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FOULING CONTROL OF MF MEMBRANE WITH NANOBUBBLES

UFB (ultrafine bubble)

ナノバブルによるセラミック膜のファウリング抑制

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Membrane Filtration


Membrane pore size with 10 nm ~ 1 μm.
 Removal of particles from water (solution) on the basis of size.

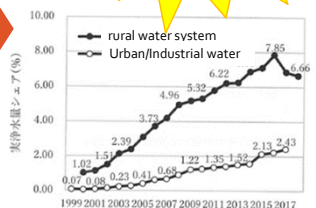
Eco-friendly

easy Maintenance

Space saving

universal Use





Year	Rural water system (%)	Urban/Industrial water (%)
1999	0.07	0.08
2001	1.51	0.23
2003	2.39	0.41
2005	3.73	0.65
2007	4.96	1.22
2009	5.32	1.35
2011	6.22	1.53
2013	7.85	2.13
2015	7.85	2.43
2017	6.60	2.43

Fig. 1 Share of membrane
(水環境学会誌2021、2月号特集)

図4 全浄水量に占める膜ろ過浄水量のシェア

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However...

Problems

While filtration,
 Accumulation of Fumic Substances and others
 ⇒ fouling (pore clogging)

Usual washing (flushing & back washing) +
 chemical washing (each few month - year)

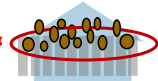


Fig.2 fouling removal

Water quality
 Decrease

Irreversible Fouling

Strong washing
 → cost, environmental load ...

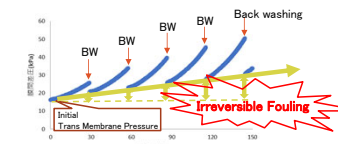


Fig.3 Irreversible Fouling increase

Research topics: "foulant properties" "pretreatment" "new washing method" ...

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UFB (ultrafine-bubble, nano-bubble : NB)

NB
 Bubbles under 1000 nm size

Surface properties

Negative charge

Stable in water (no-flocculation)

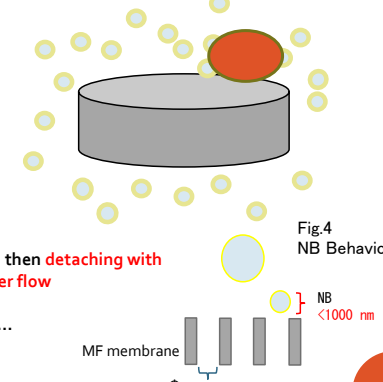
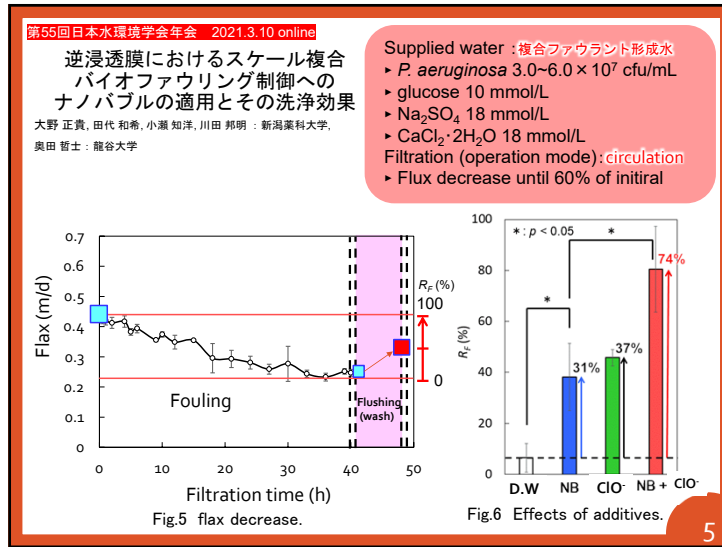


Fig.4 NB Behavior

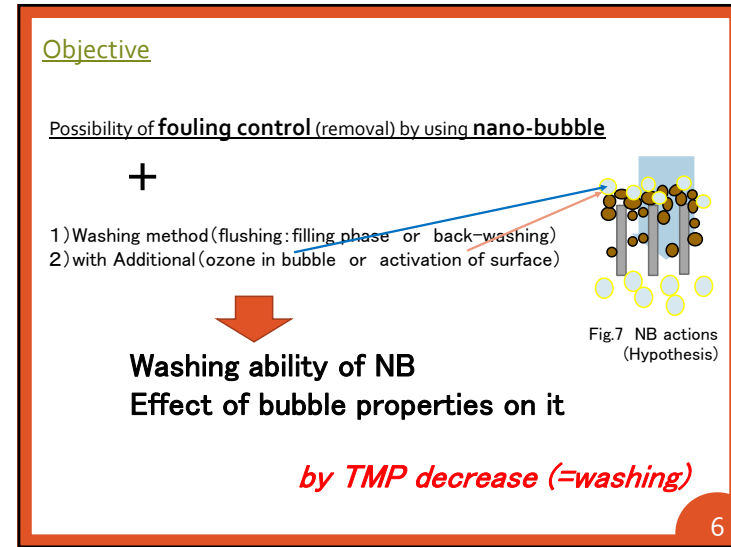
Adsorption of NB, then detaching with
 Resistance to water flow
 or
 Jacking-up effect ...

MF membrane
 Φ100 nm

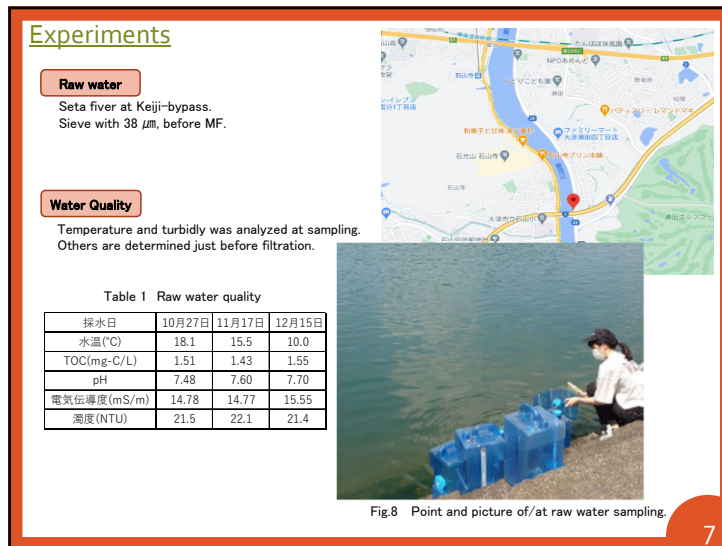
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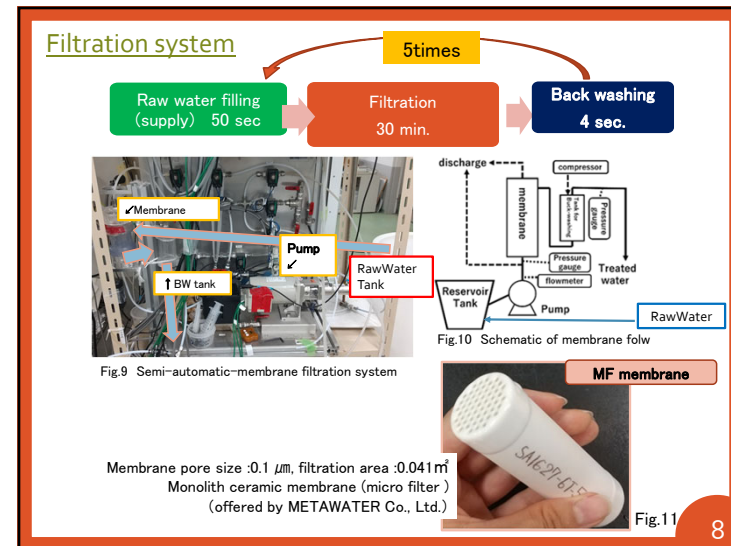
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experimental Design

Surface washing (filling)
Pore washing (Backwashing)

NB dispersion (generation)
Rotational-Flow method with air in 12 L tap water (10 min.)

Tap Water

Ozone-NB dispersion
Ozone gas use instead of the "air" during NB generation.

Ozone solution
(milli-size bubble) bubbling 10 min. to 12 L tap water

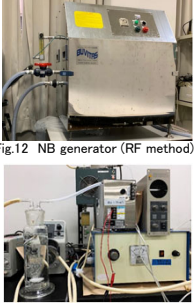


Fig.12 NB generator (RF method)
Fig.13 Ozone generator.

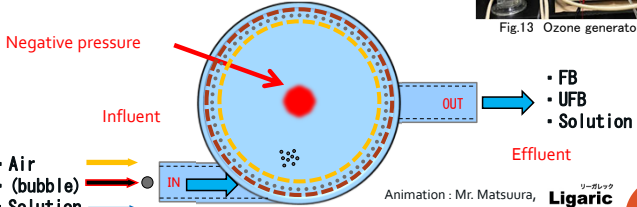


Fig.14 NB production with Rotational-Flow method

Animation : Mr. Matsuura, **Ligoric**

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Results at backwashing

Ozone in babbles

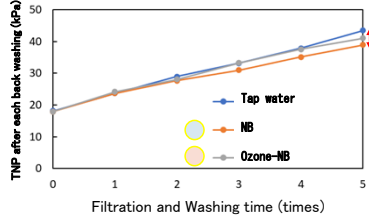


Fig. 15 Effect of NB and ozone on it

Comariton with "tap water" only

Ozone-NB dispersion : **8%**
NB dispersion : **17%**

Ozone conc. in gas : 0.6mg/L

IrF Inhibition ratio (%)

$$\left(1 - \frac{\text{TMP increase in each washing method}}{\text{TMP increase in tap water washing}}\right) \times 100$$

Change "NB generation method" + NB activation
JP patent 6731586 (ultrasound method)
UV 30 mins

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Results activation of NB at backwashing

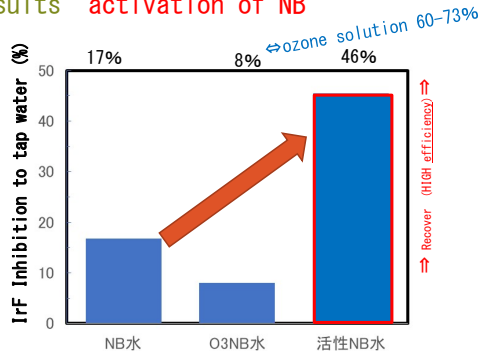


Fig.16 Effect of ozone content or activation

Flushing : NB dispersion at filling (not river water) - **14%**

mV	NB	Activation
ORP :	+414	→ +227
ζ potential :	-17±1	→ -25±1

*median, concentration was almost same.

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Conclusion

Decrease of **IrReversible Fouling** during 5 times (30 mins) filtration of river water

Back-Washing about 20%

- + with ozone in bubble almost no improvement
- + with activation of surface about + 30%
 - ⇔ Reduction effect? or Jacking-up effect?

Flushing about 15%

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