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# **Ammonia Nitrogen (NH<sub>4</sub>-N) Meter HC-200NH**

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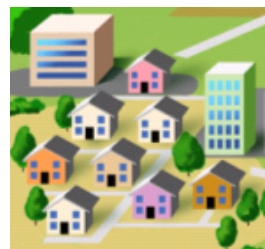
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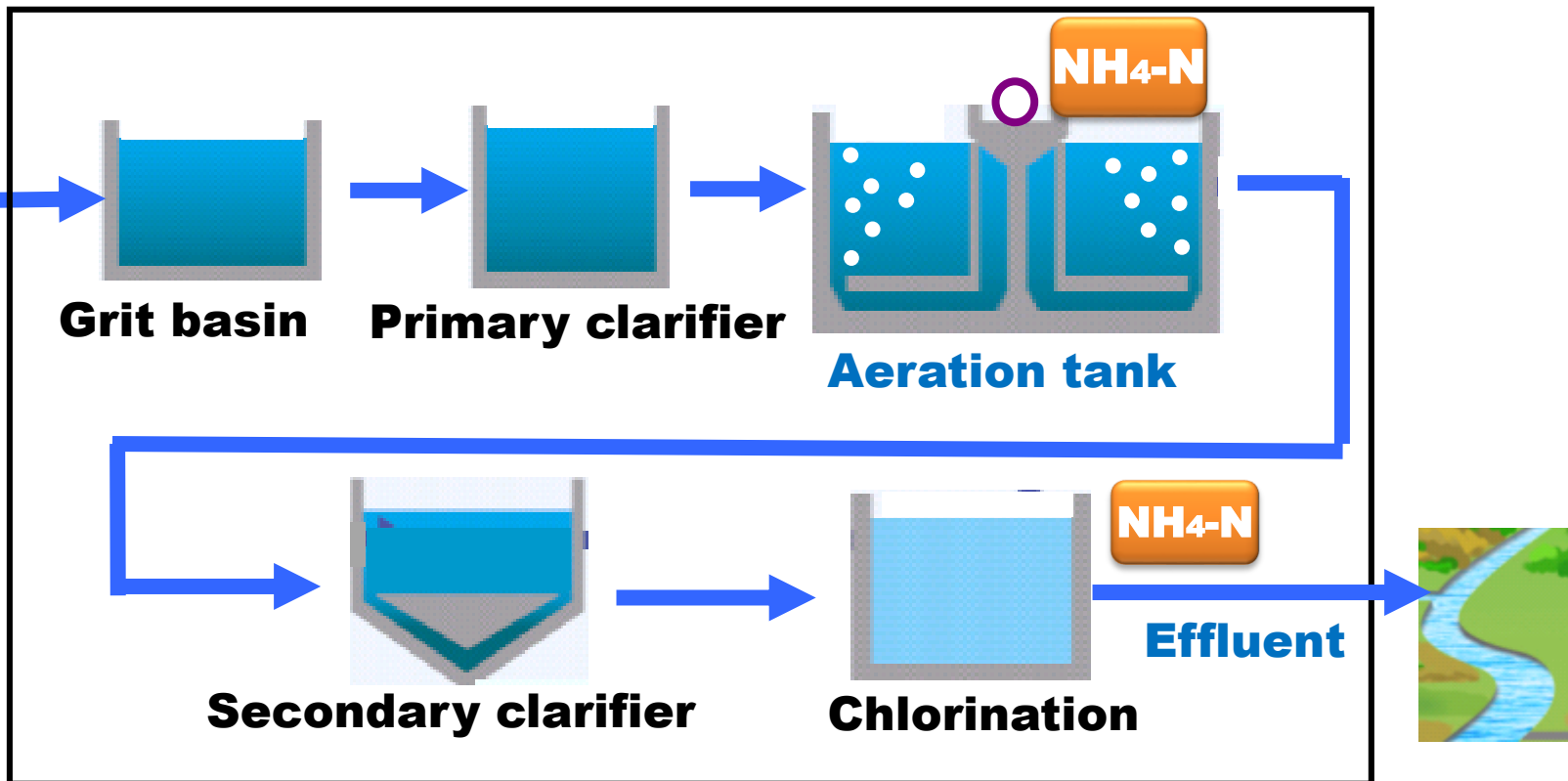
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# Wastewater treatment plant & NH<sub>4</sub>-N

## Wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)



Waste-  
water

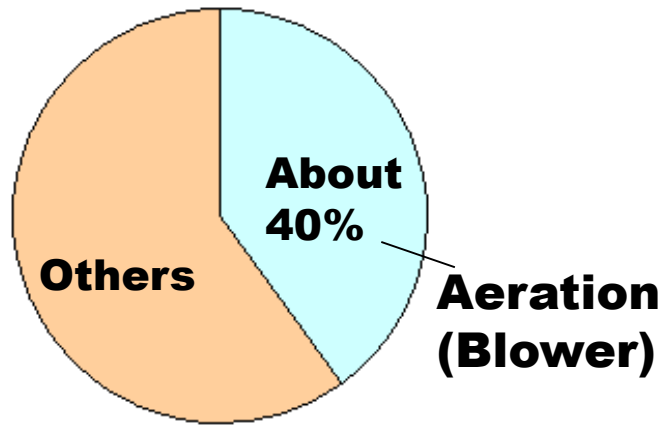
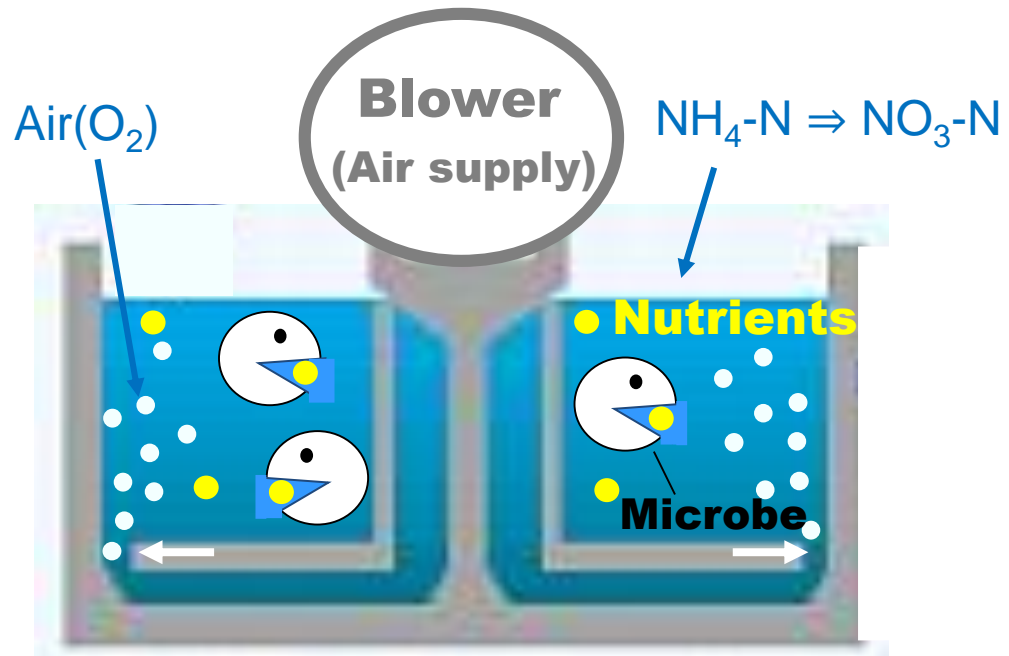


**Application 1** : Monitoring at **aeration tank** for aeration control.  
(Treatment process control)

**Application 2** : Monitoring of **effluent** for water quality check.  
(Regulatory requirement)

# Biological treatment in aeration tank

**Aeration tank: Removes nutrients(NH<sub>4</sub>-N) by microbes**



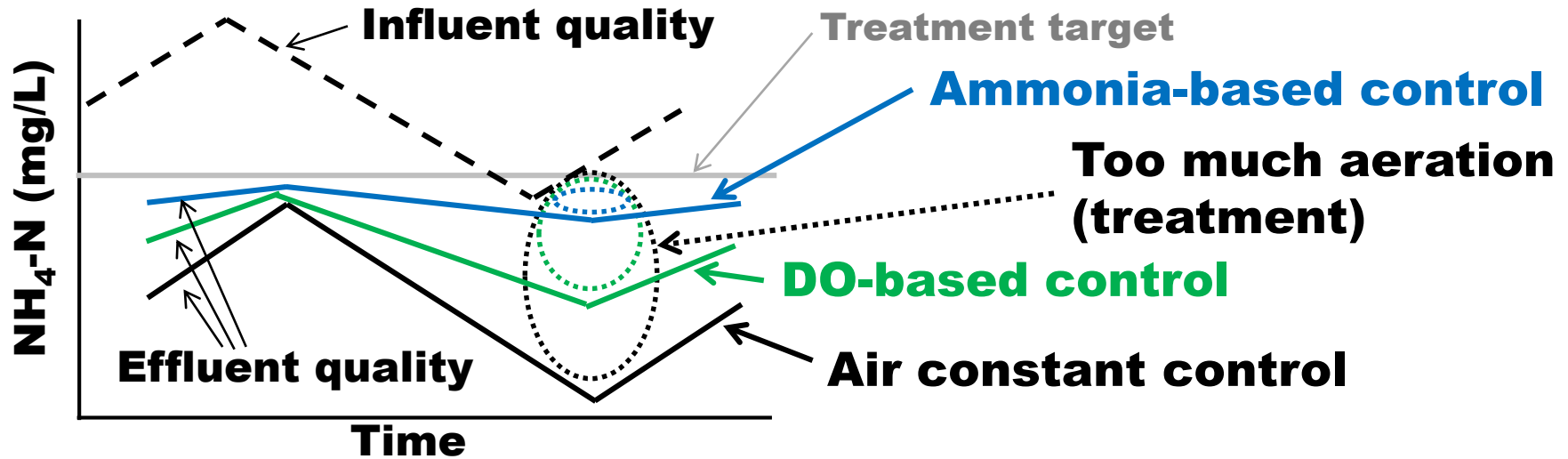
**Rate of energy consumption in WWTP**  
(Rough estimate based on customer inquiry survey by HORIBA)

- **Microbes removes nutrients.**
- **Air is supplied to activate microbes.**
- **Huge energy is consumed** for the aeration.

**Ammonia-based aeration control is expected to minimize energy consumption**

# Aeration control

## ■ Image of aeration control (based on customer hearing survey)



**DO-based control :** DO is indirect indicator of nutrient. Hence aeration with margin is necessary. Too much air when influent is cleaner.

**Ammonia-based control :**  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$  is direct indicator of nutrient. Hence the margin(extra air) can be minimized.

In Japan, some municipals have been researching that **10 to 30% reduction** of energy consumption would be possible. (Result of HORIBA's hearing survey)

e.g. Electric bill of blowers in  $100,000\text{m}^3/\text{day}$  plant is 1.1MUSD/year.

(Condition:  $0.5\text{kWh}/1\text{m}^3/\text{day}$ ,  $0.15\text{USD}/\text{kWh}$ , 40% of energy is consumed by blower)

⇒ **In case of 30% energy reduction, 0.3MUSD/year can be saved.**

# Market information

## ■ Market situation

- **Some municipalities in Japan try to reduce energy consumption of blower by NH<sub>4</sub>-N monitoring.**
- **Some water treatment companies have been doing demonstration test of energy saving in WWTP by aeration control with NH<sub>4</sub>-N and DO. (Government support project)**

## ■ Requirement from users

- **Sensor life** (More than 6 months is desirable)
- **Stability and reliability** of the measurement (Especially low range)
- **Easy maintenance** (All user maintenance is desirable)
- **Quick support and enough explanation when trouble**

(\*Information from customer hearing survey by HORIBA)

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# NH<sub>4</sub>-N Measurement method

Method	Strength	Weakness
<b>ISE (Ion-selective electrode)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Does not need reagent</b></li> <li>● <b>Direct immersion possible</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Difficult to measure low range sample stably</b></li> <li>● <b>Influenced by interference factor, potassium ion and so on (Potassium compensation possible)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Gas sensitive electrode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Less influenced by interference factor</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Need reagent</b></li> <li>● <b>Sampling necessary</b></li> </ul>
<b>Colorimetric</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Less influenced by interference factor</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Need reagent</b></li> <li>● <b>Sampling necessary</b></li> </ul>

**ISE is widely used and suitable for real time monitoring of aeration.**

# Product components

**Product**  
**(HC-200NH)**



**Transmitter**

**Ammonia nitrogen sensor (with cable)**

**Potassium ion(K<sup>+</sup>) chip (for compensation)**

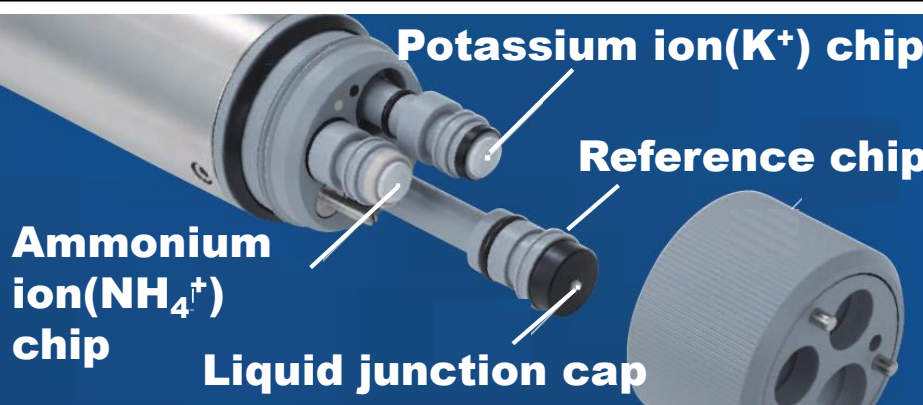
**Ammonium ion (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) chip**

**Reference chip**

**Option**

- Holder
- Cleaner

**Consumables**



**Potassium ion(K<sup>+</sup>) chip**

**Reference chip**

**Ammonium ion(NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) chip**

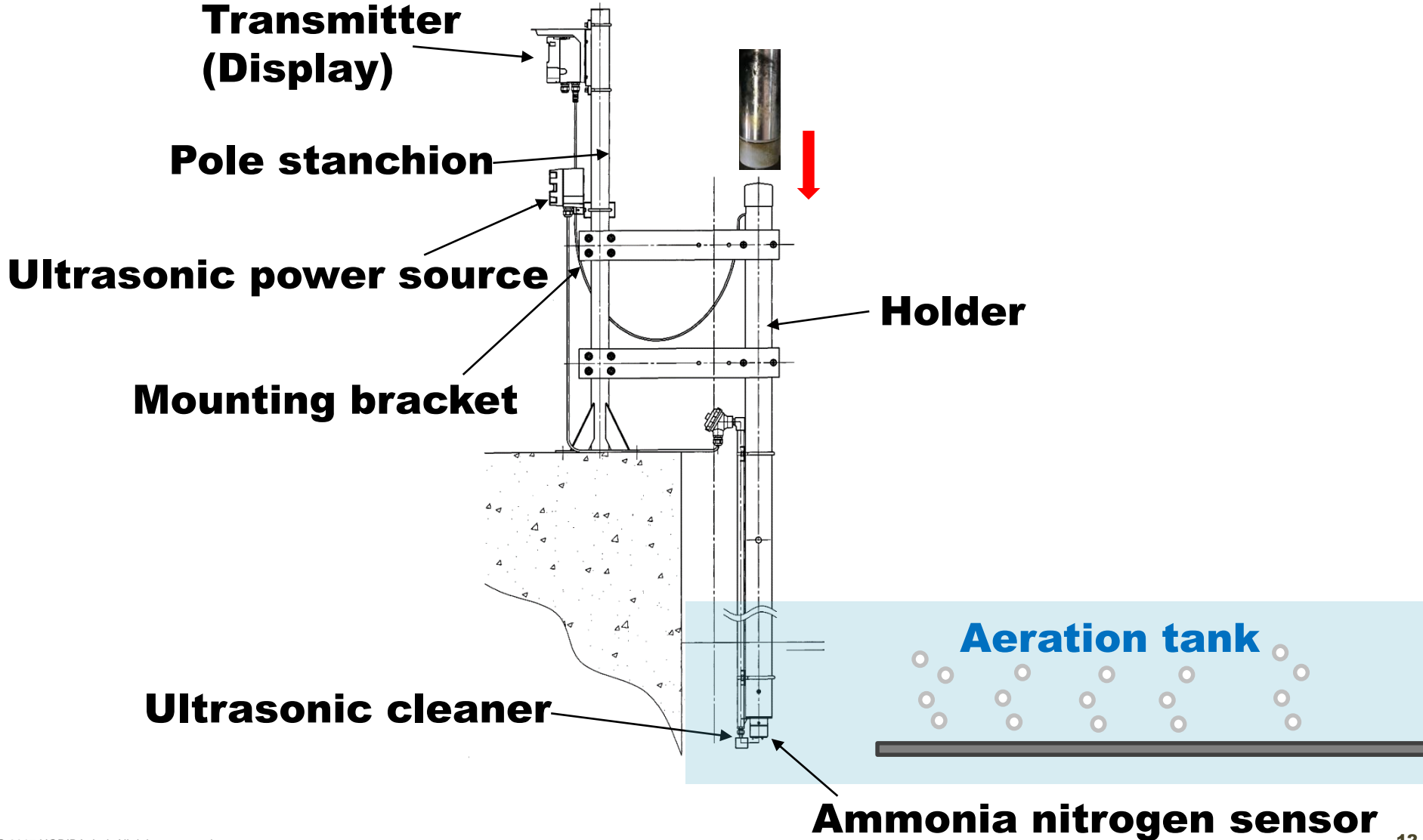
**Liquid junction cap**

Parts	Model
<b>Transmitter</b>	<b>HC-200NH</b>
<b>Ammonia nitrogen sensor</b>	<b>AM-2000</b>
<b>Ammonium ion chip</b>	<b>7691</b>
<b>Potassium ion chip</b>	<b>7692</b>
<b>Reference chip</b>	<b>7211</b>






# Specifications

<b>Principal</b>	<b>Ion-selective electrode(ISE) method</b>
<b>Range</b>	<b>NH<sub>4</sub>-N : 0 to 1000 mg/L</b> <b>Temperature : 0 to 40 °C</b>
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>NH<sub>4</sub>-N :</b> <b>0.01 mg/L : 0.00 to 10.00 mg/L</b> <b>0.1 mg/L : 0.0 to 100.0 mg/L</b> <b>01 mg/L : 0 to 1000 mg/L</b>  <b>Temperature: 0.1 °C</b>
<b>Accuracy (Repeatability)</b>	<b>±3%±1digit, ±0.2 mg/L±1digit whichever is greater (Standard solution)</b>

# Installation example



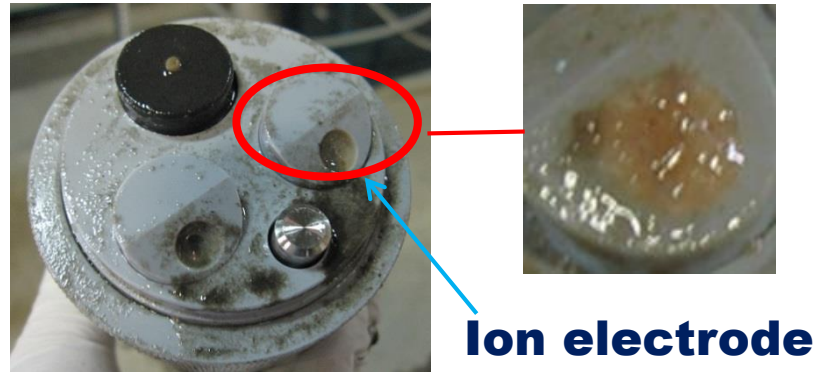
# Features

	Customer needs	HORIBA HC-200NH Features
Measurement	Sensor long life (Resistance to fouling)	<b>Feature 1</b> Protection film on ion selective membrane.
		<b>Feature 2</b> Anti-fouling by ultrasonic cleaning 
	Stability and reliability of the measurement	<b>Feature 3</b> Optimized internal solution to the low-concentration sample 
Maintenance	Easy maintenance	<b>Feature 4</b> Tool-free sensor chip replacement 
	Risk reduction of sudden sensor error	<b>Feature 5</b> Sensor deterioration diagnosis function  

# Feature 1

## Protection film against microbes

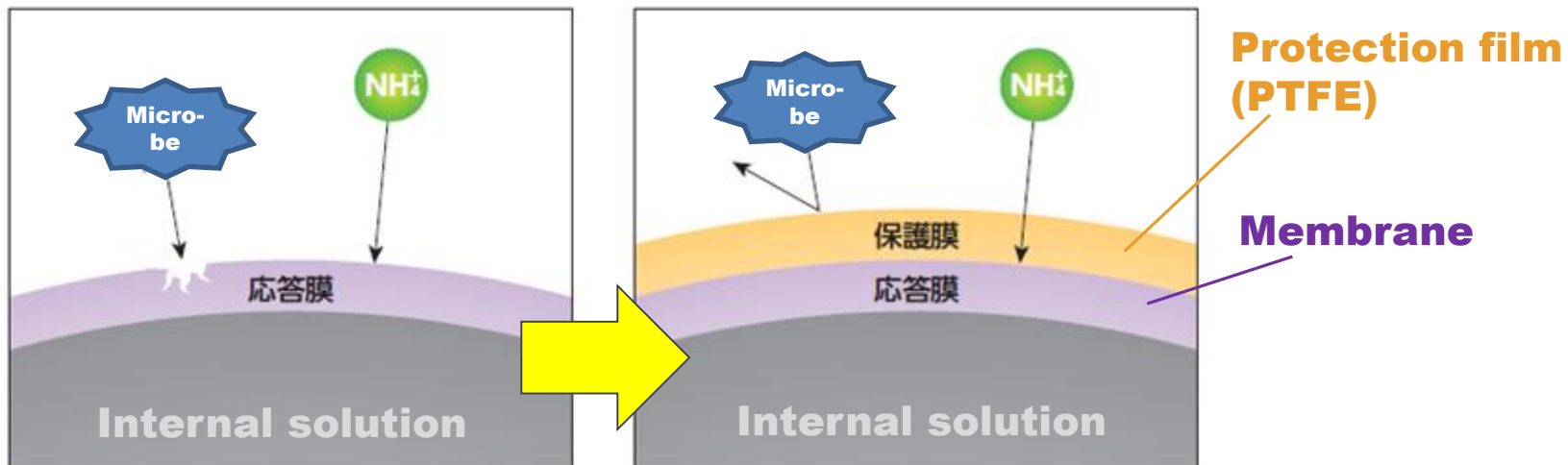
### Fouling in aeration tank



### Biofilm due to microbes

- Influence on measurement
- Deterioration because microbes decompose membrane components (plasticizer)

### Sensor feature



**The protection film(PTFE) prevents membrane from microbes attack.**

Unique  
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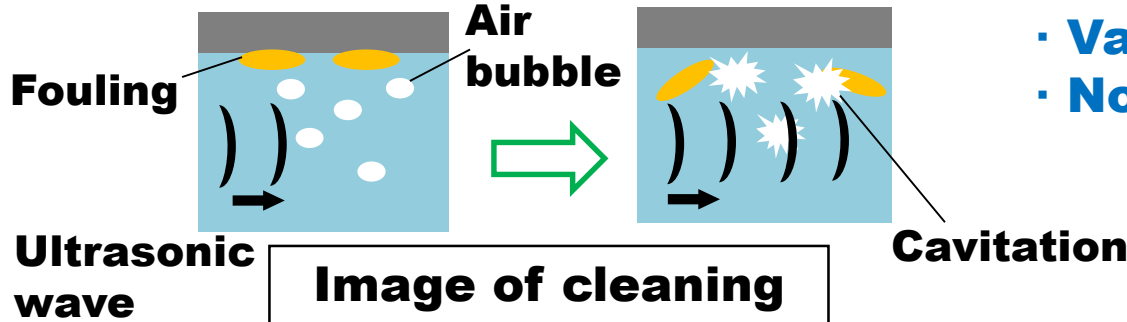
# Feature 2

## Anti-fouling by ultrasonic cleaning

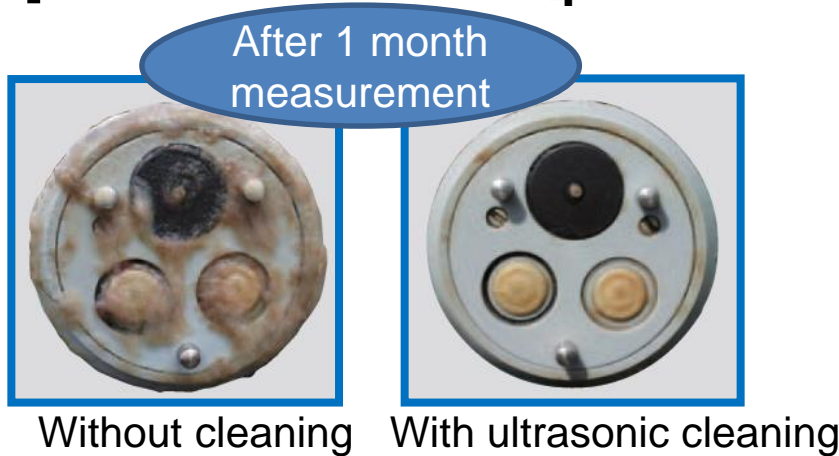
### ■ Ultrasonic cleaning

### Anti-fouling by cavitation

- Valid to microbial fouling
- No need air nor water supply



### ■ Application to NH<sub>4</sub>-N meter



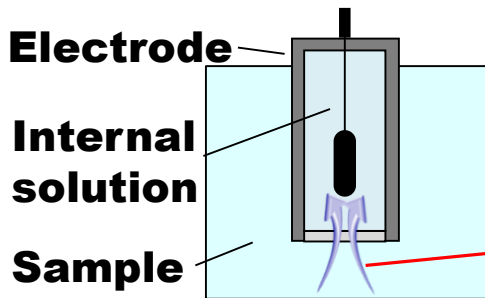
**Optimized oscillation way and positioning enable simultaneous measurement and cleaning.**

Patent applied

# Feature 3

## Stable at low concentration sample

### Bad influence by sample water absorption

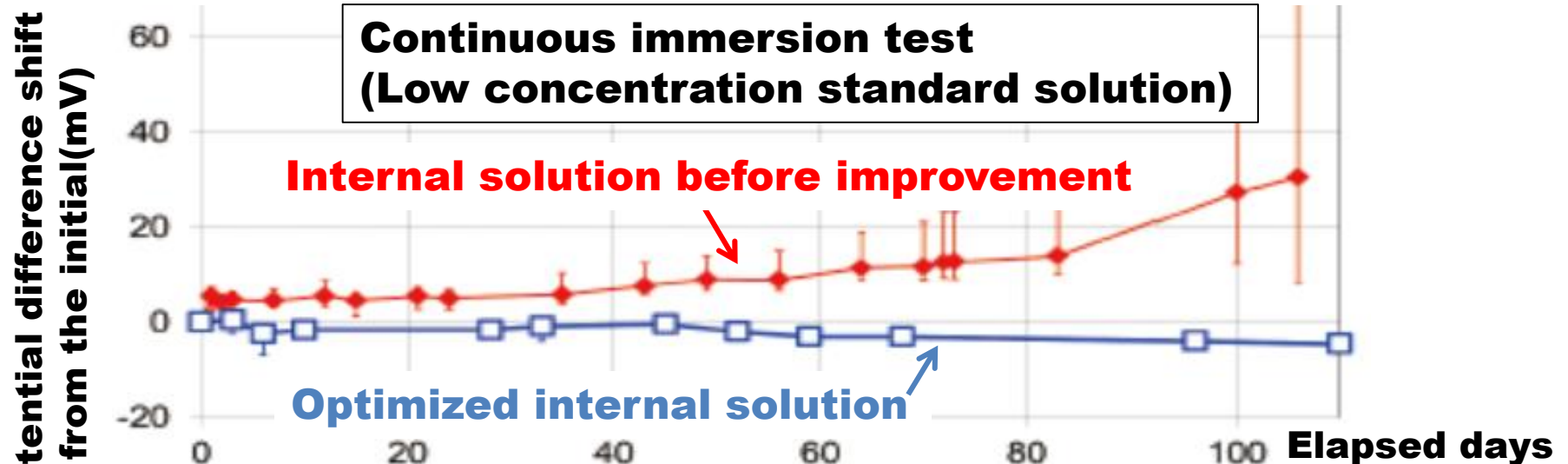


Electrode absorbs sample water due to salt concentration difference between sample and internal solution.  
 (Low) (High)

**Water absorption**

⇒ Measurement error and sensor damage

### Optimized internal solution to low-concentration sample



⇒ Optimized internal solution improves stability at low concentration sample



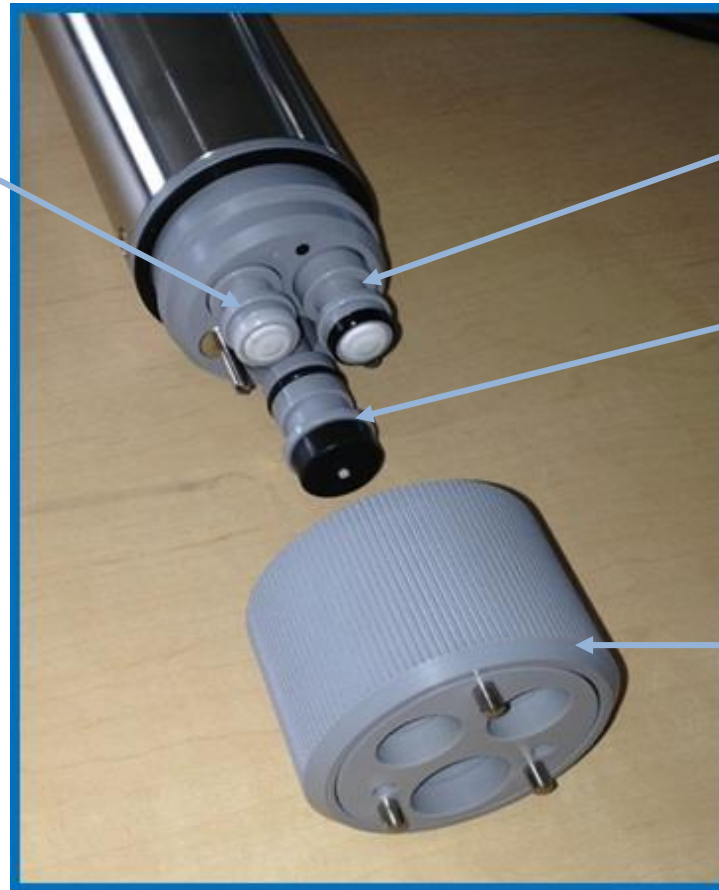
Unique  
Tech.

# Feature 4

## Tool-free sensor chip replacement



Ammonium  
ion( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) chip  
(7691)



Potassium  
Ion( $\text{K}^+$ ) chip  
(7692)

Reference  
Chip(7211)

Sensor cap

Turn the sensor  
cap by hand

Each electrode ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , Ref) can be replaced without tools. (No need for manufacturer maintenance)

# Feature 5

## Sensor deterioration diagnosis function

■ Deterioration progress due to fouling

Patent applied

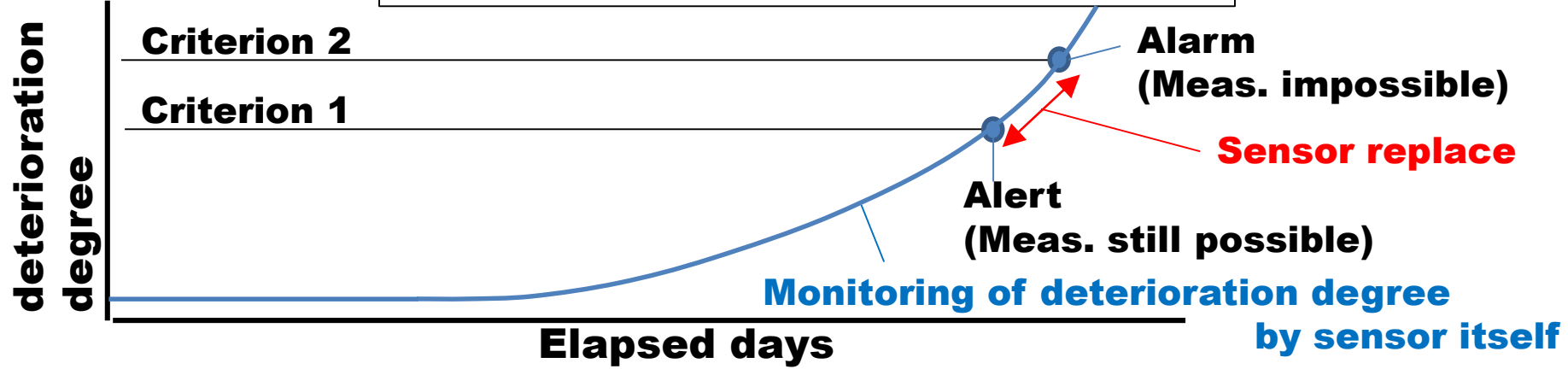
Unique Tech.



Risk of sudden sensor error

■ Sensor deterioration diagnosis

Image of deterioration diagnosis



⇒ ***Deterioration diagnosis decreases the risk of sudden sensor error***

# Field test example

## ■ Cooperation

Joint research with Bureau of Sewerage, Tokyo Metropolitan Government

## ■ Test condition

**Place:** At an aeration tank in a wastewater treatment plant in Tokyo

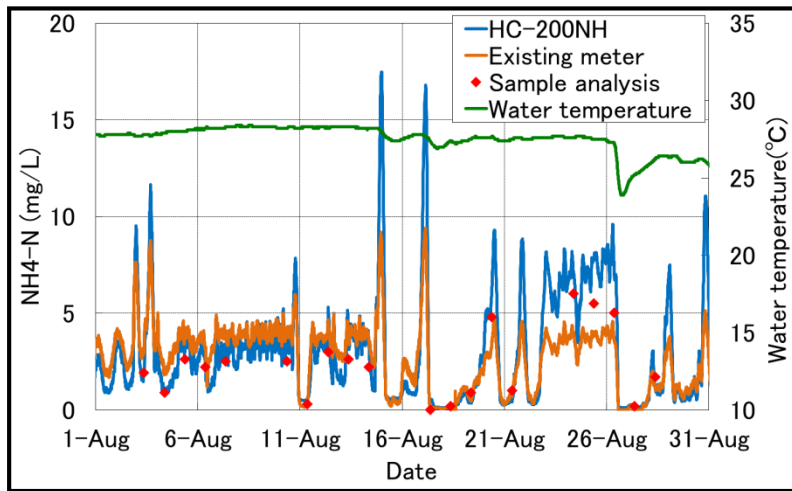
**Period:** May to November 2015 (6 months)

**Sensor life target:** More than 6 months

**Reliability target:** Correlation with manual analysis  $R > 0.9$

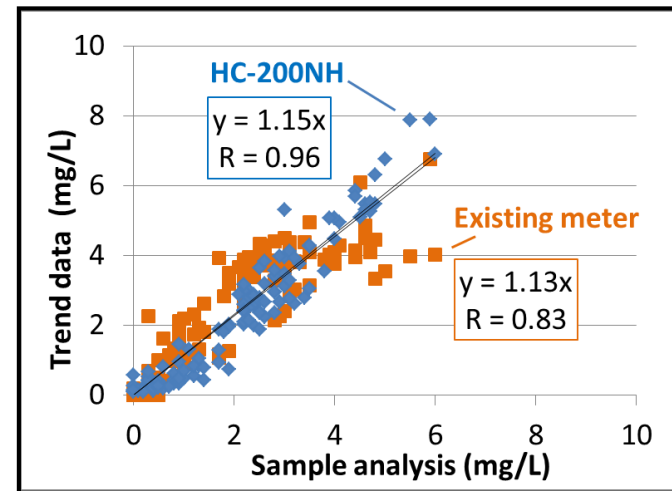
**Maintenance period:** Once a month (Cleaning, calibration)

### Trend data example



**Measurement followed sample analysis for 6 month. (Sensor life target is achieved)**

### Correlation with sample analysis



**Result :  $R=0.96$ (target :  $R > 0.9$ ) (Reliability target is achieved)**

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# Wastewater treatment



**Sewage and factory waste water**



**Semi-con fab.  
(Test installation)**

**Tokyo Metropolitan  
Government (Joint  
research)**



**Wastewater treatment R&D  
center**



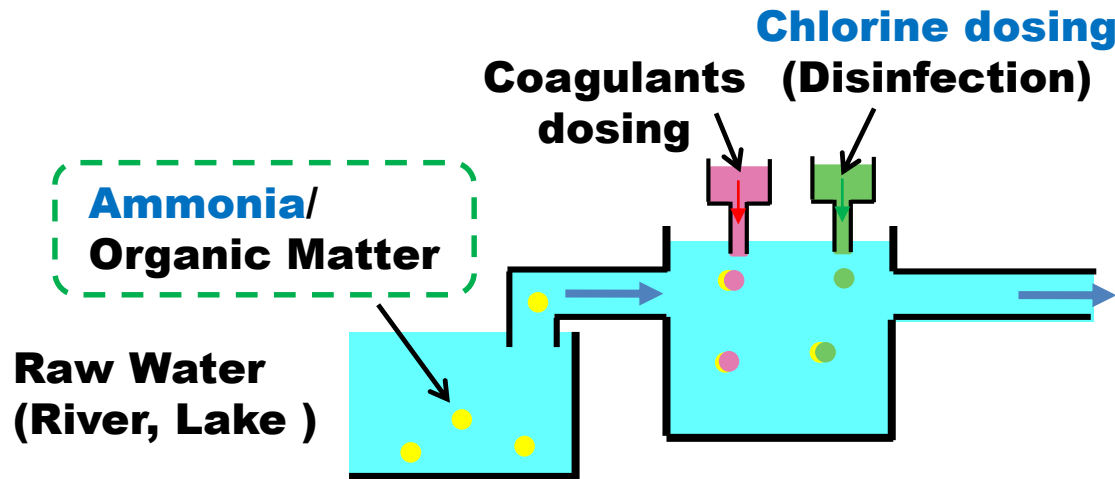
**Wastewater treatment plant**

**More and more facilities trying ammonia-based  
aeration control, especially in big city.**

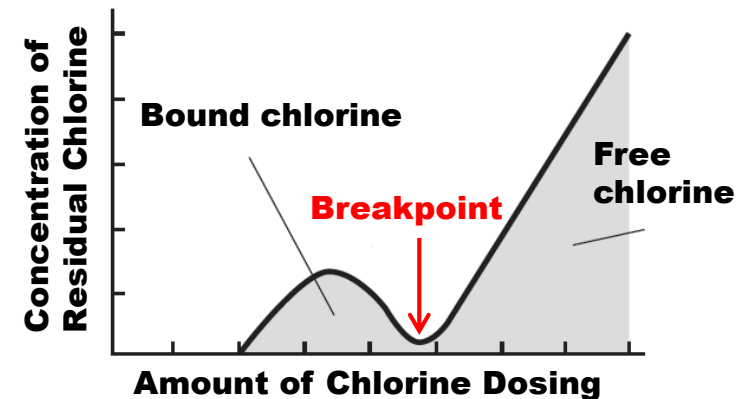
# Drinking water treatment(Intake Water)

## - Control of chlorine dose in drinking water treatment plant

Image of Chlorine dosing process



“Breakpoint chlorination”



**Chlorine needs to be dosed about 10 times of Ammonia**

**⇒ Ammonia monitoring in raw water helps the control of chlorine dose.**

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- **Huge electric power consumption for blower in biological aeration tank in WWTP is one of issues to be improved. Municipals and water treatment companies in Japan are working on it.**
- **In order to save energy for blower, blower control by  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$  is effective.**
- **Long sensor life, stability(in low range), reliability and easy maintenance are required for Ammonia Nitrogen Meter.**
- **There are several applications such as waste water treatment process and drinking water treatment process.**

**HORIBA wishes HC-200NH(Ammonia Nitrogen Meter) helps energy saving and effective treatment**



Thank you very much for your attention.

# Thank you

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ありがとうございました

**Dziękuję**

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