

# Energy management at WWTPs in the Baltic Sea region - Gdańsk case study

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## Plan of my presentation:

- Wastewater treatment and sludge handling
- Energy efficiency
- Electricity balance
- Heat balance
- Possibilities to improve energy efficiency

# Layout of the Wschód WWTP

## SLUDGE PROCESSING:

- excess sludge disintegration
- 3 double-belt filter presses ( $3 \times 150 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ )
- 4 digesters ( $4 \times 7,000 \text{ m}^3$ )
- 4 centrifuges ( $20\text{--}35 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ )
- chemical P removal
- STTP ( $49 \text{ t DS/d}$ )
- biogas treatment
- 2 biogas tanks ( $2 \times 2,500 \text{ m}^3$ )
- CHP ( $4 \times 290 \text{ Nm}^3/\text{h}$ )

**Q = 93,000 m<sup>3</sup>/d**  
**PE = 742,000**



## BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT:

- 6 A<sup>2</sup>O-based bioreactors ( $26,350 \text{ m}^3$  each)
- 12 final settling tanks ( $\varnothing 44 \text{ m}$ )

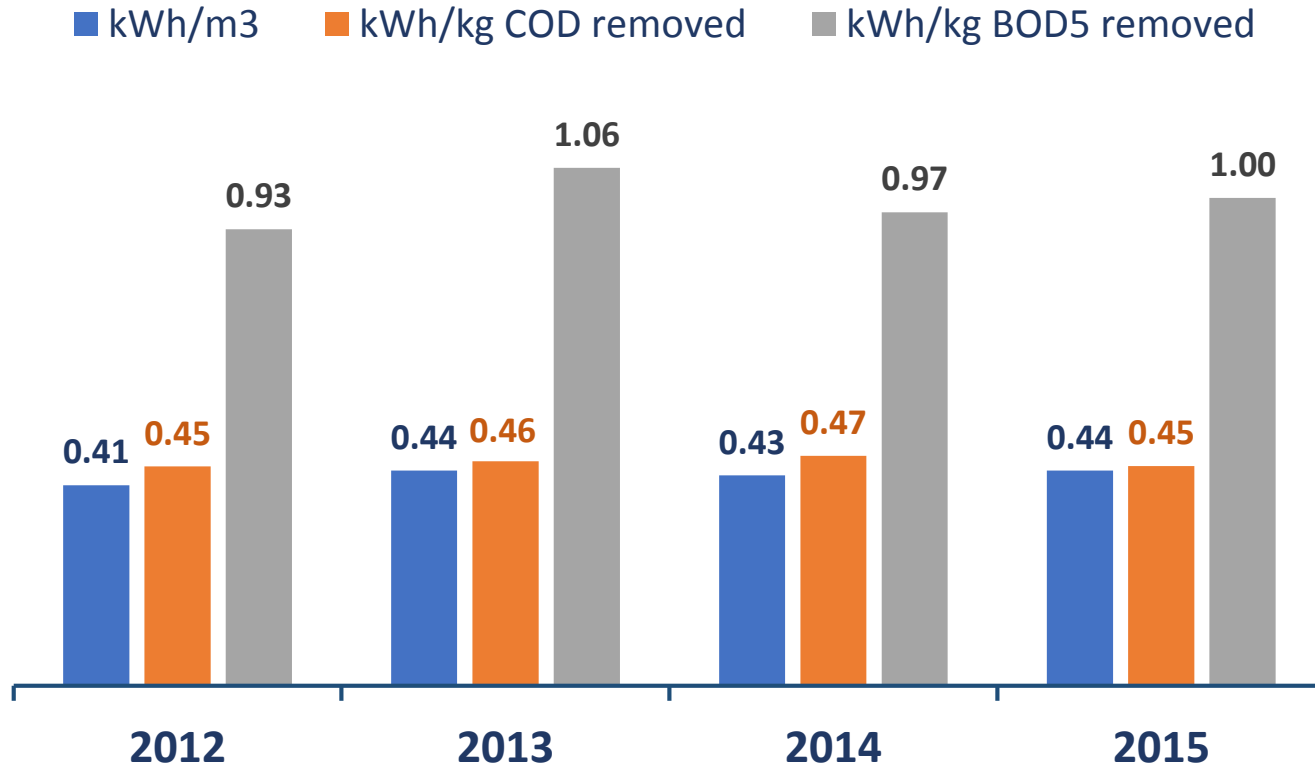
## MECHANICAL TREATMENT:

- 4 screens (6 and 10 mm)
- 3 aerated grit chambers (30 m)
- 4 primary settling tanks ( $\varnothing 46 \text{ m}$ )

# Wastewater treatment efficiency

Parameter	Requirements		Average values in 2015	
	Concentration	Reduction	Concentration	Reduction
	g/m <sup>3</sup>	%	g/m <sup>3</sup>	%
<b>COD</b>	125	75	33	97
<b>BOD<sub>5</sub></b>	15	90	2.8	99
<b>TSS</b>	35	90	5.6	99
<b>TN</b>	10	70 – 80	<b>7.5</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>NH<sub>4</sub>-N</b>	10	-	0.6	99
<b>NO<sub>3</sub>-N</b>	-	-	5.1	-
<b>TP</b>	1	80	<b>0.4</b>	<b>97</b>

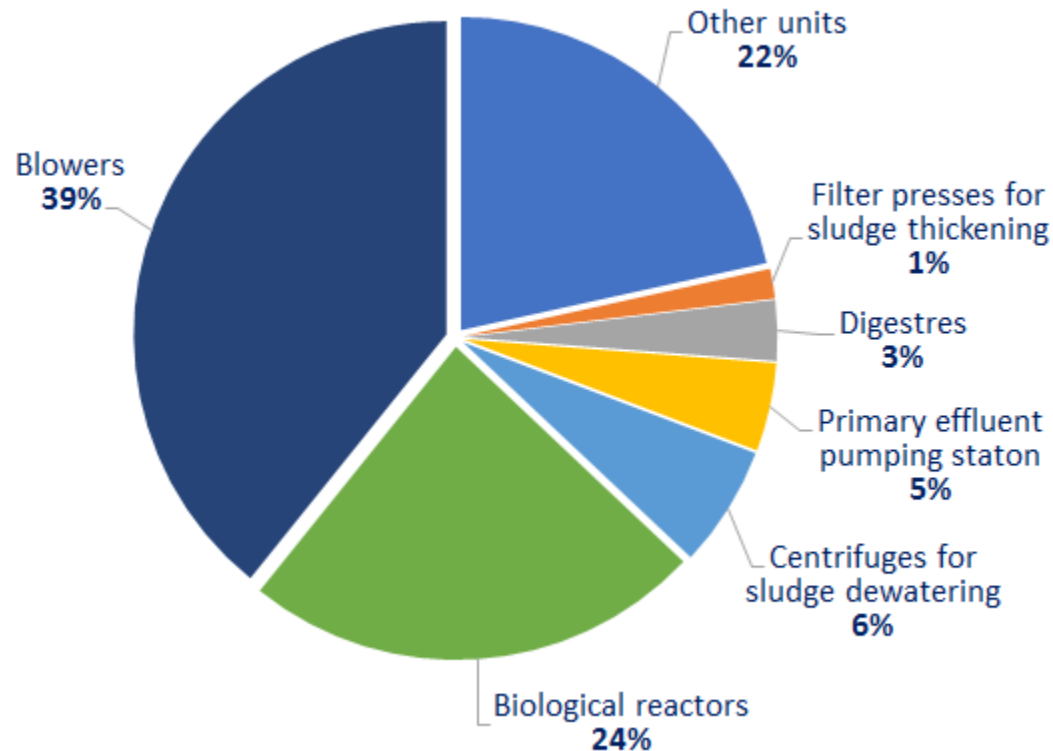
# Energy efficiency of the WWTP



# Electricity consumption in the WWTP

## Electricity consumption in 2013:

- 44 MWh/d
- 16,060 MWh/a





# Energy measurements at the WWTP



## 18 additional energy meters:

- screens
- grit chamber blower
- grit washing station
- primary settling tanks
- biological reactors (5)
- return and excess sludge pumping stations (5)
- fermented sludge pumping station
- system of chemical P removal from reject water
- $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$  dosing station
- wastewater disposal station

# Electricity balance 2016

## INCINERATION PLANT



60 MWh/a  
purchase

4,400 MWh/a

## CHP



$P_{\text{gross}} = 15,300 \text{ MWh/a}$   
 $\text{Cons} = 770 \text{ MWh/a}$   
 $P_{\text{net}} = 14,600 \text{ MWh/a}$

10,200 MWh/a  
power network



15,000 MWh/a  
purchase

## WWTP



10,200 MWh/a

Electricity gap = 4,800 MWh/a

How to plug the gap?



# Heat balance 2016

64,710 GJ/a  
loss

Total excess heat = 75,380 GJ/a  
i.e.  $20,940 \text{ MWh} \times 20\% (\eta \text{ ORC}) = 4,200 \text{ MWh/a}$

INCINERATION PLANT



CHP



10,670 GJ/a  
loss

50,790 GJ/a



198,720 GJ/a

134,005

68,720

fluidizing air

65,290

thermal oil



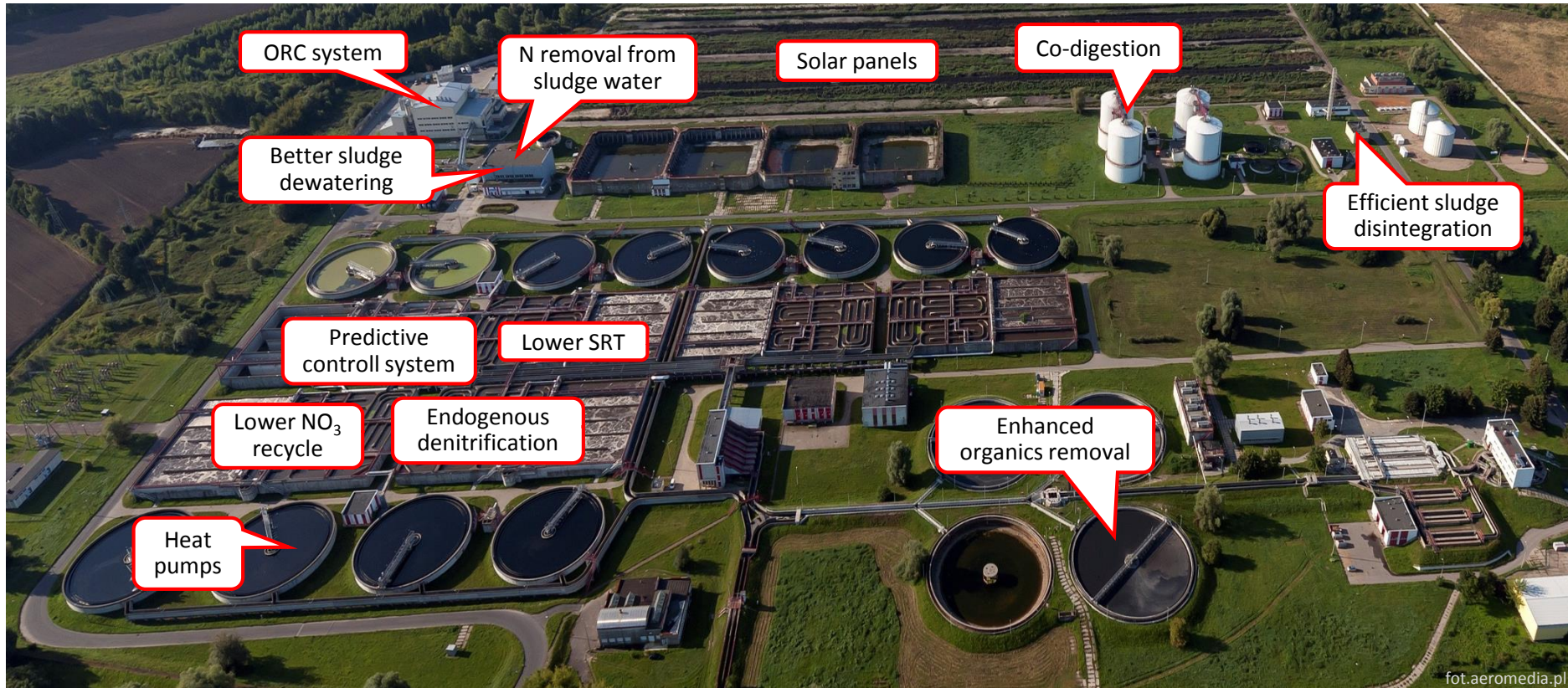
WWTP



40,120

sludge digestion

# Main ideas to improve energy efficiency





**Thank you for your attention!**

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