

**Closing the Demand Gap by Ressource Efficiency**  
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**Sophisticated Systemic Approaches and Technically Feasible Solutions**



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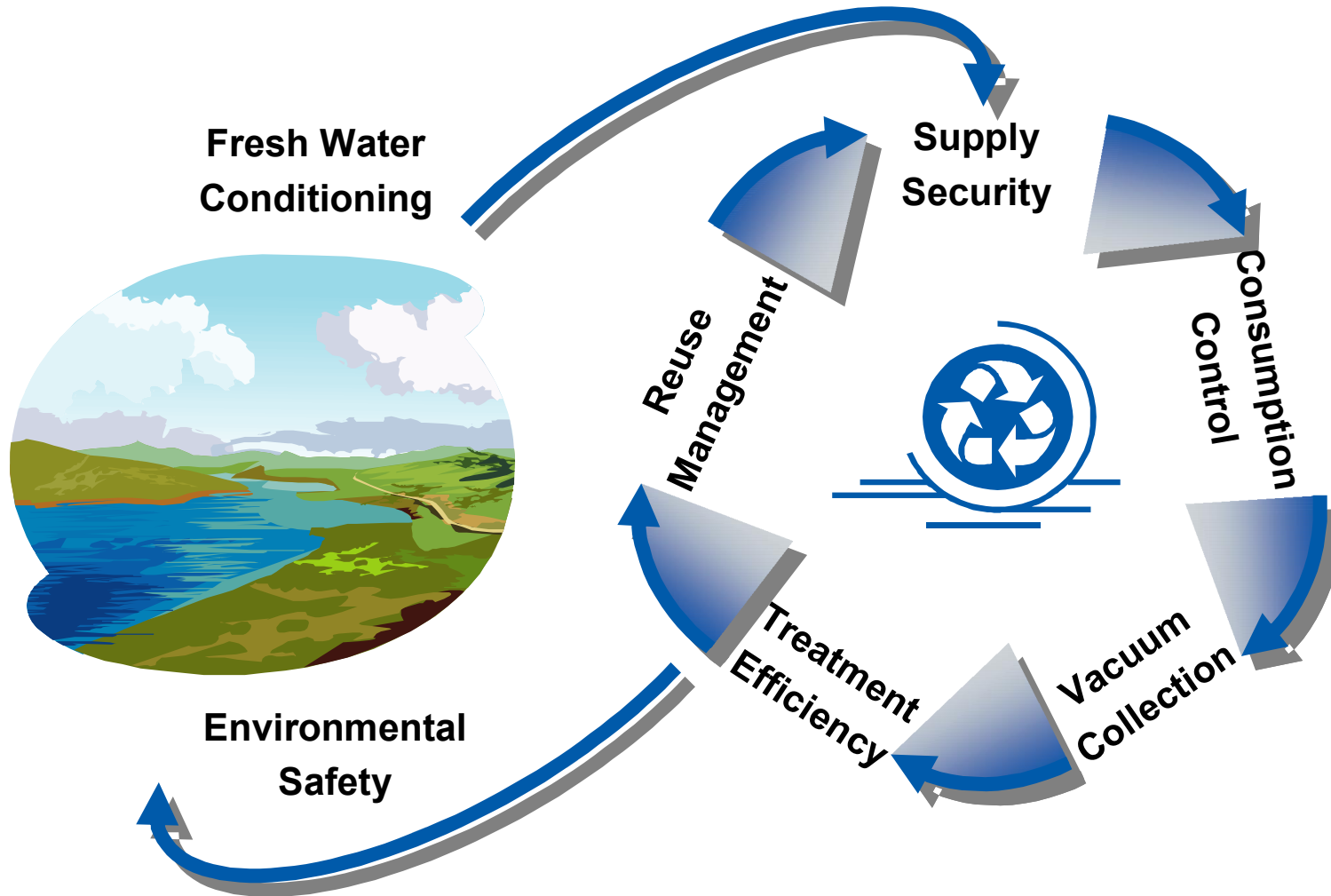
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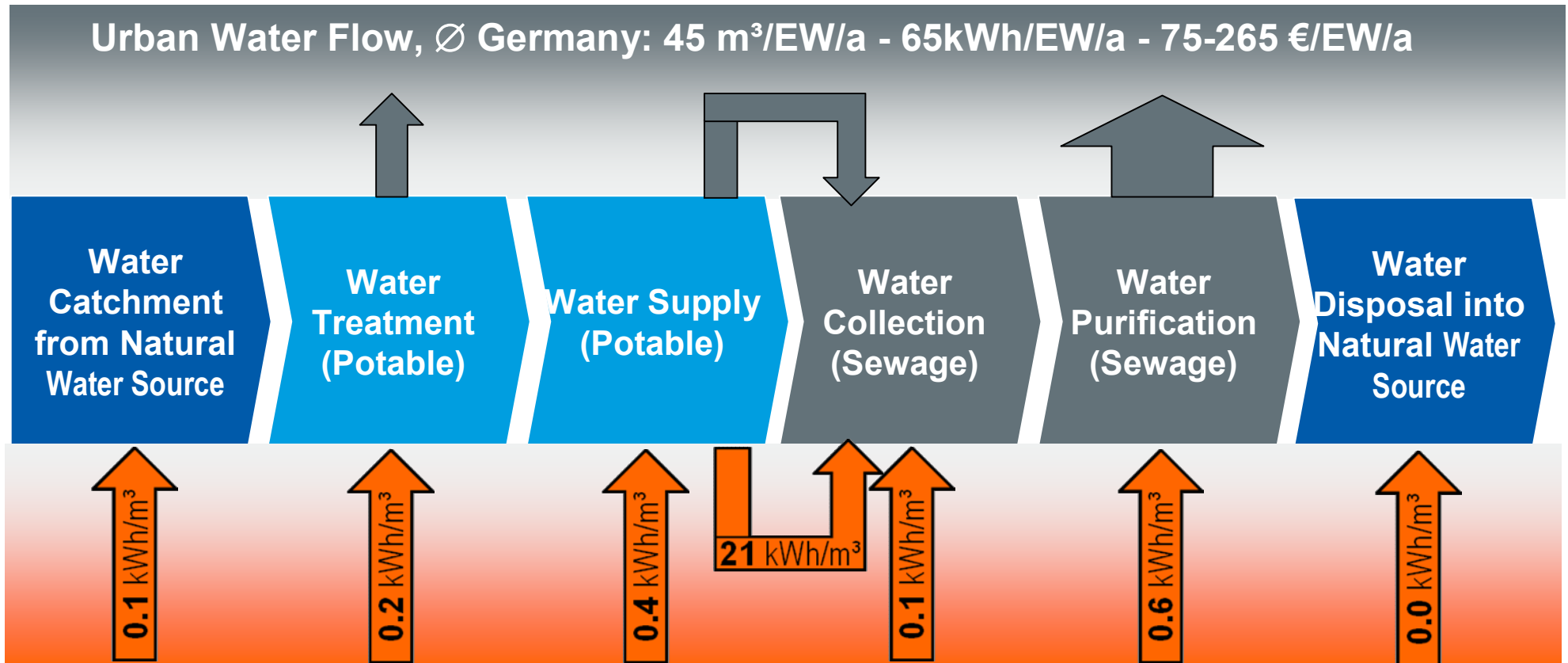
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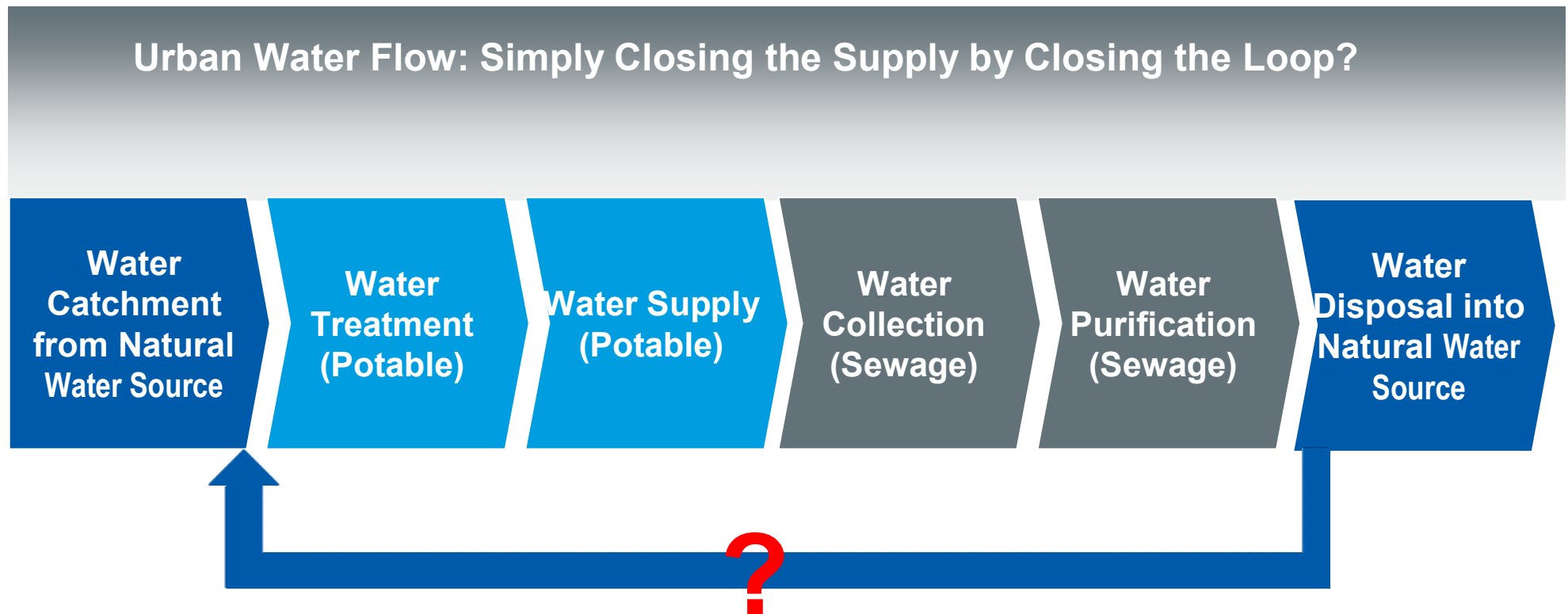
## Water Management Systems – We provide Full Service Range



## Key Figures - How does water relate to Energy?

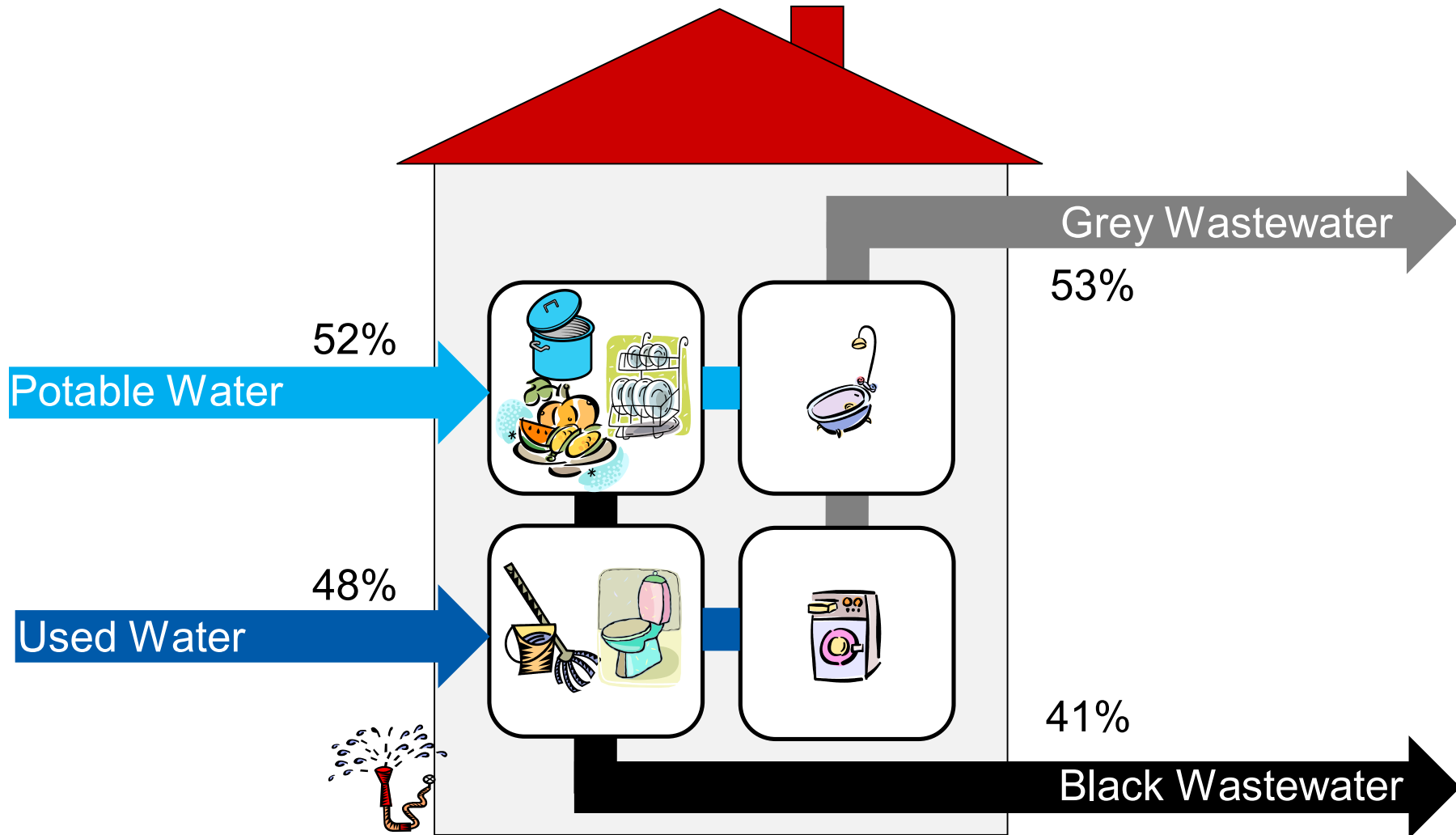


## Closing the Loop – Is it Feasible or even Reasonable?

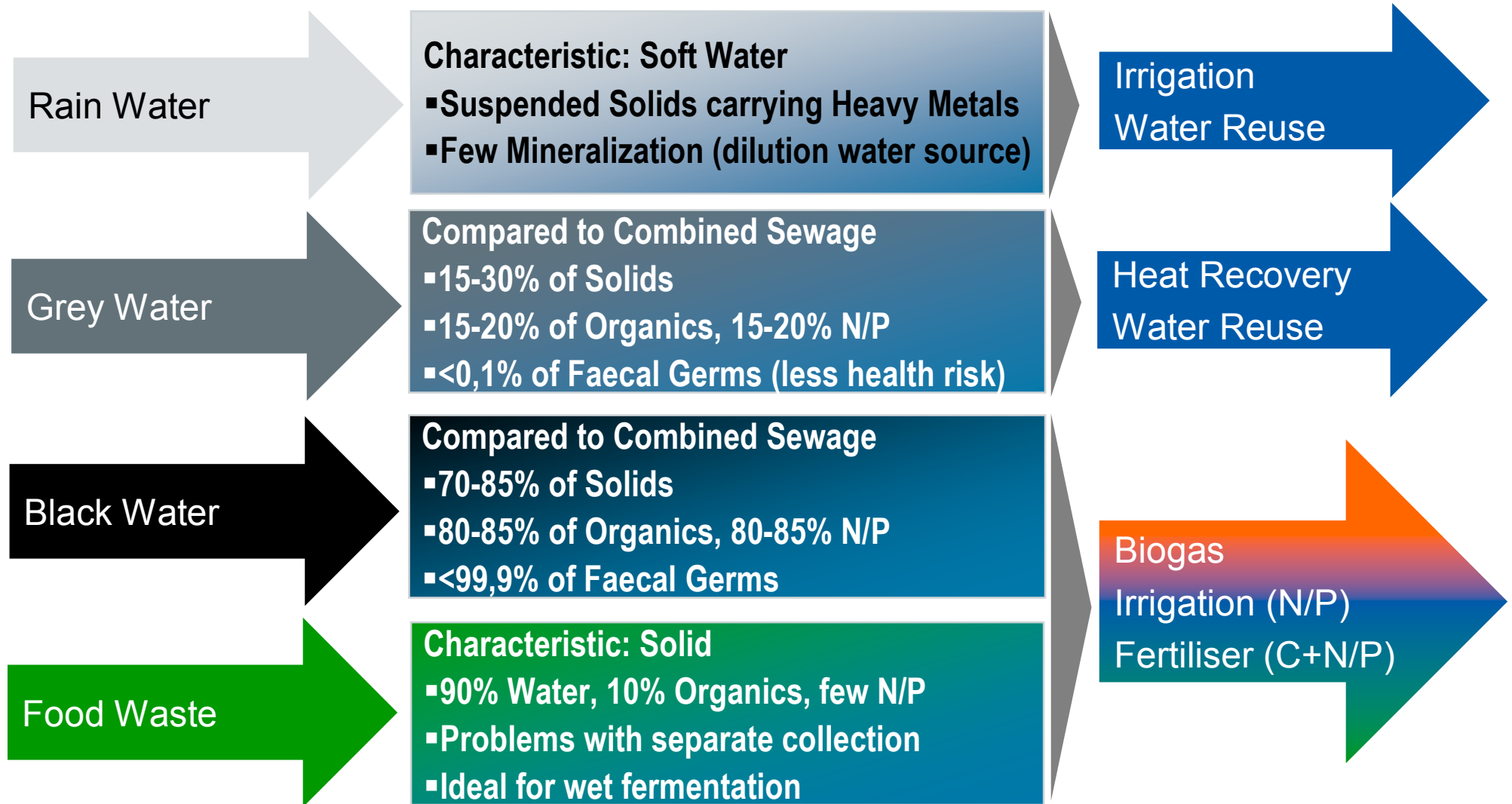


- High sanitary risk
- Acceptance problems
- Quality consciousness
- Increased treatment costs (safety, enrichment)
- No energy saving or consumption increase
- Water resource protection (water stress)

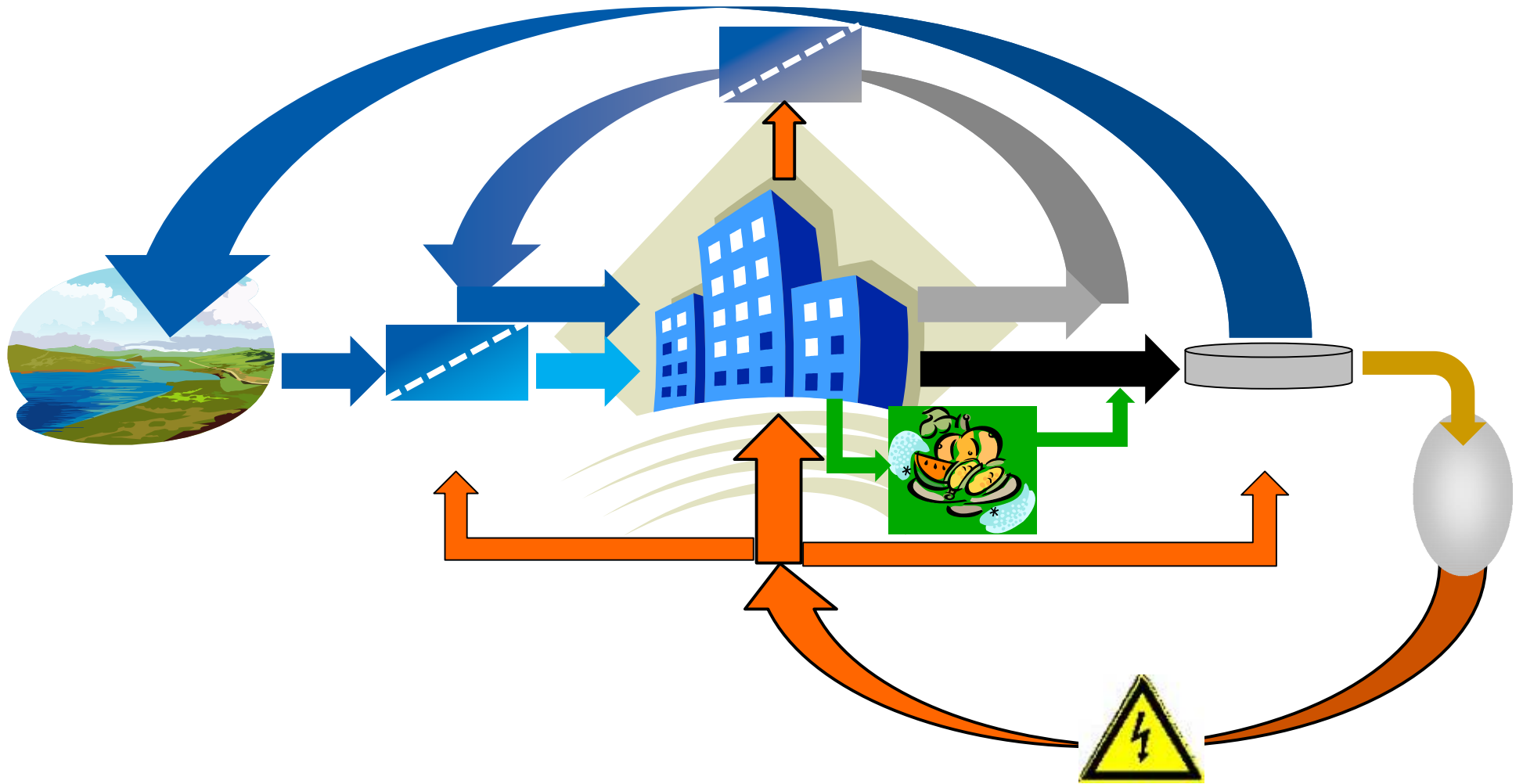
## Key Figures - Distinguished Water Balance for Resource Efficient Use



## Modern Flow Management as Basis of Resource Efficiency – A Rough Overview



## Systemic Approach - Energy-Efficient Water Management suggested for Urban Areas



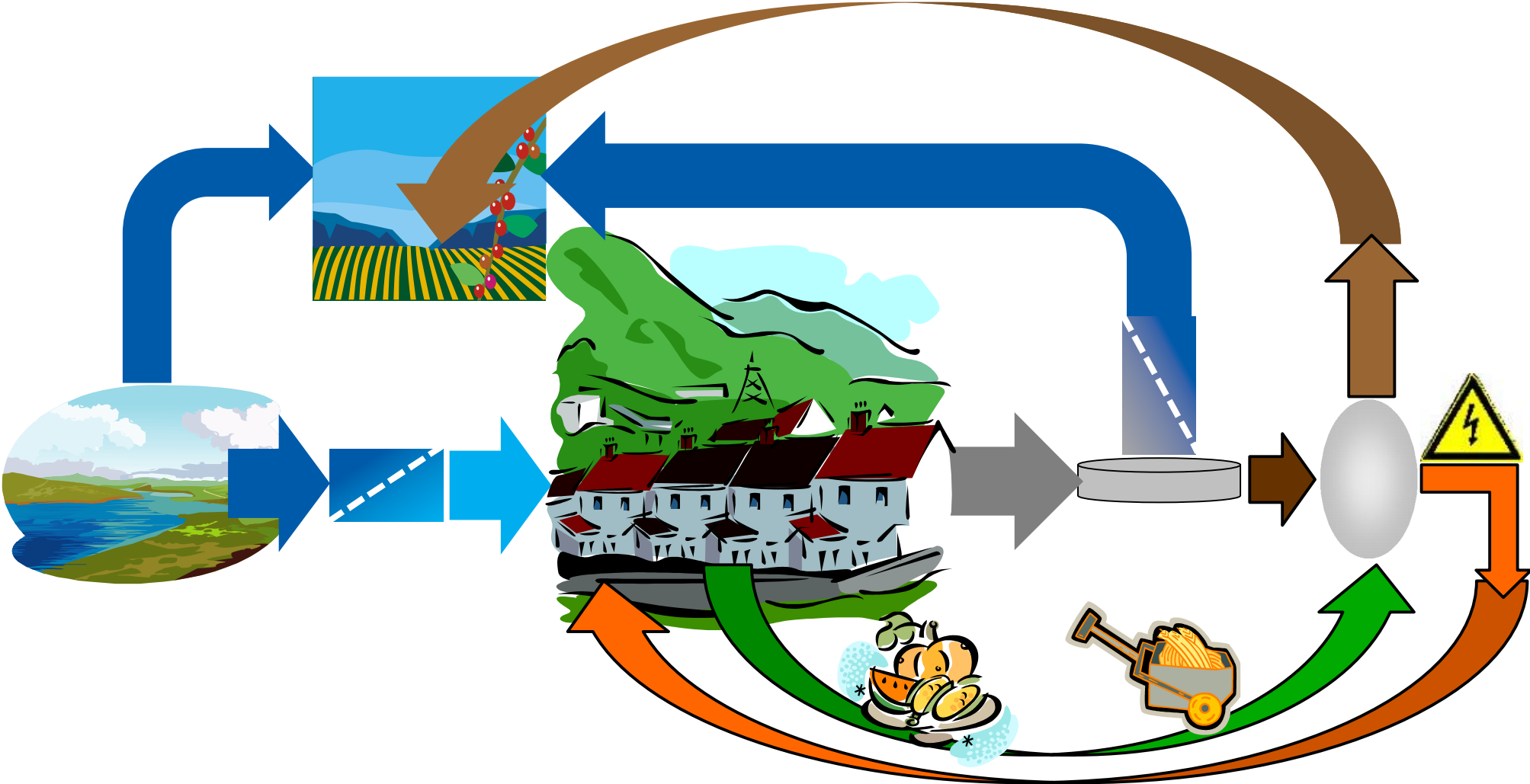
## Energy-Efficient Water Management - Power Balance

Quantity	Unit	Conventional WWTP with Digestion	Combined Black Water and Bio Waste Treatment
Amount	L/PE/d	200	50
Organic Matter in Water	COD/PE/d	120	120
Organic Waste in Water	g/PE/d	0	300
Energy in generated Biogas (6 kWh/m <sup>3</sup> )	kWh/PE/a	28	81
Power from Biogas (33% efficiency)	kWh/PE/a	+9	+27
Power Consumption of Vacuum	kWh/PE/a	+0	-5
Power Consumption of Treatment	kWh/PE/a	-35	-18
<b>Net Power Balance</b>	<b>kWh/PE/a</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>+4</b>

## Energy-Efficient Water Management - Heat Balance

Quantity	Unit	Conventional WWTP with Digestion	Combined Black Water and Bio Waste Treatment
Amount	L/PE/d	200	50
Organic Matter in Water	COD/PE/d	120	120
Organic Waste in Water	g/PE/d	0	100
Energy in generated Biogas (6 kWh/m <sup>3</sup> )	kWh/PE/a	28	81
Heat from Biogas (65% efficiency)	kWh/PE/a	+18	+53
Heat Required for Digestion	kWh/PE/a	-4.4	-5.1
Heat Required for Sludge Drying	kWh/PE/a	-53	-51
Heat Value of Dried Sludge	kWh/PE/a	+43	+55
<b>Net Heat Balance</b>	<b>kWh/PE/a</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>+52</b>

# Systemic Approach - Biomass-Efficient Water Management suggested for Rural Areas



## Requirement of Clustered Infrastructures for Water and Energy Reuse

Thermal use as close as possible to the hot water source, e.g. in-house

Small devices suitable for indoor installation,

↳ **Systems for local HVAC installation required**

Grey water treatment on block of buildings up to district level

Quality assurance requires professional operation and monitoring,

↳ **Minimum size in semi-central scale required**

Integrated domestic enriched wastewater, sewage sludge and bio waste treatment on district up to urban quarter or even city level

Sophisticated technique and safety features require larger units,

↳ **Semi-central up to central units of larger scale required**

## Different Customer Requirements for Urban Water Management Solutions

### Highly developed infrastructures

- Economy of resources included
- Contribution to renewable energy
- Reduction of costs
- Reliability and Sustainability

### Less developed infrastructures

- Improve hygienic conditions
- Improve water efficiency
- Additional benefit from reuse
- Feasibility and Sustainability

### **customized to local conditions**

Water Stress – Climate – Population Density – Existing Infrastructure  
 Consumer Behaviour – Consumer Acceptance – Education – Occupational Qualification  
 Governance - Authority Capacity – Funding Possibility – Legal Certainty

## Actions required in different Sectors of Infrastructure Implementation

### Sector 1: Availability of Technologies

- ✓ Separated in-house water systems
- ✓ Combined blackwater/food waste sewer system
- ✓ Heat recovery from greywater
- ✓ Intra-urban grey water management
- ✓ Blackwater treatment targeting resource recovery (biogas, water, fertilizer/nutrients)

### ▪Sector 2: Technical Rules and Standards

- Quality of public used or service water supply
- Application of garbage grinders
- Sewer systems for combined solid/liquid transport, e.g. by vacuum sewer
- Harmonized standards for integrated solutions considering different kind of water and waste

## Resource Efficiency and Sustainability in Urban Water Management

### ▪Sector 3: Capacity Building & Governance

- Clear orientation to resource efficiency in urban water master plans (governments, authorities)
- Adaptation of existing laws for water, sewage, waste and fertilizer to integrated solutions
- Create incentives, e.g. renewable source act
- Cost-covering water tariffs based on full-cost pricing incl. disposal fees and reuse revenues

### ▪Sector 4: Finance

- Long-term whole life cycle costs evaluation under consideration of system transformation
- Investment in water loss reduction
- Urban Water: Investment in infrastructure transformation with long-term approaches
- Rural Water: Micro-Finance Tools, Small CDM Project Support (<20.000 t CO2 p.a.)

## Summary

**Integrated solutions for water use and collection are required. Beside water resource protection by saving and reuse it combines wastewater treatment with renewable energy and resource recovery.**

**The target is a serious reduction of fresh water demand. Further benefits are significant green house gas reductions and utilizable recyclable materials.**

**It is possible to implement zero emissions strategies in urban water schemes and industrial water recycling.**

**We are capable to satisfy both ultimate sustainability demands and feasible sanitation solutions by adapted modular concepts and reduced sanitation costs.**

**We only consider reliable and efficient technologies to assure hygienic safety, proper collection and disposal and accustomed convenience.**

**Our solutions can very flexibly be applied to various infrastructure conditions.**