

ENVE 301

Environmental Engineering Unit Operations

Lecture 12

Sedimentation II

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Example - 1

A horizontal flow sedimentation tank has an overflow rate of $17 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{d}$. What percentage removal should be expected for each of the following settling velocities?

- a) 0.1 mm/s
- b) 0.2 mm/s
- c) 1 mm/s

Ref: Davis M.L. *Water and Wastewater Treatment: Design Principles and Practice*. 2010. McGrawHill

Type II Settling

Flocculent Settling

- Particles flocculate during settling
- These types of particles generally occur in;
 - Alum or iron coagulation
 - Wastewater primary sedimentation
 - Settling tanks in trickling filters

Type II Settling

Flocculent Settling

- Stoke's equation cannot be used to describe Type II settling, because n flocculating particles constantly change in size and shape
- As water trapped in the floc, specific gravity increases
- No adequate mathematical modeling to describe Type II settling
- Settling characteristics are determined by settling column tests.

Type II Settling

Settling column model

Laboratory settling column tests can be used to

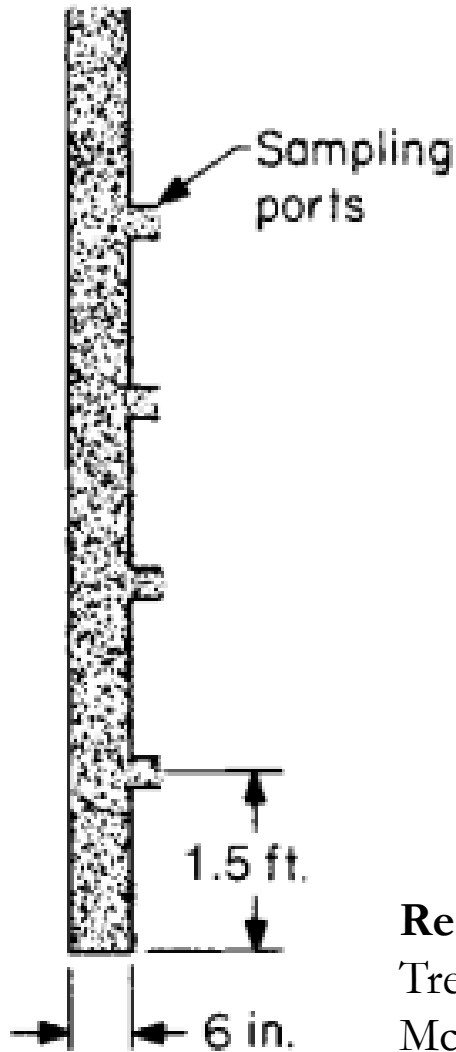
- Model the behaviour of flocculant settling
- Evaluation of existing settling tanks
- Developing data for plant expansion or modification

However, not practical for the desing of new treatment plants – not easy to estimate concentration of particles that will come from the coagulation/flocculation units

Type II Settling

Settling column model

- Settling column: 130-205 mm in diameter to minimize side wall effects
- Height should be at least equal to the proposed sedimentation tank
- Sampling ports should be provided at equal intervals in height.



Ref: American Water Works Association. Water Quality and Treatment: A handbook of community water supplies. 5th ed. McGraw Hill, 1999

Type II Settling

Settling column model

Settling column experimental procedure

- The suspension must be mixed thoroughly
- Suspended solids (SS) content should be determined
- Suspension should be poured rapidly into the column to ensure that a uniform distribution
- Suspension allowed to settle
- Temperature variation for more than 1°C should be avoided

Type II Settling

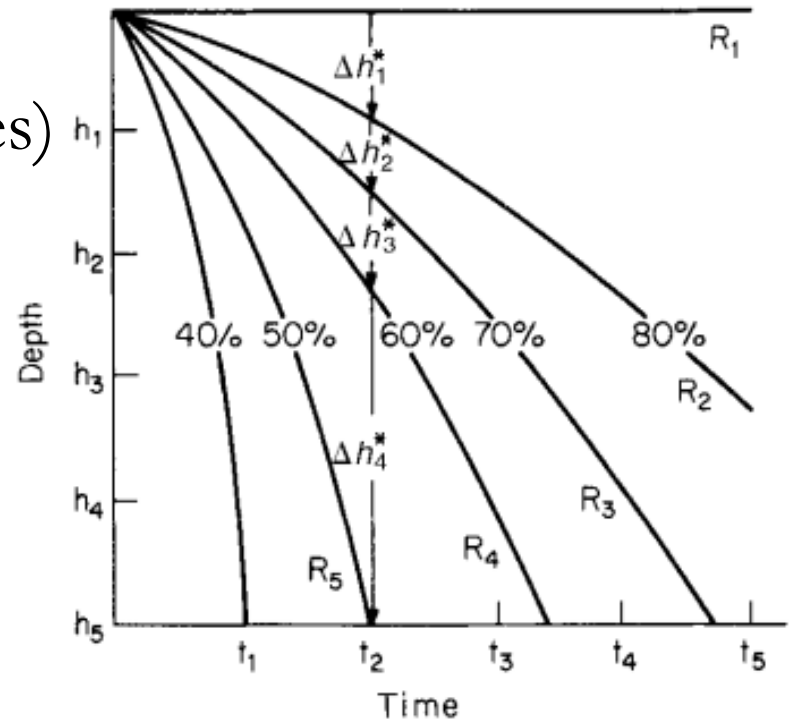
Settling column model

- Samples should be removed from the ports at periodic time intervals, SS concentration should be determined
- Percent SS removal is calculated for each sample
- Percent removal is plotted on a “time” versus “depth of collection” graph
- Percent removal lines (R curves) are drawn by interpolation

$$R\% = \left[1 - \frac{C_t}{C_0} \right] * 100$$

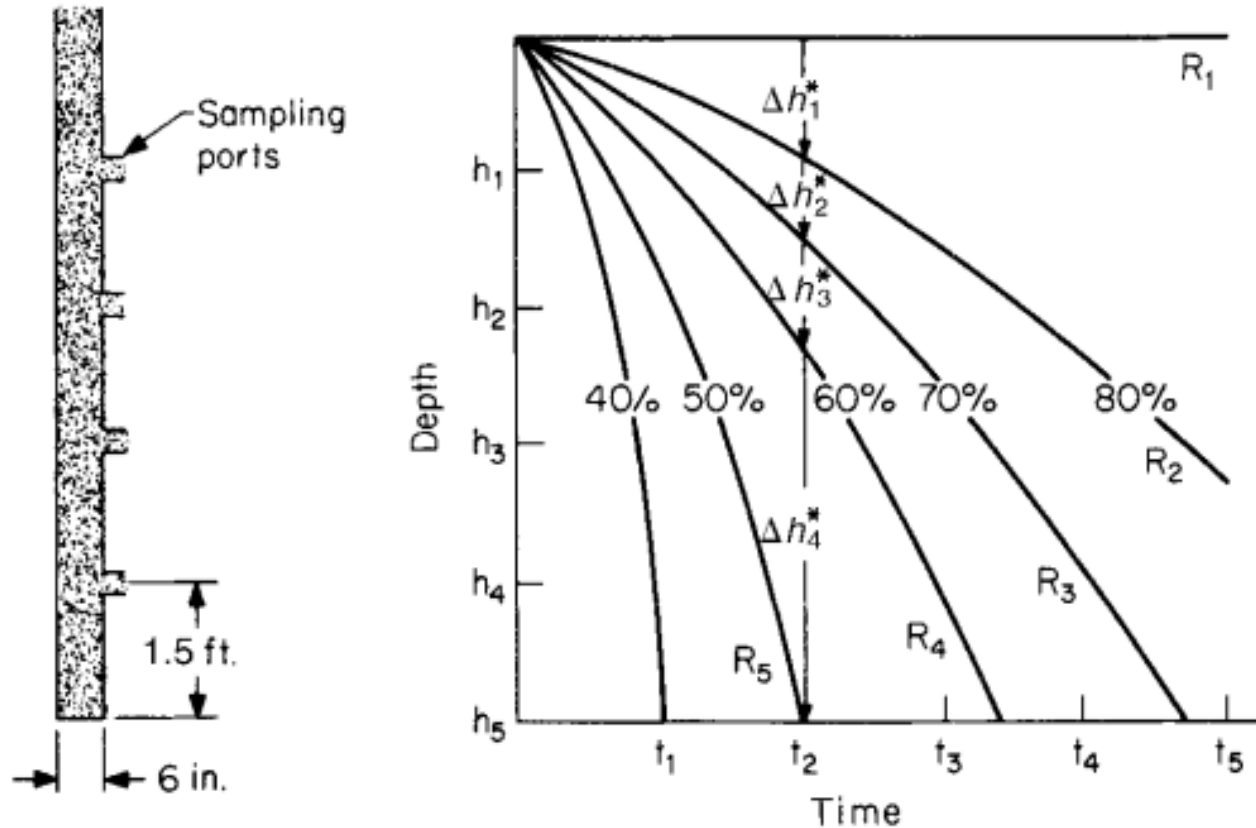
C_0 : initial concentration, mg/L

C_t : concentration at time t, at given depth, mg/L



Type II Settling

Settling column model



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FIGURE 7.9 Settling column and isopercentage settling curves for flocculant particles. (Source: Metcalf and Eddy, Engineers, 1991. *Wastewater Engineering*, 3rd ed. New York: McGraw-Hill. Reproduced by permission of the McGraw-Hill Companies.)

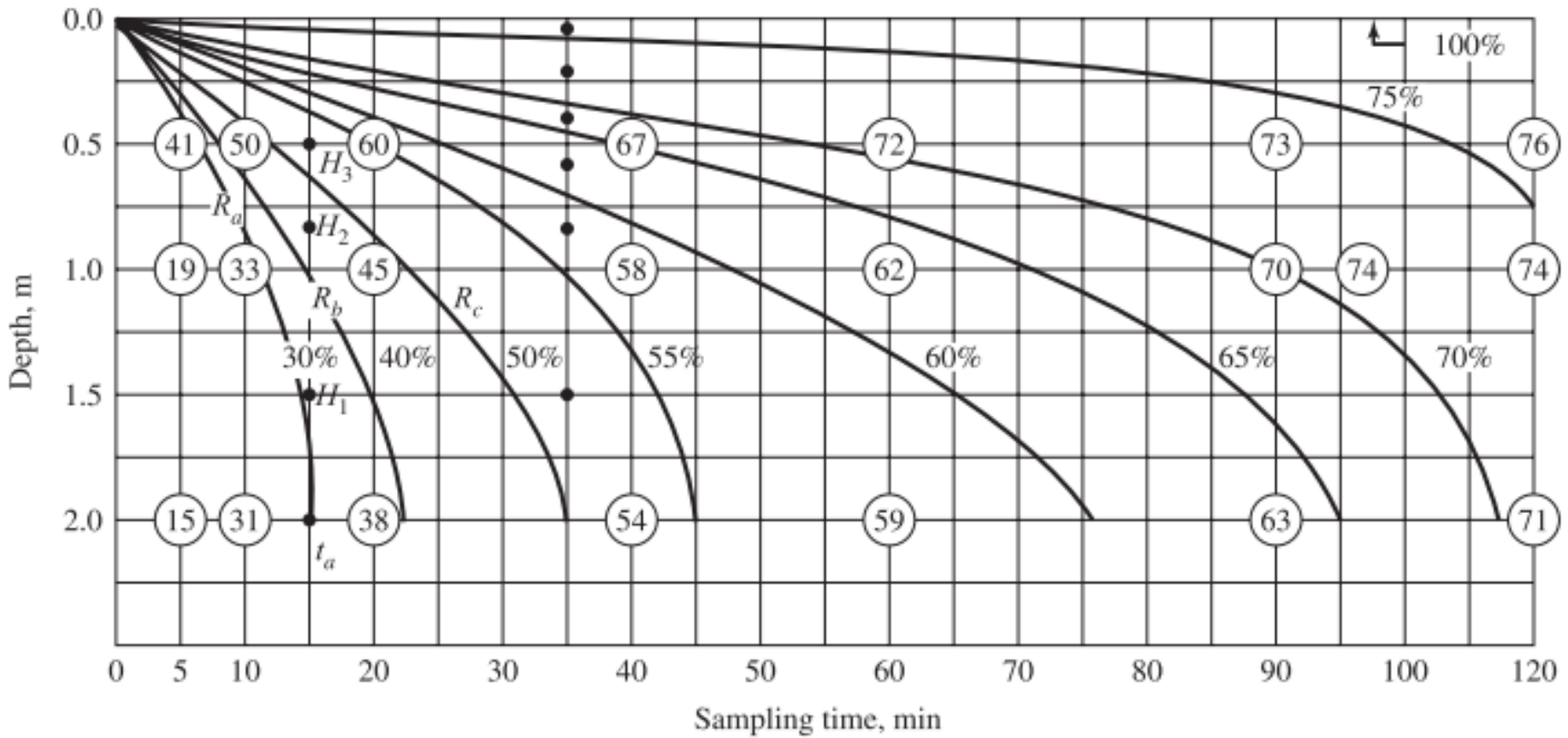


FIGURE 10-8

Isoconcentration lines for Type II settling test using a 2-m-deep column.

Isoconcentration lines = R curves

Type II Settling

Settling column model

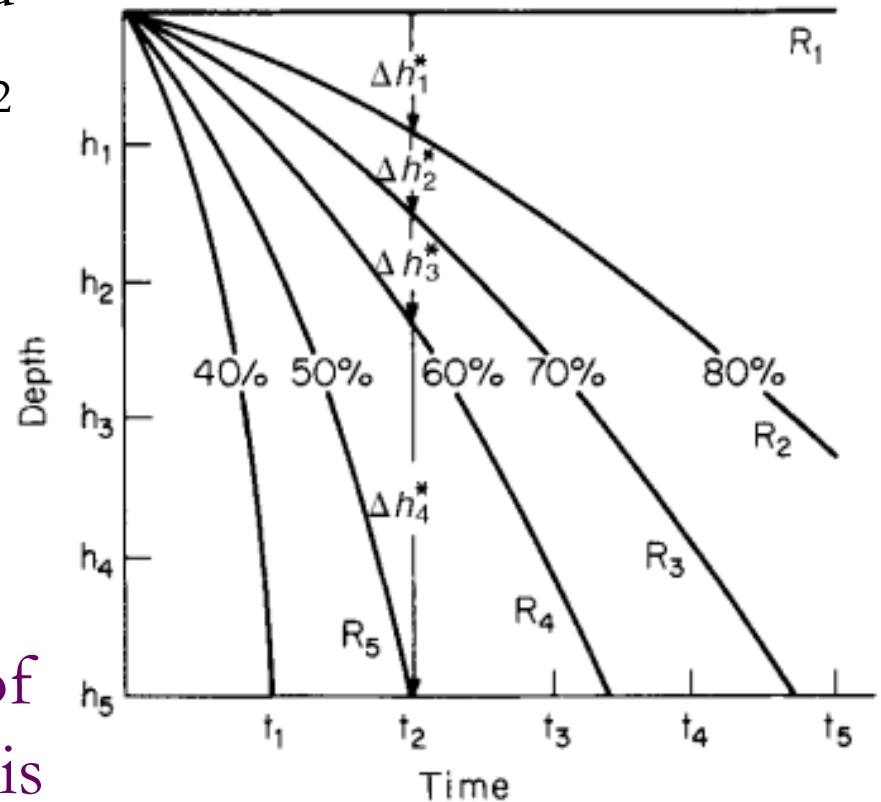
- Overflow rates are determined for various settling times (t_1, t_2 etc.) where R curves intercept the x-axis

- For the curve R_i

$$\text{Overflow rate} = H/t_i$$

H : height of the column, m

t_i : time defined by intersection of isoconcentration line and x-axis



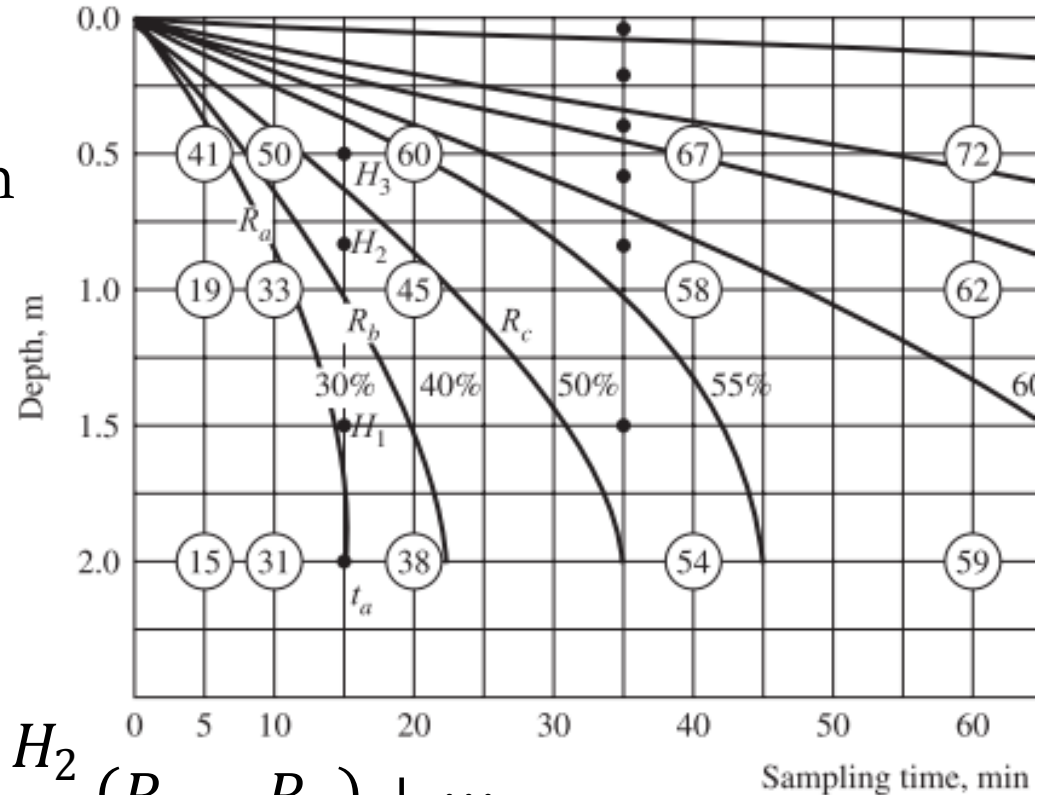
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Type II Settling

Settling column model

Fraction of solids removed

- A vertical line drawn from t_i to intersect R curves.
- The mid points between isoconcentration lines define H_1, H_2, H_3 .



$$R_T = R_a + \frac{H_1}{H} (R_b - R_a) + \frac{H_2}{H} (R_c - R_b) + \dots$$

- R_T : Total fraction removed for settling time of interest
- R_a, R_b, R_c : Isoconcentration fractions a, b, c

Type II Settling

Settling column model

- Overflow rates and removal fractions are used to plot two curves
 - 1) Suspended solids removal versus detention time
 - 2) Suspended solids removal versus overflow rate
- These two plots can be used to size a settling tank.
- Scale-up factors of 0.65 for overflow rate and 1.75 for detention time can be used to design a tank.

Example 2

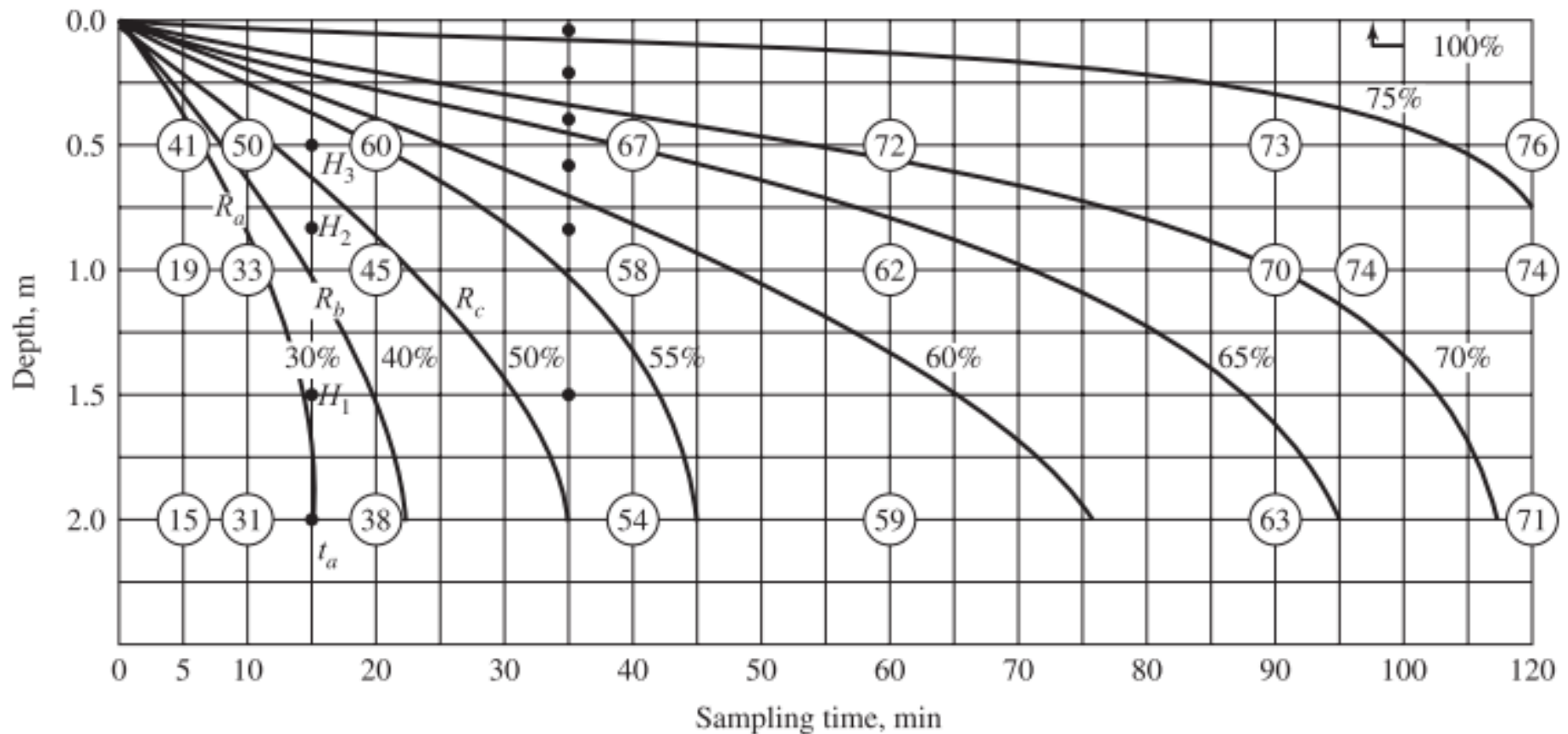
A city is planning to install a new settling tank as an upgrade to their existing treatment plant. Design a settling tank to remove 65% of the influent suspended solids. Design flow rate is $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. A batch settling tank using a 2 m column and coagulated water from an existing plant yielded the following data.

Percent removal as a function of time and depth

Depth, m	Sampling time, min						
	5	10	20	40	60	90	120
0.5	41	50	60	67	72	73	76
1.0	19	33	45	58	62	70	74
2.0	15	31	38	54	59	63	71

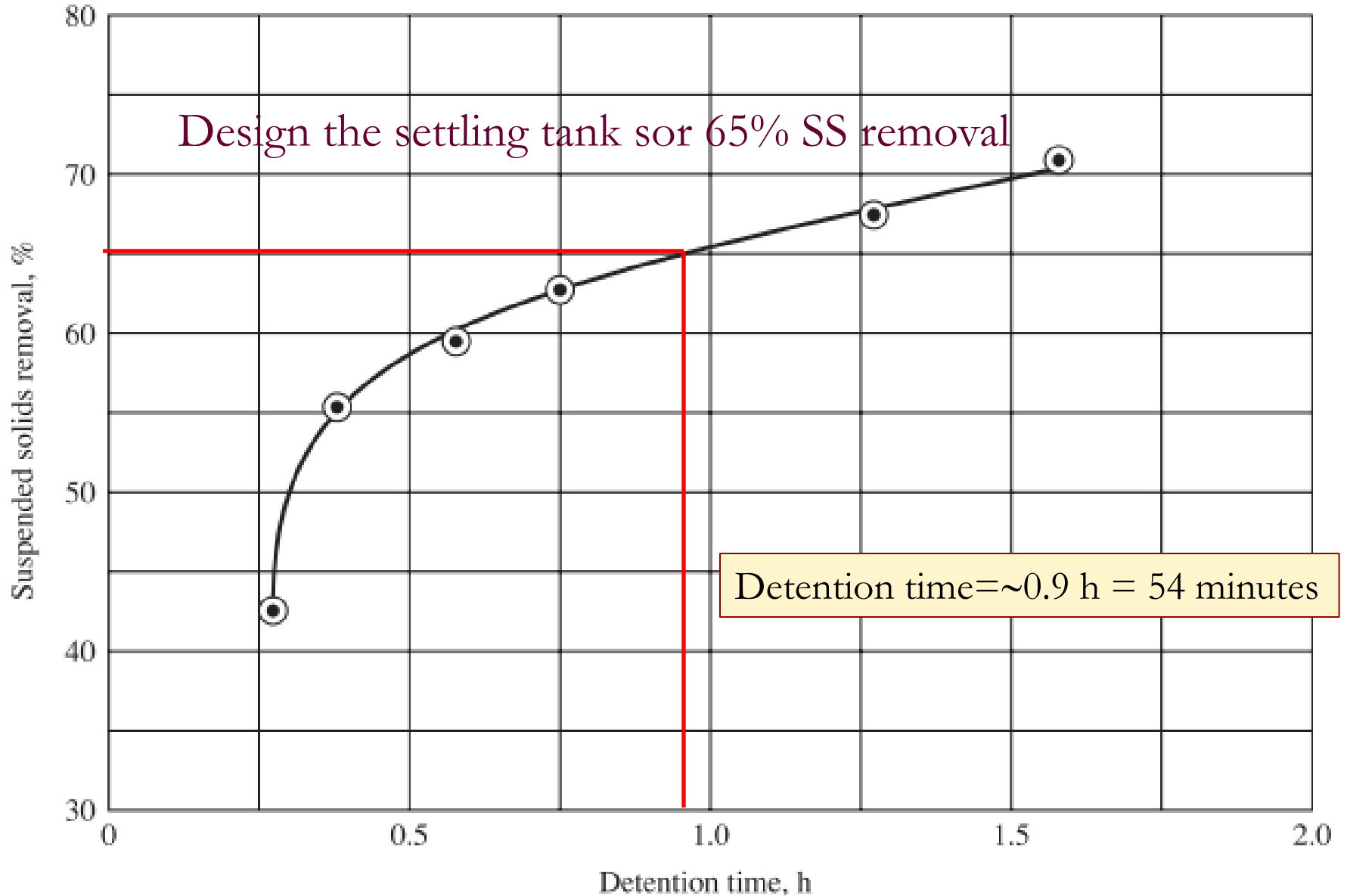
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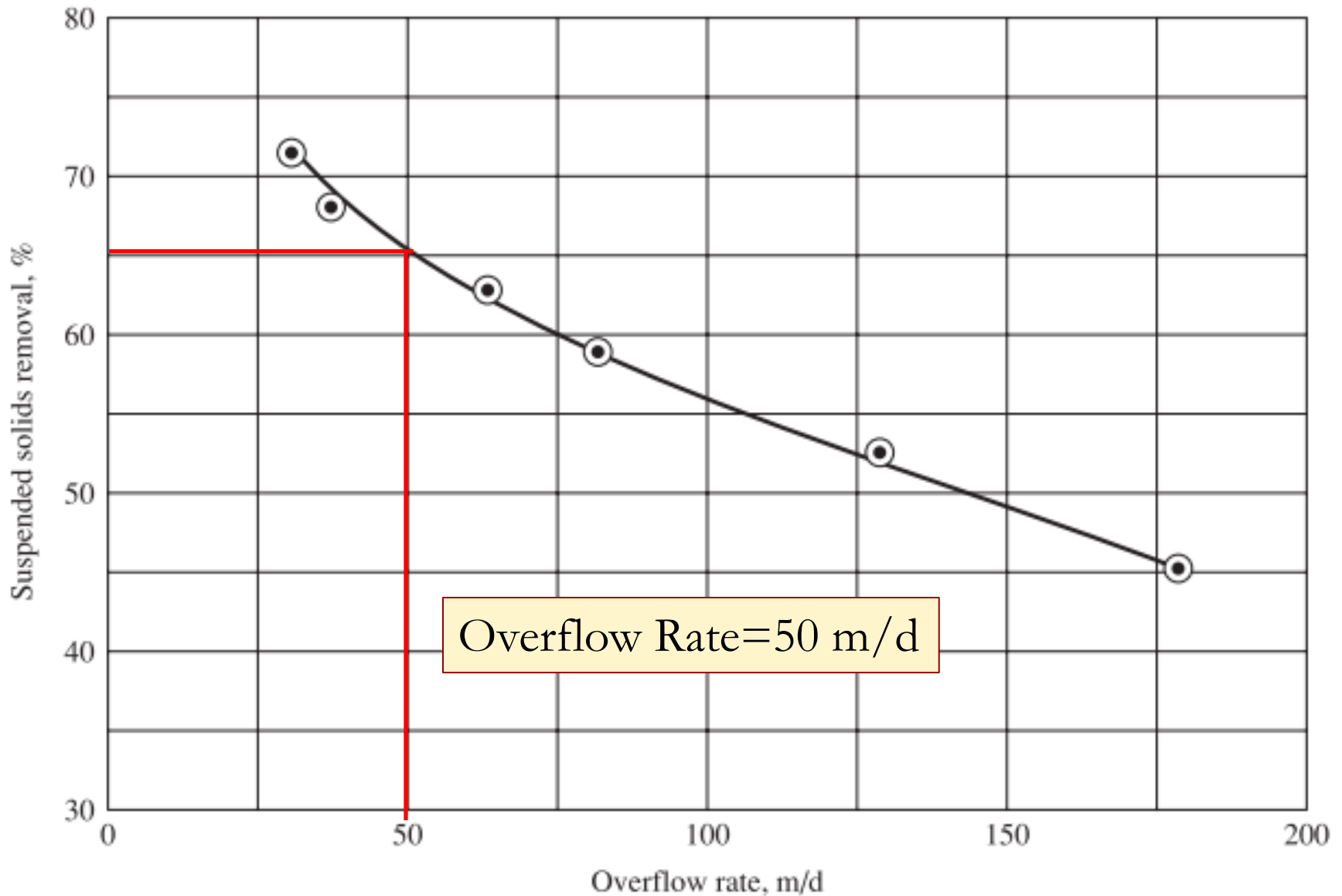
Example 2 Solution Steps

- Calculate the overflow rate for each intersection.
- Calculate the corresponding removal percentage
- Calculation shown in class
- Construct two graphs
 - 1) Suspended solids removal versus detention time
 - 2) Suspended solids removal versus overflow rate



Design the settling tank for 65% SS removal

Detention time = ~0.9 h = 54 minutes

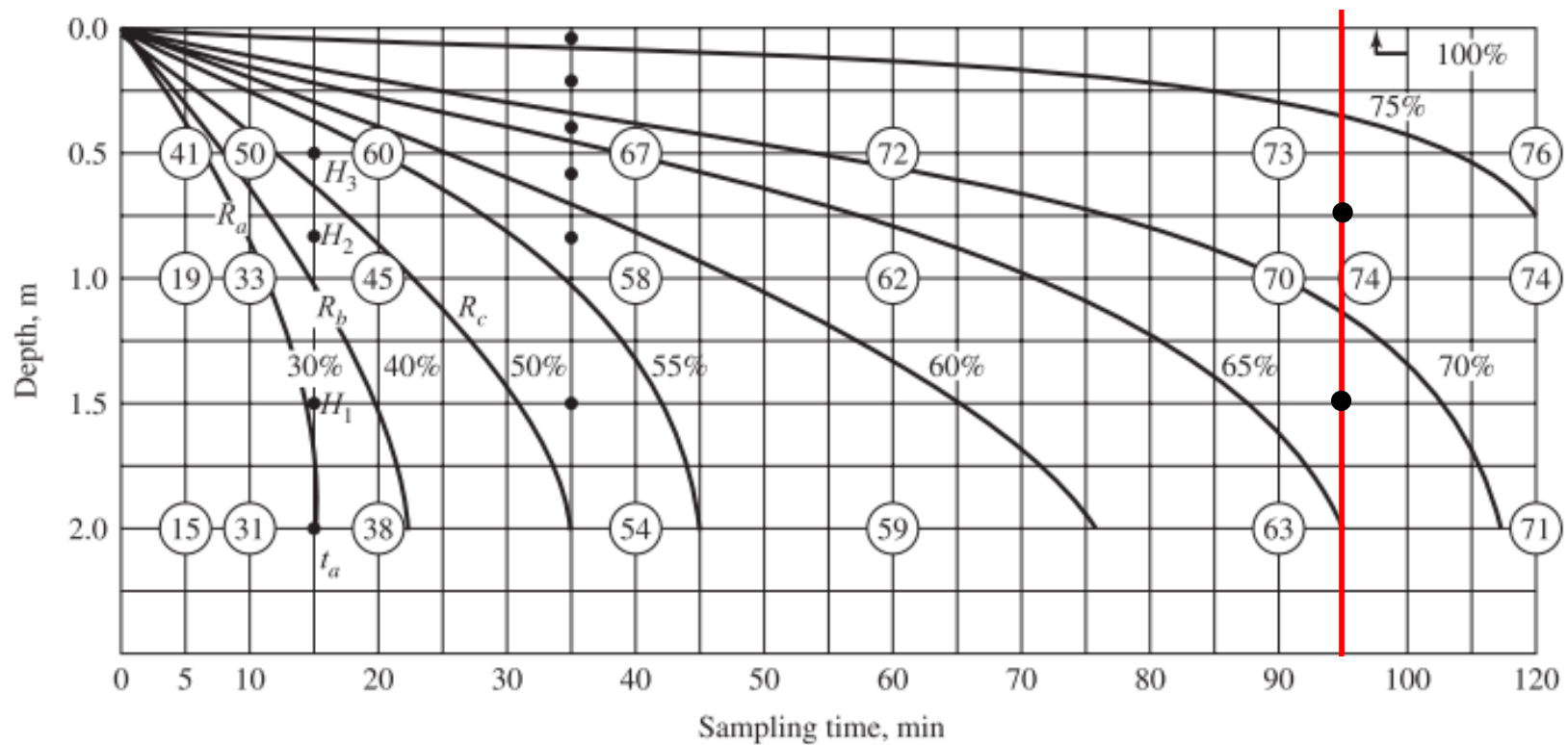


Example 2 Solution Steps

- Detention time = 54 min
- Overflow rate = 50 m/d
- Apply scale up factors
- Detention time = 54 min * 1.75 = 95 min
- Overflow rate = 50 m/d * 0.65 = 32.5 m/d

Example 3

- Calculate the overall suspended solids removal efficiency at 95 min for the designed settling tank in Example 2 (second approach).



Example 3

- 65% of the suspended solids will be completely removed.
- Partially removed fraction removed fraction
- 65% - 70%
- 70% - 75%
- Total suspended solids removal = completely removed + partially removed

Type III and Type IV Settling

- When the water contains high concentration of particles (>1000 mg/L) both type III and type IV settling occur along with discrete and flocculant settling
- Zone settling occurs in
 - Lime softening sedimentation
 - Activated sludge sedimentation
 - Sludge thickeners

Type III and Type IV Settling

- When concentrated suspension placed in a column; type II, III, and IV settling takes place over time

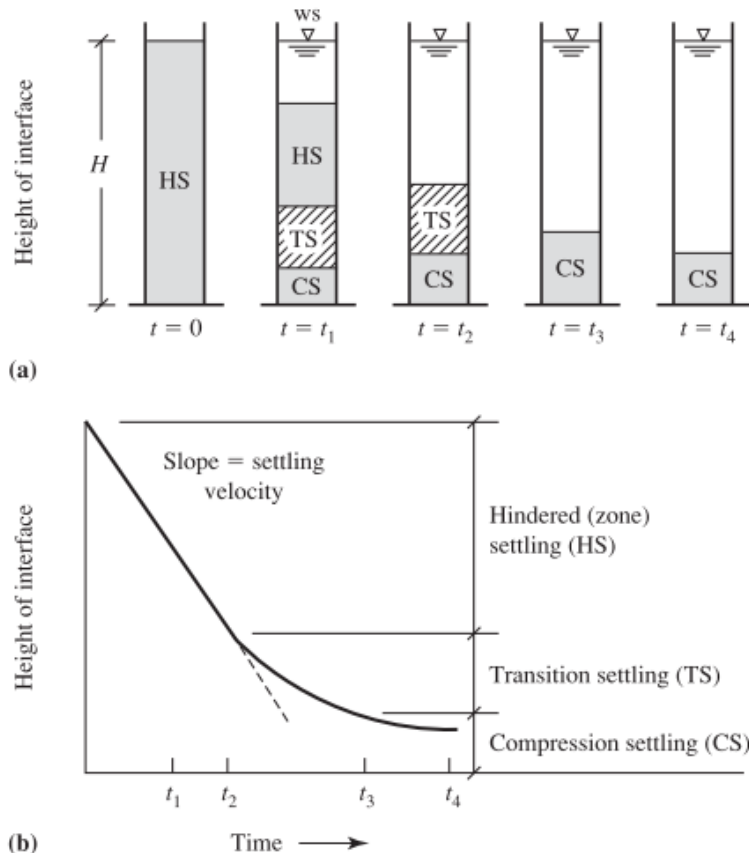


FIGURE 10-11

Idealized schematic of Type III and IV settling in a column (a) and a graph of the corresponding settling curve (b). (Source: Metcalf and Eddy, 2003.)

Type III Settling

Free area between the particles is reduced due to high particle concentration



Greater interparticular fluid velocities reduce the settling velocity



Due to high concentration of particles liquid tends to move up between the particles



Particles that are in contact with one another settle as a zone (hindered settling)



The rate of hindered settling is a function of the particles and their characteristics

Type IV Settling

- Type III Settling continues → compressed layer of particles form
- Particles are in contact and do not really settle
- The phenomena is called compression settling
- Type IV settling occurs in the lower depths of the final clarifier or activated sludge process

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

- Settling basins are rectangular, square, or circular in plan view.
- A single rectangular basin will cost more than a circular basin of the same size.
- If numerous tanks required—rectangular tanks can be constructed with common walls and be most economical.

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

TABLE 10-1
Alternative settling tank configurations

Nomenclature	Configuration or comment
Horizontal flow	Long rectangular tanks
Center feed	Circular, horizontal flow
Peripheral feed	Circular, horizontal flow
Upflow clarifiers	Proprietary
Upflow, solids contact	Recirculation of sludge with sludge blanket, proprietary
High-rate settler modules	Rectangular tank, parallel plates or tubes, proprietary
Ballasted sand	Addition of microsand, proprietary

Adapted from Kawamura, 2000.

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Order of preference for settling coagulation/flocculation floc is:

- 1) A rectangular tank containing high rate settler modules
- 2) A long rectangular tank
- 3) A high speed microsand clarifier (ballasted sand sedimentation)

For the lime-soda softening process, the upflow solids contact unit (sludge blanket clarifier) is preferred

Sedimentation Tanks

Sedimentation tanks can be divided into four zones:

- 1) Inlet Zone
- 2) Settling Zone
- 3) Sludge Zone
- 4) Outlet Zone

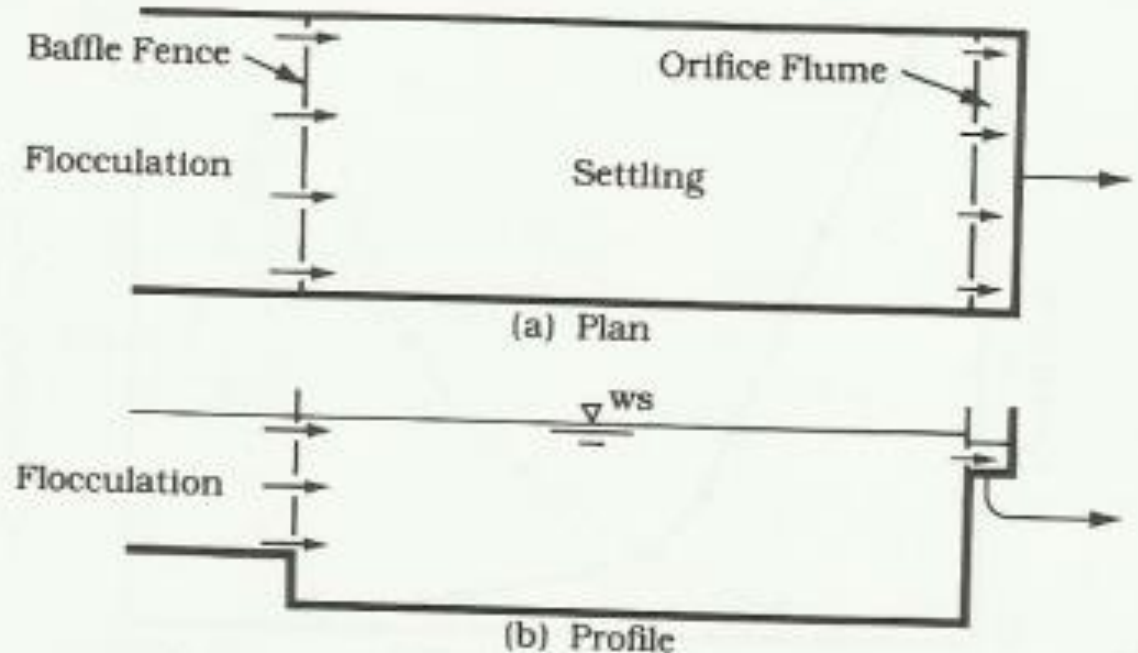


FIGURE 9.29 *Inlet and Outlet Details for a Rectangular Settling Tank with Orifice Flume Outlet Preceded by Flocculation*

Ref: Reynolds, T. D., and P. A. Richards. Unit Operations and Processes in Environmental Engineering. 2nd ed. Boston, MA: PWS Publishing Company, 1996.

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Long, narrow basins have been used for a long time
- Rectangular basins are not affected by wind or density currents as the square or circular sedimentation basins
- Usually two basins are placed longitudinally with a common wall.

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Inlet Structures are generally used to
 - Dissipate influent energy
 - Distribute the flow
 - Lessen density currents
 - Minimize sludge disturbance

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

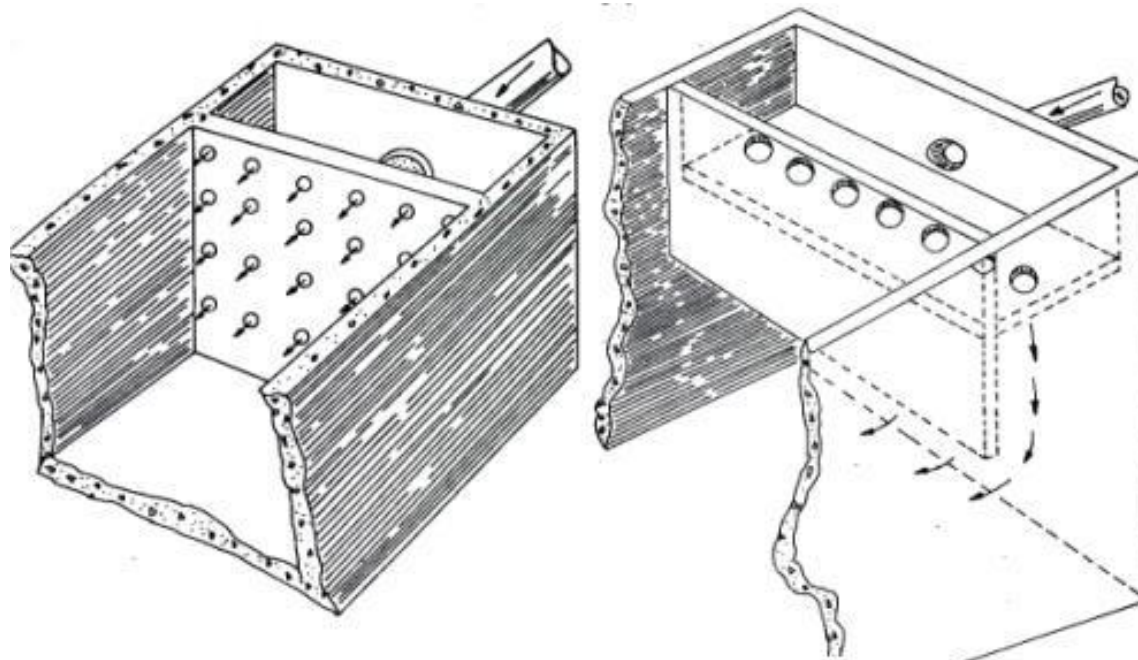
Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Generally there is a direct connection between flocculation tank and sedimentation basin
- If flocculated water is piped to the sedimentation tank;
 - Velocity should be 0.15-0.6 m/s
- Diffusor walls are used to reduce velocity and distribute flow evenly
- Depth of inlet channel=Depth of flocculation tank

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

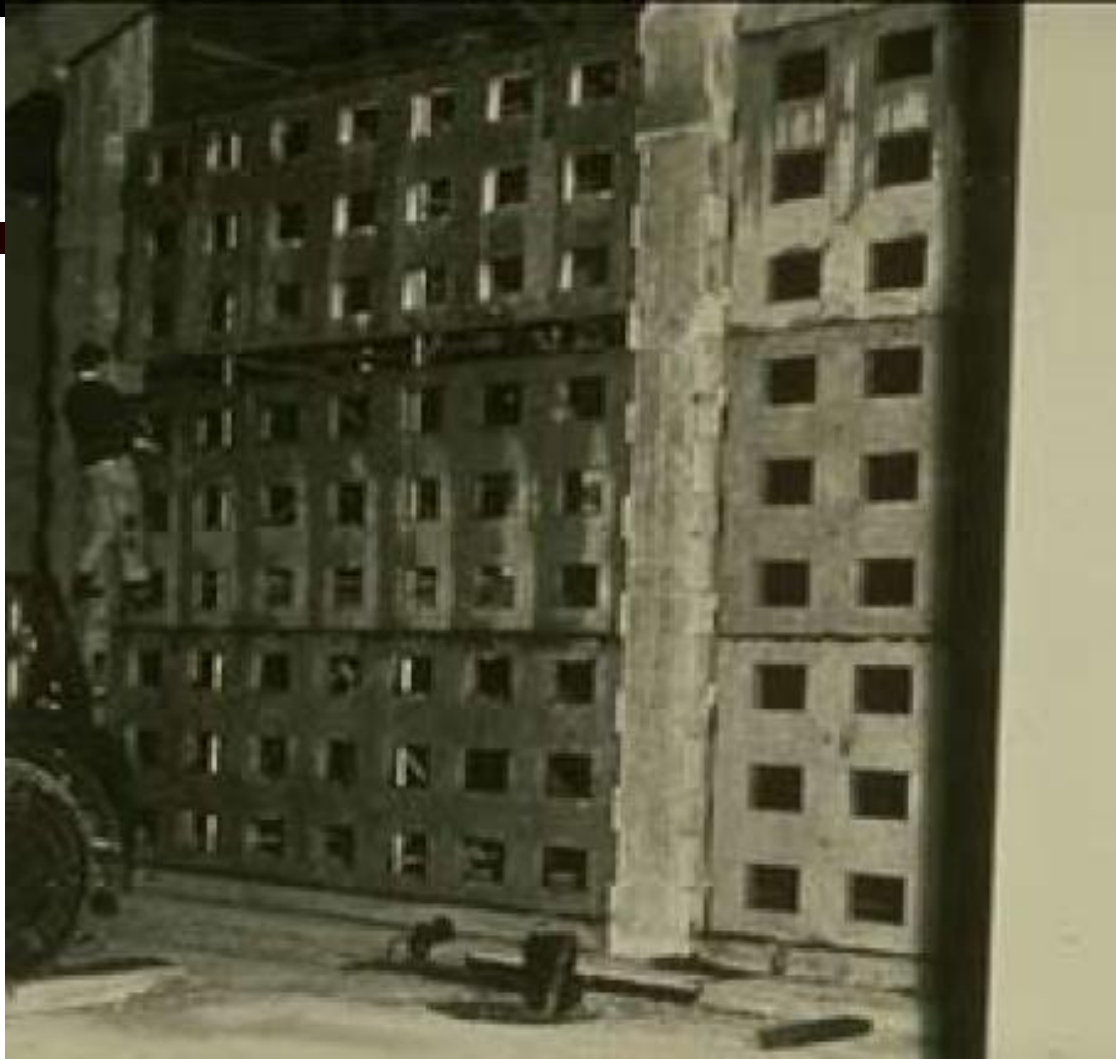
Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks-Inlet

- Inlet structures are designed to distribute water over the entire cross section.



Stilling Wall

Channel or Flume



Ref:<http://ocw.tudelft.nl/courses/watermanagement/drinking-water-treatment1/lectures/lectures/>

- Diffuser walls placed approximately 2 m downstream of the inlet
- Headloss through the holes should be 4-5 times the velocity head of approaching flow
- Port velocity \rightarrow 0.2-0.3 m/s
- Holes
 - 0.1-0.2 m in diameter
 - 0.25-0.6 m apart

Lowest port should be 0.6 m above the basin floor

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Rectangular Tanks-Settling Zone

- Overflow rate is the primary desing parameter
- Basins with mechanical settling devices, depth is 3-5m
- To prevent short circuiting minimum L:W=4:1

TABLE 10-2
Typical sedimentation tank overflow rates^a

Application	Long rectangular and circular, $\text{m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \text{m}^2$	Upflow solids-contact, $\text{m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \text{m}^2$
Alum or iron coagulation		
Turbidity removal	40	50
Color removal	30	35
High algae	20	
Lime softening		
Low magnesium	70	130
High magnesium	57	105

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Rectangular Tanks-Sludge Zone

- Bottom of the rectangular tanks is slightly sloped to facilitate sludge scraping
- Scraping devices continuously pull the settled material into a sludge hopper where it is pumped out periodically
- Scraper movement may resuspend lighter particles
- Horizontal velocity should be less than 9 m/h for flocculant dispersions and ~ 36 m/h for heavier discrete suspensions --
- excessive horizontal velocity may move settled particles to outlet zone

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Cross flow baffles may be added to prevent the return of surface currents from the end of the tank.
- Mechanical collectors for sludge removal are;
 - 1) A travelling bridge with sludge scraping squeegees and a mechanical cross collector
 - 2) A travelling bridge with sludge collection headers and pumps
 - 3) Chain and flight collector
 - 4) Sludge suction headers sported by floats

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Allowance between 0.6-1 m is made for sludge accumulation and sludge removal equipment
- Bottom is slightly sloped → 1:600 (when mechanical equipment used)
- Chain-flight collectors
 - → max 60 m
 - Flight widths 0.3m increments, max 6m
 - Velocity should be kept less than 18 m/s

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Cross collector is 1 to 1.2 m wide at the top and 0.6 to 1.2 m deep
- Either helicoid or chain and flight mechanism is used to move the sludge across the hopper to a hydraulic or pumping withdrawal
- The hopper is steep-sided at an angle about 60°

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks



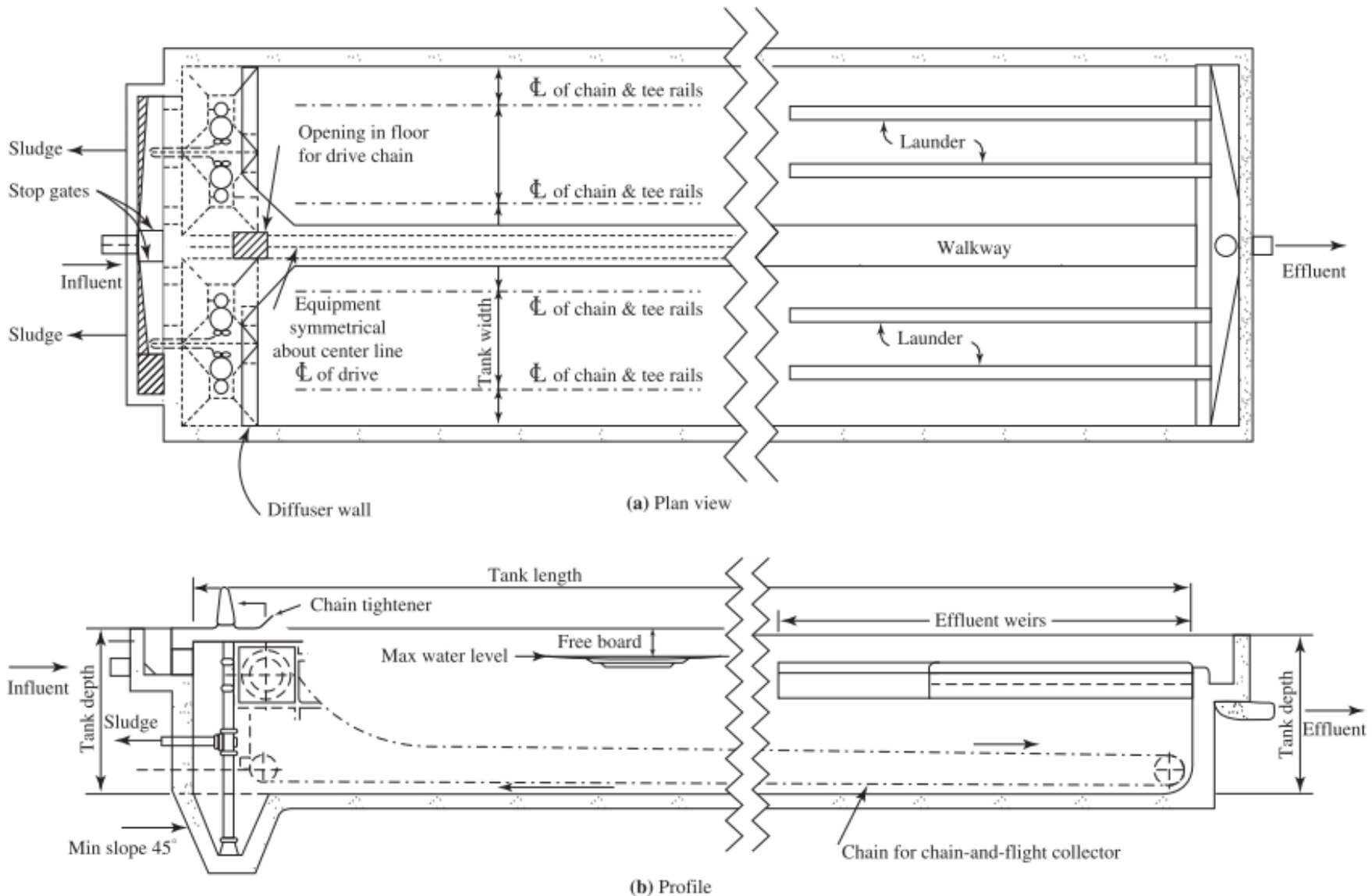


FIGURE 10-13
 (a) Plan and (b) profile of horizontal-flow, rectangular sedimentation basin.

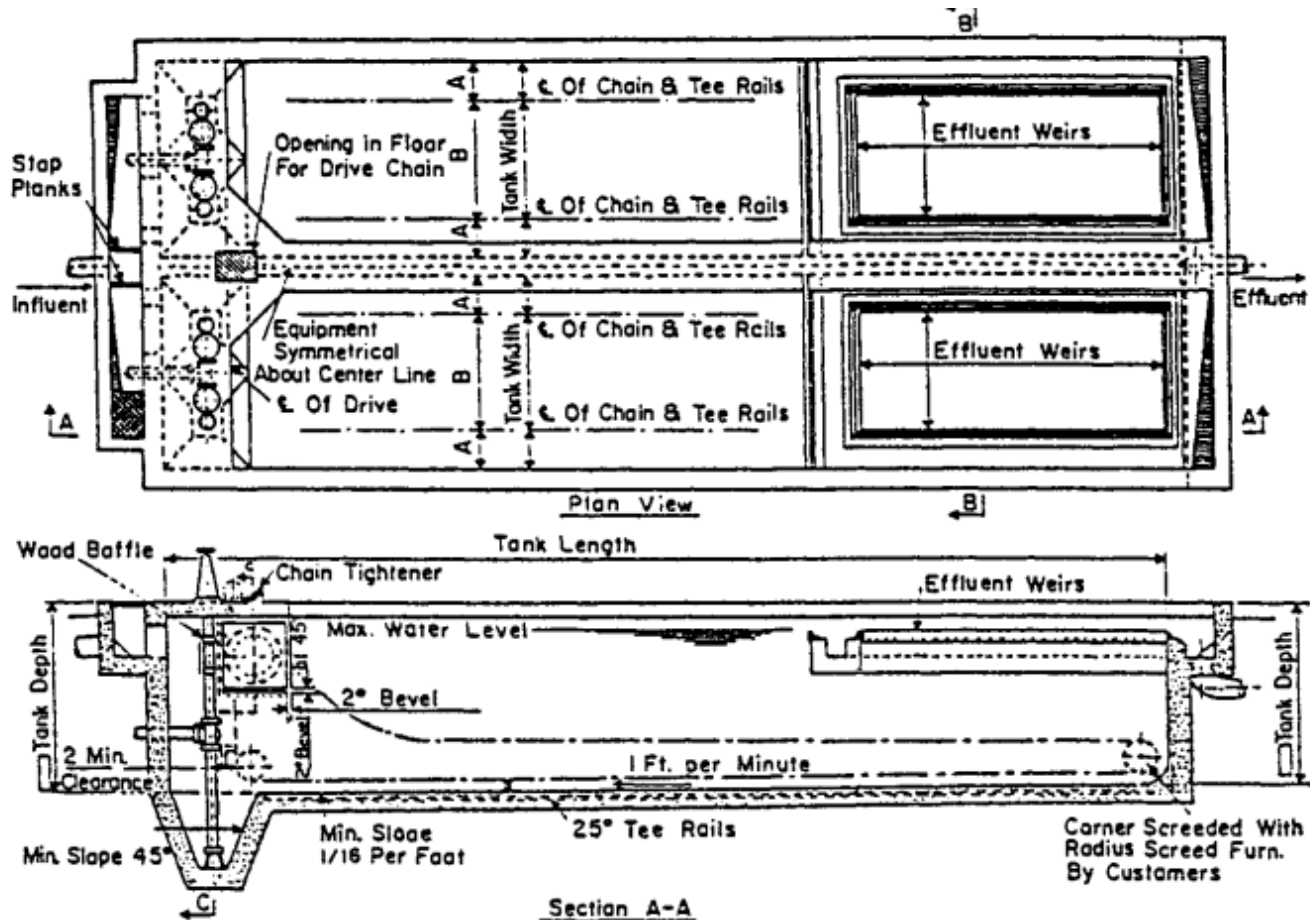
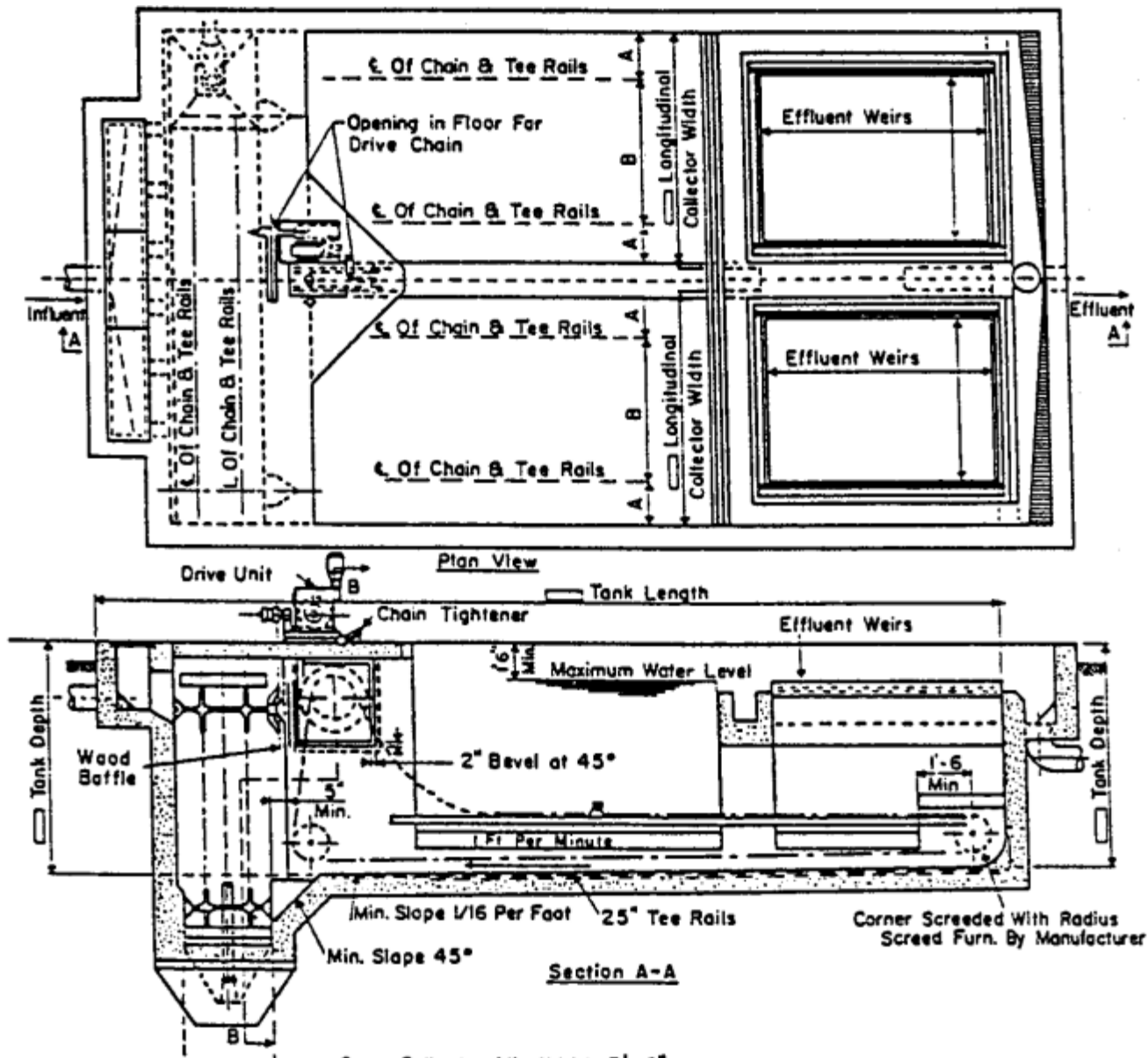
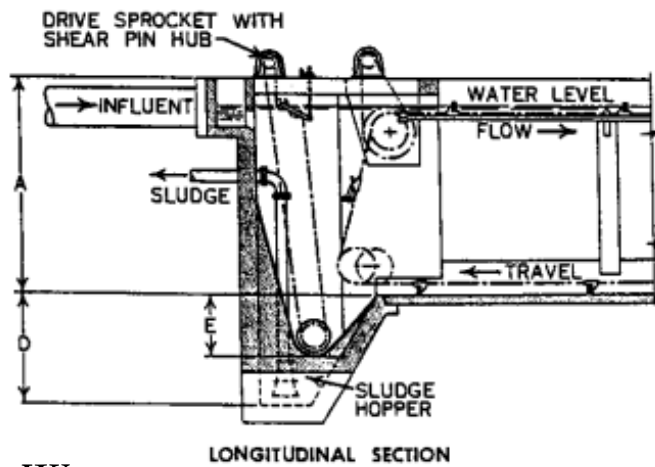


FIGURE 7.4 Typical rectangular basin with chain-and-flight collectors with sludge hoppers.

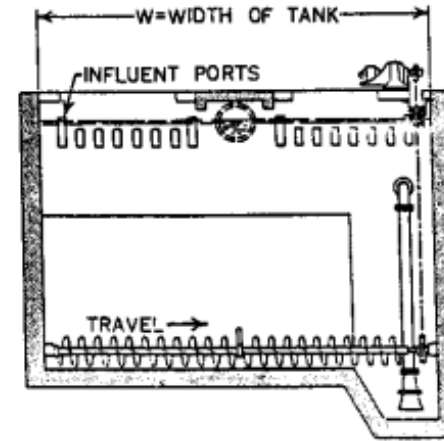
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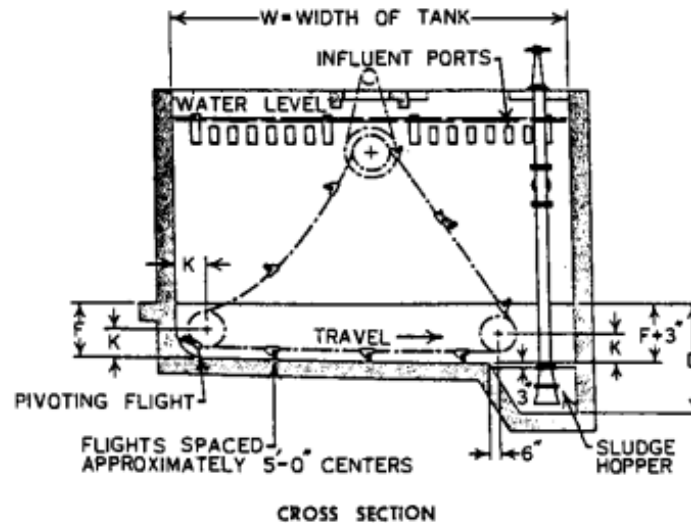


LONGITUDINAL SECTION



CROSS SECTION

HELICAL-SCREW-TYPE CROSS COLLECTOR



CROSS SECTION

CHAIN-AND-FLIGHT-TYPE CROSS COLLECTOR

FIGURE 7.6 Typical cross-collector arrangements. (Courtesy of USFilter, Envirex Products.)

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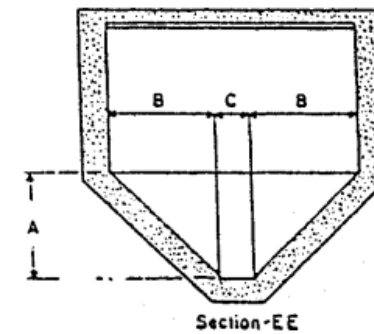
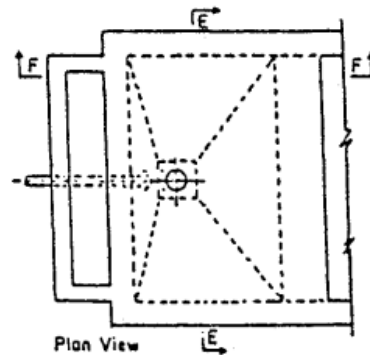
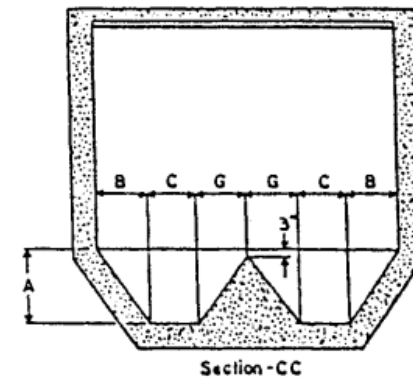
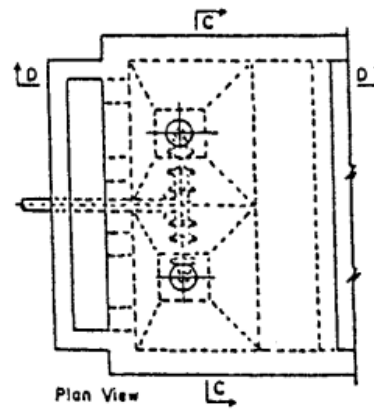
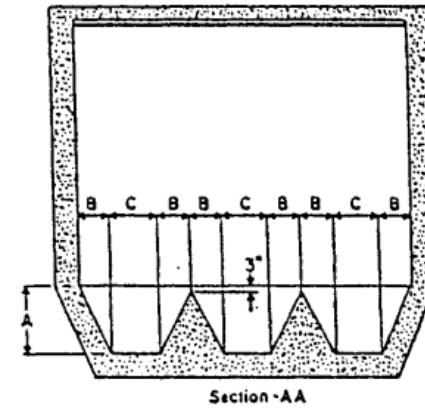
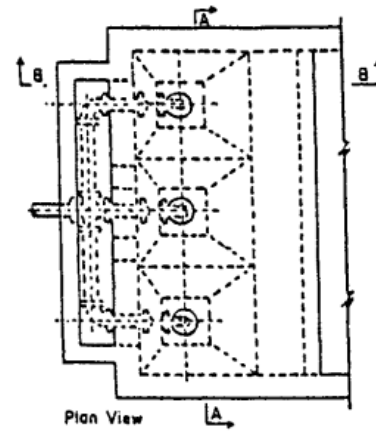


FIGURE 7.7 Typical sludge hopper arrangements for rectangular basins.

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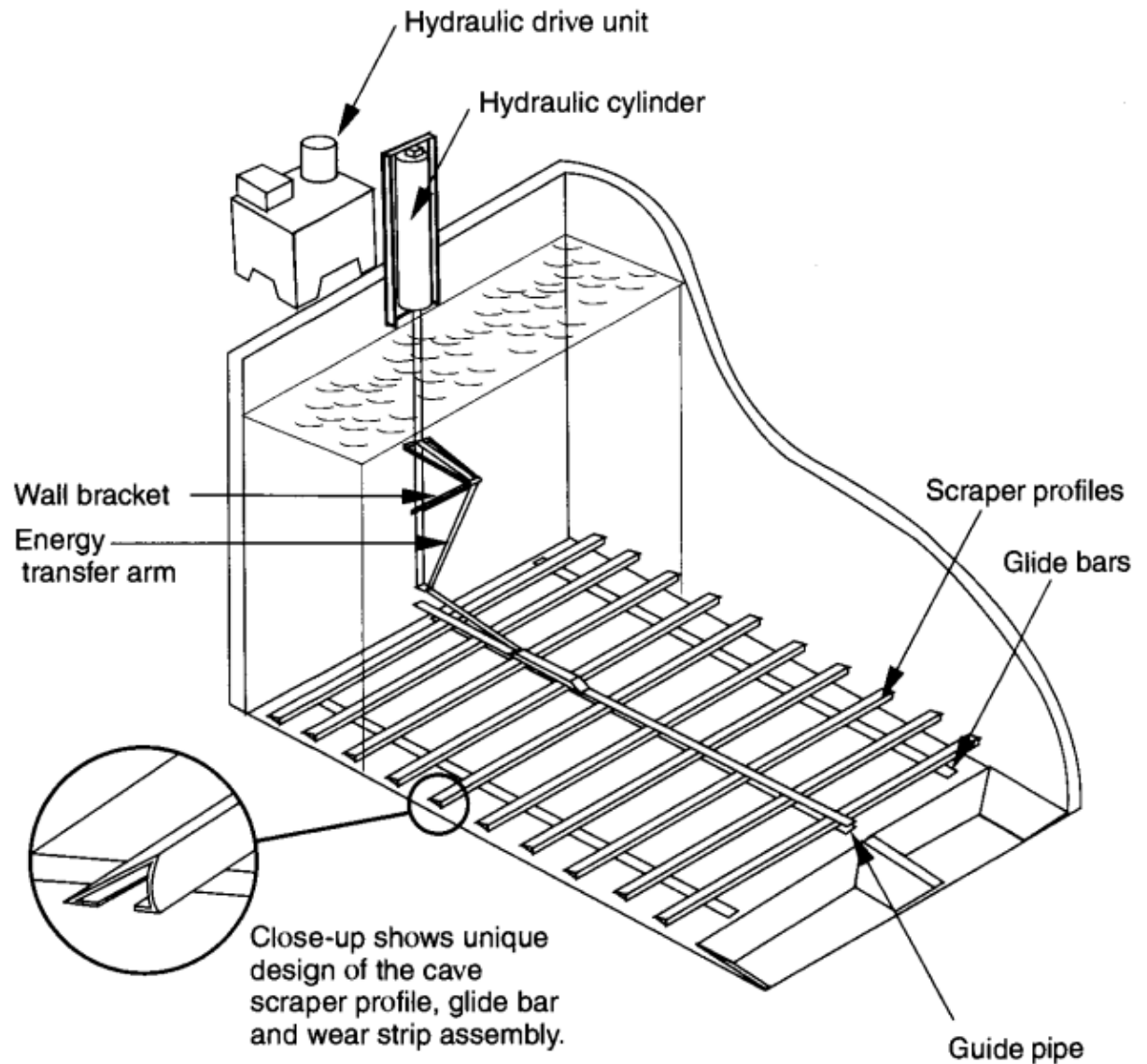


FIGURE 7.8 Indexing grid sludge removal system. (Courtesy of Parkson Corporation.)

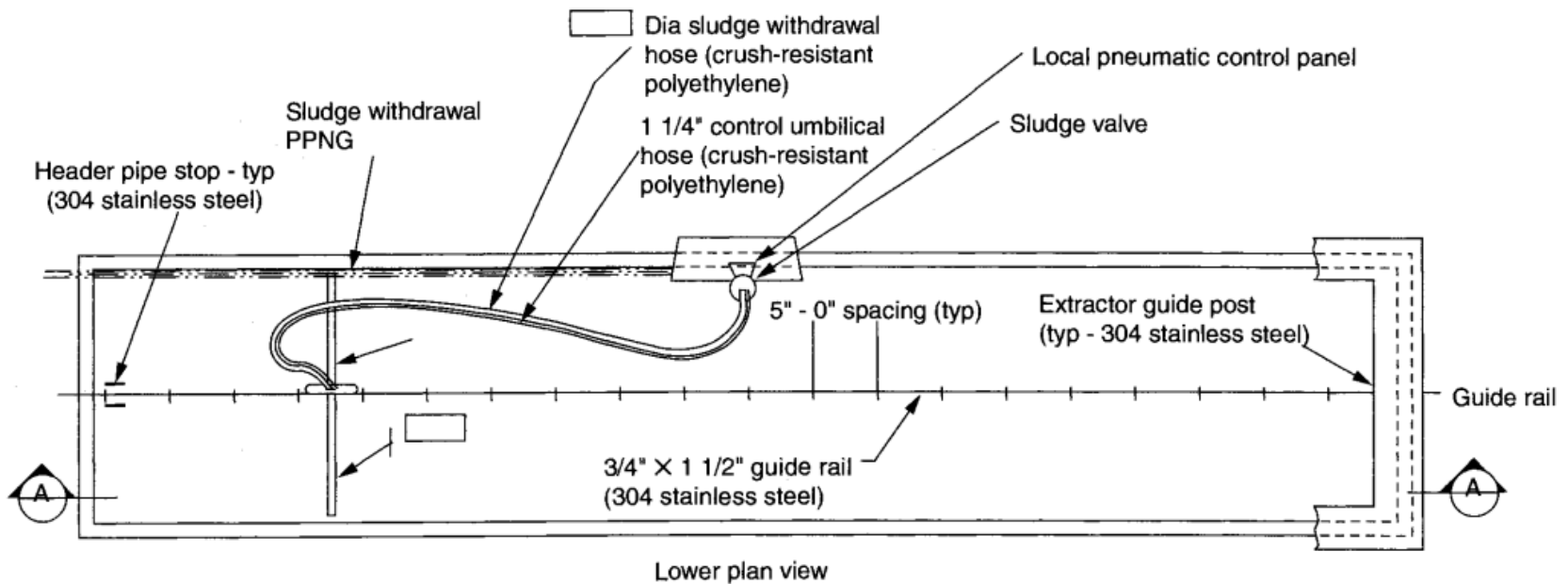


FIGURE 7.9 Track-mounted hydraulic sludge removal system. (Courtesy of Eimco Water Technologies.)

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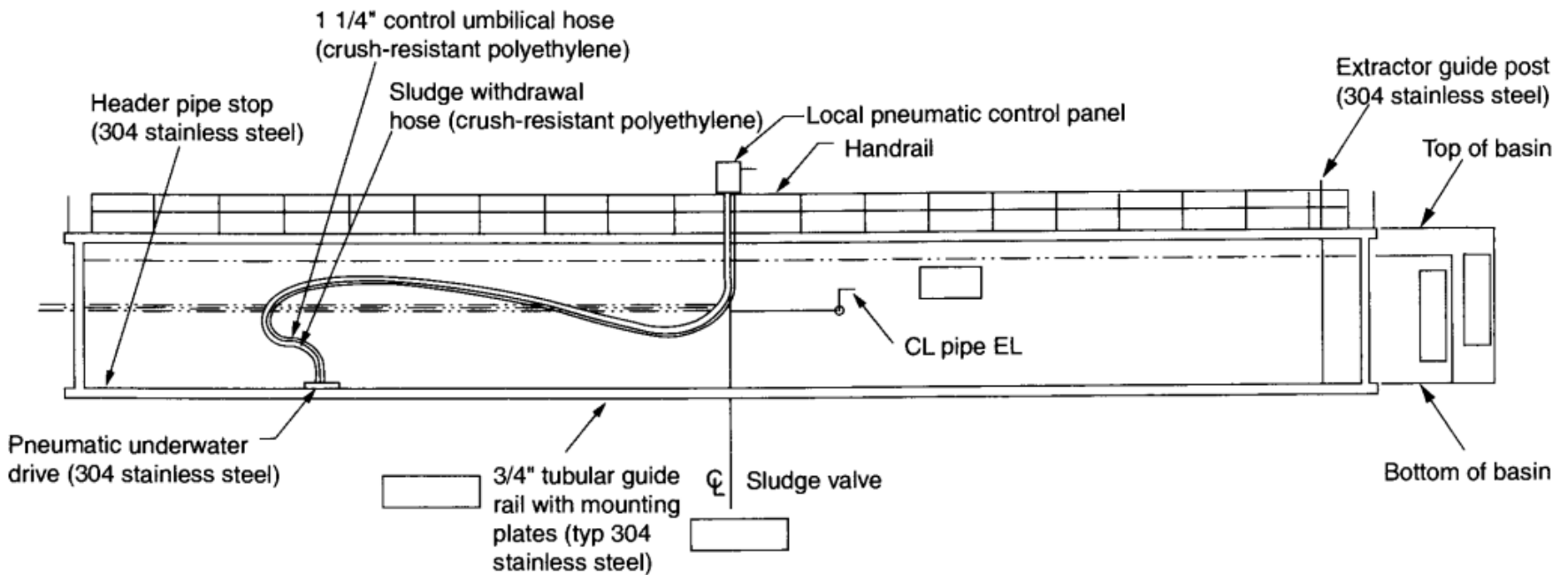


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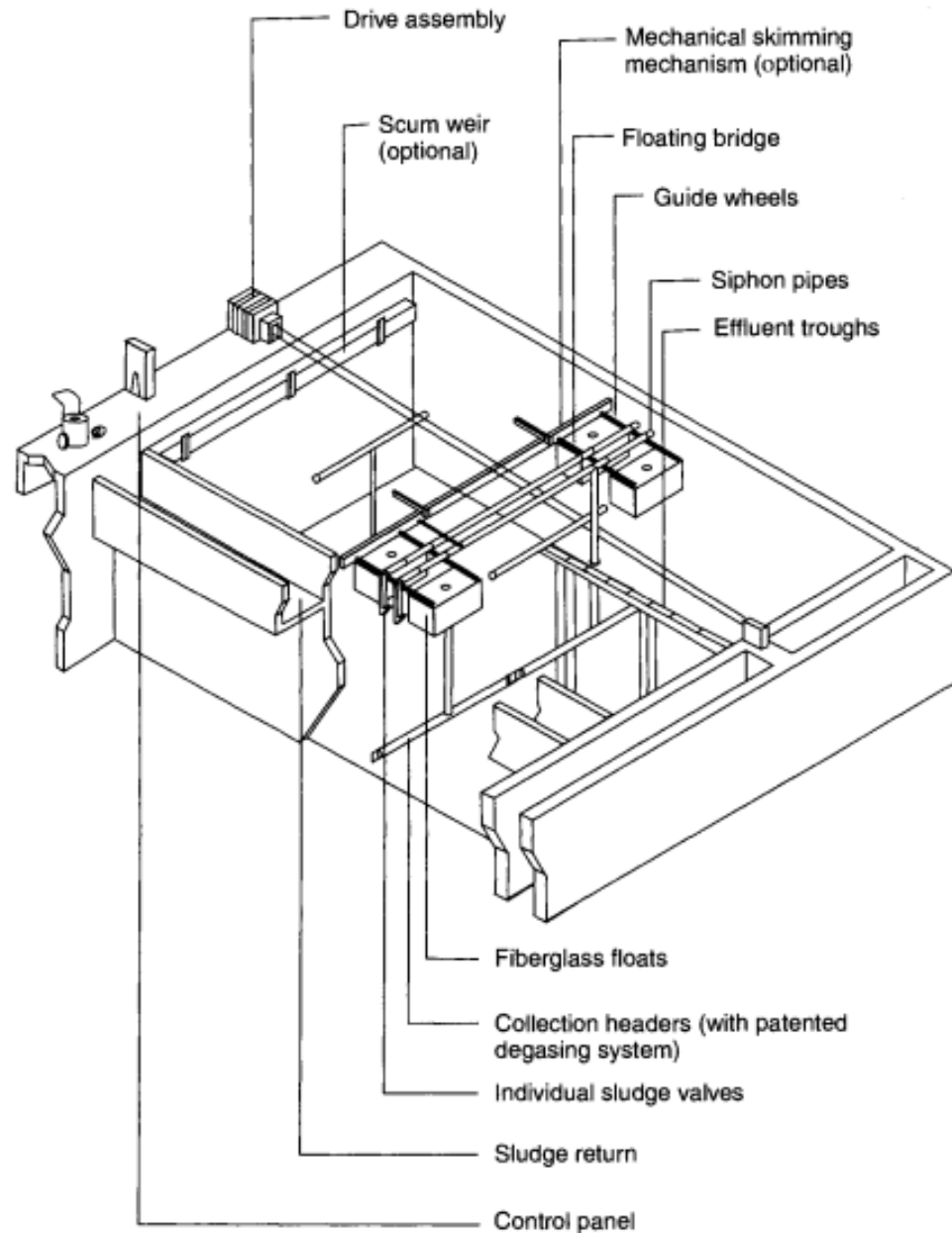
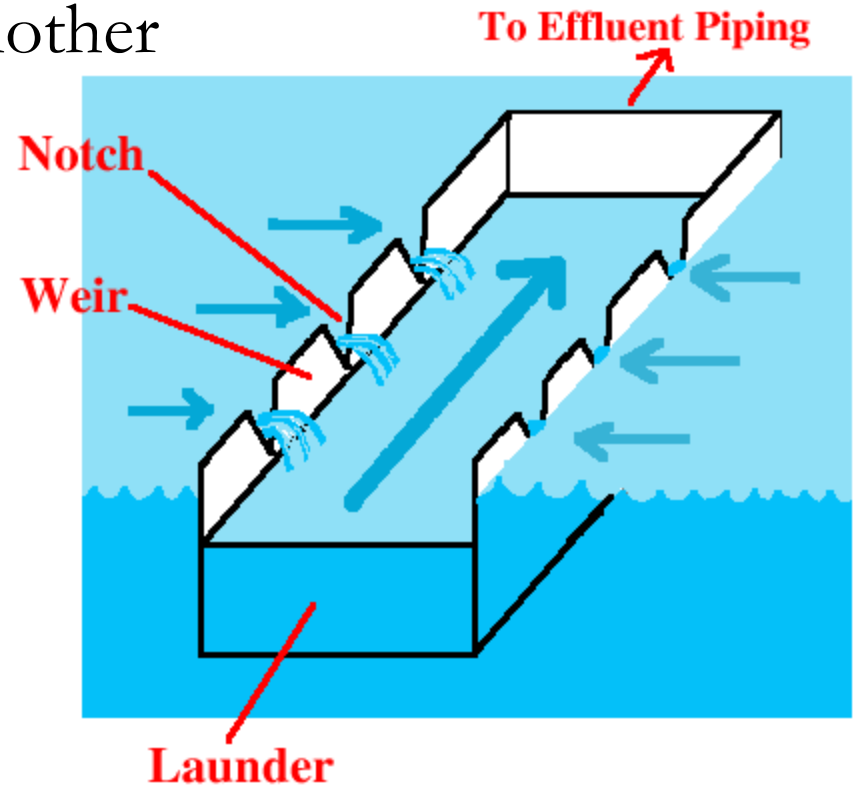


FIGURE 7.10 Floating bridge-type collector. (Courtesy of Leopold.)

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

Outlet structures for rectangular tanks generally include launders placed parallel to each other



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<http://water.me.vccs.edu/concepts/sedzones.html>

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Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- The weirs should cover should cover at least one third (preferably up to one half) of the basin

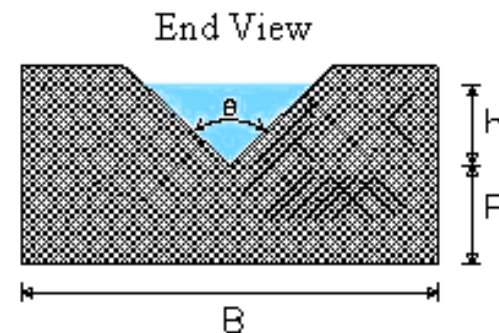
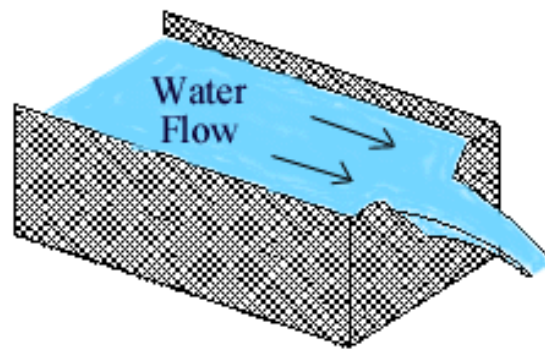
Long weirs have three advantages

- 1) A gradual reduction of flow velocity toward the end of the tank
- 2) Minimization of wave action from wind
- 3) Collection of clarified water located in the middle of the tank when a density flow occurs

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Water level controlled by the end wall or overflow weirs
- V-notch weirs are attached to launders and broad-crested weirs are attached to the end wall
- Submerged orifices may be used on the launder



Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Horizontal Flow Tanks – Rectangular Tanks

- Hydraulic loading should not exceed $250 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}\cdot\text{d}$ of outlet launder
- Submerged orifices should not be located more than 1 m below the flow line
- Entrance velocity should not exceed 0.15 m/s

TABLE 10-3
Typical weir hydraulic loading rates

Type of floc	Weir overflow rate, $\text{m}^3/\text{d} \cdot \text{m}$
Light alum floc (low-turbidity water)	140–180
Heavier alum floc (higher turbidity water)	180–270
Heavy floc from lime softening	270–320

Source: Davis and Cornwell, 2008.

TABLE 10-4
Typical design criteria for horizontal-flow rectangular sedimentation basins

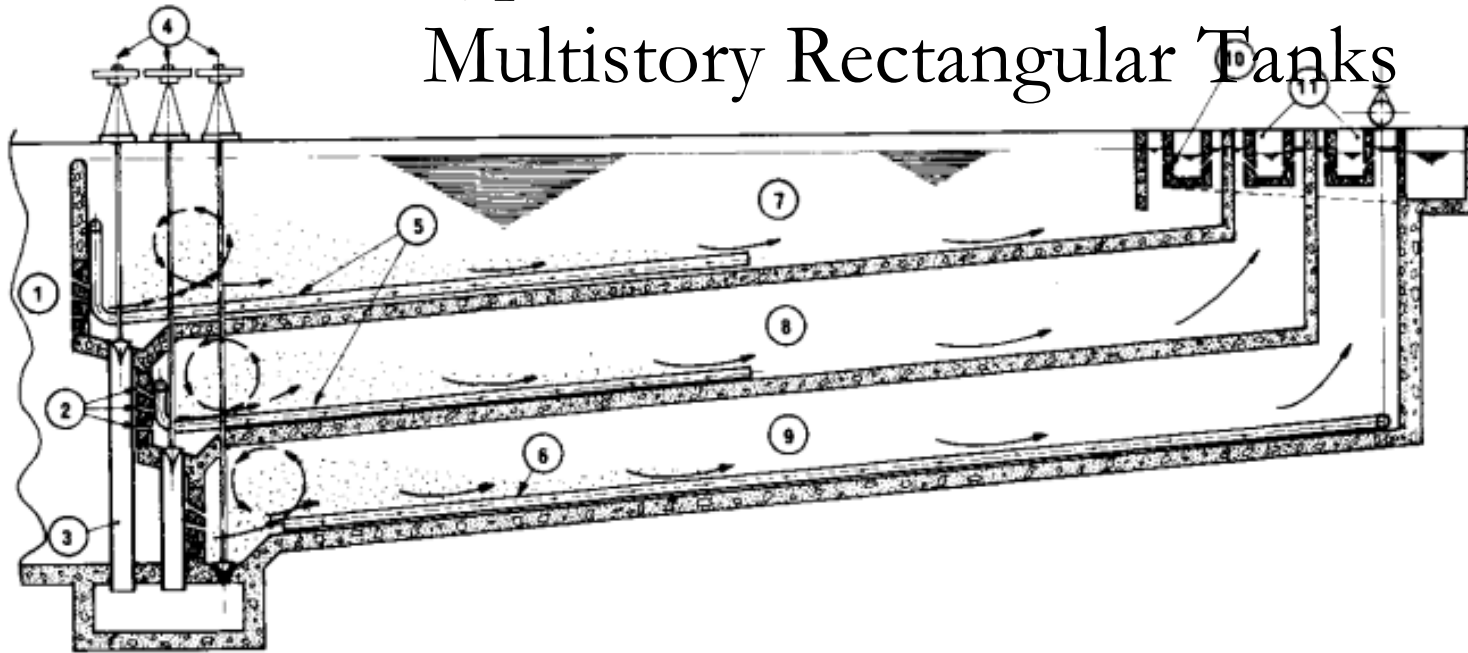
Parameter	Typical range of values	Comment
Inlet zone		
Distance to diffuser wall	2 m	
Diffuser hole diameter	0.10–0.20 m	
Settling zone		
Overflow rate	40–70 m ³ /d · m ²	See Table 10-2
Side water depth (SWD)	3–5 m	
Length	30 m	Wind constraint
	60 m	Chain-and-flight
	≥80–90 m	Traveling bridge
Width	0.3 m increments	Chain-and-flight
	6 m maximum per train	Chain-and-flight
	24 m maximum = 3 trains per drive	Chain-and-flight
	30 m maximum	Traveling bridge
L:W	4:1 to 6:1	≥6:1 preferred
L:D	15:1	Minimum
Velocity	0.005–0.018 m/s	Horizontal, mean
Reynolds number	< 20,000	
Froude number	> 10 ⁻⁵	
Outlet zone		
Launder length	1/3–1/2 length of basin	Evenly spaced
Launder weir loading	140–320 m ³ /d · m	See Table 10-3
Sludge zone		
Depth	0.6–1 m	Equipment dependent
Slope	1:600	Mechanical cleaning
Sludge collector speed	0.3–0.9 m/min	

Source: AWWA, 1990; Davis and Cornwell, 2008; Kawamura, 2000; MWH, 2005; Willie, 2005.



Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Multistory Rectangular Tanks



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|---|---|
| ① Flocculation tank | ⑥ WATERINSE: Water flushing system (optional) |
| ② SPLIT-ROLL inlets | ⑦ Upper clarifying compartment |
| ③ Upper floor sludge drain | ⑧ Intermediate clarifying compartment |
| ④ Manually controlled TOP VALVE | ⑨ Lower clarifying compartment |
| ⑤ COMBCET: Sludge suction system (optional) | ⑩ DUCK-LIPS: Effluent collectors |
| | ⑪ Clarified water collecting channels |

FIGURE 7.18 Multistory horizontal tank with parallel flow on three levels. (Source: Courtesy of OTV, Paris, France, and Kubota Construction Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan.)

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Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Circular Tanks

- Circular sedimentation basins become more popular
- Top-drive circular mechanisms have no bearing under water → longevity with little maintenance
- Sizes generally do not exceed 40 m in diameter (can be built as large as 91 m in diameter)
- Circular basins are also designed based on their overflow rates
- Side water depth range from 3-3.6 m to prevent wind or thermal currents, sludge disturbances
- Sludge is typically scraped to center hoppers → slope towards to center

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Circular Tanks

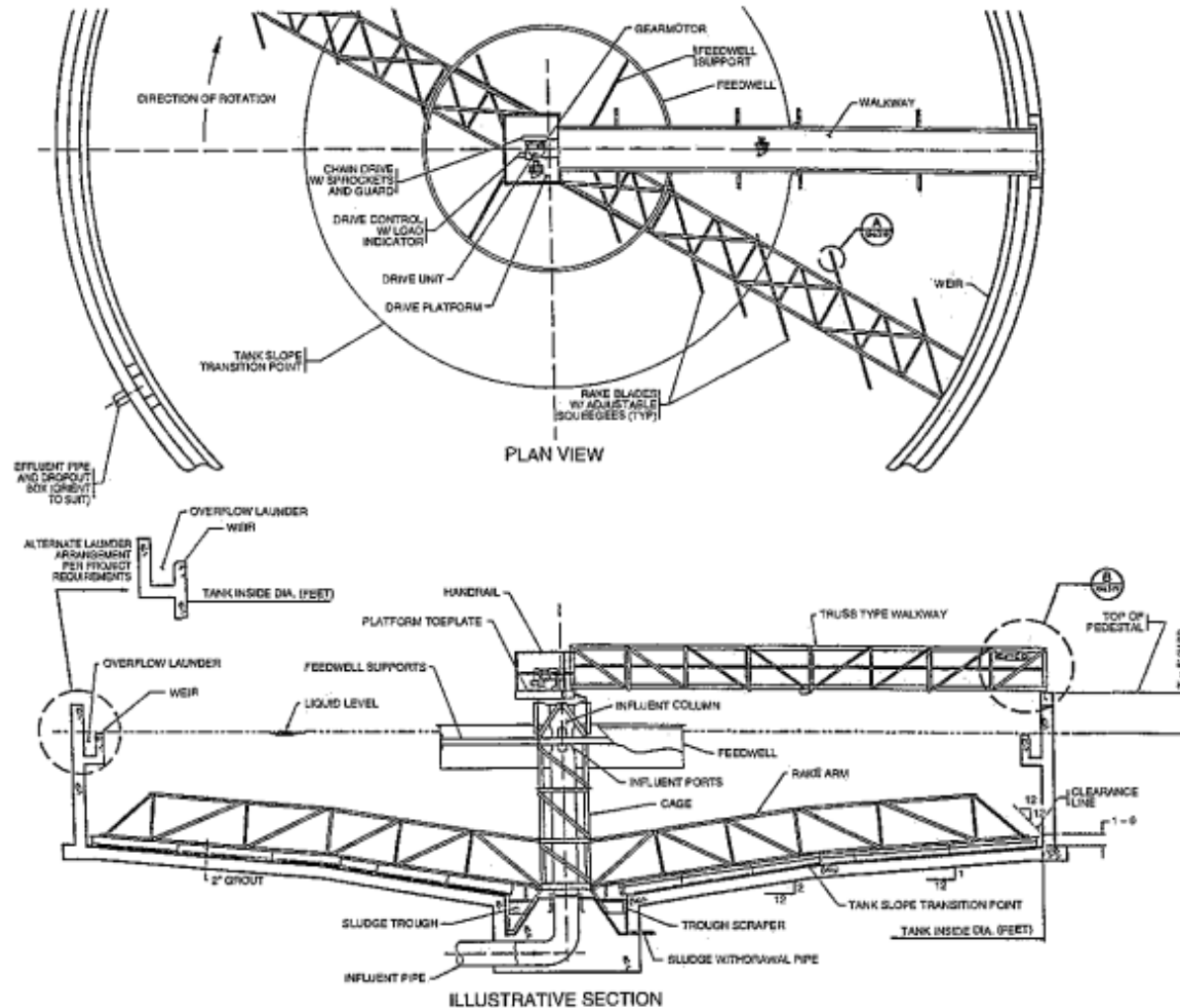
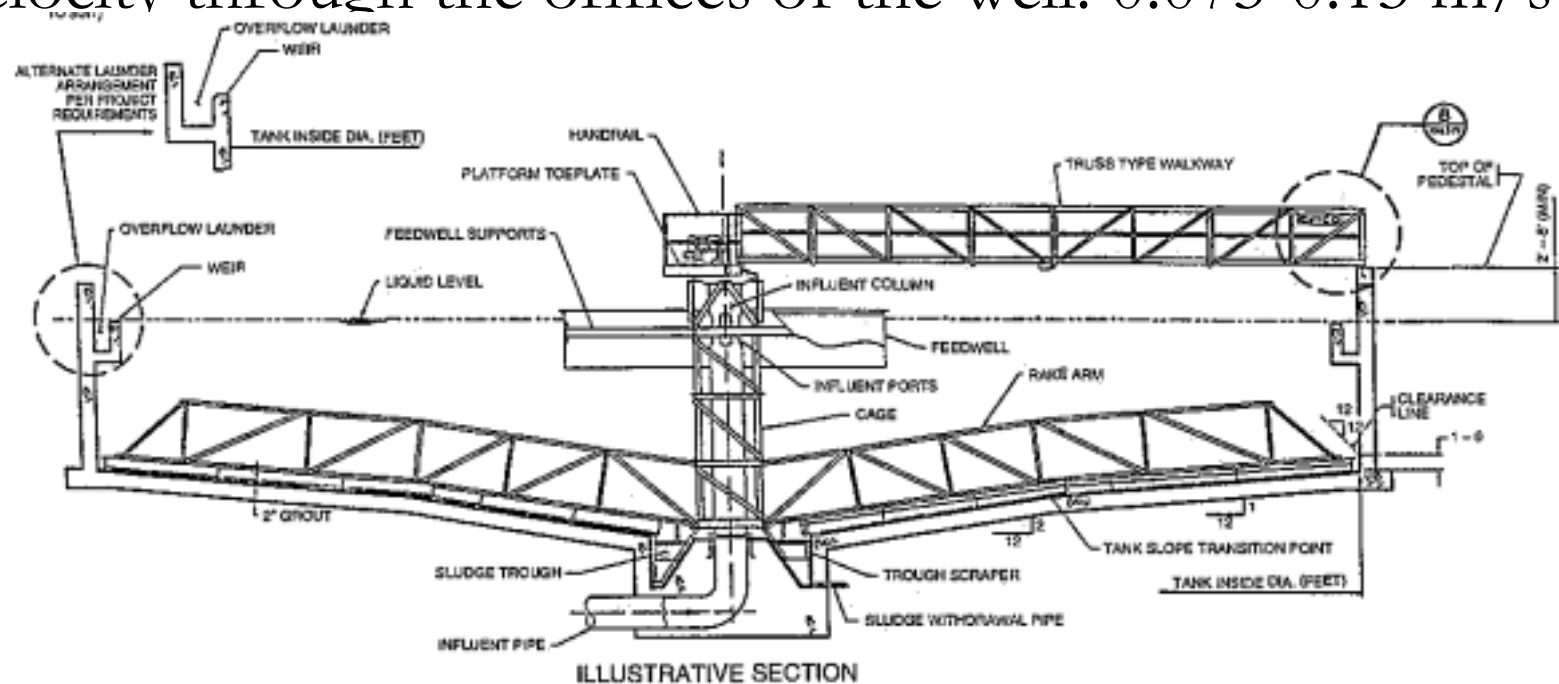


FIGURE 7.11 Typical circular clarifier. (Courtesy of Eimco Water Technologies.)

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Circular Tanks – Inlet Design

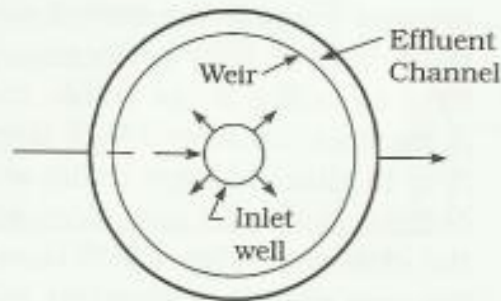
- Flocculated water is introduced to the center of the tank through a center riser into a circular feed well
- Diameter of Feed well: 15-10% tank diameter
- Depth of feed well: 1-2.5 m
- Velocity through the orifices of the well: 0.075-0.15 m/s



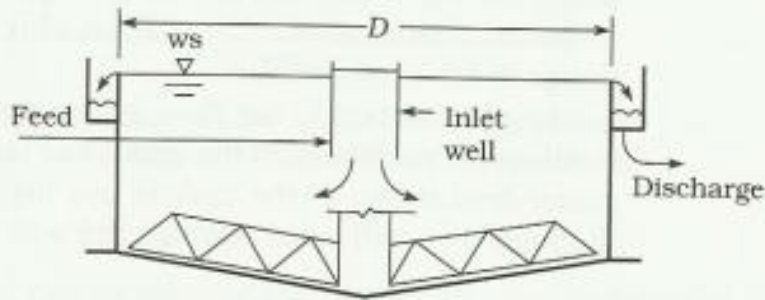
Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Circular Tanks – Outlet Design

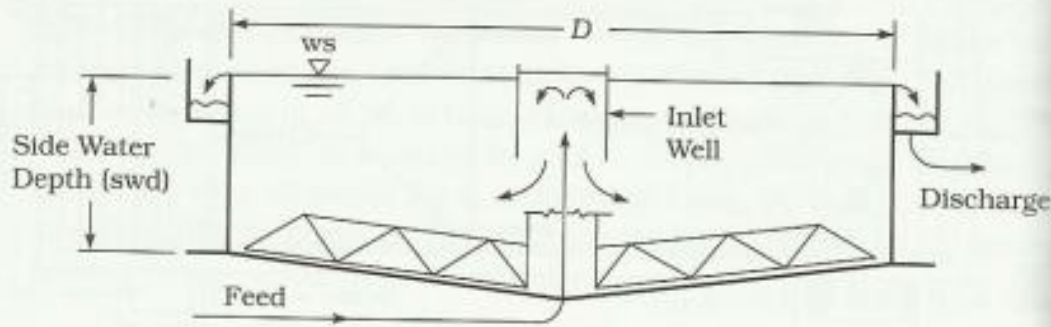
- Circular through around the perimeter with V-notch weirs or with submerged orifices used
- Double sided weir can be mounted along at least 15% of tank radius – wall flow disturbances are reduced—more widely distributed overflow
- Troughs should have small diameter holes in the bottom to reduce buoyant uplift when they are empty



(a) Plan



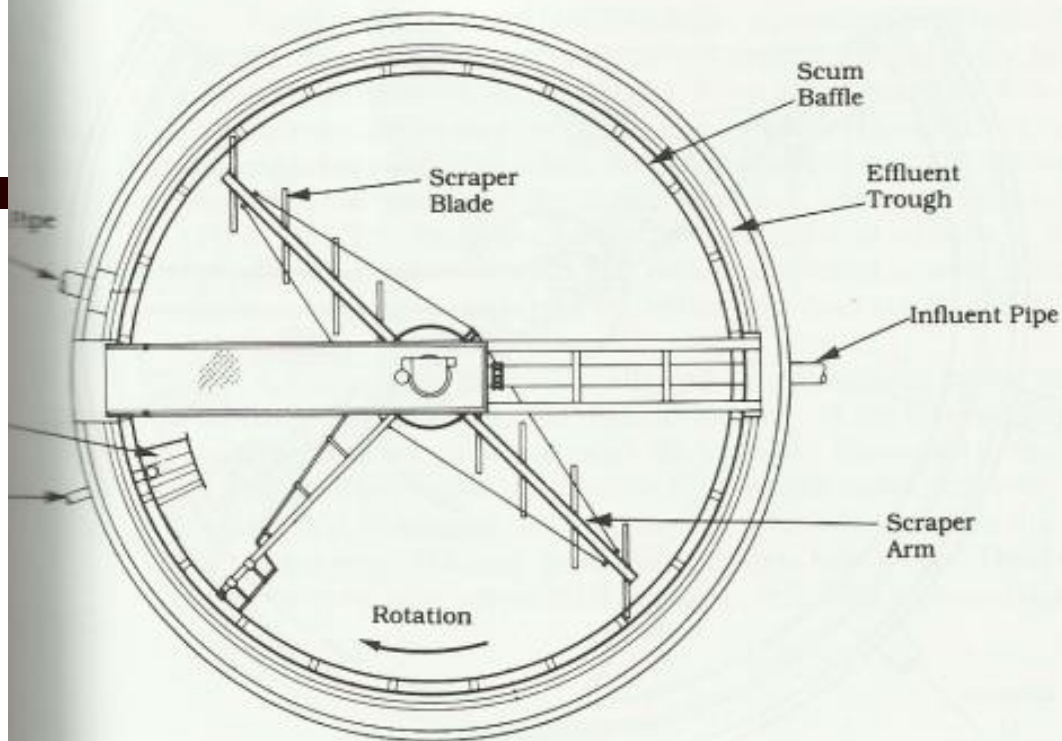
(b) Section, $D < 30$ to 35 ft (9.14 to 10.7 m)



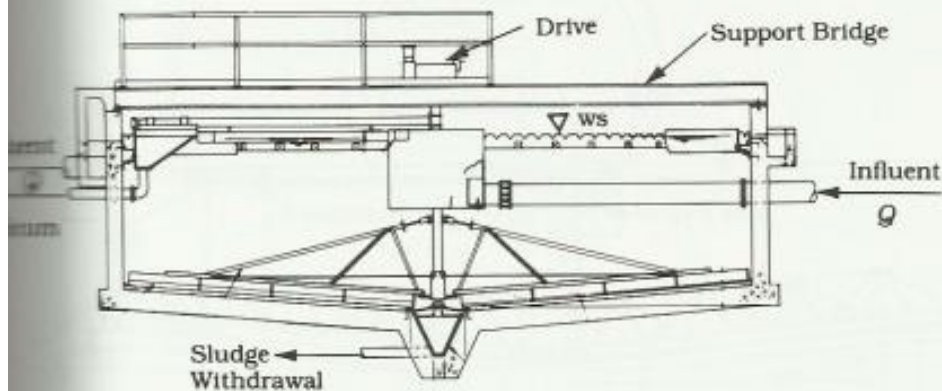
(c) Section, $D > 30$ to 35 ft (9.14 to 10.7 m)

FIGURE 9.32 Inlet and Outlet Details for Circular Tanks (Center Feed)

Ref: Reynolds, T. D., and P. A. Richards. Unit Operations and Processes in Environmental Engineering. 2nd ed. Boston, MA: PWS Publishing Company, 1996.



(a) Plan



(b) Elevation

FIGURE 9.33 Circular Settling Tank (Center Feed by Pipe through Wall)

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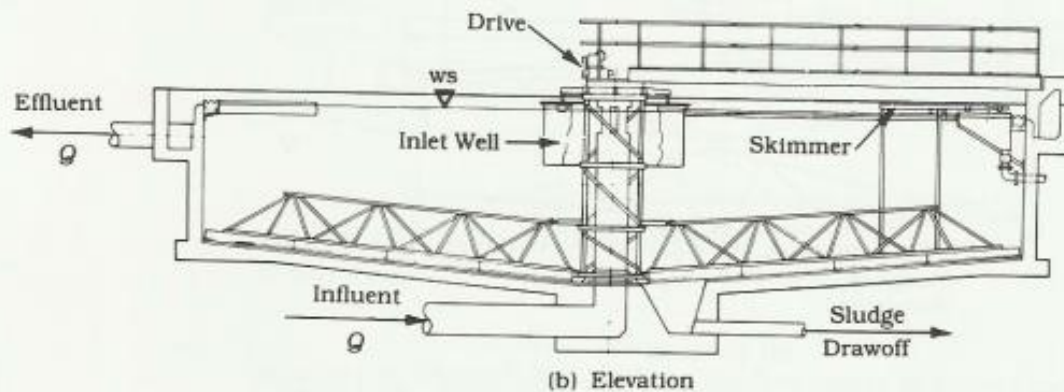
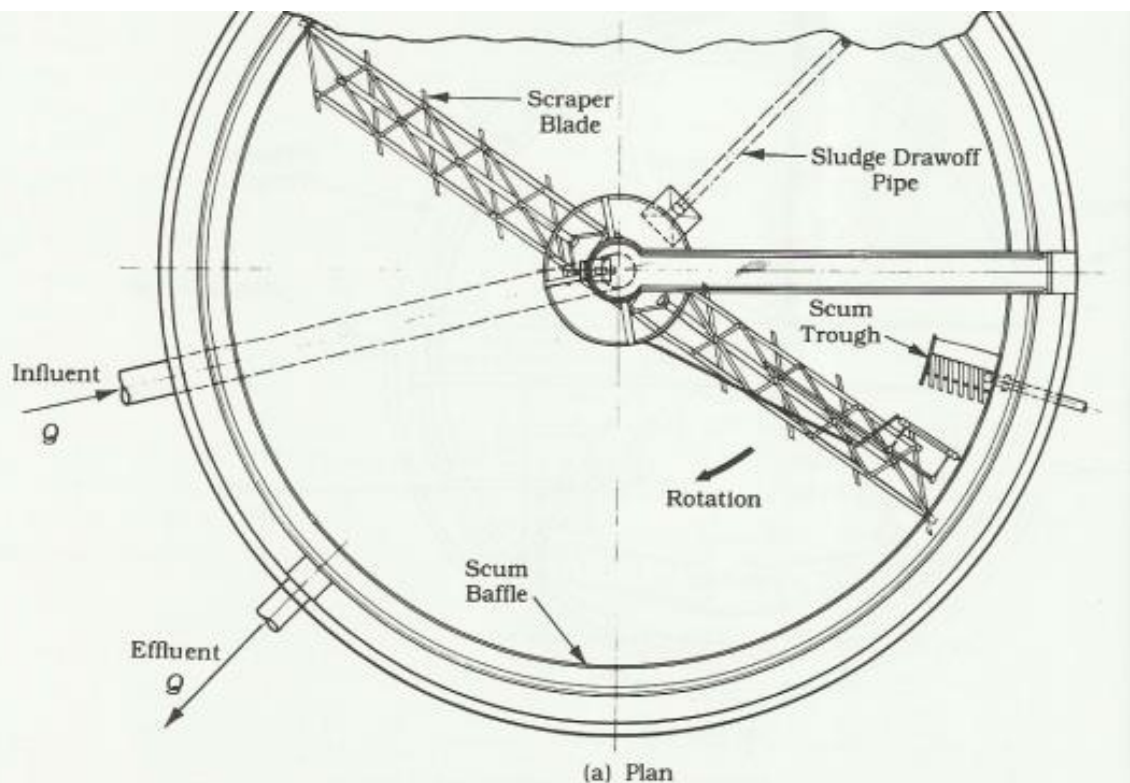
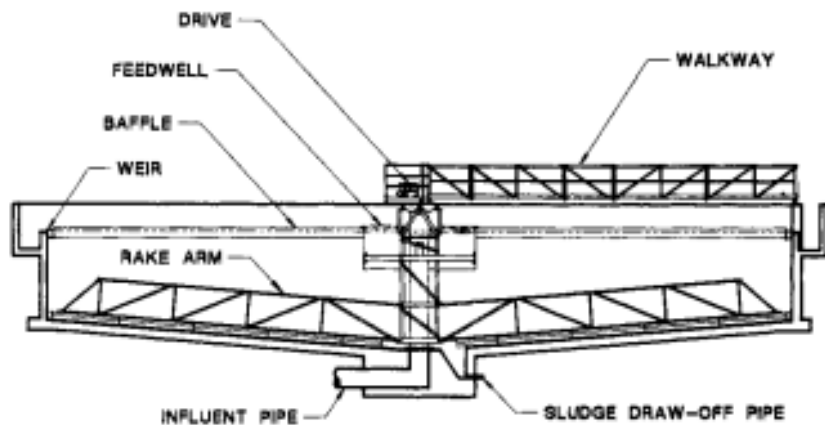
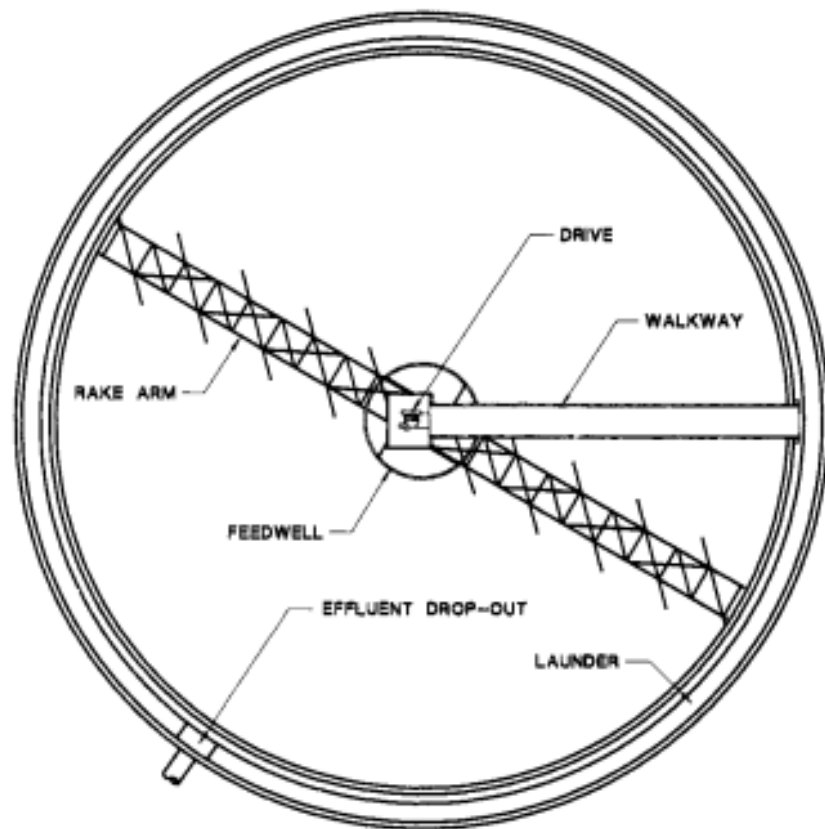


FIGURE 9.34 Circular Settling Tank (Center Feed by Pipe under Tank Bottom)

Courtesy of Infilco Degremont, Inc.

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Ref: American Water Works Association. Water Quality and Treatment: A handbook of community water supplies. 5th ed. McGraw Hill, 1999

FIGURE 7.19 Circular radial-flow clarifier. (Source: Courtesy of Baker Process Equipment Co., Salt Lake City, Utah.)

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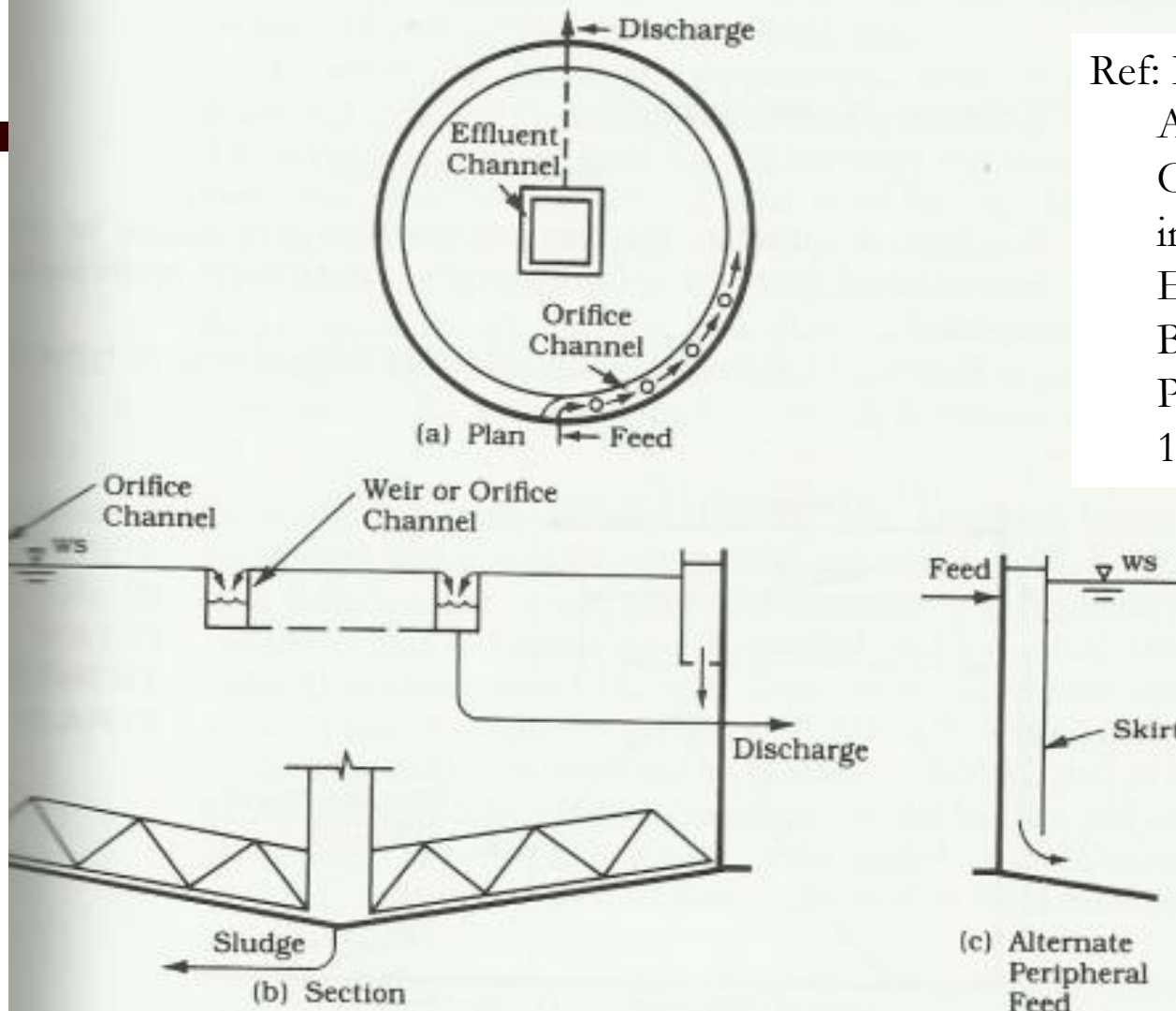
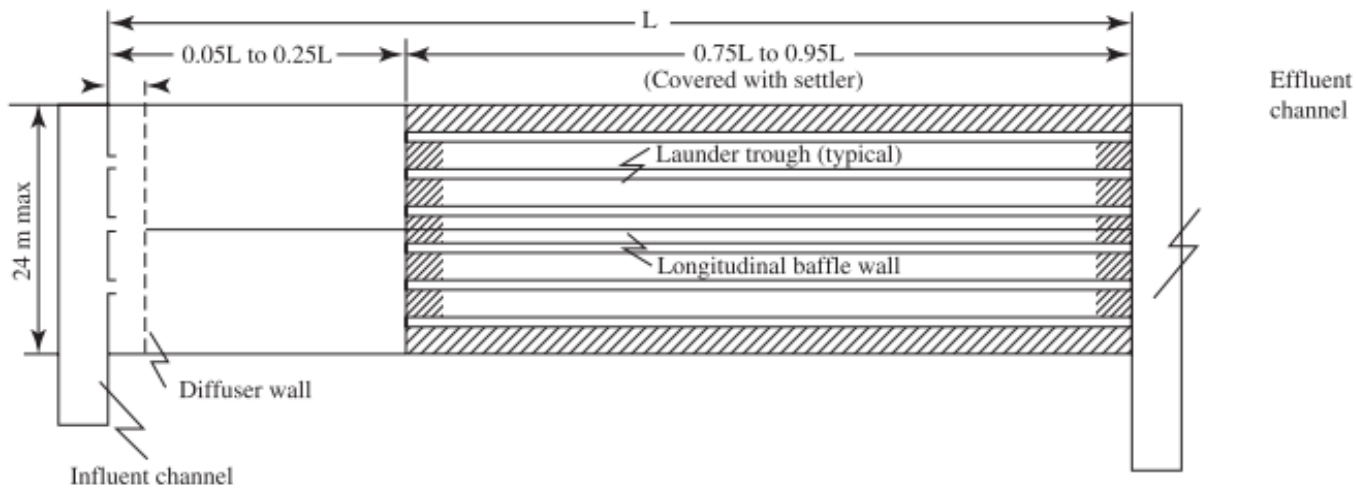


FIGURE 9.35 Inlet and Outlet Details for a Circular Tank (Peripheral Feed)

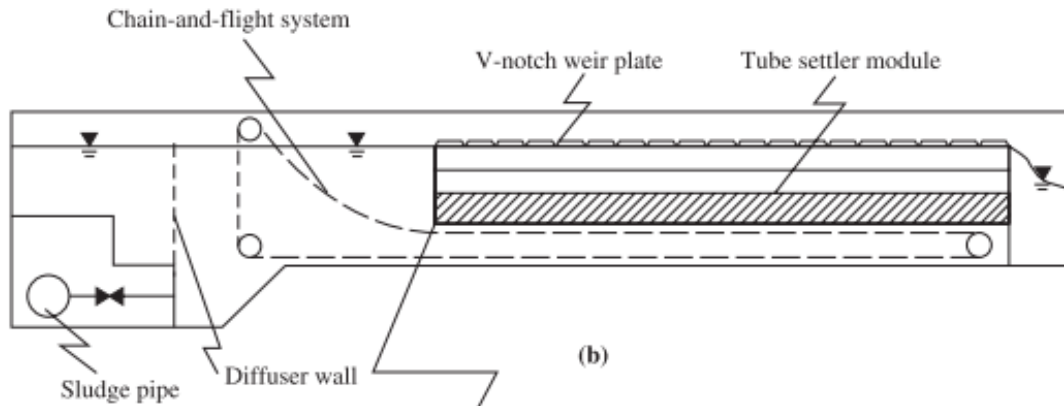
Types of Sedimentation Tanks

High Rate Settler Modules – Rectangular Tanks

- High settler modules are placed in the downstream end of a rectangular horizontal flow tanks
- Modules occupy 75-95% of the tank area
- Sufficient space must be provided below the settler modules for the sludge collection mechanism

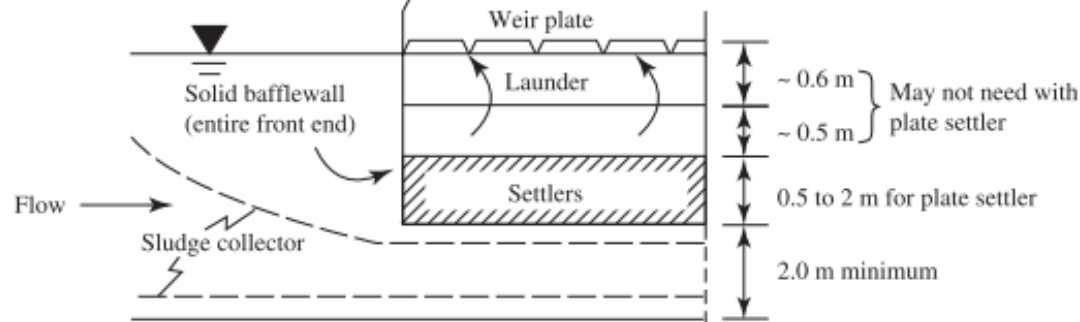


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(b)

Ref: Davis M.L. *Water and Wastewater Treatment: Design Principles and Practice*. 2010. McGrawHill



(c)

Types of Sedimentation Tanks

Ballasted Sedimentation – Rectangular Tanks

- Alum or ferric chloride is added to form turbidity floc in the first stage .
- High molecular weight cationic polymer or microsand particles are added to the second stage