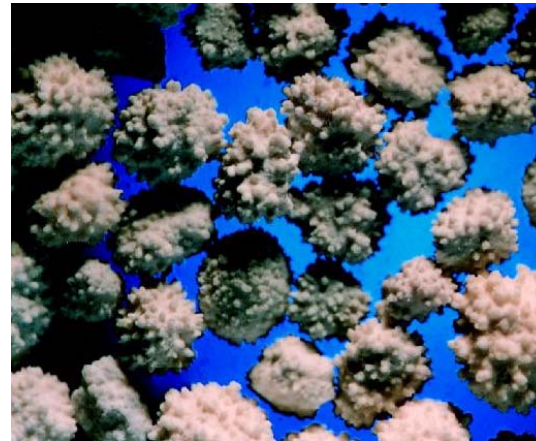




# P-recovery with

# THE **C**RYSTALACTOR®

...efficient water treatment without waste



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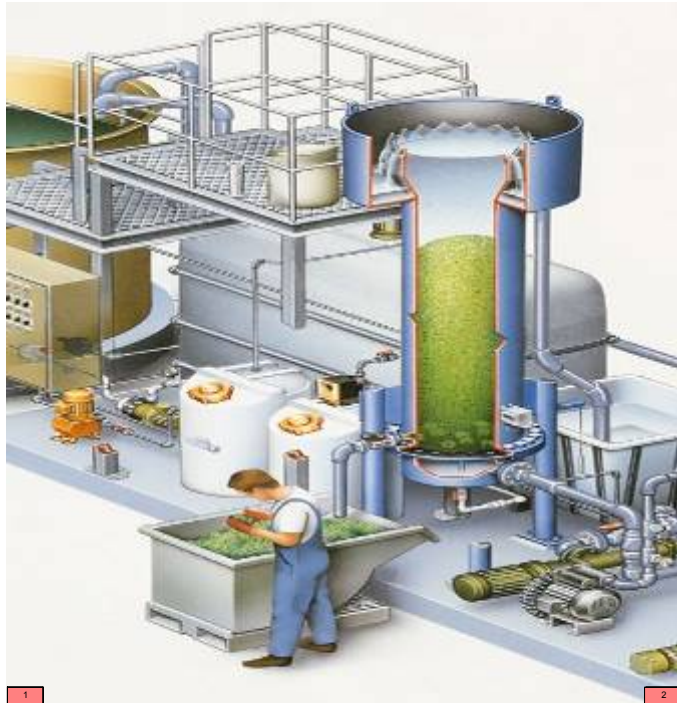
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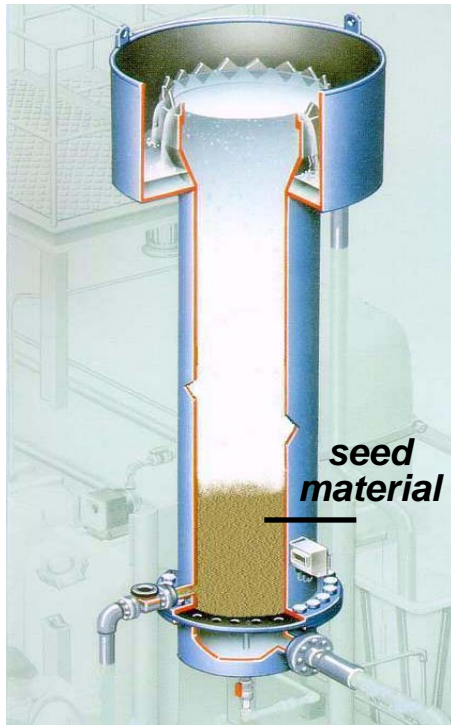
# The Crystalactor

## .... Development timeline



1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be	successfully recovered										5 B	6 CO <sub>3</sub>	7 NH <sub>4</sub>	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 PO <sub>4</sub>	16 SO <sub>4</sub>	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	57-71 La-Lu	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89-103 Ac-Lr	104 Rf-Ku	105 Ha-Ns	106 Unh	107 Uns	108 Uno	109 Une									

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- 1985 • metal recovery from process and wastewater
- 1985 • phosphate recovery from wastewater
- 1990 • fluoride recovery from process and wastewater
- 2005 • water recovery membrane concentrates

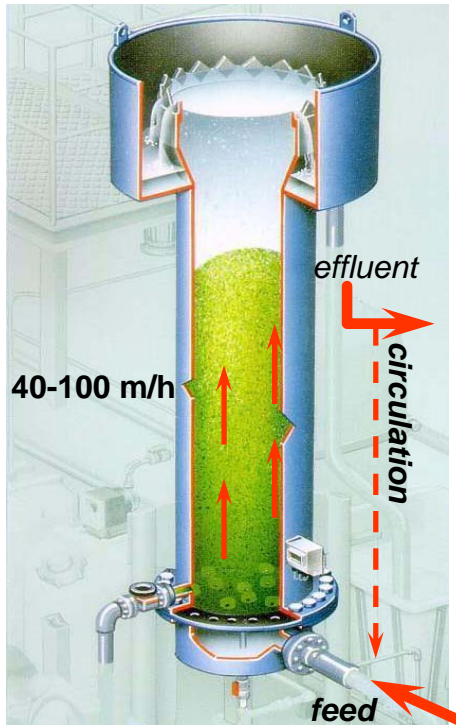


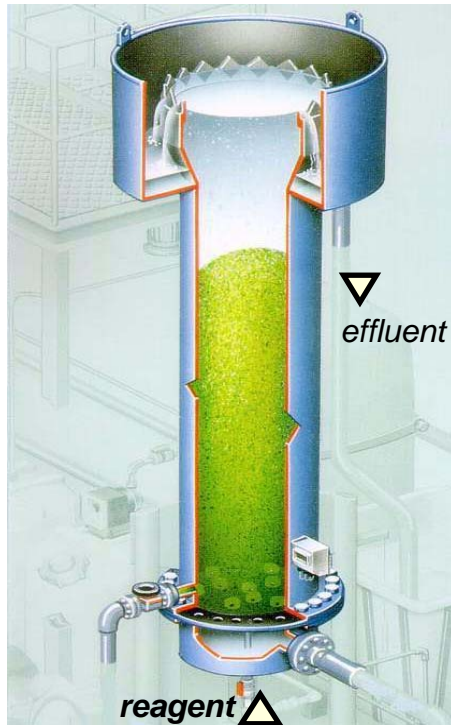
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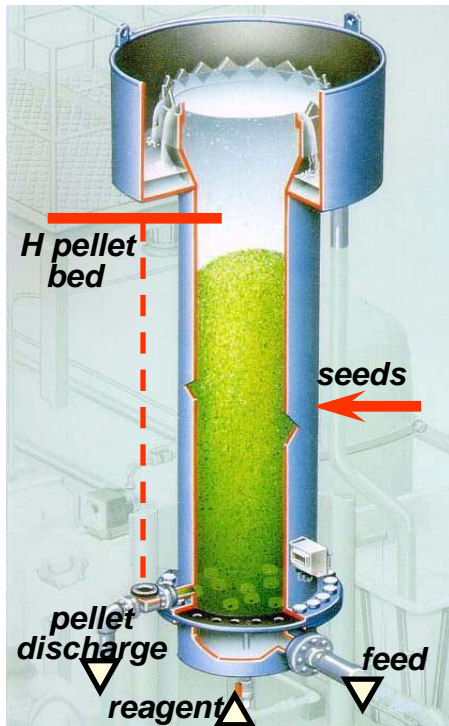


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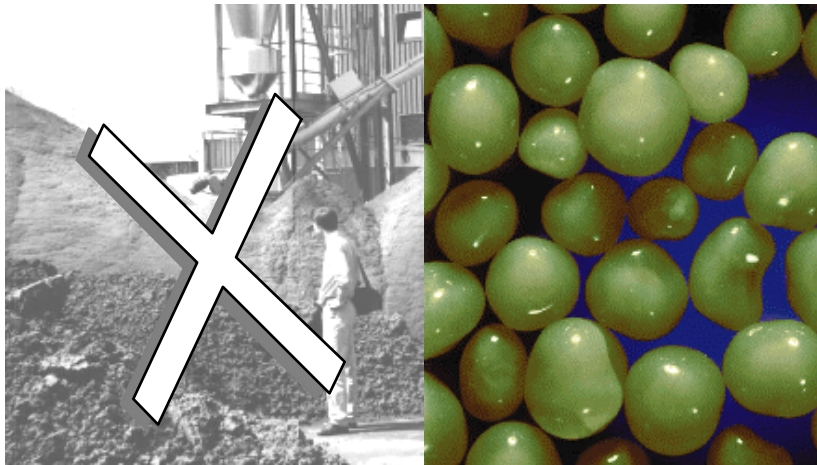
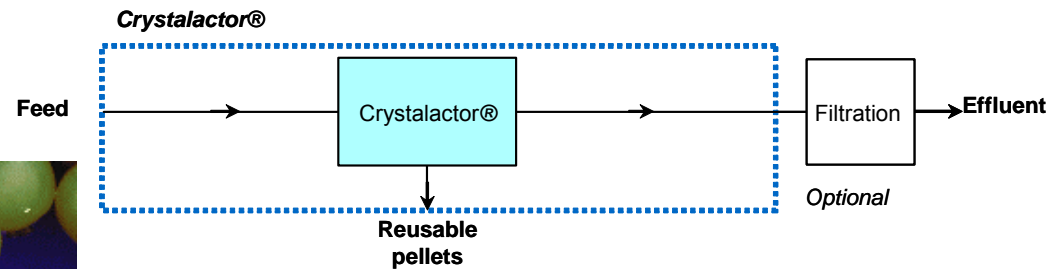
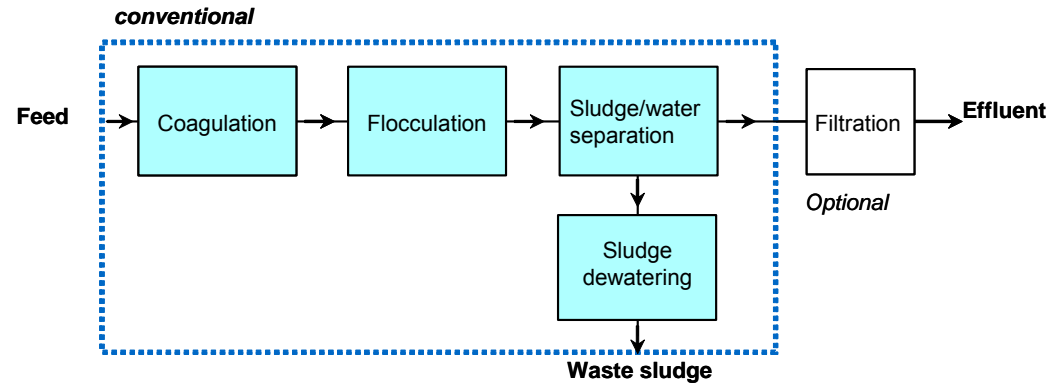
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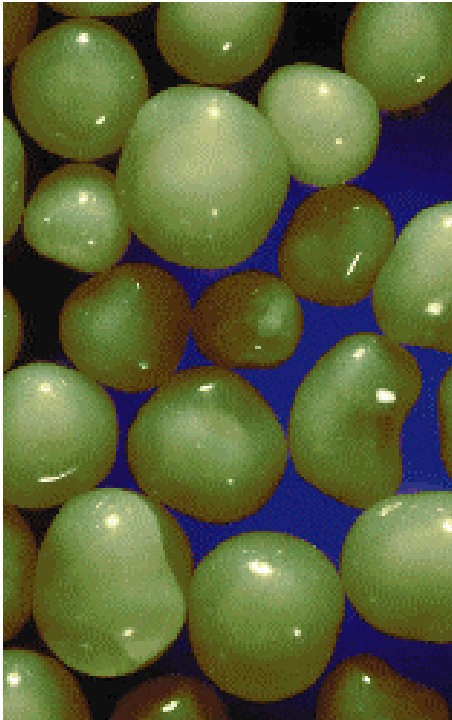


# Advantages

- **compact**
  - four steps in one



- zero or minimum waste

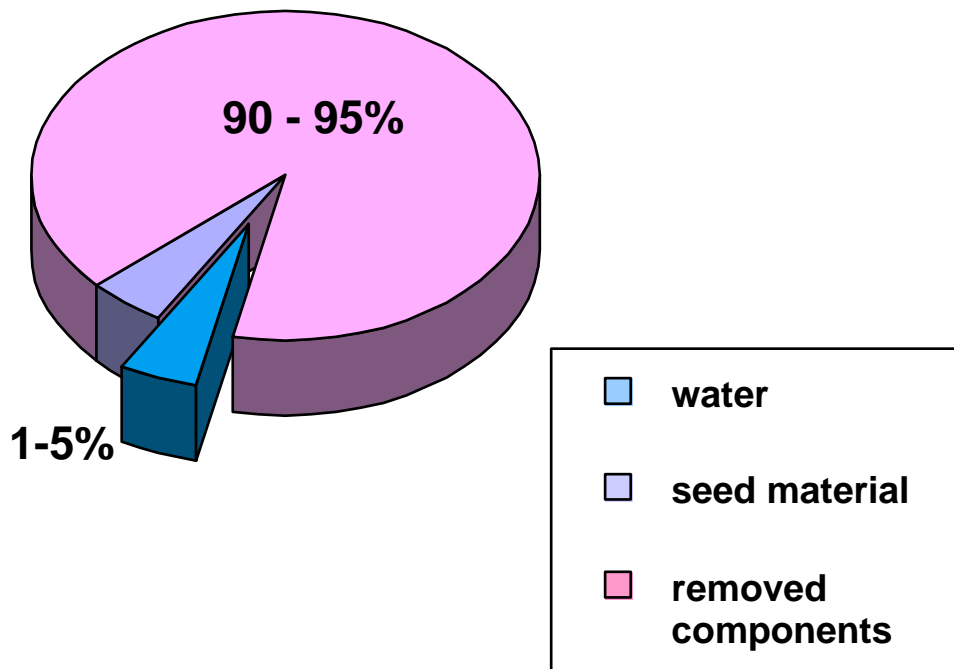


# Pellets

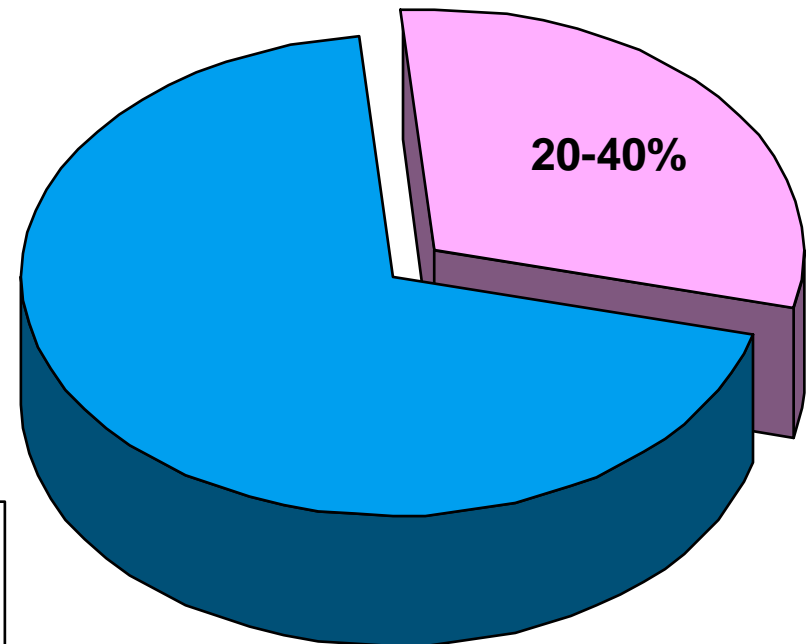
- Very compact pellets are produced
- Easy handling
- Low water content (<5%)
- High purity
- Reusable
- Often: Negative or zero disposal costs

# Composition by-products

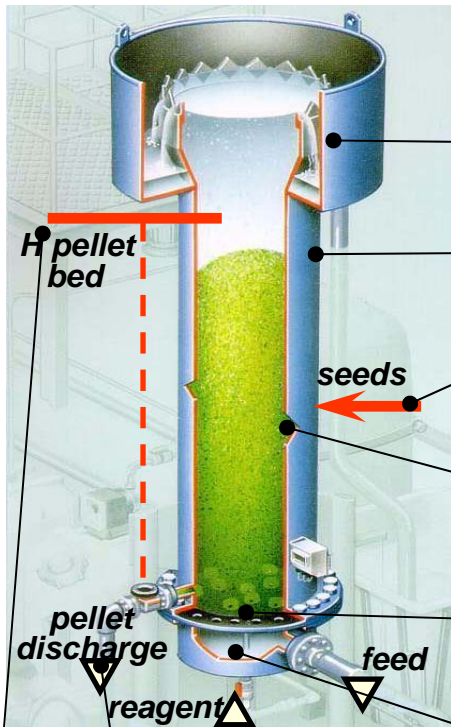
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## Conventional precipitation



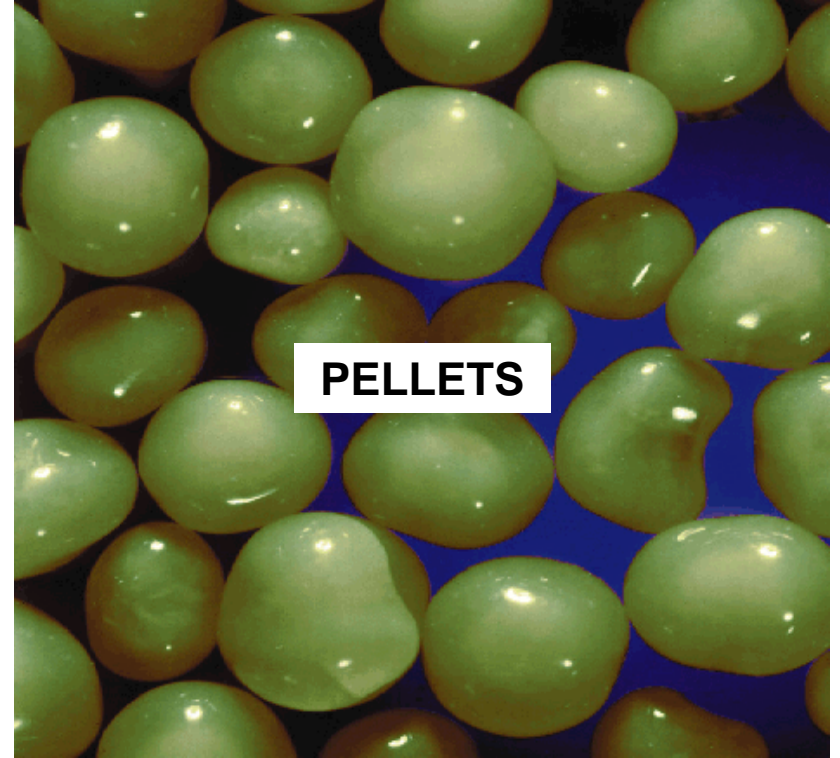
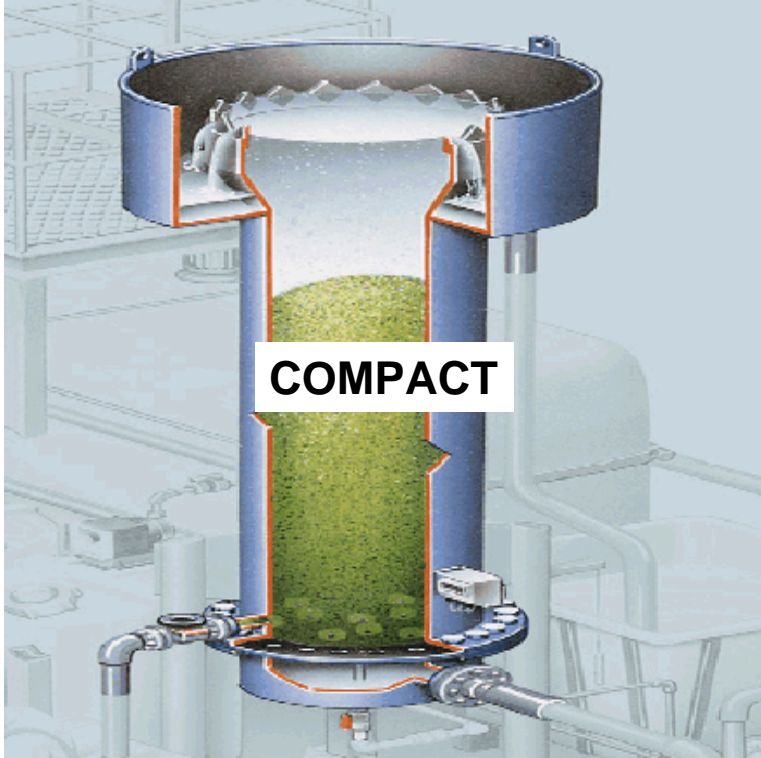
# Crystallizer characteristics



- **Flexible design** → circular, rectangular, steel, concrete, plastic
- **High upflow velocity** → compact, cost-effective design
- **Seeds** → easy start-up; stable fluidized-bed; large crystallization area
- **Controlled process conditions** → fast kinetic; maximize crystal growth
- **Advanced mixing** → maximize crystal growth; prevent disintegration of crystals, minimal SS in effluent
- **Retractable reagent devices** → on-stream maintenance

**1 mm pellet** → free flowing; easy dewatering & drying; easy handling; many reuse applications

**full automation of pellet bed control** → minimal operator attention; reliable operation



# Fong Shan Water Supply

- Capacity 350,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day domestic water supply plus 450,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day industrial water supply
- Flow scheme includes 6 concrete Crystalactor's
- Services (for whole flow scheme):
  - Design & commissioning
  - Detailed design & construction supervision & supply & delivery of key equipment
  - 15 years Operation & Maintenance



# Shell Berre – Kraton Polymers

- Recovery of catalysts from polymer production
- Simultaneous Ni and Al
- Process integrated
- Turn-key project





## Ricoh - Japan

- Constructed by licensee Organo Corp.
- Pellet Reactor 1,000 mm
- 1,000 ppm F  $\rightarrow$  < 15 ppm
- 100 ppm P  $\rightarrow$  < 10 ppm
- In operation since: April 2001
- Pellets recycled to HF-supplier
- Awarded as best environmental technology!



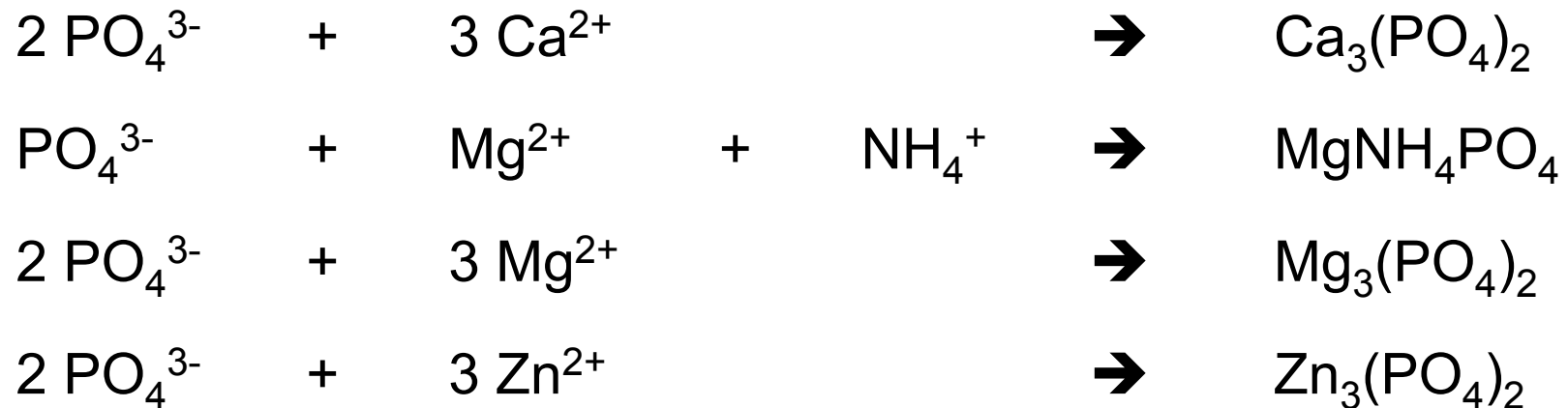


# Phosphate recovery

- Applications
  - process streams or end-of-pipe
  - in combination with anaerobic biotreater
  - in combination with aerobic biotreater
    - ◇ end-of-pipe
    - ◇ in side stream with biological phosphate concentration
  
- Production of
 

$\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$	$\text{Mg}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$
$\text{MgNH}_4\text{PO}_4$	$\text{Zn}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

# Phosphate recovery reactions





## Re-use example phosphate pellets

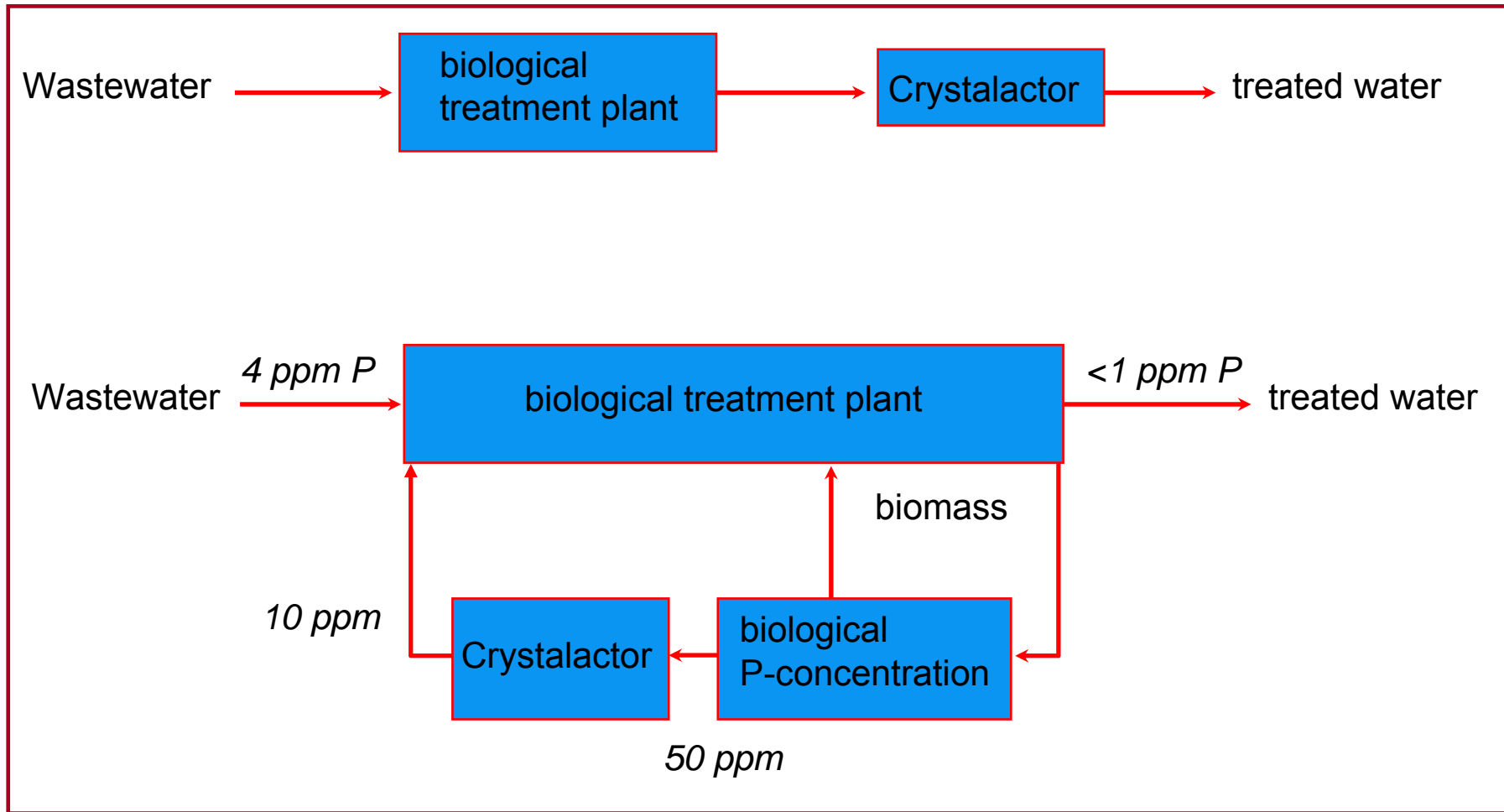
- sell as fertilizer
- sell to agro-industry
- thermal phosphorus production
- wet phosphate production

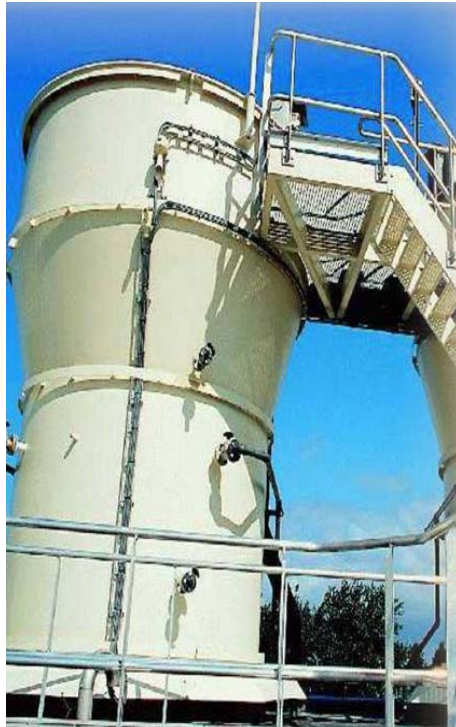


# Westerbork

- Phosphate removal
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment
- Capacity: 12,000 p.e.
- <1 mg/l P effluent
- Pellets sold to phosphate processing industry

# Crystalactor and biological WWTP

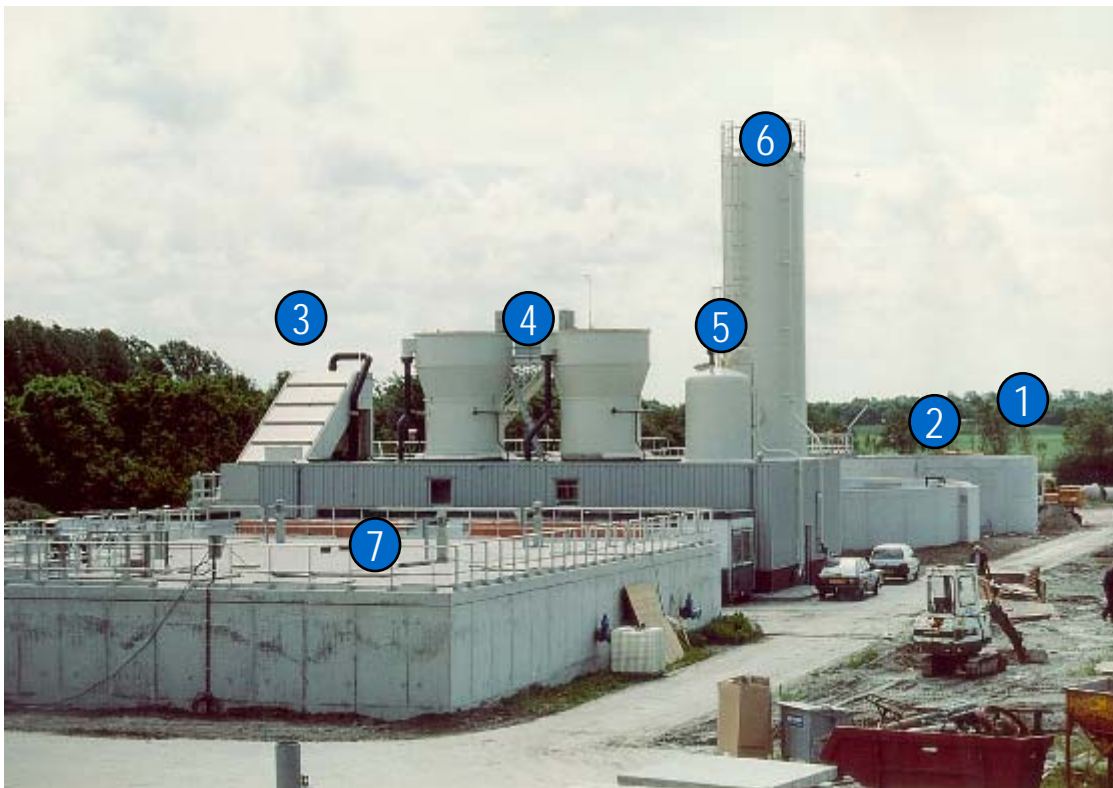




# Geestmerambacht

- Phosphate recovery from Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant in combination with biological phosphate concentration (1991)
- Capacity: 262,000 p.e. (max. flow 250 m<sup>3</sup>/h)
- $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  route
- Design: 60-80 → 15-20 ppm (no filtration)
- Pellets reused by phosphate processing industry

# Side-stream P-recovery unit



1. P-stripper (anaerobic)
2. decanter/thickener
3. cascade
4. Crystalactor<sup>®</sup>
5. sand storage
6. lime storage
7. selector

Approx. 1 million kg phosphate recovered




## Pilot plant potato starch

- $\text{MgNH}_4\text{PO}_4$ - crystallization
- Scaling prevention
- 120 mg/l P in feed (150 m<sup>3</sup>/h)
- Effluent 3-30 mg P/l (no filtration)
- Co-removal N results in lower levies
- Pellets are slow release fertilizer and can be directly used as intermediate in granulation



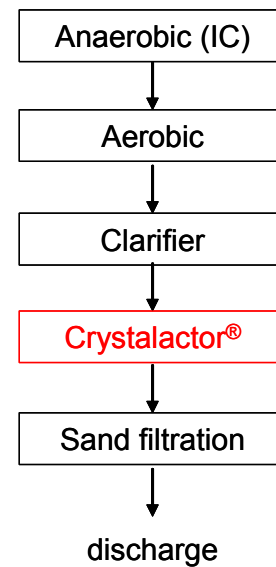
# Phosphate recovery USA

- Dairy industry, Wisconsin (USA)
- Effluent aerobic biotreater
- One reactor ( $\varnothing$  3.0 m)
- Capacity: 125 m<sup>3</sup>/h with 25 ppm P
- Lime used as reagent
- Effluent quality < 2 ppm P
- Built by US licensee 
- Technology embraced by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

# AIPM Hadera, Israel



- Paper mill effluent
- Twofold aim:
  1. Compliance with P-requirement  $< 1 \text{ mg P/l}$
  2. Reduction of hardness and alkalinity for water reuse
- Reactor:  $\text{Ø } 2.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $9 \text{ m}$  high
- Flow:  $350\text{-}500 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
- [Ca-in]:  $225\text{-}275 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $[\text{PO}_4\text{-P-in}]$ :  $1\text{-}3 \text{ mg/l}$
- Effluent:  $[\text{Ca}] < 30 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $[\text{PO}_4\text{-P}] < 0.3 \text{ mg P/l}$
- Alkalinity-reduction ( $10 \text{ mmol HCO}_3\text{-/l}$ )
- Conductivity / TDS reduction
- Partial reuse of effluent in paper industry
- First Crystalactor for wastewater softening!
- Project partner: EPT Israel



# DNCC (DSM) Nanjing, China



- P-removal via struvite crystallization
- Max flow 200 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Diameter Crystalactor= 2.75 m
- P from max. 180 → < 10 ppm P
- Use of specific waste streams as reagent
- Start-up date October 2009



# Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

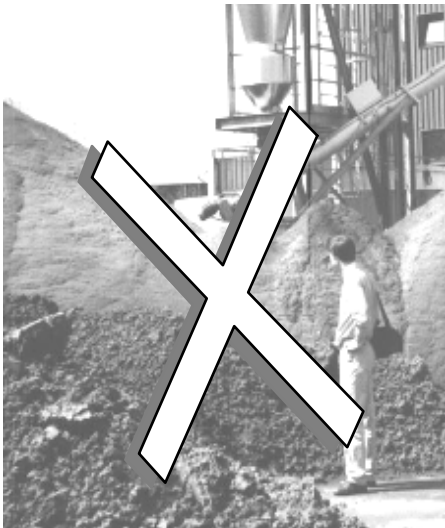
<u>Filtrate only</u>	
Flow	0.216 MGD
TP	174 mg/L
Ca	40 mg/L
NH4	980 mg/L
Mg	15 mg/L

<u>Filtrate + WAS P Release</u>	
Flow	1.18 MGD
TP	126 mg/L
Ca	70 mg/L
NH4	180 mg/L
Mg	50 mg/L

- Test struvite recovery on two streams
  - Digesters Gravity Belt Thickener filtrate
  - GBT filtrate and simulated WAS P release
  
- No relevant effect of high suspended solids level
  
- Performance comparable with Ostara previous pilot results at same site. Factor 4 smaller crystallizer volume.



# Crystallization and P-recovery



- Crystalactor is an improved precipitator
- Many P-recovery routes apply a precipitation step (RIM-NUT; PHOSTRIP; Aqua Reci; CAMBI; PRISA, etc.)
- Available to cooperate/support synergetic integrations
- struvite crystallization is often most economic route if ammonium is available
- A hot new source: urine and manure

# Conclusion

- Crystalactor technology is attractive alternative to precipitation
- Proven P-recovery with zero waste
- Extensive experiences available
- Crystalactor can be an important tool in various process and flow schemes for realising a sustainable phosphate upcycling



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