

# About SiOx Machines

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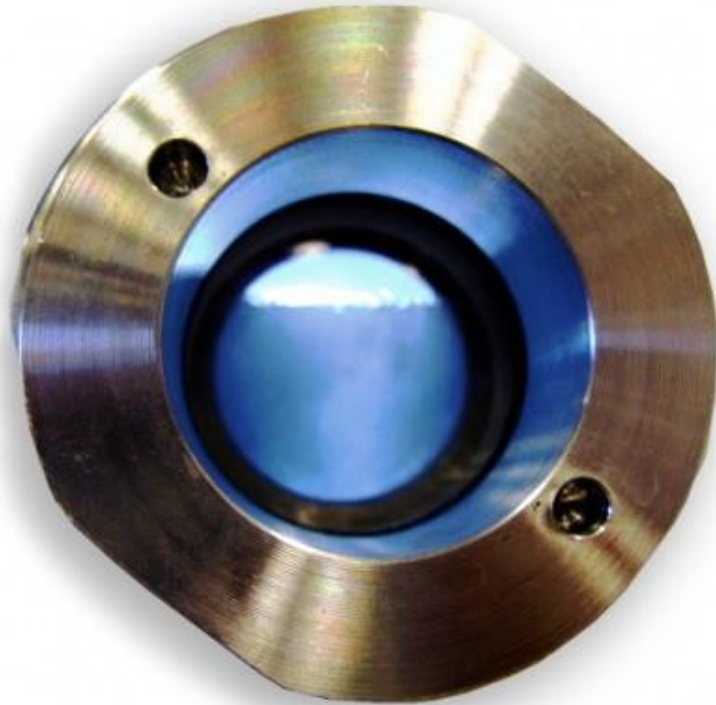
- Manufacturer of CO<sub>2</sub> machines for textile cleaning and industrial markets
- Design and engineering developed by Electrolux Professional / AGA
- 25 years in-house experience in CO<sub>2</sub> processes and machine design
- SiOx offers machines, technical services, process development
- Office and tech center in Stockholm and Ljungby, Sweden



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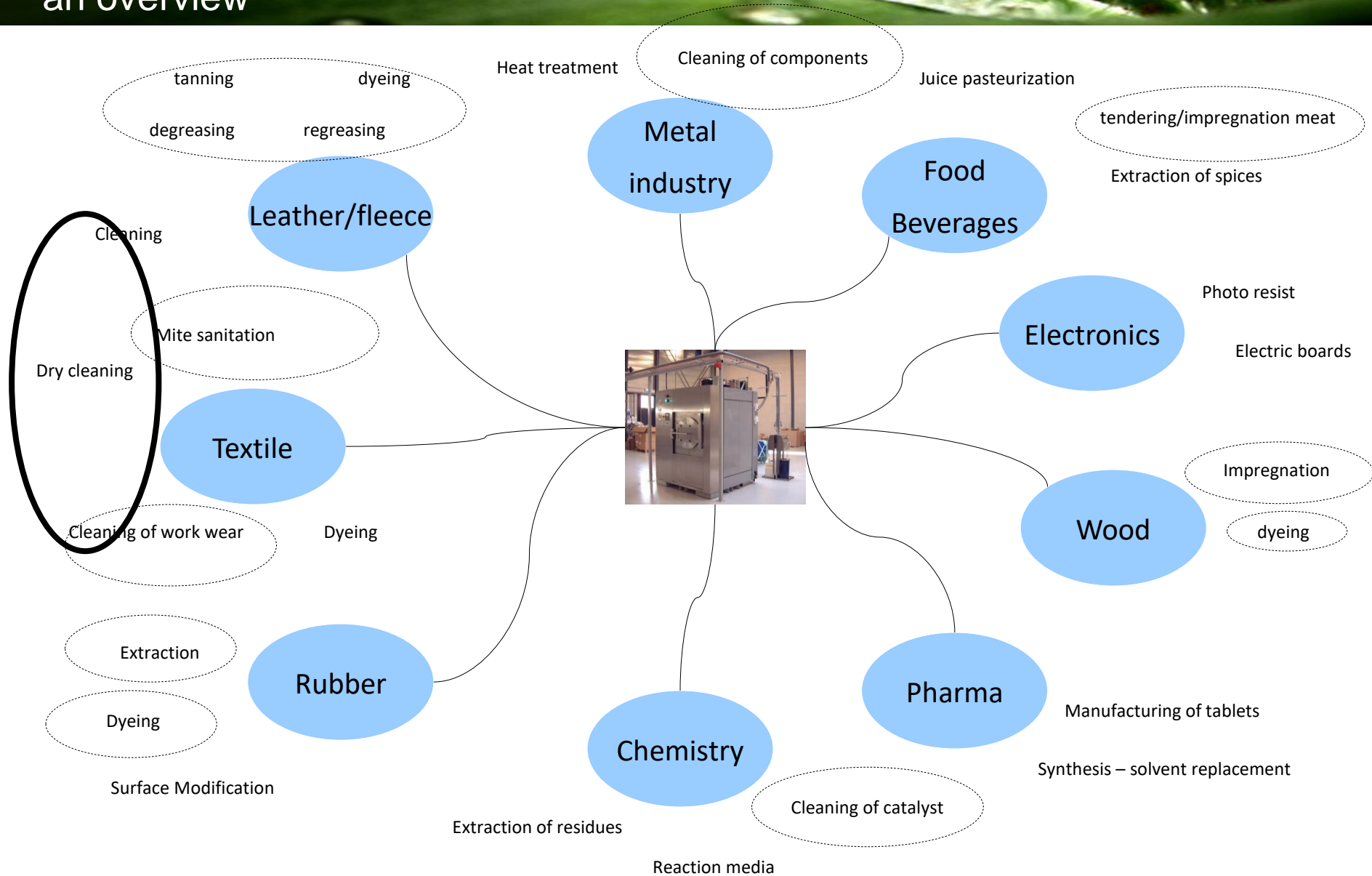
# Why use liquid CO<sub>2</sub>?



## General:

- Solvent comparable with acetone
- Low surface tension - reaches even the smallest pores
- Non-toxic, non-explosive
- Easy to recover / recycle
- No high temperatures
- No or little waste
- No drying necessary – low energy consumption

# Liquid/supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> applications – an overview

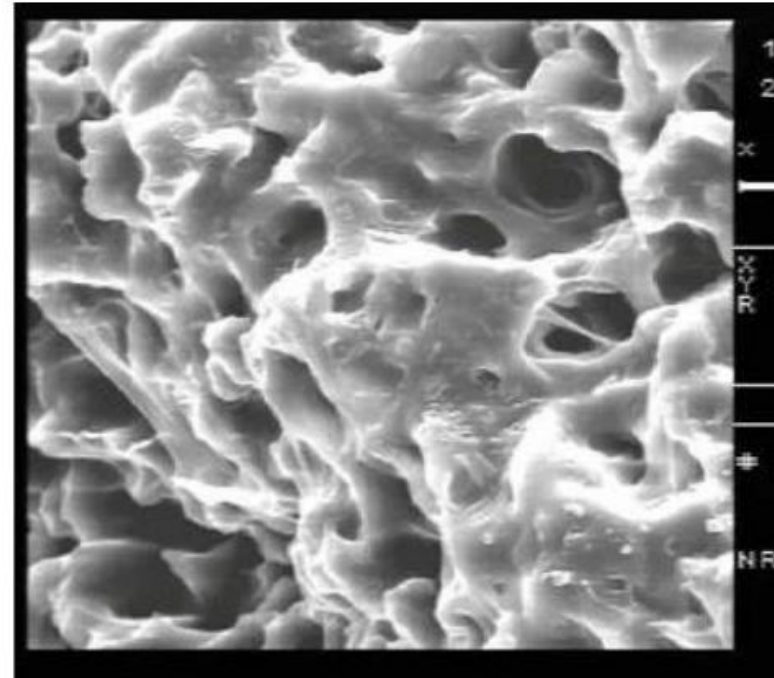


# CO<sub>2</sub> applications

Leather tanning



Microporous membranes



# Solubility in liquid CO<sub>2</sub>



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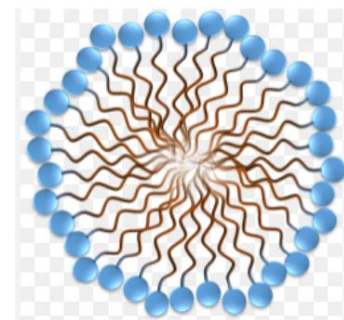
SAID-GALIYEV *et al.*

**Table 3.** Solubility of organic compounds in liquid carbon dioxide [21]

Compound	Solubility, wt %	Compound	Solubility, wt %
<b>Alcohols</b>		Ethyl benzoate	Unlimited miscibility
Methyl	Unlimited miscibility	Benzyl benzoate	10
Ethyl	Unlimited miscibility	Butyl phthalate	8
Cyclohexyl	4	Phenyl phthalate	Unlimited miscibility
Heptyl	6	Ethyl oxalate	Unlimited miscibility
2-Ethylhexyl	17	Butyl oxalate	1
Cinnamic	5	Ethyl maleate	Unlimited miscibility
Furfuryl	4	Methyl salicylate	Unlimited miscibility
Phenylmethyl	8	Phenyl salicylate	9
Phenylethyl	3	<b>Amides</b>	
<b>Carboxylic acids</b>		Acetamide	1
Formic	Unlimited miscibility	Acetonitrile	Unlimited miscibility
Acetic	Unlimited miscibility	Acrylonitrile	Unlimited miscibility
Caproic	Unlimited miscibility	Phenylacetoneitrile	13
Caprylic	Unlimited miscibility	Formamide	0.5
Lactic	0.5	<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylacetamide	Unlimited miscibility
Lauric	1	<i>N,N</i> -Diethylacetamide	Unlimited miscibility
Oleic	2	<b>Amines</b>	
<b>Phenols</b>		Pyridine	Unlimited miscibility
Phenol	3	Aniline	3
<i>o</i> -Chlorophenol	Unlimited miscibility	<i>o</i> -Toluidine	7
<i>p</i> -Chlorophenol	8	<i>m</i> -Toluidine	15
<i>o</i> -Cresol	2	<i>o</i> -Chloroaniline	5
<i>m</i> -Cresol	4	<i>m</i> -Chloroaniline	1
<i>p</i> -Cresol	2	Diphenylamine	1
<b>Esters</b>		<i>N,N</i> -Dimethylaniline	Unlimited miscibility
Ethyl acetate	Unlimited miscibility	<i>N,N</i> -Diethylaniline	17
Ethyl acetoacetate	Unlimited miscibility		

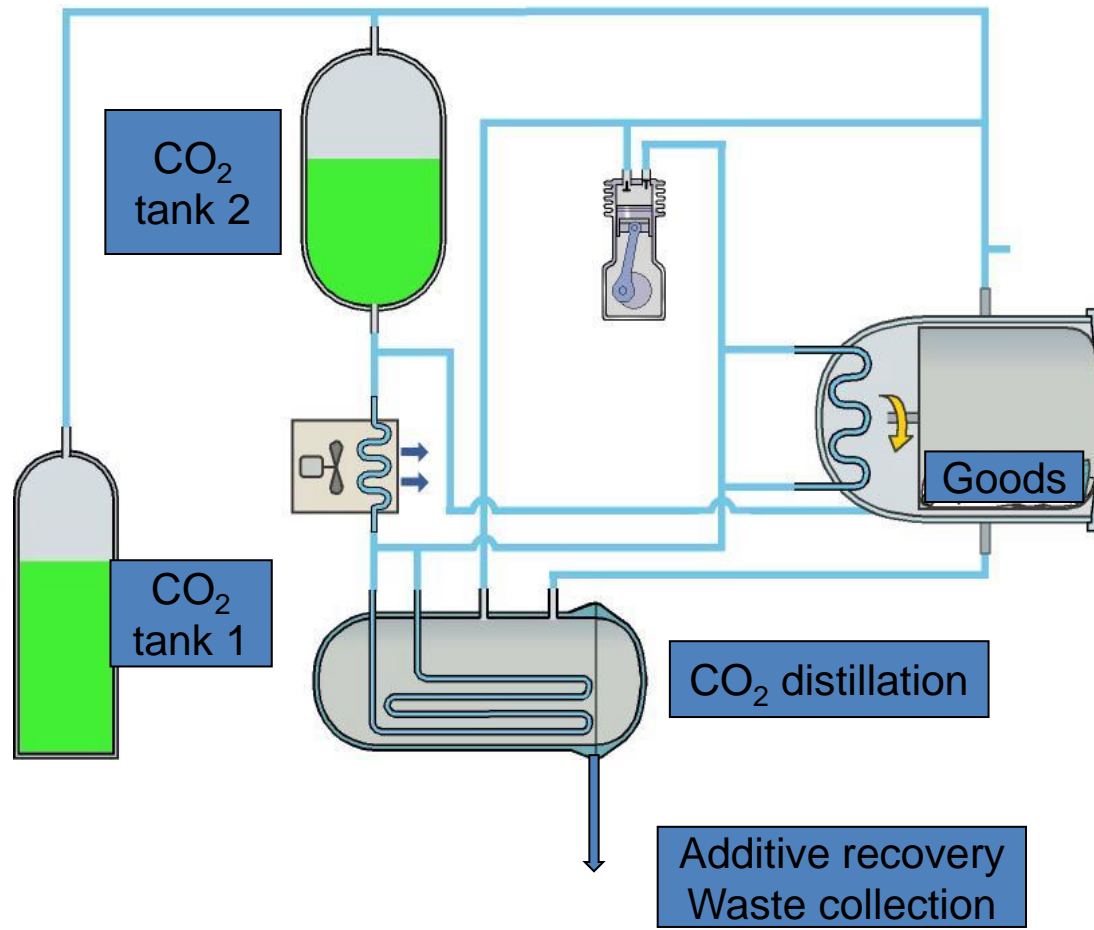
Solubility of compounds decreases with molecular weight.

Water and surfactants: micelles / foam



CO<sub>2</sub> Cleaning: solvent mechanism. Small molecules dissolved, heavy molecules are partly dissolved, partly "immobilized".

# CO<sub>2</sub> process



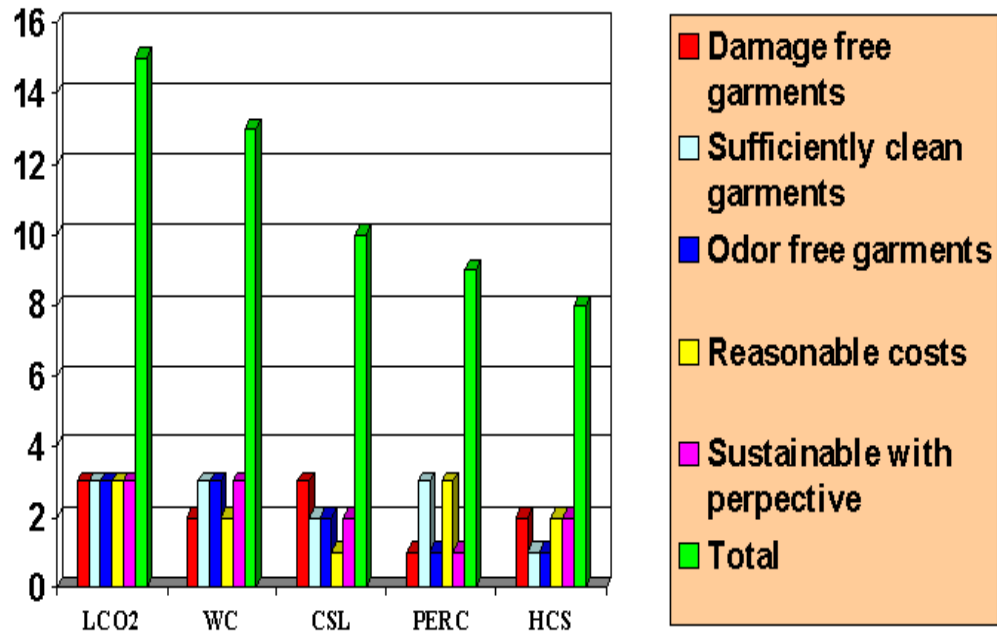
Distillation and cleaning in parallel: saves time → short process cycle:

1 bath process:  
27 min

2 resp 3 bath:  
34 / 41 min

Loss of CO<sub>2</sub> per process: 2 kg

# Dry Cleaning of garments

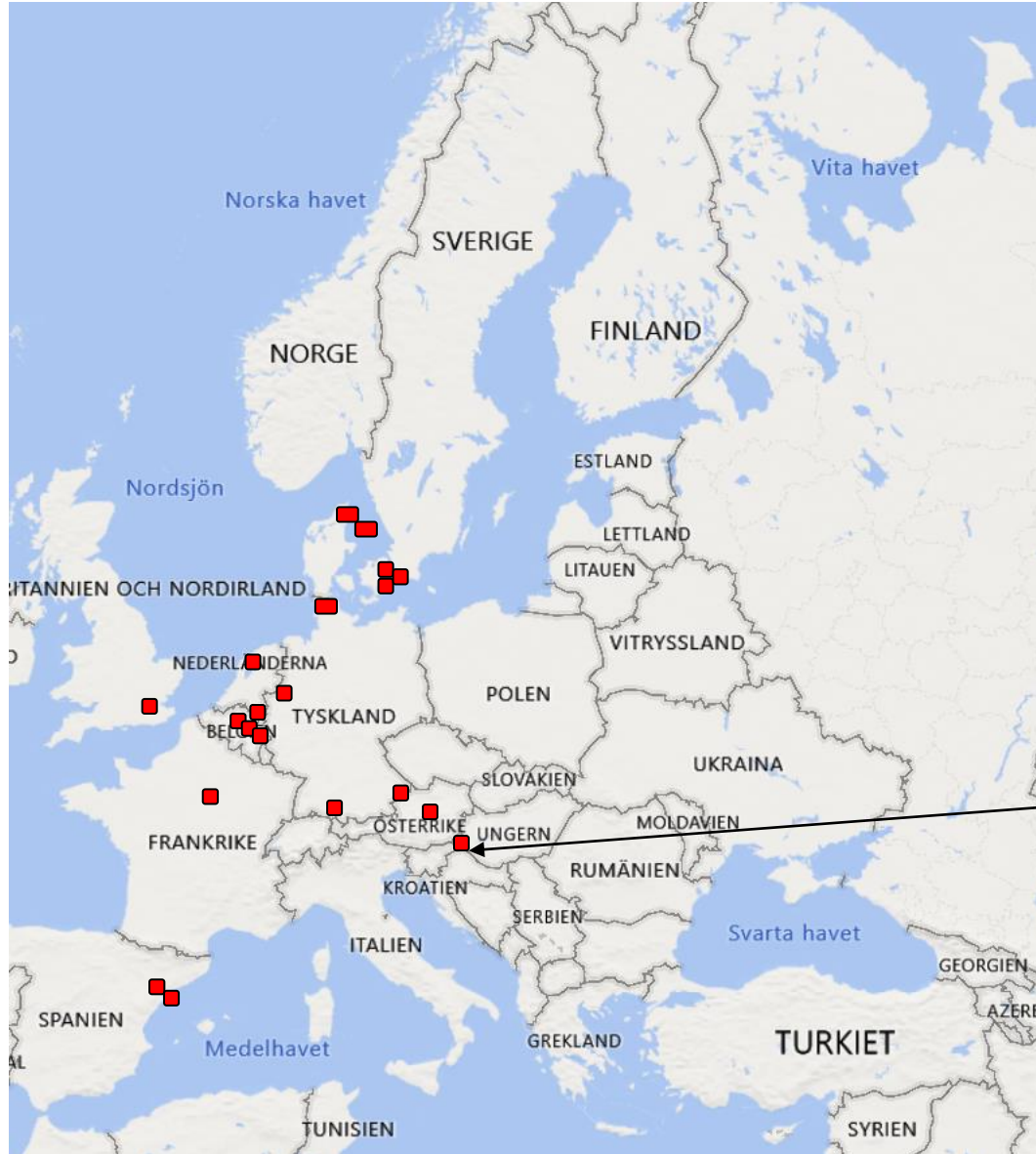


**Source: Report from Life project Detective – an EU sponsored project**

## Benefits:

- No smell
- No hazardous solvent
- Very gentle cleaning
- Ability to clean items not suitable for other DC
- No risk for ground contamination from solvent
- 10 yr track excellent tech record DC with various prizes

# Current CO<sub>2</sub> machines in Europe



Over 20 machines  
in operation in Europe,  
plus 3 in USA, AUS, NZ

Pioneer CO2DEX



# Machine Features

- **The SiOx machine is delivered as a single unit.**



The only installation work needed:

Connect machine to:

- Power
- External vessel for CO<sub>2</sub>
- Pressurized air
- Cooling water
- Venting pipe

# Cleaning of Protective work wear

## Removal of hazardous compounds on firemens gear

- Reduces level of PAHs, VOCs and oil on the garment more efficient than any other method
- Does not affect the protection ability of the garment (membrane)



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Combination with water wash for two good reasons: polar contaminations, costs

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**Our mission is to leverage innovative technologies and expert knowledge to provide our clients with solutions that drive efficiency, sustainability, and growth.**

- Customer-Centric Focus
- Innovation and Excellence
- Sustainability and Responsibility
- Quality and Integrity
- Global Impact
- Technology and Expertise
- Collaboration and Growth
- Excellence in Service
- Innovation for Tomorrow

# Collaboration

- End users - firefighters
- Responsible persons in the firefighting organization
- Manufacturers of cleaning equipment and technology
- Manufacturers of cleaning agents
- Manufacturers of protective equipment
- Manufacturers of component parts of protective equipment
- Institutions responsible for supervising the implementation of measures in the field of H&S for firefighters.

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**Electrolux**  
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**SiO<sub>x</sub>**  
MACHINES<sup>(TM)</sup>

# History

## Sir Percivall Pott, chimney sweeps and cancer

- Over 200 years ago, doctor and writer Sir Percivall Pott (1714-1788) made the connection between **soot and scrotal cancer**, known then as the chimney sweep's cancer
- Chimney Sweep's Carcinoma, also known as soot wart, was the first occupational cancer to be described



# Prevention of Exposure

## Reasons for PPE maintenance

### • LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- Directive 2004/37/EC – carcinogens or mutagens at work  
Article 10 Hygiene and individual protection
- ISO 23616 Cleaning, inspection and repair of firefighters' personal protective equipment (PPE)
- CEN/TR 14560:2018
- Local legislation on Health&Safety (general and firefighting)

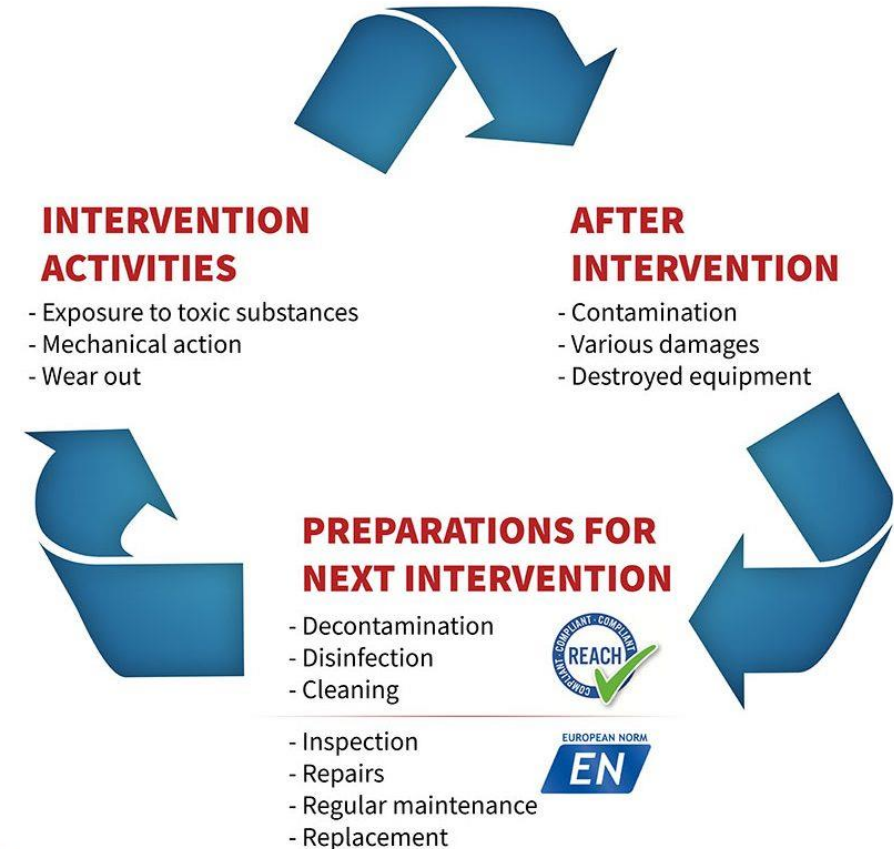
### • MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTIONS

- Clean and inspect for any damage after every use.
- Damaged PPE must be repaired before use.

### • PROTECTION

- Any damage reduces the protective effect of PPE.

### • HEALTH ASPECT



# Additional CARE challenge

- We deal exclusively with used equipment (new equipment is usually not cleaned, except during material testing)
- The complexity of individual pieces of equipment (many standards)
- Many different materials combined in one product



# **CLEANING METHODS**

**Decontamination with LCO<sub>2</sub>**

**Wet washing (incl. disinfection and decontamination)**

**Reimpregnation**

**Decontamination in PPE washer**



# Decontamination efficiency

CODEX Technologies cleaning technology



## Step 1:

Pre-washing with detergents and water at different 40/60 °C regime depending on manufacturers instructions and state of preservation of the PPE.

## Step 2:

LCO<sub>2</sub> extraction technology, due to its properties, penetrates through all pores and layers. Residue after 40/60 °C wet washing.

# Decontamination efficiency

## Proof of Decontamination efficiency

- Proving the decontamination efficiency with laboratory tests

**Sample data:**  
 Order code: LCO2 Decontaminated membrane  
 Sample description: LCO2 Decontaminated membrane  
 Time of sampling: /  
 Delivery Details: Sample meets acceptance criteria  
 Sample acquisition date: 28.01.2022  
 Report date: 21.02.2022

Laboratory identification number: Lab.No.: 2022 - 0132

Analysis:

**MESUREMENTS:**

Parameter	unit	result	method	start / end analysis
PAH-polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons; sum of 16 PAH	mg/kg d.m.	8,17 #	calculation	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Benzo(a)pyrene	mg/kg d.m.	0,31	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	mg/kg d.m.	0,47	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	mg/kg d.m.	0,41	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Benzo(k)floranten	mg/kg d.m.	<0,35	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Fluoranten	mg/kg d.m.	0,74	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Indeo(1,2,3,c,d)piren	mg/kg d.m.	0,37	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
Naftalen	mg/kg d.m.	0,86	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
PAO- Dibenzo(a,h)antracen	mg/kg d.m.	<0,35	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
PAH-Fluorene	mg/kg d.m.	<0,35	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
PAH-Acenaphthene	mg/kg d.m.	<0,35	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
PAH-Acenaphthylene	mg/kg d.m.	1,22	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022
PAH-Anthracene	mg/kg d.m.	0,48	SIST EN 15527:2009	28.01.2022 21.02.2022

RESULTS DES-infection CONTROLLER		KT4-6	
Testorganism :	<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	Serialnumber :	195676
<b>Process information</b>			
Testdate	:	14-09-2020	
Machine	:	PPE	
Formula	:	03	
RESULTS FOR EACH STARTVALUE [cfu/cm <sup>2</sup> ]			
10 <sup>3</sup>	10 <sup>4</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>6</sup>
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DEGREE OF REDUCTION:		10 <sup>6</sup>	
Remarks:			

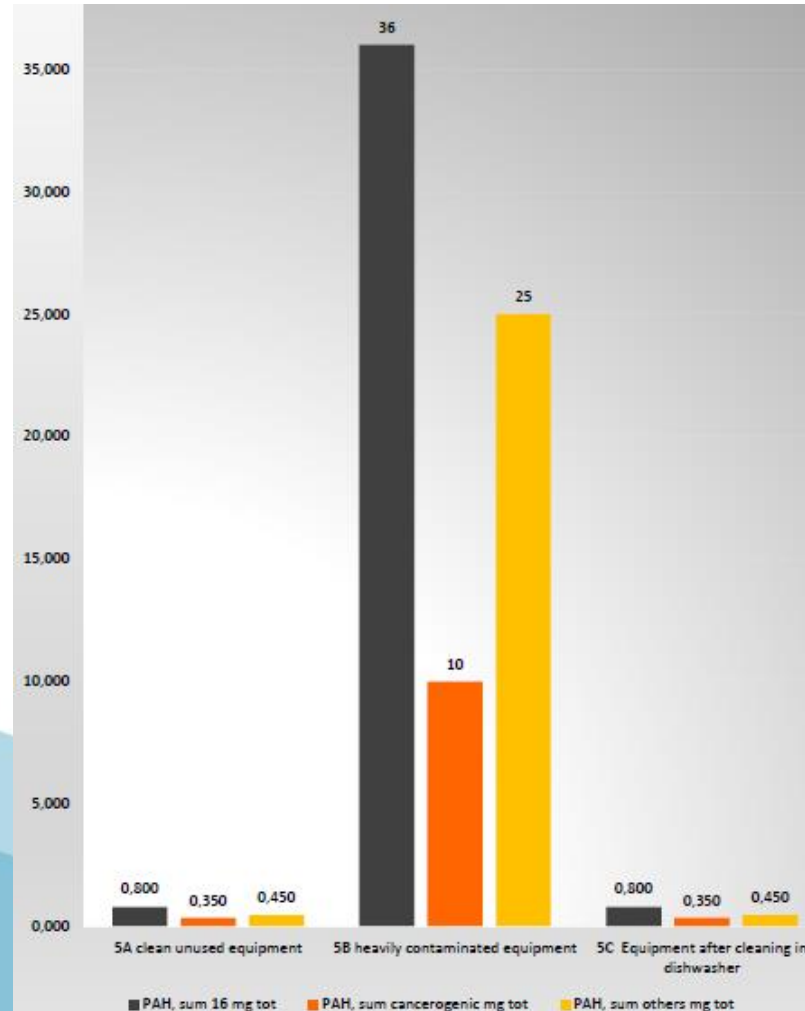
# LCO<sub>2</sub> and wet washing

It is important to estimate when LCO<sub>2</sub> decontamination, wet washing and reimpregnation are required due to safety and health requirements.



# PPE Washer

## Decontamination of helmets and BA sets



Report: Analysis of substances which are harmful to health and carcinogens (PAH) on sooty breathing apparatus before and after pre-treatment and washing in a PPE washer

REPORT ALS:  
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Dat. 2018-10-03

# Inspection of PPE

- Damaged PPE may endanger the safety of the user
- Physical injuries such as cuts, burns, etc.



# Repairs

- Authorized repair service of several major producers of firefighting protective equipment
- Use of the original materials supplied by producers, as required by producers and EN standards



# Thank you for your attention!



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