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O₂ measurement



O₂ measurement

why measuring oxygen

oxygen plays a key role in many biological and chemical processes:

- waste water treatment
- fish-farming
- river/fresh water monitoring
- boiler feed water - corrosion

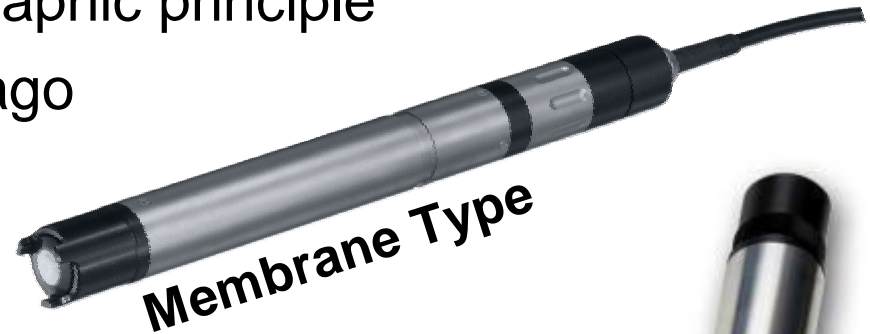
O₂ measurement

- electrochemical method

Clarke type electrode, polarographic principle

- developed approx. 60 years ago

- **WTW: 20 years of field-use,
more than 20.000 soled**



- optical method

based on dynamic quenching of fluorescent light by oxygen, found by Kautsky in the 1930`s

- since 1980`s medical application

- since 1990`s marine applications

- **relatively new in waste water applications**



electrochem. O₂ measurement

electrochemical detection of O₂

Membrane Type

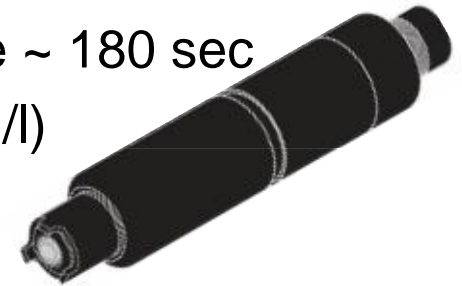


electrochem. O₂ measurement

sensor types

Membrane Type(also as sea-water version)

universal sensor, durable 50 µm membrane, response time ~ 180 sec
=> ideal for general oxygen control/measurement (0-60 mg/l)



Membrane Type for low levels

improved response time ~ 30 sec (25 µm membrane) and resolution
=> ideal for low level O₂ control e.g. denitrification process (0-20 mg/l)

Membrane Type for very low levels

similar performance as TriOxmatix 701, but for trace level O₂ concentration
=> ideal for boiler feed water, drinking water purification, ultra-pure water applications (0-2 mg/l)

electrochem. O₂ measurement

polarographic O₂ sensors:

- slow sensor drift => **regular calibration** needed
 - when changing membrane or electrolyte:
 - surfaces of the electrodes have to be polarized
 - a steady state has to be obtained (depletion of oxygen in electrolyte and membrane)
 - self-diagnosis system: SensReg & SensLeck
 - consumes oxygen => **flow needed**
 - poisoned by **H₂S**
- no problem in “normal” waste water applications

optical O₂ measurement

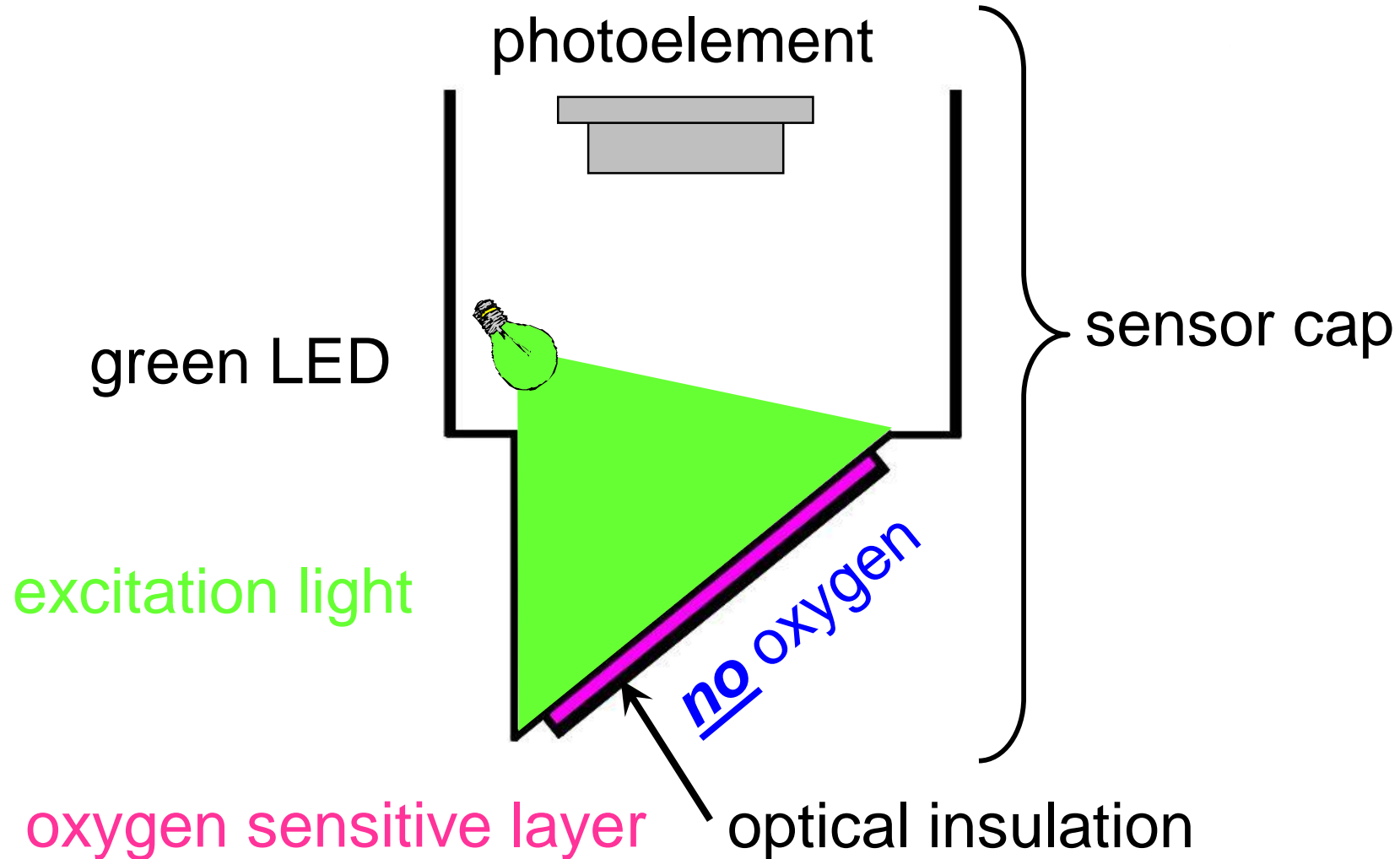
optical detection of O₂

Optical Type



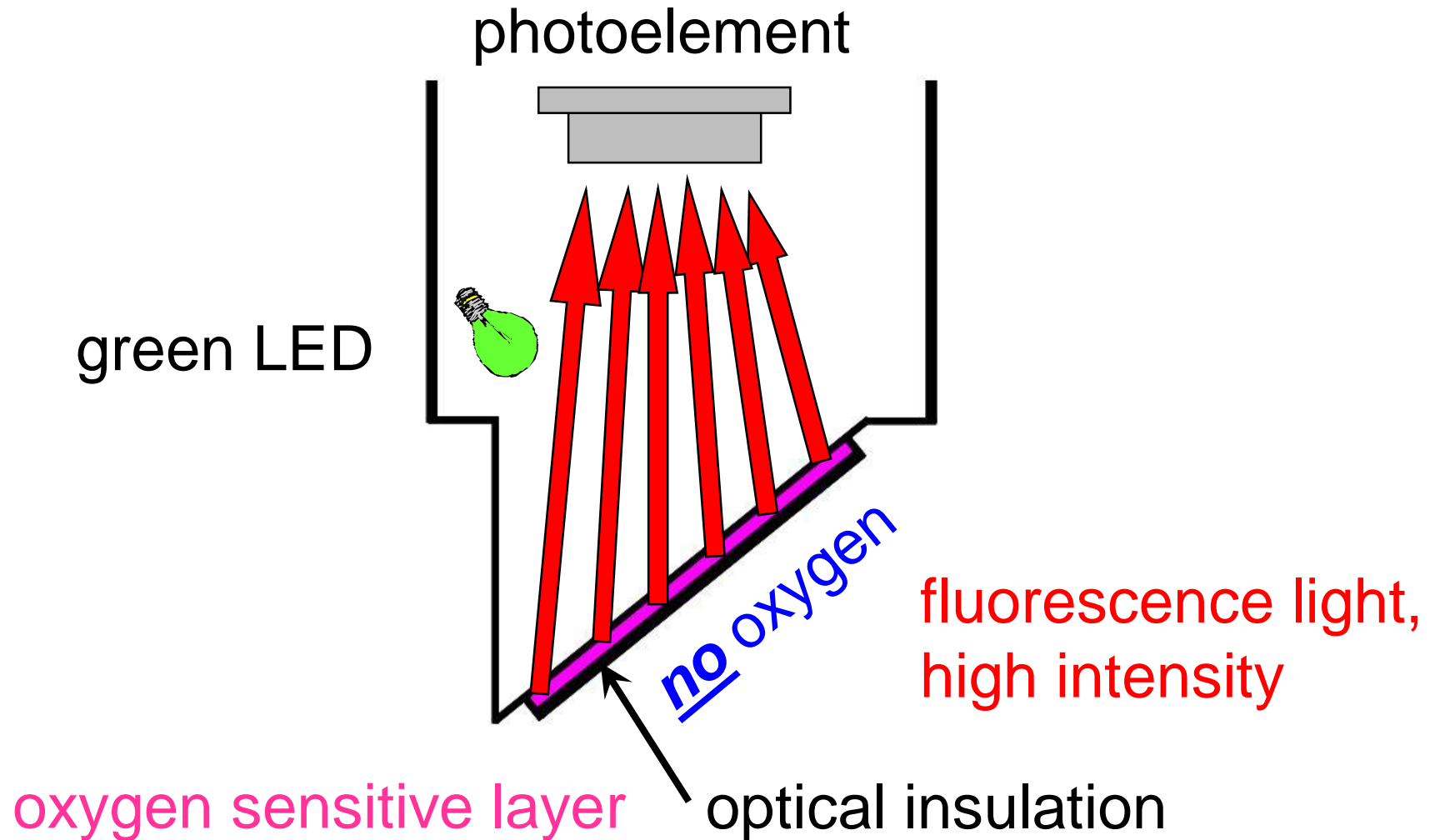
optical O₂ measurement

principle of optical O₂ sensor



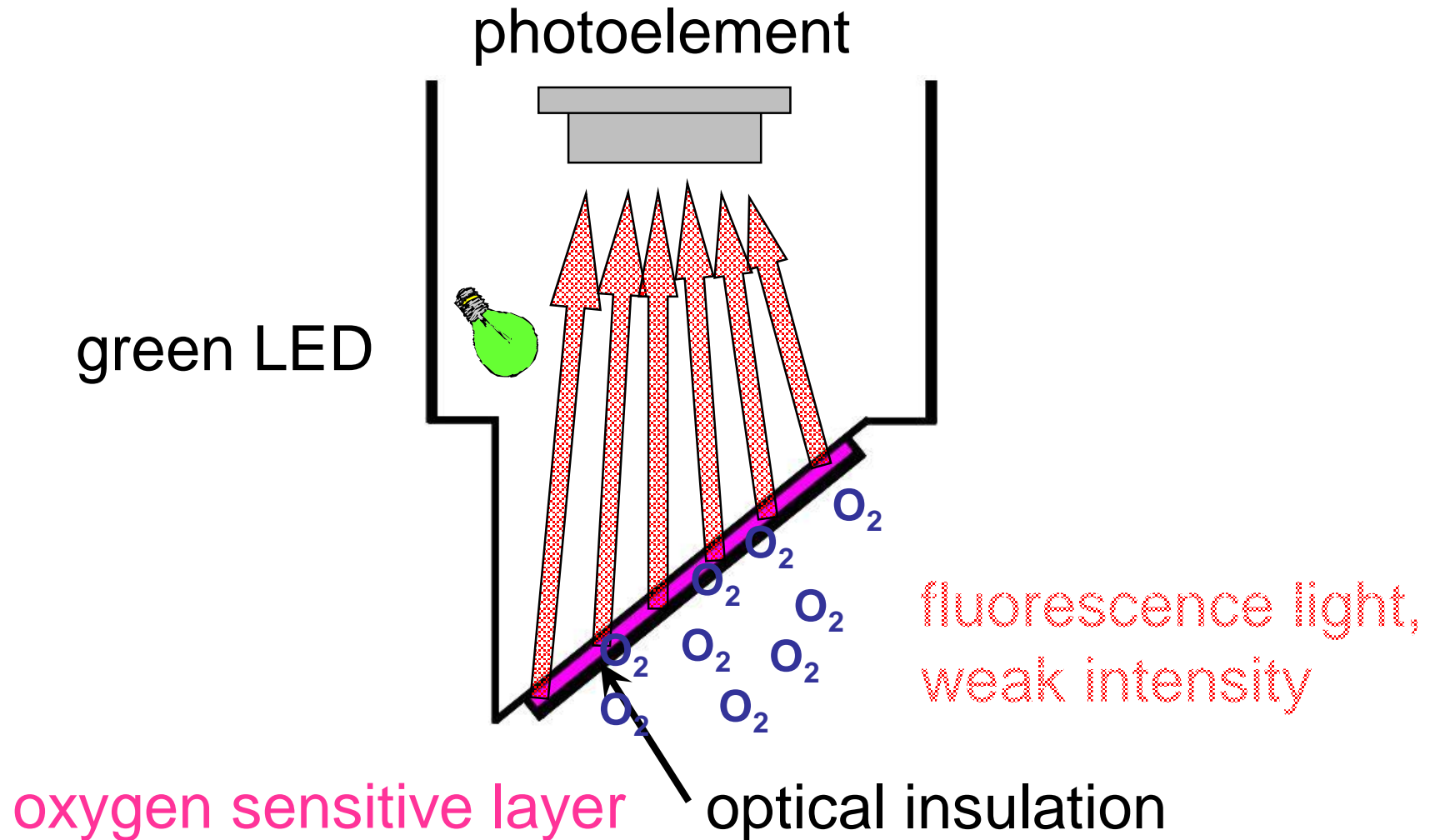
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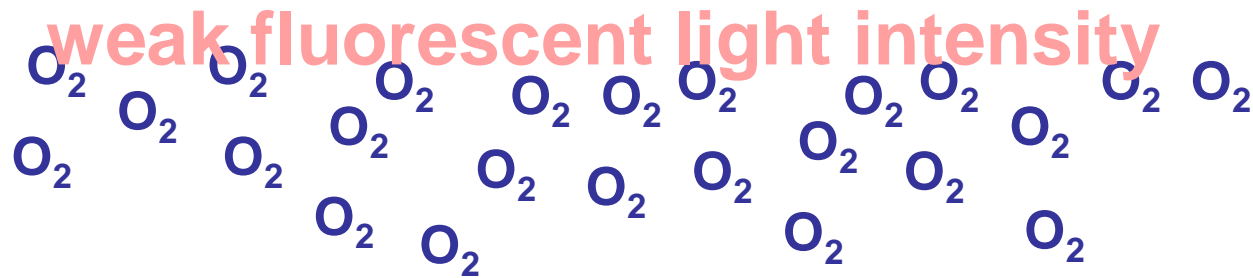
principle of optical O₂ sensor

no oxygen present:

high fluorescent light intensity

oxygen present:

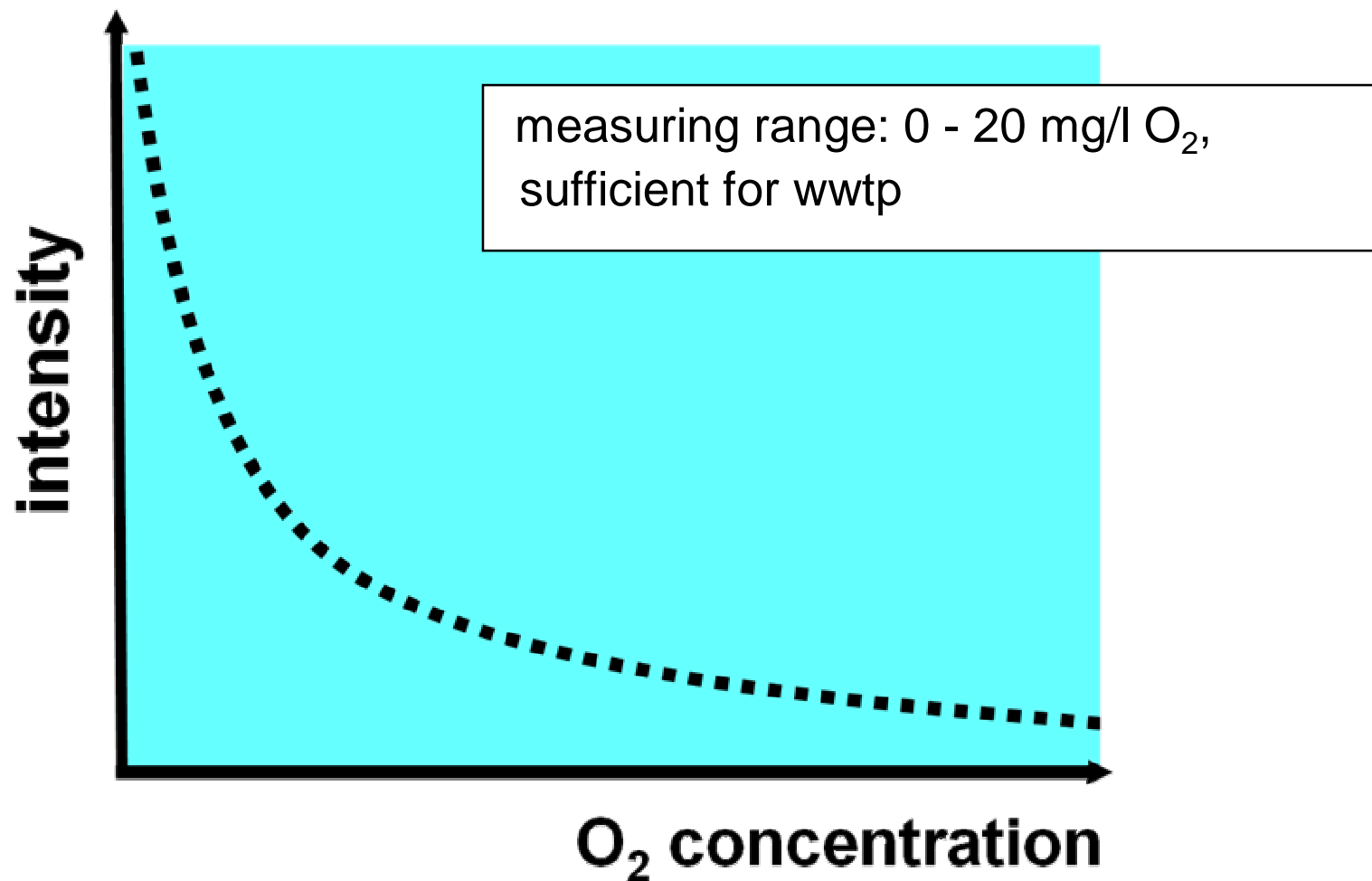
weak fluorescent light intensity

A diagram illustrating the presence of oxygen. It features the chemical formula O₂ repeated approximately 25 times in a scattered, non-uniform pattern across the lower half of the slide. The text "weak fluorescent light intensity" is written in a light red color above the O₂ symbols.

optical O₂ measurement

principle of optical O₂ sensor

nonlinear dependence



optical O₂ measurement

new standard for optical O₂ measurement

- **high accuracy from the first moment**
- **high stability**
- **low maintenance**



optical O₂ measurement

high accuracy from the first moment

“intelligent membrane”:

- each membrane cap is individually factory calibrated
- all data is stored in a memory chip in the cap
- data is automatically transmitted when the cap is attached to the sensor



=> plug and play

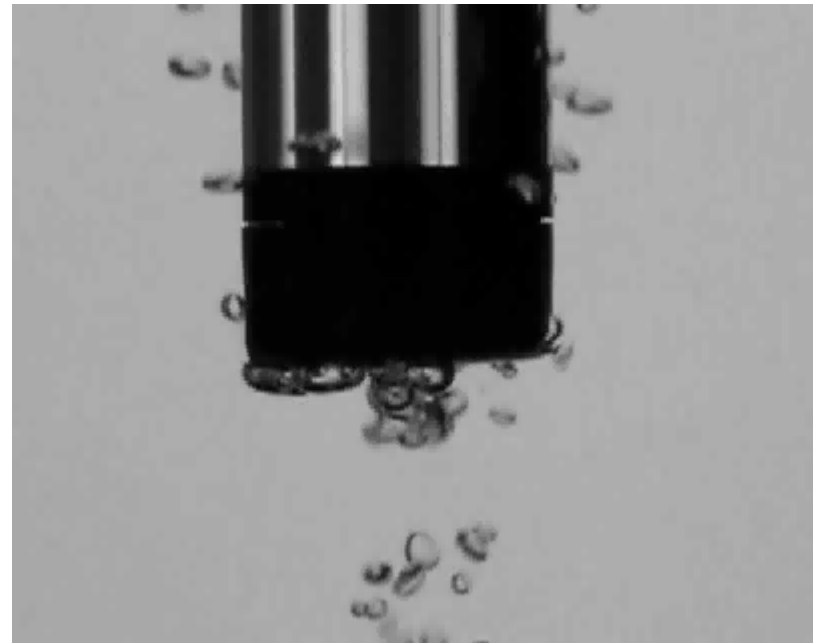
optical O₂ measurement

high accuracy from the first moment

“membrane angle of 45°”

conventional design:

influence of air bubbles



=> can lead to O₂ overestimation

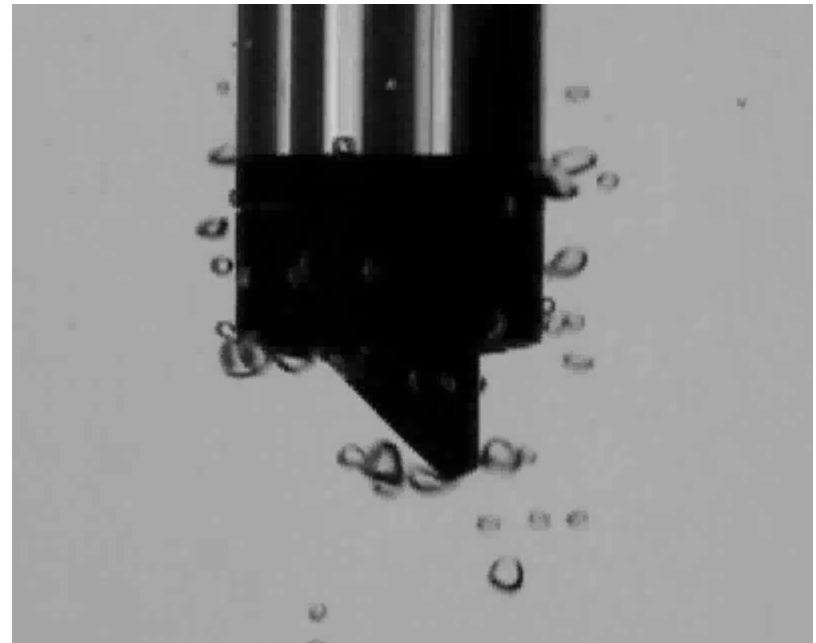
optical O₂ measurement

high accuracy from the first moment

“membrane angle of 45°”

45° angle design:

no influence of air bubbles



=> correct O₂ values, independent of mounting

optical O₂ measurement

high stability

“green light technology”:

- “soft” excitation light compared to blue light
- prevents bleaching of sensing dye



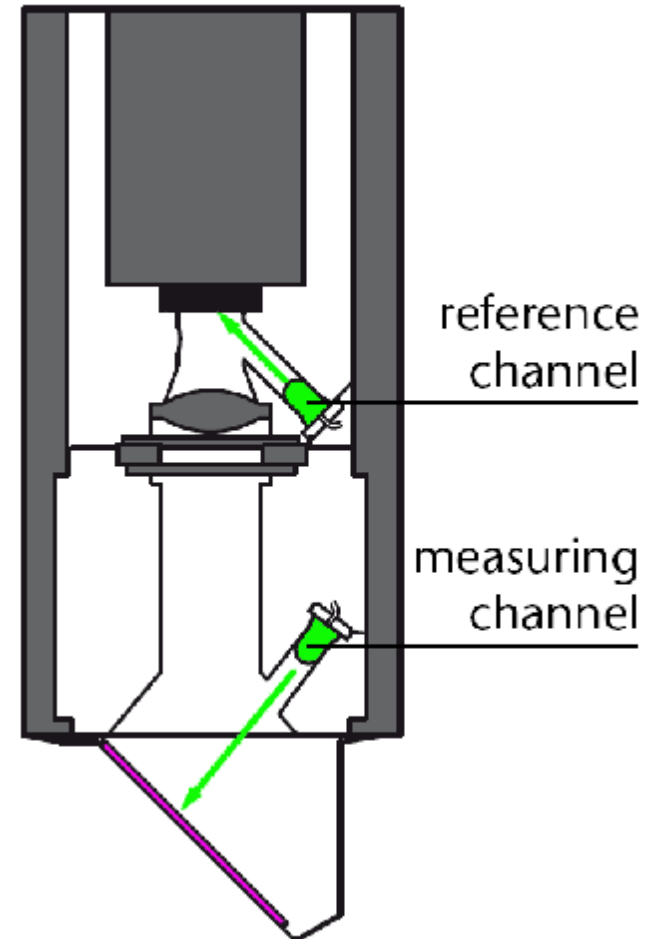
=> stable dye, no drift

optical O₂ measurement

high stability

“equal path reference system”

- identical optical paths for measuring and reference channel
- identical components for measuring and reference channel



=> minimum of drift of the optical system

optical O₂ measurement

low maintenance



- changing sensor cap every 2 years
- no use of electrolyte
- no calibration
- no polarization time



=> low maintenance, low costs

optical O₂ measurement

sensor types

Optical Type Standard Condition

universal sensor, response time ~ 150 sec

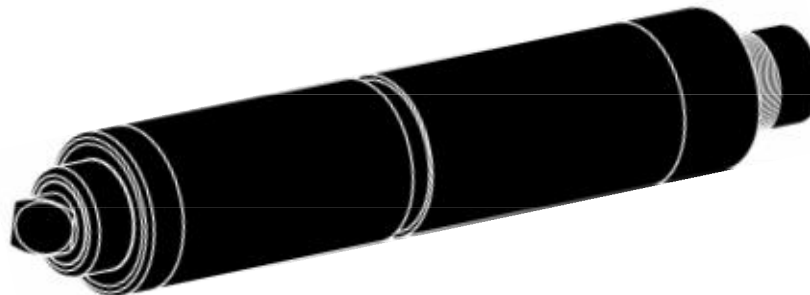
=> ideal for general oxygen control/measurement (0-20 mg/l)



Sea water Version

sea water version, same performance as “normal” Optical Type

=> for fish-farming and applications with high chloride concentrations
(0-20 mg/l)



optical O₂ measurement

advantages



- [free of calibration, highly accurate
- [stable signal over 2 years
- [plug and play, no watering effect of membrane
- [no influence of air bubbles
- [no special mounting equipment needed

ISE measurements of
 NH_4 & NO_3

ISE measurement

measuring systems for nitrogen parameters

in-situ ISE sensors

parameters: NH_4^+ & NO_3^-

AmmoLyt[®]Plus: NH_4^+

NitraLyt[®]Plus: NO_3^-

VARiON[®]Plus: NO_3^- & NH_4^+

ion •
selective •
electrode •



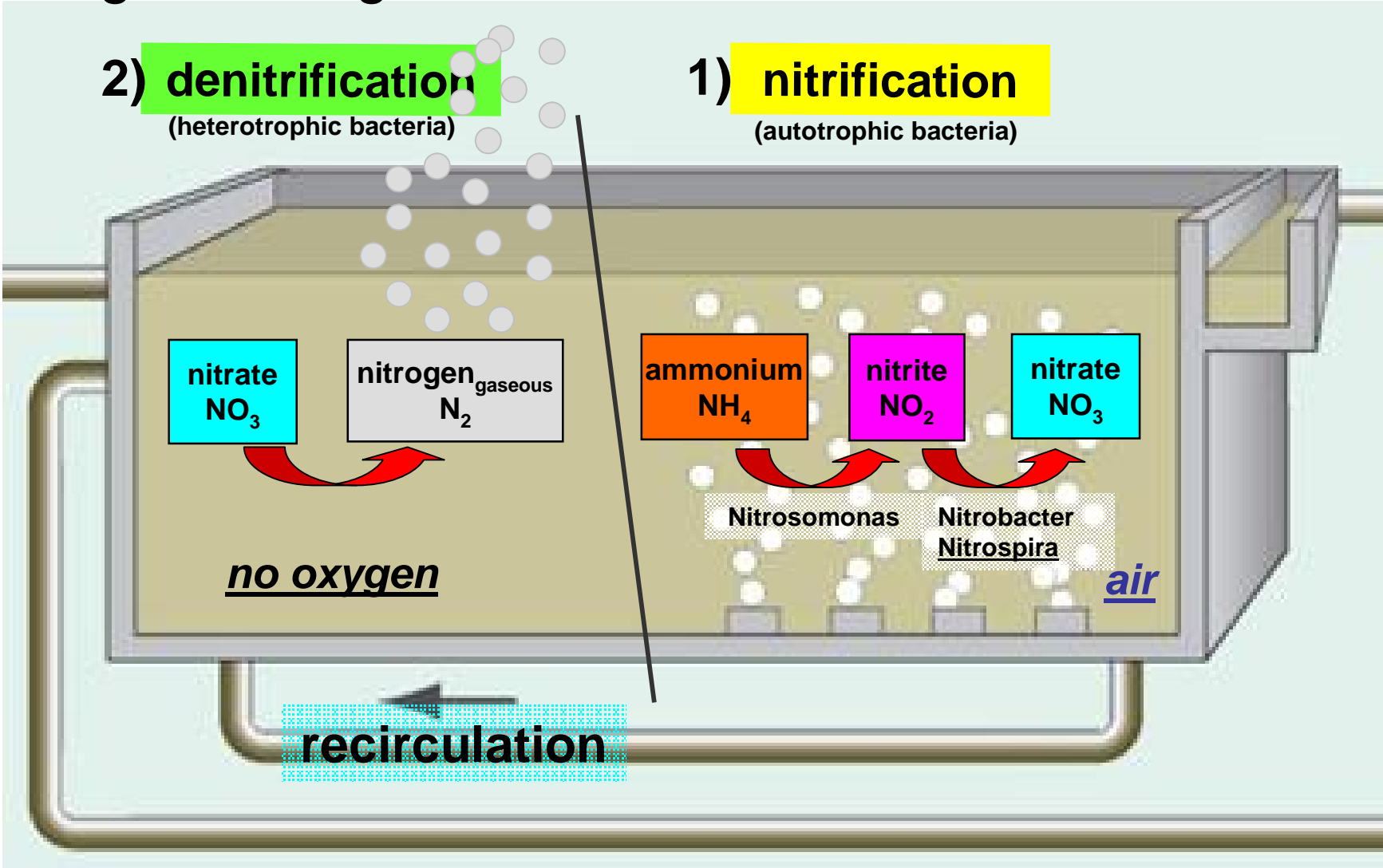
ISE measurement

reasons to measure ammonium- and nitrate

- **control/optimization of nitrification/denitrification**
- **load/peak load detection**
- **controlling discharge values**

ISE measurement

biological nitrogen elimination



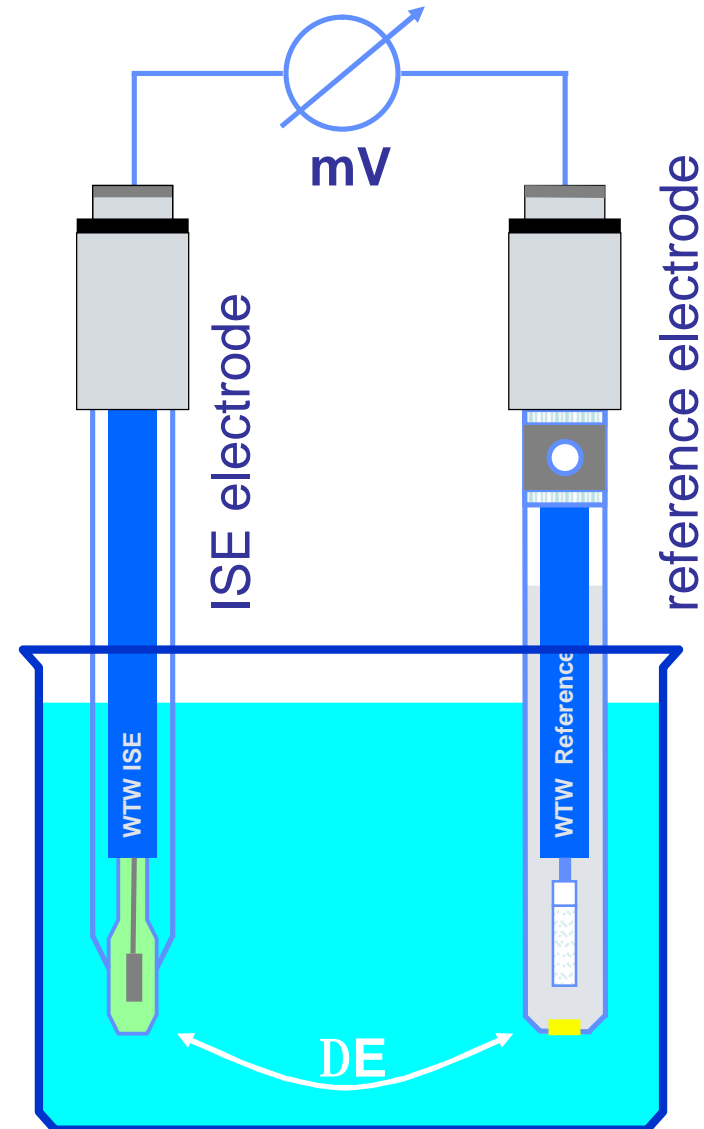
ISE measurement

potentiometric principle

sensor consists of **ISE measuring electrode** and **reference electrode**

potential-difference of these electrodes is •
measured with a voltmeter

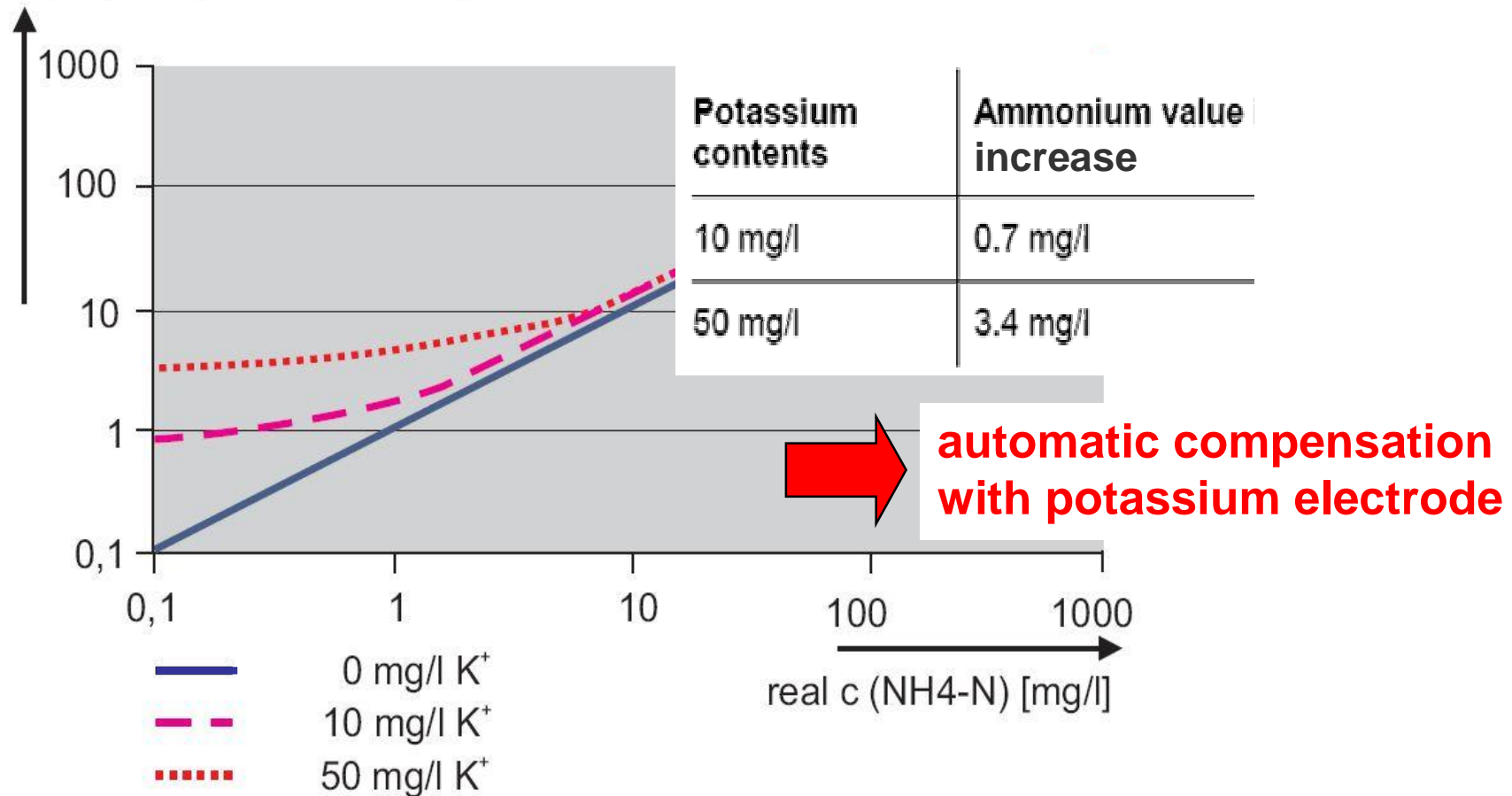
potential difference is **function of activity** •
of the **measured ion** in the
measuring solution



ISE measurement

NH₄: interference by potassium-ions

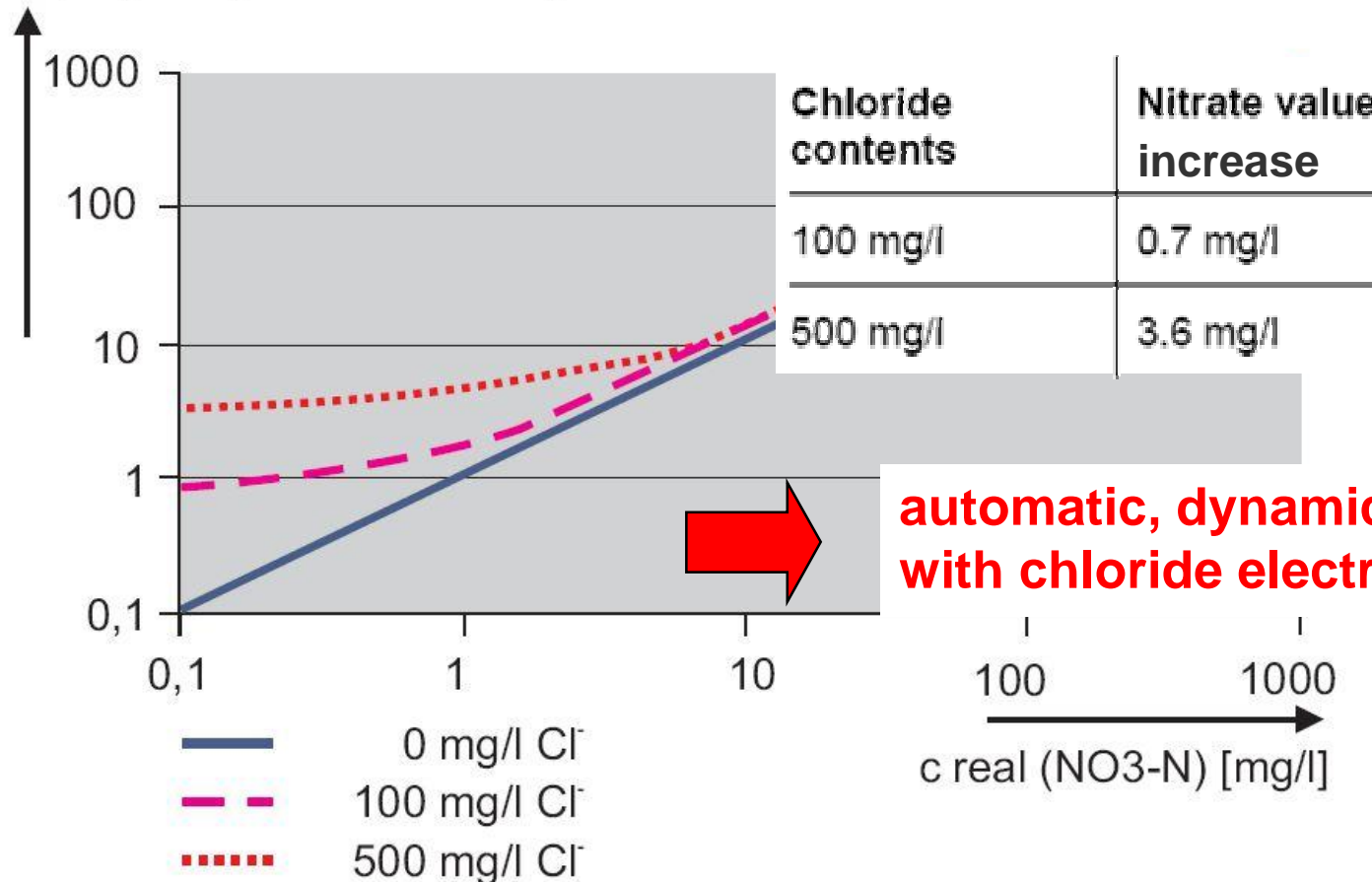
c (NH₄-N) [mg/l]
displayed by the VARiON system



ISE measurement

NO_3^- : interference by chloride-ions: **normal nitrate membrane**

c ($\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$) [mg/l]
displayed by the VARIION System



automatic, dynamic compensation with chloride electrode

$c_{\text{real}}(\text{NO}_3\text{-N})$ [mg/l]

ISE measurement

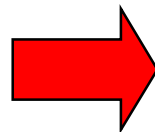
NO₃: interference by chloride-ions

new high selectivity (hs) NO₃ membrane



interference **reduced** by factor of **4**

Chloride contents	Nitrate value increase
100 mg/l	0.2 mg/l
500 mg/l	1.0 mg/l



no compensation needed for chloride range of 0-200 mg/l

ISE measurement

new high selectivity (hs) membrane



no compensation needed for
chloride range of 0-200 mg/l

manual or automatic compensation with
Cl-electrode when chloride > 200 mg/l

new display/output of potassium value

beside NH_4 and NO_3 , also K can be used as value

ISE measurement applications

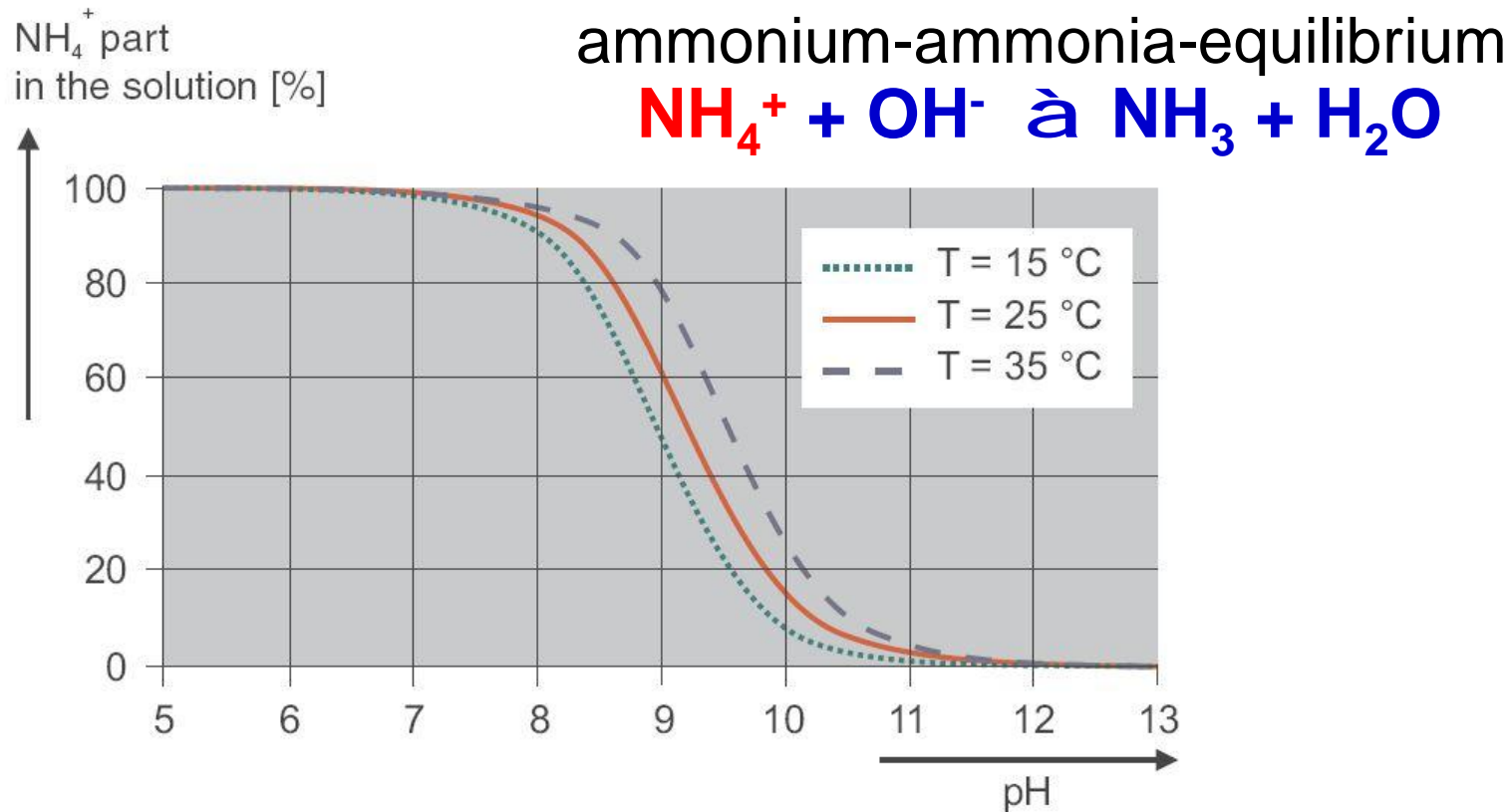
influent (**not always possible**):

- load detection
- peak load detection
- inflow control



ISE measurement

influence of pH on ammonium measurement:



- uncompensated NH_4^+ detection possible up to approx. pH 8,5
- pH values $> 8,5$ NH_4^+ : detection requires pH compensation

ISE measurement applications

biological basins (main application)

- NH_4 measurement
 - => control of aeration (energy optimization)
 - => complement to O_2 -measurement
- NO_3 measurement
 - => control of recirculation to denitrification
 - => process optimization
- NH_4 & NO_3 also suitably for SBR reactors with high solid concentrations



ISE measurement

air-pressure cleaning system



ISE measurement

no cleaning

air-pressure
cleaning



after 5 weeks



after 8 weeks



after 10 weeks

no cleaning

air-pressure
cleaning



after 11 weeks



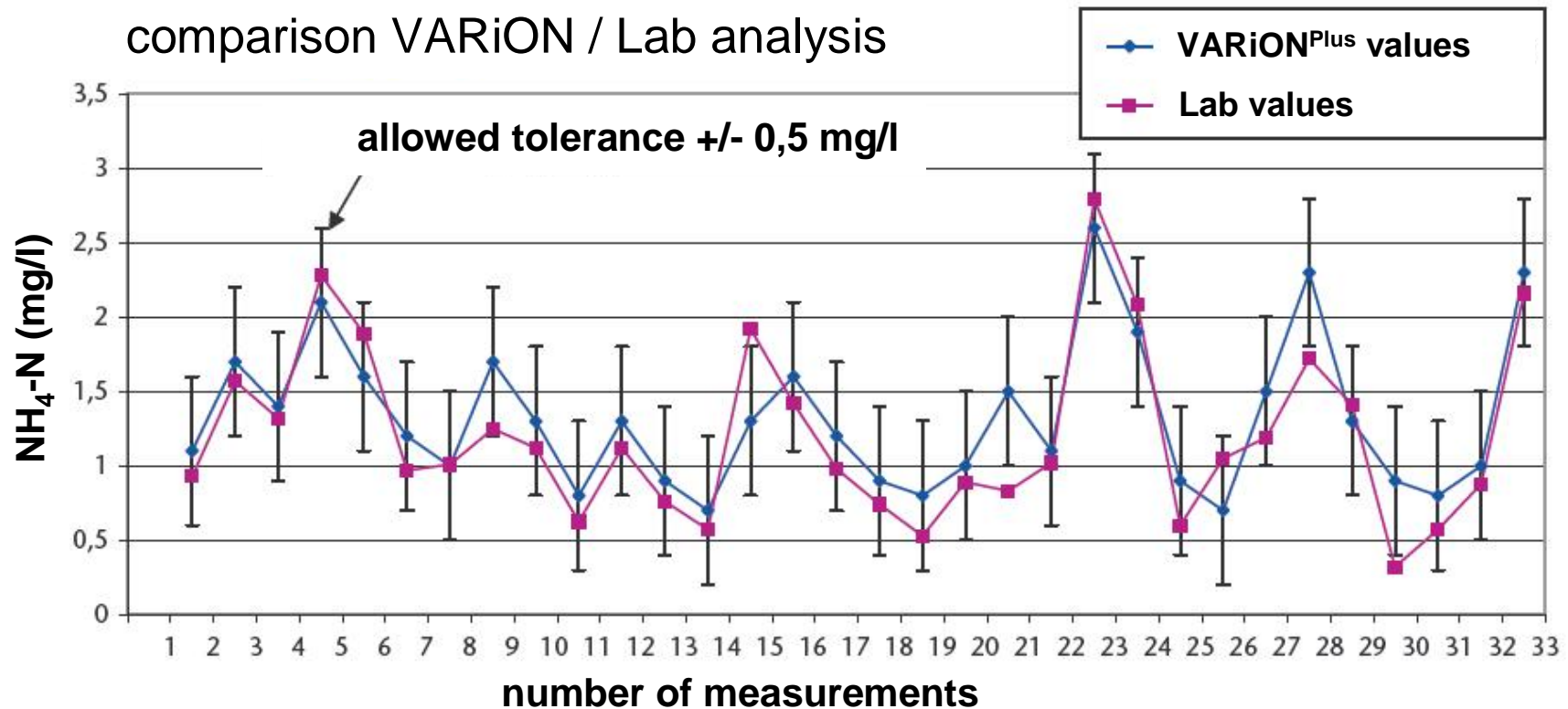
after 12 weeks



after 14 weeks

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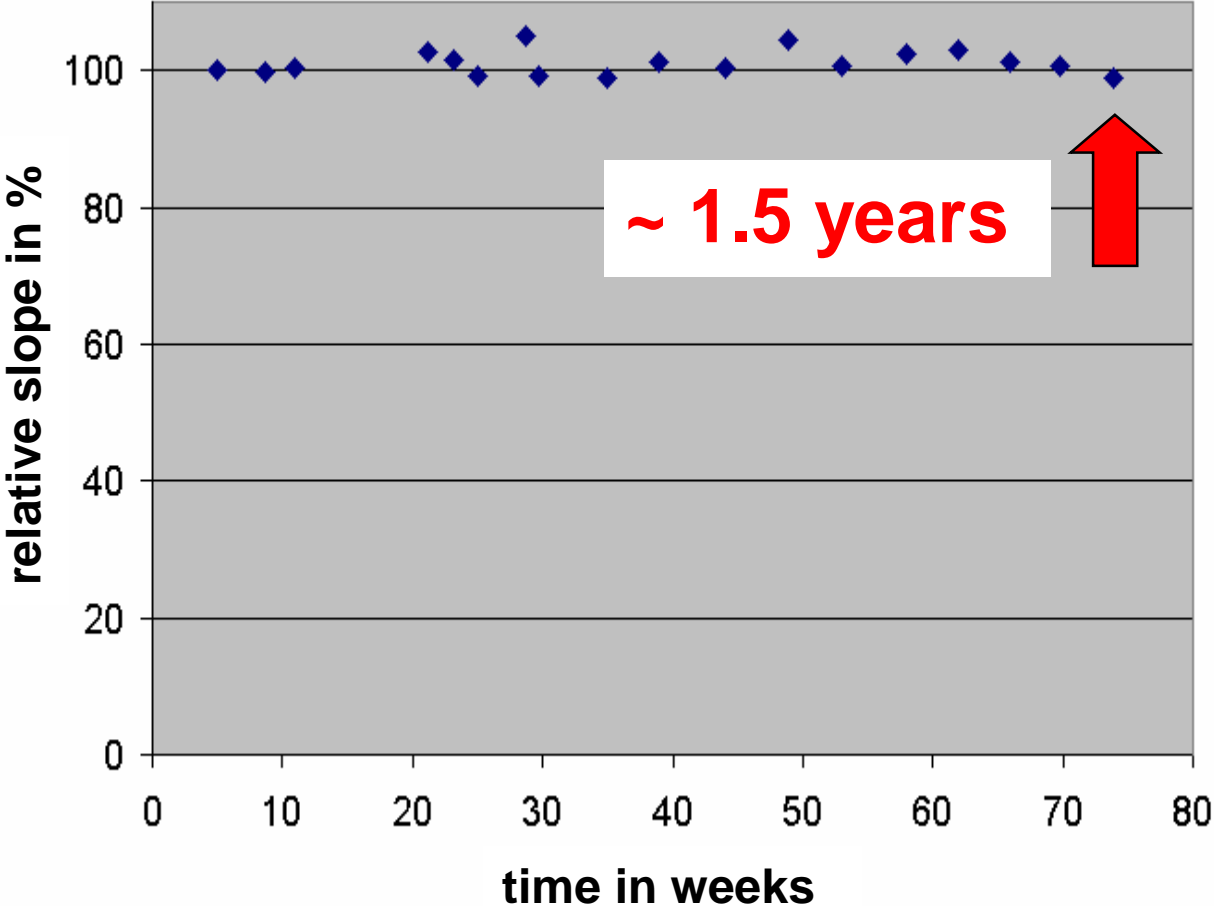
measurement accuracy



important: samples for Lab analysis have to be directly filtrated

ISE measurement

stability of the measuring signal



ISE measurement

technical data

Technical Data VARiON® Plus		
Maximum Configuration	Common reference electrode, two measuring electrodes, one compensation electrode	
	Ammonium Measurement	Nitrate Measurement
Integrable Electrodes:		
Reference Electrode	VARiON® Plus Ref	
Measuring Electrode	VARiON® Plus NH ₄	VARiON® Plus NO ₃ or VARiON® Plus NO ₃ -HS
Compensation Electrode	VARiON® Plus K	VARiON® Plus Cl
Measuring Ranges / Resolution	NH ₄ -N: 1 ... 1,000 mg/l / 1 mg/l; 0.1 ... 100 mg/l / 0.1 mg/l	NO ₃ -N: 1 ... 1,000 mg/l / 1 mg/l; 0.1 ... 100 mg/l / 0.1 mg/l
Compensation Ranges	NH ₄ ⁺ : 1 ... 1,290 mg/l / 1 mg/l; 0.1 ... 129.0 mg/l / 0.1 mg/l	NO ₃ ⁻ : 5 ... 4,500 mg/l / 1 mg/l; 0.5 ... 450.0 mg/l / 0.1 mg/l
Temperature Measurement and Compensation	K ⁺ : 1 ... 1,000 mg/l / 1 mg/l	
	Integrated NTC thermistor, Range 32 °F ... 104 °F (0 °C ... +40 °C), Accuracy ±0.5 K, Resolution 0.1 K, t ₉₅ < 20 s	
Calibration Procedures	2-point-calibration with multiple standard solutions, calibration against any reference value	

ISE measurement

advantages

factory calibration

all electrodes are factory calibrated & long term stable

=> calibration possible, but not recommended

matrix adjustment

to ensure optimal functionality of ISE sensors
regular matrix adjustments are required

precise measurement

improved ISE membranes ensure high accuracy,
without any influence of color of the process water

robust electrodes

metal grid protect membranes => cleaning with brush possible



ISE measurement

ISE sensors Nitrate, Ammonia & VARiON

full compensated VARiON possible with new NO_3^- -hs membrane •

automatic **compensation** of one **interference ion** •
=> either potassium. or chloride

factory calibrated, no **calibra**

high accuracy (regular matrix

lifetime of electro

all electrodes can
individually, autom

huge measuring range for NO_3^- & NH_4^+ : **0 - 1000 mg**

