

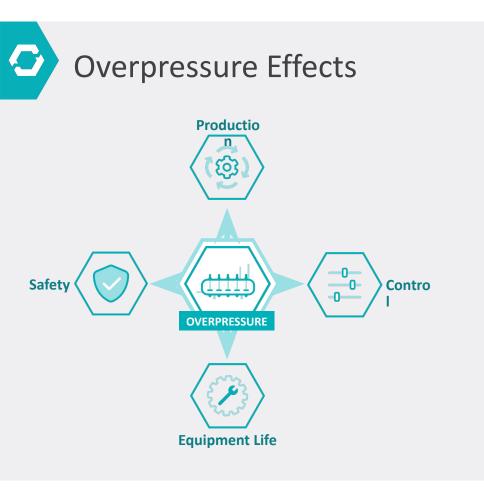
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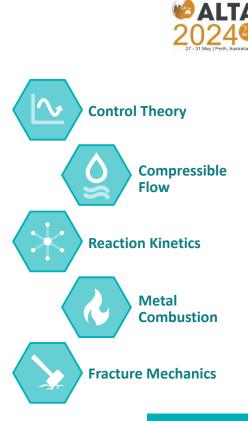
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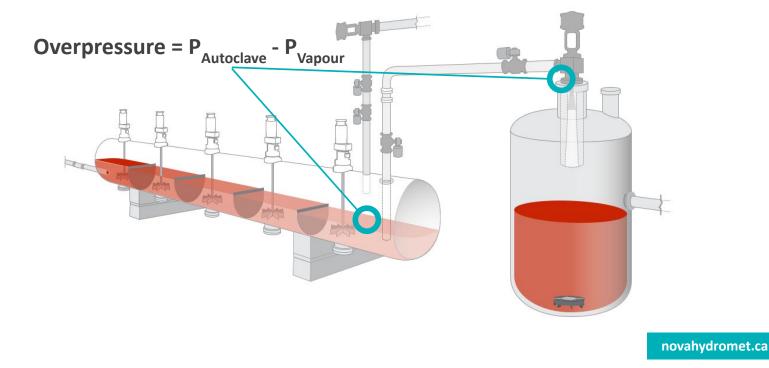
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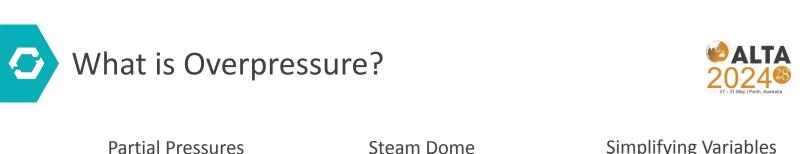


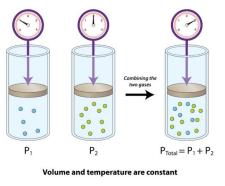


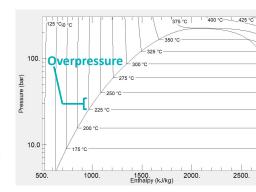
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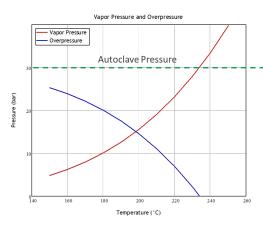








Simplifying Variables



Overpressure: driving force for the flashing flow



Multiphase

Converging

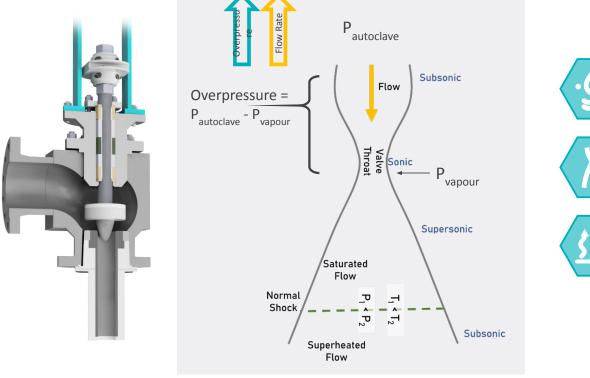
Diverging

Nozzle

Gas Dynamics

Flow

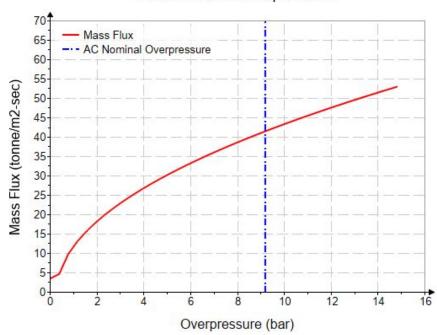
Compressible



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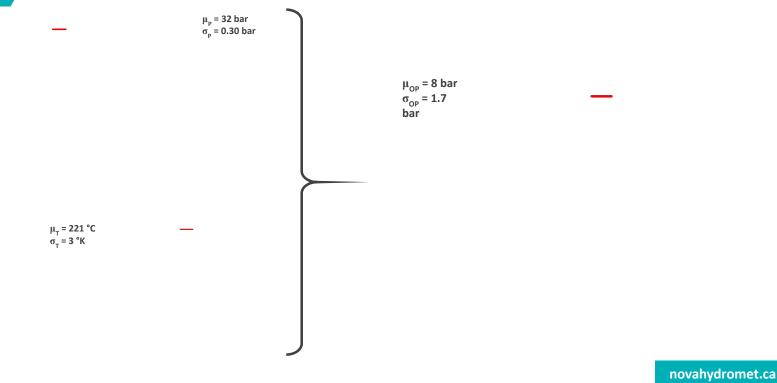
Mass Flow is Sensitive to Overpressure



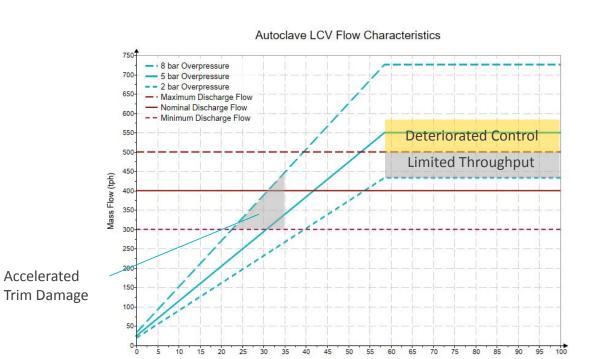
Mass Flux vs Overpressure

Statistical Representation of Overpressure





Trim Damage vs. Throughput Limitation



Stroke (mm)



Obvious and Hidden Losses





Obvious Trim Failure Losses

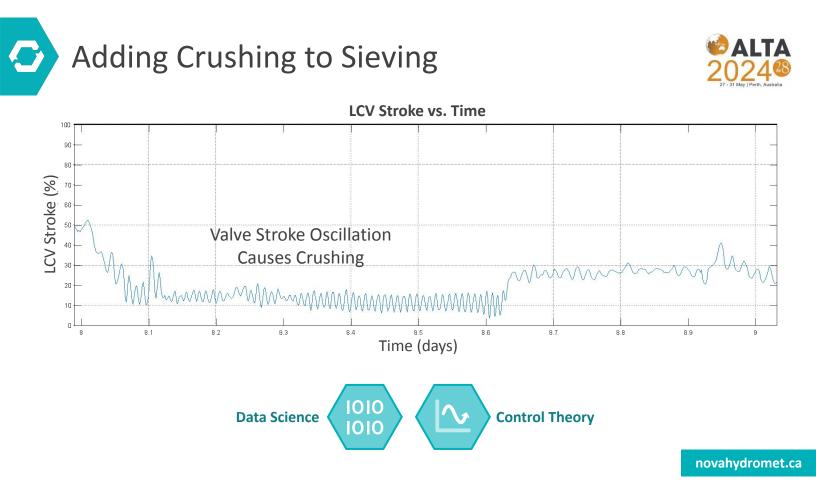
0.1-1% production loss + spare parts

Hidden Throughput Limitation Losses

1-5% production loss



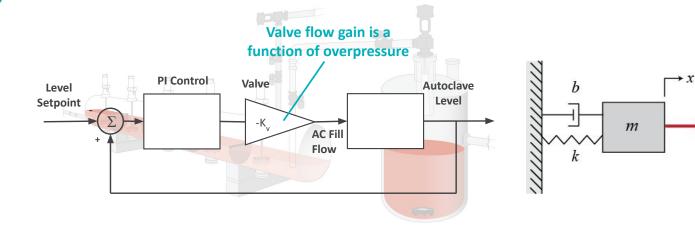
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Overpressure Affects Level Control



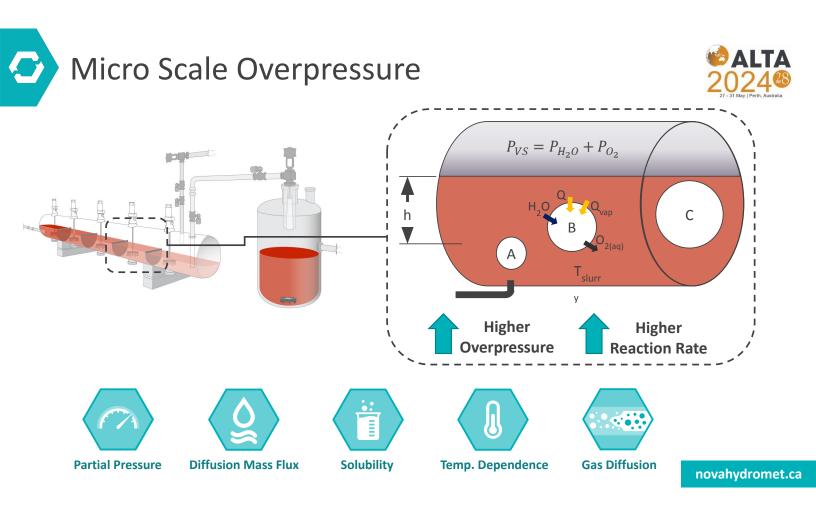
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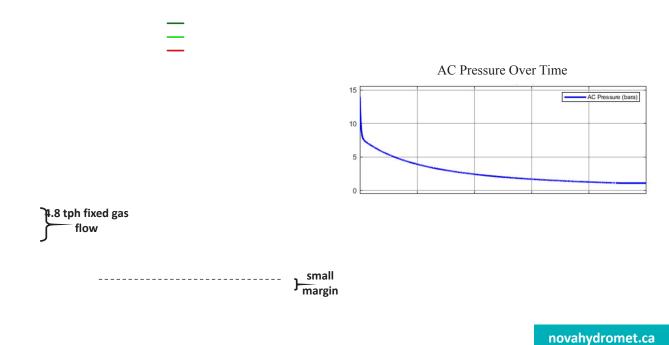
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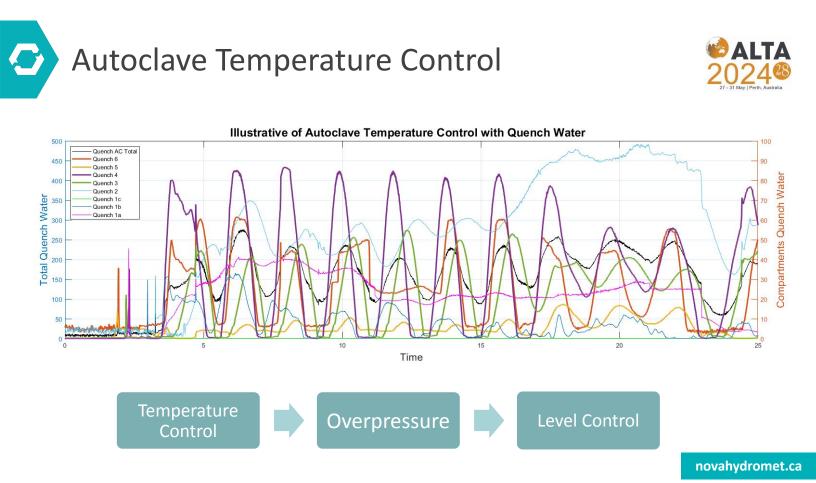
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Overpressure Control Value Proposition





Low Capital Investment

Little or No Hardware Required



Optimize Your Process

Leverage Existing Data and Assets



High Return Potential

> Increase Throughput

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Thank You!

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