## Optimizing Your DAF Process

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Process Management for Dissolved Air Flotation Systems



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# Maintaining your DAF system is priority #1, right? Wrong.



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## DAF Elements that Require Attention & Potential Problems:

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Solids loading rate
 Hydraulic loading rate
 Regular testing
 Probe/Analyzer maintenance
 Chemical usage





#### **Specific Operational Challenges**

#### Influent Variability

#### pH Control

#### Temperature Fluctuations

Accuracy of Online Measurements



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## Specific Operational Questions

- What to measure and why?
- Where to measure it?
- Is a shift or daily grab sample good enough?
  Hint: It is not
- Is my system running as designed?
- Is my instrument giving me correct readings?
- What do I do with the data?
- Do chemical and/or power savings matter?
  Hint: Absolutely



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## Typical DAF System Process Operation

**Overloaded system** 

Lack of true understanding of DAF process conditions

Ongoing reliance on individual operator knowledge/experience

Process Operation is Not Process Optimization



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### **Determining DAF Efficiency – The Manual Approach**



Decreasing effluent turbidity

Sludge cake accumulating in back 1/3 of DAF





Thick Sludge Cake

#### Low turbidity



### **Determining DAF Efficiency – The Manual Approach**



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Minimal change in effluent turbidity

No sludge cake

High turbidity



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Thin Sludge Cake

**High turbidity** 







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### How Can We Help?

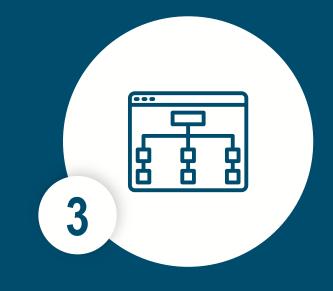
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## Rugged online instrumentation for industrial processes



Real-time monitoring



Automated process control



## Rugged Instrumentation

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## **Rugged Instrumentation**

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) / Turbidity Monitoring

Solitax sc Sensors

TSS sc Sensors

#### pH Monitoring

Digital Differential pH & ORP Sensors



#### Organics (TOC) Monitoring

BioTector B7000i Online TOC Analyzer

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TOC ANALYZER



#### **Getting the Job Done in the Dirtiest Environments**

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# Real-Time Monitoring

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#### **Real-Time Monitoring**

24/7 Process Visibility Instrument Health Monitoring Resource Savings

- Chemicals
- Labor

Reduce downstream treatment costs

Identify product loss



#### **Universal Controller**

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#### **Standard Features**

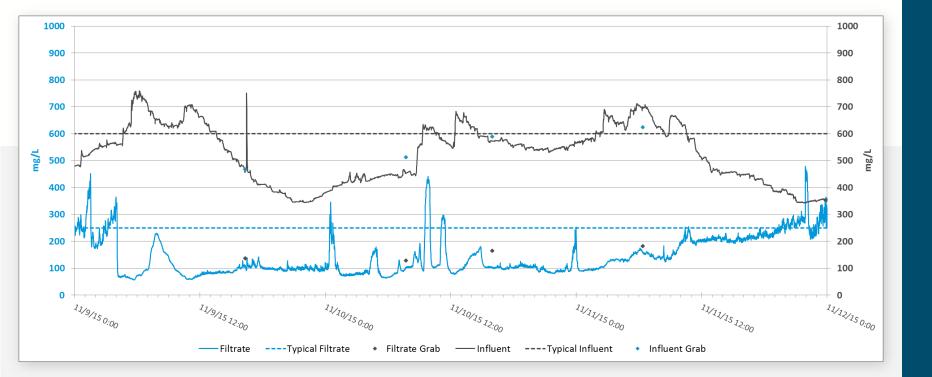
- Highly configurable
- Up To 8 Sensors
- Plug And Play Functionality
- C1D2 Certification
- NEMA 4x/lp66
- 4 Relays
- Up To 12 mA Outputs
- Up To 12 mA Inputs
- SD Card For Data log And Configuration
- Networking
- Allows Up To 32 Devices Per Network

#### **Communication Options**

- Modbus Rs232/Rs485
- Modbus TCP/IP
- Profibus Dp
- Hart 7.2







Knowing the Process is a Good Start, But...



## Automated Process Management

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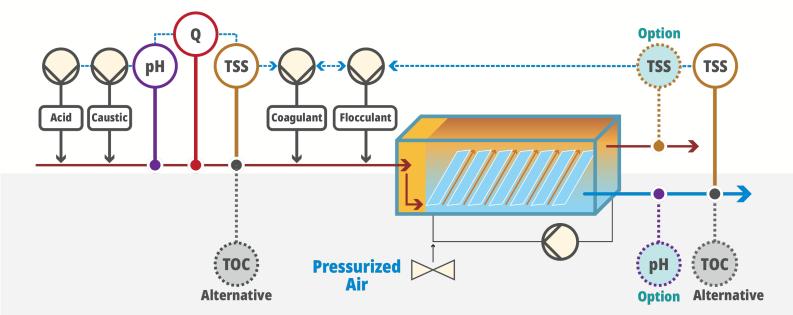




- 1. Collect real-time data
- 2. Calculate dynamic set points
- 3. Treatment adjusted chemical feeds or aeration
- 4. Manual and automated modes available







## RTC-DAF System Overview

RTC DAF Parameters=	Monitor	Manage
pH, Influent	Y	Y
pH, Effluent (optional)	Y	Y
NTU (TSS), Influent	Y	Y
NTU (TSS), Effluent	Y	Y
NTU (TSS), Float	Y	Y
Flow	Y	



#### **RTC-DAF Input and Output Options**

Inputs		
Influent Flow	Standard	
Effluent Turbidity	Standard	
Effluent pH	Standard	
Influent pH	Optional	
Influent Turbidity	Optional	
Coagulant Flow Rate	Optional	
Anionic Flocculant Flow Rate	Optional	
Cationic Flocculant Flow Rate	Optional	
Pre-DAF Acid Flow Rate	Optional	
Pre-DAF Base Flow Rate	Optional	
Post-DAF Acid Flow Rate	Optional	
Post-DAF Base Flow Rate	Optional	
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Outputs	
Coagulant Flow Rate Setpoint	Standard
Anionic Flocculant Flow Rate Setpoint	Standard
Cationic Flocculant Flow Rate Setpoint	Optional
Pre-DAF Acid Flow Rate Setpoint	Optional
Pre-DAF Base Flow Rate Setpoint	Optional
Post-DAF Acid Flow Rate Setpoint	Optional
Post-DAF Base Flow Rate Setpoint	Optional



#### **RTC-DAF User Defined / Adjustable Settings**

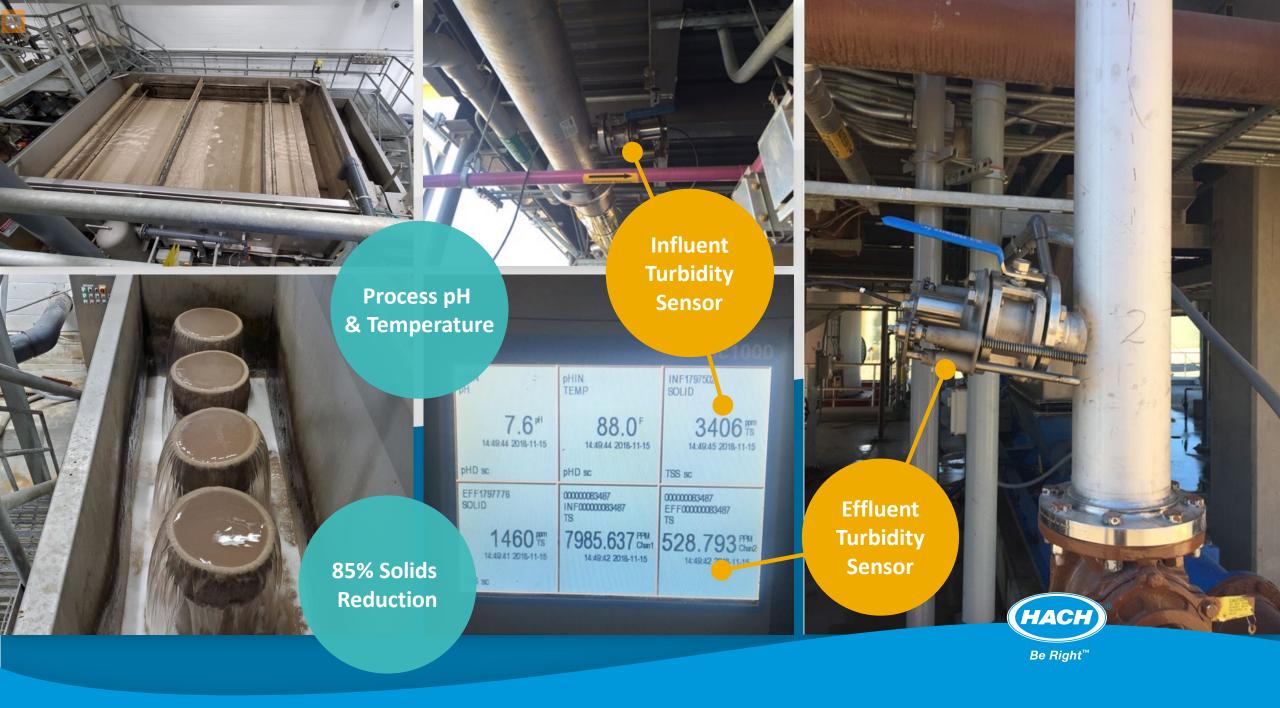
- Effluent Turbidity or TSS Setpoint (NTU or mg/L)
- Coagulant PPM dose

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- Anionic Flocculant PPM dose
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- Effluent Turbidity or TSS PID values
- Coagulant Specific Gravity
- Anionic Flocculant Specific Gravity
- Cationic Flocculant Specific Gravity

- Pre-DAF pH target value and range
- Pre-DAF pH PID values
- Post-DAF pH target value and range
- Post-DAF pH target value and range
- Minimum and Maximum Limits (flow setpoints, pump ranges, PPM or lb/ton, etc)
- Warning and Alarm limits for all measurements





## The Benefits of Automated DAF Process Management

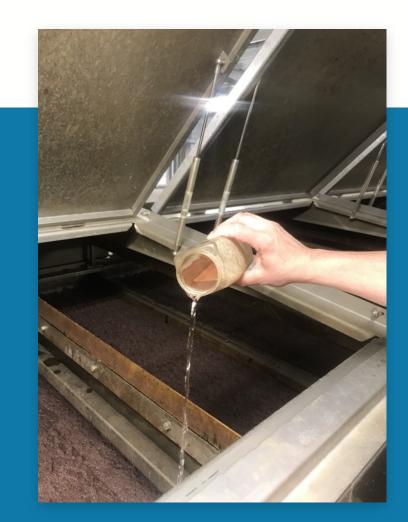


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#### **Benefits**

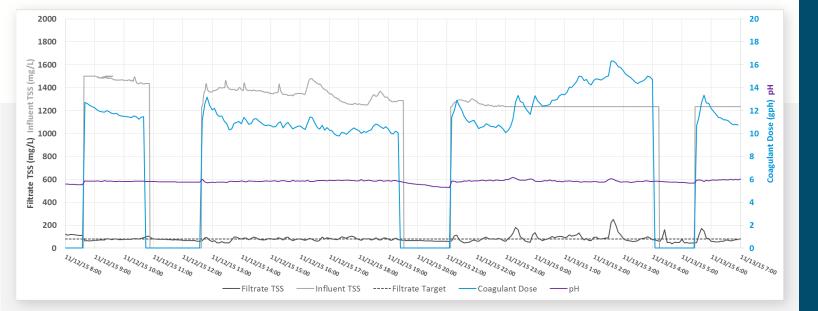
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- Automated chemical dosing
  - Eliminate manual adjustments
- Reduce operator interaction
- Optimize both solids and filtrate quality
- Consistent & cleaner effluent concentration
  - Reduced discharge costs
- Critical visibility into the process
- Chemical savings
- Save time
- Consistent compliance and reduced fees







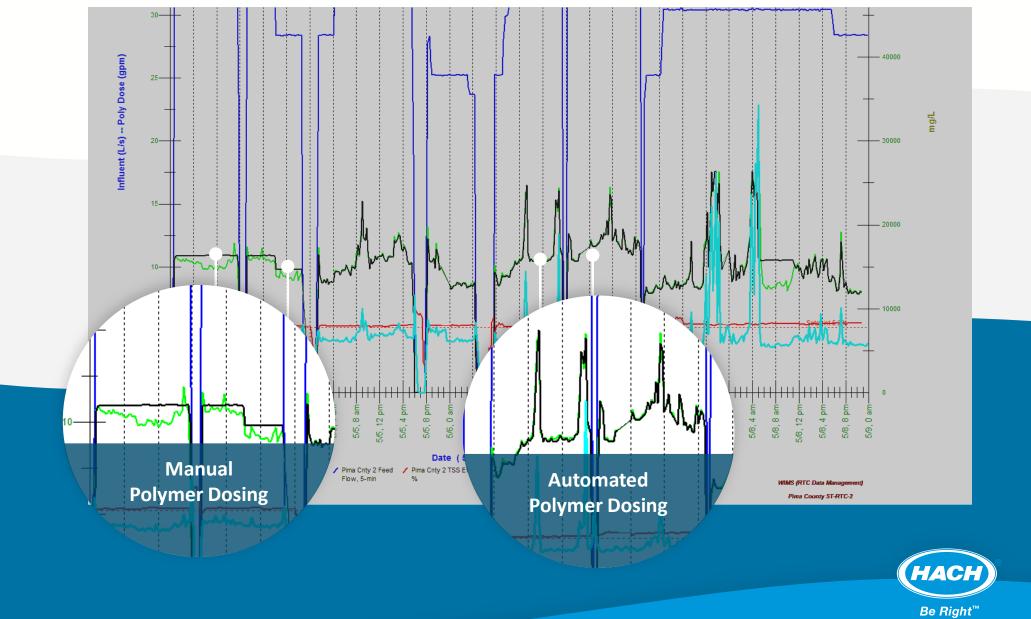


### RTC-DAF in Action: Example of Real Benefits

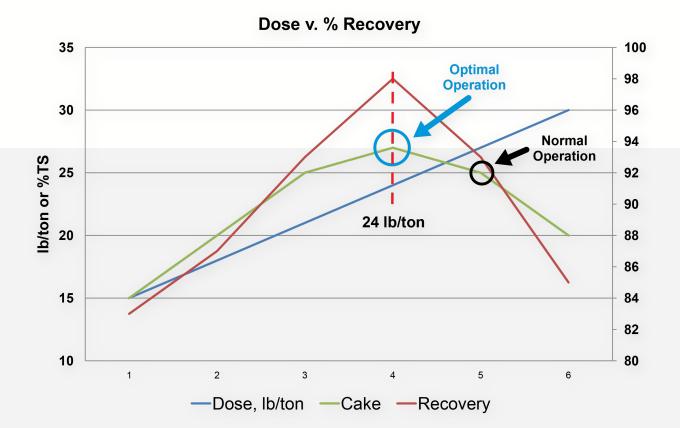
Your process might still be highly variable, but the desired outcome is consistently met regardless of variation.







#### **Performance Curve**



### Polymer Performance

There is an **OPTIMAL** dose ratio.

Adding chemical beyond the optimal point is wasting both chemical and budget.

#### MORE POLYMER ≠ BETTER RECOVERY



# A Proven Approach from the Industry Leader







**Dissolved Oxygen Control** Ammonia Removal Total Nitrogen Removal **Chemical Phosphorus Removal** Sludge Retention Time **RAS Control** Sludge Thickening Sludge Dewatering DAF Coagulant/Polymer Control Chlorination / Dechlorination





#### Instrumentation + Software = Less Uncertainty & More Efficiency





## One More Benefit? Hach Support





#### **Yearly Service Partnership**

- 1. A dedicated Hach<sup>®</sup> support team available to consult
- 2. Hach technicians providing guidance specific to your plant and application
- 3. Monthly reports to review your plant's performance
- 4. Reduced risk of unexpected downtime with service/maintenance recommendations







## How to Get Started Typical Process Stages

Discuss needs
with Hach
Representative
& Process
Management
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In-Depth Project Planning Best practice to include 3rd party partners (Engineers, Energy Consultants, etc) Proposal

Pricing

Technical Recommendations

Proposal Approval

Installation

Commissioning

Ongoing Support & Optimization

# Let's Go.

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