

Balancing rural-urban water and resource needs

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Population growth

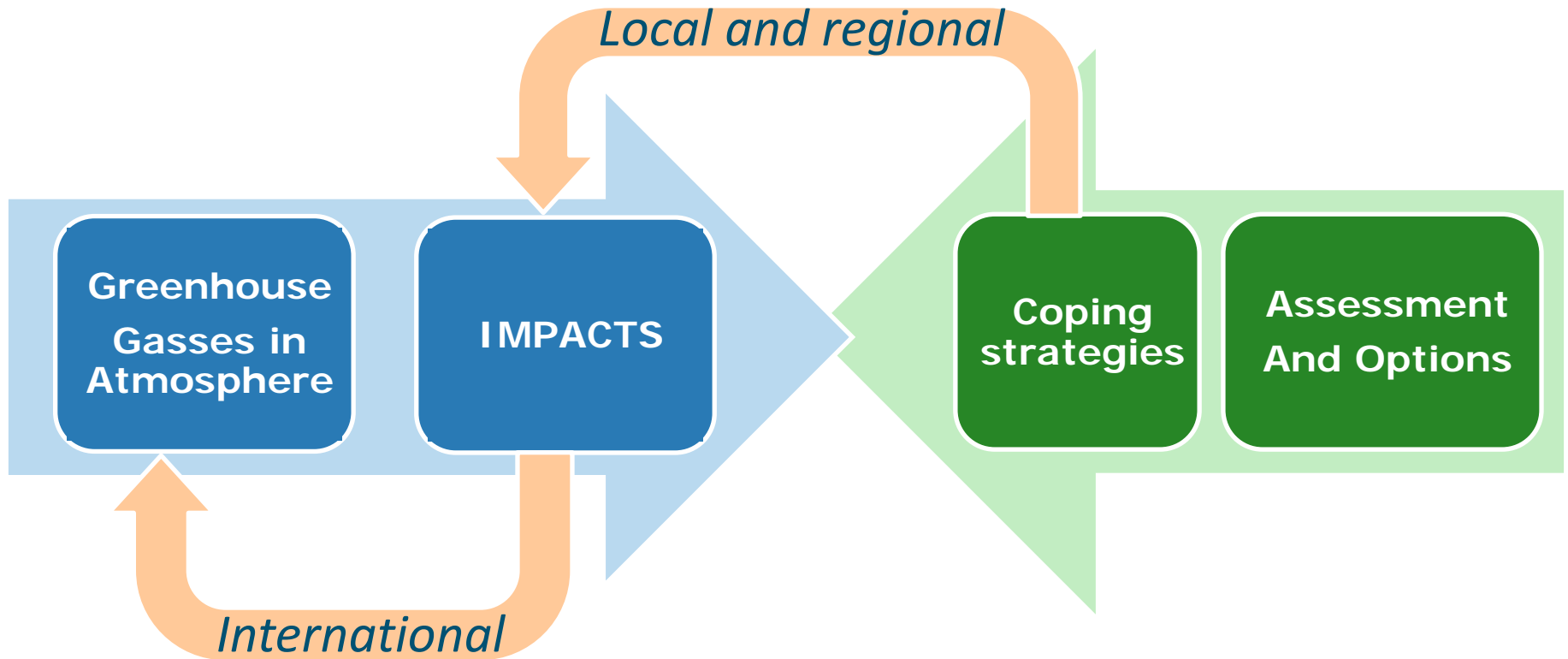


Projected growth: from nearly 7 billion people today to more than 9 billion in 2050



Climate Change

Adaptation: coping to the impacts



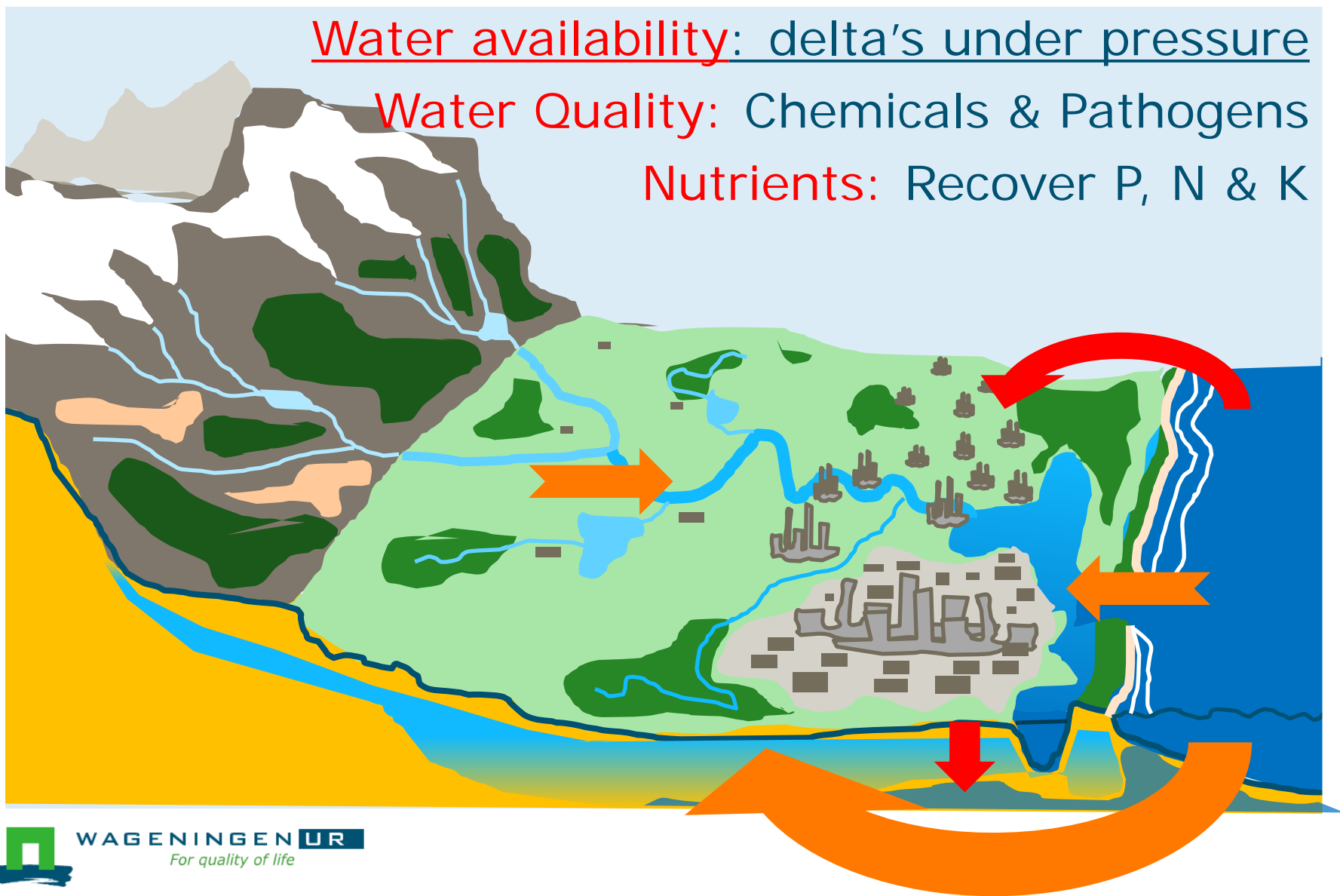
Mitigation: reducing emissions

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Water availability: delta's under pressure

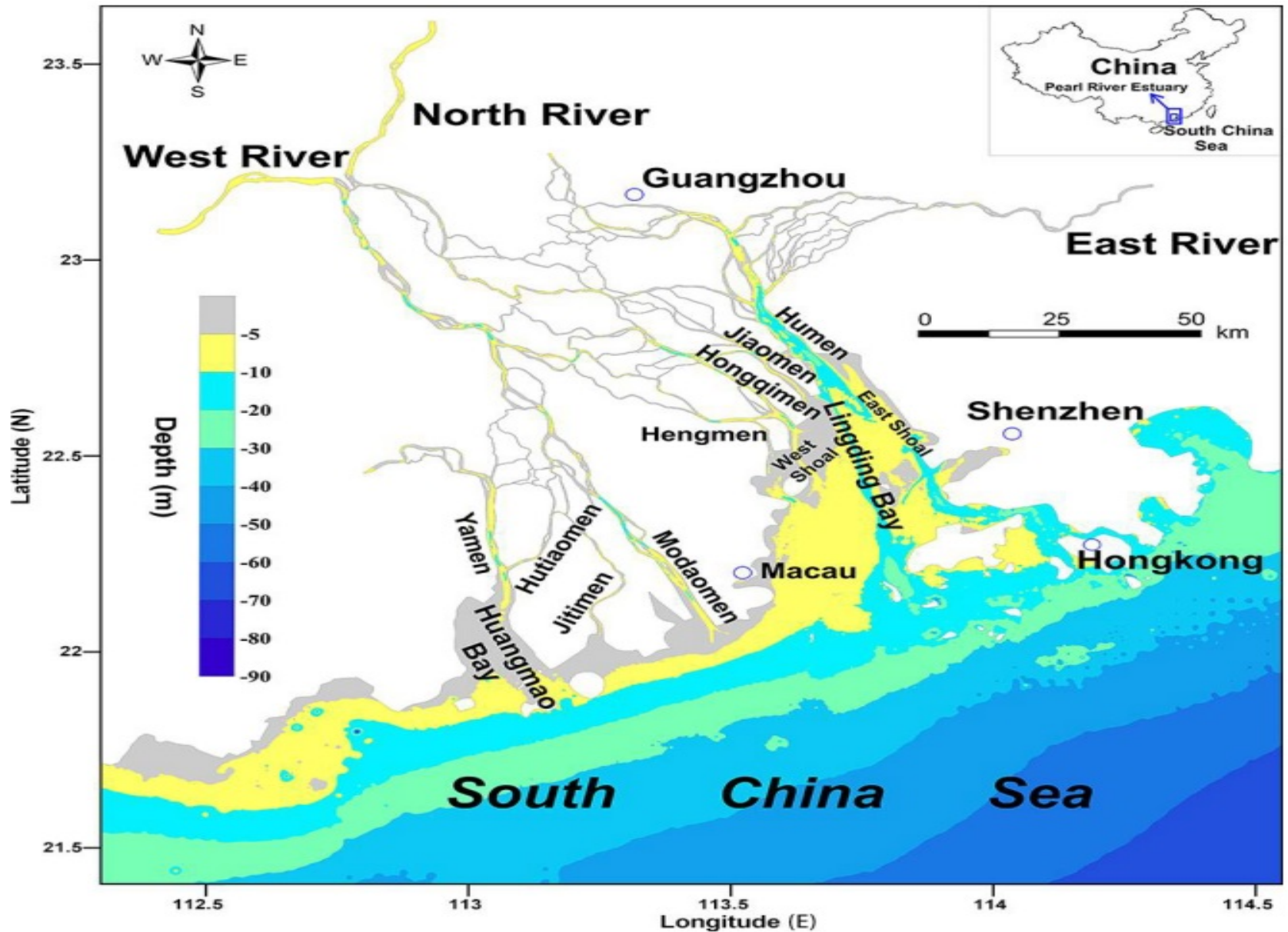
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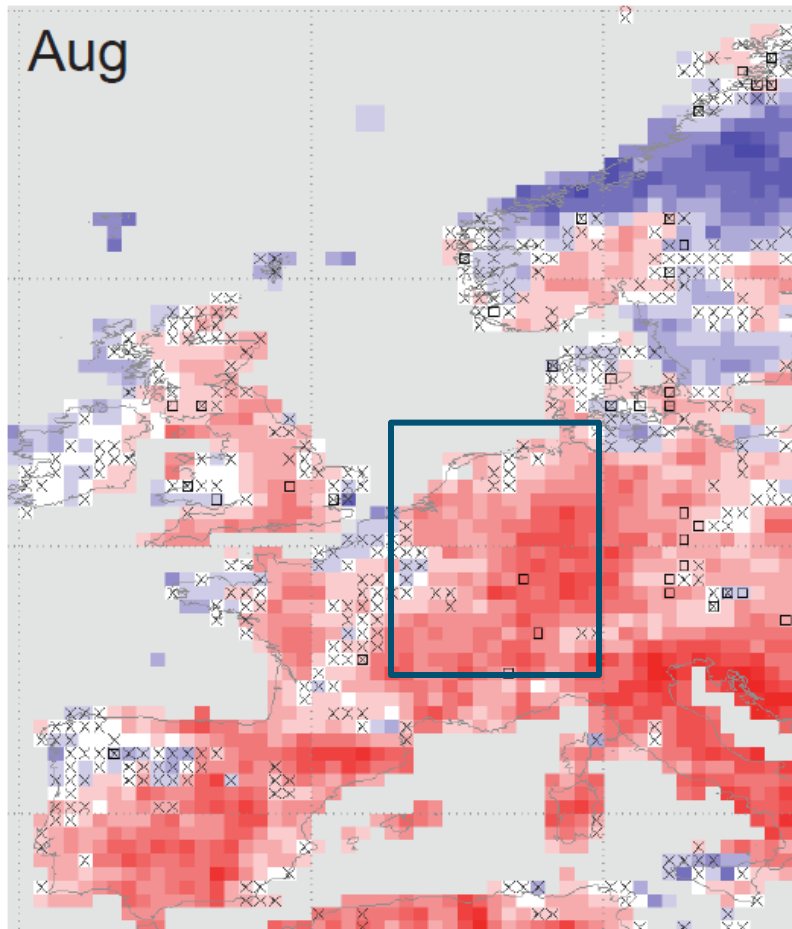




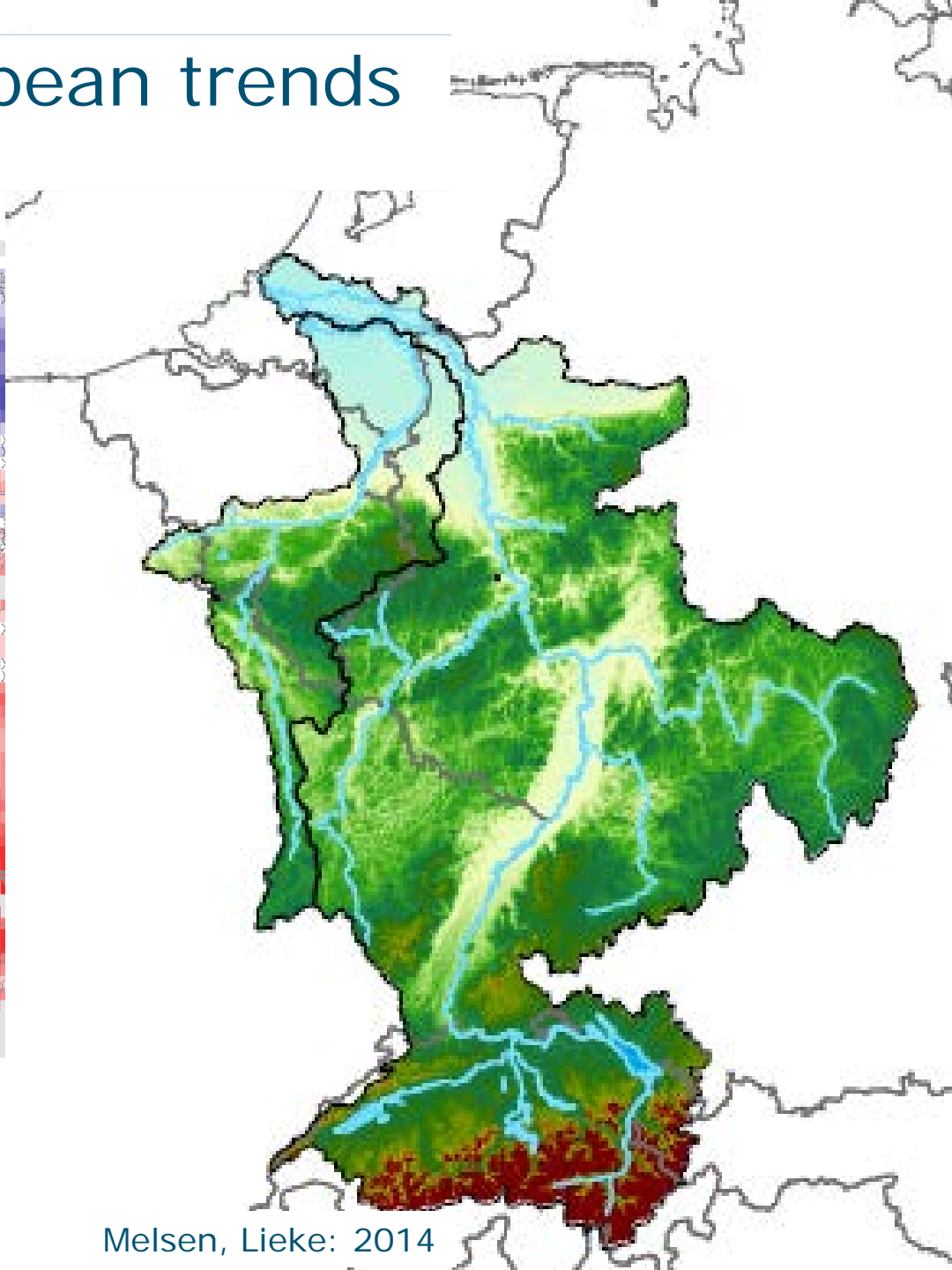
What about Europe?



Drought: pan-European trends



Dr. Stahl et al.; van Lanen, H.A: 2012



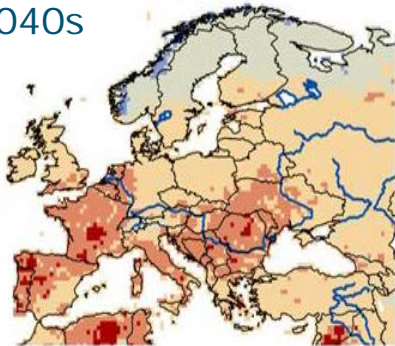
Vulnerability Electricity Supply to Climate Change

Change in low river flows

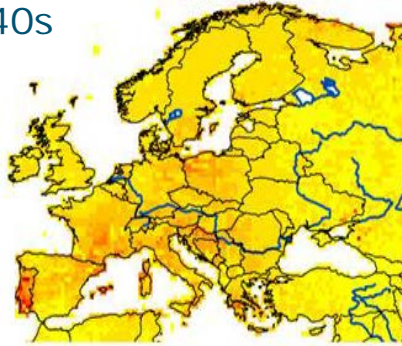
Change water temperatures

Changes in usable capacity of thermoelectric power plants

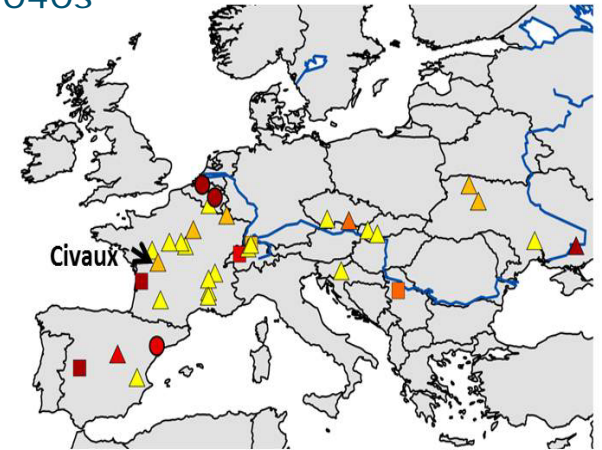
2040s



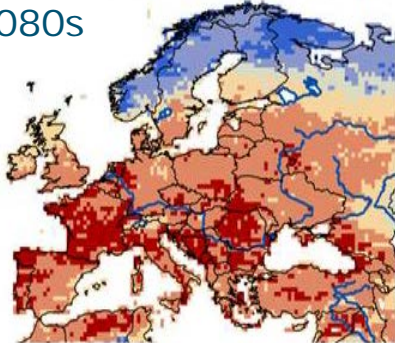
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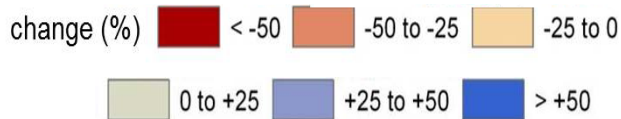
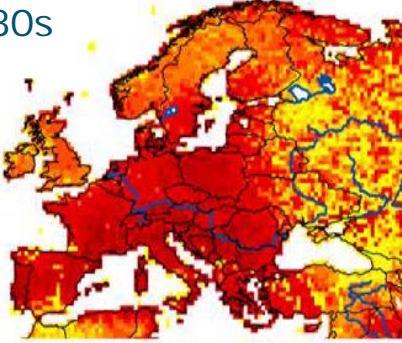
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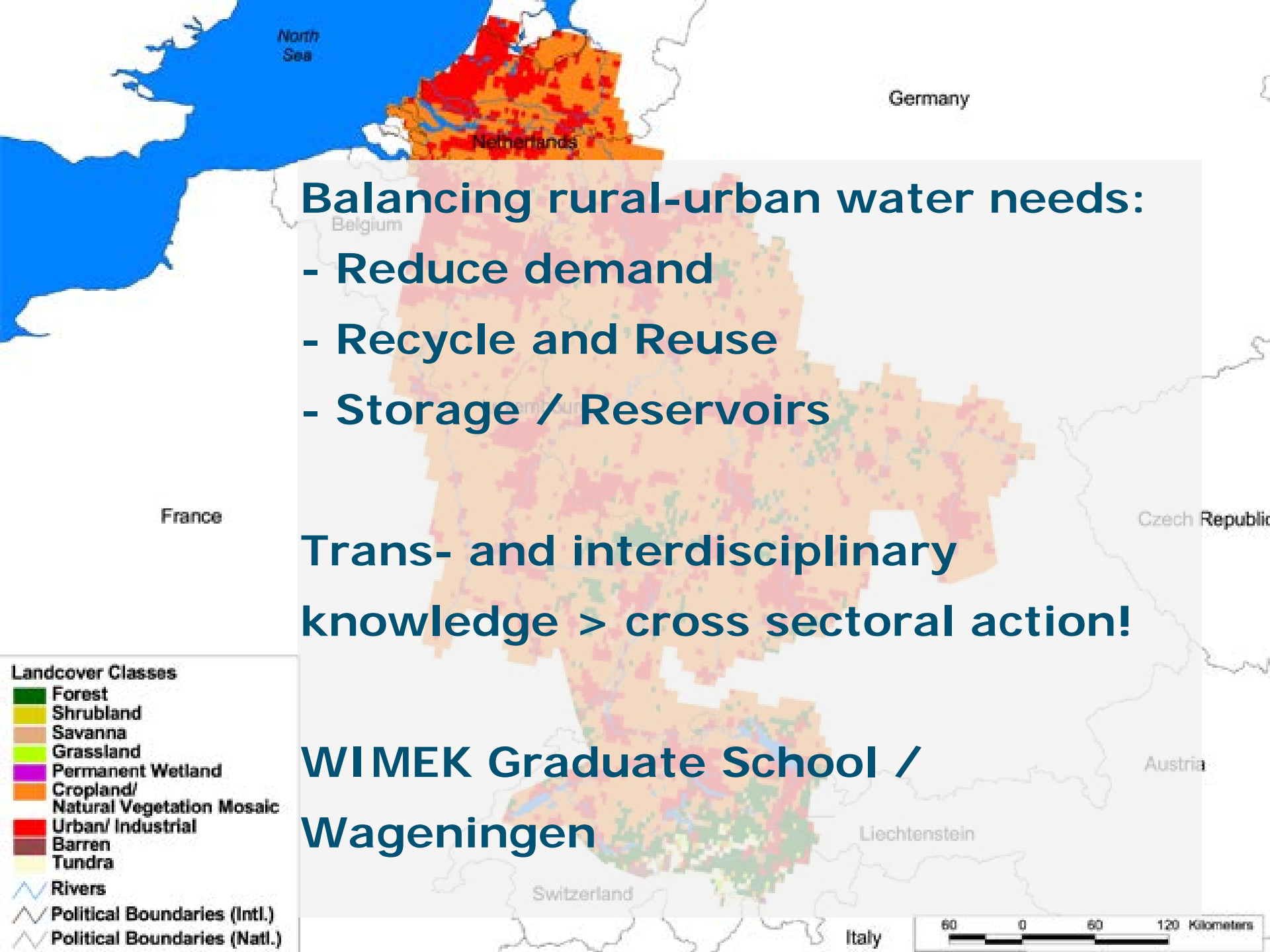
2080s



2080s



- once through, fresh water
- combination (once-through with supplementary cooling tower)
- recirculating with cooling tower(s)



Balancing rural-urban water needs:

- Reduce demand
- Recycle and Reuse
- Storage / Reservoirs

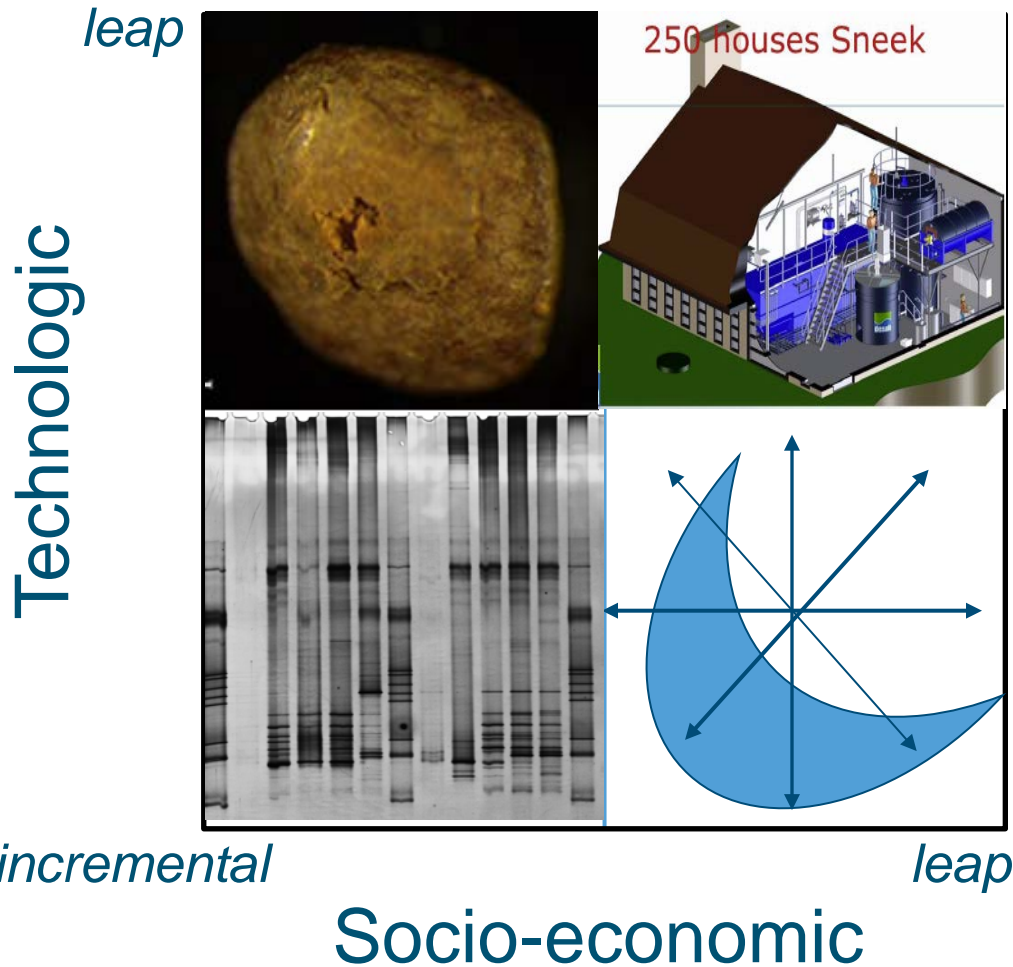
Trans- and interdisciplinary
knowledge > cross sectoral action!

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Strategies to Solutions

Inter and Trans Disciplinary Approach

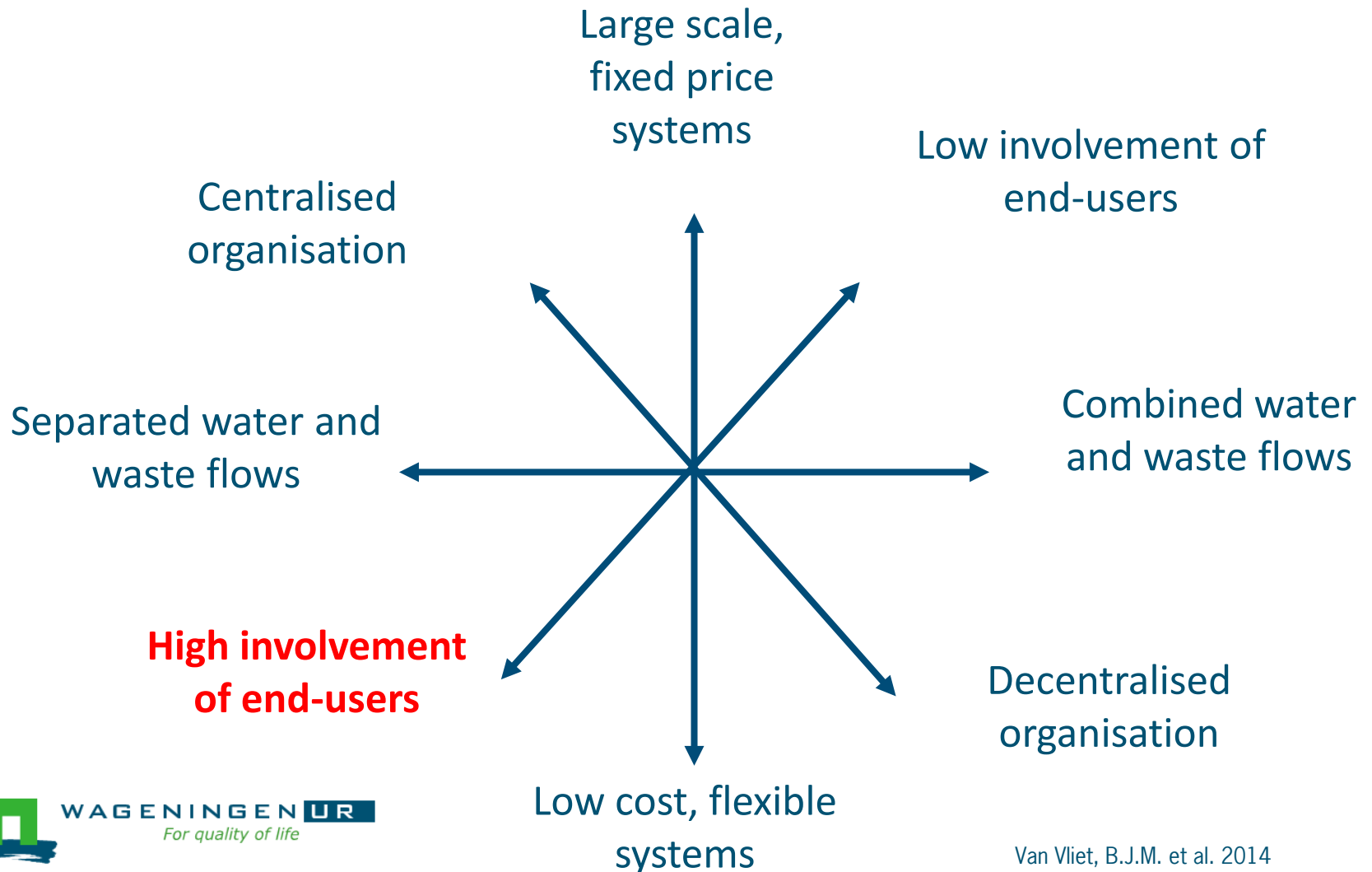


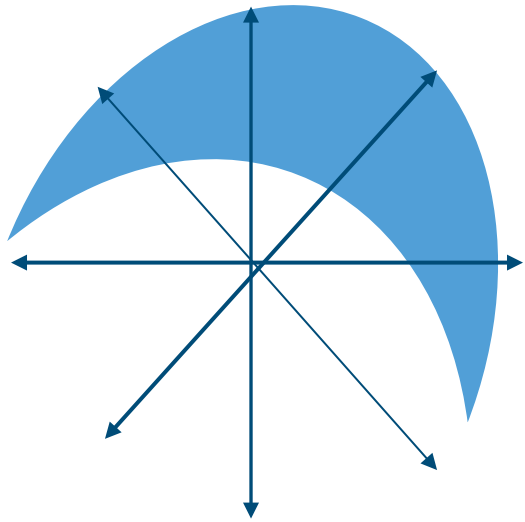
Interdisciplinary collaboration



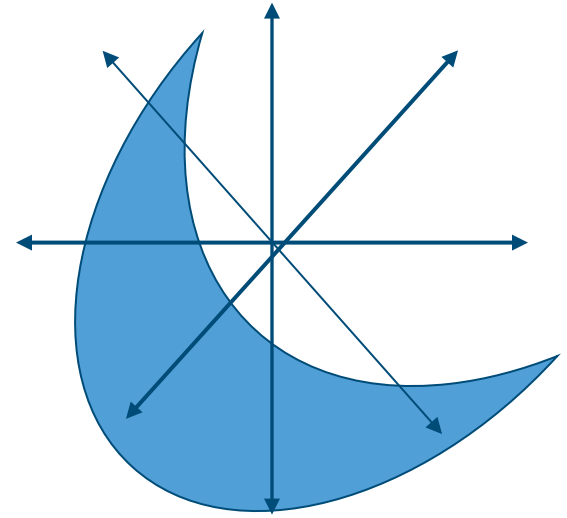
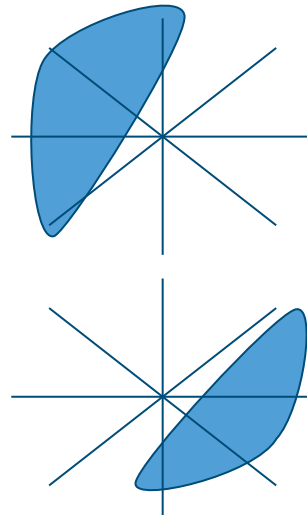
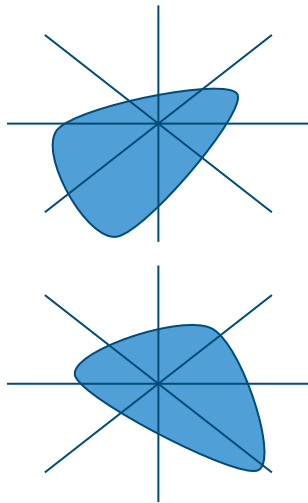
Trans Disciplinarity

4 Dimensions Infrastructure Managament





centralised systems

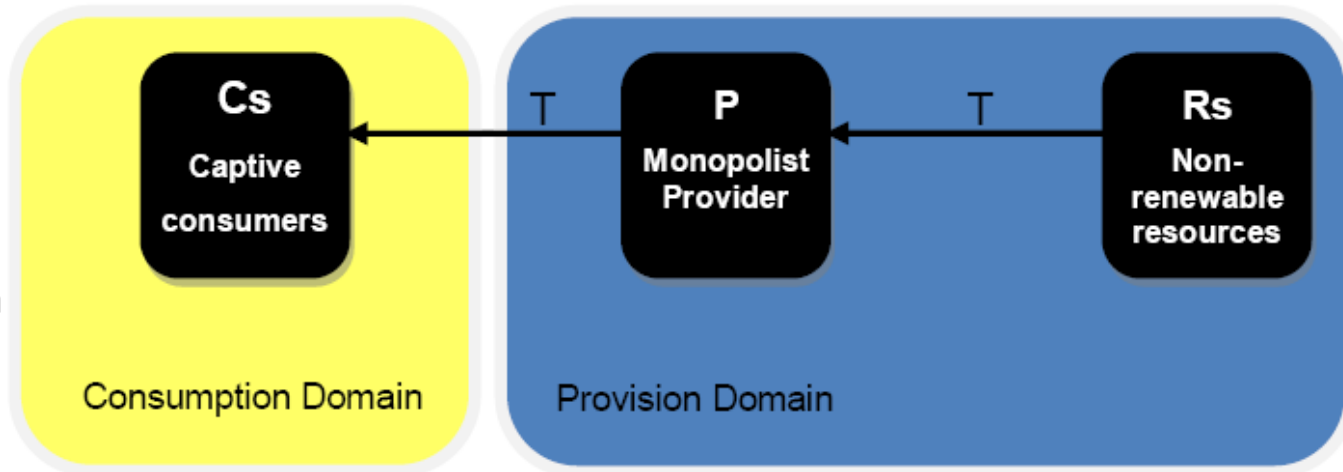


de-centralised systems

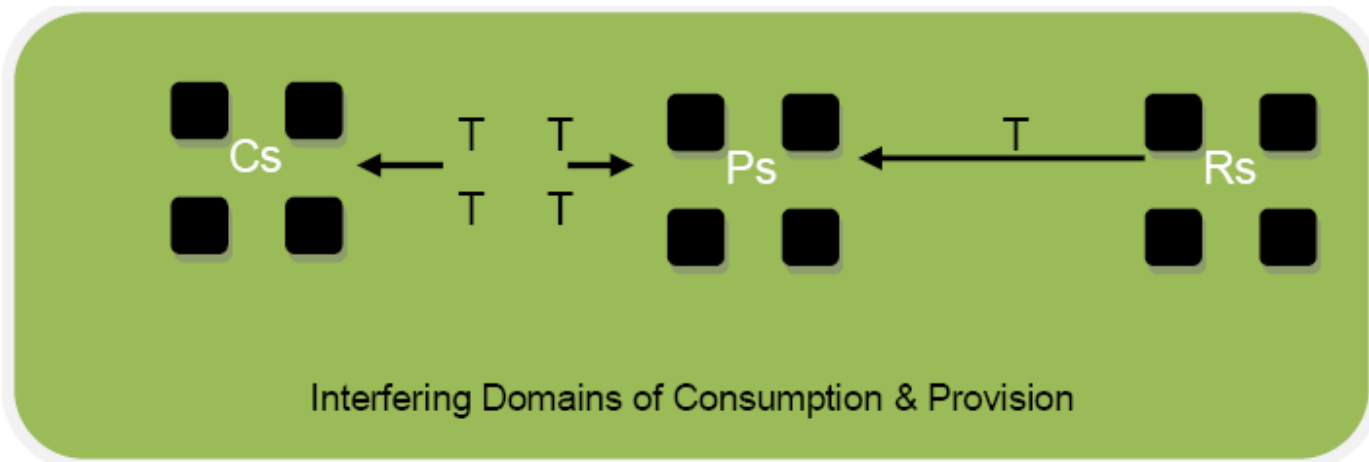
modernized mixtures

Splintering : Resources, Providers, Technologies, Consumer roles

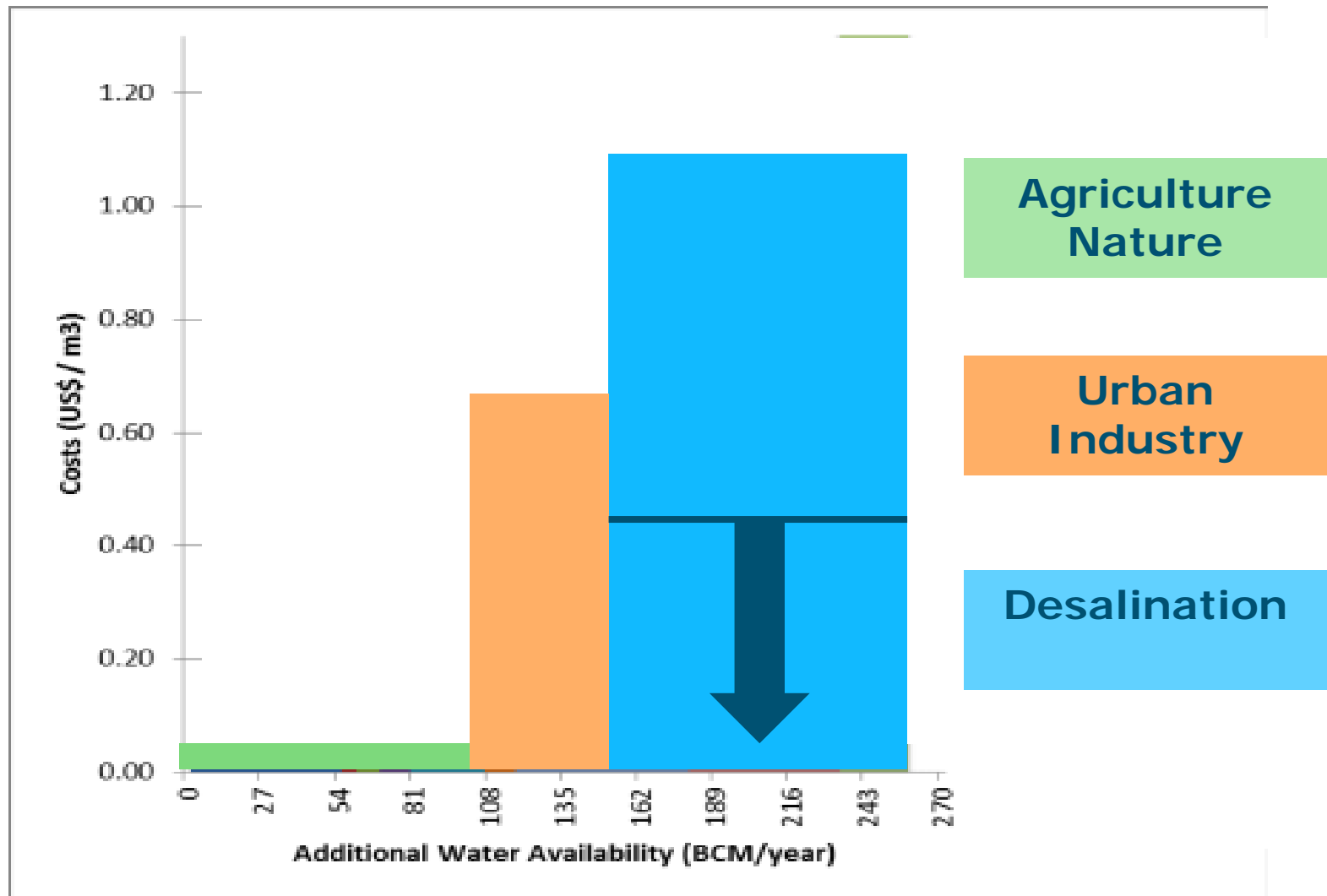
Centralized, monopolist network-bound service provision



Splintered decentralized, co-provision of network-bound services

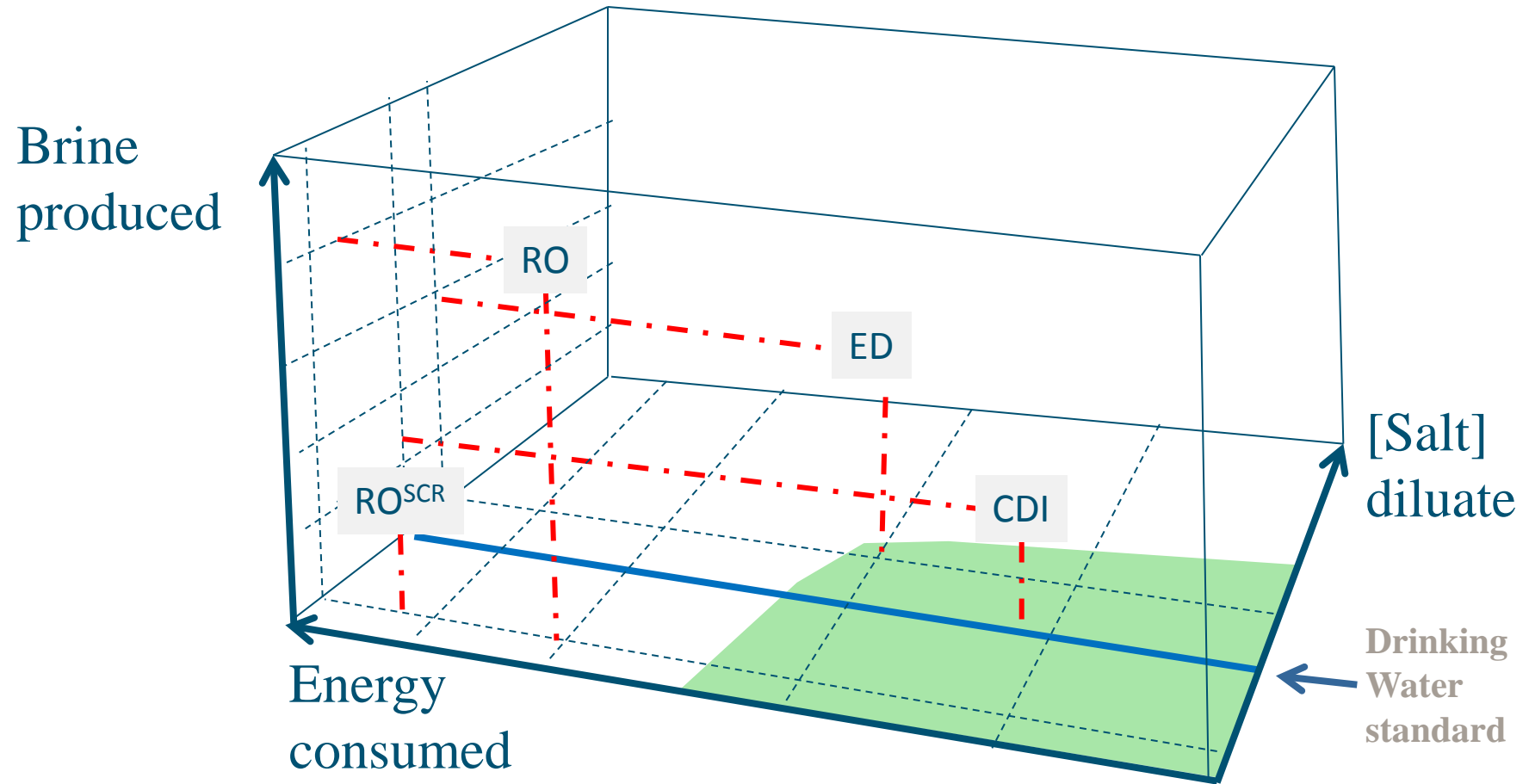


Unit costs (\$/m³) of measures to make water available

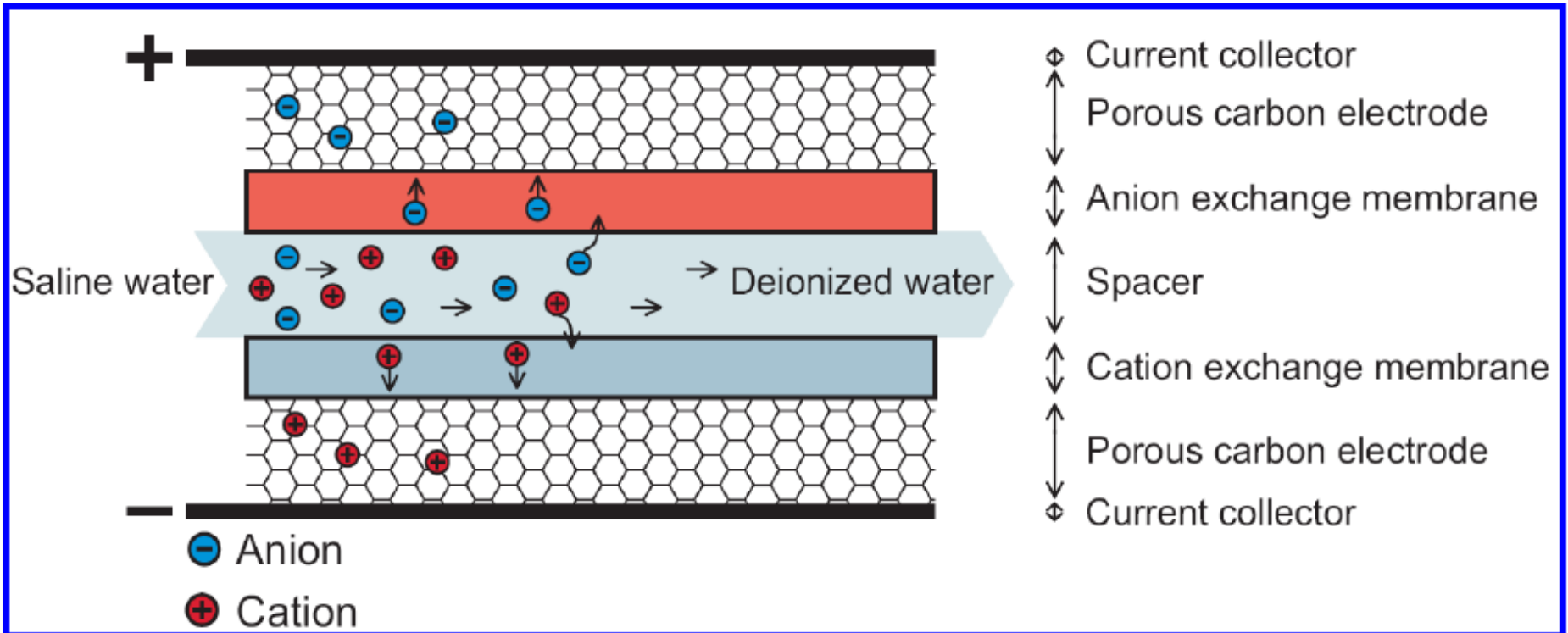


Sustainable Desalination

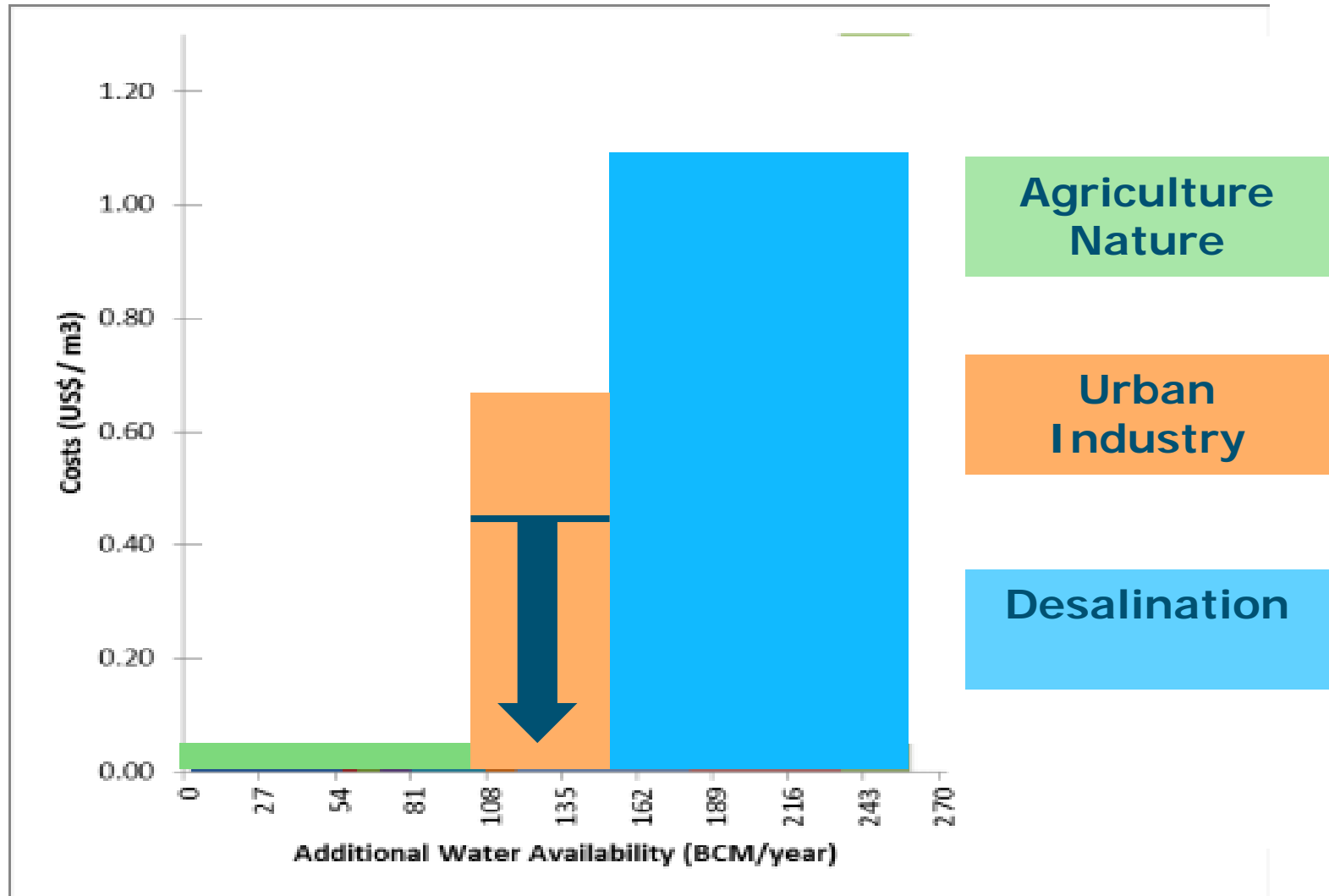
low energy technology, brackish water = resource



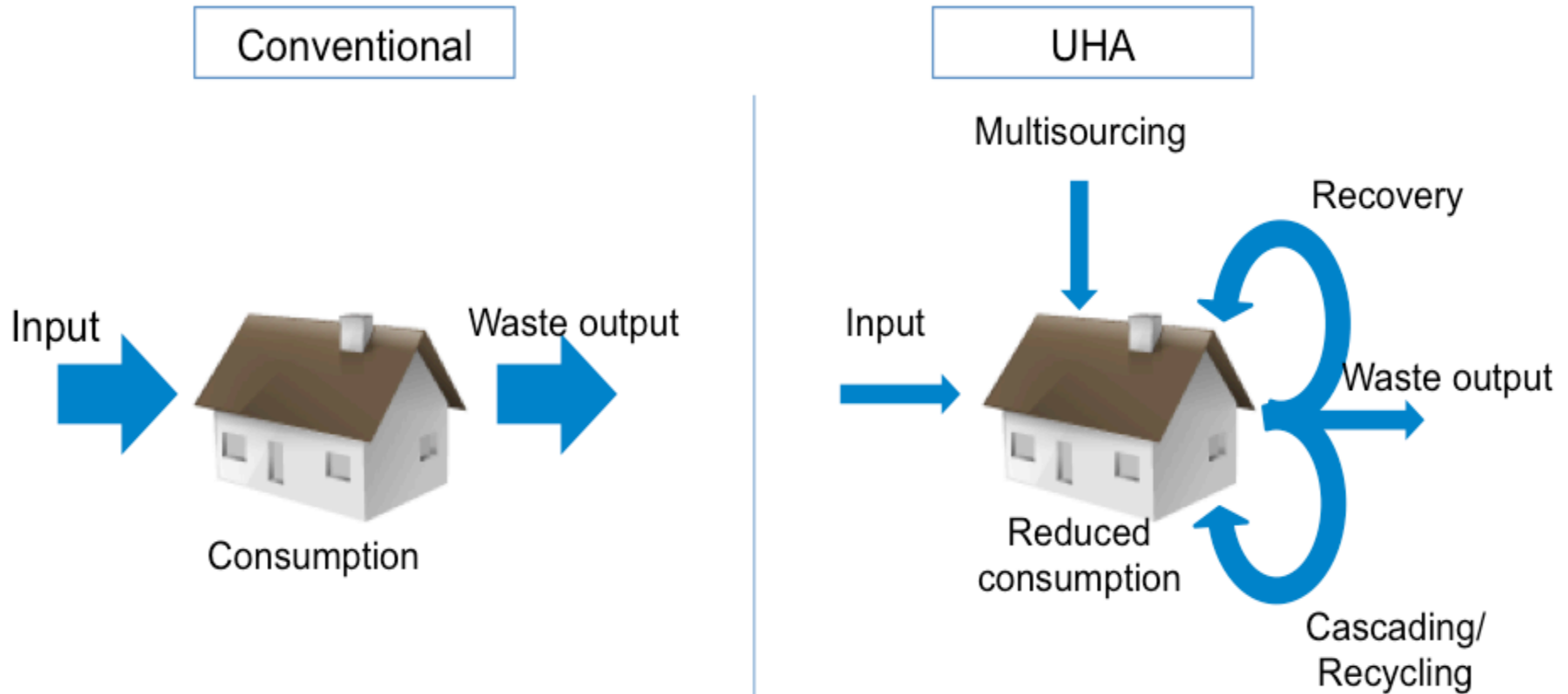
Desalination with a Minimum of Energy



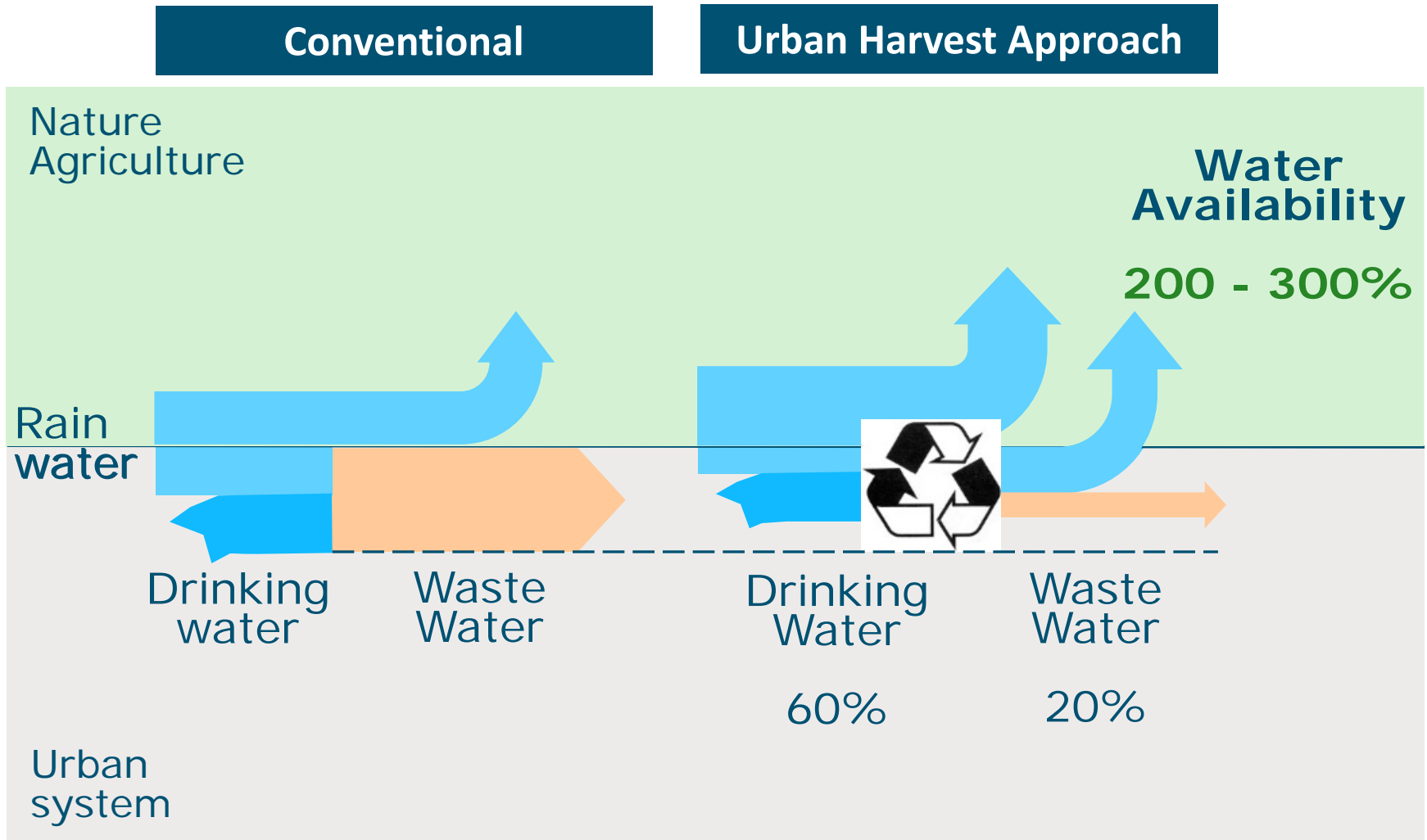
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UHA – Shifting to a circular metabolism



Prognosis (semi-)arid area



Securing food by securing water



New Sanitation Installed in Buildings



Amsterdam Metropolitan Solutions



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TU Delft, MIT

Amsterdam Smart City,

City of Boston,

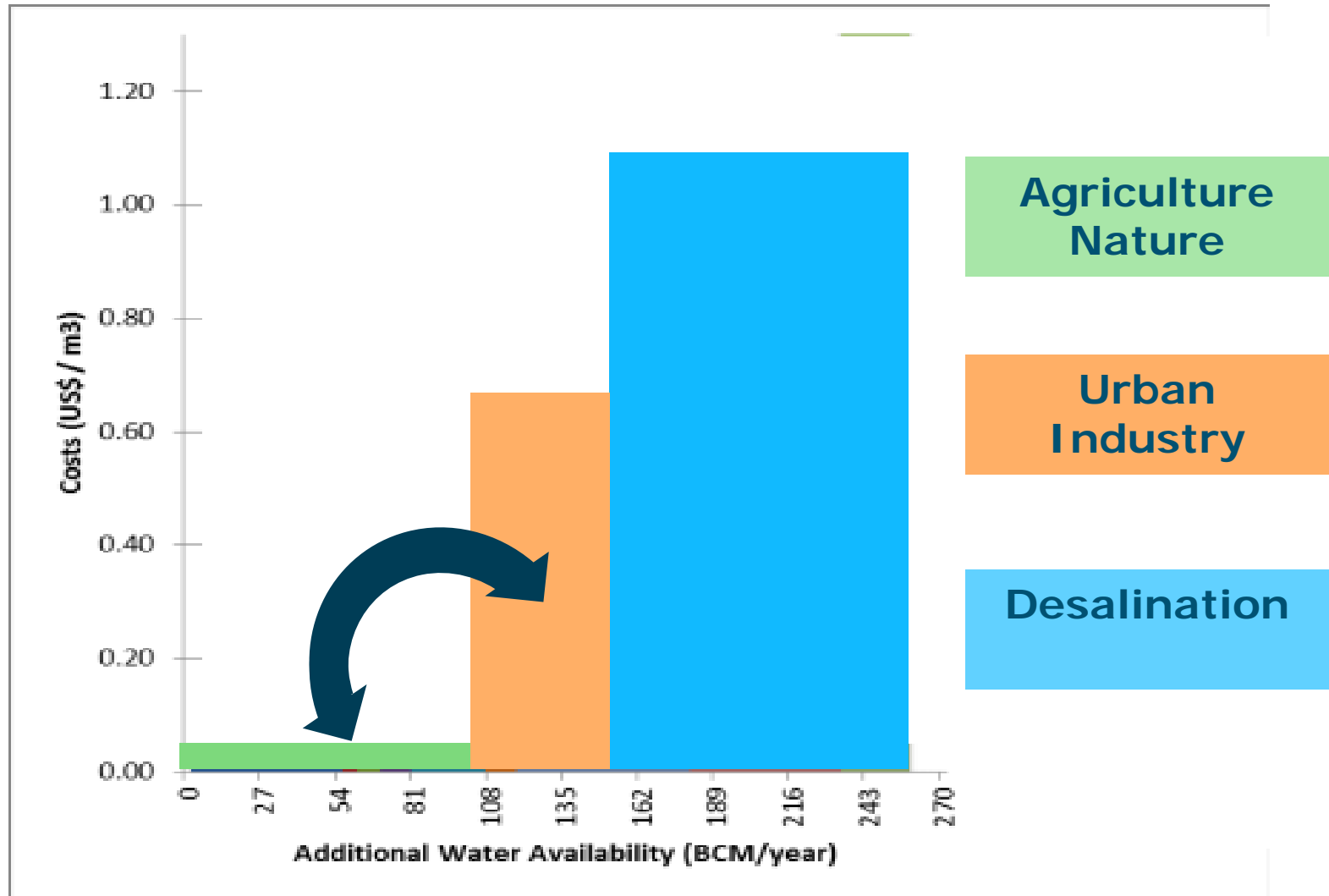
CISCO, ESA, IBM,

KPN, Shell, TNO,

Waag Society, WaterNet,

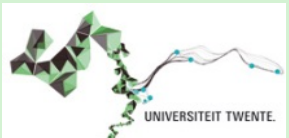
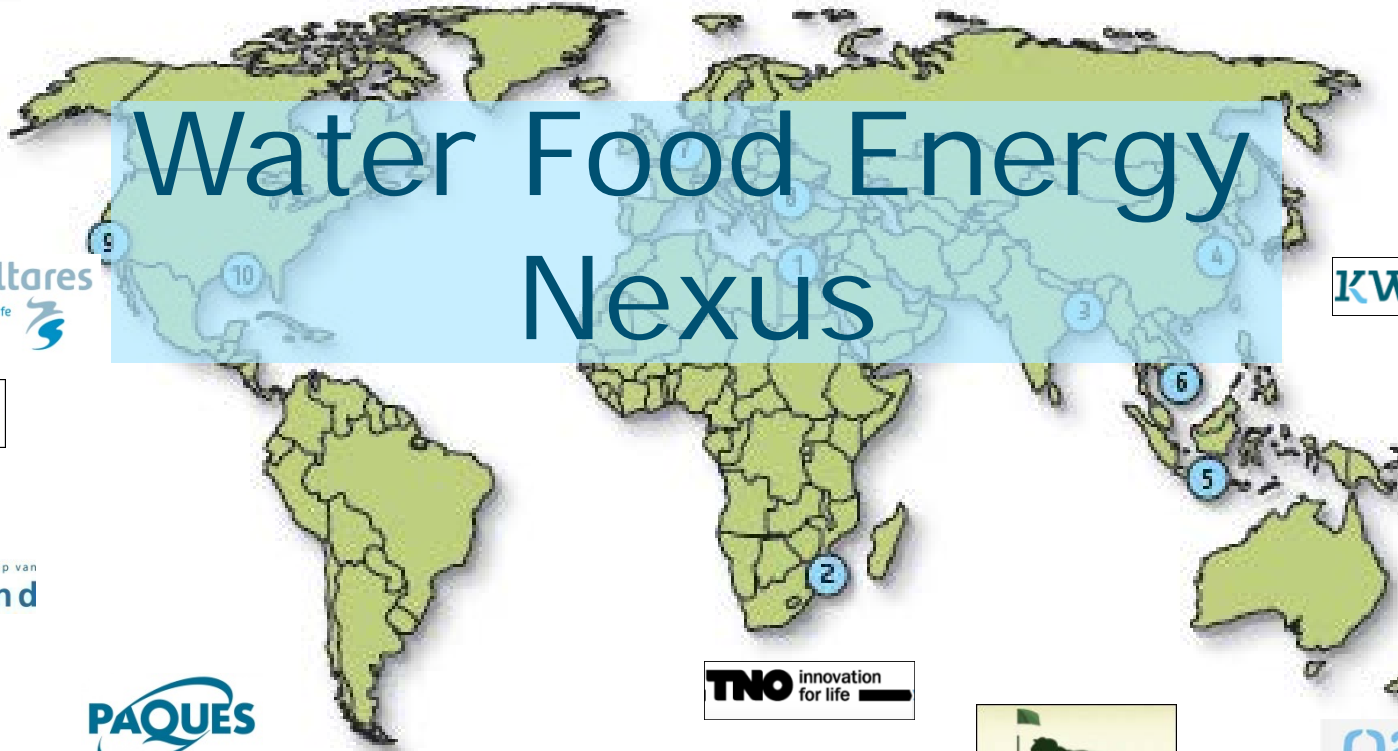
and other partners.....

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Water Food Energy Nexus



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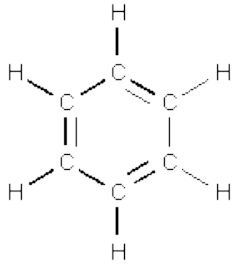
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For quality of life

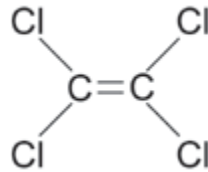
Micropollutants in the environment e.g. Pharmaceuticals



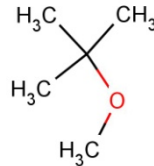
Microorganisms: our greatest friends



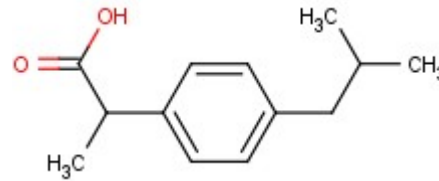
Benzene



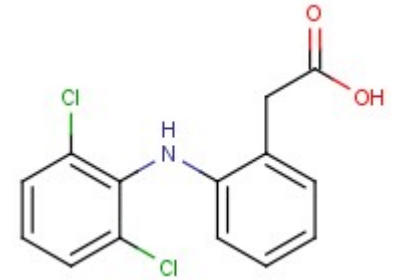
PCE



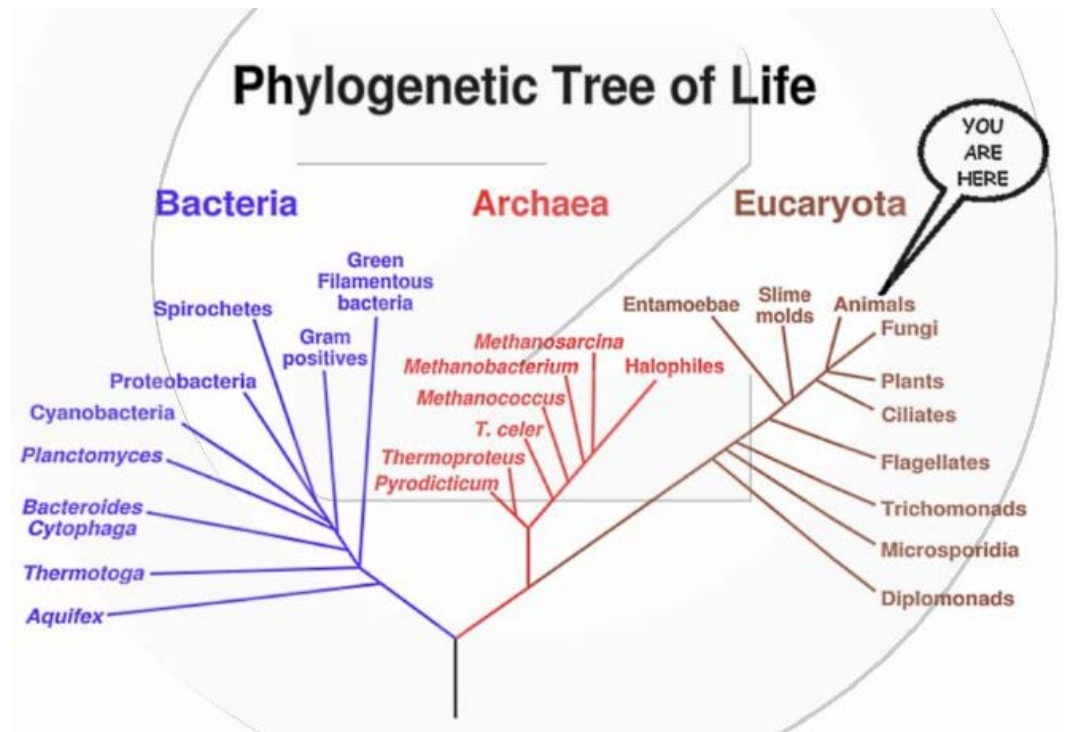
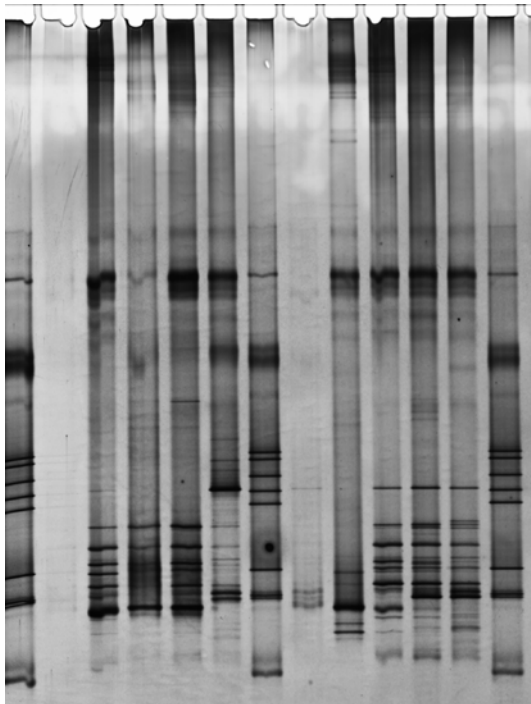
MTBE



ibuprofen



diclofenac

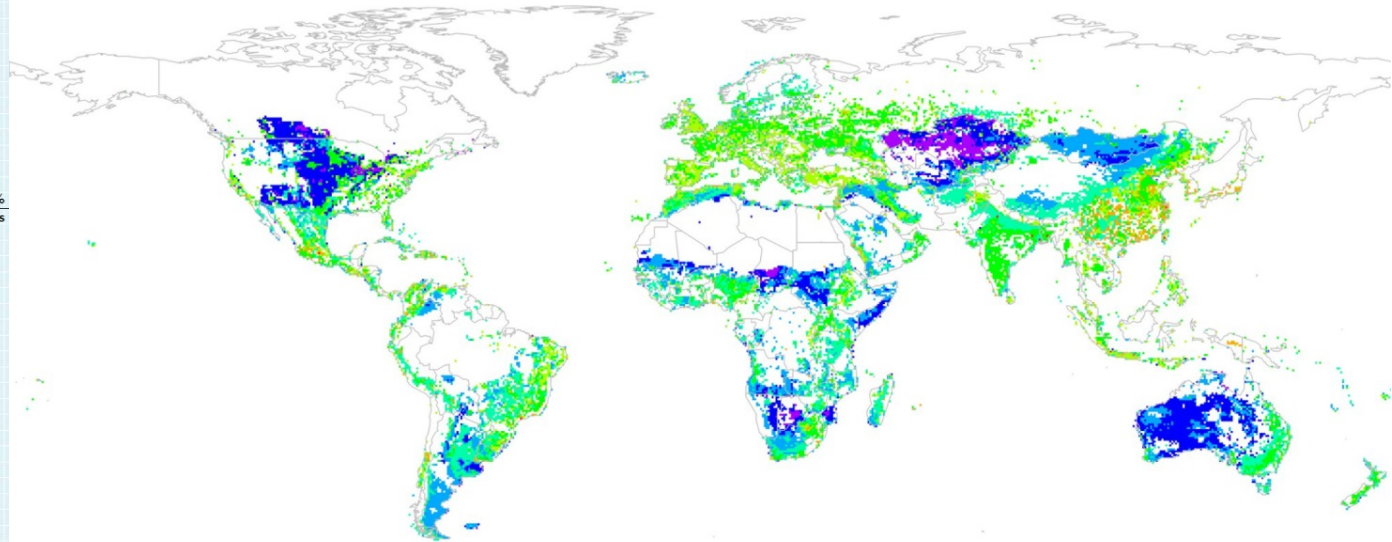
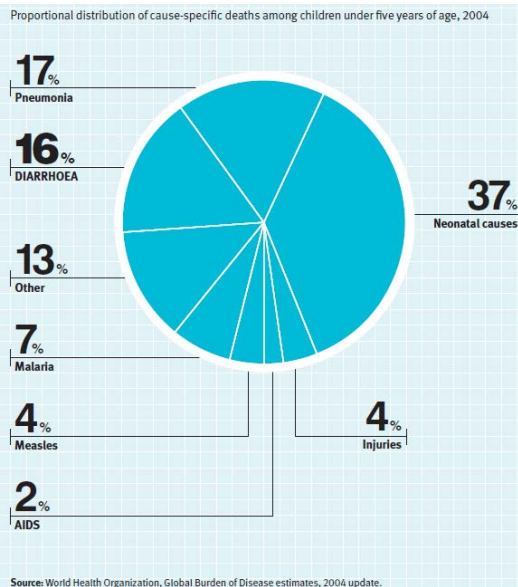


Microorganisms

Help to degrade pharmaceuticals in water



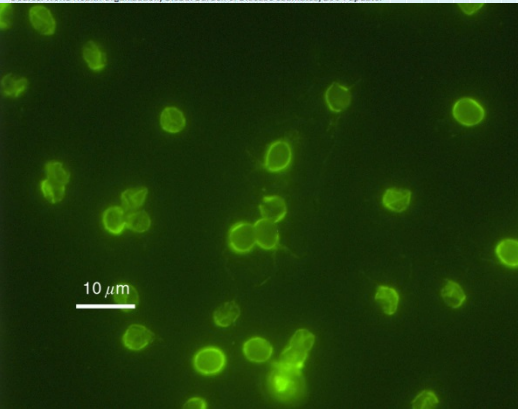
Among microorganisms also some crooks!



10^{\log} oocysts / grid / year



- Diarrhoea
- *Cryptosporidium*
- Emissions: humans/livestock



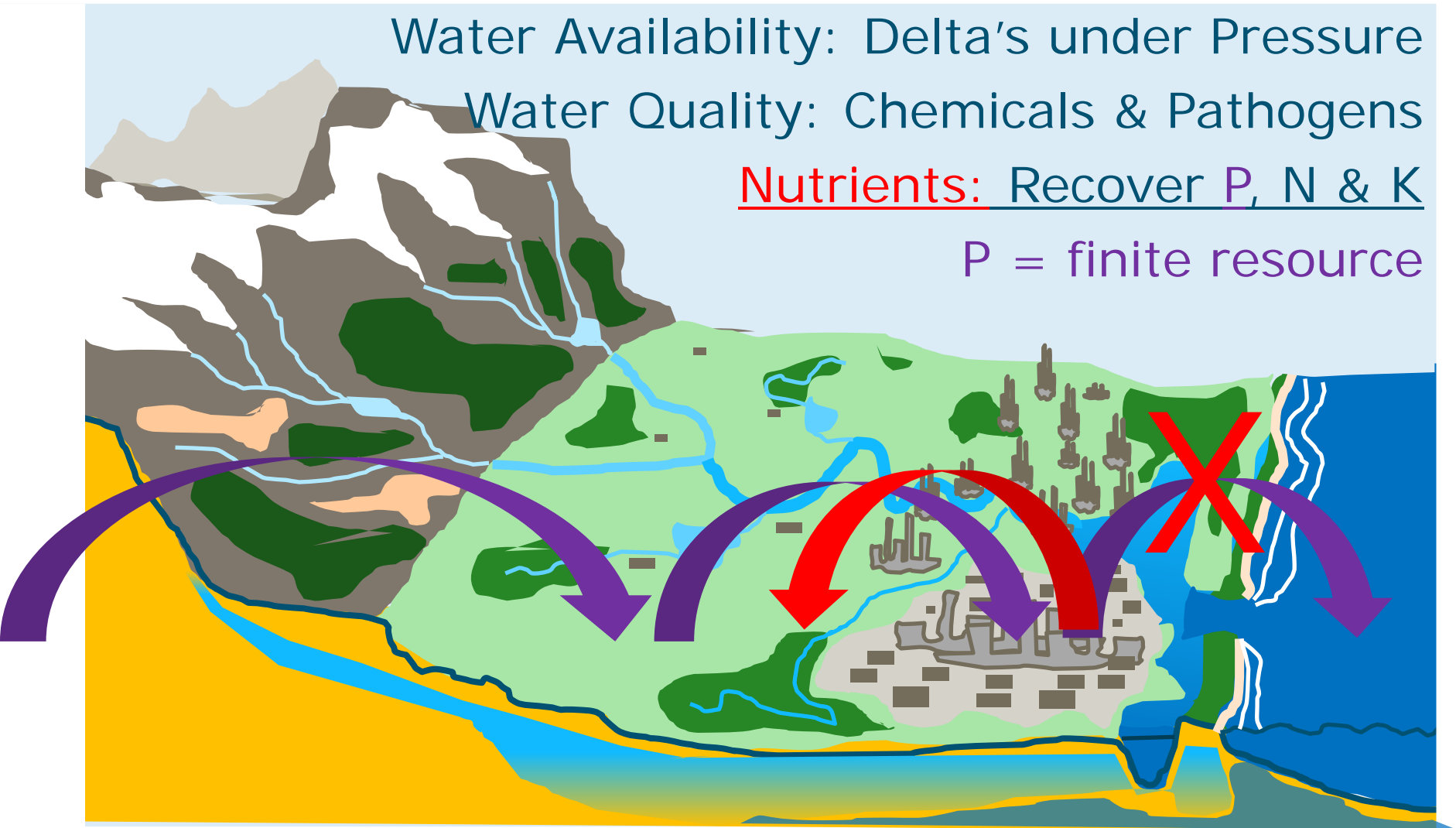
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P = finite resource



Global by-products and wastes P flows

Sources	Quantity Mt P / year
Animal manures	20 – 30
Sewage sludge	3 – 5
Other streams	3 – 28
Total	26 - 63

60-80 %

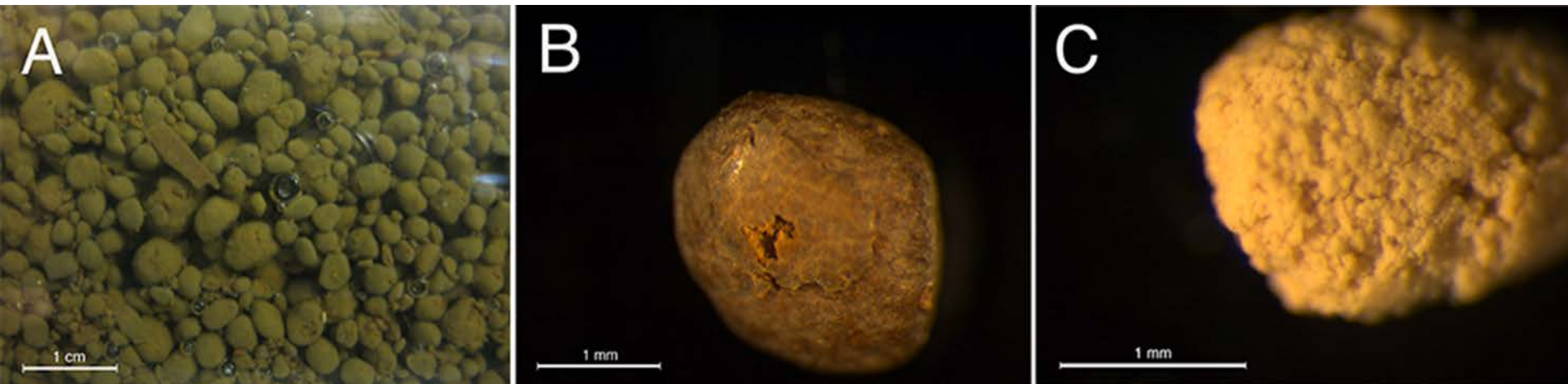
5 R's of Sustainable P management

Recycle & Reuse P from Waste

Reduce P losses, P-rich (top)soils; **Reduce P inputs**, process innovation; **Redefine systems**, processes & diets



Simultaneous Anaerobic Digestion & Ca-phosphate precipitation



Calcium phosphate granules from anaerobic digested human (and livestock) waste streams

Taina H. Tervahauta, Renata D. van der Weijden, Roberta L. Flemming, Lucía Hernández Leal, Grietje Zeeman, Cees J. N. Buisman (submitted)
Calcium phosphate precipitation in anaerobic treatment of black water: a new approach to phosphorus recovery. *Water Research* 48 (2014) 632-642

We Need To

Close Water and
Resource Cycles

Keep these Clean
and Healthy

Work Trans Disciplinary

