



Cabot Norit Activated Carbon for the Purification of starch based sweeteners

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Introduction to activated carbon

Cabot AC in the Food and Beverage segment

Example applications for activated carbon:

- ◆ Decolorization of sugar syrups, juices, (non) alcoholic beverages, organic acids and their salts.
- ◆ Purification, taste and odour correction of food and beverage products
- ◆ Decontamination of vegetable and marine oils
- ◆ Decaffeination of coffee & tea
- ◆ Recycling of waste sugar in sweets production
- ◆ Purification of edible lactose
- ◆and many more applications

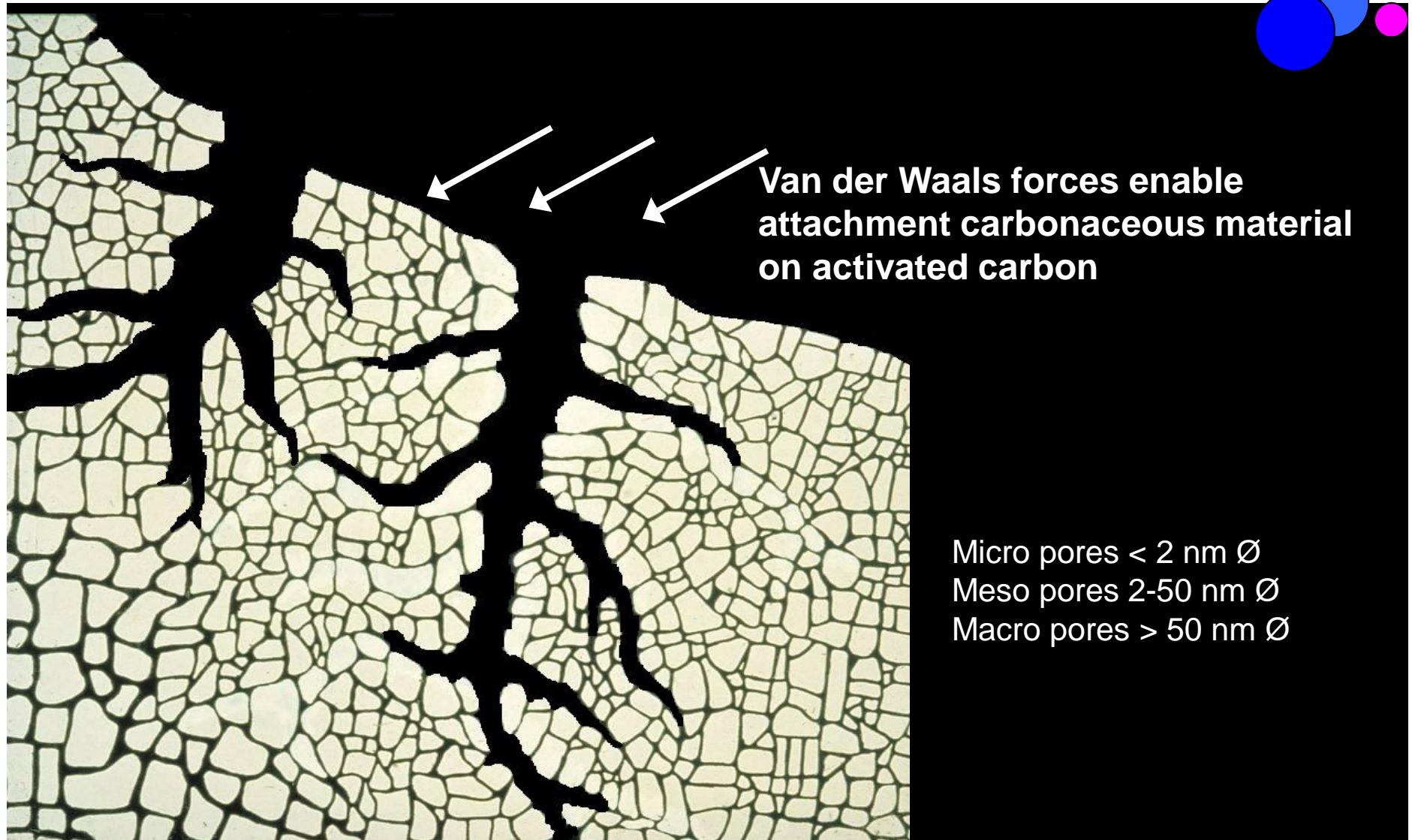
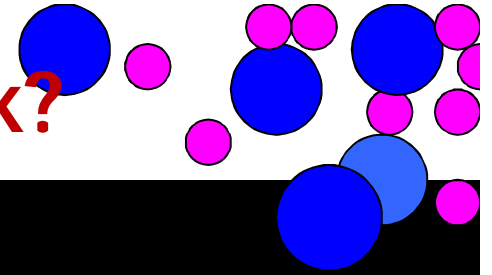
Leads for Cabot AC in starch based sweeteners?

6 Key Questions:

- ◆ At which stage in the purification process, product to be treated?
- ◆ Which impurity (impurities) to remove at that stage?
- ◆ Impurity concentration, color level before and after treatment?
- ◆ Size of the flow in m³/hour, dry solid content?
- ◆ Operational process conditions (temperature, pH)?
- ◆ Already using activated carbon? Which grade?

How Does the Activated Carbon work?

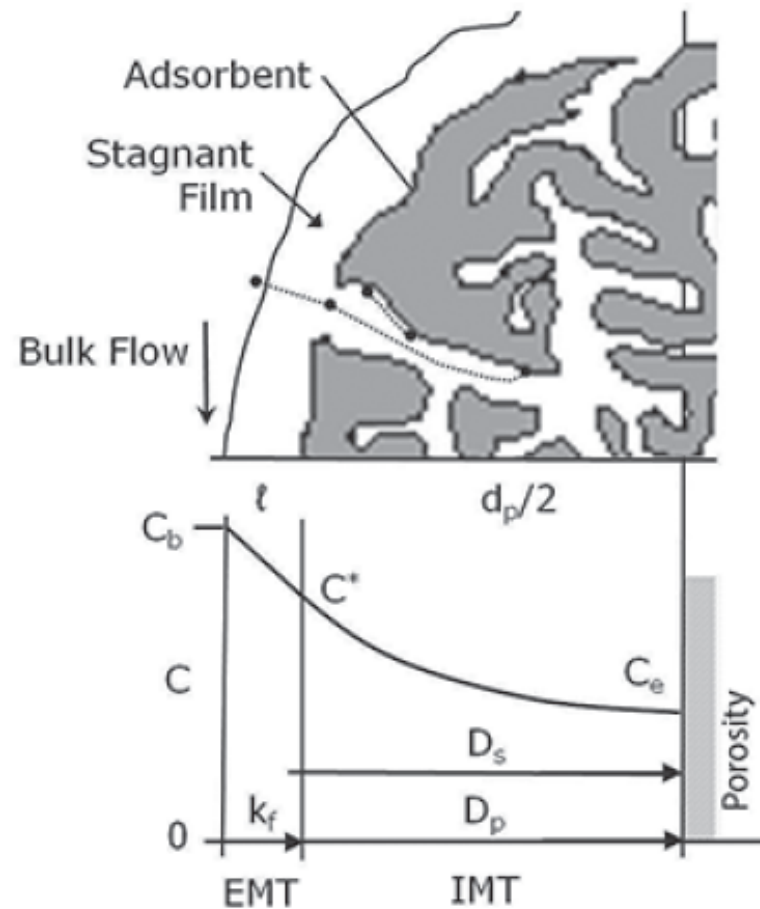
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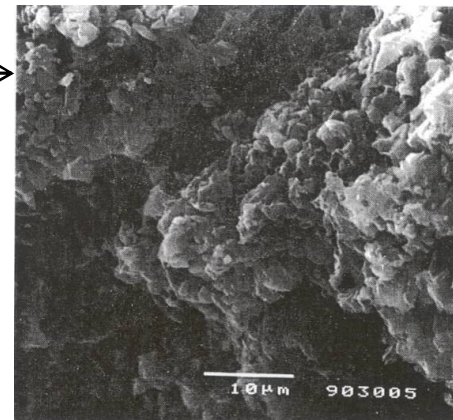
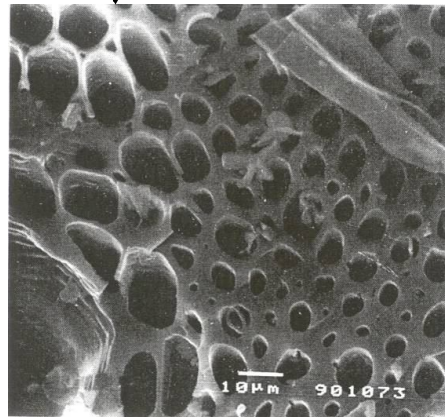
Adsorption process

Mass transfer – adsorption kinetics



2 How Does the Activated Carbon work?

- ◆ 2 production methods of Activated Carbon
 - ◆ Steam Activated Carbons (SAC)
 - ◆ Chemically Activated Carbons (CAC)
- ◆ Pore structure influenced by
 - ◆ Manufacturing method
 - ◆ Raw material

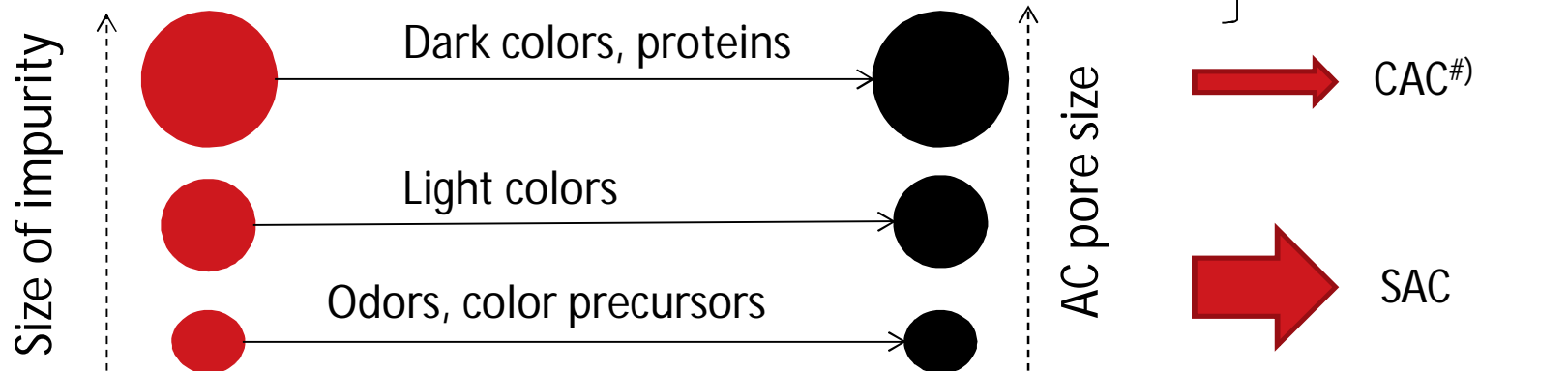


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- ◆ What has to be removed within the starch sweetener purification application?

Examples:

- ◆ Odors such as 2-AAP, IVA → from corn starch syrups.
- ◆ Colors (polyphenols, melanoidins) from various syrups
- ◆ Color-precursors (Hydroxymethylfurfural) → from various syrups
- ◆ Proteins → from glucose/dextrose syrups

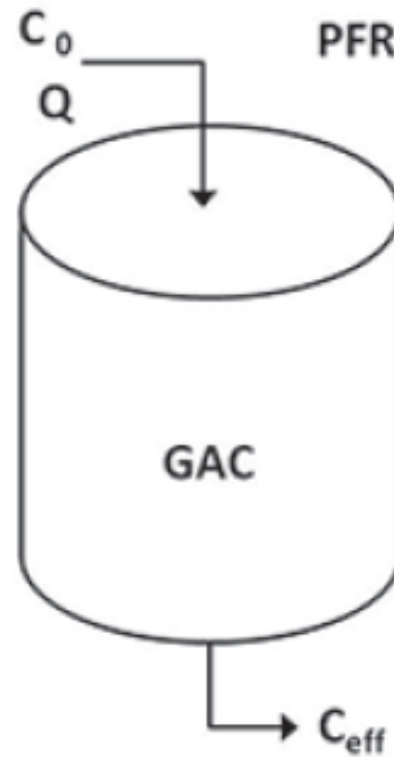
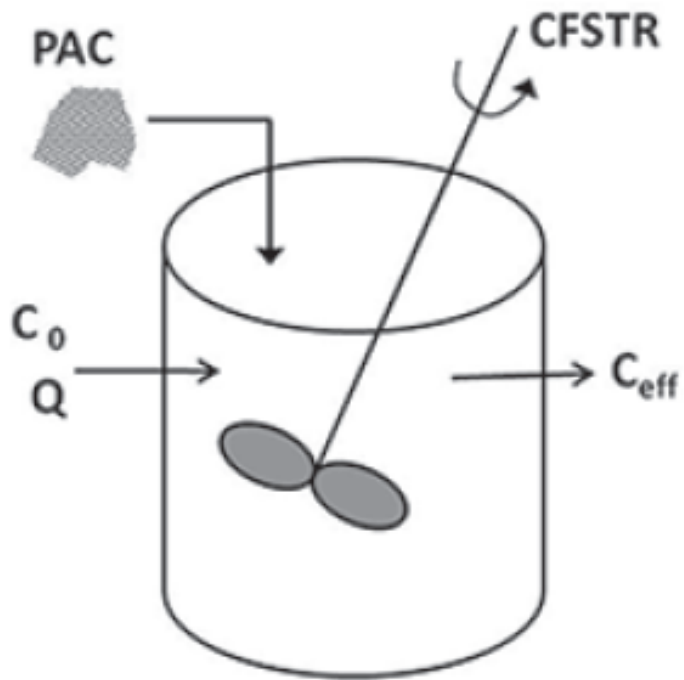


#) only in case of PAC, in case of GAC → Steam Activated Carbon (SAC)

3 How to Apply?

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Powder versus Granular Activated Carbon



3 When to apply PAC ?

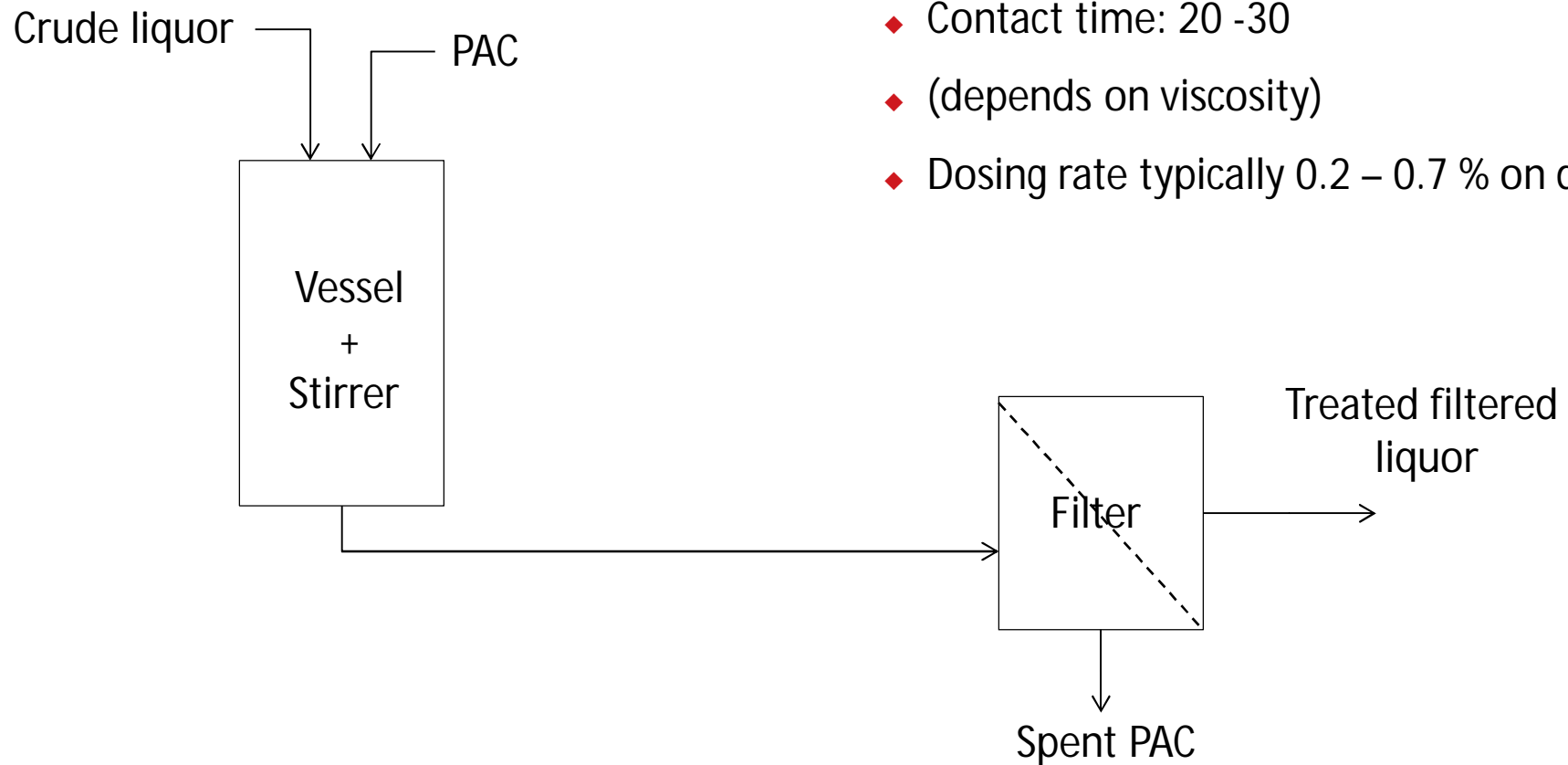
- ◆ Suitable for batch processes
 - ◆ + flexible in grade and dosing
 - ◆ + easy incorporated
 - ◆ + low investment cost in system compared to GAC process
 - ◆ - standard PAC: dirty handling unless using dedicated dosing systems
 - ◆ - filter cakes with filter aid to dispose (not applicable for GAC)
 - ◆ - high operational costs compared to GAC process
- ◆ Separation PAC from liquid by filtration
- ◆ Filtration behaviour important parameter



3 PAC process in starch based sweeteners

Typical process conditions:

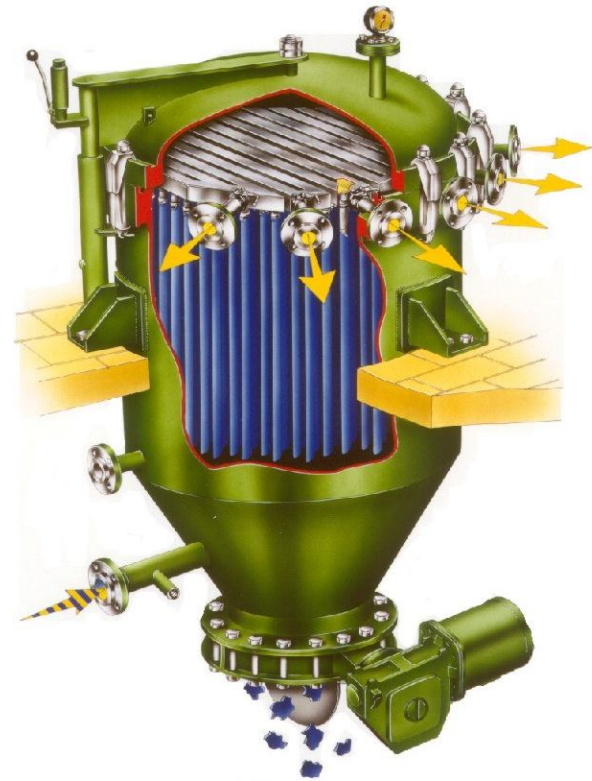
- ◆ Temperature: 65 -75 Degr. C
- ◆ Contact time: 20 -30
- ◆ (depends on viscosity)
- ◆ Dosing rate typically 0.2 – 0.7 % on d.s



3 PAC Filtration from syrups

Common PAC filter types for filtration of PAC suspensions with filter aid:

- ◆ Pressure leaf filters
- ◆ Reversed flow tube filters (picture)
- ◆ Rotating disc filters



How to Apply?

Powdered Activated Carbon



3 When to apply GAC

- ◆ Suitable for continuous flow, no stops, large operations
 - ◆ + low operational costs compared to PAC process
 - ◆ + clean
 - ◆ + regeneration
 - ◆ + no additional AC separation step
 - ◆ - high investment costs compared to PAC process
 - ◆ - less flexible regarding process changes compared to PAC process

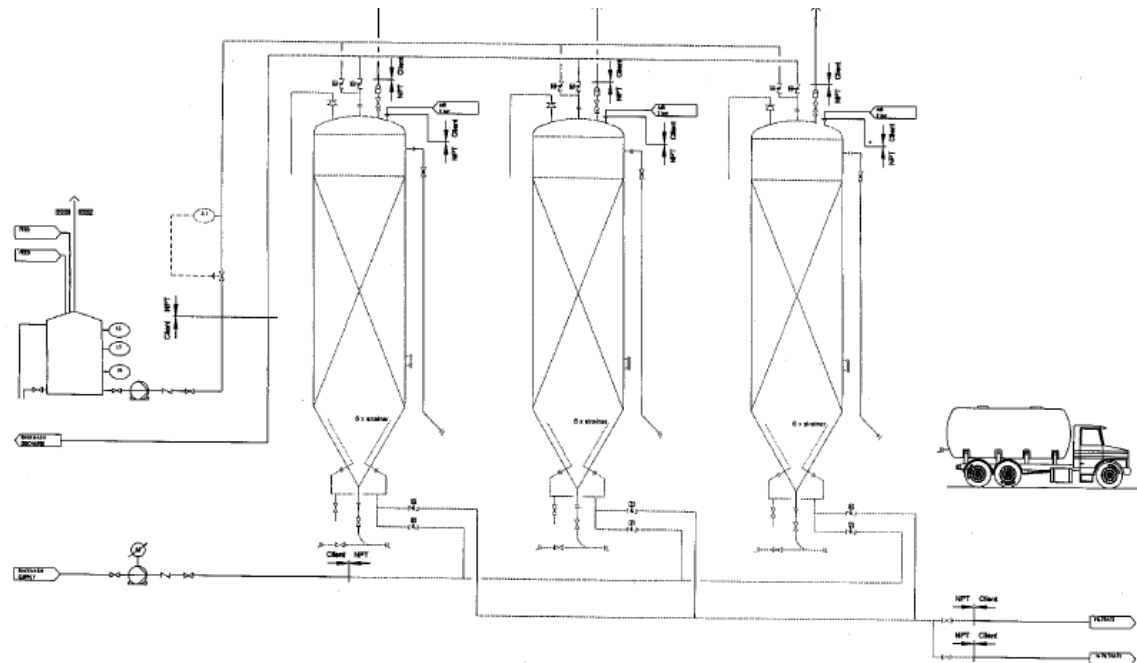
- ◆ Mechanical properties (high abrasion resistance, regeneration)



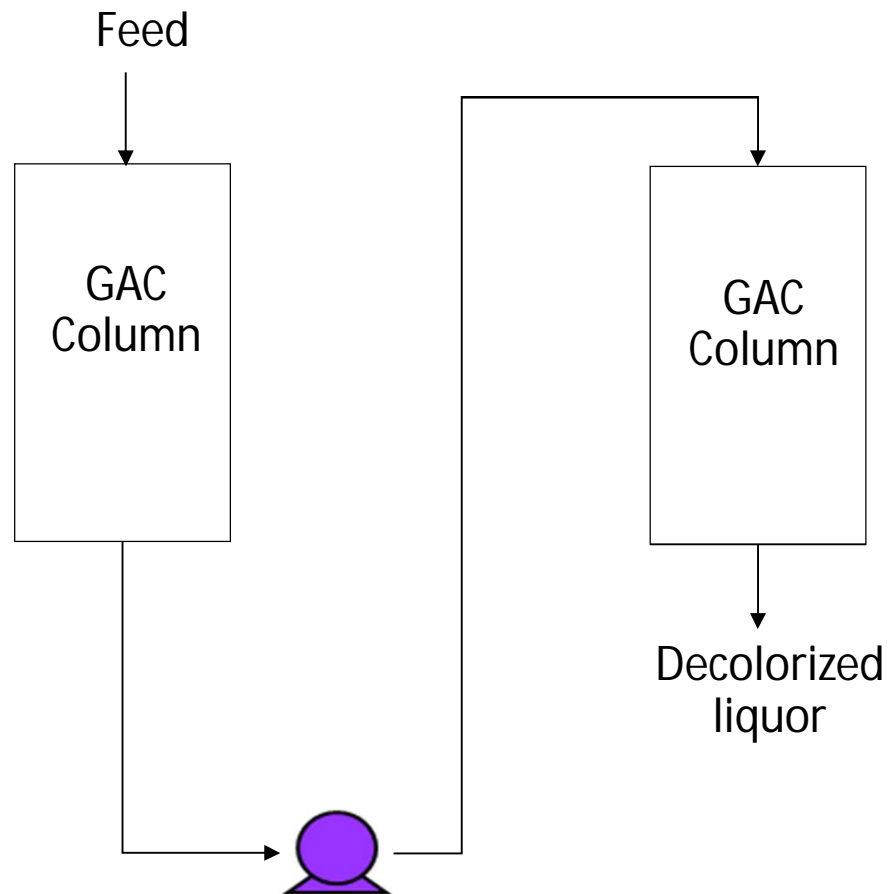
3 Fixed bed GAC system

Features fixed GAC bed adsorbers:

- ◆ High flexibility
- ◆ Optional: backwashing for classification GAC bed
- ◆ Optimum adsorber configuration
- ◆ Efficient use of adsorptive capacity
- ◆ Clean and simple



3 GAC: fixed bed



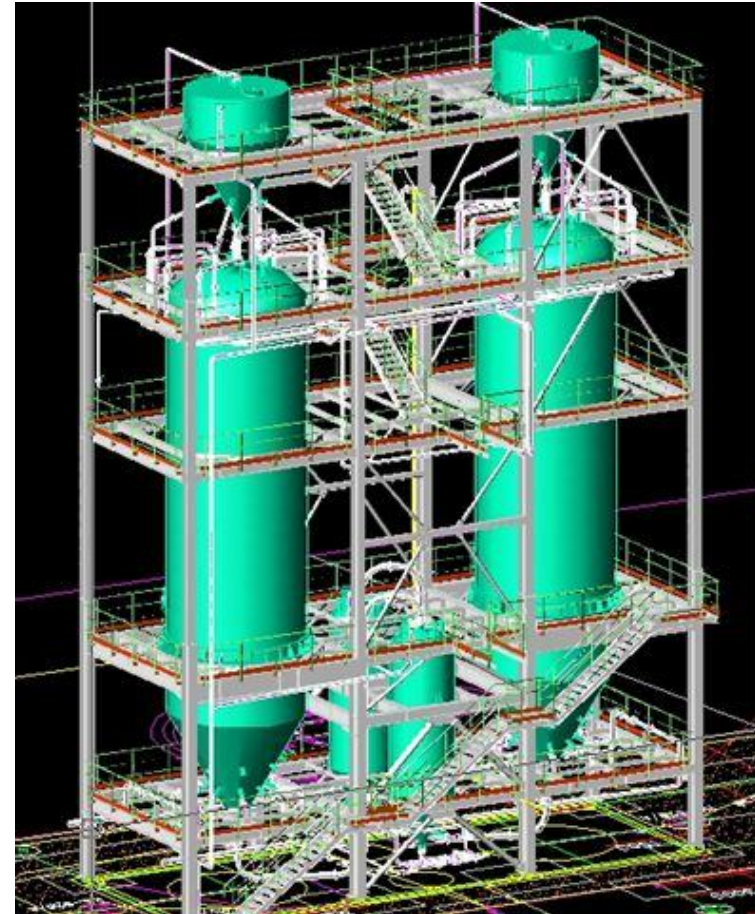
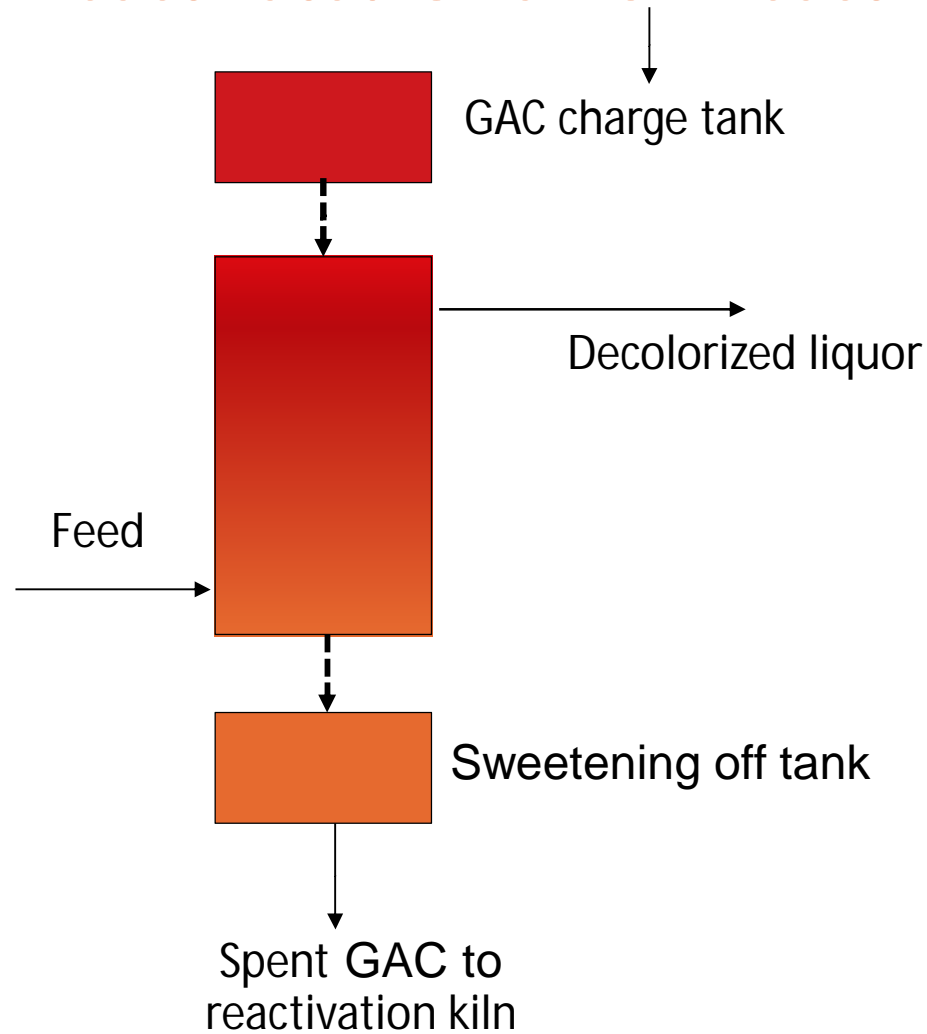
Typical process conditions in starch sweeteners:

- ◆ Temperature: 65 – 75 °C
- ◆ EBCT: 2 – 4 h over columns in serial operation or
- ◆ HSV: 0.25 – 0.5 Bedvolumes/h
- ◆ Service life: 100 - 400 Bedvolumes












- EBCT: Empty Bed Contact Time [h]
- HSV: Hourly Space Velocity [bedvolumes/h]

3 Pulsed bed GAC columns

Reactivated GAC from reactivation kiln



Mesh Sizes

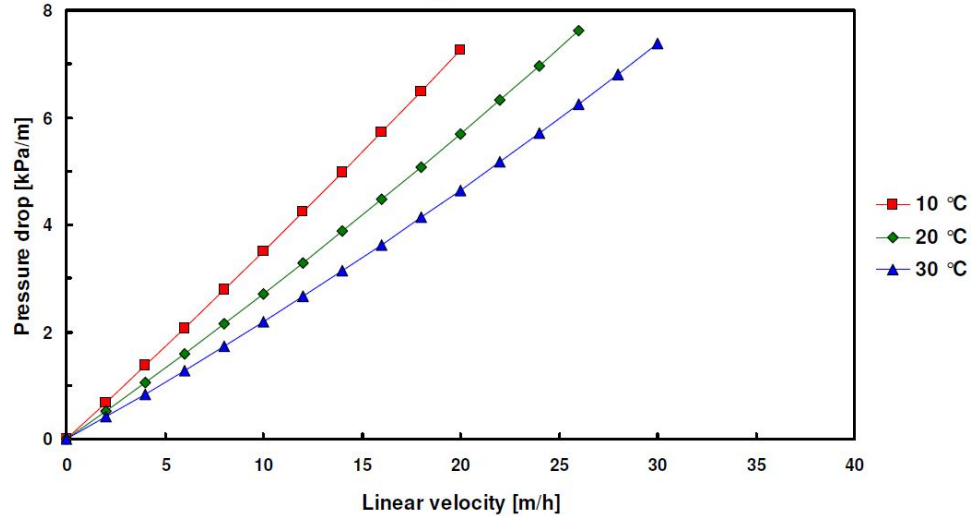
Mesh Size Converter				
SIEVE Opening mm	Particles	ASTM	Former JIS 日本	BS
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4.75		4	-	3.5
4.00		5	5	4
3.35		6	6	5
2.80		7	7	6
2.36		8	8	7
2.00		10	9	8
1.70		12	10	10
1.40		14	12	12
1.18		16	14	14
1.00		18	16	16
0.85		20	20	18
0.71		25	24	22
0.60		30	28	25
0.50		35	32	30
0.425		40	35	36
0.355		45	42	44
0.300		50	48	52

Hydrodynamic properties of GAC

- ◆ Particle size distribution having a dominant effect on clean bed pressure drop

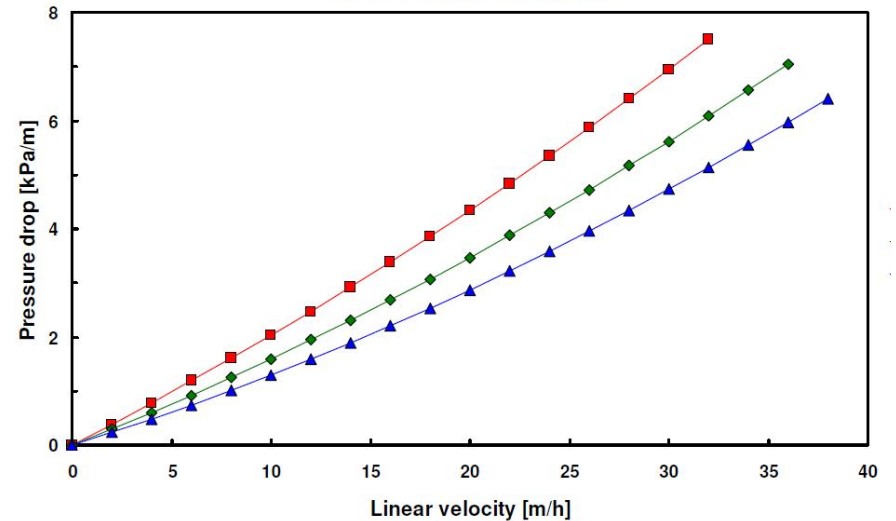
Norit GAC 1240 product line

Pressure drop versus temperature



Norit GAC 830 product line

Pressure drop versus temperature

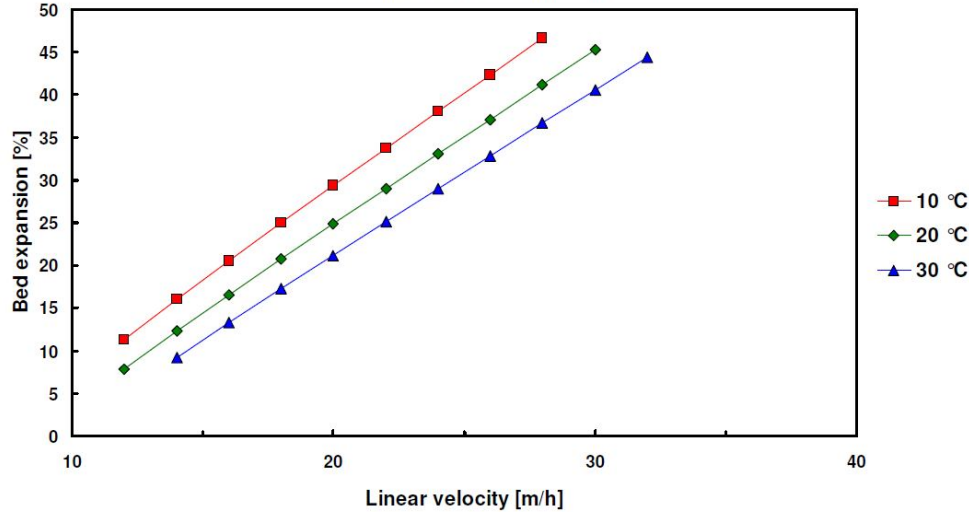


Hydrodynamic properties of GAC

- ◆ Particle size distribution having a dominant effect on bed expansion characteristic

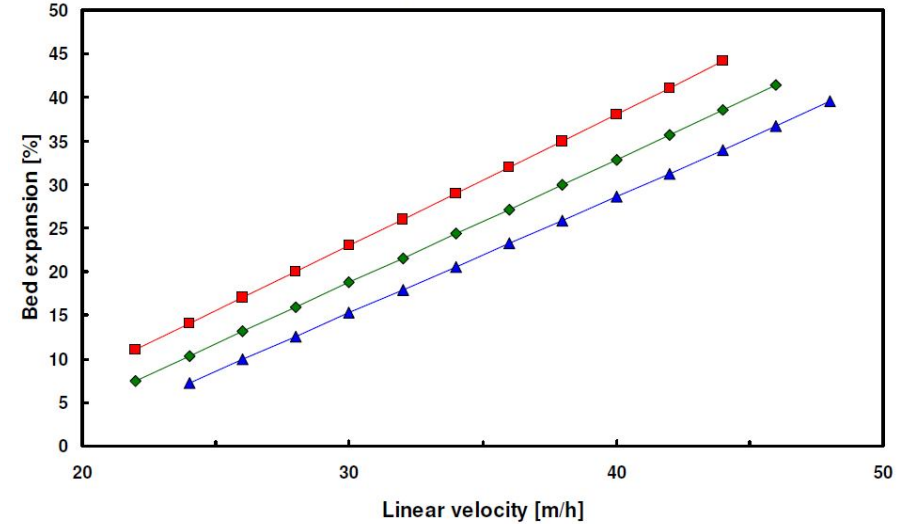
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Bed expansion versus temperature



Norit GAC 830 product line

Bed expansion versus temperature

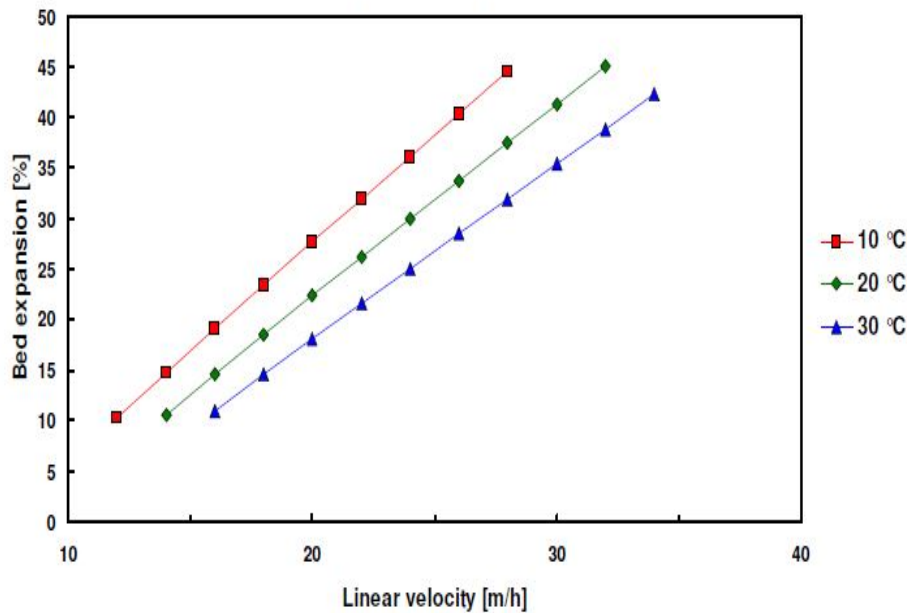


Hydrodynamic properties of GAC

NORIT ROX 0.8 – the ultimate polishing carbon

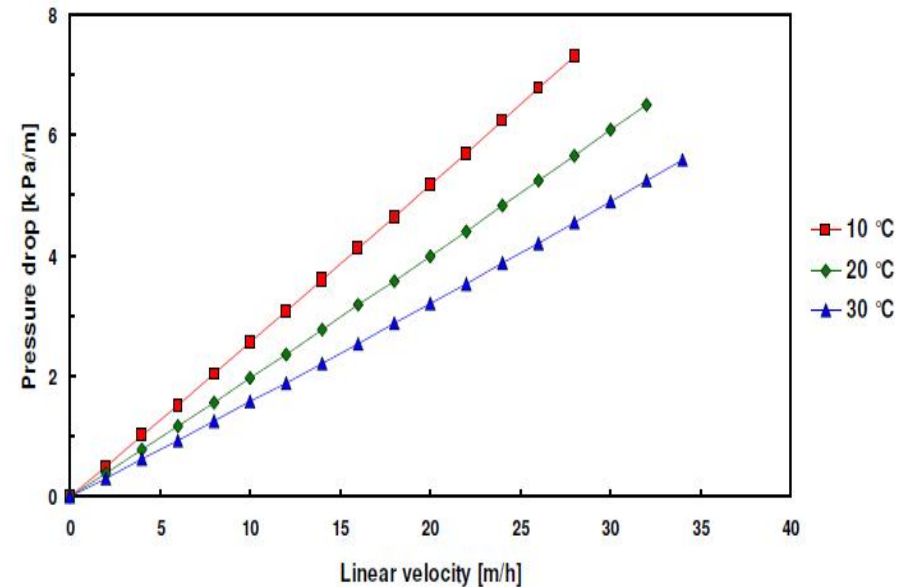
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Bed expansion versus temperature



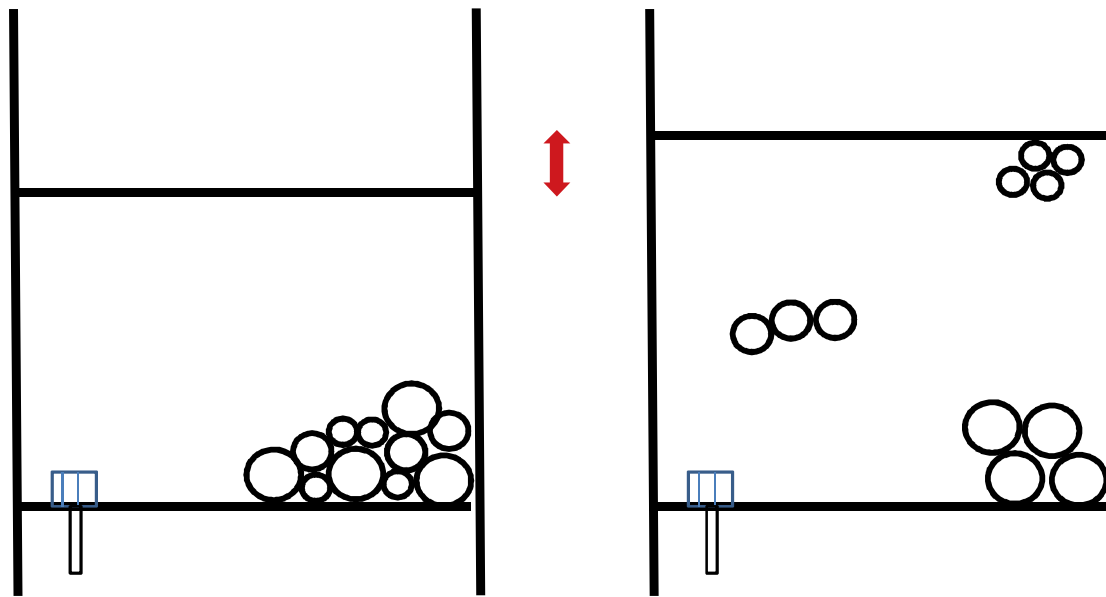
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Pressure drop versus temperature



Volume or tonnage of carbon required

- ◆ Density Backwashed and Drained = Apparent Density / conversion factor



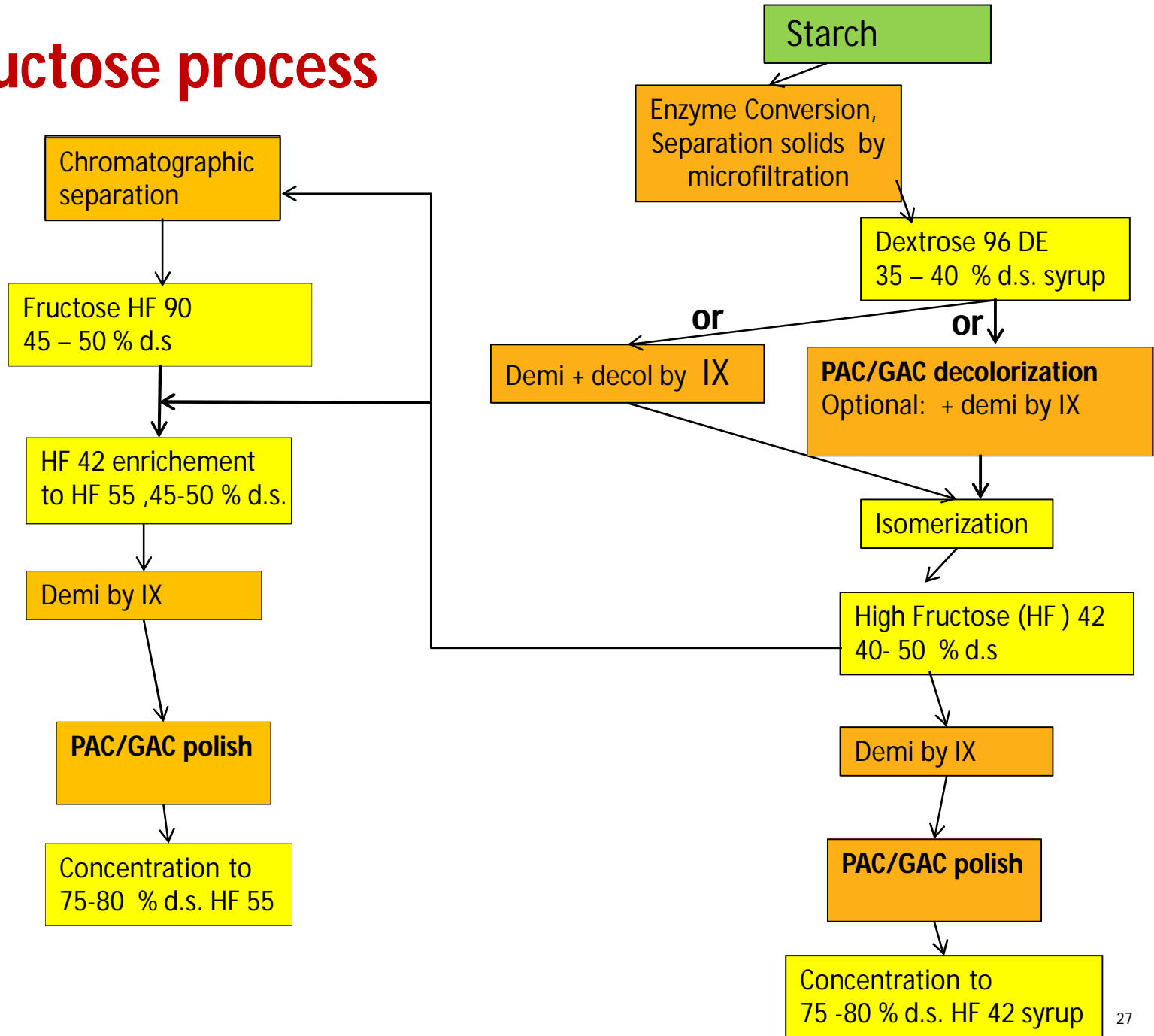
- ◆ Apparent Density
Ideal Packed Bed
Lowest Volume

- Density Backwashed & Drained
Classified Packed Bed
Higher Volume

Remark: The red arrow shows the difference in volume

Where is Activated Carbon used ?

High Fructose process



What Product should You select?

STARCH BASED SWEETENERS: HFS, GLUCOSE, MALTOSE, SORBITOL:

Powdered: Large color bodies & proteins

NORIT® CGSP

Best on large color bodies and proteins

NORIT® CG 1

Good on large color bodies and proteins

NORIT® GBSP

Good on large color bodies, proteins, color precursors

Granular

NORIT® GAC 1240 PLUS

Best comprehensive for adsorption, good on low metal leach, thermally regenerable

NORIT® ROX 0.8

Best polishing carbon, dedicated for use after demineralization; excellent regenerability.

Powdered: Small color bodies, color precursors, taste & odor

NORIT® SX 1G

Best on small color bodies, color precursors, and off-taste and odor, dedicated for use after demineralization

NORIT® DX1

Good on small color bodies and color precursors, dedicated for use after demineralization

8 Why Cabot?

- ◆ Wide range of food grade carbons for starch sweetener purification
- ◆ High standard Quality management systems on food grade carbons
 - ◆ Production in NL and UK under scope of HACCP quality management system
 - ◆ Reactivation of food carbons in NL and IT under the scope of a HACCP quality management system
 - ◆ 100 % traceability of manufactured (and reactivated) lots – quality audits to show compliance with quality standards in the food industry
- ◆ Technical literature to support Sales/customers to get the best out of the Cabot AC products in sweeteners purification
- ◆ Application Specialists for training/education customers/ OEM's /EPC contractors on the use in or design of AC purification processes.
- ◆ Lab test facilities / rental equipment available to support AC testing



Thank you.

