



Hygiene safety and resource savings in automated cleaning – A contradiction?

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Sustainability

Hannß Carl von Carlowitz, (1645 - 1714)

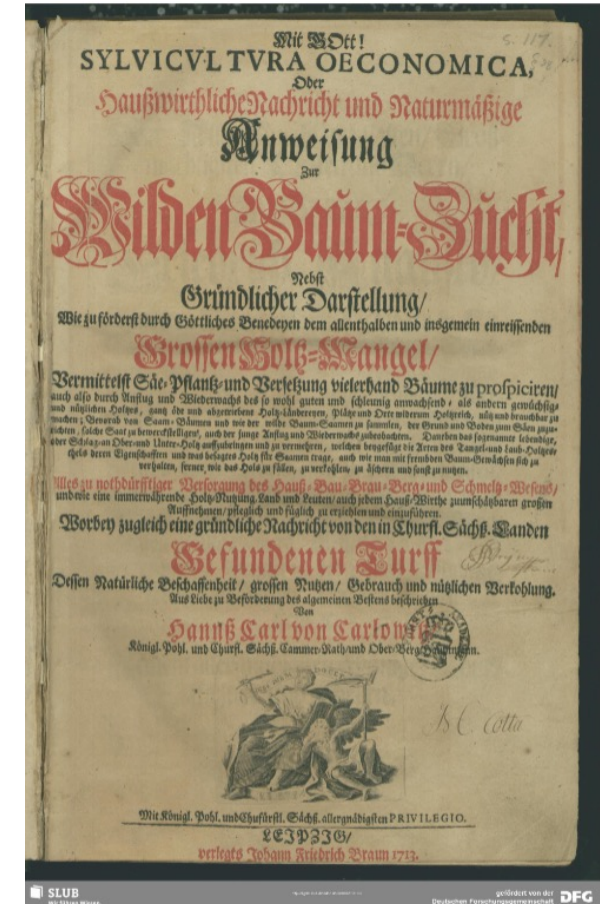
Sylvicultura Oeconomica, 1713, pp. 105–106

"... like such a conservation and cultivation of wood / that there is a continuous, constant and sustainable use / because it is an indispensable thing / without which the country cannot remain in its being."

<https://digital.slub-dresden.de/werkansicht/dlf/85039/9>

Print: Leipzig: Braun, 1713, Online-Ed.: Dresden: SLUB, 2013

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sustainability>



Sustainability



... means meeting the needs of the present in a way that does not limit the opportunities of future generations.

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

<https://www.bmz.de/de/service/lexikon/nachhaltigkeit-nachhaltige-entwicklung-14700>

Energy and CO₂ balances

Examples of energy efficient hospitals

Energy efficiency standard	Consumption characteristics of electrical primary energy arithmetic . Middle [kWh/m ² a]	Electrical energy consumption figures GHG emissions arithm . Middle [kg/m ² a]
Administration building	77	20
Primary care hospitals (-250 BE)	171	45
Hospitals standard care (251-450 BE)	217	57
Hospitals maximum care (from 1000 BE)	134	35

Energy consumption characteristics of energetically highly efficient buildings, final report, KWEFF2015, C. Zeine, S. Gausling, C. Cassebaum, M. Gebhardt, N. Goldau, J. Peters, Society for Energy Planning and System Analysis mbH, Münster, September 2015

Environmental aspects in the SPD/CSSD

Latent questions for more than 10 years (Selection)

Reducing the environmental footprint of gastrointestinal endoscopy: European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) and European Society of Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Nurses and Associates (ESGENA) Position Statement; de Santiago Enrique Rodríguez et al. Reducing the... Endoscopy 2022; 54:797-826

wfhss 2015 Lille: Kristian Hemström, study on the impact from production to disposal on energy consumption and the climate: **The use of single-use instruments releases 600 times as many greenhouse gases (GHG) consumes 17 times as much energy as the use of reusable instruments**; Report: G. Westermann, Central Sterilization, 2015, 388

Eco-Sterilization: A challenge for all of us; Christophe Lambert, 7th Swiss conference SGSV, 2011

Sustainable development in processing, 32nd French National Sterilization Days in Lille, April 28th and 29th, 2010; Report: G. Westermann, Central Sterilization, 2010, 144

Material and energy balance

Model CSSD – 4 WD, 1 Trolley washer, 225 operating days, 1 shift operation

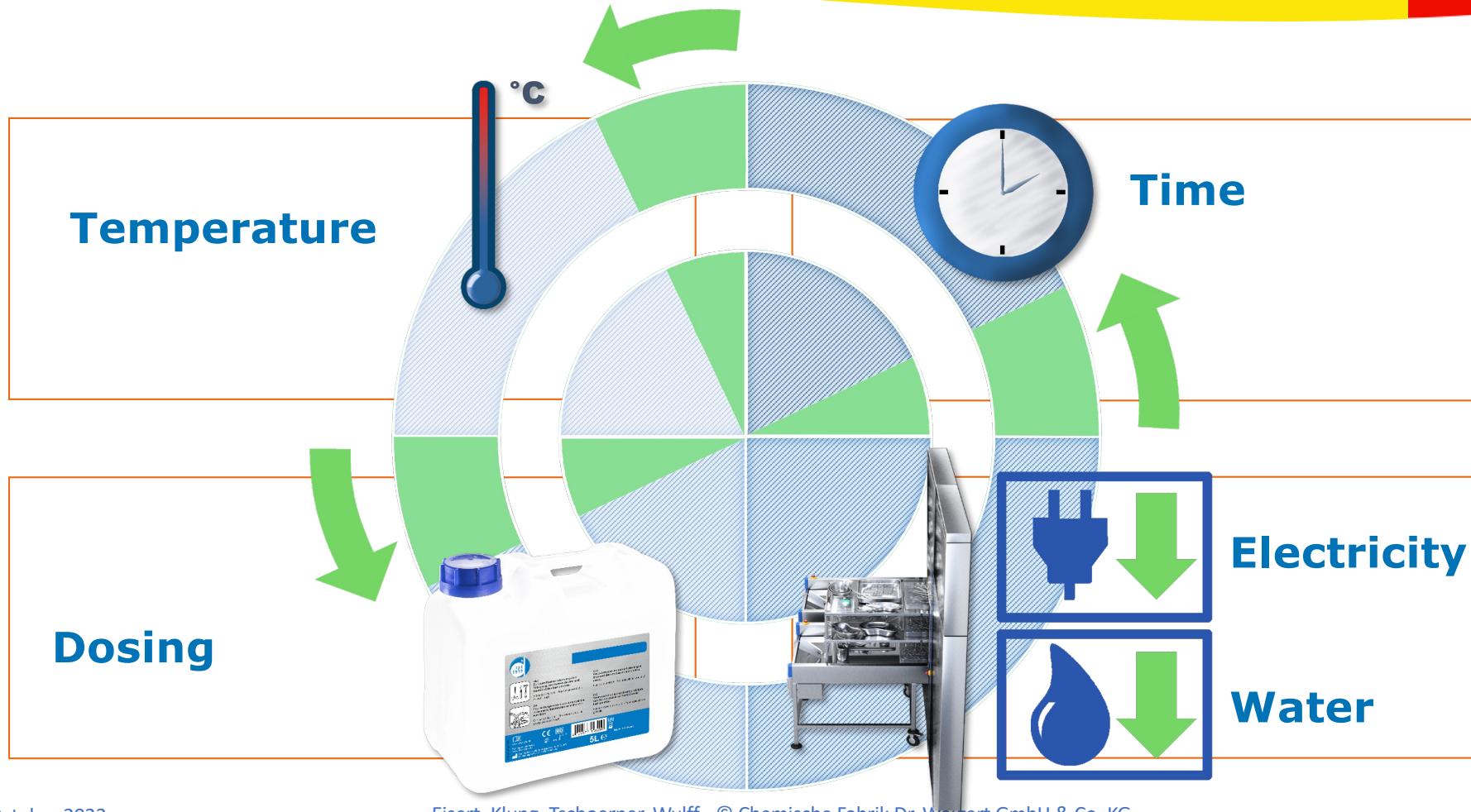
	Chemistry ml/l	Electricity cycle kWh	water cycle L	Cycles Year	Chemistry Year L	Electricity Year kWh	Water Year L
WD	5	10	120	7200	4320	72000	864000
Trolley washer	3	13.3	160	2700	1296	36000	432000
Total consumption					5616	108000	1296000
Costs						37800 €	51840 €
GHG emissions						54540 kg CO₂	

Operating days: 225 p. year, WD: 8 cycles p. day, Trolley washer 12 cycles p. day

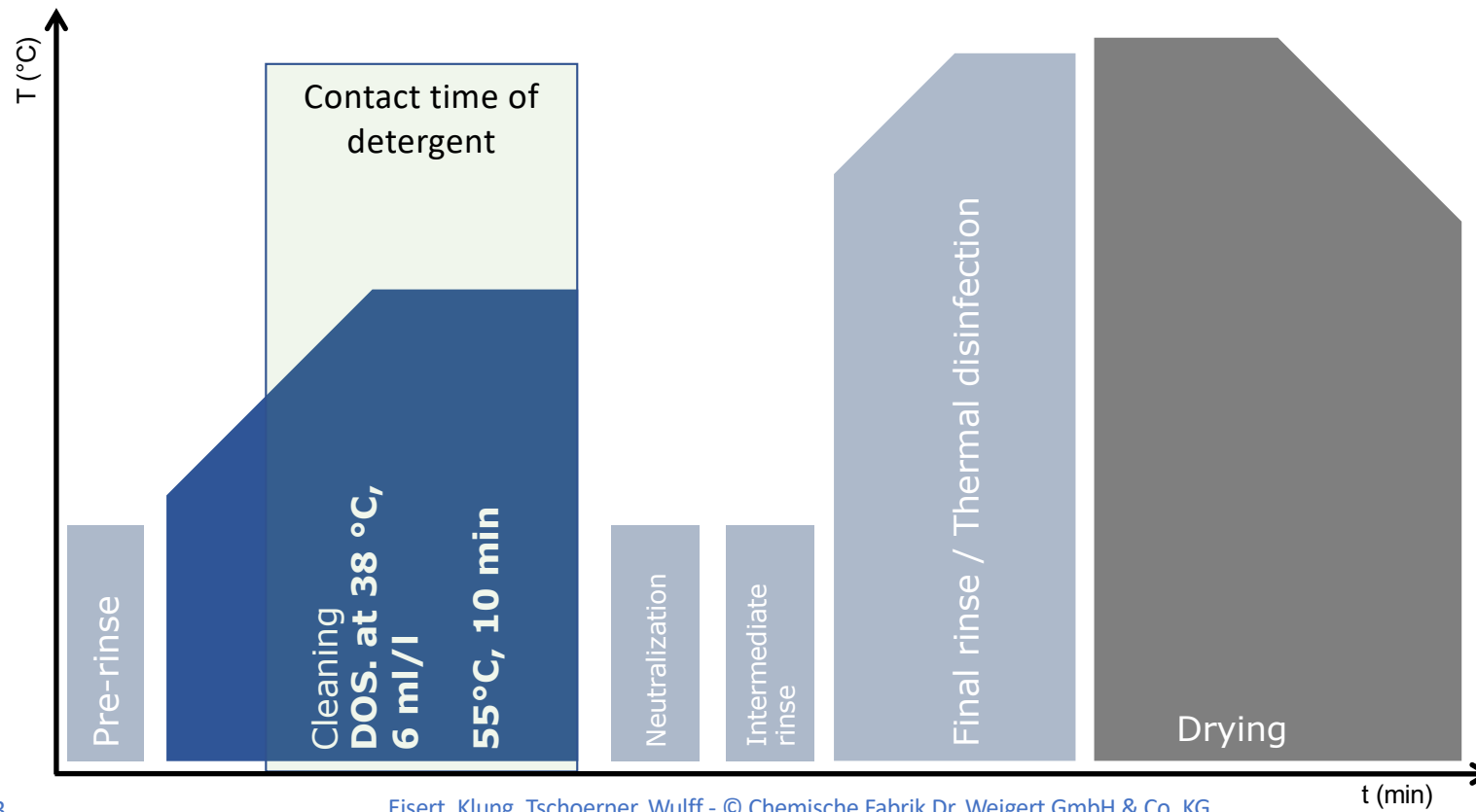
Electricity costs € 0.35/kWh, deionized water costs € 0.04/L

Greenhouse gases CO₂ equivalent: 0.505 [kg/kWh], IWU 2020, Institute for Housing and Environment, 26-02-2020

Energy saving through optimized program sequences



WD Standard program sequence



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WD: MMM UniClean PL II

Test spicemen: Crile clamp [1]

Test soil: Coagulated blood [1, 2]

Pre-rinse: 2 min, cold

Cleaning: 10 min at 55 °C
6 ml/l mild-alkaline enzymatic cleaner

Neutralization: 2 min, cold

Intermediate rinse, Thermal disinfection, Drying

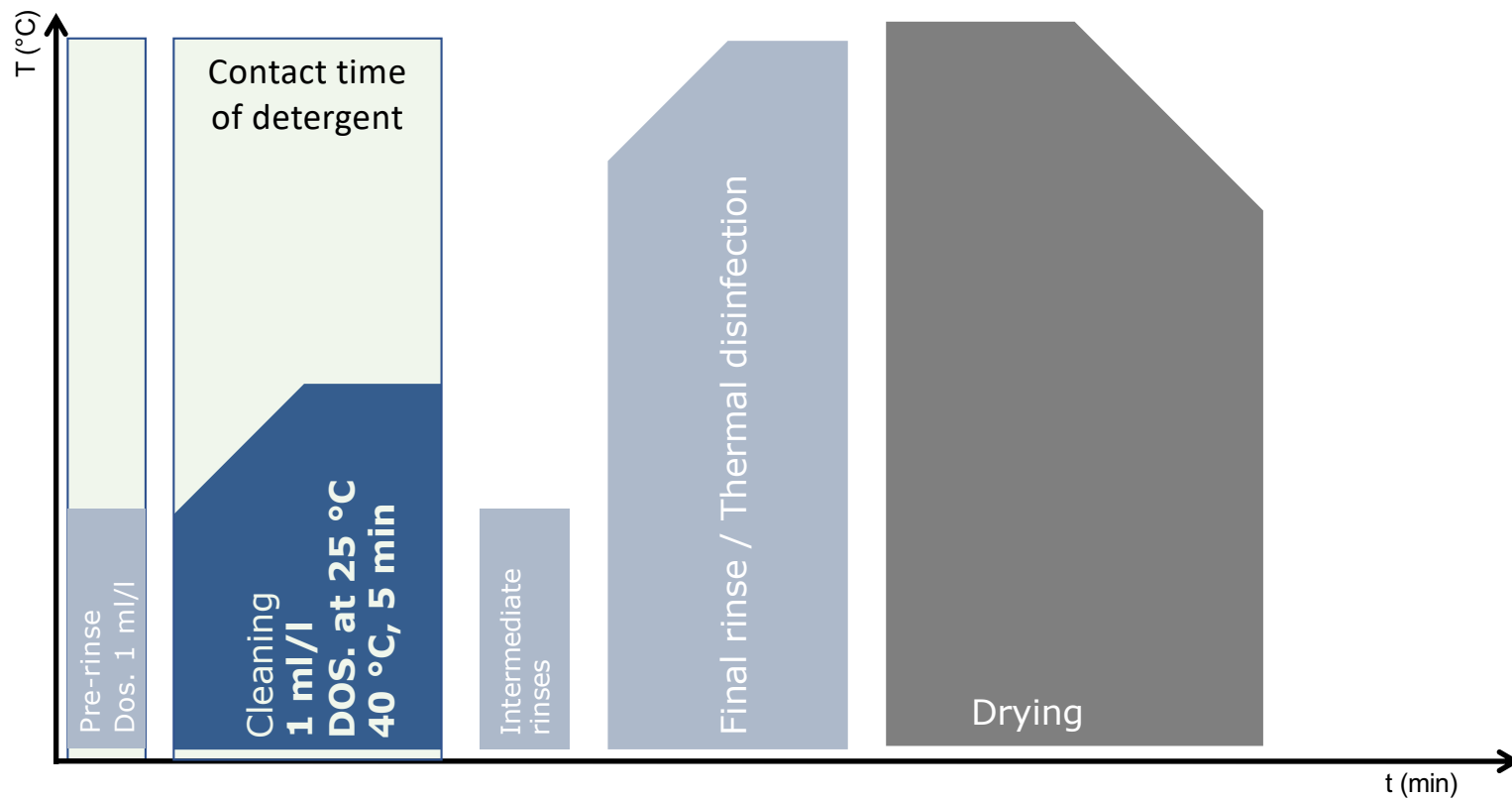
Parameter	Result per cycle
Water	178 L
Time	49 mins
Electricity	10 kWh
Process chemistry	220 ml
Cleaning performance (residual protein)	Ø 14.4 µg ± 5.9 µg

[1] Guideline compiled by DGKH, DGSV and AKI for the validation and routine monitoring of automated cleaning and thermal disinfection processes for medical devices; 5th Edition. Central Service 2017; 25, Suppl.

[2] ISO 15883-5:2021 Table A.1, 1st Row; [3] AAMI ST98 (2023)



WD energy optimized program sequence



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WD: MMM UniClean PL II, electrical heated

Test specimen: Crile clamp [1]

Test soil: Coagulated blood [1, 2]

Pre-rinse: 2 min, cold, 1 ml/l optimized detergent

Cleaning: 10 min at 35 °C
1 ml/l optimized detergent, dos. 25 °C

Intermediate rinse, Thermal disinfection, Drying

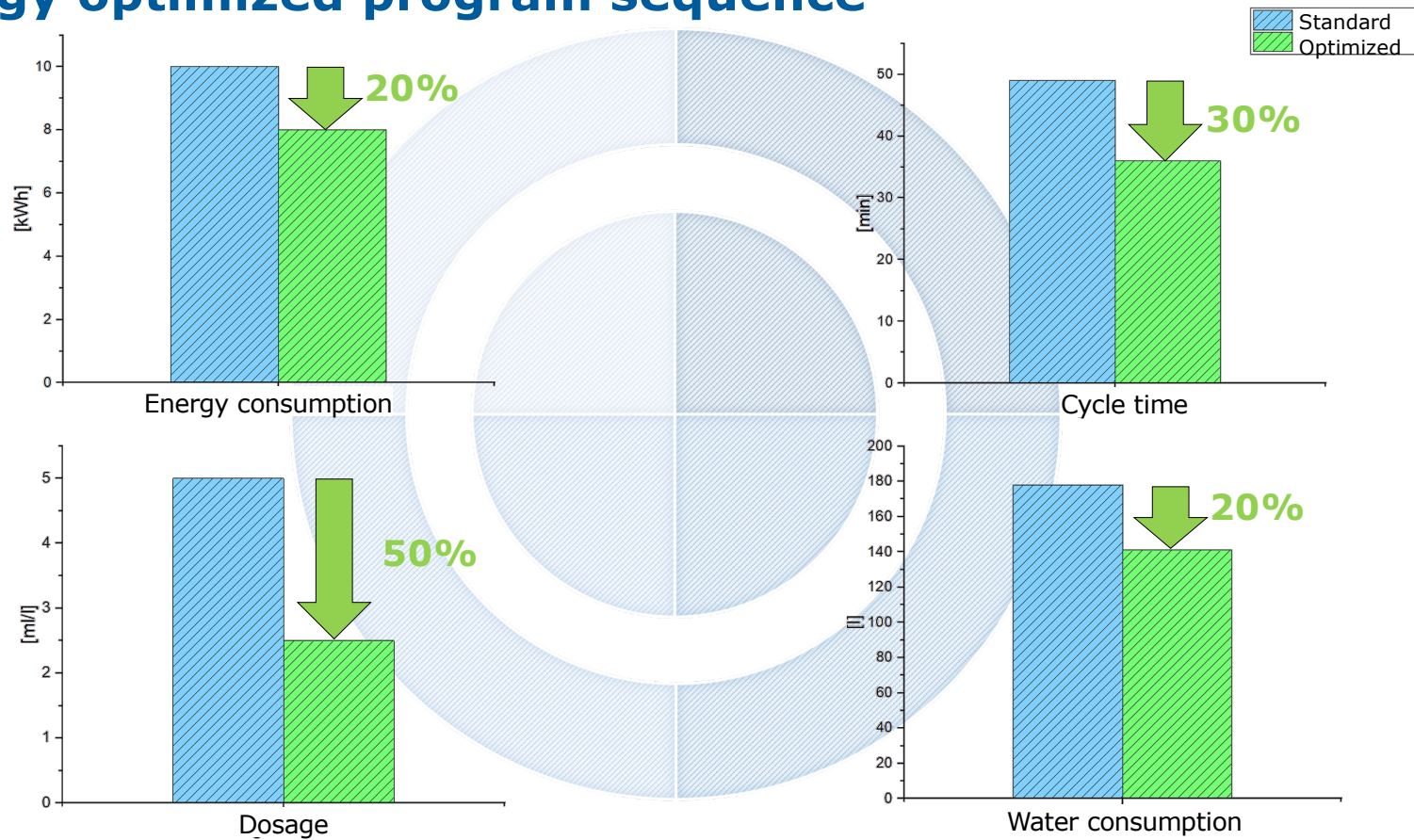
Parameter	Result per cycle
Water	141 L
Time	36 mins
Electricity	8 kWh
Process chemistry	75 ml
Cleaning performance (residual protein)	Ø 15.6 µg ± 11.5 µg *

* < 3,0 µg/cm²

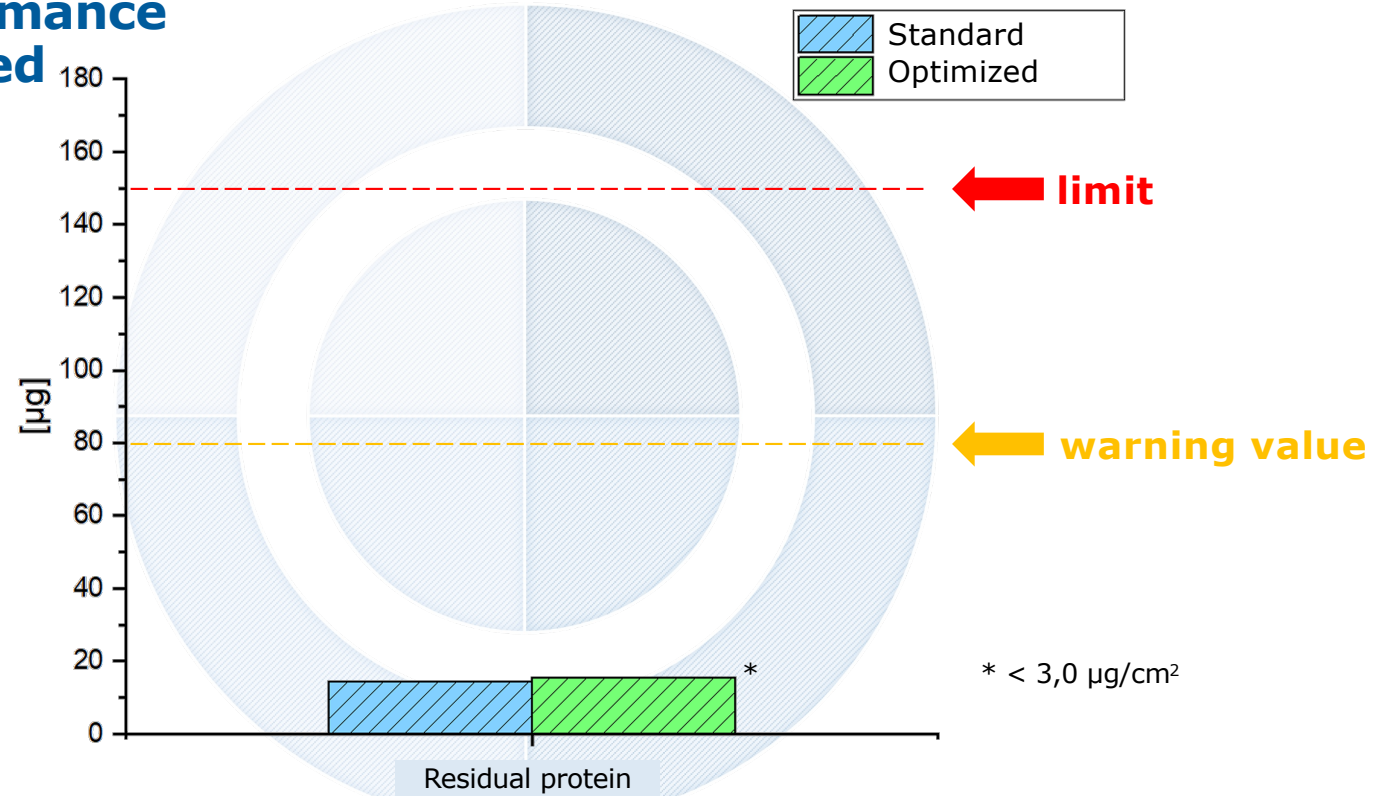
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WD energy optimized program sequence



Cleaning performance Energy optimized



Consistent cleaning result despite energy savings

Real use - WD Validation France

WD: Belimed WD 290, electrical heated

Load (selection):

- Surgical instruments

- MIS instruments

- Gynecological instruments

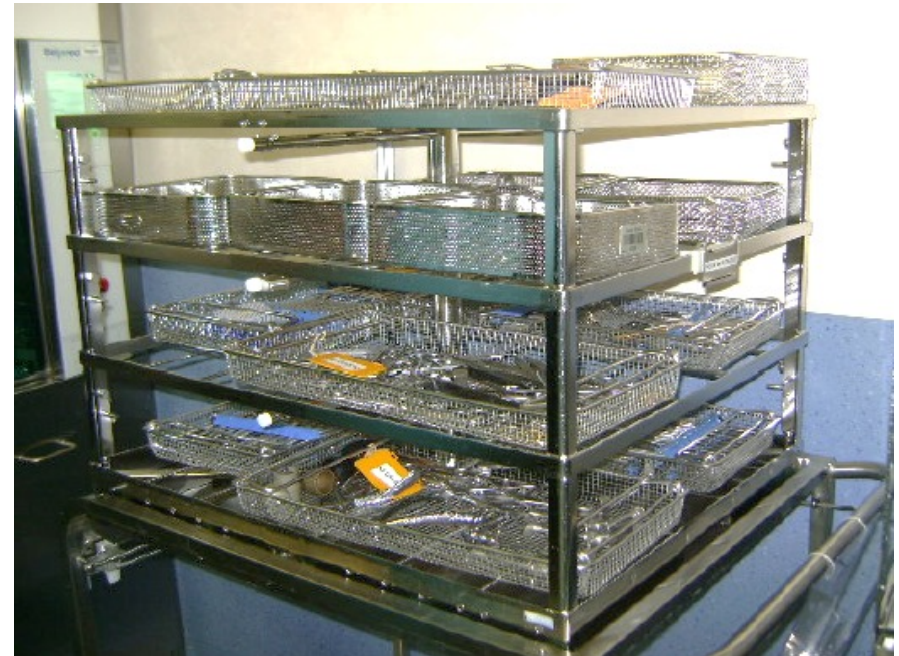
- Ophthalmic instruments

- Anesthetic equipment

- Rigid endoscopes / optics

- Container (anodised aluminium)

- DaVinci Optics



Real use - WD Validation France

WD: Belimed WD 290, electrical heated

Contamination from real use (selection):

- Blood, Protein

- Denatured blood (e.g. RF-Technology)

- Mucus, blood-mucus mixtures (e.g. gynecology)

- Mucus (ENT)

- Dental dirt, mouth, jaw and palate

- Bone meal, dentin

- Contamination from ophthalmology _

- Antiseptic Residues (containing iodine)



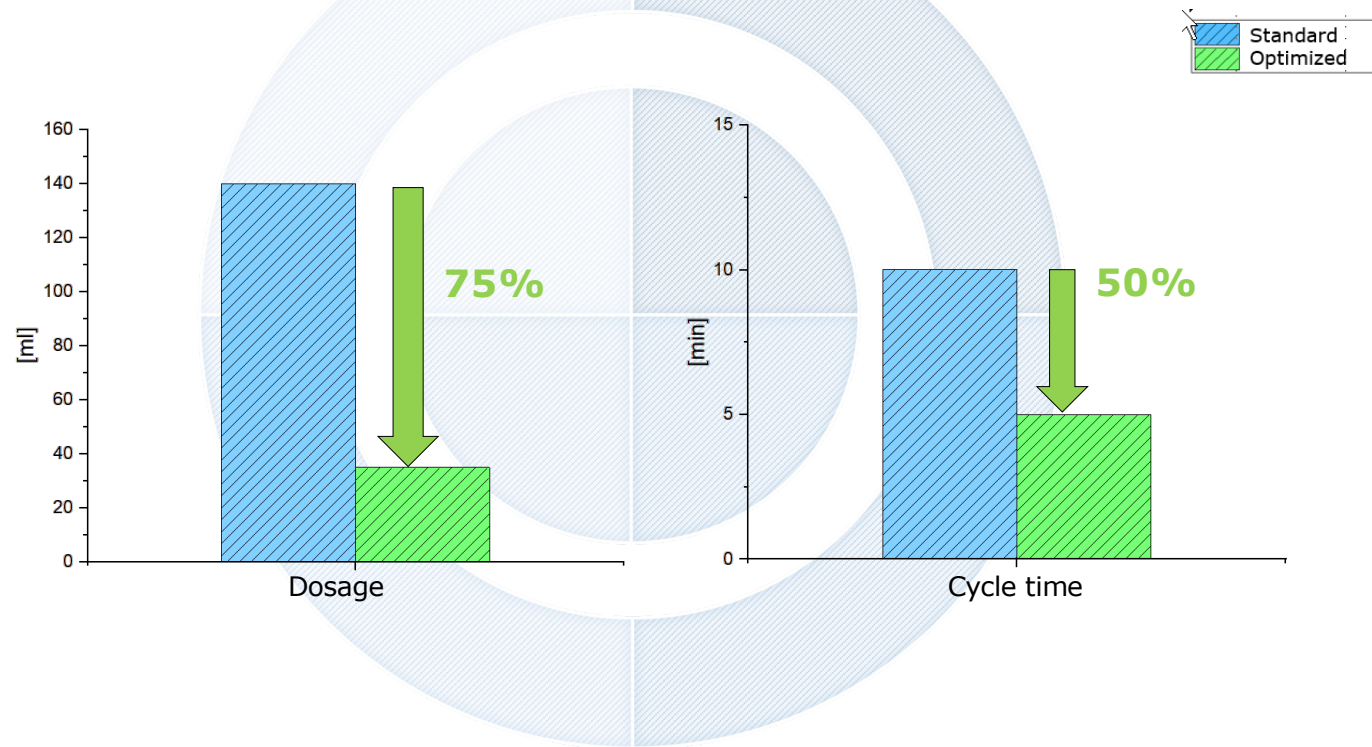
Real use - WD Validation France

	Commonly used mild-alkaline enzymatic detergent	Optimized mild-alkaline enzymatic detergent
Pre-rinse	Unchanged	Unchanged
Cleaning	4 ml/l, 10 min, 55 °C, dosing at 38 °C	1 ml/l, 5 min, 45 °C, dosing at 25 °C
Intermediate rinse	Unchanged	Unchanged
Water	35 l in the cleaning step	35 l in the cleaning step
Process chemistry	140ml	35ml

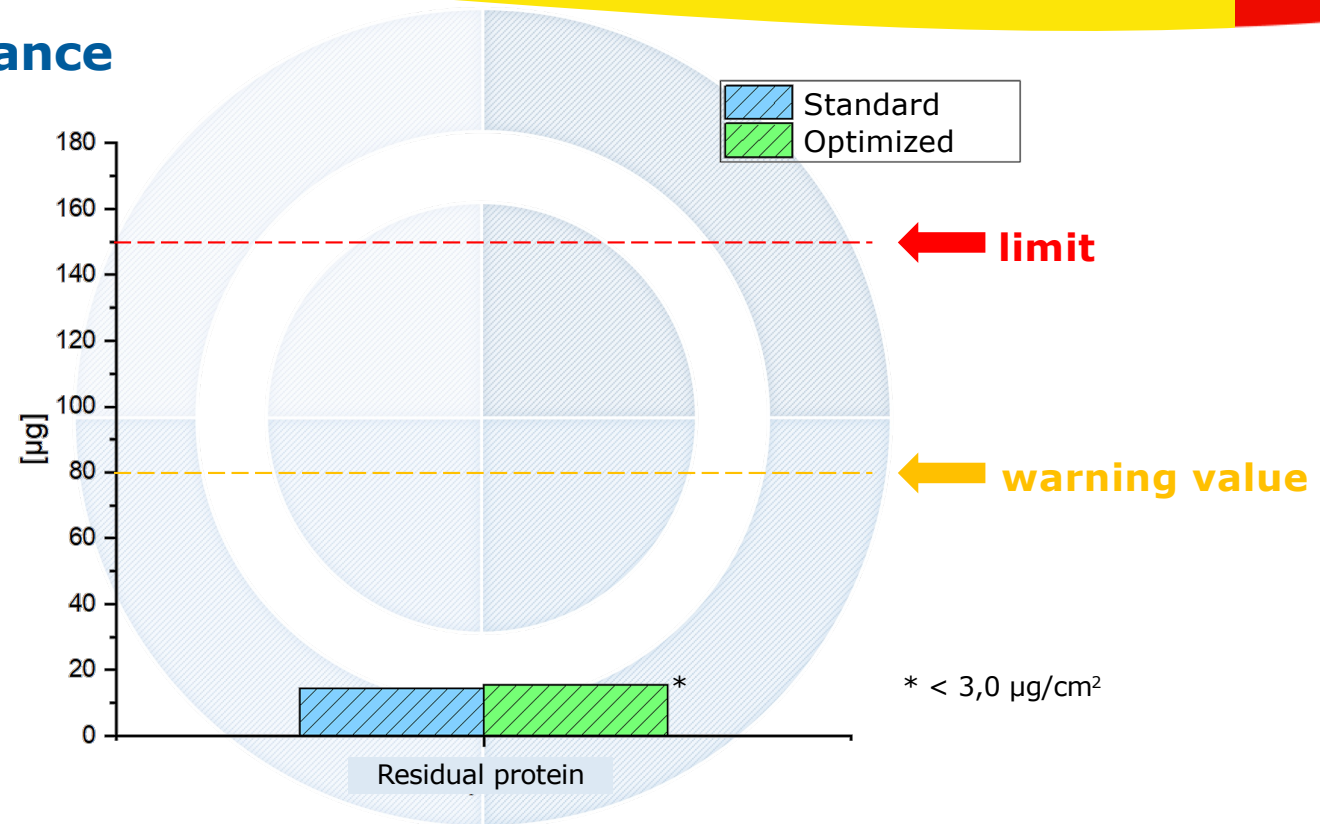
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Cleaning performance Energy optimized



➔ **Consistent cleaning result despite energy savings**

Real use - WD Validation – Service provider Germany

WD: Steelco DS 1000, steam heated

Load (selection):

- Surgical instruments
- MIS instruments
- Gynecological instruments
- Endoprosthetic sets
- Rigid endoscopes / optics
- Container
- Stationware (instruments, utensils)



Real use - WD Validation – Service provider Germany

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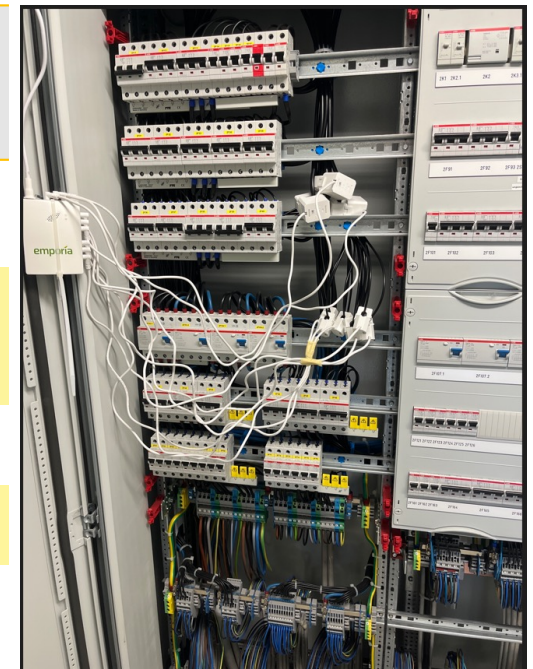
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Real use - WD Validation – Service provider Germany

	Commonly used mild-alkaline enzymatic detergent	Optimized mild-alkaline enzymatic detergent
Pre-rinse	2 min, cold	2 min, cold, Dos. 0.5 ml/l
Cleaning	6 ml/l, 10 min, 55 °C, dosing at 38 °C	2 ml/l, 5 min, 35 °C, dosing at 20 °C
Intermediate rinse	Unchanged	Unchanged
Water	170 l	170 l
Process chemistry	270 ml	113 ml (23 ml + 90 ml)



Real use - WD Validation – Service provider Germany

energy demand heated by steam,
calculated

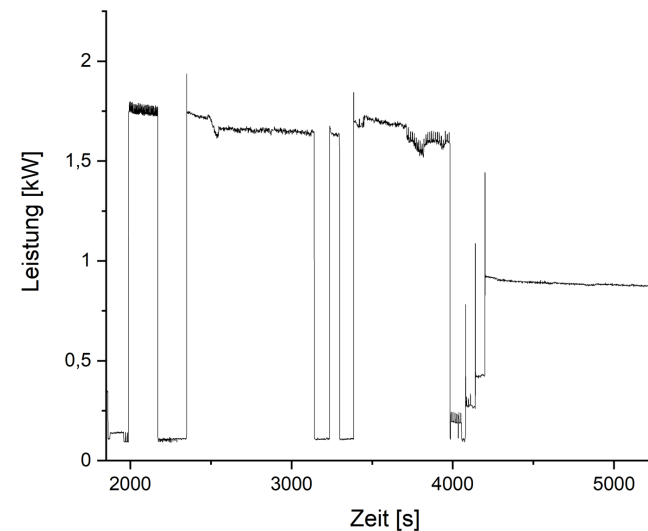
$$\Delta Q = c * m * \Delta T$$

$$\Delta Q = 4,19 \frac{kJ}{kg * K} * 40 kg * 20 K = 3352 kJ$$

$$\Delta Q = 3352 kJ = 0,93 kWh$$

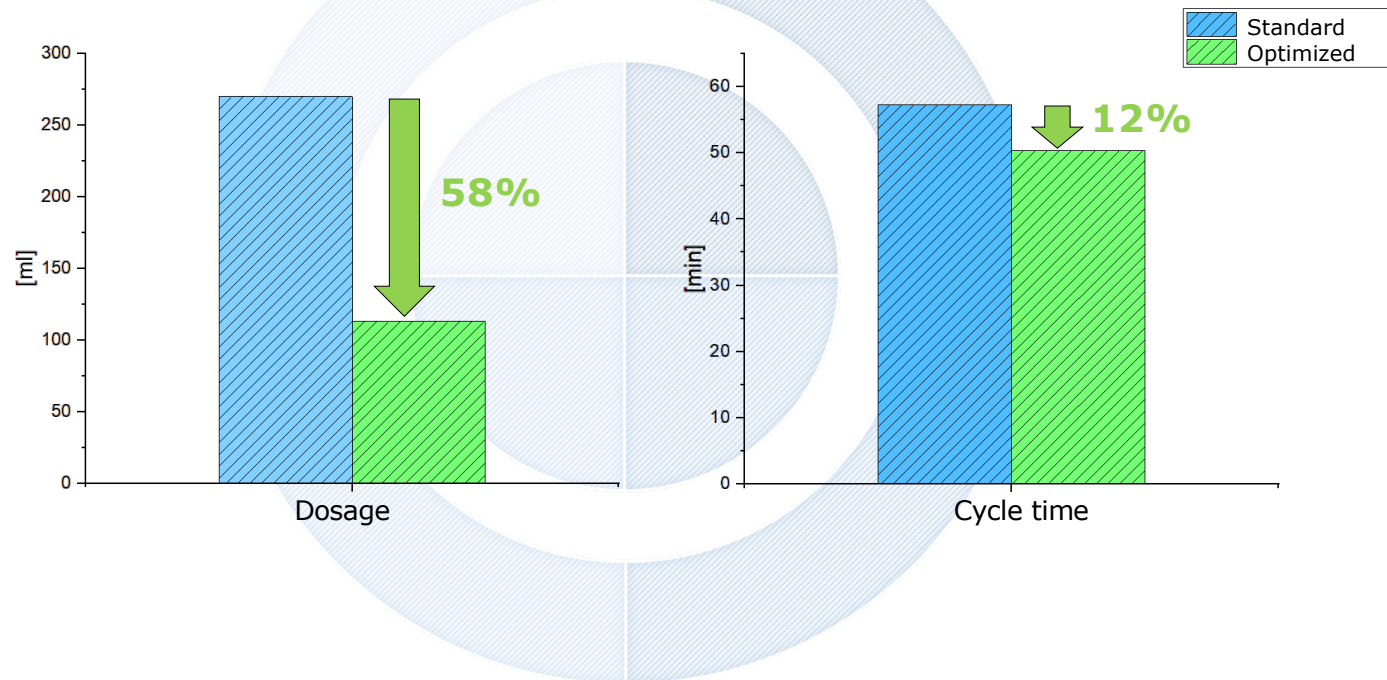
$$m = \frac{\Delta Q}{q_v} \quad \frac{3352 kJ}{2257 \frac{kJ}{kg}} = 1,48 kg \text{ Steam}$$

other energy savings per cycle,
measured

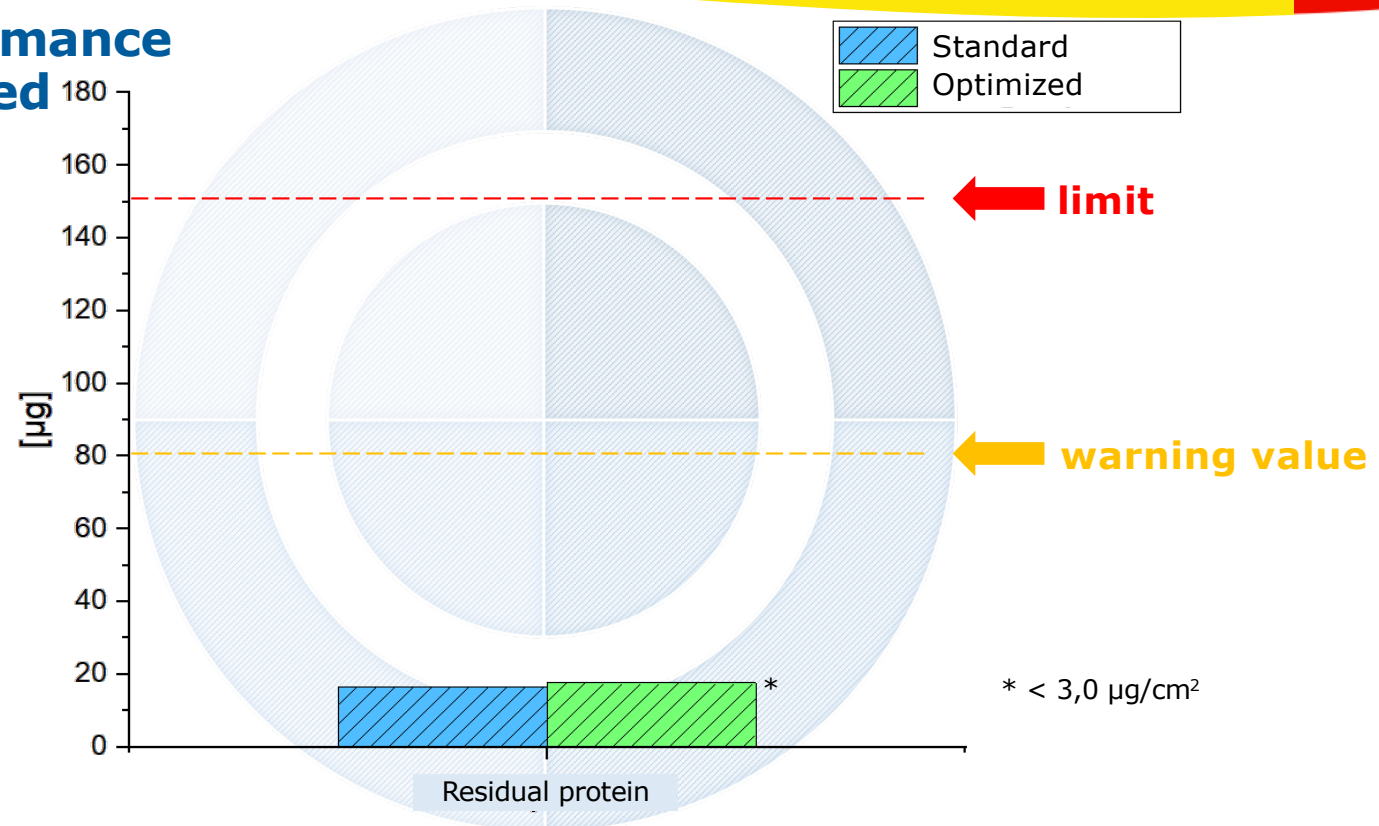


$$\Delta E = 0,033 kWh$$

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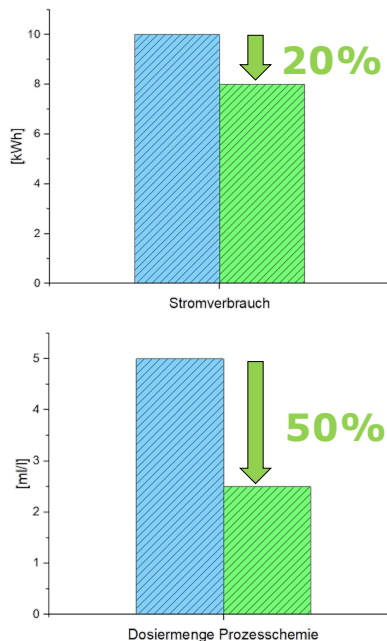
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Saving				
	Process chemicals p. cycle ml/l	Electricity p. cycle kWh	Process chemicals Year	Electricity Year
WD	2.5	2	2160 L	14400 kWh
Trolley washer	2	2.7	864 L	7200 kWh
Total savings			3024 L	21600 kWh
Costs				€ 7560
GHG emissions				10908 kg CO₂

Operating days: 225 pa, WD: 8 cycles p. day – 3200 pa., Trolley washer: 12 batches pd . – 2700 pa
Electricity costs € 0.35/kWh, deionized water costs € 0.04/L

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Other beneficial effects

- ✓ Less packaging material
- ✓ Lower transport costs and transport emissions
- ✓ Less storage space for replacement containers
- ✓ Fewer container replacement
- ✓ Less waste

Questions?



Thanks!