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1 H<sub>2</sub>0 Desalination Nov. 21, 2005 Mankind's knowledge did not stop at appreciating the secrets of water but merged in his endeavors to imitate what happens in nature. Late Professor (of Desalination) Robert Silver once said that, "Earth is the largest distillation unit"







**3** AN ANCIENT SAMAWAR 3<sup>RD</sup> MILLENNIUM B.C.





**DISTILLATION ABOARD 5** SHIPS 2<sup>ND</sup> MILLENNIUM B.C.



6 ARISTOLS CITATION 1<sup>ST</sup> MILLENNIUM B.C.



**7** THE HOLLOW WAX BALL 1<sup>ST</sup> MILLENNIUM A.D.



10 DESALINATION USING DAMASQUAIN GLASS 2<sup>ND</sup> MILLENNIUM A.D.



8 THE OLDEST ANCESTOR OF DAULL PRODUCTION OF HERIO 1<sup>ST</sup> MILLENNIUM A.D.



9 PERFUM DISTILLATION OF ARABIAN CIVILIZATION 1<sup>ST</sup> MILLENNIUM A.D.



**11** LEONARDO D'VINCI CITATION 2<sup>ND</sup> MILLENNIUM A.D.



12 THE TALE OF DANIEL DAVO 2<sup>ND</sup> MILLENNIUM A.D.



Today the Arab World desalinates more water than all other parts of the globe combined. Saudi Arabia by itself represents about one-fourth of the total world's **capacity.** Petroleum wealth has been the prime force behind this paramount growth in desalination capacity in more than one way. Oil booms have led to escalating rises in demand, the oil wealth provided capital funding for this growth and above all energy availability supported such high production rates of desalinated water. Some of the highest per capita desalination production rates are in **Qatar and United Arab Emirates (UAE).** 



NOTE: Surface water would also provide renewable electricity.

### **Desalination Processes**

As known today: 1a-3a, or as could be thought of: 3b

Desalination processes can be divided into:

- **1. Physical processes of phase change:** 
  - a. Solar distillation, stands b. Multi-stage flash half-way between (MSF) distillation nature & MSF.
  - c. Multi-effect distillation d. Vapor-compression
     (MED) → REHEAT → distillation (VCD)
  - e. Pervapouration\* f. Freezing

\* A process of vaporization and vapour permeation.

Desalination Processes (Cont'd.)

- 2. Physical processes of ionic change:
  - a. Reverse b. Electrodialysis Osmosis (RO) (ED)
  - c. Inoexchange d. Hydration
  - e. Electromagnetic f. Chelation
- **3. Processes of chemical change:** 
  - a. Precipitation b. Bio-Desalination

#### Performance of MED/TVC is Highly Influenced by Scale Formation



# **Salient Features of MED**

- High heat transfer rate (thin film boiling and condensation).
- ➢ Maximum temperature operation 65 °C to limit scale formation.
- Higher frequency of acid cleaning. Tube configuration is not suitable for sponge ball cleaning.
- Higher Gain output (GOR)\*a MED GOR = N-1
- > MSF GOR = N/2
- Low power consumption\* (2 kWh/m3)<sup>a</sup>
- Small to medium capacity size plants\* in MIGD range of:



#### \* These numbers are based on:

- a) Different steam grade than that required by MSF thus: GOR & Power Consumption are fictitious references, as they are used by many; yet the use of PR will give more realistic references.
- b) Unit capacities of over three are achieved by duplicate(s) of parallel ejectors and distillation stages.

#### BREAK THROUGH IN SEA WATER DESALINATION WORLD RECORD 5 MIGPD PER UNIT



Multiple effect Distillation with thermal vapour compression MED TVC 22.700 m3/day – Commissioned in 2001

### **Osmotic Pressure**



The direction of water flow is determined by the pressure, temperature & concentration of dissolved solids (e.g.salts)

### TABLE A









#### CROSS SECTION OF PRESSURE VESSEL WITH 3 MEMBHANE ELEMENT



# Features of New MSF Plants

- >Very high production per unit size.
- ≻ High performance ratio.
- > Optimized heat exchange surfaces.
- > Optimized design parameters.
- ≻ Reduced loses.
- ➢ Reasonable construction time.

#### MSF Costs and Unit Capacity



#### MSF Number of Stages, GOR & Descaling Frequencies



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### **Developments in Materials Selection**











Schematic Flow Diagram of NF, SWRO and MSF Pilot Plants Used to Evaluate Di or Tri Seawater Desalination Hybrids



Effect of New NF Pretreatment Process on Removal of Hardness Ions and TDS at Umm Lujj NF-SWRO Unit



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Operation of SWRO Unit on NF Product Produces High Quality SWRO Permeates Void of Hardness Ions and SWRO Reject Containing Very Low Hardness Ions



Umm Lujj SWRO Plant Flow Diagram a. SWRO Arrangement as Built in 1986 (Train 200, Control) b. NF-SWRO Arrangement as Converted to NF-SWRO System Sept. 2000 (Train 100, New Tech.)



A Photo of the Final NF-SWRO Plant with NF Section in Front and SWRO Section in the Back



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#### Calculated Energy Consumption for the Convention at Ummlujj SWRO Process as Built in 1986 and for the Various Conversion Cases of NF-SWRO

Case 2: Train 100 (NF-SWRO) Using Existing Pretreatment, Case 3 : Conversion of Two Trains to Full SWRO HP pump Capacity (360 m3/h) with Introduction of Additional Pretreatment, Case 4 : Same as Case 3 with Two Stage Operation of each of NF and SWRO and Energy Recovery Turbocharger in between.



#### Cost (without interest) of Added Water Production(SR/m3)

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#### **Commercialization of Suggested and Innovative Schemes**

- 1. Unconventional High Temperature MSF (HTF), see Figure 18
- 2. Solar Energy Utilization, especially through Solar Ponds.
- 3. Utilization of Other Renewable Resources, such as: Wind and Wave Energy.
- 4. Electrically Induced Separation.
- 5. Ion Exchange (IED).

6. Hydration, see Figure 19.



**Commercialization of Suggested and Innovative Schemes (Cont'd.)** 

- Chemical Reaction, Salt Precipitation, see Figure 20.
- 8. Biodesalination, Anion/Cation Bacterial (oxi-re), see Figure 21.



ANION/CATIO BACTERIAL OXI-RE METHOD	W اکسیر	a lace	H.BIL
2030	2400 3	140°-	ZNAT ZOH
		(m)	V



Figure 20

**Commercialization of Suggested and Innovative Schemes (Cont'd.)** 

9. Freezing.
10.Nuclear Energy Utilization, see Figure 22.
11.Combined Membrane Processes of Dylitic, Osmotic & Ion Exchange (ED, RO, IX), see Figure 23.



Figure 23



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