



Using non-fossil commercially available PAC

Laboratory tests, costs and sustainability,
experiences at full scale

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Pacas-WWTP's in NL

2016



2021



2022



2023



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Nieuwe waterweg

Katwijk

Leiden Zuid-West



Non fossil
PAC

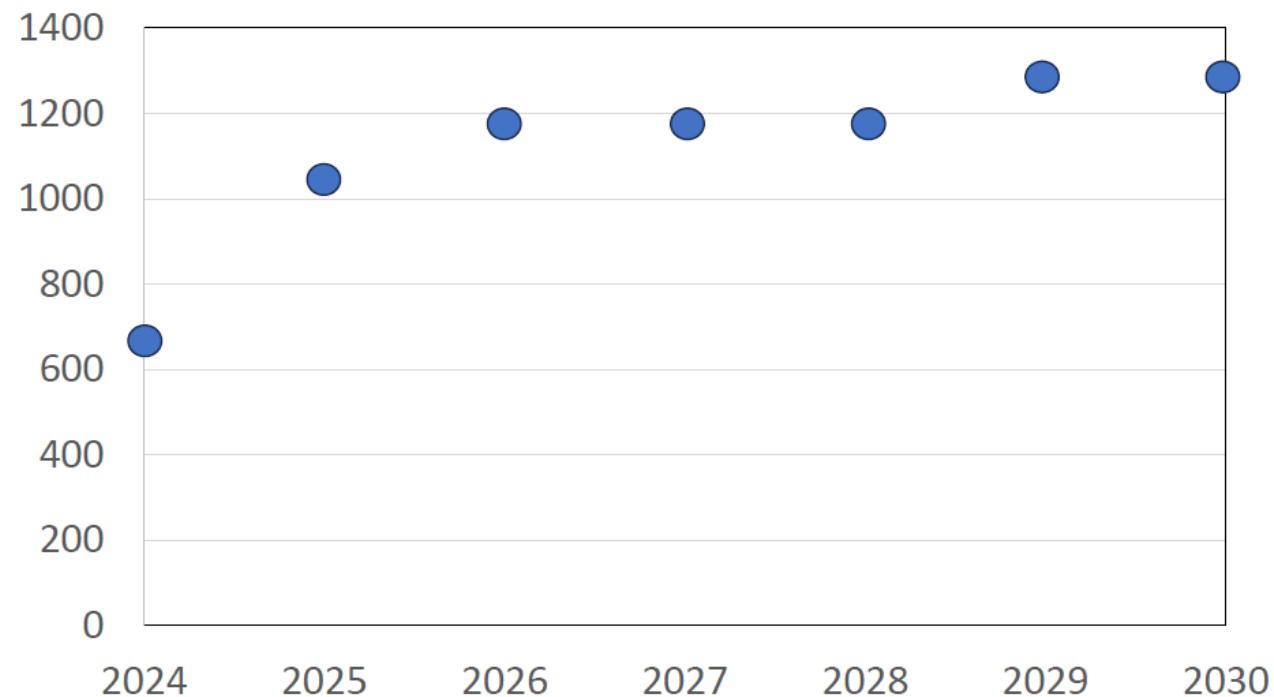
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Demand for PAC at Dutch wwtp's

Demand powdered activated carbon
in the NL

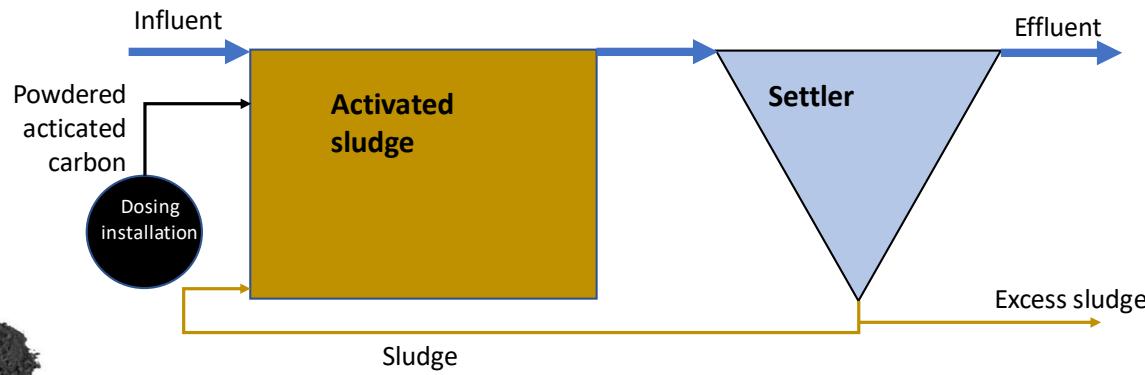


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Back to 2018

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- Powdered Activated Carbon in Activated Sludge (PACAS)
- Easy to implement
- Cost efficient



Voettekst

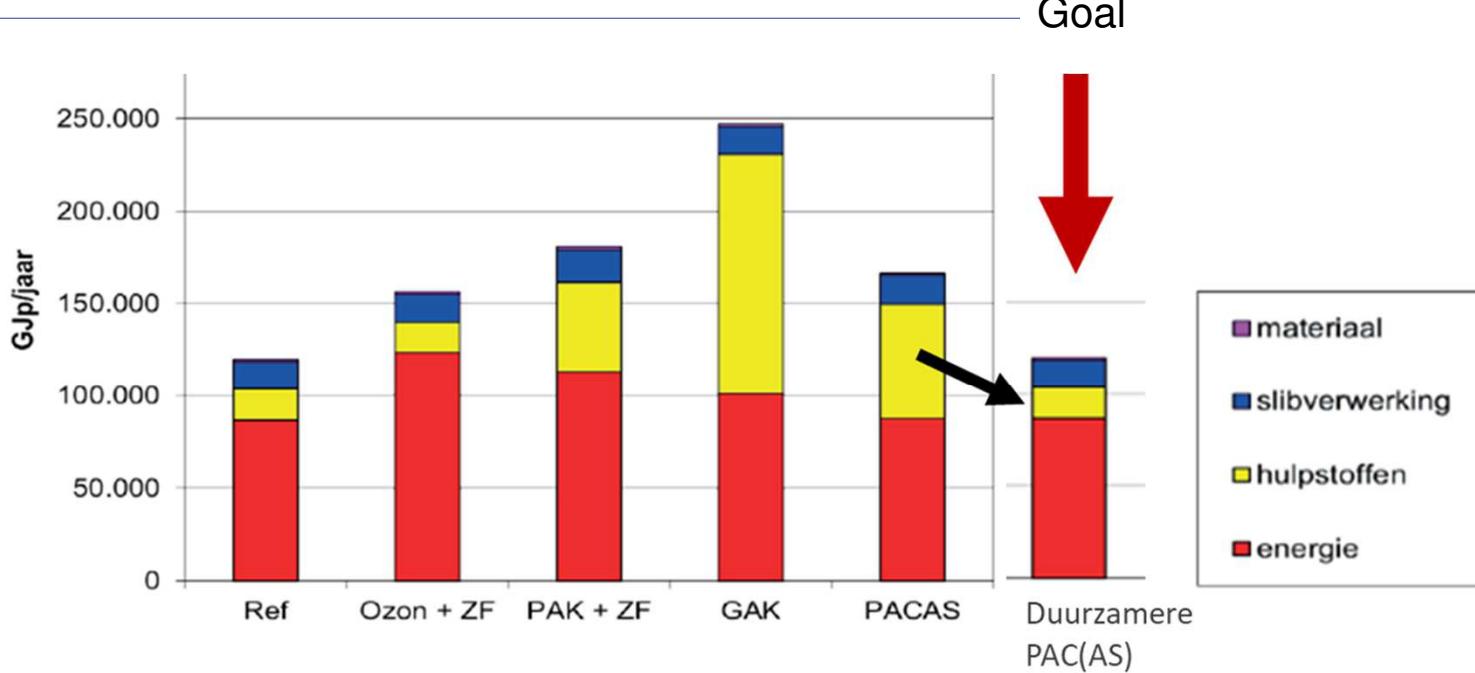


CO₂ footprint...

No recovery of PAC;
High CO₂ footprint



Feasibility study on
sustainable alternatives
(non-fossil PAC)





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Feasibility Study

Tabel 4.1: Longlist: commercieel beschikbare PAK's gemaakt uit hernieuwbaar materiaal en de referentiekool

Naam kool	Leverancier	Indicatieve kosten euro/ton	Grondstof kool	Verwijderingsrendementen micro-verontreinigingen getest?	Activatie methode
Referentie: Pulsorb WP 235	Chemviron	1.950*	Steenkool blend		stoom
Act & sorb product**	Act&sorb	>2.000	MDF afvalhout	✓	stoom
PAK C 1000 C MAR-300	Carbotech Carbon Activated Europe	1.410 8.000	kokosnoot schillen hernieuwbaar, onbekend	✓ ✓	stoom stoom
WOS-PL1000	Carbon Activated Europe	7.750	hout		stoom
WHP-11	Carbon Activated Europe	11.750	hout		chemisch
Acticarbone 2SW	Chemviron	5.100	marine dennen hout		stoom
Acticarbone ENO H	Chemviron	7.250	marine dennen hout		chemisch
C-PURE® C-pure 200-7	Desotec Desotec	4.250	hout		chemisch
Organosorb 200-1 WB	Desotec	1.940	hout		chemisch stoom
Aquasorb G9	Jacobi carbon	2.500	hout	✓	?
AquaSorb TM XP-W	Jacobi carbon	Niet bekend	gereactiveerde steenkool (deels)		?
Oxpure 325W-10	Oxbow	vertrouwelijk	hout		stoom
Oxpure 325W-12	Oxbow	vertrouwelijk	hout		stoom
Oxpure 325W-9 Pyreg kool	Oxbow Pyreg	vertrouwelijk Niet bekend	hout		stoom stoom

Reference



Possible sustainable alternatives

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- Laboratory tests; removal efficiency
- Sustainability
- Costs
- Availability organic waste streams



Laboratory tests

- Removal efficiency for indicator substances
- Both fossil as non fossil PAC

Average removal of indicator substances, dosage 20 mg PAC/l

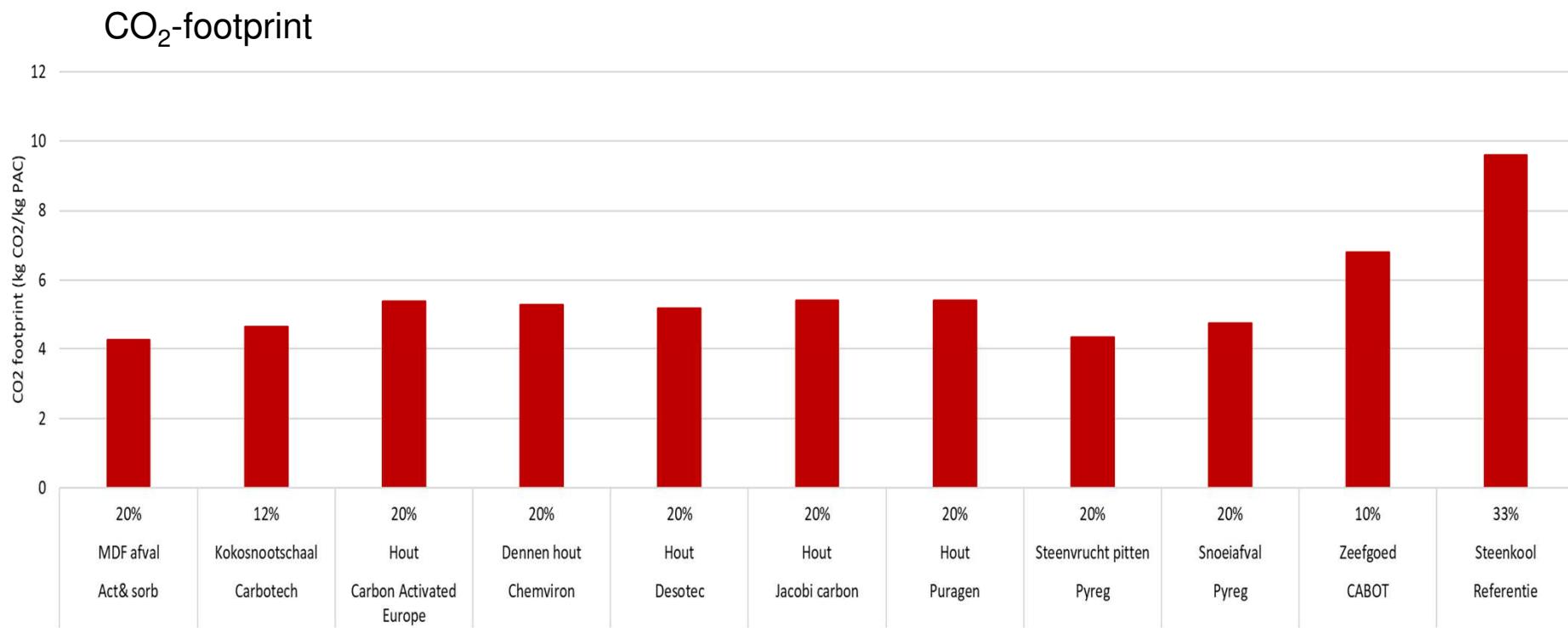
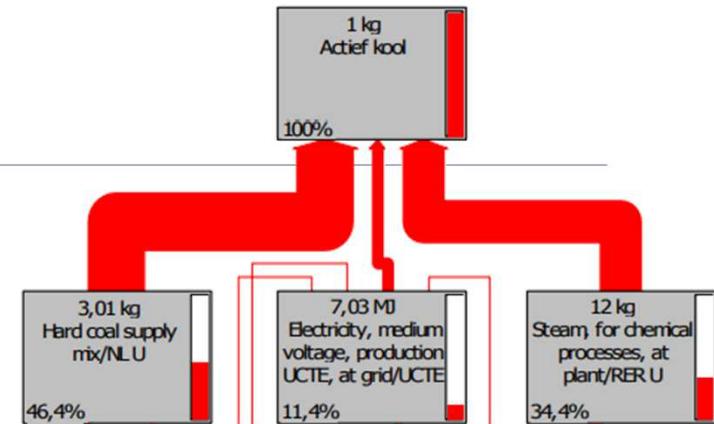


Poederkool	Gemiddelde rendement over alle 19 stoffen (gidsstoffen en	Gemiddelde rendement over de 11 gidsstoffen	Aantal stoffen dat meer of minder presteert dan referentie (meer / minder)
Referentie (Pulsorb wp235)	86%	93%	-
Puragen OxPure	90%	96%	4 / 0
Chemviron Acticarbonne 2SW	87%	94%	2 / 0
Jacobi Aquasorb G9	84%	90%	0 / 2
Carbon Activated Europe SMP 1436 MAR 300	82%	89%	0 / 4
CarboTech PAK C 1000 C	77%	84%	0 / 6
Pyreg	75%	83%	0 / 8
Desotec Organosorb 200-1 WB geactiveerd zeefgoed Wilp	63%	72%	0 / 12
	50%	57%	0 / 18

11 guiding substances: benzotriazol, claritromycine, carbamazepine, diclofenac, metoprolol, hydrochlorothiazide, mengsel van 4- en 5-methylbenzotriazool, propranolol, sotalol, sulfamethoxazol, trimethoprim.



Sustainability



Costs

PAK	PAC prijs	Dosering	Kosten
	€/ton*	g/m³	€ct/m³
Referentiekool (Pulsorb WP235)	€ 1.950	15	4,6
Act&Sorb	>€ 2.000	15	>5,8
PAK C 1000 C (Carbotech)	€1.410	20	4,6
Jacobi	€ 2.500	15	5,3
MAR-300	€ 1.600	15	4,2

* bron: STOWA 2020-19



Summary

	Unit	PACAS reference (fossil)	PACAS non-fossil
CO ₂ -footprint	g CO ₂ /m	122	64 – 127 ¹
Costs	€/m ³	0,05	0,04 – 0,06
Removal of indicator substances	% ²	70 - 75	70 - 75

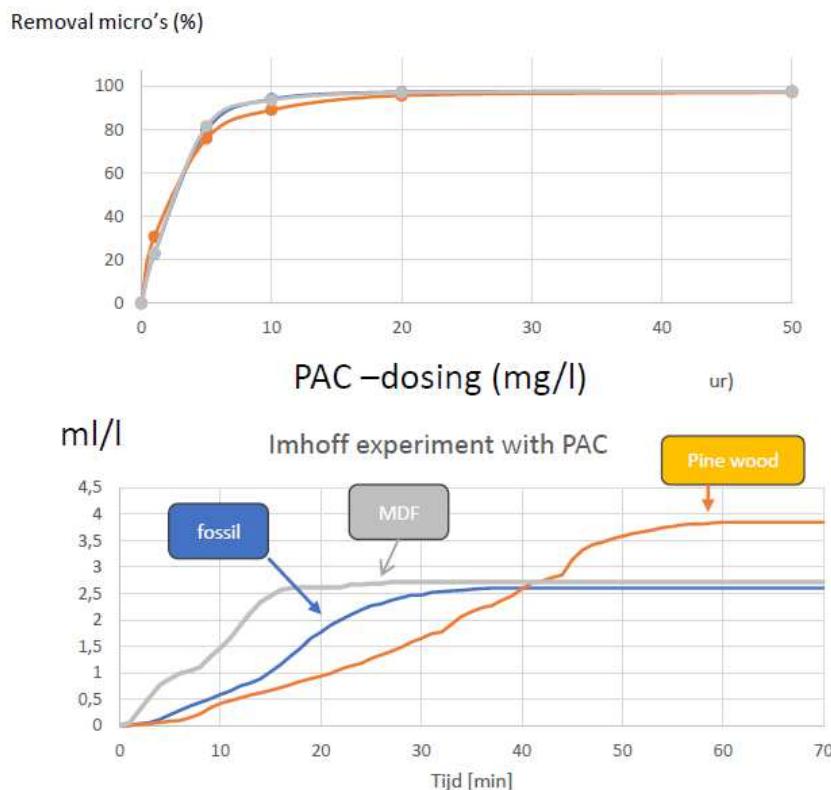
¹ CO₂ footprint of commercial available non-fossil PAC ranges from 64 – 103 gram CO₂ / m³. PAC from finesieve material results in a CO₂ emission of 127 gram because this PAC has a low removal efficiency



Experiments with fossil and non-fossil PAC

Tests at Wwtp Simpelveld and waterboard Rivierenland

	Fossile carbon	Carbon (pine wood)	Carbon (MDF)
Benchscale Efficiency micros	+	+	+
Moisture (%)	96	95	95
Density (kg/m ³)	360	230	280
Ash-% 550°C	73	25	14
Ash-% 1000°C	14	2	4



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Thank you for your attention!

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