2. Membrane Bioreactor (MBR)

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A combination of biological WWT (e.g. activated sludge) and membrane filtration as a measure for solid-liquid separation.



Image of Membrane Filtration on MBR



Membrane and Removable Materials



Membrane Type used for MBR



Advantages of MBR over Conventional Activated Sludge Process

- Complete rejection of suspended solids.
- Higher mixed liquor suspended solids (MLSS) (>8 g/L).
- Smaller footprint (< 6hr for biological nutrient removal).
- Smaller sludge production.
- Simple monitoring parameters (e.g. transmembrane pressure (TMP)).



Various Evaluation of MBR technology

MBR is a core technology for simultaneous dissolving current issues on sewage works in Japan and other countries due to its excellent characteristics



Developments of MBR in Japan Sewage Works Agency



Example of MBR Facilities in Japan

Fukuzaki WWTP

Present treatment capacity 4,200m³/d
(entire capacity 12,500m³/d)
The first MBR installation for Japanese sewage plant



Sanbo WWTP

- -Treatment capacity: 60,000m³/d
- -The largest MBR in Japan -First application to retrofitting of existing
- facility and combined sewer system in Japan



Development of large-scale MBR on the 3rd phase pilot-scale studies

A variety of system configuration was developed to fit to restrictions of existing facilities and requirements of upgrade.

	Membrane type	MBR system	Biological treatment process	Others	
A	Hollow fiber	Submerged Separate	A2O	Combined with RO for reclamation	B
В	Ceramic	External	A2O		
С	Flat sheet	Submerged Integrated	UCT	Gravity filtration Large-size membrane	
D	Flat sheet	Submerged Separate	UCT	Gravity filtration NH ₄ -N control Combined with RO	

Process Flow of UCT-MBR Process

(2)Syphon filtration system **(4) Vertical axis mixer** Chemical tank Μ Chemical dilution tank Raw water or Chemical Primary effluent Auxiliary aeration Membrane air blower scour blower Ρ Ρ. Syphon Anoxic tank Anaerobic в В Ρ filtration mixer Tank mixer (pi) (F) Permeate **Denitrified liquor** Nitrified liquor Airlift pump Airlift pump **Excess** (м) M` F Membrane sludge unit Ξ Ξ diffuser P Aerobic tank Anaerobic tank Anoxic tank Excess sludge HRT = 3.2hrHRT = 1hrHRT = 2hrpump

③MLSS recirculation with airlift pump

①Large-size membrane unit

Treatment Efficiency in UCT-MBR Process



Energy Saving Efficiency in UCT-MBR Process

