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# ***COOLING WATER TREATMENT***

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# Chapter 1

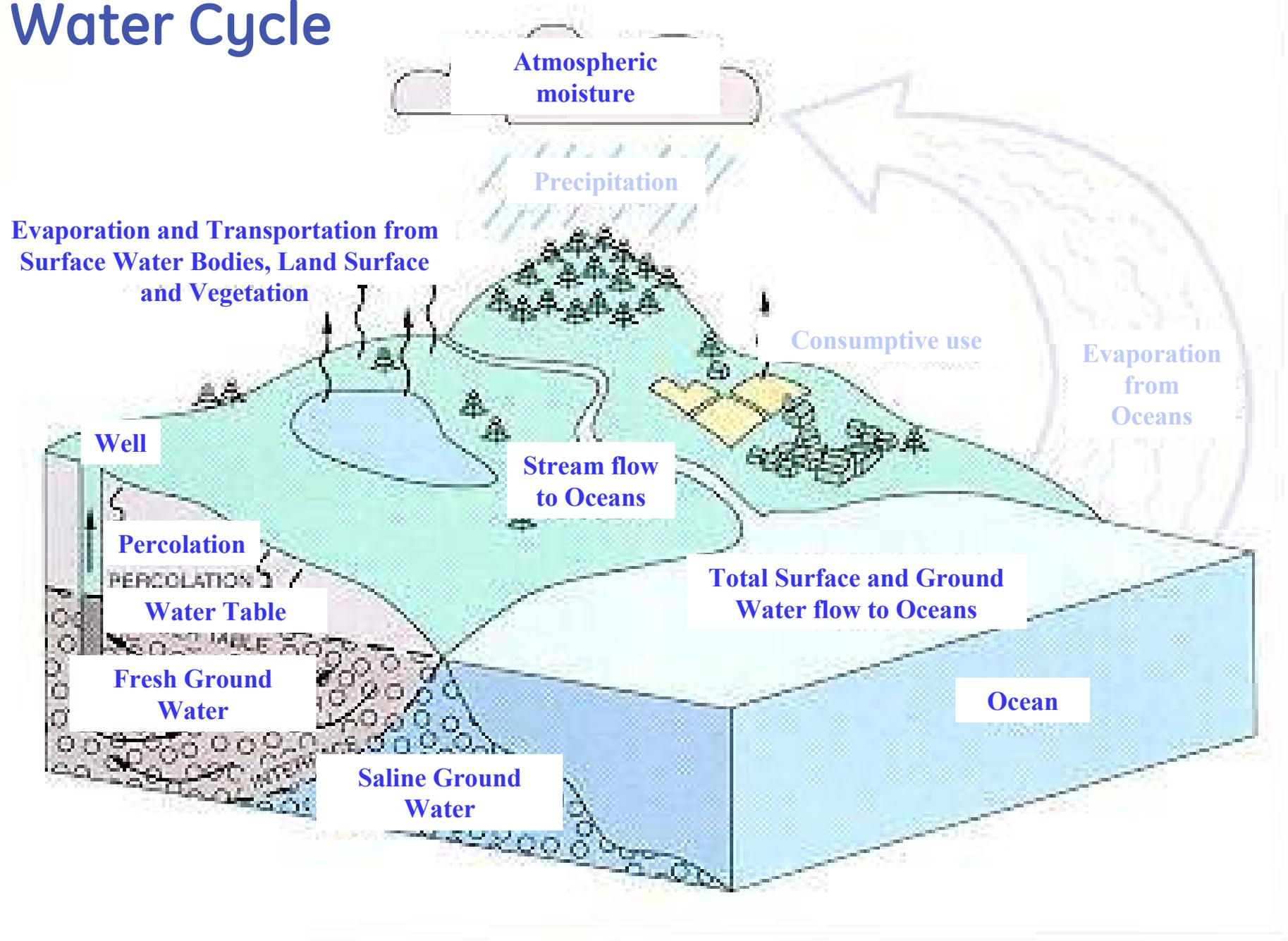
## BASIC WATER CHEMISTRY



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# Basic Water Chemistry

# Water Cycle



# WATER

Water is the UNIVERSAL SOLVENT and dissolves to some degree every known substance

Water will contain impurities in the form of dissolved solids, suspended solids and dissolved gasses

It is essential for industry that abundant supplies are continuously available

# SOURCES of WATER

- Surface Water
  - > Lower quantities of Solubilised Minerals
  - > High amounts of Particulate Matter
  - > Variable Organic Matter Content
  - > Influences from Terrain and Geological Composition
- Ground Water
  - > Higher Mineral content
  - > Less Suspended Solids
  - > Influences from Geological Composition
- Other Water Sources
  - > Recycled / Reclaimed Water



> Sea Water

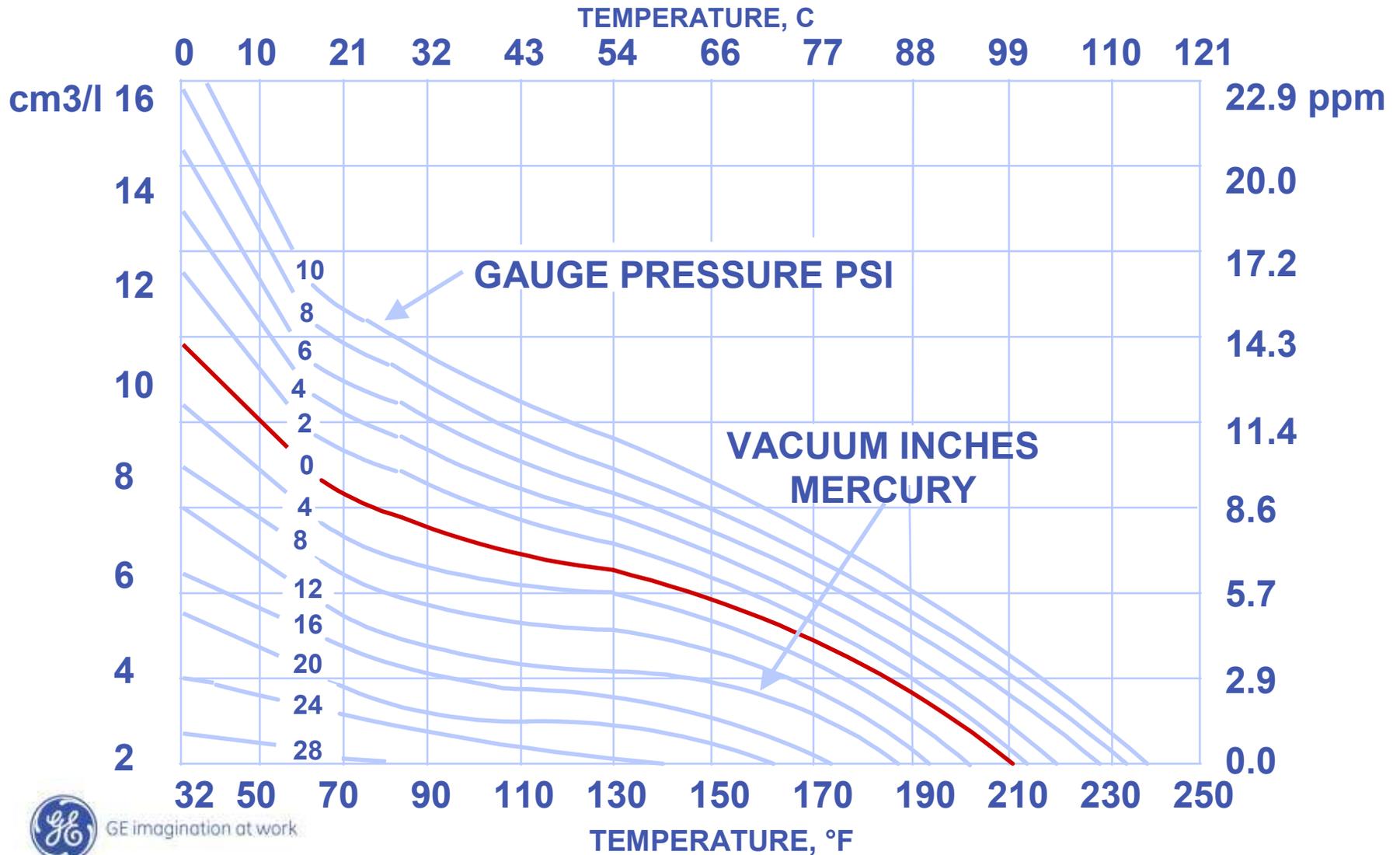
# Purification of Water

- Suspended Solids
  - > Clarification
  - > Filtration
- Dissolved Salts
  - > Precipitating Softening
  - > Ion Exchange
  - > Reversed Osmosis
  - > Multiple Flash Evaporators
- Dissolved Gases
  - > Degasification
  - > Deaeration

# ATMOSPHERIC GASES

- The atmosphere is a mixture of gases, the main components are Nitrogen 78 %, Oxygen 21 %, Argon 0.9 % and Carbon Dioxide 0.033 %
  - > Other gases include Hydrogen, Helium and Neon
- Nitrogen is Inert
- Oxygen :
  - > The solubility is approx. 10 mg/l at ambient temperature and pressure. The solubility decreases as temperature increases.

# O2 SOLUBILITY IN WATER



# ATMOSPHERIC GASES

- **Carbon Dioxide :**

The solubility goes up to 1,700 mg/l in water.



- > When Carbon Dioxide dissolves in water a WEAKLY ACIDIC solution is produced. This is commonly known as Carbonic Acid
- > Typical pH is 6.5 to 6.8

# INDUSTRIAL GASES

- Industrial gases produced by burning fossil fuels and by-products from industrial processes include Sulphur Dioxide / Trioxide, Nitrous Oxides, Hydrogen Sulphide and Ammonia



# INDUSTRIAL GASES

- Nitrous Oxides

- > These include Nitrous Oxide NO

- Nitrogen Dioxide NO<sub>2</sub>

- Dinitrogen Tetraoxide N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

- Hydrogen Sulphide



- Ammonia



# DISSOLVED SALTS

- Water dissolves, to some extent, all known substances. However from a water treatment point of view we are mainly concerned with the salts of Calcium, Magnesium and to a lesser extent Sodium and Potassium.

- **The salts of Calcium and Magnesium are known as HARDNESS salts .**

- In most naturally occurring waters the Calcium concentration is higher than the Magnesium concentration.

In sea waters the reverse is true .

# DISSOLVED SALTS

- Typical Calcium and Magnesium salts are :

Bicarbonates	$\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$	$\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$
Carbonates	$\text{CaCO}_3$	$\text{MgCO}_3$
Chlorides	$\text{CaCl}_2$	$\text{MgCl}_2$
Sulphates	$\text{CaSO}_4$	$\text{MgSO}_4$
Silicates	$\text{CaSiO}_3$	$\text{MgSiO}_3$

# UNITS OF CONCENTRATION

- Dosage rates for continuous feed are expressed as mg/l on either BLOWDOWN or MAKE UP water flow for cooling systems.
- Shot doses are expressed as mg/l based on SYSTEM VOLUME:
  - > 1 ppm equals:
    - 1 mg / l of water
    - 1000 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of water
    - 1 g/m<sup>3</sup> of water
    - 1 kg /1000 m<sup>3</sup> of water
- In some instances solution strength is expressed as a percentage:
  - > 1 % solution = 10,000 mg/l or 10,000 ppm

# UNITS OF CONCENTRATION

Parts per Million      ppm = mg/l

Parts per Billion      ppb =  $\mu\text{g/l}$

**Normally hardness and alkalinity are expressed as mg/l CaCO<sub>3</sub>.**

This allows us to calculate the concentration of the different ionic species present in any given sample

Total hardness      150 ppm as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

Calcium hardness    100 ppm as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

Magnesium hardness 50 ppm as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

M-Alkalinity          80 ppm as CaCO<sub>3</sub>

Chloride              40 ppm as Cl<sup>-</sup>

# Corrosion Rate Measurement

- mils per year = 1/1000 inch per year
  - mm/y = millimetres per year
- 
- > 1 mpy = 0.025 mm/y (0.0254)
  - > 1 mm/y = 40 mpy

# Other important Parameters

pH

Alkalinity

Conductivity\*

Chloride

Sulphate

Soluble Iron (in Make Up Water)

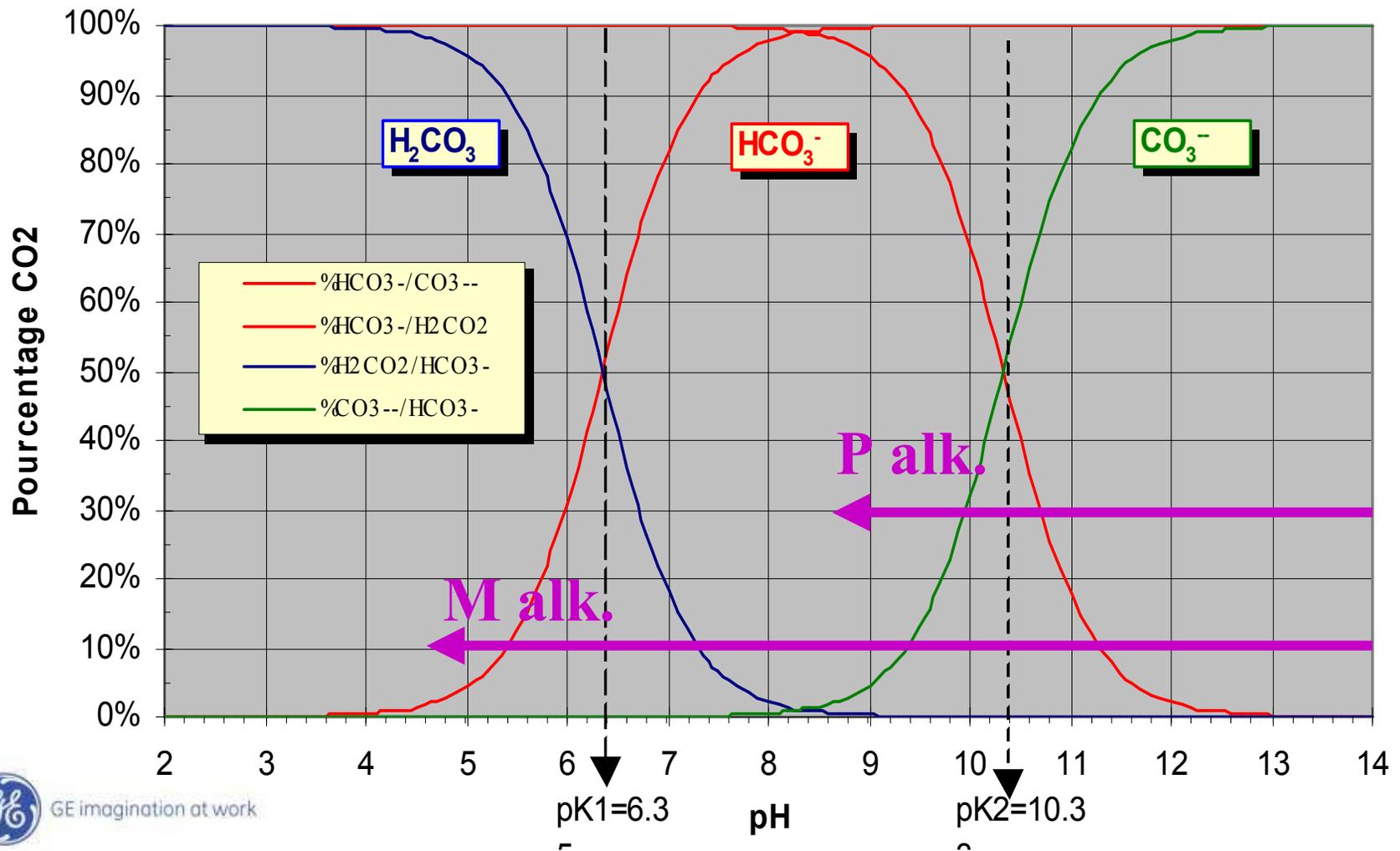
Manganese

\* essentially Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)



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# Carbon dioxide species versus pH in natural waters



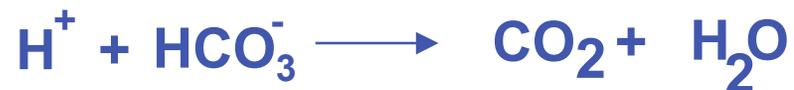
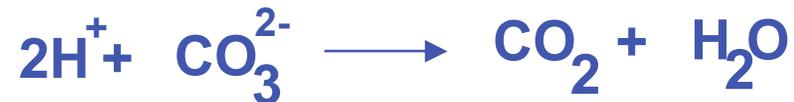
# P Alkalinity

- P = Alkalinity - phenolphthalein alkalinity (pH=8.3)
  - > This titration includes all the HYDROXIDE and half of the CARBONATE



# M Alkalinity

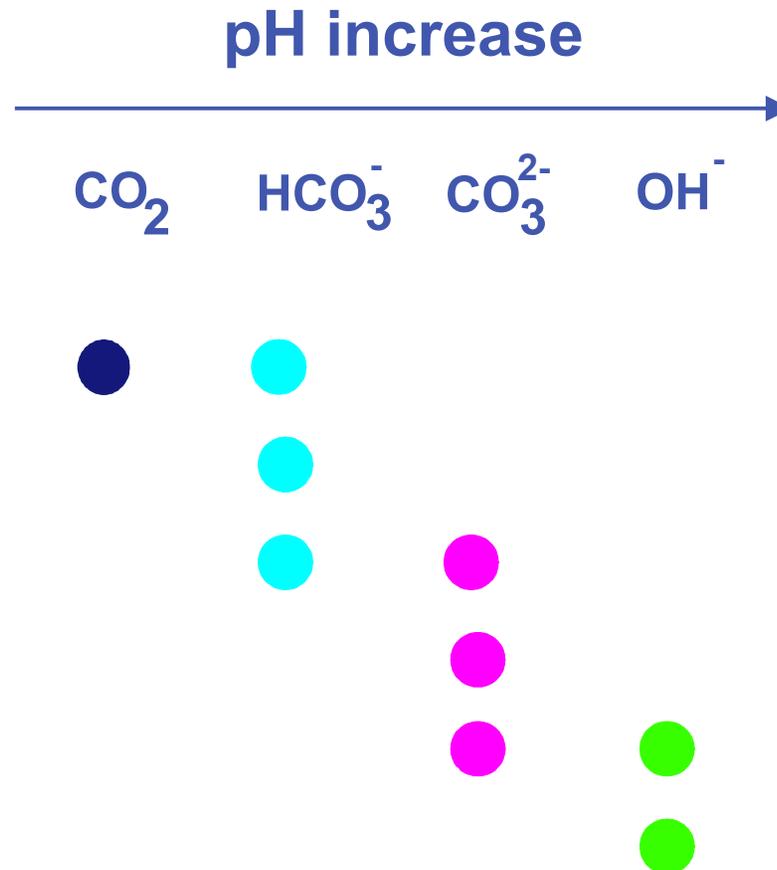
- M Alkalinity - methyl orange alkalinity (pH=4.4)
  - > Also known as the TOTAL ALKALINITY
  - > This titration includes all the HYDROXYDE and all the CARBONATE and all the BICARBONATE.



- > Other indicators used are BDH 4.5 and bromocresol green/methyl red

# P and M-Alkalinity

If we consider the series carbon dioxide, bicarbonate, carbonate and hydroxide we find that only adjacent pairs can co-exist

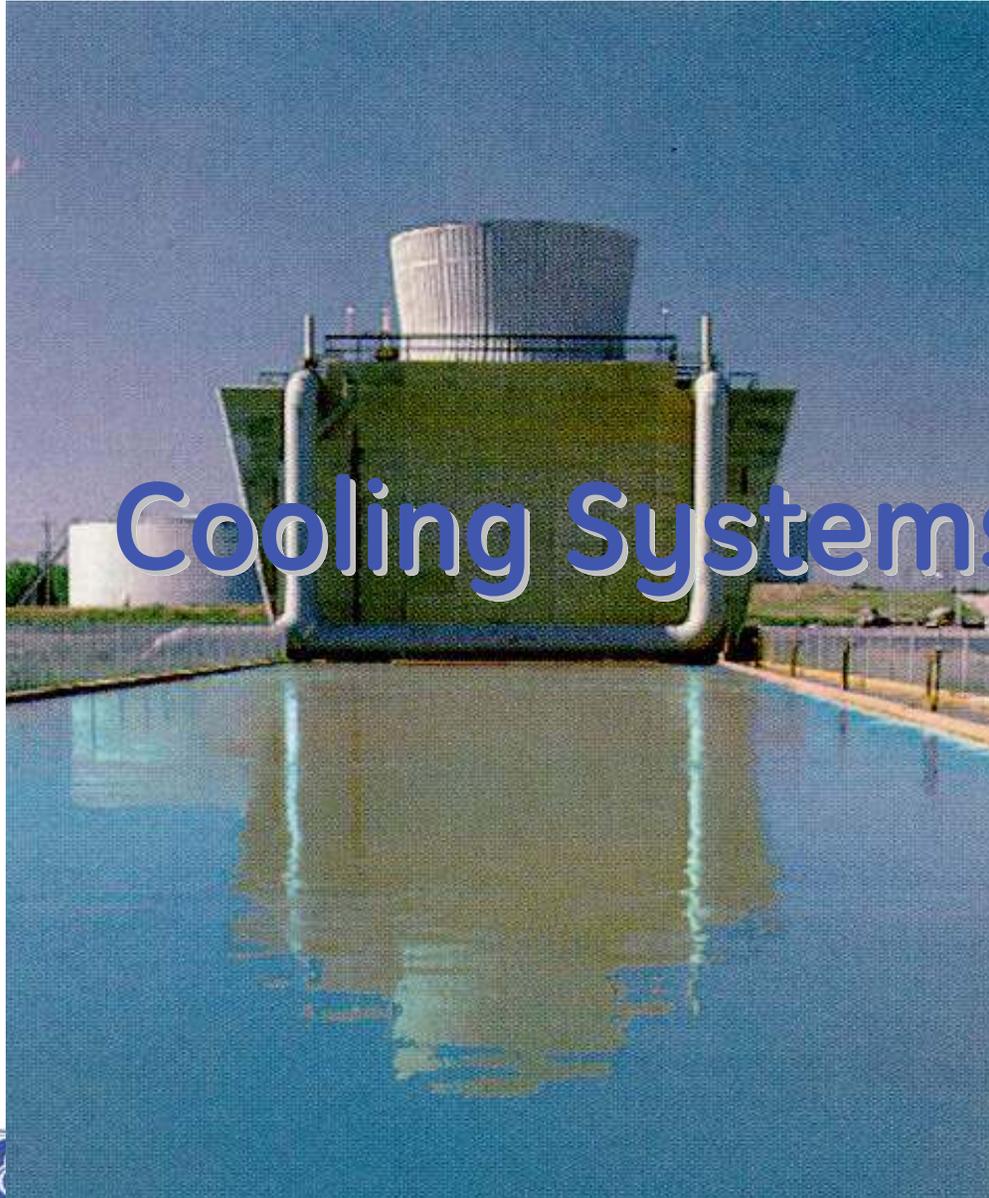


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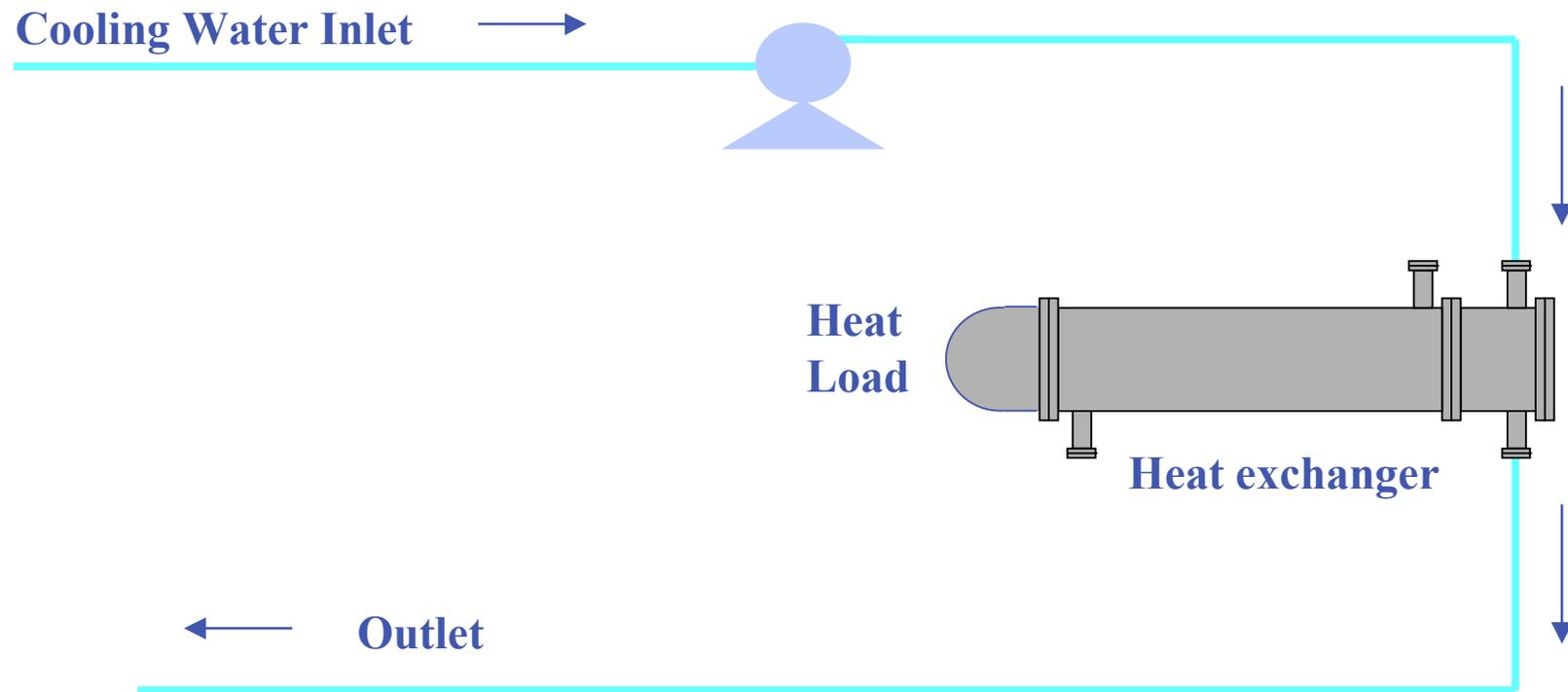
# COOLING SYSTEMS



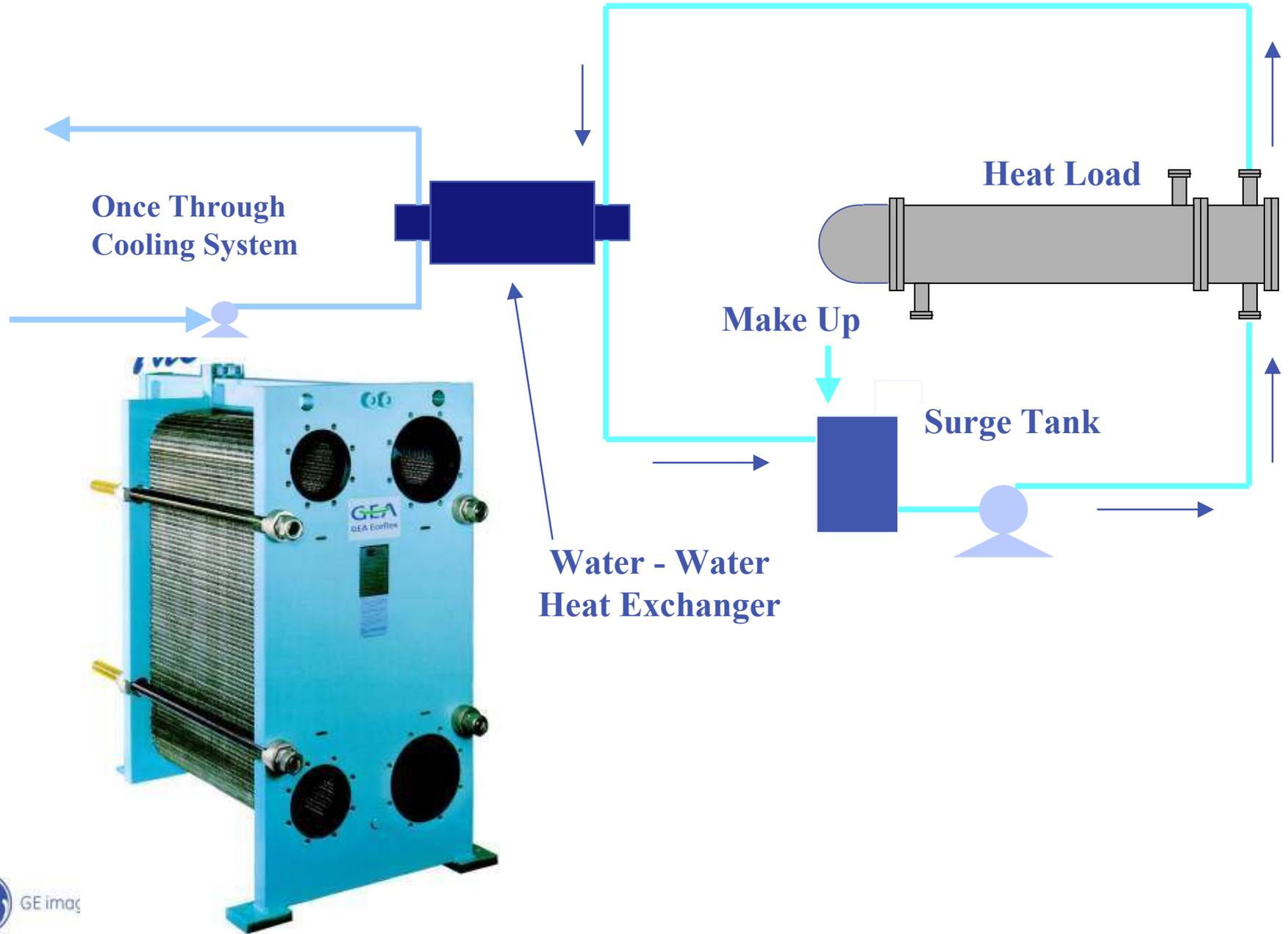
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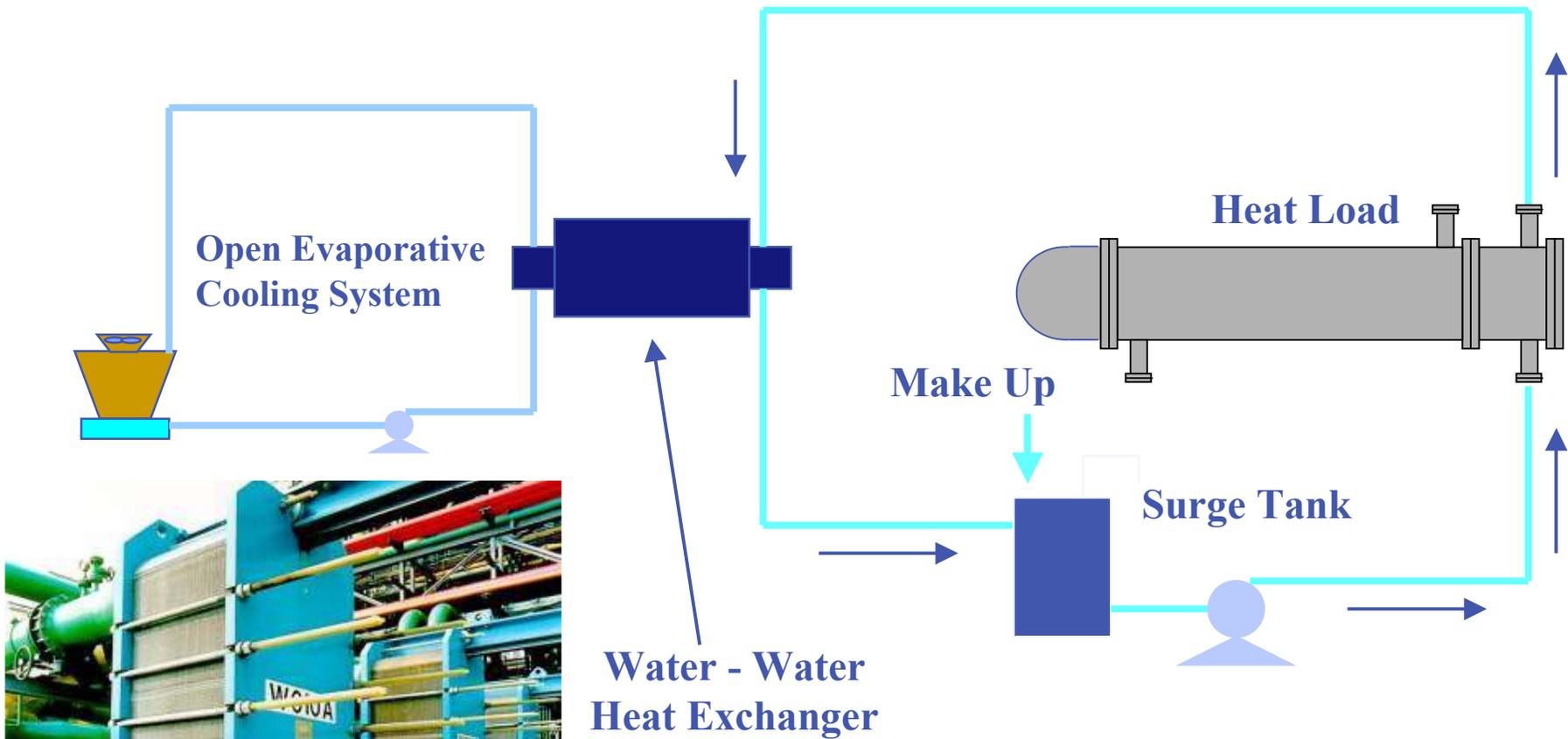
# Once Through System



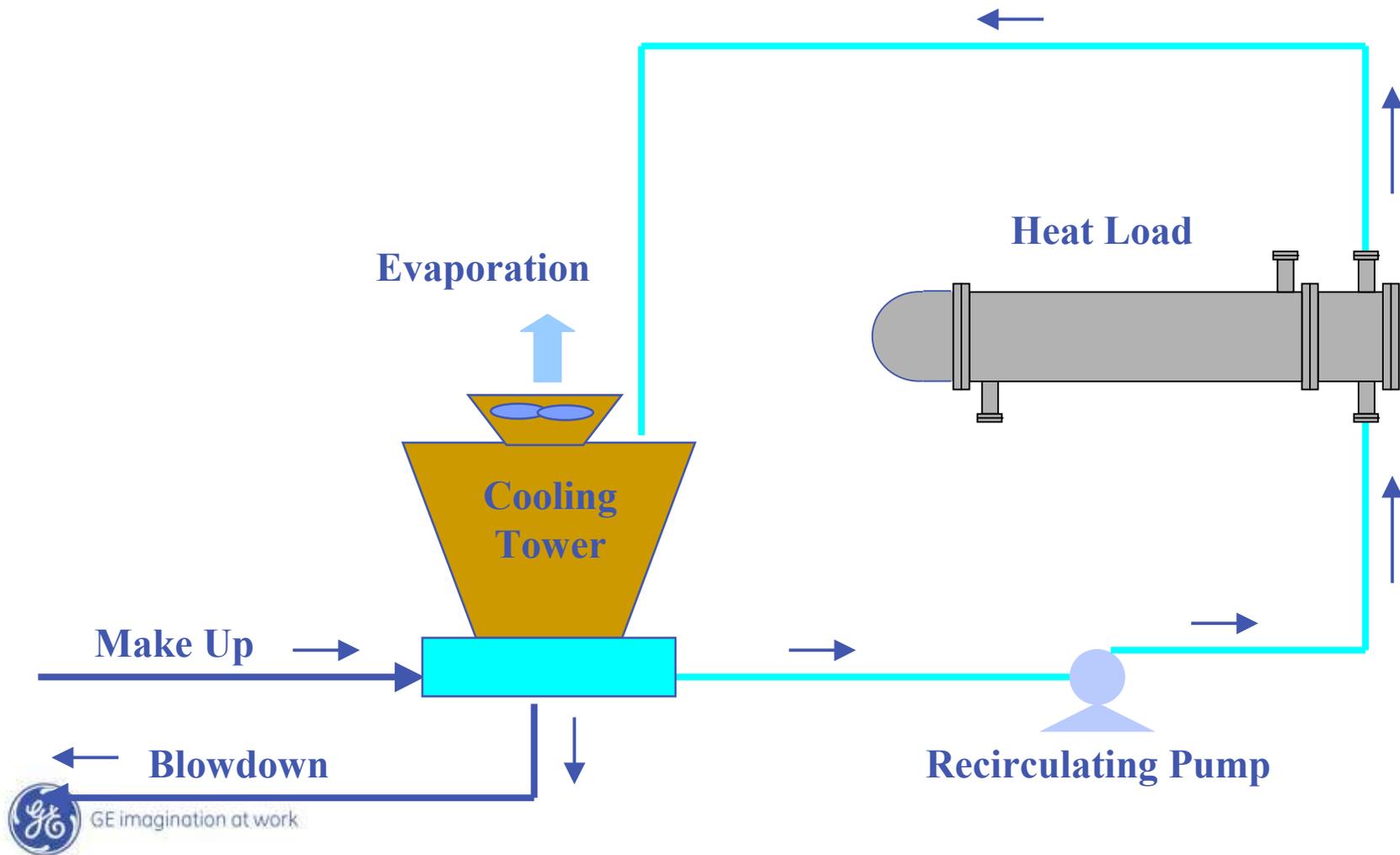
# Closed Recirculating System



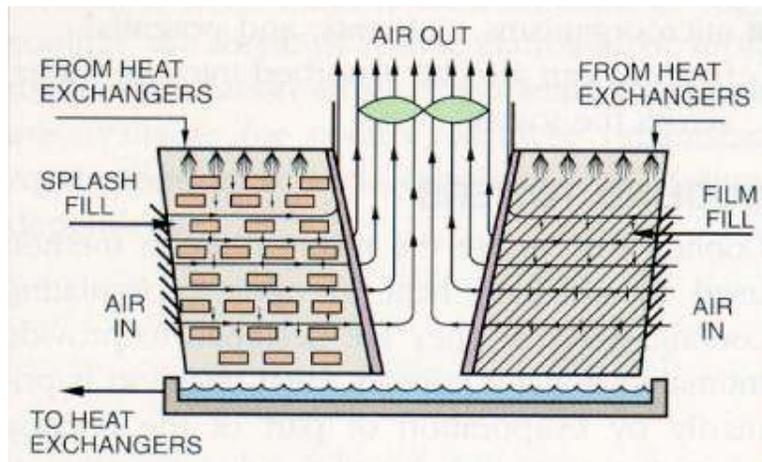
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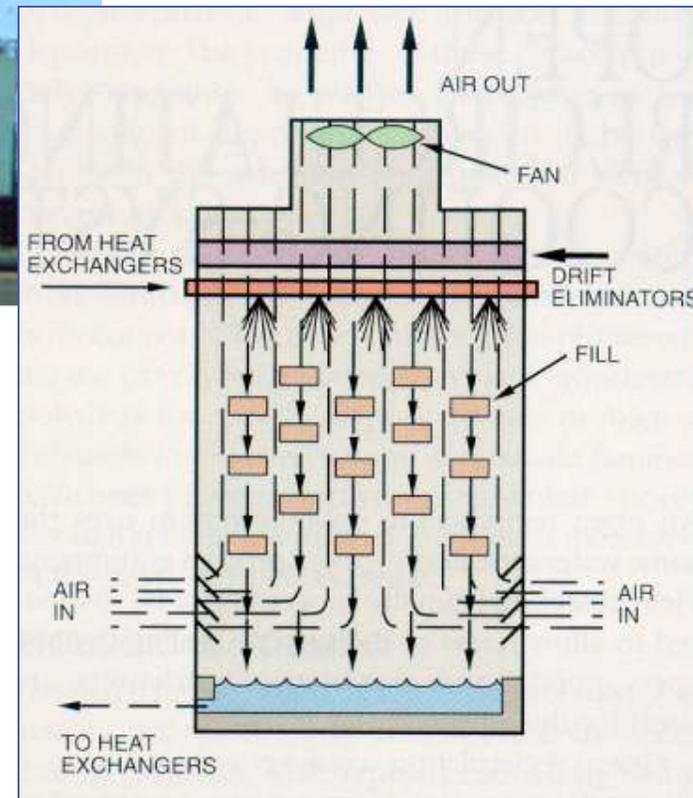
# Open Evaporative System



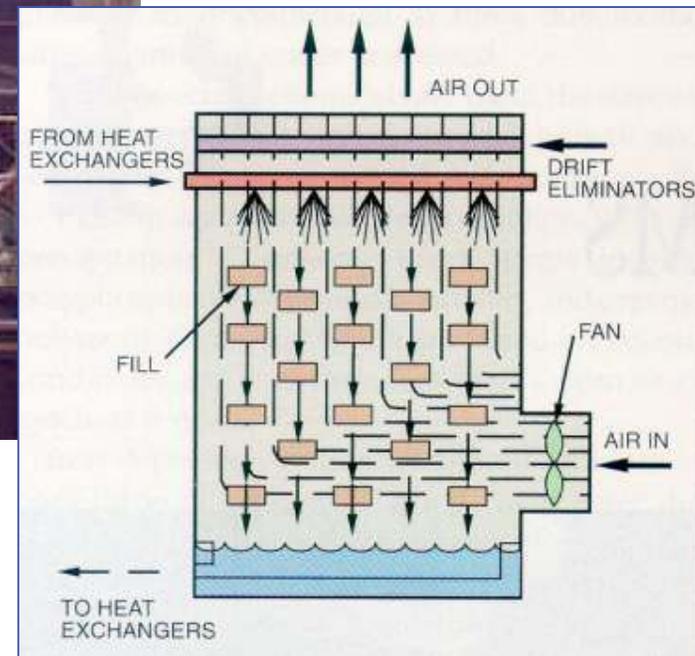
# Induced Draft Cross Flow Cooling Tower



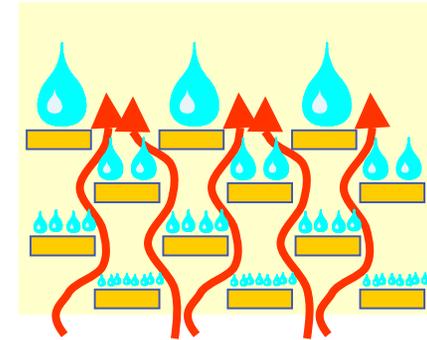
# Induced Draft Counter Flow Cooling Tower



# Forced Draft Cooling Tower

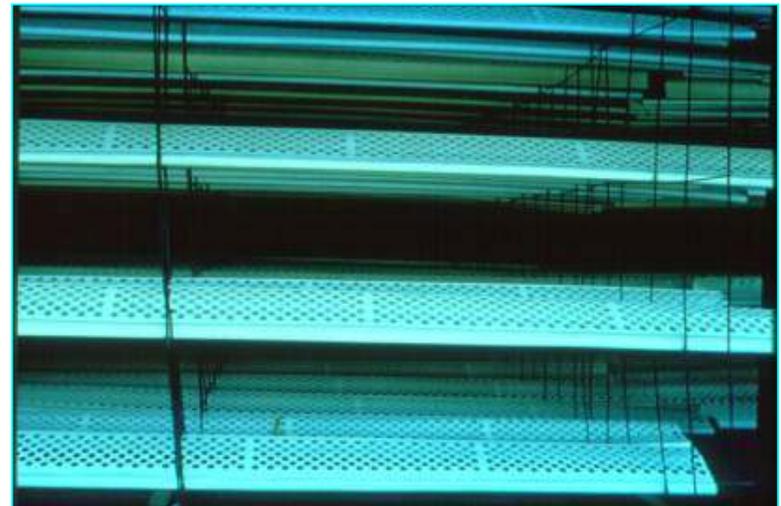
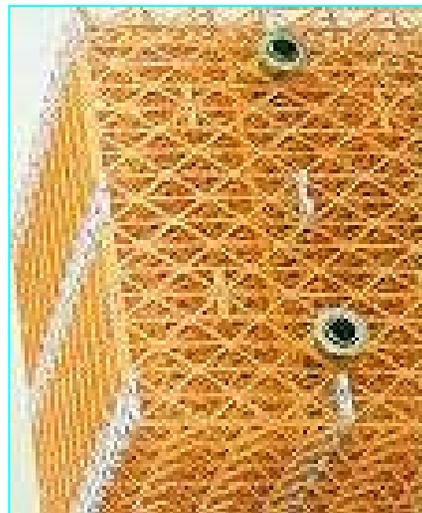


# Splash Packing

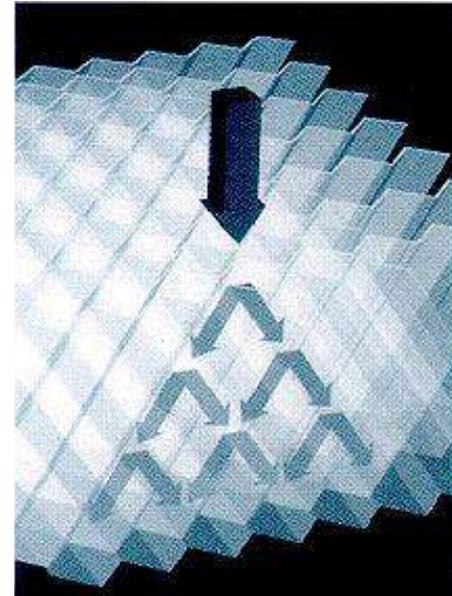
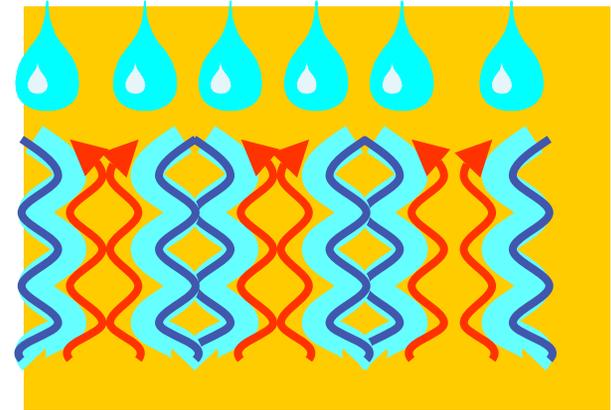


## Plastic

# Splash Fill



# Plastic Film Packing

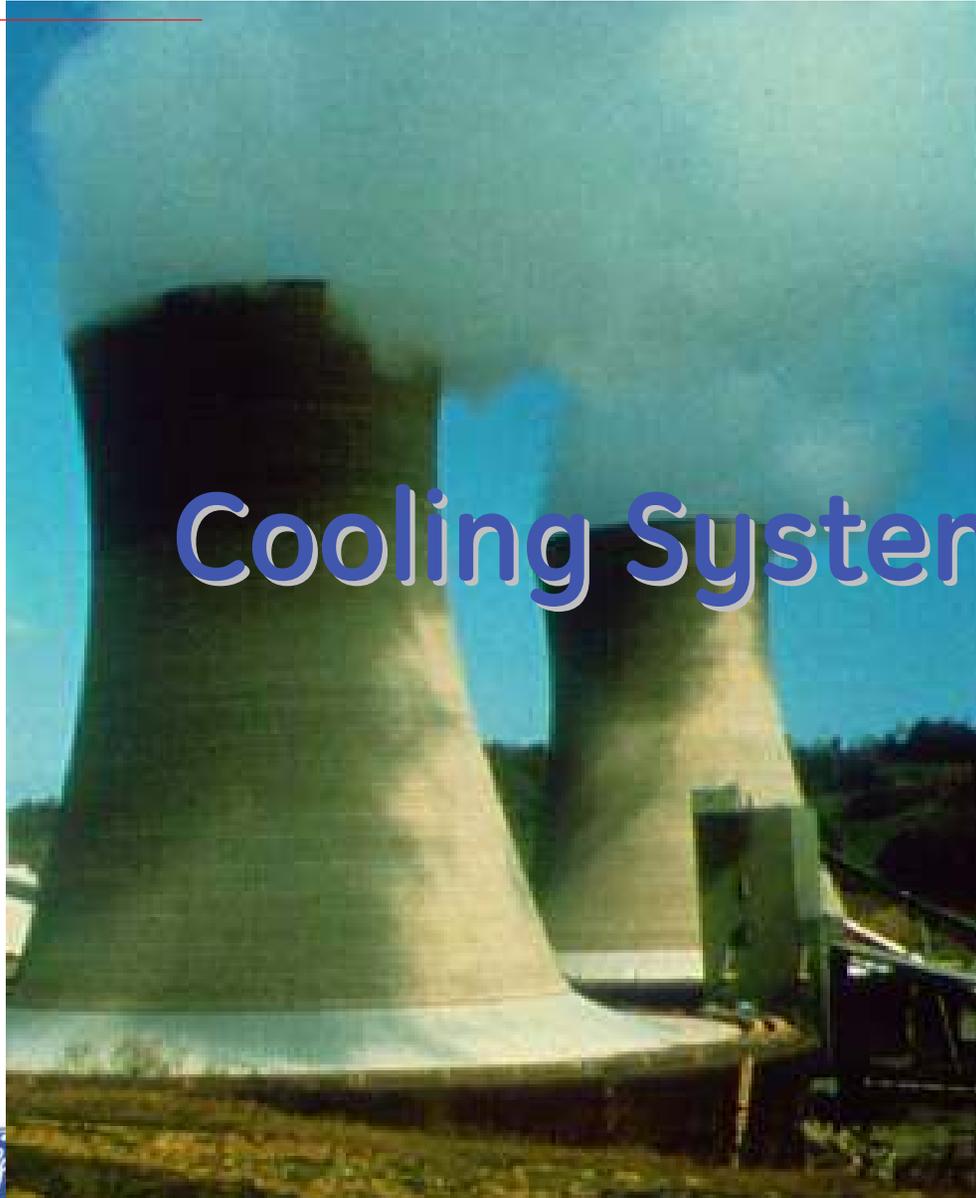


# Chapter 3

## COOLING SYSTEM HYDRAULICS

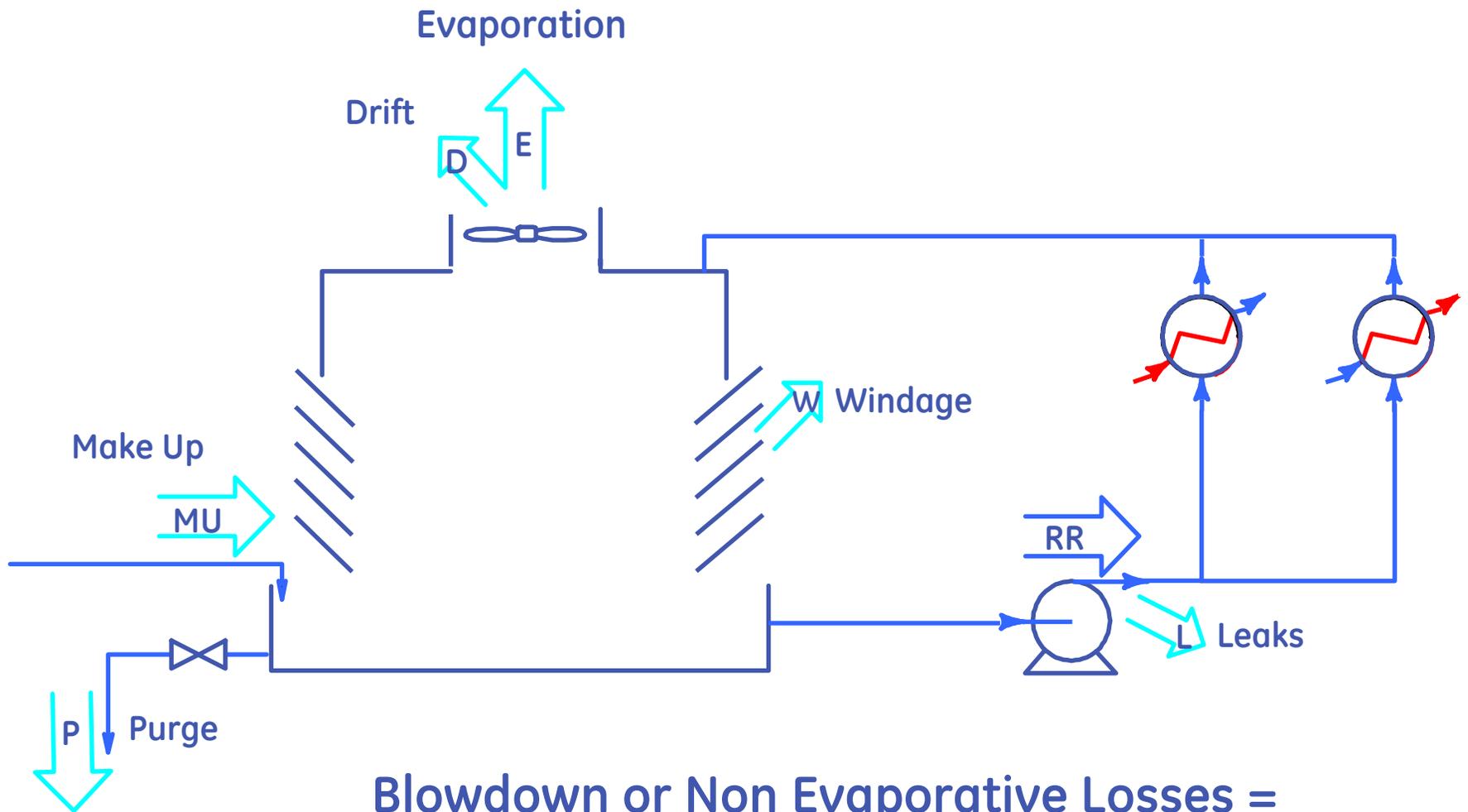


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# Cooling System Hydraulics





**Blowdown or Non Evaporative Losses =  
Purge + Windage + Drift + Leaks**

# LATENT HEAT OF VAPORISATION

- Latent Heat of Water is 556 kcal/kg
- Evaporation of 1 kg water dissipates 556 kcal
- Evaporation of 1 kg water from 100 kg of the (recirculating) water or 1% of the (recirculating) water reduces temperature by 5.56 °C

# EVAPORATION RATE (E)

$$E \text{ (t/h)} = \frac{RR \text{ (m}^3\text{/h)} \times \Delta T \text{ }^\circ\text{C} \times E_f}{580} @ 30 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\Delta T^\circ\text{C} = T_R^\circ\text{C} - T_S^\circ\text{C}$$

where :

R = Return Water

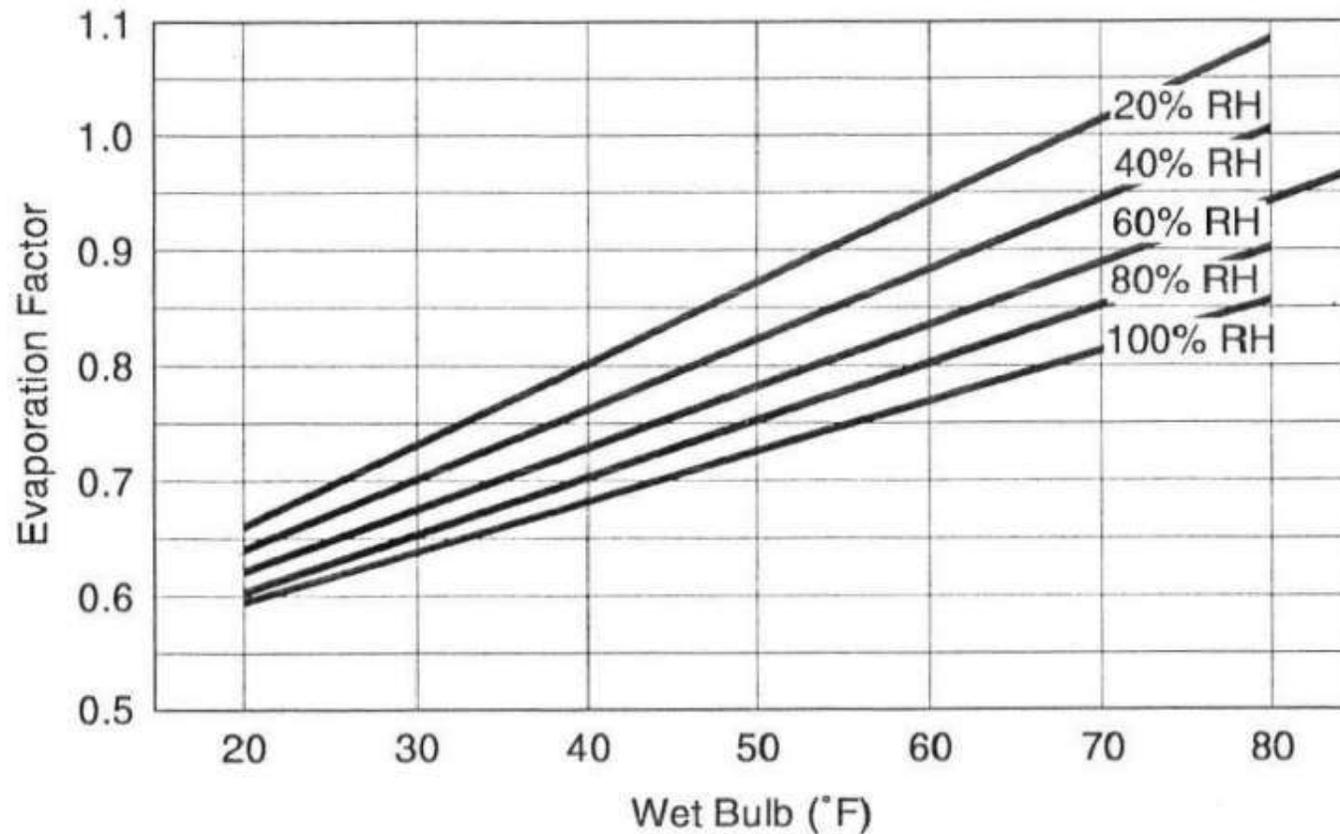
S = Supply Water

$$E = 0,8 \frac{RR \times \Delta T}{580}$$

$E_f$
1.0 %
0.9 %
<b>0.8 %</b>
0.7 %
0.6 %

I.e. 1,4% of RR at 10°C  $\Delta T$  or 1% RR at 6 to 7°C de  $\Delta T$

# $E_f$ Vs. wet-bulb temperature



# Definitions

## *Cycles of Concentration (Cy)*

$Cy = \frac{\text{Concentration of "X" in Recirculating Water}}{\text{Concentration of "X" in Make Up Water}}$

## *Blowdown Rate (BD)*

$$BD(m^3/h) = \frac{E(m^3/h)}{(Cy - 1)}$$

## *Make Up Rate (MU)*

$$MU(m^3/h) = E(m^3/h) + BD(m^3/h)$$

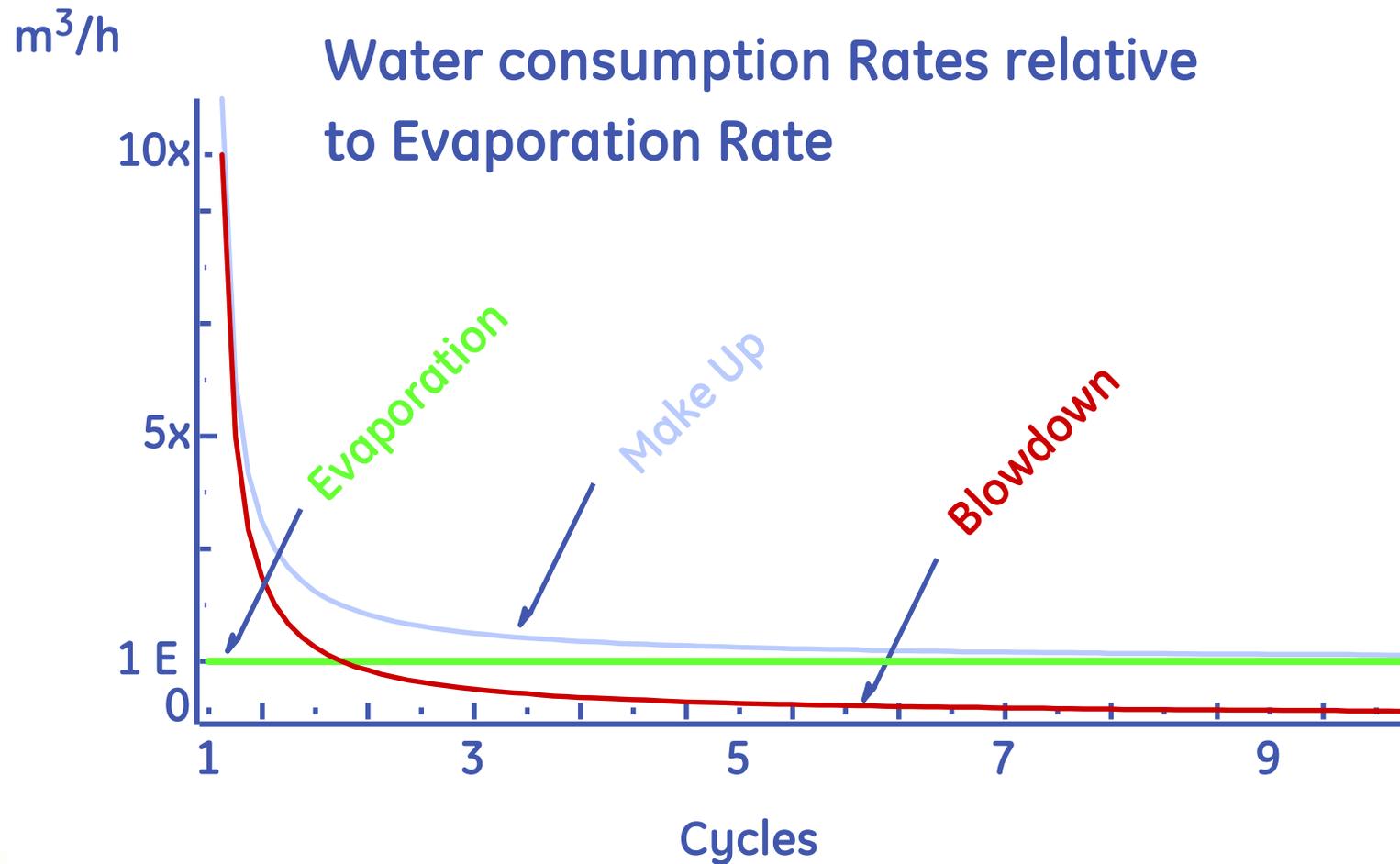
$$MU (m^3/h) = BD(m^3/h) \times Cy$$

or

$$BD (m^3/h) = \frac{MU (m^3/h)}{Cy}$$



# Make Up and Blowdown Rates



# DEPLETION

$$C_t = C_o e^{-\frac{bt}{V}}$$

$$t = -\frac{V}{b} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{C_t}{C_o} \right) \right]$$

$$b = -\frac{V}{t} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{C_t}{C_o} \right) \right]$$

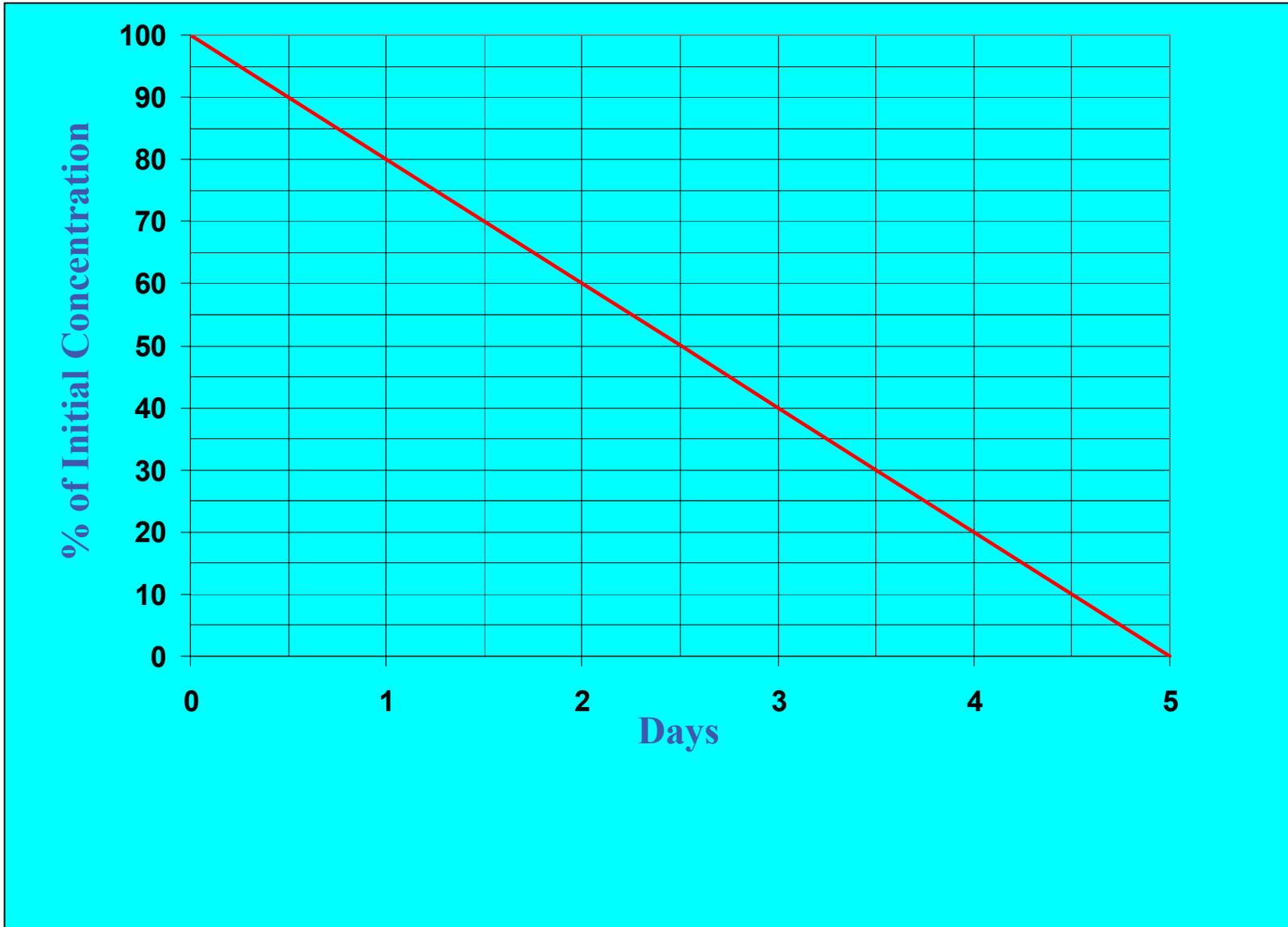
## Depletion

$V = 6000$  cubic.m

$BD = 1200$  cubic.m per day

If 100 mg/l biocide is injected  
what is the remaining  
concentration after 3.5 days ?

# DEPLETION



# SYSTEM HALF-LIFE

$$t = -\frac{V}{b} \ln \frac{C_t}{C_0} = -\frac{V}{b} k \log_{10} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{V}{b} k \log_{10} 2$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{V(\text{m}^3)}{b(\text{m}^3/\text{h})} \times 0.6931$$

Note :

This can be approximated to

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{V}{b} \times 0.7$$

# Chapter 4

## OPEN EVAPORATIVE COOLING SYSTEM TREATMENT PROGRAMMES



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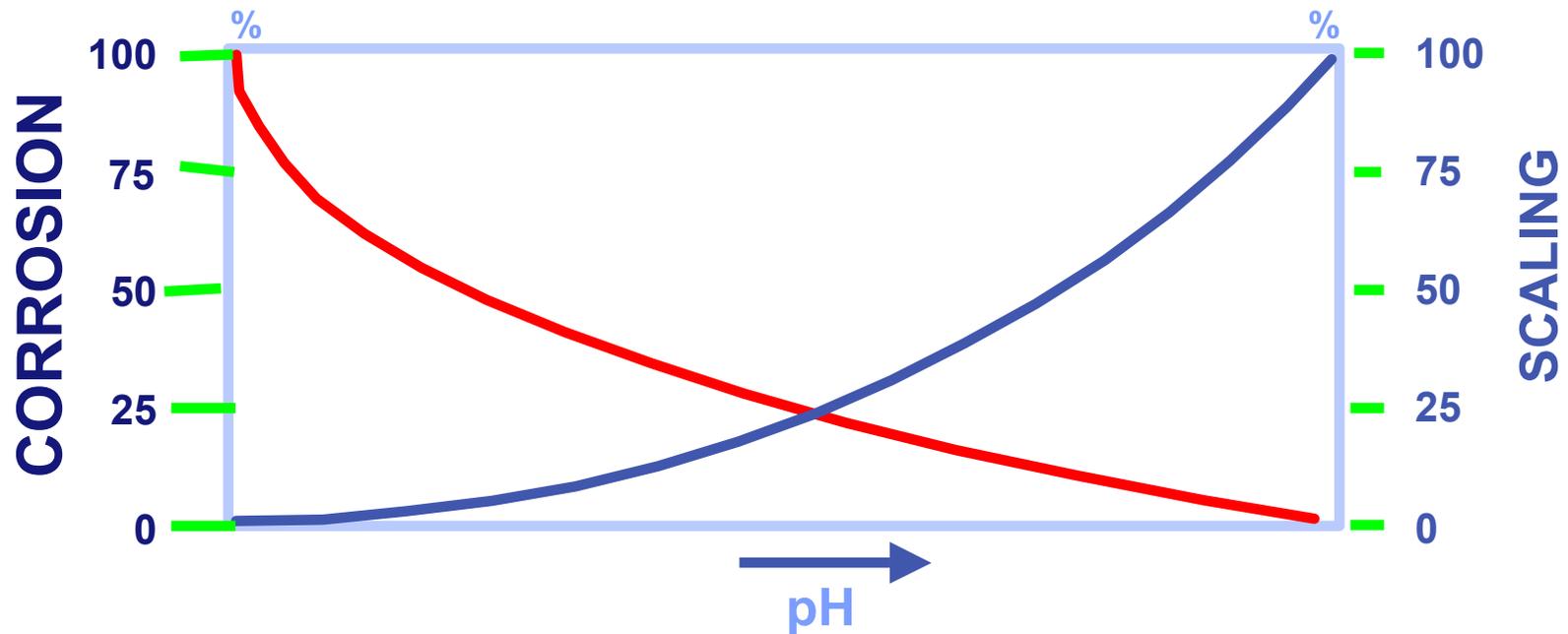
# Treatment Objectives

The general objectives of the cooling water treatment program are:

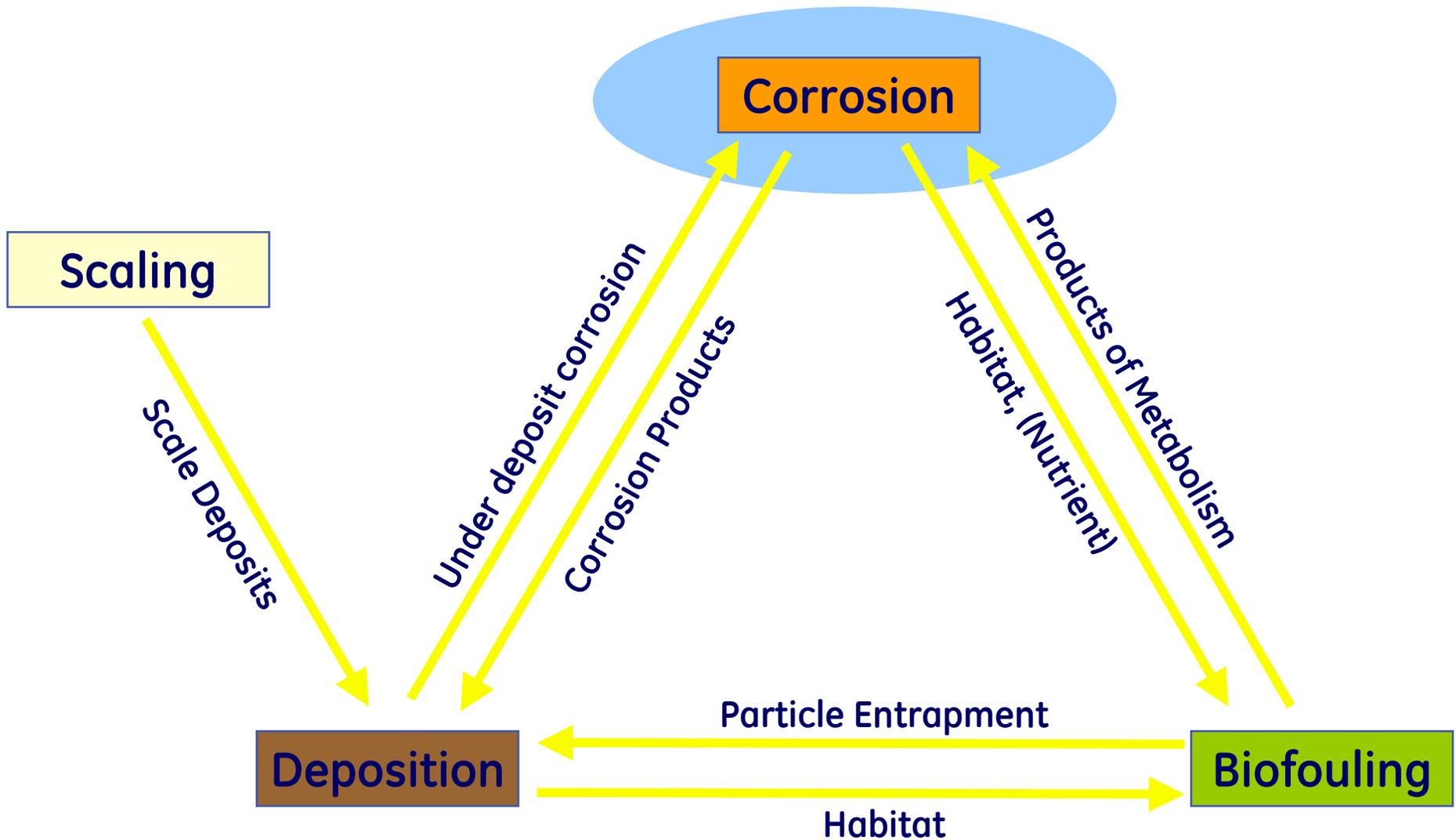
- Control corrosion rate to prevent equipment failure.
- Prevent scale formation and deposition on heat transfer surfaces to maximise system performance
- Control microbiological activity and maintain system cleanliness.
- Allow the cooling system to operate at the optimum cycles of concentration

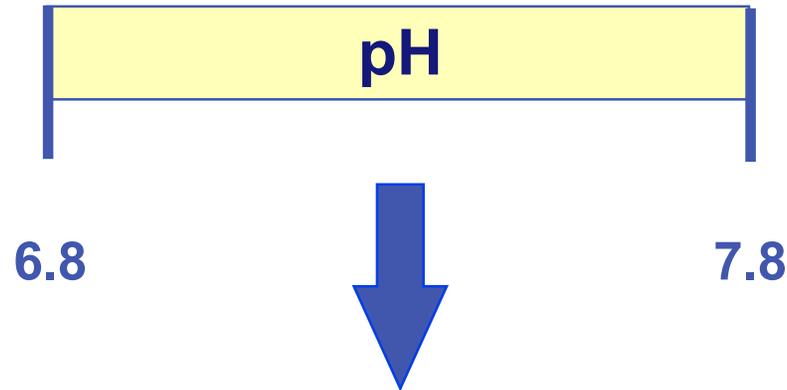


# Scaling/corrosion as pH function

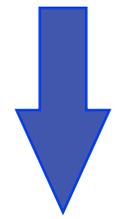


# Water Treatment Concerns



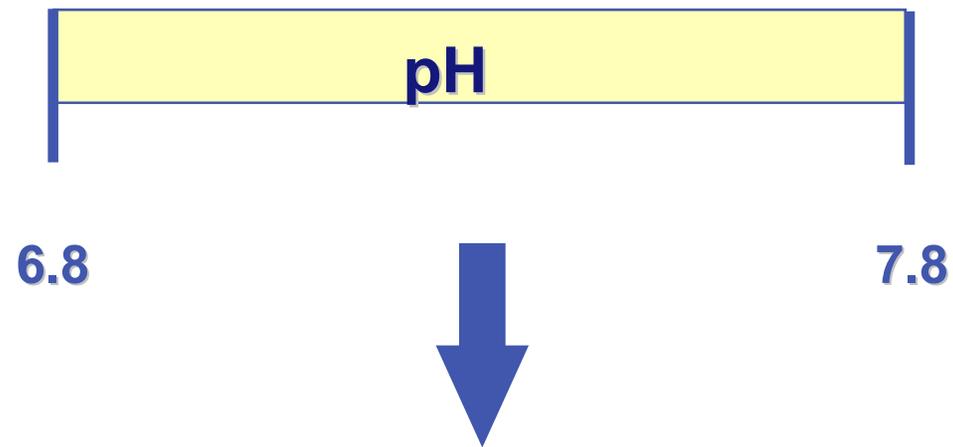


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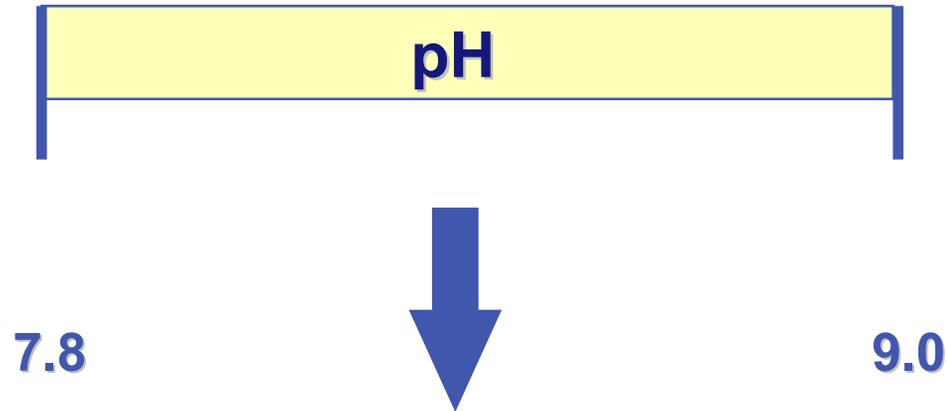


**STRONG CORROSION INHIBITORS**

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**DIANODIC**

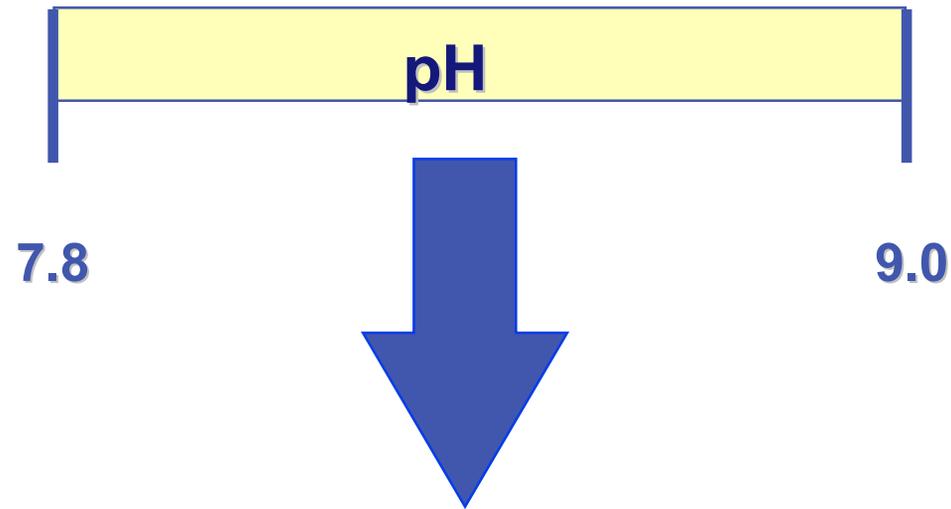


**SCALING WATER**



**STRONG SCALING INHIBITORS**

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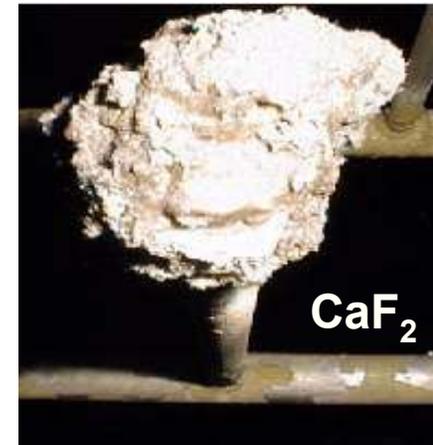


**CONTINUUM**

# Chapter 4.1

## SCALE INHIBITION TREATMENT PROGRAMMES

# Scaling in Cooling Systems



# Scaling in Cooling Systems

## Scale Formation

Scale Potential Depends On:

- Temperature
- pH
- Concentration Of Ions
- Velocity
- Agitation or Turbulence

# Scaling in Cooling Systems

## Scale Control

- Removing scale components from make-up water.
- Keeping scale salts in solution .
- Removing scale forming salts by precipitation.

CaF<sub>2</sub>

# Scaling in Cooling Systems

## Scale Control

Softening .

Demineralizing .

Reverse Osmosis.

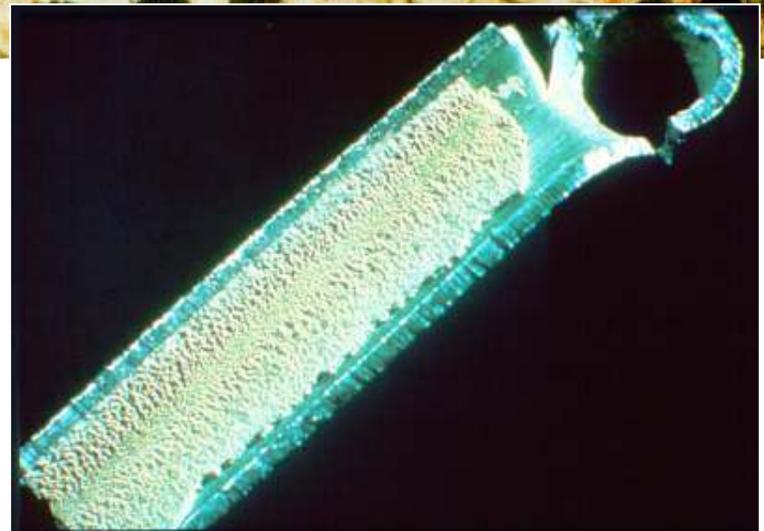
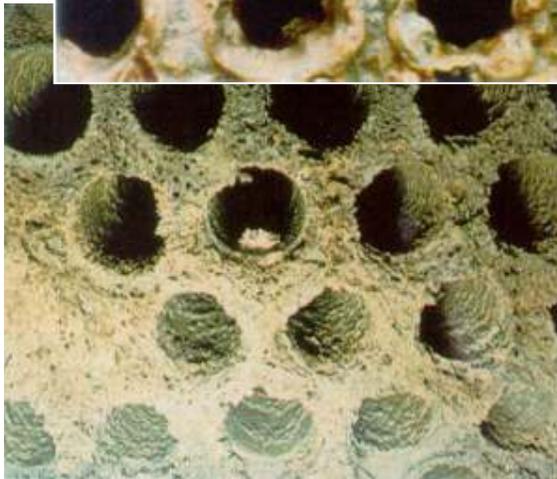
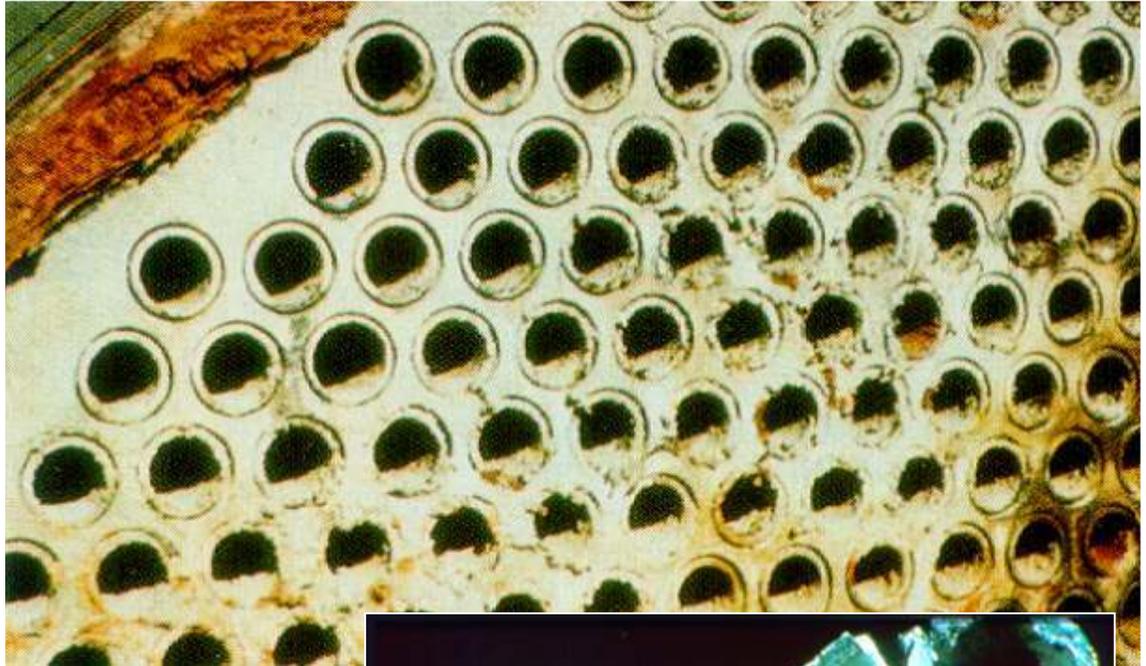
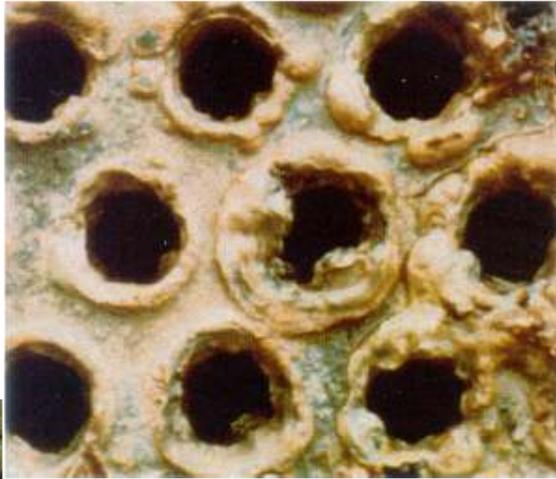
Acid Dosing .

Scale Inhibitor .

Polymer Dosing.

Decreasing Cycles of Concentration.

# SCALE



**Mineral Scale can form when  
SOLUBILITY IS EXCEEDED**

# FACTORS AFFECTING CALCIUM CARBONATE SCALE FORMATION

- Calcium (bicarbonate) concentration
- M alkalinity (bicarbonate concentration)
- Temperature (hottest skin temperature)
- pH (of the bulk water)

# LANGELIER SATURATION INDEX

1936 Professor Langelier

“Conditions at which a given water is in equilibrium with calcium carbonate”.

$$pH_s = (pK_2 - pK_s) + pCa + pAlk$$

$pK_2$  = 2<sup>o</sup> dissociation constant of  $CaCO_3$

$pK_s$  = solubility product of  $CaCO_3$

$pCa$  = -log calcium concentration

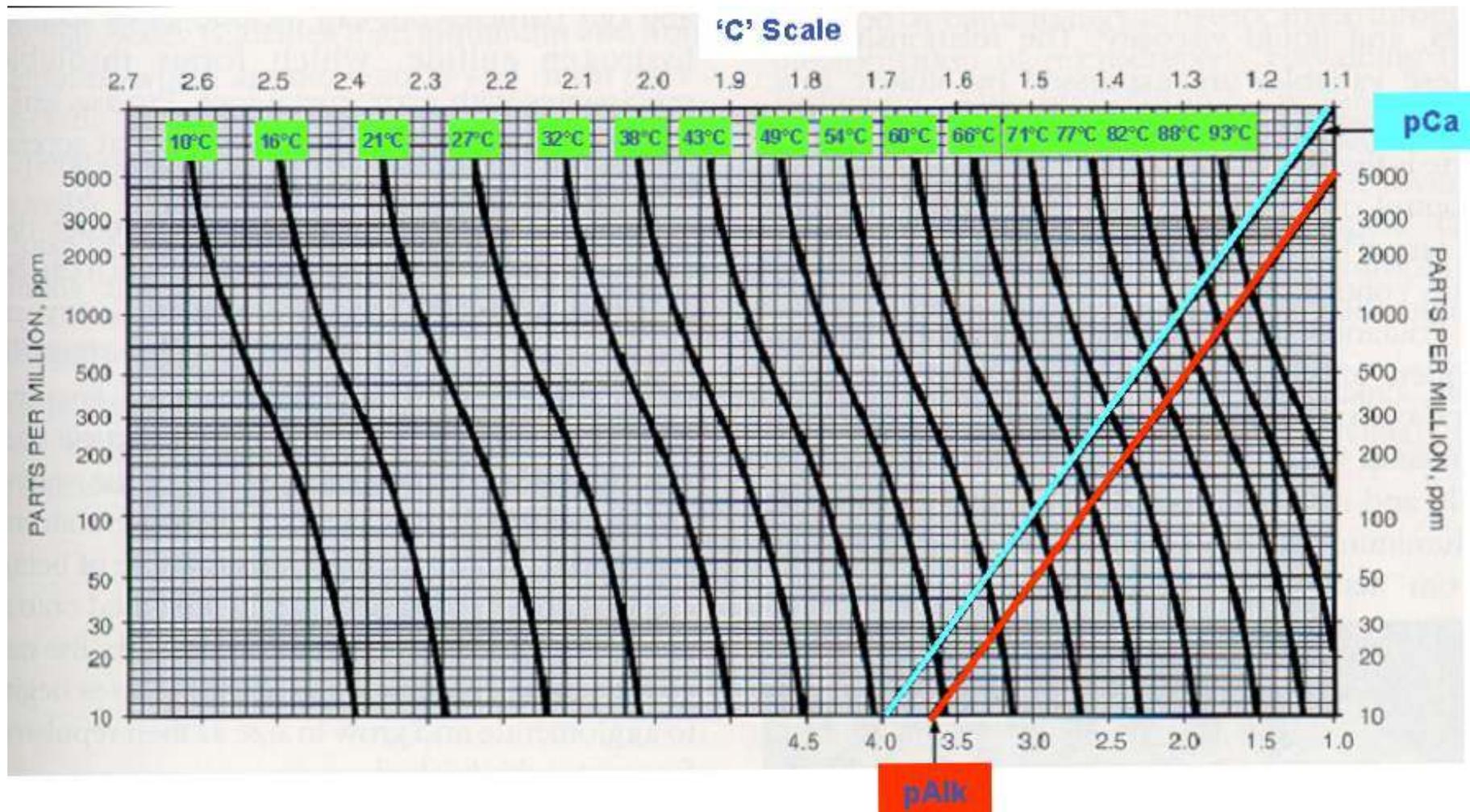
$pAlk$  = -log alkalinity

$$LSI = pH_a - pH_s$$

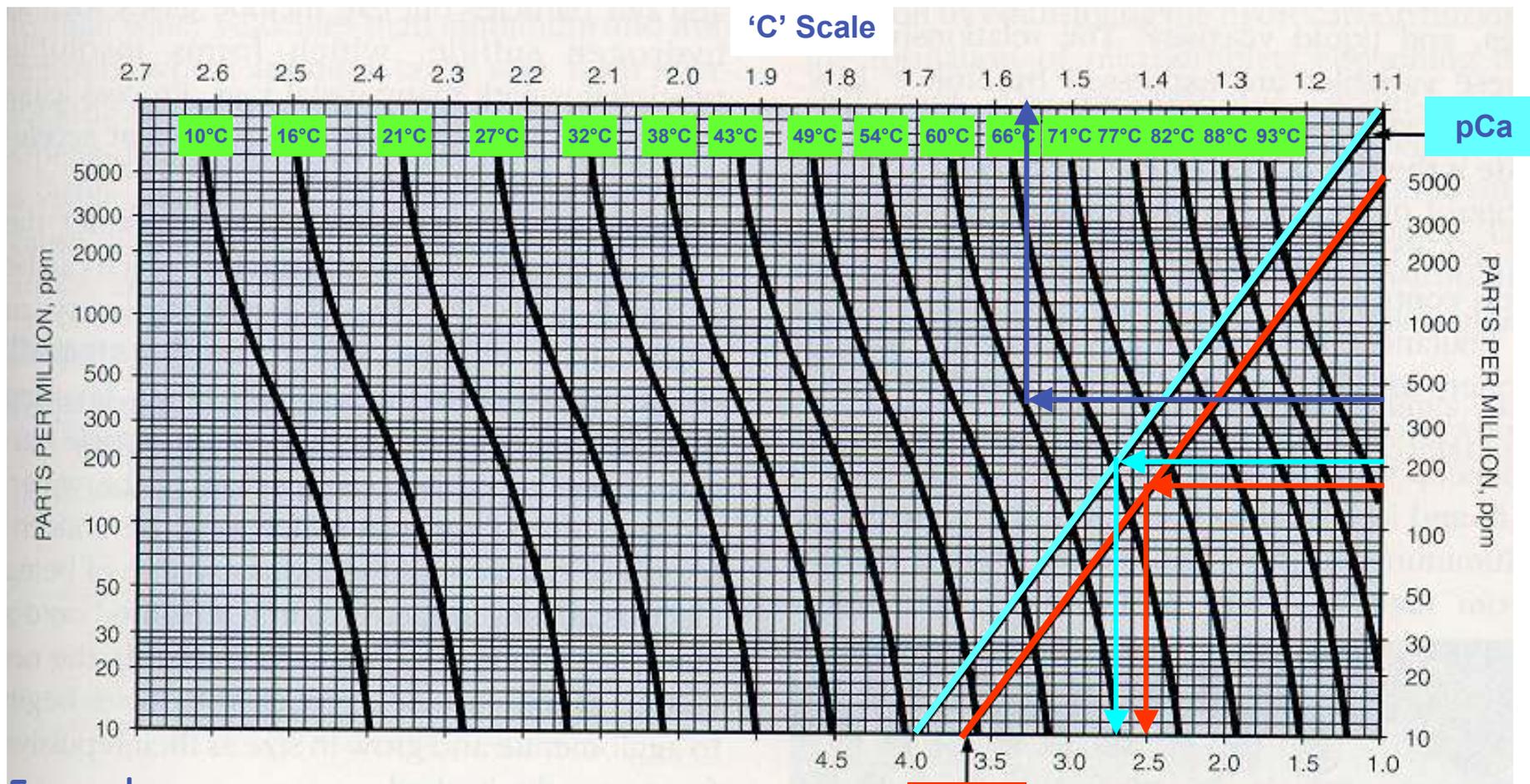
LSI -ve : water tends to dissolve calcium carbonate and hence the water has corrosive tendency

LSI +ve : water has a calcium carbonate scaling tendency

# LANGELIER SATURATION INDEX



$$pH_s = pCa + pAlk + C$$



**Example**

Calcium Hardness	200 mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub>	pCa	2.70
M Alkalinity	160 mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub>	pAlk	2.50
Total Dissolved Solids	400 mg/l		
Temperature	60 °C	"C" at 60 °C	1.56
pH of Cooling Water (pH <sub>a</sub> )	7.80	Total (pH <sub>s</sub> )	6.76
<b>LSI = pH<sub>a</sub> - pH<sub>s</sub> = +1.04</b>			



# RYZNAR STABILITY INDEX

Ryznar studied the actual operating results obtained with waters of various Saturation Indices

$$RSI = 2pH_s - pH_a$$

## Ryznar Stability Index

- > 7.5 or 8 probability of corrosion increases
- > 7 scaling may not occur
- < 6 scaling tendency increases, probability of corrosion decreases

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			<b>SCALING</b>
		RSI = 2pH <sub>s</sub> - pH <sub>a</sub>	= 5.72
			<b>SCALING</b>

# RYZNAR STABILITY INDEX

Calcium Hardness	40 mg/l $\text{CaCO}_3$	pCa	3.40
M Alkalinity	35 mg/l $\text{CaCO}_3$	pAlk	3.15
Total Dissolved Solids	120 mg/l		
Temperature	60 °C	"C" at 60 °C	1.50
		Total ( $\text{pH}_s$ )	8.05
pH of Cooling Water ( $\text{pH}_a$ )	7.10	LSI = $\text{pH}_a - \text{pH}_s = -0.95$	
		<b>CORROSIVE</b>	
		RSI = $2\text{pH}_s - \text{pH}_a = 9.00$	
		<b>CORROSIVE</b>	

# POLYPHOSPHATES

- Sensitive to hydrolysis (into  $\text{oPO}_4$  ) depending on :  
temperature (50 - 60°C)  
residence time  
pH in the system

# PHOSPHONATES

- *Chelating effect*

Blocks the generation of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  crystals

Reduce speed of growth

- *Depending on the type of phosphonate*

Sensitivity to chlorination (oxidation)

Little to no risk of Ca phosphonate precipitation

Phosphonate	C mg/l	CONCENTRATION (mg/l)			
		40 °C		80 °C	
		after 1/2 h	after 24 h	after 1/2 h	after 24 h
PBTC	10	10	9	9	8
HEDP	10	9	5	5	1
AMP	10	3	0	1	0

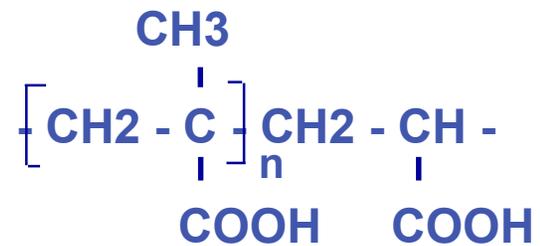


# POLYACRYLATES

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## POLYMETHACRYLATES



# AEC : Alkyl Epoxy Carboxylate

- GE Water & Process Technologies patented technology
- No Phosphorus
- Only contains C, H, O
  - Environmental friendly
- Formulated with HPS I
  - Totally resistant to  $\text{Cl}_2$  et  $\text{Br}_2$

# Chapter 4.2

## CORROSION INHIBITION TREATMENT PROGRAMMES

# Units of Corrosion Rate

**mils per year = 1/1000 inch per year**

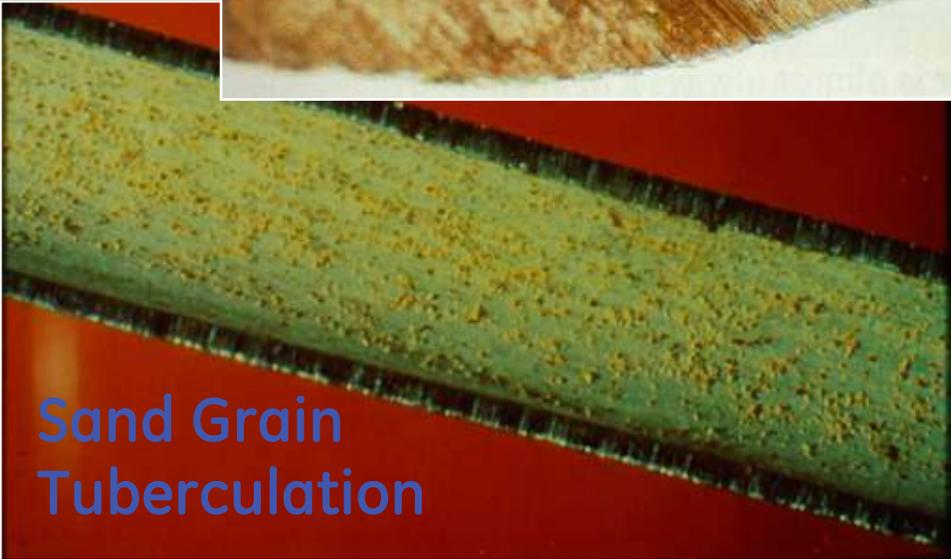
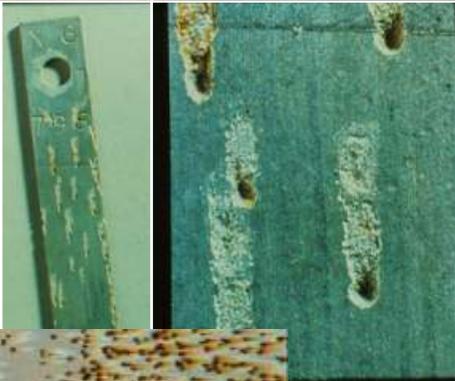
**mm/y = millimetres per year**

**1 mpy = 0.025 mm/y**

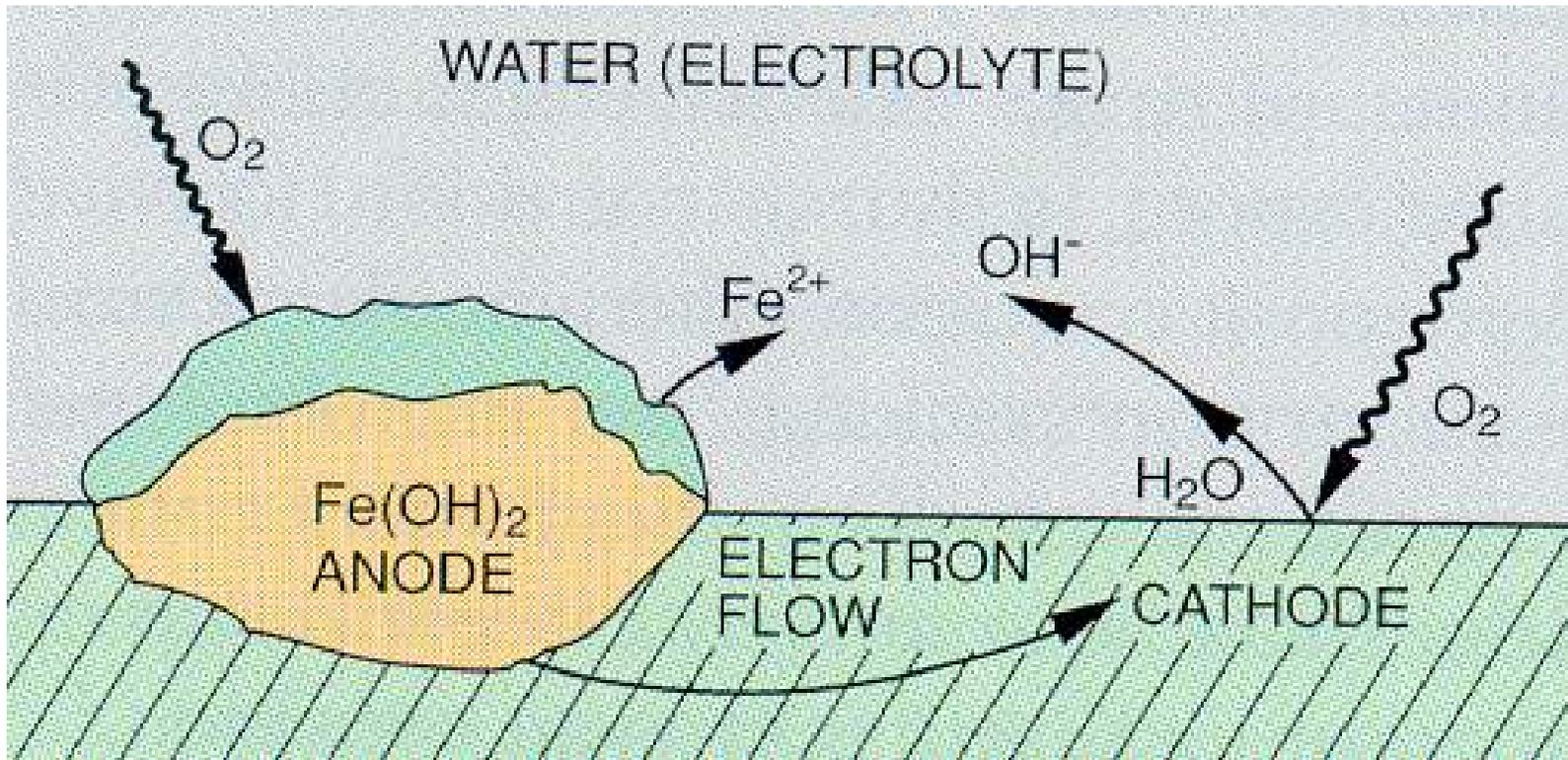
**1 mm/y = 40 mpy**

<b>&lt; 4 mpy</b>	<b>0.1 mm/y</b>	<b>Generally regarded as acceptable</b>
<b>&lt; 3 mpy</b>	<b>0.075 mm/y</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>&lt; 2 mpy</b>	<b>0.05 mm/y</b>	<b>Very good</b>
<b>&lt; 1 mpy</b>	<b>0.025 mm/y</b>	<b>Excellent</b>

# Pitting and Tuberculation



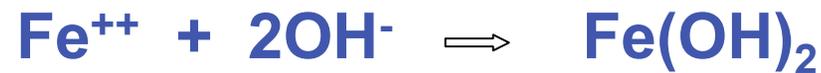
# Classic Iron Corrosion Cell



Anode reaction



Cathode reaction



# TYPES of CORROSION

Galvanic Corrosion

bi-metallic

Crevice Corrosion /pitting

electrochemical  
differential aeration  
chemical

Intergranular Corrosion

attack at the grain joints

Selective Leaching

loss of one metal in an alloy

Erosion Corrosion

mechanical

Stress corrosion cracking

stress + agressivity

(Bacterial)



# GALVANIC CORROSION

When there is an electrochemical potential difference between two metals immersed in an electrolyte

When these metals are in contact (or if there is an electrical connection), a corrosion cell is created

- The more noble metal is the cathode
- The less noble metal is the anode

The more noble metal is protected, more than in the absence of contact (cathodic protection)

The less noble metal is corrodes (anode)

# GALVANIC CORROSION

The corrosion rate will be lower, as the location is more remote end the conductivity is lower

The corrosion rate will be very high in the ratio between the surface area of the cathode to the anode is high. (Current density)

The most frequent galvanic corrossions:

- > Steel/Copper
- > Steel/SS
- > Al/Steel
- > Al/SS
- > Al/Copper

Galvanic corrosion requires

- > A contact between 2 different metals
- > An electrolyte (ambient humidity can be enough)

Electropositivity

Scale

The less noble



Na

Mg

Al/Zn

Fe

Sn

Cu

SS

Mn

Ag

Au

The more noble

Pt



# GALVANIC CORROSION

There is a risk for having galvanic corrosion when copper corrosion products deposit on mild steel



# DIFFERENTIAL AERATION CORROSION

The electrochemical potential of a metal in water is driven by the oxygen concentration:



$$E = E^\circ_{\text{O}_2/\text{OH}^-} + 0.06/2 * \log [ p(\text{O}_2) / (\text{OH}^-)^2 ]$$

The area under the deposit contains less oxygen than the one at the surface in the vicinity ( $p(\text{O}_2)$  under deposit <  $p(\text{O}_2)$  outside deposit), Therefore the electrochemical potential under the deposit is lower.

A corrosion cell is created where the anodic part is under the deposit  
d (lower potential)

Any deposit (organic or inorganic) can generate this process and create under deposit corrosion.



# PITTING CORROSION

Very localised corrosion

The most dangerous Type of corrosion

- > Difficult to detect: the metal loss is very limited
- > Damageable: lead to heat exchanger leakages

A pit is a very active anodic zone

The corrosion process is identical to the one for crevice corrosion.

The pit protects cathodically the bulk of the metal surface.

The reaction can start due to:

- > Defect in the metal
- > Erosion

# EROSION CORROSION

Mechanical attack due to:

- > Solids
- > Too high fluid velocity
- > Cavitation

Can be easily identified because there is a visible pattern (like waves) and the metal surface is clean.

**All metals can be subject to erosion corrosion. The most sensitive parts are elbows, T pieces, valves, pumps, eductors and spraying equipments...**

# Causes for corrosion

Deposition → underdeposit (supply lines)

Erosion → on elbows weldings for turbulent flow

Microbiological → stagnant anaerobic conditions  
(little access for biocides)

## Favoured by geometry

Manufacturing Defect

Galvanic corrosion?

Deposition on the top caused by grease released  
under stagnant conditions?

# CORROSION INHIBITORS

## General mechanism of corrosion inhibitors

### PASSIVATING FILM

- > ANODIC INHIBITION
- > LOW FOULING TENDENCY
- > RESISTANCE TO pH FLUCTUATIONS (REMANENCE)
- > VERY THIN ( ~ 100 Å)

### PRECIPITATING FILM

- > CATHODIC INHIBITION
- > REDUCE PITTING
- > REQUIRES ACCURATE pH CONTROL

# ANODIC INHIBITION MECHANISM

PASSIVATING FILM – ANODIC INHIBITION

METAL



# INHIBITORS

## CHROMATES



ANODIC INHIBITOR

NO OXYGEN NEEDED (STRONG OXIDANT)

BANNED DUE TO TOXICITY

HIGH CONCENTRATION IF USED ON ITS OWN

SENSITIVE TO REDUCING AGENTS

# INHIBITORS

NITRITES



ANODIC INHIBITOR

OXYGEN NOT NEEDED, EVEN NOT SUITABLE

HIGH DOSE RATE REQUIRED

POSSIBLE BIODEGRADATION

FOR CLOSED SYSTEMS ONLY

# INHIBITORS

## SILICATES

ANODIC INHIBITORS

ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY

LONG TIME TO ESTABLISH PROTECTION

OXYGEN NOT NECESSARY BUT HIGHER DOSAGE IF NO O<sub>2</sub>

# INHIBITORS

HIGH CONCENTRATION ORTHOPHOSPHATES



ANODIC INHIBITOR

OXYGENE NEEDED

OXIDES FILM PASSIVATION

Ca PHOSPHATES DISPERSANT NECESSARY

NEUTRAL pH CONTROL

# INHIBITORS

HIGH CONCENTRATION MOLYBDATES

$\text{MoO}_4 > 200 \text{ ppm}$

ANODIC INHIBITOR

OXYGENE OR OXYDANT NEEDED

ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY

SENSITIVE TO CHLORIDES

HIGH DOSE RATE (>200 ppm)

pH FLEXIBILITY

FOR CLOSED SYSTEMS ONLY

# INHIBITORS

## ORGANIC PHOSPHONATES (HEDP, AMP)

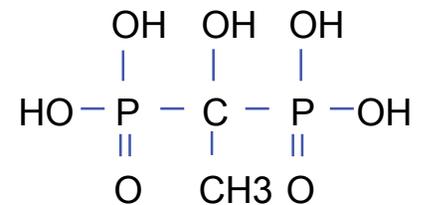
ANODIC INHIBITOR

OXYGENE NEEDED

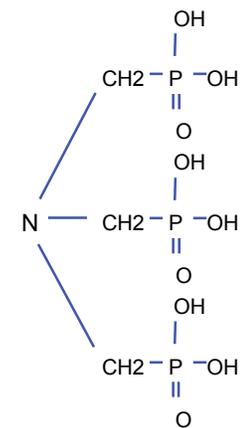
DOSE RATE CRITICAL (>4,5 ppm)

RISK OF PRECIPITATION

HIGH pH

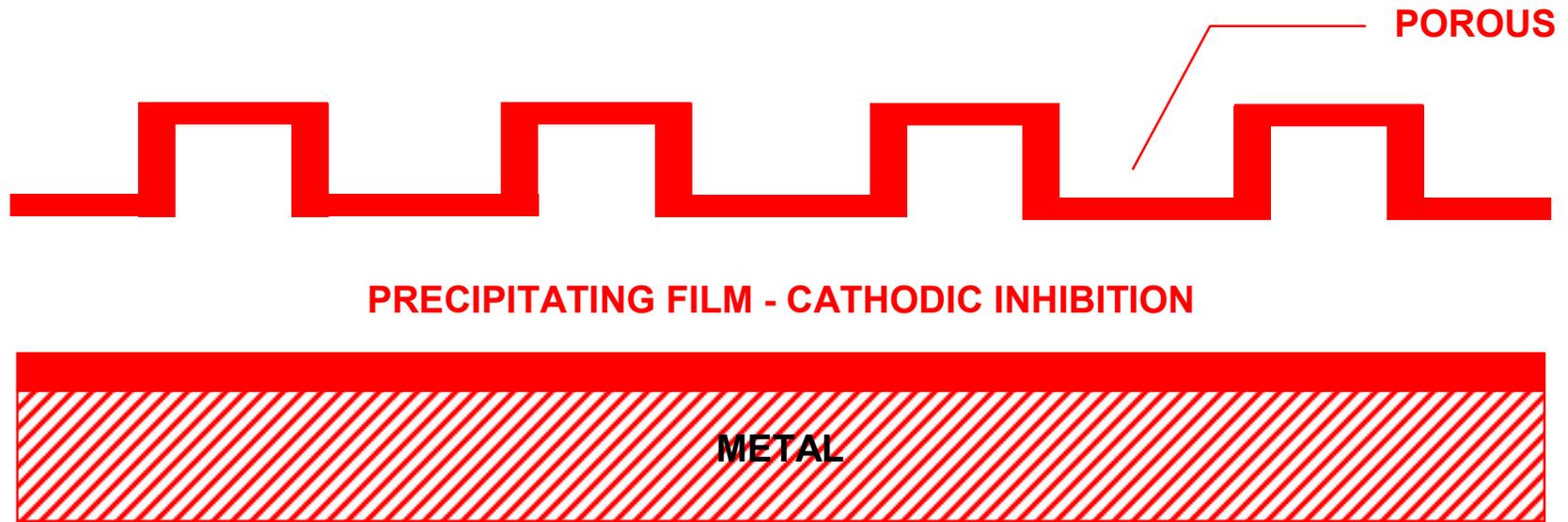


**HEDP**



**AMP**

# INHIBITION CATHODIC MECHANISM



$\text{CaCO}_3$

$\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$

POLY PO4

ZINC

# INHIBITORS

ZINC

CATHODIC INHIBITOR

EFFECTIVE AT LOW CONCENTRATION (>1,5 ppm)

USED IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER INHIBITORS

**LIMITED LEVEL FOR DISCHARGE**

**DEPOSITION**

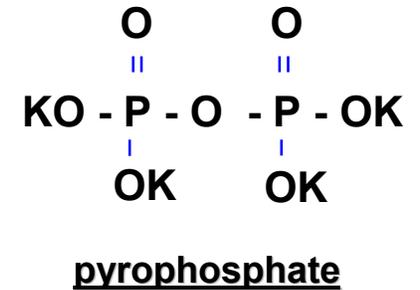
# INHIBITORS

LOW CONCENTRATION ORTHOPHOSPHATES

CATHODIC INHIBITOR  
CALCIUM PHOSPHATE FILM  
RISK OF FOULING  
**ALKALINE pH CONTROL**

# INHIBITORS

## POLYPHOSPHATES



CATHODIC INHIBITOR

FILM FORMATION

NEUTRAL OR ALKALINE pH CONTROL

POSSIBLE REVERSION TO ORTHOPHOSPHATES  
(temperature, residence time)

# PHOSPHATE INHIBITORS

# DIANODIC

CHROMATE LIKE PERFORMANCE

**HAS BECOME AN INDUSTRIAL STANDARD IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD**

APPLICABLE TO MANY VARIED SYSTEMS AND WATER CHEMISTRIES

MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

# DIANODIC

OPERATES AT pH 6.8 to 7.8

MOST APPLICATIONS REQUIRE pH CONTROL

FOR SYSTEMS CONTAINING YELLOW METALS  
REQUIRES INCLUSION OF AN AZOLE

# DIANODIC

Components

**ORTHOPHOSPHATE**

(high concentration)

CORROSION INHIBITOR

Predominantly Anodic inhibitor

# DIANODIC

Components

## POLYPHOSPHATE

CORROSION INHIBITOR

Cathodic inhibitor

Useful as an inhibitor against pitting

# DIANODIC

Components

CALCIUM PHOSPHATE INHIBITOR

> **POLYMER HPS I**

Superior calcium phosphate inhibitor and dispersant for iron and suspended solids

CALCIUM CARBONATE INHIBITOR

HEDP/CAPS

DISPERSANT

# DIANODIC

Components

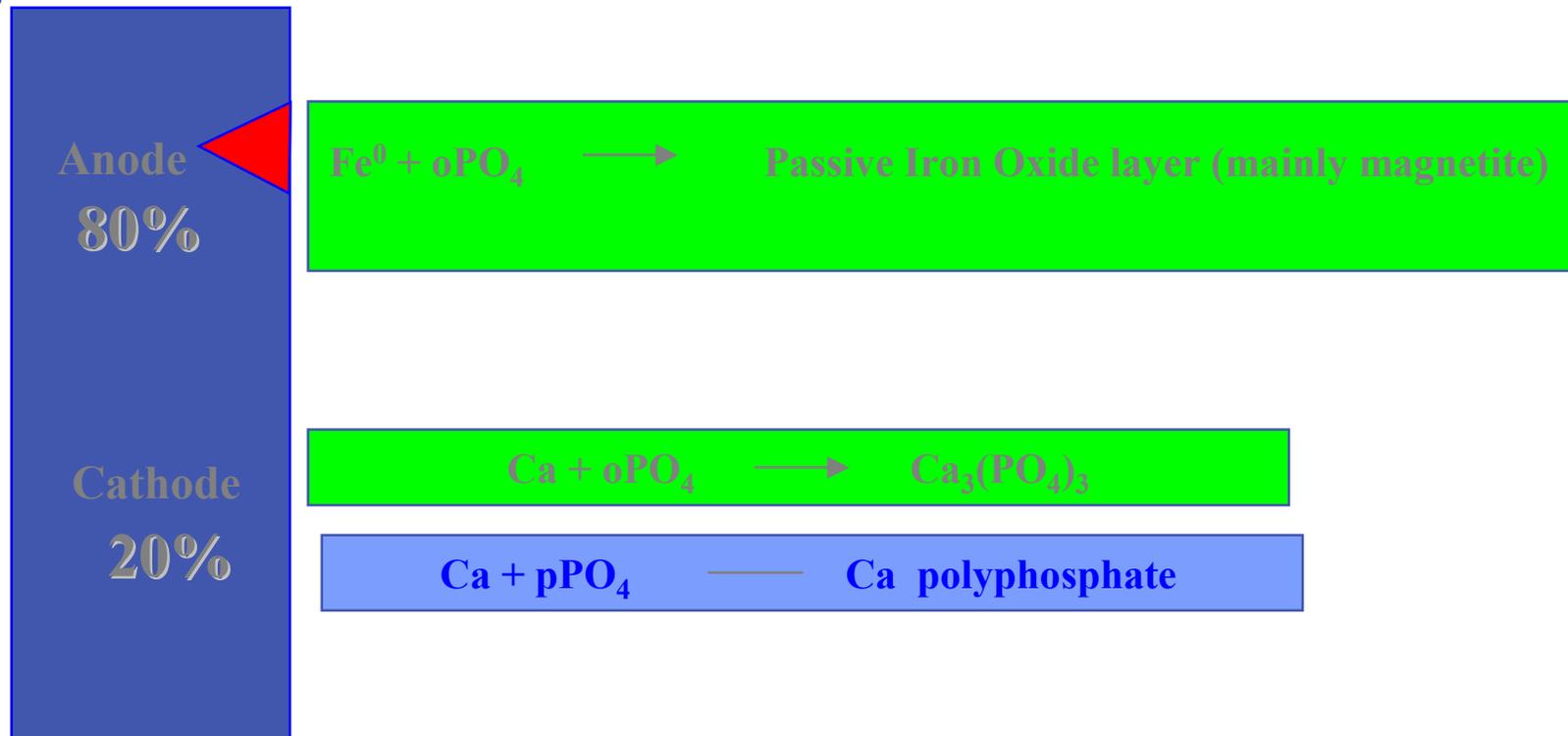
**TTA/HRA**

YELLOW METAL CORROSION INHIBITOR

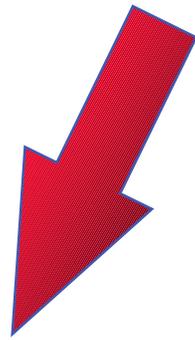
> HRA is a GE Betz patented  
Halogen Resistant Azole

# DIANODIC

## Programme Mechanism



# CONTINUUM



**CONTINUUM AT**

L.S.I. < +2.5



**CONTINUUM AEC**

L.S.I. < +2.8 (+3.0)

# CONTINUUM AT

AN **EXTENSION** OF DIANODIC TECHNOLOGY TO  
ALKALINE pH

FOR LOW CALCIUM WATERS AND pH UP TO 8.2,  
DIANODIC PHOSPHATE LEVELS ARE USED AND  
POLYPHOSPHATE INCLUDED

FOR HIGHER CALCIUM WATERS THE PREDOMINANT  
CORROSION INHIBITOR IS BASED ON PHOSPHONATE  
AND  $\text{CaCO}_3$

# CONTINUUM AT

OPERATES AT pH 7.8 to 9

SOME APPLICATIONS MAY STILL REQUIRE pH CONTROL

FOR SYSTEMS CONTAINING YELLOW METALS  
REQUIRES INCLUSION OF AN AZOLE

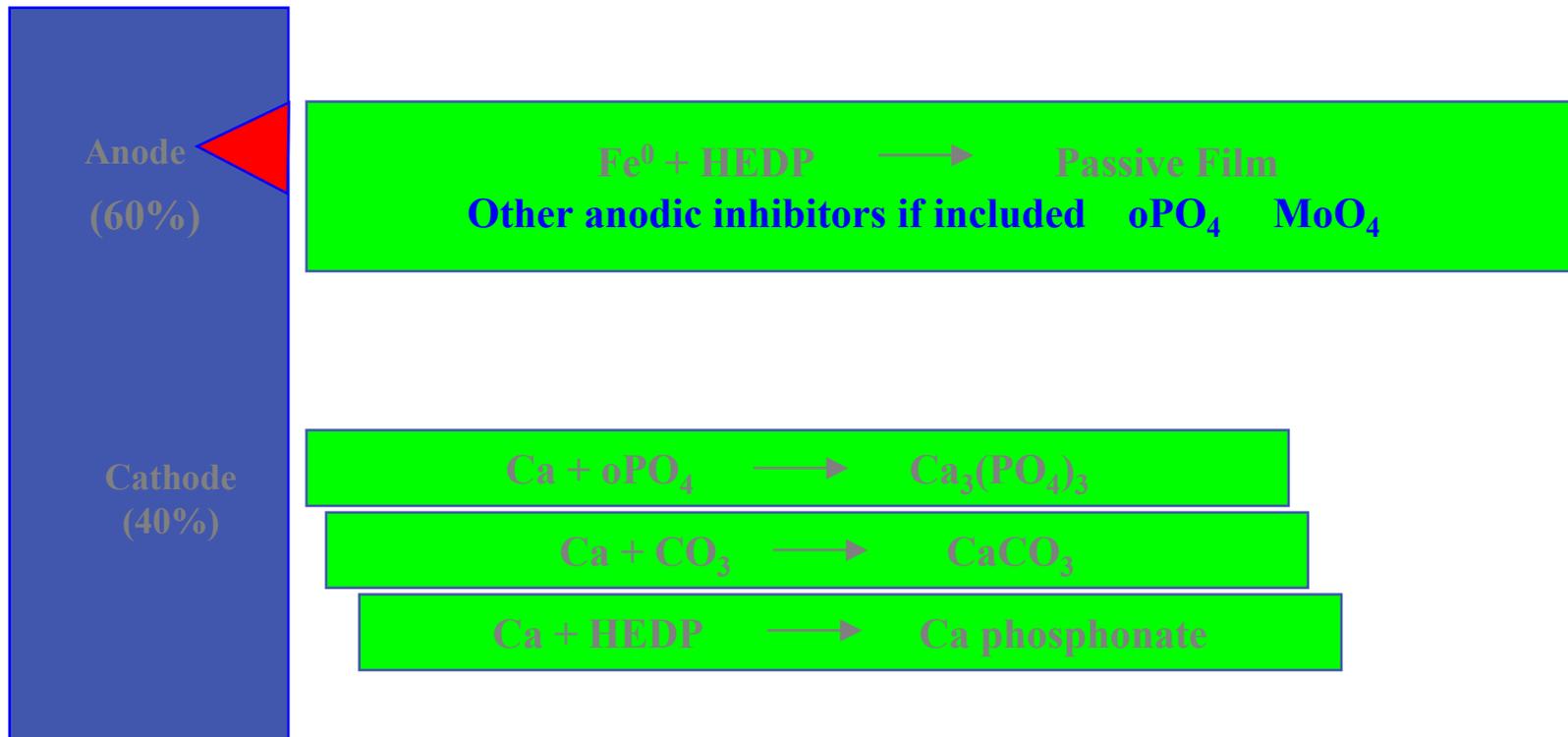
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## Components

- Organic phosphate
- Ortho-phosphate
- Polymer HPS
- Azole

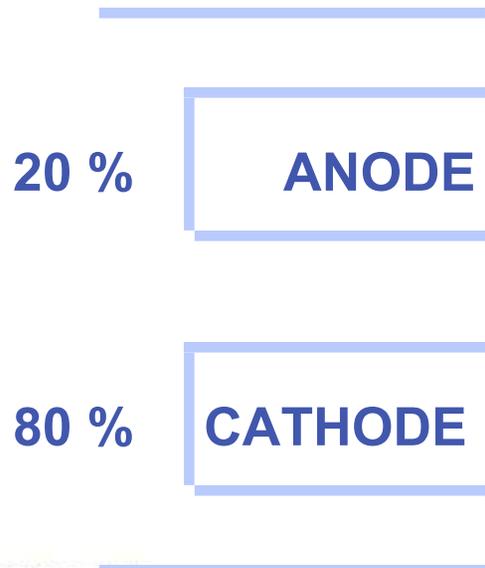
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## Programme Mechanism



# Alkaline AEC phosphate treatment

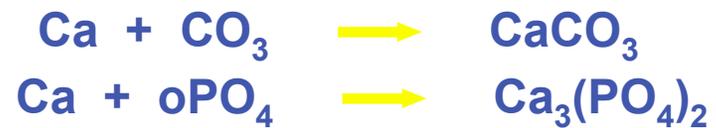
inorganic  $\text{PO}_4$   
Calcium Carbonate Inhibitor (AEC)  
Calcium Phosphate Inhibitor (Copolymer)  
pH = 8.0 - 9.5



## Passivation



## Precipitation



# CONTINUUM AEC

Components

## ORTHOPHOSPHATE

### CORROSION INHIBITOR

Anodic and Cathodic inhibitor

Predominantly Anodic at Low Hardness and Low  
Range pH

Cathodic at High Hardness and High range pH

# CONTINUUM AEC

Components

**DTPMP**

CORROSION INHIBITOR

Primarily as a source of **oPO<sub>4</sub>** in halogenated systems (included for formulation reasons)

It can be a corrosion inhibitor in it's own right

# CONTINUUM AEC

Components

**AEC**

**CALCIUM CARBONATE INHIBITOR**

Non Phosphorous, non Phosphonate  
Calcium Carbonate Inhibitor

**Tolerant to high Chlorine concentrations**

**High Calcium tolerance**

# CONTINUUM AEC

Components

## POLYMER HPS I

Superior calcium phosphate inhibitor and dispersant for iron and suspended solids

DISPERSANT

# CONTINUUM AEC

Components

**HRA**

YELLOW METAL CORROSION INHIBITOR

HRA is a GE Water & Process Technologies  
patented Halogen Resistant Azole

# CONTINUUM AEC

Components

**MOLYBDATE**

TRACER

Concentrations typically too low to be an effective corrosion inhibitor

# CONTINUUM AEC

How much PO<sub>4</sub> is required ?

- depends on Ca and pH

How much AEC is required ?

- 6 to 8 mg/l active for CaCO<sub>3</sub>

inhibition

How much polymer is required ?

- depends on Ca and pH and PO<sub>4</sub>

# CONTINUUM AEC

Various ratios of polymer to AEC required to cover a range of conditions:

- 100 to 1,200 mg/l Ca
- pH (7.0) 7.8 to 9.5
- (0) 2 to 8 (20) mg/l oPO<sub>4</sub>
- (top off: 0.5 to 2.5 mg/l Zn)

# Benefits of CONTINUUM AEC

## Benefits of Continuum AEC

- > Wide range of waters and systems can be treated
- > Wide range of programmes or approaches available
- > Wide range of products to cater for the wide range of applications, waters and approaches

# Limitations of Continuum AEC

High Fe

High suspended solids

High temperatures

- > Create additional polymer demand which may be accommodated with higher polymer concentrations up to a given limit which depends on system design and operation

# Comparative Phosphates Programme Guidelines

	DIANODIC II	CONTINUUM AT	CONTINUUM AEC	
pH	(6.8) 7.0 - 7.8	(> 7.8) 8.2 - 9.0	(> 7.8) 8.2 - 9.0 (9.5)	LSI MgSiO <sub>2</sub> CaMgSiO <sub>2</sub>
Calcium	(35) 100 - 1200	(75) 100 - 1200	(100) 250 - 1200	mg/l CaCO <sub>3</sub>
max LSI	N/A	+ 2.5	+ 2.8 + 3.0	Industrial Systems Low Heat, High Flow
max t °C	65 °C	60 °C	70 °C	Depends on exchange and velocity
Iron	< 3 mg/l Fe	< 5 mg/l Fe	< 10 mg/l Fe	Theoretical cycled MU mg/l Fe
Reactive Silica	< 200 mg/l SiO <sub>2</sub>	< 200 mg/l SiO <sub>2</sub>	< 200 mg/l SiO <sub>2</sub>	max SiO <sub>2</sub> defined by MgSiO <sub>2</sub> CaMgSiO <sub>2</sub>

Conductivity < 6000 μS cm<sup>-1</sup>

Chloride < 1500 mg/l Cl

Sulphate < 2500 mg/l SO<sub>4</sub>



# ALKALINE ZINC AND ZINC PHOSPHATE INHIBITORS

# Zinc Programmes

Cathodic inhibitor

Used on its own or in conjunction with phosphate

**Neutral to alkaline control range**

**Some potential discharge concerns**

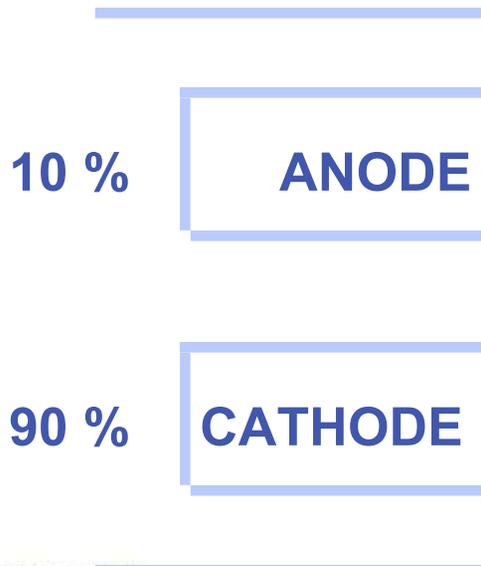
# ZINC BASED PROGRAMMES

## PRECIPITATING PROGRAMME

- > ZINC PHOSPHATE DOES NOT DEPEND UPON CALCIUM FOR FILM FORMATION
- > FILM FORMATION A FUNCTION OF ZINC SOLUBILITY WITH pH
- > POLYMERS CONTROL POTENTIAL FOR BULK WATER PRECIPITATION OF ZINC AND CALCIUM PHOSPHATE

# ZINC PHOSPHATE TREATMENT

Zn  
inorganic PO<sub>4</sub>  
[Zinc Phosphate Inhibitor (Copolymer)]  
pH 7.0 - 8.5



Passivation



Precipitation



# ZINC PHOSPHATE TREATMENT

Components

**ZINC**

CORROSION INHIBITOR

> Cathodic Inhibitor

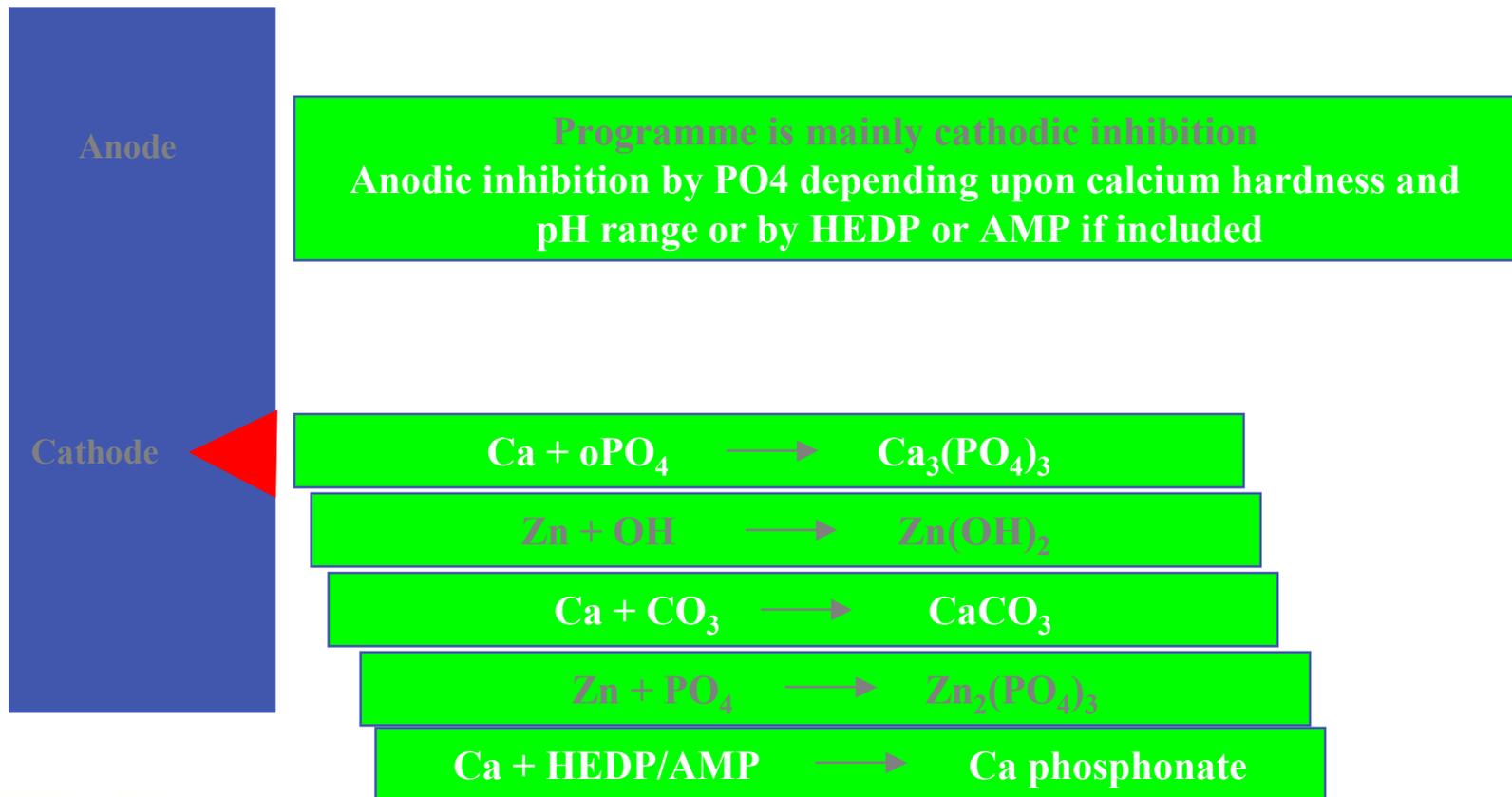
# ZINC PHOSPHATE TREATMENT

Components

**ORTHOPHOSPHATE**  
CORROSION INHIBITOR  
> Cathodic inhibitor

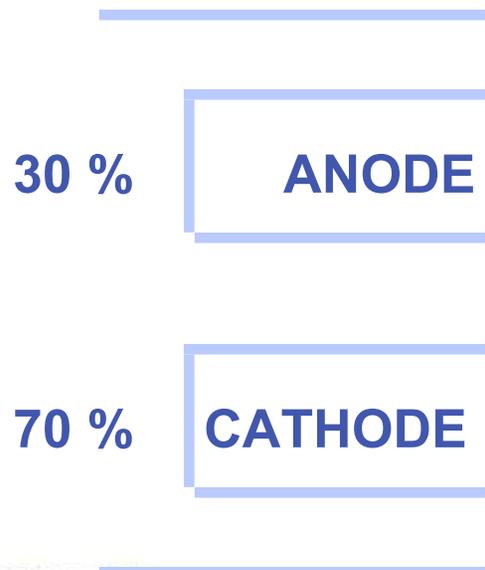
# ZINC PHOSPHATE TREATMENT

## Programme Mechanism



# ZINC ORGANIC TREATMENT

L Zn  
Organic Phosphate  
[Zinc Phosphate Inhibitor (Copolymer)]  
pH 8 - 9



## Passivation



## Precipitation



# ZINC ORGANIC TREATMENT

Components

**HEDP and AMP**

CALCIUM CARBONATE INHIBITOR

CORROSION INHIBITOR

> at concentrations above 4.5 mg/l PO<sub>4</sub>

# ZINC ORGANIC TREATMENT

Components

## POLYMER (HPS II/HPS I)

- > **INHIBITOR FOR**
  - > CALCIUM PHOSPHATE
  - > ZINC HYDROXIDE & PHOSPHATE
  - > CALCIUM PHOSPHONATE
  - > CALCIUM CARBONATE
- 
- > DISPERSANT FOR

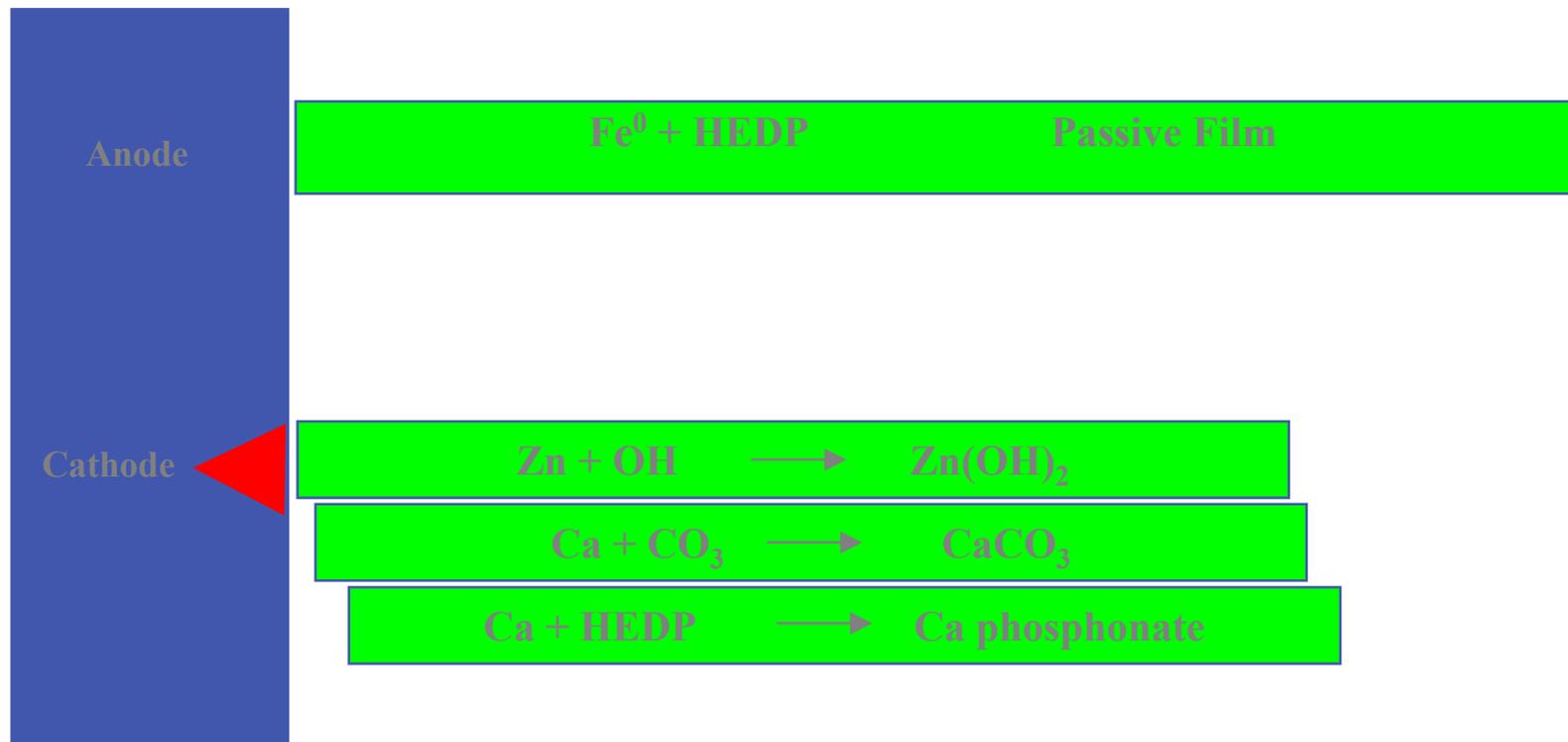
Iron and suspended solids



GE imagination at work

# ZINC ORGANIC TREATMENT

## Programme Mechanism (Alkaline Zinc)



# Low Hardness Waters

Calcium < 100 mg/l CaCO<sub>3</sub> difficult to treat effectively particularly if Cl and/or SO<sub>4</sub> is high

- > lack of cathodic inhibition
  - pitting
- > approaches
  - high PO<sub>4</sub>
  - **Zn<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> or Zn (top off)**
  - high MoO<sub>4</sub>
  - Silicate
  - Nitrite

# Molybdate Programmes

Primarily an anodic inhibitor

Used at high levels in closed systems

Used at low levels in open systems

Neutral to alkaline control range

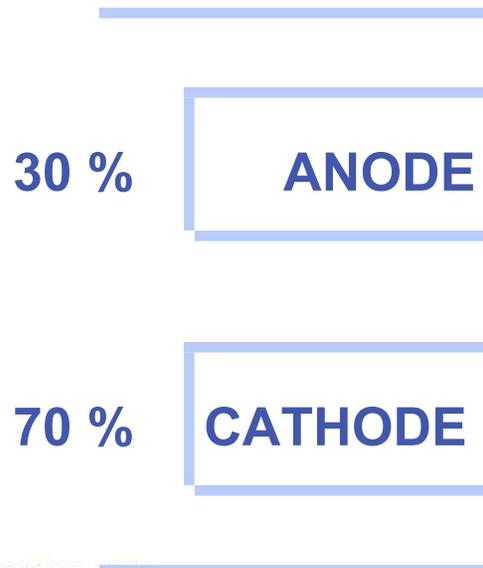
Does not require hardness

Requires oxygen

Low toxicity

# MOLYBDATE TREATMENT

**MoO<sub>4</sub>  
phosphonate  
Calcium Carbonate Inhibitor (Phosphonate and PMA)  
pH 8 - 9**



## Passivation



## Precipitation



# Chapter 4.3

## YELLOW METAL CORROSION INHIBITION TREATMENT PROGRAMMES



# Yellow Metal Corrosion Inhibition



GE imagination at work

# COPPER CORROSION

Aggravating factors are :

> pH

– In any case it should be  $>7$

– The best range is between pH 8 and pH 8.5

> Oxidants : Copper is very sensitive to strong oxidants (hypochlorite,  $H_2O_2$ , bromine)

> High level of chlorides (less sensitive than SS however)

>  $H_2S$ ,  $CN$ ,  $NH_3$

> Stagnancy (or low water velocity)



# Inhibition of Yellow Metals by Azoles

Cupric Oxide

Cuprous Oxide

Copper Metal

**Uninhibited**

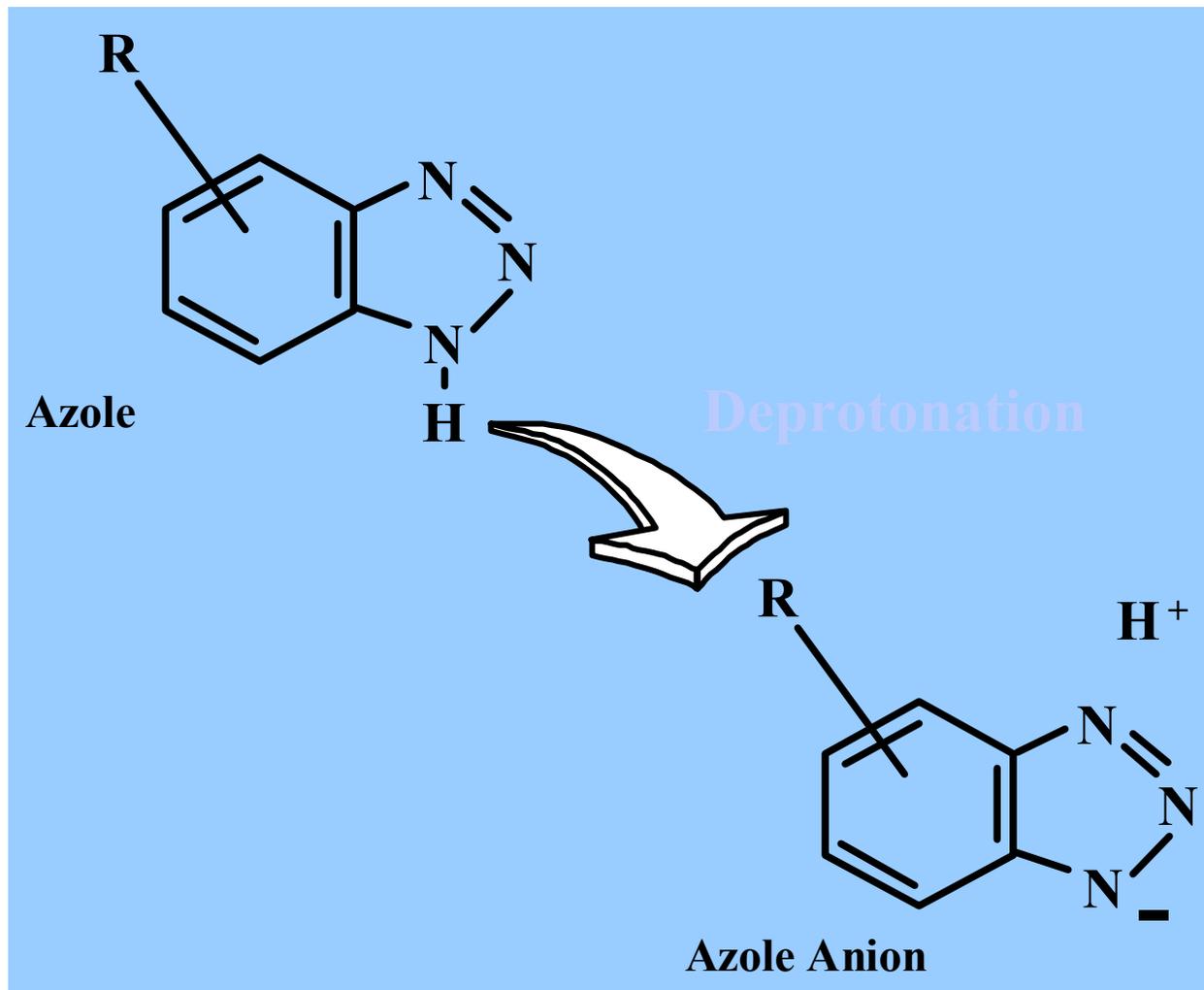
Cu<sup>I</sup> / Azole Inhibitor Film

Cuprous Oxide

Copper Metal

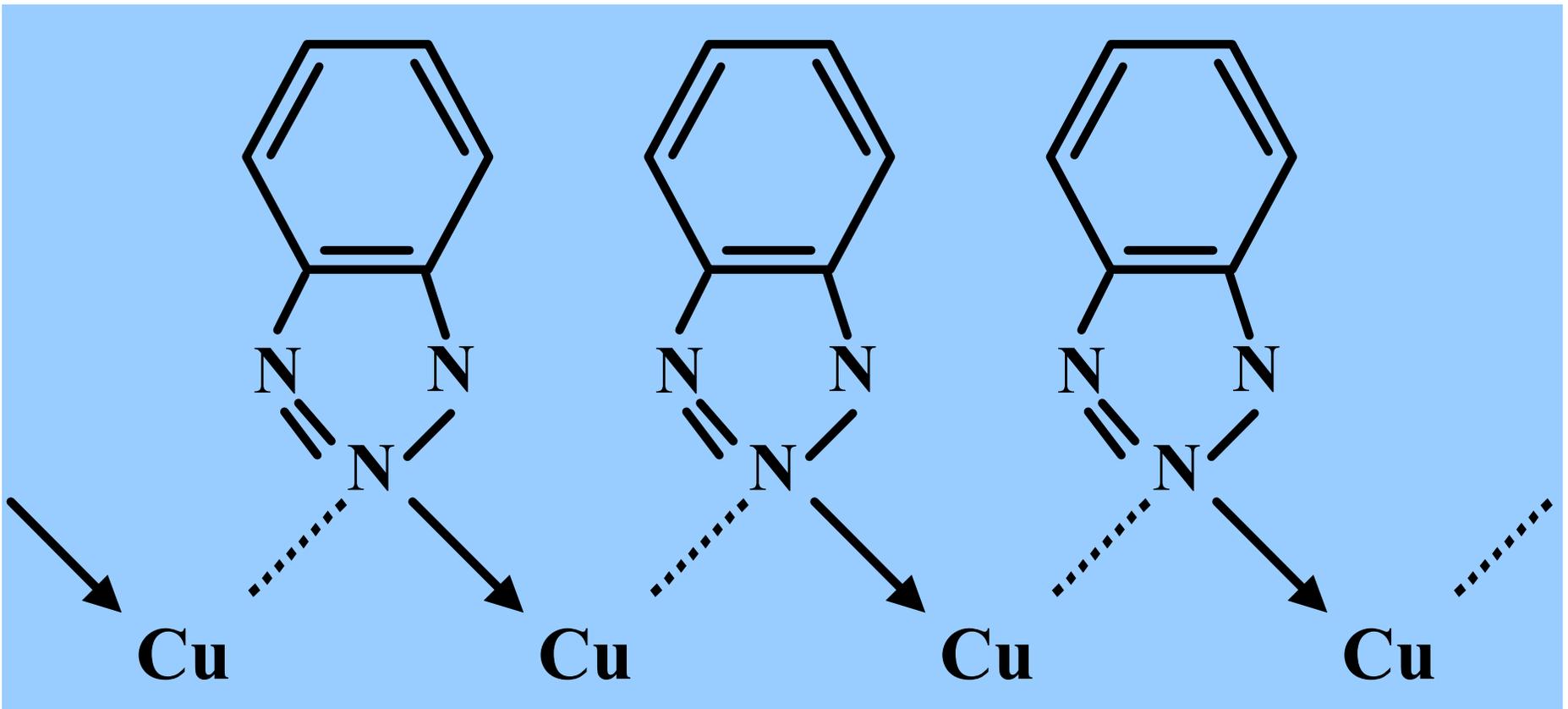
**Inhibited**

# Yellow Metal Corrosion Inhibition



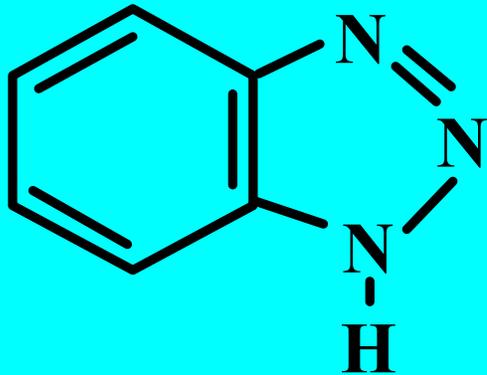
# Yellow Metal Corrosion Inhibition

## Bridging by Copper Ions

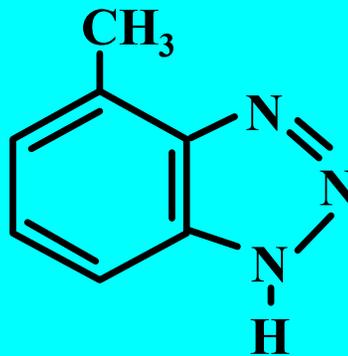


# Azoles (TTA, BZT, MBT)

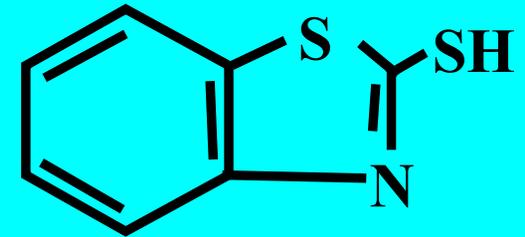
- Adsorbed films
- Used primarily for copper / copper alloy protection
- Fed on a continuous basis



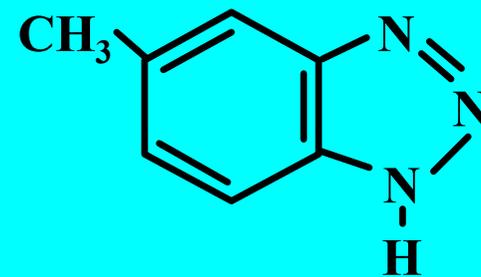
Benzotriazole (BZT)



4-methylbenzotriazole (TTA)



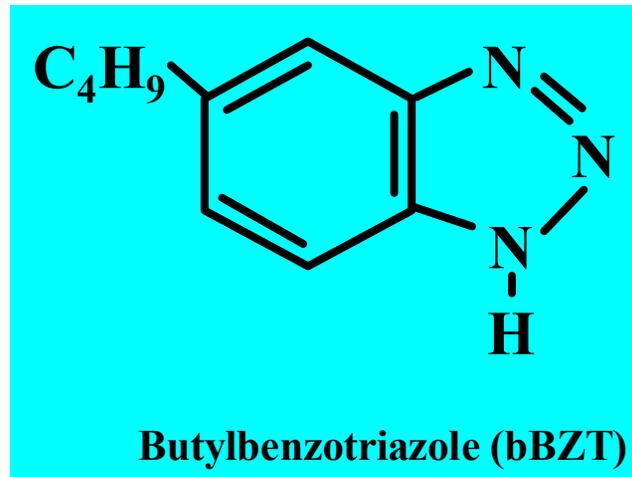
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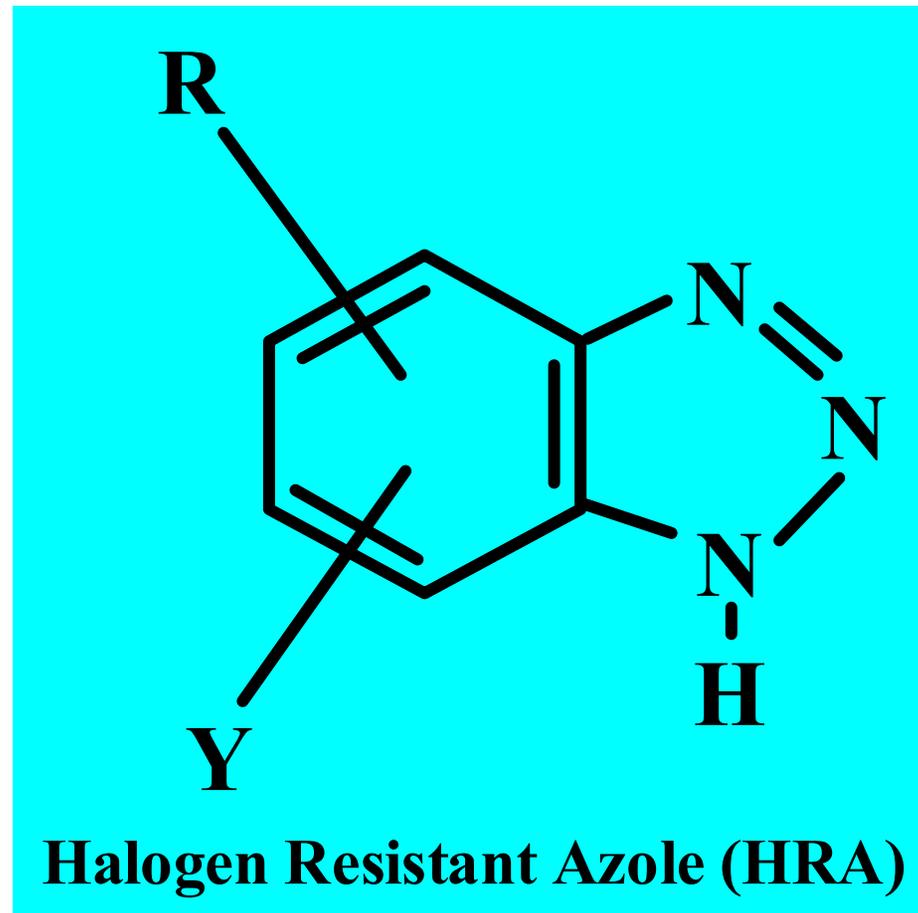
5-methylbenzotriazole (TTA)

# Azoles (bBZT)

- Fed on an intermittent basis



# Chemical Structure of Azoles



# Persistency of Azole Films



# Chapter 4.4

## CLOSED SYSTEM CORROSION INHIBITION TREATMENT PROGRAMMES

# Closed System Inhibitors

Nitrite based  
CorrShield NT Series

# Nitrite

Promotes anodic films

No oxygen required - generally used in closed systems

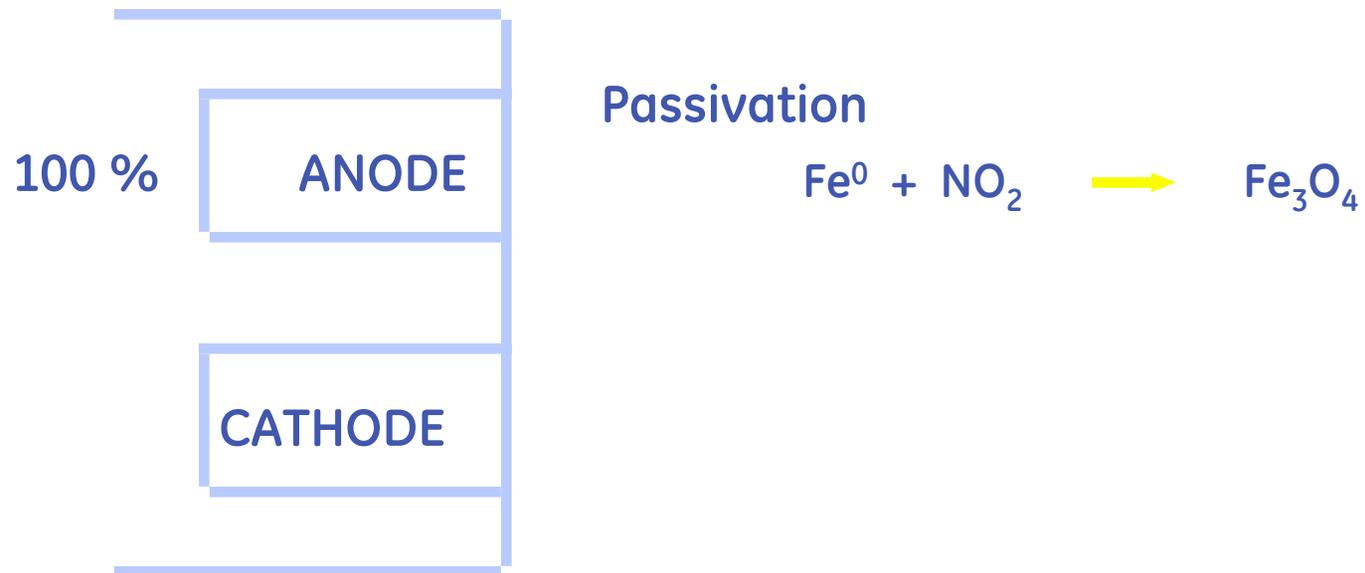
Used at high levels

**Susceptible to biodegradation**

Affected by Halogens

# NITRITE TREATMENT

600 - 1200 mg/L NO<sub>2</sub>  
pH 7 - 9.5



# CorrShield NT Series

	mg/l	NO <sub>2</sub>					
NT4201	3000 - 6000	600 - 1200	TTA				
NT4290	20000 - 40000	600 - 1200					
NT4292	2250 - 4500	600 - 1200					
NT4293	8000 - 16000	600 - 1200	MBTZ	PAA	NO <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Borate

## Compatibility

All NT products are compatible with Alcohol and Glycol

NT4293 is not compatible with NaCl or CaCl<sub>2</sub> Brines

Others are compatible with NaCl and CaCl<sub>2</sub> Brines

If Al present keep pH < 8

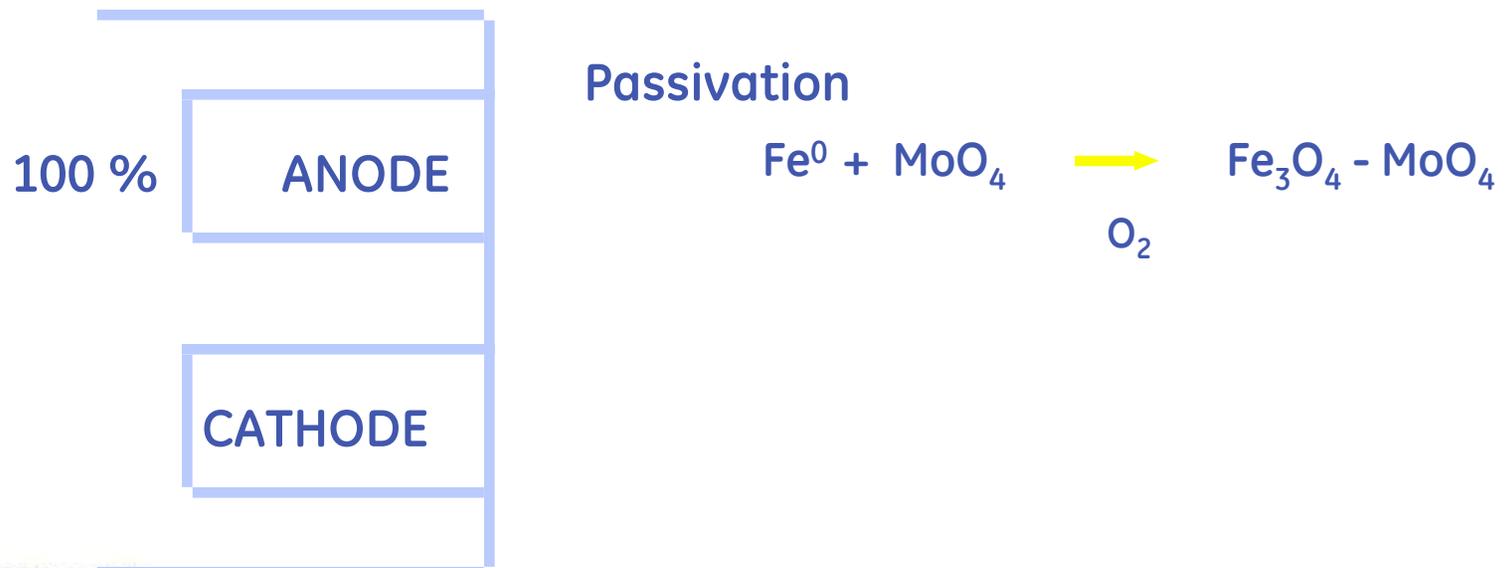


# Closed System Inhibitors

Molybdate based  
CorrShield MD Series

# MOLYBDATE TREATMENT

200 - 300 mg/L  $\text{MoO}_4$   
Calcium Carbonate Inhibitor (PAA)  
pH 7.5 - 9.5



# CorrShield MD Series

	mg/l	MoO <sub>4</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>			
MD4100	2400 - 3600	200 - 300	160 - 240	PAA	TTA	
MD4101	2300 - 4600	100 - 200		PAA	TTA	Morpholine
MD4103	1000 - 3000	200 - 600		PAA	TTA	
MD4151	2000 - 6000	200 - 600		PAA	TTA	
MD4152	300 - 1200	25 - 100		PAA	TTA	SiO <sub>2</sub> PBTC
MD4153	600 - 2400	100 - 400				
MD4154	2400 - 3600	70 - 100	200 - 300	PAA	TTA	

## Compatibility

All MD products are compatible with Alcohol and Glycol

Not compatible with NaCl or CaCl<sub>2</sub> Brines

If Al present keep pH < 8

# Closed System Inhibitors

Organic based  
CorrShield OR Series

# CorrShield OR Series

	mg/l	HPA as PO <sub>4</sub>				
OR4400	2000 - 4000	17 - 34	HPS I	TTA	Triazine	pH 8 - 10 Control on Organic PO <sub>4</sub>
OR4411	2000 - 4000	17 - 34	HPS I	TTA	Triazine	
DE9886	2000 - 4000	17 - 34	HPS I		Triazine	

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Specifically Designed for CaCl <sub>2</sub> Brine	HPA as PO <sub>4</sub>	
OR4401 12000 - 18000	240 - 360	HPS I

Low conductivity programme	DEHA		
OR4410 50 - 100	5 - 10	BZT	Cyclo

If Al present keep pH < 8



# Chapter 5

## MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTROL

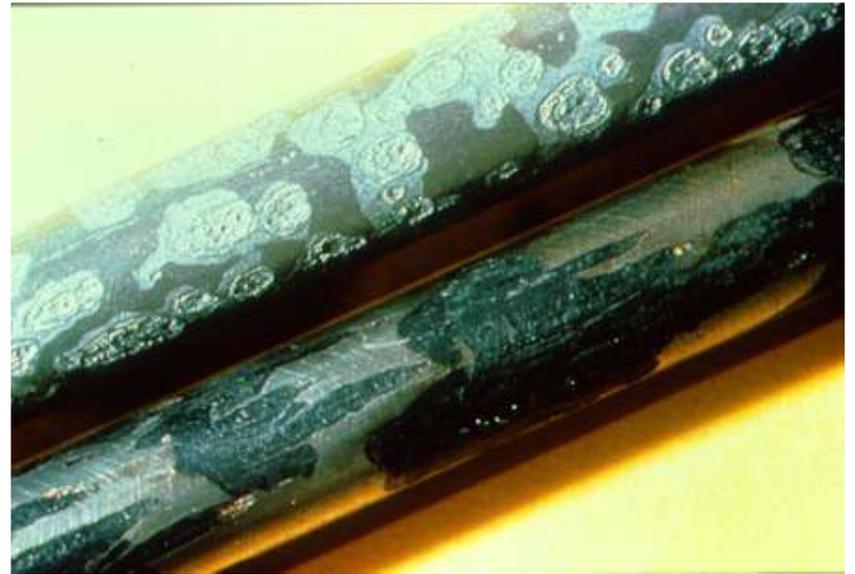


# Microbiological Control



# Bacteria

- Slime forming
- Sulfate reducing
- Nitrifying
- De-nitrifying
- Iron Bacteria
- Sulfur Bacteria



# Factors Affecting MB Growth

Water quality

Temperatures

pH range

Nutrients

- Sources of C, N, P

# Classification

<b>Aerobic Bacteria</b>	<b>Anaerobic Bacteria</b>	<b>Fungi</b>	<b>Algae</b>
<b>Gelatinous or Filamentous</b>  <b>pH 4 - 8.5</b>	<b>Often Black</b>  <b>pH 4.0 - 10.0</b>	<b>Rubbery or Filamentous</b>  <b>pH 2.0 - 7.5</b>	<b>Green or Brown Filaments</b>  <b>pH 5 - 8.5</b>



# Algae

Pioneer colonisers

Photosynthetic

Grow in sun light areas of tower

CO<sub>2</sub> “fixers”

## Problems caused

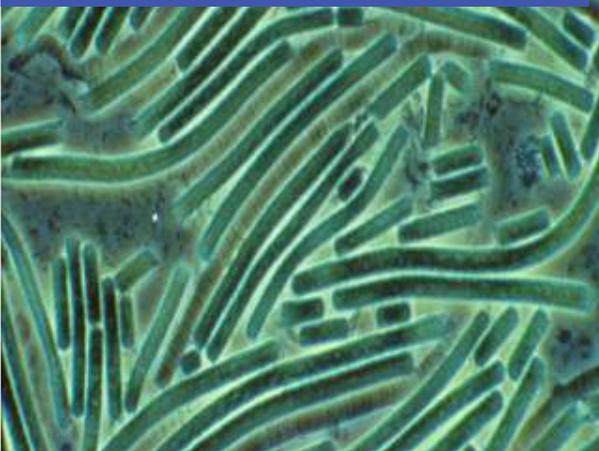
Block distribution nozzles

Plug screens

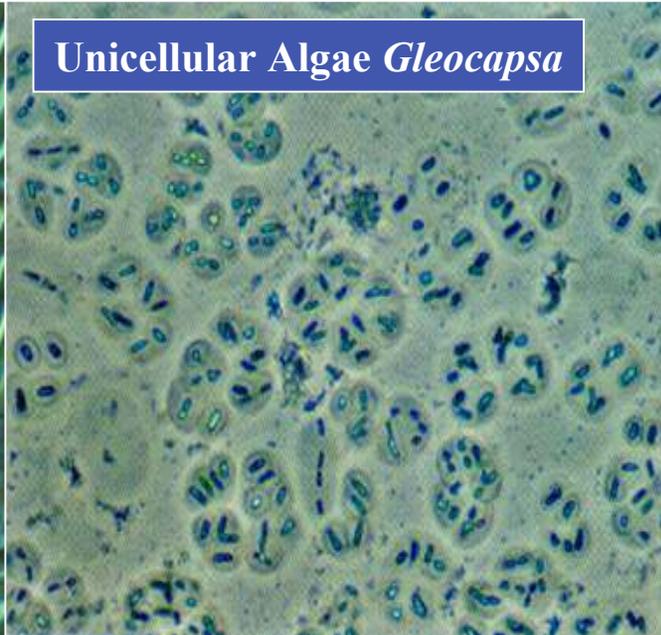
Increase halogen demand

Foster growth of other organisms

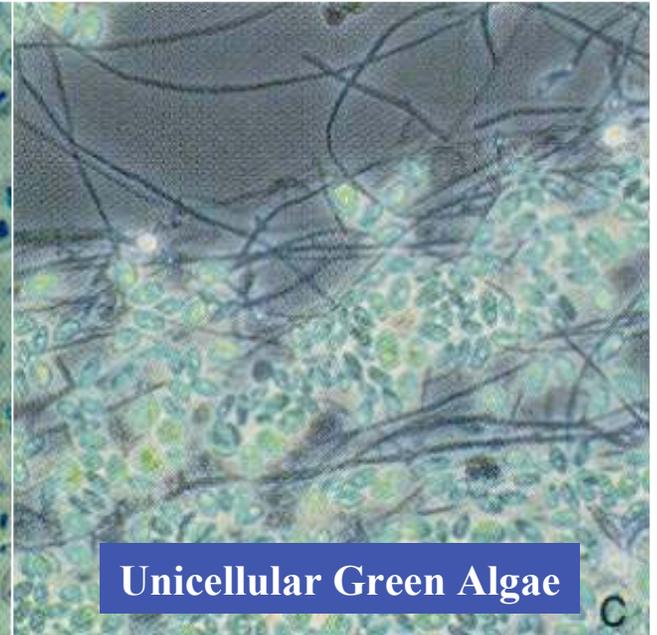
Filamentous Blue-Green  
Algae now known as  
*Cyanobacter*



Unicellular Algae *Gleocapsa*



Unicellular Green Algae



# Fungi

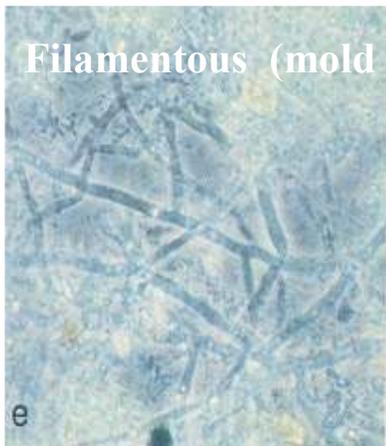
Plant-like organisms but lack chlorophyll

major forms :

- \* Molds - filamentous
- \* Yeasts - unicellular

Can attack tower wood

- \* Brown rot - cellulose degraded
- \* White rot - lignin and cellulose degraded



# Microbiological Control

## Oxidising Biocides

- > Indiscriminate oxidation

## Non-Oxidising Biocides

- > Specific Reactions

# OXIDISING Vs NON-OXIDISING BIOCIDES

## OXIDISING

non-specific

react also with suspended  
solids and organic matter

halogenated by-products  
may be formed

## NON-OXIDISING

specific mode of action

organisms may  
acclimatise to the biocide

more expensive



# Oxidising Biocides

Chlorine gas

Sodium hypochlorite

Calcium hypochlorite

Chlorine dioxide

Solid halogen donors

Activated Bromide

Peracetic Acid

Ozone

# Non-Oxidising Biocides

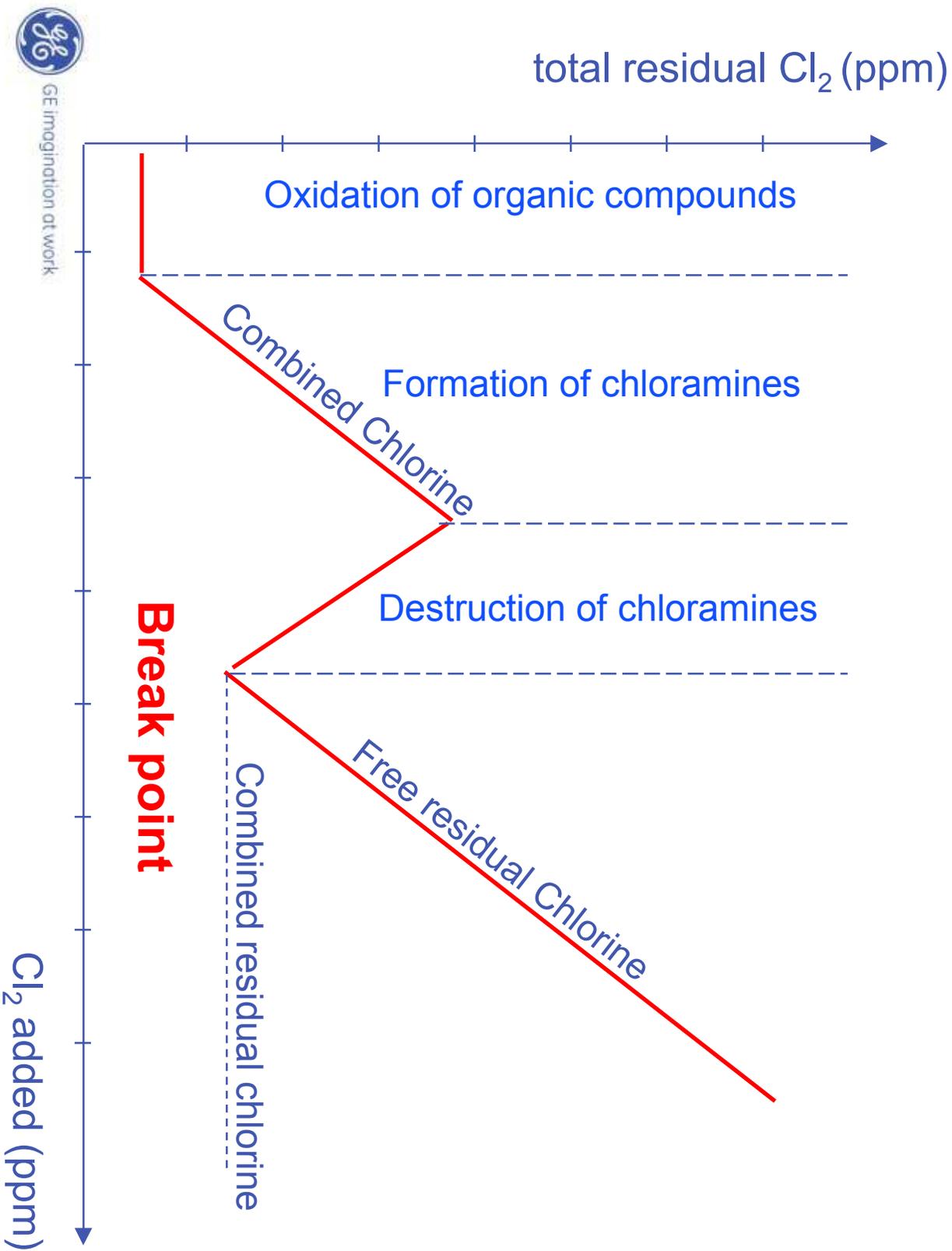
## Metabolic Inhibitors

- > Bromonitrostyrene (BNS)
- > Methylene bithiocyanate (MBT)
- > Dodecylguanidine hydrochloride (DGH)
- > Isothiazolin (ISZ)
- > Bromo-nitropropane-diol (BNPD)
- > Triazines (TBZ) (photosynthesis blockers)
- > Dibromo-nitrilo propionamide (DBNPA)

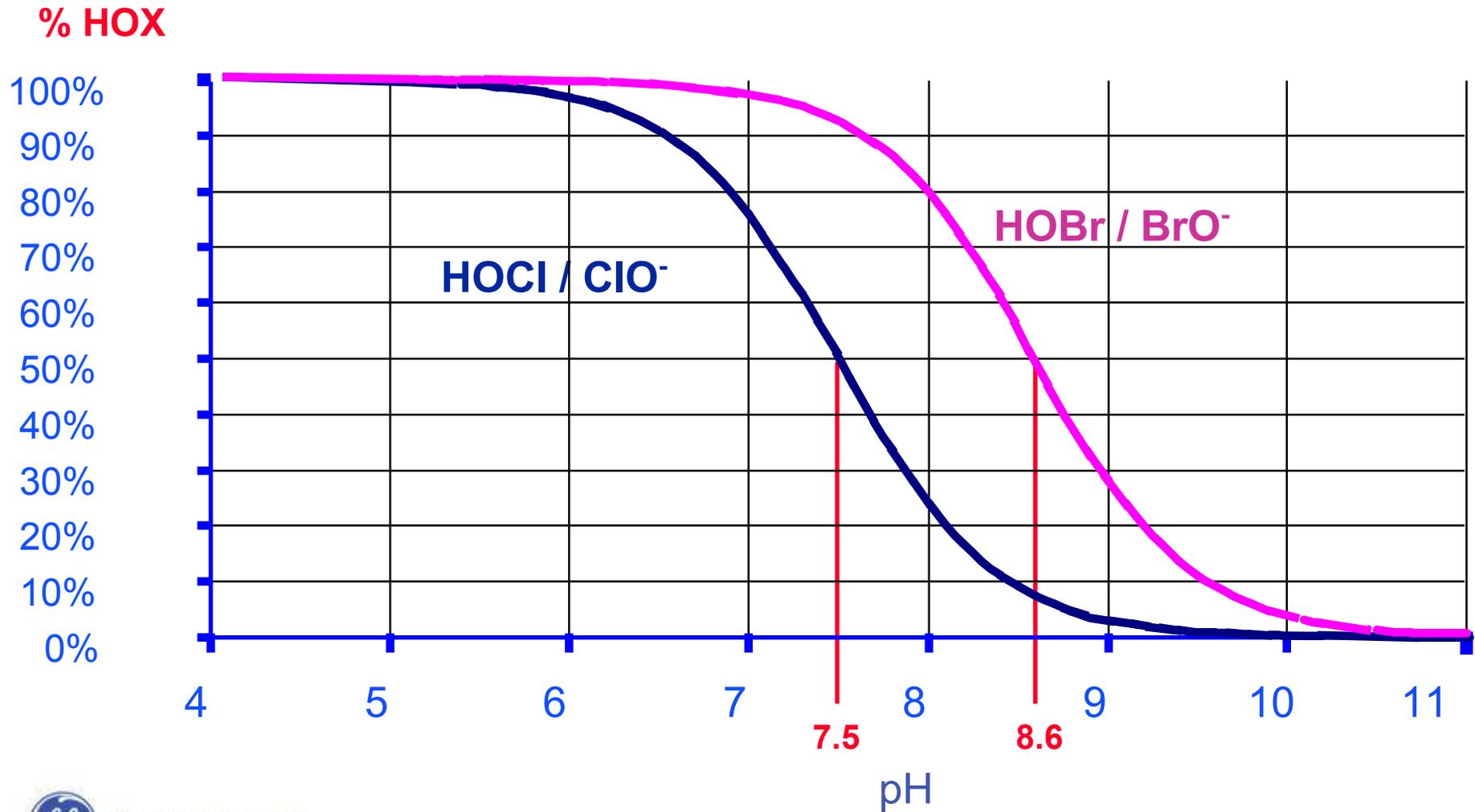
## Surface Active Agents (membrane disrupters)

- > Quaternary ammonium salts (Quats)
- > Dodecylguanidine Hydrochloride (DGH)
- > Cocodiamine

# BREAK POINT



# PRE-EMINENCE OF THE IONISED AND NON IONISED SPECIES



# ACTIVE FORM VS. PH

pH	% HOCl	% HOBr	HOBr / HOCl
6	97	100	
7	76	98	
7,5	50	94	1,9 / 1
8	24	83	3,5 / 1
8,5	9	60	6,7 / 1
9	3	33	11 / 1

**50 % HOCl - 50 % ClO<sup>-</sup>      pH 7,5**

**50 % HOBr - 50 % BrO<sup>-</sup>      pH 8,6**

# REACTION WITH NITROGEN COMPOUND



WITH Cl	WITH Br
NH <sub>2</sub> Cl	NH <sub>2</sub> Br
NHCl <sub>2</sub>	NHBr <sub>2</sub>
NCI <sub>3</sub>	NBr <sub>3</sub>



# REACTION WITH NITROGEN COMPOUND

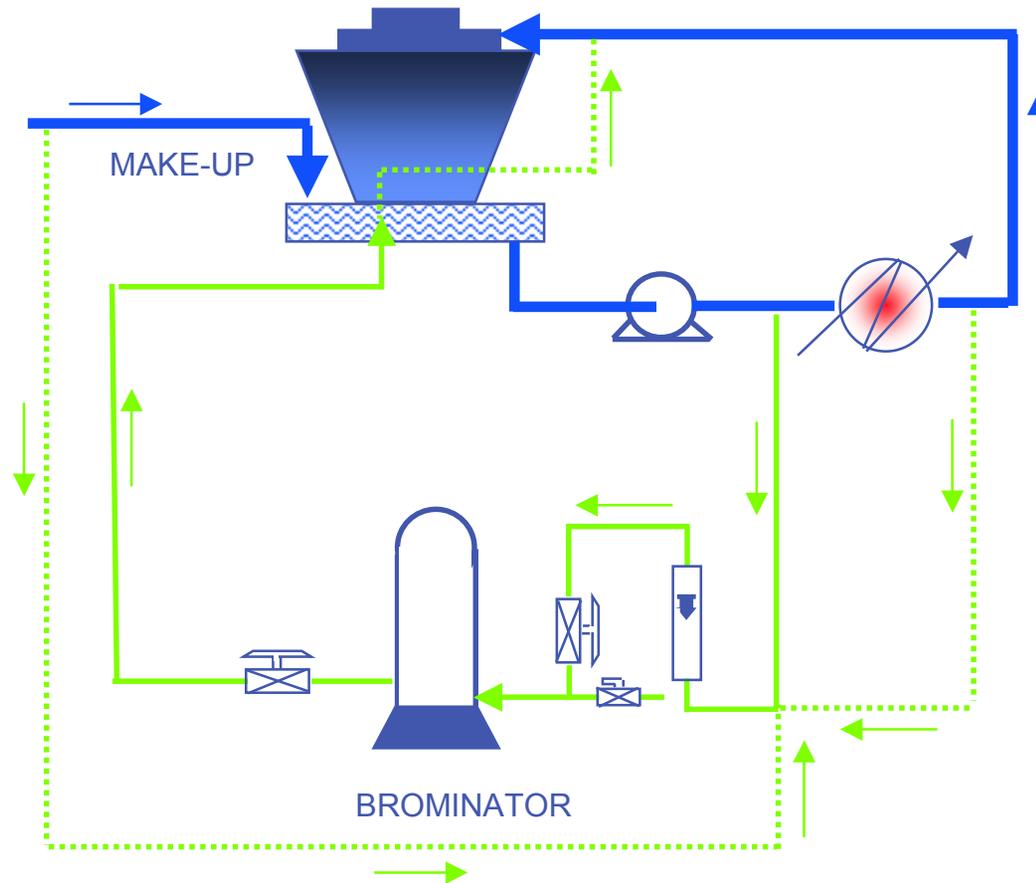
Ex : pH 8

Br	Cl
HOBr 90 % BrO <sup>-</sup> 10 %	HOCl 19 % ClO <sup>-</sup> 81 %

## PRODUCTS FORMED

WITH Cl	WITH Br
NH <sub>2</sub> Cl 100 % HOCl 0 % ClO <sup>-</sup> 0 %	NH <sub>2</sub> Br < 10 % HOBr 82 % BrO <sup>-</sup> 8 %

# BROMINATOR INSTALLATION



— Recommended installation

⋯ Alternative installation

# Biocide Enhancement

## Non-Oxidising Biocide Feed Point

- Highly mixed areas at front end of tower basin
- Physically separate feedpoint of biocides and polymeric dispersant (oxidisers and non halogen stable chemicals - phosphonates - azoles)
- Satellite feed biocide(s) to critical equipment prone to MB fouling
- Feed to hot return to control slime on fouled decks and fill

# Biocide Enhancement

Physical Methods

Time of Day

Algaestats

- Peak daylight hours

Biocides (halogens) which are not UV-stable

- Feed at night to minimise photo degradation

Feed Duration

Shot Feed over a short time period

High levels of free halogen will accelerate corrosion

# Biocide Enhancement

## Chemical Methods

### Bio-Surfactants

- > Improve penetration of biocide into biofilm
- > Increase transport of biocide into cell
- > Interfere with cell attachment mechanisms
- > Reduce biocide demand.
- > Removes biofilms from

# Biocide Enhancement

Chemical Methods

Feeding Bio-Surfactants

- > **Effective with oxidising and non-oxidising biocides**
- > **Compatible with free halogen residuals**
- > Once-through or recirculation systems
- > **Intermittent**
  - > - High levels
- > **Continuous**
  - > - Low levels

# GE Betz Spectrus BD1550

“Environmentally friendly”  
biodegradable biodispersant  
for biofilm removal and  
control in industrial cooling  
systems

# Spectrus BD1550

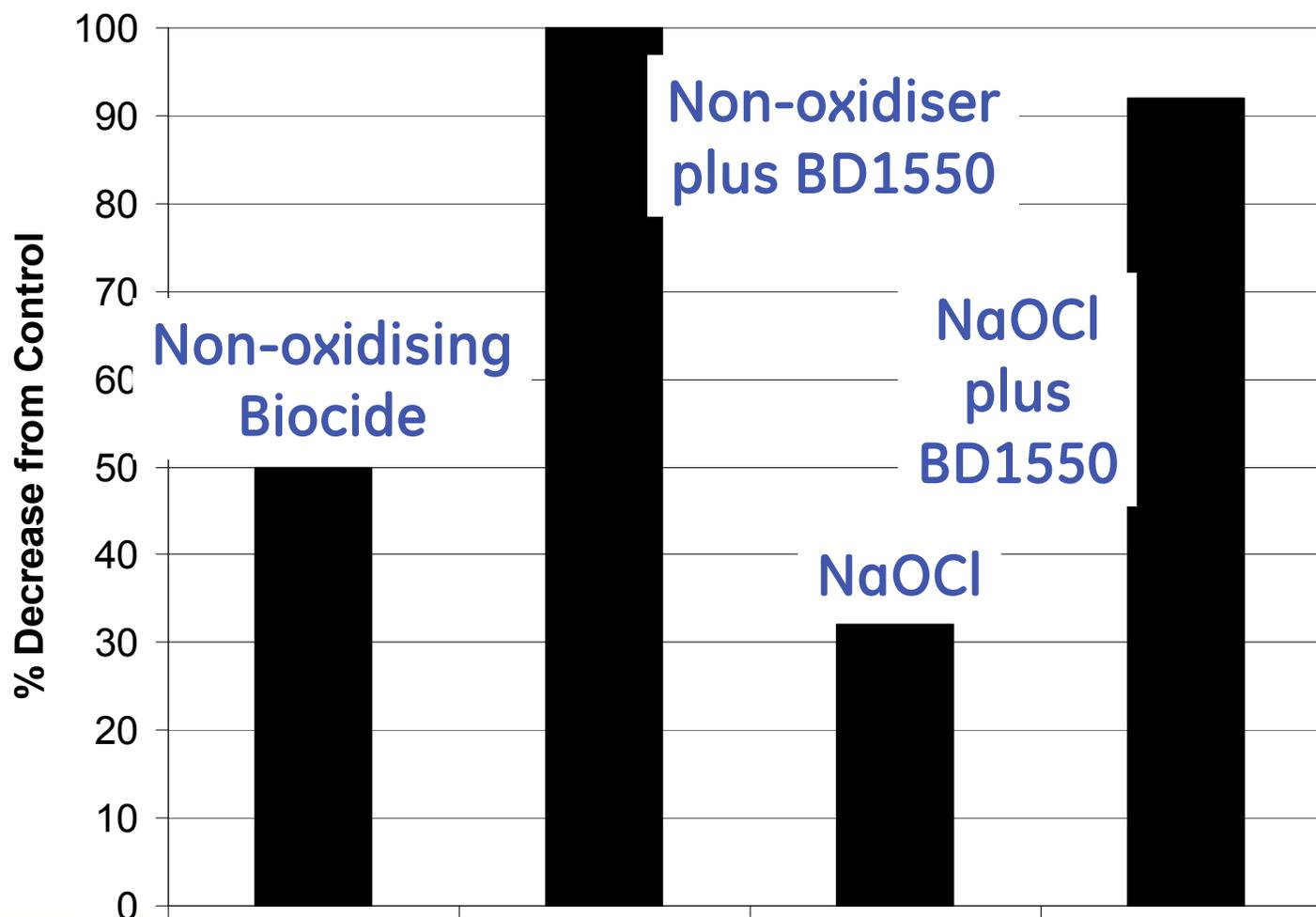
A true “BIODISPERSANT”

- > Not just a biocide enhancer or surfactant for wetting biofilm to aid penetration of biocides

**Spectrus BD1550 REMOVES a significant proportion of biofilm ON ITS OWN**

# Spectrus BD1550 with biocides

## Effectiveness on bulk water populations



# Spectrus BD1550

Typically shot dosed (based on system volume) on its own or in conjunction with intermittent or continuous biocide dosing for biofilm removal

- > 20 to 50 mg/l BD1550 shot dosed
  - if system is significantly fouled higher doses up to 100 mg/l may be required
- > Frequency of addition depends on several factors
  - degree of biofouling
  - nutrient concentration
  - system half-life
  - supplemental biocide programme

# Legionella

## What is Legionella

A group of bacteria found in aquatic environment. The most important member is Legionella Pneumophila .

# Legionella

## Legionellosis

Infections caused by Legionella in humans.

It is in two forms:

Legionnaires Disease

Pontiac Fever

# Legionella

## Infection Chain

Multiplication of the organism in water

Aerosol generation

Inhalation

Susceptibility of the individual

# Legionella

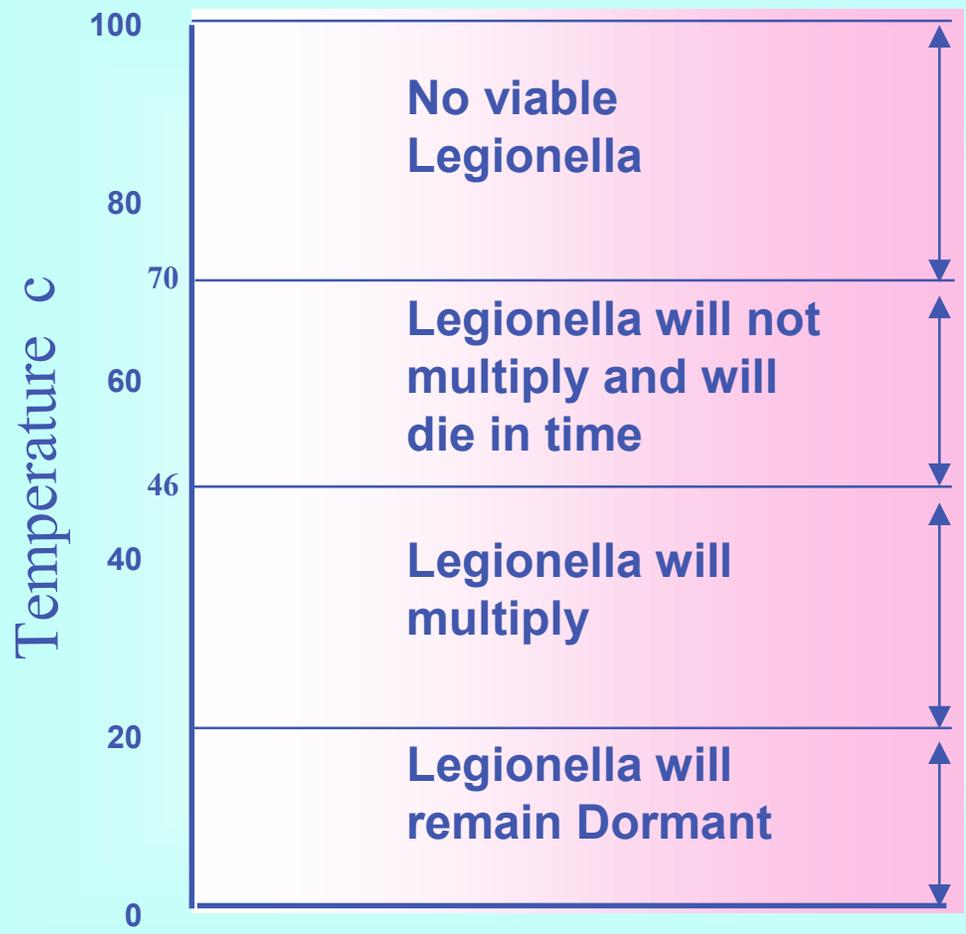
## Potential Risk Systems.

Cooling towers/evaporative condensers

Hot water services (300 liters & over)

Spray humidifiers/air washers

Spa baths/pools



# Legionella Treatment

**“Legionnaires’ Disease is essentially man-made and is completely preventable.”**

# Compliance procedure

- Identify source of risk
- Prepare a scheme for prevention/control
- Implement and manage precautions
- Keep records of the precautions implemented
- Appoint a person to be managerially responsible

***Source: HSE HS(G)70***

# Monitoring Legionella

- Visual inspection of bulk and surface water.
- Check CT deck and fill for biofouling.
- Mist eliminator shall be inspected(if possible).
- Collect samples of suspected MB.
- Use dip slides for total aerobic count.

# Treatment Control

Dispersants

Scale inhibition

Corrosion inhibition

Biocidal treatment

# Treatment Control (cont)

## Continuous halogen dosage.

- Free Residual halogen 0.5- 1.0 ppm over 24hrs.
- Halogen stabilizer is needed in alkaline program.
- Bio-dispersant / biocide program.
- Periodic use of non oxidizing biocides.
- Halogen compatible treatment program.

# Treatment Control (intermittent)

- Free residual of 1.0 ppm at least one hour/day.
- Bio-dispersant / biocide program.
- Halogen compatible treatment program.

# Routine on-line Disinfection

5 ppm free halogen residual for 6 hours for:

- Process leaks.
- Heavy bio-fouling.
- Uses reclaimed waste water.
- Stagnant water for long periods.
- Total aerobic bacteria 1000,000 cfu/ml.
- Legionella test result is 100.

# Emergency Disinfection

If legionella is 1000 cfu/ ml.

- Shut of fans associated with cooling system.
- Shut of blow down.
- Close building air intake vents in the vicinity of CT.
- Start disinfection.

# Summary (LG Control )

- Minimize water stagnation.
- Minimize process leaks .
- Maintain system cleanliness.
- Use complete and compatible water treatment program.
- Conduct routine inspections.

# Chapter 6

## MONITORING AND TROUBLESHOOTING



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# An effective treatment programme should :

Inhibit corrosion

Minimise deposition and fouling

Control Microbiological Activity

Be economical

**Appropriate Treatment Levels are  
maintained through :**

Cooling System Monitoring and Control

# Poor Chemical Control

Overfeed

Underfeed

Highly variable results

# Overfeed

High chemical costs

Poor treatment programme performance

Risk of environmental violations and fines

# Underfeed

**High corrosion rates**

**Increased equipment maintenance and replacement (i.e. replacing or cleaning of fouled or corroded heat exchanger tubes or bundles)**

**Reduced equipment performance (i.e. reduction in heat transfer)**

# Highly variable results

- No specific trend
- Unable to evaluate effectiveness of treatment programme
- Unable to identify changes which affect performance
- Difficult to troubleshoot

# Typical Feed Control Methods

Manual

Semi-Automatic

Automatic

# Manual

Periodic addition to tower sump

Manual addition to day tank

Chemical pump(s) manually operated (on / off)

Manual control of blowdown

# Semi-Automatic

Chemical shot-fed by on/off timer control of pump(s)

# Automatic

## Microprocessor based Chemical Monitoring and Control System

Key features

Continuous monitoring of important parameters

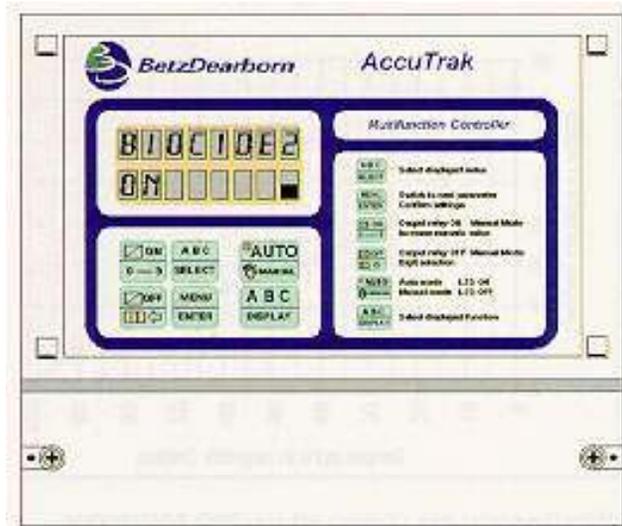
**Continuous pH monitoring and control**

**Continuous control of blowdown**

**Precise chemical feed**

Local indication and **remote alarm** capabilities for out of limit parameters

# AccuTrak Controllers



Cooling & Boiler water controllers

Unique Biocide & Oxygen scavenger control strategies

Control up to **3** analogue inputs

**11** different controllers in ONE

# AccuTrak Controllers

Model 100  
Blow down  
Inhibitor  
Biocides (2)

Model 200  
pH control (2)

Model 600  
(Boiler)  
Blow down  
O2 Scavenger  
Inhibitor

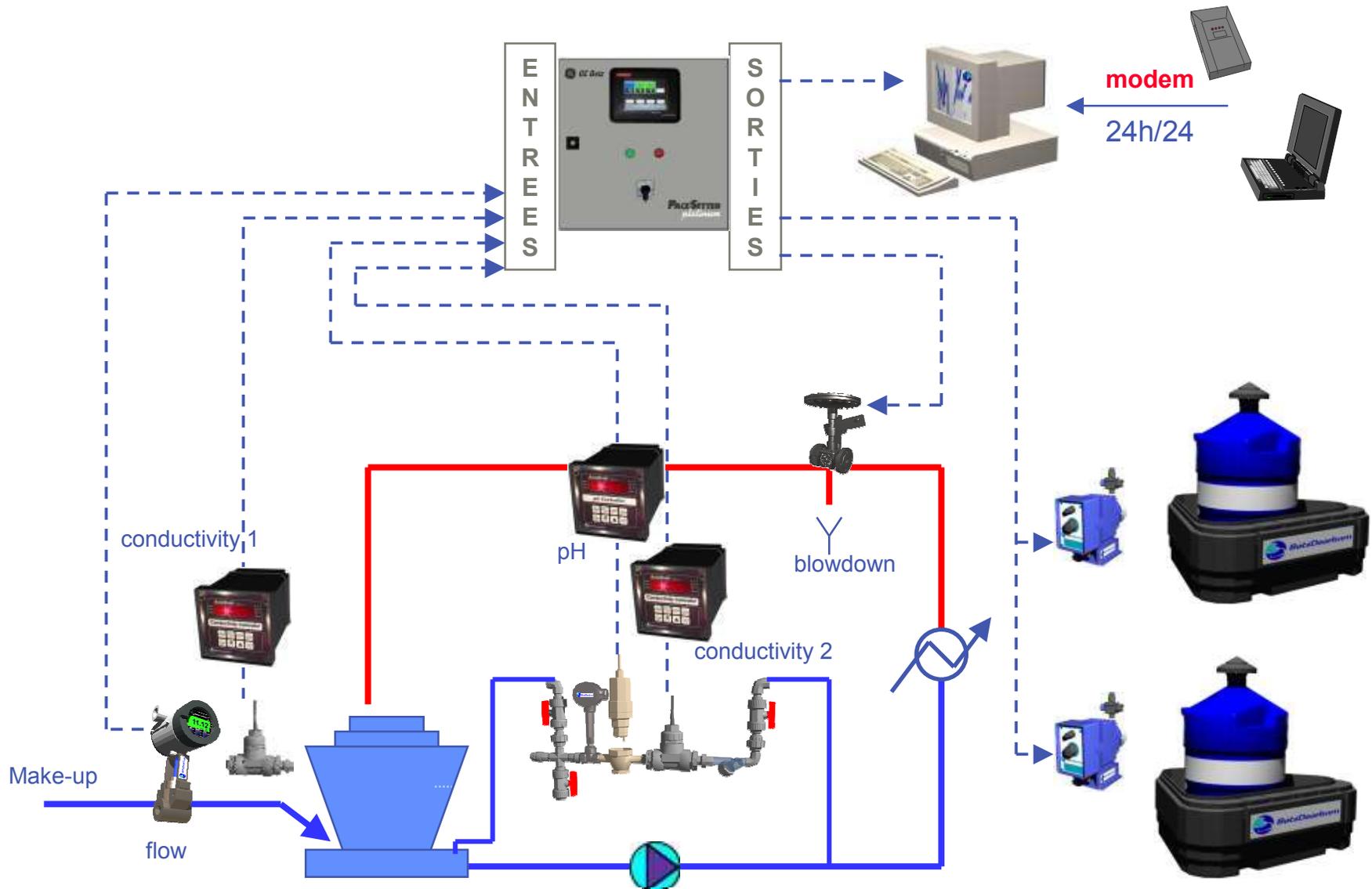
Model 300  
pH control  
Blow down  
Biocides (2)

Model 900  
Blow down  
Biocide  
Free Chlorine



# Control – Regulation of cooling water circuit.

## Version with PLC/PC PaceSetter Platinum



# Benefit of Improved Control

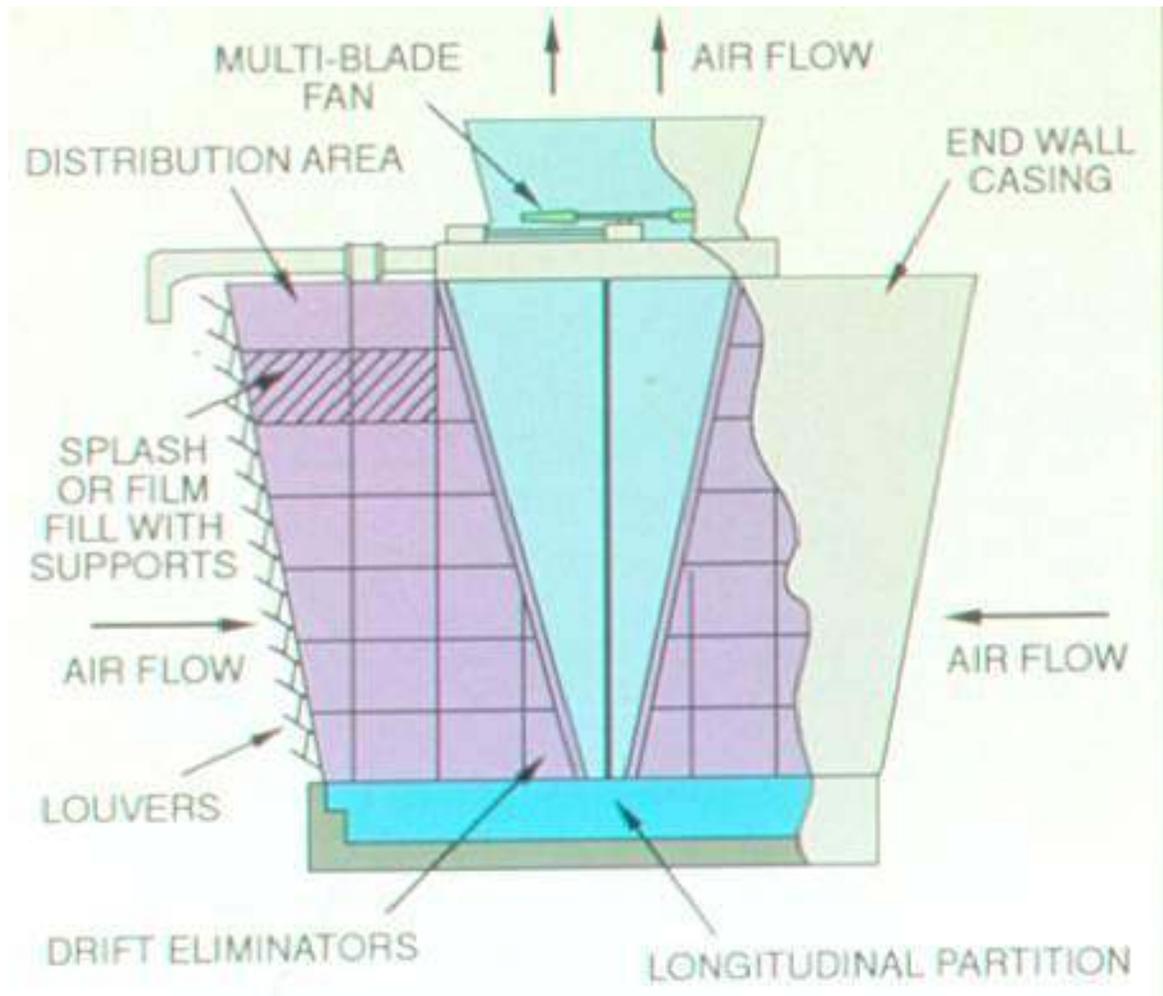
- **Reduced risks associated with chemical underfeed or overfeed**
- **Compliance with environmental regulations**  
Improved quality of plant operation
- **Increased water and energy savings**  
Improved plant productivity

# Monitoring Tools



- **Inspection during operation is critical**

- Screens
- Mist eliminators
- Deck
- Fill
- Distributors
- Buildup on surfaces
- Air flow louvers
- Basin







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# Field Testing



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# Water Analysis

**Required to monitor and control treatment programme**

Supply important information

**Enable identification of low level contaminants**

# Parameters monitored (operating data)

Testing can include :

pH

Conductivity

Suspended solids

Alkalinity

Hardness

Phosphate

Other treatment components depending on programme

Microbiological populations

# Deposit Analysis

Samples taken from :

**Critical heat exchangers**

**Cooling tower**

**Areas of low water velocity and/or high heat flux**

# Frequency

Test Frequency will vary depending on :

Cooling System

Plant process

Plant personnel available

# Compilation/Data Analysis

Manual

Weekly log sheets

Results can be graphed for data trending

# Weekly Log Sheets

Day	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
O-PO4 (ppm)	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>

Day	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
O-PO4 (ppm)	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>

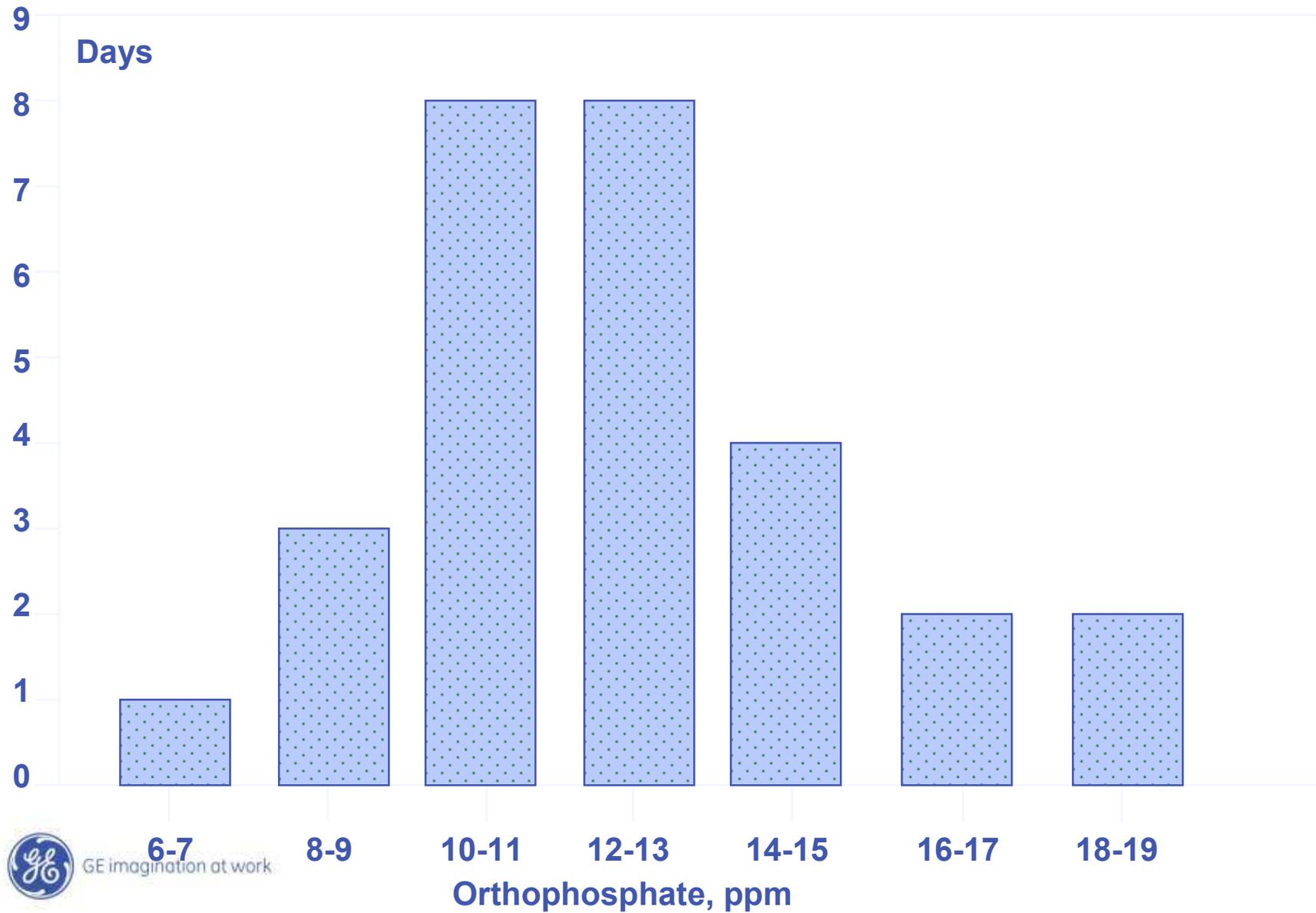
Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
O-PO4 (ppm)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>

Day	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
O-PO4 (ppm)	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>

# Data Analysis

Reading (ppm)	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19
Frequency (number)	1	3	8	8	4	2	2

# Graphing Results

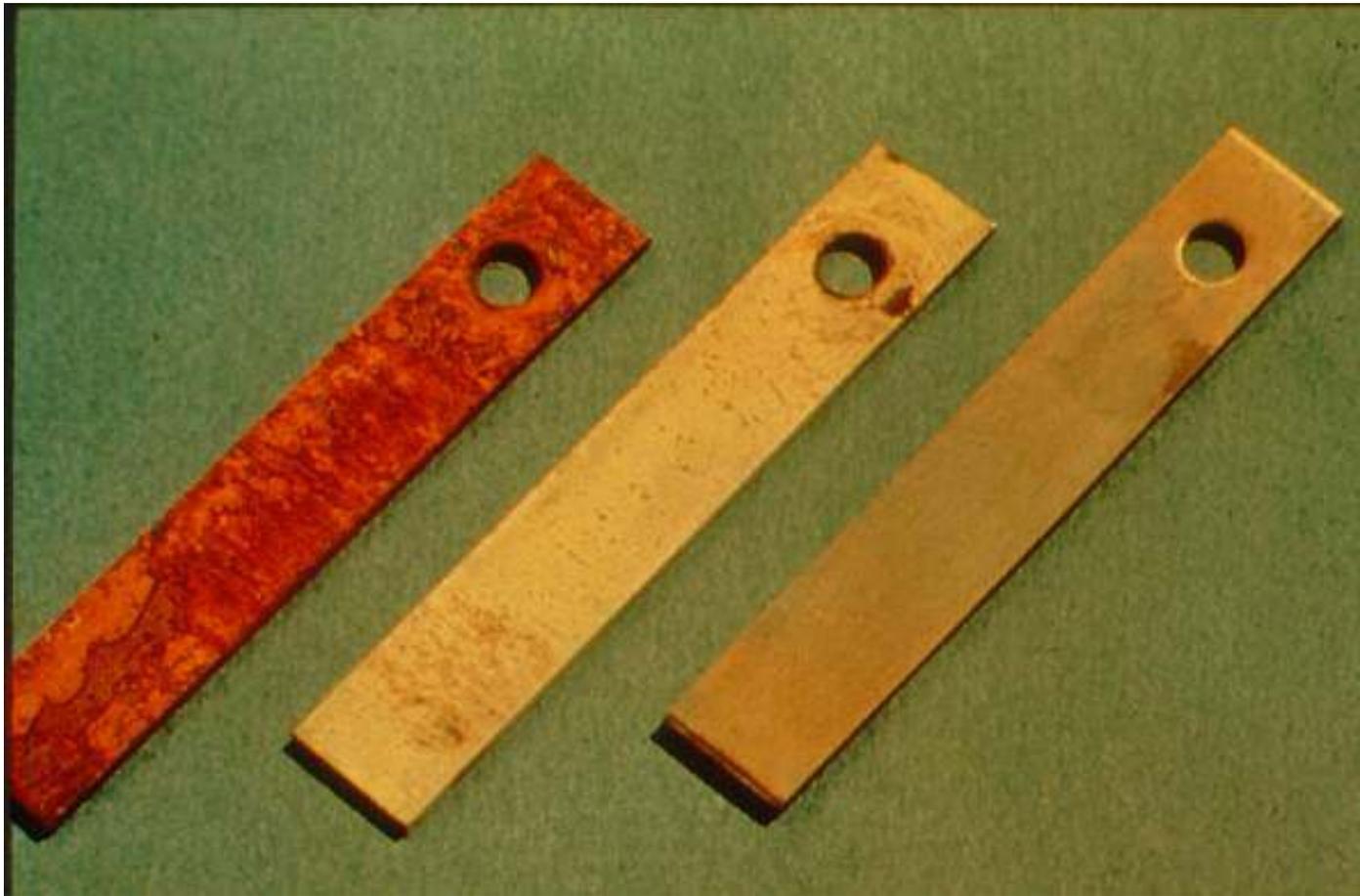


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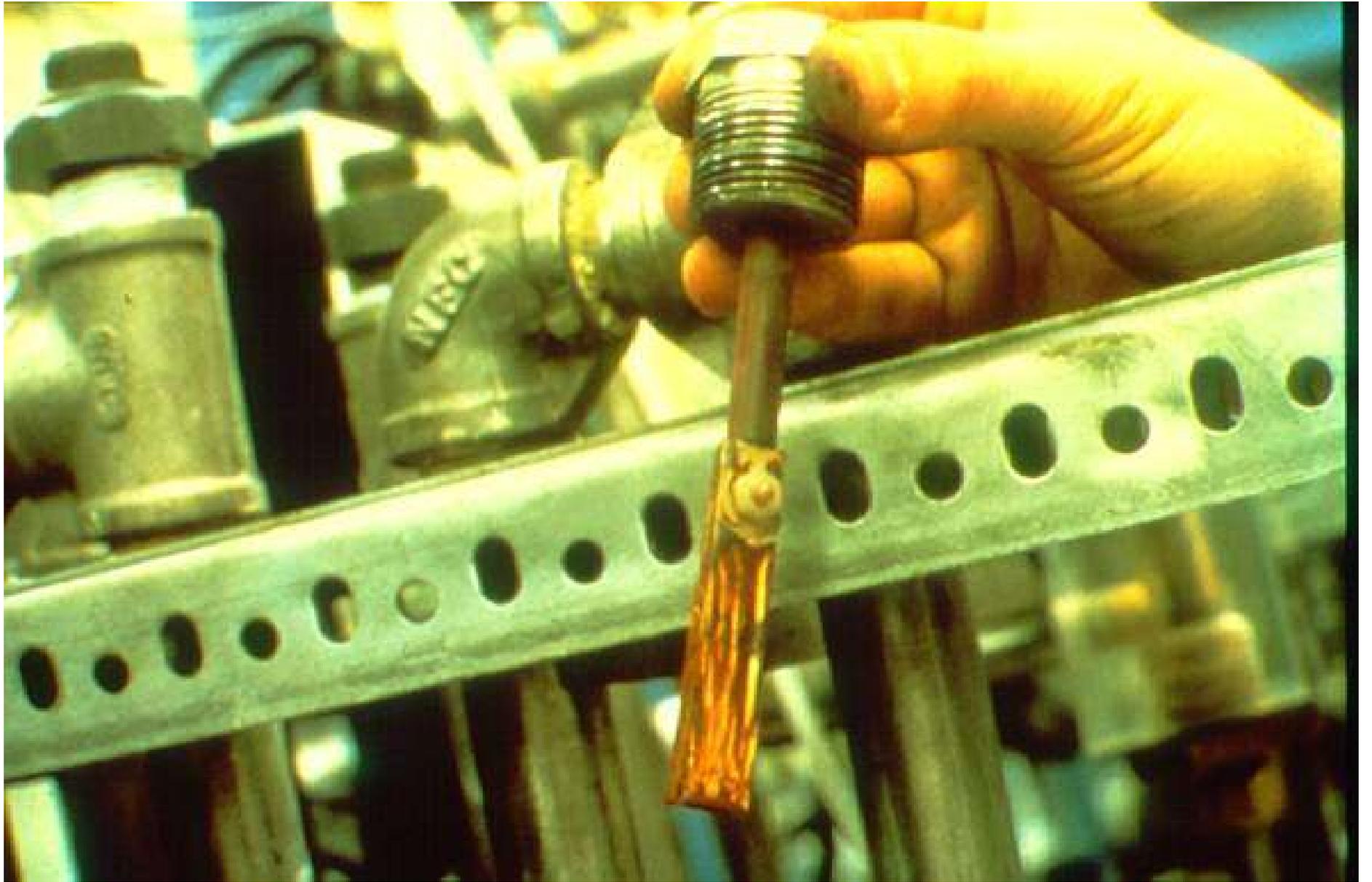
# Corrosion Monitoring

Coupons

Corrosion rate meter

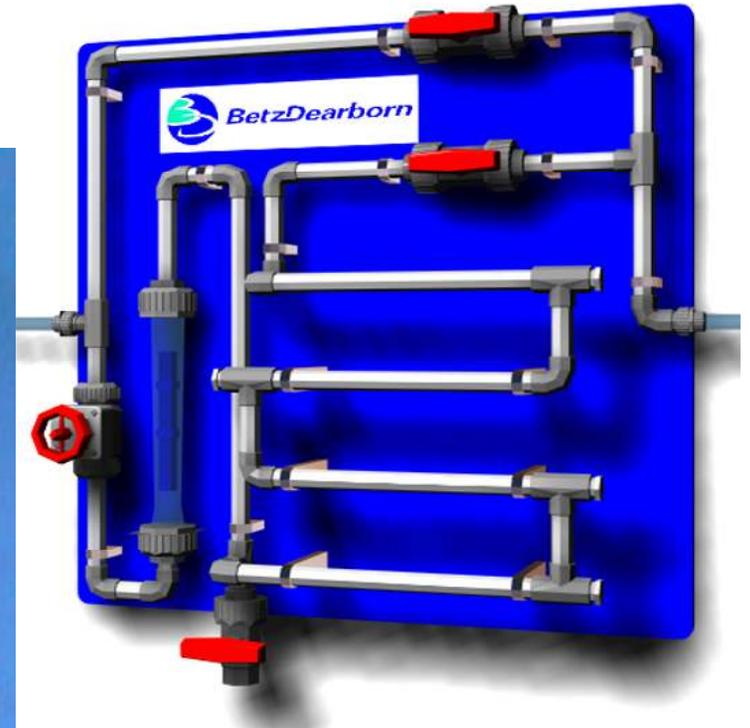
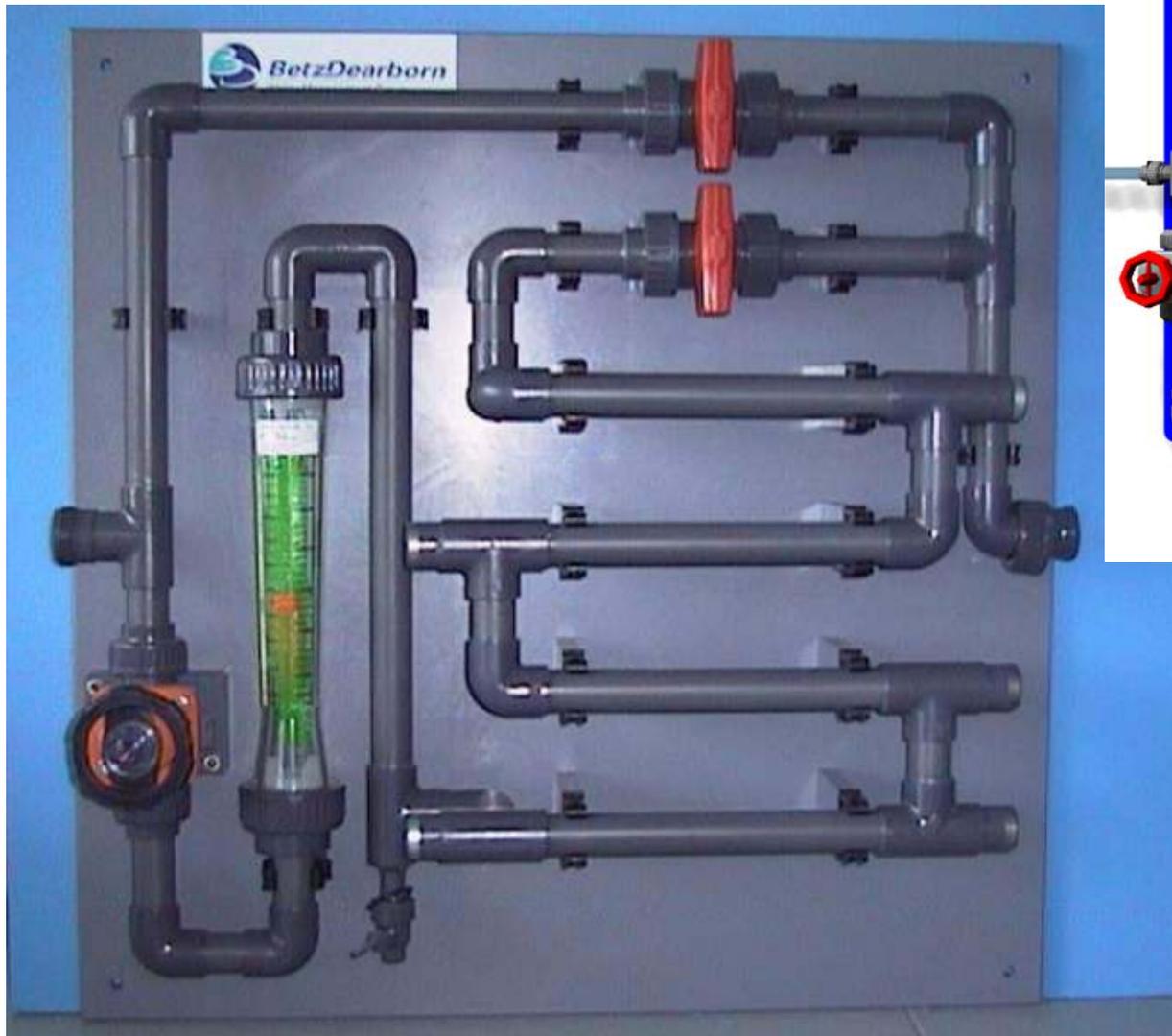


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# CORROSION LOOP





# Deposition Monitoring

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Monitall

Test heat exchanger



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# MONITALL

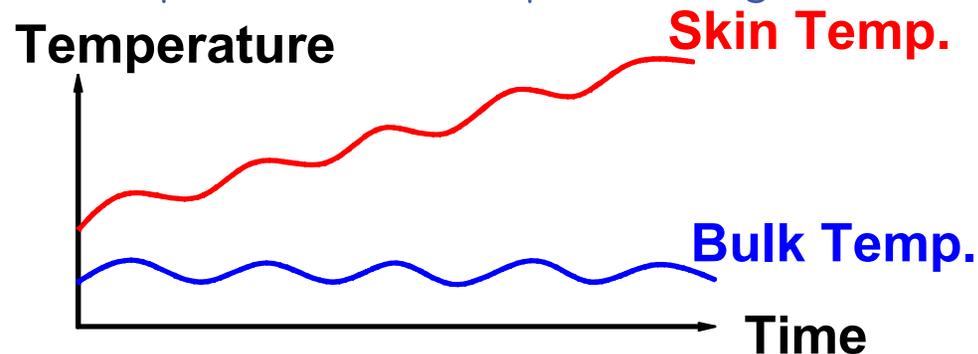
Fouling electric control

Heating probe equipped with thermocouple (skin probe temperature – bulk water temperature) – adjustable heat flux

Water circulates around the probe.

Monitor  $\Delta T$  (skin temperature – bulk temperature)

Visual aspect of the probe (inox) – deposit analysis



Plot temperature/  $\Delta T$  graphs

Water flowrate: 50 to 150 l/h

Power 220V single phase 3A

# Microbiological Monitoring

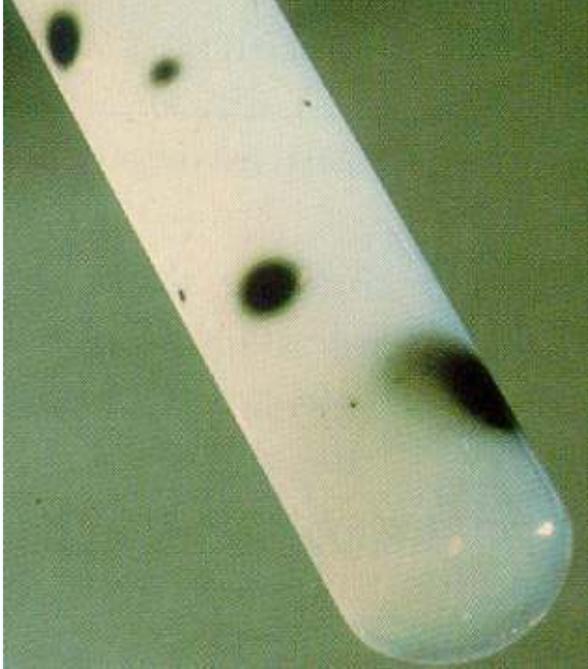
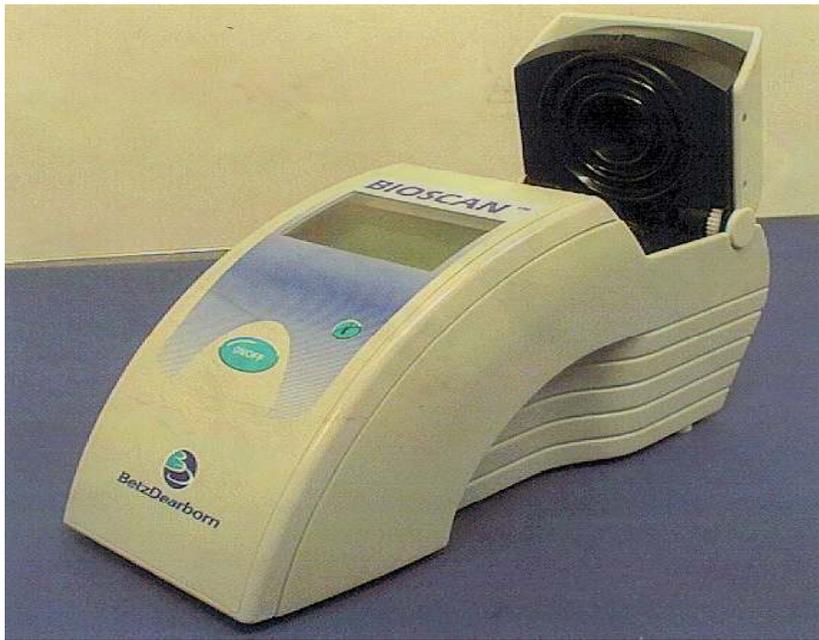
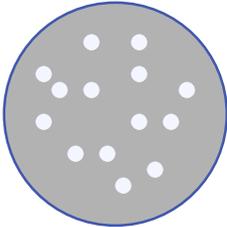
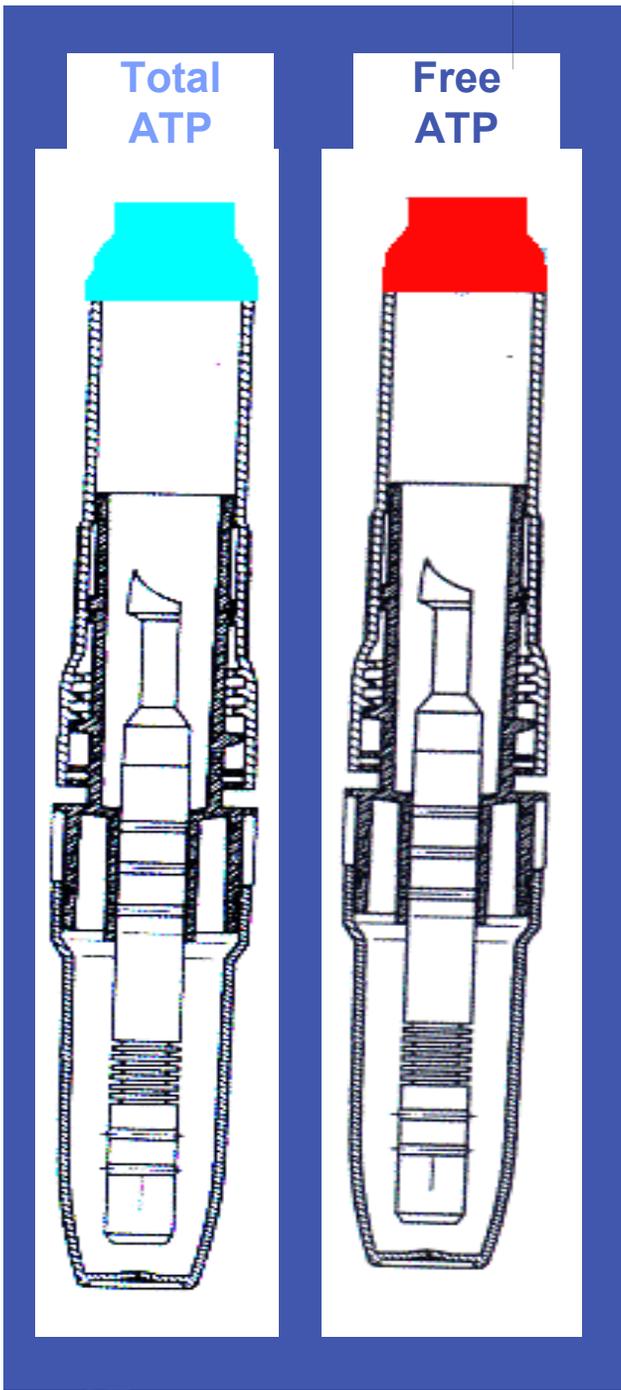
Micro-Organism counts

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- > Dipslides
- > PetriFilm
- > Plate Counts

Biobox

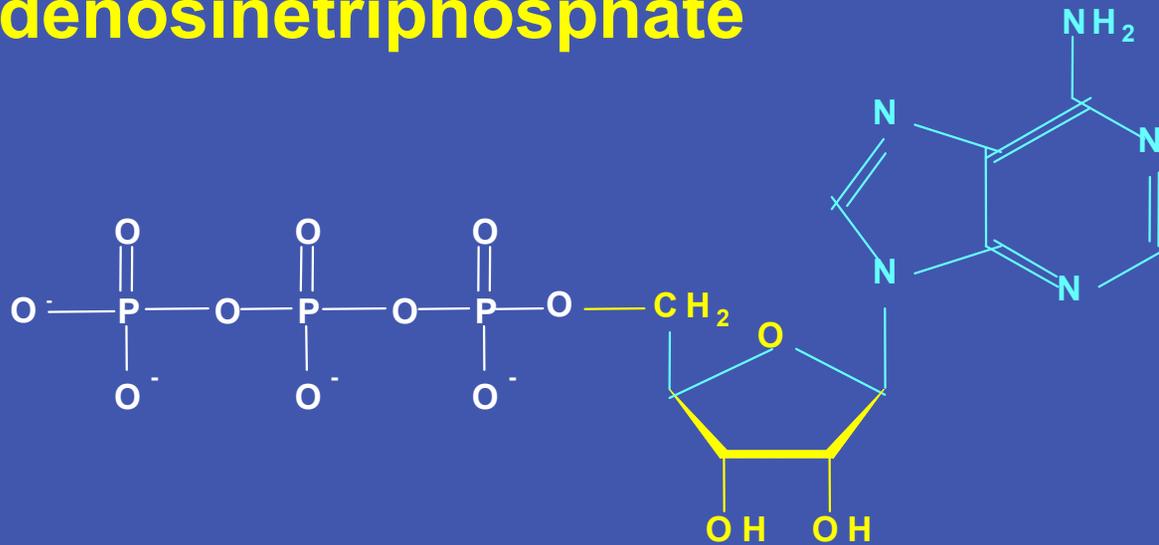
Biofilm fouling monitor

Stainless Steel coupons



# ATP

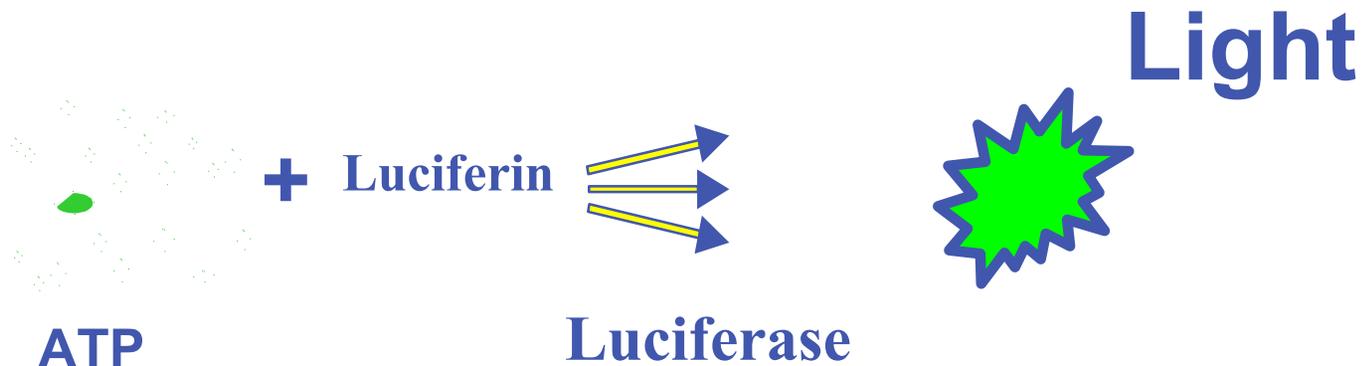
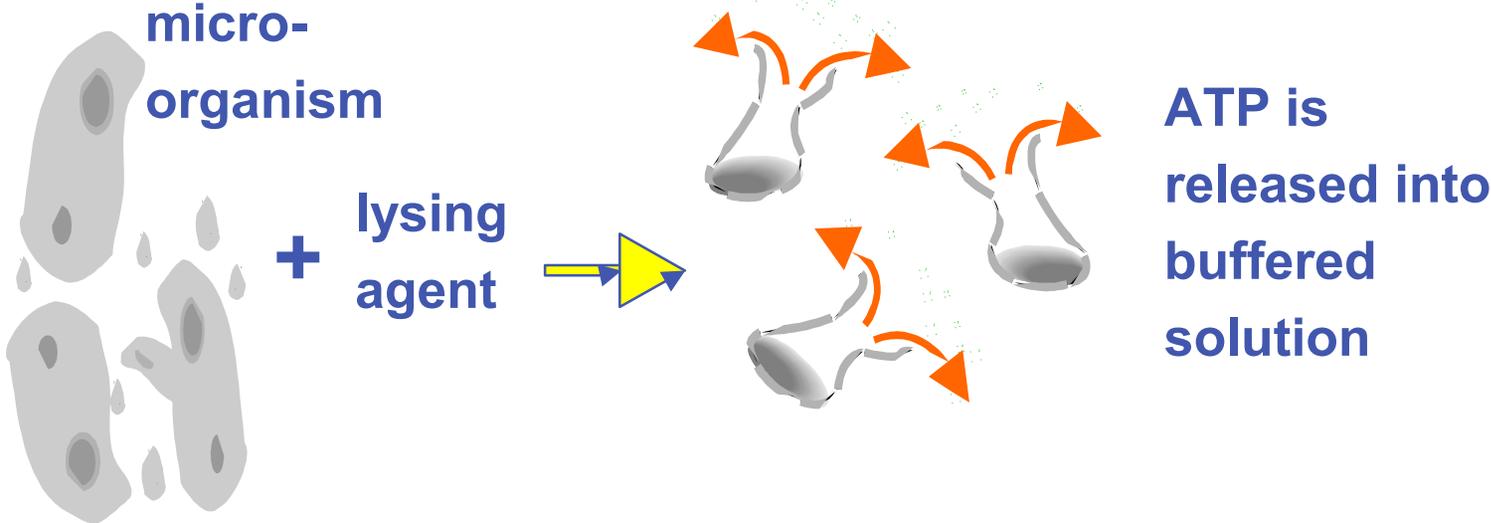
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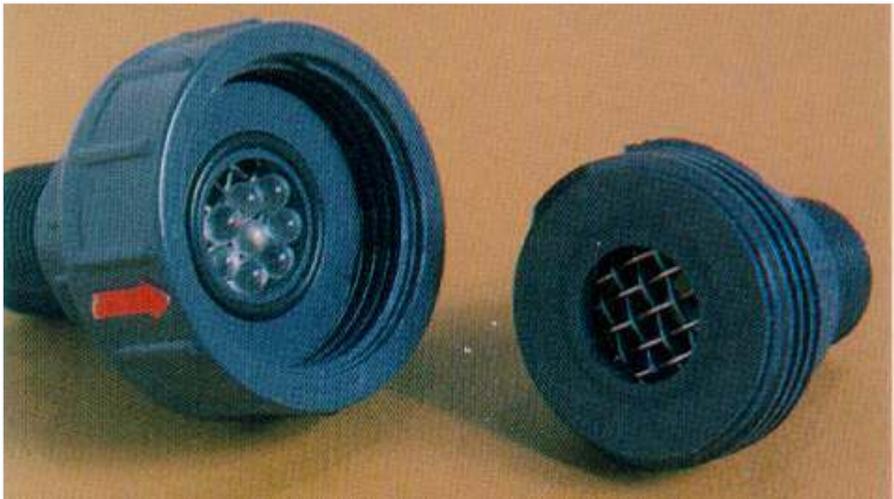


- Energy source for biochemical reactions
- Produced in ALL living cells
- Decreases if cell dies



# ATP DETECTION





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# Field Analytical Equipment

Global and Advanced WAL test kits

- > **GE Betz DR/2400 – GE Betz DR/890**
- > **pH, Conductivity meter**
- > **Digital titrator (Titrimetric analysis)**



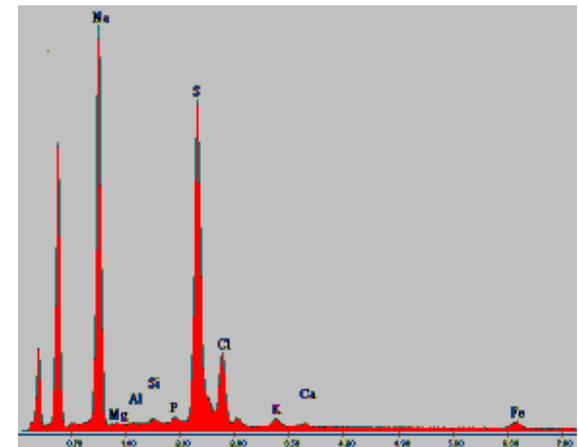
Portable Field Microscope

Microbiological Monitoring

- > Cultivation methods : dipslides, petrifilm
- > ATP method : **Bioscan II**

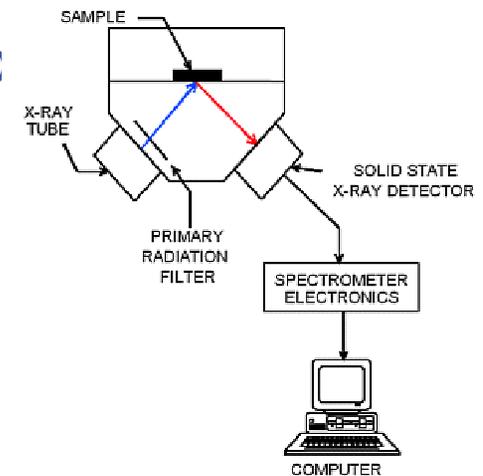
# Laboratory - Analytical Services

- Inorganic & Organic Analysis
  - Microbiological Analysis
  - Metallurgy
- 
- > *Characterization & Quantification*
  - > *ppb, ppm to % levels*
  - > *Bulk & localized surface analyses*
  - > *No certification of customer end product or conformance towards local regulations*



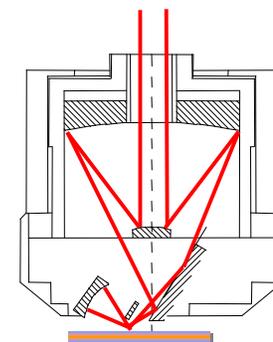
# Inorganic Analysis

- > Inductive Coupled Plasma Emission Spectroscopy (Radial and Axial)
- > Flame - Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy
- > Ion Chromatography
- > Segmented Flow-UV Analysis
- > Automated Titrimetric Analysis
- > Wavelength Dispersive X-ray Fluorescence Analysis
- > ECS 3000 – Coulometric Analysis



# Organic Analysis

- > Thermo Gravimetric Analyzer
- > FT Infra-Red Spectroscopy
- > CHNS-Analyzer
- > Mass Spectrometry
- > Gas & Liquid Chromatography
- > Total Organic Carbon Analyzer
- > Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen Analyzer



# Metallurgy

## 1. Surface Analysis

- Scanning Electron Microscope

## 2. Failure Analysis

- Investigations & Recommendations

## 3. Corrosion Coupons

- Corrosion Rate, Pit depth

# TROUBLESHOOTING

# Low PH Upset

Determine Causes

- Overfeeding Acid
- Sour Leak
- Process Contamination
- Chlorine overfeeding

# Low PH Upset

## Corrective Action

- Add Caustic or Soda Ash
- Increase Blow Down
- Track leakage or contamination source

# High PH Upset

Determine Causes

- Investigate Caustic Addition
- Check for Process Contamination or Leakages

# High PH Upset

- Increase Blow Down
- Add Acid to Adjust PH
- Adjust Treatment Feed Rates
- Increase Polymer Dose if Needed
- If unfiltered  $\text{Po}_4$  .vs. filtered  $>3$ 
  - Add Polymer
  - Stop Phosphate Feed
- Recheck all Parameters

# Unfiltered Iron

IF unfiltered Fe > 3

- Increase blow down
- Adjust polymer dosage
- Adjust treatment based on blow down

# Corrosion

- Confirm Changes in Corrosion Data Trend.
  - Check Corrosion Meter
  - Inspect Corrosion Rack
- Check Changes in System Chemistry
- Investigate Contamination
- Review Program Guidelines
- Check chlorination Practice
- Check Microbiological Control

# Corrosion Coupons

Installation Location

Return or Supply

# Corrosion Coupons

Flow rate

# Corrosion Coupons

## Positioning the Coupon

# Corrosion coupons

## Different metallurgy Coupons

# Corrosion Coupons

## Testing Period

# Fouling

- Check if velocity  $< 0.6$  m/sec
- Check If Skin Temperature  $> 65$  C
- Investigate Microbiological Control

# Fouling

- Adjust Polymer Dosage
- Increase Blow Down if Needed
- Adjust MB Control

# Scale Formation

- Check for Water Chemistry Changes
- Check Contamination
- Review Water Treatment Program

# Scale Formation

## Calcium Carbonate

- Check LSI
  - $< 2.5$  for HEDP Program
  - $< 2.8$  for AEC Program
- Check Water chemistry Changes
- Investigate Exchanger Skin Temperatures Changes

# Scale Formation

## Phosphorous Salts

- Check over dosing
- Adjust Polymer Dosage
- Check Skin Temperatures
- Review Program Guidelines

# Scale Formation

High Suspended Solids

- Adjust Polymer Dosage
- Back Flush the Exchanger
- Consider Installing Side Stream Filtration

# Indication of Leaks

- Decrease in halogen residual
- Sudden increase in halogen demand
- Increase in MB count
- Biofilm formation over tower deck & surfaces
- Oil sheen on water
- Increase of turbidity
- H<sub>2</sub>S smell
- Increase of corrosion rate
- Formation of black corrosion products

# Process Leaks

## Sweet Leak

- Increase Blow Down
- Increase Non Ionic Surfactant
- Increase Polymer Dosage
- Monitor Inhibitors Reserves

# Process Leaks

## Sour Leaks

- Increase Blow Down
- Increase Non Ionic Surfactant
- Increase Polymer Dosage
- Increase Inhibitors Reserves
- Stop or minimize Chlorine Feed
- Increase Non Oxidizing Biocide

# Mechanical Response

- IF possible isolate exchanger
- Increase blow down
- If possible direct BD from exchanger effluent.
- Skim hydrocarbon overflow basin & deck
- Increase backwash frequency of side stream filter
- Run all circulation pumps to maximize velocity

# MB Fouling

- Review MB Control Program
- Increase dose of bio Surfactant
- Check Sessile Activity With Bioscan
- Back Flush or Air Pump Fouled Exchanger  
Till temperature Drops
- Investigate Contamination