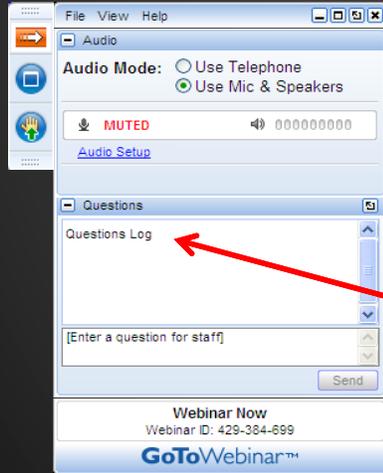




# Minimal Liquid Discharge and Brine Management in Industry

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## Today's Moderator

- Framing the technology landscape
- Highlighting some results and activities from solid technology providers



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## Today's Speakers



Andrea Larson, PE  
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Daniel Bjorklund  
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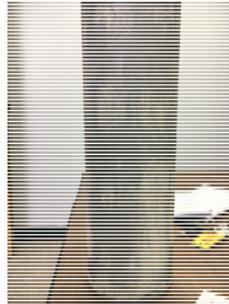
## What we won't cover

- Sustainability drivers
- Municipal applications
- Technologies on the horizon or newly introduced by small players



## Process Flow Overview

- Objective is water “fit for use”
- Solids, Organics, Inorganics



## Application options within the PFD

- Solids
  - Screening
  - Filtration
  - Density based methods
- Salts
  - Evaporation
  - Reverse Osmosis
- Organics
  - Biological oxidation
  - Chemical oxidation
  - Absorption or separation

## Today's Selected Technologies

- Siemens Water Solutions
- Dow Water and Process Solutions
- Aquatech

*Innovations by companies with solid records of delivery  
Addressing the efficient use of water*



## People make the technical solutions



## Andrea Larson, P.E. Siemens Water Solutions



- BS in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Technological University in 2008
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## Pretreatment for Industrial Reuse



## Drivers for industrial reuse

Tight discharge limits or restrictions on discharge volume

High cost of water purchase/discharge vs. cost of wastewater treatment

Discharge permitting issues

Water availability

Public image



## Steps for brine management

Pretreatment

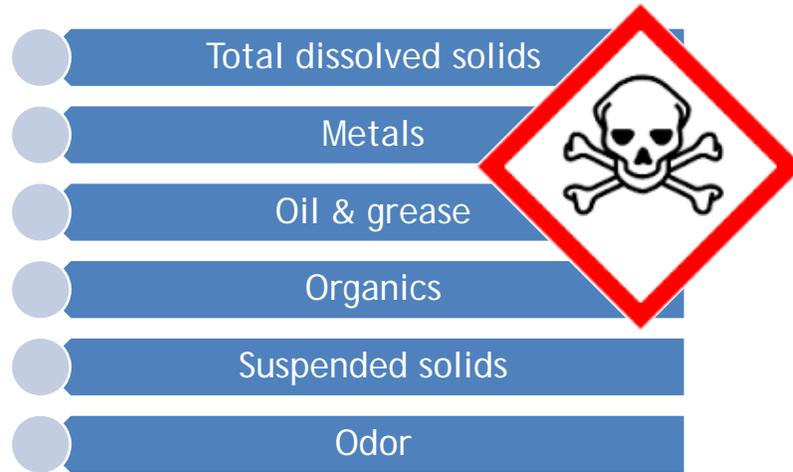
Reverse osmosis

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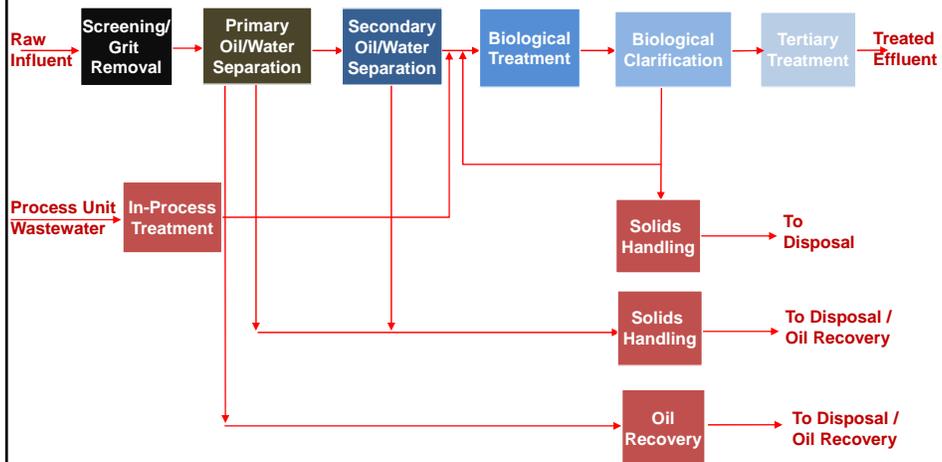
Crystallization



## Constituents in industrial wastewater



## Typical refinery water treatment



## Typical requirements for reverse osmosis

### Refinery Wastewater Post Deoiling

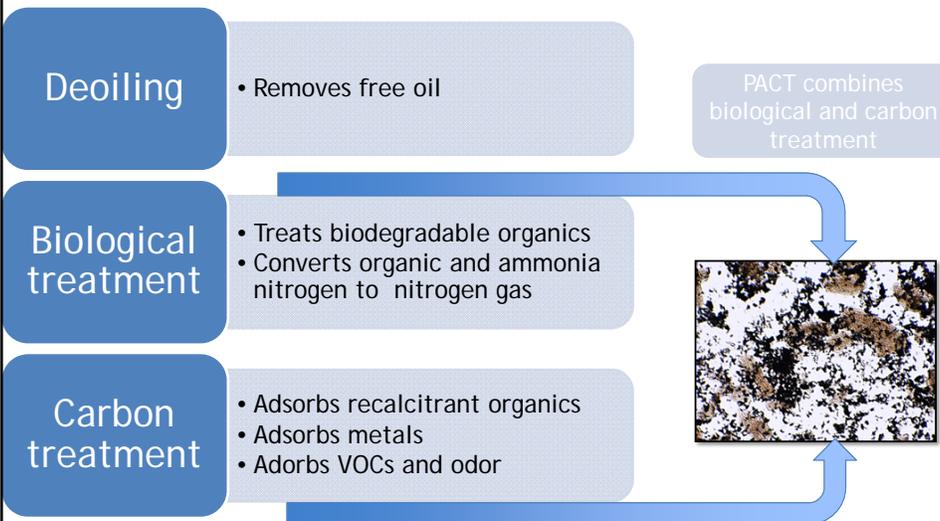
- COD 300-1000 mg/L
- BOD 125-350 mg/L
- TSS 30-75 mg/L
- O&G 20-50 mg/L
- Phenols 5-30 mg/L

### Reverse Osmosis Feedwater

- COD - as low as possible
- TOC - membrane manufacturers recommend <3 mg/L
- O&G < 0.1 mg/L
- SDI < 5 - lower the better
- Turbidity < 0.5 NTU for long-term, reliable operation



## Pretreating for reuse





## Case Study: Chinese Refinery Reuse with PACT / WAR



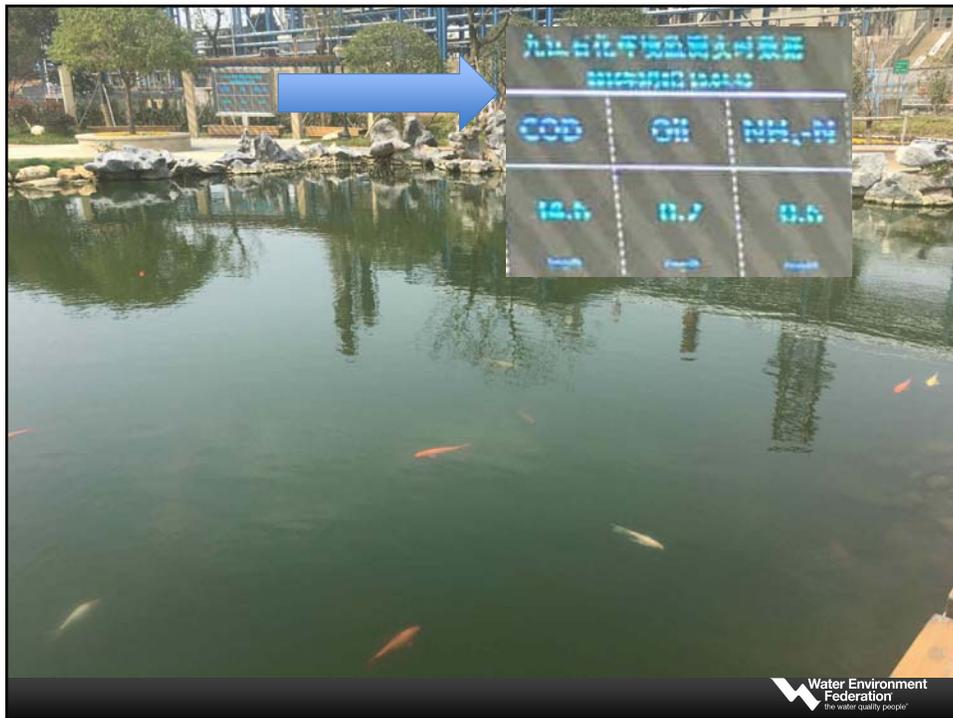
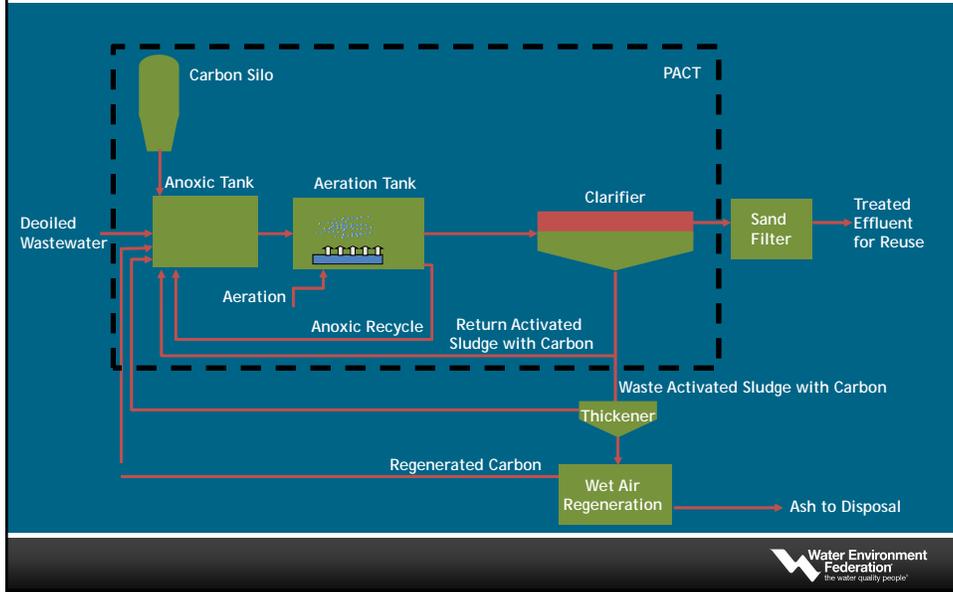
## Treatment

- Deoiling
  - Two PACT® trains
    - 500 m<sup>3</sup>/hr salty stream discharged
    - 500 m<sup>3</sup>/hr oily stream pretreated for reuse
  - Common onsite carbon regeneration system
    - Zimpro® wet air regeneration
  - Treatment requirements for direct reuse
    - Cooling tower make-up
    - Total N removal
    - COD
- China's discharge requirements

  - COD < 50 mg/L
  - Ammonia < 5 mg/L
  - Hydrocarbons < 3 mg/L
  - Phenols < 0.3 mg/L



# Process Flow Diagram



## Factors for successful treatment



## Summary

- Drivers for reuse increasing, leading to development of technologies for reuse
- Systems can be designed for reuse of difficult-to-treat industrial wastewaters, in this case study PACT / WAR
- Multiple steps are required for removal of various contaminants
- Steps can be combined to increase operability, lower the footprint, and reduce overall treatment cost

## Tina Arrowood Principal Research Scientist



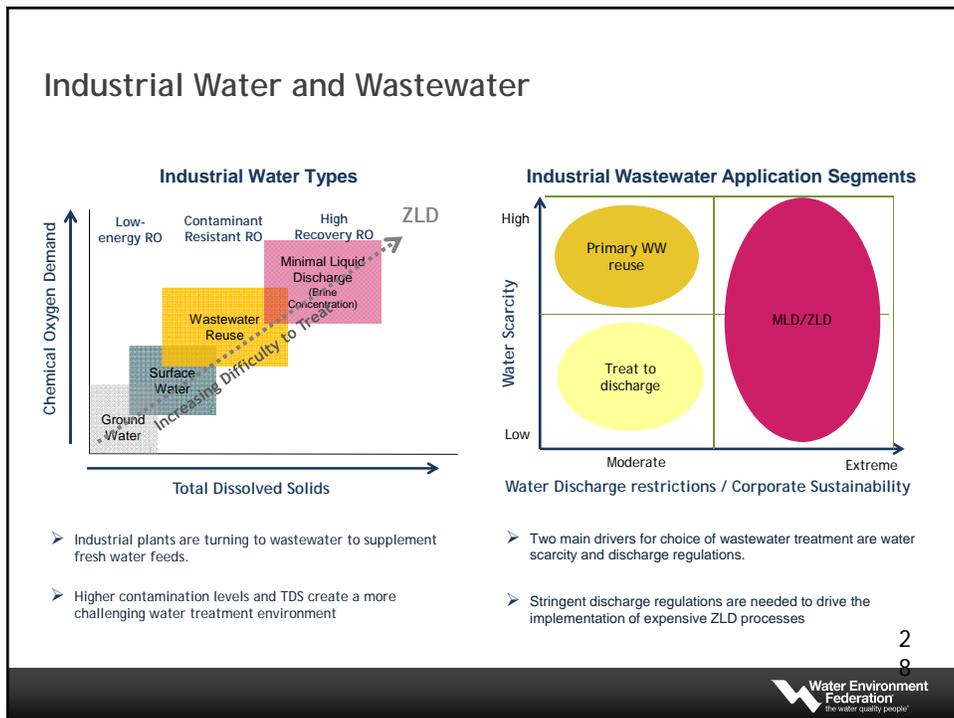
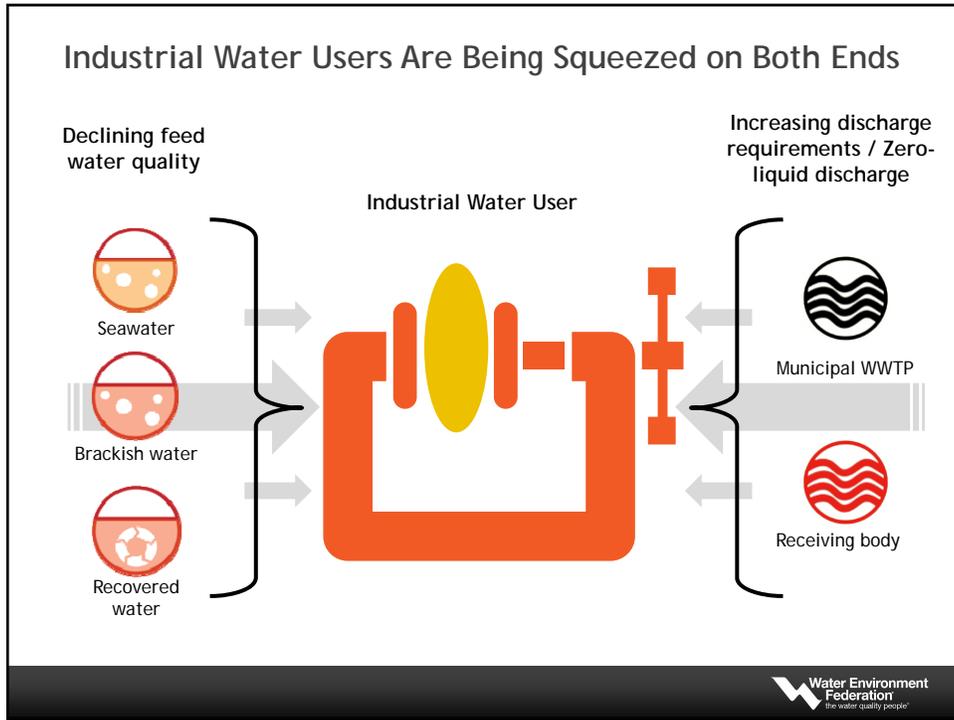
- PhD Organic Chemistry, University of Minnesota, 1999
- 18 yrs of industrial science research and development experience including: process chemistry, catalyst development, process scale up, and water related projects
- Currently leading research projects in reverse osmosis membrane development



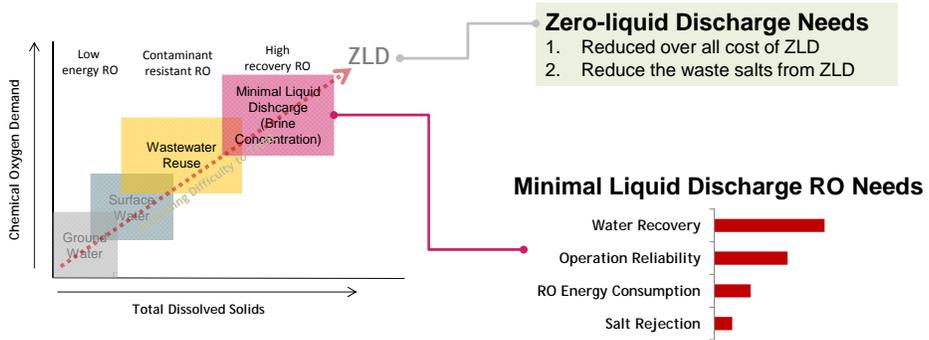
## RO/NF Membranes: Making More from Every Drop

Industrial Wastewater Treatment



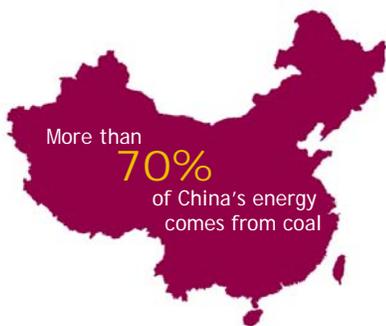


## Challenging Water Treatment Improvement Needs



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## Case in point: coal production in China



Coal resources are located in the North part of China - its most water-stressed region

90% coal resource but

21% water resources



### Coal to Chemical

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      Coal[Coal] --> Syngas[syngas]
      Syngas --> MeOH[MeOH]
      MeOH --> Formaldehyde[formaldehyde]
      MeOH --> Ethylene[ethylene/propylene]
      MeOH --> MethylAcetate[methyl acetate]
      MeOH --> DimethylEther[dimethyl ether]
      MeOH --> Gasoline[gasoline/fuels]
  
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*Water has an important role in chemical production plants. It is used for heating or cooling processes and equipment (vacuum, steam, extraction, rinsing, condensing).*

Approximately **5-6 units of water** are used for **each unit of product** produced.

- 1-1.5 barrels of water per barrel of product (ZLD water management)

<https://www.netl.doe.gov/research/Coal/energy-systems/gasification/gasifipedia/ctl-water-use>

### Coal to Chemical Plant Water Treatment: RO systems

Difficulty to treat →

Demineralization	Primary wastewater reuse	Minimal Liquid Discharge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed: River water, reuse water</li> <li>• UF+RO(2 pass)+IER</li> <li>• Product: Boiler make up</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed: Cooling tower blowdown, Demin. RO Reject, process WW</li> <li>• UF+RO</li> <li>• Product: cooling tower make up, process water, demineralization plant</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed: Wastewater reject, IER regen., High TDS WW</li> <li>• UF+IER+RO(2 stage)</li> <li>• Product: Cooling tower make up, feed to demineralization plant</li> </ul>

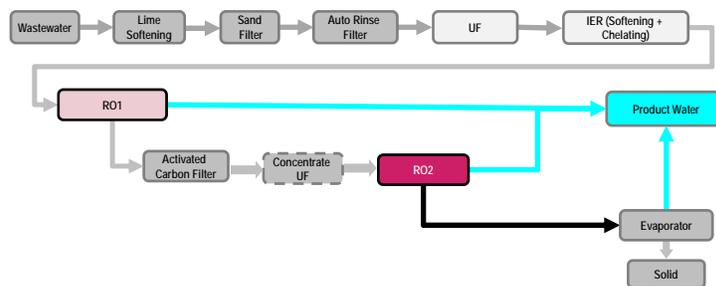
## Coal to Chemical Plant Water Treatment: RO systems

Demineralization	Primary wastewater reuse	Minimal Liquid Discharge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed TDS: 500-800 mg/L</li> <li>• Capacity: 1050 m<sup>3</sup>/h</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Pass RO                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 210 m<sup>3</sup>/h * 5</li> <li>▪ 31:16 (6)</li> <li>▪ 20 LMH</li> <li>▪ 75% recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Pass RO                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 190 m<sup>3</sup>/h * 5</li> <li>▪ 18:6 (6)</li> <li>▪ 32.3 LMH</li> <li>▪ 90% recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Low Energy BWRO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed TDS: 1000-2000 mg/L</li> <li>• Capacity: 1560 m<sup>3</sup>/h</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Pass RO                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 156 m<sup>3</sup>/h * 10</li> <li>▪ 24:12 (6)</li> <li>▪ 19 LMH</li> <li>▪ 70% recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Contaminant Resistant RO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed TDS: 5000-8000 mg/L</li> <li>• Capacity: 630 m<sup>3</sup>/h</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Pass RO1                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 105 m<sup>3</sup>/h * 6</li> <li>▪ 18:9 (6)</li> <li>▪ 17 LMH</li> <li>▪ 70% recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Pass RO2                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 59 m<sup>3</sup>/h * 3</li> <li>▪ 12:6 (6)</li> <li>▪ 15 LMH</li> <li>▪ 65% recovery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Contaminant Resistant, High Recovery RO</li> </ul>
2130 Elements	2160 Elements	1296 Elements



## Coal to Chemical Company A: Minimal Liquid Discharge/ZLD

MLD feed: TDS: 8250 mg/L, COD ~100 mg/L  
 (~65:35 mixture of NaCl & Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)



### Coal to Chemical Company A: MLD System Design Considerations

RO1				RO2			
<b>Technical Design Challenges</b> ✓ High Biofouling Fouling due to high feed COD. ✓ High CIP frequency of RO system				<b>Technical Design Challenges</b> ✓ RO reject to 80,000 mg/L TDS for low evaporator CAPEX. ✓ High fouling due to high feed water COD ✓ Minimize system OPEX.			
<b>Technical Solution at start up (2014)</b>				<b>Technical Solution at start up (2014)</b>			
Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Recovery (%)	Element Model	Qty of Element	Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Recovery (%)	Element Model	Qty of Element
630	70%	BW30XFR-400/34i (interstage booster pump)	972	175.5	65%	1 <sup>st</sup> stage : SW30HRLE-370/34i 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage: SW30ULE-400i	324
<b>Advanced technology now available</b>				<b>Advanced technology now available</b>			
Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Recovery (%)	Element Model	Qty of Element	Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	Recovery (%)	Element Model	Qty of Element
630	70%	FORTILIFE™ CR100 (interstage booster pump)	972	175.5	>66%	1 <sup>st</sup> stage : FORTILIFE™ XC70 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage: FORTILIFE™ XC80	324
<b>Advanced benefit:</b> → Reduce CIP frequency by up to 30-50%				<b>Advanced benefit:</b> → Achieve RO reject >80,000 mg/L → Reduce CIP frequency → Reduced evaporator OPEX			



### Coal to Chemical Company A: Estimated DOW FILMTEC™ FORTILIFE™ RO Element Impact

**MLD feed: 900 m<sup>3</sup>/h; TDS 8250 mg/L**  
 ~65:35 mixture of NaCl and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

	# of Modules	Array	Feed Pressure (bar)
RO1	162	18:9 (6)	15(+7)
RO2.1	72	12 (6)	38
RO2.2	18	6 (6)	52

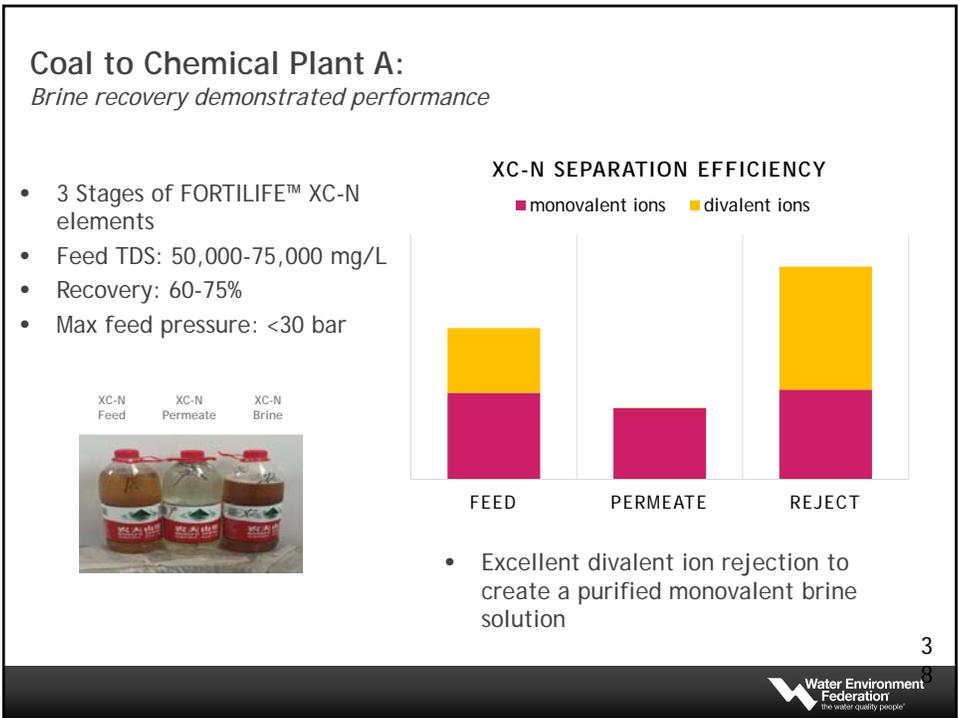
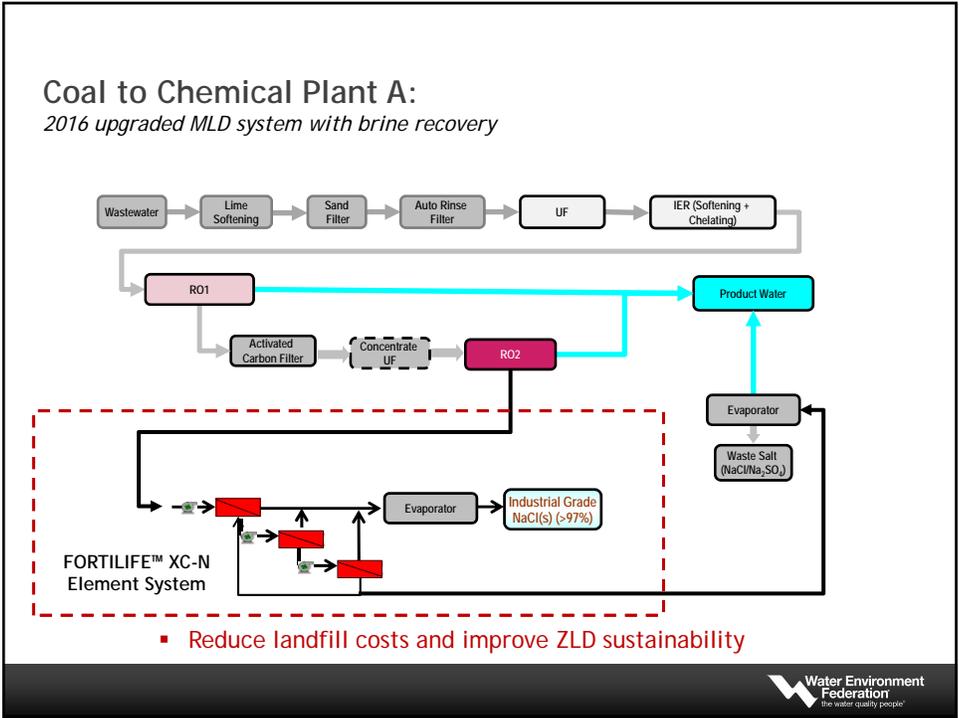
*ROSA Simulated Results*

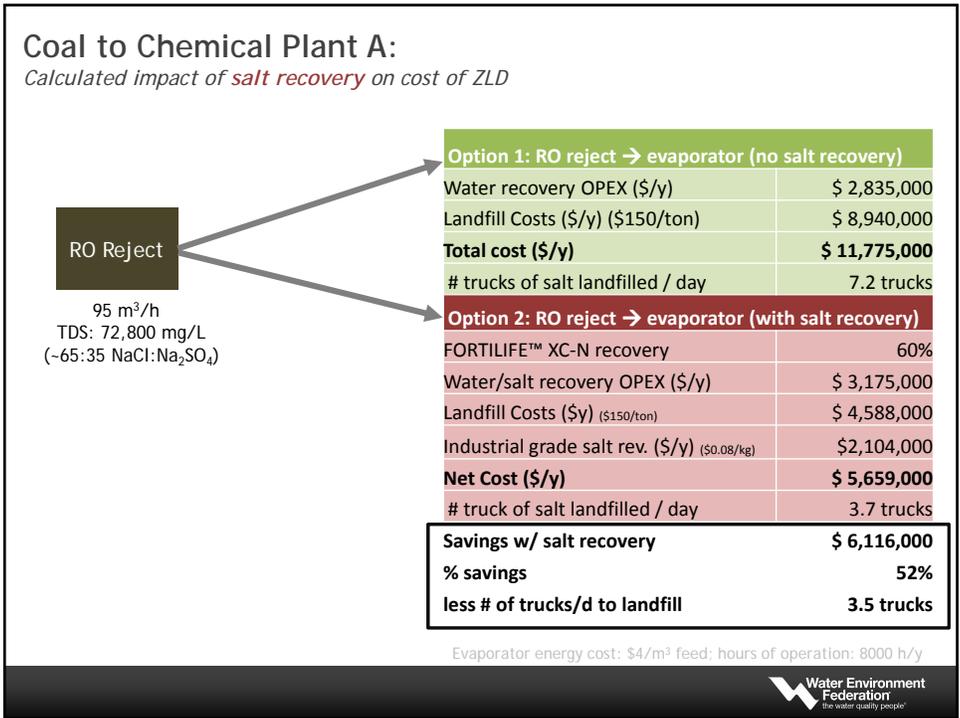
	Standard FILMTEC™ Element Offering	Advanced FORTILIFE™ Element Offering
RO1 (70% recovery)	BW30XFR 400/34	FORTILIFE CR100
RO2 (Stage 1)	SW30HRLE 400/34	FORTILIFE XC70
RO2 (Stage 2)	SW30ULE 440	FORTILIFE XC80
Vol. of Water to evaporator	93.3 m <sup>3</sup> /h	89.7 m <sup>3</sup> /h
Combined Perm TDS	254 mg/L	378 mg/L
Conc. TDS	77,800 mg/L	80,500 mg/L
Annual evaporator energy OPEX <sup>1</sup>	\$2,985,000	\$2,870,000
<b>Annual evaporator energy savings</b>	benchmark	<b>\$115,000</b> ✓

<sup>1</sup>Evaporator energy cost: \$4/m<sup>3</sup> feed; hours operation: 8000 h/y

Plus... less chemical cleaning costs and lost productivity due to fouling







### Summary

- Membrane based **Minimal Liquid Discharge** processes play an important role to **economically manage high water recovery** and disposal needs of ZLD
- RO and NF Elements “**designed for the challenge**” of high recovery water treatment provide improved operability and system OPEX savings
- DOW FILMTEC™ FORTILIFE™ XC-N Elements can **reduce the amount of salt requiring landfilling** while also offset some of the cost of ZLD by enabling brine recovery

Thank You!  
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about MLD



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As the Vice President of Industrial Concentration for Aquatech he supervises a team of engineers that specialize in evaporation systems. These systems include produced water evaporation systems for enhanced oil recovery, shale gas and coal seam gas applications, as well as ZLD systems for various applications such as FGD blowdown treatment, XTL, IGCC and other applications requiring ZLD solutions.



# ZERO LIQUID DISCHARGE



## What is Zero Liquid Discharge?

- A water treatment process employed to recycle and reuse virtually all of the wastewater produced by a facility
- A Zero Liquid Discharge facility is an industrial plant without discharge of wastewaters from the plant boundary



## Why Zero Liquid Discharge?

- Increasing regulation on the discharge of wastewaters from facilities
- Tightening of wastewater disposal options
- Increasing disposal costs
- Growing public environmental and resource scarcity concerns
- Corporate initiatives to reduce water foot print and increase sustainability

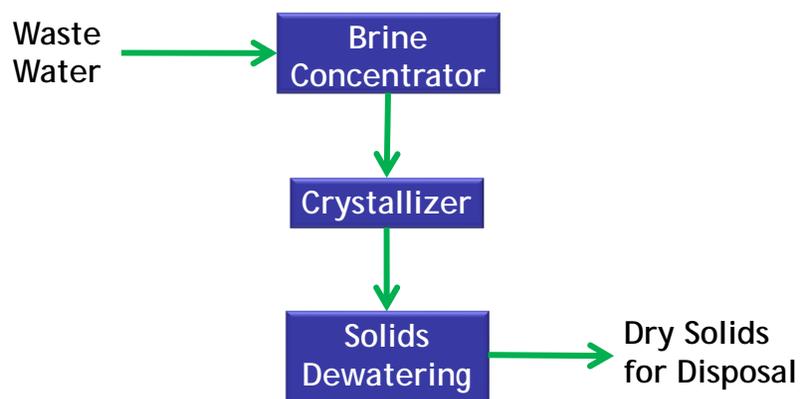
## Where is Zero Liquid Discharge Used?

- **Power**
  - CTBD (Cooling Tower Blow Down) Waste water
  - FGD (Flue Gas Desulfurization)
  - Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)
  - Recycle/ Reuse
- **Oil & Gas**
  - EOR Produced Water
    - Steam Flood
    - Cyclic Steam Stimulation (CCS)
    - Steam Assist Gravity
  - Shale Gas
  - Coal Seam Gas
  - Gas to Liquids (GTL)

## Where is Zero Liquid Discharge Used?

- Gasification
  - Coal to Chemicals (CTX)
  - Biomass
  - Other
- Petrochemicals
- Mining

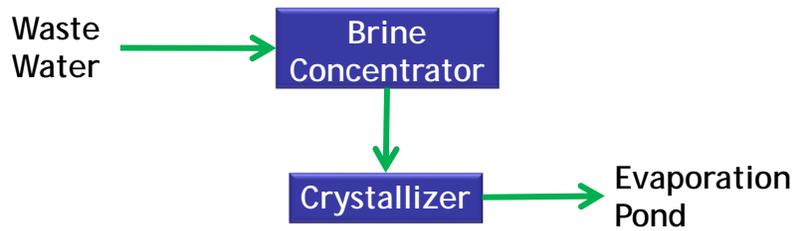
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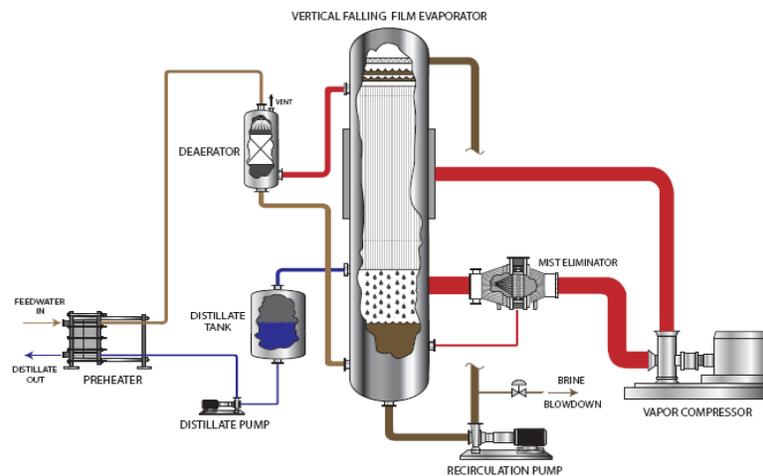
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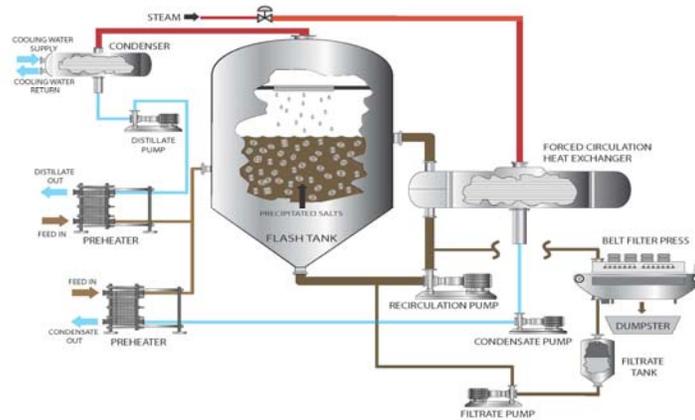
## Evaporator Types

- **Falling Film Brine Concentrator**
  - Seeded – scaling services
  - Non-Seeded – non-scaling services
- **Forced Circulation Evaporators/Crystallizers**
- **Energy Supply Alternatives**
  - Mechanical Vapor Recompression (MVC)
  - Steam
    - Direct
    - Thermocompressor
    - Multiple Effect

## What is a Brine Concentrator?



## What is a Crystallizer?



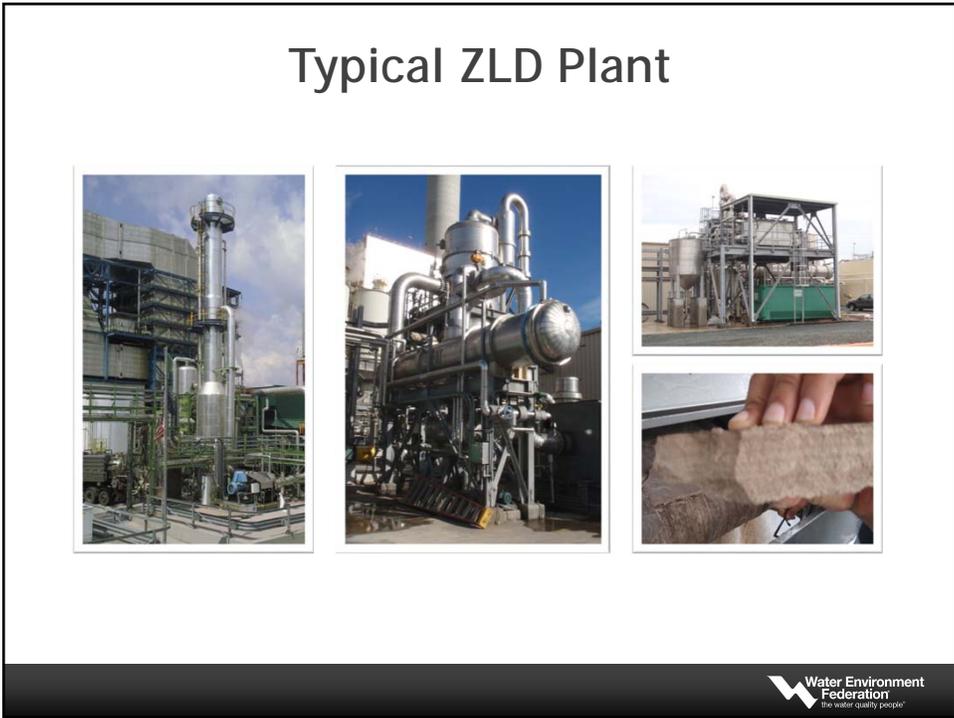
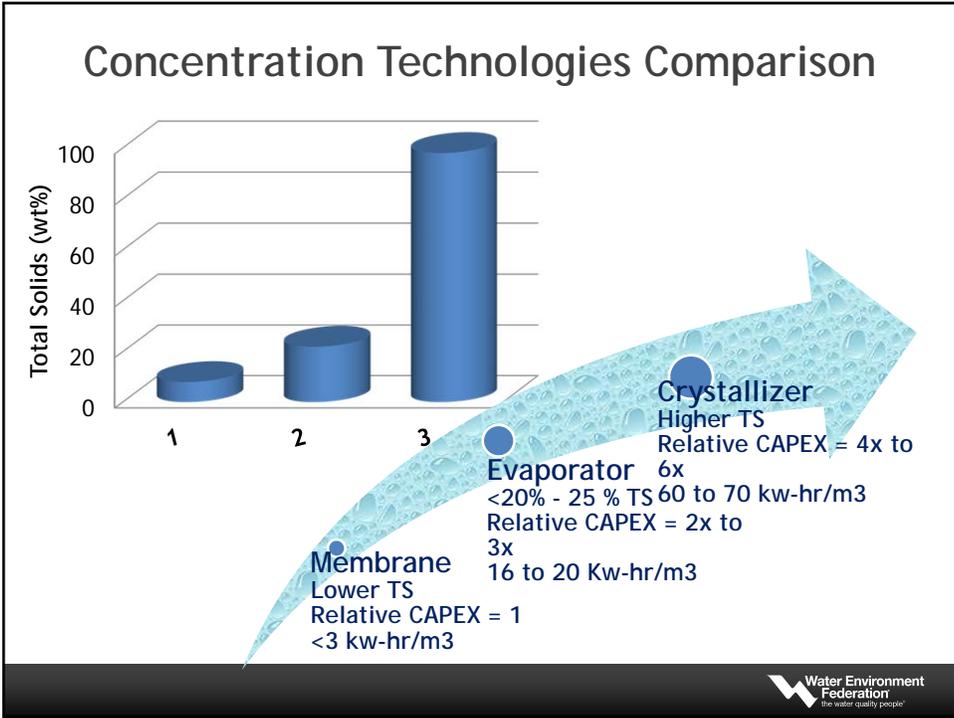
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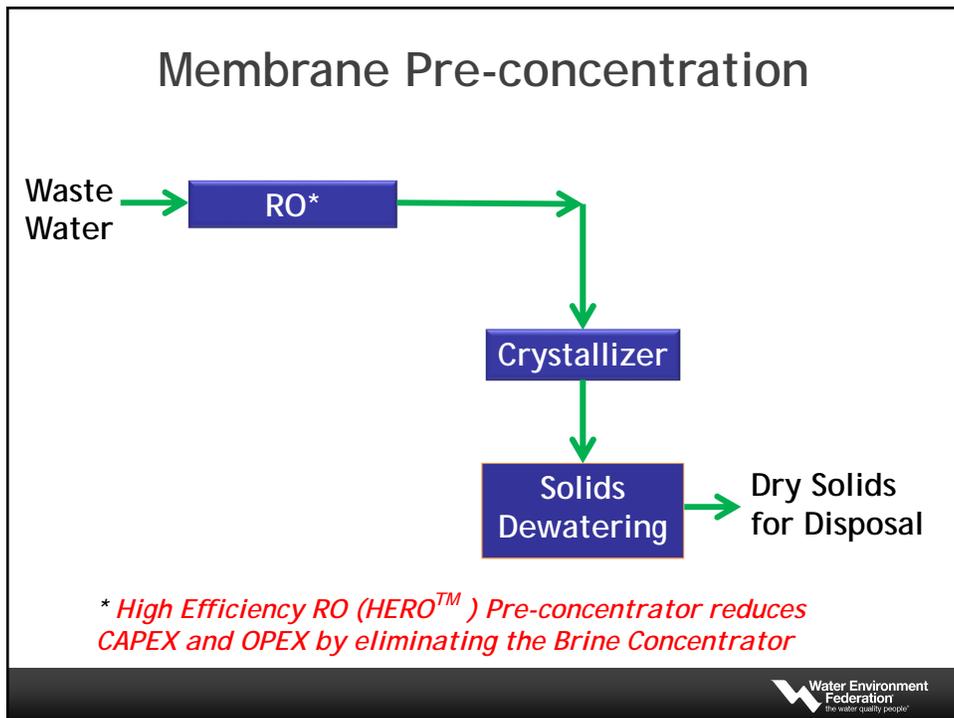
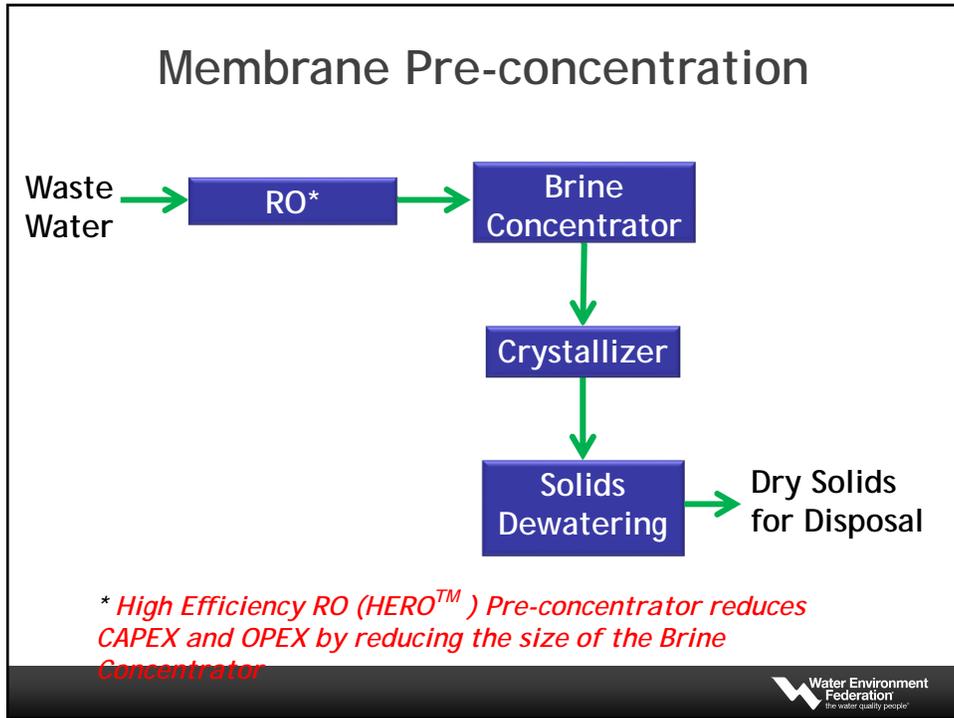
### FALLING FILM

- Generally used to concentrate brine solutions to 12% to as high as 25% TS
- Lower specific energy than forced circulation evaporators
- Lower OPEX/GPM of evaporation
- Unseeded system used for non-scaling applications
- Scaling applications use techniques such as seeded slurry to control scaling

### FORCED CIRCULATION

- Generally used to concentrate brine blowdown from upstream pre-concentrator
- Higher specific energy than falling film evaporators
- Higher OPEX/GPM of evaporation
- Crystallizer applications
- Generally resistant to scaling





## ZLD Success Factors

- **Careful consideration of waste water chemistry**
  - ✓ Prior experience with similar water chemistry
  - ✓ Bench-Top study where experience is lacking and if water is available
  - ✓ Computer modeling using proprietary software and third party software such as OLI
  - ✓ Pilot studies can be done if water is available and if considered early in the project schedule

*An sound water chemistry  
design basis is key to successful  
ZLD design*



## ZLD Success Factors

- **Relevant experience of ZLD supplier**
  - ZLD system design is intellectual property of the supplier and generally not available from text books, journals or Wikipedia
- **Relevant experience of operations team and proper man-power assignment**
  - There is a general shortage of ZLD system operations expertise
  - Training of the operations team prior to start-up and during the first year of operation is critical
  - Supervision assistance by the ZLD system supplier during the first year of operation is recommended



## ZLD Success Factors

- **Metallurgy**
  - Optimization of CAPEX
- **Operating parameters i.e. pH, conc. factors, etc.**
- **Conservative Design Margin**
  - Experience shows that actual chemistry will deviate from design chemistry

*Once properly designed and staffed,  
operating issues are straight forward*

## China CTX ZLD Case Study

*Aquatech has executed 6 CTX ZLD Projects  
in the China Market*

- ✓ *Yuntianhua, China*
- ✓ *Tuke, China*
- ✓ *Shenhua Xinjian, China*
- ✓ *Shenhua Ningmei, China*
- ✓ *Tuke Mining, China*
- ✓ *Gansu Honghui Energy and Chemical Co., China*

## What is CTX?

- CTX is the process for gasification of coal to various products such as alternative fuels and chemicals such as methanol, ammonia, fertilizers and olefins to name a few.
- Coal gasification is the process of producing syngas, a mixture consisting primarily of carbon monoxide (CO), hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and water vapor (H<sub>2</sub>O) from coal and water, air and/or oxygen.

## China CTX ZLD Drivers

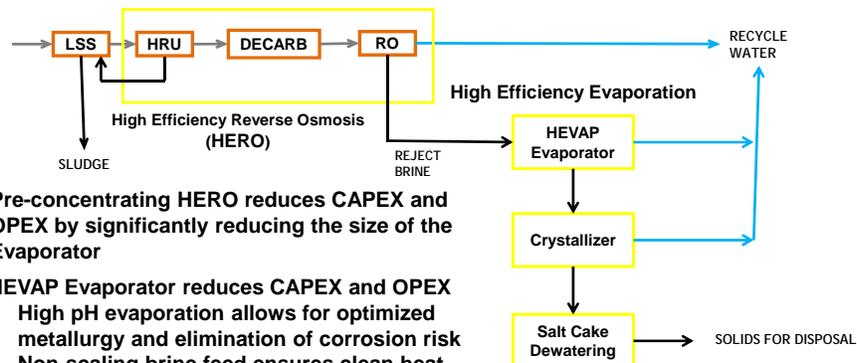
- China is actively encouraging the growth of coal-to-chemicals in a bid to reduce its dependence on expensive imported natural gas.
- These plants have high water demands and the regulations have made wastewater recycle/reuse mandatory for such facilities.
- Although these wastewaters lend themselves well for biological treatment, the stream generated after further concentration through recycle/reuse systems require a ZLD configuration to comply with regulations.

## 680 KTA CTX Project Inner Mongolia China

- A fully integrated and automated system developed for the CTX market
- Highly efficient ZLD system supplied utilizing AquaEZ™ technology
  - HERO™ High Efficiency Reverse Osmosis
  - HEVAP™ High Efficiency Evaporation
  - Crystallizer and centrifuge to produce and harvest salts



## AquaEZ™ ZLD Process



**Pre-concentrating HERO reduces CAPEX and OPEX by significantly reducing the size of the Evaporator**

**HEVAP Evaporator reduces CAPEX and OPEX**

- High pH evaporation allows for optimized metallurgy and elimination of corrosion risk
- Non-scaling brine feed ensures clean heat transfer surface and efficient heat transfer
- Split sump evaporator reduces power consumption
- Significantly higher reliability and availability rating as compared to conventional Seeded Slurry Evaporator systems.



## Water Recycle

- The CTX wastewater stream has high scaling and fouling potential due to the presence of hardness, organic species, ammonia, silica, etc.



- The wastewater stream is first concentrated by the HERO™ system achieving high recovery of low TDS permeate for reuse by the CTX facility.

## Water Recycle

- HERO™ is a proprietary process that is designed for applications where the feed water is high in both organic and inorganic foulants. The operating environment of a HERO™ system eliminates scaling and fouling.
- The result is that an AquaEZ™ system requires less downtime for cleaning than a conventional RO based system.

## Zero Liquid Discharge

- The concentrated brine from the Water Recycle system is further concentrated in the ZLD system. The system is comprised of a HEVAP™ evaporator for brine concentration and crystallizer to achieve ZLD.



- The concentrated HERO™ reject brine is non-scaling. The HEVAP™ evaporator is designed to operate without scaling and lower power consumption compared to conventional evaporators typically used.

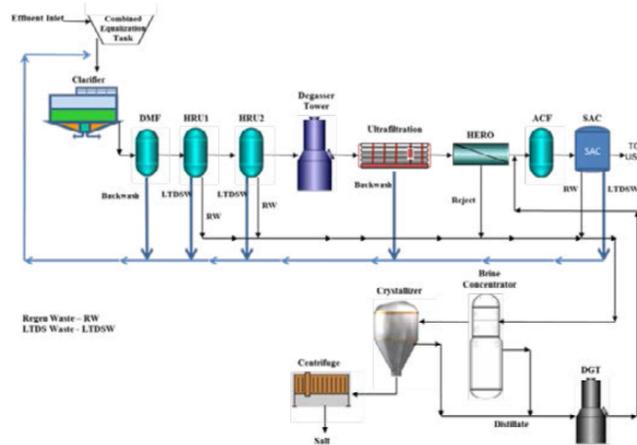
## Zero Liquid Discharge

- The Crystallizer is the final brine concentration step. As concentration occurs, salts are precipitated, grown into crystals and harvested by a centrifuge. The dry salt is taken for suitable disposal.



## 680 KTA CTX Project Inner Mongolia China

SYSTEM FLOW DIAGRAM



## 680 KTA CTX Project Inner Mongolia China

DESIGN WATER ANALYSIS: COMPOSITE STREAM		
Parameters	Units	Composite Feed
pH	---	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	~6057
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	149.6
Hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	880
NH <sub>3</sub> + - N	mg/L	13.4
Fluorides as F	mg/L	25
Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub>	mg/L	91
Bicarbonate as HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	136
Chlorides	mg/L	1465
Sulphates	mg/L	737
Sodium	mg/L	2241
Nitrate as NO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	549.2
Calcium	mg/L	160
Magnesium	mg/L	96
TOC	mg/L	63.4
TSS	mg/L	22

TREATED WATER ANALYSIS		
Parameters	Units	Outlet Concentration
Turbidity	NTU	< 3
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	≤ 200
Total hardness, as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	≤ 3
Total alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L	≤ 20
BOD	mg/L	< 0.5
COD	mg/L	< 5
TOC	mg/L	≤ 2
Fluoride	mg/L	< 0.5
Chloride	mg/L	≤ 30
Sulphate	mg/L	≤ 30
Nitrate nitrogen	mg/L	≤ 50
Silica	mg/L	< 1
Phosphate	mg/L	< 0.02
Sodium	mg/L	< 35
Aluminum	mg/L	< 0.01
Copper	mg/L	< 0.01
Manganese	mg/L	< 0.01
Zinc	mg/L	< 0.01

## China CTX ZLD Drivers

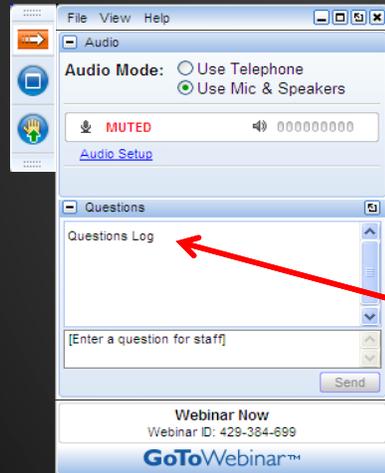
- Earlier generation of such facilities were permitted to have an evaporation pond as a means for final disposal to comply with ZLD requirement.
- New regulations disallow evaporation ponds and encourage/require recovery and reuse of harvested salts (i.e. selective salt recovery).
- Selective salt recovery technologies are under development and commercialization.
- While recycle and reuse of wastewater is practiced globally in many markets, the China CTX ZLD market will be at the forefront of development of technologies for recycling salts for beneficial reuse.

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