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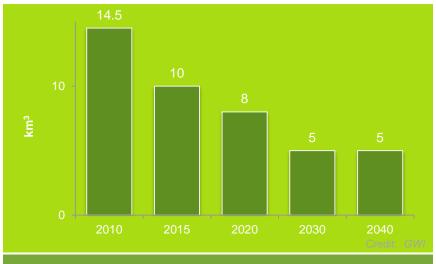
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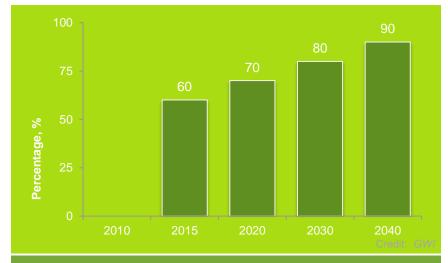


### Saudi Arabia and Water Sustainability

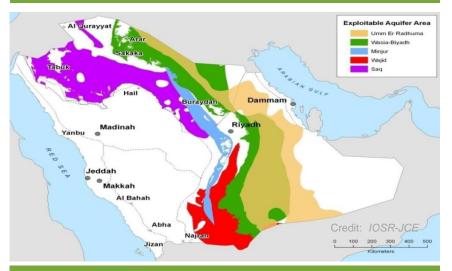


Annual non-renewable water





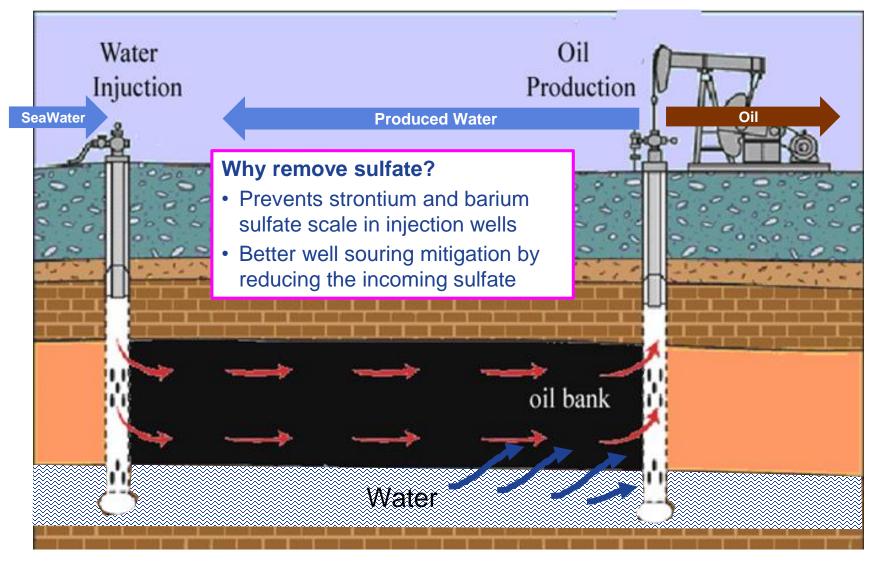
#### Use of renewable water



#### Aquifers abstraction > 90% non-renewable water

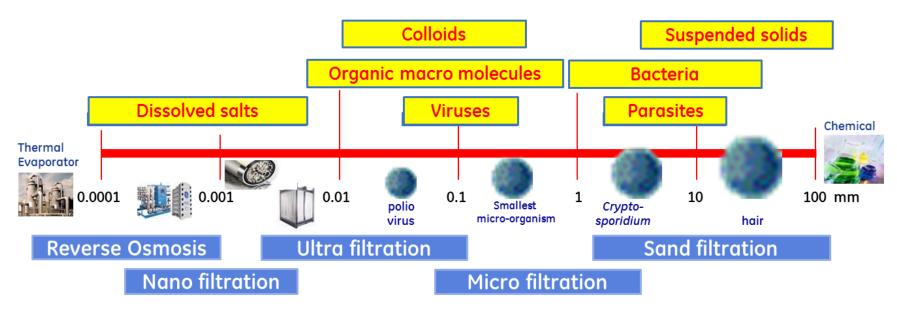


## The O&G Water Journey





# Solids Removal and NanoFiltration (NF)



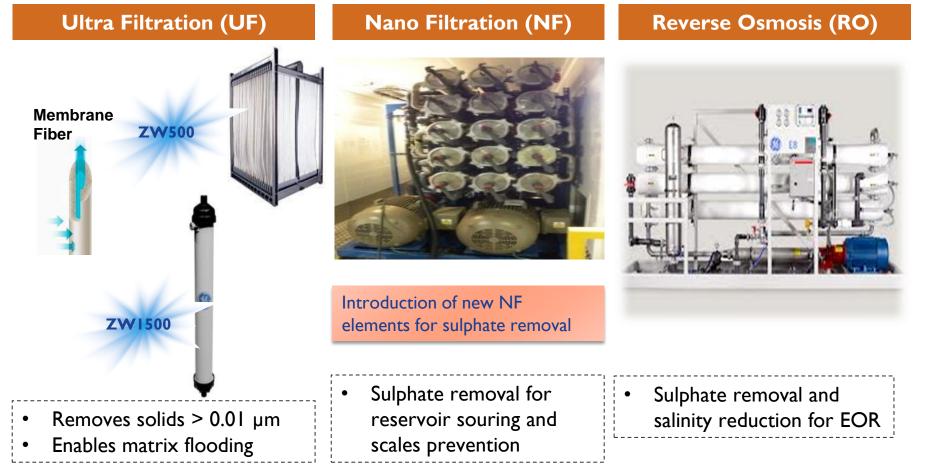
### Nano Filtration based water softening

- Membrane based treatment
- Reduces Mono, Di and Tri-valent ions
- High recovery (~ 70% vs. ~ 45% for RO)
- Smooth surface leading to minimal fouling
- Minimizes chemical consumption

NF Capabilities				
lon	~ Reduction			
Na, K, Cl	3 - 12 %			
Ca, Mg	84 - 96%			
SO <sub>4</sub>	99 %			
Overall TDS	19%			



## **GE Technologies for Seawater Injection**



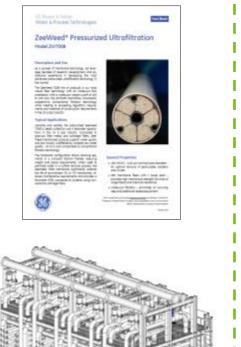


## Advanced pre-treatment: Ultrafiltration















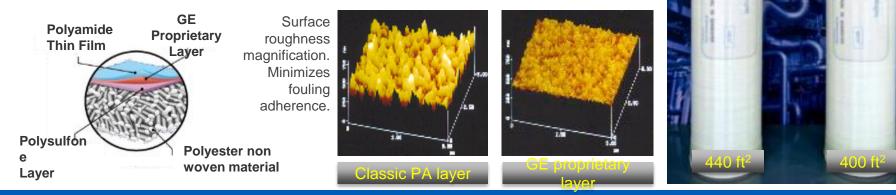
GE has one of the most diversified UF technology portfolios with a significant global installed base across many industries

GE ZW700B: Optimized for Offshore O&G



# Sulfate Removal by Nanofiltration (NF)

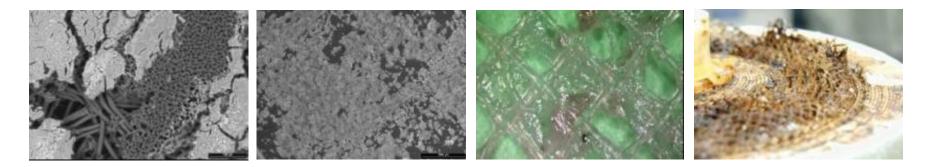
- Proprietary sulfate removal NF membrane for O&G
- Excellent sulfate and hardness removal properties
- An absolute barrier for any suspended matter including particles, colloidal silica and bacterial matters
- 3-layer design minimizes fouling and maximizes life
- Minimizes scale formation, well plugging, well souring
- Maximizes area per element to reduce footprint & weight
- Fabricated using state of the art automated manufacturing process to ensure quality consistency



GE's latest NF membrane mitigates scale and  $H_2S$  by significantly reducing sulfate, magnesium and calcium present in seawater. It exhibits lower fouling, improved cleaning, and extended membrane life.



## Typical Membrane Problems in a Sulfate Removal Unit or Low Salinity System



Why problems occur	Membrane issues	System implications
<ul> <li>Small pore size of NF and RO membranes</li> <li>Concentration factor</li> <li>Membrane roughness</li> <li>Chemical incompatibility</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fouling and scaling</li> <li>Higher pressure drop</li> <li>Loss of flux</li> <li>Membrane degradation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High sulfate passage causes scale in oil reservoir</li> <li>High operation cost impacts project economics</li> </ul>



### **Modular, Pre-Engineered Platforms Vast Experience**

Reliable Scaleable Quick deliveries



**PROPAK** • 100-300 gpm

• 3 sizes



**Power Water** Island

• 50-180 gpm





- **SeaTECH**
- 4 sizes
- 40-500 gpm

**EDR-Series** 

• 50 Hz & 60 Hz

• 165-1090 gpm

8 sizes

• 50-600 gpm 4 sizes

• 60 Hz



SeaPRO-E

#### **HERO UPW**

- 4 sizes
- Complete systems
- 50-400 m^3/hr





**PRO-Series RO** 

• 50 Hz & 60 Hz

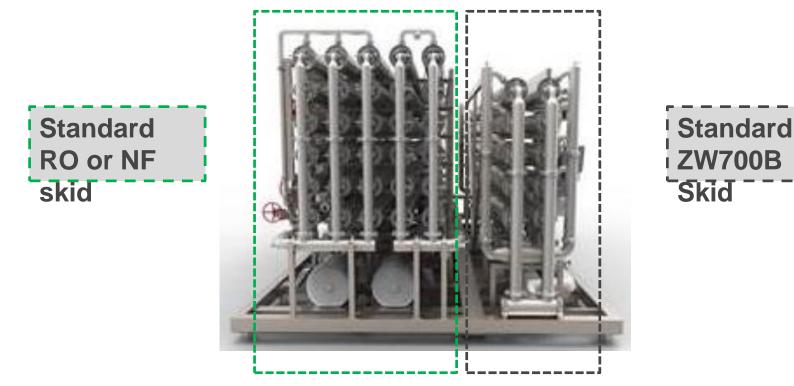
• 50-450 gpm

• 6 sizes



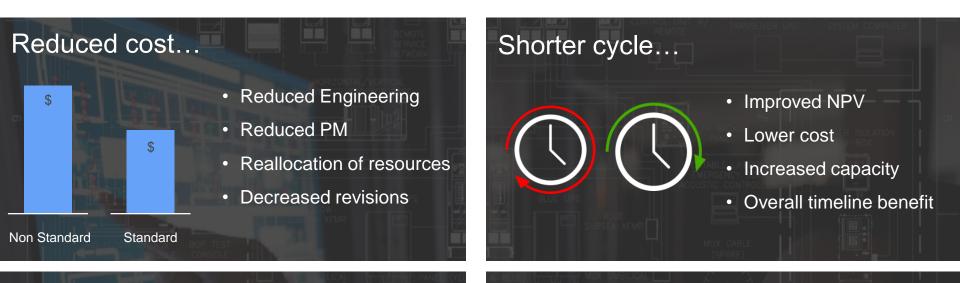
# UF System selection – horizontal multi element vessel design

Same design and fabrication principles as many proven RO or NF systems in the industry. This configuration has a number of advantages important for offshore applications





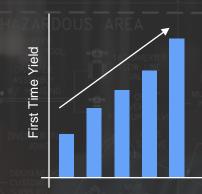
# **Benefits of Standardization**



#### Reduced risk...

- Accurate and vetted docs.
- Established contacts
- Repeat manufacturing
- Best in class technology and fabrication

#### Improved quality and reduced cost ...



- Repeat assembly
- Standard documents
- Standard test procedures
- Enables localisation
- Proven O&G design



# Sulfate removal by nanofiltration (NF)

#### GE Power & Water Water & Process Technologies

Fact Sheet

#### SWSR Series Segwater Sulfate Removal Nanofiltration Elements

The GE SWSR-Series is our latest nanofiltration (NF) innovation. With nearly 30-years' experience in NF membrane manufacturing, GE has advanced the DK NF membrane. A membrane recognized for its low fouling properties. This is a result of an extremely smooth surface enabled by our unique 3-layer membrane design (Figure 1).

The SWSR-Series is designed to produce consistently low sulfate water for injection helping to:

- Prevent strontium and barium sulfate scale in injection wells
- Better mitigate well souring by reducing sulfate

The SWSR-Series incorporates a true Nanofiltration membrane that features:

- High rejection of sulfate and hardness meeting reservoir injection requirements
- High transmission of sodium chloride into the permeate minimizing the operating pressure
- Physical barrier for any suspended particles, bacteria, pyrogens and colloids

The SWSR-Series can be stored for a period of 12 months in its original packaging at ambient temperature up to 100°F (38°C).



#### Table 1: Element Specification

Membrane

Model	Permeate flow gpd (m3/day)		Typical rejection	
	Average Flow NF Testing <sup>1,2</sup>	Typical Flow on Seawater <sup>1,3</sup>	Sulfate123	Chloride
SWSR-90	2,100 (7.9)	1,700 (6.5)	99.6%	20%
SWSR-400	9,500 (36.0)	7,700 (29.0)	99.6%	20%
SWSR-440	10,500 (39,7)	8,500 (32,1)	99.6%	20%

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Model	Spacer mil (mm)	Active area ft= (m=)	Outer wrap	Part number
SWSR-90	31 (0.79)	90 (8.4)	Fiberglass	TBD
SWSR-400	34 (0.86)	400 (37.2)	Fibergloss	TBD
SWSR-440	28 (0.71)	440 (40.9)	Fiberglass	TBD

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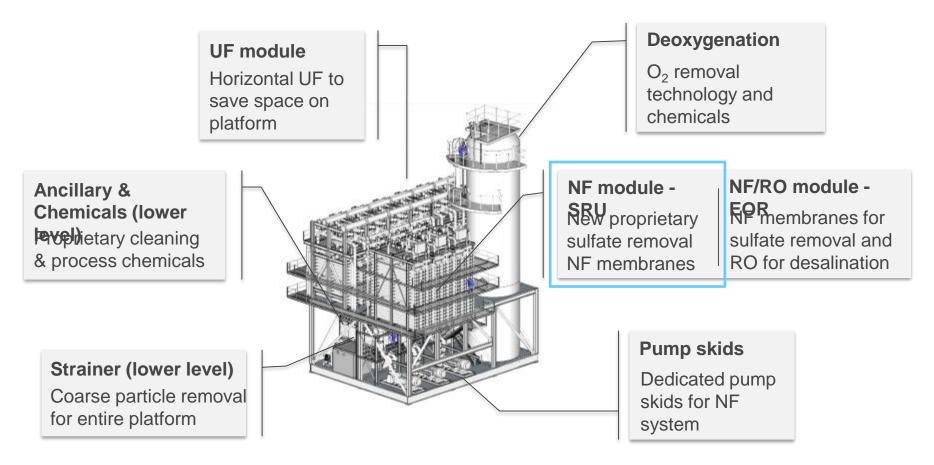
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### **Specifications**

- 3 layers: Polysulfone, GE-layer 2, Polyamide thin film
- ✓ 8" diameter 400 (34mm) or 440 (28 mm) sq.ft
- ✓ Fiber glass outer wrap
- $\checkmark$  ~200 bpd per element typical flow on seawater
- ✓ Typical flux range 5- 20 GFD
- ✓ Low fouling, proven on Seawater
- Retrofits
  - Can retrofit most elements
  - Provided with necessary adaptors
- Matches or exceeds existing warranty
- Access to GE's full lab capabilities
- Training and supervision provided



# Projects: Water Injection, SRU, EOR



GE's SRU optimizes weight and space while meeting or exceeding O&G standards and water injection requirements



# OnBoard\*

An Integrated Service Offer that leverages digital technology, membrane products, production chemicals, offshore field expertise and process know-how to improve the operation, performance and profitability of water treatment assets offshore

# **OnBoard with InSight\***

**FPSO or Platform** 

**Chemicals** 

Membranes

**Systems** 

People



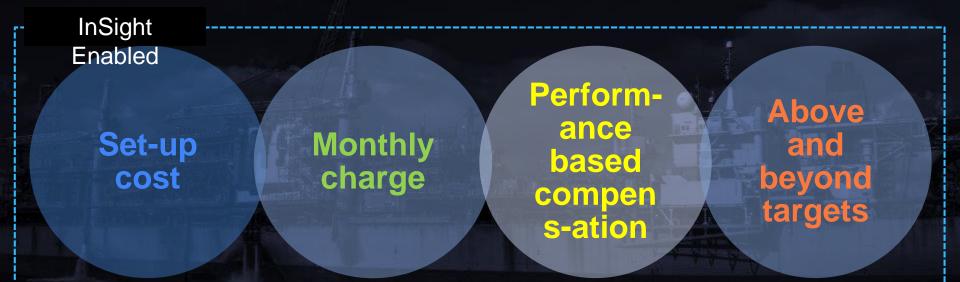
### GE's Knowledge Management Platform



- Improved System
   Reliability and Availability
- Improved Productivity and Efficiency
- ✓ Responsive system optimization



# **OnBoard – Commercial Models**



- InSight set up GE site
- Data transmission config
- User interface setup
- System startup and testing
- Report content and type
- Training
- Process expert

- Basic: similar to a take or pay concept
- Basic: covers main expenses under customer specific plan
- All inclusive: covers all basic amounts.
- All inclusive: reflects markup based on value generated for customer

- On top of Basic model only
- Compensation tied to performance
- Allows gain sharing between GE and operator
- Tied to clear performance indicators
- Requires open collaboration from both parties

- Similar to a Bonus structure
- Allows to set specific milestones
- Can be used to modify existing contracts without impact to T&C



### Consortium of GE and Norway's Halvorsen TEC Awarded the SWSR System Aker Solutions & Statoil Select Consortium for Johan Castberg Project

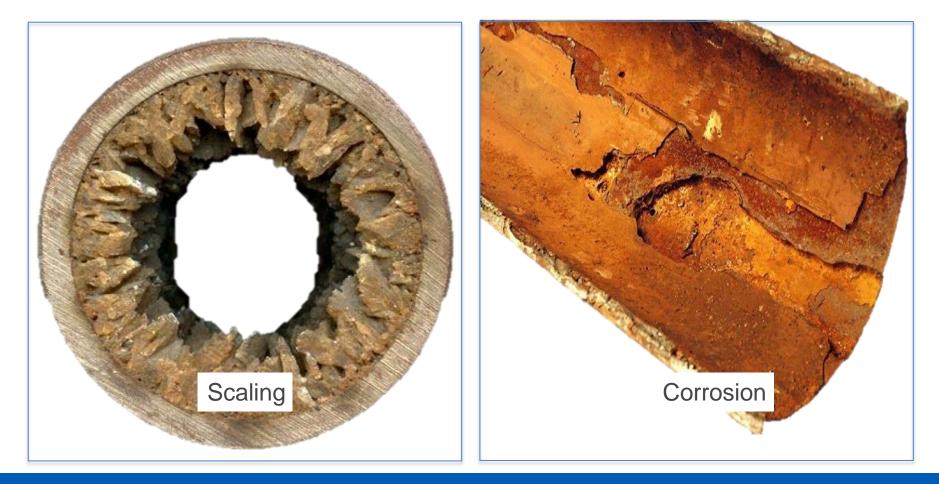
- GE's seawater sulfate reducing NF membranes, which eliminate nearly all sulfates from the injection seawater, remove divalent ions from the seawater to prevent barium and calcium scale formation while leaving monovalent ions like sodium and chloride to pass through.
- GE's ZeeWeed\* 700B horizontal ultrafiltration system, which provides superior fine solids removal.
  - Deoxygenation membrane technology from third party Full single-lift SRU.
- GE is providing the process guarantee for the entire unit as well as an OnBoard service package with remote monitoring of the entire seawater injection plant and GE's InSight.

About 180,000 bpd of water injected, about 1200 NF membranes and 950 UF membranes.





### **SWSR Value Generation**



### Mitigate Downtime, Remediation/Workover Cost and Reduced Production



# Sulfate removal by nanofiltration (NF)



Proven technology that separates sulfate, magnesium and calcium to reduce reservoir scaling and souring

- It is not uncommon for a membrane to last 5-10 years with proper pre-treatment, cleaning and operating protocols
- GE's NF membranes have been used for over 20 years in some of the harshest applications



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