



# How to make a fouling resistant nanofiltration membrane?

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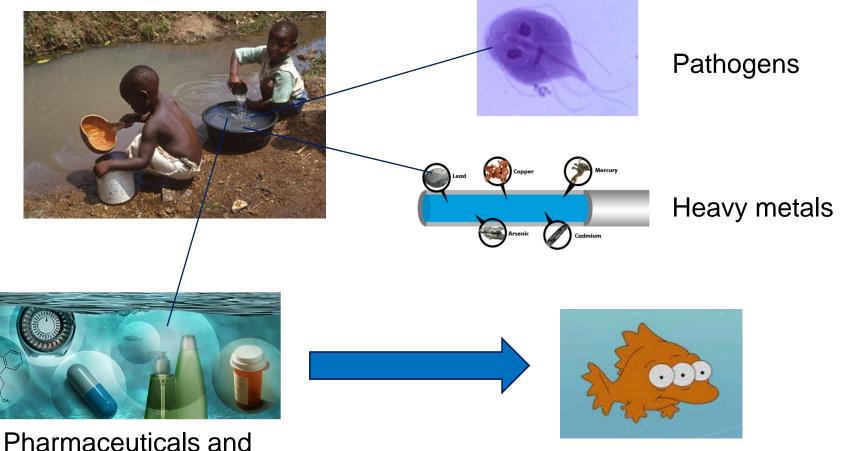








### 3.4 million water-related deaths occur each year in the world



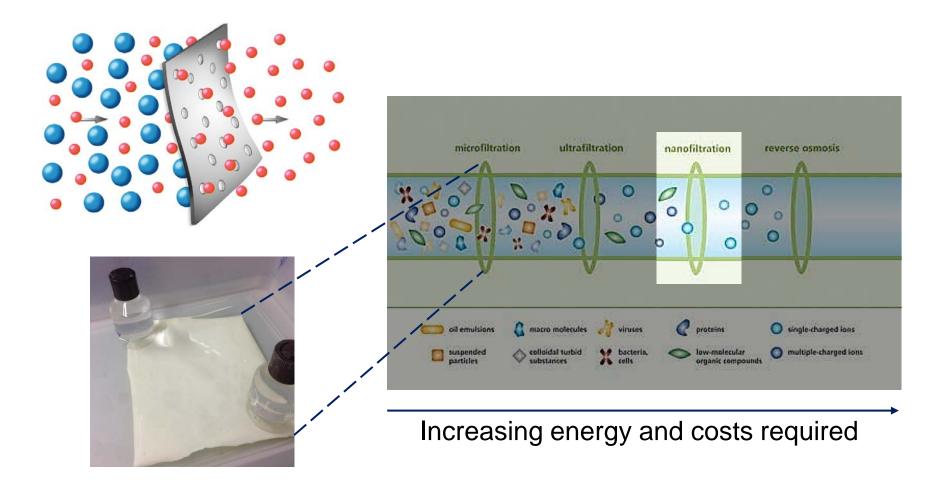
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#### Membranes have emerged as a leading water treatment method



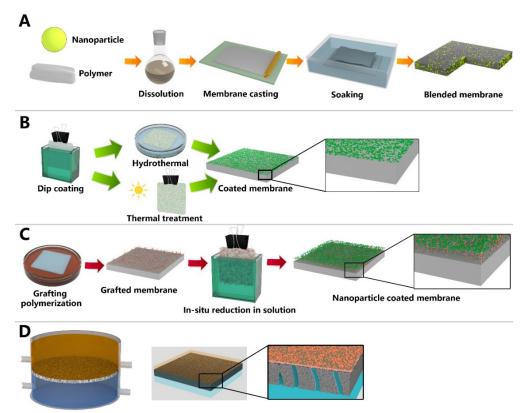




## **My project:** use various nanomaterials to improve water treatment membranes



## Membrane physicochemical properties can be modified for better performance



Interfacial polymerization

- 1) Pore size
- 2) Surface charge
- 3) Hydrophilicity
- 4) Antimicrobial abilities
- 5) Surface morphology



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