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Outlook for the Water-Energy Nexus

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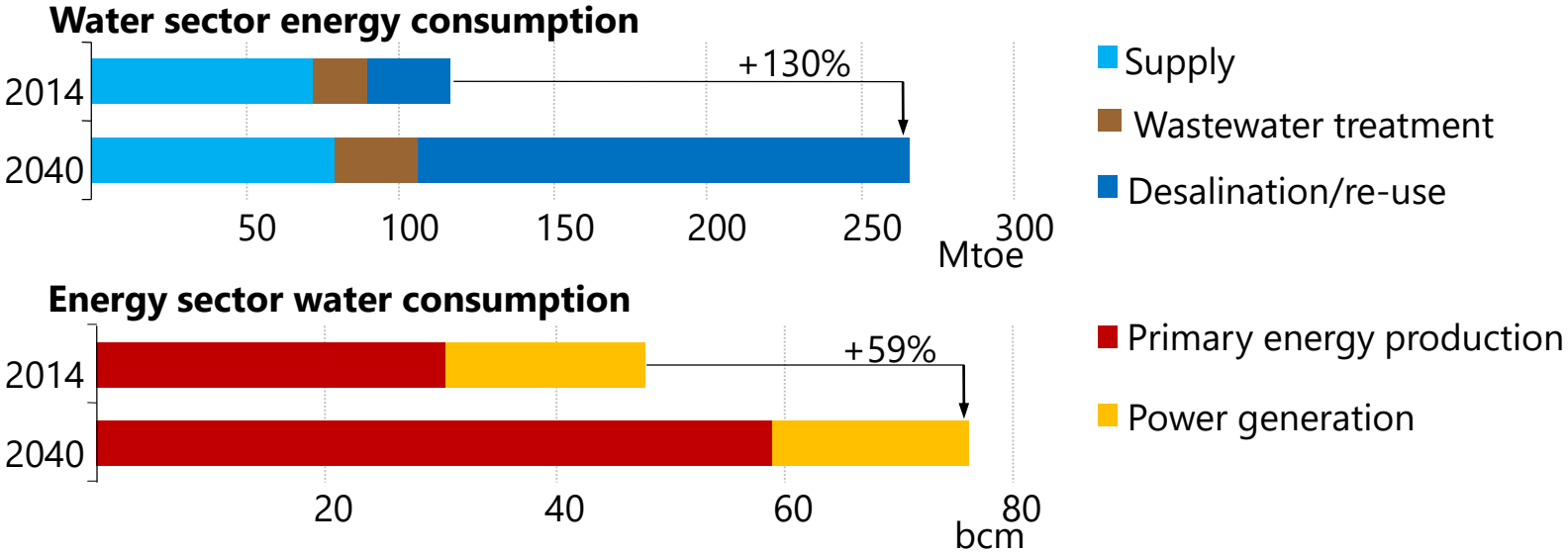
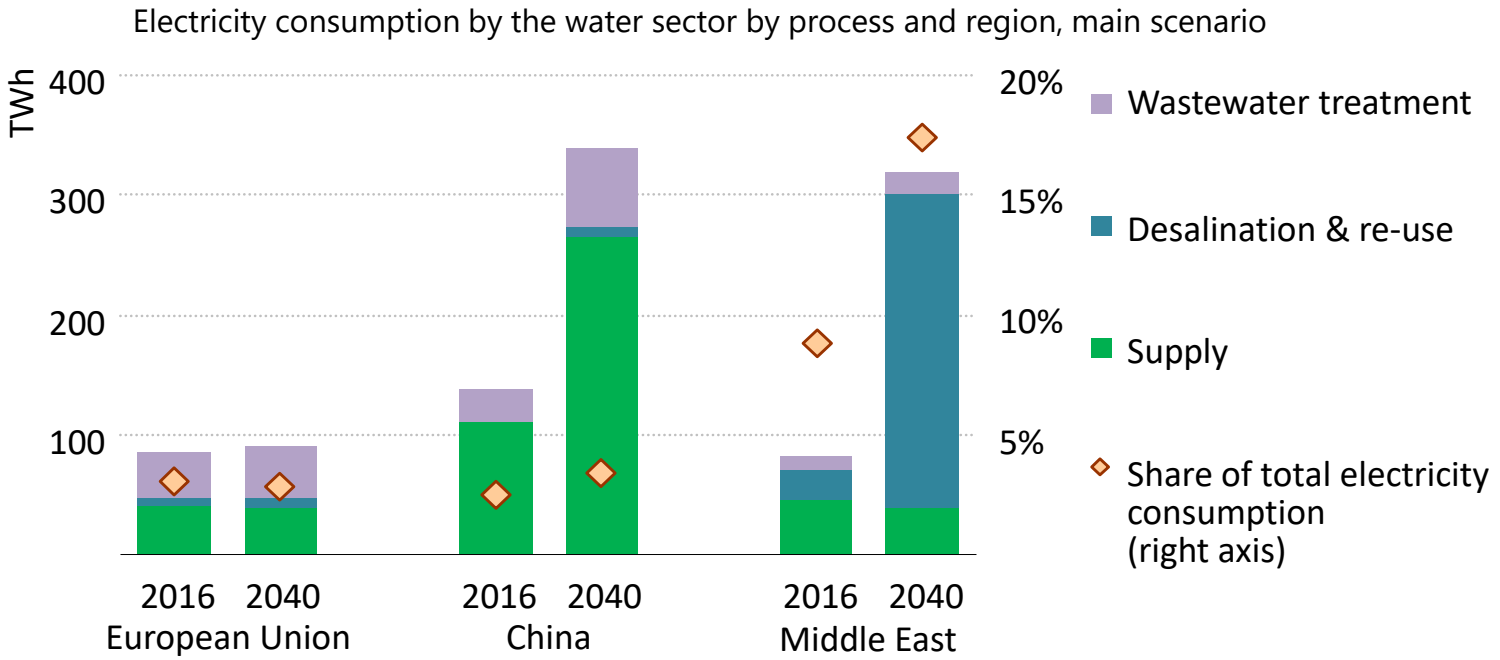
The linkages are intensifying

Global energy use in the water sector and water use in the energy sector, main scenario



Managing energy-water linkages is pivotal to the realization of a range of development, economic & energy transition goals

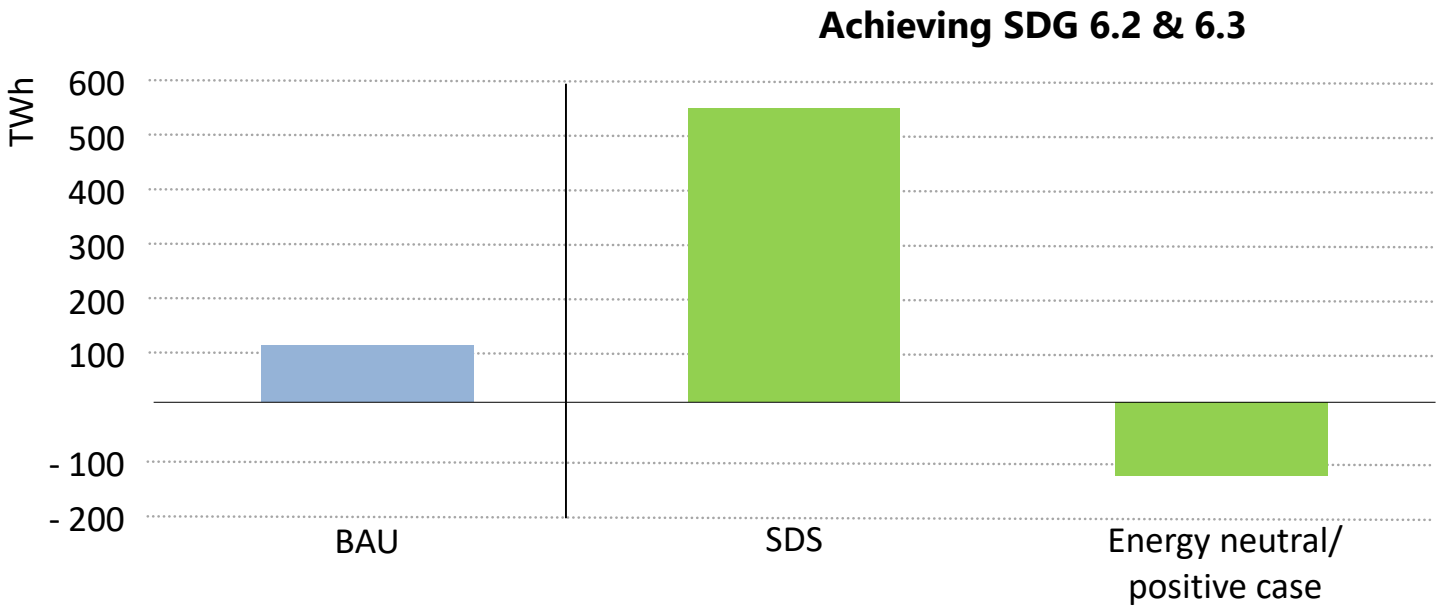
Water needs more energy & challenges vary by region



Water continues to account for around 4% of global electricity consumption in 2040, but large-scale water transfer in China & desalination in the Middle East increase their share

Meeting SDG 6 could increase energy demand

Global electricity consumption in urban municipal wastewater treatment facilities in 2030, Sustainable Development Scenario



Impact on energy demand from meeting SDG 6 could be significant, but if right policies & technology are put in place the wastewater sector can become a net energy producer

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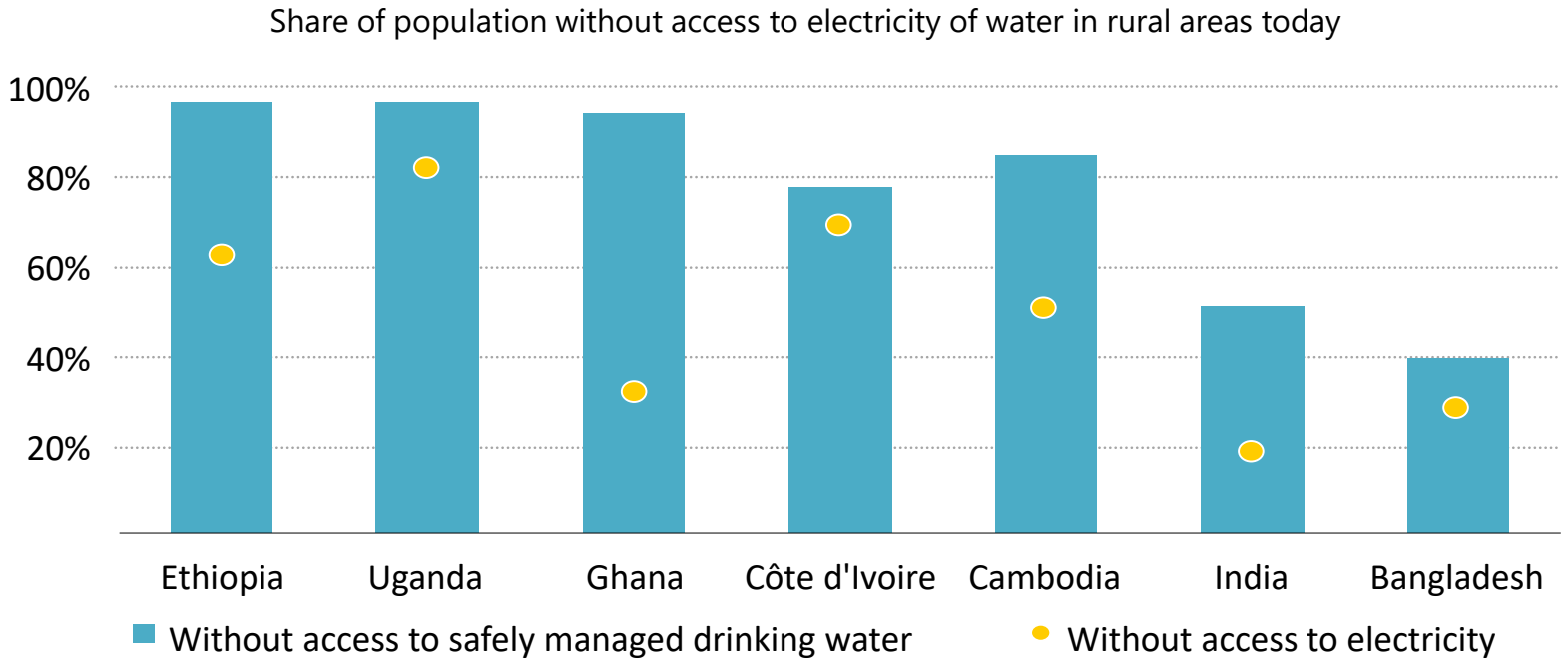
There are significant synergies between SDG 7 & 6



Two-thirds of those without access to clean drinking water in rural areas also lack access to electricity, opening opportunities to co-ordinate solutions