

# MEASUREMENT METHODS FOR WASTEWATER CHARACTERIZATION

## COD FRACTIONS

# COD FRACTIONS CRYPTIC VARIABLES NAMES FOR BIOWIN & GPS-X

		BioWin		GPS-X Library-1		GPS-X Library-2	
	Nonbiodegradable	$X_1$	$F_{up}$	xi	frxi	xi	frxi
Particulate	Slowly Biodegradable	$X_{SP}$	$F_{Xs}$	$F_{xsp}$	XS	XS	
Colloidal							
Soluble	Readily Biodegradable	$S_{bs}$	$F_{bs}$	SS	frss	SS	frss
	Nonbiodegradable	$S_{us}$	$F_{us}$	si	frsi	si	frsi

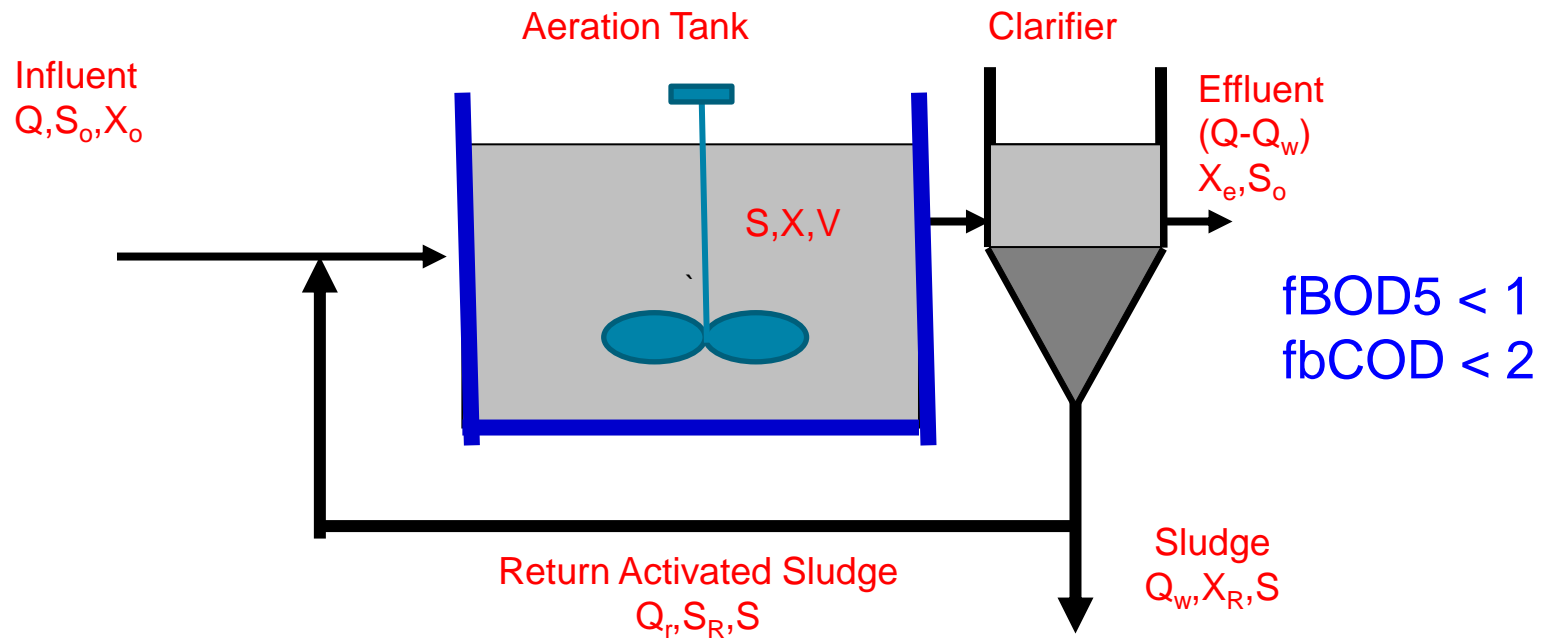
# NON-BIODEGRADABLE SOLUBLE COD(nbsCOD, $S_{us}$ )

- The concentration of non-biodegradable soluble COD in the influent is determined by assuming that all soluble biodegradable COD is degraded within the process and the soluble COD in the effluent is exclusively non-biodegradable. Therefore the influent soluble non-biodegradable COD equals effluent soluble COD.
- Should measurable effluent soluble BOD exists then the non-biodegradable effluent COD equals the total effluent COD minus the effluent soluble biodegradable COD.

nbpCOD	$X_i$	$F_{up}$	
Slowly Biodegradable COD (sbCOD), $X_s$	Particulate $X_{sp}$	$F_{xs}$	$F_{xsp}$
	Colloidal $X_{sc}$	$F_{xs}$	
Readily Biodegradable (rbCOD)	$S_{bs}$	$F_{bs}$	
nbsCOD	$S_{us}$	$F_{us}$	

# ACTIVATED SLUDGE SYSTEM EFFLUENT SOLUBLE SUBSTRATE

SRT > 3 days



# NON-BIODEGRADABLE SOLUBLE COD( $nbsCOD, S_{us}$ ) LOW EFFLUENT BOD

Influent

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$nbsCOD = sCOD$  in the effluent

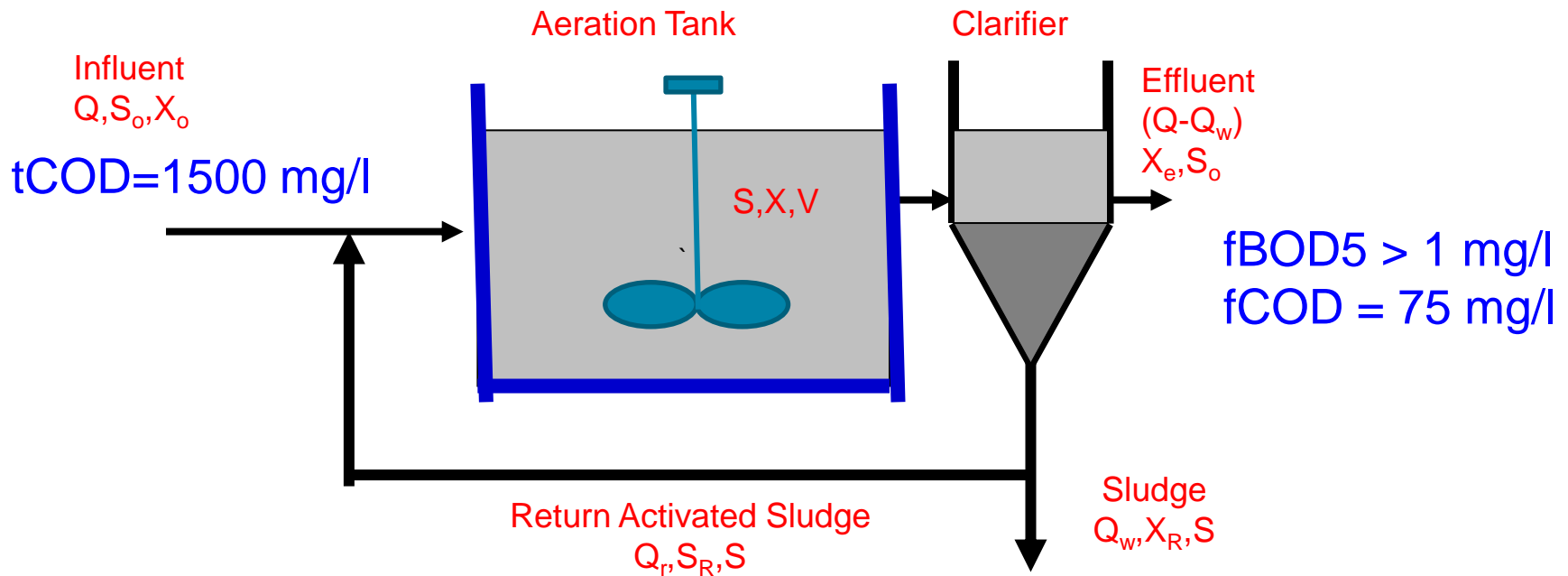
Effluent

nbpCOD
$X_i$
psbCOD
nbsCOD
$S_{us}$

Valid for very low soluble BOD in the effluent (1.5 mg/l)

# EXAMPLE

## nbsCOD LOW FILTERED EFFLUENT BOD



$$nbsCOD = 75 \text{ mg/l}$$
$$Sus = 75/1500 = 5\%$$

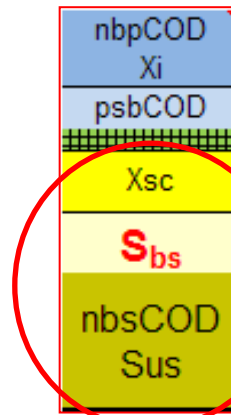
# NON-BIODEGRADABLE SOLUBLE COD( $nbsCOD, S_{us}$ ) HIGH EFFLUENT BOD

Influent

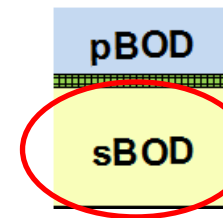
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Readily Biodegradable (rbCOD)	$S_{bs}$	$F_{bs}$
nbsCOD	$S_{us}$	$F_{us}$

$nbsCOD = sCOD$  in the effluent-COD equivalent of the sBOD in the effluent ( $COD/BOD * sBOD_e$ )

Effluent



fCOD



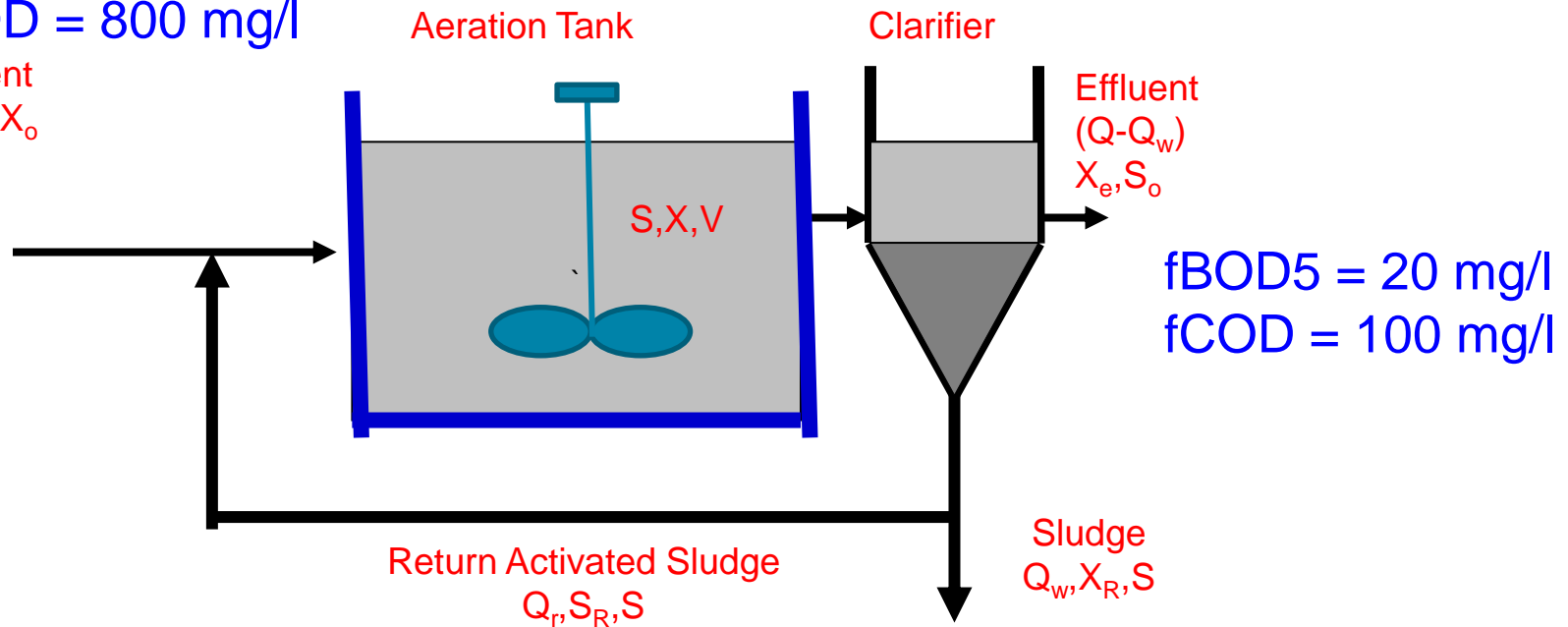
$$\times \frac{COD}{BOD}$$

Valid for very high soluble BOD in the effluent (>1.5 mg/l)

# EXAMPLE

## nbsCOD HIGH FILTERED EFFLUENT BOD

tCOD=1500 mg/l  
tBOD = 800 mg/l  
Influent  
 $Q, S_o, X_o$



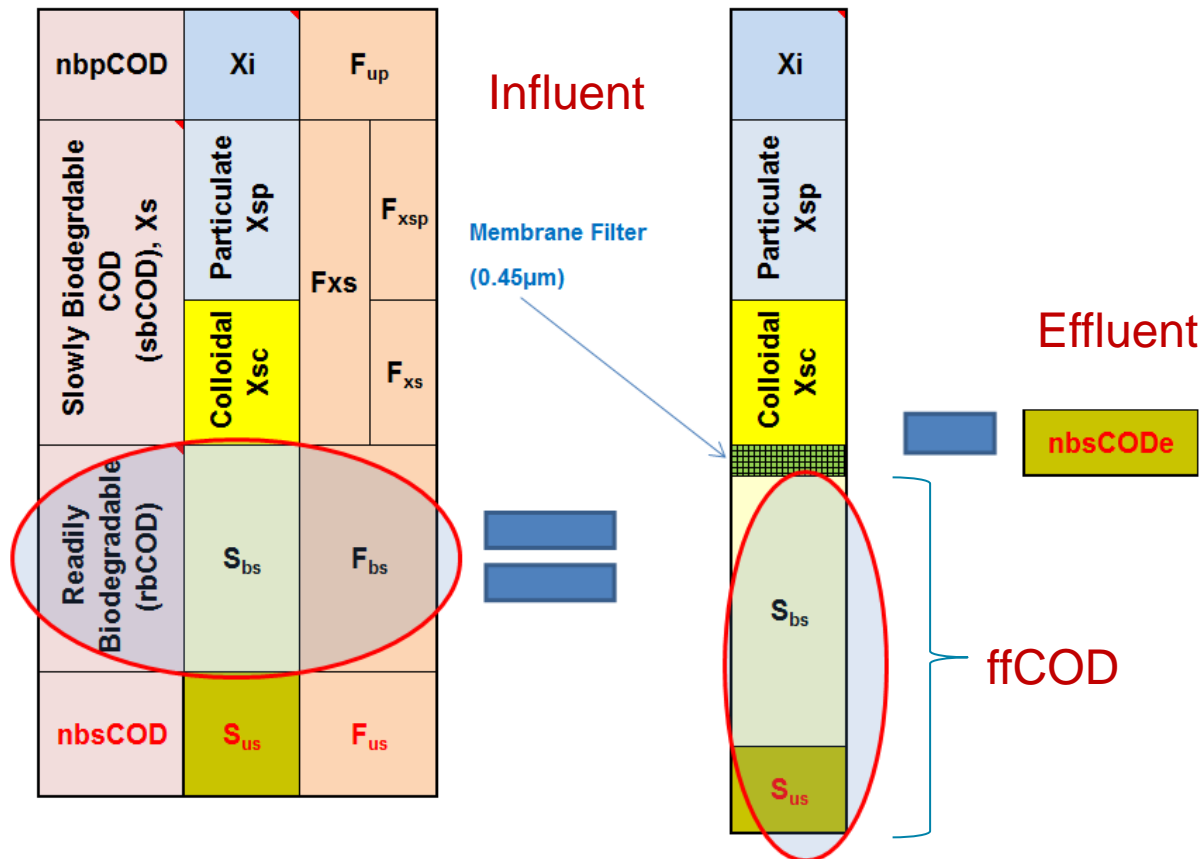
$$\text{nbsCOD} = 100 - 20 \cdot (1500/800) = 100 - 37.5 = 62.5 \text{ mg/l}$$
$$\text{Sus} = 62.5/1500 = 4.1\%$$



# READILY BIODEGRADABLE rbCOD( $S_{bs}$ )

Readily Biodegradable COD **rbCOD** is measured by the Flocculated & Filtered COD test in the influent and filtered COD in the effluent.

$$\text{rbCOD} = \text{ffCOD}_{\text{influent}} - \text{nbsCOD}_{\text{effluent}}$$



ffCOD Test



# PARTICULATE XCOD/VSS RATIO( $F_{cv}$ )

$$F_{cv} = \frac{\text{Particulate\_COD}}{\text{VSS}} = \frac{t\text{COD} - f\text{COD}}{\text{VSS}}$$

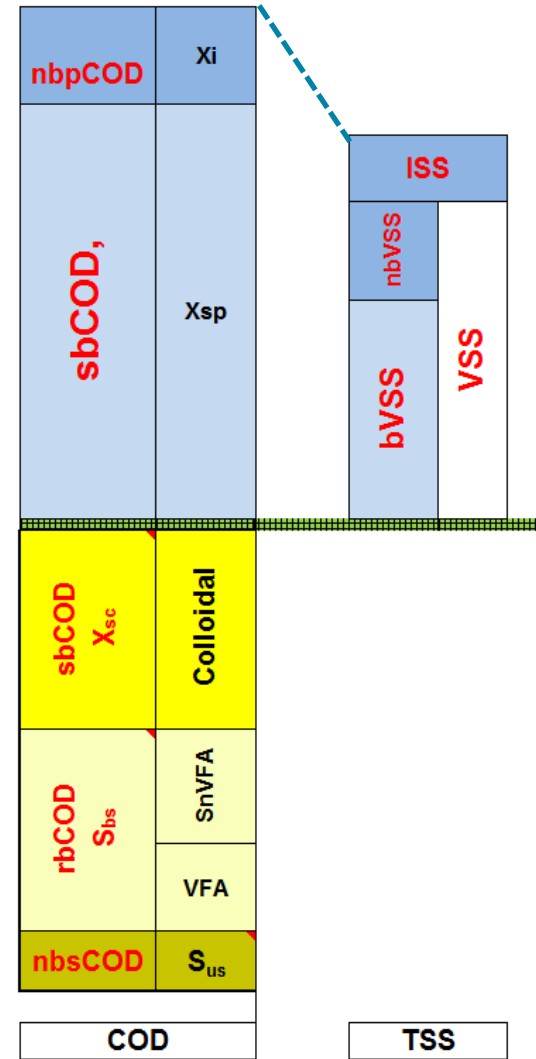
This is valid for particulate substrate and particulate inert material.

Typical pCOD/VSS ratio is 1.6 g COD/g VSS

$$\frac{X_{COD}}{\text{VSS}} = 1.6$$

$$\text{VSS} = \frac{X_I + X_{sp}}{F_{cv}}$$

$$\text{TSS} = \text{VSS} + \text{ISS}_{\text{measured}}$$



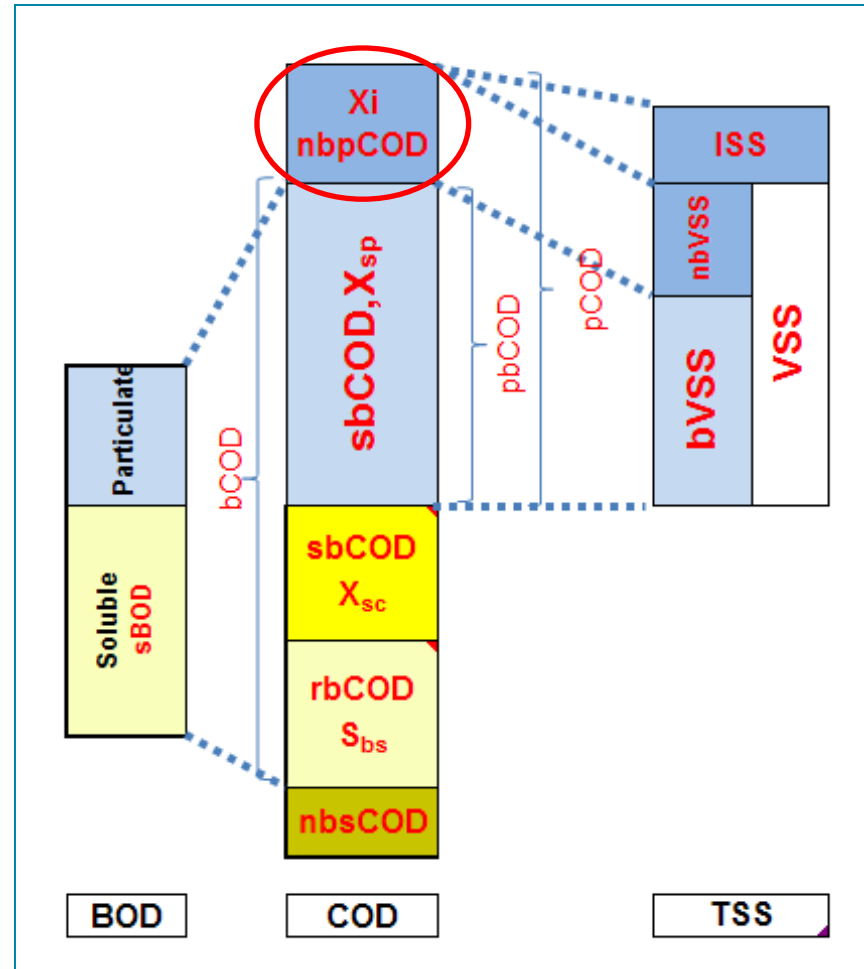
# PARTICULATE NON-BIODEGRADABLE(INERT) COD

- Particulate non-biodegradable COD( $X_i$ ) is the portion of particulate COD unaffected by biological reactions at the plant and accumulates in the system and collected in sludge mass.
- The magnitude of this fraction is important in the description of activated sludge system behavior, particularly with respect to volatile solids production and oxygen demand.
- The mass of  $X_i$  in the system will equal the influent mass per day multiplied by the system sludge age.
- It is important to note that  $X_i$  doesn't register as BOD in the influent. Therefore as a result an increasing proportion of  $X_i$  will increase the COD/BOD ratio in the influent.

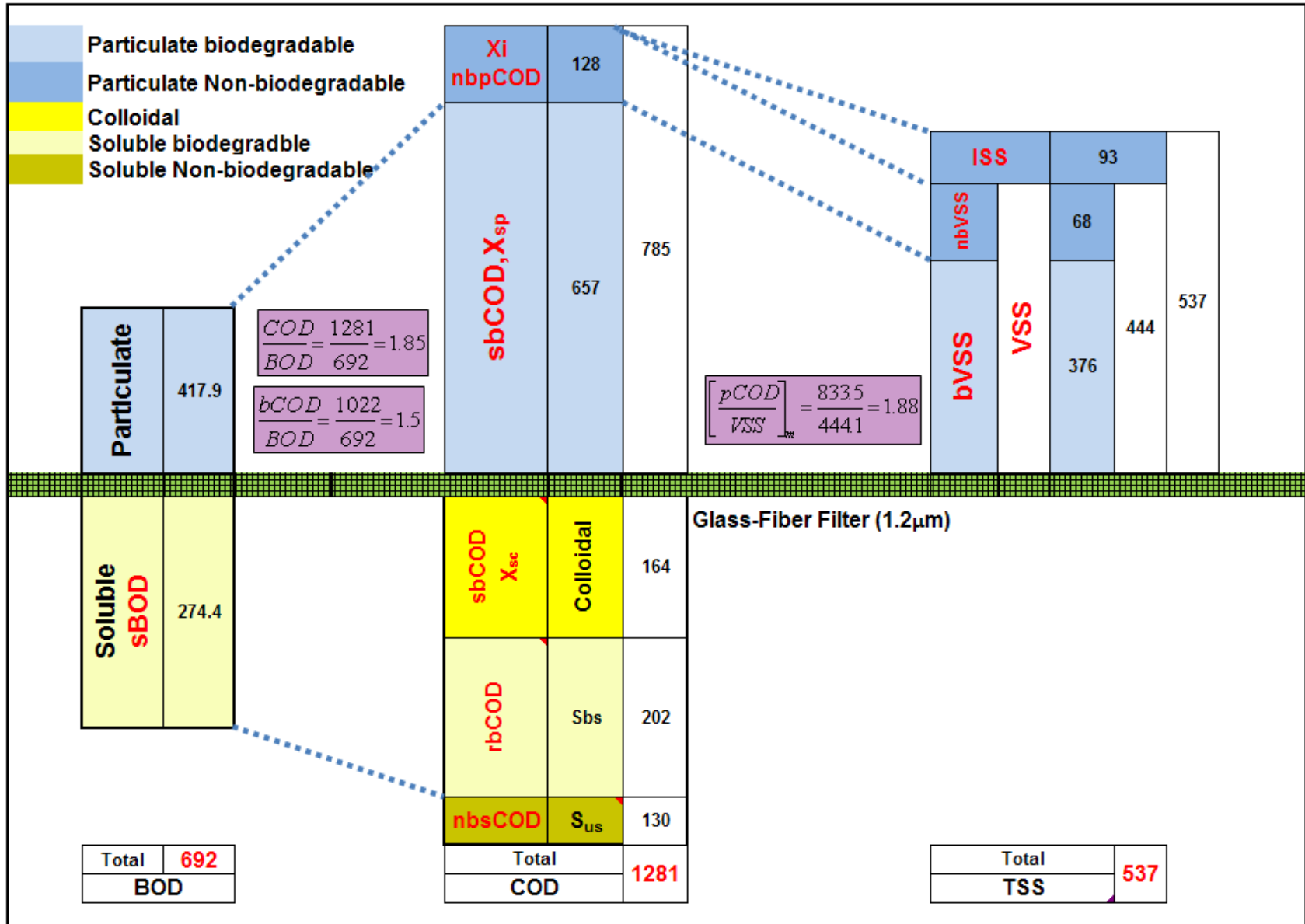
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nbsCOD	$S_{us}$	$F_{us}$	

# PARTICULATE NON-BIODEGRADABLE(INERT) COD ESTIMATION FROM COD, BOD5 and VSS

The nbpCOD can be estimated by matching the measured and the calculated COD fractions based on the previously calculated fractions of  $F_{bs}$  and  $F_{us}$  and the assumed fractions for  $F_{up}$  and  $F_{xsp}$ .



# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOD, COD AND TSS



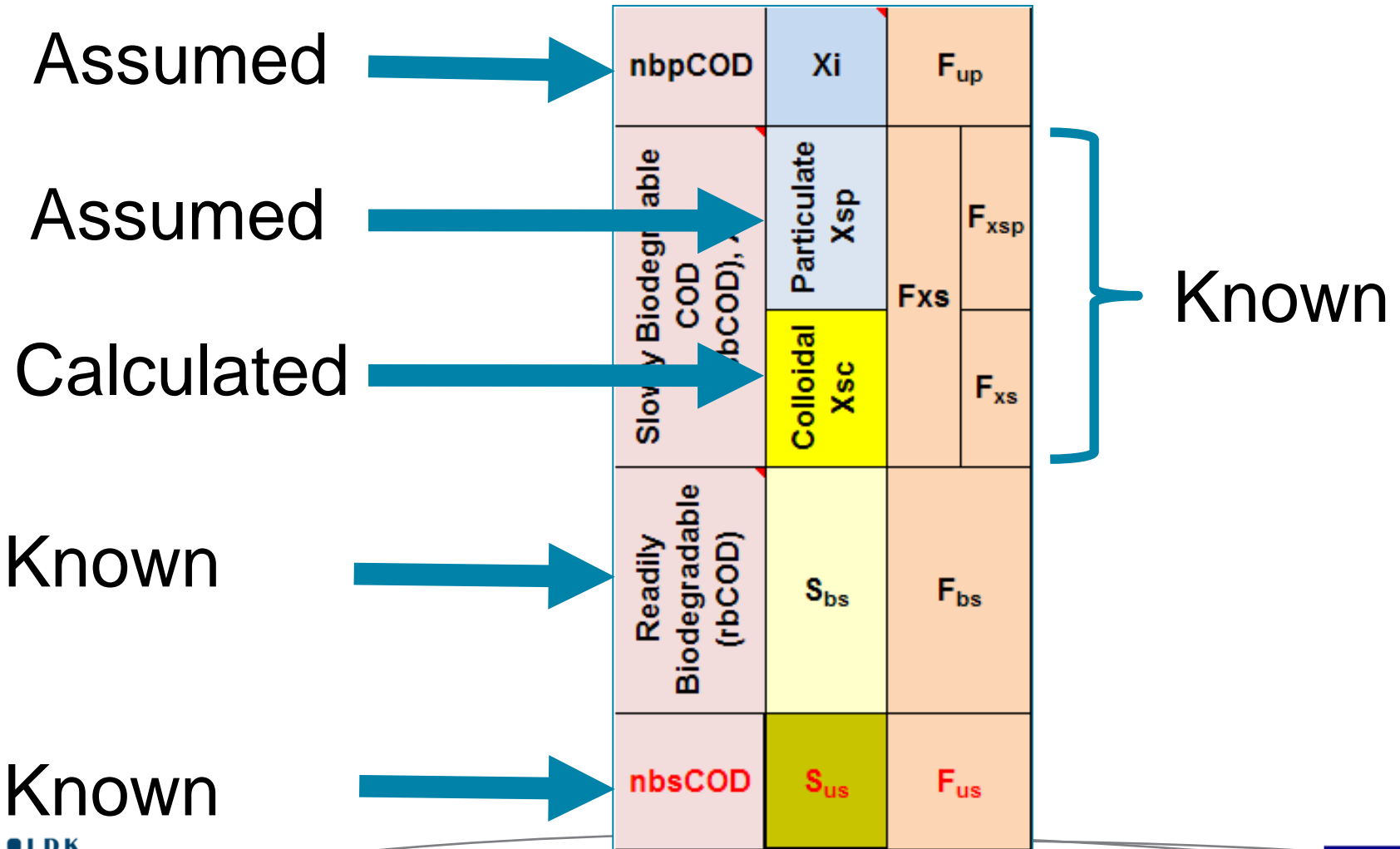
# PARTICULATE NON-BIODEGRADABLE(INERT) COD

## – Calculated COD Fractions

- Assume a value for particulate non-biodegradable COD fraction.  $F_{up}$  (0.05-0.22)
- Calculate the slowly biodegradable COD fraction,  $F_{xs} = 1 - F_{up} - F_{bs} - F_{us}$ .
  - $S_{us} = tCOD * F_{us}$
  - $X_I = tCOD * F_{up}$
  - $S_{bs} = tCOD * F_{bs}$
  - $X_s = tCOD * F_{xs}$
- Assume a value for the particulate biodegradable fraction of the slowly biodegradable COD,  $F_{xsp}$  (0-1).
- $X_{sc} = (1 - F_{xsp}) * X_s$
- $X_{sp} = F_{xsp} * X_s$
- $fCOD = S_{us} + S_{bs} + X_{sc}$
- $ffCOD = S_{us} + S_{bs}$

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# PARTICULATE NON-BIODEGRADABLE(INERT) COD



# CALCULATE BOD FROM COD FRACTIONS

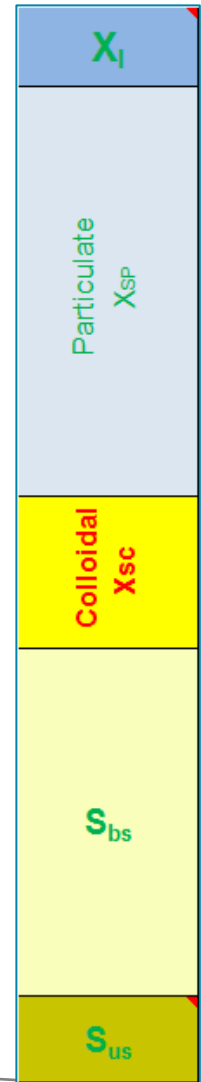
## Calculate BOD fractions

$$fBOD = (1 - Y) \times (S_{bs} + X_{sc}) + (1 - f) \times Y \times (S_{bs} + X_{sc}) \times (1 - e^{-5b})$$

$$pBOD = X_{sp} \times \left[ \left\{ (1 - Y) + \frac{(1 - f) \times b \times Y}{(b - k)} \right\} \times (1 - e^{-5k}) - \left\{ \frac{(1 - f) \times Y \times k}{(b - k)} \right\} \times (1 - e^{-5b}) \right]$$

$$tBOD = fBOD + pBOD$$

Parameter	Definition	Unit	Value
f	Fraction of active mass remaining as endogenous residue		0.2
b	Endogenous decay rate	1/day	0.24
Y	Yield of active organisms	mg cell COD/ mg COD	0.666
k	First order rate constant for X <sub>sp</sub> degradation	1/day	0.4





# CALCULATE VSS & TSS

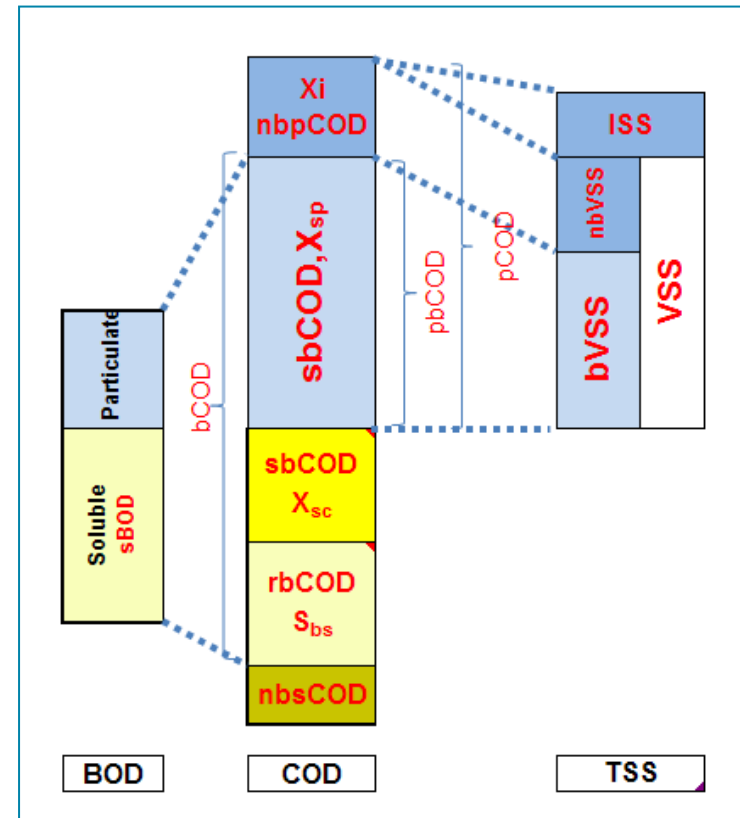
$$F_{cv} = \left[ \frac{pCOD}{VSS} \right]_{measured}$$

$$VSS = \frac{pCOD_{calculated}}{F_{cv-measured}}$$

$$VSS = \frac{X_I + X_{sp} \text{ (calculated _by_ trial \& Error)}}{F_{cv}}$$

$$TSS = VSS + ISS_{measured}$$

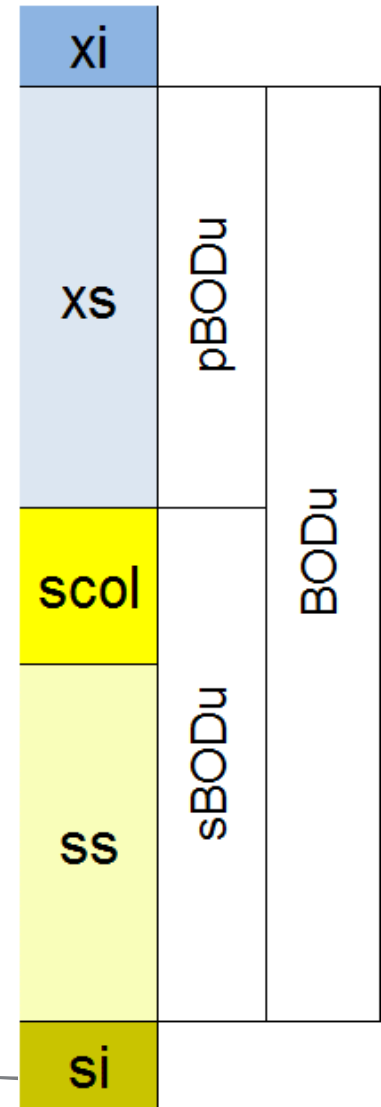
Compare calculated BOD, TSS, and VSS with measured values and accordingly adjust assumptions and recalculate until the best matching is obtained.



# BOD ESTIMATION FROM COD FRACTIONS

## GPS-X METHOD

$sBOD_u = rbCOD$   
 $pBOD_u = bpCOD$   
 $BOD_u = sBOD_u + pBOD_u$   
 Estimated BOD =  $(BOD/BOD_u) * BOD_u$



# SLOWLY BIODEGRADABLE sbCOD

- Slowly biodegradable COD includes both particulate and colloidal COD.
- When colloidal slowly biodegradable material is combined with activated sludge, the colloidal matter is likely adsorbed onto the floc rapidly, and removed from the liquid phase with the sludge. Therefore particulate and colloidal matters are grouped in one category (Slowly biodegradable) which is considered as particulate in separators (secondary clarifiers) downstream of bioreactors.
- The division of sbCOD between particulate and colloidal portions is particularly significant for modeling separation processes prior to activated sludge bioreactors.
- Model predictions of organics removal in a primary settling tank is directly impacted by the colloidal/particulate sbCOD fractionation because the colloidal material is not settleable.

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nbsCOD	$S_{us}$	$F_{us}$

# SPREADSHEET FOR FRACTIONS ESTIMATION

Measurements	Value	Unit
<b>Main influent concentrations</b>		
Flow	<b>0.0</b>	mgd or m3/d
Total COD	<b>500.0</b>	mgCOD/L
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	<b>40.0</b>	mgN/L
Total P	<b>10.0</b>	mgP/L
<b>Other influent concentrations</b>		
Nitrate N	<b>0.0</b>	mgN/L
pH	<b>7.3</b>	
Alkalinity (CaCO3 equivalent)	<b>300.0</b>	mgCaCO3/L
Calcium	<b>80.0</b>	mg/L
Magnesium	<b>15.0</b>	mg/L
Dissolved oxygen	<b>0.0</b>	mgO2/L
<b>Other measurements</b>		
Effluent filtered COD	<b>26.5</b>	mgCOD/L
Influent filtered COD (GFC)	<b>187.5</b>	mgCOD/L
Influent FF COD	<b>105.0</b>	mgCOD/L
Influent acetate	<b>12.0</b>	mgCOD/L
Influent ammonia	<b>26.4</b>	mgN/L
Influent ortho-phosphate	<b>5.0</b>	mgP/L
Influent carbonaceous BOD5	<b>245.6</b>	mgO2/L
Influent filtered cBOD5 (GFC)	<b>114.7</b>	mgO2/L
Influent VSS	<b>195.4</b>	mgVSS/L
Influent TSS	<b>240.4</b>	mgTSS/L

## GUIDE

- Enter measured lab data in column on left (**BOLD**)  
(If data is missing, estimate. May need to repeat after Step 2)
- Check resulting fractions (**BOLD**)

Parameter	Value	Unit	Typical range
→ Alkalinity (molar)	<b>6.0</b>	meq/L	2 - 6
→ Fus	<b>0.05</b>	-	0.03 - 0.08
→ CODp	<b>312.5</b>	mgCOD/L	
→ Fbs	<b>0.16</b>		0.12 - 0.25
→ Fac			0.0 - 0.3
→ Fna			0.5 - 0.8
→ Fpo4	<b>0.50</b>	-	0.3 - 0.6
→ COD/BOD5	<b>2.04</b>	-	1.9 - 2.2
→ Fcv	<b>1.60</b>	mgCODp/mgVSS	1.5 - 1.7
→ ISS	<b>45.0</b>	mgISS/L	15 - 45

Acetate fraction of readily biodegradable COD (Sbs)

Envirosim Sheet

# NON-BIODEGRADABLE VOLATILE SUSPENDED SOLIDS (nbVSS)

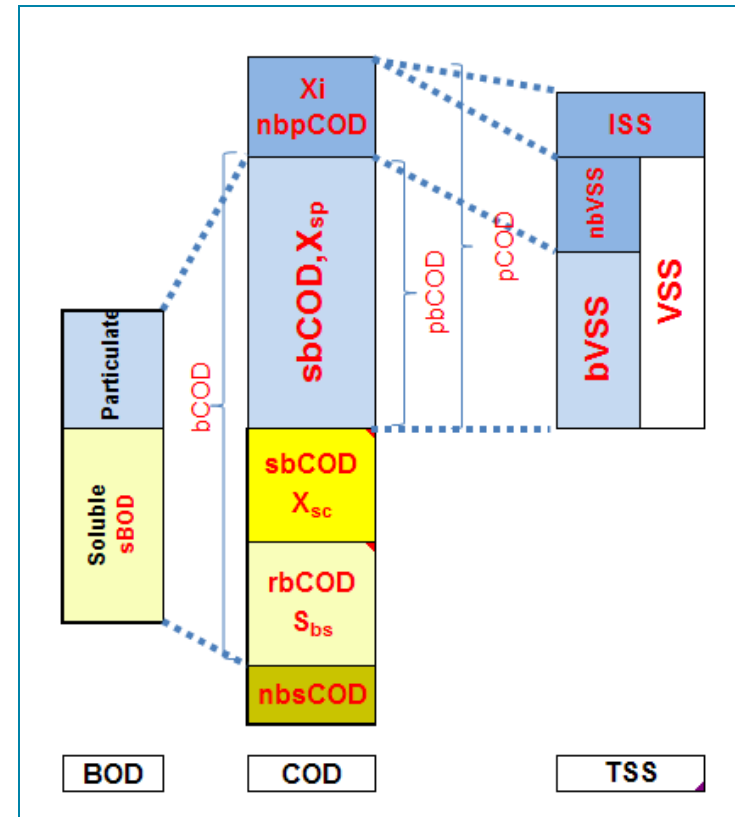
- Estimated from analysis of COD, sCOD, BOD, sBOD and VSS

$$\frac{nbVSS}{VSS} = \frac{nbpCOD}{pCOD}$$

$$nbVSS = \left[ \left( \frac{nbpCOD}{pCOD} \right) \right] \times VSS$$

$$nbVSS = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{bpCOD}{pCOD} \right) \right] \times VSS$$

$$\frac{bpCOD}{pCOD} = \left[ \frac{bCOD}{COD} \right] \times \frac{(BOD - sBOD)}{COD - sCOD}$$



bpCOD = Biodegradable particulate COD

pCOD = Particulate COD

sCOD = Soluble COD

Source :M&E Chapter 8 page 672