

# **WATER QUALITY SOLUTIONS**

## **SWRO Pretreatment**

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1924 - F.B. Leopold Establishes Company

1942 - F.O. Leopold Moves Company to Zelienople, PA

Company sold by Leopold family in 1972

2004 – Leopold celebrated 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

June 2006 – ITT Acquires Leopold

November 2011, ITT changes name to Xylem

Leopold Headquarters: Zelienople, PA, USA

Manufacturing: Zelienople, PA – Products  
Ontario, Canada - Products  
Watson town, PA – Anthracite

Sales Offices: Zelienople, PA – Americas  
United Kingdom – EU  
Dubai, UAE – Middle East  
Singapore – Asia Pacific



# Capabilities

**Extensive Experience**

**Over 9,000 installations worldwide**

**Full Engineering Design Services**

**Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Analysis**

**Research & Development (PDC)**

**Field Services**

**Variety of Pilot Facilities**

**DAF, Filtration, Denitrification, Desalination PT**

**Gold Tag Service**



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# The Desalination Process

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Microfiltration

$>0.1 \mu\text{m}$

Ultrafiltration

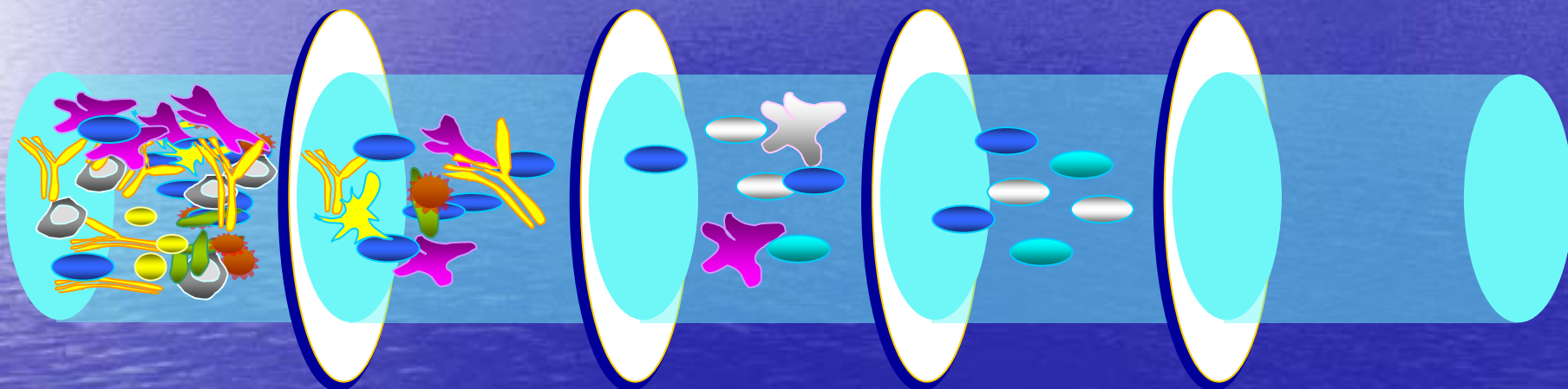
$0.1-0.01 \mu\text{m}$

Nanofiltration

$0.01-0.001 \mu\text{m}$

Reverse Osmosis

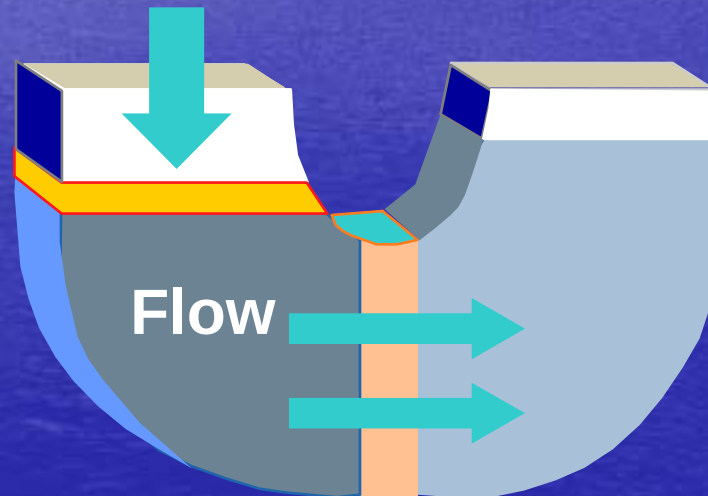
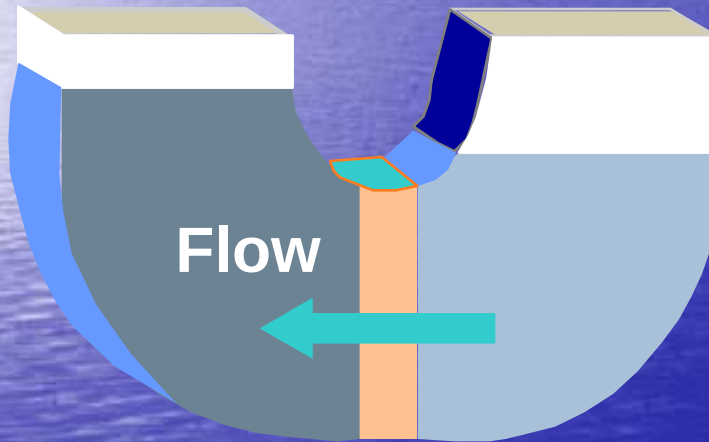
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## Reverse Osmosis

### Osmosis

### Applied Pressure



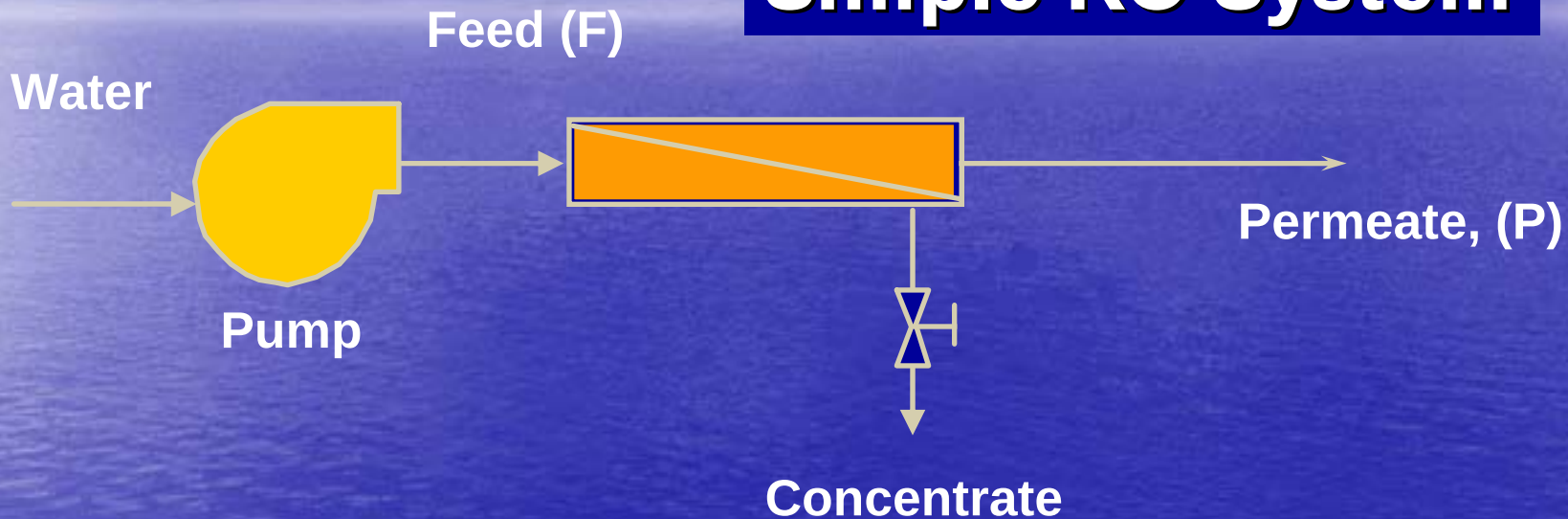
Concentrated Solution

Membrane

Dilute Solution



# Simple RO System



Recovery Rate =  $P \text{ flow} / F \text{ flow}$

Salt Rejection =  $1 - (P \text{ tds} / F \text{ tds})$

Pressure Drop =  $F \text{ pressure} - C \text{ pressure}$

# Facts: **RO Membranes**

- Pore Size of 0.0005 micron
- Removes **Salt & Soluble ions**
  - Low Flux rate: 10-30 GFD
- Concentrate multiplies problem
- Permeate usually not degraded by poor feed water
  - Low Recovery Rate: 30-40%
  - High pressure: 55-76 bar
- Fails due to inadequate pretreatment



# Membrane Fouling

## Physical

- Deposits/entrapped particles on surface and into membrane pores

## Biological

- Colonies which grow into slime deposits in feed spacer



## **Poor or no pre-treatment can result in Lower Recovery Rates**

Higher waste volumes to handle

Less finished water to provide customer

## **Lower Flux Rates**

Higher capital costs for additional membranes

Larger foot print for treatment facility

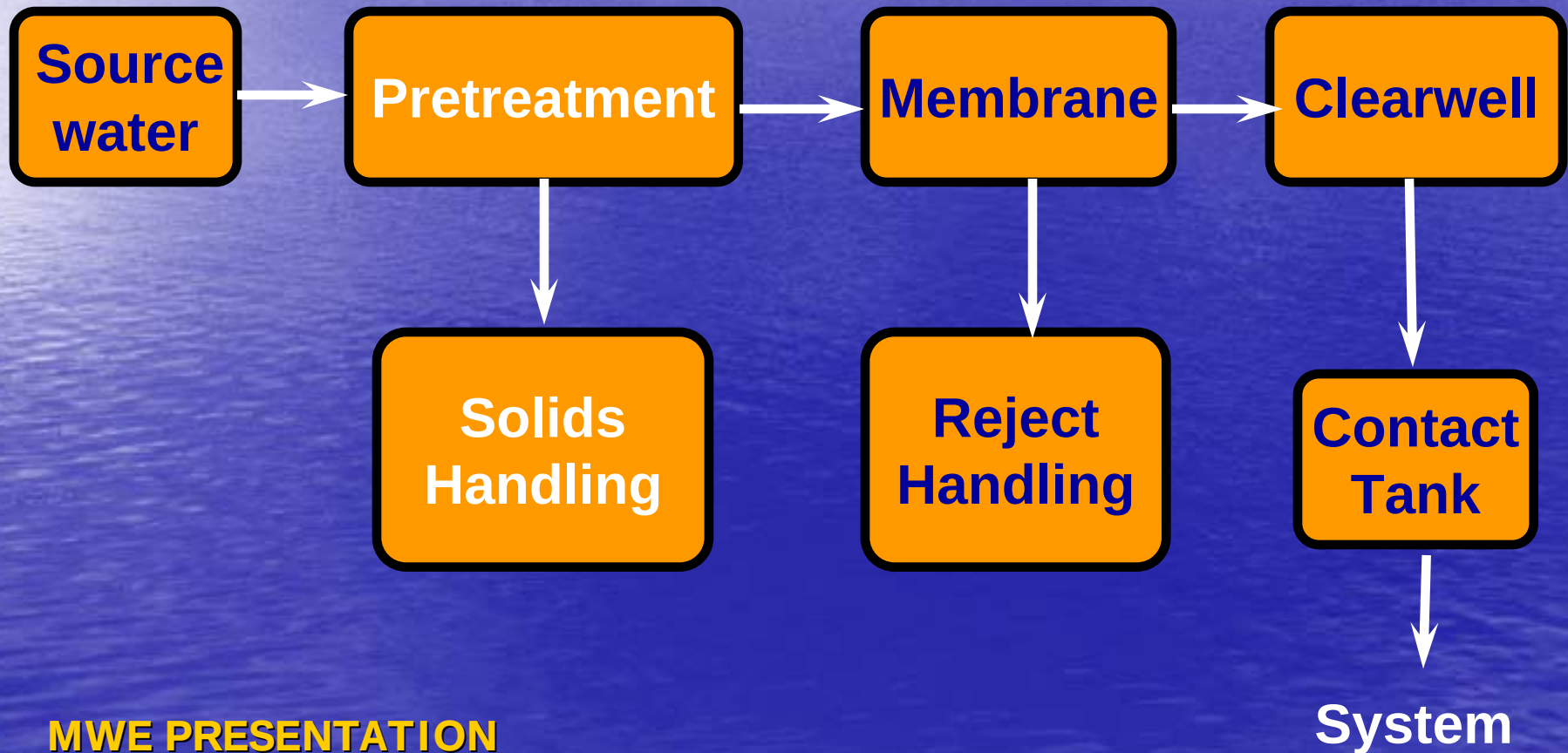
## **Increased Operational Cost**

Increased pressure - higher energy cost

Requires more cleaning – more chemicals

Reduces membrane life – capital replacement

## Ideal Membrane Water Treatment Scheme







# Pretreatment Options

## RO Membranes

Acid/scale inhibitor

Media filtration

Clarification/filtration

Cartridge filter

## Membrane Pretreatment

- Every raw water is different
- Combination of factors can cause failures
- Must be reliable and consistent
  - Need to solve problem early
    - Multi-Barrier Approach
      - Insurance Policy

## Membrane Pretreatment *Provides*

- Consistent water quality to the membranes
  - Removal of potential foulants
  - Solids that are easily processed

### *Would Like to have:*

- Minimize footprint – high m/hr loading rate





## Clari-DAF™ System

- Produces Consistent Water Quality Effluent
- Produces Consistently High Sludge Solids
- High loading – m/hr

# Impact of Clari-DAF System Pretreatment

## *Effluent Water Quality*

- Higher Flux Rate
- Reduced Cleaning
- Higher Recovery Rate
- Protect Membrane
- Uses **NO POLYMER**

## *Solids Handling*

- Less volume of sludge
- Less time to dewater
- Lower chemical cost
- Higher cake solids
- Lower disposal cost

# Membrane Pretreatment Flotation Applications

- Algae laden waters -
- Red tide



- Organics
- Colloidal and Suspended Solids
- Soluble Metals – Fe, Mn, Al
- Free Oil & Grease
- Cold water



## Stoke's Law

$$V = \frac{G (P1 - P2) D^2}{18 u}$$

- V = Velocity -Time to Settle/Float
- G = Gravity
- P1 = Particle Density
- P2 = Liquid Density
- D = Diameter of the Particle
- u = Viscosity of the Liquid

Coagulant/Polymer Addition

**SIZE: Tens of Microns**



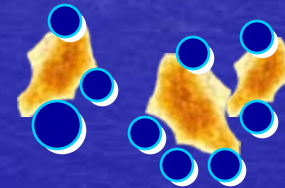
Gravity Settling

**SIZE: Hundreds of Microns**

Buoyancy Flotation



*Particle Size Difference*



Bubble Addition





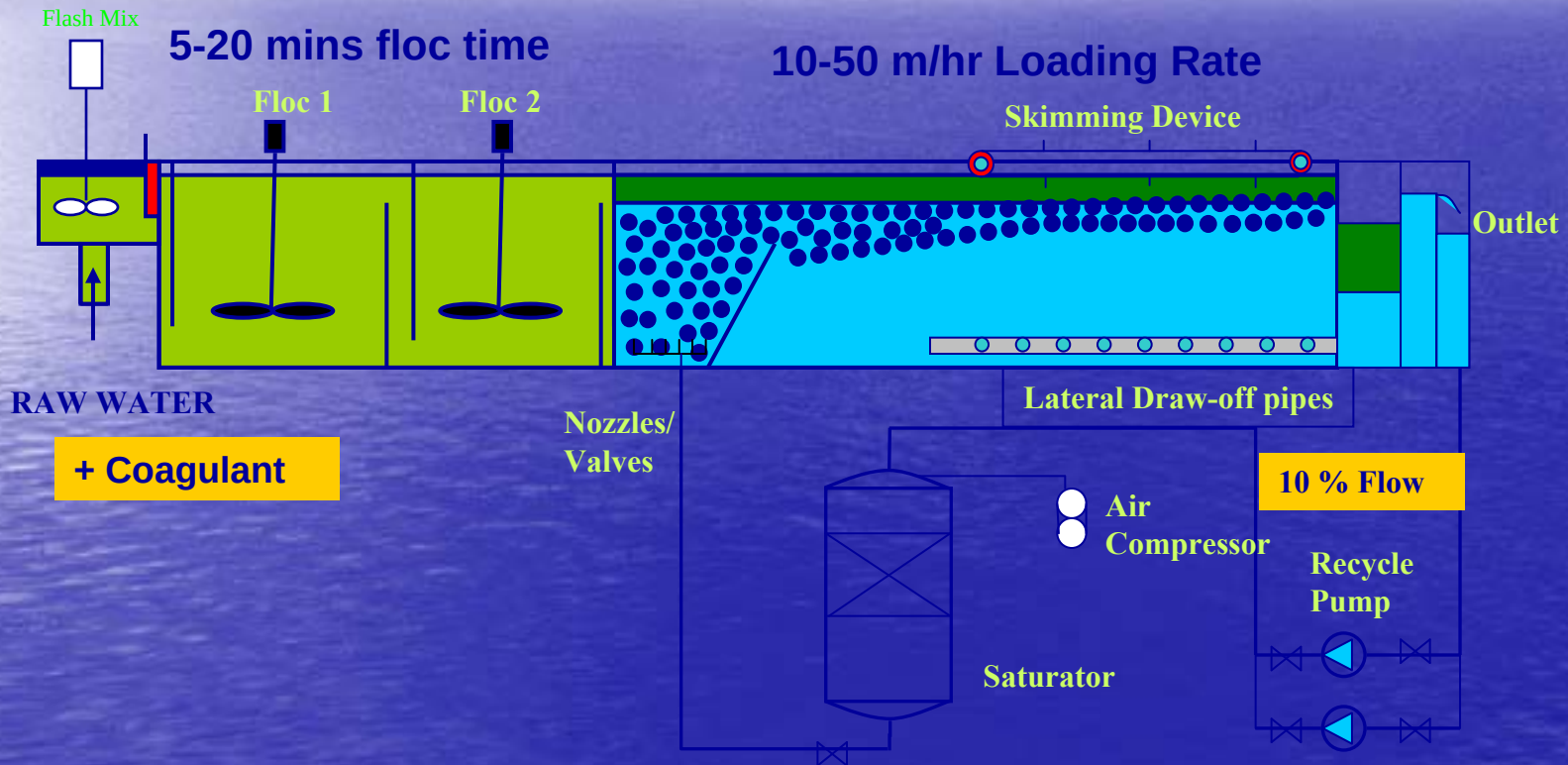
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## How does it Work ?



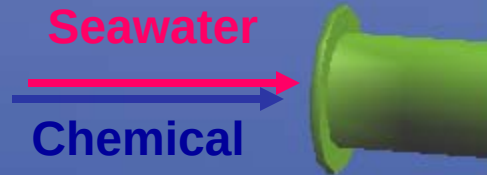
Compressed Air dissolved in water at 5.5 bar



# Rapid Mix

## From Rapid Mix

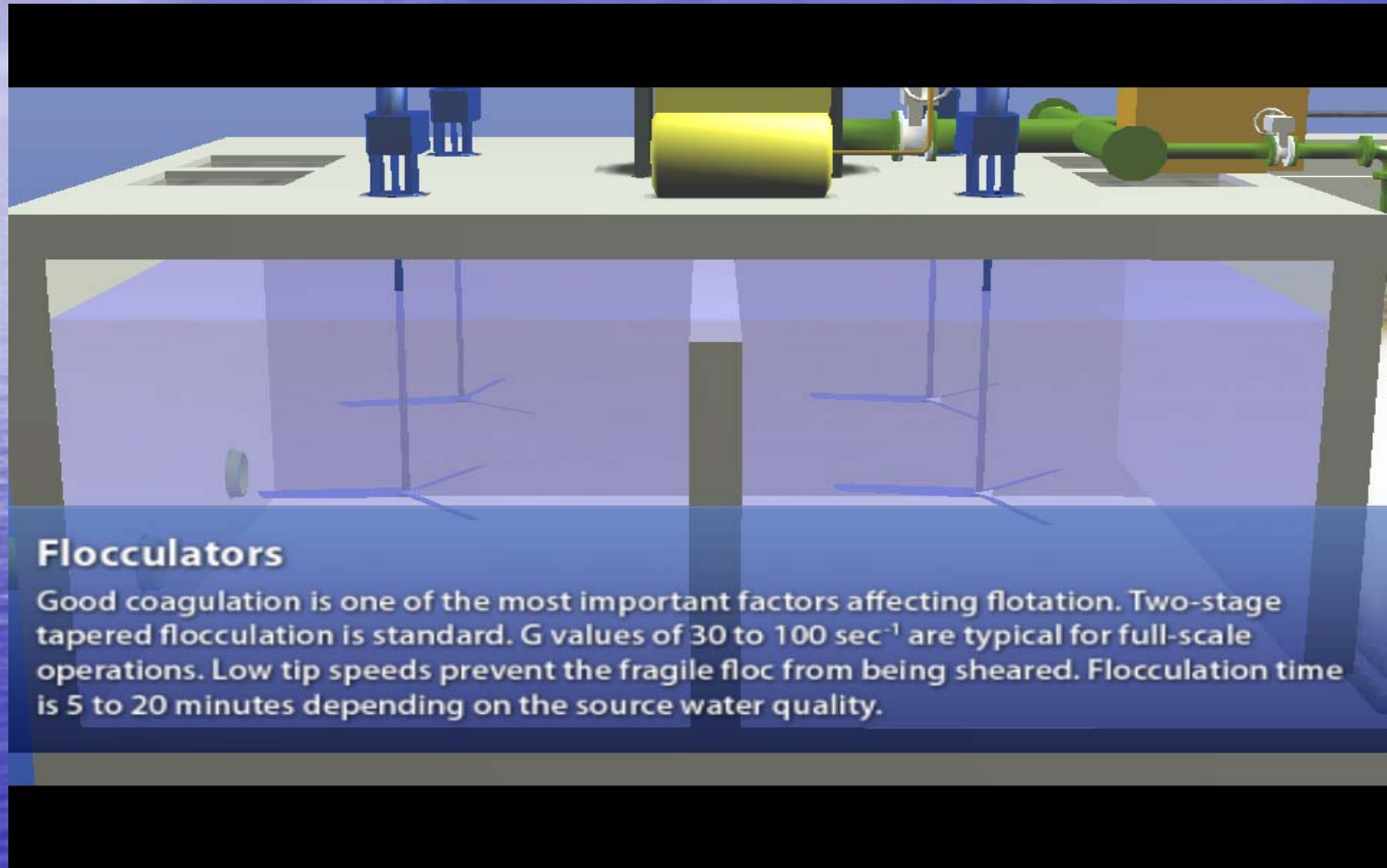
The Clari-DAF system process starts with dosing and rapidly mixing the raw water with an aluminum or iron-based inorganic coagulant, much like conventional sedimentation. However, lower doses than sedimentation are used because a pin floc is desired instead of a sweep floc.



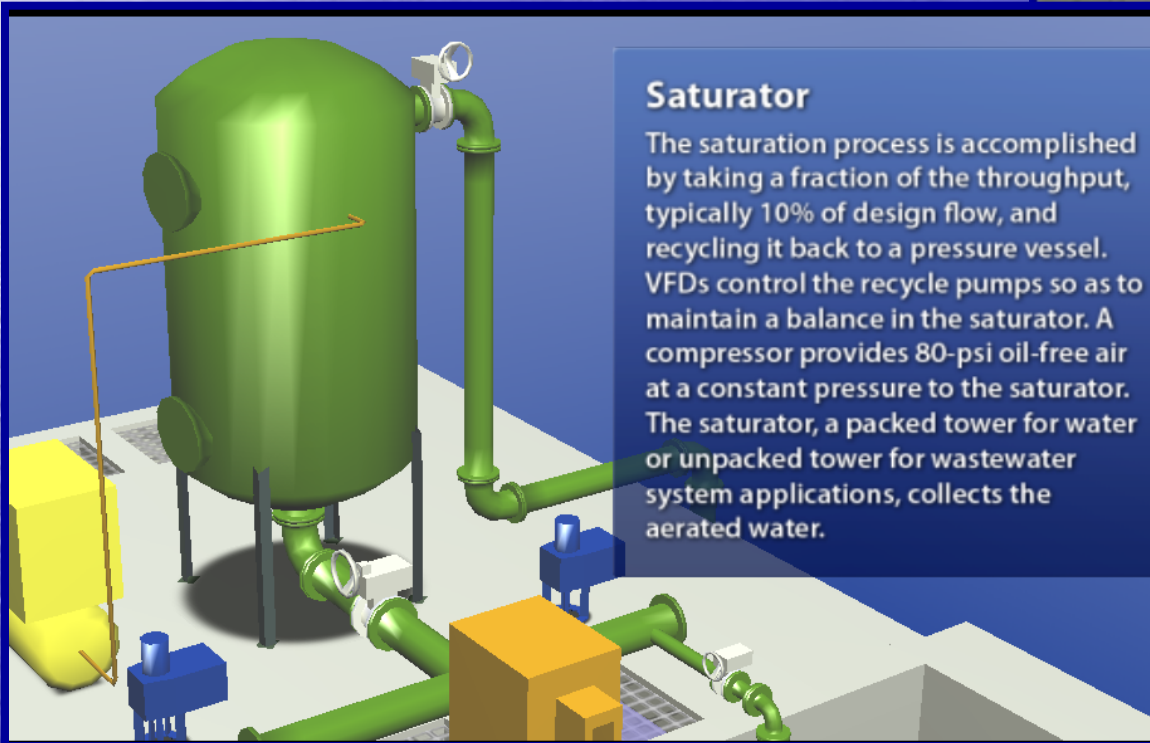
Leopold



# Flocculators



# Saturator





## Dispersion Header Pipe

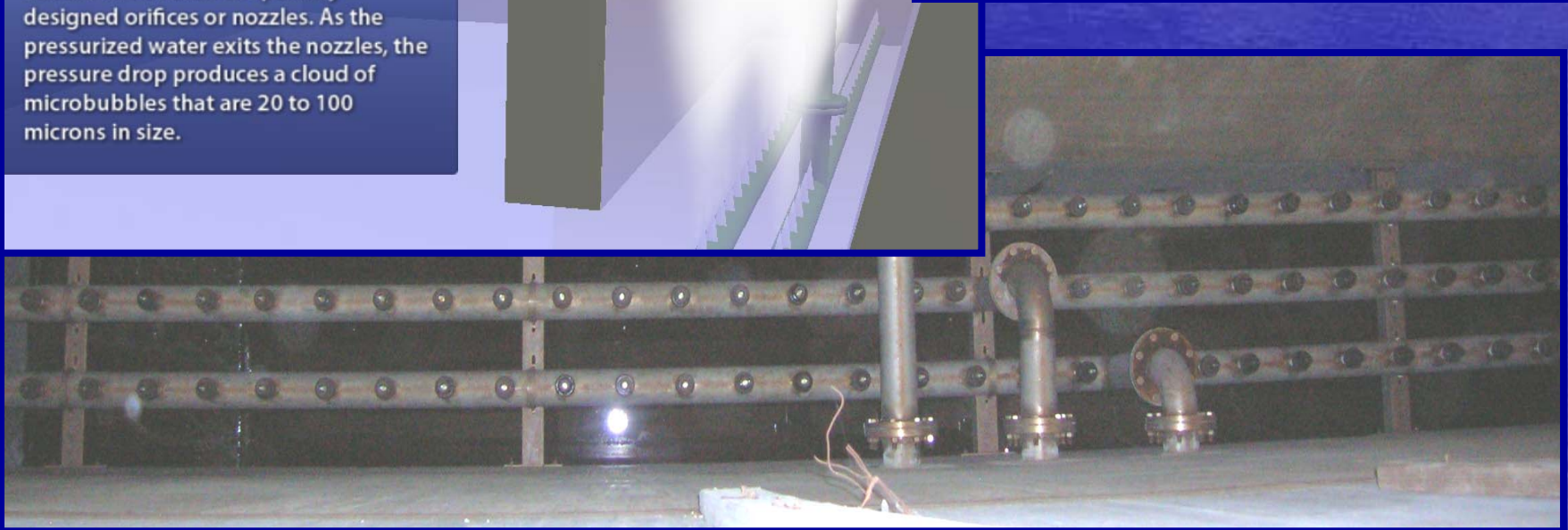




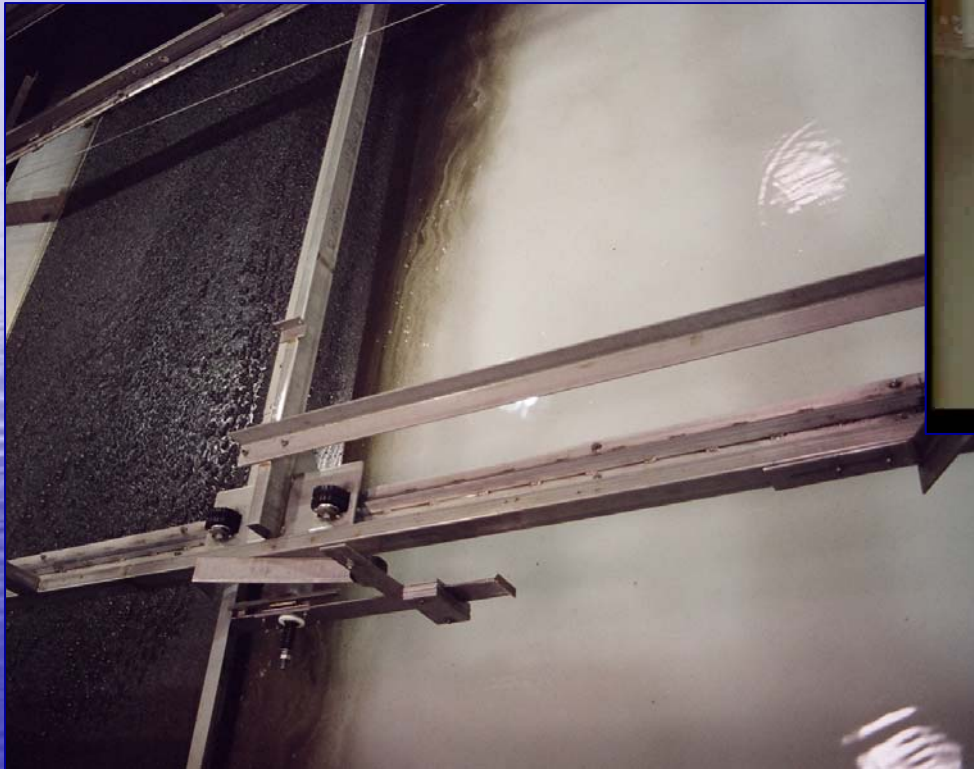
# Nozzles

## Air Nozzle Header

The aerated water is delivered to a distribution header that spans the width of the DAF cell. This distribution header has a series of specially designed orifices or nozzles. As the pressurized water exits the nozzles, the pressure drop produces a cloud of microbubbles that are 20 to 100 microns in size.



## Reaction Zone

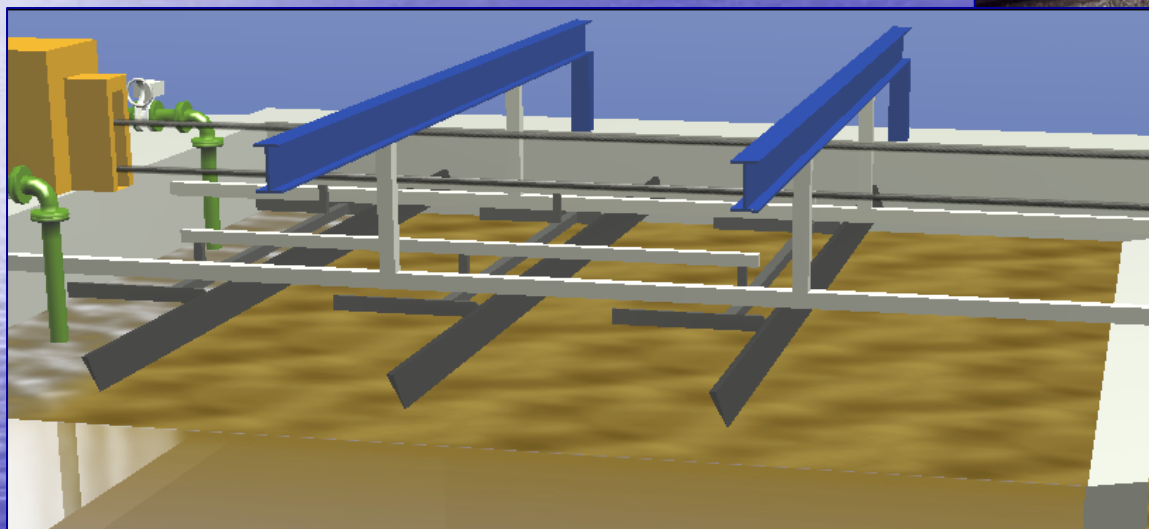


### Reaction Zone

After a pin floc is formed, the raw water stream is injected with water that has been saturated with air. The contact zone is given a milky appearance like that of a whitewater blanket. The tiny air bubbles rise through the coagulated water, capturing floc as they ascend to the surface. The tiny, spherical bubbles rise under laminar flow at a rate following a modified Stokes Equation



# Sludge Skimmer



## Skimmer

A blanket of sludge forms on the surface of the Clari-DAF cell. The blanket is supported from beneath by the tiny air bubbles and a mechanical scraper removes the sludge blanket periodically.







## Mechanical Desludging Reciprocating Skimmer

Low Maintenance  
0.25 hp Motor  
Gentle on sludge



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3% - 5% sludge solids

## Hydraulic De-sludging

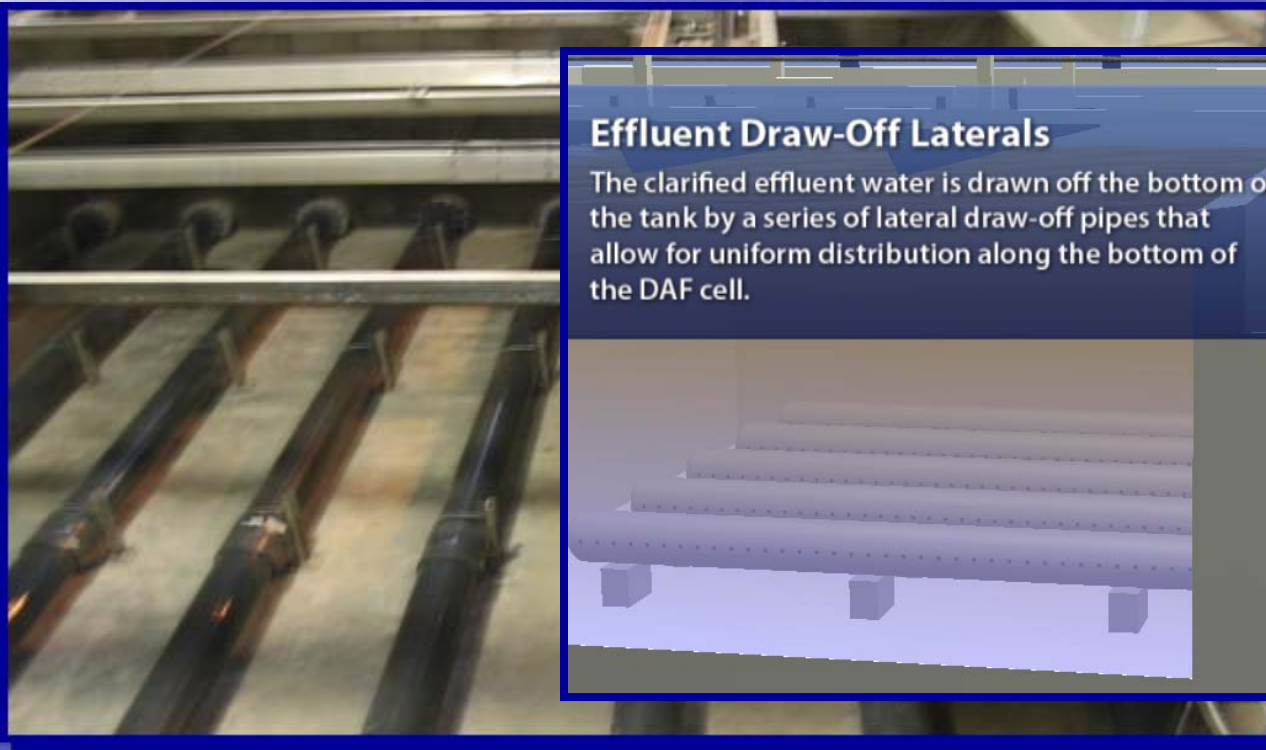


### Procedure

- Effluent gate closed
- Water level rises
- Spray water starts
- Sludge flows to collection trough
- .5 - 1% sludge solids

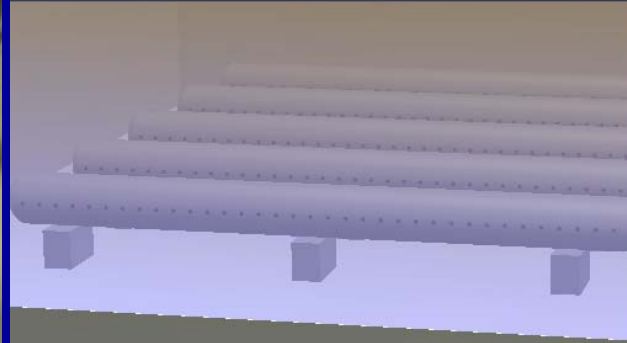


# Laterals



## Effluent Draw-Off Laterals

The clarified effluent water is drawn off the bottom of the tank by a series of lateral draw-off pipes that allow for uniform distribution along the bottom of the DAF cell.







| <u>Plant</u>  | <u>City</u>  | <u>State</u> | <u># Trains</u> | <u>Capacity</u> |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fern Hill     | West Chester | PA           | 2               | 3 MGD           |
| Table Rock    | Greenville   | SC           | 12              | 75 MGD          |
| Fresh Pond    | Cambridge    | MA           | 6               | 24 MGD          |
| Mulgrave      | Mulgrave     | NS           | 1               | 0.5 MGD         |
| Spring Canyon | Fort Collins | CO           | 1               | 0.5 MGD         |
| Evitts Creek  | Bedford      | PA           | 3               | 15 MGD          |
| Hornbine      | Swansea      | MA           | 2               | 0.5 MGD         |

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**Systems Operating**



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|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Florence        | Florence        | CO           | 2               | 6 MGD           |
| Mostiste        | Sobeslav        | Czech Rep    | 2               | 4.6 MGD         |
| Winnipeg        | Winnipeg        | Manitoba     | 8               | 105 MGD         |
| Waco            | Waco            | TX           | 8               | 135 MGD         |
| San Luis Obispo | San Luis Obispo | CA           | 1               | 7 MGD           |
| Del Valle       | Livermore       | CA           | 1               | 7 MGD           |
| Middletown      | Middletown      | NY           | 3               | 6 MGD           |

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# Leopold Clari-DAF System™

## Shuwaikh SWRO, Kuwait



Commissioned in April of 2011  
In Commercial Operation since October 2011

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# Design Parameters

- Plant Design Flow 105 MGD (16,900 m<sup>3</sup>/hr)
- 8 DAF Basins
- Basin Loading Rate 9gpm/sf (22m/hr) (collector area rate)
- Total Flocculation time of 13 Minutes
- 10% Recycle Flow



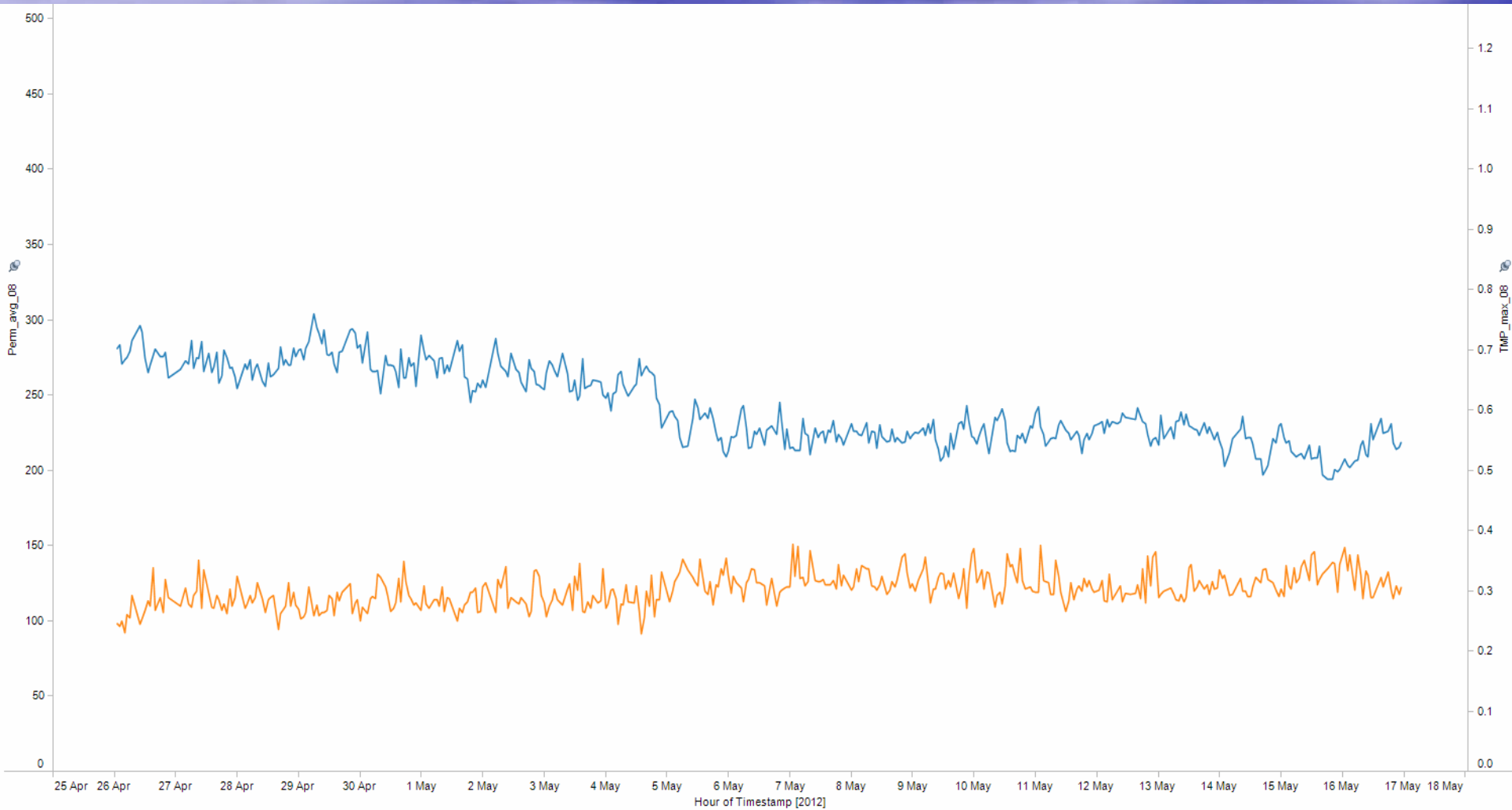
Plant Intake/Screening Structure in Foreground, Clari-DAF Building in Background

# Process Notes

- Moderate influent turbidities averaging ~ 5 NTU since startup excursions as high 40 NTU experienced
- Red-Tide event Occurred in May 2012.
- Clari-DAF System is currently being utilized for preconditioning of UF membrane influent.
- Typical Chemical Dose to Clari-DAF System:
  - 2-ppm of Ferric Chloride
  - 30-ppm of Sulfuric Acid for RO Scale Prevention
- Excellent UF Permeability and Recovery to Date



# UF PERFORMANCE



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## Measure Names

■ Perm\_avg\_08

■ TMP\_max\_08

- Xylem, Leopold recently completed extensive pilot testing in Oman using our state-of-the-art desalination pretreatment pilot units, which include:
  - Clari-DAF® system
  - FilterWorx™ system – single stage or 2-stage gravity media filtration.



- The source water was pulled from an existing open intake structure and was pre-chlorinated before the pilot units.
- Influent turbidities ranging from 1-3 NTU and TSS <20mg/L.



## Desalination Pretreatment Pilot Interior Photos



Clari-DAF®  
Container



FilterWorx®  
Container



Flocculation  
Clari-DAF Tank

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Filter Columns







# Desalination Pretreatment – Algae Removal

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# Oman Pilot Study with Leopold® Desalination Pretreatment Systems (Apr. to Oct. 2010)

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# Oman Pilot Study April-October 2010



| Parameter                     | Average | Min   | Max   |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| <b>Oman Raw Water Quality</b> |         |       |       |
| Turbidity (NTU)               | 1.40    | 0.28  | 6.93  |
| pH                            | 8.11    | 7.69  | 8.37  |
| Temperature (°C)              | 31.4    | 28.4  | 33.8  |
| Salinity (‰)                  | 36.85   | 35.46 | 39.83 |
| TSS (mg/L)                    | UDL     | UDL   | 15    |

## Scenarios Tested and Results

| Parameter                       | Avg. SDI |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1 Stage DMF (Direct Filtration) | <4       |
| DAF + 1 Stage DMF               | <3.5     |
| DAF + 2 Stage DMF               | <2.5     |

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# Algae Removal Study with Leopold® Desalination Pretreatment Systems

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# Pretreatment Technologies Jar Testing for Algae Removal

- **The catastrophic 2008–2009 red tide in the Arabian gulf region, with observations on the identification and phylogeny of the fish-killing dinoflagellate *Cochlodinium polykrikoides***

Mindy L. Richlen <sup>a,\*</sup>, Steve L. Morton <sup>b</sup>, Ebrahim A. Jamali <sup>c</sup>, Anbiah Rajan <sup>d</sup>, Donald M. Anderson <sup>a</sup>

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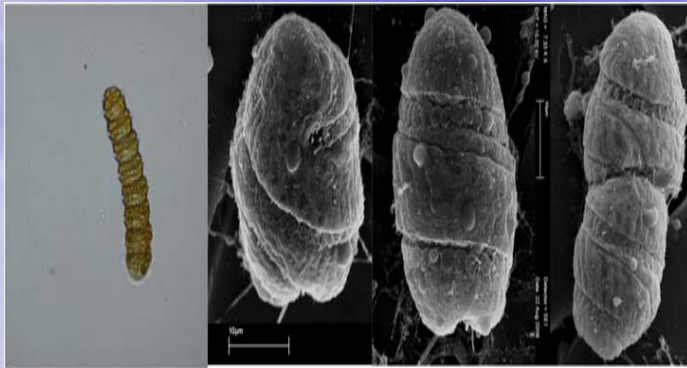
- *“A pattern of subsequent recurrence of *C. polykrikoides* blooms following an initial outbreak has been observed in other parts of the world, suggesting that this species may become a persistent HAB problem in this region. As Arabian Gulf countries rely on desalination plants as the primary source of freshwater, the disruption of plant operations by recurring *Cochlodinium* blooms poses a serious threat to the drinking water supply in the region, and represents an unprecedented HAB impact.”*

- *Source:*

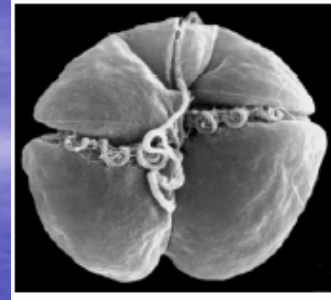
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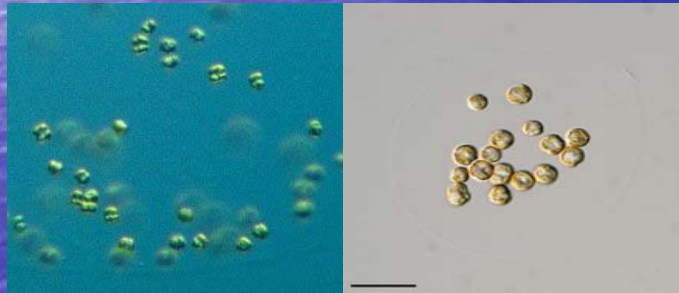
# Four Species of Algae Which Leopold has Extensively Studied in Combination with the Clari-DAF System



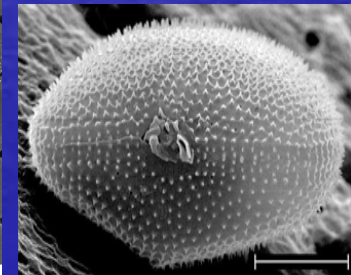
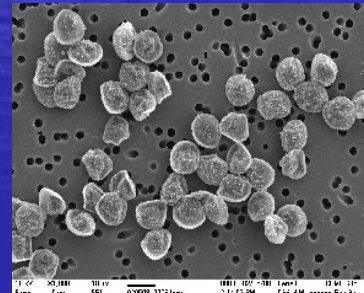
- *Cochlodinium polykrikoides* (20-30  $\mu\text{m}$  x 30-40  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
(**Globally**)



- *Karenia brevis* (18-45  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
(**Gulf of Mexico**)



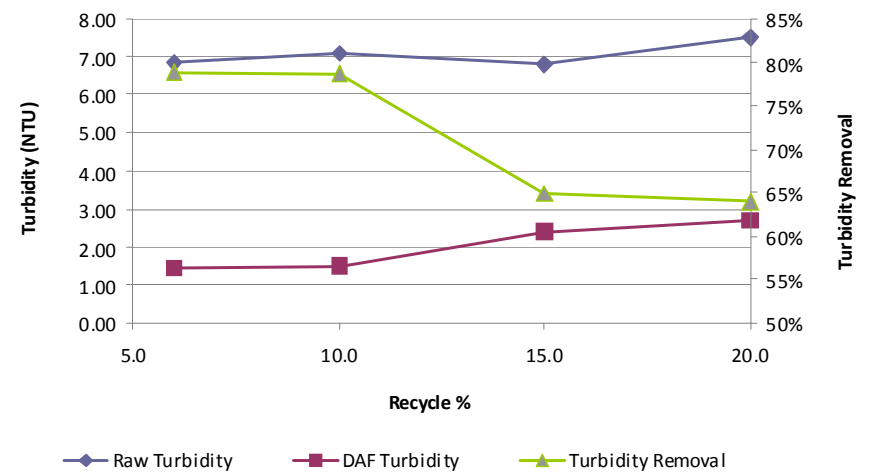
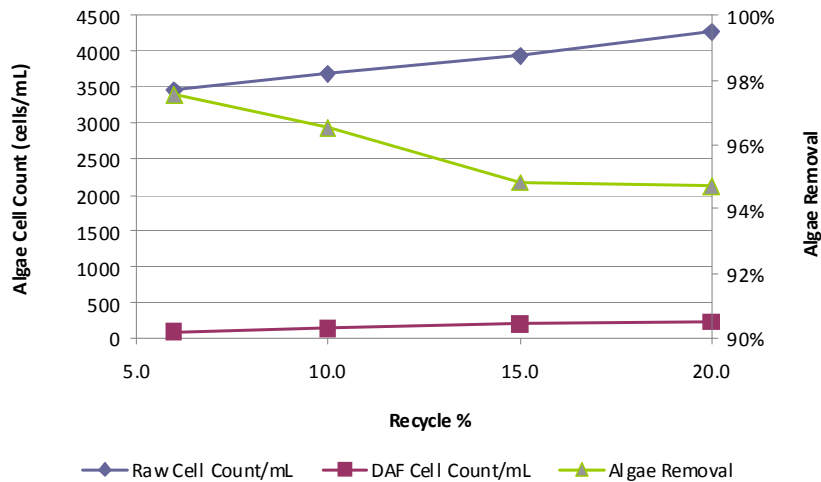
- *Phaeocystis globosa* (4-6  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
(**Polar Oceans**)



- *Prorocentrum minimum* (18-20  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
(**Europe**)

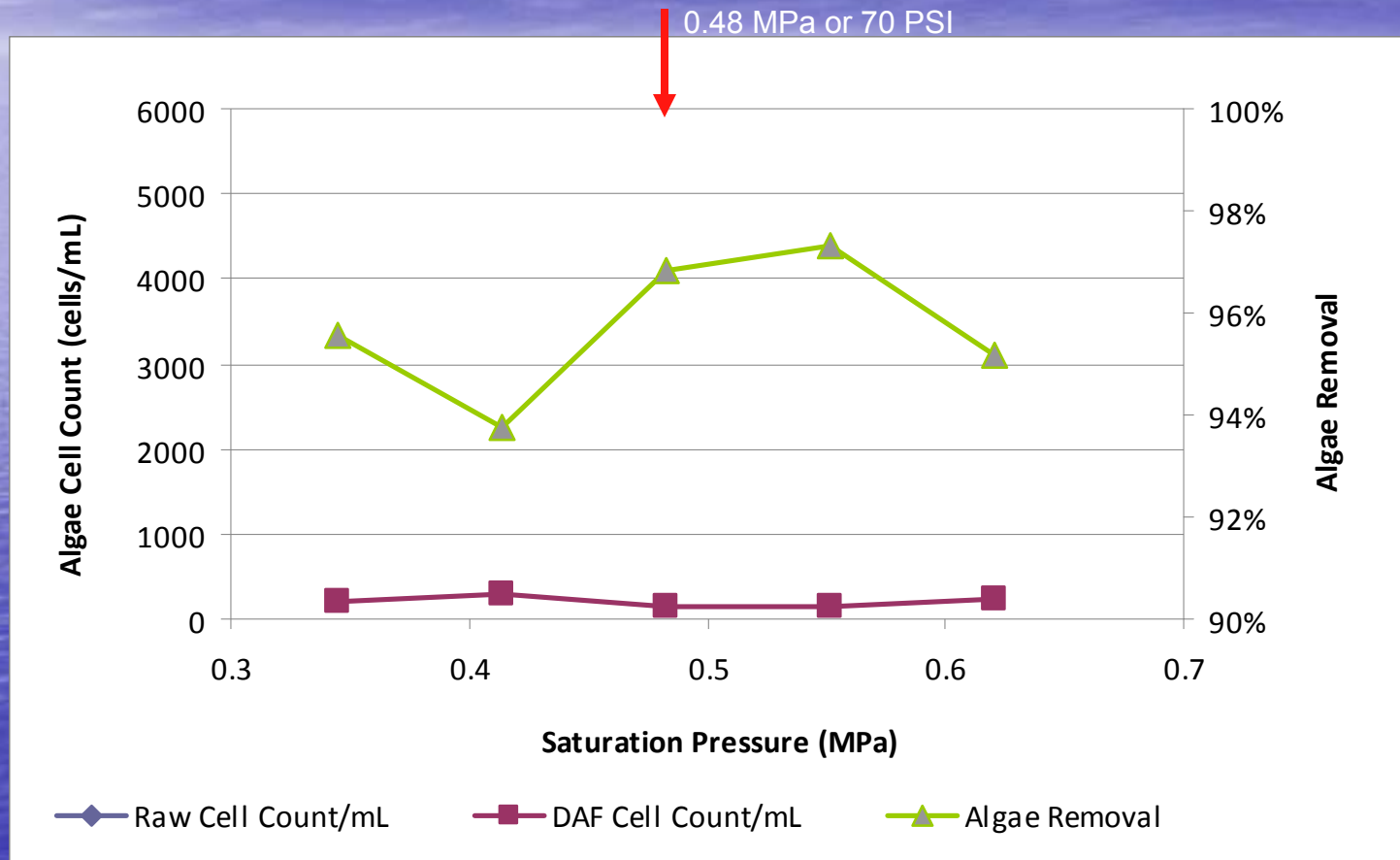
# Effect of Recycle Rate

10% recycle



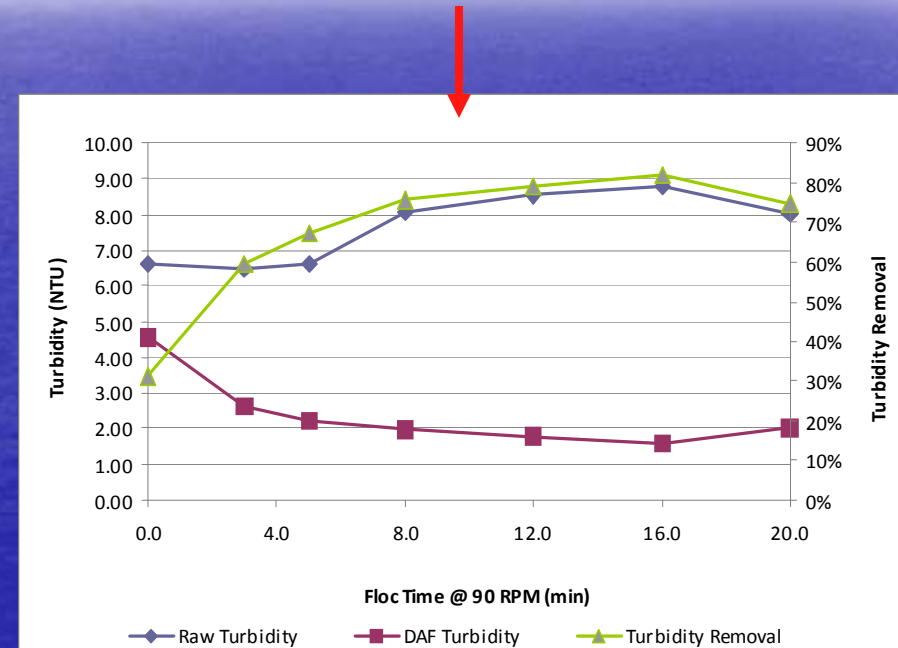
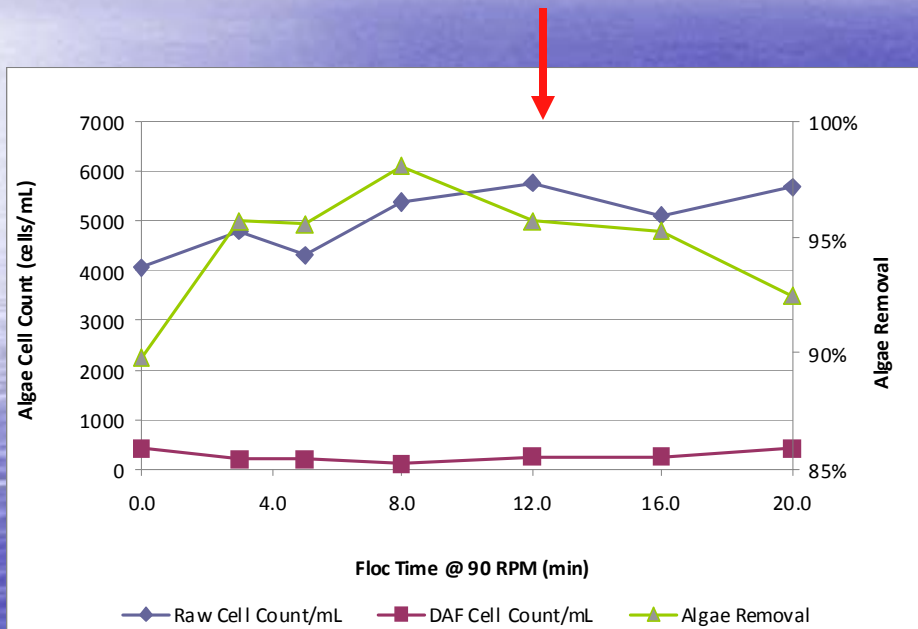


# Effect of Saturation Pressure



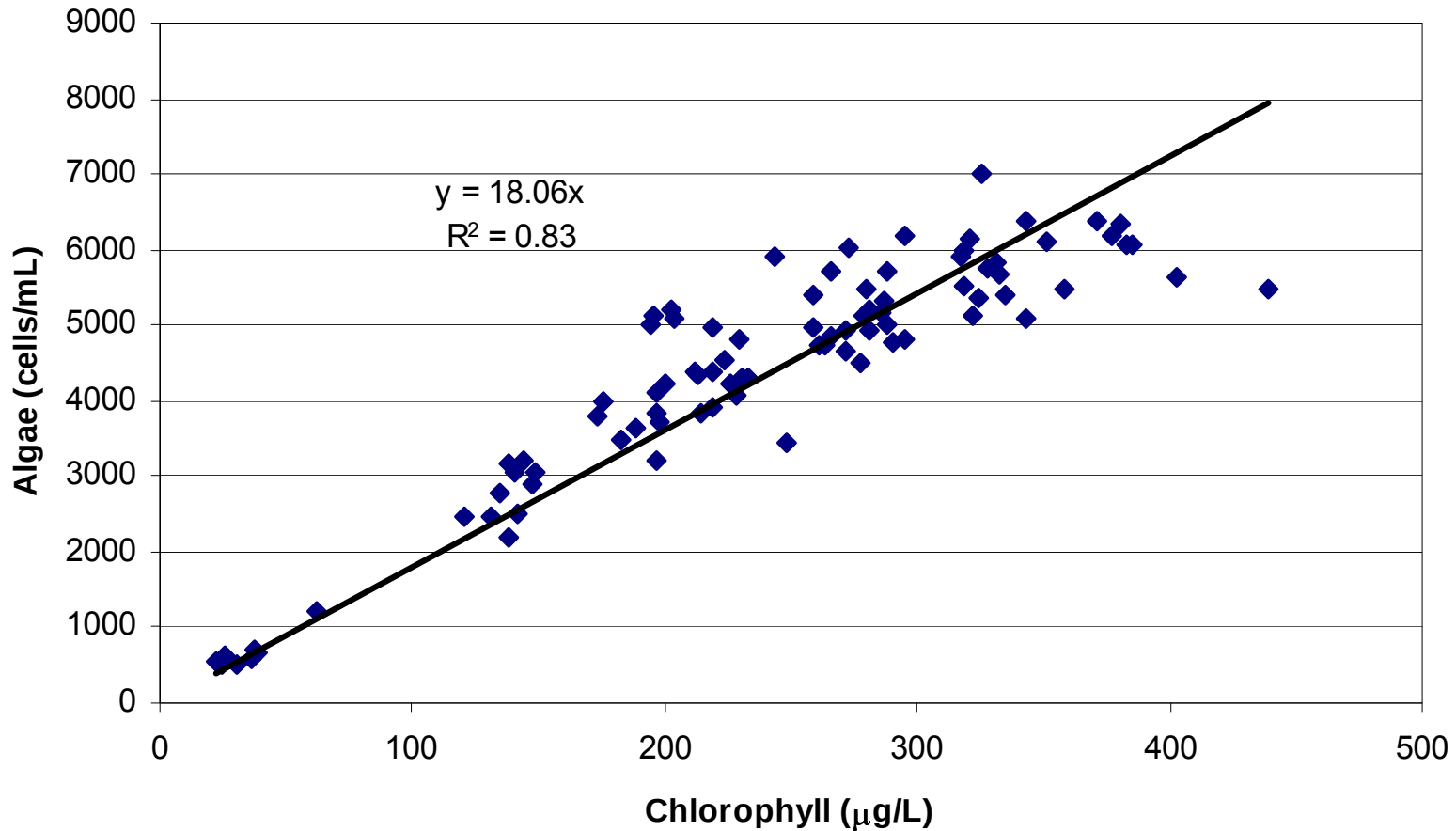
# Effect of Flocculation Time

12-13 minutes

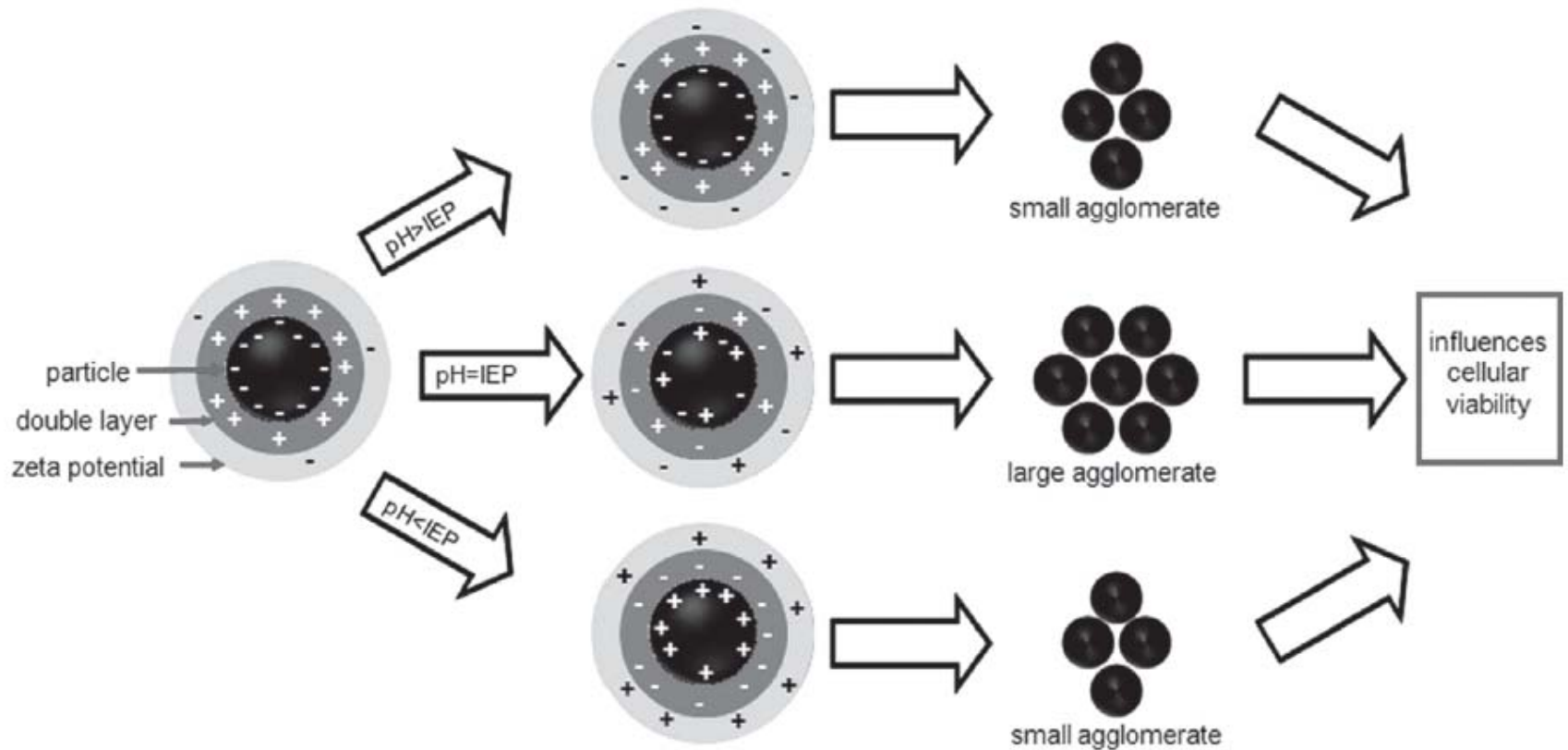




# Correlation Between Algae Counts and Chlorophyll Concentrations

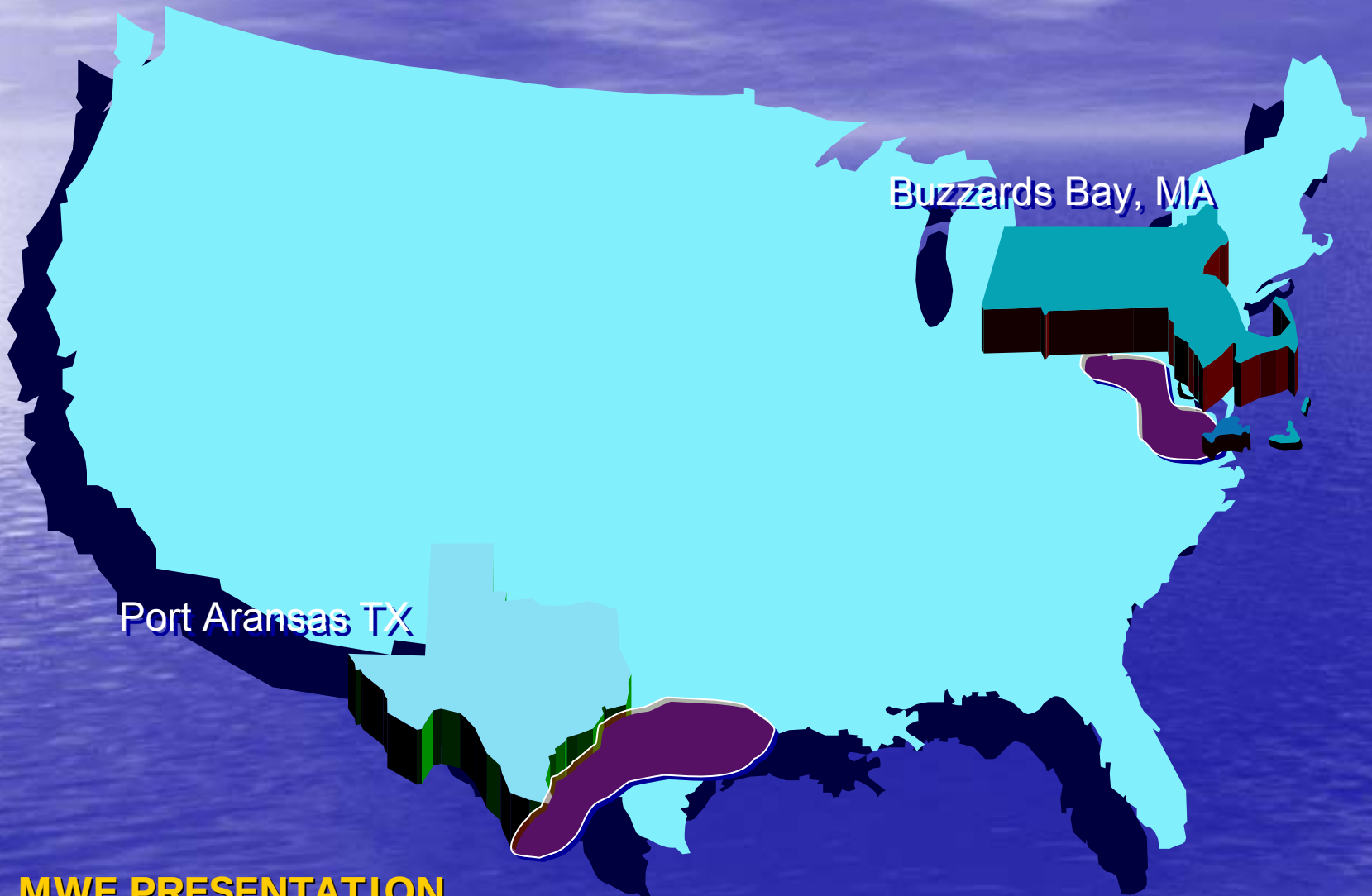


# Conceptual Model for Effect of pH on Coagulation Applying Iso-electric Point



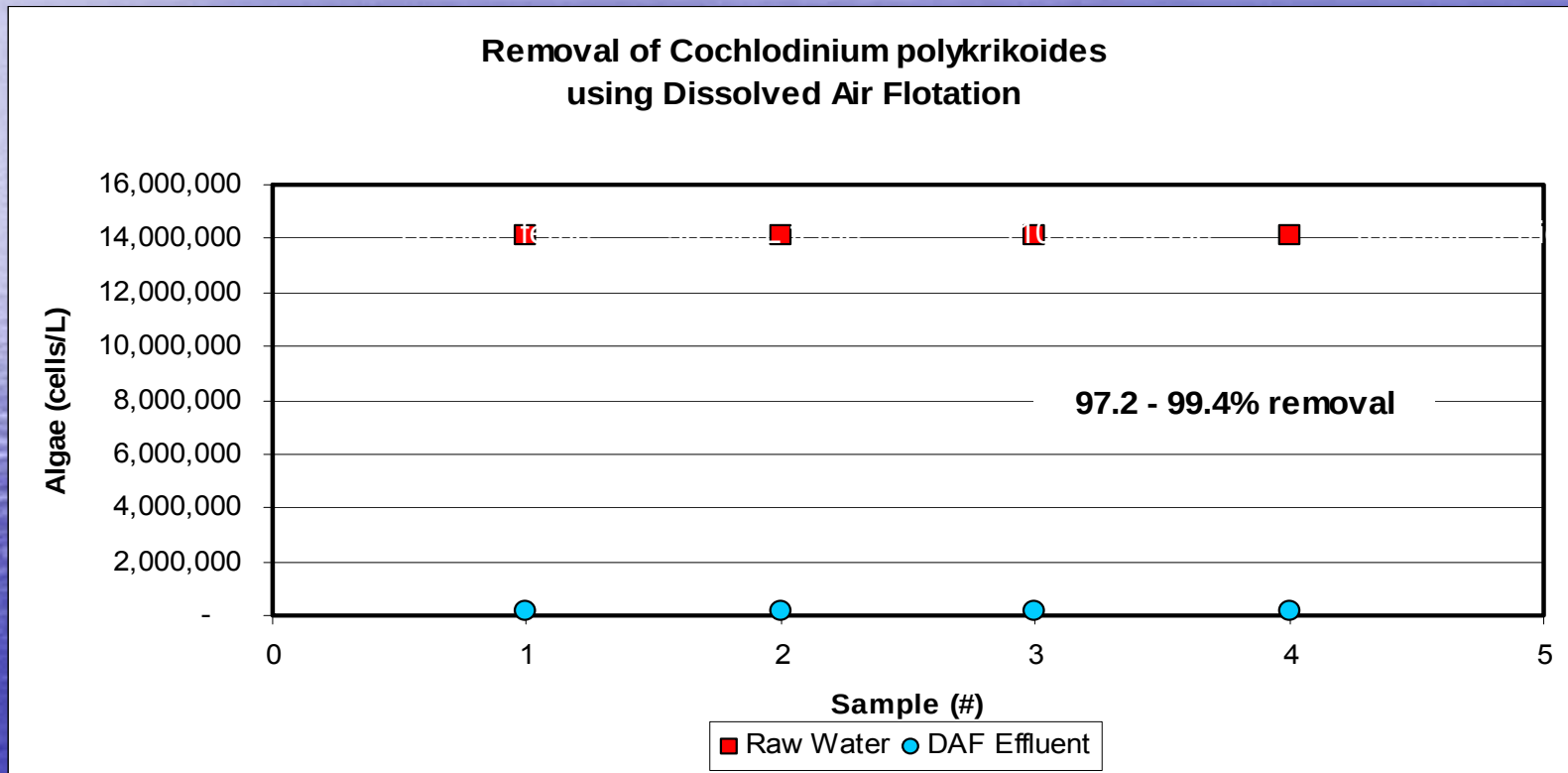


# Harmful Algae Blooms (HAB) in US



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# Jar Test on a HAB in Buzzards Bay, MA in the USA (Aug, 2011)

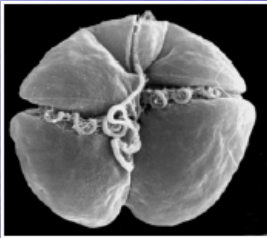


# Study on a HAB at Port Aransas TX (Nov, 2011)

Species: *Karenia brevis*

0.1-0.4 Million cells/L

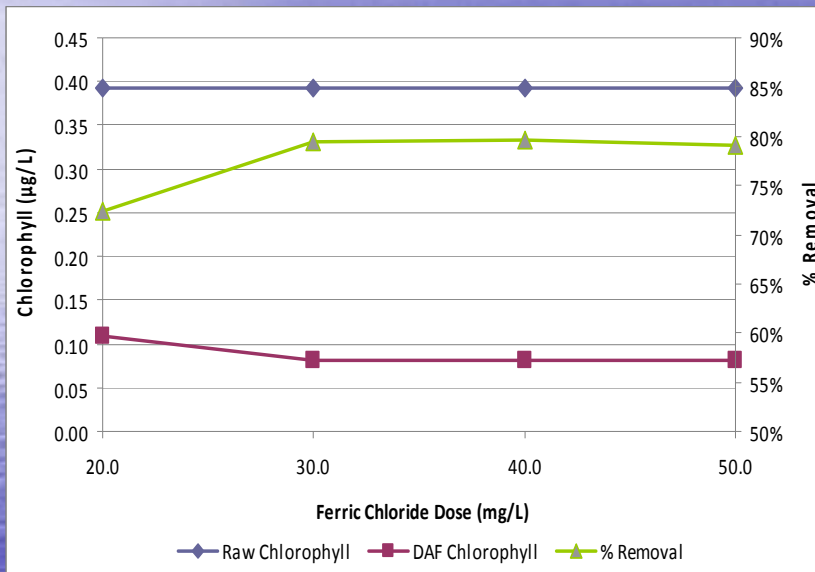
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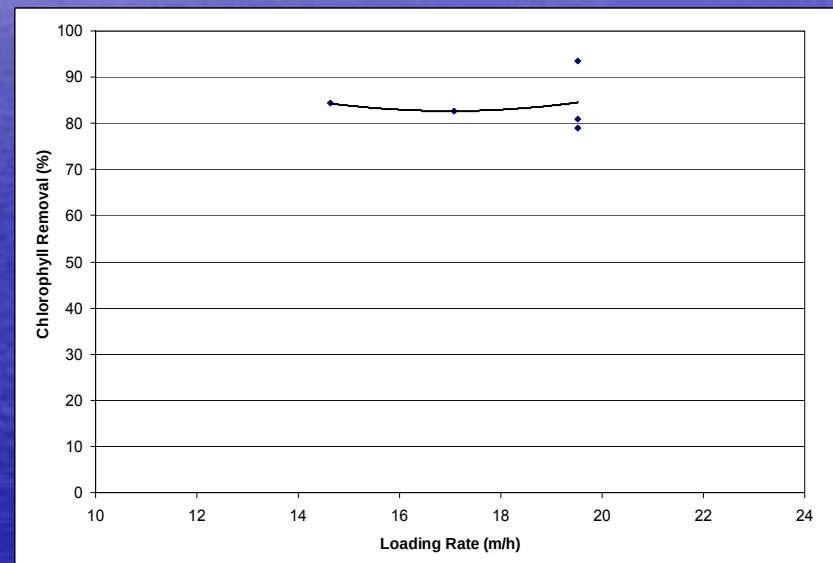
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## Study at Port Aransas TX (Nov, 2011)



**Bench Scale Test  
(Gt 80160)**



**Pilot Scale Test (Gt  
80160) (loading based  
on total flotation basin)**

## **Pretreatment Technologies Oil Removal**

- To further Leopold's process knowledge base, oil removal studies have also been performed.
  - $\geq 99\%$  removal of free oil was obtained at concentrations of 100 mg/L
  - Further testing has shown  $>95\%$  removal is also achievable with emulsified oil.

Testing indicated that mechanical design parameter for optimum algae removal are also ideal oil removal.

# Study on a HAB at Port Aransas TX (Nov, 2011)

Species: *Karenia brevis*



- Bench scale DAF and pilot scale DAF achieved comparable removal efficiency indicating process scaling up was feasible
- With pH adjustment the coagulant dosage was reduced by half while achieving the same removal efficiency.
- Even though the depth of the flotation cell was only 5 feet deep (1.5 m), a hydraulic loading rate as high as 24 m/h (based on Collector Area) was proved feasible for algae removal.

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