



POWERSTEP

YOUR FLUSH, OUR ENERGY

FULL SCALE DEMONSTRATION OF ENERGY
POSITIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
CONCEPTS TOWARDS MARKET PENETRATION



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Energy from municipal wastewater: an overview of best practices in Europe

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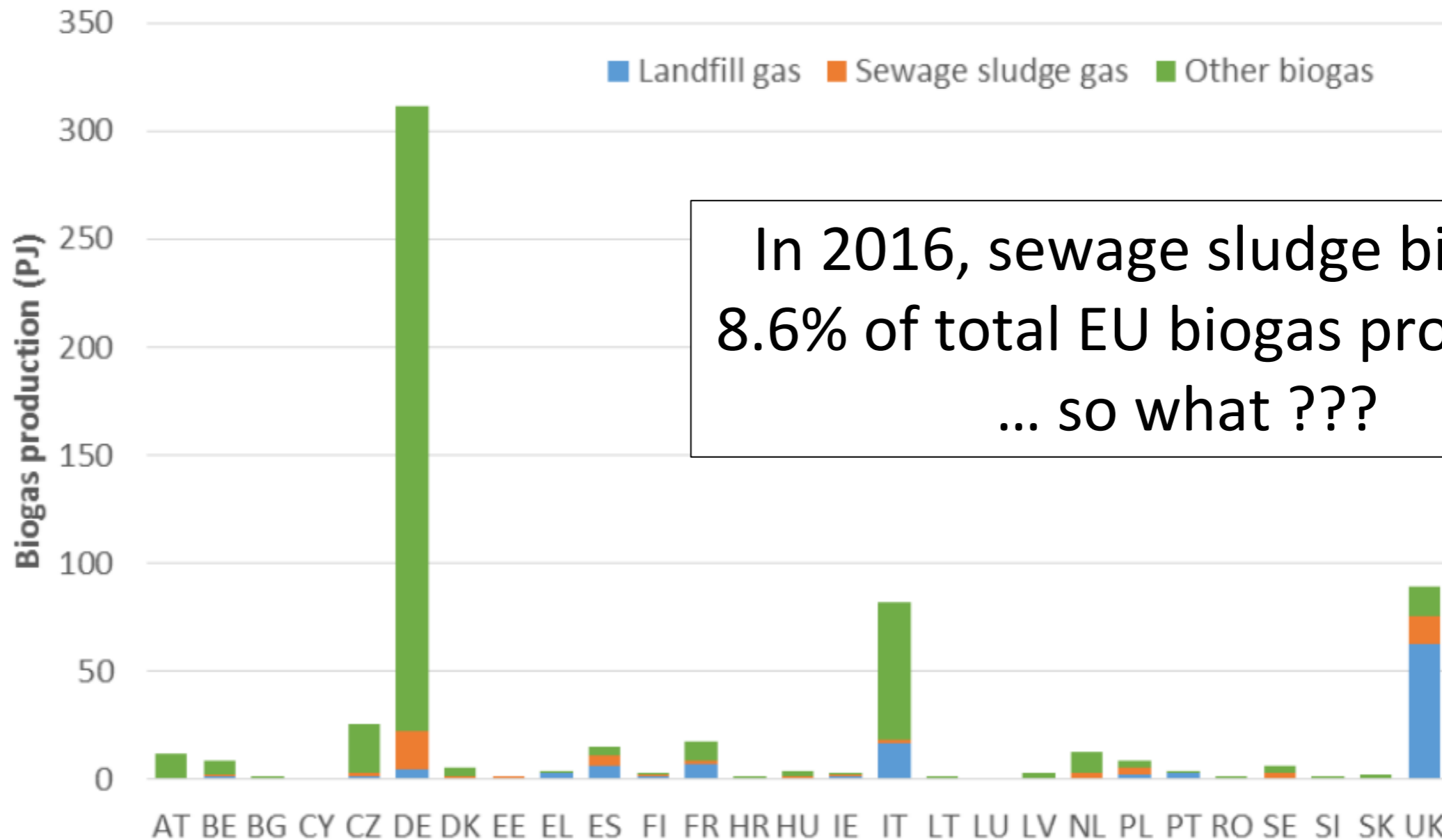




Current situation



Figure 1 Biogas production per Member State in 2014, differentiated by source (EurObserv'ER, 2015) ¹



In 2016, sewage sludge biogas = 8.6% of total EU biogas production ... so what ???





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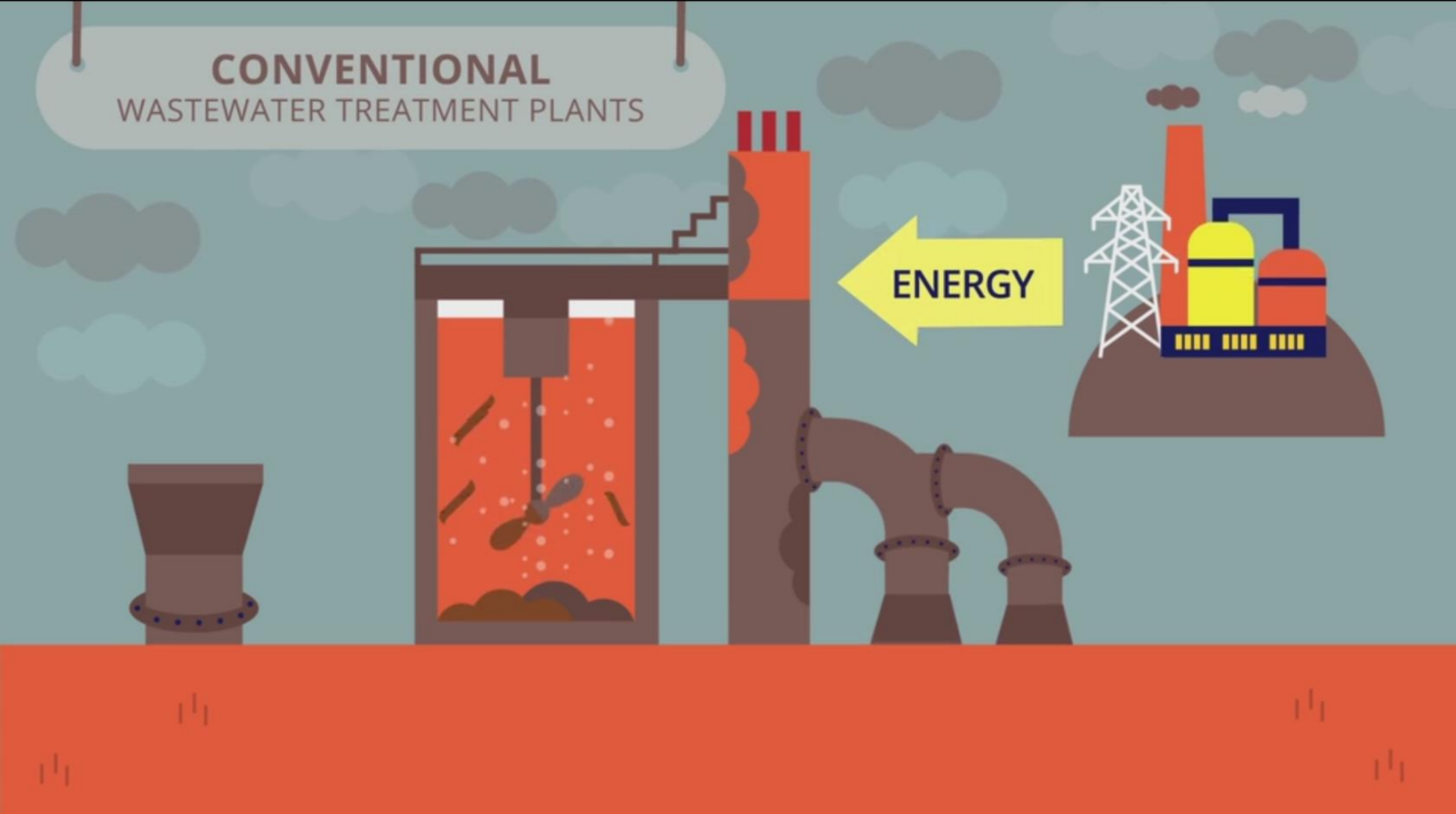
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CONVENTIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS



**WWTPs are the highest energy consumer
in a municipality!**



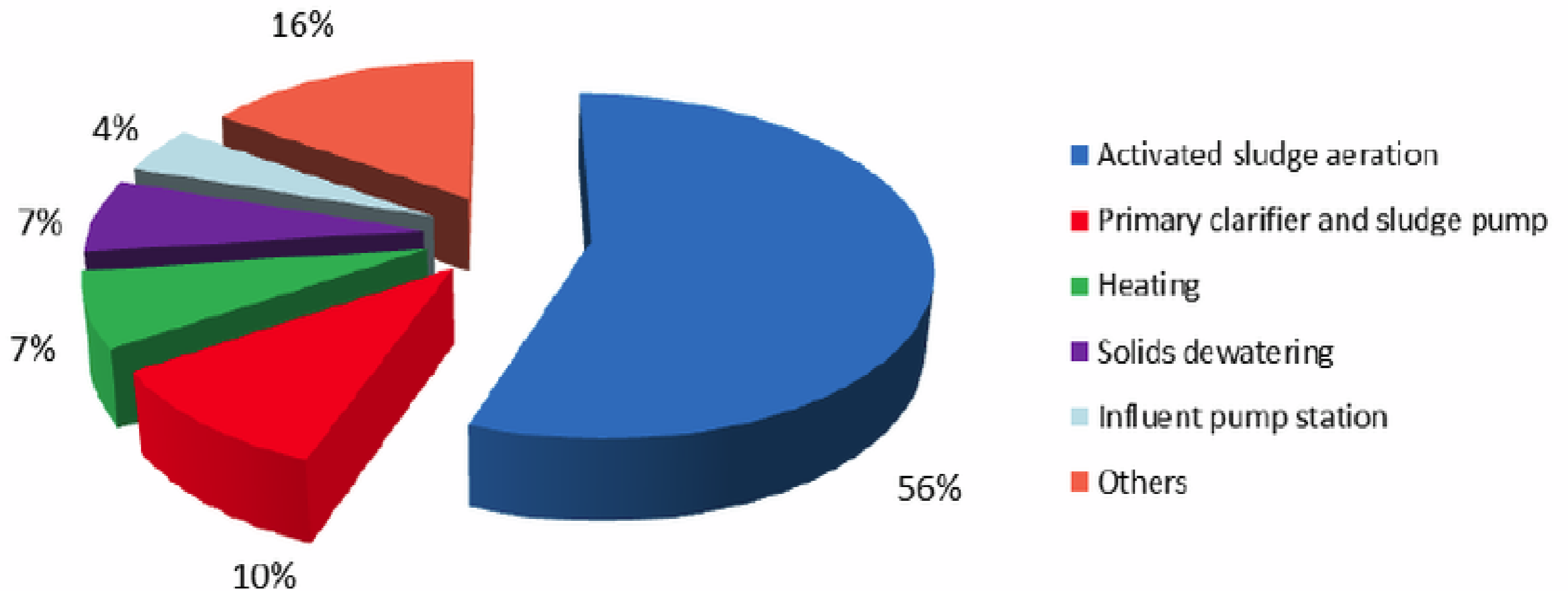
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WWTP the “Energy consumer”



Breakdown of % WWTP energy





BUT WWTPs try to improve themselves!



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Energy-positive WWTP – a DREAM?



Is there a potential by treating your „**Pooh**“
to become **energy-neutral** or
energy-positive as WWTP?

(without using external renewable sources)



Are **energy-positive WWTPs**
without external renewable sources
still a **DREAM**?





We as a consortium say “NO” it’s no dream,
energy-positive WWTPs are possible!



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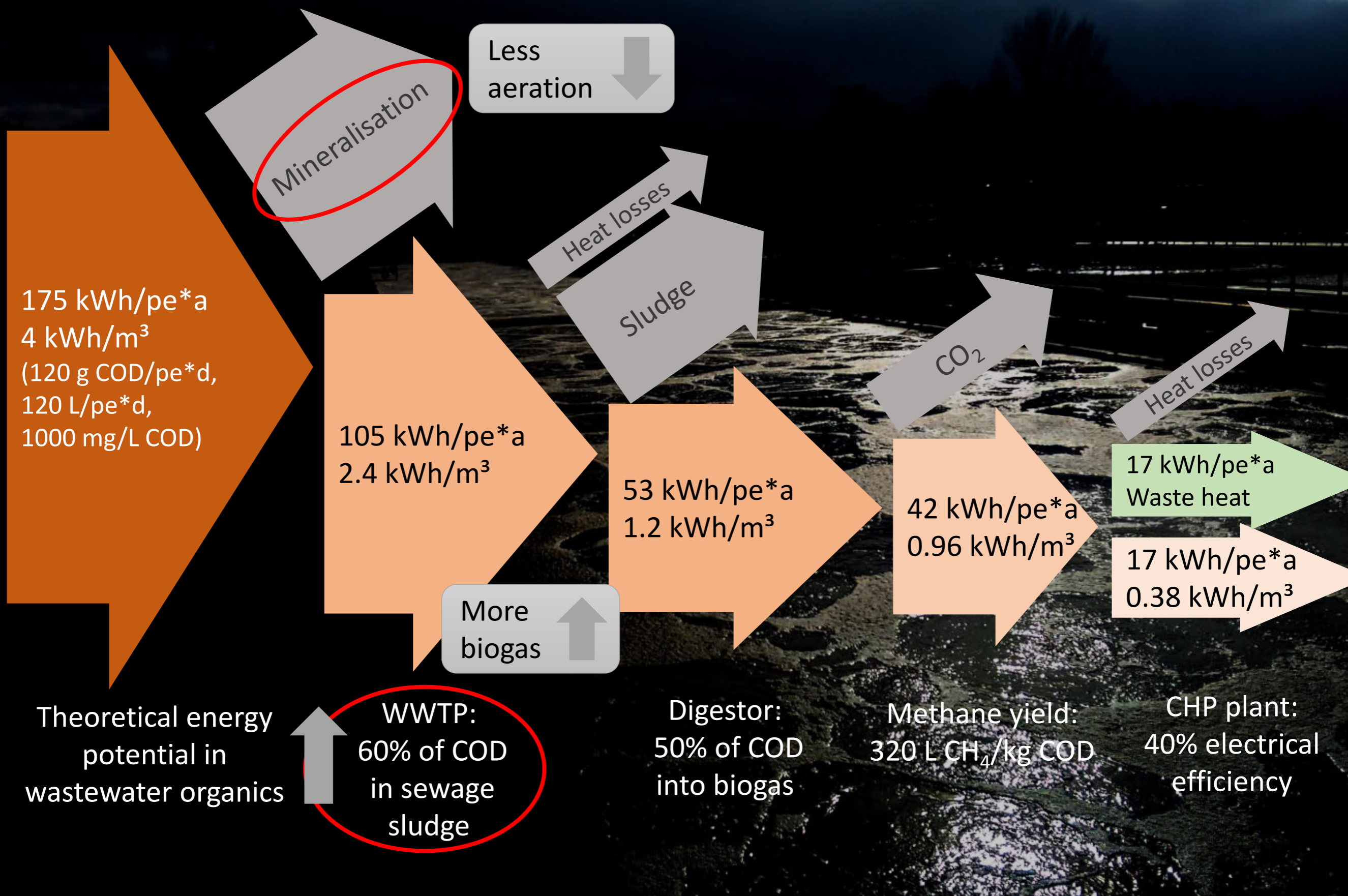
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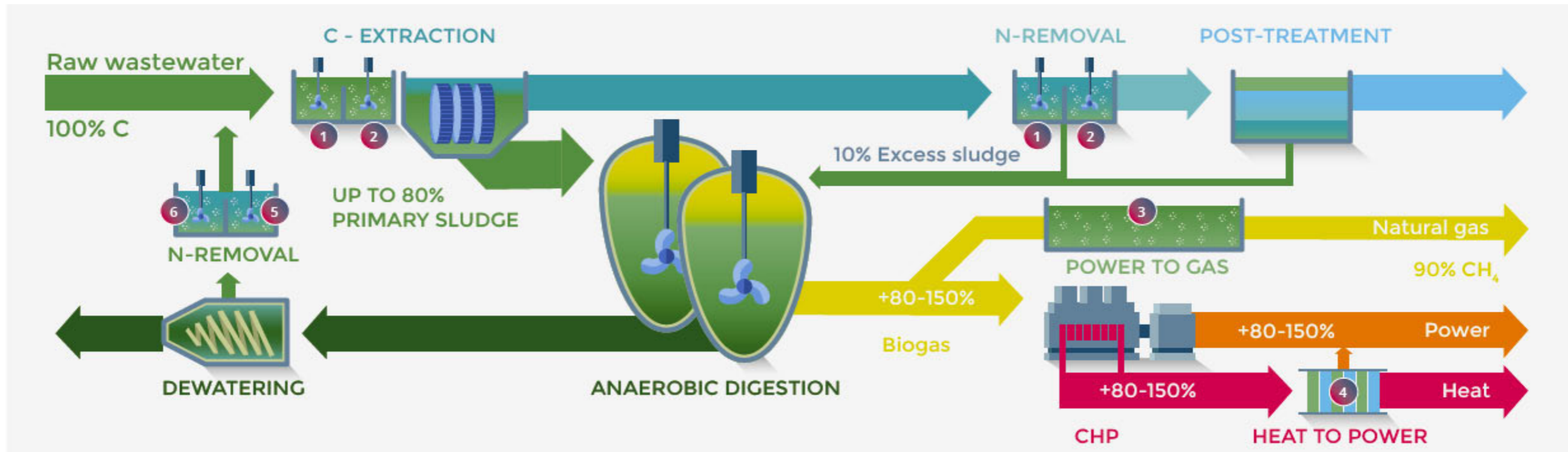


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The POWERSTEP concept





The POWERSTEP case studies



**CASE STUDY 1:
WESTEWITZ (DE)** 1

GOAL: enhanced Carbon extraction + Nitrogen removal

TECHNOLOGY: drum filter + SBR or duckweed reactor

SIZE: 2.000 pe (full-scale)



**CASE STUDY 2:
SJÖLUNDA (SE)** 2

GOAL: enhanced Carbon extraction + Nitrogen removal with innovative biological process

TECHNOLOGY: disc filter + 2-stage MBBR for nitrification/anammox

SIZE: 4 x 50m³ reactors (large pilot)

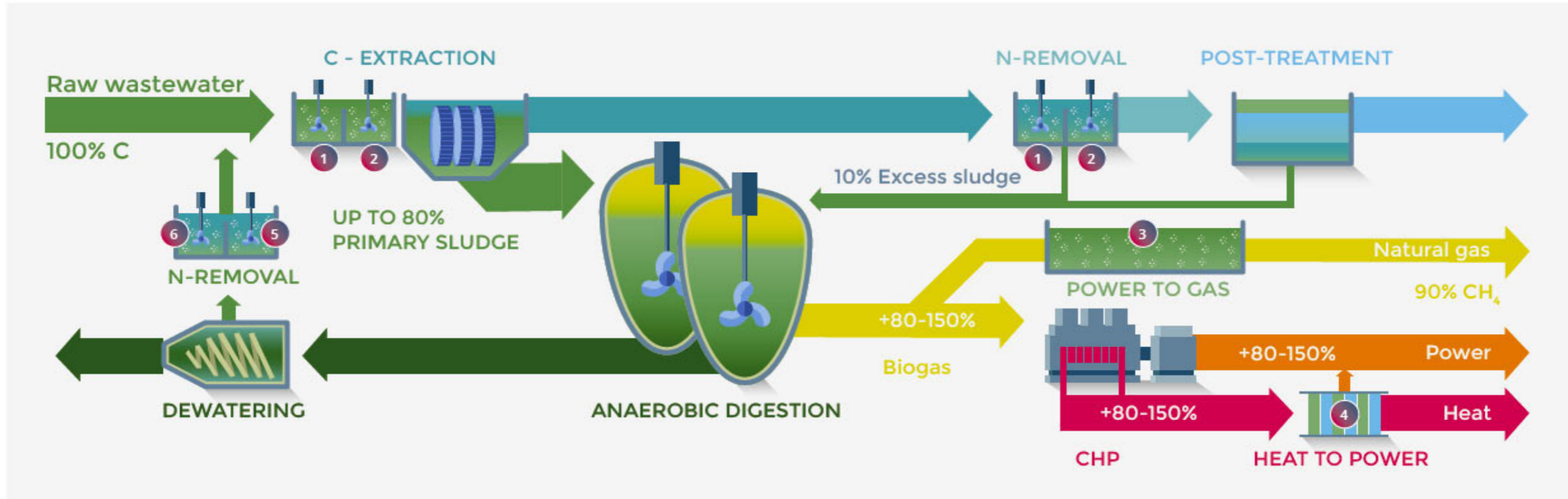


**CASE STUDY 3:
AVEDØRE (DK)** 3

GOAL: biogas upgrade to improve methane content („power-to-gas“)

TECHNOLOGY: biological methanisation

SIZE: 50Nm³ CO₂/h (large pilot), 1 MW electrolyzer



**CASE STUDY 6:
ALTENRHEIN (CH)** 6

GOAL: recovery of Nitrogen as a fertilizer in sidestream

TECHNOLOGY: membrane NH₃ stripping

SIZE: 75.000 m³/a (full-scale)



**CASE STUDY 5:
KIRCHBICHL (AT)** 5

GOAL: treatment of Nitrogen in sidestream and recovery of oxygen in mainstream

TECHNOLOGY: nitrification

SIZE: 100.000 pe (full-scale)



**CASE STUDY 4:
BRAUNSCHWEIG (DE)** 4

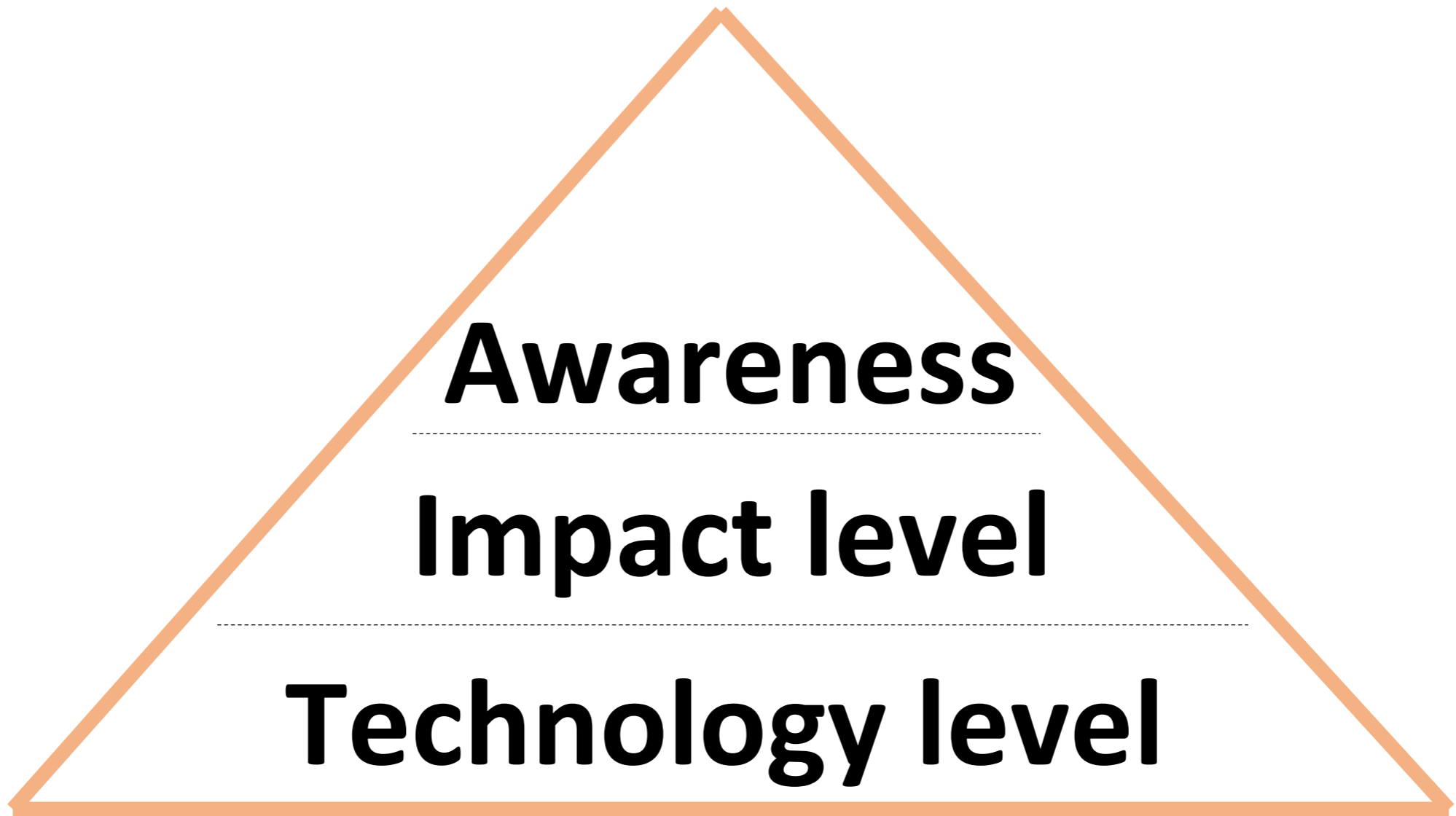
GOAL: increase the efficiency of CHP and implement a „smart-grid“ strategy

TECHNOLOGY: thermoelectric generators for „heat-to-power“ + energy sales modelling

SIZE: upgrade of 1 CHP (pilot) and model (full)



Results within www.POWERSTEP.eu






Results within POWERSTEP




Awareness

34 deliverables


Deliverable 1.1 - Optimised design of the microscreen and periphery for primary filtration

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Deliverable 1.3 - Compendium of best practice of primary treatment for advanced carbon extraction

 [d1-3-compendium-of-best-practices-for-advanced-primary-treatment.pdf](#)


Deliverable 2.1 - Advanced control system for energy efficient nitrogen removal

 [d2-1-advanced-control-strategy-for-nitrogen-removal-final.pdf](#)

Deliverable 6.2 - Visual identity, flyer and website

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Deliverable 6.3 - Communication kit for demosites

 [d6-3-communication-kit-for-demosites.pdf](#)

Deliverable 6.4 - Innovative website

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Front runners (extracts from web)



Objectives

- HAMBURG WASSER is energy-self-sufficient by 2018
- HAMBURG WASSER works on Zero-CO₂-Concepts

Hamburg, D

Vienna, AT

Energy self-sufficiency by 2020

ebswien hauptkläranlage currently needs 60 GWh of electricity per year equating to 1% of Vienna's total electricity consumption. In accordance with programme KIIIP and energy efficiency programme SEP, *ebswien* has since 2006 undertaken consistent efforts towards increasing energy efficiency and using renewable sources of energy. A number of (waste)water, solar and wind energy utilisation goals have meanwhile been accomplished in the course of "SternE – Strom aus erneuerbarer Energie", a project for electricity generation from renewable resources. This has already helped to cut energy consumption by 11%. The E_OS project goes even further:

Our Marselisborg Wastewater Treatment Plant has increased plant efficiency and reduced energy consumption by optimizing all its processes. The plant produces in 2016 40 percent more electricity than it needs and 2.5 GW of heat for the district heating system without adding external organic waste or carbon. This excess energy is enough to serve the needs of the drinking water supply and wastewater treatment facilities in the region.

Aarhus, DK

Bottrop, D

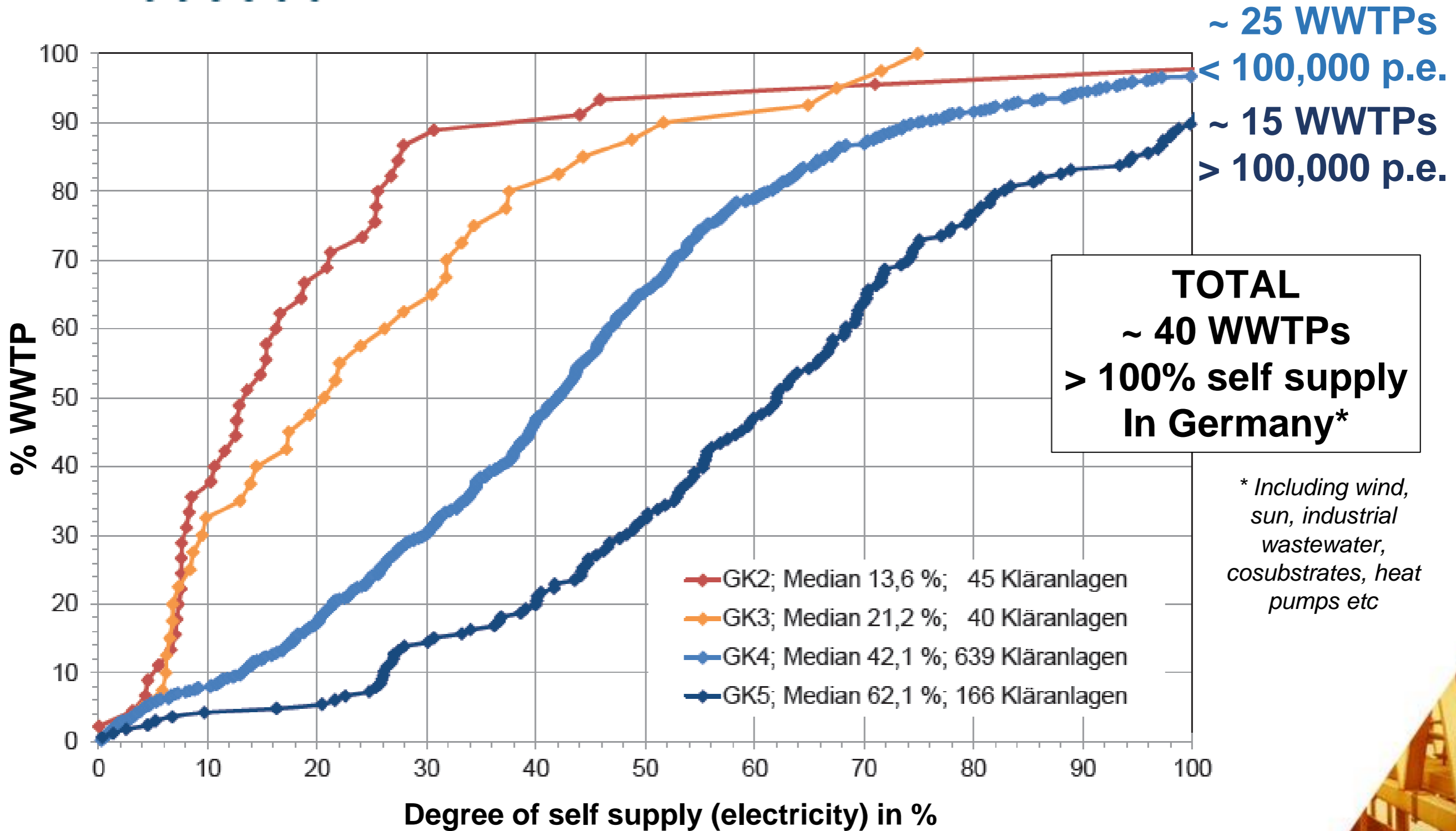
Ziel: 100% eigene Stromversorgung

Kläranlagen zählen zu den Großverbrauchern von Energie im städtischen Bereich. Das Klärwerk an der Emscher in Bottrop hat sich deshalb ein ambitioniertes Ziel gesetzt, um den Bezug von Strom aus dem öffentlichen Netz auf ein Minimum zu reduzieren. In Zukunft möchte die Emschergenossenschaft ihren kompletten Energiebedarf über einzelne, dezentrale Erneuerbare Energieanlagen decken.





2017: statistics of German Water Association





The German pioneer: Grevesmühlen WWTP (65,000 p.e.)



Energy positive since 2002

2007: Outing!!!

Today: > 300% self electricity supply (handling sludge from 120,000 p.e.)

Energy neutrality for full utility

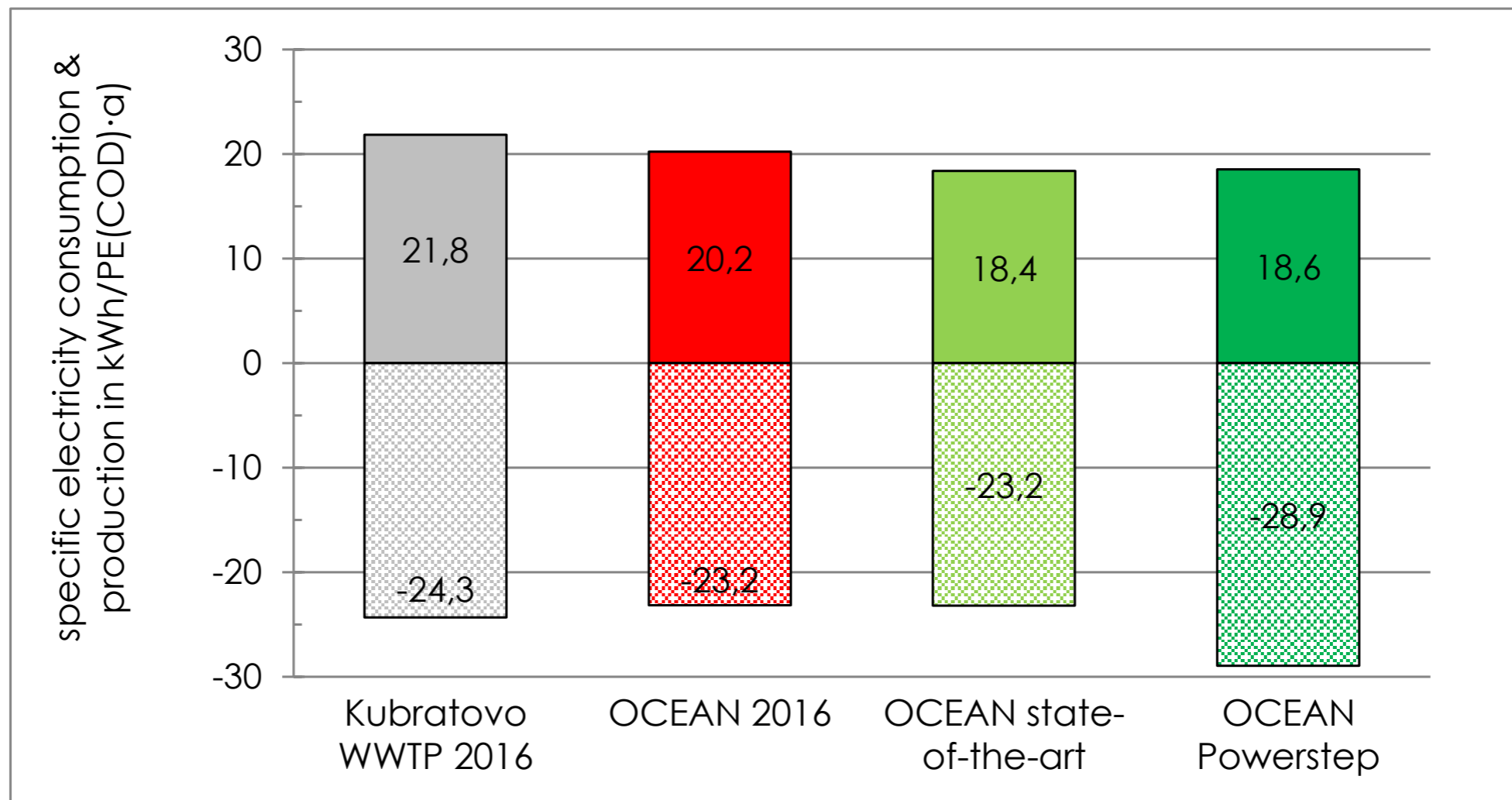




Kubratovo WWTP (Sofia, 1.3 M p.e.)



- Activated sludge + digestion ($TN_{out}=10\text{mg/L}$)
- Underloaded, no external carbon source (C/N ~ 10)



Self-sufficiency **112%** **115%** **126%** **150%**



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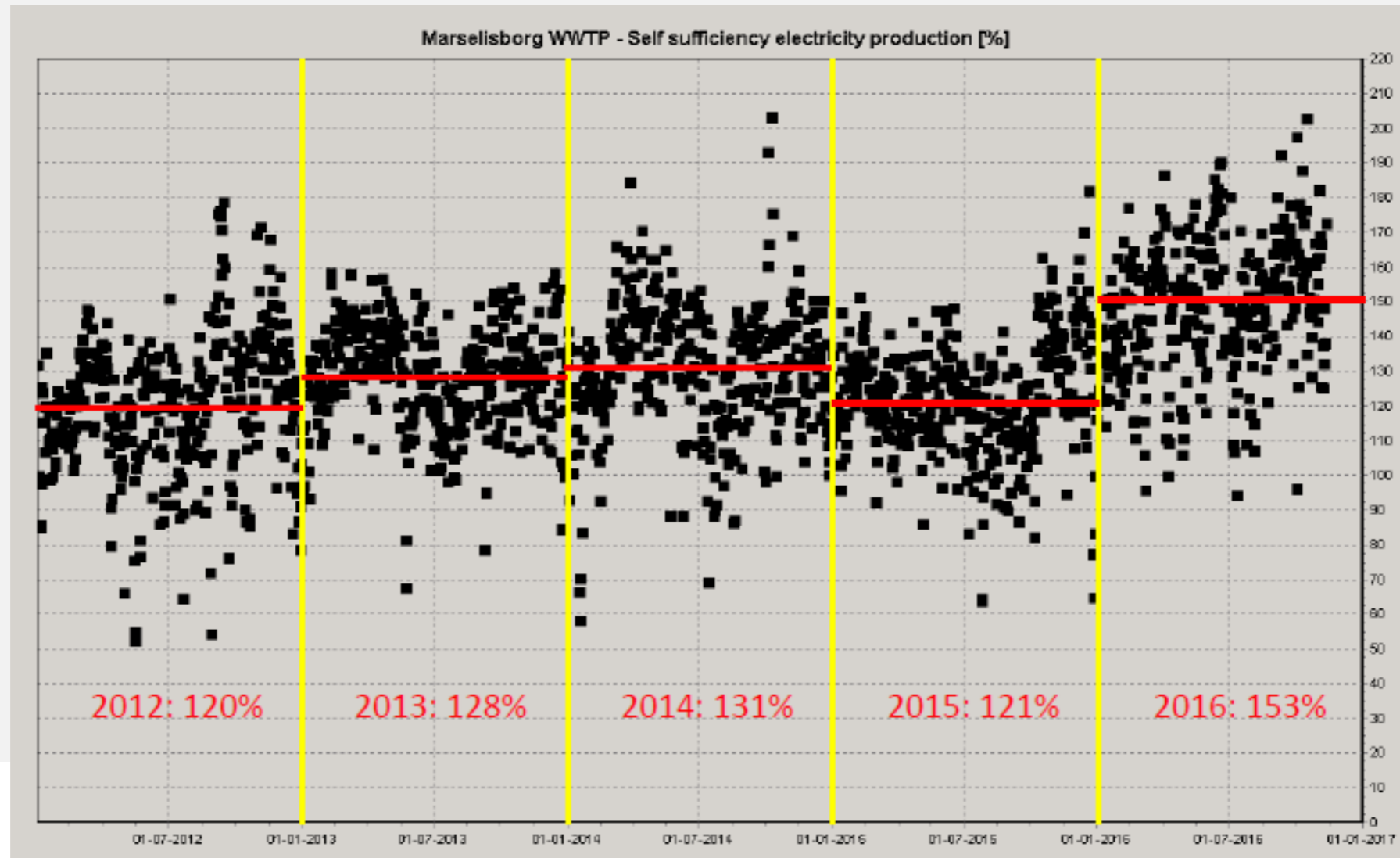




Marselisborg WWTP, Denmark (200,000 p.e.)

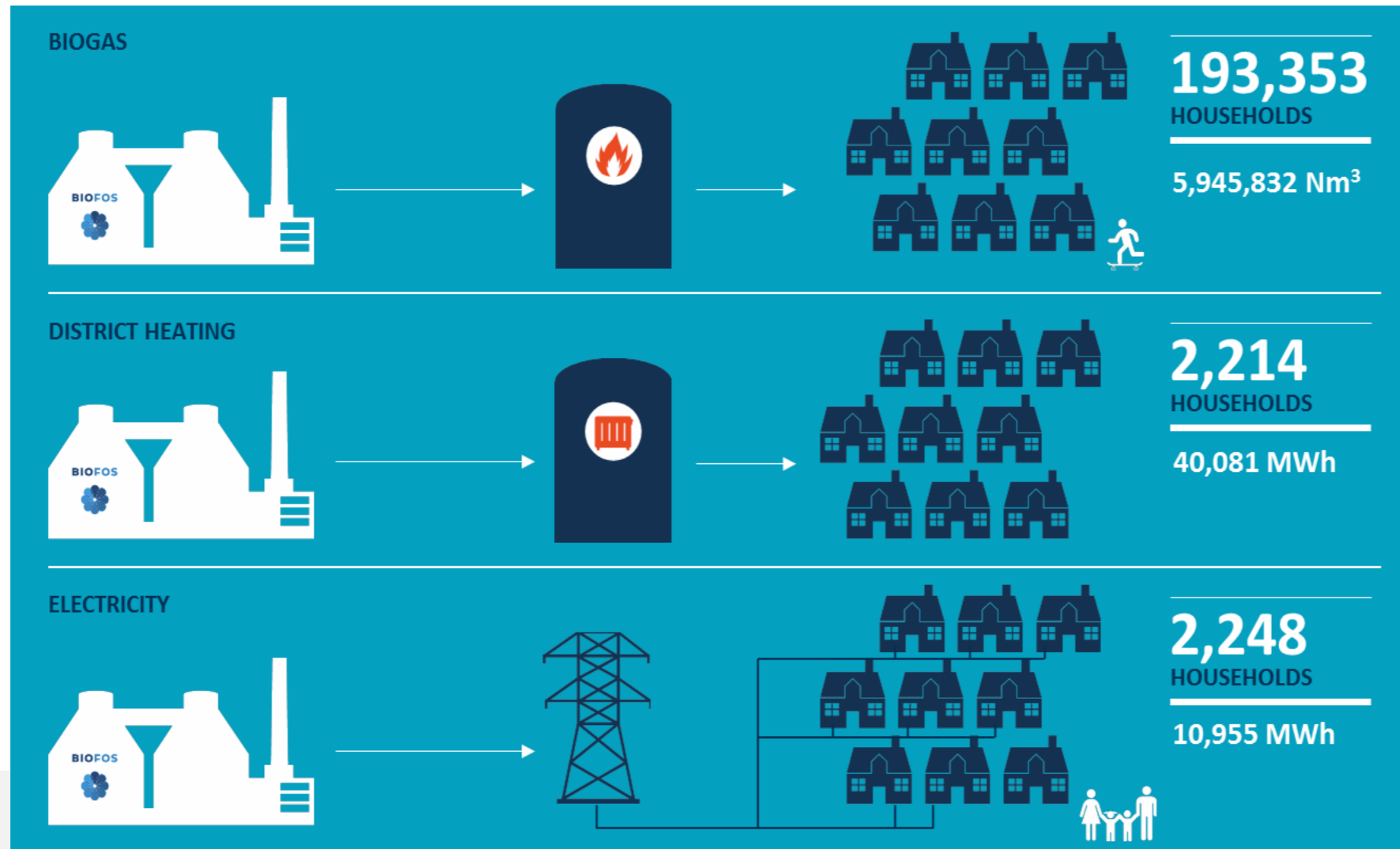


- State-of-the-art WWTP with simultaneous N/DN and side stream deammonification
- Favorable C/N > 12 but no external carbon source: **up to 153% self sufficiency!**





Copenhagen, 2017 > 150% energy supply and carbon neutral (3 WWTPs, 1,400,000 p.e.)

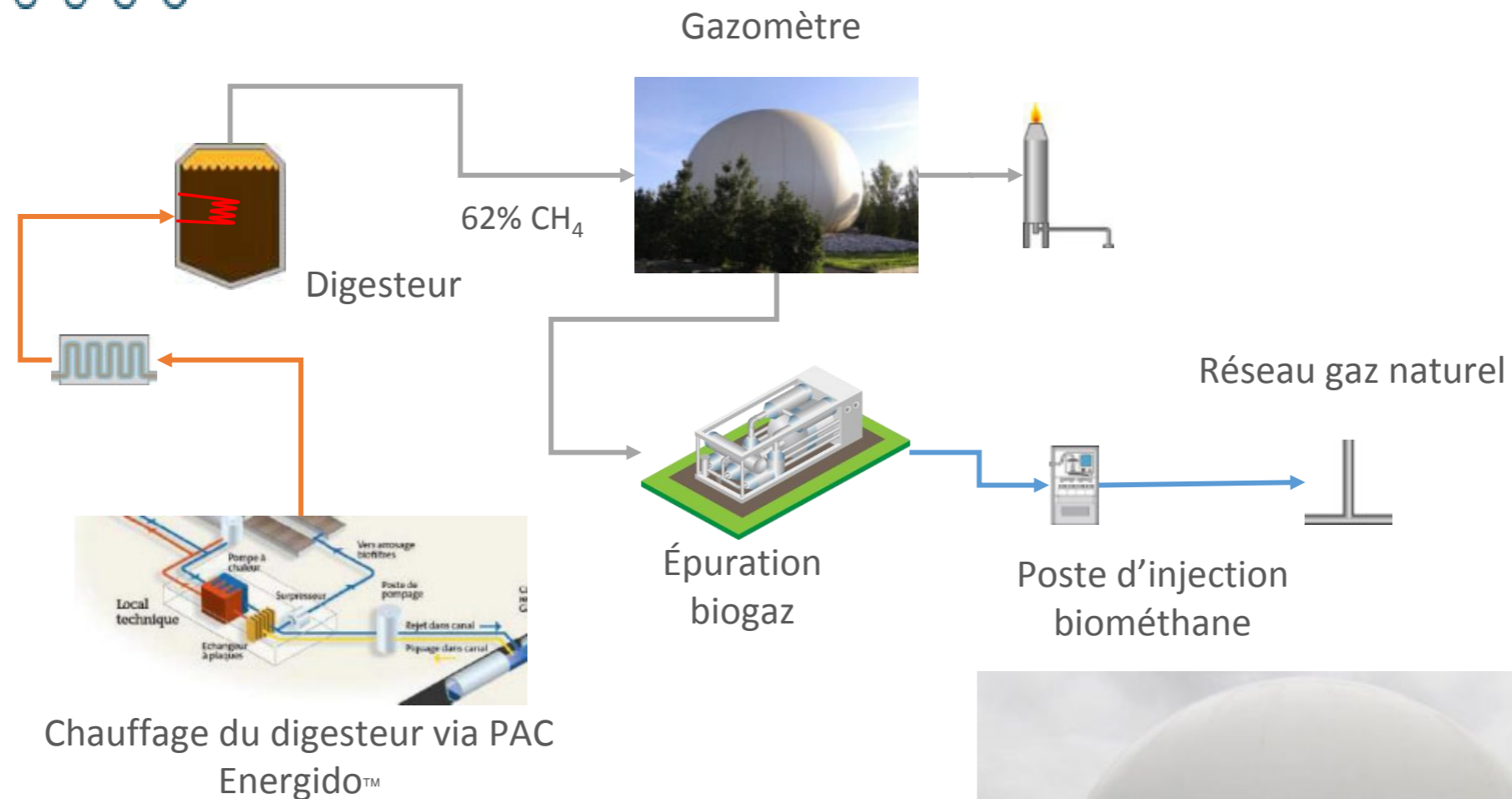


- No cosubstrate
- Digestion + incineration
- Biogas in town gas grid
- Heat and power sales





Perpignan (350,000 p.e.) Heat pumps and biogas to gas grid



- Start mid 2018
- Heat pump capacity: 400 kW
- Biogaz : up to 187 Nm³/h
- Biomethane : up to 95 Nm³/h
- Avoided CO₂ emission: ~ 900 tonnes CO₂ eq/an





Stockholm: biogas feeds buses

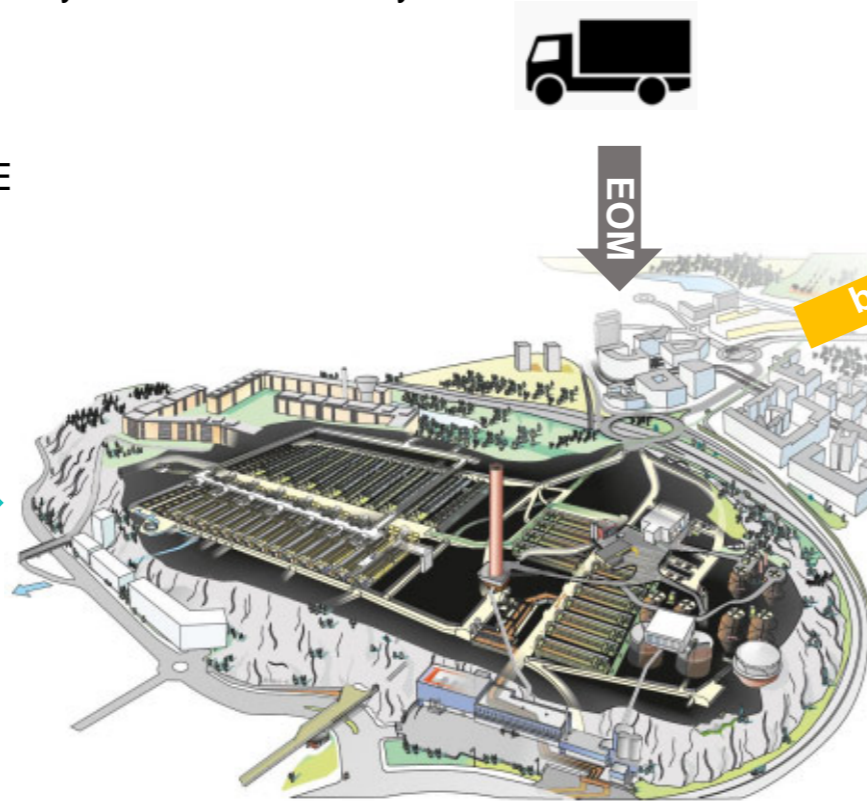
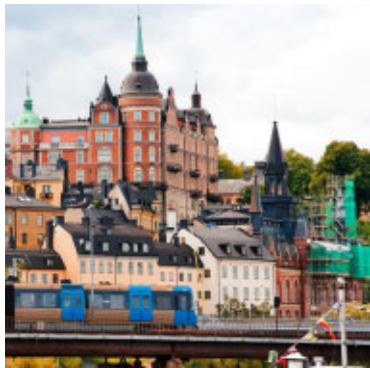


External Organic Material (EOM)

- Oil/fat separator sludge 45 000 tonnes/year
- Glycerol 8 700 tonnes/year

Wastewater

Bromma WWTP 294 000 PE
Henriksdal WWTP 950 000 PE



Upgrading facility: 14 MNm³ vehicle fuel/year

Operated by Scandinavian Biogas



vehicle fuel



Biogas bus Public transport

treated ww

heat



heat



Henriksdal and Bromma WWTP: 22 MNm³ biogas/year

Biogas production (60% CH₄) since 1934 from digestion of WW-sludge and co-digestion of EOM (only at Henriksdal)

Hammarbyverket/Solnaverket: ~1,3 TWh/year

Heat recovery from WW for municipal district heating. Owned and operated by Stockholm Exergi and Norrenergi





Bristol's Poo Buses (2015)



The Guardian



UK's first 'poo bus' goes into regular service



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Kakolanmäki WWTP, Turku, Finland: Energy recovery with heat pumps



- 300,000 p.e. WWTP underground
- Heat pumps on treated effluent (DT° 5-10°C)
- Coefficient of performance COP=~3,9
- Energy Balance 2017

Energy consumption

Electricity	13 500 MWh
District Heating	540 MWh
Fuel	20 MWh
Total	14 060 MWh

Energy production

Digestion (net)	15 500 MWh
Heat recovery ventilation	2 700 MWh
Heat pump district heating (net)	158 000 MWh
Heat pump district cooling (net)	26 600 MWh
Total	202 800 MWh

- Synergy wastewater / heat utilities:
WWTP supplies 14% of Turku region district heating and all the district cooling!

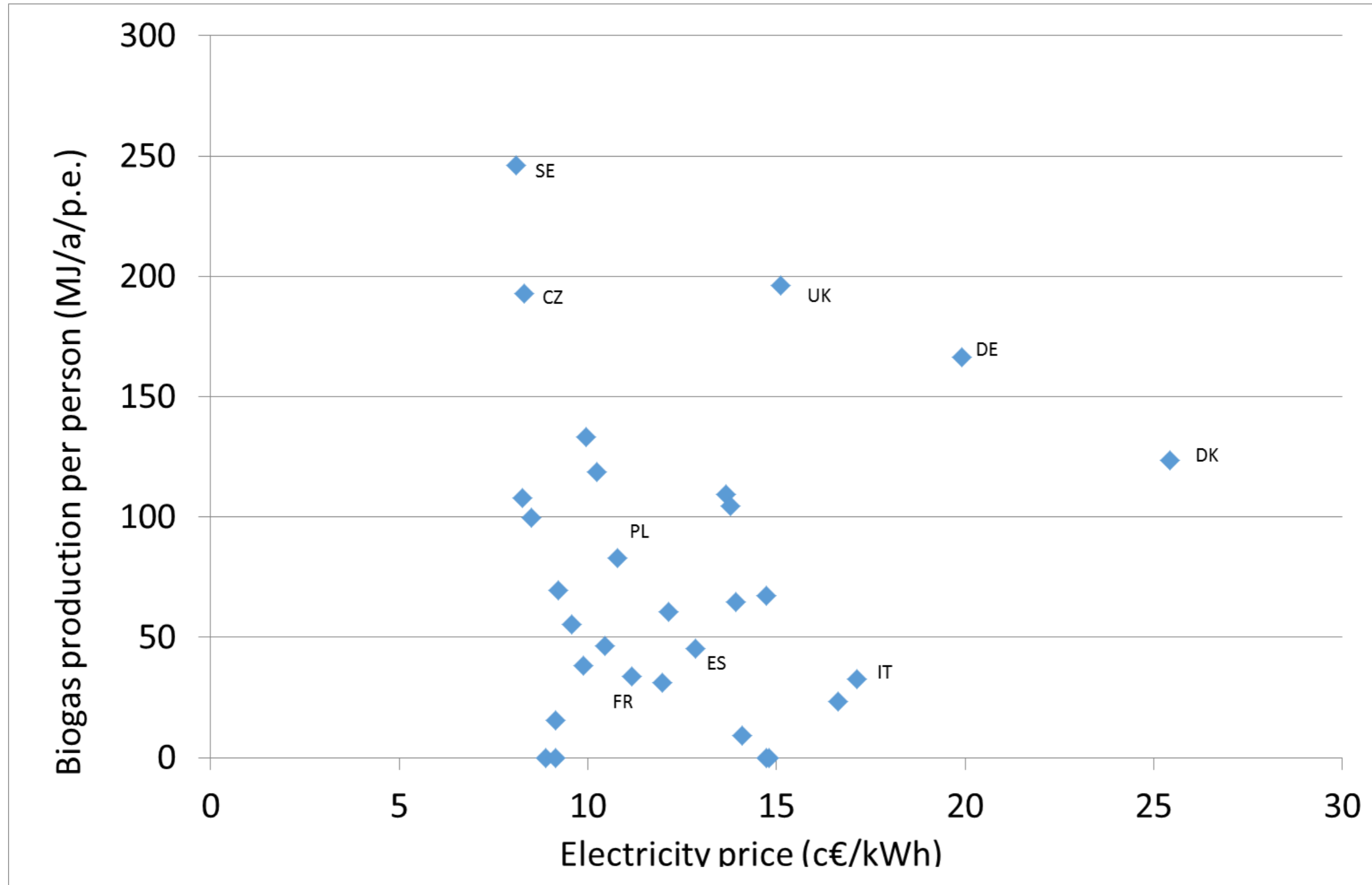


14 times
more energy
produced
than needed





Gas yield per capita and Member State

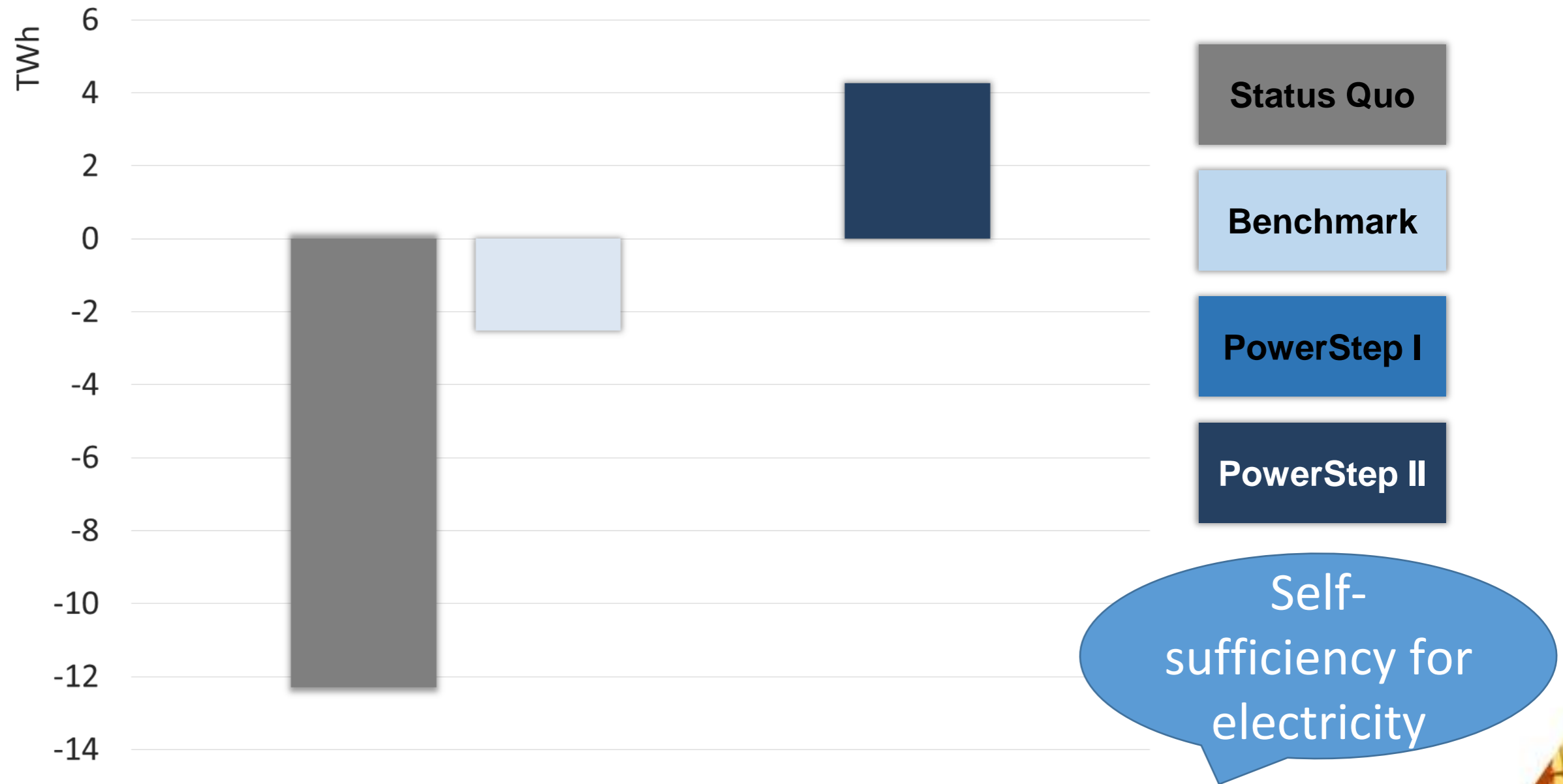




Market potential – Annual Net Electricity EU27 (WWTPs > 10,000 p.e.)



Net electricity (electricity generation – electricity demand):

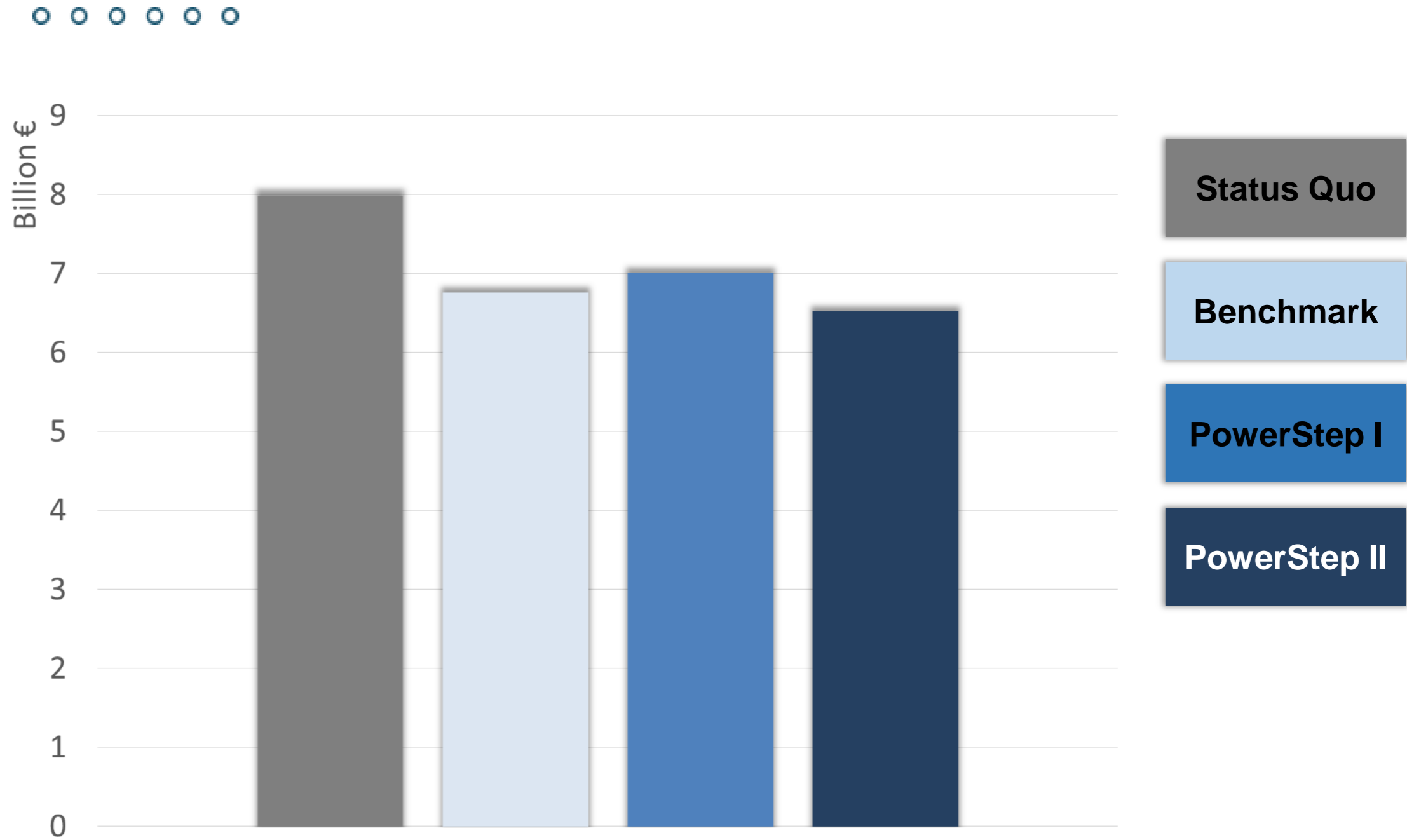


Electricity production increases and electricity consumption decreases with PowerStep technologies leading to a net gain of 16 TWh/a.





Market potential – Annual OPEX EU27 (WWTPs > 10,000 p.e.)

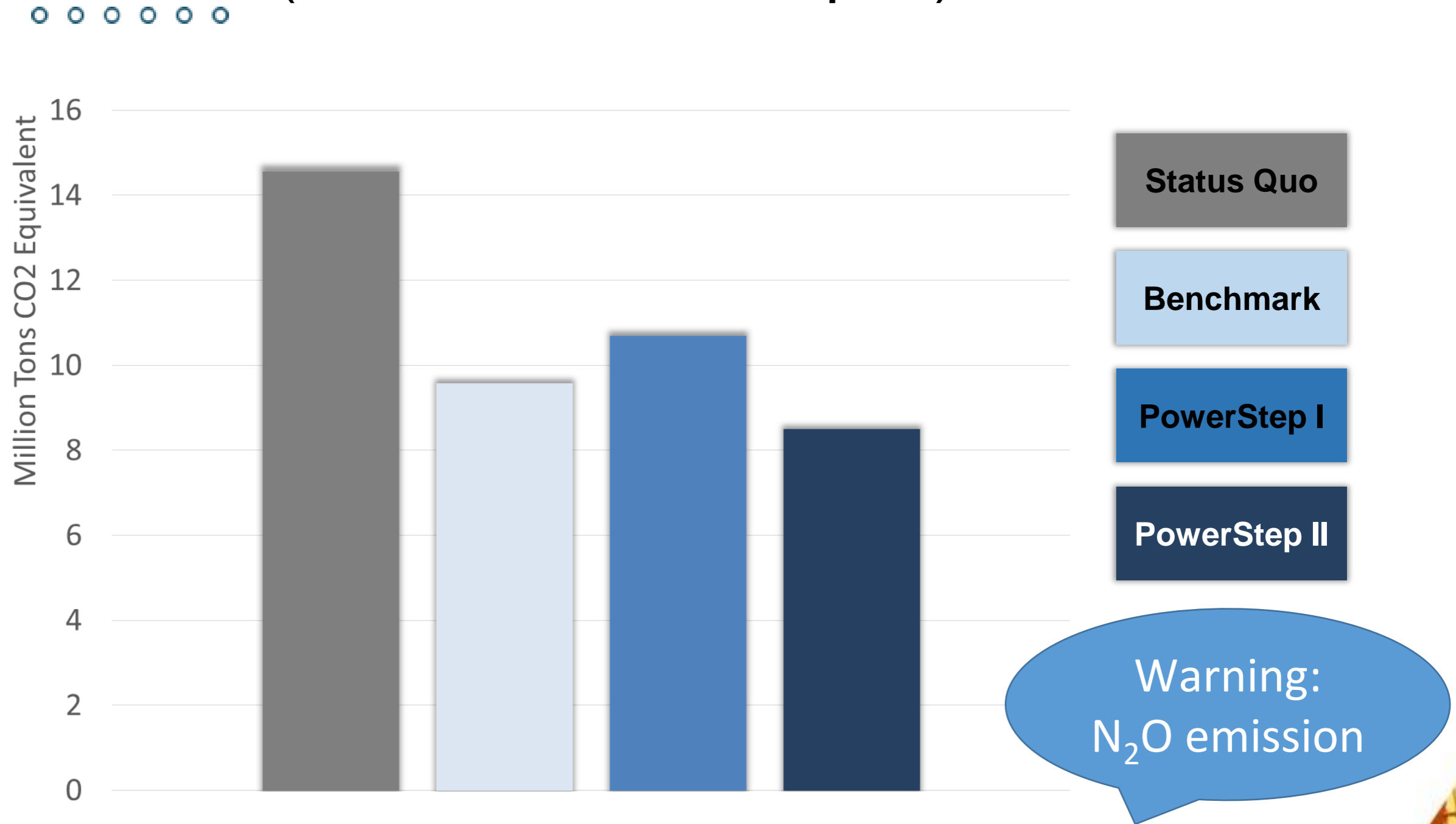


The OPEX of PowerStep technologies are lower than the current status quo costs (1.5 bn €/a).





Market potential – Annual CO₂-eq Emissions EU27 (WWTPs > 10,000 p.e.)



PowerStep decreases power related CO₂ Emissions by up to 40%.

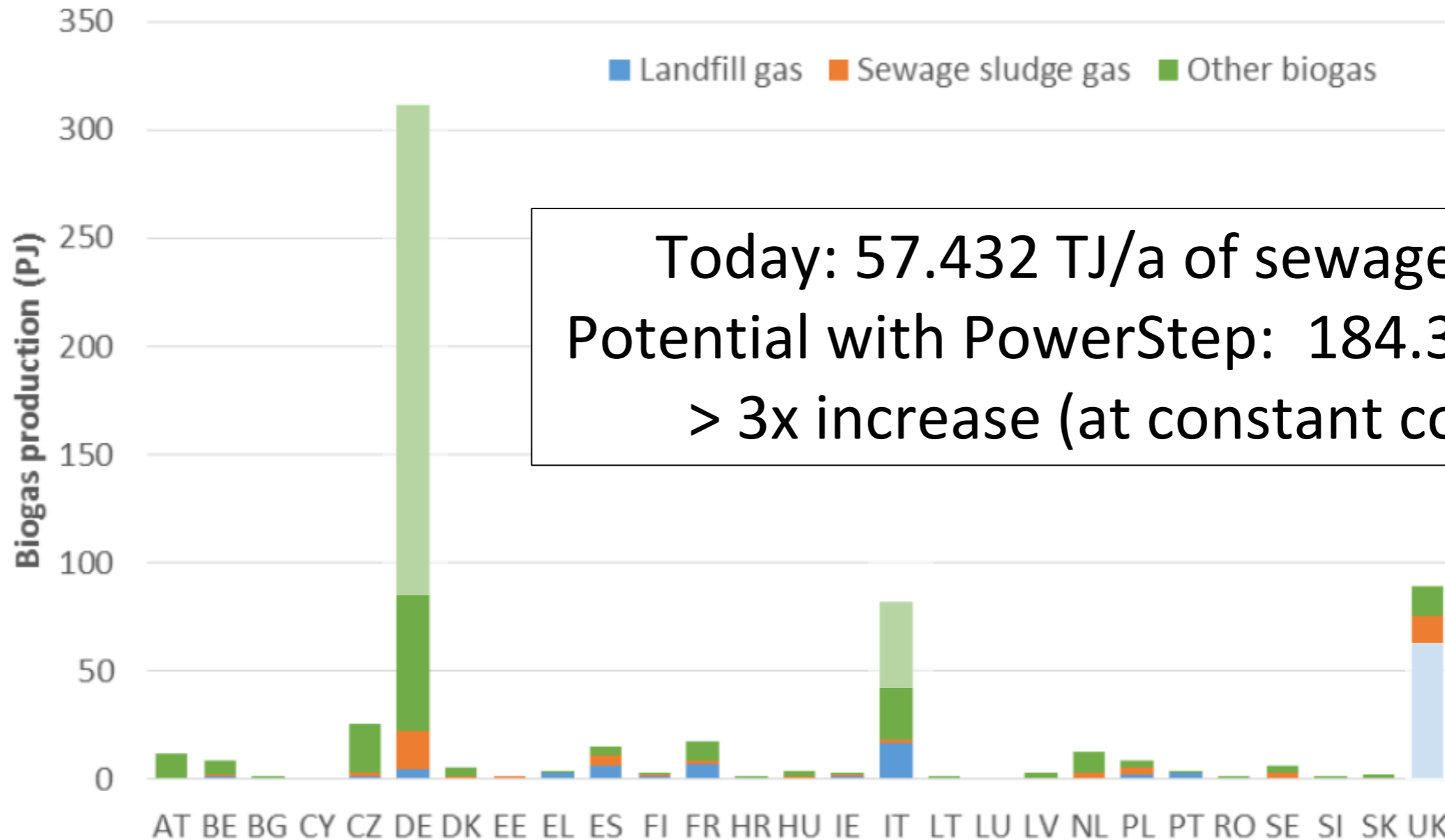




Potential of sewage biogas in EU



Figure 1 Biogas production per Member State in 2014, differentiated by source (EurObserv'ER, 2015) ¹



Today: 57.432 TJ/a of sewage gas
Potential with PowerStep: 184.325 TJ/a
> 3x increase (at constant cost)





Take home messages

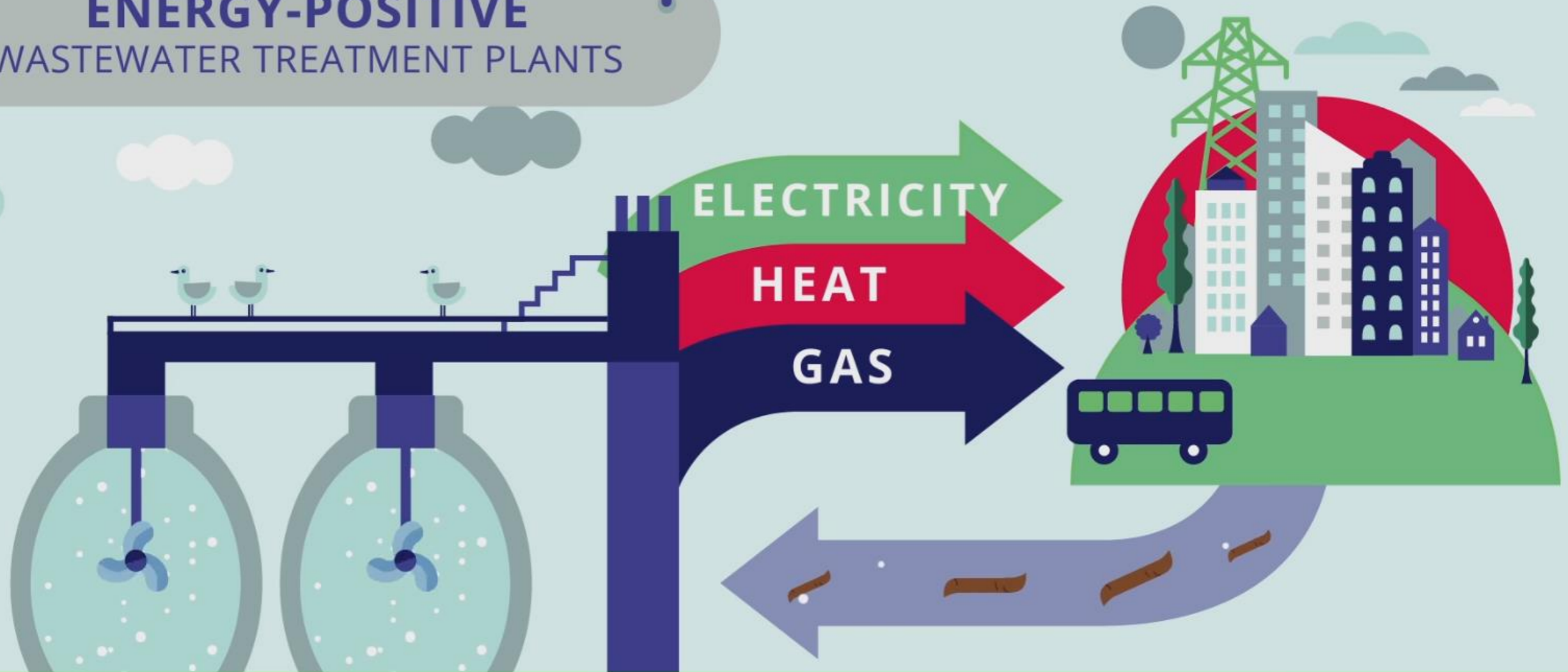


Self-sufficient WWTP is reality today!

- 1 Many examples in Europe with State-of-the-Art technologies**
- 2 Many concepts of energy recovery and biogas valorisation**
- 3 Significant market potential and impact ... no regret measure**
- 4 Innovation to further push the limits and extract potential**



ENERGY-POSITIVE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS



**WASTEWATER HAS A GREAT
ENERGY POTENTIAL!**

your flush = your energy





Credit (front runners projects)



Alphabetical order by family name

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