





MONITORING OF WATER QUALITY CHANGES DUE TO RISING TEMPERATURES DURING PRODUCTION, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION

P. Proksch, C. Schönher, C. Wagner





COMPANY HISTORY

- Founded in 1999, University Spin-Off from the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences
- Owned by Badger Meter, Inc. since Nov. 2020
- Headquarters in Vienna, Austria
- 4 Subsidiaries in USA, Mexico, Spain, France Offices in India, China, Italy, and Portugal.
- 45 Sales partners globally
- We unite R&D, manufacturing, sales, and services
- 75 staff globally, 10 in R&D





THE LOCAL TEMPERATURES







Control. Manage. Optimize.



WATER TEMPERATURE SURVEY



[1] Auswirkungen von erhöhten Wassertemperaturen bei der Trinkwassergewinnung, -speicherung und -verteilung DI Christoph Schönher, DI Philipp Proksch, DI David J. Kerschbaumer, DI Christina Fiedler, DI Dr. Marija Zunabovic-Pichler, DI Ernest Mayr and PD DI Dr. Reinhard Perfler, October 2021



USED MONITORING EQUIPMENT







pipe::scan

- TOC
- DOC
- UV254
- Turbidity
- Color
- Chlorine
- pH or Redox
- Conductivity
- Temperature
- Pressure

Measurement under pipe pressure - No non-revenue water





CELL COUNT MEASUREMENTS



Datum □ 2019-01-16 ○ 2019-03-14 △ 2019-06-27 + 2019-09-30 × 2020-01-24



[1] Auswirkungen von erhöhten Wassertemperaturen bei der Trinkwassergewinnung, -speicherung und -verteilung DI Christoph Schönher, DI Philipp Proksch, DI David J. Kerschbaumer, DI Christina Fiedler, DI Dr. Marija Zunabovic-Pichler, DI Ernest Mayr and PD DI Dr. Reinhard Perfler, October 2021



Datum □ 2018-12-13 ◇ 2019-03-11 △ 2019-06-03 + 2019-09-02 × 2019-12-03









- Installation in pumping station of gardening nursery
- At end of widespread distribution system
- Two different resources
- Conductivity as tracer
- Clear distinction between resources possible
- Estimation of flow time possible









- Installation in inflow of storage tank
- Two different supply lines
- Pressure allows distinction
- Absorption, pH and conductivity change with resource
- Rise in pH unresolved





- River bank filtrate
- Four wells along danube with varying distance
- Small flooding event
- Lag between flood and qualtity changes in well
- Clear difference between wells



Badger Meter





Control. Manage. Optimize.



CELL COUNTS VS. UV254

SAK bei 254nm [1/m]



Multiple carstic springs feeding into one pipeline



Control. Manage. Optimize.



DISTRIBUTION MONITORING IN A EUROPEAN CITY





Control. Manage. Optimize.



3H WITHOUT DISINFECTION



- 3 hours without disinfection
- Probability to catch this event:
 - Twice a year sampling: 0.07%
 - Weekly sampling: 1.8%







CONCLUSION

- Higher water temperatures promote cell growth
- Online monitoring gives valueable insights
 - Combination of parameters depend on location
- Complex flow cytometry measurements can potentially be replaced by spectroscopic techniques
- Combining temperature, organics and disinfection monitoring in the network allow good judgment of bacterial growth likelihood







Control. Manage. Optimize.

THANK YOU



Special thank goes to my colleagues from BOKU Christoph Schönher und Philipp Proksch

Time for questions



Control. Manage. Optimize.

