

# Basis of Sustainable Environmental Systems

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## Part I

# TODO ops

i'll do it later don't worry

## Part II

# Separation techniques

## 1 A bit of chem again

### 1.1 Solutions key terms

- **Solvent:** the substance that dissolves another substance
- **Solute:** the substance that is dissolved in a solvent
- **Solution:** it's a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances

What it is needed?

- Identify the substances to be separated from the mixture
- To collect useful substances free from impurities
- To remove unwanted particles

### 1.2 Classification of techniques

Physical Techniques	Chemical Techniques	Biological Techniques	Advanced / Emerging Techniques
Sedimentation	Flocculation / Coagulation	Bioremediation	Membrane Filtration
Decantation	Precipitation	Activated Sludge Process	Distillation
Filtration	Adsorption	Constructed Wetlands	Electrodialysis
Centrifugation	Absorption		Supercritical Fluid Extraction
Dissolved Air Flotation	Ion Exchange		Chromatography
Crystallization	Electrocoagulation		Air Stripping
Evaporation			Membrane Gas Absorption
Sublimation			
Magnetic Separation			
Screening / Sieving			

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Separation techniques overview

## 2 Physical separation

### 2.1 Sedimentation

### 2.2 Decantation

### 2.3 Filtration

#### 2.3.1 Sand filtration

#### 2.3.2 Reverse osmosis

### 2.4 Centrifugation

### 2.5 Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF)

### 2.6 Magnetic separation

### 2.7 Screening and Sieving

## **3 Chemical separation**

### **3.1 Flocculation**

#### **3.1.1 Flocculant**

#### **3.1.2 Coagulation**

### **3.2 Electrocoagulation**

### **3.3 Precipitation**

### **3.4 Adsorbtion**

#### **3.4.1 Activated carbon**

### **3.5 Absorption**

#### **3.5.1 Wet scrubber**

### **3.6 Ion exchange**

### **3.7 Crystallization**

### **3.8 Evaporation**

### **3.9 Sublimation**

## 4 Advanced/Emerging separation

### 4.1 Membrane filtration

#### 4.1.1 Micro osmosis

#### 4.1.2 Nano osmosis

#### 4.1.3 Ultra osmosis

#### 4.1.4 Reverse osmosis

### 4.2 Electrodialysis

### 4.3 Extraction

#### 4.3.1 Liquid-Liquid Extraction (LLE)

#### 4.3.2 Soxhlet extraction

#### 4.3.3 Supercritical Fluid Extraction

### 4.4 Air stripping

Same as Wet Scrubber, but with water

### 4.5 Electrostatic precipitator (ESP)

## **5 Biological separation**

### **5.1 Bioremediation**

- Microorganisms degrade hazardous substances
- Useful for oil spills, soil remediation

### **5.2 Activated Sludge Process**

- Aerobic digestion of organic matter
- Common in sewage treatment
- A parameter to monitor is the BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) and COD (Chemical Oxygen Demand)
- Nitrification and Denitrification

### **5.3 Constructed Wetlands**

- Mimics natural wetlands to treat wastewater
- Sustainable and low-maintenance
- Three types
- It takes 1-4 weeks to treat the water

## **Part III**

# **Ecological sanitation**

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## **6 Some principles of Sanitation**

### **7 Objectives of ecological sanitation**

- Provide affordable, hygienically safe, and desirable sanitary facilities
- Reduce the health risks related to sanitation, contaminated water and waste
- Prevent the pollution of surface and groundwater; prevent the degradation of soil fertility
- Optimise the management of nutrients and water resources



## 8 Principle of treatments and recycling

## 9 Wastewater management

### 9.1 Issues with current wastewater management (Linear End-of-Pipe Technology)

9.1.1 Poor treatment or uncontrolled discharge

9.1.2 High water use

9.1.3 Costly systems

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9.1.5 Resource loss

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### 9.2 Benefits of Material Flow Cycle (Instead of Disposal)

9.2.1 Better health

9.2.2 Resource recovery

9.2.3 Soil and crop benefits

9.2.4 Resource efficiency

9.2.5 Smarter systems

9.2.6 Holistic approach

## 10 Separation of substances

<b>Substances</b>	Organic Waste	Feces (Brown water)	Urine (Yellow water)	Greywater (shower, washing, etc.)	Rainwater
<b>Treatment</b>	Composting, anaerobic digestion	Anaerobic digestion, drying, composting	Hygienisation by storage or drying	Constructed wetlands, gardening, wastewater ponds, biological treatment, membrane technology	Filtration, biological treatment
<b>Utilization</b>	Soil improvement, biogas	Biogas, soil improvement	Liquid or dry fertiliser	Irrigation, groundwater- recharge or direct reuse	Water supply, groundwater- recharge