

WELCOME UNIT-3 WATER POLLUTION

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L-23 Introduction: Hydrosphere & natural water

- It includes all the surface and ground water resources like
- Oceans, seas, rivers, streams and other reservoirs.
- Earth is called the ‘Blue Planet’
- about 80% of the earth is covered by water but,

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About 97% of the total water is

➤ locked-up in the oceans and seas,

➤ which is too saline to drink and
for the direct use for

- agricultural and
- industrial purposes.

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- About 2% of the total water is locked up in glaciers And ice caps and-
- only 1% is available as fresh water.
- It also regulates the body temperature of all the living beings.

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- Water is said to be ‘universal solvent’.
- It can dissolve most of the
- natural elements and organic matters.

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WATER is found in nature in different forms:

- ❖ Rain water,
- ❖ ground water,
- ❖ river water,
- ❖ Lake water,
- ❖ spring water etc.

Potential drinking water sources are either ground water or surface water.

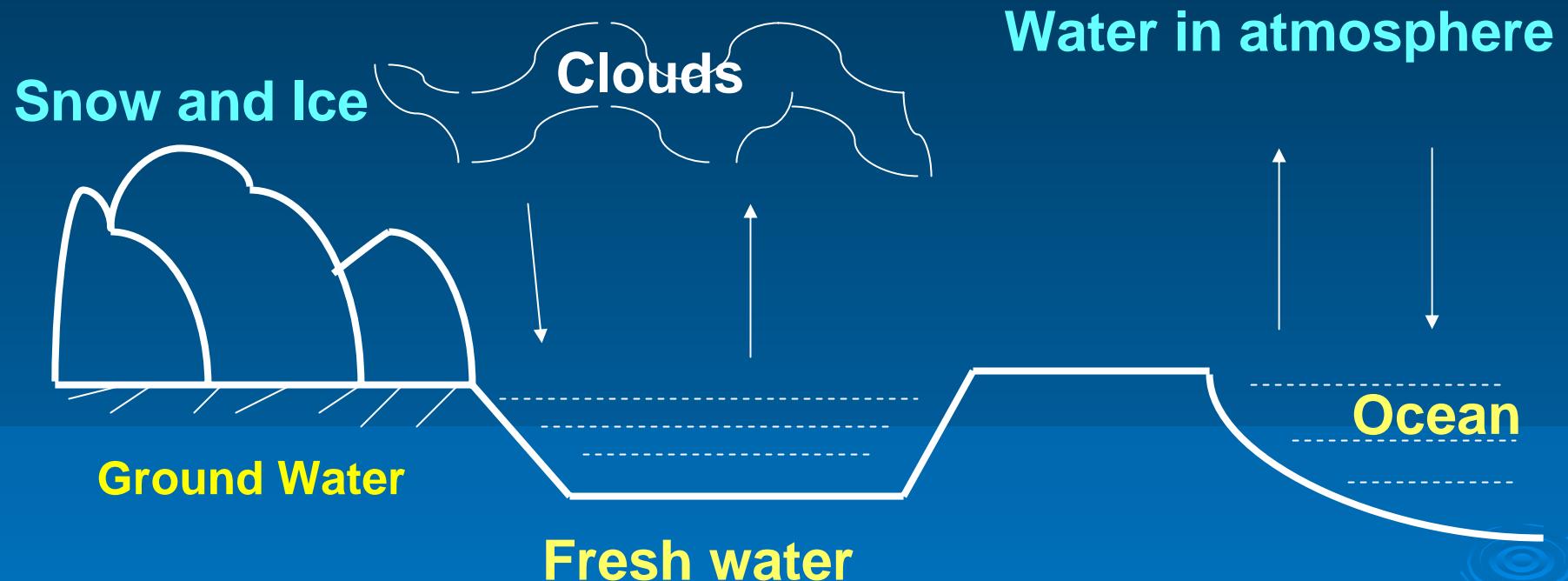
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1. Ground Water:

“Water contained at the pores and cracks of the soil under the earth surface is called **Ground water.**”

- coming from deep in the ground from the underground aquifers into which wells are bored.

GROUND WATER



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- Water in such aquifers is replaced very slowly. *under ground*
- The upper boundary of saturation zone is called water table or ground water level, formed due to-
- Downward flow of water through porous and permeable rocks.

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- The level of water table increases in wet season with increase in percolation and
- Decreases in dry season.
- Generally it is clear and colourless but contains dissolved inorganic salts.
- Ground water is free from bacteria because this is filtered out through the subsoil.

mineral
water

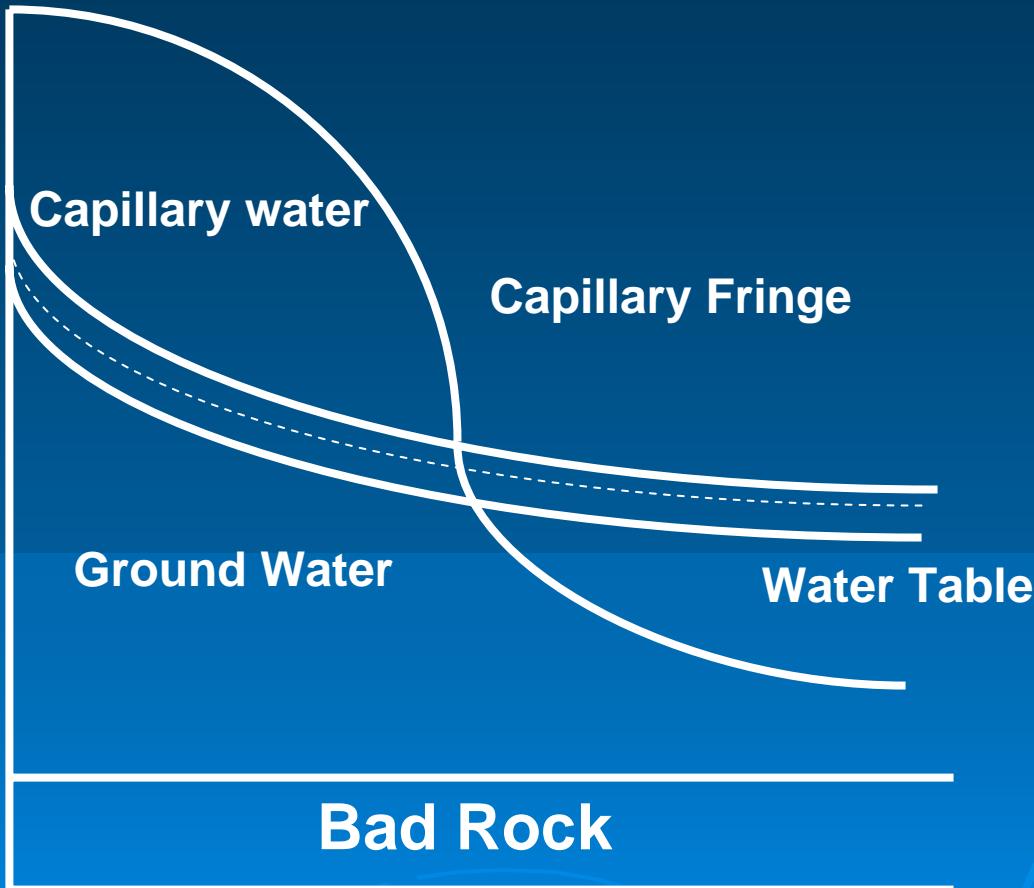
Best to
drink

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- Underground water sources are found in the form of **springs, wells, infiltration wells** and **glaciers.**
- This is of **immense importance** helps to maintain the levels of lakes and rivers.
- Brought to surface by **digging wells** and is used for **domestic and agricultural purposes.**

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Unsaturated



Subsurface Water Zone

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2. **Surface Water** : “ The quantity of water remaining on the surface after losses due to

- **evaporation**,
- **percolation and**
- **transpiration etc.**

is known as surface water or run off water.

The important sources are

- **lakes,**
- **ponds,**
- **Streams,**
- **rivers,**
- **reservoirs** etc.

The surface or run off water flows into nearby **streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands** and **reservoirs** available for our use.

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Surface water can be classified into :

- i) Rain water
- ii) River water
- iii) Lake water
- iv) Sea water or Ocean water

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Hydrological Cycle or

- ❖ The water cycle is the most important of all the natural cycles in the biosphere.
- ❖ Water is a renewable natural resource as it is continuously renewed through natural hydrological cycle.

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Or we can define this as :

“ Hydrological cycle is a **global system** that **supplies and removes water** from the earth’s surface.”

From one place to another

➤ The hydrological cycle **collects, purifies** and **distributes** the earth’s **fixed supply** of water.

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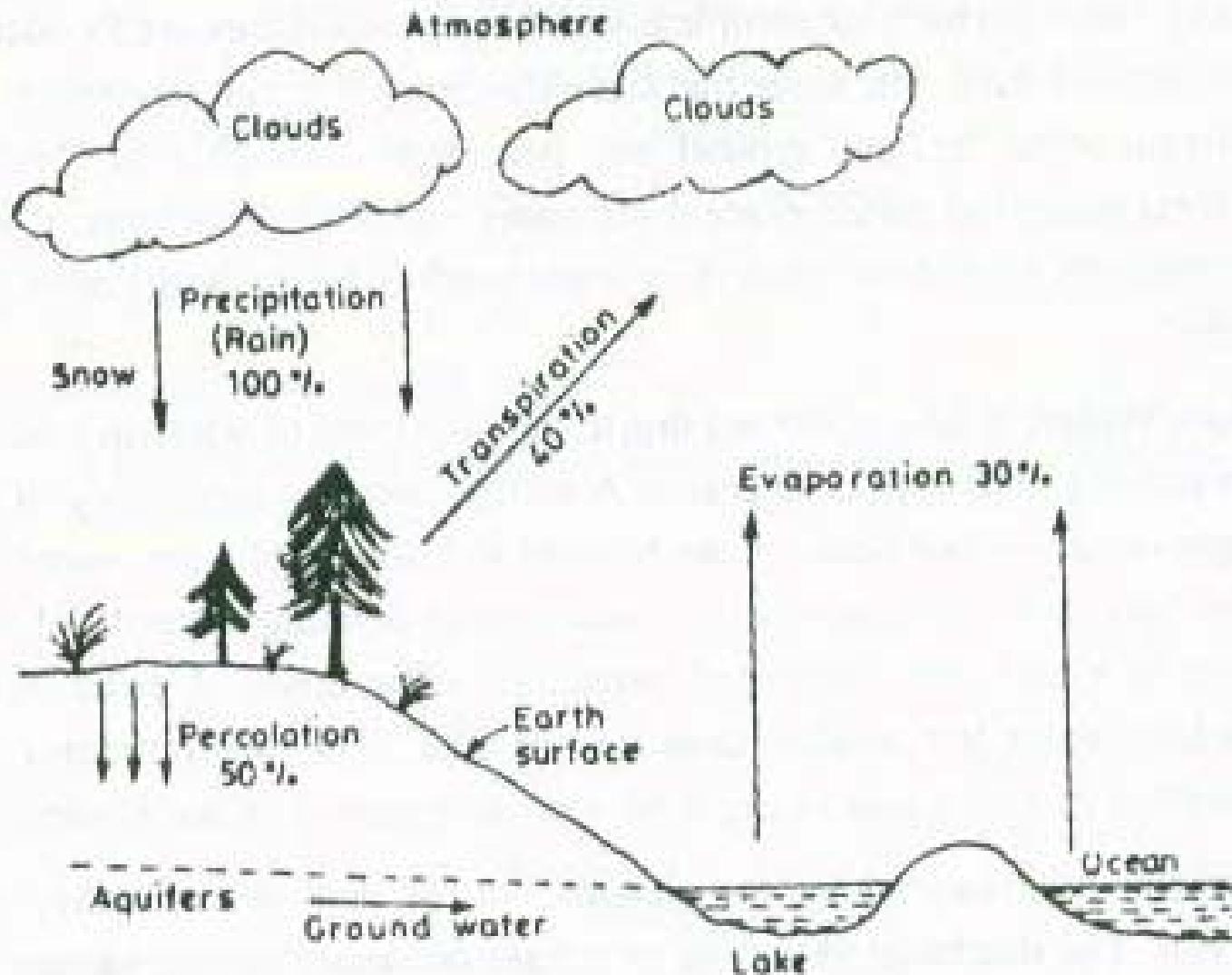


Fig. 4.3. Hydrologic Cycle

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- for the direct use for agriculture and for industrial purposes.
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- only 1% is available as fresh water.
- It also regulates the body temperature of all the living beings in biosphere.
- The water on which all of us depend totally i.e. the lakes, streams and the ground water is less than 1%.

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Hydrological Cycle:

- ❖ Water is transferred to the earth's atmosphere through two reciprocal processes ;
 - i) Evaporation
 - ii) Precipitation
- ❖ The total amount of water on earth remains constant and the water cycle moves from one place to another.

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1. Evaporation :

- ❖ When the Sun rays (Solar energy) heats water on or near the surface of oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc.
- ❖ the water evaporates and enters the atmosphere leaving behind the dissolved impurities.

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Transpiration:

- ❖ Water also vapourises through
- ❖ the tissues of plants specially from
- ❖ the leaf surface is called transpiration.

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2. Precipitation :

- ❖ Water returns to the land and other water bodies as precipitation in the form of **rain, hail, snow and slit.**
- ❖ During heavy rains water is collected in **puddles, ditches and ponds** and runs off into nearby streams, and rivers called run off water.

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❖ The run off water causes the

✓ **Weathering of rocks**

and

✓ **Erosion of soil**

❖ Which moves various chemicals through other **biogeochemical cycles**.

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- ❖ Some of the fresh water become locked in the **glaciers and ice caps** and
- ❖ some sink down under ground where it may be retained for **hundred thousands years.**

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Influences of Terrestrial organisms.

- PLANTS help to reduce the soil erosion.
- Various matters in soil act as sponge to hold water in place for the plants.
- The water vapour transpired and evaporated into the air cools the atmosphere.

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- **HUMAN activities**- large quantities of fresh water withdrawn from natural sources for irrigation, industries and domestic uses leads to depletion of water bodies.
- **URBAN activities** in heavily polluted areas increase the rate of return of water to water bodies,
- Flooding **reduces the seepage** and ground water supply is reduced and
- **Soil erosion** is increased.



Classification of water pollutants

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Inorganic & Organic

Classification of Water Pollutants:-

✓ Water is used for various purposes including

uses of water

- bathing, washing,
- cleaning, cooking,
- cleaning of floors and equipments,
- industrial operations,
- agricultural needs and
- what not ?

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- After using, it is **discharged as waste-water contaminated by various pollutants.**
- The water pollutants are **classified into following categories:**

- **Organic pollutants;**
- **Inorganic pollutants;**
- **Radioactive pollutants; and**
- **Suspended solids and sediments.**

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Inorganic & Organic

Inorganic pollutants:-

- All water sources contain a variety of inorganic chemicals from:
- Geological formations, *natural* *and two types* *process*
- industrial discharges and agricultural run off.

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Inorganic pollutants in water
include

- o inorganic salts,
- o mineral acids,
- o metals or metal compounds,
- o trace elements,

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- **metal complexes** ✓
- **and**
- **organo metallic compounds.** ✓ *Slow fast*
- Some are **highly toxic** ✓ *Poisonous*
- and some are **mildly toxic.** ✓
- The **inorganic contaminants include:** ✓

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- Aluminium
- Ammonia
- Antimony
- Arsenic
- Asbestos
- Barium
- Beryllium
- Boron
- Cadmium
- Chromium
- Copper
- Cyanide
- Fluoride
- Lead
- Manganese
- Mercury
- Nickel
- Nitrate
- Selenium
- Sodium
- Strontium
- Sulphate
- Thallium
- Vanadium
- Zinc
- Nitrite

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- Inorganic contaminants are mainly the metals found in water:

- Nitrates, phosphates and sulphates are the inorganic plant nutrients.

Detoxants → unwanted
water & plants & micro
organisms

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- The presence of these pollutants cause excessive growth of algae and other aquatic plants.
- These then die and decay and become oxygen demanding waste.

Organic
biodegradable

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- The dissolved oxygen supply deplete and **aquatic animals (fish) die.**
- There are reports that drinking water with **excessive nitrates reduce oxygen carrying capacity of blood and**
- **kill unborn children and infants especially under three months of age.**

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Organic Pollutants:-

- **Organic chemical compounds** are of **great importance** to all life forms on this planet.
- **Most of the substances** [which living things are composed of] are **organic compounds**.
- The **main foodstuffs** such as **fats, proteins, and carbohydrates**, as well as

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- a number of materials and substances necessary for modern living such as
- cotton, petroleum, rubber,
- plastics, antibiotics, etc.

are all organic compounds.

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- ❖ But their **presence** in water is **not** desirable as they not only impart taste, odour and colour to water,
- ❖ but some of the **chemical** compounds discharged by **industries** are **toxic** and **carcinogenic** too.

*(cancer causing) +
poisonous*
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The organic pollutants may further be categorized as follows:

- ✓ 1. Natural organic pollutants.
- ✓ 2. Sewage and industrial effluents.
- ✓ 3. Synthetic organic contaminants.
- ✓ 4. Microbiological pollutants.
- ✓ 5. Oil.

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Natural Organic Pollutants:

- These come from the breakdown of naturally occurring organic materials, such as, *dead matter*
- *decay of leaves, plants, dead animals, etc.*
- *Many plants and micro-organisms release organic matter through their metabolic processes.*

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Micro-organisms, algae and vegetation
can also be source of

- **objectionable organic compounds** e.g.,
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Sewage and Industrial Effluents:

Organic pollutants are also discharged as municipal sewage and industrial effluents such as

- food-processing units,
- paper mills,
- tanneries,
- slaughter houses, etc.

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Microbiological pollutants: Many different micro organisms such as-

- **bacteria,**
- **viruses,**
- **protozoa,**
- **algae and**
- **Helminths**

are found in polluted/untreated water.

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- Table 4.1 lists the **common water borne diseases** along with the **name of the organisms responsible** and the primary source.
- It should be noted that, in most of the cases, **human faeces** is the **main source of the organisms** in water.

Table- 3.1 waterborne disease causing organisms

S. No.	Name of organism or group	Major disease	Primary source
01.	Salmonella Typhi (Bacteria)	Typhoid fever	Human faeces
02.	Schigella	Bacillary dysentery	Human faeces
03.	Vibrio Cholerae	Cholera	Human faeces
04.	E. Coli (Bacteria)	Gastroenteritis	Human & animal faeces
05.	Polioviruses	Poliomyelitis	Human faeces

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06	Enteroviruses	Encephalitis	Human faeces
07	Hepatitis A virus	Hepatitis	Human faeces
08	Entamoeba-histo-lytica (Protozoa)	Amoebic dysentery	Human faeces
09	Echinococcus (Helminth)	Echinococcosis	Human and animal faeces
10	Anabaena flos-aquae (B.G.Algae)	Gastrenteritis	Natural water

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- So, the first step in preventing a disease out break is to prevent human faeces from entering water sources.
- The human waste can originate from a point source e.g. a sewage outfall or from
- A non point source e.g. flow of waster over the ground from a failed septic or cesspool system.

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OIL

Water pollution due to oil may be due to

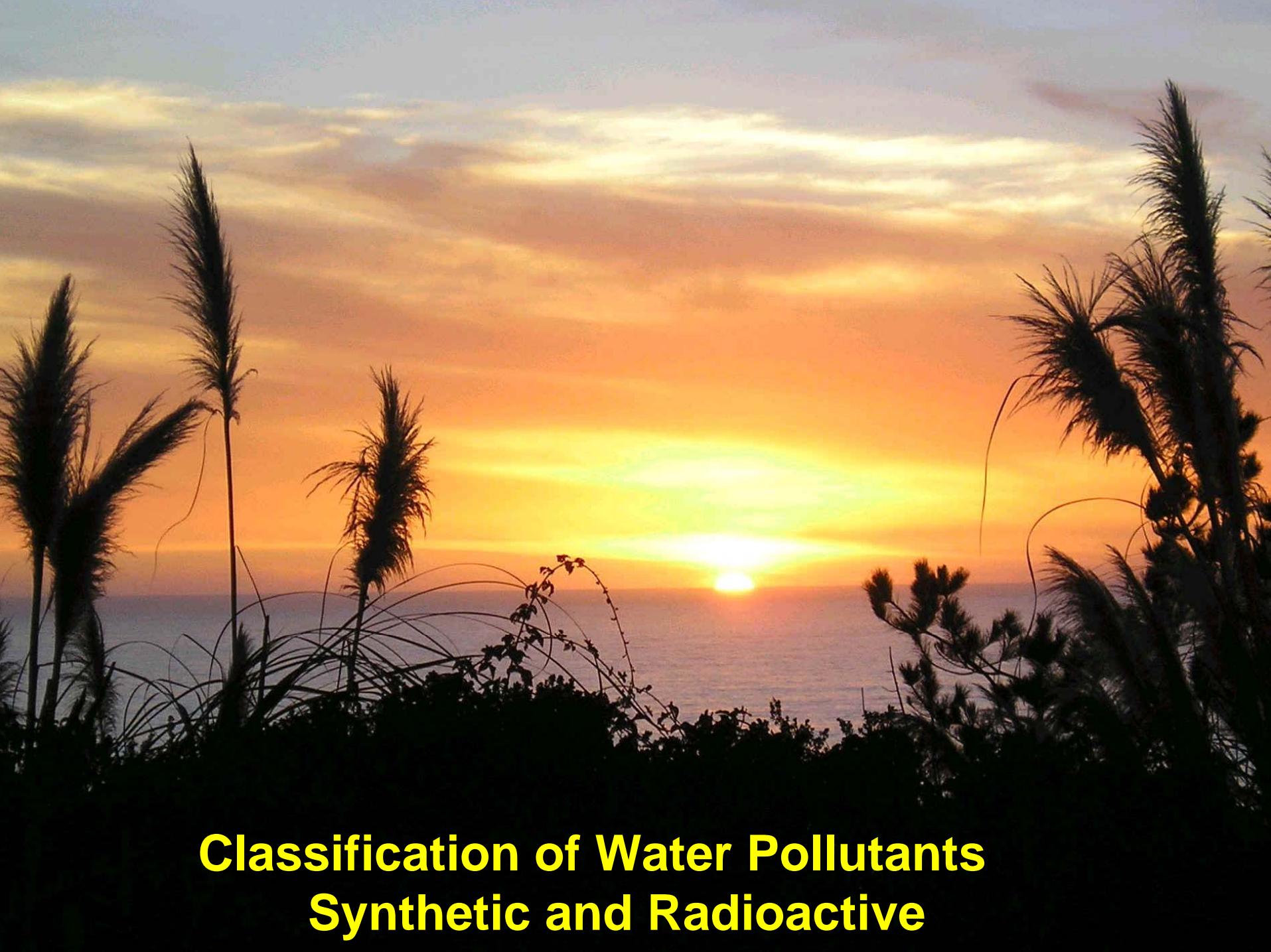
- oil entrained in refinery waste,
- spillage of oil during transportation,
- oil tankers accidents,
- intentional discharge of crude oil into seas/oceans,
- sewage containing oily contents, etc.

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Some of the common types of compounds present in crude oil are

- ❖ Paraffins, ✓
- ❖ Cycloparaffins, ✓
- ❖ Aromatics, ✓
- ❖ Naptho -aromatics etc. ✓



A scenic sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow hues, transitioning into cooler blues and purples. In the foreground, the silhouettes of tropical plants, including palm trees and large leafy bushes, frame the view. The ocean is visible in the distance, its surface calm.

Classification of Water Pollutants Synthetic and Radioactive

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- **Synthetic Organic Contaminants**: The man-made (anthropogenic) materials entering the water bodies with
- **sewage and other wastes** include both :
 - volatile organic chemicals (VOC's) and
 - synthetic organic chemicals (SOC's) .

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- The VOC's are industrial solvents, such as—

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- carbon tetrachloride used as fire extinguisher and cleaning agent and
- tetrachloroethylene used as solvent and raw material.

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- In SOC's category, the most common organic pollutants are

■ **pesticides and herbicides**, and other

■ **chemicals used in industrial processes**

e.g.

■ **ethyl benzene, toluene and styrene.**

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- Most of these chemicals are
 - potentially toxic to *pisonians*
 - plants, animals And
 - human beings.

The most **controversial** organic
pollutants are

- **poly chlorinated bi phenyls (PCB's)**
- **and dioxin,**
- **which are very toxic and known to**
- **cause cancer even at low concentrations.**

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Radioactive pollutants:-

Radioactivity found in water is mainly

- due to natural sources,
- also added from various industrial and medical processes.

The human activities responsible for radioactive pollution are

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Synthetic and Radioactive pollutants

1. Use of radioactive isotopes in

- **medical,**
- **Industrial,**
- **research applications and**
- **Mining.**

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2. Use of radio active materials in

- power plants and ✓
- nuclear weapons: ✓

3. Processing of ores

- to produce usable radioactive
substances.

L-25 Classification... Synthetic and Radioactive pollutants

- Though all of the radioactive contaminants are **carcinogenic**,
- the **radionuclides** that are found in water and are **of concern** are
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Sources of Water Pollution:-

The main sources are

1. natural,
2. agricultural,
3. mining,
4. municipal,
5. industrial and
6. accidental:

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- 1. Natural pollution in water is
 - ❖ due to aerial contaminants and
 - ❖ due to rainfall or melting of ice.

Decaying of plants, animals and

- ❖ organic matter;
- ❖ leachates from animal excreta

introduce micro-organisms in water.

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2. Agricultural pollution of water is

- due to soil and silt washings from land surfaces,
- fertilizers,
- insecticides,
- pesticides and
- weed killers.



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3. Mining pollution of water is

- due to fines or tailings from ore washing,
- inert suspended solids,
- soluble toxic materials and
- acid drainage.

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4. Municipal pollution of water

is

due to sewage obtained from:

- **domestic premises,**
- **institutions,**
- **commercial and**
- **industrial buildings.**

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5. Industrial pollution of water is due to the effluents coming from various industries such as:

- food and drugs,
- chemical,
- materials and
- energy.

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Accidental spillage of chemicals

- ❑ during loading and transit; and

Accidental leakage from

- ❑ industrial storage tanks,
- ❑ oil refineries etc.

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The sources of water pollution can be divided into two categories, namely

- 1. point sources and
- 2. diffused sources.

non-point
 6×10^6

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1. Point Sources:-

“Those sources which can be readily identified at a single location are known as point sources” e.g.

- industries,
- municipal sewage,
- treatment plants,
- combined sewer overflow,
- raw sewage discharges, etc.

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This type of discharge can be controlled,

and the water pollution can be minimized,

- if the effluent from these sources are
- centrally collected,
- treated up to acceptable levels and
- reused.

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Diffused sources or non-point sources

- “These are the sources of generalized discharge of waste water whose location cannot be easily identified”.
- Here, the pollutants scattered on the ground ultimately reach the water sources and cause water pollution.

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(Diffused sources or non-point sources)

For instance run-off from

- agriculture lands,
- forestry,
- mining,
- construction, etc.

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(Diffused sources or non-point sources)

- This type of discharge of waste-water cannot be easily controlled.
- However, water pollution caused by the agriculture can be controlled by
 - ❖ changing the crop patterns,
 - ❖ tillage practice and
 - ❖ advanced farm management practices



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Effects of Water Pollution:-

- Water is a vital resource essential for sustaining life;
- therefore, its contamination has adverse effects on the health and environment of living beings

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Effects of Water Pollution ☺

can be studied under the following heads:

- **Physical effects**
- **Oxidation effects**
- **Toxic chemical effects**
- **Chemical nutrient effects**
- **Micro-organisms effects**
- **Radionuclide effects**

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(i) Physical Effects:

- ❖ solids due to suspended particle while cooling water from power stations and oily surface of films.

Solids may be

- ❖ inert material wastes or
- ❖ insoluble finely divided organic solids.

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- Inert material in water slowly accumulate and deposit on the river bed.
 - ❖ These also cause
 - ❖ reduction in solar energy absorption thereby
 - ❖ decreased rate of photosynthesis
 - Causing
 - ❖ low oxygen conditions on the river bed.

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Suspended materials also cause
turbidity which

- reduces light penetration,
- reduce photosynthesis and
- restricts plant growth.
- also reduces food gathering capacity and
- respiratory efficiency of aquatic animals.

*flow will
reduce
will
reduce*

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Finely divided **organic solids** will be

- **biodegraded and will cause**

- **reduction of the D.O. in water.**

- **All these physical effects will cause a**

- **disturbance of the balanced ecosystem.**

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Thermal Pollution

➤ Cooling water from power stations can cause a

- rise in water temperature and
- bring about thermal pollution.

■ Affect the metabolic rate of / *metabolism*
physiological processes of the aquatic animals.

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Increased temperature will

- decrease in fresh water fauna population and
- increase in flora population.
- More blue green algae and sewage fungus will grow resulting in plant death.

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- The D.O. will be reduced and
biodegradation will increase.
- Both these factors will cause
oxygen deficiency in water.

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- Waste oil, fats and grease will enter and form thin film on the water surface,
- ❖ prevent the exchange of oxygen with the atmosphere
- ❖ causing reduction of water oxygen saturation.

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➤ Spillage from oil tankers in sea will cause

- ❖ marine pollution and
- ❖ shore contamination.

➤ A badly oiled shore can be largely

- denuded of animal life and
- sea weeds are also affected.

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➤ Oil slicks are responsible for the
■ death of many birds.



- affect the thermal insulation and
- resistance to cold,
- irritates digestive system and
- produce toxic effects.

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(ii) Oxidation Effects:

There are two types of oxidation namely:

- a) **Bacteriological Oxidation** by the action of bacteria upon organic pollutants.

Biodegradable

- b) **Chemical oxidation** of other pollutants.

Non biodegradable

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- In bacteriological oxidation
- sulphides are converted into sulphates,
- ammonia into nitrite and then to nitrate.

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- In chemical oxidation
- ✿ ferrous salts are converted into ferric salts, ✓
- ✿ deposited as rusty red gelatinous masses associated with
- ✿ filamentous bacteria which are
- ✿ toxic to biological life.

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➤ Both types of oxidation involves the use of dissolved oxygen. It will cause

❖ increase in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) resulting 

❖ deficiency of oxygen in water. 

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(iii) Toxic Chemical Effects:

- Some organic and inorganic chemical substances are *toxic* to plants, animals and humans.
- These toxic substances are absorbed into the tissues from polluted water.

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- They can cause injury leading to death of living organisms.
- The effects will depend upon the
 - concentration,
 - period of action and the
 - metabolism of the organism.

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- **Chemical Toxic Substances** can be broadly classified as
 - ❖ **metals and salts,**
 - ❖ **pesticides,**
 - ❖ **acids and alkalis and**
 - ❖ **organic compounds such as**
 - ❖ **phenols, cyanides etc.**

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- Very small quantities or traces of metals are required for normal growth and metabolism..
- If Threshold Limiting Value is exceeded then metals produce
 - physiological poisoning,
 - respiration difficulty
 - decreased photo-synthesis and growth.

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a) Metallic toxicity may be caused by

- feeding on **polluted marine bony and shell fish.**

- **Cadmium, mercury, chromium etc.**

lead,

may cause damage to

- **liver, kidneys and brain**

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b) **Pesticides pollution** is due to

- **leachates from agricultural and Horticultural land and**
- **from food processing plants.**

- **DDT, one of the pesticides, produces harmful effect over the body.**

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c) Acids and alkalis may

- change the pH value of water from its neutral value of pH 7.

- Most animals and plant grow between a pH value of 5 and 9.

- Changes in pH affect physiological processes and actions of toxins.

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d)

Polychlorinated biphenyls

(PCB)

- are by-products of the plastic, lubricant rubber and paper industries.
- They are **stable, insoluble in water, and soluble in oils.**
- These substances are **harmful to fishes, predatory birds, marine and shore birds.**

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e) Cyanides are very toxic

Some

- to all biological life, and probably
- prevent enzyme action and
- immobilize the nervous system in animals and humans.

f)

Chlorophenols are toxic to bacteria and fish.

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(iv) Chemical Nutrient Effects:

- Chemical nutrients are required by
- plants and animals
- for maintaining their growth and metabolism.

- Nitrates and phosphates occur in water in small quantities.

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- sufficient to maintain balanced biological growth.
- The nutrient's levels slowly rise due to bio-degradation of dead organic mater.
- The rise in nutrients is called ageing or Eutrophication.

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Phosphorus is required for the

- photosynthesis process in plants,
- for respiration and the
- production of nuclear DNA.

➤ Nitrogen is an

- essential constituent of proteins.

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- Increased concentrations of nitrates and phosphates in water
- increase the rate of growth of plants and animals.

- Unicellular green and blue green algae and blanket weed
- reduces light penetration and
- restricts deoxygenation of water.

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- It causes **adverse conditions** for
 - **river and canal navigation**, and
 - for swimming, bathing and fishing.
- **Nitrates are taken** into body by food and drink and excess will
 - cause **blood diseases** and
 - **gastric cancer.**

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(v) Micro-organism Effects:

Wastes that are discharged into water contain

- pathogenic organisms capable of transmitting human diseases.
- Bacteria responsible for cholera, typhoid fever, bacillary dysentery, gastroenteritis etc.

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- **Viruses cause**
- **poliomyelitis,** ✓
- **infective hepatitis and** ✓
- **Aseptic meningitis (Echo and Coxsackie viruses).**
- ❖ **Round worm,**
- ❖ **beef and pork tape worms** also
- cause diseases.

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(vi) Radio-Nuclide Effects:

The development of nuclear energy is

- producing **more radioactive wastes**
- being disposed off.
- **with long half lives.**
- **which enter water bodies.**

L-26 Sources & effects of water pollution

In brief, water pollution can lead to

- ❖ spread of **epidemics like cholera, jaundice, dysentery, typhoid, etc.;**
- ❖ can cause **nervous disorder** due to the presence of
- ❖ metals like **mercury, lead, copper etc.** discharged from industrial effluents;

L-26 Sources & effects of water pollution

- ❖ can affect **biological processes** of **humans and animals** if
- ❖ they consume **water contaminated** by the release of dyes, etc.; and,
- ❖ **last but not the least, increases** **water treatment costs.**



Sources & effects of water pollution

L-27 Types of water pollution

On the basis of nature of the substances water pollution can be divided into four categories.

1. Physical Pollution
2. Chemical pollution
3. Biological Pollution
4. Physiological Pollution

L-27 Types of water pollution

1. Physical Pollution:

caused due to change in physical properties of water, e.g.

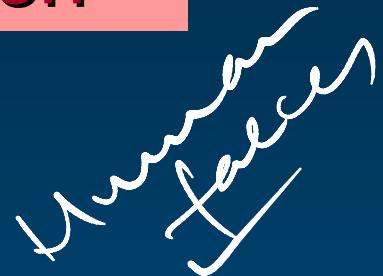
➤ **colour, turbidity, taste, odour etc.**

➤ **Foam and thermal pollution is also included.**

➤ **Coloured industrial wastes**

L-27 Types of water pollution

(Physical pollution)



➤ **Bacterial contamination due to sewage is most serious amongst all.**



➤ **Foam may be serious as it may carry pathogens.**



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2. Chemical pollution:

this is found generally due to
the industrial effluents containing

inorganic or organic chemicals such as

- acids,
- alkalies,
- toxic chemicals etc.

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(Chemical pollution) ✓

■ dissolved or suspended inorganic compounds

■ Suspended or dissolved organic compounds Causing change in

➤ acidity, alkalinity
or pH of water

and

■ Due to dissolved gases like O_2 or CO_2 etc.

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3. **Biological Pollution:** due to the presence of

- Pathogenic bacteria,
- fungi,
- protozoa
- Viruses,
- worms etc.

Hospitals *Industrial*
Sources are
Domestic sewage and industrial wastes.

L-27 Types of water pollution

- Solid human excreta and
- decomposable organic matter of sewage are best medium.

Create

- Infections of gastro-intestinal tract,
- polio and
- hepatitis.

(see tables)

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4. Physiological Pollution: This is caused by several chemical agents e.g.

- chlorine,
- SO_2 ,
- phenols,
- hydroxy benzene etc.

Chlorinated water usually changes phenol to ortho or parachlorophenol which have offensive odour.

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Second type of pollution

➤ **Pollution of streams/river**

➤ **Pollution of lakes**

➤ **Ocean pollution**

➤ **Ground water pollution**

L-27 Types of water pollution

1. Pollution of streams/rivers

- River has the capacity of self purification.
- It is divided into 4 zones

1. zone of degradation

2. zone of active decomposition

3. zone of recovery

4. zone of cleaner water

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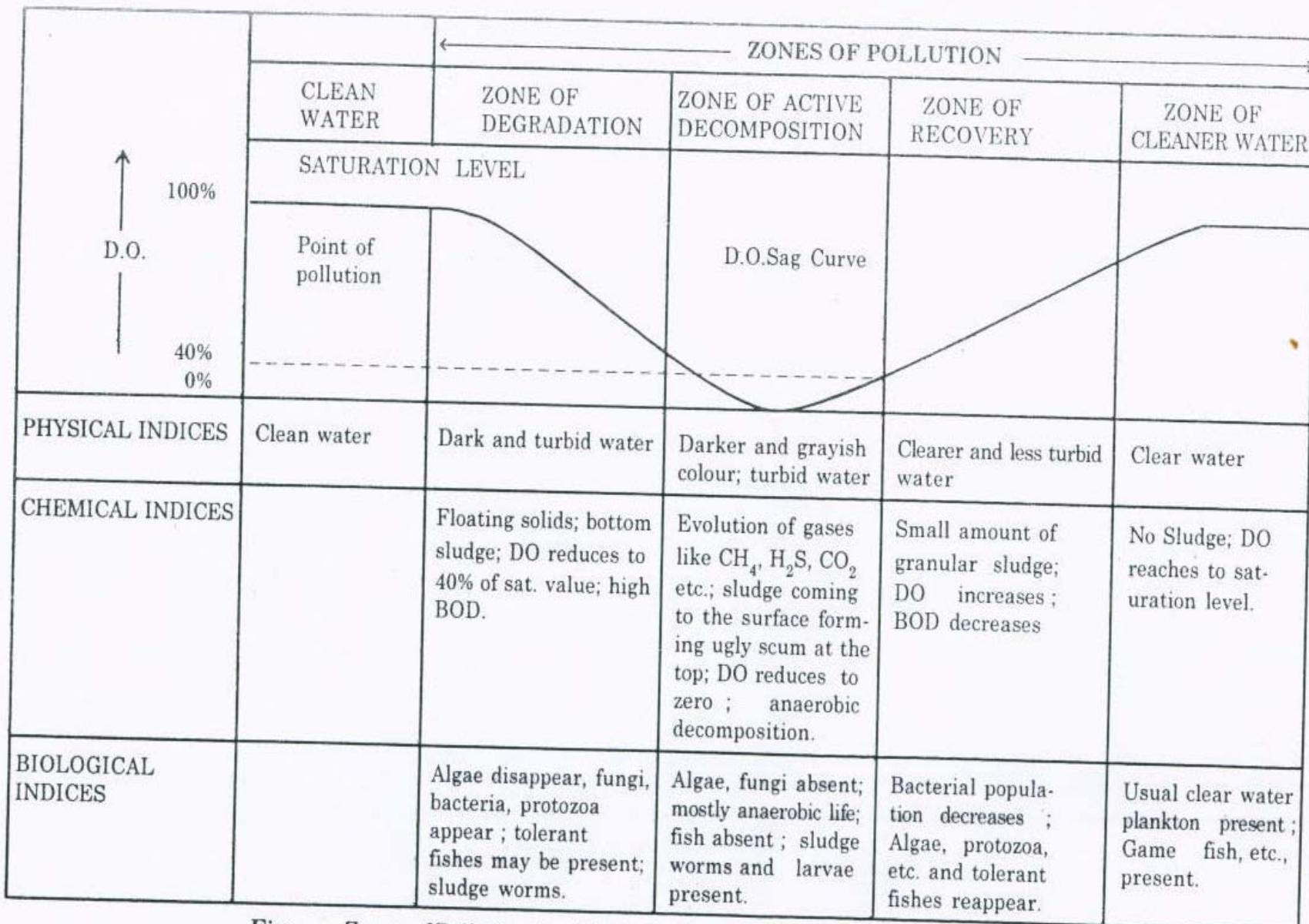


Fig. Zones of Pollution in a River/Stream, and Indices of Self-purification.

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Zone of degradation

- In this zone water is observed in turbid & dark in colour.
- Sludge deposits are observed .
- Anaerobic decomposition will set up to occur.

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- DO reduction reaches to 40%.
- Protozoa appear
- Tolerant fishes live
- High BOD is seen

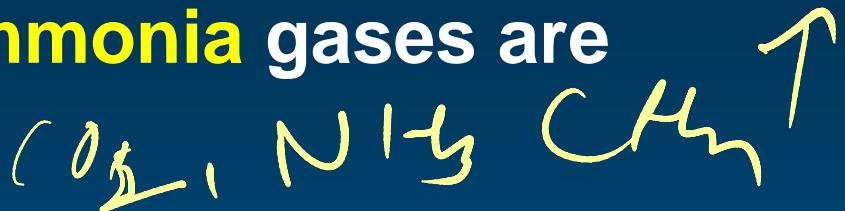
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Zone of active decomposition

- This zone is said to be the heavily polluted area.
- DO concentration falls to zero
micro-organisms
- At upper layer anaerobics are seen
- At ~~down~~ ^{bottom} area aerobics are present
- ~~Algae is absent~~

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- Carbon dioxide, ammonia gases are seen in excess.



- Fungi are also present leading to grayish masses.

- Fishes absent

- Larvae is seen

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Zone of recovery

- In this river will try to recover the purity.
- Water is observed clearer.



- Small deposits are seen.
- DO increases



- BOD decreases
- Bacterial population decreases



- Fishes will reappear.

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Zone of cleaner water

- Water is very clear
- DO reaches to saturation level
- Normal conditions are observed

L-27 Types of water pollution

Zone of Cleaner Water:-

- The river/stream **resumes the appearance of natural water.**
- The DO conc. will **rise up to saturation value, and**
- The usual plankton of clear waters **will appear**
- **Game fishes, less tolerant type, will reappear.**

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- During the recovery process
- coliforms and pathogens will be reduced.
- But, it is certain that some will survive and will be present in the zone of cleaner water.
- Therefore, it confirms that
 - water once contaminated by pathogens
 - will not be safe to drink unless
 - it is properly treated .

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Pollution of lakes

- The zones seen are

- Littoral



- Limnetic



- Profoundal



- Benthic

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Littoral zone

- It has many phytoplankton
- Sun light can reach up to bottom



Limnetic zone

- It is a open water zone.
- Plants grow in this region

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Profundal zone

- This is the deeper area here light penetration is not seen
- Life is not seen here.

No light
no photosynthesis
no plants &
no animals

Benthic zone

This deals with decomposers

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Ocean pollution

Ground water pollution



L-28 Trace elements in water

Trace Elements:-

- Mg is required for photosynthesis.
- Nitrogen is an essential for proteins.
- Nitrates are taken into body by food and drink and
- excess will cause blood diseases and gastric cancer.

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Trace Elements:-

- Industrial effluents might contain elements injurious to health ✓
- causing serious health hazards. ✓
- Hence, their analysis is very important.

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Mercury (Hg) :-

Mercury is highly toxic pollutant and it can lead to

- renal disorder and
- mental disorder.

Poisoning
malfunctioning

✓ 0.01 ppm is the maximum permissible concentration of mercury.

L-28 Trace elements in water

Sources of Hg to water bodies

- Rayon industry and industries manufacturing
- medicinal products
- Hg is analysed Spectrophotometrically

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DIN

OLN

OLN.05N

OLN



V - Vile
 I - Indigo
 B - Blue
 G - Green
 Y - Yellow
 O - Orange λ
 R - Red

0.1

λ_{max}

1.0

Sample



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- ❖ Hg forms orange red colour complex with dithiozone
- ❖ in chloroform at
- ❖ pH of about 1.
- ❖ measured spectrophotometrically
- ❖ at 490 nm.

γ_{water} $2.7 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$

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Lead (Pb):-

Lead is highly toxic to all forms of life.

- It is a cumulative poison.
- 0.1 ppm is the limiting concentration of Pb in drinking water.

drinking water

1) death
fatal

2) STET

L-28 Trace elements in water

Sources

- Lead paint industry,
- printing industry,
- electroplating waste and
- mine waters

are the sources of lead to water streams.

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- Lead is also analysed spectrophotometrically.
- with dithiozone at pH 11.5 to form
- lead dithiozonate which is
- soluble in chloroform.
- The absorbance is measured at 510 nm.
- This method is known as dithiozone method.

Chromium (Cr):-

- **Cr (+VI) is more toxic than Cr (+III).**
- It can cause**
- **dermatitis,**
- **lung cancer,**
- **chest problems and**
- **ulceration**

generally in alkaline water.

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- 0.05 ppm is the max. permissible conc. of Cr in drinking water.

SOURCES of Cr in water :

- Leather tanning industries,
- glass and ceramic industries,
- electroplating and
- paint industries

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Chromium (+vi) is determined by
Spectrophotometrically

- S - Diphenyl carbazide in
- acidic conditions to form
- reddish violet coloured complex.

The coloured complex is measured

- spectrophotometrically at 
- 540 nm.

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For estimation of total Cr,

- Cr (+III) is first **oxidised** to Cr (+IV) by
- **permanganate** and then
- **analysed** by the same method as discussed above

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Arsenic (As):-

- **cumulative poison** and is
- **carcinogenic.** ✓ *Cancer*

- **0.05 ppm** is the max. permissible conc. of As in drinking water.

Sources

- **Paper, pulp, glass and**
- **pharmaceutical industries**

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Silver diethyl dithiocarbamate method.

- Arsenic is reduced to arsine in acidic medium by zinc.
- And then reacted with diethyl dithiocarbamate.
- The red colour complex is analysed spectrophotometrically at 535 nm.

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Cadmium (Cd):-

It is **highly toxic** and causes injury to

- kidney,
- **pancreas,**
- liver.

Gall bladder
Bladder
Insulin

➤ It is a **cumulative poison** and can remain in body for **>10 years.**

- The **WHO limit** for Cd in drinking water is **0.05 ppm.**

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Sources :

Cadmium salts are usually present in

- ❖ effluents of textile,
- ❖ electroplating and
- ❖ chemical industries.

- Determined spectrophotometrically.
- Cd forms intense pink to red coloured complex with dithiozone
- extracted with chloroform and measured
- at 518 nm.

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S. No.	Element	Sources	Nature	Injurious to Cancer	Max. Limit
01.	Hg	Rayon, medicines	Highly toxic to all lives	Renal functions Mental disorder	0.01 ppm
02.	Pb	Paint, printing mining, electroplating	Toxic, Cumulative poison	Fatal (causing death)	1.0 ppm
03.	Cr	Leather, glass, ceramic, paint Electroplating	Toxic	Dermatitis, Cancer, ulcer	0.05 ppm
04.	As	Paper, pulp, glass, Pharmaceuticals	Cumulative, carcinogenic	Cancer	0.05 ppm
05.	Cd	Textile Chemical Electroplating	Toxic, Cumulative Poison	kidney, pancreas, liver.	0.05 ppm

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Spectrophotometric Analysis of Trace Elements found in water

S. No.	Element	Reagent	Solvent	pH	Absorbance(nm)	colour
01.	Hg	Dithiozone	CHCl ₃	1.0	490 nm	Pink
02.	Pb	Dithiozone	CHCl ₃	11.5	510	Orange Red
03.	Cr +VI	S-Diphenyl Carbazide	---	Acidic (oxidation)	540	Red violet
04.	As	Diethyl dithio Carbamate	---	Acid/Zn (Reduction)	535	red
05.	Cd	dithiozone	CHCl ₃	---	518	Pink red

L-28 Trace elements in water

Minamata Tragedy (1950)

- Minamata a small coastal town in Japan
- People found their cats behaving strange-twitching, stumbling, jerking
- Named as 'dancing cats'
- Due to brain damage now known as
- methyl mercury poisoning.

L-28 Trace elements in water

- Chisso Chemical plant used to release Hg in the river minamita bay.
- Fishes containing 50 ppm Hg consumed by people caused *epidemic of nervous diseases.*
- Japan, Sweden & Canada are still suffering.

L-28 Trace elements in water

- Blue baby syndrome Add
is caused by nitrates converting
into nitrides (methaemoglobinemia)
- ~~Fluorosis~~ is caused by excess
flourine in water
- Cadmium causes **itai itai** in Japan





Significance & Determination of D.O., B.O.D. & C.O.D.

L-29 Significance & Determination of D.O., B.O.D. & C.O.D.

Dissolved Oxygen (D.O.):-



Oxygen

is one of the most common dissolved gases in water.



Dissolved oxygen (D.O.) is absolutely vital for the support of



fishes and other aquatic life in water bodies.

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Oxygen can enter and get dissolved in water in three ways:

- 1. Natural aeration. directly from the atmosphere,**
- 2. through photosynthesis. by algae,**
- 3. by mechanical equipments (aerators)**

during water treatment methods.

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D.O. is always present in natural waters.

During Summer at high temperature when solubility of O_2 is minimum.

Solubility of O_2 is

- ❖ directly proportional to the pressure and
- ❖ inversely proportional to the temperature..

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Most critical conditions of D.O.

- 14.6 mg/litre at 0° C to
- ❖ 7 mg/litre at 35° C under 1 atm. pressure.

The D.O. levels of

- 8mg/litre is taken as the maximum
- under critical conditions.

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- Further, the **solubility of oxygen** is less in **salt containing water**,
& so **solubility of O_2** decreases

❖ from **fresh water**

❖ to **estuary**

❖ to **the sea water**.



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The D.O. in water is determined by the Winkler's method or iodometric method,

- which is an Redox process
- carried out chemically
- To liberate iodine in amount equivalent to the quantity of D.O. originally present.

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principle [Winkler's method or
[iodometric method],

The D.O. oxidizes the KI to I_2 ,
which is titrated against

standard Hypo solution i.e sodium thiosulphate.
But

O_2 in molecular state cannot oxidize iodine
and so

$MnSO_4$ as oxygen carrier is added to the solution.

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principle

- When MnSO_4 is added to the water sample containing alkaline KI

Mn(OH)_2 is formed



- This Mn(OH)_2 is oxidised to form Mn oxide (basic)
- By consuming DO from water sample



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After this sulphuric acid is added .

■ then the basic manganic oxide liberates I_2

■ This liberated I_2 is equal to DO



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The liberated **iodine** is titrated with a standard **hypo** solution , using **starch** as an indicator



DO is expressed in **mg/l** or **ppm**

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➤ Procedure:

- Take 250 ml sample solution in a bottle. Immediately add 2ml of manganese sulphate and 2ml of alkaline KI solution to it and stopper the bottle.



- When the ppt is settled add 2ml of Conc. HCl and shake the bottle to dissolve all the ppt. Allow the yellow solution to stand for 5 minutes.

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- **Procedure (contd.)**
- Take 100 ml of this solution and titrate against N/100 hypo solution using starch as indicator. End point is the disappearance of blue colour.



Let V_2 ml of hypo solution is used

Normality of hypo solution = $N_2 = 1/100$

Normality of sample water = $N_1 = \frac{N_2 V_2}{V_1}$

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Normality of sample water = $N_1 = \frac{N_2 V_2}{V_1}$

$$= \frac{1/100 \times V_2}{100} = \frac{V_2}{10,000}$$

Since equivalent weight of O_2 is 8

Hence strength of $O_2 = N_1 \times 8 \text{ gm/L}$

$$= N_1 \times 8 \times 1000 \text{ mg/L}$$
$$= \frac{V_2 \times 8 \times 1000}{10,000} \text{ mg/L}$$

= amount of D.O. = 0.8 V_2 ppm

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Significance of Dissolved Oxygen:-

1. **D.O. is the factor** which determines the extent of pollution

brought about by **anaerobic micro organisms.**

2. It is highly important that

aerobic conditions must be maintained:
otherwise,

**The anaerobic micro organisms
will develop nuisance conditions.**

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3. **D.O. measurements** are vital for maintaining **aerobic conditions** in natural waters.
4. and in **anaerobic treatment** processes to purify **domestic (or municipal)** and **industrial waste waters**.

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D.O. determination is the most important taste/examination used by the environmental engineers.

- ❖ **This test is the basis of the BOD test (to evaluate the pollutional strength of domestic and industrial waste waters).**

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- ❖ The rate of biochemical oxidation can be measured by
- determining residual D.O. in a system at various intervals of time..
- Since all the aerobic treatment processes depend upon the D.O.

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**D.O. determinations are indispensable
as a**

- **means of controlling the rate of aeration**
- **to maintain aerobic conditions**

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- D.O determinations also serve as the means of **control of river/stream pollution**.
- As it is desirable to **maintain conditions favourable for the growth and reproduction**
— fso
- **of fishes and other aquatic organisms,**
—

L-29 Significance & Determination of D.O., B.O.D. & C.O.D.

- The raw or treated waste must have at least 4mg/litre of D.O. before its disposal into river/stream;
- otherwise, nuisance will be created near the disposal site and also the aquatic life (fishes etc) may perish.

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Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D)

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Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D):-

- The organic waste present in water is of two types:
 - a) biologically active or biologically degradable *biodegradable* that which can be oxidised by bacteria.
 - b) biologically inactive that which cannot be oxidised biologically,

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In waste water treatment,

- If oxygen is furnished to sewage containing bacteria,
- aerobic decomposition of
- biologically active unstable organic matter will occur
- until the oxygen demand is satisfied.

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- The amount of oxygen used during this process is known as the



biochemical oxygen demand (BOD).

- It is an **important indication** of the amount of organic matter present in the sewage.

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If the available oxygen falls short of the requirements,

- the organic matter putrefies or
- decomposes anaerobically and
- produce foul conditions.

Thus, (i) B.O.D. indicates the nuisance potential of sewage and (ii) the load imposed on the sewage treatment plant or disposal system.

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- Method: The D.O. content of the sample is measured **before and after incubation at 20°C for 5 days**. If the sample doesn't contain O₂ oxygen is supplied to it and BOD is measured.

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❖ first-stage B.O.D

If the oxygen supply is made available,

- The reduction of the B.O.D. proceeds rapidly
- for 6 to 7 days and
- then slows down until
- the end of about 20 days.

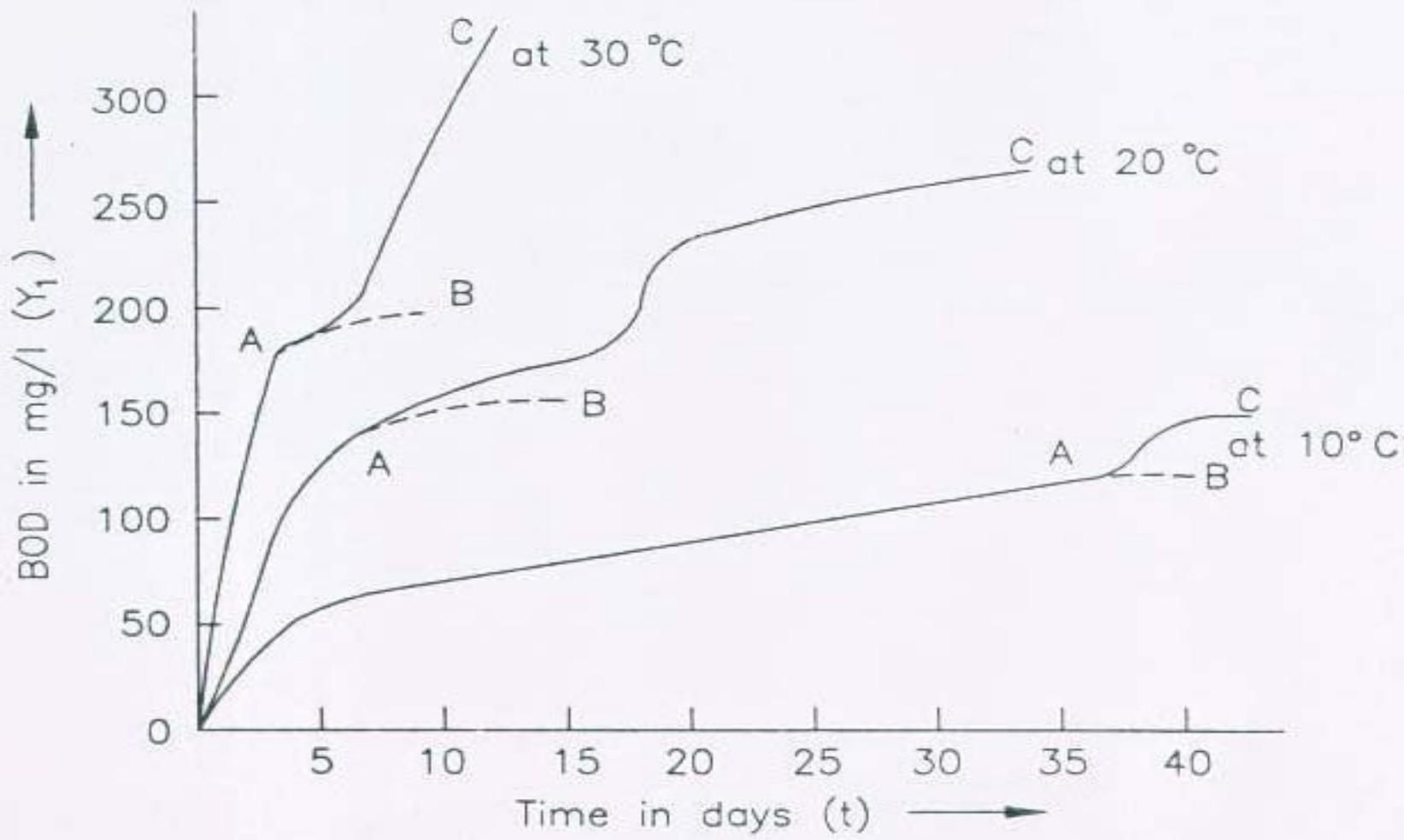
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❖ **first-stage B.O.D**

The oxygen demand during the first 20 days

- is due to the oxidation of **carbonaceous organic matter** to CO_2 and **water**, and is known as the

- ❖ ‘**first-stage demand**’ or
- ❖ ‘**initial demand**’ or
- ❖ ‘**carbonaceous-demand**’ or
- ❖ ‘**first-stage B.O.D**



OAB represents 1st-stage B.O.D. curve

AC represents 2nd-stage B.O.D. curve

OAC represents combined B.O.D. curve

Fig. Cummulative B.O.D. curves at different temperatures.

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Figure

- OAB represents 1st stage B.O.D. curve.
- AC represents 2nd stage B.O.D. curve.
- OAC represents combined B.O.D. curve.

- It has been observed that the aerobic decomposition of biologically active organic matter proceeds in two stages.

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first-stage B.O.D

During 20 days, about 99% of carbonaceous matter is oxidised,

- so first-stage B.O.D. is taken as ultimate B. O. D.

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The later demand is due to the

- **oxidation of more resistant nitrogenous matter,**
It takes a prolonged period, and is known as the

- ‘Nitrogenous demand’ or
- ‘second – stage demand’. Or
- ‘second – stage B.O.D.’.

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- ❖ For all practical purposes the reaction period is taken as
- ❖ 5 days at 20°C.

This is written as

- ❖ BOD 5 at 20°C,

This is taken as the

- ❖ standard demand, ✓ 27/10

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- ❖ and is about 50% to 70% of the total demand.
- The B.O.D. of a sewage sample can be determined as:

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$$\text{BOD 5 at } 20^{\circ}\text{C (in mg/l)} = (D_1 - D_2) \times f$$

Where

D_1 = DO of diluted sewage sample before incubation, mg/l.

D_2 = DO of diluted sewage sample after 5 days incubation at 20°C mg/l

f = Dilution factor

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f = Dilution factor =

$$\left(\frac{\text{Vol. of diluted sample}}{\text{Vol. of undiluted sewage sample}} \right)$$

**Dilution of sewage is carried out
by pure aerated water.**

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Ø

(add)

Ø Theory of BOD

➤ In biological degradation of sewages , the organic matter e.g. acetic acid is converted into $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$



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$$\text{BOD} = \frac{D_1 - D_2}{A} \times B \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\frac{B}{A} = f$$

A = volume of sample before dilution

B = volume of sample after dilution

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Limitations of BOD Test

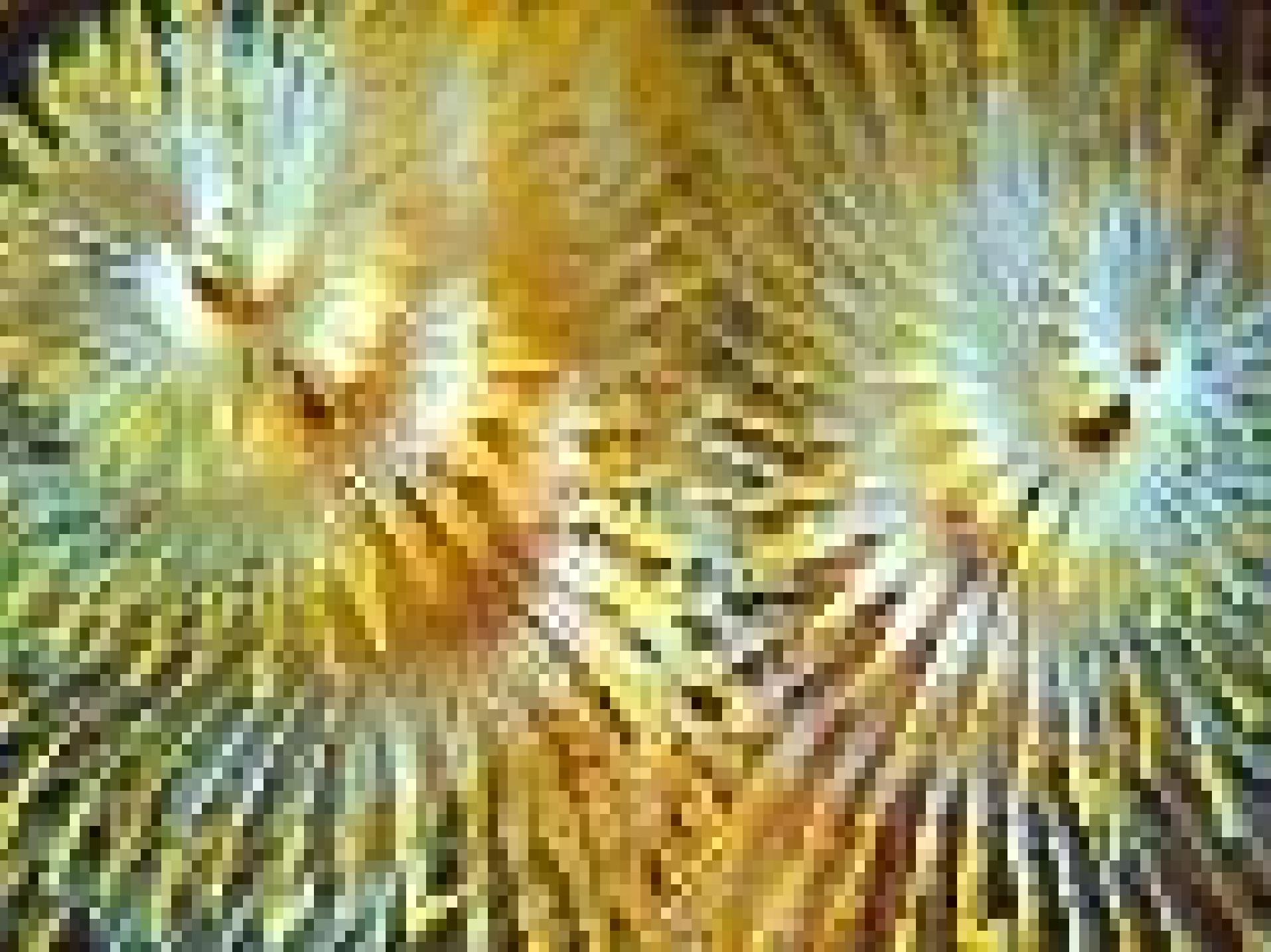
1. Before BOD pre treatment of the sewage is necessary for toxic wastes.
2. Applicable only for biodegradable organic matters.

Limitations of BOD Test

1. Applicable only for biodegradable organic matters.
2. The time required is too long and arbitrary.
3. Before BOD pretreatment is necessary.
As the sewage may contain toxic waste.
4. The effect of nitrifying bacteria should be reduced.



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Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD):-

It gives the amount of oxygen required for chemical oxidation of organic matter,

- biologically active as well as
- biologically inactive,

present in the sewage.

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- Potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7$) or
- potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$)
are used as
- oxidising agents
- to destroy the organic matter.

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ADVANTAGES

COD test has several advantages over BOD test, e.g.

- **it takes only 3 hours;**
- **industrial wastes do not respond to BOD test,**
- **respond to COD test ;**

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Advantages

- where the presence of toxic materials interfere with the BOD,
- the COD test is very useful.

DISADVANTAGE

- The biggest, and the only, disadvantage of this test is that-

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disadvantages:

- ❖ it **cannot differentiate** biologically oxidisable and *inactive*
- ❖ **biologically inert organic matter;**

and **in sewage treatment, biologically active organic matters quantity is of utmost importance.**

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Definition of Chemical oxygen demand

“COD is the amount of oxygen (expressed in mg/L or ppm)

- consumed under specified conditions
- In the oxidation of organic and oxidisable inorganic matter,



- corrected for the influence of chlorides”.

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In COD test,

- The sample is oxidized with potassium dichromate ($K_2Cr_2O_7$) (a strong oxidising agent).
- Oxidation of both biologically oxidisable and biologically inert material in water sample takes place.

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Oxidation of both biologically oxidisable and biologically inert material in water sample takes place.

Hence,

- COD value for a given sample is always higher than BOD value.
- Time required for COD test is shorter.
- hence COD test is advantageous.

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COD determination.

- A **known volume** (say 25 ml) of the waste water sample is —
- **refluxed for 1 ½ hours** with a known excess of standard $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (1 N) —
- **potassium dichromate** (say 1 N) in a
- **50% sulphuric acid** solution and

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and

- in presence of **silver sulphate (Ag_2SO_4)**
- as **catalyst**
- and **mercuric sulphate HgSO_4**
- to suppress **chloride ion interference.**



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- The organic matter of the sample is
- oxidised to H_2O , CO_2 and NH_3 .
- The excess dichromate is
- titrated with a standard solution of
- ferrous ammonium sulphate,
- $[\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot (\text{NH}_4)_2 \text{SO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}]$.

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Ag_2SO_4 (catalyst)

➤ **Sample + $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ ————— CO_2 + Water + ammonia**

Sewage in 50% HgSO_4 to
 H_2SO_4 eliminate
 Cl^- interference

➤ **$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ + Ferrous Ammonium ————— Salt**
Remaining Sulphate

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- This experimentally measured amount of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ (which is consumed)
- is used to calculate the COD
 - i.e. the equivalent oxygen required
 - by the waste water
 - for degradation of the pollutants.

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Mathematically,

$$\text{COD} = \frac{(V_b - V_t) \times N \times 8}{V_e} \times 1000 \text{mg/L}$$

Where

- **V_b** and **V_t** are the **volumes of ferrous ammonium sulphate consumed in the blank and test experiments.**
- **N** is **normality of ferrous ammonium sulphate** and
- **V_e** is the **volume of effluent sample taken.**

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Example:-

A 25 ml of a sewage water sample was refluxed with 10 ml of 0.1 N. $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution in presence of dil. H_2SO_4 Ag_2SO_4 and $HgSO_4$.

The unreacted dichromate required
6.5 ml of 0.1 N ferrous ammonium
sulphate.

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- 10 ml of the same $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution and 25 ml of distilled water, under the same conditions as the sample, $\frac{V_b}{V_t}$
- required 27 ml of 0.1 N ferrous ammonium sulphate.
- Calculate the COD of the sewage water sample.

Solution:- Given $V_b = 27 \text{ ml}$

$V_t = 6.5 \text{ ml}$

$N = 0.1 \text{ Normal}$

$V_e = 25 \text{ ml.}$

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$$V_b = 27 \text{ ml}$$

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$$V_e = 25 \text{ ml.}$$

Mathematically,

COD =

$$\frac{(V_b - V_t) \times N \times 8}{V_e} \times \frac{1000}{100 \text{ mg/L}}$$

$$\text{COD} = \frac{(27 - 6.5 \times 0.1 \times 8)}{25} \times 1000 = 0.656 \text{ ppm}$$

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Importance of COD:-

1. COD is another **index of pollution** which measures,
 - the **effect of pollutants on DO.**
2. COD value is not affected by the presence of **toxins** and
 - other **unfavourable conditions** for the growth of **micro-organisms.**

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3. Due to **rapid determination**, COD is

- **very important parameter in**
- **management and design of the treatment plants.**

4. COD values are taken as basis for **efficiency of treatment plants.**

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Limitations of COD:-

1. COD value is a **poor measure** of strength of organic matter as O_2 is also used in the
 - **oxidation of inorganic matter** such as
 - **nitrates, sulphates, reduced metal ions** etc.

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2. Although cellulose can be oxidized
but

- benzene, pyridine and other
- cyclic organic compounds
- do not get oxidized by this test..

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3. COD test does not differentiate between bio-inert and *active* biodegradable materials.
4. It also does not indicate the rate at which the
 - biologically oxidisable materials stabilize.

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EUTROPHICATION

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EUTROPHICATION

- Eutrophication term is derived from the
- Greek word **eutrophos** which means well nourished or enriched.
- This enrichment leads to natural aging of lakes.

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DEFINITION

“C. H. Weber” described eutrophication as ;

“Eutrophication is a phenomenon through which a nutrient bog or a shallow depression changes into leached bog deficient in nutrients”.

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- Eutrophication is the stepped up addition of phosphates and nitrates
- because of human activities might happen in a few decades-
- which takes place in
- thousands to billions of years by natural process.

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- ❖ During summer **overloading** of shallow lakes and reservoirs with
- ❖ **plant nutrients** produces
- ❖ **dense growths** of plants like
- ❖ **water chestnuts** and
- ❖ **water hyacinths** near the shore.

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- also causes **population explosion** of
- **algae blooms**,
- or **floating algae especially the blue green algae which give water**
- **An appearance of green soup and**

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- ❖ release substances to make
- ❖ **water taste and smell bad.**
- ❖ **D.O. is depleted in the surface layer and near the shore.**

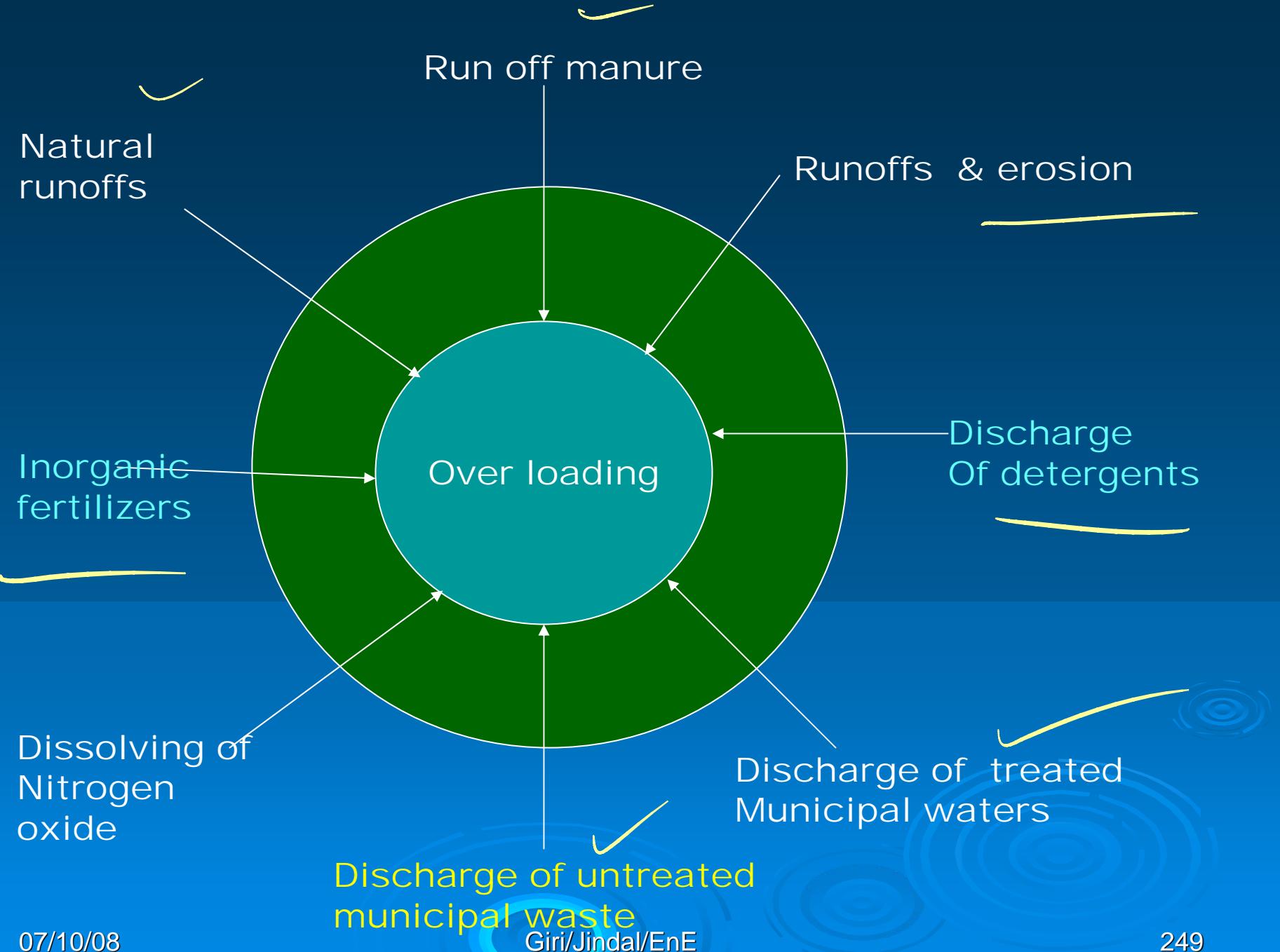
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- ❖ At the bottom when large masses of algae die and fall,
 - ❖ are decomposed by aerobic bacteria D.O. is again used up and
 - ❖ other aquatic life die of oxygen starvation..

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- ❖ Excess nutrients if continued to flow
- ❖ the bottom water becomes foul and
- ❖ devoid of animals,
- ❖ anaerobic bacteria take over and
- ❖ release smelly products.

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TYPES OF EUTROPHICATION

There are two types of eutrophication:

1. Natural Eutrophication



2. Cultural Eutrophication



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Natural Eutrophication:

- The process of natural lake aging due to nutrient enrichment is called natural eutrophication.

Thousands of years

- In this process oligotrophic lake is converted into a eutrophic lake.

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Cultural Eutrophication :

- When lake aging is speeded up by human activities
- cultural eutrophication takes place which causes :
 - Addition of 80% Nitrogen and 75% Phosphorus to the lakes and streams.

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EFFECTS OF EUTROPHICATION

- In India Kashmir Lake and Nainital Lake are
- undergoing a rapid eutrophication
- as a result of
- sewage, domestic waste and detergent addition.

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- **Dal, Hussain Sagar and Nagin lakes are seriously chocked by Eutrophication**
- During eutrophication the lake becomes **Oxygen deficient**
- causing **death of fishes, fish habitats and death of lakes.**

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- ➡ Phytoplankton are most sensitive and
- ➡ their population decreases rapidly due to eutrophication.
- ➡ It leads to the disruption of food chains and food web.

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CONTROL OF EUTROPHICATION

- Recycling of nutrients can be checked through harvest.
- Algae food webs should be disrupted.

- Sewage and detergent wastes should be treated before disposal.
- Algae blooms should be removed.
- Algae growth be controlled.





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- ❖ All the pollutants are ultimately assimilated by the water body.

When the waste water,

- is large in volume and
- strong in character,
the purifying capacity
- may not be sufficient.

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Objective of Waste Water Treatment:-

- ❖ As we know, the waste water is finally disposed off in water bodies (i.e. rivers, streams, lakes and oceans).
- ❖ The waste water are then purified by the natural agencies like
- ❖ air, sunlight, bacteria and other micro-organism, etc., and

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- For satisfactory disposal the waste water treatment plants,
- act as unloading stations
- where all the undesirable and nuisance causing elements
- in the waste water are removed.

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- Which can be accepted by the water bodies without getting degraded.
- Hence, **waste water treatment plants**
- **supplement to the natural purifying power/capacity of the water bodies, and**
- **help in maintaining their normal utilities.**

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Classification of Sewage Treatment Process:-

- Preliminary Treatment.
- Primary Treatment.
- Secondary or Biological Treatment, and
- Tertiary or Final Treatment.

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1.PRELIMINARY TREATMENT

2.PRIMARY TREATMENT

3.SECONDARY or BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT

4.TERTIARY TREATMENT

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- **Preliminary Treatment:-** Preliminary treatment is carried out for the removal of the floating materials e.g.

- leaves of trees,
- pieces of rags,
- paper, wood,
- dead animals, etc., and....

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- the heavy settleable inorganic solids
- such as sand, grit, etc. and
- the **fats, oils and greases** from the waste water.

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Preliminary treatment reduces the

➤ BOD about 15 to 30%,

➤ solids about 40 to 60%,

➤ and the bacterial load

➤ about 10 to 20%.

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- ❖ The preliminary treatment processes are
- ❖ screening,
- ❖ grit chamber and
- ❖ skimming tanks.

The screenings, grit and skimmings are generally disposed off by burial or burning.

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Screening (preliminary treatment)

- It is usually the first operation.
- different screens to trap and remove
- the floating materials like
- leaves of trees,
- paper,
- wood material etc,

otherwise these materials shall damage the pumps and interfere the flow of water.

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Screen is a device with

- ❖ openings of uniform size for
- ❖ removing bigger suspended or
- ❖ floating matter present in waste water.

Screeners are of two types

1. Coarse Screeners
2. Fine Screeners

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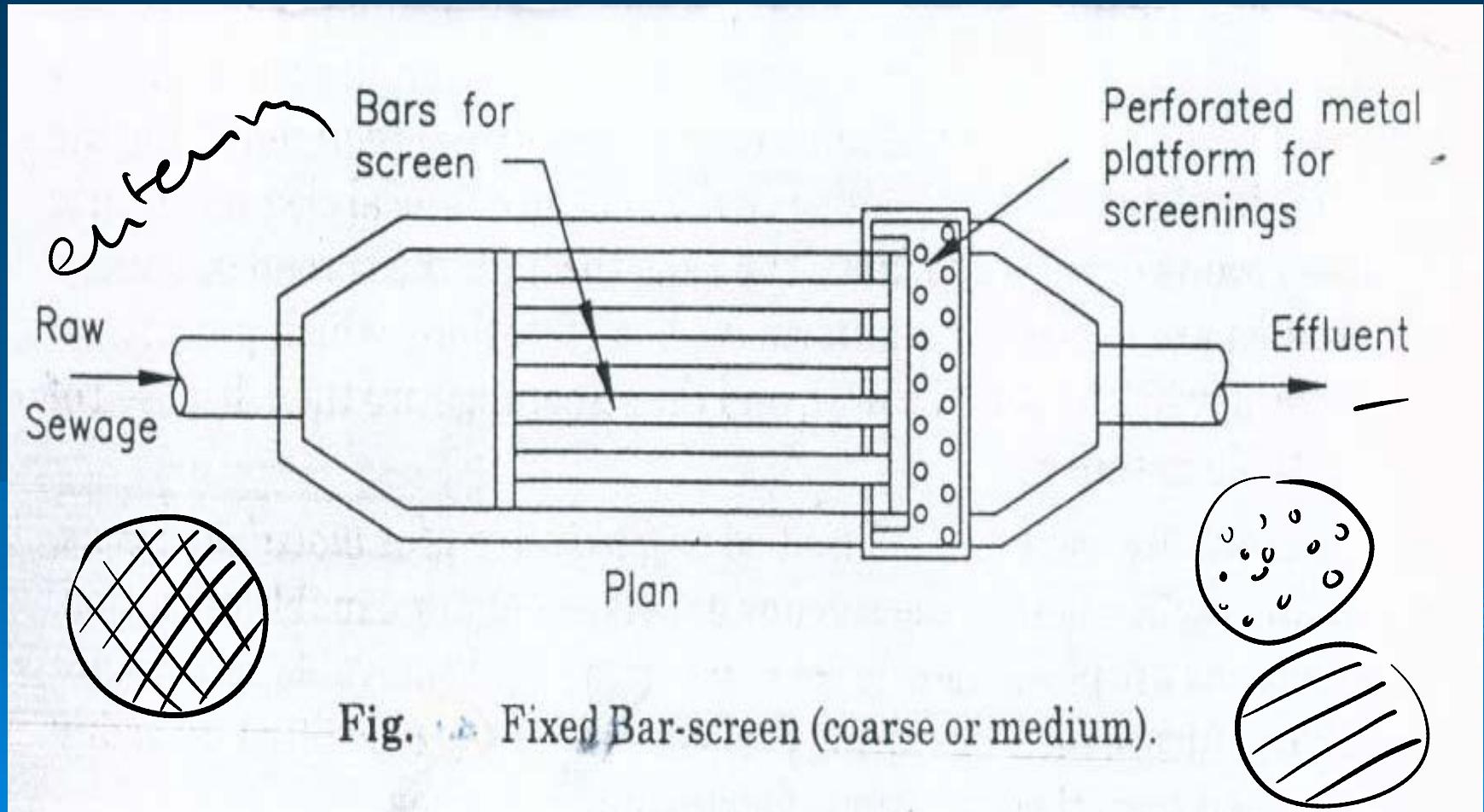


Fig. Fixed Bar-screen (coarse or medium).

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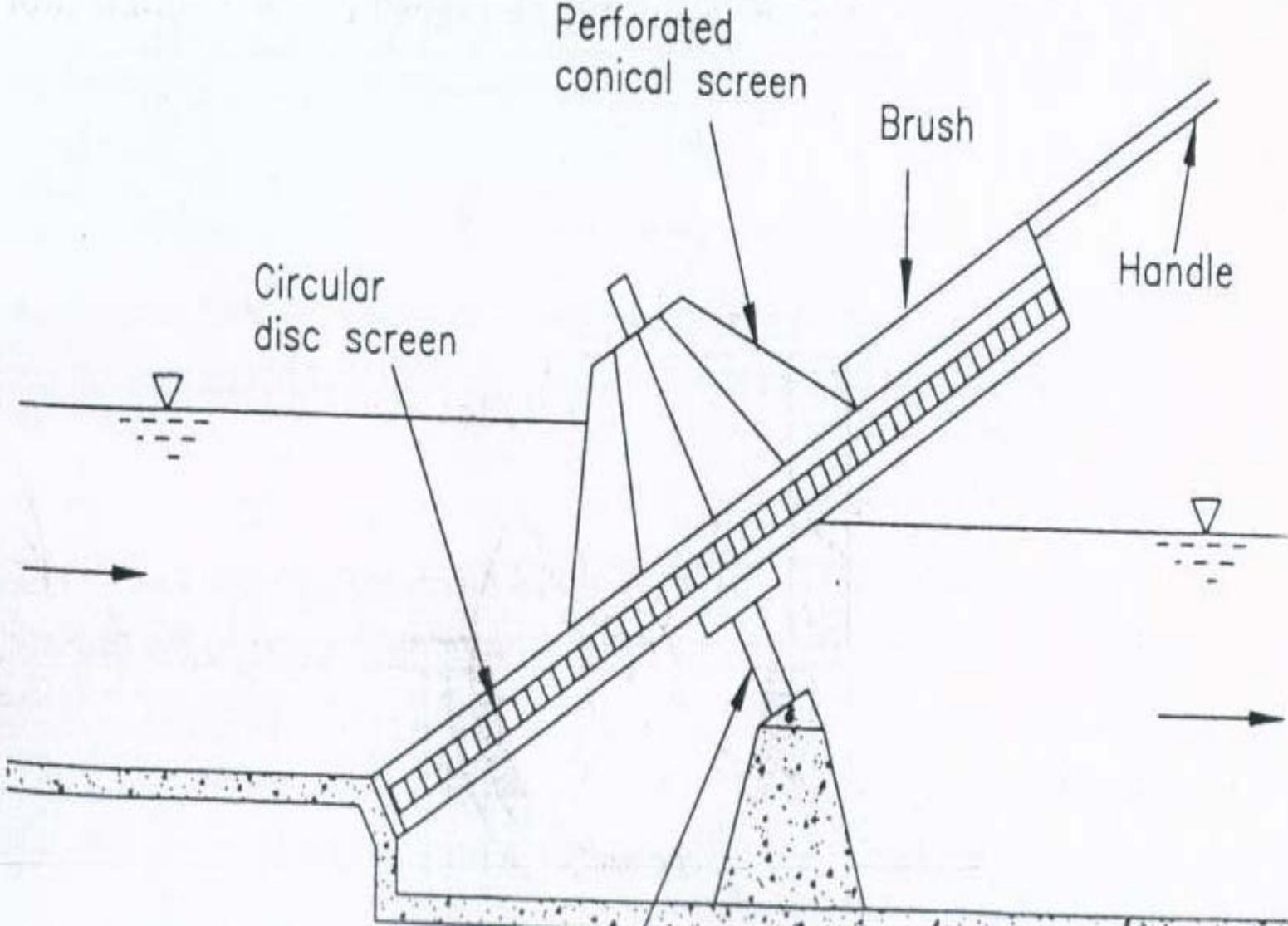
	Coarse Screeners		Fine screeners
01	Coarse Screen have the opening of 75-150 mm at head of the pumps.	01	These screens have openings of 20 mm.
02	The principal function is to prevent the entry of floating matter such as logs, timber or large sized material etc.	02	These are mechanically cleaned devices using perforated plates, closely spaced bars made of corrosion resistant metals.

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	Coarse Screeners		Fine screeners
03	<p>Since screening doesn't contain any good amount of matter, its disposal can be carried out easily.</p>	03	<p>These are capable of removing as much as <u>20% of the suspended solids</u> from sewage.</p>

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(ii) Grit Chamber:

Removes heavier inorganic materials,

- specific gravity
- 2.4 to 2.65 like *no void*
- ash,
- clinkers,
- bone chips,
- sand,
egg shells,
grit.

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Grit Chamber:

These **sandy and heavy** materials can pose problems like

- ❖ **reduce fuel value of manure,**
- ❖ **can block the chamber.**

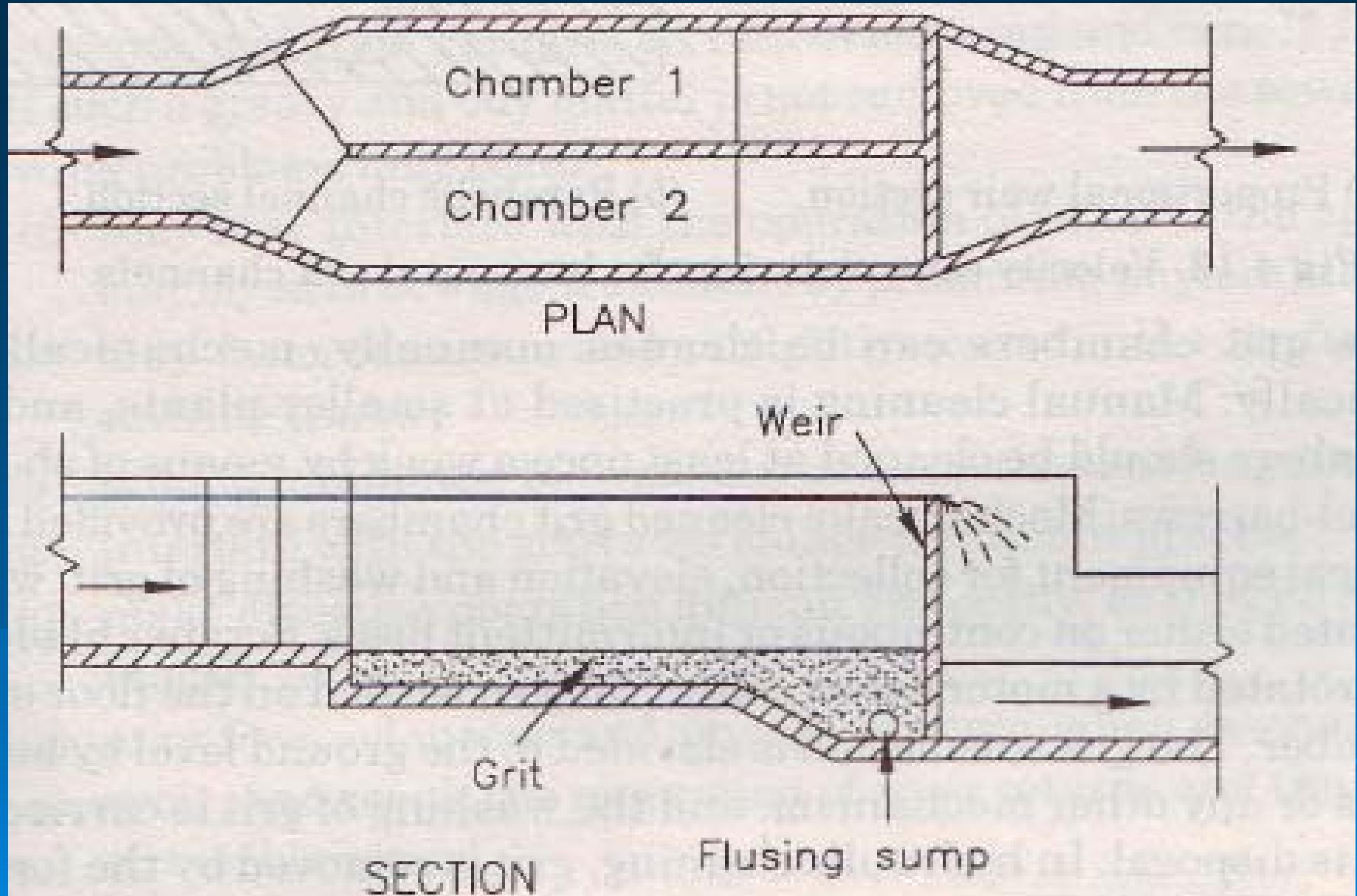


Fig. 4.12. Grit Chamber.

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- ❖ There is a **narrow opening** to reduce the **velocity** of sewage.
- ❖ These are present after the **screeners**.

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Skimming Tanks:

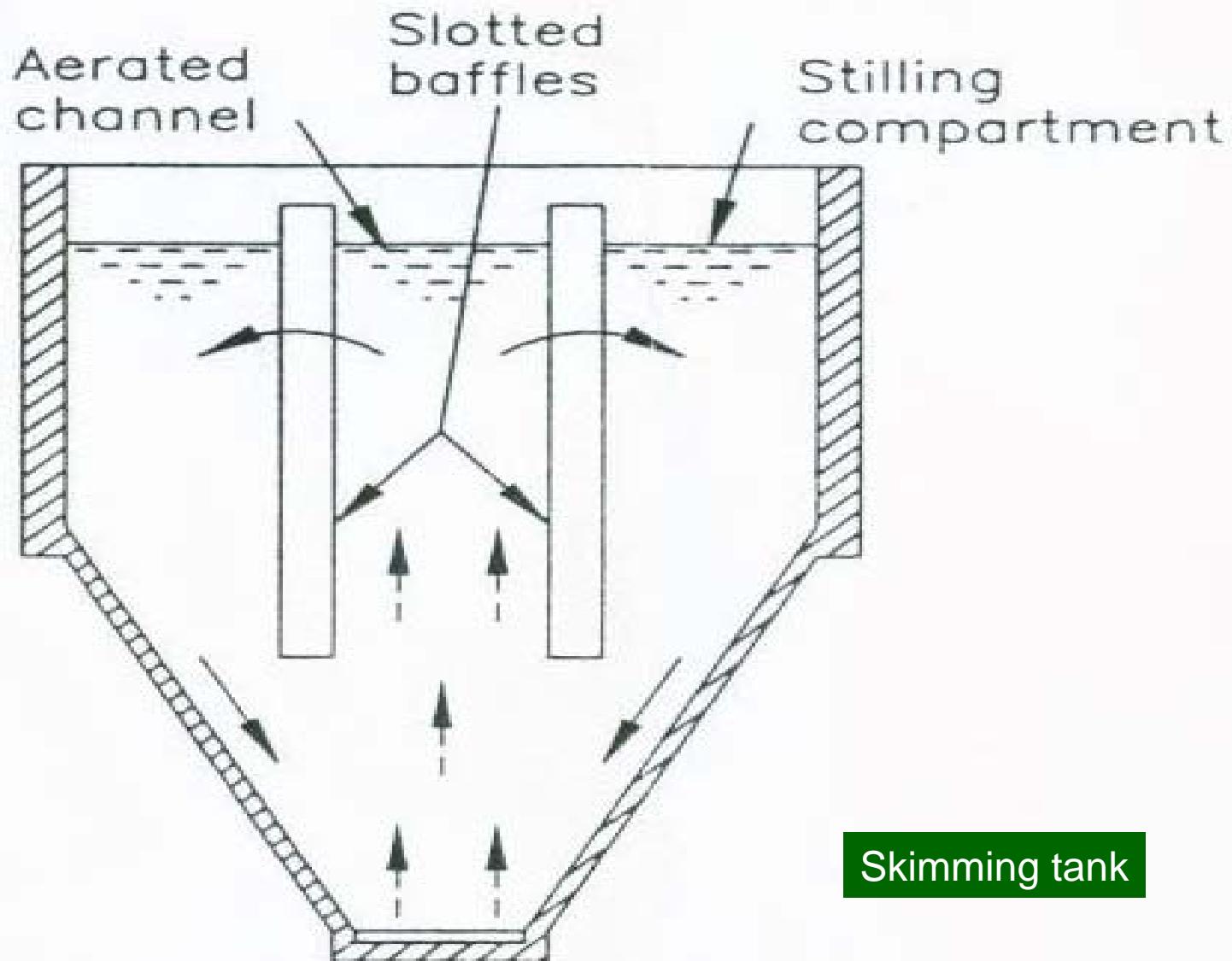
- Greases and oils in sewage includes
- fats, fatty acids, minerals etc. ✓✓
- from kitchens and restaurants and
from garages.
- It is a narrow rectangular tank

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Skimming Tanks:

- The disposals can be converted into
- soaps,
- lubricants,
- candles and
- non edible products.

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CROSS-SECTION

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DISADVANTAGES :

Oily matter can pose these problems

- clogging.
- create odour.
- Interfere the activated sludge process.
- Digestion will be harder.

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Advantages:

- The sewage is freshened
- H_2S and other gases are removed.
- Flocculation of the colloidal matter takes place.

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Primary Treatment:

- After the removal of heavy solid particles,
- the removal of small bits of solid particles are done by

- Sedimentation

- Flotation

- Neutralization

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Sedimentation:
The solids are removed by gravitational settling

Principle:
If the specific gravity of solids present in waste water is

greater than that of water.

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- ❖ Then the solid particles
- ❖ settle down by gravity.
- ❖ in the **sedimentation tank.**
[storage tank].
- ❖ The time period for waste water detention is known as 
❖ **Detention time.**

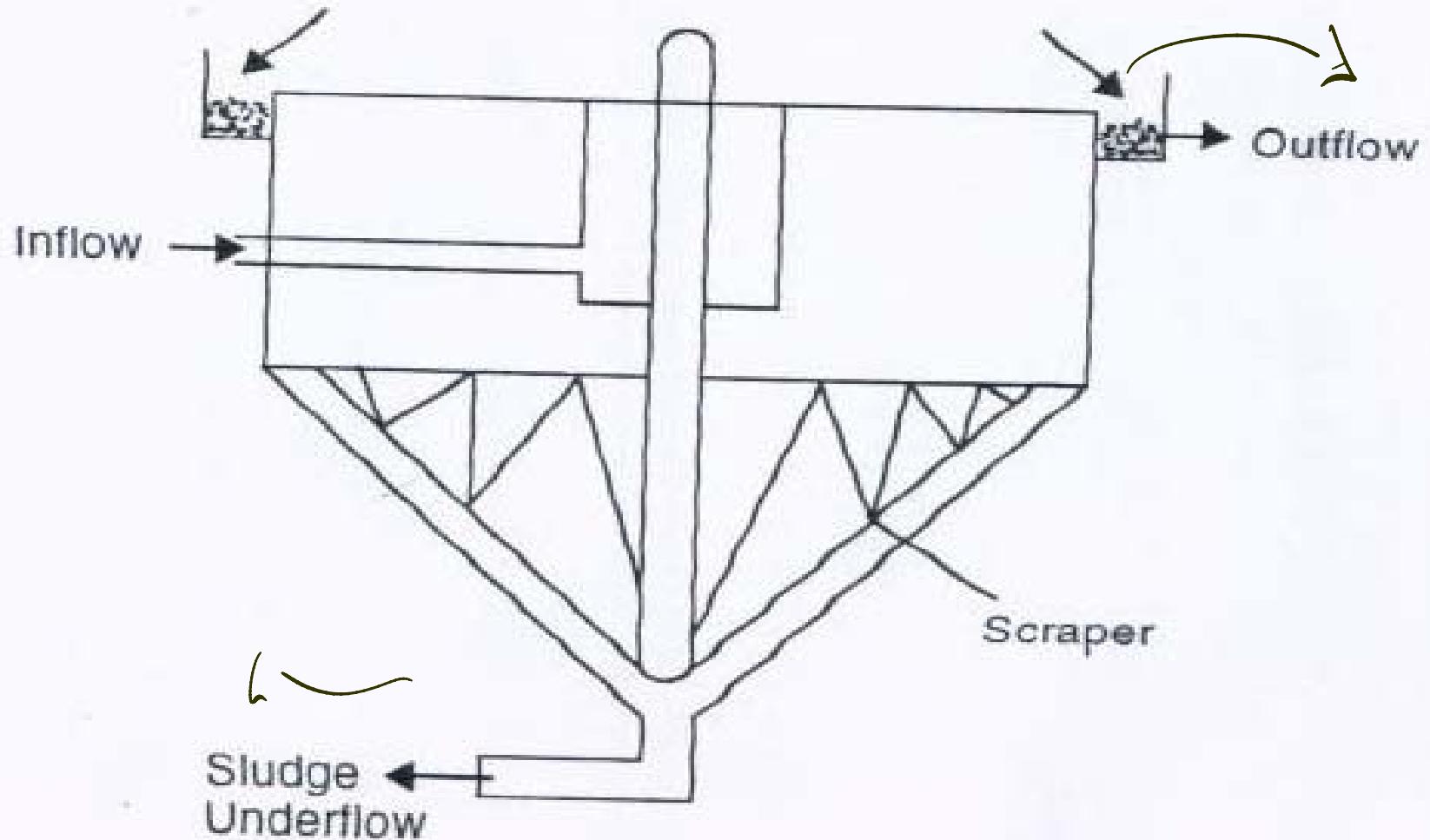


Fig.

Circular Radial Flow.

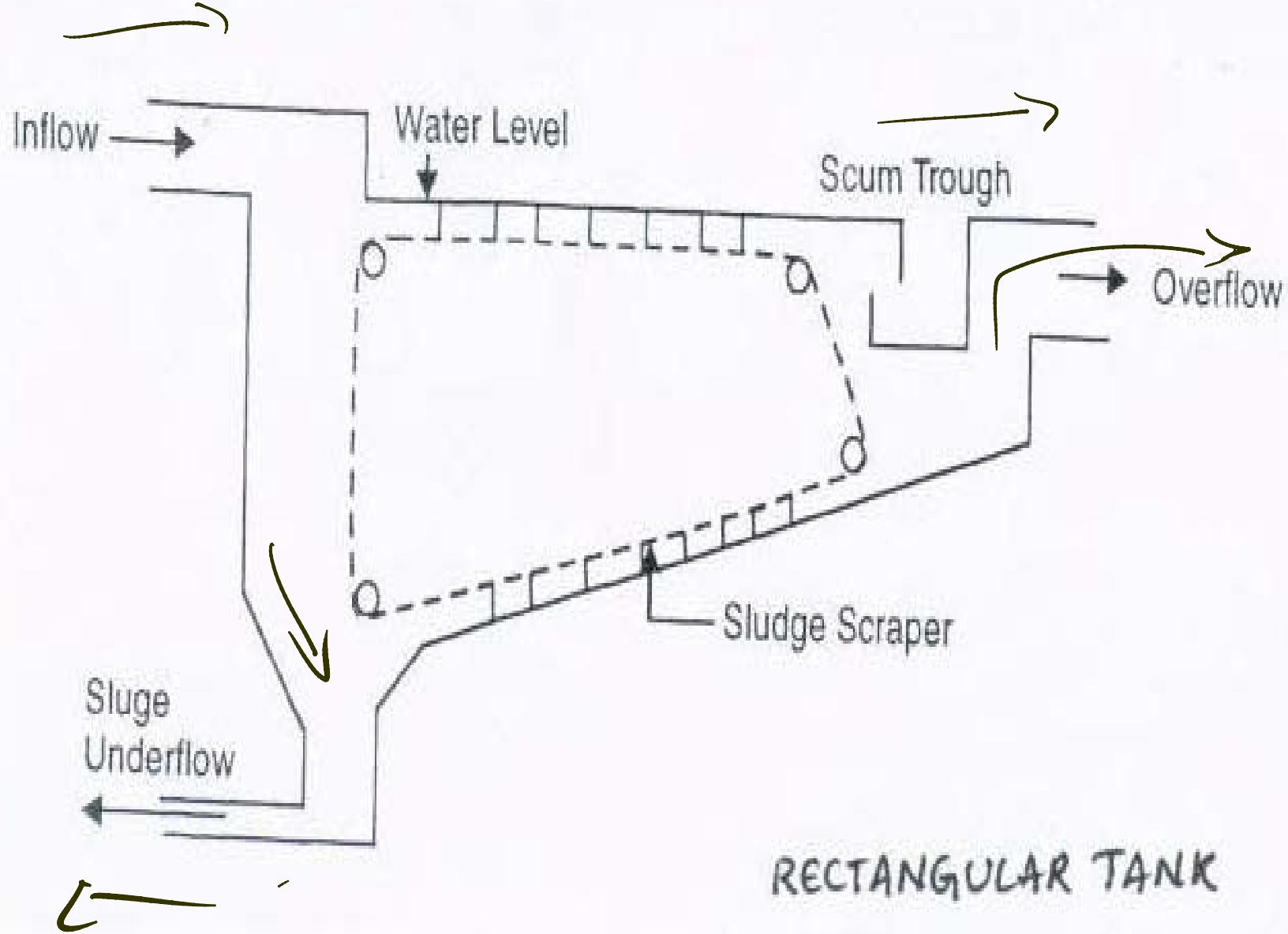
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- ❖ In a **well designed** And **efficient** sedimentation tank within
 - ❖ **2 hrs** detention time.
 - ❖ **about 50%** of a **suspended solid**
 - ❖ **90%** of the **suspended solids** and
 - ❖ **40%** **organic matter**
 - ❖ **Are removed.**

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- ◆ In rectangular tanks feed is introduced at one end along with the width of the tank and
- ◆ the overflow is collected at the surface either across the other end or at different points.





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FLOTATION:

- ◆ It is used after sedimentation for
- ◆ **finely divided suspended solids and**
 - ◆ oily matter.
- ◆ Flotation technique is used
 - ◆ in paper industries to recover fine fibres from the screeners.

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- ◆ Particles of low density are
- ◆ very difficult to settle and
- ◆ The particles float to surface
- ◆ these can be easily removed.
- ◆ chemical coagulants such as
- ◆ Al & Fe salts can also be added.

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The floated particles can easily be entrapped in the air bubbles.



Types:

- ✓ (i) Dispersed
- (ii) Dissolved

- air flotation.
- air flotation.

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Dispersed Air Flotation:

- The air bubbles generated
- are about 1 mm in diameter.
- The **not favourable for municipal** waste water,
- **wastes like oil, grease and face powders**
Can be separated.

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Dissolved Air Flotation:

In this air is dissolved in water at one atmospheric pressure.

- The flotation time in tank is
 - half an hour.

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Neutralization:

- When pH of the industrial waste is too high or too low then it should be
 - neutralized by alkali or
 - Lime-soda treatment.
 - Caustic-soda treatment.

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Neutralization:

- In acidic effluent Lime is added.
- In alkaline effluent H_2SO_4 or CO_2 is added.



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Secondary Treatment or Biological Treatment:

- It is a biological process that uses
- aerobic bacteria to remove
- biodegradable organic wastes.

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Secondary Treatment or Biological Treatment:

- It removes 90% of O₂-demanding wastes.
- Anaerobic bacteria converts 95% biodegradable carbon into biogas.

Secondary treatment



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Aerobic treatment:

- **Oxidation pond.**
- **Aerated lagoons.**
- **Trickling filters.**
- **Activated sludge.**

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1. Oxidation pond or stabilization pond:

- ❖ Waste water is purified with the help of algae and aerobic bacteria in the pond.
- ❖ Which decompose organic food.

Oxidation pond or stabilization pond:

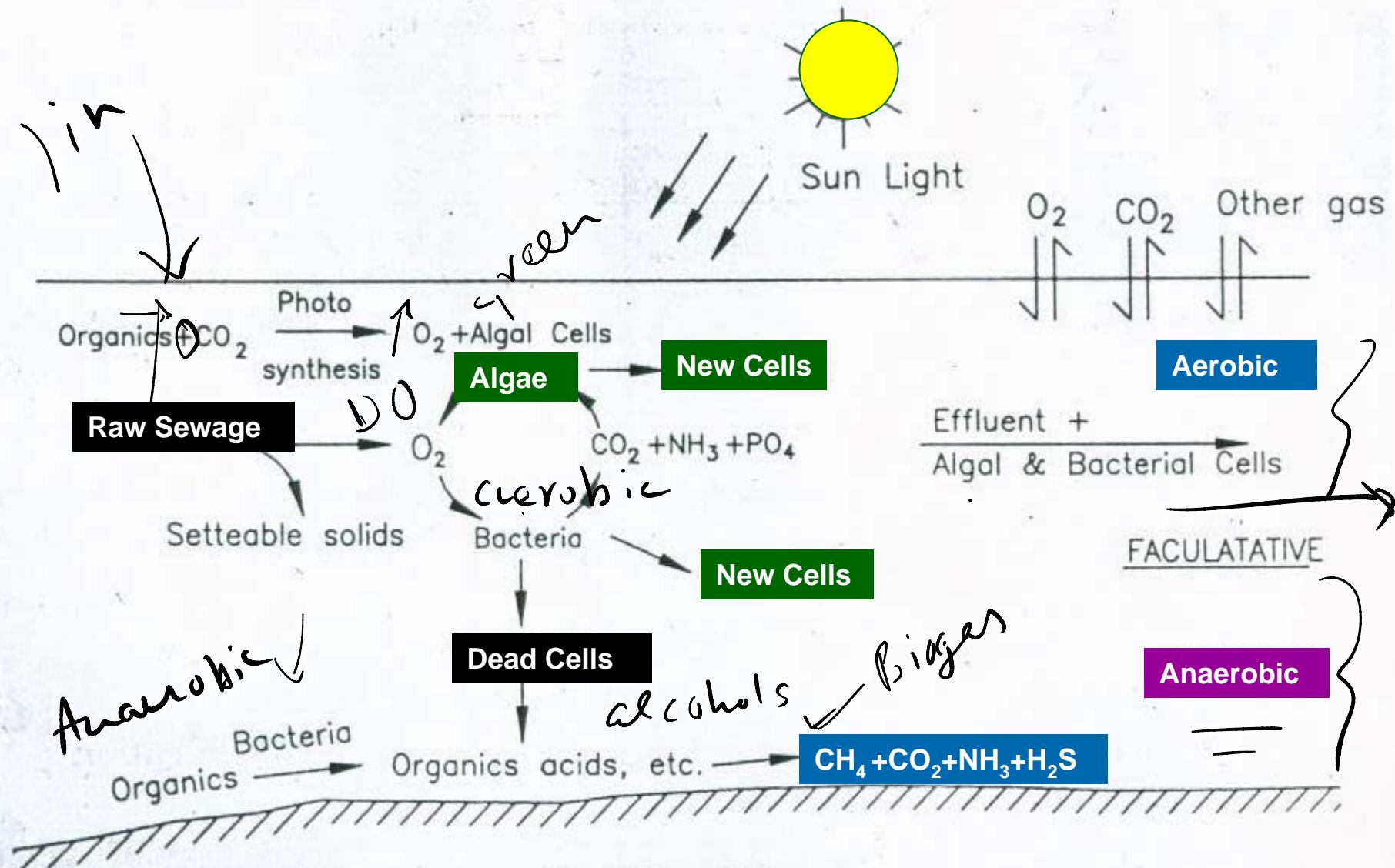
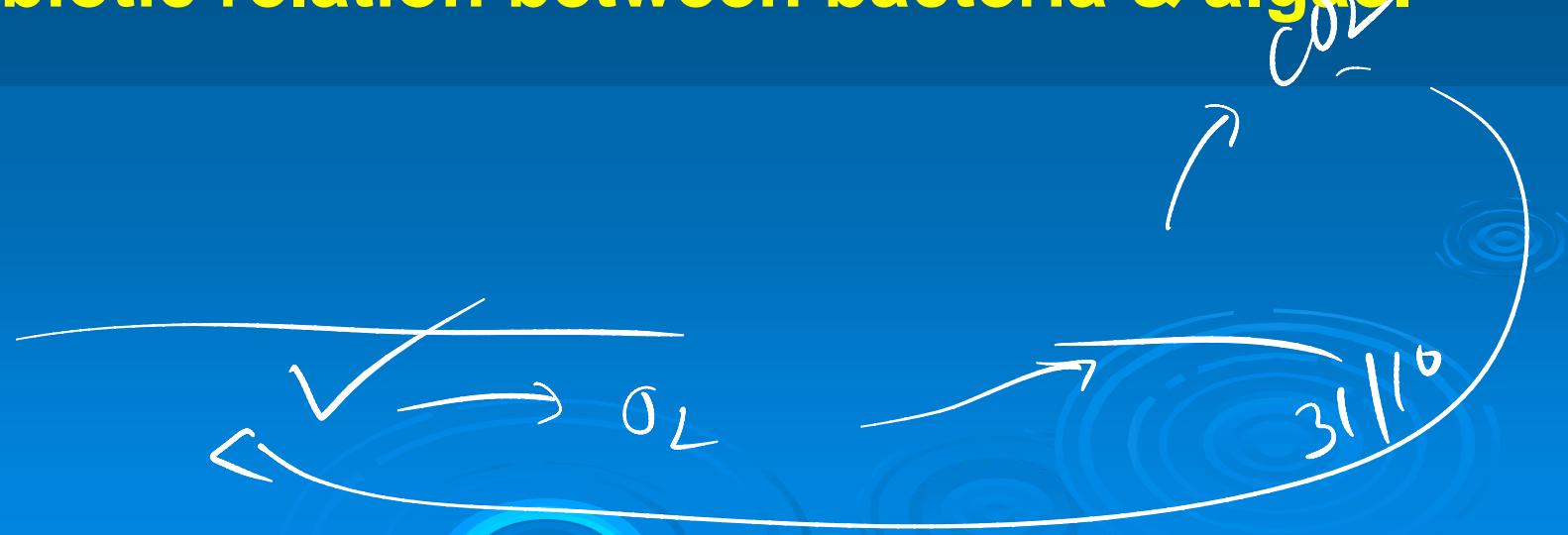


Fig. **Stabilization Pond** Relationship and Functioning of a Stabilization Pond (facultative pond).

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- They are used for treating--
sewage & biodegradable industrial waste water.

**This ponds shows –
symbiotic relation between bacteria & algae.**



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- The organic matter give food to the aerobic bacteria.
- Aerobic bacteria convert (oxidize) the waste in to CO_2 and nitrates.

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[Oxidation pond]

- ❖ The ponds can be of any shape and size.
- ❖ and 1.0m to 1.8m deep
- ❖ to avoid aquatic weeds

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[Oxidation pond]

- ❖ **Stabilization ponds are open flow thorough earthen (clay) basins,**
- ❖ specially designed and constructed to
- ❖ treat sewage and
- ❖ biodegradable industrial waste waters.

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[Oxidation pond]

- ❖ provide long detention periods from few hours to several days.
- the aerobic bacteria eat up the organic matters [waste] and convert (oxidize) them in to CO_2 and nitrates.
- ❖ The algae utilizes these products for its growth.

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[Oxidation pond]

- ❖ Algae produces O_2 by the process of photo synthesis
- ❖ which is utilized by aerobic bacteria and so on.
- ❖ Sewage organisms are stabilized by
- ❖ both aerobic and anaerobic reactions.

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[Oxidation pond]

- In the top aerobic layer where O_2 is supplied through *atmosphere*
- algae photosynthesis
$$\text{organics} + CO_2 \longrightarrow O_2 \uparrow + \text{Algae cells.}$$
- Few alcohols and organic acids are also oxidized along.

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[Oxidation pond]

- The sludge and organic matter in **Anaerobic layer** are converted into
- CH_4 , CO_2 , NH_3 and H_2S .
- These gases escape the pond as bubbles.

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[Oxidation pond]

Advantages:

- ❖ Can be redesigned easily on requirement

Disadvantages:

- More land area requirement .
- mosquito breeding and
- bad odour

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2. Aerated lagoons:

- These are large holding tanks or ponds having a
- depth of 3-5 m and
- lined with cement, polythene or rubber.
- These are treated for about
- 2-6 days.

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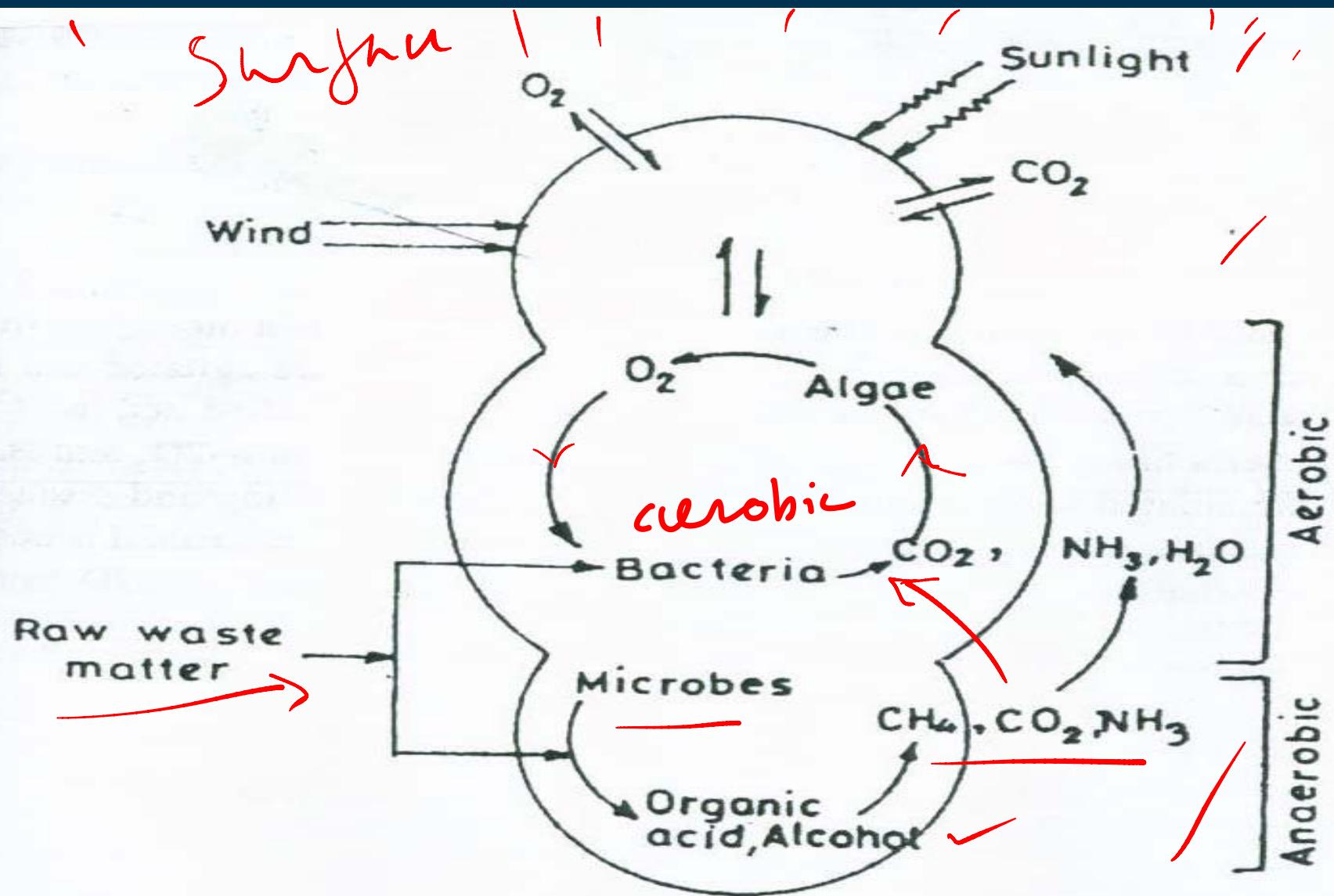


Fig.

Aerated lagoon

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[Aerated lagoons:]

- During this time,
- a healthy sludge is formed
- BOD removal is up to 90%.
- Floating aerator maintains
- aerobic environment and
- prevent settling of the biomass.

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3. Trickling filter:

- It consists of circular or rectangular beds,
- 1m to 3m deep, made of PVC, *stones & chips*
- Coal, Coke of size 40 to 150 mm.
- On this bed, the waste water is sprinkled from the top.

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- used in treatment of-
Domestic Sewage.
- also known as –
Sprinkling Filters.
- Used for treatment of-
 - Dairy
 - Distillery
 - Slaughter house

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(Trickling filter)

- On this bed, the waste water is sprinkled from the top.
- air can enter from bottom.
- A gelatinous film made of
- bacteria and aerobic micro organisms known as
- ZOOGLEA.

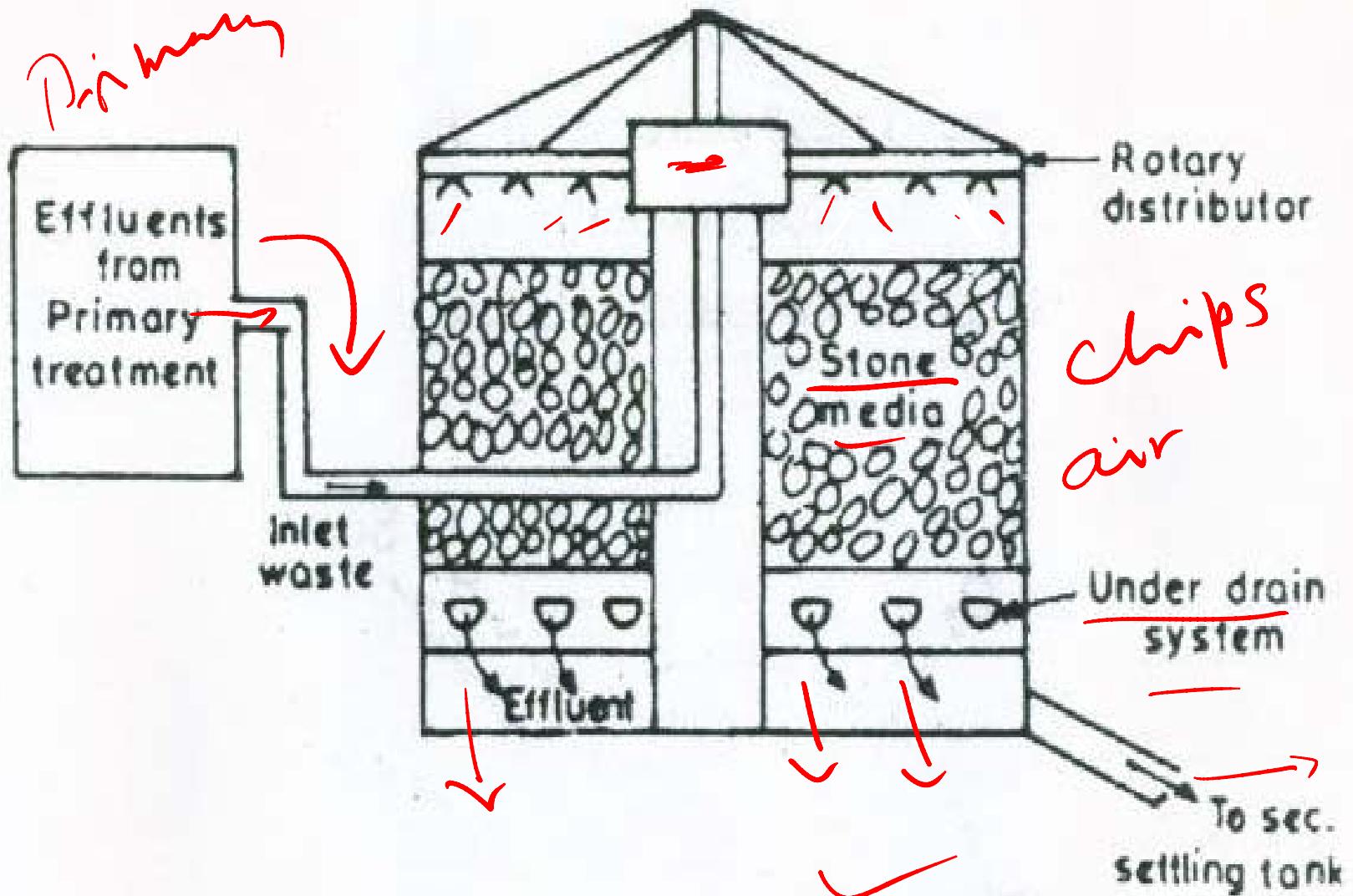


Fig. Trickling filter.

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ZOOGLEA

The organic impurities in the ~~waste~~ water are

- absorbed on the gelatinous film and
- oxidized by bacteria and micro organism.

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- ❖ When the film of impurities attached becomes
- ❖ **thick and detaches** is settled down.
- ❖ This helps in removing 60-85% BOD.

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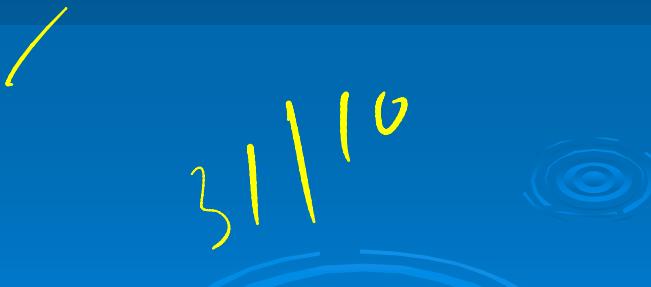
Advantages:

- 1 Effective for industrial wastes. Lesser land area required.
- 2 BOD removal is 60 to 75 %.
- 3 Simple in working. Effluent is sufficiently nitrified & stabilised.
- 4 Less filter media required.

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Disadvantages:

- Cost of construction is high. 
- Efficiency decreases with load.
- Filters are sensitive. 

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4. Activated Sludge Process:

- This is the final biological treatment.
- It is a example of aerobic suspended growth system.

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4. Activated Sludge Process:

- In this process, the sewage or industrial waste water is
- aerated in a reaction tank in which microbial flock is suspended.

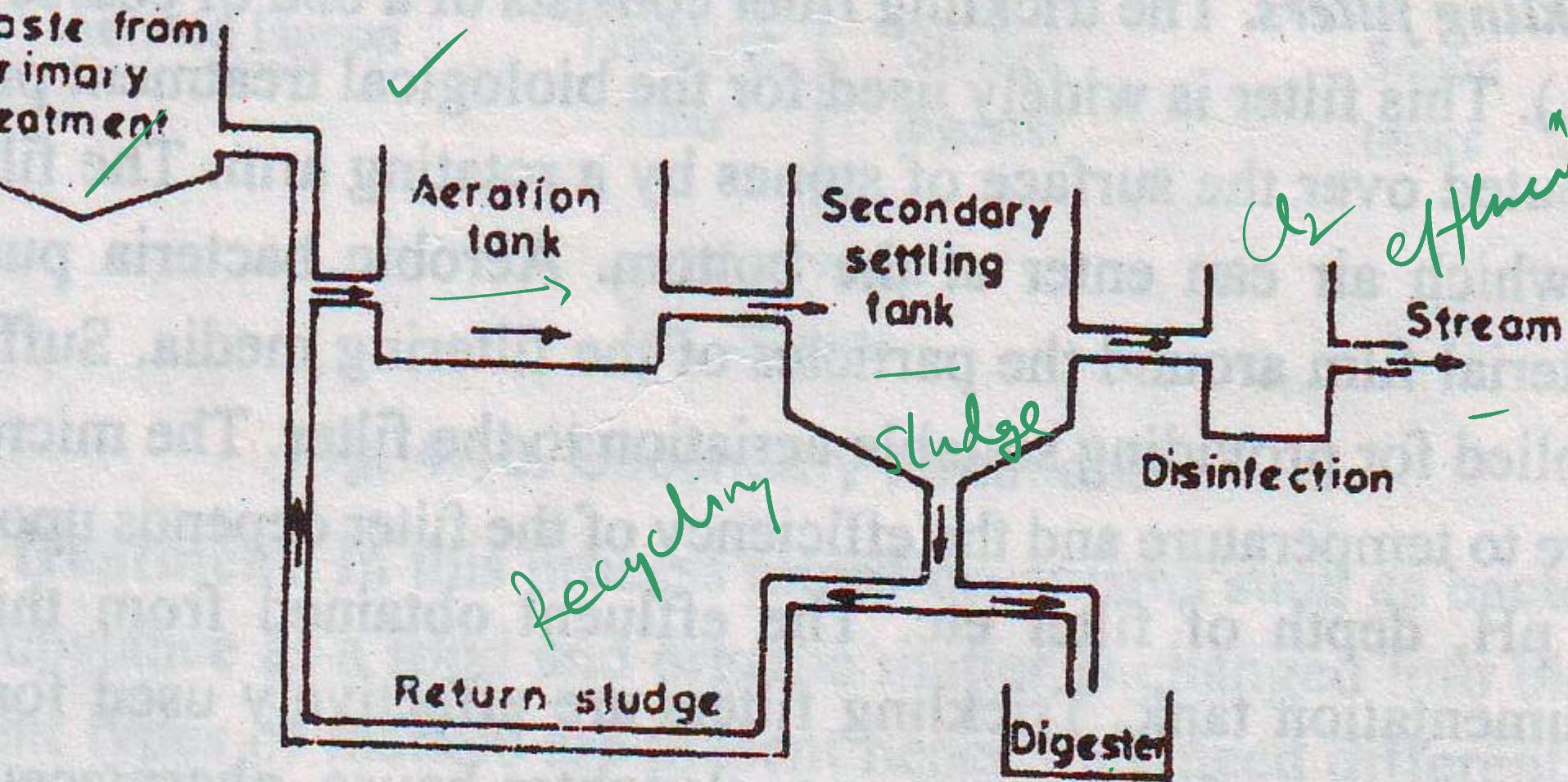


Fig. 4.13. Activated sludge plant.

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- Mixture of waste water & micro organism is Aerated in aeration tank.
- In this tank micro organism metabolizes the soluble & suspended organic matter, by taking DO .
- Active mass of microbes are called as- Activated sludge.
- The aerobic bacteria bring about biological digestion of the waste into CO_2 & H_2O .

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- The aerobic bacteria convert the waste into CO_2 and H_2O by biological degradation.
- Some organic compounds are sent for recycling also.
- The remaining suspended solid is called activated sludge.
- This can be discharged from chamber.

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Anaerobic Treatment:

- i) Sludge digester
- ii) Septic tank

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Sludge Digester:

The main purpose is

- to reduce its pathogenic contents and
- to improve its de watering characters.

Sludge is stabilized by

- decomposing the organic matter under controlled anaerobic conditions.

breakers.

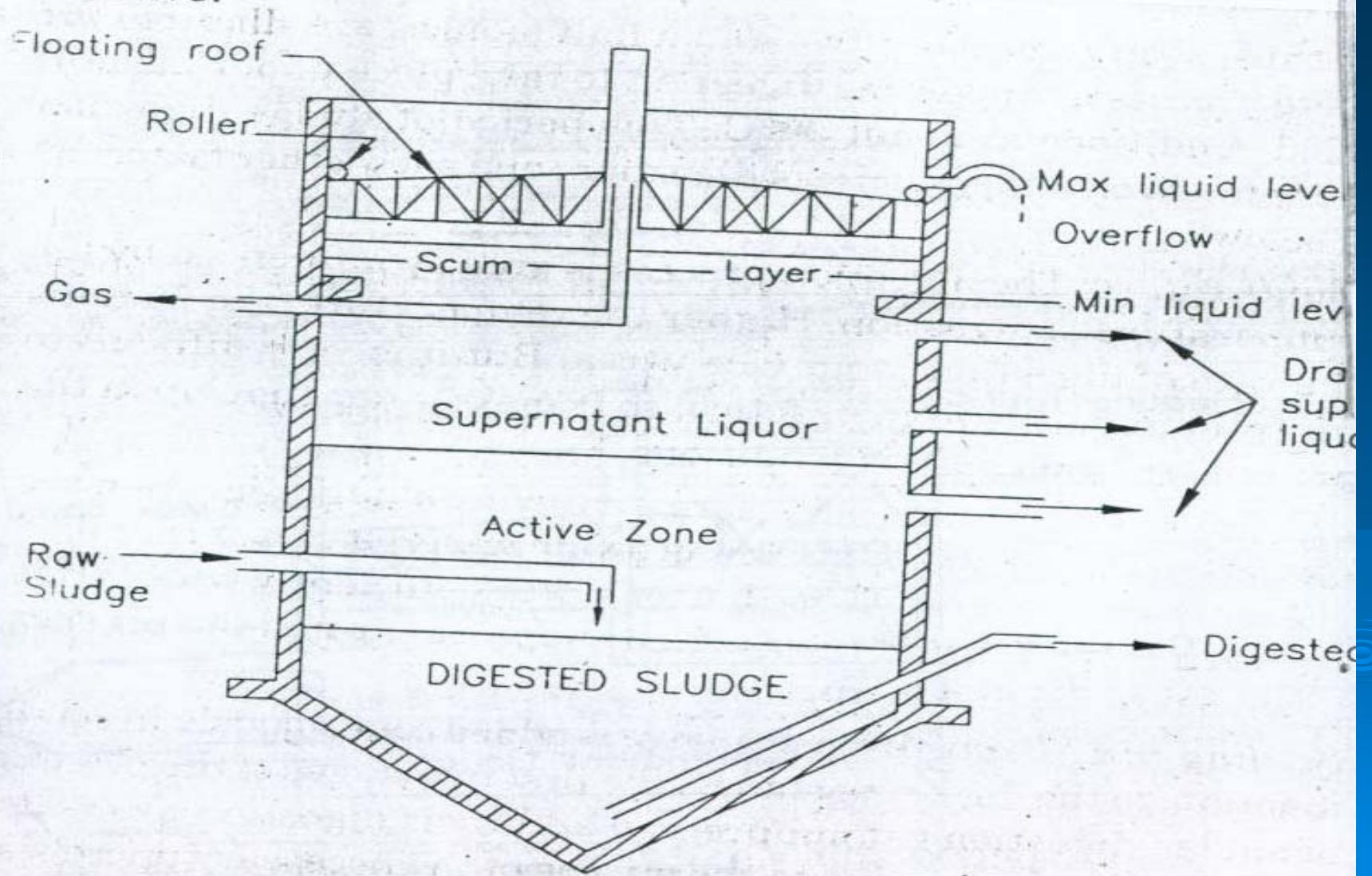


Fig. Anaerobic Sludge Digestion Tank.

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- The process of stabilization is called sludge digestion and is carried out in sludge digestion tank.
- Organic matter is converted into CH_4 , CO_2 and H_2O .
 $\text{Organic matter} \longrightarrow \text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$.
- Pathogens will die with non-availability of food.

L-32 Secondary and Tertiary water treatments

Construction: of a **sludge digester**.

- Consists of a **cylindrical RCC tank** with hopped bottom and is
- covered on top by means of either **fixed or floating roof**.

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Process (Sludge Digester)

- The raw **sludge** is pumped into the centre of the tank.
- **Gases** produced in the process are collected by gas dome at the top.
- The **digested sludge** settles down to the bottom and is taken out .

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(Sludge Digester)

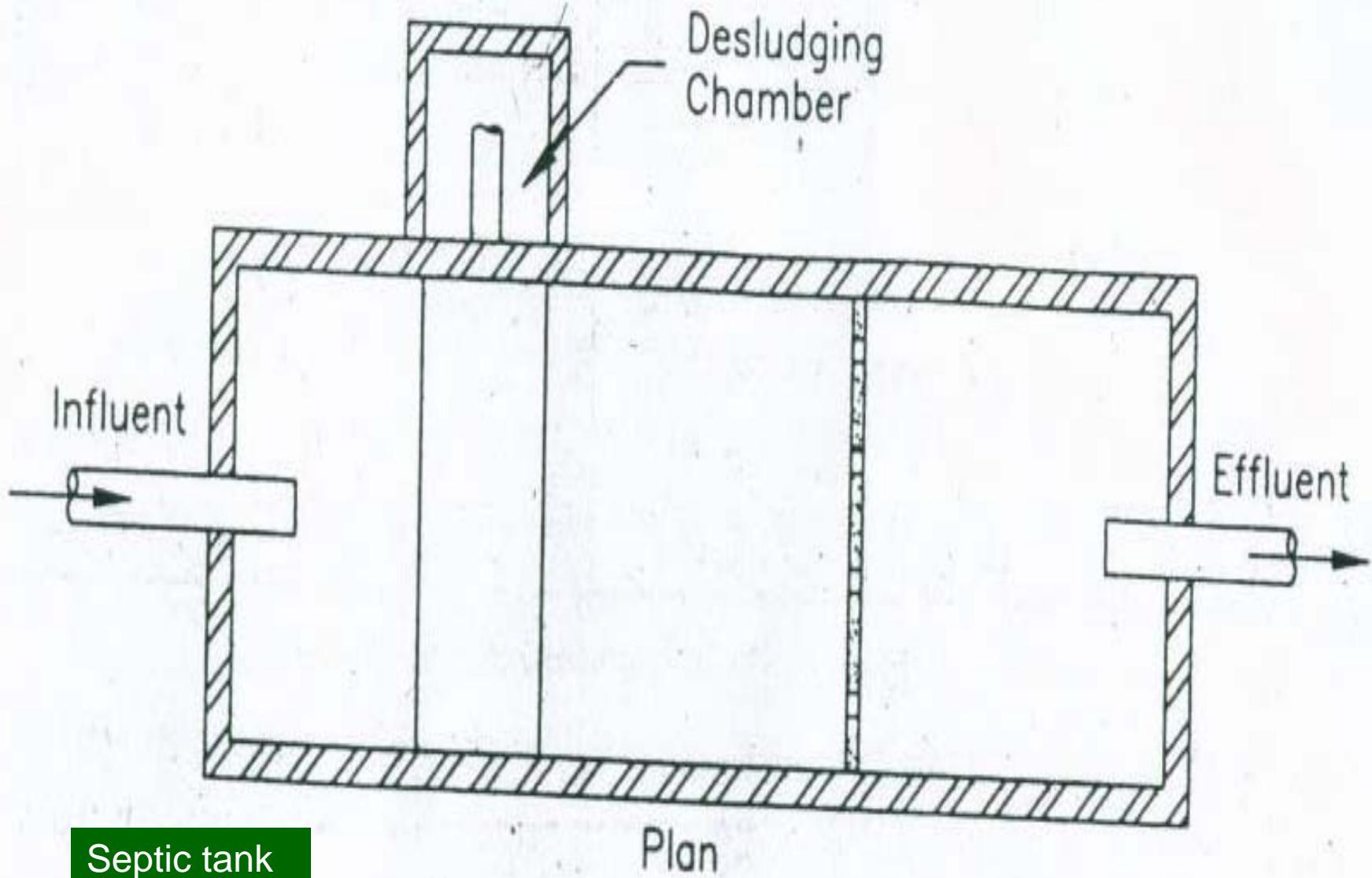
- The supernatant liquor collects in the upper portion of the tank.
- The scum formed at the top is not allowed to harden,
- otherwise it will prevent the gases from rising into the collection.

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SEPTIC TANK:

- # It is a combined sedimentation & digestion tank.
- # Sewage is allowed to flow slowly through this tank to enable the sewage solids to settle to the bottom of the tank.
- # Where these are digested anaerobically.

Septic tank



Septic tank

Plan

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- # Due to **anaerobic condition** the **biodegradable organic** matter is converted into **gases and liquids**.
- # **A thick crust of scum is formed at the surface of the tank.**
- # **The septic tank is de sludged at regular intervals, generally once in every 1-5 years.**

Septic tank

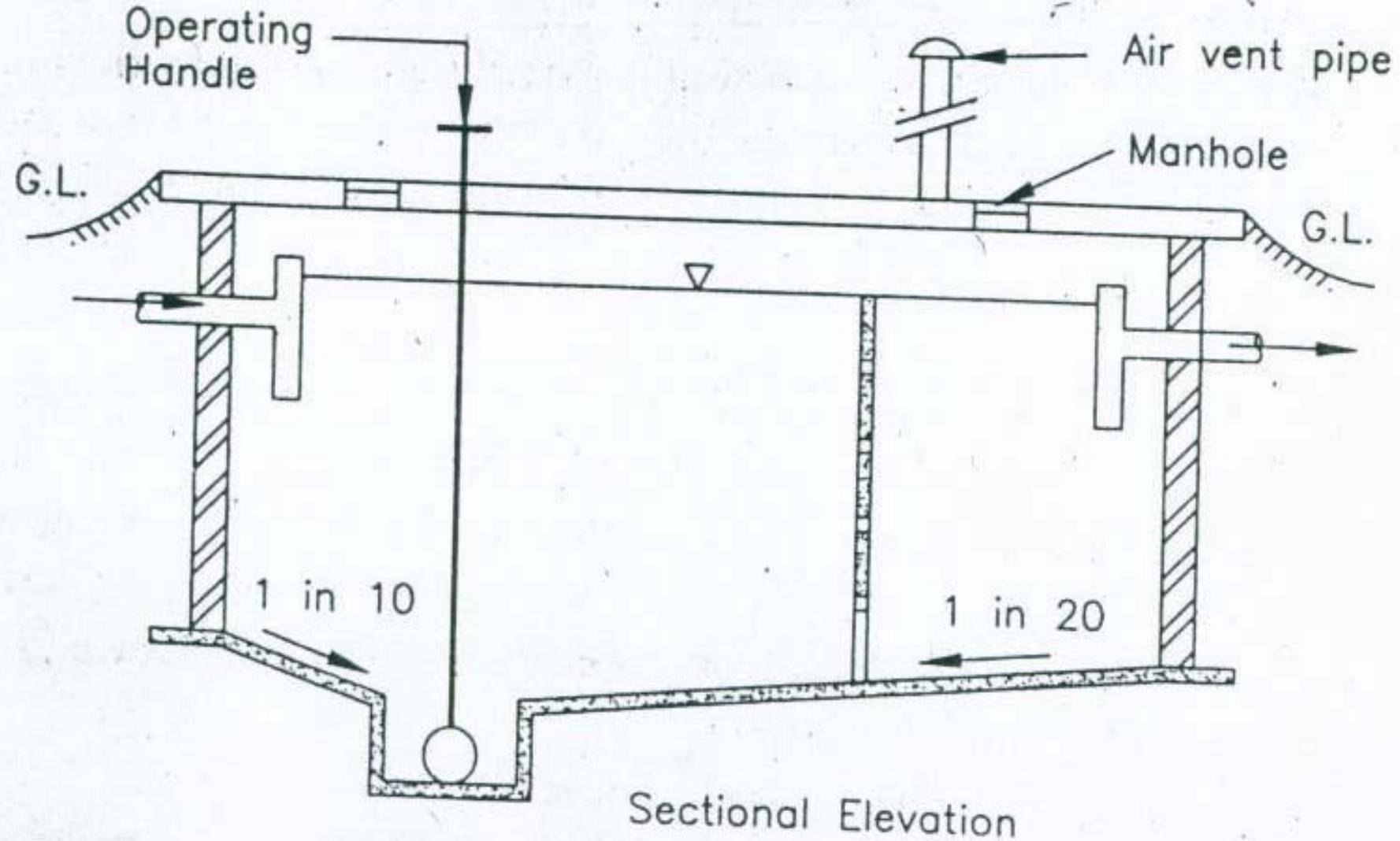


Fig. Septic Tank.

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- The **construction** should be made to avoid short circuiting
- to ensure perfect sedimentation.
- In this **tank** biochemical reaction takes place
- in presence of **anaerobic bacteria**

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- # 60-70% of suspended matter is settled as sludge at the bottom of tank.
- # Organic matter is decomposed into gases and liquid.
- # Very bad smell spreads out due to digestion process.
- # It can remove about 90% of BOD.

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Advantages:

- This process reduces waste volume by 65%.
- Digested sludge can be used as manure.
- Gases produced are used as fuel.
- Less operation & maintenance cost.

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Tertiary Treatment:

Main components are:

- Fine suspended solid particles should be removed.
- Micro organism such as bacteria should be removed.

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- Removal of **inorganic solids** and final traces of organics.

Tertiary Treatment

- i) Coagulation ii) Chemical oxidation
- iii) Ion exchange

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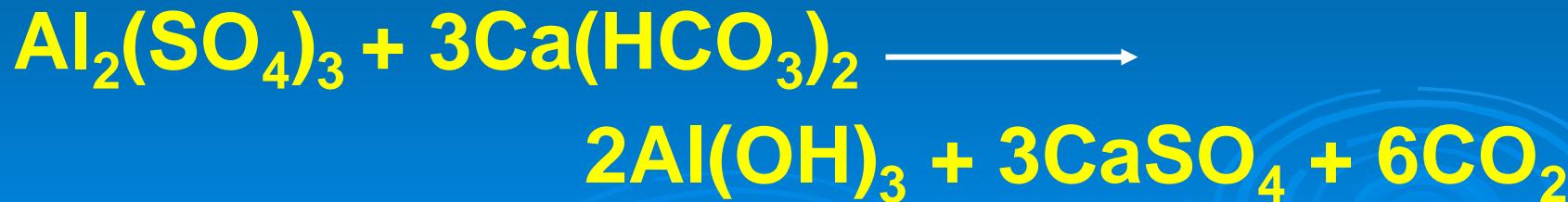
1. Coagulation:

- Coagulants are used to convert the waste particles into solid particles.
- Negatively charged colloidal suspensions removed by co-agulants.
- In co-agulants (certain chemicals) are rapidly dispersed in waste water to change the characters of impurities.

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- ❖ Mostly used co-agulants for waste water treatment are
- ❖ hydrated lime, alum, ferric chloride and chlorinated coppers.
- ❖ At high pH these co-agulants produce
- ❖ insoluble Al(OH)_3 and Fe(OH)_3 flocs.

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- ▣ If the **density** of precipitation is **less or low then**
- ▣ **polymeric agents** can be added to make the precipitations **bigger in size.**
- ▣ **By filtration flocs can be removed.**

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Chemical Oxidation:

In tertiary treatment oxidizing agents such as

- chlorine,
- ozone etc.

are widely used for disinfection, removing organic materials.

- Chlorine destroys bacteria present in the waste water.

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Bacteria + HOCl \longrightarrow Killed pathogens

- ✿ **Ozone** is another powerful oxidizing agent and acts as an
- ✿ **efficient disinfectant** and for many complex organic materials such as pesticides etc.

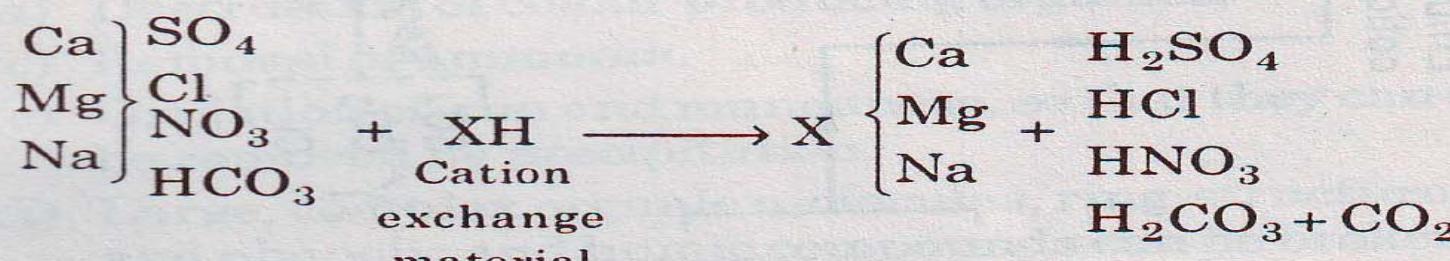
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Ion Exchange:

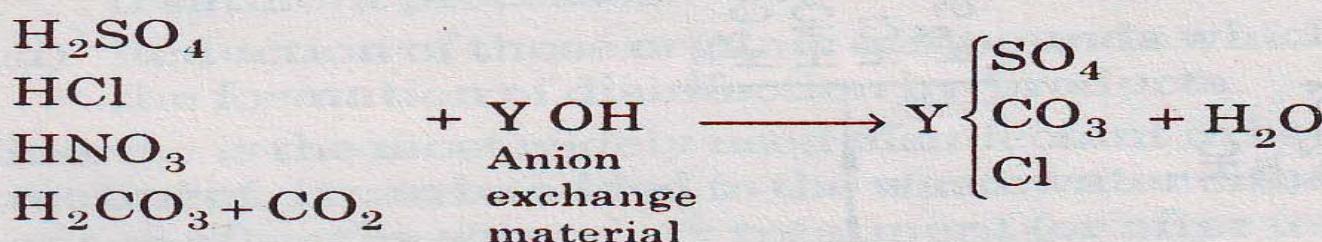
- ❖ This method is effectively used in removing hardness and
- ❖ Mn, Fe salts from potable water.
- ❖ Trace elements Cu, Cr, Pb, Ni, Cd etc.
- ❖ present in industrial waste water can be removed by this method.

of exchange material are given under :

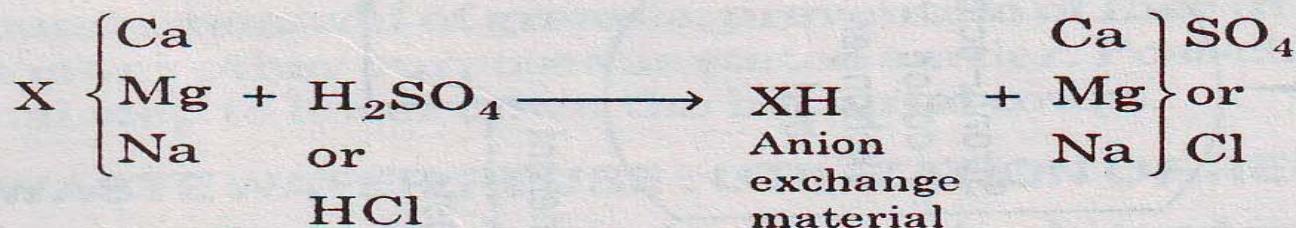
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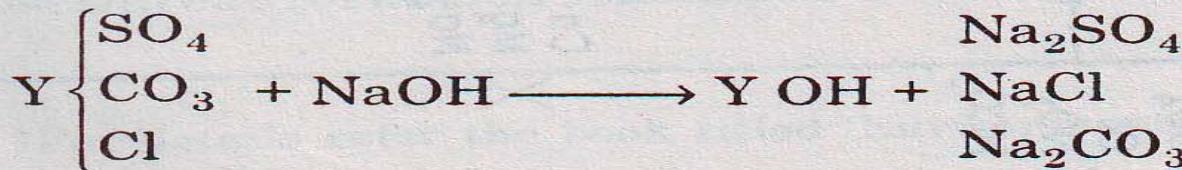
Hydroxide-cycle anion exchange :



Regeneration of cation-exchange material :



Regeneration anion-exchange material :



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(Ion Exchange)

- It is economical
- Special ion-exchanger are used for
- retrieval of toxic metal ions
- from industrial waste water.



Assignment-3

Q.1. Write short notes on :

- i) Organic water pollutants.**
- ii) Radioactive water pollutants.**
- iii) Synthetic water pollutants.**

Q.2. Discuss the sources, effects and types of water pollution.

Q.3. Write short notes on:

- a) Trace elements in water**

Assignment-3

b) Significance & determination of D.O.,B.O.D. and C.O.D.

Q.4. How the oligotrophic lakes are converted into eutrophic lakes? Describe the types, effects and control of Eutrophication.

Q.5. write the techniques to remove water pollution by 1⁰,2⁰, 3⁰ treatment methods.

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