

# ABTCP CONFERENCE IN SAO PAULO

## ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFLUENT TREATMENT AND SLUDGE DEWATERING

17 October, 2005



# Agenda

1. **Opening and introduction** at 9:00 – 9:30
2. **Effluent discharge from different P&P processes** at 9:30 – 11.00
- Coffee break** at 11:00 – 11:30
3. **Effluent treatment processes** at 11:30 – 13.00
  - **Primary treatment**
  - **Different secondary treatment solutions**
  - **Tertiary treatment**
- Lunch** at 13:00 – 14.30
4. **Effluent treatment processes continue** at 14:30 – 15.00
5. **Sludge dewatering** at 15:00 – 16.00
- Break** at 16:00 – 16.15
6. **Bleach filtrate recycle in kraft pulp mills** at 16:15 – 16.45
7. **Zero liquid discharge, case presentation** at 16:45 – 17.30



# Introduction of VE, VW, VWS, HPD, AQF



# Veolia Environnement



# VEOLIA Environnement : Turnover Partition

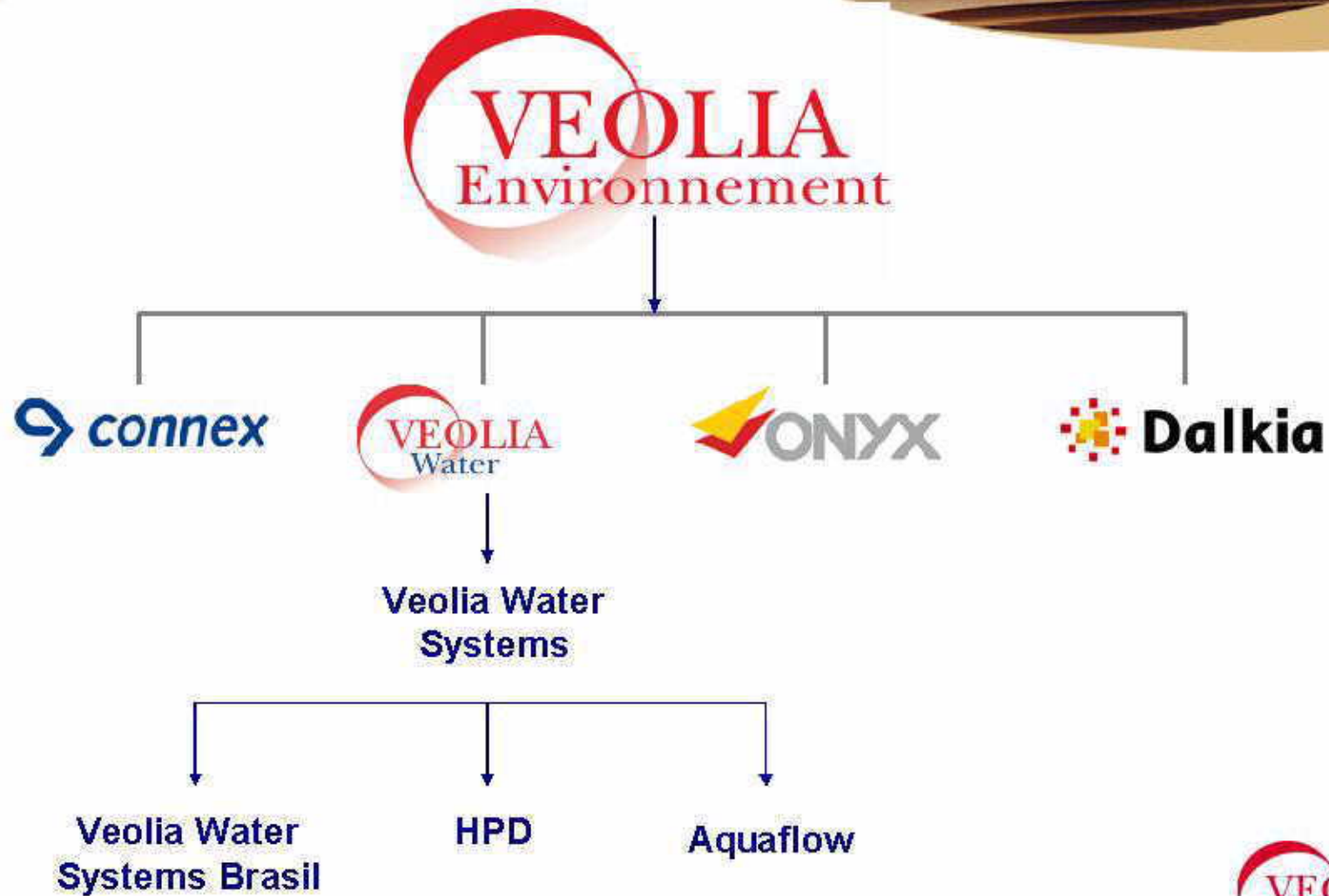


Revenues : 28.6 billion € - 302,000 employees - Market cap.: 13.5 billion €

One Group ⇒ 4 Business Units



# Veolia Environnement Organization



# Veolia Water : Key Figures (1/2)

11.3 billion euros in revenues for 2003

Presence in over 100 countries

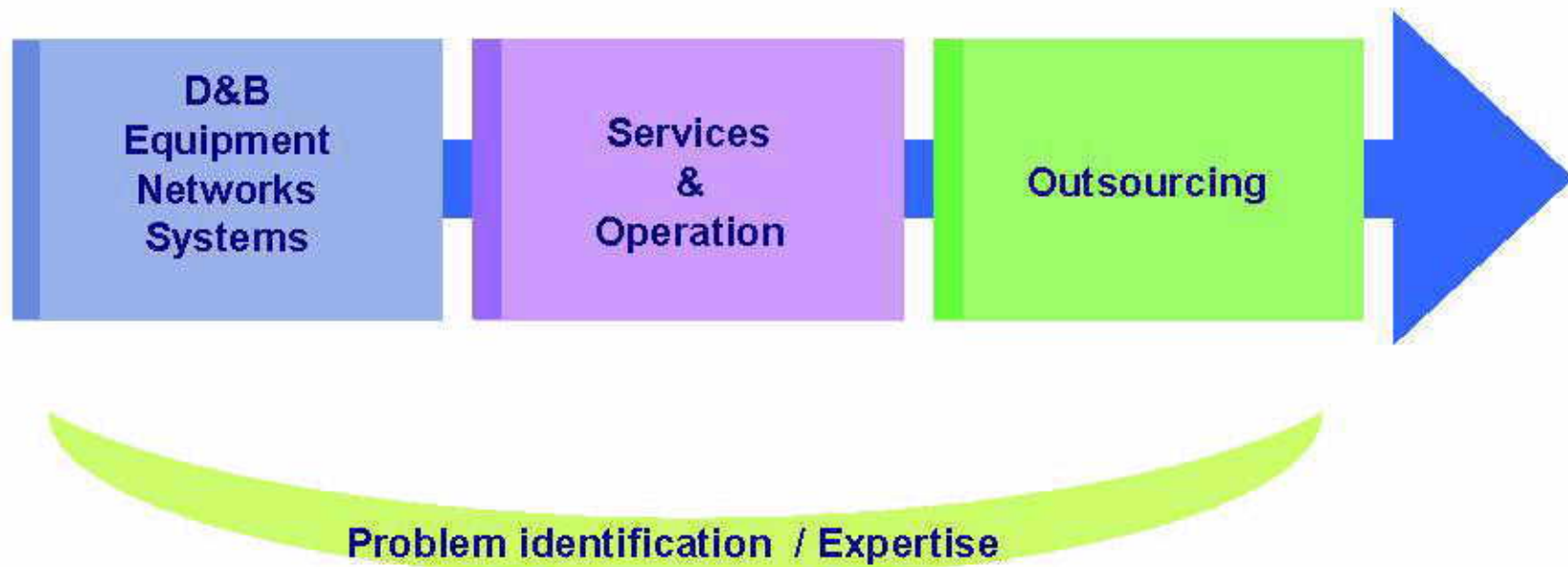
Over 110 million people served

77, 723 employees

*Data source :VE results 2003*



# Veolia Water: Industrial Offer





# VEOLIA Water Systems



# VWS: The Partner of Industrials

- **Pulp & Paper**

- Aracruz, Veracel, Klabin, Cenibra, VCP, Champion (IP), Bahia Sul, Arauco, CMPC, Cartiere Burgo, Kimberly Clark, Stora Enso,
- UPM-Kymmene, Myllykoski ...

- **Others markets**

- HPI/CPI
- Metal treatment
- Power
- Microelectronics
- Automobile
- Pharmaceuticals, Cosmetics
- Food & Beverage industry



# VEOLIA Water Systems Brasil



# Key Figures

- **Present in LA since 1993**
- **Operational Merge of OTV Brasil and USF Brasil**
- **Two business lines:**
  - **D&B**
  - **Solutions**
- **2003 revenue – Euros 44 million**
- **304 employees (50% in Brazil)**
- **40 engineers**

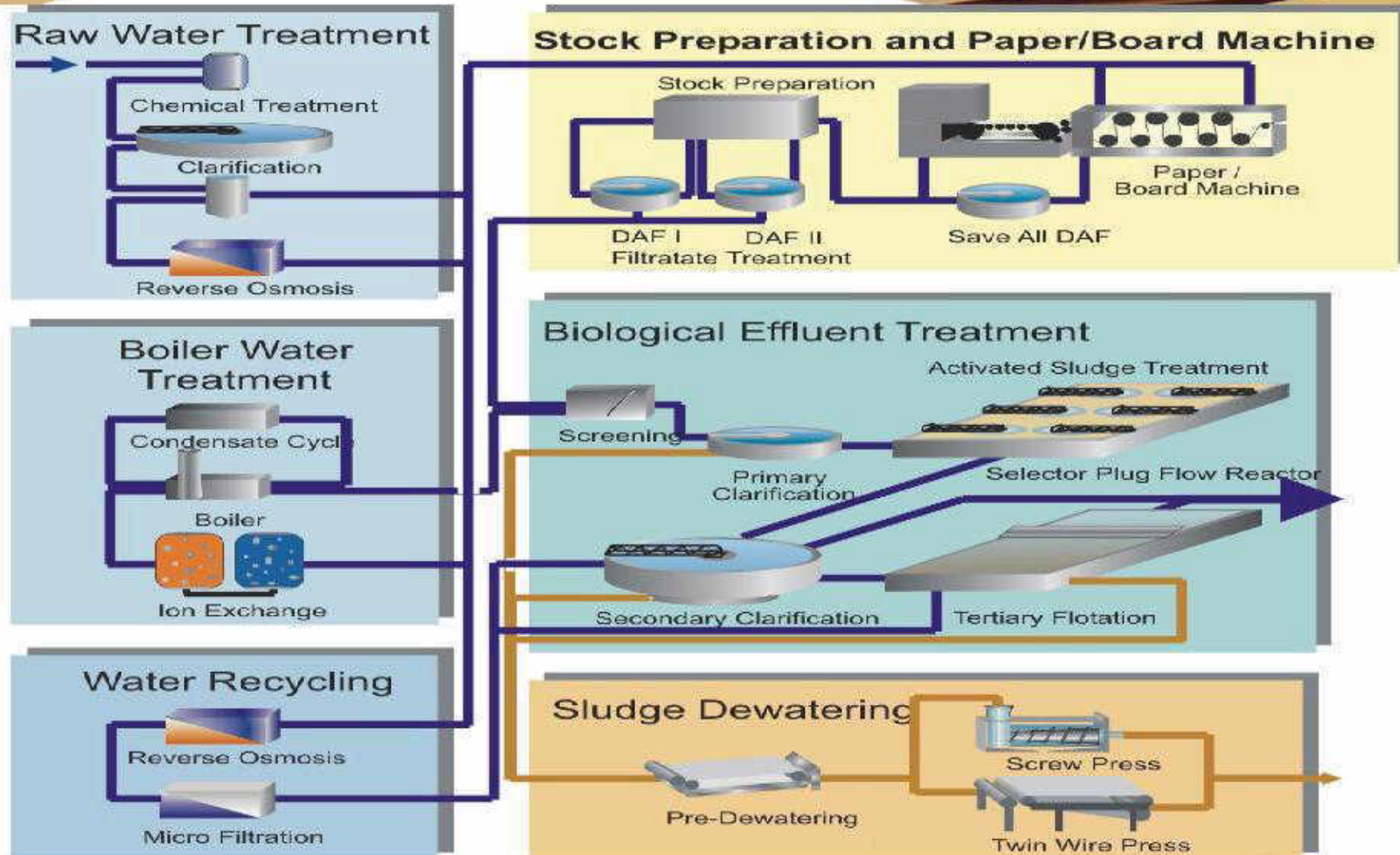
# Veolia Water Systems Offer

## Design-Build Capabilities

- Design-build solutions for municipalities and industrial customers
- Integrated water and wastewater systems, wastewater reuse, sludge treatment
- Engineering & Construction services for Turn-Key supplies:
  - Problem identification and treatability analysis
  - Process design
  - Basic and detailed engineering
  - Project Management
  - Local equipment manufacturing



# AQF Global Total Water Management



# Business History

- **Aquaflow Ltd. by VEOLIA Water Systems** 1999
- **USF Aquaflow Ltd.** 1997
- **Ahlstrom Aquaflow Ltd.** 1989
- **Ahlstrom Corporation** 1987
- **Enso-Gutzeit Oy (Stora Enso)** 1962



# Introduction

## Mr Heimo TOIVIAINEN

- **VWS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR IN THE P&P INDUSTRY**
- **1989 – 2004: MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AQUAFLOW**
- **STARTED IN 1974 IN EFFLUENT TREATMENT IN THE P&P: ENSO-GUTZEIT (STORA ENSO)  
AHLSTROM  
AQUAFLOW**





# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

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## Worldwide Pulp and Paper Production

### ■ PRODUCTION

- 182 million ton pulp per year
- 330 million ton paper per year

### ■ WASTEWATER TO TREATMENT

- About 30-35 billion m<sup>3</sup> wastewater generated per year
- About 25-30 million ton COD generated per year

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

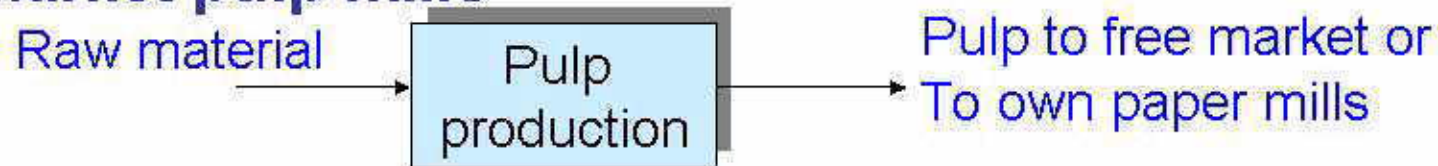
## Factors Impacting on Wastewater Composition and Characteristics

1. Fibre raw material
2. Pulping and paper-making process
3. Process status
4. Process operation

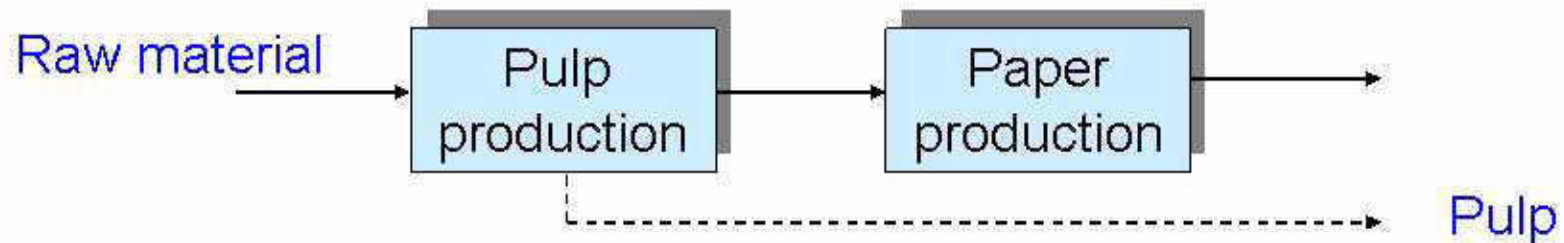
# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Pulping and Paper Mills

### Market pulp mills



### Integrated mills

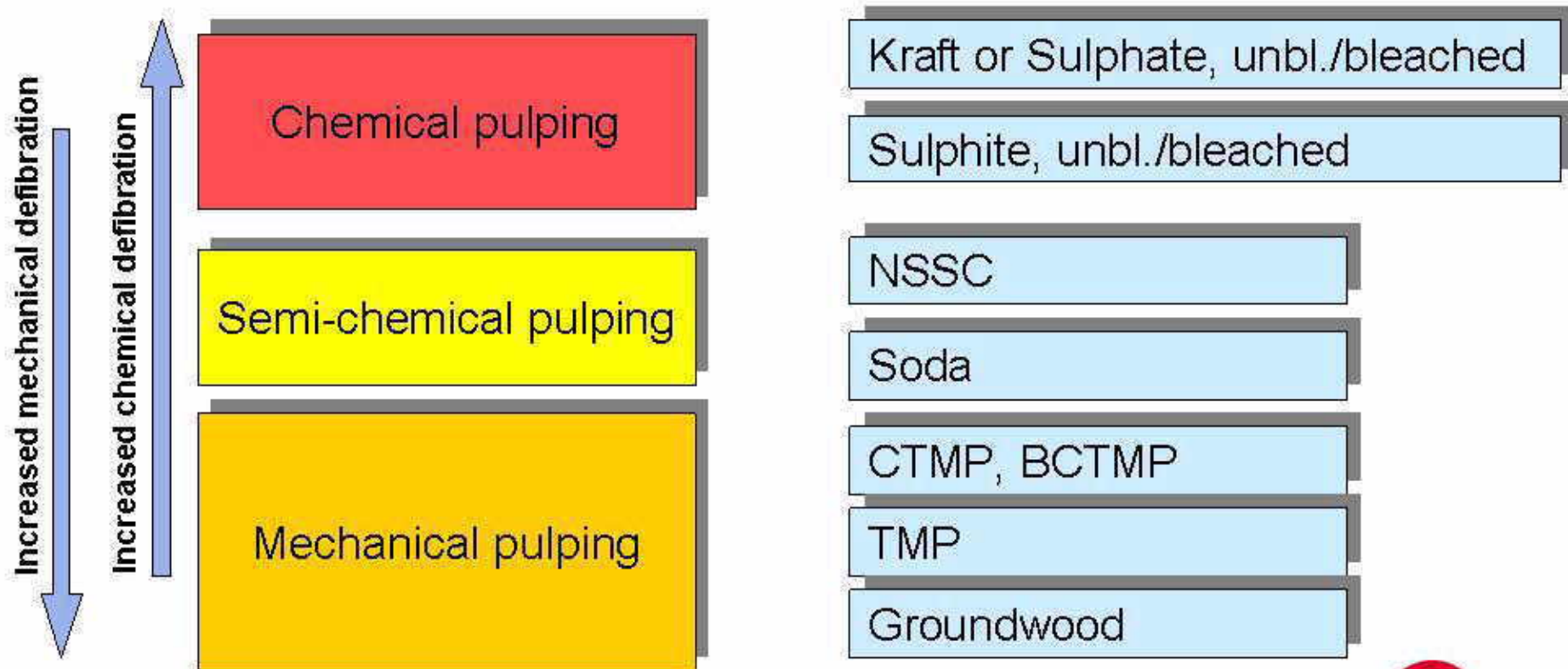


### Non-integrated paper mills



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Pulping Processes



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Paper Grades

Chemical pulping

Coated woodfree

Kraftliner

Semi-chemical pulping

Fluting (corrugating medium)

Mechanical pulping

SC

LWC

Newsprint

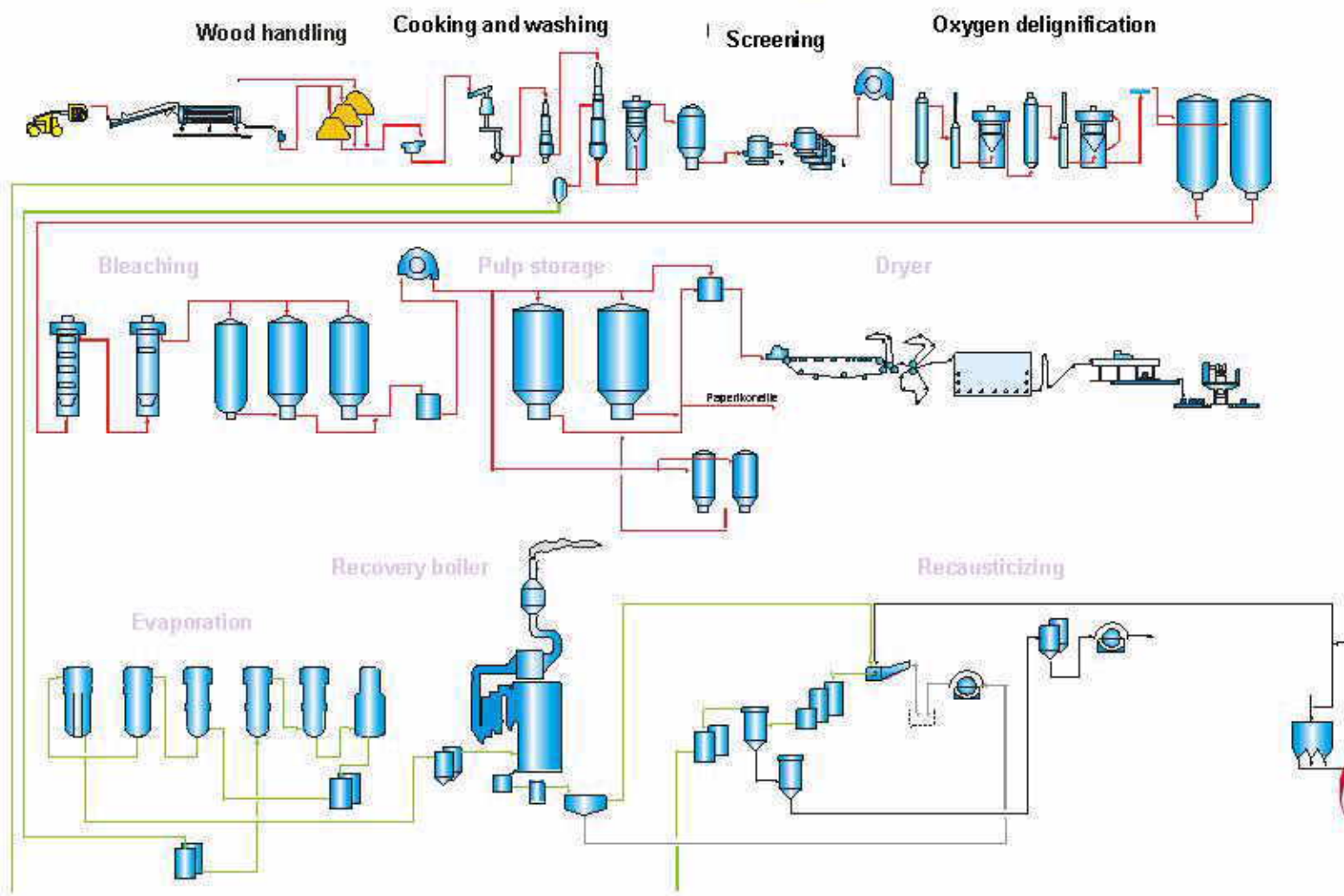
Recycled fibre pulping  
Deinking

Tissue

Board grades

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Bleached Kraft Pulping



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Bleached Kraft Pulping Discharges

| <b>Process</b>          | <b>COD<br/>kg/t pulp</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Debarking               | 0 - 10                   |
| Brownstock area         | 0 - 7                    |
| Bleach plant            | 25 - 55                  |
| Evaporation condensates | 3 - 15                   |
| Spills                  | 3 - 8                    |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>31 - 95</b>           |



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Main Composition

|           | Organic                                                                                                               | Inorganic                                          |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Suspended | Fibres<br>Bark                                                                                                        | CaCO <sub>3</sub><br>Soil                          |
| Dissolved | Lignin derivatives<br>(colour)<br>Carbohydrates (sugars)<br>Organic acids<br>Chlorinated organics<br>Nutrients (N, P) | Na, K, Ca, P<br>Sulphates<br>Chlorate<br>Chlorides |

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Debarking

- **Wet vs. dry debarking process**
  - Wet debarking has higher discharge figures
- **Softwood higher – Hardwood lower loads**
- **Wastewater contains:**
  - TSS (bark residual, fibres, inorganic matter)
  - COD/BOD (dissolved and suspended material from logs)
  - Nutrients (P and N)
  - Toxic compounds (resin acids, fatty acids)

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Kraft Pulp Bleaching

### GENERAL

- Objective to bleach pulp from brown to white with oxidation chemicals (Chlorine Dioxide, Peroxide, Ozone)
- Many processes, most typical is Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) bleaching using Chlorine Dioxide.
- Total Chlorine Free (TCF) processes employ Peroxide, Ozone as oxidation chemicals.
- Bleach plant excess filtrate normally seweraged since contains Chlorides, Heavy Metals and other inorganics that may accumulate in recovery cycle.

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Kraft Pulp Bleaching

### BLEACHING WASTEWATER COMPOSITION AND LOADS ARE DEPENDENT ON:

- Washing loss (Amount of COD entering the Bleach plant)
- Kappa-factor (Amount of lignin in pulp)
  - Cooking process (Modified cooking)
  - Oxygen Delignification (OD)
- Bleaching process/Chemicals used
  - "C-stage"
    - Elemental chlorine stage
    - Chlorine Dioxide
  - TCF bleaching

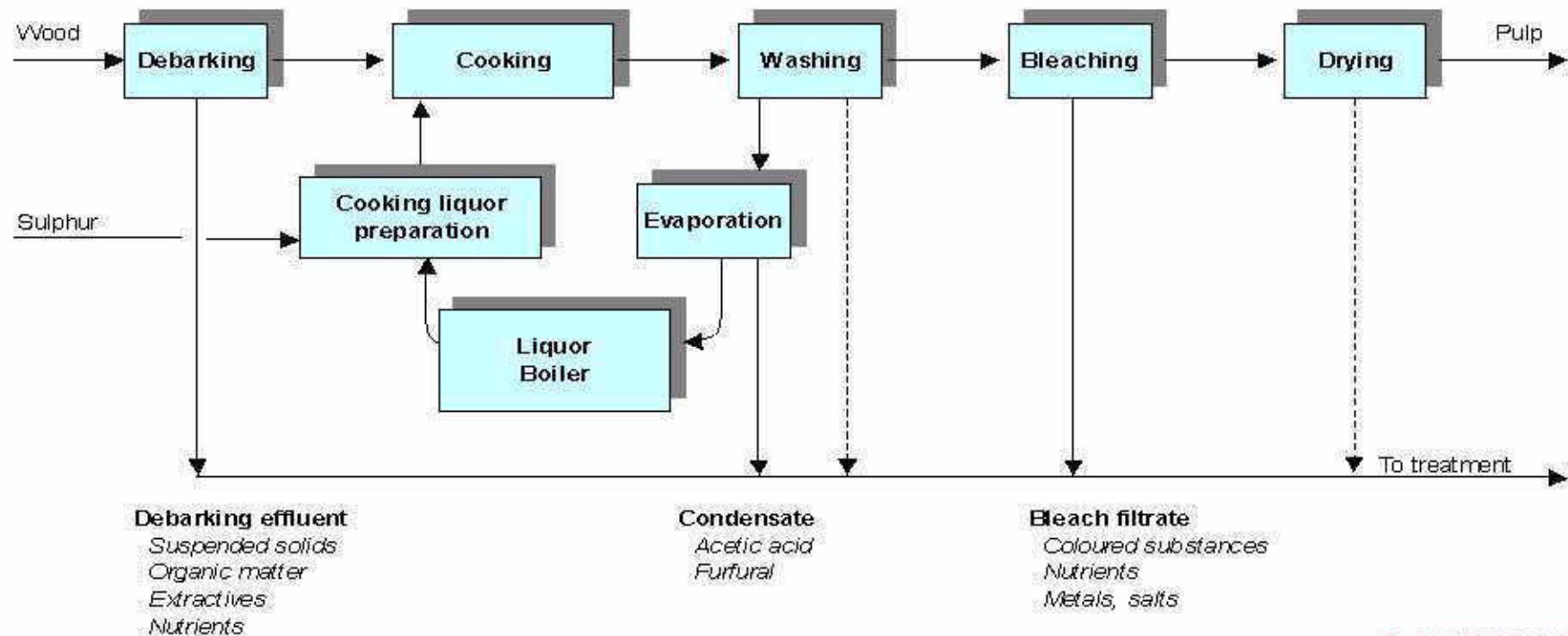
# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Summary: Bleached Kraft Pulping

- **Most common pulping process**
- **Main organic load originating from bleach plant**
- **About 50% of the COD is caused by lignin products that are non or slowly-biodegradable**
- **Chlorinated organic compounds in bleach plant effluents (AOX)**
- **Toxic compounds (resin and fatty acids) in debarking and bleach plant effluents**

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Sulphite Pulping



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Sulphite Pulping Discharges

- Dissolving pulp mills may have high discharges (Hemicelulose)
- Cooking process generally driven further than in kraft pulping why bleach plant discharges are normally lower
- TCF bleaching common → no chlorinated compounds
- Condensates contain high amount of acetic acid and furfural

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Summary: Sulphite Pulping

- **Common in Central-Europe and China but being outphased in other areas**
- **Main organic load originating from condensates and bleach plant**
- **Condensates high in COD concentration**
- **Acetic acid and furfural in condensates**
- **Toxic compounds (resin and fatty acids) in debarking and effluents**



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Mechanical Pulping Processes

- **Processes include**
  - **Chemi-thermomechanical pulping (CTMP)**
  - **Thermo-mechanical pulping (TMP)**
  - **Stone Groundwood (SGW or GW)**
  - **Pressurised Groundwood (PGW)**
- **Mechanical defibration in refiners or with stone**
- **Chemical pretreatment in CTMP process ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$  and/or  $\text{NaOH}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ )**
- **Typical for mechanical processes is high yield on wood**

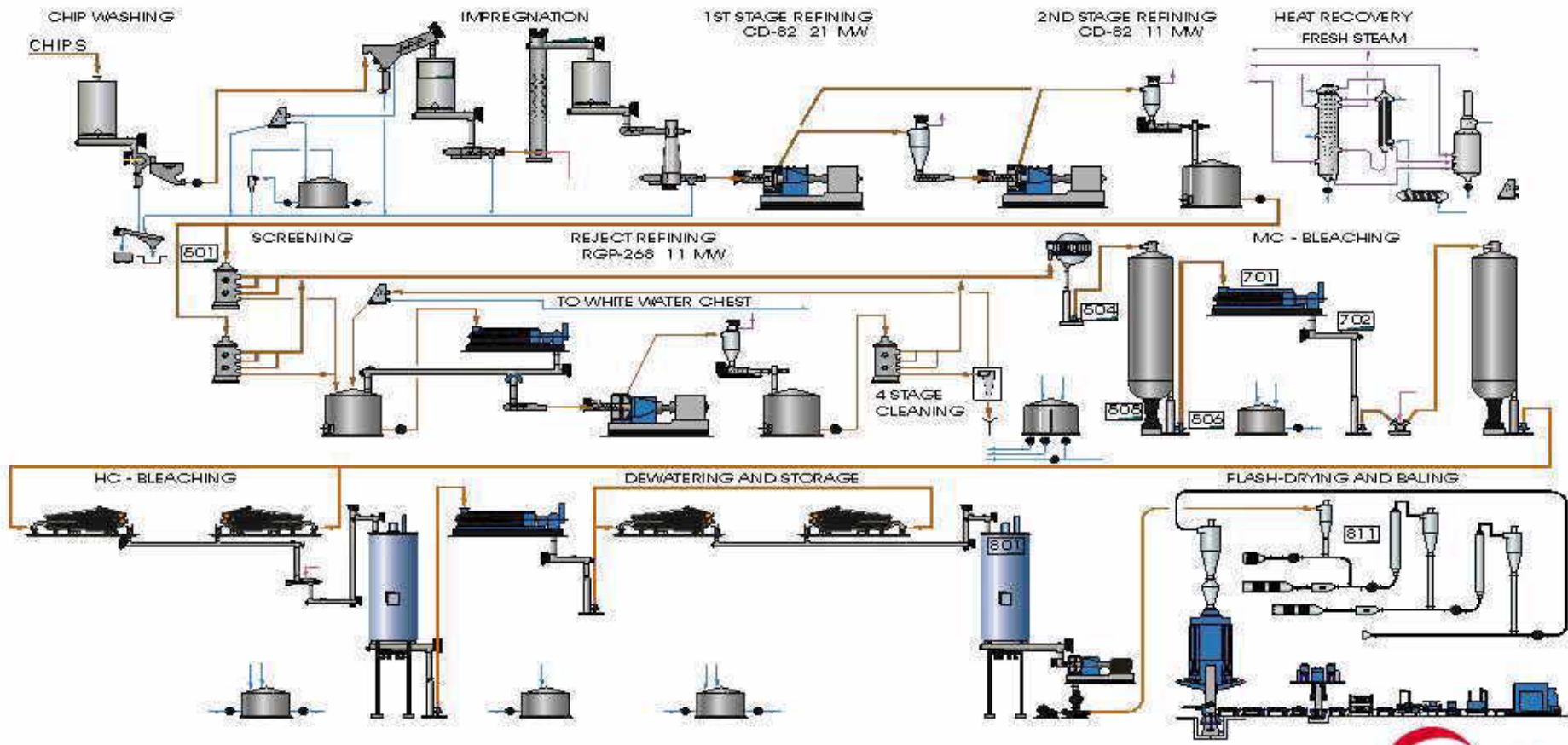
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## Mechanical Pulping Processes

- **Mechanical pulping is normally INTEGRATED with paper production**
  - **Newsprint paper (TMP+ paper machine)**
  - **Journal paper (GW, TMP + paper machine)**
- **Some CTMP mills are stand-alone others integrated**

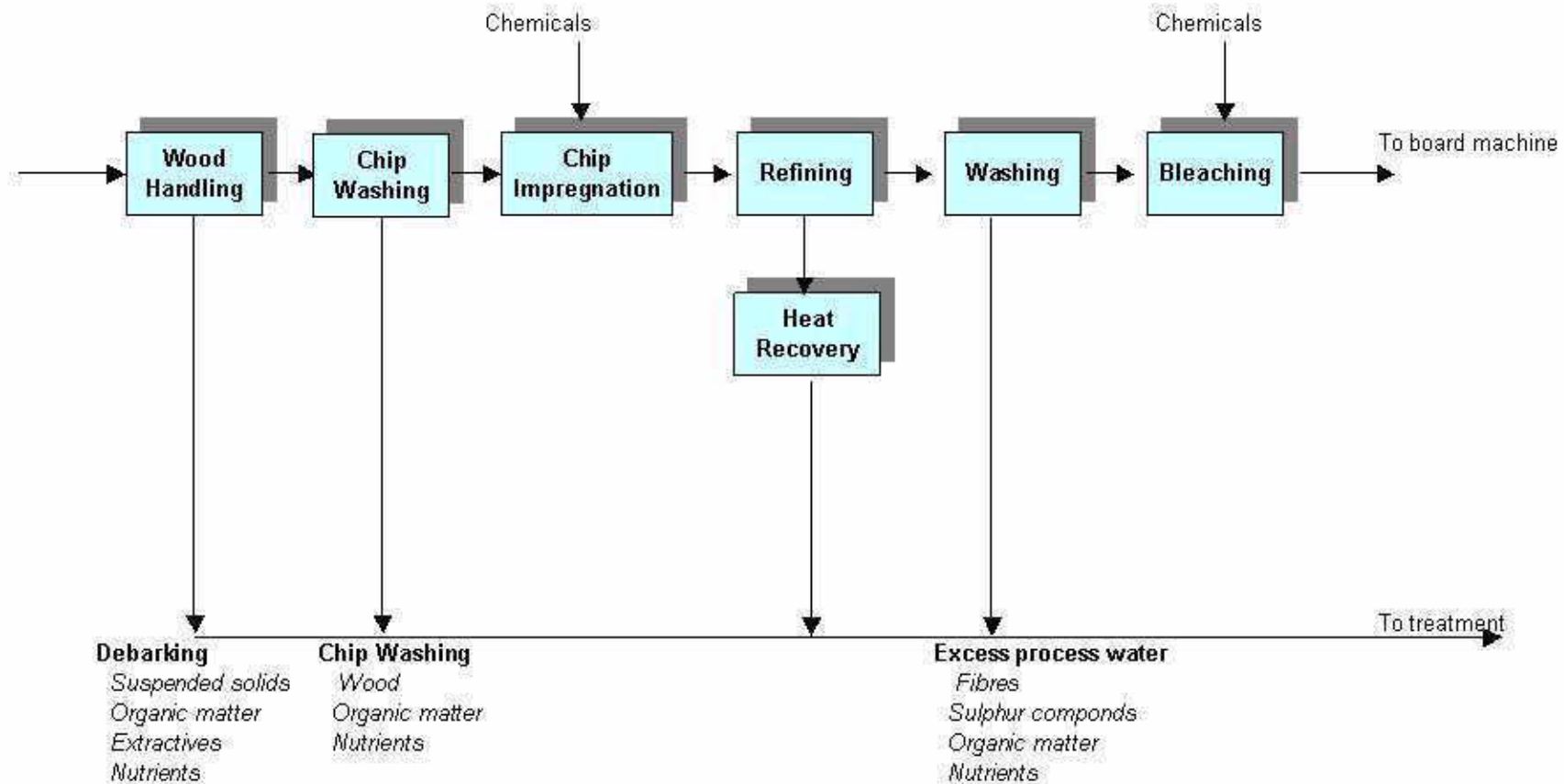
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## BCTMP Process



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## Mechanical Pulping Discharges

Discharges from mechanical pulping processes are primarily dependent on:

- Pulp yield
- Pulp bleaching method

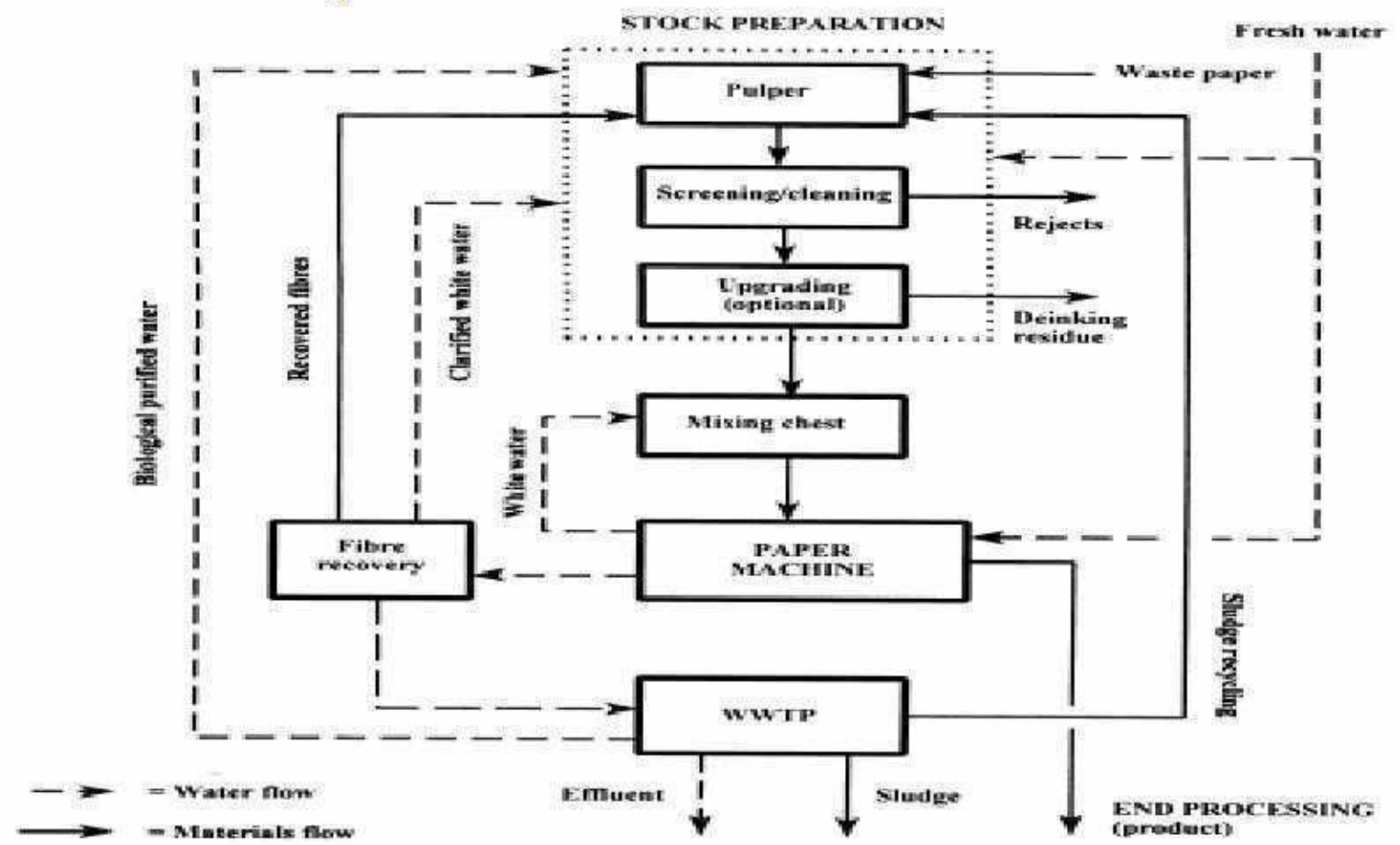
# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Recycled Fibre

- **Two main categories**
  - **Mechanical cleaning (pulping) of wastepaper/board only**
    - **Testliner**
    - **Corrugated medium**
    - **Uncoated board**
  - **Mechanical cleaning and *de-inking***
    - **Tissue**
    - **Printing and copy paper**
    - **Magazine**
    - **Coated board and cartonboard**
    - **Market DIP**
- **Wastewater quality much dependent on wastepaper quality**
- **May have almost closed water loops**

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Recycled Fibre Processes



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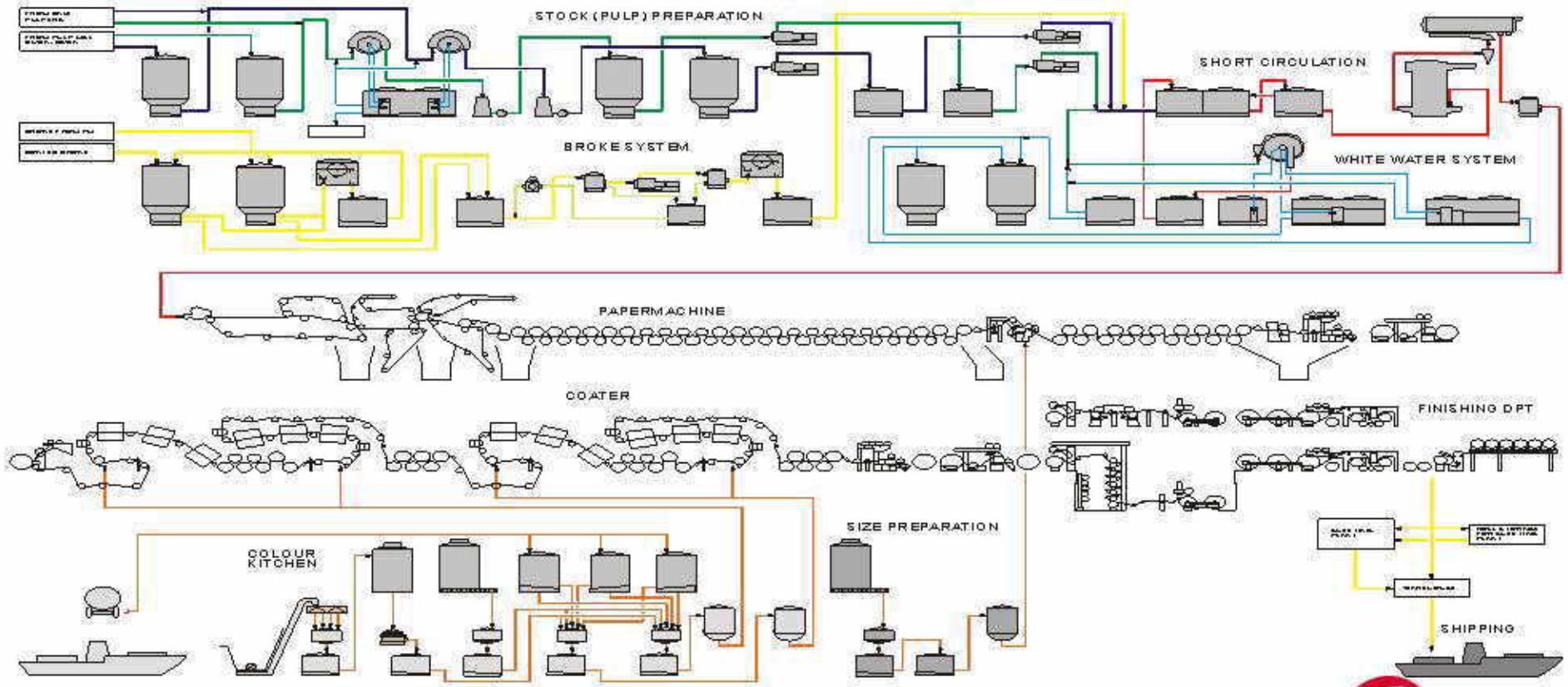
## Papermaking

- In paper making processes water are recirculated at a high degree – only excess water "whitewater" and rejects are normally discharged
- Wastewater contaminants originate from:
  - Pulp
  - Refining of pulp
  - Sizing agents (starch)
  - Fillers and Coating material (caoline,  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , etc)



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Papermaking



# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Special Features and Critical Topics

### General

- All mill departments must be reviewed
- Which processes are applied? (debarking, pulping, bleaching, etc)
- Mill status (old mills have generally considerable higher discharges than new)
- Level of spill control
- Level of water conservation
- Review actual variations of loads

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Special Features and Critical Topics

### Process specific issues

#### Bleached kraft pulping

- Most common chemical pulping process
- Main portion of organic load from bleaching
- Bleach plant COD hard to degrade biologically
- Organic load mainly dependent on wood specie, kappa to BP and bleaching process

#### Unbleached kraft pulping

- Level of spills and washing loss of importance
- Water use sometimes very high

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Special Features and Critical Topics

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- Main organic load originating from condensates and bleach plant
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### Mechanical pulping integrated with papermaking

- Wastewater loads originates primarily from mechanical pulping
- High amount of colloidal matter
- Inorganic matter (clay) if fillers or coating applied in papermaking

# Wastewater from Pulp and Paper Processes

## Special Features and Critical Topics

### Process specific issues

#### Recycled fibre

- Discharges vary within wide range depending on technical status
- Some mills are almost "effluent-free"

#### Non-integrated papermaking

- Low amounts of organic matter
- Wastewaters may be colored if colored paper are produced





## **Aquaflo Competence Center in the P&P Industry**



# Effluent Treatment Processes

## Content of Presentation:

### PRIMARY TREATMENT

- P&P characteristics
- Equipment
- Process selection

### SECONDARY TREATMENT

- P&P characteristics
- MBP process
- Process selection

### TERTIARY TREATMENT

- Need of tertiary treatment
- Chemicals and processes



# Effluent Treatment Processes

## What is Typical for Primary Treatment in P&P Industry?

- **High and variable amount of suspended solids in the inlet effluent**
  - good functioning of primary treatment is emphasized in special situations (start-ups, stops and problems in the mill)
  - occasionally high amount of heavy inorganic material in the effluent (fillers, coating, DIP-sludge, lime mud)
  - poor sedimentation in certain effluents (GW, TMP, CTMP, coating agents)

# Effluent Treatment Processes

## What is Typical for Primary Treatment in P&P Industry?

- **Neutralization is normally required**
  - all the time
  - or only for washing waters in mill stops
  
- **Cooling is normally required**
  - effluent temperature is normally 40-80°C
  - wood chips, extractives and biological fouling

# Primary Treatment

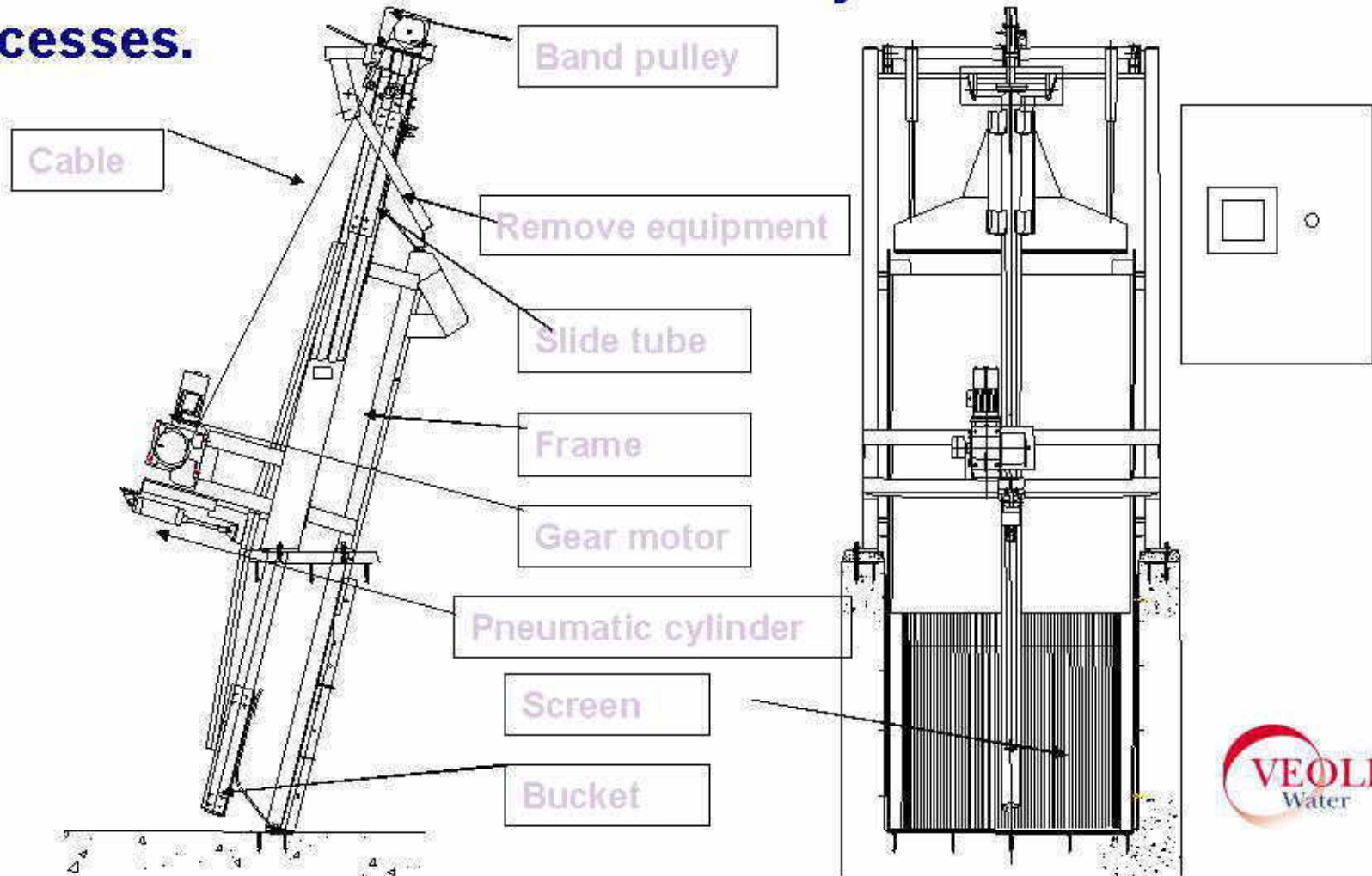
## Aquaflow Equipment

- **Bucket screen**
- **Primary clarifiers**
- **Primary flotations**

# Primary Treatment

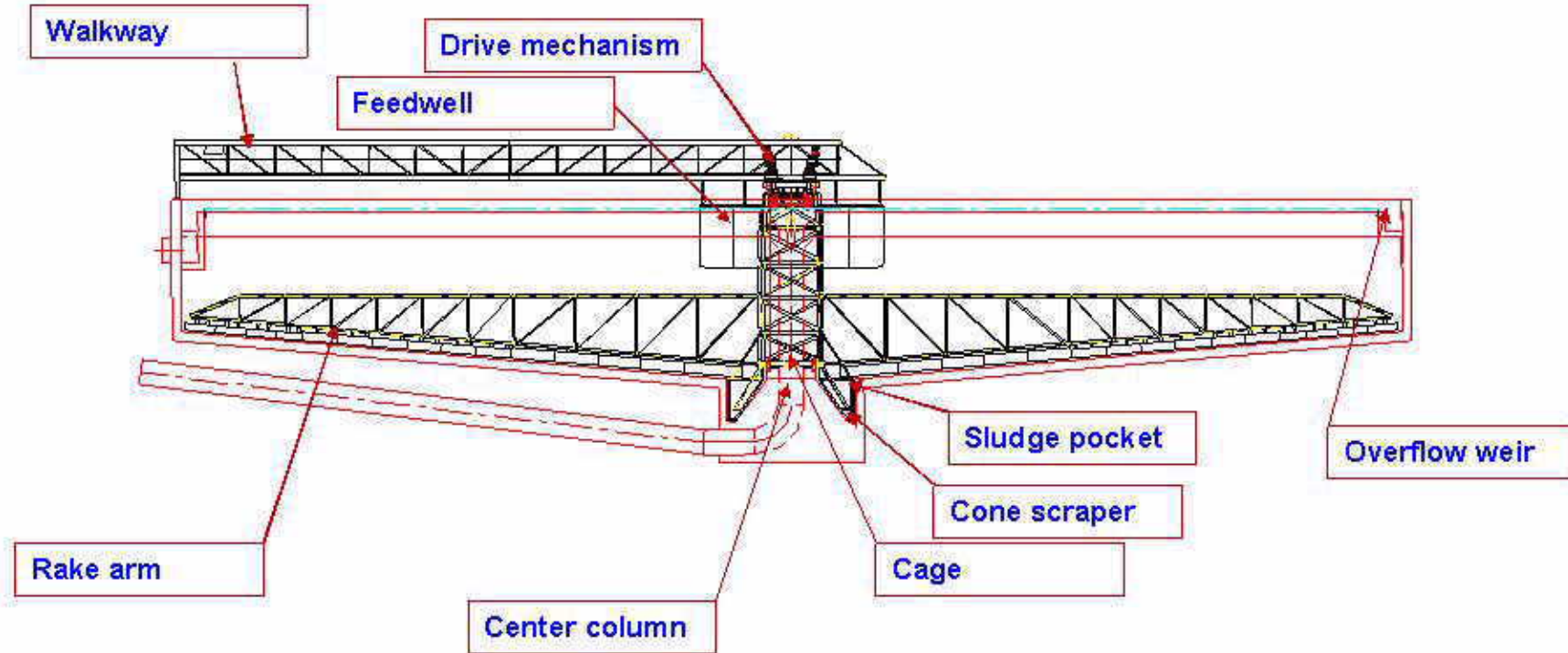
## Bar Screen

Removes oversize solids which may interfere later processes.



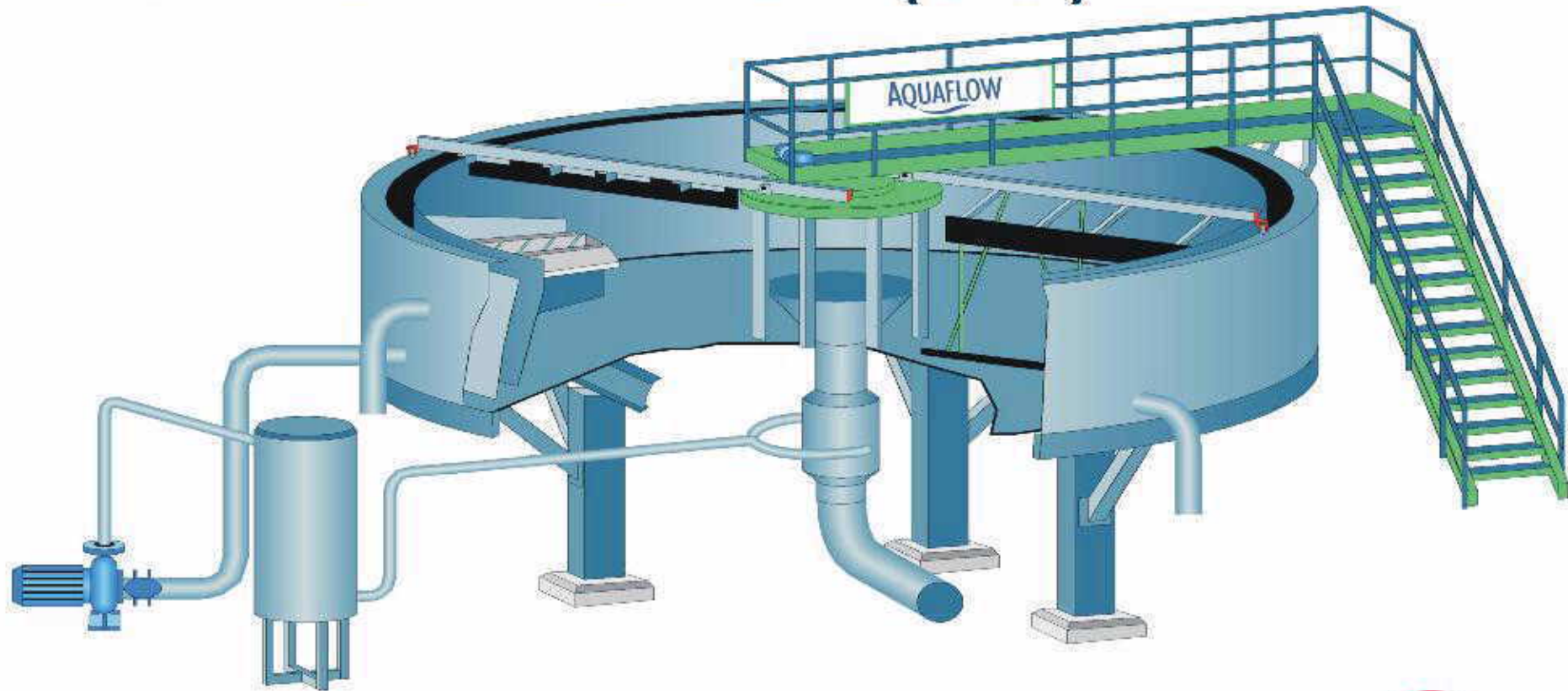
# Primary Treatment

## Primary Clarifier



# Primary Treatment

## AF-Float Flotation Unit (DAF)



# Primary Treatment

- **Circular**

- **Ø 3,8 m up to 24 m**

- **Depth 1,3 m -> 1,8 m**



# Primary Treatment

- Rectangular

- 4,2 m x 4,3 m (18,3 m<sup>2</sup>) up to 7,2 m x 14,7 m (105 m<sup>2</sup>)
- Depth 1,3 m -> 1,8 m





# Primary Treatment

## Equipment are Designed Just for P&P Industry Needs:

- Robust equipment for 24 h/d, 365 d/a
- Maintenance designed for 1-line systems
- Capabilities to handle:
  - High SS capacity
  - Heavy sludge
  - Hot effluents
  - Corrosive effluents

# Primary Treatment

## Primary Sedimentation – Selection Criteria

- + Low operating costs
- + Good buffer capacity for solids
- + Simple process
- + Suitable for very high solid contents
  
- Big footprint
- Long retention time, anaerobic acidification, smells, floating
- Long suction line for sludge, plugging of primary sludge pumps

# Primary Treatment

## Primary Flotation – Selection Criteria

- + **Small footprint**
- + **Not sensitive for gases, no anaerobic acidification, less smells**
- + **Good function with chemicals, good results with small, light or charged particles**
- + **Lower civil costs**
  
- **Higher operating costs**
- **No buffer capacity for solids**

# Primary Treatment

## Expected Purification Results in Primary Sedimentation (without Chemicals)

| Effluent type        | SS content after sedimentation (mg/l) |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Kraft pulp           | 70...120                              |
| Paper&board uncoated | 40...150                              |
| Paper&board coated   | 100...300                             |
| TMP, GW              | 150...400                             |
| CTMP                 | 300...1000                            |
| DIP                  | 50...200                              |
| Semichemical, NSSC   | 300...1000                            |

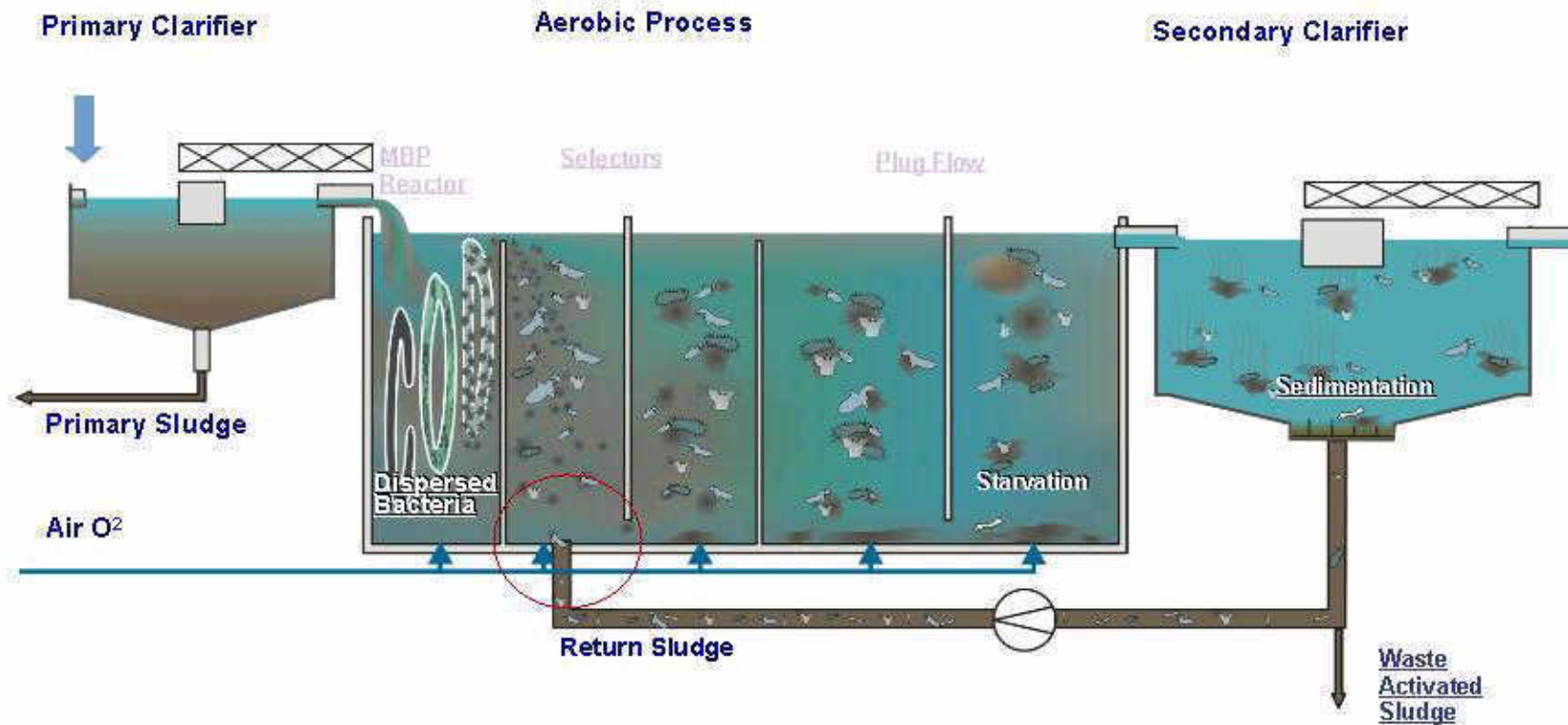
# Secondary Treatment

## What is Typical for Secondary Treatment in P&P Industry?

- Relatively high COD concentration 500-13000 mg/l
- High temperature 35...38°C
- Normally lack of nutrients → N, P must be added
- Some effluents are very sensitive for filament problems
  - VFA, sugars, resin and fatty acids (TMP, CTMP, RCF, OCC, NSSC)
  - variation of produced paper (or pulp) grades
- Variation of harmful chemicals for biology
  - biosides
  - washing agents and dispersing agents
  - colours
  - (hydraulic) oil
  - black liqueur and soap spills (chemical pulp mills)

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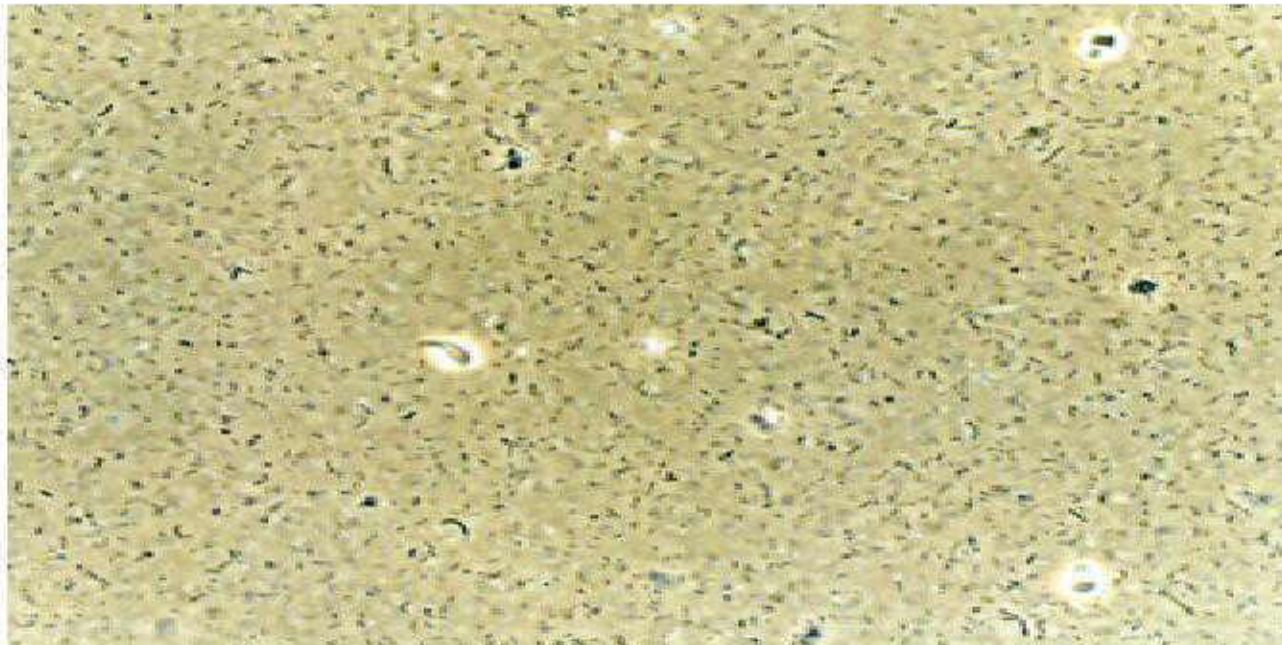
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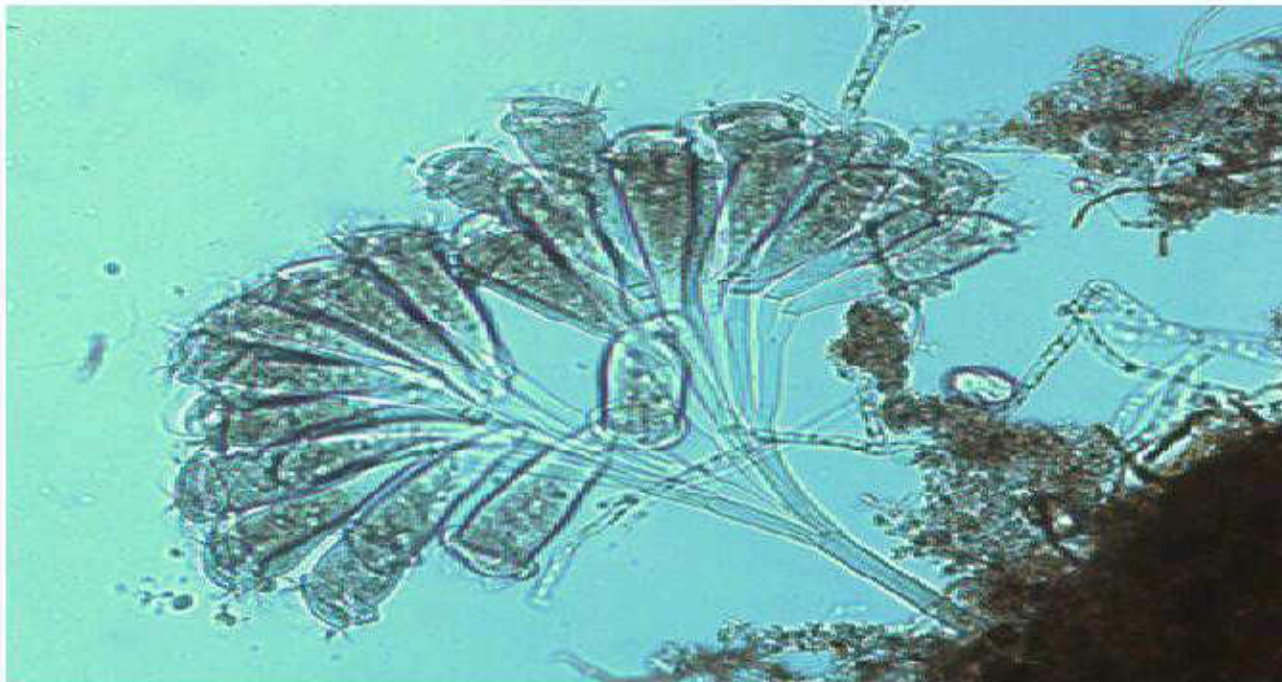
### Dispersed Bacteria in MBP Reactor



**1st stage in the food chain**

# Secondary Treatment

**Minimum Biosludge Production = MBP**  
**Colony of Stalked Ciliates Eating**



**2nd stage in the food chain**



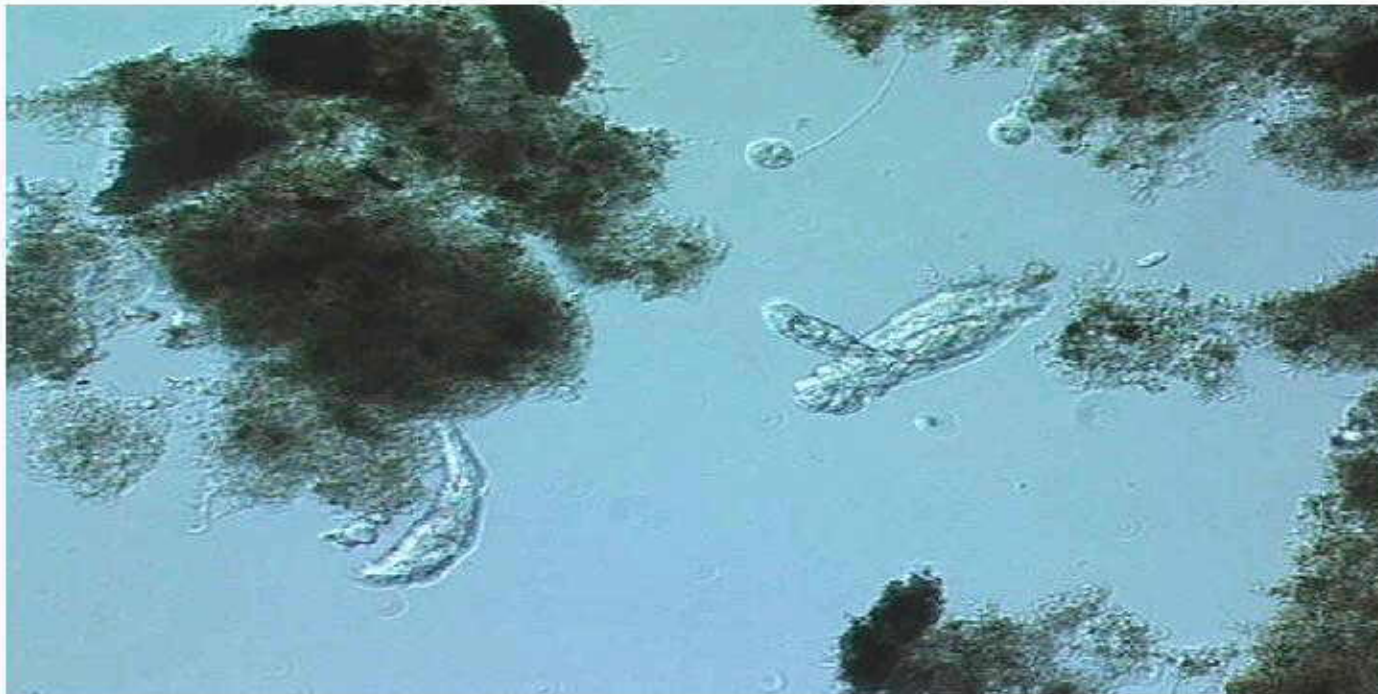
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## Minimum Biosludge Production = MBP Ciliates and Suctororia



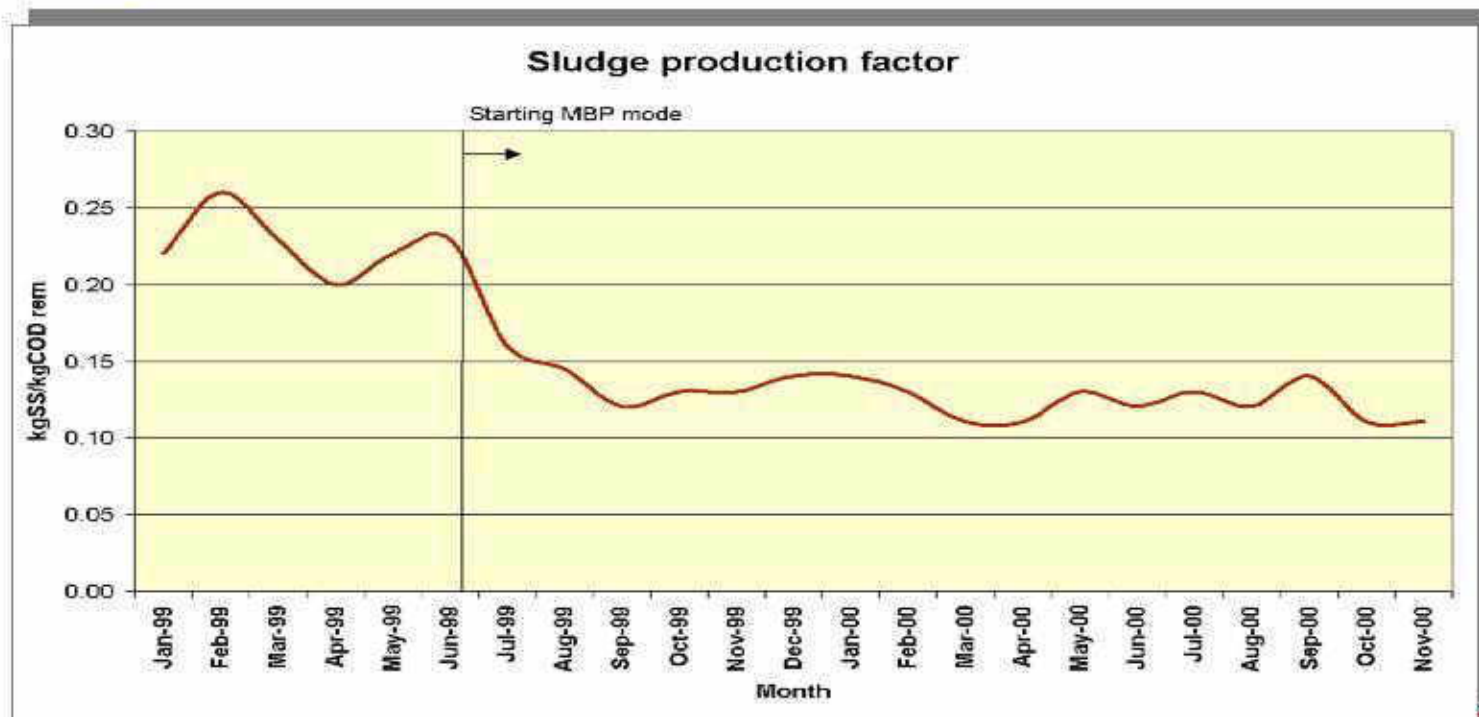
# Secondary Treatment

**Minimum Biosludge Production = MBP**  
**Rotifers**



# Secondary Treatment

## Minimum Biosludge Production = MBP Sludge Production Factor



# Secondary Treatment

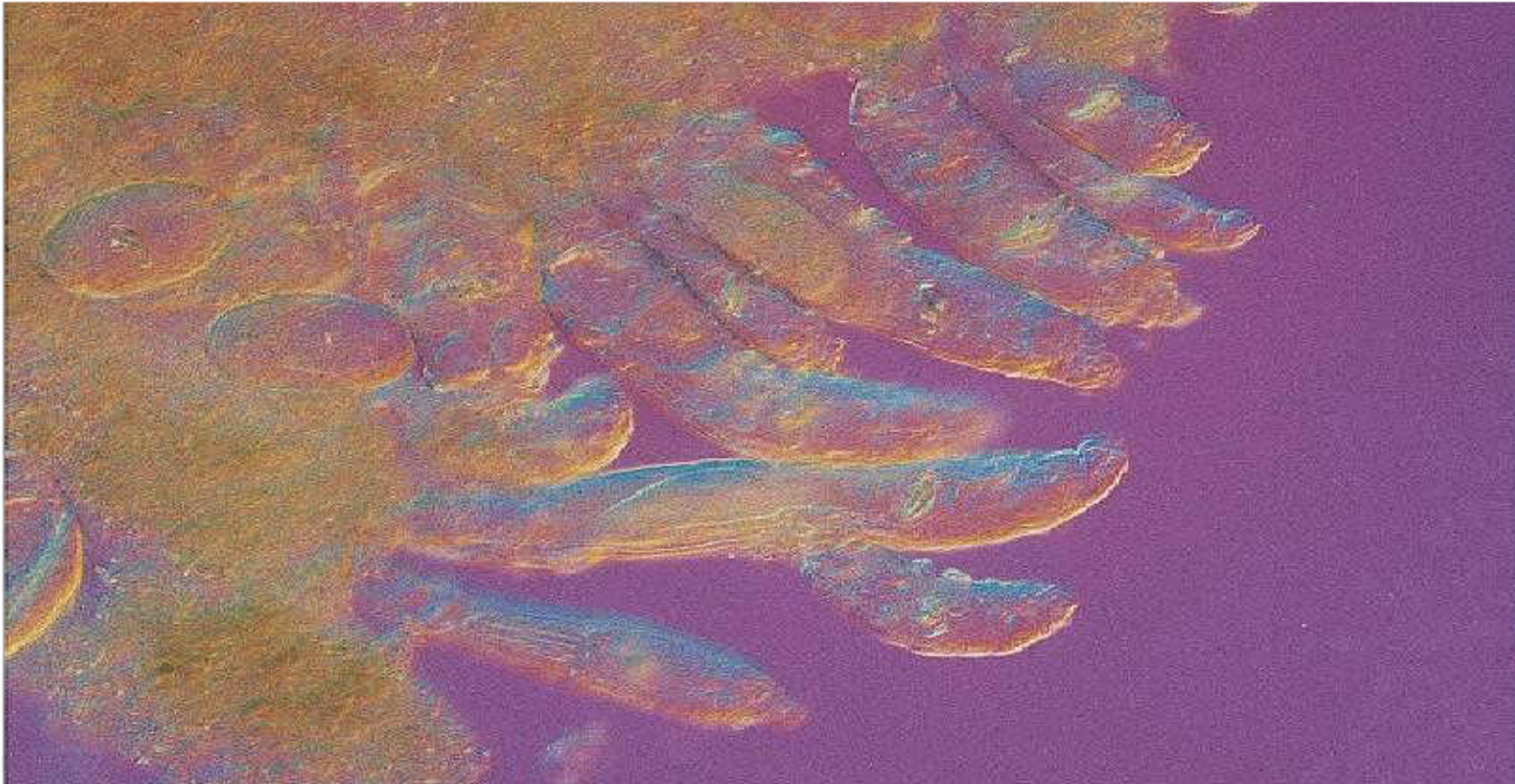
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### Benefits of MBP

- 30-50 % lower sludge yield
- good settleability /excellent effluent quality
- stable operation in fluctuating loading conditions
- less chemicals in sludge dewatering
- higher dry solids in sludge dewatering

# Secondary Treatment

## MBBR (= Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor) Process



# Secondary Treatment

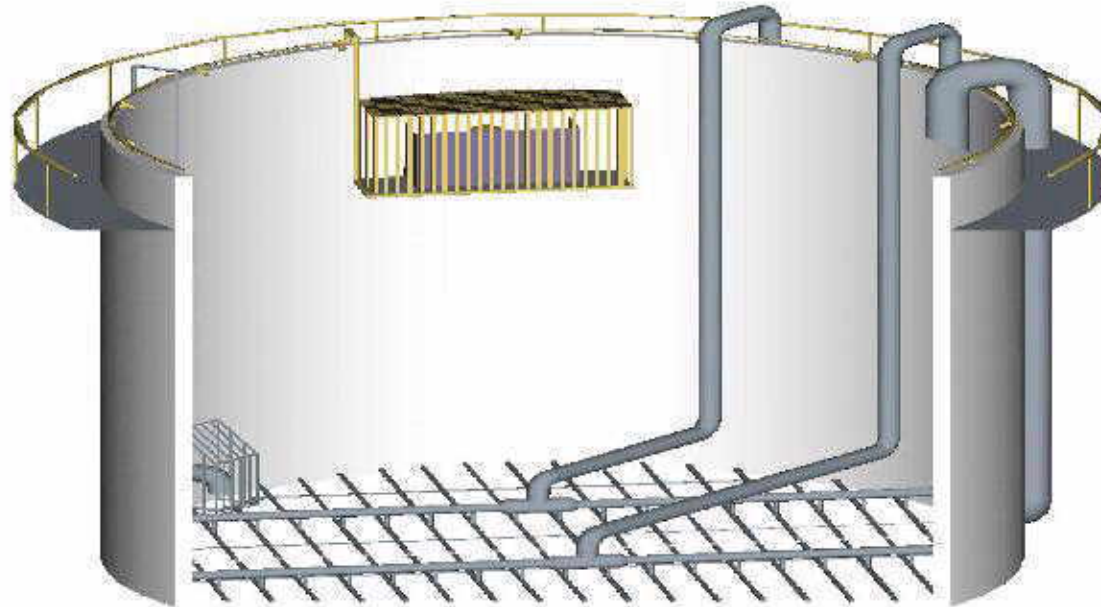
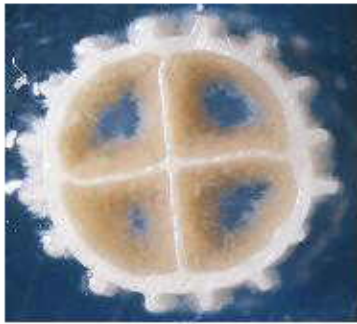
## MBBR (= Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor) Process

- The process is based on the **biofilm principle** and the core of the process is the **biofilm carrier** elements made from polyethylene or polypropylene with a density close to that of water.
- The carriers are designed to provide a **large protected surface** for the bacteria culture.
- The reactors are filled up to 67% of their volume with these carrier elements.
- The biofilm carrier elements are **kept suspended** in the water by air from the diffusers in the aerobic reactors and by means of a mixer in the anoxic reactors.



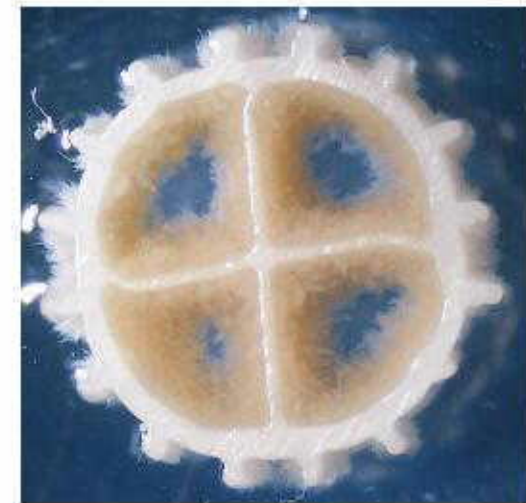
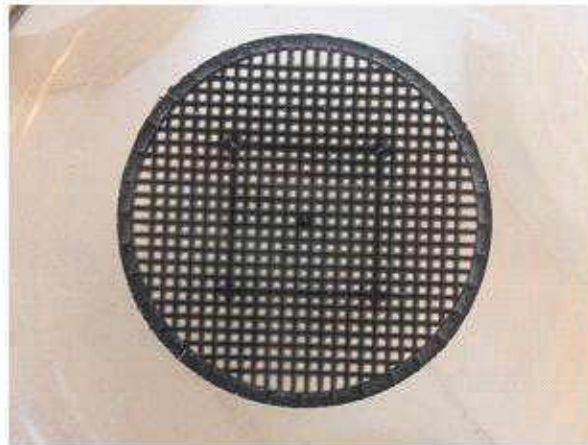
# Secondary Treatment

## MBBR Process; Moving Bed™ Biofilm Reactor



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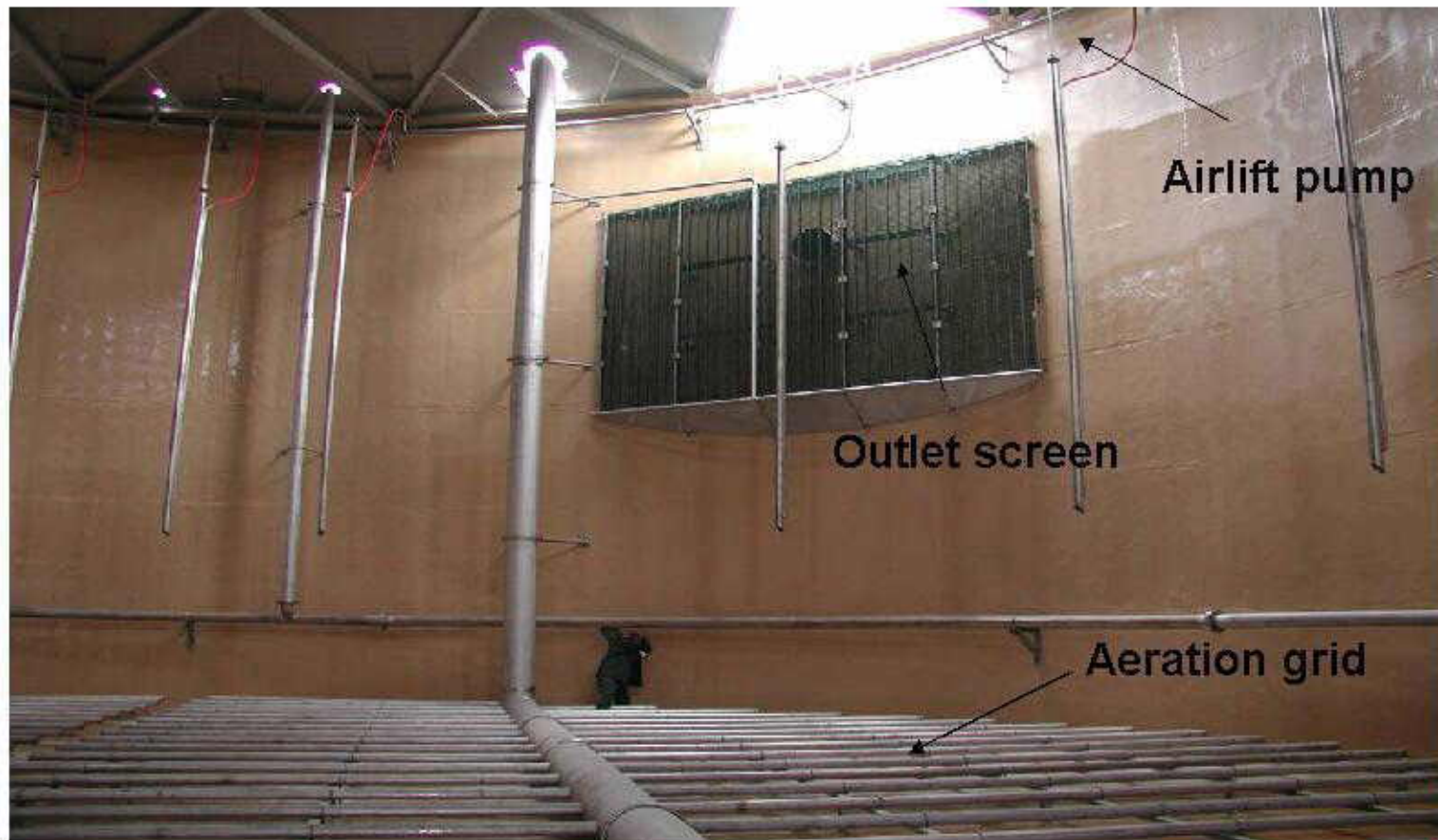
## MBBR (= Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor) Process, Different Carriers





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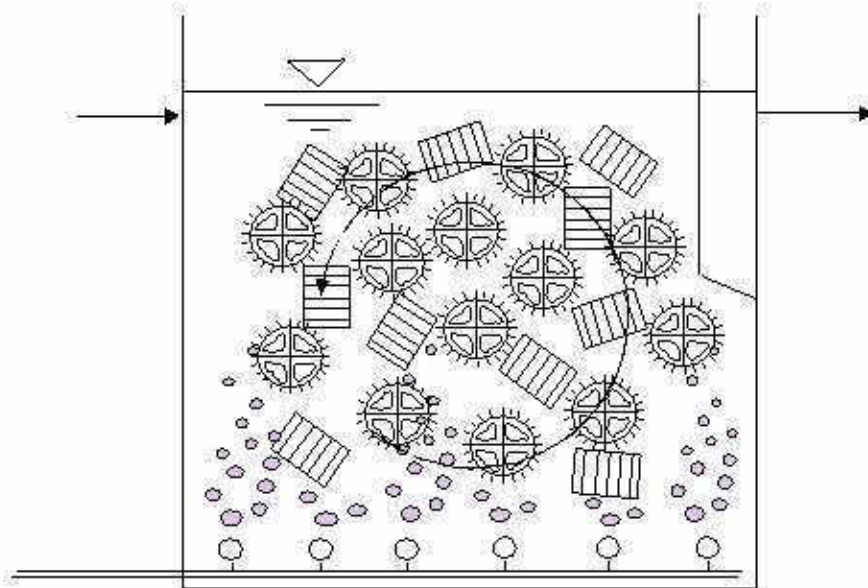
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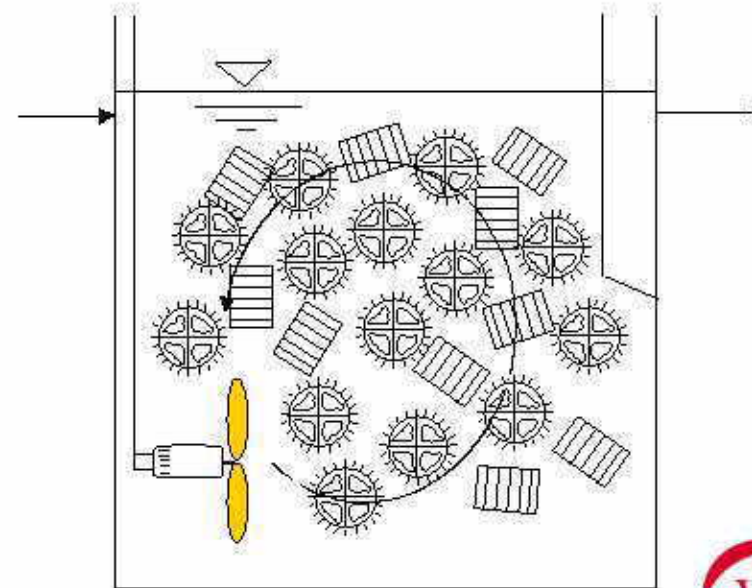
# Secondary Treatment

## MBBR (= Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor) Process, Mixing in Reactors

Aerobic reactor



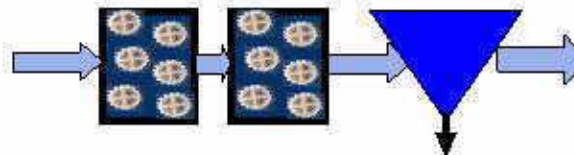
Anoxic reactor



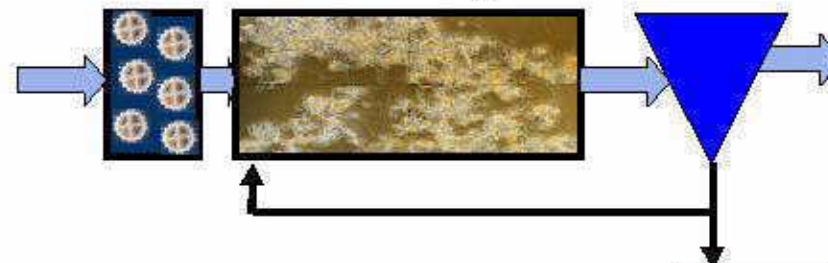
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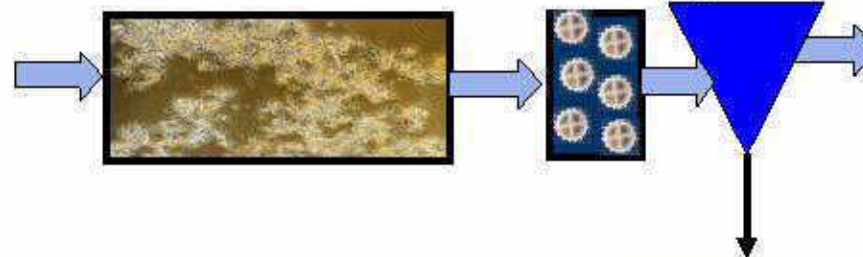
MBBR as sole biotreatment



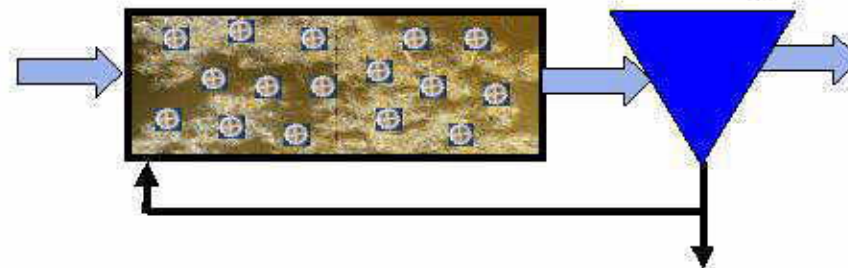
MBBR as pre-treatment (roughing, BAS)



MBBR as post-treatment (polishing)

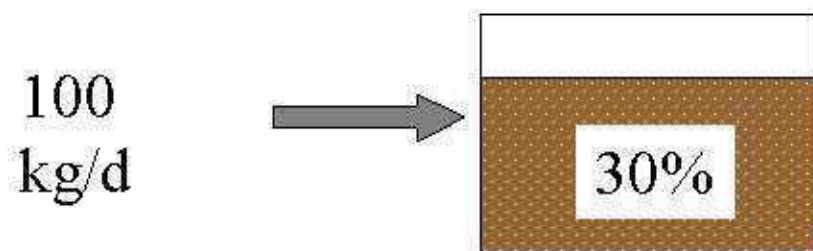


MBBR in activated sludge (HYBAS/IFAS)

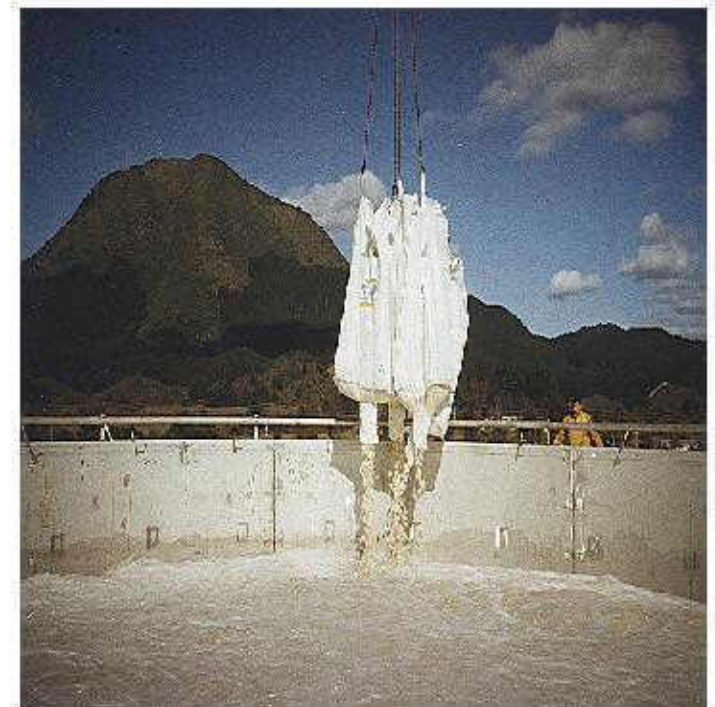
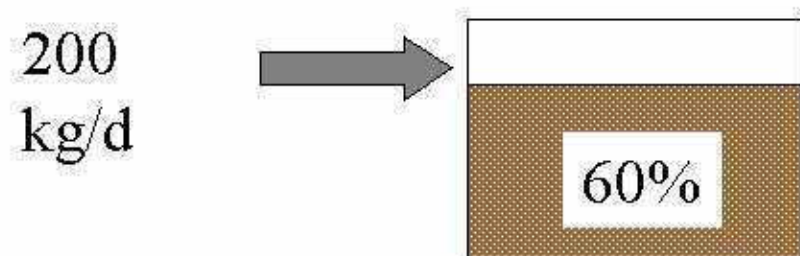


# Secondary Treatment

## MBBR (= Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor) Process, Future Expansion



Increase filling degree by adding more  
biomedia



# Tertiary Treatment

## Needs of Tertiary Treatment

- environmental requirements for:
- Phosphorous
- COD
- AOX
- Colour
- High(SS)
- (BOD)
- (Nitrogen)

# Tertiary Treatment

## Needs of Tertiary Treatment

- Renovation of old (lagoon based) biological processes
- Much lower investment costs, than completely new biological process
- Polishing process for difficult or filamentous sensitive effluents
- After high loaded processes

**WELL DESIGNED TERTIARY TREATMENT GIVES  
SAFETY FOR TOTAL TREATMENT PROCESS**

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## Processes

- **Chemical coagulation and/or flocculation**
  
- **Filtration**
  - **Sand filtration**
  - **Microfiltration**
  - **Membrane processes**

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## Chemical Coagulation and Flocculation

### Coagulation chemicals used:

- Aluminium sulphate/AVR, optimum pH 5-5,5
- Polyaluminiumchloride, PAC, optimum pH 5-5,5
- Ferric sulphate, optimum pH 4-5
- Ferrous sulphate + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> = Fenton or Fennotriox
- Optimum pH 3-3,5
- Organic coagulants
- Lime



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## Chemical Coagulation and Flocculation

**Flocculation chemicals used:**

- **Polyacrylamides = Polymers**
- **(Bentonite)**

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## Chemical Coagulation and Flocculation

Alternative separation processes:

### ■ Flotation

- Very reliable process for P&P effluents

### ■ Sedimentation

### ■ Filtration

- Can be alternative only for low COD effluents
- Not suitable for filamentous bulking problems

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## Filtration Process

- Possibility to very low SS content (P,N)
- Only for low SS content effluents
- Sand filtration, microfilters
  - No reduction of dissolved substances without
  - chemicals
- Membrane processes
  - + selective treatment based on molecular size
  - high investment and operating costs
  - reject disposal
  - fouling

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# Project Cases

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## P.T. Riau Andalan Pulp & Paper Sumatra, Indonesia



**Kraft pulp mill: 330 000 m<sup>3</sup>/d flow**

# Project Cases

## Stora Enso Port Hawkesbury Mill, Nova Scotia, Canada



# Project Cases

## Stora Enso Norrsundet Mill, Sweden; Modification of Aerated Lagoon to Advanced AST Plant

MBP selector process:

- chlorate removal
- selector plug flow
- SVI 60...70 mg/l
- Sludge yield < 0.14 kg/kg COD

All targets of the mill were met.

- excellent treatment results
- excellent availability



# Project Cases

## Celulosa Arauco y Constitución S.A. Valdivia Mills, Chile

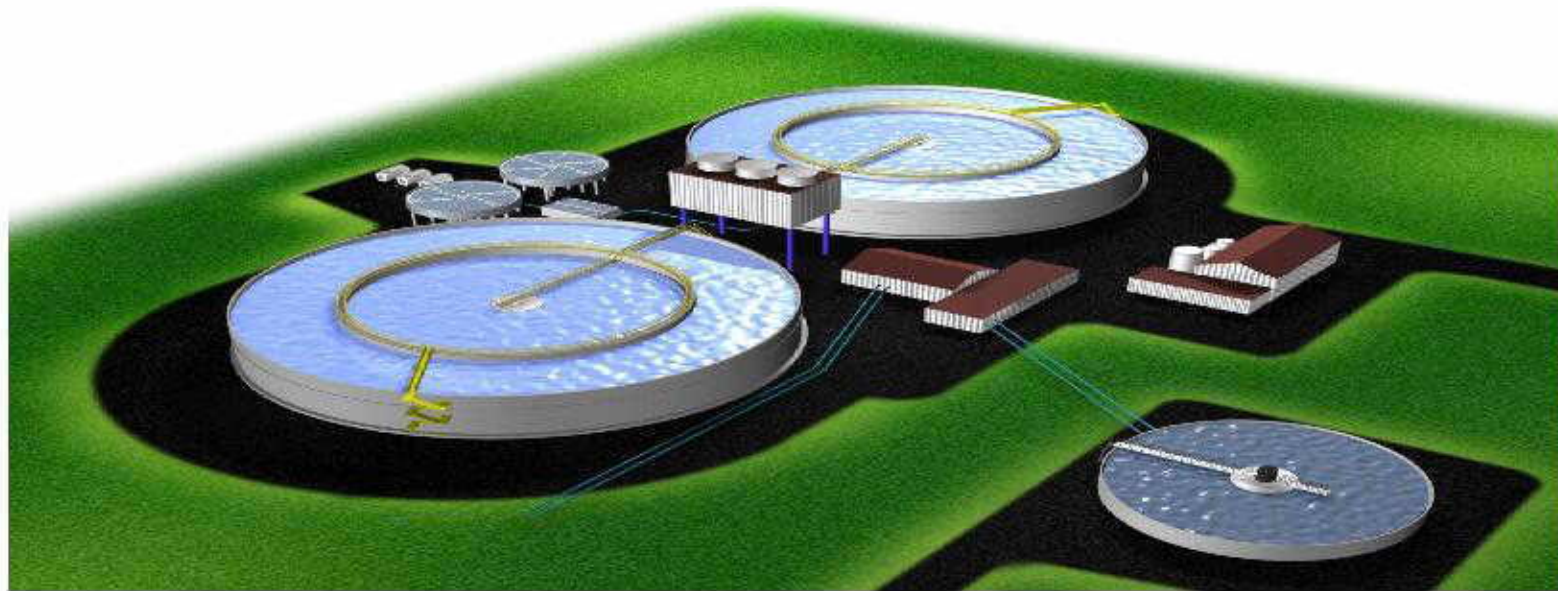
- **MBP Selector Process**
- **Enhanced chlorate removal**
- **Selector plug flow**
- **Tertiary treatment**





# Project Cases

**Celulosa Arauco y Constitución S.A.**  
**Nueva Aldea Mills, Chile**



**Production: 555,000 t/a of pine and eucalyptus pulp**

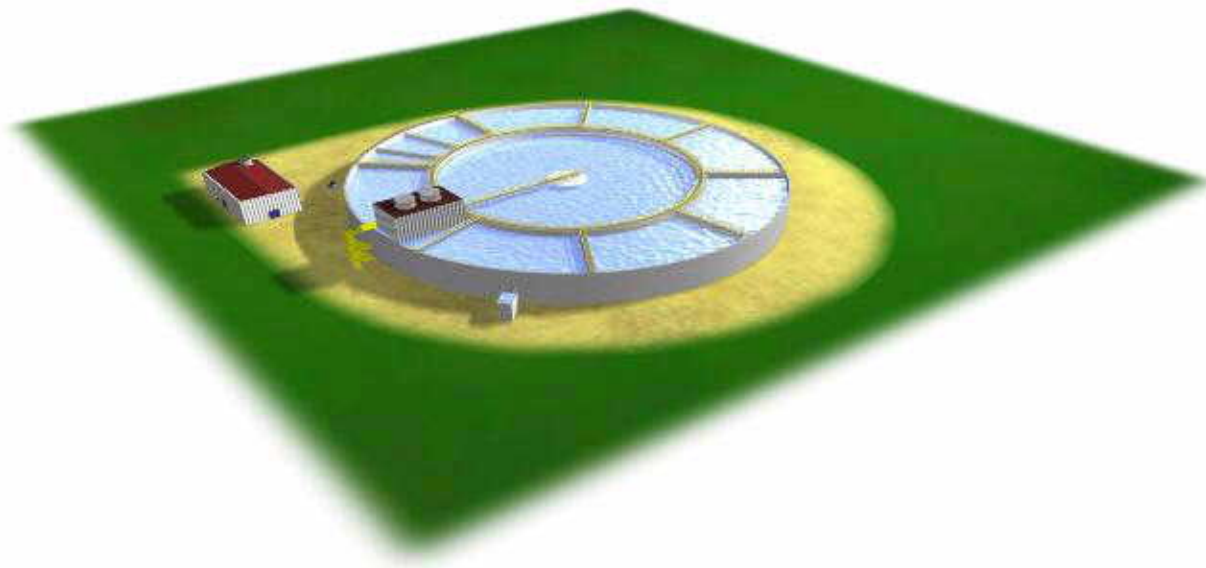


# Project Cases

## Mondi Ltd., Richards Bay Pulp Mill, South Africa

Minimization of Pollution of the Rebuild Mill Based on BAT Treatment

- Aquaflow MBP selector process



# Project Cases

## Kappa Kraftliner, Piteå, Sweden



**Production: 700,000 t/a of paper and paperboard  
500,000 t/a of pulp (kraft linerboard)**



# Project Cases

## Stora Enso Celbi Pulp Mill, Portugal



**Production: 295,000 Adt/a ECF bleached eucalyptus market kraft pulp**



# Project Cases

## Two-Stage MBBR at Bäckhammar Kraft Mill, Sweden



# Project Cases

## Biofilm - Activated Sludge treatment (BAS)



# Project Cases

## Stora Enso Varkaus Mills, Finland



**Aquaflow's AF-Float tertiary flotation plant treating 60 000 m<sup>3</sup>/d biologically treated effluent**

# Project Cases

## M-real Lielahiti Mills, Finland



**AF-Float 9.5 x 1.3 tertiary treatment DAF, final protection against sludge bulking problems**

- Chemical COD and P removal