



Integrating Sanitation, Bio-waste Management, Energy Production and Agriculture

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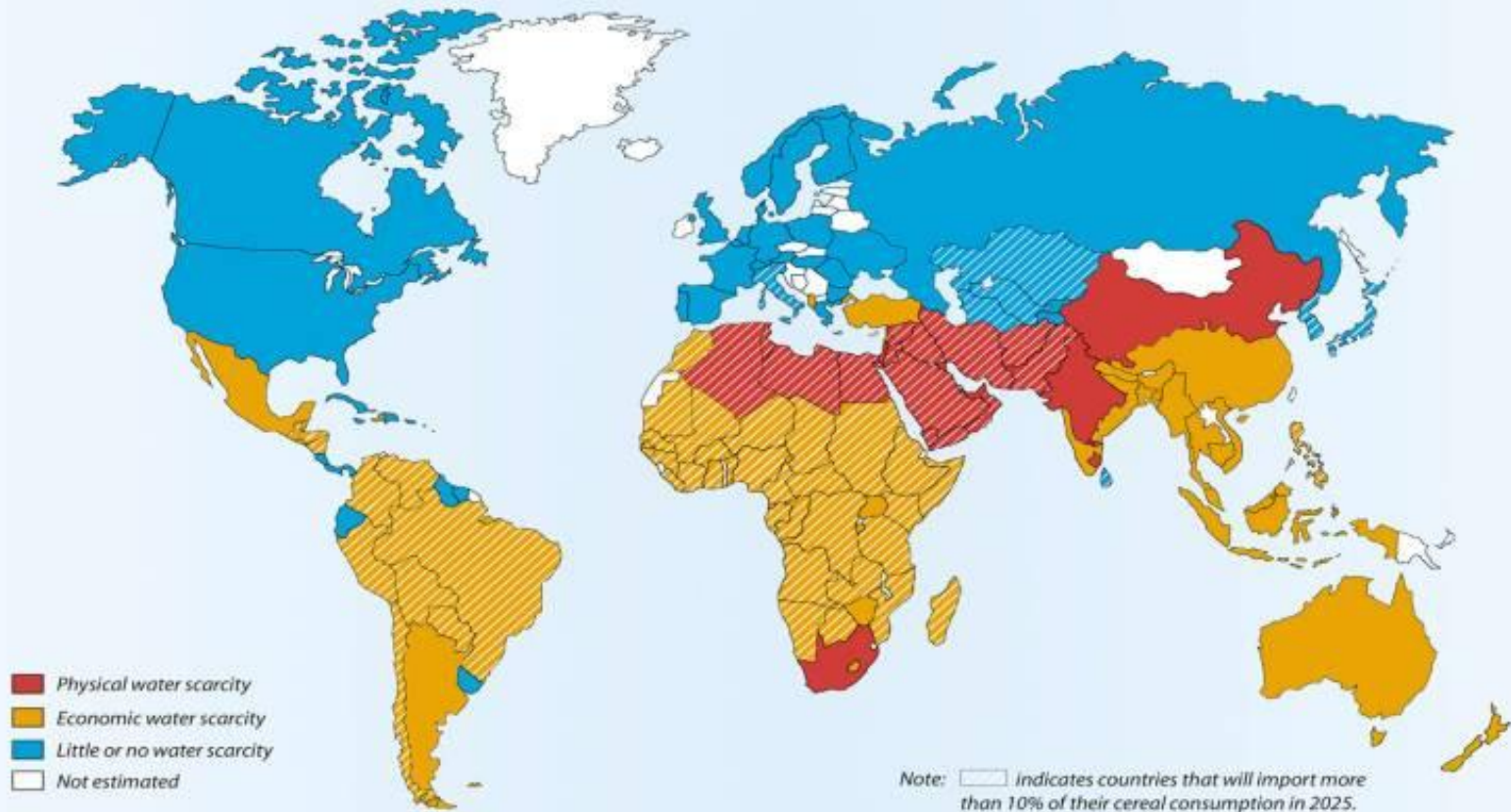
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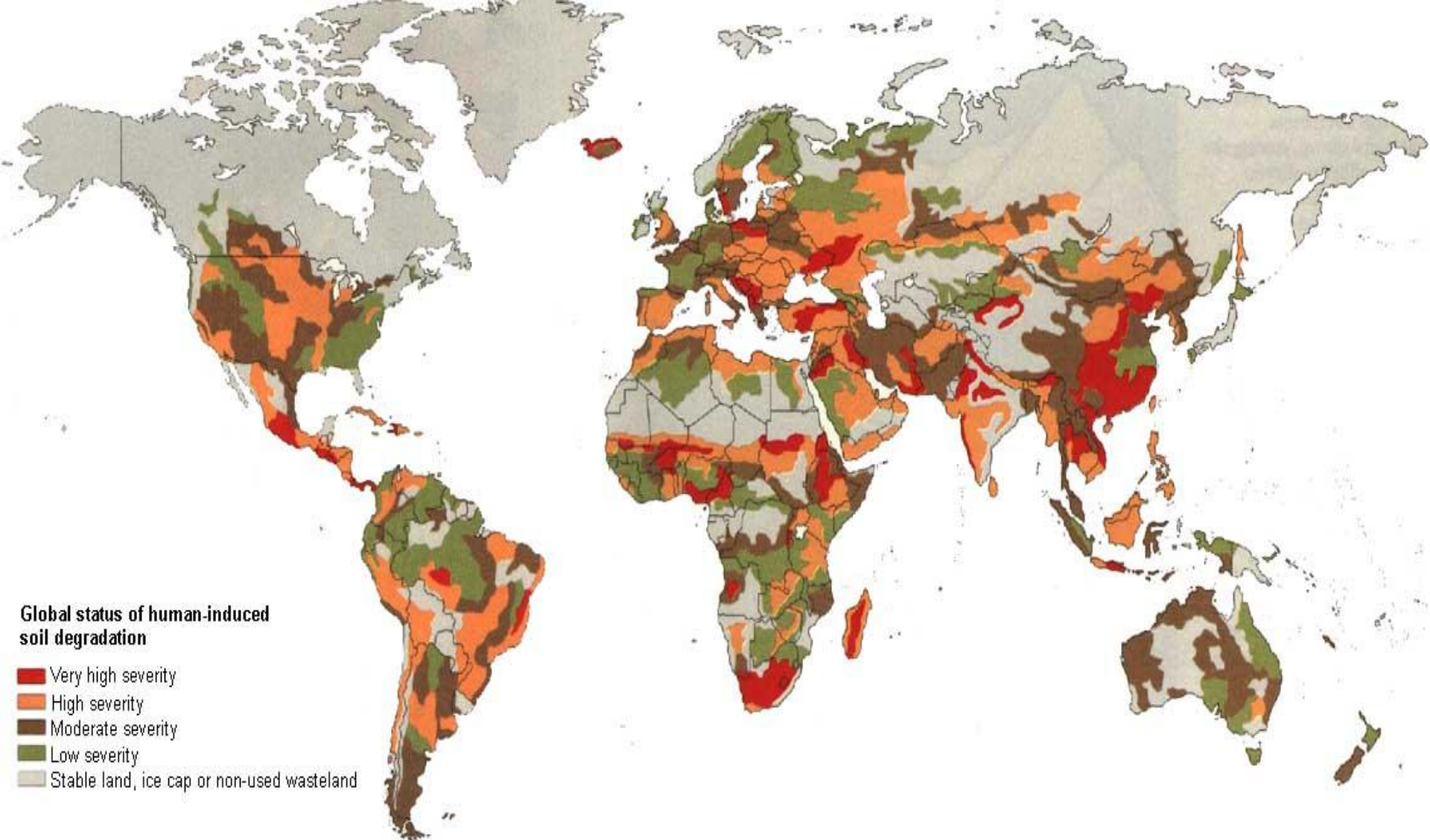
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Projected Water Scarcity in 2025



DTP Unit, IWMI—January, 2000

Major problems related to Wastewater (Miss)Management:
Pollution of Rivers, Lakes and the Seas
Scarcity is often a consequence of inefficient Water Usage



Loss of Soil Fertility (slow but dramatic, global scale)
counteraction by returning treated biowaste and faecals

(Map from WWW.FAO.ORG)

**The World has strongly
deteriorated / destroyed
ONE THIRD of all
fertile soils between
1950 and 1990**

**UN Millenium Ecosystem
Assessment Report**

**„Bio-Energy“ is often
subsidized soil destruction,
can create water pollution
and contribute to HUNGER**

**better: Direct Solar Energy,
Windpower, Woodgas,
Efficiency!**

Good Soil makes water

**Good Soil prevents
drought and flooding**

Rainwater Harvesting

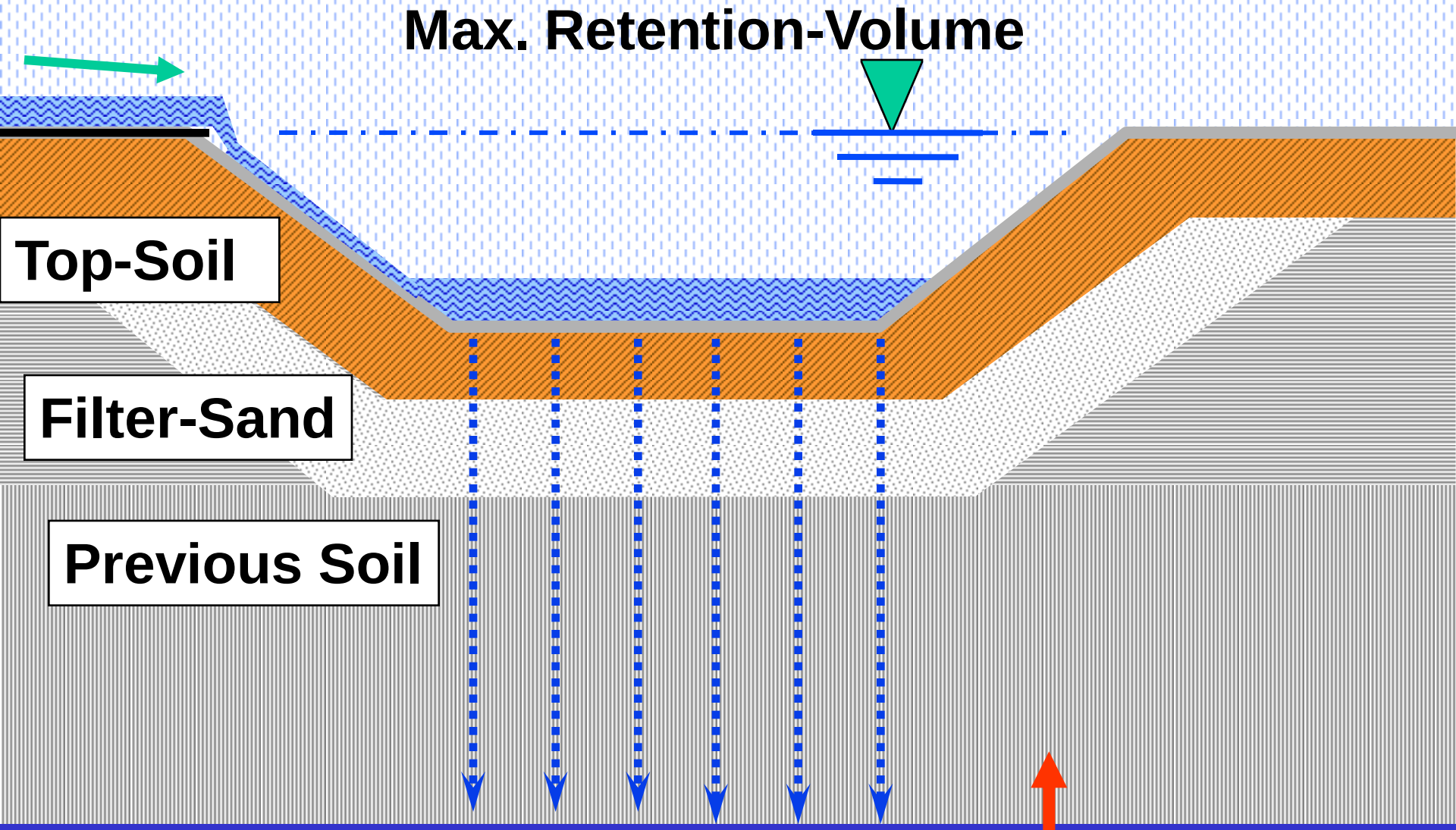
1. Checkdams
2. Infiltration Units
3. Direct Storage

Large Scale:

**Bring Water into the Ground through
humus rich soil (can take up 150
litres/m²/hour!!)**

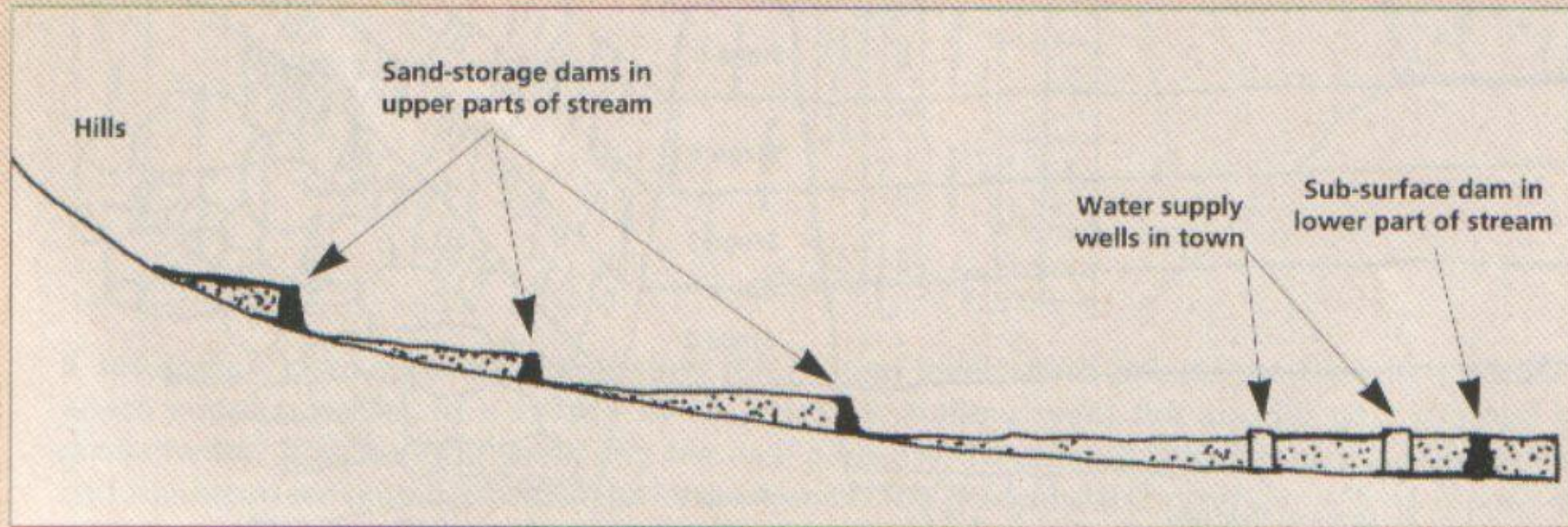
Free biological treatment in top soil

Rainwater Infiltration Swale



A sub-surface dam was built by CWWB at Ananganad in

Integrated water harvesting, Co



Combined use of sand-storage and sub-surface dams on the eastern slopes of the Western Ghats.

sub surface dam

from: Dying Wisdom, Indias Traditional Water Harvesting Systems, CSE, India

Pollution Prevention, Wastewater Treatment!

Avoid pollution at source:

**Green Household Chemicals
(at least EU regulations!)**

**Natural Medicine, Source Control in
Industry**

Apply appropriate treatment techniques

EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF GREYWATER TREATMENT BY *MORINGA OLEIFERA* SEED POWDER



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COMPARISON BETWEEN COAGULANTS

pH

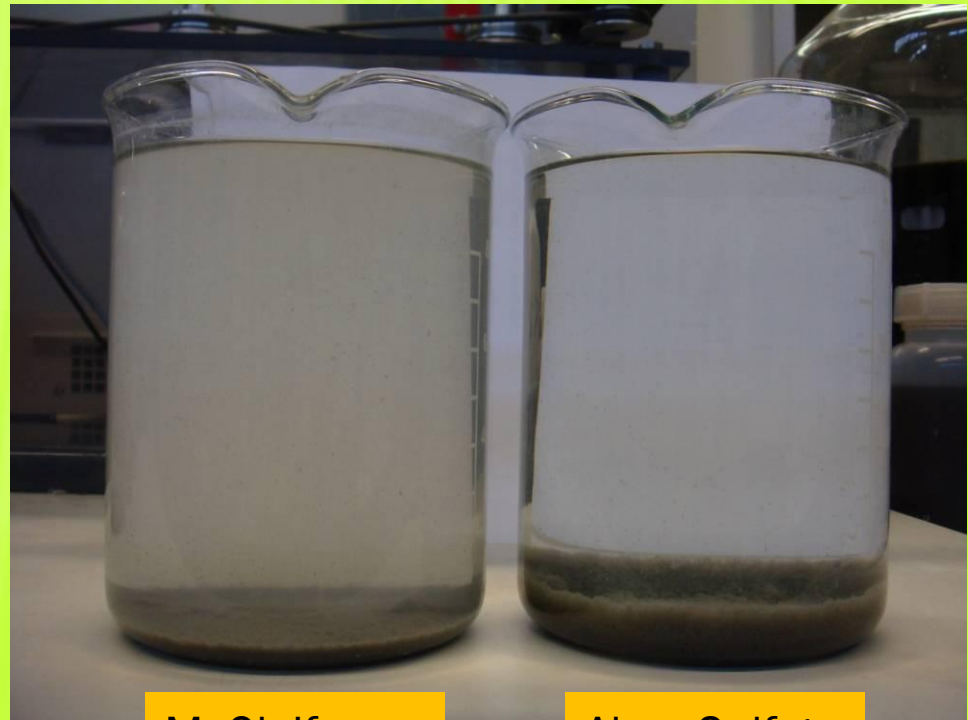
Initial pH of Raw greywater in average: 7,78

M.Oleifera Powder treated water: pH between 7,6 – 7,72

M.Oleifera Solution treated water: pH between 7,27 – 7,71

Alum Sulfate treated water: pH between 6,72 – 7,6

Sludge Volume

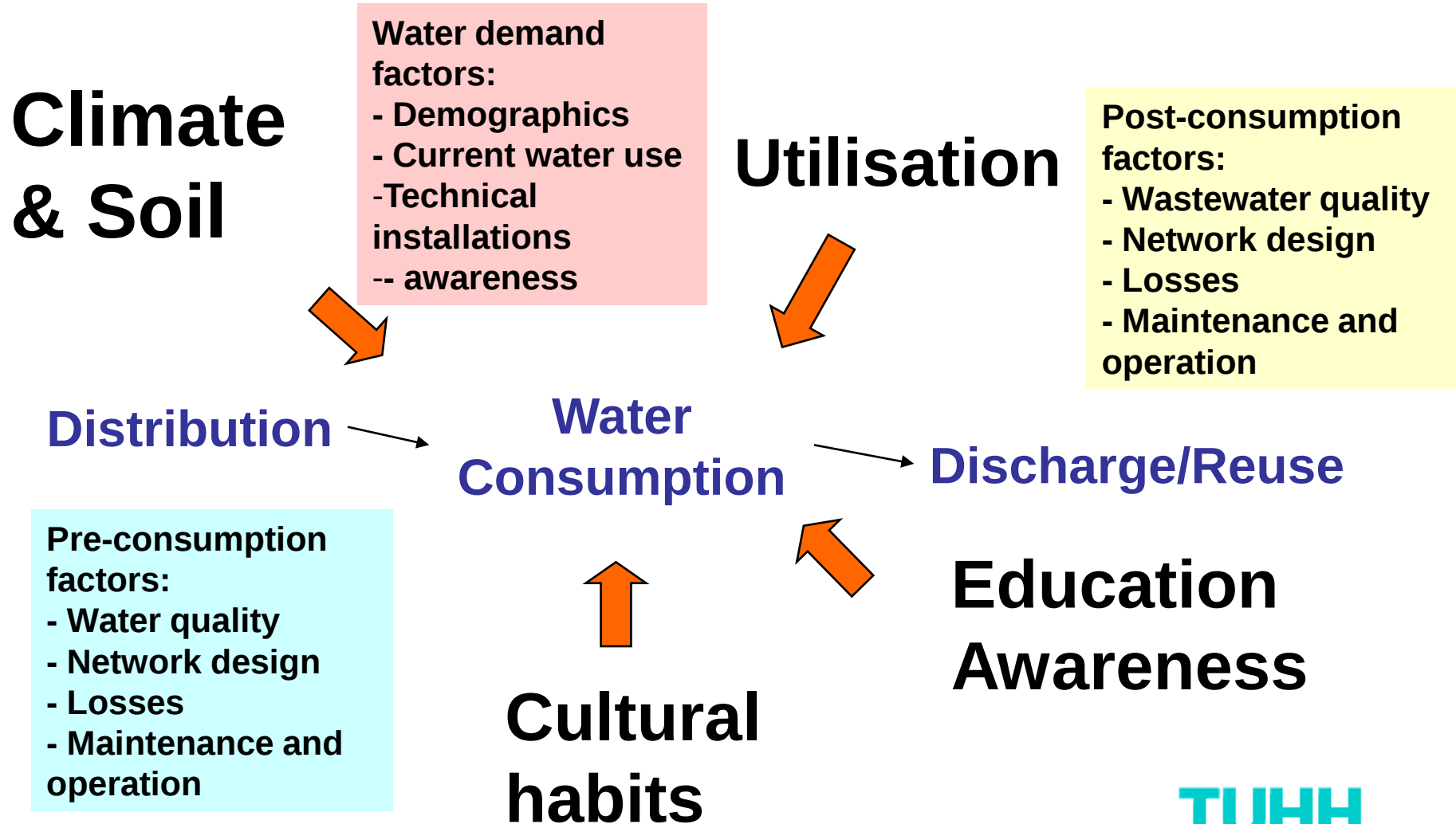


M. Oleifera

Alum Sulfate

Water demand management principles

- Internal and external influencing factors



Reducing Water Consumption: Efficient modern Toilets



**Well designed flush
toilets in Germany work
well with 4 Liters of
water, 10 Liters is not
needed...**

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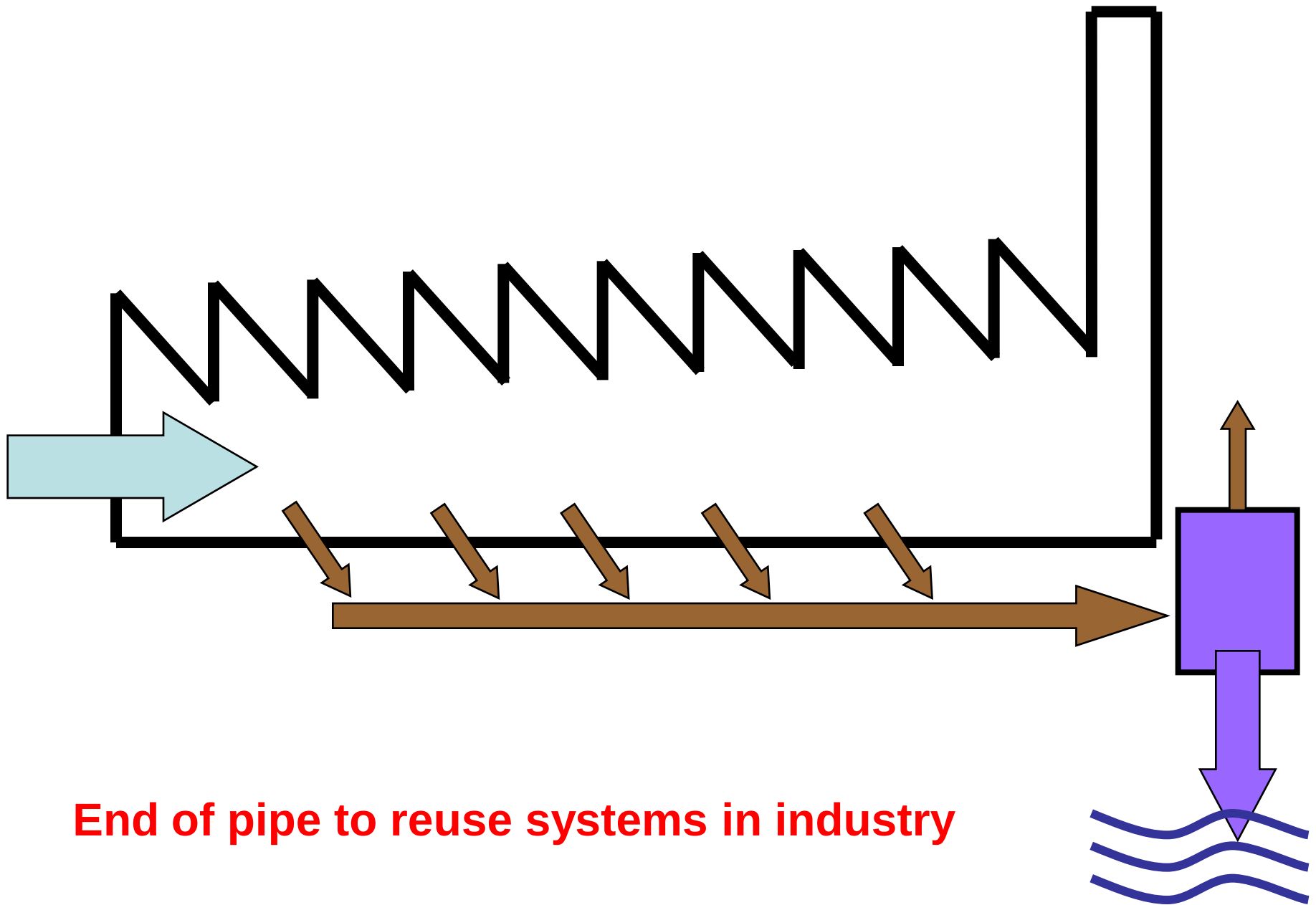
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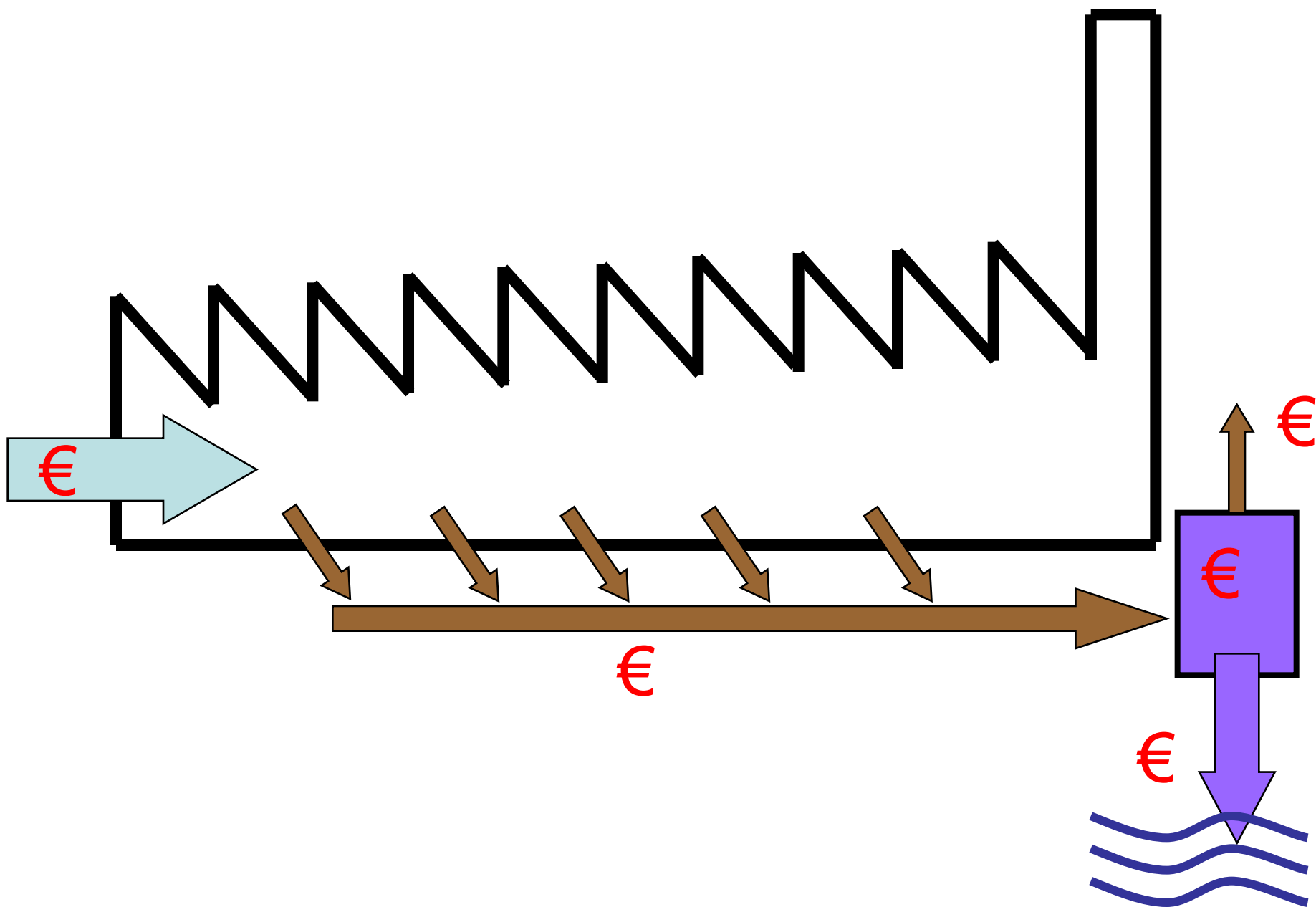
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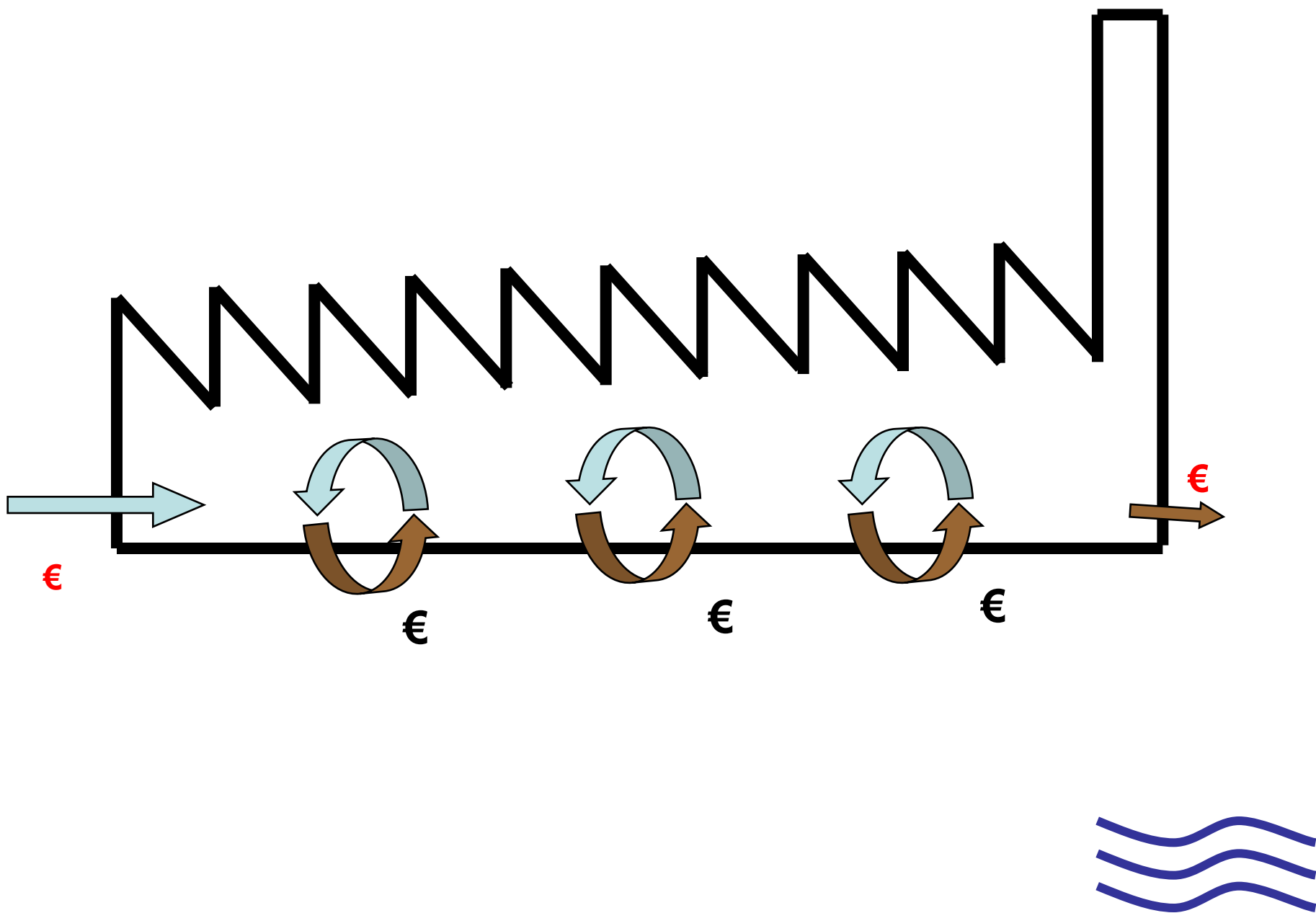
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End of pipe to reuse systems in industry



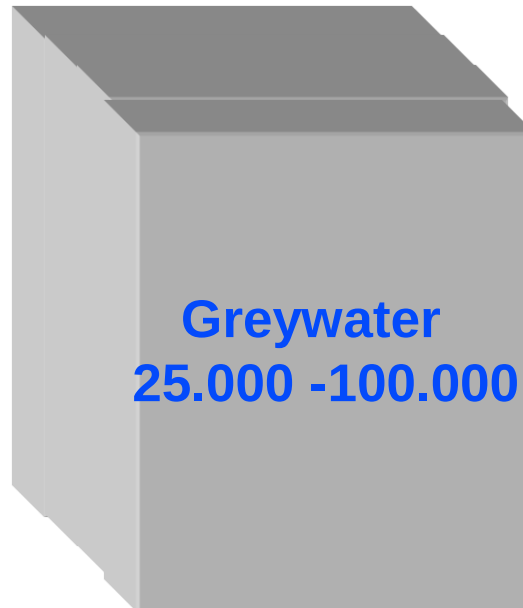


Can the same work in housing areas?

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Volume
 $l/(P \cdot \text{year})$

Yearly Loads
 $kg/(P \cdot \text{year})$



Urine
~ 500



Feaces
~ 50
(option: add
biowaste)



**Most nutrients and
Most organic matter
In toilet wastewater:
SEPARATE**

Volume
l/(P*year)

Greywater
25.000 -100.000

Flushwater
can be saved
6.000 - 25.000

Urine
~ 500

Feaces
~ 50
(option: add
biowaste)

Yearly Loads
kg/(P*year)

N ~ 4-5

~ 3 %

~ 87 %

~ 10 %

P ~ 0,75

~ 10 %

~ 50 %

~ 40 %

K ~ 1,8

~ 34 %

~ 54 %

~ 12 %

COD ~ 30

~ 1 %

~ 1 %

~ 1 %

S, Ca, Mg and trace
elements

Treatment

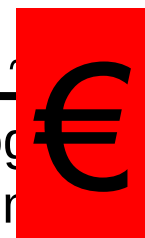
Treatment

Biological
Conditioning

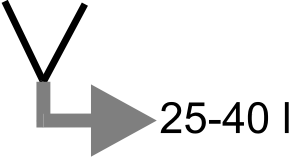
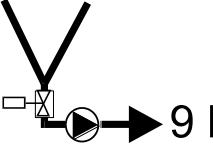
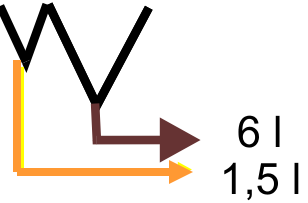
Reuse / Water Cycle

Fertiliser

Soil-Conditioner



Toilets and resulting Dilution

Type of Toilet	Daily Flow per P.	Pro and Con's
Flushing toilet		+ widely accepted - waste of water - high dilution
Vacuum-toilet		+ low water demand + well developed (ships) - high-tec / expensive
Separating toilet		+ little water / little dilution + simple fertiliser reuse - little experience
Waterless Urinal		+ no water / no dilution - maintenance required
Composting-toilet		+ no water needed - high space demand - maintenance needed ++ Desiccation for hot climates
Desiccation toilet		



Low/Non-diluting toilets are the key for new sanitation concepts

Settlement Lübeck-Flintenbreite

Water consumption 65 l/capita/day



Double-Houses

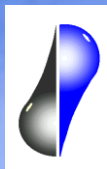


Terraced Houses

**Freshwater demand:
10 to 20 litres
/person/d**

**Highest possible
water efficiency
for very dry
areas**

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lake, river):
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INTAQUA™ AG
worldwide patents

Option:
seawater

**energy
savings**

Tap water

Bath, kitchen,
washing

Greywater

Evapo-
ration
losses

Toilets, kitchen
waste grinder

Blackwater

Flushing water

Biogas

RO-Tap water
processing

BlueLoop
plant (MBR)

LooLoop
plant (MBR)

Pumping
station

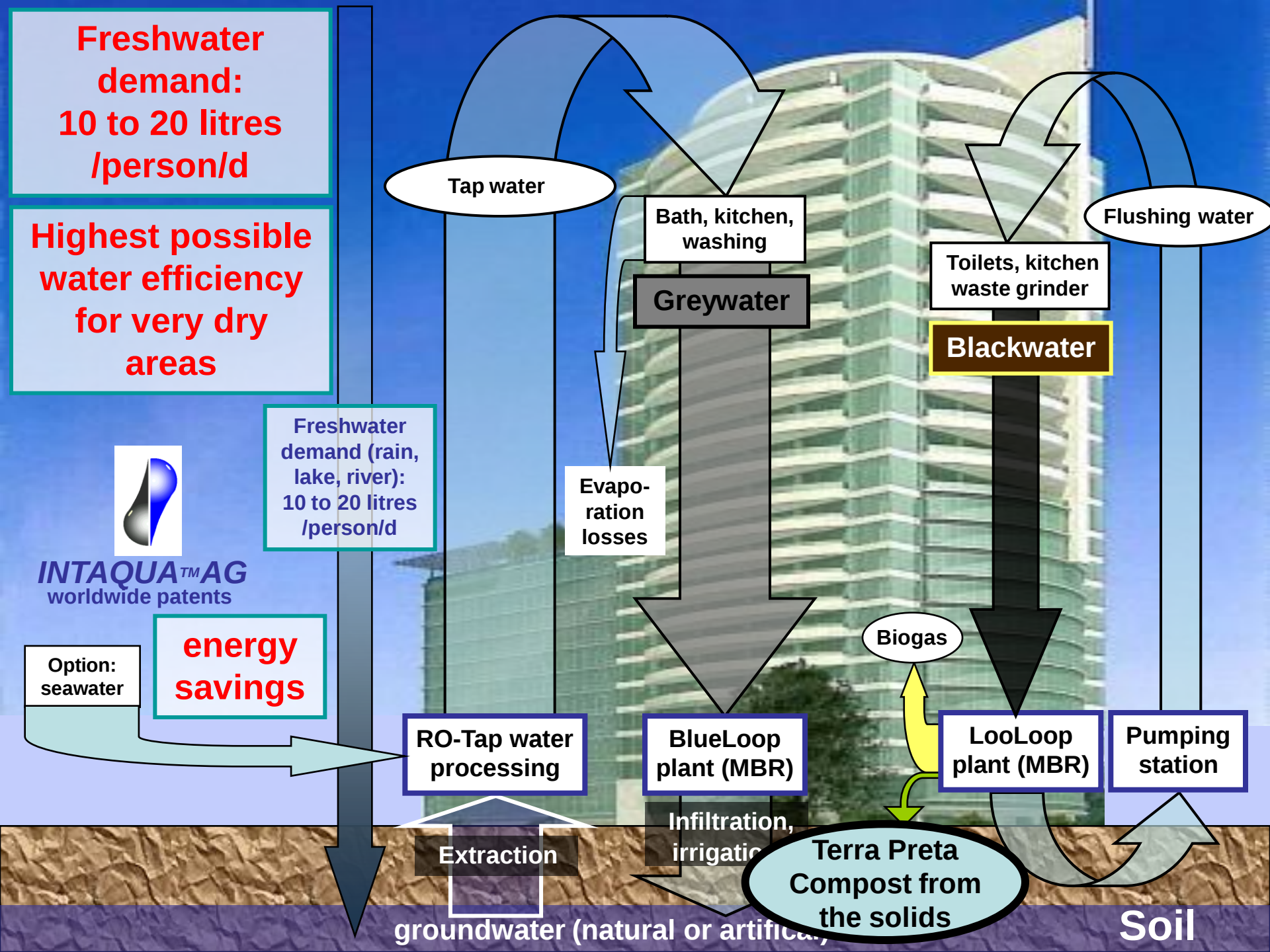
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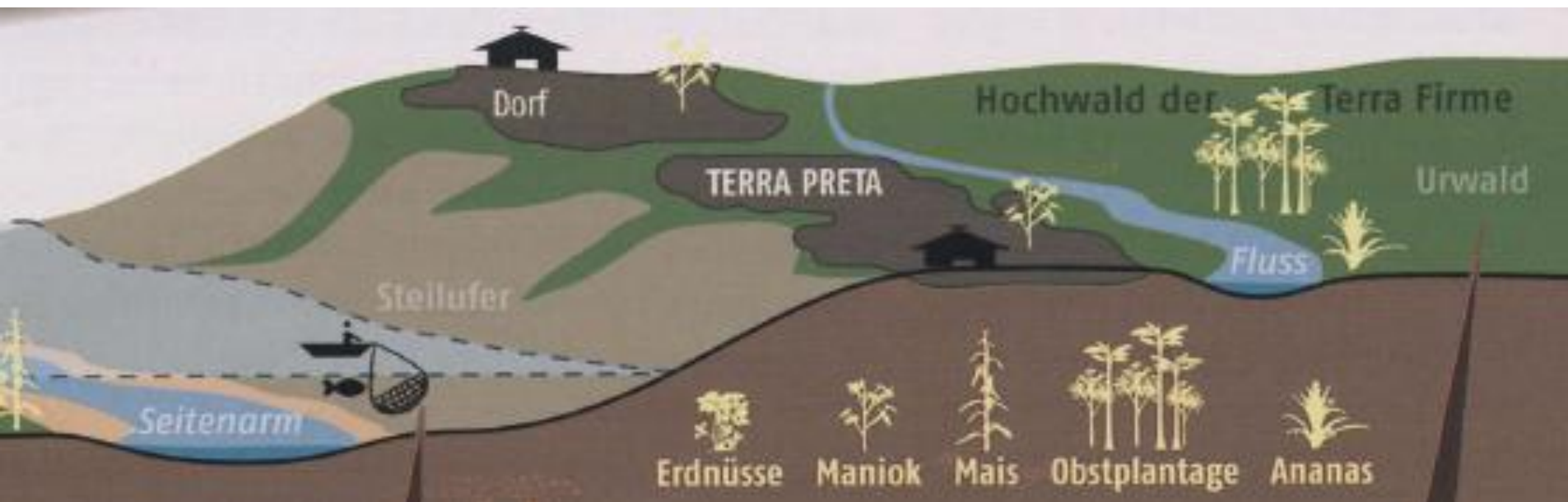
Infiltration,
irrigation

Terra Preta
Compost from
the solids

Soil

groundwater (natural or artificial)







Historic Amazon: Forest Agriculture in three layers GEO 3/2009



Poor soil can become highly fertile with clever management of biowaste and sanitation



Ecosan innovation

- **Mass produced toilets for lactic acid fermentation can be cheap by mass production**
- **Professional collection and vermicomposting where the humus can be used**
- **Simple first step for pit latrines: Teach people to collect and reuse urine while adding lactic acid bacteria to the pit and later worms (alternating shallow pits)**

Terra Preta is ideally produced with dry toilets with separate urine collection

However, if it shall be flush for legal or cultural reasons, this can be done in combination with separate urine collection and a fermentation tank
(formerly rottebehälter or pre-composting tank)

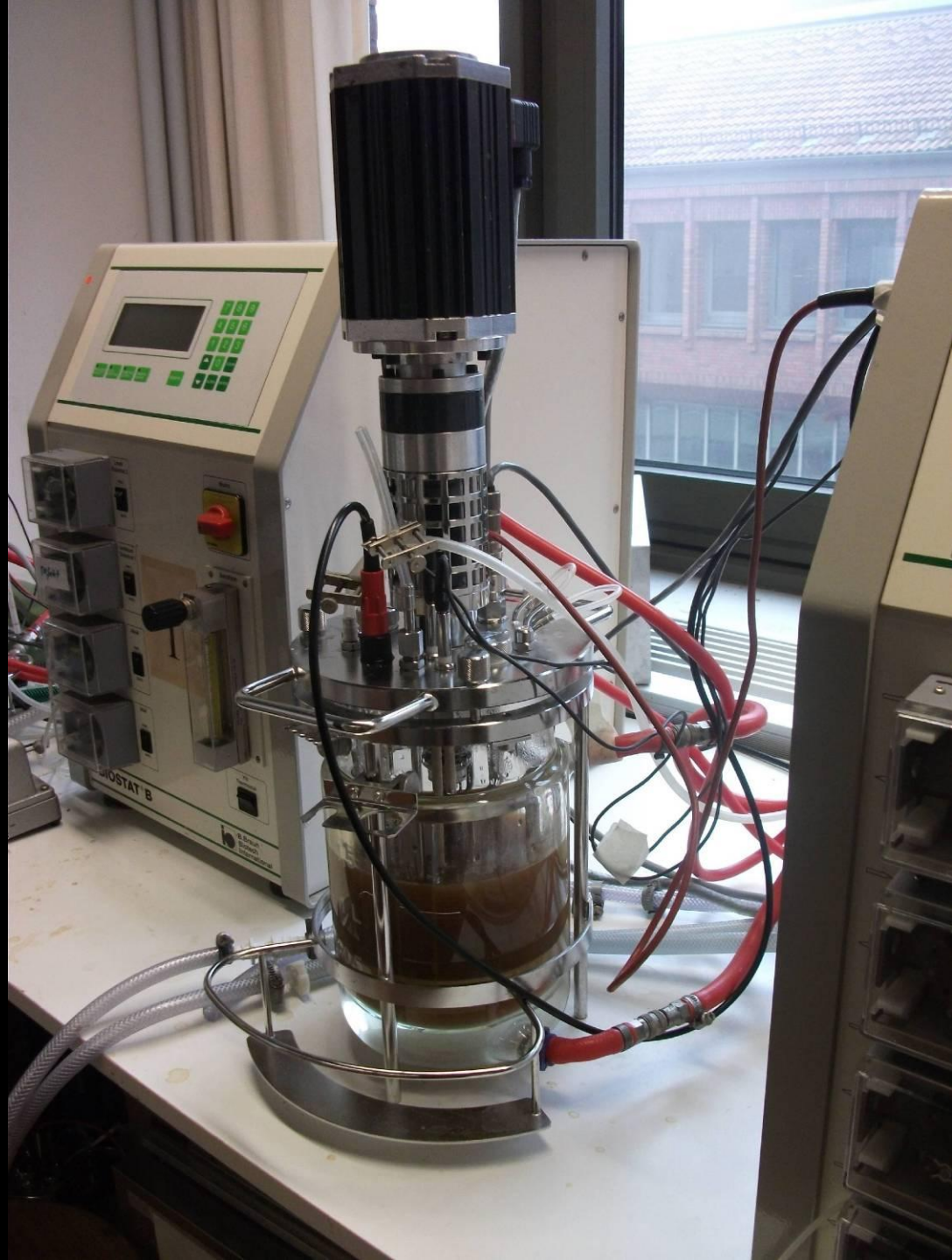
Urine collection with individual bottle like in hospitals or Pippinette



Combination of Terra Preta Sanitation With flush toilets

Sieving unit
for solids





Third step: Vermicomposting of faecal matter



**Breakthrough in solids treatment at TUHH
(BMBF / IPSWaT)**

**What do do if there
are mainly roofs
and roads?**



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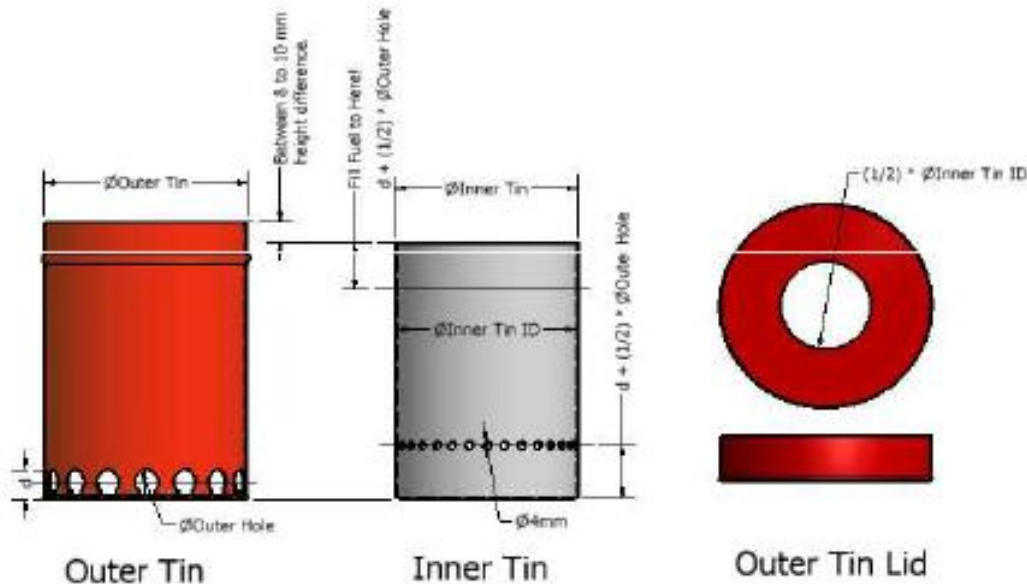
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Carbonisation not incineration:

www.WORL DSTOVE.com

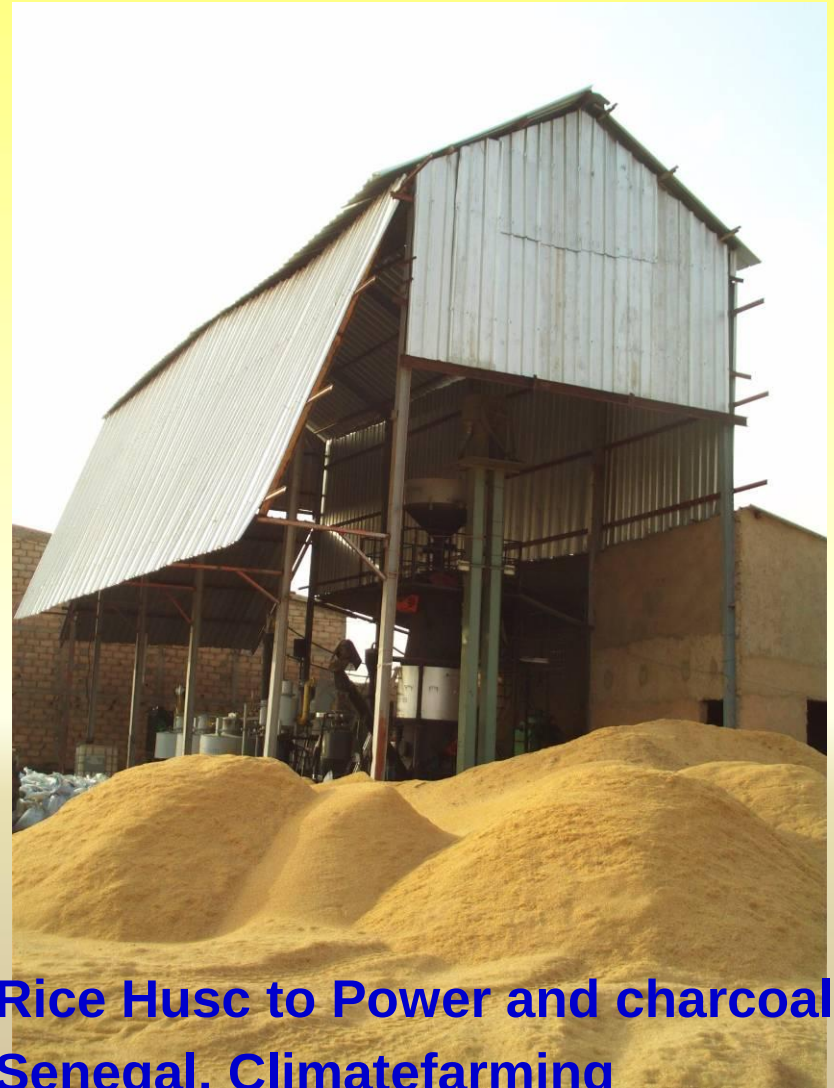


**Creating biochar while
cooking**

**Biochar for Terra Preta
Compost makes rich soil**

**Organic waste is
DRAMATICALLY NEEDED for
keeping humus
levels up!**

**Good Luck:
Power, Heat,
Cooling and
charcoal can
come together**



**Rice Husk to Power and charcoal
Senegal, Climatefarming**



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Much is possible, let us do it for our childrens future!

- www.tuhh.de/aww
- www.terra-preta-sanitation.net
(Design Award 50.000 \$ still open)
- www.anamed.net
- www.rainwaterharvesting.org

Books:

- **Montgomery: Dirt**
- **Secrets of the soil**