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## Point-of-Use Water Treatment

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In developed nations, high-quality drinking water is typically provided through centralized water treatment and distribution systems. In the developing world, these systems are often unreliable, unable to meet the demand for treated water, or simply do not exist. As a result, 2–3 billion people do not receive reliable, high-quality water delivered to their households. Instead, they must collect and store household water, often in open containers without any residual disinfectant. The consequences of these deficiencies include ingestion of unsafe water. This in turn contributes to high rates of morbidity and mortality from water-related diseases. The World Health Organization has indicated that one possible solution to this problem is to decentralize water treatment so that people treat their water right before they consume it in their homes. Designing sustainable “point-of-use” water treatment technologies is a challenging problem, [...]

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