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## ELIMINATION OF MICROPOLLUTANTS

State of realisation and implementation in Switzerland

Water & Wastewater Pöyry Switzerland Ltd.

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## AGENDA

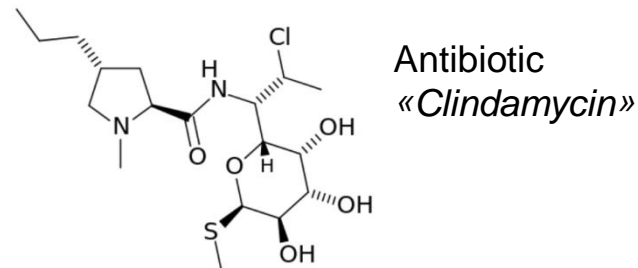
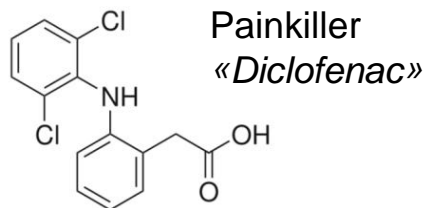
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# 1. REASONS FOR ACTION

## Micropollutants- a definition

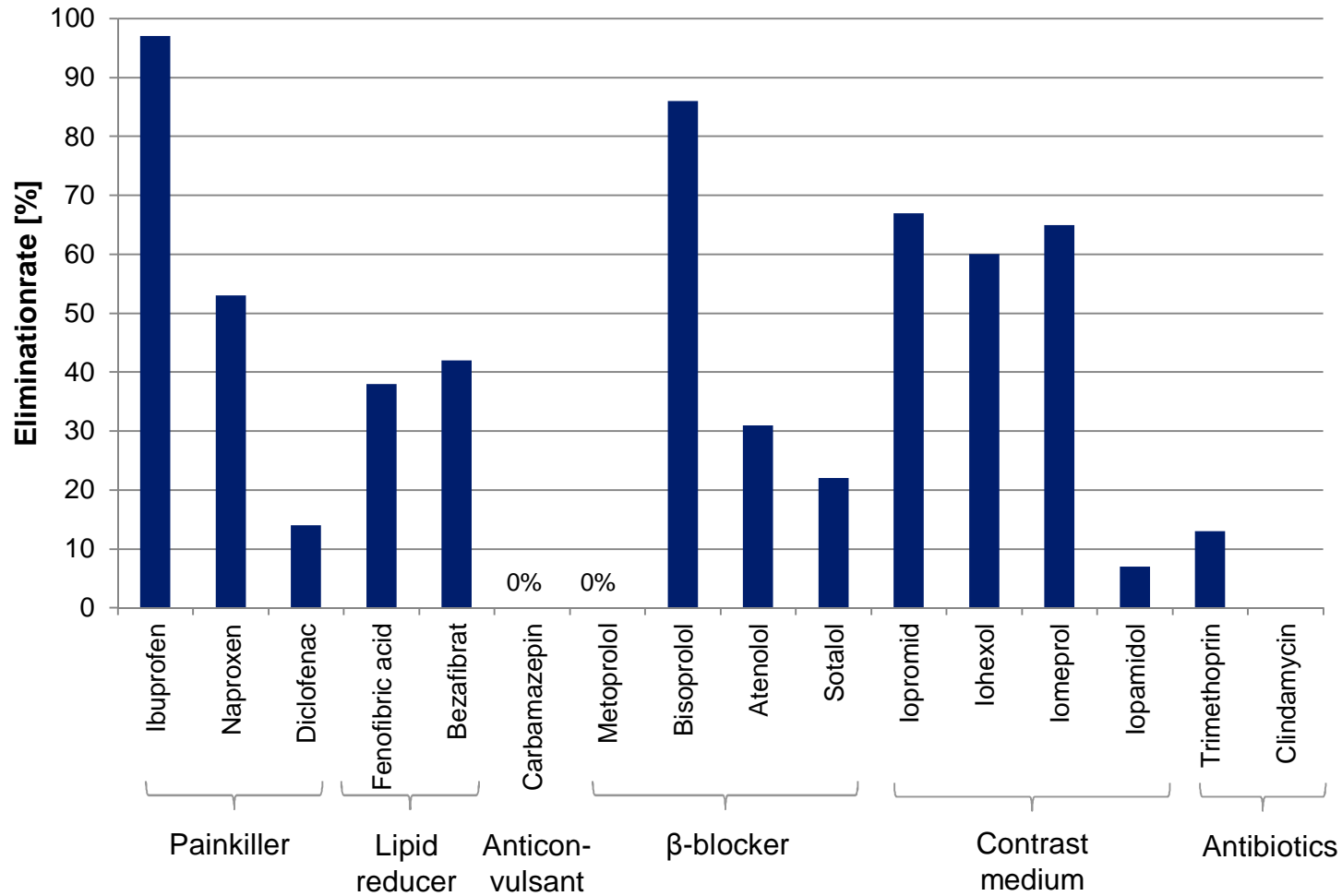
- Mostly organic substances with toxic, persistent and bioaccumulative properties
- Present in multiple products of daily use:
  - Drugs
  - Cosmetics
  - Detergents
  - Biocides
- Several scientific studies show presence of micropollutants in the aquatic environment (tendency ↑)
- One of the main entry paths is municipal and industrial wastewater



Stoichiometry: wikipedia.com

# 1. REASONS FOR ACTION

## Elimination rates with conventional treatment (biological activated sludge systems)



Data: Averaged 24h-composite samples from treatment plant of Steinhäule, Ulm, Germany



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## 2. SWISS LEGISLATION

### General requirements<sup>1</sup>

#### Mandatory actions for Wastewater Plants with:

- $\geq 80'000$  connected residents
- $\geq 24'000$  connected residents in the catchment area of lakes
- $\geq 8'000$  connected residents that discharge into a watercourse containing more than 10 % waste water
- other plants with  $\geq 8'000$  connected residents, if the removal is required due to special hydrogeological conditions

#### Effluent requirements

- Removal for selected trace substances  $\geq 80\%$

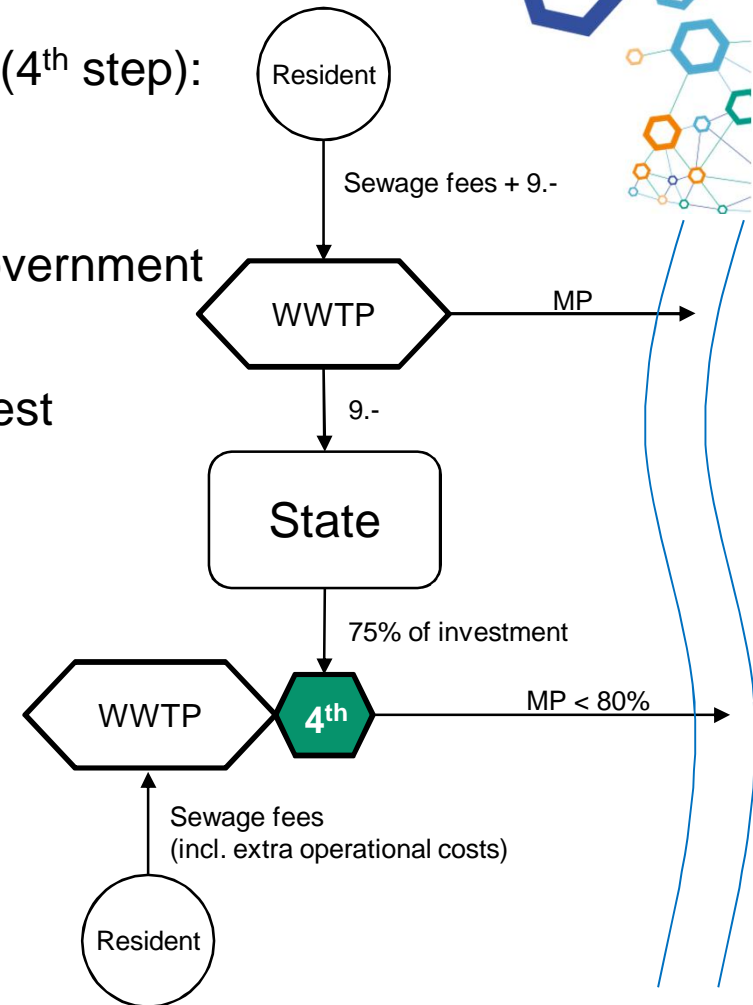


<sup>1</sup>Water Protection Ordinance (WPO), Annexe 3.1, General requirements. Status 02.02.2016

## 2. SWISS LEGISLATION

### Method of finance<sup>2</sup>

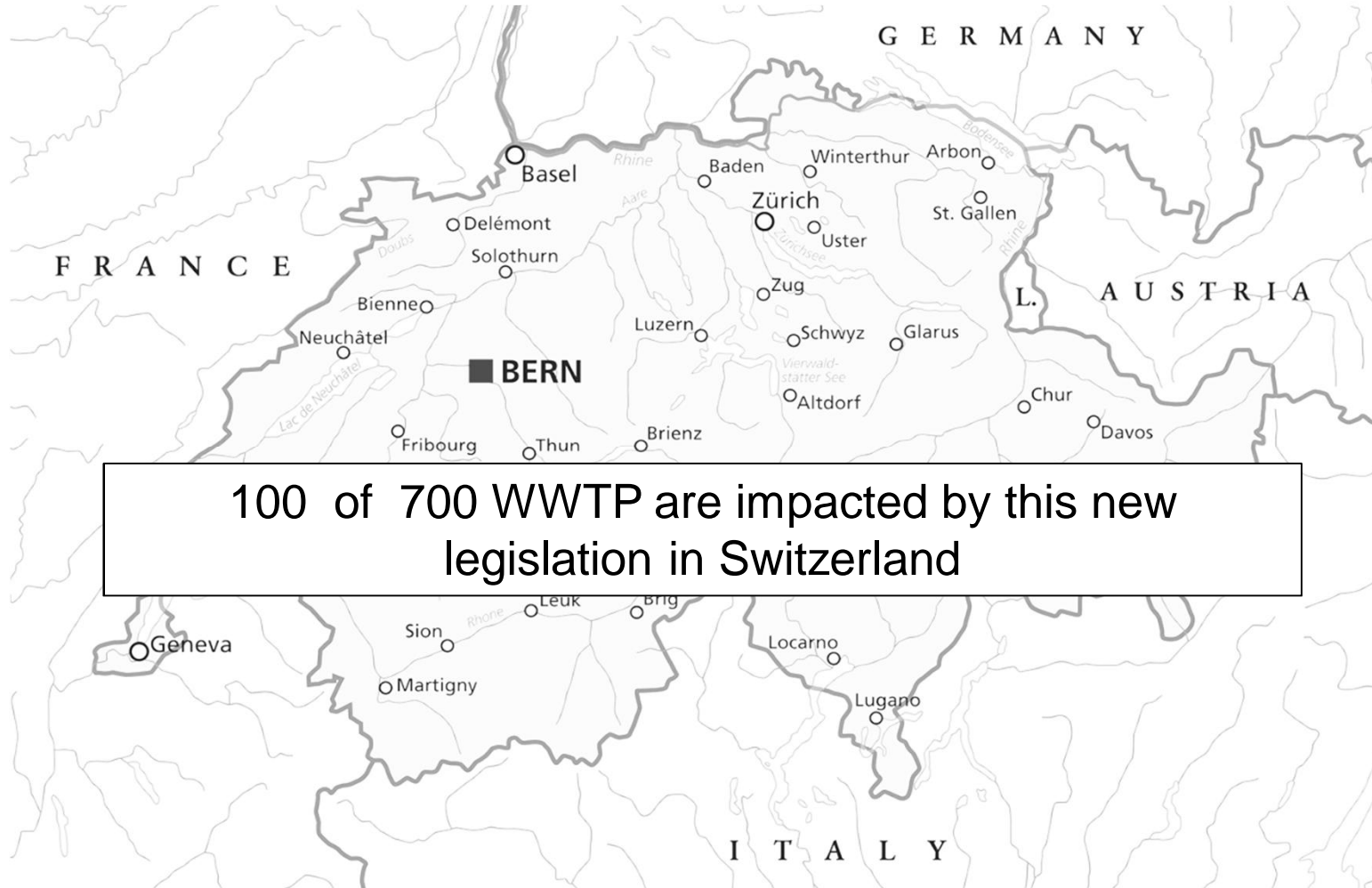
- Tax for plants without additional treatment (4<sup>th</sup> step): 9 CHF per connected resident per year
- Tax is deposited in a fond of the federal government
- Federal government grants 75% of the invest costs to operators paid from that fond
- Plants with 4<sup>th</sup> treatment step:  
No requirement for tax payments but additional OPEX
- Polluter pays principle:  
Inhabitants pay either the extra tax or the additional operation costs of the treatment step via sewage fees



<sup>2</sup>Federal Act on the Protection of Waters, Art. 60b. Status: 01.01.216

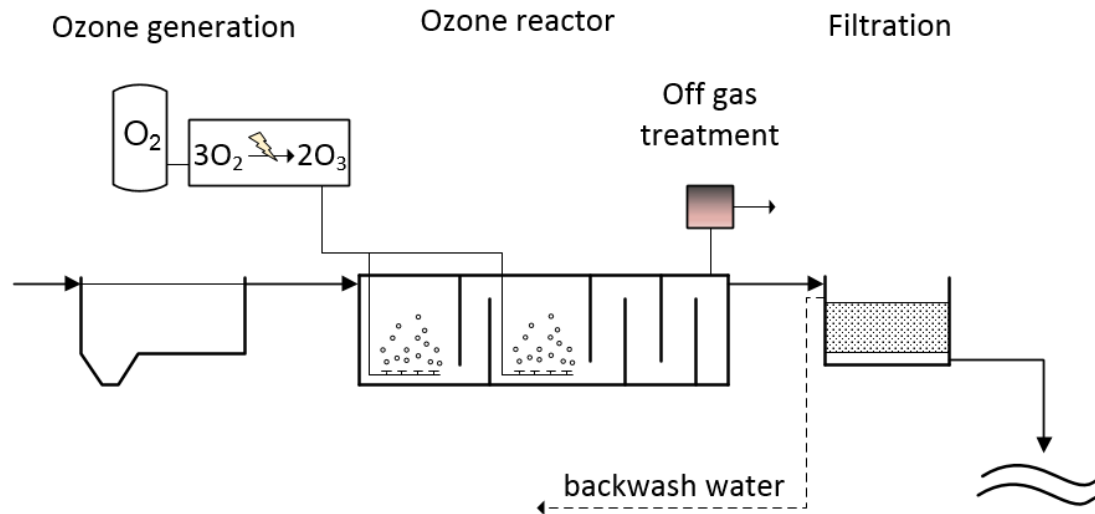
## 2. SWISS LEGISLATION

### Impact



### 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

#### Ozonification



Advantages	Drawbacks
Removal of a wide range of micropollutants	Oxidation by-products (e.g. Bromate)
No influence on the biological treatment	High requirements regarding work safety
Additional disinfection	High energy costs



# 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

## Ozonification



O<sub>2</sub>-Storage



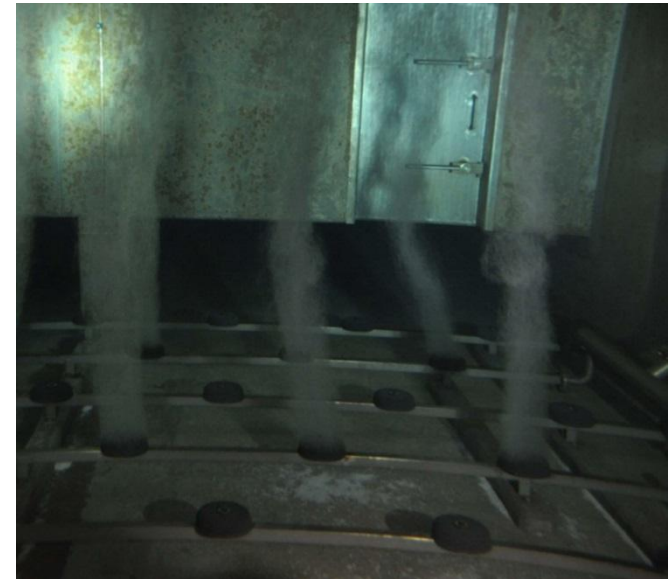
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Ozon generation:



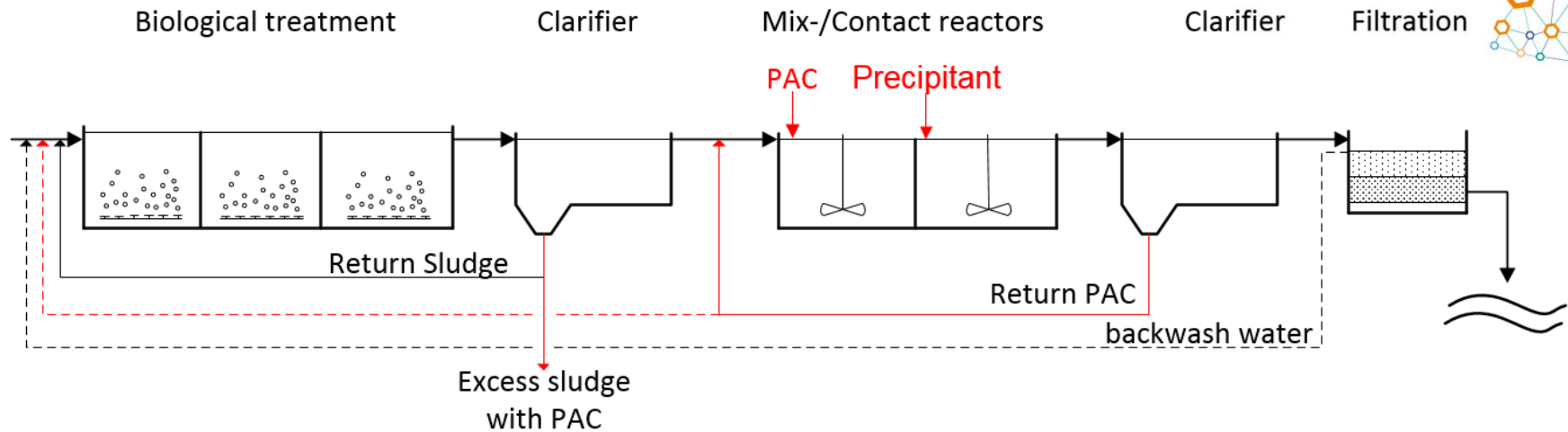
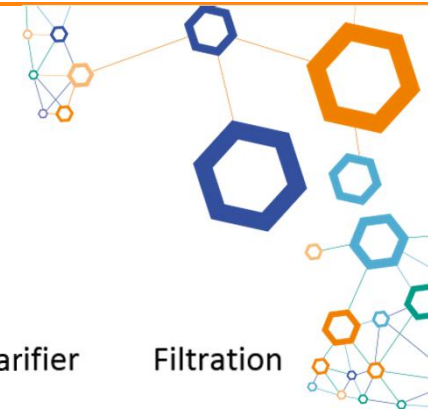
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Reactorbasin + Diffusers:



### 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

#### Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) - Standard



Advantages	Drawbacks
Flexible process	Higher sludge production
Removal of a wide range of micropollutants	Higher costs regarding sludge treatment
Improvement of further water parameters (DOC, P <sub>tot</sub> , Color)	Higher space requirements

### 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

#### Powder Activated Carbon (PAC)



Silo Storage:

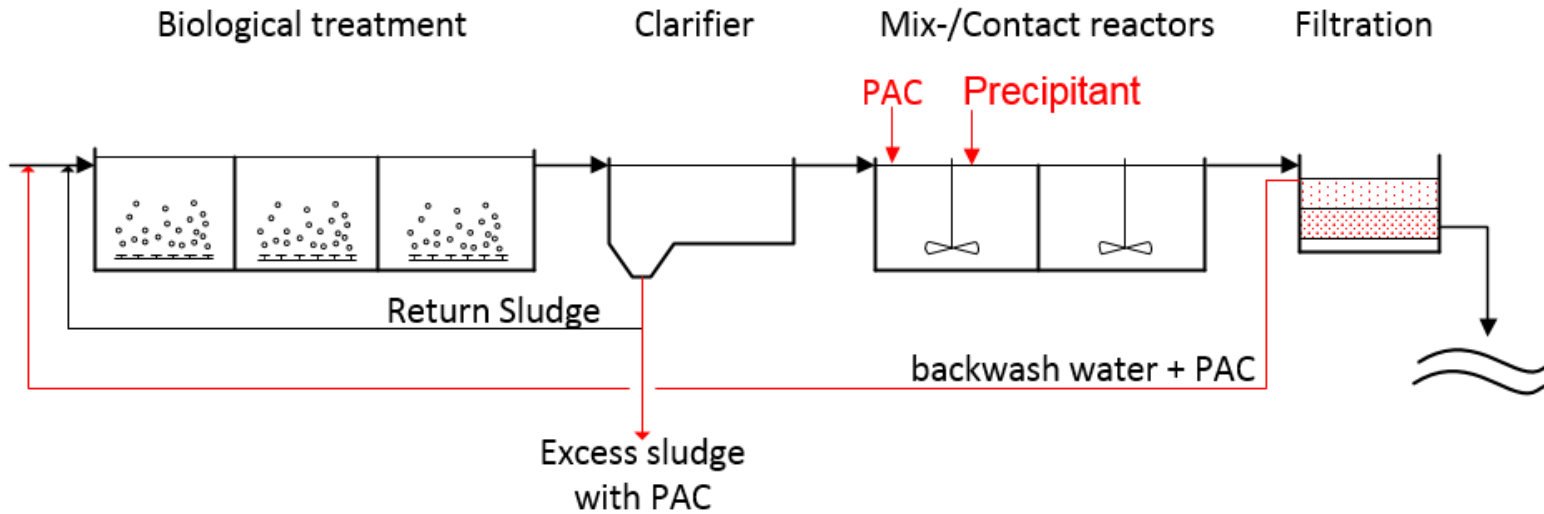


Reaction basins:



### 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

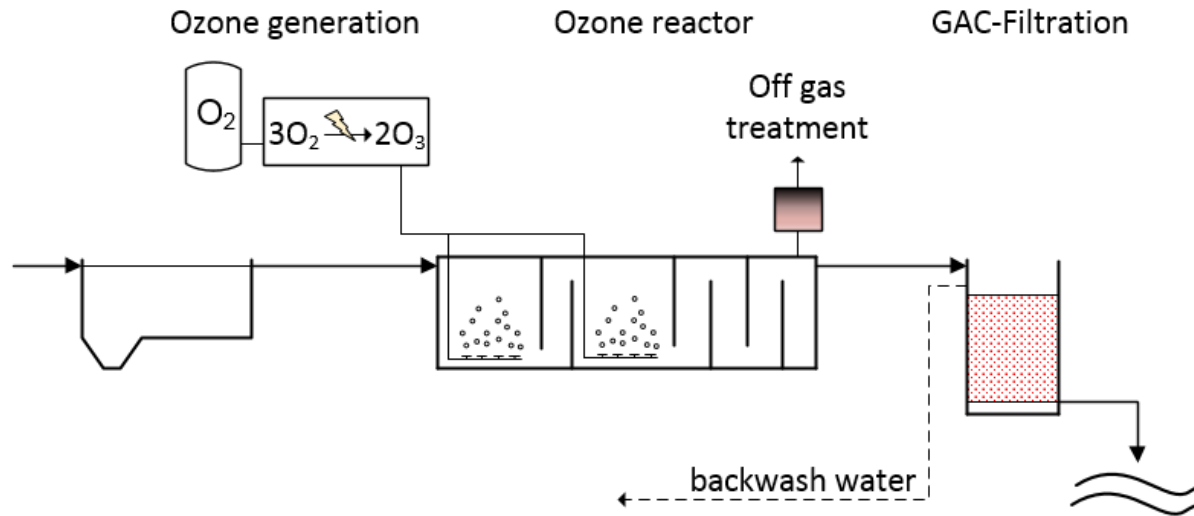
#### Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) – "WTTP Schönau"



Advantages	Drawbacks
No PAC-sedimentation basins (i.d. smaller space and capital requirements)	Higher load to filtration
Eased integration in existing plants	Possibly more backwashing
Less pumping	2-layer filter necessary

### 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

#### Combined processes

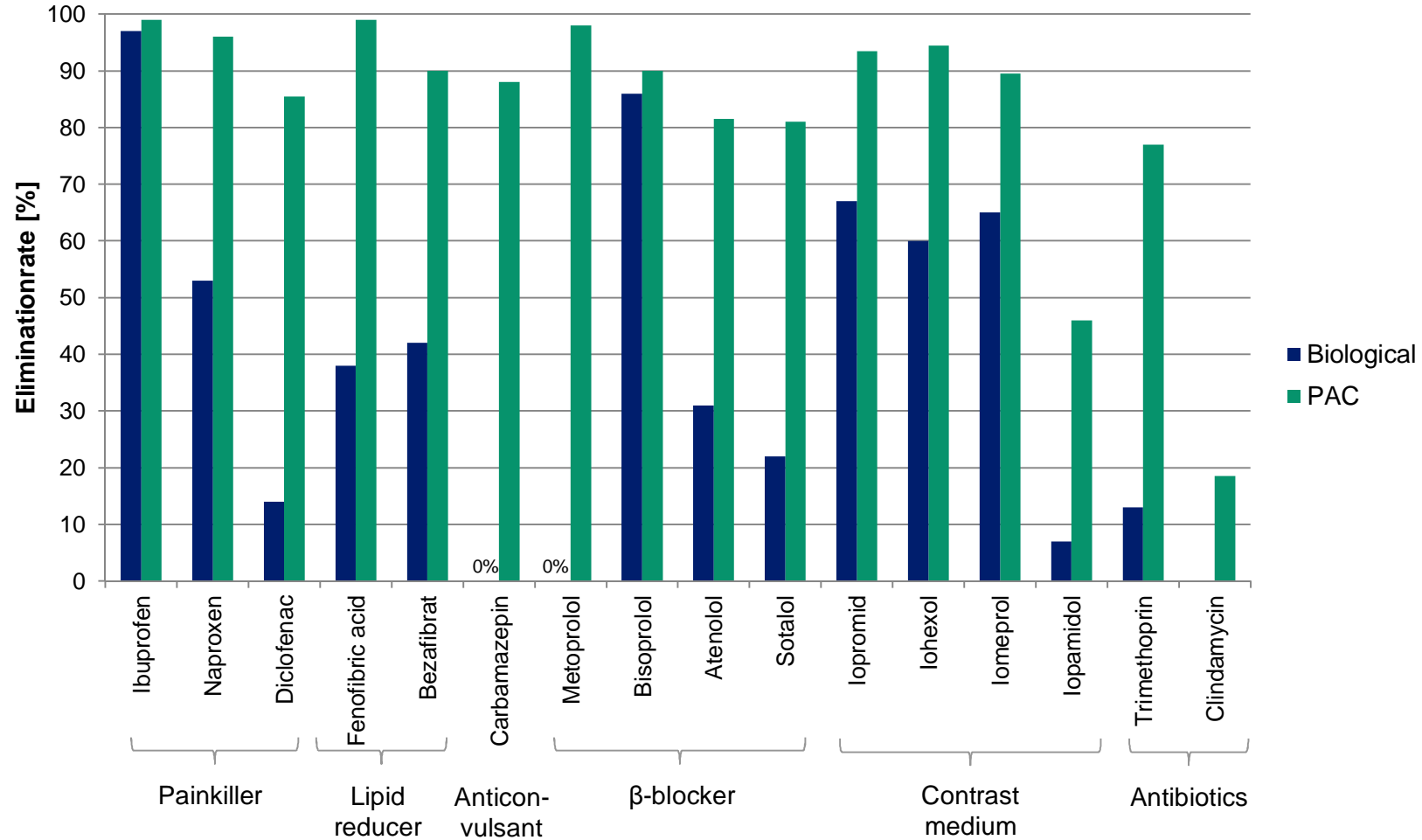


GAC: Granular activated carbon

Advantages	Drawbacks
Less oxidation by-products (e.g. Bromate)	Decreasing adsorption capabilities
Lower O <sub>3</sub> -concentrations needed	Changing of GAC necessary
Smaller space requirements	High investment costs

### 3. TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

#### Elimination rates



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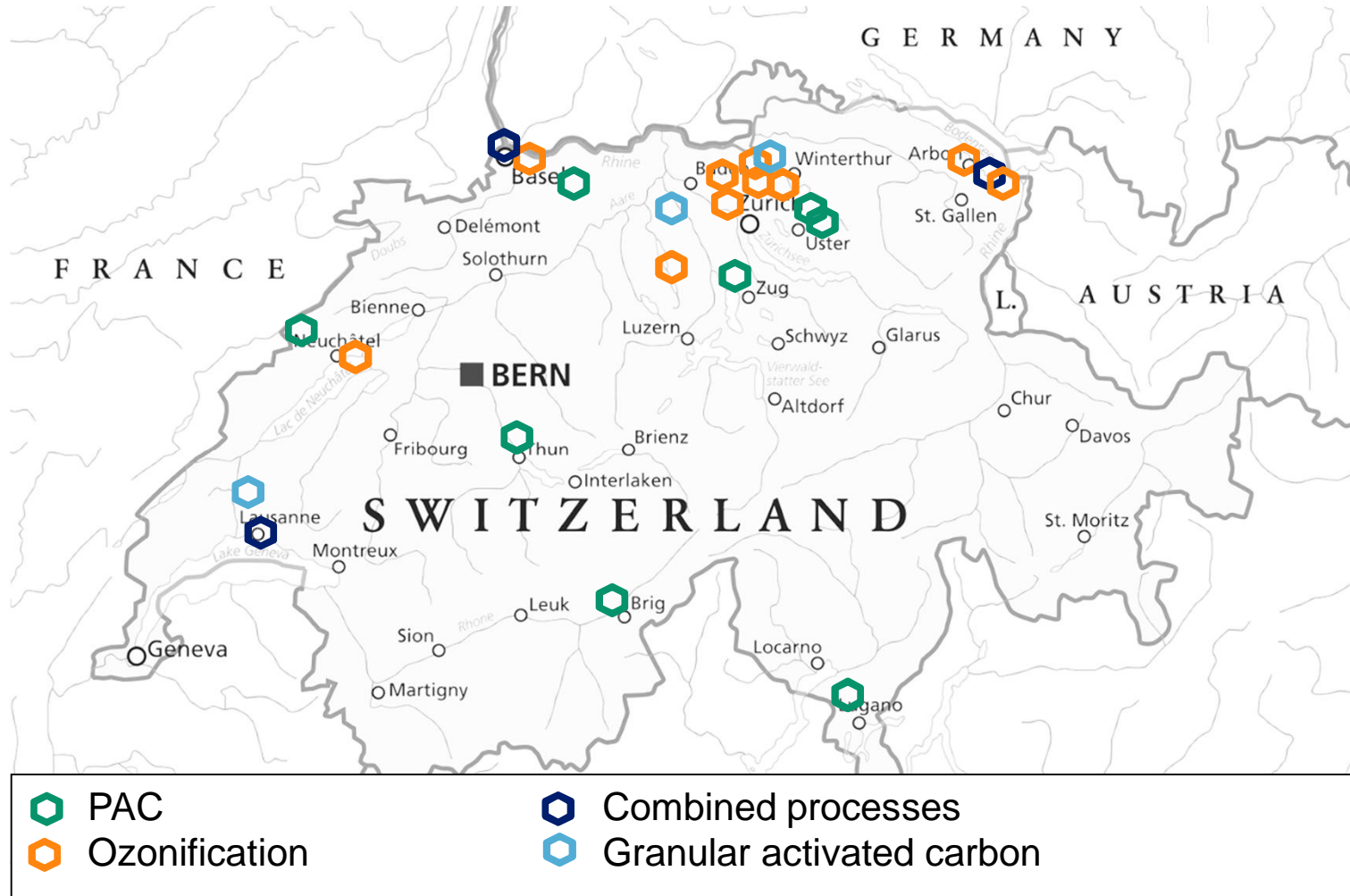
# 4. STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

In operation



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### Research and evaluation phase





## 5. COST

### Pöyry Switzerland experience

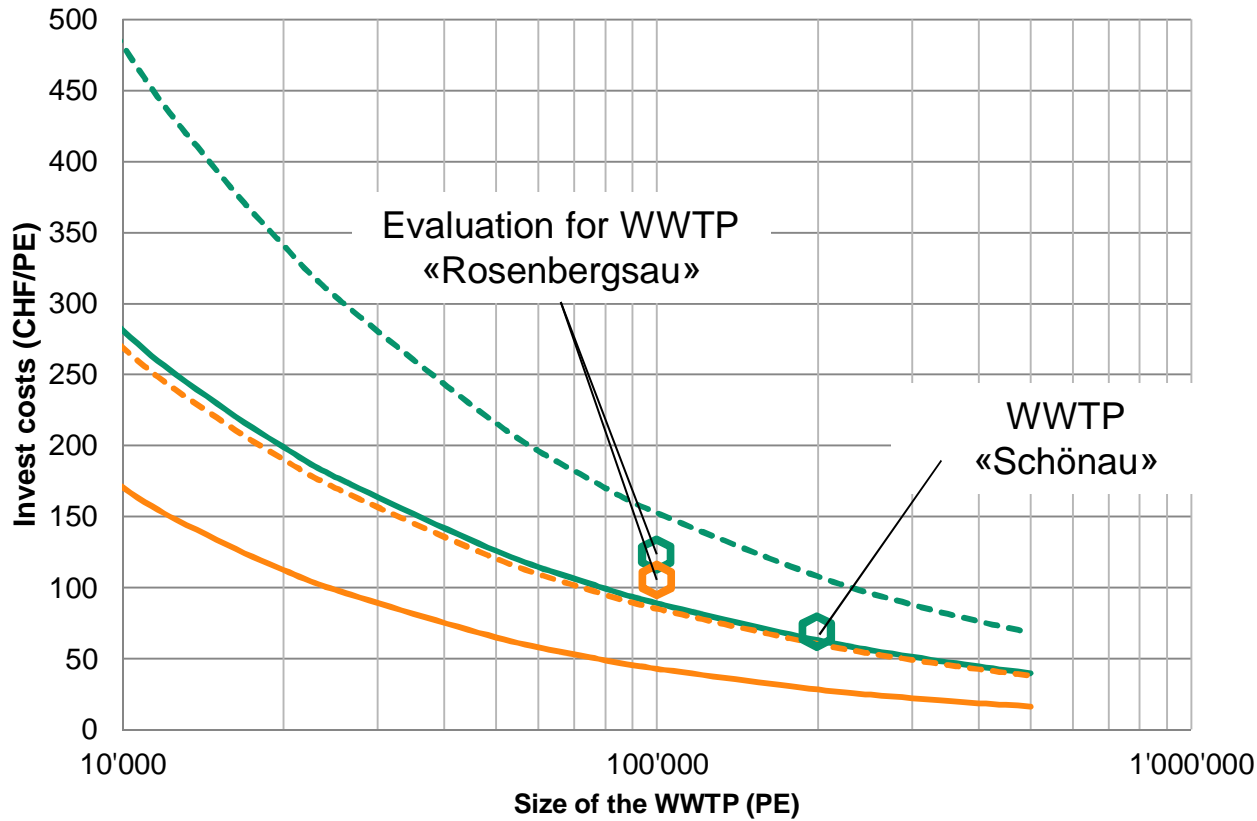


WWTP:		Rosenbergsau		Schönau
Indicator	Unit	Ozon + new Filtration	PAC + new Filtration	PAC + existing Filtration
PE	-	101'000	101'000	180'000
Investment sum	mio CHF	11.3	12.3	11.3
	CHF/PE	112	122	63
Capital Costs	CHF/PE/a	7.2	7.6	4.0
Operating Costs	CHF/PE/a	3.6	5.3	4.5

1 EUR = 0.91 CHF

# 5. INVESTMENT SUM

per population equivalent (PE)

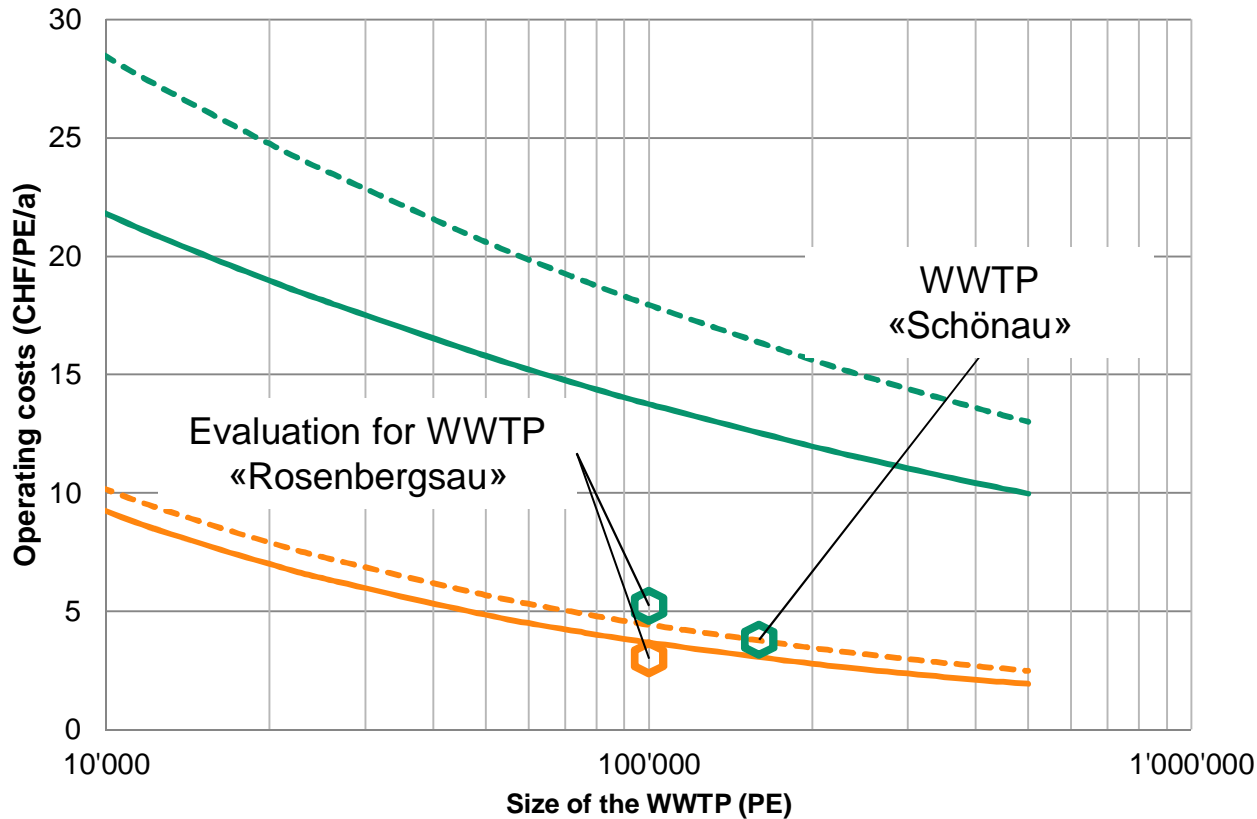


- PAC incl. Filtration
- PAC excl. Filtration
- Ozon incl. Filtration
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Source: «Kosten der Elimination von Mikroverunreinigungen im Abwasser», BG Engineering and Consulting AG, on behalf of BafU, 02.04.2012

# 5. OPERATING COSTS - OPEX

## per population equivalent (PE) and year

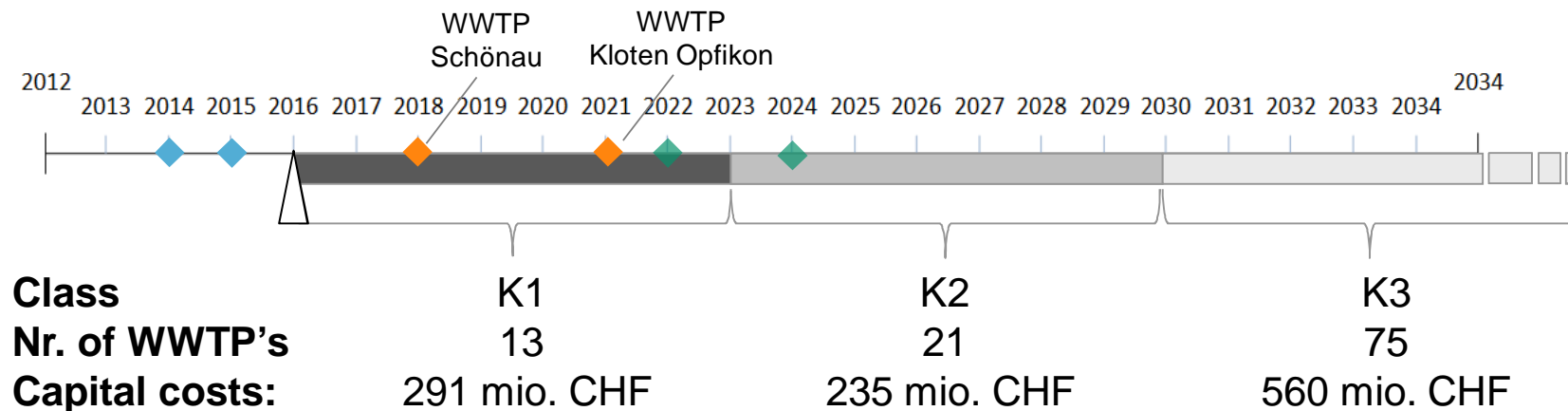


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## 6. OUTLOOK

- ◆ Updated plants in operation
- ◆ Pöyry Switzerland projects (commissioning)
- ◆ Pöyry Switzerland projects in pipeline



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# 7. EXPERIENCE PÖYRY SWITZERLAND

## Implementation



### Client

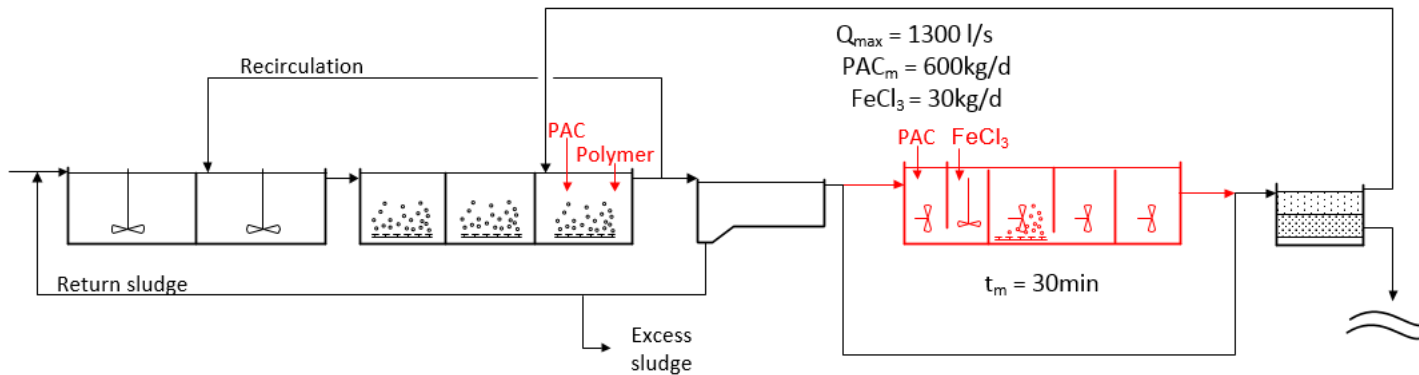
Gewässerschutzverband der Region  
Zugersee-Küssnachersee-Aegerisee (GVRZ)

### Project

WWTP Schönau (ZG) Extension: removal of  
micropollutants with PAC

Service: EPCM

Commissioning 2018



# 7. EXPERIENCE PÖYRY SWITZERLAND

## Implementation



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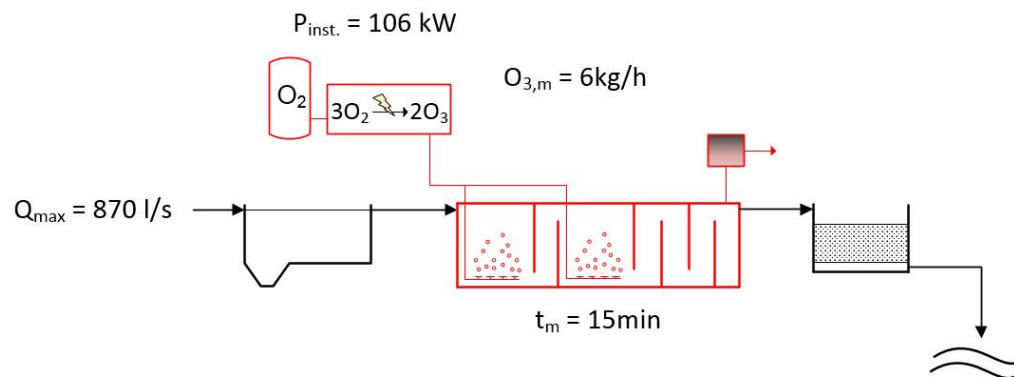
AKO Abwasserreinigung Kloten/Opfikon

### Project

WWTP Kloten Opfikon (ZH) Extension: removal of micropollutants with ozonification

Service: EPCM

Commissioning 2021



## 7. EXPERIENCE PÖYRY SWITZERLAND

### Evaluations and Feasibility studies



### Clients

GVRZ / Municipality Hinwil / Abwasser Uri /  
Abwasserwerk Rosenbergsau

### Projects

- WWTP Hinwil (ZH) extension: removal of micropollutants
- WWTP Andermatt (UR) extension: removal of micropollutants with ozonification
- WWTP Rosenbergsau (SG): pilot scale study for the removal of micropollutants with ozonification and filtration

### Services + Engineering

- Feasibility study (PAC, Ozone, UF)
- Research projects with universities, EAWAG



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