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2. MoyoMedical Technologies  
*Denali Dahl, Ph.D. candidate, Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering*
3. Sustainable Access to Safe Water  
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# IPE4UNC: Transforming interprofessional collaboration at UNC

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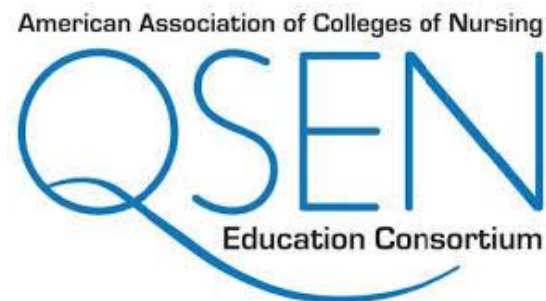
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## First things first...a little about me

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# Why now?

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**Alignment with UNC Academic/Strategic Plan**

**Blueprint for NEXT**

**Curricular Revision**

**Workforce needs**

**Interprofessional Clinical Learning Environment**

**Partnership with Health Professions, School of Business, Education**

**Office located in HSL, next to CHIP**





# Who we are Office of IPEP:

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- Meg Zomorodi PhD, RN (Assistant Provost & Director of IPEP)
- Faculty from Health Professional Schools + Business, Education
- Sarah Smithson: Medicine
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# Goal 1: Be recognized as a leader for IPE and IPP

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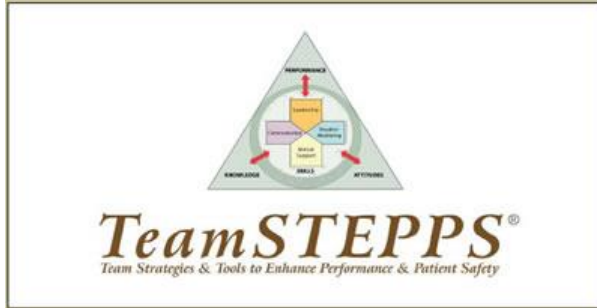


STUDENT AND CLUBS ORGANIZATIONS



Train-the-Trainer (T3)  
Interprofessional Faculty  
Development Program

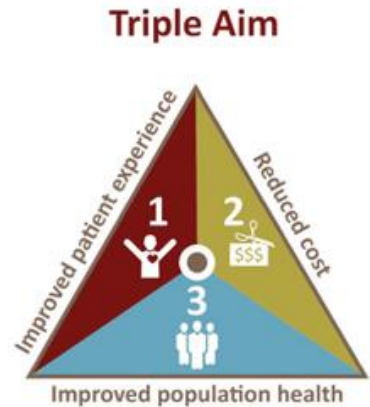
## Goal 2: Produce a new workforce that is trained in IPE and IPP



# Goal 3: Address whole health through the Clinical learning environment



RIPHI



Source: Institute for Healthcare Improvement



CREATE change agents



# Goal 4: Develop scholarship in IPE and IPP to maximize collaboration across disciplines



Assessment



TENURE & PROMOTION

Myths & Mindsets



# What does IPE4UNC want to be 'known' for?

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Transformation of education, practice, and research

A new model in academia where collaboration is expected because it is an essential component of promotion and tenure

Create IPE leaders focused on the development of a new workforce where teamwork is the norm rather than the exception and patient care thrives

Increased enrollment of high quality candidates; maintaining of top ranking programs; and employers/residency seeking out UNC graduates because of interprofessional collaboration





# What opportunities do you see?

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What is your vision for where we want to be in 5 years with IPE4UNC?

THANK  
YOU!

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# EPED: Early Preeclampsia Detection Strip

Denali Dahl  
CEO/Co-Founder



# EPED: Early Preeclampsia Detection Strip

pronounced /'epid/

A home-based early detection test for preeclampsia



LOW-COST



RELIABLE



SAFE



POINT-OF-CARE

# Our Team



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# Duke

BIOMEDICAL  
ENGINEERING

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY



MULAGO  
HOSPITAL



START-UP VENTURES CLINIC

DUKE LAW

Kenan Biddle  
PARTNERSHIP

## Development Plan

The following 1-year timeline will be carried out to achieve a functioning prototype by June 2018.

### Ideation

\*\*\*Makerere and Duke University students partner together for a biomedical engineering class project: idea forms.

JANUARY  
2016



APRIL  
2017

### Funding

Team receives first grant.  
1. Big Ideas @Berkeley  
2. Duke Changeworks

### Research and Design

Began prototype development and pilot clinical study at Mulago National Referral Hospital.

SUMMER  
2017



FALL  
2017

### Product Development

Currently in product research and development phase. Seeking funding and partnerships.

### Future Steps

Prototype complete - begin beta testing.

SPRING  
2018



Duke  
INNOVATION &  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Rudd Family Foundation

BIG IDEAS  
@BERKELEY

launch  chapel hill



UNC

INNOVATE  
CAROLINA

# Current Work

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## **1) Background Clinical Work (Uganda)**

- Concluded biomarker study at Mulago Hospital (n=80)
- Conducting higher powered biomarker study (n=400)
- Define threshold values

## **2) Prototype and Business Development (U.S.)**

- Adaptation of lateral flow immunoassay technology
- Patent pending
- Regulatory pathway

## **3) Market Validation and Concept Testing (Uganda & U.S.)**

- Interviewing key stakeholders
- Commercial potential of EPED strip
- Understanding context for use cases



# Next Steps

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- Business model development
- Funding for prototype R&D
- Strategic partnerships





**INCREASING THE NUMBER  
OF WOMEN SELF-  
DIAGNOSED**



**REDUCING MATERNAL  
AND INFANT MORTALITY  
RATES**



**INCREASING THE NUMBER  
OF WOMEN WHO SEEK  
PRENATAL CARE FOR  
PREECLAMPSIA**





# MoyoMedical Technologies



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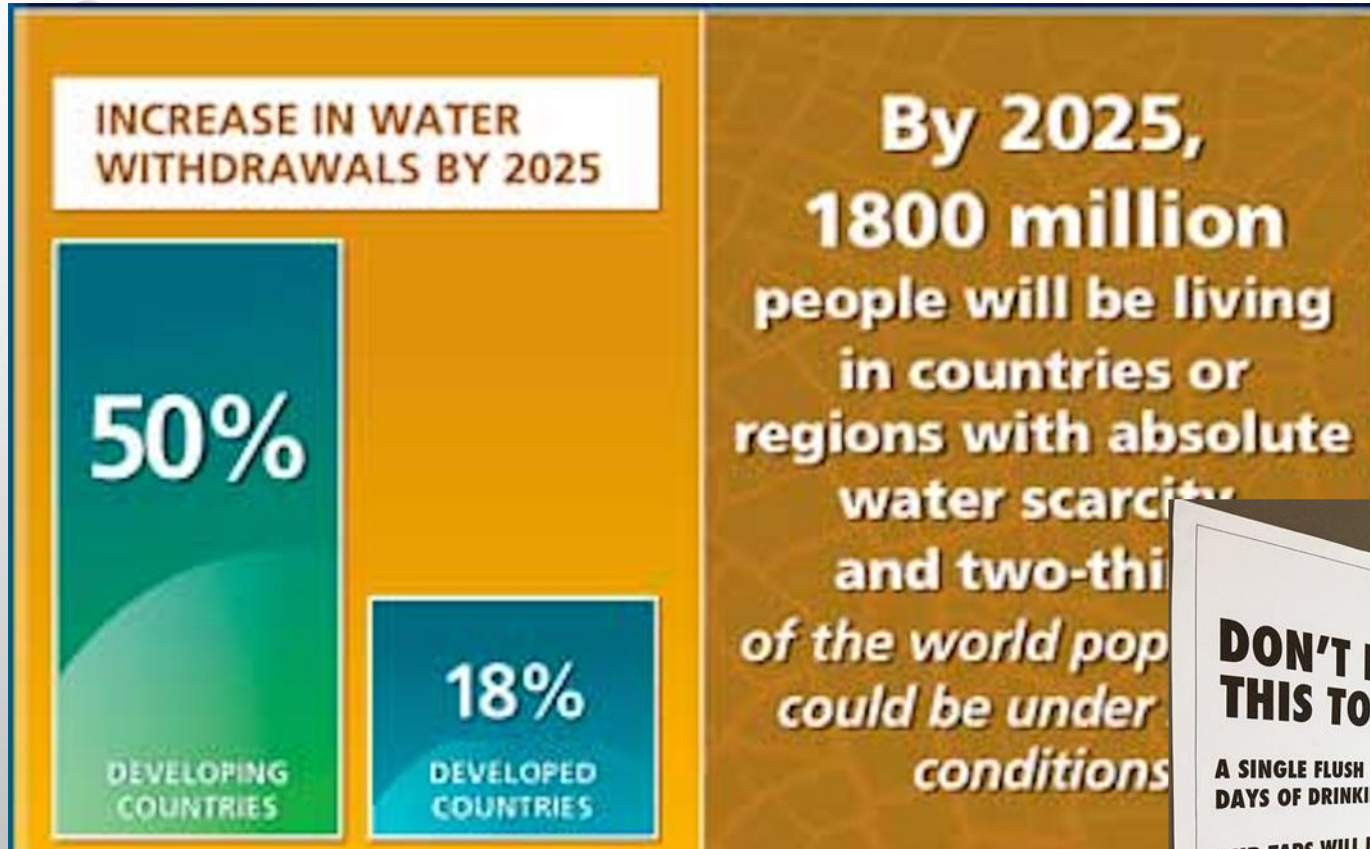
# **SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO SAFE WATER: GRAPHENE-POLYMER NANOCOMPOSITE MEMBRANES FOR WATER PURIFICATION**



**CreativityHubs**



# A *GLOBAL* PROBLEM



UN-Water fact sheet on water security



An advisory for the water crisis at Cape Town International Airport. Lisa Scriven



Cape Town residents wait to collect water from the city's natural springs. AP Photo/Bram Janssen

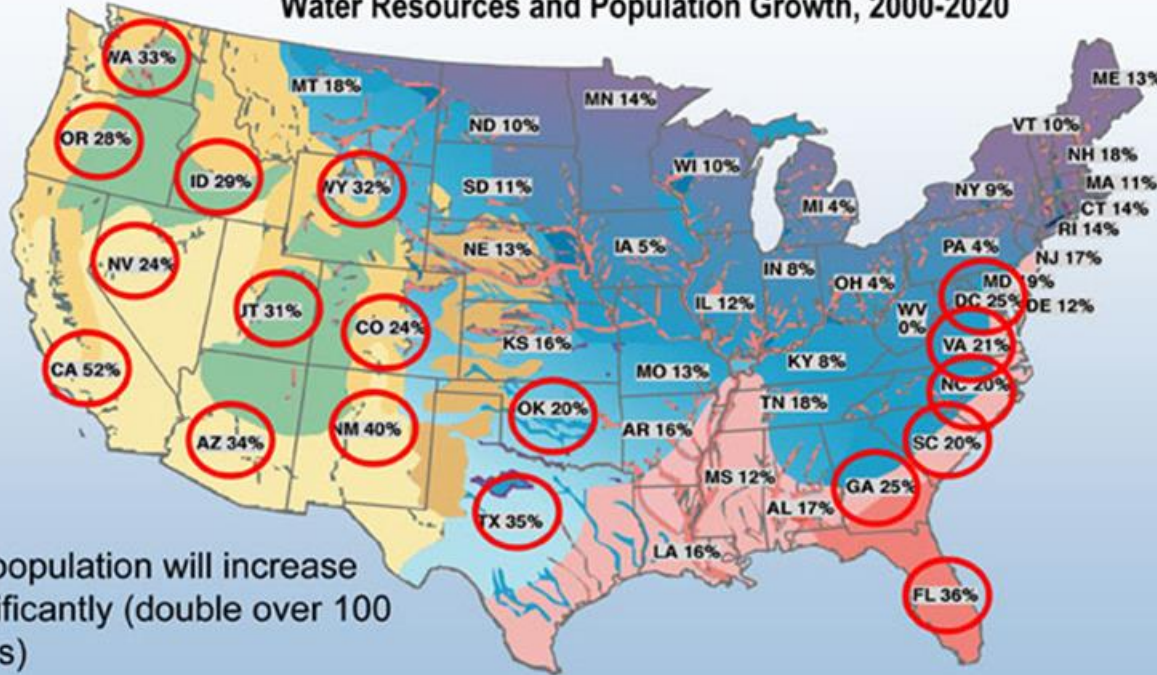


# A NATIONAL PROBLEM

## Water Supplies Are Vulnerable

Population Growth is 20% to 50% in Most Water-Stressed Areas

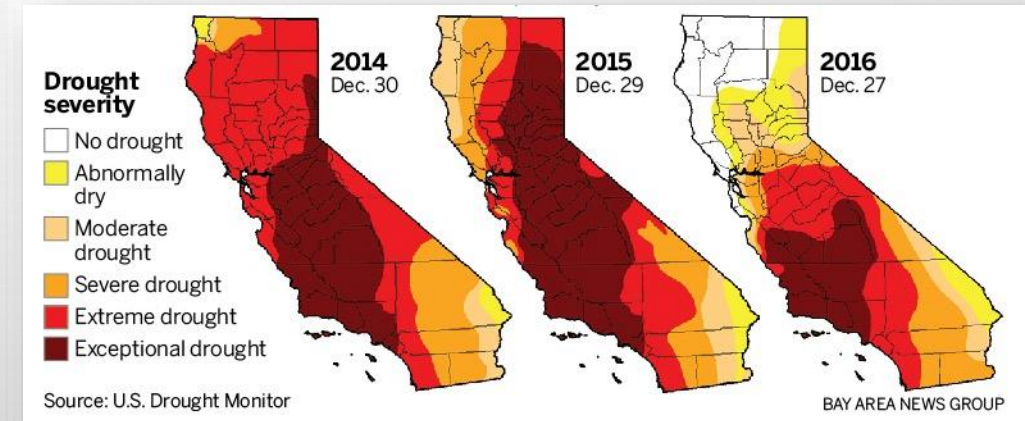
Water Resources and Population Growth, 2000-2020



US population will increase significantly (double over 100 years)

Less Water More Water

- Water shortages are becoming more common in the US
- 2014 drought in California cost over \$2.2 billion



- Southeastern US fluctuating between drought and flooding



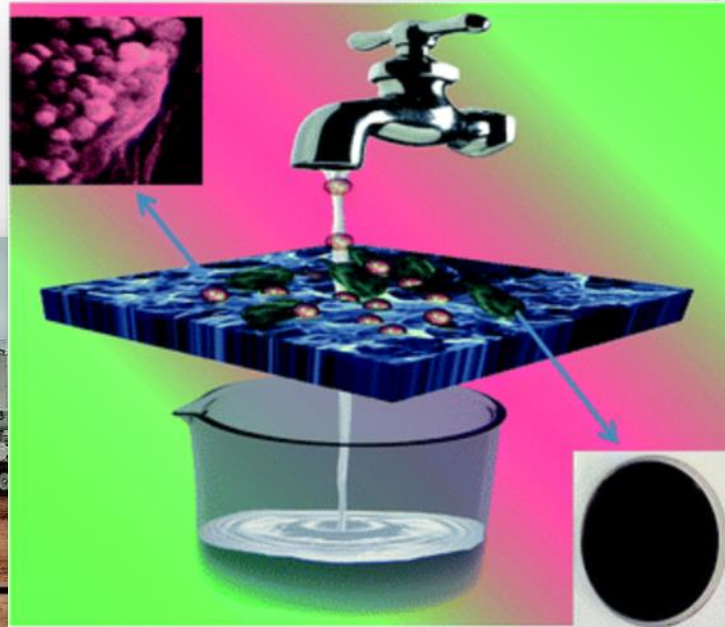
# A *DIVERSE* PROBLEM

Oil-water separation

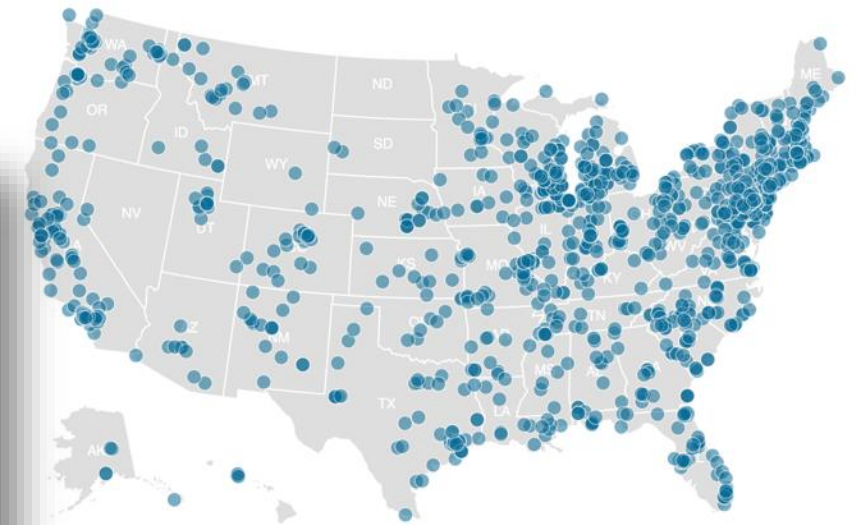
Heavy metal pollution:  
Removal = mining!



Produced water treatment  
Oil & gas industry



Pathogen removal

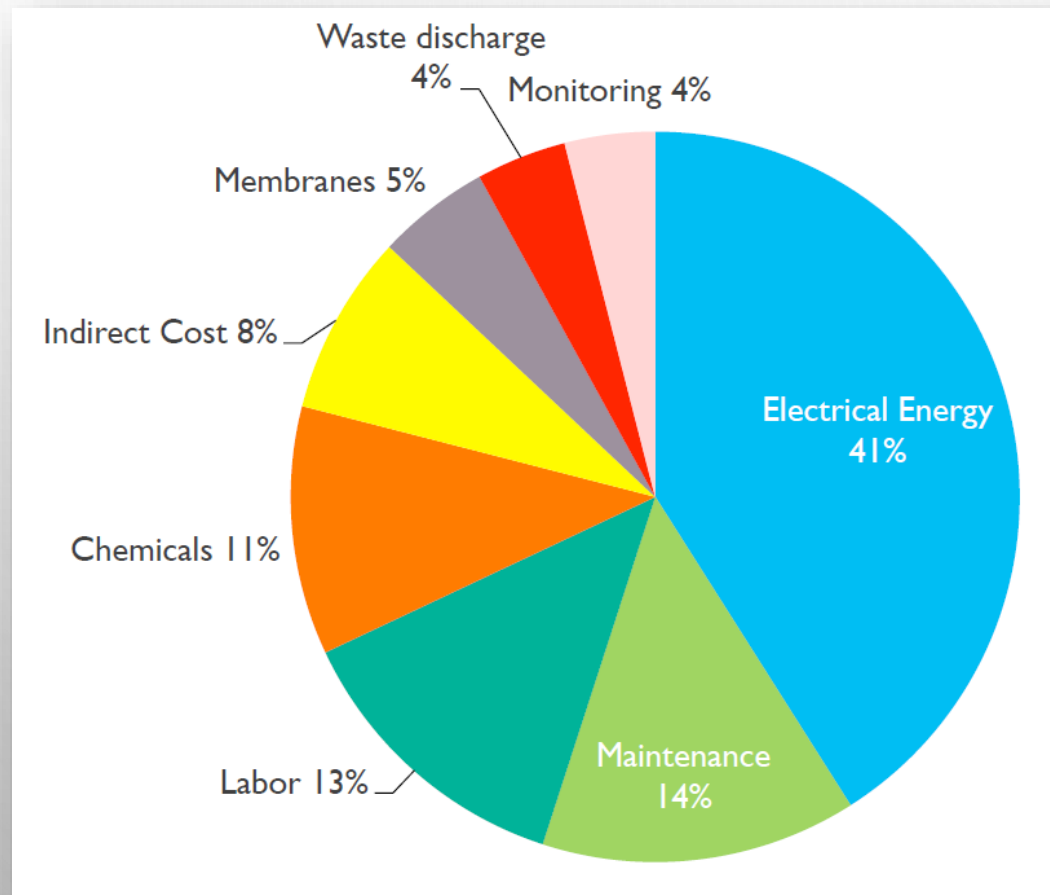


Source: [Environmental Protection Agency](#), last updated 2/7/2017

Hazardous waste sites  
or Superfund sites

Water desalination!

# WATER DESALINATION: THE CHALLENGE



Source: Alma Water Solutions

- Cost of membrane desalination for seawater: ~1 US\$/260 Gal
- ~41% of power consumption due to membrane separation process
- Improved membranes should reduce:
  - ✓ energy costs (41%)
  - ✓ maintenance costs (38%)

# GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

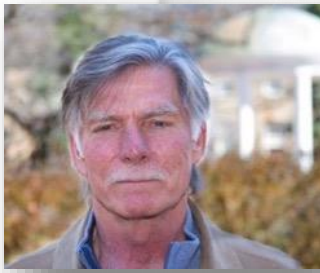
**Goal:** develop an innovative class of membranes to markedly ***reduce the operating cost of water desalination.***

## Our near term (2 year) objectives:

- Develop a novel class of bio-inspired nanocomposite membranes
- Characterize engineering performance of our membranes
- Develop mathematical tools to guide the design process
- Demonstrate that our membranes can be scaled-up and implemented



# THE TEAM



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Mathematics



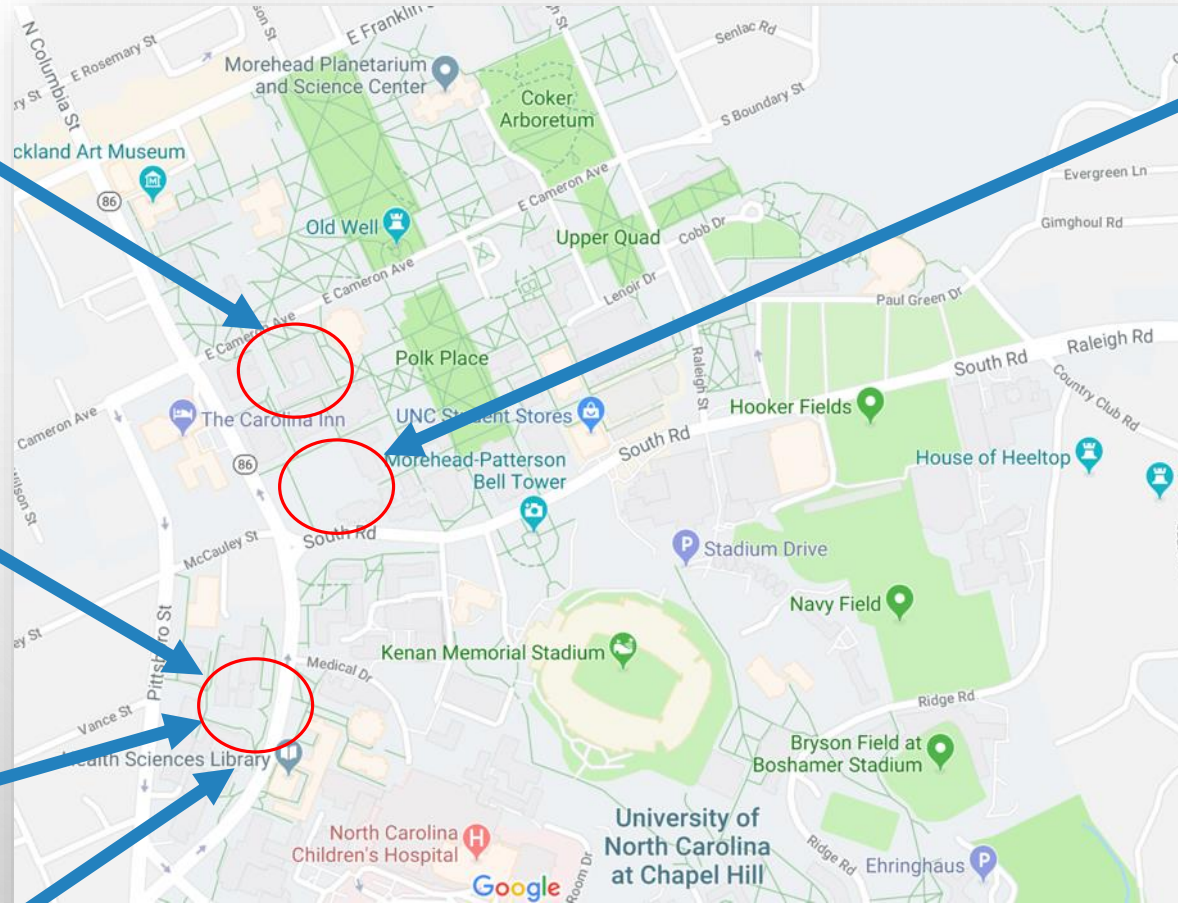
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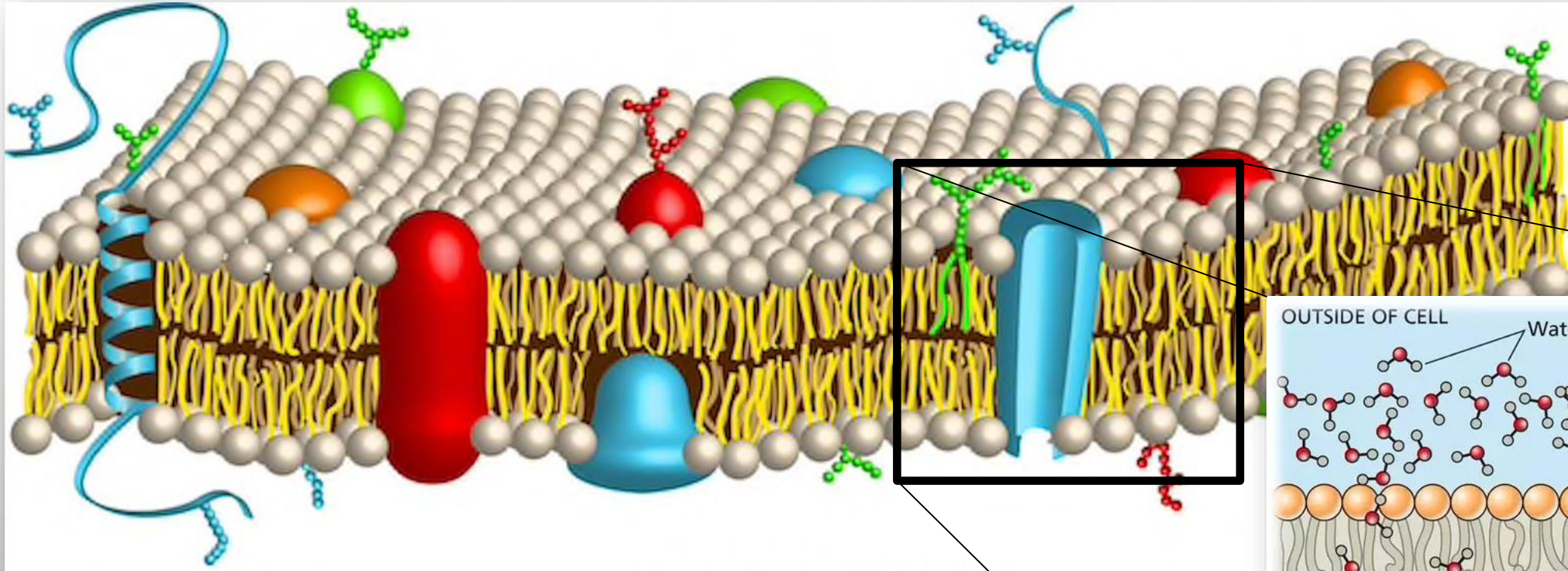
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UT Austin

~1300 miles

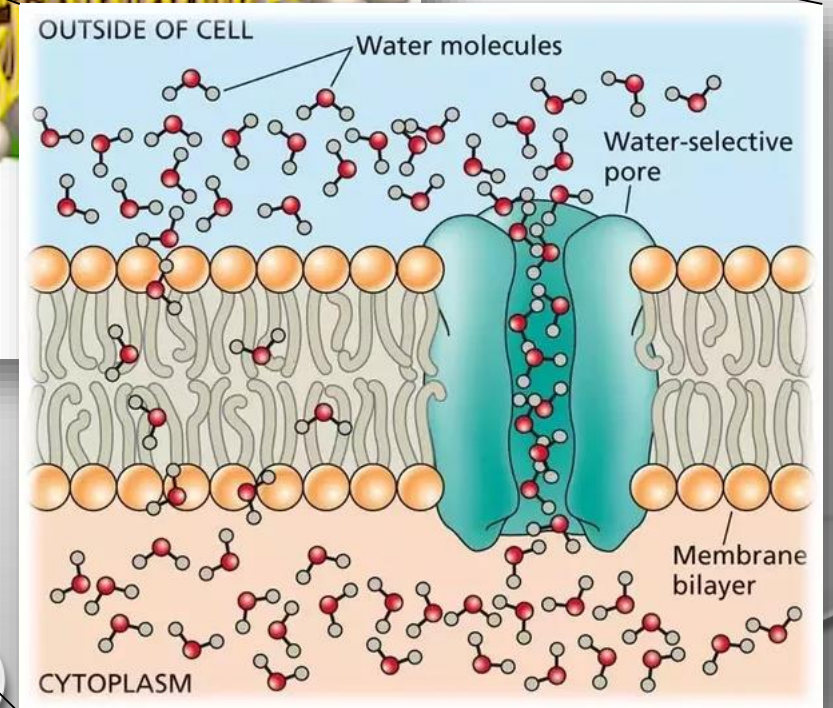




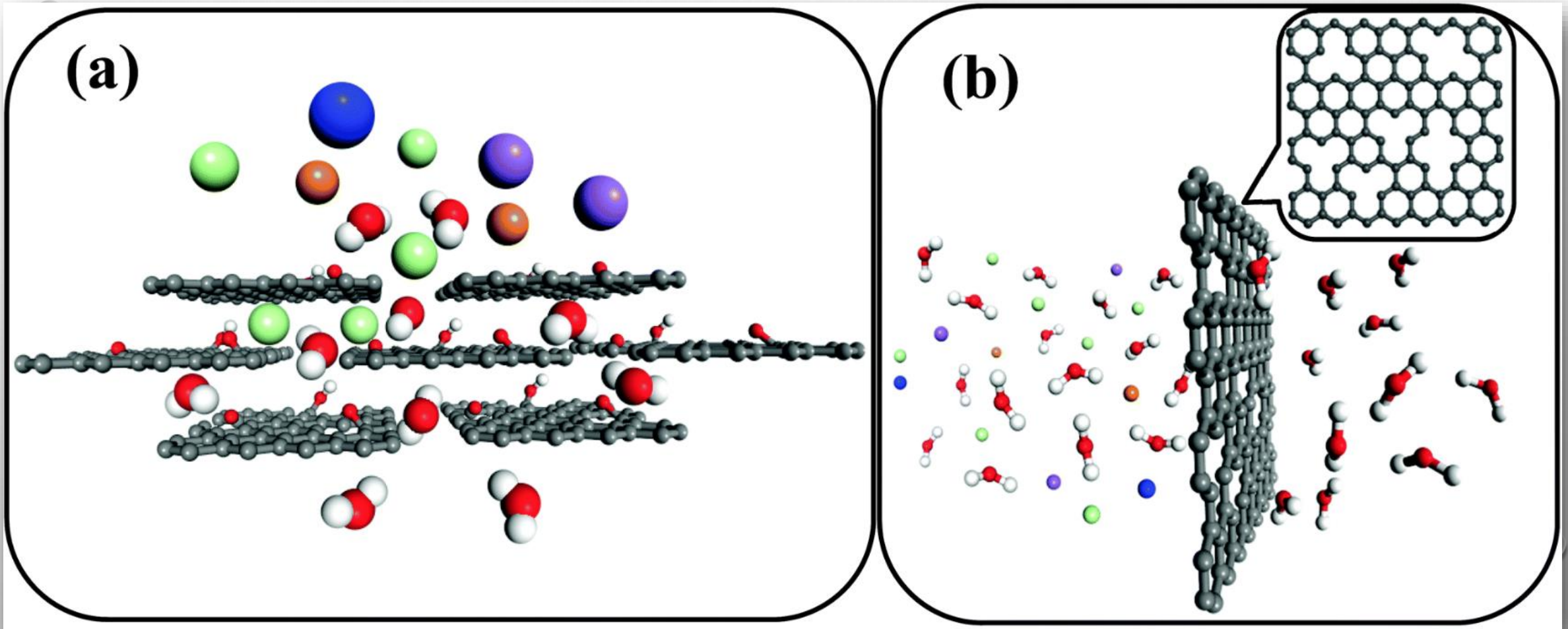
# OUR NATURE INSPIRED INNOVATION



Nature's way of designing  
membranes to provide clean  
water



# GRAPHENE OXIDE AND WATER DESALINATION



Source: *Nanoscale*, 2016, **8**, 117-119.

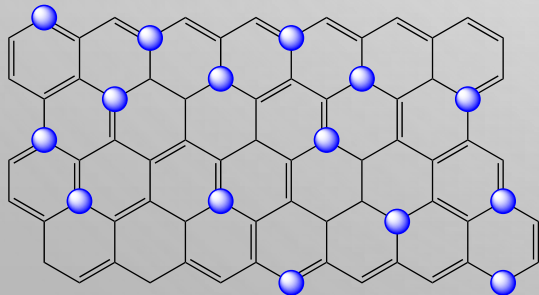


# OUR SOLUTION

We have developed a unique method to blend **graphene oxide** (GO) and a **polymer** and obtain a ultra strong nanocomposite desalination membrane



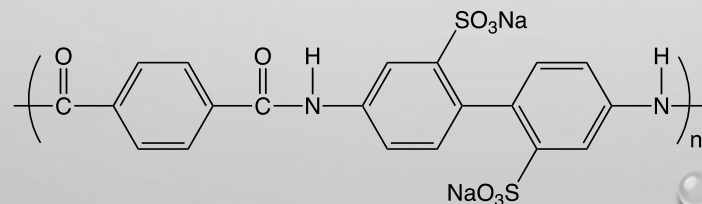
Graphene oxide



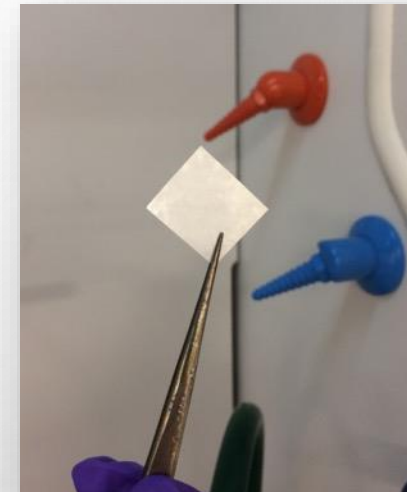
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Polymer



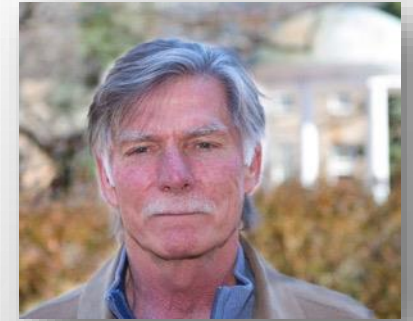
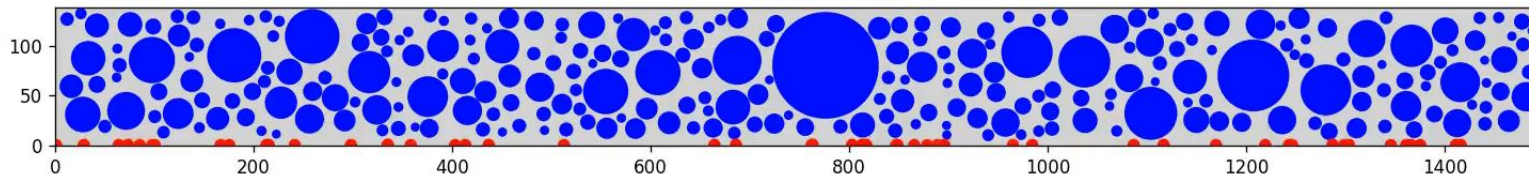
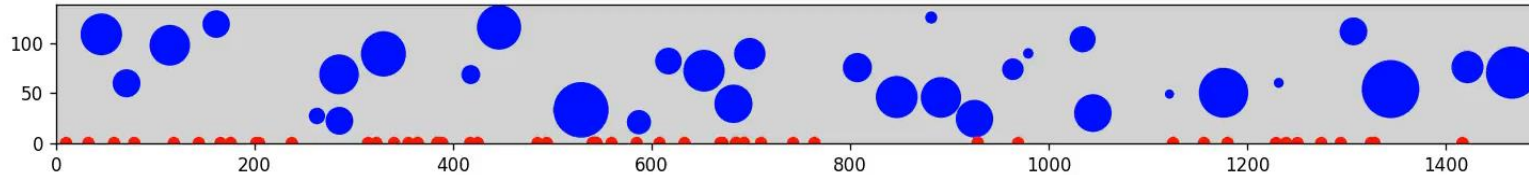
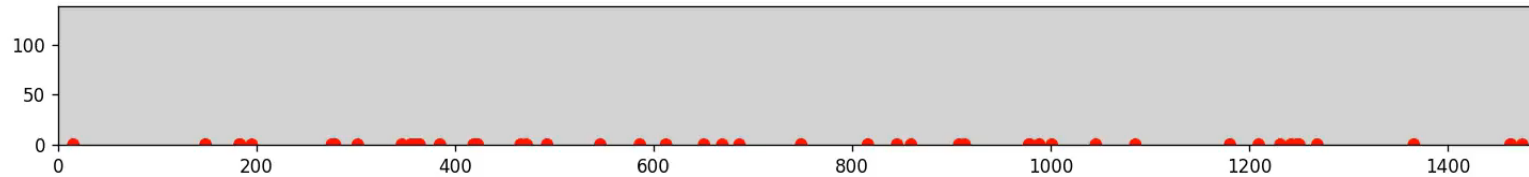
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Membrane

# DESIGN GUIDANCE/OPTIMIZATION THROUGH MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL MODELING

- Design space exceeds experimental capabilities
- Models generate 3D realizations of the membrane pore structure
- Iterate feedback between modeling predictions  $\Leftrightarrow$  membrane composition



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Casey Miller, ESE

# HOW WE USED \$5,000

## An Investment in Proposal Development

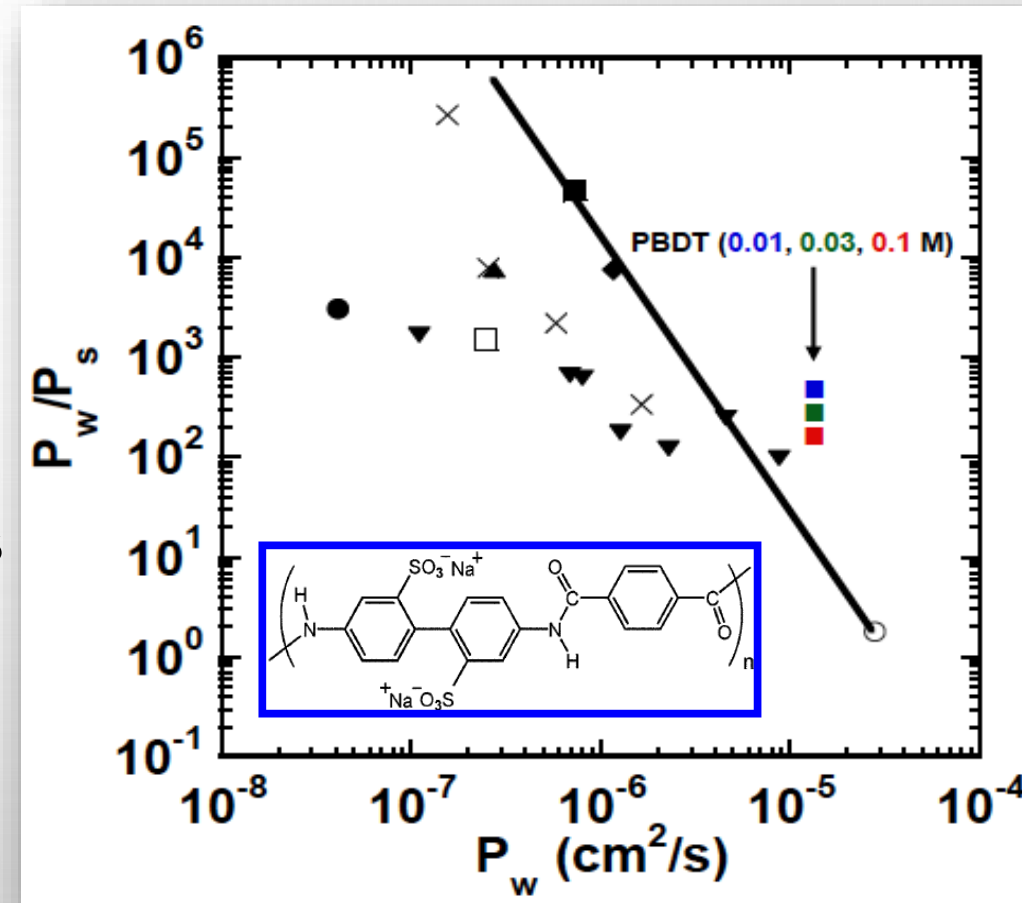
- 1- Discuss our approach with experts in the field: Prof. Jeffrey Grossman at MIT
- 2- Perform ***proof-of-concept*** experiments



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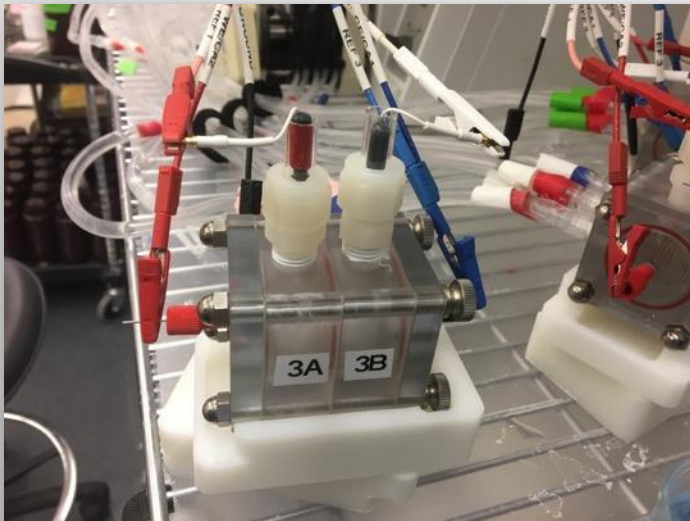
# LAB-SCALE PROOF OF CONCEPT



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## Membrane characterization

- ✓ ionic conductivity
- ✓ water permeability
- ✓ permselectivity
- ✓ water-swelling degree
- ✓ water and solute partitioning
- ✓ water and solute diffusion



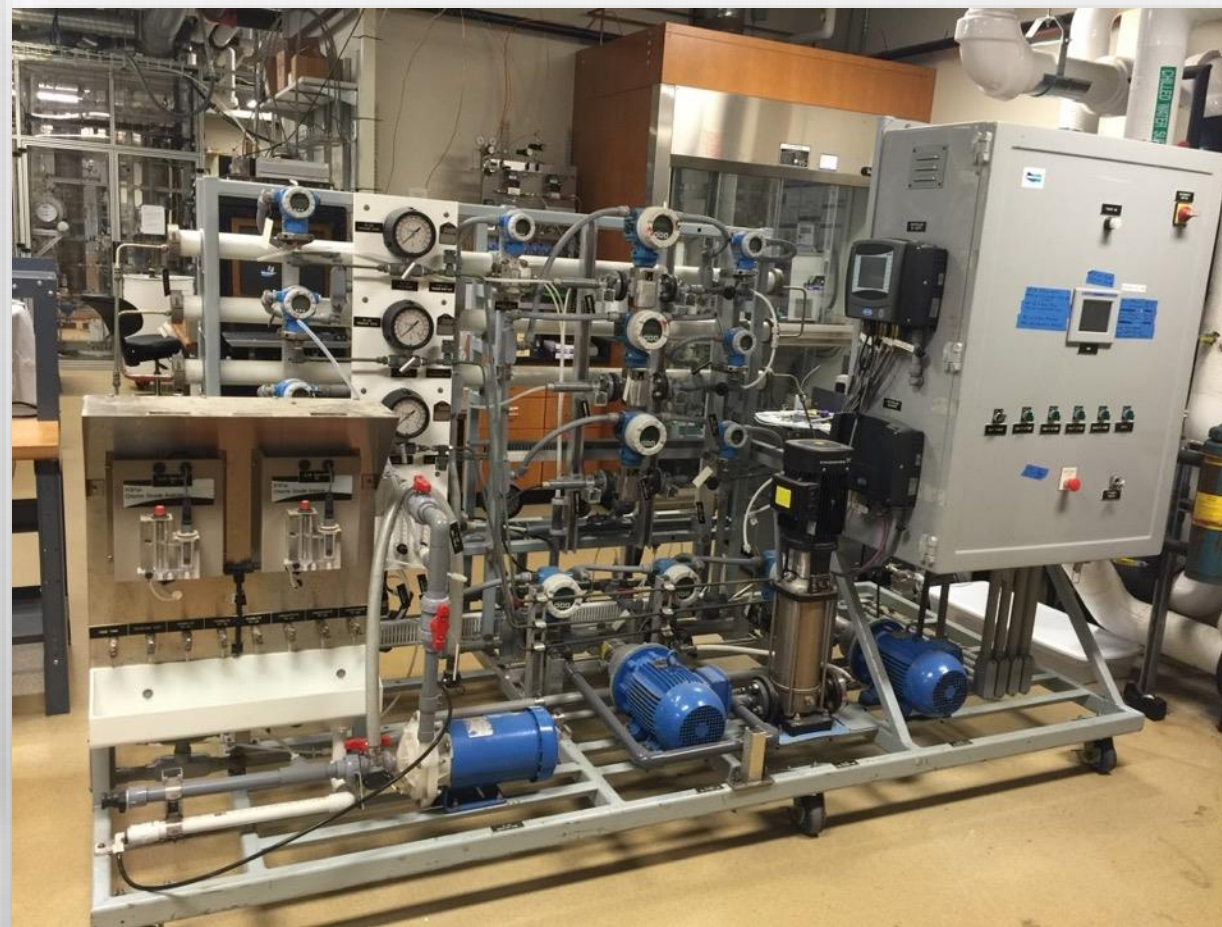
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# REAL-LIFE PROOF OF CONCEPT



20 L scale-up facility at APS



Pilot-scale performance testing mimicking operationally realistic conditions at RTI

# DESIRED OUTCOME

Creativity Hubs funding will be used to build and test ***energy efficient and affordable water purification membranes***:

- ***Proof-of-concept*** on a laboratory and pilot scale
- **Secure intellectual property (IP)**
- **Secure funding from other sources** (e.g. DOE, NSF-INFEWS, DOD-SERDP, ARPA-E)
- **Expand team and scope:** CO<sub>2</sub> capture, sequestration and conversion,  
Heavy metal removal (= mining!),  
Produced water treatment,  
Policy and technology implementation



# LONG TERM VISION

Creativity Hubs becomes a stepping stone towards a  
**UNC Membrane Center**  
at the Water-Energy Nexus and  
**The Next Generation of Industrial Membranes**

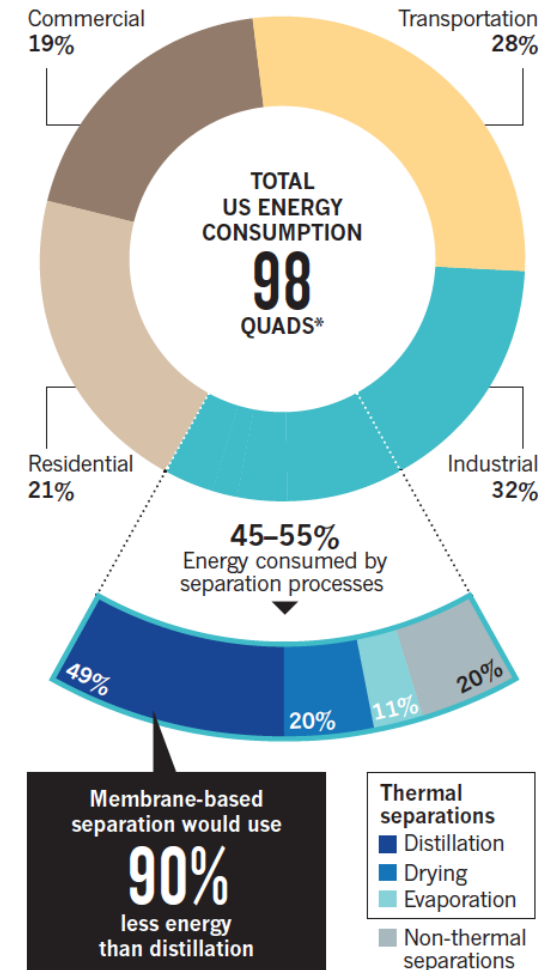
## Seven chemical separations to change the world

Purifying mixtures without using heat would lower global energy use, emissions and pollution — and open up new routes to resources, say **David S. Sholl** and **Ryan P. Lively**.

28 April 2016 | VOL 432 | NATURE | 435

### CUTTING COSTS

Chemical separations account for about half of US industrial energy use and 10–15% of the nation's total energy consumption. Developing alternatives that don't use heat could make 80% of these separations 10 times more energy efficient.



\*A quad is a unit of energy equal to  $10^{15}$  British Thermal Units (1 BTU is about 0.0003 kilowatt-hours).

QUESTIONS?

