

# TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ETP OPERATORS IN TEXTILE INDUSTRY

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# Use of jar tests

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## Before jar testing

- Keep solutions of different concentrations ready
- Need of dosing at same time



# Sequence of steps

- **Step 1: Select all coagulants** for testing e.g. ferrous sulphate, alum, poly aluminum chloride (PAC), ferric chloride)
- **Step 2: Keep two sets of jars** ready
  - Set 1: Focus on **color removal**,
  - Set 2: Evaluating **reduction of TSS, COD and BOD**.



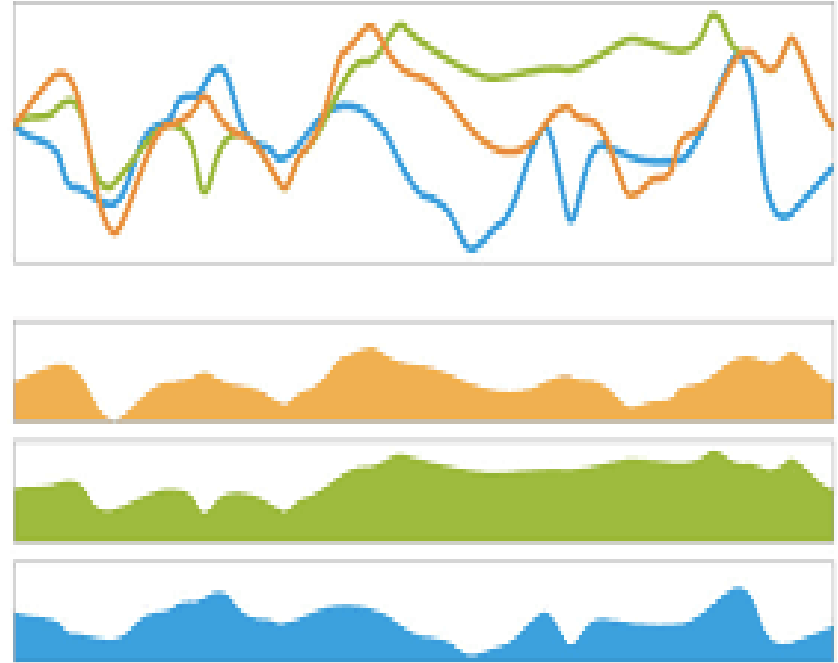
Jar test apparatus

# Sequence of steps

- **Step 3** - Prepare **chart for comparing efficiencies of different chemicals** for two 2 sets
- **Step 4** – Identify **optimum chemical** and **optimum dosage**

## Important

1. Compare **removal efficiency**
2. Ascertain **sludge generation**
3. Determine possible **treatment cost**



# Sequence of steps

## For consideration!

- Reconsider need of coagulant if..
  - no major colour or
  - turbidity of effluent





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## Common poor practices

Avoid adding chemicals in primary treatment without

- understanding function of chemicals
- distinguishing between coagulants and flocculants

Example

- ▶ Usage of coagulants if high level of colloidal solids in raw effluent

# Selection of chemicals

## Coagulants or flocculants

### How to decide

If **colloids high**

- ▶ **evaluate** different **coagulants**

If **colloids low** and colour of reactive dyes low

- ▶ **check** different **flocculants**



# Selection of chemicals

## Determining colloid level

- **Step 1:** Filter effluent through 20 microns filter paper (e.g. Whatman 4,) to remove general suspended solids.
- **Step 2:** Filter again through filter paper of <2 microns (e.g. Whatman 602h)
- **Step 3:** Weigh second filter paper to determine colloidal particles level



Lab analytical balance

# Selection of chemicals

## Determining colloid level

### Be aware

- Better results with filter paper  $<2 \mu$  but tests more difficult
- More accurate analysis by **particle size distribution** (PSD) **analysis** in external laboratory



# Selection of chemicals

## Typical coagulants

- Ferrous sulphate
- Alum
- Poly aluminum chloride (PAC)
- Ferric chloride etc.

## New

- Pre-hydrolyzed inorganic coagulants based on aluminum and iron



# Selection of chemicals

## Ferrous sulphate

- Widely used in **colour removal** in effluent with **reactive dyes**
- **Not** good for **non-reactive dyes**.
- Small overdose turning effluent reddish when exposed to air
  - eventual oxidation of ferrous sulphate to ferric salt



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## Flocculants

- Many polymer-based flocculants available, mostly with trade names
- Lime also flocculant indirectly aiding coagulation
  - coupled with other flocculants



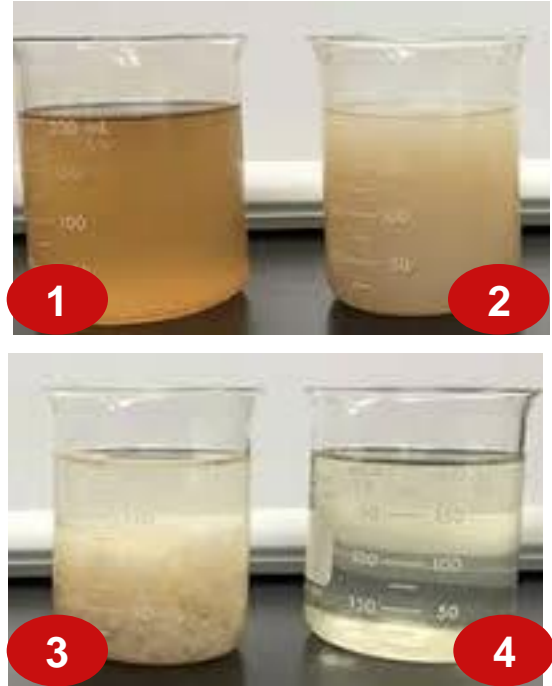
Different stages of settling



# Selection of chemicals

## How to select

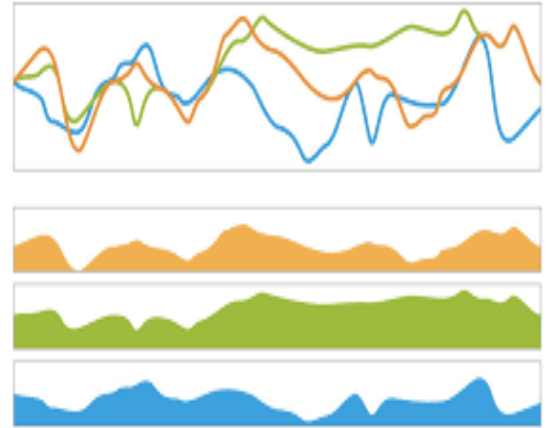
- Check and compare efficiency of different chemicals through **laboratory tests**
- Check features of chemicals while selecting
- Select chemical
  - working **in wide pH ranges**
  - working in **low dosage**
  - producing **less sludge**
  - **not** significantly **increasing TDS**



# Selection of chemicals

## How to select

- **Tabulate efficiency** of chemicals in simple chart.
- When **combining chemicals** (e.g. alum, lime, polyelectrolyte)
  - ▶ **prepare chart** with different dosage combinations keeping **one chemical dose constant** in each case.
- **Select optimum dosage.**
  - When dosing ferrous sulphate, dose till effluent just turning into pale green.



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