

# ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: TRACKING WATER CONTAMINATION IMPROVES PROCESS CONTROLS, COMPLIANCE, AND SUSTAINABILITY

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# Agenda

Discharge Compliance Control with Benefits

- **Emerging Challenges & Trends in the Chemical Industry**
- **Monitoring Solutions Yield Opportunities to Save**
- **Case Study #1 - Utility Water**
- **Case Study #2 - Wastewater**
- **Conclusion**



# Future Environmental Impact from the Chemicals Industry

**The chemical industry provides significant value and benefits to society yet has also had some detrimental impacts to the natural environment, humans, and ecosystems.**

## ➤ **Climate change**

- Too much water
- Too little water

## ➤ **Water shortage**

- Finite amount of resource

## ➤ **Emerging contaminants**

- PFAS
- Pharmaceuticals
- Endocrine disruptor compounds
- Pesticides, herbicides
- Heavy metals
- Nutrients

According to the *UN Environment Programme*, "the size of the global chemical industry **exceeded US \$5 trillion in 2017** and is projected to **double** by 2030.

The benefits of action to minimize the **adverse impacts** of chemicals have been estimated in the **high tens of billions of US dollars annually.**"

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/un-report-urgent-action-needed-tackle-chemical-pollution-global>

# Accenture Chemical (Re)action: Growth in a circular economy

## ➤ **Environmental and sustainability practices affect:**

- Permits and fines
- Brand image
- Waste treatment
- Supply chain
- Product lifecycle
- Workforce



## ➤ **Survey of over 6,000 consumers in 11 countries:**

- **81%** of consumers plan to **buy more eco-friendly products** over the next five years
- **83%** of consumers believe companies should design products that can be **reused, recycled, or never sent to a landfill**
- **77%** of consumers perceive plastics to be the **least environmentally friendly** packaging material
- **50%** of consumers, on average, are willing to **pay more** for a product designed to be reused or recycled

Source: [https://www.accenture.com/\\_acnmedia/PDF-107/Accenture-Chemicals-Circular-Economy-Growth.pdf](https://www.accenture.com/_acnmedia/PDF-107/Accenture-Chemicals-Circular-Economy-Growth.pdf)

# Corporate Sustainability: Water Stewardship

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- **Growing request from consumers**
- **Drives internal cost savings**
- **Advances corporate sustainability goals**

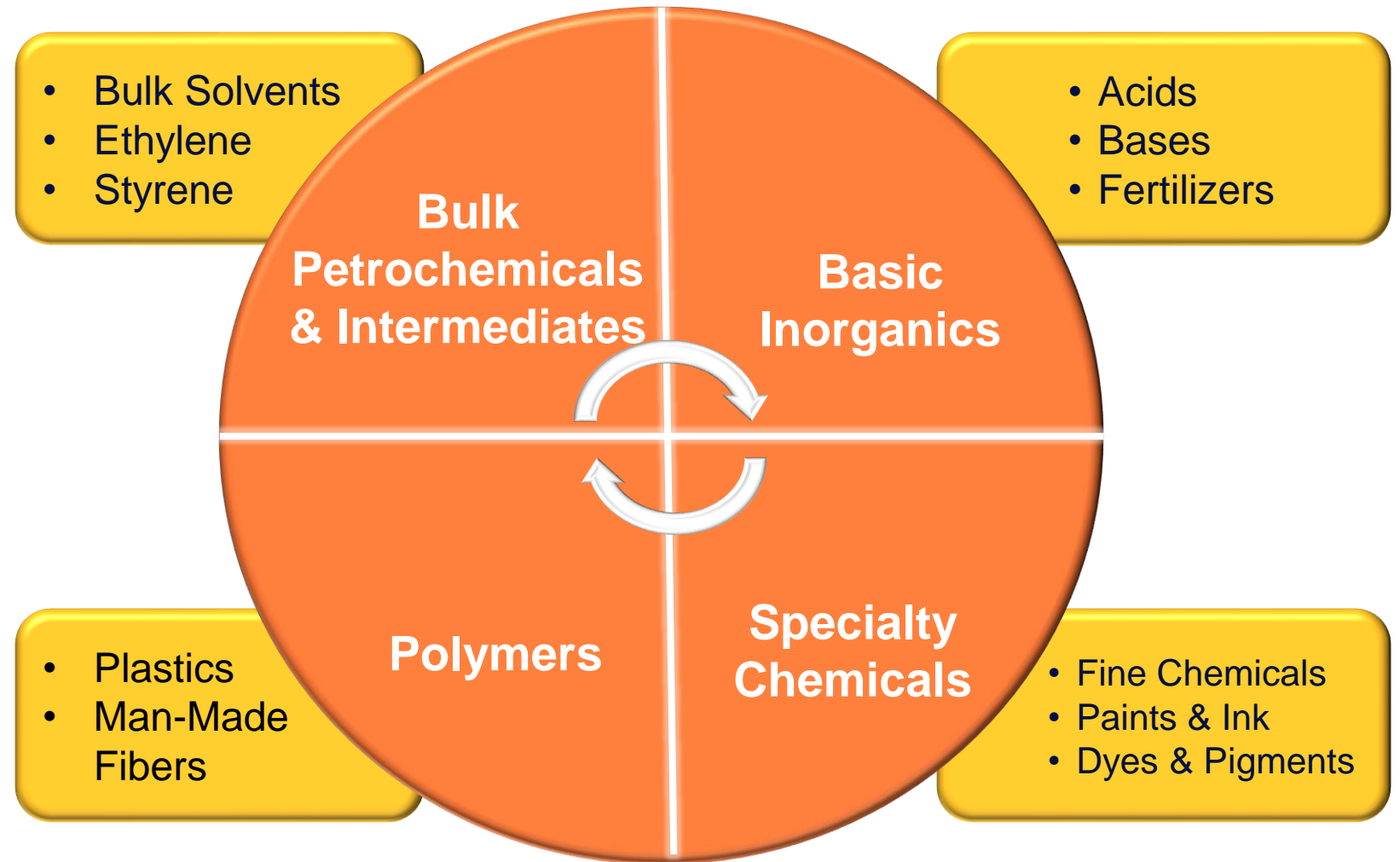
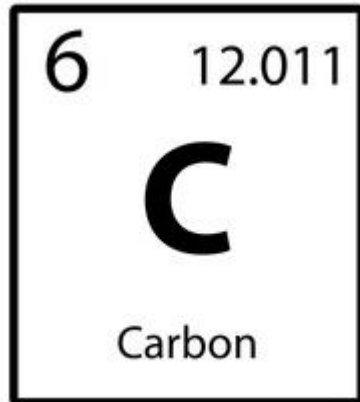
- Efficient energy, water use
- Reuse, reclaim and recycling
- Advanced treatment technologies
- Monitoring, detection, automation



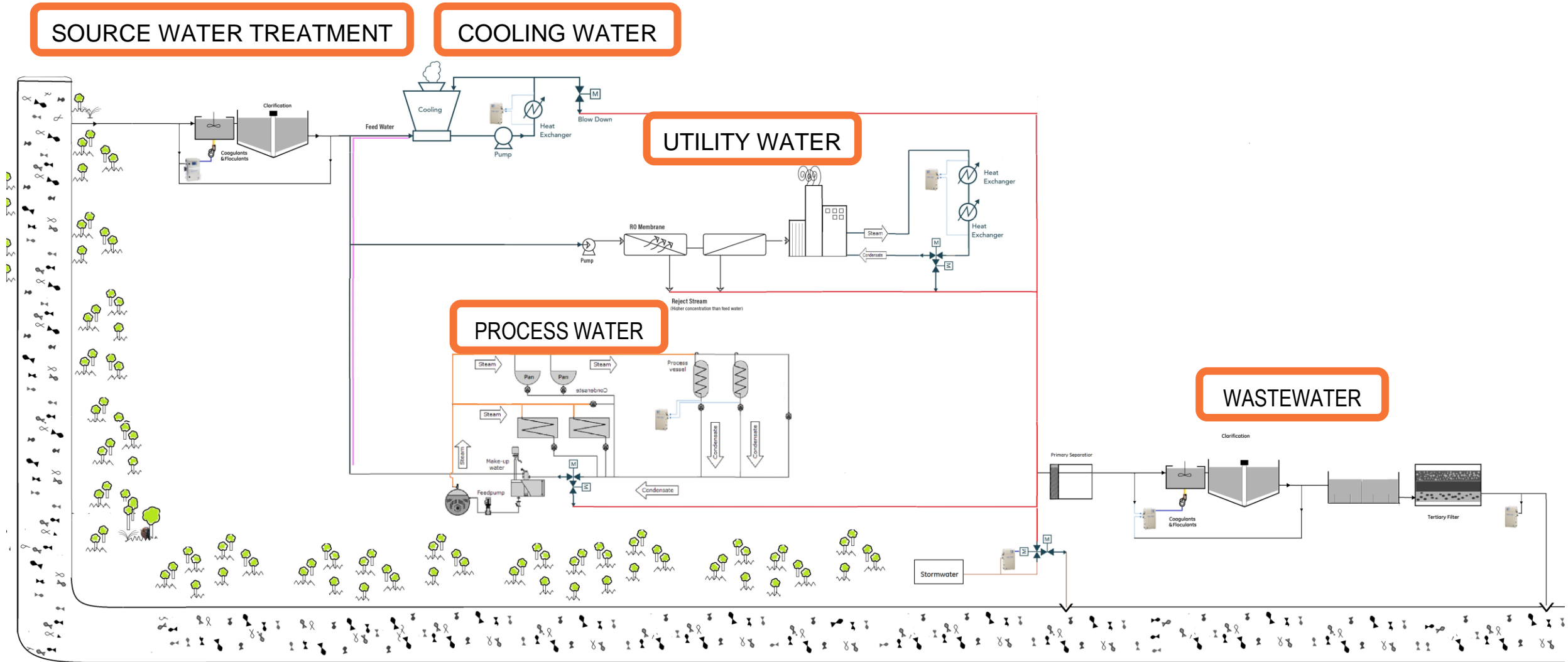
# Chemical Industry

- **Various segments**
- **Water intensive**
- **Regulation growing**
- **Areas of Water Use**

- Source water
- Ingredient water
- Process water
- Utility water
- Wastewater



# Follow the Carbon from River to River



# Carbon applications - Overview

| Application                | Purpose   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Source Water               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Real-time detection of source water quality changes that could affect production and/or process equipment</li></ul>   |
| Utility Water              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Detect heat exchanger leaks and product loss</li><li>Prevent condensate contamination and enable reuse</li><li>Control boiler corrosion and scaling from poor feedwater quality</li></ul> |
| Ingredient / Process Water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Verify equipment effectiveness &amp; treatment efficiency</li><li>Safeguard product quality; avoid cross-contamination</li></ul>  |
| Wastewater                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quantify carbon loading in raw wastewater</li><li>Nutrient balancing for biological treatment</li><li>WW discharge monitoring for environmental compliance</li></ul>                      |





# Utility Water

## Goals

- Rapid and comprehensive leak detection
- Ability to capture key contaminants
- Maintain UPW systems



## Value

- Equipment protection from damage, downtime, and repairs
- Enable effective reclaim or diversion strategies
- Ensure purity with accuracy, precision, and reliability

# Solutions with TOC Monitoring – Steam Condensate

## Cooling & recycling steam back to the system helps with water savings & process efficiency

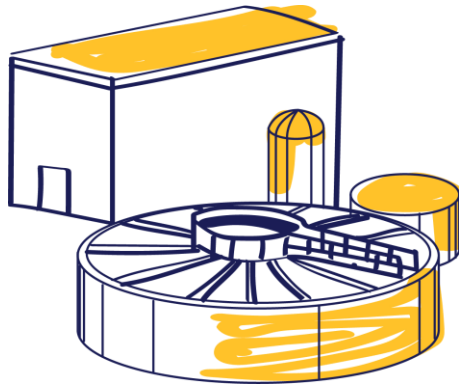
- Closed loop systems especially need to monitor for coolant leaks into the condensate to protect boilers and treatment equipment
- Open systems need to monitor for water loss and concentration of contamination



# Wastewater

## Goals

- Remove concentrated contamination - municipal & industrial
- Treat to effluent standards with combination of physical, chemical, and biological treatment
- Effective use of energy, chemicals, and equipment



## Value

- True understanding of contamination loading and changes
- Ensure continuity of treatment and maintenance of compliance
- Know, control, and improve treatment to save \$

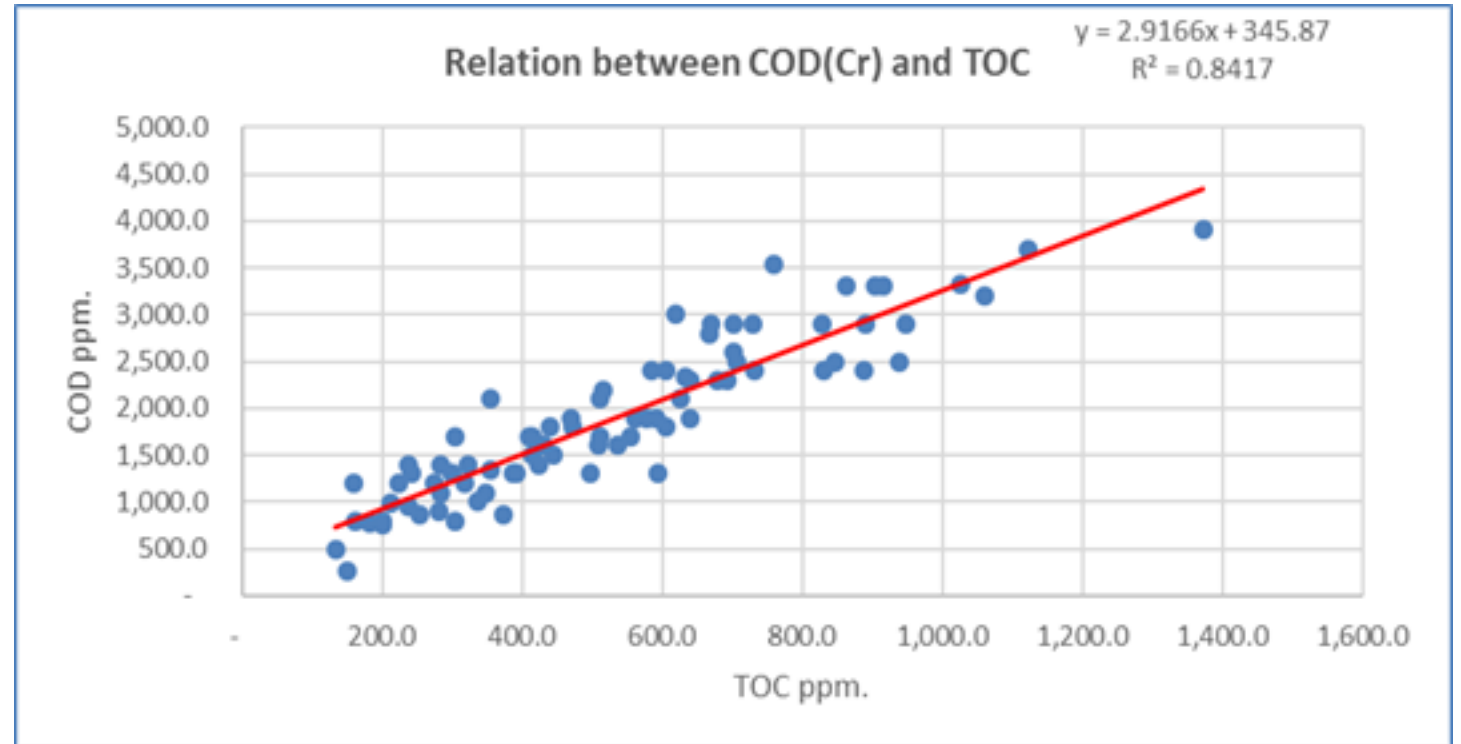
# Effluent Exam

## Customer Challenges

- BOD & COD are time consuming analyses but more familiar
- WWTP operators typically need real-time data for process optimization to know whether to retain, divert, or dilute discharges

## Solution

- Track continuous carbon loading, separation, and removal for true control
- Correlate TOC to BOD/COD allows a facility to better manage their WWTP & avoid paying high organic load surcharges or penalties



# True Food Loading – Food: Microorganism

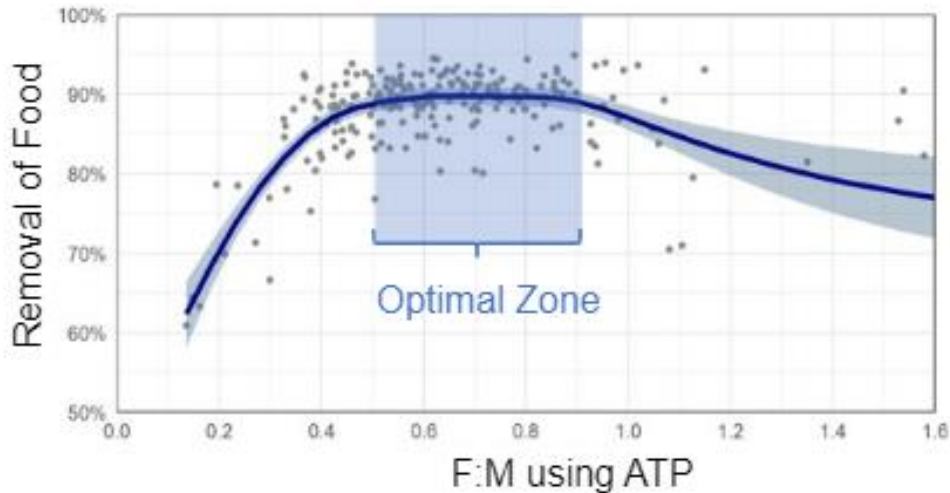
## What we measure:

The actual carbon levels feeding the microbiology vs. surrogate oxygen demand

## What this allows us to do:

“Dial in” the optimum F:M for biological system by calculating the lbs of DOC or TOC per lb of Active Biomass Population

- F:M too big – excess food, inefficient treatment
- F:M too small – not enough food, bacteria die



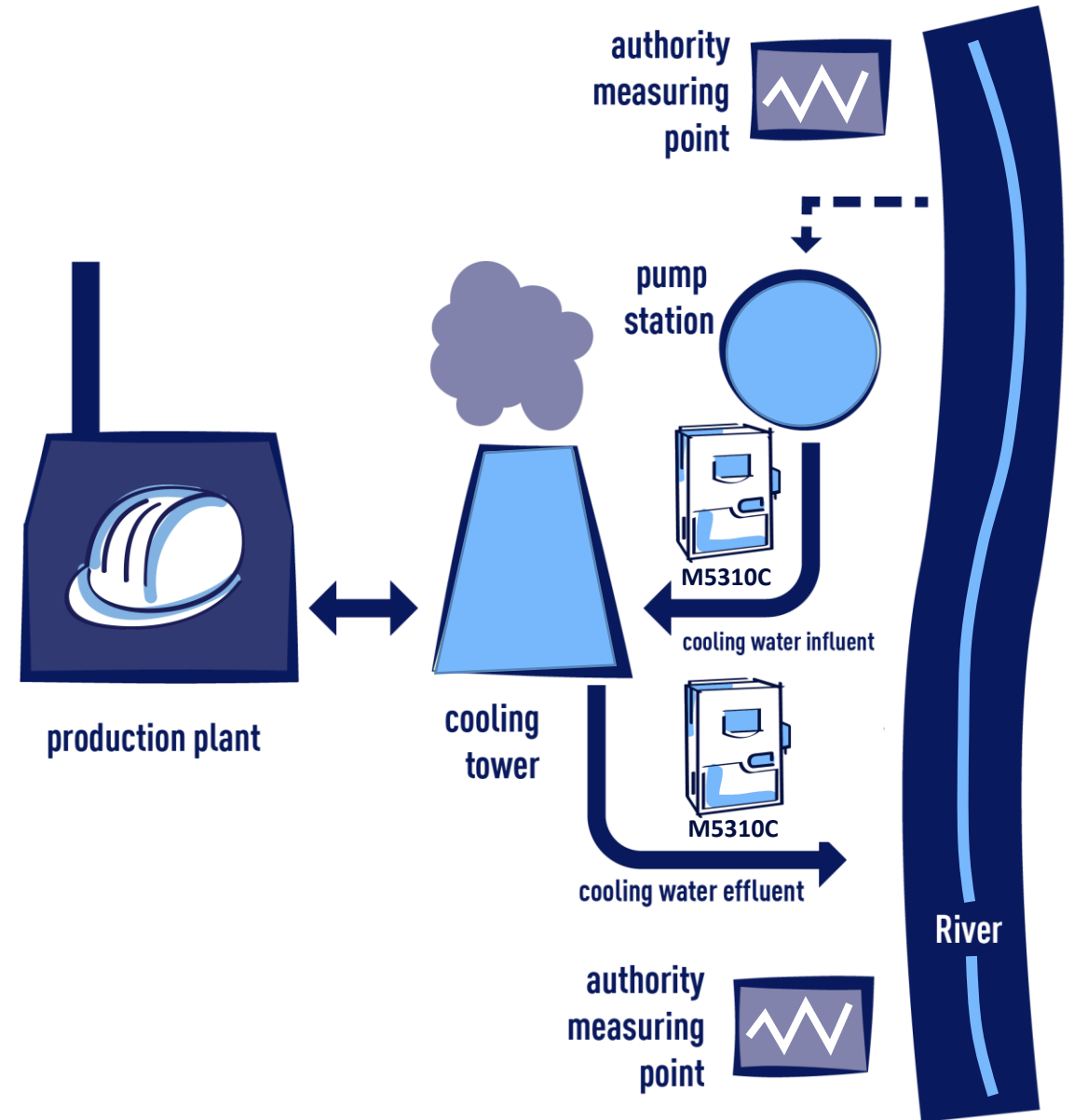
| cATP  | TOC   |
|---|---|
| Actual living biomass<br><br><b>Reliability:</b> Reduction in outfall variance and possible permit exceedance | True organic content<br><br><b>Reliability:</b> Contributes to steady operation- avoids permit exceedance, fines, possible plant shutdown |

# Case Study #1 Utility Water

## Cooling Water Monitoring before Discharge to River

### Challenges

- Multiple water uses across a facility must meet specific water quality needs *by use*
- Once-through cooling system uses river water - compliance requirements include control of organic contamination
- Exceeding TOC limits will result in fines
- Accurate and rapid TOC measurement tool is needed



# Case Study #1 Utility Water

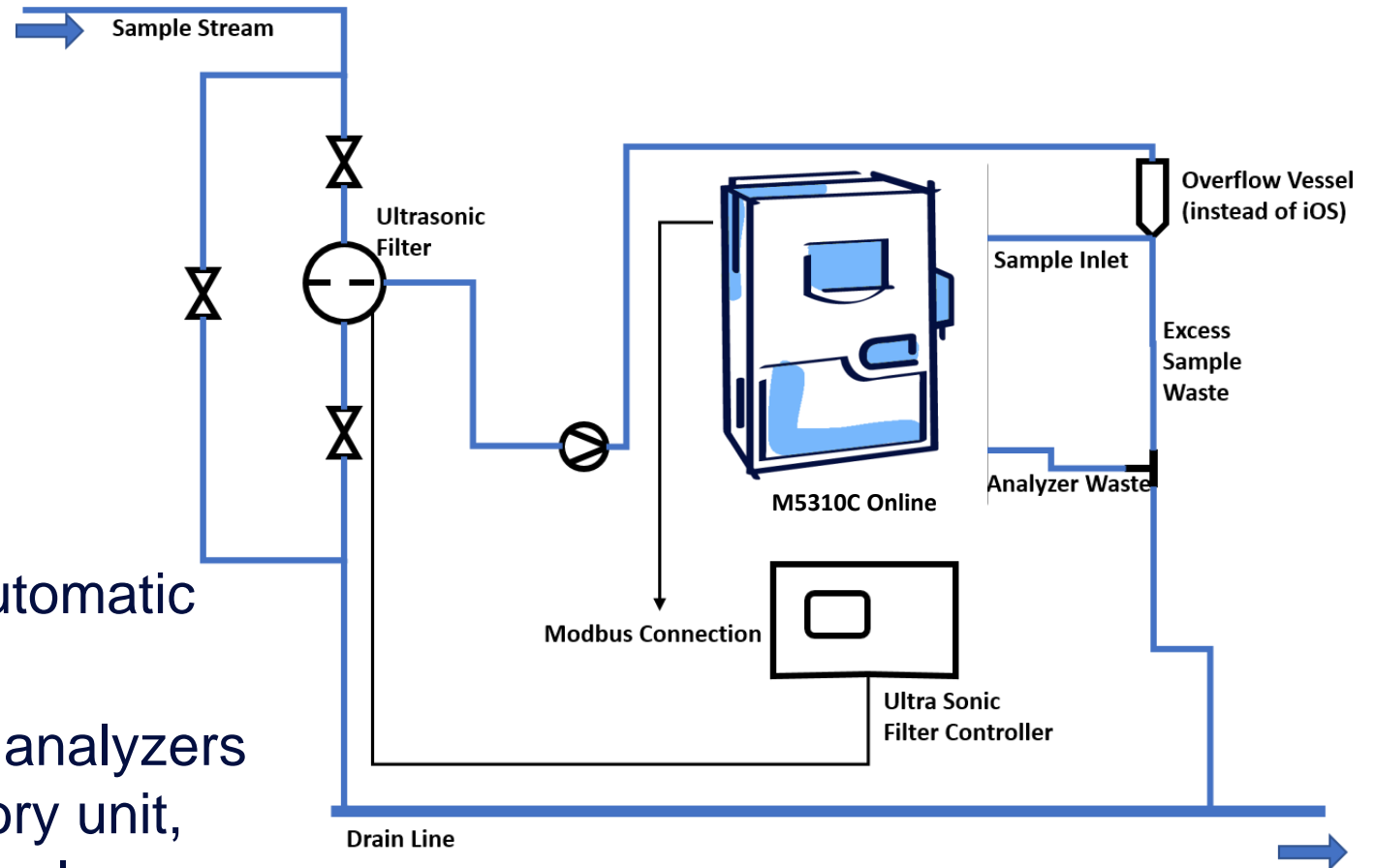
Cooling water monitoring before discharge to river

## Solution

- Low maintenance
- Long-term stable calibration
- Excellent sensitivity
- Fast response

## Results

- 99.8% uptime
- Immediate alert of an upset with automatic diversion
- Overall, more than 40 Online TOC analyzers at inlet and outlet points, 1 laboratory unit, 1 portable, all using the same technology
- Sustainable water management goals met

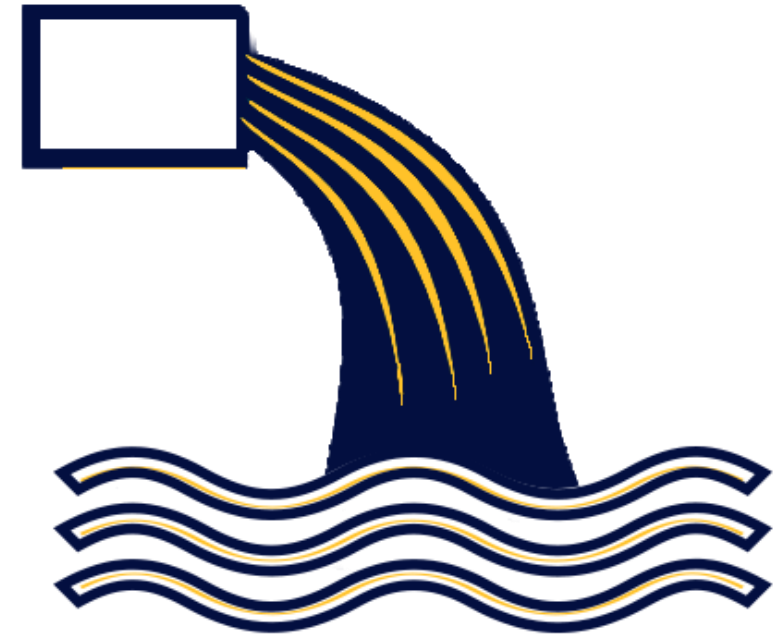


# Case Study #2 Wastewater

Large caprolactones manufacturer in the UK monitors wastewater to avoid fines

## Challenges

- Chemical company discharges wastewater to regional effluent treatment plant
- High overall organic wastewater load = possible discharge of contaminated water to the environment and unstable processes
- Fines assessed when discharge limits are exceeded
- Fix will be expensive and take several weeks
- Need for improved organics monitoring and control tools to guarantee discharge limits





# Wastewater Monitoring before Discharge to River

Large caprolactones manufacturer in the UK monitors wastewater to avoid fines

## Solution

- Sievers InnovOx Online TOC Analyzers employed
- 7 online analyzers with plant expansion and upstream control
- Operators can adjust organic discharge load to avoid exceeding limits

## Results

- Immediate decision making = Avoid excess surcharges and fines
- After detecting just 2 upsets, the investment was financially and operationally justified
- Ensure reliable operation of the WWTP
- Helps identify root causes in manufacturing



# Solutions for TOC Monitoring

## Sievers M5310C TOC Analyzer

- Wide dynamic range: 4 ppb to 50 ppm
- 2 minute measurement cycle, turbo mode 4s
- UV persulfate & stable membrane conductivity
- Low maintenance – annual calibration
- No gas requirements, no catalyst, no external reagents

Source water · Pure condensate  
Boiler feed · Cooling water



M5310C Portable, OnLine (Single and Dual Stream),  
Laboratory Analyzers and Autosampler

## Sievers InnovOx TOC Analyzer

- Wide dynamic range: 50 ppb to 50,000 ppm
- State-of-the-art Supercritical Water Oxidation technology
- Able to handle high particulates & high dissolved salt
- Robust performance; calibration 6 months

Polluted condensate wastewater



InnovOx OnLine



InnovOx Lab with Autosampler

# Solutions for organics analysis – Sievers TOC Analyzer portfolio

## Microelectronics water

UPW loop • UPW make-up • diagnostics • reclaim

## Pharmaceutical water

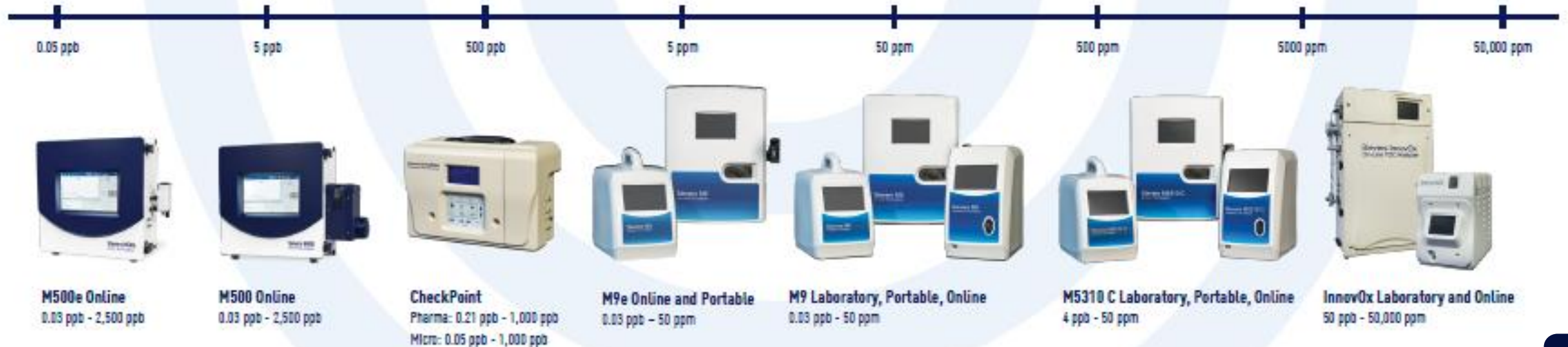
Purified water • water for injection • cleaning validation • diagnostics

## Drinking water

EPA/state compliance monitoring • environmental • process optimization • disinfection byproduct control

## Process water and wastewater

Process/industrial • environmental • municipal • wastewater



# Summary



Source Water



Quality Effluent

Efficient,  
Effective

Proactive,  
Predictive

Data-Driven  
Decision

- Treatment Processes
- Water as Ingredient
- Utility Water

**You don't know what you don't measure.  
If you don't measure it, how can you control it?  
You can't CONTROL what you don't MONITOR!**

# QUESTIONS?

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