# Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act... A Job Well Done!

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## Using Electricity to Disinfect – Sparks May Fly when O3 & UV combine to Purify WRF Effluent

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## Electricity ~ Oxidizing Power from Basic Chemistry

| Oxidizing species                                | Relative oxidation power |  |
|--|--------------------------|--|
| Chlorine   | 1.00                     |  |
| Hypochlorous acid                                | 1.10                     |  |
| Permanganate                                     | 1.24                     |  |
| Hydrogen peroxide                                | 1.31                     |  |
| Per Acetic Acid                                  | 1.38                     |  |
| Per Formic Acid                                  | 1.45                     |  |
| Ozone  | 1.82                     |  |
| Atomic oxygen                                    | 1.86                     |  |
| Hydroxyl radical                                 | 2.05                     |  |
| Positively charged hole on TiO <sub>2</sub> w UV | 2.35                     |  |

# Electricity is used to create many oxidants

• Anode and Cathode technologies help Enhance Fluid Chemistry



| Anode  | Cathode  |  |
|--|--|--|
| The anode is the<br>electrode where<br>electricity moves into.                 | The cathode is the<br>electrode where<br>electricity is given<br>out or flows out.               |  |
| The anode is usually the positive side.  | A cathode is a negative side.  |  |
| It acts as an electron donor.  | It acts as an electron acceptor.   |  |
| In an electrolytic cell,<br>oxidation reaction<br>takes place at the<br>anode. | In an electrolytic cell,<br>a <u>reduction</u><br><u>reaction</u> takes place<br>at the cathode. |  |

# UV Lamps are essentially a glorified e-cell

- Electricity is pushed thru a cathode to an anode which creates a plasma arc that emits photons to provide energy for disrupting the RNA, DNA, proteins and cellular masses of viruses, protozoans, spores, nematodes & bacteria by breaking chemical bonds - <u>Inactivation aka Disinfection</u>
- Advanced Oxidation Processes occur when much larger power levels are forced thru the lamps into the fluid which react with oxidants to create short lived but powerful hydroxyl radicals.
- Ozone can also be mixed with Peroxide , Sulfate , NaOCL, other chemicals or UV lamps to create hydroxyl radicals too



# Ozone has been favored and feared

 Many years ago a wise man saw and smelled the creation of a special chemical during a lightning storm and vowed to harness natures power for the good of all mankind ....

His name was Thor !

He works for VEOLIA



# Now - Ozone Process Flow Diagram



Chamber

# Is Ozone the Magic Silver Bullet ?

- Ozone used as a Preliminary Oxidant can reduce other chemicals required for Coagulation/Clarification + Filtration in WTPs + WRFs
- Ozone reduces solids from NOM, lowers operating costs and is safe
- Using ozone for T&O compounds also gives disinfection credits plus it enhances particle removal by filters
- Ozone for disinfection also provides better removal of organic matter when coupled with Biofiltration GAC/ BAC processes
- CECs, PHCPs, Pesticides, NDMA & other long chain organic molecules can be broken by O3, rendering them easier to degrade biologically

## Creating Ozone Efficiently Electrically for the entire Lifecycle



## Taming the power of Lightning with Gap Control



- Even higher durability, strength and efficiency
- Improved performance by (5 ~ 10 %)
- ✓ Harmonics eliminated
- Smoother power delivery
- Higher O3 concentrations (up to 14 wt %)
- Better Oxygen utilization
- ✓ Longer Life of Components

## Skid Mounted Ozone Generators



### 1800 lbs/day Ozone Generator @ 10% O<sub>3</sub> Tacoma WA

#### Pre-Engineered Skids – Ozone Cooling Water



#### Closed Loop Cooling Water System Sky Lake WTP - Orlando, FL

## O3 Dissolution Systems

#### Sidestream Injection with Radial Dispersion Unit







## Ozone Reactivity and Contact Time



Various Diffuser sysems have been employed over the years to reduce Ozone off-gas

#### Pre Engineered Skids – Ozone Destruct



Ozone Destruct Units 3 x 300 CFM Sky Lake WTP

### Complete Ozone System Controls and Monitoring Components



Master Ozone Control Panel (MOCP)

- PLC Based Graphical Operator Interface Panel
- Communication with Plant Control System

### Power Supply Side Component Options



### **IGBT Based**

(Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistor)

**Power Supply Unit** 

**Ozone Generator** 

1335 ppd @10% O<sub>3</sub>

#### **Complete Packaged Ozone Generation Skid**



#### CFV-10 w CW system - 350 lbs/day @ 10%

### Electrical Efficiency of Ozone has improved with pure Oxygen



#### LOX System – Fort Worth, TX – Rolling Hills WTP

## ADVANCED WTP WITH OZONE BAC & UV OPTION



## Focus on UV ~ metaphorically, not physically







# UV Energy is harnessed for disruption of RNA , DNA and metabolic damage to the cellular bonds in biocontaminants



## Microbes - Chemical vs UV Disinfection



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#### Disinfection Chemistry or UV Separate vs. Together ....... Can't we all work together ?

- Concerns about chloraminated byproducts are driving WTPs back toward Enhanced Coagulation and Free CL2
- Innovative Oxidants like PAA, Ferrate + CLO2 are coming into vogue to avoid DBP FP from organics.
- Ozone has it's place and could be used more when combined and controlled by advanced WTPs for Reuse



- UV is Very Effective against <u>Chlorine Resistant Pathogens</u>, e.g. Cryptosporidium, Giardia Lamblia, Staphylococcus, Clostridium, Micrococcus, Bacillus & Aeromonus !
- Responsible water treatment strategy; WW of upstream communities ultimately becomes DW of downstream communities so essentially Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) has been practiced for decades.

## UV Action Spectrum

UV Dose for 4 log (99.99%) Inactivation



This is why many state regulators want 40 mJ/cm2 regardless

## Energy Level Increases as Wavelength decreases



# LPHO Amalgam UV vs MP HI Lamps



ELECTRODE +

ELECTRODE -

- Electrode materials & termination designs have improved with R&D
- ELDs now use soft start technology from VFDs to reduce sputter of metal filaments

## LPHO Systems are approaching the MP UV range with 800-1500 watt lamps now common





#### Using 185 nM Low Wavelength LP HO photons to create oH-

#### Generating Hydroxyl Radicals



There are two pathways to produce •OH radicals:

- 1. Through water absorbing wavelength below 190nm.
- 2. Oxygen molecules absorbing at wavelengths below 240nm.

MP UV lamps can do the same with many wavelengths under 254 nM

# **Pellet Amalgam Lamps**

Cutting edge technology for your future success!

Low mercury amalgam outside the arc

Customized low solarization quartz with LongLife+<sup>™</sup> technology

> Proprietary cap design for pellet amalgam technology

## Cost Savings Compared to Spot Amalgam Lamps

- Increased output
- Greater efficiency
- Operation in more extreme ambient environments
- Up to 16,000 operating hours
- Maintaining up to 90% UVC output at end of life
- Provided with high efficiency electronic ballast-lamp package





#### Pellet Amalgam Long Life+™ Technology



#### Power Transmission Efficiency thru Electronic Lamp Drivers considering other system factors

Impact of high mains voltage/current distortion (THD):



#### System Installation + Power Analysis Recommendations



Cooling and Nema rating of cabinets for long life expectancy

Fans in climate controlled environment or A/C if not managed



#### UPS Sizes - Design for PLCs / HMI programs ~ Component Ratings for SCCR



## Make sure that your engineer & owner realize the importance of electrical infrastructure and stability

Power Transfer Monitoring Electronics



Surge Suppression and Harmonic Noise Filtration



#### **Electronic Lamp Drivers** aka Ballasts

(Fans under each power center to circulate and cool)





Ballast Replacement without removing equipment from channel

# AC systems, PSUs and MCC





NEMA 12 cabinets inside temp controlled environment

Who picked that color ???





Safety is so important – Lock out and Tag out !

Sometimes you have to improvise in the field to make things work

Please take all safety precaution before using non insulated tools

No mixing / matching fuses in those breaker panels

Either use a Philips head or a Flat head , over ?



- Any questions ----- Now is the time
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#### UV System O&M Cost for Disinfection and Advanced Treatment Techniques

| Parameter                      | Low Pressure – LP         | Amalgam – LPHO            | Medium Pressure - MP            |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Germicidal UV Light            | Monochromatic @ 254<br>nm | Monochromatic @ 254<br>nm | Polychromatic<br>(185 – 315 nm) |
| Typical Lamp Output<br>(W)     | 40 - 150                  | 150 - 1000                | 500 - 10,000                    |
| Germicidal UV Output<br>(W/cm) | 0.2                       | 0.5 - 3.5                 | 5 - 30                          |
| # of Lamps for Given<br>Dose   | High                      | Relative                  | Low                             |
| Lifetime (hrs)                 | 8,000 - 12,000            | 12,000 - 16,000           | 4,000 - 10,000                  |

