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# Design & Implementation of Integrated Electrochemical Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Systems for Onsite Sanitation

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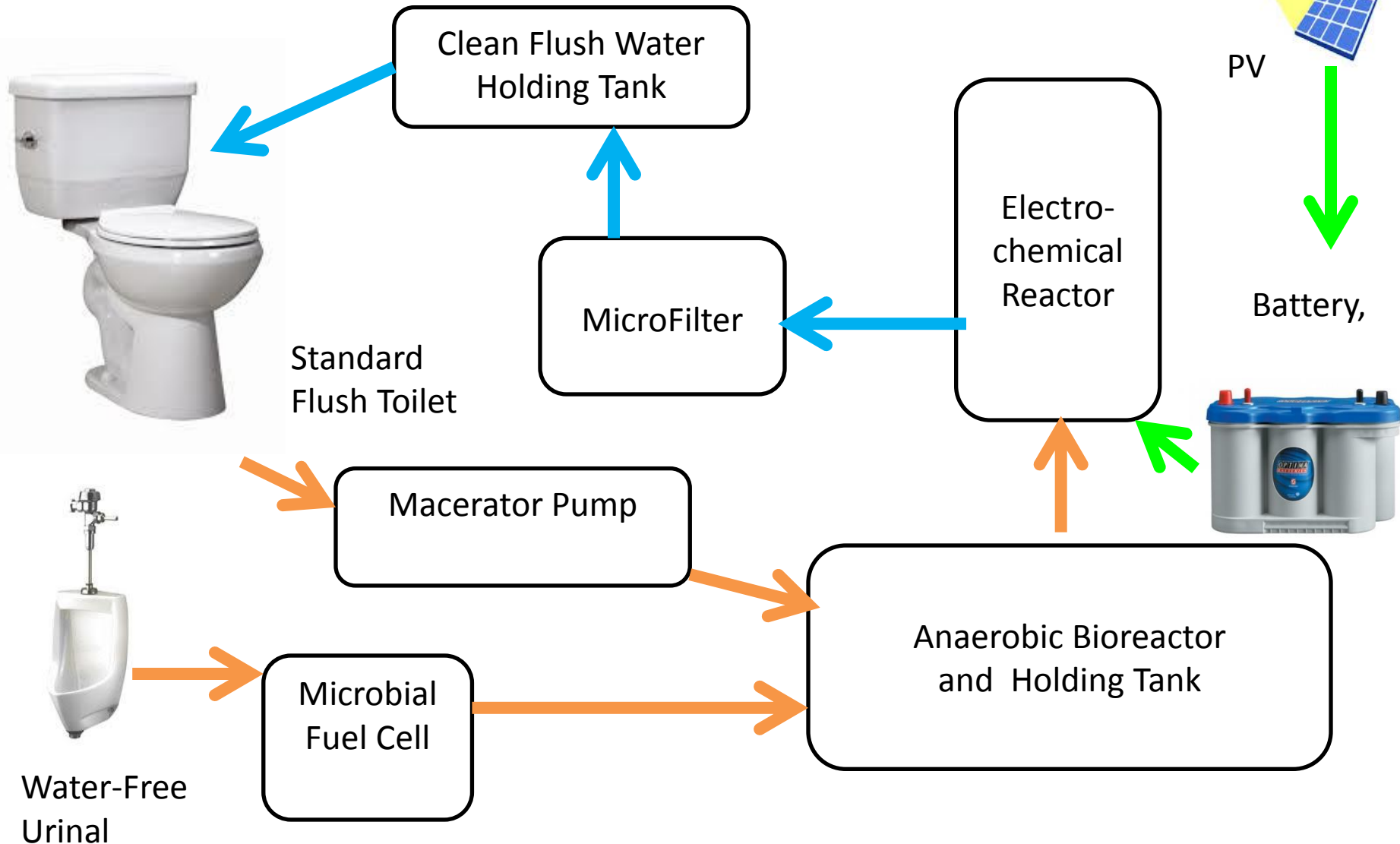
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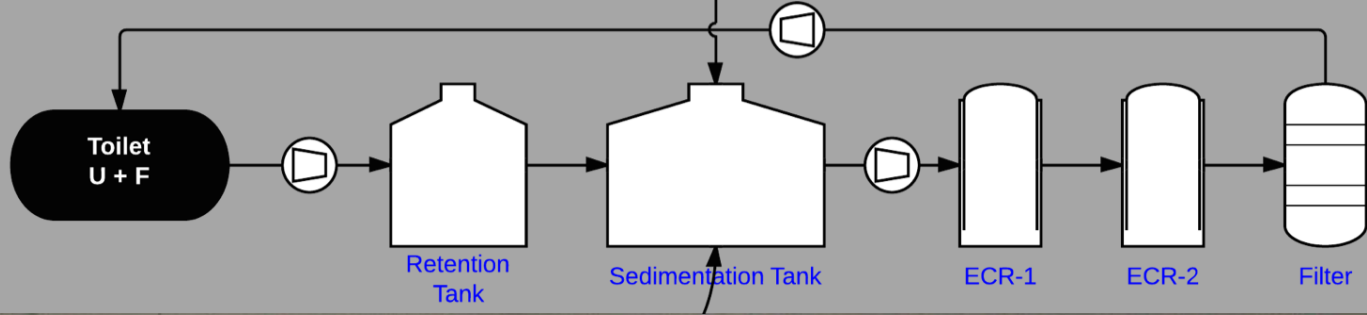
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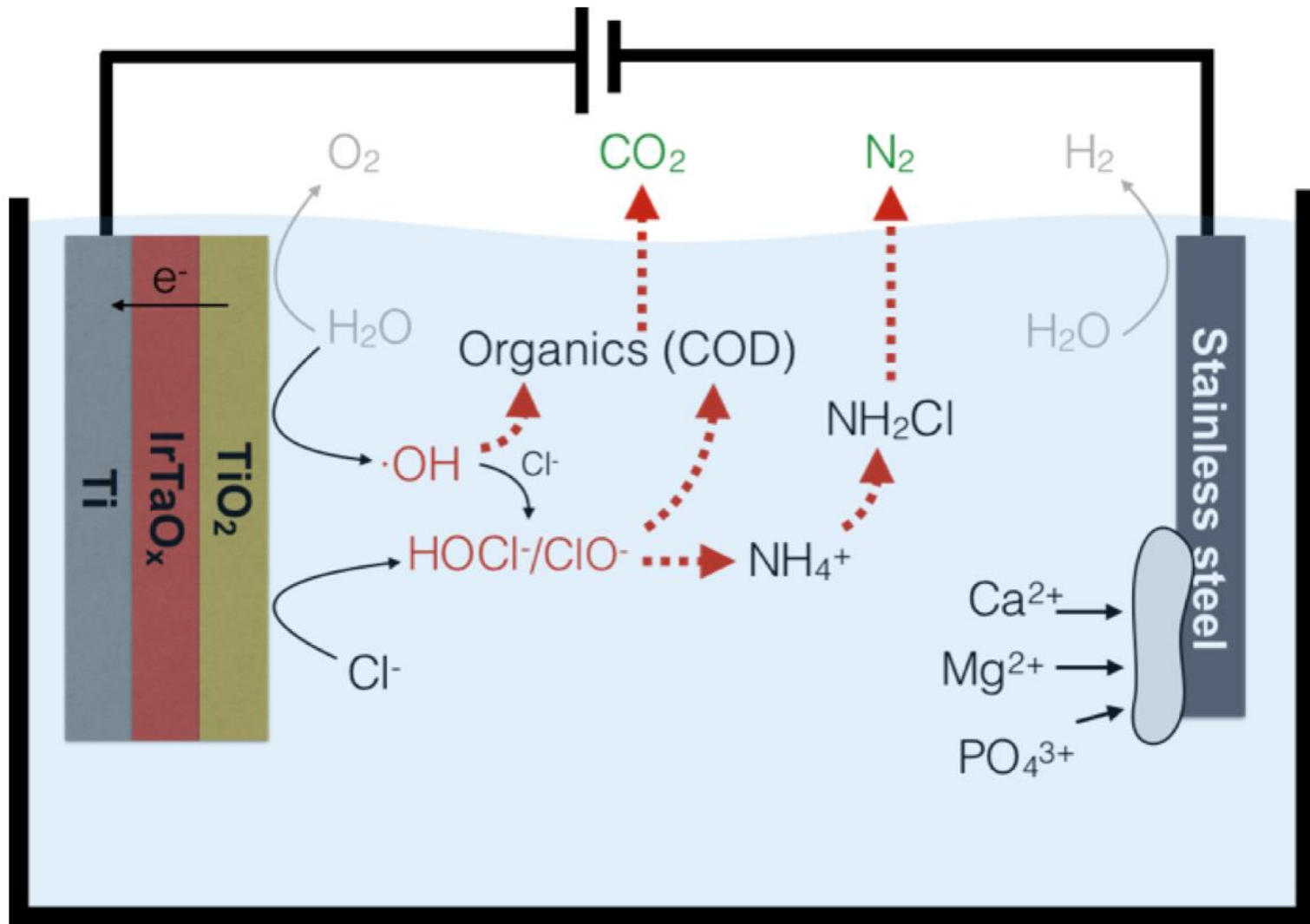


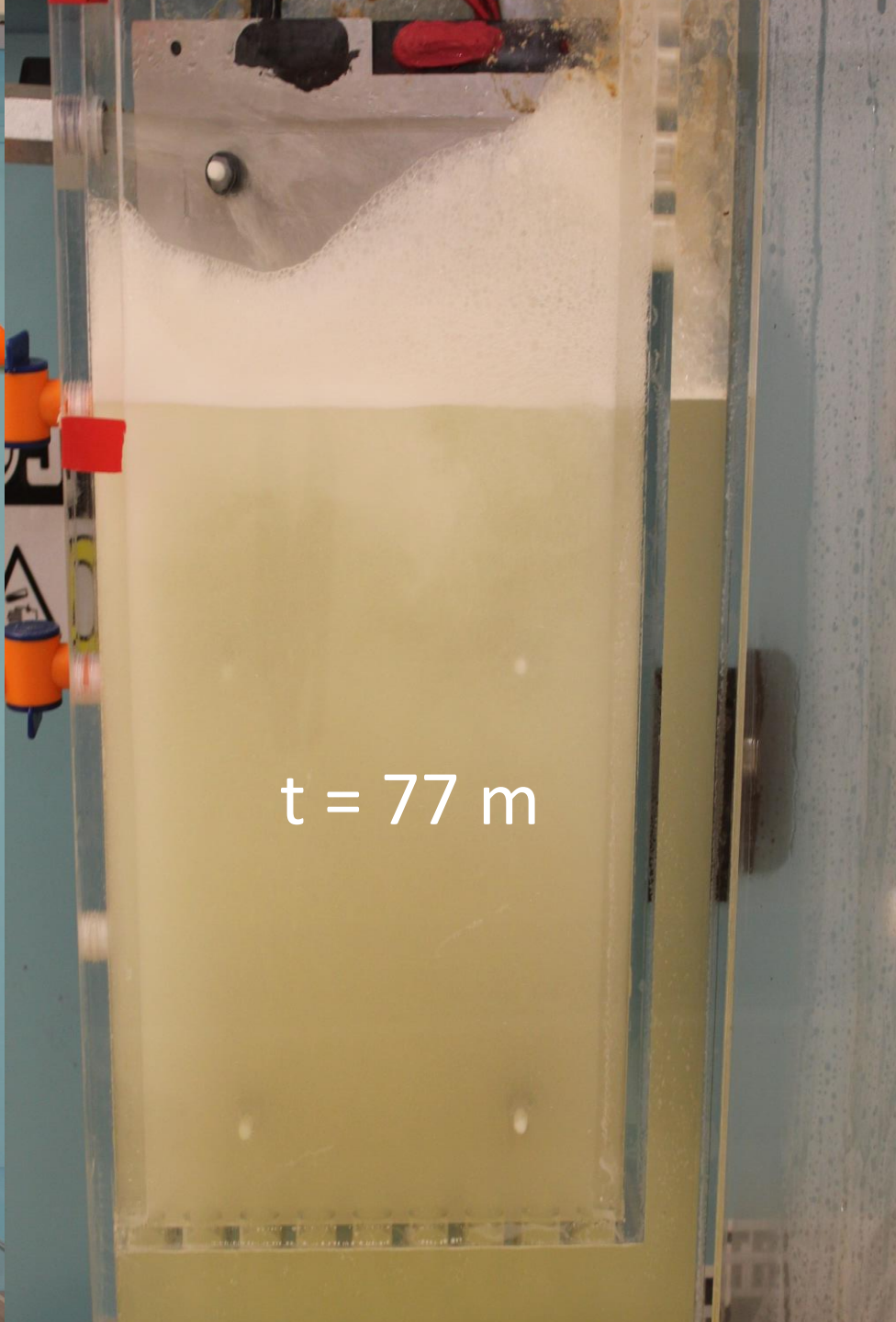
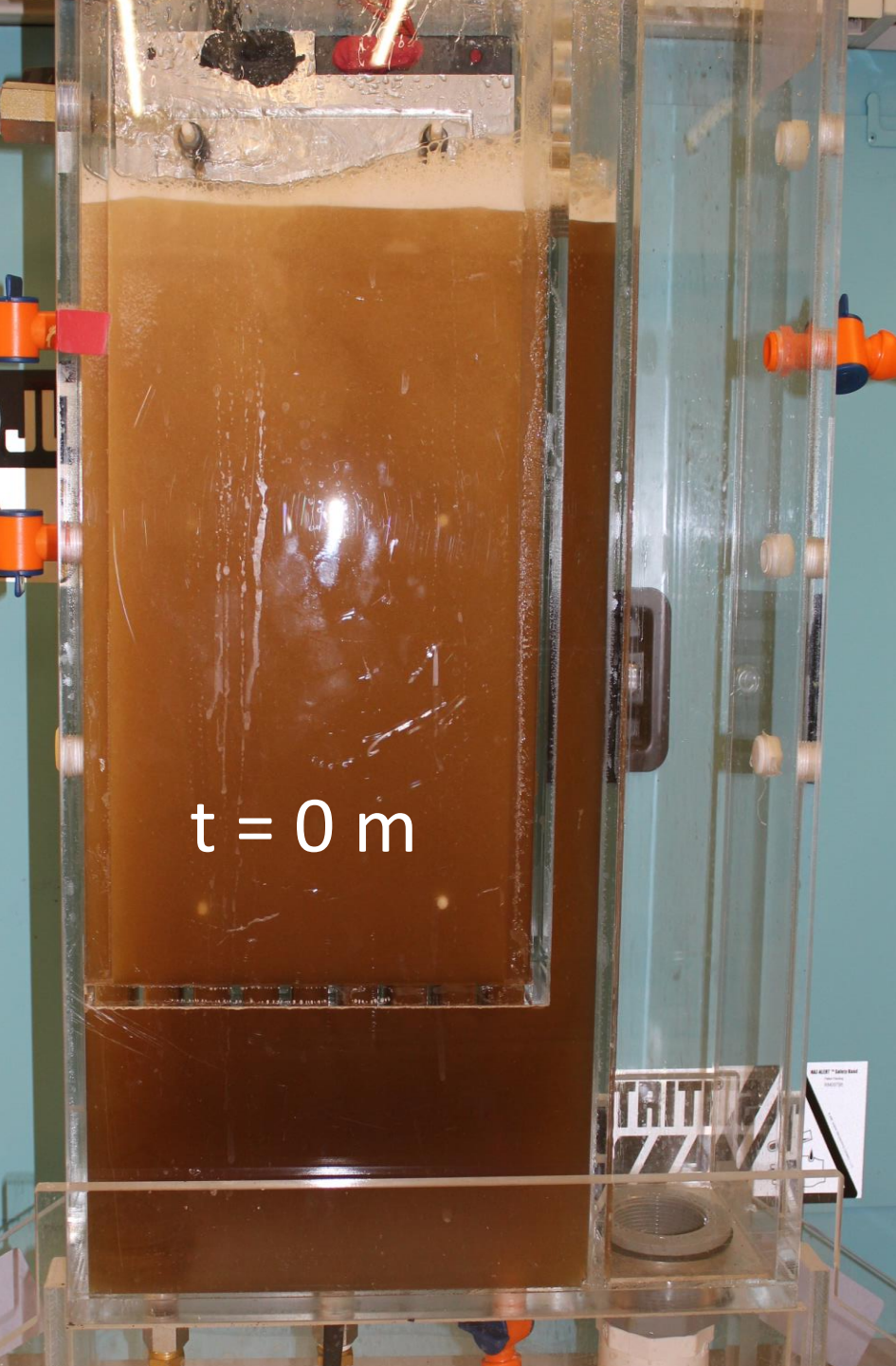
# Prototype Toilet Room

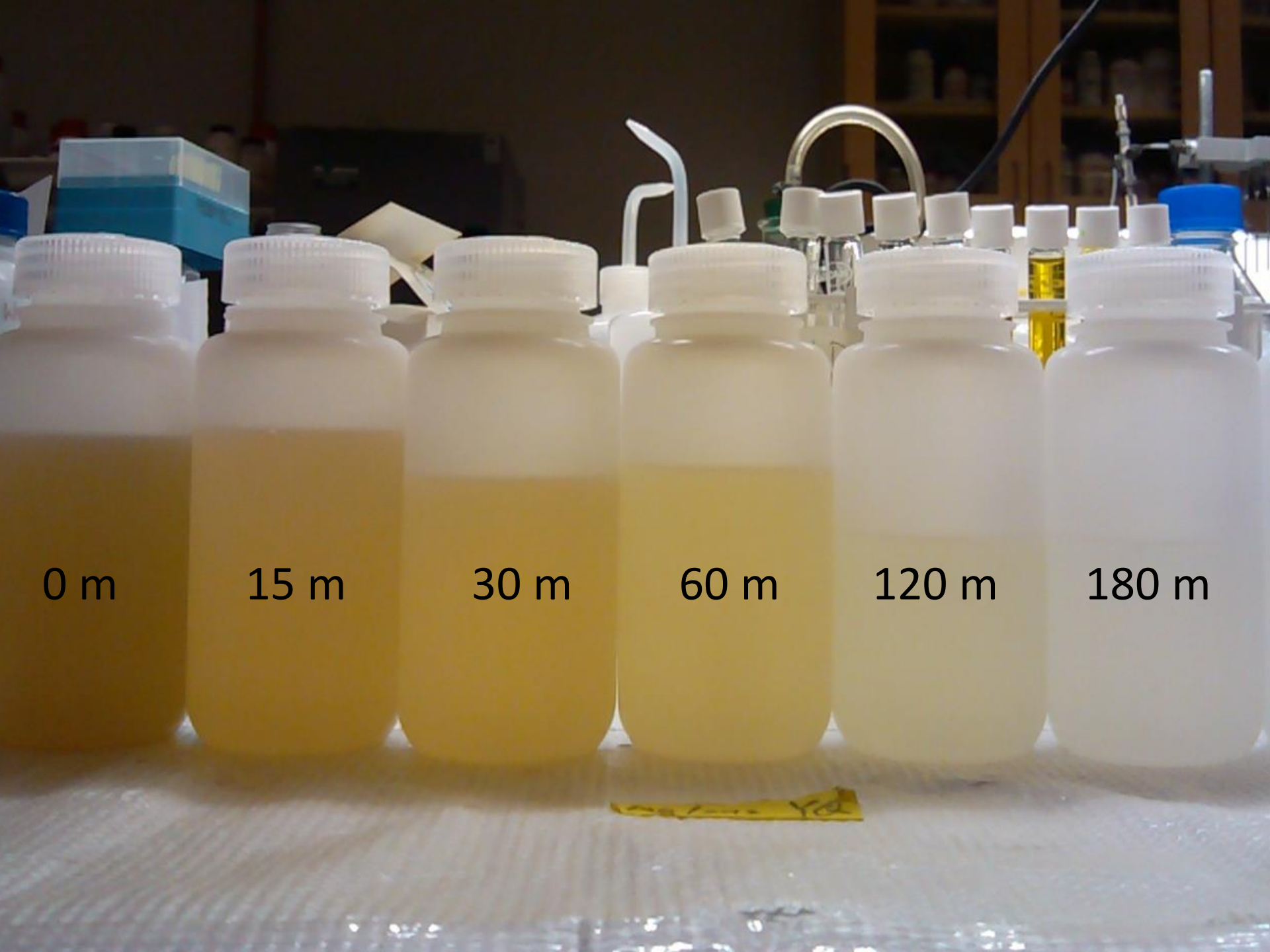




# Electrochemical Water Treatment







0 m

15 m

30 m

60 m

120 m

180 m



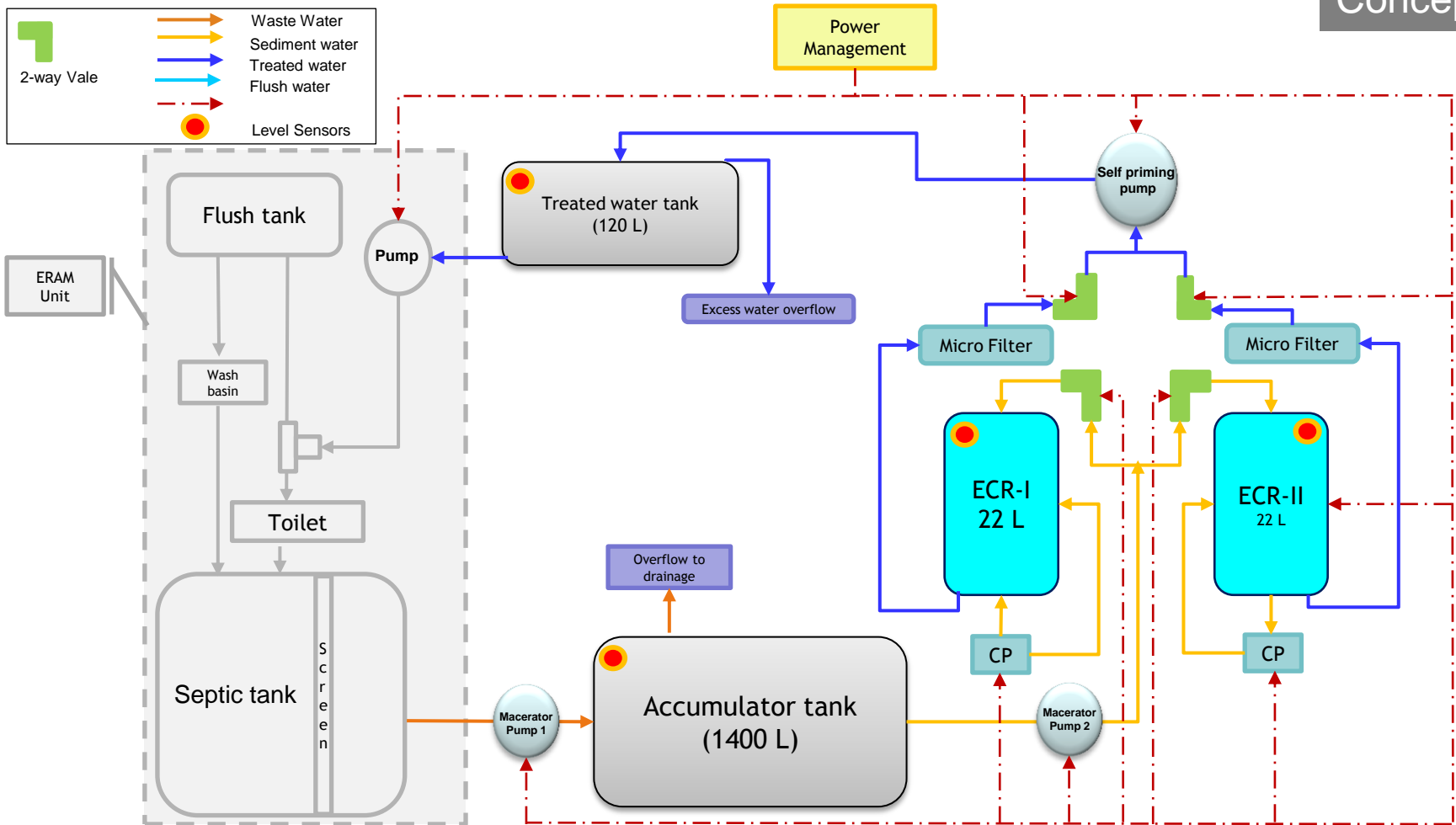


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Prototypes









SR no.	Advantage	Disadvantage
1	Accumulator tank to hold excess of effluent	High volume of accumulator tank, need more space to accommodate
2	Use of separate 2 way valves will act as backup for each other incase of failure of one valve	Number of components will increases.

# 2014 Elementary School Test Site, Yixing (Wuxi), China



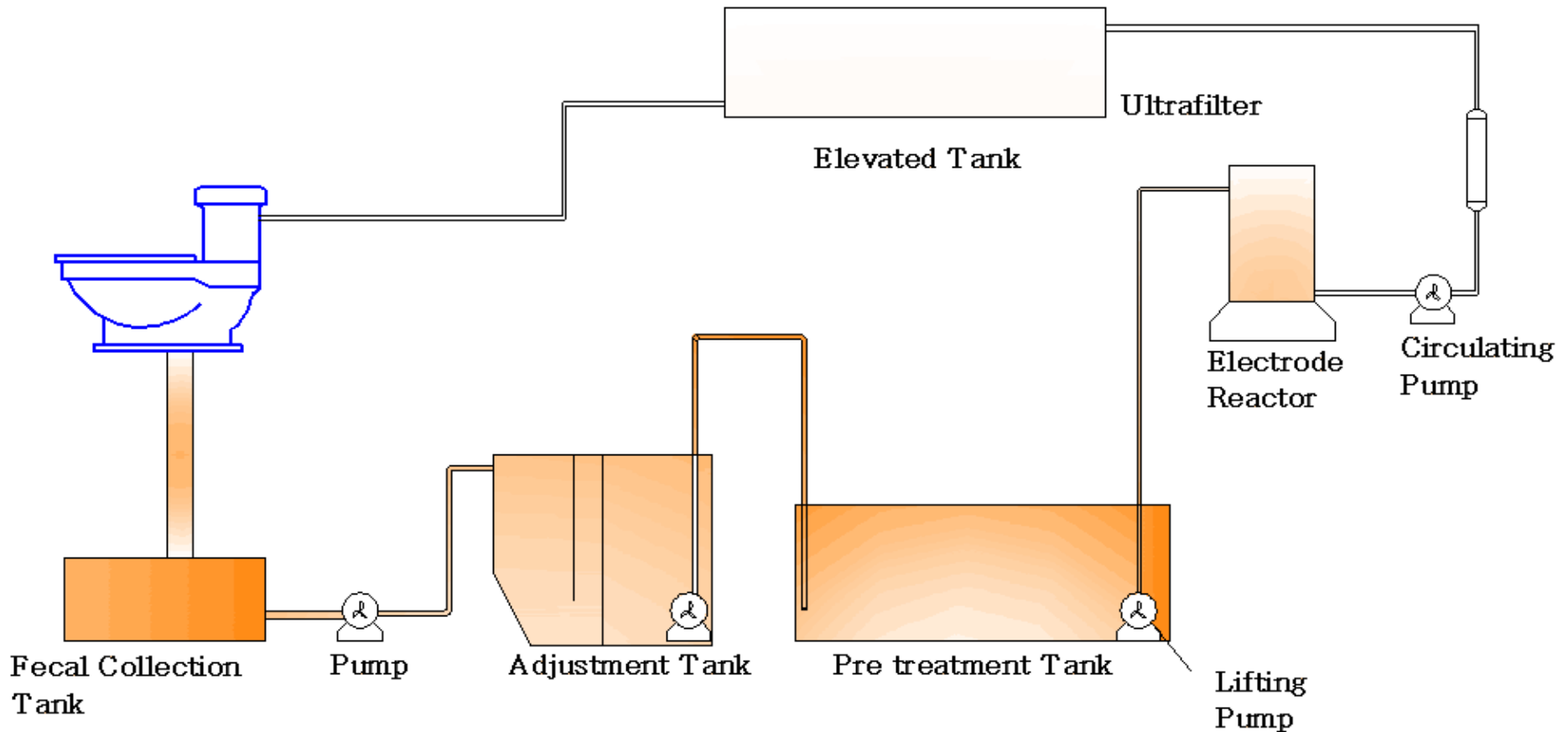
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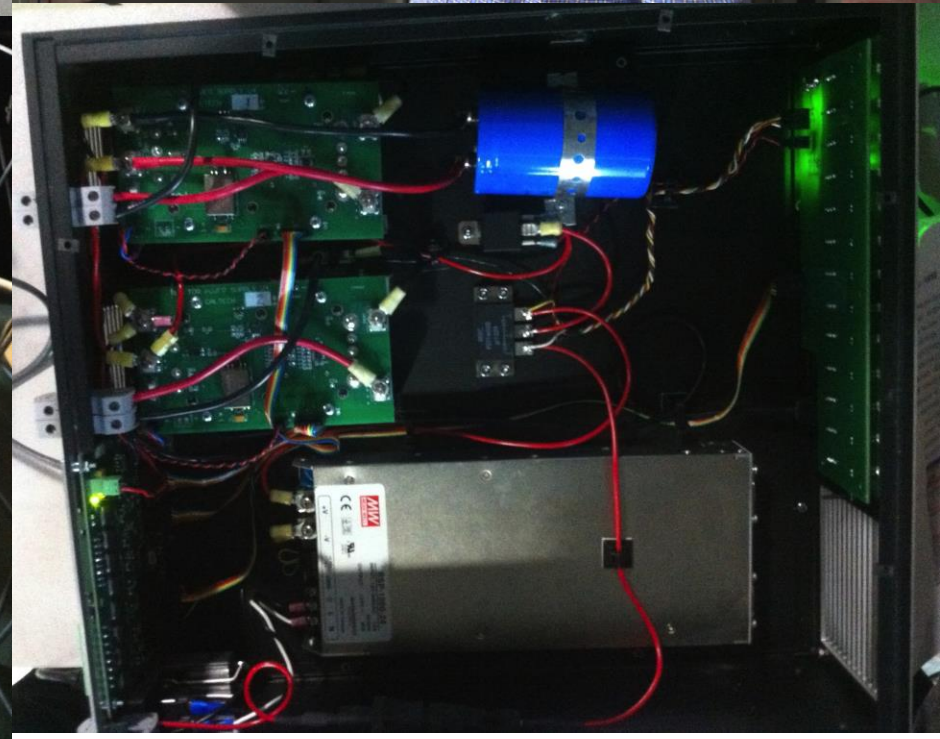
Effluent



# Process Flow Diagram

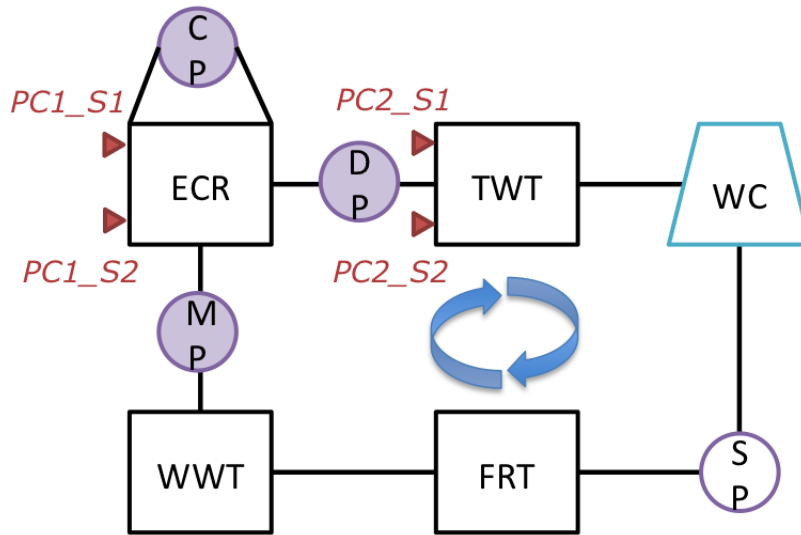


Bio-solids sludge discharged 1~2 times per year < 400 kg (99% water)





# Automatic Control Systems



CP = PC1\_P2 circulation pump  
 MP = PC1\_P1 macerator pump  
 DP = PC1\_P4 drain pump

SP = Saniflo macerator Pump  
 WWT = Wastewater Tank  
 ECR = Electrochemical Reactor  
 TWT = Treated Water Tank  
 FRT = Flow Regulation Tank

1. When the water level in the Treated Water Tank goes below PC2\_S2, start the cycle:  
 PC2\_S1 (on → off) & PC1\_S2 off → PC1\_P1 starts
2. When the reactor is drained, start a new batch:  
 PC1\_S2 (on → off) & PC2\_S1 off → PC1\_P1 starts
3. Same as 1. with PC2\_S1:  
 PC2\_S2 (on → off) & PC1\_S2 off → PC1\_P1 starts



## Triggers

## Cycling

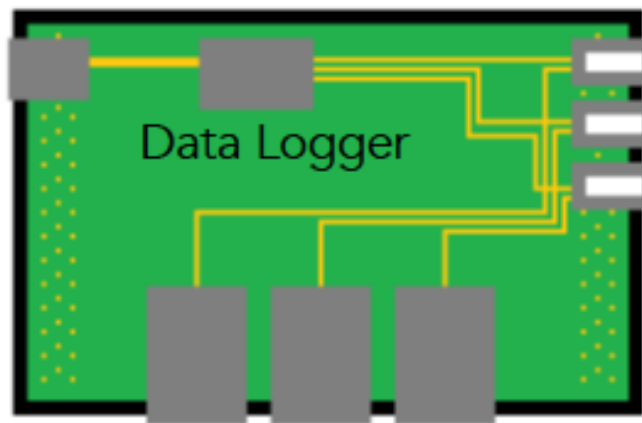
- PC2\_S2 (off → on) → RM1 starts *Electrolysis starts when filling the reactor*
- RM1 (off → on) → PC1\_P2 starts *When electrolysis starts, the circulation pump starts*
- RM1 (on → off) → PC1\_P2 stops *When electrolysis is over, the circulation pump stops*
- RM1 (on → off) → PC1\_P4 starts *When electrolysis is over, the reactor is drained*
- PC2\_S2 (on → off) → PC1\_P4 stops *At the end of the drainage, the drain pump stops*

# Engineered to Handle All Wastewater Treatment Data Classes

Inexpensive, low-power, open source "Raspberry Pi"

To smartphone for analysis

USB jacks



Data Logger

Power supplies

5V

12V

10-Way USB splitters

## Electrochemical Treatment System (Caltech)

- 8 water sensors
- 2 pressure sensors

- 2 Turbidity probes
- 1 Chlorine probe
- 1 Adsorption probe

- 1 Multimeter

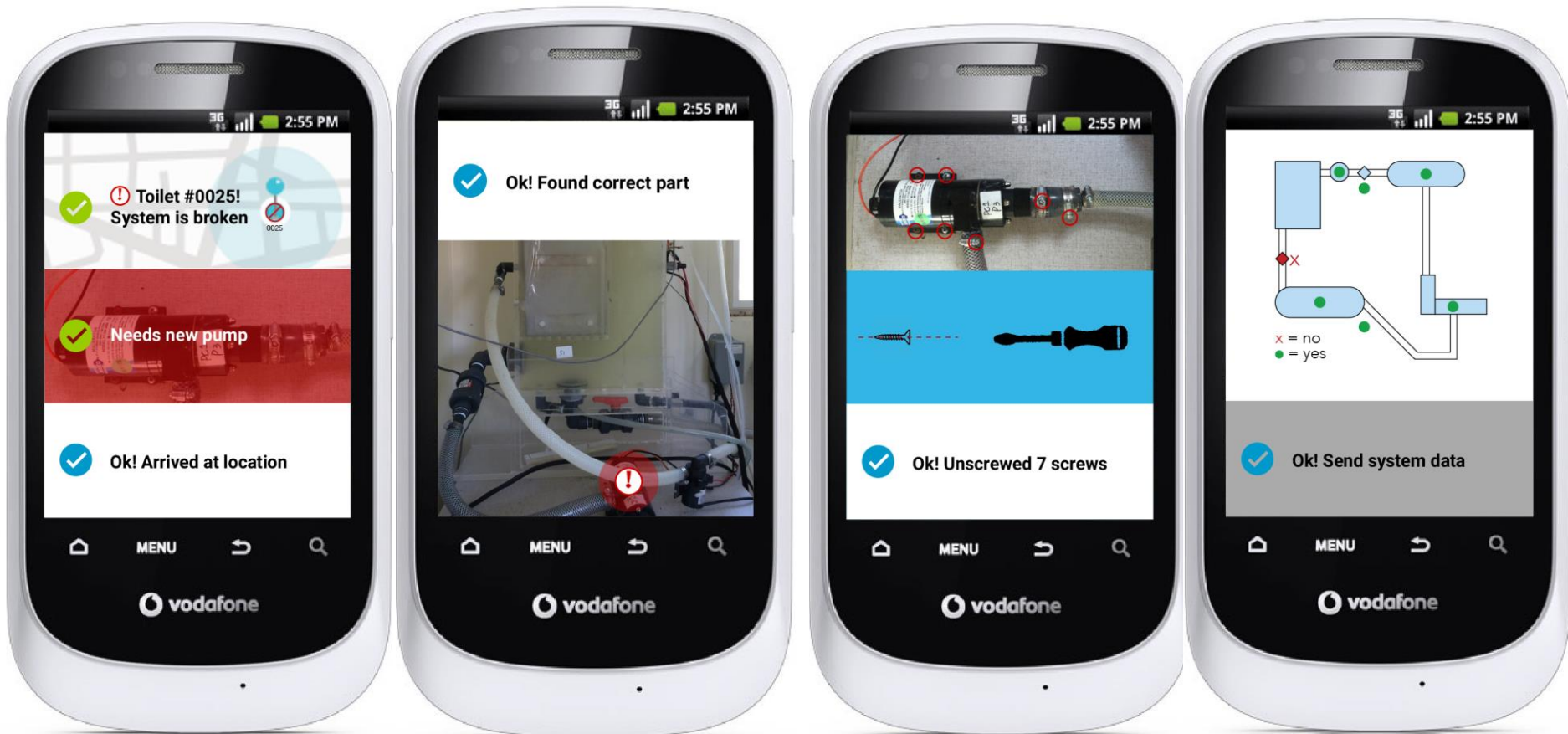
## Anaerobic Bioreactor (Duke)

- 2 O<sub>2</sub> probes
- 1 CH<sub>4</sub> probe
- 1 pressure sensor
- 1 pH probe

- 3 thermocouples

- 1 Multimeter

# Smartphone Screen Shots: Maintenance Protocols





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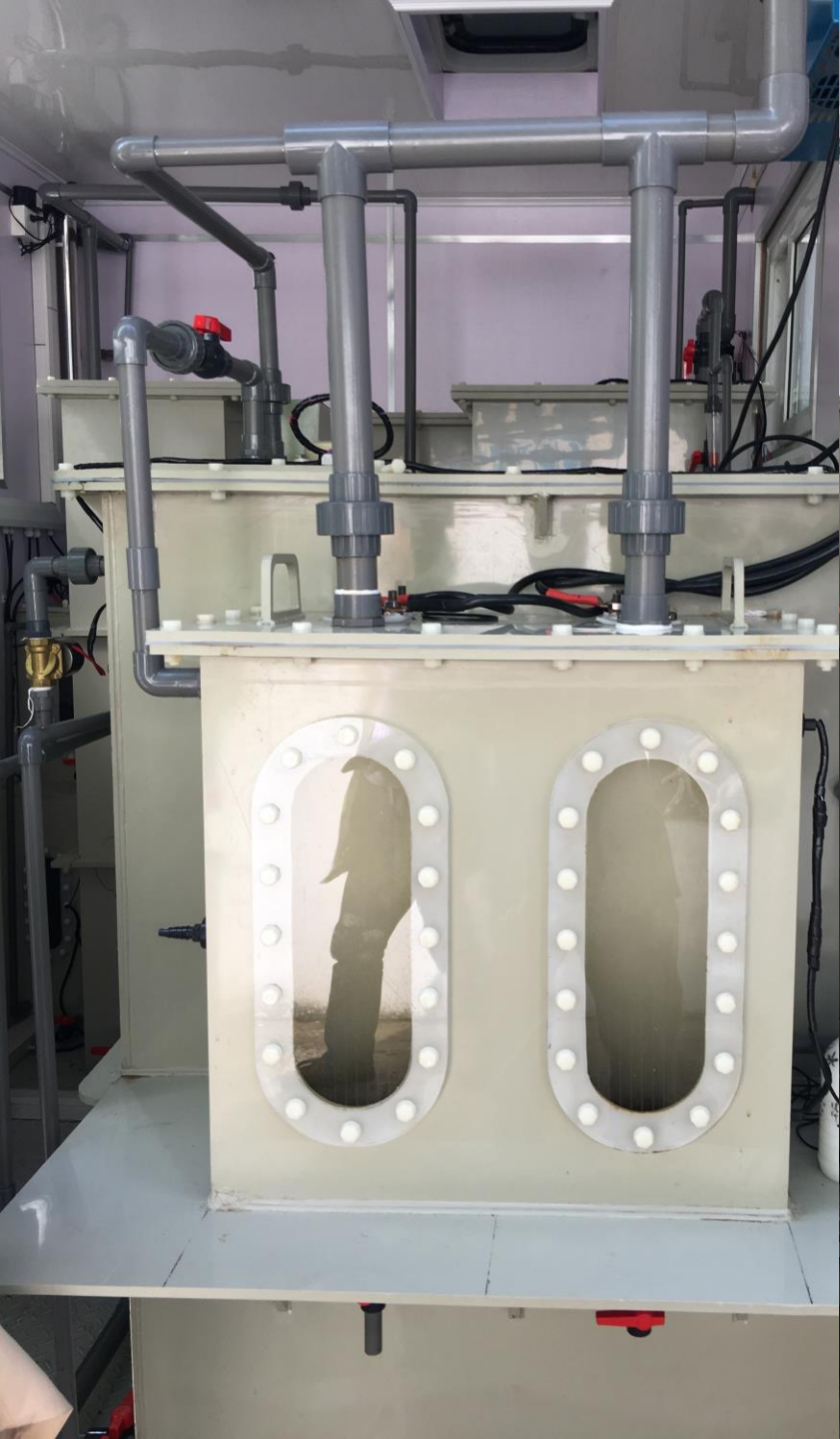
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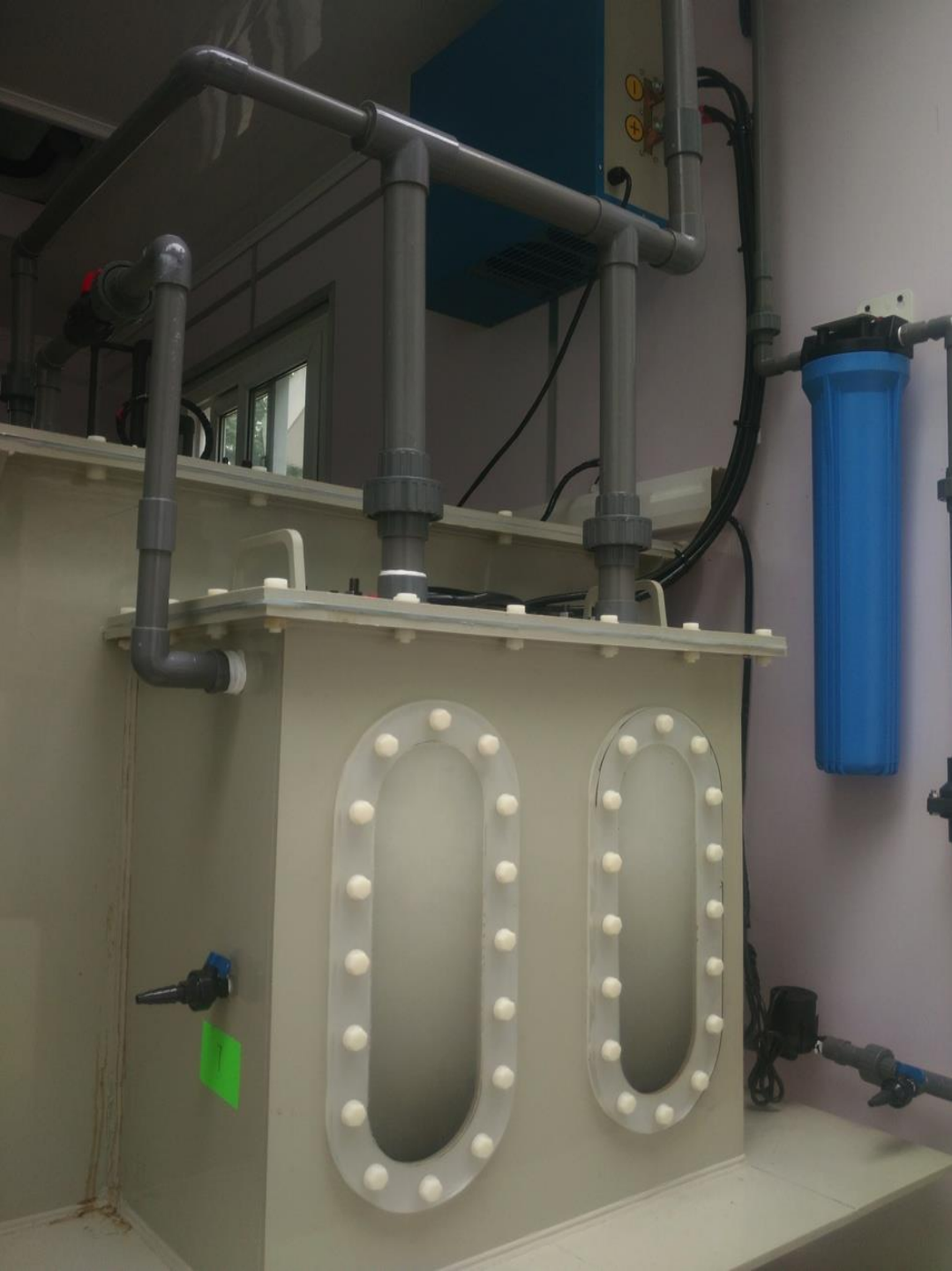
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Toilet

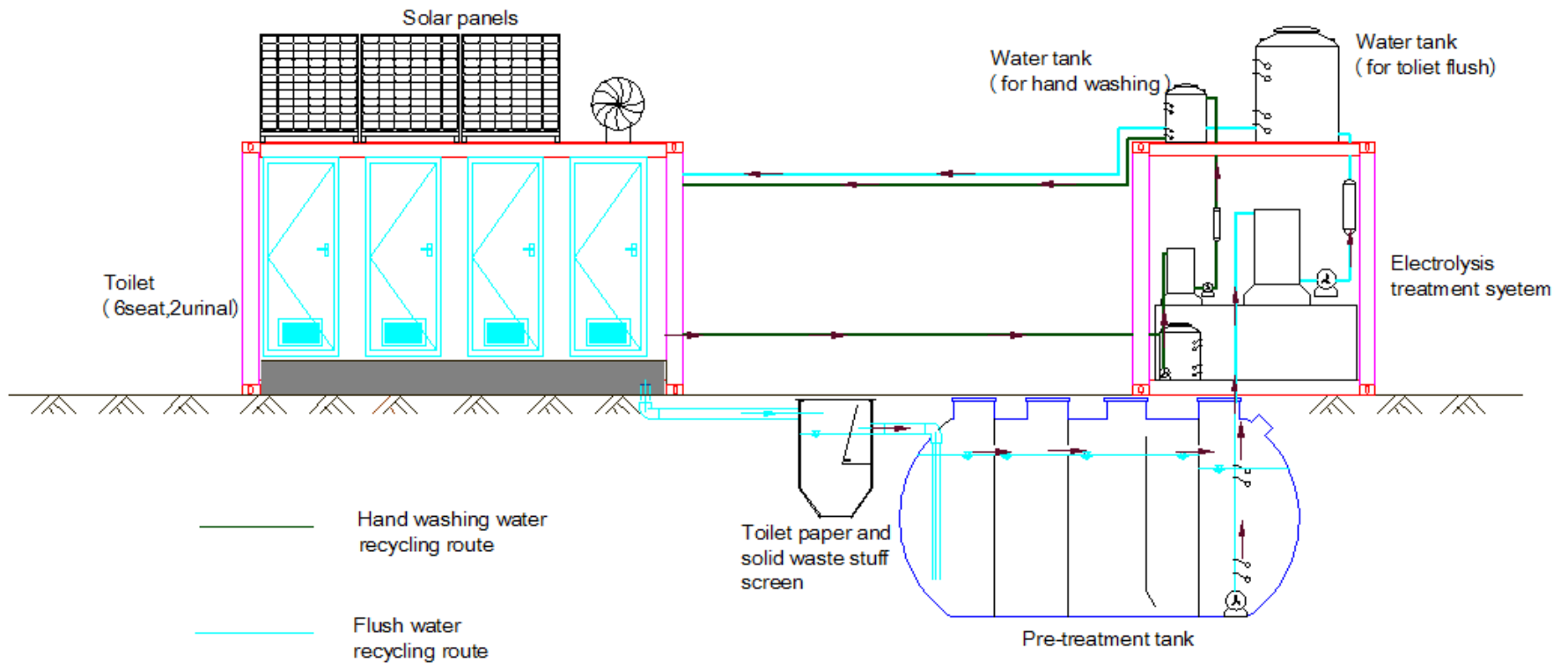
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# Third-Generation Prototype Flow Diagram



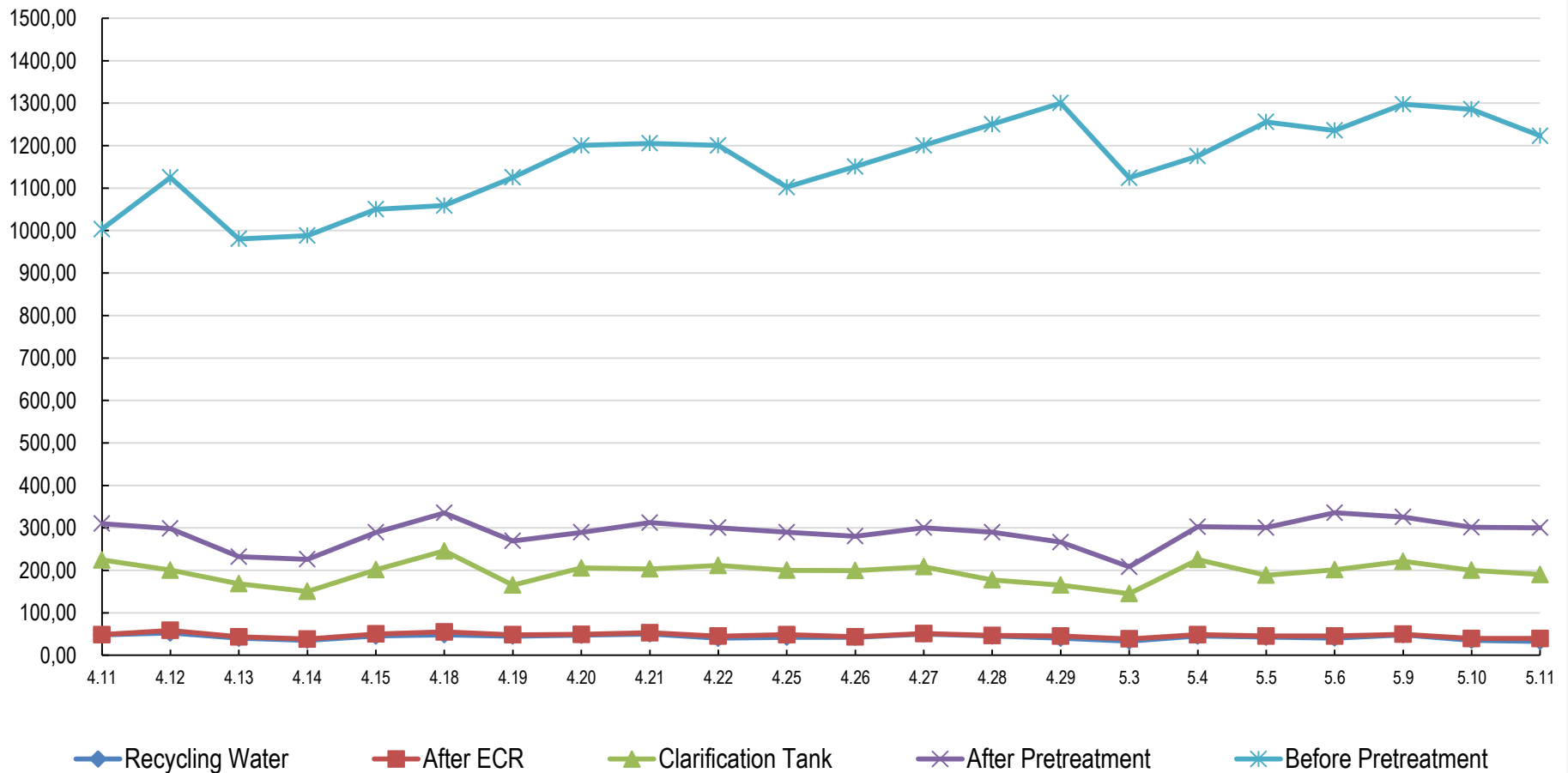


  
   
V/C  

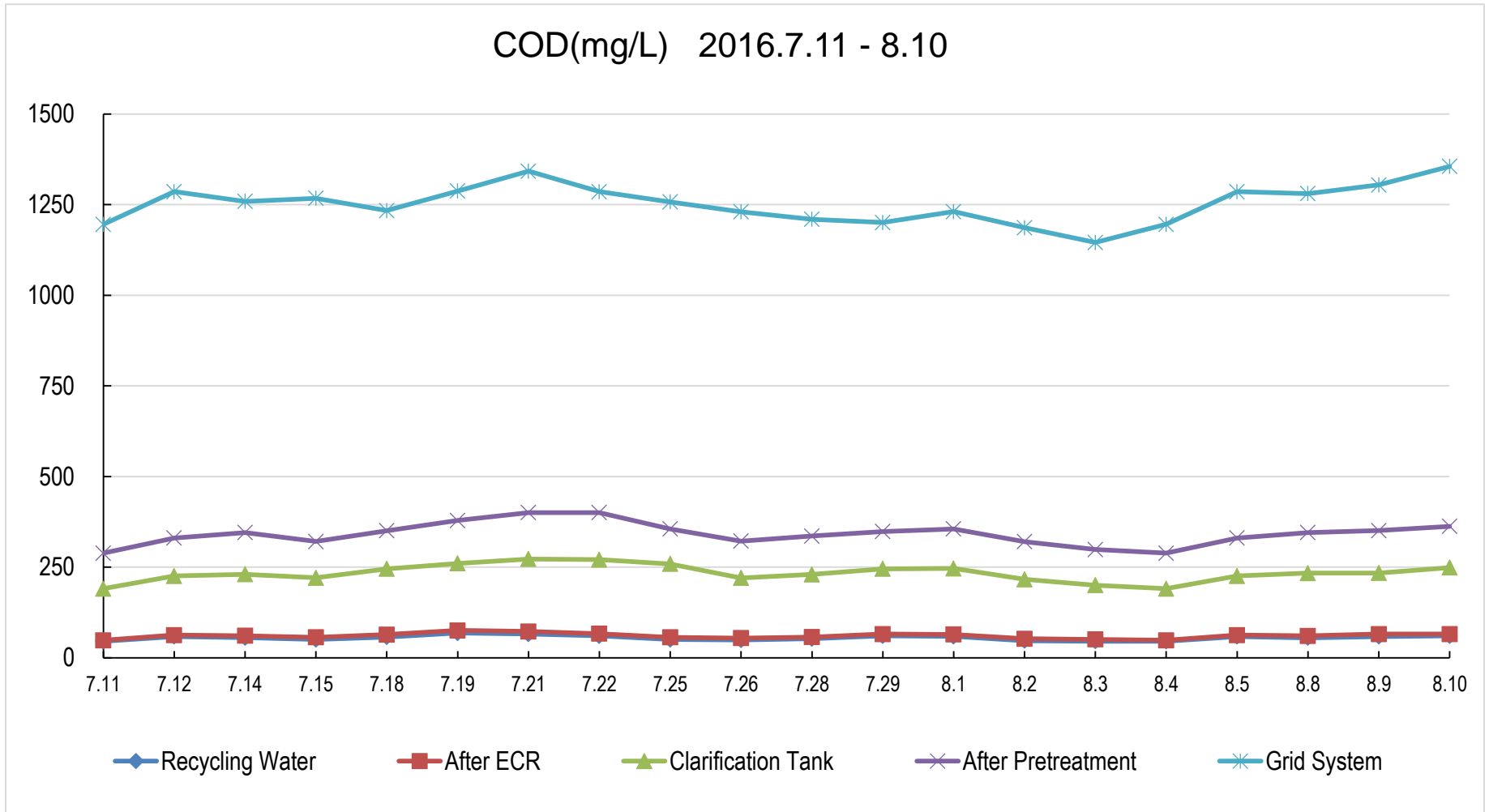


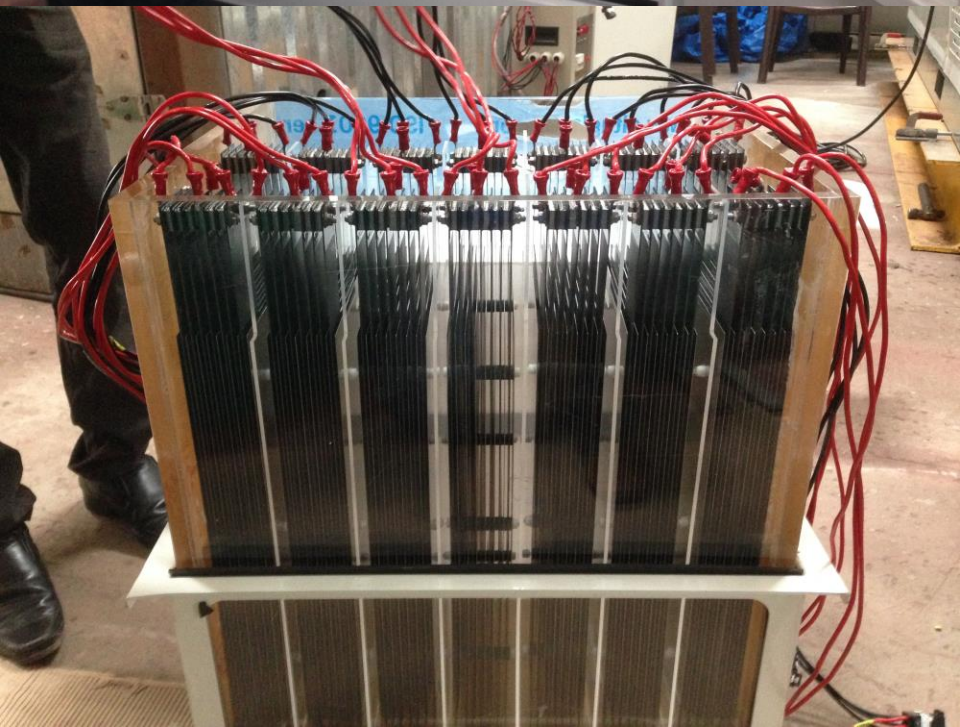

# Elementary School Testing Results

COD(mg/L) 2016.4.11 - 5.11



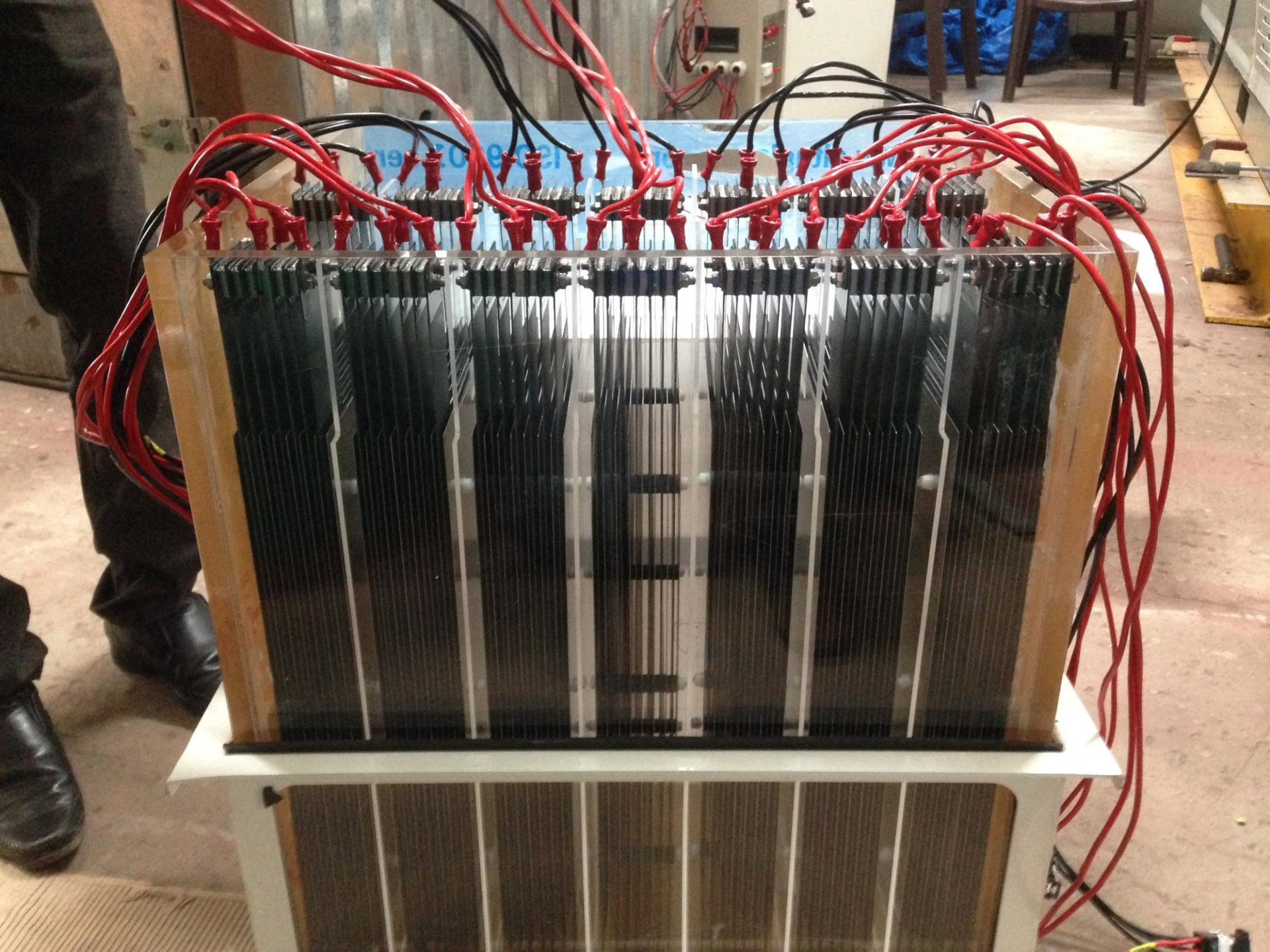
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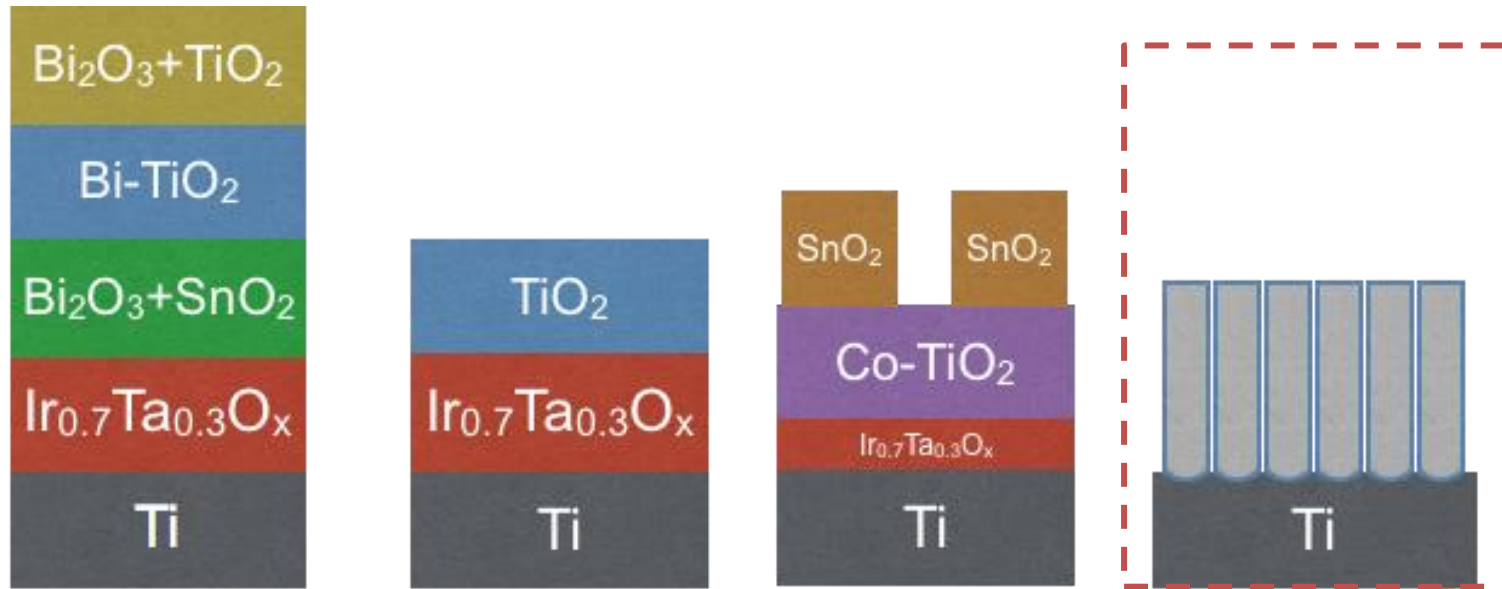








# Anode Improvements 2011- 2017



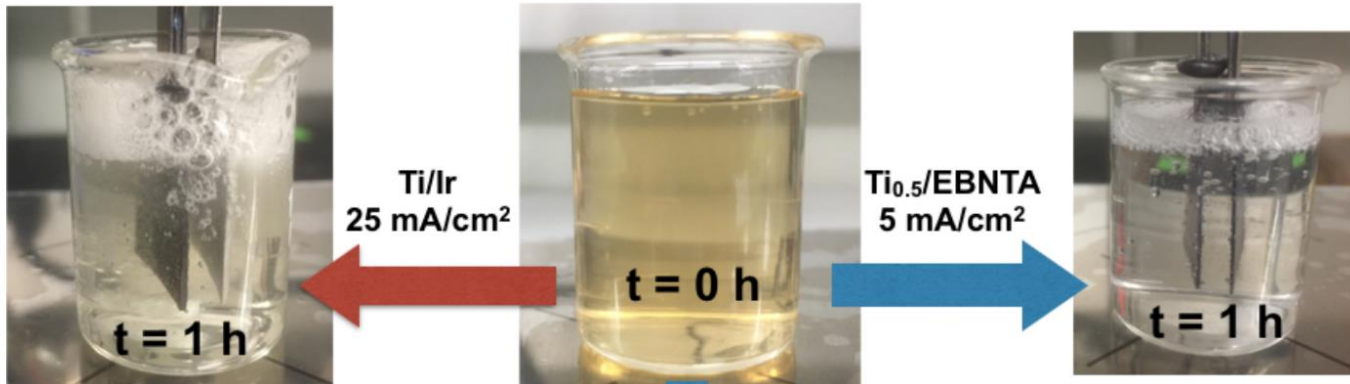
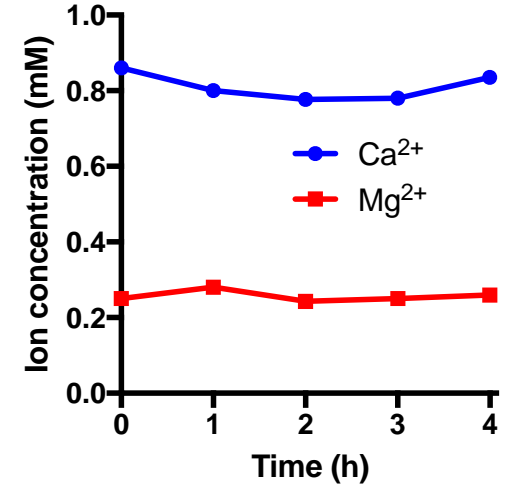
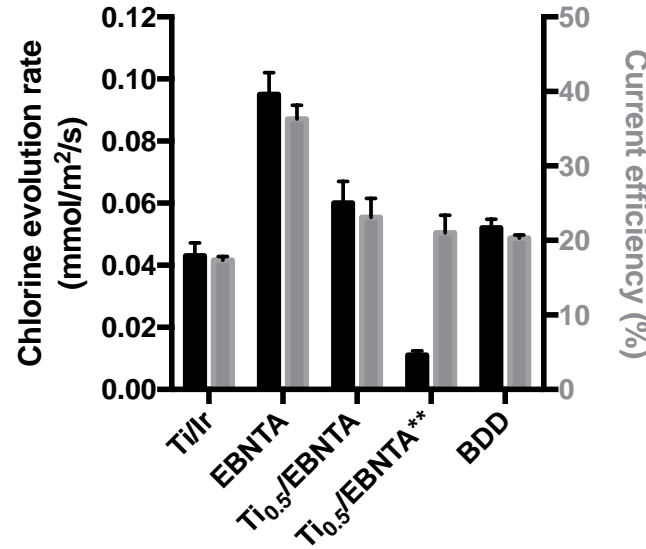
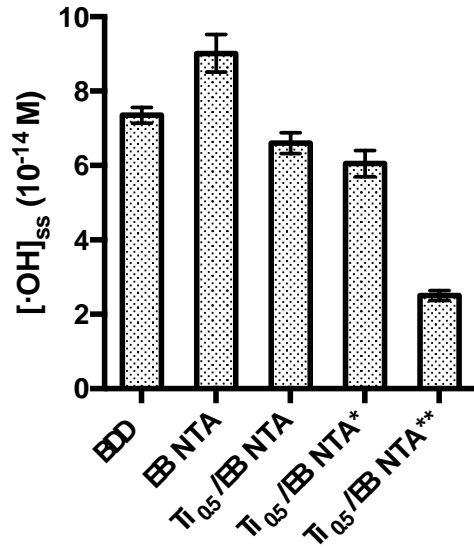
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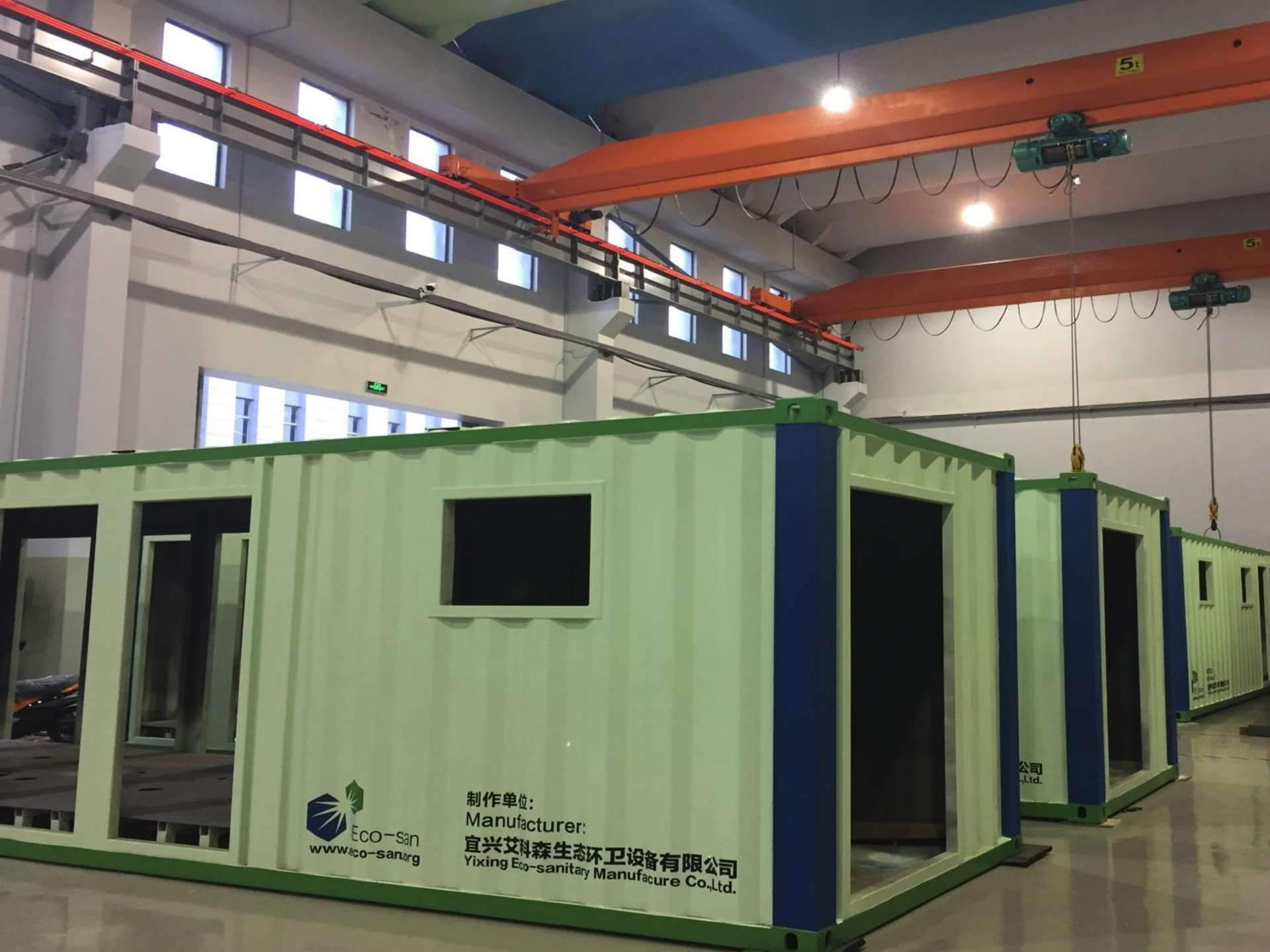
2015

2016

# Blue TiO<sub>2</sub> Nanotube Electrodes







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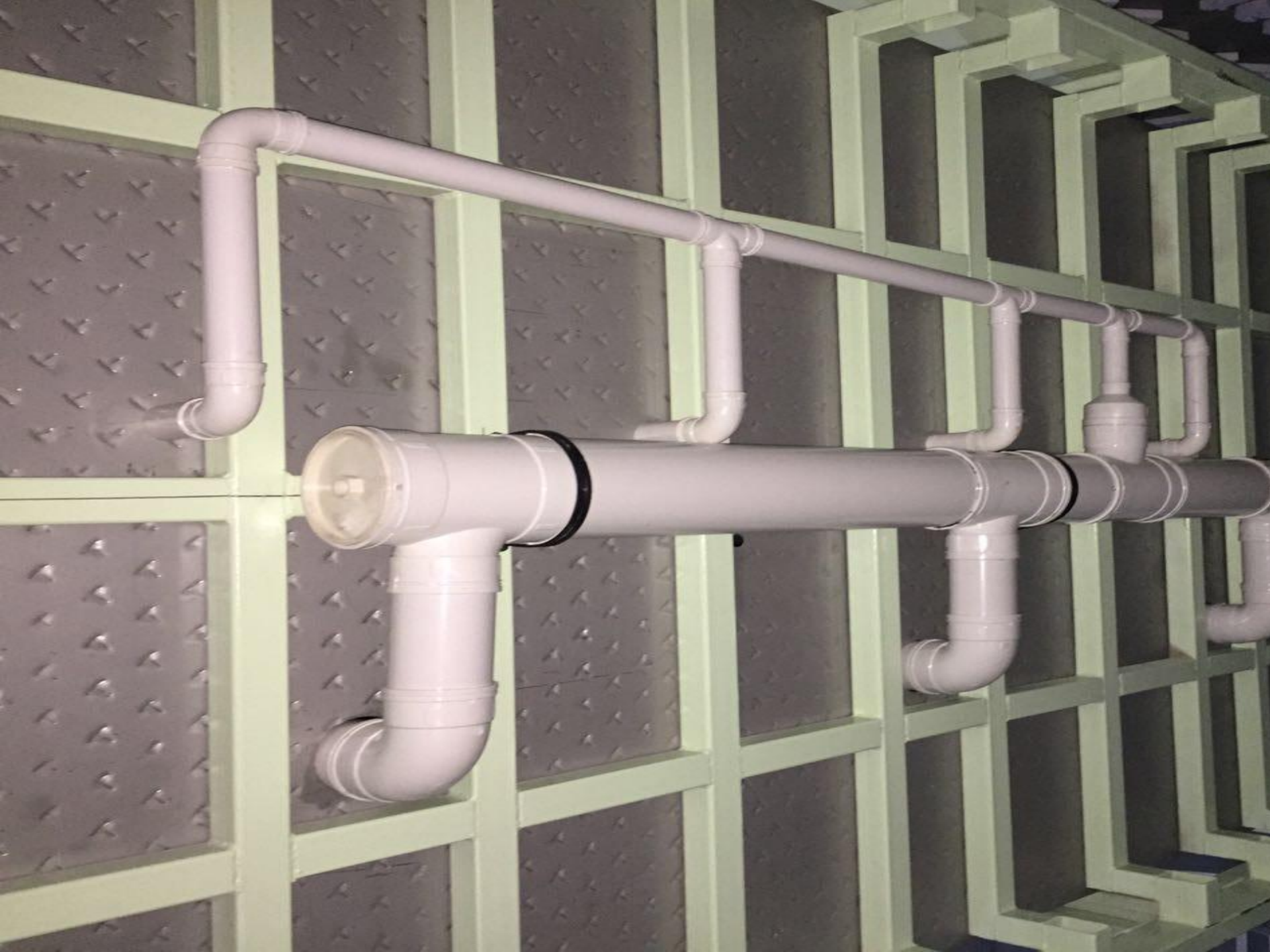
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