# INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRODEIONIZATION

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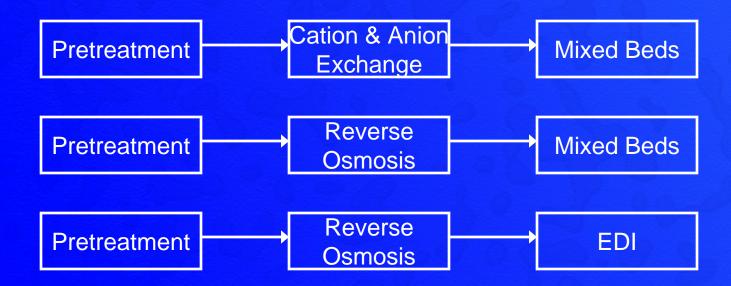
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  - Glegg Water Conditioning Sales Engineer
  - E-Cell Sales Manager 1997-2002 (GE)
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- Ionpure Master Service Provider
  - Assist OEMs and End Users with RO & EDI
  - Provide Modules, Systems, Tech Support

#### Electrodeionization

- Polishing Technology
  - Follows RO
- Chemical Free
  - No acid or caustic regeneration
  - No onsite or offsite regeneration
  - Continuous
- Trade names: Ionpure, CDI, E-Cell, etc.



# **Ultrapure Water Treatment Options**



#### **EDI** water purification

- Alternative to Mixed Bed Deionization
- Environmental Friendly and Safer Chemical free process
- No chemical corrosion
- No hazardous waste stream
- Simple operation





## **EDI** water purification

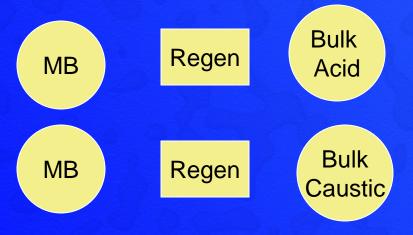
- Continuous operation vs. Batch operation
- Reliable performance



RO-EDI delivers 5 to 18 Mohm.cm water continuously

# Smaller Footprint & Lower Installation Cost





pH Neutralization

#### **How EDI Works**

#### **EDI Module Components**

2 Electrodes

Cathode (-)

Anode (+)

2 Ion Exchange Membranes

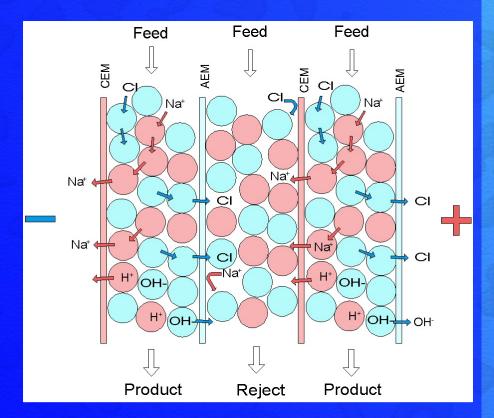
Cation Exchange

**Anion Exchange** 

2 Chamber Types

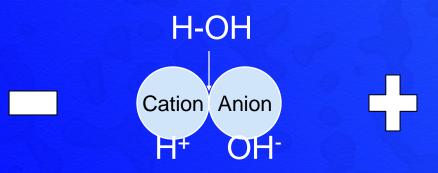
Diluting (D-Chamber)

**Concentrating (C-Chamber)** 



Resin - Mixed

# Resin Regeneration



- **♦No Chemical Regeneration** 
  - **♦Water Splitting**
- **♦Normal Anion Resin Regeneration: NaOH**
- **♦Normal Cation Resin Regeneration:** H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or HCl

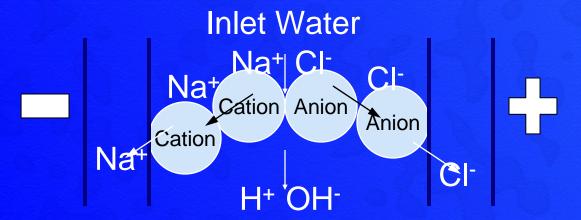
#### Water Purification



**Demineralized Water Product** 

**♦**Same Ion Exchange Process as Mixed Beds

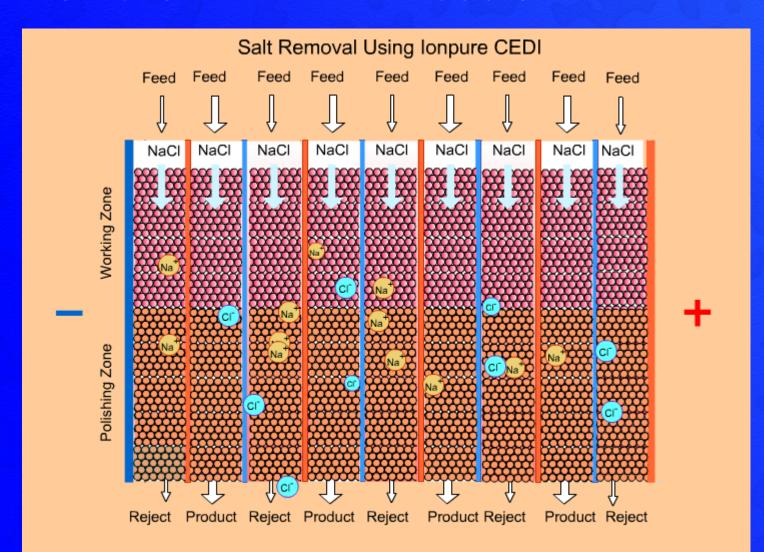
#### **Continuous Removal**



**Demineralized Water Product** 

**♦No Need to shut down for regeneration** 

# Ion Removal in An EDI Module

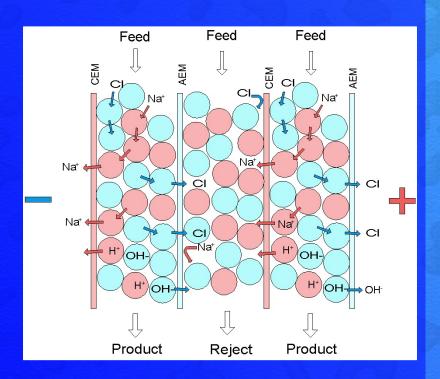


## Dilute Filled vs. All Filled

#### Dilute Filled

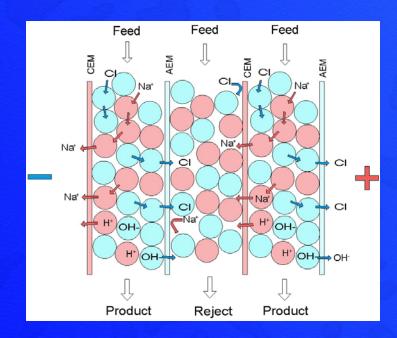
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#### All Filled

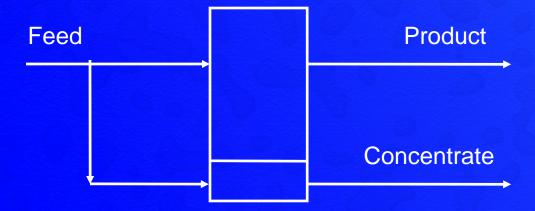


# All Filled Design

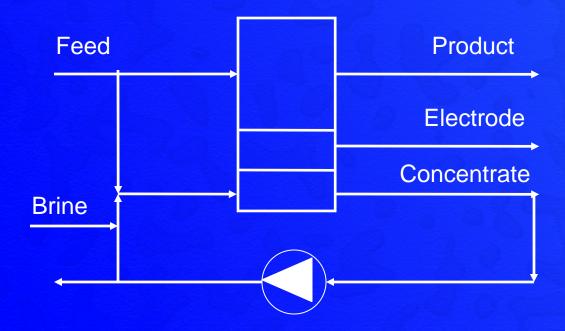
- Ion exchange resin in both the diluting and concentrating compartments
- Resin acts as an conductive bridge for both ions and current
- Result: Extremely low module electrical resistance and efficient use of power for ionic removal



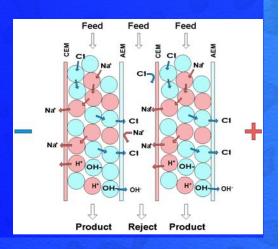
# Resin Filled Concentrate Flow



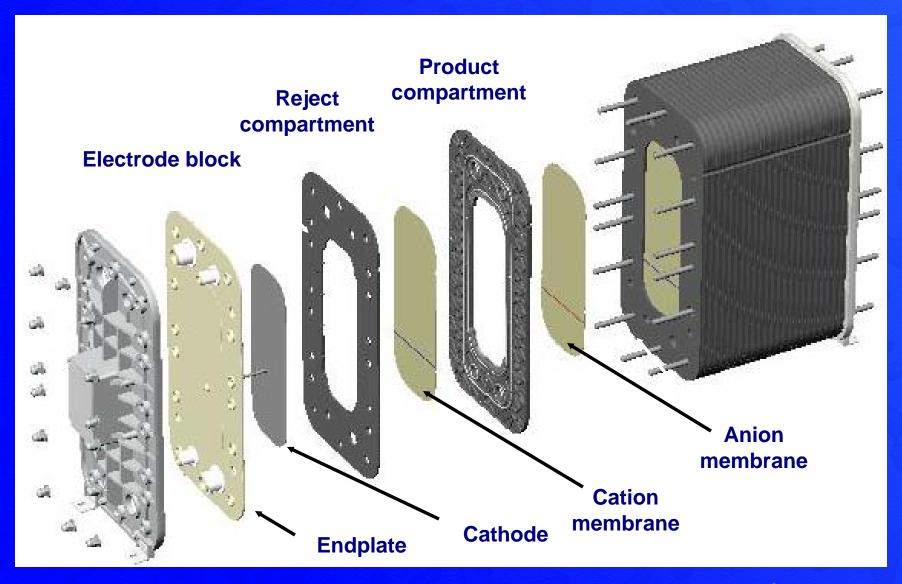
#### Mesh Filled Concentrate Flow



- •Salt conducts electricity in concentrate stream
  - Concentrate Recirculation
  - Brine Injection

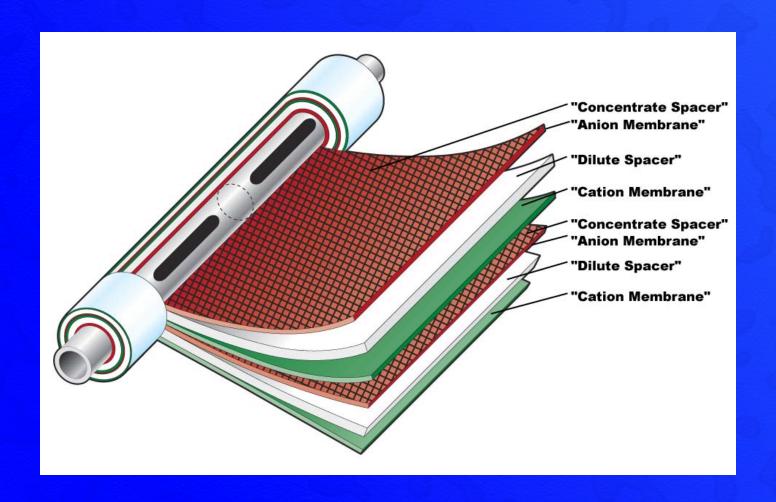


#### Plate and Frame Construction



Source: Ionpure

# **Spiral Wound Construction**



# **Spiral EDI Construction**

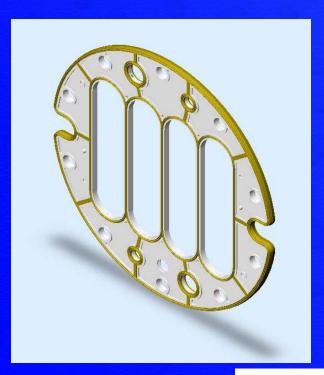
 Uneven current density (amps/m² membrane area)

Higher current at center than at outside

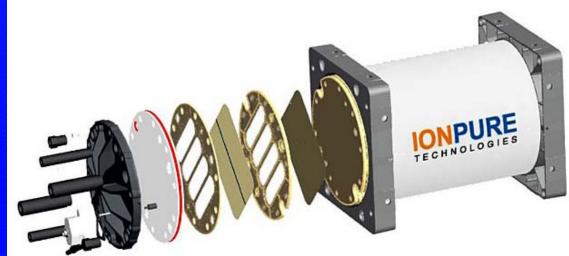
- Uneven electrical resistance
  - Number of cells in current path varies
- Uneven flow distribution (gpm/m² membrane area)
  - Lower flow rate at cen than at outside
  - Current & Flow Distributions are opposite



# **Round Disc Plate and Frame**







# Thin Cell vs Thick Cell Designs

- Thin cell is older technology (2-3 mm)
  - Leaks
  - Not as robust due to thin spacer design
  - Extensive Bolt torquing required
  - "Dilute filled"
- Thick cell is newer technology (8-9 mm)
  - More robust construction
  - Allows more resin
  - Some have "Dilute filled" design
  - Only lonpure has the <u>"All filled" design</u>

# **Electrical Power Supplies**

- Electrical Current takes path of least resistance
- Standard rectifiers have only one current control for multiple modules
- EDI power control panels with individual power supplies allow current to be identical for each module



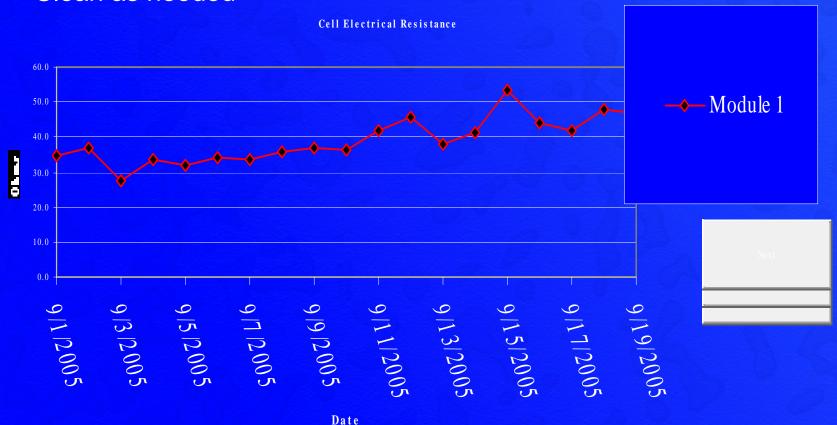


# **Optimal Design**

- Feature: Performance
  - < 40 μS/cm RO product water</li>
  - 16-18 megohm-cm quality water guarantee.
  - Silica < 5 ppb guarantee
  - 1 ppm Hardness limit in feed
  - 1 ppm inlet Silica limit
  - Durability
  - 3 year warranty, 5-10 year module life
  - Consider number of previous installations

# **EDI System Maintenance**

- Log Data & Adjust flows, pressure & current
- •Trend Data: Calculate Electrical Resistance
- Identify Cleaning Requirements
- Clean as needed



# Opportunities to sell EDI

- Customers with chemical regeneration
- Customers with off site service deionization
- New installations
- Laboratories
- Pharmaceutical manufacturers
- Power Plants
- Electronics
- General Industrial-
- anyone needed less than 1 uS/cm



# **Questions and Answers**

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