

# Overview on full-scale ozonation plants in Germany and Switzerland

(and some words on activated carbon)

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# Overview

- DWA and it's working groups on advanced wastewater treatment
- Legal status in Germany/Switzerland
- Overview on ozone and activated carbon options
- Summary on ozonation demonstration in D/CH
- Full-scale ozonation plants

# DWA working group on advanced wastewater treatment



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KA 8.1: Anthropogenic micropollutants in the water cycle

KA 8.2: Wastewater treatment with coagulation and precipitation

KA 8.3: Wastewater filtration

**KA 8.5: Ozonation on municipal wastewater treatment plants**

**KA 8.6: Activated carbon application on municipal WWTPs**



# Collection and distribution of knowledge

In Germany, two centres of competence for micropollutants exist:



Kompetenzzentrum  
**Mikroschadstoffe.NRW**



**KOM S**  
KOMPETENZZENTRUM  
SPURENSTOFFE-BW



Kom.NRW

In Switzerland, the VSA\* operate the platform "micropoll"



VSA



\*Verband Schweizer Abwasser- und Gewässerschutzfachleute  
<https://www.micropoll.ch/aktuell/>

# Legal background Germany

- In Germany there are currently no binding legal obligations, all WWTP upgrades are done voluntary (driving forces: public funds, water source protection, ...)
- Ongoing MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE ON THE TRACE SUBSTANCE STRATEGY OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
  - [www.dialog-spurenstoffstrategie.de](http://www.dialog-spurenstoffstrategie.de)
  - Results expected end 2019/early 2020
  - Policy paper available in English:



- [https://www.bmu.de/fileadmin/Daten\\_BMU/Download\\_PDF/Binnengewasser/spurenstoffstrategie\\_policy\\_paper\\_en\\_bf.pdf](https://www.bmu.de/fileadmin/Daten_BMU/Download_PDF/Binnengewasser/spurenstoffstrategie_policy_paper_en_bf.pdf)

# Legal background Switzerland

- In Switzerland, legal frameworks exist along with a list of substances, which need to be eliminated at the whole WWTP by an average of 80% compared to raw sewage
- Selection of WWTPs for upgrade based on size (>80,000 PE, river or 24,000 PE, near lakes) or share of secondary effluent in the receiving river (> 10 %)

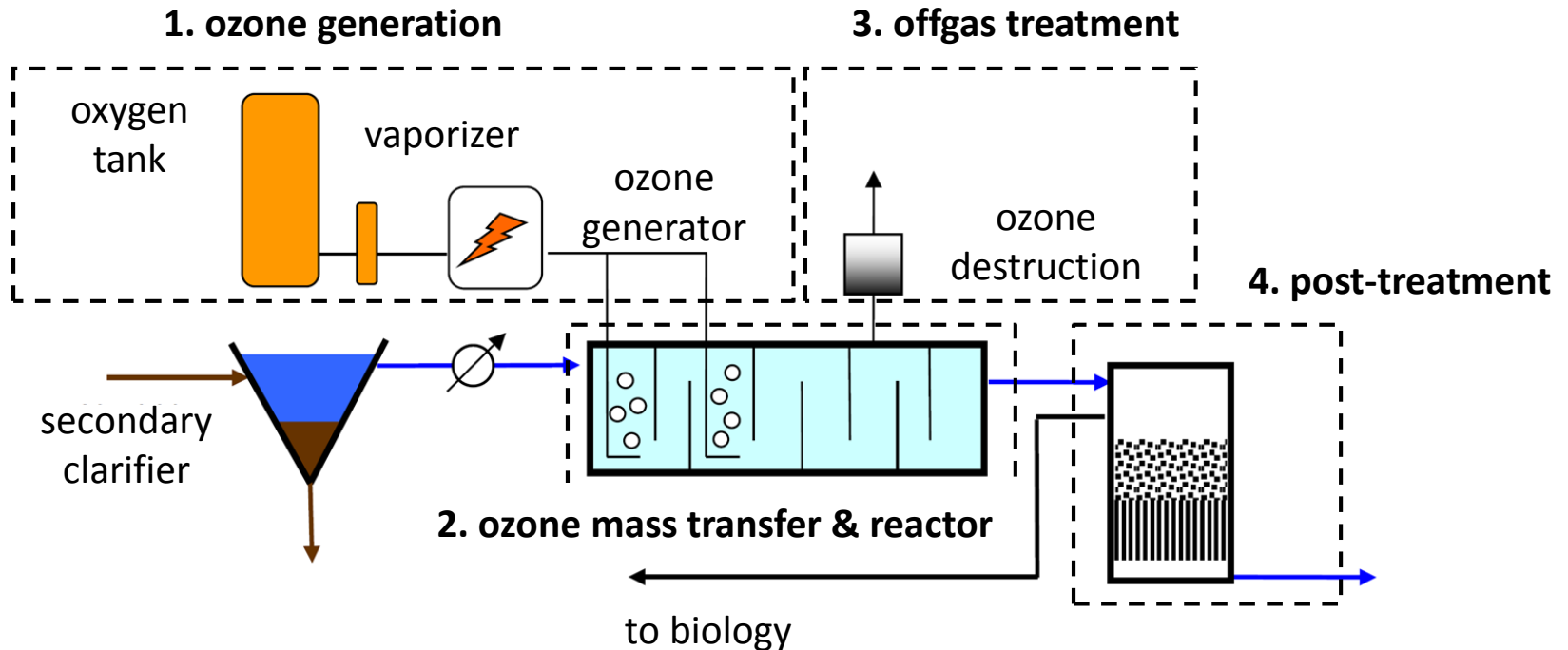
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1	Amisulprid		
1	Carbamazepin	3x10 <sup>5</sup>	8,8
1	Citalopram		
1	Clarithromycin	4x10 <sup>4</sup> (pH7) 9.6x10 <sup>5</sup> (pH8.5)	~5
1	Diclofenac	3x10 <sup>6</sup>	7,5
1	Hydrochlorothiazid		
1	Metoprolol	2000 (pH7) 5.1x10 <sup>4</sup> (pH8.5)	7,3
1	Venlafaxin	8500 (pH7) 1.5x10 <sup>5</sup> (pH8.5)	~10

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2	Benzotriazol	240 (pH7) 2300 (pH8.5)	7,6
2	Candesartan		
2	Irbesartan		
2	4-Methylbenzotriazol 5-Methylbenzotriazol	780 (pH7) 1.1x10 <sup>4</sup> (pH8.5)	8,6

## Short version of rules:

- minimum of 6 substances
- C<sub>0</sub> at WWTP influent > 10\*LOQ
- 2 : 1 selection rule
- calculate average

# Schematic overview of ozonation stage at municipal WWTPs



- Session/WG 1: Planning and design of ozonation plants
- Session/WG 2: Operation and control of ozonation plants
- Session/WG 3: Ozonation post-treatment

Figure based on:

Abegglen, C. und H. Siegrist, *Mikroverunreinigungen aus kommunalem Abwasser. Verfahren zur weitergehenden Elimination auf Kläranlagen*. 2012, Bundesamt für Umwelt (BAFU): Bern.

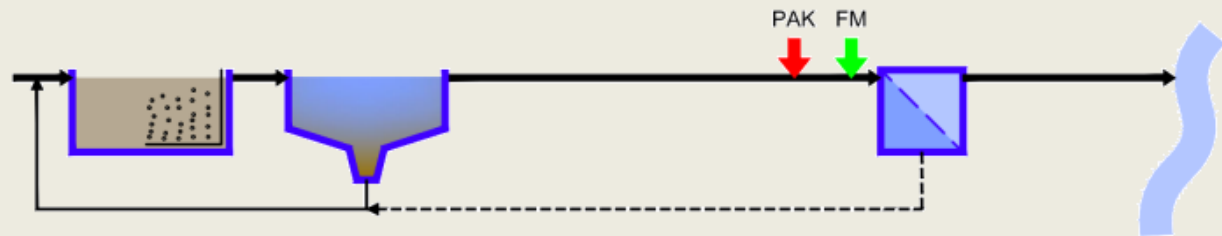
# Processes with powdered activated carbon

„Simultaneous dosage“

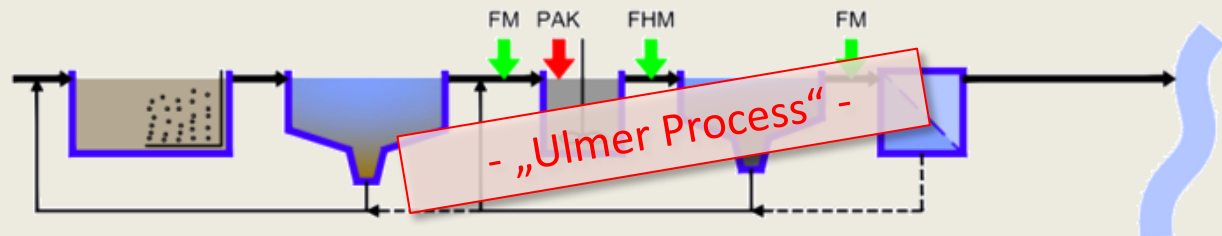
**PAC-Dosage in aeration tank**



**PAC-Dosage before filter**

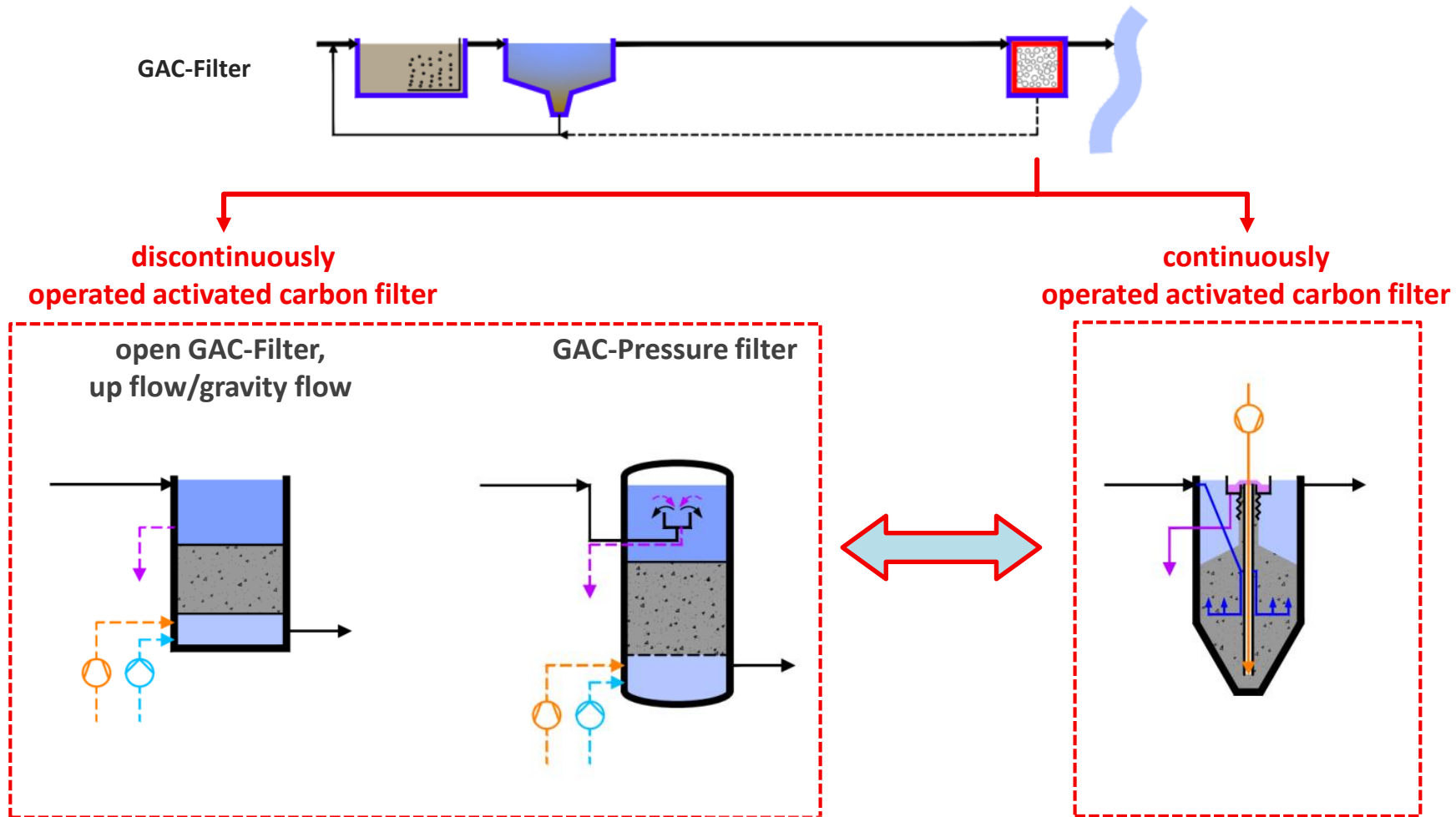


**PAC-Dosage in a separate adsorption stage**

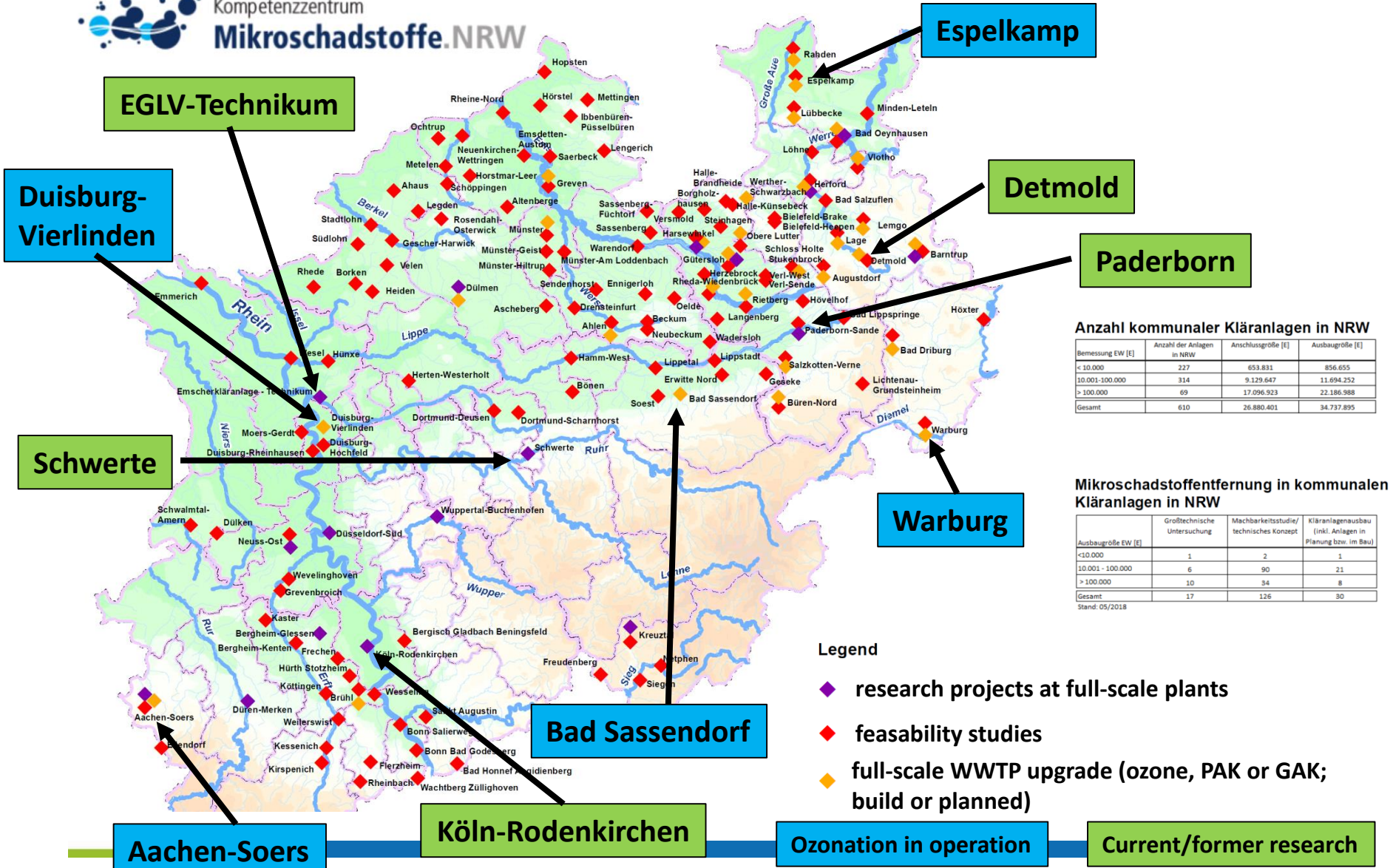




# Processes with granular activated carbon



# Ozonation plants in North Rhine-Westphalia



**Anzahl kommunaler Kläranlagen in NRW**

Bemessung EW [E]	Anzahl der Anlagen in NRW	Anschlussgröße [E]	Ausbaugröße [E]
< 10.000	227	653.831	856.655
10.001-100.000	314	9.129.647	11.694.252
> 100.000	69	17.096.923	22.186.988
<b>Gesamt</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>26.880.401</b>	<b>34.737.895</b>

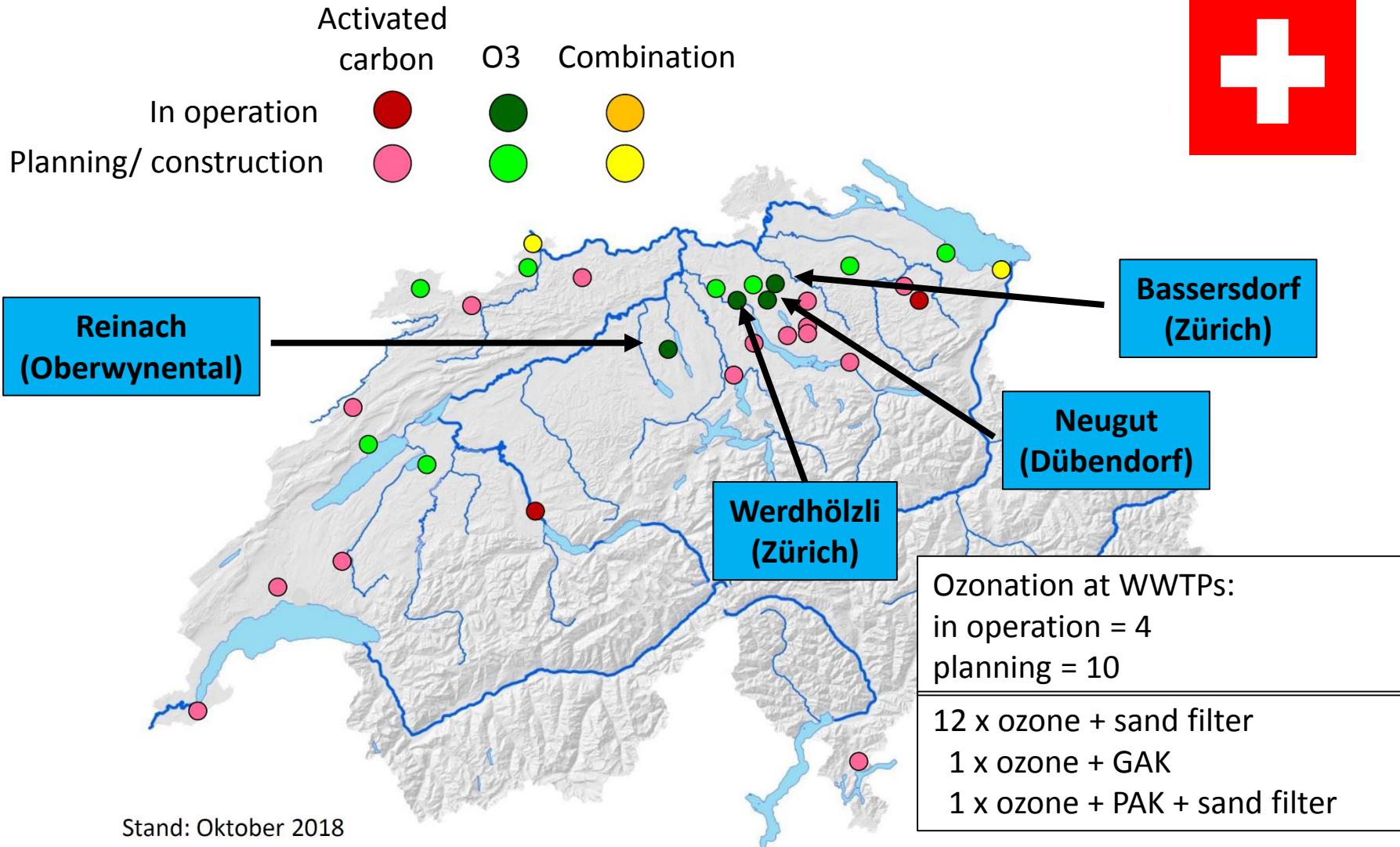
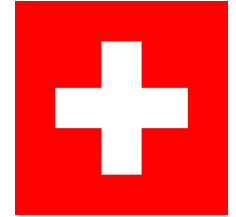
**Mikroschadstoffentfernung in kommunalen Kläranlagen in NRW**

Ausbaugröße EW [E]	Großtechnische Untersuchung	Machbarkeitsstudie/technisches Konzept	Kläranlagenausbau (inkl. Anlagen in Planung bzw. im Bau)
<10.000	1	2	1
10.001 - 100.000	6	90	21
> 100.000	10	34	8
<b>Gesamt</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>30</b>

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- Legend**
- ◆ research projects at full-scale plants
  - ◆ feasibility studies
  - ◆ full-scale WWTP upgrade (ozone, PAK or GAK; build or planned)
- Ozonation in operation**      **Current/former research**

# Micropollutant elimination at WWTPs in Switzerland



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# WWTPs with full-scale ozonation

	design capacity [1000 PE]	Start of operation	$D_{\text{DOC}}$ [mgO <sub>3</sub> /mgDOC]	treatment capacity	O <sub>2</sub>	Ozone-injection	reactor depth [m]	reactor type	HRT [min]	Post-treatment
Aachen Soers*	458	2018	See talk of M. Stapf in next session							MBBR <sup>#</sup> + sand filter <sup>#</sup>
Bad Sassendorf*	13	2009								polishing pond <sup>#</sup>
Duisburg-Vierlinden*	30	2011								MBBR
Espelkamp	33	2017								polishing pond <sup>#</sup>
Lemgo	98	Planned 2019								sand filter <sup>#</sup>
Schloß Holte-Stukenbrock	60	Planned 2018								polishing pond <sup>#</sup>
Warburg	70	2016								MBBR
Weißenburg in Bayern*	35	2017								sand filter / BAC
Altenrhein	> 75	2018								GAC
Neugut*	150	2014								sand filter <sup>#</sup>
Werdhölzli, Zürich	670	2017	sand filter <sup>#</sup>							

\* sites with (former) research activity

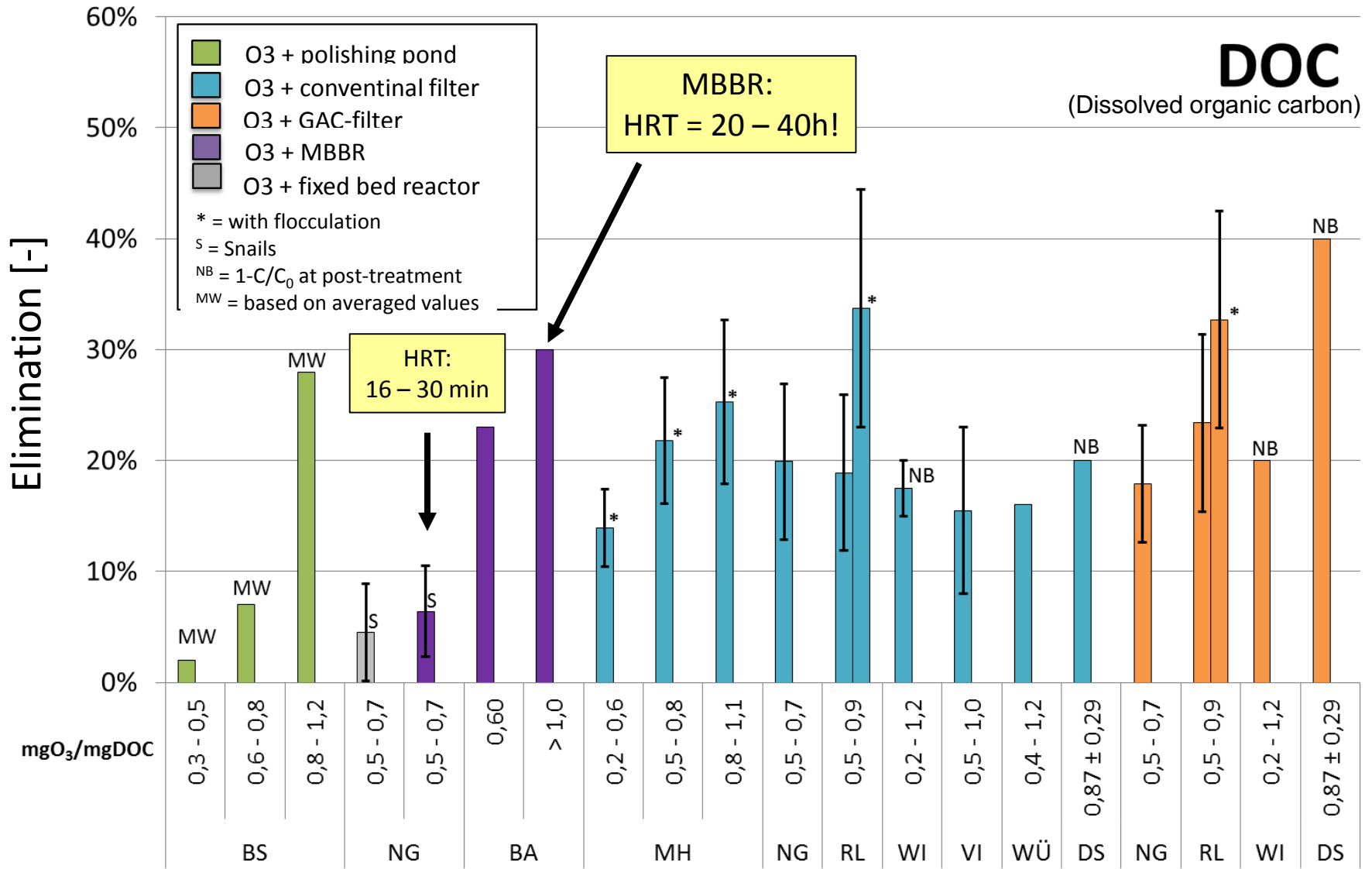
# already existing



# Evaluated ozonation post-treatments

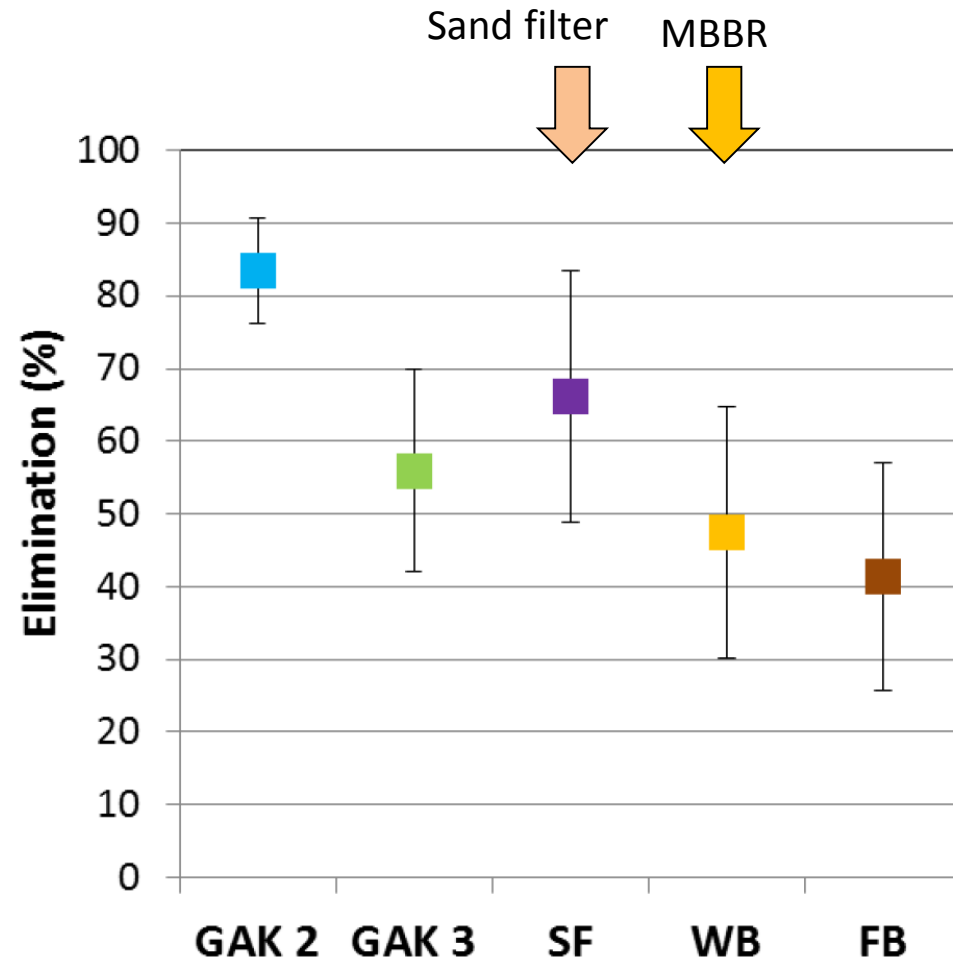
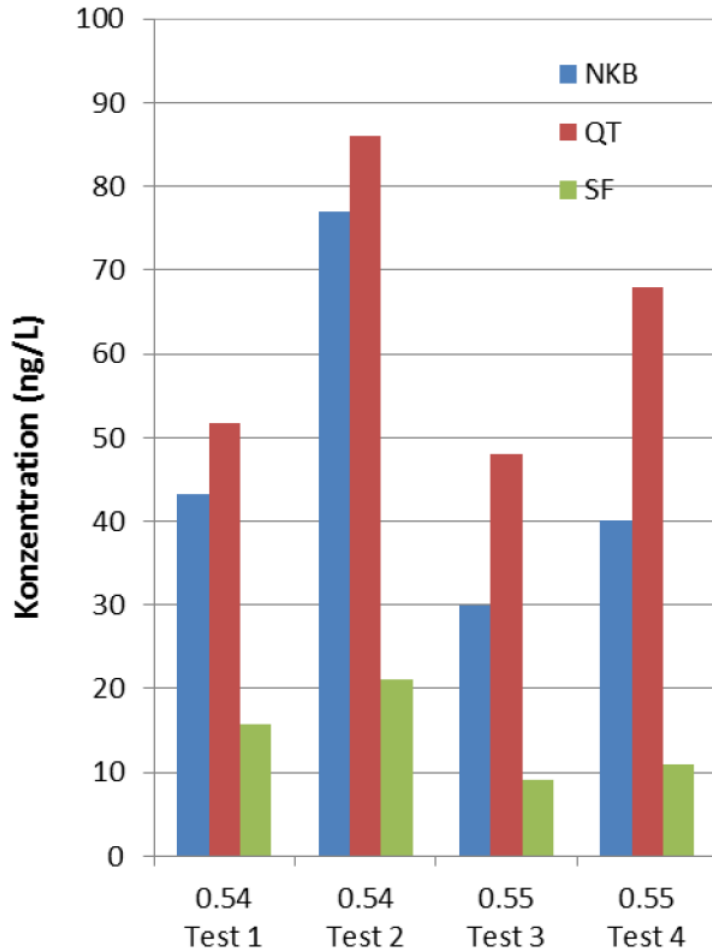
Post-treatment	Biological filters		Others:
WWTPs	<b>conventional (sand, anthrazite, expanded clay)</b> <small>* optional with flocculation</small>	<b>Ganular activated carbon</b> <small>* optional with flocculation</small>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• return to CAS</li><li>• Polishing pond (PP)</li><li>• Fixed bed reactor (FB)</li><li>• MBBR</li><li>• Slow sand filter (SSF)</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Berlin-Münchehofe*</li><li>- Berlin-Ruhleben*</li><li>- Neuss-Süd</li><li>- Neugut</li><li>- Vidy, Lausanne</li><li>- Wüeri, Regensdorf</li><li>- Darmstadt-Süd</li><li>- Wien</li><li>- Eriskirch</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Berlin-Ruhleben*</li><li>- Darmstadt-Süd</li><li>- Wien</li><li>- Neugut</li><li>- Eriskirch</li><li>- (Vidy, Lausanne)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Schwerte (return to CAS)</li><li>- Bad Sassendorf (PP)</li><li>- Neugut (FB + MBBR)</li><li>- Duisburg-Vierlinden (MBBR)</li><li>- Basel (ProRheno, MBBR)</li><li>- Merklingen (SSF)</li></ul>

# Ozonation and post-treatment



# Fate of NDMA at ozonation + post-treatment

NDMA = N-Nitrosodimethylamine



→ results of project ReTREAT (EAWAG, Switzerland)

# Summary

- Legal situation in CH/DE very different
- Activated carbon and ozonation are both options with several full-scale implementations
- Operational full-scale ozonation plants:
  - 7 in DE and 3 in CH
- Selection of post-treatment often determined by existing infrastructure
- Limited knowledge on ozone and MBBR in DE/CH



End of overview!



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