



# Wastewater innovation in Denmark

Water technology alliance



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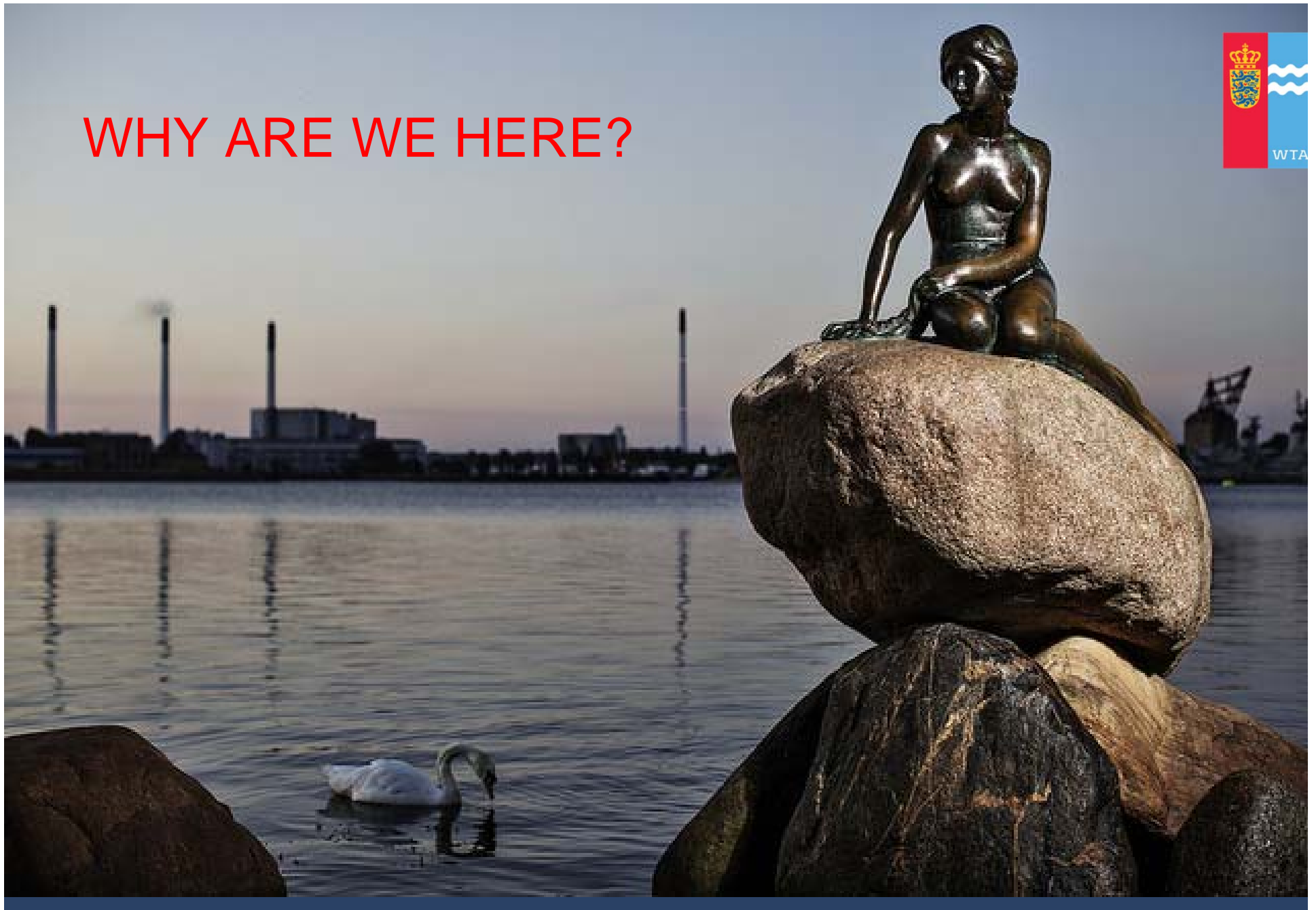
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# WHY ARE WE HERE?





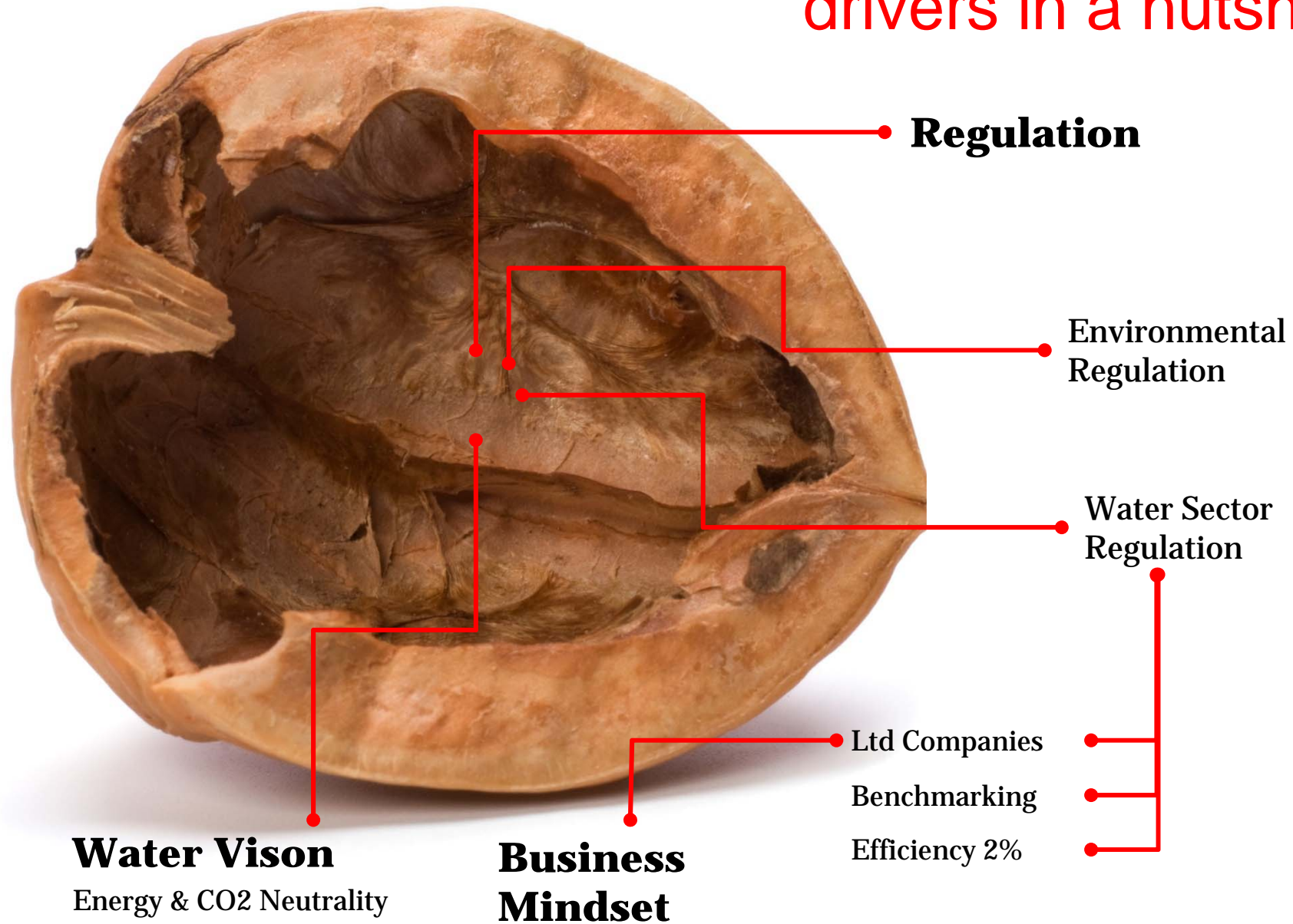
# Knowledge sharing & collaboration



In California and in Denmark



## drivers in a nutshell





# Environment



# Discharge Standards – Development

Parameter	Unit	1960	1970-80	1990	2016 (sensitive areas)	EC Standards (1)
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/l	150	25	15	10	25
Total N	mg/l	-		8	8	15
Total P	mg/l	-		1.5	0.4	1
Treatment		M	MB	MBNP	MBNPS	

Legend:

M= Mechanical

MB= Mechanical-Biological

MBNP= Mechanical-Biological-Nitrogen-Phosphorus removal

MBNPS= Mechanical-Biological-Nitrogen-Phosphorus removal and sand filtration

(1) Council Directive 91/271/EEC of 21 May 1991 concerning urban waste-water treatment

Tax Payment to Government on all three parameters

## Regulation by "pollution" tax

Tax Rates – Pollution Discharge	Units	2016
Total N	\$/lb	2,25
Total P	\$/lb	12,4
BOD <sub>5</sub>	\$/lb	1,25

1 USD = 6,63 DKK



# CASE

## Marselisborg WWTP Aarhus Water, Denmark

- 200.000 PE (1 PE = 0.060 kg BOD/day (= 0.13 lbs/day))
- Designed in the 80's. Nutrient demands in the 90's.



## 1990 Challenge: Optimization

Increase the efficiency & capacity of the  
WWTP, oh and...



Reduce effluent values oh and...

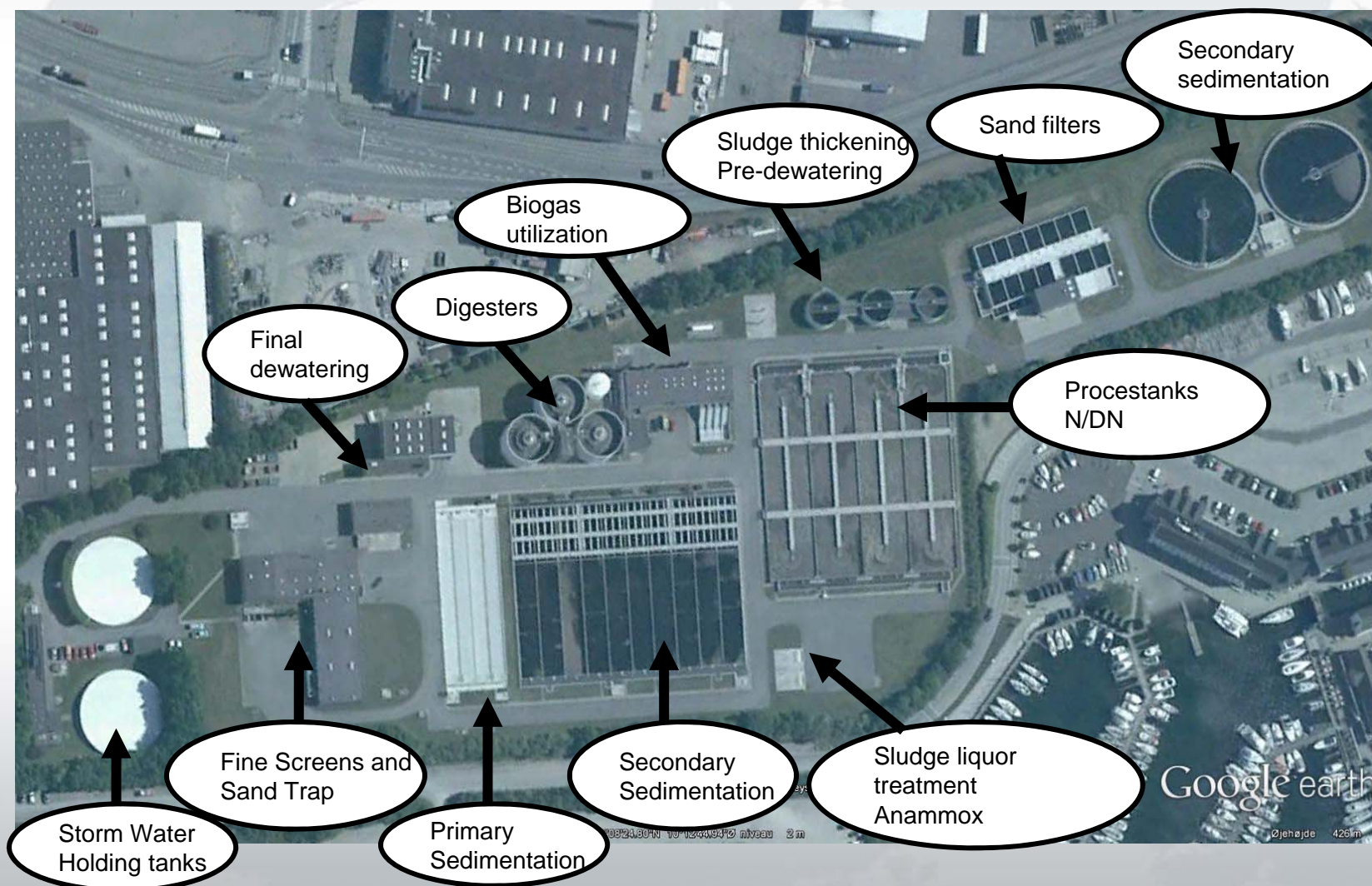


without any major investments in the  
treatment plants themselves

- Open systems configurable by Aarhus Water's own staff

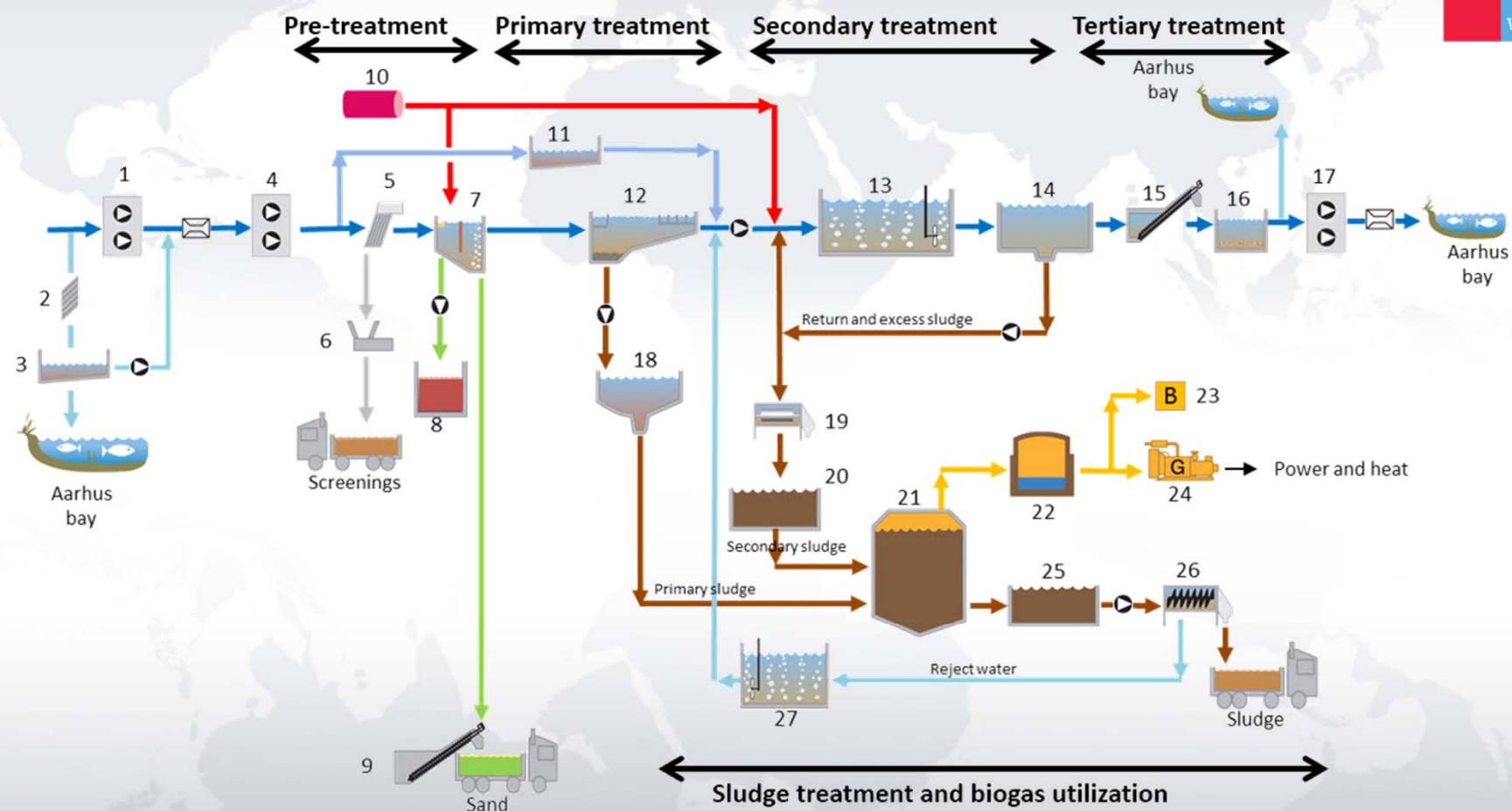


## Plant Layout Marselisborg WWTP - 220,000 PE





# Marselisborg WWTP – Main Flow Diagram



- Primary water flow
- Secondary water flow
- Sludge
- Biogas
- Sand and grease

- 1: Catchment area pumps
- 2: Coarse screen
- 3: Overflow basin
- 4: Inlet pumping station
- 5: Inlet screen
- 6: Screenings press

- 10: Chemical tank (PIX dosing)
- 11: Overflow tank
- 12: Primary clarifiers
- 13: Biological tanks (Nitrification/denitrification)
- 14: Secondary clarifiers
- 15: Intermediate pumping station

- 19: Sludge pre-dewatering
- 20: Sludge buffer/thickeners tanks
- 21: Anaerobic digesters
- 22: Gas storage tank
- 23: Gas boiler
- 24: Gas motors (CHP)

# Marselisborg WWTP

## Compliance with effluent standards

Marselisborg WWTP		Limits	Discharge, 2015		
Parameter	Unit	Standard	Average	Control Value, C	Compliance
Total N	mg/l	8	5.59	4.86	Yes
Total P	mg/l	0.8	0.25	0.22	Yes
Total P	kg/d	20.8	7.21	6.46	Yes
BI5 <sub>mod</sub>	mg/l	15	2.14	2.47	Yes
COD	mg/l	75	24.19	21.75	Yes
SS	mg/l	20	3.01	3.35	Yes

Number of samples: 24

# Marselisborg WWTP

## Capacity and loadings 2015

Parameter		Capacity Average	Loading 2015 Average    Loading Rate [%]	
Flow	MGD	6,8	8,7	127
BOD5	[lb/d]	26,675	23,737	89
Total N	[lb/d]	3,417	4,045	118
Total P	[lb/d]	943	595	63
PE <sub>BOD</sub>	á 60 g BOD/pxd	200,000	179,450	90

Additional loading to the WWTP:

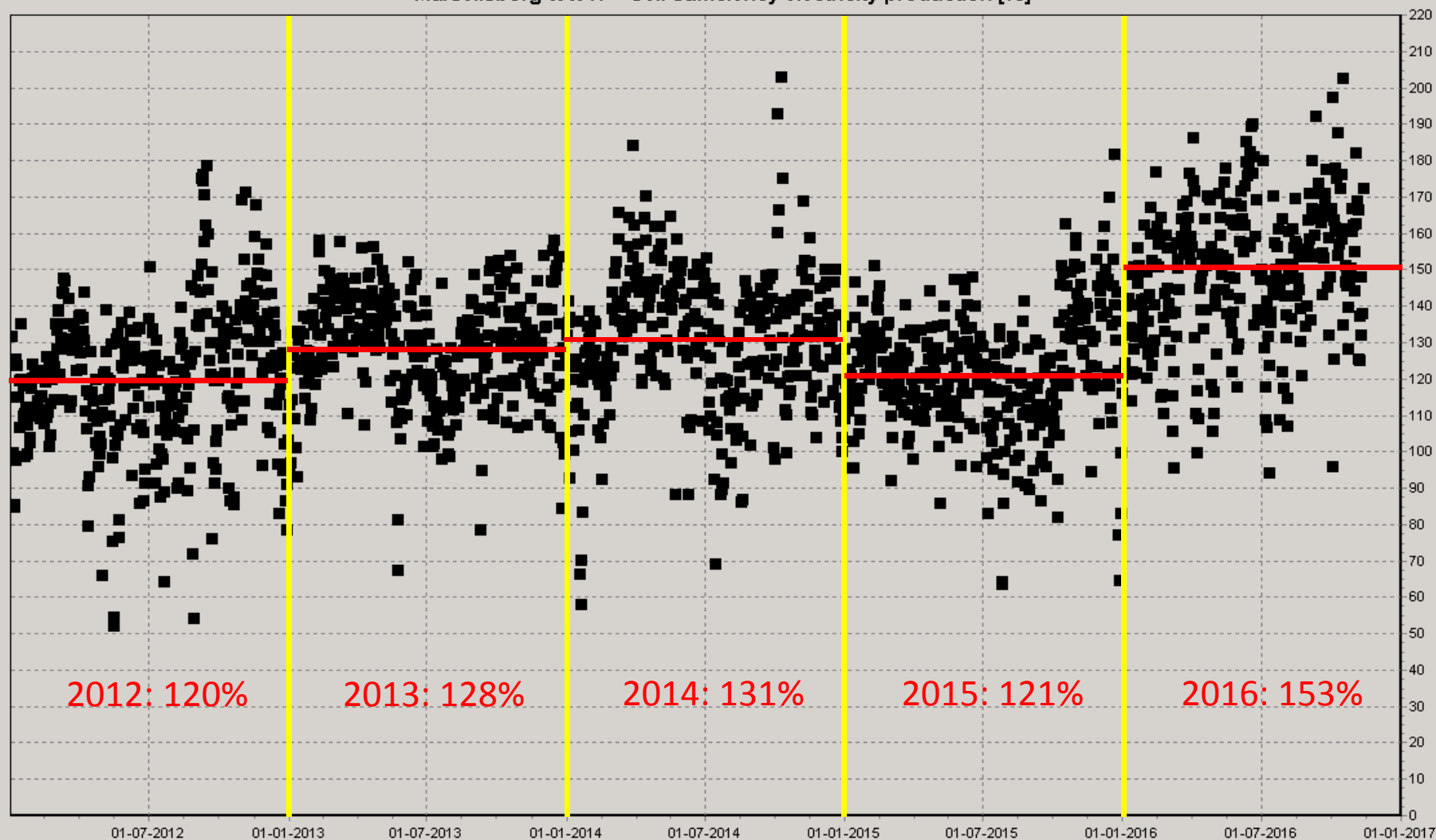
- (1) Septic sludge to inlet = 20-30,000 PE
- (2) Reject water from sludge treatment = 15-17,000 PE<sub>N</sub>



# Energy self sufficiency - electricity



Marselisborg WWTP - Self sufficiency electricity production [%]



# Marselisborg WWTP

Energy Self sufficiency – Status 1.1.2016 – 6.9.2016

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Energy Self sufficiency	Net energy production %	Energy self sufficiency %
Electricity, year to day	147 %	147 %
Heat, year to day	193 %	
Energy in total, year to day	169 %	233 %

Net energy production = Production / Consumption

Energy self sufficiency = Sold / Bought

# Solutions



## 1. Process Optimization

- Biological Nitrogen and Phosphorus removal
- Clarifier control (increased hydraulic capacity during rain)
- Sensors and VFDs (integrated real time process control)



## 2. Component Optimization

- Turboblenders
- Gasengines (CHPs)
- Fine bubble diffusers / mixers



## 3. New Processes

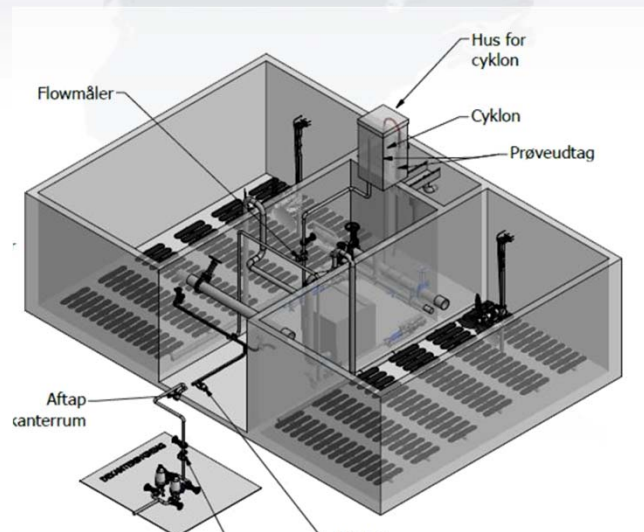
- Simultaneous Nitrification/Denitrification
- Sidestream Hydrolysis/Bio-P
- Sidestream De-Ammonification
- Mainstream Nitrite-shunt
- Mainstream De-Ammonification



## Results from 1st round Process Optimization

Economic results: Process Optimization - Municipality of Aarhus	Unit	Wastewater Treatment Plant				Total
		Marselis	Egaa	Viby	Aaby	
WWTP size	PE	200,000	120,000	83,000	84,000	487,000
Reduction of use of resources - energy and chemicals	EUR/year	73,000	31,000	40,000	132,000	276,000
Reduced effluent values - lower effluent tax	EUR/year	114,000	19,000	27,000	2,000	162,000
Increased capacity - depreciation time 25 years	EUR/year	54,000	50,000	132,000	27,000	263,000
Total	EUR/year	241,000	100,000	199,000	161,000	701,000
Return of investment	Years	1.0	1.5	1.6	0.9	1.2

## Side-stream treatment of centrate

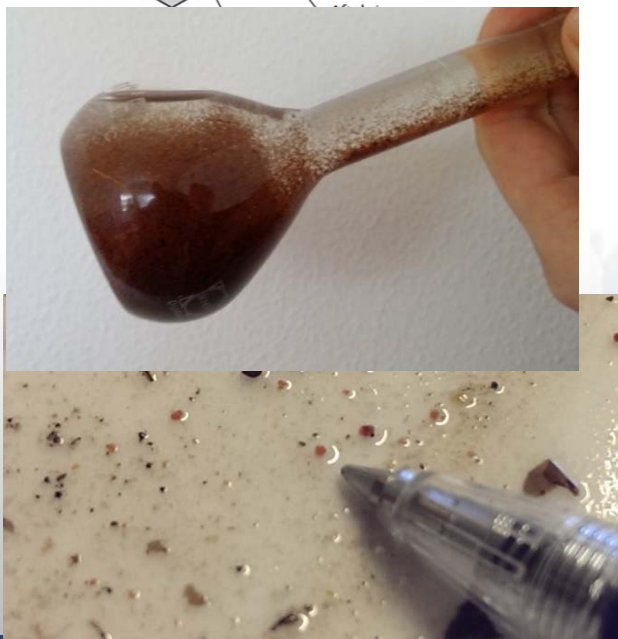


- Installed and running: 2015
- Flow, max. 15 m<sup>3</sup>/h
- Average daily flow 280 m<sup>3</sup>/d
- Ammonium load, average 250 kg/d

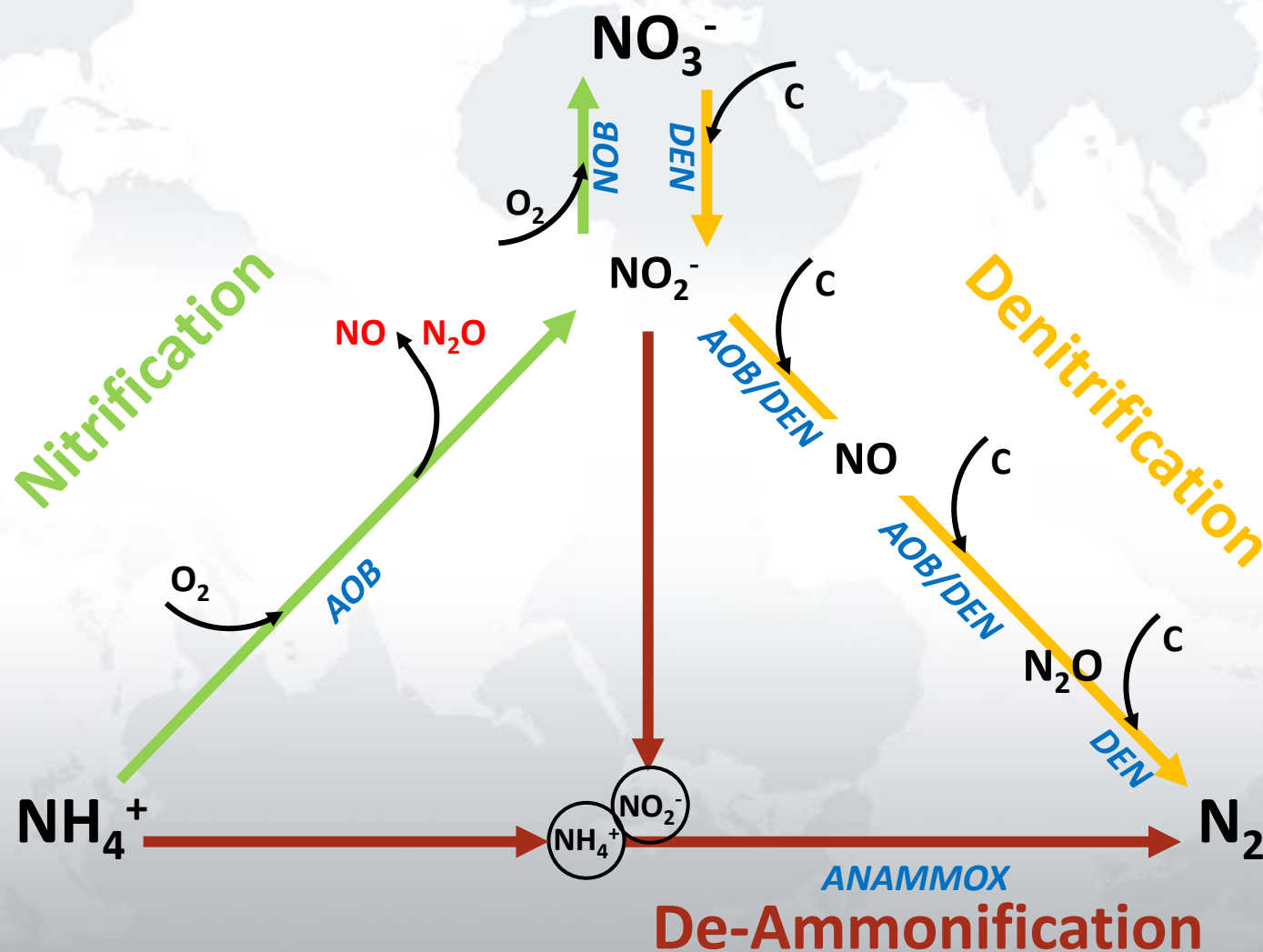
- **DEMON Plant design data (existing tanks):**
- Equalizing tank 100 m<sup>3</sup>
- Process volume (Process tank 1+2) 280 m<sup>3</sup>
- Sedimentation tank 5.2 m<sup>2</sup>

### Results:

- Removal efficiency (NH<sub>4</sub>-N) > 85%
- Energy consumption ~1,3 kWh/kg NH<sub>4</sub>-N removed
- Total N in effluent reduced with aprox. 2 mg/l
- Reduced wastewater tax 600,000 DKK/year

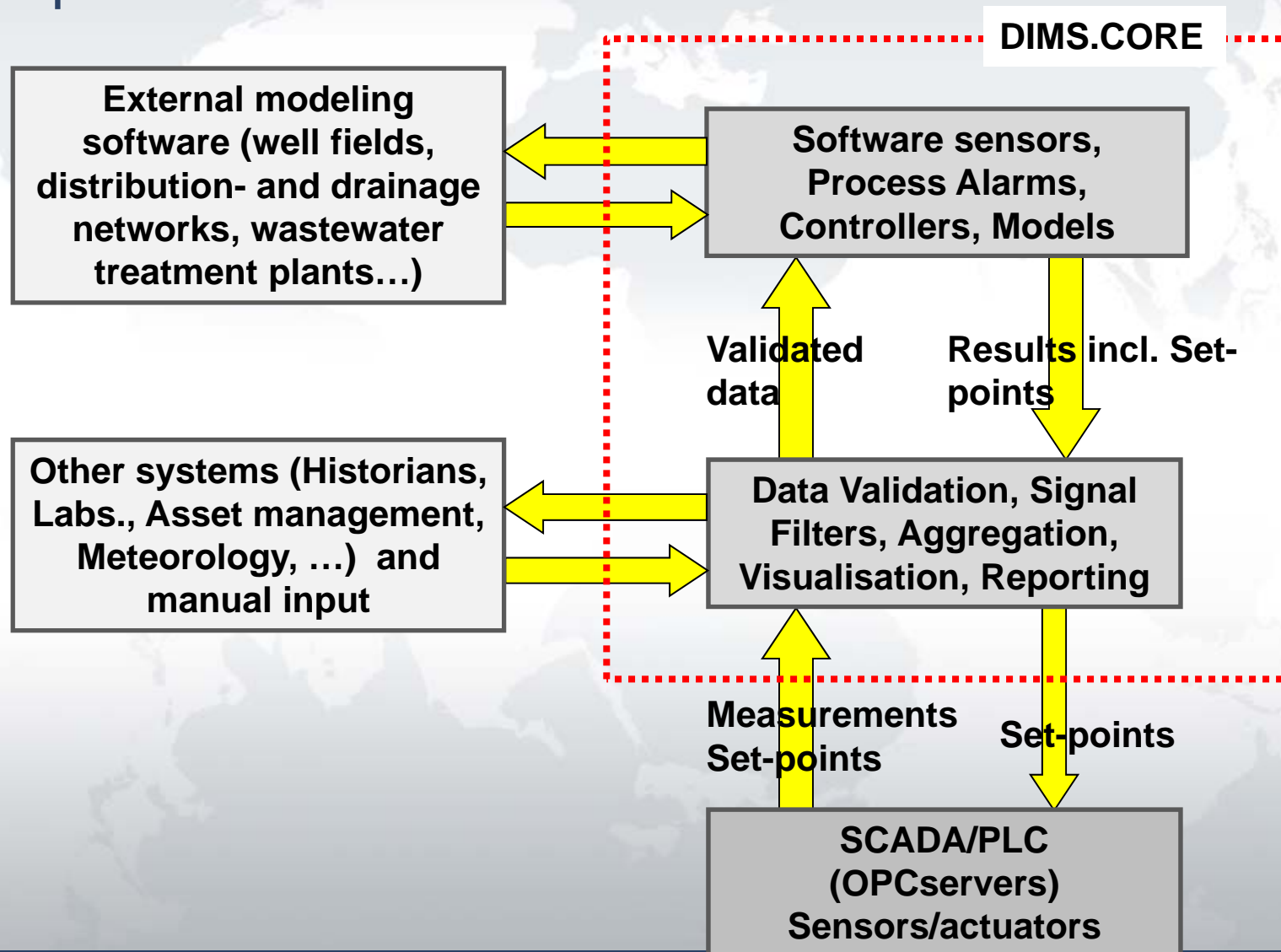


# Processes for Nitrogen Removal





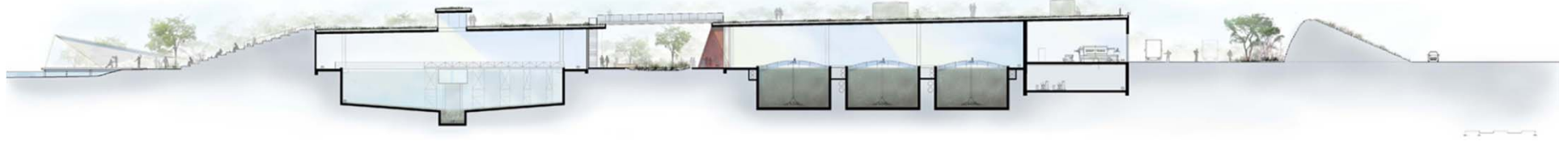
# Standard platform for process control and daily operation















# MARSELISBORG REWATER

## - An Open Invitation





October 9th to 15th

