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Spring Speaker's Evening


Biofilms in Food Production Environments

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Oriented Scientific Research

- Sani Marc's Biofilm Research Program
 - Started in 2010
 - Partnership with the Montana State University Center for Biofilm Engineering
 - Significant investment
 - Development of unique Theoretical, Practical and Regulatory expertise on Biofilm



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What is a Biofilm?



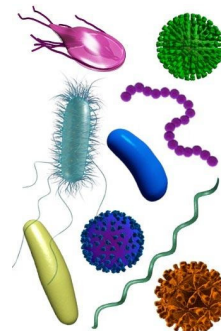
- Microorganisms
 - Attach to a surface
 - Trapped in an extracellular matrix
 - Living in an organized community
 - Capable of molecular communication (quorum sensing)
 - Showing altered metabolism



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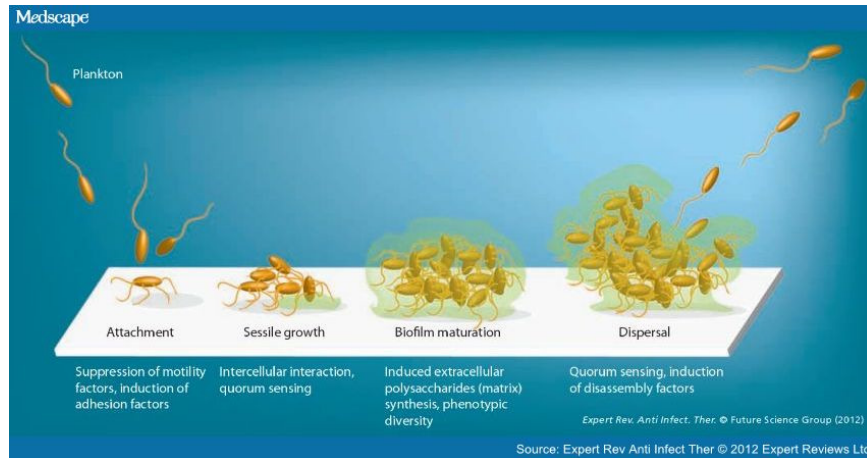
What are Biofilms Made of?

- Pure Biofilms do not exist in the environment
- Biofilms are composed of
 - Bacteria
 - Yeast, Mold and other Fungi
 - Viruses
 - Microscopic Algae



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How Does a Biofilm Form?



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Biofilm in the Real World



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Biofilms and Foodborne Illness

- Biofilms are known to be a reservoir of harmful microorganisms including:
 - Listeria
 - Salmonella
 - E coli
 - Staphylococcus
 - Campylobacter
 - Norovirus



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Characteristics of Biofilms in Food Processing Environments

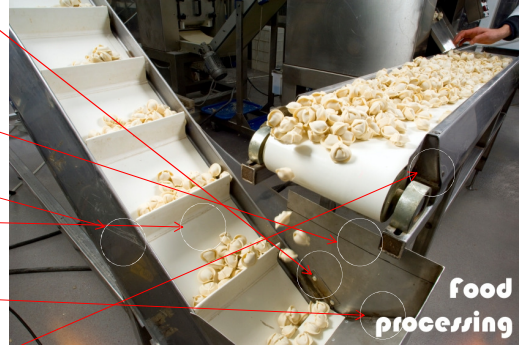
- Biofilms in food plants are:
 - Visible or invisible
 - Very hard to remove
 - Resist to conventional sanitation methods
 - Persistent under harsh conditions (survival protection mode)



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Biofilms in our Food Plants

- Screws and holes
- Rims
- Scratches
- Corners
- Junctions
- Hard to reach areas



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Biofilm Detection



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BioDetect: Sani Marc's Solution for Biofilm detection



BioDetect reacts in seconds in the presence of biofilm



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Video sample...



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How does it work?

Who's uncovered with BioDetect?

- Minimum concentration for detection is 4 log
- Detects Fungi and Yeast
- Bacteria detected
 - *Listeria monocytogenes*
 - *Escherichia coli*
 - *Staphylococcus aureus*
 - *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
 - *Salmonella enterica* and other species
 - *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*



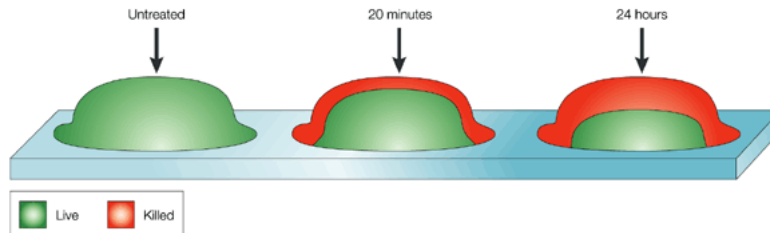
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Biofilm Control



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The Challenge of Controlling a Biofilm



- A. Reduced metabolic activity may result in less susceptibility to antimicrobials**

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- B. Cells death on surface form a protective shield for the inner cells**

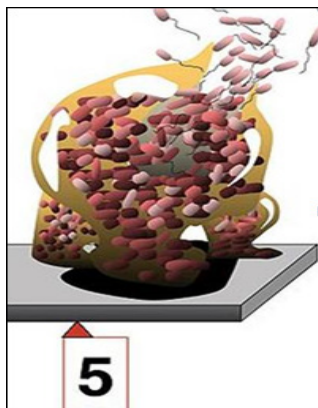
- C. Limited diffusion of the antimicrobial active principal**

- D. Resistant cells accumulate in biofilms**



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Be Careful as You Proceed



- A. Scrubbing will spread bacteria**
- B. Products that only disrupt the matrix will spread microorganisms, allow the dormant ones into the biofilm to come back**
- C. Products that only kill bacteria will not penetrate very deeply into the structural protection**
- D. A biofilm structure (even dead) that stays on a surface is the starting point for a new one to form.**



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The Only Way to Solve the Biofilm Issue

- Control microorganisms growth
- Remove all bacterial structure from the surface



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BioDestroy is Sani Marc's Answer to Biofilm Concerns

Health Canada DIN certification pending

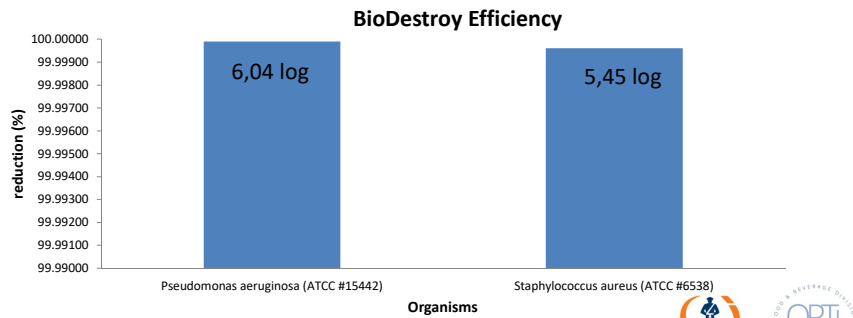


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Antimicrobial Efficacy on Biofilm

GMP Study

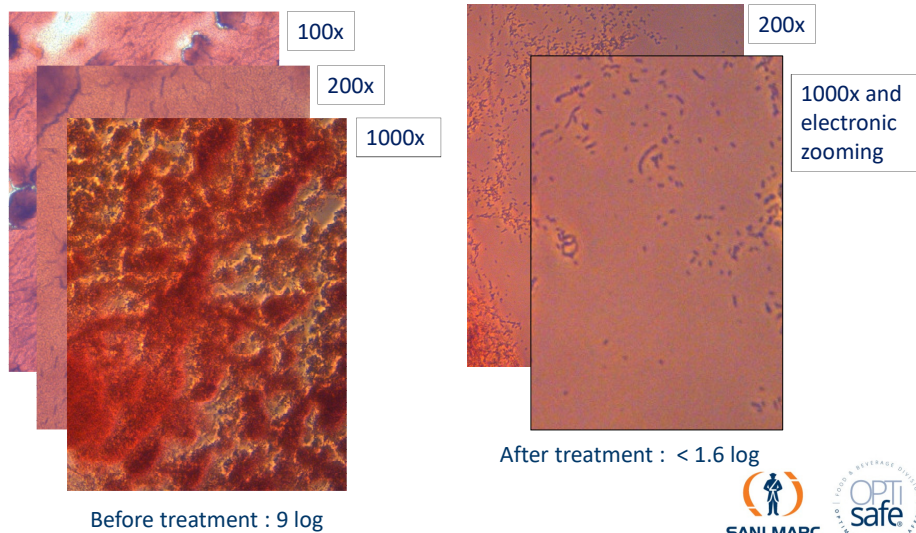
- ASTM Method E2562-12
- 5 minutes, 1% of BioDestroy, hard water



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Let's Take a Close Look



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Benefits of BioDestroy



- **5 minutes** contact time for quick turnaround
- Easy to apply – **one product** with a trouble-free dilution method
- Foam application offers prolonged contact time and decreased scrubbing action
- Drain application – thick, dense foam @ 2% works against tougher biofilm in drains
- Results in **ONE** application
- **Phosphate-free** formula



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Summary

- Biofilms can be the cause of foodborne illnesses and increase the need for equipment maintenance
- Biofilms are hard to see and hard to remove
- We need to be cautious when removing biofilm to prevent bacteria from spreading all around



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