

# Environmental Chemistry and Materials Centre

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# CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER - ADVANCE OXIDATION PROCESS

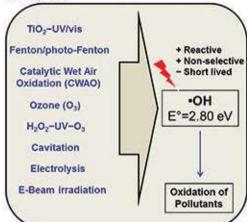
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#### Research

Removal of organic (or inorganic) materials in water and wastewater by oxidation through non-selective attack by radical species.



## Applications & Advantages



#### Pre-treatment of Wastewater Stream

- Reduction of overall organic content (COD)
- Increase of biodegradability of recalcitrant organics (BOD)
- Destruction (mineralization) of specific pollutants
- Sludge treatment and conditioning



#### Post-treatment of Wastewater Stream

- Wastewater polishing
- Reduction of color and odor
- Disinfection



#### Point of Application

- Domestic wastewater treatment plant
- Industrial wastewater treatment plant
- Sludge treatment
- Groundwater remediation

#### Novelty

- Self-cleaning, anti-fouling membrane.
- Catalytic microreactors dispersed within the membrane pores, providing extended degradation of micropollutants that pass through the membrane.
- 3. Hybrid membrane reactor system with a smaller footprint.

#### PUBLICATIONS

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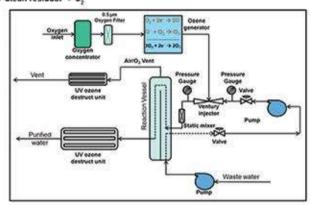
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#### Particulates Removal

#### Advantages

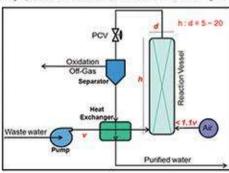
- · Effective for a wide range of operating temperatures and pH values
- · Excellent bactericidal and sporicidal action
- · Fast and non-selective
- · Produce small amount or no THM or other DBP (affected by pH, alkalinity, and nature of the organic materials)
- Does not produce dissolved and suspended solids
- · Control color, taste, and odor
- Clean residual -> 0.



#### Catalytic Wet Air Oxidation(CWAO)

### Advantages

- Oxidizes organic/inorganic matters by oxygen or air
   CWAO produces no NOx, SO2, and HCl
- With nobel metal catalyst (Pt, Ce, Ru, etc.), CWAO is able to oxidize refractory acetic acid/ ammonia while operating at a lower temperature and pressure
- Pre-oxidation (to be followed by biological processes)
- Enhances biodegradability
- Effective for highly concentrated wastewater (COD ~ 100,000 mg/L)



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