



## WASTEWATER TREATMENTS: A REVIEW

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<p><b>Received:</b> May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 <b>Accepted:</b> June 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 <b>Published:</b> July 18<sup>th</sup> 2022</p>	<p>Many water supplies are now contaminated by anthropogenic sources such as domestic and agricultural waste, as well as manufacturing activities, the public's concern about the environmental effects of wastewater contamination has grown. Several traditional wastewater treatment methods, such as chemical coagulation, adsorption, and activated sludge, have been used to eliminate pollution; however, there are several drawbacks, most notably high operating costs, because of its low operating and repair costs, the usage of aerobic waste water treatment as a reductive medium is gaining popularity. Furthermore, it is simple to produce and has a high efficacy and potential to degrade pollutants.</p>
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### INTRODUCTION

Throughout the world, water resources are becoming increasingly scarce because of the, a growing imbalance between the availability and consumption of freshwater, hence the entry to clean and healthy water has become one of our modern challenges societies [1] Clean water and clean energy solutions have gained global recognition because of water shortages, depletion of capital and global warming [2]. For the following factors, the need for water continues to rise:

- rise in population and relocation to areas vulnerable to drought;
- Fast industrial growth and expanded per capita water use;
- Climate change in urban areas due to changing climate trends [3].

If the human population expands massively globally, water would be one of the scarcest. 21st century resources [4], much of the world's people in 2015 In urban environments (more than 5 billion) would live [5]. By 2015, 23 megacities will be located, with a population of 10 million, 18 of them in the developed countries [6]. The questions pertaining to public utilities and infrastructure of the water supply, including the provision of both freshwater and sewage services, are fundamental to the urbanization phenomenon. The present problems for architects, planners and policymakers are the availability of jobs, health care, social services and access to facilities of basic human needs such as clean water and sanitation ([6] and [7]), The water quality is on the other hand compromised by the presence, in urban and rural

water sources, of a significant number of pathogens [8] and anthropogenic chemicals [9] Municipal and municipal wastewater collection facilities as significant element in aquatic contamination in the world has been recognized [10]. The majority of household and industrial waste water is dumped directly in water sources in many developed countries without any filtering or only after primary treatment. In comparison, roughly 55% of their waste water was disposed of without any treatment, even in a highly developed country like China. Untreated wastewater being discharged to the water supplies without treatment is causing a variety of environmental issues, for instance:

- Untreated wastewater containing a substantial number of organic matter Using the dissolved oxygen to fulfill the physiological need for oxygen (BOD) wastewater and, thus, water deplete the dissolved oxygen the aquatic life needed flux. [11]. Untreated waste water characteristic of the human intestinal tract, generally contains a significant volume of disease or pathogenic, causing microorganisms and poisonous substances, which can threat human health;
- Water can also contain certain nutrients that can stimulate the proliferation and eutrophication of lakes and streams of aquatic vegetation and algal blooms therefore.
- Decomposition in wastewater of organic compounds will result significant volumes of malodorous gases output.

Much of humanity pollution reaches the water supplies by discharges of waste containing undesirable



and unrecovered contaminants from residential, agricultural and non-point sources [12]. And if the storage of wastewater dates from the early 1800s and early 1900s, its production is comparatively recent, the water that people use during their everyday lives, for instance toilets, personal laundry, washing, cooking facilities and kitchen utensils are the wastewater facilities of a residential building. It includes high organic matter amounts (nitrogen, phosphorus), carbon, calcium, potassium, iron and other trace elements, these contaminants must be handled until they are released into waterways and other water sources, else sewage water can harm the environment and destroy fish and microorganisms in water bodies and adversely impact the species who use them, there are many various types of waste water management systems Chemical, biological and electrocoagulation, for example. However, traditional biological treatment requires a huge amount of land and uses many tanks in its service and therefore alternatives such as the sequencing of the lots reactor are researched and applied as one of the most convenient methods for RCWW treatment [11].

### **DOMESTIC WASTEWATER SOURCES OF POLLUTION**

The mixture of 2 main waste sources is household waste water, water from kitchen sink, washing machine, toilet and blackwater, toilet water discharged, water agencies usually cannot track the composition and amount of domestic waste generated by households but are measured on the basis of studies of particular pollutants and water usage [13]. Domestic waste pollutants originate from four primary sources:

- Fuelling of water
- Infrastructure and plumbing supplies for home
- Anthropogenic traces
- Domestic habits and materials used for everyday work.

The infrastructure for households is defined as the household plumbing, appliances and equipment used for water supply and waste water collection.

- Pipes used to deliver water to the households;
- appliances like showers, storage systems for hot water, sinks;
- Domestic tanks and facilities for wastewater processing.

Passive transport or migration of household equipment's to water or corrosion of metal components can lead to pollutants from household infrastructures. The human activity responsible for

wastewater generation is identified as anthropological or human sources. These comprise:

- Metabolic waste excretion (faces, urine, wash)
- The production of waste by practices and actions of householders, such as food preparation, treatment and bathing. Household pollutants differ in terms of use, facilities and processes of household water. In a small range of international and Australian research, household origins (kitchen, bathroom, laundry, toilet, outdoors) are experimentally and in simulations [14].

### **INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER**

Depending on the type of industry it is generated, industrial wastewater has highly variable consistency and volume. It may or may not be extremely biodegradable and may not contain recalcitrant compounds for therapy, this include organic synthetic substances or heavy metals whose content can vary significantly from that of industrialized waste water in developing countries (in quantity and quality). The primary issue of industrial waste water is that more synthetic chemicals are stored (in quantity and diverse) and dumped into the atmosphere, the primary issue of industrial waste water is that more synthetic chemicals are stored (in quantity and diverse) and dumped into the atmosphere [15]. In combination with the need for the use of complex and costly methods of treatment to remove toxic compounds from waste water in the tracking of them and their destiny, the use of the cleaner production methods in industry (such as substitutions for less harmful or unpleasant toxic recalcitrant compounds) and, because of this difficulty, cost effective, Waste water for drainage, planting, flushing, air conditioning systems cooling, is currently used as feeding for boilers and process water for factories. National policy has been developed in China that encourages the production of technology productive in water and encourages the reuse first in agriculture of recovered urban wastes and then in industrial and municipal use. [16].

#### **Types of water Treatments**

The three methods for treating clothing waste water for dye removal have been roughly classified based on the principles concerned. Physical removal is part of the physical therapy. The chemical process involved the dyes being chemically degraded, while the biological approach involves the dyes being biodegraded [17].

#### **Physical Treatments**

A number of physical methods for removing reactive dyes have been developed. Adsorption-based systems, membrane filtration, ion exchange, and irradiation are examples.



### **Methods Based On Adsorption**

Adsorption-based dye removal methods are now commonly used in industry due to their high dye removal performance and low cost [18], a number of adsorbents such as activated carbon and non-traditional adsorbents such as coal, fly ash, silica [19], Wood and clay agricultural byproducts and Cotton waste has been utilized. The decolorization mechanism is governed by two interconnected factors, adsorption and ion exchange processes [20]. Dye-adsorbent interaction, contact time, pH, and dye and adsorbent concentration are important physiochemical factors that affect dye decoloration efficiency [21].

### **Separation and Filtration**

Separation is the first step in separating solid and liquid materials in different chambers. Filtration is one method of extracting solid materials from liquids by using a catalyst such as porous materials. Moving forces are applied to the filtration mechanism as a result of a pressure gradient, vacuum, or pressure greater than ambient pressure [22]. In the water and wastewater industry, there are two types of membrane processes. Reverse osmosis (RO) and nanofiltration are examples of the first type (NF). These membranes are used to remove dissolved substances and have a thick non porous separating layer cast onto a porous support, the second form of filtration is membrane filtration, in which a microporous separating layer acts as a barrier to the finest particles in the feed source thus allowing dissolved components to move through. Membrane filtration is often used as a standalone treatment procedure, but it can also be used as a pre-treatment for a RO point [23]. RO is used to ensure that dissolved organics and, in certain cases, salts are sufficiently extracted. Membrane filtration is needed as a pre-treatment for RO, and this application will be the focus of this article, since safe activity of the RO was discovered to be impossible without membrane pre-treatment, the arrival of the membrane filtration boom for drinking water in the late 1990's allowed the commercialization of this application [24].

### **Ion exchange**

Ion exchange materials are insoluble compounds that contain loosely stored ions that can be exchanged with other ions in liquids in which they come into contact, these exchanges occur without causing any physical modifications to the ion exchange substance. Ion exchangers are insoluble acids or bases that have insoluble salts. This allows them to exchange either positively or negatively charged ions (cation exchangers) (anion exchangers). Many natural substances, including proteins, cellulose, living cells,

and soil particles, have ion exchange properties that influence how they act in nature [25]. During the 1930s, synthetic ion exchange materials based on coal and phenolic resins were first used for commercial use, a few years later, polystyrene resins with sulphonate groups to form cation exchangers or amine groups to form anion exchangers were made [26].

### **The benefits and disadvantages of using ion-exchange resins**

The low operating costs of ion exchange processes are one of their main benefits, very little energy is needed, the regenerant chemicals are inexpensive, and well-maintained resin beds can last for several years before needing replacement, there are, however, a host of constraints that must be carefully considered during the design phases. When these drawbacks are mentioned, they seem to be a formidable number, giving the appearance that ion exchange techniques can have too many shortcomings to be effective in practice. However, this is not the case since the benefits listed above are substantial, and most limitations can be easily compensated for [27].

### **Radiation Processing**

For radiation processing, two types of irradiators are used:  $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma sources and electron beam accelerators, the main distinction between gamma and electron irradiation is due to dose intensity and penetration. The electron beam's penetration time into the substrate is much less than the penetration length of radioisotope decay radiation of equal energy. Maximum penetration depth is proportional to energy and inversely proportional to the density of the material to be irradiated at energy values ranging from 300keV to 10MeV. Gamma rays are highly penetrating and thus allow for bulk processing, while energized electrons have minimal penetration but can be produced at very high intensity levels from machines, allowing for greater operational versatility [28]. When the treatment station is located in a metropolitan area, the short penetration length of electrons can restrict its use for processing large amounts of sewage, however, numerous advancements are being made to upgrade engineering systems for irradiation. Double-face irradiation has been proposed, as have new accelerator ideas. As mentioned in Section I, the energy is more penetrating if electrons are used to produce Bremsstrahlung X-rays, but the costs can be prohibitive due to the low efficiency conversion (electron to X-rays), With higher energy accelerators, the conversion efficiency improves as electron energy increases, improving the cost efficacy of this treatment [29].



### **Ultraviolet radiation (UVR)**

UV radiation for water treatment is essentially a disinfectant technology, UV is electromagnetic radiation of frequencies between visible and X-rays, this kind of radiation has the potential to be harmful caused by monochromatic low pressure mercury lamps, and has extreme bactericidal properties activity in the wavelength range of 200 to 310nm Microorganisms are inactivated. essentially based on photochemical reactions in the DNA that result in the introduction of errors into the genetic code. There are some limitations of UV disinfection of wastewater, such as ingestion of bacteria microbial original concentration, suspended solids, UV absorbance, and hydraulic delivery mechanisms. Significant work has been put into designing suitable UV reactors [30].

#### **Advantages and disadvantages of (UVR)**

It is good at inactivating certain bacteria, spores, and cysts and It is a tactile process rather than a liquid disinfectant, so there is no need to produce, treat, deliver, or store toxic/hazardous or corrosive chemicals. There is no lingering impact that may endanger humans or sea life, UV disinfection is easy to use for technicians. As compared to other disinfectants, and UV disinfection has a shorter contact duration (approximately 20 to 30 seconds with low pressure lamps [31]. UV disinfection equipment takes up less room than most types of equipment, there are some disadvantages of UV disinfection; Low dose cannot efficiently inactivate some bacteria, spores, and cysts, UV disinfection can be made inefficient by turbidity and total suspended solids (TSS) in wastewater. UV disinfection using low-pressure lamps is ineffective for secondary effluent with TSS levels greater than 30 mg/L [32].

#### **Chemical treatment**

As all physical procedures are non-destructive, they cannot be used for full dye therapy, effluent because it necessitates additional post-treatment of solid wastes, which raises the cost of the process. Because of the high tolerance of synthetic dyes to aerobic processes, biological approaches are preferred, degradation of organic compounds demonstrate poor efficiency. Chemical processes, including their many disadvantages, are widely used due to their flexibility and economic benefits. The majority of chemical approaches are focused on oxidative processes known as Advanced Oxidation Processes (AOP), a variety of advanced oxidation processes are focused on the production of highly reactive and nonselective hydroxyl radicals, which cause the degradation of organic compounds in wastewater and waste. Any of them are ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), UV/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, UV/TiO<sub>2</sub>, and the Fenton

reagent [33], the primary benefits of advanced oxidation methods are high treatment effectiveness, lower reagent use due to rapid reaction speeds, and degradation of resulting carcinogenic compounds [34].

#### **Ozonation of wastewaters**

Chemical disposal techniques such as oxidation are used to separate organic and inorganic compounds from water and wastewater. This section covers advanced oxidation, ozonation, Fenton processes, electrochemical processes, wet air oxidation, and supercritical oxidation, as well as other oxidation processes. The patent is aimed at treating industrial wastewaters with elevated ammonia concentrations using a bromide enhanced ozonation method that does not generate nitrate. The procedure is focused on the improvement of an existing method that uses the reaction between ozone and bromide to produce hypobromous acid (HOBr) and, as a result, gaseous nitrogen [35].

#### **Processes with advanced oxidation**

published a paper on recent work using advanced oxidation processes (AOPs) photochemical processes, the influence of critical factors such as light sources, catalysts, and reactors was summarized, examined the effectiveness of AOPs in another research article [35]. Like ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), ultraviolet light (UV) in conjunction with hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>), titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) in conjunction with UV irradiation Fenton's formal name is Fenton, and Photo-Fenton on the degradation of various groups of organic pollutants, especially pharmaceuticals, have been published. Advanced oxidation by photolysis, UV/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and Photo-Fenton methods were used to treat highly concentrated sulfamethoxazole solutions. The UV/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reaction with a 254 nm UV lamp and an initial H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration of 200 mg/L yielded the largest removal (79.1 percent) [36].

#### **Photochemical analysis**

These processes include chemical reactions that occur as a result of the absorption of UVV is radiation from the Sun or another source, where the kinetics of the reactions can be improved by the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>3</sub> metallic salts, or semiconductors. According to Sandip Sharma and colleagues [37], The photochemical processes provide the following benefits of water and effluent handling, which are not limited to the use of the •OH radical as an oxidant. Reduces or eliminates the use of O<sub>3</sub>; increases the velocity of the reaction as compared to the same procedure in the absence of illumination. Exclude radical pH shifts, Allows the use of a wide range of oxidants., Lower running costs, is a non-selective oxidant, • There are



no reaction byproducts or they are produced at low amounts and the organoleptic qualities of the processed water are generally improved [38].

#### **Electrochemical methods**

The electrochemical Processes are being built to extract hazardous and recalcitrant materials, organic compounds are found in water and wastewater. These approaches are based on the production of hydroxyl radicals, these approaches are based on the development of hydroxyl radicals The essentials and new electrochemical advanced oxidation technologies Anodic oxidation, electro Fenton, and Photoelectron-Fenton processes (EAOPs) have all been documented [39].

#### **Methods in biology**

Several study groups have reported positive contributions to biological sewage treatment of all forms, For example, Lefebvre and colleagues attempted to treat hypersaline tannery effluents with an aerobic sequencing batch reactor inoculated with halophilic bacteria and calculated treatment efficiency at various organic loading speeds and salt concentrations Despite differences in the effluent's characteristics, the treatment system reached maximum removal performance with 5 days of hydraulic retention period. Biodegradation is an environmentally safe and cost-effective solution. However, anaerobic biodegradation of dye-stuffs by microbe azoreductase activity results in the formation of highly biotoxic aromatic amines by reductive fission, and exposure of such anaerobically degraded products to oxygen can result in reverse colorization [40].

#### **Wastewater treatment using aerobic bacteria**

Quick septic or aerobic tanks and oxidation ditches; surface and spray aeration; activated sludge; oxidation ditches, trickling filters; pond and lagoon-based treatments; and aerobic digestion are all examples of aerobic wastewater treatment methods, biological management processes include constructed ponds and different forms of filtration. Diffused aeration devices can be used to improve oxygen delivery and reduce odors when treating wastewater. When beneficial bacteria and other species decompose organic compounds in wastewater, aeration provides oxygen [41]. The activated sludge process, which is commonly used for the secondary treatment of both domestic and industrial wastewater, is a time-honored example of an aerobic biological treatment system. It is well suited for treating waste streams with a high organic or biodegradable material, and it is often used to treat urban sewage, wastewater produced by pulp and paper mills, or food-related industries such as meat

production, and industrial waste streams containing carbon molecules [42].

#### **Biofilm technology**

Biofilm is clearly characterized as populations or clusters of microorganisms attached to a surface, a single or multiple species of microorganisms with the ability to form on biotic and abiotic surfaces could form biofilm, according to Watnick and Kolter 2000, the creation of a bacterial biofilm is analogous to the formation of a human culture, until forming a temporary attachment with the surface and/or other microorganisms that were previously attached to the surface, the bacterium must first approach closely. This transient attachment stage helps the bacterium to look for a suitable environment before adapting to it. Once the bacterium has fully settled, it will form a healthy bond and associate with other bacteria to form a micro colony, which is the bacterium's preferred neighborhood to live in [43]. Finally, biofilm formation is formed, and biofilm-associated bacteria detach from the biofilm surface irregularly. In terms of performance and cost-effectiveness, biological treatment processes have surpassed physical and chemical methods, Biofilm-mediated bioremediation is a more capable and cleaner alternative to bioremediation of planktonic microorganisms. The explanation for this is that the cells in a biofilm have a high ability to survive and respond to the process since they are covered by the matrices [44].

#### **Advantages of biofilm technology**

Biofilm provides a proficient and risk-free alternative to bioremediation with planktonic microorganisms since the cells in biofilm have a high chance of adaptation and survival, particularly in adverse conditions, this is due to the matrix, which serves as a shield, protecting the cells within it from external stress [43].

#### **Treatment of Anaerobic Bacteria**

Anaerobic therapy, on the other hand, employs bacteria to aid in the degradation of organic content in an oxygen-free environment. Anaerobic procedures can be used in lagoons and septic tanks, but the most well-known anaerobic therapy is anaerobic digestion, which is used to treat food and beverage processing effluent, as well as industrial wastewater, chemical effluent, and farm waste, one of the most robust areas of resource recovery is energy recovery, which is powered by anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic digestion is used to produce biogas, which is primarily composed of methane, in this type of energy recovery, also known as waste-to-energy. Operators will use it to produce electricity to support power operations on their way to being energy net zero, or they can also transform waste sources into income streams [45].



### Technology for microbial fuel cells (MFC)

The use of MFC technologies for wastewater treatment and electricity generation has recently received a lot of attention. MFC is a biochemical system that uses bacteria as a biocatalyst to transform chemical energy contained in organic matter (for example, glucose) into electricity. MFC is made up of an anaerobic anode chamber, a cathode chamber, and a proton exchange membrane (PEM) or salt bridge that divides the two chambers and only allows proton ( $H^+$ ) to be transferred from the anode chamber to the cathode chamber. Bacteria obtain energy by passing electrons from their central metabolic device to the anode, which serves as the MFC's final electron acceptor. The electrons are then transferred to the cathode by an external circuit, where they react with oxygen and  $H^+$  to form water [46].

### Advantages of microbial fuel cells

MFC has many advantages over other organic matter-based energy-generation technologies. According to Rabaey and Verstraete, these benefits, High energy transfer efficiency due to direct conversion of chemical energy inside the substrate to electricity, effective activity at ambient and low temperatures, and lack of gas treatment because the gases emitted are rich in  $CO_2$ , which has no usable energy content. Furthermore, aeration is not necessary since the cathode is aerated passively [47].

### CONCLUSION

This article is a study of variety of alternatives that can be used in the care, recovery and reuse of groundwater. It is clear that a wide range of solutions are viable for use in the developed world. and it is also more obvious that many low-technology alternatives can be mixed and balanced for very high performance. The latest combinational processes in use include physicochemical, physic biological, chemico-biological, and biological approaches, none of these techniques are totally effective in terms of dye degradation and removal efficiency, as a result, a hybrid mechanism comprised of adsorption, chemical oxidation, and a biodegradation method for removing azo dyes from textile waste can be created the element of water.

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