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# CEE 680: Water Chemistry

Lecture #23  
Dissolved Carbon Dioxide: Open & Closed  
 Systems IV  
 (Stumm & Morgan, Chapt. 4)  
 Benjamin; Chapter 7

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## Conservation of Alk, $C_T$

- If you know any 2 of the following, you can calculate the 3rd
  - Alkalinity  $Alk = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)C_T + [OH^-] - [H^+]$  closed
  - pH
  - $C_T$  or  $p_{CO_2}$   $Alk = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2) \frac{K_H p_{CO_2}}{\alpha_0} + [OH^-] - [H^+]$  open
- Conservative substances
  - Closed Systems
    - Alkalinity &  $C_T$
  - Open Systems
    - Alkalinity

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To solve these problems requires a **high level of precision** as Alk is often close in value to  $C_T$ , and the difference becomes very important

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## Alkalinity, $C_T$ and pH

- Three types of problems are covered
  - Adding treatment chemicals to water
    - e.g., Soda Ash, Caustic, chlorine
  - Blending of waters
    - e.g., a surface water with a groundwater
  - Impacts of “internal” processes
    - The photosynthesis problem
- In each we ask about the final pH, Alkalinity and sometimes the  $C_T$  or carbonate species

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## Addition of Treatment Chemicals

Water	pH	$C_T$ (mM)	Alk (meq/L)	Acy (meq/L)
“A”	6.5	1.7	1	2.4
A + 0.7mM NaOH	8.3	1.7	1.7	1.7
A + 0.7mM Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	8.3	2.4	2.4	2.4

Assumes a closed system; now determine the composition of each in an open system; Also recall:  $Alk_{tot} + Acy_{tot} = 2C_T$

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## Chlorine problem

- Starting water (B)
  - pH=8, Alkalinity = 82.5 mg-CaCO<sub>3</sub>/L, NH<sub>3</sub>-N=3.5 mg/L
    - Alk=1.65 meq/L, NH<sub>3</sub>-N=0.25 mM
- Use breakpoint chlorination to remove ammonia-N (C)
  - •  $2\text{NH}_3 + 3\text{Cl}_2 = \text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 6\text{H}^+ + 6\text{Cl}^-$
- How much NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and NaOH must be added to reach pH 9.0 and 2.0 mM C<sub>T</sub>? (D) → (E)

Snoeyink & Jenkins, example 4-39, pg.188

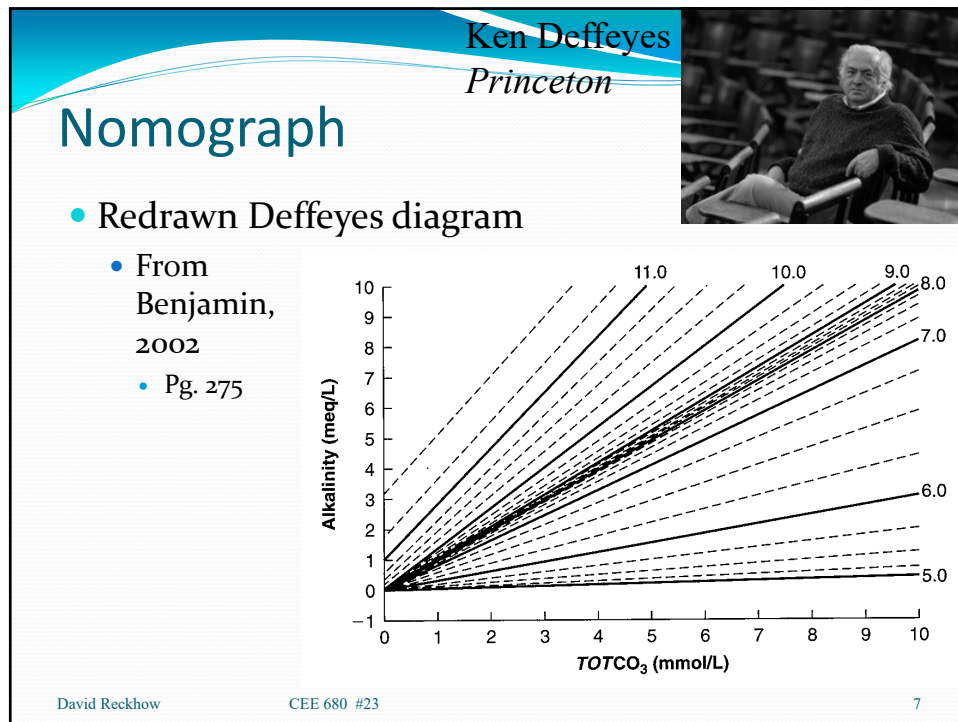
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## Deffeyes Diagram

$Alk = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2)C_T + [OH^-] - [H^+]$

- For 15°C, closed system (has C<sub>T</sub>, not pCO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Snoeyink & Jenkins, pg187
  - Stumm & Morgan, pg 177
- Answer to previous problem
  - 0.35 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub>
  - 0.75 mM NaOH

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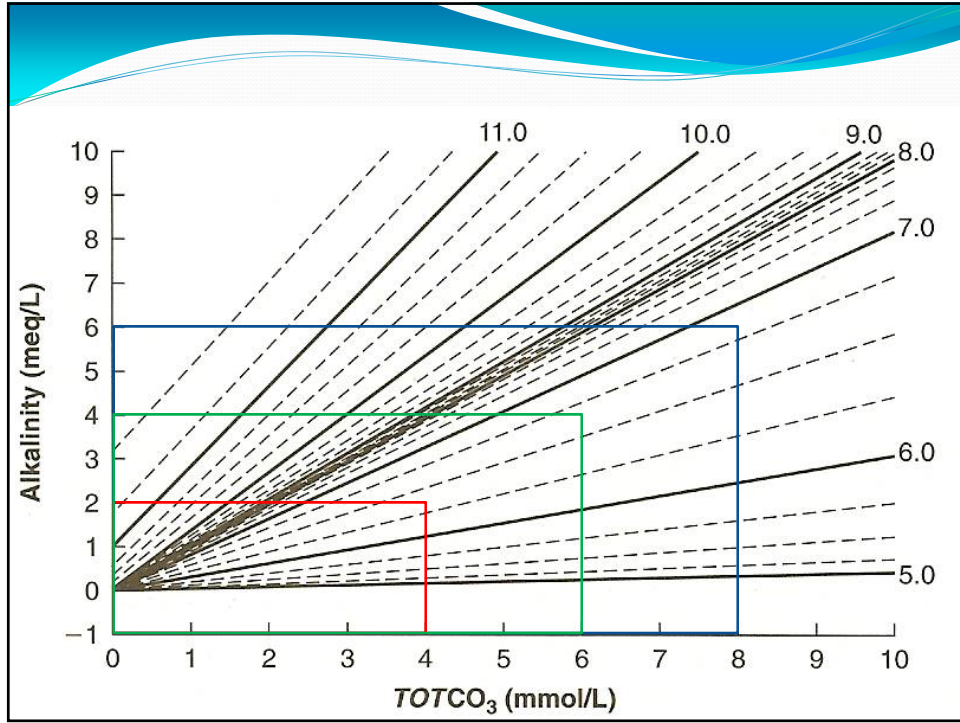


## Blending of Waters

- Water A
  - $C_T = 8 \text{ mM}$
  - Alk = 300 mg/L
  - pH = ?
- Water B
  - $C_T = 4 \text{ mM}$
  - Alk = 100 mg/L
  - pH ?
- 50/50 Blend

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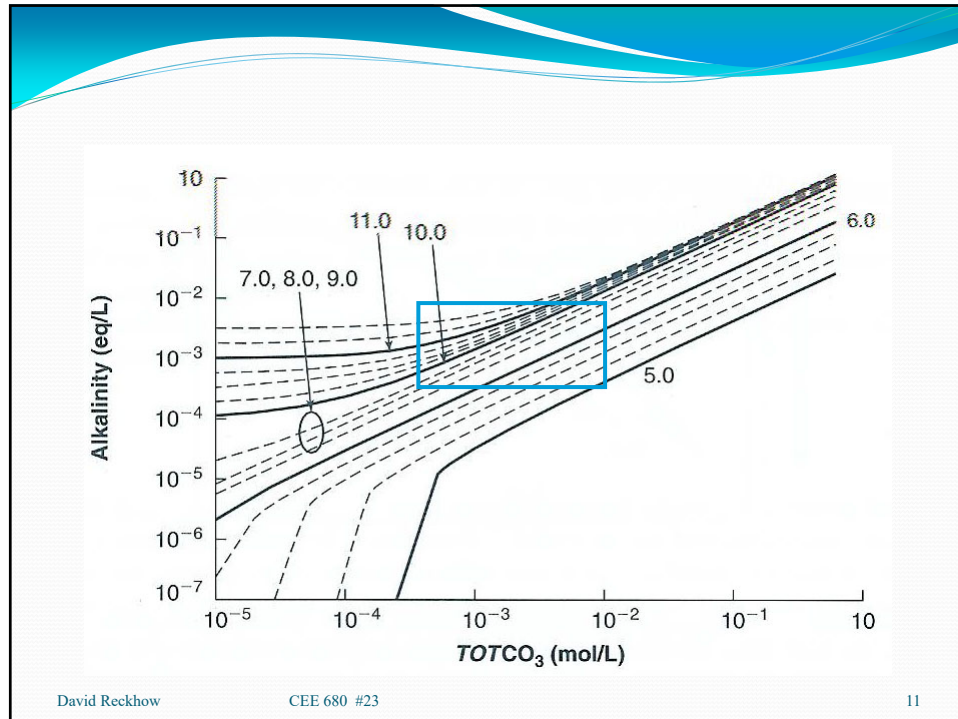
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## Nomograph

- Redrawn Deffeyes diagram
  - From Benjamin, 2002
  - Pg.275

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## In-Class Practice

- For a closed system, what is the pH of:
  - $10^{-3}$  M solution of  $H_2CO_3$
  - $10^{-3}$  M solution of  $NaHCO_3$
  - $10^{-3}$  M solution of  $Na_2CO_3$
- For an open system, what is the pH of:
  - $10^{-3}$  M solution of  $H_2CO_3$
  - $10^{-3}$  M solution of  $NaHCO_3$
  - $10^{-3}$  M solution of  $Na_2CO_3$

## More practice

- What is the pH of a blend of the following:
  - 1 MGD of pH 6.5 water with a Alkalinity of 50 mg/L
  - 0.5 MGD of pH 8.5 water with an Alkalinity of 500 mg/L

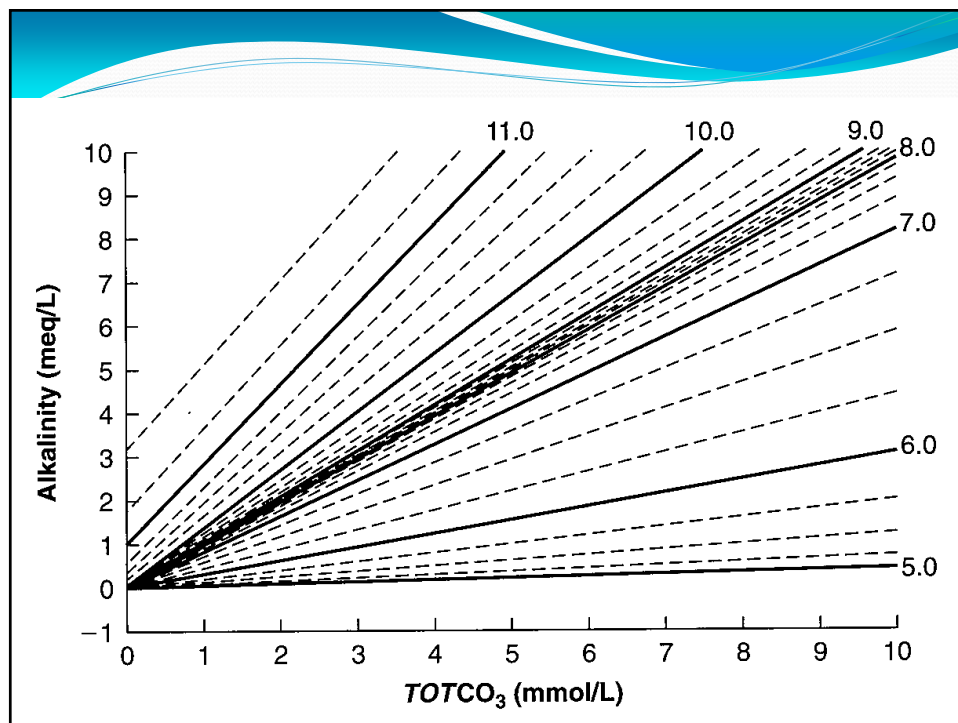
$$Alk = (\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2) \frac{K_H p_{CO_2}}{\alpha_0} + [OH^-] - [H^+]$$

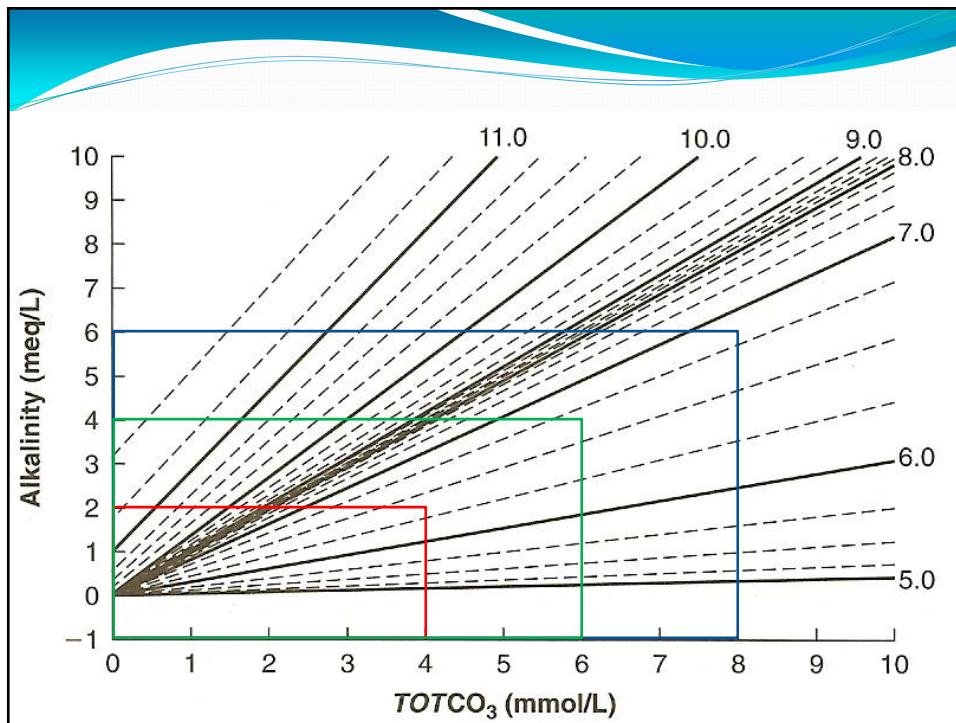
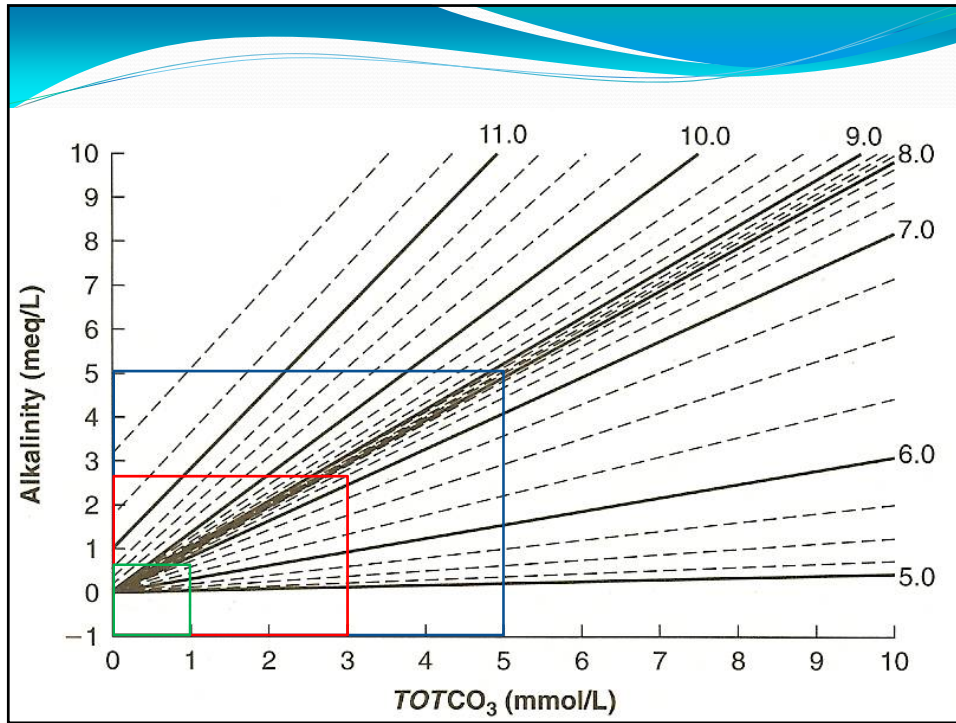
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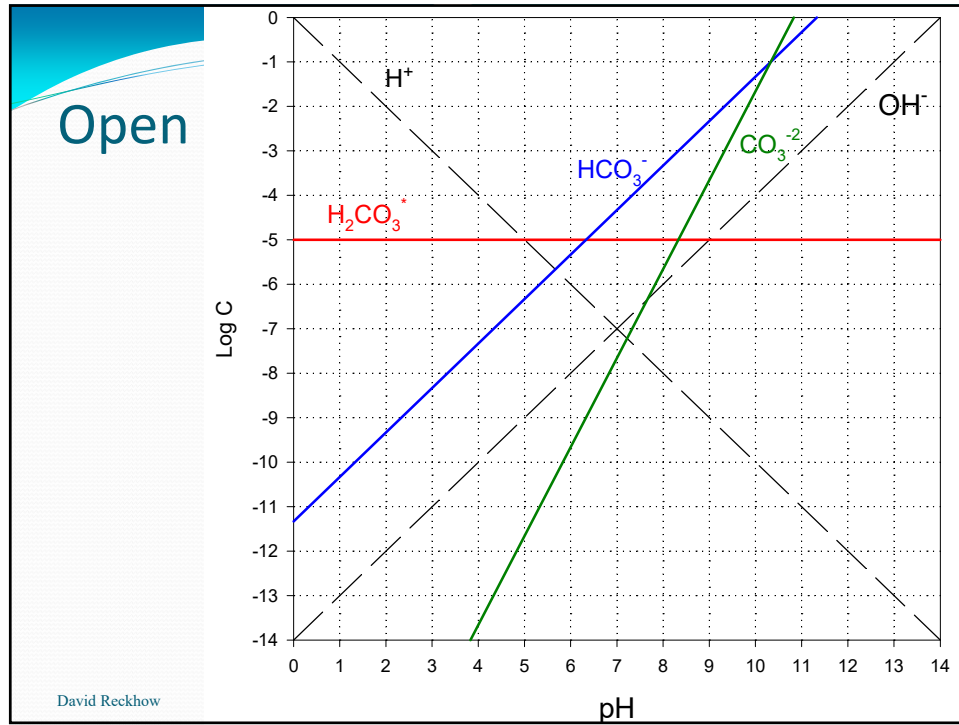
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