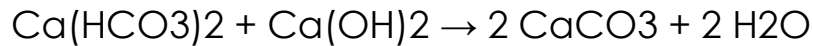
- For regeneration, acid of not more than 105% of the stoichiometric value is needed .
- High Capacity (2 time of strong acid resin).

## The disadvantages are:

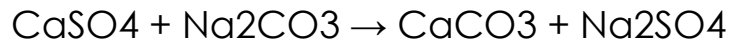
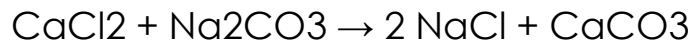
- Residual hardness.
- Variable pH of the treated water.

# Lime Softening

**Lime softening** can be used to remove carbonate hardness by adding hydrated lime:



The noncarbonate calcium hardness can be further reduced by adding sodium carbonate (soda ash):



**The lime-soda ash** process can also be used to reduce the silica concentration (20 mg/l Max in R.O feedwater) with or without magnesium oxide or sodium aluminate.

silica adsorption onto  $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ .

## Increasing Efficiency

-Hot water 60–70°C

-pH 10-11

With lime softening, barium, strontium, and organic substances are also reduced

# Greensand filter

Water with divalent iron and manganese, sometimes hydrogen sulfide and ammonium, but no oxygen; therefore, they are also called **anoxic water**.

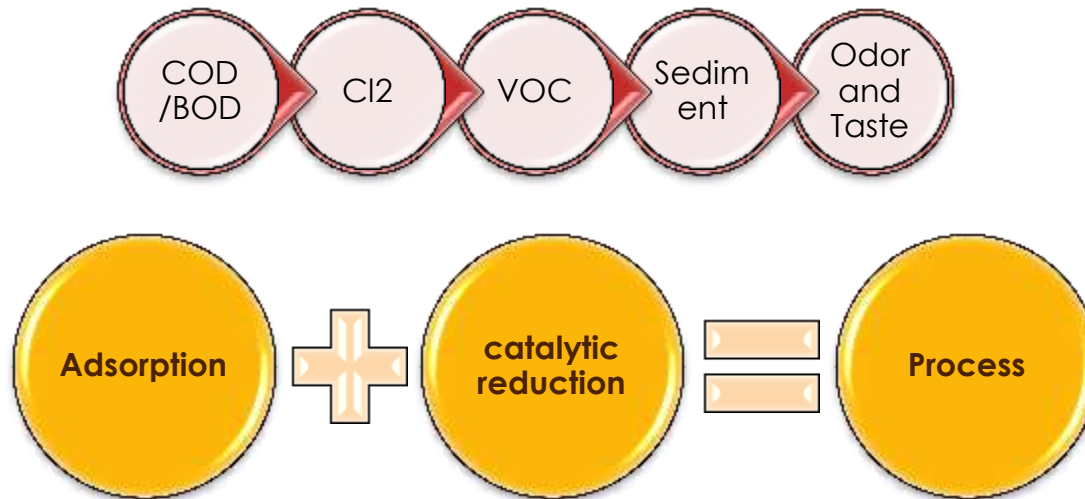
**Anoxic water** can be treated by oxidation and filtration.

Oxidation and filtration can be accomplished in one step by using a filter media with the ability to oxidize **divalent iron and manganese** by electron transfer. Greensand is such a granular medium, which is a green (when dry) mineral glauconite. It can be regenerated with  $\text{KMnO}_4$  when its oxidizing capability is exhausted.

**Birm** filtration has also been used effectively for  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  removal from RO feed water



# Carbon Filter



Carbon filtering is a method of filtering that uses a piece of **activated carbon** to remove contaminants and impurities, utilizing chemical adsorption. Each piece of carbon is designed to provide a large section of surface area, in order to allow contaminants the most possible **exposure** to the filter media.

An activated carbon bed is **very effective** in the dechlorination of RO feed water according to following reaction:



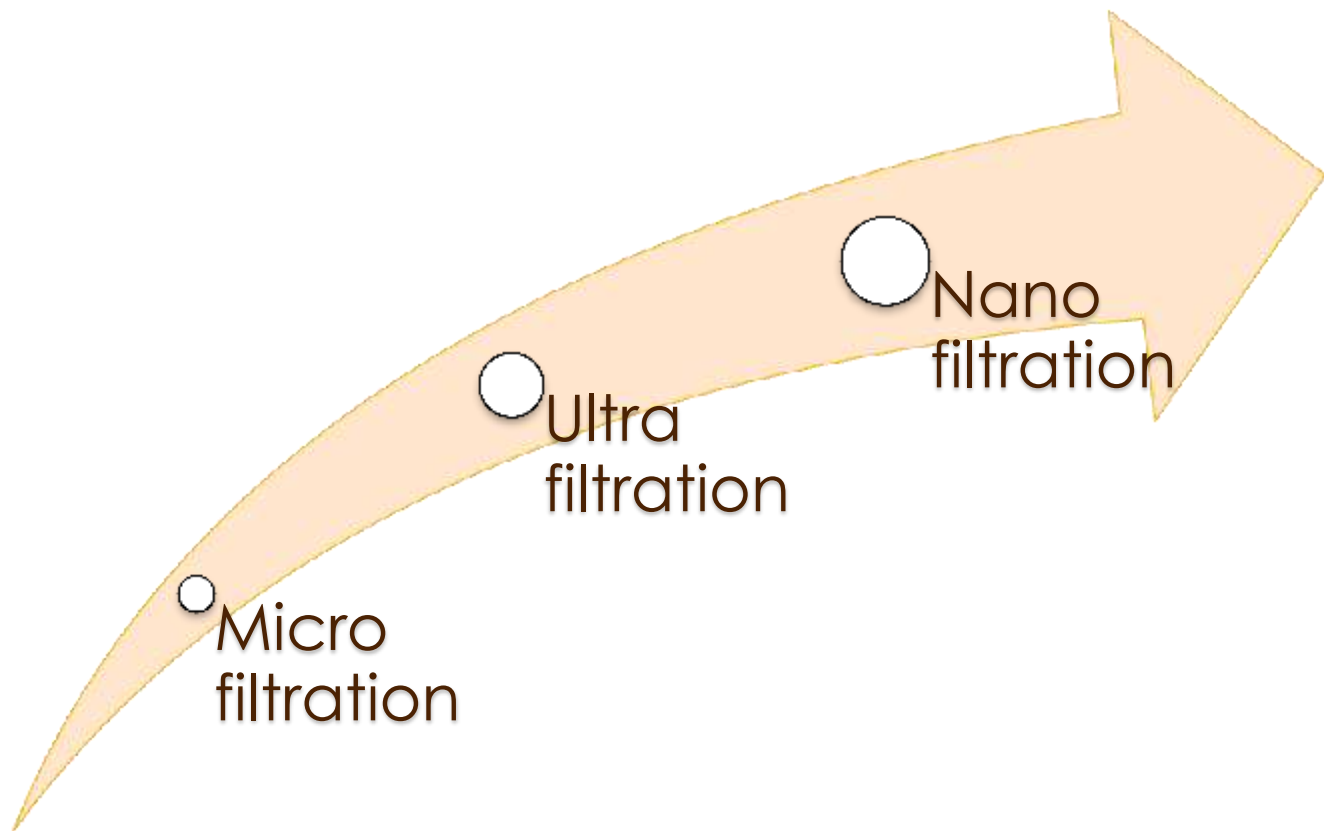




# Carbon filter and media filter example

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# Membrane as pretreatment



# Micro filtration

Remove particles in range 0.1 to 1 micron

Remove SS , large colloid , Bacteria

Low exit turbidity

0.7 bar (Applied pressure )

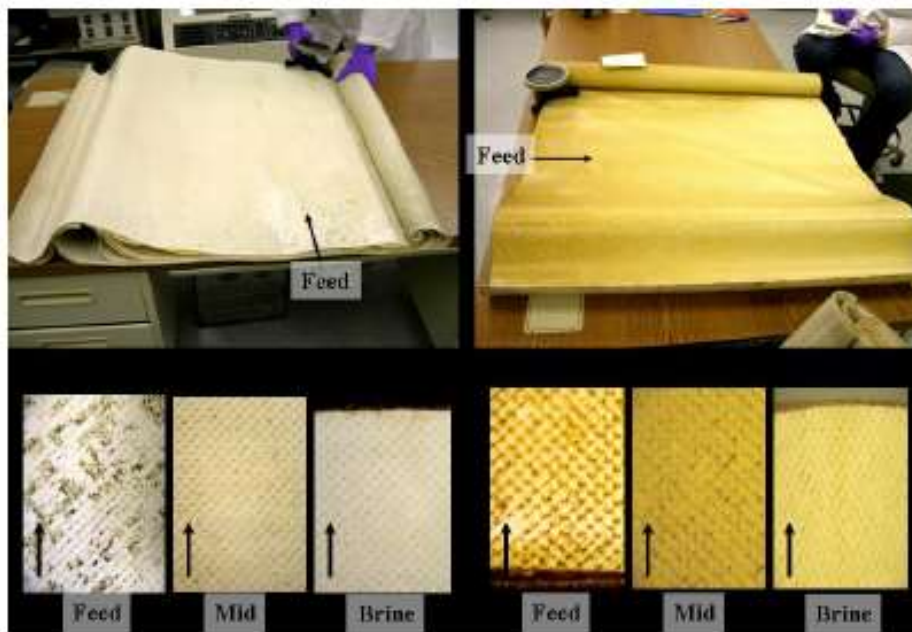
# Ultra Filtration

Remove particles in range 2 Nano to 0.1 Micron

colloid , Bacteria , Proteins , microbiological contaminants

Remove biological fouling

1-7 bar (Applied pressure )



MF/UF Pretreatment

Conventional Pretreatment



# Nano Filtration

Remove particles in range 1 Nano

Calcium , Sodium , magnesium , color , TOC

Softening , surface water , waste water

3.5-16 bar (Applied pressure )

# Pre treatment

Table 1

| Pretreatment                      | CaCO <sub>3</sub> | CaSO <sub>4</sub> | BaSO <sub>4</sub> | SrSO <sub>4</sub> | CaF <sub>2</sub> | SiO <sub>2</sub> | SDI | Fe | Al | Bacteria | Oxid. Agents | Org. Matter |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|----|----|----------|--------------|-------------|
| Acid Addition                     | ●                 |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |     | ○  |    |          |              |             |
| Scale Inhibitor                   | ○                 | ●                 | ●                 | ●                 | ●                | ○                |     |    |    |          |              |             |
| Softening with IX                 | ●                 | ●                 | ●                 | ●                 | ●                |                  |     |    |    |          |              |             |
| Dealkalization with IX            | ○                 | ○                 | ○                 | ○                 | ○                |                  |     |    |    |          |              |             |
| Lime Softening                    | ○                 | ○                 | ○                 | ○                 | ○                | ○                | ○   | ○  |    |          |              | ○           |
| Preventive Cleaning               | ○                 |                   |                   |                   |                  | ○                | ○   | ○  | ○  | ○        |              | ○           |
| Adjustment of Operation Parameter |                   | ○                 | ○                 | ○                 | ○                | ●                |     |    |    |          |              |             |
| Media Filtration                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  | ○                | ○   | ○  | ○  |          |              |             |
| Oxidation-Filtration              |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  | ○   | ●  |    |          |              |             |
| In-Line-Coagulation               |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  | ○   | ○  | ○  |          |              | ○           |
| Coagulation-Flocculation          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  | ○                | ●   | ○  | ○  |          |              | ●           |
| Micro-/ Ultrafiltration           |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  | ●                | ●   | ○  | ○  | ○        |              | ●           |
| Cartridge Filter                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  | ○                | ○   | ○  | ○  | ○        |              |             |
| Chlorination                      |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |     |    |    | ●        |              |             |
| Dechlorination                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |     |    |    |          | ●            |             |
| Shock Treatment                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |     |    |    | ○        |              |             |
| Preventive Disinfection           |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |     |    |    | ○        |              |             |
| GAC Filtration                    |                   |                   |                   |                   |                  |                  |     |    |    | ○        | ●            | ●           |

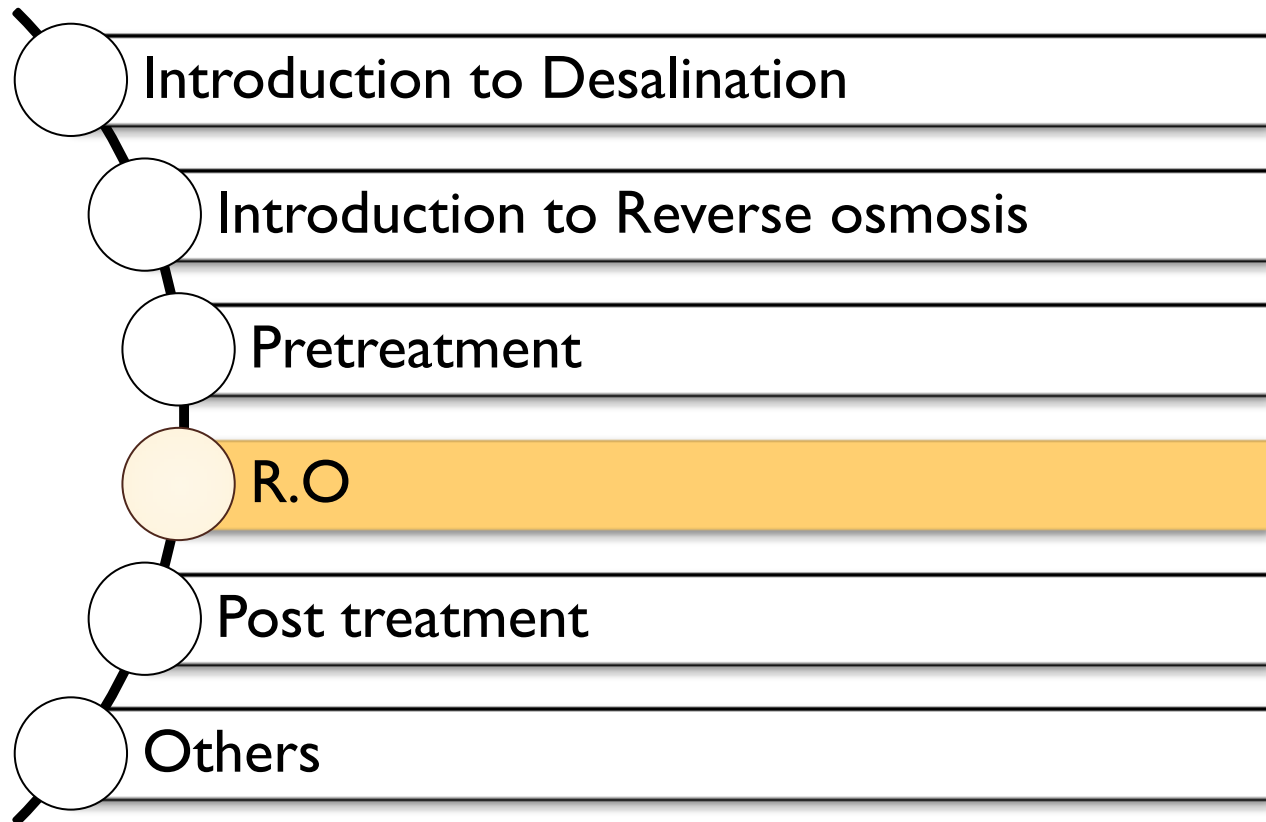
○ Possible ● Very effective



| Feed Water Characteristics                                                    | Treatment                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Turbidity (SS)                                                                | Coagulation, filtration           |
| Particulate                                                                   | Cartridge filter                  |
| Colloids                                                                      | Coagulation , UF                  |
| Color                                                                         | Coagulation, filtration           |
| Odor (see dissolved gases)                                                    | Chlorination, Absorption          |
| Taste                                                                         | Chlorination, Absorption          |
| <b>Chemical Characteristics</b>                                               | <b>Treatment</b>                  |
| Hardness (Ca and Mg salts)                                                    | pH, softening, conversion control |
| Minerals (Na, K, Cl, SO <sub>4</sub> , HCO <sub>3</sub> )                     | RO                                |
| Mn <sup>++</sup>                                                              | Oxidation                         |
| Fe <sup>++</sup>                                                              | Filtration                        |
| Silica                                                                        | Lime softening process            |
| Gases (O <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> S, CO <sub>2</sub> , NH <sub>3</sub> ) | Aeration Degasification           |
| Calcium Carbonate                                                             | pH adjustment                     |
| Calcium Sulfate                                                               | Scale inhibitors                  |
| <b>Biological Characteristics</b>                                             | <b>Treatment</b>                  |
| Bacteria                                                                      | Chlorination                      |
| Algae                                                                         | UV Irradiation                    |

| Component          | Unit                   | Max. level |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------|
| SDI                | 1                      | 5          |
| MF <sub>0.45</sub> | 1                      | 4          |
| Oil and grease     | mg/L                   | 0.1        |
| TOC                | mg/L                   | 3          |
| COD                | mg/L                   | 10         |
| AOC                | µg/l Ac-C              | 10         |
| BFR                | pg/cm <sup>2</sup> ATP | 5          |
| Free chlorine      | mg/L                   | 0.1        |
| Ferrous iron       | mg/L                   | 4          |
| Ferric iron        | mg/L                   | 0.05       |
| Manganese          | mg/L                   | 0.05       |
| Aluminum           | mg/L                   | 0.05       |

# Training Course on Planning of Desalination plant using R.O system



# Basic Terms and Definitions

## Reverse osmosis system flow rating

- 10 cubic meter / day R.O = 10 cubic meter permeate flow

## Recovery rate

- $Q_{\text{permeate}} / Q_{\text{feed}}$

## Rejection

- $\% \text{ Rejection} = [(C_f - C_p) / C_f] * 100$

## Flux

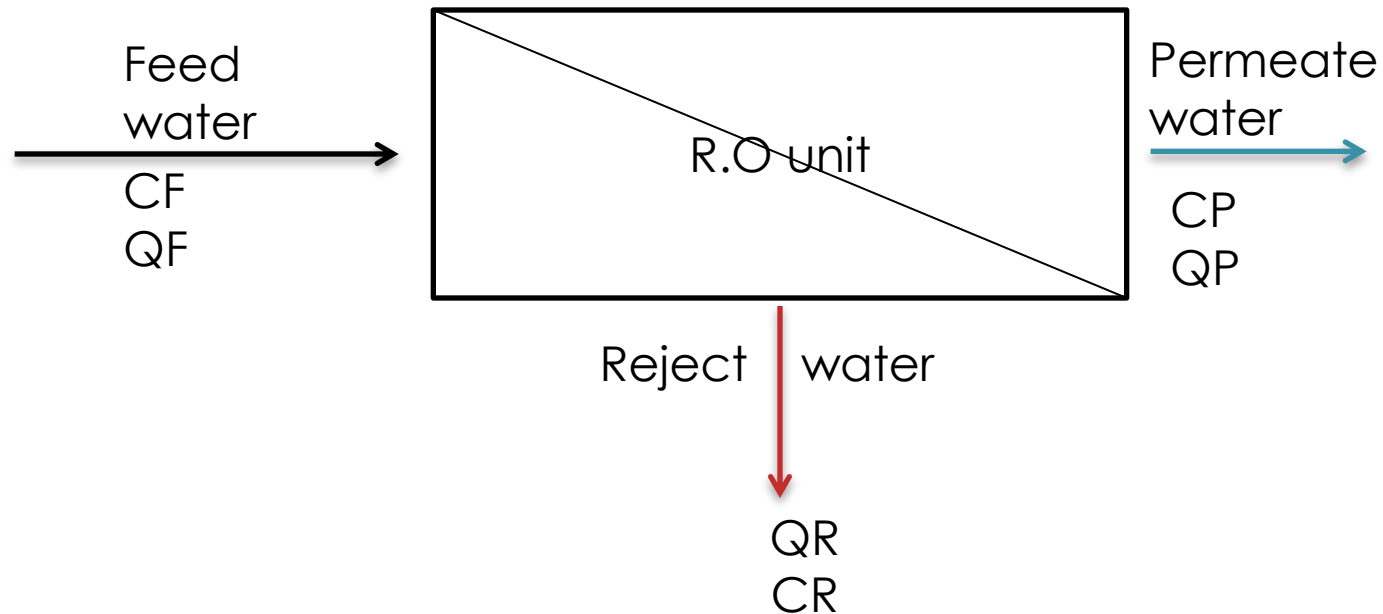
- the volumetric flow rate of a fluid through a given area  
( $Q_p / (N \cdot \text{Area of membrane})$ )

## Fouling

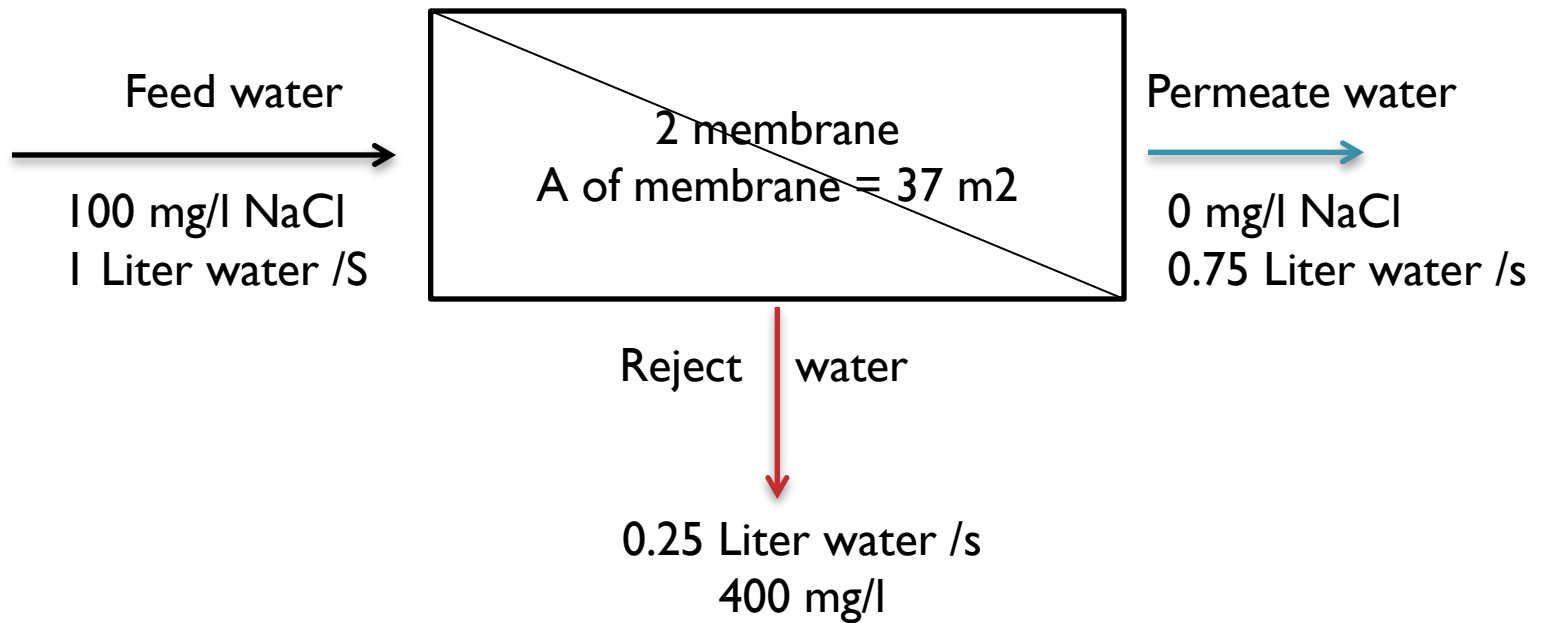
- suspended solids, organics, or microbes on the surface of the membrane

## Scaling

- result of precipitation of saturated salts

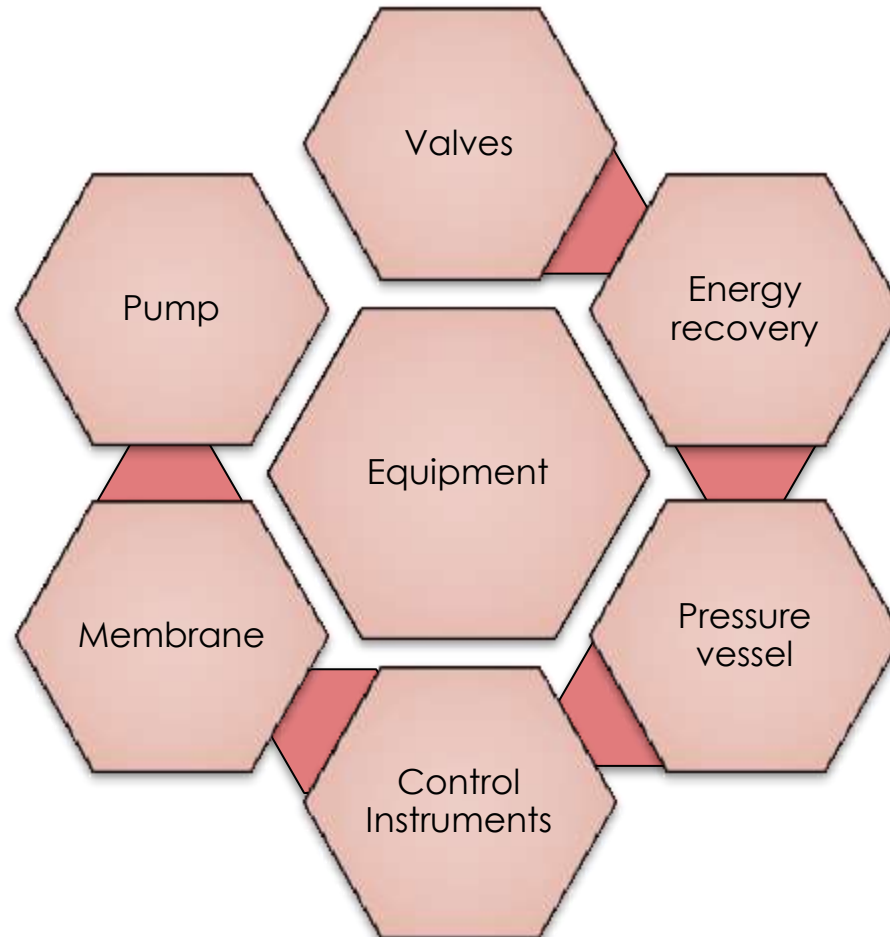


CF : Concentration of feed water  
QF : Flow rate of feed water  
CP : Concentration of permeate water  
QP : Flow rate of permeate water  
QR : Flow rate of reject water  
CR : Concentration of reject water



Recovery rate =  $0.75 / 1 = 0.75 = 75 \%$   
Rejection % =  $(100 - 0) / 100 = 1 = 100\%$   
Flux =  $0.75 * 3600 / (2 * 37) = 36.5 \text{ L/m}^2/\text{hr}$

# Reverse osmosis unit equipment





# Valves

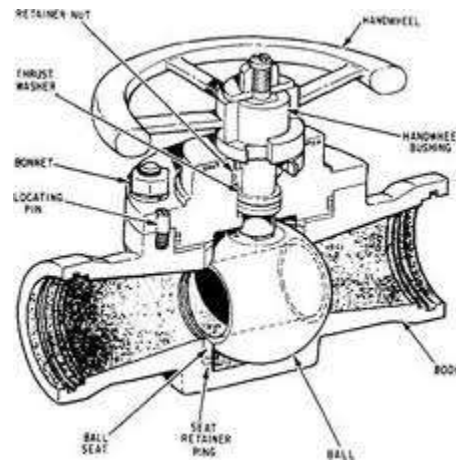
Plug Valve

Butterfly and ball Valve

Automated Valve

Needle Valve

Check Valve



# Pumps

Source intake pump

Feed pump

High pressure pump

Booster pump

Dosing pump



# Control instrument



Pressure gage



Flow meter



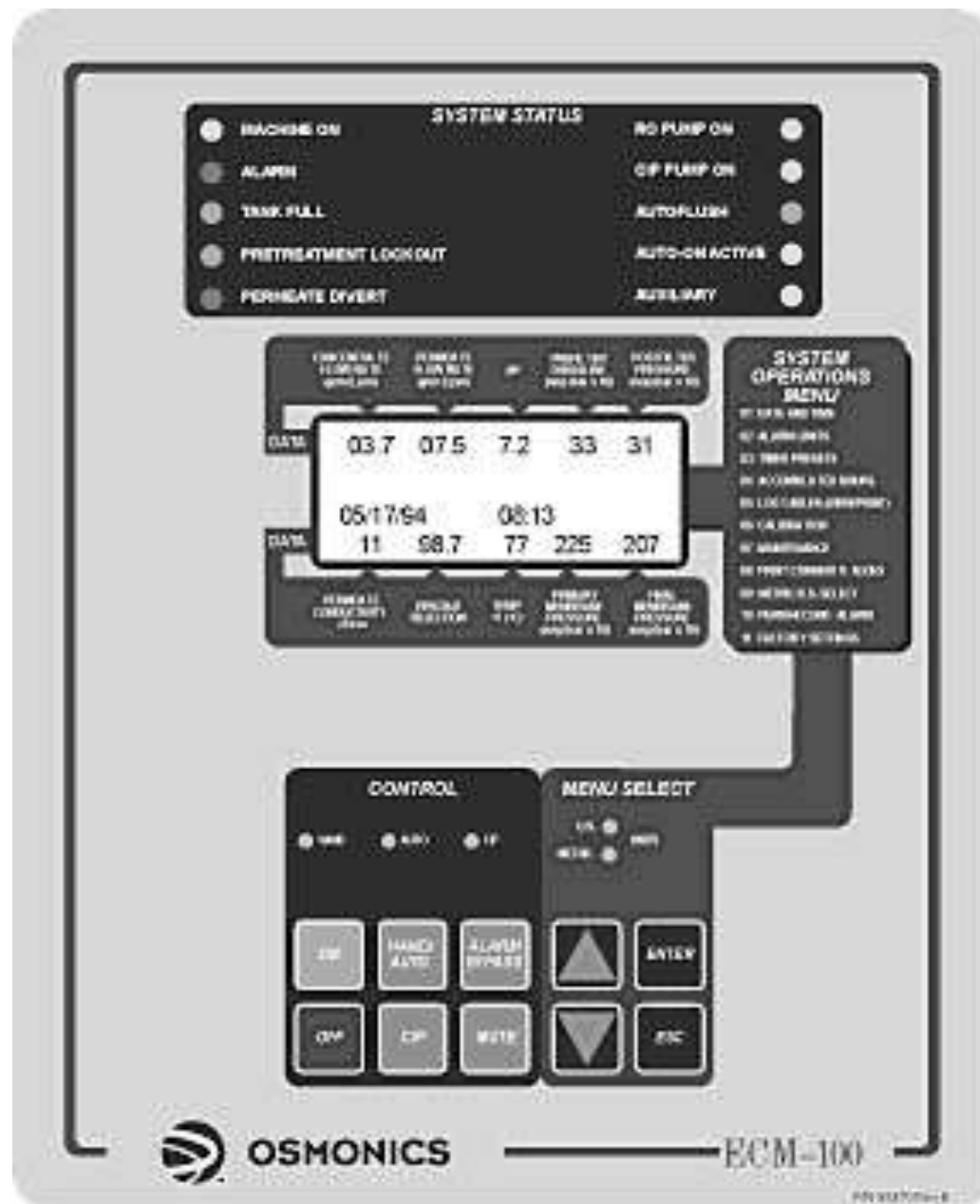
PH meter



TDS meter



Others



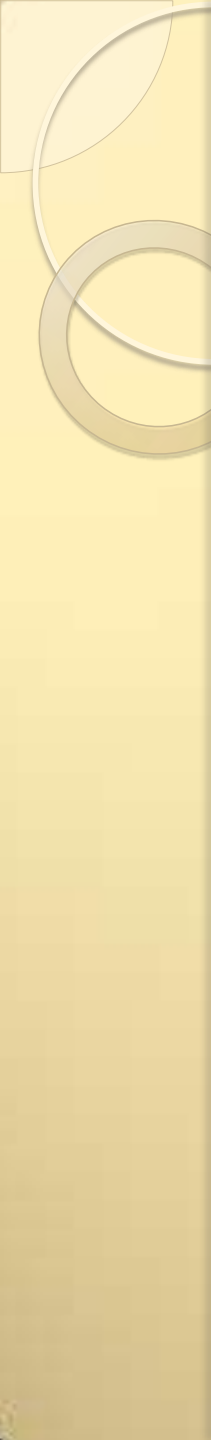
# Shutdown switches

| Undue operating condition                                              | Provision                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Too high feed pressure                                                 | High pressure shutdown switch in the feed line                                                                 |
| Insufficient feed pressure                                             | Low pressure shutdown switch in the pump suction line                                                          |
| Too high feed temperature                                              | High temperature switch in the feed line                                                                       |
| Permeate pressure exceeding feed by more than 0.3 bar (5 psi) pressure | Pressure relief mechanism in the permeate line                                                                 |
| Too high concentration of colloidal matter in the feed                 | Turbidity control in the feed line                                                                             |
| Too high concentration of sparingly soluble salts in the feed          | Dosing pumps for acid and antiscalant should be electrically interlocked with the feed pump drive              |
|                                                                        | High pH shutdown switch                                                                                        |
| Oxidizing agents in the feed                                           | ORP (Oxidation Reduction Potential) control in feed line or chlorine detection monitor with automatic shutdown |
| Oil in the feed                                                        | Oil detector in feed line                                                                                      |









Others  
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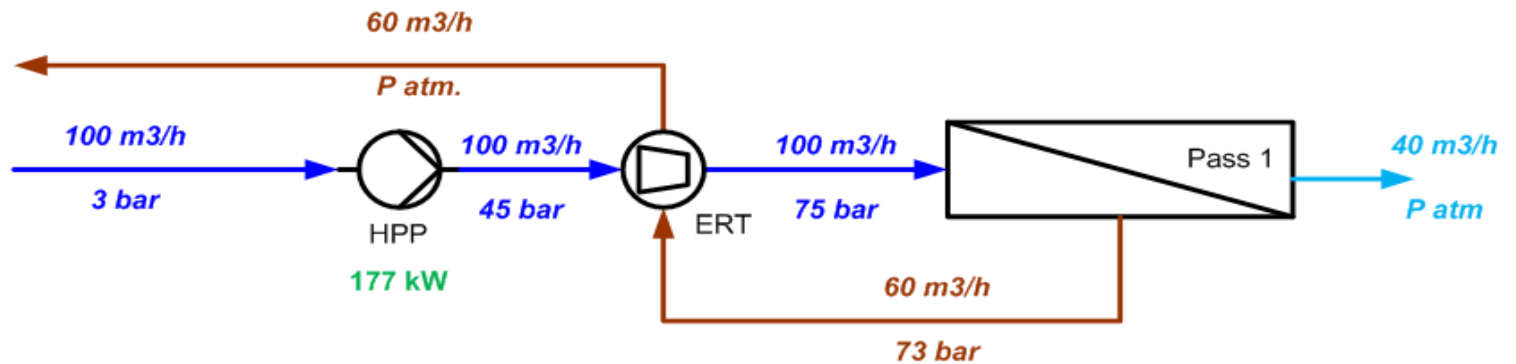
# Energy recovery device

Usually pressure drop in Reject flow (1-3 bar)

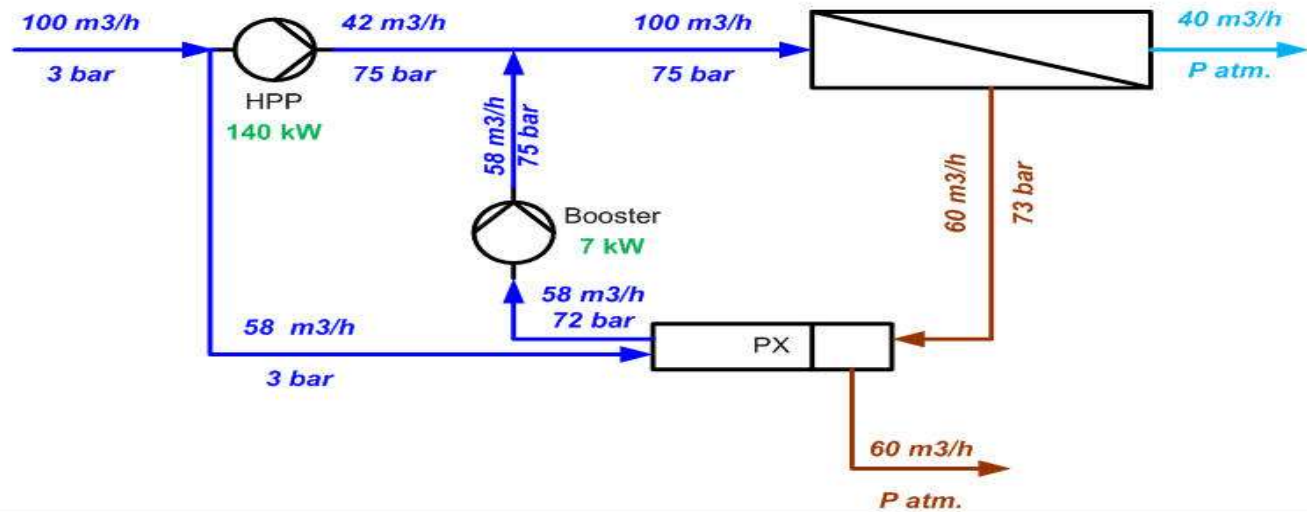
Turbine (30-40 %)

Pressure exchanger (50-60%)

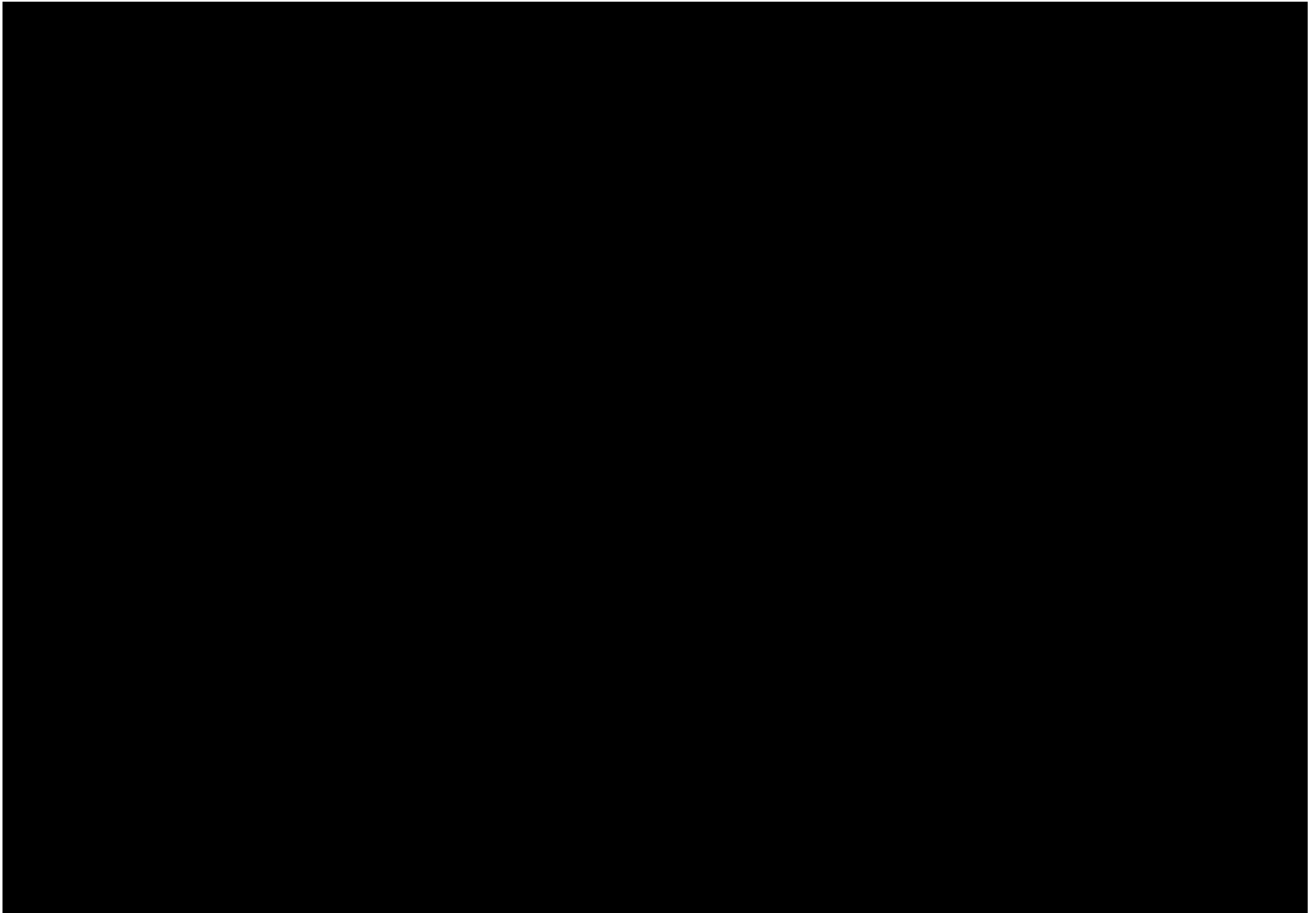
### Energy Recovery Turbine



### Pressure exchanger



# Pressure exchanger device



# Membrane:

The desalination performance of a RO membrane depends largely on the membrane material and the membrane structure.

An industrially useful RO membrane must exhibit several characteristics such as high water flux, high salt rejection, mechanical stability, tolerance to temperature variation, resistance to fouling, and low cost.

## Classification of membrane material

### > Cellulose acetate (CA)

A good chlorine resistance , less probability to fouling ,  
PH (4-6)

### > Polyamide acetate (PA)

A high flux and very high salt rejection, PH (2-12) >>> (MOST USE)

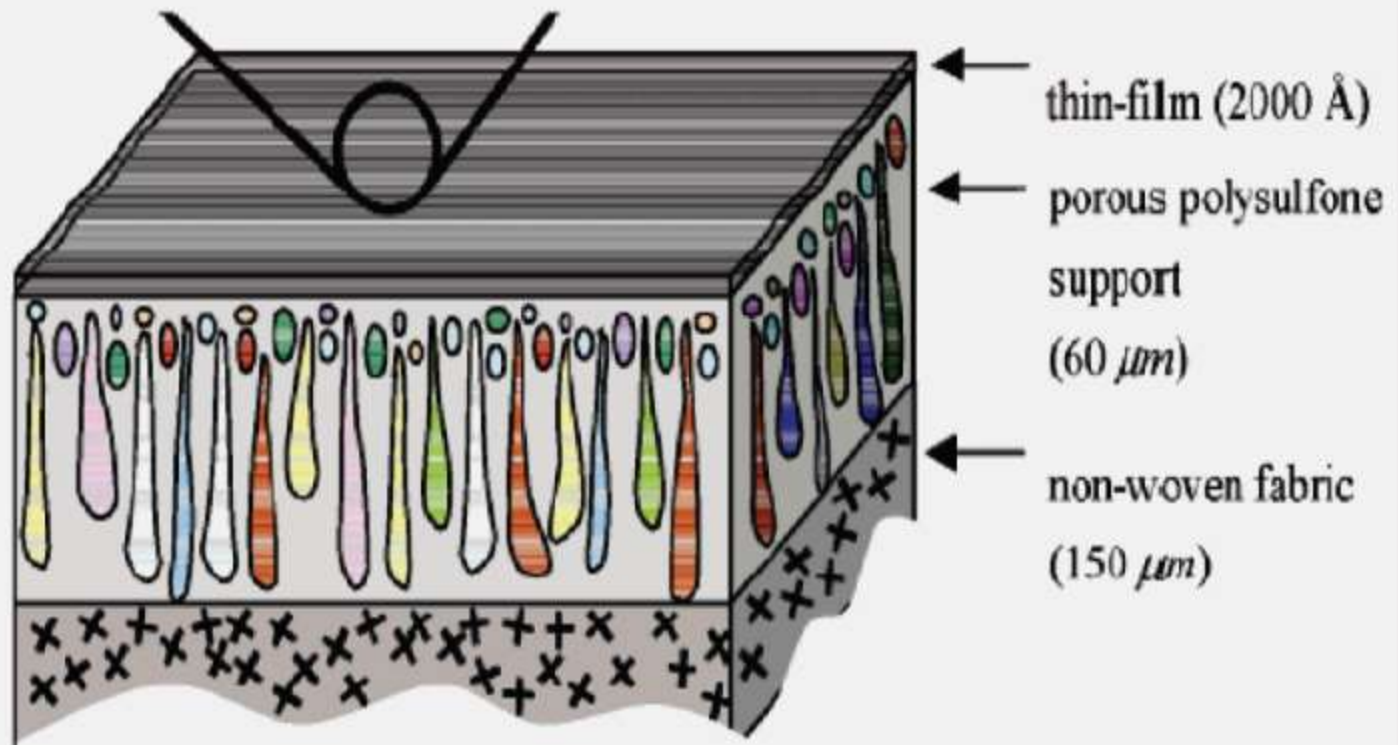
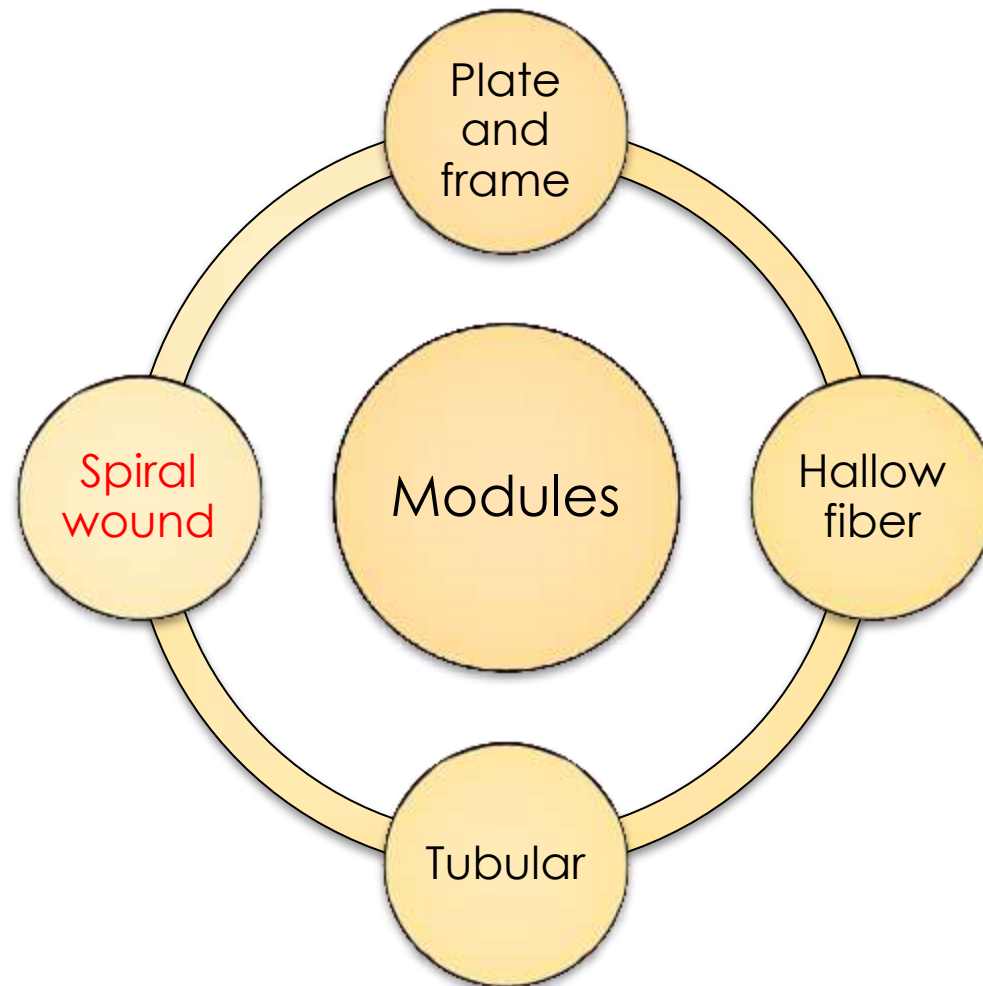


Figure 4.13: Schematic of Thin-Film Composite Membrane

# Membrane Modules (**structure**)



# Membrane modules Applications

## Plate and frame

For Waste water treatment applications

## Hallow fiber

For microfiltration , Ultrafiltration and WWT applications

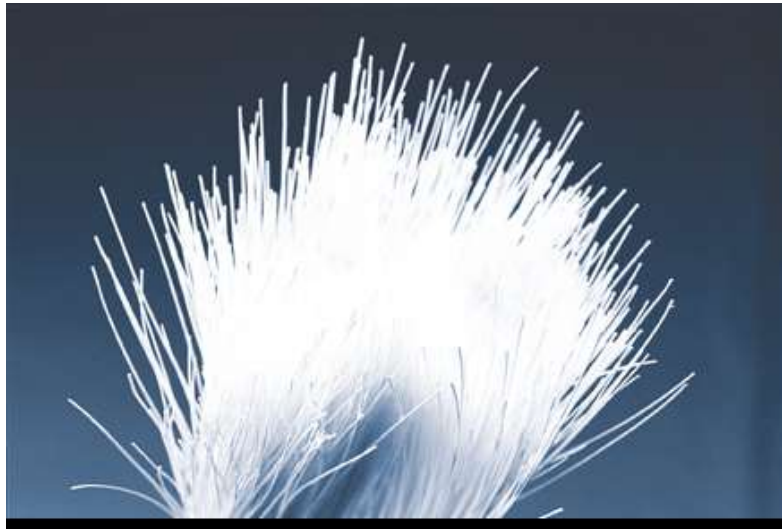
## Tubular

For gas separation

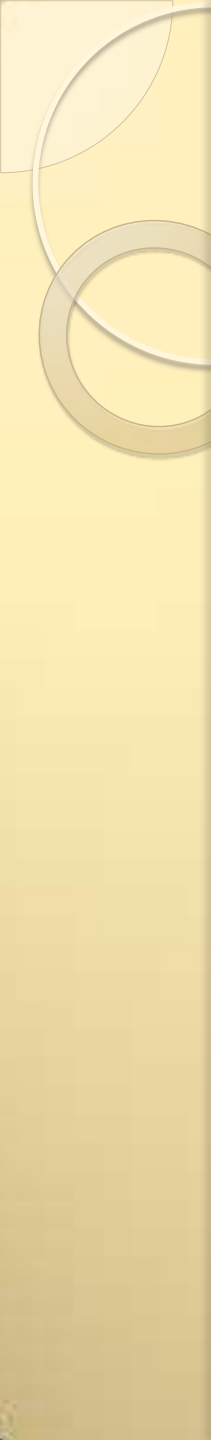
## Spiral wound

For desalination





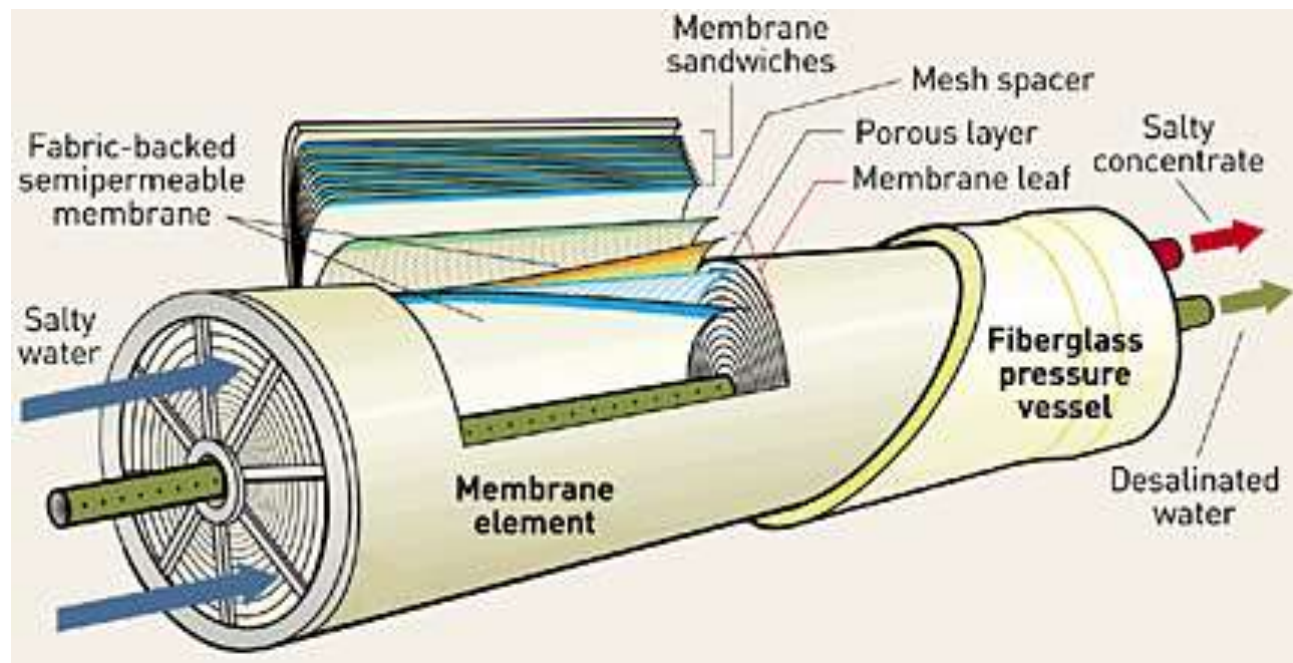
| <b>Module</b>   | <b>System Cost</b> | <b>Design Flexibility</b> | <b>Required System Space</b> | <b>Energy Use</b> | <b>Susceptibility to Fouling</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Plate and Frame | \$\$\$             | \$\$                      | \$\$\$                       | \$\$\$            | \$\$                             |
| Hollow - Fiber  | \$                 | \$\$\$                    | \$                           | \$\$              | \$\$\$\$                         |
| Spiral Wound    | \$                 | \$\$\$\$                  | \$\$                         | \$                | \$\$\$                           |
| Tubular         | \$\$\$             | \$                        | \$\$\$\$                     | \$\$\$\$          | \$                               |



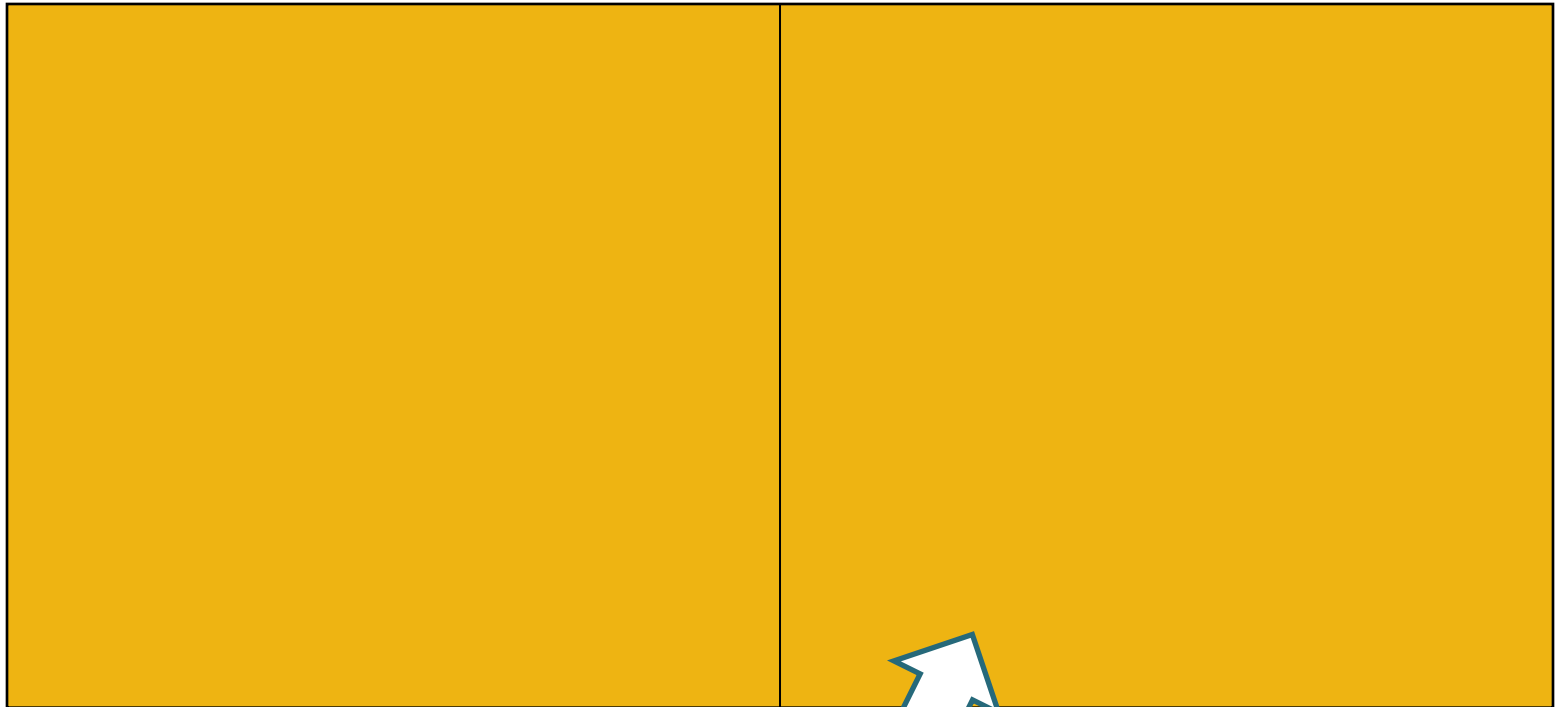
# **Questions number 2 ?!**

## Spiral Wound

° Spiral wound membrane modules are the most common type of module used for RO today. The major advantage of a spiral wound module is that the packing density is fairly high, about 150 - 380 ft<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>3</sup>, higher than for plate and frame or tubular modules.



# Spiral Wound Modules



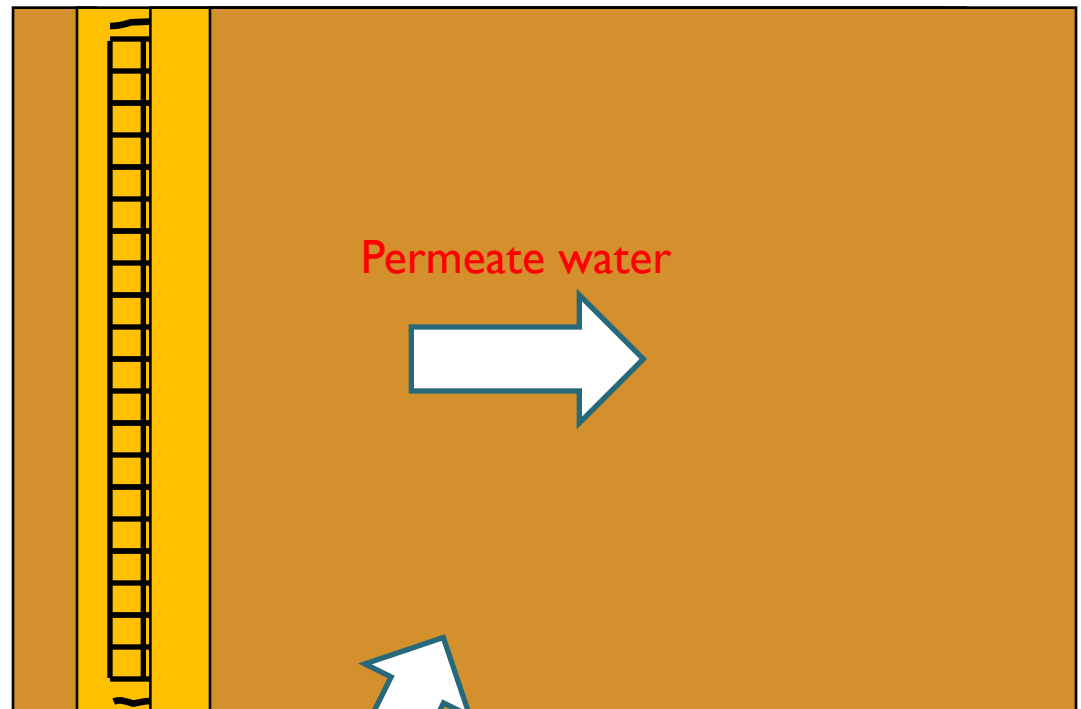
**Membrane sheet**



**Feed water flow**

**spacer**

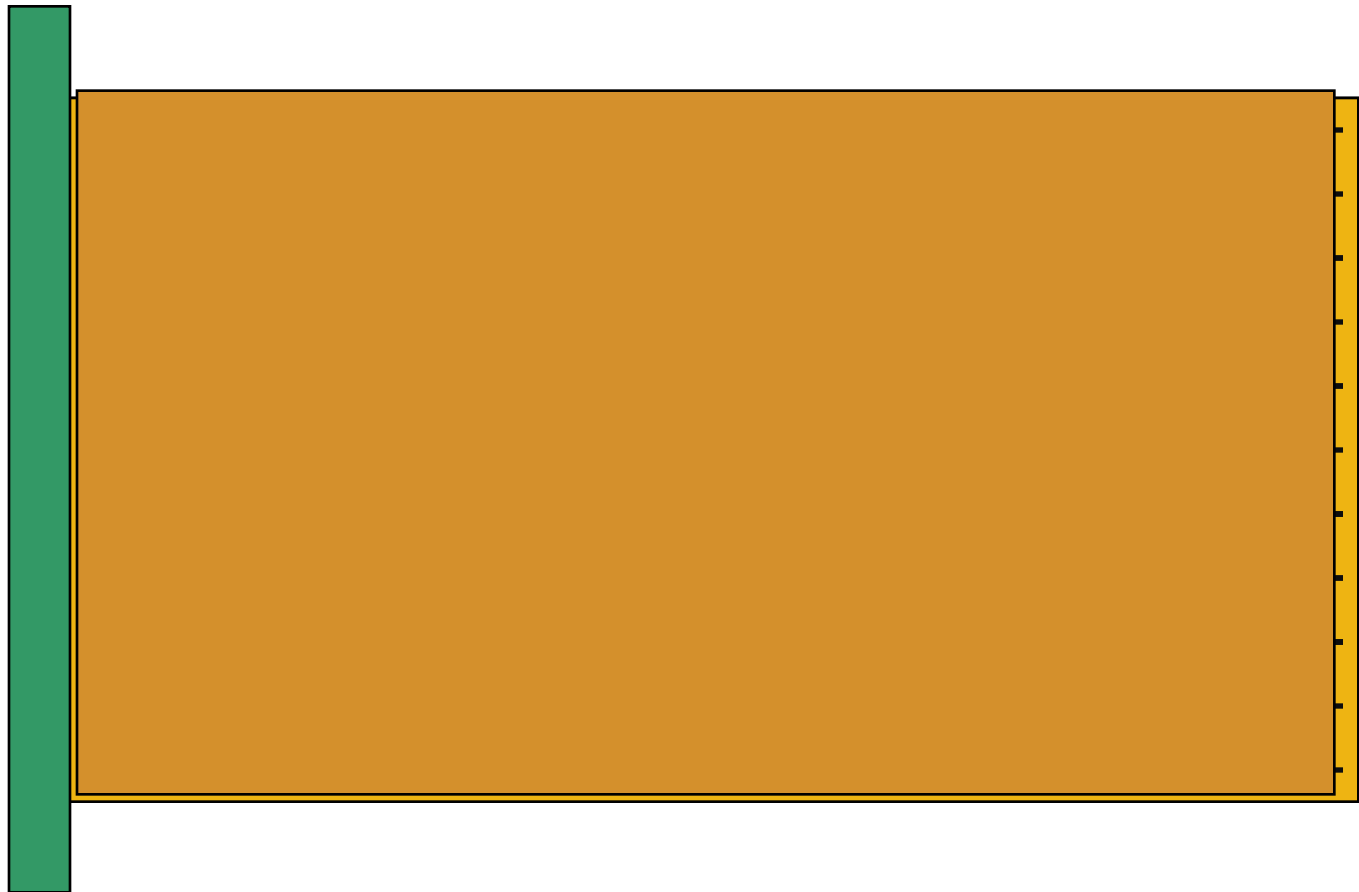


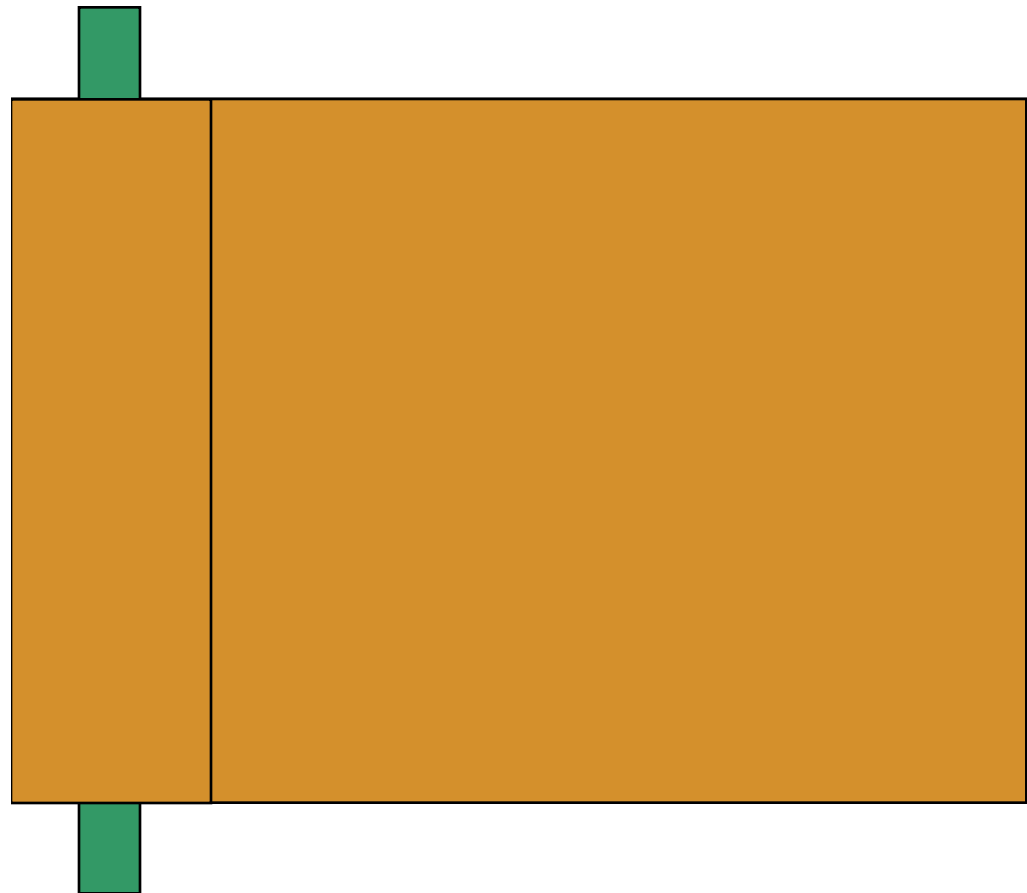


**“Leaf” or “Envelope”**









## **Commercially-Available Membranes**

> Seawater membranes

> Brackish water membranes

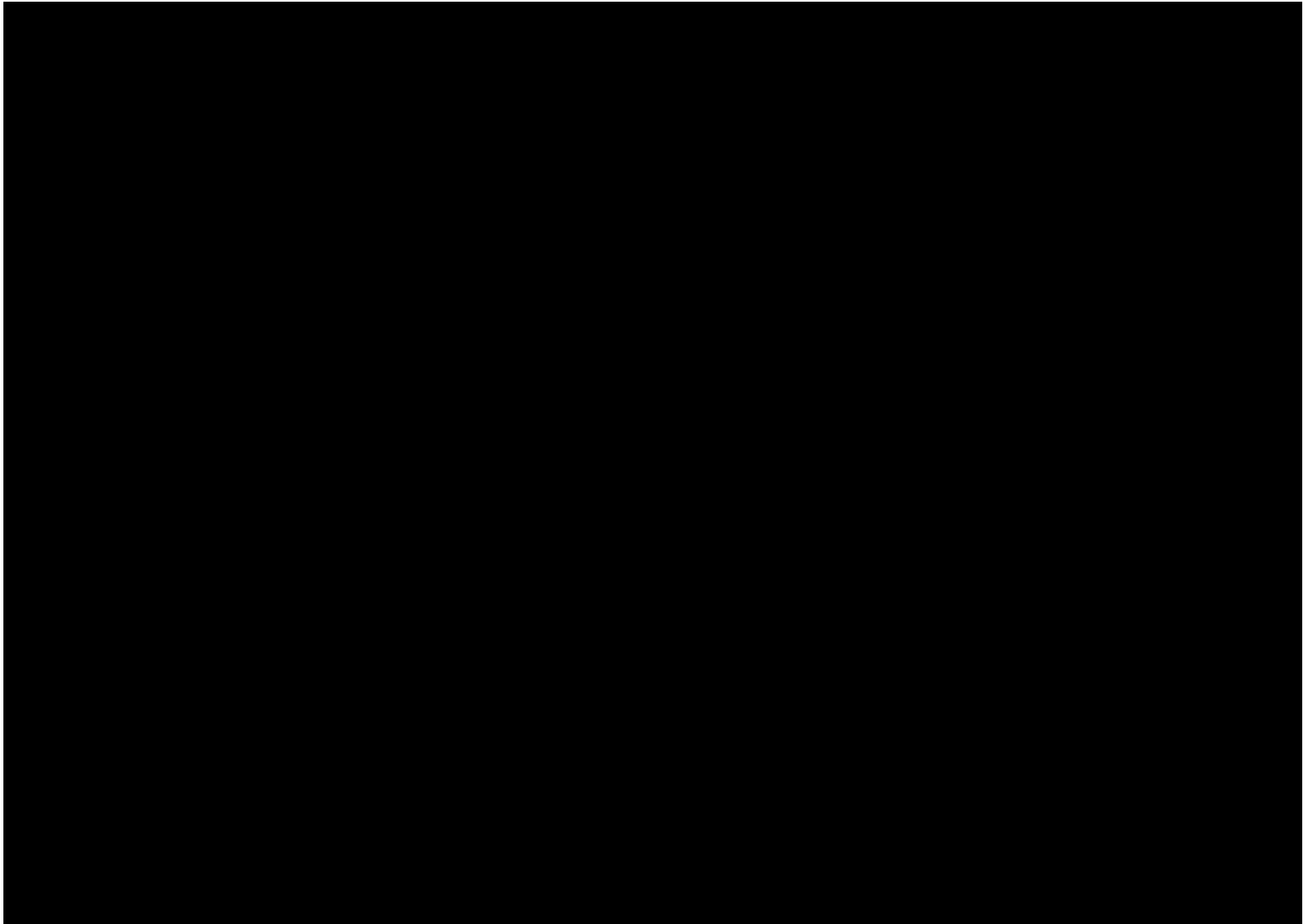
> Brackish, low-energy membranes

> Brackish, low-differential pressure membranes

> Brackish, low-fouling membranes.

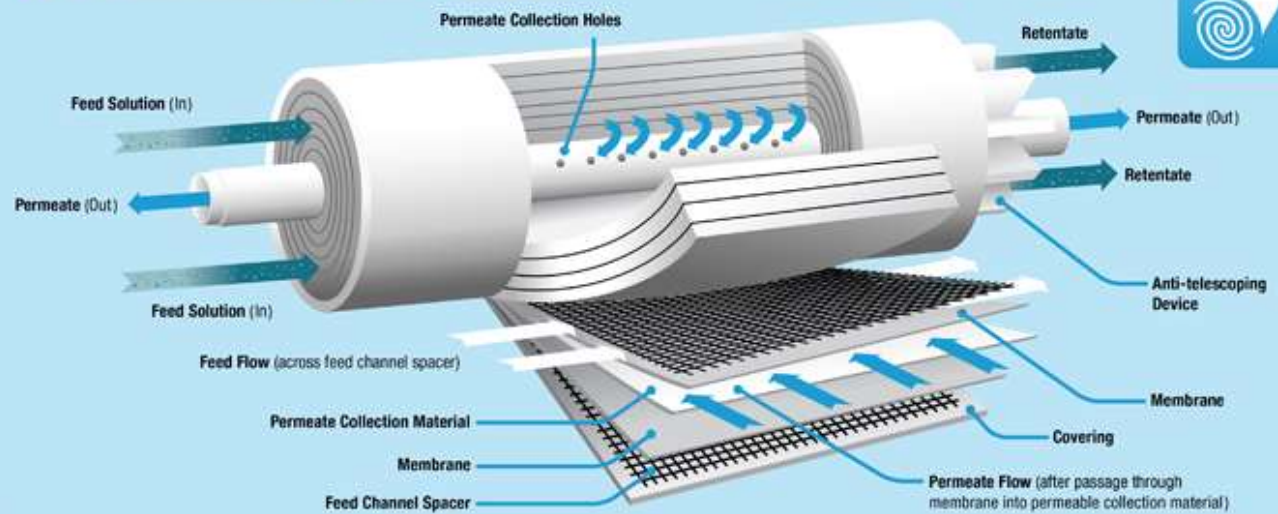
> Other Membrane/Module Types , like Boron rejection membranes.

# Spiral wound membrane video





## Spiral Membrane Configuration



### **8" element**

Membrane area 40m<sup>2</sup> (430 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Nominal flow 45 m<sup>3</sup>/day

Avg. field flow 19 m<sup>3</sup>/day

### **16" element**

Membrane area 140 m<sup>2</sup> (1,500 ft<sup>2</sup>)

Nominal flow **155** m<sup>3</sup>/day

Avg. field flow 68 m<sup>3</sup>/day



# Membrane vessel (pressure vessel )

- Pressure vessel (membrane element housing) is designed for **specific pressure** applications.

fiber glass reinforced plastic

Stainless steel

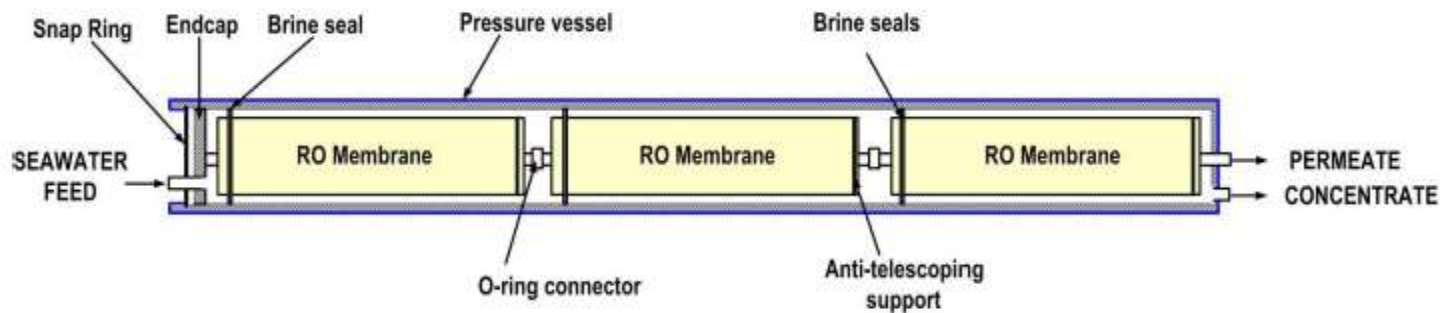
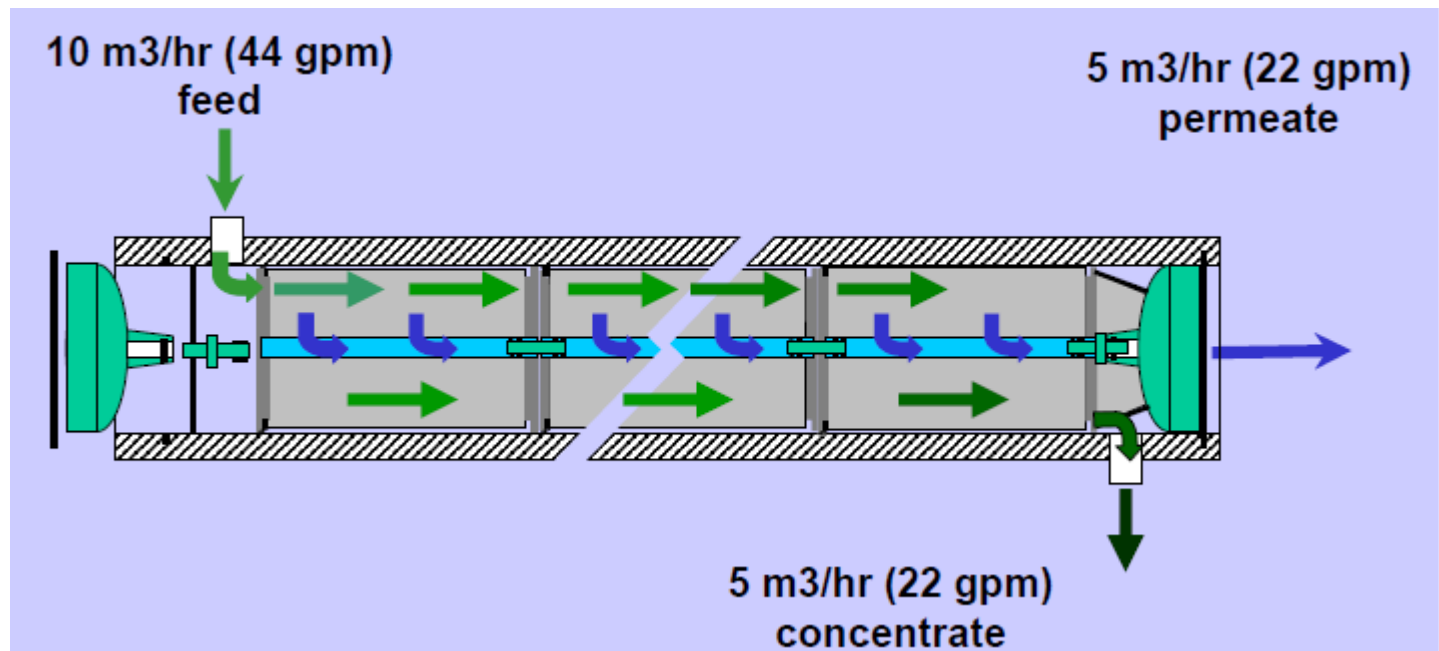
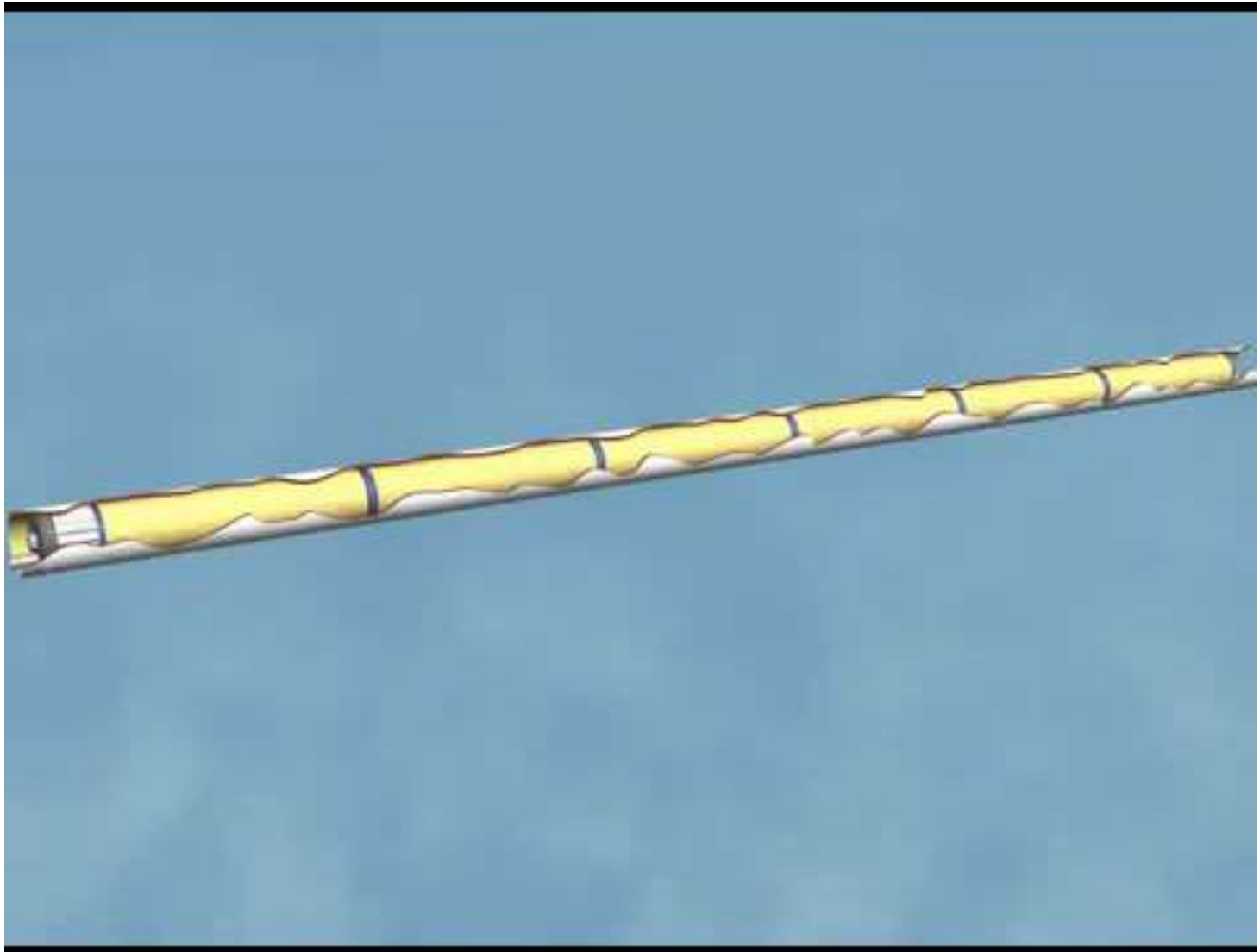


Figure 4.22: cross section Inside the pressure vessel





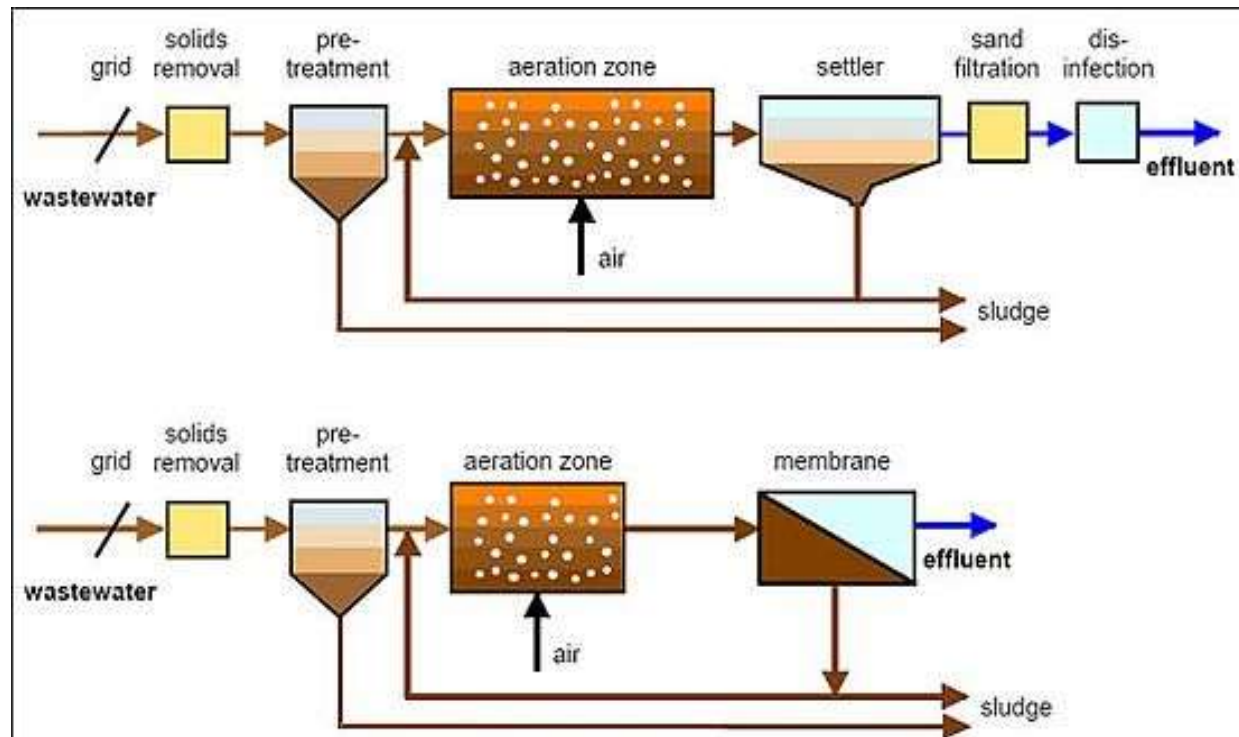
# Membrane Pressure vessel video

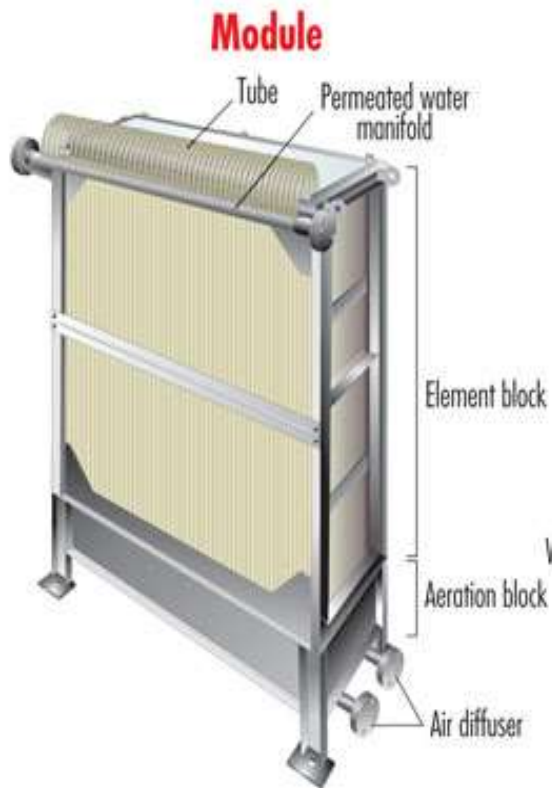


# Membrane new technology

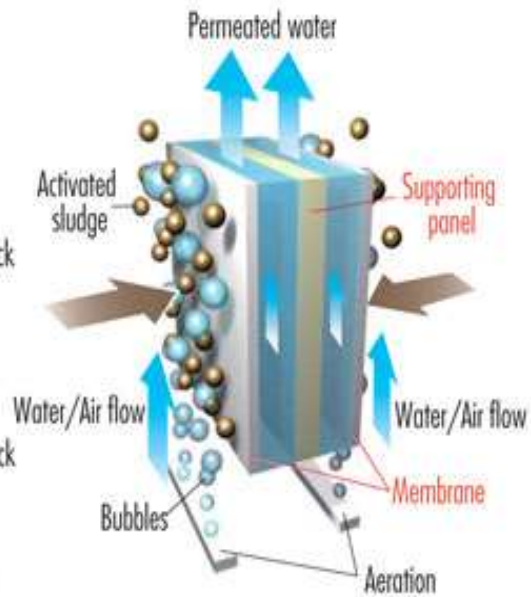
- Membrane Bioreactor (**MBR**)
- **Forward** osmosis desalination

# Membrane bioreactor





### Conceptual drawing of filtration



### Element



#### Specifications (TSP-50150)

Effective Membrane Area: 1.4m<sup>2</sup>

Dimensions (W x H x T): 515 x 1,608 x 13,5mm

Membrane: PVDF and PET non-woven fabric

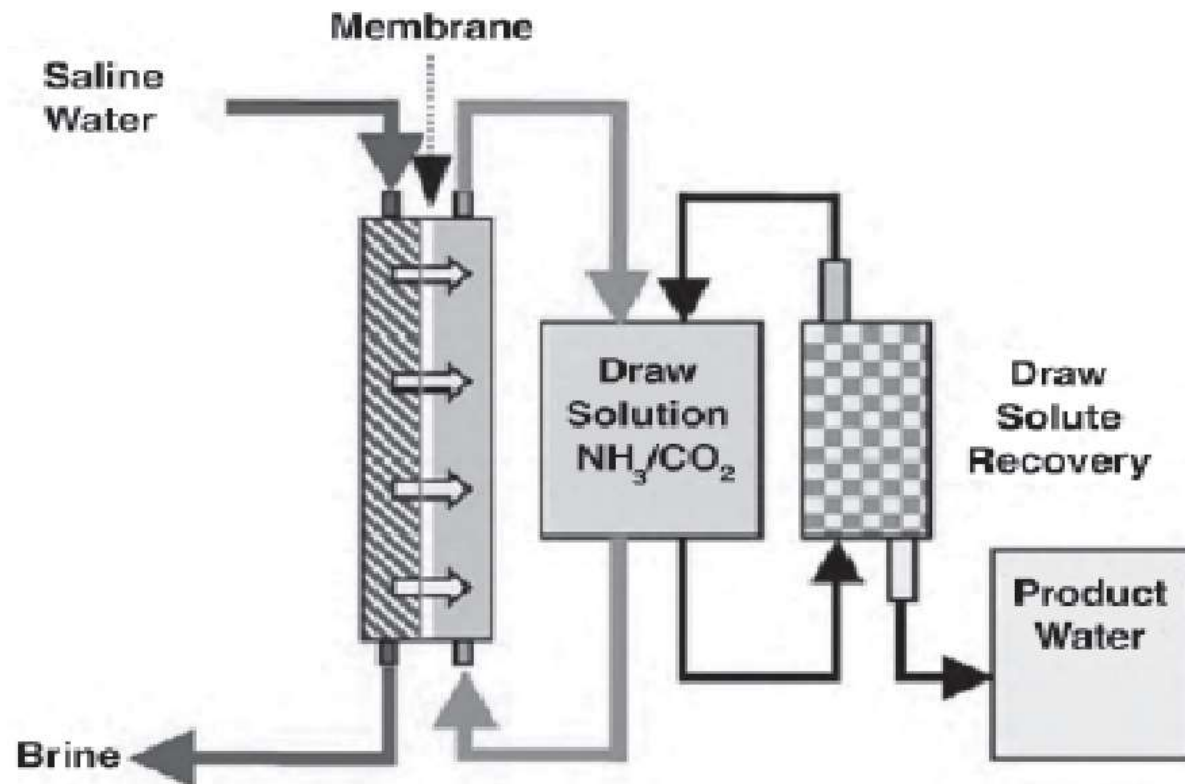
Supporting Panel: ABS resin

- BOD < 2 mg/L
- TSS < 0.5 mg/L
- NH<sub>3</sub>-N < 0.5 mg/L
- TN < 3 mg/L
- TP < 0.05 mg/L
- Turbidity < 0.2 NTU
- Fecal Coli < 10 CFU/100 mL

Using R.O without pretreatment



# Forward osmosis desalination





# Introduction to design



# Factors Affecting Reverse Osmosis Performance (Flux & Salt rejection)

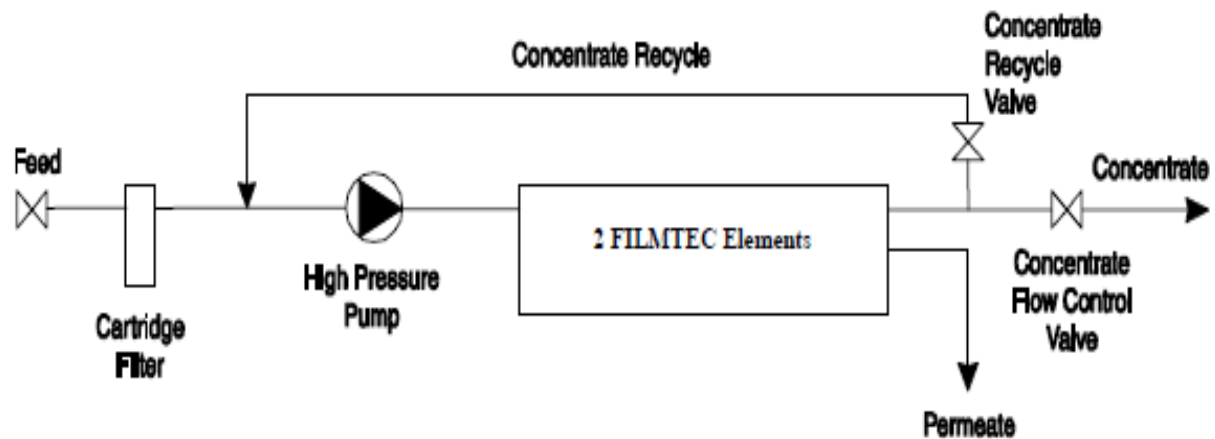
- 1-Pressure
- 2-Temperature
- 3-Recovery
- 4-Feed water salt concentration

- 1- Pre treatment
- 2- Operation
- 3- Maintenance

| Increasing           | Permeate Flow | Salt Passage |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Effective pressure   | ↑             | ↓            |
| Temperature          | ↑             | ↑            |
| Recovery             | ↓             | ↑            |
| Feed salt correction | ↓             | ↑            |

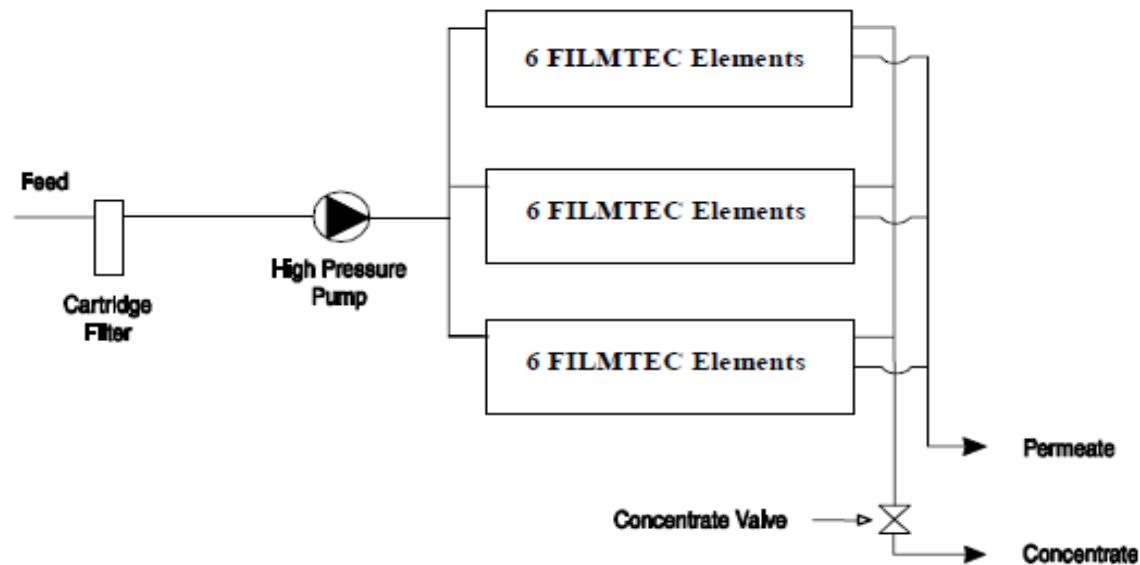
# Single-Module System

A module consists of a pressure vessel with up to eight membrane elements, which are connected in series. The concentrate of the first element becomes the feed to the second, and so on. The product tubes of all elements are coupled and connected to the module permeate port. The permeate port may be located on the feed end or on the concentrate end of the module.



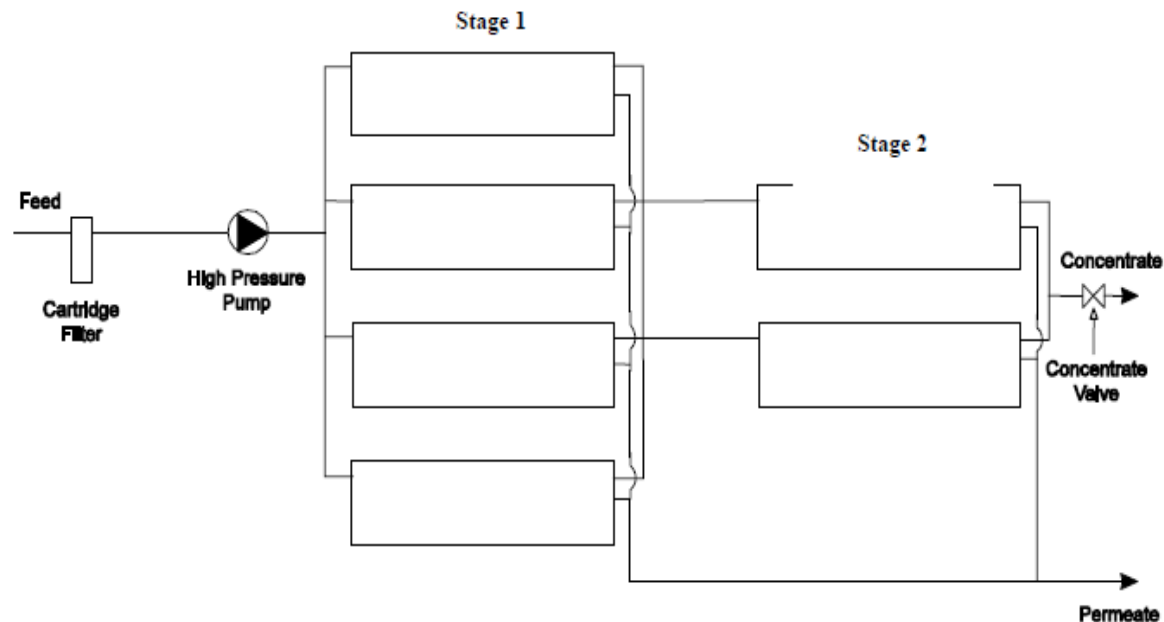
# Single-Stage System

In a single-stage system, **two or more** modules are arranged in **parallel**. Feed, product and concentrate lines are connected to manifolds. Other aspects of the system are the **same** as in a single-module system. Single-stage systems are typically used where the system recovery is **less than 50%**, e.g., in seawater desalination.



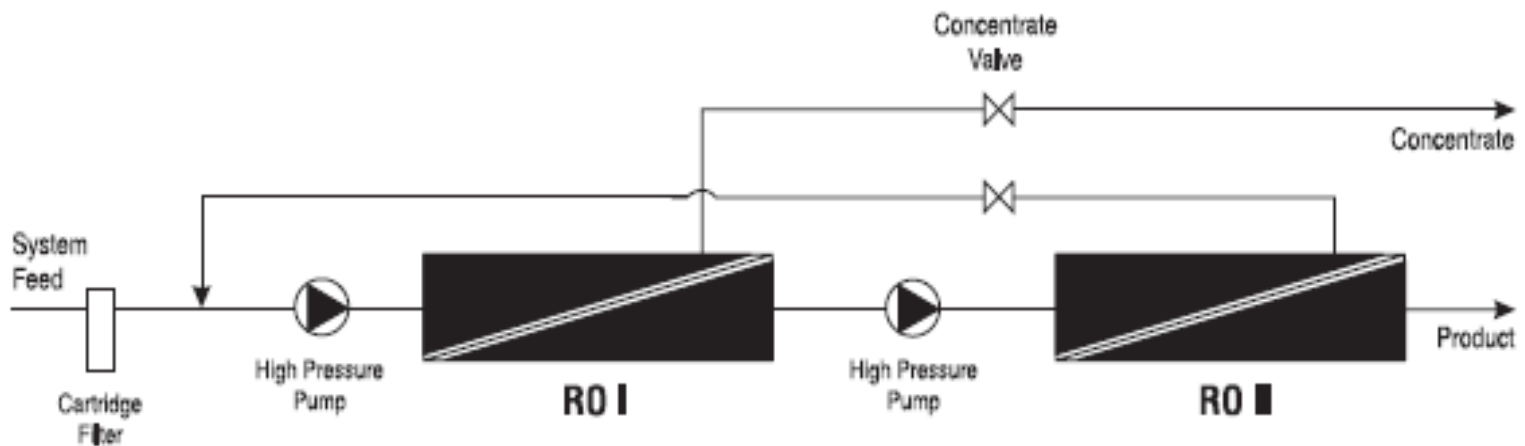
# Multi-Stage System

Systems with more than one stage are used for **higher** system recoveries without exceeding the single element recovery **limits**. Usually two stages will suffice for recovery up to **75%**, and three must be used for higher recovery. These numbers are based on the assumption that standard pressure vessels with six elements are used

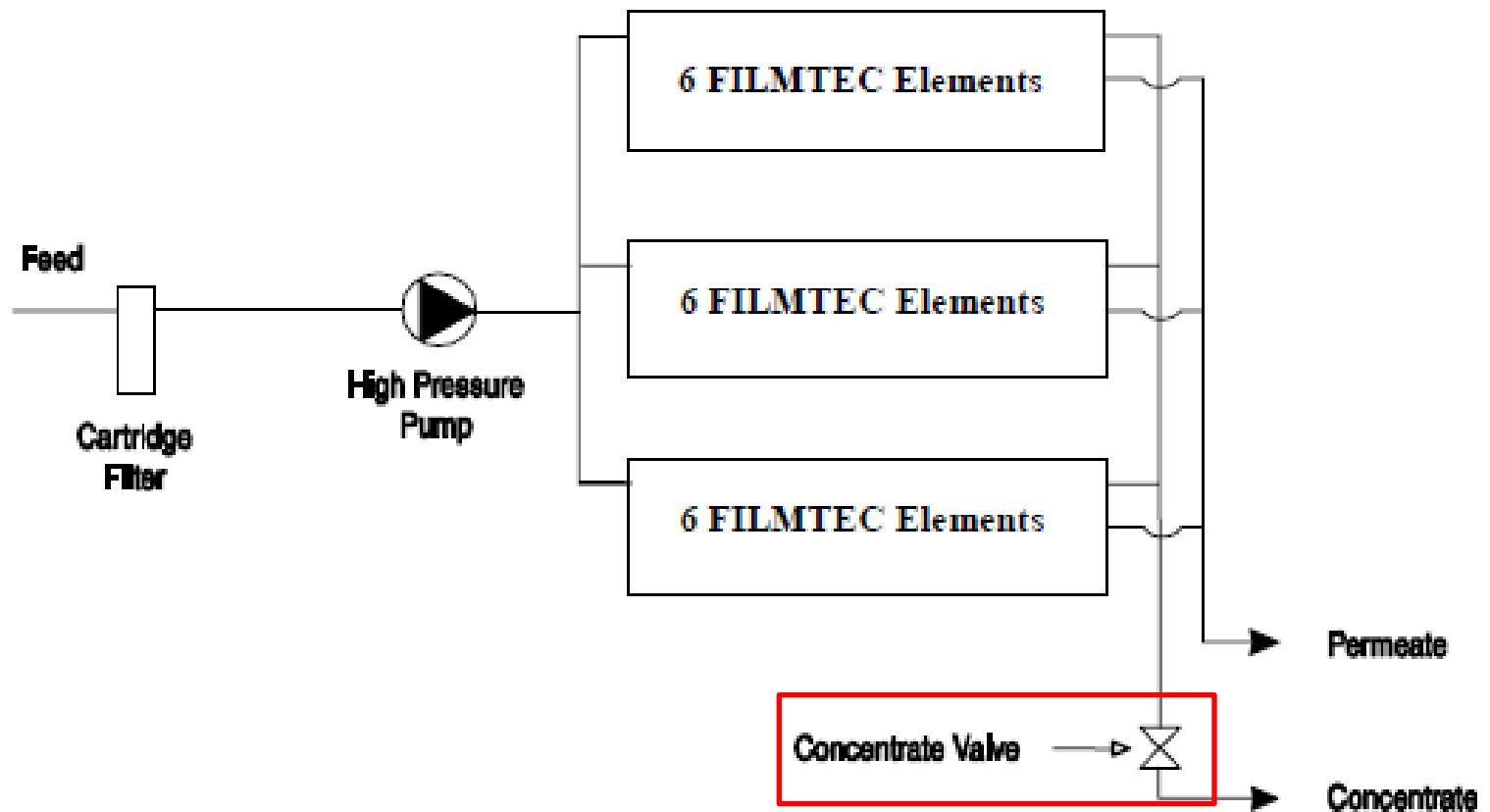


# Permeate-Stage System

The production of water for **pharmaceutical and medical** use is a typical application of permeate staged systems. A permeate staged system is the combination of two conventional RO/NF systems where the permeate of the first system (**first pass**) becomes **the feed** for the second system (second pass)



# Concentrate flow **control** & Auto flush valve







# Stage of R.O plant (Video)



# Zara Ma'in reverse osmosis desalination plant

One of the 100 largest desalination plant in the world (2005)  
Total Cost = 125 million \$

Total feed water = 55MCM/Y

|              |            |       |
|--------------|------------|-------|
| Zara Springs | 6.4 MCM/Y  | 11.7% |
| Wadi Mujib   | 27.5 MCM/Y | 50.0% |
| Wadi Ma'In   | 21.1 MCM/Y | 38.3% |

Recovery rate = 87.5 %

Number of RO trains = 9

Max number of trains in service = 8

Number of stages = 3

Raw water silt density index (SDI) <3 normally Maximum of 5

Membrane type Spiral wound = 400 ft<sup>2</sup>

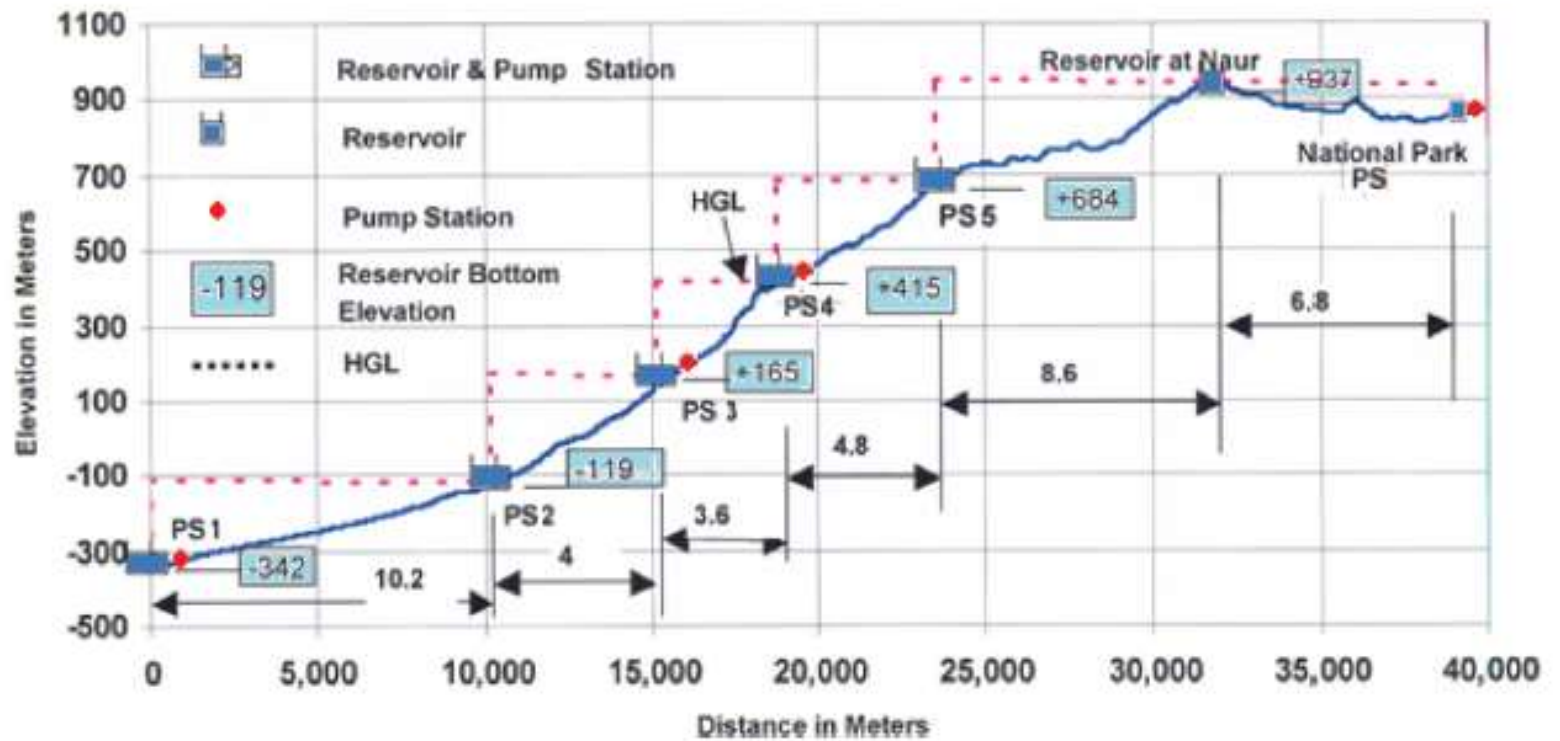
Type 1: BW30-400FR (Dow) , Type 2: LE-400 (Dow)

Feed water TDS = 1460 mg/l

Product water TDS = 185 + blending

RO inlet pressure range = 14 bar

Differential pressure across the membrane = 2.31 bar



# Red Dead Sea projects

The largest desalination plant in the world

Total Cost = 13 Billion \$

- Total feed water = 2150 MCM/Y
- Total permeate water = 930 MCM/Y (560 MCM/Y in 2035)
- Total rejected water = 1220 MCM/Y (Dead Sea)

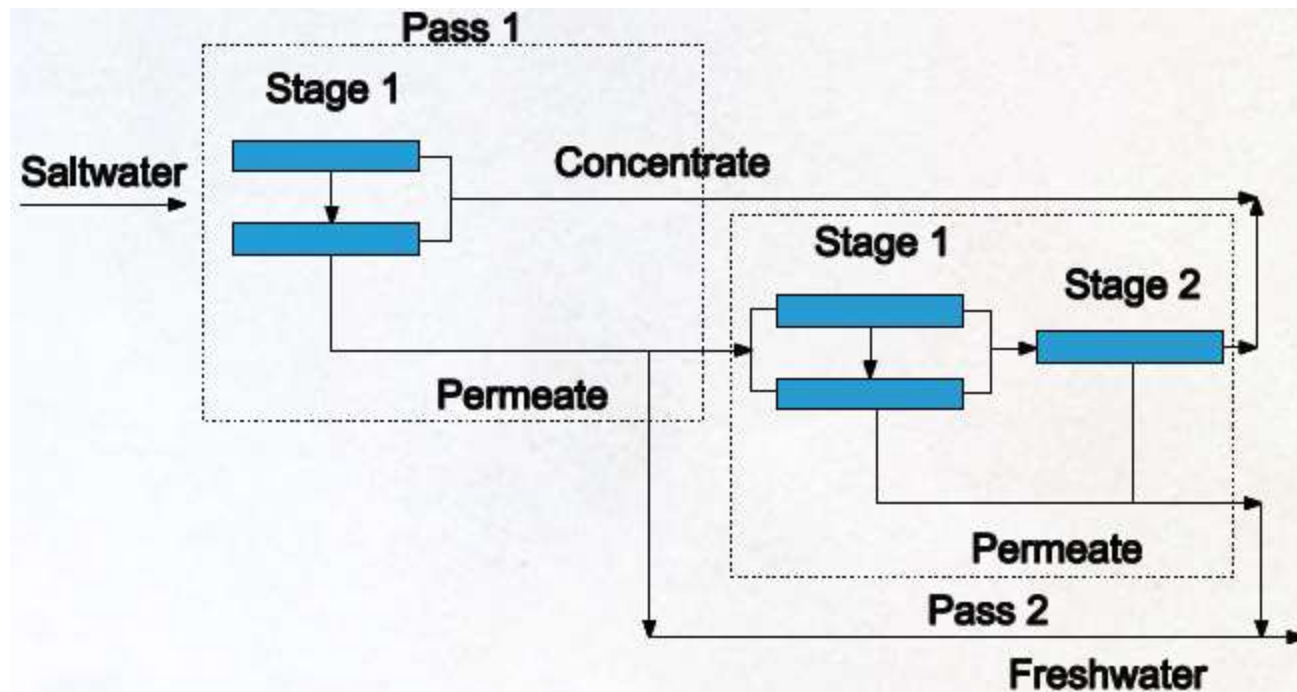
Sea water desalination plant # 1

- phase 1 = 50 MCM/Y (Aqaba)
- Phase 2 = 80 MCM/Y

Sea water desalination plant # 2

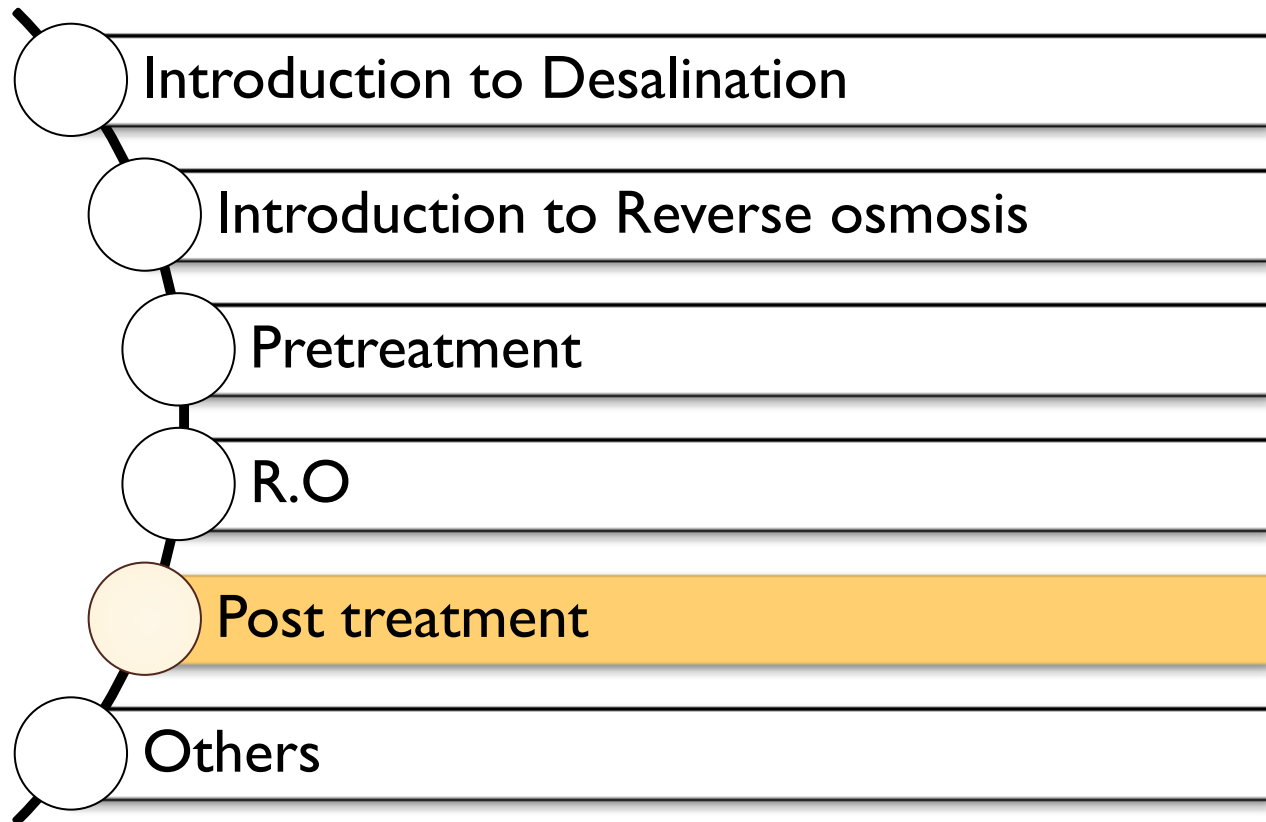
- phase 1 = 150 MCM/Y (Amman )
- Phase 2 = 850 MCM/Y
- Hydropower = 180 mega watts





- 930 MCM/Y total freshwater capacity
- 297 pumps require 194,176 kwh of electrical power
- Plant design recovers 50% of energy used
- Worlds largest desalination facilities

# Training Course on Planning of Desalination plant using R.O system



# Post treatment

Water from a desalination process is typically void of **dissolved solids** resulting in finish water with **low hardness** , low alkalinity and high amount of **dissolved gases**. As a result, desalinated water without post-treatment is corrosive toward the metal and concrete surfaces of pipelines and other wetted surfaces

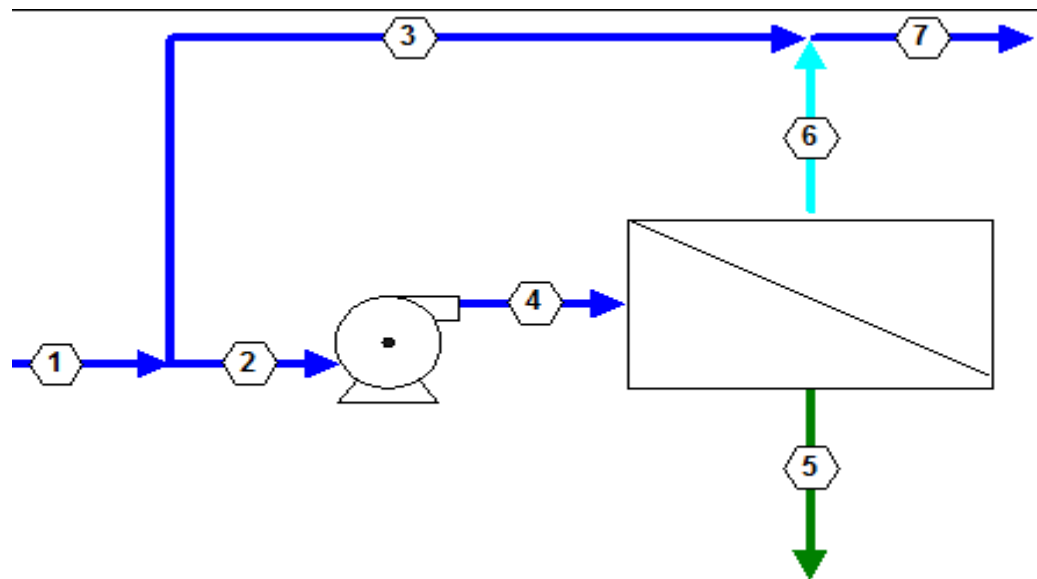
## The aims of the post treatment:

- 1-Remove **corrosion** effect of water
- 2-Make sure that the water permeate matching the specifications and **standards** required, such as pH and demineralization



## ❖ Blending:

Desalinated waters are commonly blended with **small volumes** of more mineral-rich waters to improve their acceptability and particularly to reduce their **aggressive attack** on materials, the major ions added are sodium and chloride.





## Neutralization and PH adjustment

Reverse Osmosis (RO) Systems can lower the pH of Process Water by (1 - 2 )points, creating slightly acidic water so that can pose a **risk to piping** and equipment of (RO) unit .

The Adjustment of pH as Pre/post treatment and that depend on the applicable conditions.



## Degasification or Decarbonation

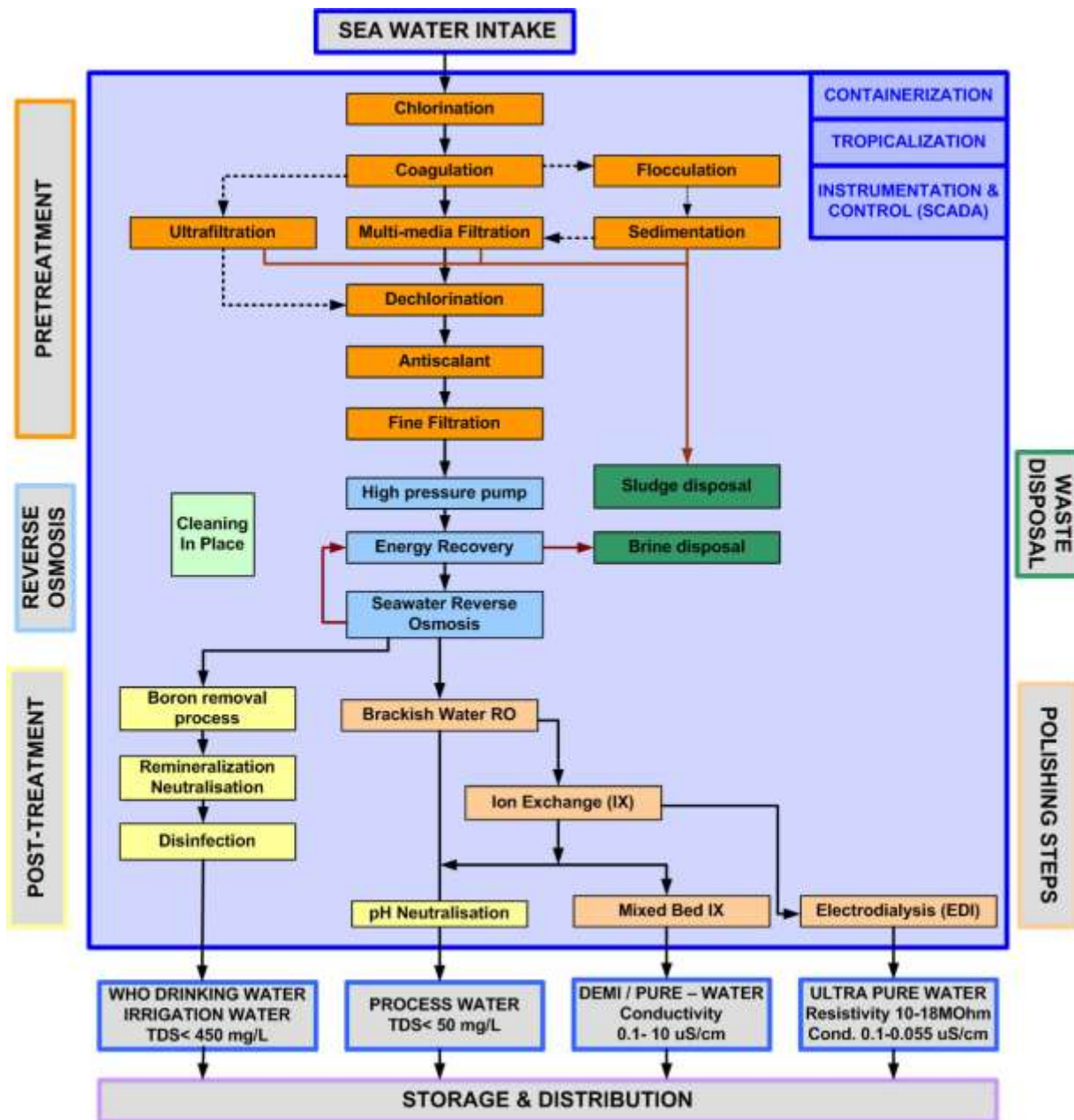
Degasification or Decarbonation is the removal of dissolved gases from liquids, The purpose of the post treatment decarbonation is to **remove dissolved** carbon dioxide in the reverse osmosis (RO) permeate water in order to increase the pH value.

## ❖ Corrosion and Corrosion inhibitor

Corrosion is **destruction or loss** of metal through chemical or electrochemical reaction with its surrounding environment, The solution of Corrosion problem the metal with thin films to prevent free oxygen and water and **corrosion inhibitor** (Chromate , Zinc and Ortho-phosphate ).

## ❖ Ultra violet (UV)

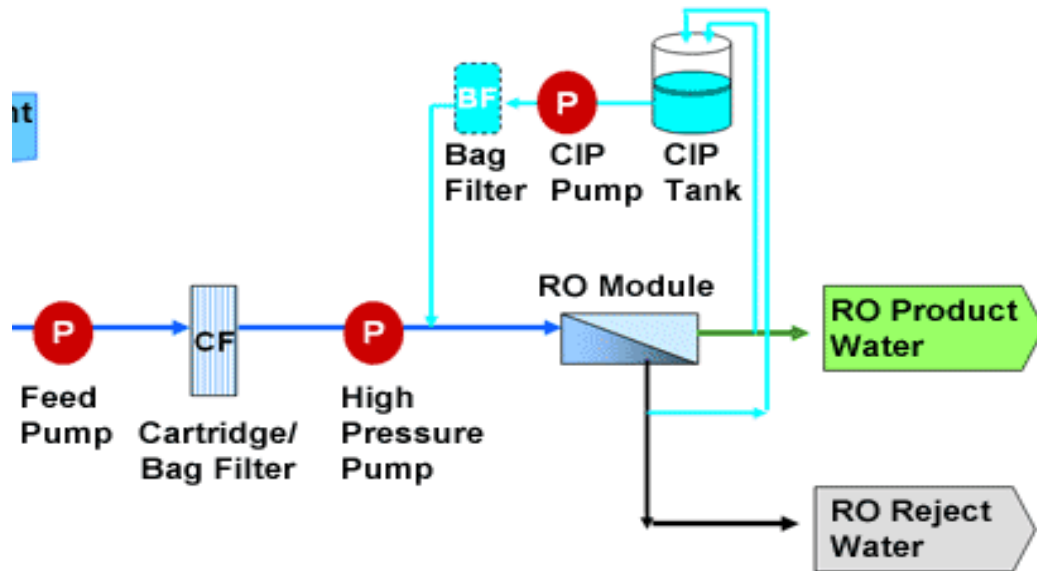
Ultraviolet radiation (254 nm) Uses in pre/post treatment to disinfect water from (**M.O**) ,that occur when UV rays penetrate the cells of harmful bacteria and viruses in our drinking water, destroying their ability to **reproduce**, and same any system UV has Advantages and Disadvantages of using .



# Membrane cleaning (CIP)

When:

- permeate flow decrease 10%
- salt passage increases 5 - 10%
- pressure drop increases 10 - 15%



# Cleaning Procedure

1. Make up cleaning solution.
2. Low-flow pumping . Use only enough pressure to compensate for the pressure drop from feed to concentrate. The pressure should be low enough that essentially no or little permeate is produced.
3. **Recycle** ,for 15 min
4. **Soak**. Turn the pump off and allow the elements to soak. Sometimes a soak period of about 1 hour is sufficient. For difficult fouling an extended soak period is beneficial; soak the elements overnight for 10-15 hours.
5. High-flow pumping. for 30-60 minutes.
6. **Flush** out. RO permeate or deionized water is recommended for flushing out the cleaning solution.

**Each fouling type need special cleaning solution**

# Cost determination

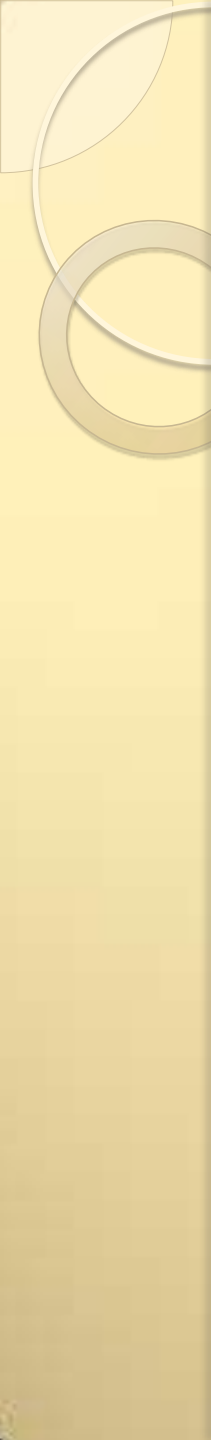
## 1. The **capital** cost include:

- Civil work cost (water tank , plant cover ,concrete ground.....)
- Pumps (feed , dosing ,source .....)
- Pretreatment (sand , carbon , green sand ,cartridge .....)
- R.O (pressure vessel , membrane , skid , control..... )
- Transportation , Connections work
- Others (pipe , fitting , control instrument .....)

## 2. The **running** cost includes :

- Chemicals Cost (Anti scalants , chlorine , Acid addition....)
- Staff Cost
- Energy Cost (pump , A/C , lighting ...)
- Maintenance Cost (membrane & filter replacement ....)

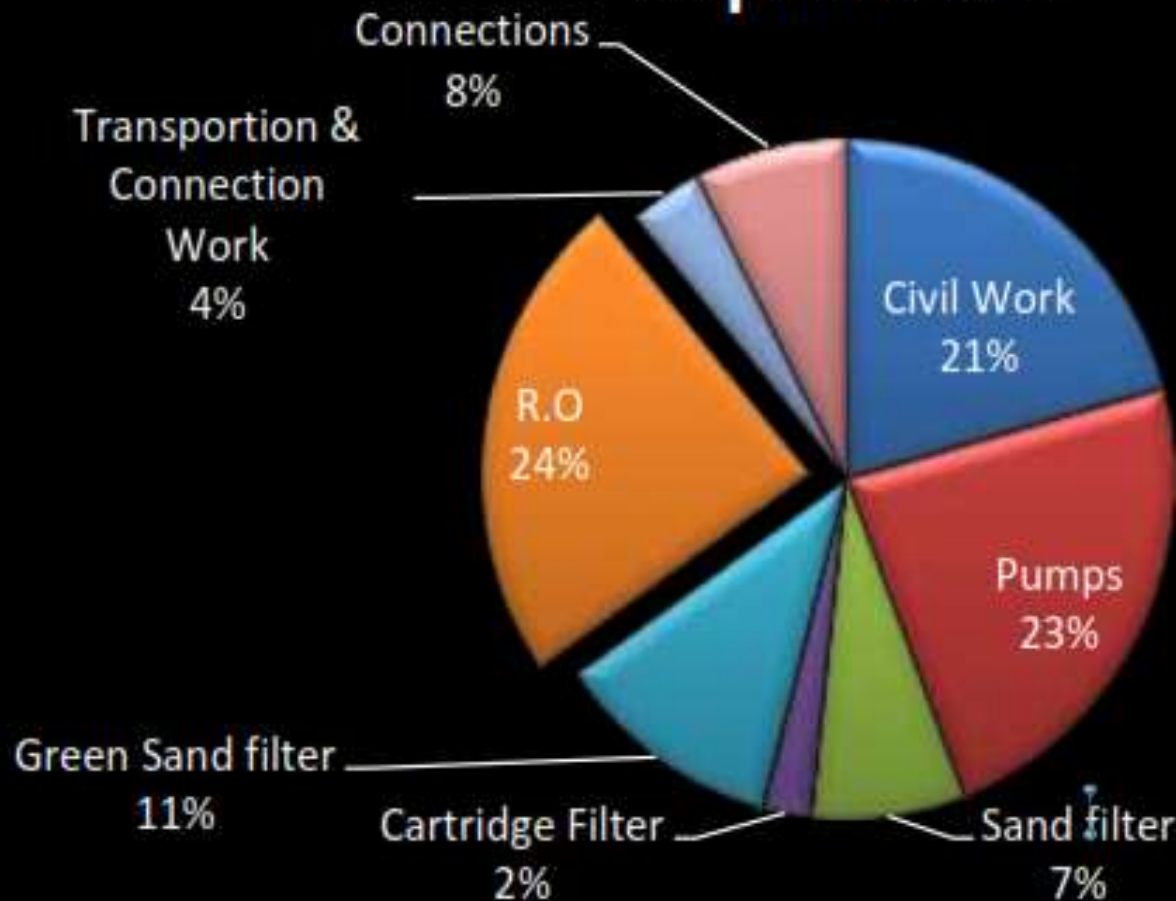




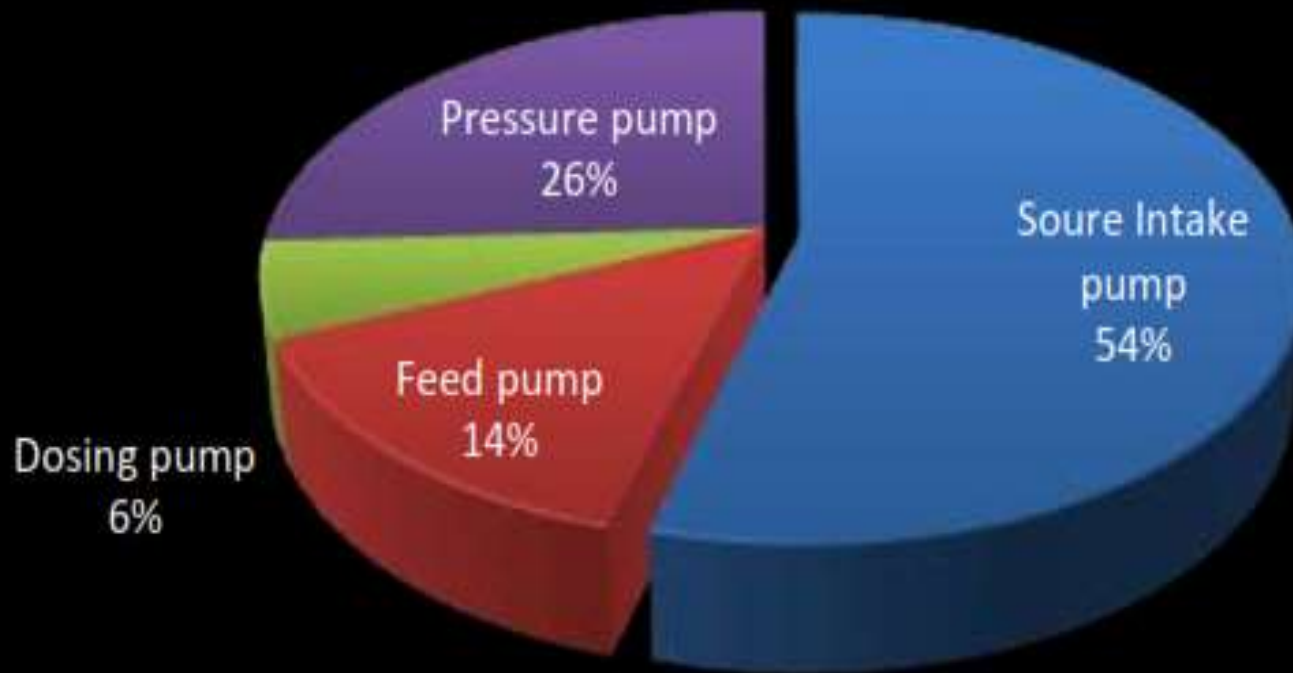
|                                | Cost (\$ / cubic meter) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sea water reverse osmosis      | 0.52-1.0                |
| Brackish water reverse osmosis | 0.25-0.50               |
| ED                             | 0.25-0.50               |
| Nanofiltration                 | 0.15-0.25               |
| Ultra/Micro Filtration         | 0.05-0.10               |

# Capital Cost analysis

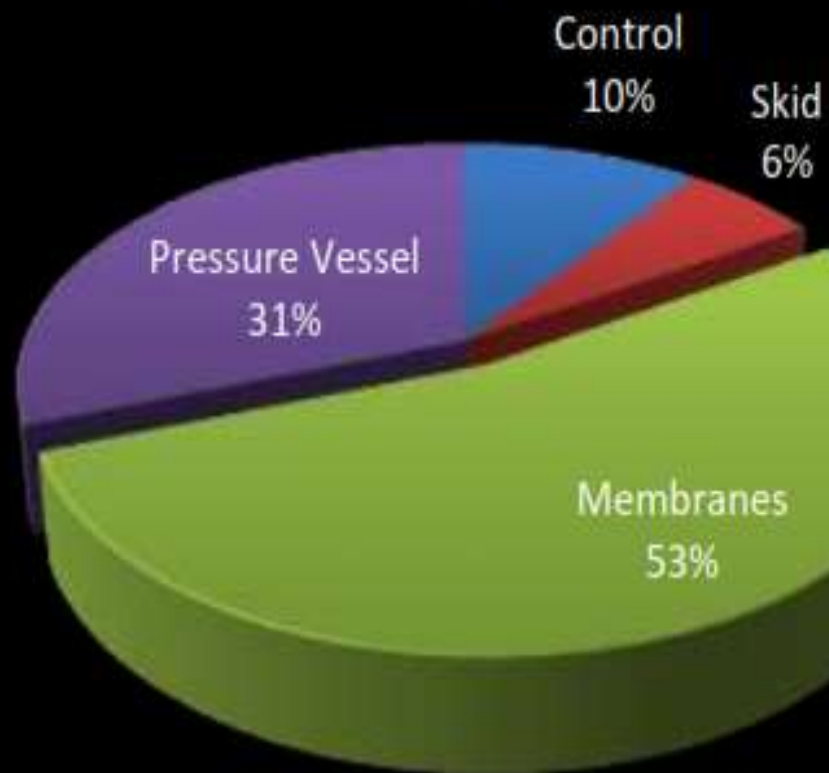
## Capital Cost



# Pumps



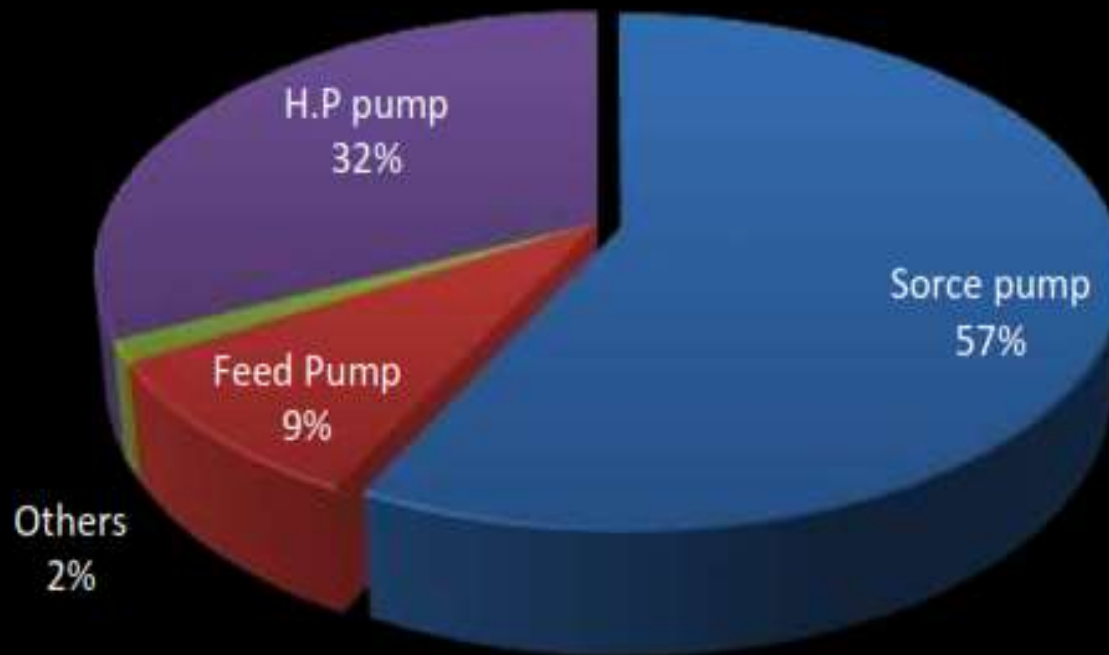
## R.O



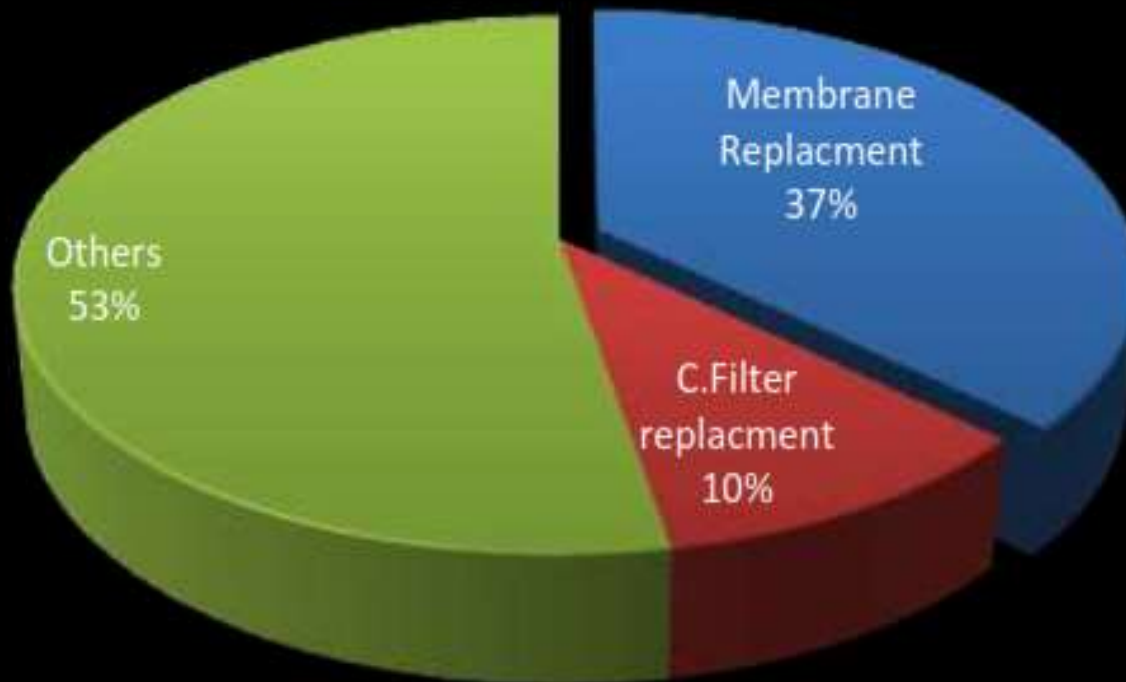
# Running Cost analysis



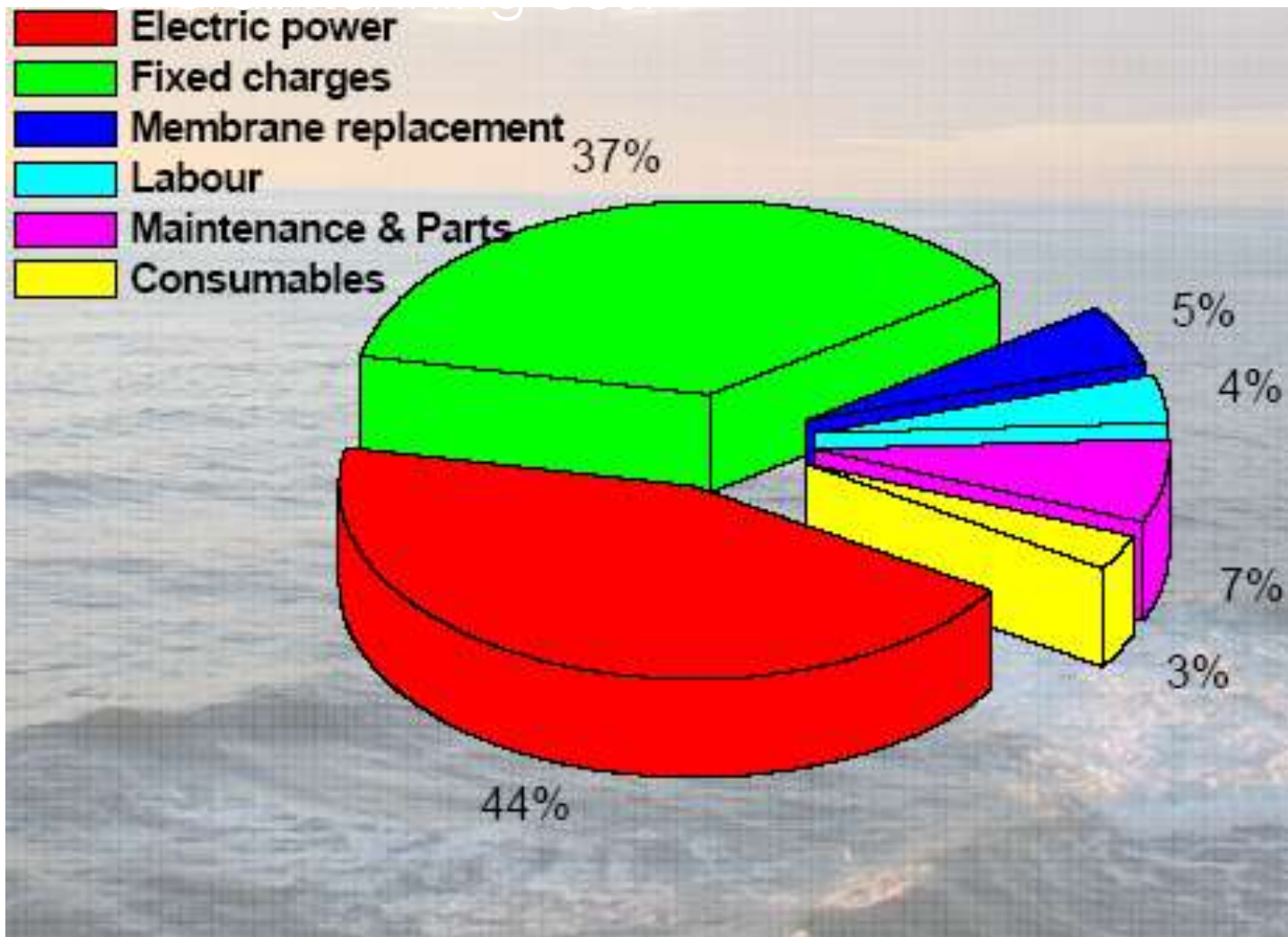
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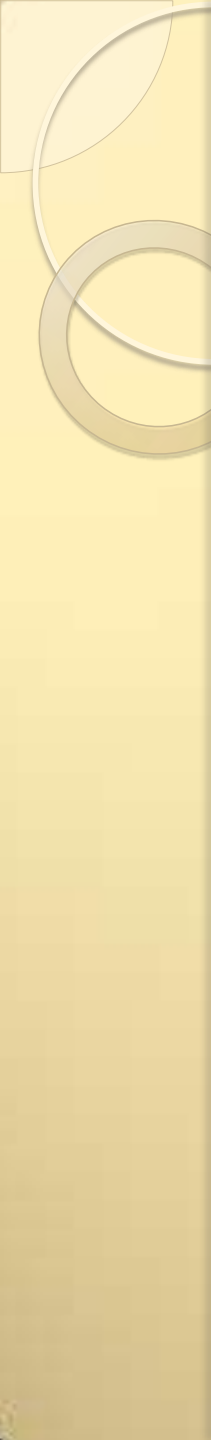
# Maintenance



# Sea water desalination Cost analysis







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