Bio-treatment of Waste Streams Containing Organic Compounds and Copper (Subtask C-1-2)

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#### **Objectives:**

- Investigate feasibility of biotreatment process for organic-containing wastewater
- Develop low energy, high efficiency process for treatment, reclaim and potential recycle of organic-containing wastewater.

#### **ESH Impact:**

- Without treatment and reclaim or recycle of waste waters, large quantities of effluent are discharged.
- CMP and electroplating bath processes are known to utilize as much as 30% of a fab's UPW and contribute significantly to Copper contamination
- Effluent may be contaminated with hard-to-remove compounds.
- Environmental impact may affect industry

# **Alternative Methods**

# Advantages of Biotreatment

- Carbon adsorption
- UV- oxidation methods
- Catalytic Membrane

- Simplicity of Setup
- Technology is better known
- Possible Synergistic Cu - Organic Effects
- Potentially achieve lower concentration levels
- Cost and Energy efficient
- Tolerant to Changing Waste Conditions

#### **Theory and Method of Approach:**



# **Immobilized System**



#### **Immobilized System Start up**



#### **Effects of IPA Spikes:**



### **Effects of IPA and pH Spikes:**



# Summary of Results for Column Experiments

Spike	<b>Duration</b> (residence times)	Effect
IPA (ppm):		
1000	0.50	40 % IPA, 8 hr Recovery
500	0.25	12 % IPA, 5hr Recovery
400	0.25	5 % IPA, Recovery during spike
350	0.25	4% IPA, Recovery during spike
300	0.25	No effect
pH:		
5	0.25	No effect
4	0.25	8 % IPA, Recovery during spike

# **Model Formulation**

#### **Diffusion and biodegradation of Organics inside the biofilm**



# **Model Formulation (cont'd)**



Solving the PDE gives us the Flow, N<sub>T</sub>, of IPA into the biofilm:

$$N_{T} = k_{2}C_{B}Tanh(k_{1}L)$$
$$k_{2} = \alpha D_{eff}k_{1}$$

# **Determination of Model Parameters: Bacterial Growth (k)**



## **Model Formulation – (Cont'd)**

#### **IPA balance** over Reactor

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{IPA}}^{\mathrm{B}}}{\mathrm{d}t} = \frac{1}{\tau_{1}} \left( 1 - \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{IPA}}^{\mathrm{B}} \right) - \tau_{2} \mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{IPA}}^{\mathrm{B}} \mathrm{Tanh}(\mathrm{k}_{1}\mathrm{L})$$

Rate of ChangeDof Bulk IPAIr

Dilution of IPA In the reactor Flow of IPA into particles



# **Model Formulation – (Cont'd)**

#### **Biofilm Balance**

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = k_3 C_B Tanh(k_1 L)$$
$$L = 0.001 \rightarrow t = 0$$

Rate of change of biofilm thickness is proportional to the flow of IPA into the biofilm

#### Where:



#### **Experimental Parameters**

$\mu_{max}$	0.022	$h^{-1}$
K <sub>m</sub>	0.16	mg IPA/cm <sup>3</sup>
D <sub>eff</sub>	0.001	cm²/h
Υ	0.12	mg cells/mg IPA
α	40	cm <sup>-1</sup>
r <sub>p</sub>	0.075	cm
F	100	cm <sup>3</sup> /h
V	8000	cm <sup>3</sup>
ν	35	cm <sup>3</sup>
ρ	1000	mg Cells/cm <sup>3</sup>
C <sub>0</sub>	0.01	mg IPA/cm <sup>3</sup>

# **Comparison of Model to Experimental Data**



# Effect of $\mu_{max}$



#### **Effect of Yield**



# **Publications for Cu removal**

- Ogden, Muscat and Stanley "Biosorption of Copper from Chemical Mechanical Planarization Wastewaters" MICRO, July/August 2001
- Stanley and Ogden "Removal of Cu from CMP waste water: Is it feasible?" Environmental
  Science & Technology (Submitted 5/01; preprints available from Kim)

# **Work in Progress**

# - Continue working on model

- Suspended cells growth
- Carbon adsorption
- Test with transient IPA and pH spikes
- Incorporate to Biotreatment of Cu
  - Simultaneous Cu and Organic
  - biotreatment
  - Adjust and test models