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+ Research Interests

- Application of membrane-(bio)reactors for water & wastewater treatment
- AOPs for water and wastewater treatment
- Biodegradation/bioremediation of contaminated water and soil systems
- Anaerobic ammonium oxidation (Anammox)
- Bioprecipitation of heavy metals
- High rate composting

+ Professional Experience

❖ Jul, 2016 – Till date

Designation: Associate Professor

Institute: Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai, India

❖ Nov, 2014 – July, 2016

Designation: Assistant Professor

Institute: Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras, Chennai, India

❖ Jan, 2011 – Nov, 2014

Designation: Assistant Professor

Institute: Department of Civil Engineering, NIT Calicut, Kerala, India

❖ Oct, 2006 – Jan, 2011

Designation: Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Advisor: *Prof. Jih-Gaw Lin*

University: Institute of Environmental Engineering, National Chia Tung University (NCTU), Hsinchu, Taiwan

Research Area: The research activities mainly focused on reduce, recycle and recover (3R)/ treatment of organic and inorganic contaminants from various sources using innovative physicochemical & biotechnological processes.

❖ January 2006 – June 2006

Designation: Environmental Consultant

Company: *ALSAFA Environmental & Technical Services LLC, Sultanate of Oman*

Work Handled: Worked as a team leader and actively involved in environmental data Collection, preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) reports and preparation of Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for several projects (in Sultanate of Oman) including Portland Cement Factory at Rawdha, Lube Oil Blending Plant at Sohar Industrial Estate, Calcined Petroleum Coke plant at Sohar Industrial port (SIP) and Permanganate plant at Sohar Industrial area (SIA).

❖ **July 2002 – December 2005**

Designation: Research Scholar and Research/Teaching Assistant

Institute: EWRE Division, Dept. of Civil, Engg., IIT Madras, Chennai

Work Handled: Assisted in the Consultancy Project, *Rapid Environmental Auditing (REA)* of Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Ltd (SPIC), Tuticorin, Tamilnadu, India. Assisted in the PG courses as a **Half-Time Teaching Assistant** from July 2002 to Dec 2005.

✚ **Thesis/ Project Guidance:**

| S. No | Name of Scholar/Student | Date of Joining | Title of the thesis/project | Co-guide/Remarks (if any) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| PhD Guidance: | | | | |
| 1 | Ms. Asha C Raju | Dec, 2011 | Antibiotics removal in a membrane-photocatalytic slurry reactor | Completed (Jul, 2015) |
| 2 | Mr. Vishnuganth | Jul, 2012 | Investigation of granular activated carbon supported TiO ₂ composite for aqueous phase carbofuran removal in photocatalytic systems | Dr. N. Selvaraju, Chemical Engg., NITC (Completed; Sep, 2016) |
| 3 | Ms. Neghi N | Jan, 2015 | PPCP removal in a photocatalytic membrane reactor and biotoxicity assessment | Completed (Sep, 2019; Awarded Best PhD Thesis) |
| 4 | Ms. Mandala Siva Priyanka Yadav | Dec, 2013 | Pharmaceutical wastewater treatment in a carrier-supported- photocatalytic membrane reactor | Dr. George K Varghese Civil Engg., NITC (Completed; Feb, 2020) |
| 5 | Mr. Binay Kumar Tripathy | Jul, 2015 | Landfill leachate treatment using a hybrid treatment system with sequential microwave and algal photo-bioreactor | Completed (May, 2020; Received Institute Research Award of IITM) |
| 6 | Mr. Manjunath S V | Jul, 2015 | Simultaneous removal of antibiotic and nutrients from multi-component adsorption systems using Prosopis Juliflora activated carbon | Completed (June, 2020) |
| 7 | Ms. Revathy R | Jan, 2015 | Sequential photocatalytic membrane reactor and thin-film nanocomposite reverse osmosis membrane for water purification | Prof. Raghuram Chetty, Chem. Engg, IITM (Completed; Sep, 2020) |
| 8 | Ms. Sudeeptha G | Jul, 2015 | PPCP removal in carrier-supported biomass MBR | - |
| 9 | Mr. Inigo Johnson | Dec, 2016 | Biofuel production from Distillery waste | Prof. Chandraraj K, School of Biotech., IITM |
| 10 | Mr. Mohammad Sithik Ali | Dec, 2016 | CO ₂ sequestration in mixotrophic Membrane-Photobioreactor | - |
| 11 | Mr. Ashok M. I | Jul, 2017 | Anaerobic digestion of municipal solid waste | - |
| 12 | Ms. Gayathri R | Jul, 2018 | Evaluation of multi-pollutant sorption on various low-cost adsorbents | Direct PhD |
| 13 | Ms. Sonam Tantuvooy | Jan, 2019 | Remediation of Contaminated Soils | Dr. Indumathi M Nambi, IITM |
| 14 | Ms. Sruthi Jayaraj | Jul, 2019 | Photocatalytic removal of selective air pollutants | Dr. Shiva Nagendra (Main guide) |
| 15 | Mr. Onkar Ekande Sudhir | Jul, 2019 | PPCP removal using visible-light based Z-Scheme Photocatalysis | PMRF Scholar |
| 16 | Mr. Dinakar Parashar | Jul, 2019 | Development and Application of hybrid macro-composites for photocatalysis and Disinfection | Direct PhD |
| 17 | Ms. Manimegalai | Jul, 2019 | Effect of soil characteristics on plant based adsorbent preparation | - |
| 18 | Mr. Saptarshi Bose | Jul, 2020 | Microwave Induced Catalytic Oxidation Coupled with Thin Film Nanocomposite Membrane Filtration for the Removal of Trace Organics from the Wastewater | - |
| 19 | Ms. Alakananda Ghosh | Jul, 2020 | Management of Reverse Osmosis Process Reject via Microwave treatment. | Direct PhD through CFTI Scheme |
| MS Guidance | | | | |
| 1 | Ms. Sruthi Jayaraj | Jul, 2018 | Photocatalytic removal of selective air pollutants | Dr. Shiva Nagendra (Main guide) |
| M.Tech Project Guidance: | | | | |
| 1 | Ms. Shabhana | Jun, 2013 to May, 14 | Prediction of MSW generation in Calicut city and its associated contaminant transport analysis | At NIT Calicut |

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| 2 | Ms. Sowjanya V | Jul, 2015 to May, 2016 | Metronidazole removal from wastewater in freely-suspended and carrier-supported biomass reactors | Dr. Ravikrishna, Chemical Engg., IITM (Awarded Best dual degree project) |
| 3 | Mr. Navneeth R Krishnan | Jun, 16 to May, 17 | Metronidazole Removal in a Continuous-mode Photocatalytic Membrane Reactor | - |
| 4 | Ms. Vinisha Boddu | Jun, 17 to May, 18 | Preparation and Application of RO antifouling membranes for water desalination | Dr. Raghuram Chetty, Chemical Engg., IITM |
| 5 | Ms. Ranu Singh Baghel | Jul, 18 to May, 19 | Single and multi-component sorption of pharmaceutical compounds on Prosopis juliflora activated carbon | - |
| 6 | Ms. Gayathri Pullangott | | Removal of pharmaceuticals by using a hybrid photocatalytic membrane reactor | - |
| 7 | Mr. Krishna Bhatler | | Water desalination using reverse osmosis membrane modified with Ag and GO-ZnO/Ag nanoparticles | Dr. Raghuram Chetty, Chemical Engg., IITM |
| 8 | Mr. Sumit Kumar | | Hybrid Advanced Oxidation System for Dyes Containing Wastewater Treatment | Dr. Animesh Debnath NIT Agartala |
| 9 | Ms. Pratishtha Khurana | | Fouling analysis of Thin-Film nano-composite membranes during water desalination | Prof. T. Pradeep, IITM (MSc Project) |
| 10 | Ms. Afrah Harafan | July, 19 to May 2020 | Multipollutant sorption using CS/GO and Ag-NP/CS/GO | - |
| 11 | Ms. Krishna Priya | | Treatment of secondary effluent from domestic wastewater treatment plant using algal photo bioreactor | - |
| 12 | Mr. Abhilash | | Fluoride removal in amino-clay incorporated thin-film nanocomposite reverse osmosis membrane system | - |
| 13 | Mr. Shaheer Mohammed | | Development of multi-stage RO system for improved water purification and water recovery | - |
| 14 | Ms. Athulya Maravattikal | | Effect of hydraulic retention time on the performance of a membrane bioreactor | Dr. Suja R (Co-guide) GEC, Barton Hill, Trivandrum |
| 15 | Ms. Sreepriya Pramod | | Photo-oxidative degradation of acidic and basic dyes in mono and multi component dye system | |
| 16 | Mr. Sanjit Gayan | | Urea removal using thin-film nanocomposite reverse osmosis membrane | Prof. T. Pradeep, IITM (MSc Project) |
| 17 | Mr. Saptarshi Bose | | Fate of brilliant green dye degradation using emerging hybrid advanced oxidation processes in the presence of secondary pollutant Eosin yellow | Dr. Animesh (Main guide) NIT Agartala |
| 18 | Ms. Anvesha Mukhopadhyay | Degradation of toxic dyes from single and binary system by hybrid sonocatalytic/microwave-persulfate oxidation: toxicity and cost analysis | | |
| 19 | Mr. Adarsh T V | July, 20 to May 2021 | Removal of pharmaceutical compounds from water by photocatalysis | - |
| 20 | Mr. Rushabh Sakhalikar | | ANN modelling in adsorption of multicomponent aqueous solution | - |
| 21 | Ms. P. Lakshmi Sarvani | | Analysis of membrane fouling in TFC and TFN membranes | Co-Guide (Dr. Abhijit Chaudhuri, AM, IITM) |

Projects Handled

| S. No | Name of the project | Funding Agency | Investigator(s) | Cost, Duration & Status |
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| Sponsored Research Projects: | | | | |
| 1 | Combination of zero-valent iron and photo-Fenton processes for poultry wastewater treatment | Faculty Research Grant (FRG) of NIT Calicut | Dr. S. Mathava Kumar (PI) | Rs. 5,00,000 (2011-2013) Completed |
| 2 | Antibiotics removal from wastewater using membrane-photocatalytic slurry reactor System (SERC/ET-310/2011) | SERB, DST | | Rs. 21,80,000 (2013-2016) Completed |
| 3 | Bio-toxic emerging contaminants removal | NFIG Scheme, ICSR, IIT Madras | | Rs. 5,00,000 (2014-2016) Completed |

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| 4 | PPCPs removal in sPMR & development of bio-toxicity assessment protocol | NFGS, ICSR, IIT Madras | | Rs. 26,00,000 (2015-2018) Completed |
| 5 | PPCP removal and their bio-toxicity assessment in MBR with immobilized-biomass and carrier supported biomass | WTI, DST | | Rs. 34,75,000 (2016-19) Completed |
| 6 | Biomass to energy from low strength municipal wastewater using a new microalgal-Anaerobic-membrane-bioreactor(s) | SPARC, DST | Dr. S. Mathava Kumar (PI) Prof. Hui-Hao Ngo (UTS, Sydney Australia) | Rs. 49,50,746 (2019-2021) Ongoing |
| 7 | Development of novel water and wastewater treatment technology | Shastri-Indo Canadian Institute (SICRG Grant) | Dr. S. Mathava Kumar (PI) Prof. Gopal Achari (Univ. Calgary, Canada) | Rs. 10,00,000 (2020-22) Ongoing |
| 8 | Use of overburden clay as alternate for coarse aggregate | Ministry of Mines | Dr. Ramamurthy (PI) Dr. Robinson Dr. S. Mathava Kumar | Rs. 173,00,000 (2018-21) Ongoing |
| 9 | Nano materials - RO antifouling membrane formulations for water desalination | Indo-Egypt Joint project, DST | Dr. Raghuram Chetty (PI) Dr. S. Mathava Kumar | Rs. 6,30,000 (2016-2018) Completed |
| 10 | Environmental Antimicrobial Resistance – Creation of a Region Specific Metagenomic Database and Strategies for Halting the propagation of AMR | Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) | Dr. Indumathi Nambi (PI) Dr. S. Mathava Kumar | Rs. 1,23,54,340 (2018-2021) ongoing |
| 11 | Green Rameswaram | Rural Technology Action Group (RuTAG), IITM | Dr. Ligy Philip (PI) Dr. B.S. Murty Dr. S. Mathava Kumar | Rs. 1,00,000 (2015-16) |
| Consultancy Projects: | | | | |
| 14 | Process Documents for Improvement of Water Supply System in Bhagalpur Municipal Corporation (Bwsp-02), Bihar - Proof Checking | VA Tech WABAG Ltd. | Dr. S. Mathava Kumar (PI) | Rs. 2,12,400 (Dec, 2020) |
| 13 | Proof-Checking the design of 180 KLD Grey-water and 110 KLD Black-water treatment plants based on MBBR technology | Pollucare Engineers India Pvt Ltd. | | Rs. 1,77,000 (Sep-Nov, 2020) |
| 12 | Assessment of Hazardous Waste Management and Air Quality Management at M/s Madras Fertilizer Limited (MFL) | MFL, Manali, Chennai | | Rs. 11,12,150 (Aug-Oct, 2020) |
| 11 | Vetting the design of 1 MLD sewage treatment plant at Selvachinthamani Lake, Coimbatore | Sree Saravana Engineering Bhavani Pvt. Ltd. | | Rs. 1,94,700 (May-Sep, 2020) |
| 10 | Vetting the design of 4 MLD sewage treatment plant (STP) at Periyakulam Lake, Coimbatore | S Kadirvel and Company | | Rs. 1,94,700 (May-Sep, 2020) |
| 9 | Proof checking of civil engineering documents and drawings for development of sewerage treatment plant in Digha and Kankarbagh Zones of Patna, Bihar | VA Tech WABAG Ltd. | | Rs. 4,24,800 (2020-21) |
| 8 | Evaluation of the performance of STP and ETP in TICEL Bio Park Limited, Chennai | TICEL Bio Park Limited, Chennai | | Rs. 2,47,800 (2019-20) |
| 7 | Recommendation of setting-up of STP and TTRO for Kancheepuram Municipality | TWAD Board | | Rs. 3,06,800 (2017-18) |
| 6 | Performance assessment of Hosur-Sipcot Water Treatment Plant and Suggestion for upgradation | TWAD Board | | Rs. 1,53,400 (2017-18) |
| 5 | Vetting the design of the effluent treatment plant (ETP) for ITC at Kapurthala, Punjab | L & T Constructions | Dr. S. Mathava Kumar (PI) Dr. Venu Chandra | Rs. 2,50,000 (2018-19) |

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| 4 | Study for a suggestion of new system for effluent treatment | Manali Petrochemical Ltd. | Prof. S. Mohan (PI) Dr. S. Mathava Kumar | Rs. 6,74,000 (2015-16) |
| 3 | Preparation of technical report for assessing the level of contamination in environmental in and around the solid waste dumping sites at Perungudi | Tamilnadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited | Dr. Indumathi Nambi (PI) Dr. S. Mathava Kumar Dr. Dali Naidu Arnepalli | Rs. 35,40,000 (2017-18) |
| 2 | Preparation of technical report for assessing the level of contamination in environmental in and around the solid waste dumping sites at Kodungaiyur | Tamilnadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited | Dr. Indumathi Nambi (PI) Dr. S. Mathava Kumar Dr. Dali Naidu Arnepalli | Rs. 35,40,000 (2017-18) |
| 1 | Real-time marine water quality and sediment quality monitoring system for Jawaharlal Nehru Port trust | JNPT, Mumbai | Dr. Shiva Nagendra (PI) Dr. S. Mathava Kumar Dr. Soumendra Nath Kuiry | Rs. 2,44,19,840 (2018-2021) ongoing |

Conference/Courses/Workshops/Training Programme Organized:

1. Faculty Development Programme (**FDP**) on “Emerging Contaminants: Analysis, Fate, Treatment and Modelling”, 09th to 13th July, 2012 at NIT Calicut, Kerala, India.
2. Faculty Development Programme (**FDP**) on “Modelling Techniques for Environmental and Hydrological Systems (MTEHS-2013)”, 08th to 14th Dec, 2013 at NIT Calicut, Kerala, India.
3. **National Workshop** on “Water, Air and Soil: Sampling and Analysis (WASSA-2014)”, 11th and 12th March, 2014 at NIT Calicut, Kerala, India.
4. **National Seminar** on “Thermal and other Techniques for Waste Management”, 06th to 08th March, 2014 at NIT Calicut, Kerala, India.
5. **Training Programme** on "Investigation, remediation and Management of soil and groundwater Contaminated sites", 07th to 09th, Jan, 2016, IIT Madras, Chennai, India.
6. Continuing Education program (**CEP**) on "Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT-2017)", 6-11, March, 2017, IIT Madras, Chennai, India.
7. Continuing Education program (**CEP**) on "Membrane Technologies for Water and Wastewater Treatment (MTWW-2018)", 12-17, Nov, 2018, IIT Madras, Chennai, India.
8. **GIAN Course** "Membrane Bioreactors for Sustainable Wastewater Treatment and Bioenergy Production", 14-20, Nov, 2018 (Foreign Faculty: **Prof. Hao-Huo Ngo**, University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Australia).
9. **GIAN Course** "Algal and Bacterial Bioreactor Systems Design for Sustainable Wastewater Treatment", (Foreign Faculty: **Prof. Chandra Theegala**, Dept. of Biological and Agricultural Engg., Louisiana State University (LSU), USA; **Approved by APEX Body**).
10. **GIAN Course** "Advanced Biological Processes for Nitrogen Removal from Aqueous Systems", (Foreign Faculty: **Prof. Jih-Gaw Lin**, National Chiao Tung University (NCTU), Taiwan; **Approved by APEX Body**).

Publications

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SCI Citation: Scopus - > **1950**; Google Scholar - >**2400** (as on Feb, 2020)

Book/Book Chapter

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2. Ashok, M.I., **Mathava Kumar*** (2020), Anaerobic membrane reactors for biohydrogen production, Ngo, H.H., Guo, W., Ng, H.Y., Mannina G., Pandey, A. (Eds), Advanced Membrane Separation Processes for Sustainable Water and Wastewater Management - Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor Processes and Technologies in Current Developments in Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Elsevier, 367-397. (ISBN: 978-0-12-819852-0).
3. Girijan, S. and **Mathava Kumar*** (2020), Microbial degradation of pharmaceuticals and personal care products from wastewater, Shah, Maulin P. (Ed.), Microbial Bioremediation & Biodegradation, Springer, 173-201 (ISBN: 978-981151812-6).
4. Inigo J., Sudeeptha G, Tripathy B.K., Sithik Ali, M.A, **Mathava Kumar** (2020). Algal-bacterial symbiosis and application in wastewater treatment, Maulin P. Shah, Susana Rodriguez-Couto, S. Sevinç Şengör (Eds.), Emerging Technologies in Environment Bioremediation, Elsevier, 341-372. (ISBN: 978-0-12-819860-5)
5. Revathy R, Vinisha, B., **Mathava Kumar**, Raghuram Chetty (2019), Surface Modification of RO Desalination Membrane Using ZnO Nanoparticles of Different Morphologies to Mitigate Fouling, Vincenzo Naddeo, Malini Balakrishnan, Kwang-Ho Choo (Eds), Frontiers in Water-Energy-Nexus-Nature-Based Solutions, Advanced Technologies and Best Practices for Environmental Sustainability, Springer, 183-185 (ISBN : 978-3-030-13068-8)
6. Inigo, J., Sithik Ali, M.A., **MathavaKumar** (2019), Cyanobacteria/Microalgae for Distillery Wastewater Treatment- Past, Present and the Future, Maulin P. Shah and Susana Rodriguez-Couto (Eds), Microbial Wastewater Treatment, **Elsevier**, 195-236. (ISBN: 978-0-12-816809-7).
7. **Mathava Kumar**, Achlesh Daverey, Ji-Dong Gu, Jih-Gaw Lin (2017), Anammox processes, Lee, D.J., Jegatheesan, J., Ngo, H.H., Hallenbeck, P.C., Pandey, A. (Eds.), IVA: Biological Treatment of Industrial Effluents, Current Developments in Biotechnology Bioengineering, **Elsevier**, 387-407.
8. **Mathava Kumar**, Ligy Philip (2017), Microbes induced remediation of endosulfan contaminated system, S. N. Singh (eds.), Microbe-induced degradation of pesticides, Environmental Science and Engineering (Subseries: Environmental Science), **Springer**, Germany, pp 59-81.
9. **Mathava Kumar** (2013), Biodegradation of Emerging Contaminants by Composting, T. Vicent et al. (eds.), Emerging Organic Contaminants in Sludges: Analysis, Fate and Biological Treatment, The Handbook of Environmental Chemistry, **Springer-Verlag** Berlin Heidelberg, Vol (24), 113-136. (ISSN: 1867-979X; ISBN 978-3-642-35608-7)).
10. **Mathava Kumar**, Jih-Gaw Lin (2011), “Co-composting of Food Waste and Green Waste in Pilot-Scale Systems: In-vessel and Windrow Investigations”, Antoni Sanchez Ferrer (Eds.), Dynamic Soil, Dynamic Plant 5 (Special issue 2), Global Science Books, Japan, 127-133.

❖ International Journals

68. Neghi, N., Gayathri, R and **Mathava Kumar*** (2021), Synthesis and application of CS-GO composite and GAC-TiO₂ for adsorptive and photocatalytic removal of antibiotics, J. Hazardous Toxic Radioactive Waste Management (**Revision requested**).
67. Tripathy B.K., **Mathava Kumar***, (2021) Leachate treatment in sequential microwave-algal SBR photo-bioreactor: Effect of pretreatment on algal reactor performance and biomass productivity, Waste Management (**Revision requested**).
66. Manjunath S V, and **Mathava Kumar*** (2021), Simultaneous removal of antibiotic and nutrients via Prosopis juliflora activated carbon column: Performance evaluation, effect of operational parameters and breakthrough modeling, Chemosphere, 262, 127820.
65. Manjunath SV., Tripathy B. K., **Mathava Kumar***, Sreepriya Pramod (2020), Simultaneous degradation of anionic and cationic dyes from multi-dye system using falling film photoreactor: performance evaluation, kinetic and toxicity analysis, J. Environ. Chem. Engg., (**Online**).
64. Tripathy, B.M., Sumit Kumar, **Mathava Kumar*** and Animesh Debnath (2020), Microwave induced catalytic treatment of brilliant green dye with carbon doped zinc oxide nanoparticles: Central composite design, toxicity assessment and cost analysis, Environ. Nanotechnol. Monitor. Management (**Online**).
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61. Minh Hang Do, Huu Hao Ngo, Wenshan Guo, Soon Woong Chang, Dinh Duc Nguyen, Yiwen Liu, Sunita Varjani, **Mathava Kumar** (2020), Microbial fuel cell-based biosensor for online monitoring wastewater quality: A critical review, Science of the Total Environment., 135612 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2019.135612>).

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59. Manjunath S V, Ranu Singh Baghel and **Mathava Kumar*** (2020), Antagonistic and Synergistic Analysis of Antibiotic Adsorption on Prosopis Juliflora Activated Carbon in Multi-component Systems, *Chemical Engineering Journal*, 381 (**Online**).
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56. Manjunath S V, Ranu Singh Baghel and **Mathava Kumar*** (2019), Performance Evaluation of Cement-Carbon Composite for Adsorptive Removal of Acidic and Basic Dyes from Single and Multi-component Systems, *Environmental Technology Innovation*, 16, (**In Press**).
55. Revathy Rajakumaran, Vinisha Boddu, **Mathava Kumar**, Marwa S Shalaby, Heba Abdallah, Raghuram Chetty (2019), Effect of ZnO morphology on GO-ZnO modified polyamide reverse osmosis membranes for desalination, *Desalination*, 467, 245-256.
54. Marwa Shalaby, Heba Abdallah, Raghuram Chetty, **Mathava Kumar**, Ahmed Shaban (2019), Silver Nano-Rods: Simple Synthesis and Optimization by Experimental Design Methodology, *Nano-Structures & Nano-Objects*, 19, 100342.
53. Murugan. M., Krishnan, C.R., Santhanam, M., Rangarajan, M., **Mathava Kumar** (2019), Heavy Metals Removal and Leaching from Pervious Concrete Filter: Influence of Operating Water Head and Reduced Graphene Oxide Addition, *ASCE Journal Environmental Engineering*, 145(9), 04019049.
52. Raju, A.C., Yadav, M.S.P., **Mathava Kumar*** (2019), Sulfamethoxazole Removal in Membrane-photocatalytic Reactor System - Experimentation and Modelling, *Environ. Technol.*, 40(13), 1697-1704.
51. Tripathy, B.M., Ramesh , G., Debnath, A., **Mathava Kumar** (2019), Mature Landfill Leachate Treatment Using Sonolytic-Persulfate/Hydrogen Peroxide Oxidation: Optimization of process parameters, *Ultrasonics Sonochemistry*, 54, 210-219.
50. Tripathy, B.M., **Mathava Kumar** (2019), Sequential coagulation/flocculation and microwave- persulfate processes for landfill leachate treatment: assessment of bio-toxicity, effect of pretreatment and cost-analysis, *Waste Management*, 85, 18-29.
49. D. Cheng, H. H. Ngo, W. S. Guo, S. W. Chang, D. D. Nguyen, **Mathava Kumar**, (2019), Microalgae biomass from swine wastewater and its convention to bioenergy, *Bioresource Technology*, 275, 109-122.
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46. Cheng, D., Ngo, H.H.,* Guo, W., Chang, S.W., Nguyen, D.D., **Mathava Kumar**, Du, B., Wei, Q., Wei, D. (2018), Problematic effects of antibiotics on anaerobic treatment processes in swine wastewater, *Bioresource Technology*, 263, 642-653.
45. Yadav, M.S.P., Neghi, N, **Mathava Kumar***, Varghese, G.K (2018), Photocatalytic-oxidation and photo-persulfate-oxidation of sulfadiazine in a laboratory-scale reactor: Analysis of catalyst support, oxidant dosage, removal-rate and degradation pathway, *J. Environ. Manage.*, 222, 164-173.
44. Muthu, M, Santhanam, M, **Mathava Kumar** (2018), Pb removal in pervious concrete filter: Effects of accelerated carbonation and hydraulic retention time, *Construction Building Materials*, 174, 224-232.
43. Chinnaiyan, P., Thampi, S.G., **Mathava Kumar***, Mini, K.M. (2018), Pharmaceutical products as emerging contaminant in water: Relevance for developing nations and identification of critical compounds for Indian environment, *Environ. Monit. Assess.*, **190(5):288** (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10661-018-6672-9>).
42. Manjunath S V and **Mathava Kumar*** (2018), Evaluation of Single-component and Multi-Component Adsorption of Metronidazole, Phosphate and Nitrate on Activated Carbon from Prosopis Juliflora, *Chem. Engg. Journal.*, 346, 525-534.
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Thermodynamic Parameters and Optimization of Adsorption by Central Composite Design, *J. Env. sci and Health A*, 52(14), 1269-1283.

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