

# Best Available Techniques

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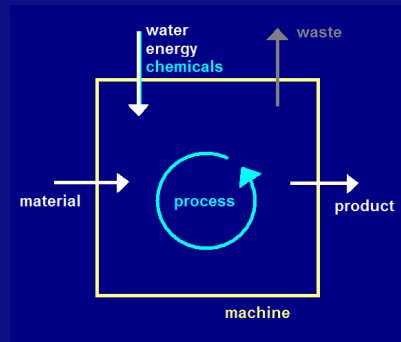


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- Sizing
- Bleaching ( $H_2O_2$ )
- Mercerising
- Enzyme treatment
- Dyes and auxiliaries
- Dyeing
- Finishing



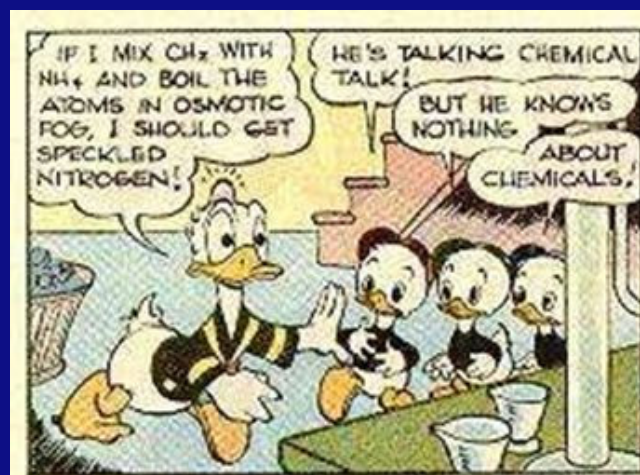
- Analyse
- Avoid
- Control
- Optimise
- Re-use

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## Warning



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## Prewetting before sizing

- Increased quality:
  - homogeneous sizing effect
  - increased adhesion
  - reduced hairiness
- Reduced size load (20-50%)
- Sizing speed increase 22%
- Cost savings 27%
  
- Best results with medium to coarse yarns
- Possible for batches more than 5000 meter



*Consider also Compact spinning (50% reduction of sizes)*

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## Substitution of sodium hypochlorite by $H_2O_2$

Hypochlorite leads to chlorinated hydrocarbons (AOX)

**Used** for bleaching, cleaning dyeing machines and as stripping agent

**Consider** two-stage process if necessary:

1. hydrogen peroxide
2. sodium hypochlorite

**Beware of:**

- complexing agents as  $H_2O_2$  stabilizers
- the use of optical brighteners

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## Reactivity of hydrogen peroxide ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ )

### Oxygen species:

- $\text{O}_2^{**}$
- $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/\text{HOO}^-$
- $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{OH}^-$
- $\text{HOO}^*/\text{O}_2^{*-}$
- $\text{OH}^*/\text{O}^{*-}$
- $\text{O}_3/\text{O}_3^{*-}$

### Depends on:

- concentration of oxygen
- energy of activation
- reduction potential
- pH
- catalysts
- other reagents

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## Minimising complexing agents

### The problem:

- formation of  $\text{OH}^*$  radicals increased by metals
- gives rise to 'catalytic' damage of fibres

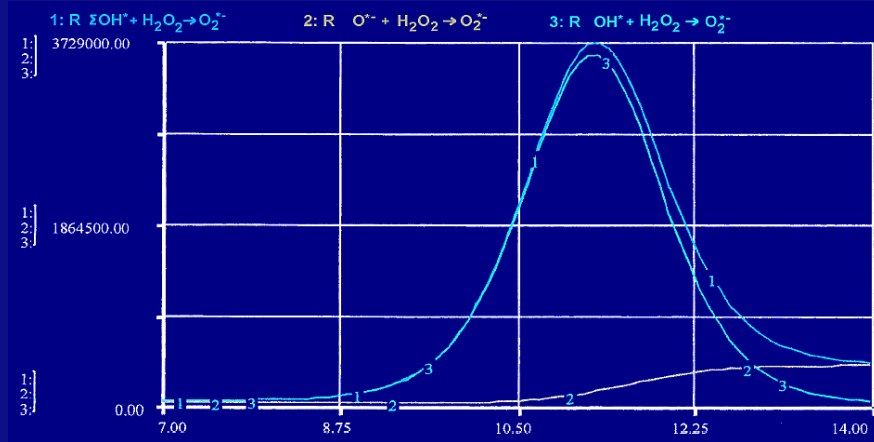
### The solution:

- softening of water
- acid demineralisation/reductive treatment
- $\text{OH}^*$  radicals scavenged away by  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

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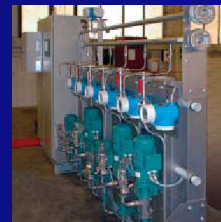
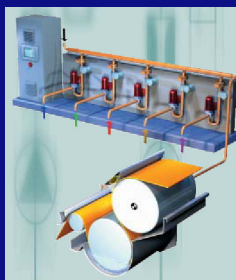
## H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> activity depends on pH



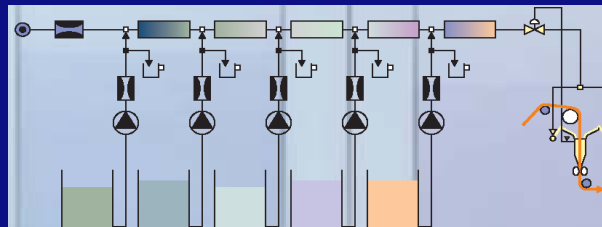
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## On line dosing for bleaching and finishing



Water quantity according to pick-up



Stabilizer    NaOH    softening agent    sequestering agent    H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

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## Oxidative universal size removal

- For commission finishers
- Above pH 13  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  generates free radicals ( $\text{O}^*$ )
- Prerequisite: removal of uneven distributed catalyst (iron, copper)

### Benefits:

- water & energy consumption,
- improved treatability of the effluent,
- attractive combination with peroxide bleaching

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## Enzymatic scouring (combined with bleaching)

- with pectinases
- operates under mild pH conditions
- with jet machines
- bleaching with reduced amount of chemicals

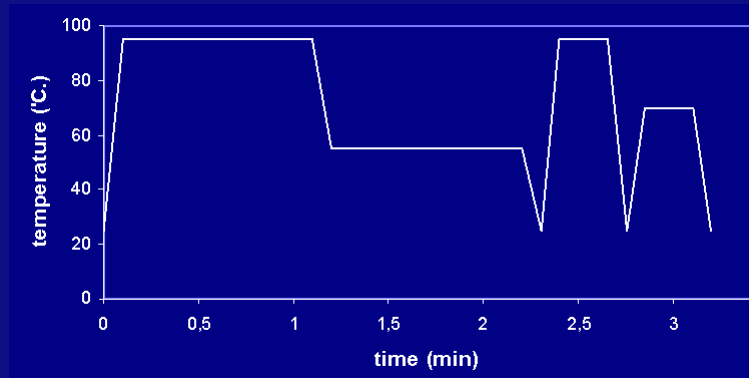
Enzymatic →	scouring	scouring & bleaching
Reduction in rinsing water consumption	20%	50%
Reduction in BOD-load	20%	40%
Reduction in COD-load	20%	40%

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Environmental benefits



## Combined enzymatic desizing and scouring



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## Benefits of enzyme technology

- catalyse specific reactions → performance focus
- enantio selective
- low concentrations required
- biodegradable
- renewable
- re-usable
- acts at moderate temperatures
- enzyme systems are easily controlled
- enzyme action can be targeted
- integration of different enzyme processes
- less waste production

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## Drawbacks of enzyme technology

- limited application range concerning temp. and pH
- compatibility with other chemicals
- possibility of enzyme inhibition
- sometimes storage stability —————→ dosage problems



## Selection of dyes

### Eco-toxicological assessment and classification

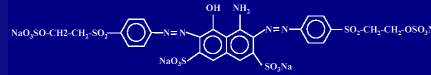
- hazard
- risk

with the help of a database.





## High-fixation poly-functional reactive dyestuffs



### High fixation and fastness:

- mono-functional: fixation rate 60%
- bi-functional: fixation rate 80%

### Benefit:

- reduction of unused dyestuff in waste water

### Savings:

- water (less need to wash off unfixed dye),
- energy (short process time)
- chemical (low-salt exhaust dyeing)

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## Selection of surfactants

Focus on: APEO and NPE

### Used in:

- washing formulations
- scouring
- spinning lubricants

### Environmental concerns:

- poor biodegradability
- toxicity (including metabolites)
- potential endocrine disruptors

### Alternative: AE

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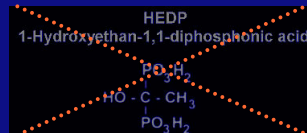
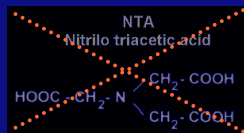
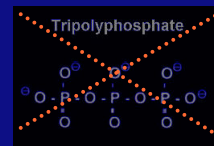
## Selection of complexing agents

Polyphosphates, phosphonates and amino carboxylic acids

**Used:** to mask hardening alkaline-earth cations and transition-metal ions in pretreatment and dyeing

### Environmental concerns:

- poor biodegradability/bioeliminability
- nitrogen and phosphorus content
- form stable complexes with metals



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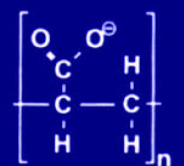


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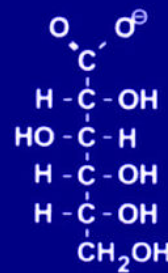
### Alternative:

- softening of fresh water,
- polycarboxylates,
- substituted polycarboxylic acids,
- hydroxy carboxylic acids

### Polyacrylate



### Gluconate



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## Selection of antifoaming agents

Mineral oil based with PAHs contaminants

**Used:** to avoid uneven dyeing because of excessive foaming  
(also used in pretreatment, printing and finishing)

**Environmental concerns:**

- contribution to organic load of the final effluent
- reduction of VOC emissions during HT processes

**Alternative:**

- products free of mineral oils which are bioeliminable

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## No detergents in afterwashing

- Detergents do not improve removal of hydrolysed reactive dyestuff
- Increasing temperature does have an affect
  - more effective
  - increased fastness
- Heat recovery becomes necessary
- Reduction of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> consumption

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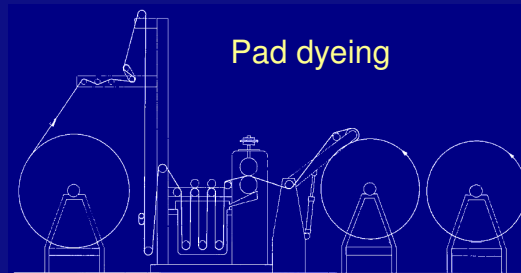
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## Dyeing machines

### Machines:

- continuous dyeing
- batch dyeing
  - winch
  - jiggers
  - overflow
  - jet
  - beam dyeing



### Additional:

- colour kitchens
- dosing and dispensing
- controllers

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## Cut-off between different batches

- Instead:
  - rinsing by overflow or
  - draining and refilling use
- Separate streams for dyeing and rinsing



With this opportunities for:

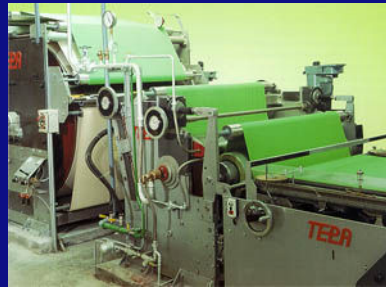
- re-use,
- separate treatment and
- thermal energy recovery

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## Finishing

- Chemical finishes
  - optical
  - absorbent and soil release
  - softeners and abrasion-resistant
  - crease-resistant
  - physical stabilization



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## Finishing

- Physical
  - heatsetting
  - brushing and napping (raising)
  - softening
  - optical finishing
  - shearing
  - compacting



Rubber belt shrinking machine

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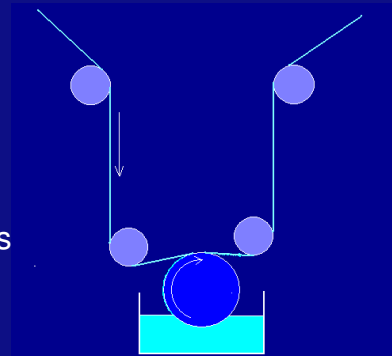


## Application of the finish

Consider the “Critical add on value” (CAV)

- exhaustion
- padding
- liquor transfer (through conveyor felt)
- finish printing
- semi-immersion systems
  - foam
  - spray
- minimal application techniques

Semi-immersion systems



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## Formaldehyde-free easy care finishing

### Problem:

- cross-linking can contain formaldehyde
- is thought to be carcinogenic

### Alternative:

- formaldehyde-free products (like modified dimethyldihydroxyethylene urea)

### Although:

- also hardly biodegradable
- odour-intensive
- higher price

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## Avoiding batch softening



### Problem:

- softeners applied with exhaustion method in batch dyeing
- harmful cationic agents are lost with the bath

### Alternative:

- application separately by pad mangles or by minimal application techniques

### Side effect:

- re-use of dye bath

