

PROCESS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING IN WATER QUALITY CONTROL

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Outline

- What is Process Systems Engineering?
- Modelling
- Control
 - Fuzzy
 - Artificial Neural Network
 - MPC
- Optimization
- Monitoring river water quality

Process Systems Engineering (PSE)

A combination of computer aided decision support methods in

- Modelling
- Simulation
- Applied statistics
- Design
- Optimization
- Control

for an essentially unlimited set of process; environmental, business and public policy systems

Acceptance by 1st Int Symp. in Kyoto, '82

Problems that may be solved by PSE ?!

- WWTPs need to be operated continuously despite large perturbations in
 - Pollution load
 - FlowConstraints on effluent become tighter each year
 - Eur. Directive 91/271 Urban Wastewater
- Many plants are either controlled manually or NOT operated!
- 'Data mining'
Abundant exp. data that need to be interpreted

NOT AN EASY TASK !!!

- Complex plants with processes of different nature (chemical, biological, mechanical)
- Complicated dynamics (time constants within a very extensive range)
- Varying objectives
- Frequently changing disturbances
- Some information essential for the operation cannot be quantified (smell, color, microbiological quality)
- Measurement problems (unreliable sensors, vague info)

- Dissolved oxygen conc.
 - Ammonia & nitrate conc.
 - MLSS concentration
 - Δ (BOD)
- Controlled variables

Manipulated variables

- Aeration rate
- Dilution rate
- Internal recycle flow rate
- Sludge recycle rate
- External carbon dosing

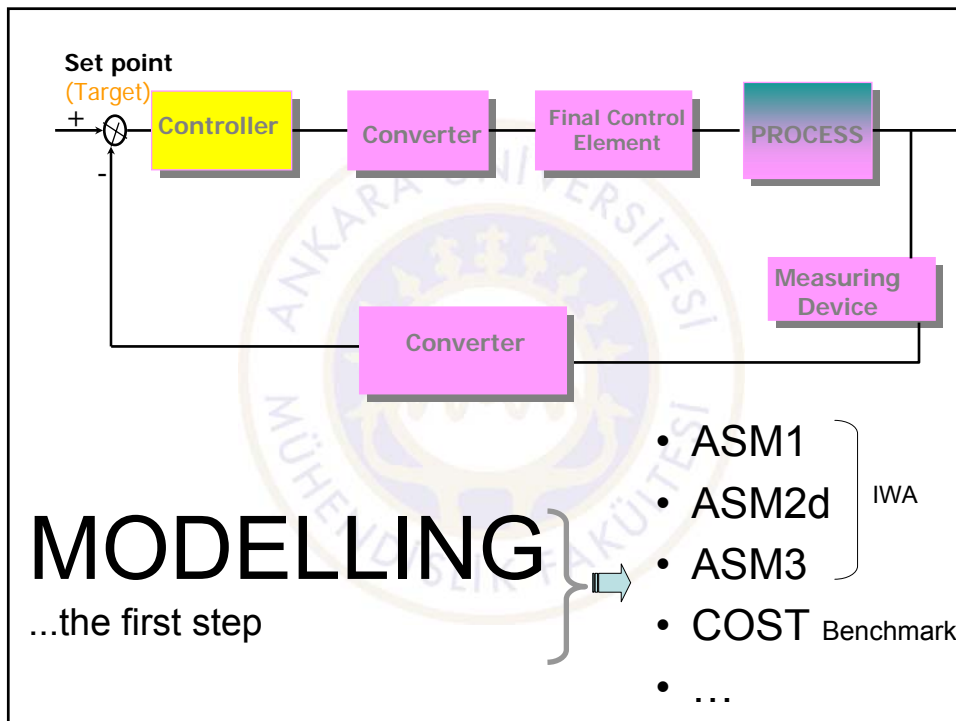
Suggested control strategies

- Simple feedback controller (usually PI)
- Fuzzy /neural network controller
- Model based controller
- ...

Evaluation on the same basis important

➔ COST Simulation Benchmark

COST Actions 624 & 682
(Vrecko et al. Wat. Sci. & Tech. 2002)



ACTIVATED SLUDGE MODEL No. 3

(Gujer *et al.* 1999)

Correction for defects in ASM No.1

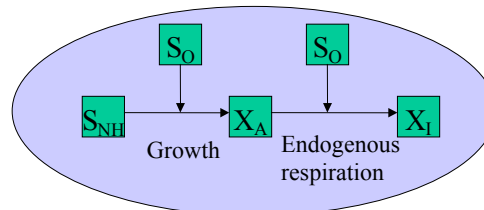
- ☑ Storage of readily biodegradable substrate
- ☑ Less dominating importance of hydrolysis
- ☑ Separation of conversion processes for heterotrophs and autotrophs in aerobic and anoxic state
- ☑ Alkalinity correction in nitrification rate

■ 13 components (soluble and particulate)

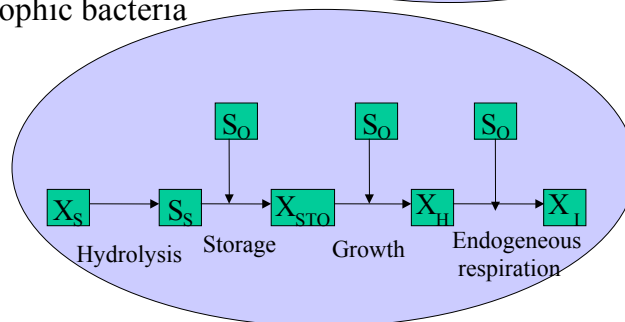
■ 12 processes

ASM-3 CONVERSION PROCESSES

Autotrophic bacteria



Heterotrophic bacteria



- 1 - Hydrolysis
- 2 - Aerobic storage of readily biodegradable substrate
- 3 - Anoxic storage of readily biodegradable substrate
- 4 - Aerobic growth of heterotrophs
- 5 - Anoxic growth of heterotrophs
- 6 - Aerobic endogenous respiration of biomass
- 7 - Anoxic endogenous respiration of biomass
- 8 - Aerobic endogenous respiration of storage products
- 9 - Anoxic endogenous respiration of storage products
- 10 - Aerobic growth of autotrophs
- 11 - Aerobic endogenous respiration of autotrophs
- 12 - Anoxic endogenous respiration of autotrophs

ASM-3 Soluble Components (S)

- S_O : Dissolved oxygen
 S_I : Inert soluble organic material
 S_S : Readily biodegradable organic substrates
 S_{NH} : Ammonium and ammonia nitr.
 S_{N_2} : Dinitrogen
 S_{NO} : Nitrate ve nitrite nitrogen
 S_{HCO} : Alkalinity of wastewater

ASM-3 Particulate Components (X)

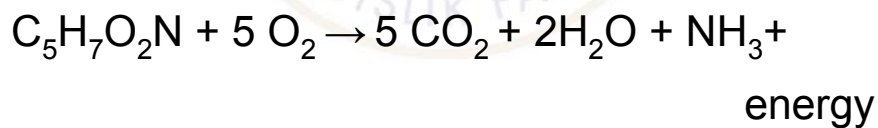
- X_I : Inert particulate organic material
 X_S : Slowly biodegradable substrates
 X_H : Heterotrophic organisms
 X_{STO} : Cell internal storage product of heterotrophic organisms
 X_A : Nitrifying autotrophic organisms
 X_{TS} : Total suspended solids

REACTIONS

Oxidation and Synthesis (Heterotrophs) :



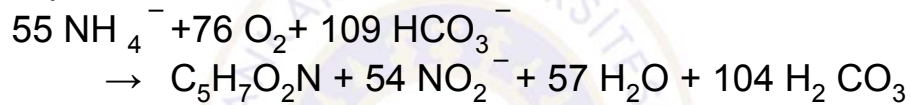
Endogenous respiration:



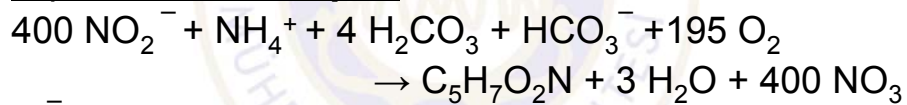
NITROGEN REMOVAL

NITRIFICATION: (*Autotrophic bacteria*)

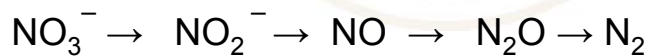
Equation for *Nitrosomonas*:



Equation for *Nitrospira*:



DENITRIFICATION (*Heterotrophic bacteria*):



MASS BALANCES AROUND ACTIVATED SLUDGE SYSTEM

For non-aerated periods:

$$\frac{dX_i^{at}}{dt} = \frac{Q_{in} X_i^{in} + Q_{rs} X_i^{rs} - (Q_{in} + Q_{rs}) X_i^{at}}{V_{at}} + R_i$$

i: components of ASM 3 X_i^{rs} from settling model

For aerated periods (dissolved oxygen incorporated):

$$\frac{dX_i^{at}}{dt} = \frac{Q_{in} X_i^{in} + Q_{rs} X_i^{rs} - (Q_{in} + Q_{rs}) X_i^{at}}{V_{at}} + R_i + k_L a (S_O^{sat} - S_O^{at})$$

STATE VARIABLES

73 dimensional vector

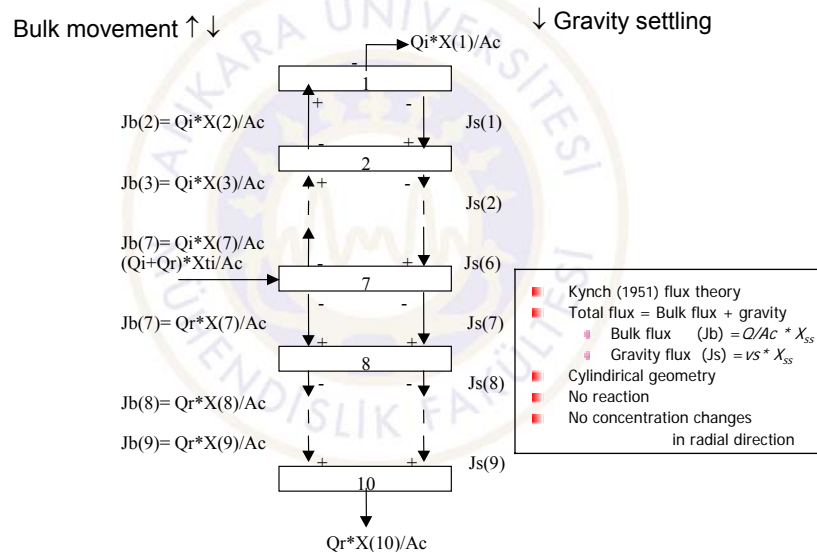
13 → Concentrations of ASM-3 components
in aeration tank

7 solubles

6 particulates

60 → Concentrations of particulate components
of ASM3 for each layer in settler

10 -Layer Settling Model



SETTLING VELOCITY MODEL (Takacs)

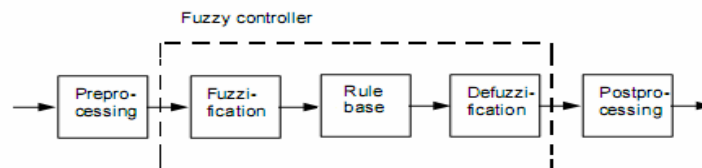
$$v_S(j) = v_0 e^{-r_h X_j^*} - v_0 e^{-r_p X_j^*}$$

- v_S : settling velocity at layer j
- v_0 : maximum settling velocity
- r_h : settling parameter characteristic of hindered settling zone
- r_p : settling parameter characteristic of low solid concentration
- X_j^* : concentration difference between layer j and min. attainable

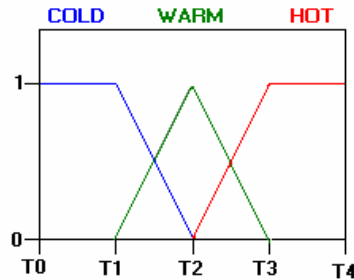
CONTROL

FUZZY CONTROL

- ❑ Fuzzy logic: "computing with words rather than numbers"
- ❑ Sentences based on empirical rules
Expert experience important



A set of 'linguistic' descriptors are established
(very high, high, low, true, false, OK)



Membership Function

Control rule, R:

If
(BOD is Y_1) and (MLSS is Y_2) and (DO is Y_3) and (N-NH3 is Y_4)
then
(Ofeed is U_1) and (R_sludge is U_2)

Contribution of a control rule to the final control action:

$$\sigma_k = \min\{\mu^{k_1}(\text{BOD}), \mu^{k_2}(\text{MLSS}), \mu^{k_3}(\text{DO}), \mu^{k_4}(\text{N-NH3})\}$$

Values of membership functions corresponding to the process outputs are computed from this array

Membership function of the j^{th} controller output:

$$\sigma_k = \max\{\sigma_1 v_1^j(\text{Ofeed}), \sigma_2 v_2^j(\text{R_sludge})\}$$

Engineering values of the controller outputs (for driving actuators) are obtained from defuzzification of the output membership functions
(via 'Center of Gravity' or 'Mean of Maximum' methods)

An acceptable generic knowledge base for WWTP control:

50 rules

(27 for stabilizing BOD, 11 for nitrification, 12 for denitrification)

{ Detailed examples can be found in
 ■ Müller et. al. *Water Research*, 1997.
 ■ Manesis et. al. *Artif. Intelligence in Engineering* 1998. }

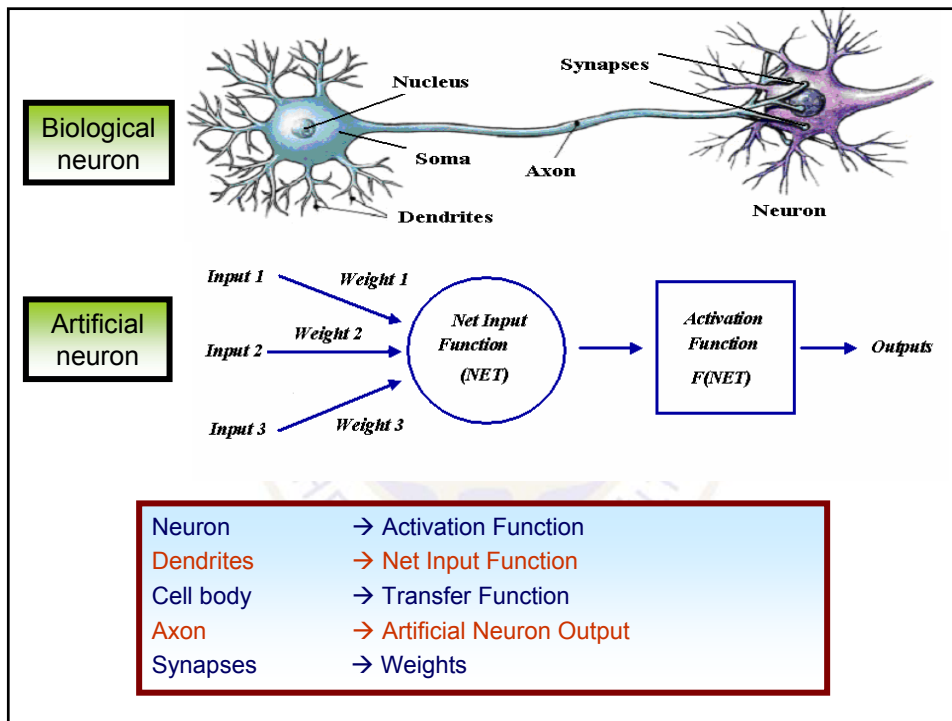
ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

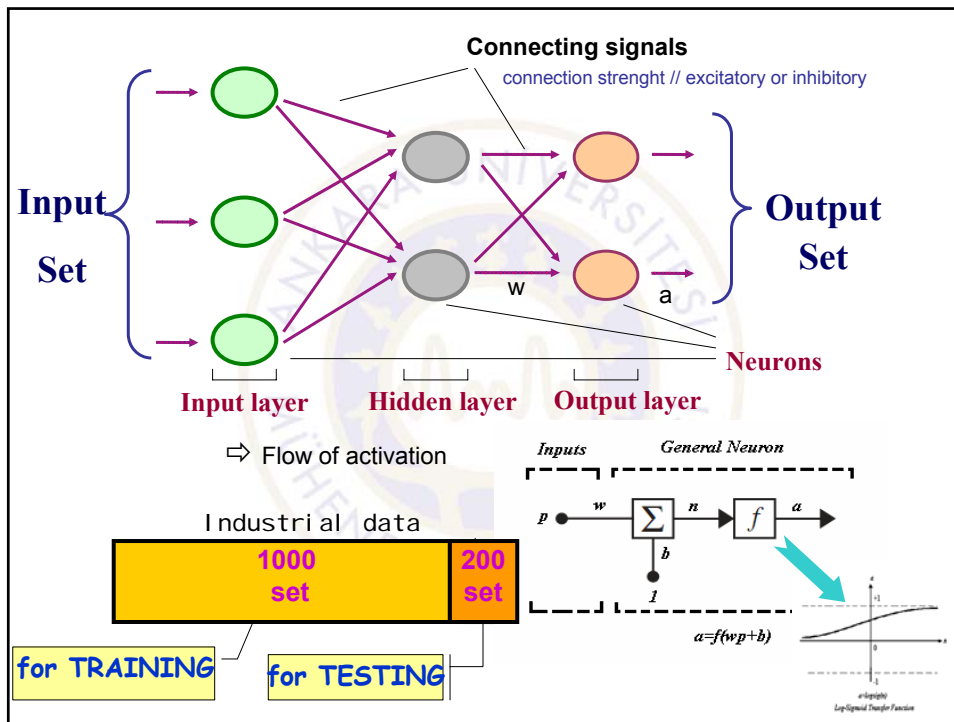
Attempt to simulate the brain

key properties of biological neurons can be simulated to replicate the human LEARNING procedure

AREAS OF APPLICATION

- Robotics
- Process control
- Product design
- Operations planning
- Quality control
- Real time modelling
- Adaptive control
- Pattern recognition





"TRAINING"

Adjusting connection strenghts

Backpropogation
cycle

- Initialize as a blank state with random weights
- Excite with input
- Produce an output and compare with measured output
- Adjust the weights so that new output will be closer

"TESTING"

Once training is complete, testing the performance with a new set of data

if performance is good on the novel set of data, then

LEARNING has occurred...

.... actually an optimization problem

- Backpropagation
- Quickpropagation
- Levenberg-Marquardt

performans functions : MeanSE, SumSE, Root MeanSE

SOME EXAMPLES OF ANN MODELLING FOR WWTPs

- ❖ Chen et al. *J. Envir. Engng.* 2001
 - Neural fuzzy modelling & **CONTROLLER**
 - Applied to a plant in Taiwan
 - ❖ Ko et al. *Int. Workshop on Soft Computing...* Provo, Utah, 2003
 - Data from ASM2d
 - 45 neurons in hidden layer
 - Poor generalization (testing) capability...
 - ❖ Raduly et al. *Environmental Modelling and Software*, 2007
 - Influent dist. generator + mechanistic model
 - Prediction on ammonia, BOD and TSSs good
 - COD and total nitrogen less satisfactory
 - ANN reduced simulation time by a factor of 36
- Mostly modelling... ANNs require expertise!...

AN ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK MODEL FOR THE EFFECTS OF CHICKEN MANURE ON GROUND WATER



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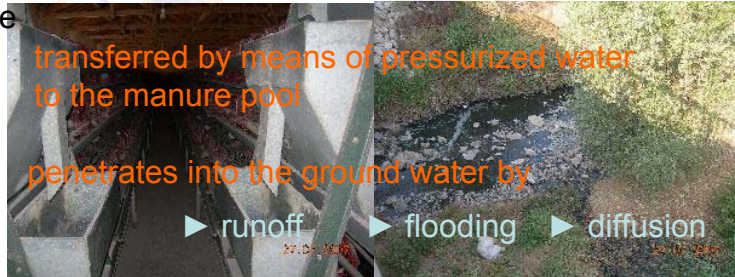
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The problem ?



- ~ 400 chicken farms in the province of Corum
(an important source of ground water pollution in the area)

- Manure
transferred by means of pressurized water
to the manure pool
penetrates into the ground water by
▶ runoff ▶ flooding ▶ diffusion



- Farms get water supply from 20 to 90 m deep wells

How to predict degree of pollution for major pollutant constituents in ground water wells ?

- ▶ Identification of an input-output relationship between involved variables based on the field measurements
- ☑ Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) are powerful tools that have the abilities to recognize underlying complex relationships from 'input-output' data only

Motivation

Poultry manure could be a major source of ground water pollution in the areas where broiler industry is located

- ▶ extensive effects,
when the farms use nearby ground water as their fresh water supply

Prediction of the extent of this pollution via

- rigorous mathematical diffusion modeling
- experimental data evaluation

bears importance

In this work...

Effects of chicken manure on ground water was investigated by [artificial neural network modeling](#)

- ✓ An ANN model was developed for predicting the total coliform in the ground water well in poultry farms
 - Back-propagation algorithm was applied to training and testing the network
 - Levenberg Marquardt algorithm was used for optimization

The model holds promise for use in future in order to predict the degree of ground water pollution from nearby chicken farms

Experimental

► 20 chicken farms were picked from the area

-- chicken population of 10 000 to 40 000

-- manure quantity between 2.4 -7.0 tons/day

Geographical coordinates, types, design capacity, operation capacity of the farms were recorded &

- geographic features of the land
- depth of well
- distance to the Derincay river
- ways and capacity of manure stocking
- number of chicken
- feeding type

were followed during a period of 8 months at 5 different times

Parameters	Chicken Farm 6	Chicken Farm 7	Chicken Farm 8	Chicken Farm 9	Chicken Farm 1
Coord. N	40° 33' 43.41"	40° 33' 46.00"	40° 33' 45.01"	40° 32' 45.84"	40° 32' 29.55"
Coord. E	34° 53' 11.01"	34° 52' 59.54"	34° 52' 47.77"	34° 51' 18.91"	34° 55' 02.12"
Capacity (chicken)	10 000	10 000	10 000	28 000	10 000
Water well depth (m)	20	32	90	32	30
Distance from Derinçay (m)	3 000	2 000	3 000	1 200	800
Method of waste Storage	Hole	Hole	Hole	Hole	Hole
Amount of waste (ton/day)	2	2.4	2	5.6	2

Characteristics of some of chicken farms

Water samples were taken from the wells for measurements of

- ▶ pH
 - ▶ electrical conductivity
 - ▶ salinity
 - ▶ total dissolved solid
 - ▶ turbidity
 - ▶ nitrite nitrogen
 - ▶ nitrate nitrogen
 - ▶ ammonia nitrogen
 - ▶ organic nitrogen
- ▶ total phosphor
- ▶ total hardness
- ▶ total coliform

Experimental results for Farm - 1

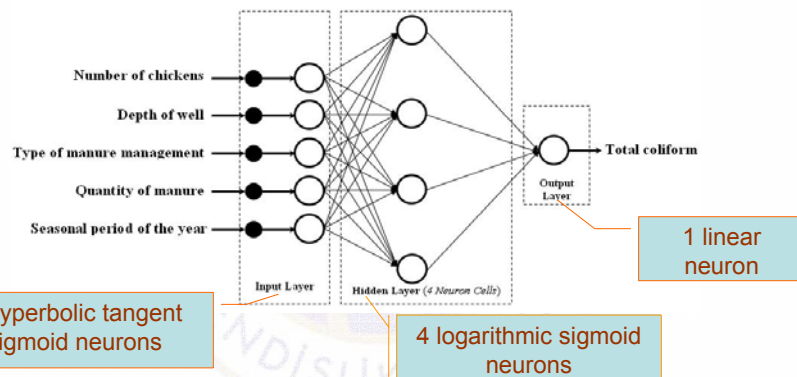
Parameters	Chicken Farm – 1			
	22.11.2005	07.03.2006	05.04.2006	10.04.2006
Ammonia, N (mg/L)	4,68	3,32	1,5	2,62
Nitrite, N (mg/L)	0,024	0,015	0,027	0,009
Nitrate, N (mg/L)	1,6	3,2	1,9	1,0
Phosphate, (mg/L)	1,53	0,91	1,07	0,8
pH	7,9	7,78	7,68	6,96
Conductivity, (µS/cm)	2,49	2,17	2,21	1,989
Salinity, (‰)	1,5	1,3	1,3	1,2
Total dissolved solid, (mg/L)	1447	1248	1263	1140
Turbidity, (FTU)	0	0	0	1
Total hardness (mg/L CaCO ₃)	142	142	142	142
Total coliform (MPN/100 mL)	93	240	240	240

The analysis results were in the range of

- 0.5 - 5.2 mg NO₃-N/ L
- 0.02 - 3.90 mg NH₃-N/L
- 0.51 - 1.89 mg total PO₄/L
- 481 - 1852 mg/L total dissolved solids
- 93 - 1100 MPN/100 mL total coliform

Modelling Procedure

- ANN model was constructed by using the experimental observations as the input set in order to identify the possible effects of chicken manure resulting from the farms on the ground water



- Training → Levenberg - Marquardt method
- Training accuracy, # of secret layers, # of neurons in the hidden layer, # of iterations } → trial and error

Input data and the output data

- Inputs {
- number of chickens in the farm considered,
 - depth of well where the measurements were taken
 - type of manure management
 - quantity of manure
 - seasonal period of the year
- Output { **total coliform**

were normalized and de-normalized before and after the actual application in the network

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- ▶ Out of 80 data set, 60 were used for training & 20 for testing

- ▶ Performance function :

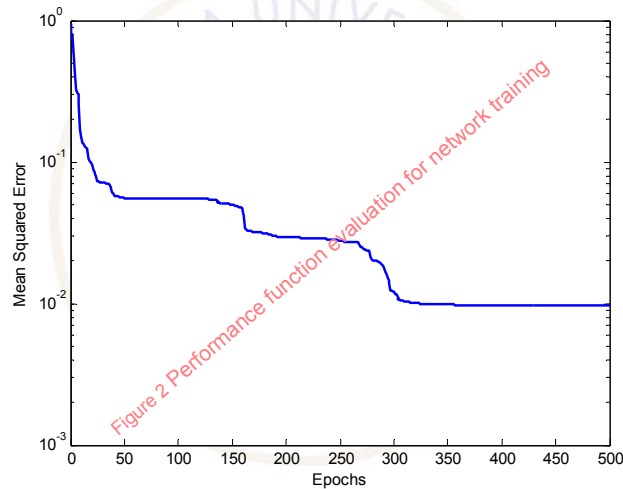
$$\sum (\text{ANN output} - \text{Laboratory analysis results})^2$$

- ▶ Network was trained for 500 epochs

- ▶ Computation was performed in MATLAB 7.0 environment

A MATLAB script was written, which loaded the data file, trained and validated the network and saved the model architecture

Progress of a typical training session for proposed network structure

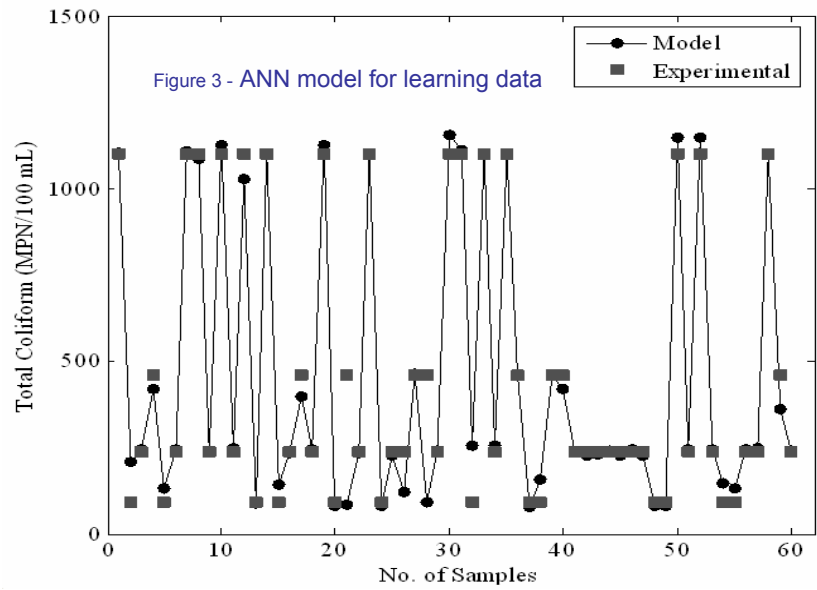


Performance function (MSE) value is calculated about 0.01 for 500 epochs

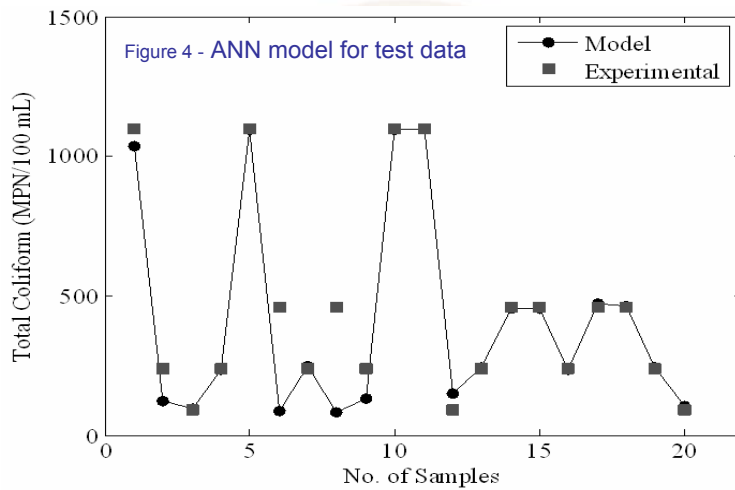
RESULTS

- ▶ The model developed in this study aims at assessing the effects of chicken manure on the level of pollution in ground water
- ▶ Thus the model was created by considering the total coliform concentration in the chicken manure on ground water as the output variable

Training results



Testing results



The network model captures the general trend in the output

► Two statistical performance criteria for assesment;

- MAPE (Mean Absolute Percent Error)
- R (Correlation Coefficient)

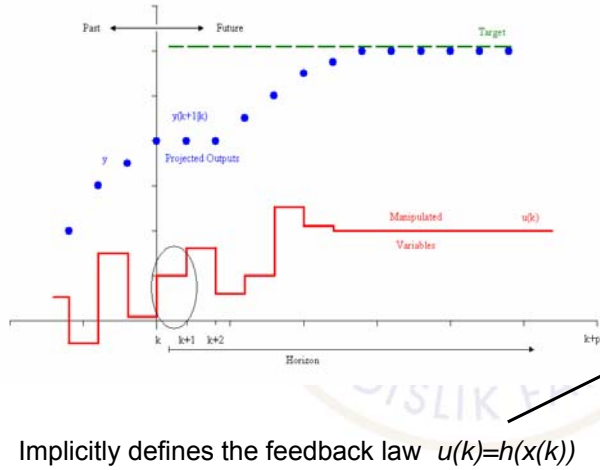
	Training	Testing
MAPE	0.072 %	0.387 %
Correlation Coefficient	0.98	0.95

➡ As magnitudes of both errors were quite small for prediction of total coliform, this was considered as an indication of a reliably performing model

CONCLUSIONS

- Developed ANN model predicts the possible amount of total coliform in the ground water well in poultry farms, when
 - number of chickens
 - depth of well
 - management type of manure pool
 - quantity of manure and
 - month of the year are given
- Encouraged by the results, the model is expected to be of use in future for predicting the degree of ground water pollution from nearby chicken farms

MODEL PREDICTIVE CONTROL

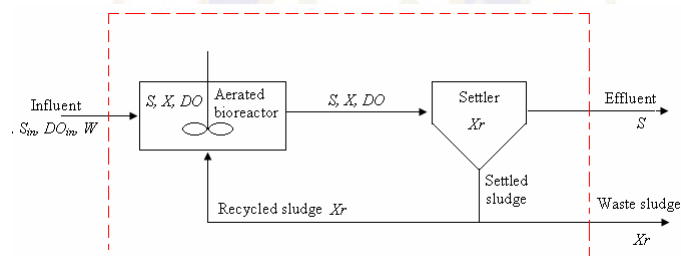


- At time k , solve the open-loop optimal control problem **on-line** with $x_0=x(k)$
- Apply the optimal input moves $u(k)=u_0$
- Obtain new measurements, update the state and solve the OLOCP at time $k+1$ with $x_0=x(k+1)$
- Continue this at each sample time

From our studies:

MPC of a WWTP

Consider a simple model (Nijjari et. al. 1999, Caraman et. al. 2007).



Assumptions

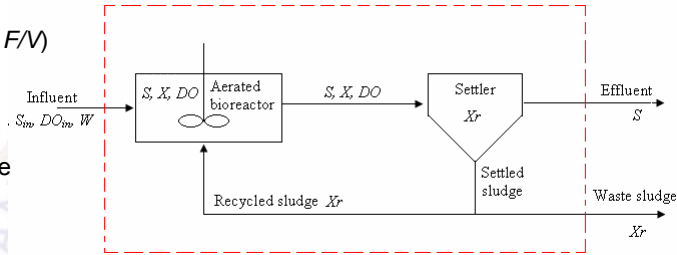
Steady-state regime

$$(F_{in} = F_{out} = F, D = F/V)$$

Recycled sludge : $r F$;

Sludge removal : βF

No substrate or DO
in the recycled sludge



$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = \mu X - D(1+r)X + rDX_r$$

$$\frac{dS(t)}{dt} = -\frac{\mu}{Y} X - D(1+r)S + DS_{in}$$

$$\frac{d[DO](t)}{dt} = -K_o \frac{\mu}{Y} X - D(1+r)[DO] + \alpha W \{ [DO]_{max} - [DO] \} + D[DO]_{in}$$

$$\frac{dX_r(t)}{dt} = D(1+r)X - D(\beta+r)X_r$$

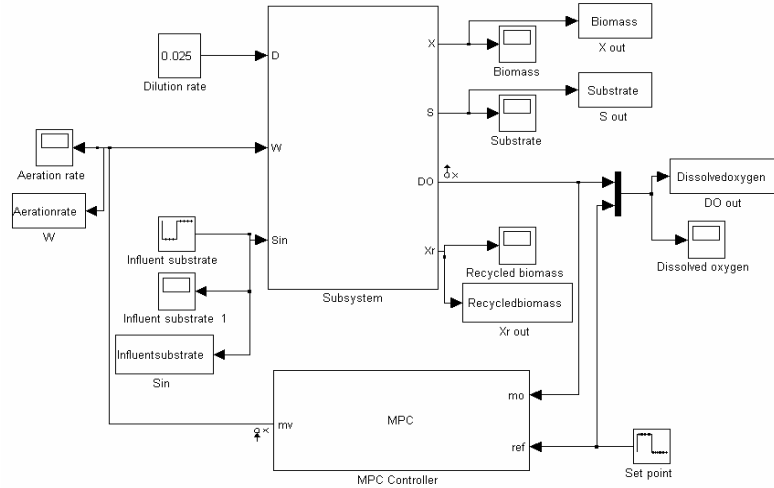
$$\mu(t) = \mu_{max} \frac{S}{k_s + S} \frac{[DO]}{K_{DO} + [DO]}$$

where

- X(t) : biomass in the bioreactor
- S(t) : substrate
- [DO](t) : dissolved oxygen
- X_r(t) : biomass in the settler
- [DO]_{max} : maximum dissolved oxygen, =10mg/l
- D : dilution rate (assumed constant here)
- S_{in} and [DO]_{in} : substrate and dissolved oxygen concentrations in the influent
- Y : biomass yield factor
- M : biomass growth rate
- μ_{max} : maximum specific growth rate
- k_s and K_D : saturation constants
- α : oxygen transfer rate
- W : aeration rate
- K_o : model constant
- r and β : ratio of recycled and waste flow to the influent

Kinetic parameters: Y = 0.65; α = 0.018; K_{DO} = 2 mg/l; K_o = 0.5;
μ_{max} = 0.15 mg/l; k_s = 100 mg/l; r = 0.6

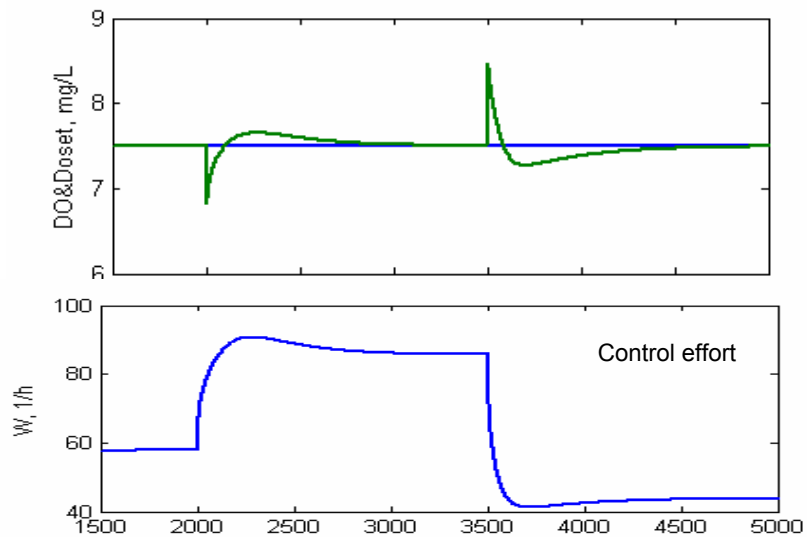
NMPC simulation block diagram in MATLAB

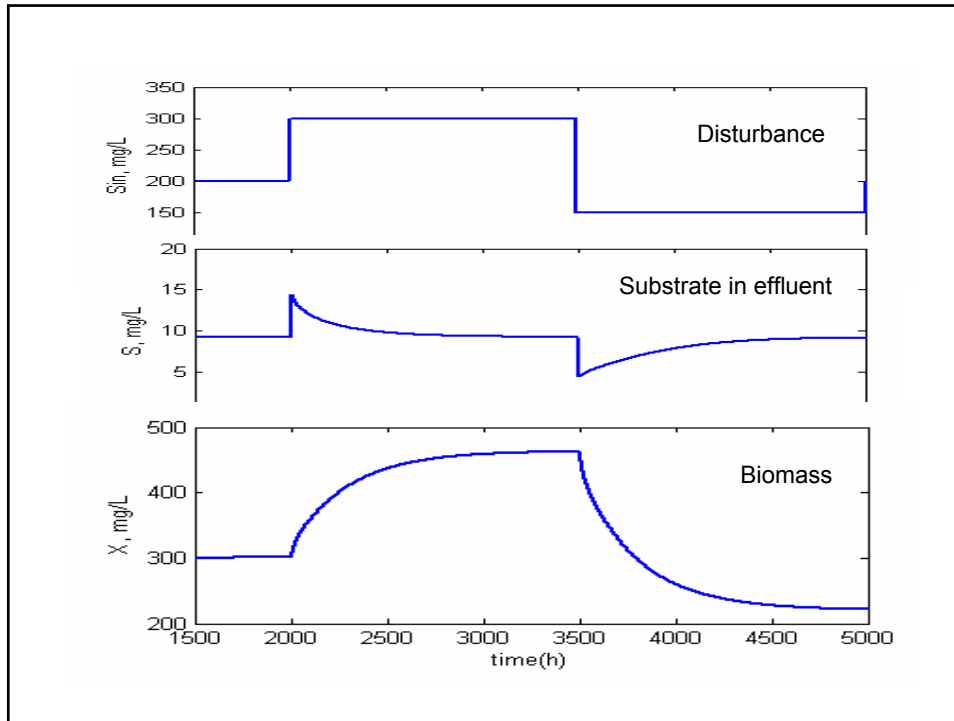


Controlled variable: DO concentration, Manipulated variable: Aeration rate
 Prediction horizon : 5 Control horizon:1

Disturbance rejection

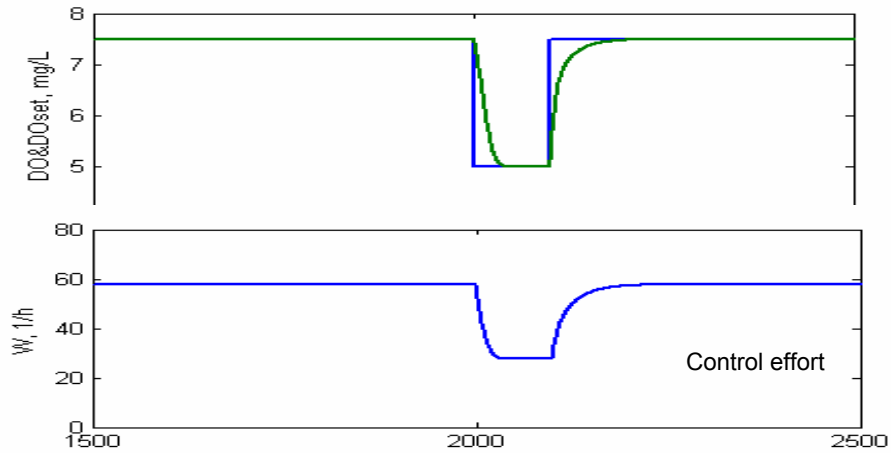
$DO_{set} = 7.5 \text{ mg/l}$, constant; S_{in} changes in time



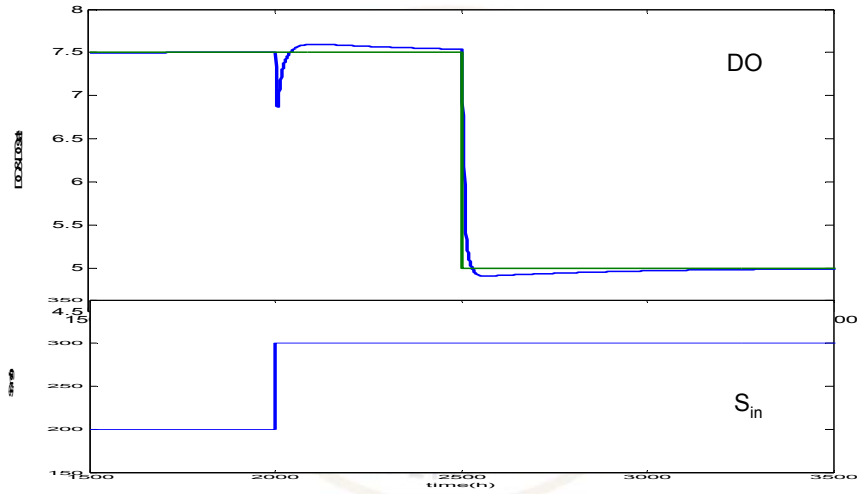


Set point tracking

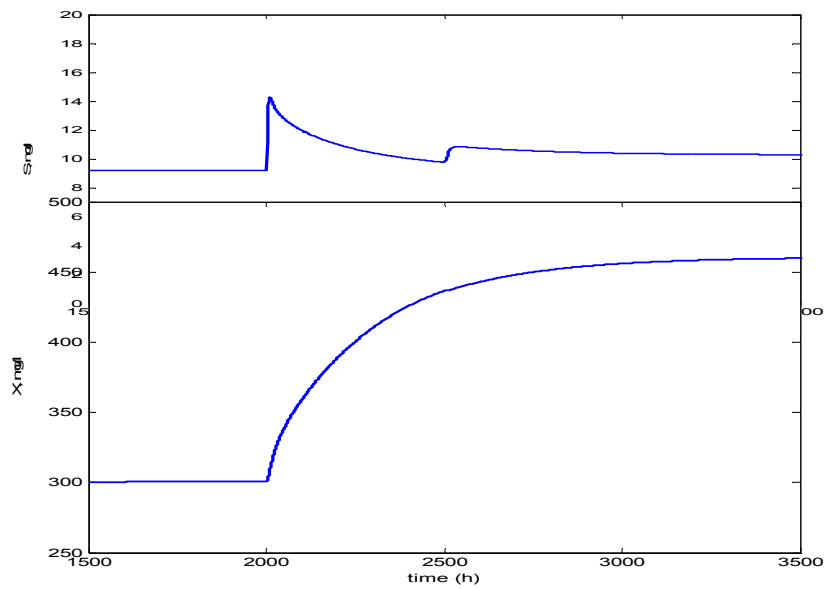
DO_{set} from 7.5 to 5 for 100 hours; $S_{in} = 200$ mg/l



Set point & Disturbance together



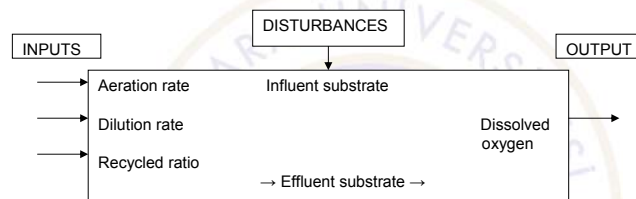
What happens to substrate & biomass in the effluent ?



Some Recent Control Studies

- Chotkowski et al. *Int. J. Systems Sci.* 2005.
ASM2d with SIMBA software
NMPC and direct model reference adaptive controller for nutrient and P removal
- Holenda et. al. *Comp. & Chem. Eng.* 2007.
COST benchmark model
MPC on two simulated case

- Caraman et al. *Int. J. of Computers, Communications and Control*, 2007.



- Fu et al. *Envir. Mod. Soft.* 2007.
Sewer system + WWTP + River model
(KOSIB – ASM1 – SWMM5 combined in SIMBA5)
Multiobjective optimization by genetic algorithm
→ Max DO & Min NH₃ in river, Min energy for piping & aeration

Storm tank - 1st clarifier - AS Reactor - 2nd clarifier

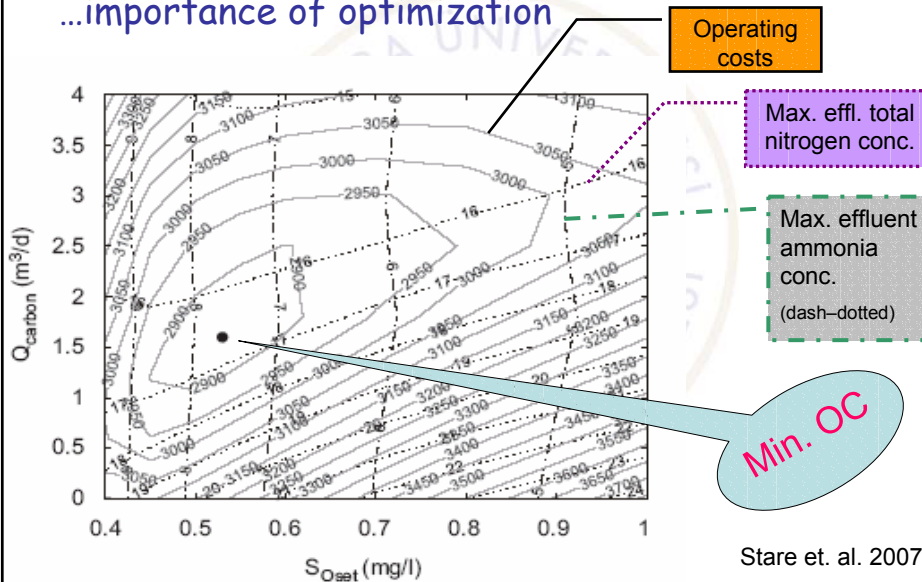
Stare et al. *Water Research* 2007.
 COST benchmark model
 5 compartment (1 anoxic, 4 aerobic)
 Manip. var. : External C flow rate
 DO set point
 $K_L a$ (oxygen transfer rate)

- ➡ O_2 PI control
- Nitrate & ammonia PI control
- Nitrate PI & ammonia FF-PI control
- MPC

Overall aim: reduction in operating cost
 MPC effective in high influent loads

Operational map for O_2 PI control

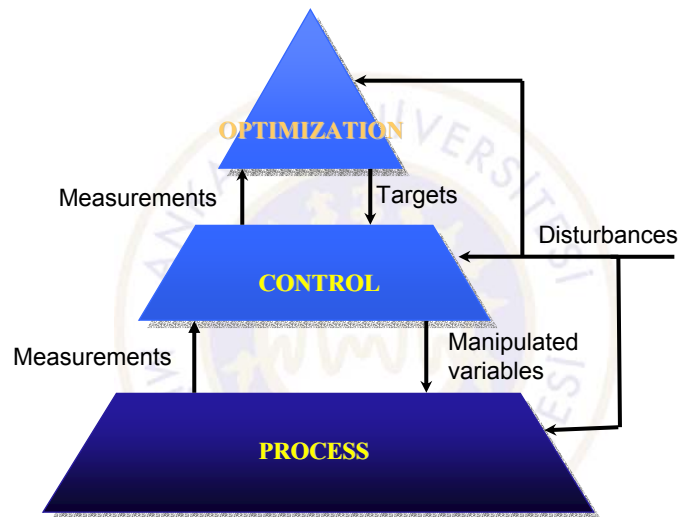
...importance of optimization



Brdys et al. *Control Engng. Practice*, 2007

- Integrated 'WWTP + sewer' system
- 3 control layers:
 - Supervisory (*coordinates & schedules, selects control strat.*)
 - 'Optimizing' (*LONG (w)/ MEDIUM (h)/ SHORT (m) term control duties*)
with 'soft switching' in between
 - Follow-up (*Lower level controllers, hardware manuev., PIDs*)
- Applied to Ww. system in Kartuzy, Poland

NOT in the sense of
INTEGRATED ENGINEERING
i.e. providing set points...



INTEGRATED PROCESS SYSTEMS ENGINEERING APPROACH

ALTERNATING AEROBIC ANOXIC SYSTEMS AND THEIR OPTIMIZATION IN ACTIVATED SLUDGE SYSTEMS

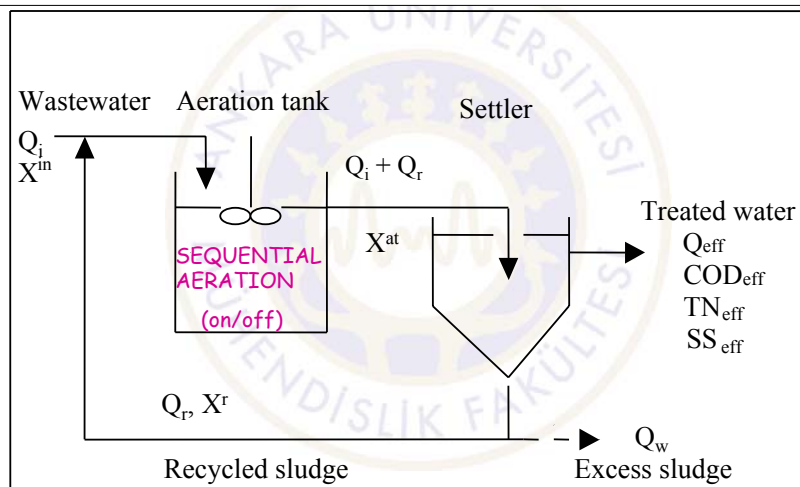


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AAA ACTIVATED SLUDGE SYSTEM



SCOPE

- Alternating Aerobic-Anoxic (AAA) systems
(carbon and nitrogen removal)
- Main operational cost is due to
energy used by the aeration equipment
(operated consecutively as nonaerated/aerated manner)
- Energy optimization is sought
by minimizing the
aerated fraction of total operation time
- **A non-trivial
dynamic optimization problem**

STEPS OF THE STUDY

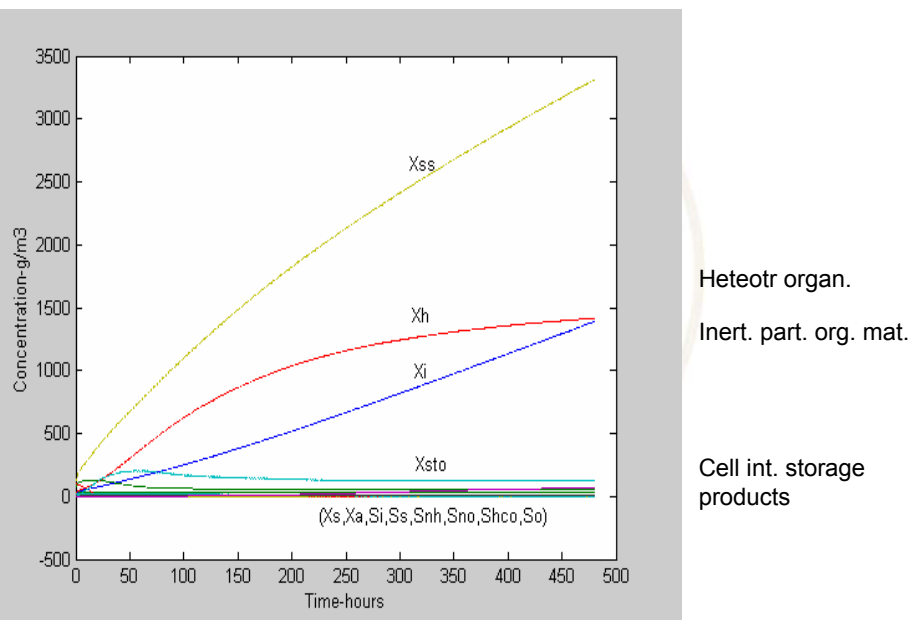
- Selection of
 - Activated sludge model (ASM-3)
 - Settler model (Vitasovic, 10 layers)
 - *Settling velocity model (Takacs)*
- Mass balances; a general dynamic model for activated sludge system
- Simulation for start-up period
- Optimal aeration profile for normal operation period

START-UP SIMULATION

■ With assumed constant aeration profile
(0.9 hrs non-aerated / 1.8 hrs aerated)
for 20 days $k_{La} : 4.5 \text{ h}^{-1}$

- ➔ Increase microorganism concentration
- ➔ Improve settling
- ➔ Determine initial values of state variables

ASM-3 variables during start-up



ASM-3 Soluble Components (S)

S_O	: Dissolved oxygen
S_I	: Inert soluble organic material
S_S	: Readily biodegradable organic substrates
S_{NH}	: Ammonium and ammonia nitr.
S_{N_2}	: Dinitrogen
S_{NO}	: Nitrate & nitrite nitrogen
S_{HCO}	: Alkalinity of wastewater

ASM-3 Particulate Components (X)

X_I	: Inert particulate organic material
X_S	: Slowly biodegradable substrates
X_H	: Heterotrophic organisms
X_{STO}	: Cell internal storage product of heterotrophic organisms
X_A	: Nitrifying autotrophic organisms
X_{TS}	: Total suspended solids

OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM

$$\min J = \sum_{k=1}^M b^k / \sum_{k=1}^M (a^k + b^k)$$

s.t. mass balance equations

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = f^{(1)}(X) \quad \text{nonaerated periods}$$
$$\frac{dX}{dt} = f^{(2)}(X) \quad \text{aerated periods}$$

Soft constraints

HARD CONSTRAINTS

- Min. and max. lengths of non-aeration and aeration periods
- Treated water discharge standards
- Total operation time
- Dissolved oxygen concentration

EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHM (EA)

- Darwin's natural selection principle
 - ✕ **Genes**: durations for non-aerated / aerated periods
 - ✕ **Chromosome** (individual) : an aeration profile
 - ✕ **Population**: pool of aeration profiles
- Start from an initial population
- Evaluate 'fitness value'
- Create a new generation

GENETIC OPERATORS

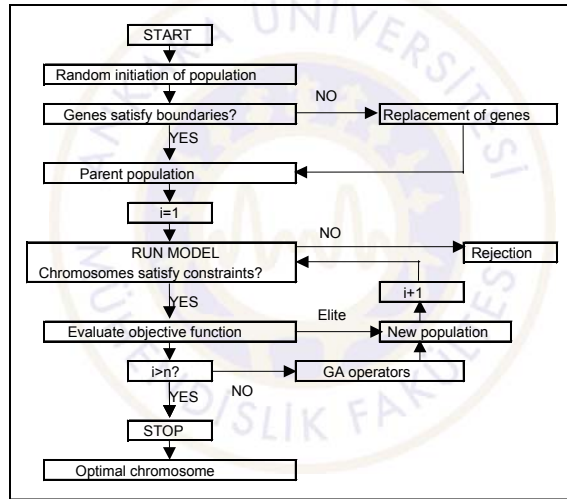
- Ⓢ **SELECTION** (*ranking and roulette wheel*)
- Ⓢ **CROSS-OVER** (*mixing two individuals*)
- Ⓢ **MUTATION** (*creating a new individual*)
- Ⓢ **ELITISM** (*adding the best parent individual to the new population*)

CONSTRAINTS HANDLING METHODS

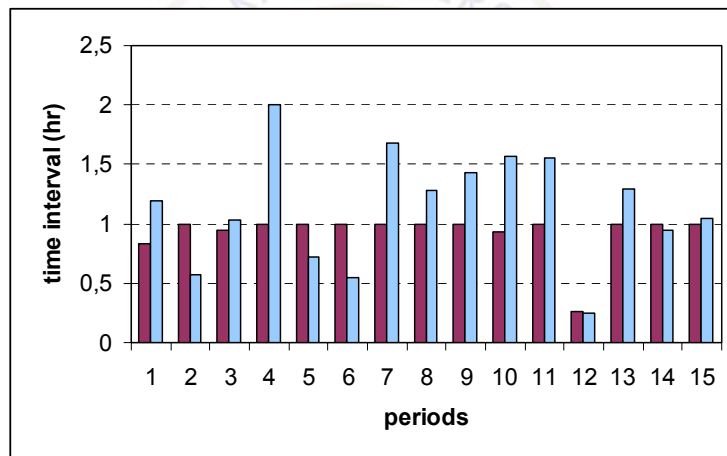
- ◆ Rejection of infeasible individuals
- ◆ Penalizing infeasible individuals

EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHM

Rejection of Infeasibles



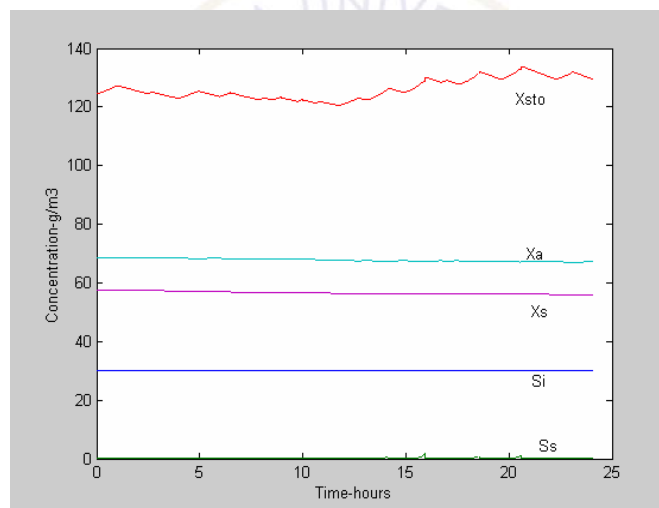
Optimal aeration profile (REJECTION)



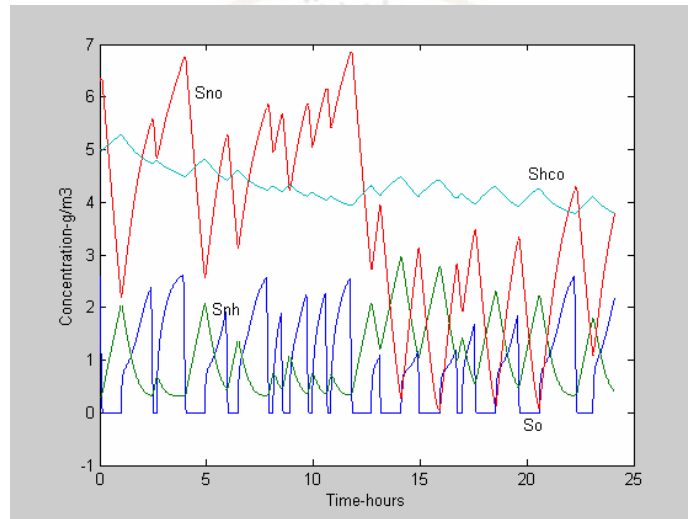
Comparison of Algorithms

Constraint handling algorithm	Rejection of infeasibles	Penalizing infeasibles
Treatment	Proper	Proper
Objective function (%)	55.04	58.07
Energy savings (relative %)	17.44	12.90
CPU time (hours)	68.00	65.36

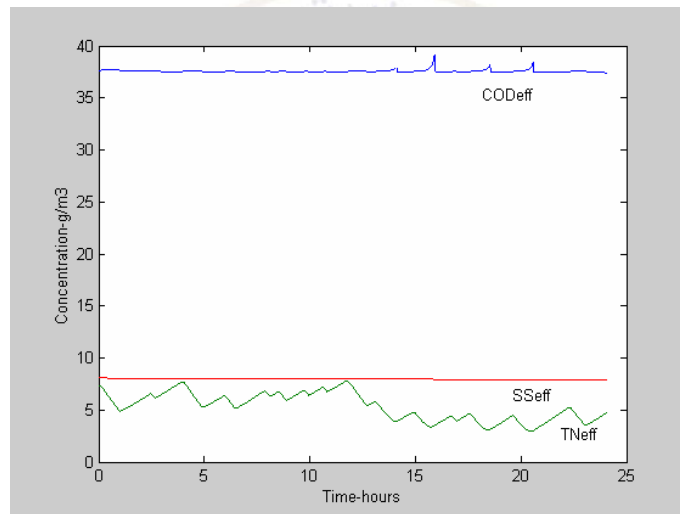
ASM3 Components in Aeration Tank by optimal aeration profile



Operation results by optimal aeration profile _1



Operation results by optimal aeration profile _2



TREATMENT PERFORMANCE

Objective function : 58.0 %

Energy savings : 12.90 %

Treatment parameters (g/m ³)	Inlet flow	Effluent (24 hours)	Discharge standards
COD	260	37.42	125
Total nitrogen	25	4.82	10
Total suspended solids	125	7.91	30

OVERALL EVALUATION

... holds promise for

- Nitrogen removal with no additional investment cost in existing plants
- Easy design and low investment cost for new plants
- Easy operation, and energy savings

OPTIMIZATION BY SQP

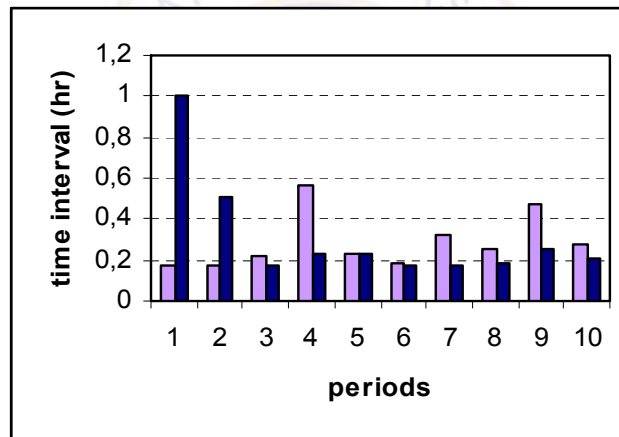
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Based on "control vector parameterization"

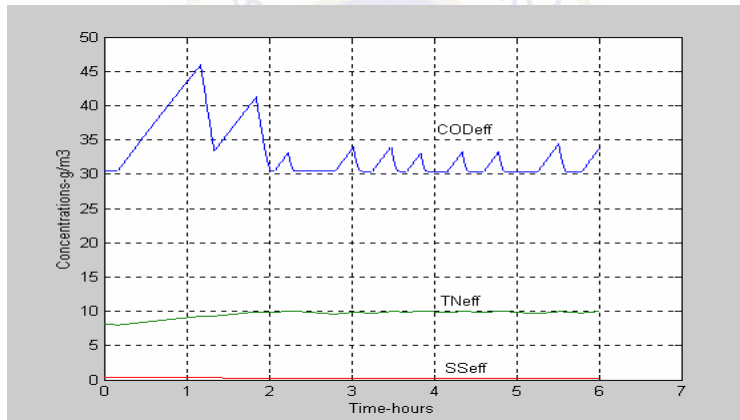
- Choose initial values for a^k and b^k , $k = 1, \dots, M$
- Initialize state variables
- Integrate aerated and non-aerated models forward in time starting from end of previous one
- Evaluate the objective function
- Solve nonlinear quadratic problem by SQP algorithm

Performed in MATLAB® 6.0 environment

Optimum Aeration Profile



CHARACTERISTICS OF TREATED WATER



OVERALL EVALUATION

Objective function : 0.479

Energy savings : % 28.1

compared to the arbitrary aeration

Treatment Parameters (g / m ³)	Inlet flow	Effluent	Discharge standards
COD	260	33.7	125
Total nitrogen	25	10	10
Total suspended solids	125	0.17	30

MONITORING RIVER WATER QUALITY : Modelling & Calibration Through Optimum Parameter Estimation



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Motivation

Water quality models require large number of parameters to define functional relationships.

Since prior information on parameter values is limited, they are commonly defined by fitting the model to observed data.

Estimation of parameters, *which is still practiced by trial-and-error approaches (i.e. manually)*, is the focal point

State of the art in river water quality modeling by Rauch *et al.* (1998) indicated

→ 2 out of 10 offer
limited parameter estimation capability

Mullighan *et al.* (1998) noted

→ practitioners often resorted to manual
trial-and-error curve fitting

Generally accepted software : EPA's QUAL2E

(Brown and Barnwell, 1987)

However, few practical problems
such as the issue of parameter estimation
is missing...

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What we have done...

We have suggested a dynamic simulation and parameter estimation strategy so that the heavy burden of finding reaction rate coefficients was overcome

(Karadurmus & Berber, 2004 a).

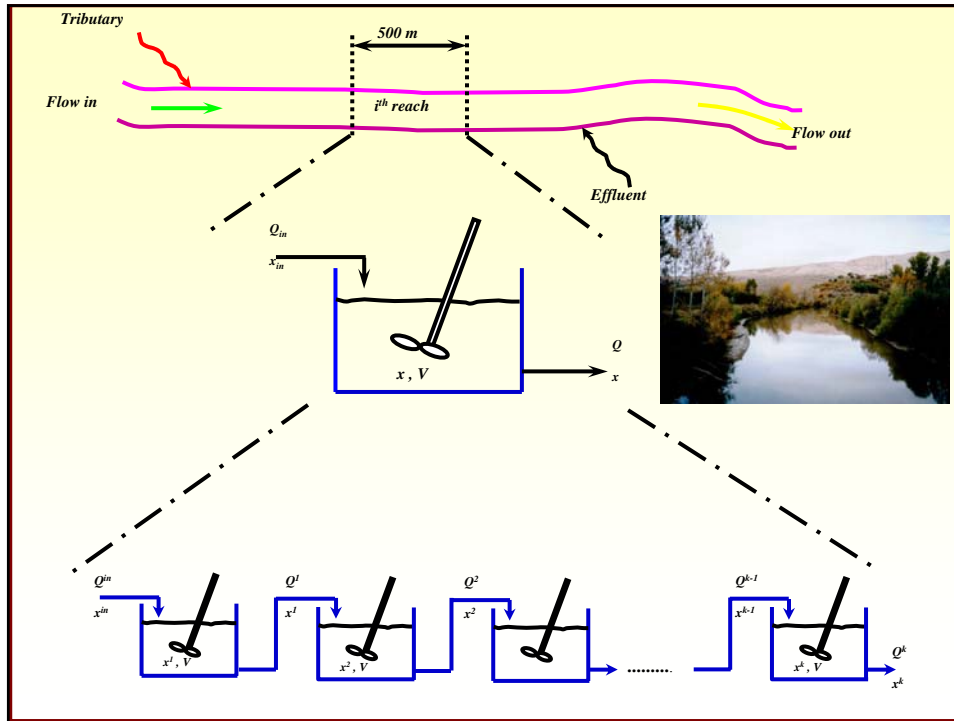
Modeling : segment of river between sampling
stations was assumed as 'a CSTR'

Later extended to 'series of CSTRs' approach
& a MATLAB-based user-interactive software
was developed for easy implementation

(Berber *et al.* 2004 b,c).

→ RSDS (*River Stream Dynamics and Simulation*)

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Dynamic Model

Serially connected CSTRs are assumed to represent the behavior of river stream.

Each reactor forms a computational element and is connected sequentially to the similar elements upstream and downstream such as shown in Figure 1.

Assumptions employed for model development:

- ◆ Well mixing in cross sections of the river
- ◆ Constant stream flow & channel cross section
- ◆ Constant chemical and biological reaction rates within the computational element.

[Similar to QUAL2E (Brown & Barnwell 1987)]

The model was constituted from dynamic mass balances for

- ◆ different forms of nitrogen (organic, ammonia, nitrite, nitrate)
- ◆ phosphorus (organic and dissolved)
- ◆ biological oxygen demand
- ◆ dissolved oxygen
- ◆ coliforms
- ◆ chloride
- ◆ algae

for each computational element

► 11 state variables

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Just as an example;

Ammonia nitrogen:

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = \beta_3 \cdot N_4 - \beta_1 \cdot N_1 + \frac{\sigma_3}{d} - F_1 \cdot \alpha_1 \cdot \mu \cdot A + (N_1^0 - N_1) \cdot \frac{Q}{V}$$

where F_1 is given by *Brown & Barnwell (1987)*

$$F_1 = \frac{P_N \cdot N_1}{P_N \cdot N_1 + (1 - P_N) \cdot N_3}$$

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Organic phosphorus;

$$\frac{dP_1}{dt} = \alpha_2 \cdot \rho \cdot A - \beta_4 \cdot P_1 - \sigma_5 \cdot P_1 + (P_1^0 - P_1) \cdot \frac{Q}{V}$$

Carbonaceous BOD;

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = -K_1 \cdot L - K_3 \cdot L + (L^0 - L) \cdot \frac{Q}{V}$$

Physical, chemical and biological reactions and interactions that might occur in the stream have all been considered.

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Parameter estimation

Model parameters, conforming to those in QUAL2E water quality model, were estimated by

- ◆ Control vector parameterization combined with Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) algorithms

by minimizing the objective function &

utilizing dynamic field data for state variables collected from two sampling stations

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the sum of squares of errors between the predicted and measured values for all of the state variables for a dynamic run

Obj. function

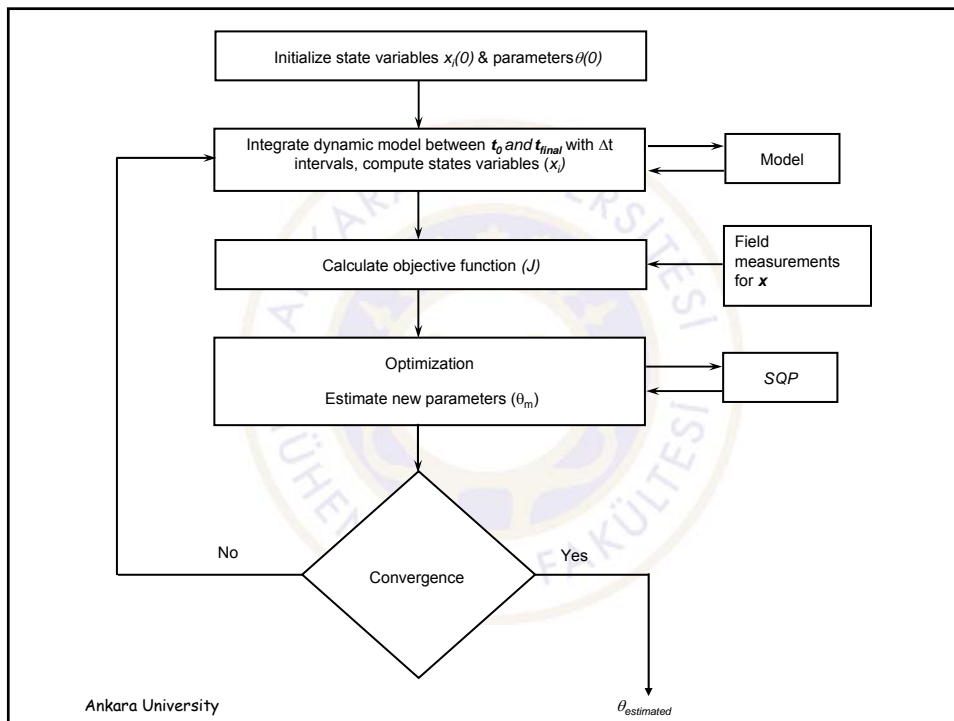
$$J = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (x_{ij} - x_{d,ij})^2$$

where

- x : computed value
- x_d : observed value
- n : total number of state variables
- m : total number of observation points

Computation was done in MATLAB 6.5 environment.

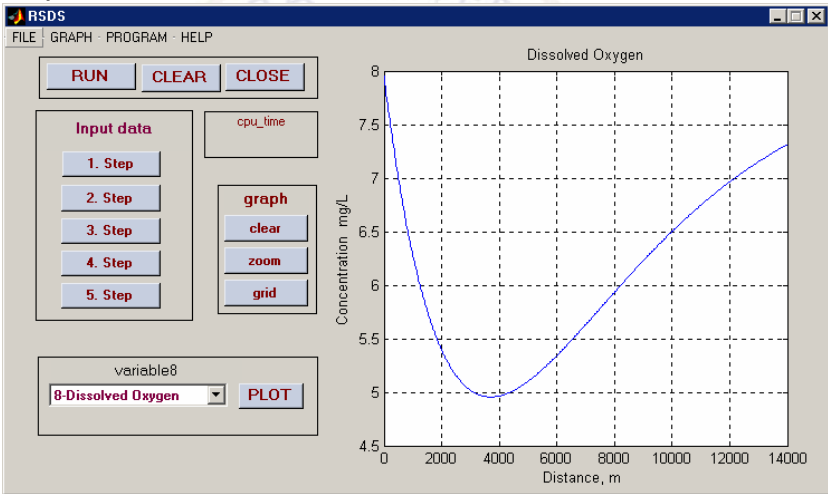
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$\theta_{estimated}$

A software **RSDS** (River Stream Dynamics and Simulation), coded in MATLAB™ 6.5 has been developed to implement the suggested dynamic simulation and parameter estimation technique.



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Another view from the GUI

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Initial values of the state variables'. It contains a list of state variables with their initial values entered in text boxes:

Ammonia concentration mg/L	1.7
Nitrite concentration mg/L	0.18
Nitrate concentration mg/L	3.2
Organic-N concentration mg/L	0.089
Organic-P concentration mg/L	0.085
Dissolved-P concentration mg/L	2.05
BOD5 mg/L	15.6
Dissolved Oxygen concentration mg/L	7.95
Coliform concentration mg/L	4000
Chloride concentration mg/L	0.07
Algae concentration mg/L	0.05

At the bottom right of the dialog box are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

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Dynamic Sampling and Analysis

Study area: Yesilirmak river around the city of Amasya in Turkey



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Field data was collected for two cases:

- 1 Dynamic data collection for an element of 500 m
⇒ MODEL CALIBRATION
dynamic simulation & parameter estimation



Concentrations of 10 water-quality constituents, corresponding to the state variables of the model
(indicative of the level of pollution in the river)

were determined in 30 minutes intervals either

- ◆ on-site by portable analysis systems, or
- ◆ in laboratory after careful conservation of the samples

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- 2 Observation and data collection for a 36 kms section of the river

⇒ MODEL VERIFICATION & COMPARISON TO QUAL2E

Starting from the 2nd sampling station described above, water quality constituents were determined at various locations along a 36.5 km long section of the river.

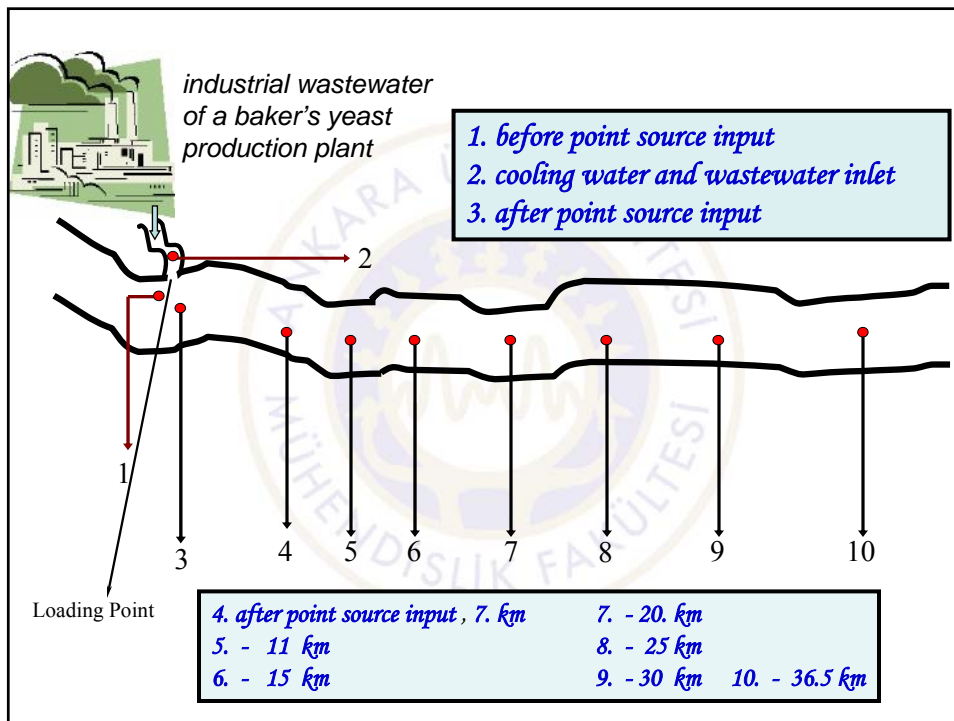
Just like dynamically keeping track of an element flowing at the same velocity as the main stream

- i Waste water of a baker's yeast production plant nearby was being discharged as a continuous disturbance...

Its effect on the water quality downstream



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Results

Predictions from the RSDS are compared to field data for 36.5 kms section of the river after point source

Profiles of the pollution variables (BOD, DO, i.e.)



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Field Observation /Model Consistency

Absolute Average Deviation (AAD)

$$\%AAD = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{|y_{\text{exp}} - y_{\text{cal}}|}{y_{\text{exp}}} * 100$$

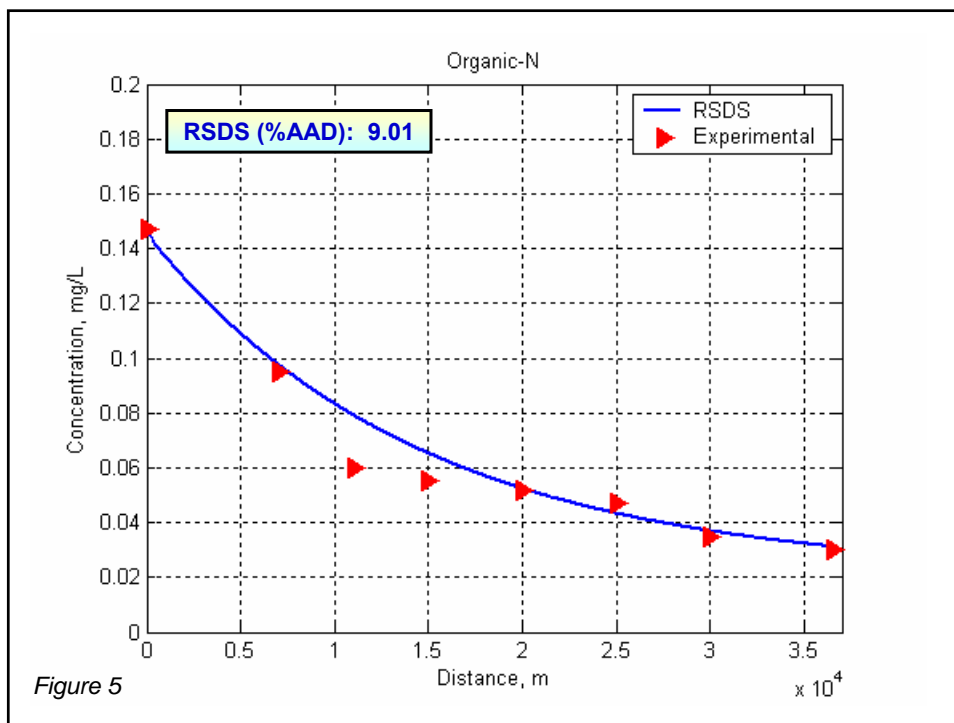
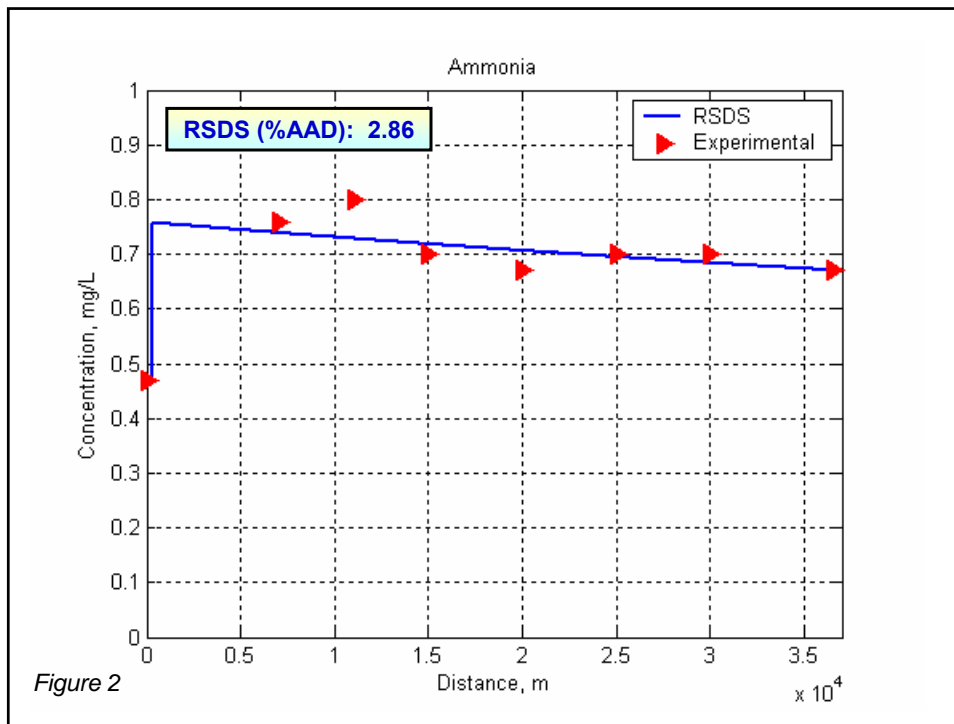
N: Number of measurements, y_{exp} : experimental value, y_{cal} : calculated value

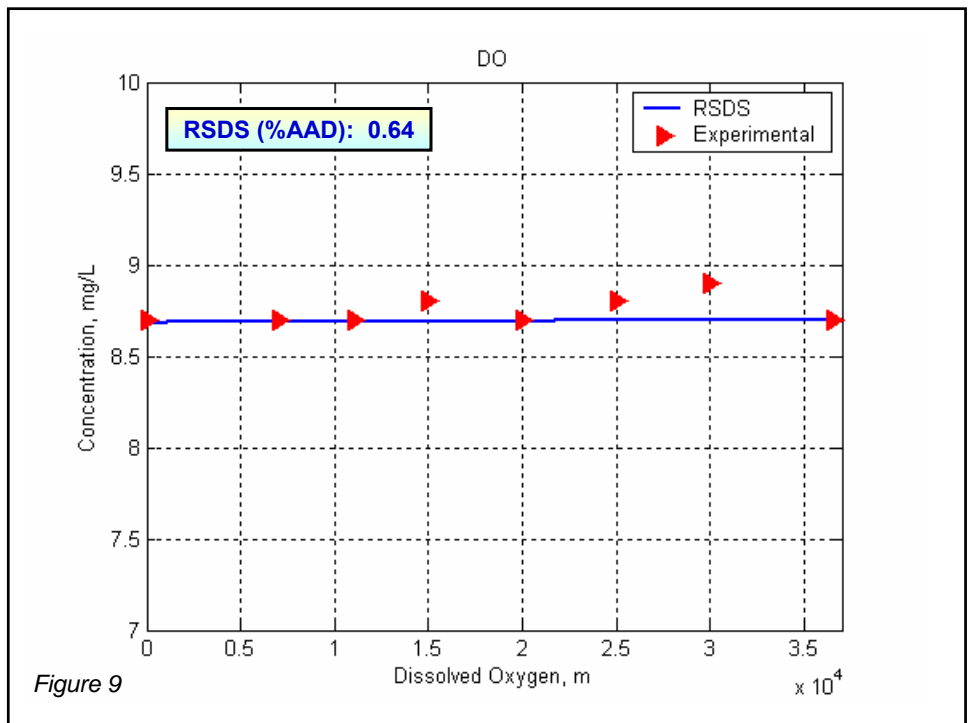
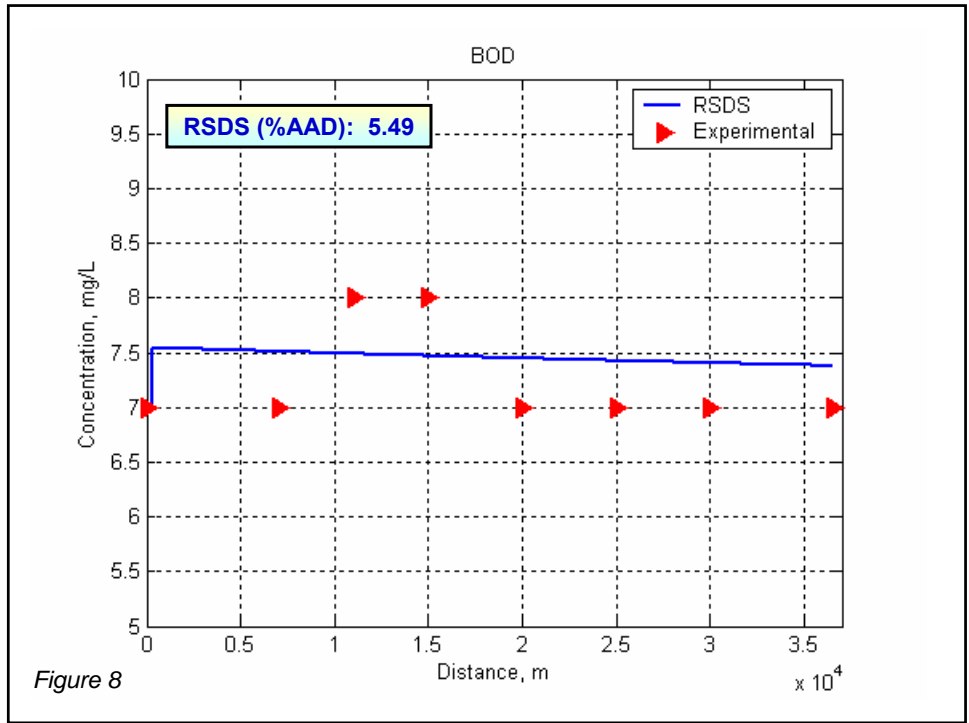
$$\%AAD = \frac{\sum(|\text{experimental value} - \text{calculated value}|)}{\sum(\text{experimental value})} \times 100$$

(Thorlaksen *et al.* 2003)

Criterion for quantitative evaluation

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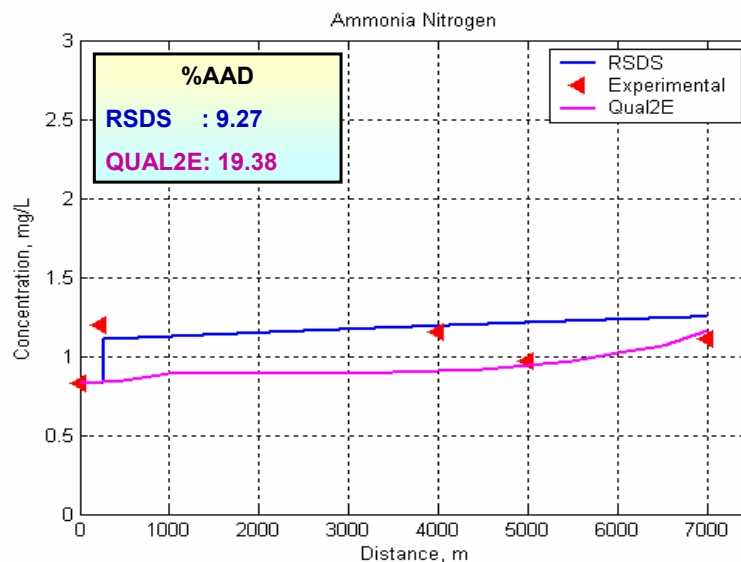


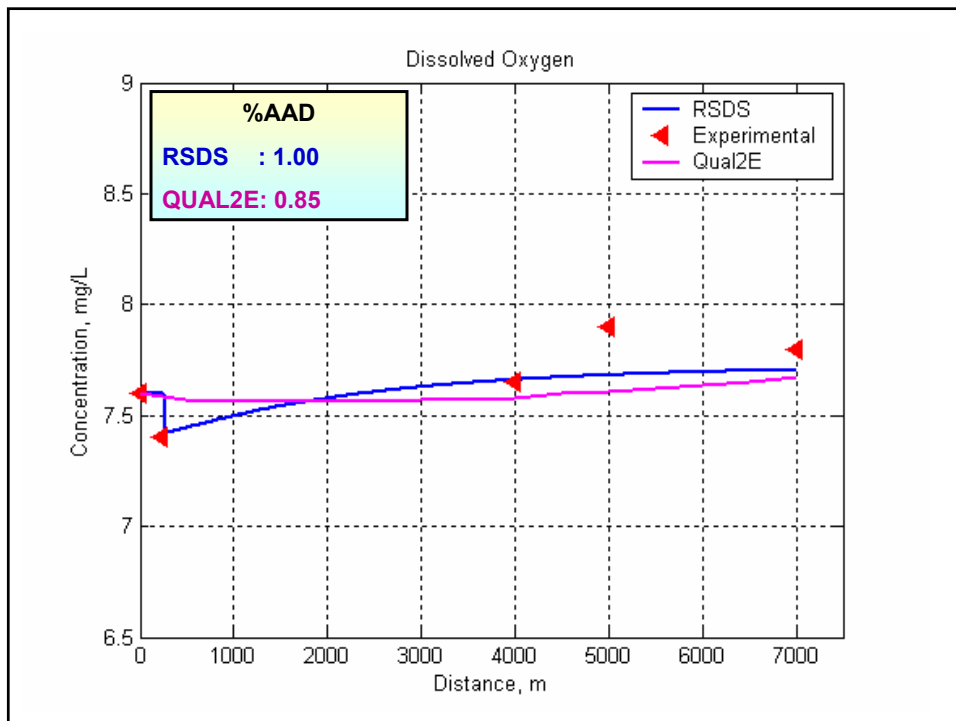
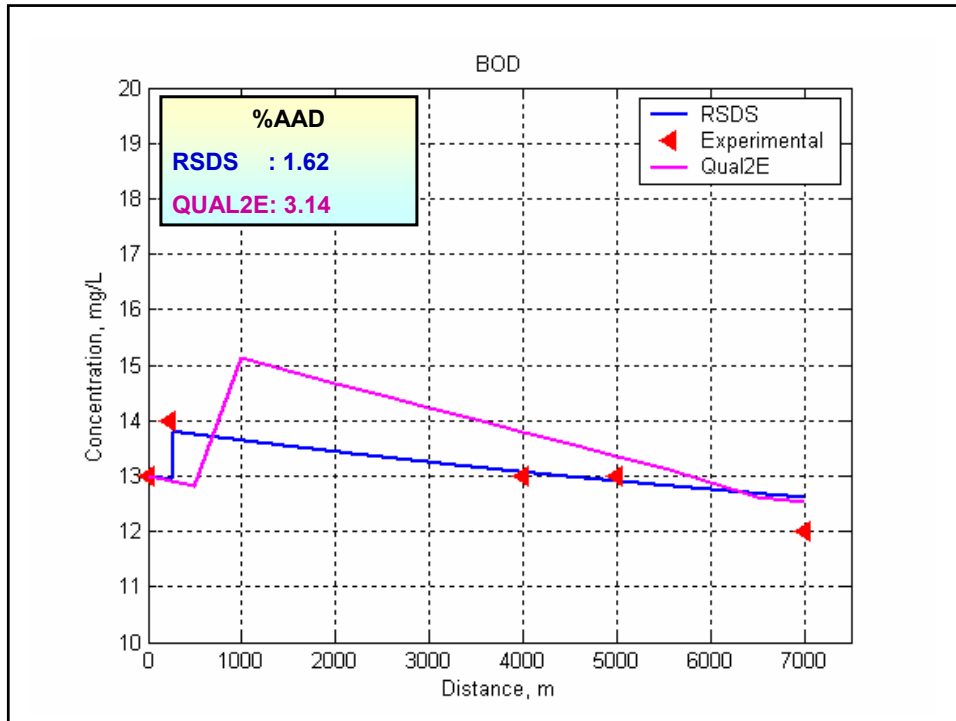


State Variables	RSDS (% AAD)
Ammonia Nitrogen	2.86
Nitrite Nitrogen	29.59
Nitrate Nitrogen	2.71
Organic Nitrogen	9.01
Organic Phosphorus	2.09
Dissolved Phosphorus	1.89
BOD	5.49
Dissolved Oxygen	0.64
Coliform	6.87
Chlorine	20.19
Algae	4.97

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Results from COMPARISON to QUAL2E
for a 7 kms section of the river (Berber et al 2004c)





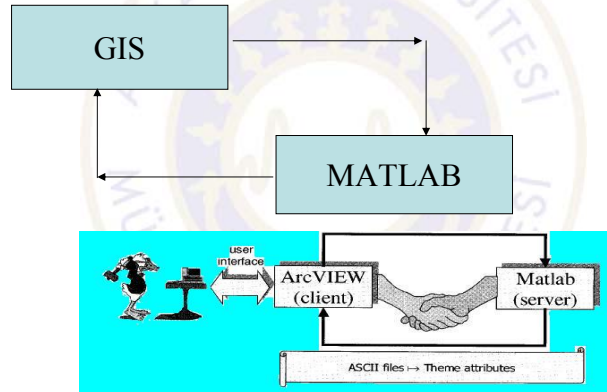
State Variables	%AAD	
	RSDS	QUAL2E
Ammonia Nitrogen	9.2728	19.38
Nitrite Nitrogen	28.9094	76.40
Nitrate Nitrogen	3.6912	24.32
Organic Nitrogen	42.4853	11.80
Organic Phosphorus	9.4859	3.46
Dissolved Phosphorus	5.2614	6.92
BOD	1.6156	3.14
Dissolved Oxygen	1.0057	0.85
Coliform	7.2321	4.73
Chlorine	29.0589	23.19
Algae	0.4828	9.78

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Conclusions

- Predictions from RSDS indicate good agreement with experimental data
 - systematic procedure suggested here provides an effective means for reliable estimation of model parameters & dynamic simulation for river basins
 - contributes to the efforts for predicting the extent of the effect of possible pollutant discharges in river basins
 - helps make '*environmental impact assesment*' easier

RSDS has been accommodated within a Geographical Information System (ArcMap)



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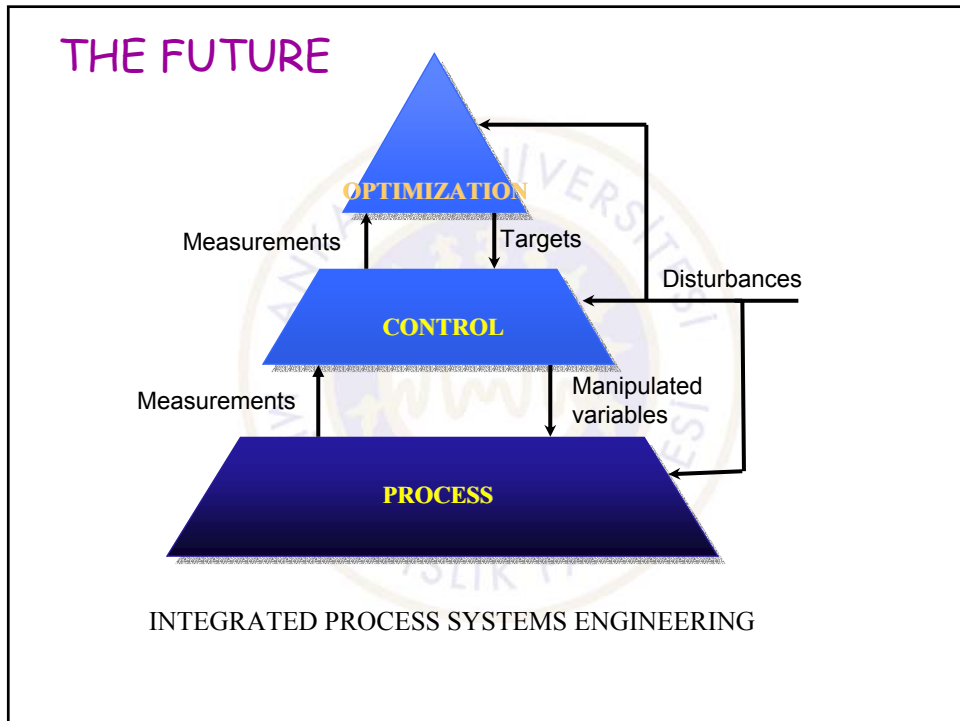
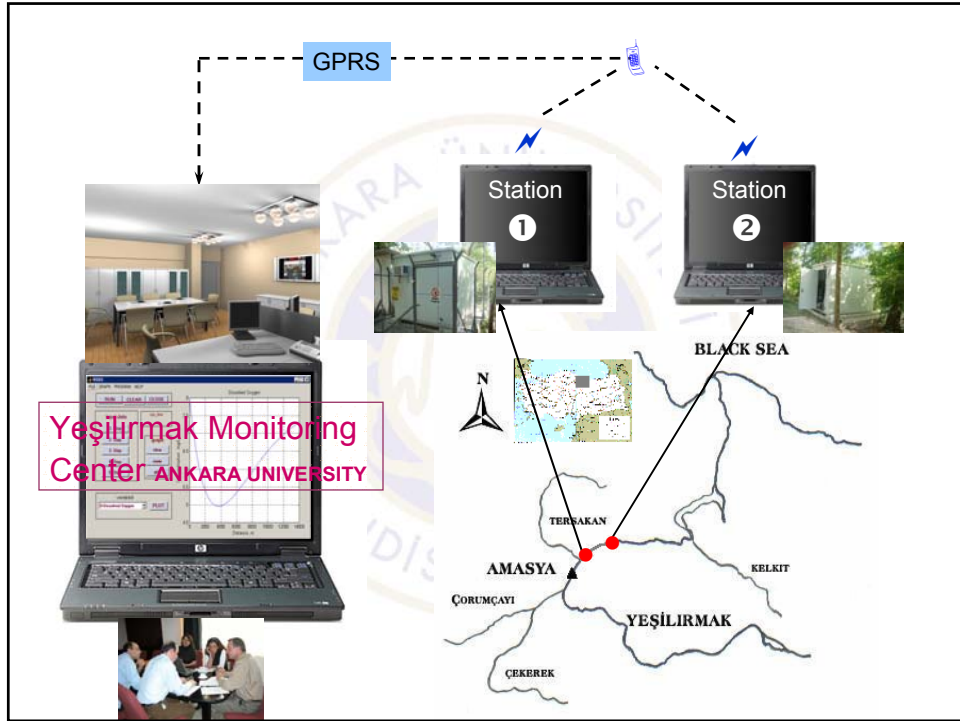
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