

# 9th International Conference on Sustainable Solid Waste Management

*Comparative assessment of different Advance technologies for Treatment of Landfill Leachate*

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# Landfill operation leading to generation of toxic leachate



Sludge/Waste dumping



Sludge/Waste compaction



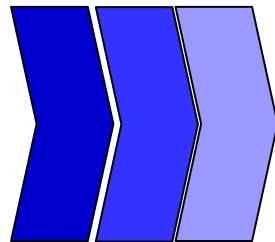
Leachate extraction

# Background of the Study

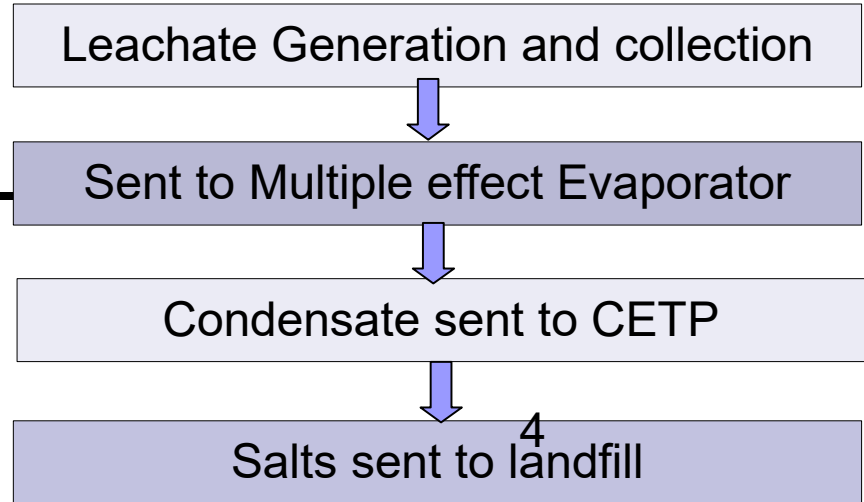
## TSDF at Ankleshwar



Finding Alternative of such energy intensive process which can be used at other sites

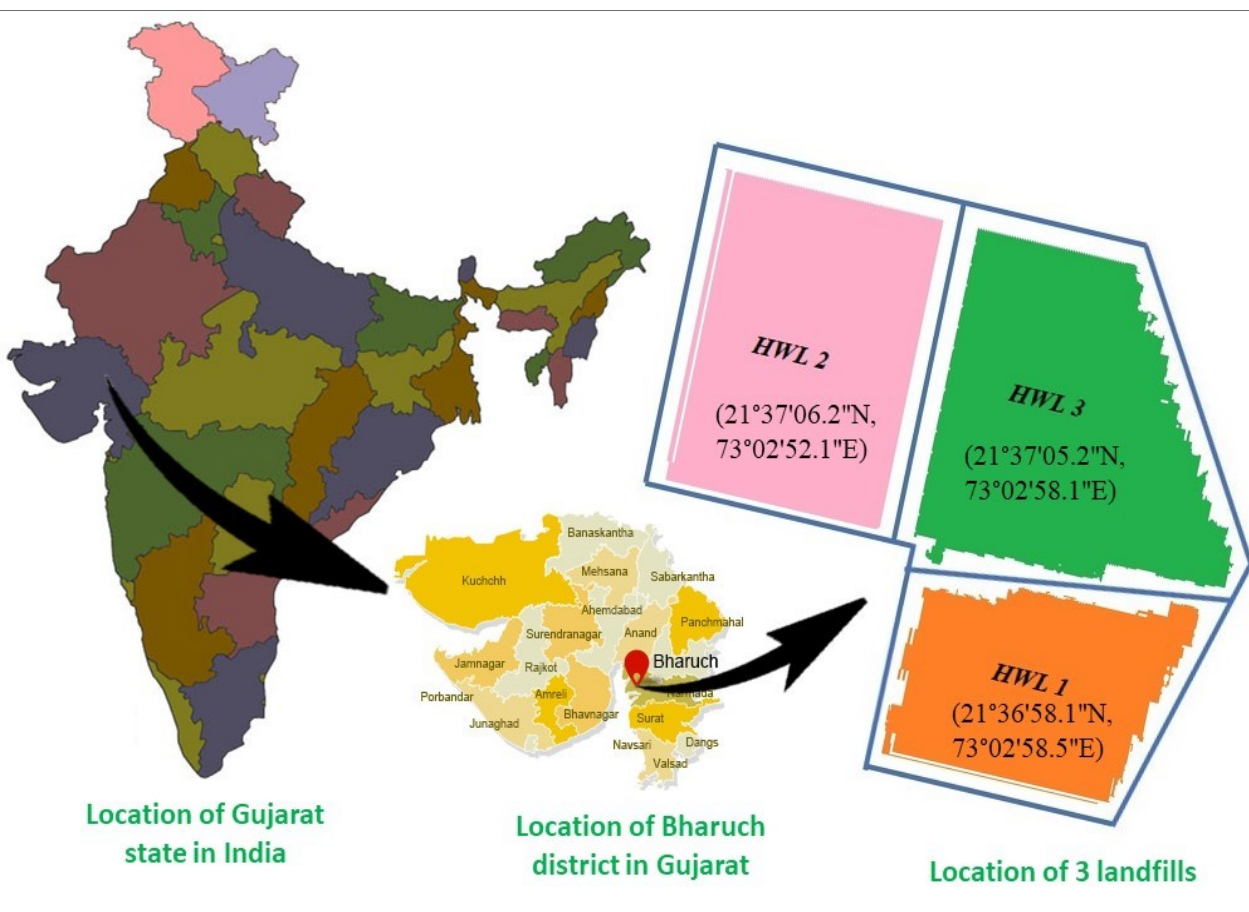


Energy Intensive  
Expensive





# Study Area



# Landfill Details

Reference Code	Area Occupied	Capacity	Age (yrs)	Year of inception
HW-III	12000 m2	1.45 million tons	02	2016

## WASTE TYPE

Industrial sludges, ETP sludges, Contaminated Barrels, Contaminated/Discarded Products



# LEACHATE

Soup generated (liquid extracted) from HW landfills contains elevated levels of dissolved solids, toxic elements, Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) and Ammonical nitrogen etc.



## Challenges

- ❖ High COD/BOD ratio
- ❖ High TDS
- ❖ Highly complex pollutant matrix
- ❖ Very less work on treatment of HWL leachate in comparison to MWL

# Leachate Characteristics (average of three HWL)

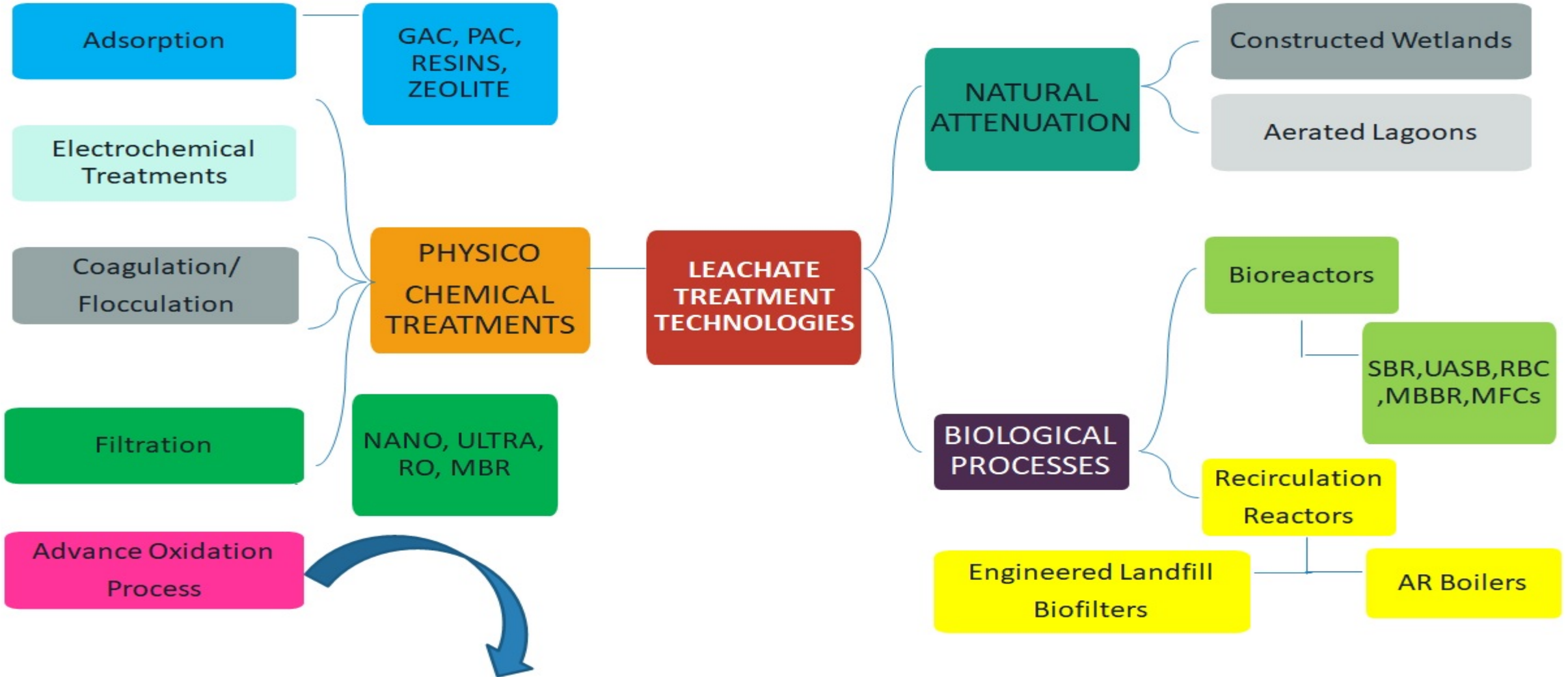
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pH	7.38 units	Total hardness (TH)	10490.7
Color	8200.3 Hazen units	Total alkalinity (TA)	8350.1
Oil and grease	6.09	Total dissolved solid (TDS)	264569.8
COD	34030	Total suspended solid (TSS)	1519.6
BOD	11204.07	Chloride (Cl)	135156.5
TN	3162.5	SULFIDE	485.8
TKN	2482.5	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> )	26918.5
Ammonical Nitrogen	2037.1	TOTAL PHENOL	19.8
Total phosphorus (TP)	27.1	Total hardness (TH)	10490.7

# Leachate Characteristics (average of three HWL)

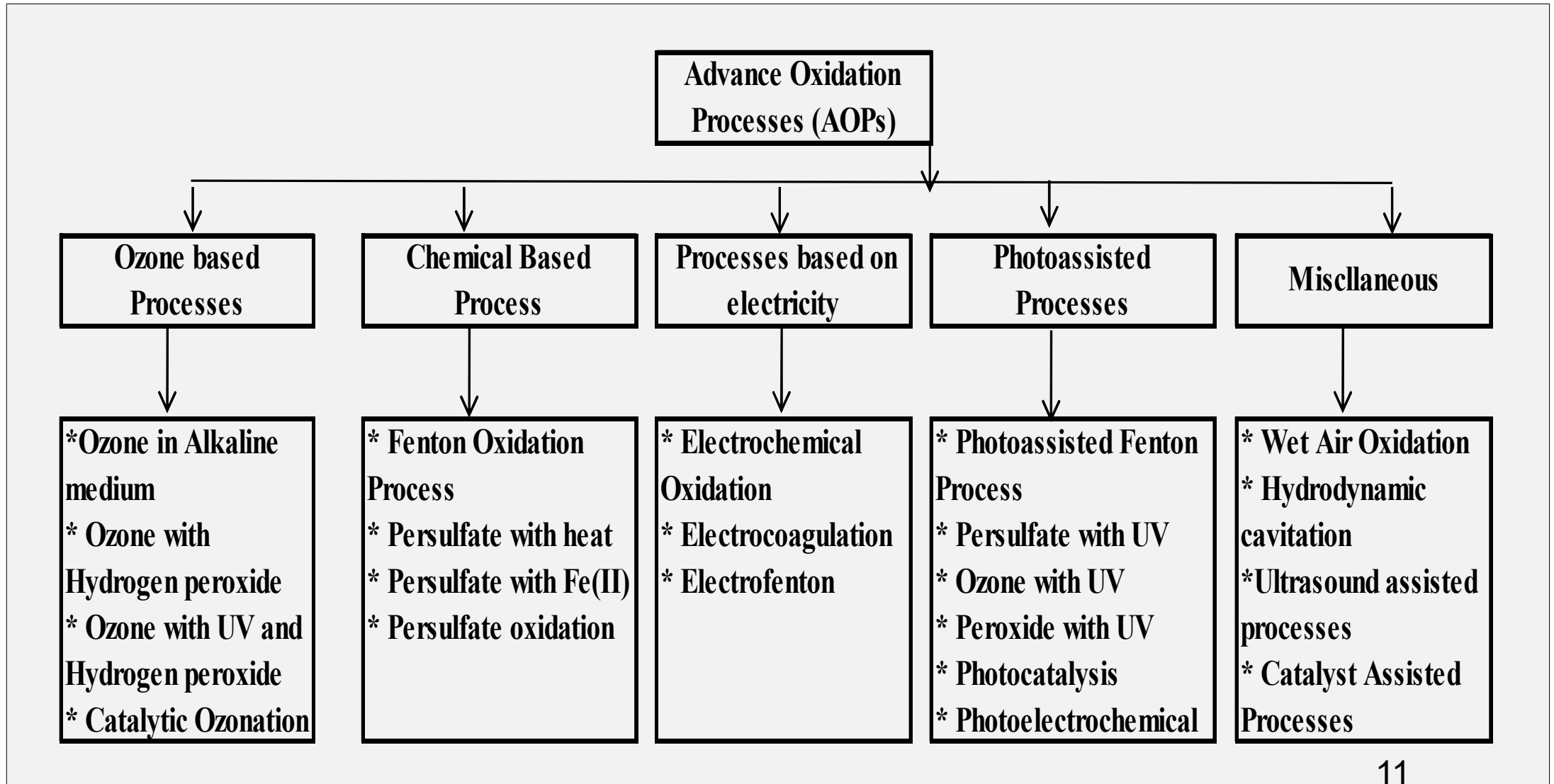
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<b>As</b>	<b>BDL</b>	<b>Hg</b>	<b>BDL</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>4571.9</b>
<b>Ba</b>	<b>BDL</b>	<b>Mg</b>	<b>2053.5</b>
<b>Ca</b>	<b>1351.1</b>	<b>Na</b>	<b>47007.8</b>
<b>Cd</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>Zn</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Cr</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>Cu</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>Pb</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Fe</b>	<b>4.4</b>		
<b>As</b>	<b>BDL</b>		



# Leachate Treatment Technologies

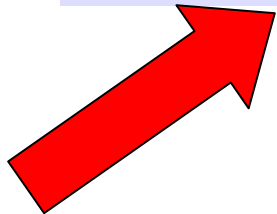


# Advanced Oxidation Processes for Leachate Treatment



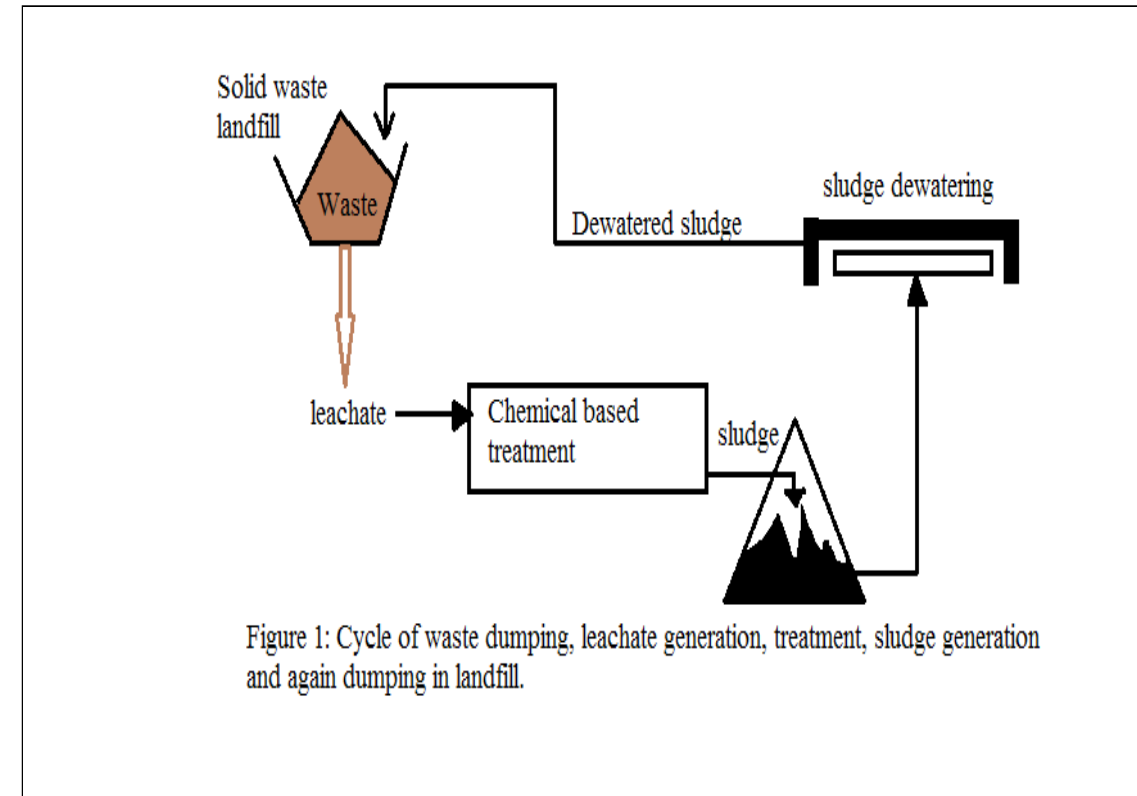
# Experiments to assess the better technology for leachate treatment

Technology	% Reduction in Colour	% Reduction in COD	% Reduction in TOC	% Reduction in TDS
Coagulation using Polyaluminium chloride	45.2	22.1	6.9	4.8
Fenton Process	52.6	33.6	11.9	25.2
Electro fenton process using Iron Electrodes	70.9	46.9	28.7	28.9
Ozonation	45.9	59.2	36.2	11.5
Electrocoagulation using Iron electrodes	72.9	66.8	42.8	29.2



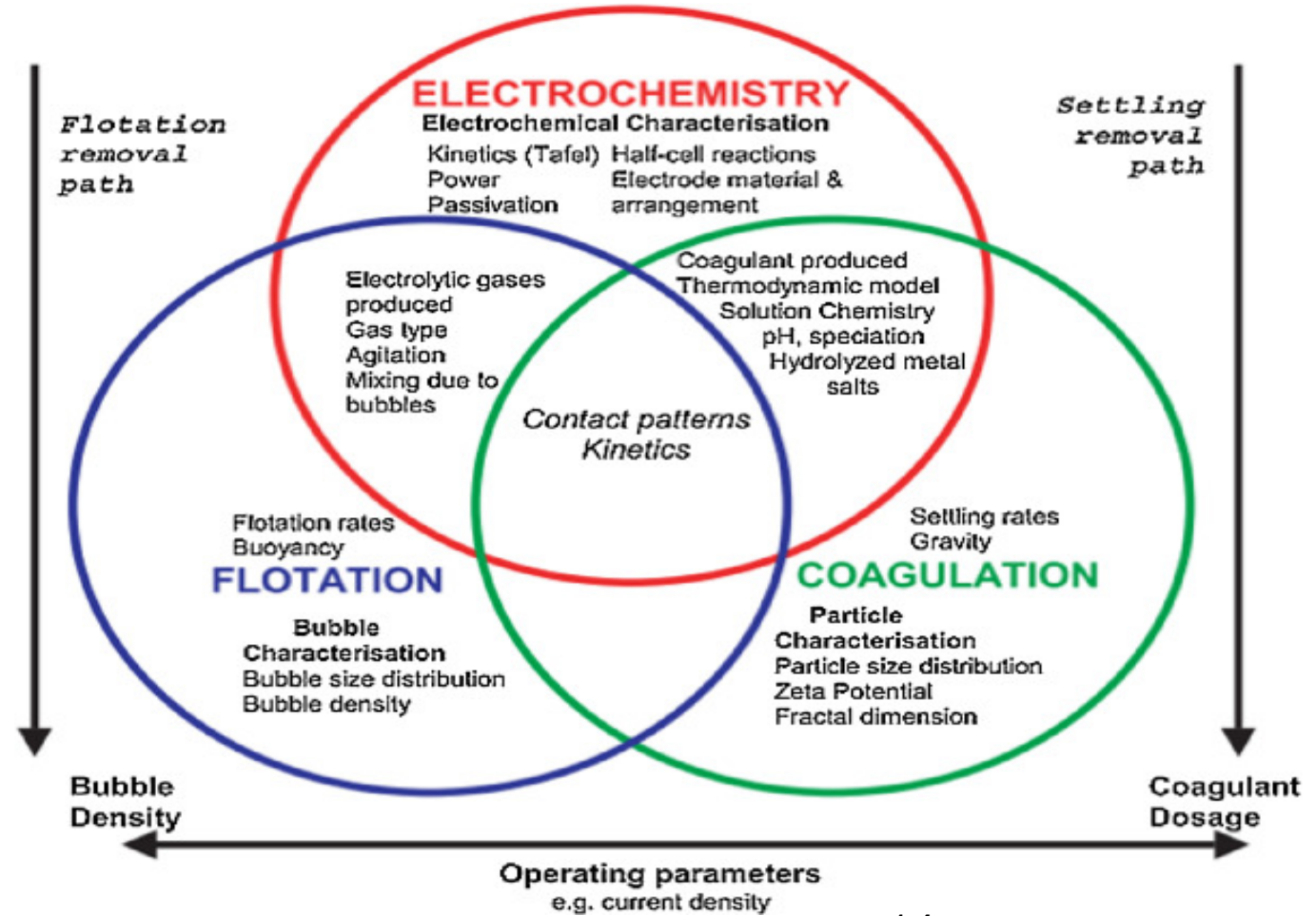
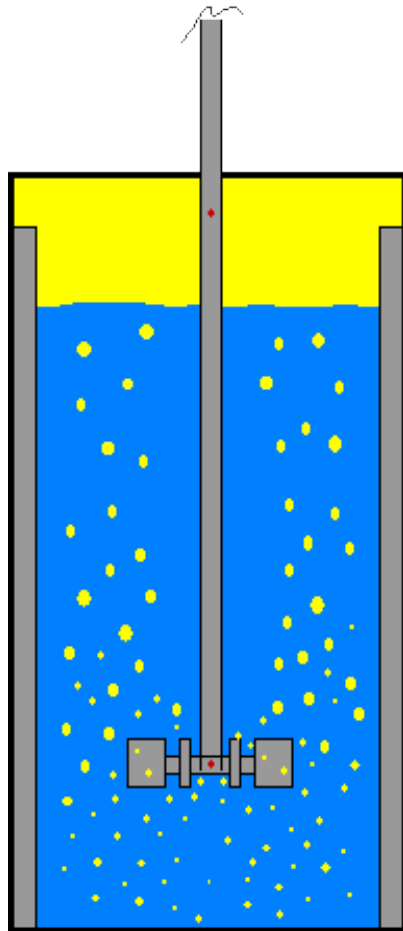
# Electrocoagulation : A greener approach

- Easy operation
- Treated wastewater is palatable, clear, colorless and odorless
- Sludge is readily settleable and easy to de-water
- Flocs formed can be separated faster by filtration.
- Low TDS in treated waste water as compared to chemical treatment
- No use of chemicals solving neutralizing issues



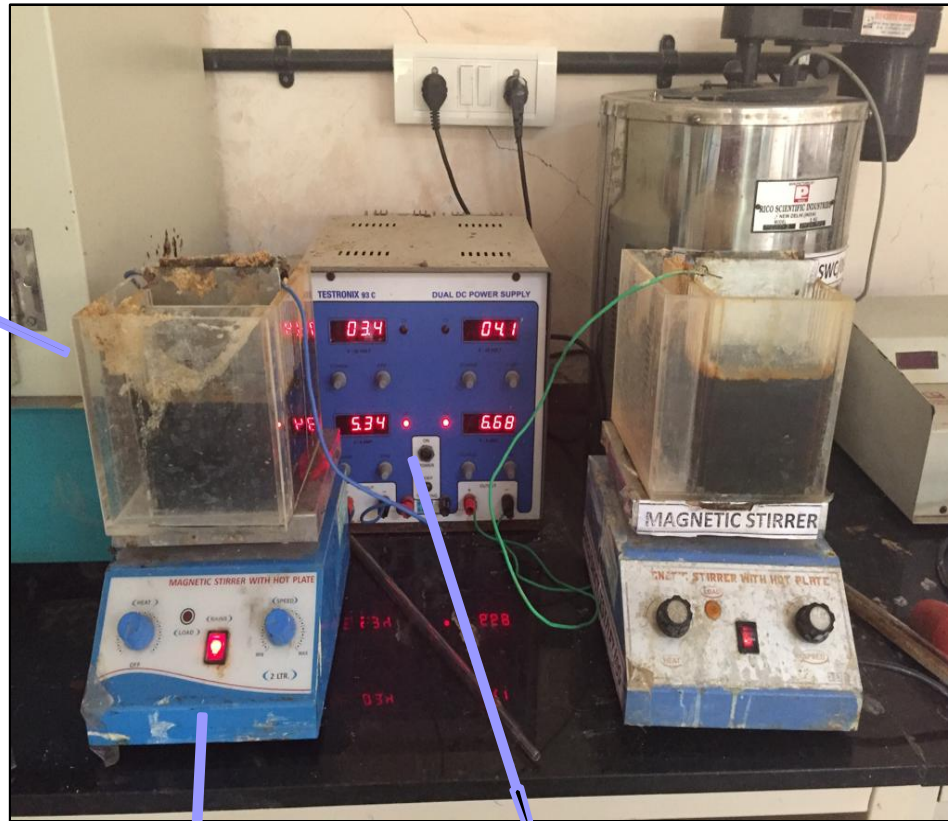
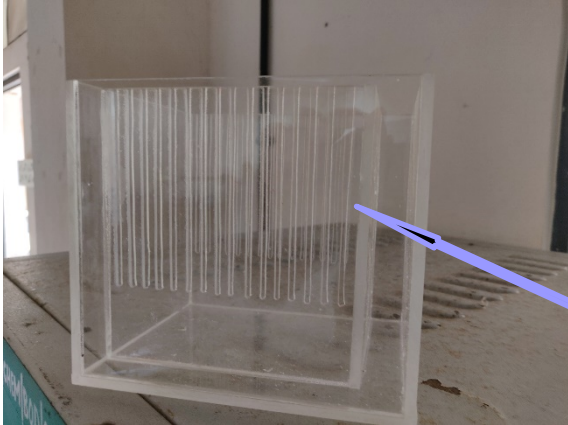
- The gas bubbles produced carry the pollutant to the top of the solution where it can be more easily concentrated, collected and removed.
- Controlled electrically with no moving parts, thus requiring less maintenance.

# ELECTROCOAGULATION : TECHNOLOGY FOR TREATMENT





# Experimental set up and Procedure



Magnetic  
Stirrer

Dual port  
Rectifier

## REACTOR

MOC : Acrylic

Capacity : 1 ltr

Dimension : 12x10x14 cm

Slots : 16

- Checking initial pH and COD of leachate sample
- Taking 1 liter leachate in reactor
- Connecting proper electrodes at proper distance with rectifier
- Initializing the process and taking samples at regular intervals of 30 min
- Analyzing parameters like COD, heavy metals etc from the final treated leachate
- Repeating the experiment with changing electrode and other operating parameters

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# Selection of Electrode

Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

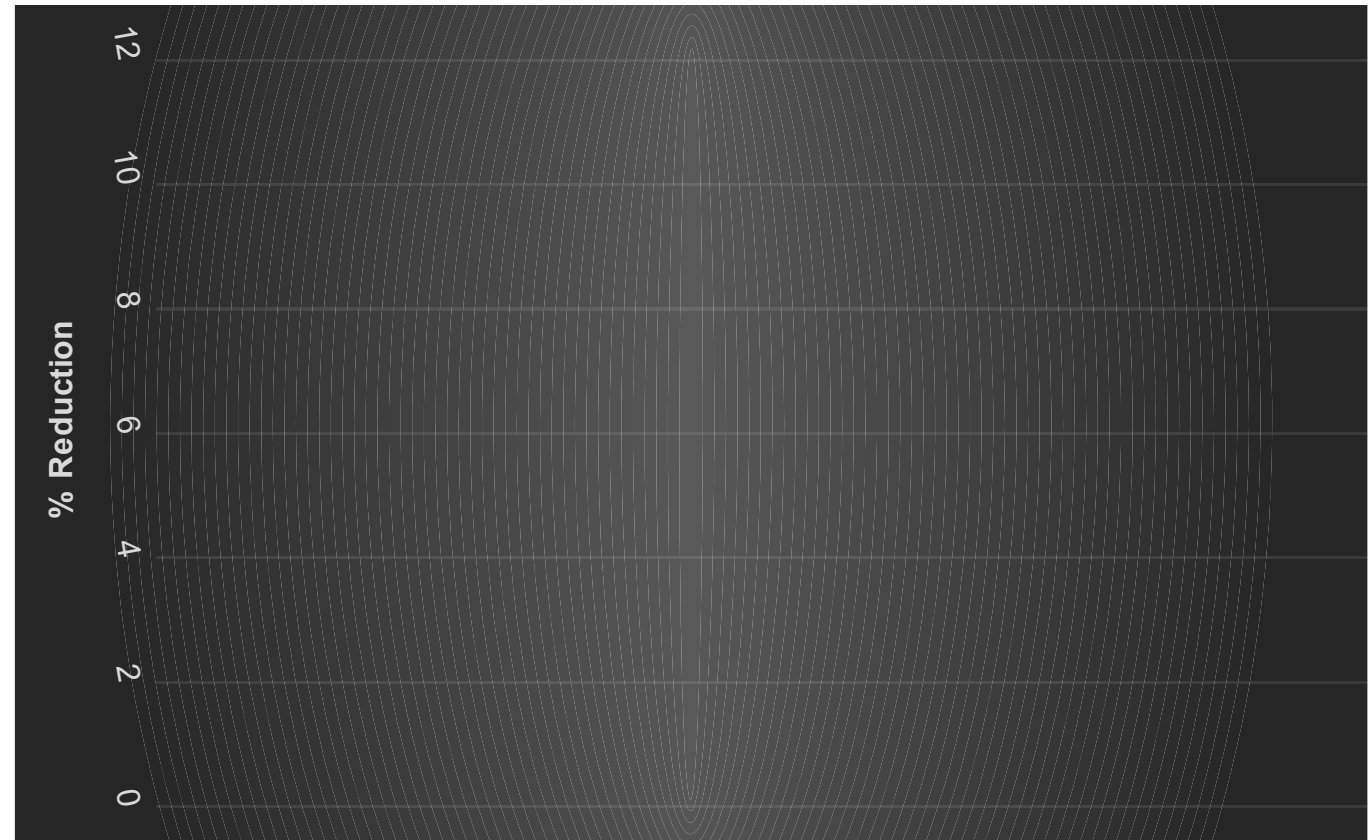
pH = 7.2

Electrolysis time –  
180 min

Current density :  
31.23 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

Distance between electrodes = 1.5 cm

Type of electrode	Initial COD	% Reduction in COD
GI	34300	64.21
MS	34000	45.16
SS	31000	55.74
Al	31000	34.45



**GI & SS can be preferred electrode giving high COD reduction**

# SELECTION OF ELECTRODE

## ANOVA

CODRED

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	1500.623	3	500.208	44.112	.000
Within Groups	90.716	8	11.340		
Total	1591.339	11			

## Post Hoc Test

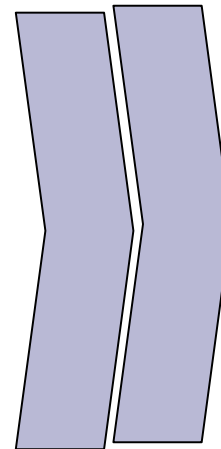
CODRED

Tukey HSD<sup>a</sup>

ELECTRODE	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05		
		1	2	3
AI	3	34.4500		
MS	3		45.1600	
SS	3			55.7533
GI	3			64.2100
Sig.		1.000	1.000	.060

Means for groups in homogeneous subsets are displayed.

a. Uses Harmonic Mean Sample Size = 3.000.



GI and SS as preferable electrode

# Experiments with SS

## Grades of SS

Content	SS-202	SS-304	SS-316
C	0.15	0.08	0.08
Si	1	1	1
Mn	7.5-10	2	2
P	0.06	0.045	0.045
S	0.03	0.03	0.03
Cr	17-19	18-20	16-18
Mo	-	-	2-3
Ni	4-6	8-10.5	10-14

# Experiments with varying grades of SS

Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

pH = 7.4

Electrolysis time –  
240 min

Voltage :  
2.1 volts

Distance :  
1.5 cm

No of electrodes : 02

Grade of SS used	Initial COD (ppm)	% Reduction in COD	% Reduction in Colour
<b>202</b>	<b>51000</b>	<b>43.14</b>	<b>73.8</b>
<b>304</b>	<b>45000</b>	<b>39.25</b>	<b>72.9</b>
<b>316</b>	<b>36000</b>	<b>61.11</b>	<b>74.6</b>





# Experiments with varying distance using SS-316

Sample of leachate = 1liter

pH = 7.4

Electrolysis time = 240m

Voltage : 2.1 volts

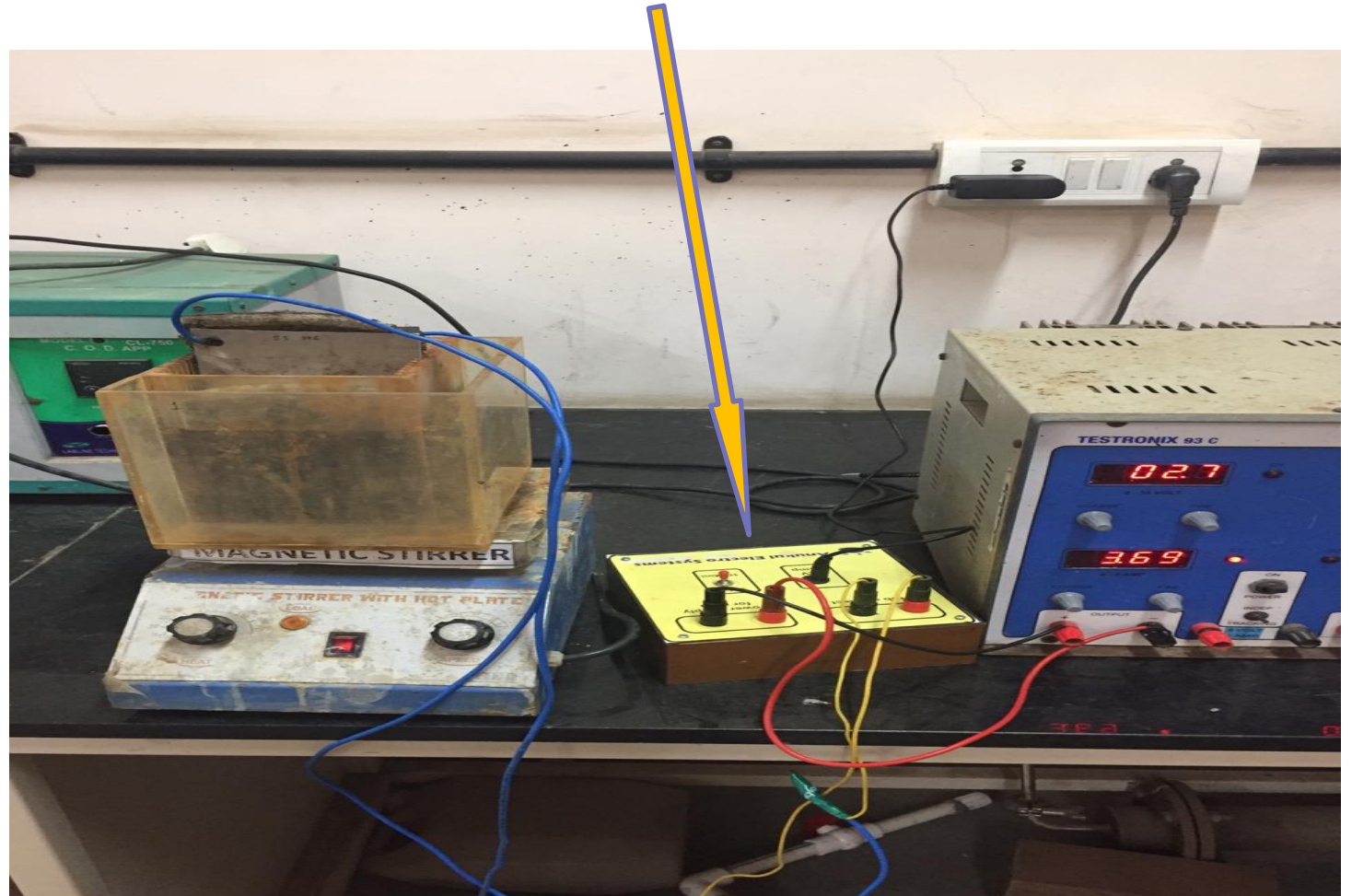
No of electrodes : 2

Distance between electrodes	Initial COD (ppm)	% reduction in COD	% reduction in colour	Total Chromium (Initial)	Total Chromium (Final)
1.5 cm	36000	61.11	74.6	0.3214	1.5703
3.0 cm	49500	43.25	70.7	0.43625	1.45157
4.5 cm	41000	36.58	56.3	0.5689	1.3298

CHROMIUM LEACHING

# REVERSAL OF THE POLARITY

## SOLUTION



# Experiments with reversing polarity using SS-316

Sample of leachate = 1liter

pH = 7.4

Electrolysis time = 240m

Voltage : 2.1 volts

No of electrodes : 2

Time for reversing current (min)	Initial COD (ppm)	% reduction in COD	Max current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	% reduction in colour	Total Chromium (Initial)	Total Chromium (Final)
0	36000	61.11	34.13	74.6	0.3214	1.5703
5	45000	24.44	20.29	64.9	0.5371	0.9173
10	48000	45.83	20.61	70.8	0.4856	1.5663

**CHROMIUM  
LEACHING**

# Reversing polarity using mix electrode system

Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

pH = 7.4

Electrolysis time –  
240 min

Voltage :  
2.1 volts

Distance :  
1.5 cm

No of electrodes : 02

Time for reversing current (min)	Initial COD (ppm)	% reduction in COD	% weight reduction at Cathode (SS-316)	% weight reduction at Anode (GI)	Max current density (mA/cm <sup>2</sup> )	% reduction in colour	Total Chromium (Initial)	Total Chromium (Final)
0	52000	46.15	0.47	11.09	34.86	51.12	0.4992	0.465
10	52000	51.92	3.74	3.76	26.02	68.82	0.4992	0.7043

# Conclusion for selection of electrode/s

GI is the optimum electrode pertaining to the COD and colour reduction obtained in preliminary experiments



# Experiments with GI plates (Varying distance)

Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

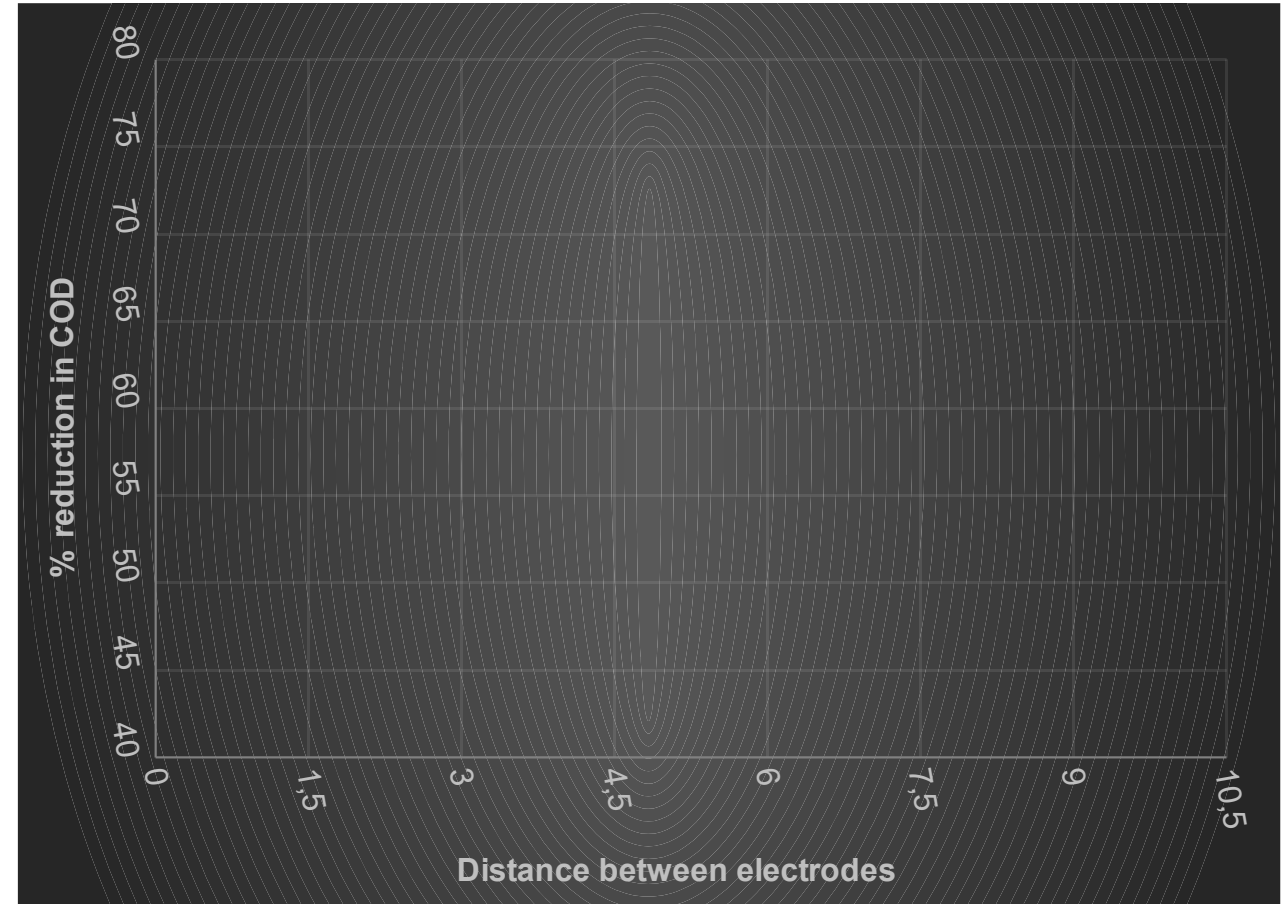
pH = 7.2

Electrolysis time –  
240 min

Current density :  
31.23 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

**No of electrodes : 02**

Distance between electrodes	% reduction in COD
1.5 cm	64.21
3 cm	52.96
4.5 cm	45.66
6.0 cm	49.06



1.5 cm distance looks optimum for EC using GI electrodes

# EFFECT OF DISTANCE

## ANOVA

CODRED

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	585.253	3	195.084	9.950	.004
Within Groups	156.857	8	19.607		
Total	742.110	11			

## Post Hoc Test

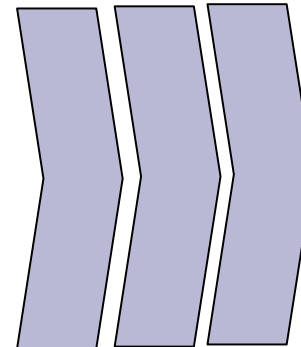
CODRED

Tukey HSD<sup>a</sup>

VAR.DIST	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05	
		1	2
4.5 cm	3	45.6567	
6 cm	3	49.0633	
3 cm	3	52.9767	52.9767
1.5 cm	3		64.2100
Sig.		.256	.057

Means for groups in homogeneous subsets are displayed.

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1.5 cm as preferable inter-electrode distance

# Experiments with GI plates (Varying time)

Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

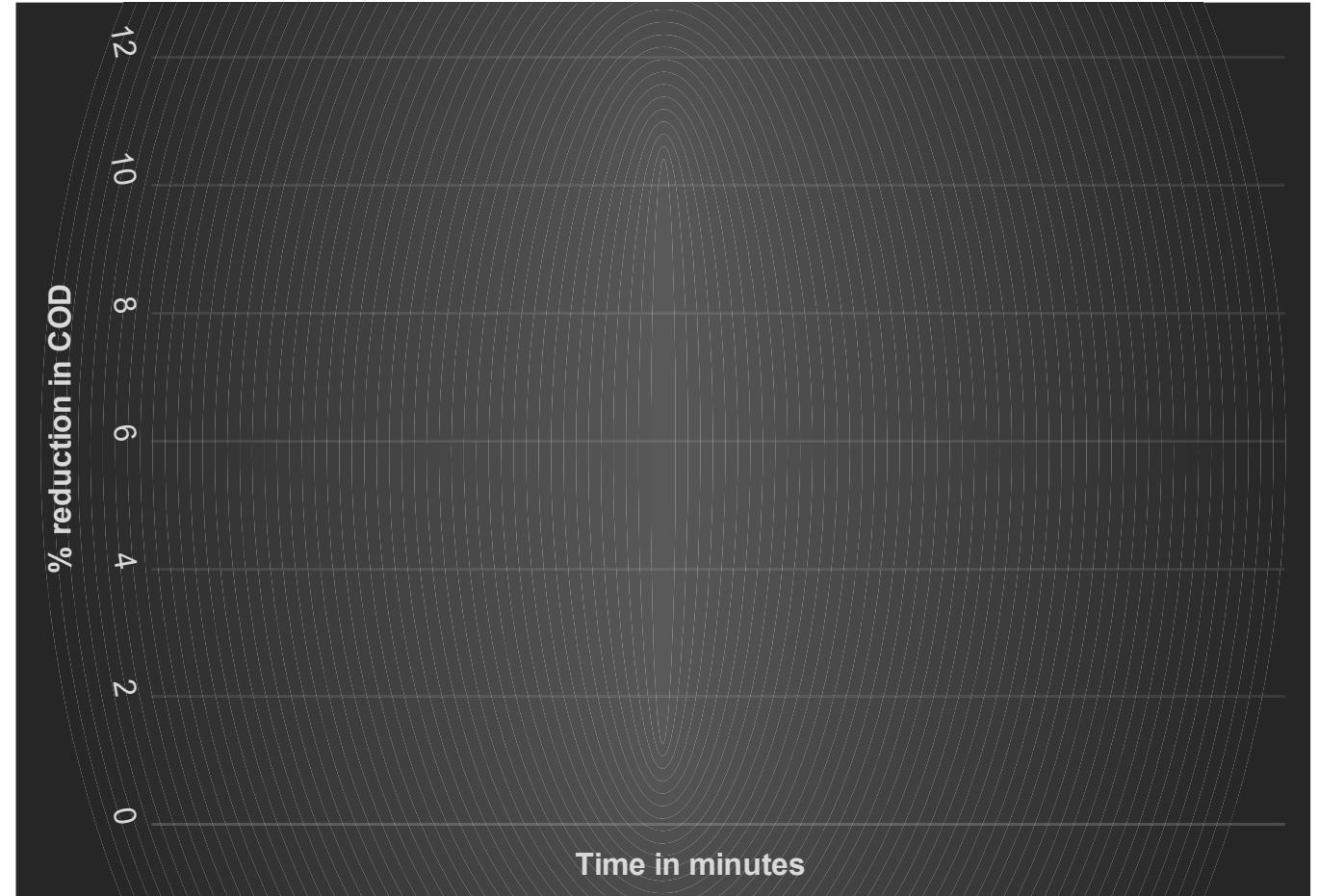
pH = 7.2

Distance = 1.5 cm

Current density :  
31.23 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

**No of electrodes : 02**

Electrolysis time (min)	% reduction in COD
60	9.44
120	44.22
180	64.21
240	77.58



Electrolysis time is directly proportional to %  
reduction in COD

## ANOVA

CODRED

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	7936.987	3	2645.663	257.433	.000
Within Groups	82.217	8	10.277		
Total	8019.204	11			

## Post Hoc Test

CODRED

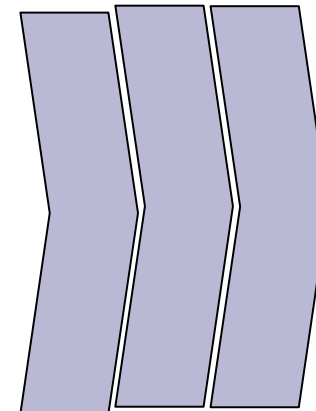
Tukey HSD<sup>a</sup>

ET	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05			
		1	2	3	4
60 min	3	9.3167			
120 min	3		44.2200		
180 min	3			64.2100	
240 min	3				77.5800
Sig.		1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

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## EFFECT OF ELECTROLYSIS TIME



ET is directly proportional to COD reduction

# Experiments with GI plates (varying current density)

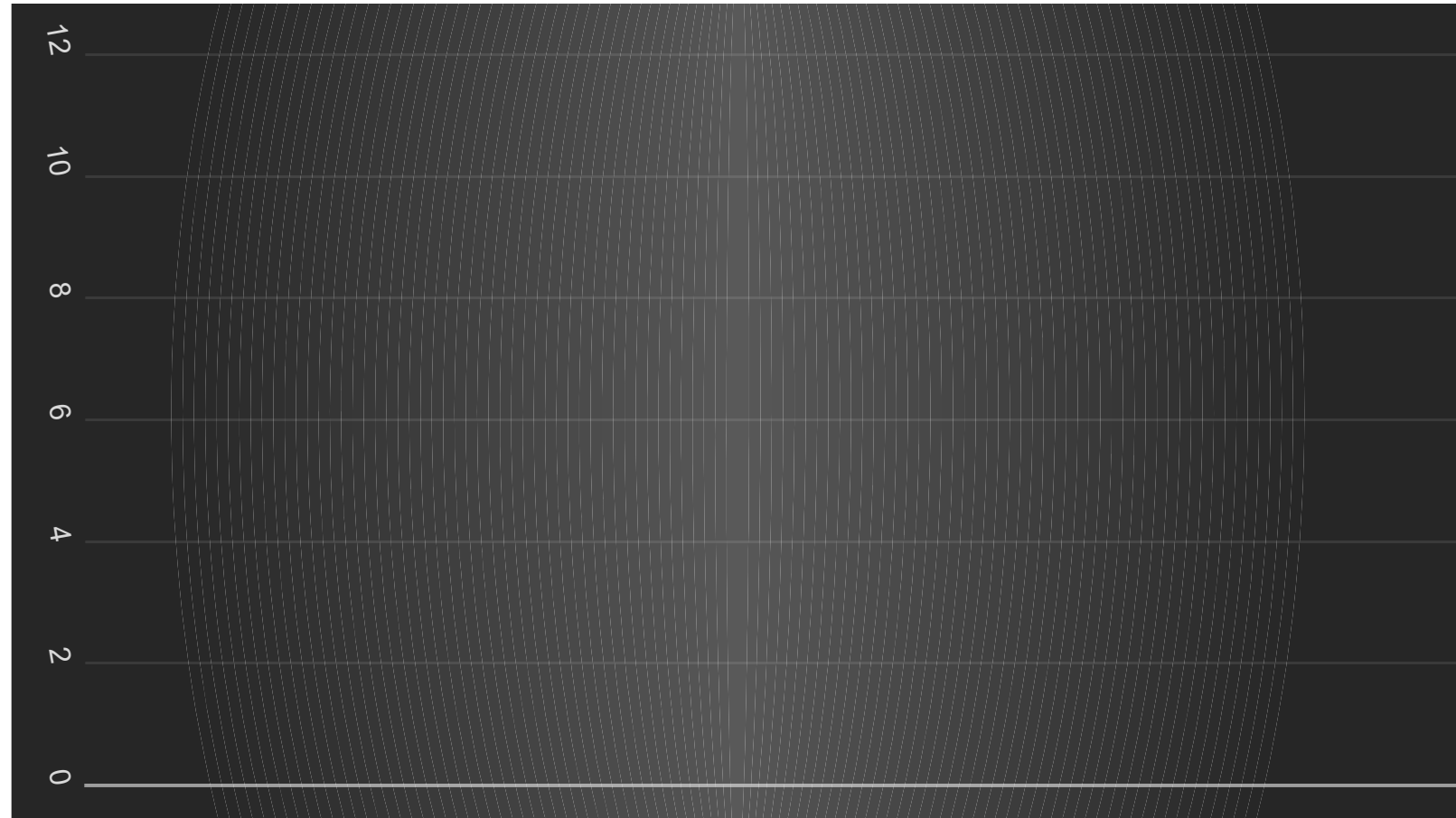
Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

pH = 7.2

Distance = 1.5 cm

Electrolysis time = 240 min

Current density A/cm <sup>2</sup>	% reduction in COD
10.41	45.36
20.82	70.38
31.23	77.58
41.64	80.79



## ANOVA

CODRED

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	2316.699	3	772.233	165.753	.000
Within Groups	37.271	8	4.659		
Total	2353.970	11			

## EFFECT OF CURRENT DENSITY

### Post Hoc Test

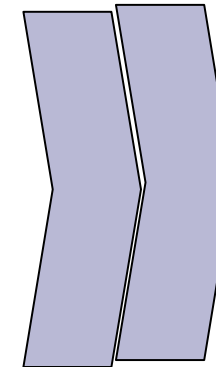
CODRED

Tukey B<sup>a</sup>

CD	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05		
		1	2	3
10.41	3	45.3633		
20.82	3		70.3767	
31.23	3			77.5800
41.64	3			80.7867

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CD is directly proportional to COD reduction



# Experiments with GI plates (effect of pH)

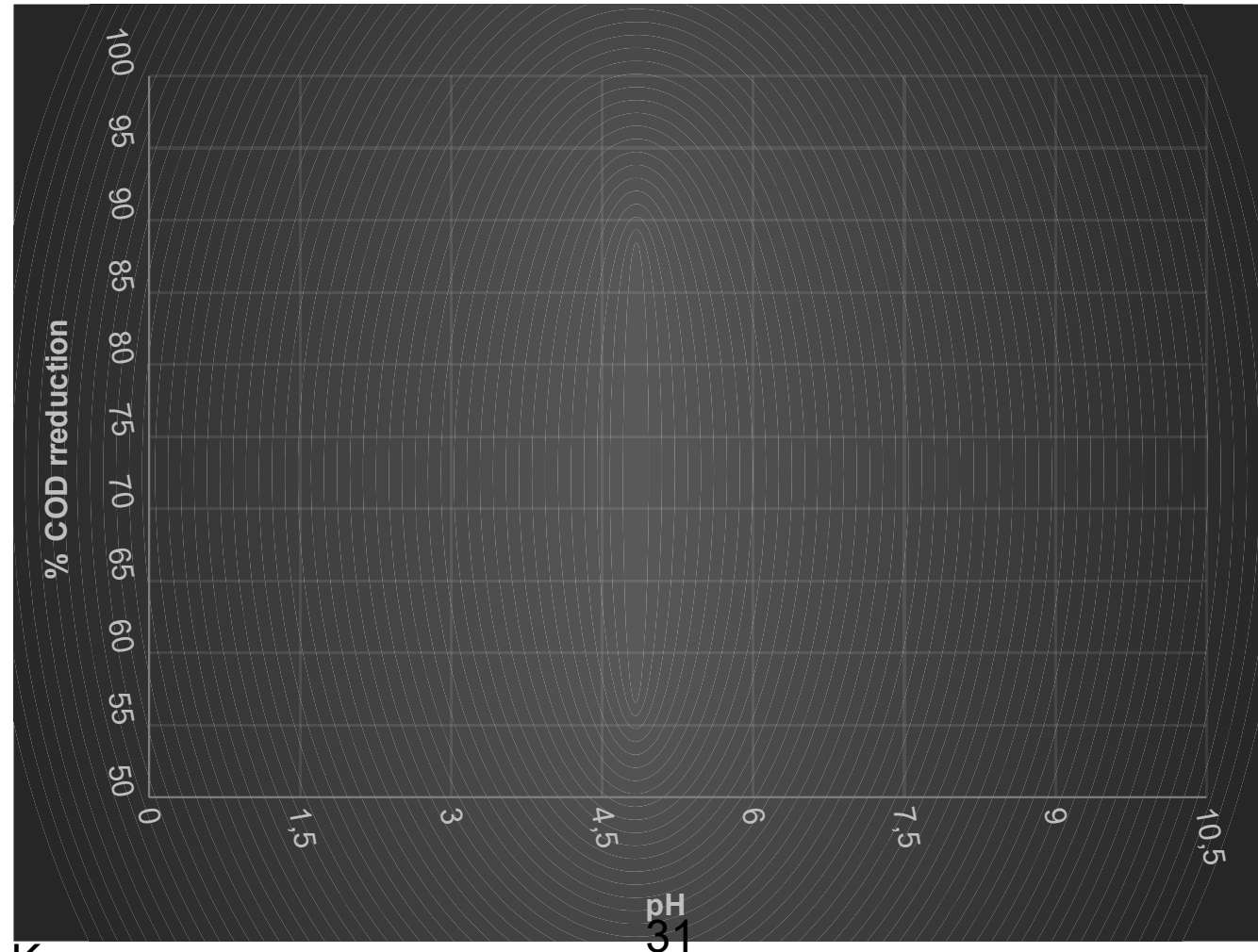
Sample of leachate  
= 1liter

Current density :  
41.64 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

Distance = 1.5 cm

Electrolysis time =  
240 min

Initial pH	Final pH	% reduction
3	5.3	62.03
4.6	6.1	70.3
7.2	7.5	80.79
9.2	10.5	74.25



# EFFECT OF pH

## ANOVA

CODRED

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	553.373	3	184.458	47.928	.000
Within Groups	30.789	8	3.849		
Total	584.162	11			

## Post Hoc Test

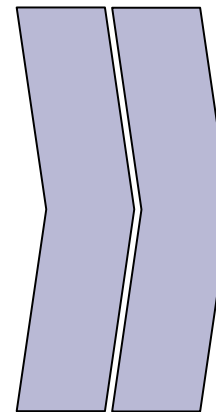
CODRED

Tukey HSD<sup>a</sup>

PH	N	Subset for alpha = 0.05		
		1	2	3
3	3	62.0333		
4.6	3		70.3000	
10	3		74.2633	
7.1	3			80.7867
Sig.		1.000	.139	1.000

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Neutral pH is preferable

# Optimization using RSM

# Selection of variables

**Response Variable:  
COD**



**pH of the  
sample**



**Addition of  
electrolyte**



**Electrode  
material**



**Inter-electrode  
distance**



**Current  
Density**



**Electrolysis  
Time**

**Independent  
Variables**

- IED
- CD
- ET

# DOE for Optimization

Central Composite Design

Factors: 3 Replicates: 1  
 Base runs: 26 Total runs: 26  
 Base blocks: 1 Total blocks: 1

Two-level factorial: Full factorial

Cube points: 8  
 Center points in cube: 10  
 Axial points: 8  
 Center points in axial: 0

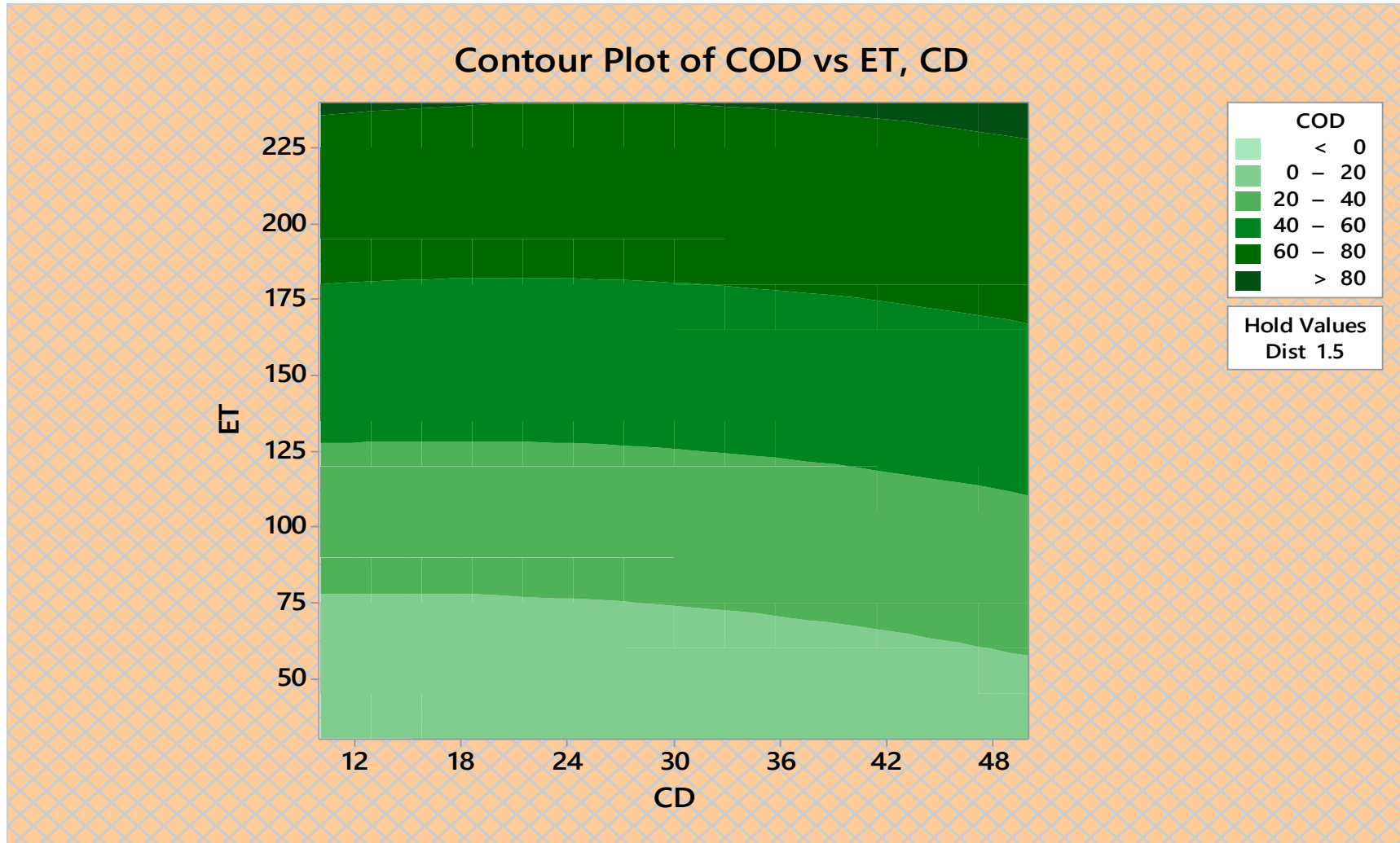
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Personal comments: Factors>Axial Points

Design> Full with 13 runs

Std Order	RunOrder	PtType	Blocks	CD	ET	Dist	% COD Red
13	1	0	1	30	135	1.5	43.3
2	2	1	1	44.14214	60.75379	1.5	20.7
24	3	0	1	30	135	3	37.9
11	4	0	1	30	135	1.5	43.3
16	5	1	1	15.85786	209.2462	3	58.6
9	6	0	1	30	135	1.5	43.3
12	7	0	1	30	135	1.5	43.3
8	8	-1	1	30	240	1.5	76.7
1	9	1	1	15.85786	60.75379	1.5	10.3
23	10	0	1	30	135	3	37.9
19	11	-1	1	50	135	3	34.5
22	12	0	1	30	135	3	37.9
18	13	-1	1	10	135	3	41.4
5	14	-1	1	10	135	1.5	41.4
3	15	1	1	15.85786	209.2462	1.5	75.9
4	16	1	1	44.14214	209.2462	1.5	72.4
17	17	1	1	44.14214	209.2462	3	72.4
15	18	1	1	44.14214	60.75379	3	17.2
10	19	0	1	30	135	1.5	43.3
14	20	1	1	15.85786	60.75379	3	10.3
20	21	-1	1	30	30	3	1.2
26	22	0	1	30	135	3	37.9
25	23	0	1	30	135	3	37.9
21	24	-1	1	30	240	3	65.5
6	25	-1	1	50	135	1.5	48.3
7	26	-1	1	30	30	1.5	3.3

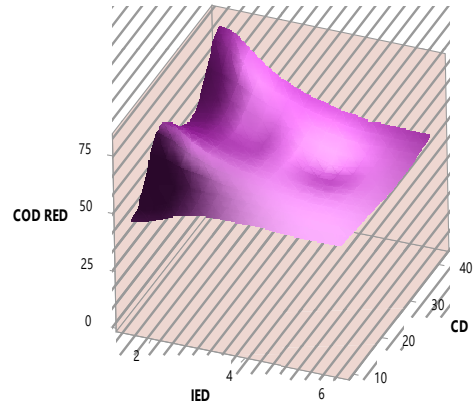
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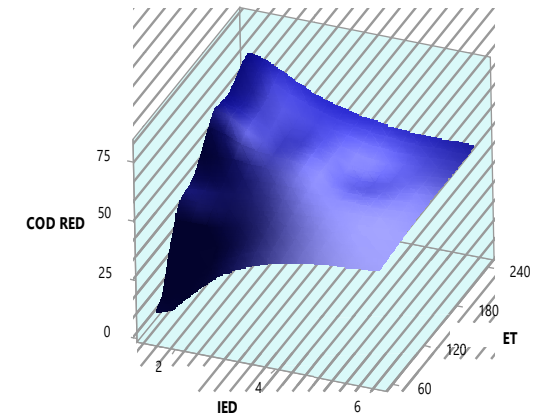


# Surface plot diagrams

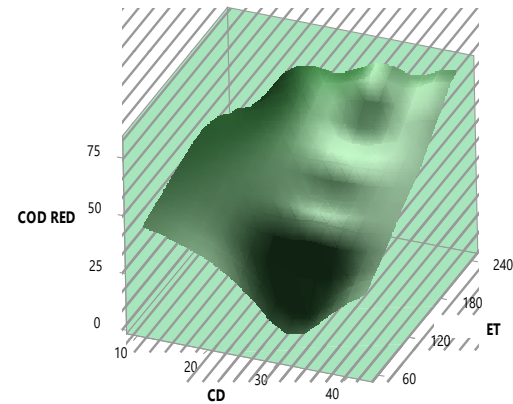
Surface Plot of COD RED vs CD, IED



Surface Plot of COD RED vs ET, IED

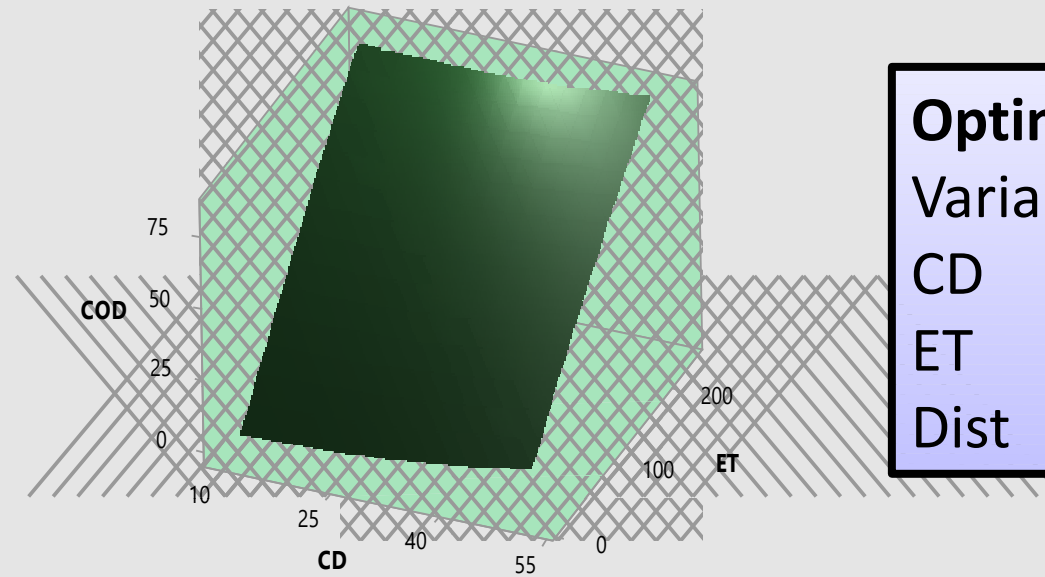


Surface Plot of COD RED vs ET, CD



# Response Surface Optimizer

Surface Plot of COD vs ET, CD



## Optimizer Result

### Variable Setting

CD	50
ET	240
Dist	1.5

COD Reduction: 89.7%

# CONCLUSION



# OPTIMUM PARAMETERS FOR ELECTROCOAGULATION

# % REDUCTION IN PARAMETERS FOR TREATED LEACHATE



**TOC:  
54.7%**

**ZINC:  
63.6%**

# Cost incurred for the treatment of 1 KL of leachate of HWL

$$TC = (EP * EC) + (AP * ELC) + (STDC * SG) + (CP * CA) + MC + DP + LC - AM$$

Where, TC = Total Cost, EP = Electricity Price, EC = Energy consumption, AP = Anode Price, ELC = Electrodes consumption, STDC = Sludge transportation and disposal cost, SG = Sludge Generated, CP = Chemicals Price, CA = Chemicals Added, MC = Maintenance cost, DP = Depreciation, LC = Labor Cost, AM = Amortization

*For our work, No external chemical was added, so CP = CA = 0. As the cost of treatment is being calculated at lab scale, MC = DP = LC = AM = 0.*

$$TC = (EP * EC) + (AP * ELC) + (STDC * SG)$$

{ Part 1 }      { Part 2 }      { Part 3 }



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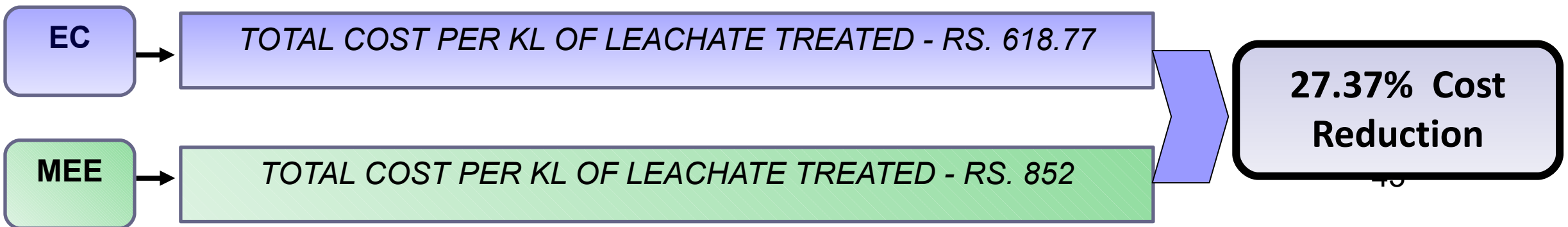
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{ Part 3 }

$$TC = (7.5*44.8) + (40*6.144) + (0.94*35.45)$$

$$TC = (336) + (249.45) + (33.32) = 618.77$$

The total cost of treatment for 1 m<sup>3</sup> of leachate is Rs. 618.77

COST OF TREATMENT	
Cost of Electrode	249.45
Cost of Electricity	336
Cost of Sludge Disposal	33.32
Cost of overall treatment	618.77





*Thank  
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