

The deep sea energy park: Harvesting Hydrothermal Energy For Seabed Exploration



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Outline

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- Energy Demands and Energy Potentials in Seabed

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- Energy Extracting Concept from Hydrothermal Vents

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- Risk and Cost Assessments

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- Environment, Legislation and Future Scenarios

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- Conclusions and Discussions

Motivation

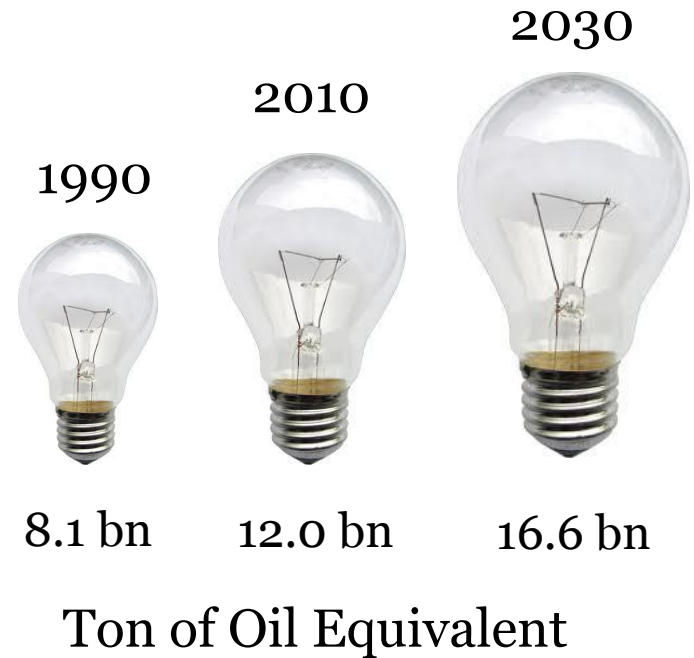


Needs of Energy

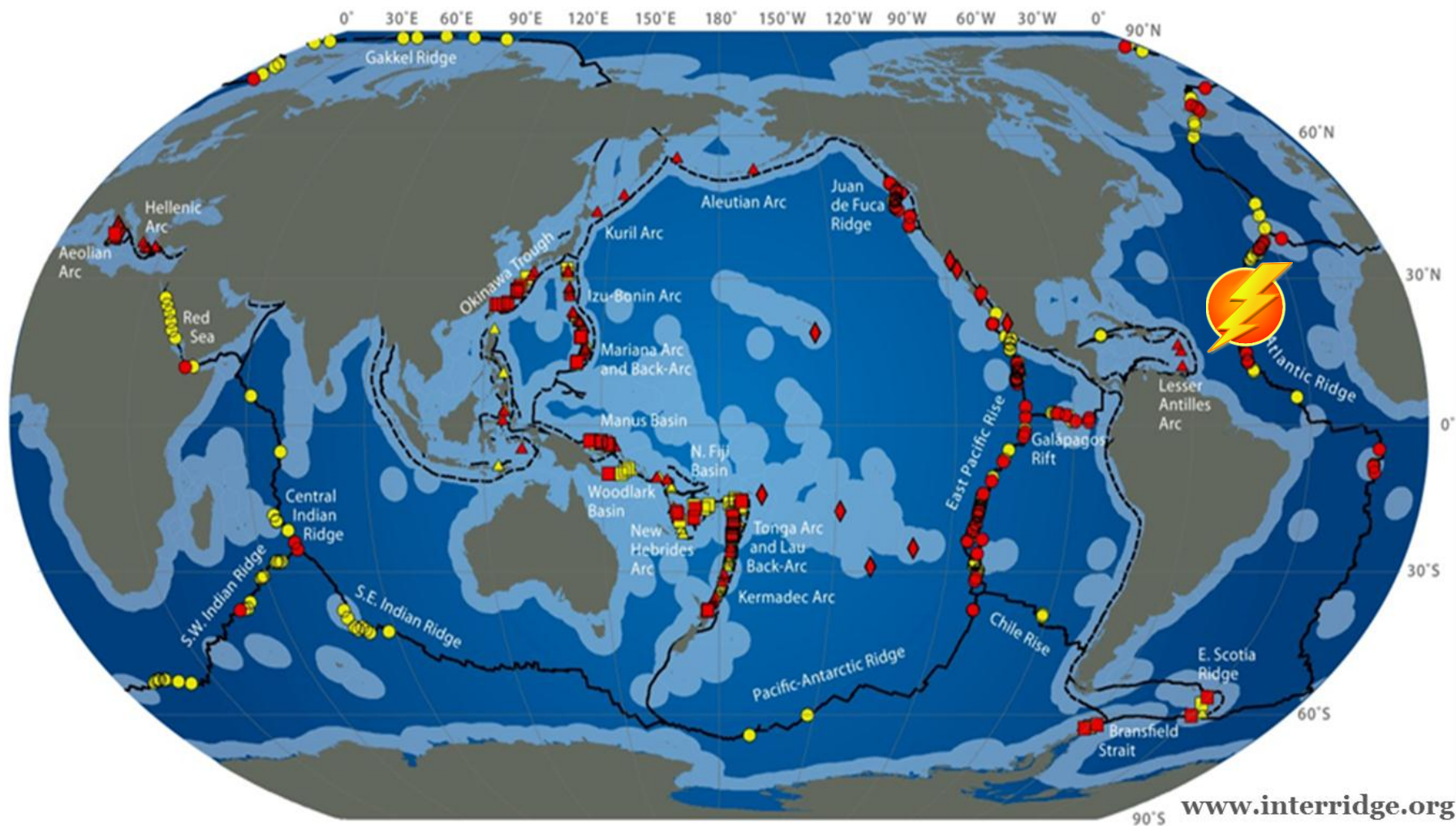
- Energy Demand Scenario



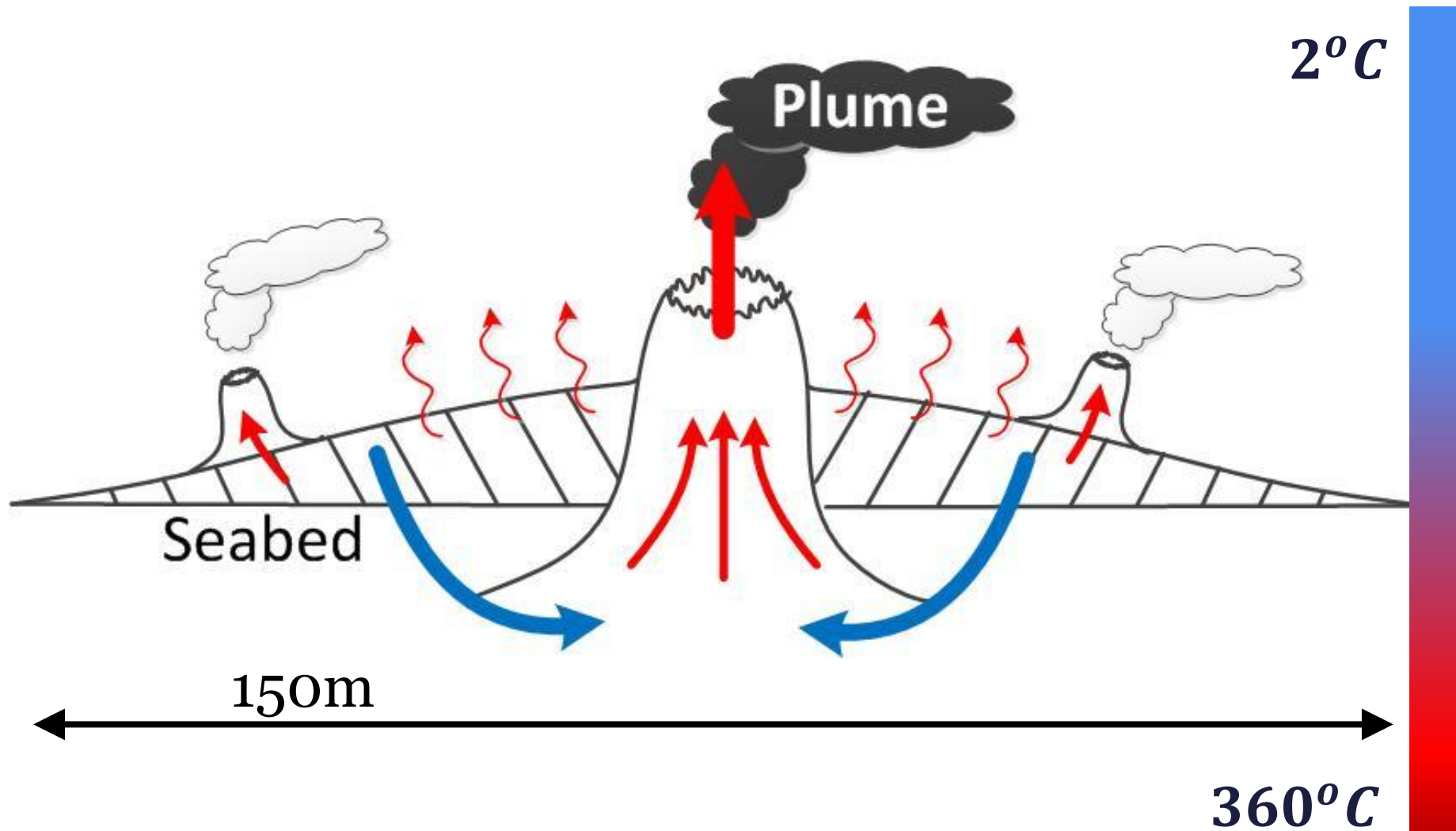
Population
Living standards



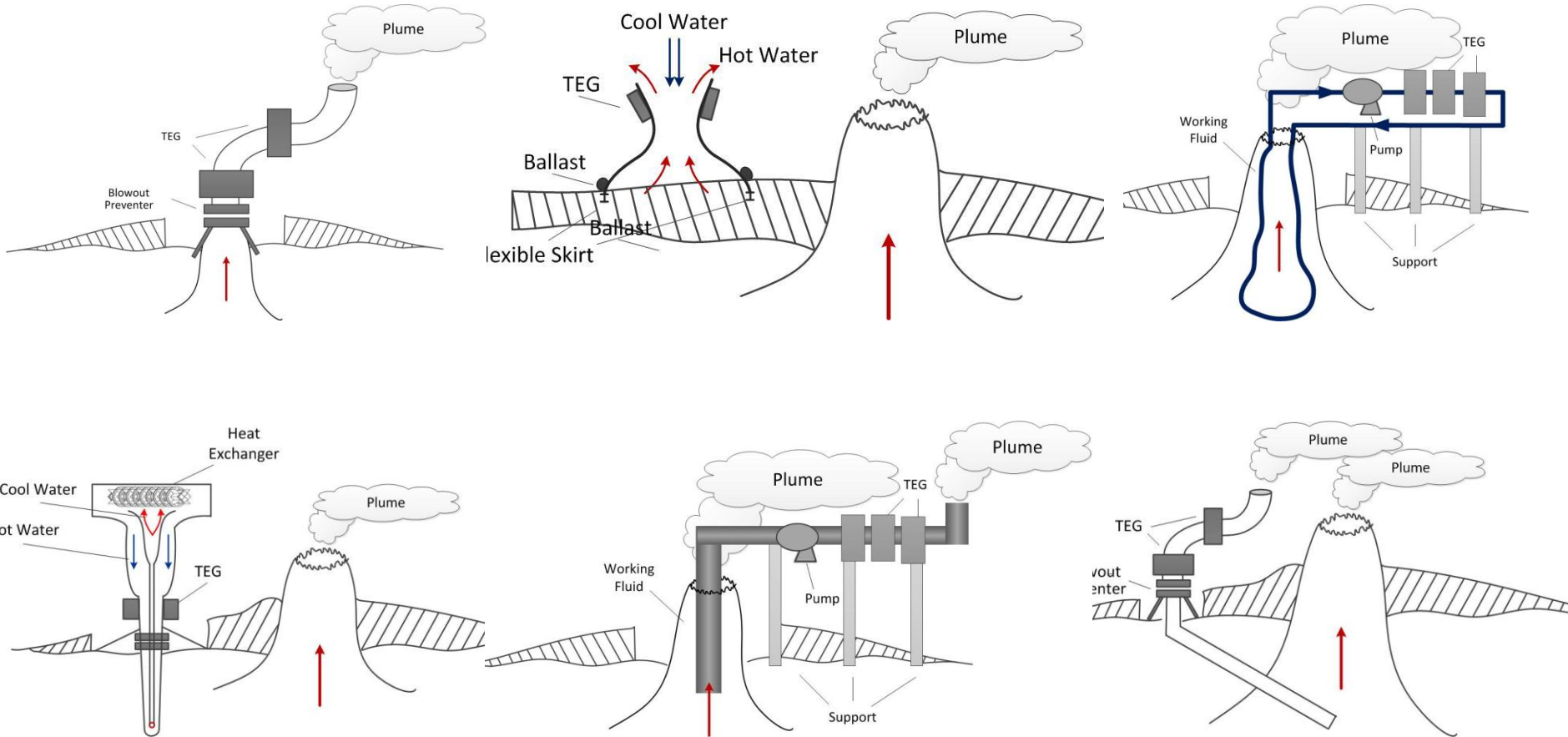
Energy Potential \approx 1 TW



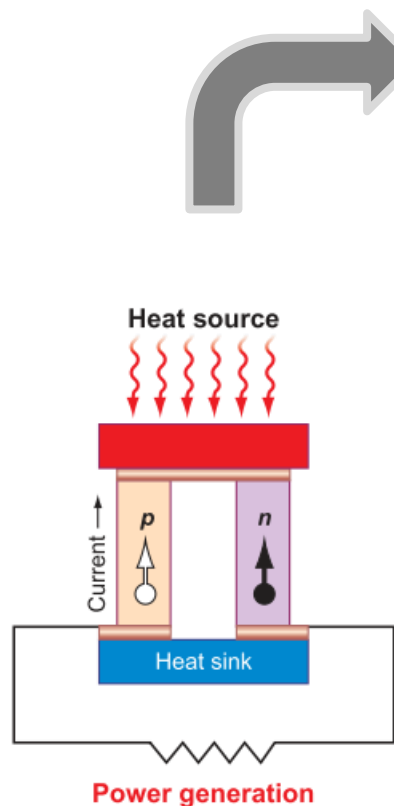
Energy in Trans-Atlantic Geotraverse (TAG)



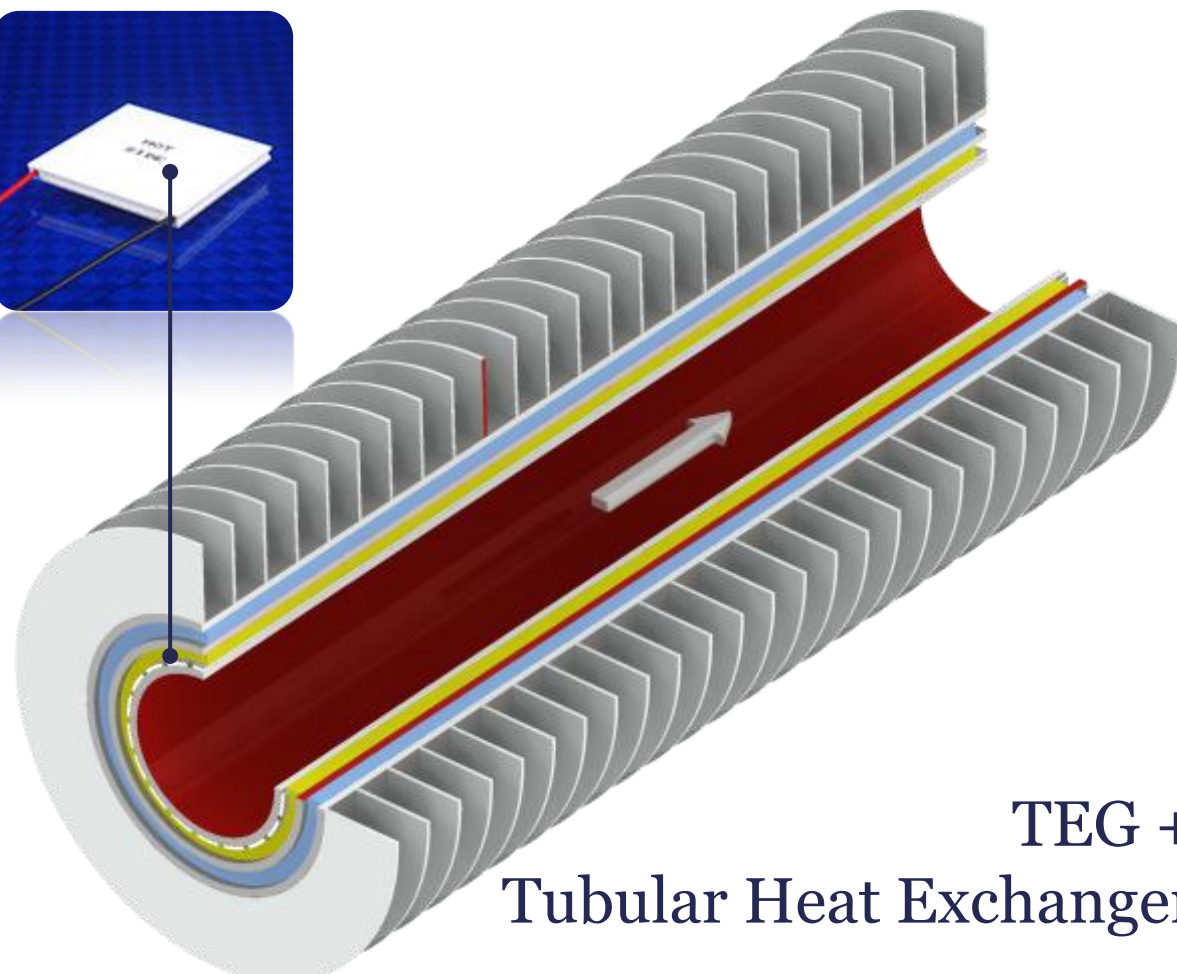
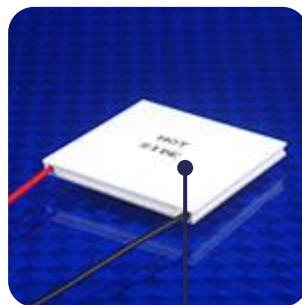
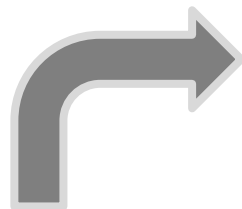
Energy Collection Concepts



Thermoelectric Generator (TEG)

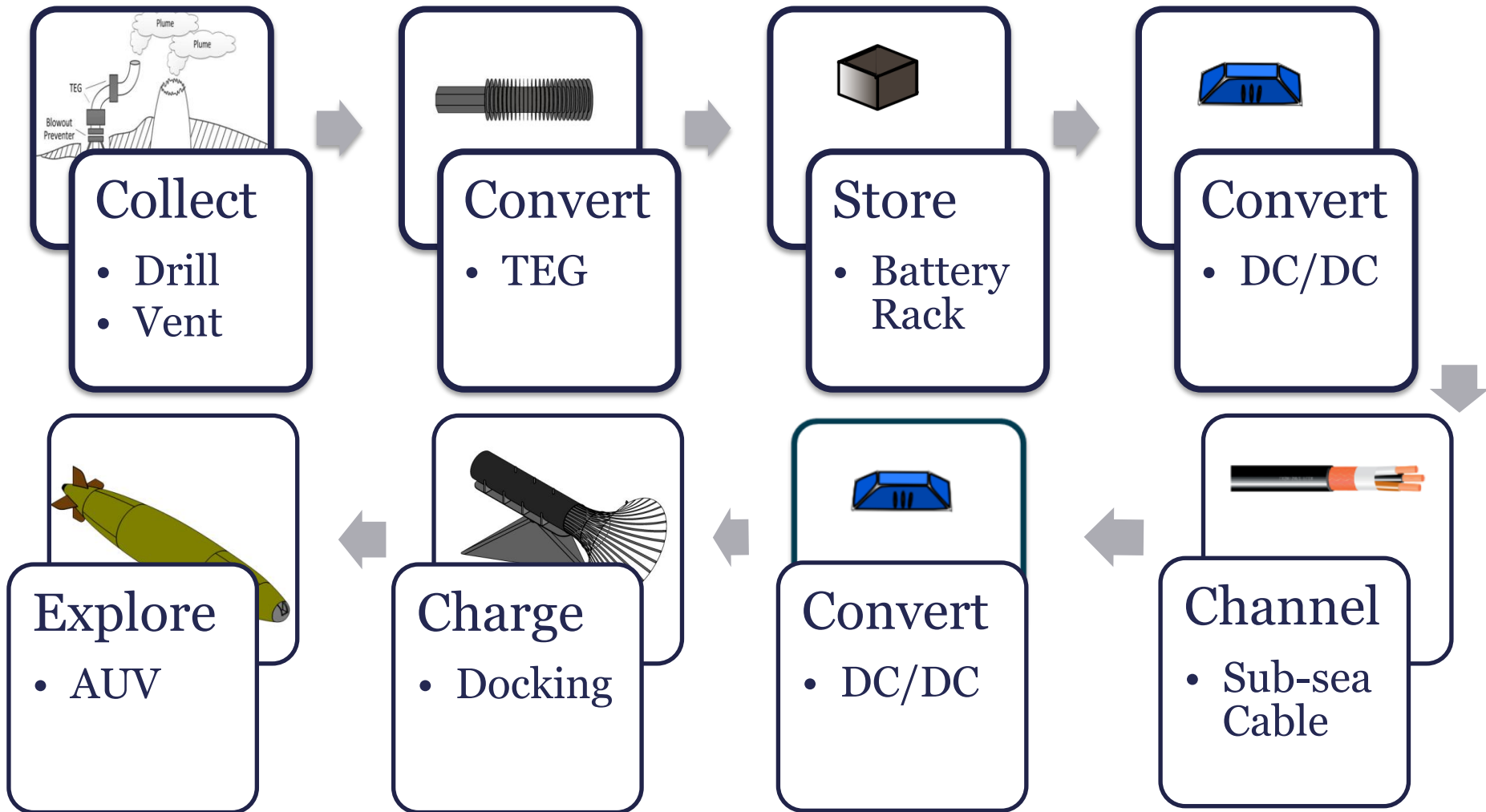


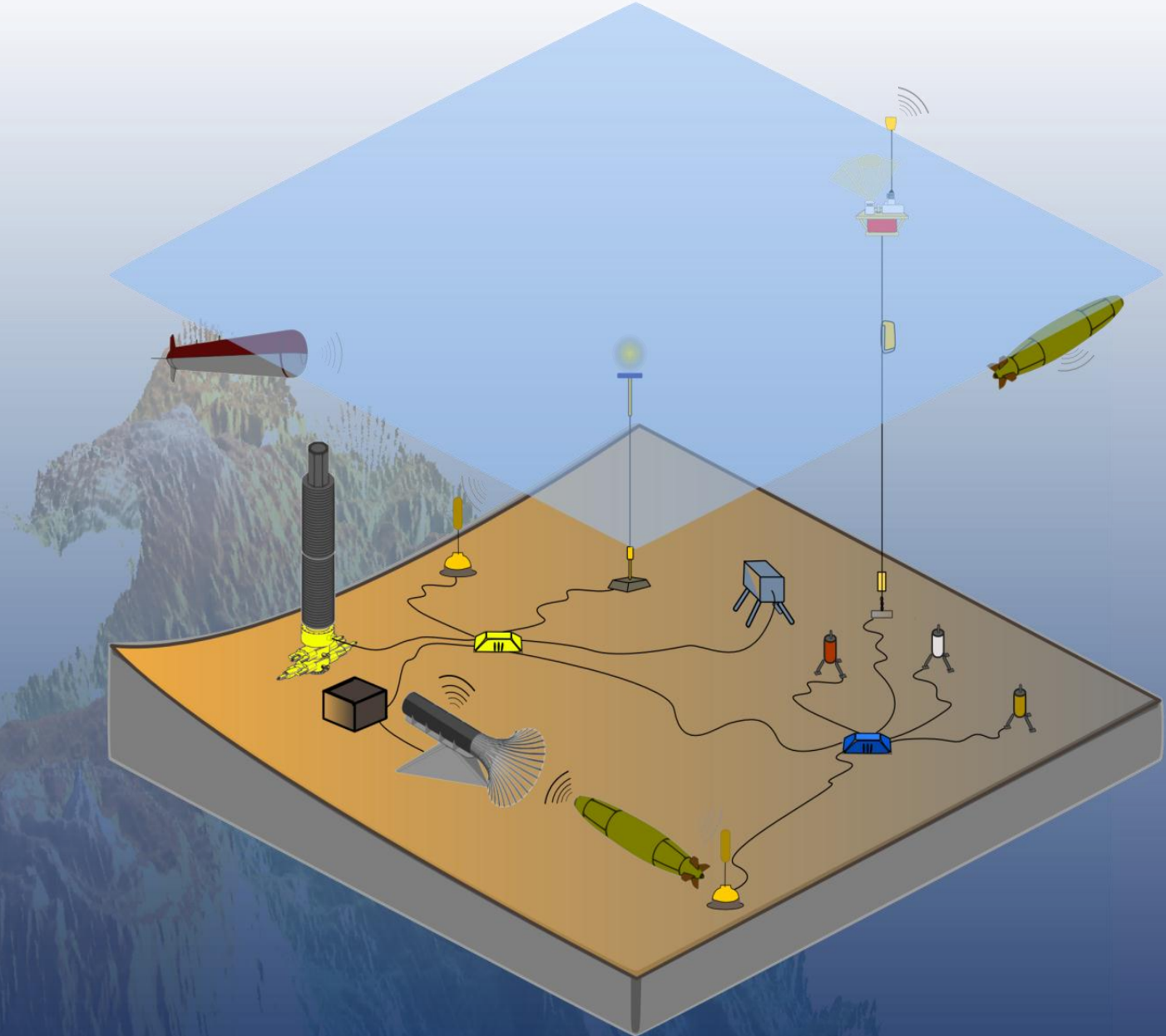
Seebeck Effect



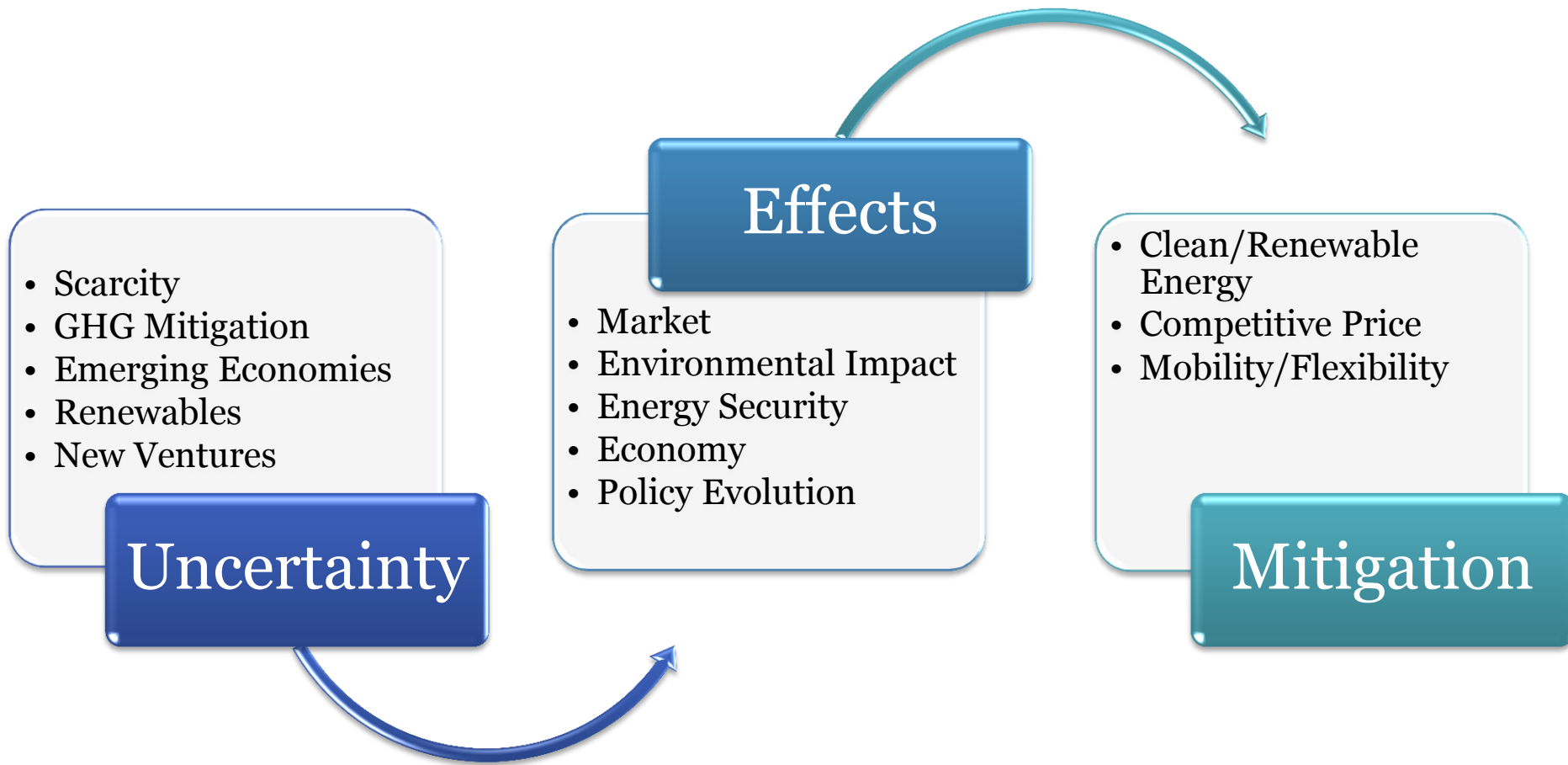
TEG +
Tubular Heat Exchanger

TEG on TAG



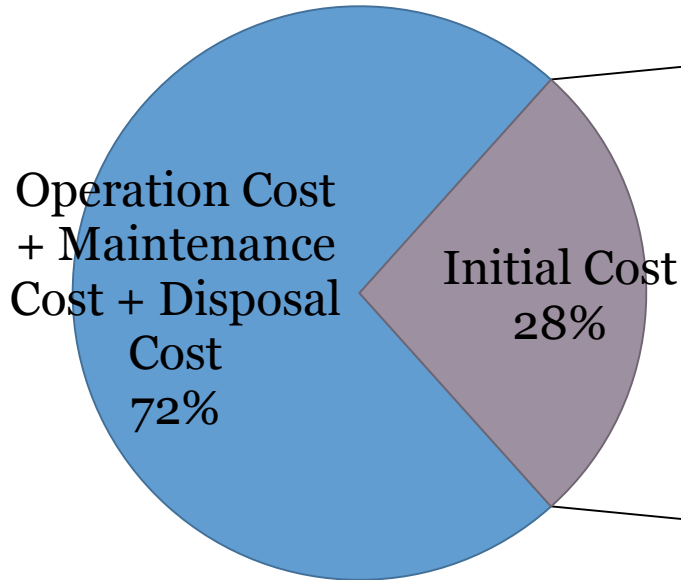


Risk Consideration

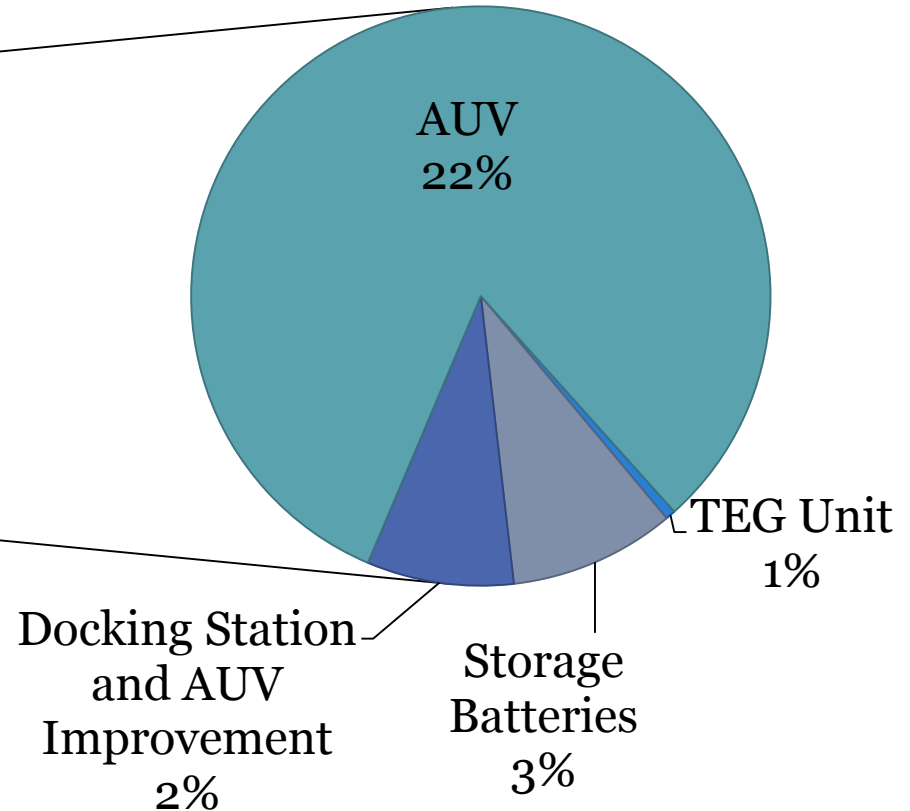


Project Cost Assessment

Total Life Cycle Cost
USD 46 million



Initial Cost
USD 12 million



Environmental Assessment

Hazards

- Drilling
- Venturi Unit
- Closed System
- Open System
- Covering the Chimney

Effects

- Physical Damage
- Destruction of the Vent Water Circuit
- Water Demineralization
- Waste Fluid
- Food Source

Impact

- Dying of Hydrothermal Vent
- Decrease in Biodiversity

Mitigation

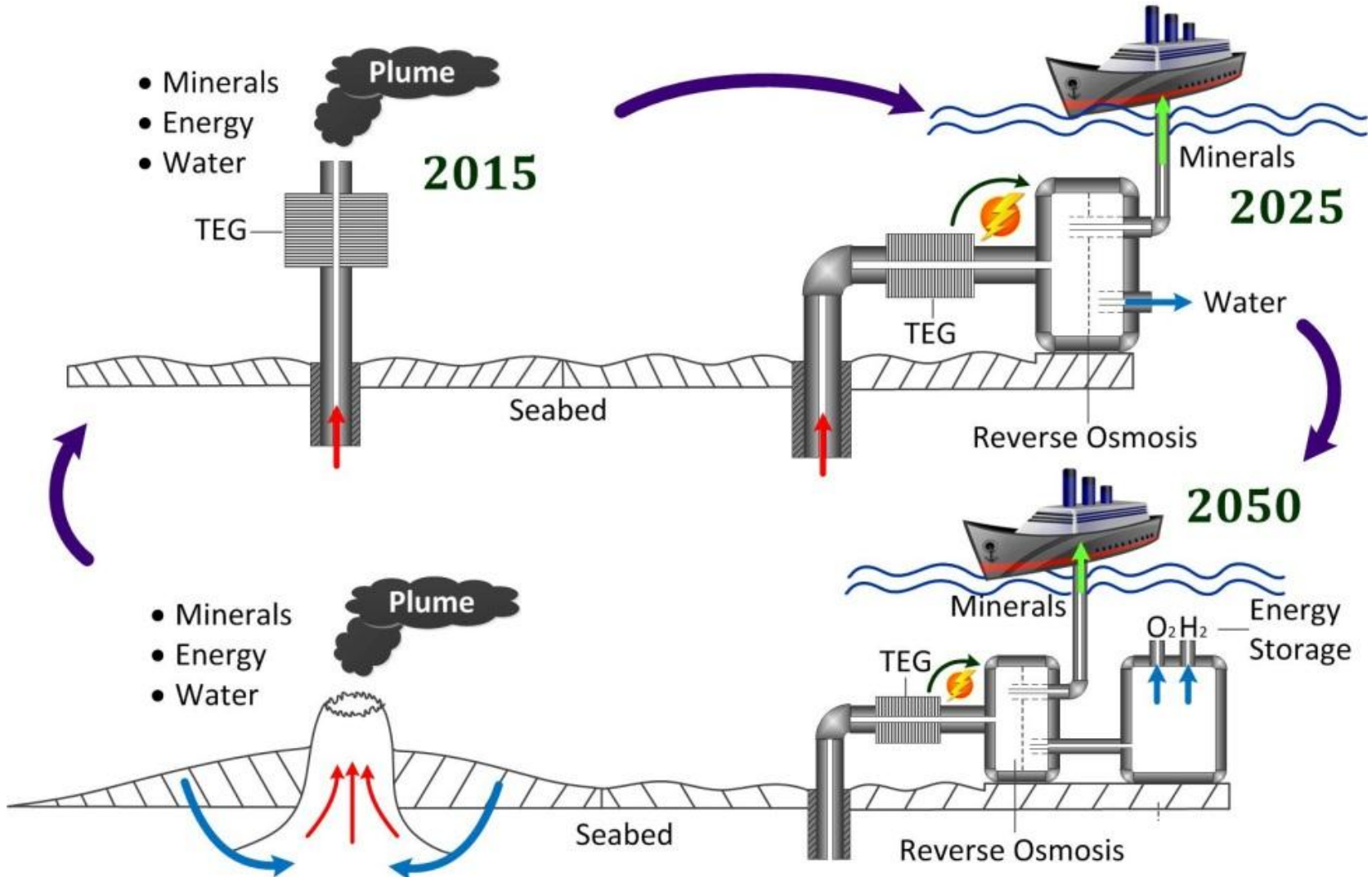
Installation as far as possible from chimney

System Mobility

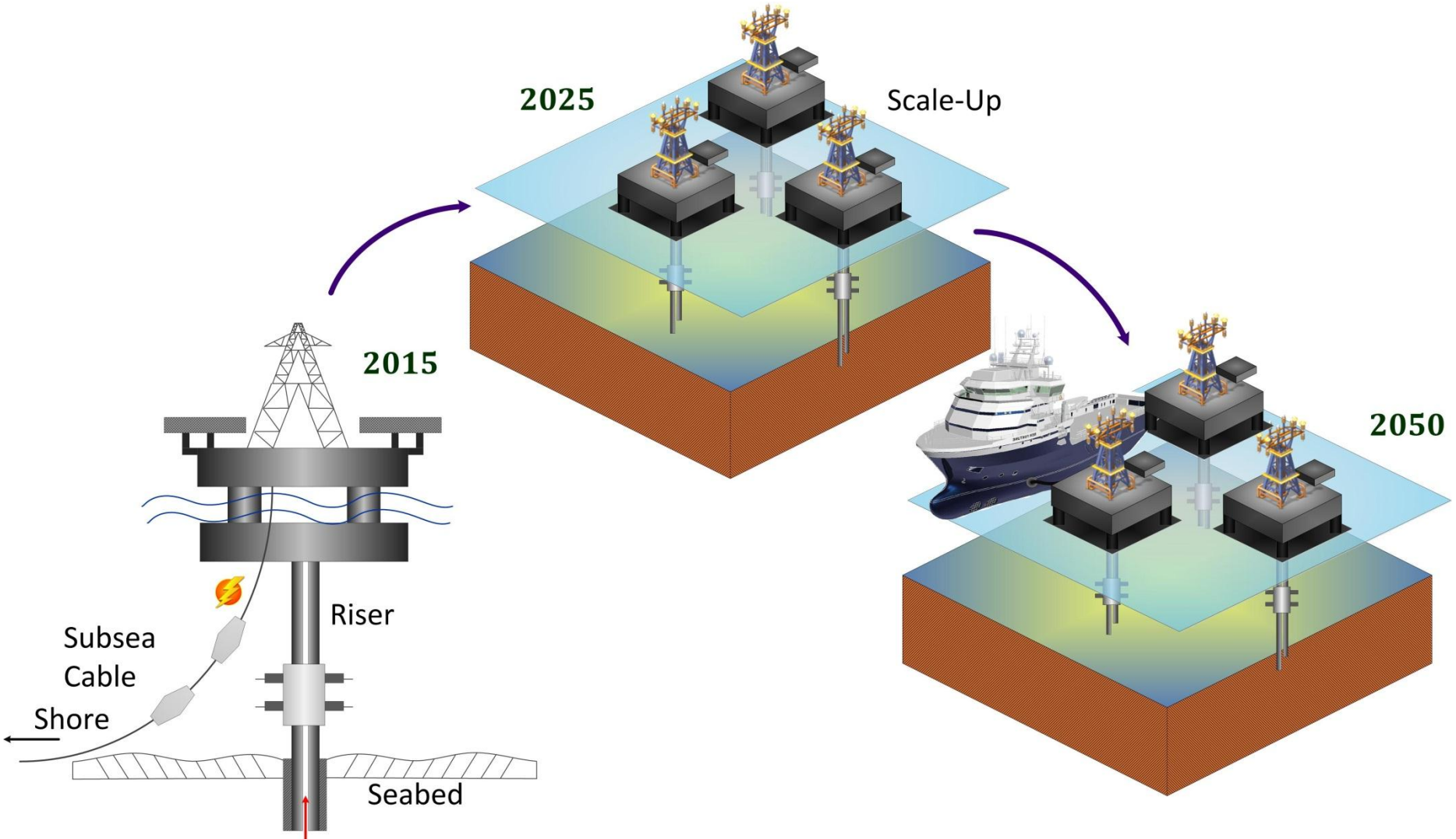
Legal Assessment

	High Sea	Territorial Water (Papua New Guinea)
Exploitation License	<p>No Policy No Regulations</p>	<p>Use of onshore regulations</p>
Exploration License		

First Scenario 2050



Second Scenario 2050



Conclusions

- The energy must not be produced at the expense of the environment
- Hence the need for more alternative energy sources
- Seabed holds vast and diverse energy sources

Conclusions

- Technical, environmental, legal and economic considerations were used as criteria for shaping the proposed concept.
- The technical challenges arise from: Thermal energy collection, converting the thermal energy to electrical energy and channelling the energy to a given client.
- Future:
 - Short term- Energy demands for submarines
 - Long term- Energy demand in the cities

Thank You for Listening

