

# *Efficient structures and practical experiences of Industrial Waste Water Treatment*

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## **Introduction:**

### **Goal of the industrial waste water treatment**

- **Protection of the receiving waters  
(surface water, groundwater)**
- **Treatment before discharge**
- **Recycling of the waste water flow**
- **Recycling of valuables from the wastewater  
e.g. raw material, nutrients, metals**
- **Usage of the energy contented in the water  
e.g. using residues from the treatment or the complete  
waste water**

## Examples of industrial plants near the Baltic sea





## **Main waste water components to be considered**

- **Particles**  
e.g. sand, stones, screws, bones, feathers
- **Organic compounds**  
biodegradable, non-biodegradable,  
measured in the sum as COD or BOD<sub>5</sub>
- **Nutrients**  
nitrogen, phosphorous
- **Hazardous components**  
cyanide, arsen, phenol, chrome, mercury,  
organic compounds like aromatic hydrocarbons etc.  
- many thousands of parameters -

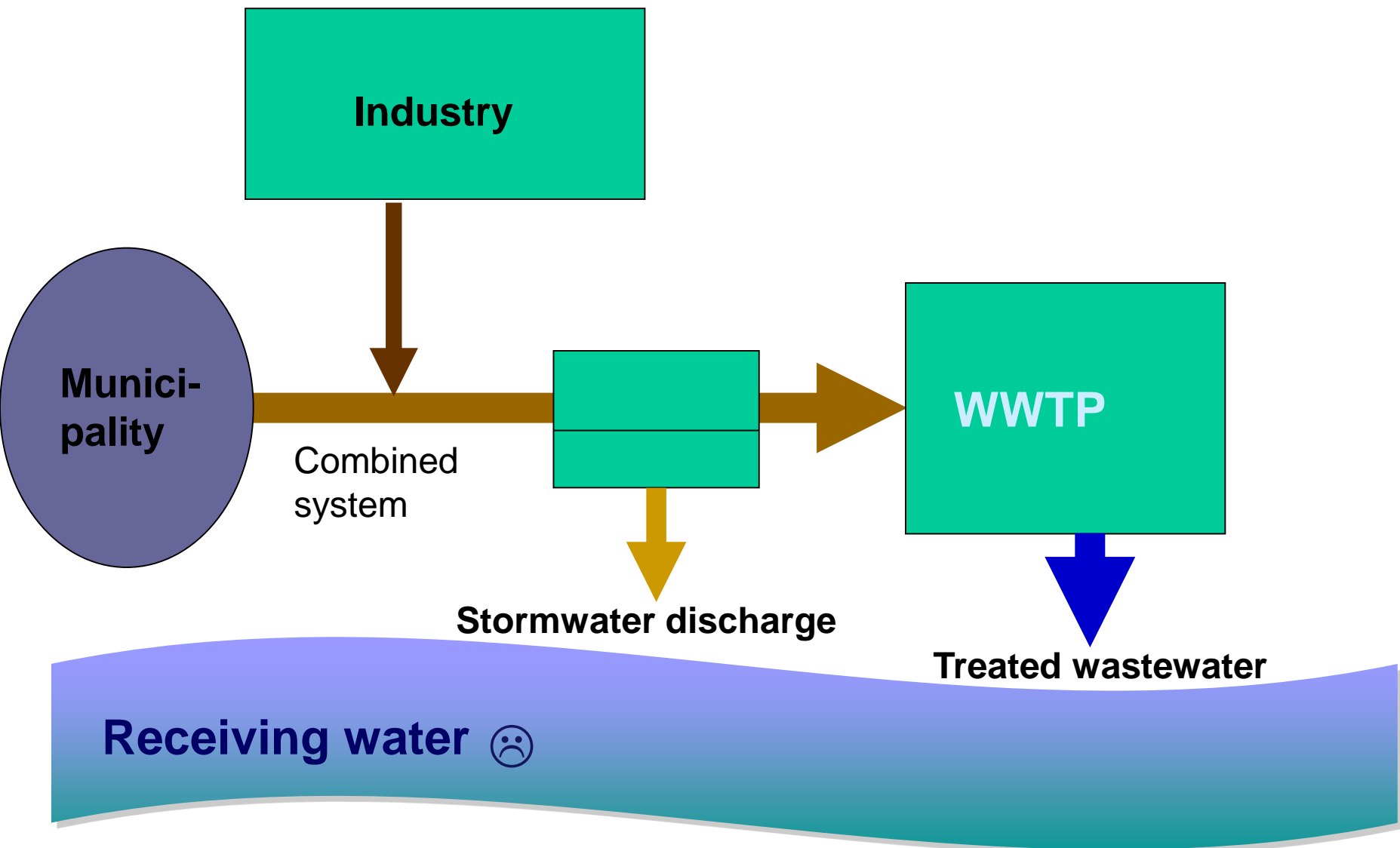
# Structure of Industrial Waste Water Treatment

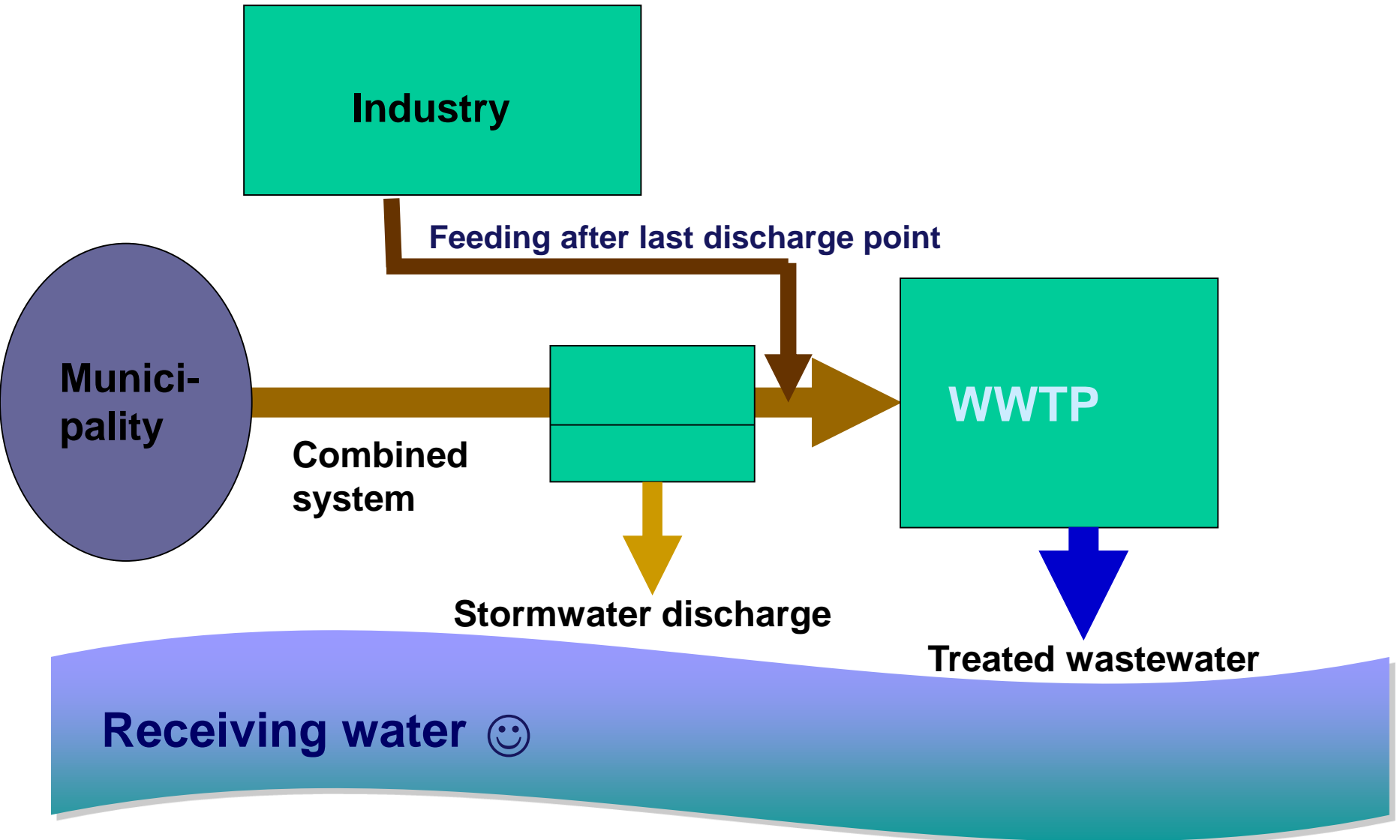
- Indirect discharge
- Direct discharge
- Internal Reuse

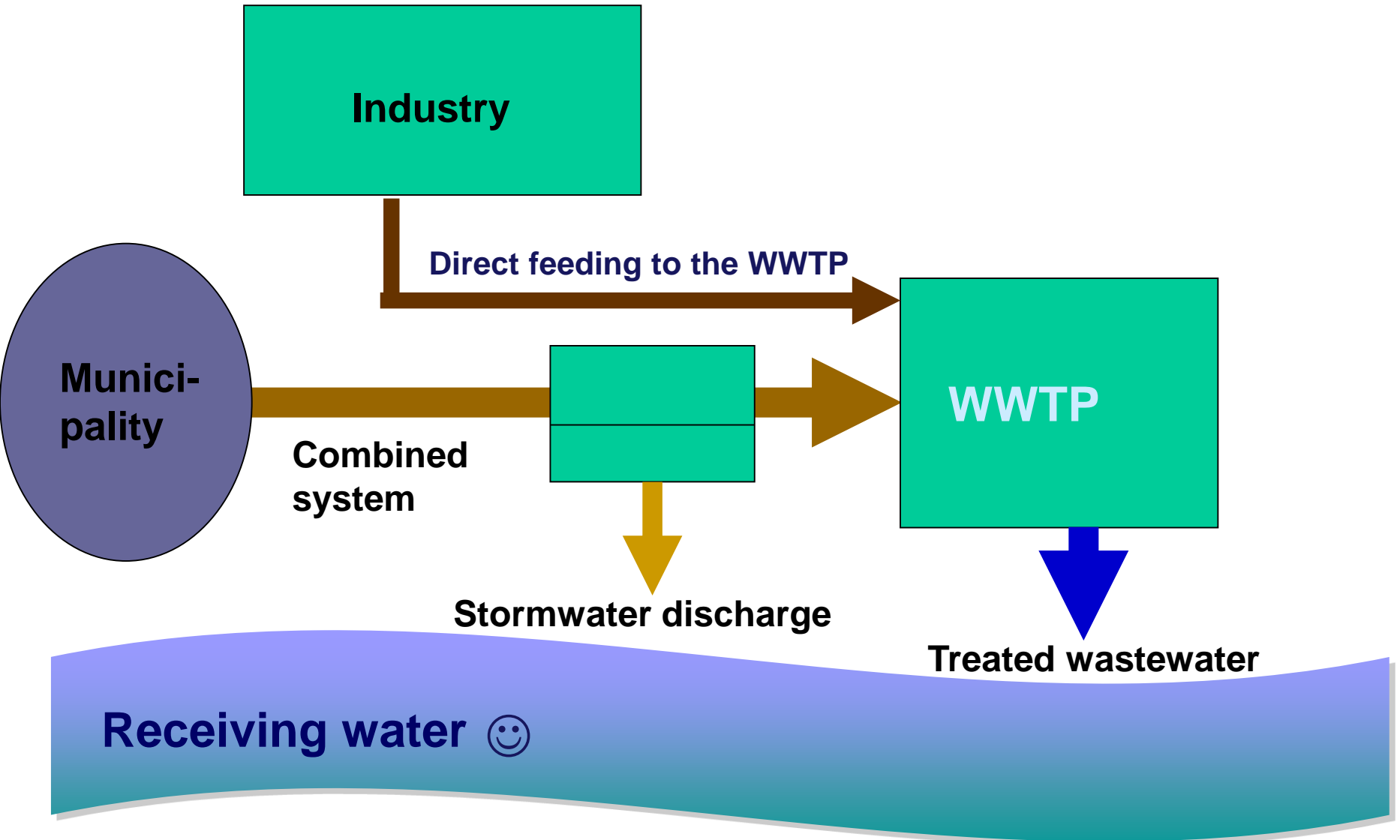
## **Structure of industrial waste water treatment**

- **Indirect discharge**

- The industrial wastewater will be discharged to the public sewer **(if required after a pre-treatment)**
- Mixing with the municipal, commercial and other industrial wastewater streams
- The treatment costs for the industrial waste water in the sewerage network and in the treatment plant have to be considered
- The characteristic of the sewerage system has to be considered









## Control of the industries in the catchment area

- Cadaster of indirect dischargers  
with basic information and all measurements
- Waste water sampling and analysing  
standard sampling/ additional sampling  
- cost distribution to be agreed
- Sewer biofilm control  
in case of toxic parameters  
or sludge pollution problems
- BREF ( **B**est available techniques **Ref**erence Document)  
detailed information about production processes and  
benchmarks for maximum allowed specific pollution



## **Structure of industrial waste water treatment**

- **Direct discharge – Separate treatment**
  - The industrial production wastewater will be discharged directly into a receiving water body
  - Significant dependency from the type of production (changes in production, seasonal impacts)
  - Evtl. unilateral composed wastewater (evtl. dosage of nutrients required)
  - The sensitivity of the receiving water may have significant impact to the requirements

## Example for direct discharge:

### Woold Pulp Factory Estonian Cell



**Anaerobic Treatment**



**Aerobic Treatment**

## **Structure of industrial waste water treatment**

- **Internal Reuse – up to ZLD (Zero Liquid Discharge)**
  - No connection to the sewerage system
  - No discharge possibility
  - The waste water from the production will be reused in different qualities in the factory
  - Significant dependency between production and the wastewater treatment  
(Start-up phase, problems in the production)
  - Only seldom realized because of high costs
  - Requirement in textile industries in India and Bangladesh **(imo this makes no sense)**



# Industrial Wastewater treatment - closed water cycle in the fibre board production in Switzerland



## Structure of Industrial Waste Water Treatment

- Collection of specific waste water in separate networks or in one area
- Specific treatment technology can be applied to that specific waste water



**Olive processing waste water network in Pillas/ Spain**



**8 Tanneries are resettled from Damascus center into the Industrial Park Adra in Syria**



# Structure of Industrial Waste Water Treatment

- Collection of several industries in Industrial parks
- Pre-treatment requirements have to be adjusted  
(e.g. not to collect only unbiodegradable wastewater)
- Treatment of organic residues to be considered



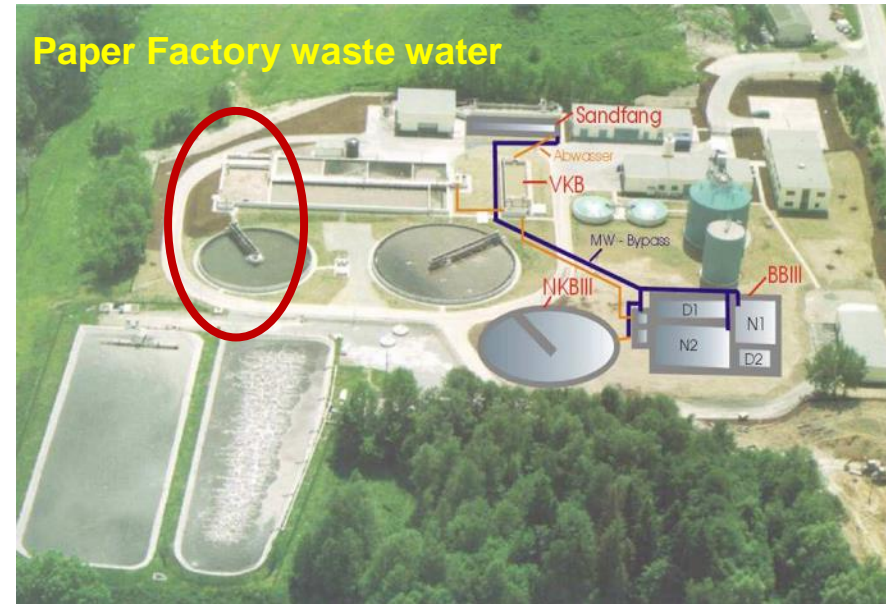
**Industrial Park  
HOECHST Frankfurt,  
served by infraserv**

## Where is a pretreatment plant located?

- At the companies site
- On the municipal waste water treatment plant
- Separate location



**Paper production waste water  
treated on the area of the municipal  
waste water treatment plant site**



## Who is operating the treatment facilities?

- Own staff of the company
- Experienced staff from the municipal waste water treatment plant
- Operation through a separate partner



**BECKs pretreatment facilities  
operated by hansewasser Bremen**

## Technologies to be considered

- Particles removal  
sieves, sedimentation, filtration, membrane
- Equalization of the flow  
storage tanks (mixing, equalization, pre-degradation)
- Organic compounds degradation  
aerobic or anaerobic biological systems,  
suspended biomass/ biofilm systems/ pellets
- Nutrients removal  
with biological treatment or with precipitation
- Hazardous components separation/ elimination  
biological treatment, oxydation  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ / Ozone etc.,  
membrane treatment for separation



# Approved Technologies

## **mechanical- physical**

screen, sieve  
filtration  
sedimentation  
flotation  
centrifugation  
adsorption  
evaporation  
equalization  
mixing

## **physical- chemical**

neutralisation  
precipitation  
emulsion cracking  
flotation with  
flocculants  
incineration  
wet oxidation

## **physical- biological**

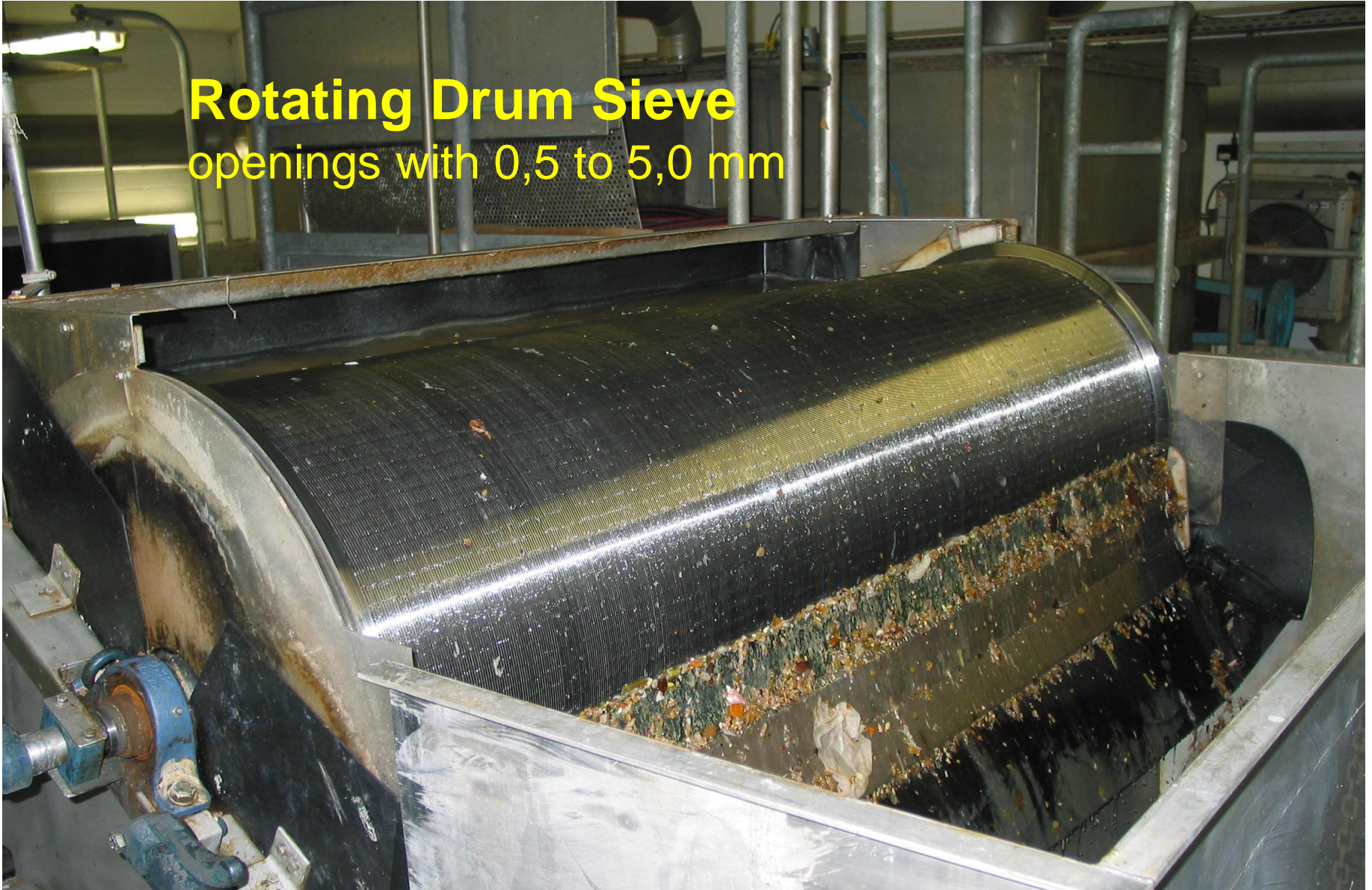
Mixing and  
equalization  
with biological  
partial de-  
gradation

## **biological**

aerobic  
anaerobic  
  
suspended  
biomass  
  
fixed film

**and combinations of the technologies**

# Rotating Drum Sieve openings with 0,5 to 5,0 mm







**Rotating Drum Sieve in chicken factory**





**Screen in chicken factory**



## Sedimentation tank (United Sugar Stach factory, India)

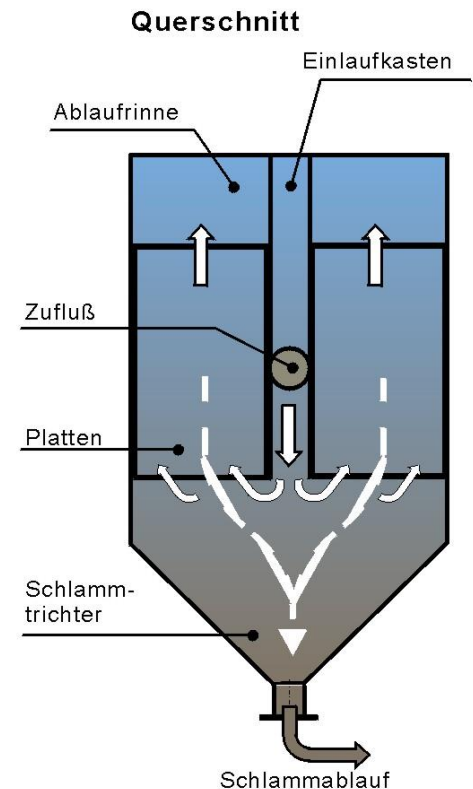
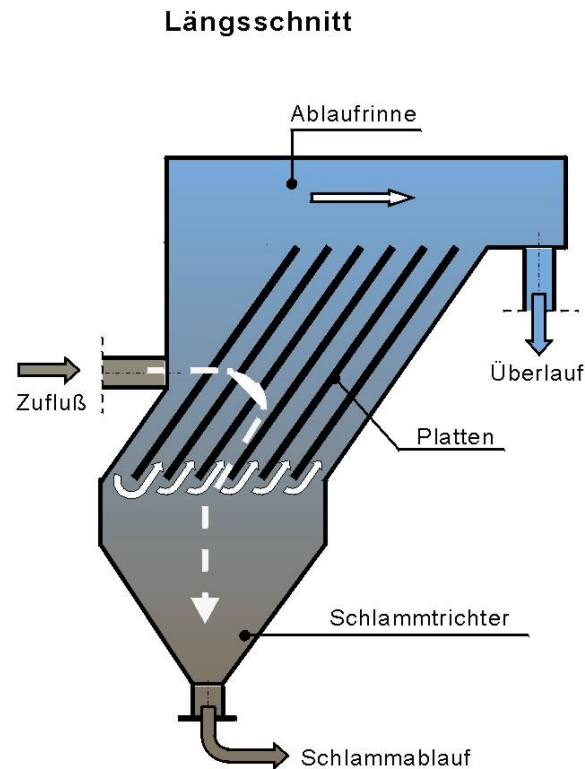


# Lamella separator for effective sedimentation

only 1/8 of the area compared with sedimentation required



Foto: Axel Johnson Engineering





## Compact sedimentation with three Lamella Separators



**Lamella  
separator**

**Biological  
stage**

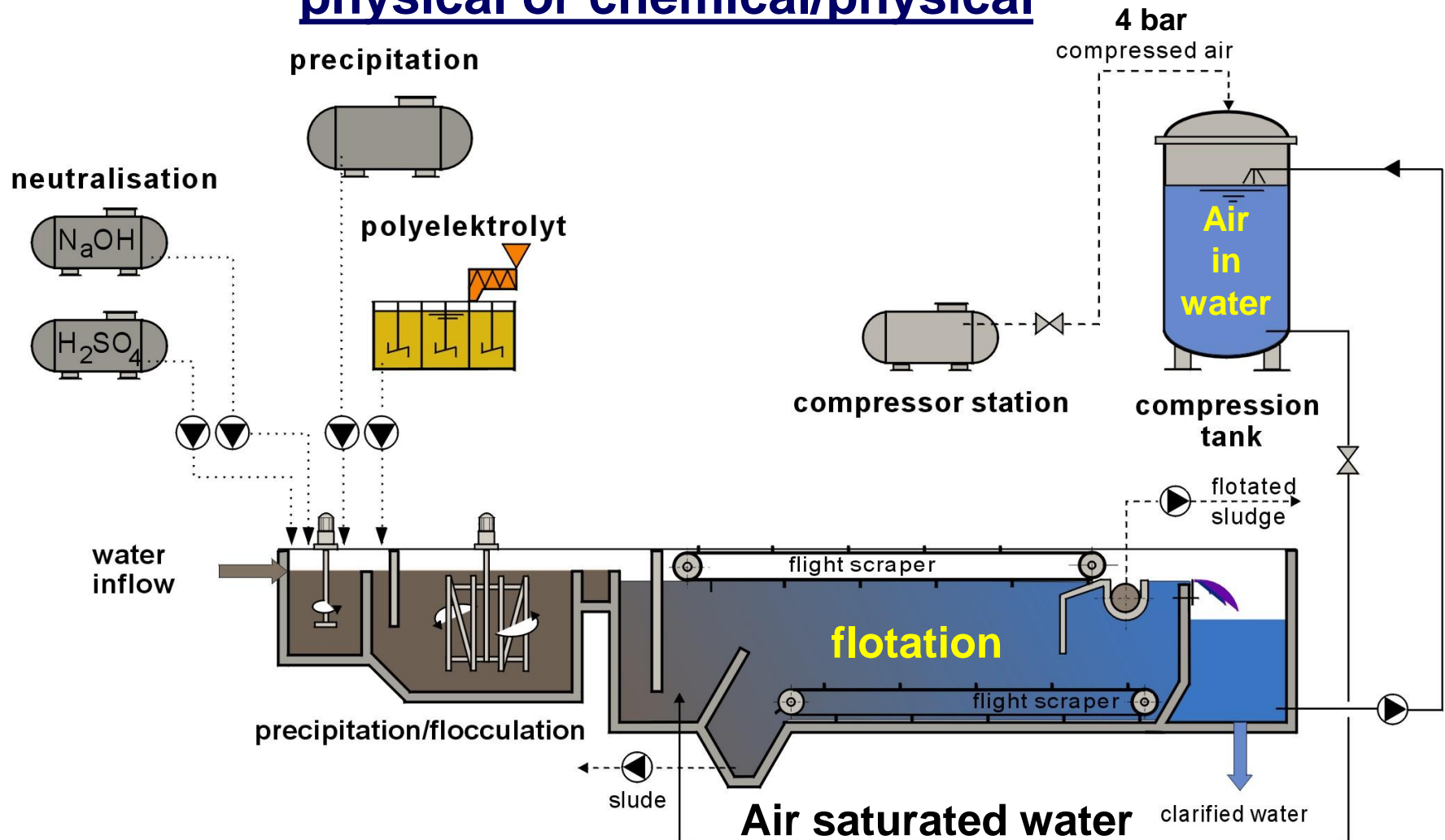
## **Lamella separator**

**used for sludge  
sedimentation in a  
biological stage of  
fish farming waste  
water treatment plant  
(instead of a final  
clarifier)**

**Caviar production  
Jessen/ Germany**



# To remove floating particles – Flotation physical or chemical/physical







**Flotation for the pre-treatment of meat processing wastewater**



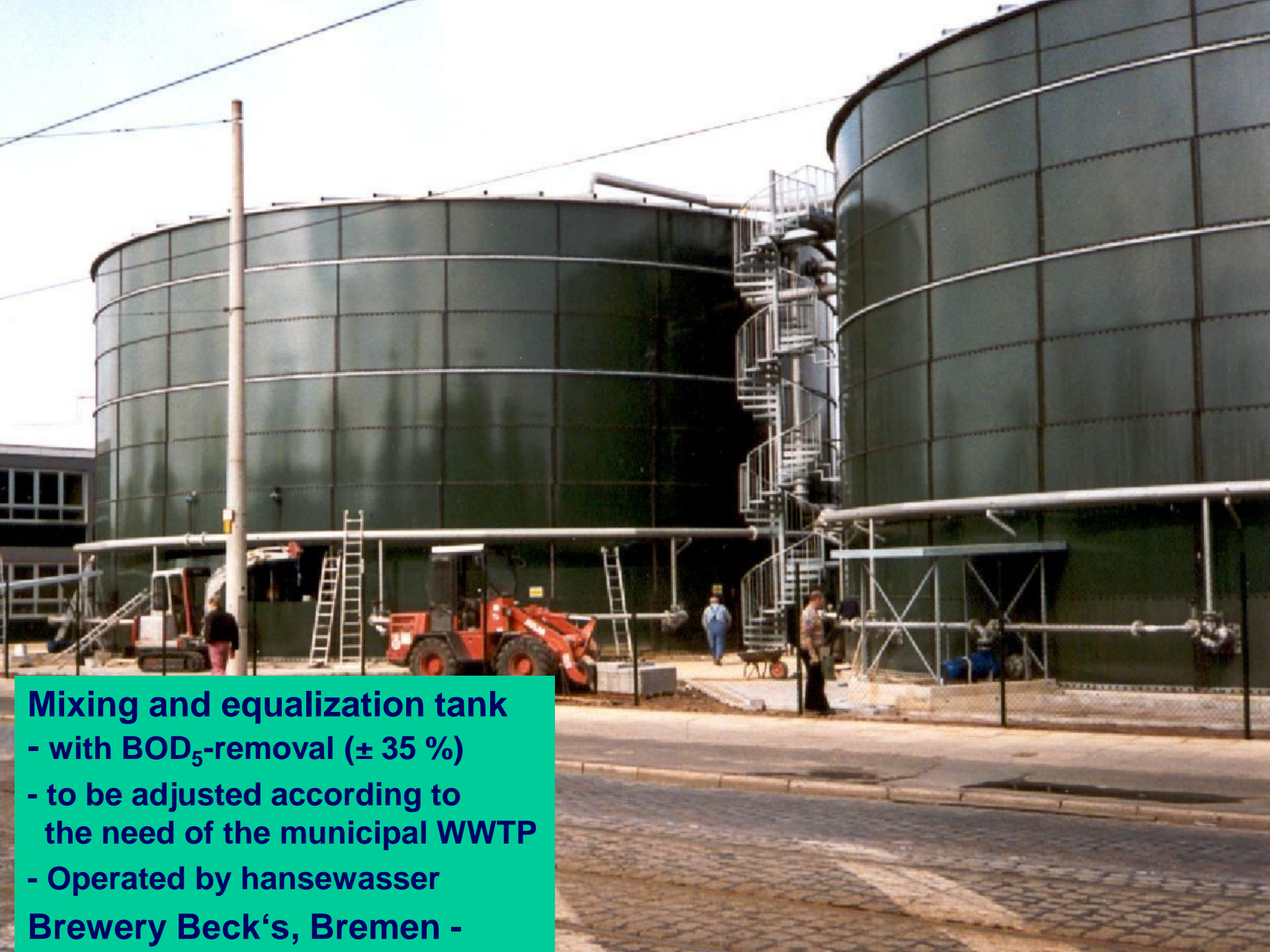


**- Biological Pre-Treatment -**  
**Indirect discharge of Pre-treated  
waste water from chocolate factory  
(Kalev/ Estonia)**



**Costs for the indirect discharge – example -**

Pollution class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/l)	0 - 750			751 - 975	976 – 1,125	1,126 – 1,500	1,501 – 2,250	2,251 – 3,000



**Mixing and equalization tank**  
- with BOD<sub>5</sub>-removal ( $\pm 35\%$ )  
- to be adjusted according to  
the need of the municipal WWTP  
- Operated by hansewasser  
Brewery Beck's, Bremen -





**Mixing and equalization tank  
- Brewery Lich -**



# Mixing and equalization with biological activity

(BOD<sub>5</sub> efficiency 25 – 65 %)





## Activated Sludge Plant - Plant can be shifted to an other location



Industrial waste water treatment for fruit juice processing





## Biofilm technology

Treatment of paper  
waste water with  
aerobic fixed film

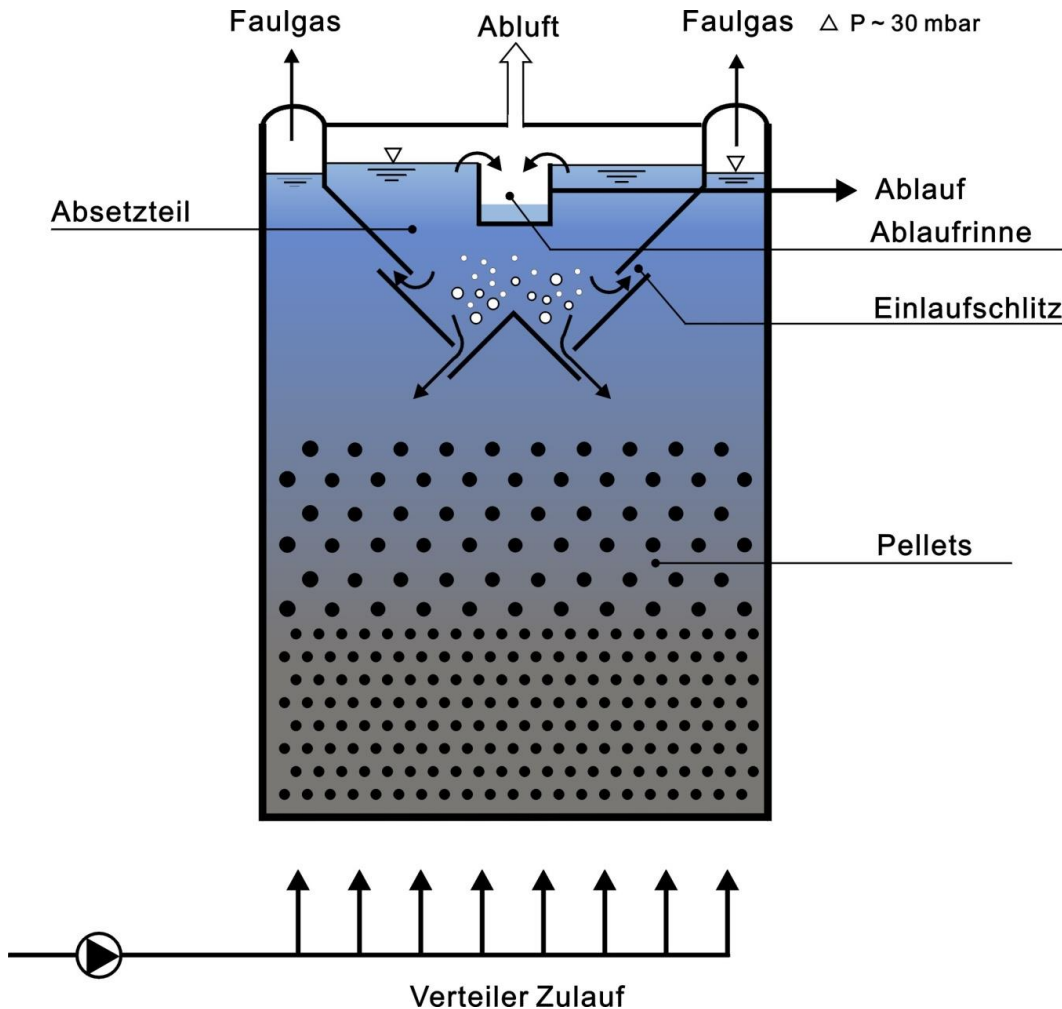




# Anaerobic high loaded reactor

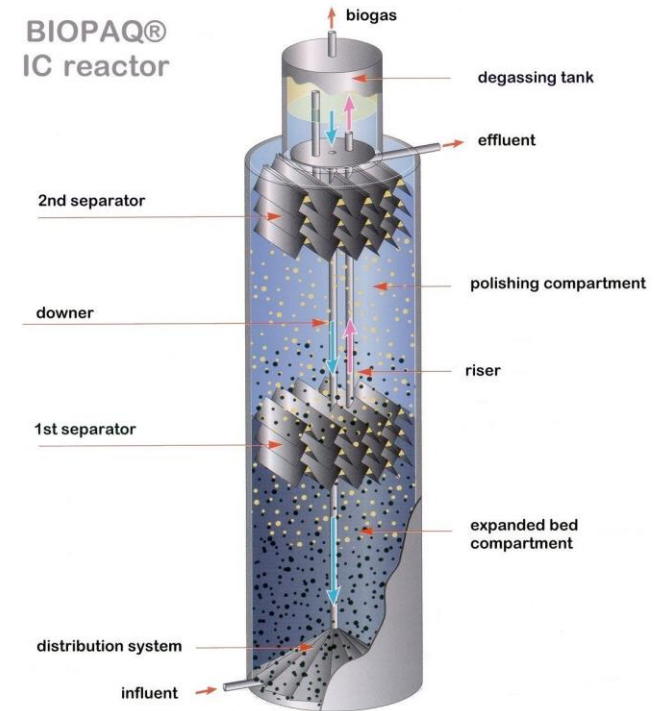
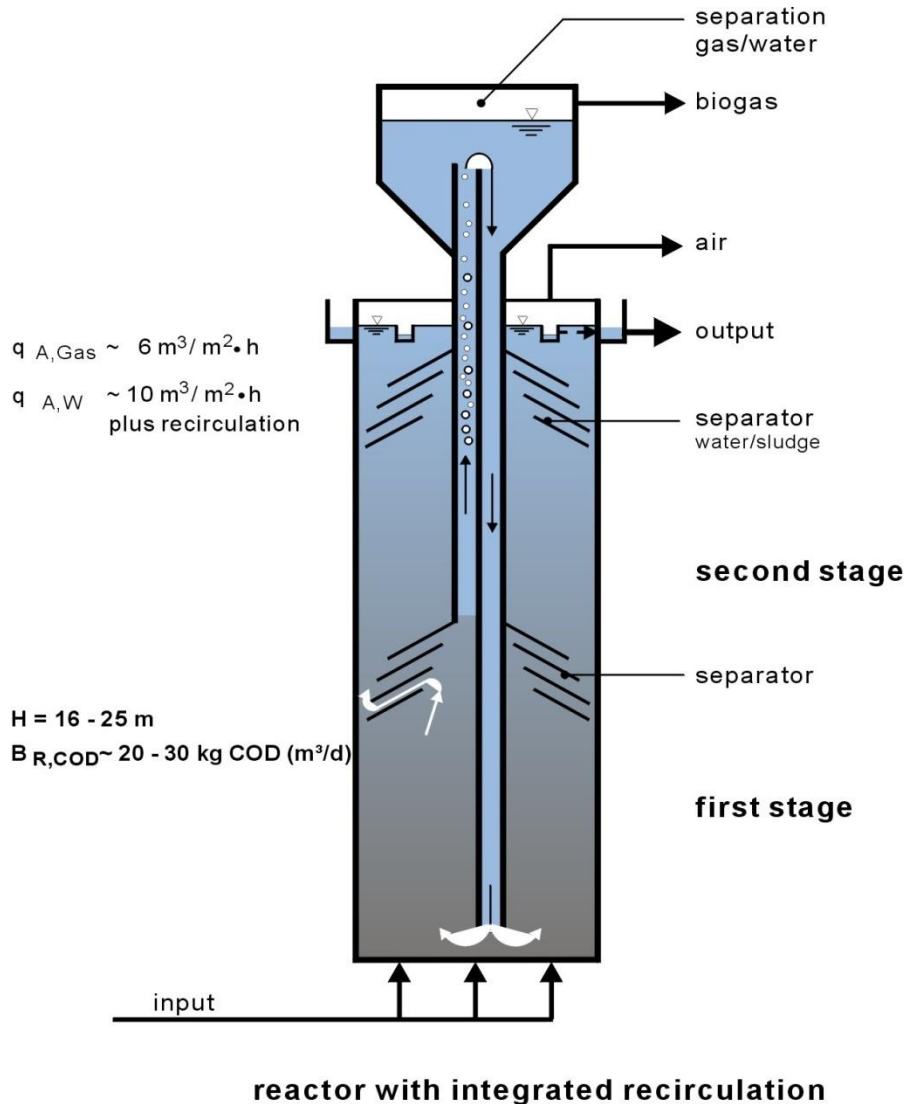
- fruit juice production -



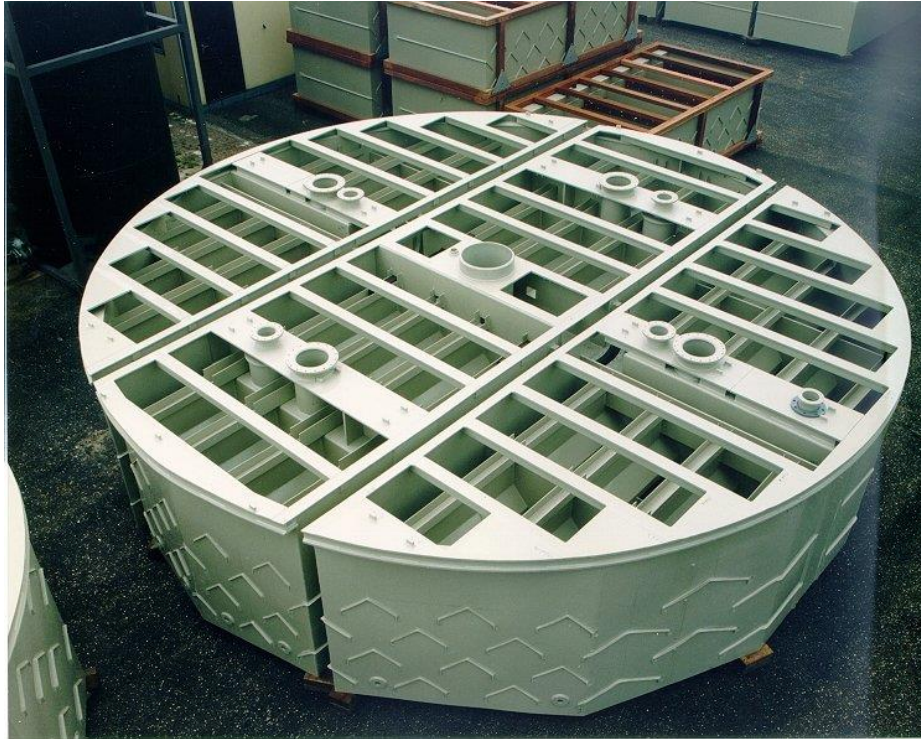


# UASB- Reaktor for anaerobic waste water treatment

**U**pflow  
**A**naerobic  
**S**ludge  
**B**lanket



**Many different types  
of anaerobic reactors**



**Head of an Anaerobic  
reactor  
(to separate biogas,  
sludge and water)**





## Anaerobic Dairy wastewater treatment





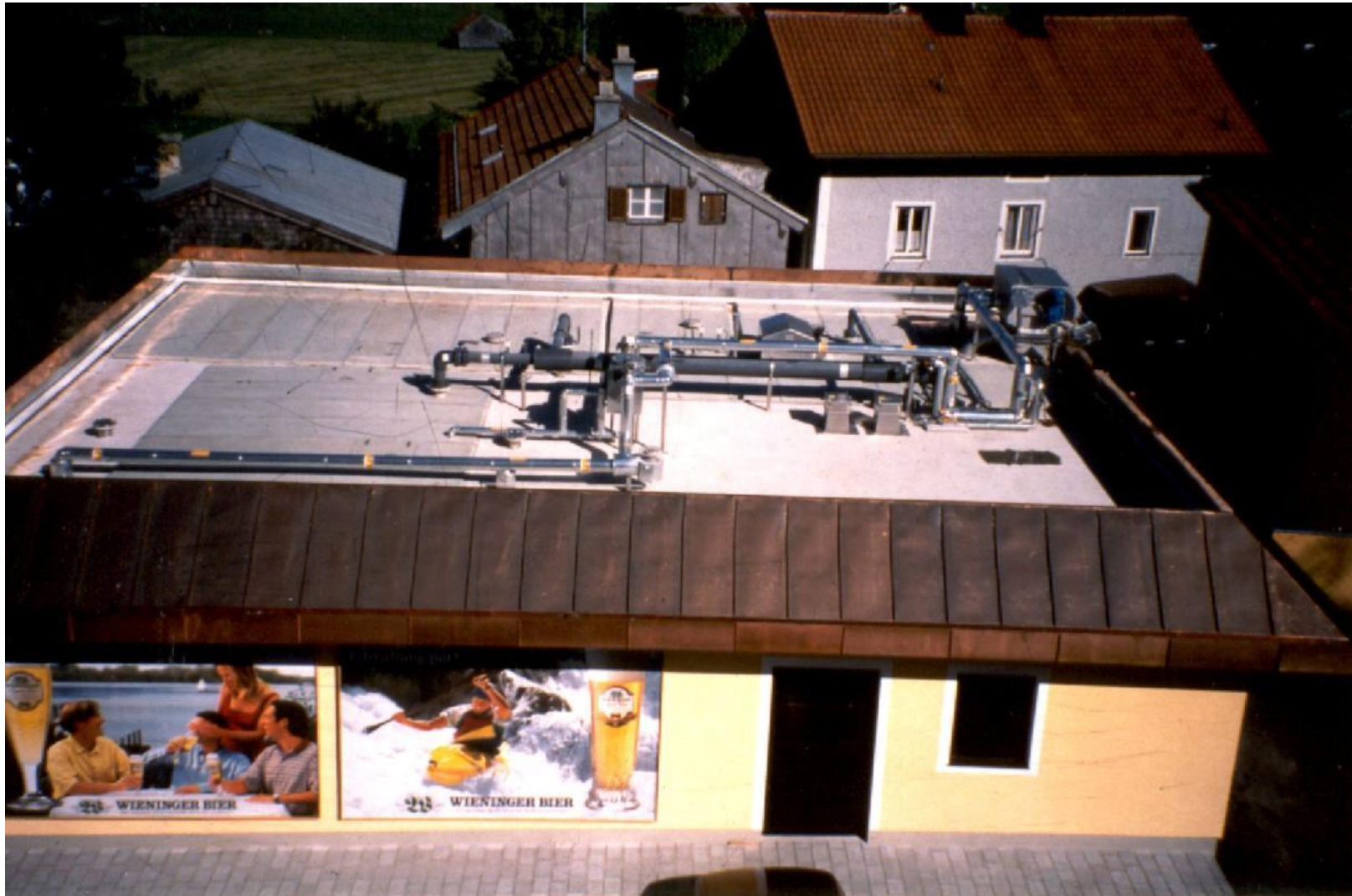
**Distillery with anaerobic treatment**  
**Hannover/ Germany**





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Erfrischung pur!

WIENERER BIER



Anaerobic Treatment of brewery wastewater (UASB), inner-city



# Anaerobic brewery waste water treatment in China

anaerobic

aerobic





**Methane is released  
free to atmosphere**  
- no energy usage ☹️  
- strong air pollution ☹️





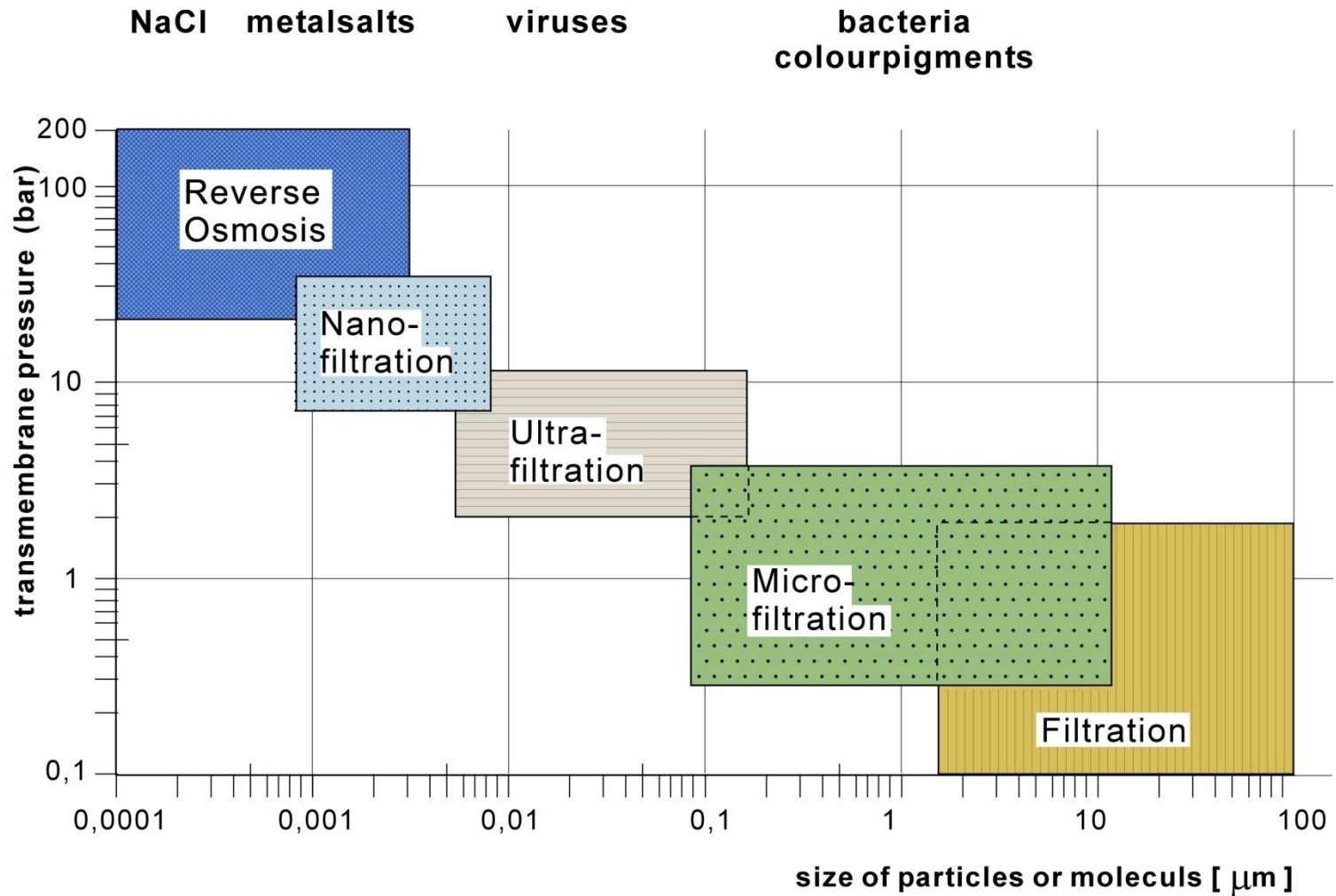


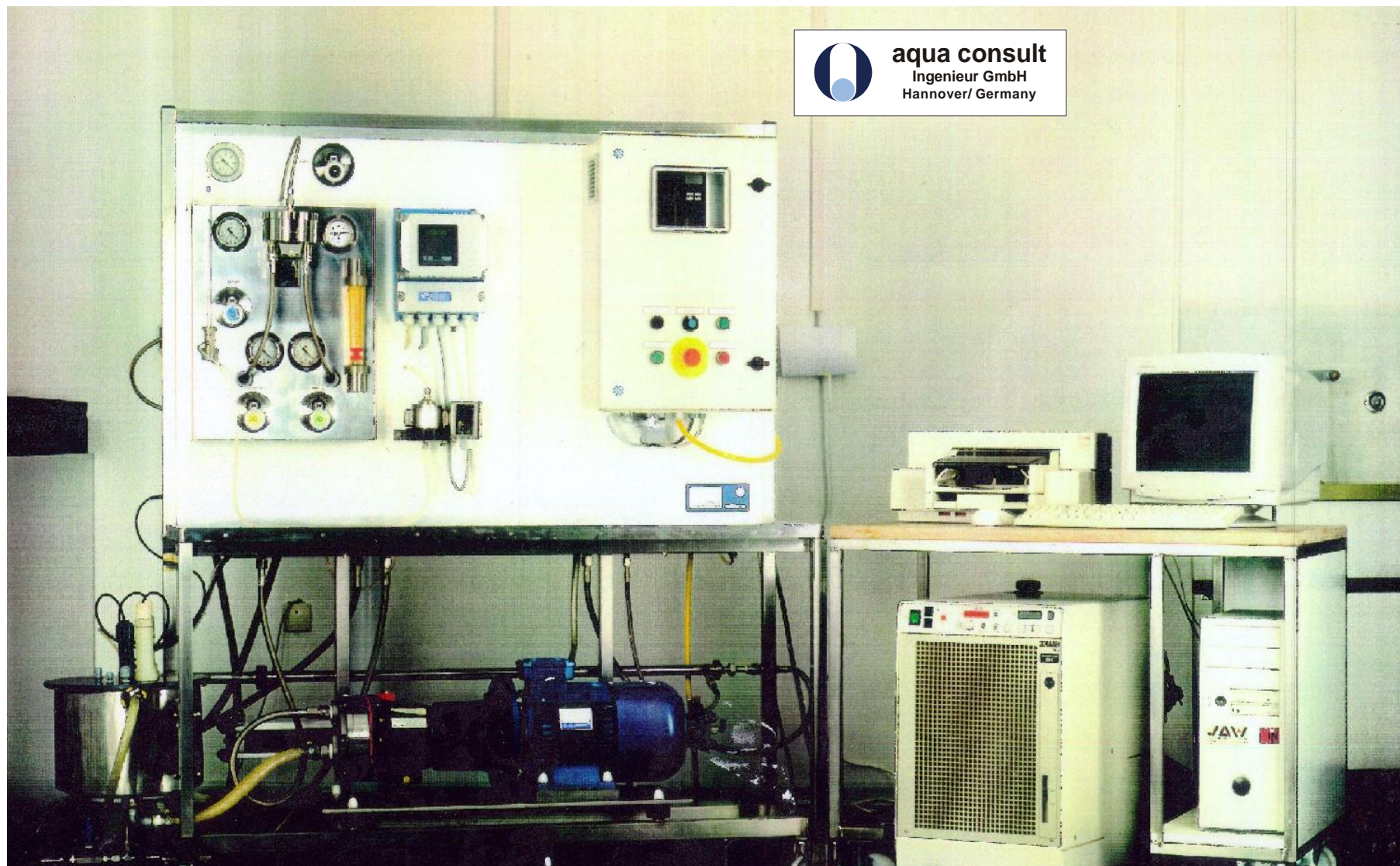






# Membrane technology





**aqua consult**  
Ingenieur GmbH  
Hannover/ Germany

**Membrane Test Plant for choosing effective membranes**



# Zero Liquid Discharge – closed water cycle using two-stage reverse Osmosis

Hannover/ Germany



## Sludge treatment

- Waste water treatment = production of sludge
- Sludge fractions might be reused (e.g. flotatate in paper factories)
- Sludge residues from biogas plants – What to do?  
(in Germany 7,500 biogas plants)
- Thermal hydrolysis as conditioning before digestion  
(to improve the performance and to replace chemicals)



Borregrad paper factory,  
Saspsborg/ Norway

## **Co-Fermentation of organic residues with municipal sewage sludge**

- **Solution for the treatment of organic residues**
- **Equalization of the co-substrate characteristic through the (slowly) sewage sludge**
- **Higher efficiency of municipal digesters (up to 2,5 m<sup>3</sup> biogas per m<sup>3</sup> reactor volume instead of only 0,5 for municipal digesters)**
- **Energy autarkic operation of a municipal waste water treatment plant is possible**



**Example for Co-Fermentation**  
**WWTP Rheda-Wiedenbrück**  
**Slaughterhouse (capacity 30,000 pigs per day)**

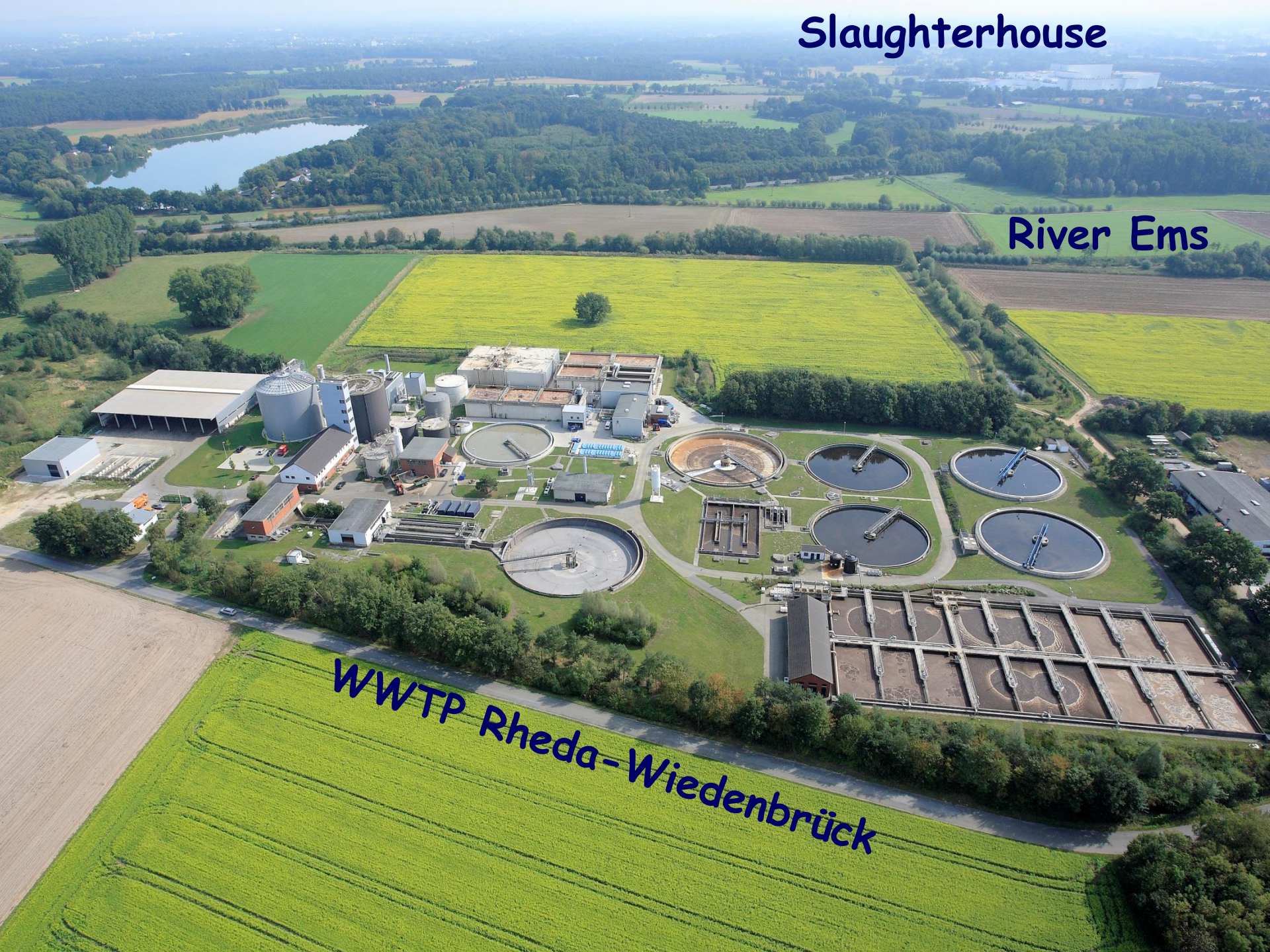




Slaughterhouse

River Ems

WWTP Rheda-Wiedenbrück



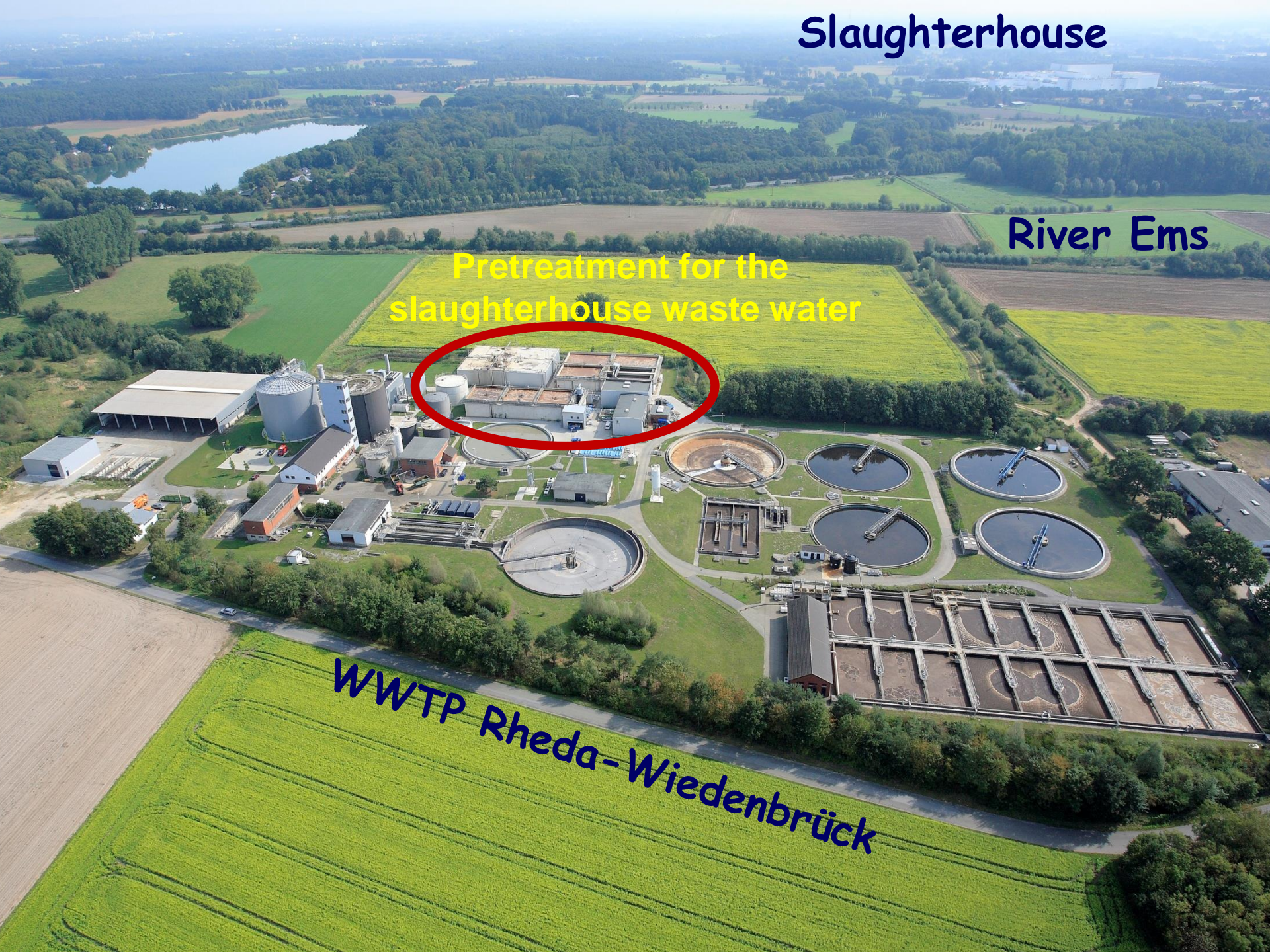


**Slaughterhouse**

**River Ems**

**Pretreatment for the  
slaughterhouse waste water**

**WWTP Rheda-Wiedenbrück**



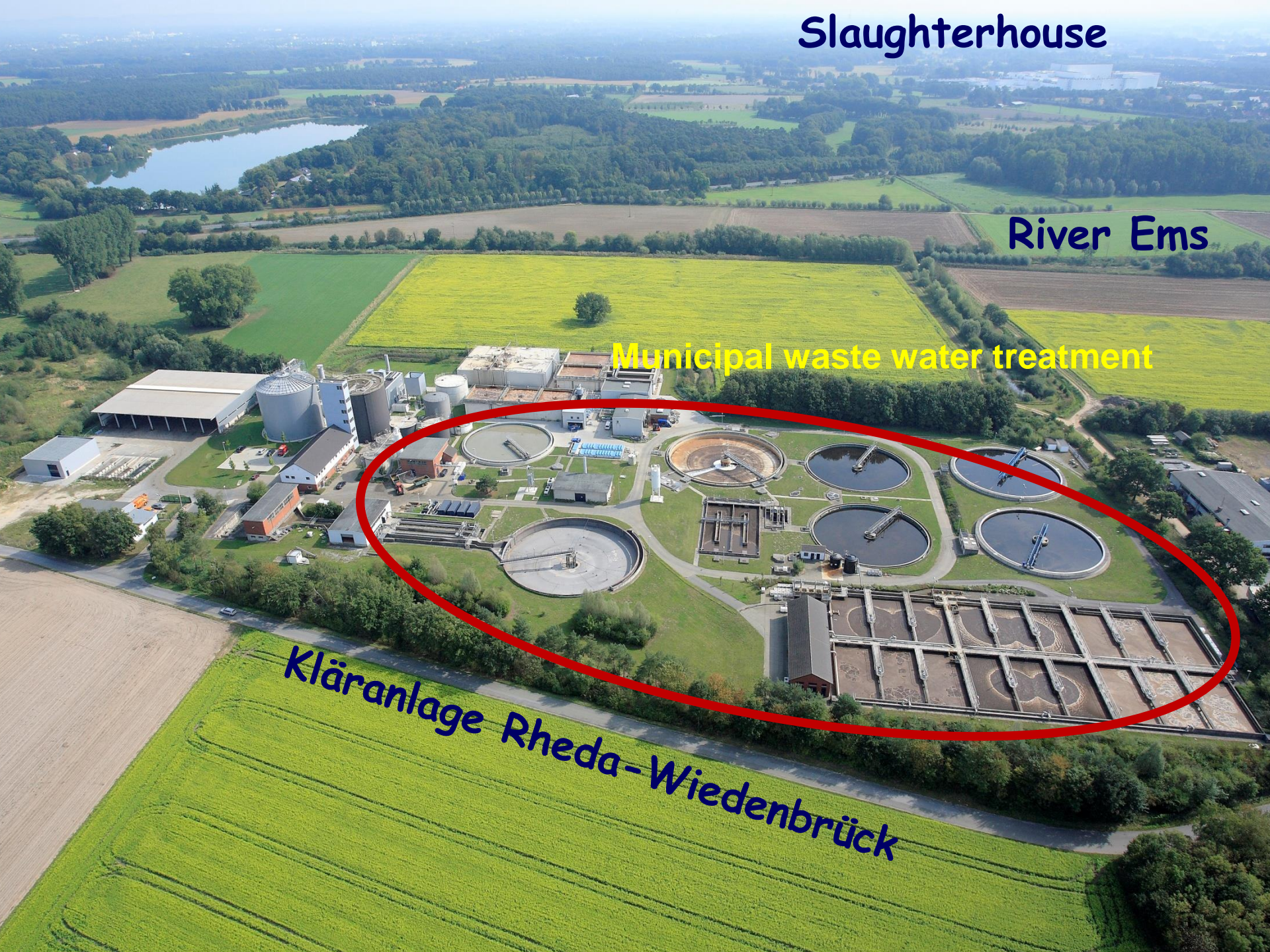


Slaughterhouse

River Ems

Municipal waste water treatment

Kläranlage Rheda-Wiedenbrück





# Flotation for slaughterhouse wastewater

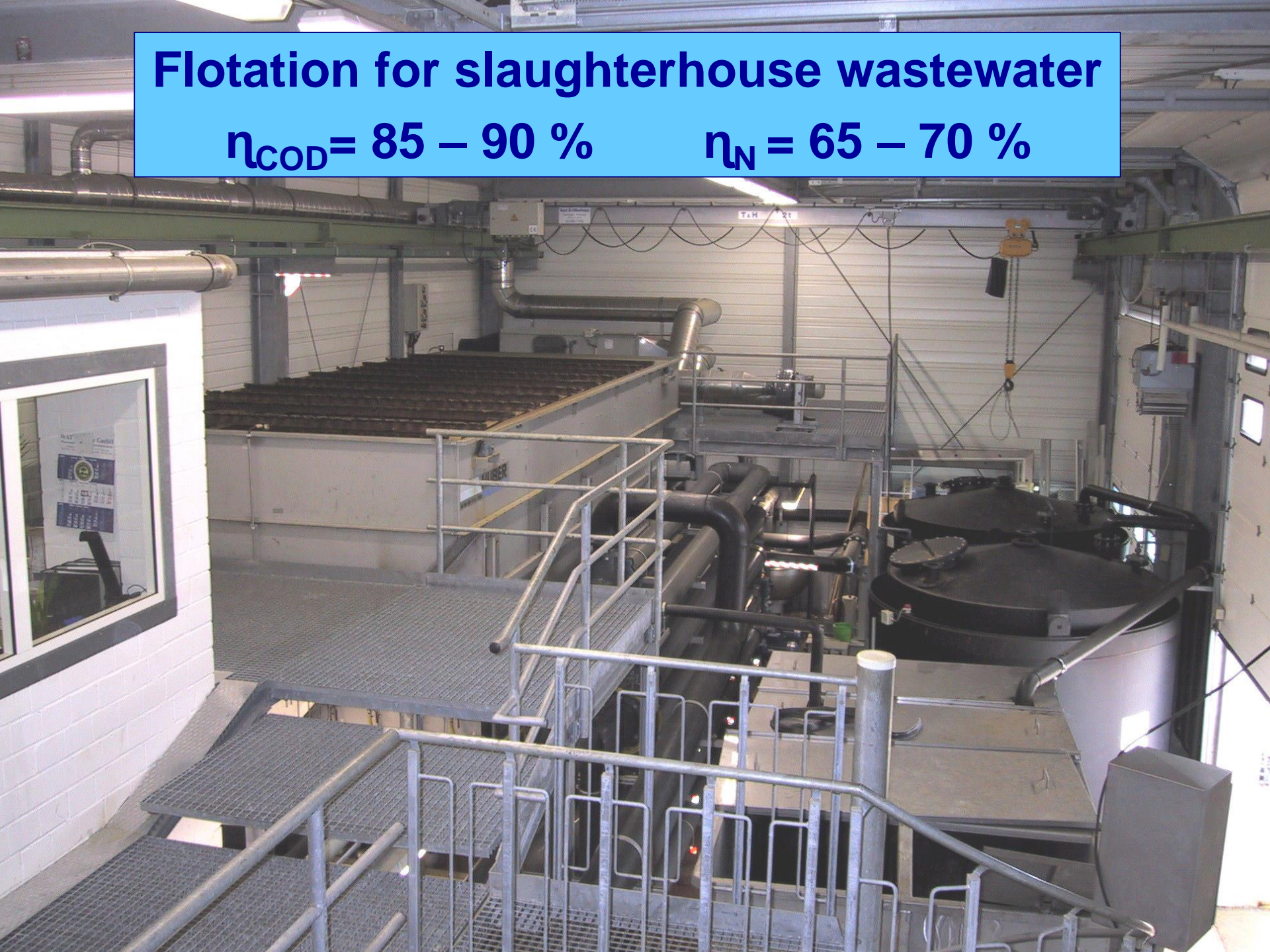




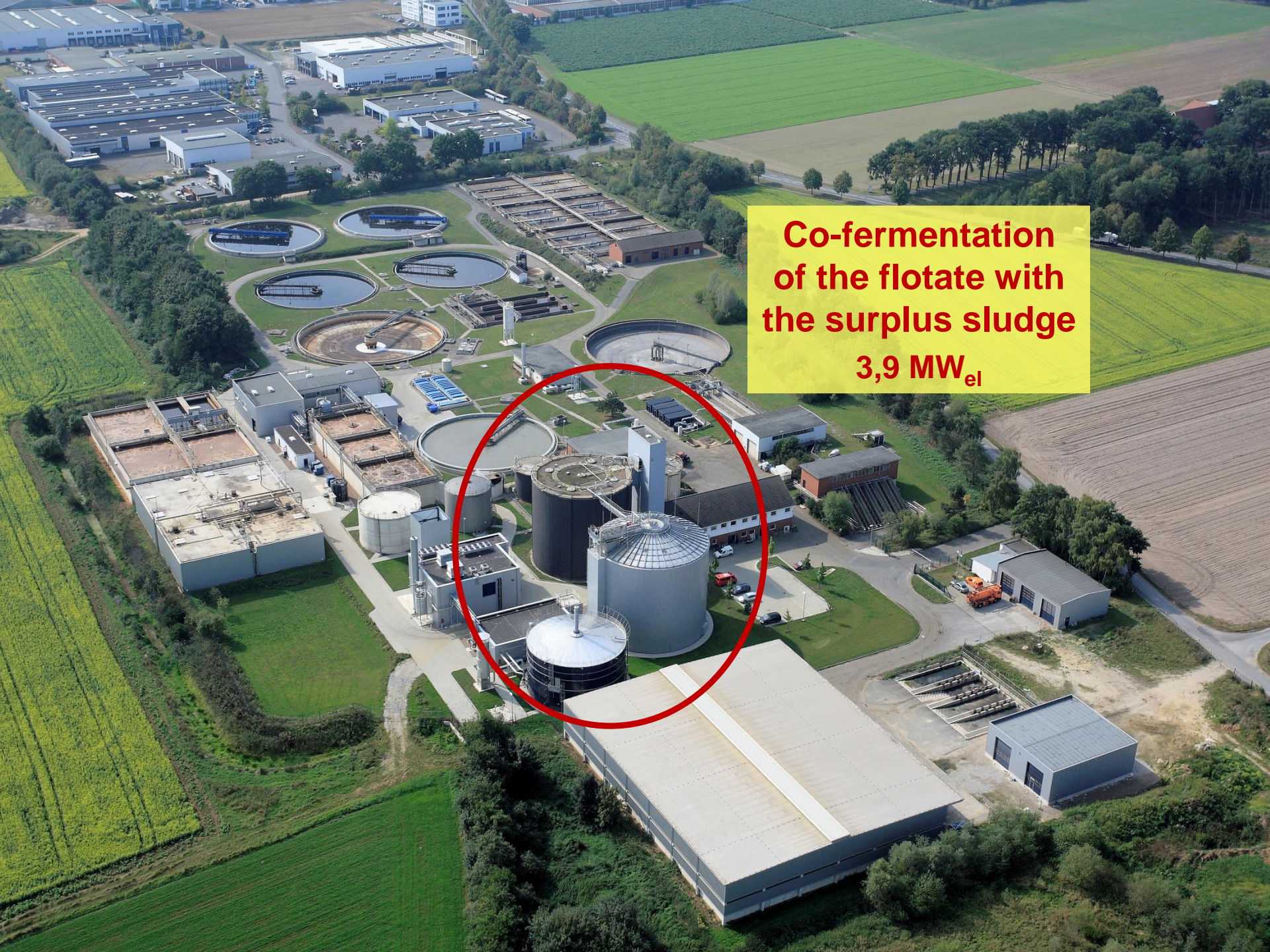
# Flotation for slaughterhouse wastewater

$\eta_{\text{COD}} = 85 - 90 \%$

$\eta_{\text{N}} = 65 - 70 \%$







**Co-fermentation  
of the flotata with  
the surplus sludge**

**3,9 MW<sub>el</sub>**

The image is an aerial photograph of a wastewater treatment plant. In the upper left, there are several large circular aeration tanks. To the right of these are rectangular sedimentation tanks. In the center, a red circle highlights a cluster of industrial buildings and large cylindrical storage tanks. One of the tanks has a distinctive conical roof. To the right of the red circle is a large, long rectangular building with a light-colored corrugated metal roof. The entire facility is surrounded by green fields and some trees. A yellow text box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text 'Co-fermentation of the flotata with the surplus sludge' and '3,9 MW<sub>el</sub>'.



# Anaerob Pilot Plant





# Anaerobic pilot plant

## Reactor volume 4 x 80 l





# Co-Fermentation of residues from Penicillin production and seage sludge (NCPC/ China) 华北制药项目的消化罐施工





## **Evaluation of the costs of the treatment**

- **Invest and running costs**
- **Not to forget the sludge treatment costs**
- **Costs for combined treatment/ indirect discharge**
  - **evaluation according to usage of the facilities**
  - **relevant Parameter** **Q, COD/ BOD<sub>5</sub>, N, P, SS**
- **Industrial waste water might be more or less expensive like municipal waste water**

## Result of detailed cost calculation

**Complete running costs considering financing and operation for 9 cities in Germany**

### Cost Splitting for waste water treatment plants in components

Parameter	Unit	R	I	W	H	W	Z	B	K	B	Aver- age
<b>Capacity</b>	<b>PE</b>	30.000	40.000	60.000	60.000	70.000	25.000	40.000	10.000	45.000	
Q	€ / m <sup>3</sup>	0,40	0,48	0,24	0,19	0,18	0,37	0,42	0,32	0,21	0,31
CSB	€ / kg	0,34	0,33	0,50	0,39	0,29	0,34	0,52	0,46	0,41	0,40
N <sub>ges</sub>	€ / kg	4,65	3,91	3,74	1,32	1,82	3,15	4,18	4,10	2,31	3,24
P <sub>ges</sub>	€ / kg	6,51	6,29	13,16	8,76	8,69	6,72	40,63	10,69	9,33	12,31
SS	€ / kg	0,14	0,05		0,85		0,69		0,61	0,53	0,48



## New developments

- Anaerobic treatment followed by full stream deammonification – solving the N-problem  
(Example: Yeast factory waste water)
- Deammonification:  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N} \longrightarrow \text{N}_2$
- Organic content can be used for biogas production
- No problem with denitrification



Yeast factory Schwarzenbach/ Germany

## New developments

- **Using aerobic granulars to reduce the footprint for biological treatment**
- **Perfect settling behavior**
- **Higher concentrations support the granular building**

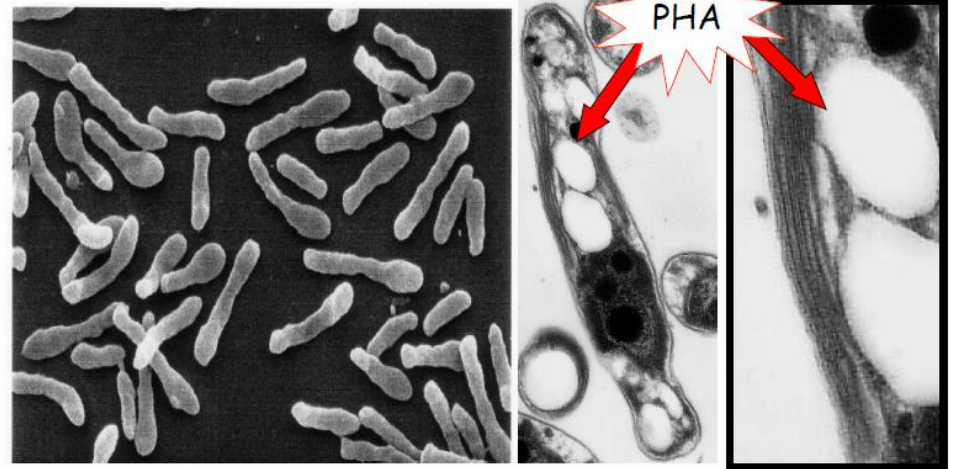




## New developments

- **Production of Bioplastics  
from sewage  
(Research projects  
under execution)**

PHA made by bacteria . . .



. . . can be broken down by bacteria.

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- Zero Liquid Discharge ... where it makes sense  
(.. where it makes sense only!)
- Co-fermentation of organic residues from industries – large scale application



# Conclusion

- Technologies  
for the treatment of all industrial waste waters  
are available, up to Zero Liquid Discharge
- Most efficient solution  
can be found with experience from planing,  
realization and operation
- Realization of projects  
mainly related to requirements from legal side,  
or/ and the economy through recycling  
(valuables, energy)
- BEST (Best efficiency for Industrial Sewage treatment)  
So it has just to be found the BEST solution ...