

# Quality-assured fuels as part of an integrated waste management concept

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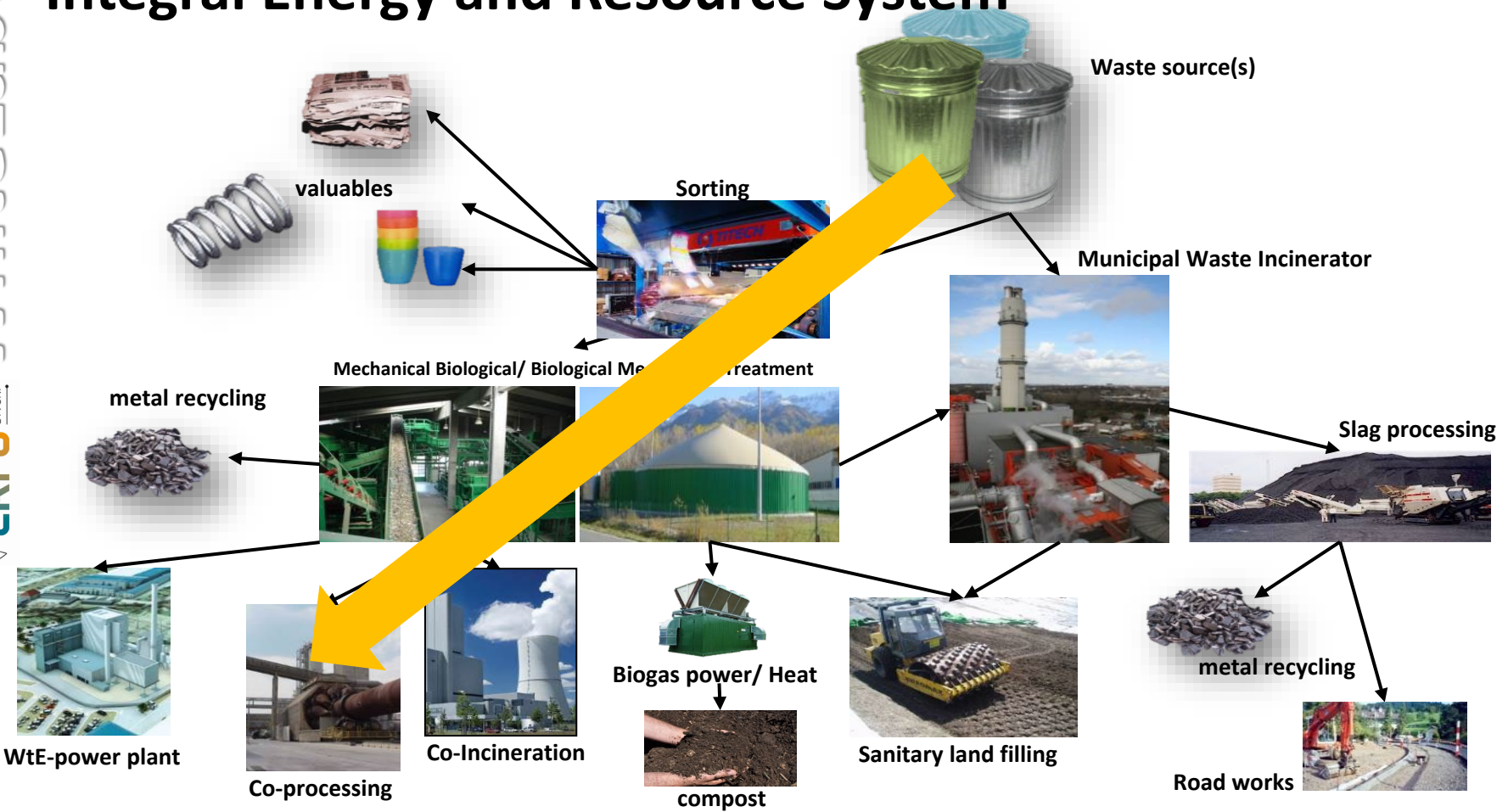
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# Integral Energy and Resource System



Waste source(s)

valuables

Sorting

Municipal Waste Incinerator

Mechanical Biological/ Biological Mechanical treatment

metal recycling

Slag processing

Biogas power/ Heat

metal recycling

WtE-power plant

Co-processing

Co-Incineration

compost

Sanitary land filling

Road works

# From waste to quality assigned fuels

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Competence

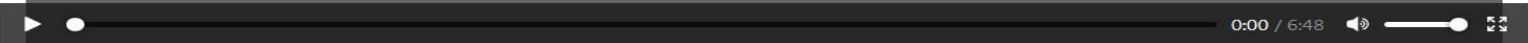
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Quality assigned  
Treating of  
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)  
to  
Calciner Fuel (RDF) and  
Main Burner Fuel (SRF)

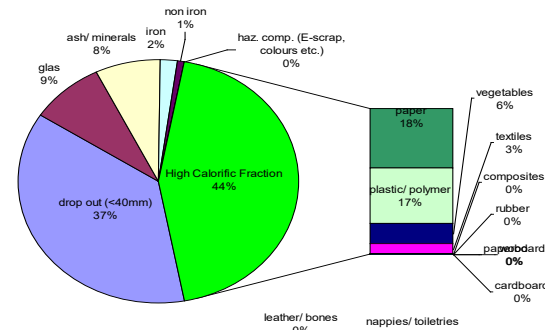


# How to proceed?



# Waste Assessment: Composition & thermal potential

Waste		resulting fuel mix	
Component	Share		
composites		Untreated waste	
rubber			
plastic/ polymer	16,5%		
wood			
textiles	3,2%		
paper	18,0%		
paperboard			
cardboard			
nappies/ toiletries			
leather/ bones			
vegetables	6,1%		1%
glas	8,6%		
iron	1,9%		
non iron	0,9%		
haz. comp. (E-scrap, colours etc.)			
ash/ minerals	7,6%		
drop out (<40mm)	37,1%		
		Hu (kJ/kg): 7.974	22.177

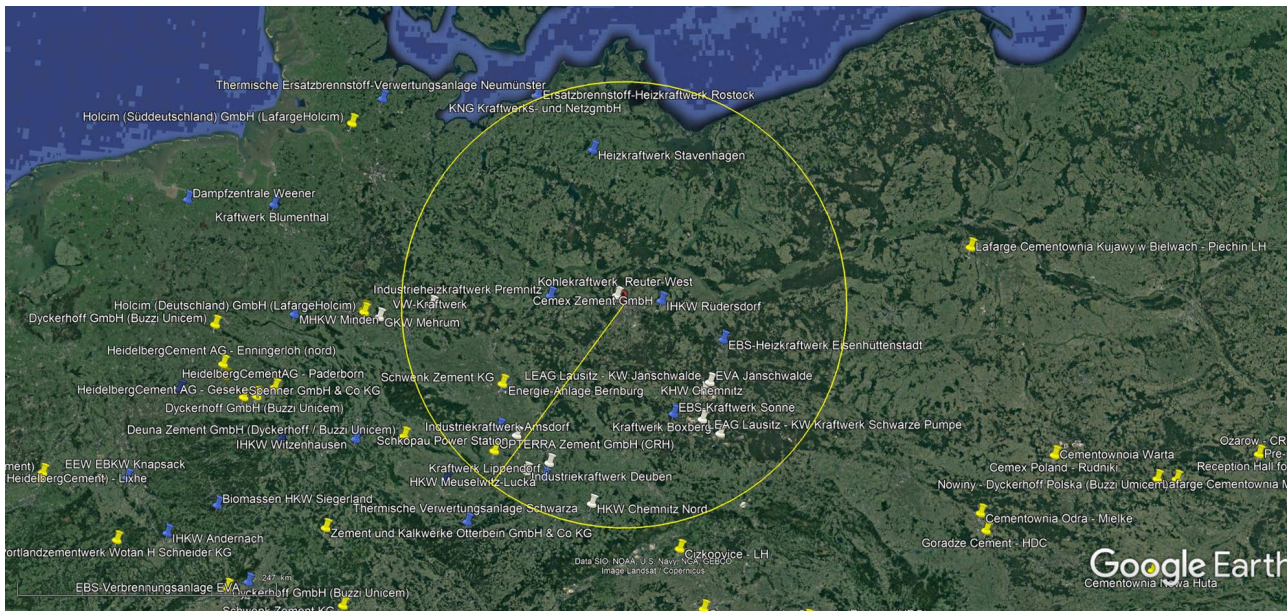





# Determination of potential/ processing strategy

Waste composition wt.-%	untreated waste	Input after bio dry + sort.	HCF	bio fraction undersize <80mm	calciner fuel (RDF)	heavy fraction (to MWI or landfill)	main burner fuel (SRF)
organic	31,0%	23,9%	7,6%	38,4%	6,4%	9,3%	2,8%
paper, cardboard, journals	11,0%	11,1%	18,9%	4,2%	22,3%	13,8%	33,5%
long living wrappings	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
Pet-wrappings	1,0%	1,0%	1,8%	0,3%	2,5%	0,9%	4,2%
exp. polystyrene	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
smooth plastics	12,0%	12,1%	20,6%	4,6%	27,8%	10,1%	53,6%
hard plastics	3,0%	3,0%	5,1%	1,1%	6,1%	3,8%	0,7%
iron	1,2%	1,2%	1,3%	1,1%	0,4%	2,5%	0,0%
glass	2,0%	2,4%	0,8%	3,8%	0,3%	1,5%	0,0%
soil + stones	2,0%	2,4%	0,5%	4,0%	0,4%	0,6%	0,0%
wood	1,0%	1,2%	2,0%	0,4%	0,7%	3,9%	0,1%
textiles	4,0%	4,7%	9,1%	0,9%	3,1%	17,7%	3,3%
divers	1,0%	1,2%	1,3%	1,1%	1,1%	1,5%	1,1%
alumina	0,8%	0,8%	0,9%	0,8%	0,7%	1,0%	0,2%
rubber + leather	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
toiletries	10,0%	11,9%	5,0%	17,9%	6,8%	2,5%	0,1%
residuals	20,0%	23,7%	25,2%	22,4%	21,3%	30,8%	0,5%
Total:	100,0%	100,7%	100,0%	101,2%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
<b>tonnage per year:</b>	<b>110.000</b>	<b>93.220</b>	<b>43.899</b>	<b>49.321</b>	<b>25.939</b>	<b>17.960</b>	<b>12.122</b>
<i>calorific value MJ/kg DM</i>	<i>8,5</i>	<i>8,9</i>	<i>12,7</i>	<i>5,5</i>	<i>14,4</i>	<i>10,1</i>	<i>21,2</i>
<b>net cv MJ/kg incl. moisture:</b>	20,0%	<b>7,1</b>	<b>10,1</b>		<b>11,5</b>		<b>17,0</b>

# Access and competition

Example: Berlin and 200 km radius



-  Integrated cement plant
-  WtE-power plant
-  Coal fired power plant

# Technical assessment

Credit: WLTP



The technical assessment shall serve you to determine the right properties:

- 1) Type of kiln and needs for adopting the processes
- 2) Energy demand and materials handling
- 3) Limitations according the raw material and fuel(s)
- 4) Limitation according to air pollution control (permission)



# Technical assessment

Whether the consistency of the waste is liquid, pasty or solid the final user defines the requirement and specification of the **Alternative Fuel and Raw materials (AFR)**, and consequently defines the requested equipment in the pre-treatment process.

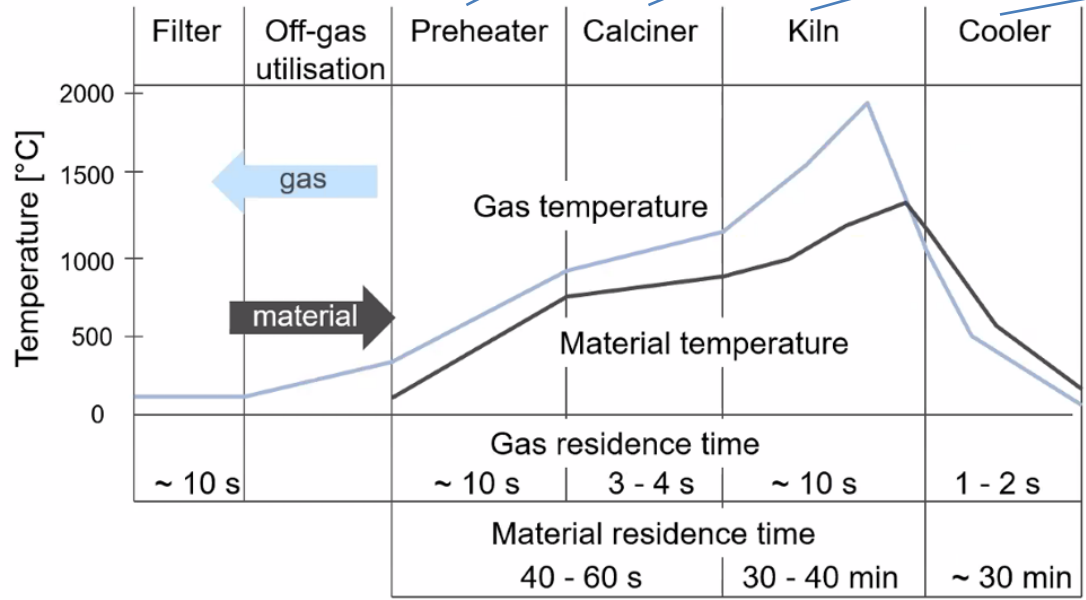
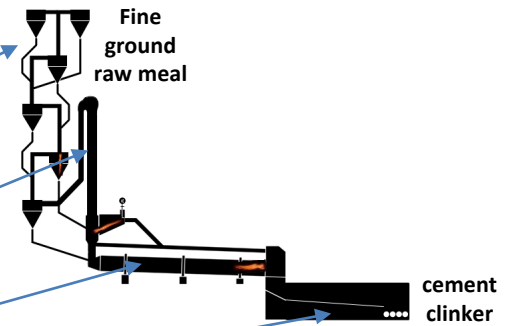
**Consequently, untreated waste cannot be used as a fuel!**

**However, when using AFs we have to respect the requirements of the**

- thermal production process,
- product quality,
- air pollution control.

**The clinker forming pyro process is not a disposal process!**

# The clinker burning process

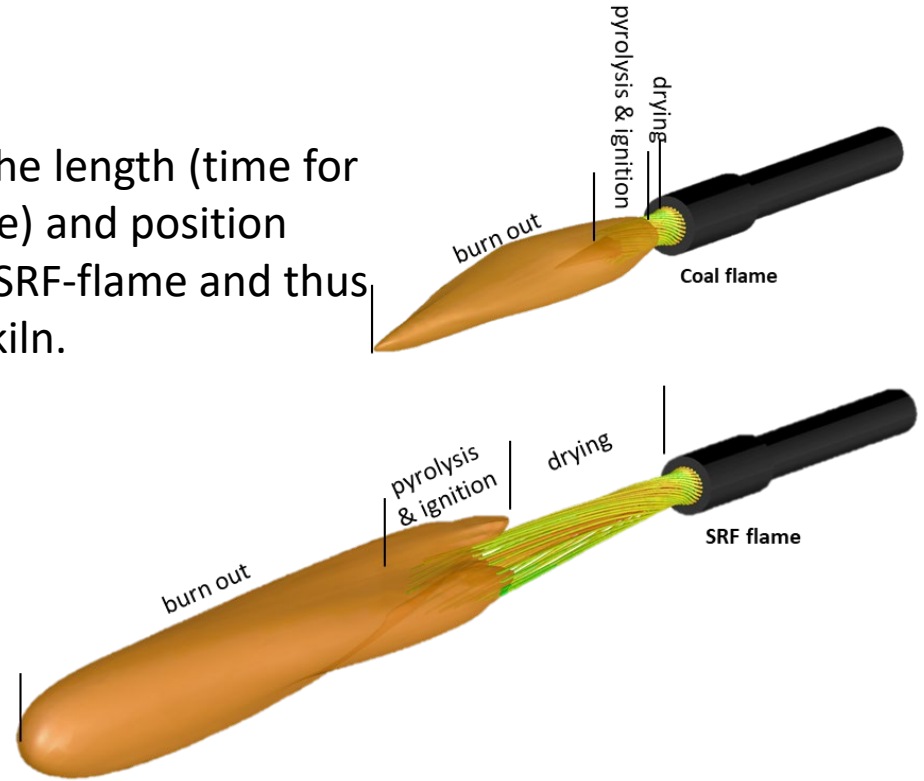


## Main characteristics:

- continuous operation
- sufficient residence time
- good material/gas interaction
- high energy efficiency of around 80%
- can handle partial melts without clogging

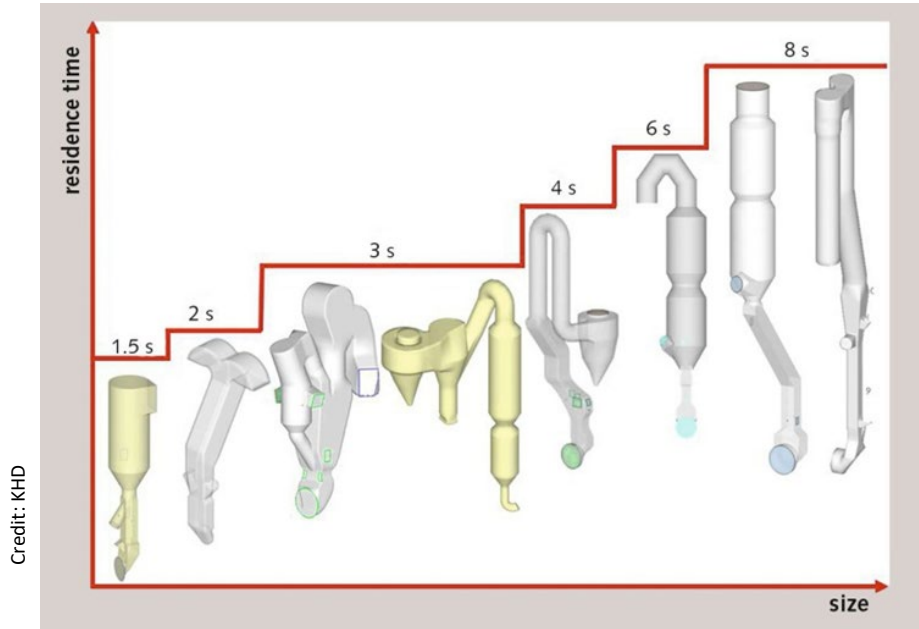
# Technical Assessment

The conditioning quality determines the length (time for drying and ignition), length (dwell time) and position (amount and type of particles) of the SRF-flame and thus the temperature profile in the rotary kiln.

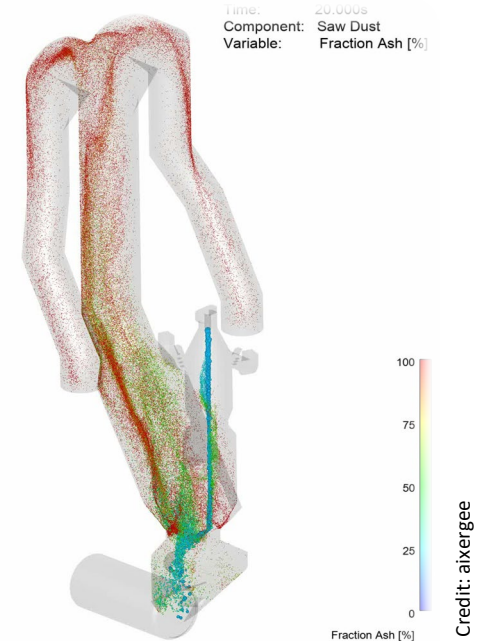


Burning carbon and hydrogen based fuels (coal, lignite, oil/ solvents, SRF or H<sub>2</sub>) results in radiant heat for the clinkerization process.

# Technical Assessment

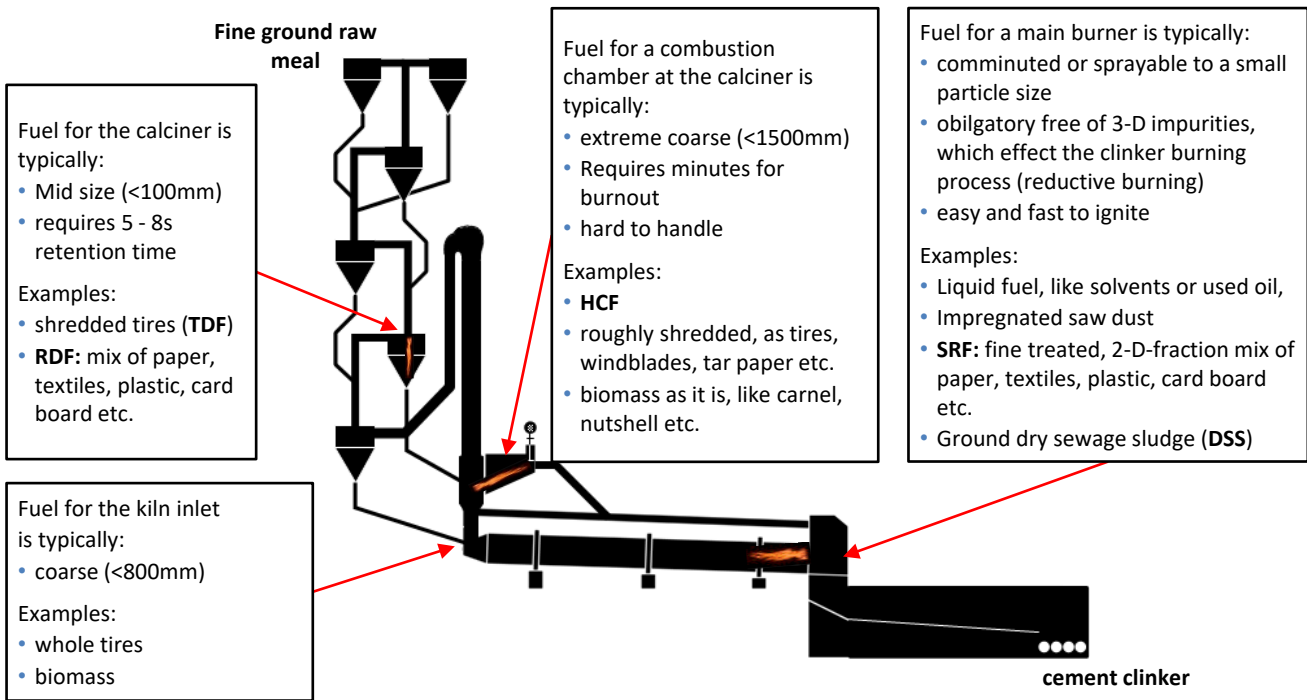


The residence time, oxygen distribution and the point of feeding defines the grain size of RDF for designing the pre-processing right.

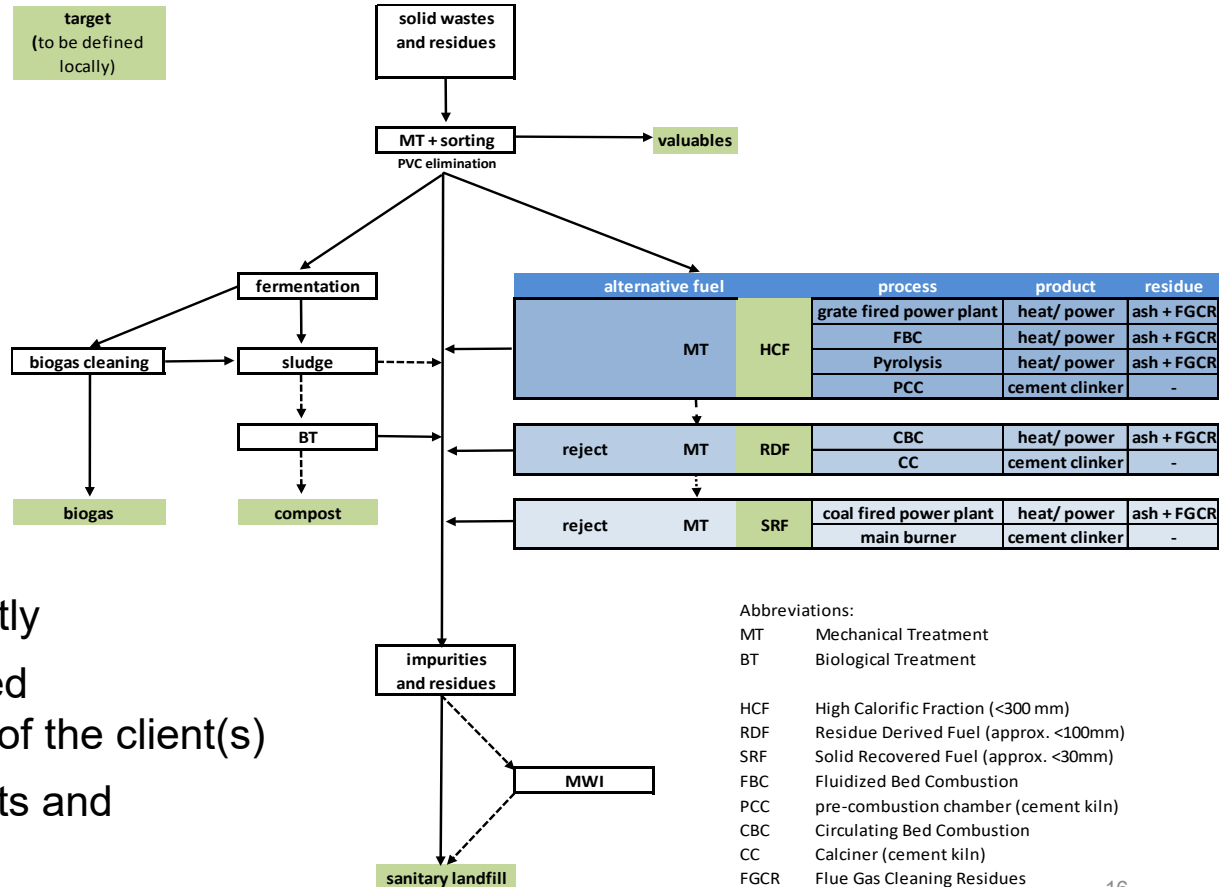


Vice versa a CFD simulation can guide to the best point of feeding for the pyro process.

# Co-processing Alternative Fuels (AFs)



# Designing the integrale system



Abbreviations:

MT Mechanical Treatment  
 BT Biological Treatment

HCF High Calorific Fraction (<300 mm)  
 RDF Residue Derived Fuel (approx. <100mm)  
 SRF Solid Recovered Fuel (approx. <30mm)  
 FBC Fluidized Bed Combustion  
 PCC pre-combustion chamber (cement kiln)  
 CBC Circulating Bed Combustion  
 CC Calcliner (cement kiln)  
 FGCR Flue Gas Cleaning Residues  
 MWI Municipal Waste Incinerator

- ✓ Define the target(s) correctly
- ✓ Set the plant to the required characteristics and needs of the client(s)
- ✓ Consider all long-term costs and revenues in the design

# Important note:

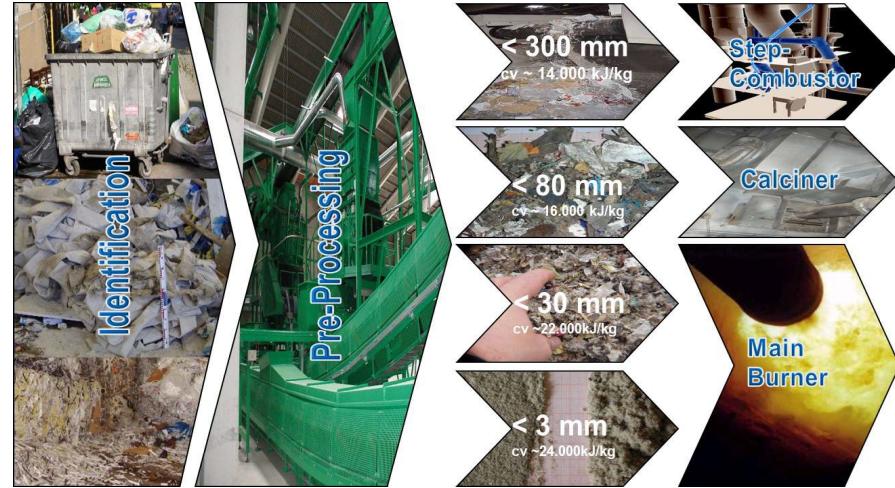
If a pre-processing is planned, **both results** are required from

- a) **technical assessment**
- b) **thermal potential of the waste**

**The waste potential and the performance of the kiln determine the required design of the pre-treatment plant and thus the necessary investment.**

However, if the conditioning plant reaches its limits, the rotary **kiln must be adapted.**

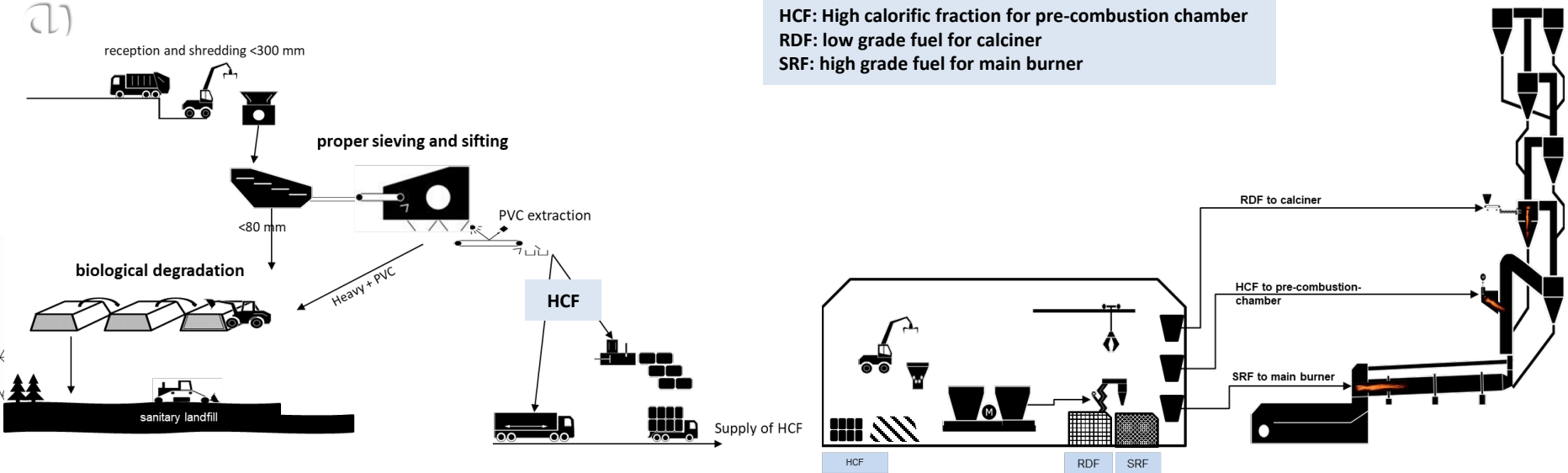
It should be noted that **only a sensible and favourable - not a cheap -** solution will lead to a sustainable and long-term security of supply for the kiln operation with a high thermal substitution rate (TSR).





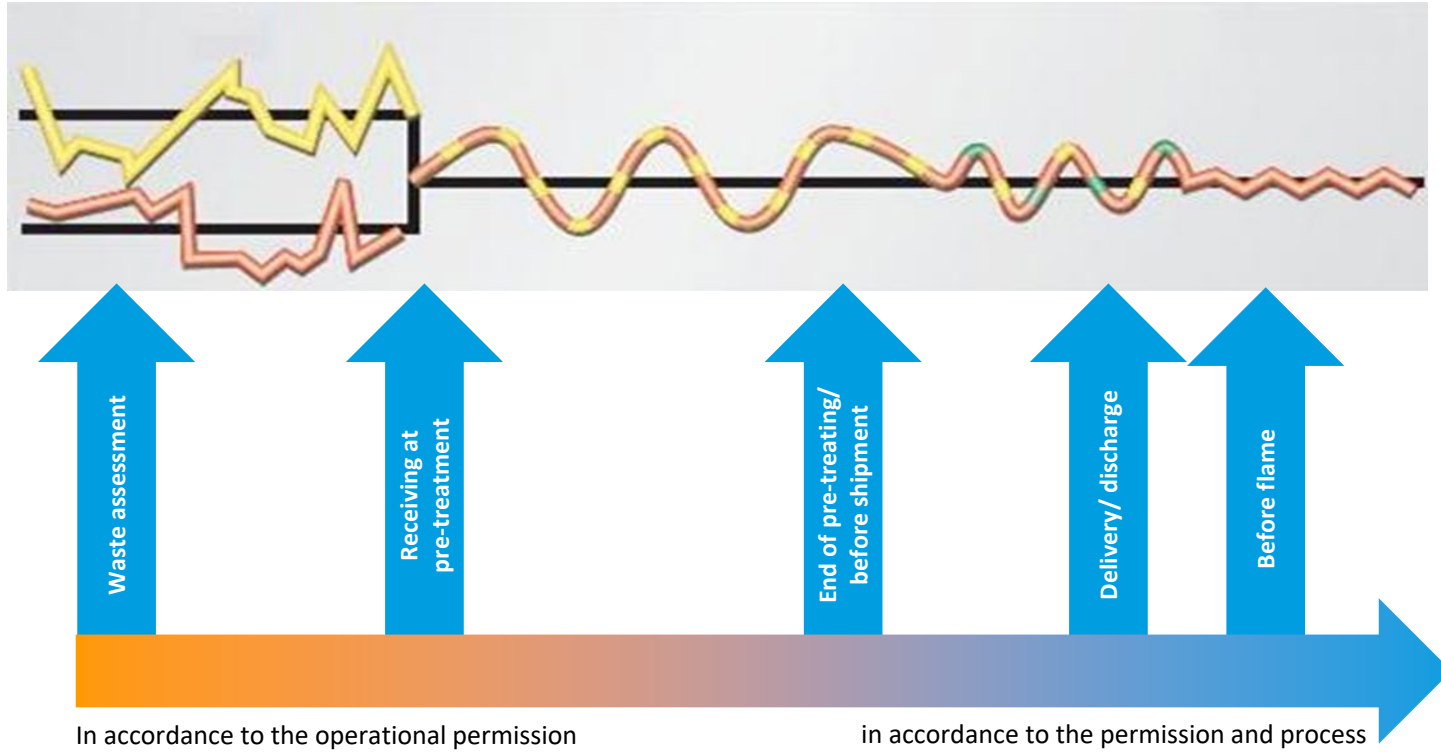


# Proposed solution for integrating the clinker burning process into a sustainable waste management system



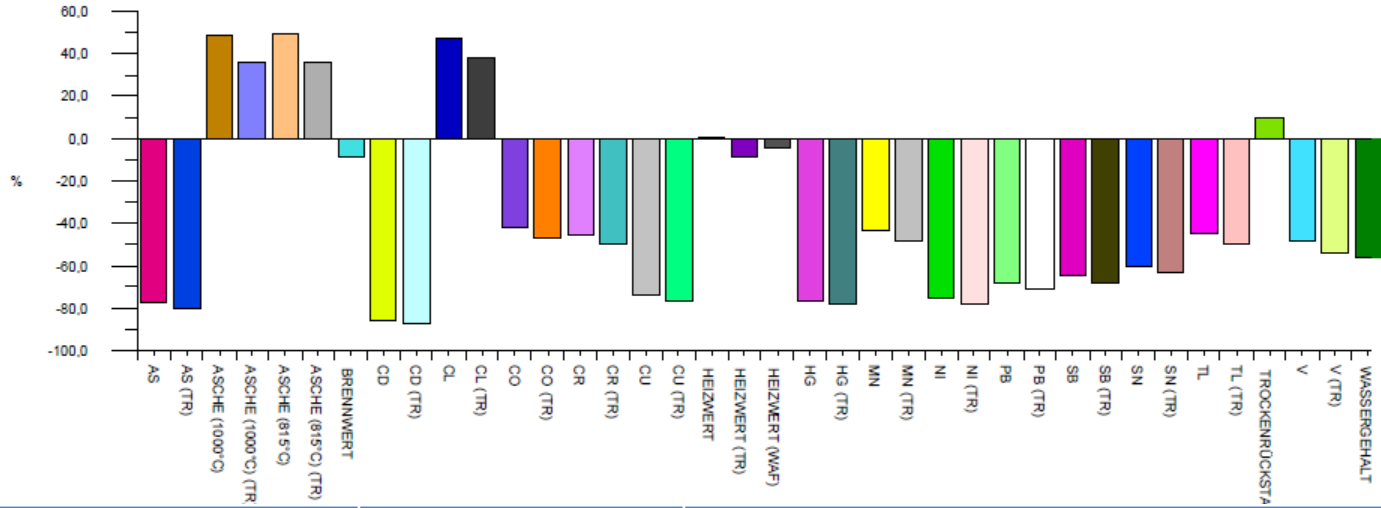
Parallel to the pre- and co-processing processes, it is mandatory to monitor the AF qualities in terms of process, product and emissions.

# Quality targets



# Monitoring the individual access parameters

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Objective	Remark	Counter measure
ash content (on 815°C resp. 1000°C)	above 10%	install a more suitable screening system
chlorine	above 0,5%	install NIR
Lower/ gross cv	Safety distance too small	Corresponds to the moisture content, meaning homogenization or to dry...

# Viability

## How to develop a contract for supply:

When several agreed parameters and its value are analysed by norm for the delivery period, the statistical median value can be calculated from all results for the regular billing.

Finally, the settlement basis and tolerance are set in advance, so that the billing is based on the results of the deviation.

**This is the answer to why there is no "market price" for alternative fuels!**

**Each client has its individual set of tolerance for positive and negative factors of influence, based on the previous technical assessment regarding process, product and the emissions.**

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Sekundärbrunnstoff AWG  
Qualitätsüberwachung zum GfM-Einwert  
Gewährleistungen

Datum der Probenahme		Umfang	Profil	Herkunftsart	Probentyp	2008									
03.01.2009	18.30	24			Einzelprobe	Schmelze in kg/trockn	Fl-D	Ache	H <sub>2</sub> O	Cl	Heizwerte	Hu (i. rot)	Werk	Brennstoffart	
05.01.2009	4.00	34		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	in %	in %	in %	in %	in %	in %	in %			
10.01.2009	14.30	89		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.04	79.65	10.35	6.82	0.71	4316	18071	K	Brennstoffart	
11.01.2009	18.30	75		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.06	84.24	7.82	6.37	0.78	5438	22709	K	Brennstoffart	
13.01.2009	18.30	89		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	78.70	17.35	5.43	0.40	4528	18950	K	Brennstoffart	
16.01.2009	15.00	104		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	84.24	7.82	6.37	0.78	5438	22709	K	Brennstoffart	
20.01.2009	18.00	129		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	78.70	17.35	5.43	0.40	4528	18950	K	Brennstoffart	
22.01.2009	17.00	155		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	84.24	7.82	6.37	0.78	5438	22709	K	Brennstoffart	
23.01.2009	4.15	159		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	78.70	17.35	5.43	0.40	4528	18950	K	Brennstoffart	
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02.02.2009	17.45	242		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	78.70	17.35	5.43	0.40	4528	18950	K	Brennstoffart	
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07.02.2009	17.00	270		Eringerloh	Einzelprobe	0.09	78.70	17.35	5.43	0.40	4528	18950	K	Brennstoffart	
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Anzahl		15				15									
Minimumwerte						0.04	78.70	7.82	2.81	0.28	4316	18071			
Maximumwerte						0.09	85.13	17.35	8.47	0.83	5449	22815			
Mittelwert						0.07	81.23	10.62	6.74	0.60	4960	20767			

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# Viability

## How to draw up a supply contract

		calorific value (inferior)		
		<16 MJ/kg	16 MJ/kg	>16 MJ/Kg
Correction factor	per t per MJ/kg	-2,00 €	0,00 €	2,00 €
		chlorine content		
Concentration		< 0,9%	0,90%	> 0,9%
Correction factor	per t per 0,1%	3,00 €	0,00 €	-3,00 €
		moisture content		
Concentration		< 20%	20%	> 20%
Correction factor	per t per %	1,50 €	0,00 €	-1,50 €
		biomass content		
Concentration		<30%	30%	>30%
Correction factor	per t per %	-2,00 €	5,00 €	2,00 €

Incidentally, this billing basis can be extended or shortened as desired for the supply contracts. And, this also shows very clearly that it is always worthwhile to assess the composition and properties of the intended waste in detail first and to align the processing plant accordingly (invest) in order to produce tailor-made qualities (quality assurance).

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**Settlement basis per ton (delivery contract):** 20,00 €

### Pricing based on a bonus/malus agreement

Example 1:	Median value/ month	in accordance to committed norms	
calorific value MJ/kg	17,32	= (17,32 MJ/kg – 16 MJ/kg)*2€	2,64 €/t
chlorine	1,14%	...and so on/ see above	-7,20 €/t
moisture	30,0%	-"	-15,00 €/t
biomass content	31,8%	-"	8,60 €/t
<b>Purchase price:</b>			<b>-10,96 €/t</b>

Example 2:	Median value/ month		
calorific value MJ/kg	22,00	-"	12,00 €/t
chlorine	0,50%	-"	12,00 €/t
moisture	12,0%	-"	12,00 €/t
biomass content	15,0%	-"	-25,00 €/t
<b>Purchase price:</b>			<b>31,00 €/t</b>

# Now you can bill on monthly base

- ✓ Verification of the agreed parameters
- ✓ agreed on comprehensible norms and methods
- ✓ in accordance to the legal frame
- ✓ as an honourable merchant

**Agreed base amount per ton**

- + Bonus/ penalty due to process parameters
- + Bonus per increase of CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral ingredients/ behaviour
- penalty per amount of fossil ingredients
- penalty per harming impurities such as water, Cl etc.



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**gate fee to/ revenue from cement plant**



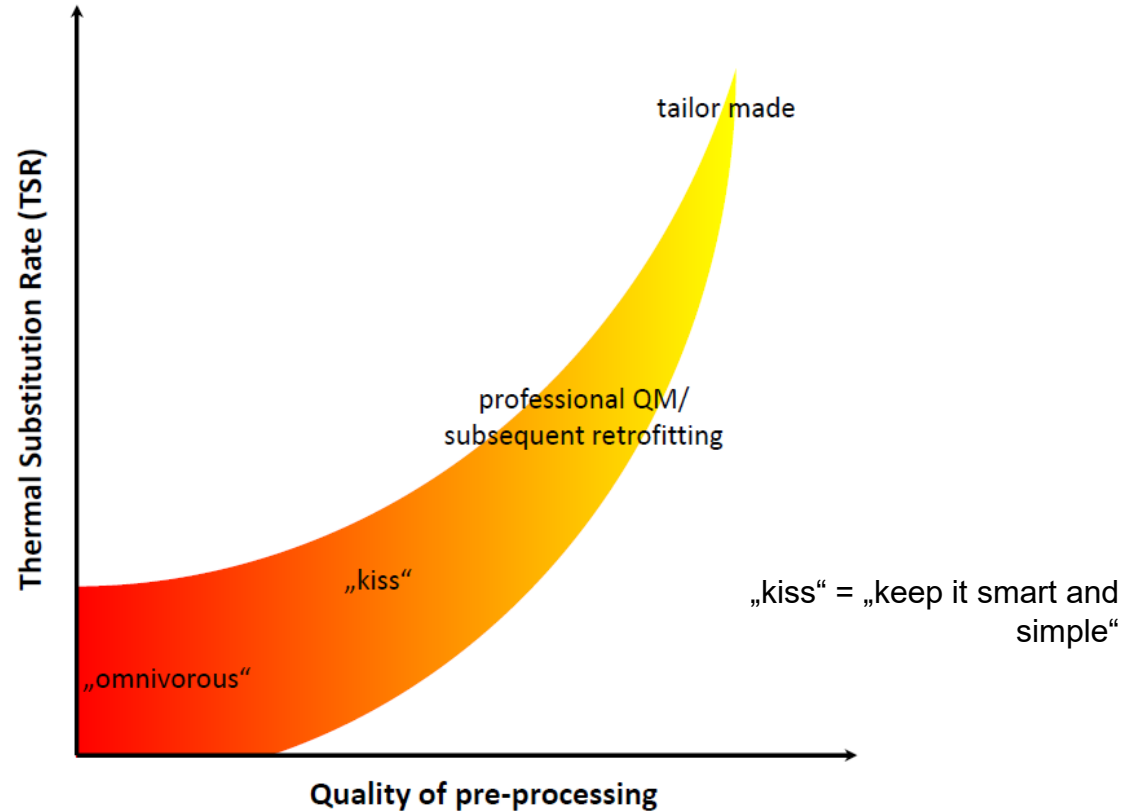


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# Monitoring the Quality



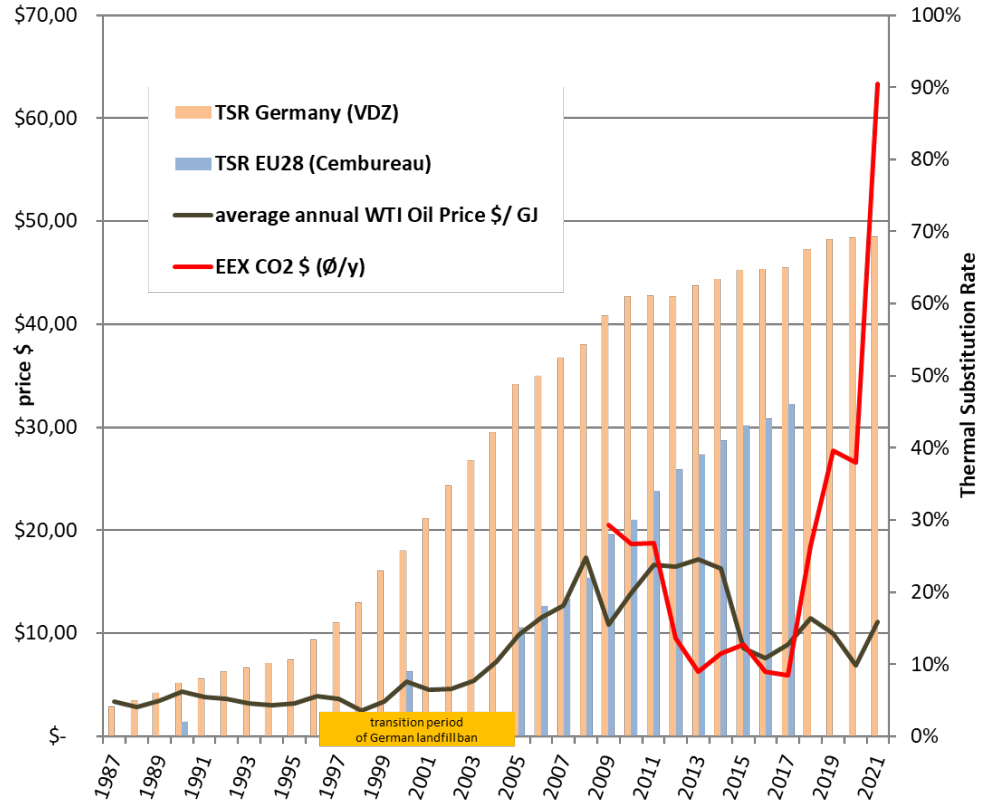
# Economical Framework

## 4) Primary energy price:

The current oil price is still higher than in 1998 (14,39\$/bbl) when the German Cement Industry starts its dog run to get the pole position before landfilling is prohibited by law from June, 2005.

Since the oil price peak in 2013 the profitability of AF projects are regionally made on the individual bench mark test.

$H_u$  WTI Oil: 41,9 GJ/t  
1t = 7,33 barrels



# Economical Framework

## 5) Primary energy costs

Roughly 26% of the cement making process are energy costs. Depending on the technology the clinker burning process varies from ~6 kJ/ kg clinker (wet process) to ~3 kJ/ kg clinker (dry process).

Since the first oil price „shock“ (1979) the cement industry started to seek for a cheaper energy source, and switched to lignite, which also marks the specification of proper SRF today.

Later, fluid or solid, pre-treated hazardous waste derived fuels and non-hazardous waste derived fuels are used for co-processing. Now, the financial optimization process has reached the whole process chain regarding its high competitive situation on the waste market as well as on the cement market.

The thermal substitution rate (TSR) indicates the use of alternative fuels against fossil fuels standardized to its net calorific value.

The benefit of AFR is by saving primary energy costs and today to substitute alternative fuels against those with a better gate fee.

