Particle Size Reduction





Controlled Flow Cavitation (CFC[™])



The principle:

Liquid at higher pressure is pushed through a smaller orifice. That increases the velocity and reduces the static pressure. If the pressure is as low as the boiling point, water evaporates and vapor bubbles are generated.

The collapse of the bubbles, if controlled, can generate enormous shear forces that disrupt agglomerates and lyse cells.

IP Portfolio Philosophy for Best Customer Protection

An application patent cannot be practiced without a device patent, which cannot be practiced without our sonochemical patents, which cannot be practiced without our method patents.



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Applying the Power of Controlled Cavitation

Sonochemical Applications for Anaerobic Digestion

- Methane gas yield improvement: 20 to 30%
- Digested sludge reduction: 15 to 25%

Issued Patents

Application Patents

Ethanol – yield enhancement US 8,143,460; US 7,667,082 Biodiesel – catalyst reduction US 7,935,157; US 7,754,905 Fossil crude oil desulfurization US 8,002,971 Fossil crude oil processing US 5,969,207 Water treatment US 7,247,244 Synthesis inorganic materials US 6,365,555; US 6,589,501; US 6,869,586 Synthesis organic materials US 7,041,144; US 7,314,516 Micro bubbles in liquid US7,338,551

Device Patents						
US 5,931,771;	US 6,802,639;	US 6,857,774;				
US 7,086,777;	US 7,178,975;	US 7,207,712;				
US 7,314,306;	US 7,357,566;	US 7,422,360				

Sonochemistry Patents					
US 5,937,906	US 6,012,492	US 6,035,897			

Processing Method Patents						
US 5,492,654;	US 5,810	,052;	US 5,931,771;			
US 5,9	71,601;	US 5,8	310,052			



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Competitive Advantage

Proven Performance:

- Yield enhancement
- digested sludge reduction

<u>Cost</u>:

- Durable
- Energy efficient
- No capex

IP Protected:

30+ patent families CFC[™]

Carbon Conversion (%biogas) at Different Energy Levels



Cavitation System Characteristics

Energy efficient – highest power concentration

Small footprint – elegant singlestage design

Robust and durable

Anti-clogging design – clean-inplace (CIP) is <u>not</u> necessary

No erosion – due to location-control of bubble-collapse

Particle Size Shift (mm²)



Typical Skid-Mounted CFC Unit



Installations/Customers Throughout Various Industries

Abbott Labs	E
Clorox	[
DuPont	E
Hoffman LaRoche	F
Kraft Foods	ľ
Nextar	F
Purdue Phasrma	ι

Bristol Meyers Dow Corning Eli Lilly Proctor & Gamble Merck Parke-Davis Unilever

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