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ANCHOR Blackwater

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Let's fuel the transition towards water wise neighbourhoods



HOW?

- By gathering experiences from a unique EU demo network in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden with source separation technology, and expanding it with new pilots
- By mapping the impacts of decentralized water systems in urban areas
- By closely engaging with stakeholders
- By delivering practical tools and transition knowledge



WHO?



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Anchor Lunch Talks

AGENDA

- Why should one collect blackwater separately from greywater? (Prof. Jörg Londong)
- How do we treat blackwater for resource recovery (Hamse Kjerstadius)
- Where is the economy in source-separating wastewater systems? (Dries Seuntjens)
- Discussion



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Why should one collect blackwater separately from greywater?

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Jörg Londong

Bauhaus-Institute for Infrastructure Solutions (b.is)

5 Take home messages



Blackwater is wastewater from toilets. It contains urine, faeces and flush water.

Blackwater contains valuables:

Nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus

Energy in form of organic matter

Blackwater contains hazardous matter:



Pathogens such as bacteria, viruses, and parasites Antibiotic resistant bacteria and genes

Chemicals and pharmaceuticals

The conventional system of urban drainage does not have sufficient barriers



against emission of hazardous matter.

Source separation can provide barriers, energy and nutrient recovery.

			7	TUHH Technische Universität Hamburg-Harburg
Vo	lume stream	Grey water 25,000 – 100,000 l/(p*a)	Urine ~ 500 l/(p*a)	Faeces ~ 50 l/(p*a)
N	~ 4-5 kg/(p*a)	~ 3_ %	~ 87	~ <mark>_10</mark> %
Р	~ 0,75 kg/(p*a)	~ <mark>10</mark> %	~ 50 %	<mark>~ 40 %</mark>
K	~ 1,8 kg/(p*a)	<mark>~ 34</mark> %	~ 54 %	~ 12 %
COD	~ 30 kg/(p*a)	~ 41 %	~ <mark>12</mark> %	~ 47 %

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Deaths attributable to AMR every year compared to other major causes of death

AMR in 2050 10 million Tetanus 60,000 Road traffic accidents Cancer 1.2 million 8.2 million **AMR now** 700,000 (low estimate) Cholera Measles 100,000-130,000 120,000 Diarrhoeal disease Diabetes 1.4 million 1.5 million

Antimicrobial Resistance: Tackling a crisis for the health and wealth of nations

The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance Chaired by Jim O'Neill December 2014

Source: https://amr-review.org/sites/default/files/AMR%20Review%20Paper%20-%20Tackling%20a%20crisis%20for%20the%20health%20and%20wealth%20of%20nations _1.pdf

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 Tetanus
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Relevant entry paths for antibiotic resistance





Antibiotic resistance genes



Antibiotic resistant bacteria _{B)}



Source: Pinnekamp, J.; Firk, J.; Schleiffer, P. (2019) Bewertung der urbanen Gewässereinträge und Möglichkeiten der Eintragsminderung, Abschlussveranstaltung des BMBF-Forschungsvorhabens zu Antibiotikaresistenzen im Wasserkreislauf (HyReKA), April 2019 (http://www.hyreka.net/uploads/2019_5_Präsentationen%20HyReKA-Abschluss_Homepage.zip)



Forschungsvorhabens zu Antibiotikaresistenzen im Wasserkreislauf (HyReKA), April 2019

(http://www.hyreka.net/uploads/2019 5 Präsentationen%20HyReKA-Abschluss Homepage.zip)



End of my presentation

How do we treat blackwater for

resource recovery





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Blackwater – a smooth wastewater! Massbalance for 2023 in Helsingborg

Even flow rate all weeks of the year

Blackwater flow rates in Helsingborg were $64 \pm 9 \text{ m}3$ per week, which gives 13% standard deviation.

This is even with a large commercial area connected + a hotel.

Stable concentrations

Around 8 700 mgCOD/L, 120 mgP/L and 1300 mgN/L.

Concentrations are stable for Total solids (22% STDEV), phosphorus, nitrogen and COD (<20% STDEV).

Clean stuff

The influent BW has a cadmium to phosphorus ratio of 8 mg Cd/kg P. (normal sewage sludge 20-25 mg Cd/kg P).

NB! High Zink and Cu concentrations likely due to wear of metal parts in process equipment (sinking concentration trend seen in struvite).

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The mass balance of compounds in source-separated blackwater treatment at RecoLab, Helsingborg

Lisa Gren

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Parameter	Mean	SD	Unit	n	, master's
Flow	64	8.6	m ³ /week	50	y esource: Engineering
TS	4 108	880	mg/L	37	
TP	123	19	mg/L	47	
TN	1311	112	mg/L	90	
COD	8757	1526	mg/L	47	
Cd	1.0	0.11	μg/L	11	
Cu	174	28	μg/L	11	
Ni	38	9.5	μg/L	11	
Pb	2.3	0.32	μg/L	11	
Zn	1175	130	μg/L	11	
Hg	0.14	0.12	μg/L	11	
Cr	31	12	μg/L	11	

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Blackwater treatment chain

Anaerobic digestion as core process

The concentration of COD in the blackwater is high enough for immediate anaerobic digestion.... Beneficial for increased recovery of primary energy as methane.

Digestate liquid with reasonable concentration of nutrients

With concentrations of approx. 120 mg P-tot/L and 1 200 mg N-tot/L the digestated blackwater has a composition similar to reject water at normal WWTPs. But much more of the macro and micro-nutrients are found in the blackwater*!



* Jönsson, H., Baky, A., Jeppson, U., Hellström, D. and Kärrman, E., 2005. *Composition of urine, faeces, greywater and biowaste for utilisation in the URWARE model.* Göteborg, Urban Water.



Suitable for anaerobic digestion

More organic material converted to methane

The concentration of COD in the blackwater is high enough for immediate anaerobic digestion.... if you use sludge separation systems like UASB!

- Approx. 3m³ biogas per m³ blackwater.
- 22 NL CH₄/pe/day \rightarrow 65% more biogas per connected person*





* As compared to the biogas production from municipal wastewater: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2017.03.094

Removes solids from the water

Around 80% TS and 70% COD is removed during anaerobic digestion

Low sludge production

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The sludge flow is 2% of the total liquid flow, before dewatering.

Effluent water quality

The digester decanted effluent usually has a nice orange-brown colour High degree of nutrients in effluent in mineralized form (free for extraction)

- 98% nitrogen in effluent (1 200 mg NH₄-N/L)
- 85% phosphorus in effluent (90 mg PO₄-P/L)
- Sufficient for struvite precipitation and ammonia stripping

But sometimes also solids washout....

Solids concentration can jump from 250 mg SS/L up to 2 000 mg SS/L! We do not fully understand the causes yet.

...which can be solved with mechanical filtration Next slide.







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Solids removal with drumfilter or micro filtration?

Drum filter with 40 um screen

9 months good operation. >500 mg SS/L \rightarrow 100 mg SS/L.

Ceramic microfilter 0.1 um screen Pilot tests by PhD student* >500 mg SS/L \rightarrow <10 mg SS/L.

Conclusion: Drum filter is enough!

Protects the effluent quality while being very easy to operate.





Recovery of nutrients

Liquid fraction recovery (Not ANCHOR-project)

- Wet composting with urea addition.
- Concentrate recovery using distillation (tested in Helsingborg, SE) or freeze concentration (tested by Brightwater tools, USA).

Anaerobic sludge reuse (monitored in ANCHOR-project)

- Sludge quality evaluation (Ghent, Helsingborg & Hamburg)
- Produced volumes at demo sites are too small for any practical reuse (2m³ per week before dewatering).

Extracted nutrients (within ANCHOR-project)

- Struvite precipitation (Ghent & Helsingborg)
- Ammonia stripping (Helsingborg)
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Struvite precipitation for phosphorus recovery

A solid fertilizer material with low metal content

Struvite precipitation is low cost and low chemical need.

- Liquid magnesium chloride used for precipitation.
- Performed in Helsingborg, Ghent and a few places in the Netherlands.
- Struvite on the EU fertilizer (2019/1009) list of products. End of waste & ecological farming possibility.
- Nice and clean product already now (Cd/P = less than 1)! But we also noticed heavily dropping trends of Nickel, Zink and Cromium (wear from the process equipment!)





Element	RecoLab	RecoLab	Sewage
	sludge	struvite	sludge
Cd	0.57	0.14	0.606
Cu	98	8.1	334
Ni	24	3.55	16.8
Pb	< 2	2.3	13.72
Zn	614	61	470
Hg	0.24	0.060	0.341
Cr	20	5.0	19.78
TN	58 000	72 000	49 510
TP	49 000	210 000	28 672

	Object	mg Cd/kg P
	RecoLab influent	8.1
	RecoLab sludge	13
<	RecoLab struvite	0.68
	SPCR178 certification	17
	Revaq certification	22

Ammonia stripping for nitrogen recovery

A solid fertilizer material with low metal content

Ammonia stripping is a proven technology, but high in chemical usage and operational cost.

- Uses NaOH, sulphuric acid and heat.
 Still a climate positive effect compared to the fossil nitrogen cycle*.
- Performed in Helsingborg and a few places in municipal WWTPs (like Oslo, NO).
- Due to the gas separation of ammonia, the extracted ammonium sulphate is a pure salt near free from pollutants.
- Ammonium sulphate on the EU fertilizer (2019/1009) list of products. End of waste possibility.
- More efficient N-recovery methods being develop (for example membrane stripping)**



Fertilizer NPK pellet produced from recovered struvite / ammoniumsulphate and digester sludge gave good results in 3 year farm trials***.



Polishing or pharmaceutical removal

Polishing of the remaining phosphorus and nitrogen

- 20 mg tot-P/L and 200 mg N-tot/L needs to be decreased (not economically realistic to recover).
- In Ghent the blackwater effluent is mixed with the greywater influent for nutrient polishing in activated sludge system (plus colour removal).
- In Helsingborg and Hamburg polishing is not part of the demo site process (effluent discharged to sewer/WWTP)

Removal of pharmaceutical residues (not handled in ANCHOR-project, LIFE application on this topic submitted!)

- Wet composting or mesophilic digestion has some (40-60% of selected compounds) removal. *
- Thermophilic digestion has similar or higher degree of removal, but still not complete. **

Based on what we know so far, a dedicated process step is likely needed for a high removal of organic micro pollutants.

For example carbonfilters ***





Colour of effluent water before and after activated carbon at Ghent demosite.





Outlook

Blackwater treatment is moving from university to municipal operation:

- Blackwater has a smooth flow rate and stable concentrations. It is a really nice wastewater.
- Anaerobic digestion is a central process for both recovery of energy but also for removal of solids and COD from the blackwater prior to nutrient recovery.
- Full scale biogas production proven to equal university results.
- Digestor sludge washout events solved by drumfilter.
- Struvite and ammonium sulphate proven clean products and fit in EU 2019/1009 (end of waste expected in 2025).
- Still lack of full-scale application of organic micro pollutant removal from blackwater (not in ANCHOR).

Coming later on in ANCHOR-project:

- Mass balances off treatment systems at ANCHOR demo site.
- Assessment of removal of antibiotic resistant genes from separate blackwater treatment.





"Blackwater is the wastewater



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Where is the economy in source-separating systems?





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Where is the economy in source-separating systems?

Where : what has value and why? Economy: is there a market for this value? Source-seperating systems: What is the benefit created by separating wastewater at source and treating it with decentralized/ on-site water treatment?





Where is the economy? Part 1 : Location



Individual house



Flat(s)



District/City/ Country

Economy

Individual

Semi-collective

Responsibility

Individual

Financing

private (Government support) Co-funded by the European Union Collective house owners Or utility (private or public)

> private (Government support)

Society

Local utility

public Private (rarely) with government support

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Where is the economy? Part 2: Markets

	Individual house	Flat(s)	District/City/Country
Water	x	x	x
Energy	Х	Х	x
Nutrients			x
Current infrastr	ructure		X
Sewer capacity			X
Drinking water production		X	
Climate ch	nange adaptation		Х
Health and env	rironment		X
InterMigropoli	utants for the European Union		x x
Heat-islan	nd/urban greenery x	x	x
Eutrophica	alion		Х

What drives the markets?

Scarcity

- Water : Areas like South Europa, San-Francisco, South-Africa, Singapore, ..
- (Sustainable) Energy: Climate and geographical dependent drivers

Environmental regulation

- Eutrophication: Obliged sewer connections to reduce nutrient emissions, more stringend emission limits
- **Micropollutants**: PFAS, pharmaceuticals, microplastics,..
- Pathogens : sewer overflow storm events.
- Energy production: Clean and local energy production
- Climate adaptation strategies : Adaptation Extreme weather events
- ...

Europe: >> New Urban WasteWater Treatment Directive (UWWTD) creates opportunities for local water treatment plants

City development

North Se Real estate Valuation





Circular Economy: Energy Service Company or ESCO

Recovery of heat



After treatment of our wastewater, the heat is recovered in the <u>district heating</u> system

- Effluent temperatures 17-31°C: on average <u>5°C</u> higher than central sewer systems (in Ghent, Belgium)
- Up to <u>25%</u> of local yearly heating demand can be covered by heat recovery from grey water
 - Heat is used in the district heating and sold to clients as an Energy as a service (ESCO) concept.
- The whole district is an energy community with local solar production, battery, Electrical Vehicles and a energy management system

Circular Economy: Water Service Company or WASCO

Local water treatment and reuse



<u>Black water</u>, <u>kitchen waste</u> and <u>grey water</u> are treated onsite. Water is reused by the nearby soap factory Christeyns.

- Inhabitants in the district pay the same for drinking water and water treatment as somewhere else in the city
- Levies on the drinking water bill for <u>treatment and</u> <u>transport</u> are used for DuCoop to manage the water treatment plant and collection systems.
- Extra revenues are generated by the sale of purified water to the nearby soap factory Christeyns.

Circular Economy: Waste Service Company

Local processing of kitchen waste



<u>kitchen waste is</u> is collected in a communal shredder and treated together with black and grey water

- Inhabitants in the district pay the same for kitchen waste treatment as somewhere else in the city.
- Levies on <u>kitchen waste</u> are used for DuCoop to manage the water treatment plant and collection systems.
- Extra revenues are generated by the production of biogas out of the kitchen waste.
- Separate collection of other waste streams like frying oil occurs in the district

Health and environment: urban heat island effect



Reduce heat-island effects

Local Water communities linked with local greenery:

- Water quality produced by De Nieuwe Dokken water treatment plant is sufficient in quality for irrigation
- Potential revenues on city/country level
 - Reduce heat related health problems
 - (The climate crisis is also a health crisis, Lancet, 2023, Climate health report)
 - Increased happiness and productivity
 - Real estate valuation

No enterococci,

staphylococci or

Legionellae

effluent



Current infrastructure: reduce sewer overflows

Less problems at combined sewer overflows Comply to

legislation

Local recovery may <u>reduce sewer overflows</u> by increasing <u>connection capacity</u> of Local Water Infrastructure
 ➢ Robust treatment : last 4 years : very limited use of central sewer connection (emergency connection)
 ➢ Potential revenues on city level
 ➢ Adaptation of current Wastewater/ drinking water infrastructure to legislation/climate change

Seine River in Paris still too polluted for Olympic events as opening ceremony looms

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Nature.com 01/2024 / Antibiotic resistance is a growing threat — is climate change making it worse?

Current infrastructure: new city developments

Local recovery may increase <u>connection capacity</u> of Local Water Infrastructure

- Current sewer infrastructure for new city development is running on it's limits in Stockholm and Helsingborg, SE
 Potential revenues on city level
 - Avoid change of current wastewater/drinking water

infrastructure



Allow development where it is not possible today

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Business case calculations From a concept to implementation?







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Financial modelling of new districts

Financial model



CAPEX: Cost database Circular: ∑ (known prices + market survey + experience in construction), Index: ABEX
OPEX: Reinvestment (5-15-20 years) + OPEX (Standards + practical experience prices external services); Index: CIP
Revenues: Volume profiles: practical experience (DND data translated into models: build-up of occupancy, adoption rate, ... + Peer reviewed open source models), rates: Continuous market study, Index CIP
Financing: private equity, government support, revenues, banks, ...



VOLUME PROFILE



Replication potential local water community (based on numbers case study DuCoop)



Black water treatment and recovery

- > 1000 housing units
- Biogas digestion coupled with other resources:
 - Kitchen waste
 - SWILL streams (e.g. Jenfelder au, Hamburg Wasser)



Grey water treatment and recovery

- > > 200 housing units WHEN coupled with heat recovery
- Context driven:
 - density of urban environment
 - Scarcity of water and renewable heat
 - Re-use potential water



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Implementing future proof districts with Local Water Community requires:

- Early urban planning and support by local authorities part of city blue print
- Modular planning of infrastructure and investments
- Different financing structures: Added value is not always created on the project level



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Next Lunch Meeting

When: December 2nd
 Topic: Greywater

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