



**THE GLOBAL
NON-REVENUE WATER ISSUE:
HOW REDUCING NRW CAN HELP THE WORLD
MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE**



GLOBAL NRW ESTIMATES

- 126 billion m³/year
- 346 million m³/day
- 77 litres per capita per day
- USD 39 billion per year

ESTIMATED GLOBAL CARBON EMISSIONS FROM TOTAL NRW

- 187.2 million metric tonnes CO₂ / year
- 513 thousand metric tonnes CO₂ / day
- 0.6% of global CO₂ emissions

Global CO₂ emissions

- 1.9% from Aviation
- 1.7% from Shipping



LEAKAGE EMISSIONS

- Leakage Emissions are greenhouse gasses that are emitted as a result of Real Losses occurring in the network.
- Leakage Emissions are traceable and measurable.



HOW DO WE REDUCE LEAKAGE EMISSIONS

- We already know how.....
By reducing Real Losses!
- When we reduce Real Loss, we are reducing the amount of energy and resources used in our water supply chain for water that is ultimately wasted.

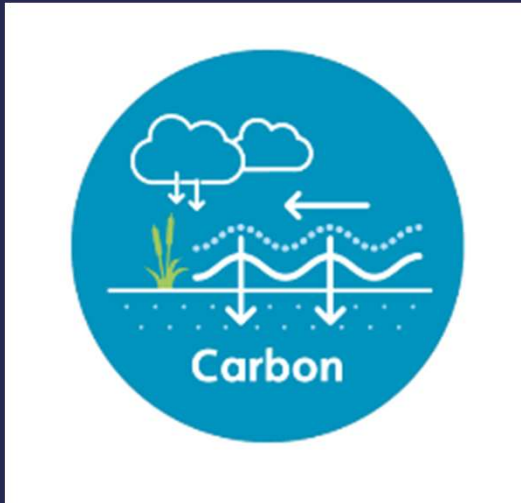


HOW DO WE REDUCE LEAKAGE EMISSIONS

- Where do we use energy in that supply chain?
 - Water Acquisition (Abstraction)
 - Water Treatment
 - Water Transportation (Pumping)
 - Reactive Repairs
 - Leak Location



GLOBAL LEAKAGE RECOVERY



- Global NRW – 126 billion m³/year
- On average it has been found that 70% of NRW are Real Losses – 88 billion m³/year.
- These losses have a Carbon Footprint and are being produced and lost and are Carbon recoverable.
- Apparent losses is estimated at 30% of NRW, 38 billion m³/year, however not all of this can be accounted as carbon recoverable as some items of this water will be sold.

Basic Water Source - no pumping and minimum chemicals	Traditional Water Systems – combination of pumping / treatment / chemicals	Desalination Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (Average)	Desalination Sea Water Reverse Osmosis (high) and plants run by fuel oil
10%	60%	20%	10%

ESTIMATED GLOBAL WATER PRODUCTION PER SOURCE

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CO₂ IN GRAMS PER M³ OF WATER PER WATER PRODUCTION SOURCE

CO₂ SAVINGS METRIC TONS / YEAR

Basic Water Source	Traditional Water System	Desalinated Sea Water – Reverse Osmosis	Desalinated Sea Water – RO using Fuel Oil	TOTAL
264,600	15,770,160	55,918,800	59,094,000	131,047,560

GLOBAL CO₂ EMISSION SAVINGS FROM LEAKAGE
REDUCTION

THIS EQUATES TO 0.4% OF GLOBAL CO₂
EMISSIONS

CO₂ OVERVIEW PER WATER SOURCE PER YEAR

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10%	60%	20%	10%	% water source
30 g/m ³	298 g/m ³	3,170 g/m ³	6,700 g/m ³	CO ₂ g/m ³
0.21%	12.03%	42.67%	45.09%	% of CO ₂

SO.... WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE ?

Which is equivalent to:

- A plane annually circumnavigating the earth 52,419 times

Or

- To offset the footprint annually planting 218.4 million hectares of trees – equivalent in size to a quarter of Brazil, the fifth largest country in the world.

To offset the Carbon Emissions from Leakage only, if no action is taken and leakage remains the same, the whole of the Earth's land area will be planted with trees over the next 64 years.

WHERE IT ALL STARTED

PARIS AGREEMENT 2015

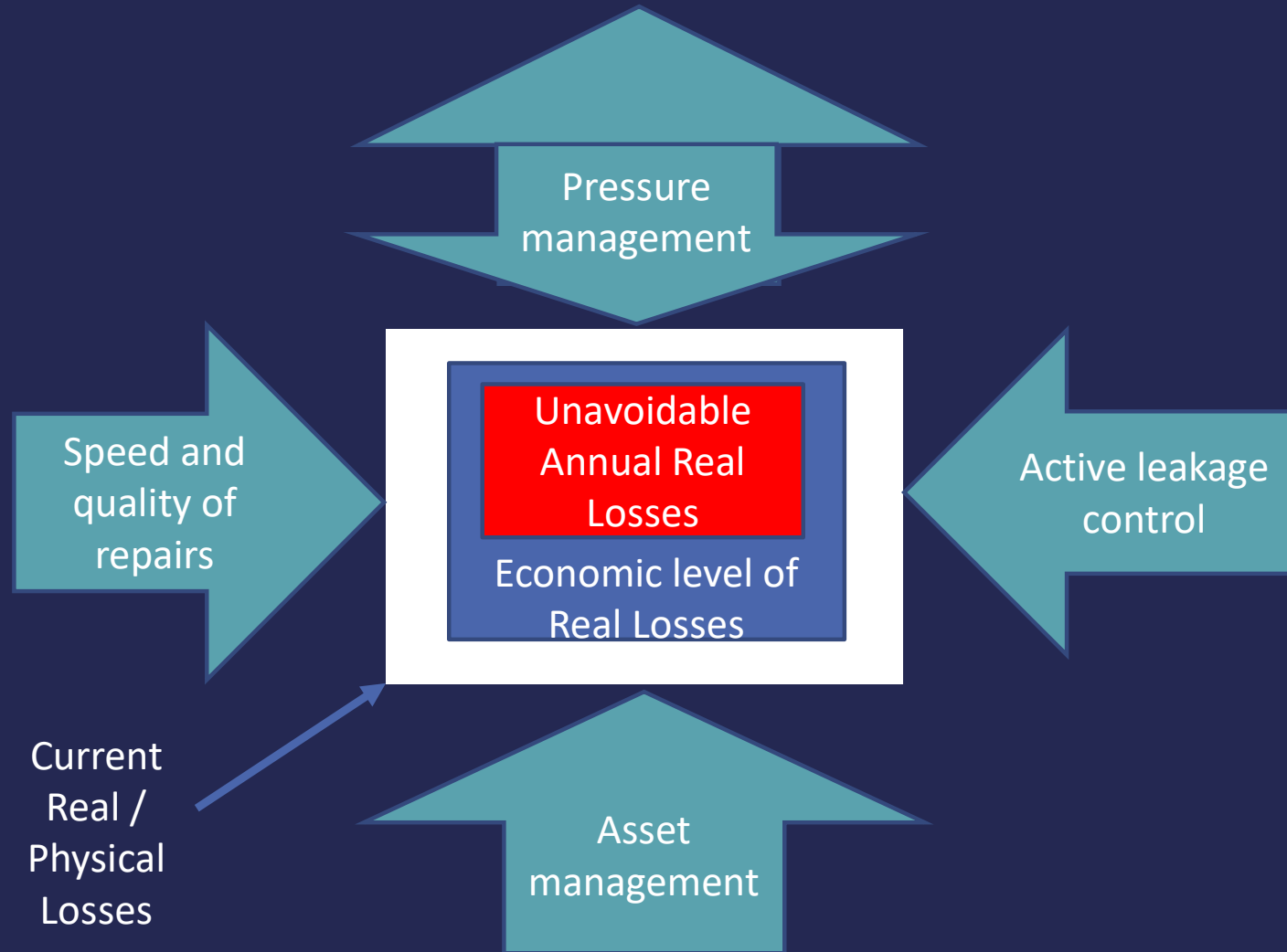
- At COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015, Parties to the UNFCCC being nearly 200 countries reached a landmark agreement to combat climate change and to accelerate and intensify the actions and investments needed for a sustainable low carbon future.
- It also prescribes that Parties shall communicate their NDCs (plans) every 5 years and provide information necessary for clarity and transparency. To set a firm foundation for higher ambition, each successive NDC will represent a progression beyond the previous one and reflect the highest possible ambition.

Main goals are

- Limit temperature rise 'well below' 2 C.
- First universal climate agreement.
- Helping poorer nations.
- Publishing greenhouse gas reduction targets.
- Carbon neutral by 2050.

NRW REDUCTION STRATEGY

REAL / PHYSICAL LOSSES





How does the carbon footprint reflect in the decision making when planning the repair or reducing real losses?



Listening on each stop tap

- Must get to and from site
- Don't know if any leaks present in the region surveyed
- Low footprint if area is surveyed by foot

Lift and shift of noise loggers

- Movement of staff in vehicles doing lift and shift and follow up Active Leakage Control activities
- Don't know if any leaks present in the region surveyed

Permanent installed equipment

- Once installed only go to alarms – reduced unnecessary vehicle usage

Satellite leakage

- Only go to areas of Interest – reduced unnecessary vehicle usage

ACTIVE LEAKAGE CONTROL FACTORS AFFECTING CARBON



Method of pipe installation

- Open-cut
- Bored / pipe-bursting

Ground type

- Concrete / tarmac
- Sand / grass

Material used

- Metallic
- Non-metallic

Life expectancy
30 - 60 years

Service pipe

- Material
- Renew or use existing

ASSET MANAGEMENT
FACTORS AFFECTING CARBON



Installation of PRV
and servicing
valves

Single time
installation



Type of pressure
management

Chose right type of
installation for best
results



Lowest cost on
carbons once
installed

Reduces losses
without needing to
visit site



Controlled remotely and serviced
annually

**PRESSURE MANAGEMENT
FACTORS AFFECTING CARBON**



Repair or replace



Repair quality



Quality of fittings used



Run time of leak

SPEED AND QUALITY OF REPAIRS
FACTORS AFFECTING CARBON

OTHER FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- How is electricity produced
 - Fuel Oil
 - Renewable – Wind / Solar / Geothermal
 - Natural Gas
 - Coal
 - Nuclear
- Increase in cost of fossil fuel
- Resilience to catastrophic failure
 - Can you get fuel oil onto the island
 - Storage capacity for fuel oil
- Storage capacity of water
 - How long can you survive with high NRW
 - Reducing Real Losses can help countries adapt to impacts of climate change



HOW CAN I BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2050?

- Carbon footprint must be reduced
- Increase shift away from fossil fuel
- Extra storage facility
- Ability to survive a catastrophic failure
- Resilience insurance needs
- Look at the bigger picture
- What is your biggest usage of Carbon?



AS A UTILITY, REDUCING NRW WILL HELP YOU BECOME CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2050



- The funding of NRW can unlock many climate financing options
- Climate funding options are widely available and currently not being used to reduce NRW
- This is a widely untapped source and Govt., by necessity, must look at reducing carbon emissions
- Sources of finance include
 - Green Climate Fund
 - IFI funding
 - Commercial banks
 - Private operator

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- The problem isn't financing, it's the will from the country and utility, but now there is a commitment to abide to the Paris agreement
- Common sense is now a priority, and a start must be made
- Begin changing the way we live for not only ourselves but our children and grandchildren – we can do our bit to help correct mistakes made in the past
- We cannot change the world, but we can change a small part of it and reduce NRW and carbon emissions
- Where will you be on this journey:
 - A leader?
 - or
 - A follower?

Assess the carbon footprint and energy performance of your urban water utility

ECAM empowers water and wastewater utility operators to assess their greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption.

- Perfect for climate reporting needs
- Overview of system-wide greenhouse gas emissions
- IPCC-2019 compliant and open source

[Start your assessment](#)

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Open source



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About ECAM



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