

# Experiences in construction & operation of Nuclear Desalination Demonstration Plant

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## **WATER SCENARIO - INDIA**

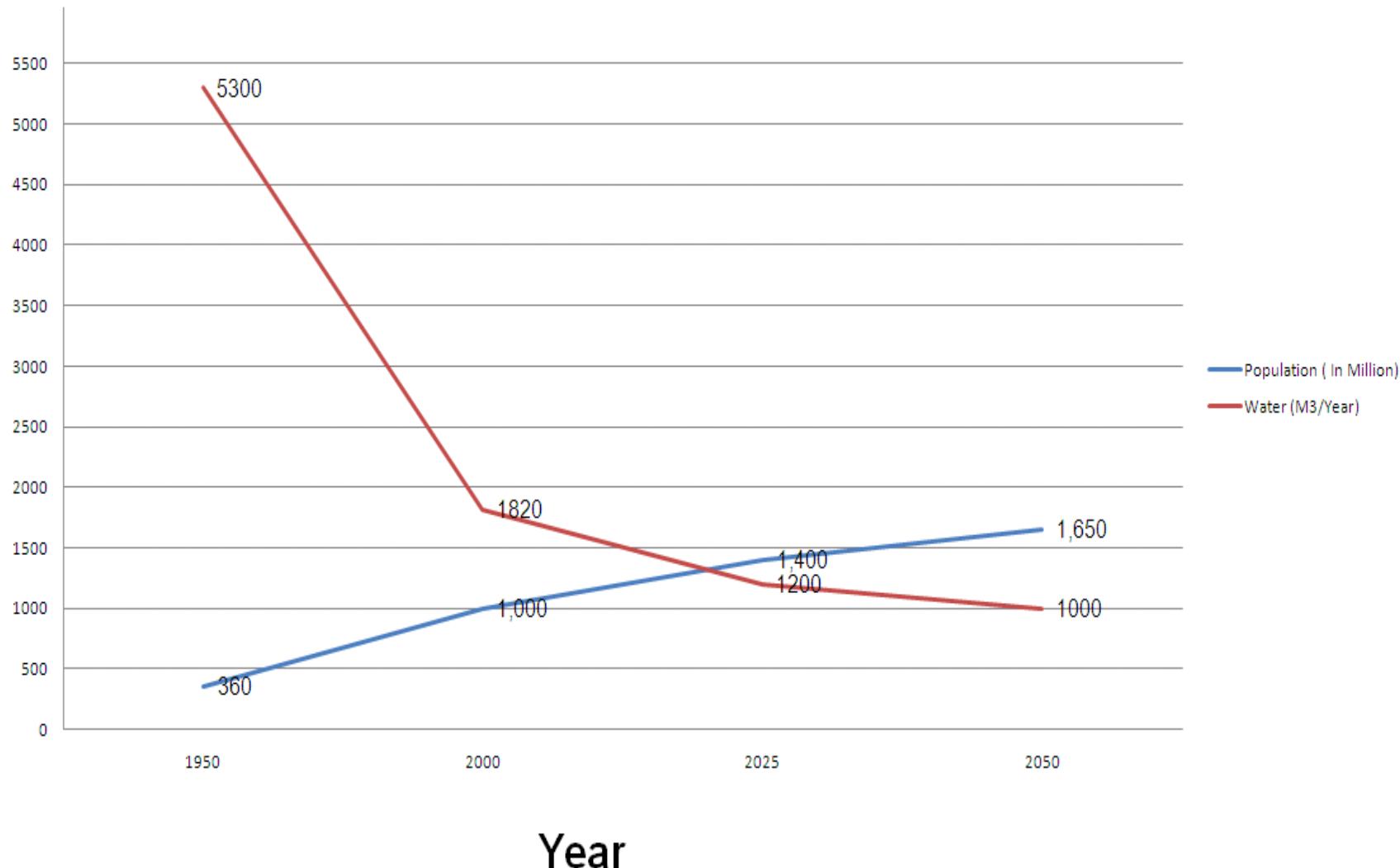
India receives abundant rains (4,000 cu.km) & only a small portion of this i.e about 1000 cubic Km is retained as ground and surface water sources and is available for consumption. Rest is lost as runoff to the sea.

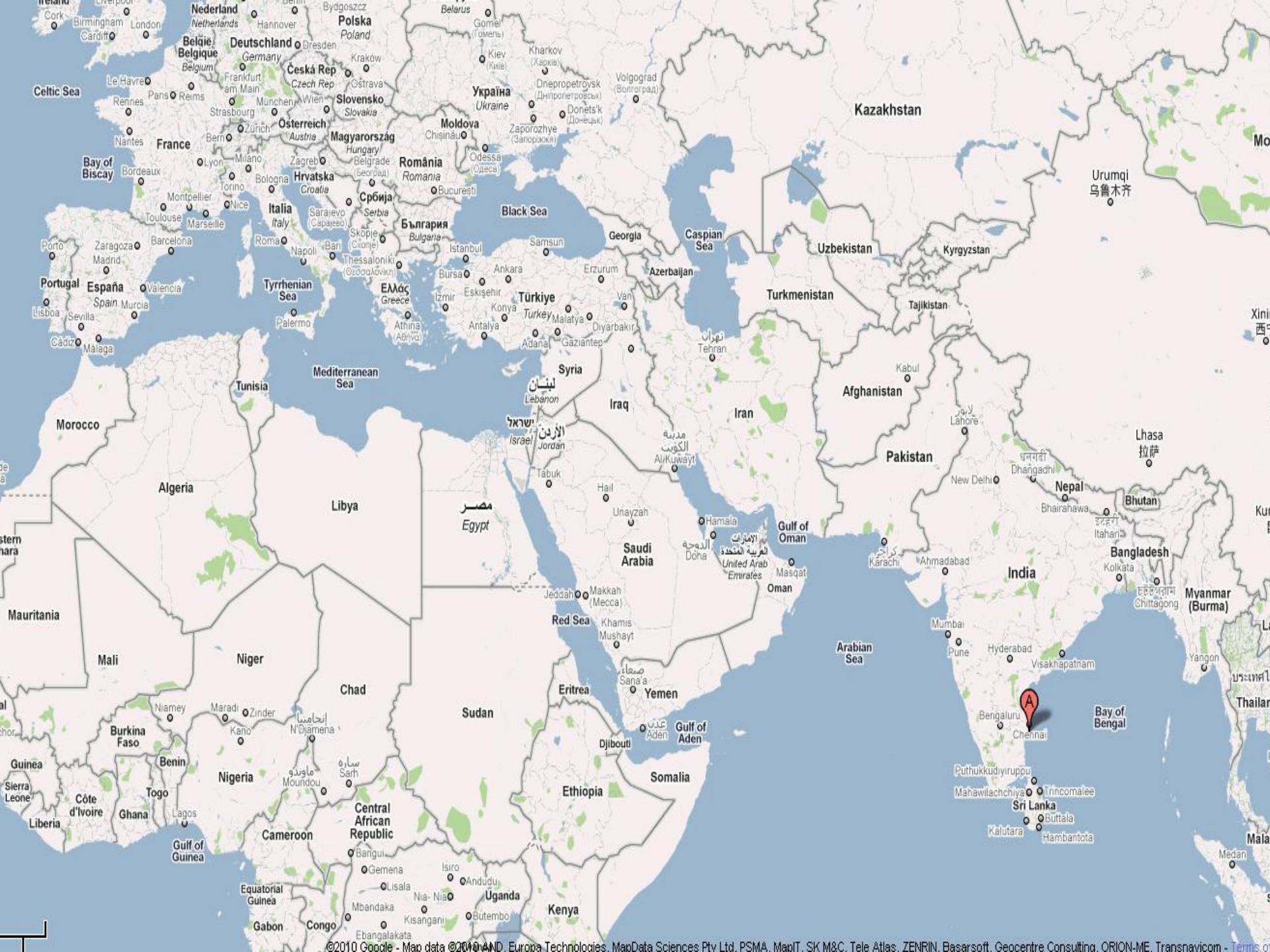
Current water consumption in India for agricultural, industrial, domestic and commercial purpose is about 800km<sup>3</sup> and may touch 1000 km<sup>3</sup> in years to come.

India has 16% of global population but only 4% of global water resources.

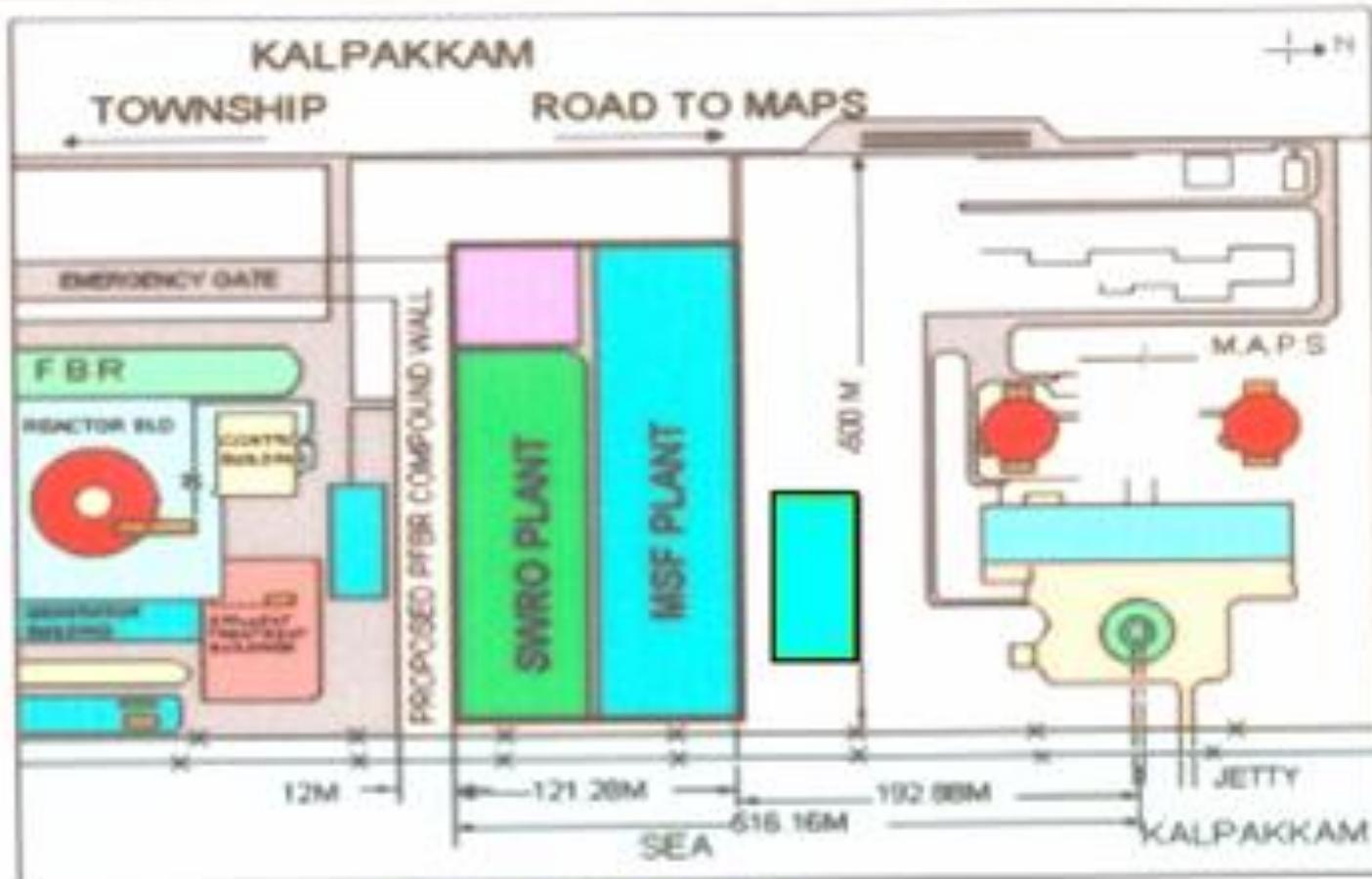
# WATER AVAILABILITY

## Population Growth & Per capita availability of Water

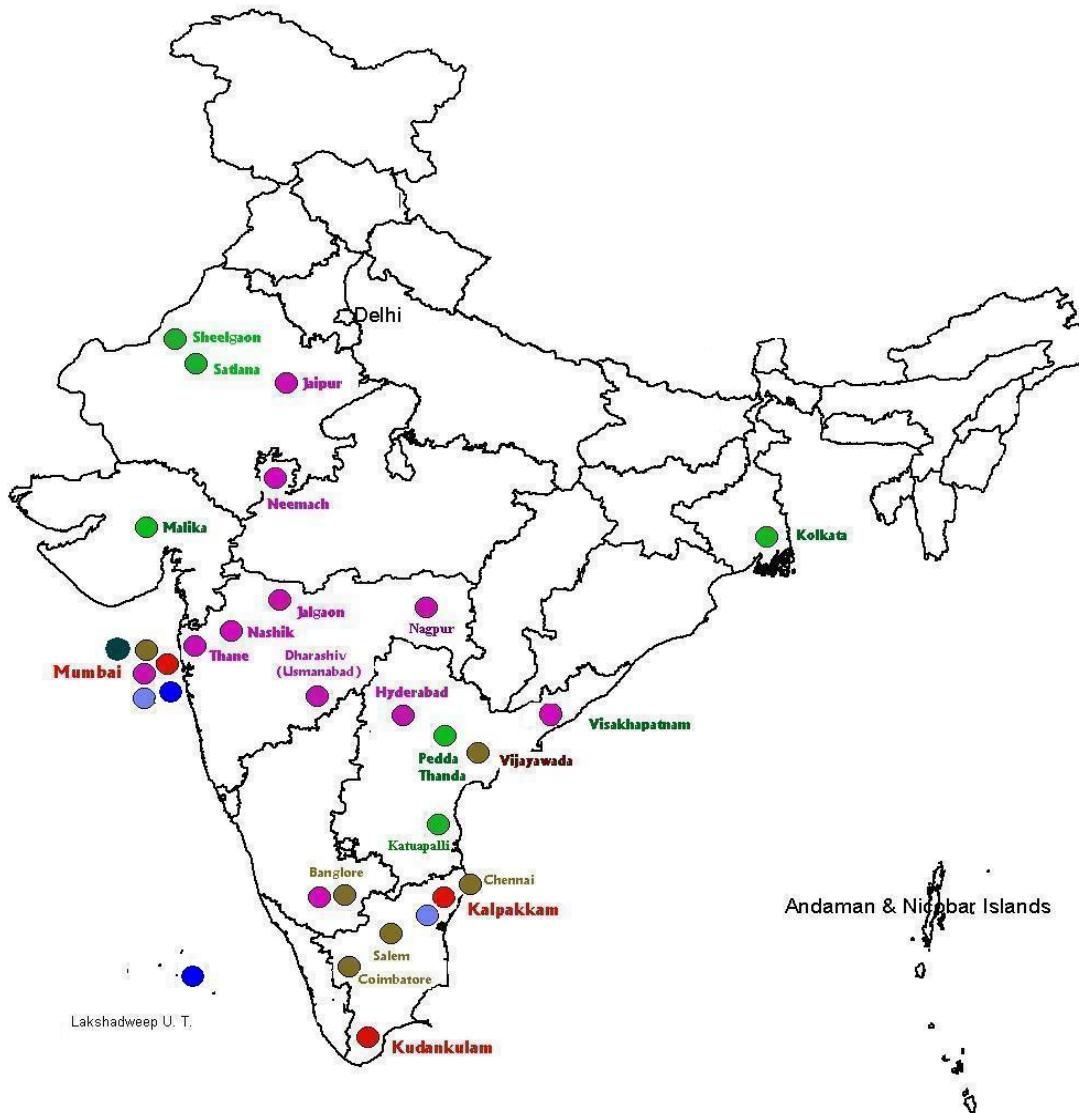








# DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF DESALINATION TECHNOLOGIES BY DAE

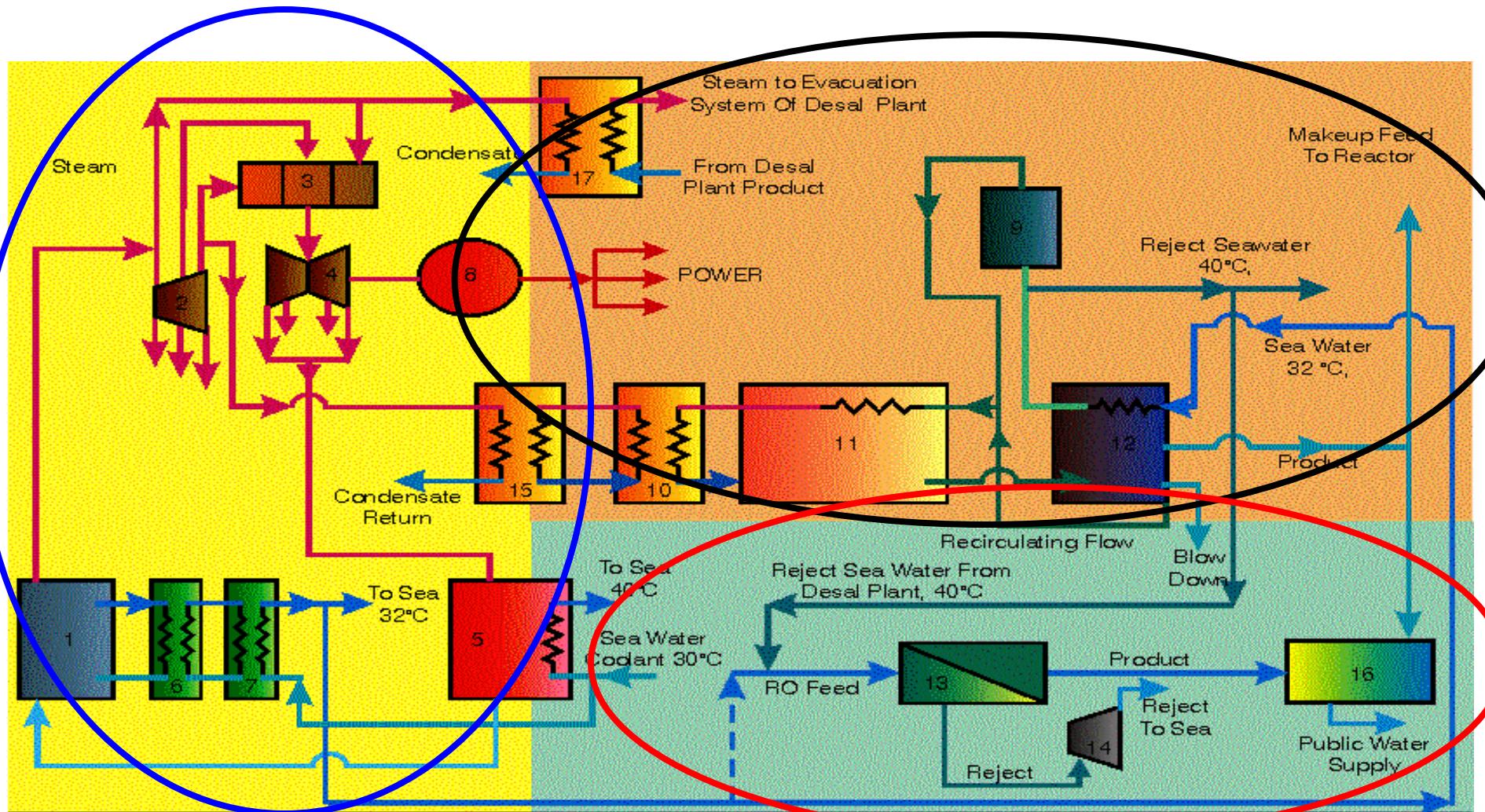


- Seawater RO Plant
- Brackish Water RO Plant
- MSF Plant For Seawater Desalination
- LTE Plant For Seawater Desalination
- Waste Water Reuse Plant
- RO Technology Transferred
- Domestic Water Purifier Technology Transferred

## Objectives of 6300 m<sup>3</sup>/d Hybrid Plant

- ▶ To establish the indigenous capability for the design, manufacture, installation and operation of Nuclear Desalination Plants.
- ▶ To generate necessary design inputs and optimum process parameters for large scale nuclear desalination plant.
- ▶ To serve as a demonstration project to IAEA welcoming participation from interested member states.

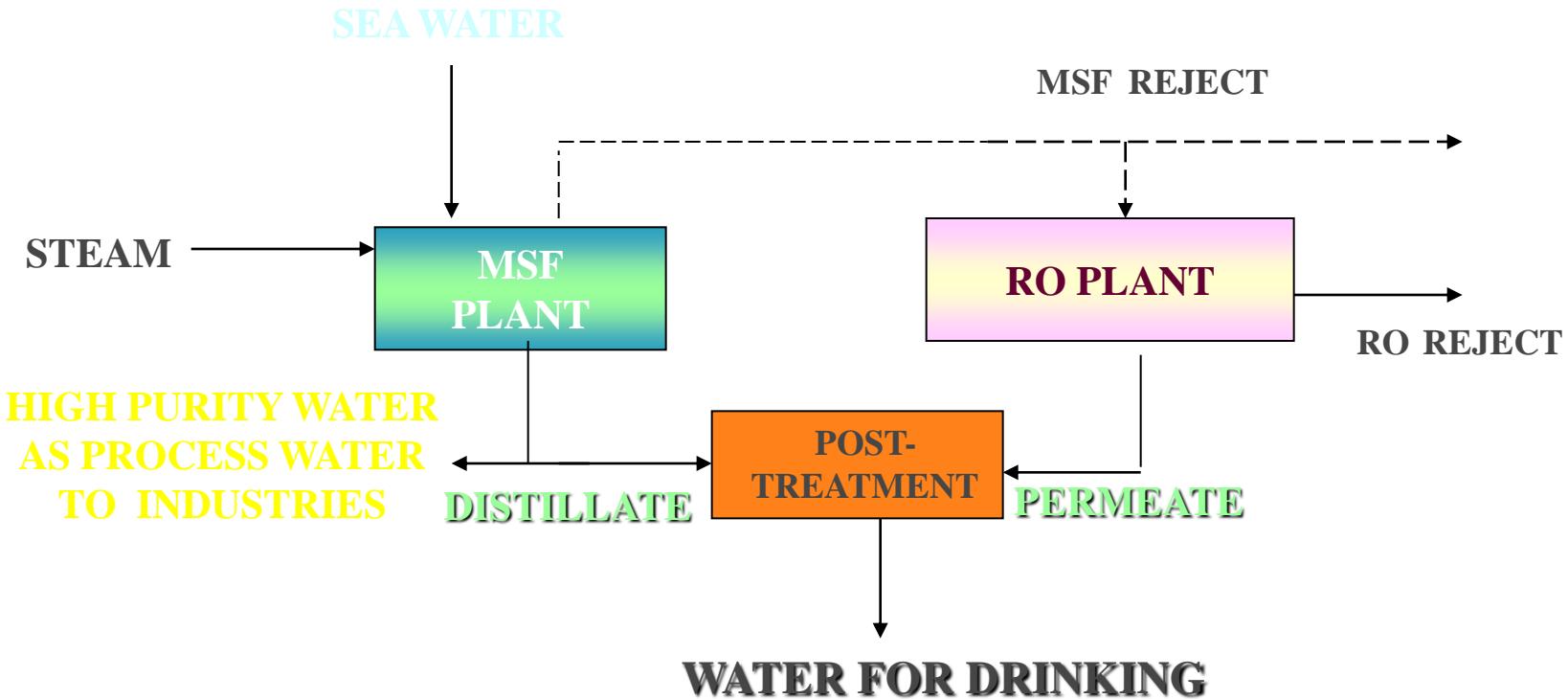
# HYBRID NUCLEAR DESALINATION PLANT



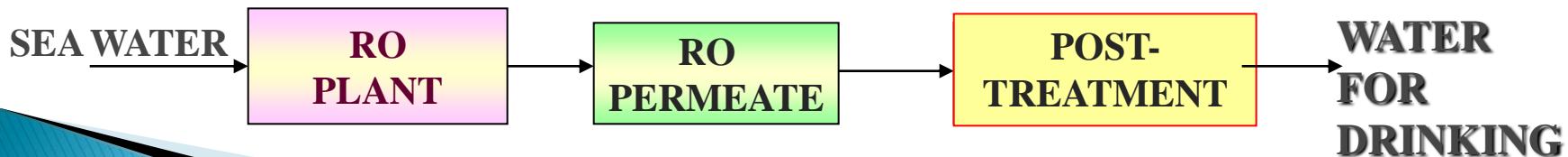
1. Nuclear Reactor	7. DM Water - Sea Water Cooling Loop	13. RO Plant
2. HP Turbine	8. Generator	14. RO Plant Energy Recovery Turbine
3. Moisture Separator/Reheater	9. MSF Plant Chemical Pretreatment Section	15. LP Isolation Heat Exchanger
4. LP Turbine	10. MSF Plant Brine Heater	16. Product Storage/Post Treatment System
5. Power Plant Condenser	11. MSF Plant Heat Recovery Section	17. HP Isolation Heat Exchanger
6. Moderator - DM Water Cooling Loop	12. MSF Plant Heat Reject Section	

# ADVANTAGES OF THE HYBRID PLANT

## CASE I: POWER PLANT IS IN OPERATION --



## CASE II: POWER PLANT IS NOT IN OPERATION --



## Salient features of 1800 m<sup>3</sup>/d SWRO plant

- ▶ Cooling reject water of MSF plant at about 40°C after appropriately mixing with raw sea water is the feed to the SWRO Plant.
- ▶ Clarification followed by filtration is adopted for pretreatment of feed sea water.
- ▶ RO section is designed at 35% recovery with 14 lmh flux.
- ▶ RO section consists of 2 x 50 % streams each having production capacity of 37.5 cu.m/hr.
- ▶ Reverse running type energy recovery device is deployed for reducing energy consumption by 30%.
- ▶ Lime stone alkalization is adopted to make RO permeate potable, palatable and passive.

# RO SYSTEM Basic Components

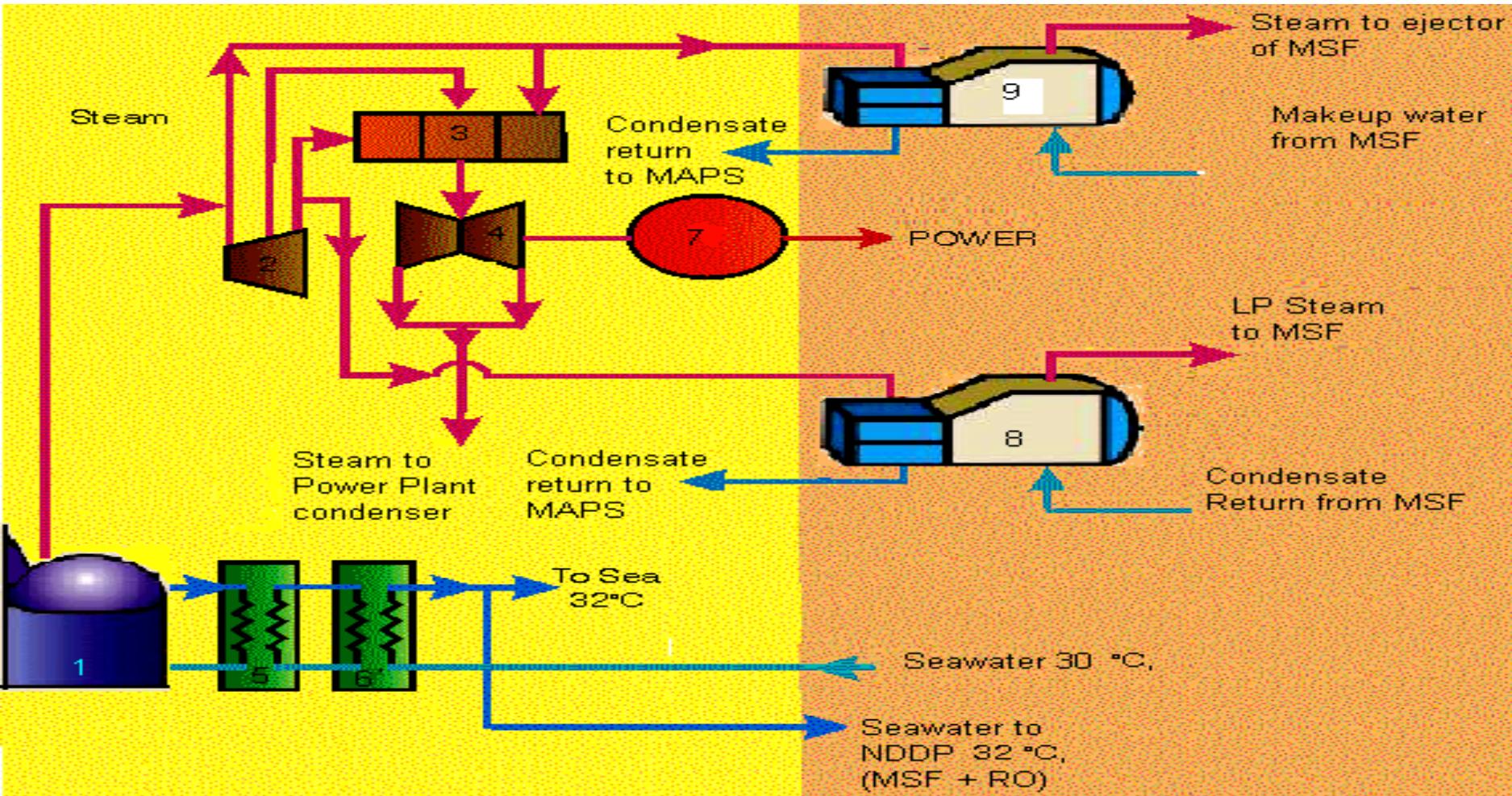
- ▶ Sea Water Intake
- ▶ Pretreatment
- ▶ High pressure pump
- ▶ Membrane assembly
- ▶ Post treatment

# Specifications - 1800 m<sup>3</sup>/d SWRO Plant

1.	A. Product water output	75 m <sup>3</sup> /hr
	B. Product quality	500 ppm TDS
2.	A. Sea Water Required	215 m <sup>3</sup> /hr
	B. Sea Water TDS	35,000 ppm
3.	% Recovery	35%

The plant is operating as per design intent supplying potable water to nearby areas.

# Coupling arrangement of NDDP with MAPS

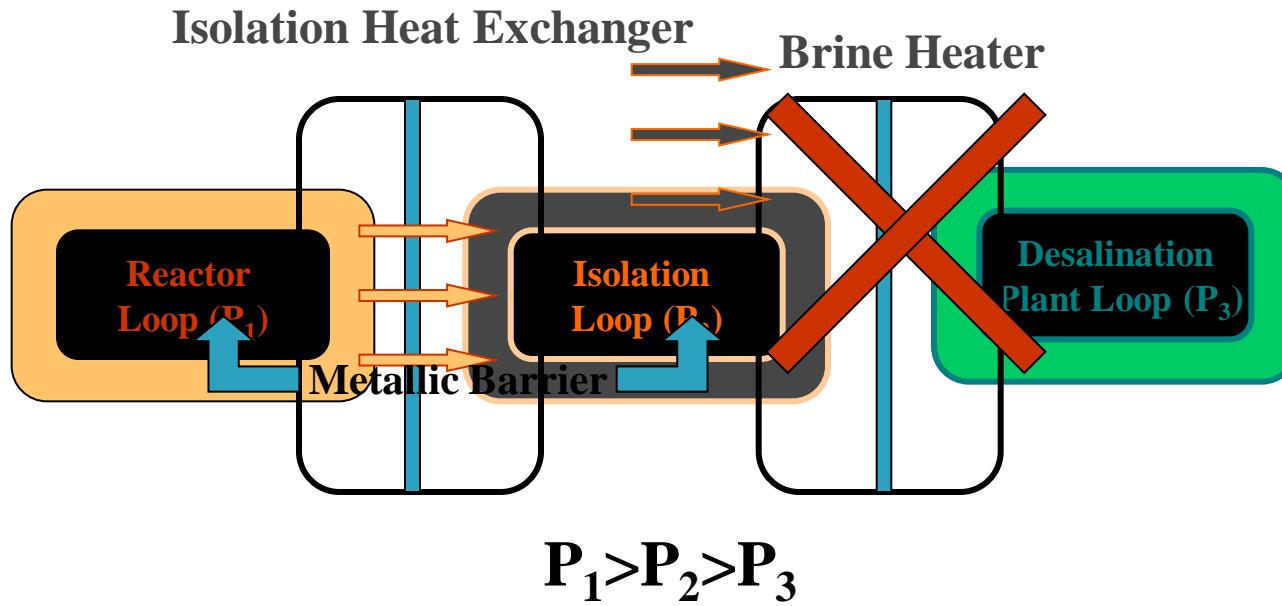


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- 9. HP Isolation Heat Exchanger

# Multiple barrier - Isolation Loop

Three loop concept



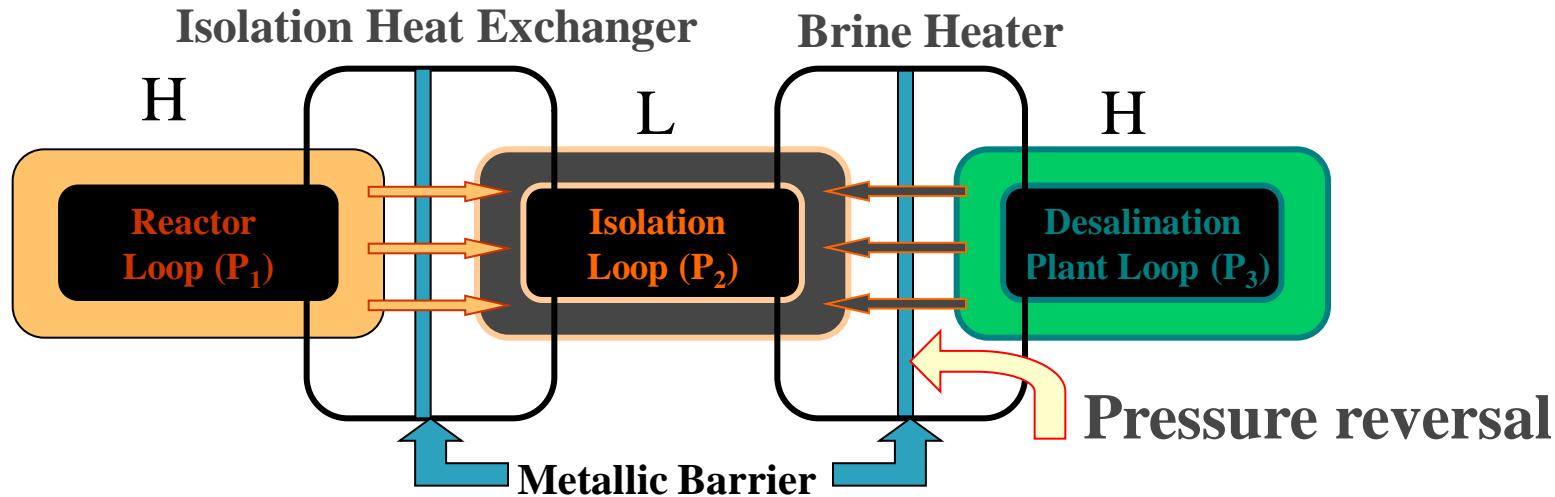
Coupling of the Desalination Plant to Nuclear Reactor by an Isolation Loop

**Pressure Reversal is the solution**

# Engineered safety features – Pressure Reversal

## *H-L-H Configuration*

The reactor loop pressure (P1) and the DP loop pressure (P3) are higher than the IL loop pressure (P2) (**H-L-H**).



**Pressure reversal exists between the DP loop and the IL loop**

*Advantage* of this configuration is that any leakage in the isolation heat exchanger will be directed to the IL and not to the DP loop.

*Disadvantage* is that the operating pressure in the DP loop is higher which is difficult to use as the pressure of the DP loop is dictated by the process and it is not very high.

# Salient features of 4500 M<sup>3</sup>/D MSF plant

- ▶ Brine Recirculation type, saving of dosing chemicals
- ▶ Acid pretreatment – increase in top brine temperature (121<sup>0</sup>C)
- ▶ More number of stages, Higher Gain Output Ratio (GOR)
- ▶ Long tube design, reduction in pumping power
- ▶ Incorporation of stage crossing chamber prevention of blow through stages.

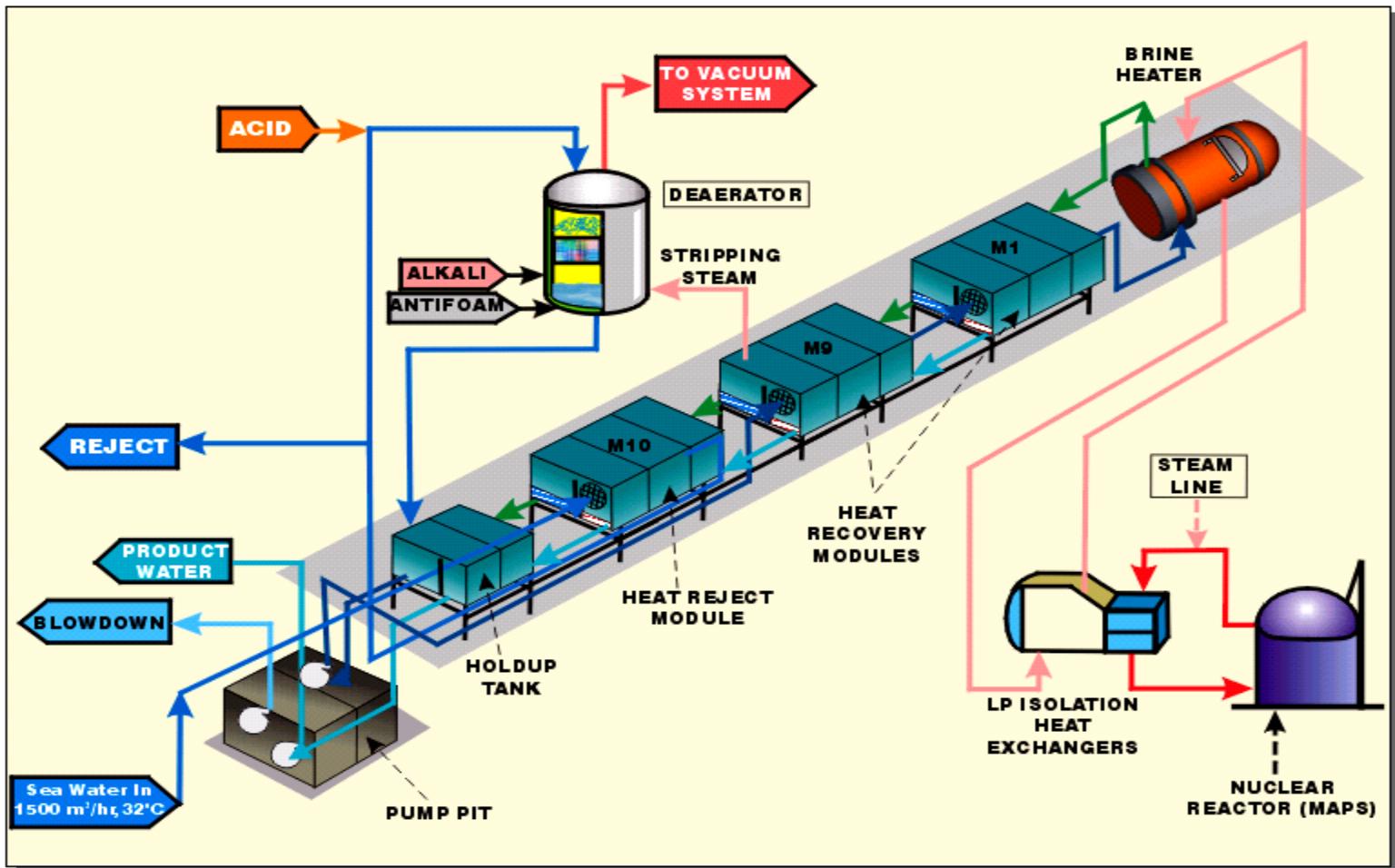
# MSF Plant basic components

- ▶ Sea water intake
- ▶ Isolation heat exchangers
- ▶ Brine heater
- ▶ Evaporator modules
- ▶ Deaerator and dosing systems
- ▶ Steamjet ejectors
- ▶ Product storage & reject disposal

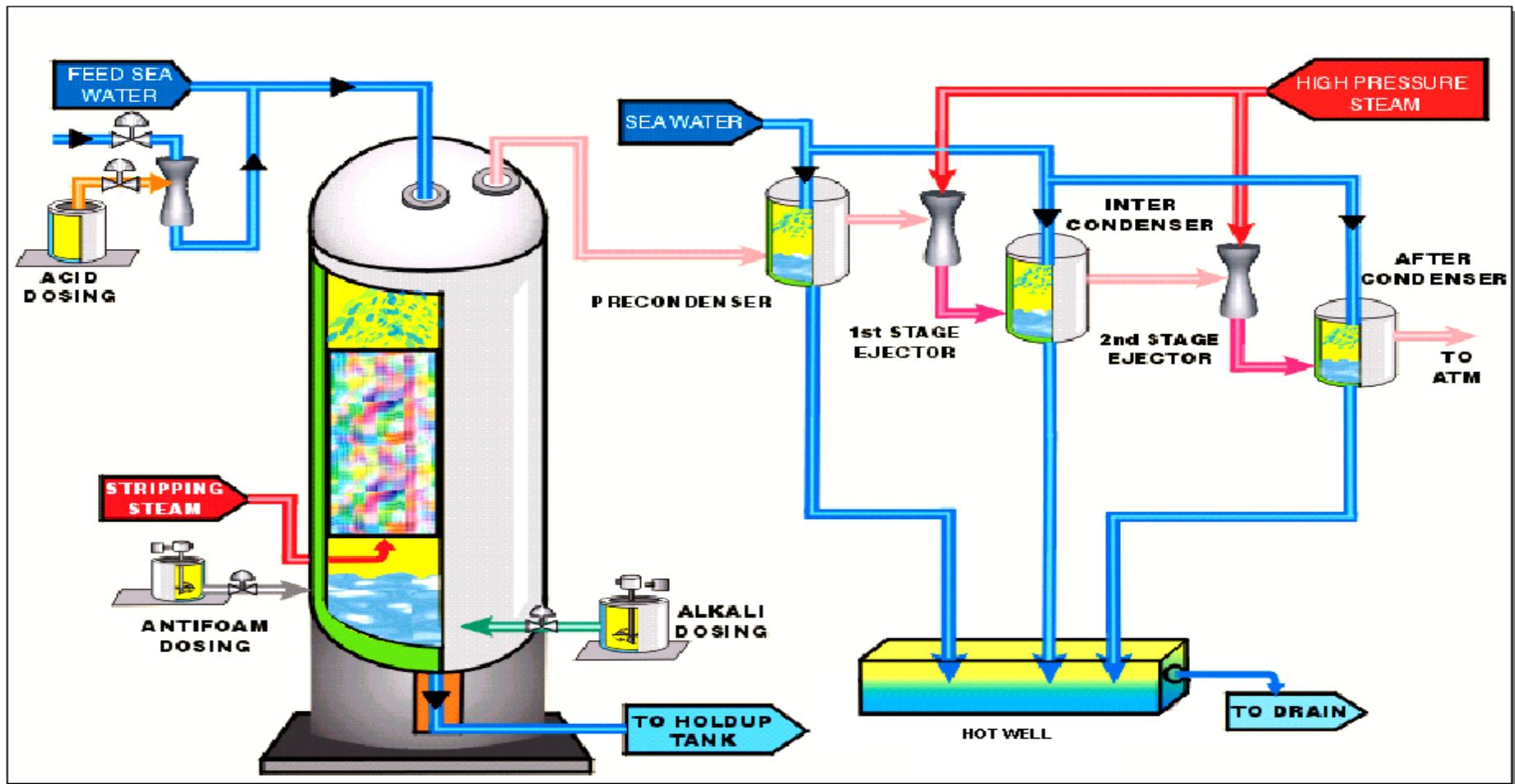
# Specifications of 4500 m<sup>3</sup>/d MSF Plant

<b>1.</b>	<b>Product water output</b>	<b>187.5 m<sup>3</sup>/hr</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Product water salt content</b>	<b>&lt; 20 ppm</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sea Water Requirement</b>	
	<b>3.1 Total (cooling)</b>	<b>1544 m<sup>3</sup>/hr</b>
	<b>3.2 Make-up Feed (Part of 3.1)</b>	<b>375 m<sup>3</sup>/hr</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Brine Temperature</b>	
	<b>4.1 Max. recirculation brine temperature</b>	<b>121°C</b>
	<b>4.2 Blow down temperature</b>	<b>40°C</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Concentration ratio</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Steam Consumption</b>	
	<b>6.1. Heating in the brine heater</b>	<b>20.6 Te/hr (2.8 bar)</b>
	<b>6.2 Steam jet ejectors</b>	<b>400.0 kg/hr (7 bar)</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Gain Output Ratio</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Power Consumption</b>	<b>475 kWe</b>

# Layout of 4500 m<sup>3</sup>/d MSF Desalination plant



# Feed pretreatment & Vacuum system for MSF



# Challenges during Construction

- ▶ Construction of brine circulation pump pit  
15M X 15M X 7D
- ▶ Installation of deaerator vessel and its structure
- ▶ Control and instrumentation cabling without disturbing reactor operations
- ▶ Rains during heat treatment of modules
- ▶ Lifting of modules weighing about 140 tonnes and keeping on foundations.

# Challenges during operation

- ▶ ACF Strainer plate seeing shut off pressure of pump
- ▶ Proper selection of pretreatment process and monitoring of SDI
- ▶ Snapping of cartridge filter tierod bushes.
- ▶ Seasonal changes in sea water quality
- ▶ High attrition rate of fabrication and operation personnel

# SUMMARY

For successful management of project implementation & subsequent operation and maintenance, have “SMART” goals.

- SPECIFIC
- MEASURABLE
- ACHIEVABLE
- RELEVANT
- TIMELY

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