



Dryden Pool Academy SESSION 9

PATHOGENS IN SWIMMING POOLS



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HIGH-LEVEL
TRAINING
SESSIONS






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AGENDA


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1. What are the most common pathogens found in swimming pools?
2. How to prevent the growth of pathogens
3. What to do when pathogens are present

Case studies


Q&A : Questions / Answers







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Questions & Answers







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Chapters SESSION 1

- 0:00 - Intro
- 1:35 - Presentation of Dryden Aqua
- 8:24 - The pyramid of pool water treatment
- 14:13 - Turnover-rates principles
- 21:58 - Turnover rates in private pools
- 27:00 - Turnover rates in public pools
- 30:10 - Pressure losses & selection of the right pump
- 40:20 - Even water distribution in the pool
- 43:52 - Number of inlets, skimmers and floor drains
- 50:50 - The importance of flow meters
- 54:39 - Case study



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3 simple steps!

SESSION 8



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AFM^{ng} and DAISY[®] will reduce :

- a) Chloroform and other THMs in all swimming pools by <50%
- b) Inorganic chloramines by 2 to 5 times but not organic chloramines

=> Total combined chlorine with DAISY[®]
 Public outdoor pools : < 0.2 ppm
 Public indoor pools : 0.3 – 0.4 ppm

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To reach a total combined chlorine level below 0.2 ppm in public indoor pools

- Use 10cm of activated carbon on top of AFM[®]
- UV medium pressure will lower total combined chlorine but will increase THMs
- Ozone will bring good results but is by far the most expensive solution

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Advanox™
ADVANCED OXIDATION

The best solution

Advanox in combination with DAISY[®]

Total combined chlorine < 0.2 ppm
 Lowest THMs levels
No loss of chlorine in the process

Much lower running costs compared to UV medium pressure and ozone

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The most common pathogens in swimming pools












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Parameter		Unit	Pool water max. values	
Microbiological requirements			TARGET	MAX.
	Aerobic mesophilic germs	CFU/ml	0	1'000
	<i>Escherichia coli (E. coli)</i>	CFU/ 100 ml	0	0
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	CFU/ 100 ml	0	0
	<i>Legionella</i> spp. In pool water	CFU/ 100 ml	0	1
Cryptosporidia: Mainly in USA and UK)				

***CFU= Colony Forming Unit**

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Total number of germs – total plate count		
<p>The number of aerobic mesophilic germs is often referred to as the "total plate count."</p> <p>It provides information on the number of microorganisms that multiply optimally under aerobic conditions in a temperature range between 30 and 40 degrees Celsius.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can be used to assess overall sanitary quality - General microbial contamination indicator - Makes no specific distinction <p>«Houston we have a problem»</p>	 	 

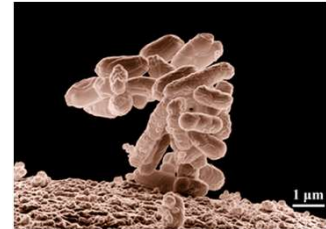
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Escherichia coli (E. coli)

E. coli are **bacteria of fecal origin** and belong to the opportunistic pathogens (optional pathogenic)

- Approx. 2 microns in size
- **Indicate fecal contamination**
- Proof according to ISO 9308-1

They can form toxins and cause severe diarrhea, stomach cramping, pain, nausea and vomiting



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Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Pseudomonads are bacteria measuring 0.5-3.0 micron in size.

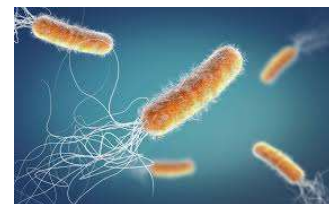
They are the builders, the pioneers of biofilms.

They colonize all wet areas quickly and efficiently **and multiply very** quickly under ideal conditions (warm and sufficient sewage materials). *P. aeruginosa* is a facultative anaerobe.


Planktonically (alone) they are easy to oxidize – but they are well protected in biofilms.

The ability of this bacterium to interact with other microorganisms and **produce biofilms** makes it difficult to control their growth.


Consequences: Otitis (ear infection) and skin infection



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Legionella



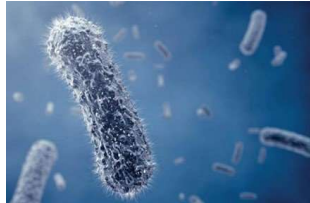
Legionella are bar-shaped bacteria about 6 microns in length that live in water. Currently, about 57 different species of Legionella are known.

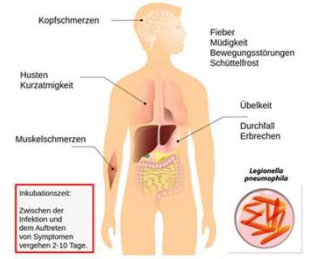
Legionella is a bacteria that includes the species *L. pneumophila*, causing legionellosis (all illnesses caused by Legionella) including a pneumonia-type illness called Legionnaires' disease or Pontiac fever

Infection can occur when inhaling Legionella-containing aerosols.



Legionellen Kontaminationsquellen







Legionella pneumophila

inkubationszeit:
Zwischen der Infektion und dem Auftreten von Symptomen vergehen 2-10 Tage.

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Legionella



Legionella reproduce mainly in a temperature range between 25 and 45 °C.

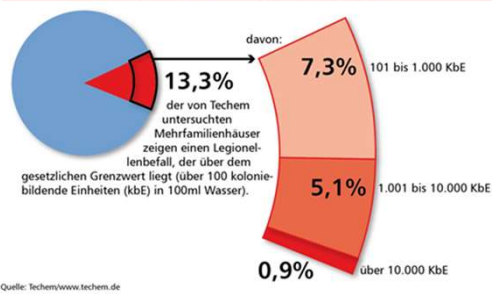
They can be brought into the pool through tap water.

They multiply especially well if there is insufficient disinfection and backwash of the filter.

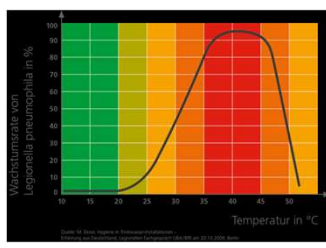
If Legionella is detected directly in the pool water, it is most likely because the filter has bio-fouled and the water is contaminated as a result.

(Source: SIA 385/9)

Legionellen - Befallsquote



Quelle: Techem/www.techem.de



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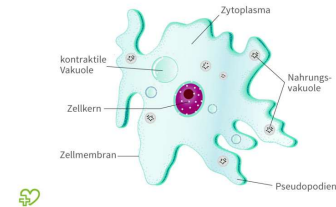
Amoebas are **single-cell organisms** that have no cell walls and therefore **can alter their shape**, primarily by extending and retracting their **pseudopods** (temporary, arm-like projections) to move and feed.

An amoeba is between 100 – 1000 microns in size.

Amoebas typically ingest their food by extending their pseudopods to encircle and encapsulate live prey or particles of scavenged material.

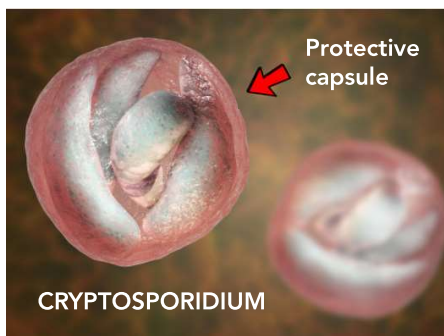
Many amoebas are pathogenic, some of which can also cause serious diseases in humans, for example a severe gastrointestinal disease.

More importantly, many amoeba species harbor pathogenic bacteria such as legionella.



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Cryptos are pathogens (of faecal origin) that are ingested orally and cause severe diarrhea => cryptosporidiosis is a serious intestinal disease




The only way to remove them => FILTRATION

Cryptos can survive at 5 ppm chlorine for 5000 hours. **They are resistant to chlorine.**


Cryptos are 3 to 6 microns in size and can be filtered with very good filtration

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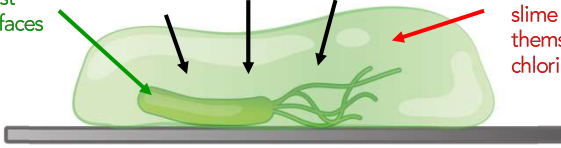
Biology in sand filters

SESSION 4



▶ **How do bacteria survive in a swimming pool?**

Bacteria stick and grow on most surfaces




Bacteria secrete a slime to protect themselves against chlorine oxidation

Chlorine 50ppm

cannot fully oxidise the biofilm, if it is sufficiently stable to protect the bacteria

Biofilm can develop on walls, floor, pipework and especially in the filter media


The filter media represents approx. 90% of the total pool surface
1m³ of sand has a surface of 3.000 m²



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Biofilm is a «home» for growing pathogens



In the biofilm live entire communities of bacteria and other pathogens – including Legionella, amoebae, crypto, pseudomonas...

At 30°C water temperature, they can double in mass every 30 min.

Even the highest chlorine concentrations and the most aggressive backwashing can't stop this development!

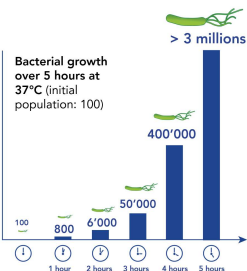


NO biofilm

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No bacteria, viruses and other pathogens

Food and temperature make a huge difference!




Time	Population
1 hour	100
2 hours	800
3 hours	6'000
4 hours	50'000
5 hours	400'000

> 3 millions


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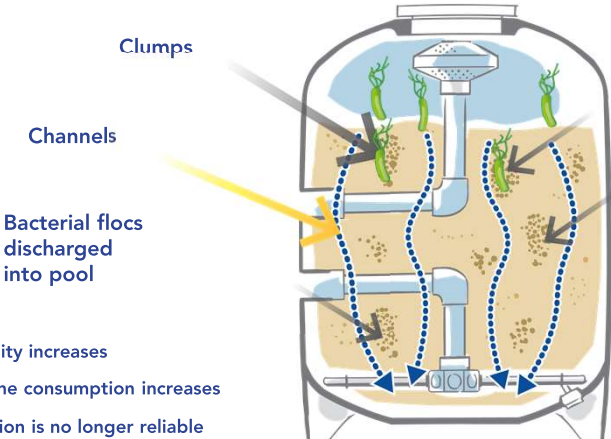
The main problems of biofilm:

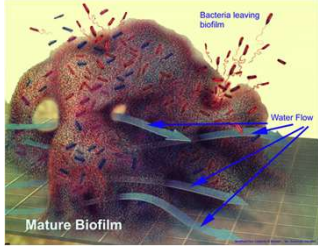
1. Channeling and coagulation of sand




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- ▶ Biofilm leads to coagulation of sand and the formation of channels
- ▶ Inconsistent and unreliable filtration





NO biofilm 

- No clumping
- No channeling
- Reliable filtration

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How to prevent the growth of pathogens ?



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Filtration with AFM®




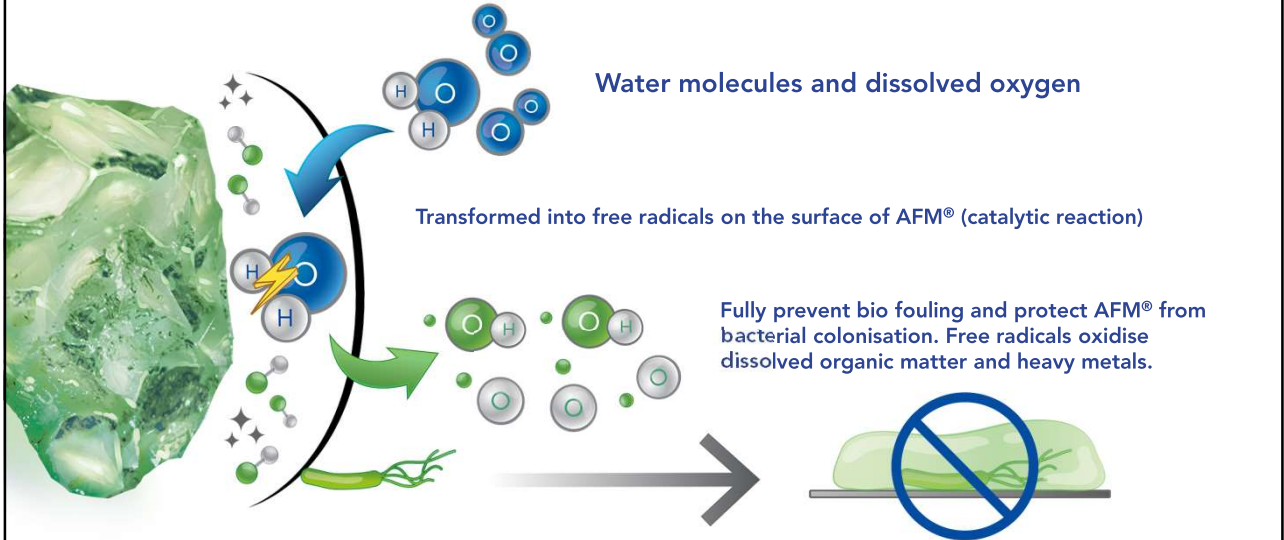


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Fully prevents the formation of biofilm in the filter bed






Water molecules and dissolved oxygen


Transformed into free radicals on the surface of AFM® (catalytic reaction)

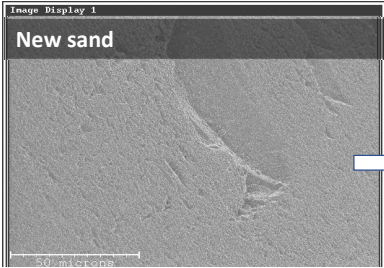
Fully prevent bio fouling and protect AFM® from bacterial colonisation. Free radicals oxidise dissolved organic matter and heavy metals.

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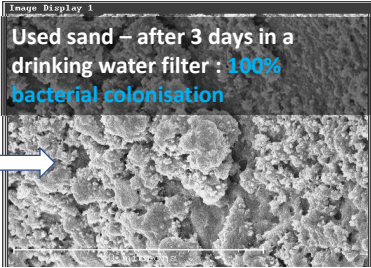


AFM[®] after 5 years...

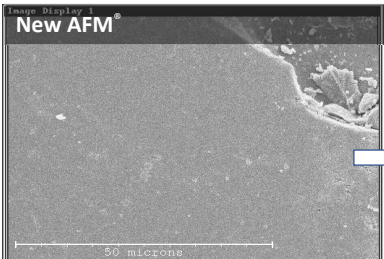





New sand



Used sand – after 3 days in a drinking water filter : 100% bacterial colonisation



New AFM[®]




Used AFM[®] - after 5 years in a sewage treatment system: Absence of bio-fouling

Bacterial count in 5 g of filter media at a water temperature of 37°C


AFM	18
Sand	3,600,000

Samples were taken after backwash

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Significantly improves filtration



Test identification									
Test date : 03/10/2019	Operator : ML	IFTS n. : ECH_00031256							
Customer reference									
Filter ref. : AFM 21 ng (0,4 - 0,8mm) Sample 2									
Test parameters									
Test fluid : Filtered water	Test dust : ISO CTD	Batch n. : 13388C							
Test results									
Parameters	Flow rate (L/h)	Contaminant injection			Particle counting				
		Concentration (mg/L)			Counter	Sensor	Flow rate (mL/min)	Volume (mL)	
Test flow rate (m3/h)	0,37	Initial	Final	Average	PAMAS 2132	WaterViewer	25	25	
Temperature (°C)	23,4								
Concentration (mg/L)	5,2								
Test duration (min)	362	10,02	202	181	191,5				
Particle number/mL	Sizes (µm)	> 1	> 2	> 4	> 6	> 8	> 10	> 20	> 25
	Upstream	110,52	75,64	33,6	12,96	7,48	5,68	2,4	1,76
Downstream		42	23,84	10,16	5,12	4,08	3,88	3,32	2,92
Sizes (µm)	E (%)	> 1	> 2	> 4	> 6	> 8	> 10	> 20	> 25
		Upstream	12702	8737	3359	1338	559	274	20
Downstream	684	270	96,9	25	99,3	2	99,9	0	99,9


AFM[®] ng removes 94,6% of >1 micron particles at 20m/h

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MICRON

Certified


1 micron filtration




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Filters 50% more organics than sand



Hydrophobic surface
(Neutral charge / non-polar)



↓ TOC ↓ THMs

Up to 50% less chloroform and other THMs

Microplastics


Proteins

Oil

Lipids

Most organic substances like oils, lipids, fats, large amino acids and non-polar tend to be adsorbed onto a hydrophobic surface.

Organic matter are the precursor for the formation of THM and other by-products.



Less organics = less potential to form THMs

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Coagulation & flocculation with APF®





STEP 2



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MICRON

APF Pools

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Why use APF®?

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OPTIMAL SAFETY

REMOVAL OF DISSOLVED POLLUTANTS AND CHLORINE RESISTANT PATHOGENS (e.g CRYPTO)

CRYPTO

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NoPhos

SESSION 6

THE BIOLOGICAL SOLUTION TO PREVENT ALGAE AND BACTERIA

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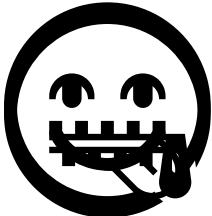
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Phosphate is a vital nutrient for algae and bacteria




In the absence of phosphates.....


there may be plenty of food but, it can't be metabolized!





Phosphates are responsible for nutrient transport across cell membranes.





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No food => no growth



NO ALGAE AND BACTERIA

REMOVAL OF DISSOLVED PHOSPHATES (PO4)

PHOSPHATE IS A VITAL NUTRIENT FOR ALGAE AND BACTERIA



NoPhos has a 3+ charge



Phosphate has a 3- charge



To precipitate phosphate out of solution



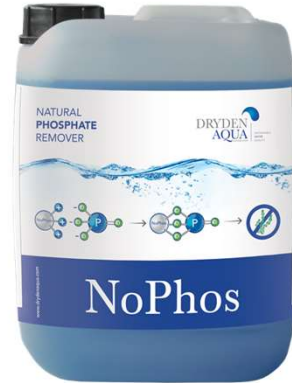
APF 20L contains 1.5L of NoPhos => Natural phosphate remover





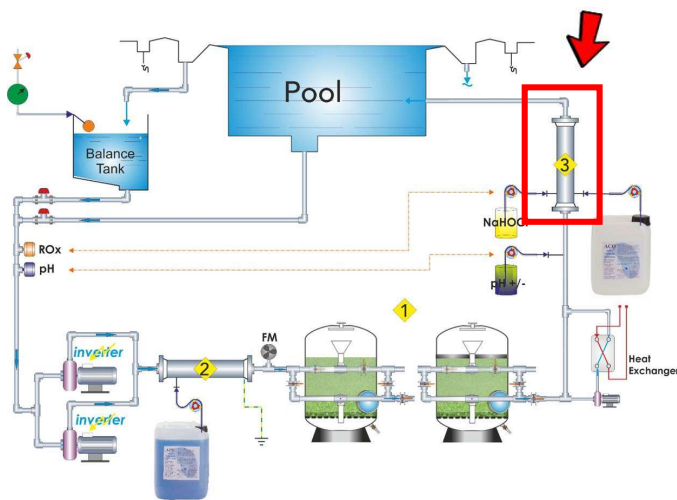
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Algae and bacteria are a problem for all swimmers...

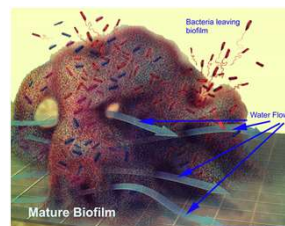


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ZPM after the filter: Cavitation-reactions smash biofilm and Crypto

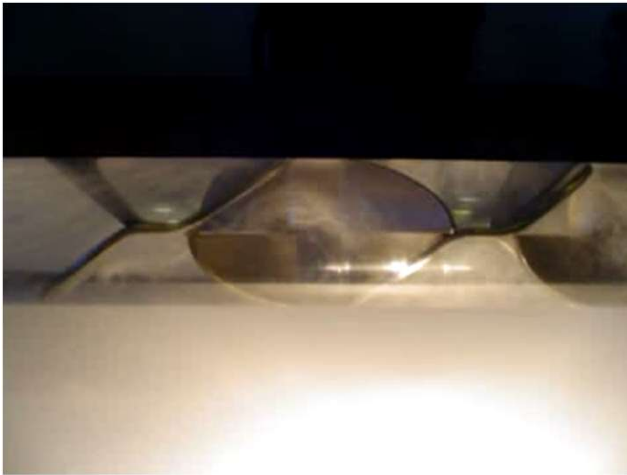


Smashing Crypto
Smashing biofilm

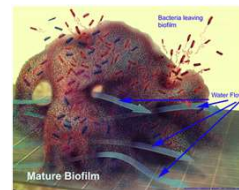


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ZPM after the filter: Cavitation-reactions smash biofilm and Crypto



Smashing Crypto
Smashing biofilm



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What to do when pathogens are present!



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Pool analysis results and measures



Art des Auftrages: Badewasseruntersuchung
Auftragsnummer: B15-01820
Kundennummer: B71693
Tagebuchnummern: PB15-05463 - PB15-05466
Entnahmeorte / -stellen: Siehe unten
Probenahme / -nehmer: 01.07.2015 / 09:20-09:55 Uhr Jaborsky Mario Dr. / Eurofins Institut Jäger
Probeneingang: 01.07.2015
Untersuchungsbeginn: 02.07.2015 **Untersuchungsende:** 13.07.2015

ERGEBNISSE

Tagebuchnummer: PB15-05463		Auftragsnummer : B15-01820		
Wasserkörper/Objekt: Schwimmbecken				
Entnahmestelle: Filtrat				
Parameter	Einheit	Prüfergebnis	Höchstwert	Prüfverfahren
Mikrobiologische Untersuchung (Filtrat)				
Wassertemperatur bei PN	°C	29,4		DIN 38404-4 (C 4)
Koloniezahl 36 °C	KBE/1 ml	0	100	TrinkwV Anl. 5 Teil I d) bb)
Escherichia coli	MPN/100 ml	0	0	Colilert 18/Quanti Tray
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	KBE/100 ml	0	0	DIN EN ISO 16266 (K11)
Legionella species	KBE/100 ml	10 !	0	UBA-Methode/ISO 11731/DIN EN ISO 11731-2

PN = Probenahme

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What to do if pathogens are present



1-10 CFU/100 ml

- Backwash filter with highly chlorinated water (> 20 mg / l)
- Check water treatment for any functional defects
- Make new analysis after 4 weeks

10-1000 CFU /100 ml

- Turn off aerosol-generating devices
- Backwash filter with highly chlorinated rinse water (> 20 mg / l)
- Empty, clean and disinfect the spa
- New analysis of the pool water and also the filtrate (the water after the filter - before disinfection) after 10 days

>1000 CFU /100 ml

- Close the pool to swimmers
- Find the source of contamination
- Clean and disinfect piping, valves, channels, balance tank
- Check filtration and backwash
- Eliminate the source of contamination
- Re-commission



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Pathogens in swimming pools
The places to target...

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Overflow Channels

Balance Tank

Filter

Drain spas and clean them

Pipes

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How to remove biofilm

Remove biofilm

with Chlorine Dioxide (ClO₂)

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Chlorine Dioxide (ClO₂)

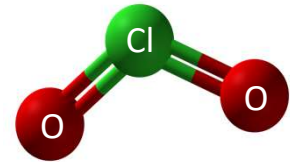
Chlorine dioxide is a chemical compound with the formula ClO₂. It is a radical with oxidizing properties.

It is often used instead of chlorine because it forms less toxic DBP's (THM's etc.)

It is more effective than chlorine (1.57eV vs 1.35eV) and, unlike chlorine, also effective against viruses and many protozoa.

Chlorine dioxide is a soluble gas and it can penetrate biofilms.

This is why it is much more effective in the removal of biofilms.



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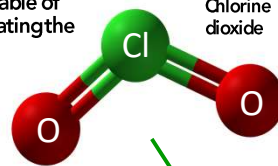
Chlorine Dioxide > unique properties

DryOx

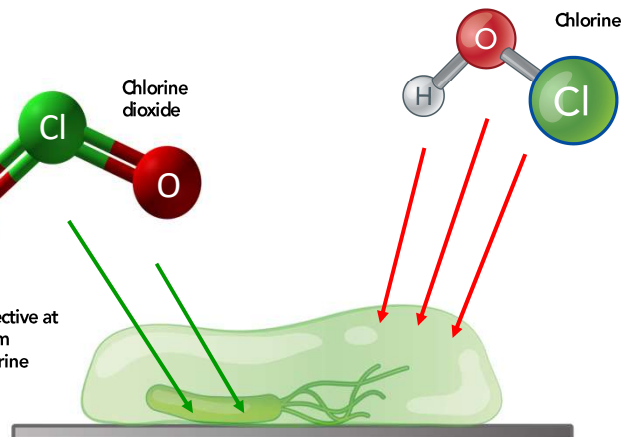


Chlorine dioxide passes through the biofilm - not chlorine!

Chlorine dioxide is a soluble gas capable of directly penetrating the biofilm



It is 10x more effective at eliminating biofilm compared to chlorine



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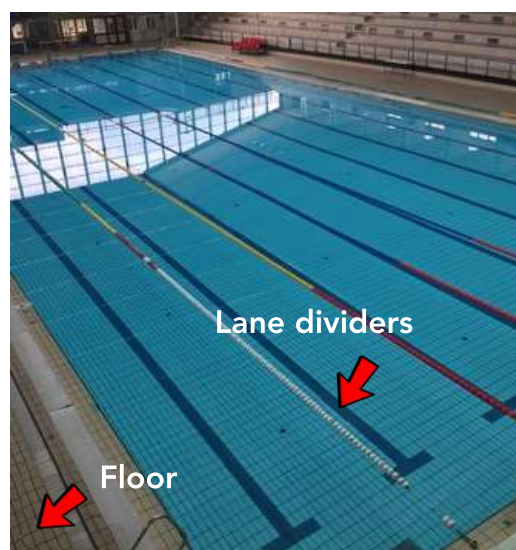
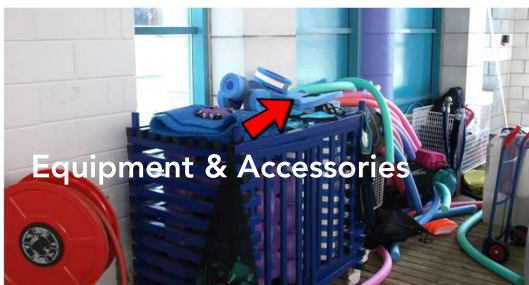
Disinfection of the filters with DryOx

1. Fill the balance tank to the top
2. Add 4 DryOx tablets for 10 m3 of pool volume to the balance tank
Ex: Pool 100m3 => 40 tablets of 1g => 0.4ppm ClO₂
3. Stop the pumps for 5 minutes and let the tablets dissolve completely
4. Turn the pumps on for 5 minutes to bring the "DryOx-water" into the filter. Then turn the pump off for 1 hour and let DryOx work (concentration x time)
5. Finally, backwash the filter before restarting



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Also check and clean the following
2 DryOx tablets dissolved in 50-100 litres of water



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In spas and hot tubs

1. Add 4 tablets per 1000 l water volume (ClO₂ concentration 4g/m³)
2. Turn on the filter and massage system for 1 hour. Do not use the pool during this time
3. Completely drain the pool water, rinse and refill with fresh water. Repeat this treatment at least every 3 months.




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Pipes before and after DryOx




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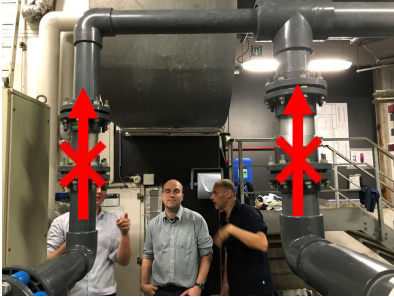


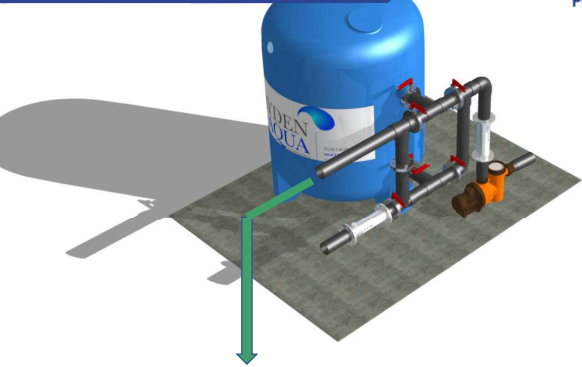
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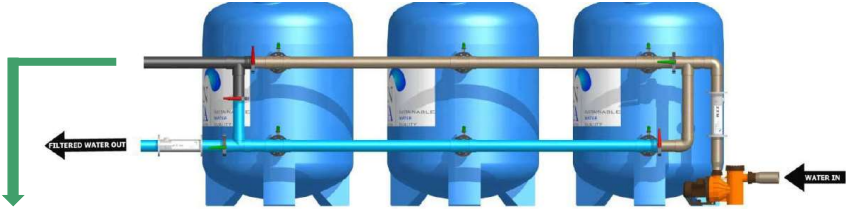
Biofouling of the filter bed as a result of insufficient backwash




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Wrong pipe diameter – no FlowVis => No efficient backwash => problem





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2 pumps 5.5kW
2 x 60m³/h

Filter d1600mm: 2m²
Piping DN100/d110mm
Speed @ 100m³/h =4m/s





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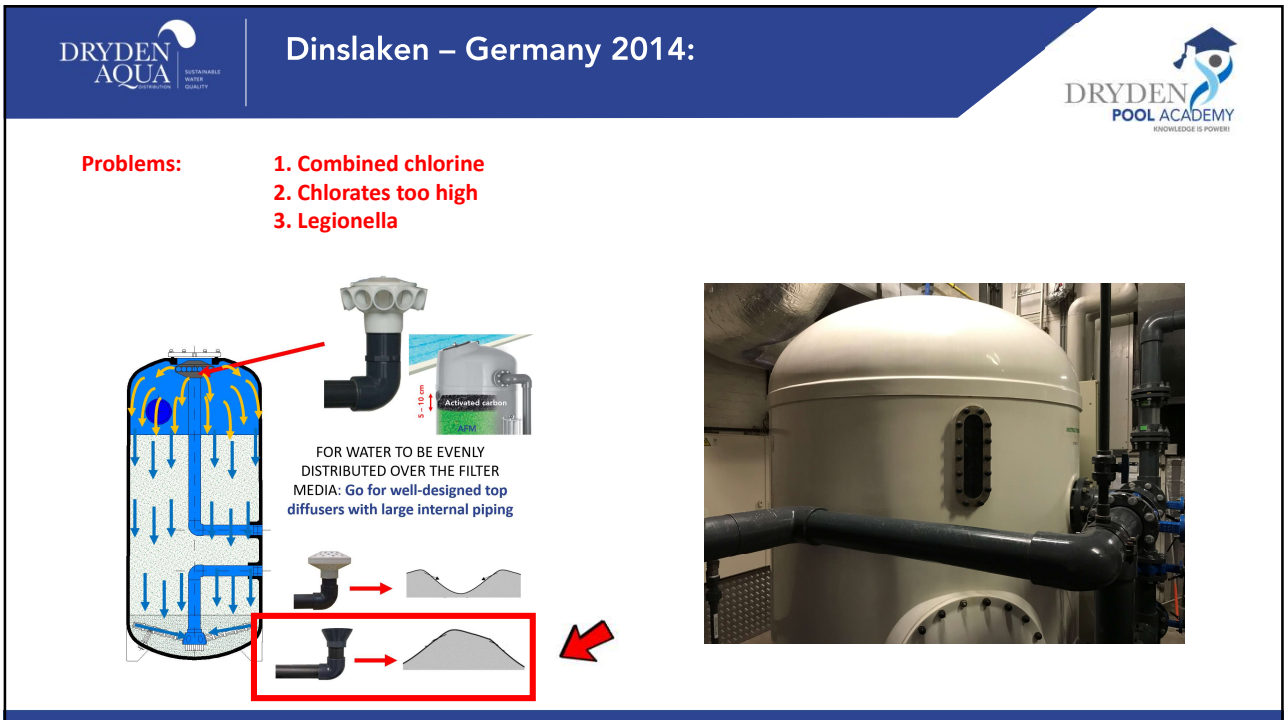


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CASE STUDIES

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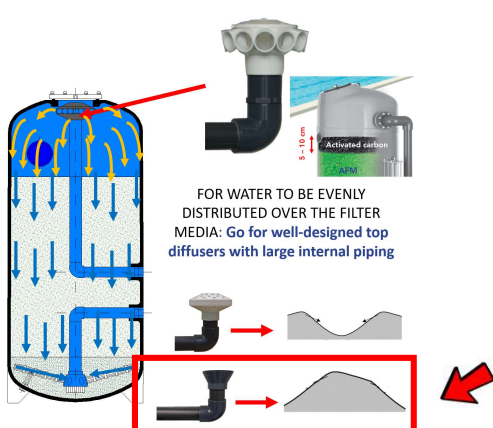
Dinslaken – Germany 2014:

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Problems:

1. Combined chlorine
2. Chlorates too high
3. Legionella

FOR WATER TO BE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED OVER THE FILTER MEDIA: Go for well-designed top diffusers with large internal piping



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Dinslaken – Germany 2014

SESSIONS 2&3





Filter d1200mm = 1.2 m2
Backwash volume needed: 4000l

Balance tank only 3000l (gross)
and 2000l (net)


Can only backwash for 2 minutes

**Problem: Biofouling of the filter
and combined chlorine**


**Solution: backwash directly from
the pool**



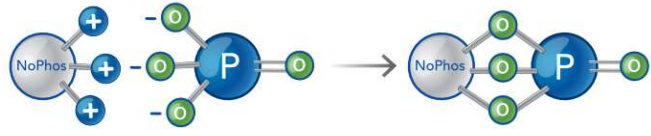
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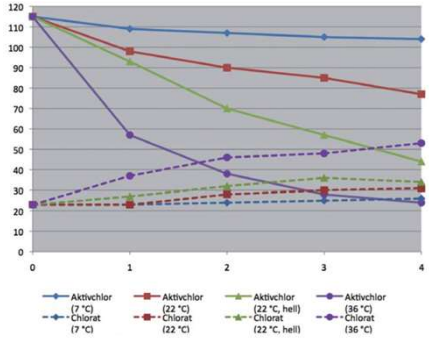
Legionella: Tap water had 4.0mg/l phosphate



Chlorates: 3 pallets of chlorine bleach (due to price) stored at room temperatures of 35°

72 x





Day	Active Chlorine (7°C)	Active Chlorine (22°C)	Active Chlorine (22°C, hell)	Active Chlorine (36°C)	Chlorate (7°C)	Chlorate (22°C)	Chlorate (22°C, hell)	Chlorate (36°C)
0	115	115	115	115	20	20	20	20
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2	105	95	75	45	20	25	30	45
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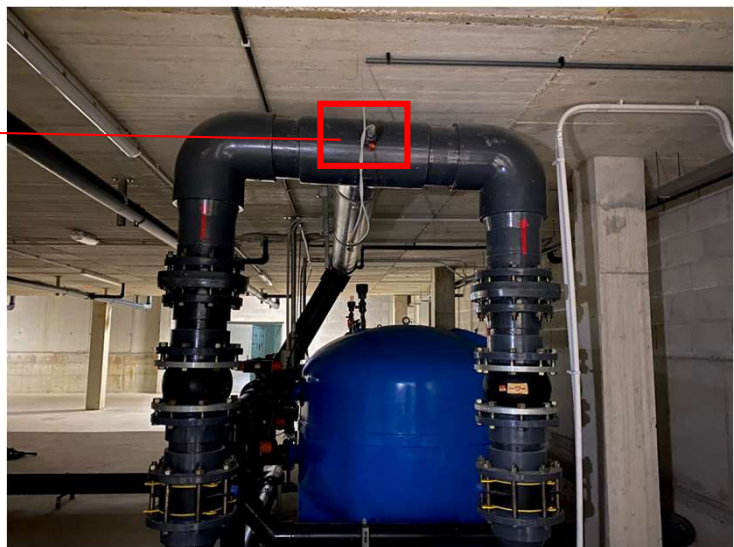
Problems: Pseudomonas



Actions: Change to AFM-S - nothing else

- Piping ok but valves too small – no flow meters
- No APF - no ZPM - No GAC
- The system is running with UV medium pressure

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Actual situation 15.3.21:

Problems with pseudomonas GONE

Chlorine consumption approx 25% lower

Small algae problems in the pool in a small area

Solution: APF, Stenner, Injection before the pump

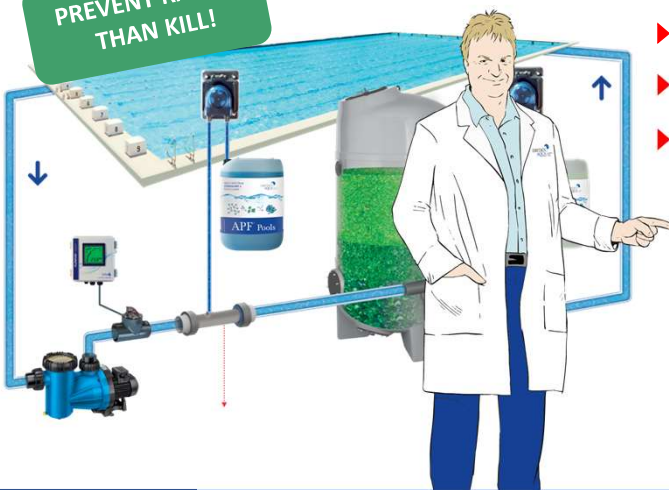
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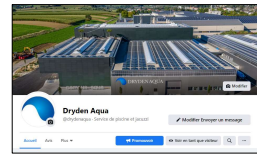
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