



# EStaRS Filter

Manometer research & head loss modeling for greater efficiency and ease  
of use in Honduras & India

(Additional Information at the AguaClara wiki and Google Drive)

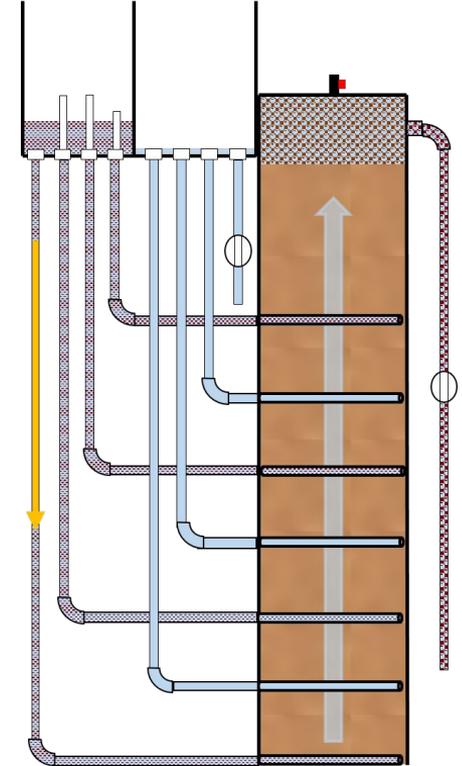
# EStARS is an alternative to OStARS for lower flow rates.

- OStARS not cost effective for flow rates  $< 6$  L/s
- EStARS originally designed to provide 0.8 L/s
- Can be used independently (India) or with a full treatment train (Honduras)

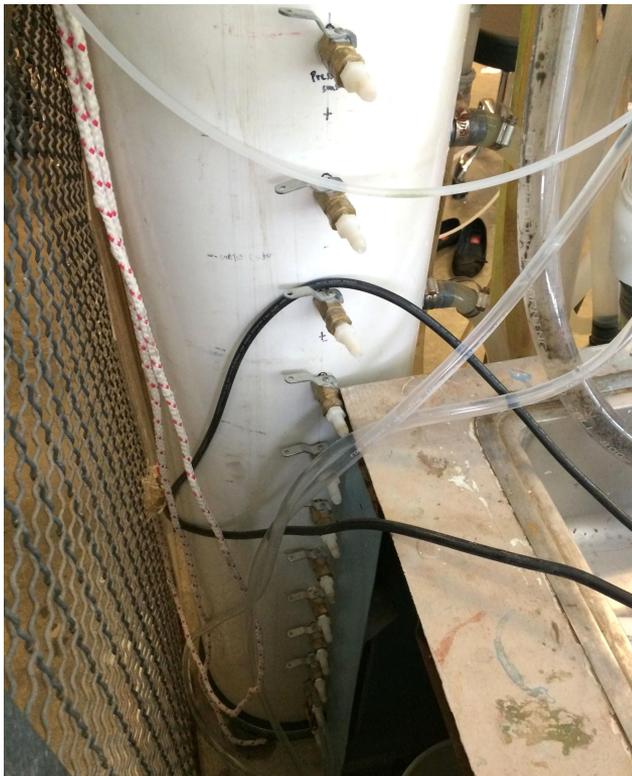


# Operators do not know if backwash is successful.

- Fluidization is necessary to clean the sand bed
- Fluidization is not visible through closed, opaque filter column

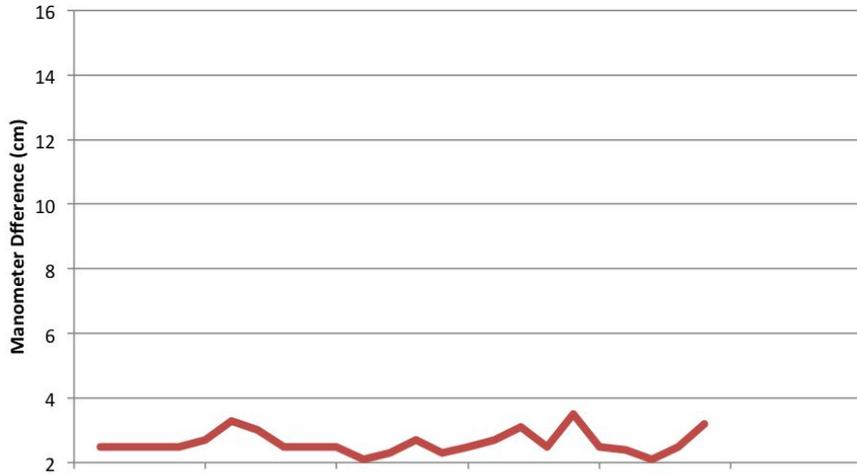


# Manometers provide insight into fluidization.

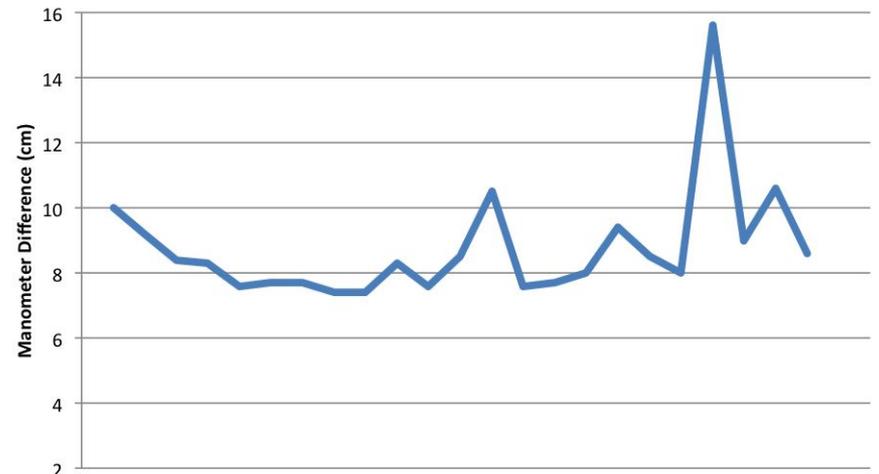


# Simple manometer system was unreliable.

**Difference (cm) Between Manometers During Forward Filtration**

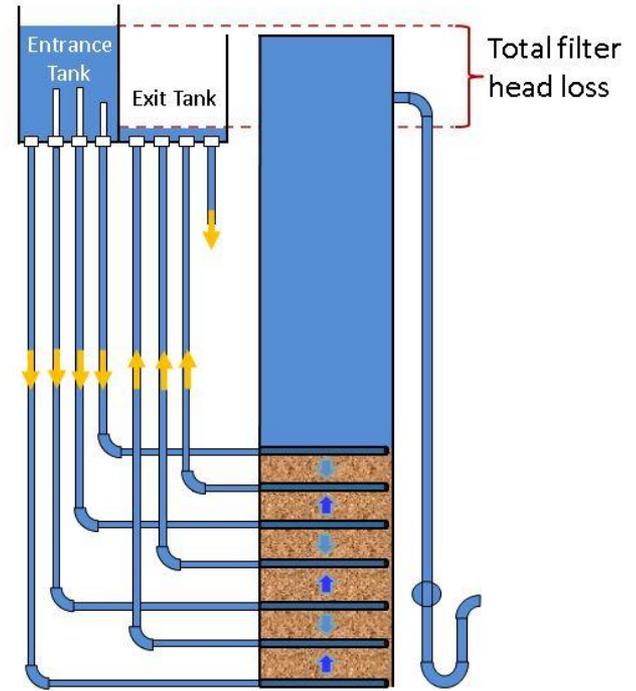


**Difference (cm) Between Manometers During Backwash**

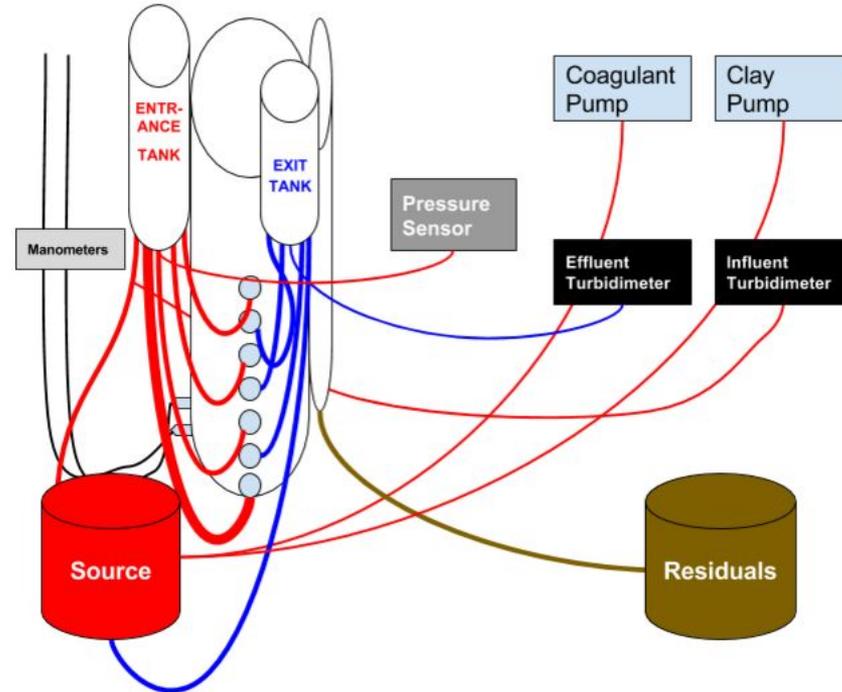


# Operators want to improve backwash timing.

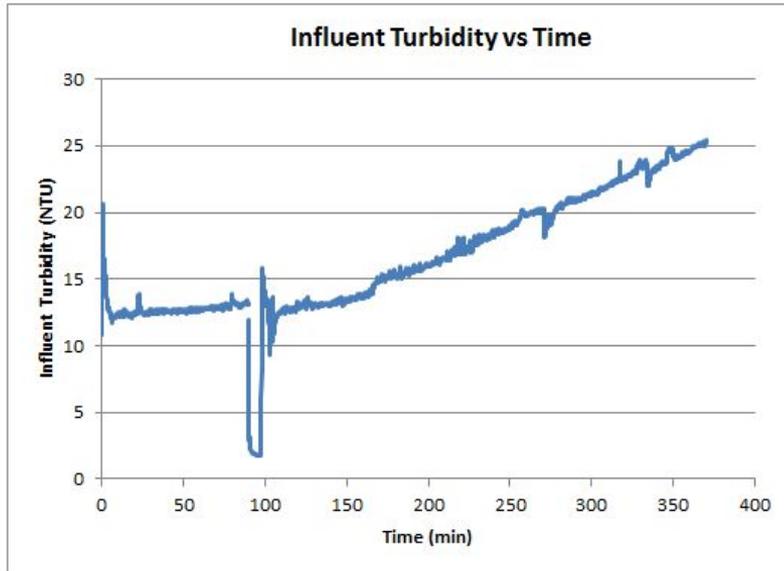
- Entrance tank water level indicated head loss
- Head loss also measured by ProCoDa



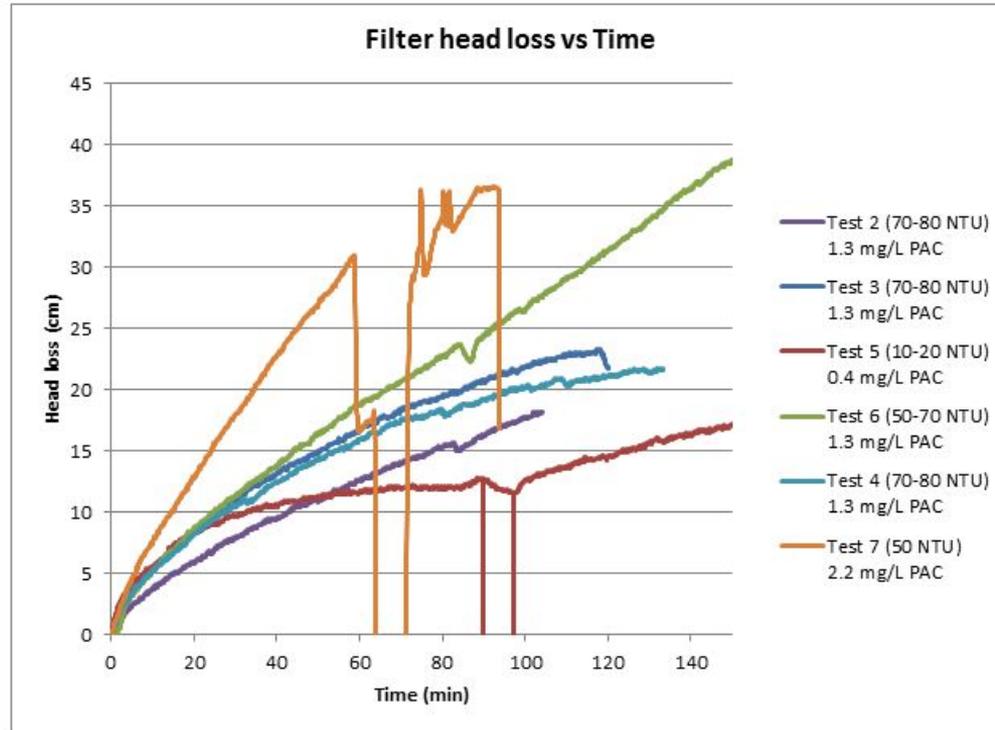
# Clogged bed tests were run with clay and coagulant



# Influent turbidity and head loss limitations were challenges.

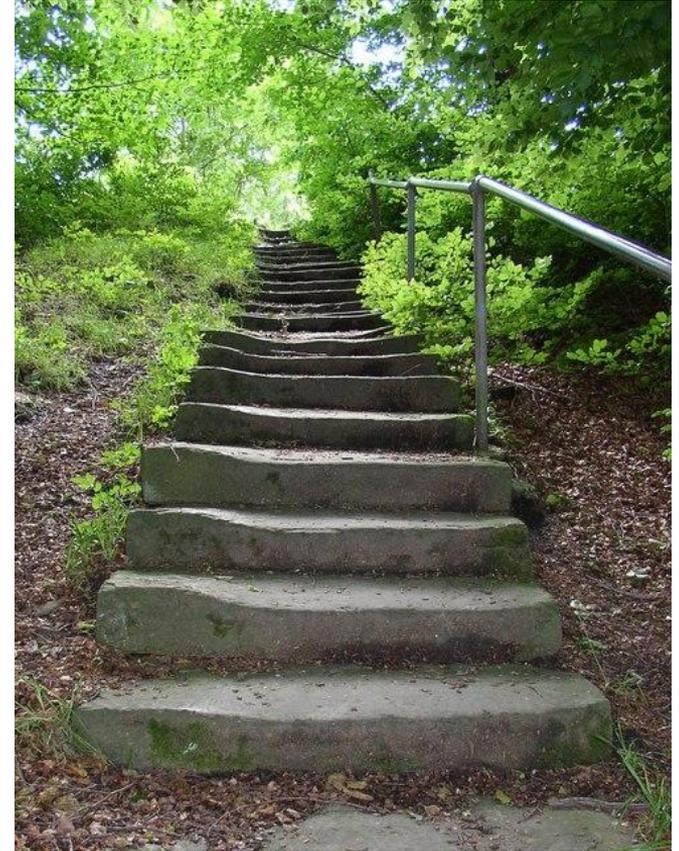


# Increasing coagulant dosage increases head loss.

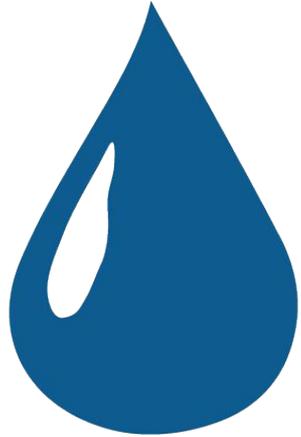


# Future works for incoming teams.

- Solidify a way to indicate bed fluidization during backwash.
- Manometer usage to indicate clogged inlets.



# Questions and Recommendations



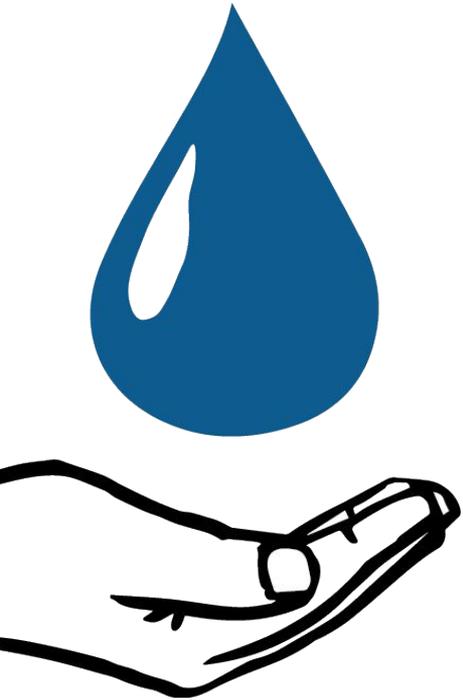
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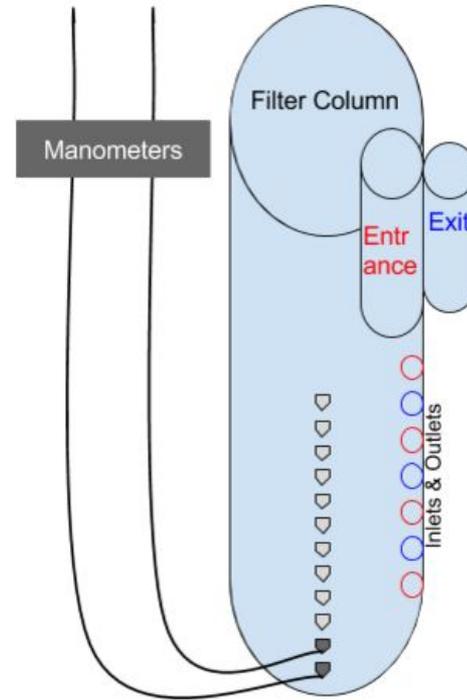
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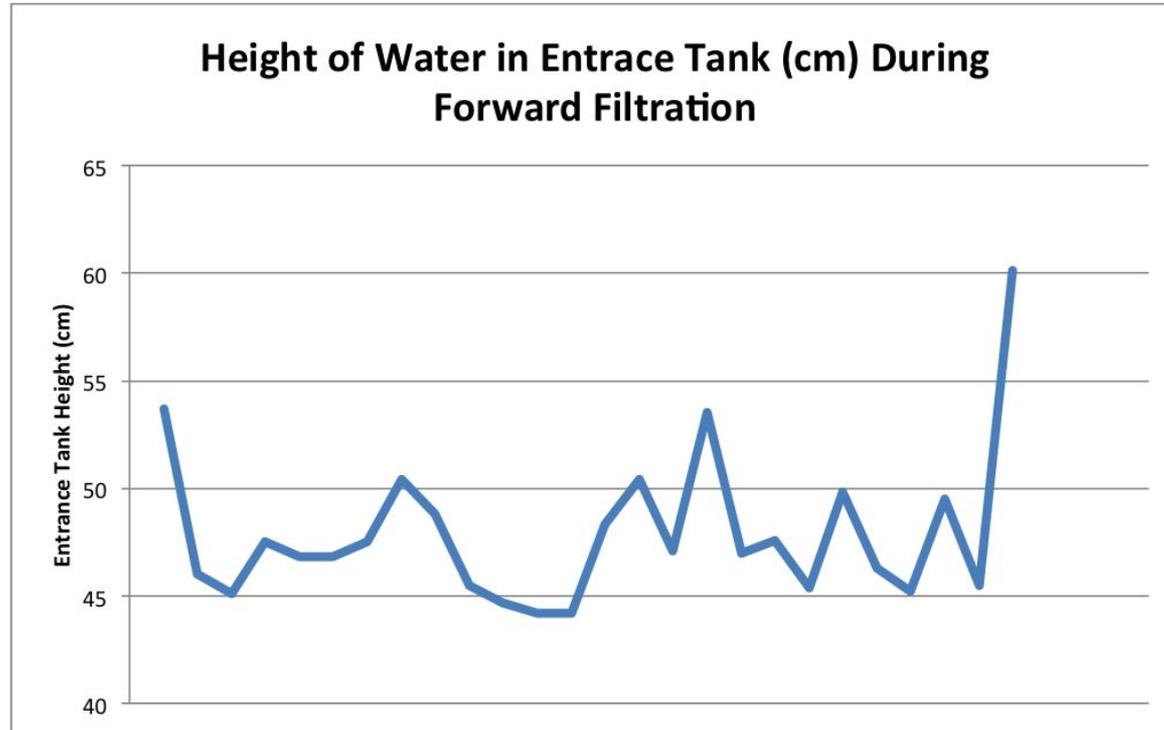
# Appendix Slides



# Manometer Apparatus



# Water height in entrance tank is not constant.



Increasing coagulant dosage shows clear spike in effluent turbidity.

