

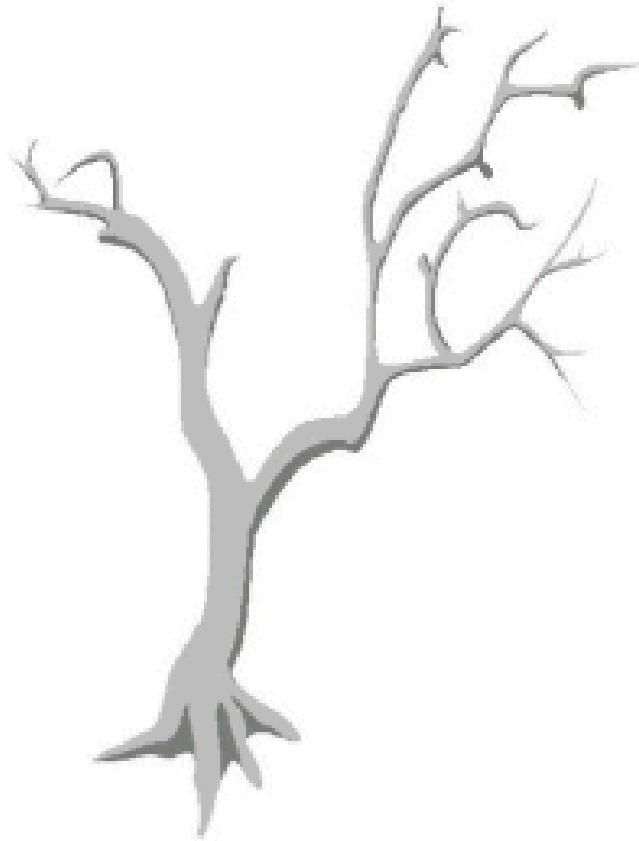
# ADSORPTION

The removal of dissolved substances from solution using adsorbents such as activated carbon

# Adsorption versus Absorption



The physical form of the GAC may depend on source of raw materials



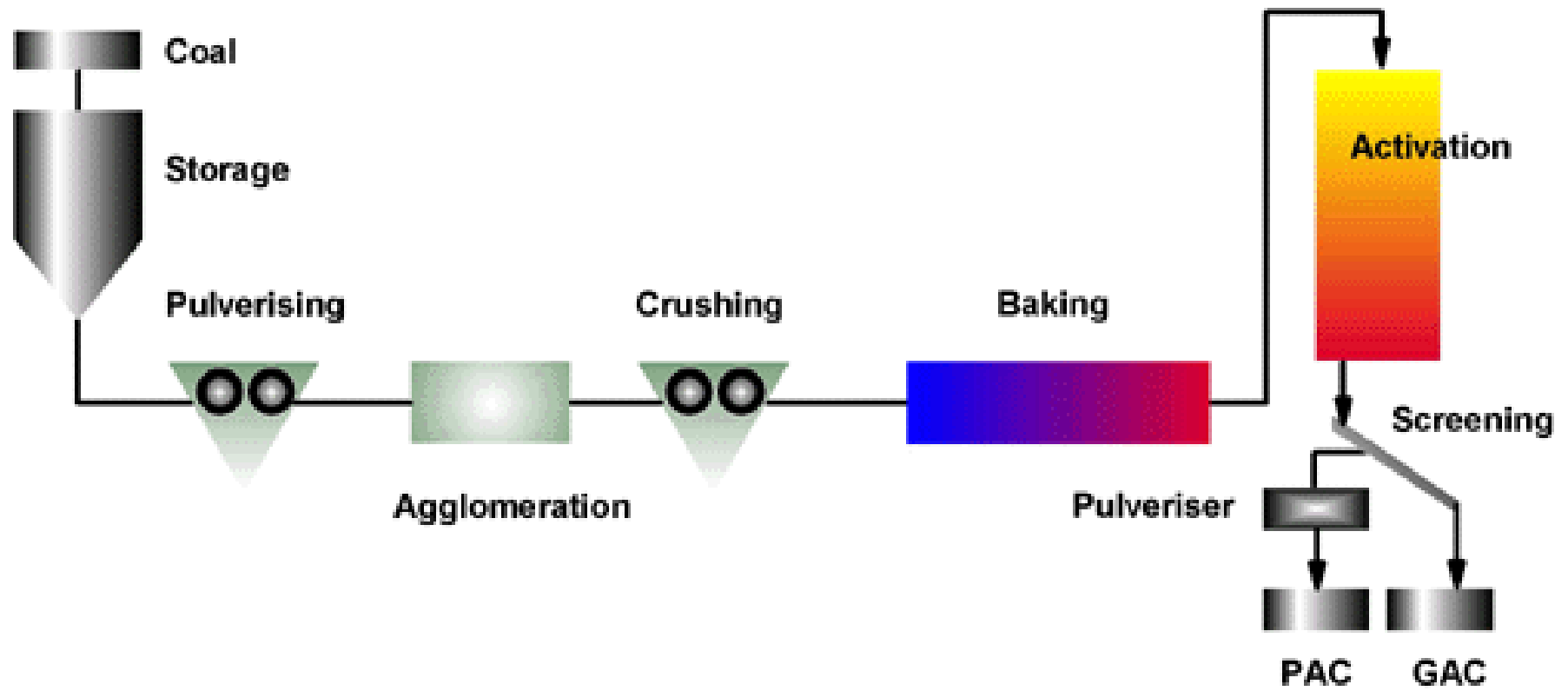
# MANUFACTURE OF ACTIVATED CARBON: DIFFERENT RAW MATERIALS



# Prior carbonization for softer raw materials



# MANUFACTURE OF ACTIVATED CARBON FROM COAL





Multiple Hearth ↑

# **ACTIVATION FURNACE TYPES**

Rotary kiln →



# DIFFERENT PHYSICAL FORMS OF ACTIVATED CARBON

**Powdered**



**Granular**



**Extruded**

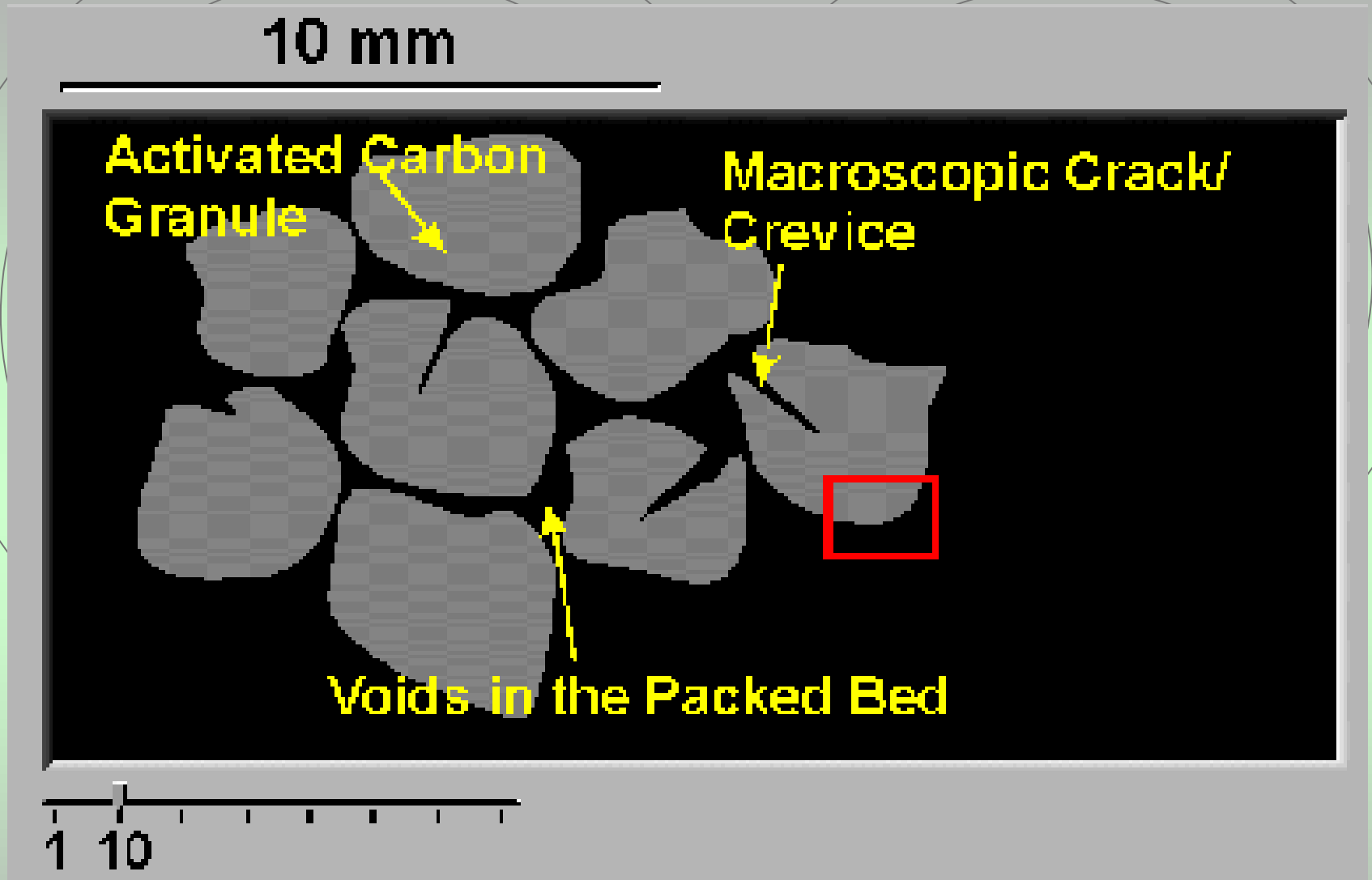


Macropore  
Region  
>500 Angstrom

Mesopore  
Region  
20-500 Angstrom

Micropore Region  
0-20 Angstrom  
N<sub>2</sub> Adsorption





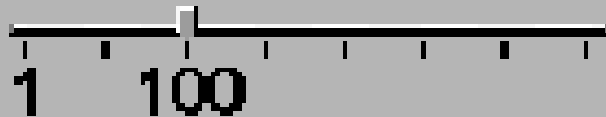
**First magnification of carbon granules**

1 mm

Agglomerate of Carbonised  
Coal Particles and Binder

Largest  
Transport  
Pores

Macroscopic Crack/  
Crevice



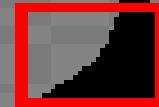
Continued magnification

100  $\mu\text{m}$

Carbonised Coal  
Particles

Coal-derived  
Binder Residue

Macroscopic Pores due to  
Agglomeration



1 1,000

Continued magnification

100 nm

Graphite Plate

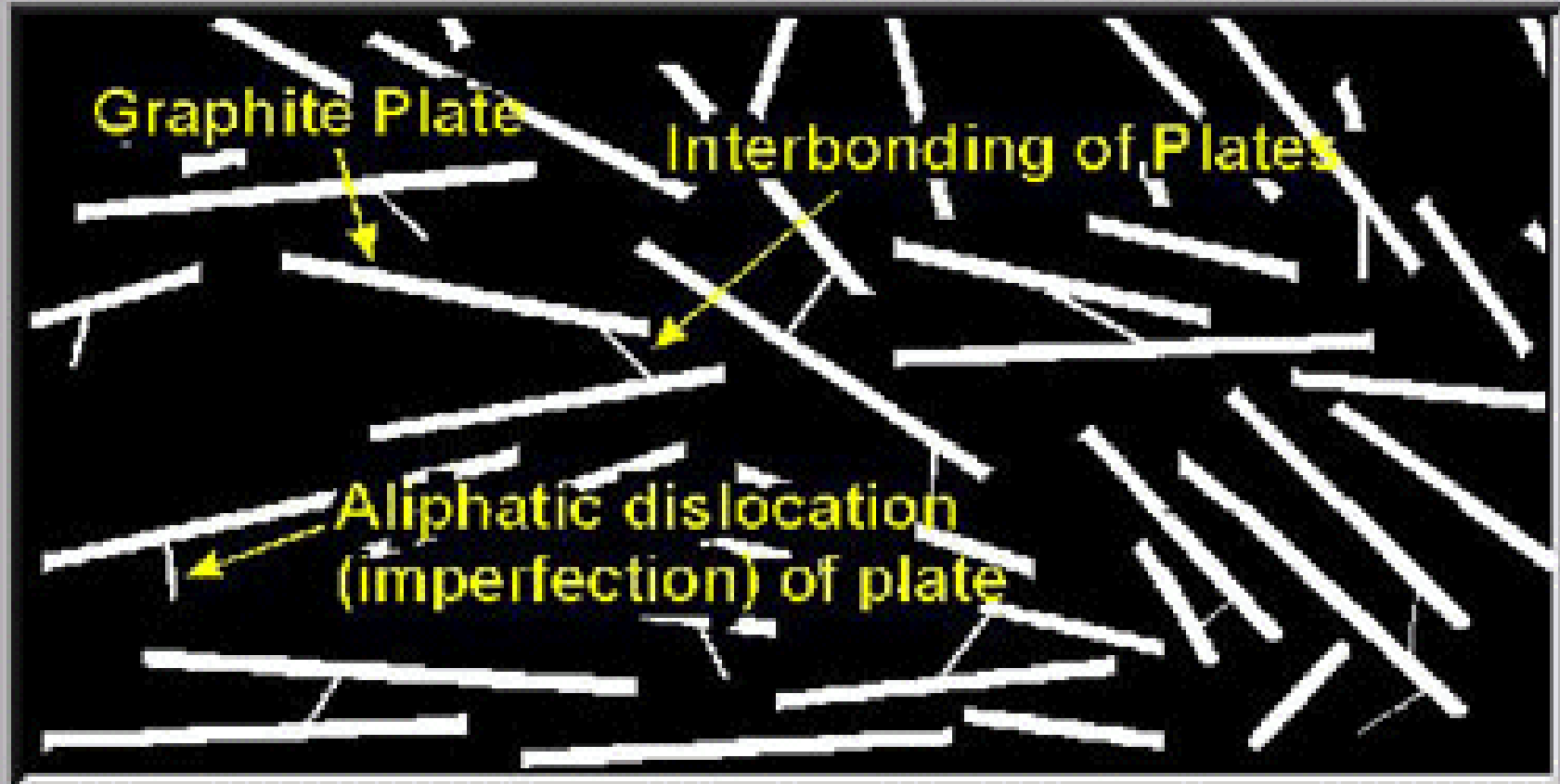
Localised Structure (Type F1)-  
Graphite Crystallite



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Continued conceptual  
magnification

10 nm



1 10,000,000

Continued conceptual  
magnification

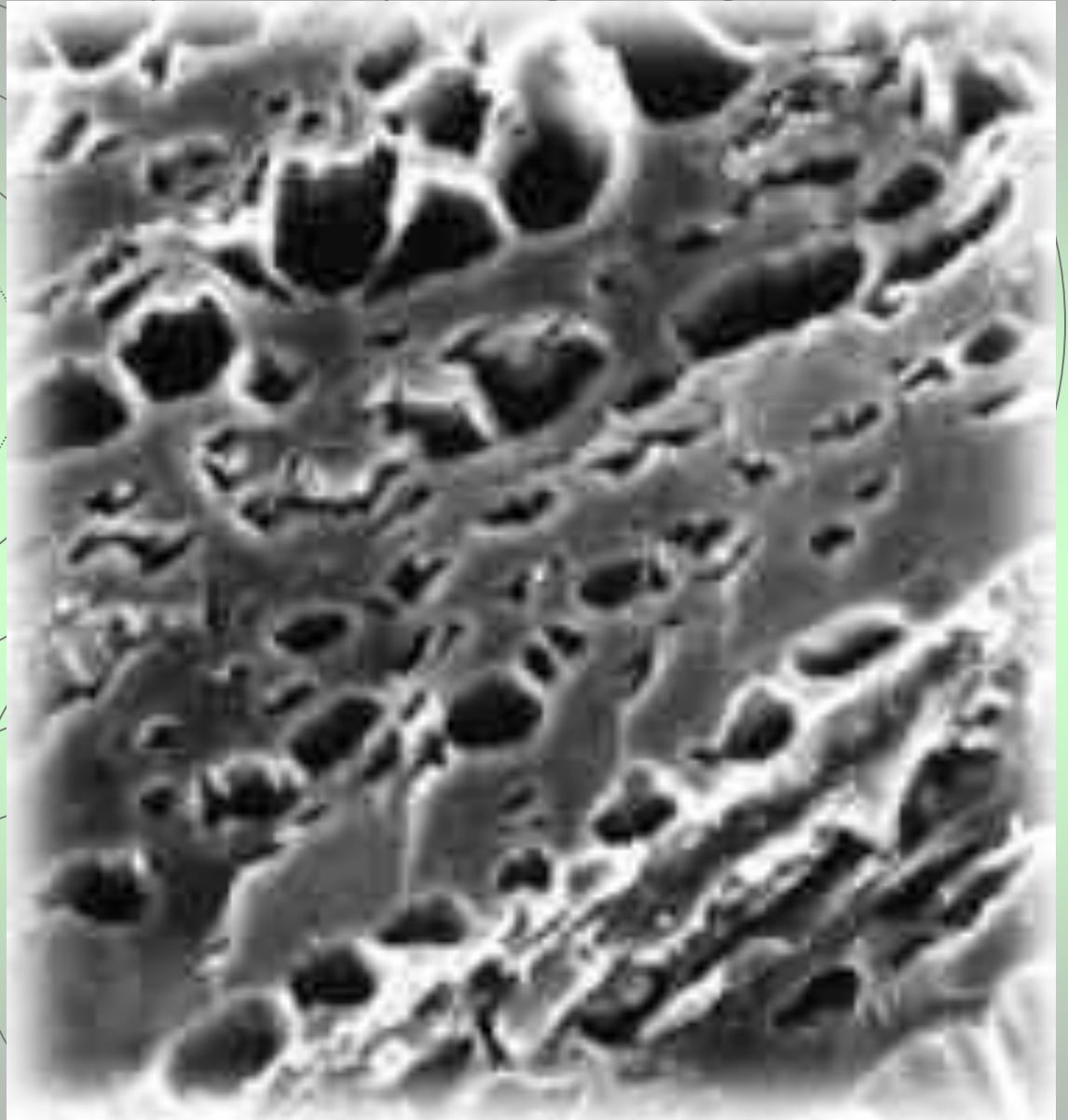
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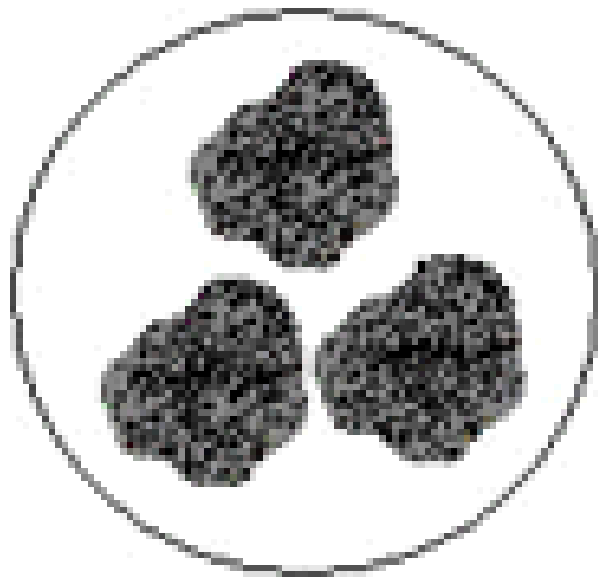
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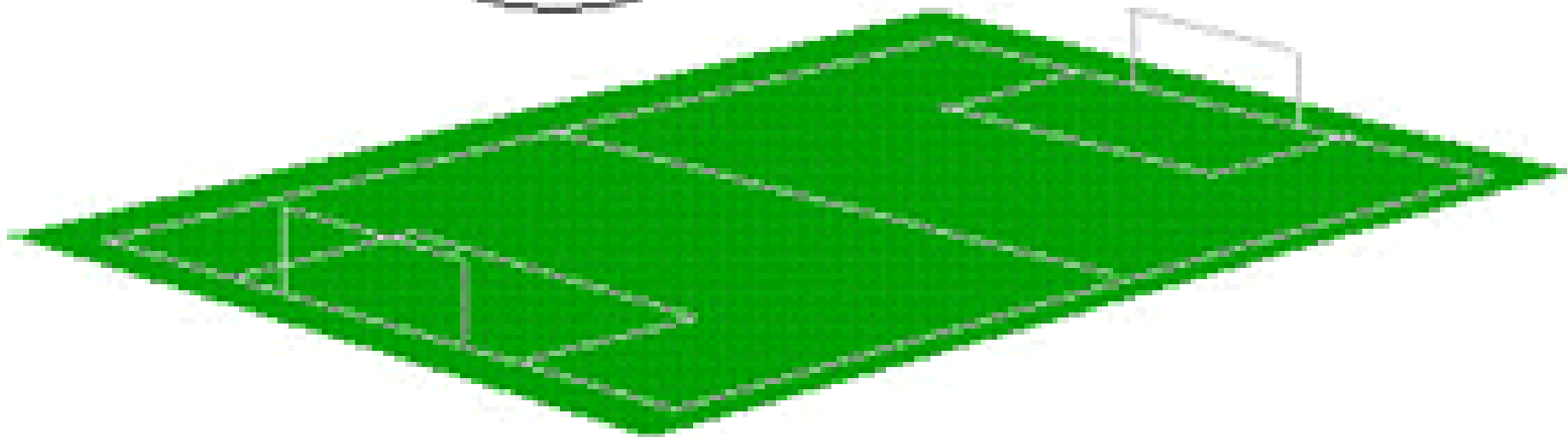
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# Scanning Electron Microscope Photo of GAC

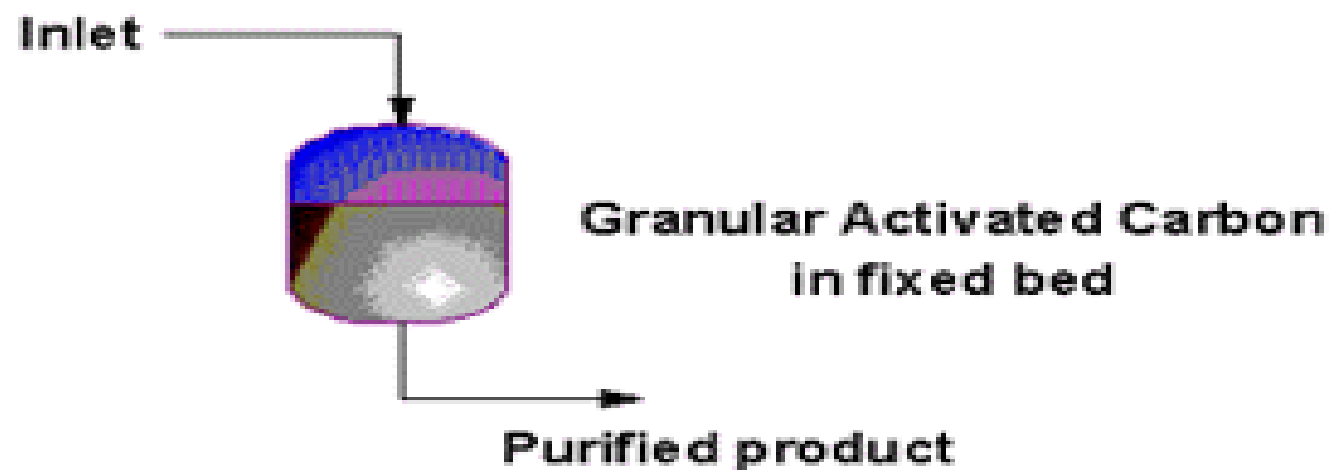




**Area of a few  
grams of  
activated  
carbon**

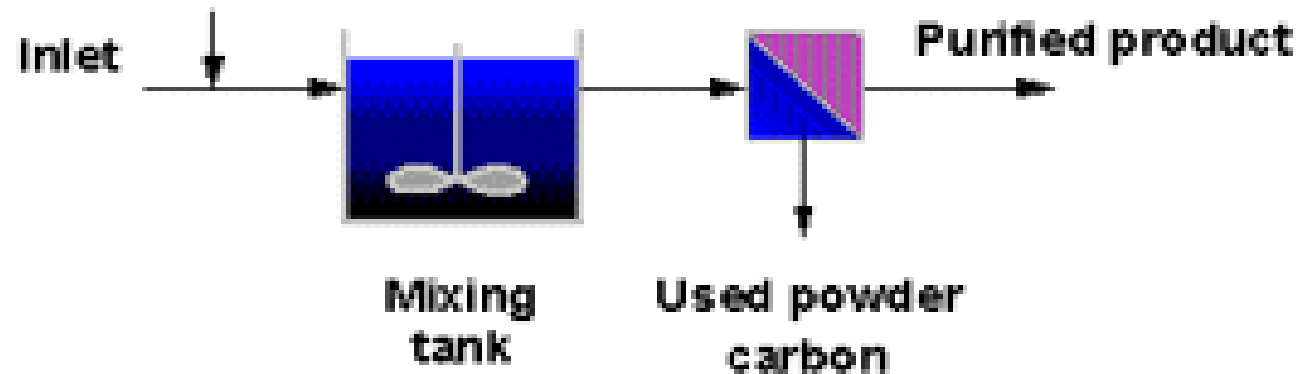


# Application Methodology



Principle of a granular activated carbon adsorption system

## **Powder Activated Carbon**



Principle of a powder activated carbon adsorption system

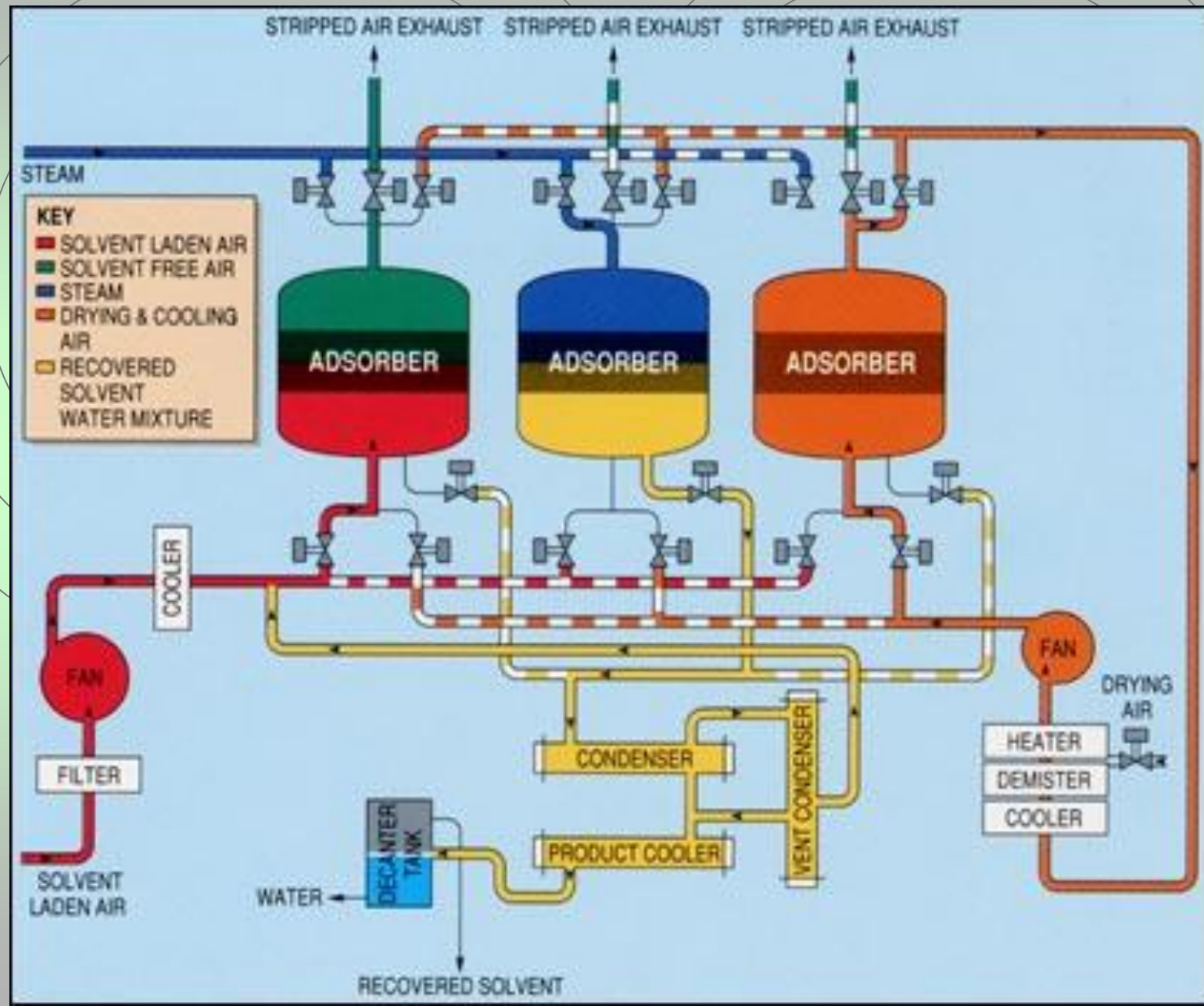
# Granular Activated Carbon Columns



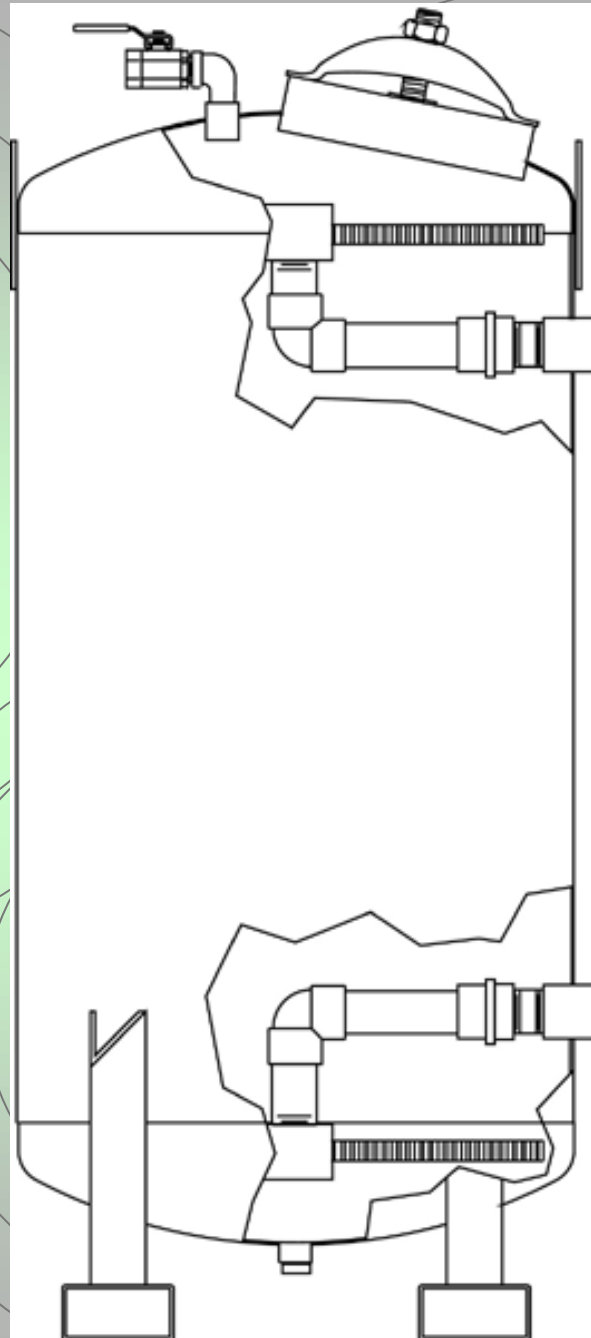
# GAC Silos



# Gas Purification

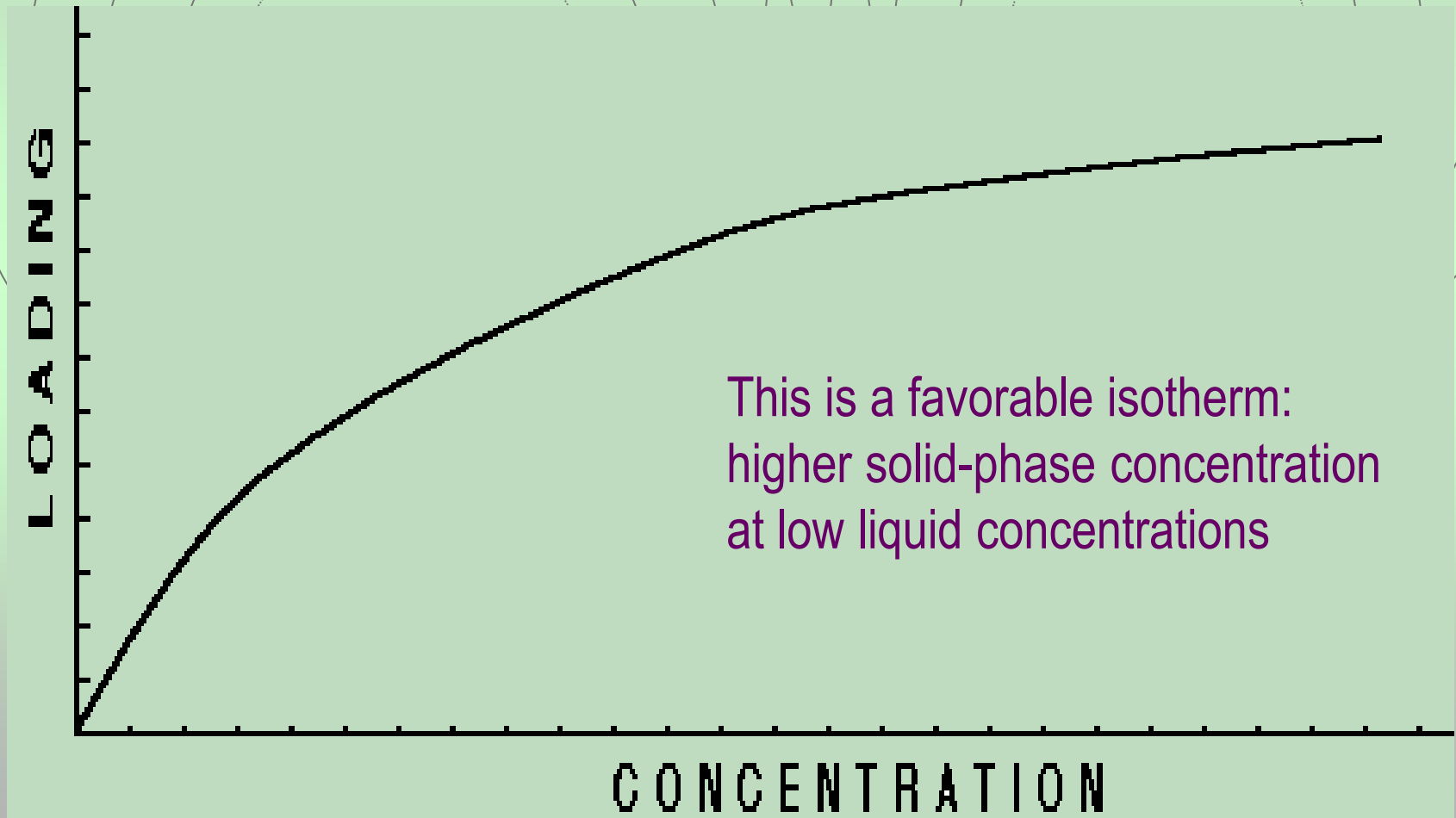


# Contacting Column Internals

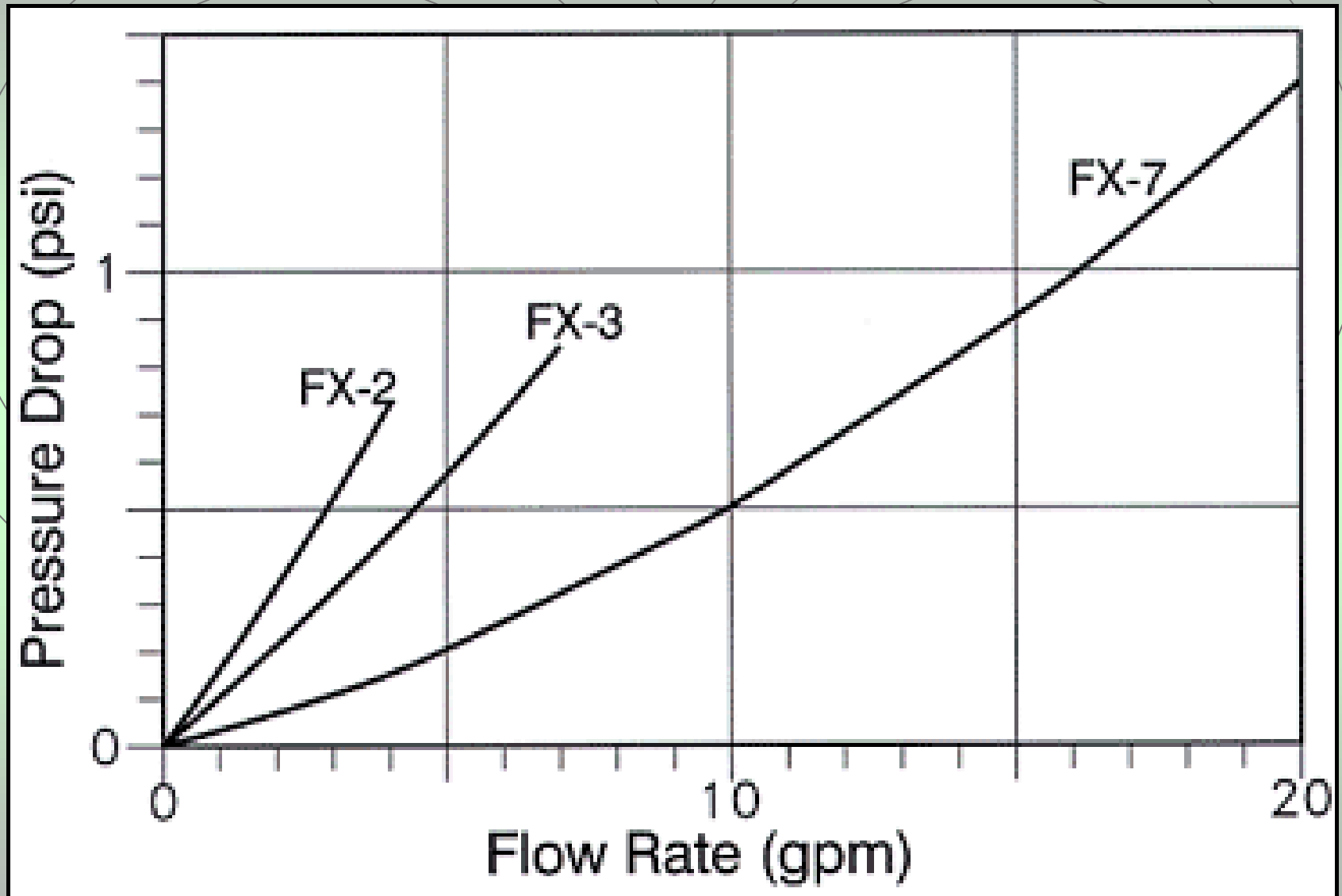


# Typical isotherm

solid-phase concentration (y-axis) vs liquid phase concentration (x-axis)



# Column Hydraulics

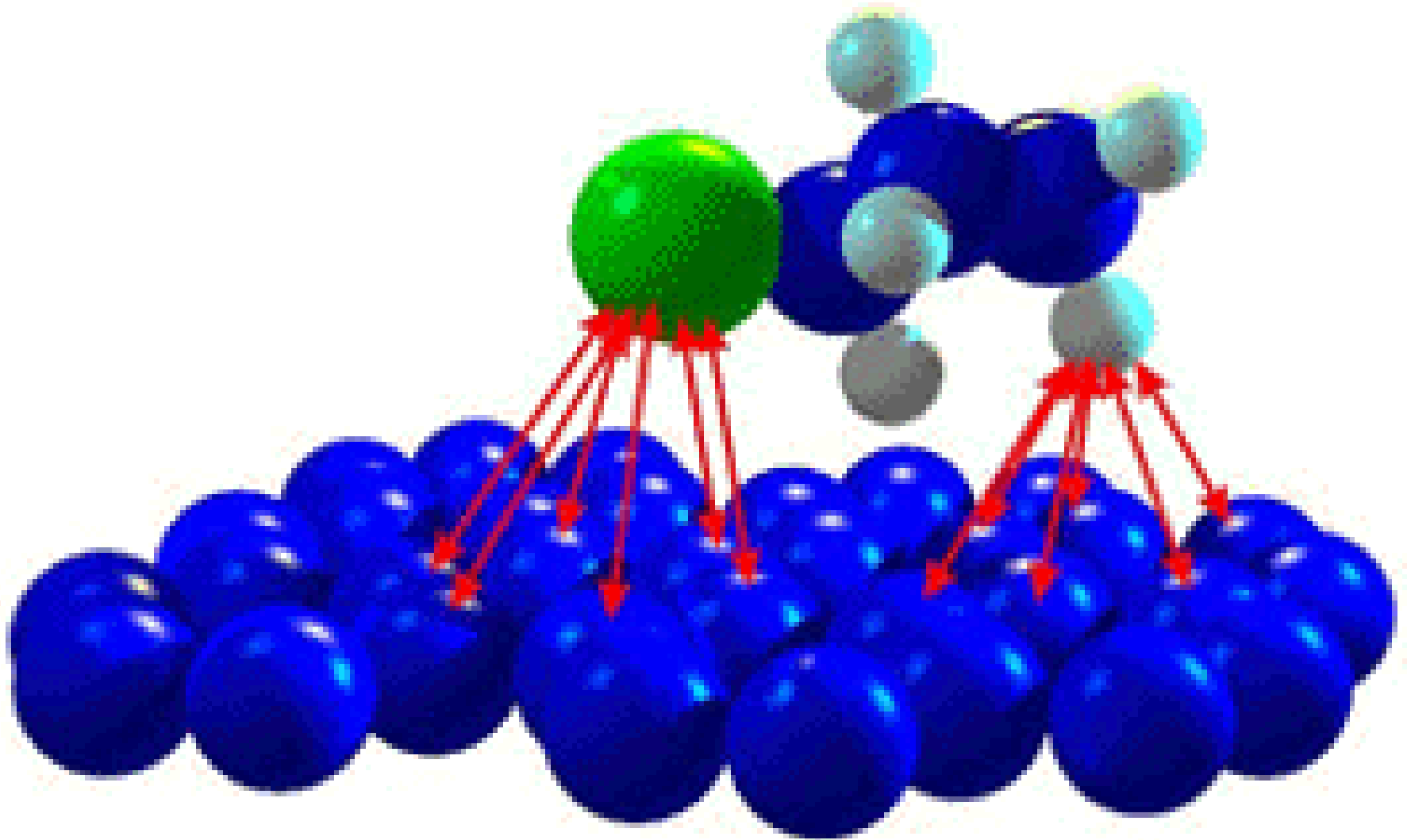


**Which of these two “twins”  
pioneered adsorption modeling?**

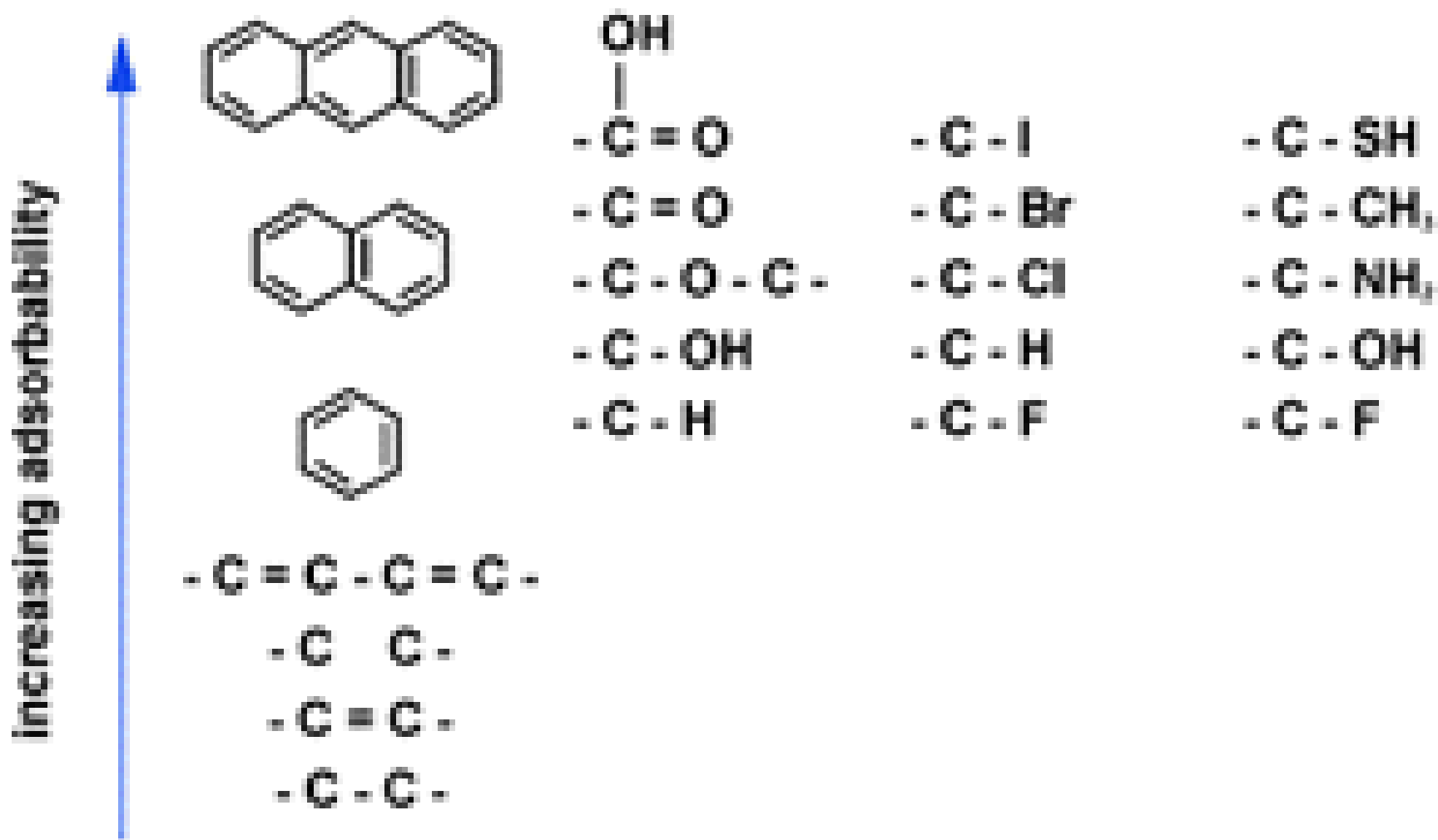


**Langmuir!**

# Adsorptive Forces

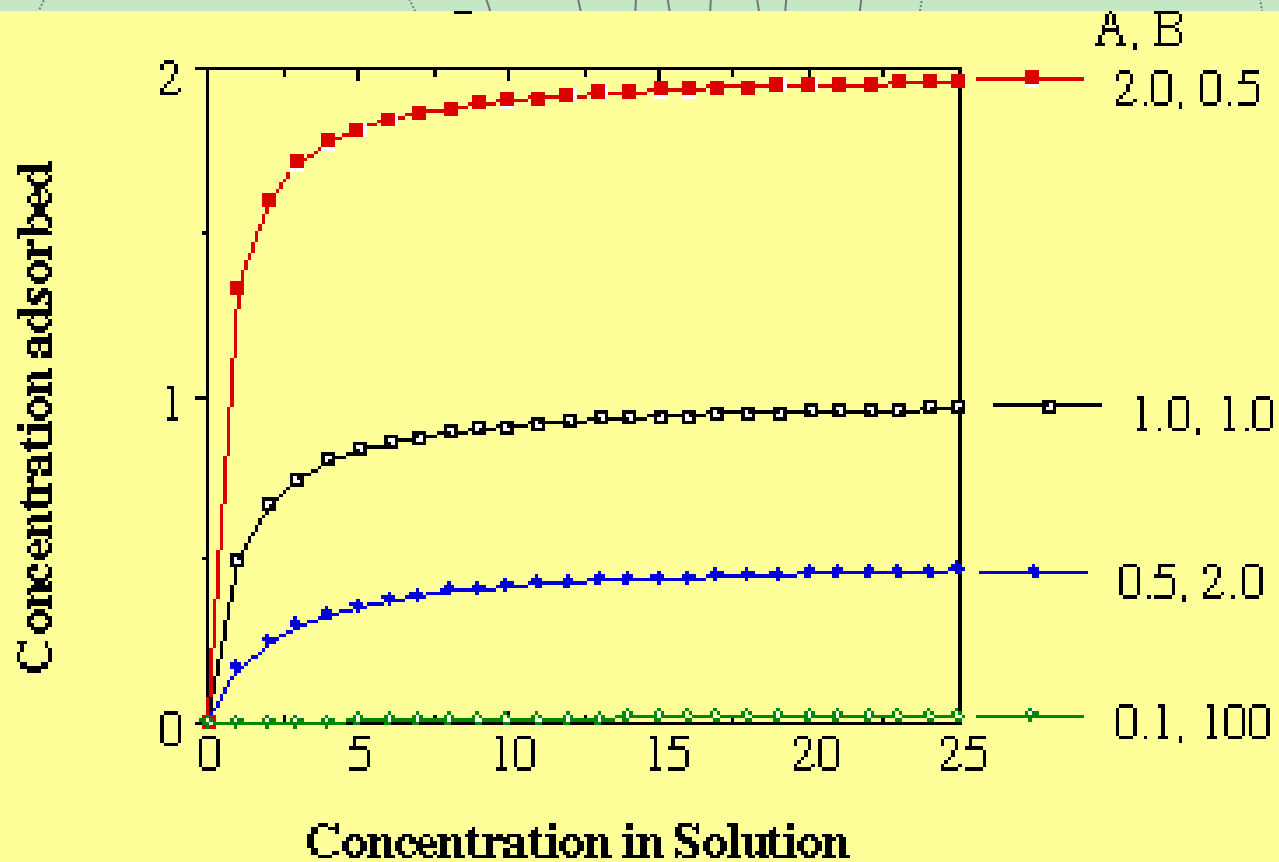


# The effect of molecular size and functional groups on adsorbability

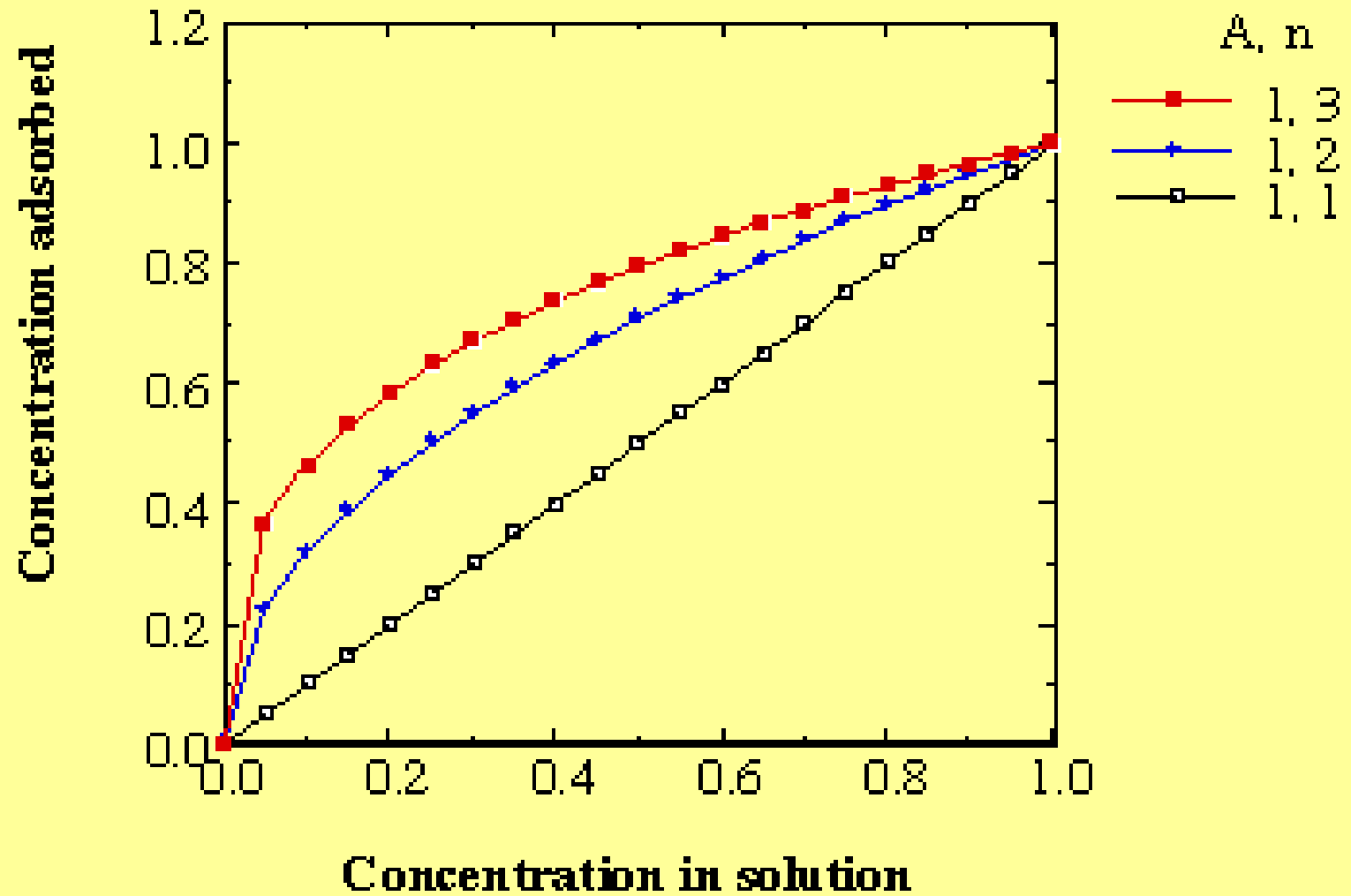


# Langmuir isotherm

$$\bar{C} = \frac{AC}{B+C}$$

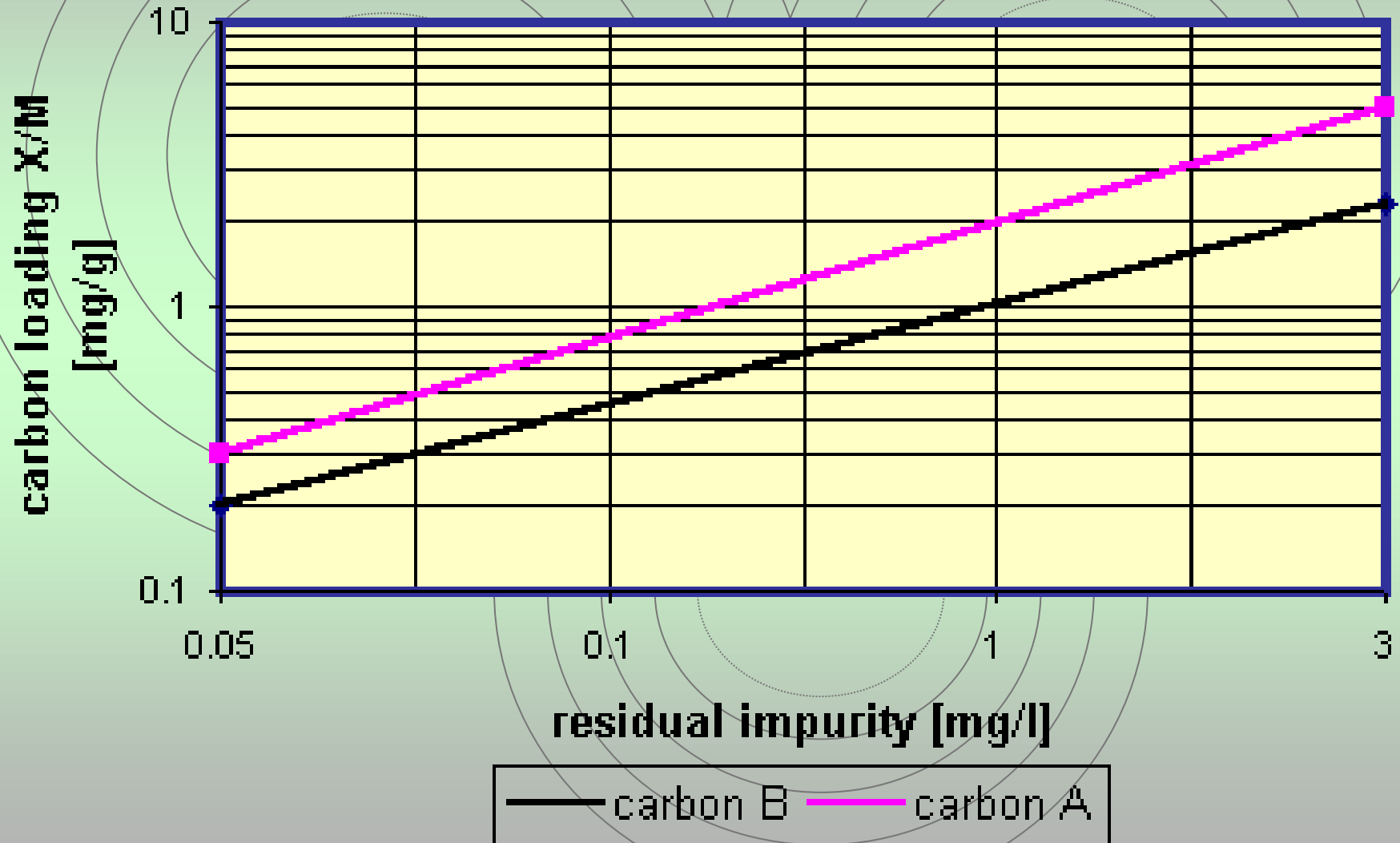


# Freundlich isotherm (linear scale)

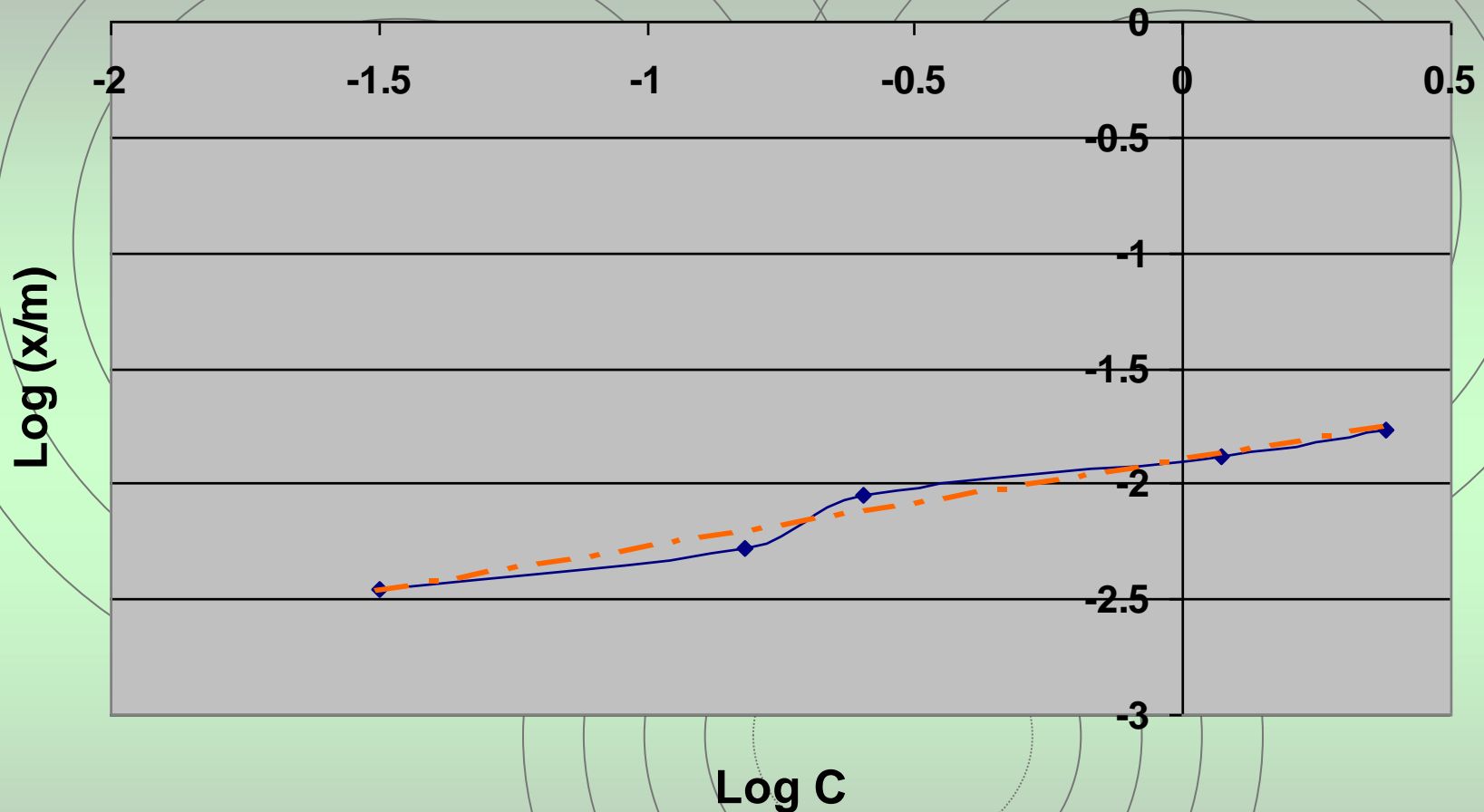


# Freundlich isotherm, log-log scale

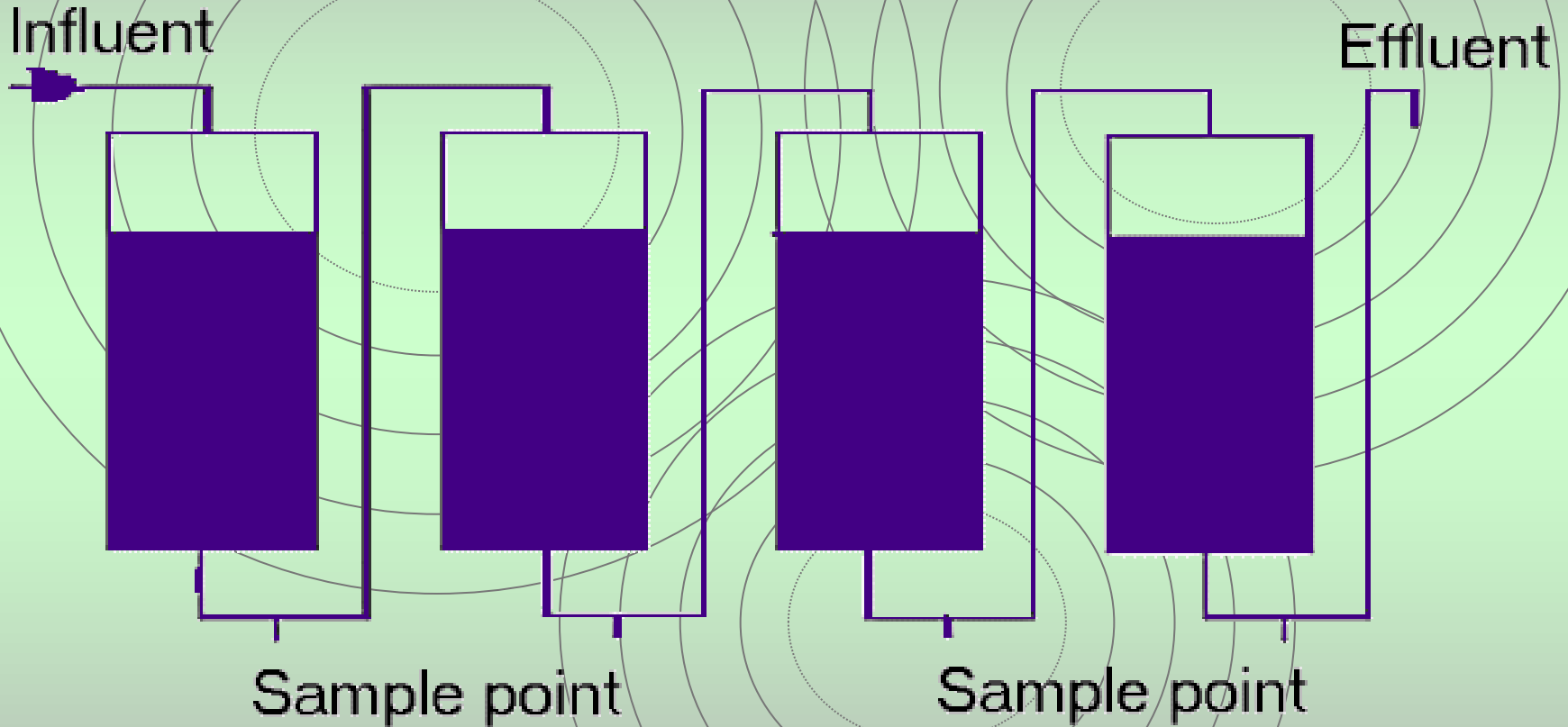
granular carbon , ground



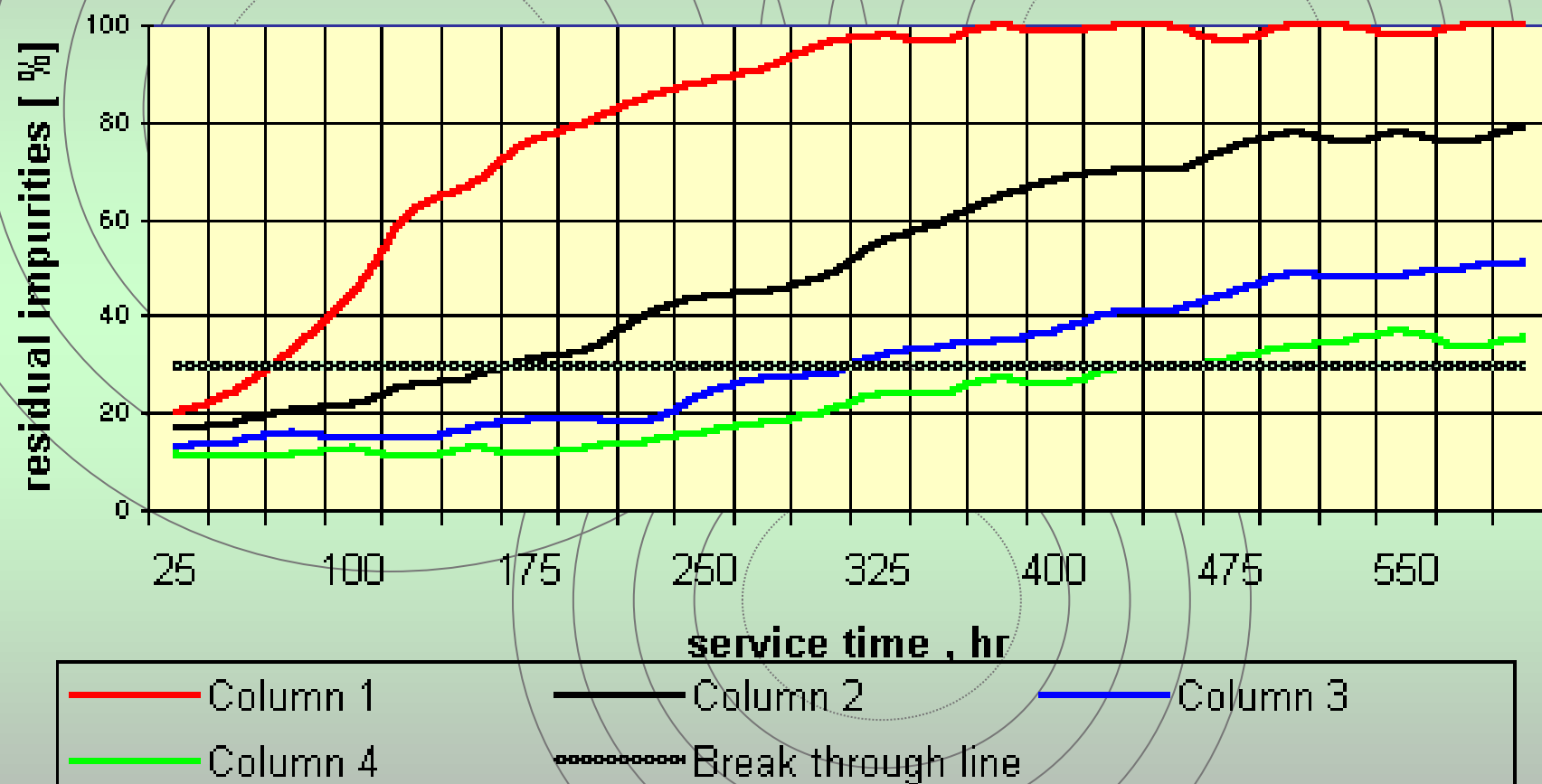
# Freundlich isotherm, compared with real data



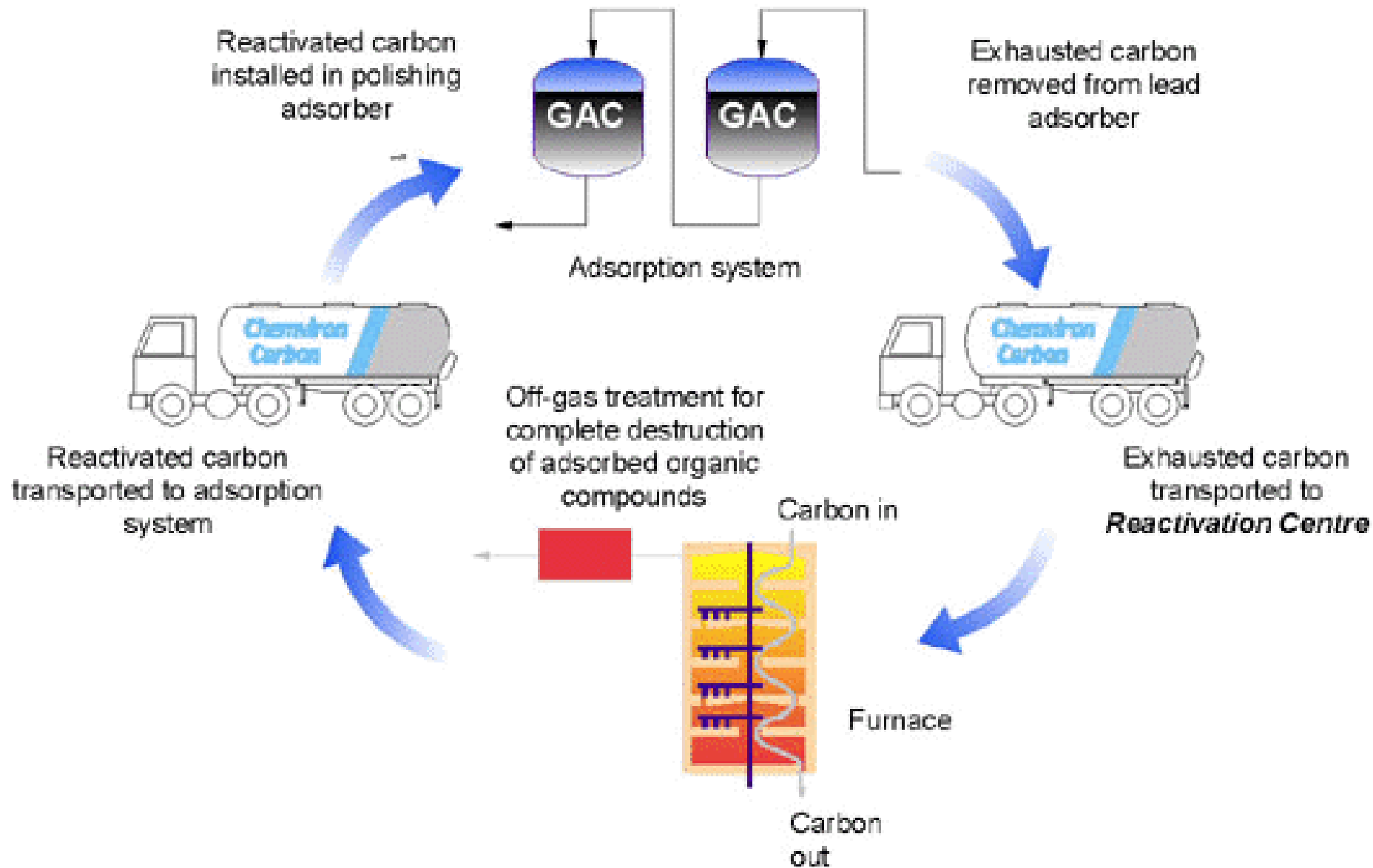
# Four GAC columns in series



## Break through curve 4 columns operating in series



# REACTIVATION OF ACTIVATED CARBON



# Transport of GAC



# Decentralized Multiple Hearth Regeneration Facility

