# **New Technology for Monitoring Cycle Chemistry**

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## Outline



#### Sensor developments

- Measurement parameters
  - Conductivity
  - pH/ORP
  - Dissolved oxygen
  - Sodium / Silica
- Multiparameter instrumentation
- Conclusion





Performance and maintenance are improved significantly with signal handling and intelligence contained within the sensor

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## **Conductivity Sensor Reliability**



- Sensor reliability can depend on cell constant
- Many instruments require very low constant sensors with close spacing and large surface area for pure water measurements.
- Corrosion products, deionization resin particles or bubbles can accumulate between electrodes, causing large errors.
- Systems using higher constant 0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> sensors such as intelligent digital sensors, provide wider electrode spacing that prevents accumulation of particles, resulting in less cleaning, greater reliability and longer sensor life.



0.01 cm<sup>-1</sup> constant

0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> constant

# **Conductivity Measurement Accuracy**

- Accuracy depends on
  - Measuring circuit calibration
  - Cell constant calibration
  - Temperature calibration
  - Installation variables—cable length, etc.
- Conventional sensor and transmitter
  - Calibrate sensor with one transmitter/cable; measure with another transmitter/cable
  - Errors of transmitter, cable and sensor can be cumulative
- Integrated digital sensor
  - Calibrate and measure with the same internal circuit
  - Reduced error







With digital, intelligent sensors, accuracy is unaffected by cable length or the particular transmitter used for calibration

# **Digital Conductivity Sensor Accuracy**

#### Digital sensors deliver significantly better system accuracy

- Analog conductivity systems calibrate the sensor element and measuring circuit in the transmitter separately, with contributions to error from both, e.g.
  - Sensor cell constant accuracy: ± 1%
  - Transmitter accuracy: ± 0.5%
  - System accuracy, ± 1.5%, plus cable effects
- Digital conductivity system accuracy
  - No error contributed by transmitter
  - No error contributed by cable or noise pickup
  - System accuracy = cell constant accuracy = ± 1%, a 33% improvement in accuracy
  - Factory calibration accuracy = installed accuracy



Intelligent digital conductivity sensors can reduce errors by at least 1/3 compared with conventional analog sensors

#### **Rangeability and Accuracy**

- Titanium 0.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> constant sensors—pure water to 50,000 µS/cm
  - 0.02 to 5,000  $\mu S/cm,$  ± 1% installed accuracy
  - 5,000 to 50,000  $\mu S/cm,$  ± 3% installed accuracy
  - Orders of magnitude wider range than other sensors



Intelligent digital sensors provide significantly higher accuracy and wider rangeability than conventional conductivity sensors.



- Sensor with widely spaced electrodes / relatively high cell constant, to prevent fouling
- Low volume sensor flow housing for high flow velocity
- Accurately calibrated cell constant and temperature
- Integral measuring circuit and digital signal conversion
- Proven temperature compensation algorithms
  - Ammonia/amine compensation for specific conductivity
  - Cation compensation for cation and degassed cation conductivity
  - High purity compensation for deionized makeup water



#### Electrode System Schematic



# Intelligent High Purity pH Sensor





#### Intelligent Liquid Electrolyte High Purity pH Sensor





# **Predictive Diagnostics for pH**





#### **Predictive Diagnostics**





Predictive diagnostics provide guidance on when and what is required to maintain the sensor

## Intelligent Dissolved Oxygen Sensor





- Time to maintenance—membrane/electrolyte change
- Dynamic lifetime indication—electrode change

# Intelligent Sodium Analyzer





# Intelligent Silica Analyzer



Overflow chamber Calibration standard & grab sample bottle Level / flow switch Temperature sensor Sample flow indicator & control valve **Reaction chamber** 0 Integrated measuring circuit, memory & digital conversion 



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# **Multiparameter Intelligent Instrumentation**



- Common platform for many parameters
- Automatic recognition and interchangeability of sensors
- Reduced panel space requirements
- Reduced spare parts requirements
- Internal calculation of derived parameters
- Predictive maintenance





#### Makeup water treatment

- RO % salt rejection product and feed conductivity
- RO % flow recovery product and reject flowrate
- Deionization capacity ∫ flow x TDS dt
- Cycle chemistry
  - Calculated pH specific & cation/acid conductivity
  - Calculated CO<sub>2</sub> cation & degassed cation conductivity





- All parameters for a sample can be displayed on one screen
  - Specific conductivity
  - Cation conductivity
  - Calculated pH
  - Electrode pH
  - ORP (redox potential)
  - Dissolved oxygen
  - Sample temperature



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# Intelligent Sensor Summary



- Digital Intelligent Sensors
  - Measuring circuit
  - Digital signal conversion
  - Extensive memory
  - Predictive diagnostics
- Conductivity
  - Improved accuracy
  - Much wider rangeability
- pH
  - Improved signal reliability
  - Predictive diagnostics
- Dissolved oxygen
  - Improved signal reliability
  - Predictive diagnostics
- Enables full benefit of multiparameter instrumentation









