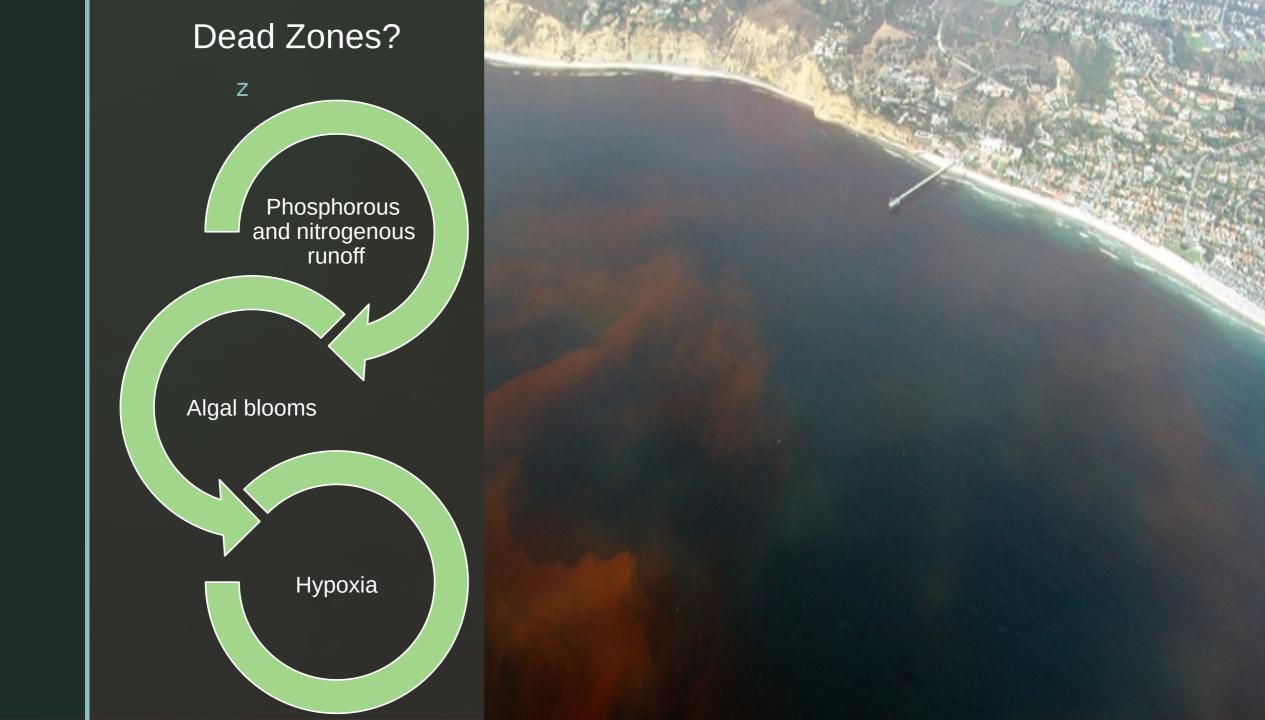
Remediating the Issue of Dead Zones through the Utilization of Vargula hilgendorfii Bioluminescence in Sync with Underwater Grätzel Cells to Induce Visible-Light Water Electrolysis



# Primary Goals

Impact of
Vargula
hilgendorfii
bioluminescence

Remediate the hypoxia issue of dead zones

Underwater Gratzel cells

# Secondary Goals

Environmentally Friendly

Cost-Efficient

Noninvasive



• Ultrasonic irradiation

Algaecides

### Two questions:

- 1. What is the cost range?
- 2. Can it be placed in the ocean?

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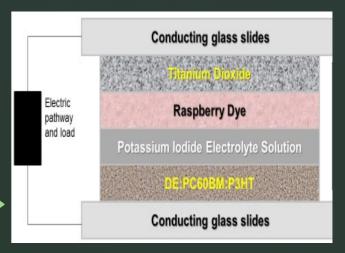
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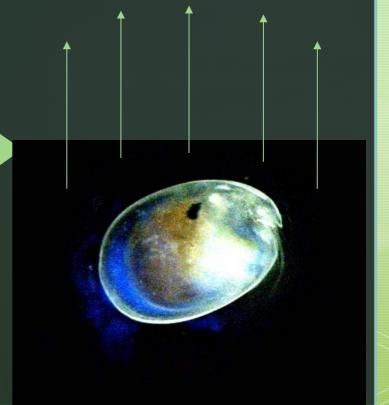
## Hypotheses

Z

### Organism

Phenomenon





### Diatomaceous Earth

siliceous sedimentary rock made of aquatic diatoms

$$C = \frac{\varepsilon A}{d}$$

$$Where,$$

C = Capacitance in Farads

ε = Permittivity of dielectric (absolute, not relative)

A = Area of plate overlap in square meters

d = Distance between plates in meters

### Methodology

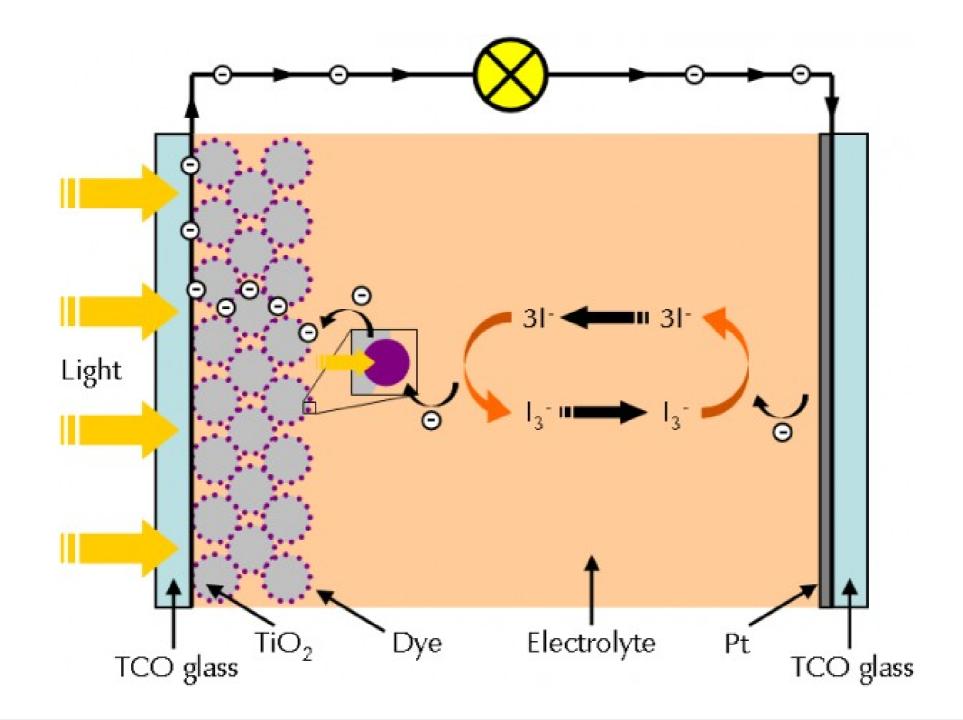
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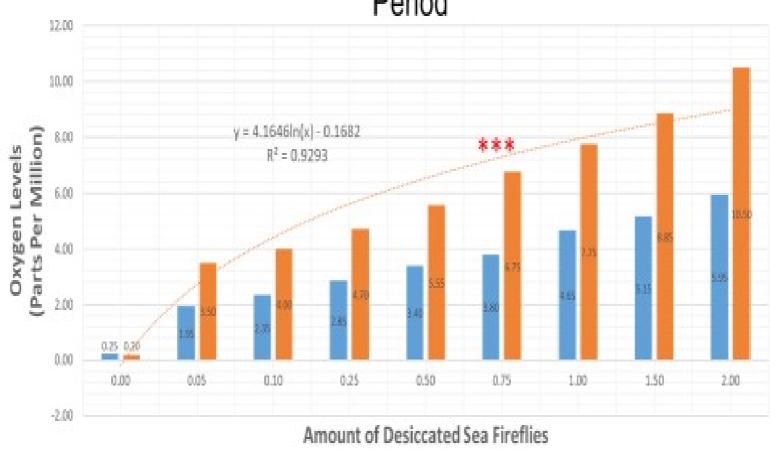
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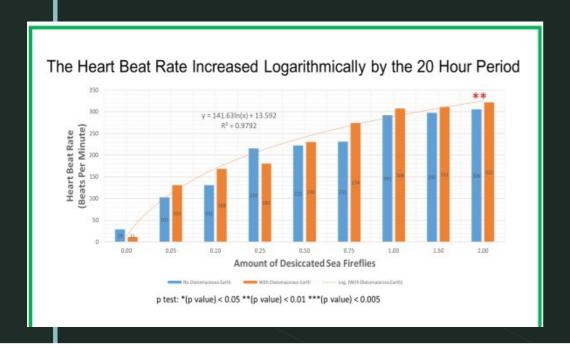
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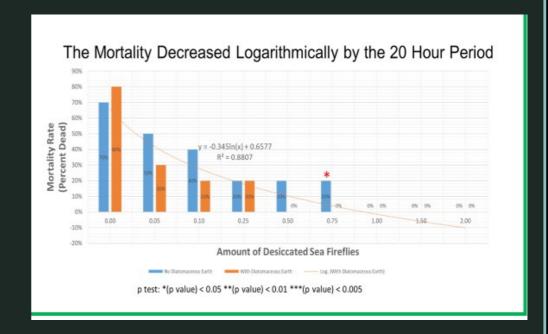
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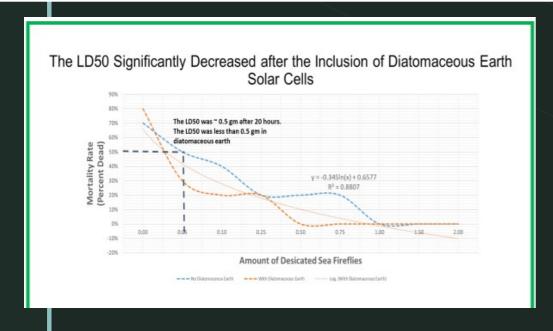


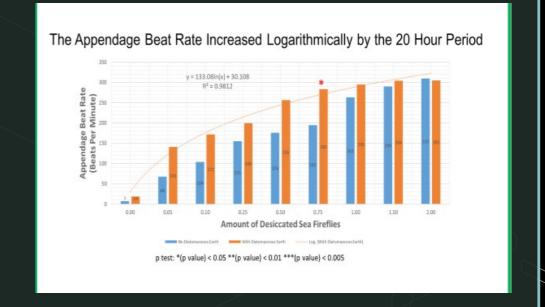
No Diatomaccosis Earth | With Diatomaccous Earth | ...... Log. (With Diatomaccos Earth)

p test: \*(p value) < 0.05 \*\*(p value) < 0.01 \*\*\*(p value) < 0.005

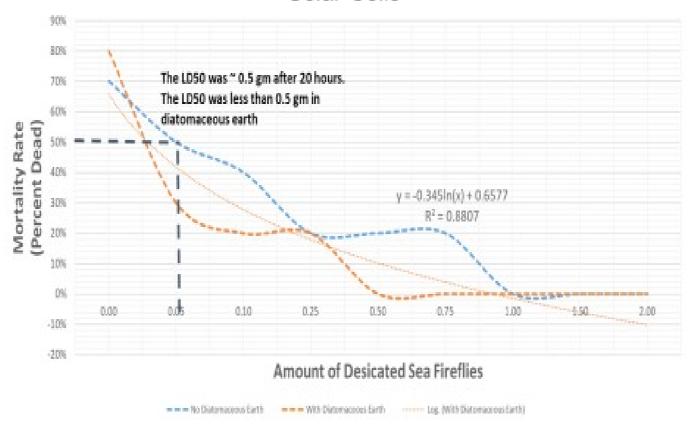






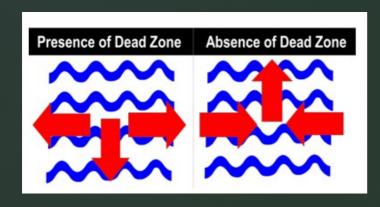


# The LD50 Significantly Decreased after the Inclusion of Diatomaceous Earth Solar Cells



## **Qualitative Observations**

#### Locomotion



**Brood Chamber** 



Color of the Carapace



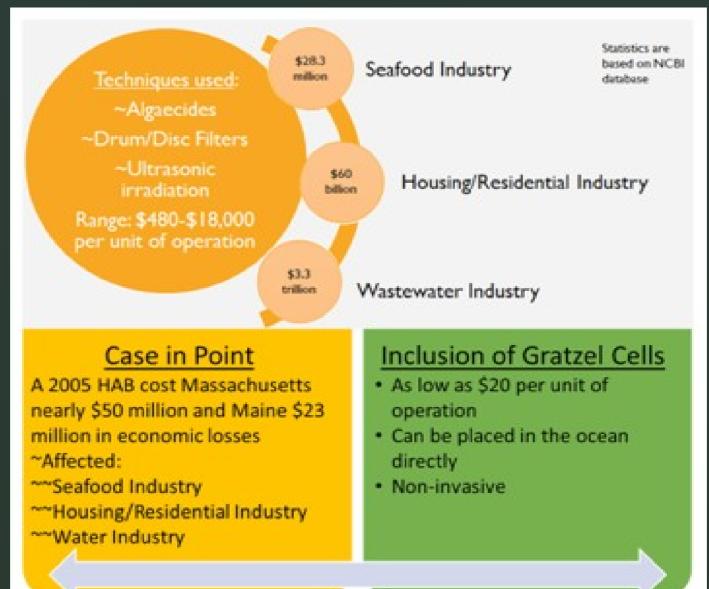
### Conclusion

Sea fireflies
increase,
dissolved
oxygen levels
increase

Gratzel cells with diatomaceous earth require less amount of light to produce the same amount of dissolved oxygen levels

Presence of cells remediates heart beat, appendage beat rate, and reproduction

Gratzel cells
show a
remediated
carapace,
phototactic taxis,
and sight of
brood chamber
was
distinguishable



### Future Applications and Research

#### <u>Creation of a</u> <u>biodegradable solar</u> <u>cell</u>

- The solar cell will be more self-sustaining and can decompose in the body of water without harming other aquatic organisms.
- Can be made of citrus peels that can create a pectin border around aquatic organisms for protection of waste

#### Utilization of other Sources of Bioluminescence

 GFP protein in moon and crystal jellyfish, bioluminescence of dinoflagellates, bioluminescent octopod, lanternfish, midwater squid, and scaly dragonfish

## Collaboration of an IOT device with an ELISA Assay

 The IOT solar device would signal the assay to release the bioluminescence carriers in the detected low oxygen and polluted environment and work in sync with it to induce electrolysis based on the wavelength of light