

Unit 2: Fundamentals of material balances on non-reactive processes

Reminders

- Homework 1 is due on September 6 via Canvas

Announcements

Office Hours:

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Learning Objectives

- After this week, students should be able to:
 - Name and describe three types of reactors
 - Distinguish between transient and steady state
 - Write the general rule for conservation of mass
 - Outline the general procedure for solving material balances
 - Apply the general procedure for material balances on single-unit processes to solve for:
 - Unknown mass fraction or mole fraction
 - Unknown mass flowrate or molar flowrate



Types of reactors

- **Batch** reactors
 - Reactants are fed to reactor at the beginning of the process. Products are removed later. No mass crosses system boundary.
- **Continuous** reactors
 - Reactants and products continuously flow in/out of the reactor
- **Semi-batch** reactors
 - Partly batch or partly continuous



Batch reactors

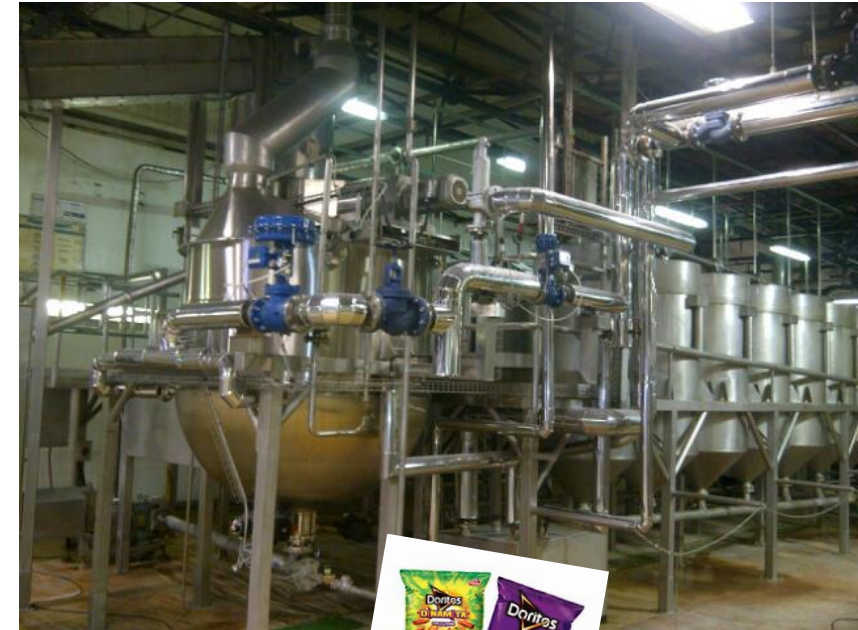
- Beverage fermentation
 - Beer
 - Wine
 - Soy sauce
 - Vinegar
- Pharmaceuticals
 - Vaccines
 - Protein-based therapies
 - Medicine
- Food production



Batch reactors in action



Batch reactors in action



Continuous reactors

- Large scale-food production
 - Blending processes (ketchup, dog kibble)
 - Polymer extruders
- Commodity chemical production
 - Distillation columns
 - Packed-bed reactors
 - Scrubbers
 - Chromatography
 - Membrane separations



Semi-batch reactors

- Polymerization reactions
- Exothermic reactions
 - Diluting acids



Steady-state vs. transient processes

Remember our process variables:

- If they DO NOT change with time for a given continuous process, it is said to be at **steady state**
- If they DO change with time for a given continuous process, it is said to be **transient**



In-class examples

1. Diluting HCl
2. Continuously distilling ethanol
3. Making strawberry jam

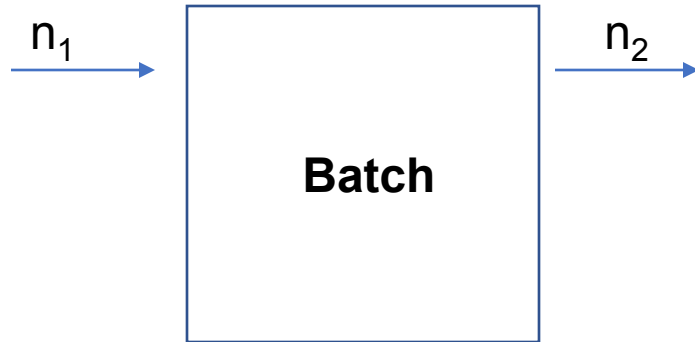


Extra information if you still need help with...

Batch vs. Semi-batch vs. Continuous

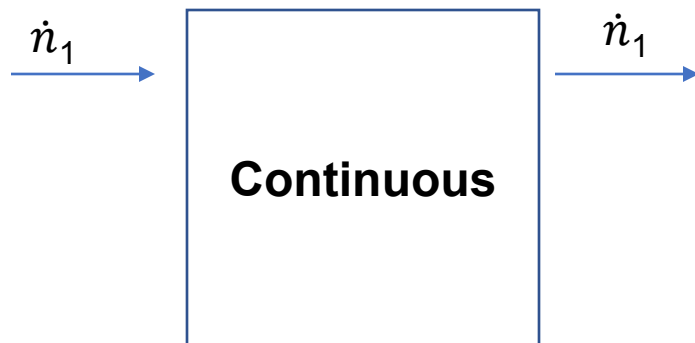


Batch vs. Semi-batch vs. Continuous



Criteria

- All reactants are added at the same time (before process occurs)
- Some process occurs (mixing, reaction, etc.)
- All products are removed after process is complete



Criteria

- Reactants and products are continuously flowing in and out of the system while the process is happening
- Mass can reside within the reactor (residence time), BUT there is no accumulation of mass and therefore the process CAN run indefinitely

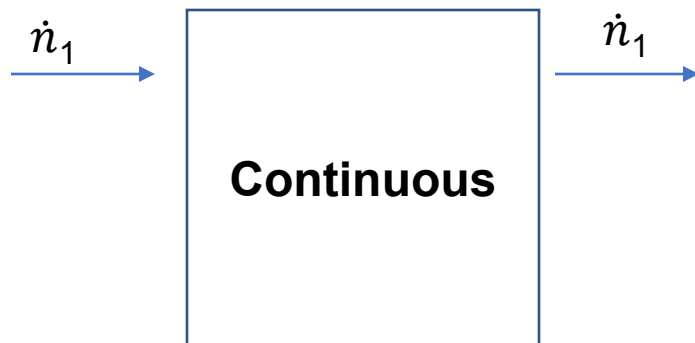


Batch vs. Semi-batch vs. Continuous



Criteria

- Reactants and products are continuously flowing in and out of the system while the process is happening
- Mass is accumulated within the reactor or depleted from the reactor such that the process **CANNOT run indefinitely without adjusting a feed or product stream flowrate**



Criteria

- Reactants and products are continuously flowing in and out of the system while the process is happening
- Mass can reside within the reactor (residence time), BUT there is no accumulation of mass and therefore the process **CAN run indefinitely**



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- Homework 2A will be assigned on Friday, September 6

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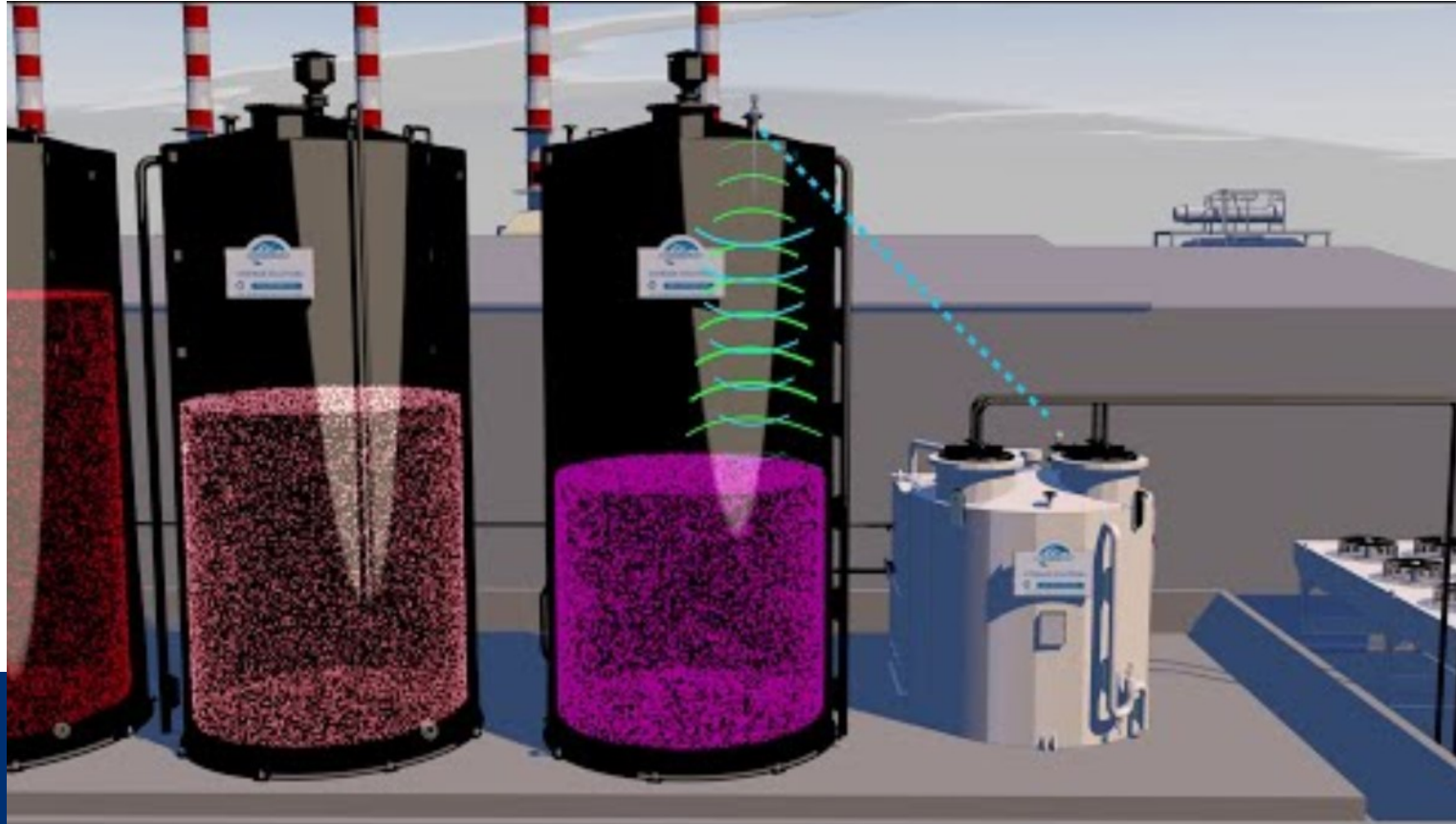
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 - **Write the general rule for conservation of mass**
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 - **Apply the general procedure for material balances on single-unit processes to solve for an unknown mass fraction, mole fraction, molar flow rate or mass flow rate**



Example 1: Diluting acid

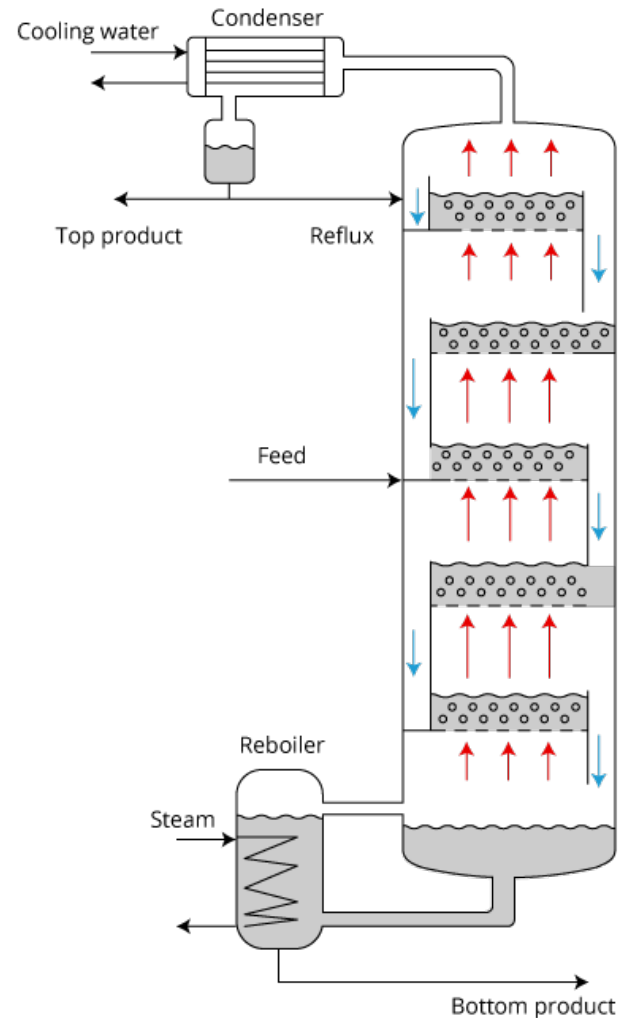
- Companies often purchase concentrated acid then dilute it on site. **Why?**



Example 2: Continuously distilling ethanol



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- **Distillation columns** use heat to separate mixtures of liquids with different boiling points
- Commonly used to increase alcohol content in fermented liquors
- Boiling point of EtOH: 78 °C
- Boiling point of water: 100 °C



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- Homework 2A is due on September 13

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- Homework 1 grades & solutions are posted in the Unit 1 Module
- Regrade requests are now open – see syllabus for details

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Finish the strawberry jam example from last class



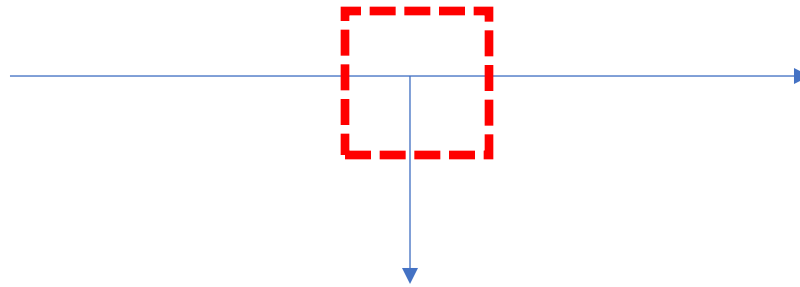
Learning Objectives

- After this next week students should be able to:
 - Apply the general procedure for material balances on multi-unit processes with recycle and bypass streams

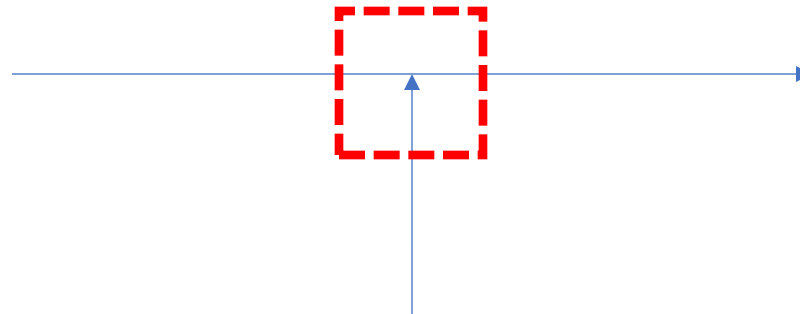


New terminology

Splitting point: where 1 stream becomes 2 streams

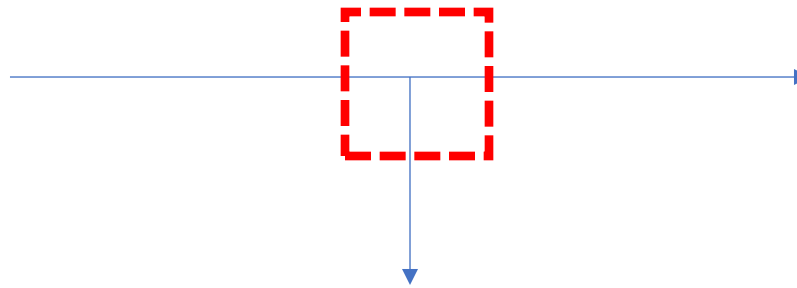


Mixing point: where 2 or more streams become 1 stream

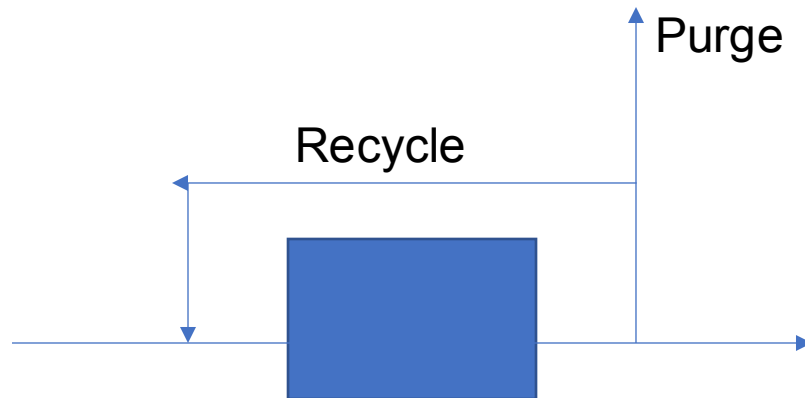


New terminology

Splitting point: where 1 stream becomes 2 streams



Purge: when a portion of the recycle stream is split and leaves the system



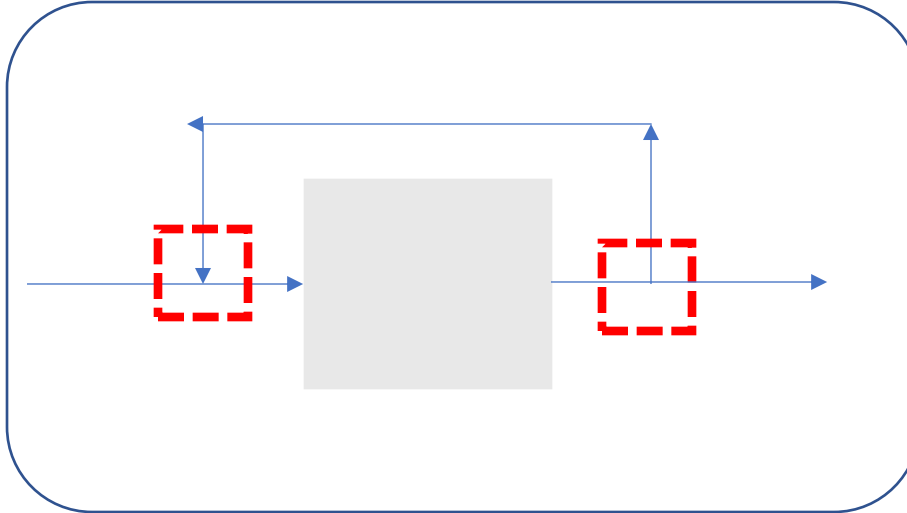
Recycle vs. Bypass

- Recycle
 - Dilute a stream
 - Circulate a working fluid
 - Recover a catalyst
 - Reuse unreacted components
- Bypass
 - Circumvent a unit operation
 - Overflow condition for safety

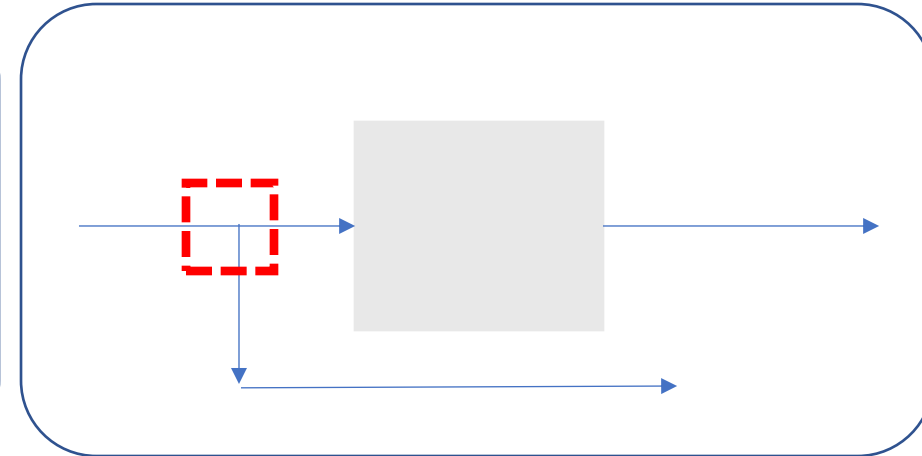
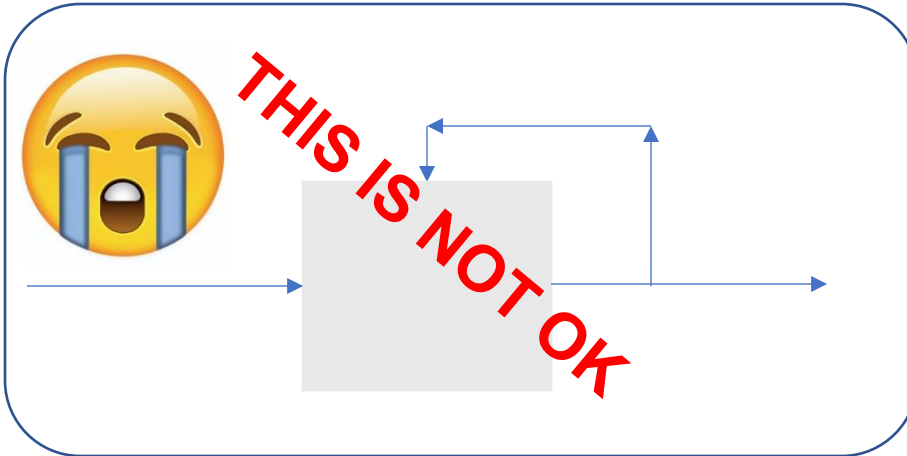
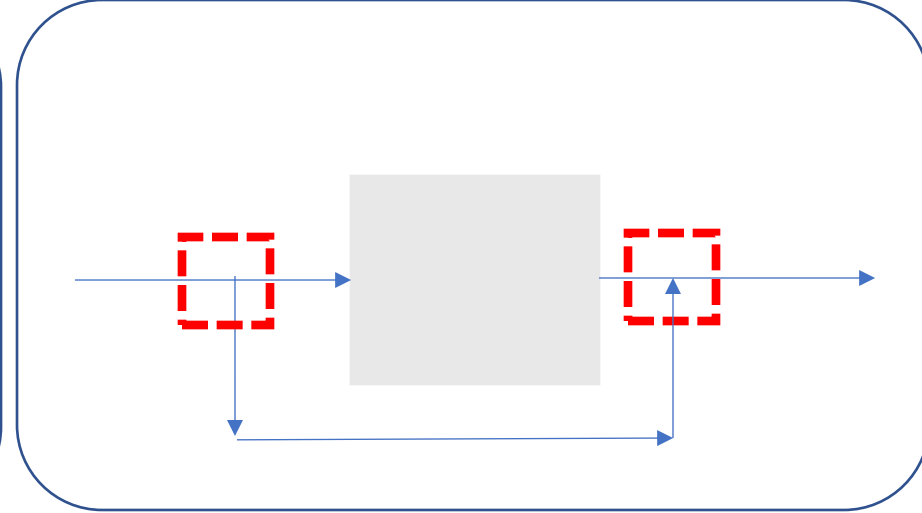


Recycle vs. Bypass

Recycle



Bypass



In-class examples

- Air conditioning
- Combined sewer overflow



Example 4: Air conditioning



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- AIChE Panel in class on Friday, September 20

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 - Apply the general procedure for material balances on **multi-unit** processes with **recycle and bypass streams**

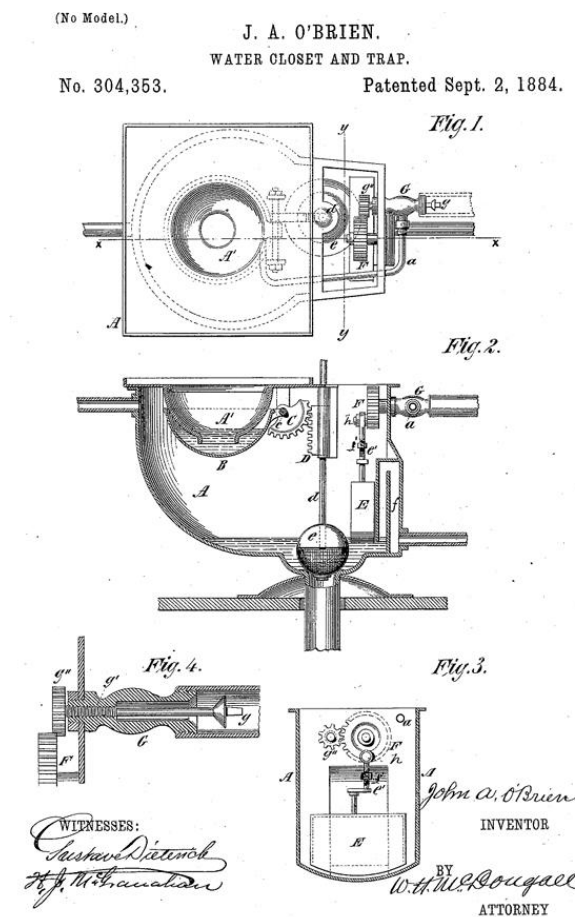


In-class examples

- Air conditioning (finish this one first)
- Combined sewer overflow



What do these have in common?

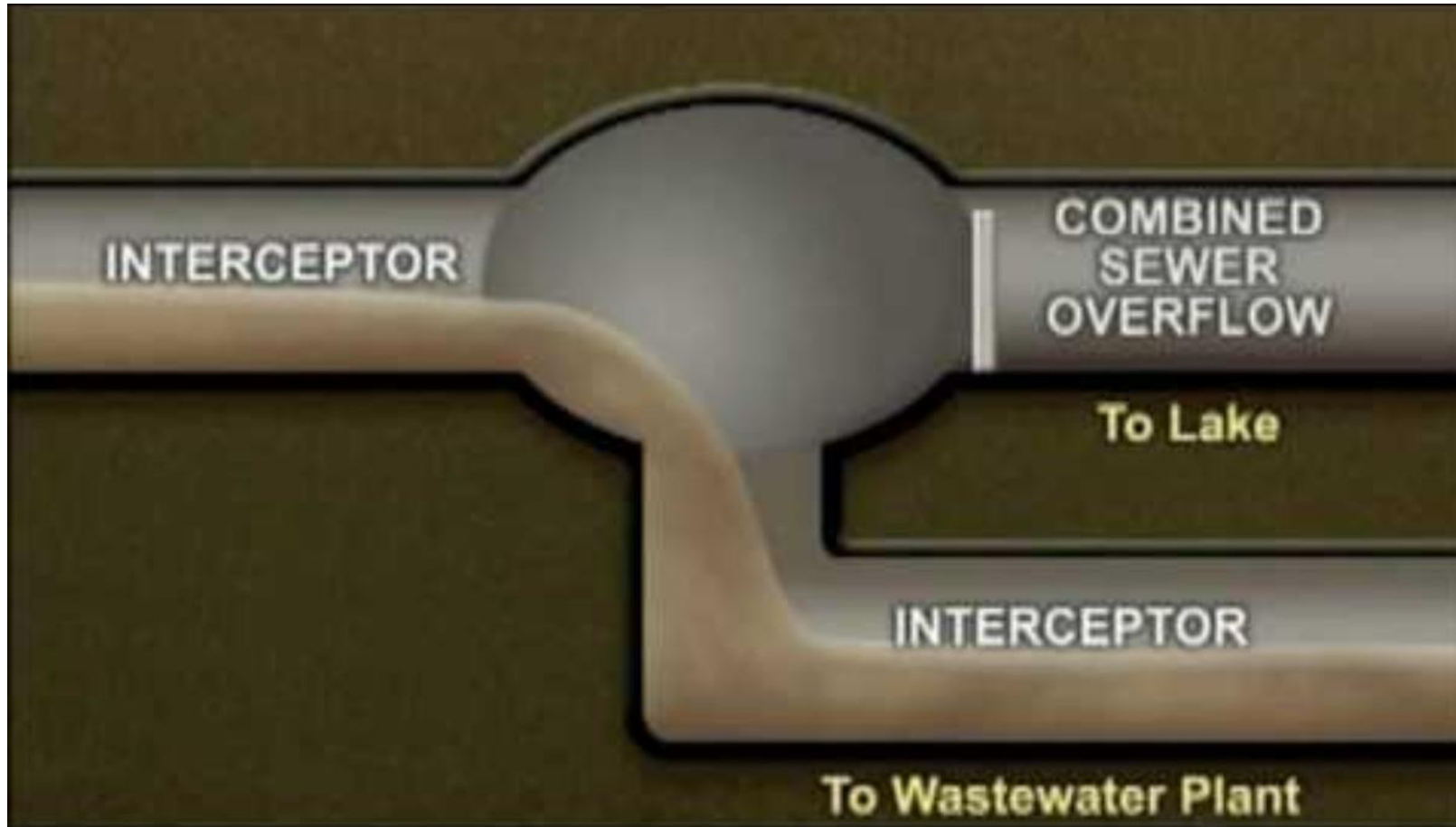


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Combined sewer systems



Monday, September 7, 2020



- The third wettest day on record in Cleveland history.
- Flash floods across the city.
- [Video of Edgewater beach](#)

