

# Use of Tertiary UF for Water Reuse Reduces Costs and Provides a Reliable Source for Industry

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# Water and Wastewater Applications

## Municipal Water and Wastewater



- **Drinking Water**
  - Seawater Desalination
  - Surface Water
  - Ground Water
  - Brackish Water
- **Wastewater Treatment**
  - Secondary / Tertiary Treatment
- **Water Reuse**

## Industrial Water and Wastewater



- **Process Water**
- **Wastewater**
- **Reuse**
- **Cooling Tower Blowdown**
- **Boiler Feedwater**
- **Produced Water**
- **High-Purity Water**
- **Desalination**

# Typical Membrane Configurations for Water Treatment



|                            | Pressurized HF<br>Cartridges<br>Inside-Out | Pressurized HF<br>Cartridges<br>Outside-In | Submerged<br>Supported HF<br>High Density | Submerged<br>Supported HF<br>Low Density | Tubular<br>Membranes |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------------|
| Oily Wastewater            |  |  |   |  |                      |
| Membrane<br>Bio-Reactor    |  |  |   |  |                      |
| Difficult Surface<br>Water |  |  |   |  |                      |
| Tertiary<br>Applications   |  |  |   |  |                      |
| Seawater<br>Pretreatment   |  |  |   |  |                      |
| Easy Surface<br>Water      |  |  |   |  |                      |

# Pretreatment Guidelines

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## Clarification / Sedimentation

- Most filtration systems require coagulation and clarification prior to filtration.
- Coagulation chemicals are a large operational cost.
- Clarification systems require constant monitoring by operations to maintain good quality.
- Clarification systems do not handle rapid changes in feed water well and are prone to carryover during such events, leading to problems in downstream filtration equipment.
- Many facilities would see a great monetary benefit from being able to bypass clarification if the downstream equipment could be relied upon to still produce the required quality.

# PURON® MP

## What is it?

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|                                  | TARGA® II | PURON® MP | PURON® HF | PURON® MBR | ABCOR® |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Membrane Bio-Reactor             |           |           |           |            |        |
| Difficult Surface Water          |           |           |           |            |        |
| Secondary Effluent               |           |           |           |            |        |
| Seawater Pretreatment            |           |           |           |            |        |
| Ground Water (Fe and Mn Removal) |           |           |           |            |        |
| Easy Surface Water               |           |           |           |            |        |

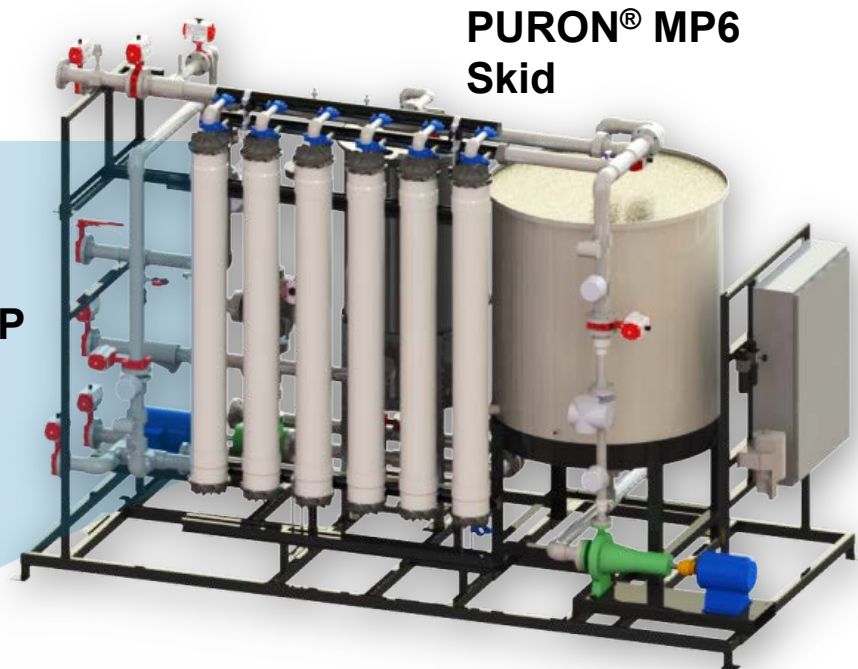
# PURON® MP - What is it?



Single-header  
**PURON® MP**  
membrane  
Bundle



Enclosed  
**PURON® MP**  
Cartridge



**PURON® MP6**  
Skid

- **Single header cartridge** where fibers are potted at the top and sealed at the bottom
- **Reinforced** fibers
- **PVDF membrane** chemistry demonstrating high porosity and narrow pore size distribution in the UF range



# PURON® MP – Product Strengths

## Excellent Chemistry and Morphology



- PVDF chemistry
- 0.03 micron pore size
- Not all PVDF membranes are the same. Fiber pore size and pore size distribution were optimized leading to morphology that demonstrates low fouling tendency and excellent cleanability

# PURON® MP

## No Bottom Potting



- Air scour is effectively distributed around each fiber
- Solids are easily drained away after air scour in absence of a bottom potting



# PURON® MP – Product Strengths

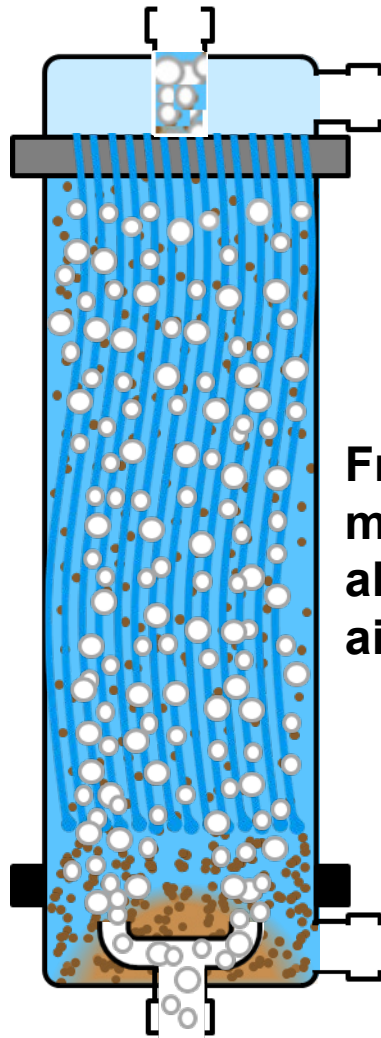
## Supported Fiber



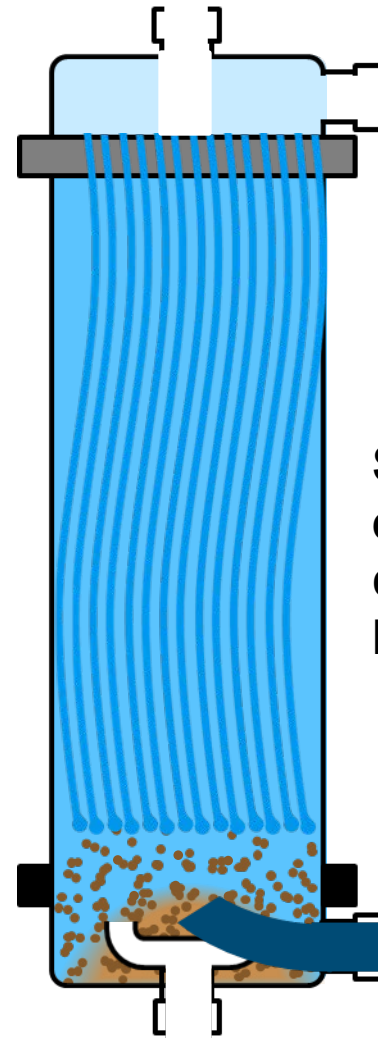
- The only pressurized cartridge product in the market that uses supported fiber
- Eliminates downtime for fiber repair
- Virtually indestructible fiber
- One of the largest fiber diameters used in a cartridge configuration, yet provides large membrane area and high membrane packing density

# PURON® MP

## Cartridge Features



**Free floating  
membrane fibers  
allow more complete  
air scouring**



**Sediment is  
easily removed  
during  
backwash**

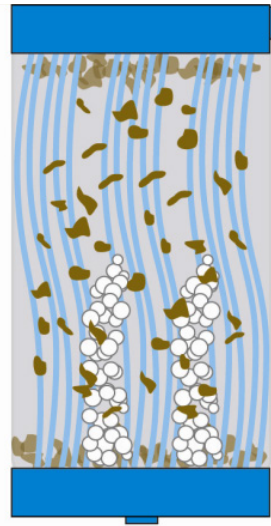
# Operational Advantages of the PURON® MP Configuration



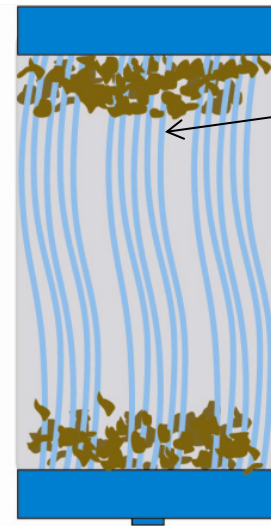
Top and Bottom  
potting



**Air Scour Start**



**Air Scour**

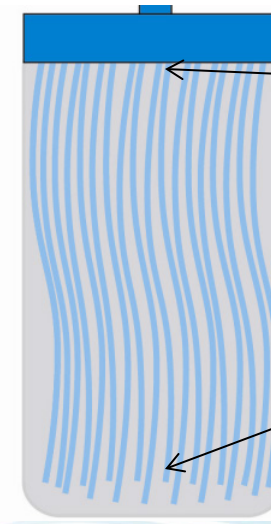
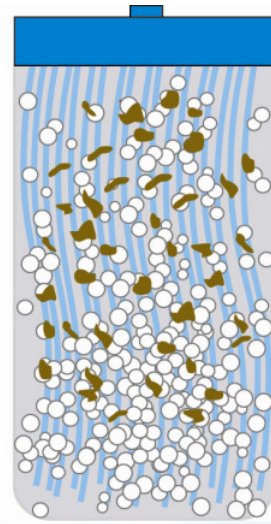
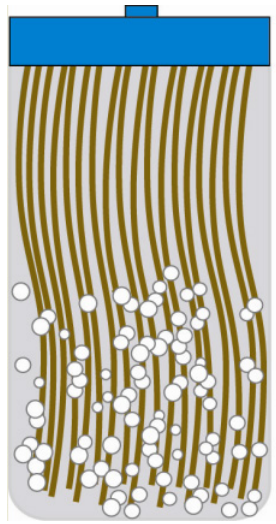


**After Air Scour**

Solids build-up  
in middle of  
fiber bundle

Bottom potting  
inhibits  
efficient solids  
draining

Top potting  
only



Solids are  
removed from  
middle of fiber  
bundle

Solids easily  
drain between  
fibers

# PURON® MP – Product Strengths

## Superior Cartridge Design



- Single header design with open bottom allows efficient solid removal during cartridge drain cycle
- Efficient aeration and excellent air scouring distribution
- High packing density
- Top, central vent port eliminates interior fiber bundle sludging
- Operation in dead end mode allows simple cartridge design and compact rack design



# PURON® MP

## Product Differentiators



### Supported Fiber

- The only pressurized supported fiber cartridge in the market
- Eliminates fiber breaks

### Superior Cartridge Design

- Removal of bottom potting allows for improved aeration and solids draining
- Top, central vent port eliminates interior fiber bundle sludging
- Allows for simple system design only using “dead-end” flow configuration



### High Flux and Solids Tolerance

- Sustainable flux rates up to 60 gfd (100 l/mh)
- Solids loading up to 100 mg/L and frequent spikes of 250 mg/L TSS. Can tolerate excursions up to 8000 NTU\*
- Ability to operate at high recovery and handle clarifier upsets

### Excellent Membrane Chemistry

- Low fouling PVDF Chemistry
- 0.03 µm pore size
- Higher flux as a result of reduced fouling


# PURON® MP


## 8" Diameter Cartridge Main Properties



### Product Overview

- **Membrane Area:** 546 ft<sup>2</sup> (51 m<sup>2</sup>)
- **Pore Size:** 0.03 µm
- **Membrane Chemistry:** PVDF
- **Filtration Class:** Hollow Fiber UF
- **Feed Flow Path:** Outside-In
- **Wet New Cartridge Weight:** 105 lbs (48 Kg)
- **Height:** 81 inch (2 m)
- **Max Chlorine Cleaning Conc.:** 1000 ppm Free Cl





# PURON® MP HOLLOW FIBER CARTRIDGE

8-inch Ultrafiltration Cartridge for Water and Wastewater Filtration

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Membrane Chemistry:      | Proprietary PVDF  |
| Membrane Type:           | Braided hollow fiber for outside-in operation   |
| Fiber Support Chemistry: | Polyester   |
| Nominal Pore Size:       | 0.03 µm   |
| Outside Fiber Diameter:  | 0.1 inch (2.6 mm)   |
| Housing Shell:           | PVC   |
| Potting Material:        | Proprietary Epoxy Compound  |
| Storage Solution:        | Glycerin/Water  |
| Regulatory Status:       | Classified by UL to NSF/ANSI Standard 61 and in accordance with NSF/ANSI Standard 372 |

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

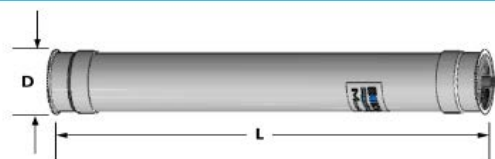
| Part Number | Model              | Membrane Area [ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )] | Typical Production Range [gpm (m <sup>3</sup> /hr)] |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---|
| 0728000     | PURON® MP 8081-102 | 546 (51)  | 9 - 30 (2 - 6.8)                                    |

## OPERATING & DESIGN INFORMATION\*

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Maximum Pressure (water):                        | 45 psi (3.0 bar) @ 104° F (40° C) or less |
| Temperature Range:                               | 32° F (0° C) - 104° F (40° C)             |
| Maximum Production Transmembrane Pressure:       | 25 psi (1.7 bar)                          |
| Maximum Backflush Transmembrane Pressure:        | 10 psi (0.7 bar)                          |
| Allowable pH Range:                              | 1.8 - 10.5                                |
| Maximum Total Chlorine @ 77° F (25° C) or lower: | 1,000 ppm @ pH <10.5                      |
| Maximum Air Scour Rate per Cartridge:            | 9 scfm (15 Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr)           |
| Typical Backflush Flow Rate per Cartridge:       | 19 gpm (4.3 m <sup>3</sup> /hr)           |

\* Consult KMS Process Engineering group for specific applications

## NOMINAL DIMENSIONS\*



| Model              | D<br>Inches (mm) | L<br>Inches (mm) |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| PURON® MP 8081-102 | 8.6 (220)        | 81 (2060)        |

\* Dimensions are provided for reference only and should not be interpreted as accurate specifications.



# PURON® MP

**Where is it used?**  
**Target Applications?**

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# Common Applications for Water Filtration



- Wastewater
  - Secondary treated water
  - Tertiary treated water
  - Industrial wastewater
- Surface Water
  - Removal of solids, turbidity, organics, bacteria and color (coagulation may be required for high removal rates)
- Ground Water
  - Iron and Manganese Removal to less than 0.05 mg/L (after oxidation)
  - Ground water under the influence, filtration for virus and bacteria removal
- Seawater (pretreatment to RO)
  - Removal of solids and turbidity
  - Produce low SDI water
- Pretreatment to RO

- Drinking Water Standards and regulations vary in different regions
- Water turbidity is often used as a measure of water quality. Maximum turbidity may range between 0.2 and 0.5 NTU
- Water color is often used as a secondary requirement. Typical maximum color for drinking water is 15 CU
- Effluent quality of conventional technologies (multimedia filtration, clarifiers, DAF) is highly dependent on the feed quality, resulting in high effluent turbidity when feed turbidity is high
- The PURON® MP Ultrafiltration technology provides a physical barrier with narrow distribution of pore size, resulting in consistent low effluent turbidity independent of feed quality

# PURON® MP

## Drinking Water Applications



- Product is NSF61 listed confirming construction materials and manufacturing practices are compliant with drinking water requirements
- Pilot tests demonstrated that the product can meet most drinking water criteria
- Pilot data shows 4-6 log removal of 3-micron particles in all applications
- CDPH Approval is pending for drinking water
  - All testing has been successfully completed

# PURON® MP

## Performance Data

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# PURON® MP

## More than 25 Pilots and Full Scale Installations Worldwide



- Applications:
  - Municipal Wastewater
  - Industrial Wastewater
  - Surface water
  - Cooling Tower Blowdown

# PURON® MP 8 inch Ultrafiltration Pilot

- All but one pilot used full scale 8-inch cartridges
- All pilots ran in Dead End mode at a constant flow with automatic controls, backflush and cleaning
- Pilot projects included a variety of applications including:
  - Surface water
  - Municipal secondary and tertiary water treatment
  - Industrial wastewater from pulp and paper, cooling tower blowdown and produced water



## Wastewater Pilot Project Summary

| Pilot #  | Site Location | Application Type              | Flux (normalized to 20°C) | Feed Properties and Other Comments   |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Pilot 2  | USA-2         | Secondary Effluent            | 40 gfd (68 l/mh)          | Typical feed shows turbidity between 2.5 and 15 NTU with peaks up to 40 NTU, 12-15 mg/L TOC. 50 – 100 ppm PACl (controlling to UV254)  |
| Pilot 5  | Australia     | Secondary Effluent            | 40 gfd (68 l/mh)          | Typical feed shows turbidity between 1 and 15 NTU. Regular high algae >20,000 counts. No coagulation.  |
| Pilot 10 | USA-3         | Tertiary Effluent             | 50 gfd (85 l/mh)          | Feed Turbidity 1-10 NTU peaks up to 50 NTU. FeCl <sub>3</sub> coagulation was trialed for phosphate removal. (TARGA® II piloted previously was unsuccessful due to FOG excursions) |
| Pilot 13 | USA-5         | Industrial Secondary Effluent | 40 gfd (68 l/mh)          | Feed Turbidity 0.2 – 1 NTU with peaks up to 2 NTU. FeCl <sub>3</sub> trialed to coagulate small solids.  |

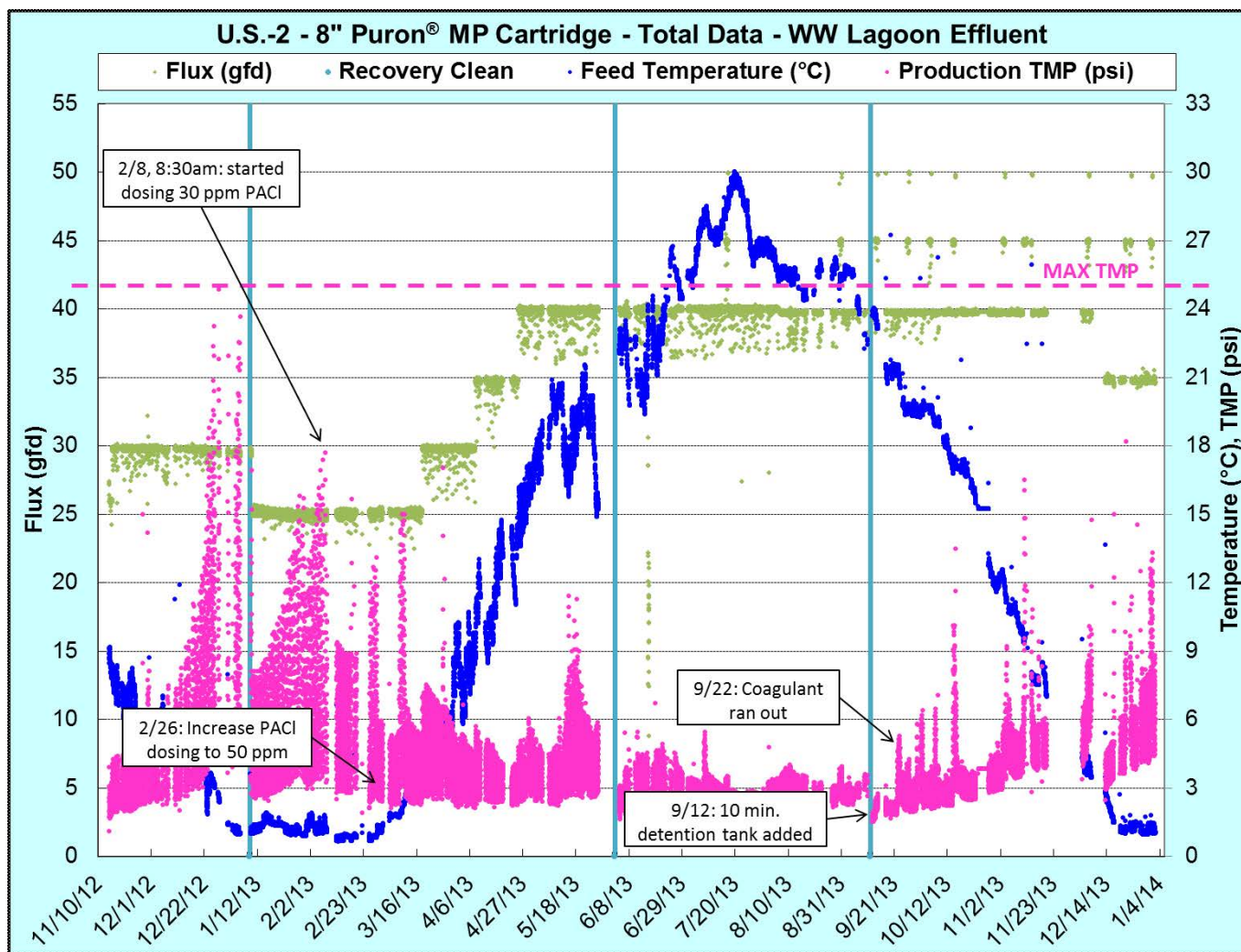


# PURON® MP Performance – Secondary Effluent

## Pilot 2: USA-2 Pilot Test



- Stable performance at 40 gfd with 94% Recovery
- Adding coagulant allowed operation at higher fluxes and better organics removal



Feed Data (ppm):

Turbidity: 2.5-30 NTU, 105 NTU peaks

TOC:12-15

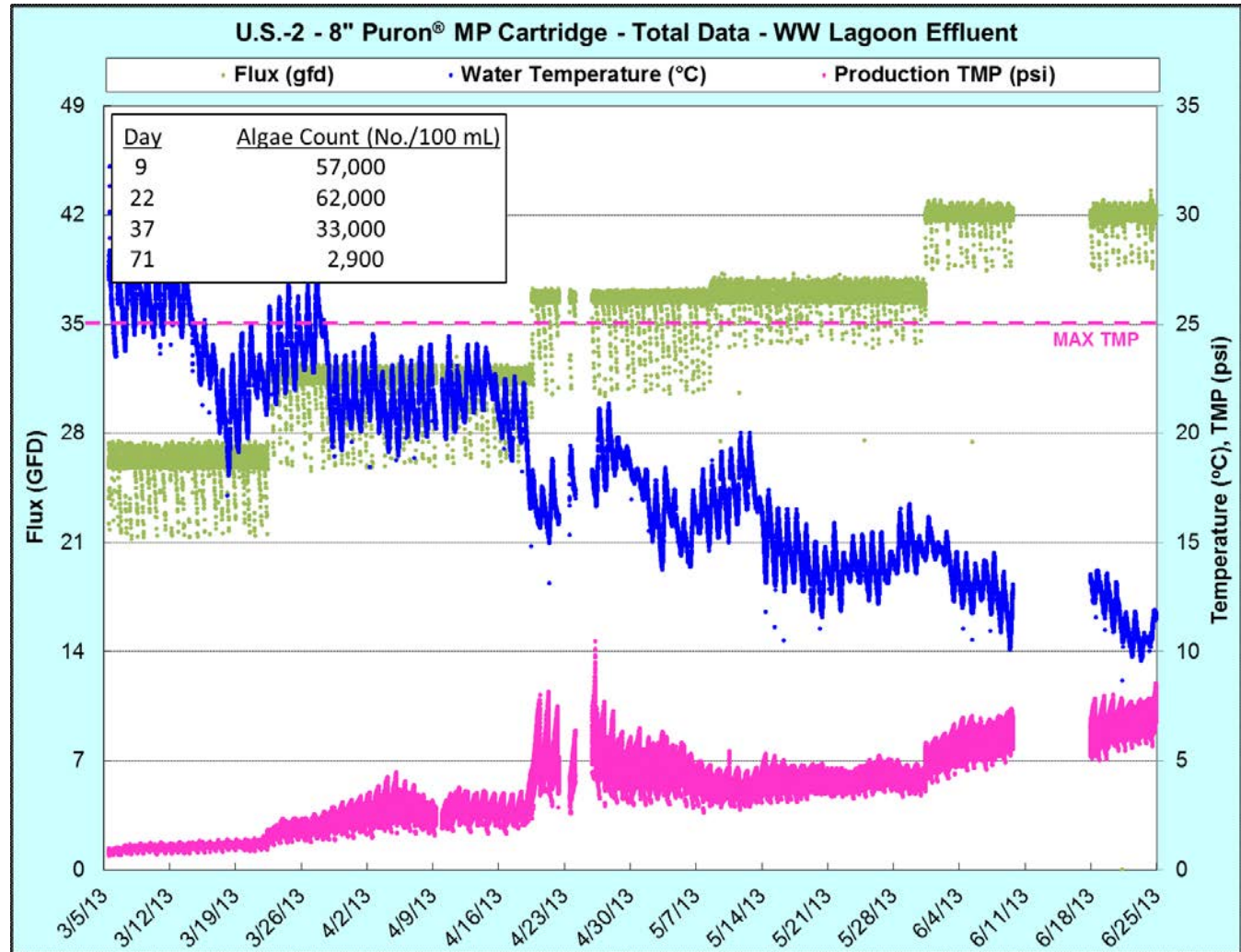
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# PURON® MP Performance – Secondary Effluent

## Pilot 5: Australia Pilot Test



- Stable performance at in the presence of high TOC and algae, up to 60,000 counts per 100 mL



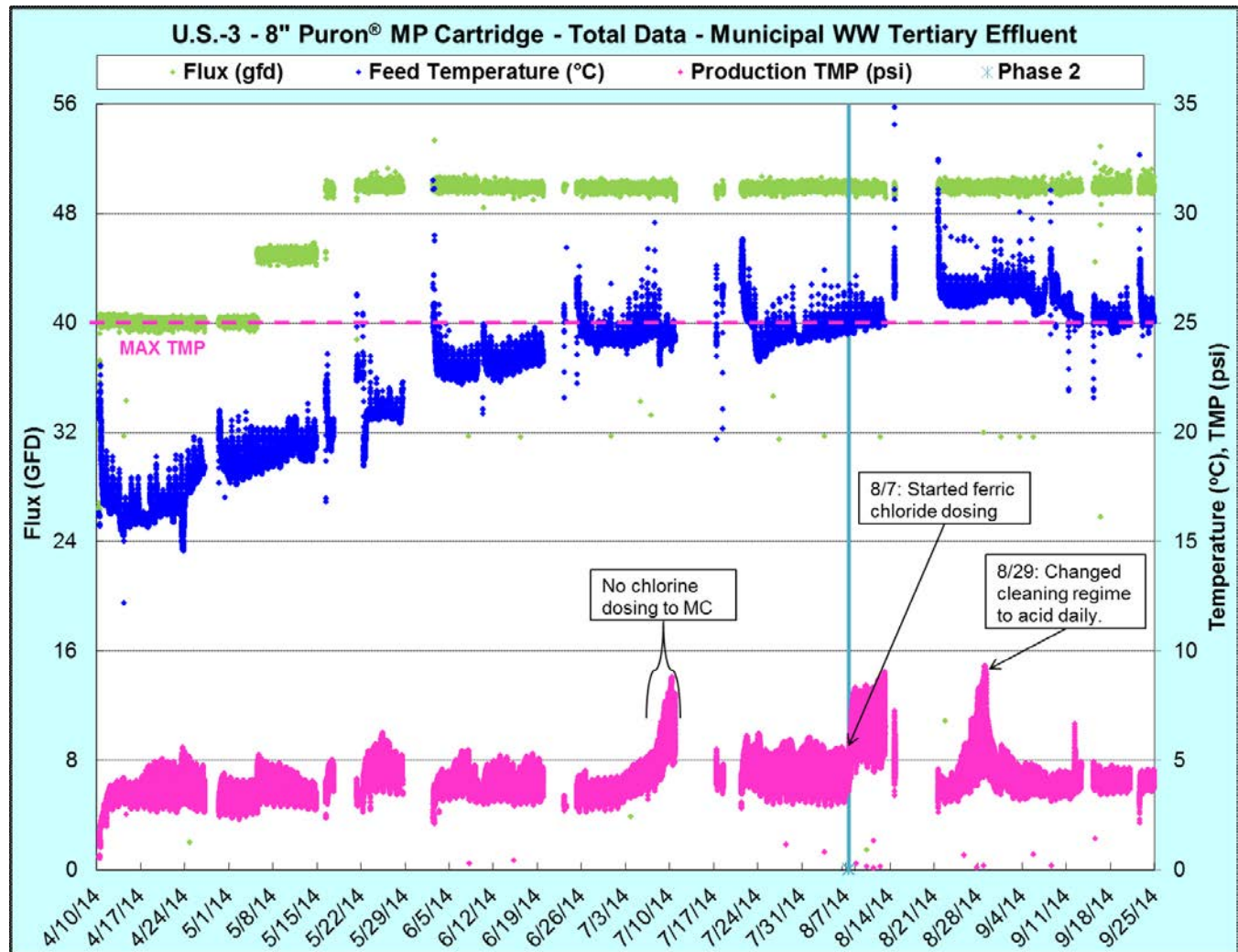
Feed Data: Turbidity: 1-15 NTU, with known algae counts >60,000/100 mL

# PURON® MP Performance – Tertiary Effluent

## Pilot 10: USA-3 Pilot Test



- Stable performance at 50 gfd with 96% Recovery
- $\text{FeCl}_3$  dosing trialed for phosphate removal



Municipal tertiary WW, Turbidity 10 NTU average, peaks up to 50 NTU

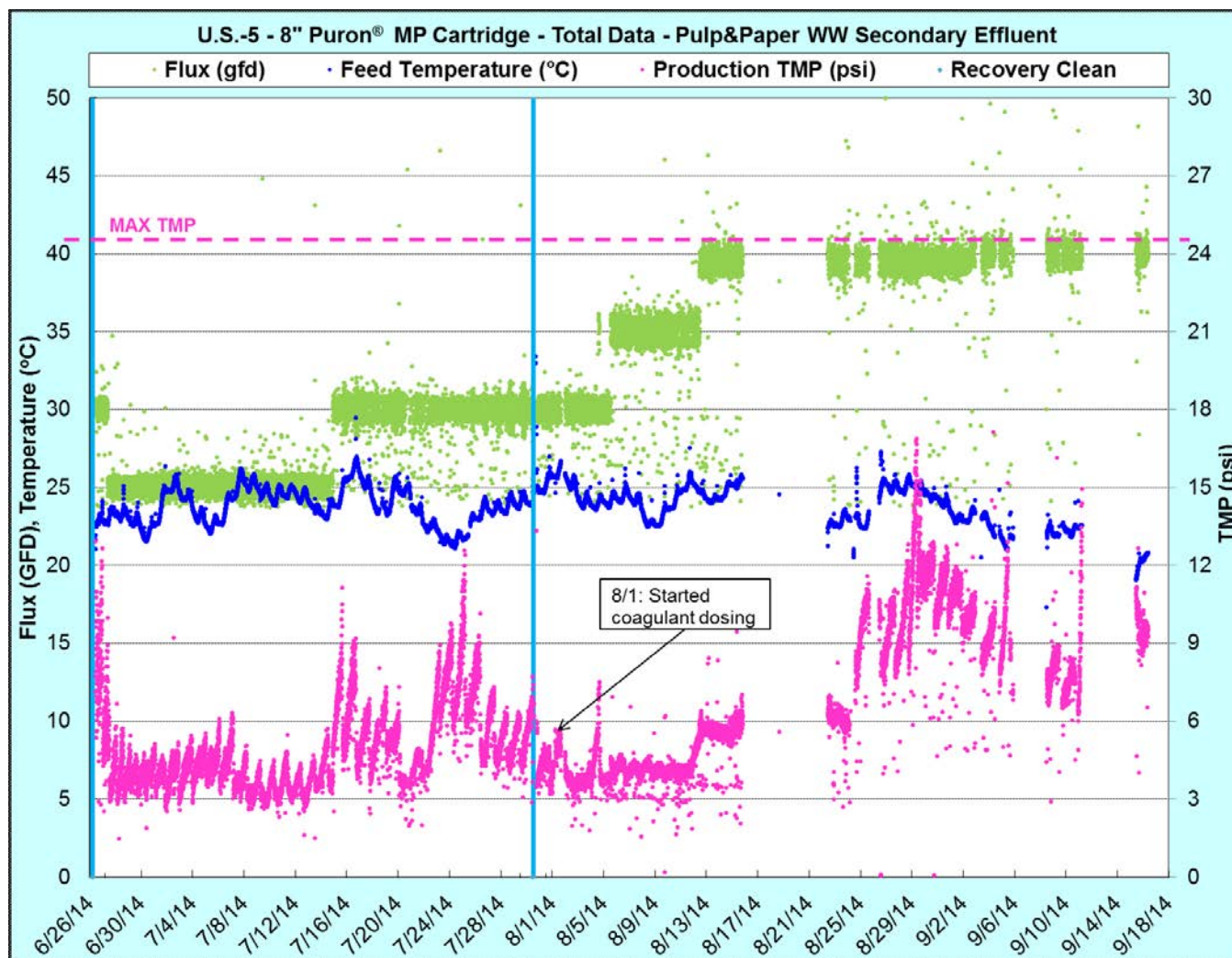


# PURON® MP Performance – Secondary Effluent

## Pilot 13: USA-5 Pilot Test (Industrial Wastewater)



- Stable performance at 30 gfd with 92% Recovery
- Higher flux of 35 gfd with  $\text{FeCl}_3$  dosing



Industrial Secondary Wastewater, Turbidity 0.2 – 2 NTU (small pulp and paper fines)

# PURON® MP

## How does it work?

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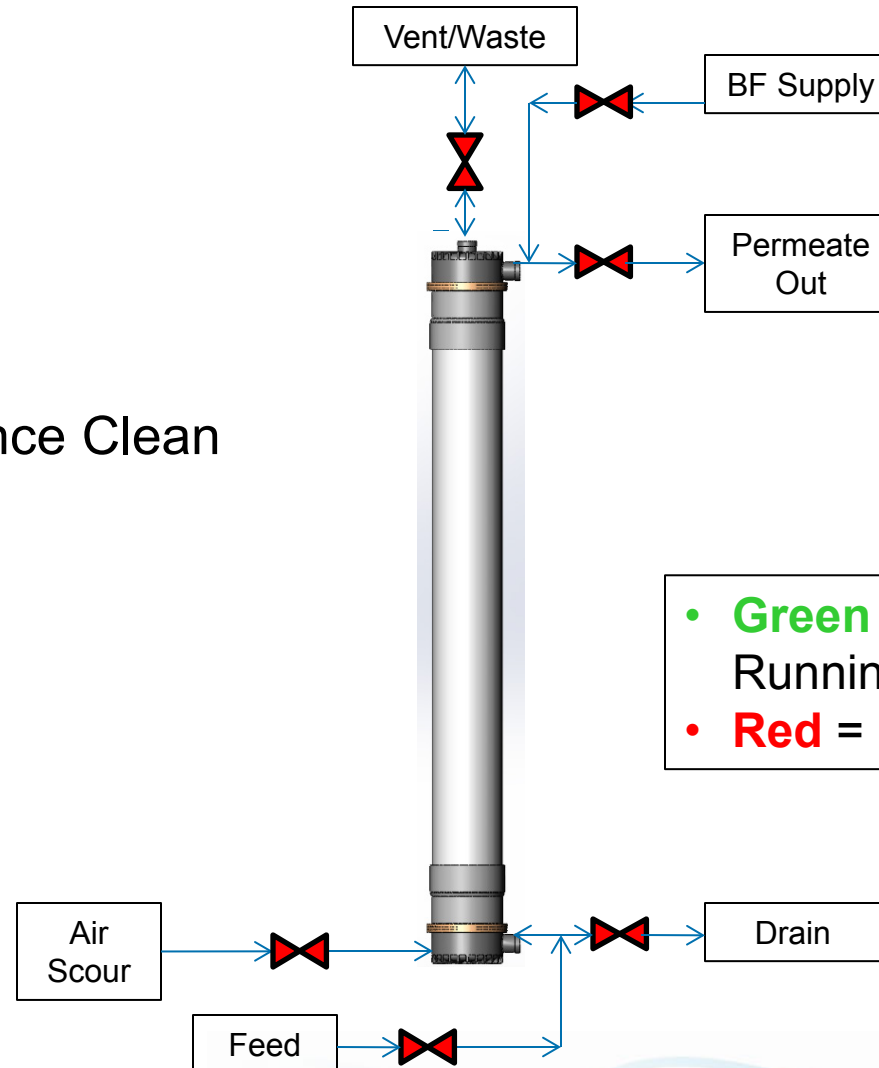


# PURON® MP

## Operating Modes



- Production
- BackFlush
- Clean/Maintenance Clean
- Rinse



- **Green** = Open or Running
- **Red** = Close

\* Only major or pertinent valves/pumps are shown

**PURON® MP**

## **Competitive Landscape**

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# PURON® MP

## Typical Operating Benefits



|                    | PURON® MP            | Typical Inside-Out UF Membrane  |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|
| Power              | >20% savings         | High solids/difficult applications often require higher TMP operation and recirculation pumps |
| Cleaning Chemicals | >60% savings         | Often needs chemicals in the backwash cycles in addition to regular cleanings                 |
| Pretreatment       | Usually not required | Clarification/Sedimentation required for many applications                                    |



# Summary

- The PURON® MP ultrafiltration product simplifies the filtration process by eliminating pretreatment, and does not require the significant civil works that a submerged system would need.
- The piloting work for the PURON® MP cartridge provided the necessary data to prove the high solid tolerance of the product and validate the design fluxes.
- The PURON® MP product is available for small and large scale projects. Supporting documentation and design tools are ready for use for skid sizes ranging from 3,000 ft<sup>2</sup> up to 45,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of membrane area. These skids can be combined into trains to achieve any flow rate.
- The PURON® MP product can significantly reducing plant operating costs and still maintain a consistent and high quality permeate.