



# Arsenic Treatment: Basis of Design, Detailed Mathematics of Treatment & Review of Operations Monitoring

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RESEARCH

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A cross-sectional study of well water arsenic and child IQ in Maine schoolchildren

- Research (2014) *suggests*  $\text{As} \leq 5 \mu\text{g/L}$

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- *Evidence of As toxicity*



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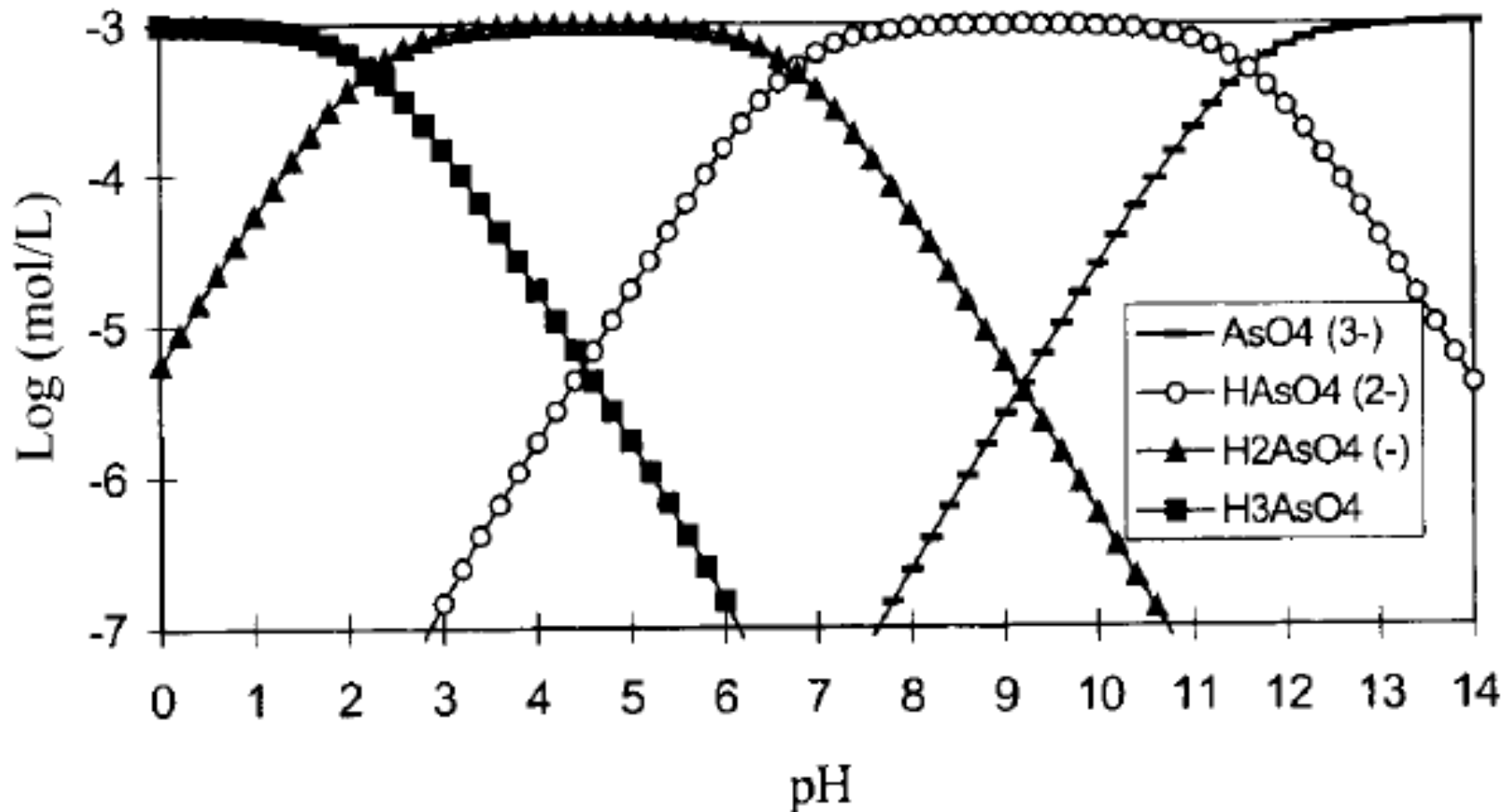
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- Sorption Process - Concept



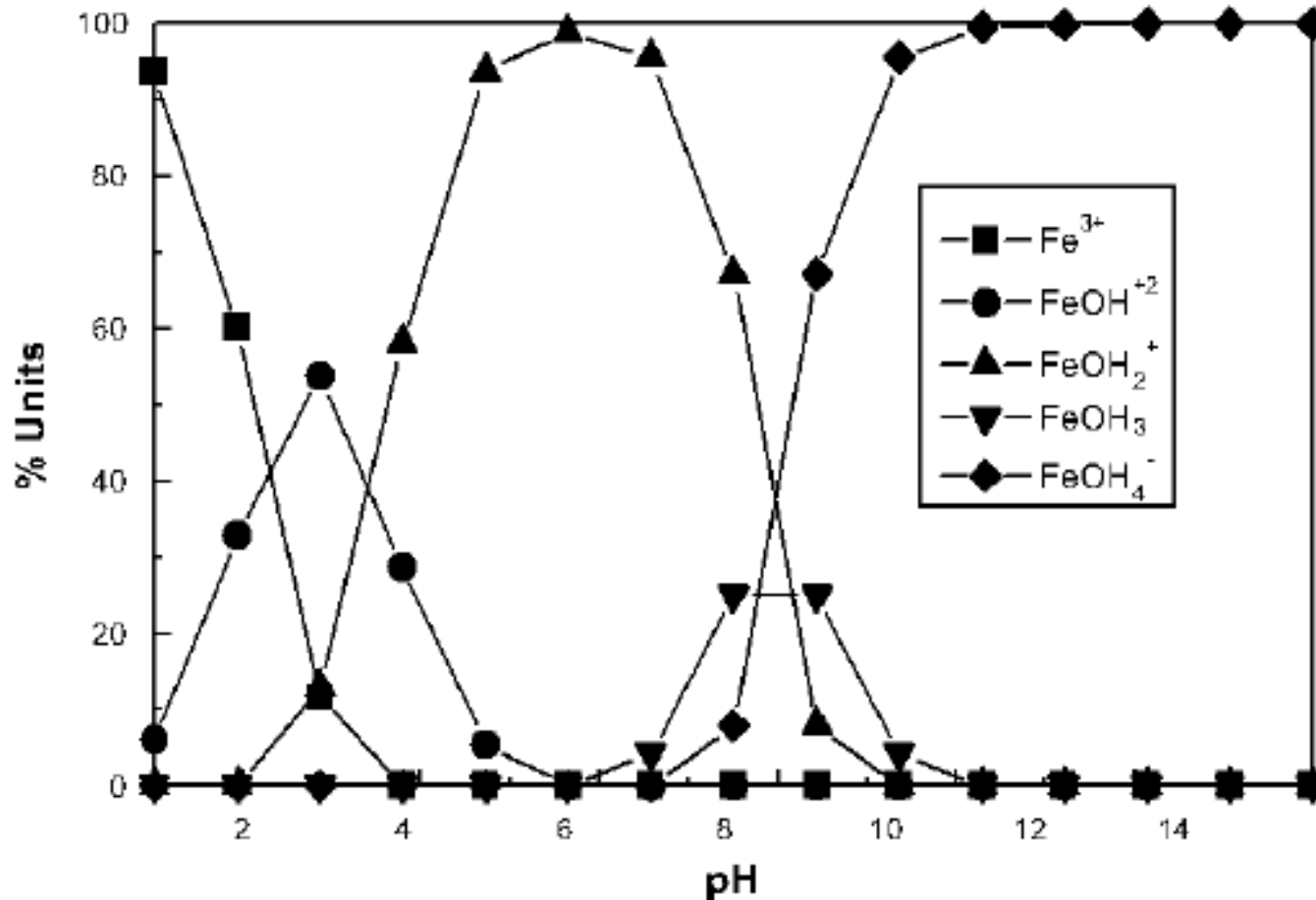
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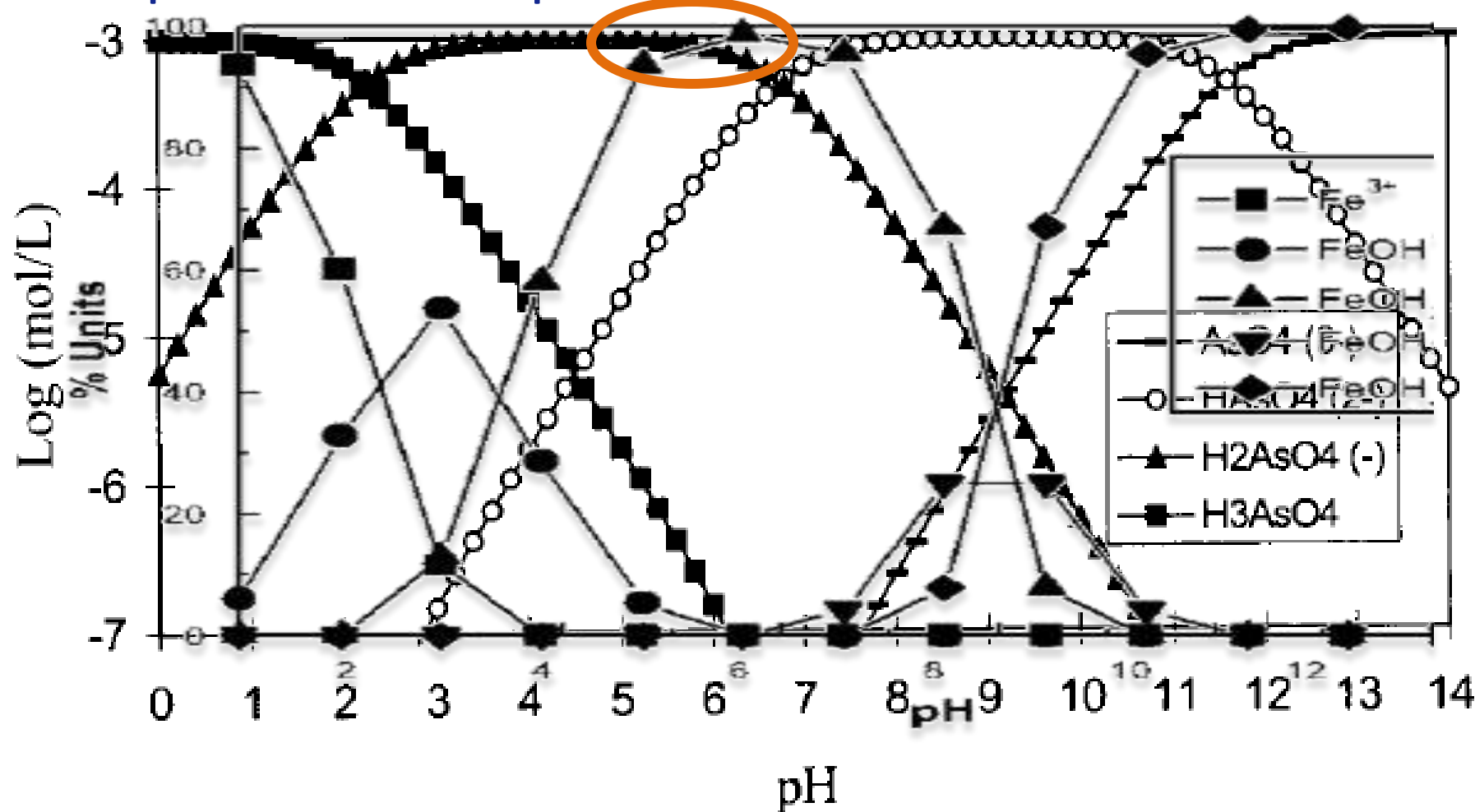
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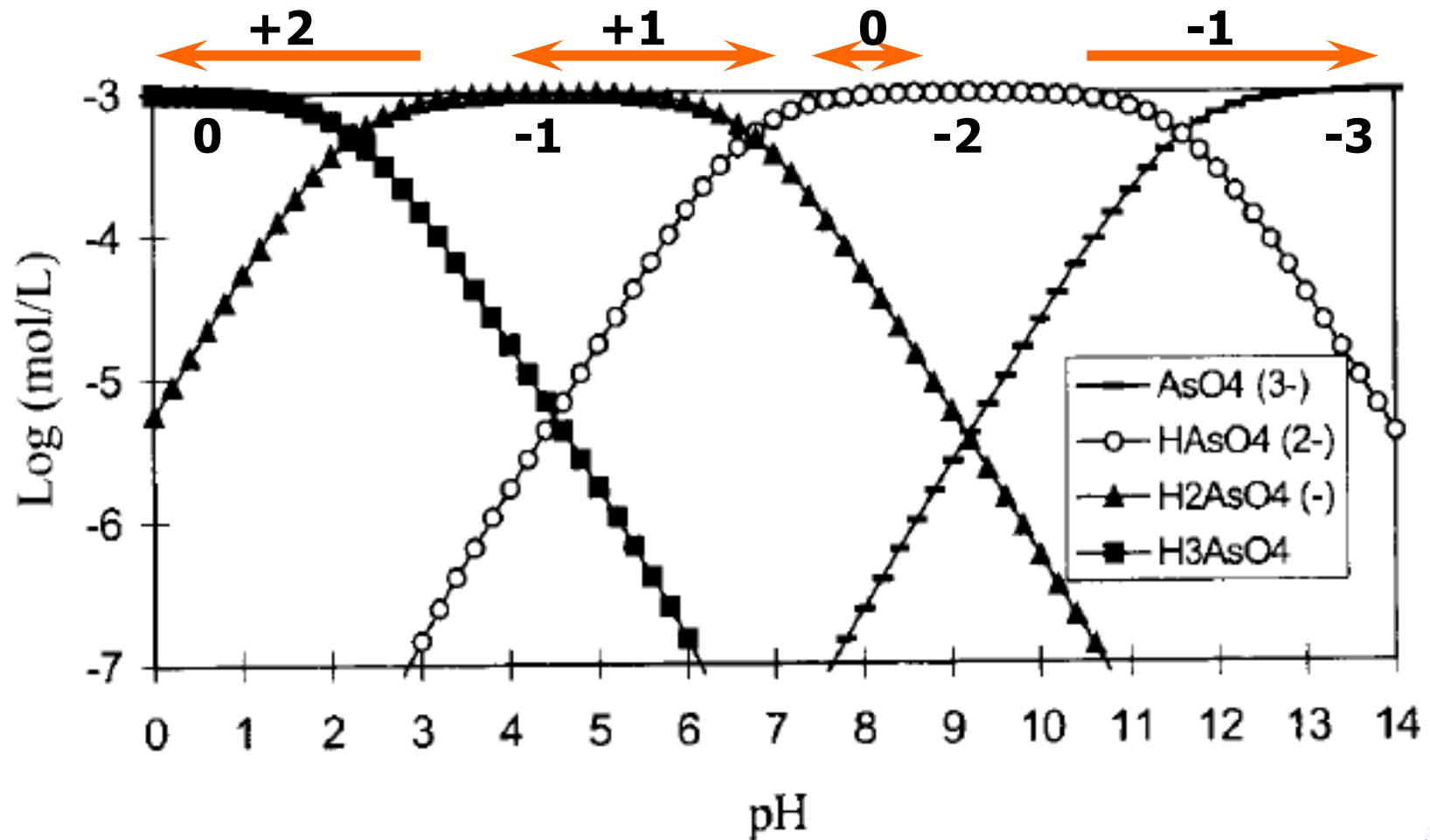
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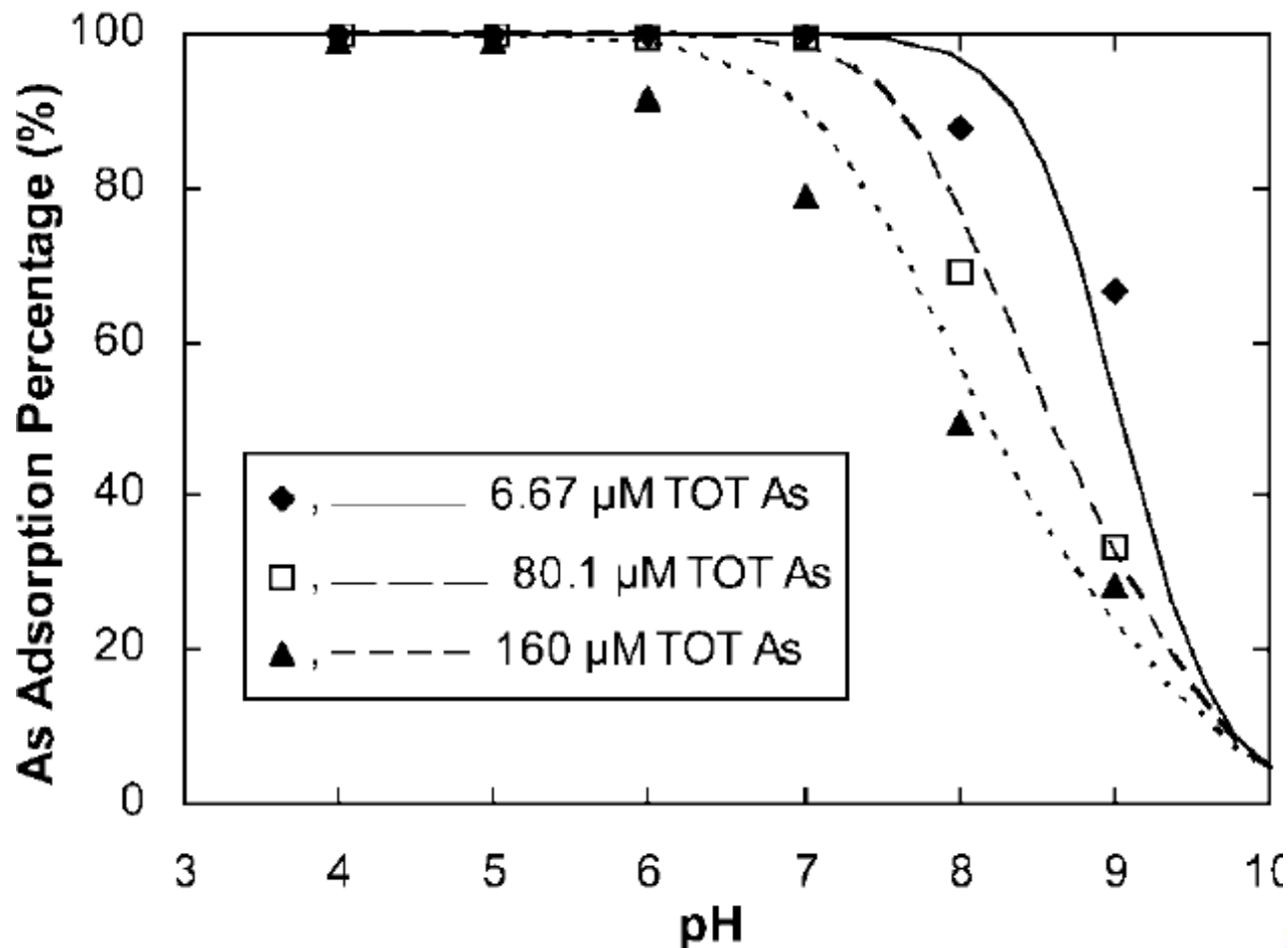


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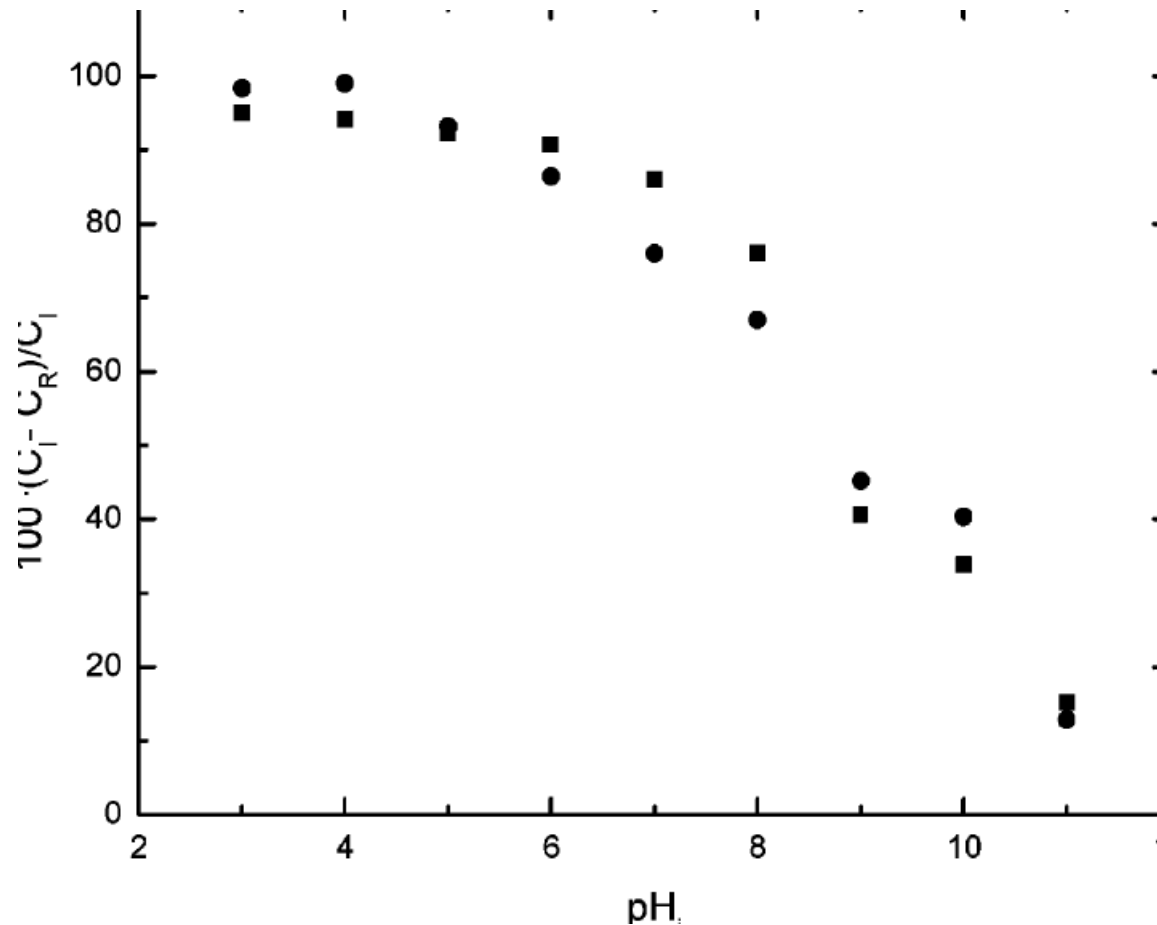
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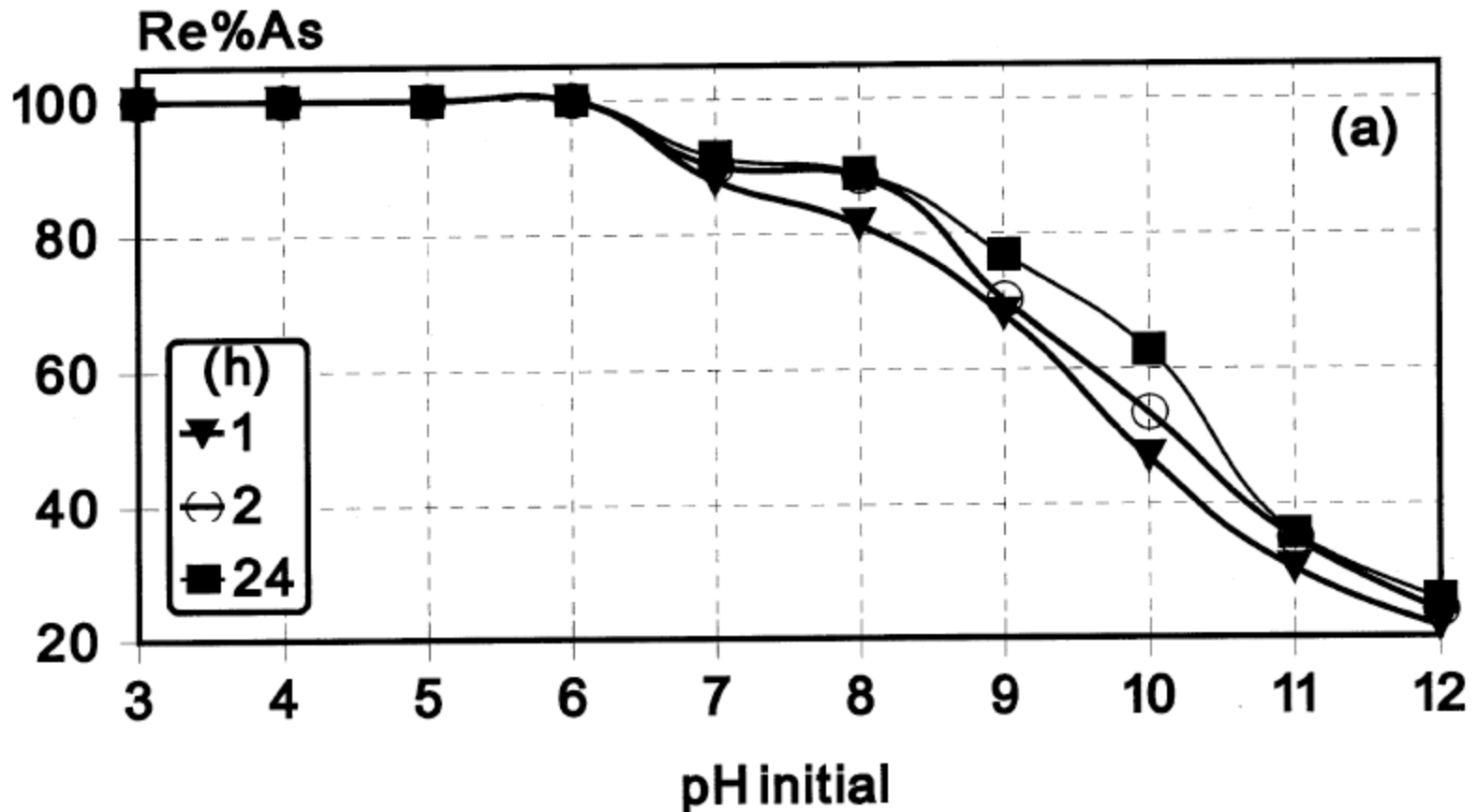
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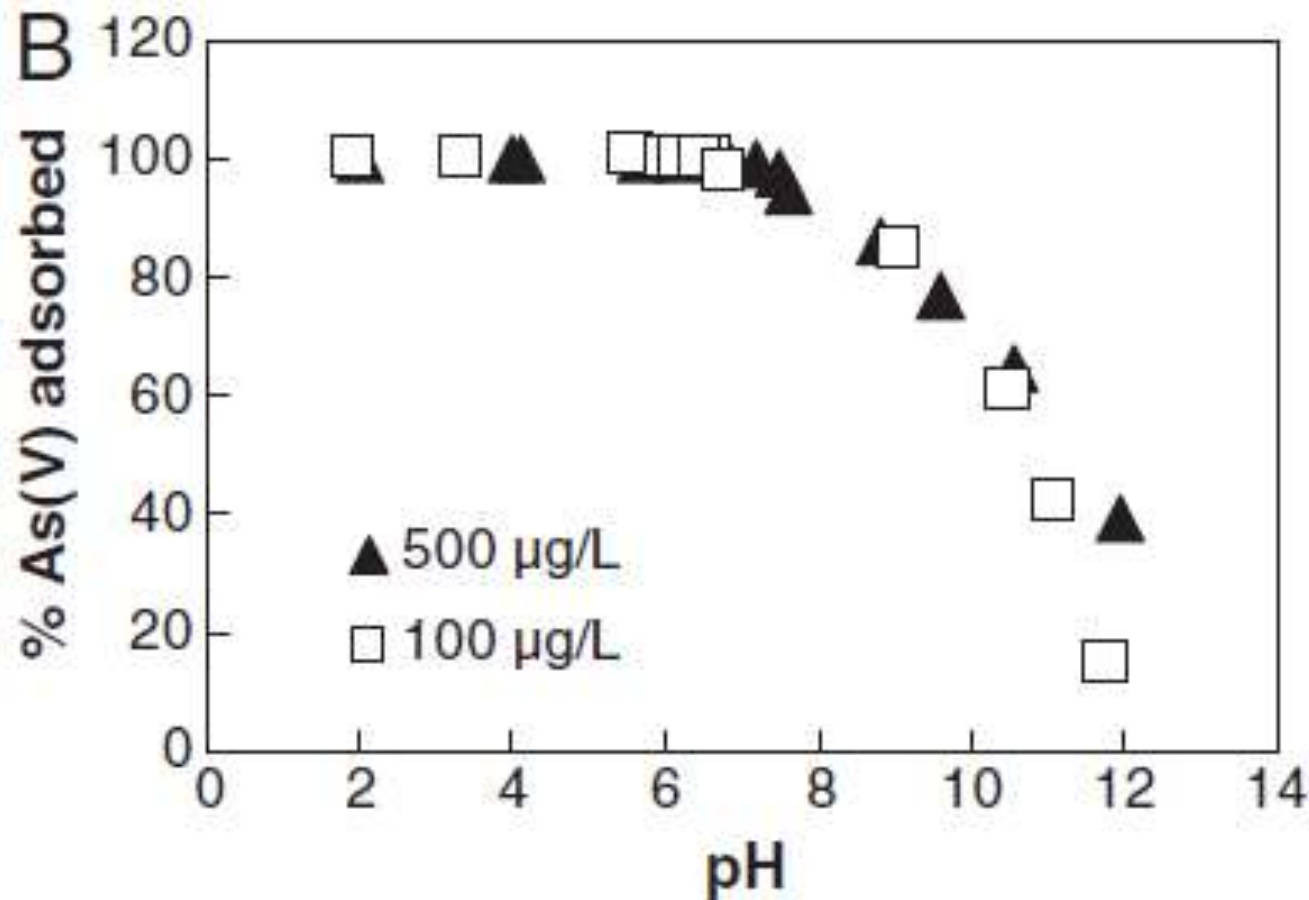
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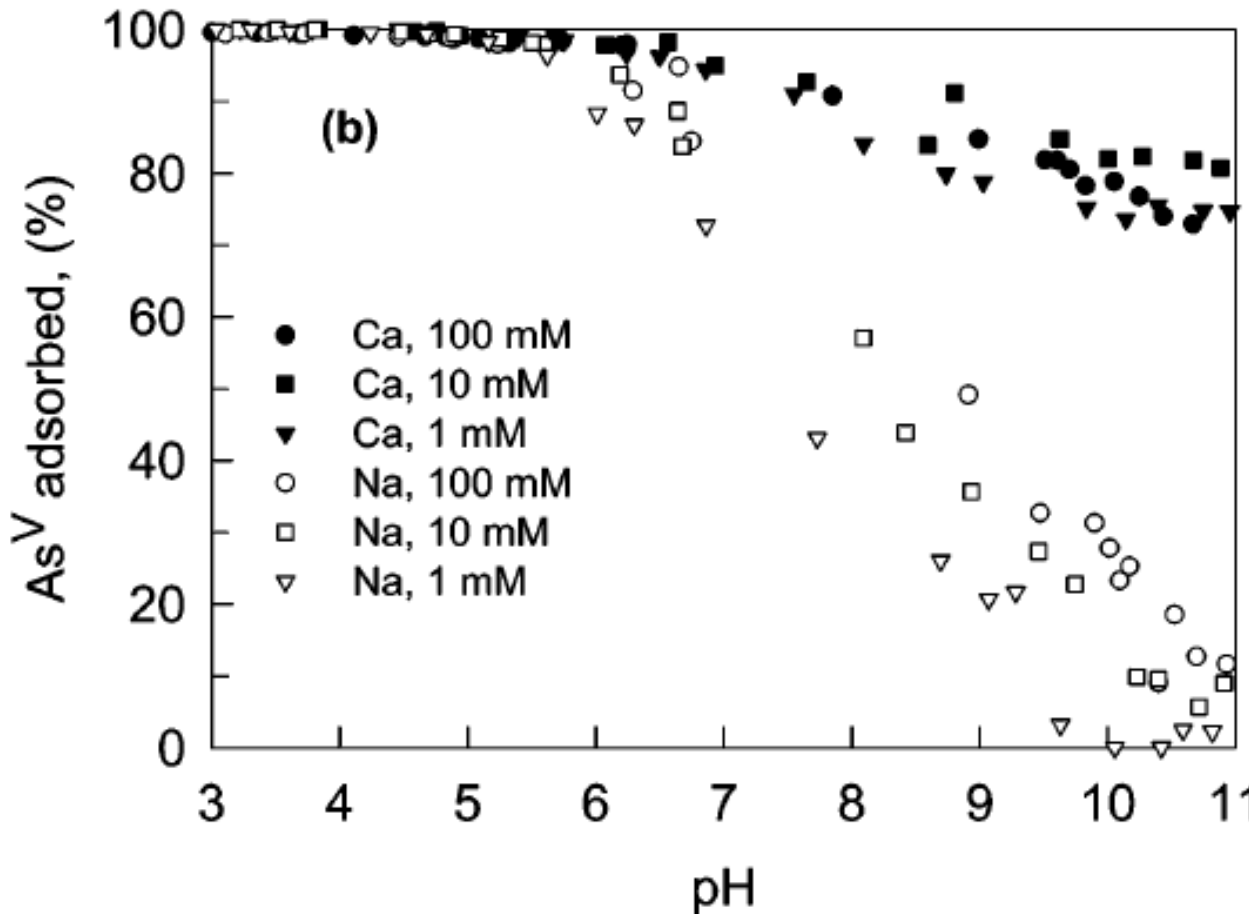
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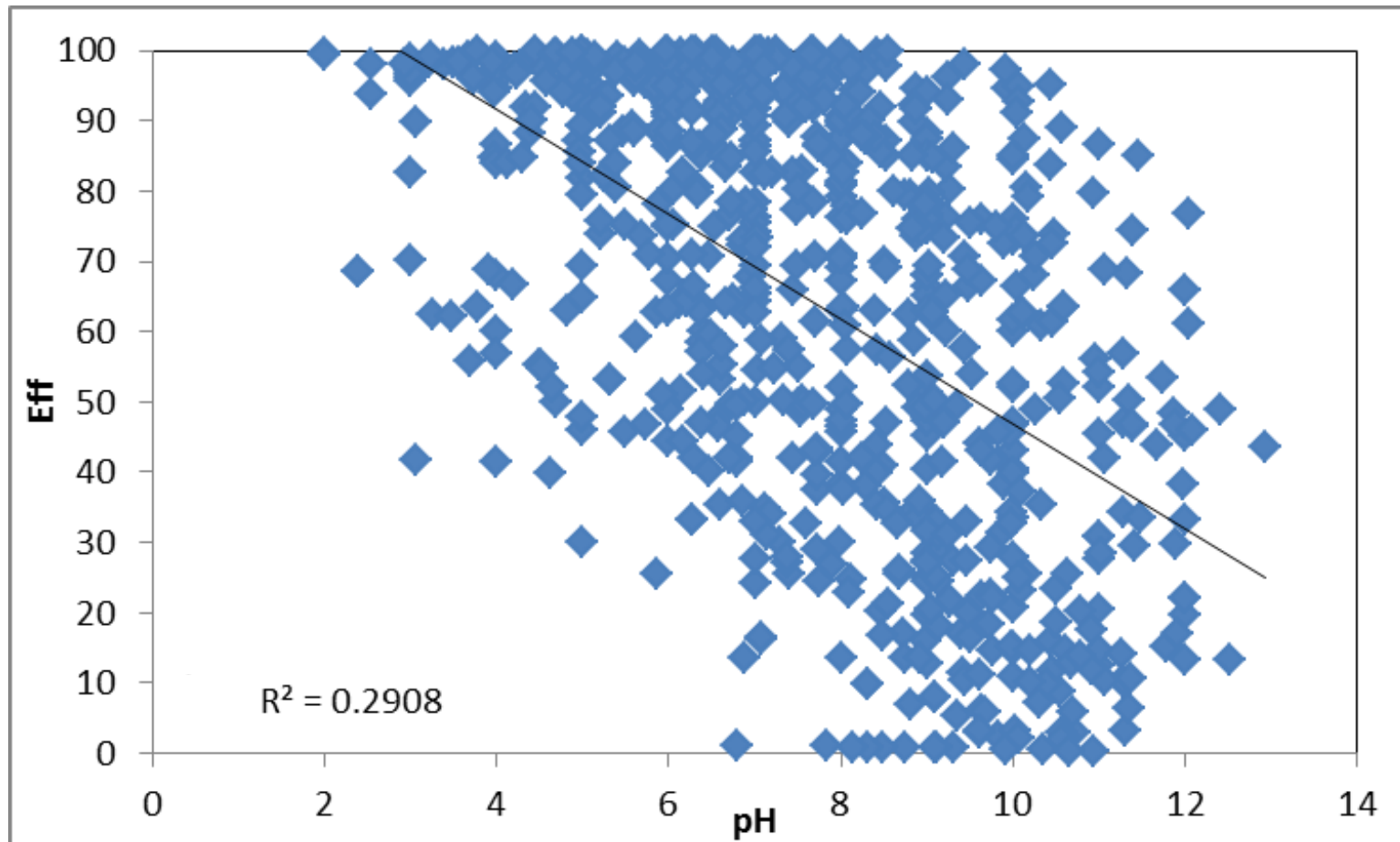
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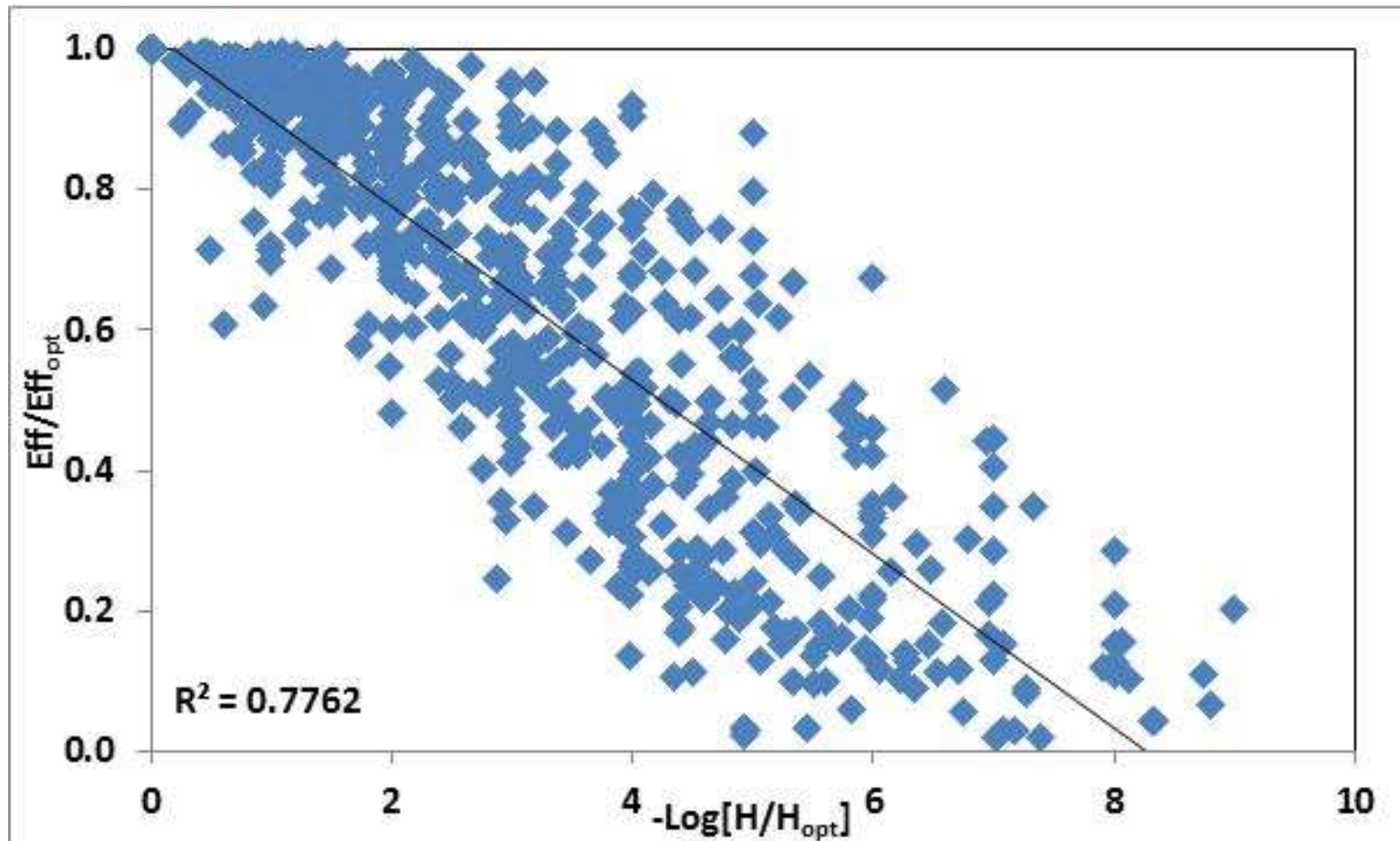
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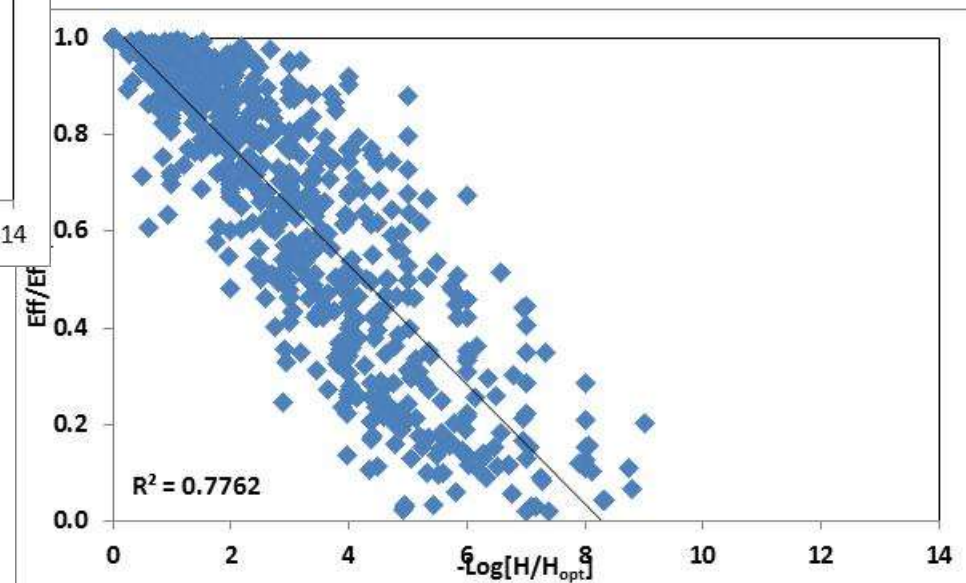
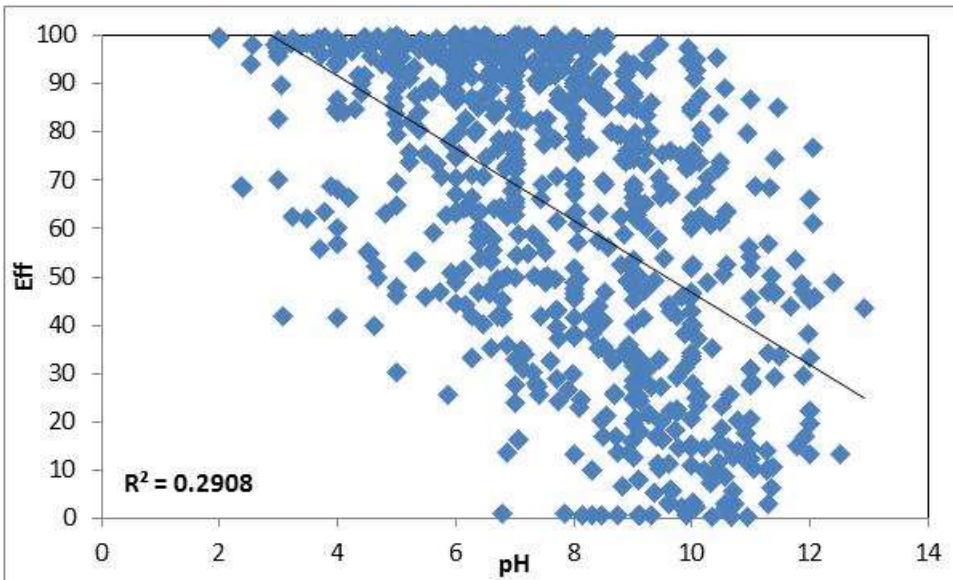
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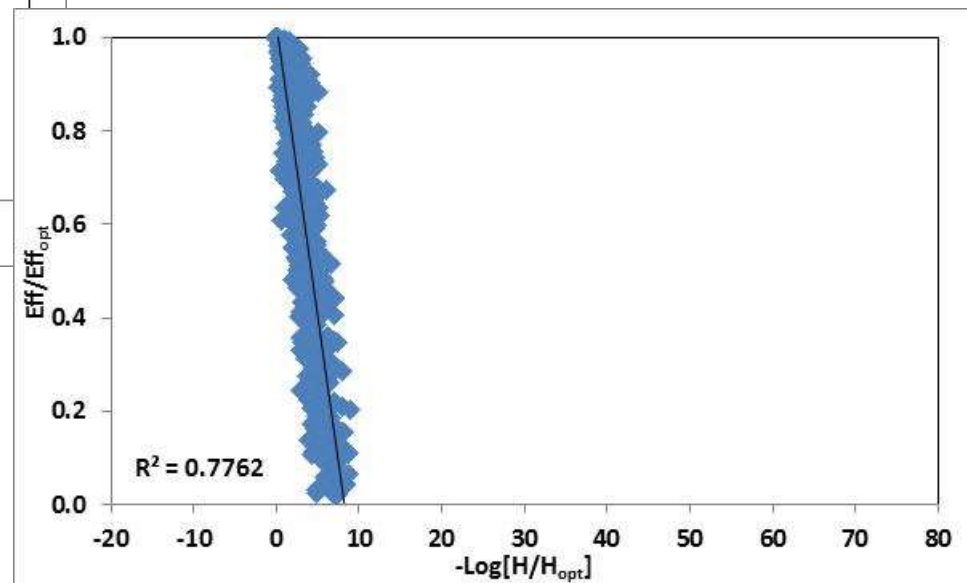
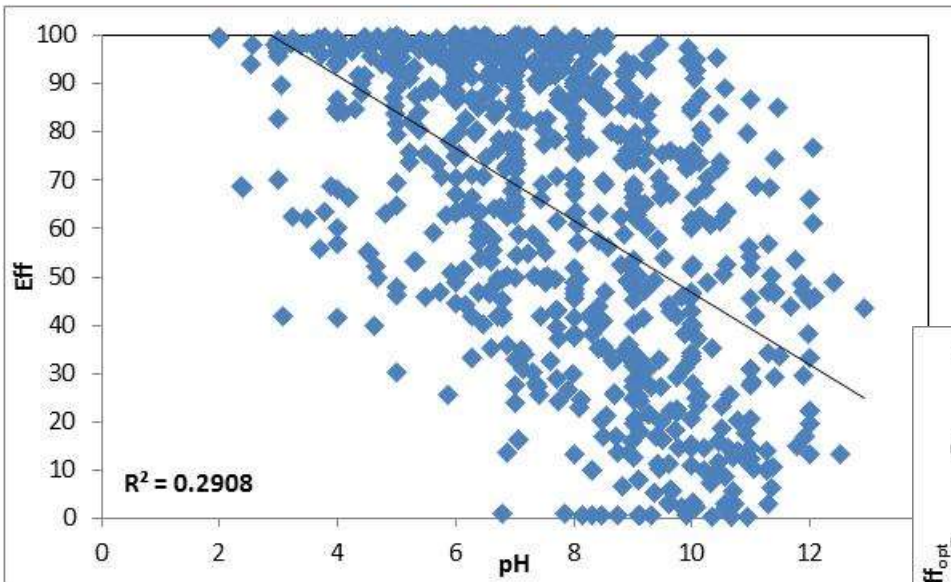
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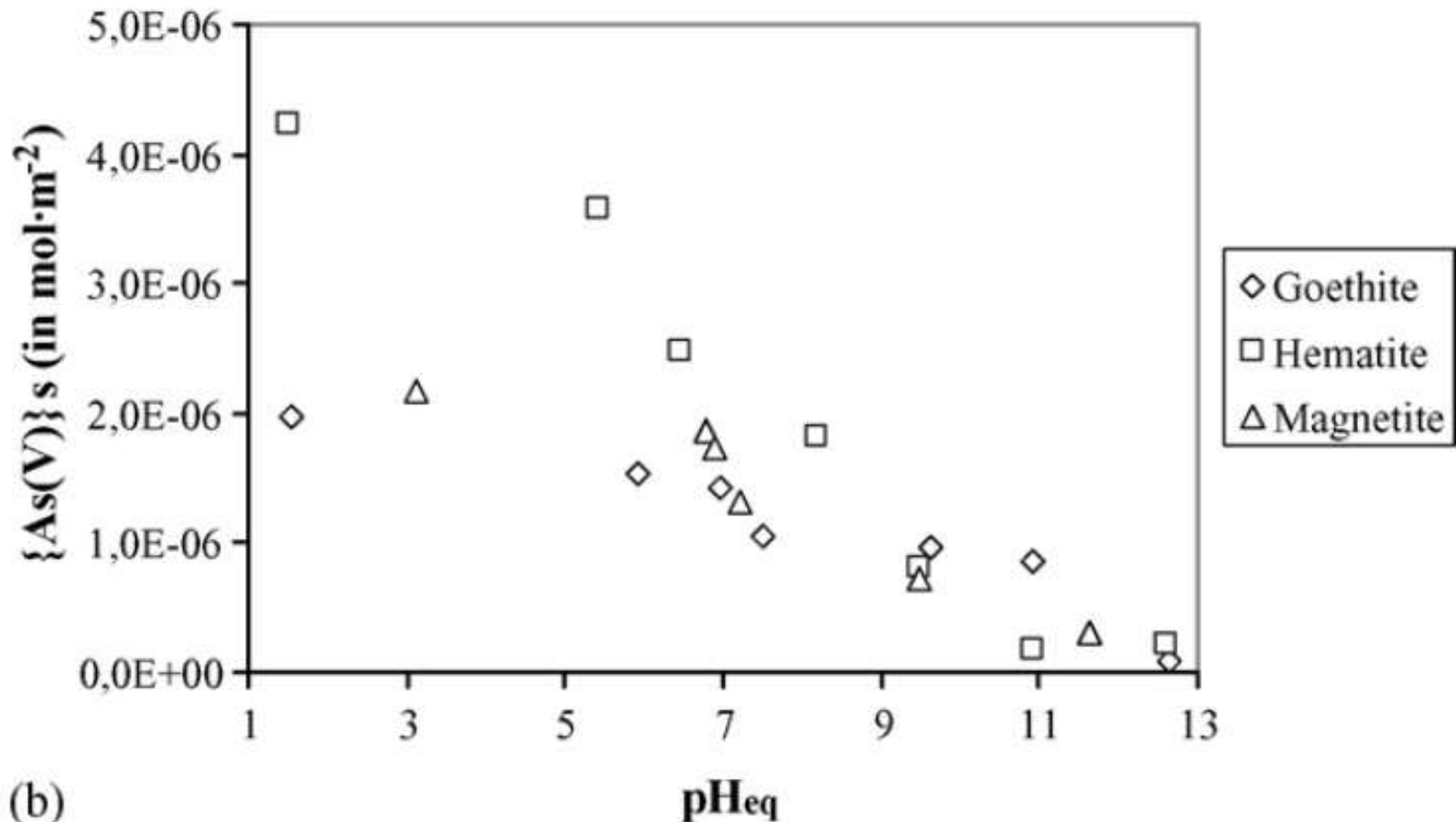
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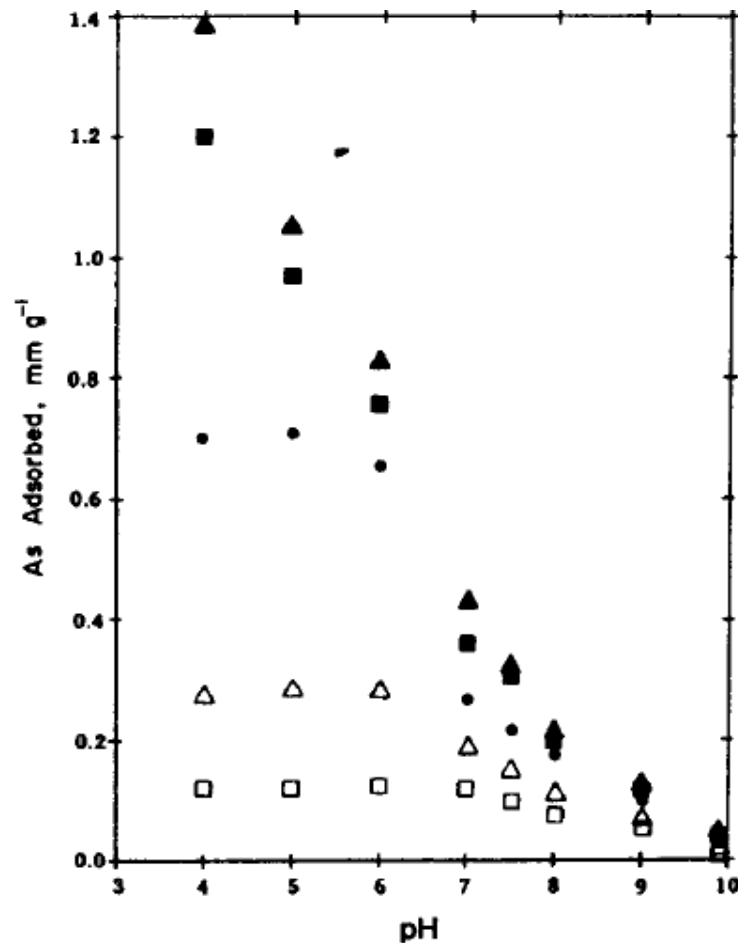
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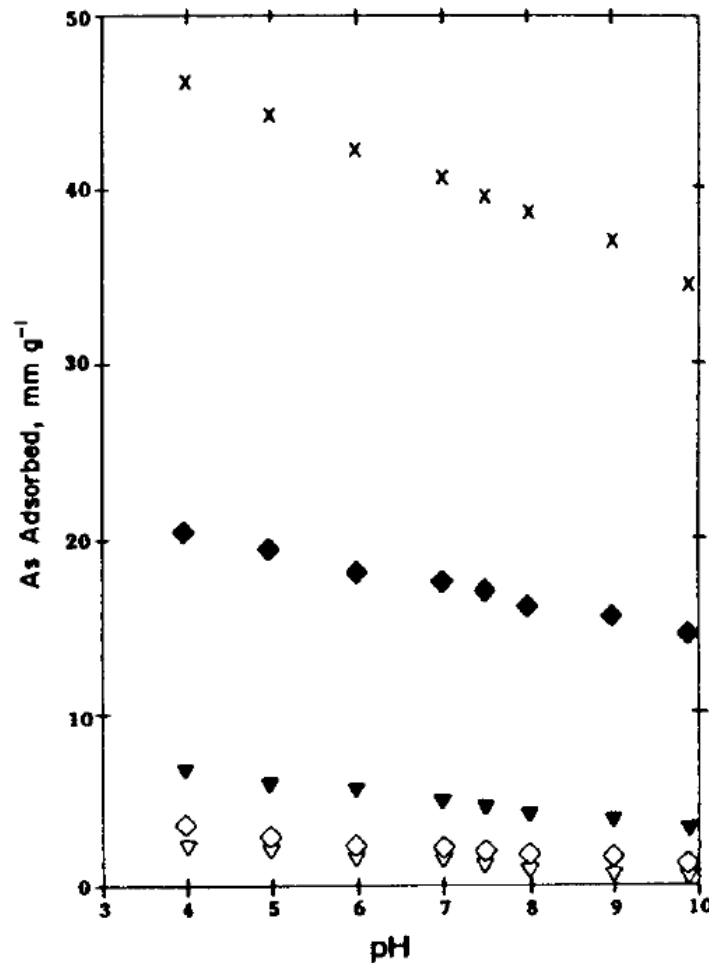
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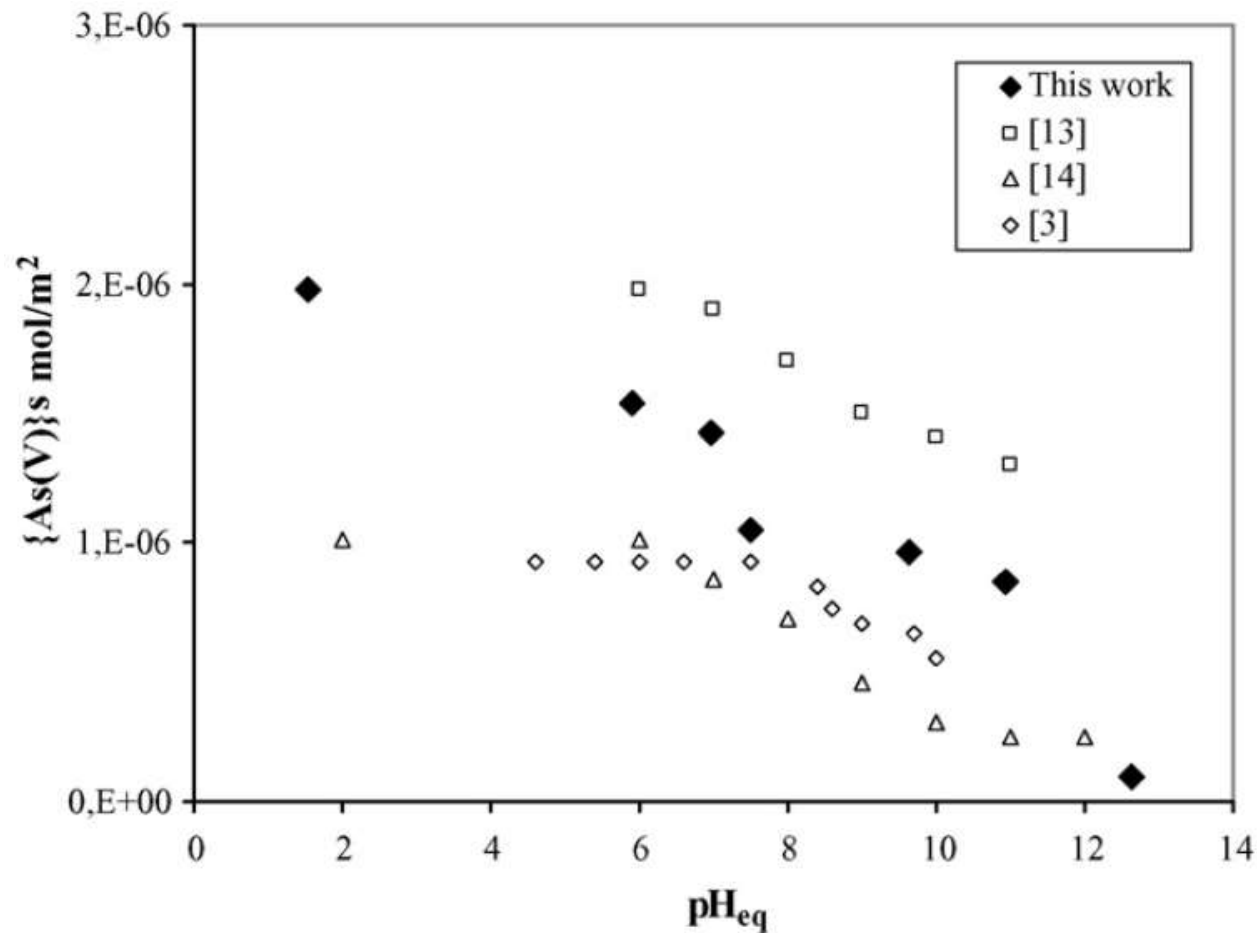
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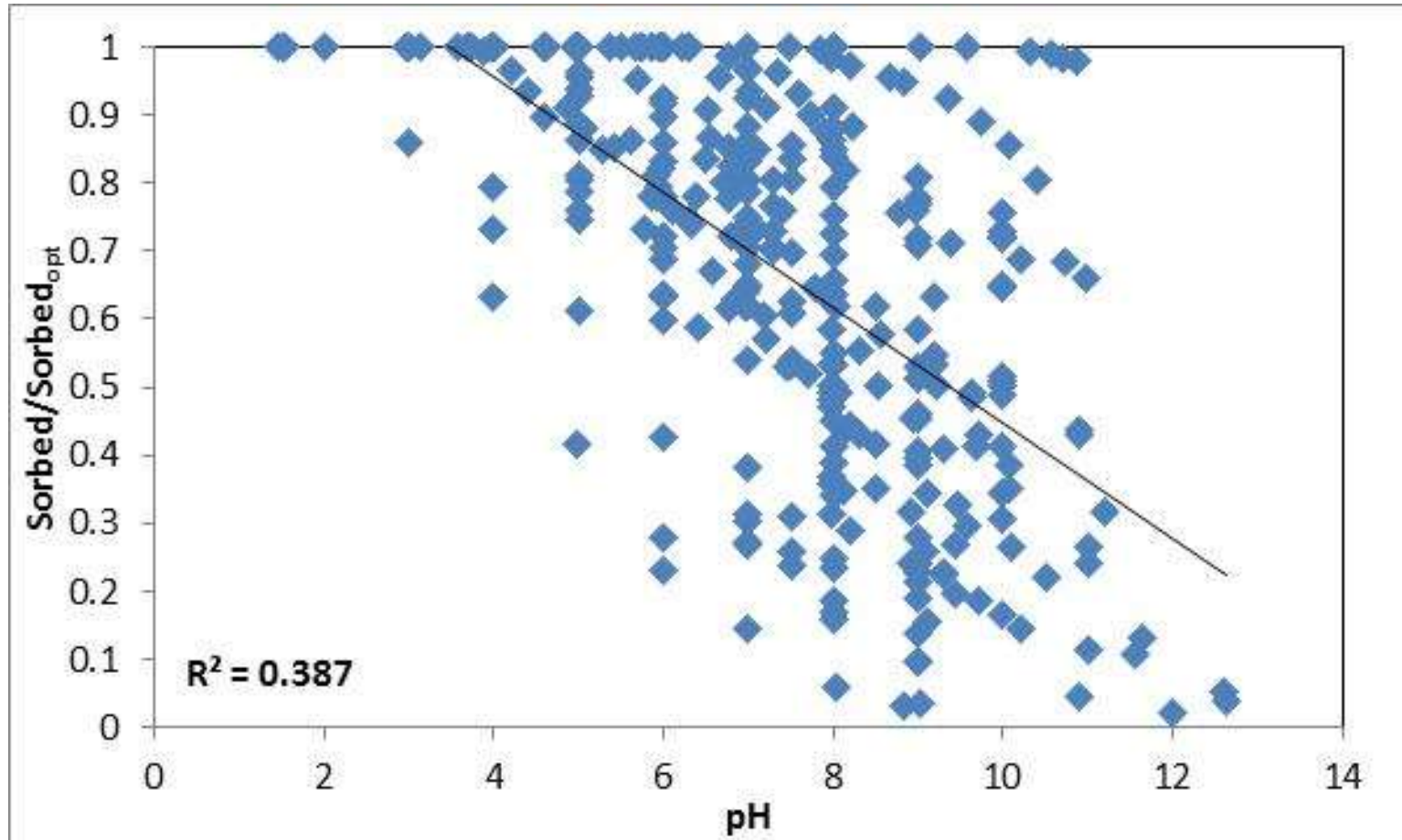
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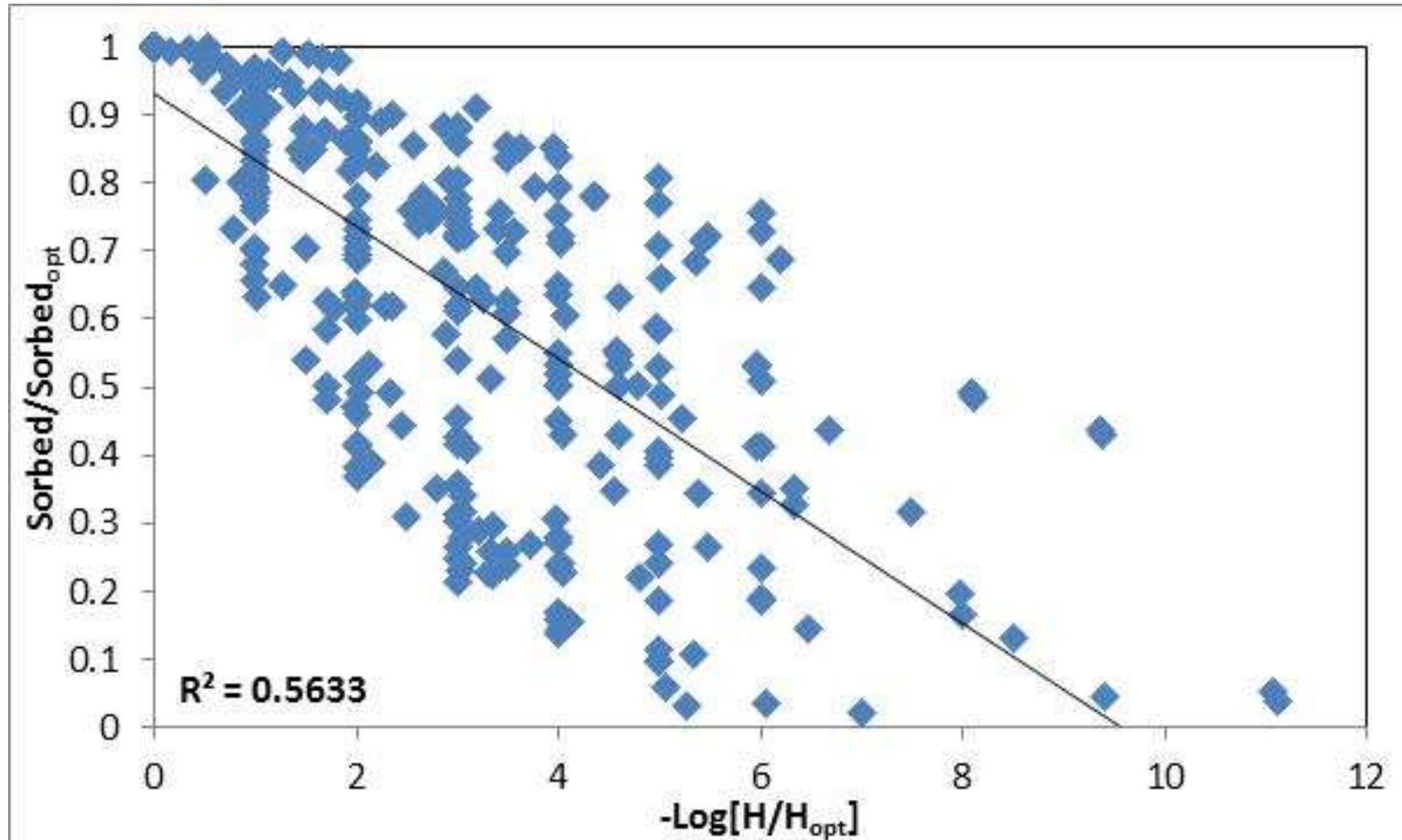
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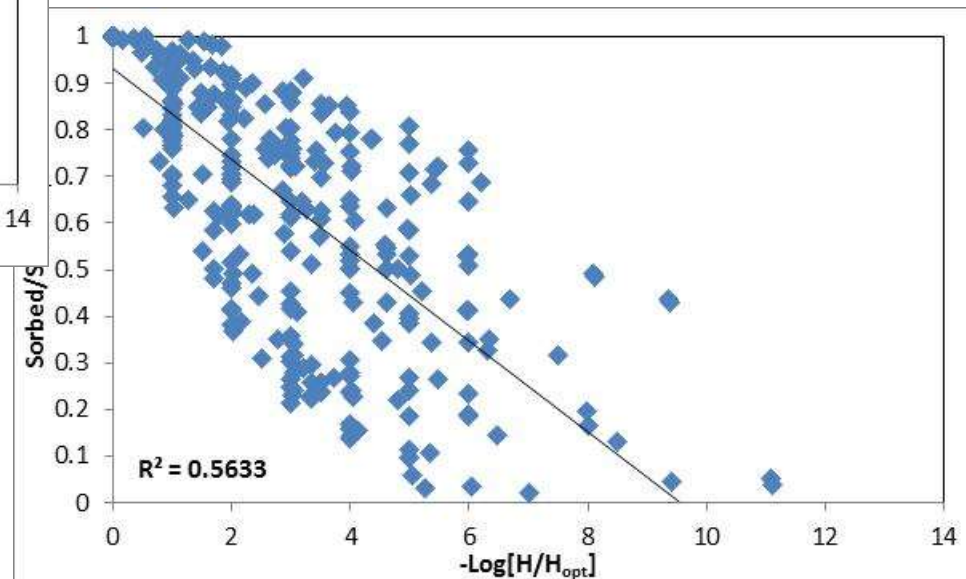
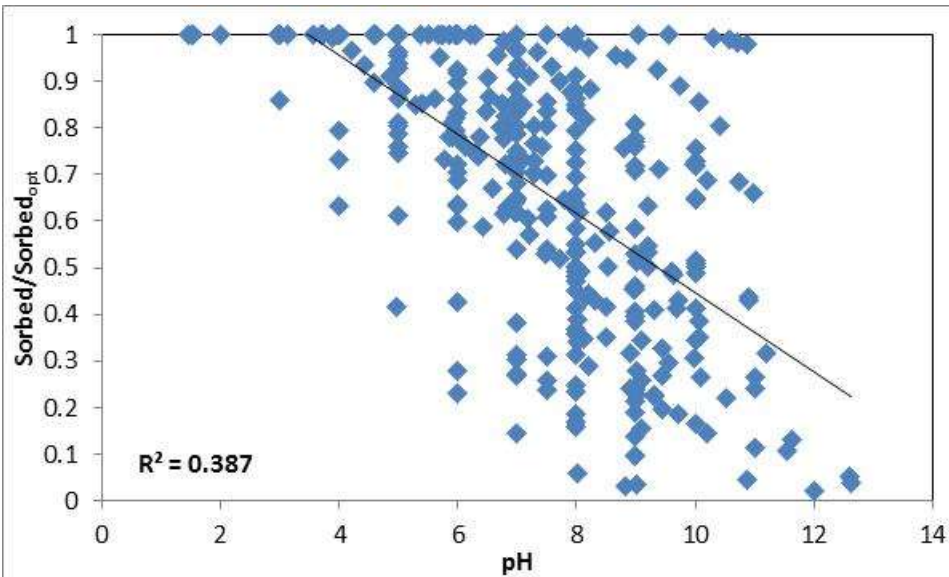
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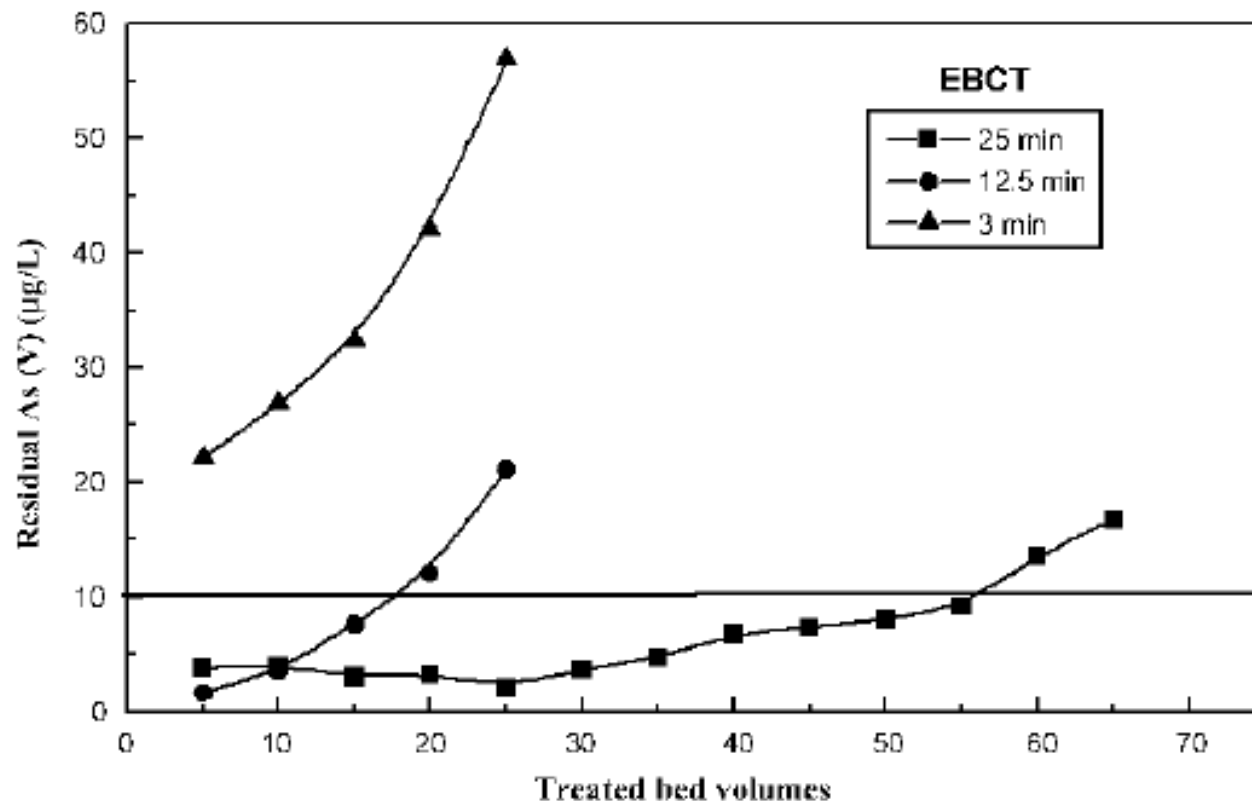
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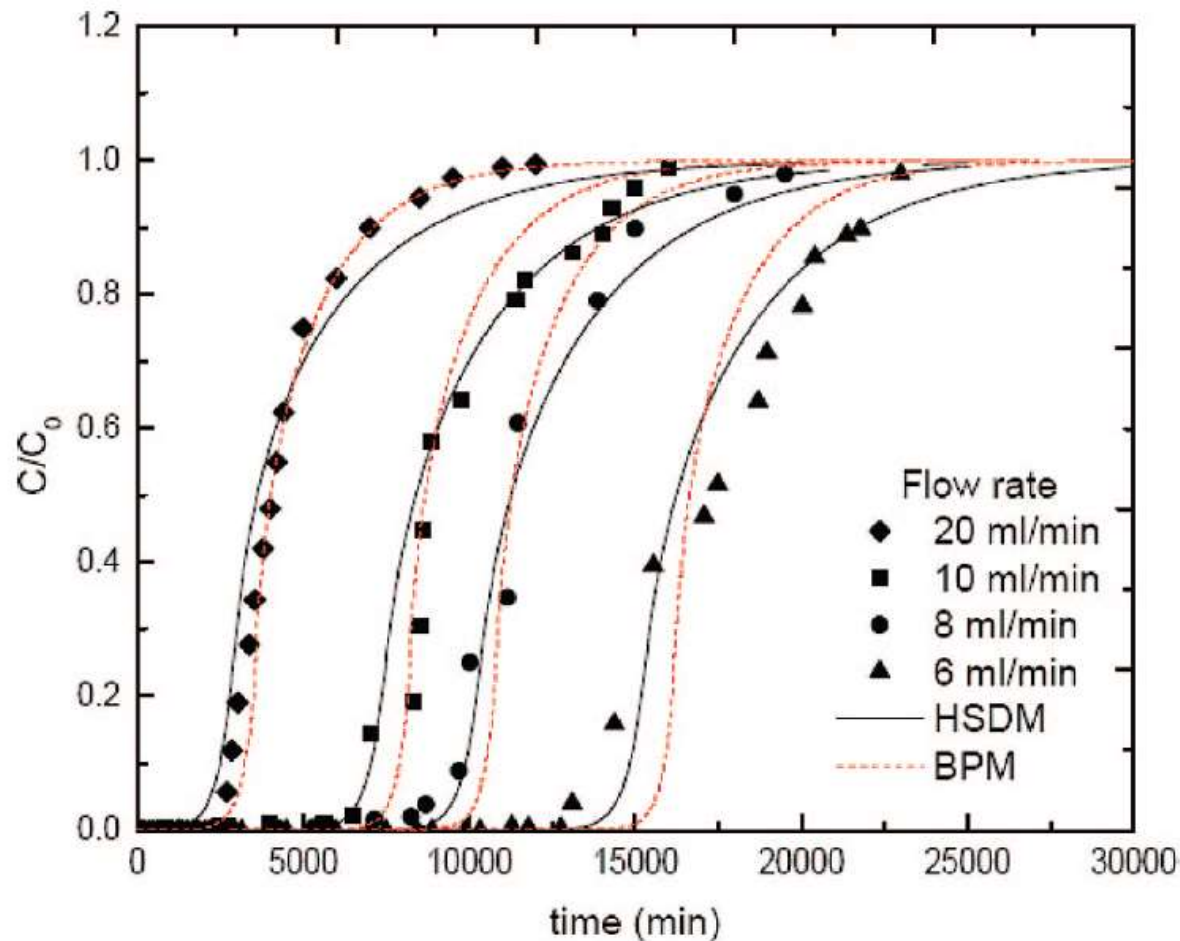
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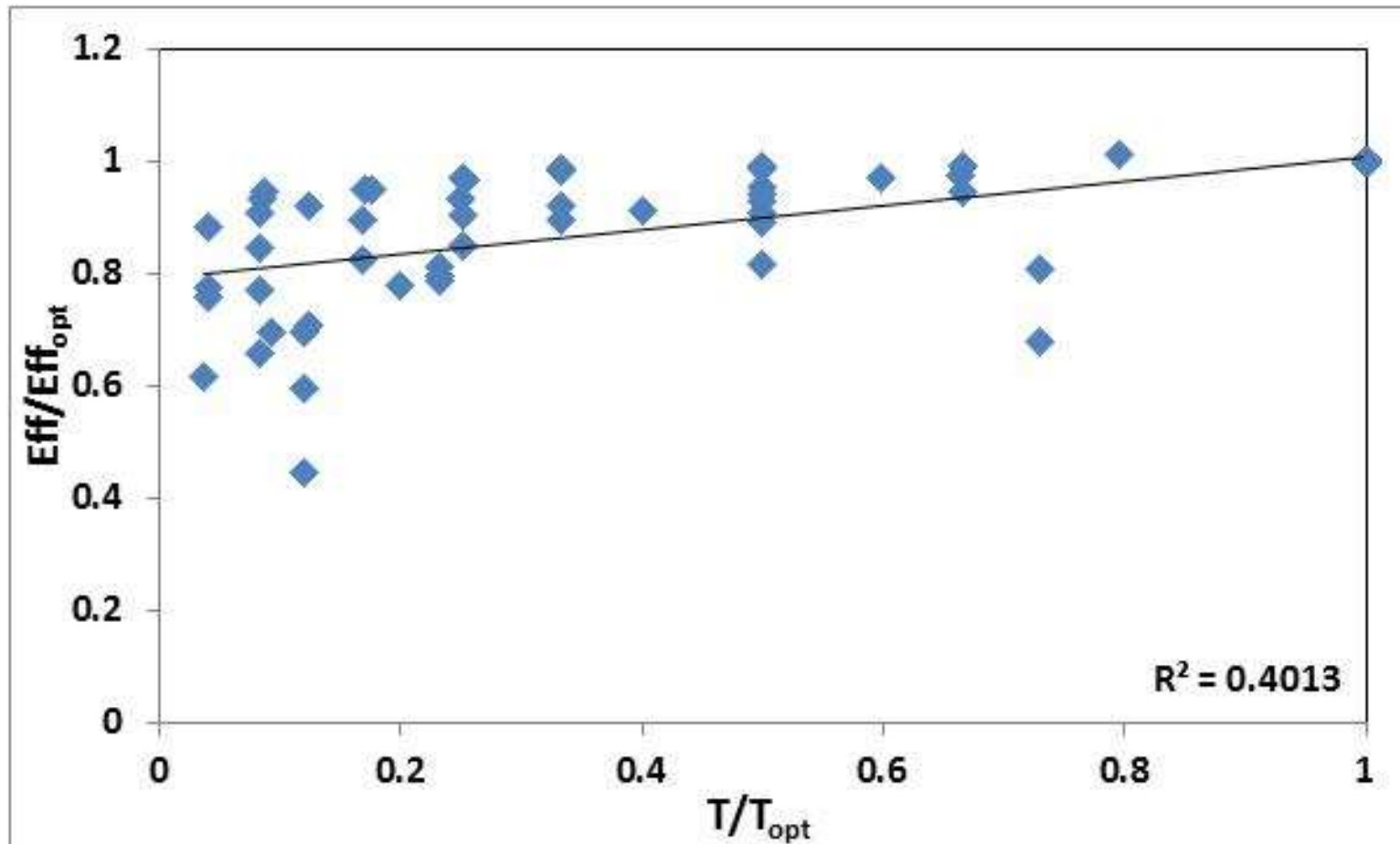
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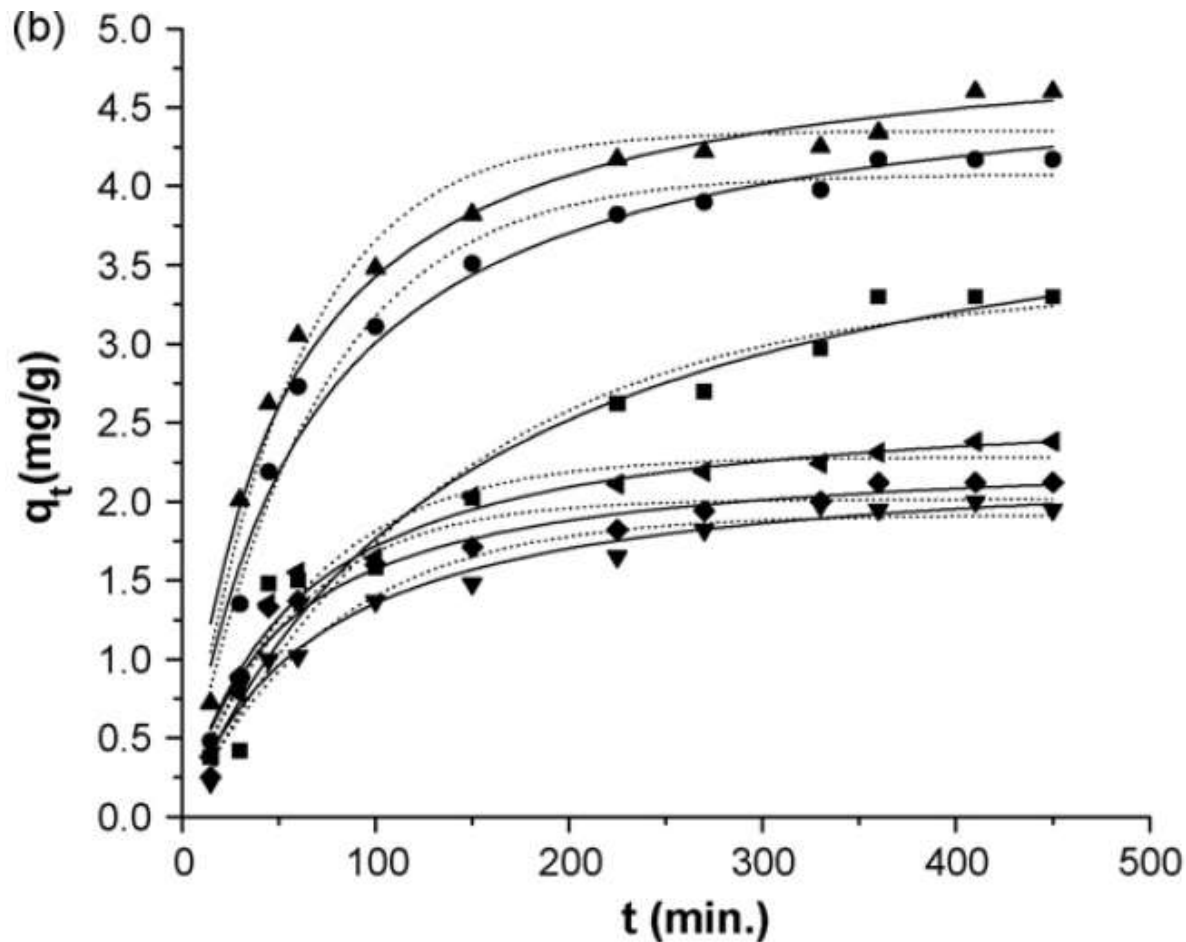
$$\Delta 0.1 T = 0.025 \Delta(\text{Eff}/\text{Eff}_{\text{opt}})$$

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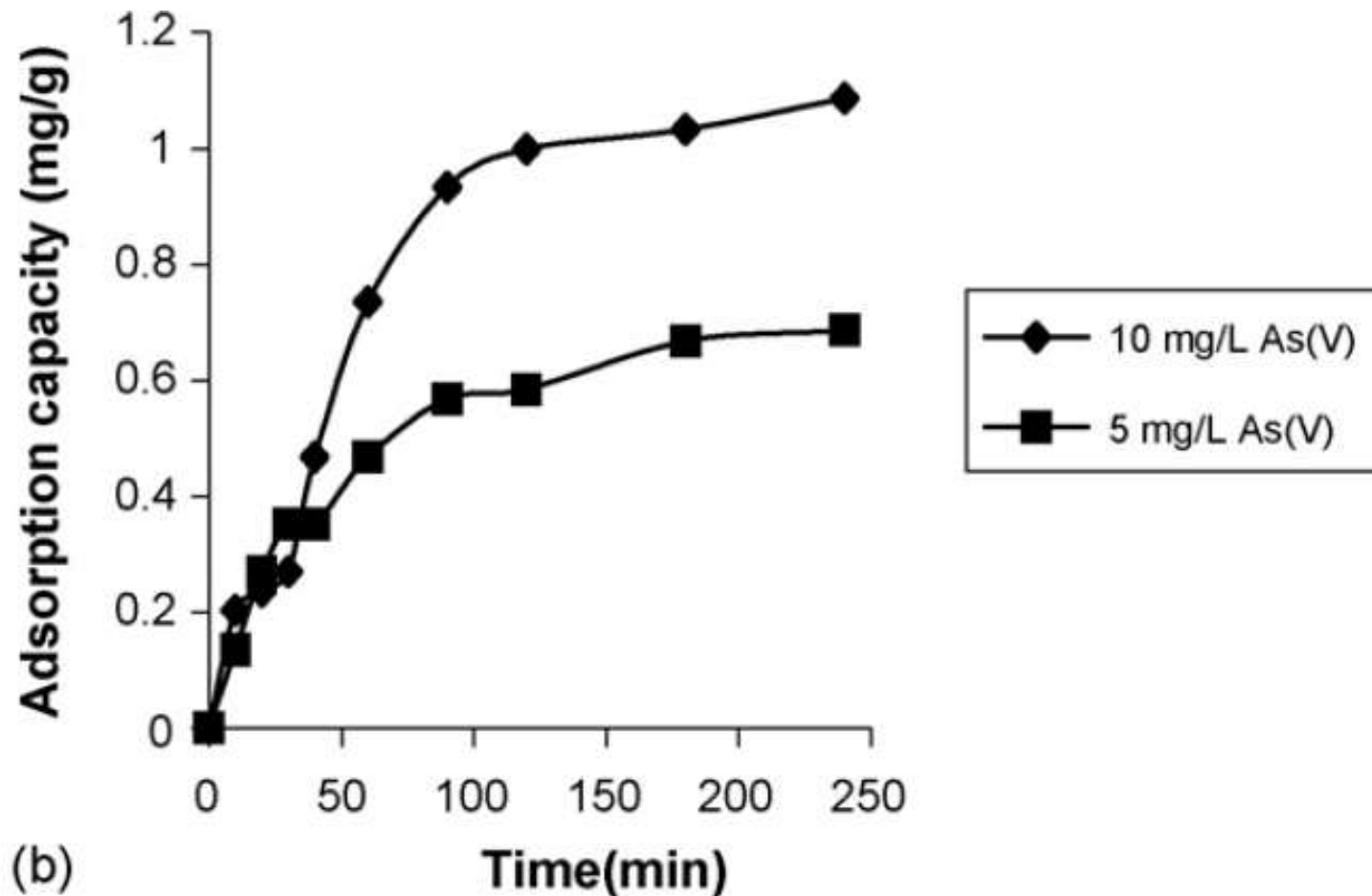
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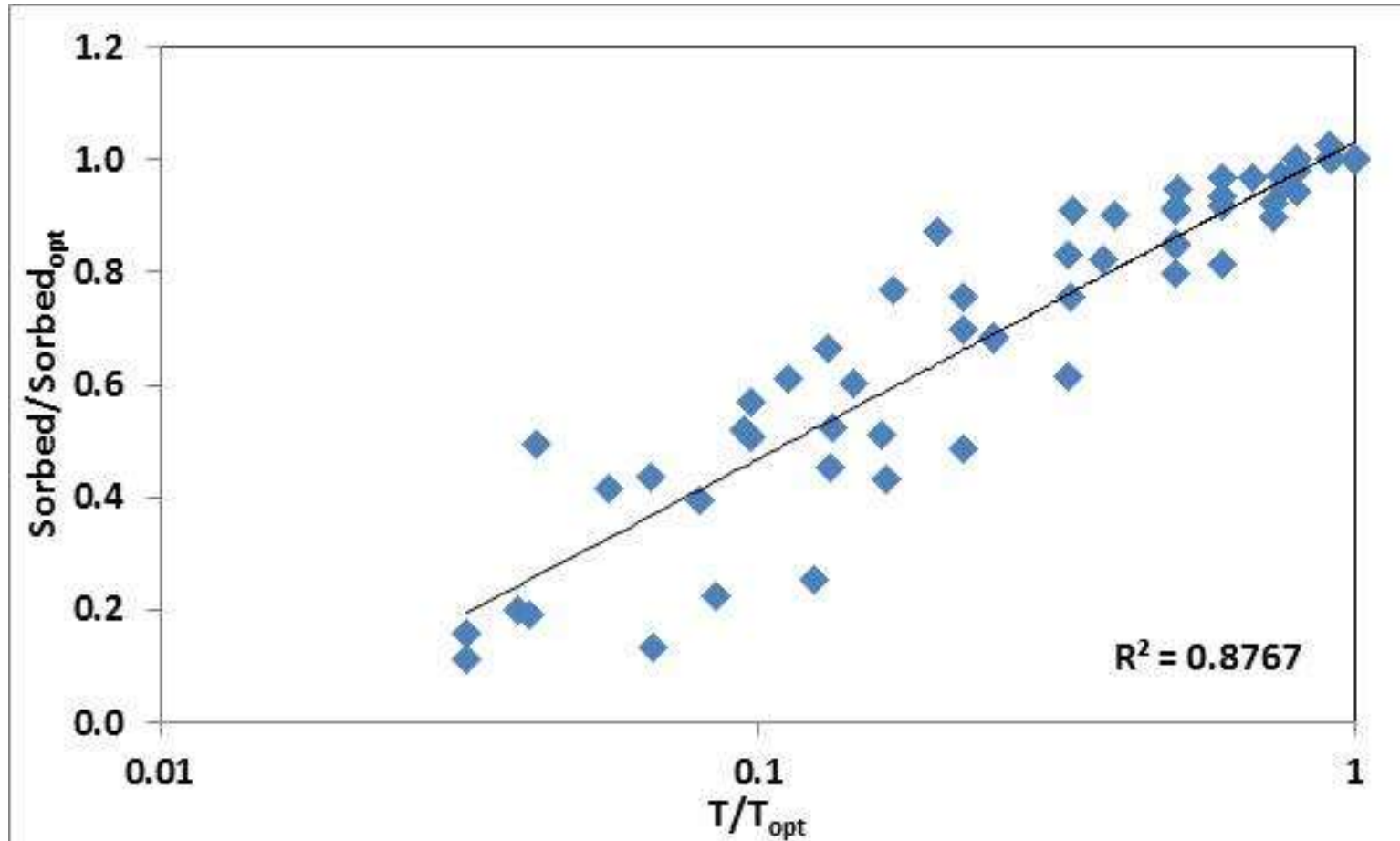
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$$\Delta 1 \text{ Log}[T/T_{\text{opt}}] = 0.56 \Delta(\text{Sorbed}/\text{Sorbed}_{\text{opt}})$$

# Mass Sorption Density vs Loading Rate

## ■ Summary – Example:

Design for 2T → 2V:

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# Sorption Treatment Performance

## ■ Summary

Decrease:

- pH
- Loading Rate



Increase:

- Removal Efficiency
- Mass Sorbed

# Sorption Treatment Performance

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<u>Design Factor</u>	<u><math>\Delta</math></u>	<u><math>\Delta</math>(Improved Treatment)</u>
pH	1 pH	0.12 Efficiency
pH	1 pH	0.10 Sorption Density
Loading Rate	0.1T	0.025 Efficiency
Loading Rate	1 pT	0.25 Sorption Density

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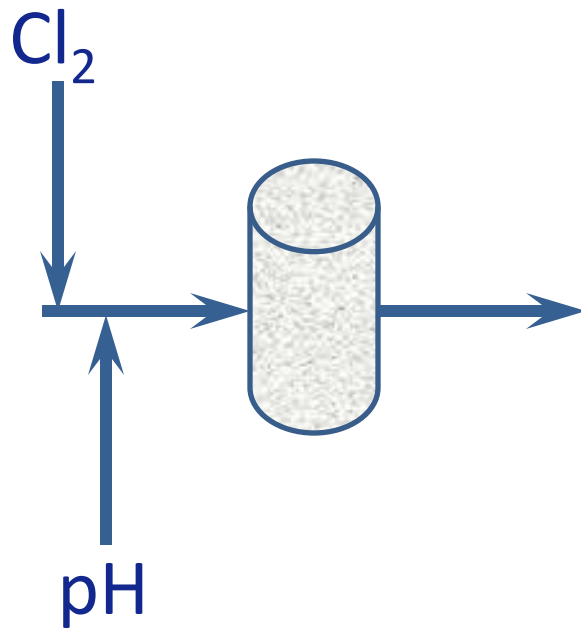
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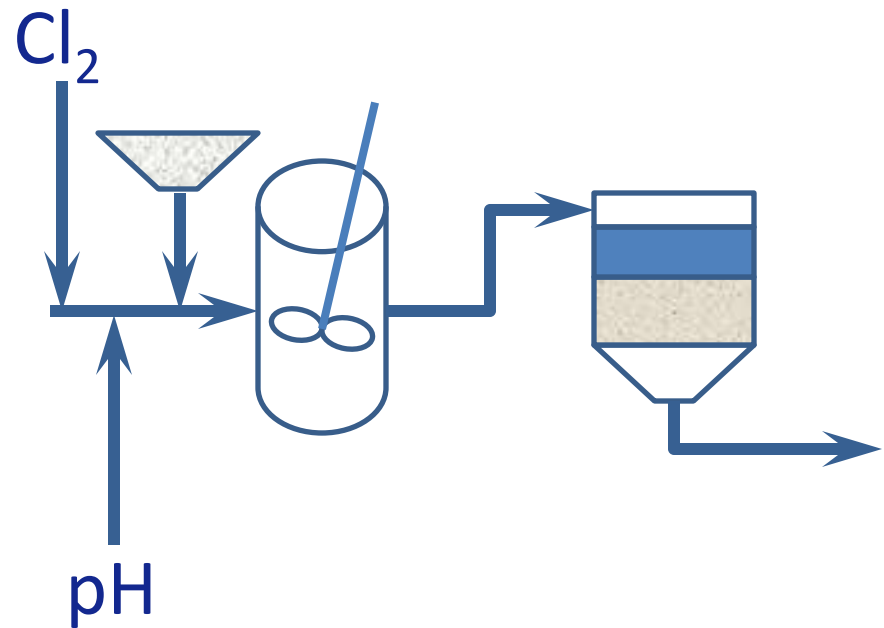
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## Fixed Bed Media



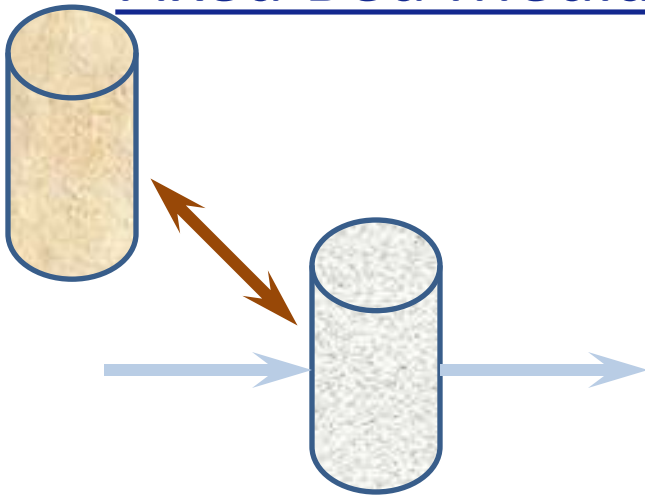
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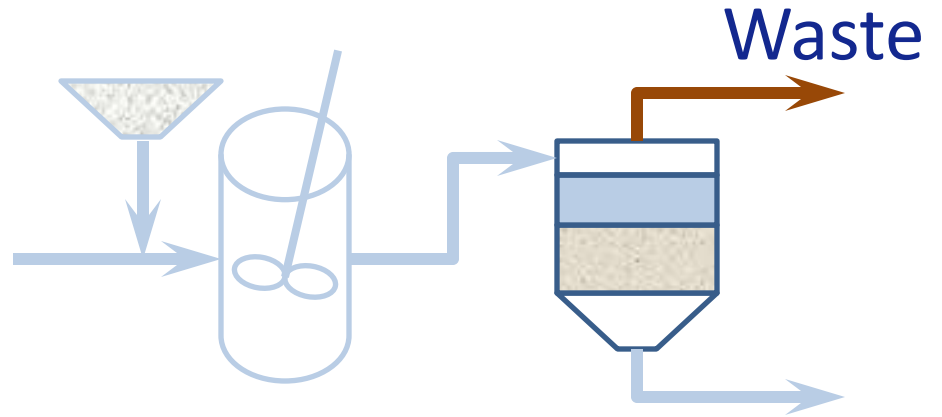
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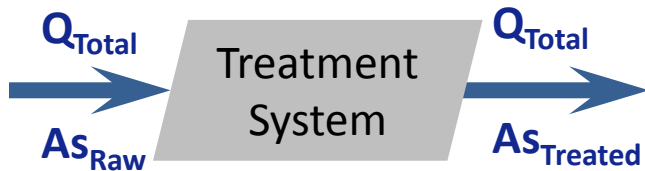
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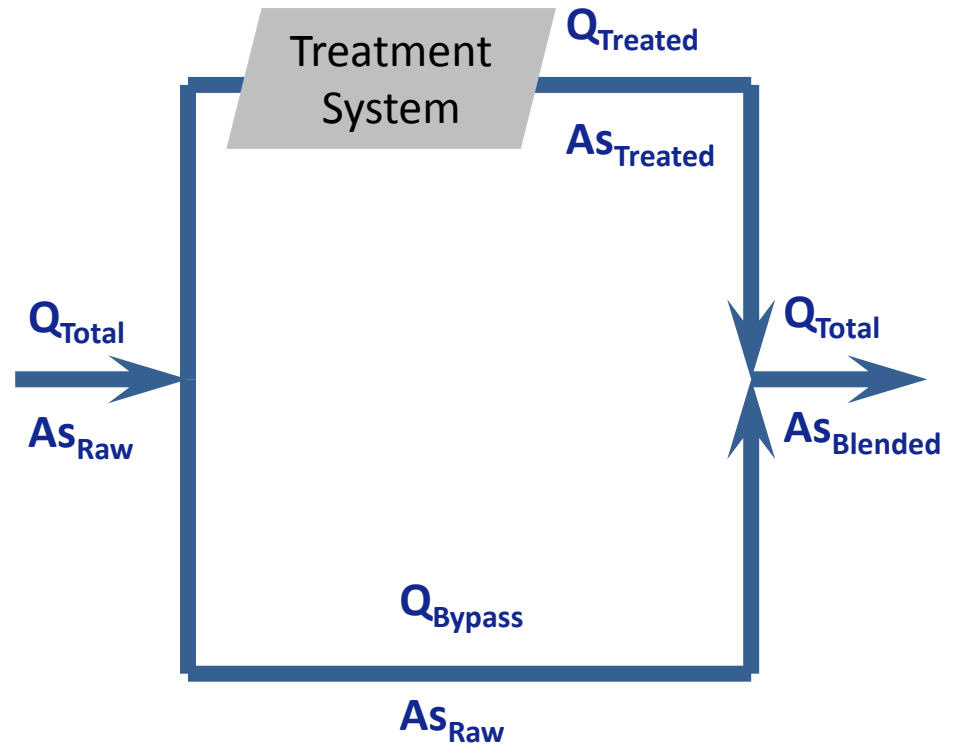


# Types of Sorption Treatment

## No Flow Blending



## Flow Blending



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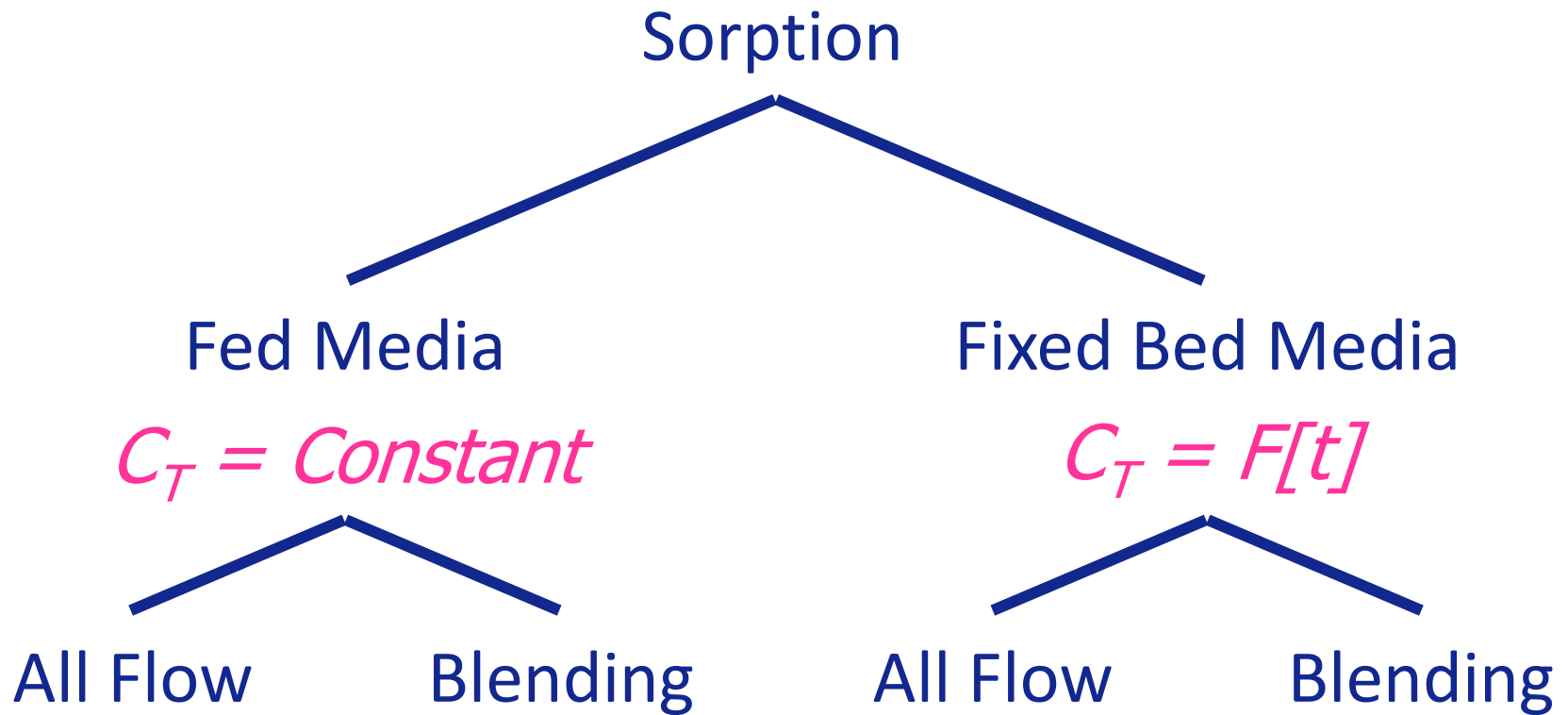
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# Blending Math

- Treatment Implementation Scenarios:

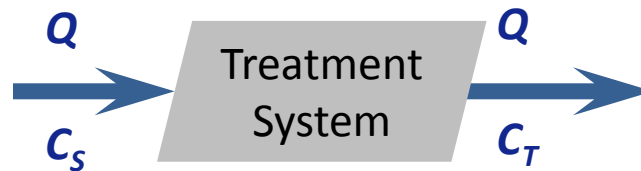


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# Blending Math: Fed Media

- Treat all flow:

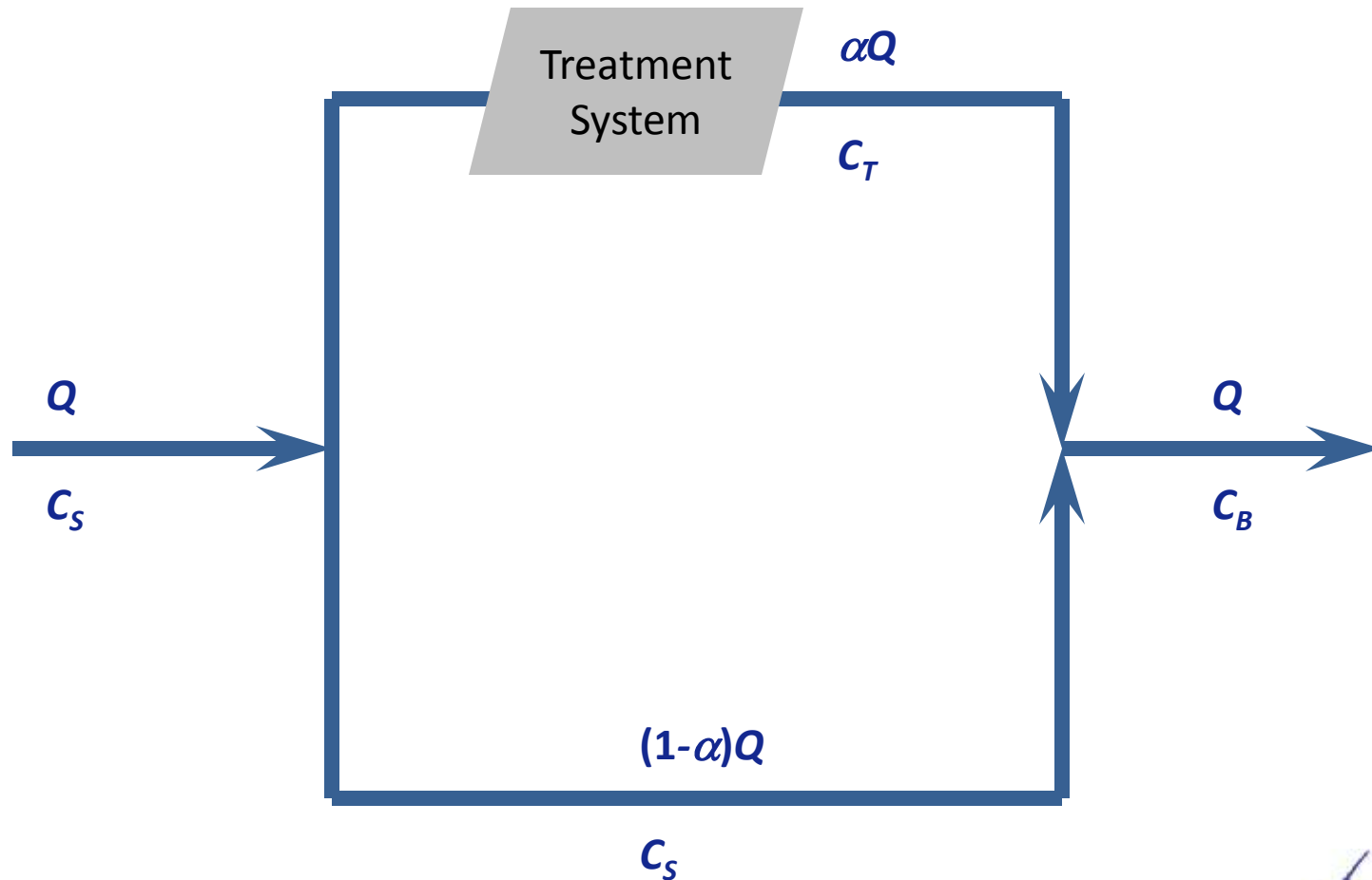


- Mass Balance Gives:

$$C_T = \text{Constant}$$

# Blending Math: Fed Media

- Flow Blending Schematic:



# Blending Math: Fed Media

- Blending Mass Balance Gives:

$$\alpha = \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - C_T}$$



# Blending Math: Fed Media

- Select or Calculate  $\alpha$  based on:

Known  $C_S$

Desired/Required  $C_B$

Expected/Controlled  $C_T$

$$\alpha = \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - C_T}$$

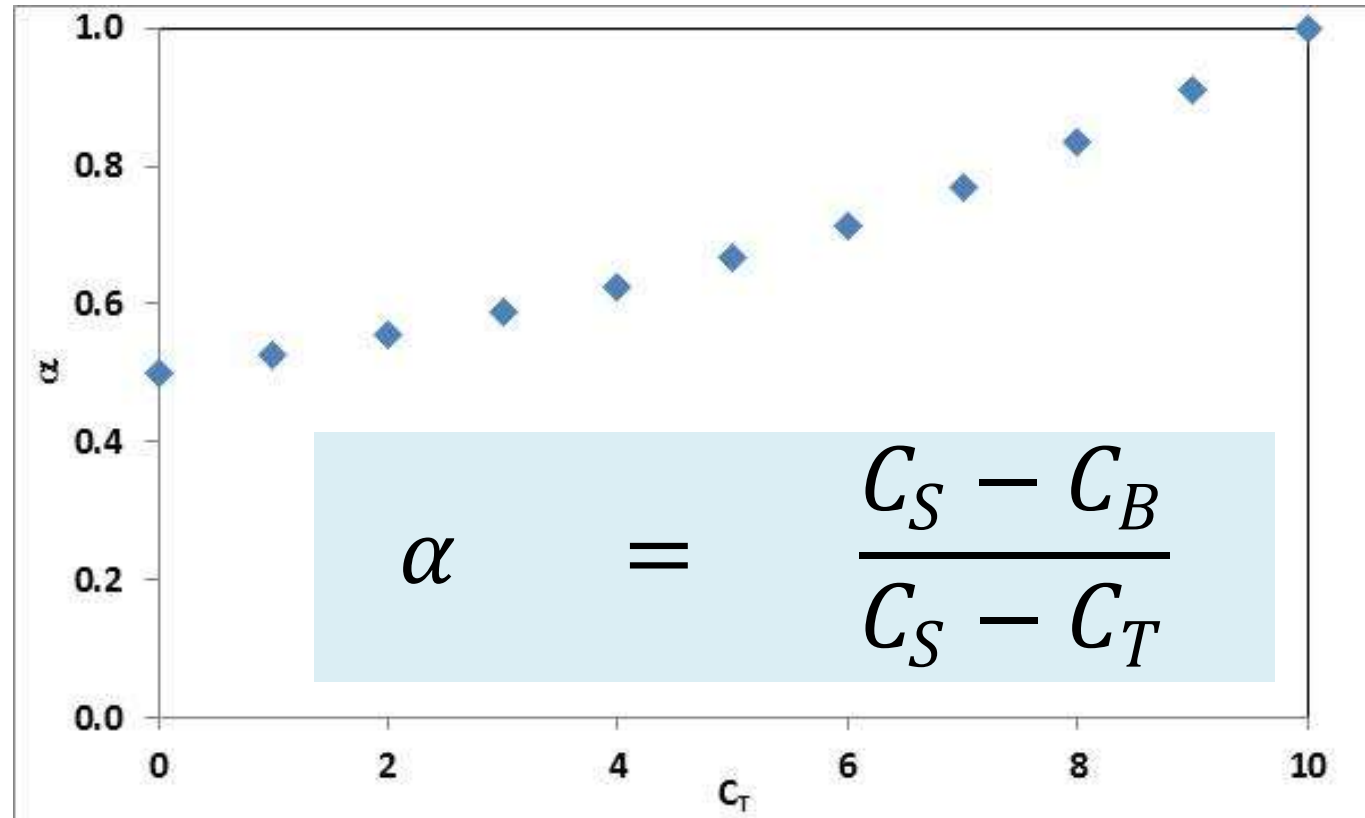
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- Example:

$$C_S = 20.0$$

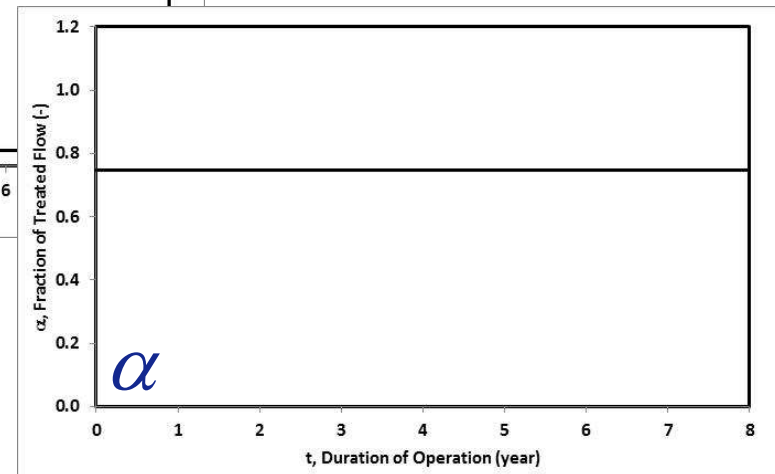
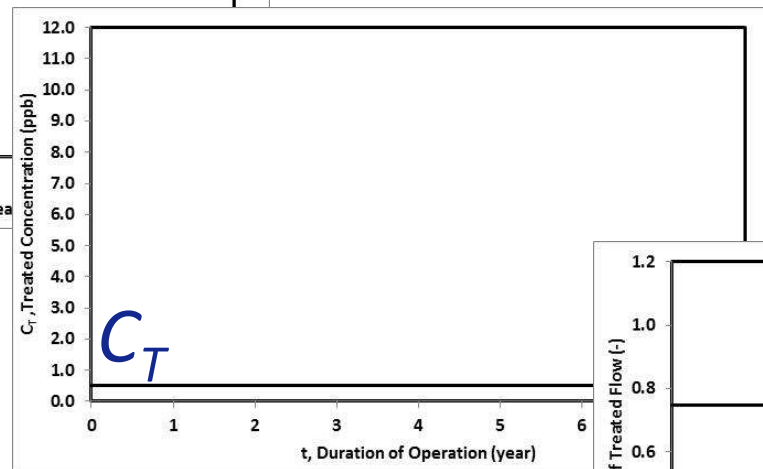
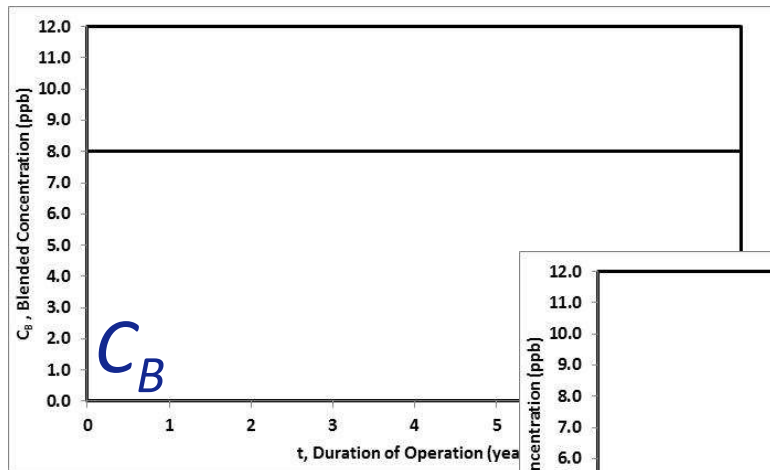
$$C_B = 10.0$$

Vary  $C_T$



# Blending Math: Fed Media

## ■ Results:



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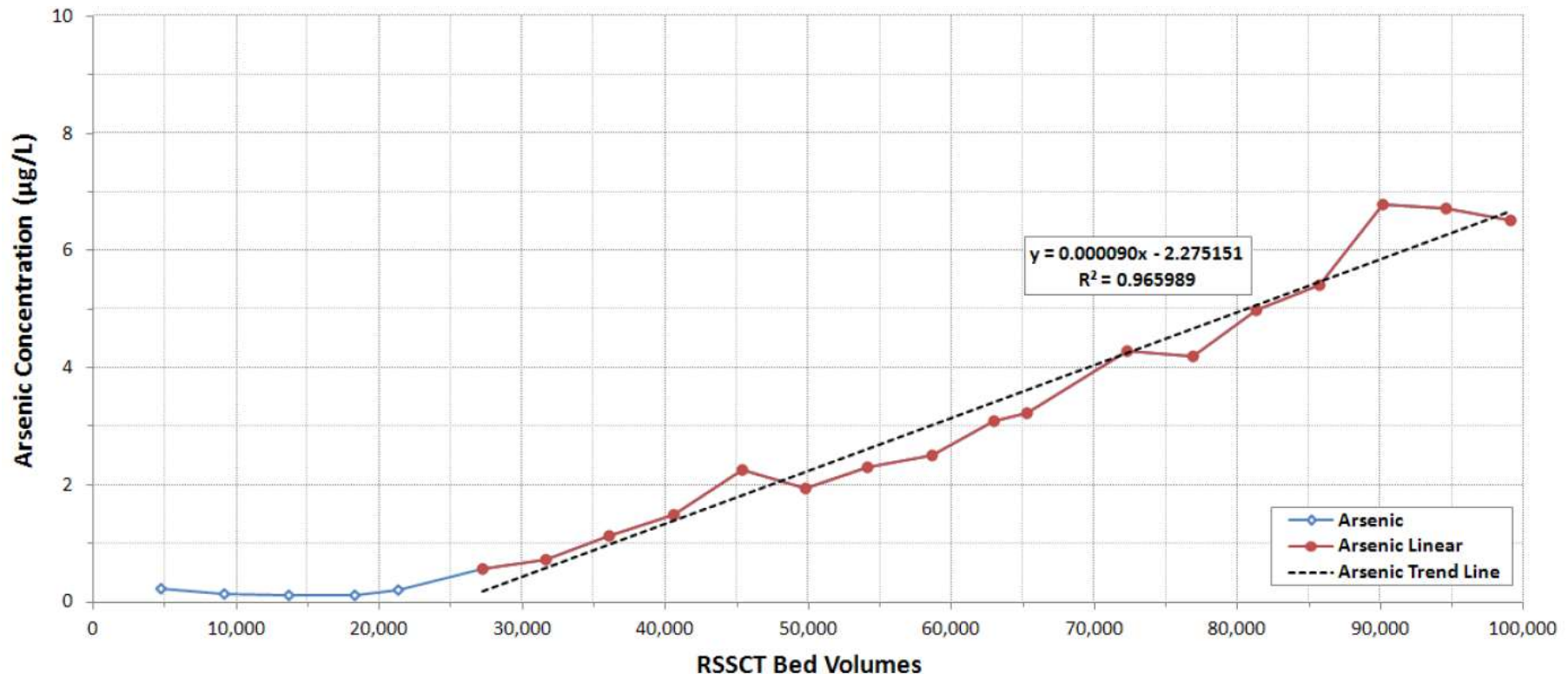
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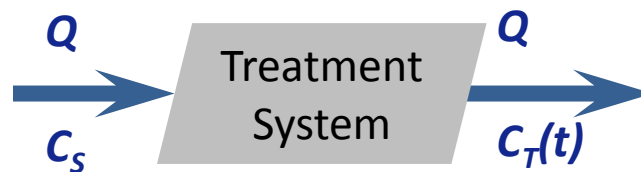
- Treated Concentration Depends on Treated Volume:

$$C_T(t) = V(t) * m + b$$



# Blending Math: Fixed Bed Media

- Treat all flow:



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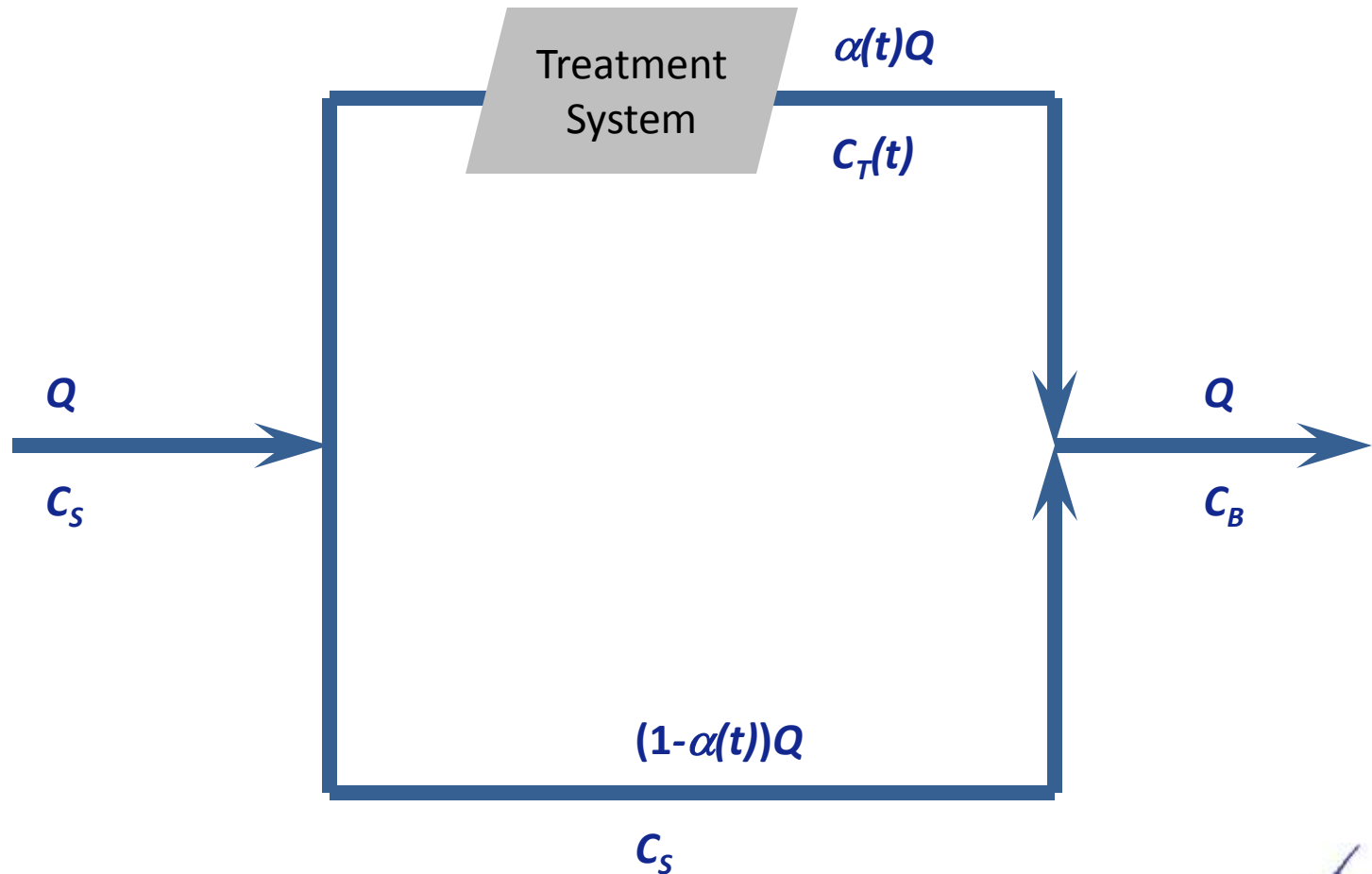
- Treated Concentration in terms of Treated Volume:

$$\begin{aligned}C_T(t) &= V[t] * m + b \\&= \left( \int Q[t] dt \right) * m + b \\&= (Q_{avg} * t) * m + b\end{aligned}$$

$$t = \frac{C_T(t) - b}{Q_{avg} * m}$$

# Blending Math: Fixed Bed Media

- Flow Blending Schematic:





# Blending Math: Fixed Bed Media

- Completing Mass Balance Gives:

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - C_T(t)}$$

Continuous or Incremental changes in  $\alpha$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- Treated Concentration in terms of Treated Volume:

$$\begin{aligned}C_T(t) &= V(t) * m + b \\&= \left( \int Q(t) * dt \right) * m + b \\&= \left( \int \alpha(t) * Q * dt \right) * m + b\end{aligned}$$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- Rearranging by factoring constants:

$$C_T(t) = \left( \int \alpha(t) dt \right) * Q * m + b$$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- Substituting:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(t) &= \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - C_T(t)} \\ &= \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - \left( \left( \int \alpha(t) dt \right) * Q * m + b \right)}\end{aligned}$$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- To solve, let:

$$x = \int \alpha(t) dt$$

- Then:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x' = \alpha(t)$$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- Substituting:

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - \left( \left( \int \alpha(t) dt \right) * Q * m + b \right)}$$
$$x' = \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - (Q * m * x + b)}$$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- Rearranging:

$$x' - \frac{Q * m}{C_S - b} x x' = \frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}$$

- Or:

$$x' + h x x' = i$$

# Blending Math: Continuous, Fixed

- Deriving:

$$\alpha(t) = \pm \frac{\left(\frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}\right)}{\sqrt{\left(2\left(-\frac{Q * m}{C_S - b}\right)\left(\frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}\right)t + 1\right)}}$$

$$C_T(t) = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{2\left(-\frac{Q * m}{C_S - b}\right)\left(\frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}\right)t + 1}}{\left(-\frac{Q * m}{C_S - b}\right)} * Q * m + b$$

$$C_B = C_S + \left( \pm \frac{\left(\frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}\right)}{\sqrt{\left(2\left(-\frac{Q * m}{C_S - b}\right)\left(\frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}\right)t + 1\right)}} \right) \left( \left( \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{2\left(-\frac{Q * m}{C_S - b}\right)\left(\frac{C_S - C_B}{C_S - b}\right)t + 1}}{\left(-\frac{Q * m}{C_S - b}\right)} * Q * m + b \right) - C_S \right)$$



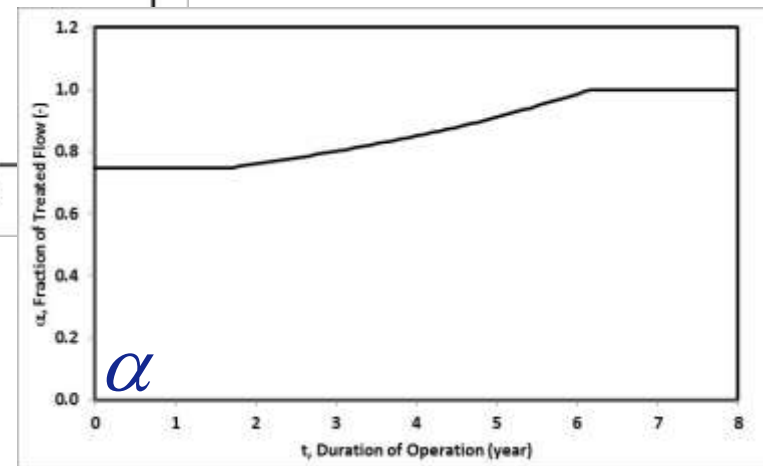
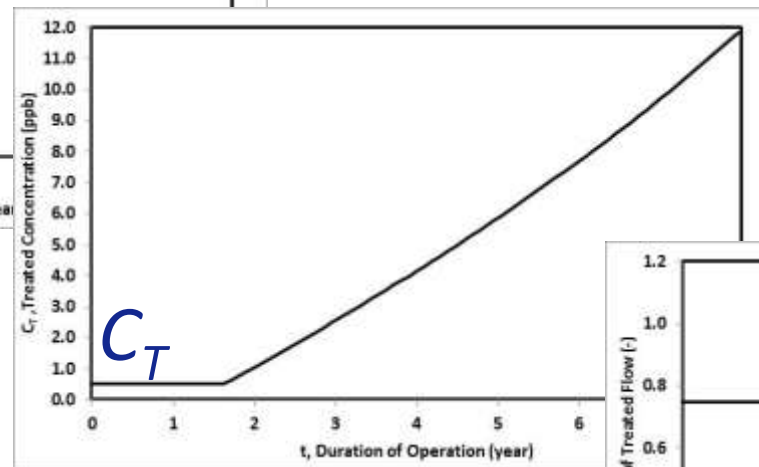
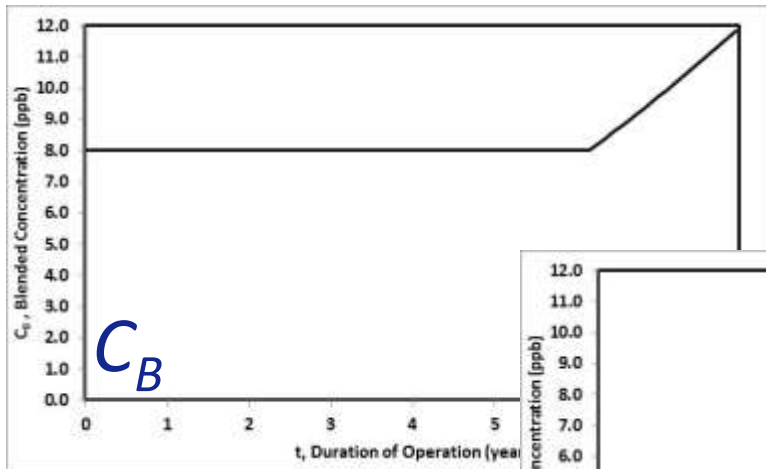
# Blending Math: Fixed Media

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# Blending Math: Incremental, Fixed

- Recall:

$$\begin{aligned}C_T(t) &= V(t) * m + b \\&= \left( \int Q(t) * dt \right) * m + b \\&= \left( \int \alpha(t) * Q * dt \right) * m + b\end{aligned}$$

- Now:

$$\begin{aligned}C_T(t) &= (V_1 + V_2 + \cdots + V_n(t)) * m + b \\&= \left( V_1 + V_2 + \cdots + \int \alpha_n * Q * dt \right) * m + b \\&= (V_1 + V_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n * Q * (t - t_{n-1})) * m + b\end{aligned}$$

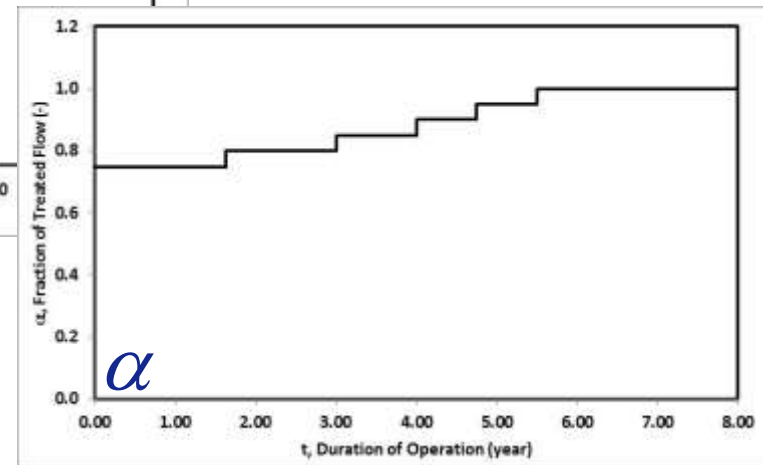
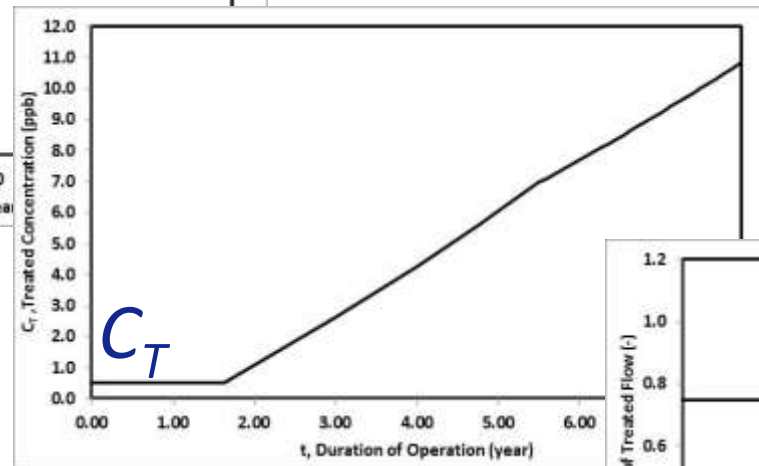
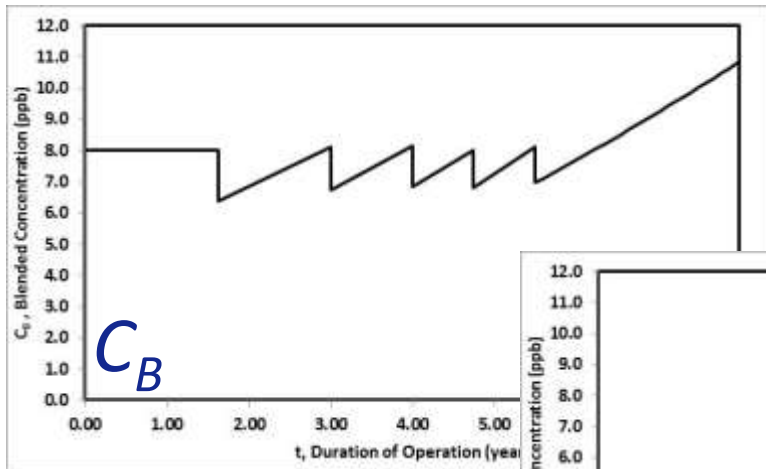
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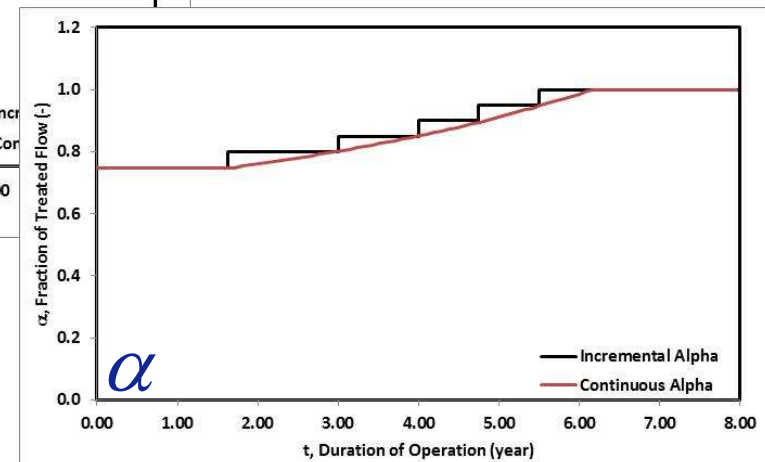
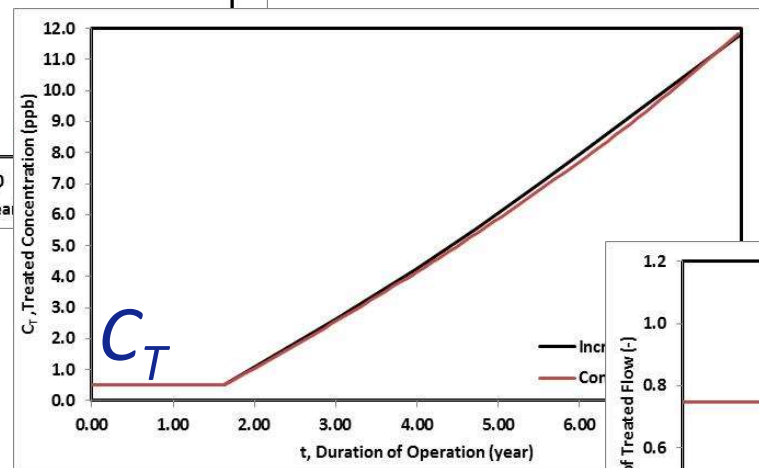
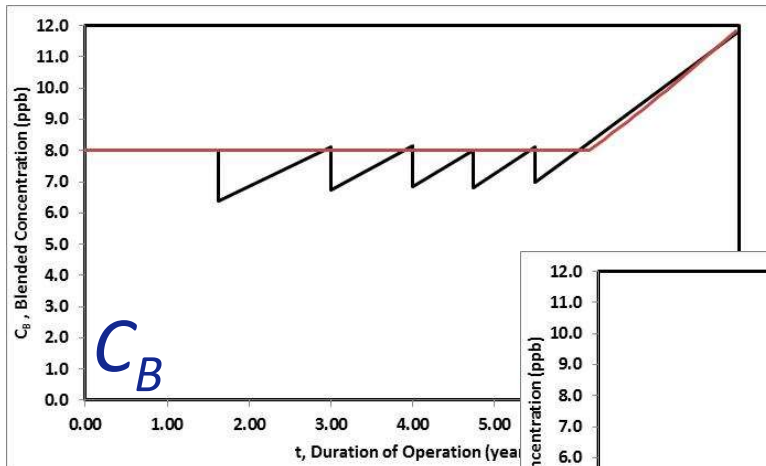
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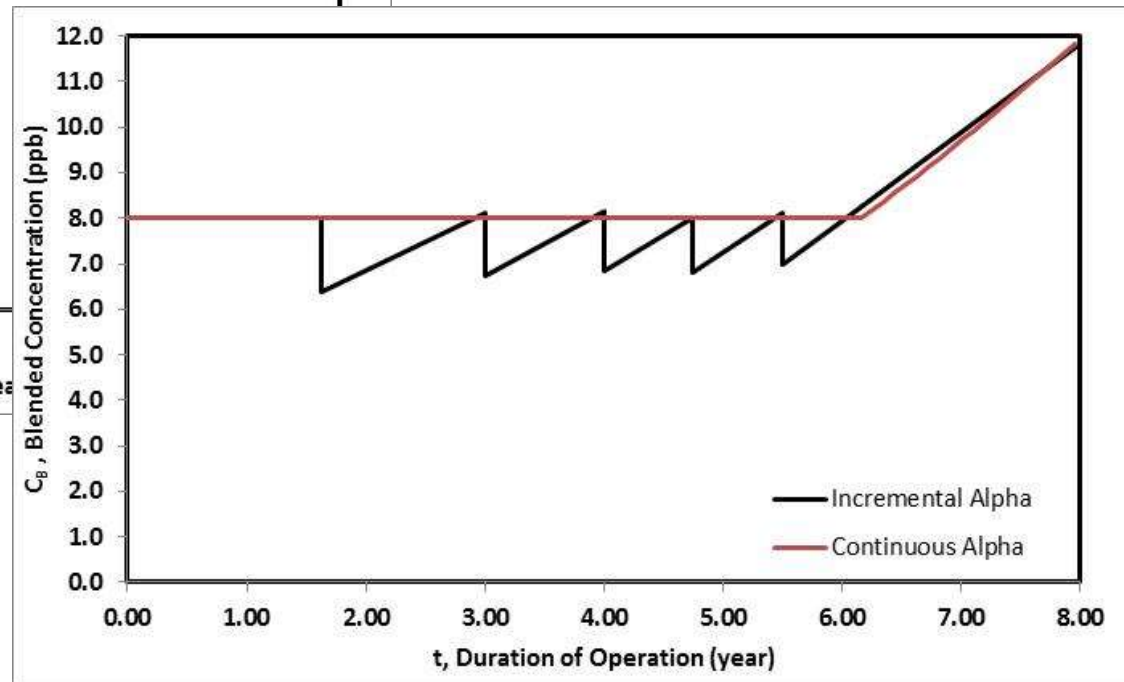
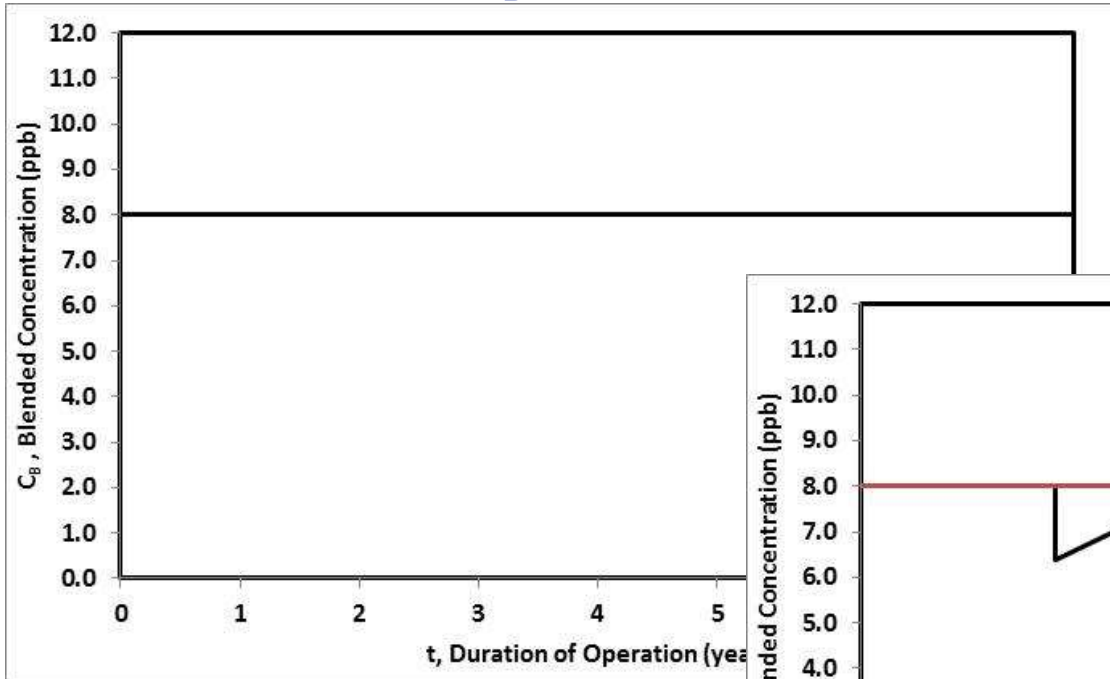
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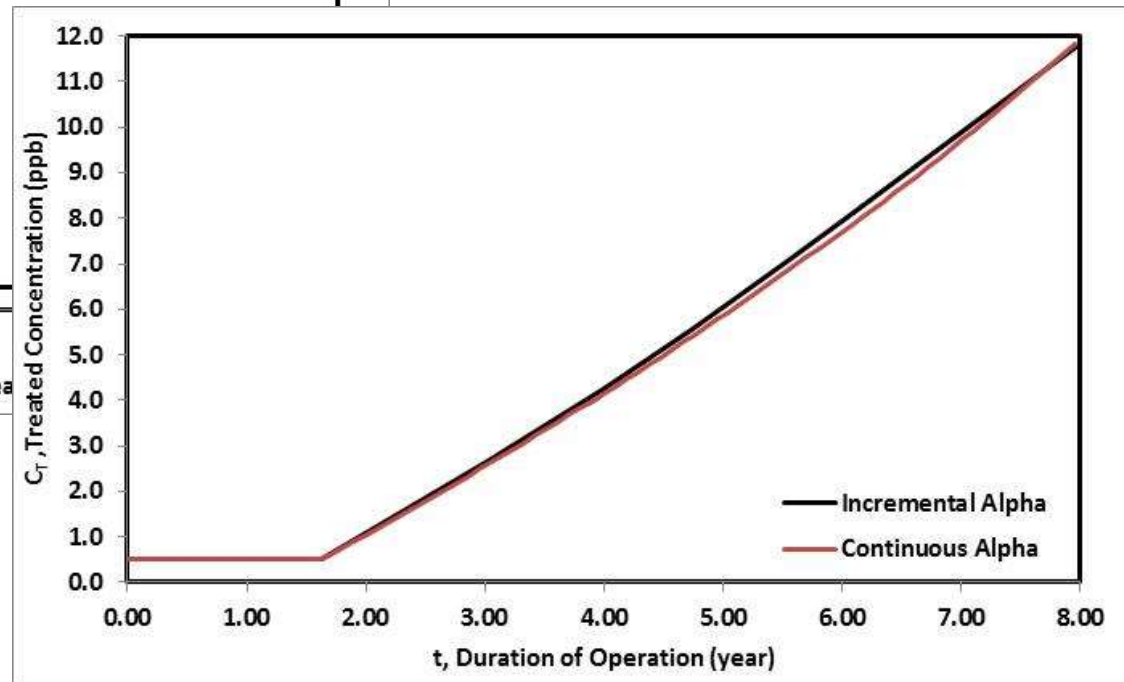
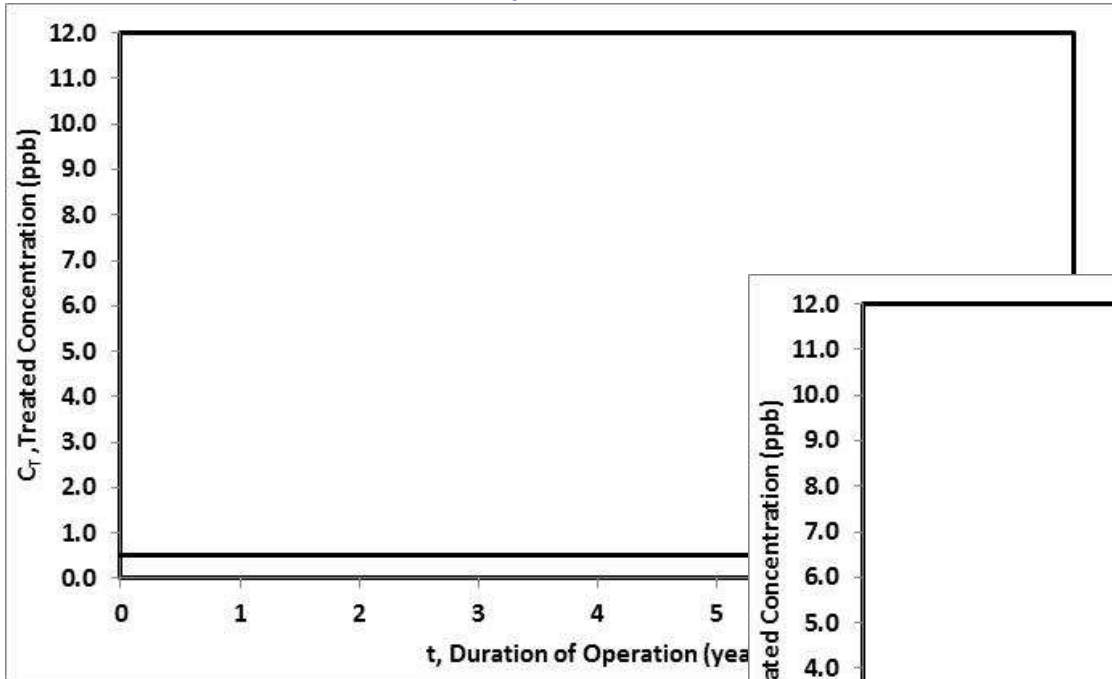
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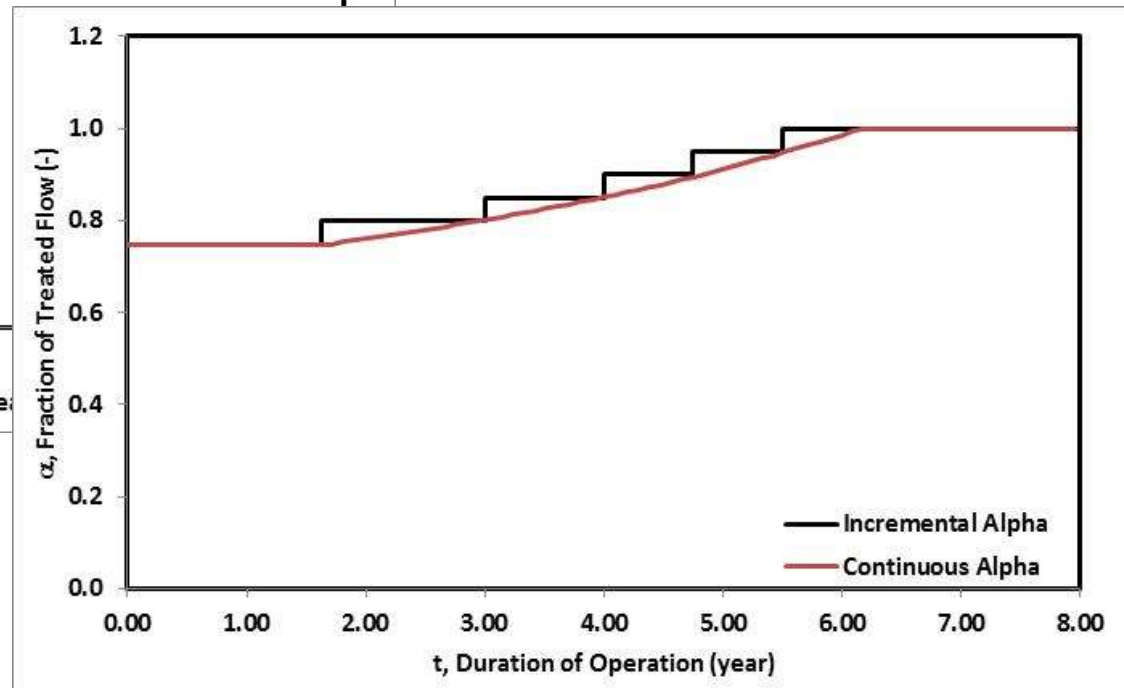
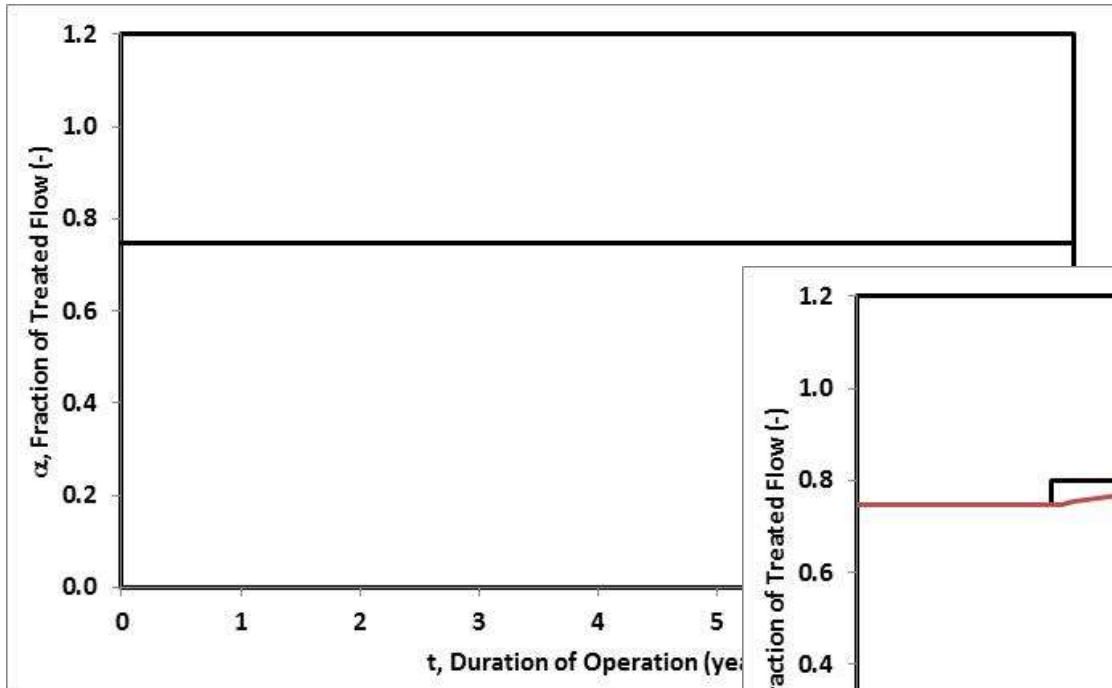
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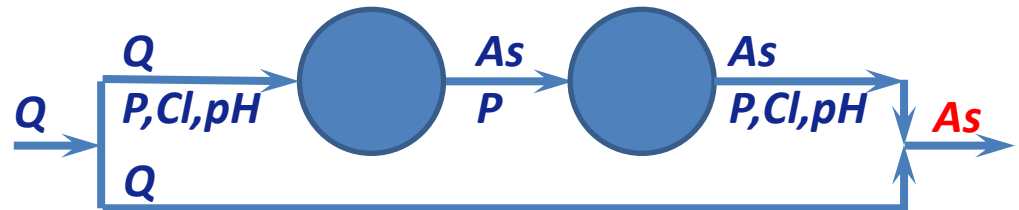
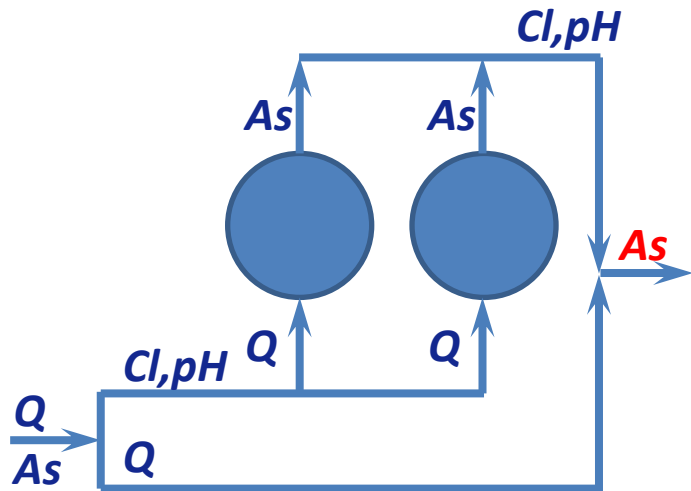
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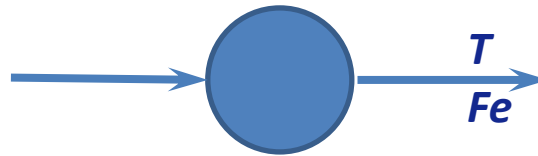
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Monitoring – Fixed Bed AND Fed Media:



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Additional Monitoring – Fed Media:



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- Optimize Treatment
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- “Thorough” Monitoring Reveals (Exposes) Treatment Process Behavior

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**QUESTIONS (ANSWERS)?**