

Reducing the abstraction of fresh water in Power Plant: Matching H2020 project

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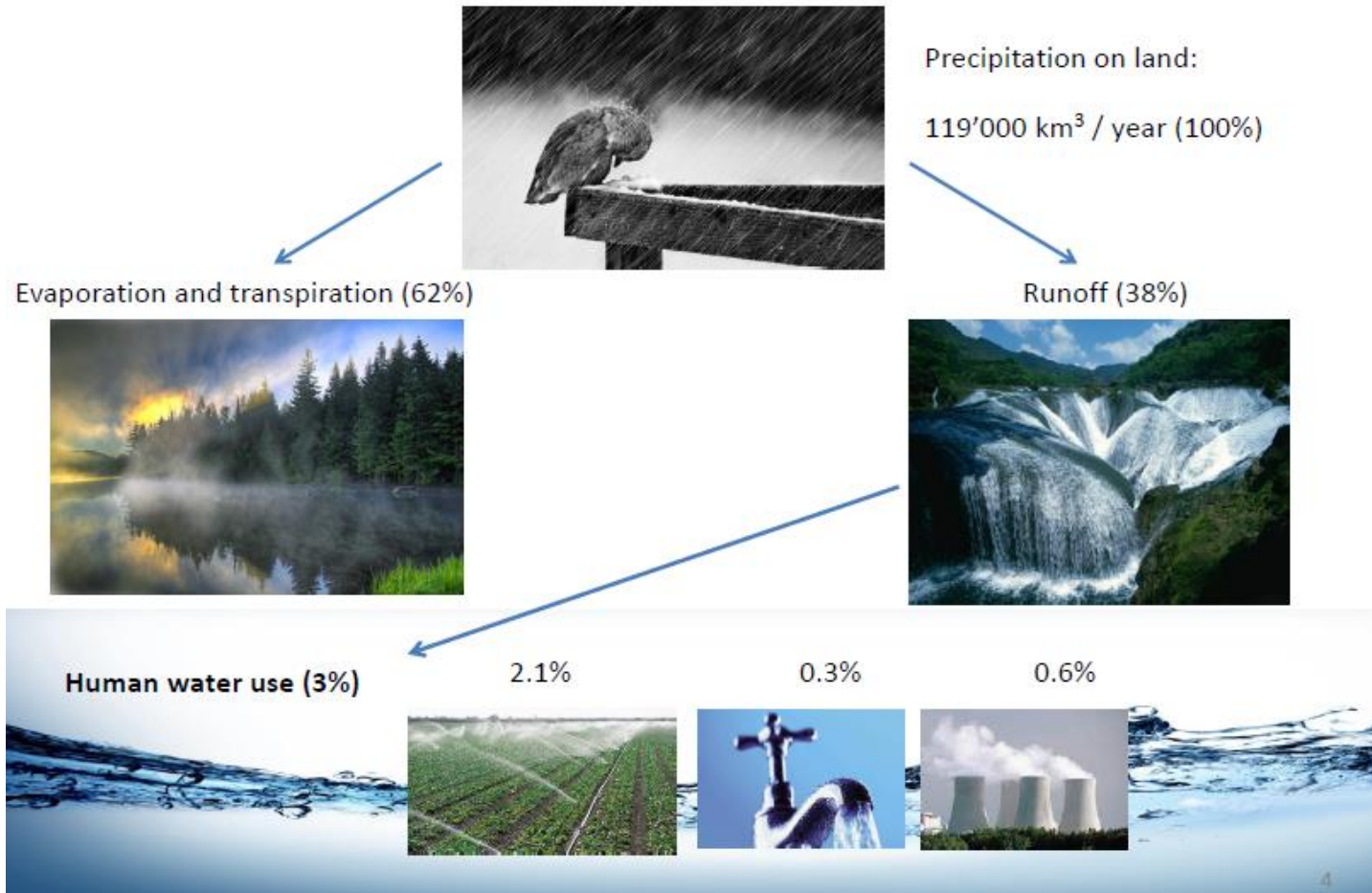
Background and rationale

The Matching H2020 Project - Overview

Focus on Water Saving Technologies

Background and Rationale

Water: How much is there?*



Human water use is a so small percentage of the total amount of water precipitated on the land...

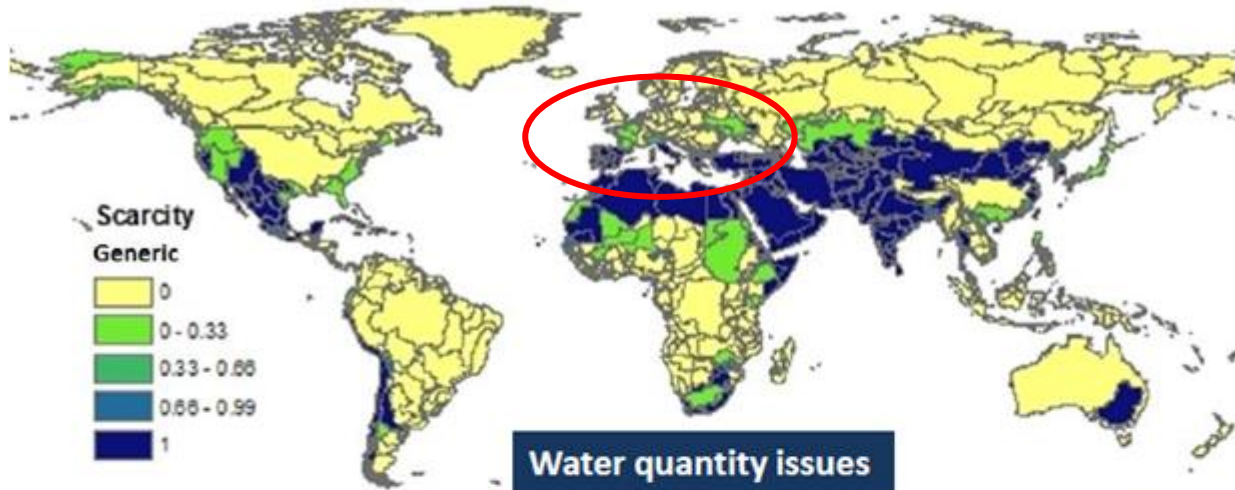
Then what is the problem ?

First: Water is not well distributed in time and space and its quality is deteriorating around the globe: **quality issues**

Second: The quantity represented as accessible, reliable, environmentally sustainable supply is a much smaller quantity than the absolute raw water available in nature and that is the amount that truly matters: **quantity issues**

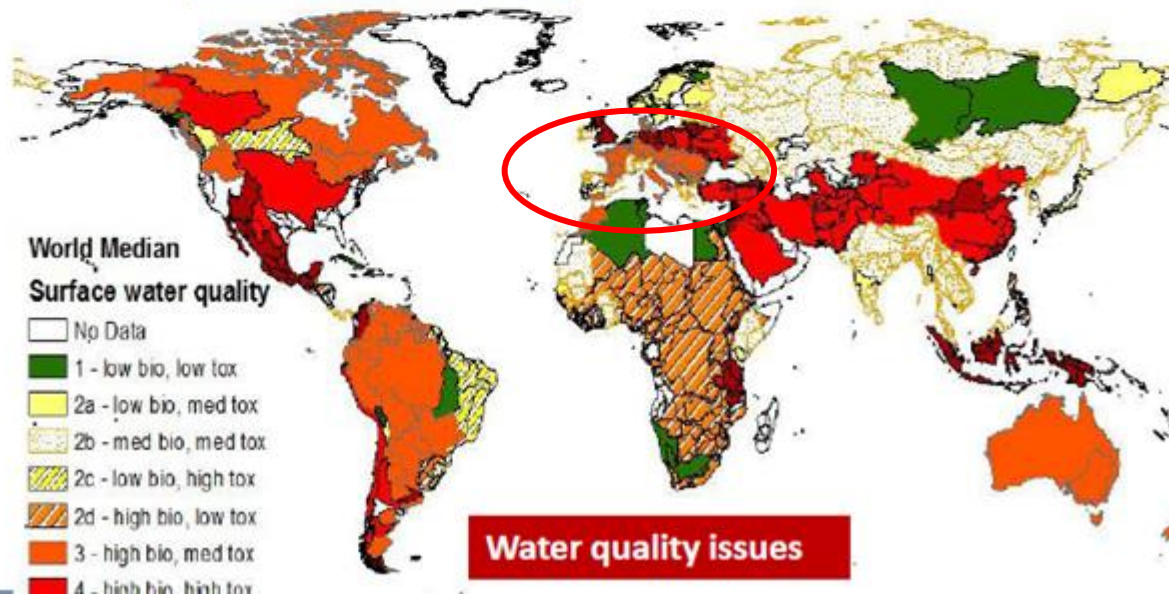
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Water footprint training, San Francisco, October 8th, 2014

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At European level, while water is in general abundant, water scarcity still affects some regions in particular during summer.

On the basis of an EEA assessment the good ecological status aimed by the European water framework directive (WFD) was reached only in 53% of the cases.



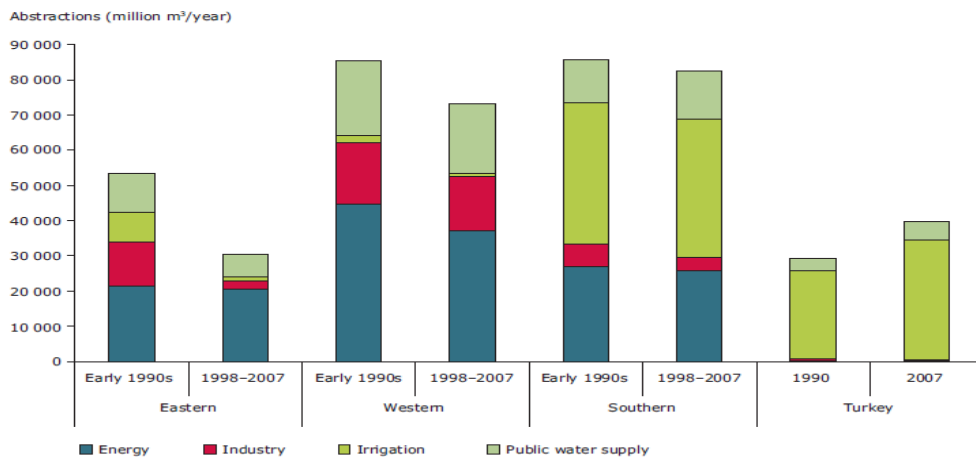
In most cases “water abstraction” was one of the factors that affected the quality of water bodies.

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Background and Rationale



EU Water abstraction per sector – EEA 90's vs 2007



Power generation is a sector requiring great amounts of water: Cooling water for energy production accounts in fact, for 43-45% of total water abstraction in European Union

MATChING is a collaborative project, funded by EU H2020 program, which has the aim to reduce the water demand and to improve the energy efficiency of cooling systems in the power generation sector

(1) Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe, EC COM (2011) 571 Final (2) The European Environment State and outlook (2010) EEA (3) Charting Out Water Future, 2030 Water Resource Group (2009); (4) Rübhelke and Vögele, 2011

The Consortium

Consortium is made of 4 Utilities, 5 Technology Providers, 6 Research institute and 1 Service provider.

Partners are from 6 EU Counties: 4 from Italy, 4 from Belgium, 3 from Spain, 3 from Netherland and 1 from Denmark



MATCHING

MATERIALS & TECHNOLOGIES FOR
PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT OF
COOLING SYSTEMS IN POWER
PLANTS

Expected Outcomes



Overall reduction of ¹ geothermal steam emitted into the atmosphere up to 15% and extension of production wells life up to 10% using hybrid solutions for cooling towers and advanced materials and coatings for dry modules



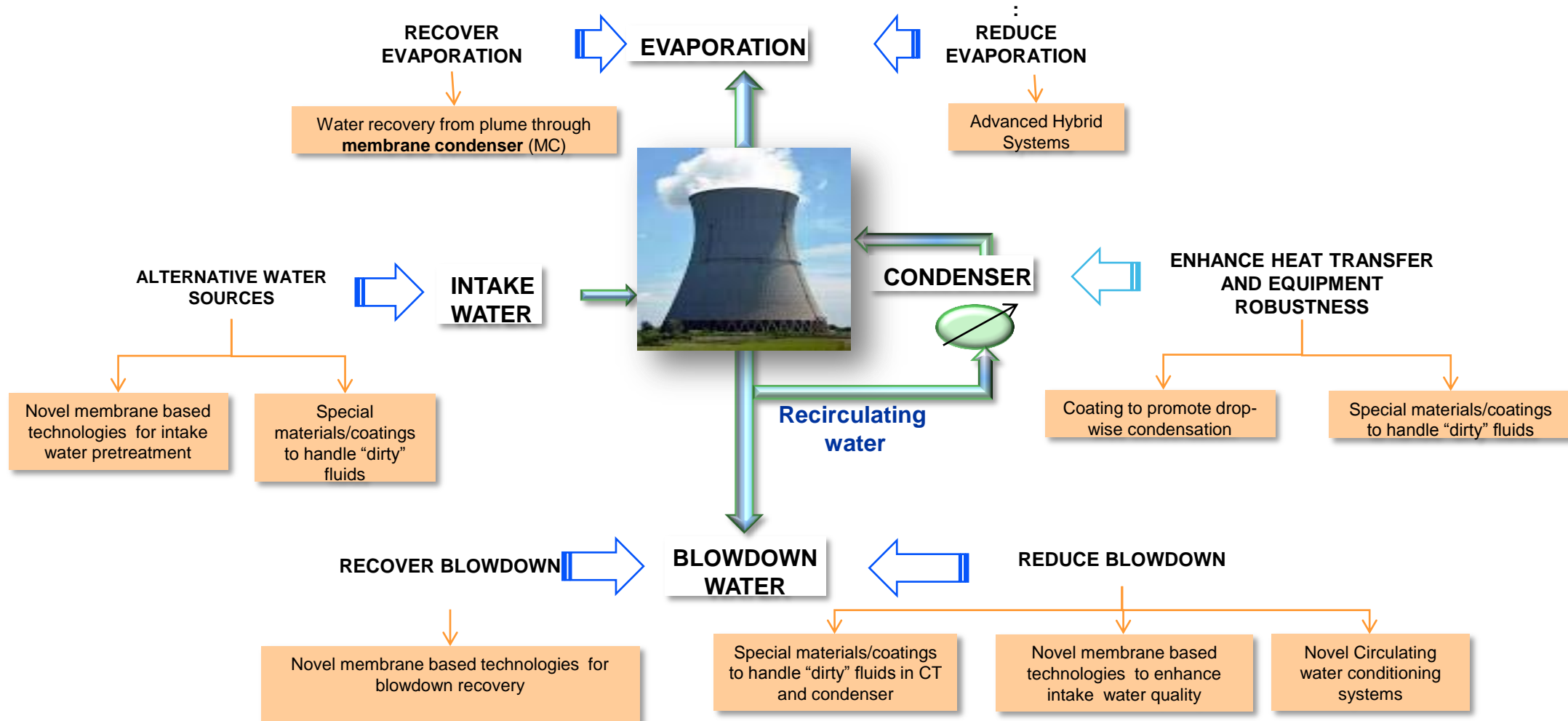
Overall plant efficiency increase up to 0.4-0.5%, enhancing the heat transfer efficiency in the condenser both on the steam side and water side via the use of advanced nano-engineered coatings and surfaces..



Overall reduction of fresh water abstraction in fossil fuelled power plants of about 30% validating a set of solutions (6) for the recovery and treatment of cooling water in CT equipped plants.

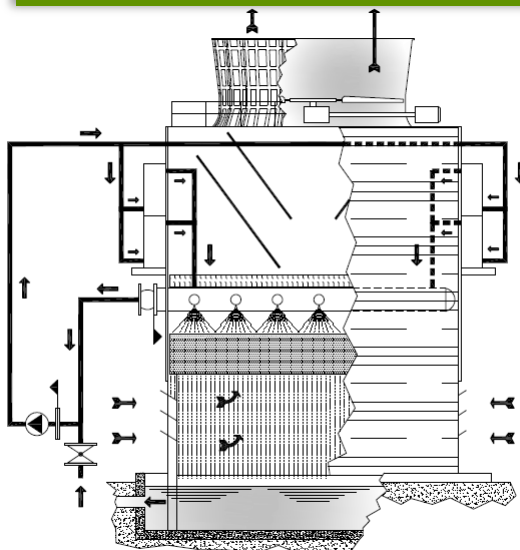


MATChING approach and methodology

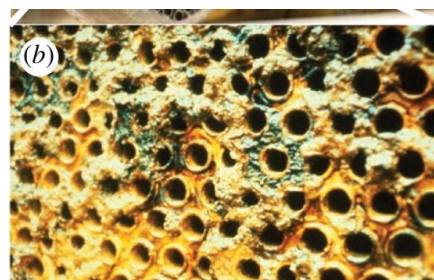


Technologies

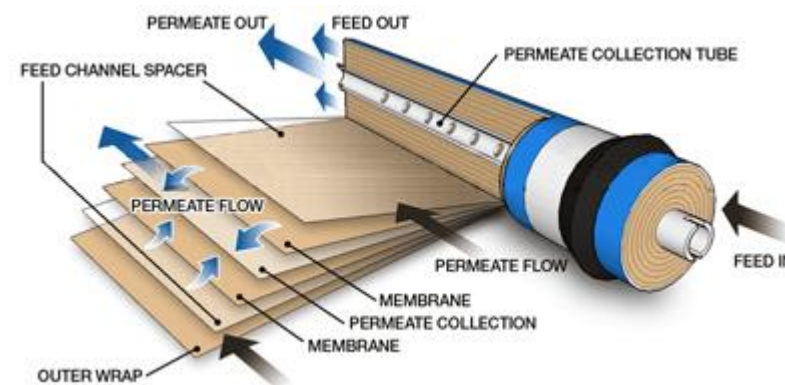
Hybrid CT for Geothermal application



Materials for steam condenser & heat exchangers



Water treatment systems



Demonstration program

Electrabel -Knippergroen Power Plant

Chatou-EDF Laboratories

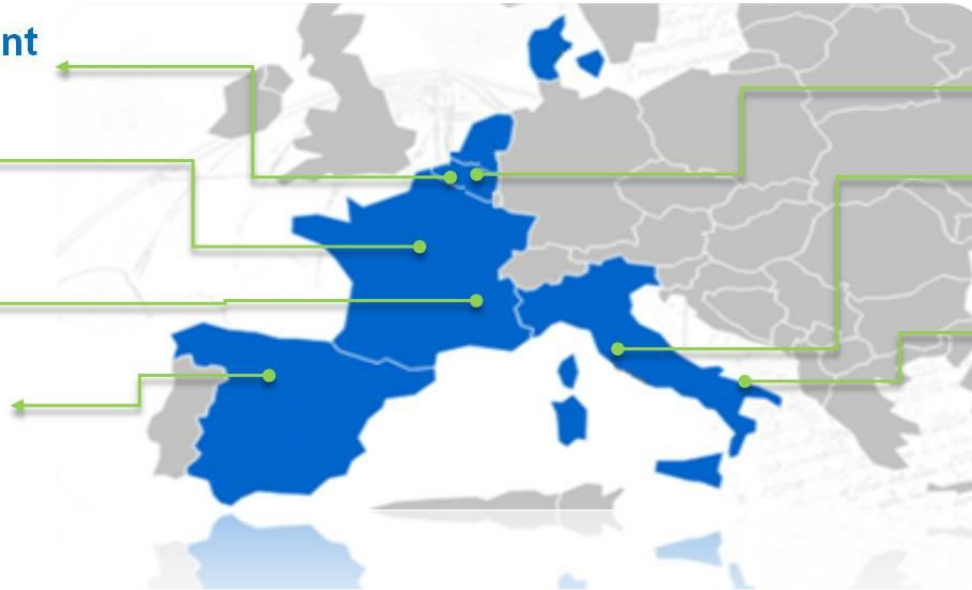
EDF - Montpellier Power plant

ENDESA- As Pontes Power Plant

VITO - Balmatt site

ENEL- Nuova San Martino

ENEL- Brindisi Power Plant

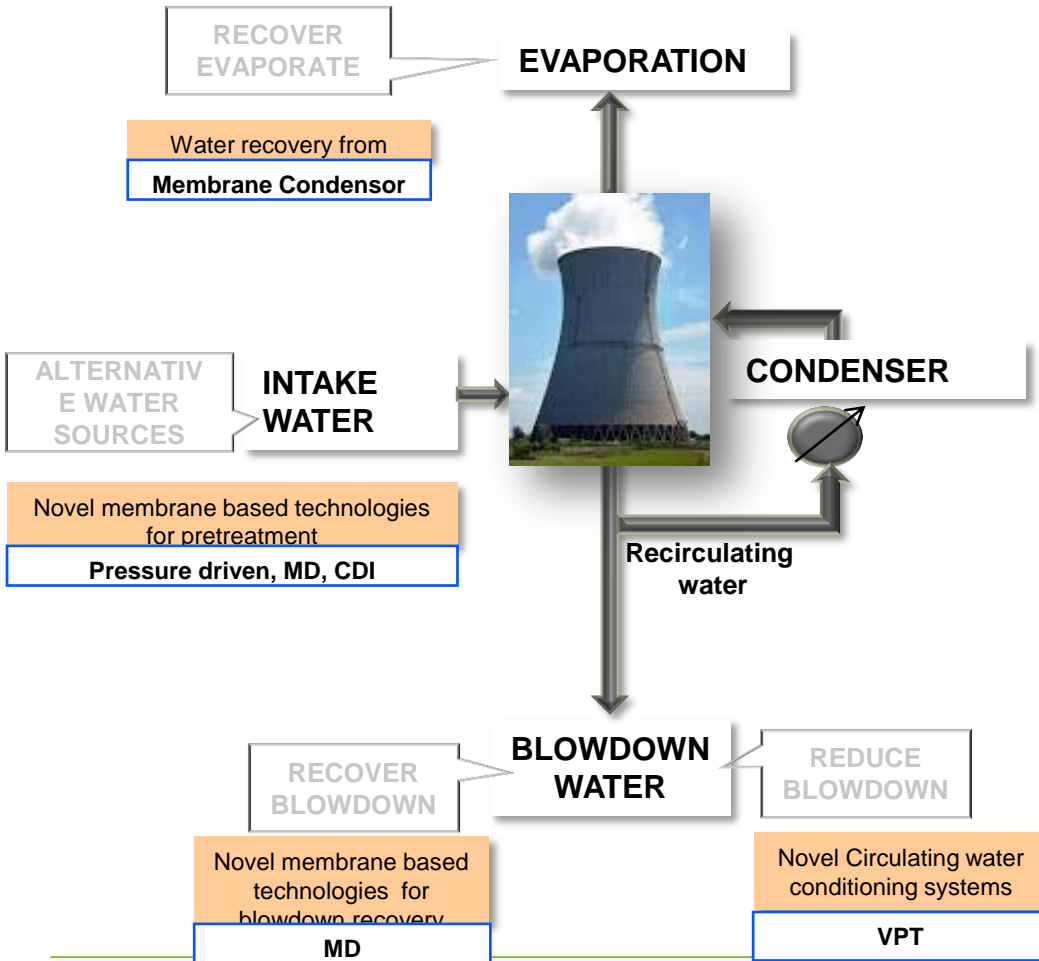


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| Coatings for geothermal heat exchangers | Membranes for water recovery from FGD | Hybrid CT for geothermal application | Coatings/materials for steam condenser and membranes for cooling water treatment | Coatings/materials for steam condenser | Membrane condensor | Membranes and technologies for cooling water treatment |
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| Balmatt in Mol, Belgium | Brindisi Sud, Italy | Nuova San Martino, Italy | As Pontes, Spain | Chatou, France | Montpellier, France | Bruxelles, Belgium |

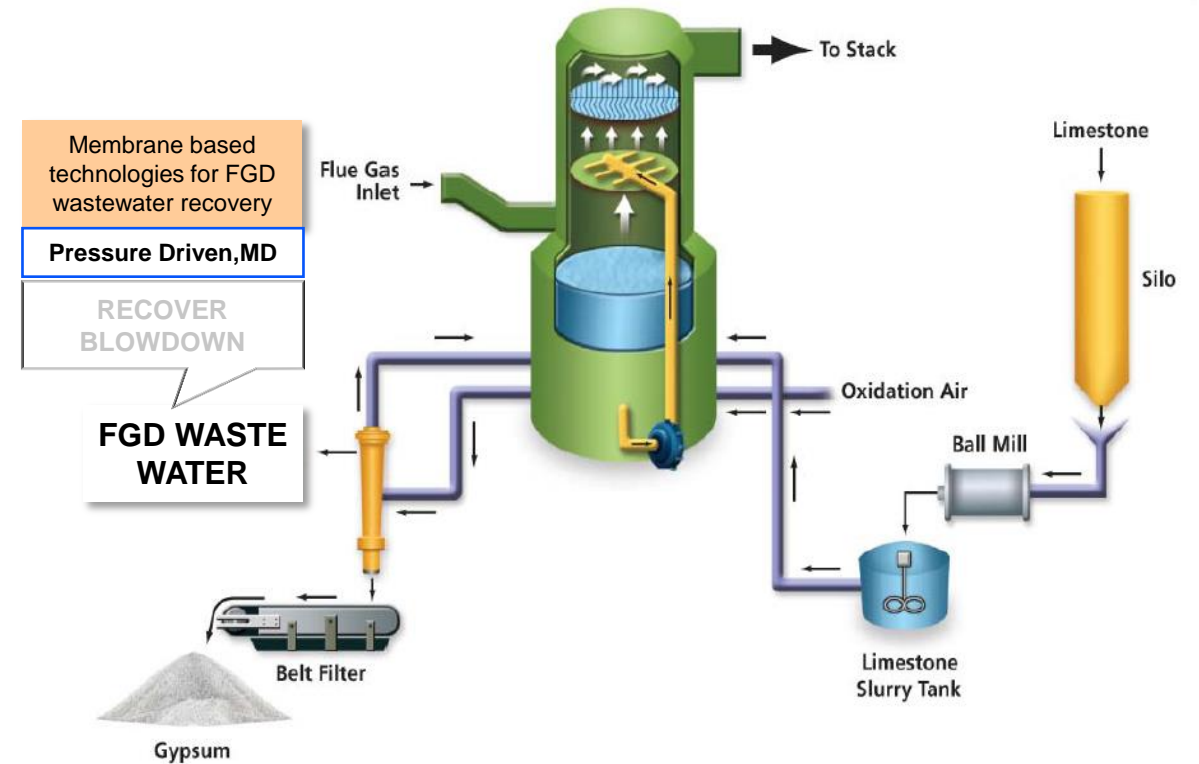
Focus on technologies for water treatment

Water saving opportunities: MATChING approach

Cooling Section



Flue Gas Treatment Section



Water Treatment technologies

WATER

SELECTED TECHNOLOGIES

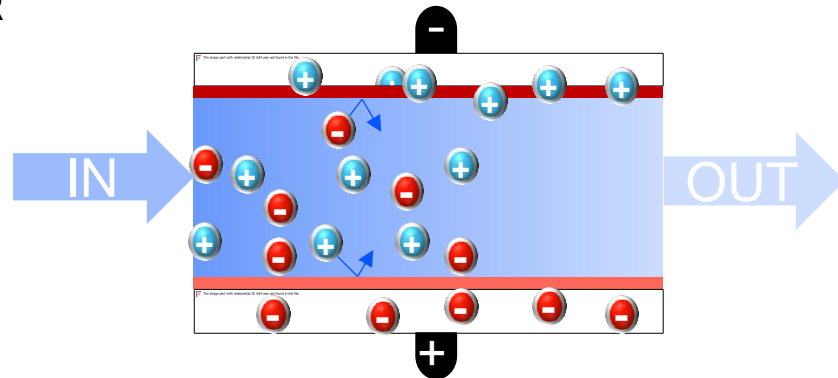
GOAL

LABORATORY

PILOT SCALE

INTAKE WATER

Membrane Capacitive deionization (MCDI)



Characteristics:

- *Low E (<0,5kWh/m³)*
- *Low fouling*
- *No chemicals needed*
- *Water recovery >90%*
- *Able to handle solids*
- *Robust*

Increase COC by:

- decreasing hardness
- decreasing salinity (intake or recirculating water)

Determine:

- maximal COC for a selected intake water source

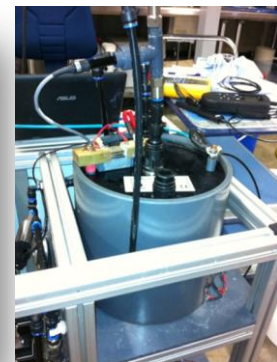
VITO LAB.

Lab-scale tests will be conducted on four different streams:




- River water with low hardness (<160mg CaCO₃/l)
- River water with high hardness(>160mg CaCO₃/l)
- Brackish water from estuaries/harbours (max 5g TDS/l)
- Treated municipal waste water.

Merades Pilot Plant

A pilot scale MCDI unit and module will be built and deployed in combination with the MERADES Facility
The pilot unit will consist of one industrial-sized module (approximately 10m² electrode surfaces)



Water Treatment technologies

| WATER | SELECTED TECHNOLOGIES | GOAL | LABORATORY | PILOT SCALE | DEMO SITE |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Circulating Cooling Water | Vortex degasification technology (VPT)  <p>Principle: Chemical free conditioning of cooling tower circulating water using vortex degasification and calcium precipitation</p> | Increase COC by: ➤ Reducing scaling tendency of water without the need to add chemicals | Small scale vortex test device will be tested at VITO Lab to evaluate: scaling/fouling effects with and without coupling vortex with membrane filtration process | MERADES PILOT PLANT VPT will be coupled to the MERADES pilot plant Test duration ~ 3 months  | ASPONTES POWER PLANT VPT will be coupled with SWECO TEST RIG and in side-stream configuration to the As Pontes PP Cooling Tower Test duration ~ 2 months  |

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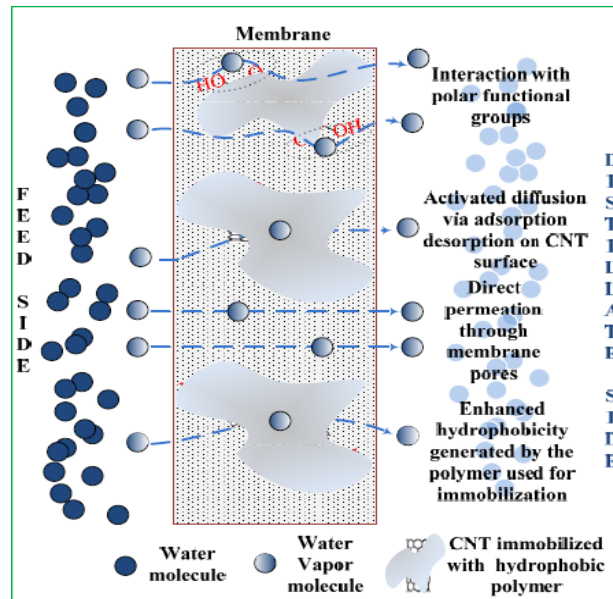
LABORATORY

PILOT SCALE

DEMO SITE

Cooling
Tower
Blowdown

Membrane Distillation



Principle:

- Based on the retention of liquid water and the permeation of water vapour.
- Process thermally driven.

Reduction and reuse of CT blowdown using MD, combined with pretreatment to tackle scaling/fouling issues.

VITO LAB.

Preliminary test at VITO lab to define the optimal module parameters and to support the design of the MD modules for demonstration in real conditions.

MERADES PLANT

MD pilot module will be coupled to the MERADES pilot

Test duration : 3 months



PILOT

AS PONTES POWER PLANT

A larger MD demo module will be installed in side-stream configuration.

Test duration : long run demonstration of 12 months



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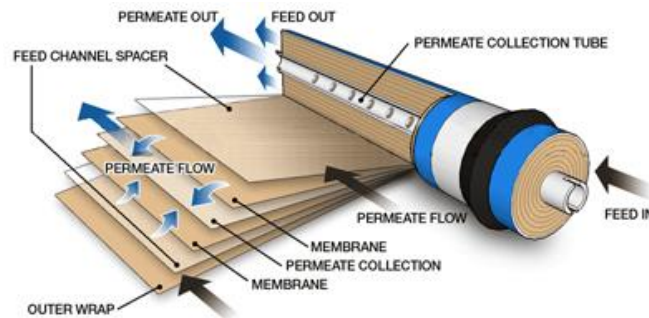
LABORATORY

PILOT SCALE

**FGD
WATER**

WASTE

Pressure Driven Membranes & MD



Principle:

- Use of commercial pressure driven membranes (eventually coupled with thermally driven membranes) in adequate process schemes to treat high salinity waters

Recovery of water from waste streams reusing it for different power plant purposes and avoiding at the same time waste water discharge.

Demonstration of treatment schemes based on commercially available pressure driven membranes eventually coupled with specific pre-treatment processes

**CNR
LABORATORIES**

Different MF, UF, NF and RO and MD configurations will be characterized to select the best schemes to be applied for the design of pilot unit in Brindisi Sud PP

BRINDISI SUD POWER PLANT

A pilot unit will be installed In Brindisi Sud to treat FGD waste water in side-stream configuration with the current Brindisi ZLD System



Water Treatment technologies

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PILOT SCALE

Cooling Tower
Plume

Membrane condensers

Recovery of water
vapor from Cooling
Tower Plume.

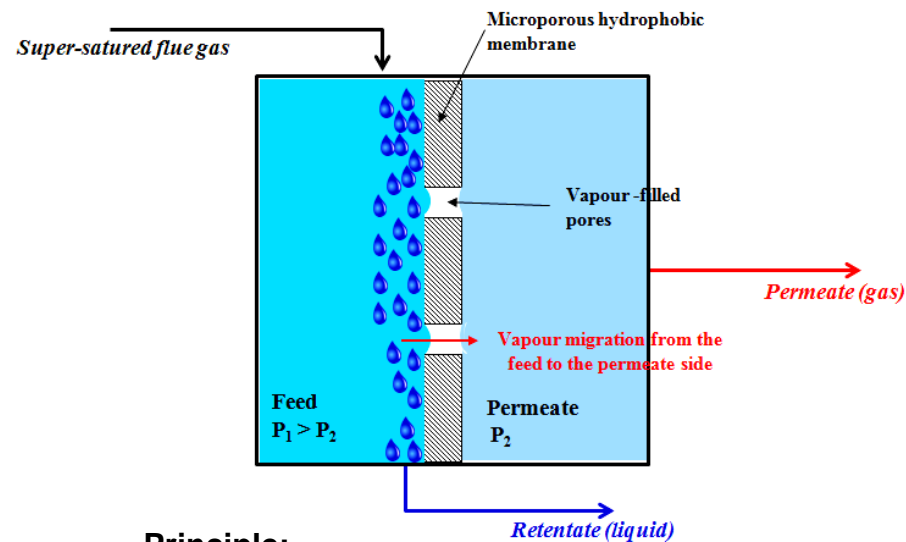
CNR LABORATORIES

Experiments and modeling
will be carried out on
selected humidified waste
gaseous streams (i.e.,
plume of the EDF
MINSTRAL facility).

A test system will be
designed and constructed
to be integrated in EDF
MINSTRAL facility

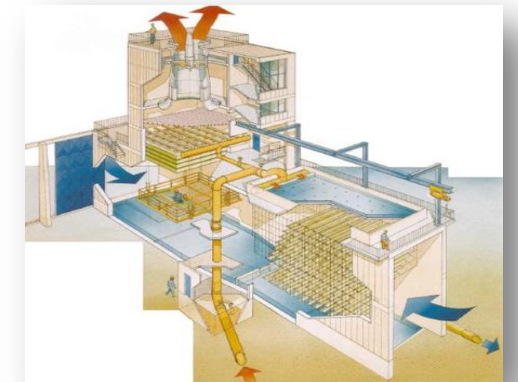
EDF MINSTRAL FACILITY

A test system will be integrated in
EDF MISTRAL facility.
The test will allow the evaluation of:
1) the amount water recovery (Liter
/day /m²) in winter or summer
condition; 2) the quality of collected
water; 3) the associated energy
consumption.



Principle:

Microporous hydrophobic membranes for water
recovery from the retentate side and the
simultaneous transfer of the other gases across
the membrane.



Where we are

- ☐ The project has started on the first of March 2016
- ☐ Up to now, for many of the presented technologies, the laboratory test have been already started or will start soon
- ☐ Some of the Project Numbers:

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| Starting Date: | First of March 2016 |
| Duration: | 42 months |
| Partners: | 16 |
| Overall Budget | € 11.847.291,75 |
| Grant Amount | € 9.706.413,77 |

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Kick Off Meeting Picture



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Water saving opportunities: Current practice

| WATER SAVING OPTIONS FOR CT | PERCENTAGE OF WATER SAVING ACHIEVABLE [%] | CURRENT PRACTICE |
|--|--|---|
| Intake water pre-treatment | <p>~14%: COC increase from 4 to 8 by means of softening process.</p> <p>~24%: blowdown elimination (COC of 4) through intake water demineralization.</p> | Not applied <i>Unless too bad quality of intake water.</i> |
| Reuse of other available waste water streams, as make up water. | Up to 100% fresh water reduction is possible depending on the amount of available waste water sources. | Not applied <i>Unless site specific conditions are met, i.e. a dry region or huge amount of (municipal) waste water available.</i> |
| Reduce blowdown through operation at high COC. | ~ 9% assuming to increase COC from 4 to 6. | Commonly applied <i>Adoption of cooling water treatment programs; implying use of chemicals to avoid scaling and corrosion problems.</i> |
| Recovery of blowdown. | ~ 24% assuming to completely recover the blowdown water (starting from a COC of 4.) | Not applied unless site specific conditions (dry climates and/or restrictions on waste water discharge). |
| Reduce the evaporation. | ~ 15% assuming to reduce the evaporative losses of 15% (without changing COC) through the installation of dry modules. | Sometimes adopted: this option reduce also considerably the plume visibility. |
| Recover the evaporated water. | ~ 60% - 65% assuming to recover the 80% of evaporated water. | Not applied Dry cooling is adopted alternatively |