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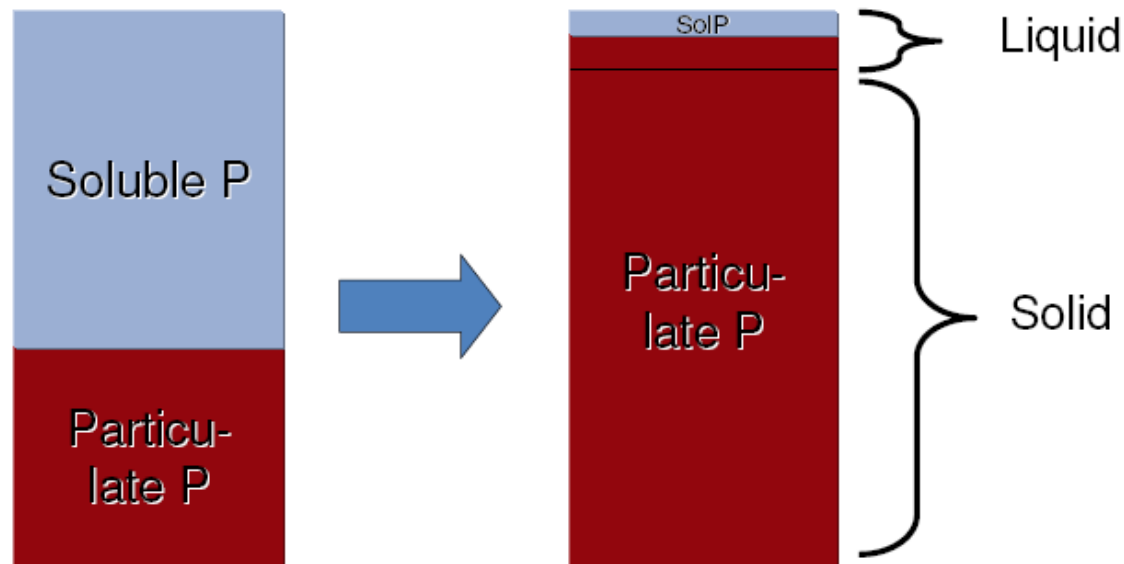
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 - Biological + Chemical P Removal
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Background

Phosphorus Removal

Key to Basic P Removal

1. Convert soluble P to particulate P
2. Remove particles

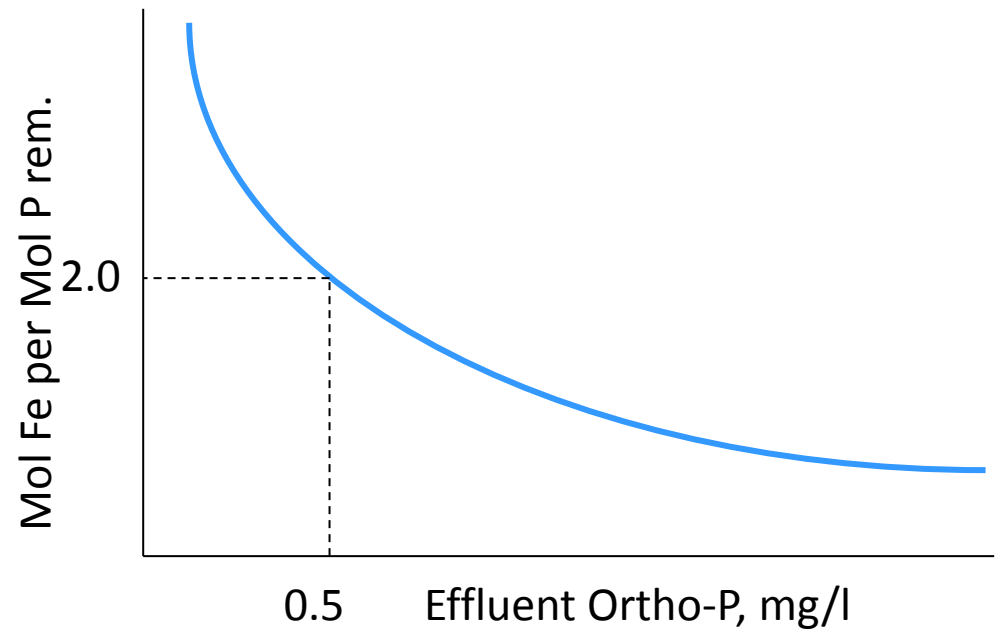


When considering P removal...

- Conversion of soluble P to particulate P
 - Optimize biological processes
 - Increase chemical addition efficiency
 - Holistic plant approach
- Removal of particulate P
 - Improved clarification
 - Filtration

Chemical Phosphorus Removal

- Ortho-P (dissolved) is “reactive”
- Removing Ortho-P with chemical has diminishing returns

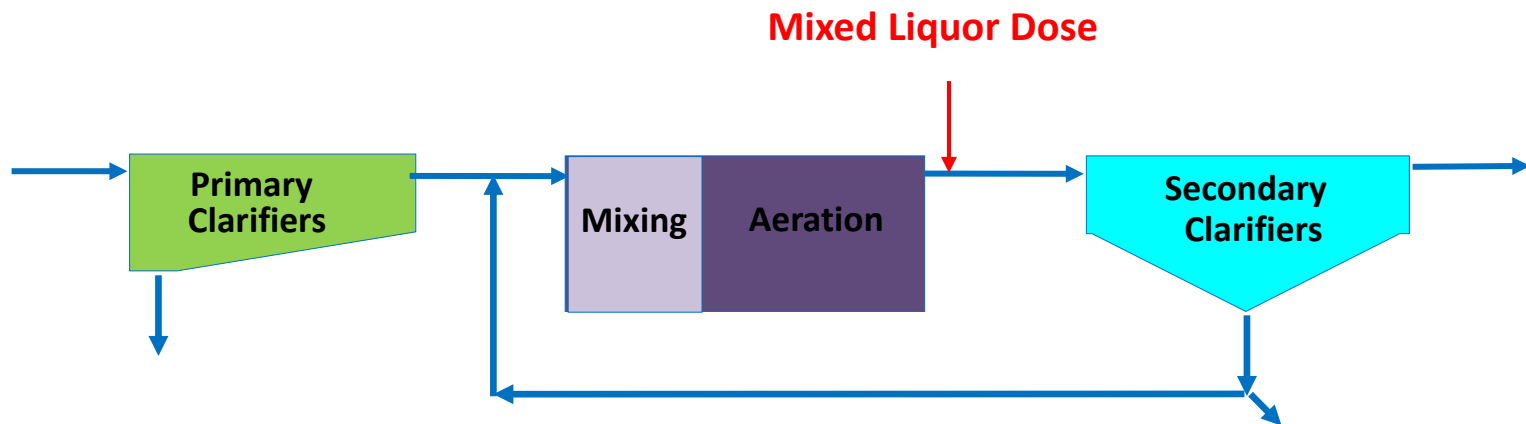


Chemical Phosphorus Removal in Secondary (single point dose)

- Can reliably treat under variable P loading
- Higher phosphorus content of secondary sludge (and effluent TSS)
 - Effluent TSS of 4% to 5% P
 - 10 mg/l effluent TSS → 0.4 mg/l P
- Requires low effluent solids concentration to achieve low effluent total P

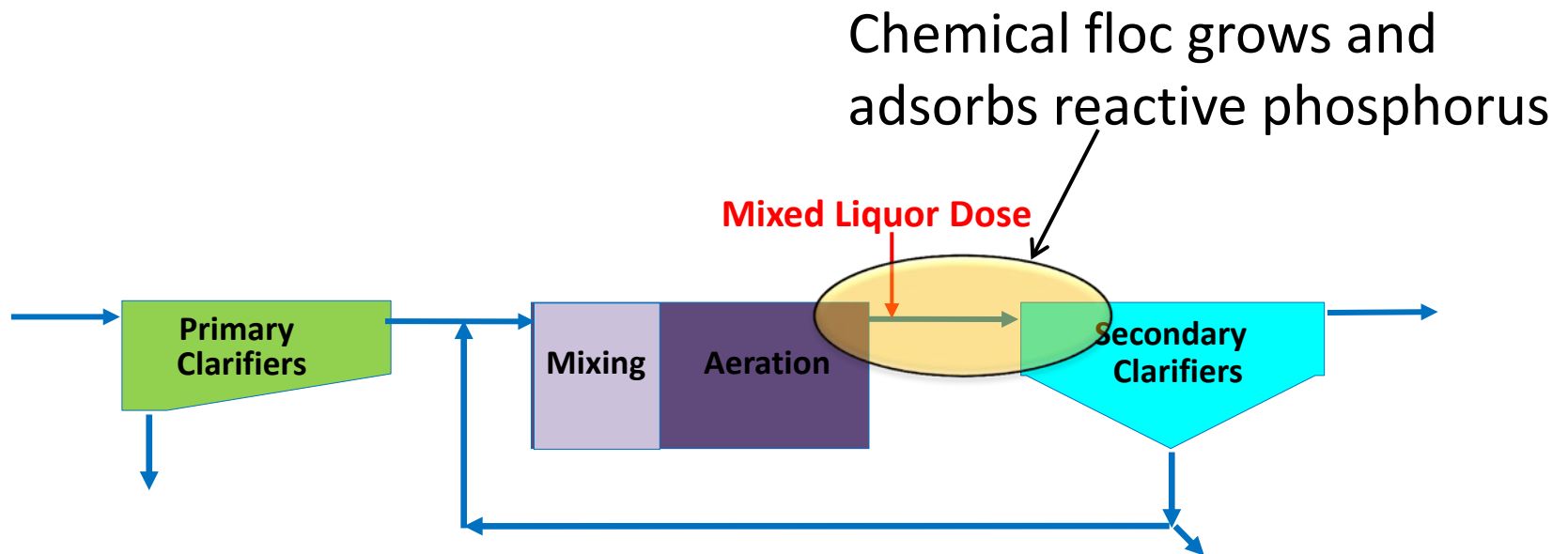
Biological + Chemical

- Chemical addition for polishing
 - BPR + chemical working together
 - Focus on two areas of chemical interaction



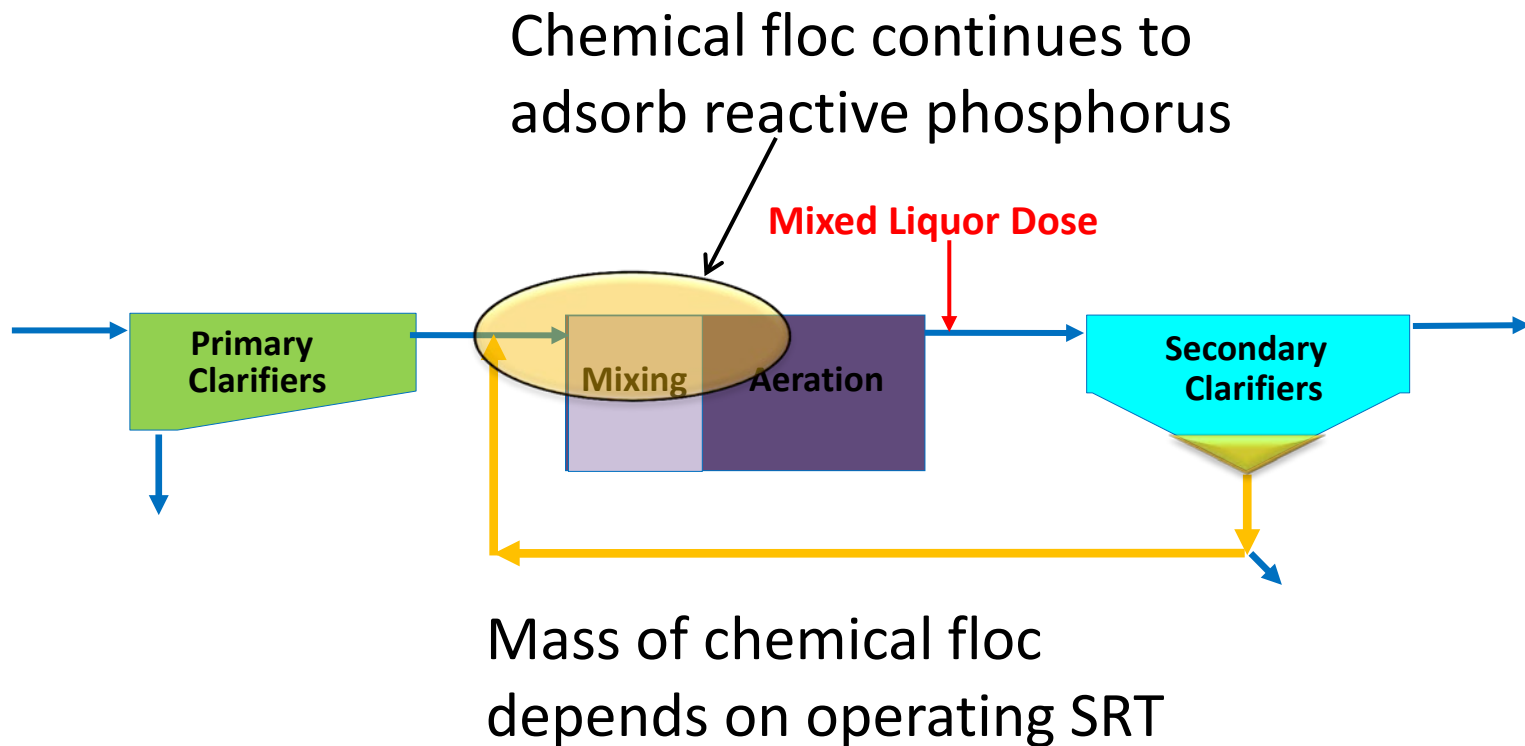
Biological + Chemical

➤ Dose point interaction



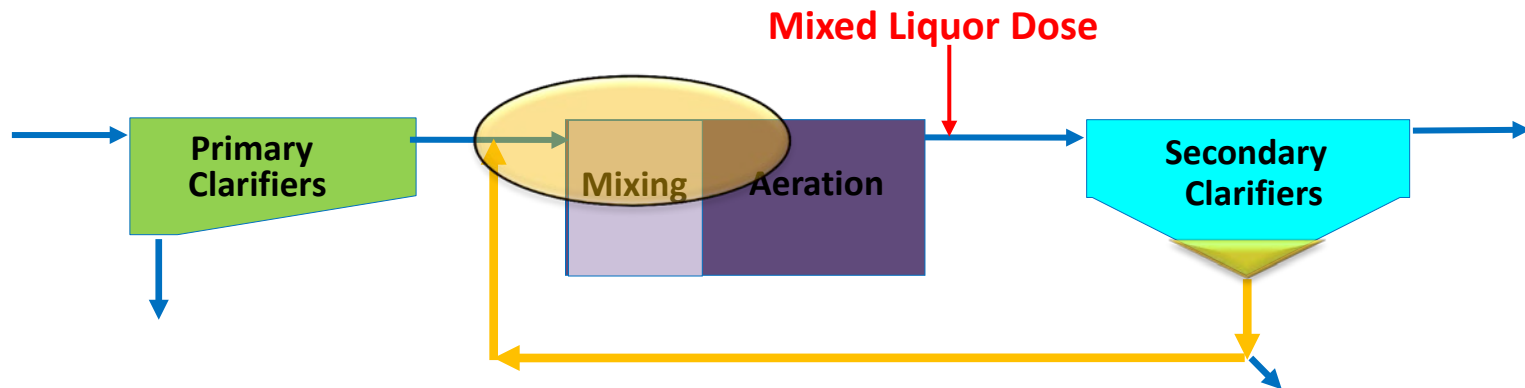
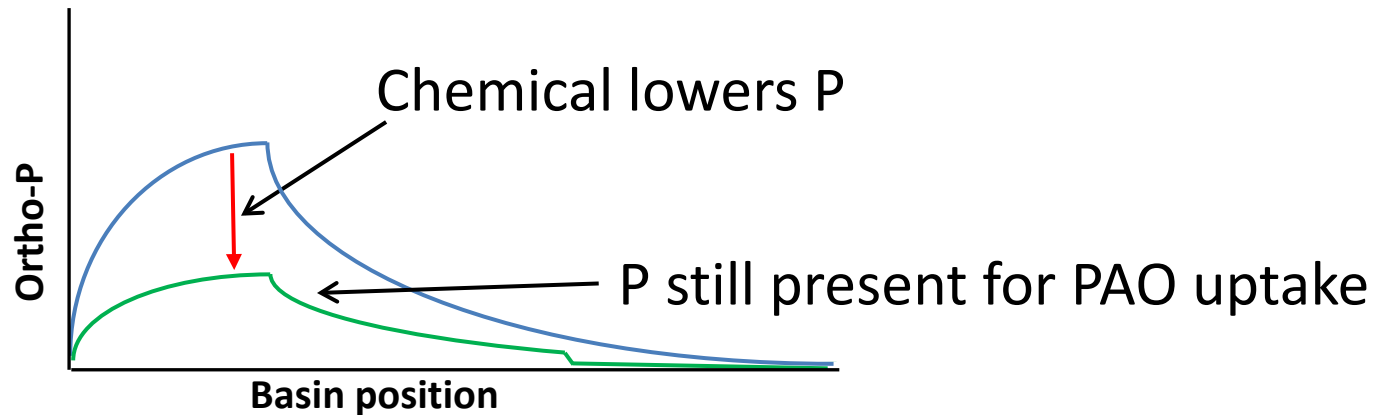
Biological + Chemical

➤ In-basin interaction



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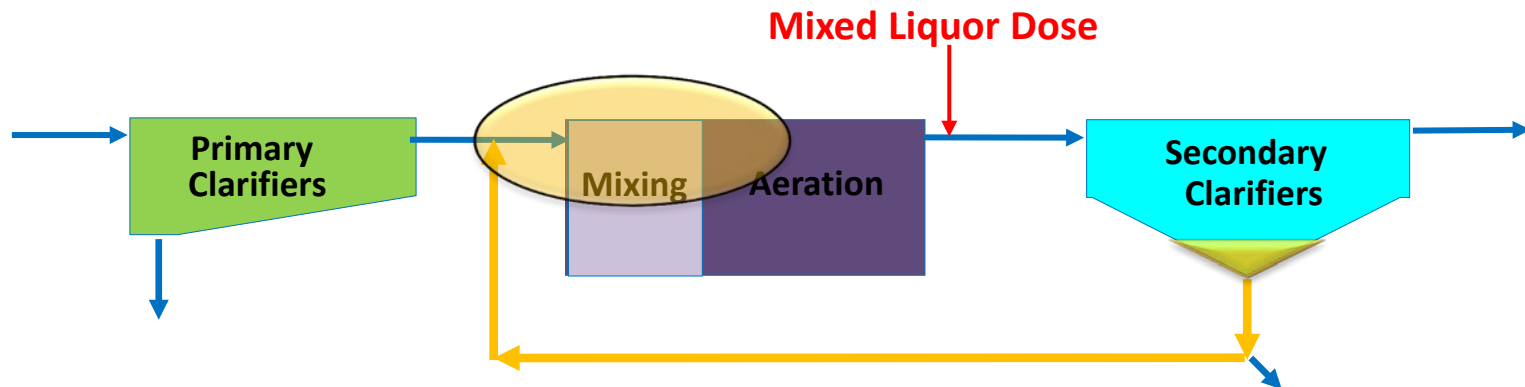
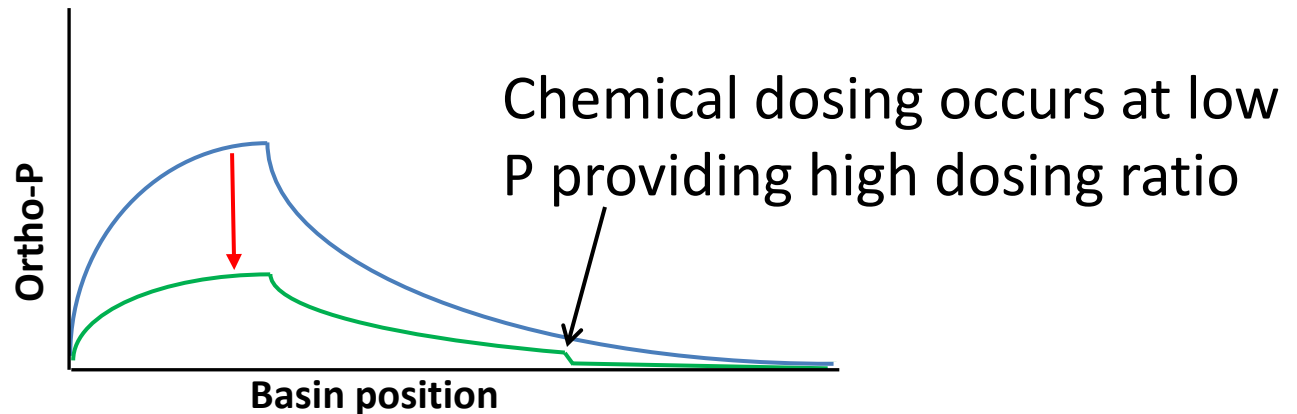
➤ BPR interaction



PAOs continue to have an advantage – BPR stays healthy

Biological + Chemical

➤ Chemical interaction



Chemical dose point provides best opportunity for optimization

Ortho-P Analyzers

Ortho-P Analyzers

- Effluent phosphorus concentration can vary widely over 24 hours
 - Composite sample doesn't always tell the story
- Optimization requires more information
 - Real-time feedback = online analysis
- Monitoring probes have improved dramatically, but a phosphorus probe isn't being sold yet

Ortho-P Analyzers

- Ortho-P analyzers utilizing wet chemistry have become numerous in Wisconsin WWTF's
 - Can be used in multiple flowstreams, but most common is effluent

➤ WI Installations

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| •Sheboygan | •Fond du Lac | •Jackson |
| •Kiel | •East Troy | •Brookfield |
| •New London | •Green Bay | •Black River Falls |
| •Manitowoc | •De Pere | •Kenosha |
| •Mayville | •La Crosse | •Sun Prairie |
| •Rib Mountain | •Beaver Dam | •Superior |
| •Racine | •Watertown | •Medford |

Ortho-P Analyzers

➤ Manufacturers



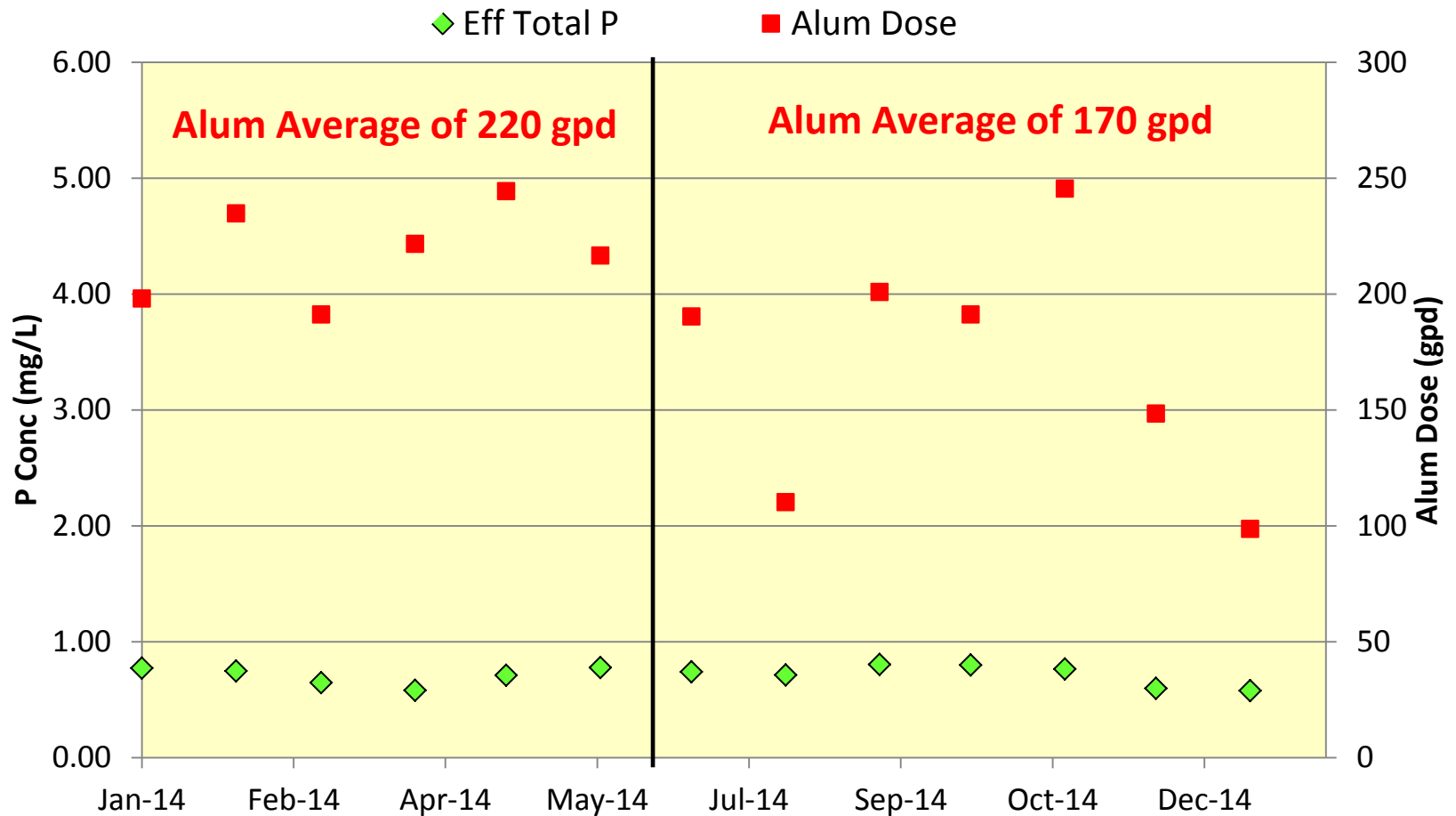
Case Studies

Brookfield Background

- Fox River Water Pollution Control Center
 - Treating 9, permitted for 12.5 MGD
 - BPR with chemical polishing (Alum)
 - 0.075 mg/L WQBEL by September 2021
 - Currently working on OER action items for phosphorus optimization
 - Installed an Ortho-P analyzer in 2014 to control chemical polishing

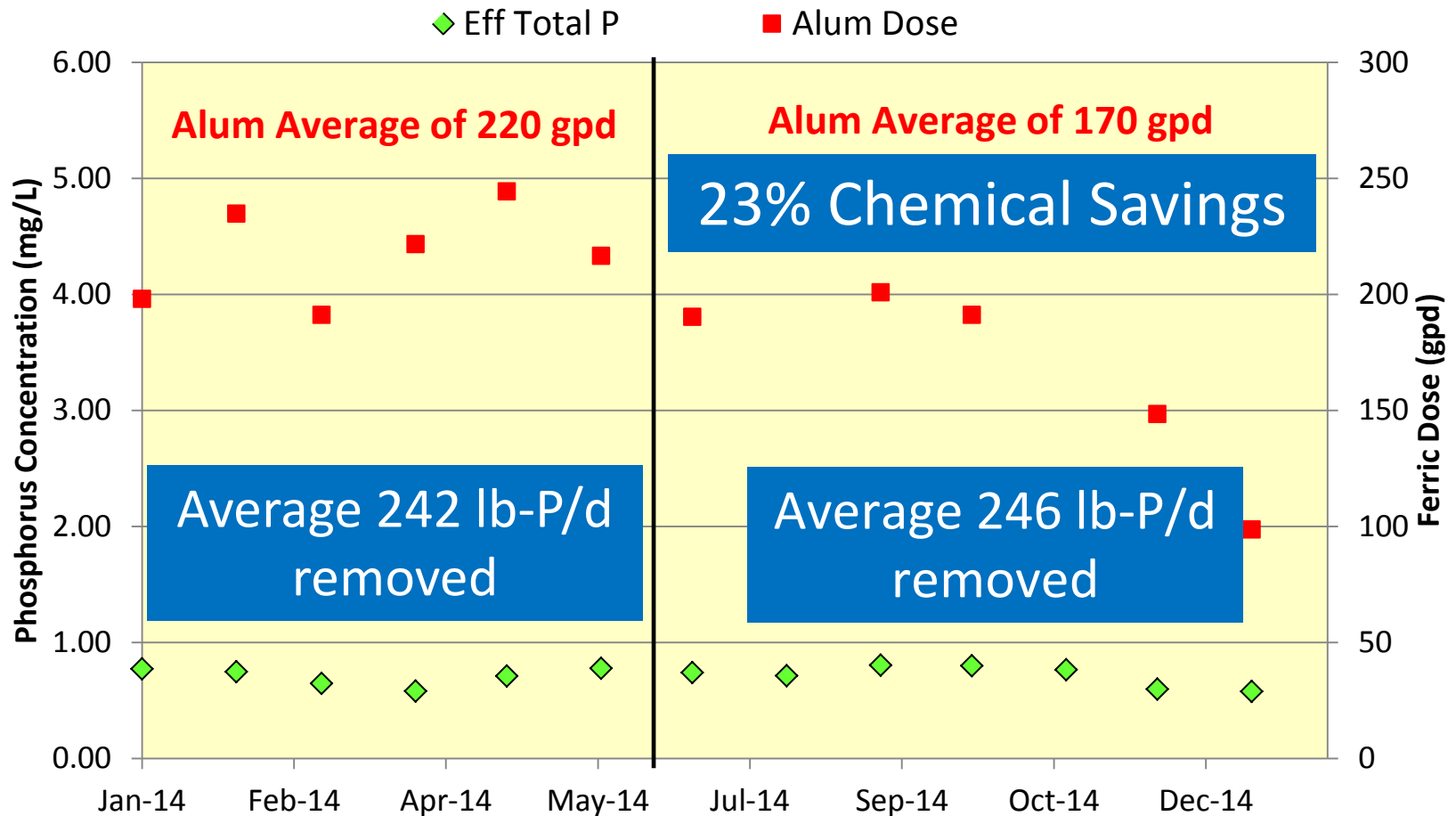
Brookfield FRWPCC

➤ Control using Ortho-P analyzer started June 2014



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Item	Prior to Analyzer Jan – Jun 2014	With Analyzer Jul – Dec 2014
Alum Use	220 gpd	170 gpd
Alum Cost (6 months)	\$45,770	\$35,520
Effluent Total P	0.71 mg/L	0.71 mg/L

**23% Chemical Savings
\$10,250 saved in 6 months**

Sheboygan Background

- Sheboygan Regional WWTP
 - Treating 11 mgd, Design 18 MGD
 - BPR with chemical polishing (Ferric)
 - Facing 0.6 mg/L Lake Michigan interim limit
 - Installed Ortho-P analyzer in 2010 to control chemical polishing

Sheboygan Regional WWTP

- Ferric dosing automated based on real-time effluent Ortho-P
 - Between \$30k and \$45k annual chemical savings

25% Chemical Savings
\$38,000 saved per year

Year	Annual Ferric Chloride Cost
2009	\$156,340
2010	\$149,260
2011	\$104,150
2012	\$106,770
2013	\$121,200
2014	\$108,702

Manitowoc Background

➤ Manitowoc WWTF

- Treating 6, permitted for 15.5 MGD
- Fixed film (trickling filters) facility with chemical P removal (ferric chloride)
- 0.6 mg/L Lake Michigan interim limit caused an increase in ferric chloride dosing/costs
- Purchased Ortho-P analyzer in 2012 and automated the ferric dosing to keep Ortho-P below 0.4 mg/L

Manitowoc WWTP

- Chemical savings paid for analyzer in 4 months

Year	Annual Ferric Chloride (gal)
2010	142,960
2011	140,750
2012	106,190

25% Chemical Savings
\$30,000 saved in 2012



Tyson Foods Background

- Formerly Hillshire Farms in New London
 - Treating 1 MGD
 - Highly loaded facility
 - 0.075 mg/L WQBEL by January 2019
 - Working on OER action items for phosphorus optimization
 - Installed temporary BPR in 2014 - baffle curtain and mixer for A/O process
 - Installed an Ortho-P analyzer in 2014

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Item	Prior to BPR Jan – Jun 2014	With BPR Jan – Jun 2015
Ferric Chloride Use	337,000 gal	108,000 gal
Ferric Cost	\$66,220	\$21,310
Effluent Total P	0.41 mg/L	0.42 mg/L

68% Chemical Savings
\$45,000 saved in 6 months

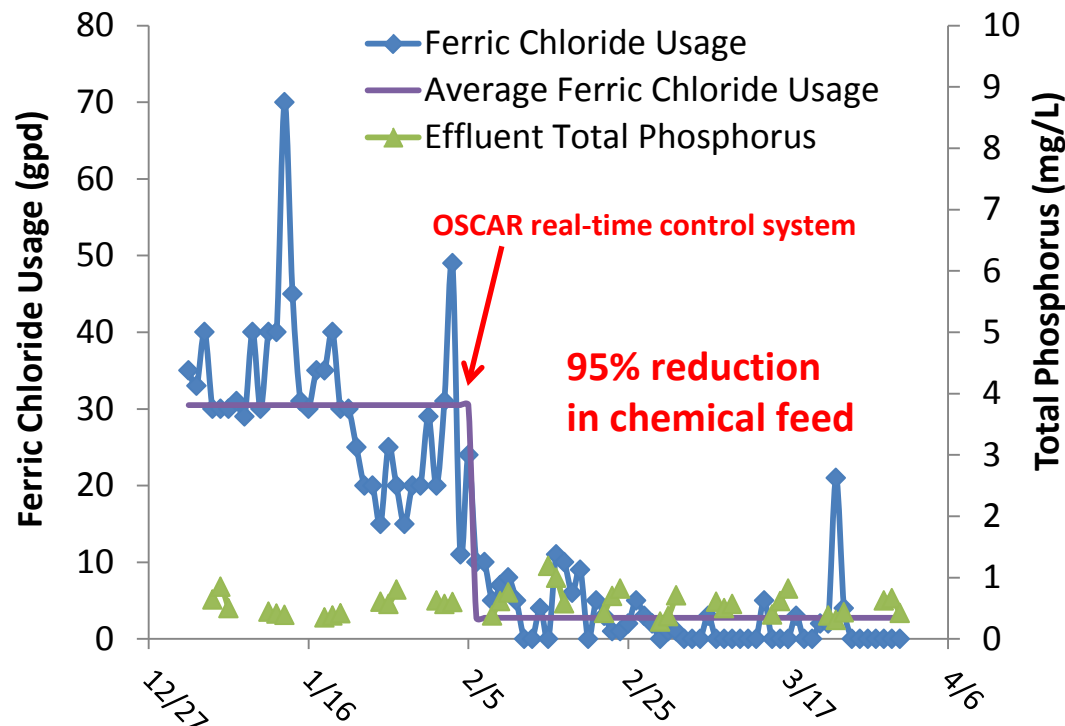
Other stories

- Beaver Dam, WI – published info from Hach
 - Automated dosing system showed 56% savings on ferric chloride feed

Ferric Chloride Savings (160 Day Period)			
Before		After	
Dose	12.5	PRTC Dose (average)	5.55
Gallons Consumed	48,000	Gallons Consumed	21,312
Gallons Saved			26,668
% Saved			56%

Other stories

- Black River Falls, WI – provided by Xylem
 - Automated dosing system showed 95% savings on ferric chloride feed



Wrap-Up

- Composite samples don't always tell the story
- Optimization requires more information
 - Real-time feedback = online analysis
- Ortho-P analyzers can provide that real-time feedback
- These success stories illustrate the benefit

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