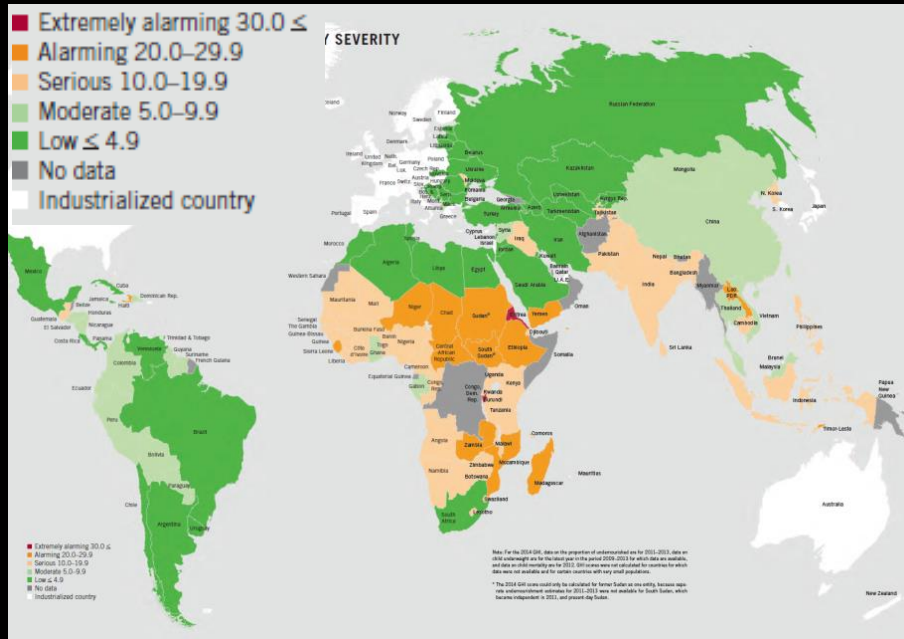


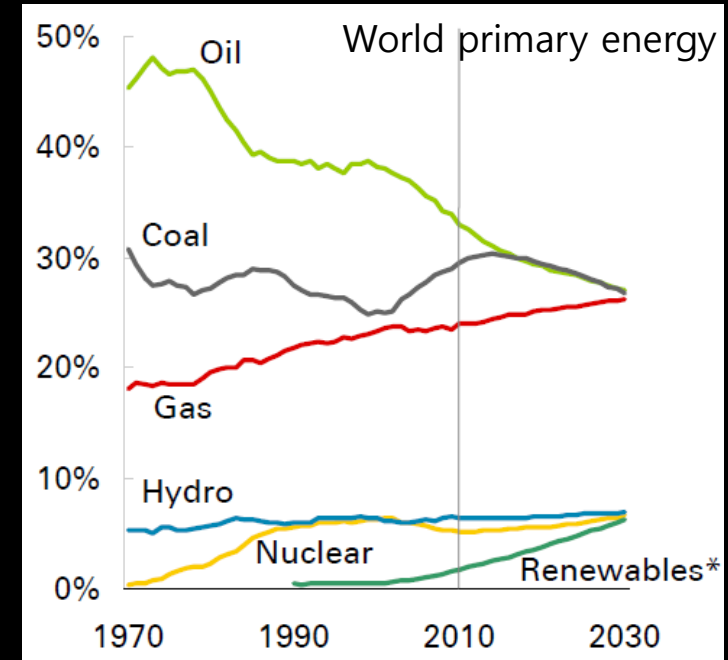
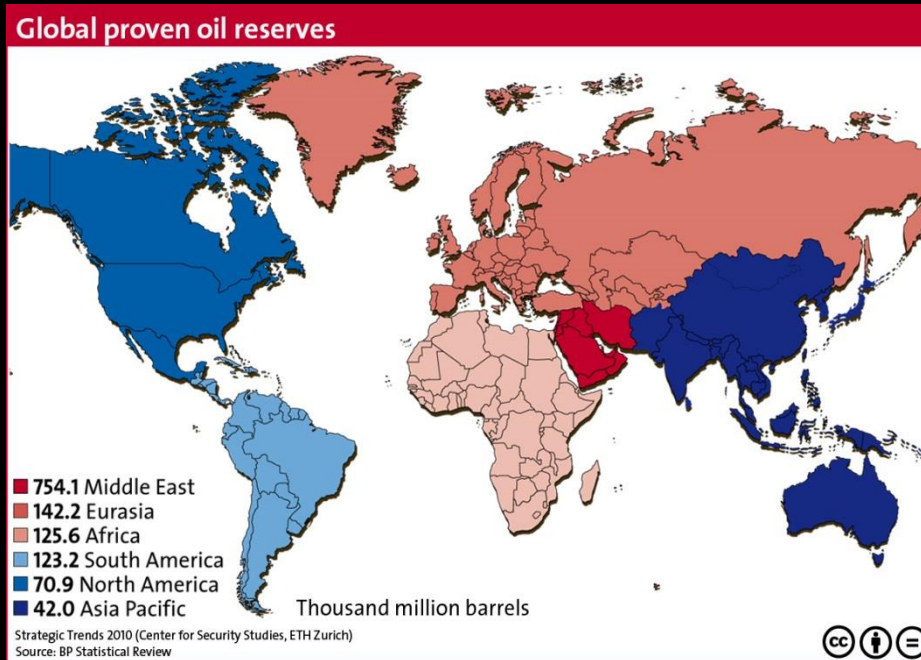
There are FEW resources for human.

# Crisis of Food Demands



- ❖ 805 million people: worldwide chronically undernourished
- ❖ 162 million chronically undernourished people are young children
- ❖ Central Africa and South Asia are experiencing the most hunger

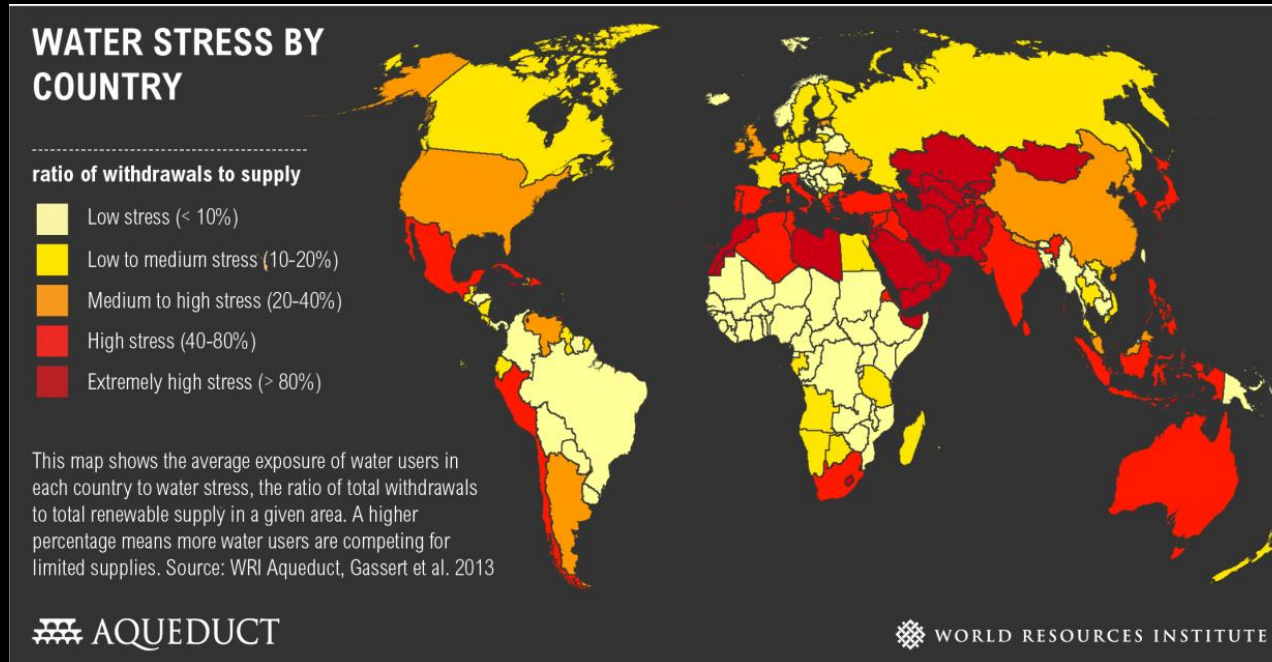
# Crisis of Energy Demands



❖ Limited energy resources

→ As petroleum resources are running out of, the renewable energy must be exploited.

# Crisis of Water Demands



## ❖ Limited water resources

→ 40% of the world's population lives in severe water-stressed areas;  
by 2050, 2.3 billion more people than today.

# Without the Sun, where can you get FEW ?



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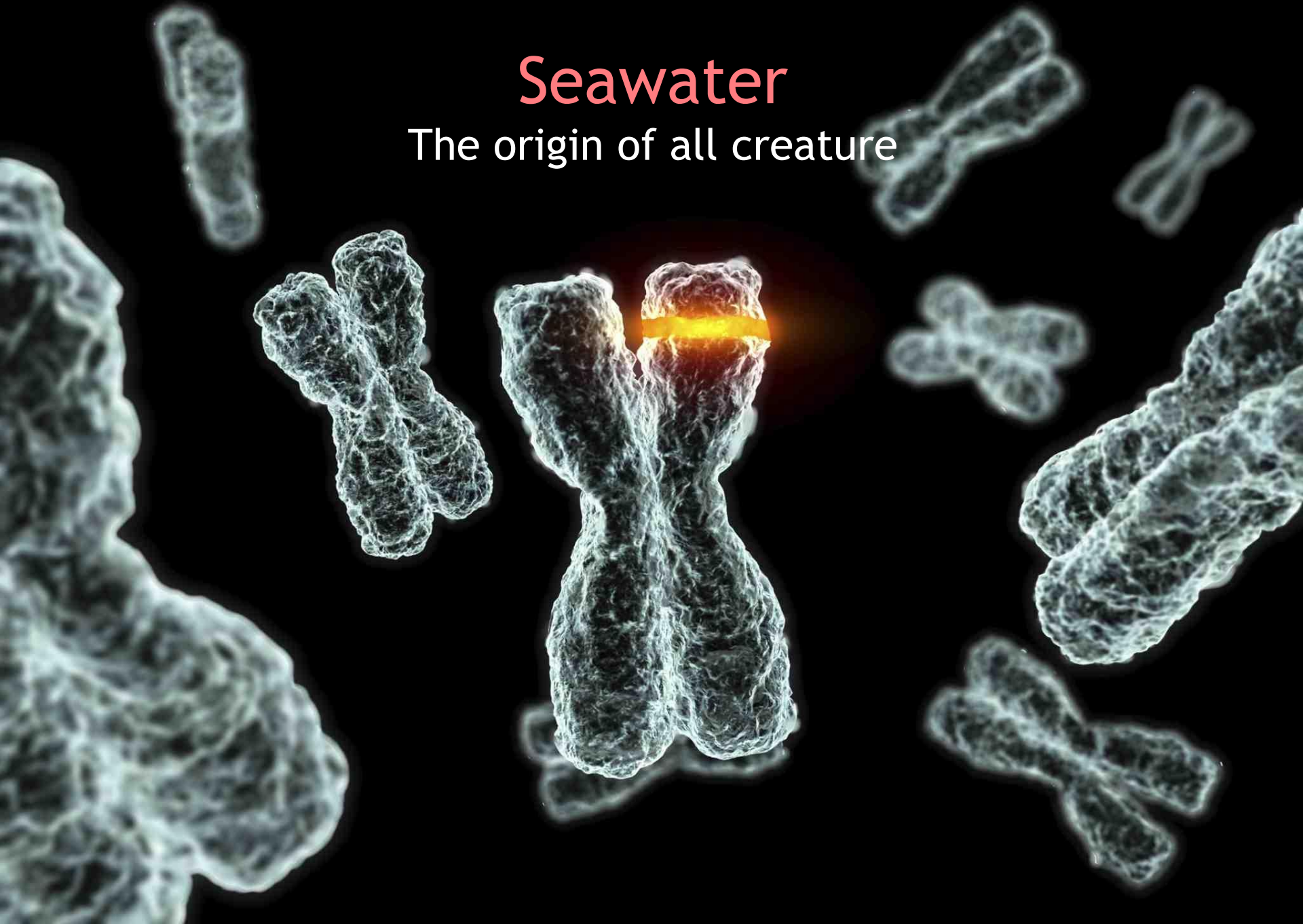


# Seawater



# Seawater

The origin of all creature



We may be from the sea.





**WE** can be from the sea.

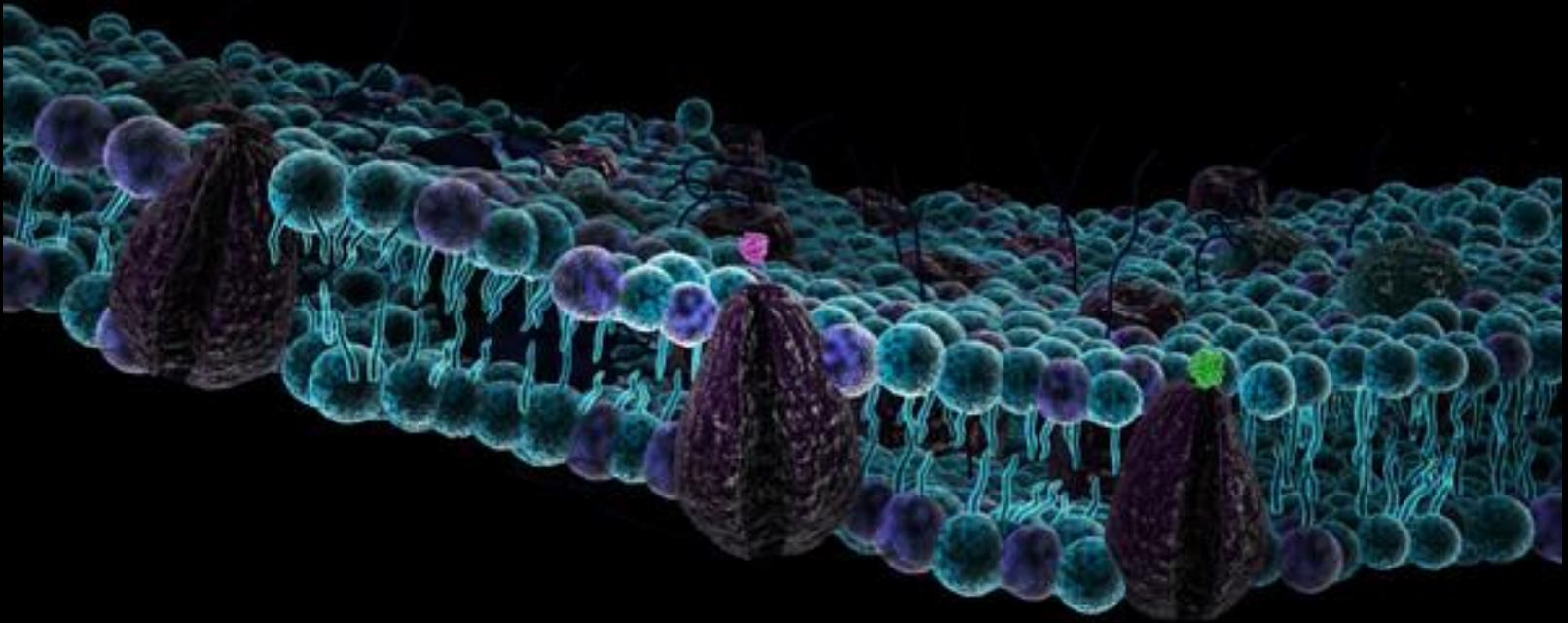
**Water**

**Energy**



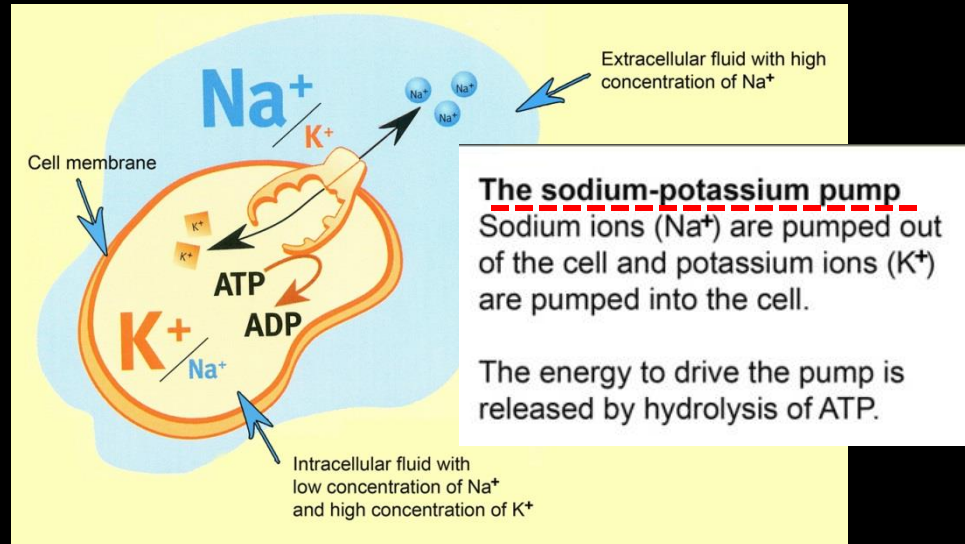
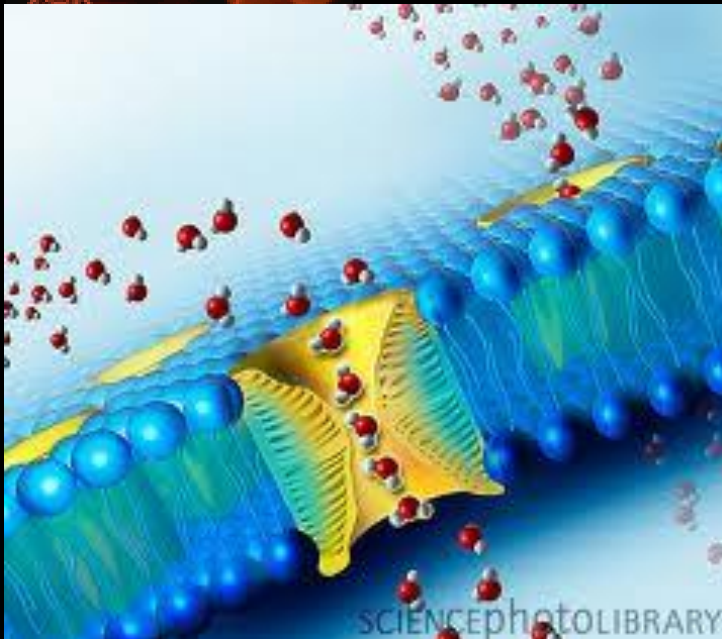
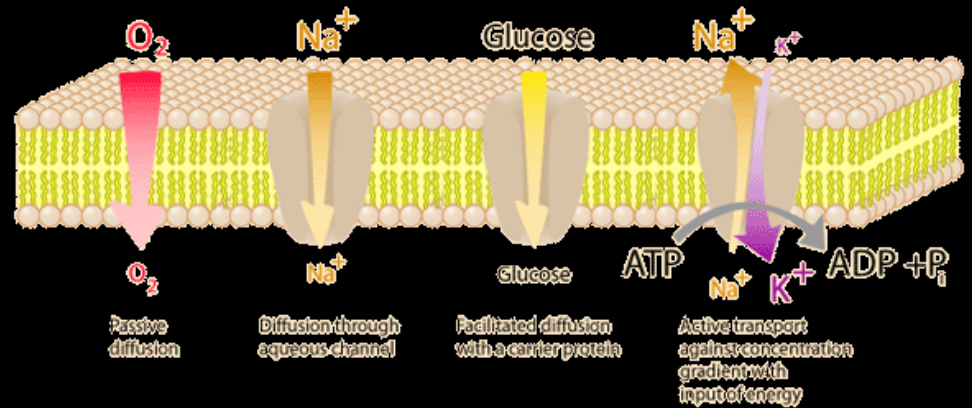
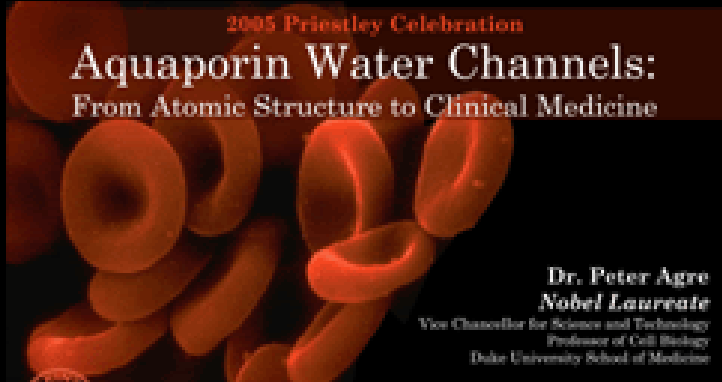
# Membrane

Water & Energy transport for all creature



# Membrane

Water & Energy transport for all creature



# Technology



# Technology should be green...

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- FEW resources for human
- Sustainable



- Seawater...
- Membrane...
- Technology...

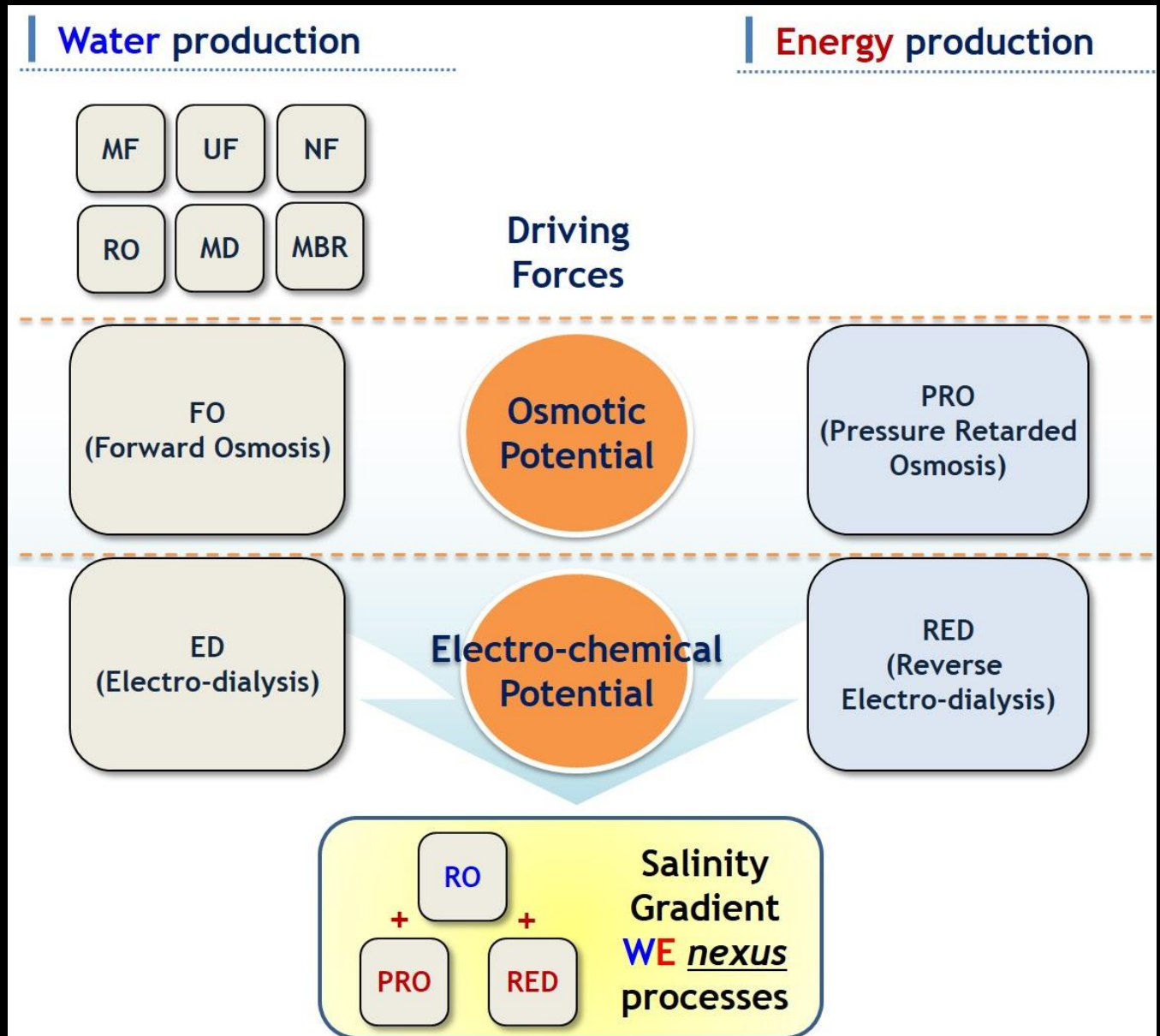
Green membrane technology to produce  
water & energy from seawater.

# Membrane-based Desalination Technology in **Water-Energy** *nexus* Industry

Joon Ha Kim

Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST)

# Outline





# Infrastructures...

- 4 main infrastructures :

Transportation, Telecommunication, Electricity, Water

- Investment rank (2011~2030):

**Water**>**Electricity**>Telecommunication> Transportation

## ❖ Prospect of Worldwide Investment for Infrastructure

Infrastructure	2001 to 2010 (annual average)	2011 to 2020 (annual average)	2021 to 2030 (annual average)
Roads/Railways	269	299	350
Telecommunications	654	646	171
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>513</b>
<b>Water</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>1,037</b>
Total	1,769	2,100	2,071

(Unit: US\$ billion)

# Water & Energy production using membrane technology



Membrane



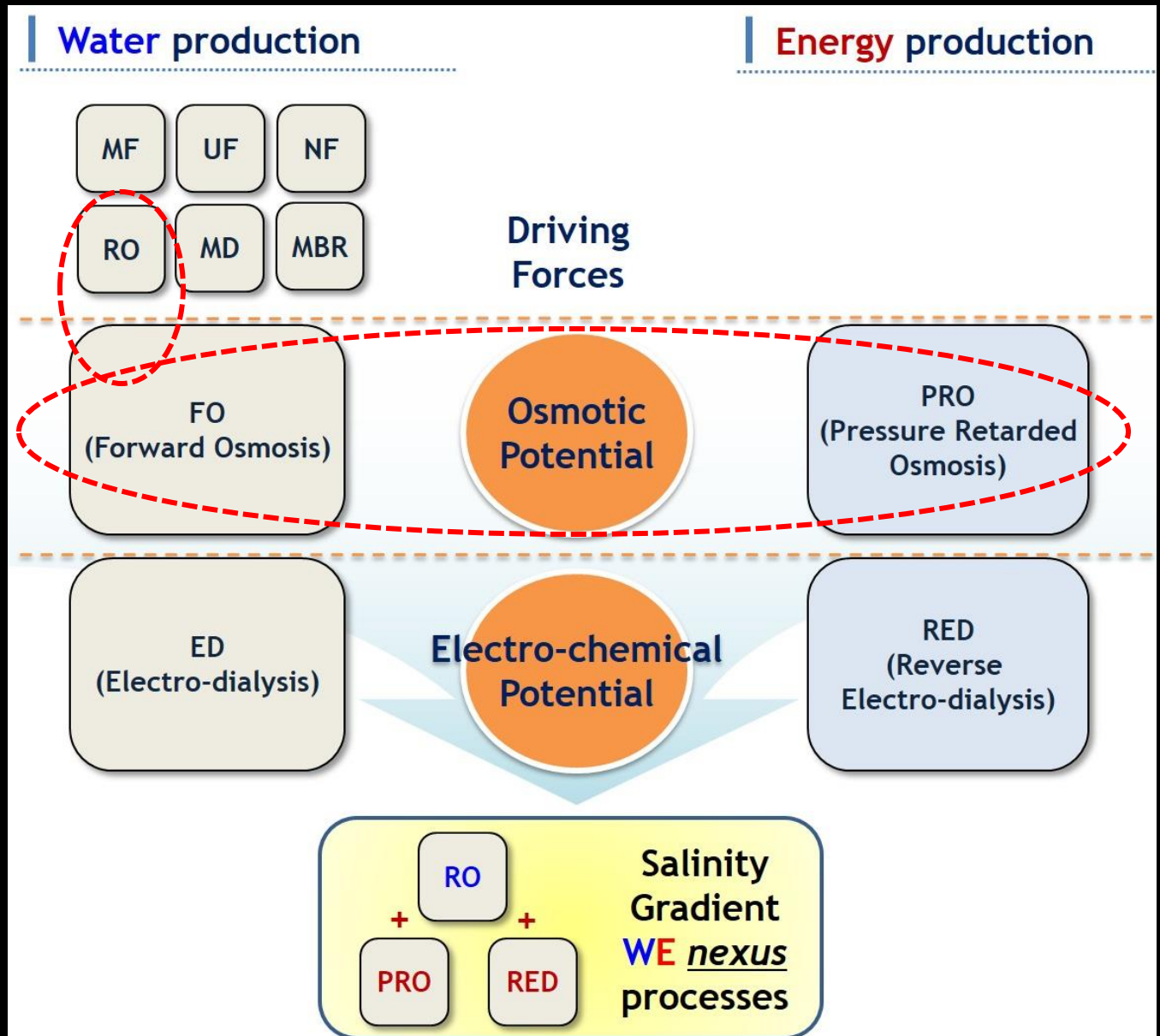
Membrane Technology can be an alternative solution for Water & Energy problems at the same time, and for the need of co-generation infrastructure

# Membrane-based Desalination R&D Roadmap in Korea

(Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement  
In the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport, MoLIT)



# Outline



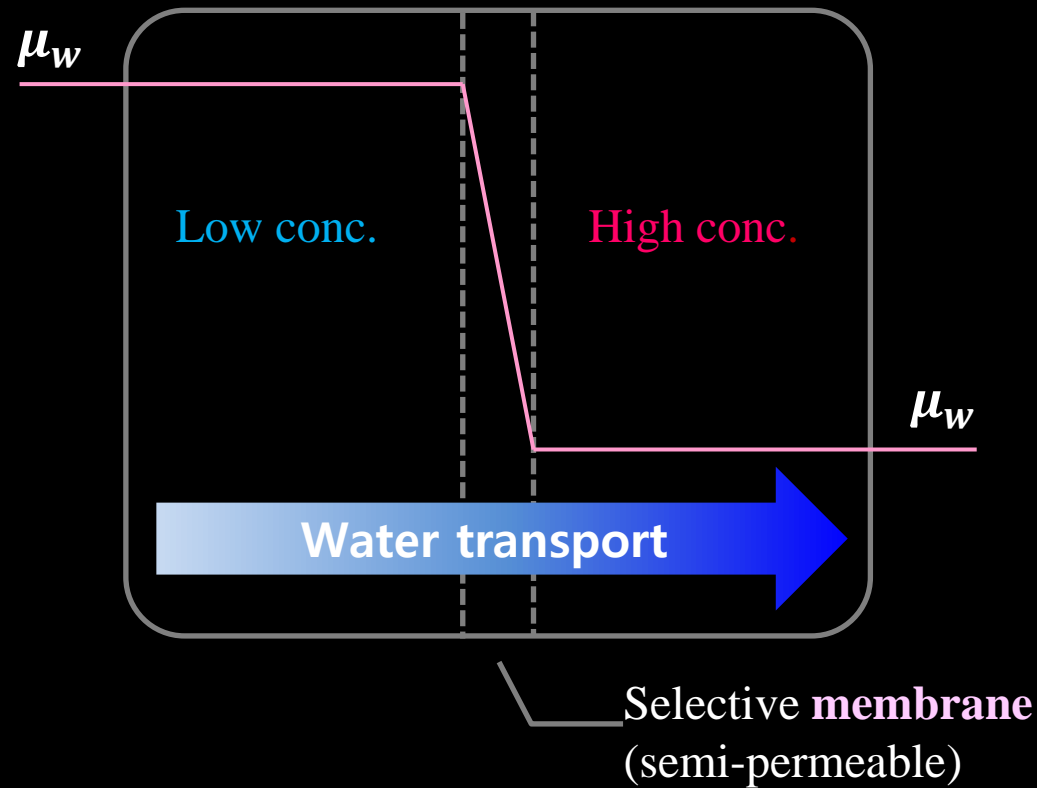


# Osmotic Potentials

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(RO, FO, & PRO)

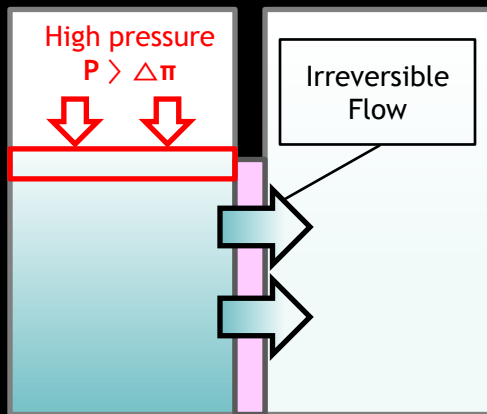
# Driving force: Chemical potential (Osmosis)



- Driven by chemical potential (Osmosis) difference
- Water passes through membrane

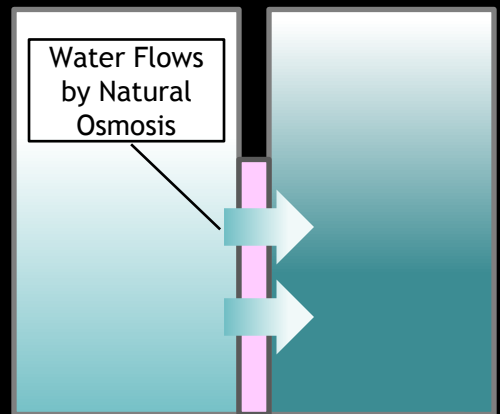
# Principle of Osmosis Membrane

Reverse Osmosis (RO)



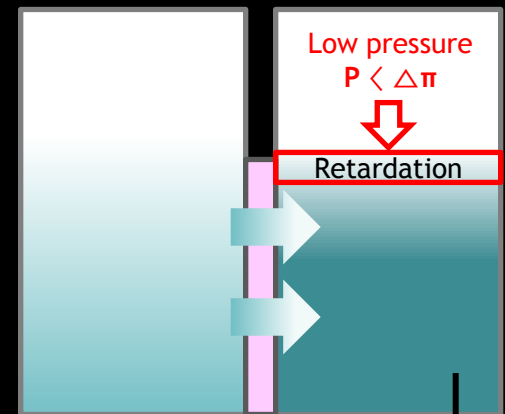
High Energy Consumption

Forward Osmosis (FO)



Separation  
Low Energy Consumption

Pressure-Retarded Osmosis (PRO)



Turbine  
Energy Generation

Semi-permeable Membranes

# RO Membrane Technology



RO Membrane Technology becomes economically feasible....

**But, competition for reducing energy consumption just begins.**



# Features of seawater RO (SWRO) process

- ❖ Membrane material: cellulose acetate, polyamide
- ❖ Membrane module configuration: spiral wound type / hollow fiber type

## Advantages

- Lower energy consumption (3~4 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>) compared to distillation (10~16 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Well systematic process among the desalination processes
- Production of high quality freshwater ( $\text{Na}^+ < 80\sim 300$  ppm)

## Disadvantages

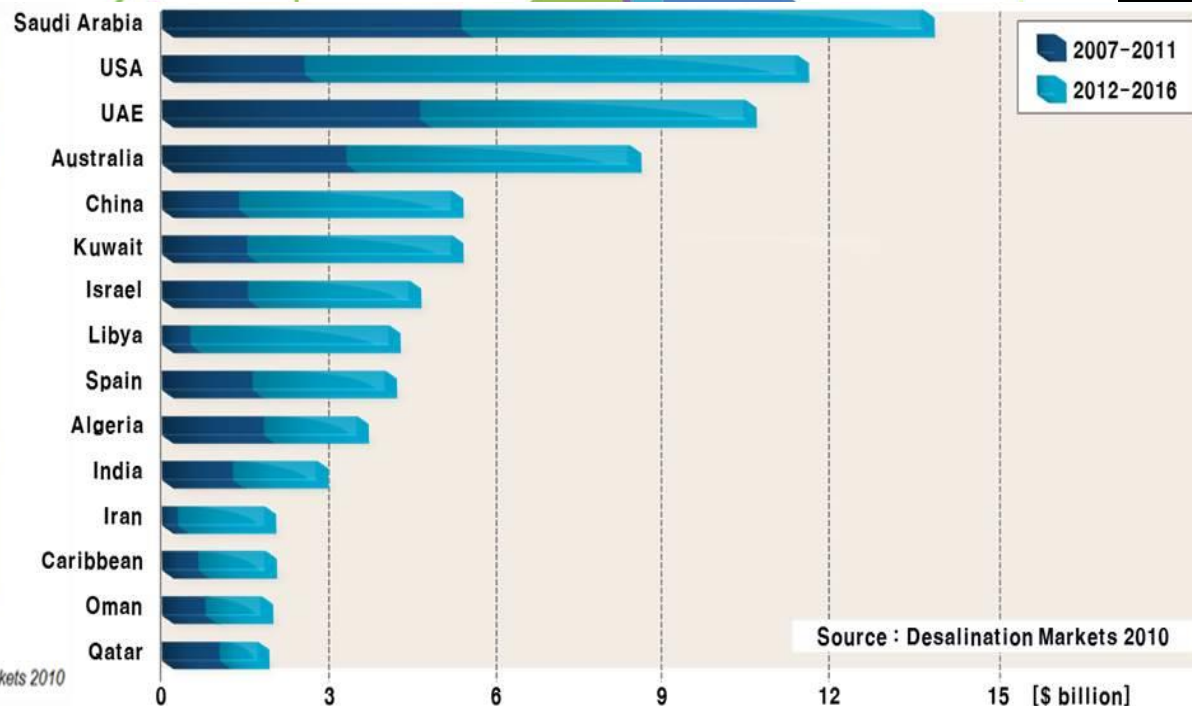
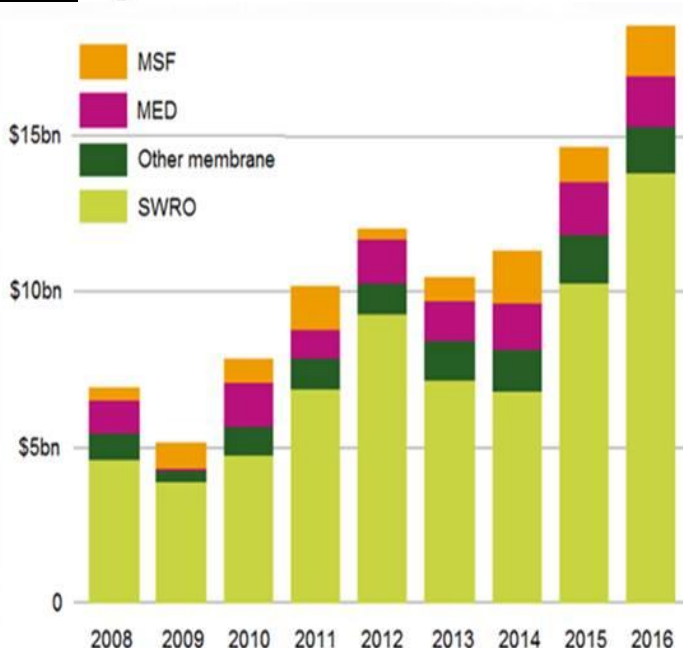
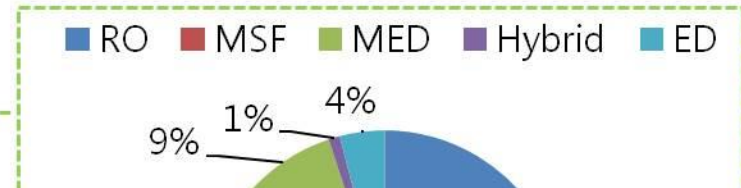
- Membrane fouling
- Membrane cleaning/replacement
- Requirement of pretreatment system (MF, UF, DAF, DMF, and anti-scalant)
- Increase in cost to produce freshwater

# SWRO process market

## Desal. and reuse rise to the challenge



## Installed capacity by: technology



Source : Desalination Markets 2010

Source: DesalData/Desalination Markets 2010

# Future forecasts of SWRO desalination plant

Ref: From Various Sources

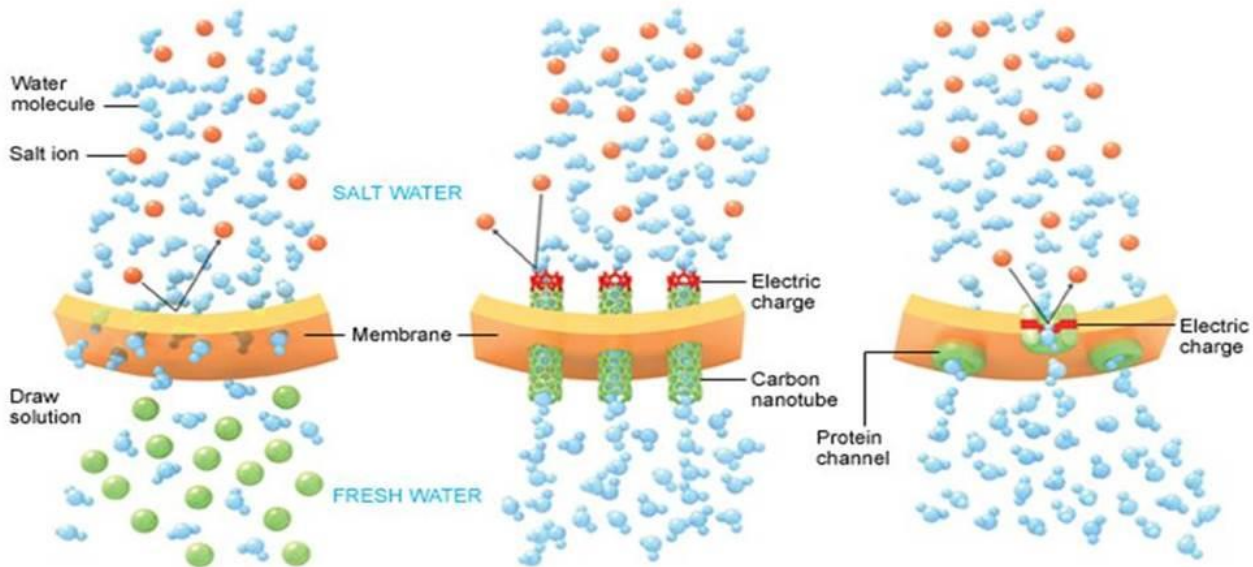
Parameter	Today	Within 5 years	Within 20 years
Cost of ... (2011 ...)	<b>Membrane 2-D modification → Still promising for next 20 yrs !</b>		
Constructio... (US\$/m <sup>3</sup> )			
* Power use of SWRO system (kWh/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.5 ~ 2.8	2.0 ~ 2.3	1.4 ~ 1.8
Membrane productivity (m <sup>3</sup> /day/SWRO membrane)	28 ~ 47	35 ~ 55	95 ~ 120
Membrane useful life (years)	5 ~ 7	7 ~ 10	10 ~ 15
Water recovery ratio (%)	45 ~ 50	50 ~ 55	55 ~ 65

\* Minimum theoretical energy for desalination at 50% recovery: 1 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>

\* Practical limitations: No less than 1.5 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>

\* Achievable goal: 1.5 – 2 kWh/m<sup>3</sup>

# Future technology of water treatment using membrane



## FORWARD OSMOSIS

Water molecules migrate by natural osmosis, without energy input, into an even more concentrated "draw solution," whose special salt (green) is then evaporated away by low-grade heat.

On the market: 2010-2012

## CARBON NANOTUBES

An electric charge at the nanotube mouth repels positively charged salt ions. The uncharged water molecules slip through with little friction, reducing pumping pressure.

On the market: 2013-2015

## BIOMIMETICS

Water molecules pass through channels made of aquaporins, proteins that efficiently conduct water in and out of living cells. A positive charge near each channel's center repels salt.

On the market: 2013-2015

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# Principle of FO membrane process

## Principle

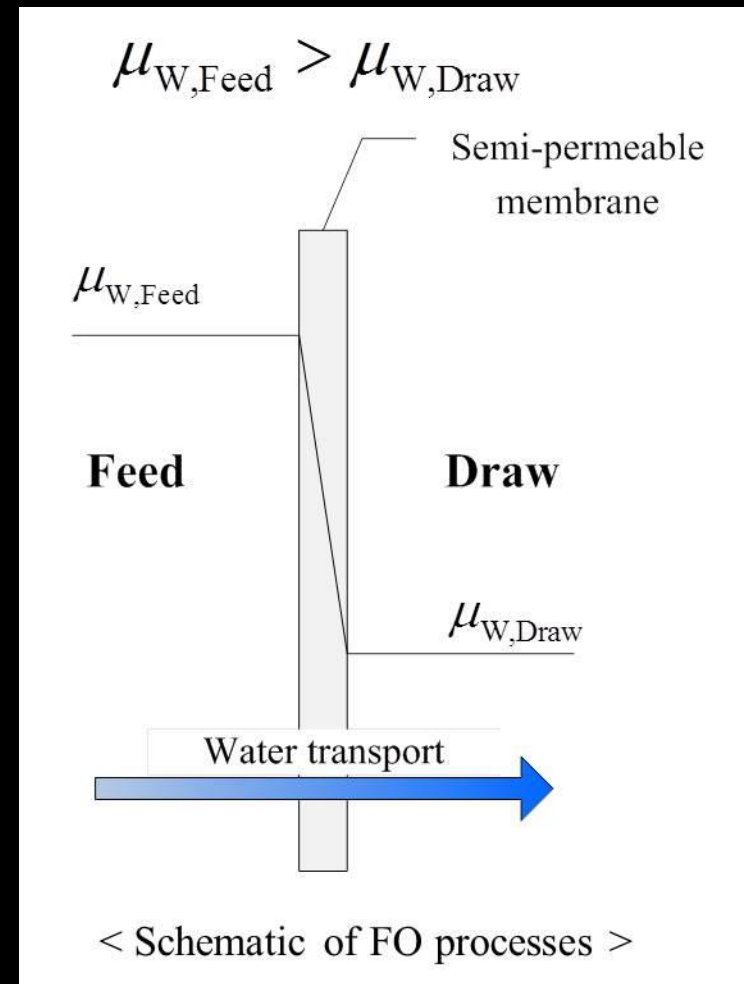
- Naturally driven process without hydraulic pressure
- Run by chemical potential difference (i.e., concentration difference)
- Thermodynamically, reversible process

## Advantages

- Low energy consumption
- Theoretically, No energy is required for membrane process

## Limitations

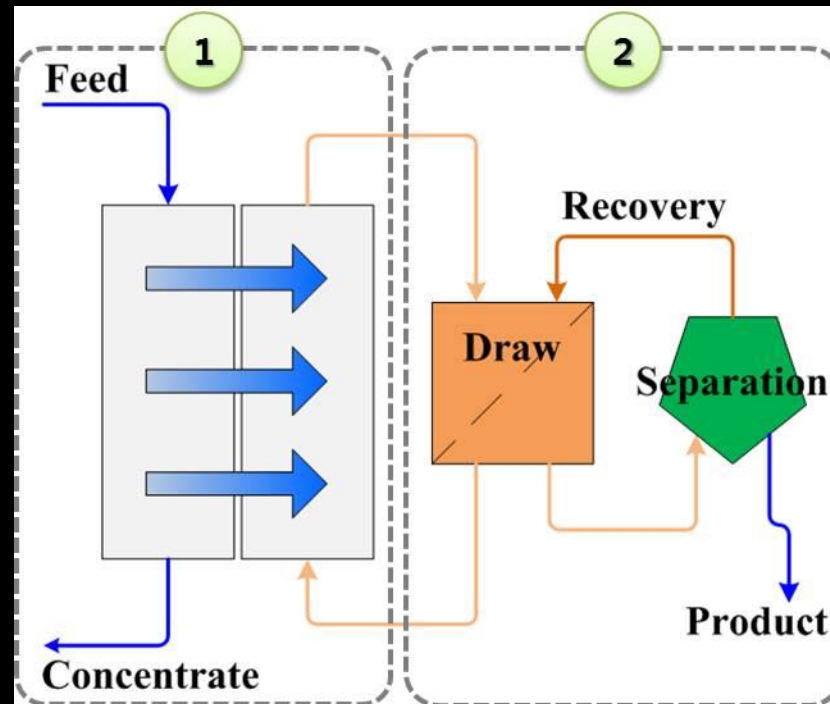
- Lack of suitable membrane for FO
- Lack of appropriate draw solution



# Features of FO process

## Membrane process

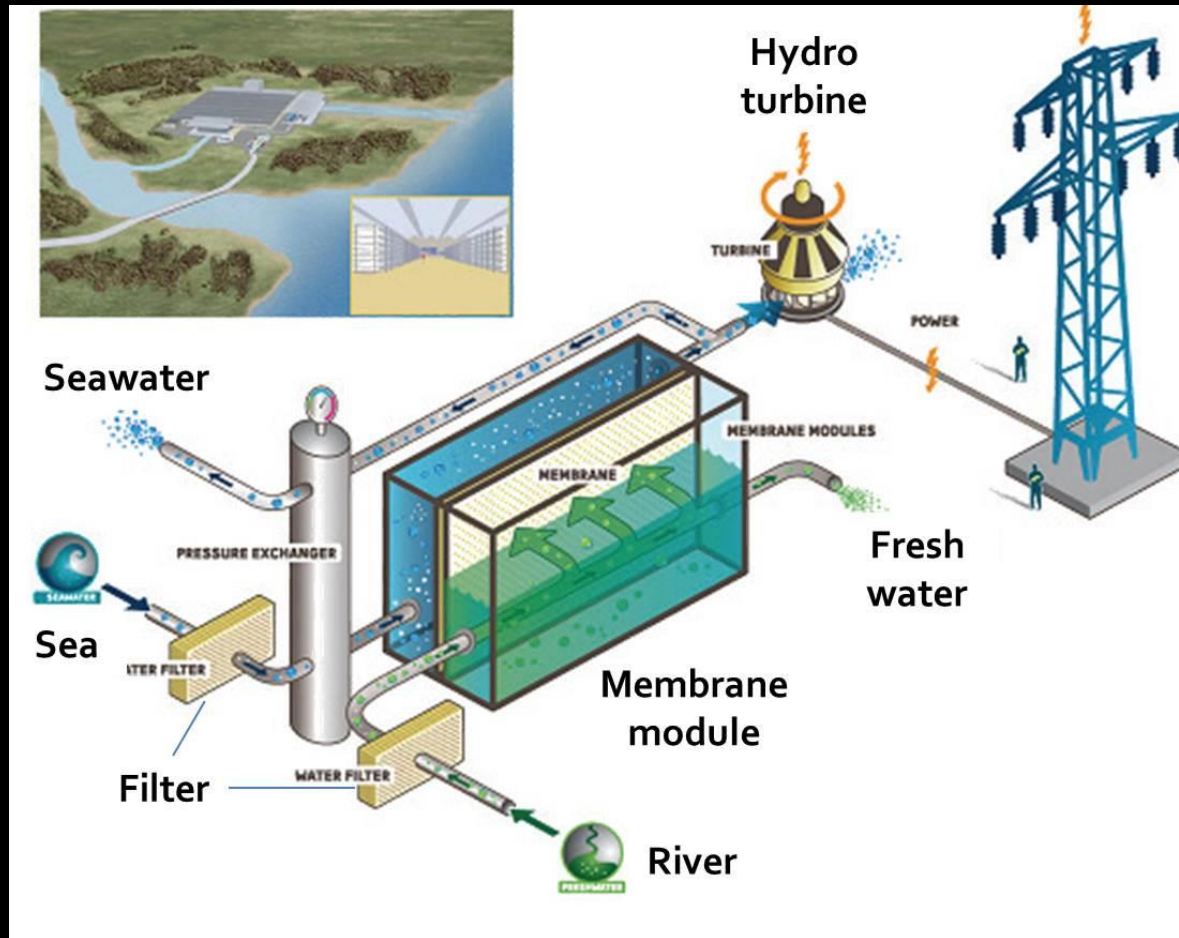
- Water transports through membrane toward draw side
- Draw solution is diluted



## Separation and recovery process

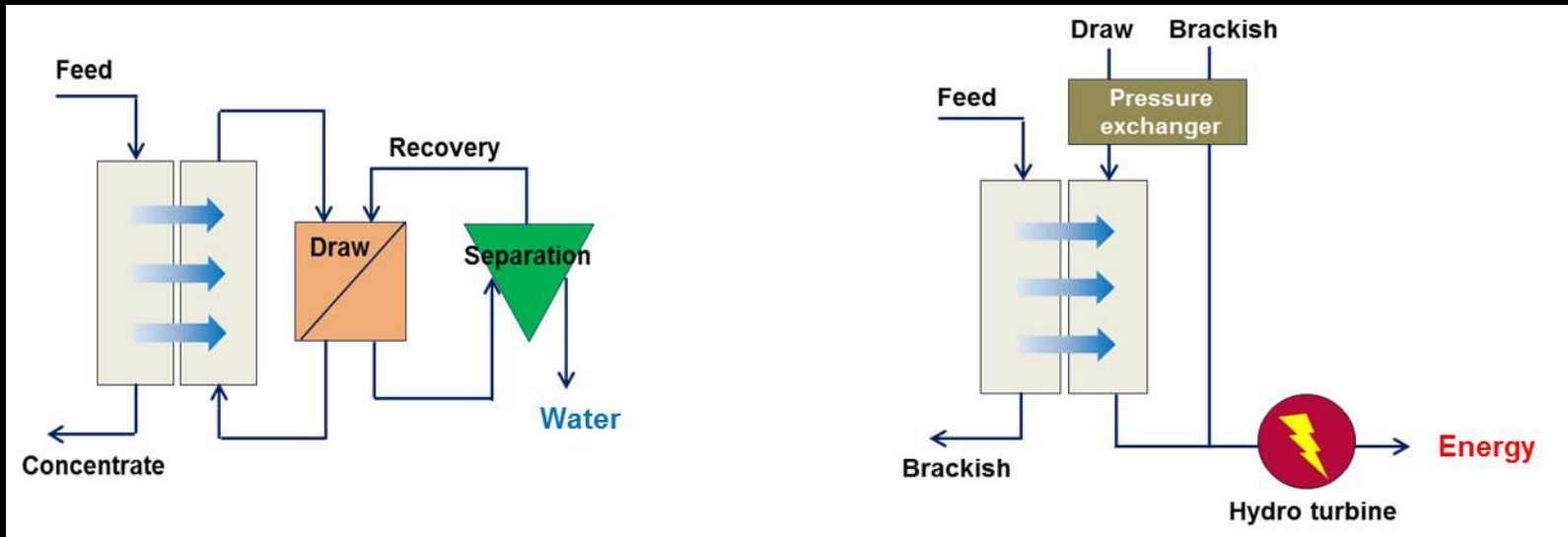
- Pure water is separated out from diluted draw solution
  - Draw solution is recovered to be sent back into membrane process
- Naturally driven process by osmosis
  - Theoretically, no energy is required for water production
  - Contrary to RO, energy requirement is very low

# Principle of PRO membrane process (pressure-retarded osmosis)



- Chemical potential difference between feed and draw solution
- Depressurizing the permeate through hydro-turbine → **Energy**

# Comparison of FO & PRO processes



## Similarity

- Two flows (feed solution, draw solution)
- Utilization of osmotic pressure

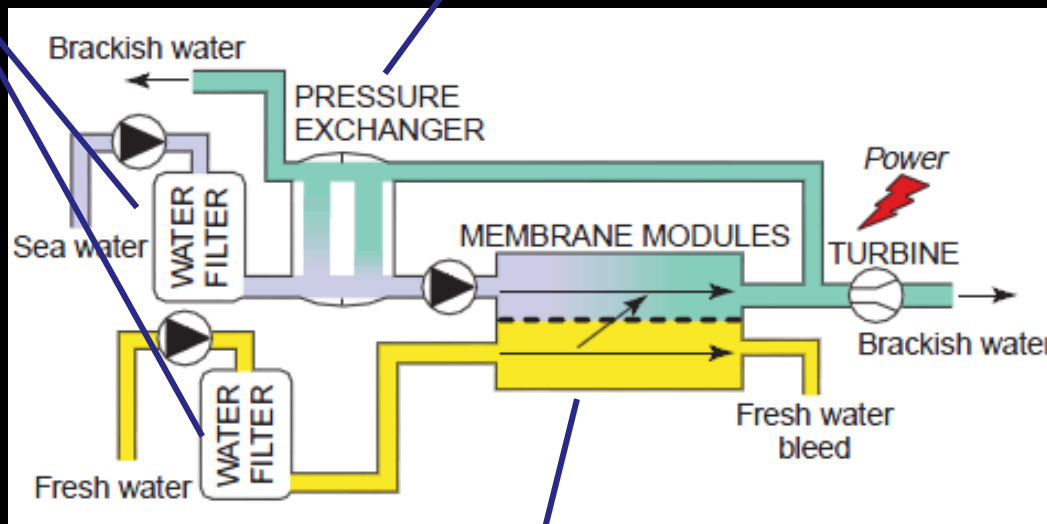
## Difference

- Membrane orientation
- FO : Draw solution recovery
- PRO : Pressure exchanger



# Features of PRO process

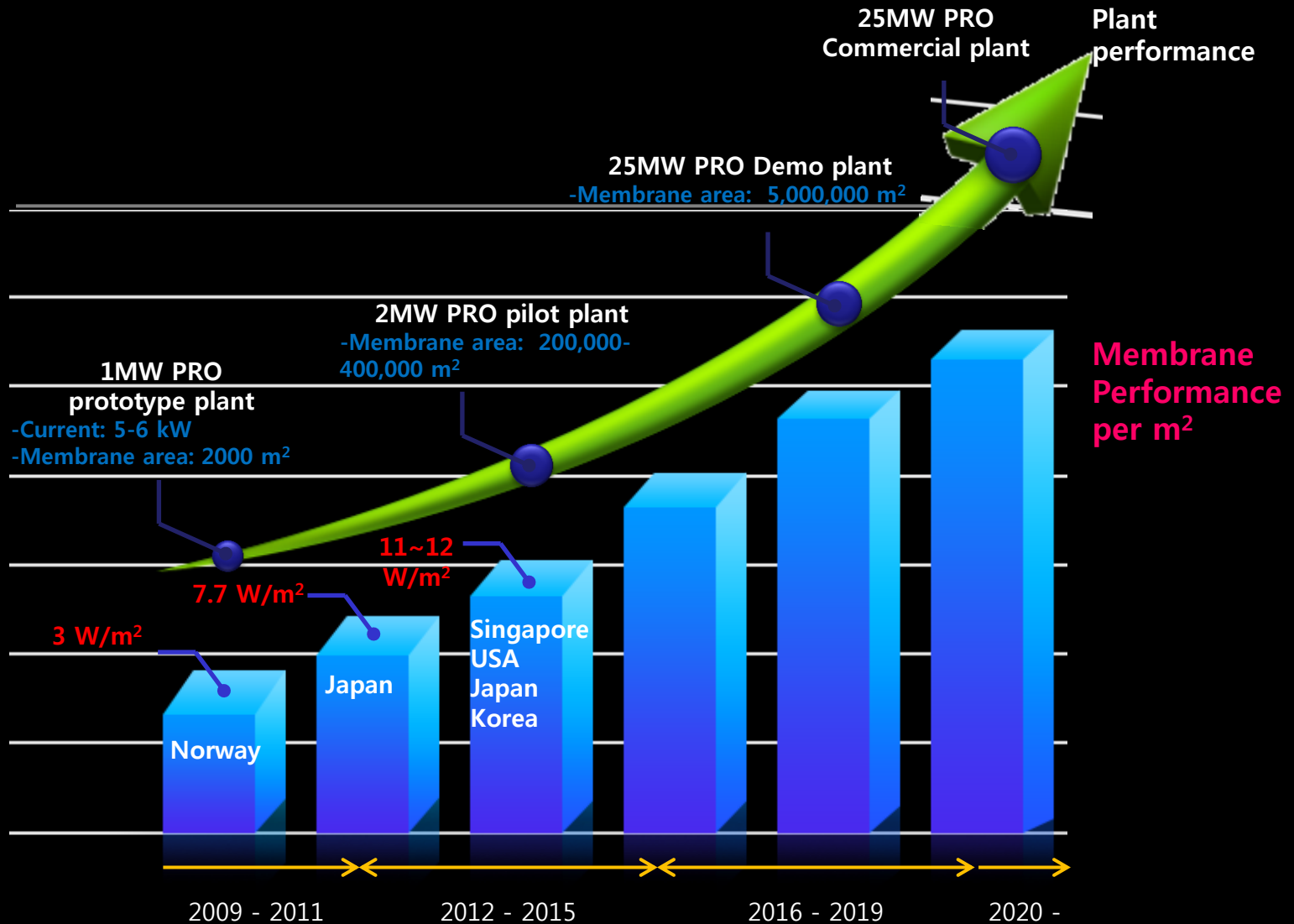
- Two pre-treatments
- Energy recovery for initial energy input



## Membrane

- Concentration polarization (ICP, ECP), reverse draw salt flux
- Negative effect of coupling between ICP and reverse salt flux

# Future forecasts of PRO power plant



# Benefits of PRO power plant

Challenging !

	PRO (Seawater)	PRO (Brine)	Solar Power	Wind Power	Waste Power	Fuel Cell
Generation cost (\$/kWh)	0.21	0.16	0.86	0.19 – 0.28	0.13 – 0.26	0.26
Years of operation	17	17	20	17	20	15
Utilization Factor	>85	>85	12	20	65	91



Recoverable energy from ocean  
→ **2,000 TWh** (IEAIOES, 2004)

\*\* provides energy to the 40 million household



**No thermal pollution**

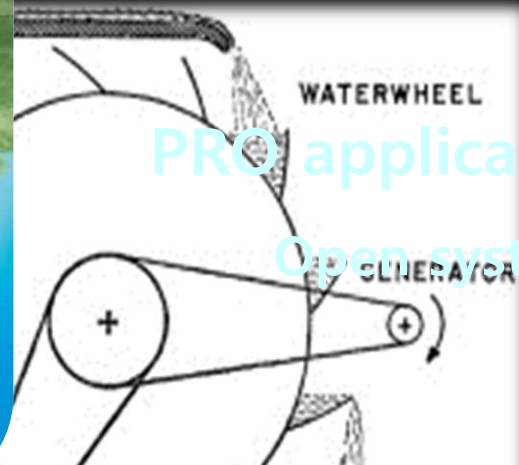


Abundant marine resources → **sustainable**



**No CO<sub>2</sub> emission**

# PRO power plant applications

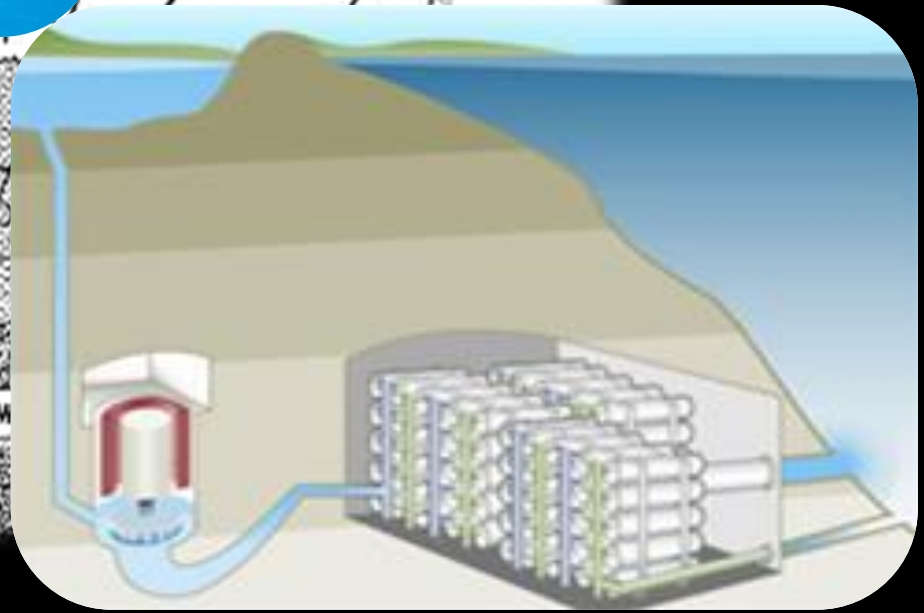
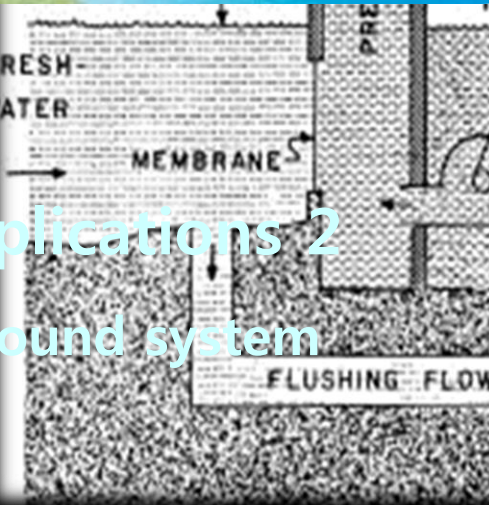


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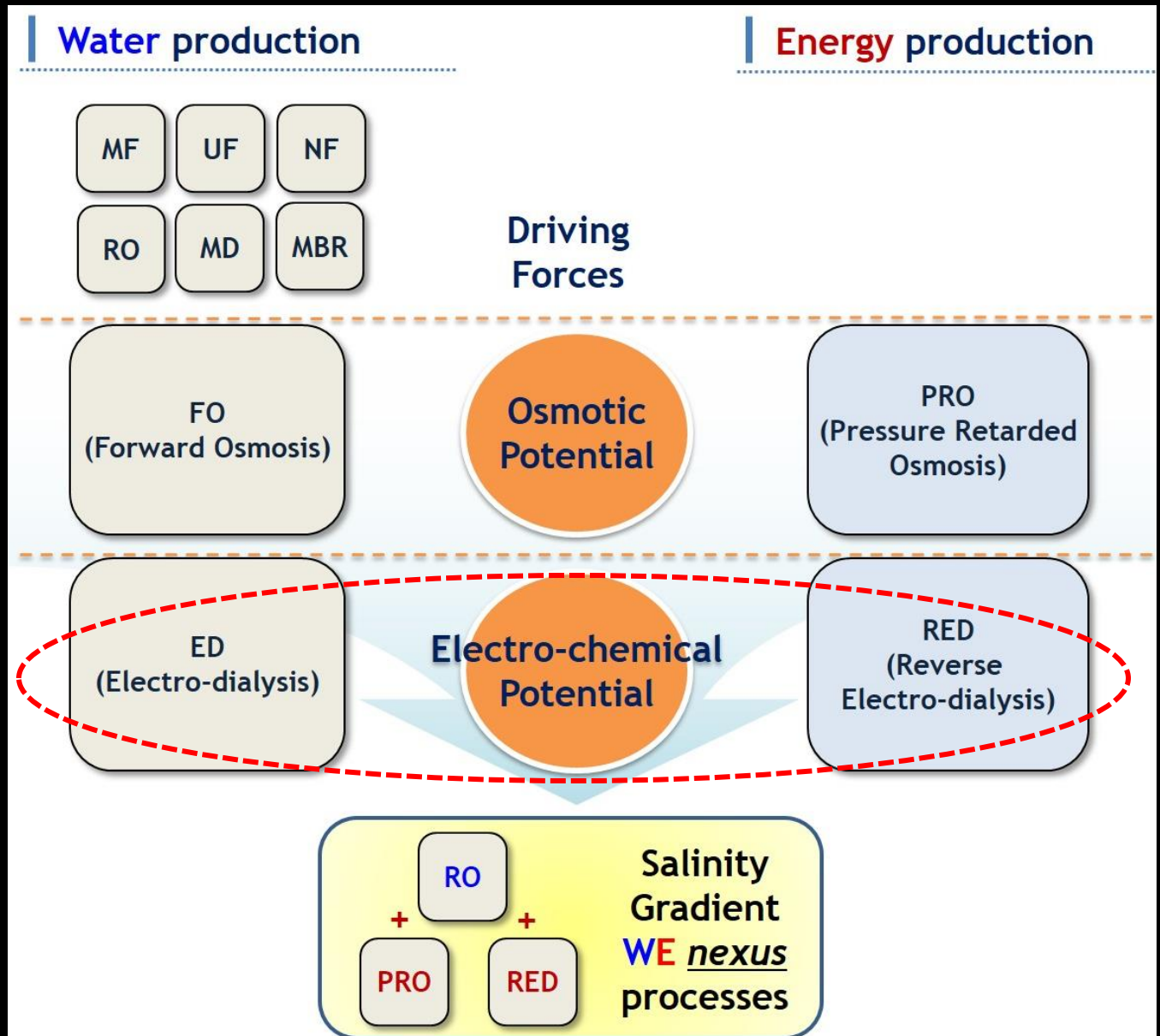
Open system

PRO applications 2

Underground system



# Outline





# Electro-chemical Potentials

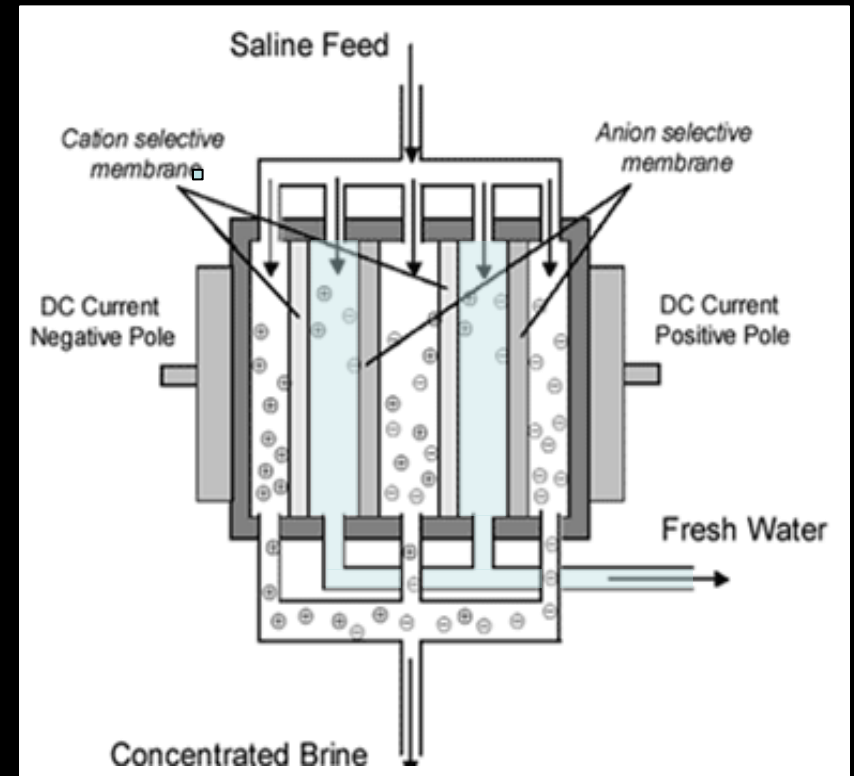
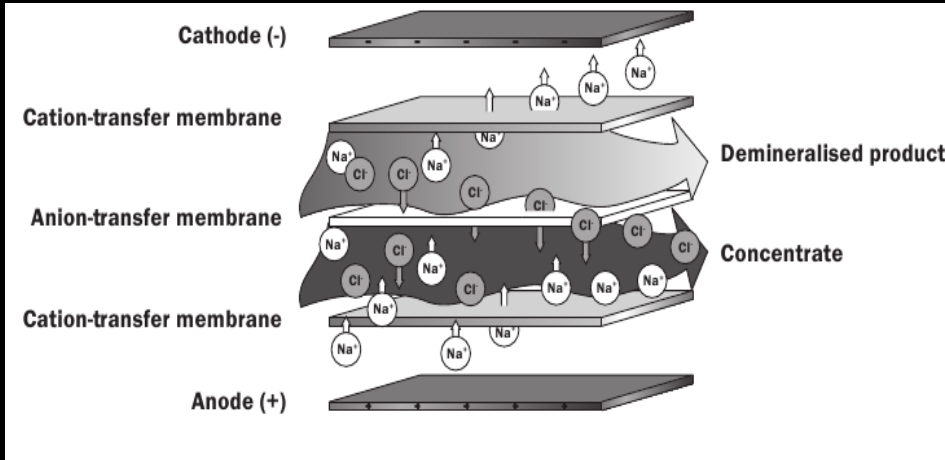
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(ED & RED)

# Principle of Electro-dialysis (ED)

## ❖ Principle of Electro-dialysis (ED)

- Voltage-driven membrane process
- Electro-chemical potential difference used to move salt through an ion-exchange membrane
- Styrene-Divinylbenzene copolymers



# Features of ED process

## Advantages

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- Without phase change
- Relatively low energy consumption
- Particularly suitable for separating non-ionized from ionized components
- Not affected by osmotic pressure
- Lower O&M cost

## Disadvantages

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- Not remove organic matter, colloids and  $\text{SiO}_2$
- Only limited in low salinity (BWRO)
- Feed water pre-treatment is necessary
- Elaborate controls are required, the optimum operation can be difficult
- Selection of materials of membrane is important to ensure compatibility with the feed stream



# ED Applications

## REDUCE

### Electrolyte Content

- **Potable water**
- Food products
- Nitrate from drinking water
- Cooling tower water
- Boiler feed water
- Rinse water
- Effluent streams
- Sugar and molasses
- .....

## RECOVER

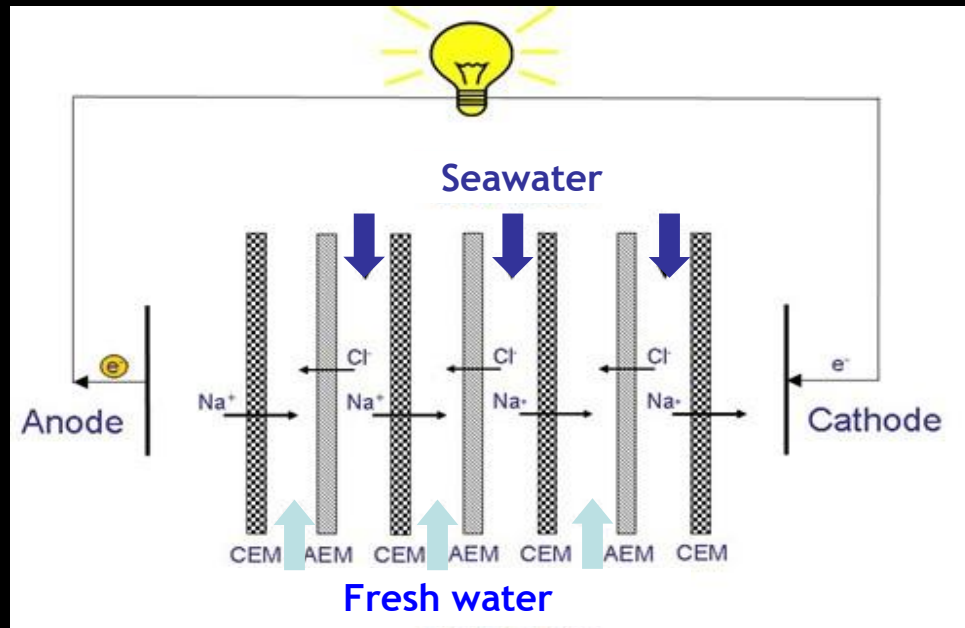
### Electrolyte Content

- **Pure NaCl salt**
- Al(l) salts
- Ni (ll)
- Zn (ll)
- Salts of organic acids
- **Amino acides**
- HCl
- .....

## Miscellaneous Applications

- Salt splitting
- Metathesis
- Concentrate RO brines
- Ion substitution
- .....

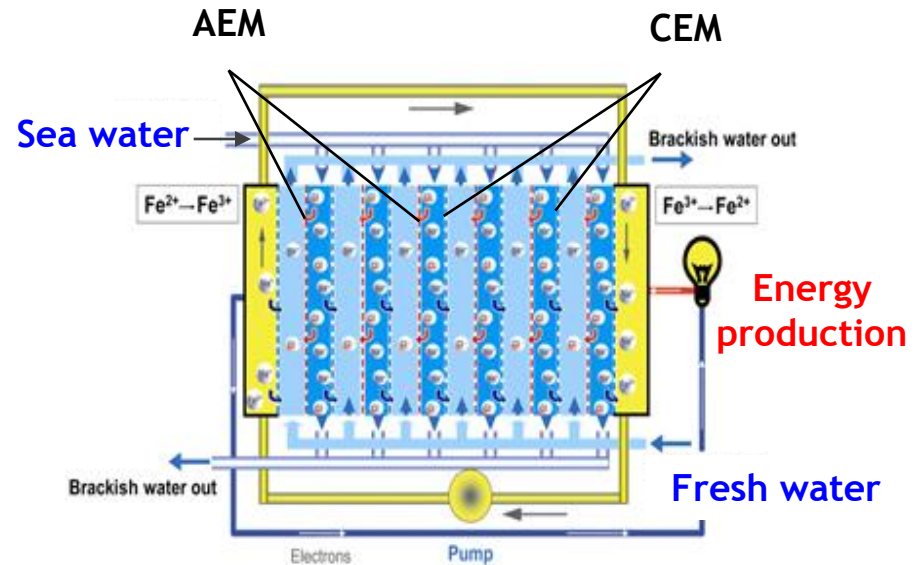
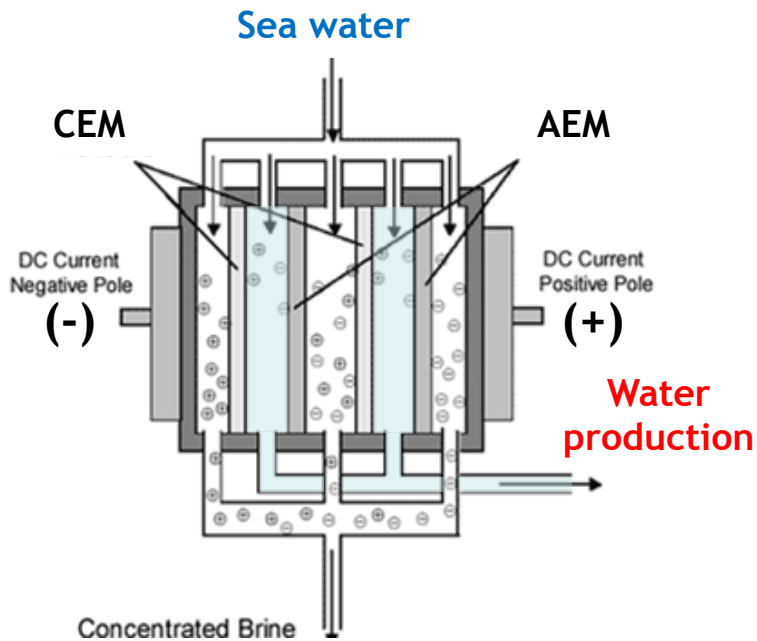
# Principle of RED process (Reversed Electro-dialysis)



CEM (Cation-exchange membrane)  
AEM (Anion-exchange membrane)

- Electro-chemical potential difference between brine and dilute → driving force
- Two membrane types: CEM and AEM
- Electrical current and the potential difference → **Energy**

# Comparison of ED & RED



## Similarity

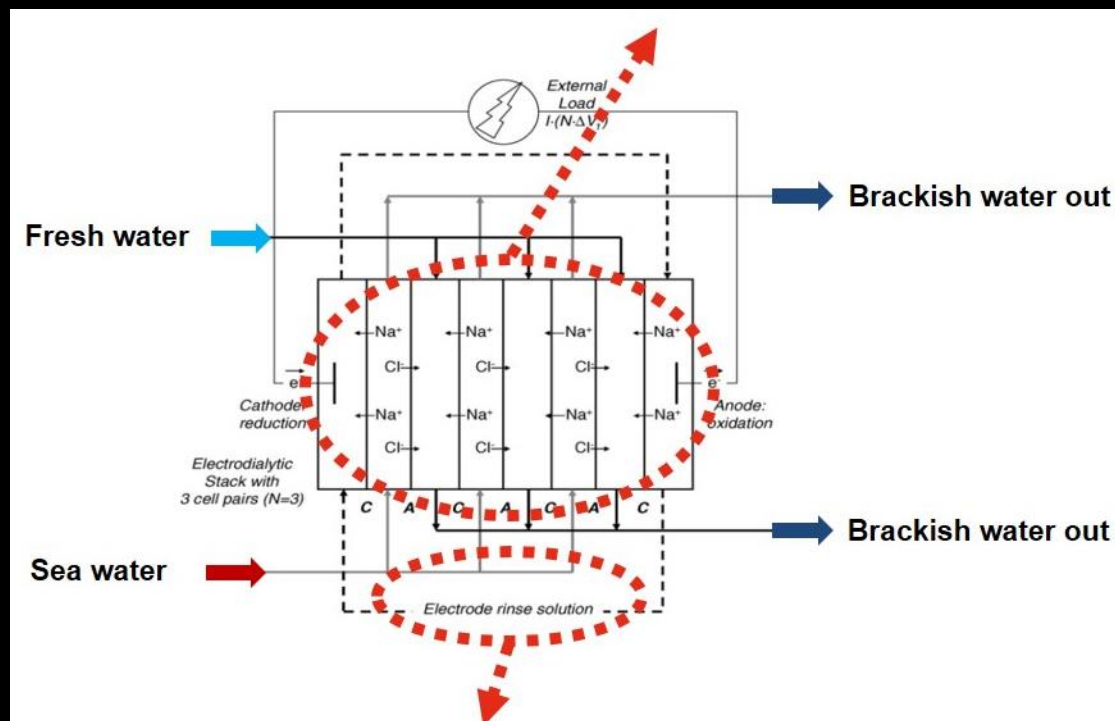
- cation-exchange membrane (CEM) and anion-exchange membrane (AEM)

## Difference

- ED : Electrolyte cell, one flow
- RED : Galvanic cell, two flows

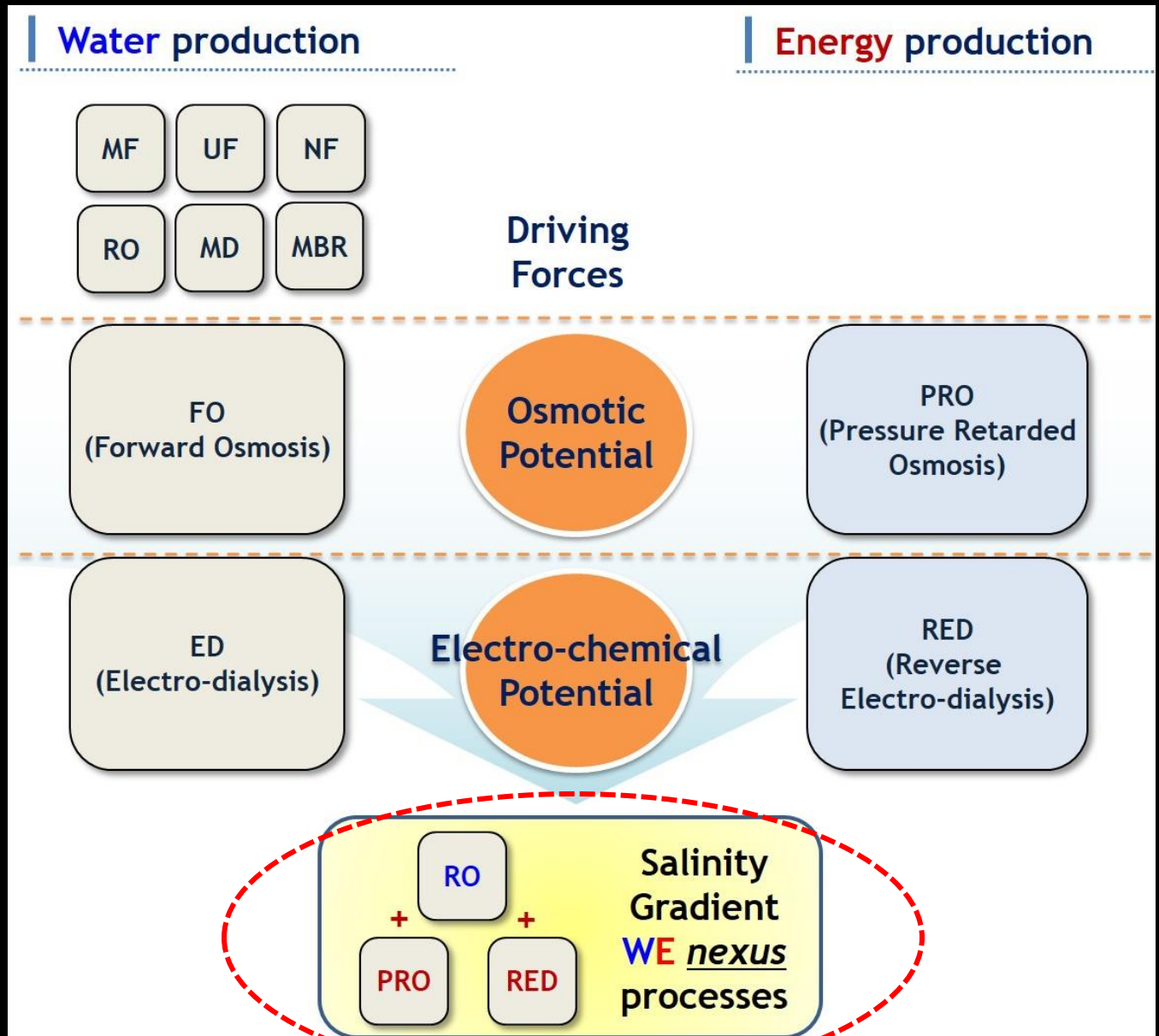
# Features of RED process

- Concentration polarization at membrane surface
- Not special RED membranes yet



- Possibility of membrane poisoning due to rinse solution

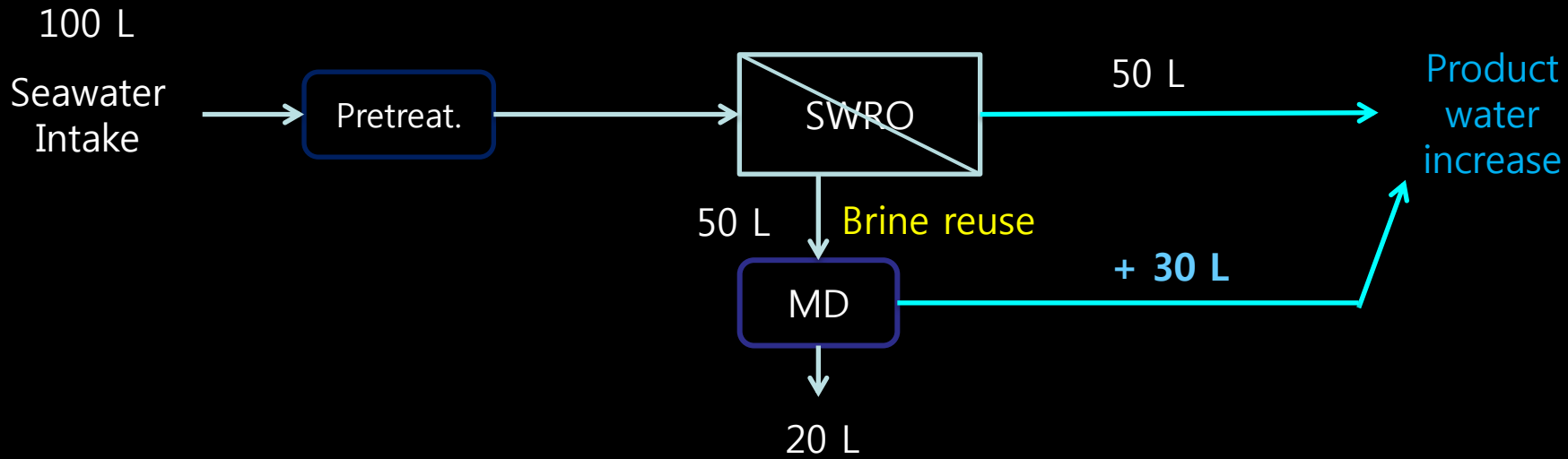
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SWRO hybridization with MD

# Increase of product water



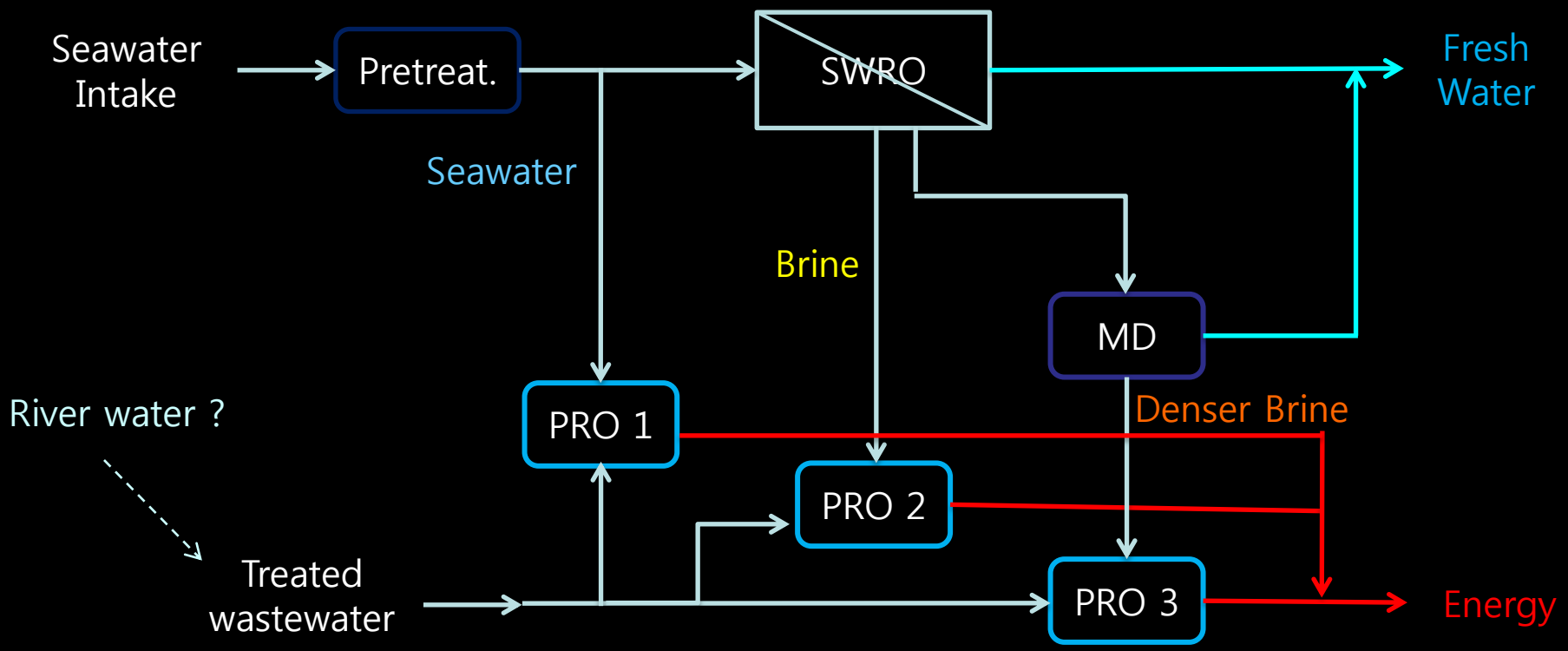
Denser Brine ?



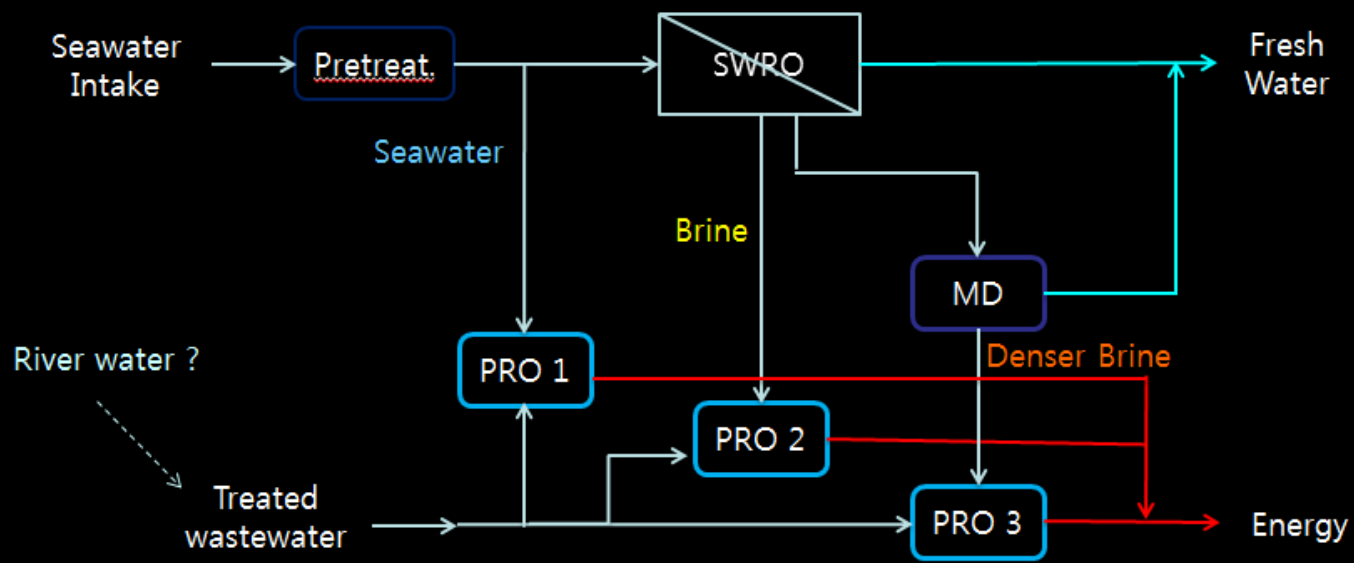
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# Increase of product water + energy

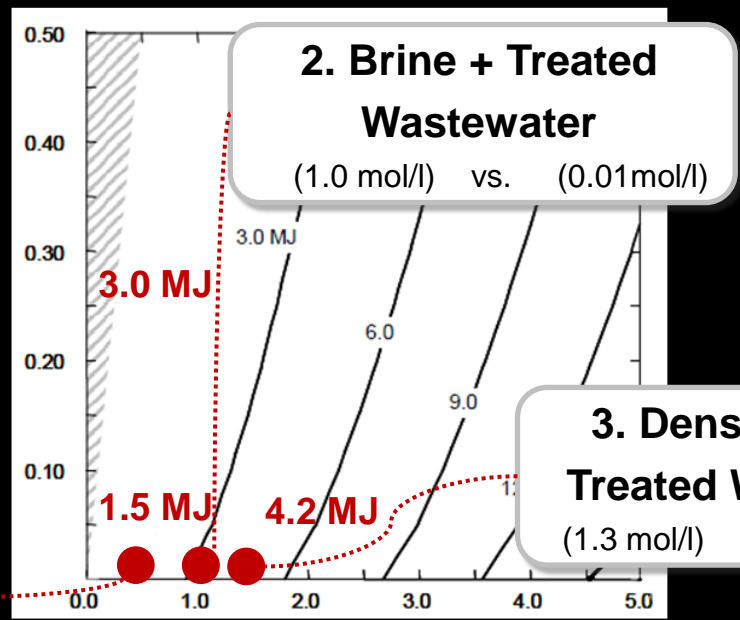


# Increase of product water + energy



**\*\* 1 MJ**  
: the work generated by when  
1 ton truck(160km/h) hits a wall

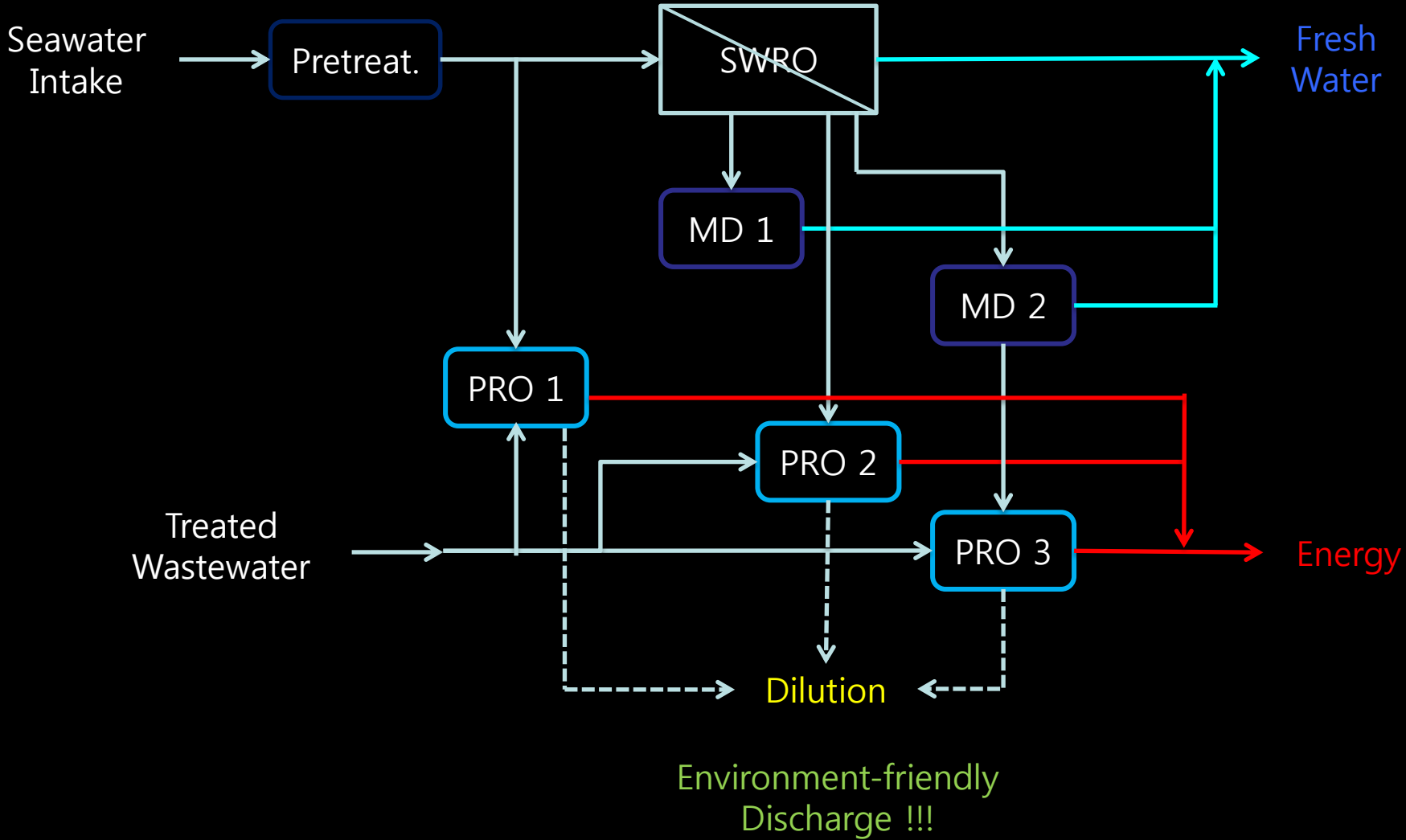
**1. Sea water + Treated Wastewater**  
(0.5 mol/l) vs. (0.01mol/l)



**2. Brine + Treated Wastewater**  
(1.0 mol/l) vs. (0.01mol/l)

**3. Denser Brine + Treated Wastewater**  
(1.3 mol/l) vs. (0.01mol/l)

# Increase of product water + energy + green discharge

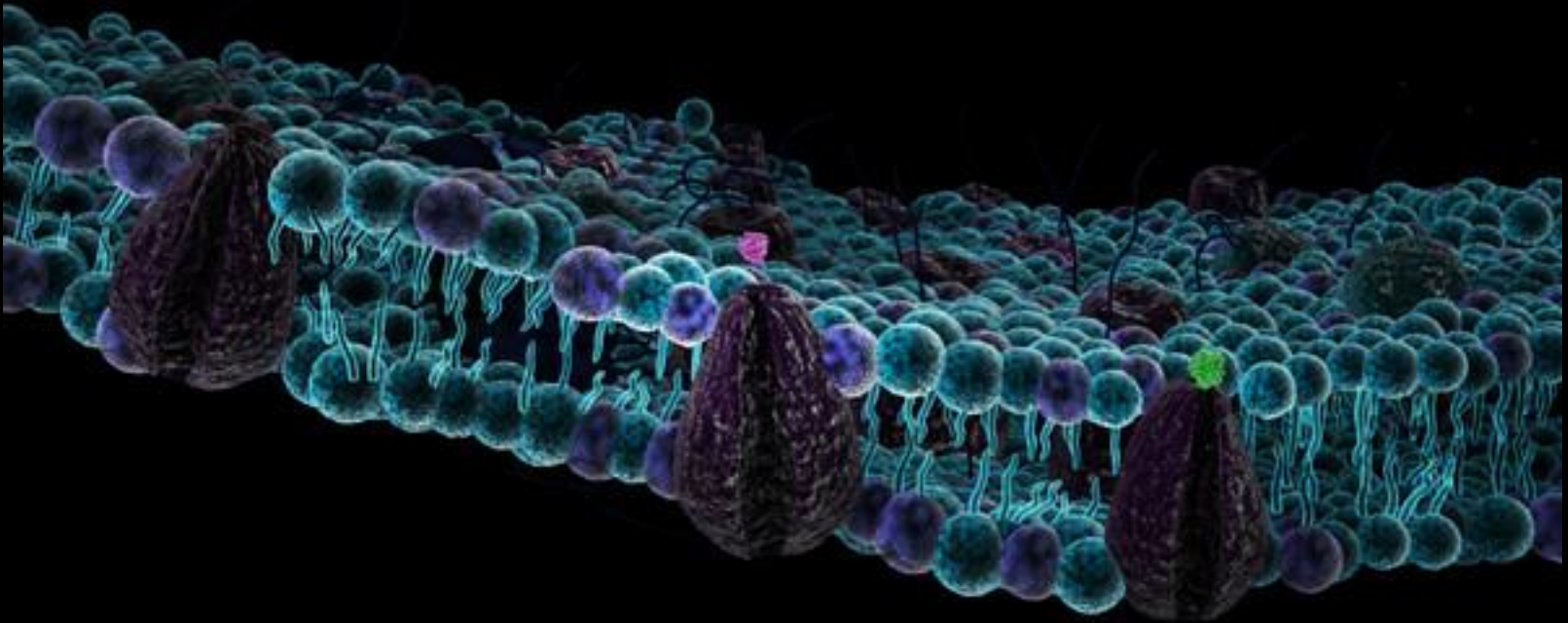


# Seawater

An underwater scene viewed through a circular opening, possibly a cave entrance. Two sea turtles are swimming towards a bright, glowing light source in the center. The water is dark blue, and the surrounding environment is silhouetted against the light. The word "Seawater" is written in red at the top.

Unlimited resource for WE ,,,

# Membrane



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All **WE** may be from the sea.



**Thanks for your attention!**

**Any question?**