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# CREATE

## Energetic Utilization of Wastewater from Industry Today and in the Future

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# Agenda

- Presentation of the research team Prof. Brüggling and Prof. Wetter
- Current research projects within the research team

**VEBIT:** Connecting biogas technology in the Münsterland region

**Nährwert:** Technically supported nutrient management in combination with biogas plants and cultivation areas

**BOOST:** Boosting cross-border green hydrogen in industry, research and education

- Presentation of the **CREATE** project



# Research Team

## Prof. Brüggling and Prof. Wetter





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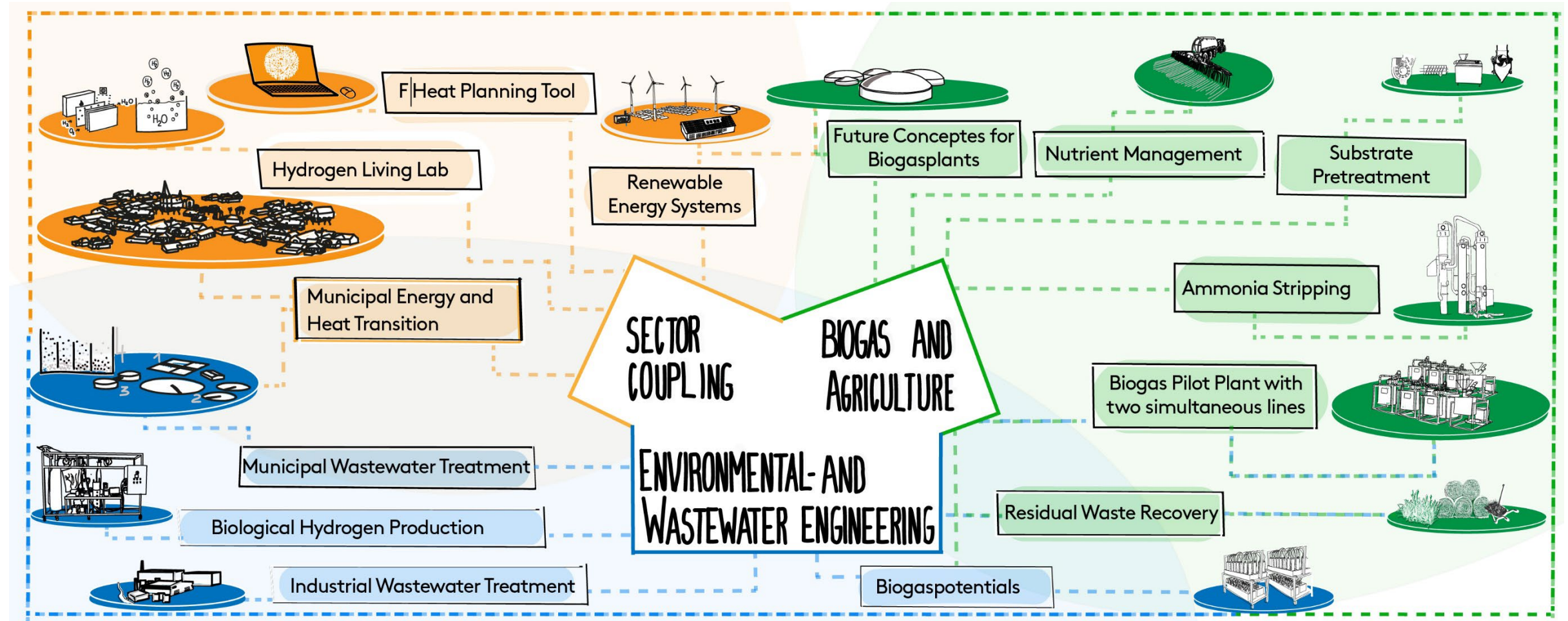
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# Research Topics of the Team

## The Working Groups





# Research Facilities

FH Münster



## Technology-Campus Steinfurt

Stegerwaldstraße 39

48565 Steinfurt



## FH Ort Saerbeck

Im Bioenergiepark 7

48369 Saerbeck



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# Research Projects: VEBIT, Nährwert and BOOST



## Networking biogas technology in the Münsterland region



### Background:

- Expiry of the 20-year EEG funding poses major challenges for AD-plants in the Münsterland region
- Large number of possible follow-up concepts:
  - Follow-up tendering under the EEG and flexible plant operation as well as value creation through heat generation
  - Clustering of existing plants
  - Feeding biomethane into the natural gas grid
  - Direct energy supply to companies

### Research activities:

- Direct support for plant operators in the strategic realignment for the post-EEG phase
- Identification of blueprints for successful continued operation and inclusion of the concepts in a database
- Macroscopic analysis of the plant portfolio for non-monetary effects
  - System services for agriculture
  - Energy system services for MSL

**Project duration:** 01.03.2024 – 28.02.2027



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Industrie, Klimaschutz und Energie  
des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen





# Nährwert

Technically supported nutrient management in combination with biogas plants and cultivation areas



## Background:

- 53.1 million t/a of organic fertilizers are produced in Lower Saxony
  - 113 kg N/ha
  - 56 kg P/ha
- Existing challenges due to local/regional nutrient surpluses
- Biogas plants are at the center of this problem while also offering strong solution potential

## Research activities:

- Technical evaluation of different processes for the treatment of fermentation products
- Development of practice-proven integrated process chains for nutrient management
- Further development of the treatment processes in cooperation with plant manufacturers
- Advancement of NIRS technology through shared use of the collected data

**Duration:** 01.07.2021 – 31.12.2024

**Project partners** : 

**Kompetenzzentrum**  
Niedersachsen • Netzwerk  
Nachwachsende Rohstoffe  
und Bioökonomie e.V. 

  
Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V.

Gefördert durch:



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des Deutschen Bundestages

## BOOSTing cross-border hydrogen in industry, research and education

### Background:

- Development of regional H<sub>2</sub> production capacities
- Accelerating the integration of electrolyzers into energy systems to increase the efficiency of green hydrogen production

**Project duration:** 03/2024 - 02/2027

**Funding:** Interreg VI A

### Project partners:



### Research activities:

- Development of a validated, software-based electrolyzer toolbox for industrial use
- Techno-economic analysis of low-temperature electrolysis processes
- Development of concepts for using simulation tools in the training and continuing education of professionals in the hydrogen economy



# Interreg VI Project: CREATE





## Energy use of organically loaded wastewater

### Background:

- Unlocking untapped potential for energy generation from wastewater and other renewable sources in SMEs
- Supporting SMEs in reducing GHG emissions by utilising wastewater
- Cross-border exchange of experience and knowledge in the field of anaerobic wastewater treatment

### Research activities:

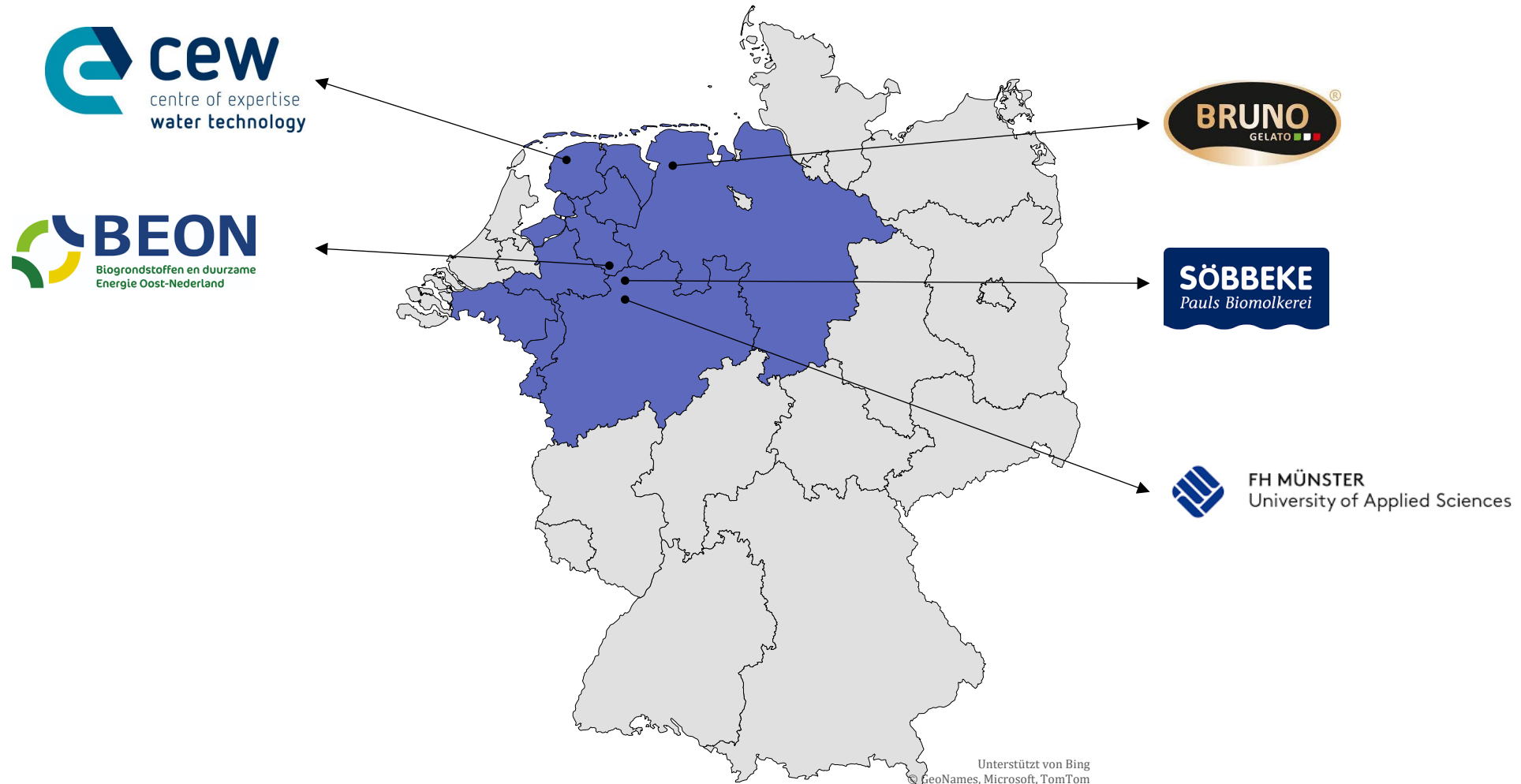
- Analysis of wastewater and residual material streams in SMEs (heat and biogas)
- Testing of in-situ methanisation in anaerobic wastewater treatment
- Integration of electrolysis with wastewater treatment
- Support for SMEs

**Project duration:** 12/2023 - 11/2026

**Funding :** Interreg VI

**Project partners:**



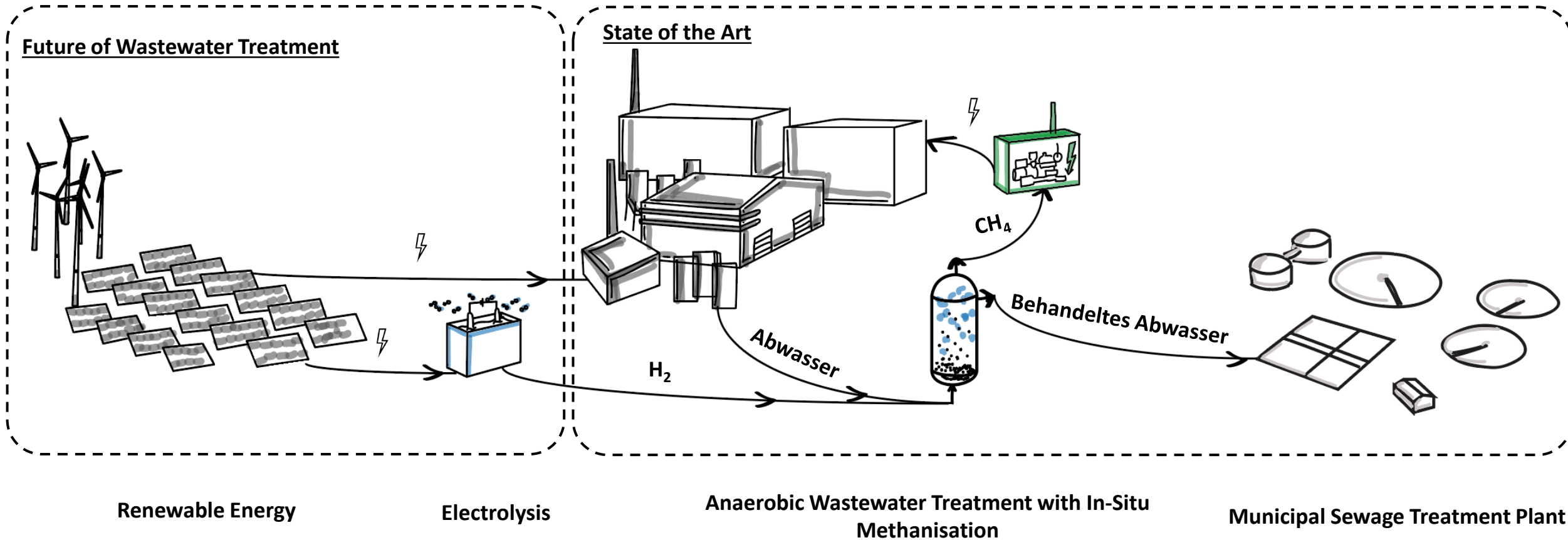


## Task distribution



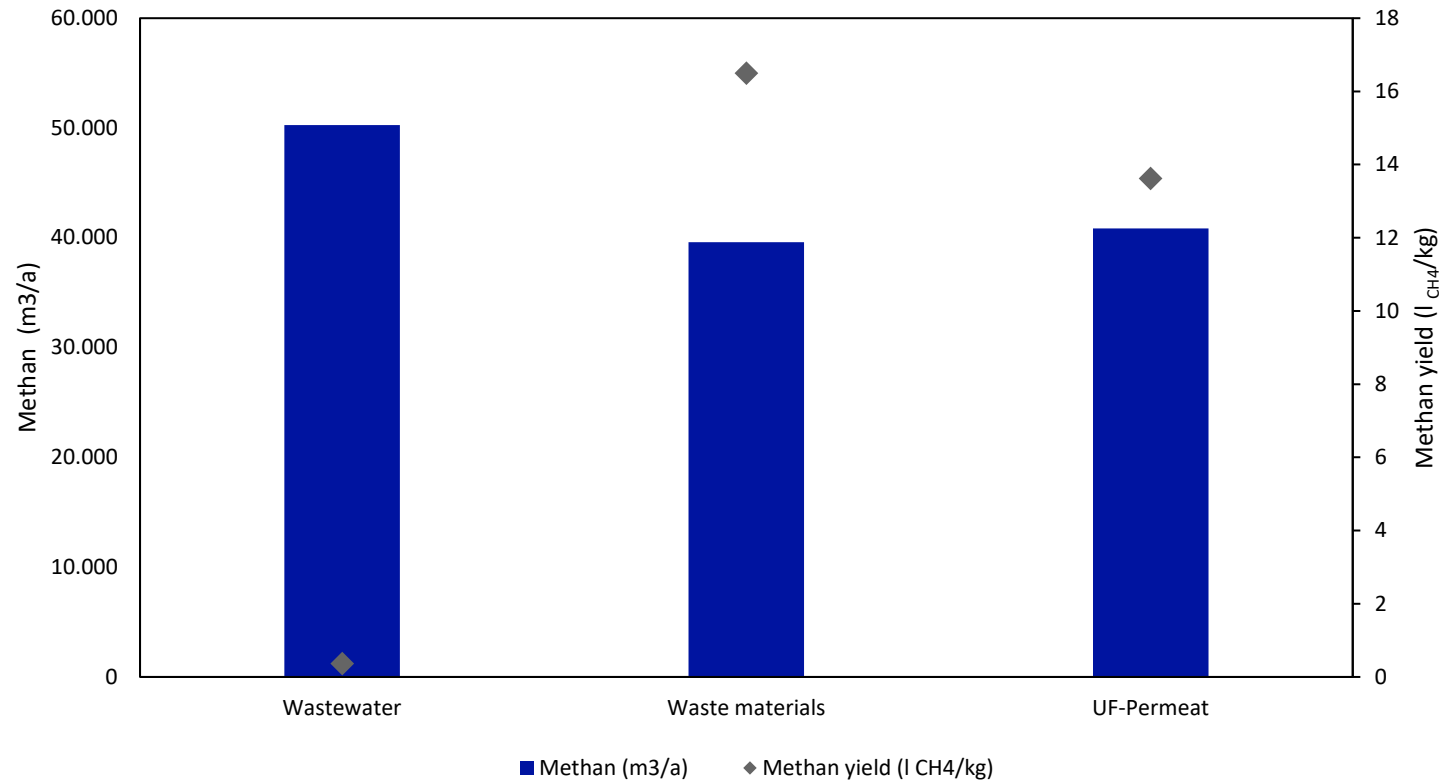


# Wastewater treatment combined with electrolysis



**Figur:** Graphical summary of the CREATE project (FH Münster)

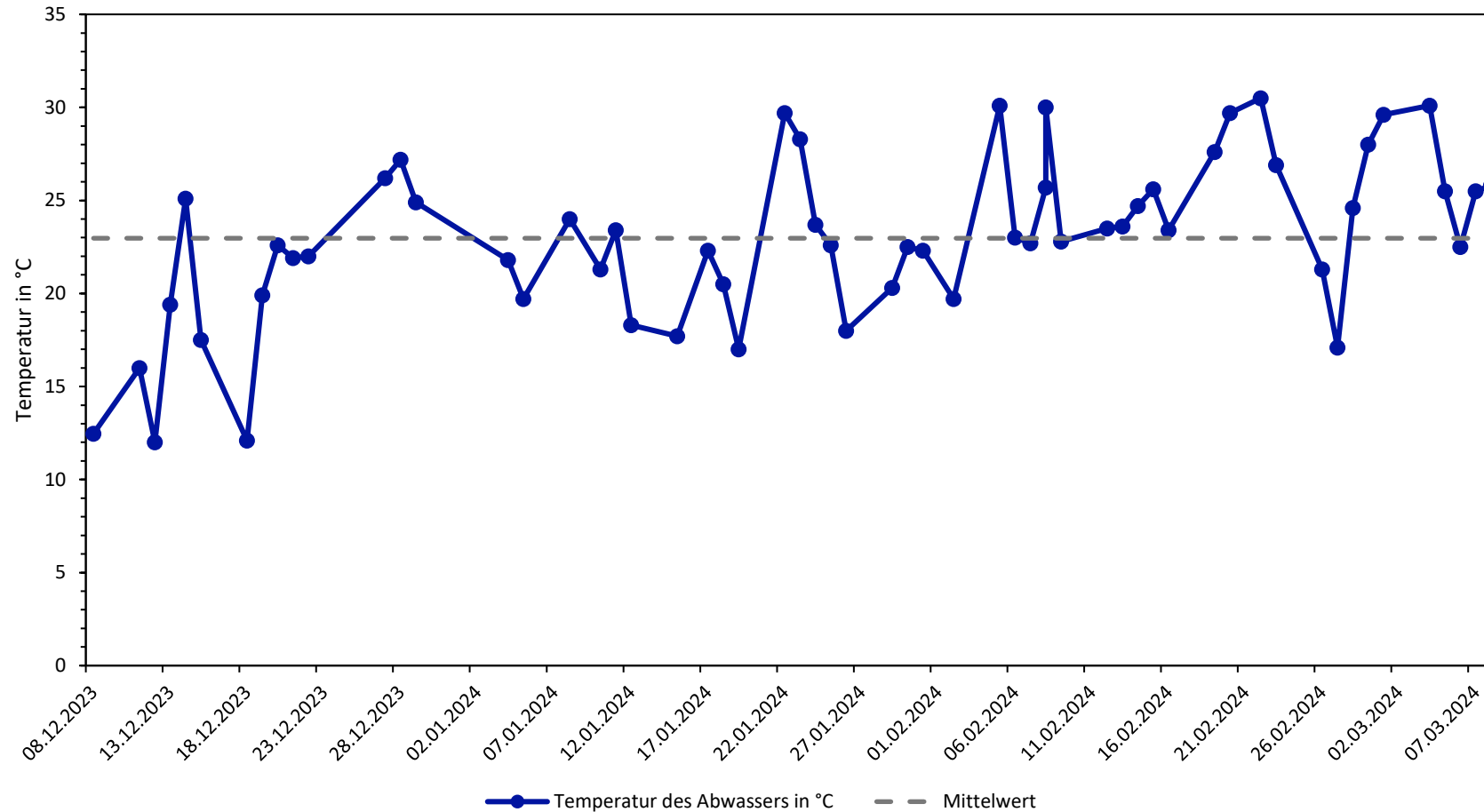
# Biogaspotential of organic waste streams



Three main organic waste streams at Söbbeke:

1. Wastewater
2. Waste material
3. Ultrafiltration permeate (UF-Permeate)

## Wastewater temperatur in winter (Söbbeke)

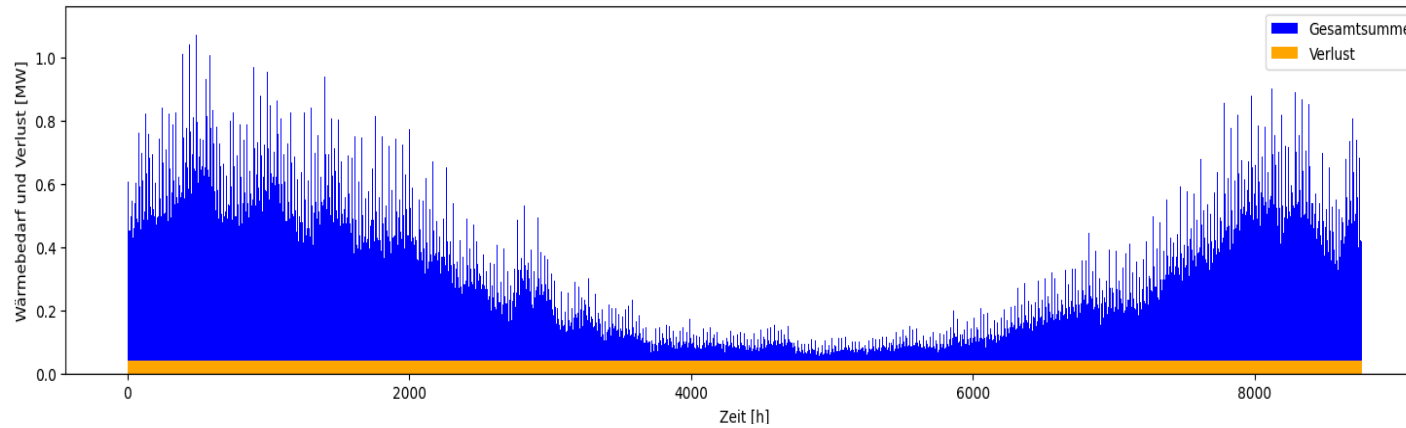


- Average temperatures of **23°C** even in winter
- Use of a heat pump possible

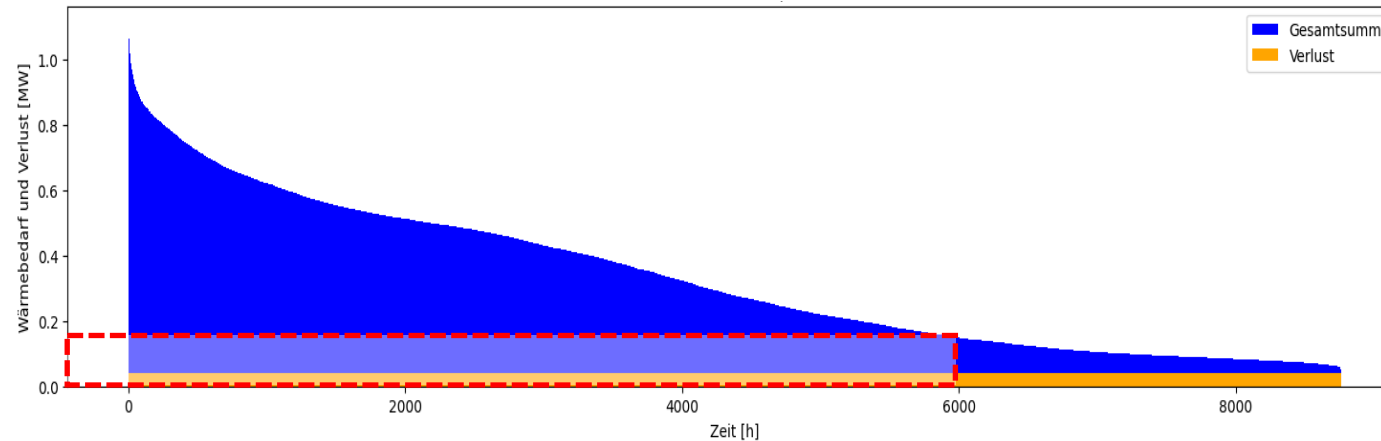


## F|Heat Tool – Heat recovery from wastewater (Söbbeke)

Demand

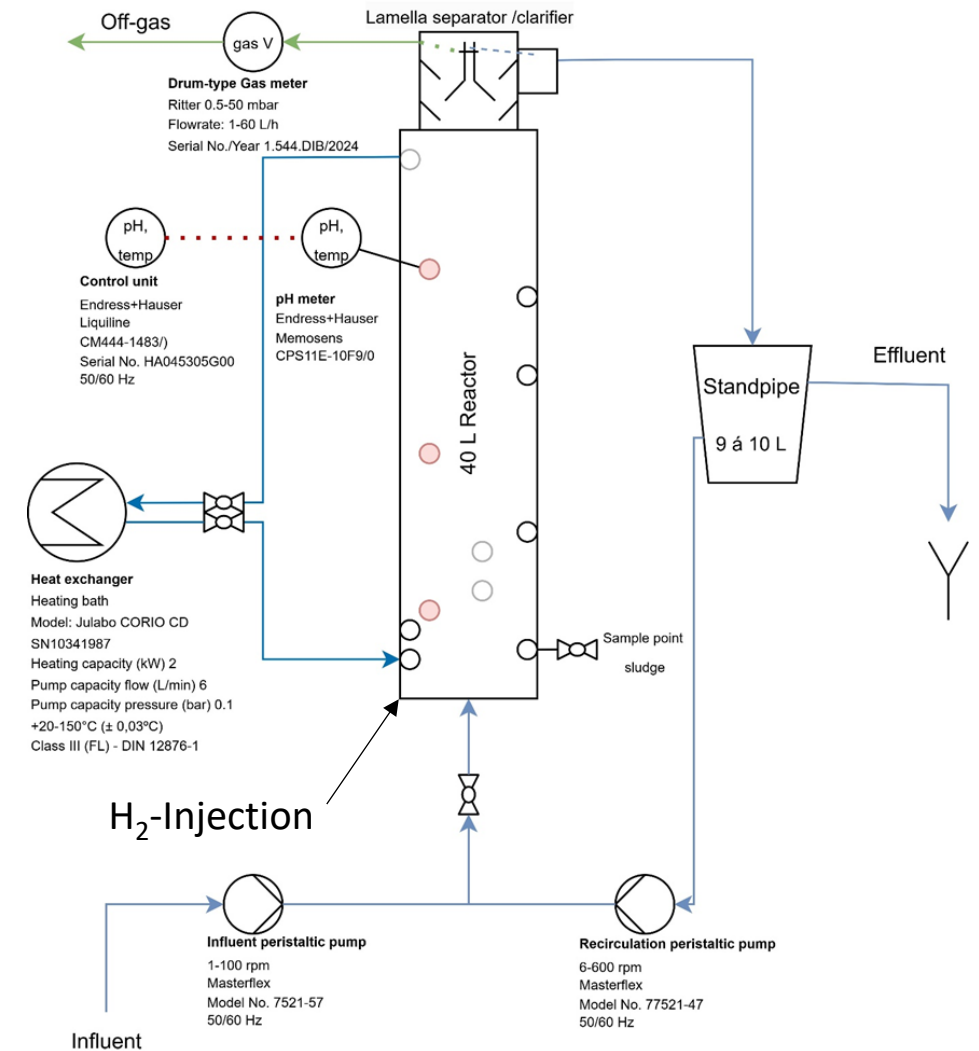
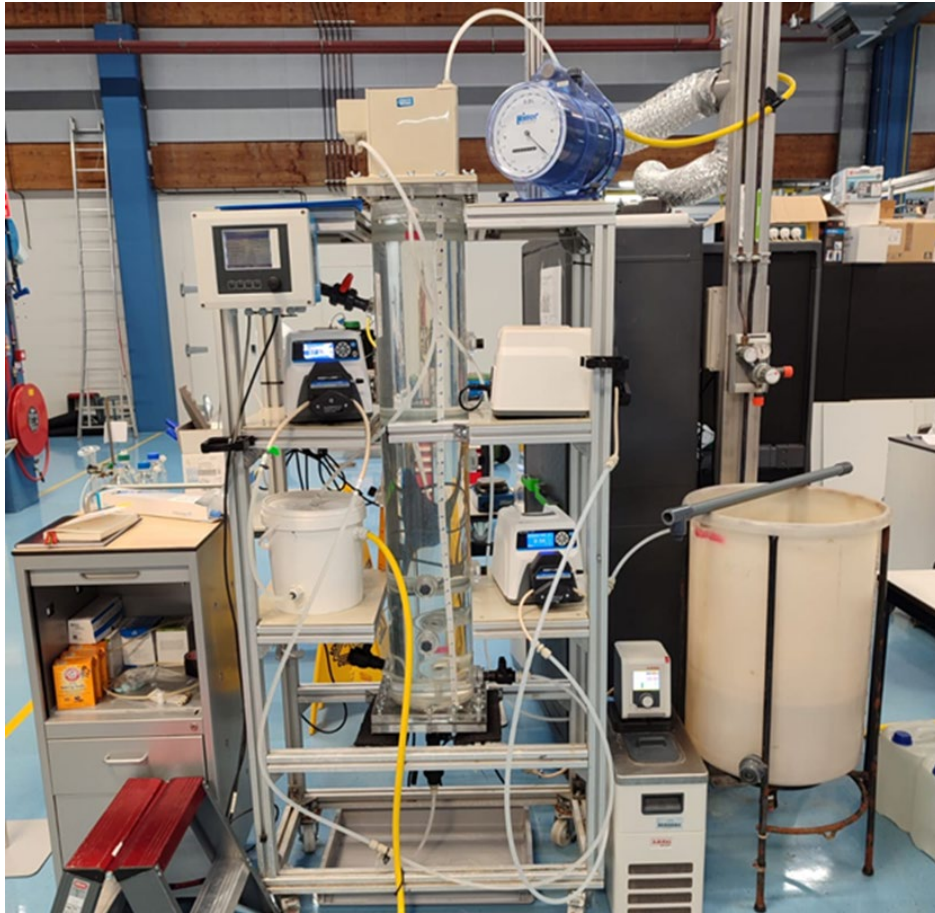


Load profile



- **200 kW** theoretically available through a heat pump
- Feed-in to a heating network (local use)
- Demand for > 200 kW heat approx. 6000 hours per year

## Pilot plant for In-Situ Methanation at CEW







# Visit to the Bioenergy Park in Saerbeck Germany

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## Workshop on Energetic Utilization of Wastewater

on the 20. of January at  
12:00

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