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# CEE 370

## Environmental Engineering Principles

### Lecture #29

#### Water Treatment III: Disinfection, Advanced Treatment

**Reading: M&Z Chapter 8**

Reading: Davis & Cornwall, Chapt 4-8 to 4-10

Reading: Davis & Masten, Chapter 10-7 to 10-8

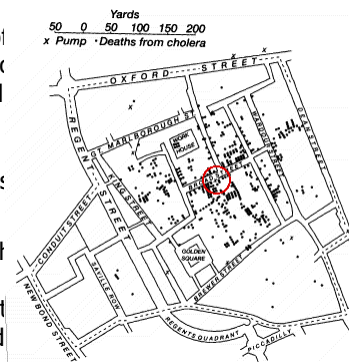
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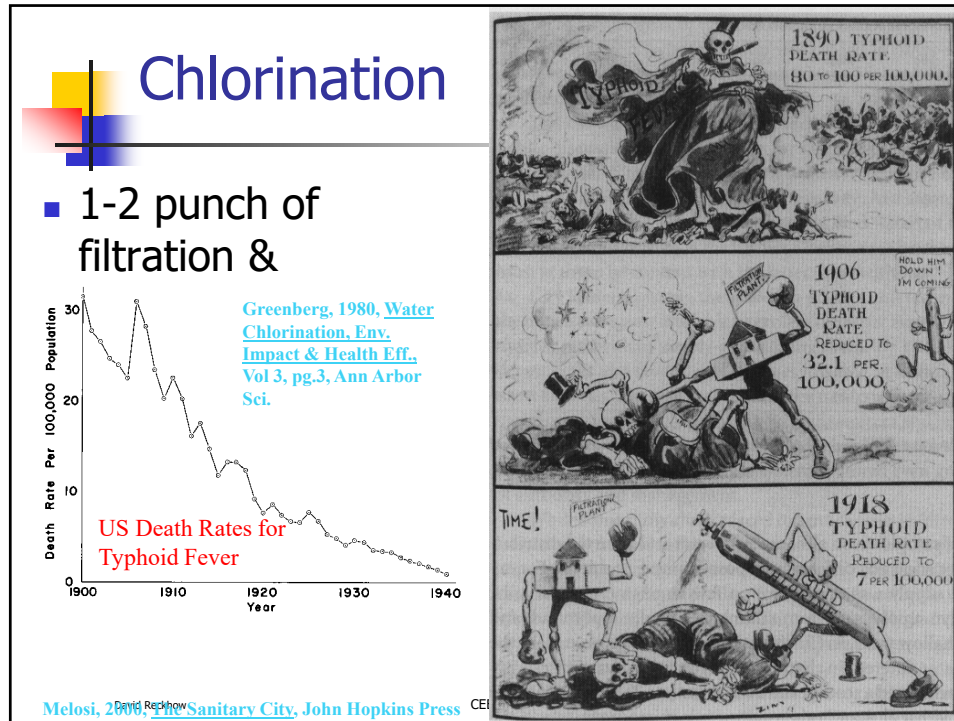
## Dr. John Snow

- During an outbreak of cholera in London in 1854, John Snow plotted on a map the location of all the cases he learned of. Water in that part of London was pumped from wells located in the various neighborhoods. Snow's map revealed a close association between the density of cholera cases and a single well located on Broad Street. Removing the pump handle from the Broad Street well put an end to the epidemic. This despite the fact that the infectious agent that causes cholera was clearly recognized until 1905.
- John Snow's map showing cholera deaths in London in 1854 (courtesy of The Geographical Journal). The Broad Street well is marked with an X (within the red circle).



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## Disinfection of PWS

- One of the greatest achievements in public health during the 20<sup>th</sup> century
  - CDC
- One of the greatest engineering feats of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
  - National Academy of Engineering


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## Disinfection

- Kill or inactivate pathogens
  - Bacteria, viruses protozoa
- Disinfectants
  - Chlorine ( $\text{Cl}_2$ ,  $\text{HOCl}$  or  $\text{OCl}^-$ )
  - Chloramines ( $\text{NH}_2\text{Cl}$  or  $\text{NHCl}_2$ )
  - Ozone ( $\text{O}_3$ )
  - Chlorine Dioxide ( $\text{ClO}_2$ )
  - Others: Bromine, UV light
- Primary purpose for drinking water treatment

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## Chick's Law


In the early 1900's Dr. Harriet Chick postulated that the death of the microorganisms was a first order process. So, for a given disinfectant and concentration:

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -kN$$

This can be separated and integrated (with  $N = N_0$  at  $t = 0$ ) to yield:

$$N = N_0 e^{-kt} \quad \text{or:} \quad \ln\left(\frac{N}{N_0}\right) = -kt$$

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## Chick-Watson Law

- The fraction inactivated is a function of the specific lethality ( $\lambda$ ) of the disinfectant-organism couple and the disinfectant concentration (C )


$$k = \lambda C^n \quad \text{so} \quad \ln\left(\frac{N}{N_0}\right) = -\lambda C^n t$$

- Many studies have found that n is in the range of 0.8 to 1.2 for most microorganisms. In engineering practice, it is usually assumed that n is unity, thus the equation becomes:

$$\ln\left(\frac{N}{N_0}\right) = -\lambda C t \quad \text{and} \quad k = \lambda C$$

$\{Ct\}_{x \log} = 2.3x / \lambda$

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## Chick-Watson II

- Use of Ct values for various “log removals” is general practice
  - Here is how Ct corresponds to specific lethality of Chick’s Law (for n=1)

% Removal	“x” Log Removal	N, if N <sub>0</sub> = 10,000/L	Ct
90	1	1000	2.3/λ
99	2	100	4.6/λ
99.9	3	10	6.9/λ
99.99	4	1	9.2/λ

- Model is not always accurate, but it is usually a good first approximation

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## Specific Lethality ( $\lambda$ ) at 20°C

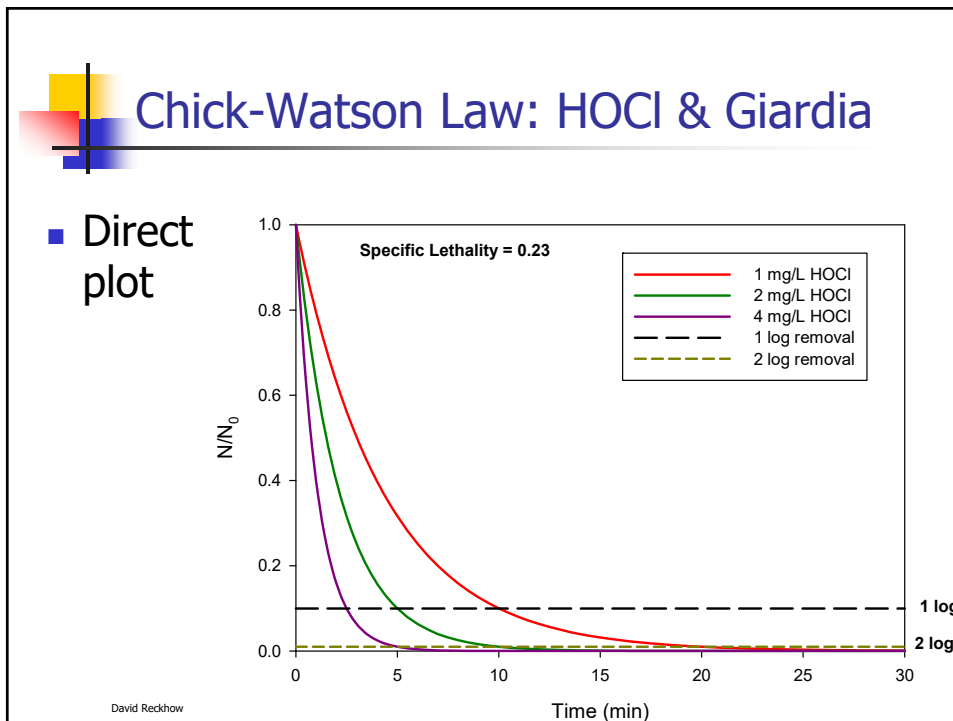
- General hierarchy
  - Disinfectants:  $O_3 > ClO_2 > HOCl > OCl^- > NHCl_2 > NH_2Cl$
  - Organisms: bacteria > viruses > protozoa

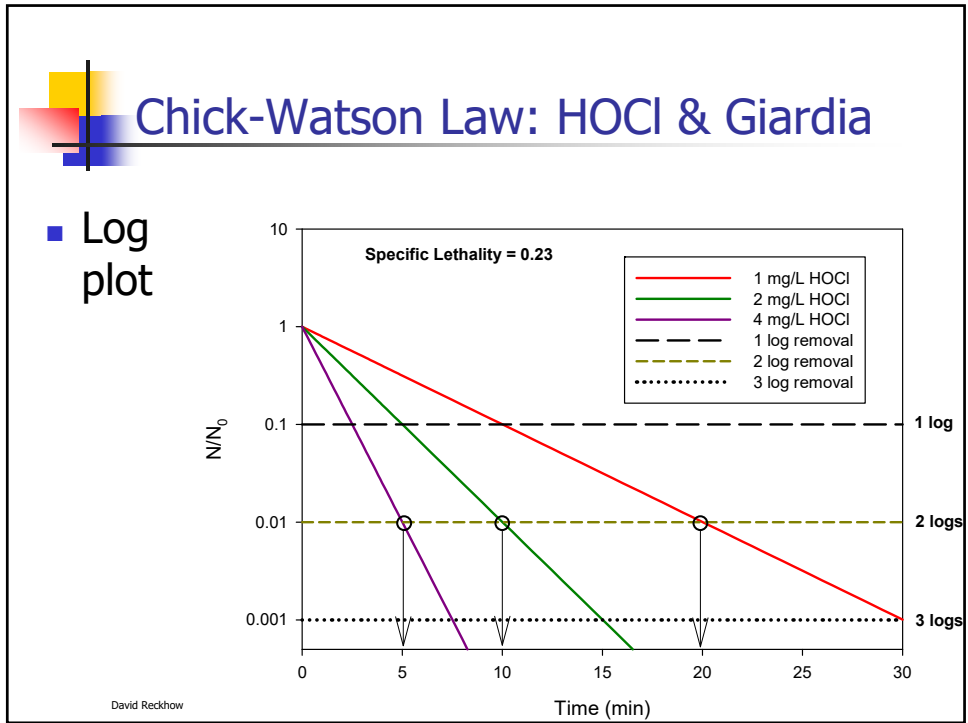
Units:  
L/mg-min

Some may change with pH, dose; all are affected by temperature

Disinfectant	E. coli	Poliovirus I	Entamoeba histolytica Cysts
$O_3$	2300	920	3.1
HOCl	120	4.6	0.23
$ClO_2$	16	2.4	
$OCl^-$	5.0	0.44	
$NHCl_2$	0.84	0.00092	
$NH_2Cl$	0.12	0.014	

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### Ct values for *Giardia lamblia* cysts

H&H, Table 7-4, pg.245

	pH	LOG INACTIVATION	WATER TEMPERATURE				
			0.5°C [(mg/l) · min]	5°C [(mg/l) · min]	10°C [(mg/l) · min]	15°C [(mg/l) · min]	20°C [(mg/l) · min]
Free chlorine <sup>a</sup>	6	0.5	25	18	13	9	7
	6	1.0	49	35	26	18	13
	7	0.5	35	25	19	13	9
	7	1.0	70	50	37	25	18
	8	0.5	51	36	27	18	14
	8	1.0	101	72	54	36	27
Preformed chloramine	6-9	0.5	640	370	310	250	190
	6-9	1.0	1300	740	620	500	370
Chloride dioxide	6-9	0.5	10	4.3	4.0	3.2	2.5
	6-9	1.0	21	8.7	7.7	6.3	5.0
Ozone	6-9	0.5	0.48	0.32	0.23	0.16	0.12
	6-9	1.0	0.97	0.63	0.48	0.32	0.24

<sup>a</sup>Free chlorine values are based on a residual of 1.0 mg/l.  
 Source: Adapted from *Guidance Manual for Compliance with the Filtration and Disinfection Requirements for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water Sources*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, CEE 370 L#29

## Ct values for Viruses

- For Viruses at various temperatures
  - pH 6-9

H&H Table 7-5, pg 245

	LOG INACTIVATION	WATER TEMPERATURE				
		0.5°C [(mg/l) · min]	5°C [(mg/l) · min]	10°C [(mg/l) · min]	15°C [(mg/l) · min]	20°C [(mg/l) · min]
Free chlorine	2.0 3.0 4.0	6 9 12	4 6 8	3 4 6	2 3 4	1 2 3
Preformed chloramine	2.0 3.0	1200 2100	860 1400	640 1100	430 710	320 530
Chlorine dioxide	2.0 3.0	8.4 25.6	5.6 17.1	4.2 12.8	2.8 8.6	2.1 6.4
Ozone	2.0 3.0	0.9 1.4	0.6 0.9	0.5 0.8	0.3 0.5	0.2 0.4

Source: Adapted from *Guidance Manual for Compliance with the Filtration and Disinfection Requirements for Public Water Systems Using Surface Water Sources*. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

## $t_{10}$ concept

- US EPA regulatory approach
  - Use the  $t_{10}$  value
    - 90% of water has a residence time greater than  $t_{10}$
    - 10% of water has a residence time less than  $t_{10}$
  - A "conservative" or safe approach
    - Protection of public health
  - Value ranges from:
    - 100% of  $t_R$  for PRF
    - 10.5% of  $t_R$  for CSTR ( $-\ln(0.9)$ )
    - In between for all "real" reactors

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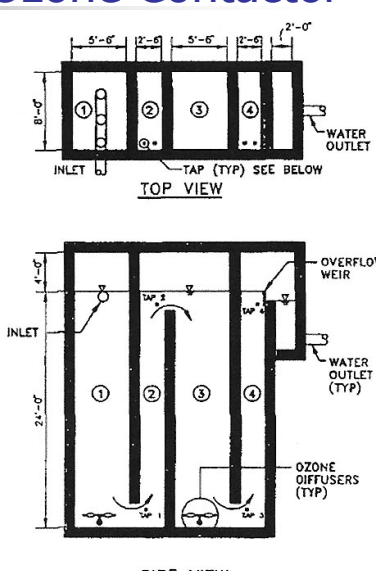
## Determining $t_{10}$

- Conduct tracer study
  - Add a conservative substance to tank inlet at a particular time
    - Fluoride is good; doesn't change, just moves with the water, non toxic
    - Can be either a pulse (slug), step-up, or step-down
  - Monitor concentration of conservative substance in tank outlet
- Data Analysis
  - Prepare graph of concentration vs time
  - Identify when concentration reaches 10% of "breakthrough" value

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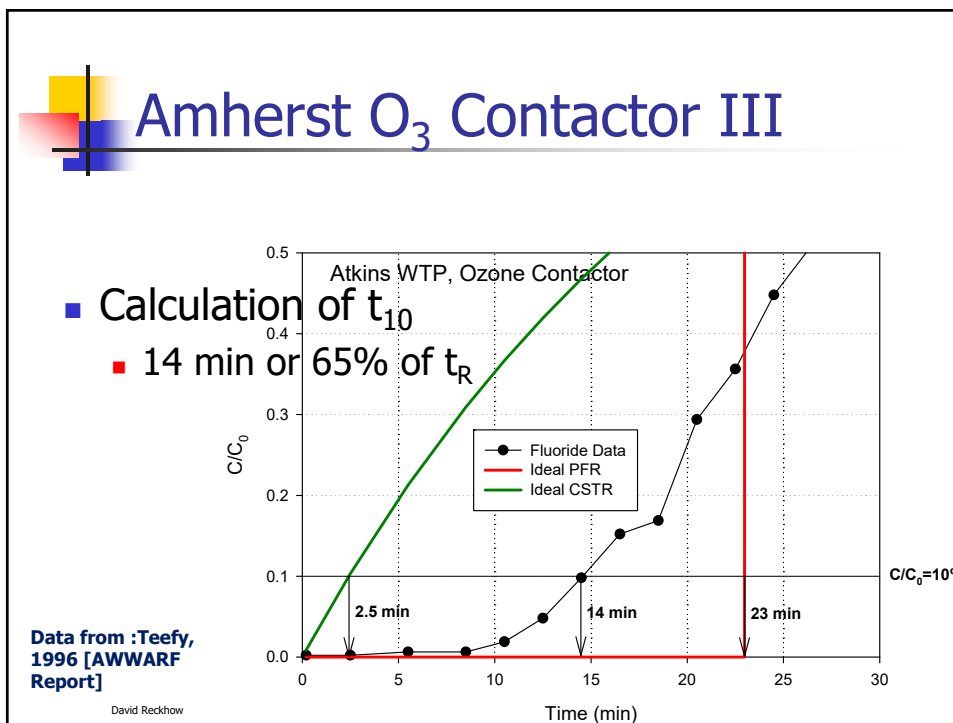
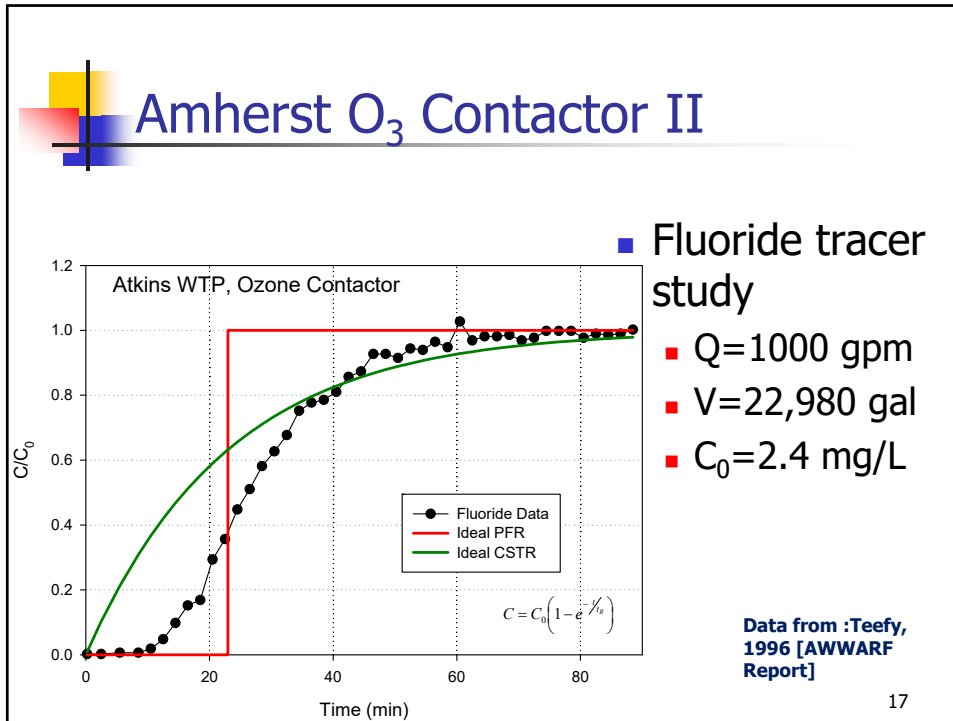
## Case Study I: Amherst Ozone Contactor


- Four chambers
  - Under/over baffled
- Fluoride Tracer test
  - Step feed @  $t=0$ 
    - 2.4 mg/L
    - Added to inlet
    - Measure  $F^-$  at outlet



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## Amherst O<sub>3</sub> Contactor IV

- Use of t<sub>10</sub> for disinfection compliance
  - Conventional treatment requires 2 log virus inactivation by disinfection
  - For ozone 0.9 mg/L – min is worst case (0.5°C, in H&H table 7-5)
  - With a t<sub>10</sub> = 14 min, then we need to have 0.065 mg/L ozone residual at outlet of tank

$$C_{\min} = \frac{(Ct)_{\text{required}}}{t_{10}} = \frac{0.9 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}} \text{ min}}{14 \text{ min}} = 0.065 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}}$$

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## Sorption and Ion Exchange

- Adsorption
  - The physical and/or chemical process in which a substance accumulates at a solid-liquid interface
    - Natural solids (soil, sediments, aquifer)
    - Anthropogenic (activated carbon)
- Sorption
  - The combined process of adsorption of a solute at a surface and partitioning of the solute into the organic carbon that has coated the surface of a particle

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## Sorption


- Naphthalene: Aqueous System with Sediment

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## Isotherms

- Freundlich
  - Multi-layer adsorption


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## Isotherms (cont.)

- Simple partitioning
  - When  $1/n = 1.0$ 
    - $q = KC$
  - Incorporating organic carbon layer
    - $K_{OC} = K/f_{OC}$
  - Octanol/water partition coefficients
 
$$K_{ow} = \frac{[A]_{\text{octanol}}}{[A]_{\text{water}}}$$
    - Good correlation with  $K_{OC}$
    - Relatively easy to measure

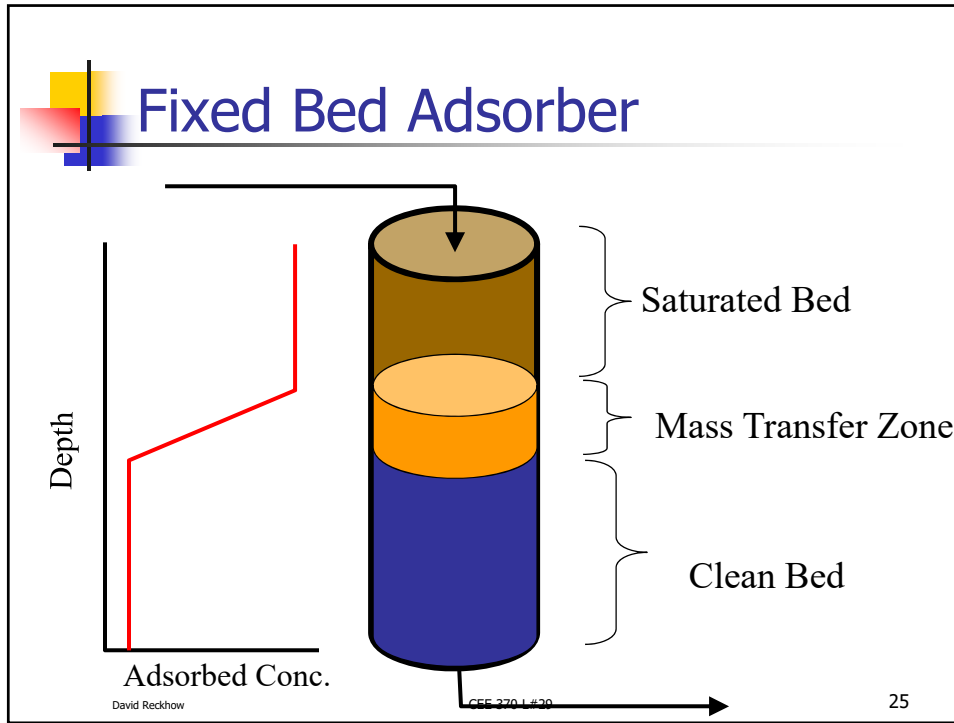
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## Adsorption

- Removal of Dissolved compounds
  - industrial solvents, pesticides
  - taste & odor compounds
  - chlorination byproducts
  - biodegradable substances (biological filtration)
    - doesn't require regeneration
- Several Applications for activated carbon
  - granular (GAC) in a fixed bed
  - powdered (PAC) in a rapid mix
- Can be expensive when used strictly as an adsorbent

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## Other Sorbents

- Activated Alumina

**Application / 8.2 (continued)**

accordingly set a drinking-water guideline for arsenic of 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$  (10 ppb).

The magnitude of the problem is most serious in Bangladesh and West Bengal (India). In the 1970s and 1980s, 4 million hand-pump wells were installed in Bangladesh and India to provide people there with a pathogen-free drinking-water supply. The presence of arsenicosis began to appear in the 1980s, shortly after the well installation program. By the early 1990s, it was determined that the arsenic poisoning was originating from these wells. The arsenic is naturally occurring.

Today it is estimated that, every day in Bangladesh, up to 57 million people are exposed to arsenic concentrations greater than 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$ . In West Bengal, an estimated 6 million people are exposed to arsenic concentrations between 50 and 3,200  $\mu\text{g/L}$ . The magnitude of the problem shows why some have called this the greatest mass poisoning of humans that has ever occurred.

The most commonly used arsenic removal systems in both the developed and developing world are based on coagulation-separation and adsorption processes. Membrane filtration (such as reverse osmosis and nanofiltration) is also effective at removing arsenic from water; however, it is not practical in much of the world because of the high costs involved. Accordingly, appropriate technologies have been developed to treat this water. Figure 8.2 shows one such technology.

This unit is installed directly at the hand-pumped wells that were installed in the 1970s and 1980s. It requires no electricity or chemical addition. The unit is packed with granular activated alumina, which removes the arsenic from the water. The unit can be regenerated with caustic soda about every 4 months. The community is instructed to dispose of the arsenic-laden sludge in a pit lined with bricks. After 10 years of typical operation, it is estimated that the volume of sludge generated will occupy 56  $\text{ft}^3$ .

Water

Granular activated alumina


Coarse sand and pebbles

Arsenic-free water

Arsenic-contaminated groundwater

**Figure / 8.2** Well Head Arsenic Removal Unit Developed by Dr. Arup Sangupta and Others at Lehigh University.

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## Membrane Processes

Increasing Removal

Decreasing Pressure

- Reverse Osmosis (RO)
  - Demineralization, desalination
- Nanofiltration (NF)
  - softening, NOM removal
- Ultrafiltration (UF)
  - particle & pathogen removal
- Microfiltration (MF)
  - particle removal

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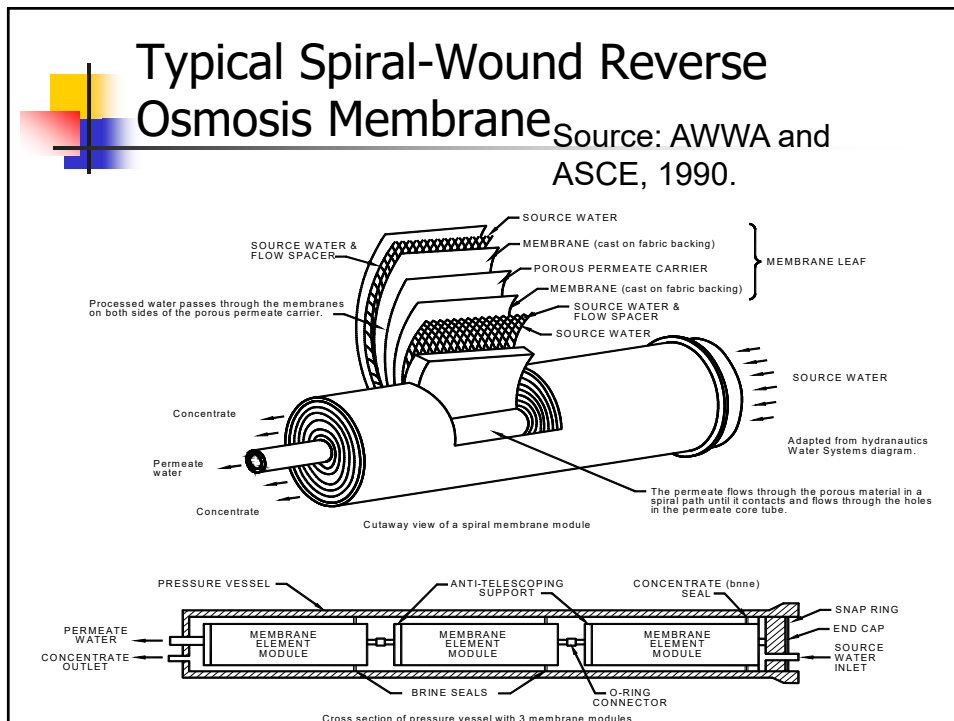
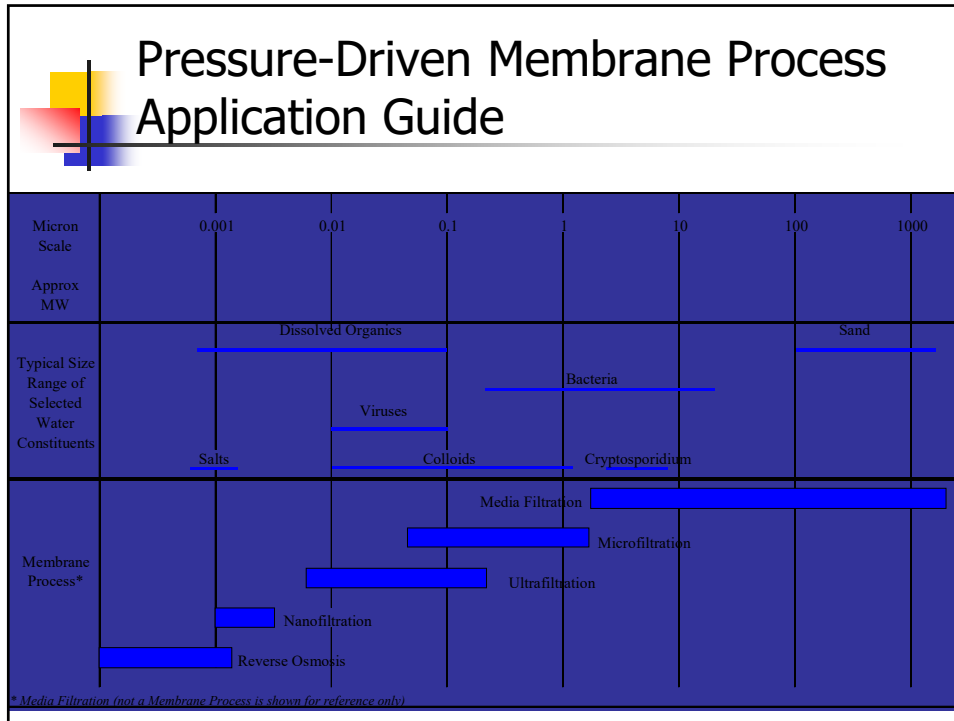
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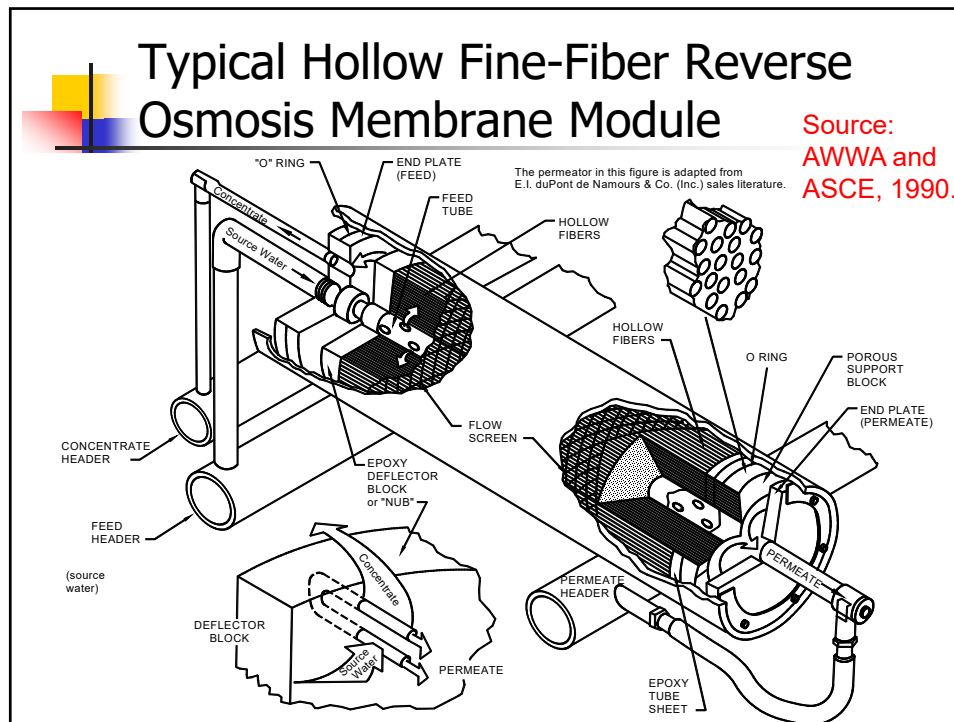
Membranes are carefully configured into:

- hollow fibers
- spiral wound
- tubular
- plates & frames

Recent advances in membrane manufacture have made this technology more practical.

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## RO videos

- Seven Seas Water (6:40)
  - Cartoon Style
    - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ7bqkFqqJQ>
- Sydney Water (4:02)
  - Shows recovery in 3 stage system
    - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVdWqbpbv\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVdWqbpbv_Y)

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## Residuals

- Types
  - Settling sludge
  - Filter backwash water
  - Softening sludge
  - Reject from RO or ion exchange
  - Other
    - Contaminated air


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## Sludge Treatment

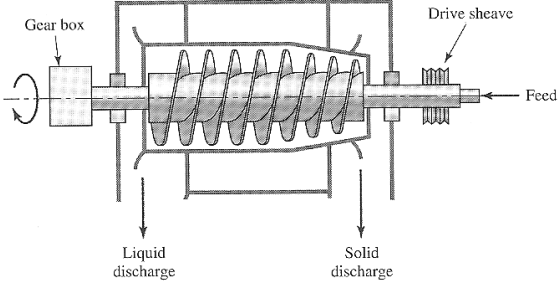
- Depends on type of sludge
- Typical process train
  - Thickening or dewatering
  - Conditioning
  - Stabilization (usually for wastewater)
  - Disposal
- Nonmechanical methods
  - Lagoons
  - Sand-drying beds
  - Freeze treatment
- Mechanical methods
  - Centrifugation
  - Vacuum filtration
  - Belt filter press
  - Plate filters

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## Centrifuge


**FIGURE 9-21**  
Solid bowl centrifuge.



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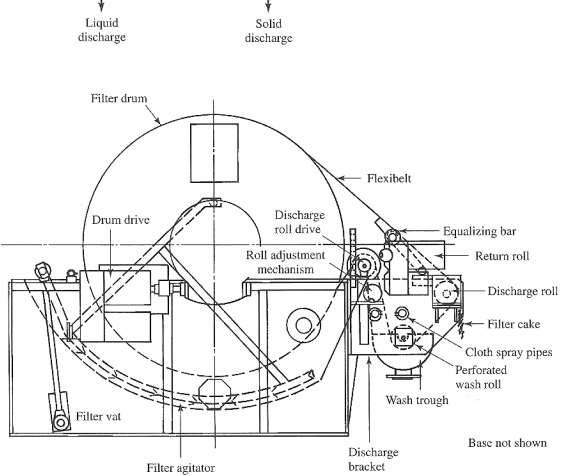
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## Vacuum Filter


**FIGURE 9-22**  
Vacuum filter. (Courtesy of Komline-Sanderson Engineering Corporation.)



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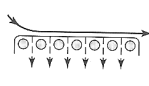
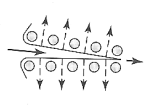
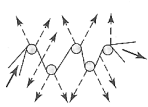
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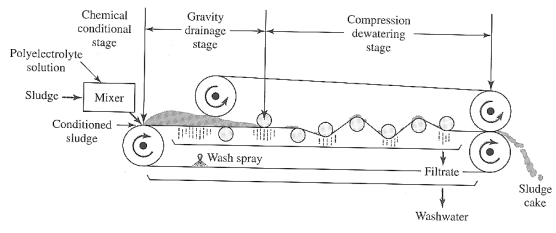


# Belt Filter Press


**FIGURE 9-23**

Continuous belt filter press. [Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *Process Design Manual, Sludge Treatment and Disposal*, 1979.]

Gravity Drainage	Compression Dewatering	
	Low-pressure section	High-pressure section
		



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