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Monitoring for Longevity



Water monitoring should not be considered simply as a retrofit once a system has gone awry, but properly included as part of the initial design. © **Tim Dwyer, 2018.** 

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- This CPD module explains why, despite sound standards and guidelines many heating and cooling systems still suffer the often disastrous and costly effects of corrosion.
- The course explains what causes corrosion in closed systems and how it can be avoided.
- It goes on to show that continuous monitoring of system corrosion rates and other key factors can prevent the high costs associated with corrosion damage.





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- Why do heating and cooling systems corrode
- The cost of corrosion
- What is corrosion and what causes it
- The role of oxygen and how it enters the system
- Methods for monitoring
- Why monitor for corrosion and pressure\*
- Summary
- (Real life examples how monitoring can save systems)

## Why do heating systems corrode?



- Sealed systems are designed to prevent corrosion
- In addition most systems in the UK are treated with corrosion inhibitors.
- There are many UK standards and guidelines all aimed at minimising corrosion.
  - BSRIA ,BG29/2020/2021 6<sup>th</sup> Edition April\* (2021 Jan), BG50/2013 with new version in 2020 & 2021.
  - BS 8552:2012 Sampling CoP, BS2486:1997, BS7593:2019\*
  - ICOM Commercial Htg Systems Guide
  - CIBSE AM14:2010, Commissioning Code W, Guide B & M
  - Other European Standards are relevant i.e. VDI2035
  - CIBSE Heat Networks: Code of Practice for the UK (CP1)
  - CIBSE Heat Pump Installation for Large Non Domestic
    Duilding AM17 2022\*

Heat networks: Code of Practice for the L

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### Despite these old standards EVERYONE in the business has come across this











### Ensuring Heat Network performance



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- Heat networks are a crucial aspect of the path towards decarbonising heat.
- 17000 Heat Networks in the UK
- 90% of all connections are Residential
- Currently 2% of UK Heat Demand
- Cost Effectively 14-20% by 2030 & 43% by 2050
- In 2015 CCC est. 18% needs to be met for UK CRP
- Ambient Temp Loops inc. Heat Pump also driving forward development of these networks
- Greaves<sup>4</sup> illustrated that 15% of the 185 UK heat networks studied had suffered failures as a result of issues around water quality.
- Potentially 2573 Systems at risk now!



CIBSE Module 157: Ensuring heat network water quality for effective brazed plate heat exchangers 2020 January





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### The real problem often remains invisible from the outside until it is far too late





If systems are so well protected from corrosion, why has a whole industry developed around Power flushing and system cleaning?



41 600000 hits on Google Search for the term Power flushing



# Sales and variety of filters / magnetic dirt separators have exploded.





Which of the following may be contributing to corrosion problems?



- System design?
- Choice of materials?
- Modern high efficiency components?
- Cost cutting?
- Poor training?
- Poor maintenance?
- Incorrect / Poor chemical treatment regime?
- Implication of Mixed Metals?

All of these can lead to corrosion problems



### There are many types of corrosion



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- Uniform Corrosion
- Galvanic Corrosion
- Crevice Corrosion
- Pitting Corrosion
- Under Deposit Corrosion
- Microbiological Induced Corrosion (MIC)
- Intergranular Corrosion
- Erosion Corrosion
- Stress Corrosion



### What is corrosion?







#### Without one of these components (uniform) corrosion cannot take place





- Iron Oxide (red rust) FE<sup>2</sup> O<sup>3</sup>
- Magnetite (black sludge) FE<sup>3</sup> O<sup>4</sup>
- Corrosion is not just limited to steel. It also effects, aluminium, stainless steel, brass and copper *i.e. electropotential of metal and pH*

In nearly all cases of excessive corrosion high levels of oxygen are to blame.



# Eliminating one component (eliminates corrosion)



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Do not use water.
 E.g. Thermal oil



• Eliminate oxygen from the system and keep it out

Caution: Do not use st/steel or other metals e.g. plastics thinking issue is resolved!



## Implication of Mixed Metals



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#### The ideal pH for passivity of metals in heating systems

The formation of layers on metals and their stability is called passivation of metals. The metal iteself becomes passive to corrosion. Below are the ranges for different metals.



### Eliminating oxygen is key - Initial fill



• Oxygen is held in solution in the water. How much can be dissolved depends on temperature and pressure. (Henry's Law)









- When the system is filled under high pressure dissolved oxygen levels will also be higher.
- Trapped air pockets after filling get absorbed
- Repeated draining and filling during precommission cleaning and commissioning adds more oxygen = more corrosion.

Danger! After pressure testing and / or cleaning a system must never be left empty !



# O<sub>2</sub> is consumed shortly after filling in an untreated system.







# How much Magnetite is created?





	Reason for oxygen ingress	Magnetite Once	Magnetite anually	
1.	Restair 10%	91 g		
2.	First fill	36 g		
3.	Topping up		4g	
4.	Negative pressure	3658 g		
5.1	Plastic pipe EVOH 500 m		130 g	KENNISINSTIT BOUW-EN INSTALLATIETE PUBLICATIE
5.3	Diffusion Butyl rubber hoses braided (50m)		5971 g	
6.1	Diffusion expansion vessel	375 g		
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VOORKOMEN VAN CORROSIE EN VERVUILING



Source: NL ISSO 13\*

### How does O<sub>2</sub> enter the system?



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- Poor pressure control accounts for 90% of all corrosion problems. Lack of understanding of EN12828.
  - Expansion Vessel too small
  - Pre-charge pressure too high
  - Pre-charge pressure too low
  - Loss of pre-charge pressure and lack of maintenance.
  - Incorrect Pump position (<u>neutral point</u>)
  - Defective bag or membrane (pump or compressor pressurisation\*)
- Leaks
  - Automatic topping up with fresh water.
  - Compensation for water loss through Safety Valve. Usually due to incorrect pressure control!
- Diffusion
  - Rubber fan coil hoses (EPDM is highly permeable)
  - Non-barrier plastic pipes. Is the barrier <u>100% barrier</u>?

# Position Matters



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#### SpiroPress Expansion Selection and Vessel Sizing



#### SpiroPress Expansion Selection and Vessel Sizing

Customer:	IS ARUP		System type	Heating System	
Project:	UNKNOWN	м	ax Operating Temperature	80	°C
Reference:	BSMNT PLANT LTHW SPIROTECH		Temperature differential Max. return Temperature	20 ≤70°C	к
Date:	29/07/2019	Mislower	Medium	water	
Revision		minimum s	Upper working Pressure	3	bar
Information Available System Volume System kW Rating Operating Temperature Safety Valve Sat Pressure Upper working Pressure	1200 Iline 120 KW 60 °C SEE MIN ACROSS bar 3 bar	Stati	c Head above Vessei (Pst) pressure at highest point xpansion pipe design load System Operating Load Design Rating - VKW	12 0.5 120 120 10	m bar kW kW
Static Head Water / glycol Pipe Size Main	12 meter WATER % 50 mm				
flow rate	1.43 Visec		Degassing equipment	Sup	erlor \$400
calculation acc (BS) EN128	328				
SpiroPress Control					
Upper workli Lower workli Gas char Sys Ve physical expan	ng Pressure 3 bar ng Pressure 1.7 bar ge pressure 1.7 bar tem Volume 1200 litre slop volume 35 litre	4	Pav, 3.5		
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Actual Vessel	acceptance 0.33	3	E]	6	
Calculated Ve	ssel Volume 130 litre	2.5		• Pmax	
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Select 1 whenever possible Selected vessel volume	250 litre	2	1.74 (CELLREF) 1.68		
Expansion pipe diamete	r DN 25		(SERIES	• Pst	
Upper working Pressure	2.23 barg	1	VALUE]	End pressure	
Upper working Pressure	3.00 barg			ine	
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### Loss of Pre-Charge & lack of maintenance

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**Permeation Rate:** xxxx found their butyl material has a permeation rate of 0.2% per 14 days, and their EPDM material has a permeation rate of 1% per <u>14 day</u> period. See below charts for annual air loss rates due to permeation.



**Conclusion**: These figures are relevant as they show the air loss rates of the Italian and Turkey bladder tanks and present further evidence that bladder tanks are leaking air at high rates through permeation alone. When coupled with air loss at the flange, the total precharge air loss is much higher and thus requires the customer to check and maintain the air precharge at regular intervals.



### Methods of corrosion monitoring

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- Traditional
  - Water sample testing
  - Corrosion Coupons
  - Removeable pipe sections







Copper









- Advanced
  - Linear Polarisation Resistance (LPR method)
  - Sensors (PH, conductivity,O<sup>2</sup>,etc.)
  - Corrosion Monitor (Electronic coupon method (ECM))



pH Sensor



Conductivity Sensor



**Corrosion Monitor** 



LPR Sensor

# Continuous monitoring & recording with the 'Electronic coupon' method

- Direct corrosion measurement through loss of material mass. Not water chemistry
- Continuous measurement and recording
- Recording corrosion rate in microns (um/year)
- Lifetime analysis of corrosion activity is possible
- Instant VFC warning when corrosion rates rise to damaging levels
- Temperature recording and can validate TMon & improved seasonal Cx.
- Graphic output to assist with cause finding
- Optional Pressure Monitoring via PCXI soft launched in Oct2020.

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# Why monitor system corrosion?



- Although the corrosion process is fast it takes time before the damage becomes disruptive
- An early warning that the corrosion rate in the system has increased allows timely preventative intervention
- Water sampling is not very reliable and will not always reveal that there is a problem. For cost saving reasons it is often done too infrequently or not at all.
- Corrosion coupons are a sound method but only indicate a corrosion rate over a longer period of time (3 months) and do not give a VFC warning.
- The LPR (Linear Polarisation Resistance) is accurate but expensive
- Sensors that detect water quality can be useful but need expert interpretation, maintenance and recalibration.
- The newest method is the electronic coupon method. It combines the accuracy of coupons with the ease of reading and recording of a permanent sensor.
- BG29/2020, BG50/2021 Guidance and now CIBSE CP1 (2020) advises as best practice.

#### To be able to act in time it is essential to have some form of early warning or alarm system



### **Recording corrosion history**



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#### Detailed logging of every change in corrosion rate(s) and temperature since commissioning









- Some examples how monitoring can detect problems that could have led to severe corrosion damage and also maintain system efficiency.
  - Expansion vessel bladder ruptured (DE)
  - District Heating Gateshead (UK)
  - Resi biomass system without inhibitors (DE)
  - Perth Crematorium Refurbishment (UK)
  - Newbyres Care Home in East Lothian (UK)
  - Kells & Carlow School SC5 (NI)
  - Harvesters Way DH Edinburgh (UK)
  - Waterfront DH Edinburgh (UK)





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- 1969 4 apartment building energy efficient refurbishment 2016/2017
- 31kw Biomass boiler
- 2.5 km UFH pipe, 1300 Ltrs
- Materials:
  - Pipe -Copper, barrier plastic
  - Boiler heat exchanger, towel rads and 1000l buffer vessel - steel
  - Heat stations with copper plate heat exchanger, brass fittings







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- A Risycor corrosion monitor was fitted in the buffer vessel before first fill
- System filled with softened water.(1500 I)
- No chemical inhibitors were added
- Deaerator and dirt separator fitted
- 200 I 'Oversized' expansion vessel fitted



# Output CXI Analysis

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HOVAL BIOIVI	Biomass nea	ating system		_System volume 1400 i		
	CBU	CXI	System Status		Water make up (I)	Water make
	AYCR	(µm/y)				
2016		19.57	Observe	1 Month , New System commissioned 5/12/2016		
2017	13.8	0.64	Healthy	Expansion vessel check 100l	100	7%
2018	7.45	0.1	Healthy		5	0%
2019	9.32	0.73	Healthy	System water demineralised in side stream (mixed bed) Exp. Vessel check 100 l	110	8%
2020	12.3	2.43	Healthy	Immersion heater installation. Partial drain down and refill with demin water 427 I 25 S/cm	440	31%
2021	11.2	1	Healthy	Solar thermal panels installed with partial loss of water. Refill with 280 L demineralised water	280	20%
2022		2.72	Healthy	Readings taken 28.06.2022		0%
2023						0%
「otal						
System Life		1.37	Healthy	Total % of water make up	935	67%

# Current situation after 5 years

- Very low levels of corrosion < 2 micron/year
- Low conductivity 40 micro Siemens
- Stable PH 8.6 10
- Water condition values are in line with VDI 2035



Water is totally clear



## Example 4 Perth Crematorium









# Example 4 Crematorium



### 80/60C F&R Htg & DHWS 400kW refurb Oct 2017 Expansion Vessel Line PH1 2PE







## Example 6 Kells & Carlow SC5

80/60C F&R Htg & DHWS 400kW New Build c 2019 119 Students & Staff Ireland R93 X0FX







## Kells & Carlow SC5











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## Example 7 Harvesters Way EH14

70/40C F&R Htg & DHWS the kenan consultance 400kW Peak New Build c 2016 183 Maisonettes, Flats & Town Houses Edinburgh EH14









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#### Steps

- 1. Download Resus PC Dashboard from www.resus.eu.
- 2. Install Resus PC Dashboard.
- 3. Open Resus PC Dashboard.
- Disconnect power supply from the data logger and connect the mini-USB connector with a PC using a USB/mini-USB data cable.
- Data will be downloaded automatically, wait until it is completed. (When it's not started automatically click on 'Analyse measurements')
- 6. You can zoom in on the graphs to get a more detailed view.
- 7. You can add Installation name and Location of the monitor if wanted.
- You can save the measurements on your PC, you do this by clicking on 'Save sensor measurements to file'. A .csv file will be created.
- You can save the graph image on your PC, you do this by clicking on 'Save image of graph'. A .png will be created.





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Method Statement/s used			MS4			HAG				
System Details										
System Location										
System Type		LTHW							INBUIORS	
Sample Point Location	n								risv	cor
Dosing Equipment	8						•		,	
How is Chemical Do	sed									
Condition of Dosing	Equipment									
Biocide in Use - Typ	e									
On-Site Analysis (	where applic	cable)								
Test	Control L	imit								
Conductivity µScm <sup>4</sup>	Referen	ce	121							
TDS			93							
pH	>8.0 < 1	0.5	6.9							
Dissolved Iron mg/I Fe	<5		<1							
Total Iron mg/l Fe	<15	;								
Molybdate	300 - 50	0	<25							
Nitrite mg/I N	800 -12	00	<25							
Hardness mg/I CaCO <sub>3</sub>	<5									
Tannin	100 - 15	0								
Alkalinity mg/l CaCOs										
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	10	-3								
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	30	-14								
	40	-22								
	50	-34								
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Sample was clear a	nd particulat	e free.								
System should be d	osed with a	sultabl	e scale/corros	ion inhibitor.						
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## Harvesters Way EH14







2020

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## Example 8 Waterfront EH5 1HS

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70/40C F&R Htg & DHWSthe keenan consultancy140kW Peak New Build c 2018136 Flats & Town HousesEdinburgh EH5









# Waterfront EH5 1HS



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# Know your systems AYCR?

#### What do standards and guidelines say?

As also explained in the Risycor Application Guideline, occasional spikes in corrosion rate (YCR) are usually not a problem. As far as we know, very little research has been done on corrosion rates in closed heating systems. This is possibly due to the fact that until now there has never been a practical, economical and accurate measuring method. Based on the extensive experience gained with thousands of Risycors in real installations, RESUS currently use:

Average Yearly Corrosion Rate (AYCR)								
< 7 µm/yr	7 - 21 µm∕yr	> 21 µm∕yr						
Risk of Corrosion Damage								
Low	Medium	High						
Result in the long term								
little chance of corrosion damage	corrosion damage probable	serious chance of corrosion failure						

# Optimum Corrosion Monitoring

 Monitor circuits that reach to the top of the system and / or futhermost extremities i.e. Index legs.

- Monitor close to cold feed (topping up) i.e. Shunt return\*
- Monitor circuits containing plastic pipes or EPDM hoses which are not diffusion tight







# CPLS2020 Digitisation



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# IoT – Smart Buildings





- "Smart Buildings deliver a solid foundation to enhance a building's attractiveness, sustainability and efficiency" Robert Thorogood Hurley Palmer Flatt
- "Smart technology will actually make FMs more valuable, as they can provide strategic guidance on all this data" Harry Badham MRICS, Axa Real Estate
- "The future of FM is more about predictability and less of a helpdesk" Phil Ratcliffe, Drees & Sommer
- RICS Modus FM in a post-pandemic world Author: Helen Parton 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020





- Despite many good standards and guidelines corrosion is still a problem. Not just PCS!
- Modern system components are much more susceptible to corrosion sludge. Therefore the problem will get worse not better.
- Corrosion <u>inhibitors</u> are not a universal miracle cure in isolation.
- By reducing O<sub>2</sub> levels it is possible to achieve very low levels of corrosion even without inhibitors.
- Corrosion caused by the first fill is minimal and not detrimental. Frequent refill is to be avoided.
- Correct pressure control/monitoring and minimising topping up is vital for <u>enhanced</u> <u>corrosion control</u>. Vacuum degassing make up water can only be advantageous if affordable.
- Monitoring corrosion should be mandatory to warn for sudden changes in the system. BG29/2020 has recently introduced *Real Time Monitoring & Data Retrieval* as has CP1 2020 Heat Networks. We commend BSRIA for this adoption to provide transparency. BG50/2013 Already had p76 6.6.4!
- Smart sensors such as the Risycor corrosion sensor sends alarms upon increased corrosion and records the entire corrosion history of the system.
- Greater consideration should be given to Northern European Standards DE VDI 2035 & pending\* 2021-03 VDI 6044, Austrian ONORM H5195-1, ISSO NL Publication 13 and the Swiss SWKI for Hot & Cold Water plus Cooling Circuits, BE WTCB.
- Heard of the <u>Golden Thread</u>! Why it Matters....Transparency is required as Condition based maintenance will improve TMon and Cx in delivering predictive maintenance.



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## Thank you



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### **Any Questions?**

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### **Technical Due Diligence is coming more into focus!**





# Get #Risycord – Where do they go?









## Interoperability



- BMS Volt Free Contact on all units
- Excel .csv file availed via PC dashboard & Risycom.
- Optional Cloud data (via router by others) which can be mapped back to 3<sup>rd</sup> Party software via API.
- Our Interval Temperature on all units will demonstrate good hydraulic control and energy efficiency of the circuit. Likewise short circuiting will present as an error code.