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## Membrane Bioreactor System

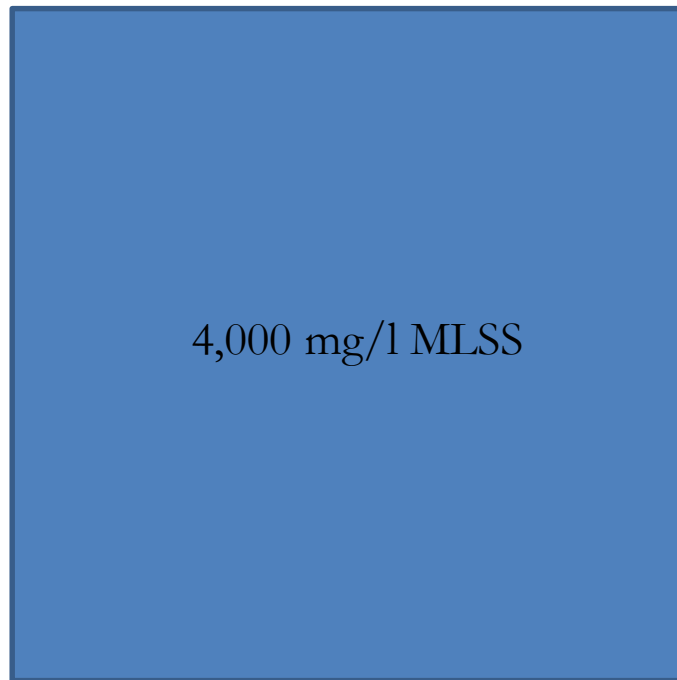
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# Why MBR?

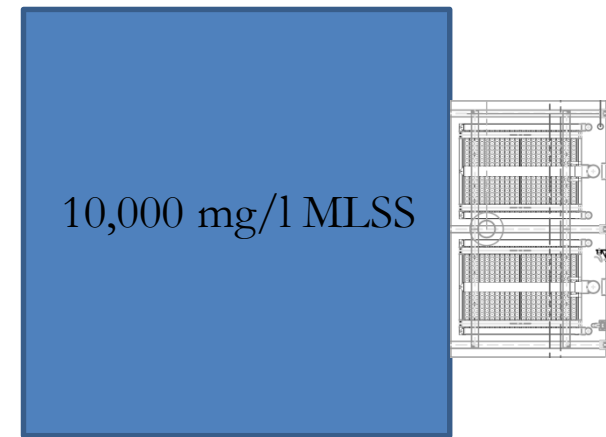


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- Project requires membrane-quality effluent in a small footprint
  - Available space is limited
  - Flow can be increased up to 2.5x through existing system



1 MGD SBR Basin with UF Train



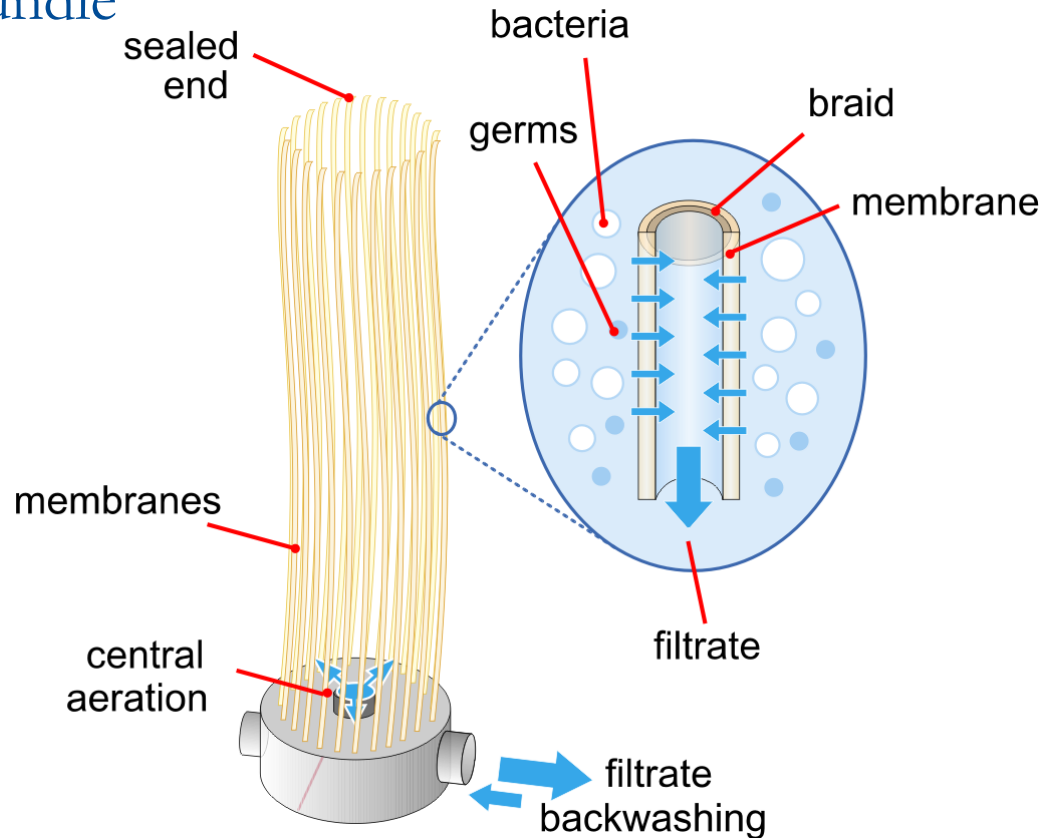
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## Membrane Bundle



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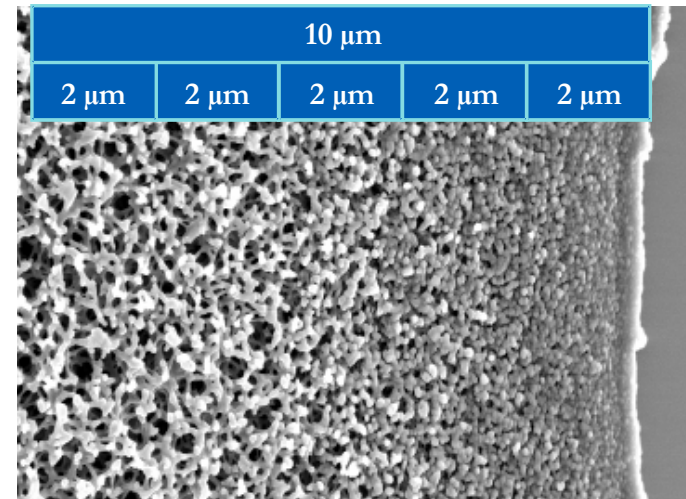
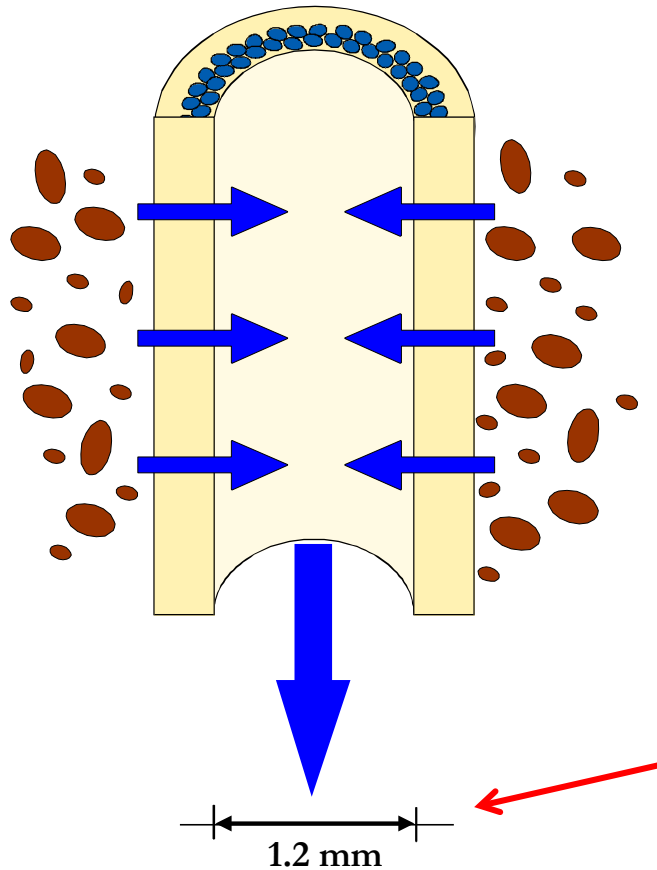
- Support braid imbedded in membrane
- No top header for debris to collect
- Air scour integral to bottom header

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## Membrane Features



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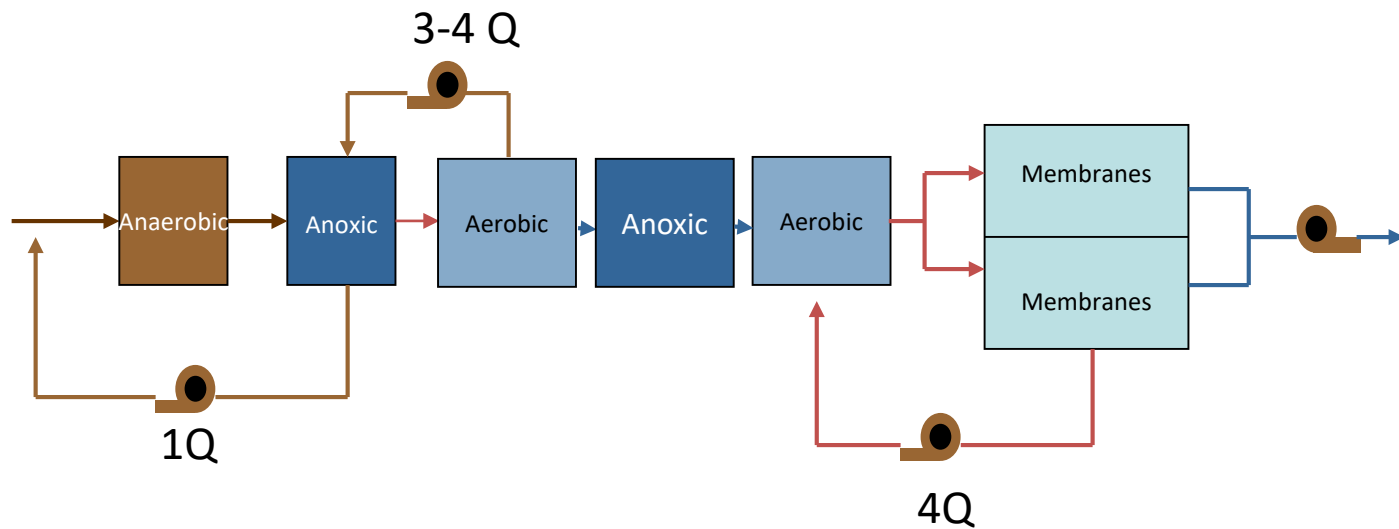
- Thin filtration layer results in low TMP
- Large bore means lower pressure drop
- UF membrane has no minimum MLSS
  - Greater turn-down



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## Fewer Basins and Pumps

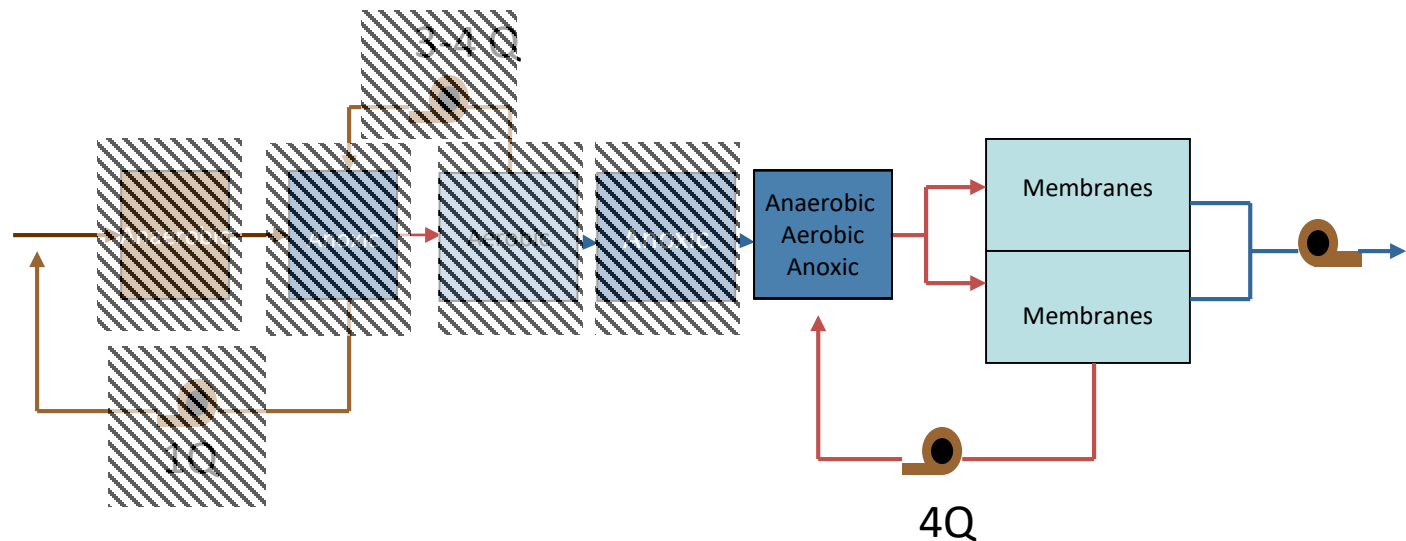




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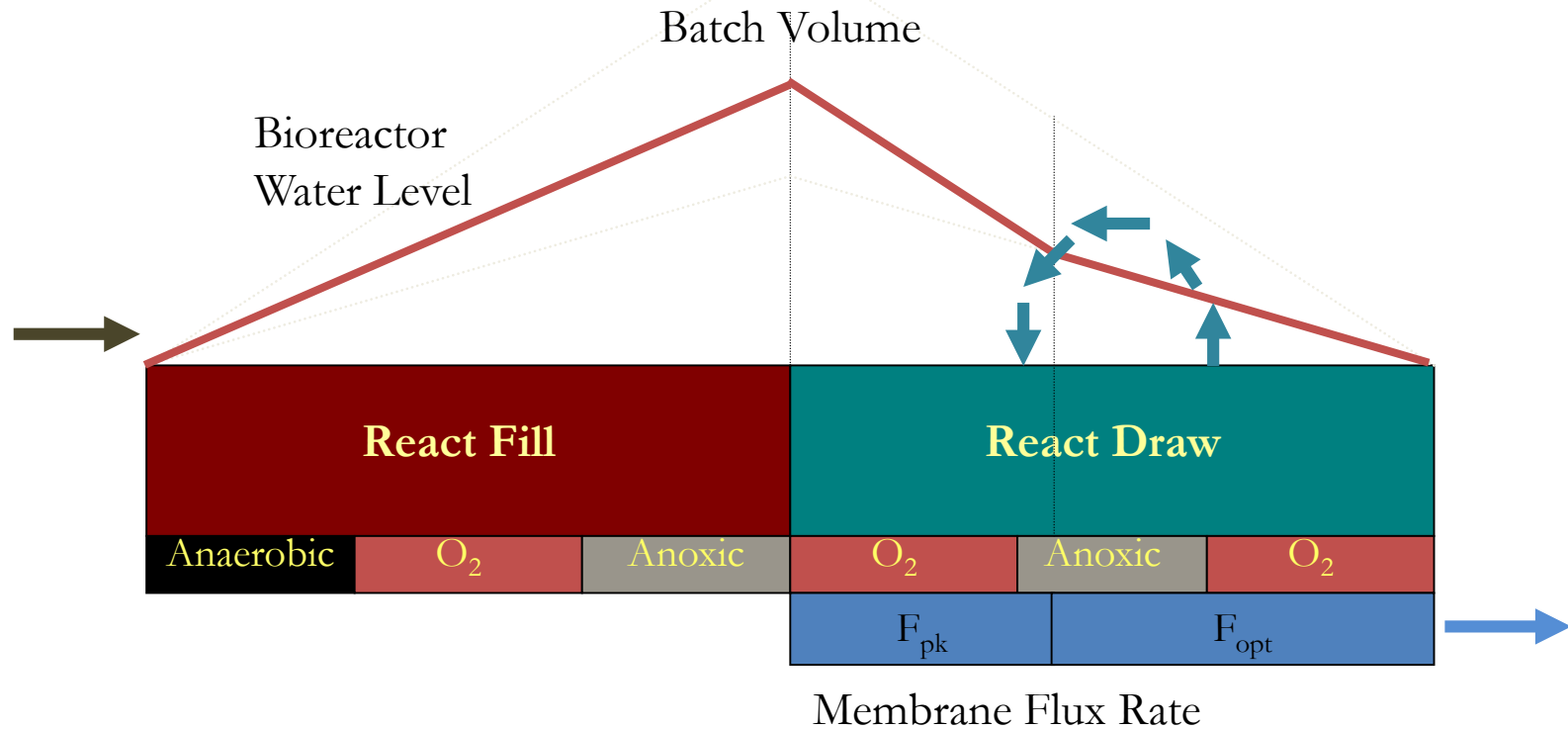
- All treatment done in a single basin
- Internal recycle eliminates two pumps

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## Less Power Usage at High Flows



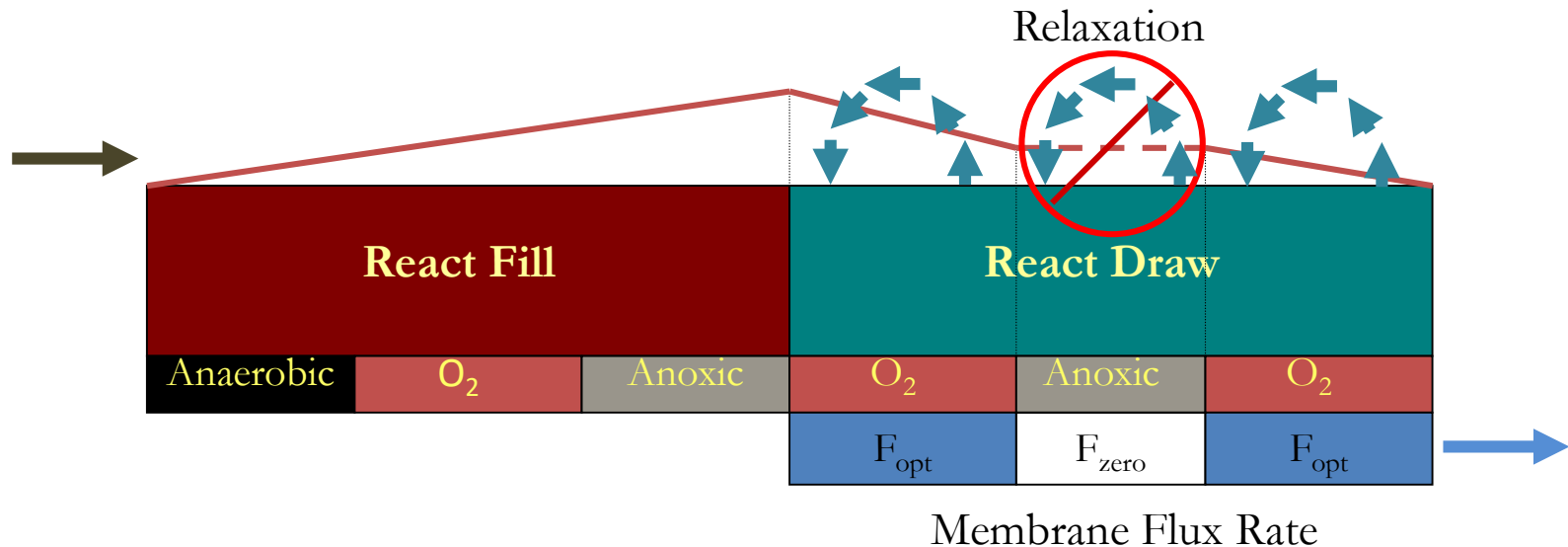
- $F_{opt}$  requires half the air as  $F_{pk}$

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## Much Less Power Usage at Low Flows



- The PLC synchronizes the membrane relaxation mode with the bioreactor anoxic mode
  - All pumps and blowers are off



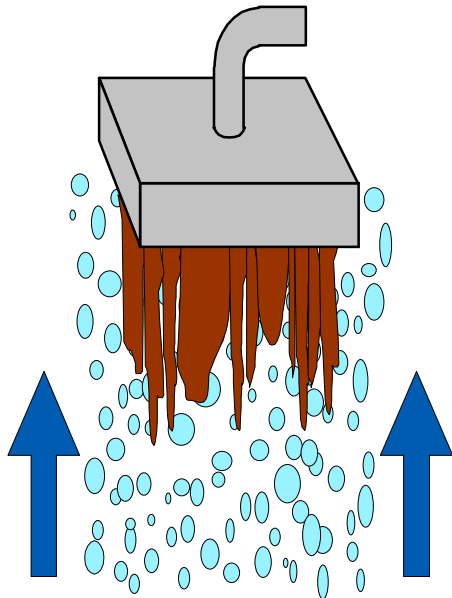
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## Less Sludging



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Other Hollow  
Fiber Membranes



Aqua Membranes Have No Top Header



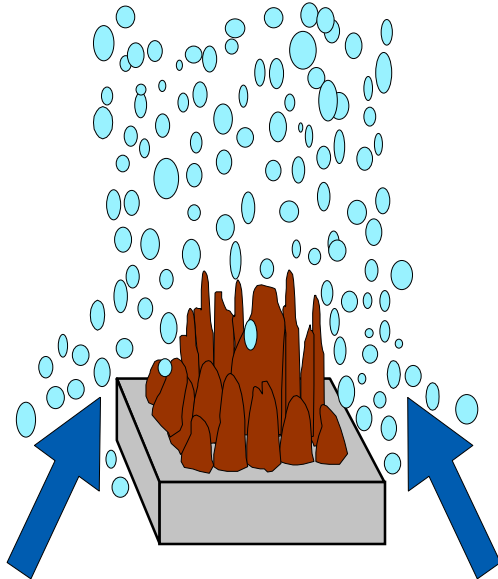
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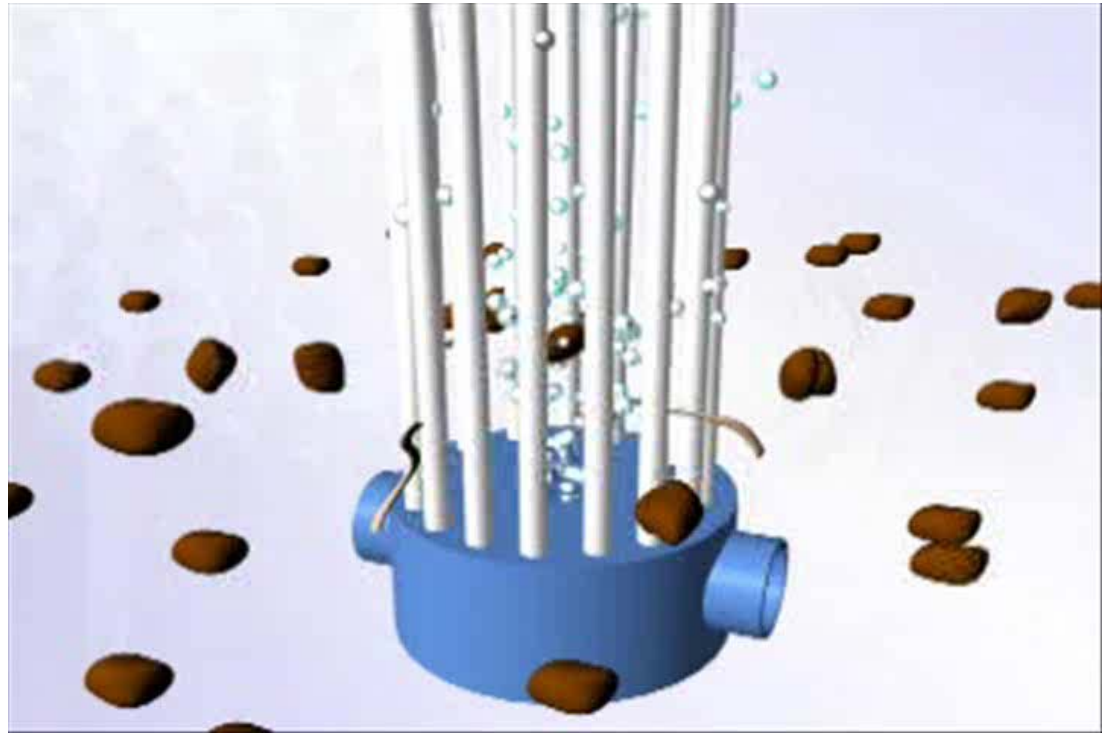


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Aqua Membranes Have Integral Air Scour



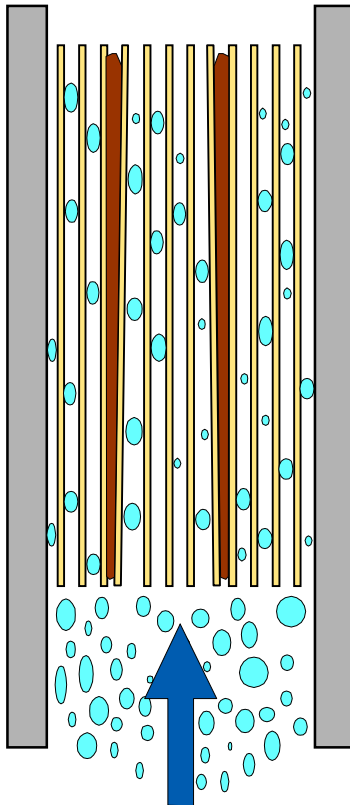
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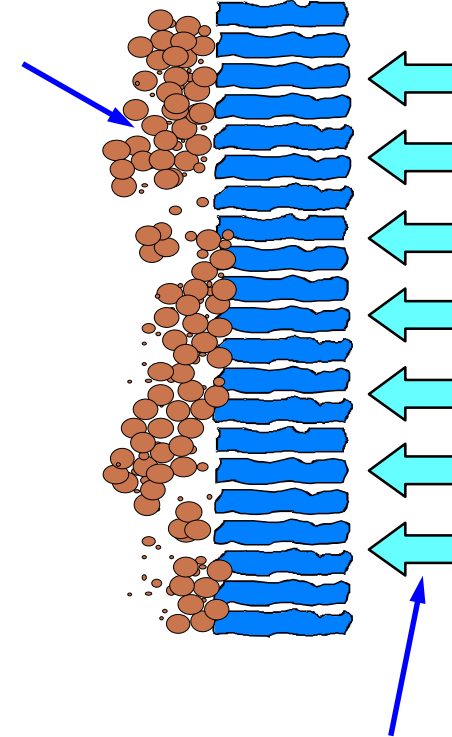
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Flat Sheet  
Membranes



Aqua Membranes Can  
Be Backflushed

Rejected  
Biomass



Backflush Water

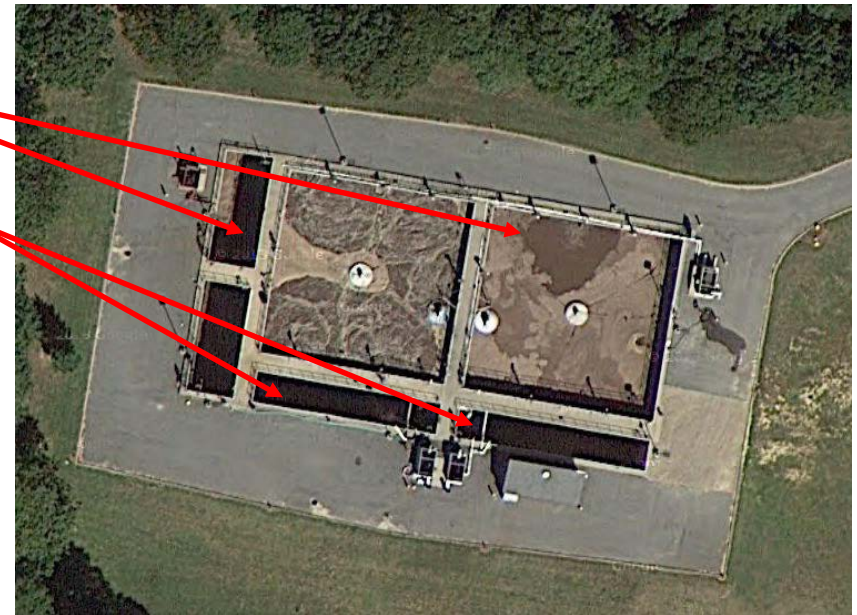
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## Installation at Riverhead, NY



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- Adapted existing system to BNR
  - Converted SBR basins to bioreactors
  - Converted equalization basins to membrane tanks
- 1.6 MGD equalized flow
- Lowers total nitrogen levels to less than 3 mg/l
- Phased approach allowed plant to meet flow/limits during transition





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