

ABSTRACT AND REFERENCES

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OXYGEN REGIME IN RESEARCH ON THE WORK OF PLUGFLOW AERATION TANKS WITH FIXED BIOMASSES (p. 4-11)**Aleksandr Oleynik**Institute of Hydromechanics of
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The paper presents a mathematical description of biological wastewater treatment processes, whereas the study develops more reliable methods for calculating the parameters of aerobic wastewater treatment from organic contaminants in aerotanks.

A general mathematical model has been constructed for the evaluation and analysis of the joint removal of organic pollutants (OPs) by weighed and fixed biocenoses in plug-flow aerotanks. This model takes into account the provision of the oxidation process with the required amount of oxygen and the peculiarities of the joint removal of organic pollutants by a biofilm, which is formed on the surface of additional loading, and a suspended biocenosis.

Some simplifications of the model, which help obtain analytical dependencies, are suggested and proved. It is assumed that the process of OP oxidation with suspended active sludge occurs in a zero-order reaction, and in a biofilm, it occurs by a first-order reaction.

The implementation of the proposed model helps estimate the influence of various purification factors in plugflow aerotanks and substantiate the most economical and effective parameters of OP removal in these structures. The study considers the possible technological and design schemes for plugflow aerotanks when a reactor containing elements with a fixed biocenosis is located first in the direction of the flow of sewage and vice versa. It is proposed to use such technological solutions to intensify the work of biological treatment plants such as aerotanks.

Keywords: plugflow aerotank, oxygen regime, mathematical model, organic contamination, active sludge, biofilm.

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EFFECT OF ECOLOGICALLY SAFE GAS-AEROSOL MIXTURES ON THE VELOCITY OF EXPLOSIVE COMBUSTION OF n-HEPTANE (p. 12-19)

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To solve the problem of effective retardation, researchers propose to use mostly gases, powders and their mixtures, as well as, in some cases, khladons and their mixtures with gases. Given the characteristics of known agents of volumetric fire-extinguishing, they share common shortcomings: devices are rather sizeable, gas storage requires a significant number of cylinders, powders need rather big containers, in which they tend to clod. In addition, it takes too long to supply the above-mentioned substances compared with the velocity of explosion front propagation.

Determining an influence of the addition of gas-aerosol mixtures on the velocity of flame propagation throughout stoichiometric n-heptane-air mixture will make it possible to define effective concentrations and ratios of fire-extinguishing aerosol and gases CO₂ and N₂ on the velocity of flame propagation throughout a combustible homogeneous mixture, which will guide towards a more efficient use of gas-aerosol mixtures in order to prevent explosions and fires.

Present research shows high effectiveness of influence of the addition of a binary mixture of fire-extinguishing aerosol and gases CO₂ and N₂ on a decrease in velocity of flame of the homogeneous heptane-air mixture. It was experimentally found that the influence of binary mixtures on the stoichiometric n-heptane-air mixture decreases the flame propagation velocity by up to 6.5 times, compared with the original velocity of flame propagation throughout the stoichiometric

mixture. Thus, even small addition of binary gas-aerosol mixtures to the homogeneous combustible systems decreases explosion power and prevents the occurrence of detonation in them. Fire-extinguishing concentrations of aerosol and gases in this case decreases considerably due to synergy between them.

Determining the effect of binary gas-air mixtures on the velocity of flame propagation throughout homogeneous combustible mixtures allows us to define conditions for effective anti-explosive and fire-retardant protection of sites with the presence of flammable, combustible and explosive media and substances.

Keywords: retarder, inhibitor of combustion, fire-extinguishing aerosol, combined extinguishing, aerosol-forming compound.

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INFLUENCE OF THE SOUTH-UKRAINE ELECTRIC POWER PRODUCING COMPLEX ON THE ECOLOGICAL CONDITION OF THE SOUTHERN BUG RIVER (p. 20-28)

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Using statistical methods, an analysis of the runoff long-term distribution of the Southern Bug River in its lower reach in damming and natural conditions has been performed. It allows deepening the existing knowledge about the regularities of the water ecosystem functioning and rationalizing (balancing) the water supply system in the regional socioecological system, with the purpose of prevention of ecologically dangerous situations and minimization of ecological and economic damage. At the same time, the main emphasis is shifted to the study of the South-Ukraine electric power producing complex impact on the ecological safety in the lower reach of the Southern Bug River aquatic ecosystem (after the cascade of reservoirs). In particular, it has been proved that the river runoff decreases, and this phenomenon is particularly acute in the low water flow period when there is a problem of prioritizing the allocation of water resources between industry, population and the ecological system actually. In the statistical environment R and software MS Excel, the degree of connection of water flow in the lower reach of the Southern Bug River with the concentration of potentially dangerous substances in it is determined, and, for some of them, a functional dependence is presented. An analysis of the database of observation of daily water consumption over 80 years (from 1936 to 2016) has allowed substantiating and proving the opinion that the annual runoff of the river tends to decrease. The probability of low water flow for the months of the year for the lower reach of the Southern Bug is calculated and a probabilistic distribution of water flow is constructed. The economic risk for the South-Ukraine electric power producing complex, and to the Ukraine's energy system,

in particular, in the low water flow period, when the values of the river water flow become dangerously small for the normal functioning of the enterprise, under the terms of the set volume sanitary discharges in its lower reach is determined.

Keywords: Southern Bug River, river runoff prediction, economic risk, ecological condition, South-Ukraine electric power producing complex, statistical environment R.

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MATHEMATICAL MODELING OF THE COLORIMETRIC PARAMETERS FOR REMOTE CONTROL OVER THE STATE OF NATURAL BIOPLATO (p. 29-36)

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An approach to the remote determination of the character of bioproduction processes in aquatic phytocenoses is proposed. The investigated plant communities can be used as natural bioplato for the elimination of biosafety threats to water consumption. The relevance of these studies is determined by the increased need for expanding the arsenal of methods for remote diagnosis of the states of natural systems that are important for biosafety provision. In particular – to ensure biosafety when using natural feed resources by waterfowls, which are a potential reservoir of bird flu.

The similarity in the dynamics of the colorimetric parameters of phytocenoses and the Margalef's succession model makes it possible to implement a new approach to the generation of productive working hypotheses for the development of remote methods for determining the state of bioproduction processes in natural bioplato. The proposed approach is based on the use of the class of mathematical models, which is called the discrete models of dynamic systems.

Based on the structure of the correlations between the colorimetric components of space photographs of the plavni in the mouth of the river Danube, a description of the structure of the intercomponent and intracomponent relations of the massifs of semi-submerged higher aquatic plants has been obtained. The resulting structure of intercomponent relations allowed us to construct idealized trajectories reflecting the dynamic changes of the system. A unique constant inverse relationship between the parameter reflecting the amount of green chlorophyll pigment affecting the level of photosynthetic production and the parameter reflecting the amount of orange-red pigments in each of the possible matrices of the ratios of colorimetric parameters has been revealed. As a result of analysis of the dynamic aspects of the RGB model, the structure of the system color parameter is shown, which is the mean square deviation of the spread in the degree of alignment of parameter values reflecting the amount of green and orange-red pigments.

As a result of analysis of the systemic colorimetric parameter of photographs of the section of the Danube plavni during various periods of the vegetative season, it is shown that it is advisable to use it as a marker of the risk of secondary water pollution, which can be used for remote determination of the state of bioproduction processes in natural bioplato.

Keywords: bioplato, bioproduction process, waterfowls, relation graph, colorimetric parameters, remote control, trajectory of the system.

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RESEARCH INTO THE BIOSORPTION PROCESS OF HEAVY METAL IONS BY THE SEDIMENTS FROM STATIONS OF BIOLOGICAL IRON REMOVAL (p. 37-43)

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The article considers the possibility of using the sediments from stations of biological iron removal for the biosorption of heavy metal ions (IHMs) from both natural groundwaters and washing waters of enterprises with galvanic cycles. The processes of extracting Zn^{2+} ions (up to 50 mg/dm³), Cu^{2+} (up to 16 mg/dm³), Ni^{2+} (up to 1.3 mg/dm³), Cr^{6+} (up to 2.0 mg/dm³) on the bacterial structures of iron bacteria consortia and the optimal parameters of passing this process are determined (for washing waters pH=8.5–9.0). The influence of constant magnetic field with intensity of 20–60 mT, as well as the influence of different kinds of sediments from stations of biological iron removal on the efficiency of the process of removing IHM have been investigated. A significant percentage of the removal of IHM using calcined precipitate (98 % for Cu^{2+} , 97 % for Zn^{2+} , 85 % for Ni^{2+}) is due to the exoeffect that occurs at a wide temperature range of 200–400 °C. In this case, there is a smooth decrease in the mass of the sediment, indicating the combustion of the organic component and the crystallization of the amorphous phase. As a result, goethite

(α -FeOOH) and lepidocrocite (γ -FeOOH) are converted into hematite (α -Fe₂O₃) and magnetite (γ -Fe₂O₃), which have magnetic properties. When using as a reagent a fresh sediment, active involvement in the process of adsorption of heavy metal ions is carried out by biominerals, cells and polymer matrices of iron bacteria that have a crystalline structure and a large specific surface. At the same time, the effectiveness of removing IHMs was, respectively: for Cu^{2+} 93 %; for Zn^{2+} 92 %; for Ni^{2+} 70 %.

The efficiency of one-, two- and three-stage water purification schemes have been investigated. It was established that using the three-stage scheme with hydromechanical mixers and water alkalization to pH 9.0, the efficiency of IHM removal was: for Cu^{2+} up to 96 %; For Zn^{2+} up to 99 %; for Ni^{2+} up to 85 %. The X-ray spectral microanalysis of the sediment of the surface of the *Gallioella* bacterium case revealed the accumulation of IHM in the structure. The process of adsorption of IHM on the bacterial structures of consortia of iron bacteria due to their electrostatic bonding with both anionic surface of cell wall and with organic polymers isolated by cells of iron bacteria is substantiated.

Keywords: biominerals, biosorption of ions of heavy metals, matrices of iron bacteria, sediment of iron-removal station.

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BIOTESTING OF PLASMA-CHEMICALLY ACTIVATED WATER WITH THE USE OF HYDROBIONTS (p. 44-50)

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The study has determined the influence of plasma-chemically activated water and its level of toxicity on test objects. It has been established that the reaction of biological objects is positive, which is reflected in their livelihood. The obtained research results show that the nature of the influence of water of different structures on the species composition of the selected test objects depends on the individual properties of each of them. The influence of plasma-chemically activated water on the functional properties of *Riccia fluitans*, *Lémna minor* L., *Paramecium caudatum*, *Artemia salina* and *Cyprinus carpio* has been investigated. The completed tests have helped supplement and substantiate the already existing idea about the properties of the plasma-chemically activated water and the possibilities of its use in the processing of raw materials and the manufacturing of finished products.

In the course of the research, it was found that the *Paramecium caudatum* survival was 87–89.5 %, with no toxic effects of the plasma-chemically activated water on these

objects. The cultivation of *Artemia salina* in water that had been pre-treated by the proposed method showed that the number of viable organisms had increased by 60–70 % compared with the reference. The obtained results of studying the influence of the plasma-chemically activated water on the development of *Riccia fluitans* and *Lémna minor* L. indicate that the activation of growth processes is 7–39 % higher than in the reference. It has been determined that the cultivation of *Cyprinus carpio* in the treated water contributes to increasing the survival rate as it improved the test objects by 13 % and 6 %, respectively, as to the reference. Using the method of gas-discharge diagnostics has shown that the treatment of water with nonthermal plasma for 30 minutes contributes to increasing its biopotential. Consequently, the obtained results indicate the expediency of using plasma-chemically activated water for the production of food and feed. The established positive changes support information on the safety of using plasma-chemically activated water as a component of the food chain and prove the practical value of a comprehensive approach to innovative methods of preparing raw materials.

Keywords: plasma-chemically activated water, biotesting, hydrobionts, gas discharge visualization.

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As a result of consideration of the phenomena occurring in the vortex tubes, it has been established that there are two forms of swirling dust-gas flow. The circumferential velocity profile in the zone of swirler and return flow is close to the quasi-solid type of rotation. In the peripheral zone, it is close to the quasi-potential type. It has been established by simulation that in the zone of quasi-solid rotation and subsequent transition to a quasi-solid flow, aggregation of particles takes place due to an intense collision of the dust particles drifting to the walls of the vortex tube. There is a 5 to 10 times increase in the determining particle size depending on the value of their specific surface area. In the zone of quasi-potential flow, the bulk of the solid dust particles is concentrated near the tube walls in a zone close to the boundary layer and the dust-free gas concentrates in a zone close to the axial flow. Taking into account the effect of uneven distribution of the braking temperature and consequently creation of a positive gradient of gas temperatures from the tube axis to the walls, thermodynamic and kinetic conditions arise for destruction of CO, NO_x, SO_x gas impurities (in the case of hot gas with a temperature above 673 K). Thus, when preparing a dusty gas stream from a process source before feeding it to the dust collector, the vortex tube creates conditions for complex purification of the gas stream from dust and gas impurities. Also, efficiency of dust removal in the main unit increases to 99.9 %. This will make it possible to lower the industrial negative impact on atmosphere and reduce threat of global consequences for future generations.

Keywords: dry cleaning, dust flow, vortex tube, Ranque effect, hydrodynamics, dust collection efficiency, agglomeration of particles, mathematical model.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE METHOD OF EVALUATION OF THE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AND ITS APPROBATION
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The method of estimating the level of ecological safety of a housing accommodation by environmental factors: physical, chemical, microclimatic and aesthetic is presented. Groups of danger factors in the structure of such a category of life quality as “Environmental safety of a dwelling house” are formed.

The analysis of modern scientific studies showed that the vast majority of researchers use the survey method when assessing the quality of dwellings. This approach is justified in terms of the ease of processing the results. However, when using this approach, it is difficult to avoid subjectivity in assessment.

Qualimetric tables have been compiled for the scoring assessment of the selected environmental hazards factors. Based on the values of the hazard factors scoring assessment and their weight determination, a formula is proposed for determining the numerical value of the integral indicator of the environmental safety of the dwelling.

The application of the developed method allows:

- assessing the existing environmental safety level of residential premises to manage its quality, in terms of both new construction and reconstruction;
- justifying the choice of new architectural projects regarding environmental safety in the room;
- estimating the cost of a premise when it is purchased on the primary or secondary market in the conditions of equiva-

lence of all other parameters such as location, the state of the infrastructure of the district, etc.

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