

Defluorination of PFAS through an innovative cold plasma process

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About Holowaves

A French greentech

Holowaves by Holopharm develops a physical water decontamination process, with no consumables, no chemicals, and no mechanical filtration.

Our technology targets PFAS, PFOS, and TFA by breaking the carbon–fluorine bond

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R&D engineers

2016

PFAS research and
development

CIR

Until 2030



Context and objectives

Context

- **2019 — Customer request.** Initial request from a customer following an issue identified with Triton X100.
- **Scientific study — University of Rouen.** Evaluation of destruction processes for short- and long-chain PFAS, with a focus on TFA.
- **Birth of Holowaves.** Spin-off from the Holopharm laboratory dedicated to the remediation of contaminated water.
- **Four partners involved.** Experimental trials aimed at degrading PFAS down to their mineralization into fluorides.
- **Broad concentration range.** From several ppb up to tens of g/L
- **Independent analyses.** Entrusted to a third-party laboratory to ensure objective results.

Objectives

- **Current energy target.** Below 100 Wh per 1 L at a concentration above 10 g/L of PFAS and/or TFA.
- **Aqueous matrices.** Adapt to all aqueous matrices
- **Consumer.** Provide a solution for consumers

Value chain

Our partners:



Excavation of contaminated soil or areas

Demand

Government –
Institutions
Businesses
Individuals

Audit

Critical situation • Volume

Concentration

of pollutants in leachate
 $1 / 1000 \text{ m}^3$
 $\text{PFAS} < 10 \text{ g/L}$

Fluoride valorization

Hollowaves project

Concentrate treatment
 $1 \text{ L/h} \bullet 100 \text{ W/h}$
 $20 \text{ L/h} \bullet 2000 \text{ W/h}$

Tests
Toxicological
OECD 249

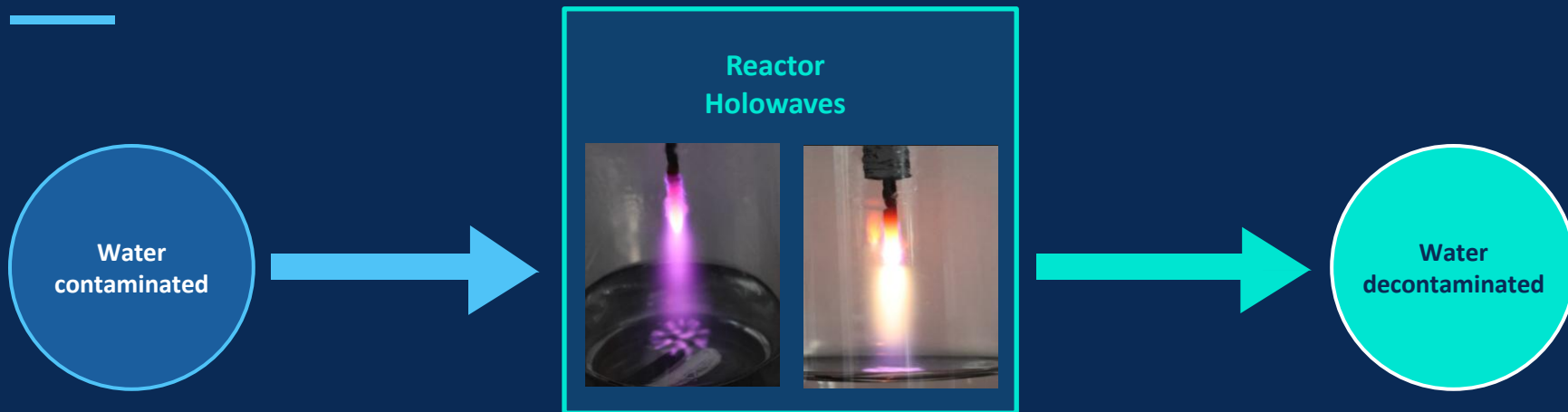
Institutions

Business
Individual

Return to nature

Independent analysis laboratories: Situation monitoring, duplicate testing. Every step is validated by an independent laboratory test and approval from the requester.

Process



Concentrations

From a few ppb to several tens of g/L

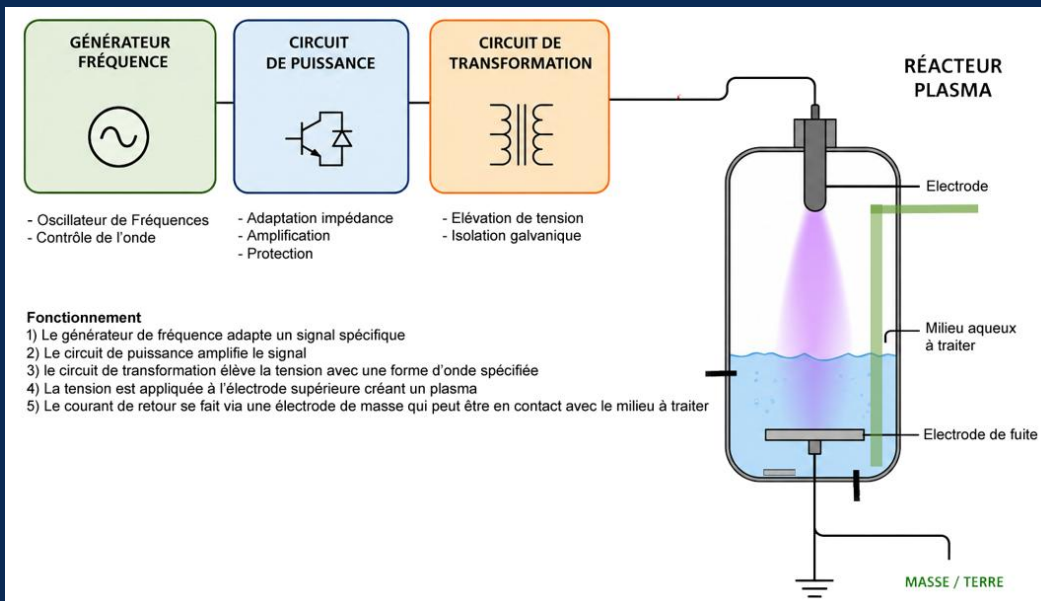
No consumables

No gas
No chemical additives
No activated carbon

Energy consumption

1 L/hour – 100 W/hour.
1m³ /hour – 100 kW/h -> 1 / 1000
Operating cost of the full process: €16 / m³
(EDF price €0.10 / kW)

Process



Flow

Can be set up in series or in parallel
From 200 mL to several liters

Maintenance

Low maintenance cost

Add-on

Can be integrated into an existing process
Complementary to another solution

Sample origin

Industrial effluents

Chemical and pharmaceutical industry

99.0%

Customer case — French pharmaceutical group.

Fluorinated active ingredient: Health Authority

Fluorinated effluents from the process of an anticancer drug:

~1 m³/month,

>10 g/L.

Destruction 99%.

Customer laboratory

Environmental water treatment

Runoff, PFAS

99.1%

Customer case — Complex leachates.

A company specialized in treating runoff water from underground waste.

Concentrate 1/1000

Holowaves process 18 L/h – 1800 W/h

Our process destroyed 99.1% of the **20 PFAS** targeted

Industrial treatment plant

94.3% / 66.5%

Customer case — Industrial water treatment at a plant

The customer provided two types of water-treatment plant samples for the 20 PFAS:

Sample 1: 94.3%

Sample 2: 66.5%

Spring water

98.5%

Customer case – Spring water – request from the Eure prefecture

Screening of 100 PFAS

Concentration on the order of ppb

Our process destroyed 98.5% of the **100 PFAS** targeted

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Measurements performed by AGROLAB laboratory

540000

4750

99.1%

Before and after measurements Spring water

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RAPPORT D'ANALYSE 1617857 - 407661 BDC 25 303

Date: 21.10.2025

Information sur l'échantillon

Número d'échantillon	Nom d'échantillon	Date de prélèvement
407661	Eau source 12/10/2025	12.10.2025 09:00

Paramètres	Unité	407661
DPOSA ⁽¹⁾	ng/l	<50,0 ⁽²⁾

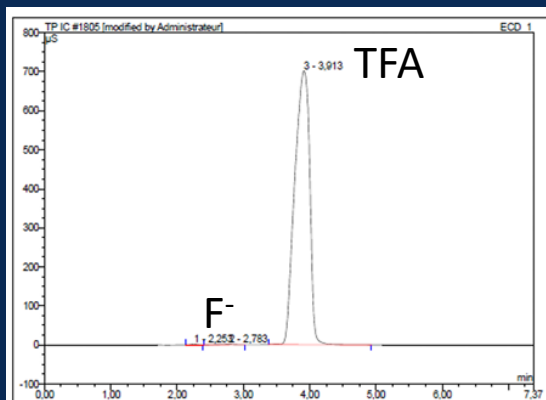
Composés perfluorés (somme)

Paramètres	Unité	407661
Somme 20 PFAS (EU 2020/2184)	ng/L	1090 ⁽¹⁾
Somme 28 PFAS (AM 20/06/2023) ⁽⁴⁾	ng/L	1090 ⁽¹⁾

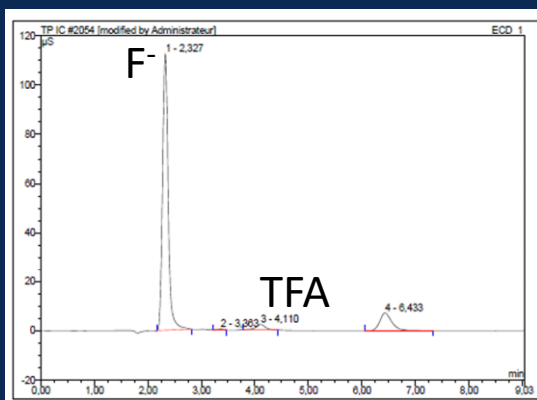
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Composés perfluorés							
Acide perfluorooctanoïque (PF8a)	375-02-4	ng/l	10	NEH ISO 11675	OK	< 10 %	27
Acide perfluorodécanoïque (PF10a)	2706-90-3	ng/l	10	NEH ISO 21675	OK	< 14 %	<10
Acide perfluorododecanoïque (PF12a)	367-24-4	ng/l	10	NEH ISO 21675	OK	< 16 %	<10
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TFA before and after measurements



No.	Ret.Time min	Area μS·min	Rel.Area %	Height μS	Resolution (EP)	Asymmetry (EP)	Plates (EP)
1	2,25	0,190	0,10	1,841	1,70	1,09	2919
2	2,78	0,371	0,20	1,339	2,51	0,78	591
3	3,91	183,182	99,69	701,203	n.a.	0,82	1230
Total:			100,000	704,383	4,21	2,688	



No.	Ret.Time min	Area μS·min	Rel.Area %	Height μS	Resolution (EP)	Asymmetry (EP)	Plates (EP)
1	2,33	13,733	85,64	112,537	5,73	1,17	2548
2	3,36	0,044	0,28	0,412	3,16	0,97	5684
3	4,11	0,453	2,82	2,191	6,85	0,93	3091
4	6,43	1,806	11,26	7,124	n.a.	1,27	4469
Total:			100,000	122,263	15,73	4,339	

- Ion chromatography – conductometry
- Analyses of fluoride ions and trifluoroacetates
- Reconstituted matrix at 220 ppm in water

PLANÈTE • PFAS

PFAS : l'Agence européenne des produits chimiques entérine la dangerosité du TFA, polluant éternel omniprésent dans l'eau et la chaîne alimentaire

L'acide trifluoroacétique est désormais officiellement considéré comme « toxique pour la reproduction suspecté ». Une décision qui pourrait avoir des effets en cascade tant cette molécule, la plus petite de la famille des PFAS, est présente dans l'eau potable et les aliments.

Par Stéphane Foucart et Stéphane Mandard

June 10, 2026

Measurements performed by SMS laboratory Mont-Saint-Aignan

99.8%

Conclusion

A solution ready to scale up to industrial use.

- Innovative process for decontaminating PFAS and TFA.
- Standard 220 V power supply, easing on-site integration.
- Low energy consumption.
- No consumables.
- The technology is particularly well suited for treating concentrated solutions of several tens of g/L
- Destruction rates of up to 100% depending on the treatment conditions.
- Easily adaptable to an existing process.
- It can also be used to complement another purification technology, as part of an overall treatment approach.
- Lastly, the solution offers a competitive investment cost for both industry and individuals.



Questions & answers

Thank you for your attention

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