

# NIPPON PAPER RO SYSTEM + 2 Others

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Purpose: Review the design, function, layout, and operation of the RO system.

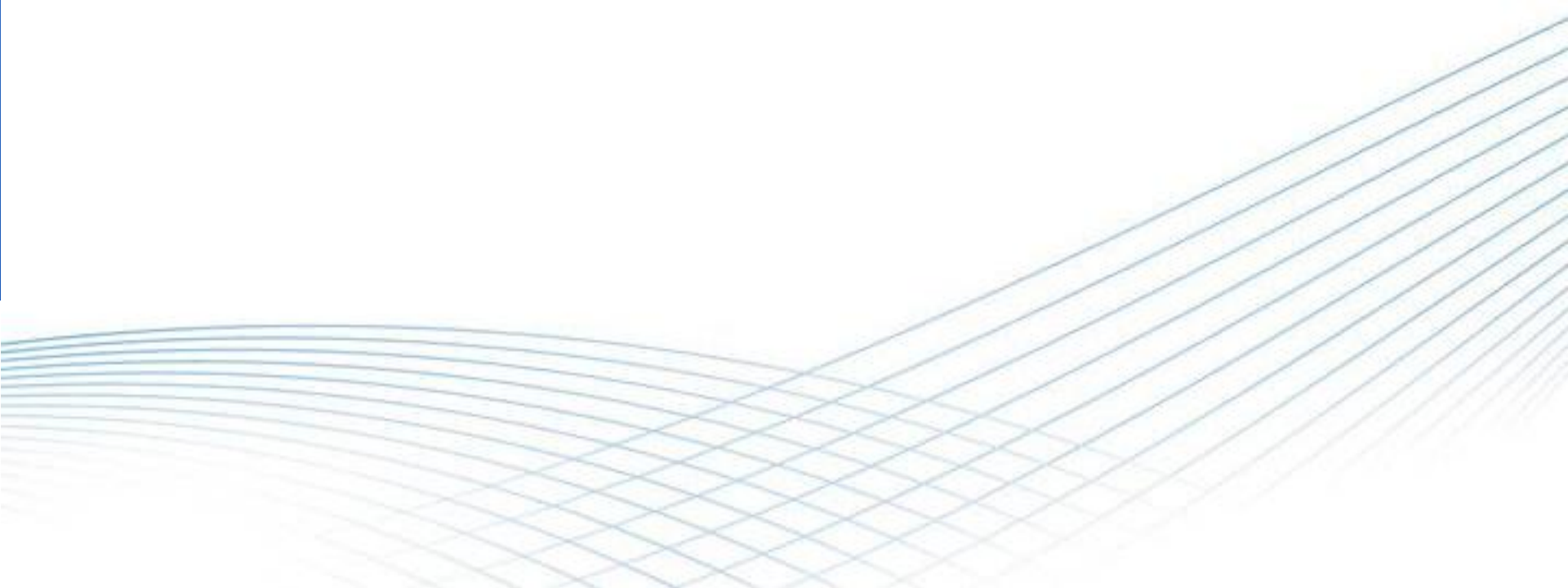
Process: 30-40 minute presentation.

Payoff: Gain a better understanding of the RO system

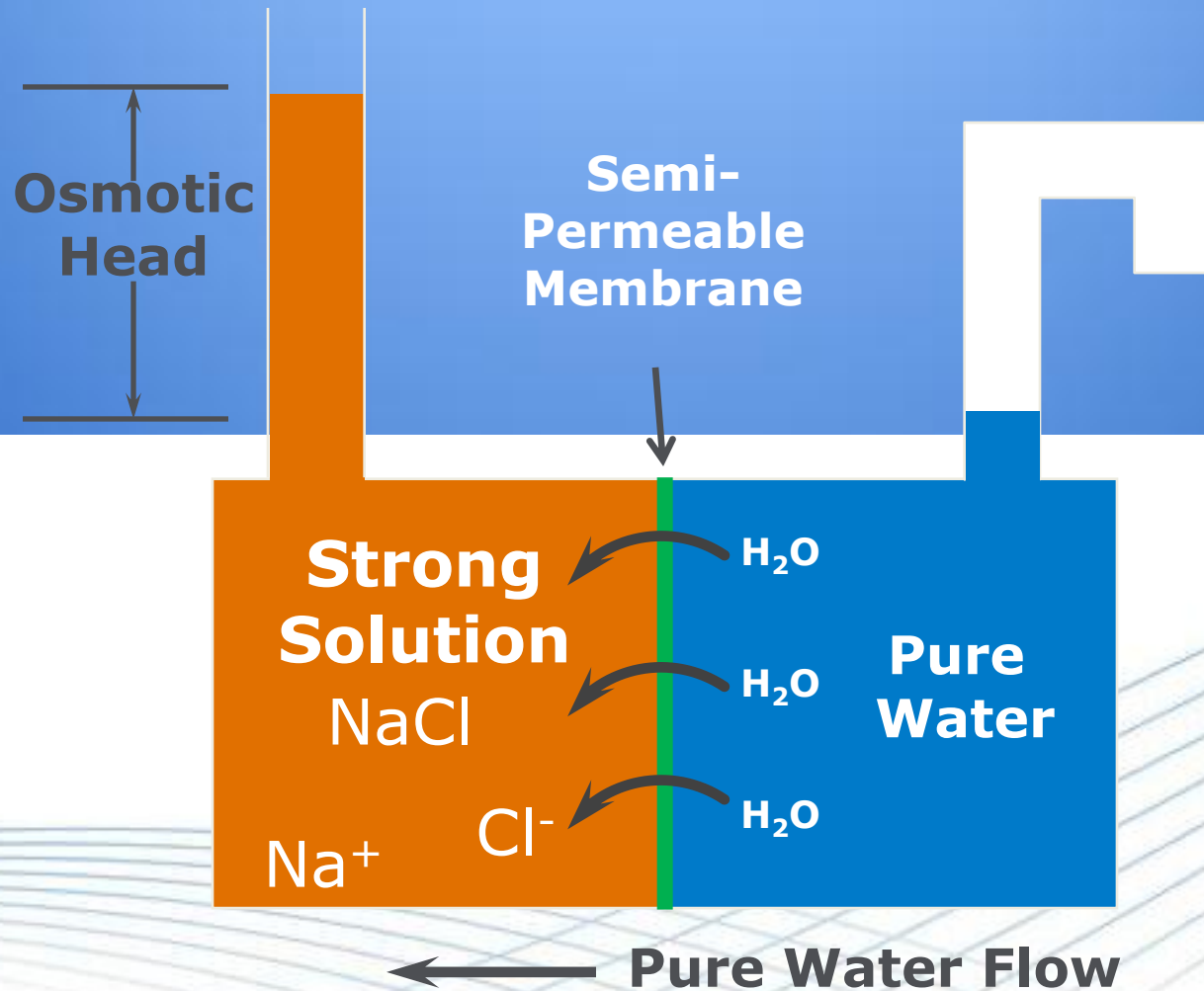
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# But First, What is RO?

RO: Reverse Osmosis



# Osmosis

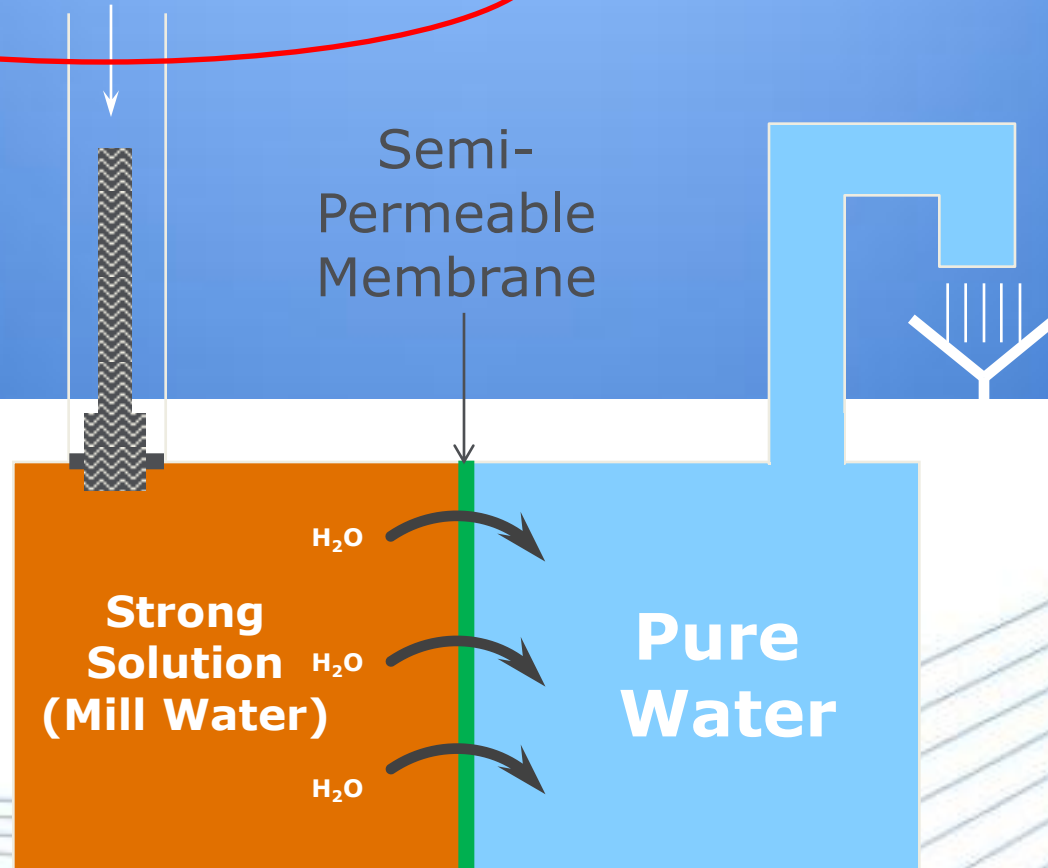


# REVERSE OSMOSIS

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**Applied Pressure,  $P_F > \text{Osmotic Pressure, } P_O$**

What is  
our  
applied  
pressure?



**Pure Water Flow** →

# WHY RO at Nippon?

Old Boiler: 225 PSIG  
Zeolite Softened Water  
No Turbine  
Paper Mill Steam Use

Cogen Boiler: 900 PSIG  
20 MW Turbine  
Steam Extraction + Condensing



## ASME TABLE: SUGGESTED WATER CHEMISTRY LIMITS

**Boiler type:** Industrial watertube, high duty, primary fuel fired, drum type

**Makeup water percentage:** Up to 100% of feedwater

**Conditions:** Includes superheater, turbine drives, or process restriction on steam purity

**Saturated steam purity target:** See tabulated values below

Drum Operating Pressure (1) (11)	psig (MPa)	0-300 (0-2.07)	301-450 (2.08-3.10)	541-600 (3.11-4.14)	601-750 (4.15-5.17)	751-900 (5.18-6.21)	901-1000 (6.22-6.89)	1001-1500 (6.90-10.34)	1501-2000 (10.35-13.79)
<b>Feedwater (7)</b>									
Dissolved oxygen ppm (mg/l) O <sub>2</sub> — measured before chemical oxygen scavenger addition (8)		<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007
Total iron ppm (mg/l) Fe		≤0.1	≤0.05	≤0.03	≤0.025	≤0.02	≤0.02	≤0.01	≤0.01
Total copper ppm (mg/l) Cu		≤0.05	≤0.025	≤0.02	≤0.02	≤0.015	≤0.01	≤0.01	≤0.01
Total hardness ppm (mg/l) CaCO <sub>3</sub>		≤0.3	≤0.3	≤0.2	≤0.2	≤0.1	≤0.05	ND	ND
pH range @ 25°C		8.3-10	8.3-10	8.3-10	8.3-10	8.3-10	8.8-9.6	8.8-9.6	8.8-9.6
Chemicals for preboiler system protection		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	VAM	VAM	VAM
Nonvolatile TOC ppm (mg/l) C (6)		<1	<1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
Oily matter ppm (mg/l)		<1	<1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2
<b>Boiler Water</b>									
Silica ppm (mg/l) SiO <sub>2</sub>		≤150	≤90	≤40	≤30	≤20	≤8	≤2	≤1
Total alkalinity ppm (mg/l) CaCO <sub>3</sub>		<700 (3)	<600 (3)	<500 (3)	<200 (3)	<150 (3)	<100 (3)	NS (4)	NS (4)
Free hydroxide ppm (mg/l) CaCO <sub>3</sub> (2)		NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	ND (4)	ND (4)
Unneutralized conductivity μmhos/cm (μS/cm) 25°C (12)		5400-1100(5)	4600-900(5)	3800-800(5)	1500-300(5)	1200-200(5)	1000-200(5)	≤150	≤80
<b>Total Dissolved Solids in Steam (9)</b>									
TDS (maximum) ppm (mg/l)		1.0-0.2	1.0-0.2	1.0-0.2	0.5-0.1	0.5-0.1	0.5-0.1	0.1	0.1

NS = Not specified

ND = Not detectable

VAM = Use only volatile alkaline materials upstream of attemperation water source (10)

# Why An RO and Not a DEMIN

## DEMINS:

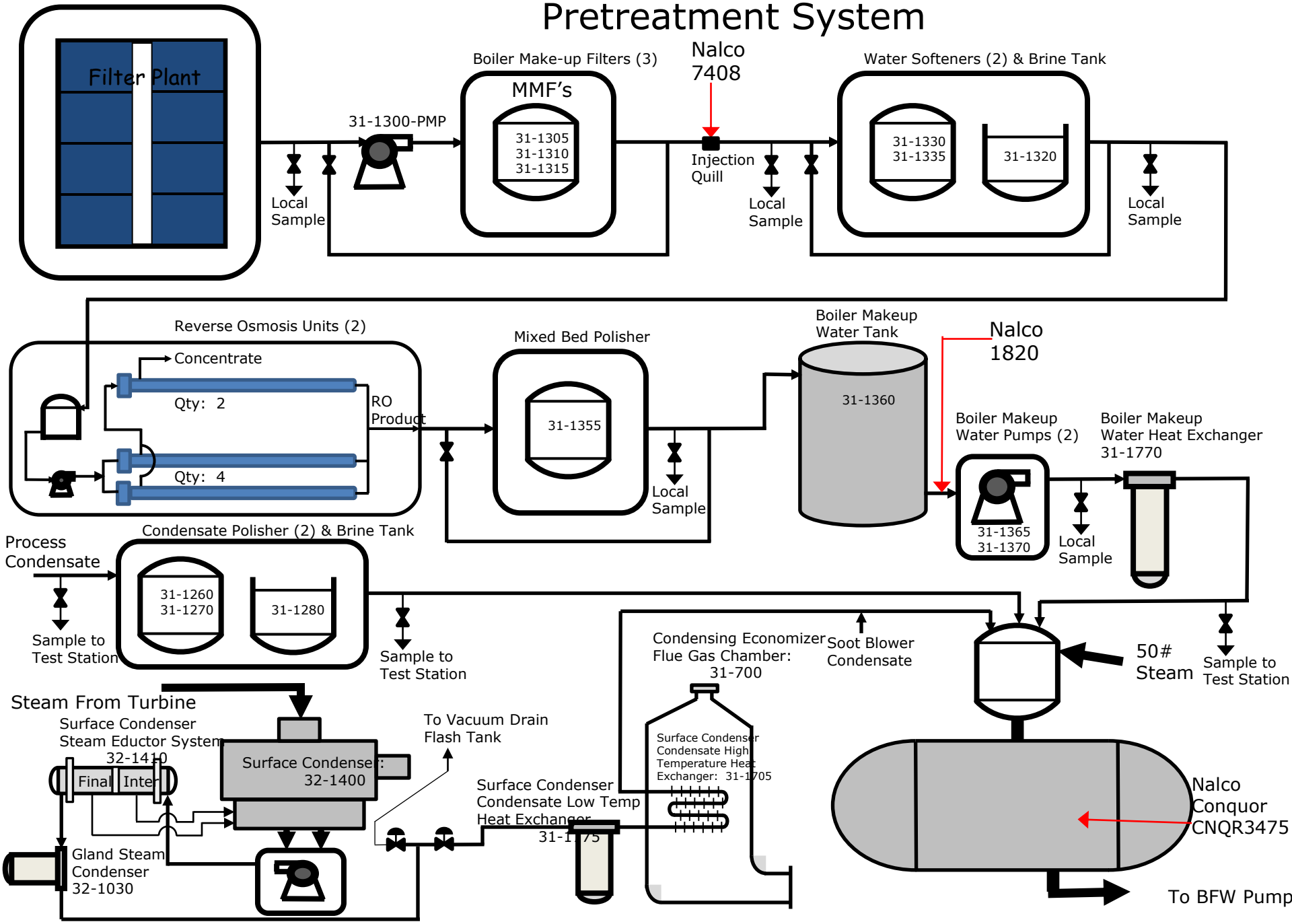
- ACID and CAUSTIC Regen. Safety Concern
- Potential for silica, hardness breakthrough
- Potential for acid excursions
- Wide Range of flow rates

## RO's:

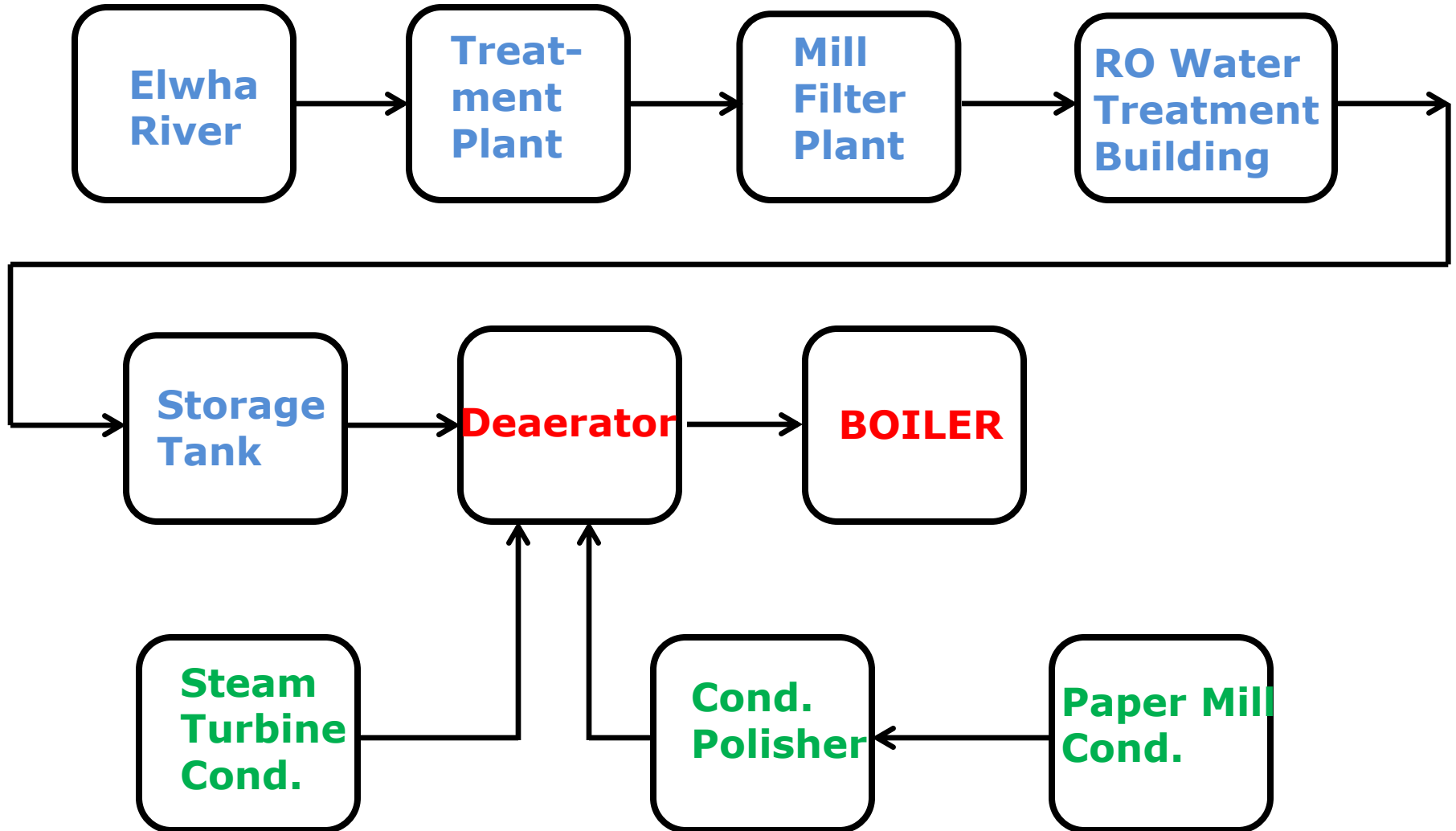
- ❖ Consistent Permeate Quality
- ❖ No acid or caustic regen system



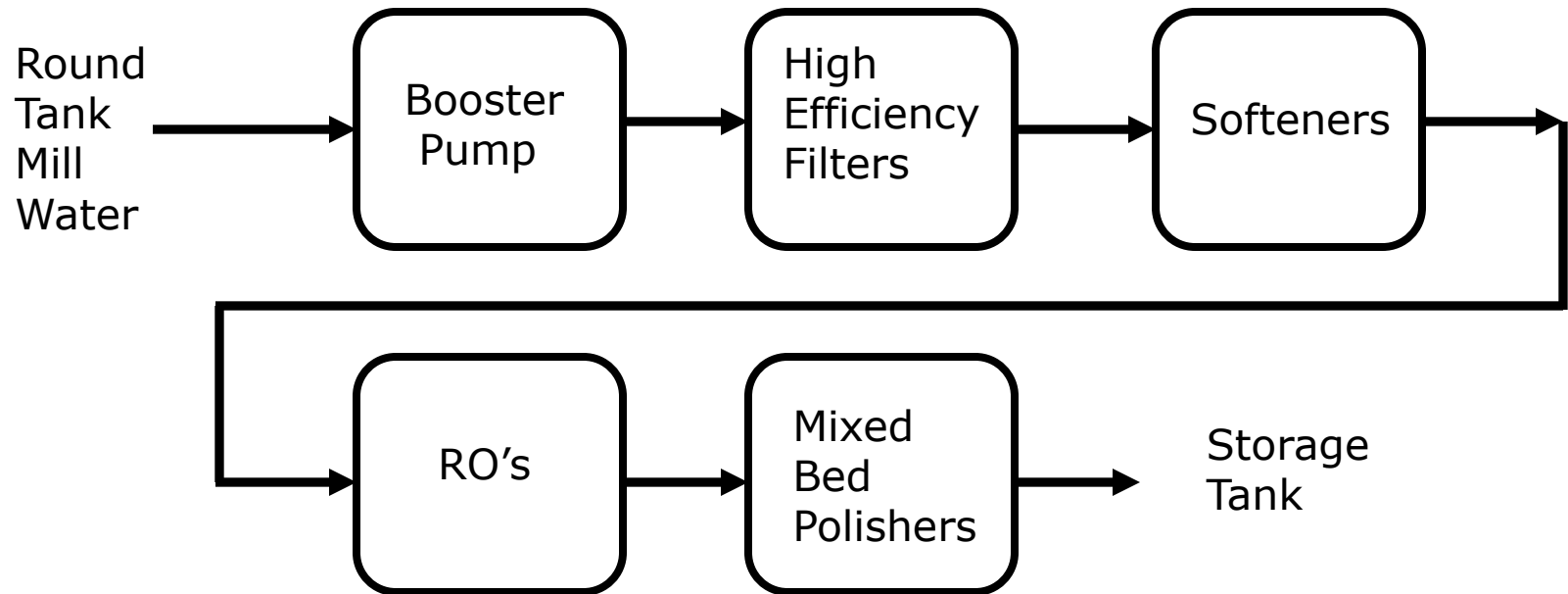
# Nippon Paper Cogen Boiler Pretreatment System



# Basic Block Diagram of Water Flow



# Basic Block Diagram of RO TREATMENT BUILDING



# Booster Pump

- Mill water pressure variations
- Too low, RO kick out.
- Protect high pressure pump.



# High Efficiency Filters





# High Efficiency Filters

## Purpose:

- Remove un-dissolved solids
- Particles larger than 0.5 microns

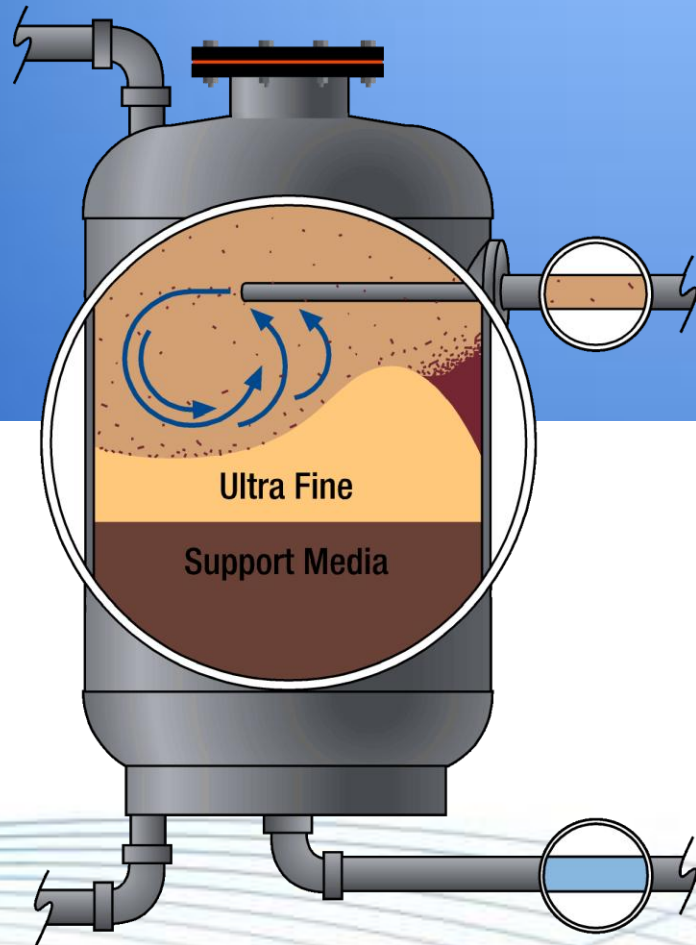
## Process:

Pass water through a high efficiency filter

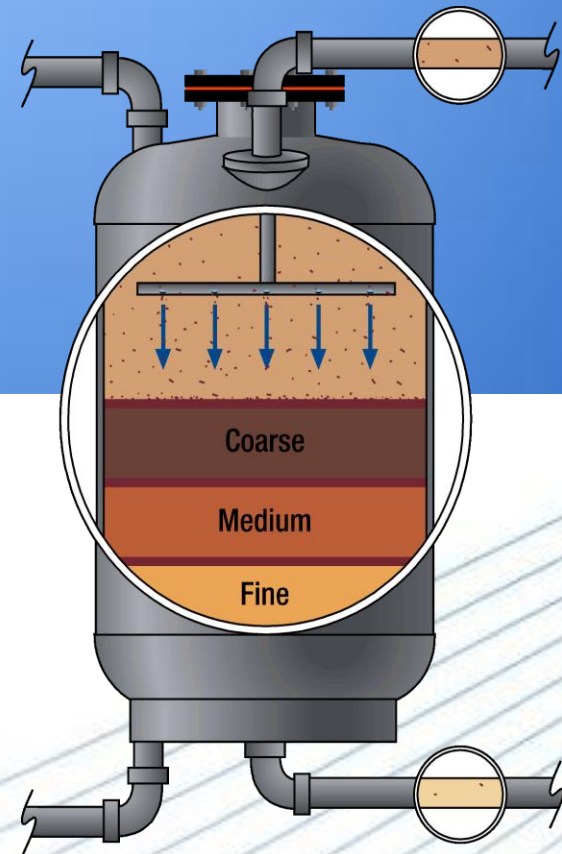
## Payoff:

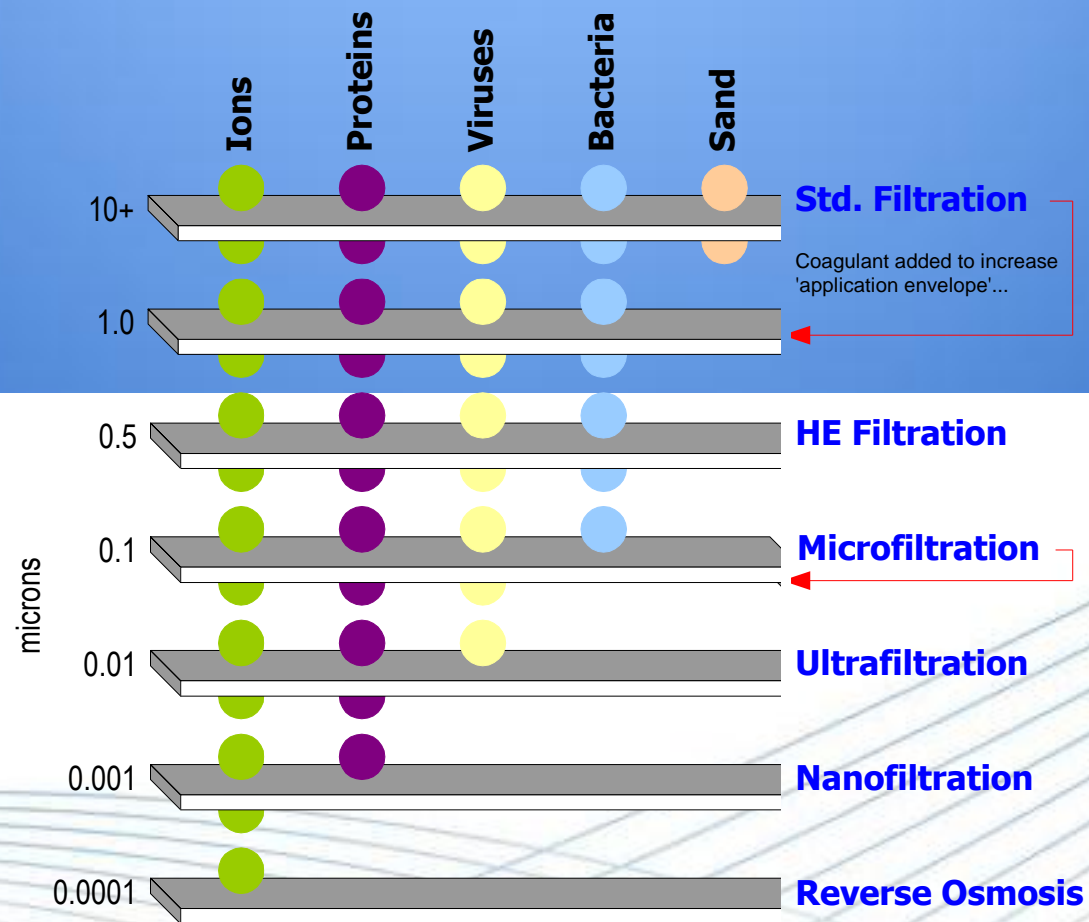
- Produce water of SDI less than 5
- Minimize RO Fouling

## UltraSand Plus High Efficiency Filter



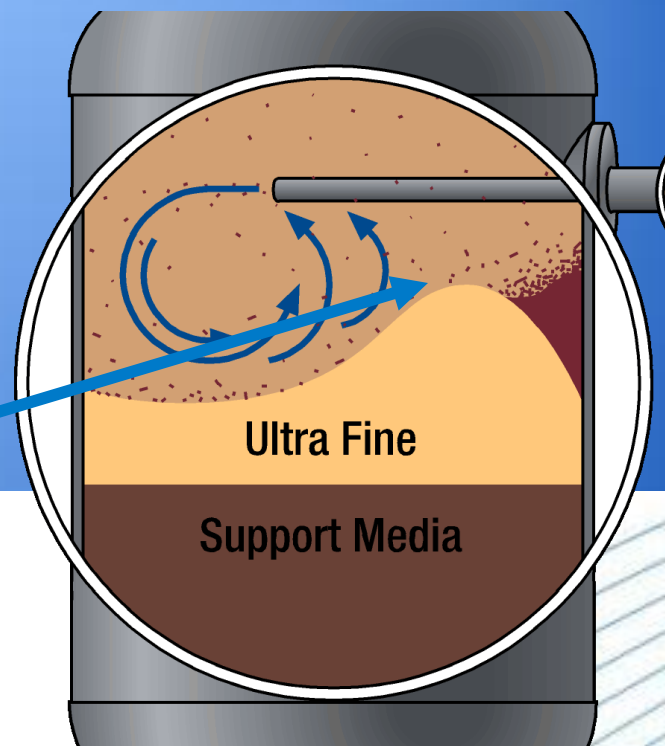
## Standard Multi-Media Filter





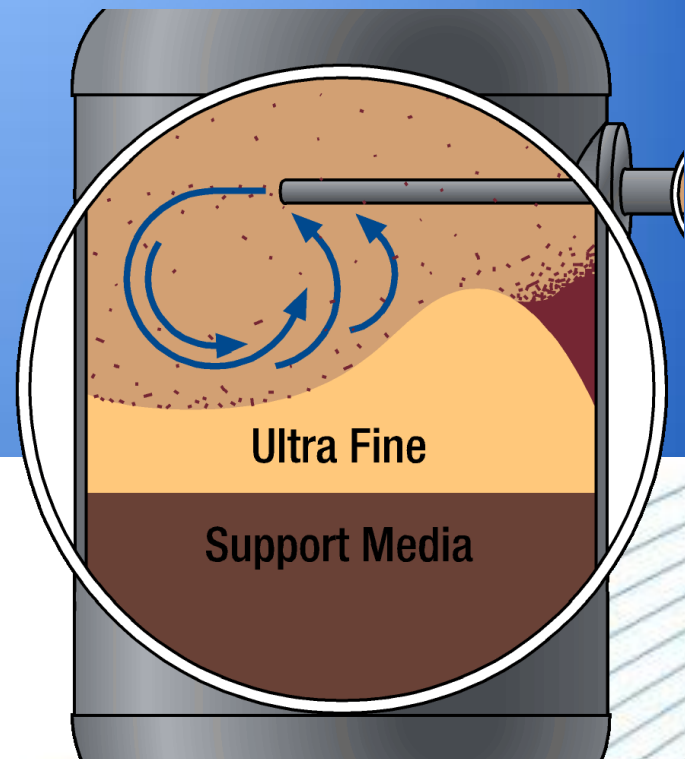
## Top Over Bottom (TOB):

- ▲ Feed water enters and creates an area of turbulence over the bed and a tangential force that scrubs particles off the bed surface.
- ▲ The tangential force carries particles back toward the filter inlet. At the same time, this tangential force also pushes sand towards the filter inlet, creating a "camel hump."
- ▲ Behind this "hump" is an area of low turbulence that allows for deposition of particles that have been scrubbed off of the sand.
- ▲ This low-turbulence area keeps filling with particles until spilling over the "hump" into the high-turbulence area of the filter.



## Top Over Bottom (TOB):

- ▲ As particles begin to collect on the turbulent-side of the “hump” adds to the particle loading of the influent water.
- ▲ When the loading of solids in the feed water exceeds the capacity of the water to hold them, the particles begin to drop out on the filter bed,
- ▲ This increases the differential pressure through the bed, signaling time to backwash the filter.
- ▲ Filters are backwashed when the differential pressure reaches 15 psig.





This is all great,  
but the mill has a filter plant  
Why does it need a High Efficiency Filter

# SDI

## SILT DENSITY INDEX

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# SDI Tester

Pressure Gauge

Filter Holder,  
0.45 micron, 47 mm



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SDI = 3.0

$T_i = 34 \text{ sec}$

$T_f = 62 \text{ sec}$

$T = 15 \text{ min.}$



# Silt Density Index

- Measures Fouling potential of RO membranes with suspended solids.
- Higher the number, the greater the potential.
- Most membrane manufactures require an SDI below 5 for warranty.

$$SDI = \frac{1 - (t_i/t_f) \times 100}{T}$$

Where:  $t_i$  = initial time to fill to 500 ml  
 $t_f$  = time after T to fill to 500 ml  
T = Time, usually 15 minutes.



# BASELINE DATA COLLECTION

From October 2010 to September 2012

SDI were ran 14 times.

Values ranged from 18 - 90

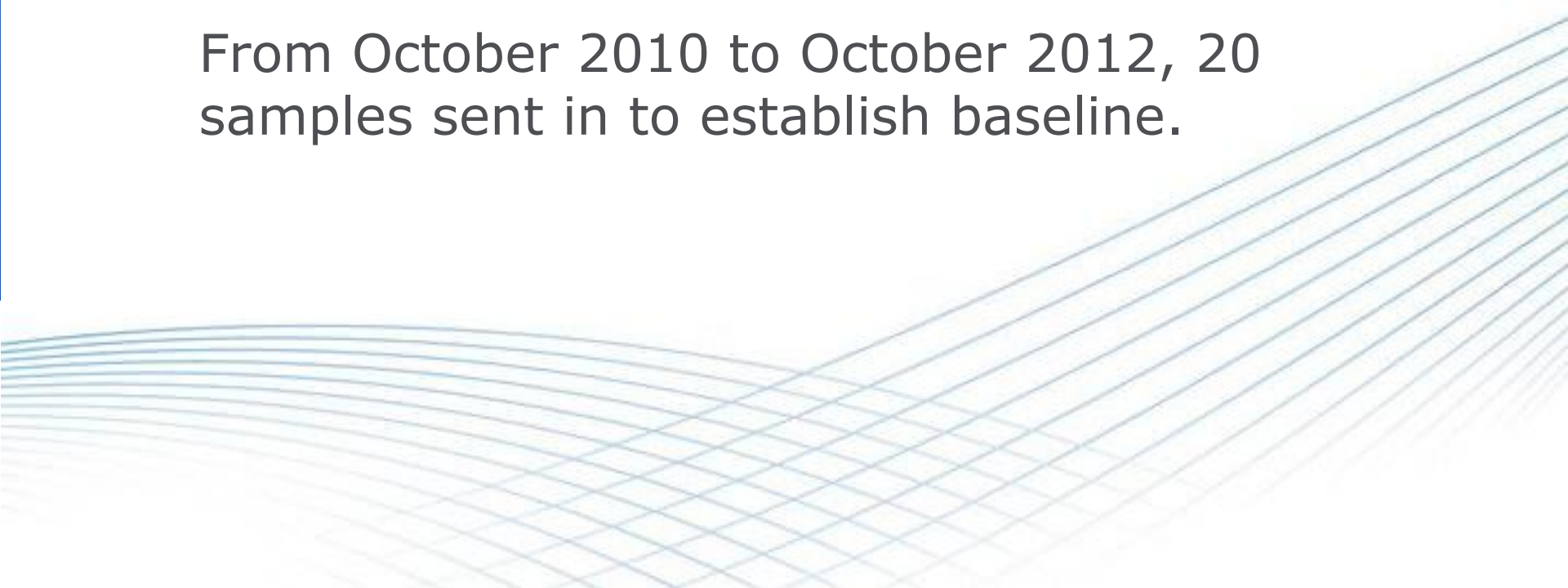
Far too high for an RO  
Need to a high efficiency filter

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# PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Sample sent to a lab, analyze for particle counts and volumes with proscribed micron ranges.

From October 2010 to October 2012, 20 samples sent in to establish baseline.

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**Final - Report Number:** 310696  
**NIPPON PAPER NA**  
 PORT ANGELES WA USA  
**Sold To:** 0001016201 **Ship To:**  
**Representative:** Gregory W Wyrick

**Sample Number** NW020897  
**Date Sampled** 19-Jan-2011 14:00  
**Date Received** 26-Jan-2011  
**Date Completed** 28-Jan-2011  
**Date Authorized** 28-Jan-2011

### Water Analysis

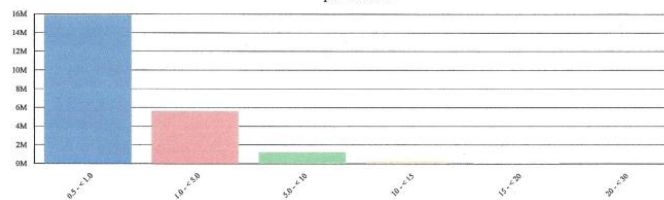
This sample was analyzed as received, the results being as follows:

**Sampling point:** Filtered Mill Water

### Particle Size Analysis

Micron Range	Particle Count			Particle Volume		
	per 100 ml	Range %	Cum %	mm3/100 L	Range %	Cum %
0.5 - < 1.0	15,925,398	69.5	69.5	2	0.6	0.6
1.0 - < 5.0	5,611,820	24.5	94.0	17	5.5	6.1
5.0 - < 10	1,223,849	5.3	99.3	138	44.7	50.8
10 - < 15	142,945	0.6	99.9	100	32.2	83.0
15 - < 20	19,399	0.1	100.0	42	13.4	96.4
20 - < 30	1,982	0.0	100.0	11	3.6	100.0
Total	22,925,393			309		

**Particle Count**  
per 100 ml



**Particle Volume**  
mm3/100 L



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# How Well Does the Filter Work

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Effluent: SDI = 3.1

Influent: SDI = 18







# PSD Data

Range, micron	Particle % removal	Volume % removal
0.5 - 1	70%	71%
1 – 5	98%	99%
5 – 10	99.7%	99.7
10 - 15	99%	99%
15 – 20	99%	99%
20 – 30	98%	99%
Total	n/a	99%

# Operations

- All 3 run at a time.
- Booster pump starts when there is a call for water, ie level is make-up water tank.
- Backwash based on differential pressure.
- Automatically backwash in sequence once differential pressure is reached.
- Takes 8 minutes per unit.

# Softeners

Purpose: Remove hardness.

Process: Pass water over cation resin.

Payoff: Protect RO from hardness based scale & no need to add an anti-scalant.



# Operations

- 2 units: one in service; one standby
- Scavenge Chlorine out
- Run to a gallons throughput
- Auto switch
- Auto regenerate.
- Operators keep brine tank full of salt



# RO



### 3 Basic Components

1. Prefilter - Red
2. Pump - Yellow
3. RO Membranes - Blue



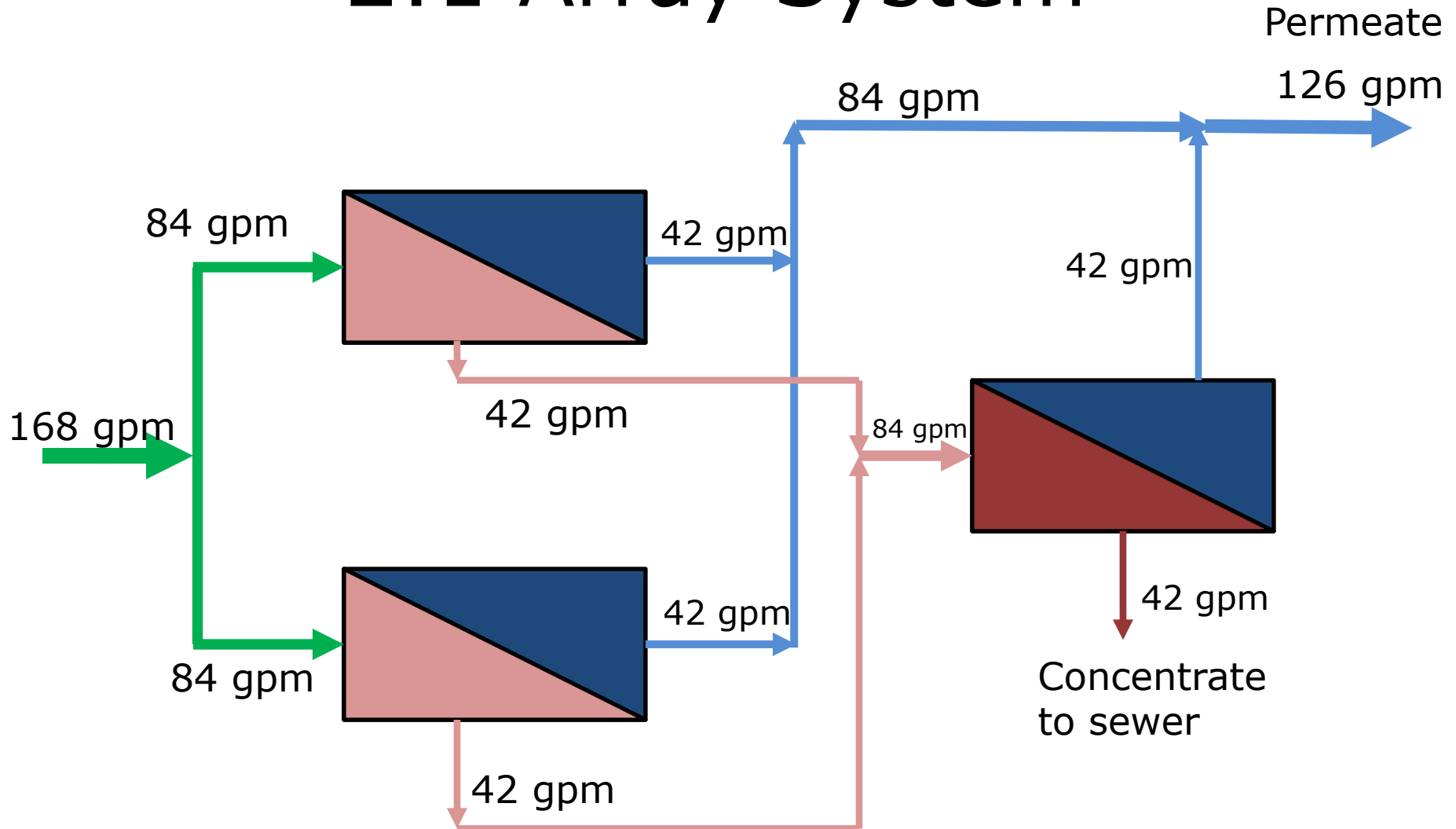


**Purpose:** Remove dissolved ions and colloidal silica from water to condition water for use as boiler feed water.

**Process:** Water is passed through a semi-permeable membrane.

**Payoff:** Water is almost good enough for economical use as BFW. Last step is to pass through a mixed bed polisher.

# 2:1 Array System

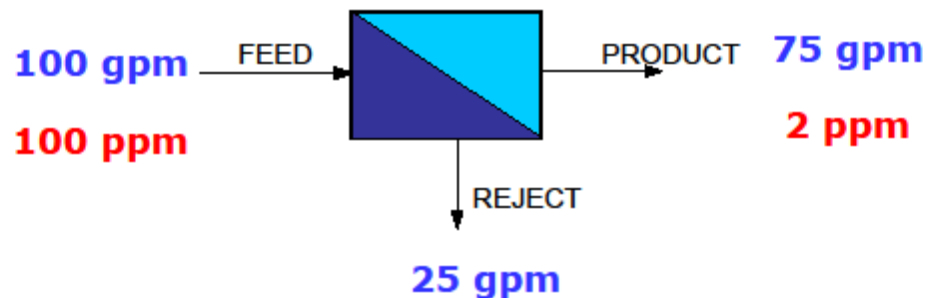


75% Recovery  
25% Rejection

# REVERSE OSMOSIS

**75% RECOVERY**

**98% REJECTION = 2% PASSAGE**



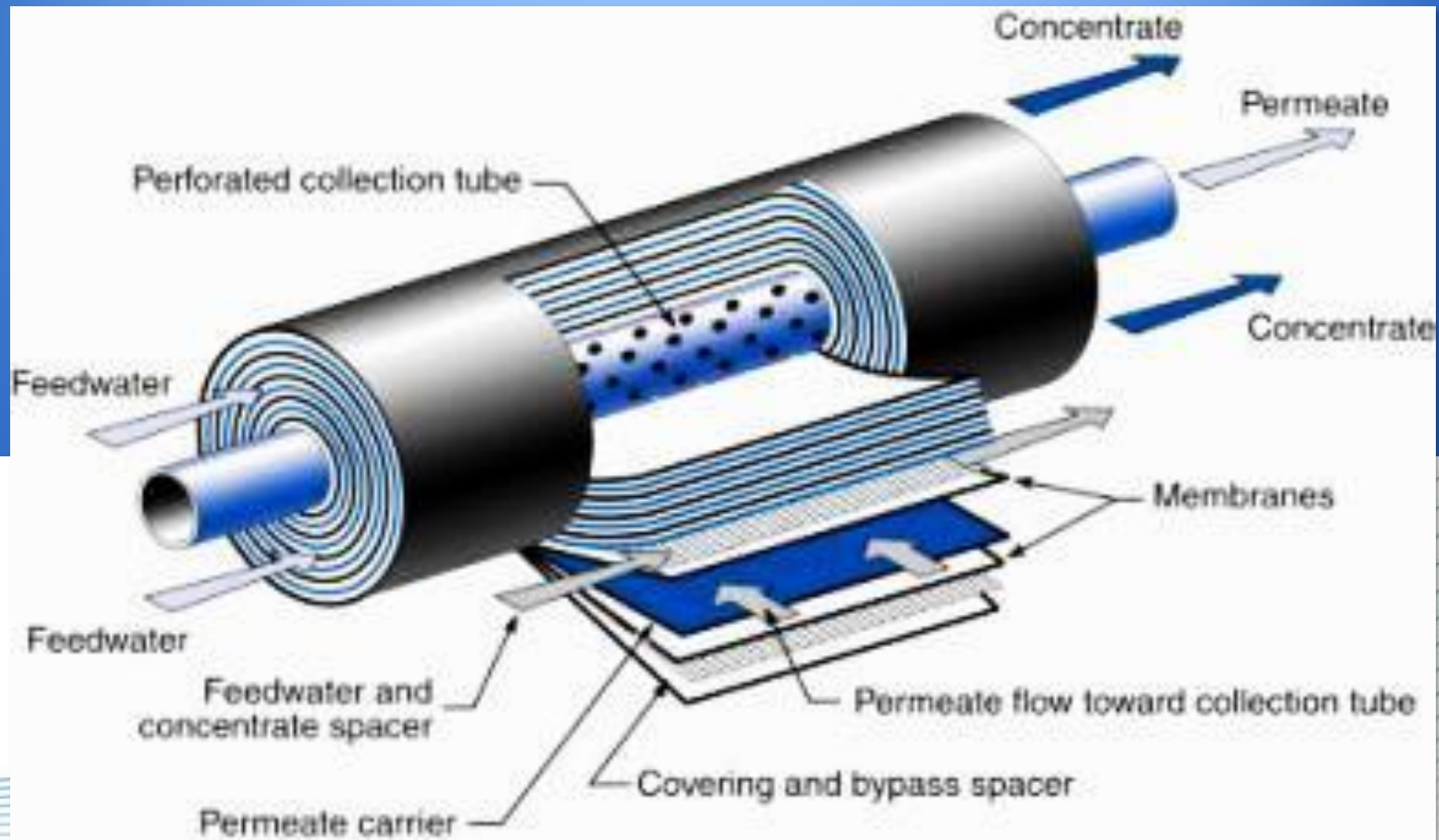
$$= 4 \times 100 \text{ ppm} = 400 \text{ ppm}$$

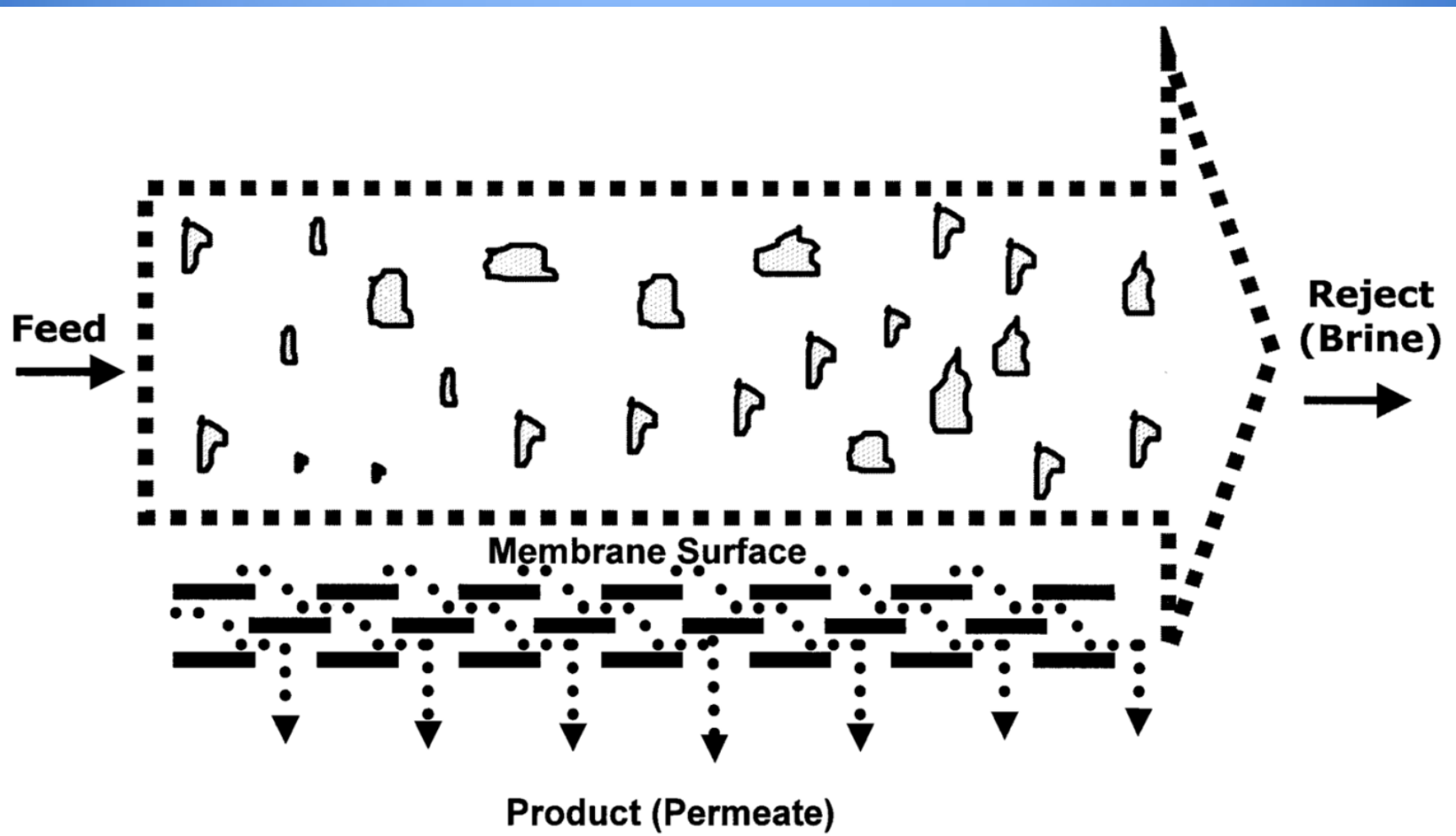
**CONCENTRATION FACTOR: FEED gpm/ REJECT gpm**

$$= 100 / 25 = 4$$

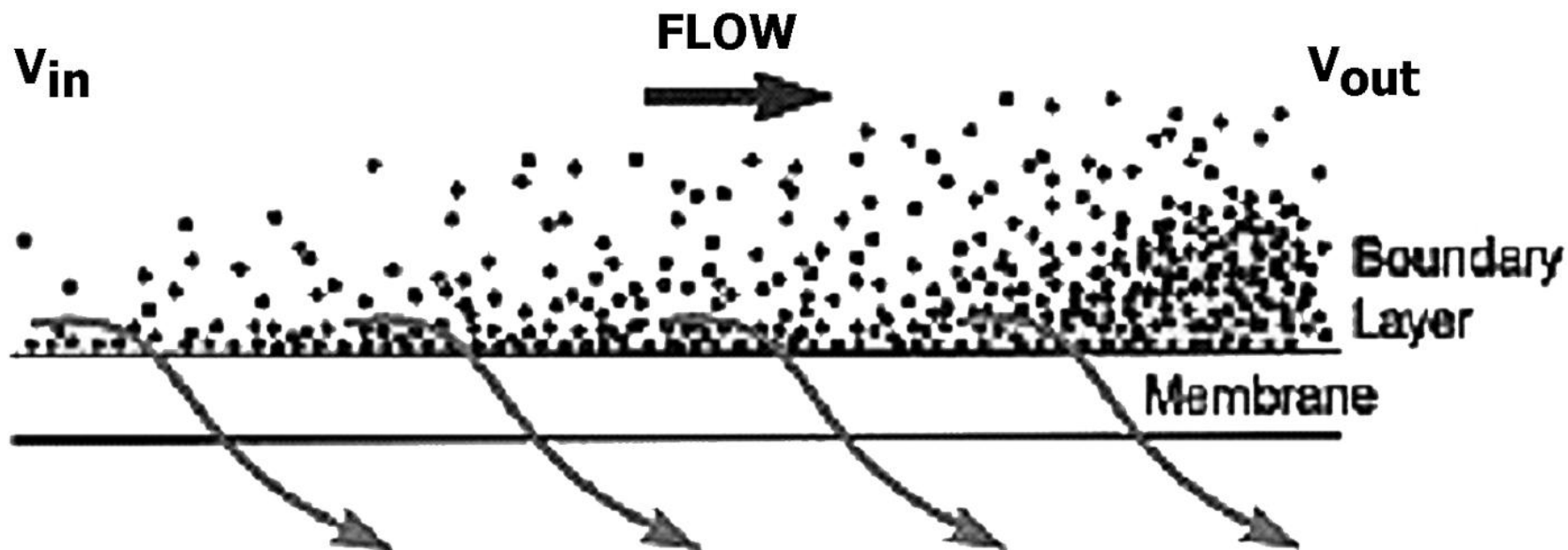
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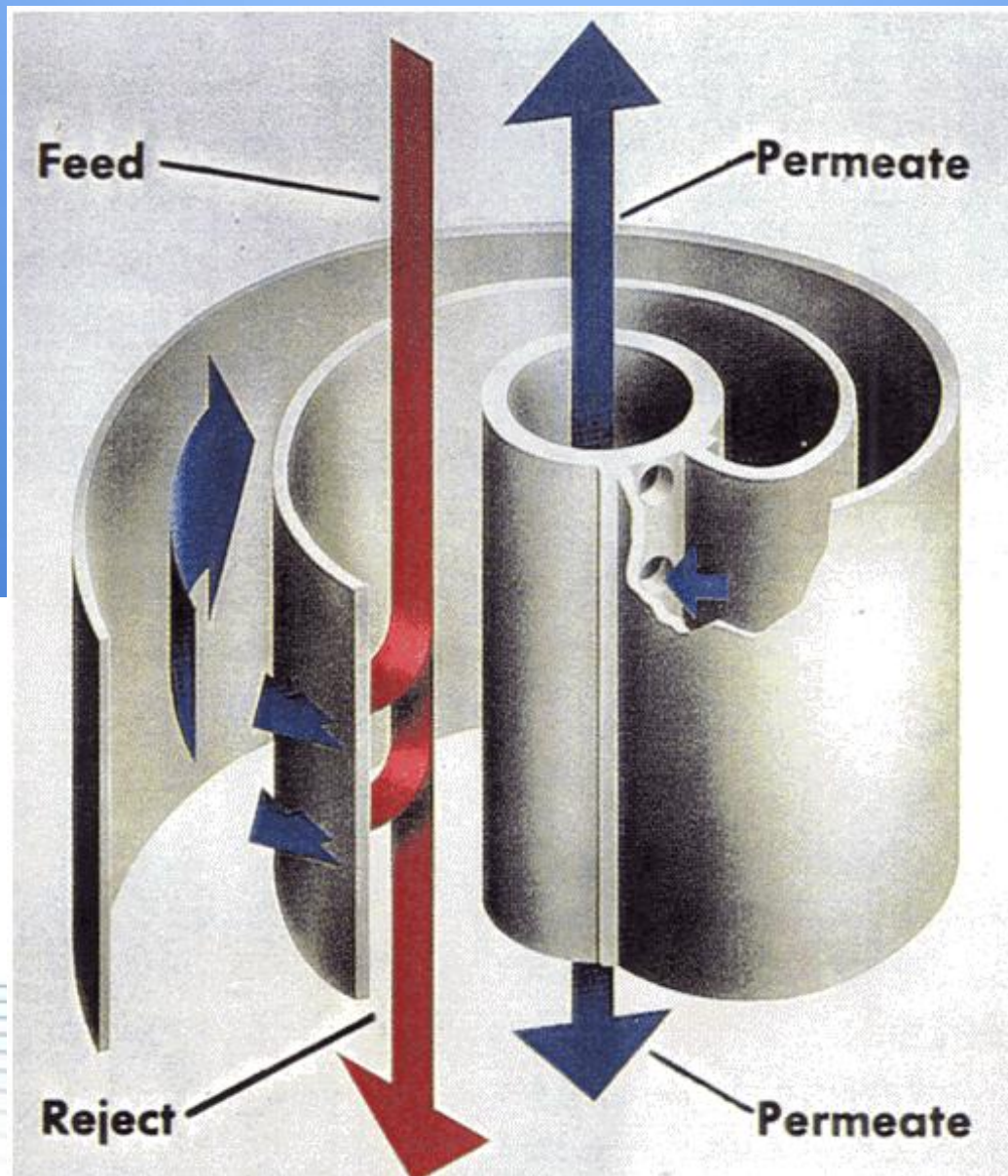
# Salt Concentration in the Boundary Layer

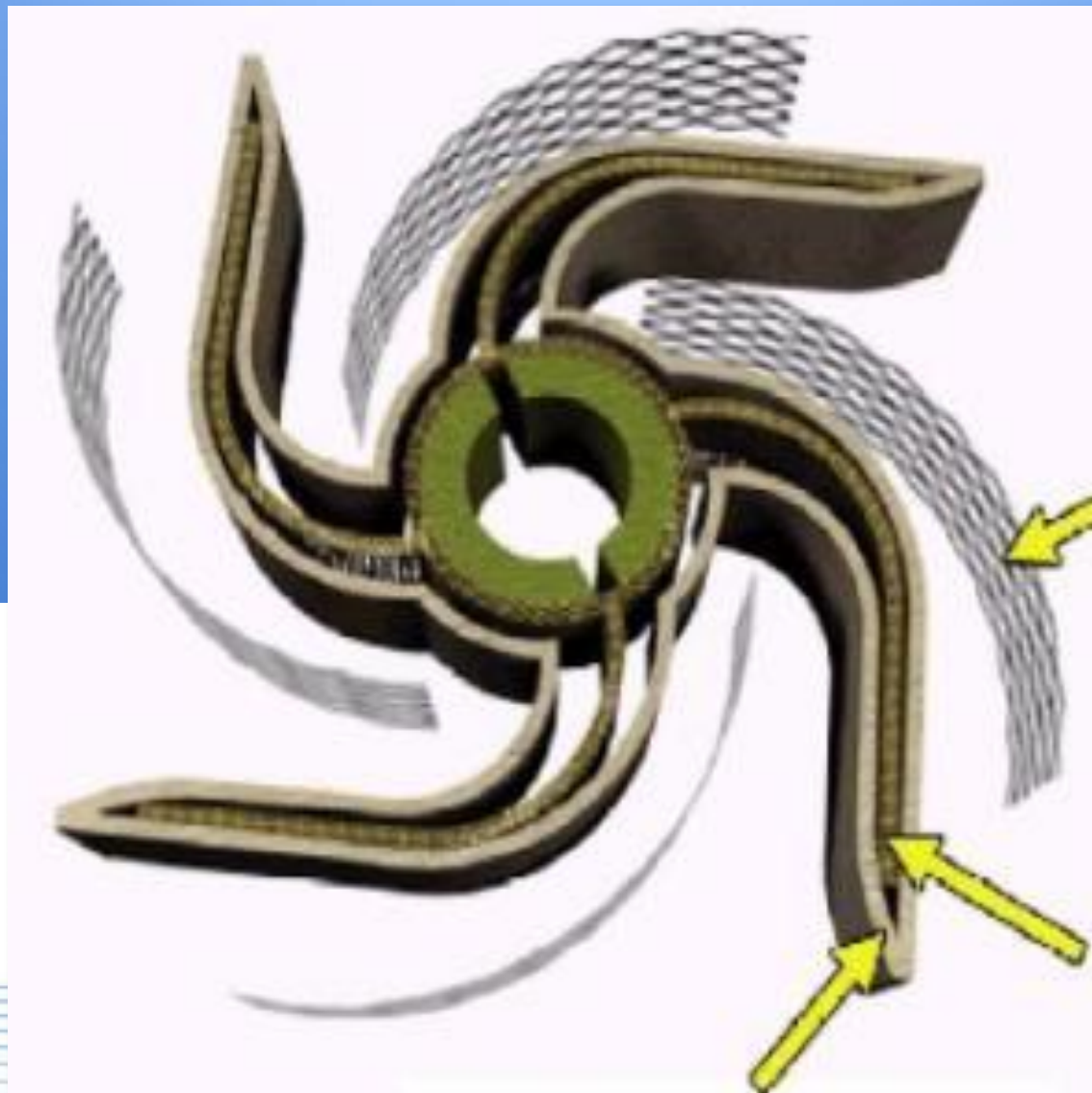


Velocity :  $V_{in} > V_{out}$

Salt Conc. :  $TDS_{in} < TDS_{out}$





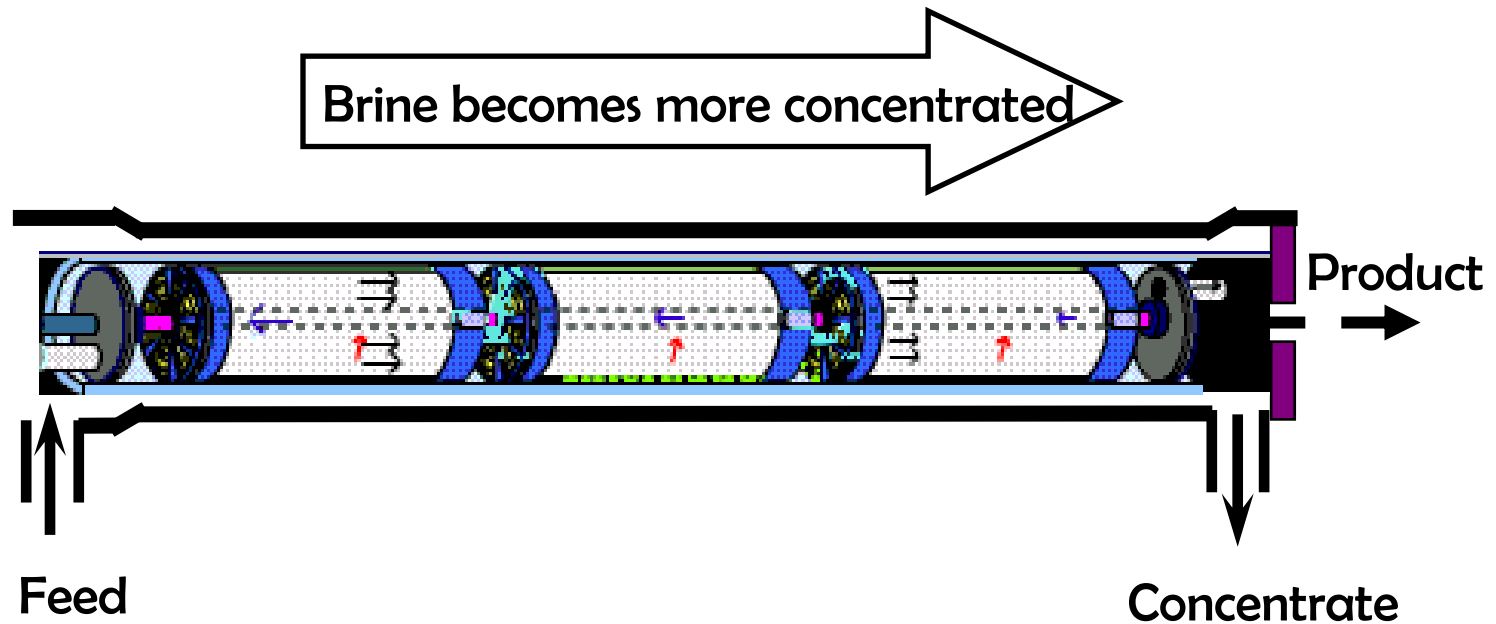


Feed  
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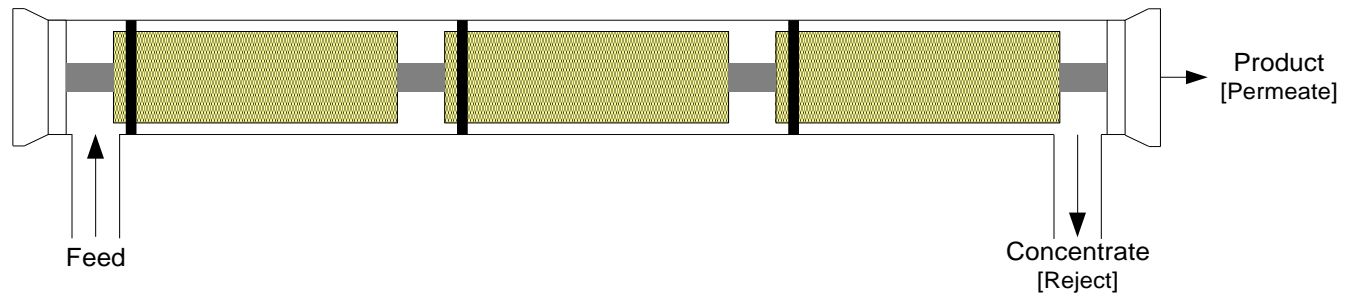
Permeate  
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Membrane leaf

- As the feed water travels down the membrane(s), it becomes more concentrated:



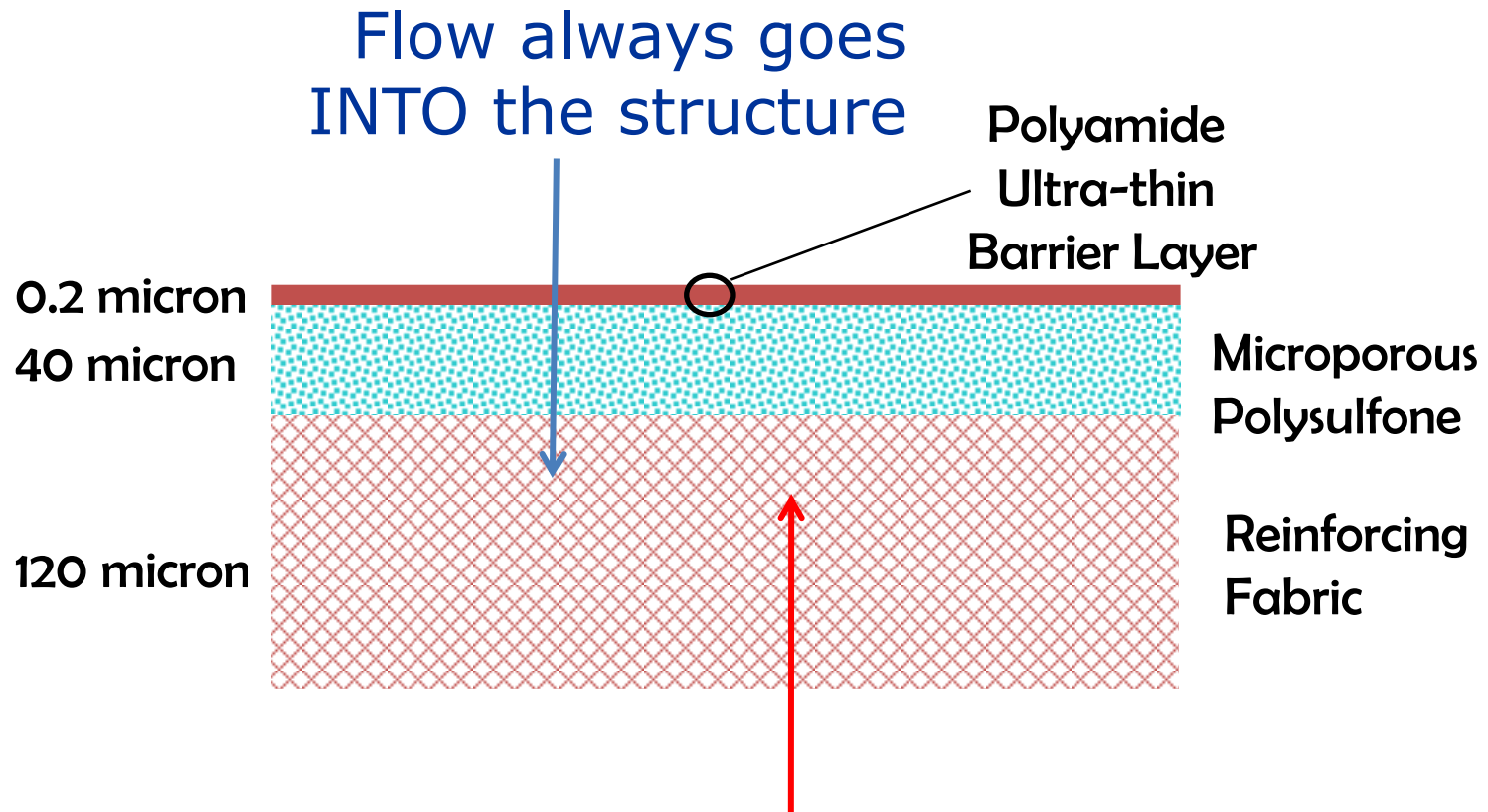
- Pressure Vessel:
  - Multi-Module Pressure Vessel-



**Contains 1, 3, 4, 6, or 7 modules in series**



- TFC Membrane:



REVERSE FLOW WILL  
**LIFT** THE MEMBRANE  
FROM THE BACKING

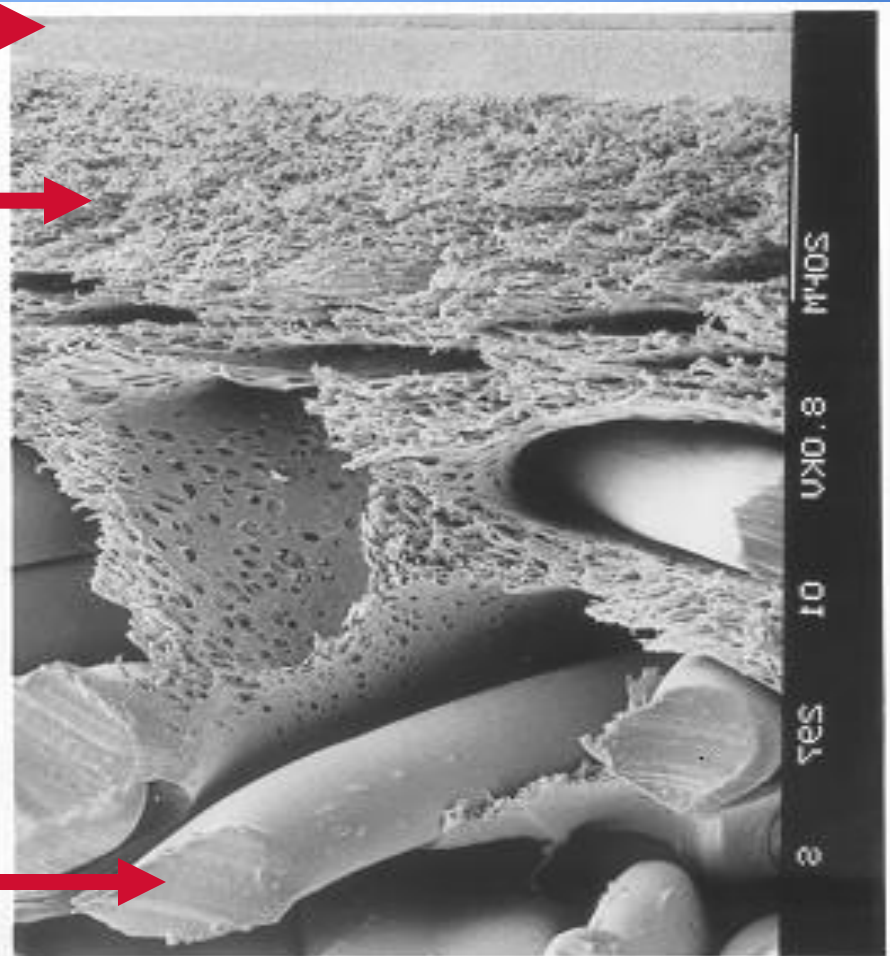


# TFC Membrane

Polyamide  
Barrier Layer

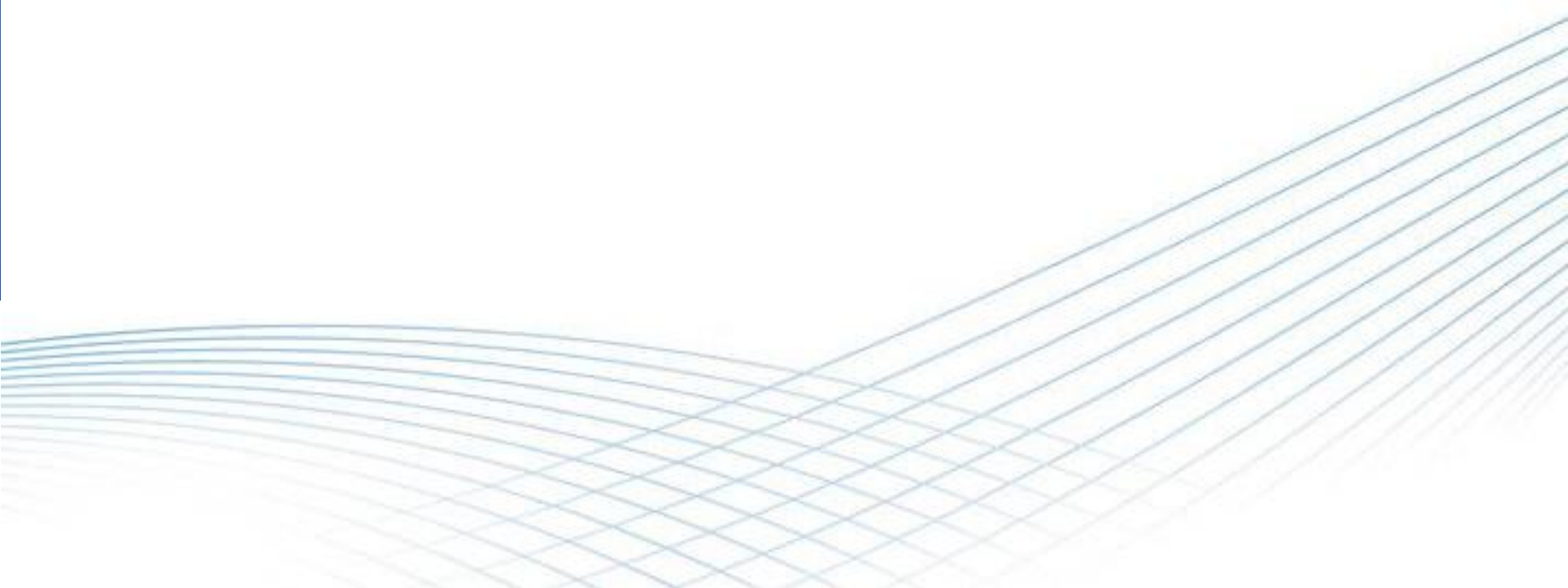
Polysulfone  
Backing

Support Layer



# Mixed Bed Polisher

- After RO
- Remove any ions (hardness, silica) that gets past the RO.



## Mill Water:

Silica: Ave. 6.8 ppm; low: 5.5, high 9.0

98% rejection from RO

Silica in permeate = 0.136 ppm Ave.

0.11 ppm Low

0.18 ppm High

At 50 cycles:

6.8 ppm Ave.

5.5 ppm Low

9 ppm High

Upper boiler limit for silica is 8 ppm

Silica: Ave. 6.8 ppm; low: 5.5, high 9.0

95% rejection from RO

Silica in permeate = 0.34 ppm Ave.

0.275 ppm Low

0.45 ppm High

At 50 cycles:

17 ppm Ave.

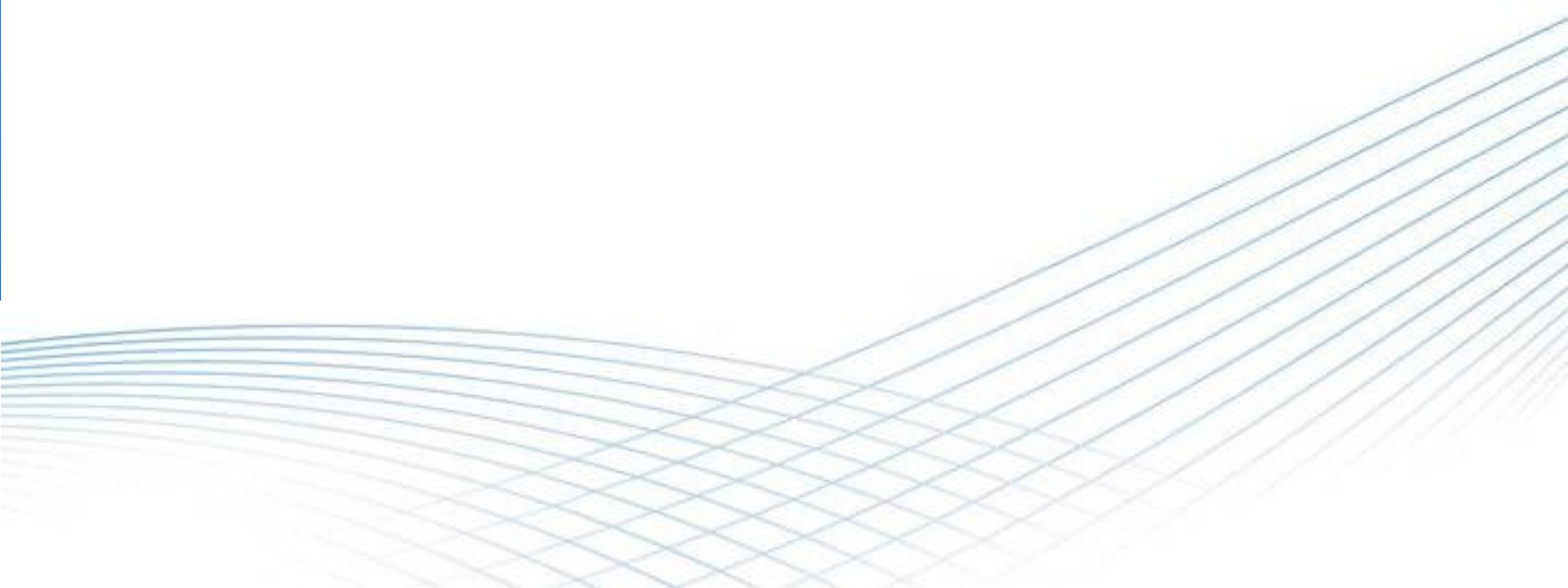
13.8 ppm Low

22.5 ppm High

Upper boiler limit for silica is 8 ppm

Can not run at 50 cycles. Have to increase blowdown and run at 23 cycles.

# Control and Monitoring















▲ Inhibitor Control

▲ pH

▲ ORP

▲ Temperature

▲ NTU

▲ Pressures

▲ Flow



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A QUALIFIED  
TECHNICIAN

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# Automated Tank Level and Usage Reporting

## Dashboard Customer - Last 30 Days

DARIGOLD INC - PORTLAND, OR - DAF Chemical Inventories

Inventory	Product Usage	Tank Name	Tank Serial	Last Update	Current Inventory (Gals)	Usage Ave.30 (GPD)	Usage Ave.7 (GPD)	Usage Ave.2 (GPD)	Days To Reorder Point	Days To Empty
		8187	120076	2/24/2014 8:12:00 AM	145.5	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.3	20.2

## Product Roll Up Inventory Volume - Last 30 Days

Product Name	Base Tank	Last Reading	Oldest Value (Gals)	Deliveries (Gals)	Latest Value (Gals)	Usage (Gals)	Average Usage (GPD)
8187	8187	2/24/2014 8:12:00 AM	88.7	264.2	145.5	207.4	6.9

### Usage - Volume (gal/day)- Last 30 Days



### Amount Full - Volume (gal)- Last 30 Days

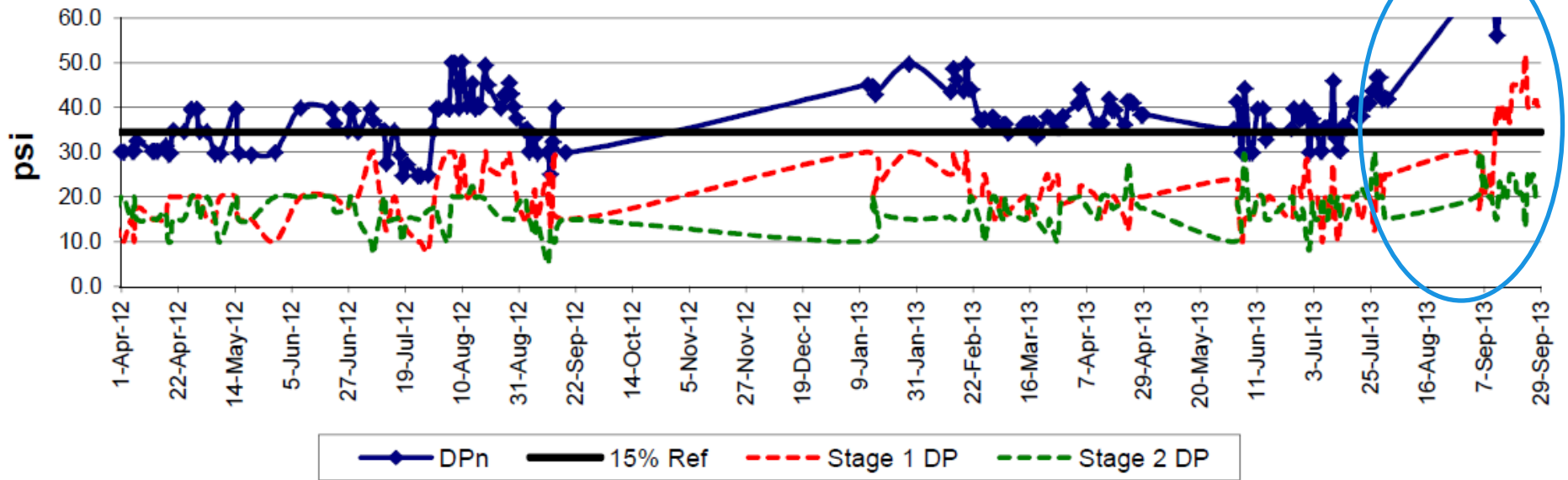








# Normalized Differential Pressure



# 3DT for Membranes

**Equipment**

Reverse Osmosis System



**Automation**

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TECHNOLOGY

**Service**

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On-line  
Analysis

Chemistry



On-site Services

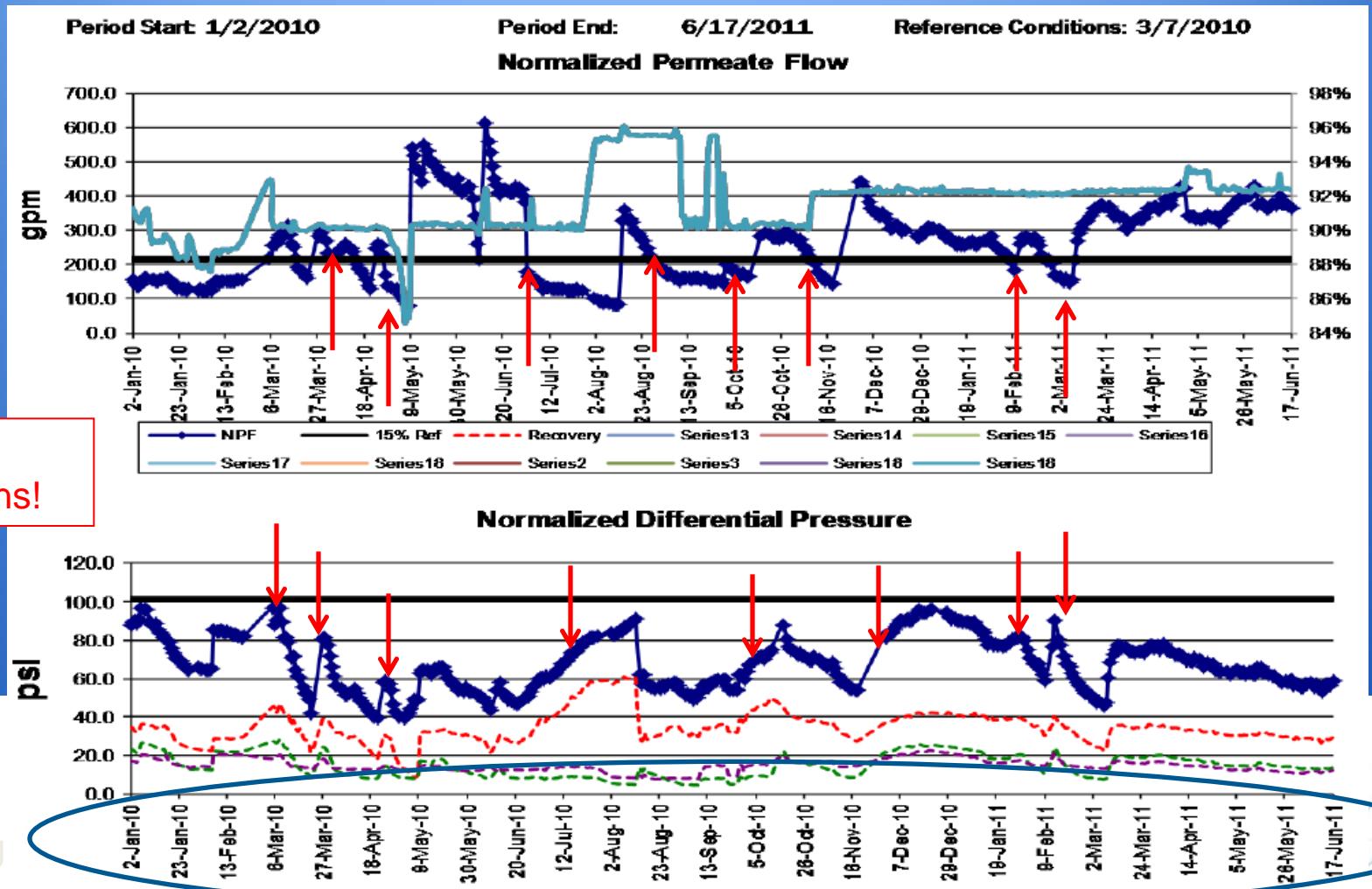


**Chemicals &  
Consumables**

Consumables

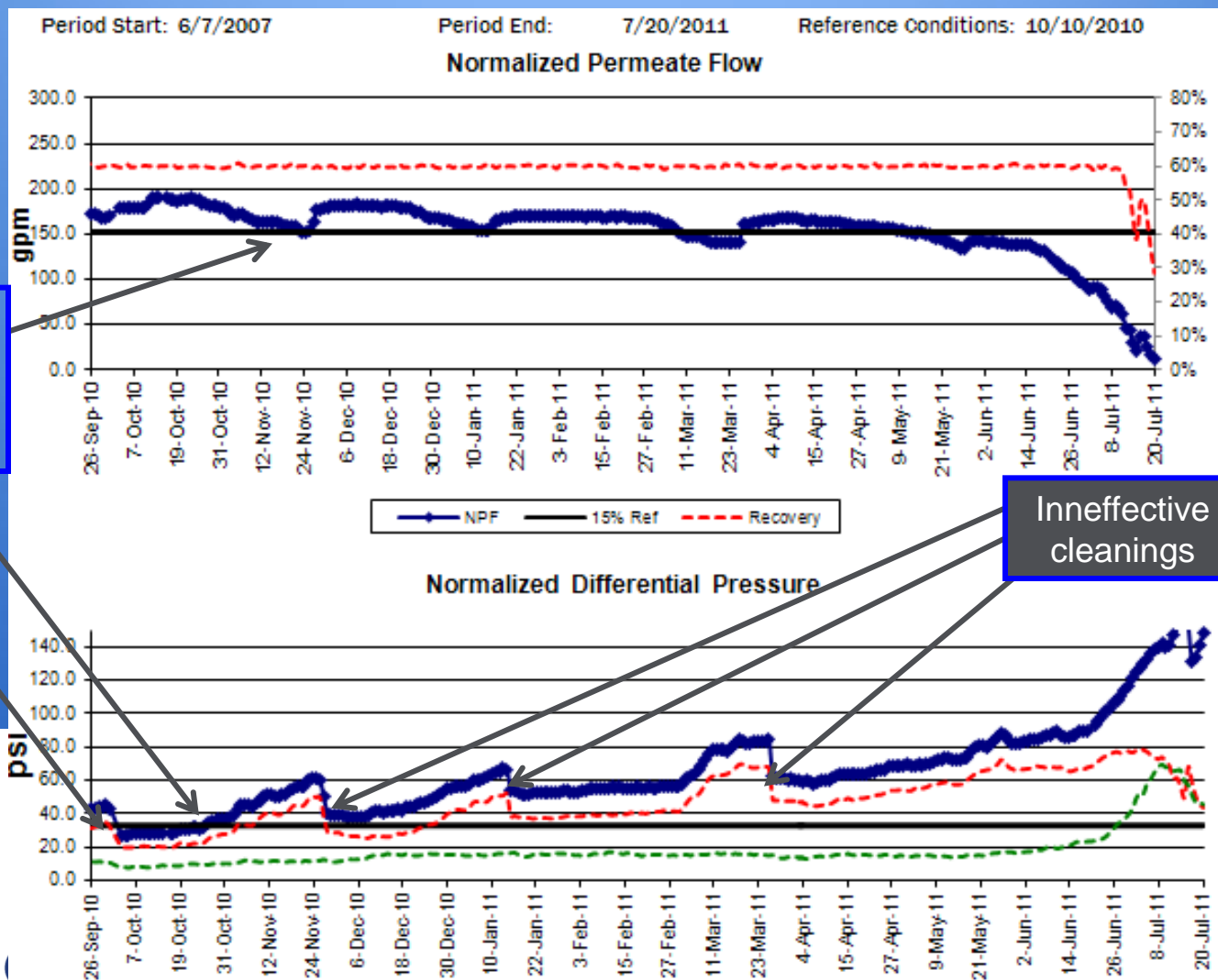


# Immediate Feedback of Problems



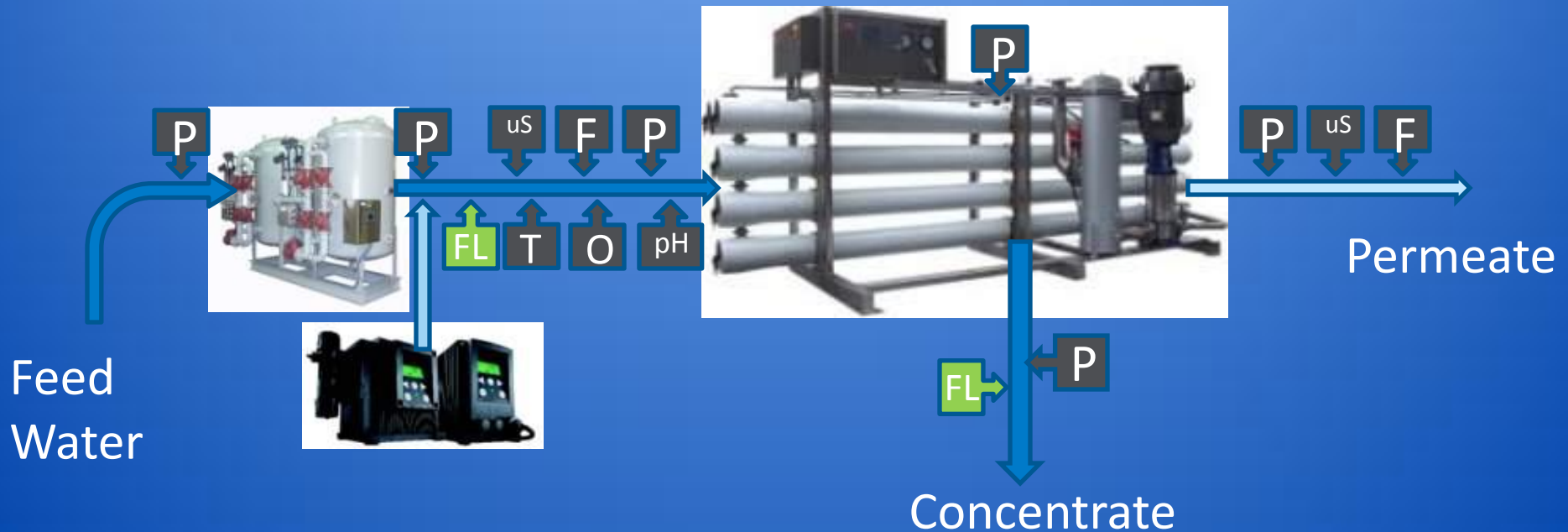
3DTTfM  
Monitoring

# Cleaning at the right time





# Multiple data streams come into a central unit



# System Details

System Summary » System Details



Navigation Pane

 **trial** 

 **Nalco 360**

 **Connectivity**

Summary

Details

Chart

Photo

## System Status

### 1014 - Train 1, Pass 1



Normalized Differential Pressure (psi)



Normalized Permeate Flow (gpm)



Normalized Salt Passage (%)



Recovery (%)

### 1014 - Train 1, Pass 2



Normalized Differential Pressure (psi)



Normalized Permeate Flow (gpm)



Normalized Salt Passage (%)



Recovery (%)

# System Details

System Summary » System Details



Summary

Details

Chart

Photo

7 Days

1014 - Train 1, Pass 1		1014 - Train 1, Pass 2									
Parameter Name	Status	Date / Time	Latest Value	Avg.	Min.	Max.	St. Dev.	Low Critical Limit	Low Limit	High Limit	High Critical Limit
All											
Permeate Flow		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	254.1	329.4	239.8	334.4	6.7				
Normalized Differential Pressure (psi)		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	84.6	65.8	43.9	85.5	2.3				
Normalized Permeate Flow (gpm)		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	351.3	349.7	333	364.9	6.4				
Normalized Salt Passage (%)		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	7.7	2.4	2	7.8	0.5				
Recovery (%)		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	68	75.6	67	82.6	0.9				
Feed Flow		11-10-2011 11:45 PM	379.3	379.3	379.3	379.3	0				
Concentrate Flow		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	119.8	106.3	69.3	119.8	4				
Permeate Conductivity		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	35.6	8.7	7	35.6	2.3				
Feed Conductivity		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	265	252.3	244	265	3.3				
Feed pH		03-13-2012 01:50 AM	7.6	7.6	7	7.8	0.2				

Navigation Pane

- Home
- Key
- Camera
- Star
- Warning
- Document

# Weekly Operations Report




Customer Name : <b>MCCAIN FOODS</b>	Postal Code :
Address : <b>USA</b>	Date Report Issued : <b>01/06/2012</b>
City : <b>BURLEY</b>	System Name : <b>3DTfM Trial RO</b>
State Province : <b>Idaho</b>	Train : <b>Train A</b>
Nalco Representative : <b>Tripp Morris</b>	email : <b>whmorris@nalco.com</b>
Range of Report : <b>11/15/2011--11/22/2011</b>	

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## Data Dashboard

Parameters	Current Status	Reference Value	Current Value	% Change
Normalized Permeate Flow (gpm)		215.840	229.440	6.30%
Normalized Differential Pressure (psi)		53.520	60.949	13.88%
Normalized Salt Passage (%)		0.015	0.030	100.00%
Antiscalant Dosage (ppm)			11.547	

## Corrective Action Analysis

### Normalized Permeate Flow

The Normalized Permeate Flow (NPF) parameter defines the ability of the RO system to meet water flow requirements. The normalization aspect of this value is very important because it accounts for changes in various system conditions that would prevent an accurate comparison of permeate delivery at different times. During the report period, the calculated NPF did not significantly vary from the baseline condition established for this unit. As such no changes or corrective measures in unit operation to achieve water flow are recommended.

### Normalized Differential Pressure

The Normalized Differential Pressure (NDP) parameter defines the resistances to flow through the RO system, specifically fouling and scale formation. The normalization aspect of this value is very important because it accounts for changes in various system conditions that would prevent an accurate comparison of permeate delivery at different times. During the report period the calculated NDP was in the range of 10 - 15% higher than what was observed during the baseline operating condition for this unit. This is an indication that a general troubleshooting process should be implemented on the unit to detect possible causes for the increased pressure drop, such as suspended solids fouling in the front membranes or scale development where the ionic concentrations are higher. Should the condition not be resolved, a system cleaning may be required. Operation of an RO system with more than a 15% increase in pressure drop may indicate a condition that cleaning may not fully resolve.

### Normalized Salt Passage

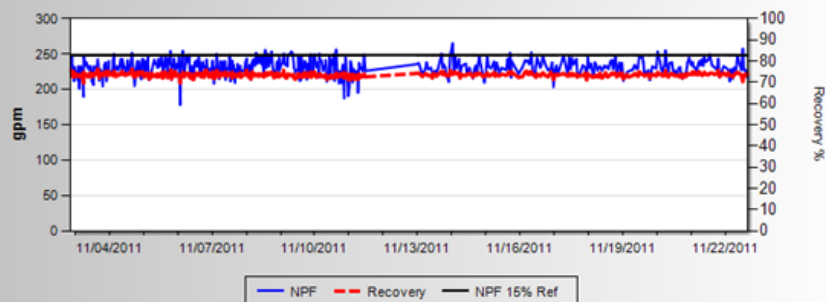
The Normalized Salt Passage (NSP) parameter defines the ability of the RO system to meet permeate chemistry specifications. The normalization aspect of this value is very important because it accounts for changes in various system conditions that would prevent an accurate comparison of permeate quality at different times. During the report period the calculated NSP was more than 15% higher than what was observed during the baseline operating condition for this unit. This is an indication that a general troubleshooting process should be implemented on the unit to detect possible causes for the deterioration in permeate quality and that a system cleaning may be required. Continued operation of an RO system with more than a 15% increase in salt passage could result in a condition that cleaning may not fully resolve.

### Comments

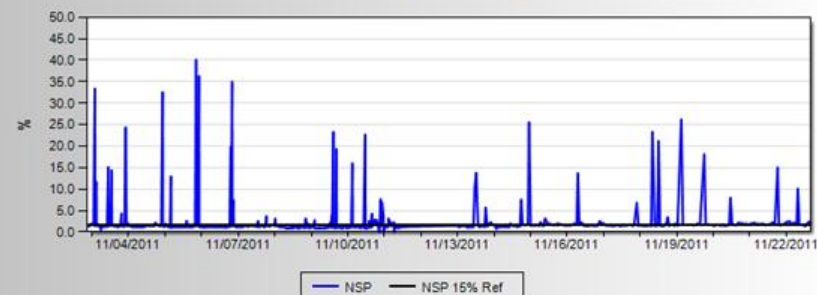
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## Normalized Trends-

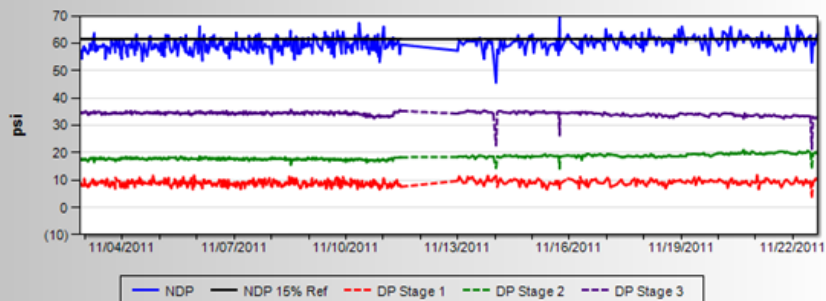
Normalized Permeate Flow



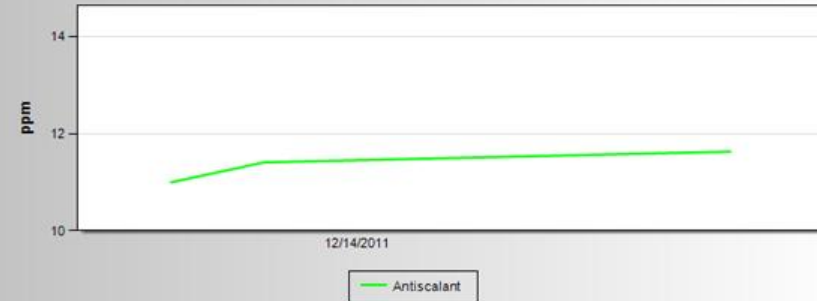
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Normalized Differential Pressure



Antiscalant Dosage





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