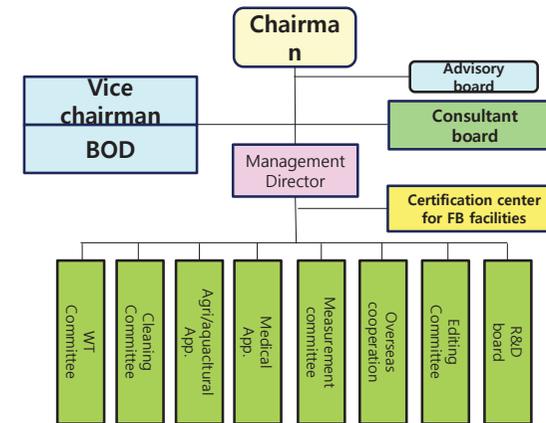


## II Status in agricultural application

### Korea FBIA



### 1. Summary in application for agriculture

- To increase DO
- To increase mass transfer
- To function in inactivation and sterilization against pathogens

- Increase in growth of plant
- Remove residual pesticides around plants
- Improve growth rate, numbers, quality, freshness, impurity
- Facilitate in eco-friendly cultivating agricultural products, organo-products, rapid cultivation, purification of agricultural water
- Use in smart farm



### National Mirror Committee on Fine bubble Technology (ISO/TC281) (2019.4.25 ~ )

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9	Shinansan Univ.	Prof.	NamChul CHO
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## Increase of Dissolved Oxygen and Temp. Control in the Aquacultural Farm (NWT, 2019)

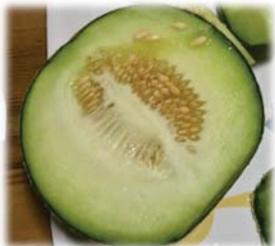
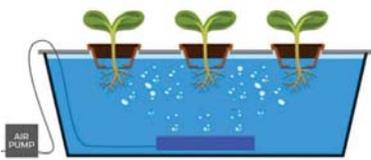


\* DO increase effect : > 30%; Temp. control Effect (≅ 0.5°C: July water temp. of Chunsu Bay: >28° C: to reduce fish mortality)

### III Case studies

## 04 Application of fine bubble technology in agriculture

### Water culture



## 2. Cases in application for agriculture

### Washing application of Fine bubble Technology in Agricultural field (Korea food re. Inst., 2019)

	Raw Vegetable	Tap water Washing	Microbubble water Washing	Storage Period(10°C)
Romaine Lettuce				7days
Lettuce				10days
Tango				8days

Decrease rate of surface micro-organism: 90~99%  
=> Anti-browning effect after washing, increase of commercial value

4. Microbubbles Increase Glucosinolate Contents of Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale* R. Br.) Grown in Hydroponic Cultivation, Department of Horticulture, Chungnam National University, Agricultural Drought Mitigation Center, Korea Rural Corporation (KRC), Korea (2019)
5. A Good Nursery System of Strawberry in the Ebb and Flow Cultivation with Micro-bubble, Agricultural company R2Farms Inc., Department of Precision Mechanical Engineering, College of Science and Technology, Kyungpook National University, Korea(2017)
6. The Effect of Environmental Fine Bubble on the Production of Ginsenoside during the Growth Period of Ginseng Cultivation, Korea National College of Agriculture and Fisheries(2017)
7. A Convergent Study on Applying a fine bubble to ginseng seedling cultivation, Korea National College of Agriculture and Fisheries(2017)

## 04 | Application of fine bubble technology in agriculture

### Promote growth



Differences in Growth of young ginseng seedling (B : Fine bubble water treatment during growth, C : General water treatment during growth)

#### A Convergent Study on Applying a fine bubble to ginseng seedling cultivation

Chul-Hyun Ahn<sup>1\*</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>Korea National College of Agriculture and Fisheries  
 Journal of the Korea Convergence Society  
 Vol. 8, No. 8, pp. 191-196, 2017



#### Microbubbles Increase Glucosinolate Contents of Watercress (*Nasturtium officinale* R. Br.) Grown in Hydroponic Cultivation

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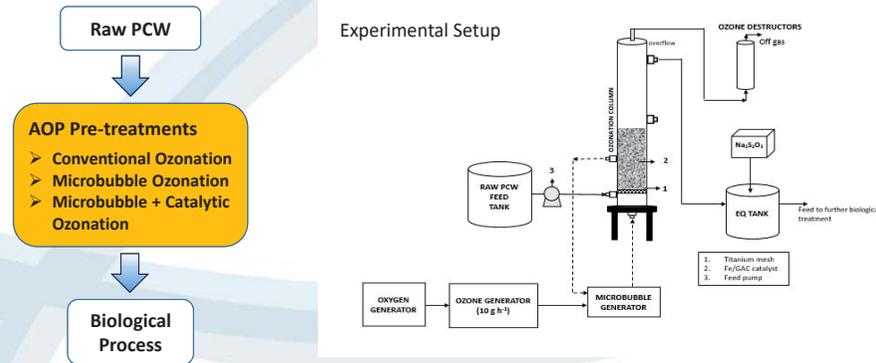
8. Sterilization Efficacy of Washing Method Using Based on Microbubbles and Electrolyzed Water on Various Vegetables, Korea Testing & Research Institute, Dept. of Food Science and Technology, Chungbuk National University, Korea(2011)
9. Study on reduction of microbial hazard of fresh-cut vegetables using microbubbles, Korea Food Research Institute(2010)
10. Washing Effect of Micro-Bubbles and Changes in Quality of Lettuce (*Lactuca sativa* L.) during Storage, Korea Food Research Institute, Korea (2009)

## IV Summary

1. A study on application of micro-bubble system for drainage reuse in solid medium cultivation, Department of Agricultural Engineering, National Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Korea(2020)
2. Effect of combined washing with heat and microbubbles water on the quality of fresh-cut lettuce, Technical Service Center, Korea Food Research Institute, Department of Food Biotechnology, Korea University of Science & Technology, Research Group of Consumer Safety, Korea Food Research Institute, Food Analysis Center, Korea Food Research Institute, Korea(2020)
3. Effect of Fine Bubble Treatment on the Growth of Two-year-old Ginseng Department of General Education, Korea National College of Agriculture and Fisheries, Korea(2017)

## Proposed Solution:

- Treatment of PCW by microbubble-catalytic ozonation processes



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j) 19:00-19:15

### Novel Development & Application of FBT in Singapore

Dr Chee-Wee Lee

Aquaculture Innovation Centre, Temasek Polytechnic

January 21, 2021

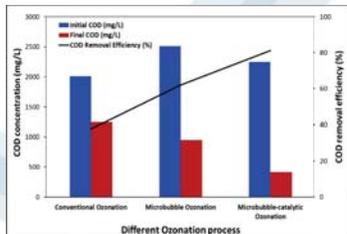
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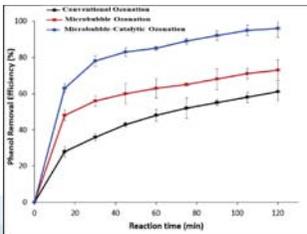
## Results:

- Microbubble-catalytic ozonation can be achieved
  - 81% COD & 97% phenols removal efficiency
  - highest BOD<sub>5</sub>/COD ratio (enhancement from 0.31 to 0.87)

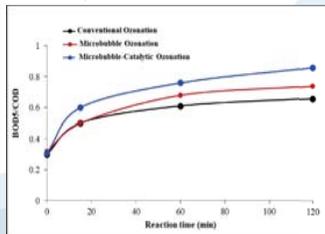
(A) COD



(B) Phenol



(A) BOD<sub>5</sub>/COD



L. Jothinathan, Q.Q. Cai, S.L. Ong, and J.Y. Hu (2021). Organics removal in high strength petrochemical wastewater with combined microbubble-catalytic ozonation process. Chemo Sphere 263: 127980.

## Project: Combined Microbubble-Catalytic Ozonation Process For High Strength Petrochemical Wastewater Treatment

Drs L. Jothinathan, Q.Q. Cai, S.L. Ong & J.Y. Hu

Centre for Water Research, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, National University of Singapore, Singapore

### Current Scenario:

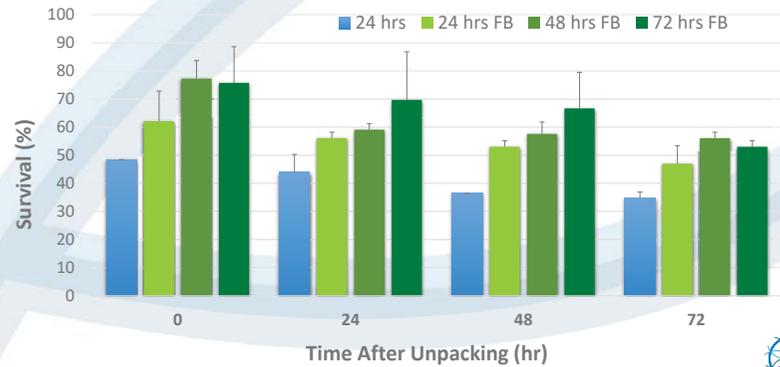
- Phenol is used as raw material in many industries such as plastic and petrochemical industries etc
- Petrochemical wastewater contains high levels of recalcitrant organic compounds that impose huge challenges on conventional wastewater treatment processes due to their inhibition effects and high treatment cost
- Advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) was proven to be efficient for degrading recalcitrant organics

### Characteristics of Petrochemical Wastewater (PCW)

Parameters	Value
COD (mg/L)	1,900-2,800
BOD <sub>5</sub> /COD	0.25-0.35
TOC (mg/L)	600-900
pH	7.0-7.5
Phenols (mg/L)	150-250
TDS (mg/L)	1,500-1,800

## Results:

- Shrimps can survive without water for >12 hrs with proper conditioning
- Animals pre-conditioned in FB water prior packaging recovered better from the logistic stress



## Project: Waterless Shipping of Live Shrimps with Fine Bubble Technology

Aquaculture Innovation Centre,  
Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore

### Current Scenario:

- Shipping live shrimps in a waterless condition is a practical, profitable but challenging endeavour
- Extremely dependent on transit environment to maintain
  - Optimum selling conditions
  - Minimum mortality
- The whole process is extremely stressful to animals
- Needing special pre-conditioning protocol to mitigate logistic and environmental stress and abuse

## Project: A New Fine Bubble Cleaning Method on Aerospace Parts

Dr He Wei

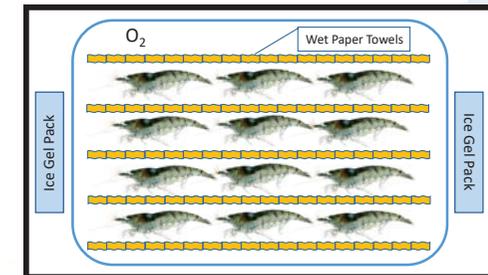
MPD/SIMTech, A\*Star, Singapore

### Current Scenario:

- Cleaning processes for parts of aero-engine use large quantities of chemicals which are not environmental friendly
- The contamination of aero-engines can be tough to be removed
- The cleaning mechanism of fine bubble is mainly through the interaction between the bubbles and the contaminations on the surface

### Experimental Design:

- Species: *L. vannamei*
- Healthy animals were used
- Pre-conditioned at 5 ppt salinity in **normal** or **FB water**
- Cooled down from 30°C to 15°C over 2 hrs using cooler
- Packed shrimps (30 g size) in waterless styrofoam box
- Maintaining oxygenated, cool and humid condition
  - From 16.5°C to 19.5°C over **12 hrs**



### **Technology Gap:**

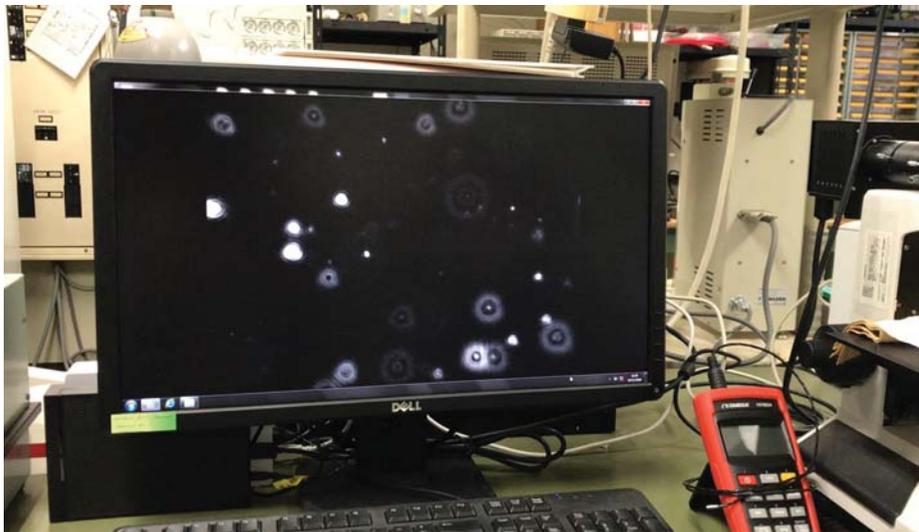
- The slow interaction between the fine bubbles and the contamination on the surface

### **Proposed Solution:**

- To use acoustic meta-surface to focus the ultrasonic energy to enhance the interaction between the fine bubbles and contamination on the surface to improve the cleaning effect on the aero-engine parts
  - i.e. integration of the acoustic meta-surface and ultrasonic source to drive the fine bubbles
- To achieve energy efficiency; less water usage; no chemical usage; less waste water discharge etc.

**Thank You**

# Air Ultrafine bubbles observed

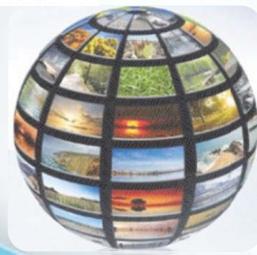




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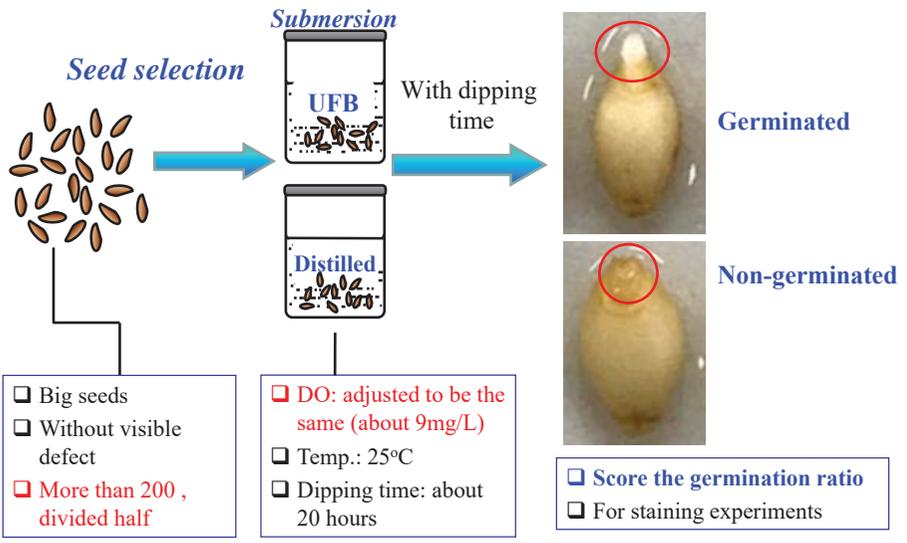


### I) 19:30-19:45 Promotion effect of air ultrafine bubbles on barley seed germination

Dr. Seiichi Oshita,  
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**Japan**

January 21, 2021

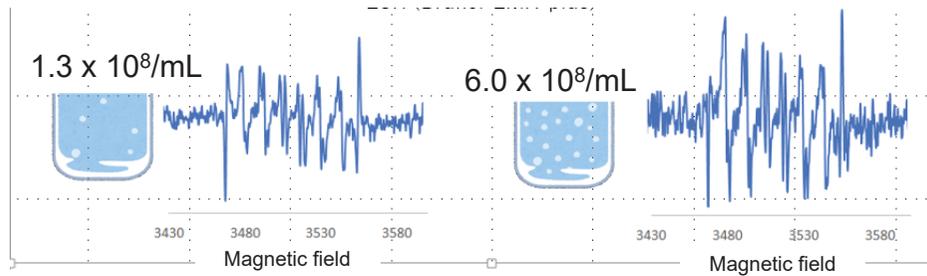
## Procedure of the observation of barley seed germination



## Objectives

- Apply UFB water to seed in order to confirm the promotion of germination.
- Mechanism of promotion effect
- Minimum viable number concentration of UFBs for promoting the germination of barley seeds

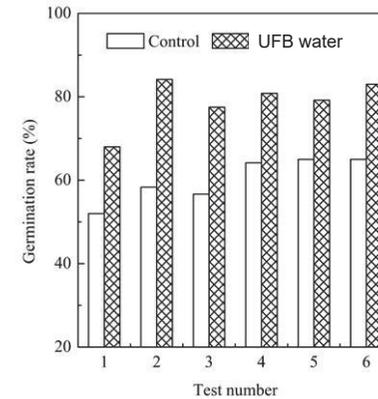
## ESR signal intensities of $\cdot\text{OH}$ of different UFB number concentrations



ESR: EMX-plus (Bruker)  
CYPMPO was used as a spin trapping reagent.

## Promotion of seed germination at the same DO (25°C, 20h submersion)

DO: 9 mg L<sup>-1</sup>



DO of ultrafine bubble water was adjusted to the same as control water by introducing N<sub>2</sub>.

Germination ratio  
Distilled water: 59%  
UFB water: 78%

S. Liu et al. (2013), *Chemical Engineering Science*

## Possible mechanism of seed germination promotion

- Ultrafine bubbles generate ROS ( $\cdot\text{OH}$ ).
- ROS outside seeds ( $\cdot\text{OH}$ ) play as a signal molecule and provoke the generation of ROS ( $\text{O}_2^{\cdot-}$ ) inside seeds.
- $\alpha$ -amylase (starch degrading enzyme) activity increases.
- Seed germination is promoted.

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**Review Article**

**SUPEROXIDE AND HYDROGEN PEROXIDE IN RELATION TO MAMMALIAN CELL PROLIFERATION**

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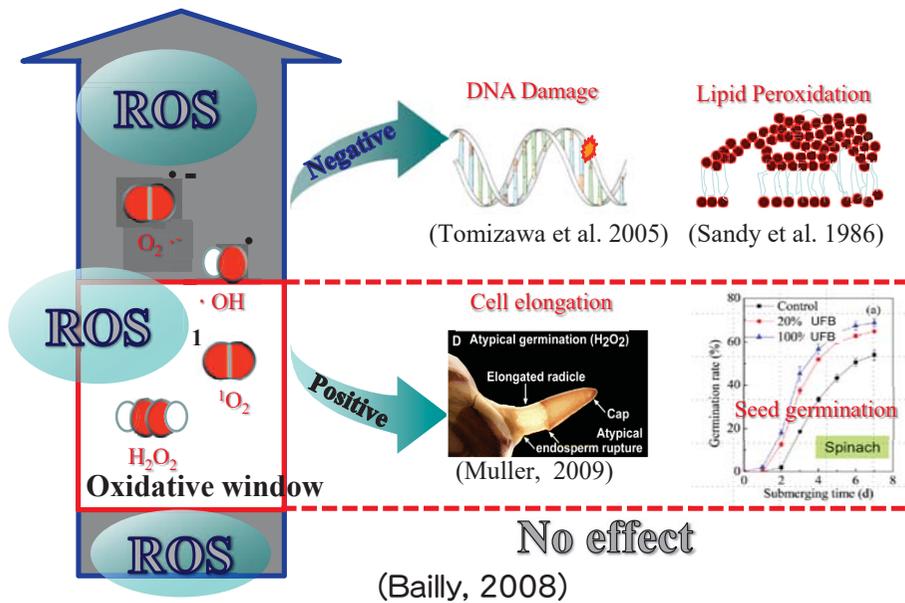
Table 1. Cell Types in Which Superoxide or Hydrogen Peroxide Elicit Growth Responses

Addition	Cell Type	Reference
Superoxide anions	human fibroblasts	29
	hamster fibroblasts (BHK-21)	26,27
	human histiocytic leukemia cells	33
	human amnion cells	31
	Balb/3T3 cells	30, 37
	mouse epidermal cells (JB6)	32
Hydrogen peroxide	rat colonic epithelial cells	34
	mouse osteoblastic cells (MC3T3)	35, 101

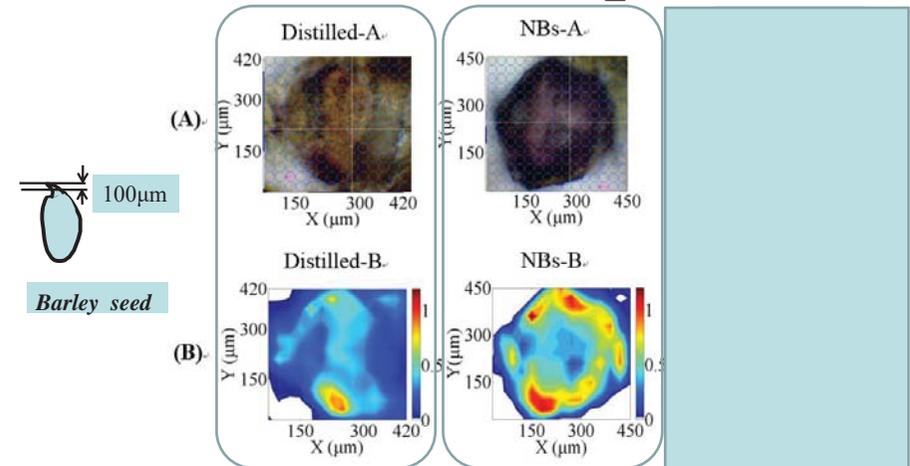
ROS  
(Reactive Oxygen Species)

superoxide and hydrogen peroxide can each stimulate growth and growth responses in a considerable variety of cultured mammalian cell types when added exogenously (Table 1).

## Role of ROS



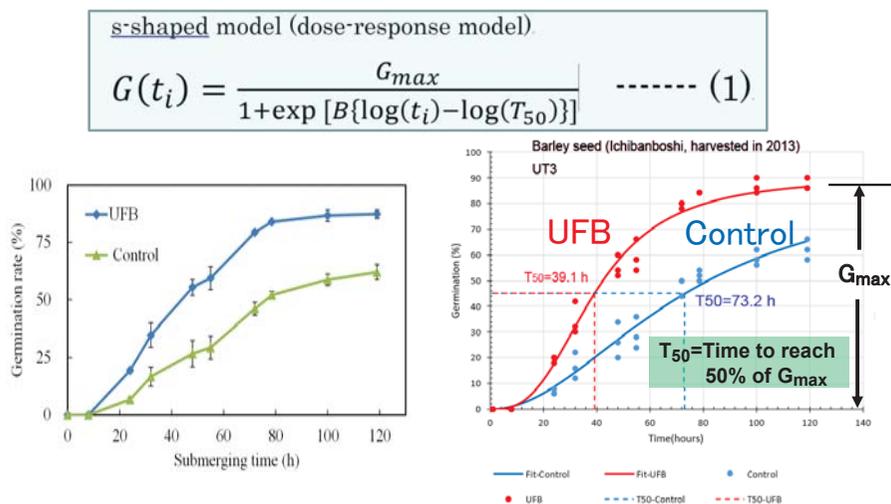
## Concentration of ROS ( $O_2^{\cdot-}$ ) in seed



**Figure 4.** Superoxide radicals (ROS) distribution in barley seeds after 17 h of submerging time: the sprouting region of representative seeds germinated in three groups (distilled water, NB water, 0.3 mM  $H_2O_2$ ) after the nitro blue tetrazolium staining process. (A): microscopic images of the

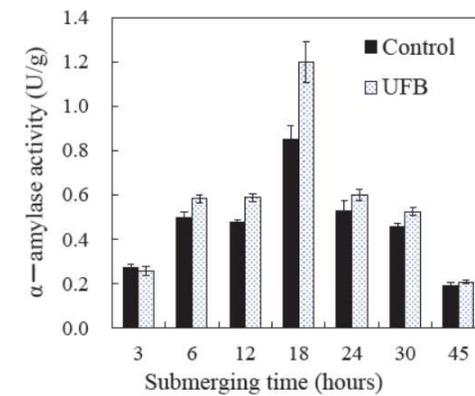
(Liu et al., ACS Sustainable Chem. Eng., 2016, 4 (3), pp 1347–1353)

## Analysis of germination promotion by using s-shaped model (Ritz et al., PLOS ONE, 2015)



( $T_{50}$  = time required to reach 50% of maximum germination rate)

## $\alpha$ -amylase activity (Barley seeds)



**Fig. 13**  $\alpha$ -amylase activity of seeds submerged in UFB and Control water.

Oshita et al., Japanese J. Multiphase Flow, 34 (1), 194-204, 2020

Thank you for your attention!

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**Table 1 Promotion effect of UFB on germination of barley seeds**

Exponent	Number concentration (ml)	Storage duration (month)	T <sub>50</sub> , control (h)	T <sub>50</sub> , UFB (h)	G <sub>max</sub> , Control (%)	G <sub>max</sub> , UFB (%)	Significant difference	P±Δ P
6	The UFB water with the bubble number concentration of the order of 10 <sup>6</sup> /ml did not show any promotion effect on seed germination.						NO	
7	1,1 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	25	20,4	19,6	92,0	97,0	NO	3,9±4,2
	3,1 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	26	20,7	18,9	95,0	92,0	YES	8,7±1,7
	3,5 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	25	20,4	18,7	92,0	95,0	NO	8,3±3,9
	7,2 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	11	14,6	13,0	92,0	94,0	YES	11,0±1,6
8	1,5 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	45	73,2	39,1	62,0	87,3	YES	46,6±2,2
	2,0 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	44	102,8	49,7	49,3	82,7	YES	51,7±1,9
	2,3 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	38	46,4	39,6	37,3	44,0	YES	14,7±5,0
	2,4 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	34	22,0	20,9	91,3	91,3	YES	5,0±1,1
	5,6 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	34	22,0	20,7	91,3	93,3	YES	5,9±1,5
9	6,6 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	38	77,6	37,9	37,3	76,7	YES	51,2±6,9
9	1,4 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	27	15,2	13,2	99,3	97,3	YES	13,2±1,8



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m)19:45-20:15  
**Development of Application Standards and Cooperation by data sharing**

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January 21, 2021

Japan

### Conclusions

- 1) UFB water can promote seed germination without using any chemicals.
- 2) ROS ( $\cdot\text{OH}$ ) generated by UFB provokes the seed germination.
- 3) Minimum viable number concentration of UFBs for promoting the germination of barley seeds is in the range of the order of 10 to the 8<sup>th</sup> power.

## “Development of application standards and cooperation by data sharing”

0.5 h (Dr.YABE & Dr.TANAKA)

Introduction of ISO Technical Specification on “Test method for evaluating the growth promotion of hydroponically grown lettuce” . Discussions on cooperation for Agro- and aqua- farming and water treatment applications of FBT by data sharing

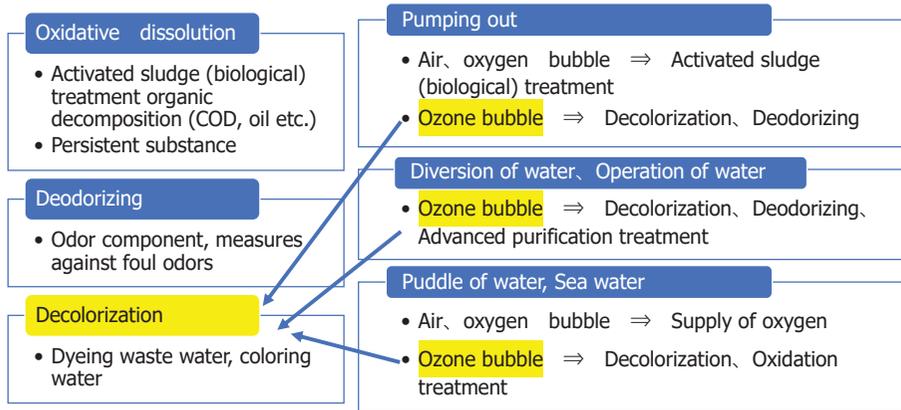
### ABSTRACT

The standardization of test method for application of fine bubble technology, in particular in agro-, aqua- farming and water treatment area is time and cost consuming and has great variety of objects, such as species or environments. In practice, standardization requires generalization over a certain and agreed scope, while individual R&D for application of fine bubbles is focused on a specific object. In order to accelerate the standardization, strategic cooperation among individual R&Ds will be effective, by mutually sharing information of R&Ds. For example, among the deliverables of ISO activity, “Technical Report” (assigned to “for data”) can be used for announcing the test procedures and result of the test to public in order to benefit the formation of generalization idea and facilitate development of modified test procedure.

Basic information describing individual R&D, namely data, will be proposed to facilitate such cooperation among R&Ds in APEC region.

# 1. Useful Ozone Fine bubble decolorization

Wastewater treatment, history over 30 - 40 years  
 The microbubble (size 50-100 μm) has a record of about 10 years



## APEC Workshop II

19:10-19:30  
**“a) Decolorization of Water by Ozone Fine Bubbles -Water Treatment ”**



**Dr. Akira YABE**

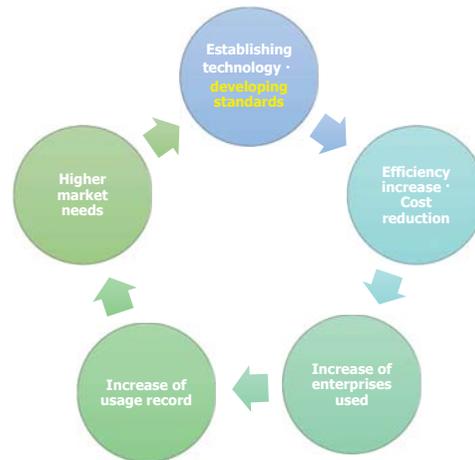
Special Advisor & Researcher Emeritus of National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan

September 16(Thu), 2021

## Benefits of using Ozone Fine bubble



**Decolorization using ozone is widely used**



## INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ISO 20304-1:2020

**Fine bubble technology — Water treatment applications — Part 1: Test method for evaluating ozone fine bubble water generating systems by the decolorization of methylene blue**

## 2. Purpose and flow of ISO Standard

### [ Necessity of standardization]

There are many cases of ozone fine bubble use cases, but there is no compliance standard

In Japan, the relation between the amount of ozone and the decolorization effect exists as a standard, but the evaluation method at the time of using fine bubbles has not been standardized yet

#### ①Oxidative decomposition

Numericalization is possible by water quality analysis, but the mechanism is complicated

#### ②Deodorizing

Numericalization is possible, but since evaluation is sensory evaluation, evaluation varies depending on the person

#### ③Decolorization

It can be quantified by chromaticity and absorbance Evaluation in a short time

③Decolorization evaluation can be specified  
**Select this**

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## Present state of Ozone decolorization technology

Present state of decolorization

### ① Bleaching method

Gas utilization, activated carbon adsorption, filtration, chemical treatment, etc

### ② Gas use

#### **Ozone is mainstream**

Micro bubble use (ejector method, air diffuser tube method as usual)

### ③ Ozone bleaching application field

· Industry (wastewater treatment)

Dyeing factory, chemical factory, food factory, livestock-related etc.

· Public sector

Water treatment plant (Advanced treatment), well water, reclaimed water, pool, aquarium etc.

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1.Ozone Effect → Purify, Decompose, Decolor

2. +Diffuser Tube System →Enhance Ozone Effect

2. +Ozone fine bubble generating system  
→Enhance Much more

3. Testing Decolorization performance of Ozone FB system  
→standardized.

Cost Reduction  
Swage water,  
Industrial use water,  
Water regeneration  
Dye-house etc.,

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### absorbance

Logarithm ( $\log_e$ ) of the ratio of the light intensity before to after the transmission of the test dye solution.

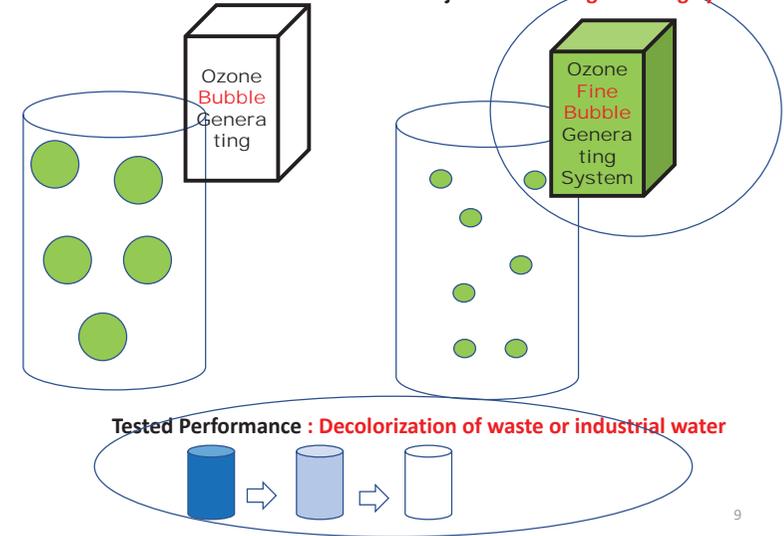
Indication residual concentration of dye in the solution.

### half-life of absorbance

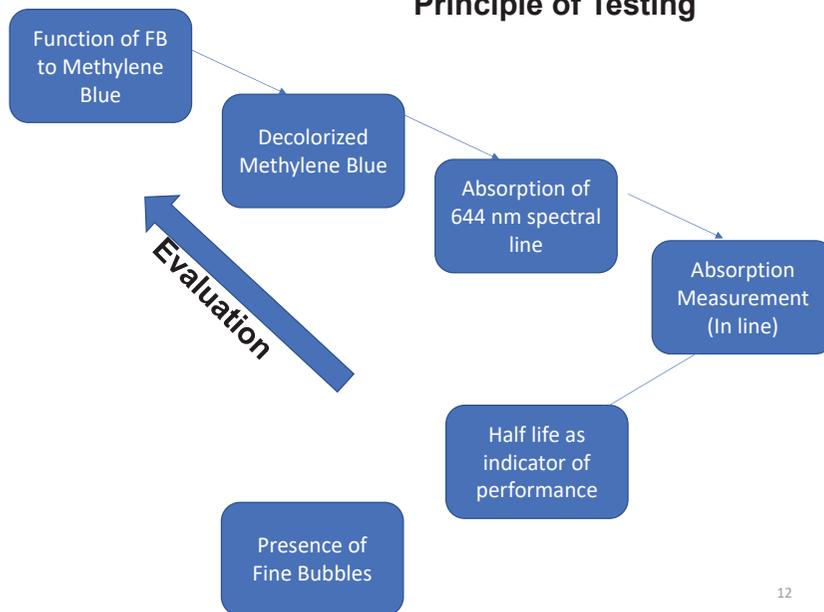
duration for the change in absorbance to reach  $\log_e(2/1)$  of the initial concentration, namely 50 % in intensity.

Measure of effectiveness of decolorization performance

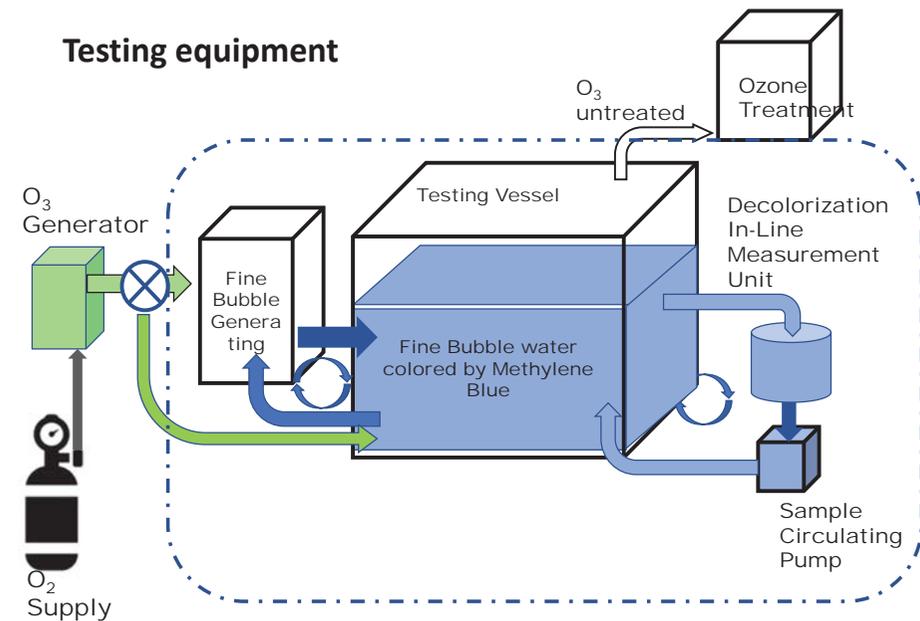
**Scope** This document specifies a test method to assess the performance of ozone fine bubble water generating systems used for decolorizing water-soluble dye in e.g. wastewater and industrial water. **Tested Object : Ozone FB generating System**



### Principle of Testing



### Testing equipment



## Absorbance measurements series

No. of Measurement cycle/ >5

No. of intensity measurement > 100/cycle

(Intensity vs time) recorded

## Synchronize starting on measurement and generation

In case of off line instrument, measurement should be immediately after sampling.

## Influence of fine bubbles directly to absorbance measurement shall be estimated or minimized by either

/Measurement on system operated without coloring

or /Measurement after decolorization is over

by observing decolorization saturated.

## Calibration of Absorption

Prepare Calibrated standards with two less and three more than starting methylene blue concentration

Measure three absorption for each standard

Calibration formula for absorption to concentration by regression

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## Testing environment (Testing room)

Temperature:  $23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$

Humidity(RH):  $50\% \pm 10\%$

Fine particulate free

Oxygen concentration: >90% (in case of O<sub>2</sub> supply)

Ozone Flow rate: 0.5 L/min (3 g/h)

Gas pressure to be reported.

FB generating system: Ozone oxidization resistive.

:Discharge FB water and Fed back in return

Test Tank: Sealed from Ozone leakage. Transparent walls. Capacity > 60 L.

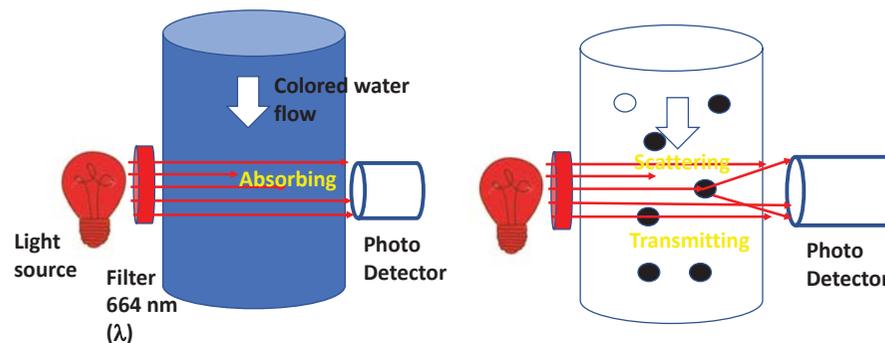
Water depth  $35\text{ cm} \pm 1\text{ cm}$  at operation.

Bottom and Ceiling are identical structure.

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In-Line scheme puts the optical path into the transfer (sampling) piping

Absorbance is measured by using the ratio of detected intensity (C) to the intensity of light source (C<sub>0</sub>).



Absorbance Measurement

Scattering Measurement

Decolorization Measurement

Turbidity Measurement

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## Measuring instruments:

Ozone concentration measurement ISO 1431

Optical measuring instrument: in line structure with circulating pump for sampling of 7 L/min. flow rate.

pH meter: Calibrated

Water

Quality ISO 20480-2:2018,4.2.

Methylene Blue powder: ISO 10678

Standard solution: 0.15 g solution to 1 L water

Colored water

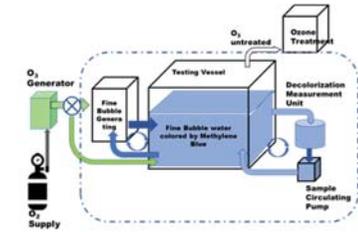
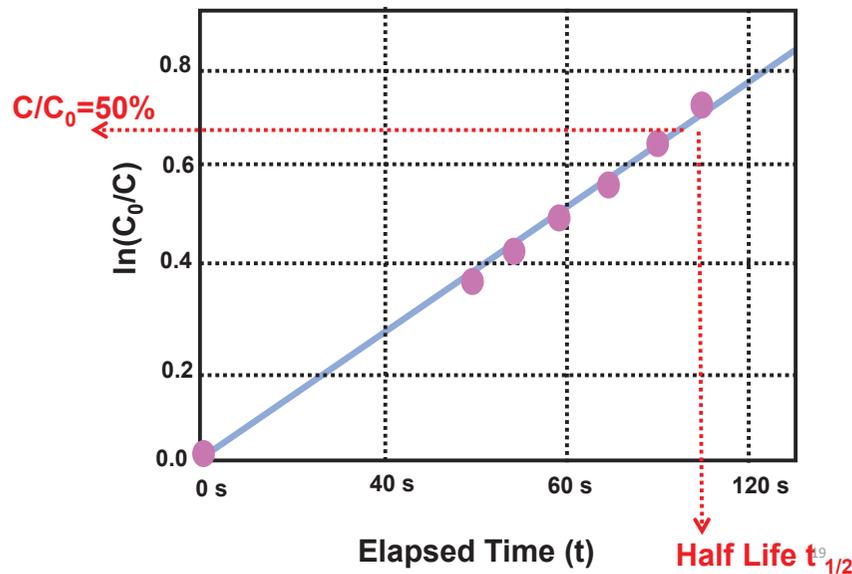
Dilute standard solution of 1 L to 60 L

pH:  $8 > \text{pH} > 5$

Initial temperature of water:  $20^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$

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## Progress of Decolorization and Linear Fitting for Half-Life



### Operation Procedure

1. Installation of all equipment
2. Calibration of absorbance
3. Charge diluted water in the test vessel, 60 L and homogenize by stirring.
4. Measure initial absorbance (Initial absorbance measurement needs 1 minutes' warm up for steady operation of circulation system.)
5. Initialize ozone generator keeping the flow rate and gas pressure.
6. Connect ozone line to the FB generating system.
7. Start ozone generator and FB generating system.
8. Measure absorbance until intensity saturated.
9. Stop all equipment.
9. Keep safety of environmental ozone concentration during and after the operation.

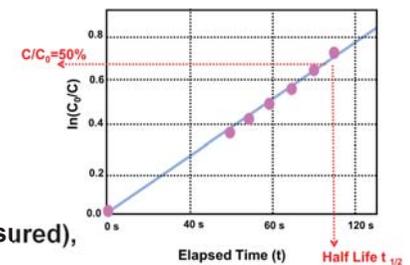
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### Test report

- a) A reference ISO 20304-1;
- b) Name of laboratory;
- c) date of testing, place, test environment;
- d) description of the fine bubble water generating system applied to the testing (identification, operation setting, major system parameters, water pressure, temperature, pH);
- e) graph showing the decolorization effect test result
- f) description of the decolorization effect test (fitting ratio  $\log_e(C_0/C)/t$ , uncertainty, ozone generation concentration);
- g) description of test equipment used, description of the test procedure;
- h) characteristics of fine bubble (size of fine bubble and number concentration)



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### Analysis Procedure

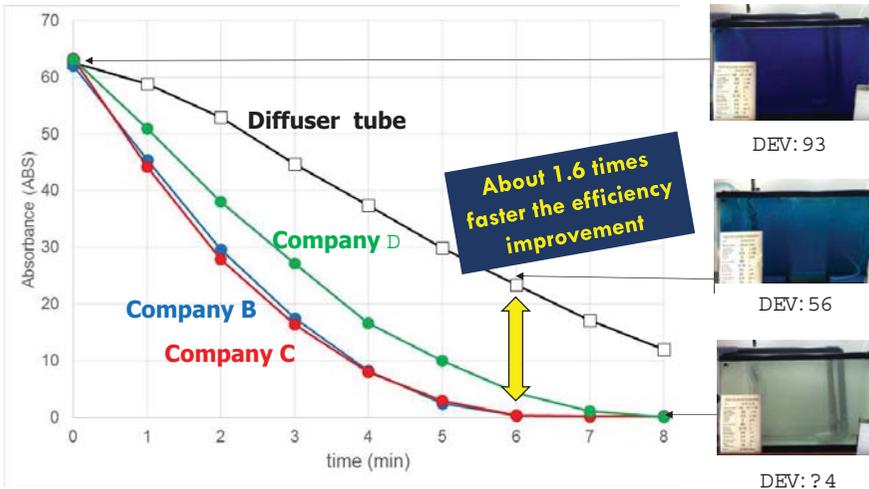
Methylene blue concentration  $C$ (measured),  $C_0$ (initial).

1. Plot and preview measurement data points on absorption vs time sheet.
2. Find  $t_{1/2}$  (half-life) with the  $C_0/C$  more than 2.
3. Fit the formula  $kt = \log_e(C_0/C)$  to the dataset from  $t=0$  to  $t_{1/2}$
4. Evaluate the factor  $k$ .
5. Uncertainty evaluation: Dispersion of date and calibration uncertainties have to be summarized.
6. Size and number concentration of Fine Bubbles Refer to ISO 20480-2:2018

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## Comparison between Diffuser tube and fine bubble water generator

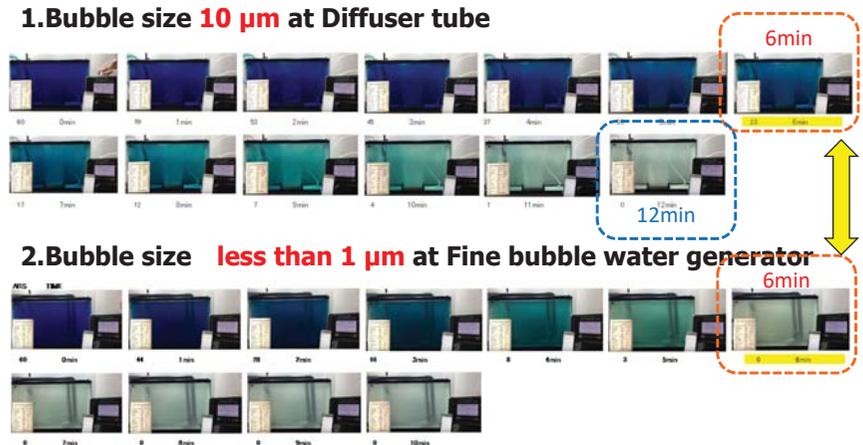
Time (min) vs. Absorbance (ABS)



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## Comparison between Diffuser tube and fine bubble water generator

Time course of methylene blue color at 1 minute intervals



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## APEC-WS 2 presentation

“b) Introduction to dissolved air floatation (DAF) process and DAF bubble bed



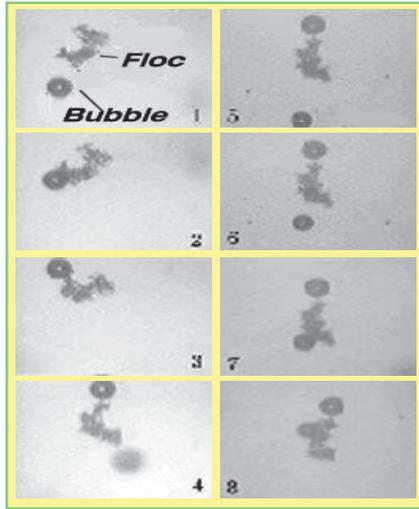
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Example: Average Absorbance vs time elapsed data:  
Three FB generating systems are compared with Diffuser.

in sec. Time	Difuser		System A		System B		System C	
	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un	Un
0	62.5	1.7	62.1	2.1	63.3	2.7	63.3	1.05
60	58.6	2.7	43.6	2.1	48.2	1.6	43.2	1.95
120	52.1	3	27.5	1.9	36.5	1.3	26	2.2
360	44.6	2.7	15.1	1.3	25.9	0.7	14.1	1.95
480	37.4	2.4	6.5	0.9	16	1.7	6	1.45
600	30.6	2.1	1.2	0.01	8.3	1.5	1.5	0.01
730	24.5	1.9	0.2	0.01	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.01
840	18.8	1.8	0.2	0.01	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.01
960	13.6	2	0.2	0.01	0.2	0.01	0.1	0.01
1080	9.4	1.5	0.2	0.01	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.01
1200	6	1.2	0.2	0.01	0.2	0.01	0.1	0.01

# Flotation process



gravity separation process in which gas bubbles attach to solid particles to cause the apparent density of the bubble-solid agglomerates to be less than that of the water, thereby allowing the agglomerate to float to the surface

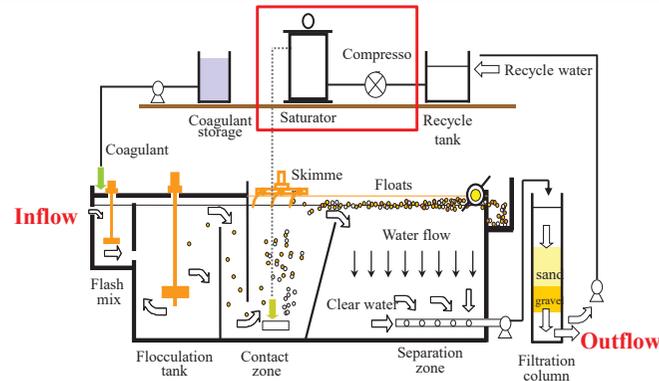
# Introduction to Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) Process and DAF Bubble Bed

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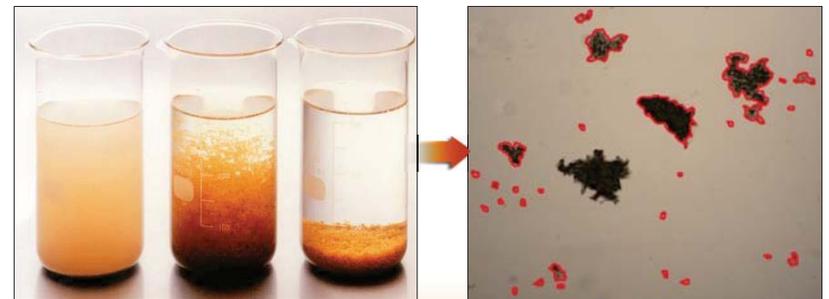
# Dissolved air flotation (DAF)

flotation process by which low density particles are removed from water and wastewater by **using fine bubbles** which are produced by the reduction in pressure of a water stream saturated with air

Pressurized solution system (ISO/DIS 20480-3 Fine bubble technology - General principles for usage and measurement of fine bubbles - Part 3: Terminology of fine bubbles in generating systems, subclause 4.5)



# Solid phase pollutant in water



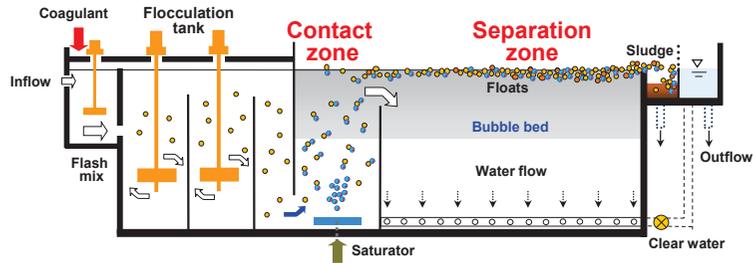
## Contact zone / Separate zone

### contact zone

zone where the floc particles are carried into and generate the particle-bubble aggregates by contacted with air bubbles

### separation zone

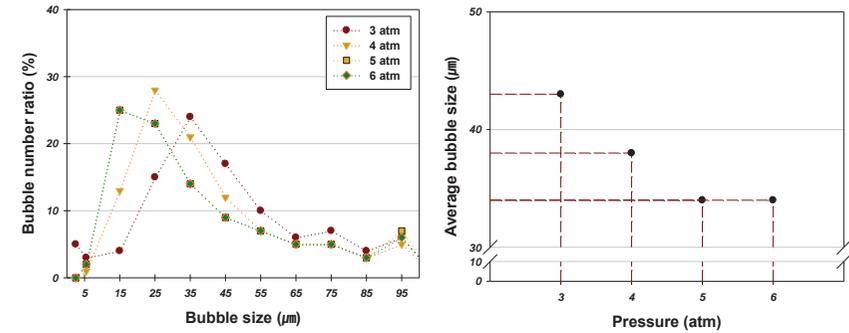
zone where aggregates are separated from the water and become concentrated in a float layer at the top of the tank



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## Saturation pressure

inner pressure of saturator which is used for generating bubble



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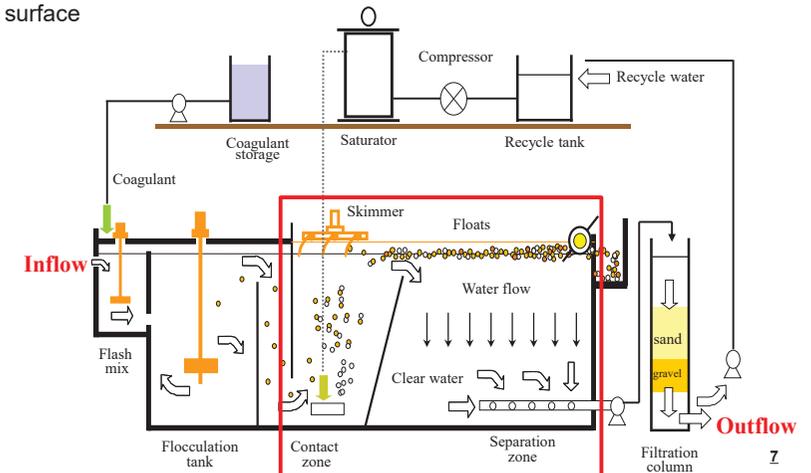
## Contact zone / Separate zone



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## DAF tank

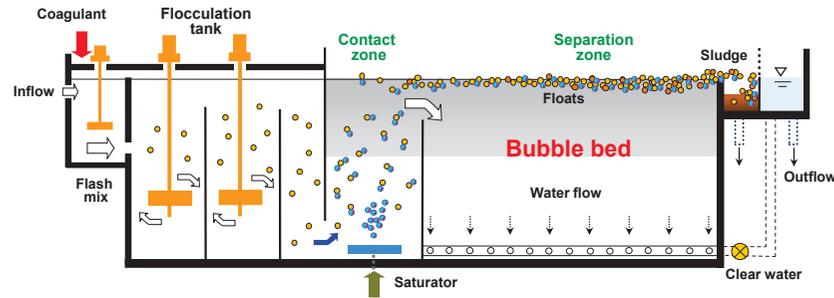
tank that DAF process is performed in and is roughly divided into two compartments containing contact and separation zone according to the step of flotation process: formation of particle-bubble aggregates and rising to the surface



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# DAF bubble bed

layer generated by fine bubbles in separation zone



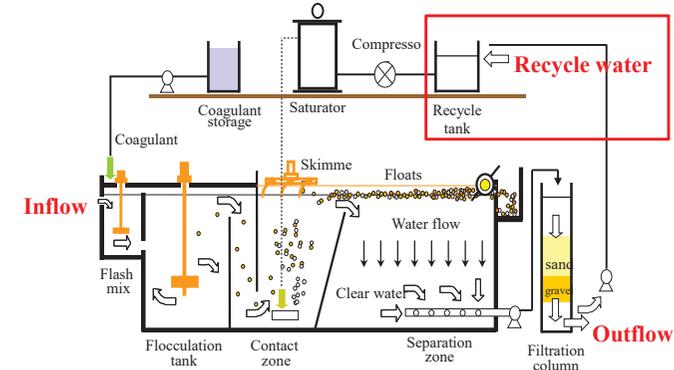
# Recycle water / Recycle ratio

## recycle water

water used to generate fine bubbles required for the DAF process among the treated water by the DAF process

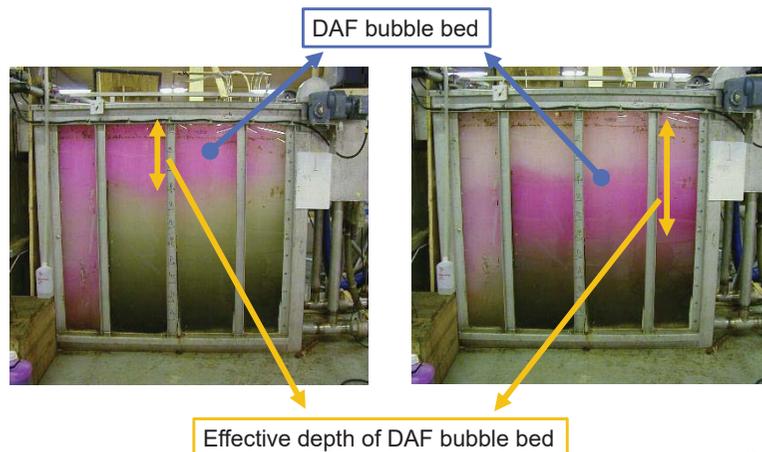
## recycle ratio

ratio of the flowrate of recycle water to the flowrate of inflow to the DAF process



# Effective depth of DAF bubble bed

thickness of DAF bubble bed after the DAF process reaches state of equilibrium



# Treatment capacity / Hydraulic loading rate

## treatment capacity

capacity that a certain process can handle for a unit time

## hydraulic loading rate

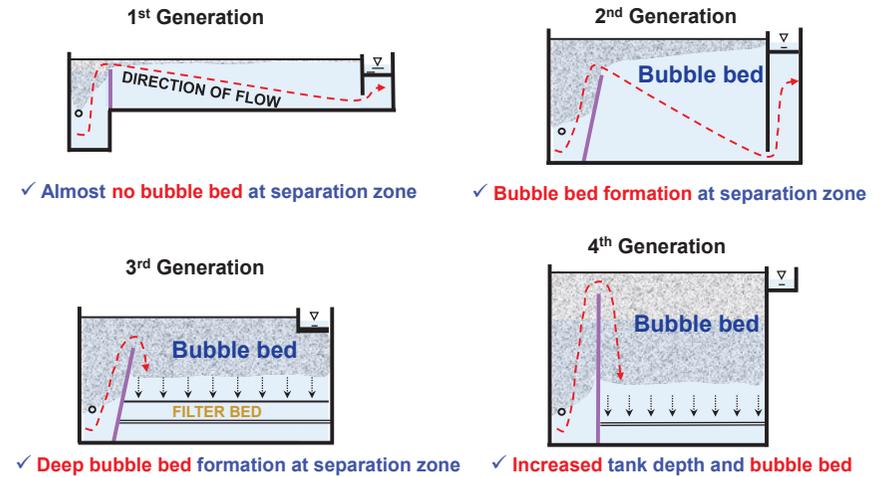
index representing the treatment capacity at a limited area, calculated as the ratio of the flowrate to the DAF process to the surface area of the DAF tank

## DAF tank in plant



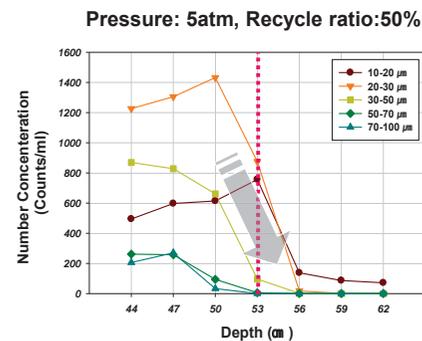
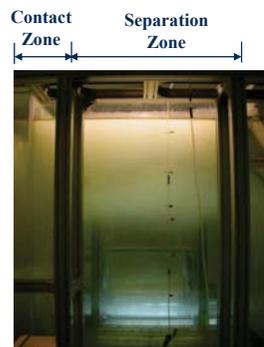
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## Changes of DAF cell & effective depth of bubble bed



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## Effective depth of bubble bed at pilot plant



- The depth of bubble bed can be observed around  $53 \pm 3$  cm
- 10~50  $\mu\text{m}$  size bubbles were measured as decreasing rapidly around 53cm by using on-line particle counter

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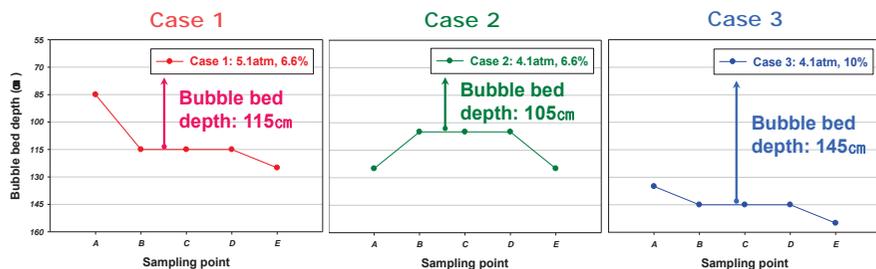
## Development of DAF technology

Description	1 <sup>st</sup> generation (prior 1960)	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation (1960's ~1970's)	3 <sup>rd</sup> generation (1980's)	4 <sup>th</sup> generation (1990's)
Hydraulic loading rate (m/hr)	2~3 less than	3~8	5 ~12 until 1990	20 ~ 25 in 1996 expand to 40
Separation conditions	Turbulent flow	Laminar flow	Laminar flow	Turbulent flow
Effective depth of bubble bed (m)	Not Available	0.1 ~0.7	0.1 ~1	2.5 ~3.5
Active time for floc-bubble collisions (min.)	Not Available	NA	0.5 ~3	5 ~20

- ❖ Water treatment capacity ↑ ⇒ Hydraulic loading rate ↑ ⇒ DAF efficiency ↓
- Square DAF cell ⇒ Separation zone bubble bed depth, time for floc-bubble collisions ↑
- DAF efficiency ↑
- ✗ 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> generation DAF systems Increased tank depth ⇒ Bubble bed was important

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## Effective depth of bubble bed at full scale field

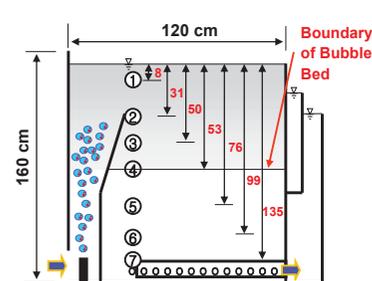


<The depth of bubble bed at case 1, 2 and 3>

- **Pressure change** (Compare with Case 1 and Case 2)  
: the higher pressure, the deeper bubble bed depth
- **Recycle ratio change** (Compare with Case 2 and Case 3)  
: the higher recycle ratio, the deeper bubble bed depth
- ❖ **Bubble volume concentration** ↑ ➡ **Bubble bed depth** ↑

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## Effective depth of bubble bed at water treatment plant

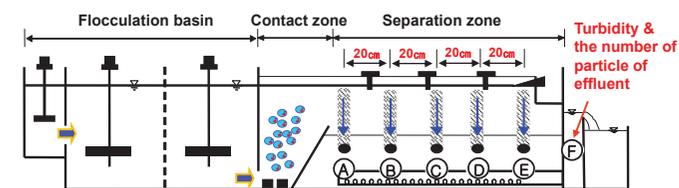


<Characteristics of raw water>

Turbidity	Alkalinity	Temp.	pH
2.4 NTU	26 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	7.5 °C	7.7

<Operation conditions >

Pilot plant	Full scale field	Pressure (atm.)	Recycle ratio (%)
Pressure: 5atm Recycle ratio: 50%	Case 1	5.1	6.6
	Case 2	4.1	6.6
	Case 3	4.1	10.0

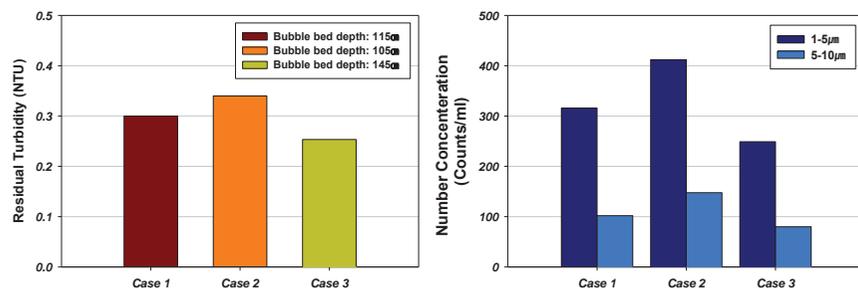


<Sampling points at the pilot plant and fullscale field>

➤ **Sampling point (depth)**

- ① 55cm
- ② 75cm
- ③ 95cm
- ④ 105cm
- ⑤ 125cm
- ⑥ 155cm<sub>18</sub>

## Effective depth of bubble bed at full scale field

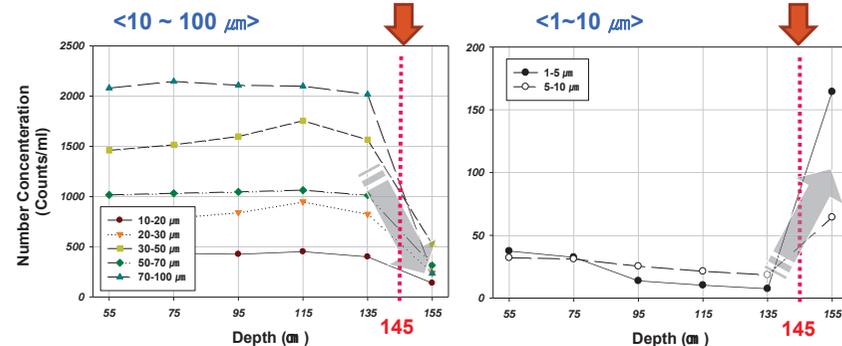


<Residual turbidity and size distribution at effluent (sampling point F)>

- The depth of bubble bed depth affects the turbidity, but the result is less 0.5 NTU ➡ It is difficult to estimate an efficiency
- **A lot of particle** in effluent at Case 2
- **A little of particle** in effluent at Case 3

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## Effective depth of bubble bed at full scale field



<Bubble & particle size distribution at Case 3 (4.1atm, 10%), Point C>

- **Middle and large particles were decreased** under bubble bed
- **Small particles were increased** under bubble bed

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## Fine Bubble Technology for Sustainable Development Goals

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## DAF bubble bed compactness

index indicating the degree to which the DAF bubble bed is saturated with bubbles at state of equilibrium

$$C = \frac{V_{bubbles}}{V_{bb}} \times 100 = \sum_i (n_i \times i) \times 100$$

Where

- $C$  is DAF bubble bed compactness (%)
- $V_{bubble}$  is the volume of bubbles in DAF bubble bed, calculated as the sum of each bubble volume ( $m^3$ )
- $V_{bb}$  is the total volume of DAF bubble bed, calculated by multiplying surface area and effective depth of DAF bubble bed ( $m^3$ )
- $i$  is the volume of a bubble ( $m^3/EA$ )
- $n_i$  is the bubble number concentration whose volume is  $i$  ( $EA/m^3$ )



TC > ISO/TC 281

## ISO/TR 24217-2:2021

Fine bubble technology – Guideline for indicating benefits – Part 2: Assignment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to applications of fine bubble technologies

This document provides guidelines for suppliers to show in which part of the Sustainable Development Goals fine bubble technologies can contribute to users.

This document also provides guidelines for document writers to assess the contribution of their documents related to fine bubble technology to the Sustainable Development Goals.

It also enables users to understand the benefits of using fine bubble technologies.

(Reference)<https://www.iso.org/standard/78107.html?browse=tc>

# Thank You!

# Benefits



- Improve reliability of fine bubble technologies
- Promote the user's understanding of the benefits of using fine bubble
- Promote investment activity

# What are SDGs?



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# Case: Cleaning Application



Cleaning restroom floor in large facilities

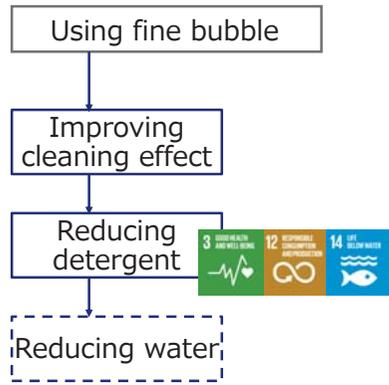


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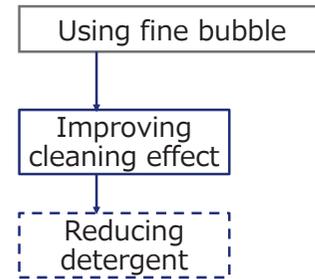


# Cleaning Restroom Floor



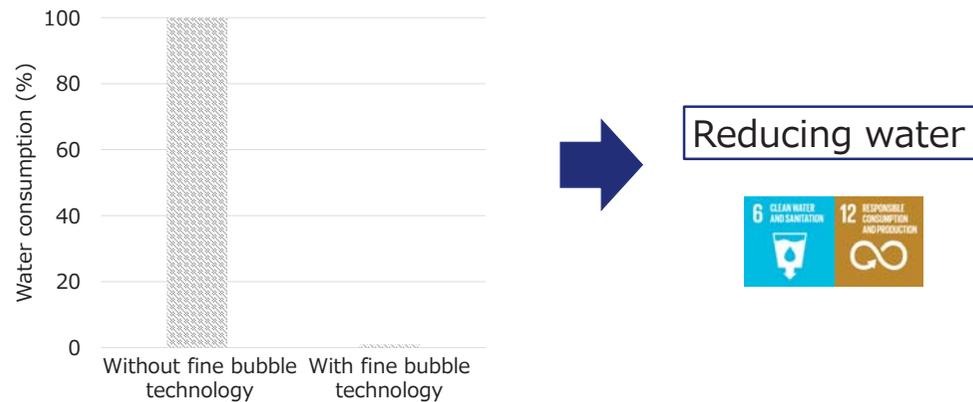
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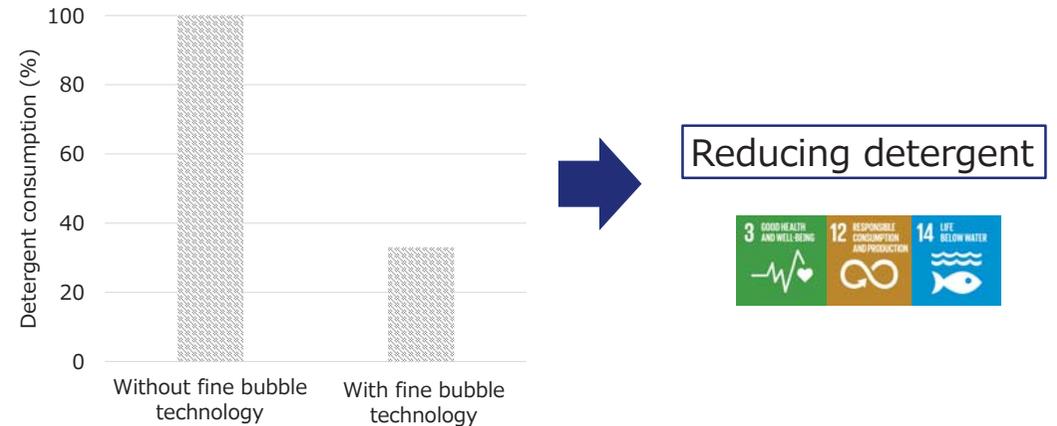
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# Examples of Data Comparison



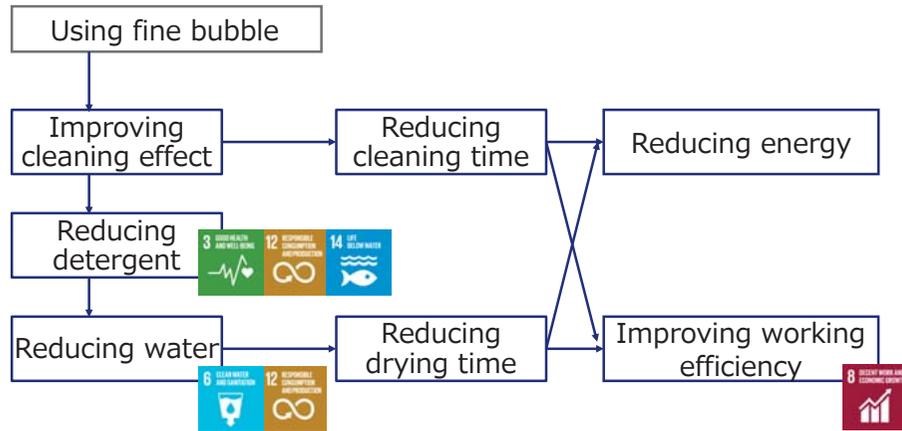
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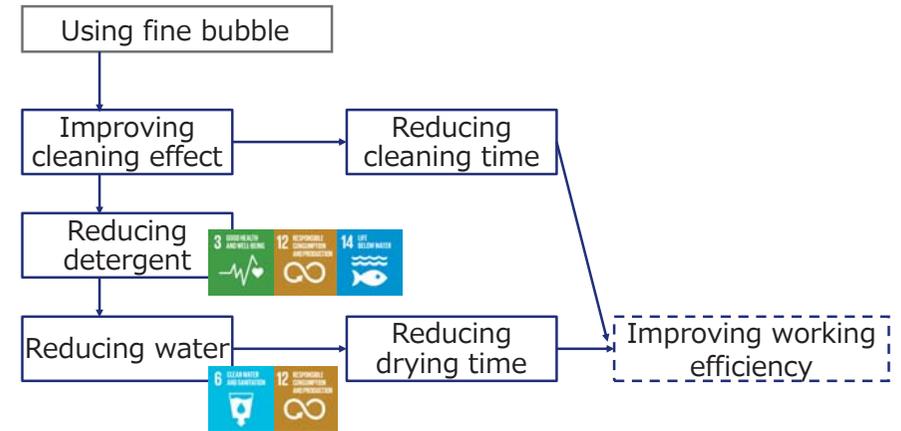
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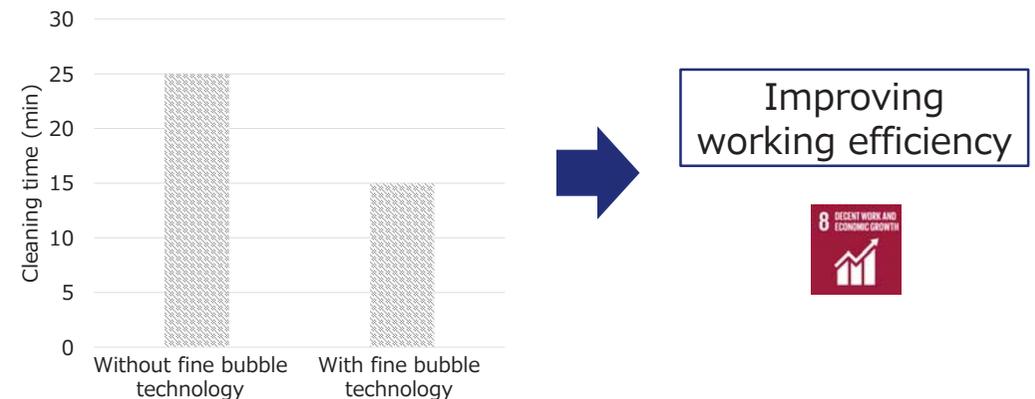
# Identifying Key Elements

Goals for fine bubble technologies (extract version)

Goal No.	Examples of key elements
Goal 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Sterilization methods</li> <li>– <u>Improve water quality by reducing pollution and minimizing the discharge of hazardous chemicals and materials.</u></li> </ul>
Goal 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <u>Reducing the environmental impact</u></li> <li>– Reduce discharging chemicals and wastes to the water and the soil</li> </ul>
Goal 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Development of fisheries and aquaculture</li> <li>– <u>Prevent and reduce marine pollution of all kinds</u></li> </ul>

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# Examples of Data Comparison



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## APEC Workshop II

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### "d) Cleaning of Salt on Surface of Iron Structure by using Ultrafine Bubbles"



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## Other Applications' Achievements

<b>Cleaning application</b> e.g. Cleaning salt (NaCl)-stained surfaces				
<b>Agriculture application</b> e.g. Promotion of hydroponically grown lettuce				

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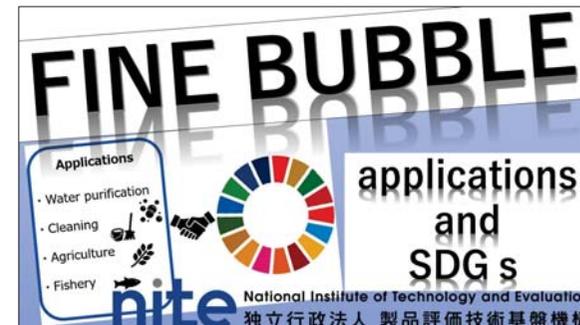
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### Fine bubble technology — Cleaning applications—

#### Part 1: Test method for cleaning salt (NaCl) -stained surfaces

## You Tube Video

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General principle/

Uniformity of UFB in supplied water for jet

Characteristic of UFB water:

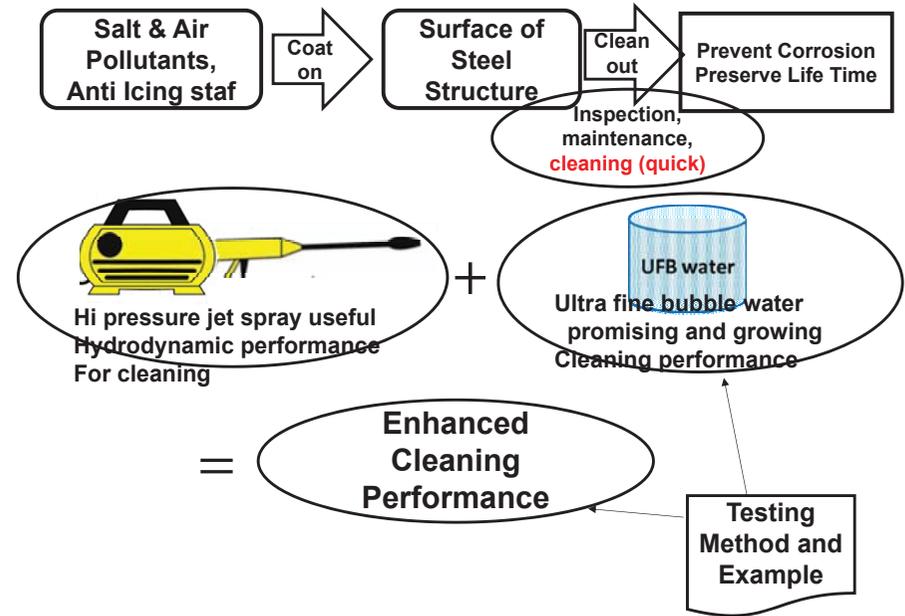
Average Diameter and Number concentration of UFB

Cleaning performance depends of UFB original performance, hydrodynamic performance and property of salt stain

Fixed are; Specification of High pressure water jet, Properties of salt stain and test environment.

Modified are; Characteristics of UFB water

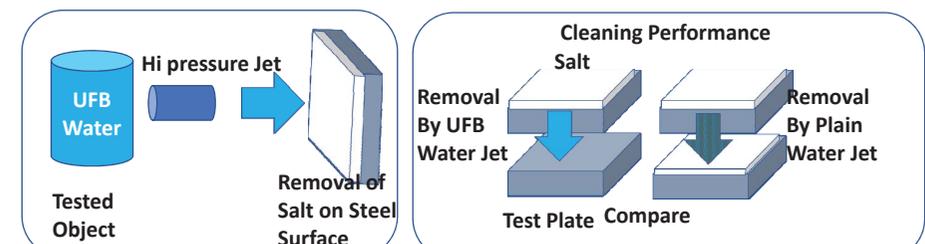
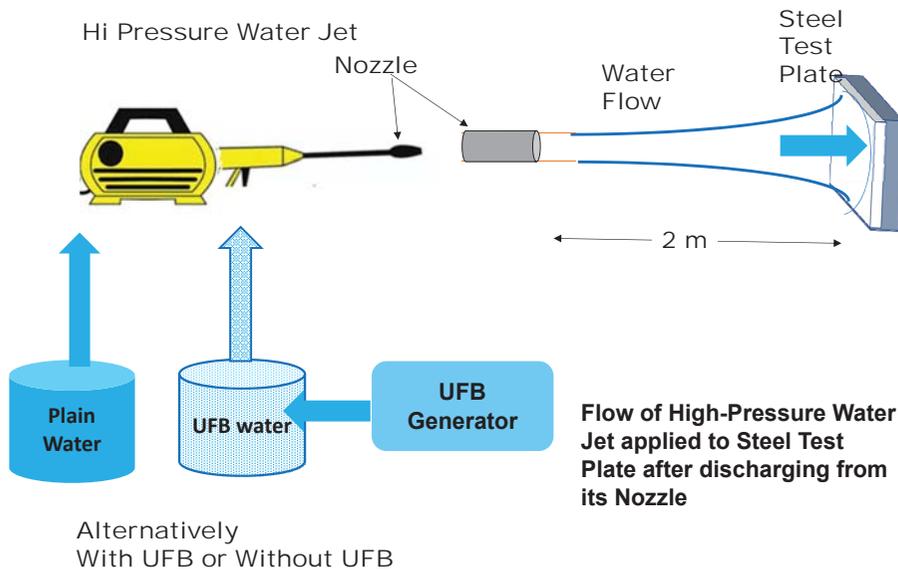
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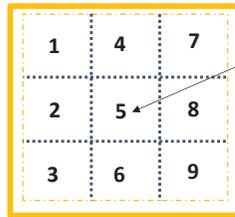
### ISO/TS 21256-1:2020(E) ISO/TC 281/WG3 Fine bubble technology — Cleaning applications — Part 1: Test method for cleaning salt (NaCl) -stained surfaces

#### Scope

A test method to evaluate the cleaning performance of ultrafine bubble water in high-pressure water jet to remove salt-stained steel surfaces. The evaluation is to measure and compare removals of salt-stain on surface of a test plate with the ultrafine bubble water to control plain water.



Steel Test Plate (front)



Zone Number

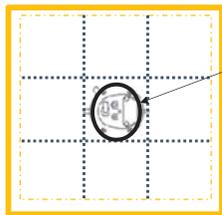
Salinity Meter

Display & Control

Salinity measurement Cell

Water Injector

Test Plate (Salinity Meter Cell applied)



Applied to the zone 5.

Salinity meter measures the amount of salt on the surface covered by the Cell.

Water injector supply plain water to solve the salt on the surface.

Testing equipment

Hi Pressure Water Jet:

Discharges water through small nozzle by high pressure, namely with high speed.

Nozzle diameter: 6 mm at exit

Water temperature: 15°C -25°C

Pressure at exit: 5 -9 Mpa

Flow rate at exit: 300 - 400 L/h

Cleaning profile at test plate: 250 -300 mm and stable

Supply of cleaning water: Continuous

Testing equipment

Test Plate

Simple in shape (eg. Flat plate)

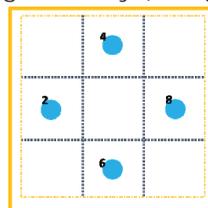
Material: carbon steel

Dimension 530 x 530 mm x 10 mm(t)

Procedure (Before cleaning )

$$S(\text{initial}) = ((S(2) + S(4) + S(6) + S(8)) / 4)$$

S(initial): initial adherent average density (in mg/ m<sup>2</sup>)



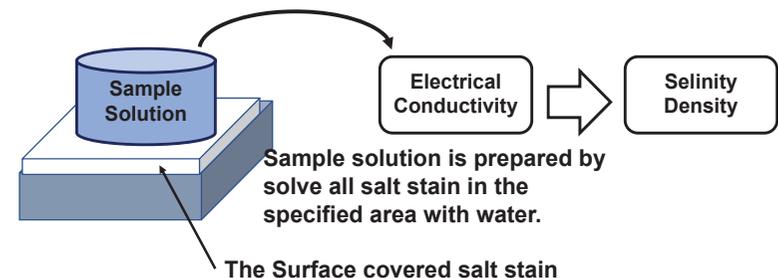
Testing equipment

Surface Salinity Meter

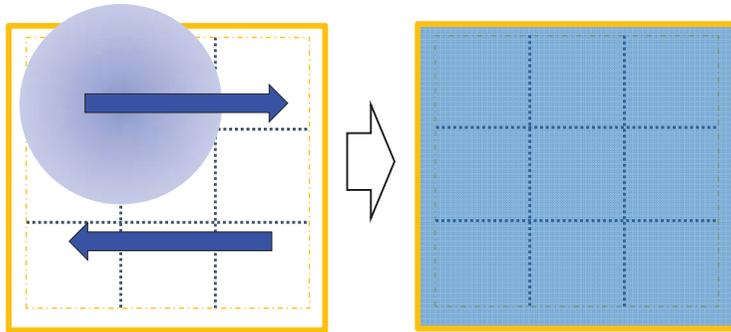
Method: Surface salinity density

← Electrical Conductivity of sample solution (ISO 8502-9)

Precision ± 1 % at temperature 0 -50°C

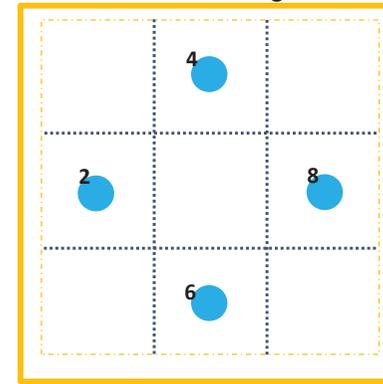


**Cleaning Procedure on the plate**



**One round stroke takes approximately 1 second.  
20 round strokes are sufficient.**

**Initial averaged concentration before washing**



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**Blue spot: indicate the zone with salinity meter applied.**

**Out puts of salinity meter are averaged over the zones with even number.**

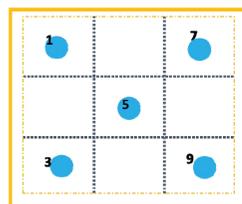
Measurement of salt stains after cleaning

After each cleaning stroke calculate:

$$S(aw) = ((S(1) + S(3) + S(5) + S(7) + S(9)) / 5)$$

S(aw): adherent average density after cleaning (in mg/ m<sup>2</sup>)

Terminate of cleaning: Either density reading zero or specified number for stroke attained.



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Cleaning Procedure

Automatic stroke of jet mechanism is recommended.  
(Example of manual operation is given in the document.)

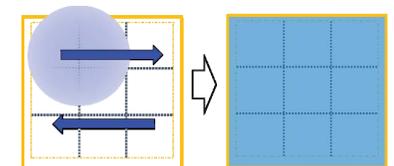
Distance of water jet: kept 2 m

Test piece: fixed tightly and kept normal to jet stream

Stroke: round trip, may less than 20 strokes for a cleaning.

Round trip: approximately 1 second

A cleaning is repeated for a testing with UFB and control waters.

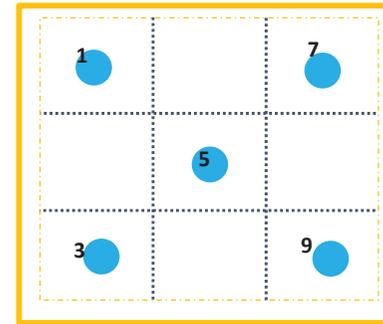


Test Report

**TEST REPORT**

- a) Applied environmental conditions, cleaning water, cleaning machines, measuring instrument influential to the test result;
- b) Meteorological environment (eg temperature, humidity, air pressure);
- c) test conditions (parameter settings on pre-treatment, cleaning machine, washing water, measuring instrument);
- d) test results (cleaning stroke number , initial adherent density of salt, and measured adherent density after cleaning and removed quantity or salt removed ratio);
- e) any deviations from the procedure described in this document;

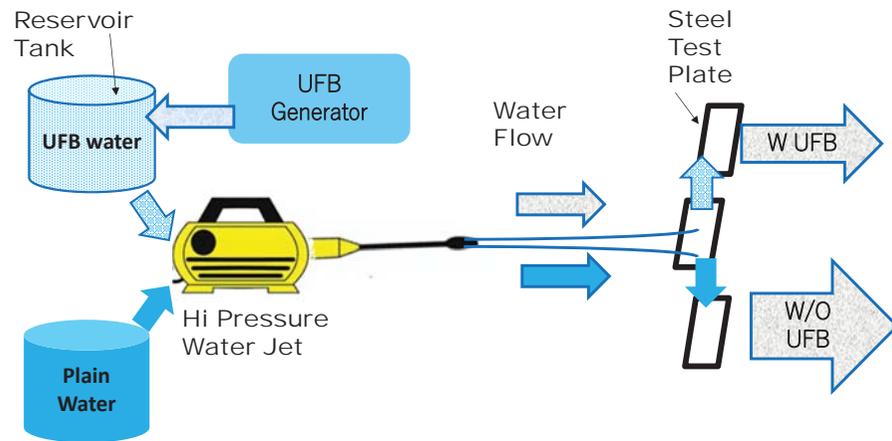
Averaged concentration after the washing process.



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Blue spot: indicate the zone with salinity meter applied.

Out puts of salinity meter are averaged over the zones with odd number.



Comparative Testing  
With UFB and Without UFB

Calculation of removed salt stain

Salt removal ratio or removal quantity: to be reported.

Salt removal ratio

$$R(asr) = (S(initial) - S(aw))/S(initial)$$

R(asr): Salt removal ratio

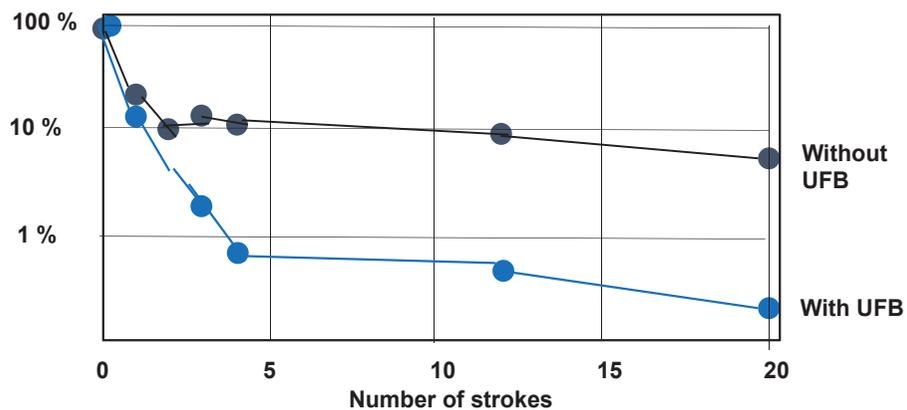
S(initial): initial salinity density

S(aw): salinity density after cleaning

Salt removal quantity

$$Q = S(initial) - S(aw) : (mg/ m_2)$$

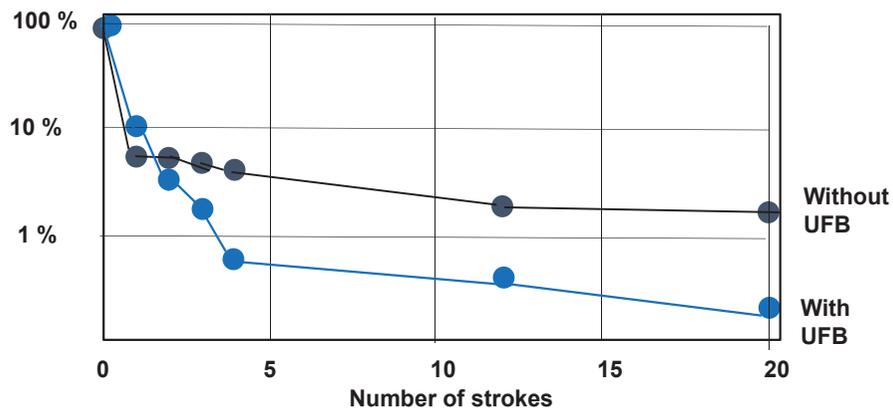
Reduction of relative residual density  
example 1



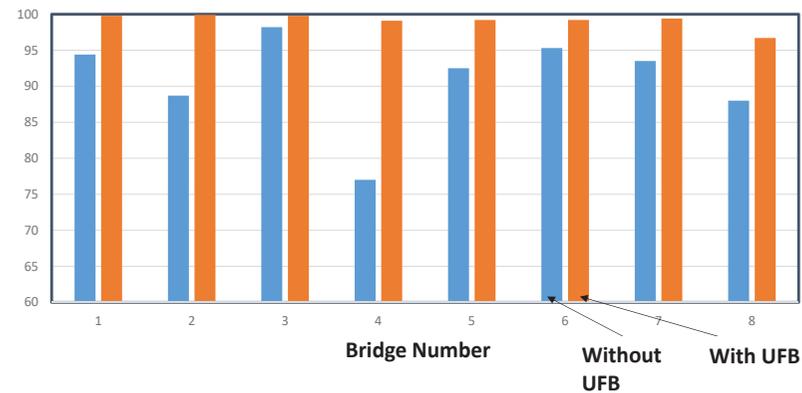
Example; Removal quantity

	control	control	control	UFB	UFB	UFB
	initial (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	After	Remv rate	initial (mg/m <sup>2</sup> )	After	Remv rate
Mibu	88.8	5	94.4	96.6	0.2	99.8
Takata	48.8	5.5	88.7	93.4	0.1	99.9
Miwa	82.2	1.5	98.2	107.1	0.2	99.8
Fukatani	17.4	4	77	21.3	0.2	99.1
Kouchi Rvr Hinokami	38.5	2.9	92.5	25.6	0.2	99.2
Rvr	64.2	3	95.3	93.9	0.7	99.2
Bcchu Rvr	64.3	4.2	93.5	54.3	0.3	99.4
Hokubo JCT	67.5	8.1	88	81.4	2.7	96.7

Reduction of relative residual density example 2



Relative Residual Salinity Density  
in %



# Introduction



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## (e) "The standards for elimination method of fine bubble"

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September 16, 2021

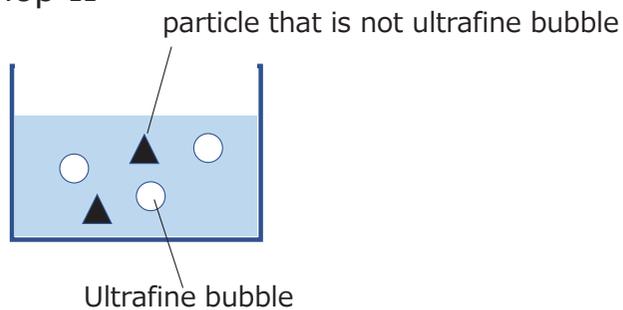
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# To measure ultrafine bubbles



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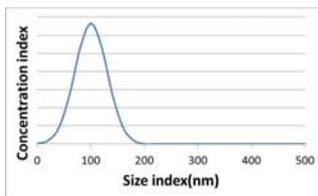
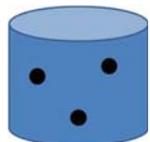
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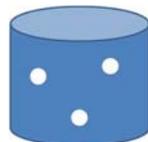
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- Elimination method for sample characterization – part1: Evaluation procedure
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# Measurement results of ultrafine bubbles and contaminants

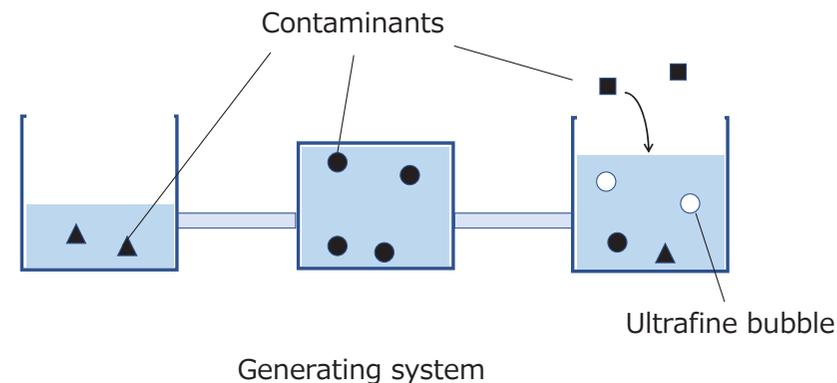
Contaminants



Ultrafine bubbles



# Ultrafine bubbles and contaminants in water



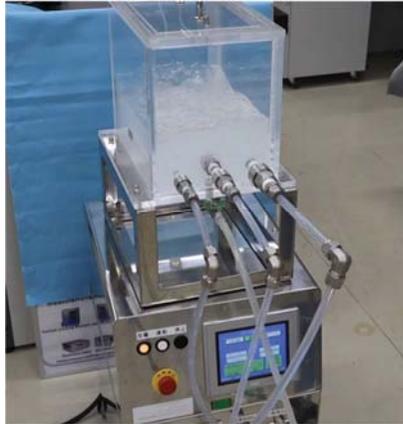
# Elimination method for sample characterization – part1: Evaluation procedure

# Measurement for ultrafine bubbles



## Clean generating system

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## ISO 24261-1:2020

### Fine bubble technology – Elimination method for sample characterization – Part 1: Evaluation procedure

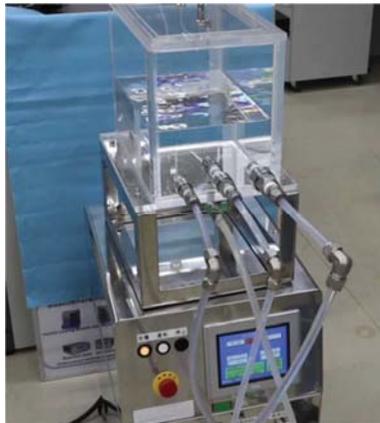
This document specifies the evaluation procedure of fine bubble elimination for fine bubble dispersion in water. This document is applicable only to fine bubbles without shell.

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## Generate ultrafine bubbles

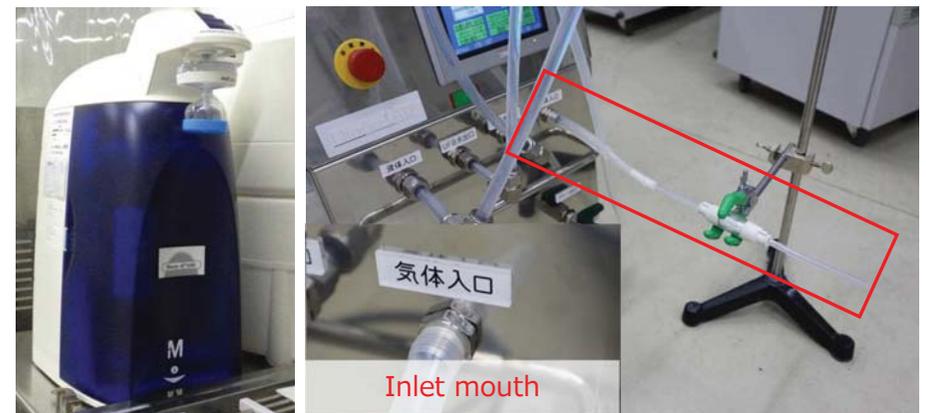
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## Prepare water and gas

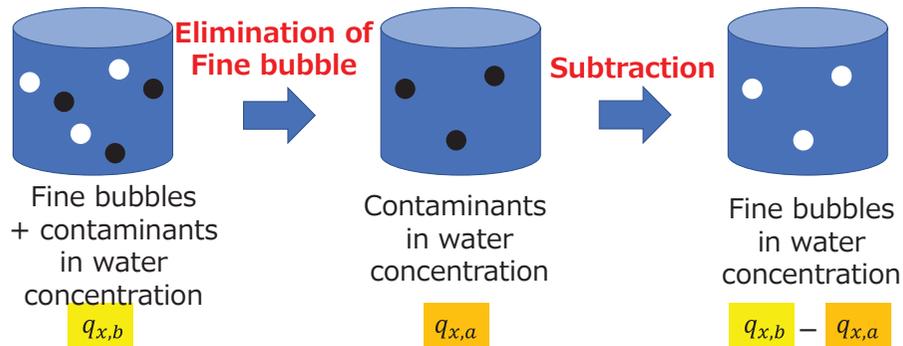
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## Elimination efficiency

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Number reduction rate(%)  $r_0 = (q_{0,b} - q_{0,a})/q_{0,b} \times 100$

Volume reduction rate(%)  $r_3 = (q_{3,b} - q_{3,a})/q_{3,b} \times 100$

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## Prepare measurement devices

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## An example of reduction rate

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	Number concentration (/ml)
Before elimination	7.1E+08
After elimination	1.5E+07

Number reduction rate (%)

$$r_0 = (q_{0,b} - q_{0,a})/q_{0,b} \times 100$$

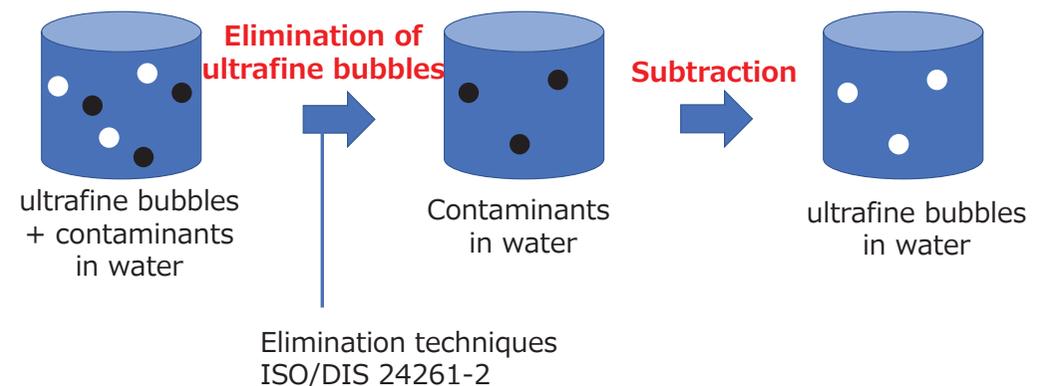
$$= (7.1E+08 - 1.5E+07) / 7.1E+08 \times 100$$

$$= 98 \%$$

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## Evaluation procedure

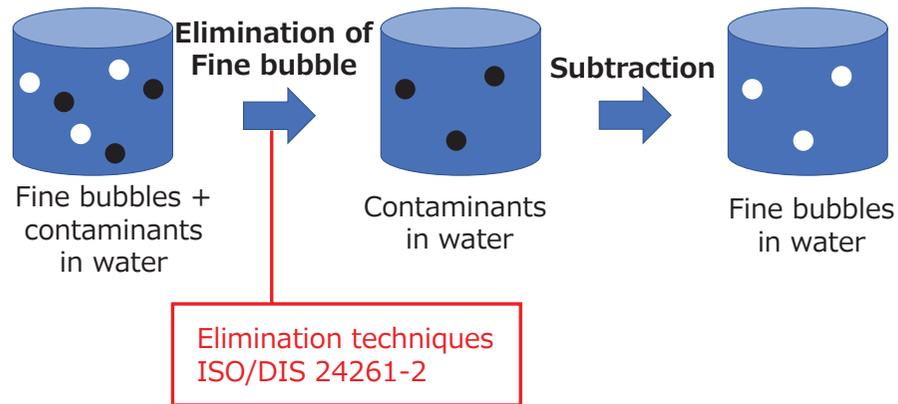
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## Evaluation procedure

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## Elimination method for sample characterization – part2: Elimination technique

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## Elimination techniques

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- Ultrasonication method
- Ultracentrifugation method
- Freeze and thaw method

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## ISO/DIS 24261-2

Fine bubble technology – Elimination method for sample characterization – Part 2: Fine bubble elimination techniques

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## container

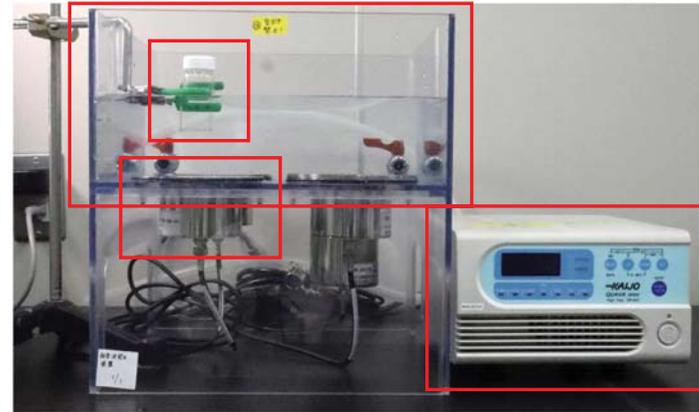
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## Ultrasonication method

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## Sampling

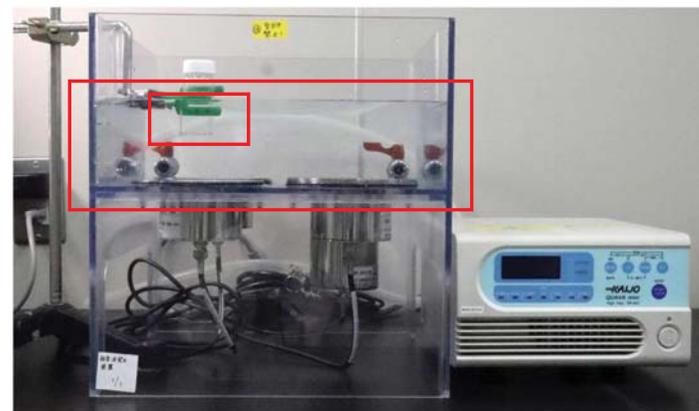
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## Ultrasonication method

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## The parameters of ultrasonic device



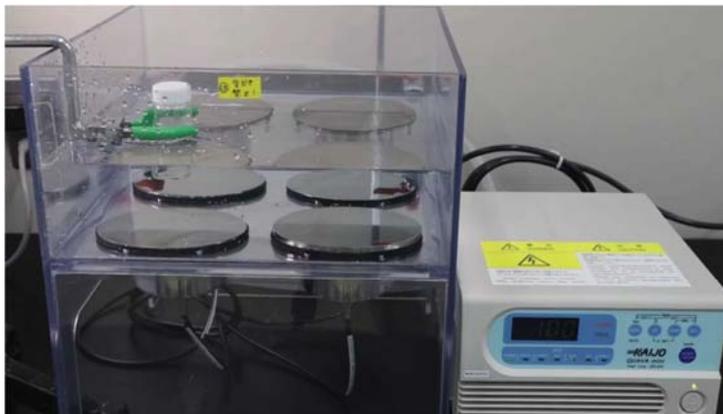
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## The position of container



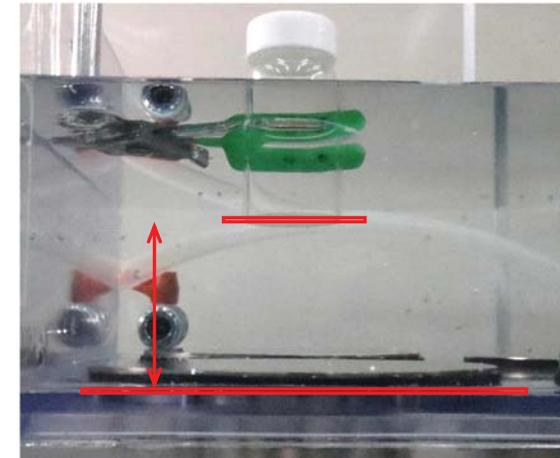
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## Irradiation by ultrasonic wave



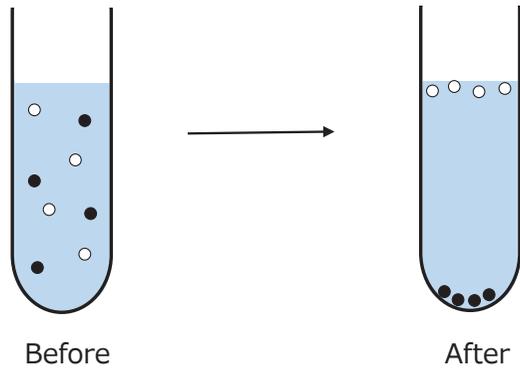
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## The position of container



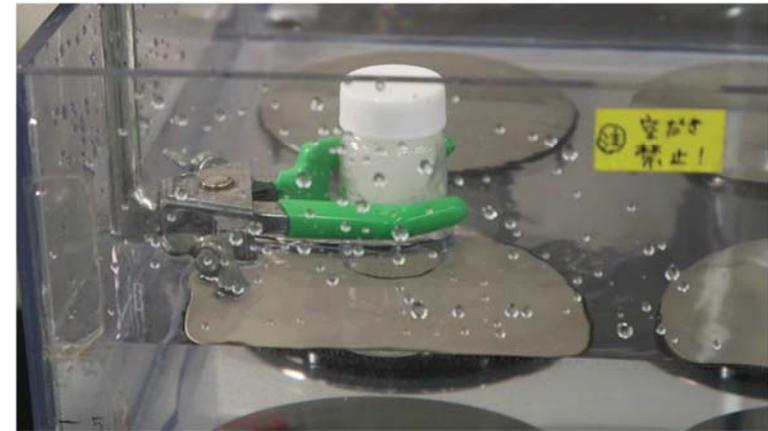
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## Ultracentrifugation method



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## Irradiation by ultrasonic wave



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## Ultracentrifugation method



rotor



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## An example of results with appropriate conditions

conditions

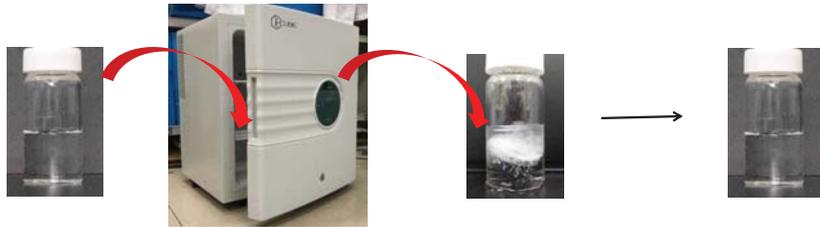
	Conditions
Frequency (kHz)	1600
Driving power (W)	100
Irradiation time (min)	15

Results

	Results
Number reduction rate (%)	90
Number concentration before elimination process (particles/ml)	$5.4 \times 10^8$
Number concentration after elimination process (particles/ml)	$5.4 \times 10^7$

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## Freeze and thaw method



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## An example of results with appropriate conditions

conditions

	Conditions
Sample volume in each tube (ml)	1
Temperature (°C)	25
Relative centrifugal force (g)	1,050,000
Ultracentrifugation time (min)	15

Results

	Condition
Number reduction rate (%)	66
Number concentration before elimination process (particles/ml)	$3.4 \times 10^8$
Number concentration after elimination process (particles/ml)	$1.3 \times 10^8$

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## An example of results with appropriate conditions

conditions

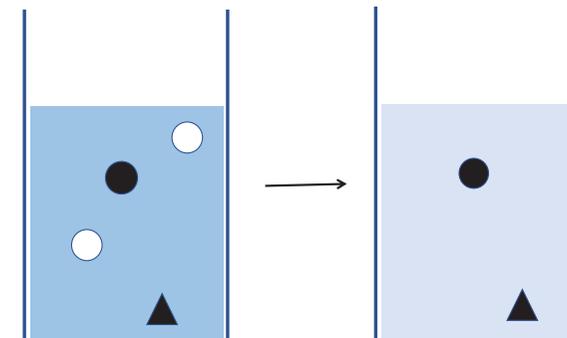
	Conditions
Freezing time (h)	24
Temperature (°C)	-18

Results

	Condition
Number reduction rate (%)	90
Number concentration before elimination process (particles/ml)	$3.0 \times 10^8$
Number concentration after elimination process (particles/ml)	$2.8 \times 10^7$

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## Freeze and thaw method



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4.  Ultrafine Bubble Measurement Method 

5.  Microbubble Measurement Method 

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## Destabilization of ultrafine bubbles in water using indirect ultrasonic irradiation

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### ABSTRACT

Ultrafine bubble (UFB) is a bubble with a diameter of less than 1 μm. Little attention has been paid to the defoaming and removal of UFBs. This study proposes a method to destabilize UFBs by using indirect ultrasonic irradiation. Besides, the destabilization mechanism of UFB was investigated. The ultrasonic frequency was 1.6 MHz and the dissipated power was 30 W. UFB dispersions were prepared using two different types of bubble generators: pressurized dissolution method and swirling liquid flow method. The effects of ultrasonic irradiation on the stability of UFBs were evaluated by particle tracking analysis (PTA) and electrophoretic zeta potential measurement. Results showed that the indirect ultrasonic irradiation for 30 min reduced the number concentration of UFBs by 90% regardless of the generation method. This destabilization was attributed to a decrease in the magnitude of zeta potential of UFBs due to the changes in pH and electrical conductivity. These changes in the electrochemical properties were caused by the formation of nitric acid. To study the destabilization mech-

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### "f) Inter Laboratory Comparison of Ultra Fine Bubble Measurement "



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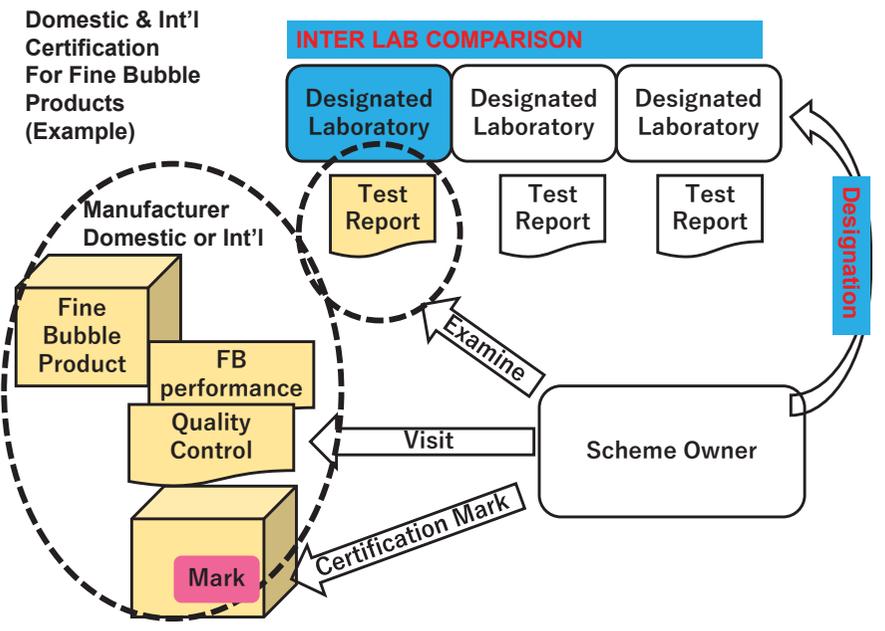
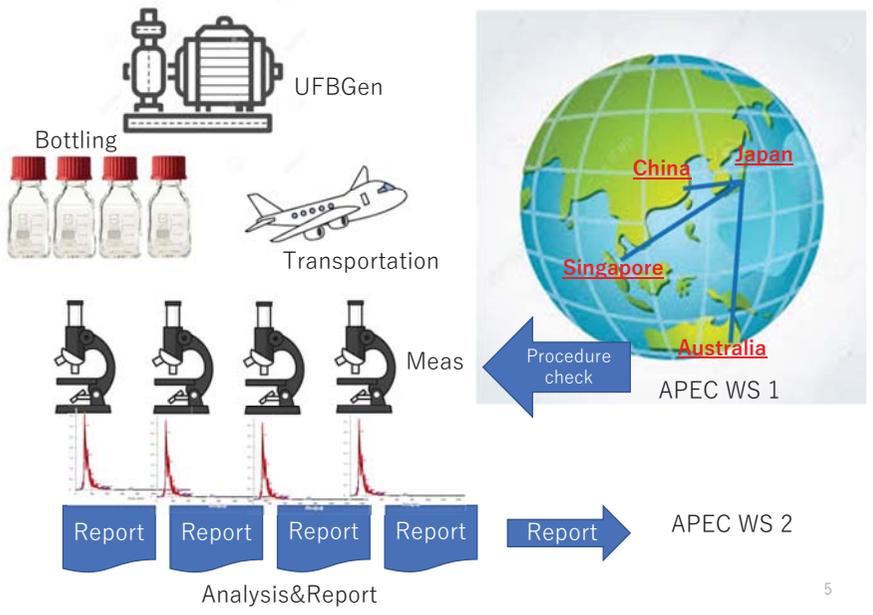
1.  The Outline of Fine Bubble 

2.  Measurement items for Fine Bubble – Size, Concentration and Size Distribution 

3.  Measurement items for Fine Bubble – Other items 

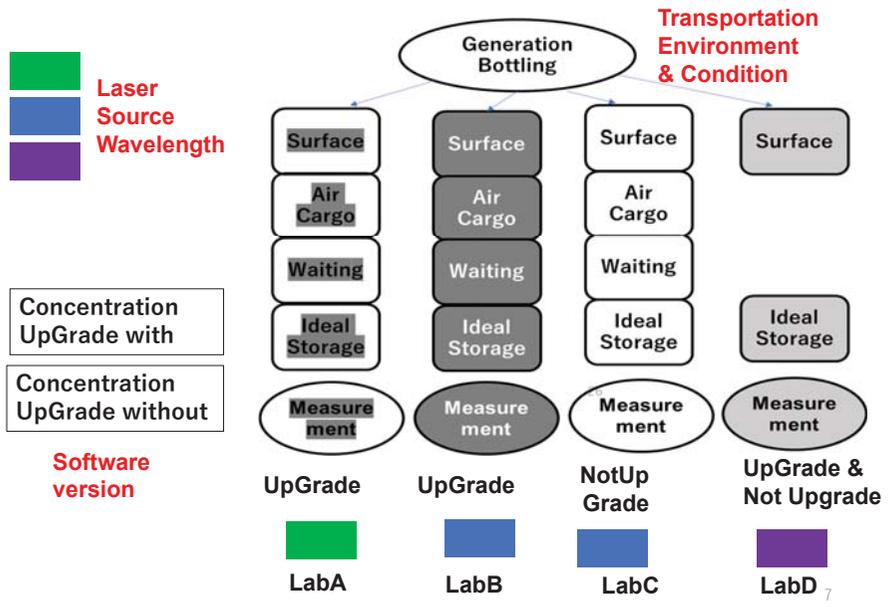
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# APEC WS Comparison Exercise



## Comparison Condition

(Measurement method (PTA) and instrument type identical. )



2021 Jan 21 (Wed)  
 Proposal of international comparison of UFB water measurement (APEC -WS 1)

1. Call and participation of Australia, China, Japan and Singapore

Australia ( National Metrology Institute of Australia (NMI))  
 Dr. JAMTING, Dr. COLEMAN

China (Shanghai Advanced Research Institute)  
 Dr. ZHANG and Ms. YUAN

Japan (National Institute of Technology and Evaluation)  
 Ms. KOBAYASHI, Ms. OHUCHI

Singapore (Temasek Polytechnic)  
 Dr.YAP, Mr.Wang

(Alphabetical order of economies)

A Set of UFB and Blank water bottles transported to each laboratory



A few drops of water were leaked out from a sealed bottle. (Red Circle)

Packed by plastic buffer sheets and polystyrene box



Box is put in a corrugated paper box and sign of "fragile" with transportation document.

## 2. Planning

### 2.1 Defining Measurement Recipe

Explanation on bilateral Zoom meeting,  
Referring to Lecture on UFB measurement at APEC WS 1 (See IS 20298-1)

### 2.2 Plan for Generation of bottled sample,

Cooperation Laboratory for Generating system manufacturer  
Experience on preparation for domestic comparison  
Measurement within a day or two after generation Unstable

### 2.3 Plan for transportation of bottles,

Freezing season not acceptable because of reduction of UFB significantly  
Hand carry is the best solution but impossible due to the pandemic  
Only air cargo looks feasible with soft package for fragile object,  
Experience on surface transportation for domestic comparison

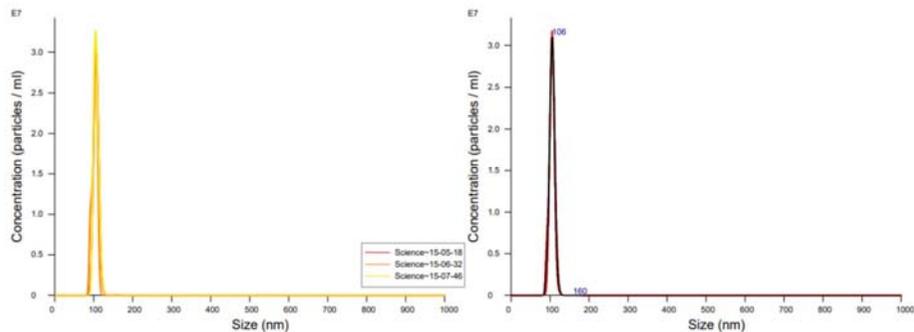
### 2.4 Exchange of information for measuring instruments,

NS300, Nanosight, Green, Blue and Violet laser  
Software upgraded version and not upgraded

### 2.5 Consideration on the bottles,

Glass quality, shape and packing lid especially at full charging of UFB water up to top. (See IS 2125)

Measurement by Using PTA instrument  
Example of typically ideal output data for a UFB water sample



Mean Diameter: 105.1 +/- 1.3 nm  
Number Concentration: 5.08e+008 +/- 1.27e+007 /ml

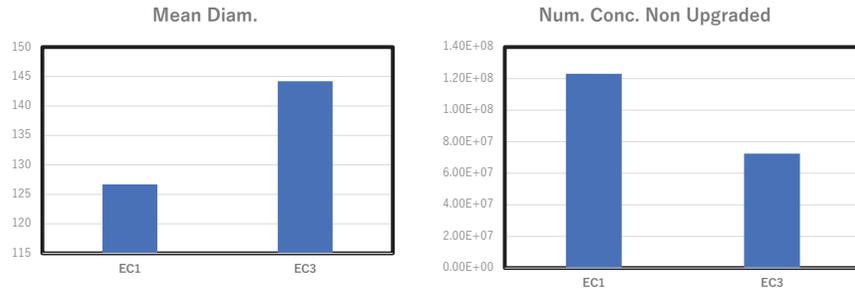
## 3. Experiments

	Sample 1 (~4E+8 /mL)	Sample 2 (~1E+8 /mL)
3/30	Produced	
3/31		
4/1		
4/2		
4/3		
4/4		
4/5	EC1 (NUG)&(UG)	
4/6		
4/7	EC2(UG)	
4/8		
4/9		
4/10		
4/11		
4/12		
4/13		
4/14	Produced	
4/15		
4/16		
4/17		
4/18		
4/19		
4/20		EC1 (NUG)&(UG)
4/21		EC3 (NUG)
4/22		
4/23		
4/24		
4/25		EC1 (NUG)&(UG)
4/26		EC4 (UG)

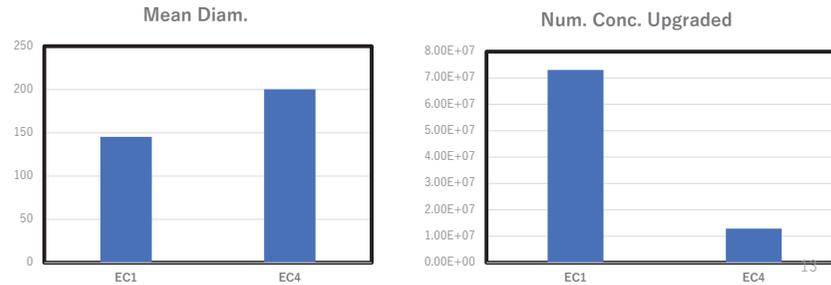
Because of availability of measuring instrument for one of participation economies, Sample 1 was prepared and dispatched in advance to the Sample 2.

Measurements on identical sample were carried out within a few days, each other. In order to avoid freezing of UFB water during transportation, the season was carefully chosen.

### EC1 vs EC3



### EC1 vs EC4



### 4. Results of Experiment

**4.1 Bilateral comparison (EC1 vs EC2, EC1 vs EC3 and EC1 vs EC4). Averaged data for mean diameter and number concentration are compared.**

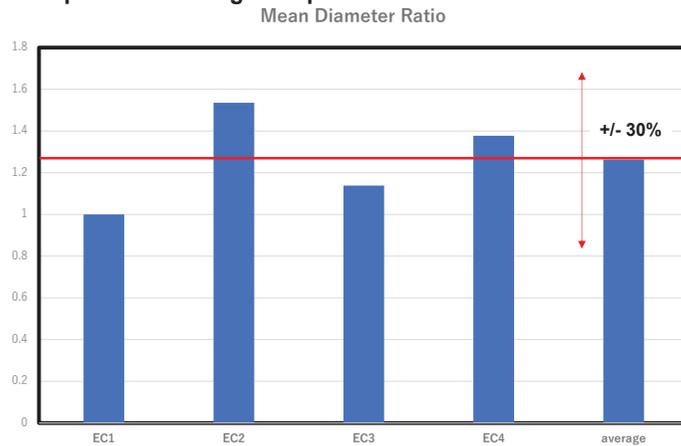
- EC1: Participating laboratory in the economy 1.
  - EC2: Participating laboratory in the economy 2.
  - EC3: Participating laboratory in the economy 3.
  - EC4: Participating laboratory in the economy 4.
- (Not alphabetical order but arbitrary order)

### 4.2 Result of multi lateral comparison

**4.3 Efficiency difference Upgrade version and Non Upgraded version allows to compare number concentrations in different version. Determination of efficiency ratio by using an UFB water sample applied to both versions at EC1.**

### 4.2 Result of multi lateral comparison (mean diameter)

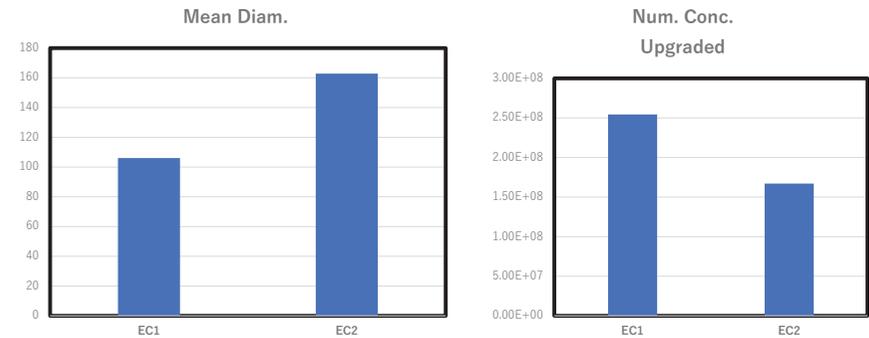
The mean diameters of each labs were normalized to the corresponding mean diameters of EC1 for multilateral comparison. (This does not mean the result of EC1 is correct.)  
 The time from generation to measurement took **around 2 weeks** period including transportation



### 4.1 Bilateral comparison (EC1 vs EC2, EC1 vs EC3 and EC1 vs EC4).

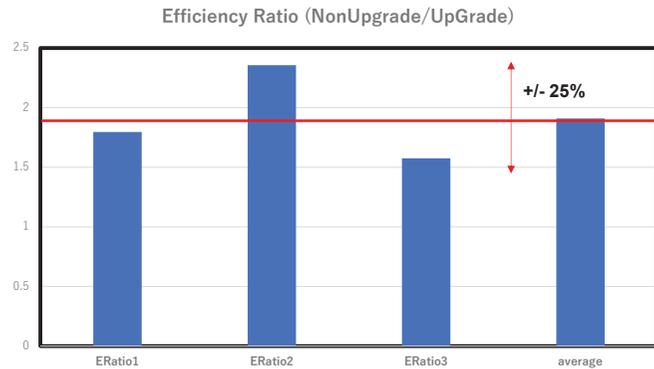
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### EC1 vs EC2



**4.3 Efficiency difference Upgrade version and Non Upgraded version**

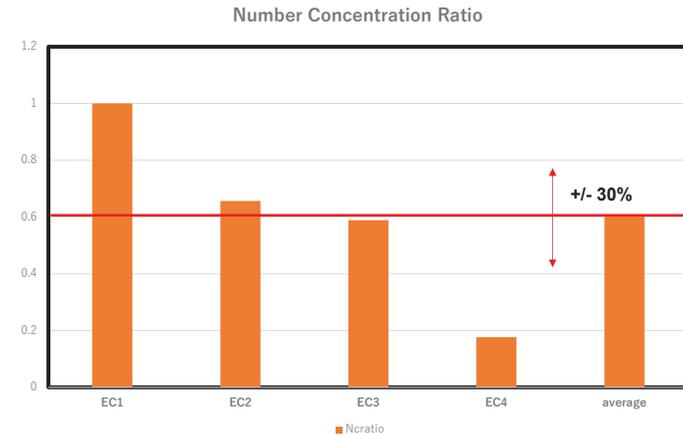
Allows to compare number concentrations of UFB in different version of software of measuring instrument. Determination of efficiency ratio by using an UFB water sample applied to both versions at EC1. The average shows "1.91" for general efficiency ratio for UFB, while "3.3" had been reported in literature for nano particle.



**Result of multi lateral comparison (number concentration)**

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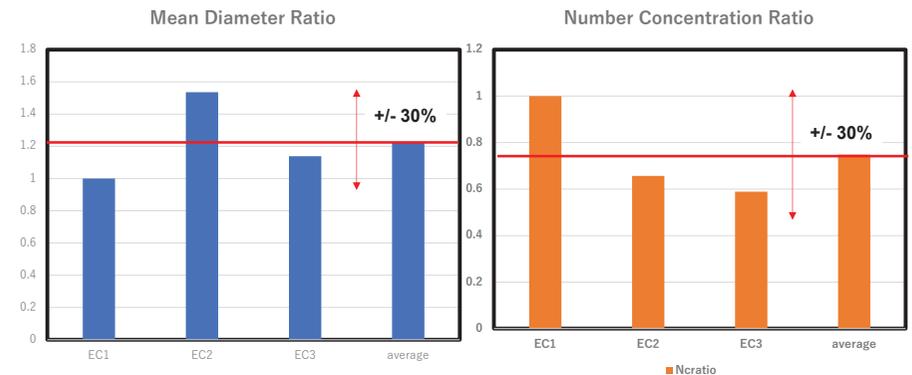


**Summary of Comparison exercise**

1. UFB water samples should have been prepared once, distributed, and measured within a few days. But due to the availability of measurement instruments, UFB water samples were generated twice. (Sample 1 and Sample 2)
2. During transportation some reduction of UFB sample are likely happened. Number concentration distributes over laboratories giving the disagreement more than +/- 30%. The sample giving the least value for number concentration was measured around 2 weeks after the generation. For other samples the terms were less than around 1 week. The statistics over the latter three results shows the agreement within +/- 30%, although small elimination of UFB due to the term is suspected. The level of agreement is almost consistent with that of domestic comparison using surface transportation.
3. While type of Measuring instruments were identical, software version and wavelength of laser sources were different. Since both versions were available on the hardware of instrument and sample, indirect comparison between measurement result from different versions of software was made over all four laboratories.

**Result of Tri lateral comparison**

within around **1 week period** (from generation to measurement including transportation)



**Conclusion:**

Four laboratories participated international comparison exercise for ultra fine bubble measurement.

It consisted of three bi-lateral comparisons and allowed to compare mean diameter measurements and number concentration measurements.

Agreement in +/- 30% were found among the number concentration of three labs on the samples with short transportations in a week.

However, it is to be noted that by some unidentified reason some elimination or transformation of UFB may have happened reducing number concentration of UFB. The exposure to long and hard environment for transportation before measurement looks to give significant influence to UFB.

The similar agreements were achieved for mean diameter.

As far as report on the measurement procedures are concerned each laboratory performed sufficiently as specified in agreed procedure.

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k)19:15-19:30  
**"Overview of Fine Bubble Technology Development and Application in Agriculture in Chinese Taipei"**

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January 21, 2021

## Outline



- FBT Applications in Agriculture of Chinese Taipei
  - ✓ Fruits and Vegetables
  - ✓ Aquaculture
  - ✓ Chinese Medicine
- Overview of Plasma-Activated Microbubbles (PAMBs)
  - ✓ Plasmas & PAMBs
  - ✓ Preliminary Results & Discussion
- Conclusion & Future Work

## Strawberry Growth



### Ozonated fine bubbles (FB):

- Culture solution treatment
  - ✓ **Antibacterial** (intermittent treatment)
  - ✓ **Oxygenation** (continuous treatment)
- Leaf treatment (spray)
  - ✓ **Insect pests decrease**
  - ✓ **Bacteria sterilization** (*Fusarium spp.*, *Colletotrichum spp.*, *E. coli*, *C. albicans* & *Trichophyton spp.*)
  - ✓ **Pesticide decomposition**
- Harvest increase
  - ✓ Harvest amount per unit area improved
  - ✓ Harvest duration extended



## FBT Applications in Agriculture of Chinese Taipei

Bacteria ↓ + Insect Pests ↓ + Oxygenation ↑  
 → **Harvest ↑**

## Hydroponic Growth - 1



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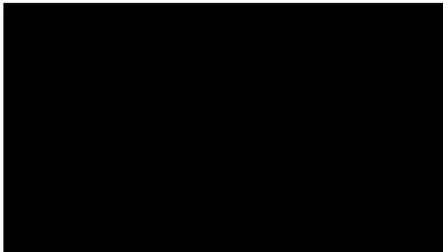
Bacteria ↓ + Insect Pests ↓ + Oxygenation ↑  
 → Harvest ↑ + Electricity ↓

## Sweet Potato Growth



### FBs washing

- ✓ outstanding cleaning capability w/o harming sweet potato
- ✓ sold at > 3000 convenient stores in Chinese Taipei currently



## Hydroponic Growth - 2



### Tradition – Pump + Air oxygenation + O<sub>3</sub> sterilization

Electricity: 3φ3w 220V  
 Current: 12 A  
 Power: 4.57 KW (6HP)  
 Daily operation: 8 hr  
 Operation: 16 pools working simultaneously  
 Pool size: 5m \* 25m  
 Daily power consumption: 4.57 kW\*8 hr = 36.56 kWh



### FBs – FBs Tech. + O<sub>2</sub> oxygenation + O<sub>3</sub>-FB sterilization

Electricity: 26.5%  
 Current: Electricity Saving!!  
 Power:  
 Daily operation:  
 Operation: 16 pools working simultaneously, 1 hr for each  
 Pool size: 5m \* 25m  
 Daily power consumption: 1.68 kW\* 16 hr = 26.88 kWh



Bacteria ↓ + Insect Pests ↓ + Oxygenation ↑  
 → Harvest ↑ + Electricity ↓

## Pesticide Removal



- Strong decomposition of pesticide remaining on leaves
- O<sub>3</sub>-FBs technology
  - ✓ insect pests prevention
  - ✓ environmental control
  - ✓ nutrition solution sterilization
  - ✓ leading to time preservation (3~20 times)



Pesticide	Removal (%)		Efficiency (times)
	Conventional O <sub>3</sub> water	O <sub>3</sub> -FBs	
Diazinon (大利松)	5.56% ± 0.08	18.75% ± 0.10	3.37
Methyl-parathion (甲基巴拉松)	7.74% ± 0.05	35.68% ± 0.16	4.6
Parathion (巴拉松)	6.21% ± 0.08	30.18% ± 0.12	4.86
Cypermethrin (賽滅寧)	1.32% ± 0.02	28.63% ± 0.02	21.6



## Aquaculture Enhancement



- **High water temperature** (e.g., summer)
  - low dissolved oxygen (DO) in water
- **Traditional big bubbling aeration method**
  - poor efficiency in oxygenation
  - high power consumption
- **FBs technologies**
  - large quantity
  - long retention time
  - large surface area significantly
  - **DO increase in water**
- **O<sub>2</sub>-FB + O<sub>3</sub>-FBs**
  - control DO and oxidation/reduction potential (OPR)
  - a better living environment
  - **high stocking density**
- **O<sub>3</sub>-FBs**
  - effective bacteria sterilization
  - **less use of antibiotics**



Bacteria ↓ + NH<sub>3</sub>-H ↓ + Oxygenation ↑  
 → Stocking density ↑ + Anti-biotics use ↓



## Overview of Plasma-Activated Microbubbles (PAMBs)

## Chinese Medicine Treatment



- **Growth Promotion**
  - ✓ Increase oxygenation at ginseng roots
- **Cleaning Effect**
  - ✓ O<sub>3</sub>-FBs → bacteria sterilization
  - ✓ O<sub>3</sub>-FBs → clean/bleach many kinds of Chinese herbs, even on tortoise plastron & deer antler.

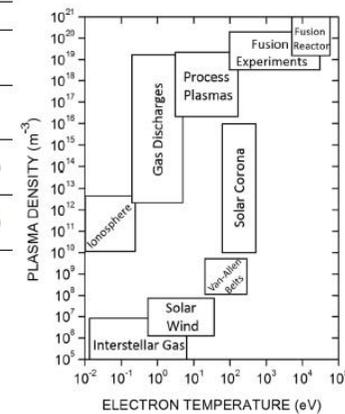


## What Is Plasma?



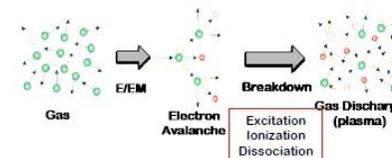
- ✓ The fourth state of matter

State	Example	Temperature	Molecules Structure
Solid	Ice (H <sub>2</sub> O)	Cold T < 0°C	Molecules Fixed in Lattice
Liquid	Water (H <sub>2</sub> O)	Warm 0 < T < 100°C	Molecules Free to Move
Gas	Steam (H <sub>2</sub> O)	Hot T > 100°C	Molecules Free to Move, Large Spacing
Plasma	Ionized Gas H <sub>2</sub> → H <sup>+</sup> + H + 2e <sup>-</sup>	Hotter T > 100,000°C	Ions and Electrons Move in Large Spacing



1 eV = 11600 K

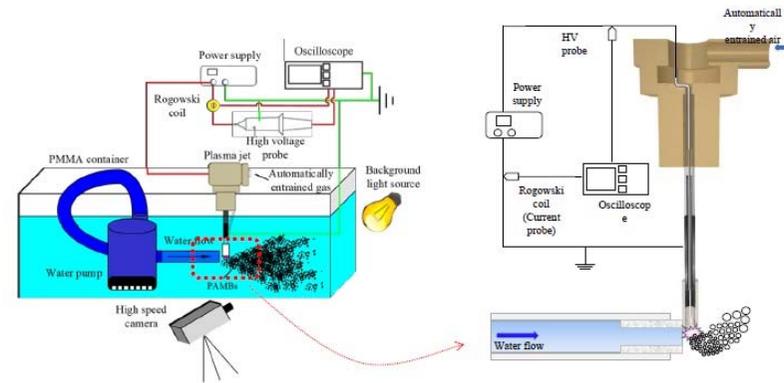
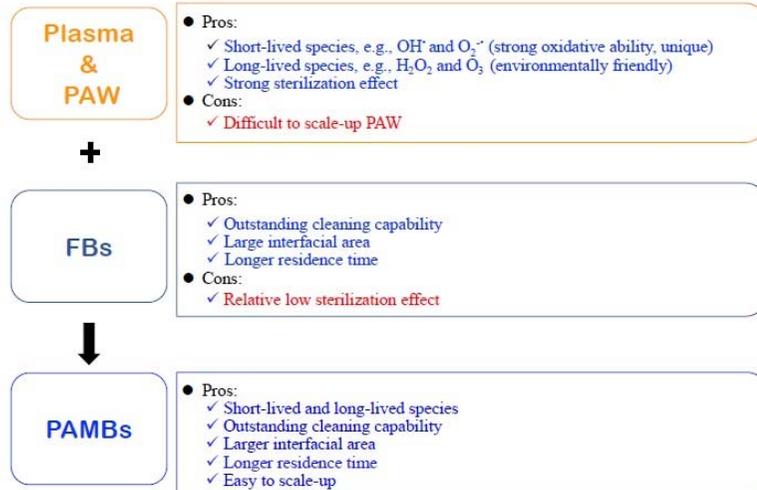
- ✓ Laboratory LT Plasma (Discharge)



## Why PAMBs?



## PAMBs Experimental Configuration\*

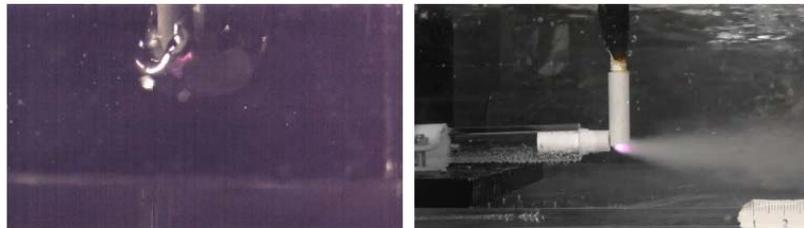


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## Bubbles Breakup Process - 1



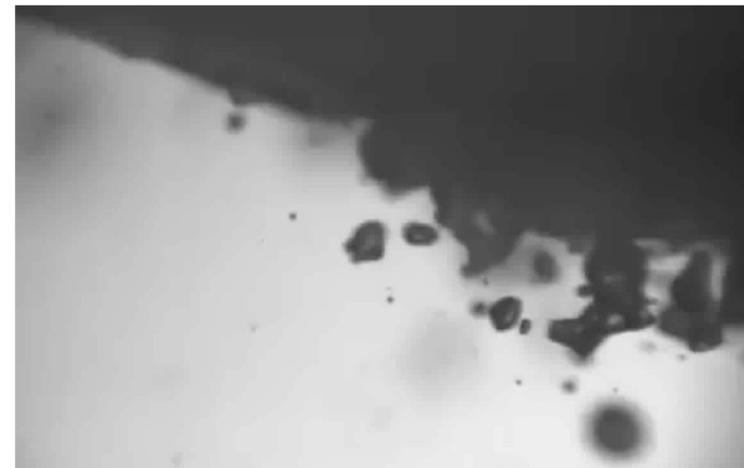
## PAW vs. PAMBs



PAW

PAMBs

- Both short-live species and long-live species were applied in PAW and PAMBs cases.
- Plasma gas in PAW case floated onto the water surface immediately.
- Plasma gas in PAMBs case stayed and reacted in the solution for longer time.
- Big-bubbles were stretched and sheared into small-bubbles.

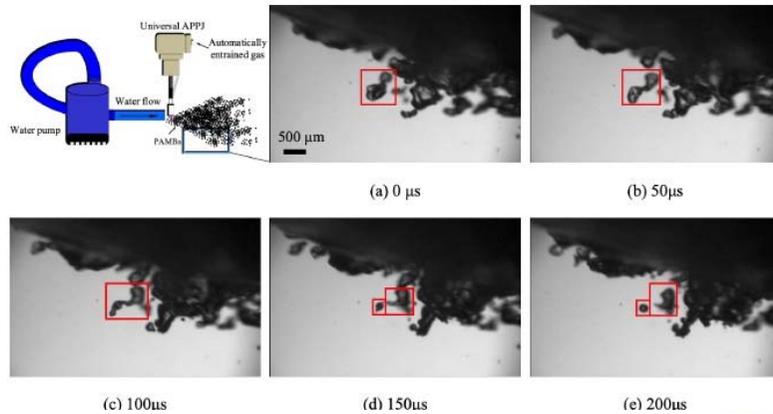


## Snapshots of Bubbles Breakup Process

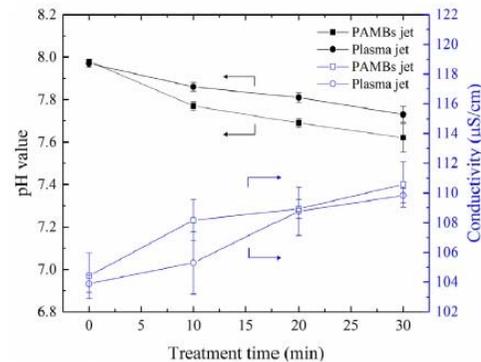
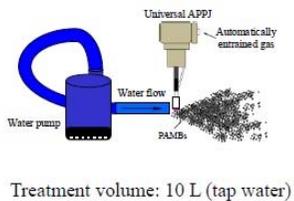


- **Imaging Conditions:**
  - ✓ exposure time: 20  $\mu$ s
  - ✓ speed of camera: 20,000 fps

- **Mechanism:**
  - ✓ velocity gradient (**shear stress**)
  - ✓ turbulence effect (**eddies**)



## pH Values & Conductivities (PAW vs. PAMBs)



- ✓ pH value of the PAMBs water **lower** than the large-volume PAW for the whole period of treatment time.
- ✓ The **conductivity** showed the **opposite results**. It was because that  $\text{HNO}_2$  and  $\text{HNO}_3$  were dissolved in the water.

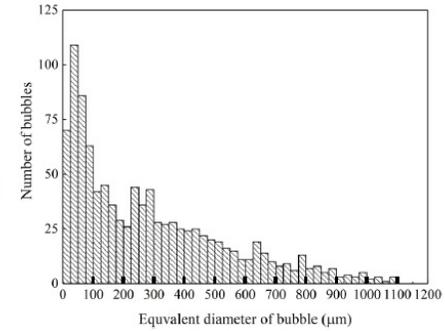
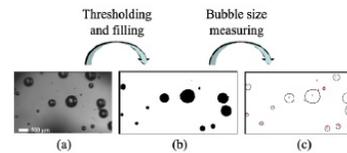
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## Distribution of Bubbles Size



### For bubble size measurement:

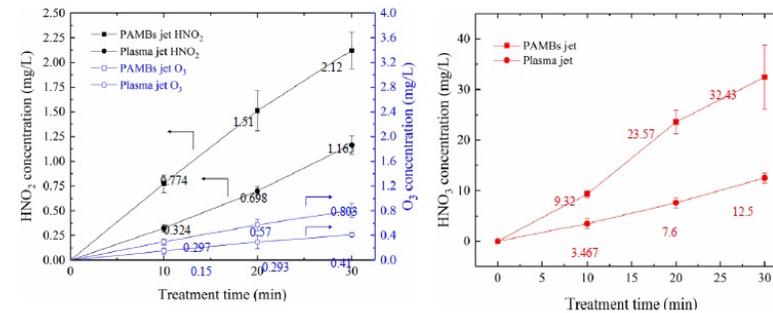
- ✓ exposure time : 50  $\mu$ s
- ✓ speed of camera: 200 fps
- ✓ For high speed motion of PAMBs
- ✓ exposure time: 20  $\mu$ s
- ✓ speed of camera: 20,000 fps
- ✓ Bubble size measurement:  $D = 2\sqrt{\frac{A}{\pi}}$
- ✓ Circularity ( $\frac{4\pi A}{\text{perimeter}^2}$ ): over 0.8



- 1030 individual bubbles were counted
- Detection limit: 13.5  $\mu$ m
- 32 % bubbles size are less than 100  $\mu$ m
- Average equivalent diameter: 290  $\mu$ m

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## Concentration of Nitrate/Nitrite & Ozone (PAW vs. PAMBs)



- ✓ Both the **nitrite & ozone** concentration in the PAMBs were **nearly two times higher** than those in PAW.
- ✓ Nitrate concentration in PAMBs was **three times higher** than that of large PAW.
- ✓ It may be because that **plasma generated RONS** were **encapsulated by the microbubbles**.

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## Conclusion & Future Works



## Conclusion & Future Work

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Thank you for listening



### Summary:

- FBs technology in agriculture applications in **Chinese Taipei**
  - ✓ Many **practical applications** with FBs technology have been presented.
  - ✓ **Daily consumer goods** such as **hydroponic vegetables**, **aquaculture products** and **sweet potato** with FBs/O<sub>3</sub>-FBs treatments are already sold in the market.
  - ✓ **High-end products**, such as **strawberry** and **Chinese medicine**, are treated by FBs/O<sub>3</sub>-FBs tech. with remarkable cleaning and sterilization effect.
- PAMBs
  - ✓ An innovative approach of combining plasma and MBs technologies to **increase the concentration of chemical species** in the water has been invented and characterized preliminarily.
  - ✓ Mean diameter of PAMBs is **estimated to be 290 μm** which can **enhance the dissolution** of plasma-activated gases into water.
  - ✓ The results showed that **the concentration of nitrite & ozone** in the PAMBs water were about **twice** as high as that in the large-volume PAW.

### Future Work:

- ✓ To promote FBs technology in other **high-end products**.
- ✓ To develop a PAMBs system with much **finer** FBs size and study the flow dynamics in the system.
- ✓ To develop a simple, accurate and automatic method to measure size distribution and concentration of fine bubbles following ISO-21910-1:2020(E).

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