

Removal of Heavy metal from wastewater treatment



Wastewater treatments for heavy metal removal

Definition of Heavy Metals

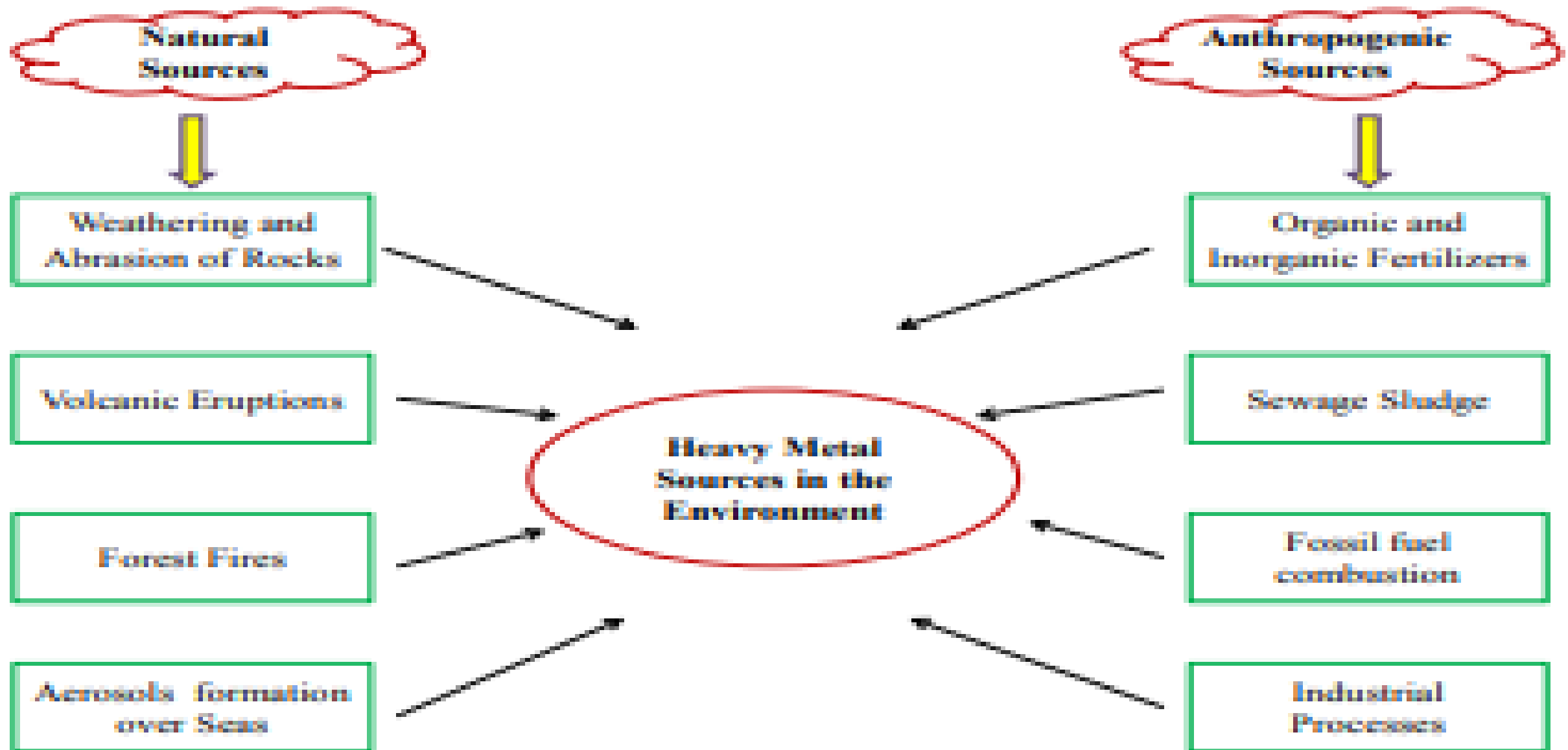
Heavy metals are:

- **Any metal and metalloid element with an atomic density ranging from 3.5 to 7 g cm⁻³**
- **one of the most persistent pollutants and non biodegradable in wastewater**
- **Includes mercury (Hg), cadmium (Cd), arsenic(As), chromium (Cr), thallium (Tl), zinc (Zn), nickel (Ni), copper (Cu) and lead (Pb).**
- **Some of them have an essential role in humans and animals metabolism in very trace amounts but their higher concentration may cause toxicity and health hazards.**
- **Their hazardous nature refer to their bio-accumulative nature in biotic systems.**

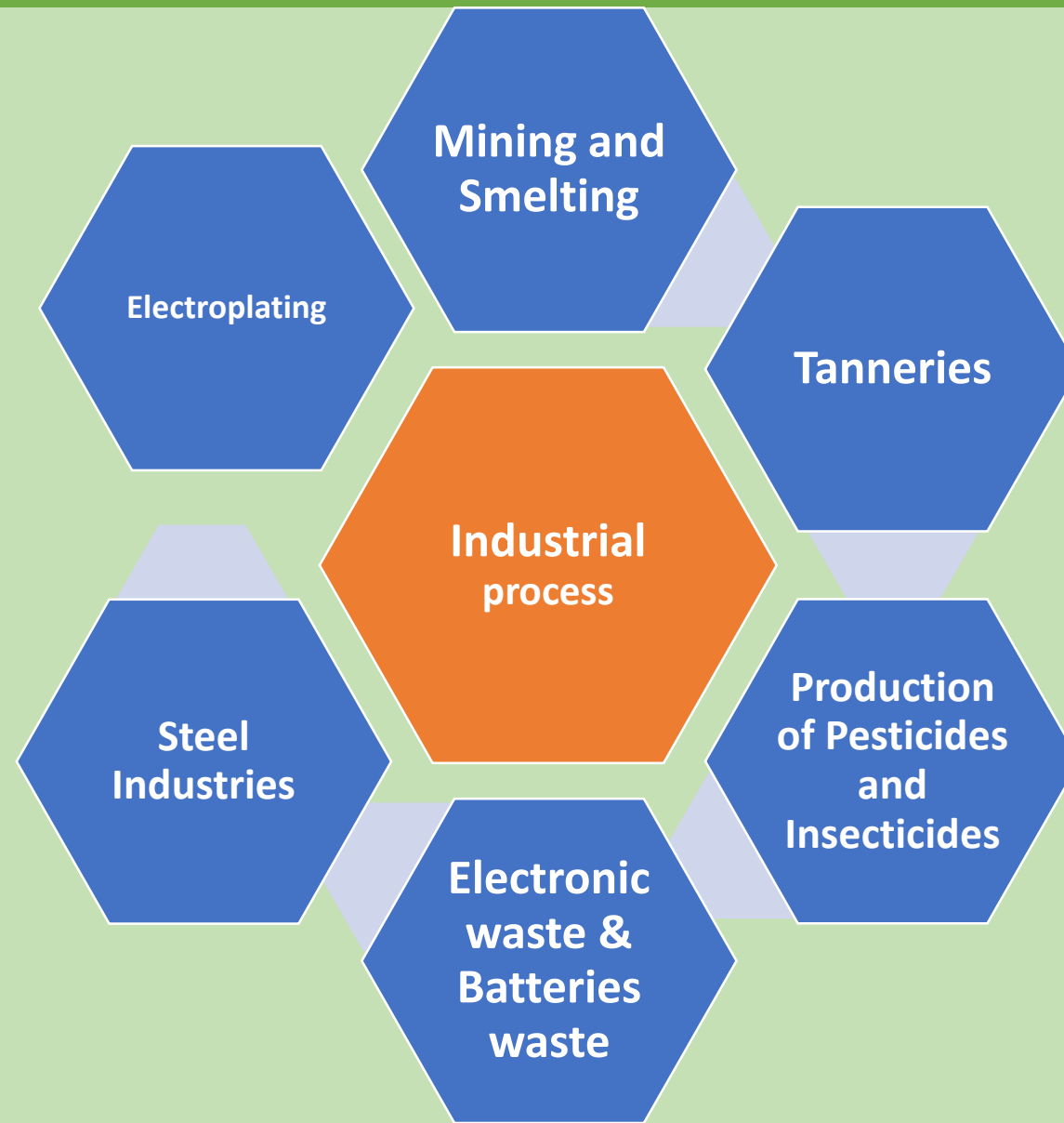
Physical properties of metals



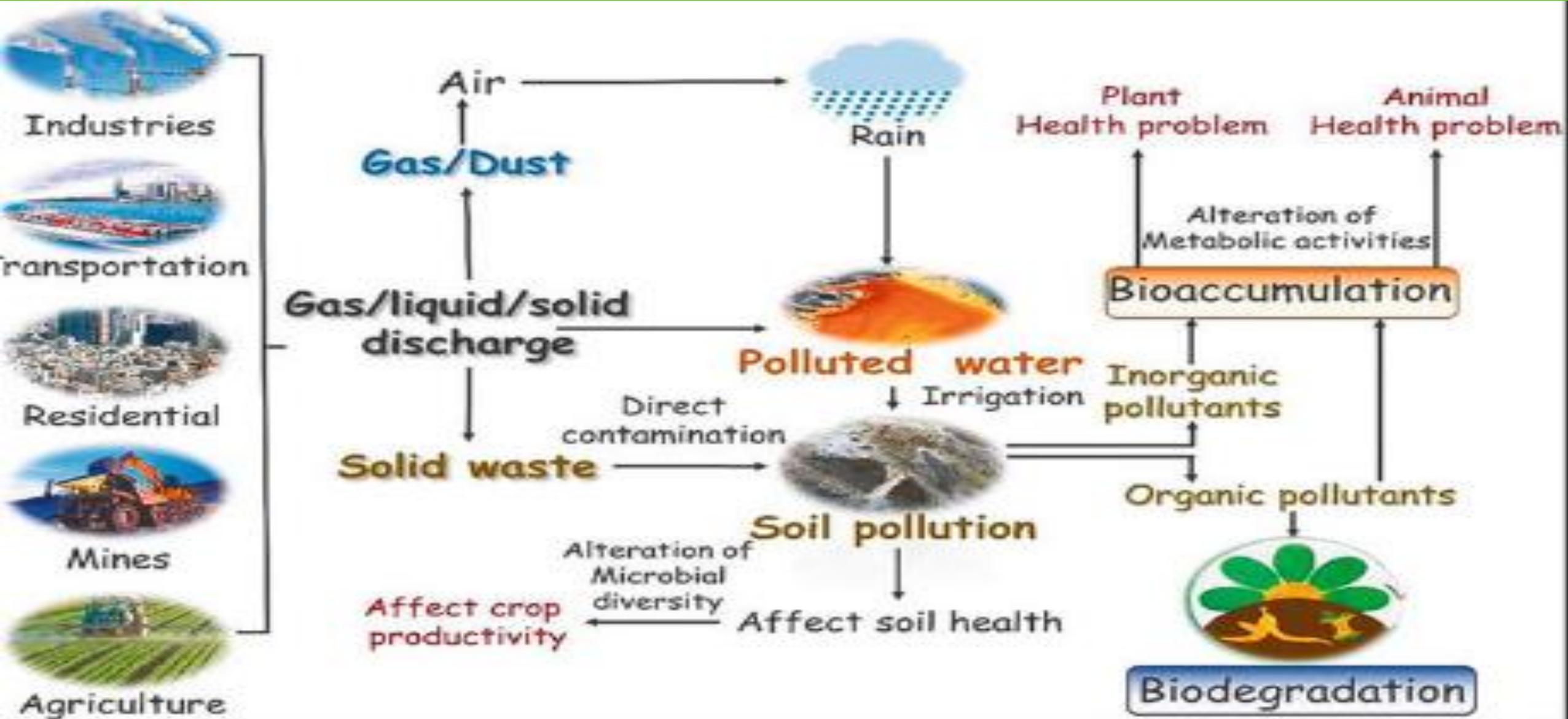
Sources of metals in Environments

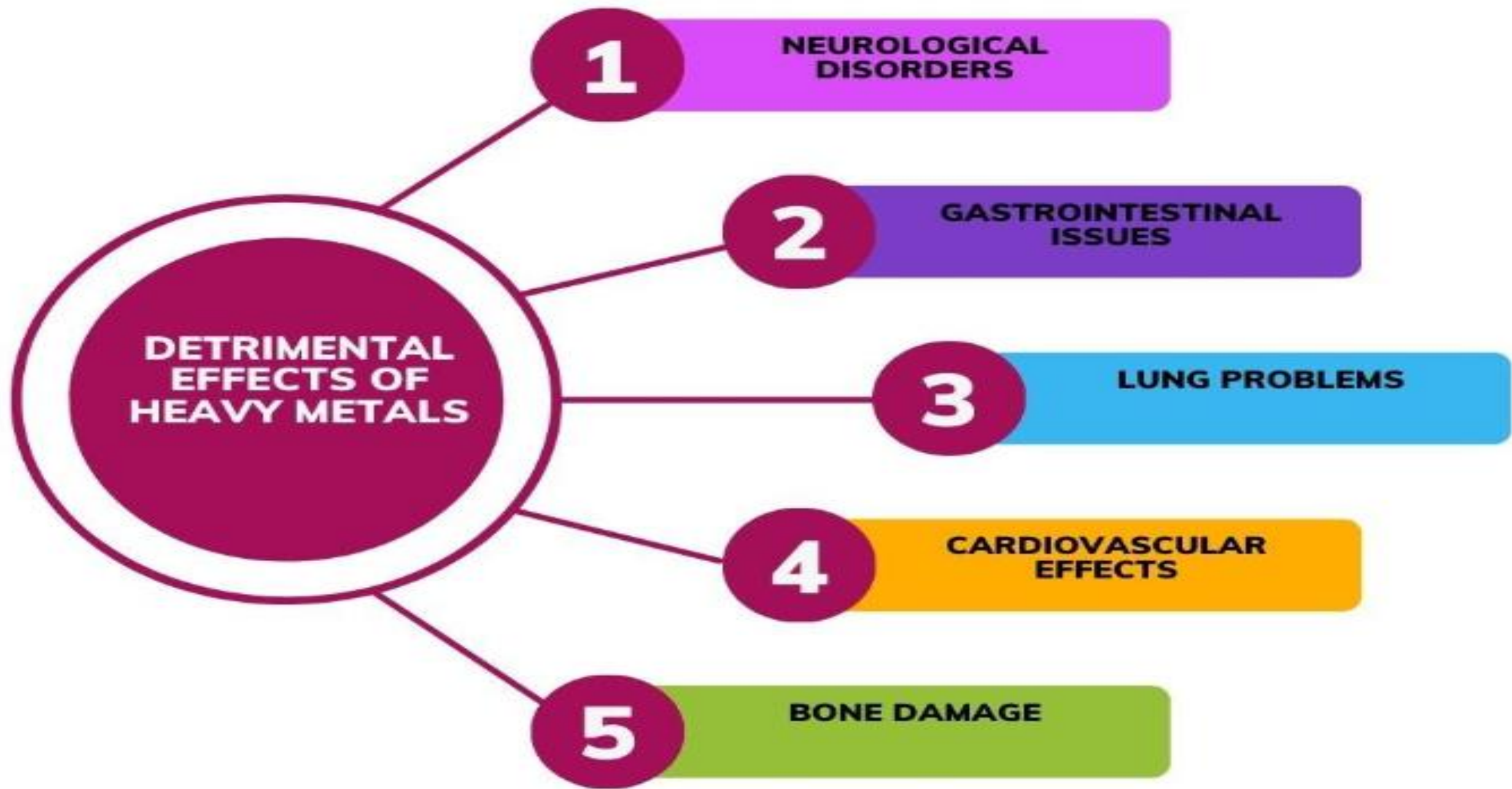


Sources of heavy metals from some Industrial process



Effect of heavy metal in Environment





Heavy Metals

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Physical Methods

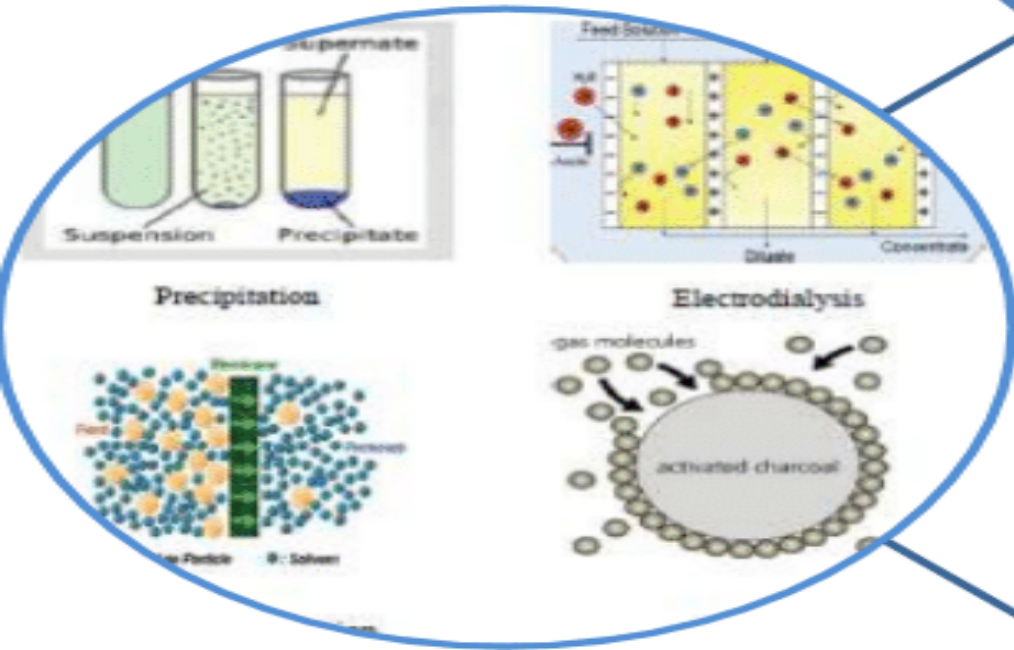
- Sedimentation
- Screening
- Filtration
- Membrane separation

Chemical Methods

- Chemical precipitation
- Coagulation
- Ion exchange
- Adsorption
- Neutralization
- Solvent extraction

Biological Methods

- Aerobic
- Anaerobic



Conventional methods for the Removal of Heavy Metals

Electrochemical

Electroflotation

Electrocoagulation

Electrodialysis

Physiochemical

Chemical precipitation

Ion exchange

Membrane Filtration

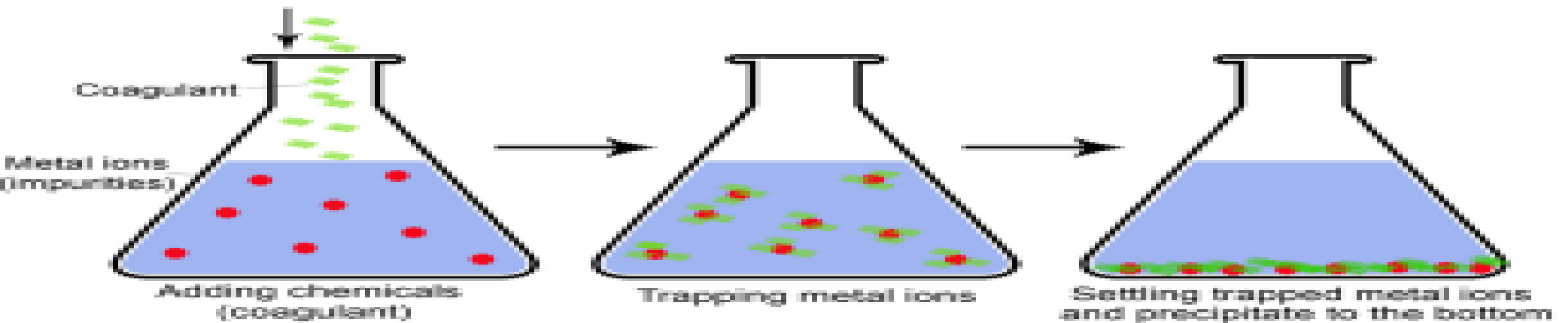
Adsorption

Activated carbon

Carbon nanotubes

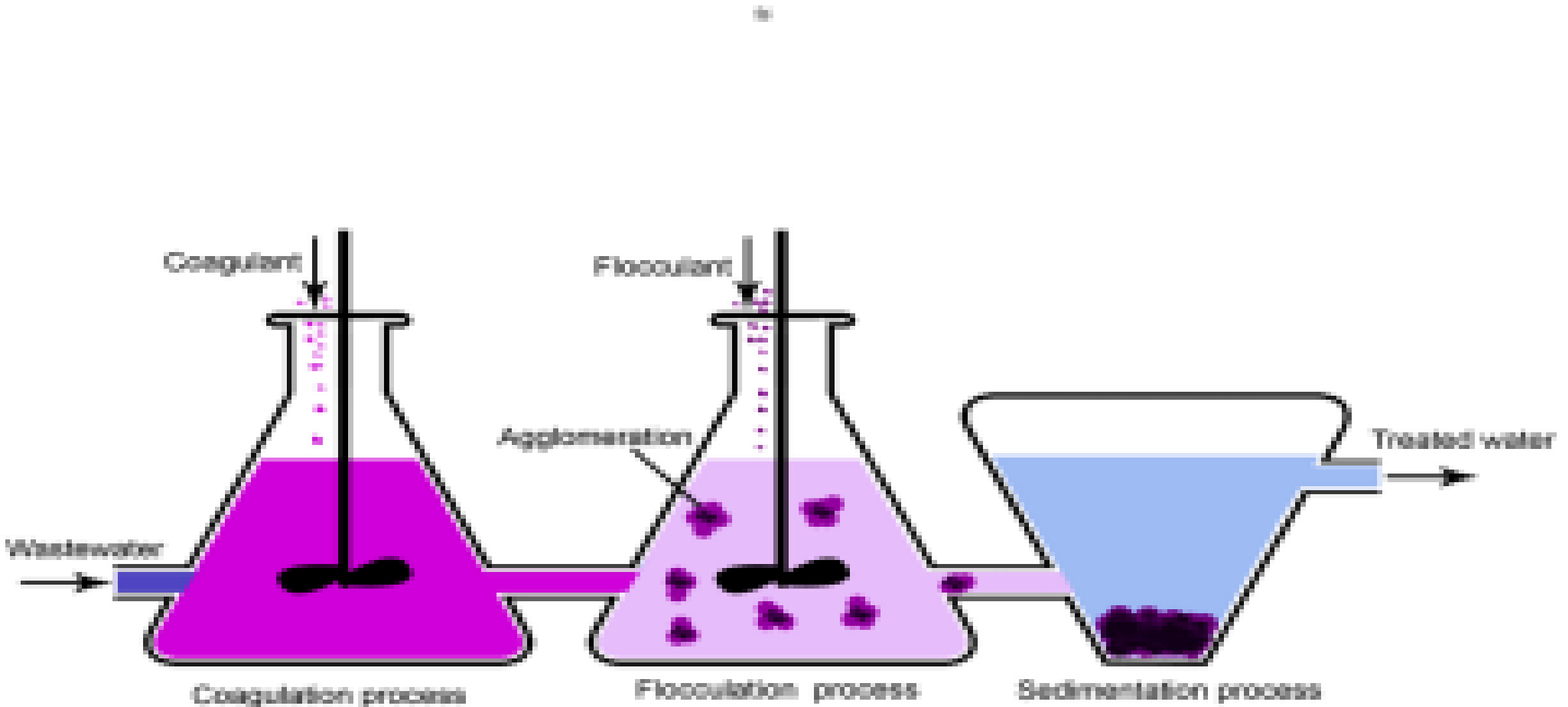
Agricultural waste

Chemical Precipitation Process



A simple schematic of the chemical precipitation process.

Coagulation and flocculation process



5 An illustrative schematic of the coagulation-flocculation

Ion Exchange Process

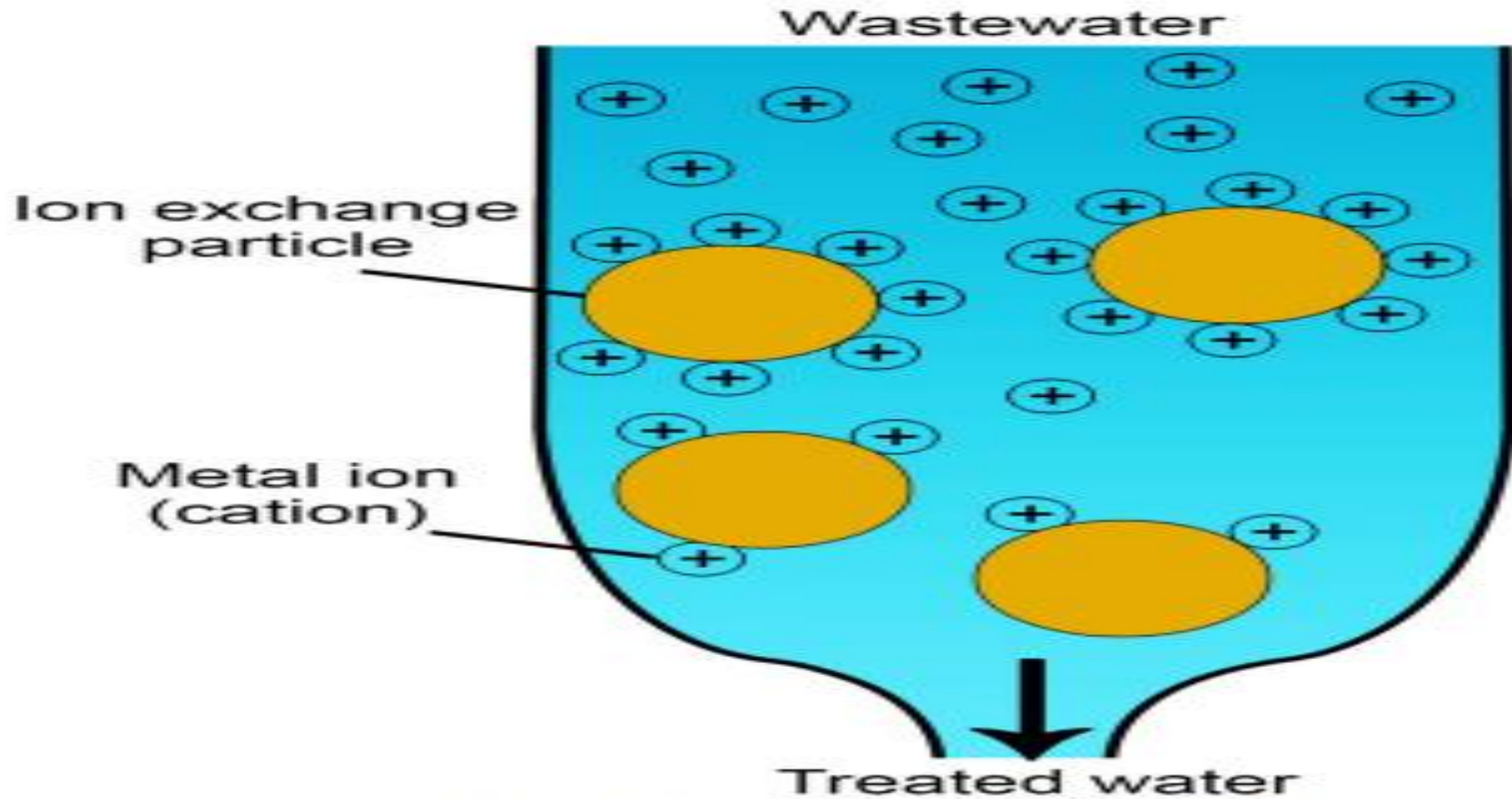
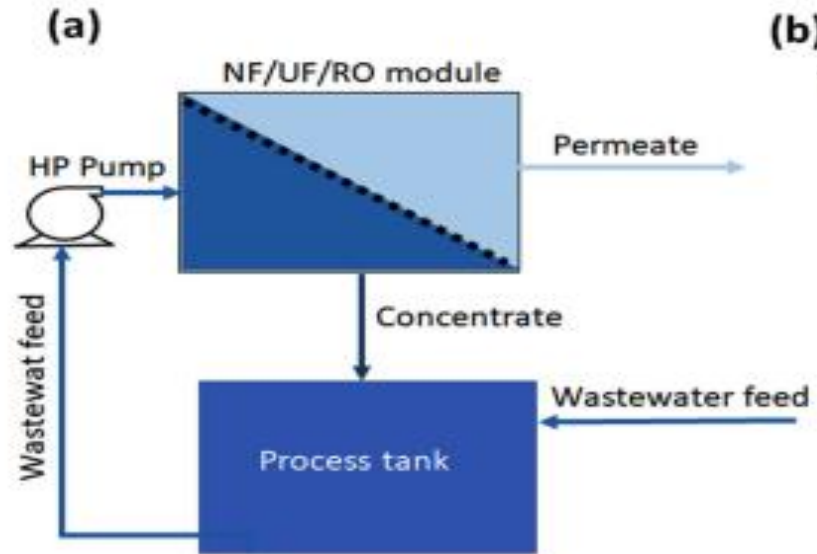


Fig. 8 Schematic of the ion exchange process. The metal ions

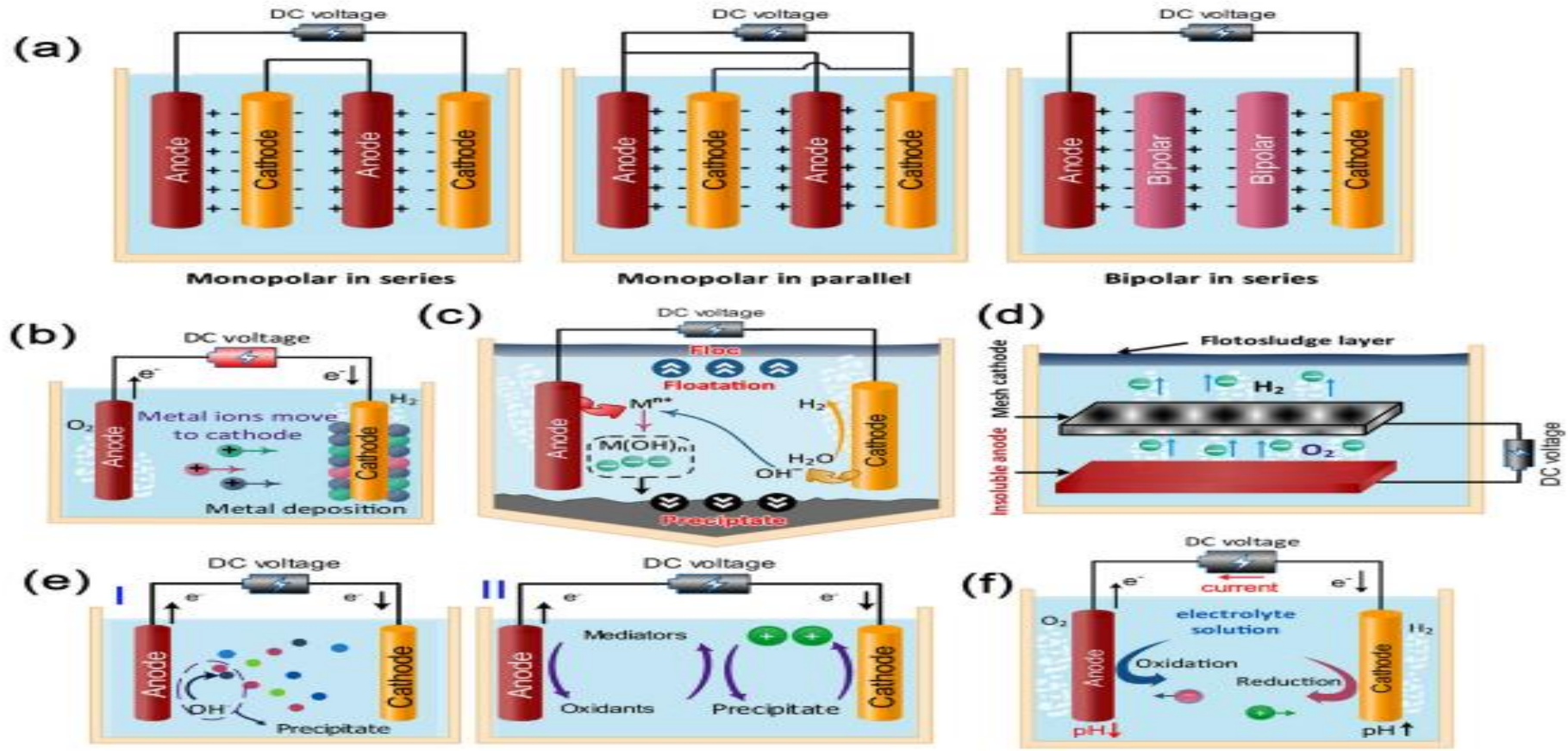
Membrane-based Treatments



The separation capabilities of different membranes against different pollutants.

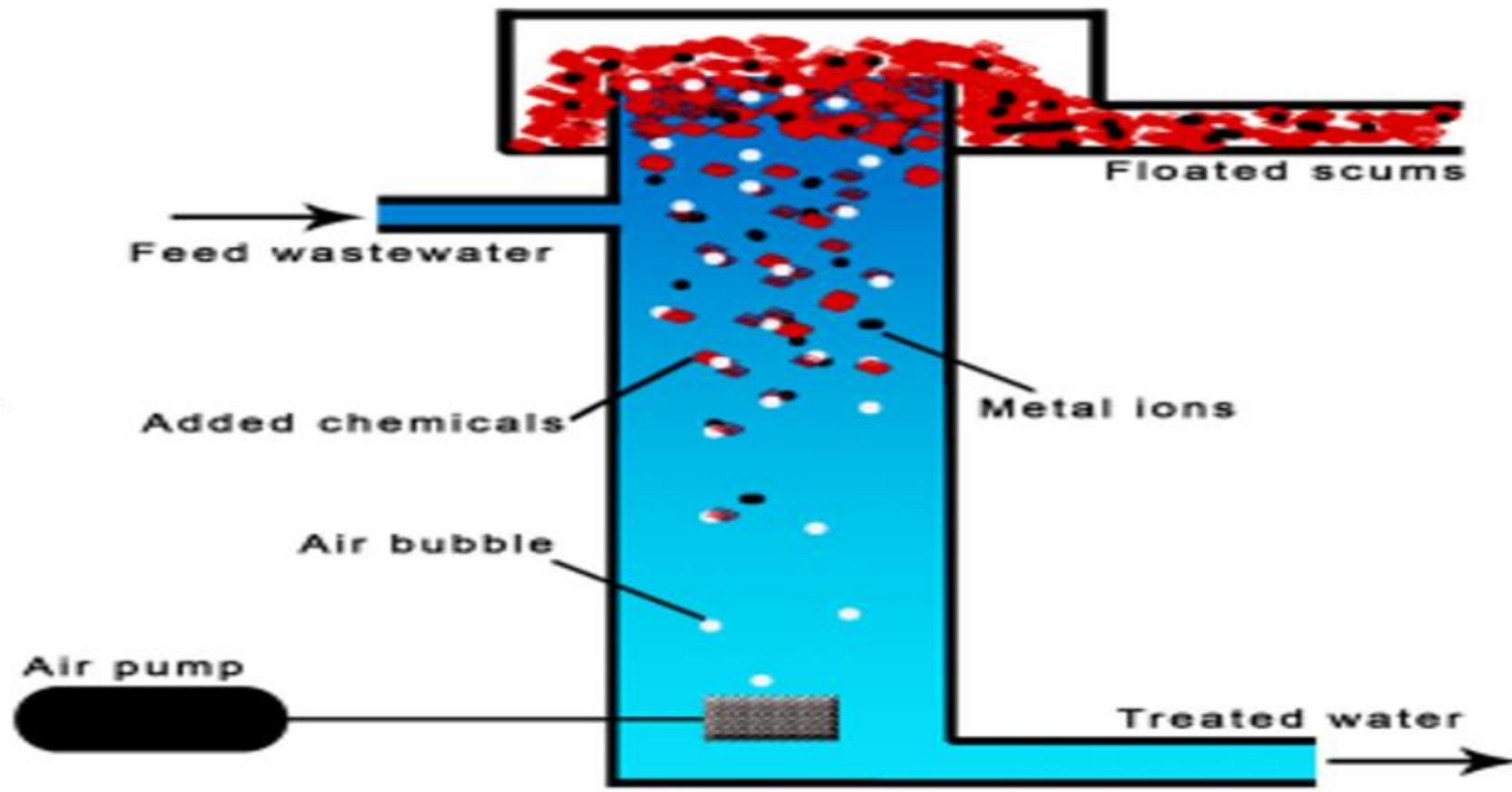
nanofiltration, ultrafiltration, or reverse osmosis method

Electrochemical methods and arrangements used for heavy metals removal



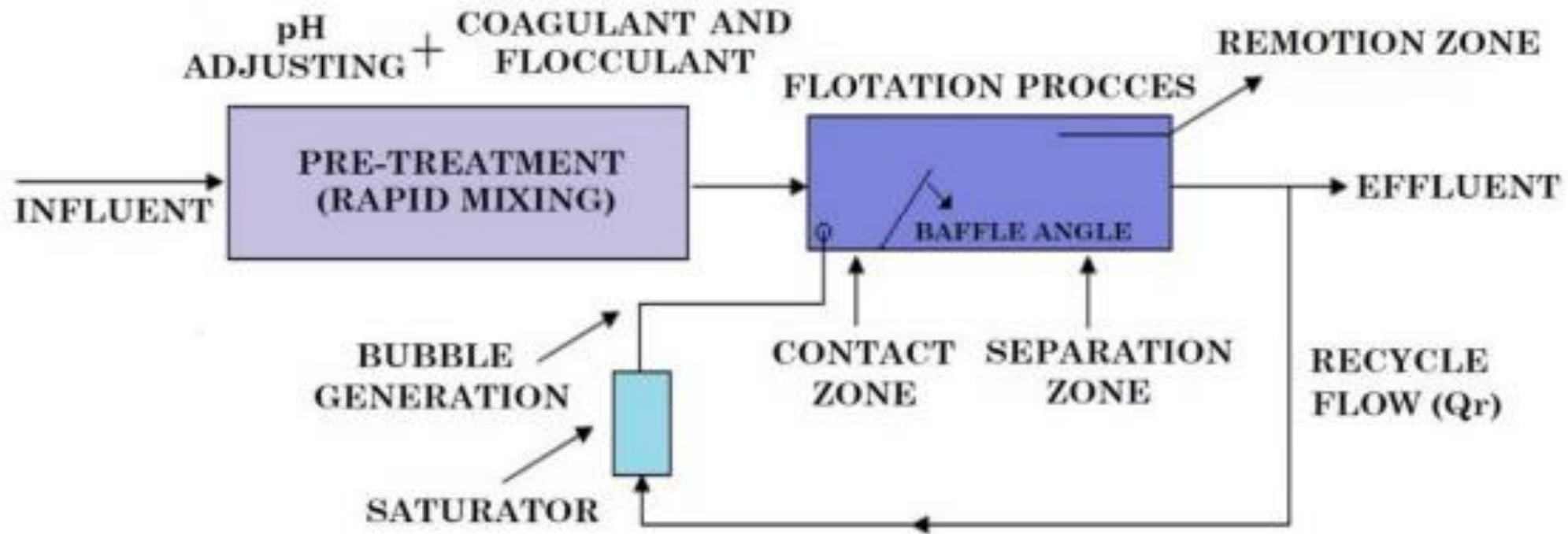
a Different arrangements of electrodes in electrolysis cell (i.e., **monopolar electrodes in series** (MP-S), **monopolar electrodes in parallel** (MP-P), and **bipolar electrodes in series** (BP-S)), b **mechanism of the electrochemical reduction** method in which positive metal ions are deposited over the cathode, c **electrocoagulation process** showing the flotation and precipitation of metal ions, d **basic electroflotation methods**—anions are released from anode to combine with cations (metal ions) and then floating over the water, e **electrochemical oxidation** (EO) process (I) direct EO in which the ions react with OH and precipitate or (II) indirect EO in which mediators are used to forming oxidants that interact with the ions to be removed), and d **electro-Fenton process** in which OH⁻ is released at anode and reacts with metal ions, and hence wastewater is purified due to precipitation

Flotation Treatment Process



An illustrative schematic of the flotation treatment process.

Dissolved Air Flotation



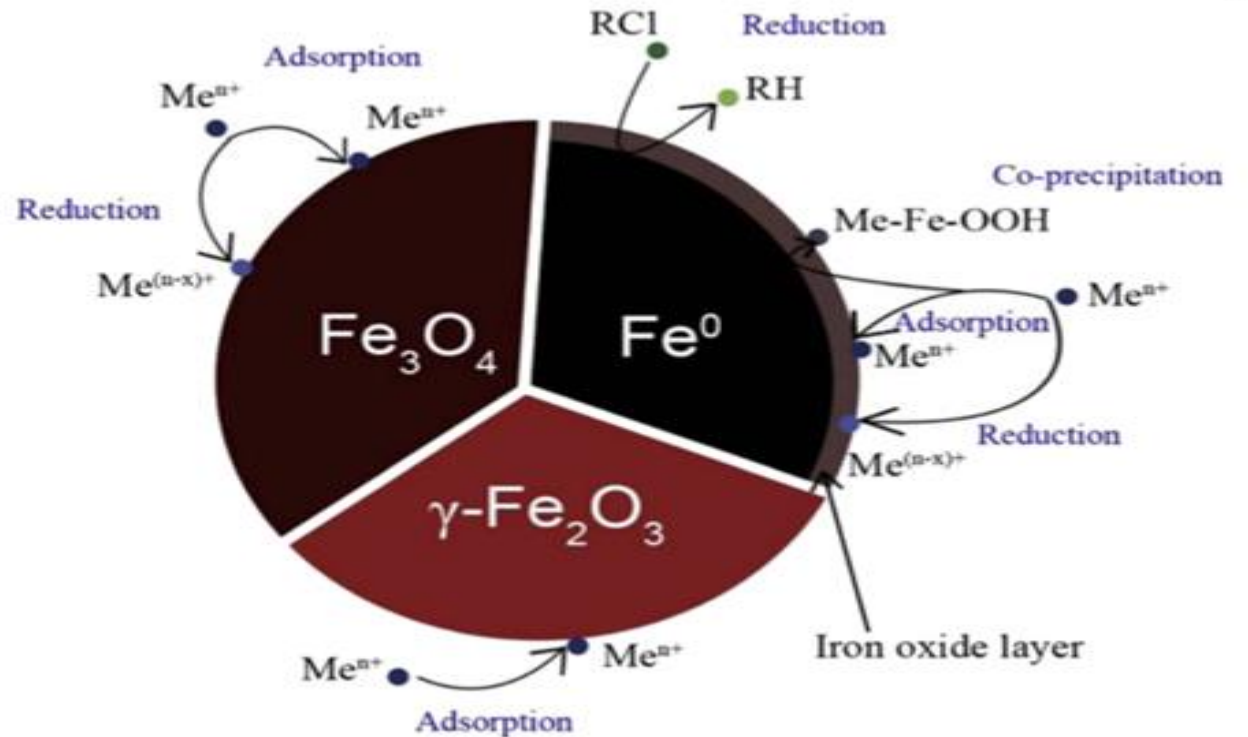
Process diagram of conventional DAF.
Source

Removal of metals by Metal Oxide Nanoparticle

Iron oxides (IO), oxy-hydroxides including amorphous hydrous ferric oxide (FeOOH), maghemite ($\gamma\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$), and magnetite (Fe_3O_4).

Having higher adsorption affinity, adsorption capacity, and faster adsorption rate in comparison to many other adsorbents

RCl=chlorinated compounds



Schematic representation of the removal mechanisms of pollutants by iron-based nanoparticles

Conclusion

Methods of Heavy metal depends on Kind of Industry, Type of pollutant and the metal used and its the cost of Removal method

Thank you