



International Emerging Technology Landscape in Sustainable Water Management

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Overview

- Water Management Technologies
 - Water Sources
 - Water Management Sectors
 - Challenges
 - Issues
 - Ways to Meet Challenges
- Emerging Technology Landscape
 - Water Supply Side
 - Water Demand Side



Water Management Technologies

- Water Sources

- Rivers
- Aquifers
- Rain harvesting
- Sea - Desalination
- Water Veins (underground rivers)
- Reclaimed or Recycled
- Imported



Water Management Technologies

- Water Management Sectors
 - Municipal
 - Industry
 - Irrigation



Water Management Technologies

- Water Management Challenges
 - Demand Side Challenges
 - Population growth
 - Economic development
 - Increasing food production
 - Supply Side Challenges
 - Cultural attitudes
 - Pollution & Contamination
 - Climate Change
 - Governance



Water Management Technologies

- Water Management Issues
 - Leakage
 - Salt water intrusion
 - Water resource protection
 - Conservation
 - Contamination
 - Non-point source pollution
 - Inefficient use of water
 - Poor governance
 - Financial viability of solutions
 - Cultural attitudes



Water Management Technologies

- Ways to Meet Water Management Challenges
 - Two Pronged Approach
 - Reduce the Demand
 - Increase the Supply



Water Management Technologies

- Ways to Meet Water Management Challenges
 - Increase the SUPPLY
 - Water recycling solutions
 - Remediation methodologies
 - Water infrastructure management tools
 - New water source development

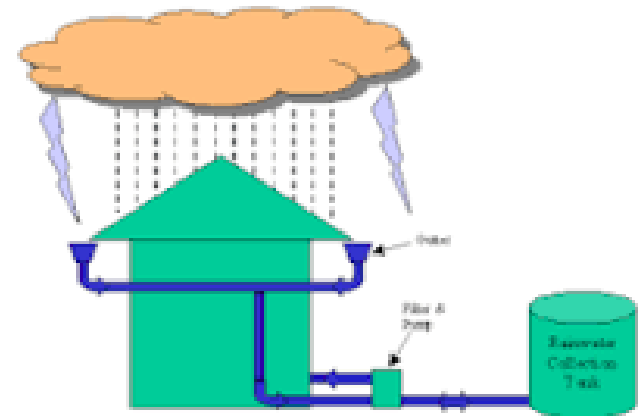


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- Ways to Meet Water Management Challenges

- Reduce the DEMAND

- Public Education
 - Water saving solutions
 - More effective enforcement of water governance
 - Water use efficiency solutions
 - Encouraging self-sufficiency

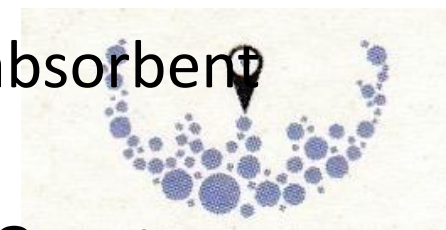


Rainwater Collection Overview

Emerging Technology Landscape



- Emerging Water Technologies – High Impact
 - AI deep learning for water management – Pluto AI
 - Water conservation in agriculture – hyper absorbent polymers
 - AI based virtual water prospecting – WaterQuest
 - Smart water meters – learning meters with mobile app interfaces
 - Shockwave membraneless desalination
 - Bio-remediation – Bluegold nano-bubble



Bluegold Eco-technologies

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Pluto is an analytics platform for smart water management. Enabling water facilities to prevent water wastage, predict asset health, and minimize operating costs.



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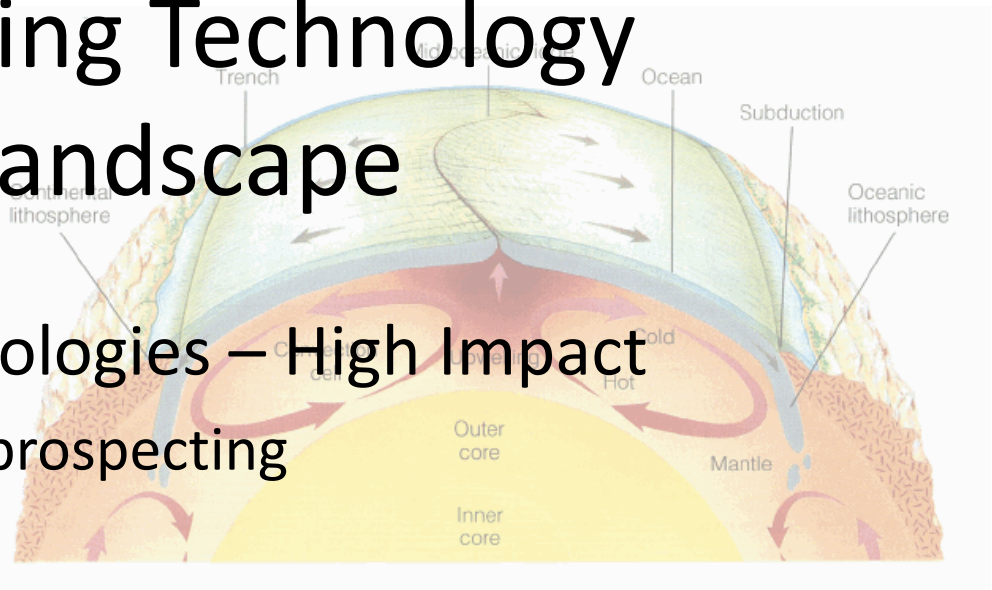
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Solid Rain is a potassium based powder which is capable of absorbing water up to 500 times its size. Solid Rain acts as a personal underground reservoir that retains water in the roots of any plant. This retained water is then slowly dispersed in the soil, keeping it constantly hydrated.



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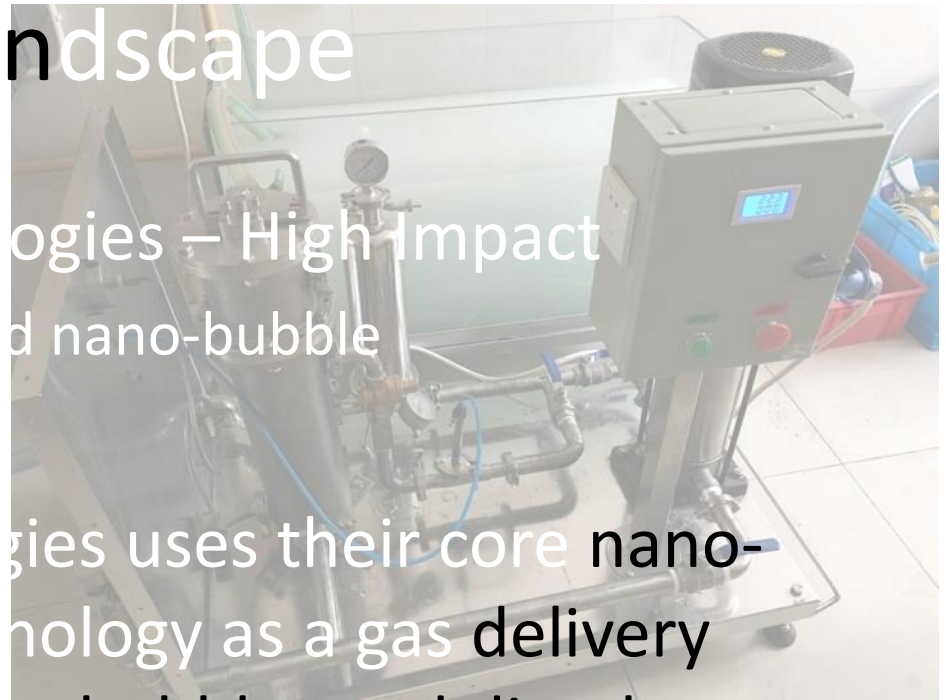
WaterQuest is focus on developing decentralised, perennial, climate resilient, sustainable water sources for drinking water, irrigation and industrial use by deploying its proprietary solution for discovering, accessing & managing self-recharging water veins/underground rivers.



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- Emerging Water Technologies – High Impact
 - Bio-remediation – Applied nano-bubble

BlueGold Eco-Technologies uses their core nano-bubble generation technology as a gas delivery system that disperses gas bubbles and dissolves gas into water to be used for sterilization, nutrient delivery, temperature control and many other applications.



Bluegold Eco-technologies

Emerging Technology Landscape

- Emerging Water Technologies
 - Smart water meters – learning meters with mobile app interfaces



FLUID is a smart water meter that helps you understand exactly when, where and how much water you're consuming in your home on a daily basis. Using ultrasonic technology — essentially sending pulses from one ultrasonic transducer to another — the device is able to measure the rate of water flow without cutting into the pipe.

FLUID

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 - Shockwave membraneless desalination

Developed by **MIT**, the system uses an electrically driven shockwave within a stream of flowing water, which pushes salty water to one side of the flow and fresh water to the other, allowing easy separation of the



Emerging Technology Landscape

- Summary

- Evaluation criteria for emerging sustainable water management technologies:

- lower capital costs
- operations costs
- maintenance costs
- higher efficiency
- easier operation
- better effluent water quality
- lower waste production



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- Implementation process

- Stage 1: Successful demonstration in another field.

- Stage 2: Testing and development at bench and pilot scale levels (1 to 50gpm).

- Stage 3: Verification at demonstration-scale level (>100 gpm).

- Stage 4: Multiple successful installations and operations at small full-scale level (0.5 to 5 MGD).

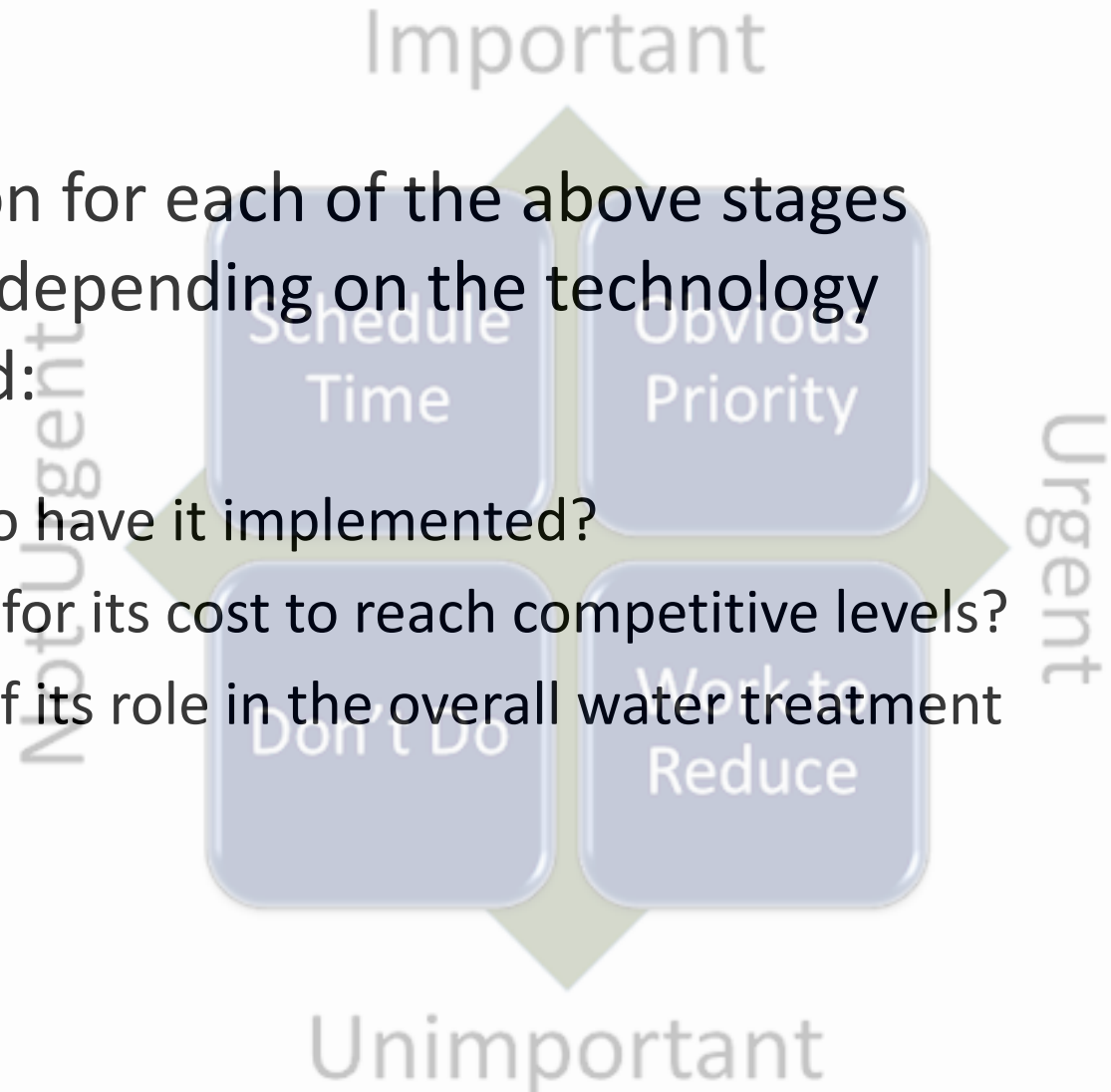
- Stage 5: Implementation at a large-scale municipal water treatment plant.

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- The time duration for each of the above stages can vary greatly depending on the technology being considered:

- how urgent it is to have it implemented?
- how long it takes for its cost to reach competitive levels?
- the significance of its role in the overall water treatment train



Looking Ahead

- What's next?

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