

Theme 1

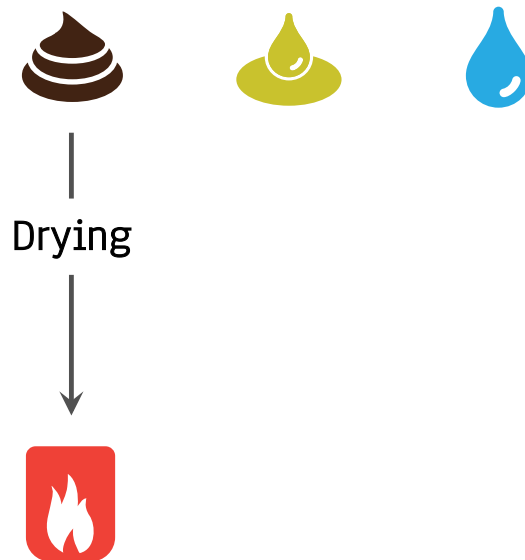
# Waste & Water Management

How to get the most out of it

## Content

- What to do with poo & pee?
- Water usage and grey water treatment
- Transport of human waste
  
- Discussion sessions
  1. Transport of human waste
  2. Grey water treatment
  3. Capacity sanitation blocks

# What to do with poo?

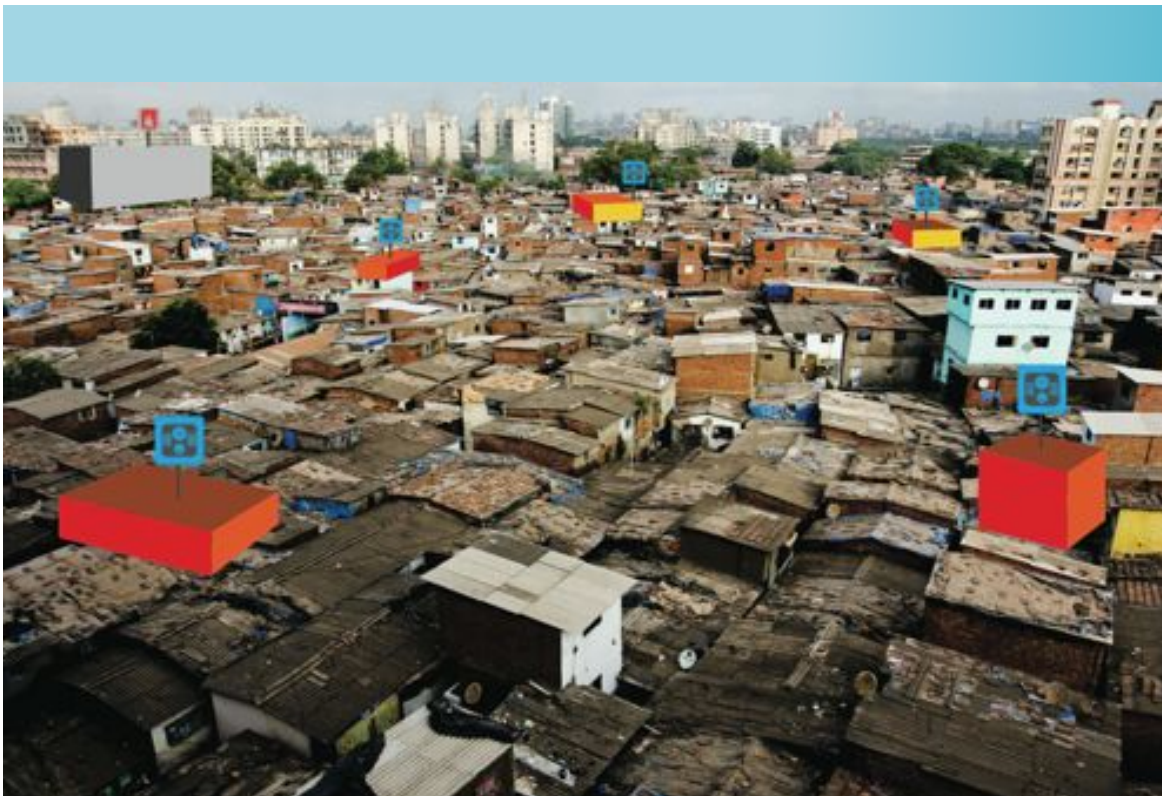


## Microwave Plasma Gasification

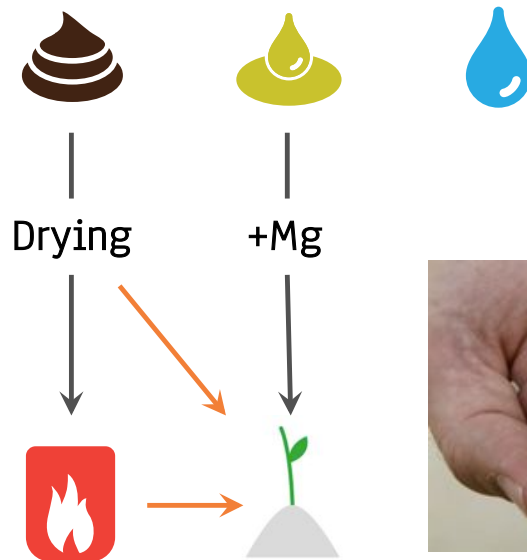
- Creates syngas for electricity generation  
> Potentially (beyond) self-sufficient
- Immediate elimination of pathogens
- Fast processing, limited storage
- Sterile P-rich ash for local use or export
- Modular & compact equipment

Required feed >2,000 people per day

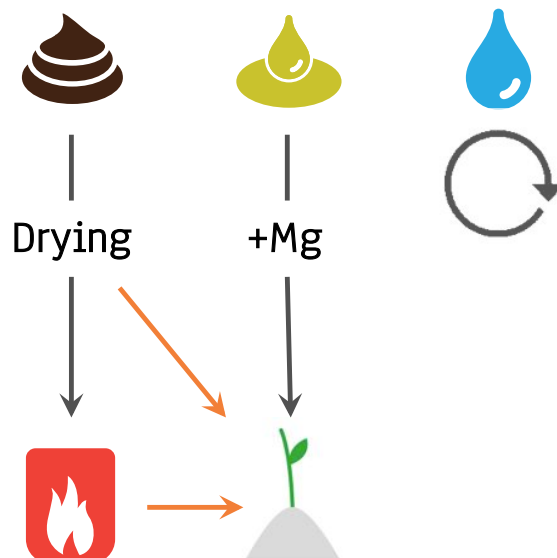




# What to do with pee?



# What to do with water?

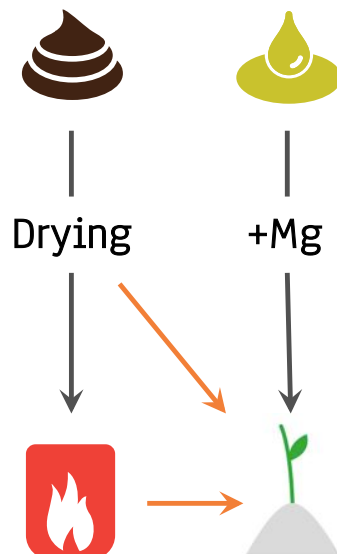


# Water consumption

- Excessive use of water as part of toilet ritual India (~4 liter/person)
  - Hand washing
  - Anal cleansing
  - Maintenance
  - Other activities
- Retain & recycle, because:
  - Transport of water is not desirable
  - Reliable water supply at facilities



# Urine diversion?



# Urine diversion?

Barriers:

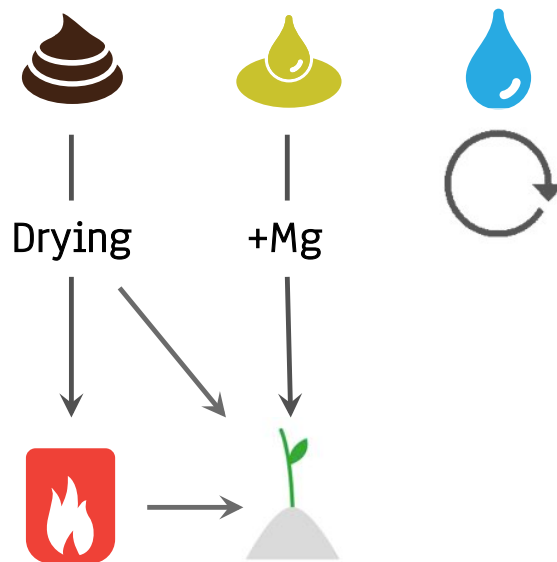
- Physical (gender differences)
- Technical (cross-contamination, clogging due to misuse, not easy to convey isolated feces)
- Social (user acceptance, conservative attitude others)
- Economic barriers (low market value struvite)
- Operational barriers (cleaning difficulty, additional infrastructure and transport line)

# Urine diversion?

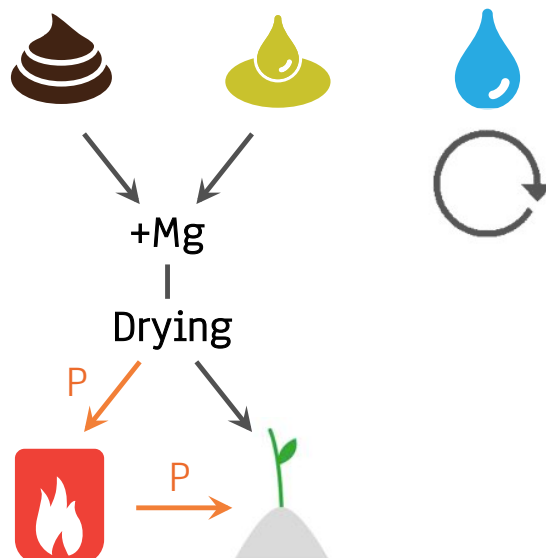
Perceived stigmatization



# Urine diversion?



# Our proposal



# Quantifying waste & water

How to determine capacity of sanitation blocks?

- Proximity
- Sharing (sense of ownership/accountability)
- Costs
- Space occupation
- Presence of caretaker & shop
- ...

# Quantifying waste & water

Target area: 20m radius, >400 people

Users: 70% = 300 people

Toilets: 7 (Indian governmental norm 1:50)

» 3 for men plus additional urinals

» 4 for women





# Quantifying waste & water



300 l/day  
(~5% DS)



3,000 l/day



Visits per user: 2,5 times per day (once defecation)

Feces: 250 gram (100-300 gram)

Urine: 300 ml (100-600 ml)

Water: 2 liter (cleansing) + 2 liter (hand wash)  
+ maintenance

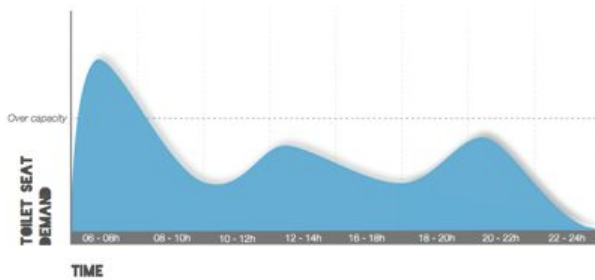
# Quantifying waste & water



# Quantifying waste & water

Peak hours (6.00am-9.00am):

- 80% of community (250p) shows up, 90% defecate
- >100 liter waste collected (~50% of daily amount)
- >300 liter/hr water consumed (~33% of daily amount)



## What more can we expect?

Incidental & accidental waste

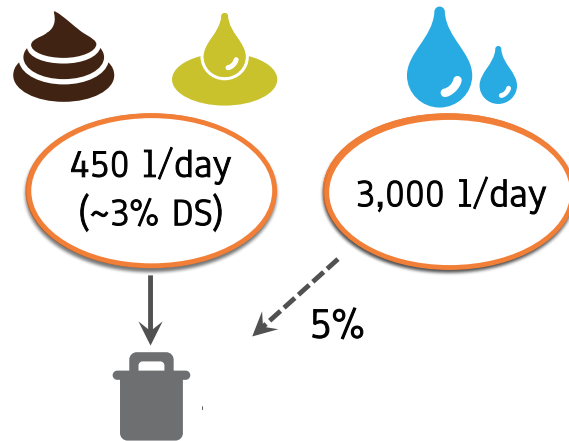


# Design of water diverting toilet

## Why?

- Reduce transport volume
- Less dewatering
- Recycle water

Diversion efficiency is critical!



# Design of water diverting toilet

## How?

- Low-(or no)-tech
- Do not rely on user
- Rather, connect to beneficial activity for user



# Design of water diverting toilet



# Design of water diverting toilet

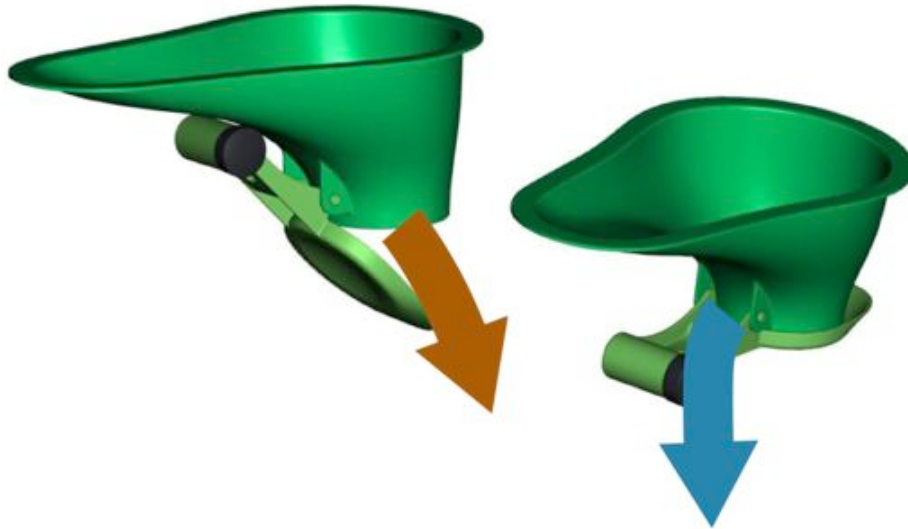


## Hand shower:

- Climb sanitation ladder
- Positive (new) experience
- Control water consumption



# Design of water diverting toilet



# Grey water treatment

## What?

Around 3,000 liter per day (toilet + taps + maintenance)

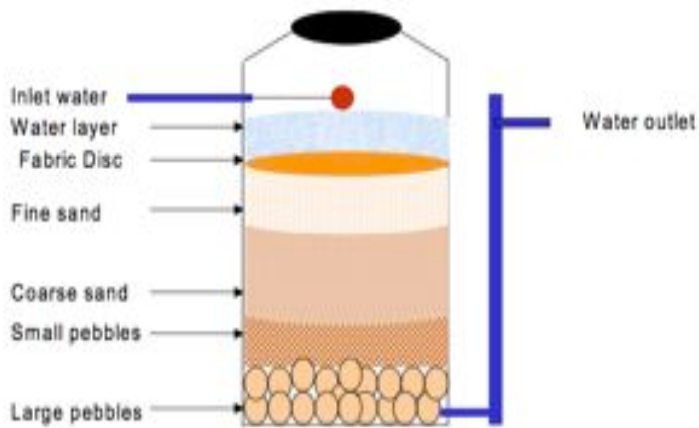
Contains: feces/urine, pathogens, blood, soaps, hormones, medicines, etc.

## How?

Filtration:       Septic tank  
                      Sand filtration

Disinfection:    Passive solar (UV) disinfection

# Sand filtration



# Solar disinfection



# Solar disinfection



# Solar disinfection + TiO<sub>2</sub>

Benefits TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysation:

- Smaller surface area, higher flow rate
- Deactivate micro organisms

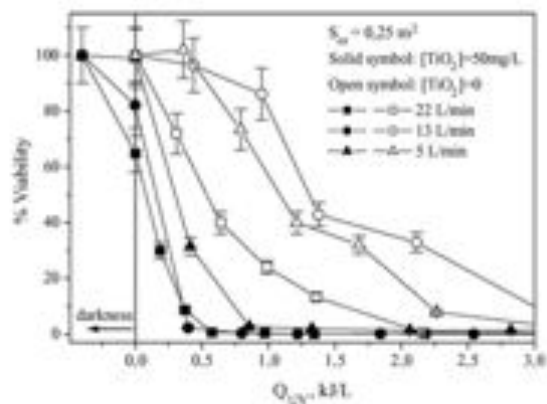
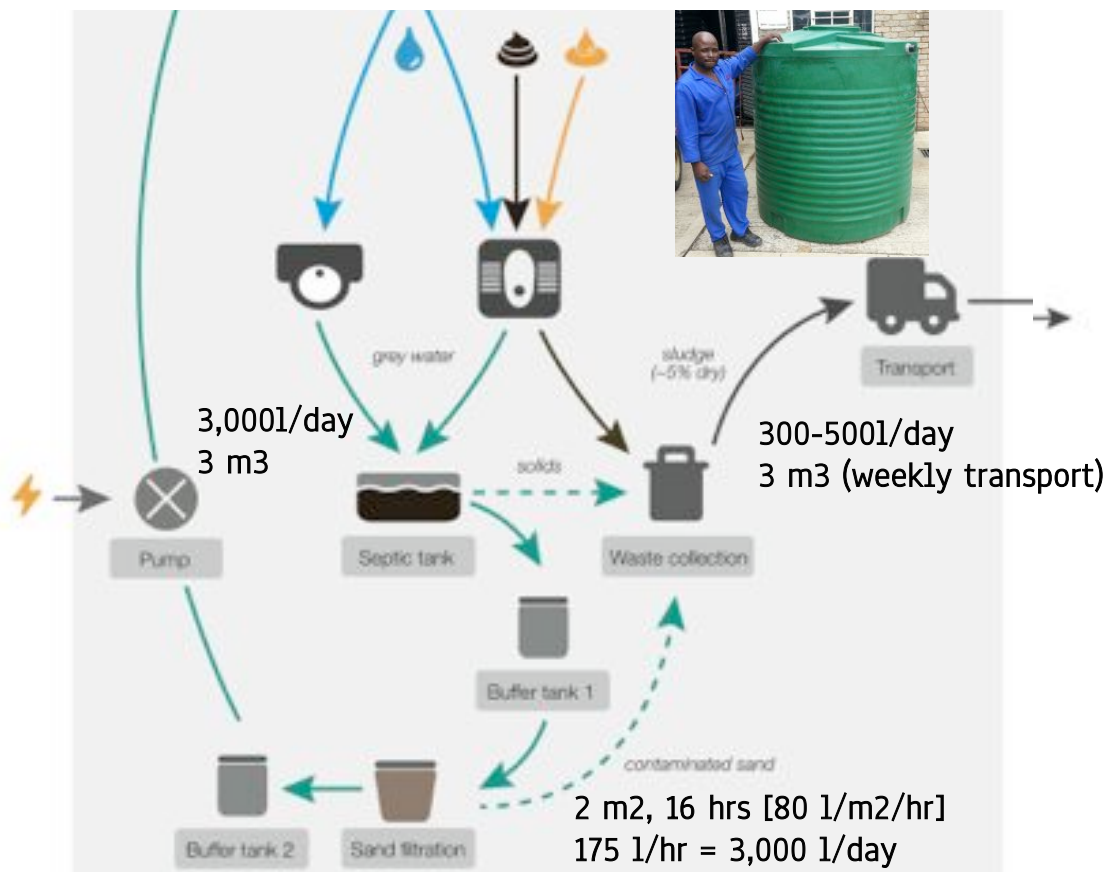
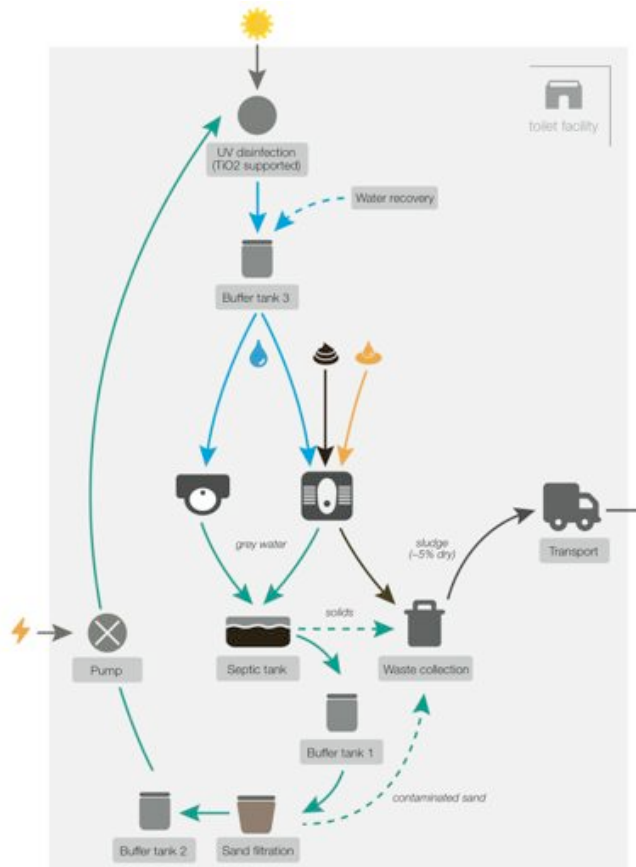
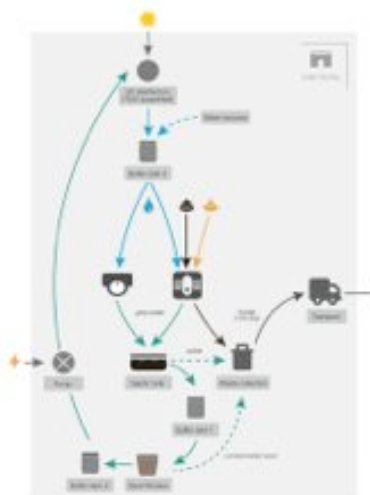
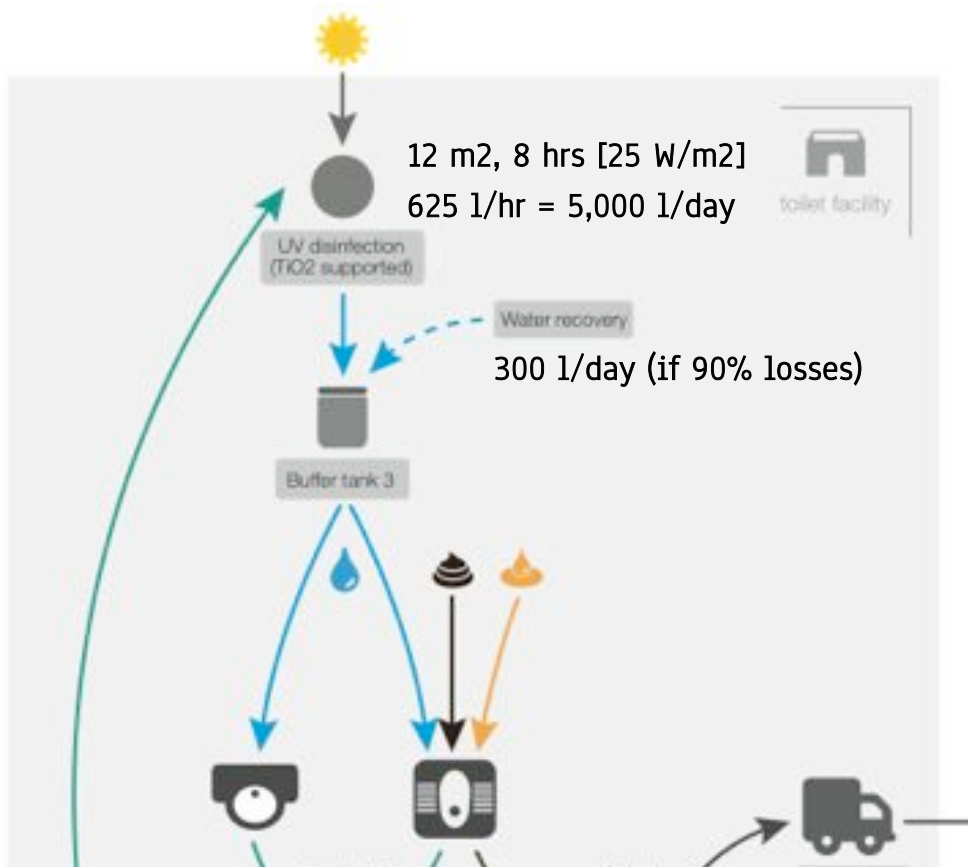


Fig. 7. Inactivation of *Escherichia coli* under solar photocatalysis [TiO<sub>2</sub>] = 50 mg/L, 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> of irradiated surface and three flow rates: 22.5, 13.0 and 5.0 L/min (solid symbols) and for experiments made without catalyst under solar radiation (open symbols).

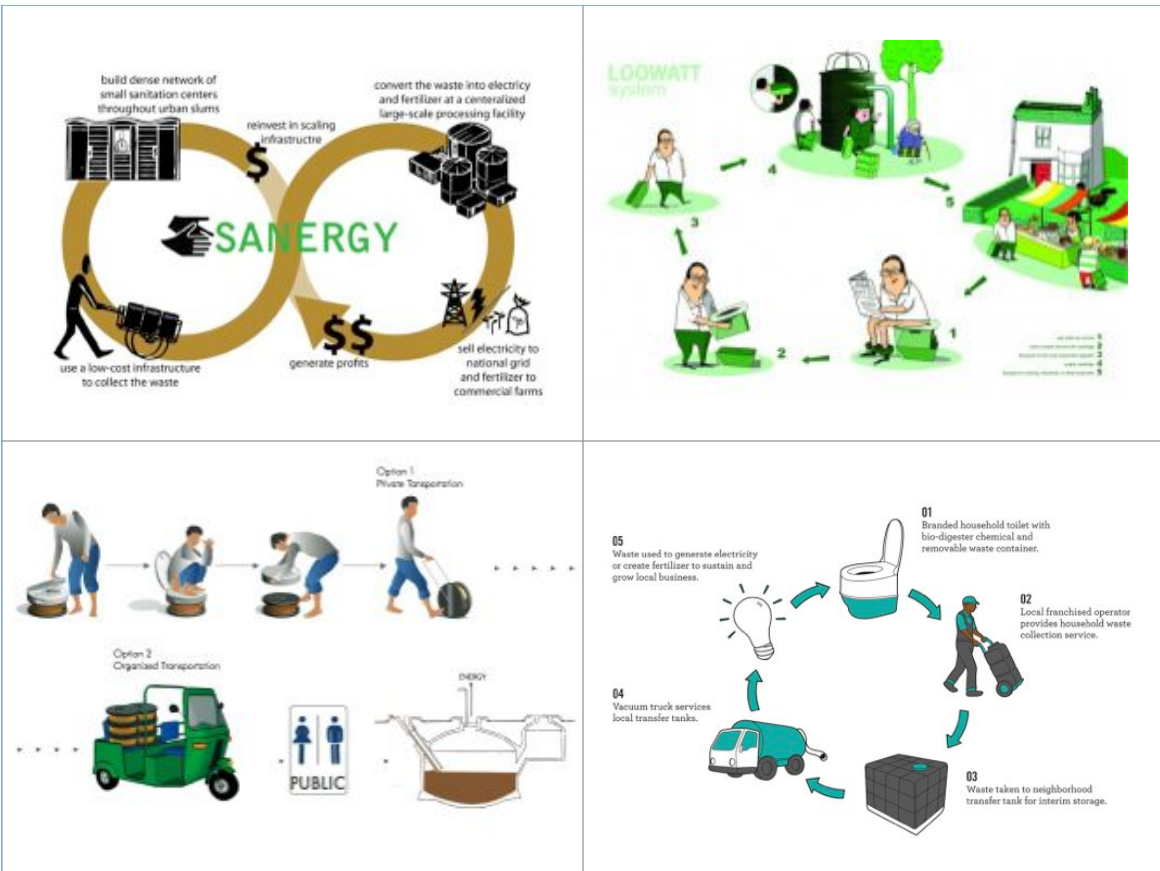








# Transport of human waste



## What reality looks like



TU Delft

BILL & MELINDA  
GATES foundation

## What reality looks like



TU Delft

BILL & MELINDA  
GATES foundation



## Considerations

What?

~300-500 l/day (~5% DS) for a 7-toilet sanitation block

How?

- Feasible within the narrow streets of urban slums
- Safe for workers and community
- Non-stigmatizing (looks, smell, etc.)
- Profitable:
  - Who is in charge?
  - Frequency of collection?
- ...



# Discussion #1

## Transport of human waste

1. What are important considerations when transporting human waste in urban slums in India?
2. Given these considerations, what are best practices or new practices?
3. How to make a business out of transport of human waste when there is little money available?

# Discussion #2

## Grey water treatment

1. What is the technical feasibility of sand filter, UV as well as fully integrated system? (O&M)
2. What is the economic viability of this system?
3. Will people accept water that is recycled?

# Discussion #3

## Capacity sanitation blocks

1. How many users and visits per user can be expected, how many toilets are needed? (consider genders)
2. How to anticipate to the uncertainty of waste & water quantities?
3. Can water consumption (cleansing, flushing, hand washing) be reduced in “washer” cultures like India?