

#### ON-DEMAND CHEMISTRY

# Water Remediation using Aqueous Chlorine Advanced Oxidation Processes



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## Petroleum Production Water Treatment Challenges





Water used in petroleum production operations is highly treated before and after use (physical modification, disinfection, etc.)



As freshwater use is restricted, technologies that allow for the reuse of water during production operations are highly sought after



Disposal and post-use treatment of waters used in petroleum production, specifically the removal of organic and inorganic contaminants, is a major challenge facing the industry



#### Introduction to On-Site Generation

On-Site Generation (OSG) of custom chemicals enhances water treatment by producing high value chemistry at the point of use. Benefits of OSG include:

- Inexpensive and safe chemical feed sources- enhances worker and site safety while decreasing operational expenses
- Chemistry produced on demand as needed- decreases loss due to degradation and minimizes hazardous waste due to unused chemical
- **Decreased reliance on chemical delivery to remote sites** facilitates and simplifies logistics surrounding deployed oil and gas production operations
- Improved Operations- benefits of on-site oxidation can ease logistics, separations and operations







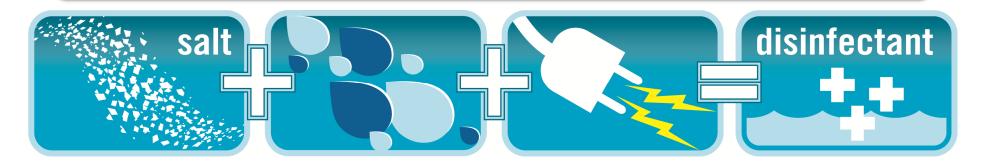


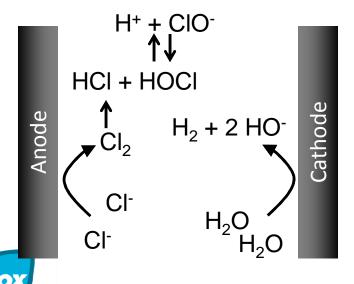




#### **OSG Chemical Processes**

OSG works through the combination of salt (NaCl), water, and electricity to produce chlorine-based disinfectant solutions:





In the electrochemical cell, chloride ions are oxidized to produce hypochlorous acid and hypochlorite ions

Water is reduced at the anode to produce hydroxide ions and hydrogen gas

Chemistry can be enhanced by using salts and salt blends beyond NaCl

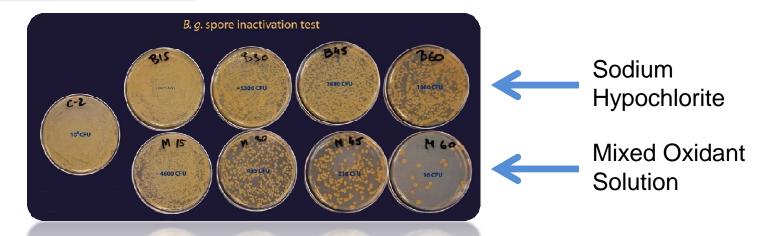
#### Mixed Oxidant Solution

#### Hypochlorite

• Electrolytic cells are optimized for the highly efficient production of sodium hypochlorite solutions

## Mixed Oxidant Solution (MOS)

• Electrolytic cells are optimized for the production of the most effective biocide





#### Applications of OSG in Petroleum Production Water Treatment

 Hydraulic fracturing Enhanced Oil Recovery **Upstream** • Down-Hole disinfection Off-shore disinfection using seawater Refineries Cooling Towers Downstream Production water reuse Remediation of production water

#### **Production Water Reuse**

MIOX is currently involved in the full scale biocide treatment of reuse water for hydrological fracturing operations in the Fayetteville shale in Arkansas



**Untreated Pit** 

Pit Treated with MOS



#### **Production Water Reuse**

MOS has been shown to be highly effective at controlling the microbial population, including Acid Producing Bacteria (APBs) and Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (SRBs), in this water



Raw Water APBs: 10,000,000,000 (10<sup>10</sup>) cfu/mL



Treated with MOS APBs: 10 cfu/mL



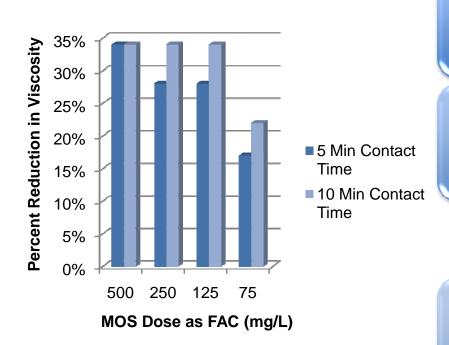
Raw Water SRBs: 100,000,000 (108) cfu/mL



Treated with MOS SRBs: 100 cfu/mL



### Viscosity Reduction with MOS



MOS has also been field tested as a polymer breaker for the reuse of treated waters

Here, MOS doses of 125 mg/L or higher resulted in a greater than 30% reduction in viscosity

 Viscosity in this water resulted from prior treatment with a high molecular weight polyacrylamide polymer

Increased contact time resulted in marginal increase of viscosity reduction

Reaction between the polymer and MOS is rapidly completed



## Technology Innovation

#### MIOX is the OSG industry leader in technology innovation

- Mixed Oxidant Solution (MOS), a chlorine-based biocide with superior microbial inaction efficacy
- OSG systems with self-cleaning functionality
- OSG systems capable of utilizing low quality brine sources

## OSG system platforms offer a wide range of choices to meet any application

- Individual hand-held systems for military personnel and outdoors enthusiasts
- Static installed systems for potable and industrial water applications capable of treating 186 MGD
- Fully field-deployable OSG systems capable of treating over 100 barrels of water per minute









## **Chemistry Innovation**

Integrated
Advanced
Oxidation (iAO)

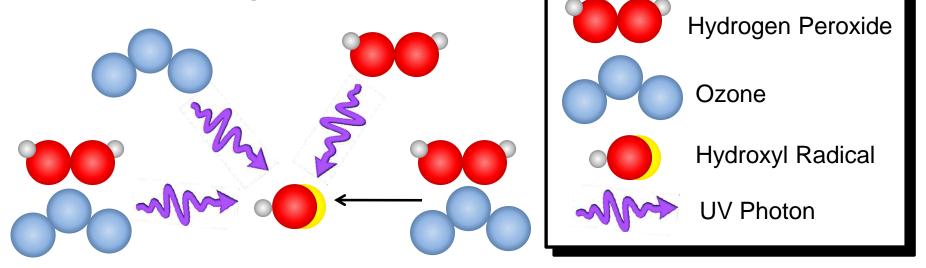
Nontraditional Disinfectants (NH<sub>2</sub>Cl, HOBr) Quaternary Ammonium Hypochlorite (eQuat Hypo)



#### Advanced Oxidation Processes

 Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOPs) are chemical treatment technologies that produce hydroxyl radicals

in situ during treatment



 Hydroxyl radicals are short lived (microseconds), highly reactive oxidant species

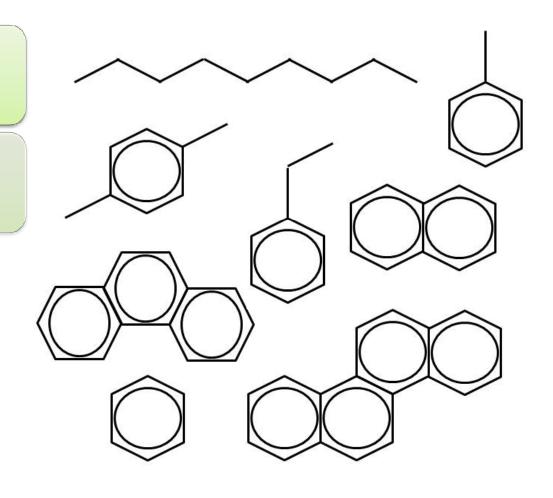


## **AOPs Target Organic Chemicals**

Hydroxyl radicals are very reactive, non-specific oxidants

Oil field chemicals that can be degraded using AOP:

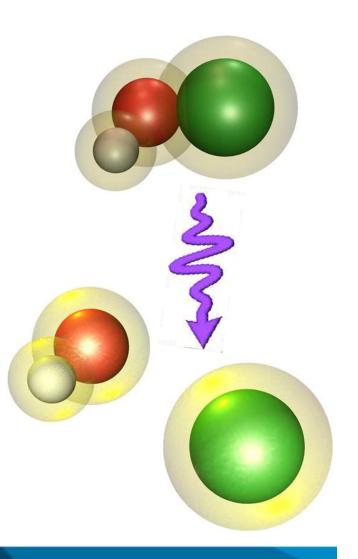
- Benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and xylenes (BTEX)
- Oils and hydrocarbons
- Naphthalene, phenanthrene, and dibenzothiophene (NPD)
- Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)





#### Chlorine AOPs

- Chlorine/UV (Cl<sub>2</sub>/UV) based AOPs are a topic of increasing research and technology development
- Production of hydroxyl radicals from aqueous chlorine is more efficient than from hydrogen peroxide
- Hydroxyl radical recombination with hypochlorous acid is very slow
- Aqueous chlorine, especially produced through OSG, is a much safer and less expensive chemical compared to ozone and hydrogen peroxide

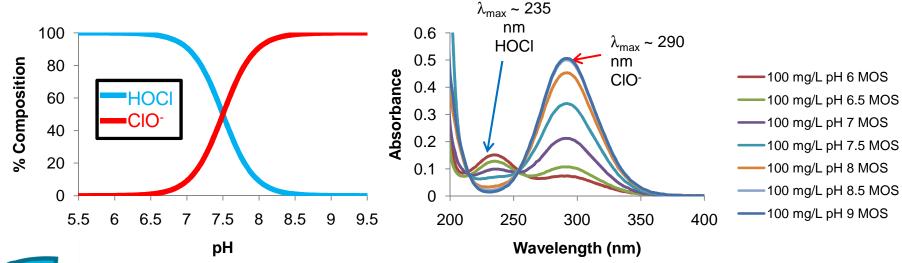




## Chlorine Photochemistry

#### The photochemistry of aqueous chlorine is highly complex

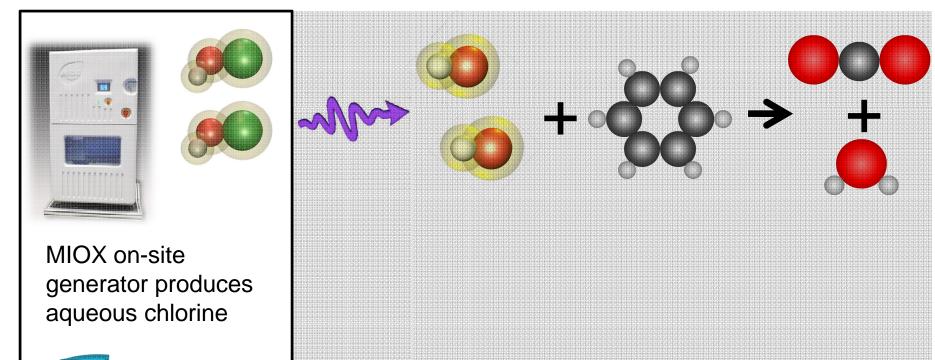
- Aqueous chlorine speciation is highly pH dependent
- Hypochlorous acid (HOCl) and hypochlorite ions (ClO<sup>-</sup>) have different UV absorption profiles
- HOCl reacts much slower than ClO- with hydroxyl radicals





### MIOX iAO Technology R&D

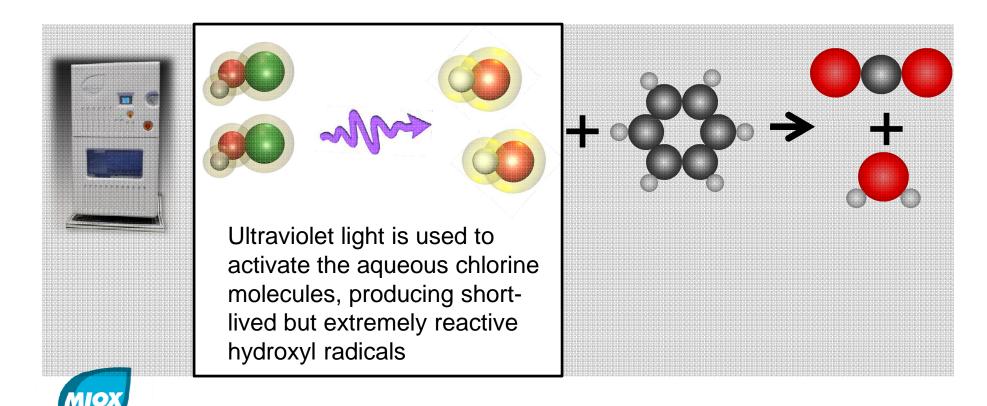
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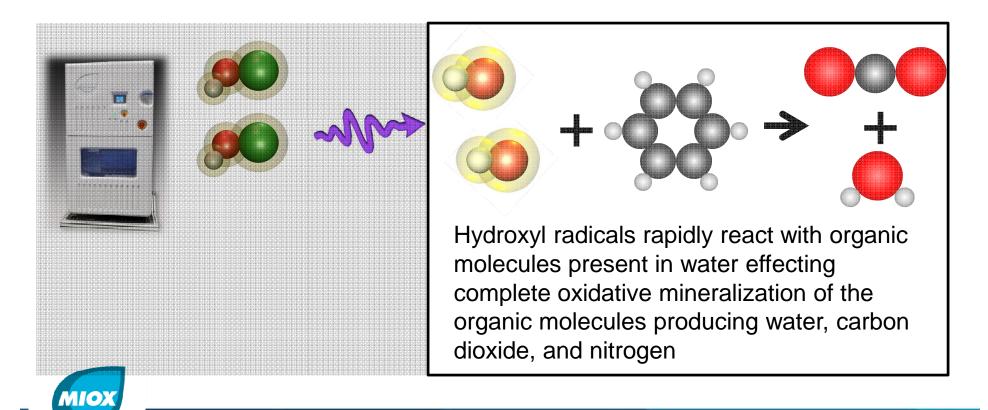
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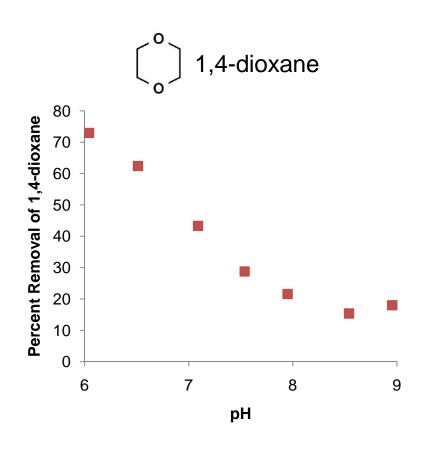
#### Destruction of Organic Chemicals

1,4-dioxane is commonly used as a model compound to test AOP treatment processes

• 1,4-dioxane is a very common groundwater contaminant in the US

Treatment solution pH was found to be critical in achieving high removal rates of 1,4-dioxane

 Differential treatment outcomes are linked to both the initial photo processes of aqueous chlorine as well as the reactivity of hypochlorite with hydroxyl radicals





#### Compound Destruction

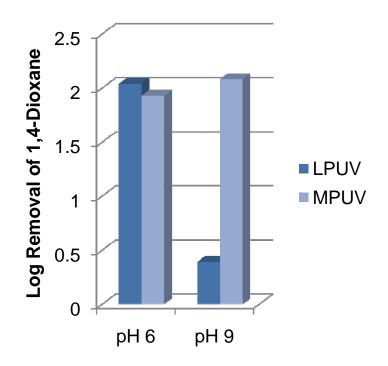
UV lamp selection (LPUV vs. MPUV) is a critical factor in determining the outcome Cl<sub>2</sub>/UV AOP treatment

- Both LPUV and MPUV produced equivalent results at low pH
- MPUV produced superior results at high pH

Other water quality parameters can also impact the outcome of a Cl<sub>2</sub>/UV AOP treatment process

Alkalinity, temperature, background Total Organic
 Carbon, presence of ions that can interfere with hydroxyl radicals

Comparative testing on real waters is required to fully evaluate the various aspects of Cl<sub>2</sub>/UV AOP treatment and compare with traditional AOPs





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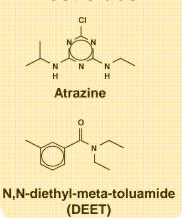
#### Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)

#### Persistent Flame Retardant Chemicals

Perfluorooctanoic acid

**PFOA** 

#### **Pesticides**



#### **Organic Contaminants**

#### **Pharmaceuticals**



## Field Testing of iAO Technology

#### Field testing of iAO technology has been accomplished at several sites

• Industrial groundwater remediation, municipal groundwater, municipal surface water

#### Pilots focused on the removal of specific contaminants

• 1,4-dioxane, trichloroethylene, 2-methylisoborneol

#### Pilot protocols were designed to evaluate several aspects of treatment

- Overall capability in the removal of targeted contaminant
- Economic data to enable a comparison of traditional AOPs with iAO treatment
- The production of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) and impact of treatment on the toxicity of the treated water









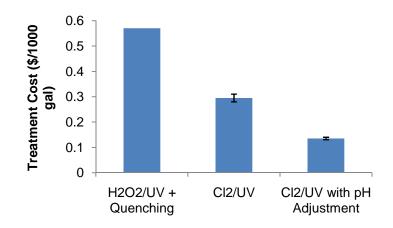
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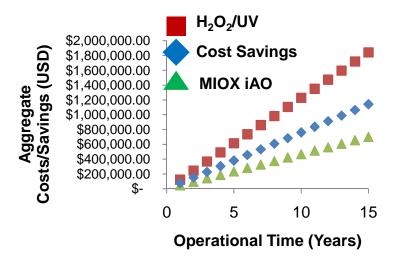
Data acquired from pilots demonstrated the costeffectiveness of iAO technology

- iAO was able to meet or exceed treatment levels obtained with traditional AOP in three of four sites tested
- iAO technology is less expensive than traditional AOP at three of four sites tested
- Additional field data will help predict *a priori* when iAO will work better than traditional AOP treatment

No significant increase in the formation of DBPs were observed as a result of iAO treatment

Whole effluent toxicity was also tested at two sites and water treated by iAO was found to be non-toxic







## AOP Applications in O&G

MIOX's iAO Technology can be combined with UV to enhance and improve the treatment outcome



Production water remediation/reuse through the removal of organic compounds



Technology limitation: similar to UV in that waters with low UV transmittance are challenging to treat with this technology



# How Can MIOX Help Your Oilfield Water Treatment Needs?

