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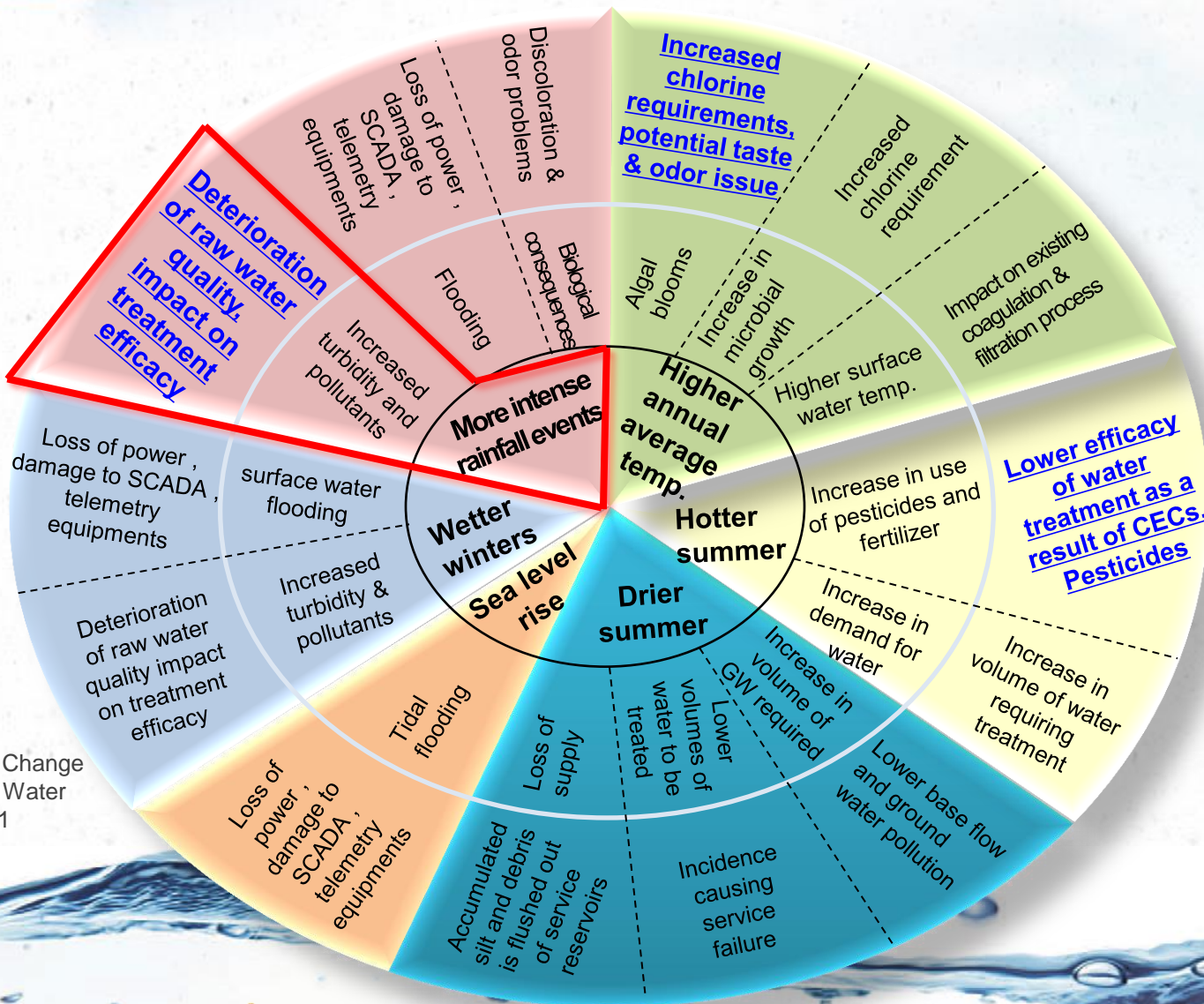


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I. Climate change issues in water treatment

Impact of climate change on water treatment



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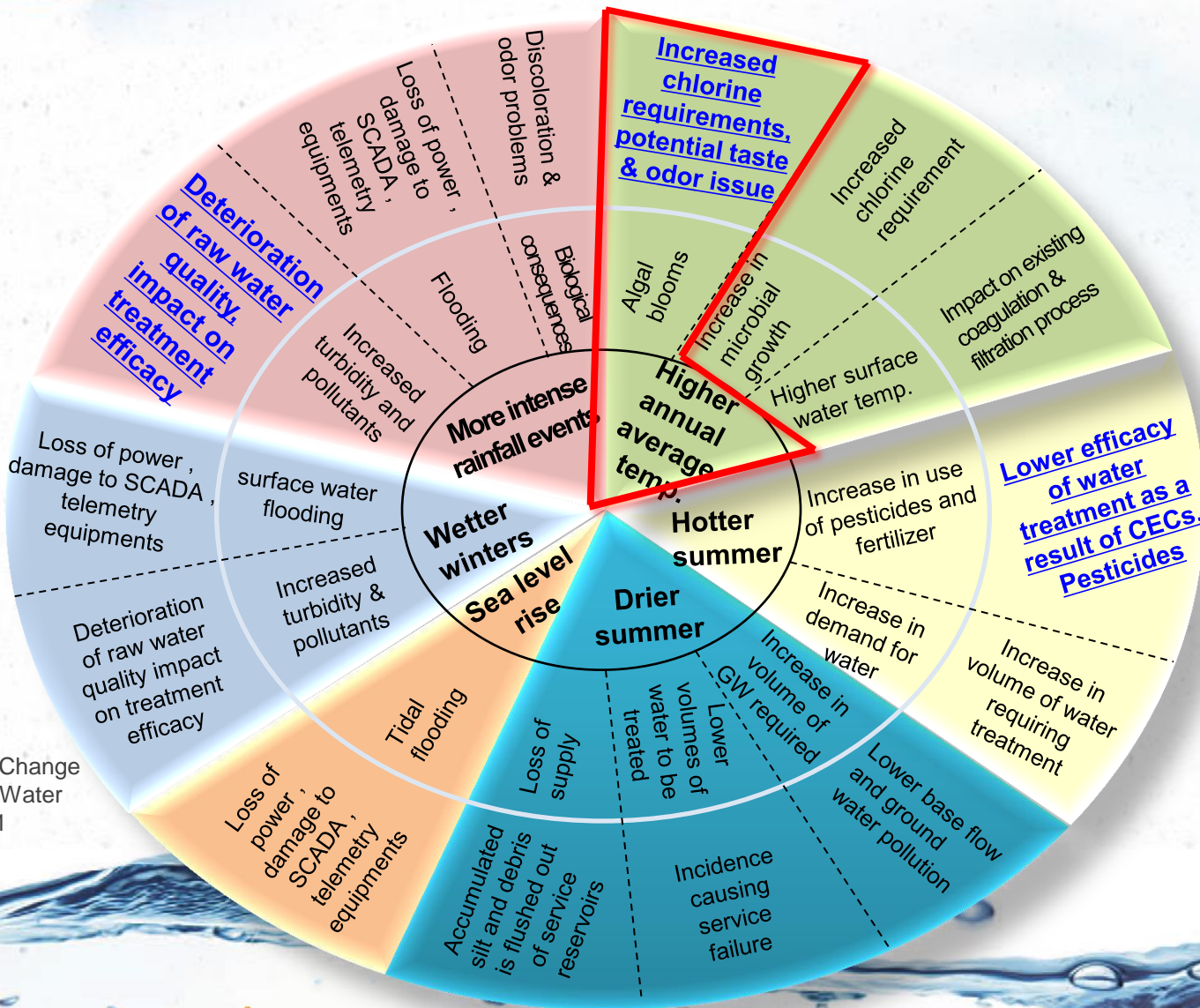
Impact of climate change on water treatment



Increased turbidity and pollutants

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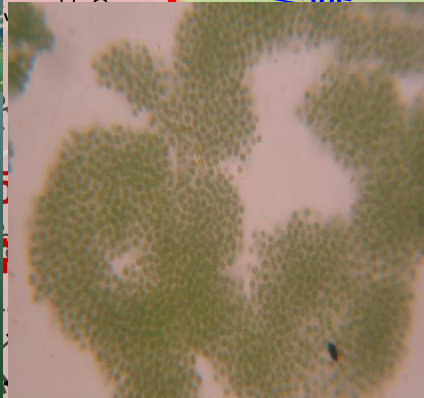


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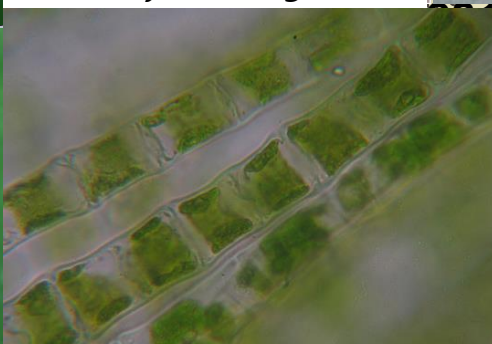
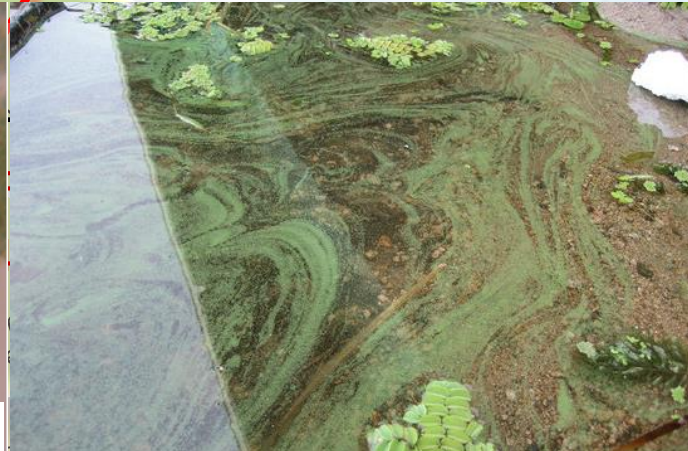
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Discoloration
odor
Increased chlorine



Microcystis aeruginosa



Ulothrix zonata



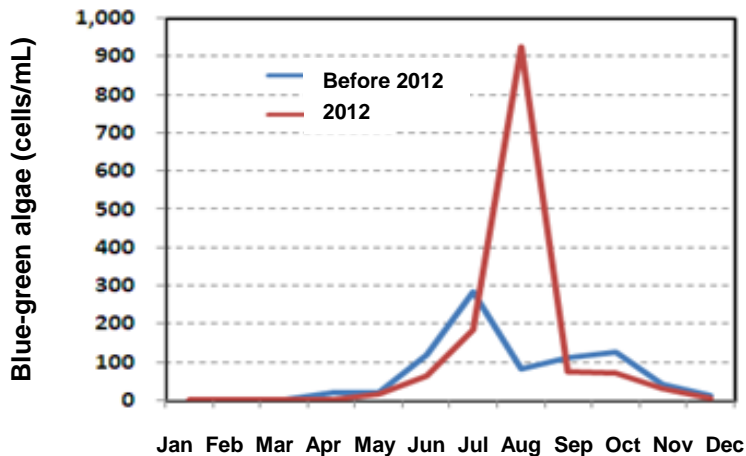
accumulation of silt and debris is flushed out of service reservoirs

Incidence causing service failure

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Taste and odor issues by algal blooms



Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Ref: Waterworks Research Institute, Seoul Metropolitan Government

✓ Conc. of Geosmin and 2-MIB in raw water in Seoul waterworks (2012. 08. 06 ~16)

→ Geosmin : 39 ~ 724 ng/L

✓ Design condition for advanced water treatment process in Korea

▪ Parameters

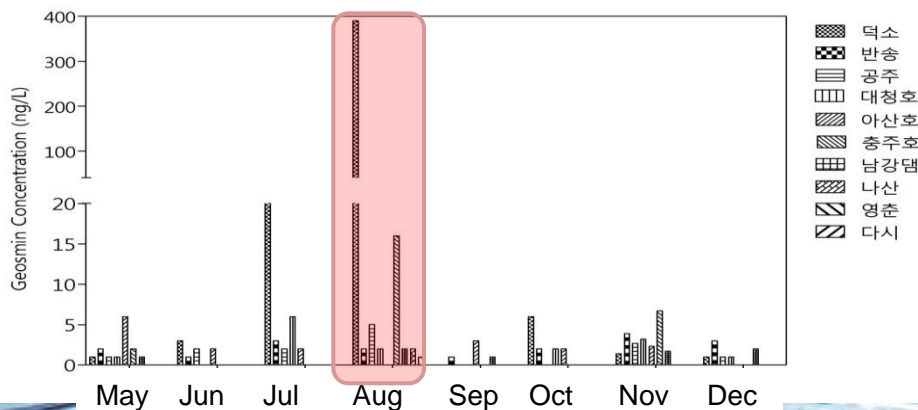
→ Geosmin 200 ng/L, 2-MIB 40 ng/L in raw water

▪ Design factors

→ Post-Ozone+GAC: Ozone 2 mg/L, CT 15min, GAC EBCT >12 min

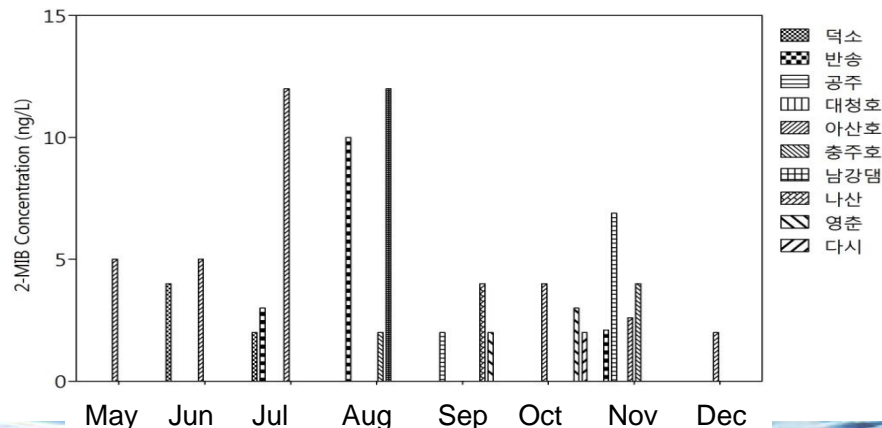
→ Pre-Ozone+F/A: Ozone 3 mg/L, CT 10min, F/A process EBCT >12 min

Geosmin (2012)



Ref: K-water

2-MIB (2012)

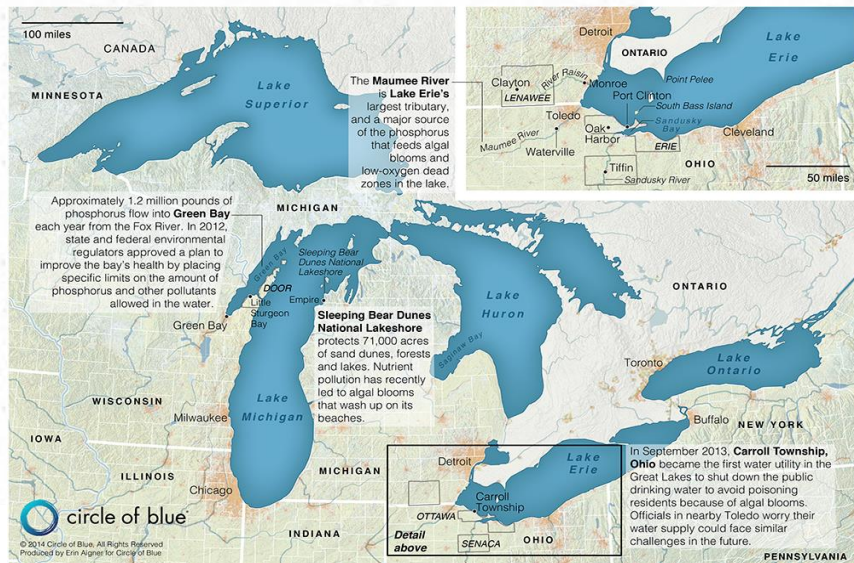




Toxic Algae issue: Lake Erie Microcystis Outbreak (Sept. 2013, Toledo, USA)

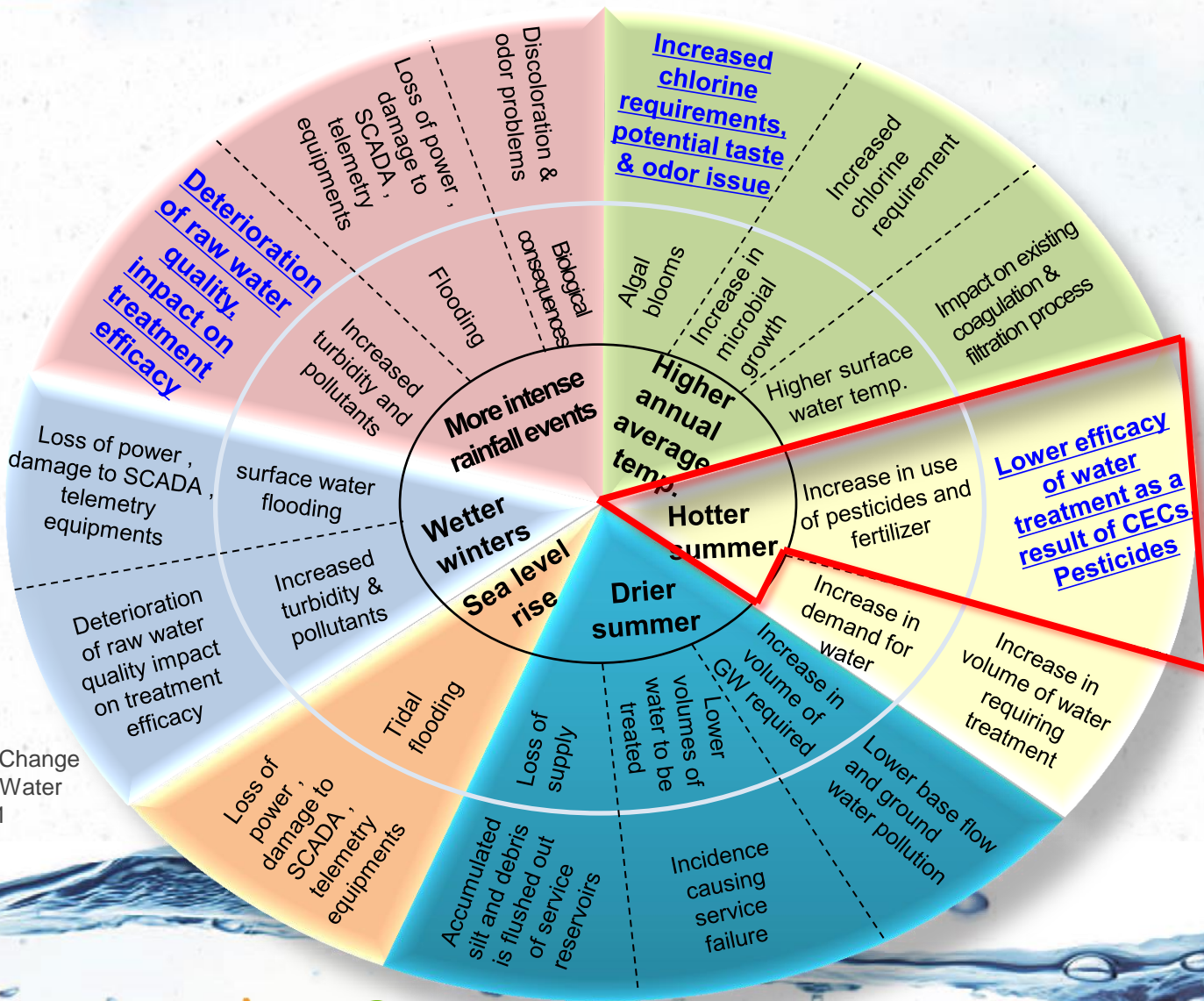
- ✓ Toxin level: 12.76 $\mu\text{g/L}$ (Max. 50 $\mu\text{g/L}$) in raw water, 3.56 $\mu\text{g/L}$ in drinking water
WHO limit 1 $\mu\text{g/L}$
- ✓ Shut down Carroll township WTP, Do not drink advisory issued \rightarrow 2,288 people affected.

> \$200,000/month for extra carbon treatment at Ohio public water systems due to harmful algal blooms (Ref: Raymond, Ohio EPA)



Satellite image of lake Erie taken in 2011

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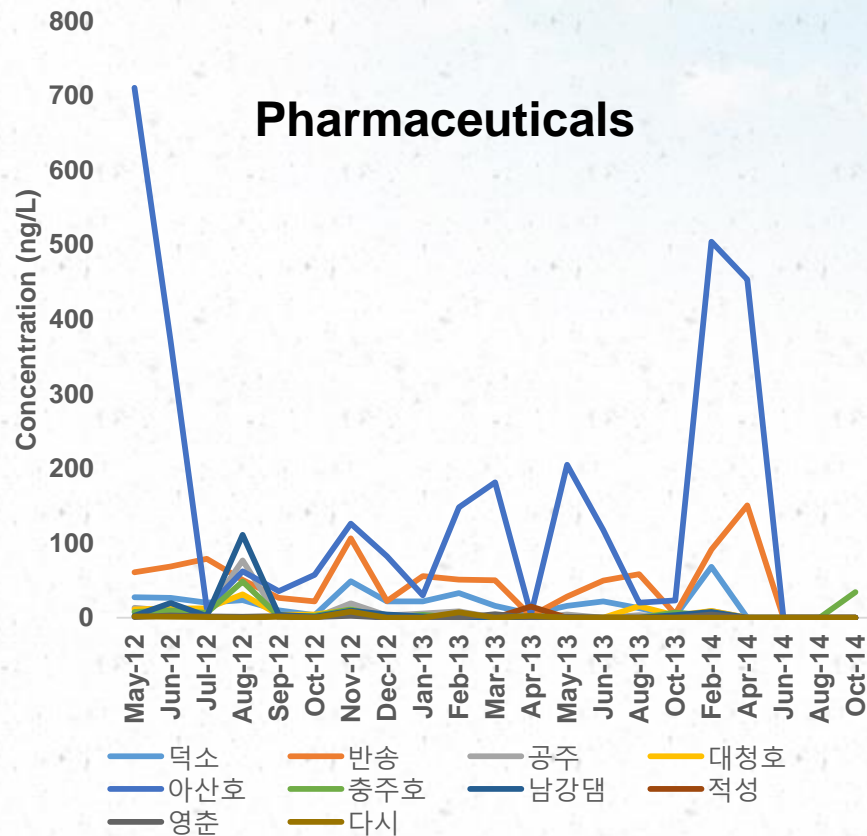
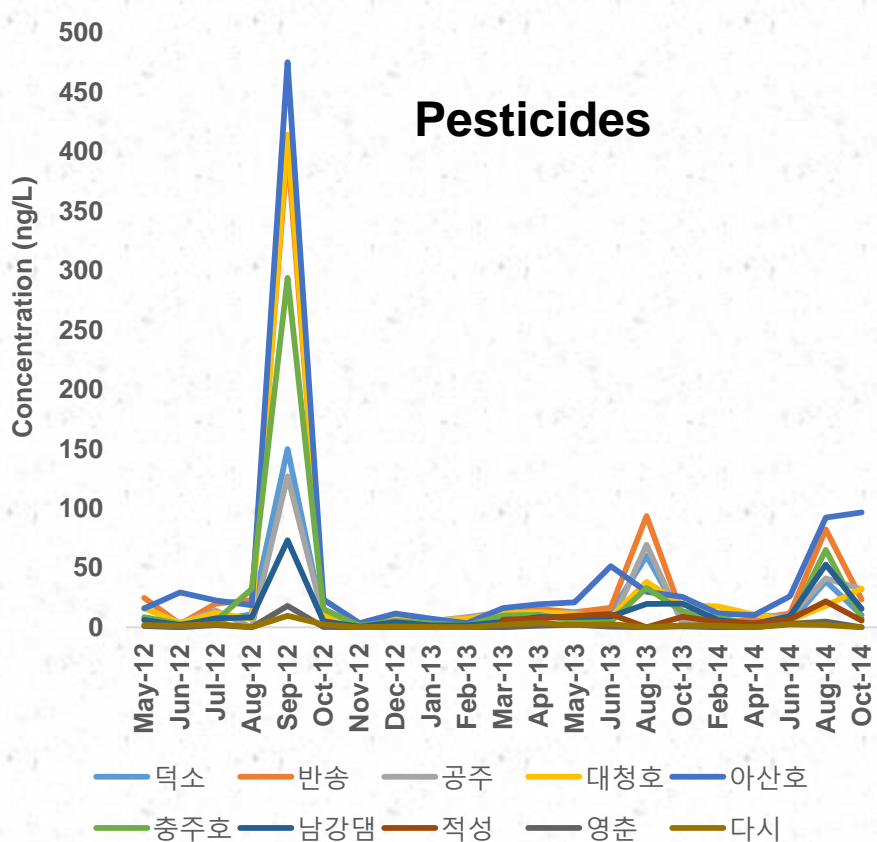


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CECs (Contaminants of Emerging Concerns) in water resources in Korea (2012-2014)




Ref: K-water



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II. Eco-Smart Waterworks systems

Eco-Smart Waterworks systems



Develop hybrid membrane system for the treatment of CECs
 Establish total solution Test-beds and secure O&M technology
 Promote global Top level water companies



Membranes & Modules

Plants & Systems

Packages

World leading membrane technology

High-tech intelligent optimized water treatment system

Water treatment process optimized for export markets



Project overview

Project period
 Aug. 2011 ~ April 2021 (10 years)
 (Phase I : Aug. 2011~ April 2016)

Budget (Phase I)
 \$72 million
 (Government : \$42 million
 Private : \$30 million)

Participation institutions
 51
 (Academics, industrial partners)

Eco-Smart Waterworks systems

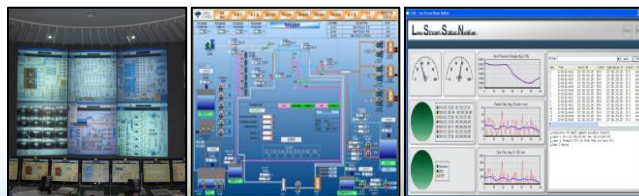


Water Treatment Process



- Membrane + Ozone/GAC/NF/UV-H₂O₂
- Retrofitting WTP / Water-CFD
- Best Available Technology (BAT) program
- Small scale package system

Water Treatment Integrated Management Center



Risk Analysis and Action Program for Countermeasure of Water Pollution Accidents



Energy savings



- Optimizing pump operation

Membrane & Module



- MF & UF membrane and module
- End-free module for treating backwash water
- Nano-fiber and Graphene oxide membrane

Water Pipe Network Management

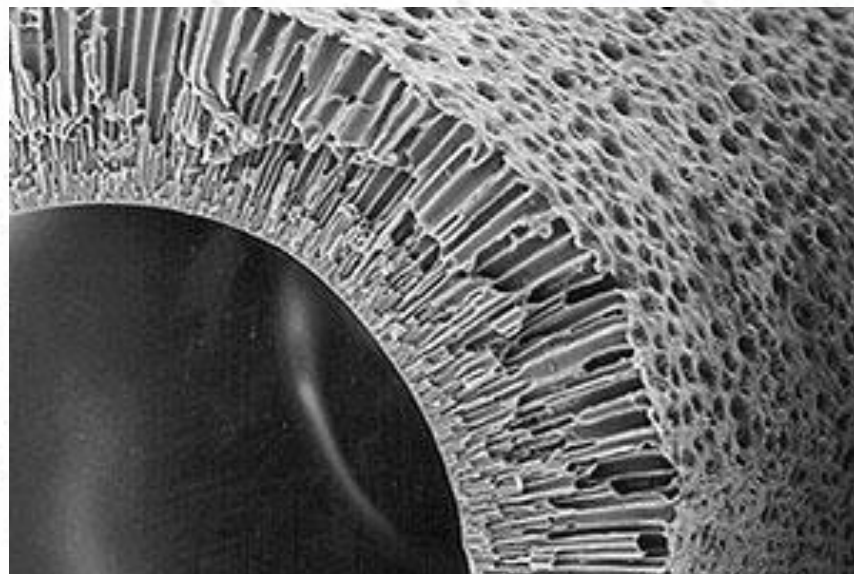
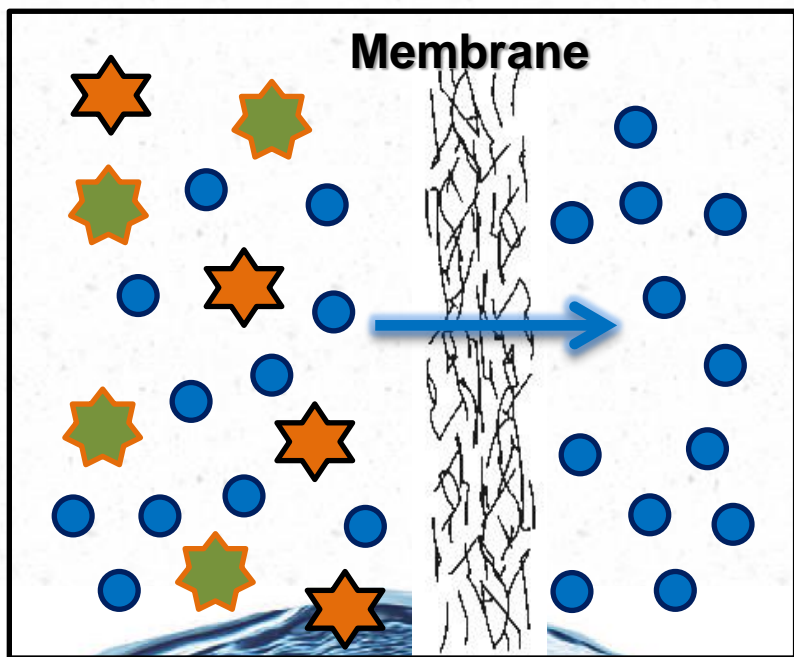


- Water pipe, monitoring, operation & management
- Automatic drainage system at the end of the pipe
- Ubiquitous emergency response system using mobile tool

Membrane & Module



- **Membrane** : The phase that acts as a barrier to prevent mass movement but allows restricted and/or regulated passage of one or more species through it (Lakshminaryanaiah 1984)
- **Membrane filtration** : the separation of dissolved solute in liquid streams and for separation of gas mixture

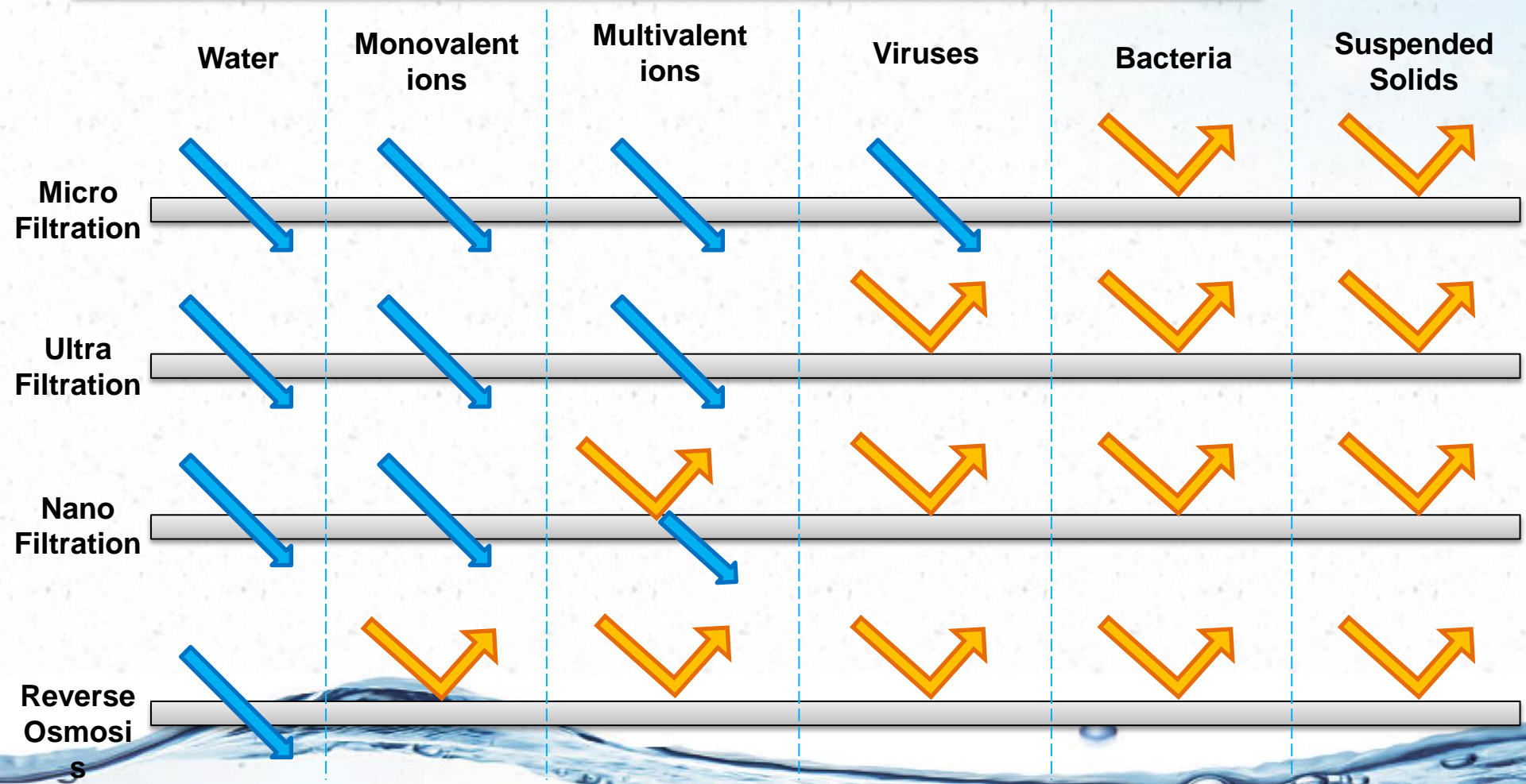



 Removal target
 Water

Membrane & Module



Classification according to the Membrane pore size



Ref. : <https://reverseosmosispk.wordpress.com/97-2/>

Membrane & Module



Classification according to the Membrane module type



Flat sheet



Hollow fiber



Spiral wound module

Classification according to the system

Pressurized system



Submerged system



Membrane & Module



Development of next generation membrane and module for water purification

Nano-fiber/Graphene membrane and module

Fe_3O_4-rGO

High Voltage Power Supply
Syringe Pump
Collector Units
Nano fiber
Non-woven
Polymer Solution

SE-Flakes
CE-Flakes
a) 1 μm
b) 2 μm
c) 2 μm
4.1 μm
0.96 μm
2.1 μm

Electro-spinning - Mass production

Spiral module

SEM image: Nano-fiber, Graphene Oxide

Flat module

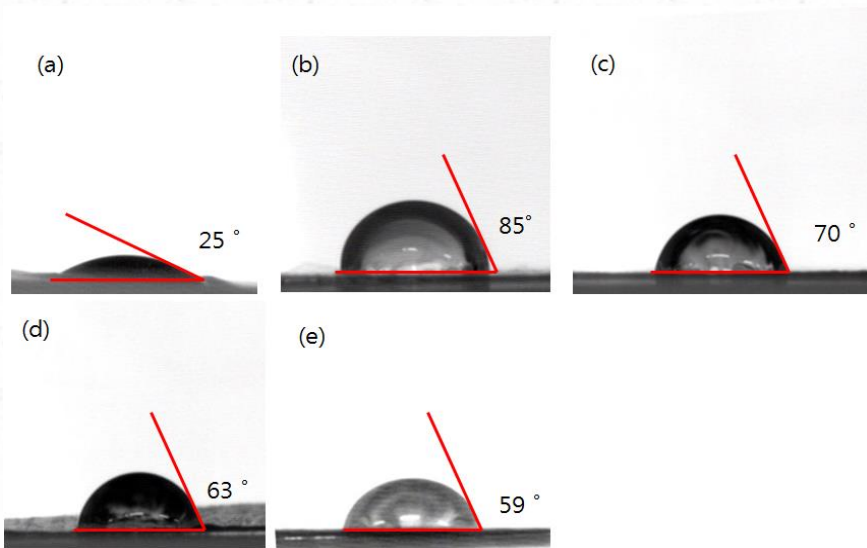
Graphene synthesis

Membrane & Module

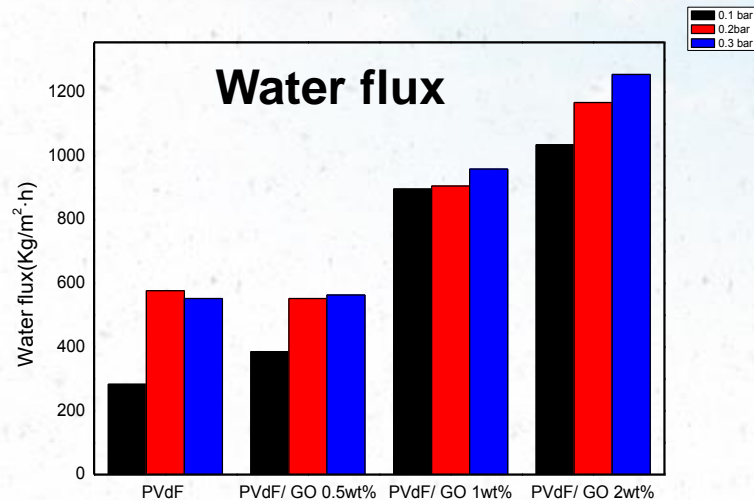


Development of next generation membrane and module for water purification

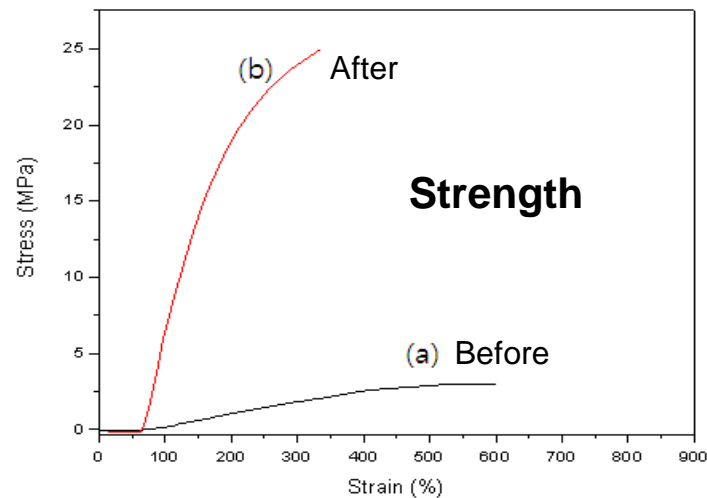
Contact angle



Contact angle measurement; (a) GO sheet (b) PVdF, (c) PVdF/GO 0.5wt% (d) PVdF/GO 1wt% (e) PVdF/GO 2wt% membrane.

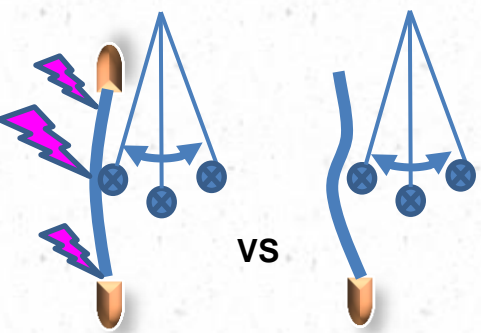


Water-flux test of PVdF and PVdF/GO 0.5wt%, 1wt%, 2wt% membrane at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3 bar and 25 °C

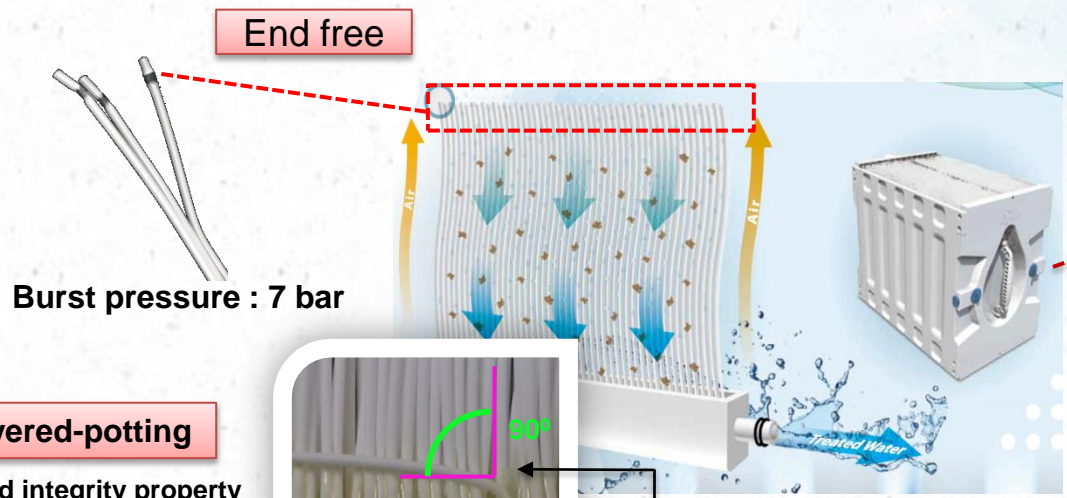




Development of membrane and module for treating highly concentrated backwash water



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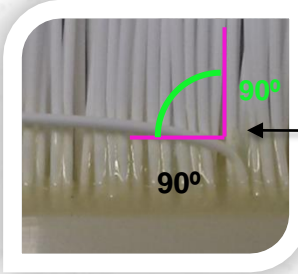


End free

Burst pressure : 7 bar

Double layered-potting

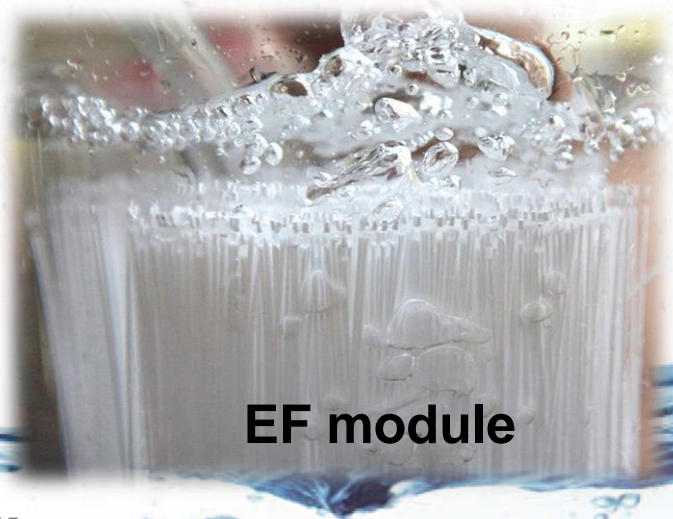
- Enhanced integrity property
- No fiber breakage



No breakage even in bending forcibly

CF- C type (old type)

CF- E type (brand-new)



EF module



Development of membrane and module for treating highly concentrated backwash water

CF module vs. New EF module (case study in MBR)

CF Series



HDPE
Double header



16.8 m²

flux
X 0.4 m/d
X 60 EA



Foot print



400 m³/d

Scouring air

Continuous air
SADm : 0.23
SADp : 14



0.19 Kwh/m³

↓ 1/2 Reduced

↓ 1/4 Reduced

NEW EF Series



PVDF
single header



21 m²

flux
X 0.6 m/d
X 60 EA



750 m³/d



Intermittent air
SADm : 0.09
SADp : 3.76

0.05 Kwh/m³

Membrane-AOP hybrid water treatment process



Multi-Barrier Membrane-AOP Hybrid System for CECs Removal Test pilot-plant (1,000 m³/d) at Gangbuk water supply plant



- No Sedimentation Step
- Pressurized-submerged membrane combined system
 - ➔ flexible for water quality
 - ➔ maximize recovery rate

- Evaluation and selection for optimal process
- Optimization of each process

- Adsorption of incomplete degradation products

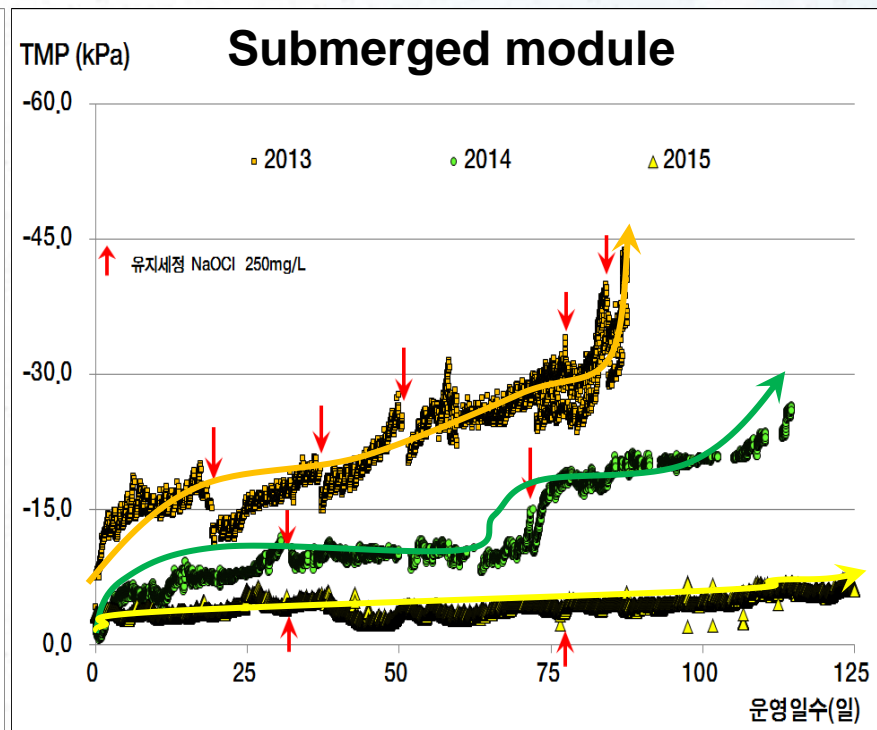
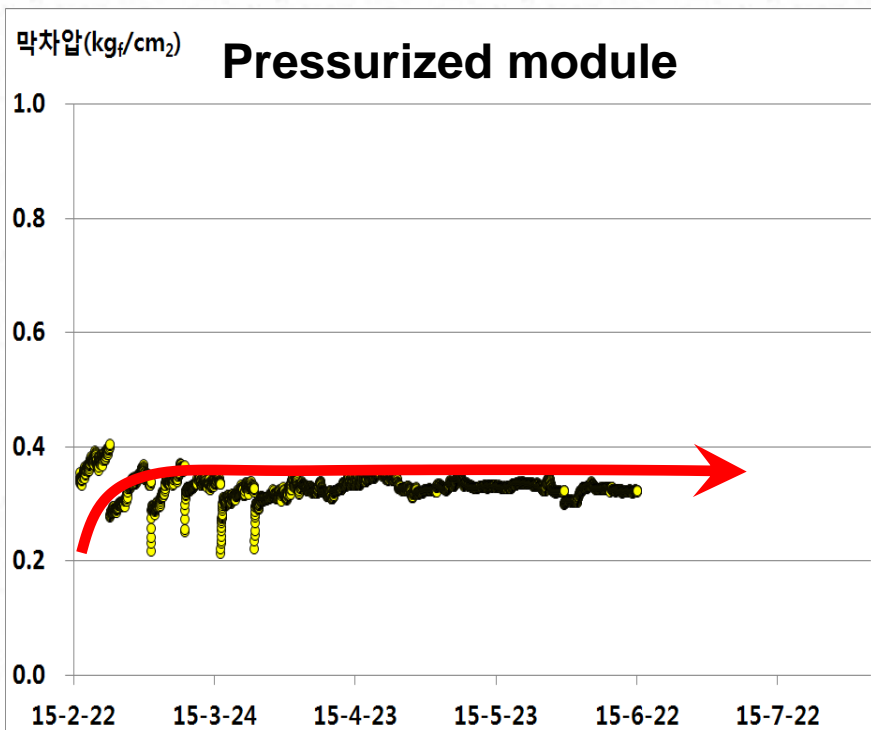




Membrane-AOP hybrid water treatment process



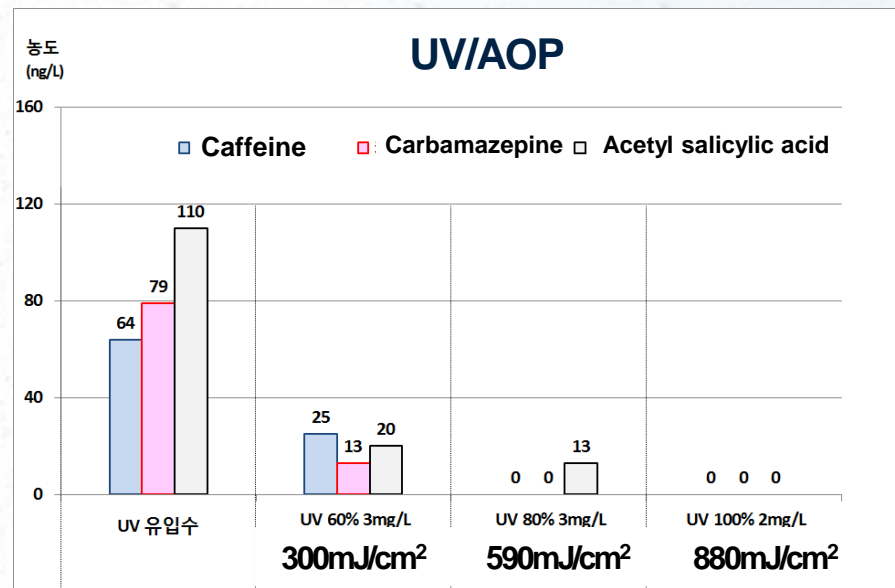
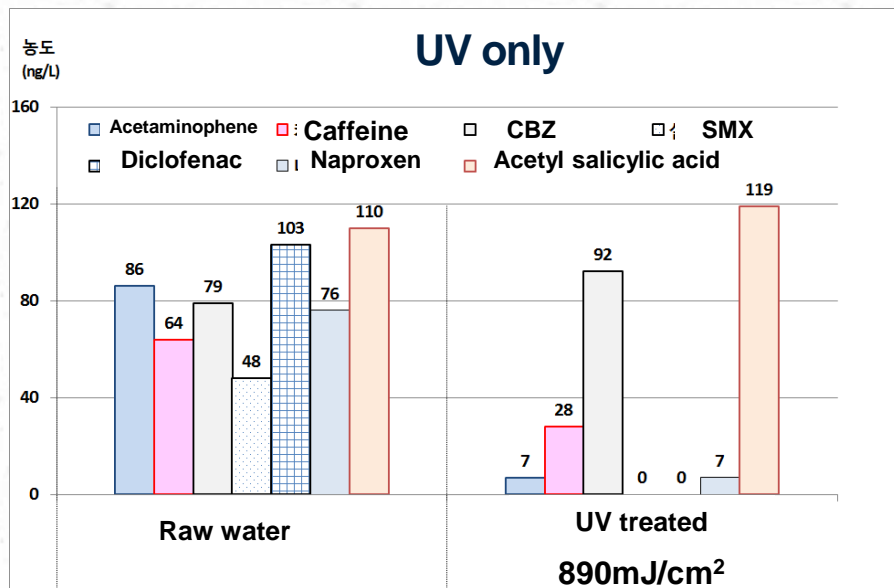
Operation of pressurized and submerged membrane systems



Membrane-AOP hybrid water treatment process



Removal of CECs (Contaminants of Emerging Concerns) by UV and UV/AOP processes



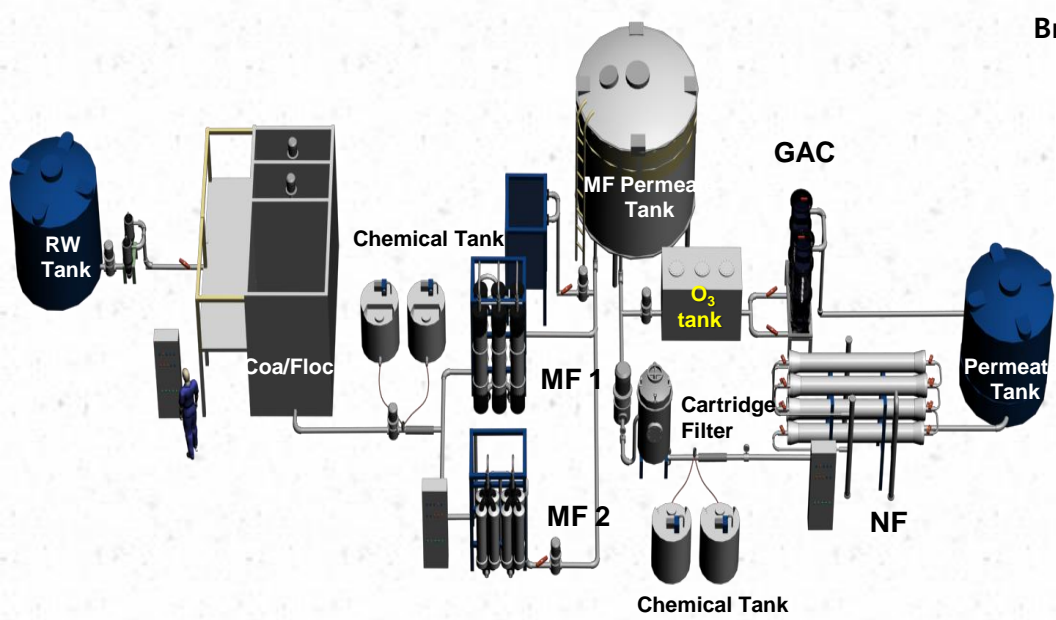
SMX: Sulfamethoxazole
CBZ: Carbamazepine



Membrane-AOP hybrid water treatment process

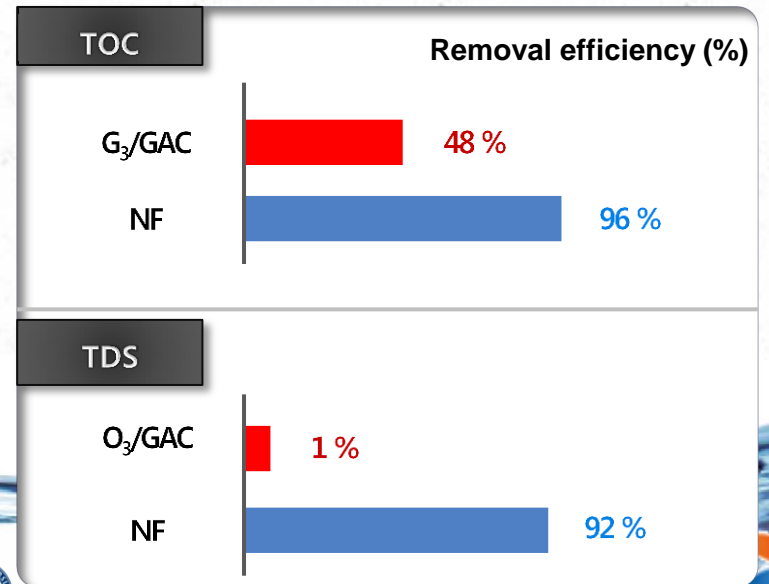
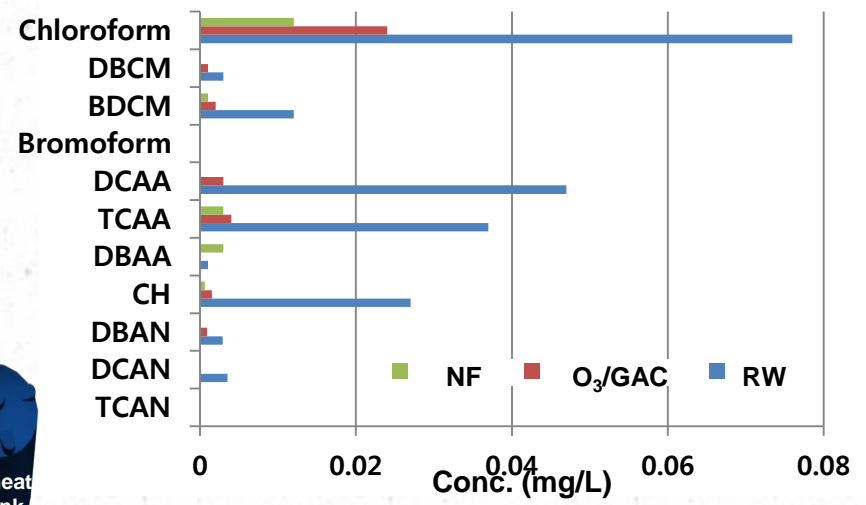


Removal of organic matters by NF and O₃/GAC



DBCM : Dibromochloromethane
 BDCM : Bromodichloromethane
 DCAA : Dichloroacetic acid
 TCAA : Trichloroacetic acid
 DBAA : Dibromoacetic acid
 CH : Chloral hydrate
 DBAN : Dibromoacetyl nitrile
 DCAN : Dichloroacetyl nitrile
 TCAN : Trichloroacetyl nitrile

THMFP (Trihalomethane formation potential)





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III. Appropriate Technology for drinking water in developing countries



Appropriate technology for drinking water in developing countries



MDGs (Millennium Development Goals)

Target 7 Ensure environmental sustainability

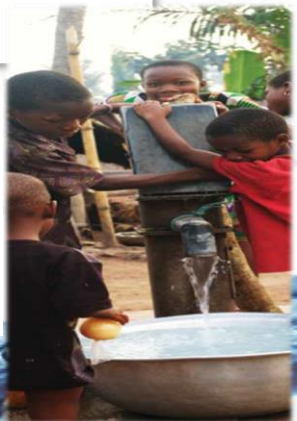
Target 7.C: Halve by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation

SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)

Goal 6. Ensure access to water and sanitation for all

- By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programs, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies

- 2.6 billion people have gained access to improved drinking water sources since 1990, but 663 million people are still without.
- At least 1.8 billion people globally use a source of drinking water that is fecally contaminated.





Appropriate technology for drinking water in developing countries



Appropriate Technology

- Less than 10 USD per year per household
- 4 liter of biologically safe water per Cap.

- Easy to operate
- No electricity requirement
- No recurring costs
- Effective against bacteria
- Easy scalability
- Easy to increase operation Flux by syphon

Appropriate technology for drinking water in developing countries



Appropriate technologies for water treatment



Ceramic water filter



Lifestraw



Lifesaver Bottle



GDM (Gravity Driven Membrane) system

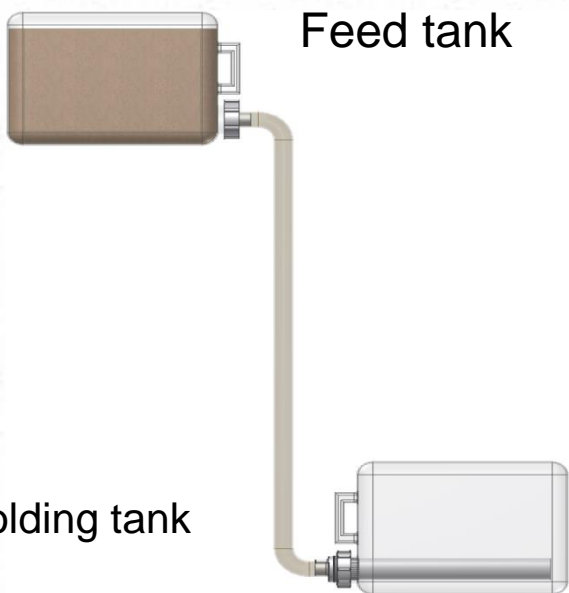


Life Sack

Appropriate technology for drinking water in developing countries



YGDM (Yonsei Gravity Driven Membrane) system

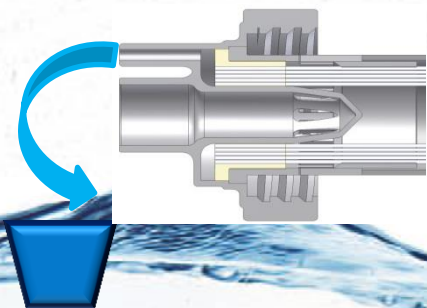


Household module

❖ Module spec

- Driving force : gravity
- Membrane area : 0.51 m²
- Production : 30 L/d

Permeate



Appropriate technology for drinking water in developing countries



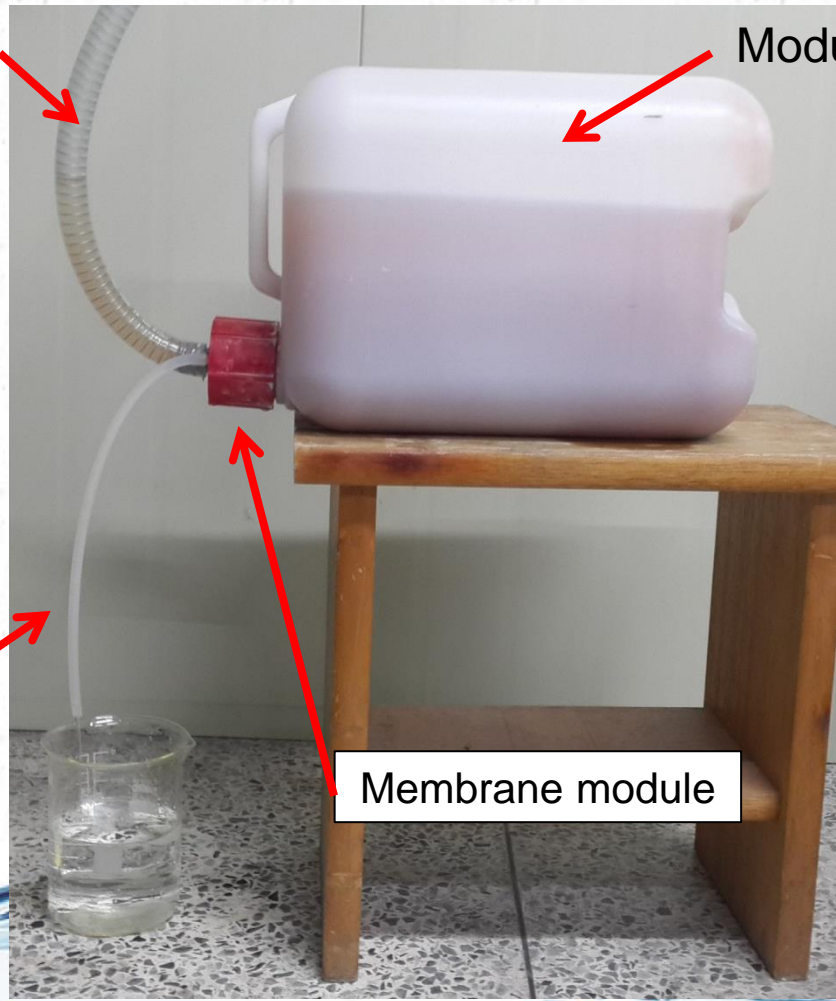
YGDM (Yonsei Gravity Driven Membrane) system

Feed inlet

Module holding tank

Permeate

Membrane module



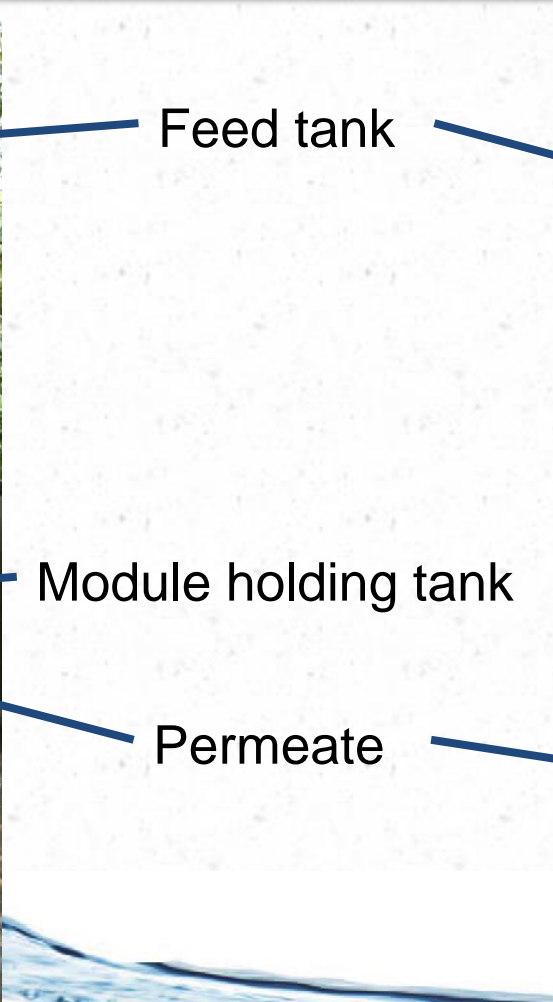
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YGDM (Yonsei Gravity Driven Membrane) system



YGDM in Cambodia



YGDM in Indonesia



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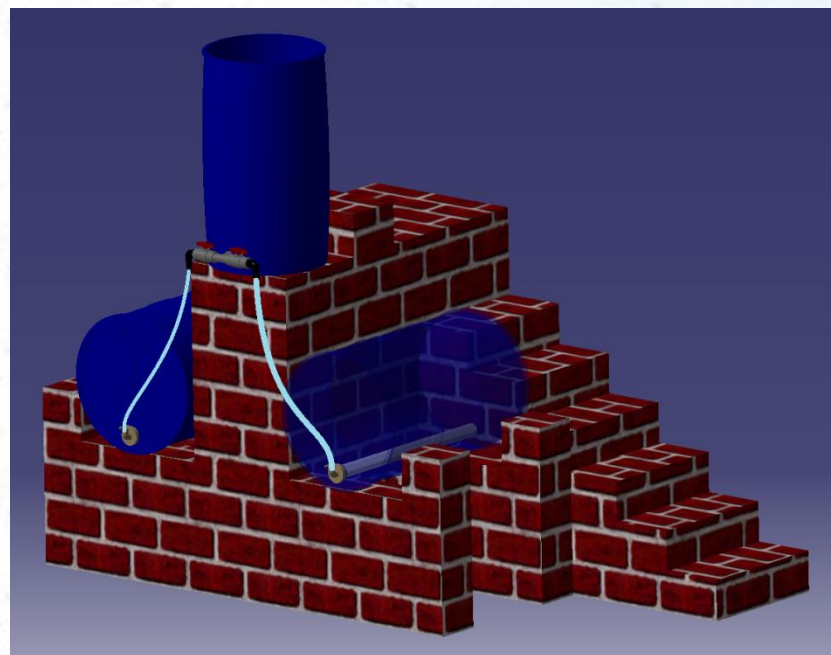


YGDM (Yonsei Gravity Driven Membrane) system

School type

❖ Module spec

- Driving force : gravity
- Membrane area : 5.2m²
- Capacity : 130L
- **Production : 13L/hr**



Appropriate technology for drinking water in developing countries



YGDM in Tanzania



Conclusions



- **Membranes are key processes for water treatment.**
- **Development of new membrane and module having high mechanical strength, low fouling and economic feasibility is required.**
- **Membranes are essential for an appropriate technology (e.g. YGDM) for drinking water in developing countries.**





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