



# Improve sustainability and profitability in your palm oil mill

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- **Improve profitability in palm oil mills by reducing oil loss in effluent down to 0.5 - 0.6%**
  - **Improve sustainability in palm oil mills by reducing Particulate Matter (PM) in flue gas**

# Our speakers



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# Current challenges in palm oil mills



- Oil loss to effluent is average at 0.8-1.5%
- Low quality and value of sludge oil from pond
- Lack of final oil recovery mechanism to prevent oil spillage
- Efficiency oil recovery in De-oiling tank varies/fluctuate

# Potentials of oil recovery in palm oil mills

**Table 1** Estimation of oil losses in palm oil mills

| Source                                      | Oil loss (% on FFB) |
|---|---------------------|
| Fruit trapped in empty fruit bunches (EFB)  | 0.02                |
| Unstripped bunches (USB)                    | 0.05                |
| Oil absorbed on the surface of EFB          | 0.45                |
| Condensate from sterilisation               | 0.10                |
| Nut surface after pressing                  | 0.05                |
| Pressed fibre after pressing                | 0.55                |
| Sludge from separator                       | 0.45                |
| General oil spillages or washing from tanks | 0.10                |
| <b>Total oil losses</b>                     | <b>1.77</b>         |

**Total Oil Recovery Potential**  
 = ~ 1.0% to fresh fruit bunches (FFB)

Source: International Journal of Biomass & Renewables, 9(1) : 10 - 24, 2020

# Key technologies that enable efficient recovery



- Heat Treatment - enhancing emulsion breaking
- High G-force separation

Stokes' Law

$$V_g = \frac{d^2(\rho_p - \rho_l)g}{18\eta}$$

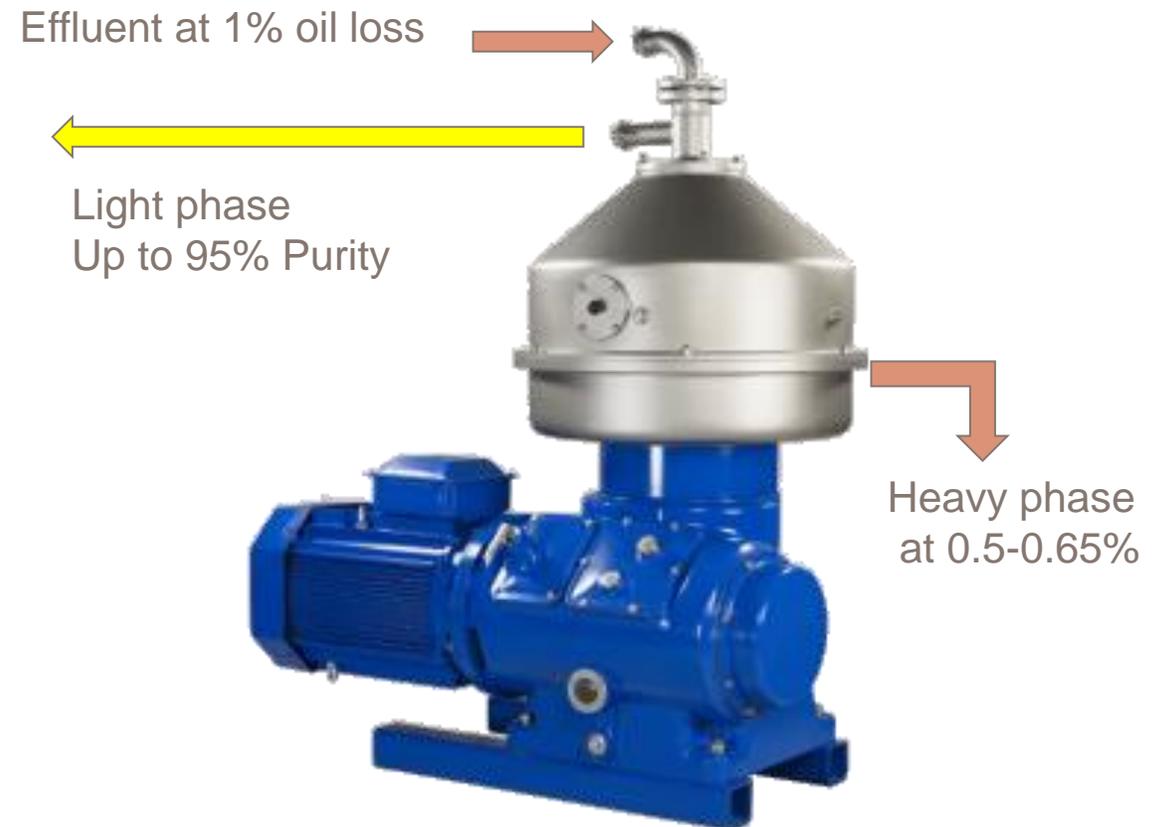
- Chemical Treatment (optional)

# Oil recovery potential with Final Oil Recovery Module



## From 1% oil loss to 0.5-0.65% oil loss: (Assuming 0.65%)

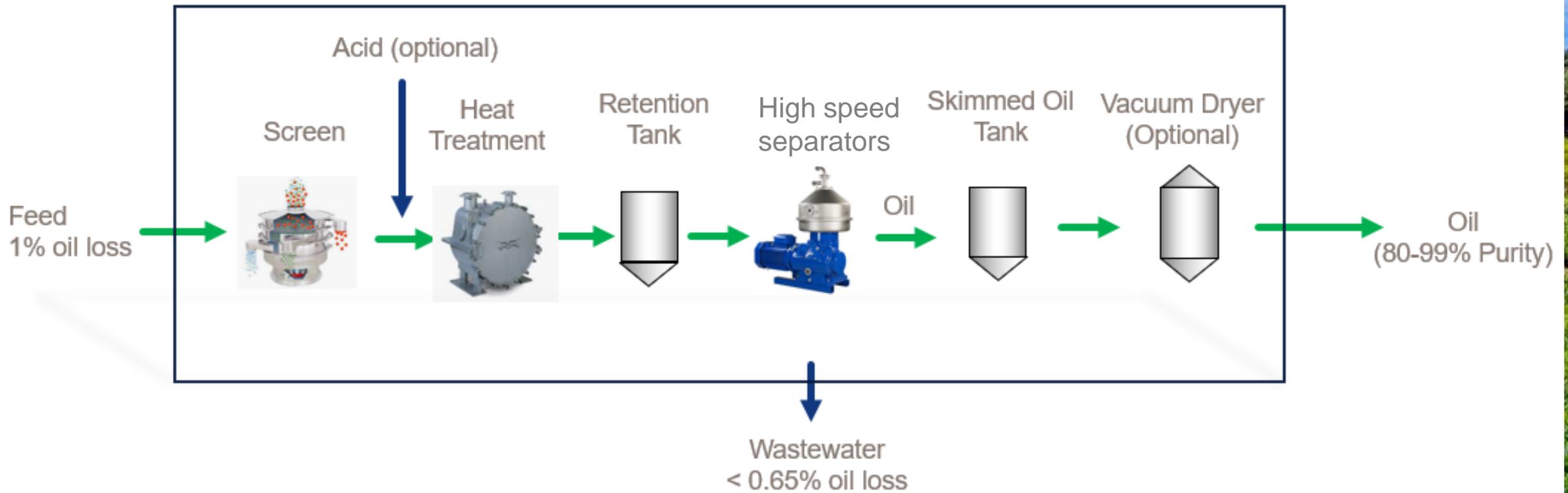
- Additional oil Recovery: approx. 0.35% on sample
- Effluent to FFB Volume : approx. 85%
- Total Oil Recovered :  $85\% \times 0.35\% \times \text{FFB}$
- OER% improvement : approx. 0.3%



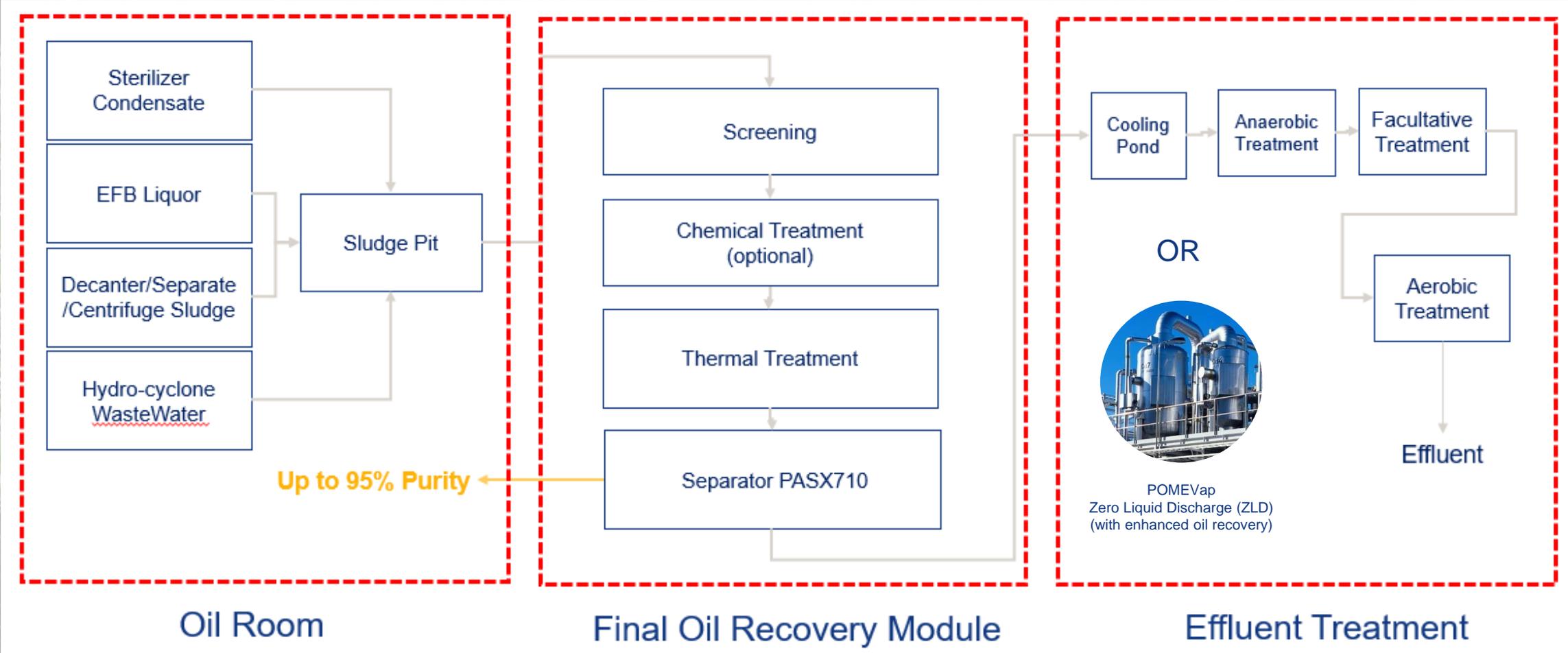
# Recovering more oil with Final Oil Recovery Module



## Final Oil Recovery Module

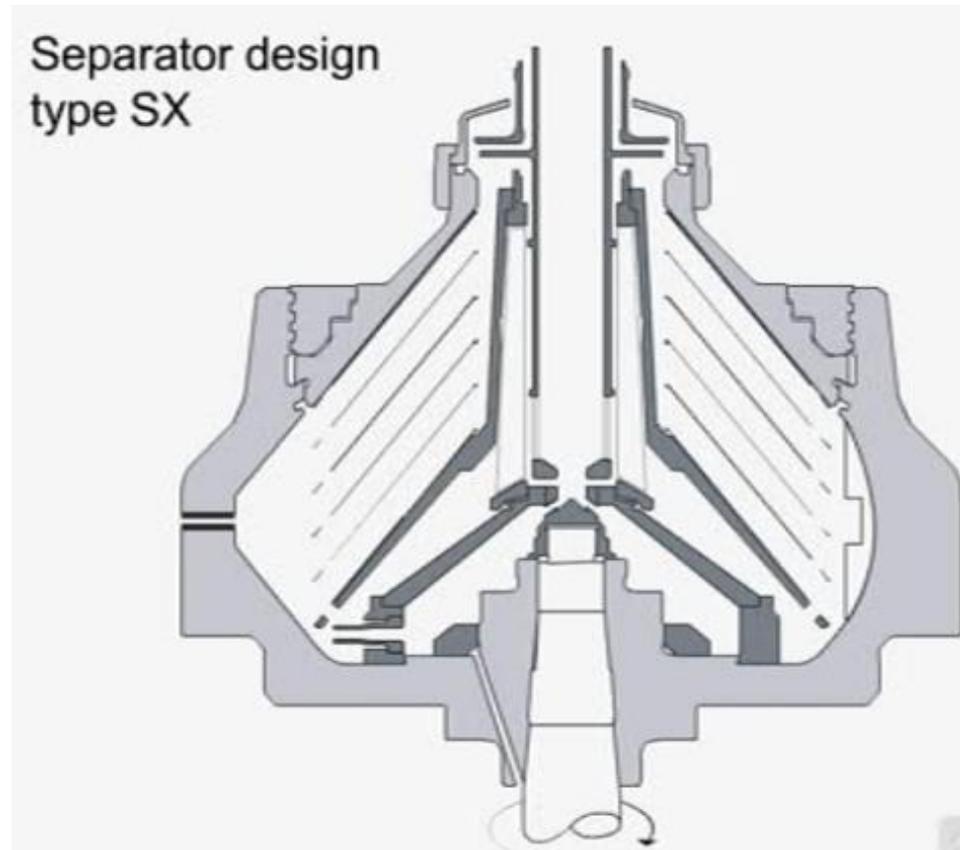


# Complete processes of Final Oil Recovery Module



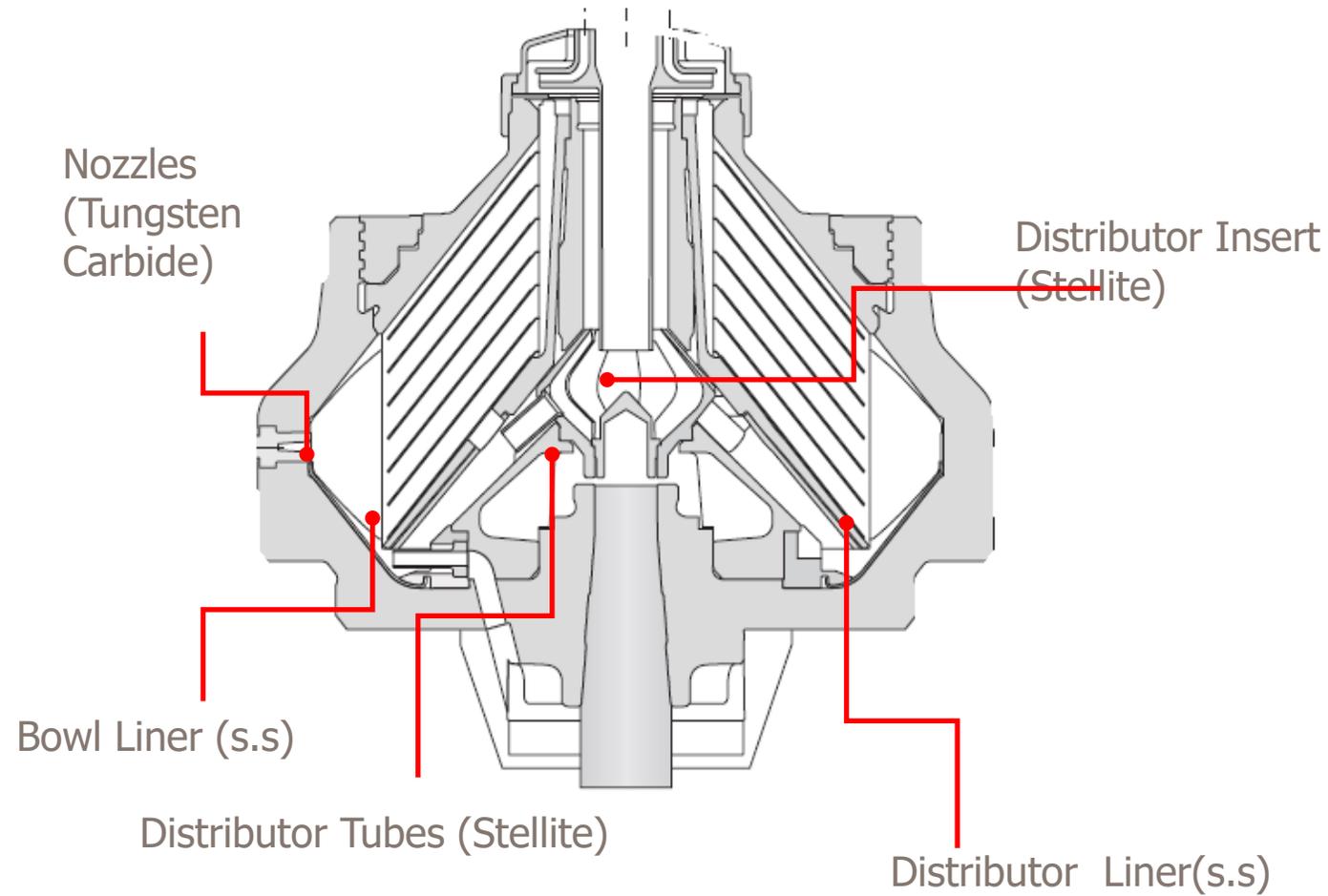
# Efficient oil separation with specially designed SX710+

- Improved effective area for separation
- Improved G-force with higher speed
- VFD startup to reduce power consumption
- Vibration monitoring

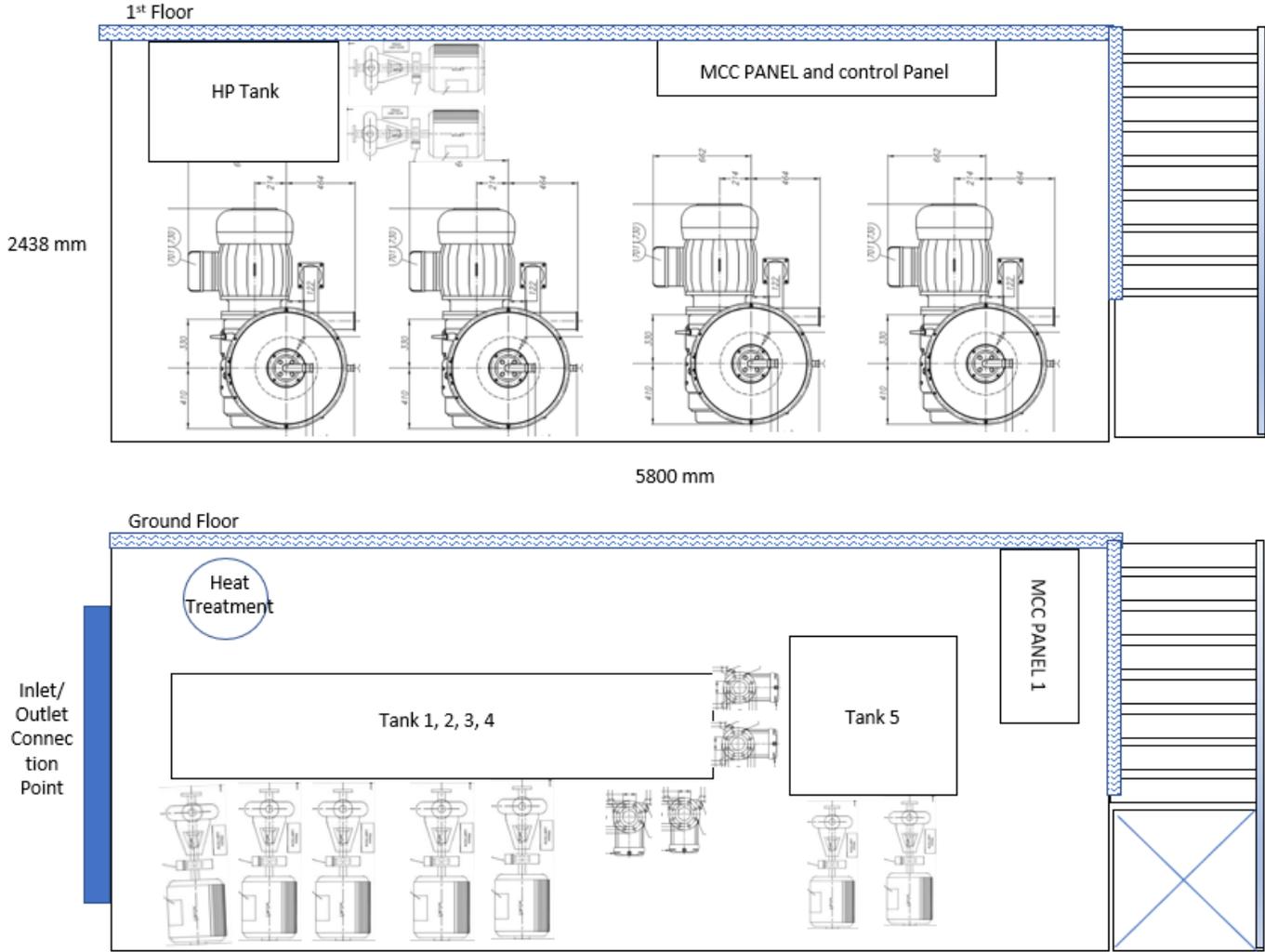


# Wear protection to reduce wear and tear

– Designed to include wear protection to handle erosion



# Saving footprints and installation cost with modular design



## Models –

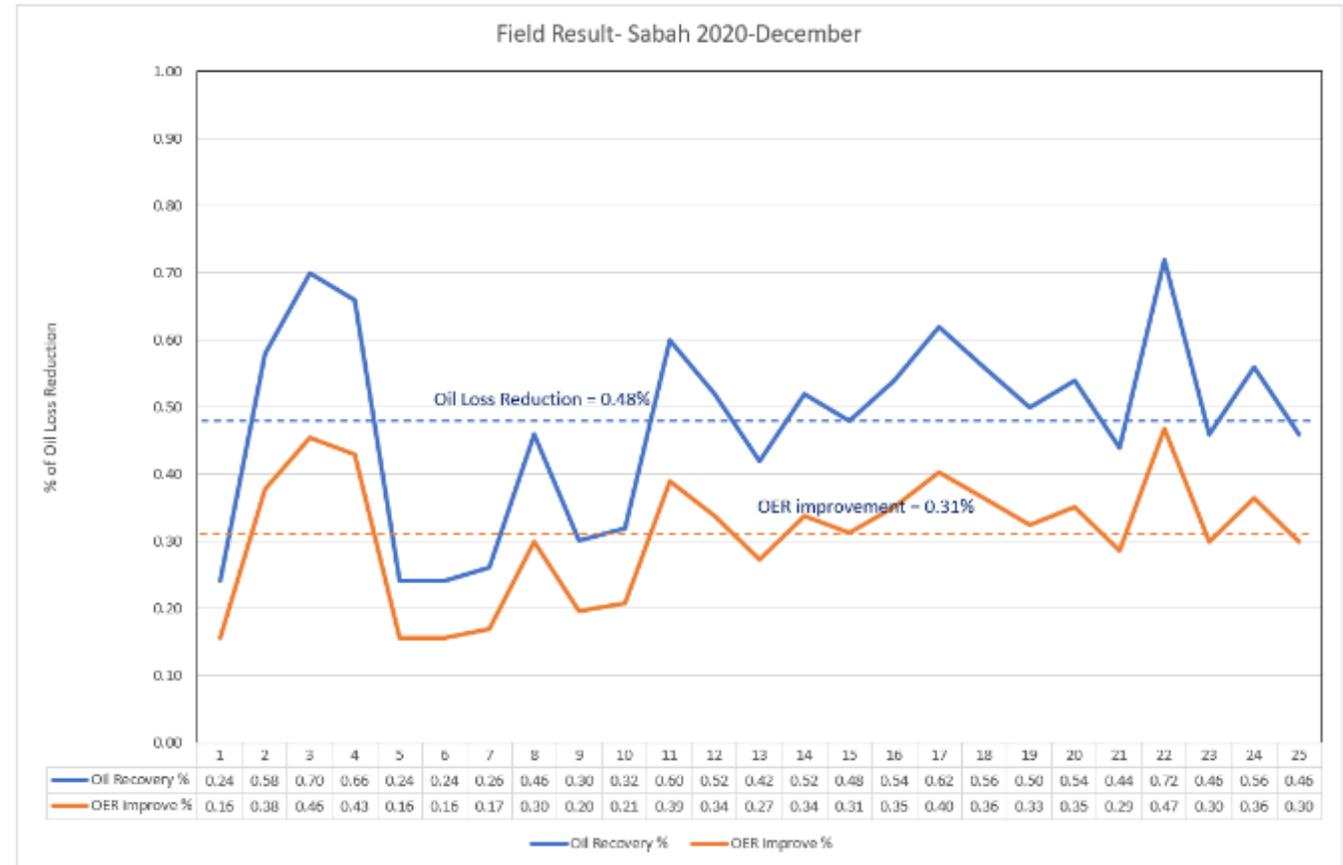
- 1. ALFORM-45 (45 m<sup>3</sup>/h)
- 2. ALFORM-30 (30 m<sup>3</sup>/h)
- 3. ALFORM-15 (15 m<sup>3</sup>/h)

# Improvement of performance with Final Oil Recovery Module

- **Reference from palm oil mill in Sabah**

- average oil loss reduction by 0.48%

- average oil extraction rate (OER) percentages improved by 0.31%



# Fast payback in less than 1 year

- Average oil extraction rate (OER) percentages improved by 0.3%
- Oil recovered per day ~ 3.6 ton per day (20 working hour)
- Estimated annual income (60 tonnes FFB/h)  
=  $0.3\% \times 60 \text{ t FFB/h} \times 6000 \text{ working hours} \times \text{USD}850 / \text{ton}$
- = **USD918k per annum**
- **Payback <1 year including maintenance cost**



# Summary of the key benefits of Final Oil Recovery Module

- Simple, efficient and quantifiable recovery (with flowmeter)
- Containerized Module – save footprints
- Recovering oil at high quality
- Fast payback < 1 year
- Act as final oil gatekeeper

# Reducing particulate matter (PM) emissions in palm oil mills with Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM

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# Industry challenges in the palm oil industry



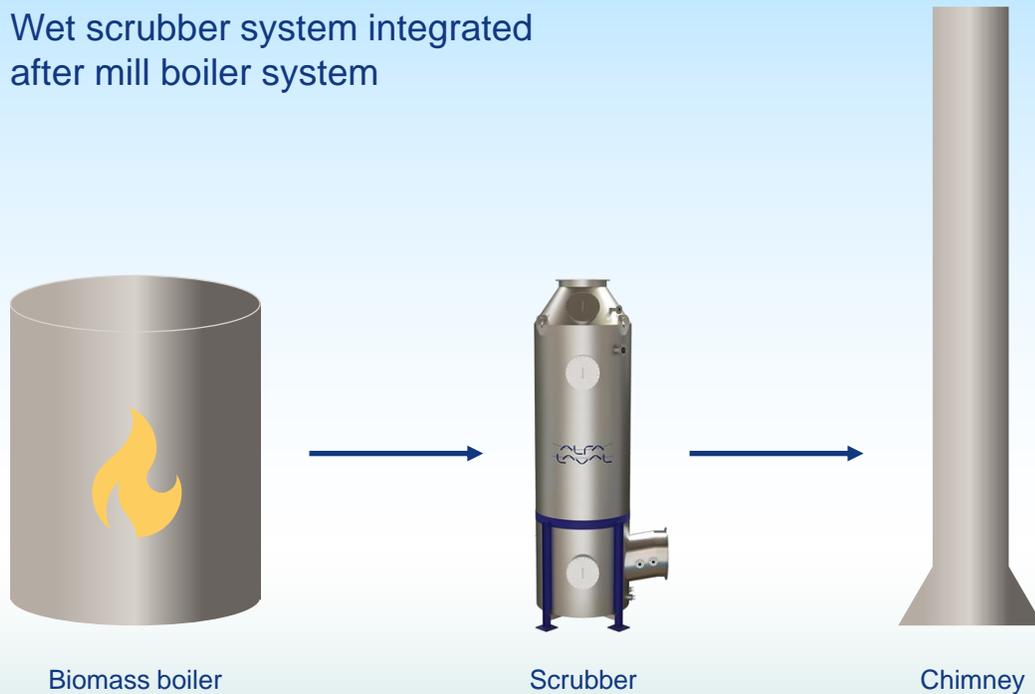
- Yield of palm oil and biofuel
- Sustainability
  - Waste and effluent
  - Emissions
- Maintaining profitability
- Malaysian Department of Environment
  - Environmental Quality:  
Clear Air Regulation (CAR) 2014
  - PM emissions limit 150 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>
  - POM compliance deadline

# Reducing particulate matter from POM emissions



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Wet scrubber system integrated  
after mill boiler system



## Main PM emissions reduction technologies available to POMs

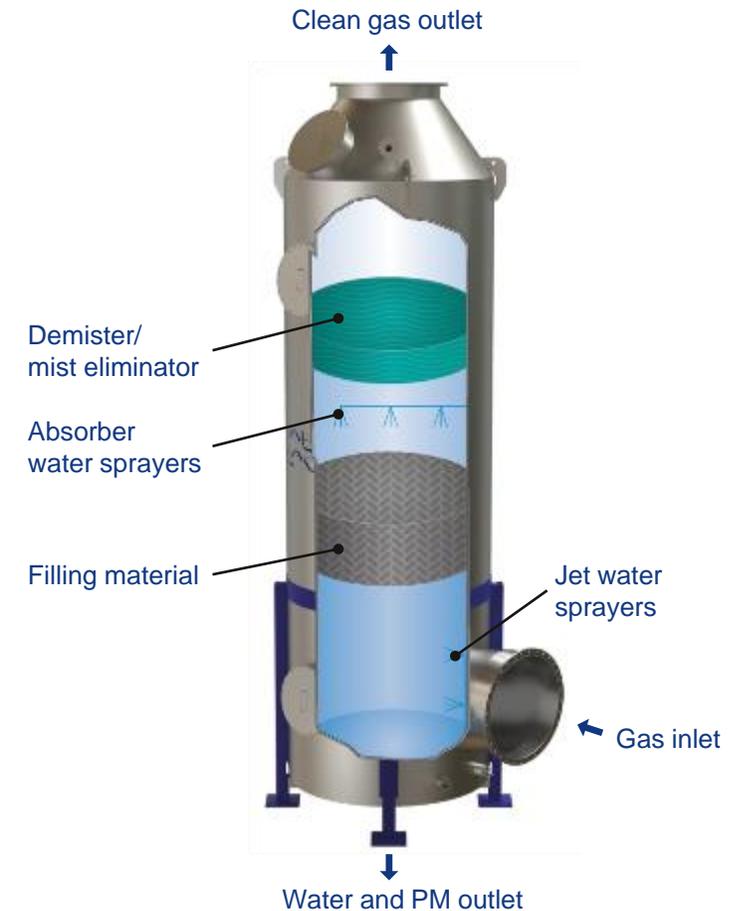
1. Wet scrubber systems
2. Electrostatic precipitators (ESP)
3. Bag filters
4. Vortex tube separators

# 1. Wet scrubber systems

– Reducing particulate matter from POM emissions

Flue gas sprayed with water to capture PM, which is separated from the water enabling water reuse

- Up to 99% removal of PM
- Requires high grade material
- Very simple and stable system
- Particle removal efficiency unaffected by fluctuating gas load
- Relatively low capital cost
- Relatively low pressure drop



## 2. Electrostatic precipitators (ESP)

– Reducing particulate matter from POM emissions



Particles are separated from flue gas stream by very high voltage and collect on plates, which are periodically cleaned

- Sensitive to fluctuation of PM concentration
- Relatively large footprint
- High capital cost
- Requires educated staff specializing in high voltage systems to operate and maintain

# 3. Bag filters

– Reducing particulate matter from POM emissions



Particles are captured in filter fabric, which is automatically cleaned at regular intervals

- Simple technology
- High PM reduction efficiency
- Flue gas often needs pre-treatment
- Limited gas temperatures
- Relatively high pressure drop

# 4. Vortex tube separator

– Reducing particulate matter from POM emissions



Centrifugal force swirls the gas instream in the tubes, pushing PM to the outside

- Ideal for high temperatures, high dust loads
- Minimal velocity required for proper operation
- Training required for staff to operate and maintain
- Less efficient in removing PM than wet scrubbers or ESPs

# Alfa Laval Multiscrubber PM



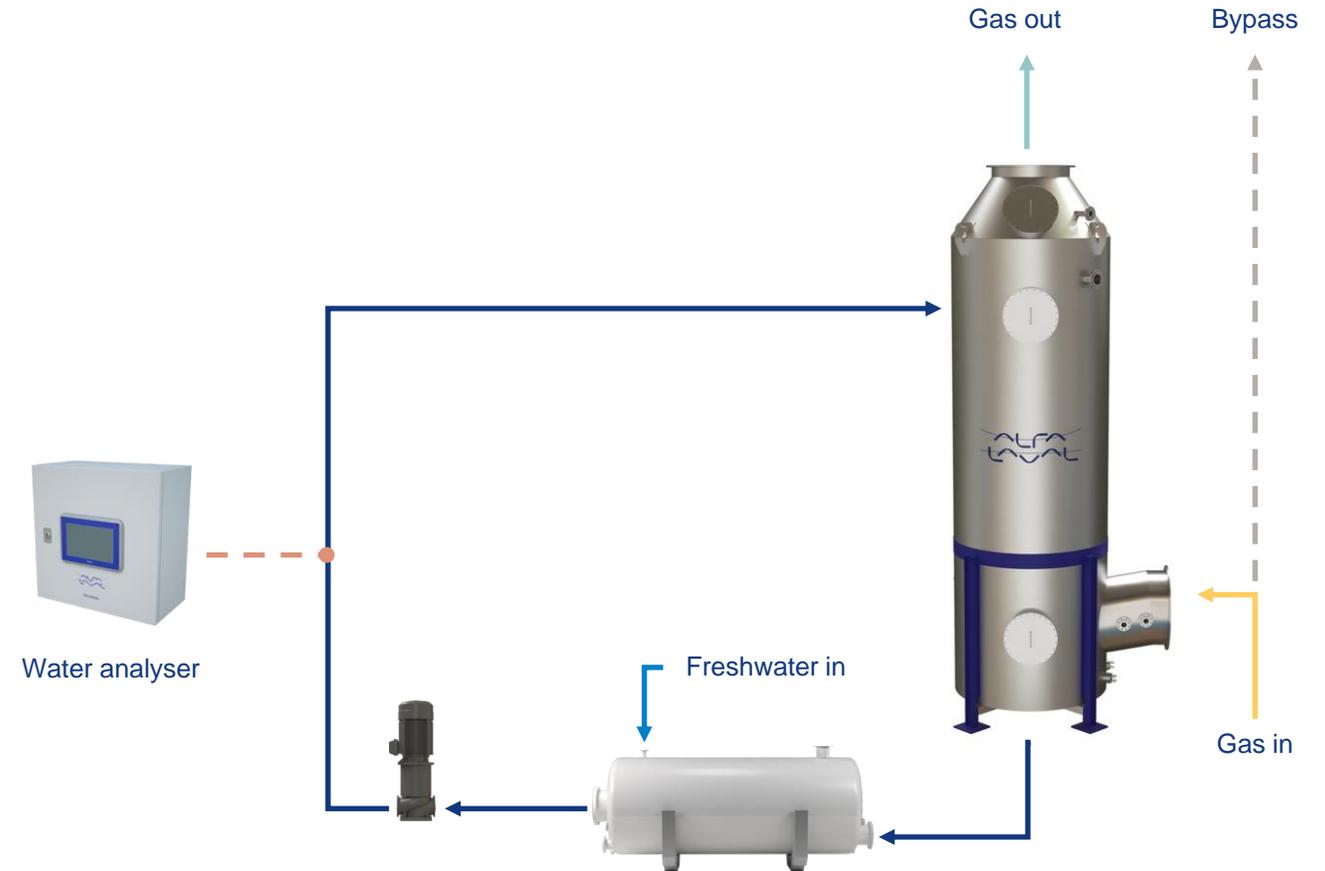
- A complete solution for POM emissions compliance
- Based on proven, reliable technologies
- Simple to install, operate and maintain
- Good for new and existing plants
- Helps palm oil mills achieve sustainable operations



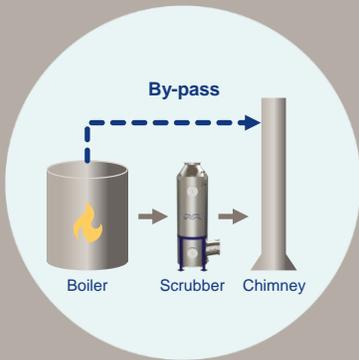
# Proven solution with Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM



- Reductions in PM emissions well below 150 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- Full CAR 2014 compliance
- Closed loop system
- Minimal effluent
- Low-cost investment
- Safe and simple to install, operate and maintain with only basic training
- Optional deplume application

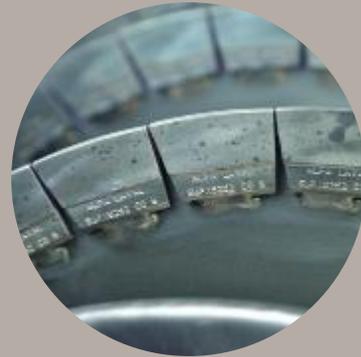


# Some options of Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM



## Bypass mode

Ensures more uptime



## Decanter

De-waters sludge  
on site



## DeSOx

Reduces emissions  
SOx content



## DePlume

Reduces or removes  
visible plume

# Benefits of Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM



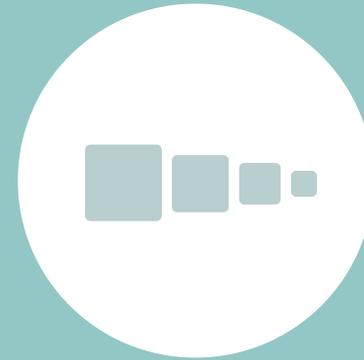
## CAR 2014 compliance

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## Minimal effluent

Closed system, less wastewater



## Less space

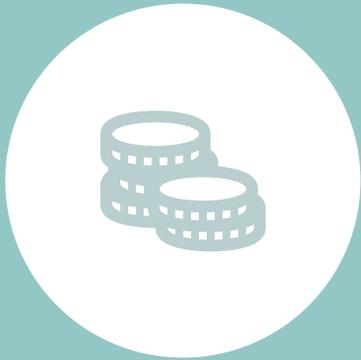
Up to four times more compact than other technologies



## Simplicity

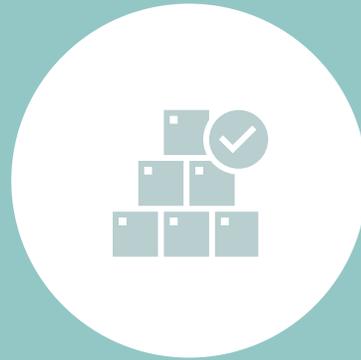
Easy to install, operate and maintain

# Benefits of Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM (cont.)



## Economical

Up to two times more economical than other technologies



## One-stop shop

Broad product portfolio



## Local when you need us

SE Asia presence and service network



## Global when it counts

Global expertise, financially stable

# Reference case: 45 t/h biomass boiler



– Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM



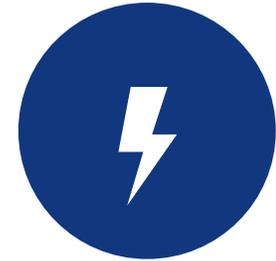
PM at outlet

< **150** mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>



Water consumption

**1** m<sup>3</sup>/h



Power consumption

**40** kWh



Material

**High-grade stainless steel**

# Scrubber production of Alfa Laval MultiScrubber PM



- Manufactured at our own dedicated scrubber production facility
- Quality production
  - Onsite laboratory ensures steel & weld quality for corrosion-resistant scrubber
  - Inhouse welding school
- Short lead times due to well-established supply chain

# Scrubber production facility in Alfa Laval



Dedicated scrubber production facility



In-house welding school



Alfa Laval quality control

# Global knowledge centre in Netherlands and R&D in Denmark



## Alfa Laval Test & Training Centre

- R&D
- Full-sized scrubber available
- Demos and trials upon request

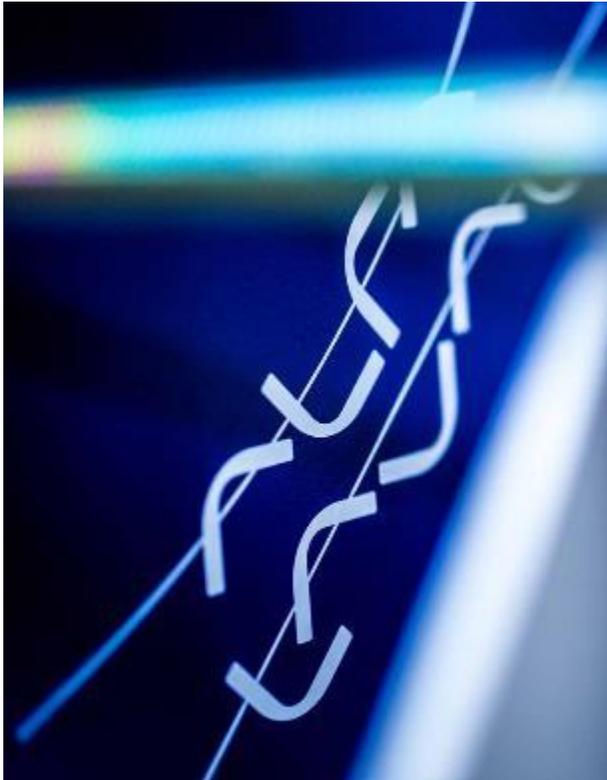


Global scrubber development centre in the Netherlands



Alfa Laval Test & Training Centre in Aalborg, Denmark

# Why Alfa Laval?



- World leader in separation, heat transfer and fluid handling
- Trustworthy, financially stable partner
- Global expertise, local presence
- Reducing PM emissions to well below 150 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- > 500 scrubber installations worldwide
- Commitment to sustainability

# Summary of the key benefits of Alfa Laval Multiscrubber PM

- Proven and reliable
- Economical
- Easy to operate and maintain
- Cleaner air – good for people, good for your business, good for our planet

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