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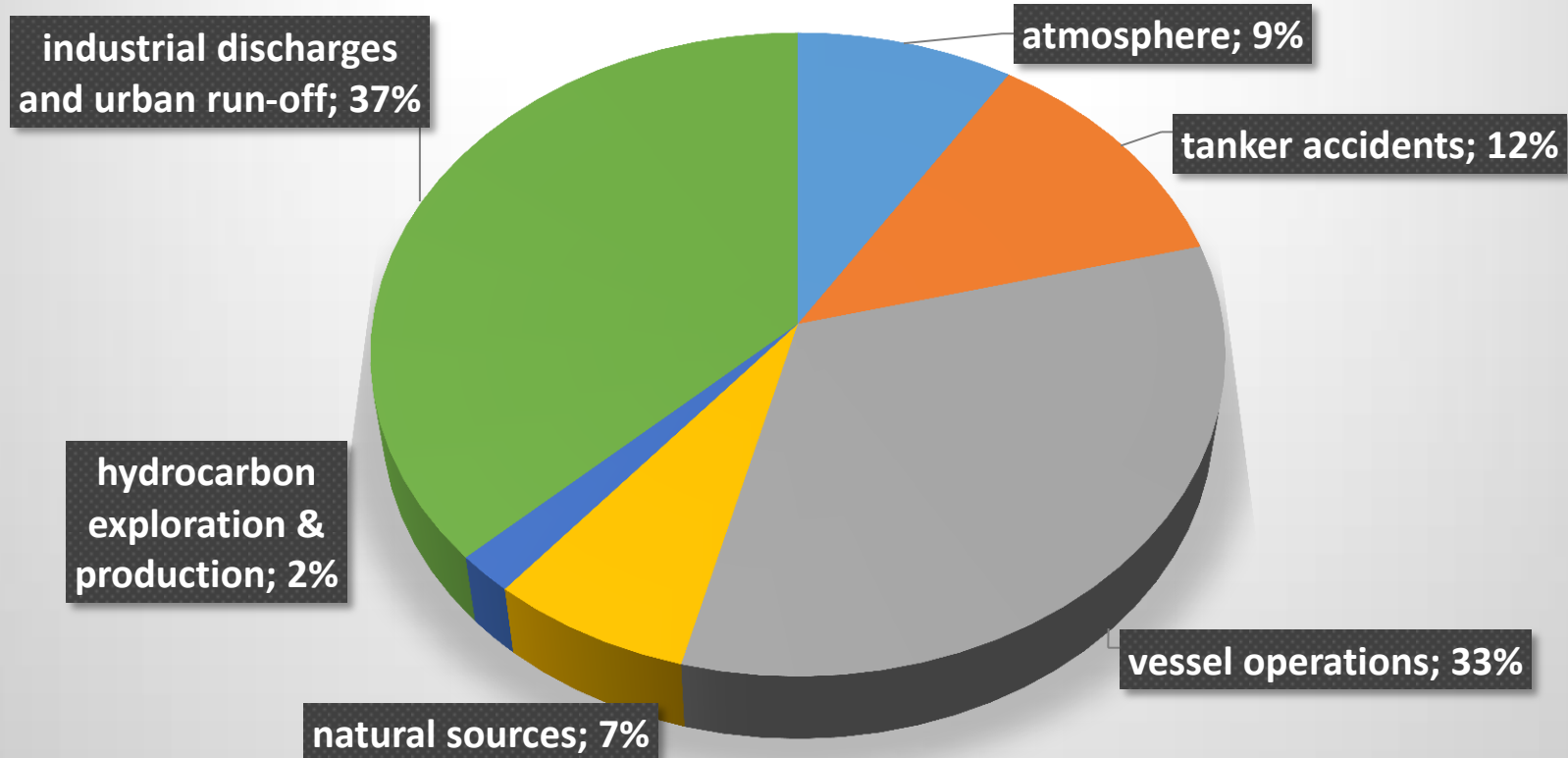


# Oil spill response and countermeasures

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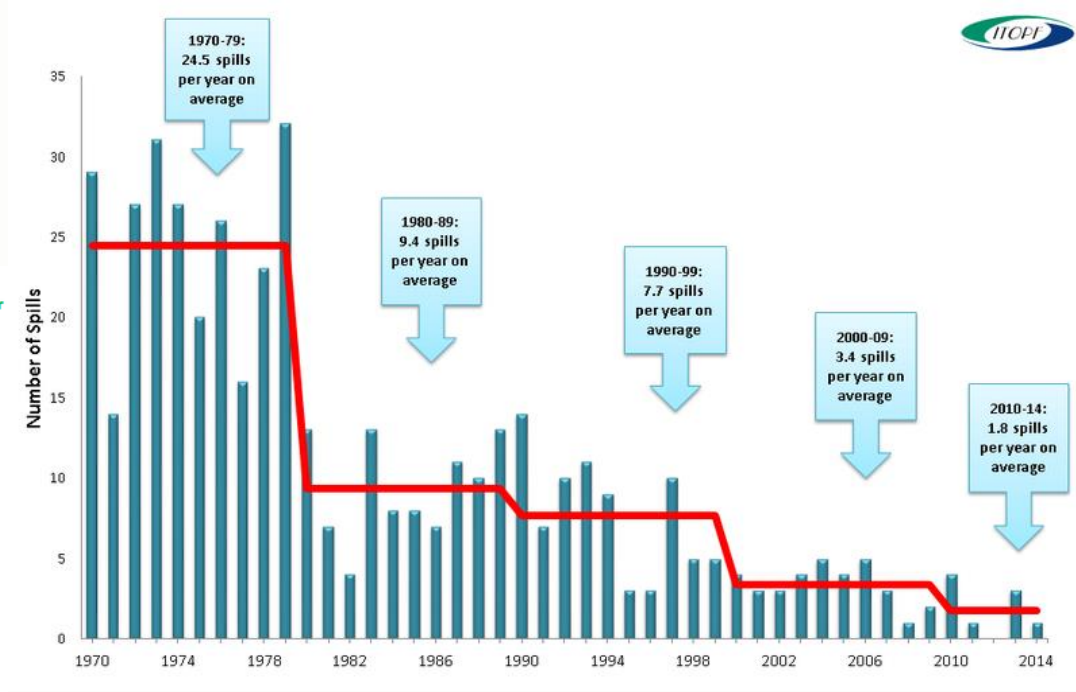
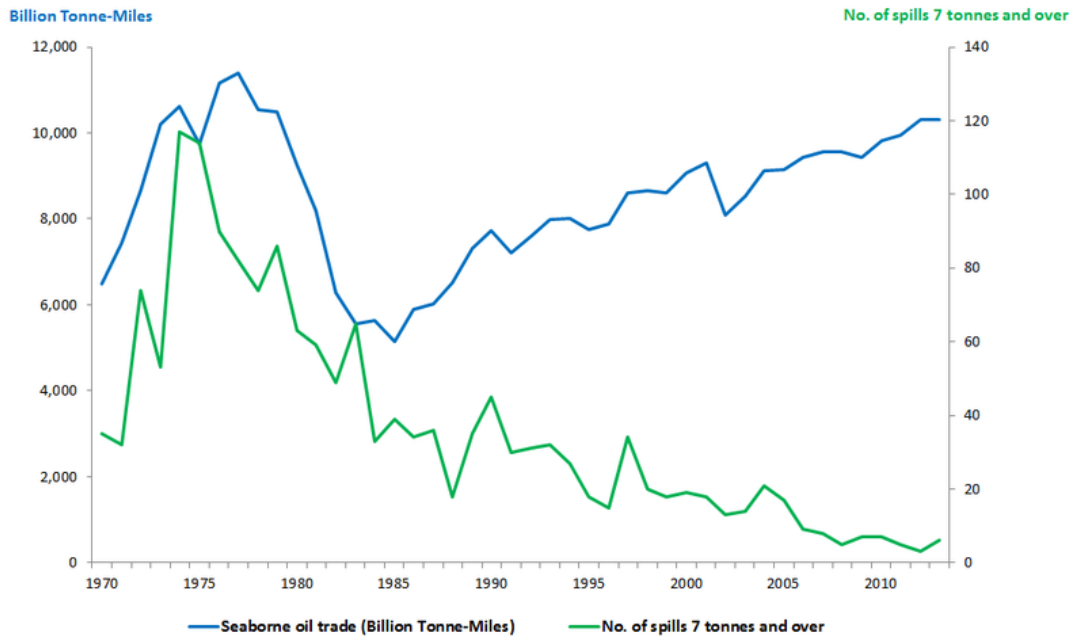
# Major sources of marine oil pollution



Source: World Petroleum Council

# Tanker oil spills

- < 7 tonnes
- 7-700 tonnes
- >700 tonnes

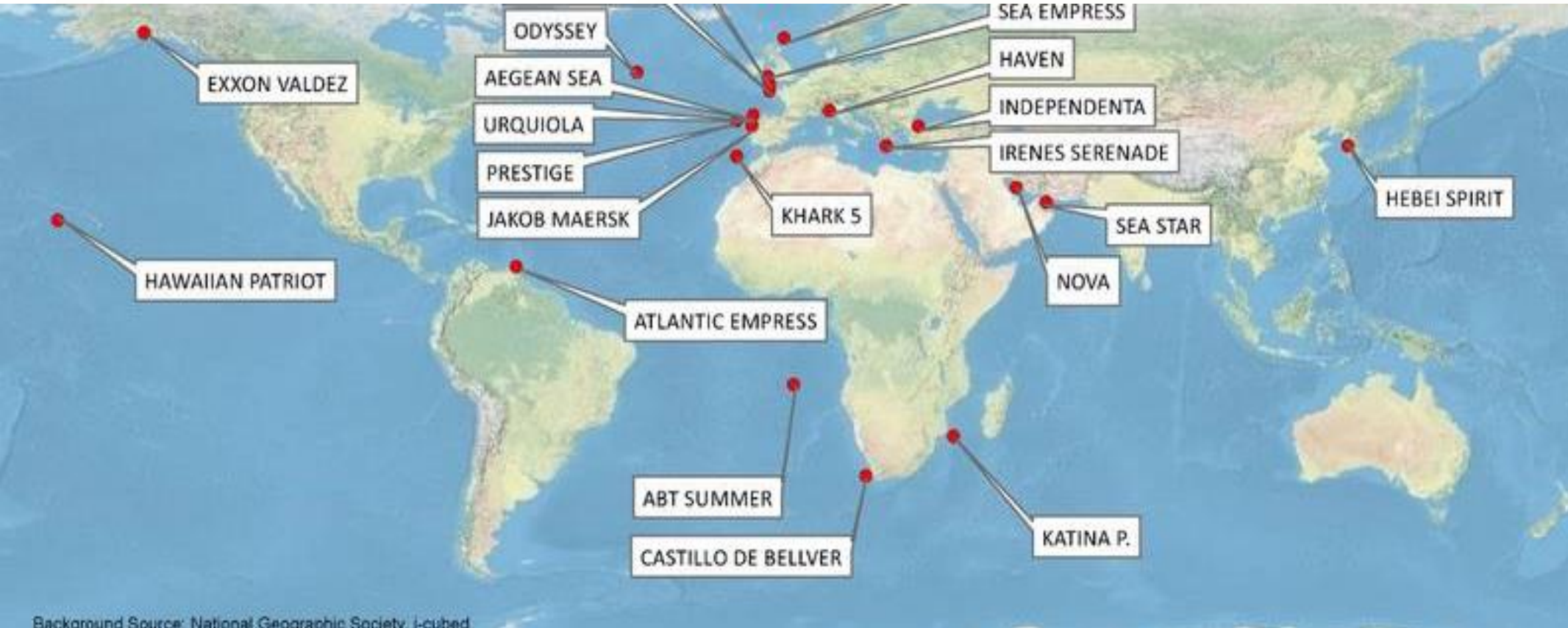


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# Marine environment- global conventions

**London Convention**- Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter (), London, 1972.

**MARPOL 73/78**-International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (), London 1973 and 1978.

**OILPOL**- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea by Oil, London 1954, 1962 and 1969.

**Barcelona Convention**, Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and Coastal Region of the Mediterranean Sea, Barcelona, 1976.

**OPRC**-International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (), London, 1990.

**OPRC-HNS PROTOCOL**- Protocol on Preparedness, Response and Co-operation to Pollution Incidents by Hazardous and Noxious Substances, London, 2000.

**OSPAR** Convention-Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-east Atlantic, Paris, 1992.

# Contingency planning

- Coordination of all aspects of the response to an oil spill
- Scope- from single facility to state level
- „Prepare for the worst, expect the best” principle
- Testing



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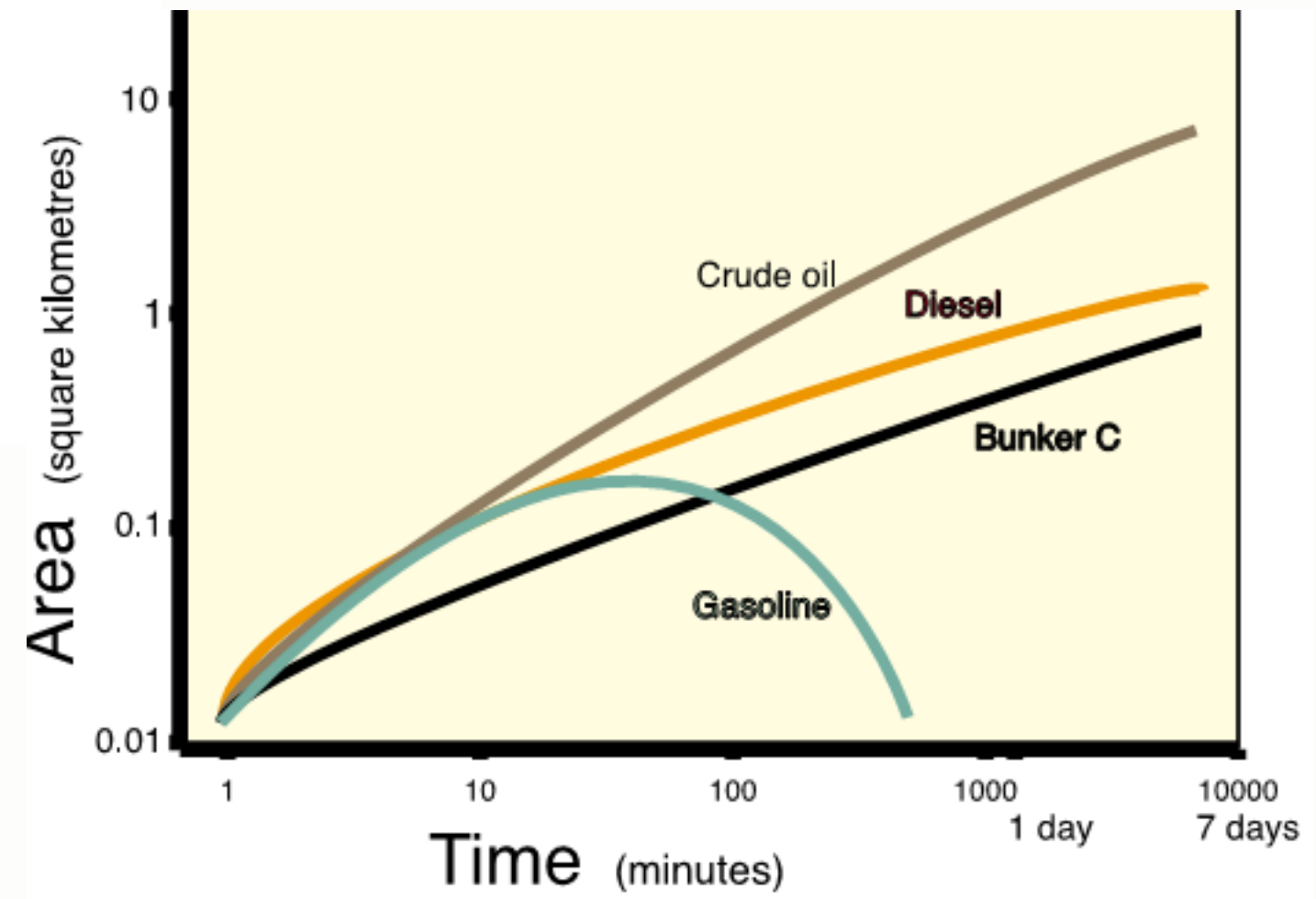
- **Phases:**
  - Alerting and reporting
  - Evaluation and mobilization
  - Containment and recovery
  - Disposal
  - Remediation and restoration

# Contingency planning-Croatia

- Contingency Plan for Accidental Marine Pollution (Official Gazette 8/08)
- Procedures and measures for predicting, preventing, restricting, preparedness and response
- Oil spill > 2000 m<sup>3</sup>
- Entities:
  - Headquarters for the implementation of the Contingency Plan –Headquarters
  - Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre – Rijeka- MRCC
  - County Operational Centre- COC

# Fate of oil in marine environment

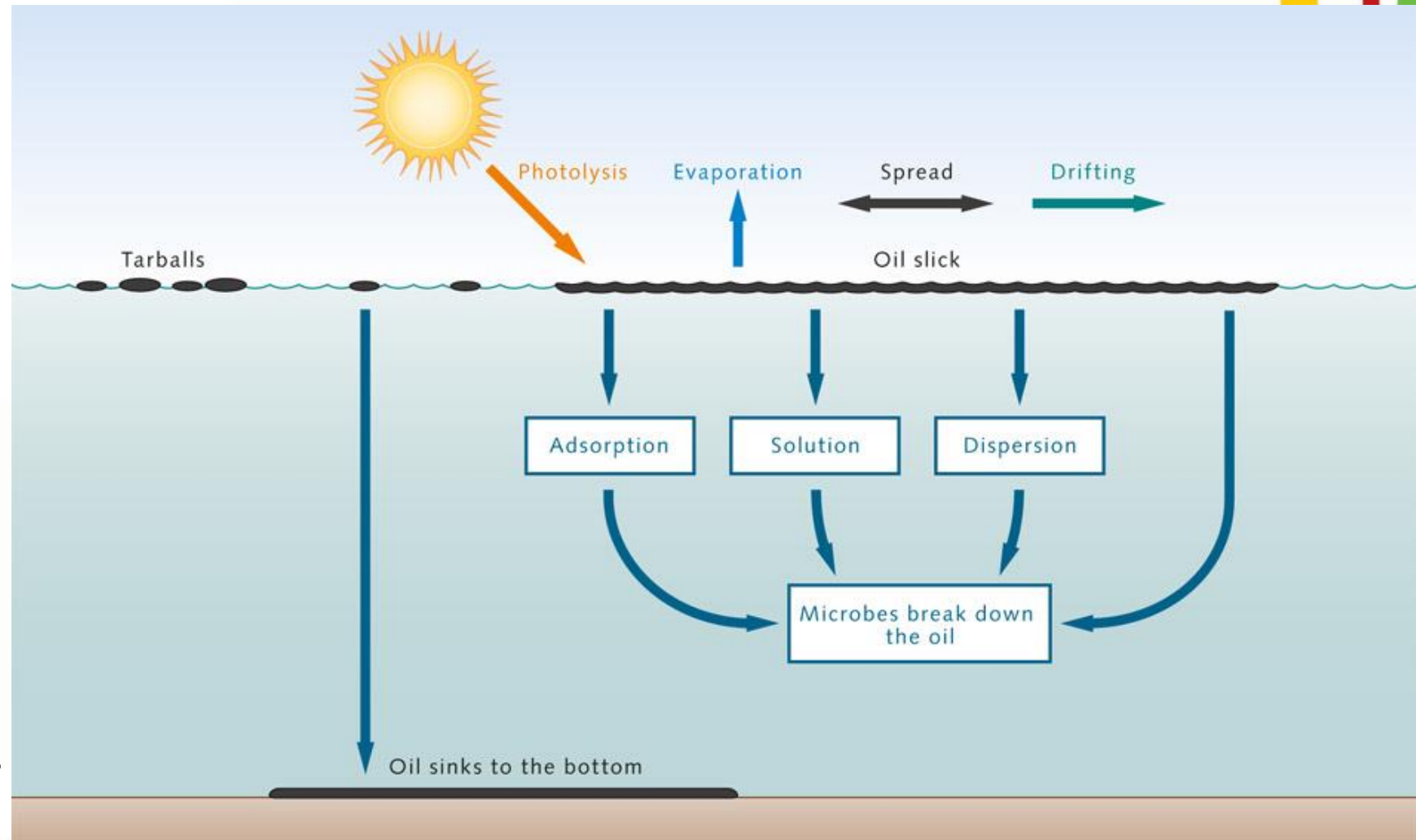
- Spreading
- Drifting
- Weathering



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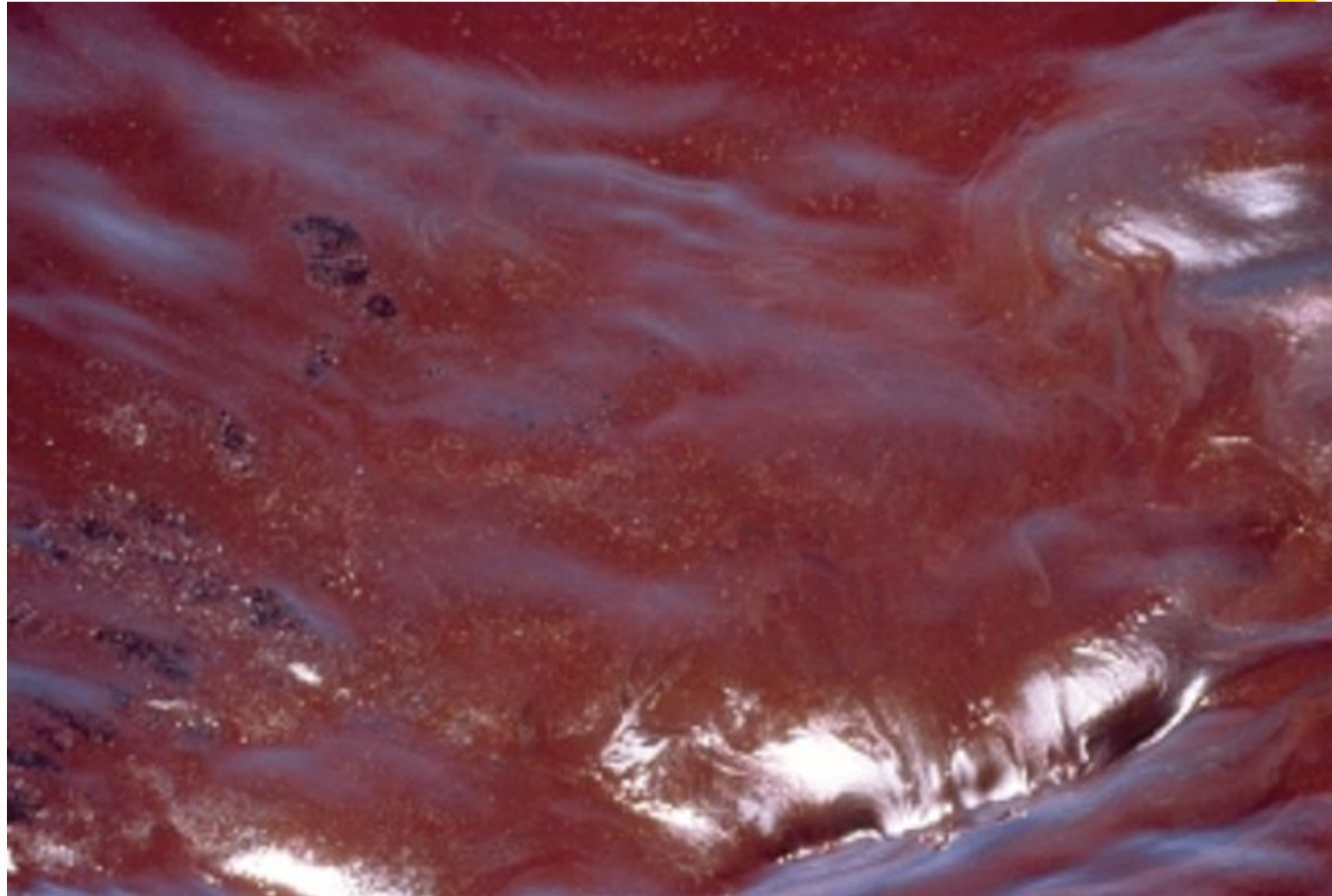
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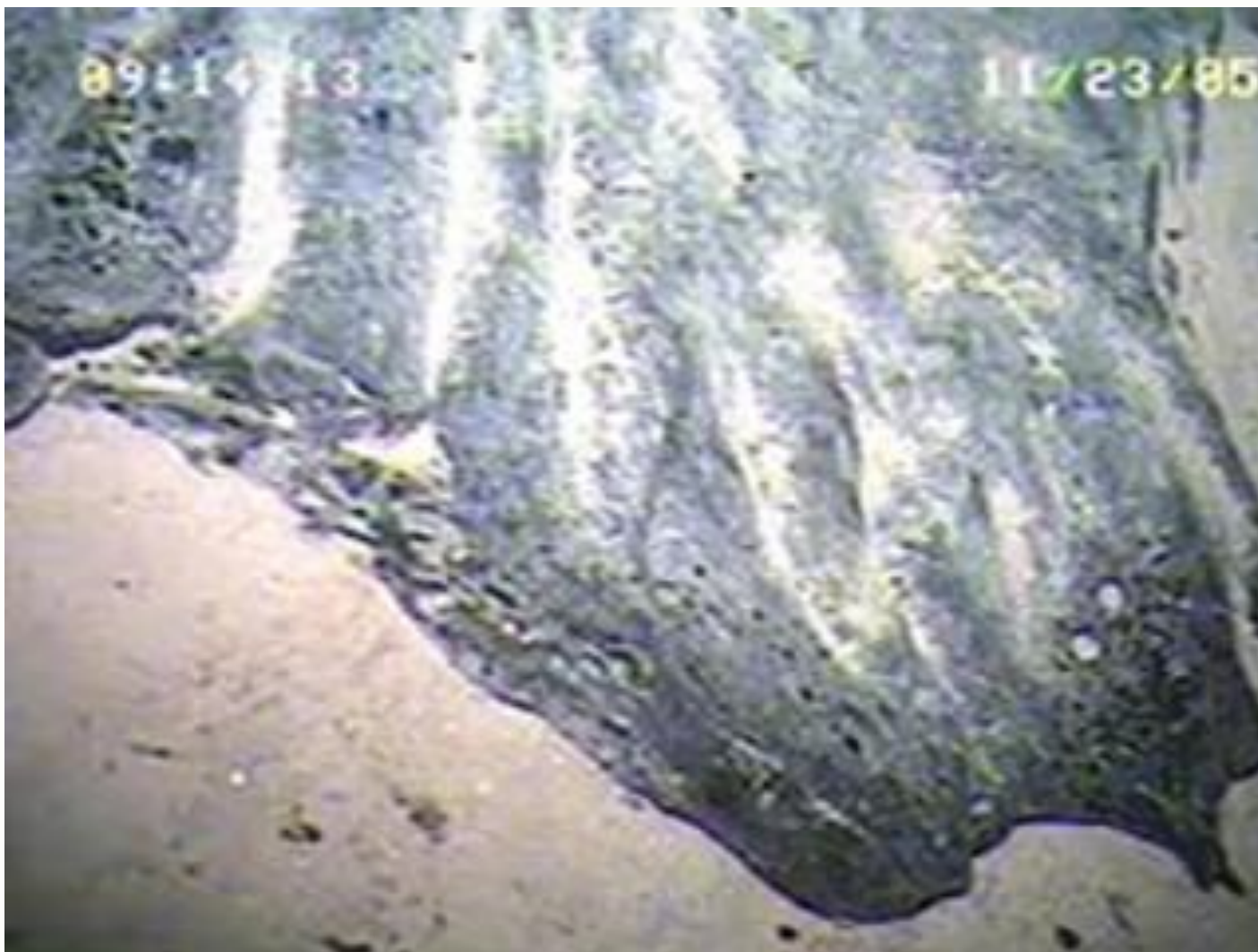
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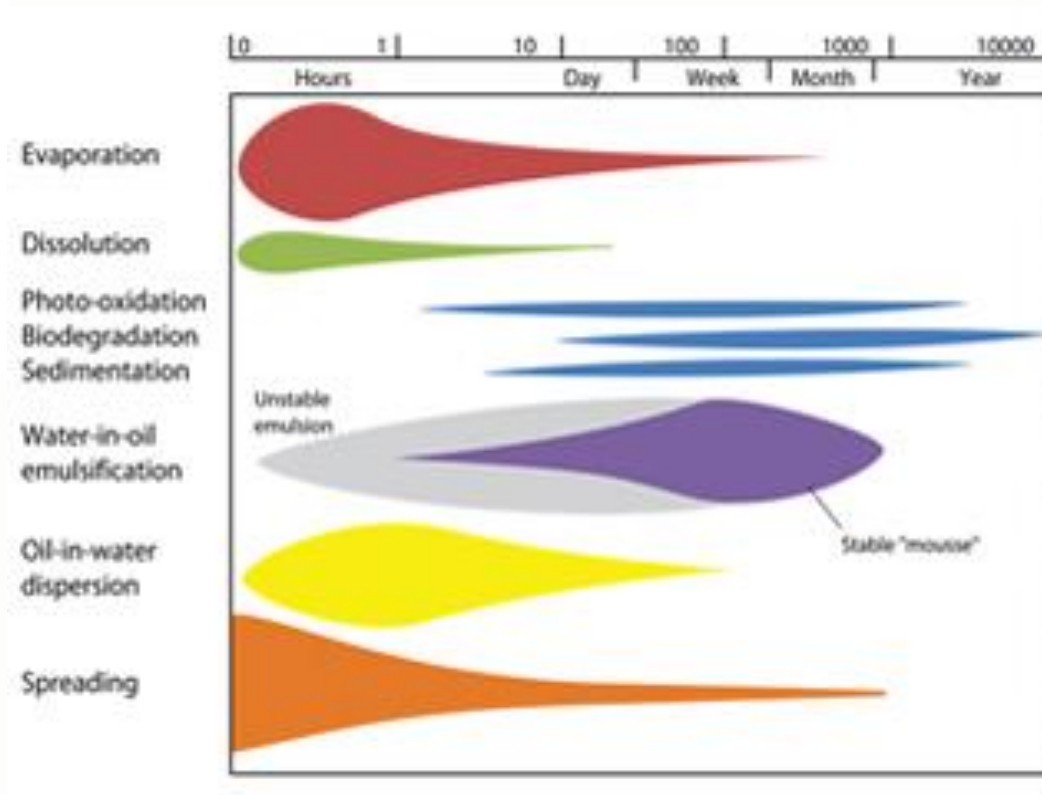
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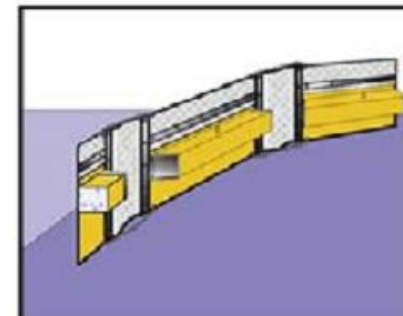
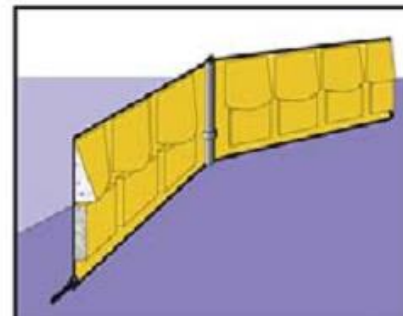
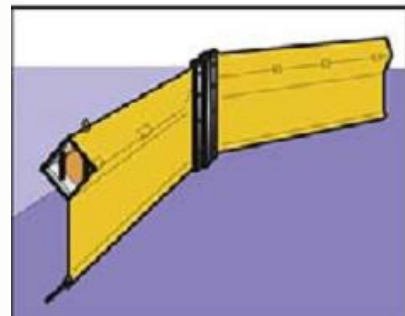
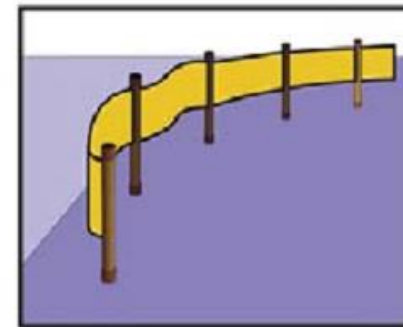
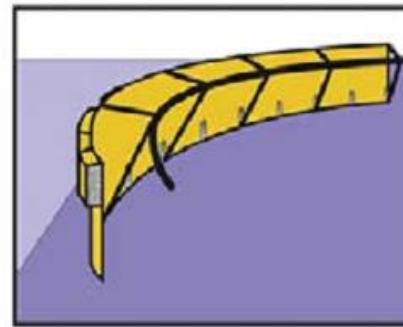
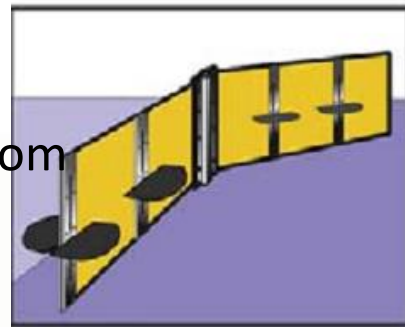
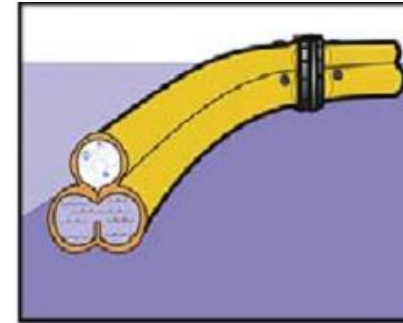
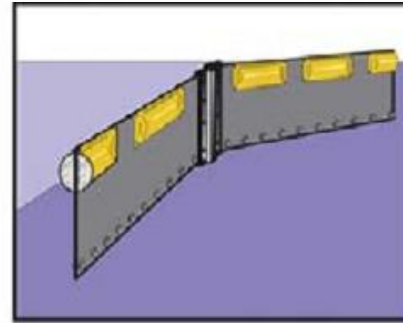
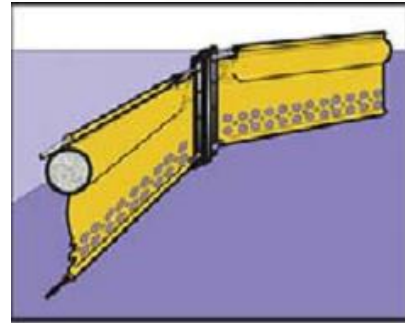
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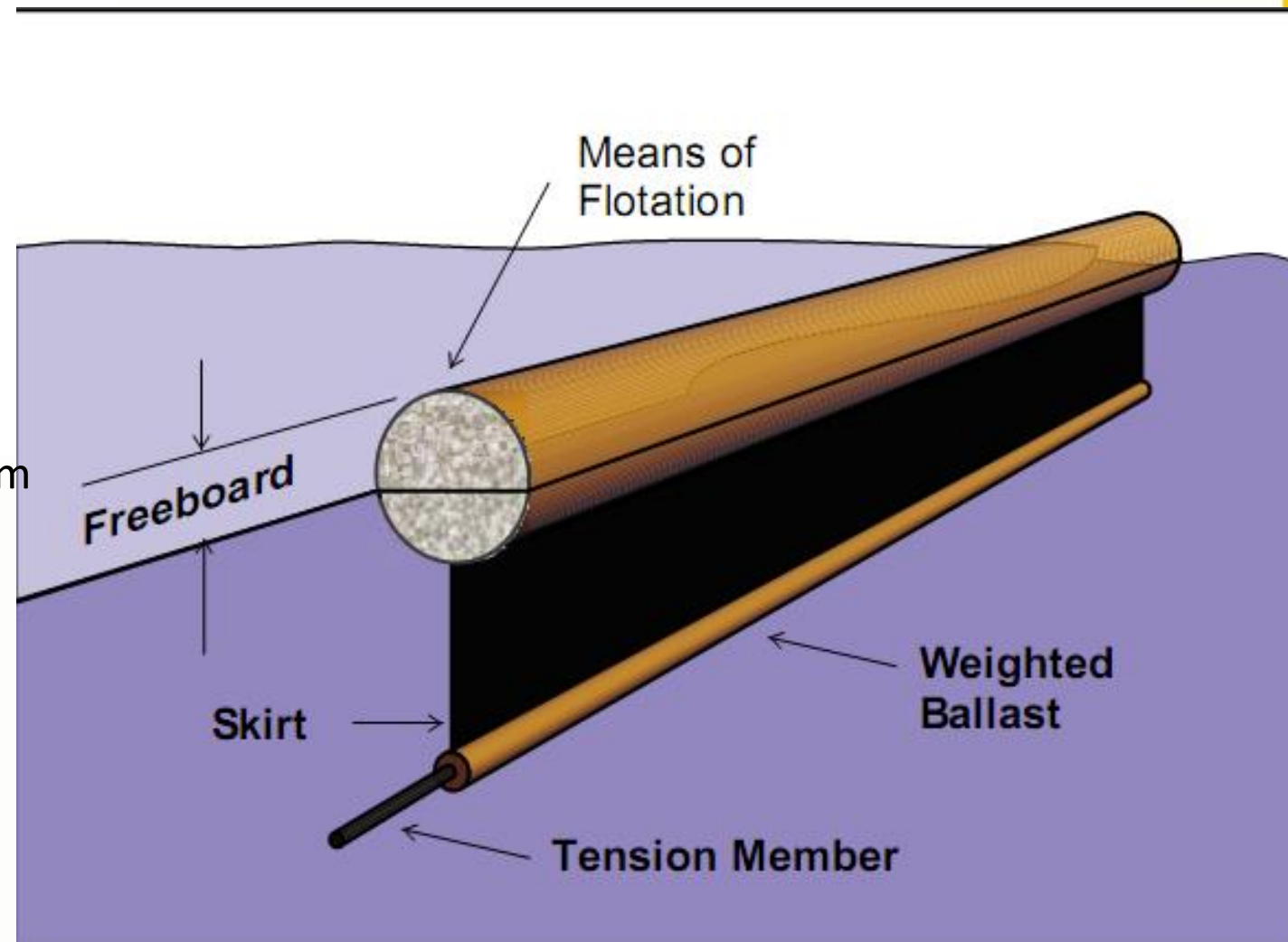
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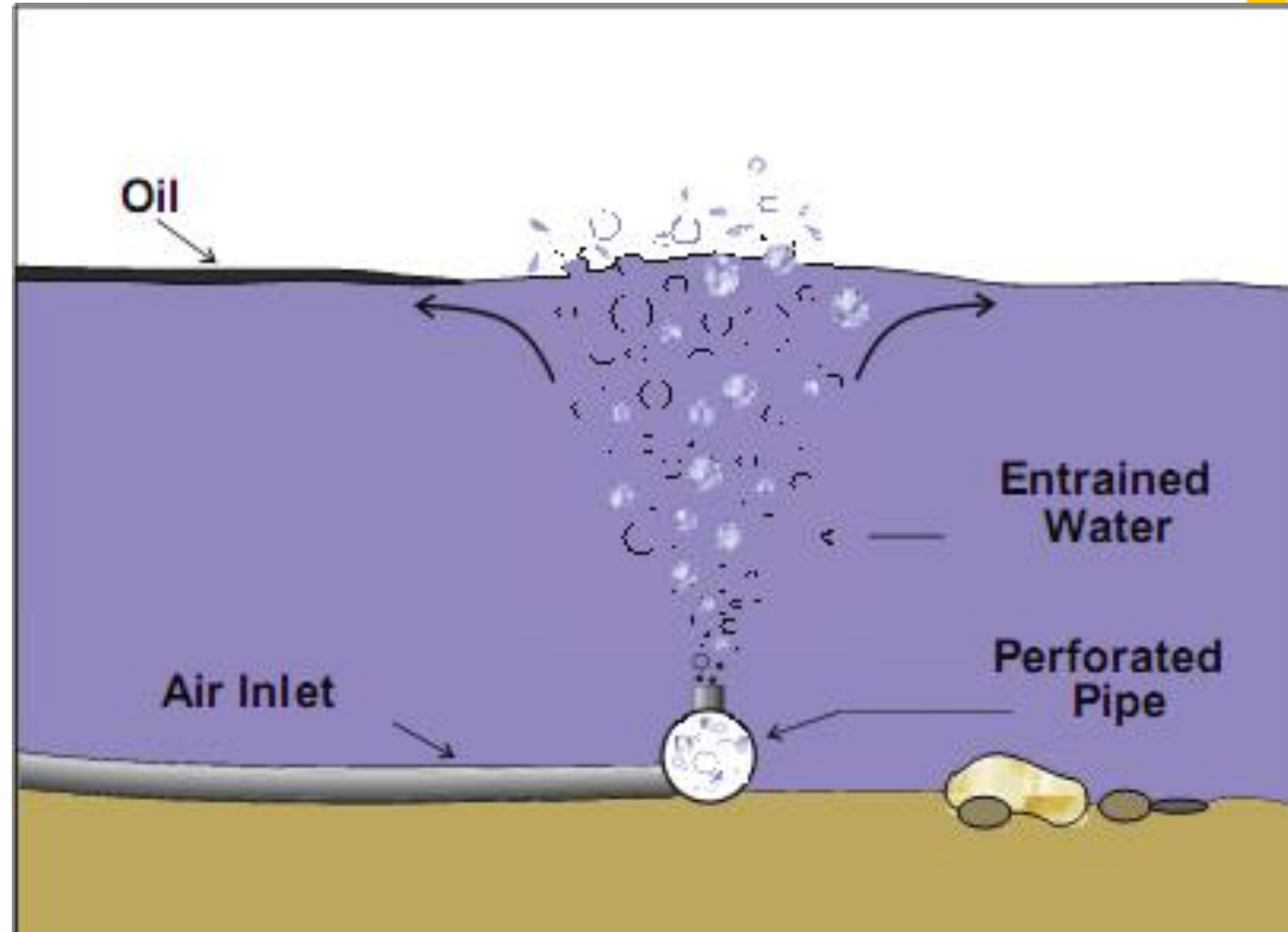
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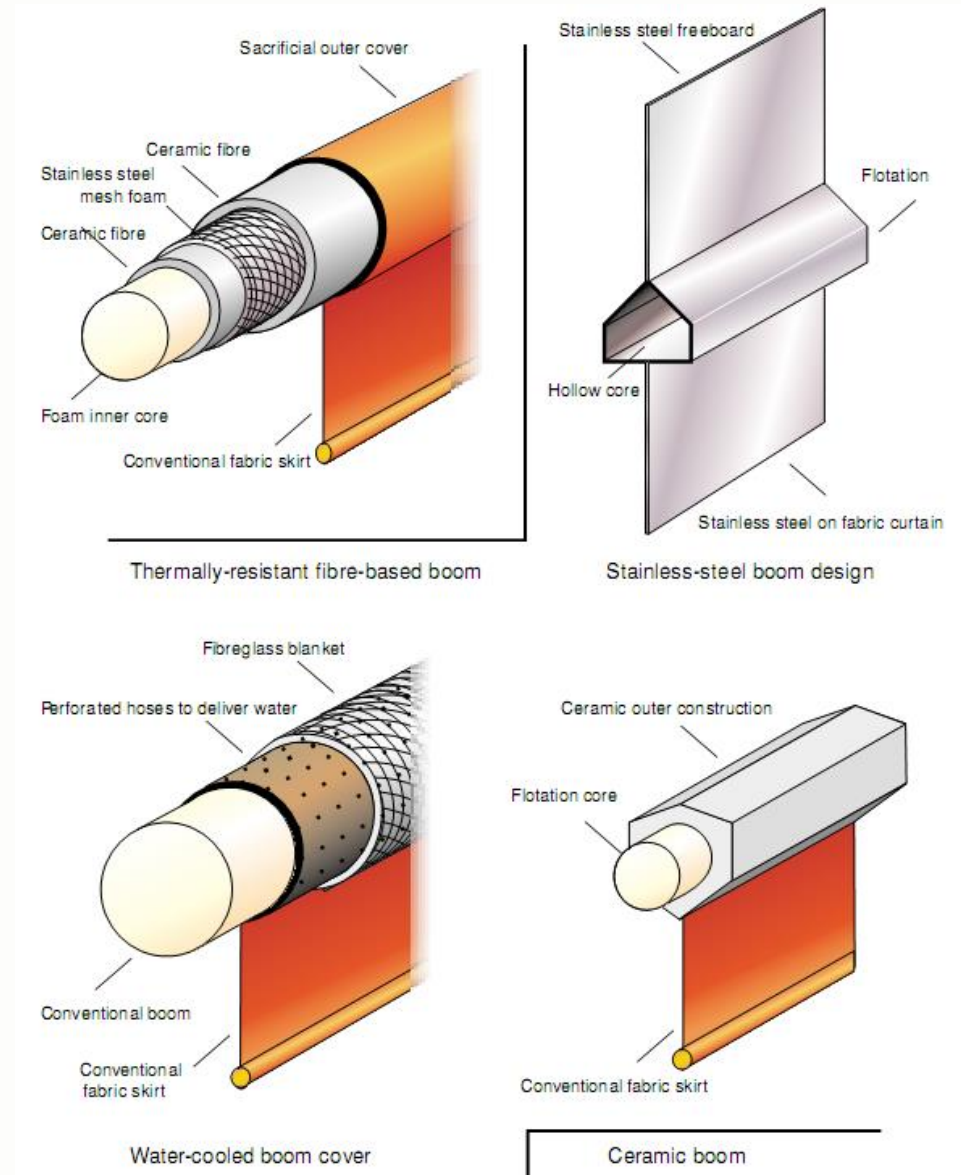
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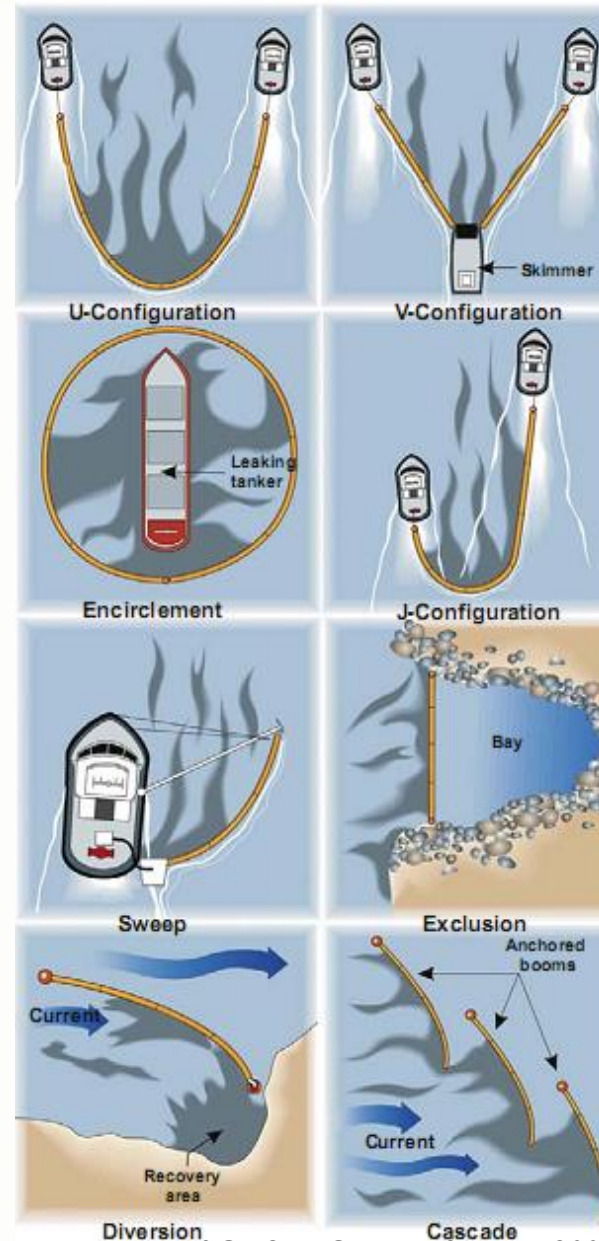
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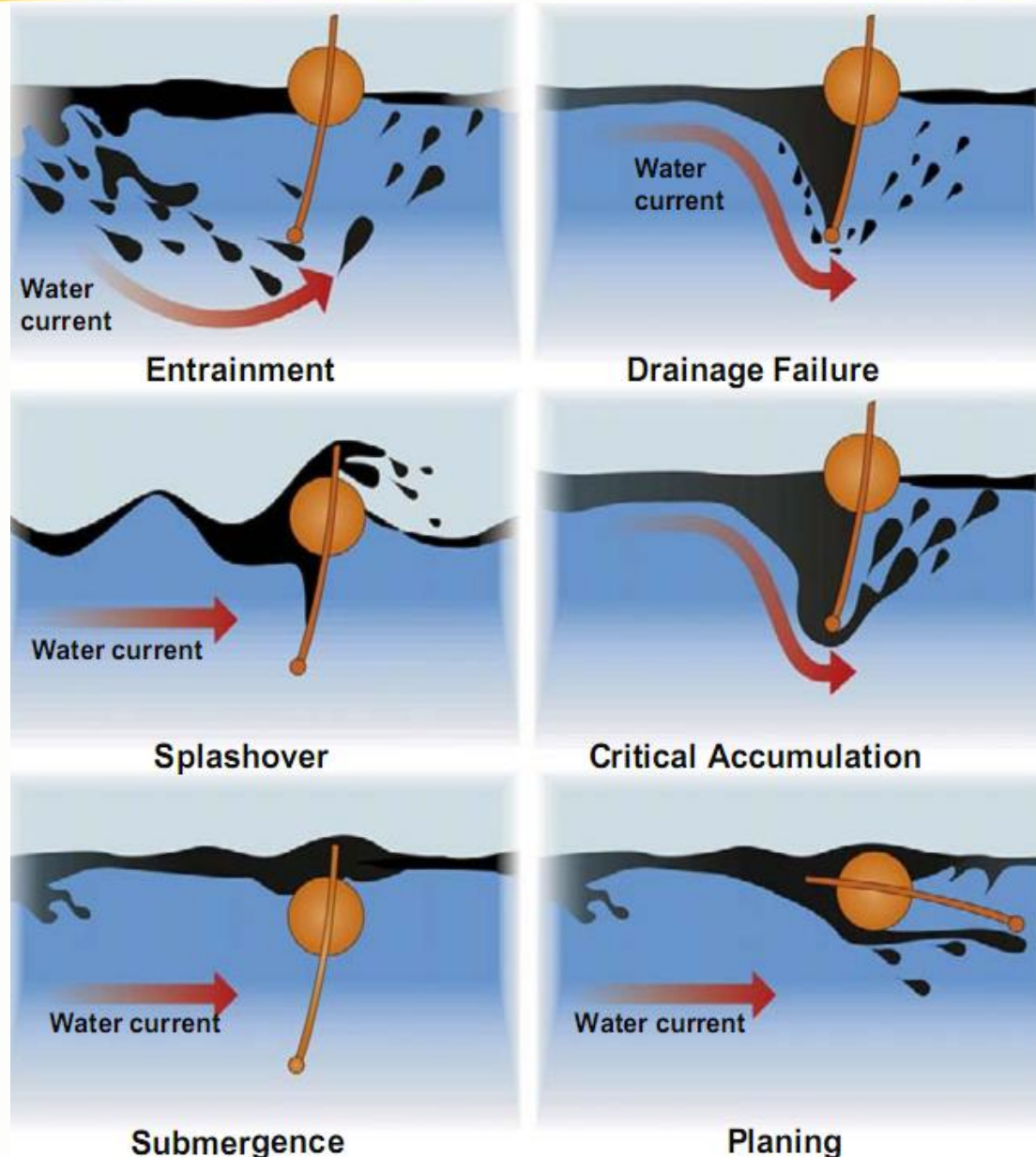
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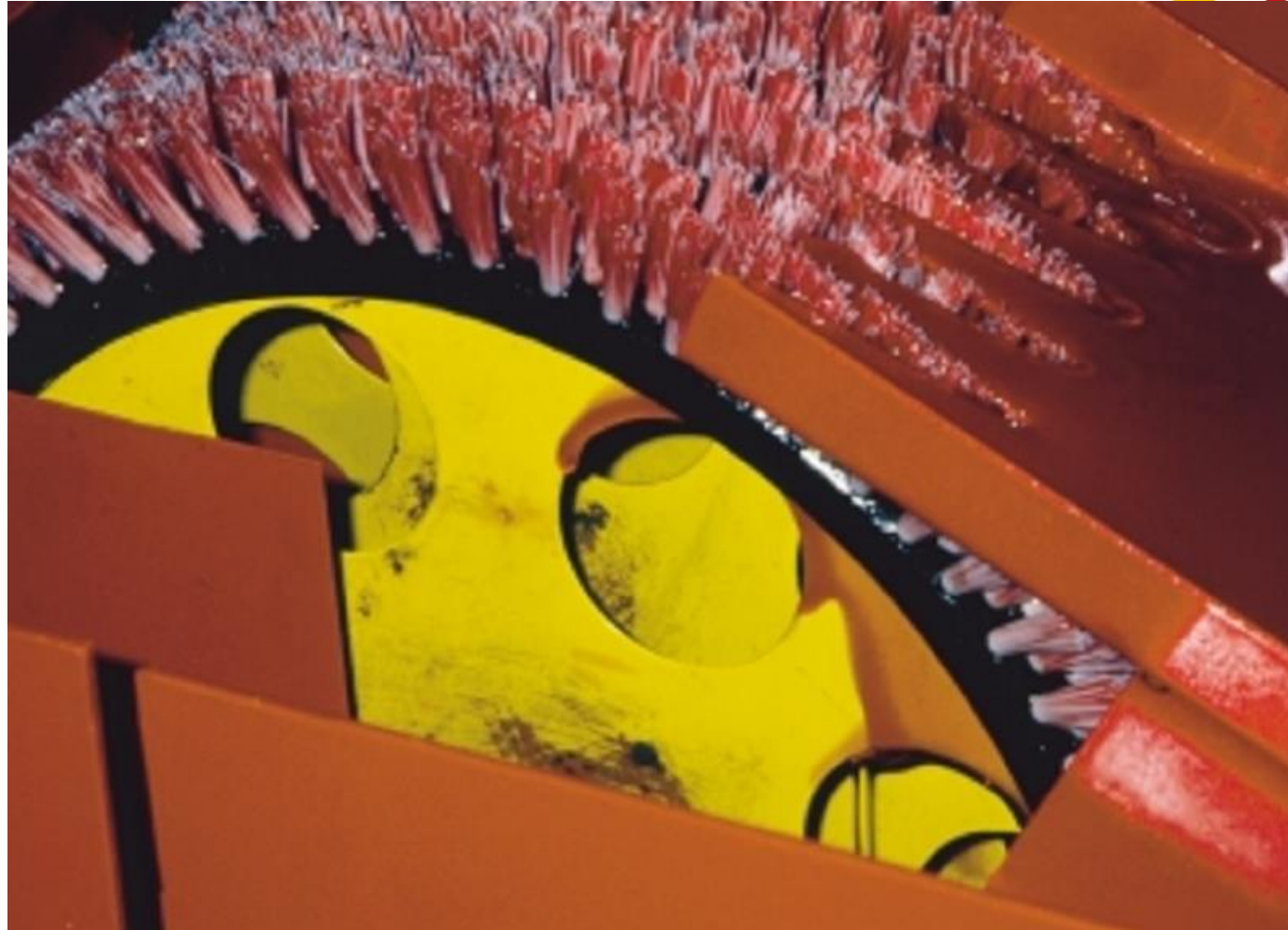
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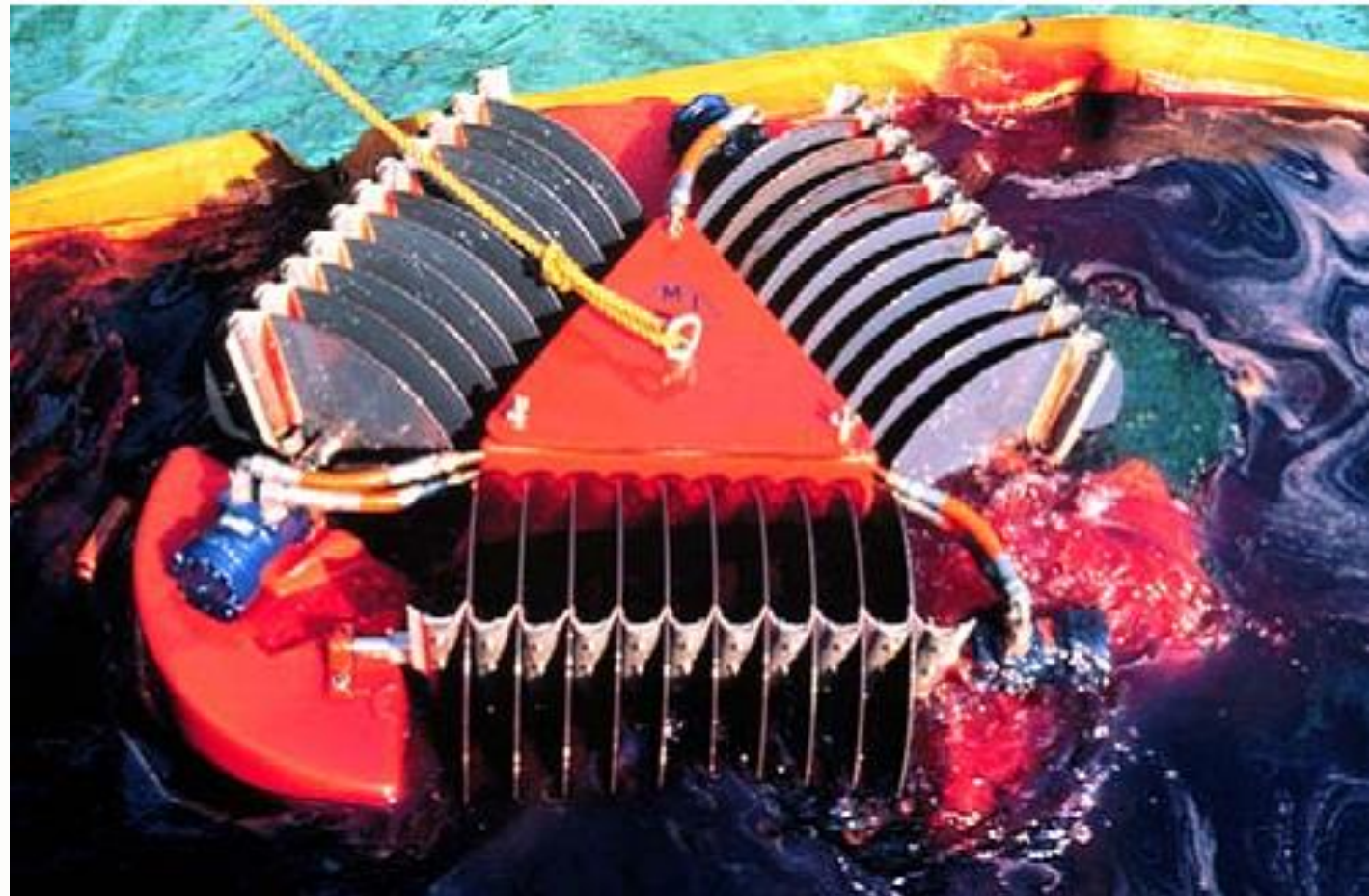
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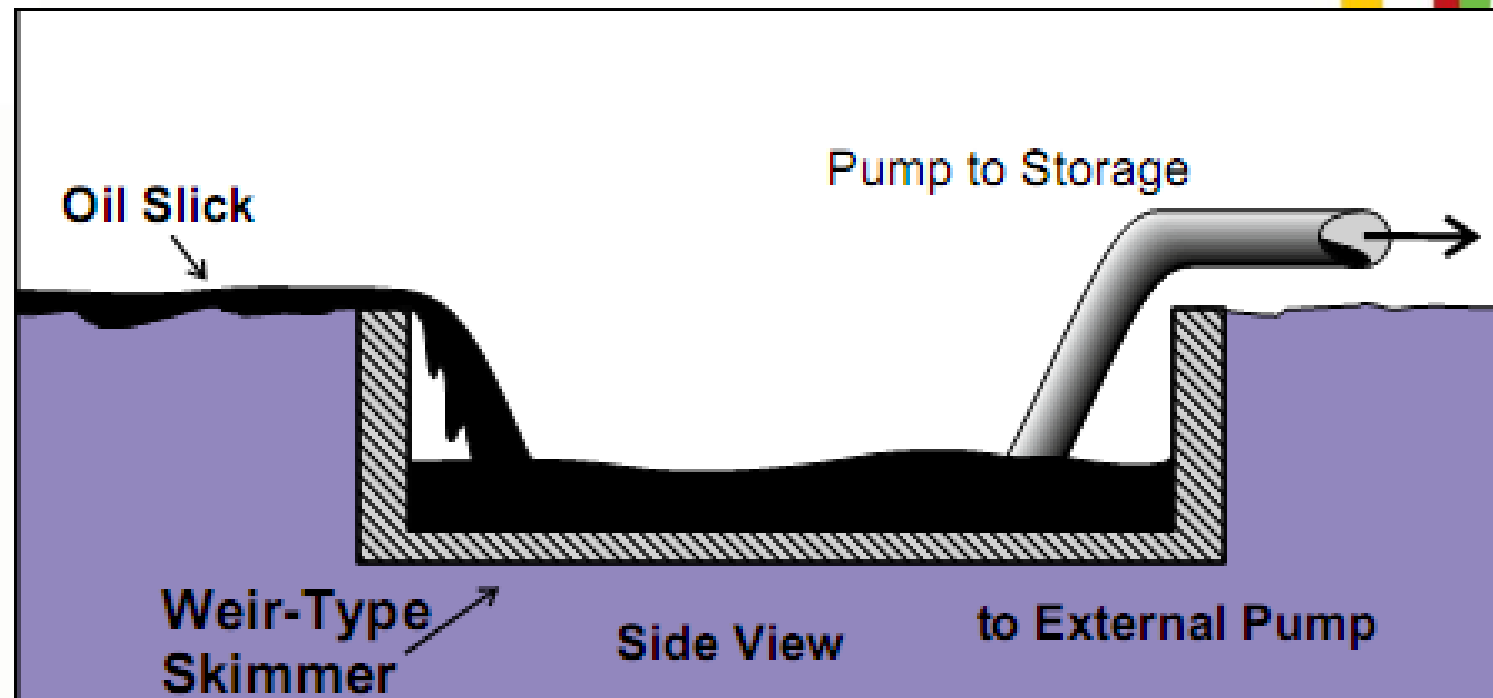
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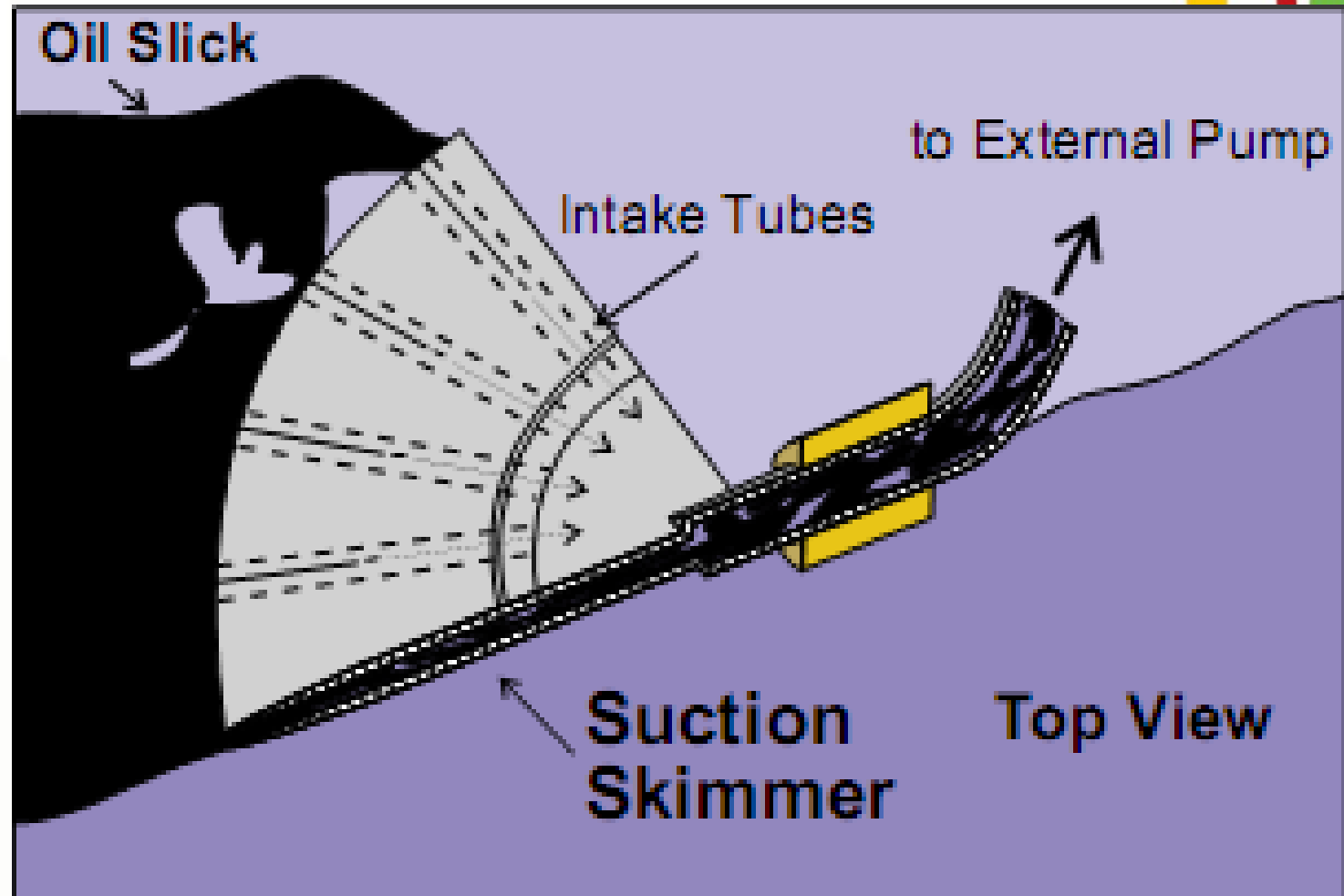


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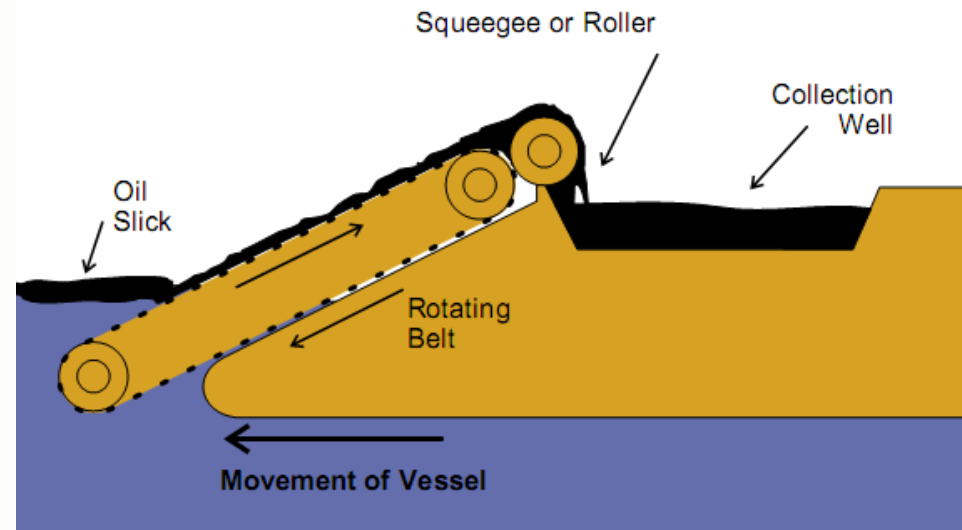
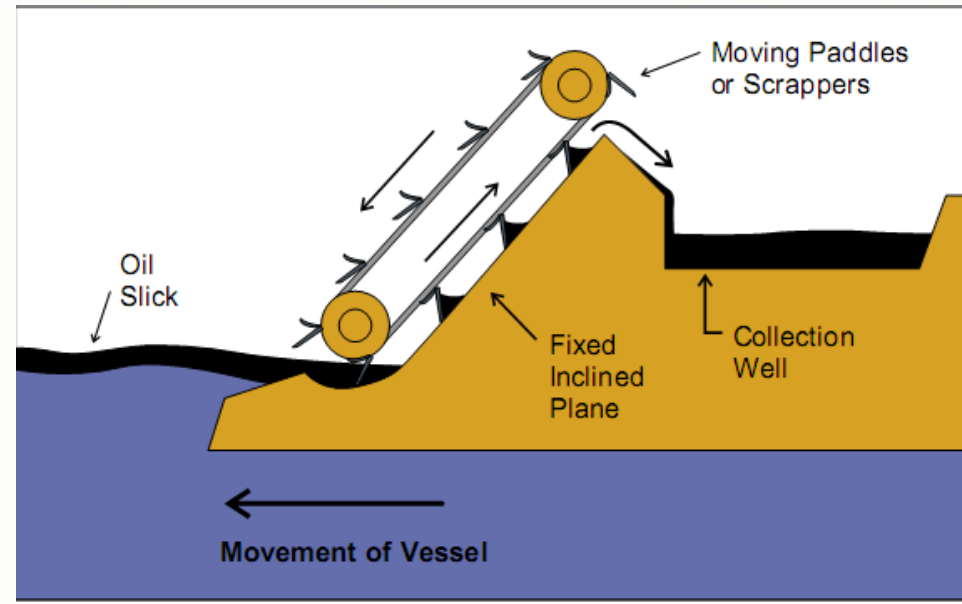


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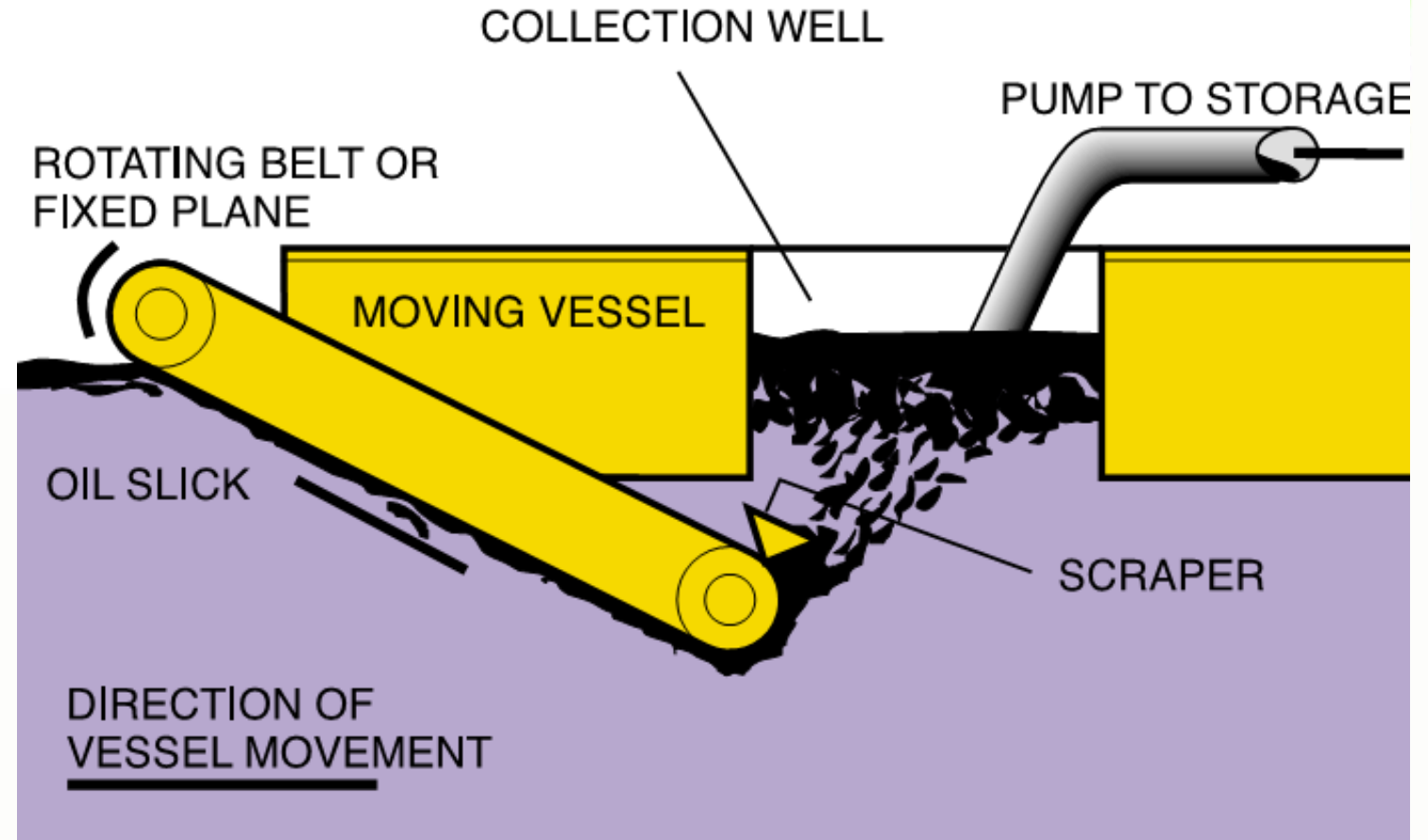


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# Shoreline treatment

- A survey and assessment of the shoreline oiling conditions
- Development of treatment recommendations and priorities
- Establishment of treatment endpoints
- A signoff process to determine when endpoints are reached

- Surface-washing agents



# Waste



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# Final remarks

- Hydrocarbon exploration and production- 2% of marine oil pollution
- Contingency plans
- Oil spill response:
  - containment- booms
  - removal- skimmers & spill treating agents
- Site restoration

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