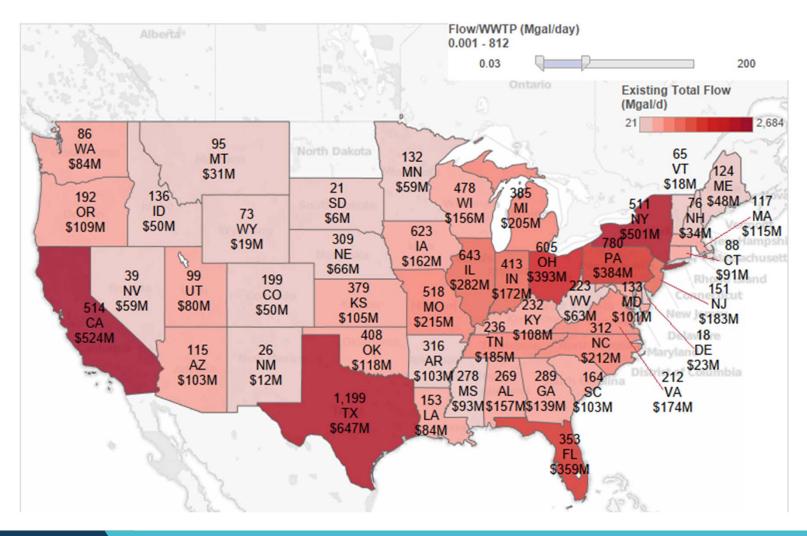
From the bench to a business: challenges for transitioning developmental technology to a commercial enterprise

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US Wastewater Treatment Market Size = \$7.1B/year





Sludge Thermal Hydrolysis

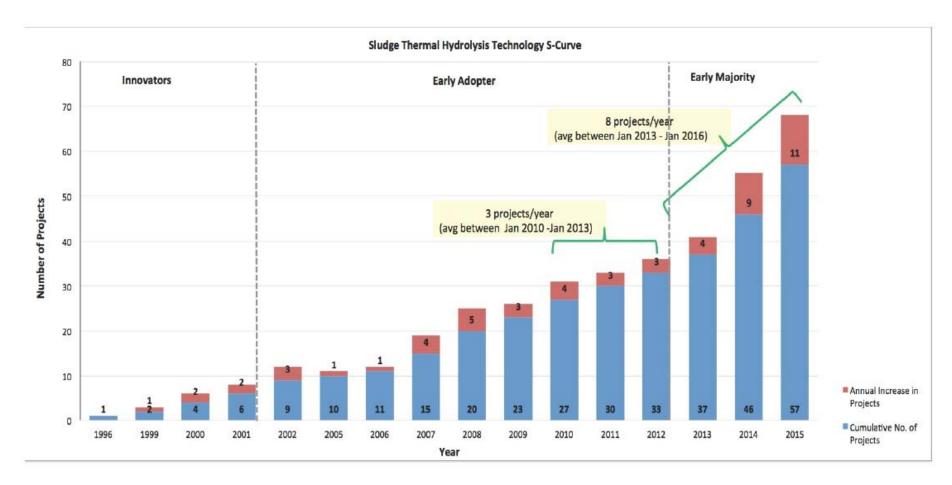


Figure 5: Cumulative and annual increase in number installed projects (between 1996 up to 2015)

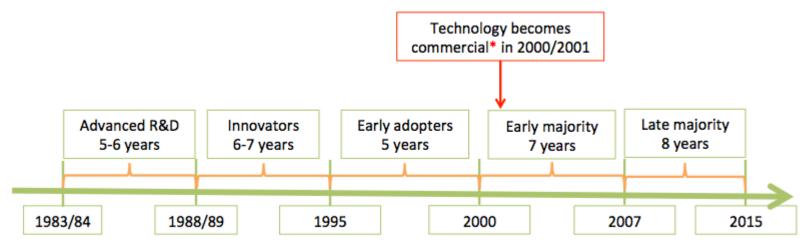


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Wastewater Stormwater **Drinking Water** Desalination **Water Reuse** 1. FACILITY TYPES 30 RESPONDENTS 2. TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES **SURVEY RESULTS** 4. LOCATION OF UTILITIES UNITED STATES 3. SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES Direct potable reuse ■ Indirect potable reuse ☐ Fit-for-purpose reuse ☐ Biological activated carbon Granular activated carbon Ozone-biologically active filtration ☐ Concentrate treatment Market Adoption (cumulative International Forward osmosis ■ Microfiltration/ultrafiltration Nanofiltration MEMBRANE 5. WATER REUSE APPLICATIONS: **BIOREACTORS** (MBRS) Ozonation × Potable 8 RESPONDENTS Soil aguifer treatment × Non-potable INTERESTED IN INSTALLING IN Reverse osmosis THE NEXT 10 YEARS Implemented 2 Years 10 Years 5 Years Unspecified Time of Implementation



Membrane Bioreactor



Technology/S-Curve stage	Innovators	Early Adopters	Early Majority	Total
UV disinfection	5 years	5 years	8-10 years	18-20 years
Membrane Bioreactor	6-7 years	5 years	7 years	18-19 years
Sludge pretreatment	7 years	4 years	6-7 years	17-18 years
Struvite precipitation	3 years	3-4 years	~6-7 years	12-14 years



"Developmental" technologies

62 RESPONDENTS 4. LOCATION OF UTILITIES 2. TECHNOLOGY CATEGORIES SURVEY RESULTS × Nutrient UNITED STATES × Energy ⊠ Biosolids to Energy Market Adoption (cumulative % of respondents) Digestion Enhancements Intelligent Water Systems Disinfection **HYDROTHERMAL** Collection Systems LIQUIFACTION Other 30 RESPONDENTS INTERESTED, BUT UNSURE OF TIMING 50% Internationa 3. SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES SUPER-CRITICAL WATER OXIDATION 20 RESPONDENTS 5. MILLION GALLONS/DAY: INTERESTED, BUT UNSURE 25% OF TIMING Thermal energy recovery × 0-10 X 10+-50 X Hydrothermal liquifaction X 50+ Pyrolysis Super-critical water oxidation
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Time of Implementation





Barriers to Modernizing



Underinvestment



Technology Deployment and Validation Challenges



Conservative Risk-Averse Industry



Regulatory Barriers

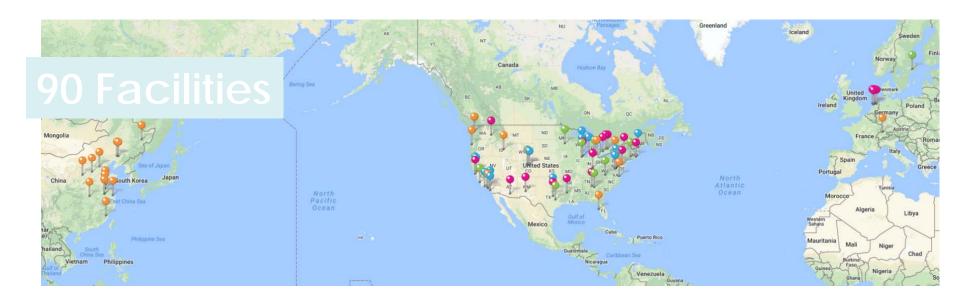


Social and Behavioral Challenges



FAST WATER

Facilities Accelerating Science & Technology



- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4

- Level 1: A university or research lab that can assist with bench-scale work but is not dedicated to piloting new technologies
- Level 2: A water resource recovery facility that is interested in innovation and willing to host a project, but does not have a dedicated test facility
- Level 3: A water resource recovery facility or research lab with a dedicated physical space available for piloting innovative water technology
- Level 4: A staffed facility dedicated solely to R&D/piloting of new technologies (can be housed at a functioning WRRF)







122 Technologies 114 Companies





