

ENVE 301

Environmental Engineering Unit Operations

Lecture 6

Cascade Aeration Cont'd

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Cascade Aeration

Ref: AWWA ASCE Water Treatment Plant Design, 4th Edition, Baruth EE (Ed.) McGrawHill

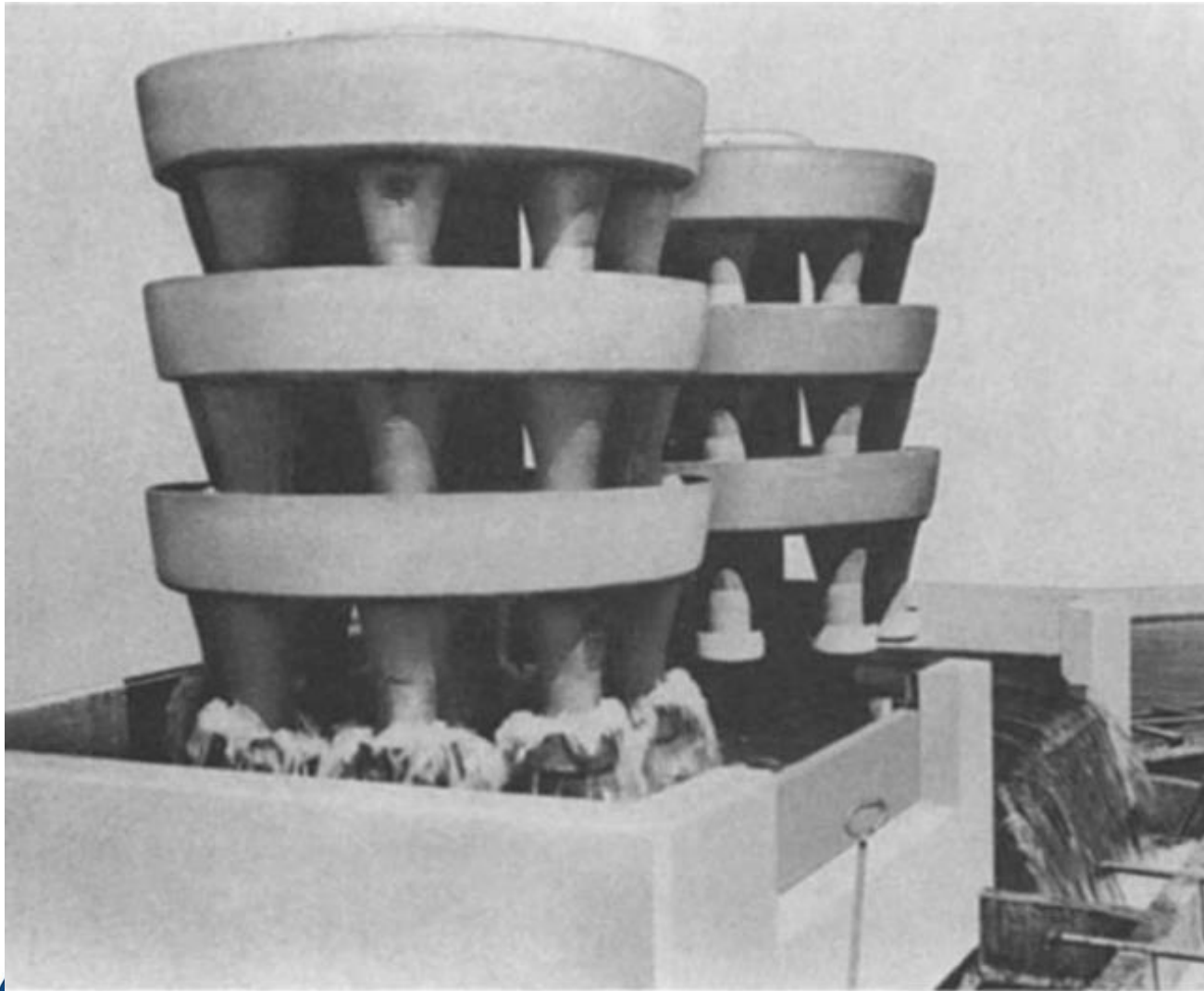


FIGURE 5.1 View of a typical cone aerator. (Courtesy of Ondeo Degremont.)

Cascade Aeration



Ref:

<http://www.pub.gov.sg/products/usedwater/Pages/IndustrialWaterProductionProcess.aspx?Print2=yes>

Cascade Aeration – as a final stage of ww treatment



Ref:

<http://yorkcity.org/final-effluent-aeration>

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Ref:

<http://www.holar.is/~aquafarmer/node66.html>

Cascade Aeration – Ömerli WTP



Picture: Courtesy of
Prof. Dr. A.M. Saatcı

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Picture: Courtesy of
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Design Considerations for Cascade Aeration

Surface Loading: 50-100 m³/m².sec (Literature)

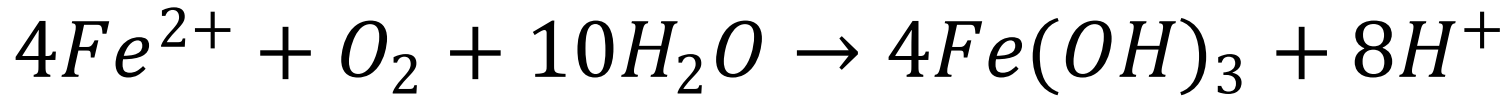
Surface Loading: 50-200 m²/m³.sec (Prof. Dr. A.M. Saatçı notes)

Total Height: 2-7 m (0.3-0.6 m per step)

If step height < 0.6 m → less oxygen transfer
desorption will prevail

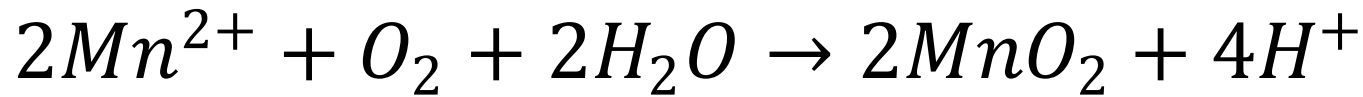
For optimum desorption; step height 0.2-0.4 m

- Conversion of **1 mg/L Fe²⁺** requires **0.14 mg/L O₂**



Fe molecular weight: 55.8 g/mol

- Conversion of **1 mg/L Mn²⁺** requires **0.29 mg/L O₂**



Mn molecular weight: 54.9 g/mol

Cascade Aeration – Absorption

- If the steps of the cascade aerator is equal $K_n = K/n$;

$$C_n = C_s - (C_s - C_o) \left(1 - \frac{K}{n}\right)^n$$

- In completely mixed system cascade aeration;

$$K = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{k_L at}}$$

- In aeration (spray etc.)

$$\frac{C_t - C_o}{C_s - C_o} = 1 - e^{-K_L at} = K(\text{efficiency coef.})$$

$$C_t = C_o(1 - K) + KC_s$$

Power/Energy Dissipation

Power dissipation should be $< 30 \text{ watt.s/m}^3$

$$P = \rho g Q \Delta h$$

$$\Delta h = \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

Δh : Velocity Head, m

Q : Flow Rate, m^3/s

g : gravitational acceleration, 9.81 m/s^2

ρ : density of water, 1000 kg/m^3

V : Velocity of water, m/s

P : Power watt.s (kgm^2/s^2)

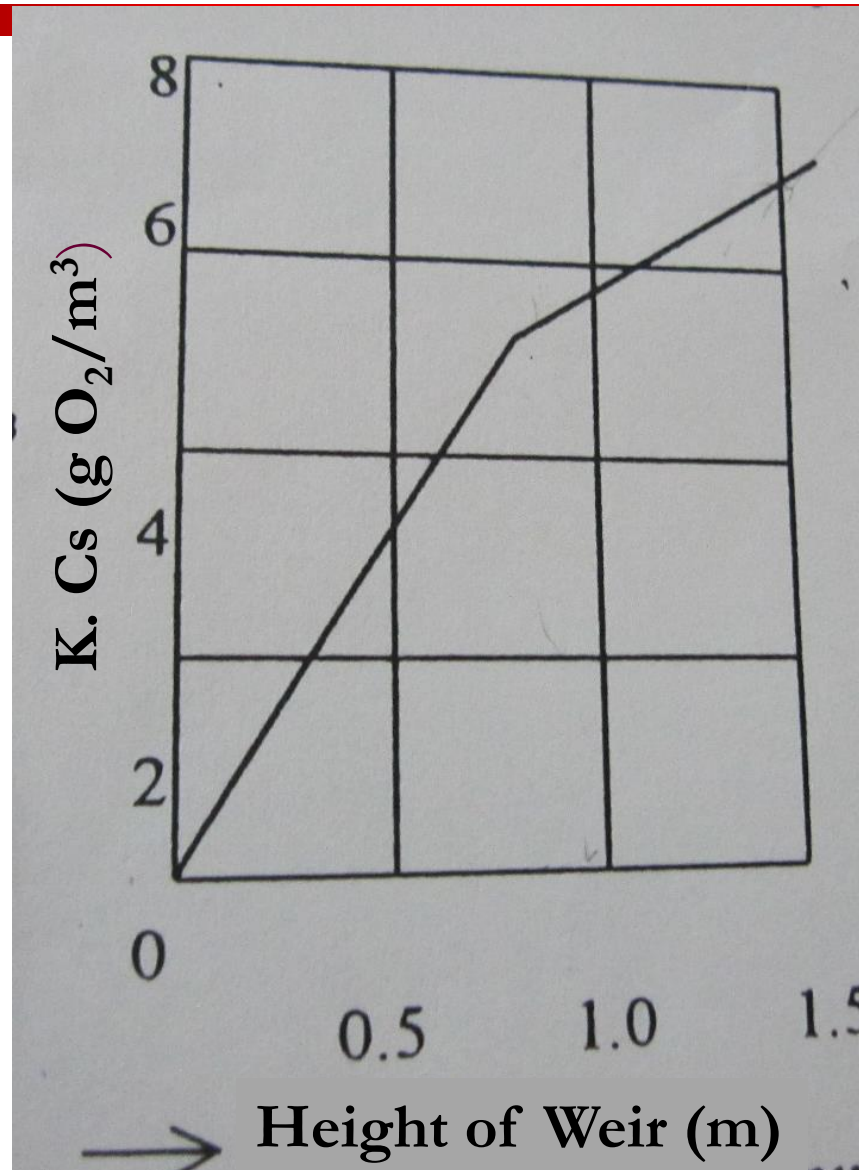
Efficiency of Oxygen Transfer in Cascades

$$\text{Efficiency of } O_2 \text{ transfer} = \frac{\text{mg } O_2 \text{ transferred/time}}{\text{power exerted by flow}}$$

$$\text{Efficiency of } O_2 \text{ transfer} = \frac{\text{mg } O_2 \text{ transferred/time}}{\rho \cdot g \cdot Q \cdot \Delta h}$$

- Efficiency of O_2 transfer should be 1.5 – 2.5 kg O_2 /kW-h

Efficiency Coefficient vs height of fall over weirs



Example-1

- What would be the contact time in cascade aeration (completely mixed) if a gas transfer efficiency of 92% is required? Assume $k_L a = 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$.

$$K = 0.92$$
$$K = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{k_L a t}}$$

$$t = \frac{K}{(1 - K)k_L a}$$

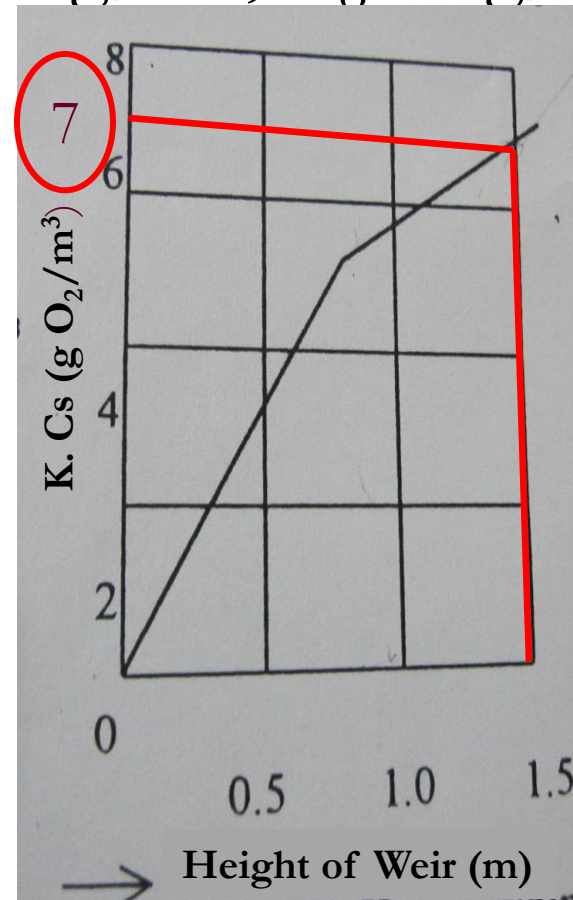
$$t = \frac{0.92}{(1 - 0.92)0.02}$$

$$t = 575 \text{ sec} = 9.6 \text{ min}$$

Example-2

- Calculate the number of steps for maximum oxygenation; $h=1.5$ m, $C_s=10$ g/m³, $C_o=2$ g/m³

$$C_n = C_s - (C_s - C_o) \left(1 - \frac{K}{n}\right)^n$$



Example-3

Calculate the amount of oxygenation for a three-step cascade aeration system located at 610 m (0.93 atm) above the sea level. Assume a DO saturation value of 9.17 mg/L (20°C, 1 atm), assume that the temperature at 610 m will be the same. Calculate the K value for unpolluted water. $C_o=2\text{mg/L}$. Total $h=2\text{m}$.

$$C_n = C_s - (C_s - C_o) \left(1 - \frac{K}{n}\right)^n$$

$$K=0.45(1+0.046T)h$$