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# **Life Cycle Costing**

## **Applied to waste management**

## | **Waste Management Systems**

- Circular Economy
- Evolution of Waste Management
- Waste Hierarchy

## | **LCA of Waste Systems**

- Zero burden approach
- System boundaries

## | **LCC as a complement to LCA**

## | **LCC Methodology**

- LCC types
- Cost types

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## | **Case Study I**

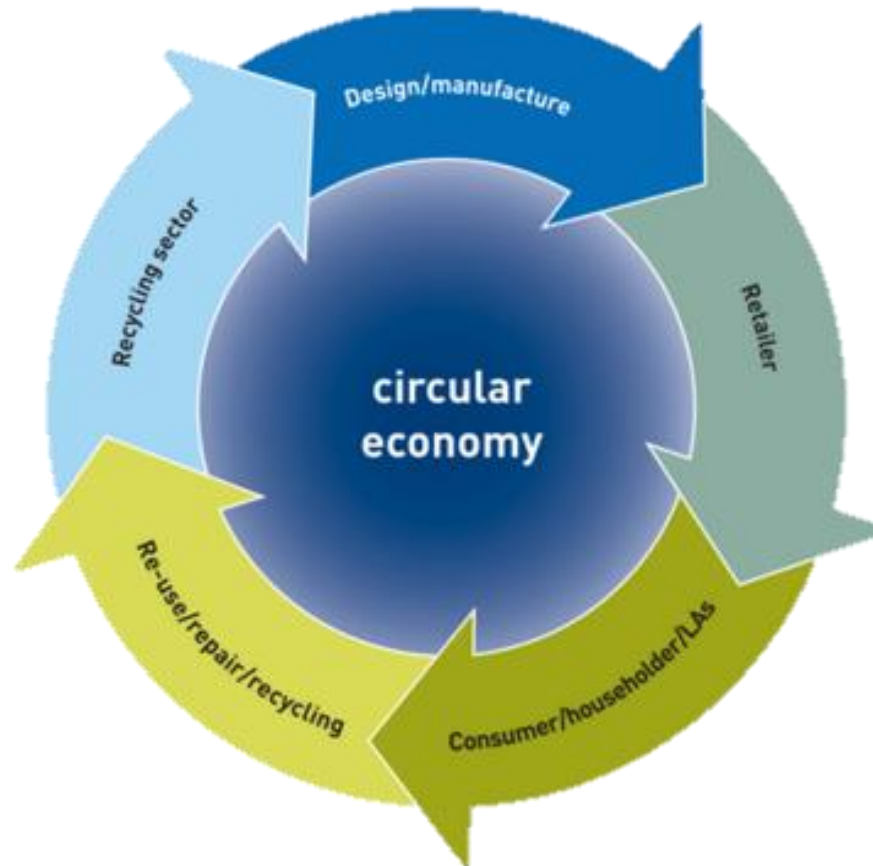
## | **Case Study II**

## | **Conclusions**

### **Learning Objectives**

- I. Key aspects of WMS
- II. Key aspects of LCA of WMS
- III. Types of LCCs
- IV. Key aspects of LCC of waste systems

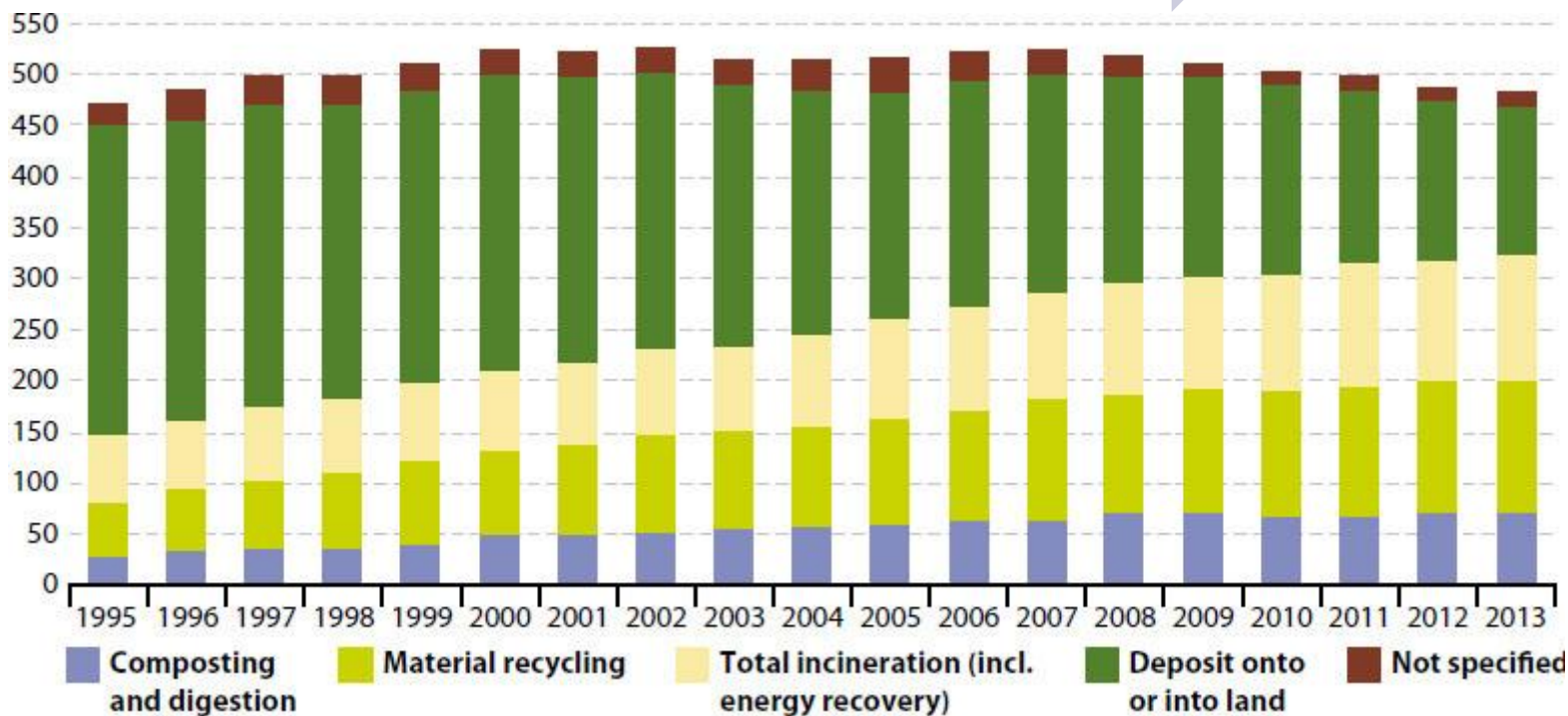
# CIRCULAR ECONOMY



# WASTE MANAGEMENT OVER TIME

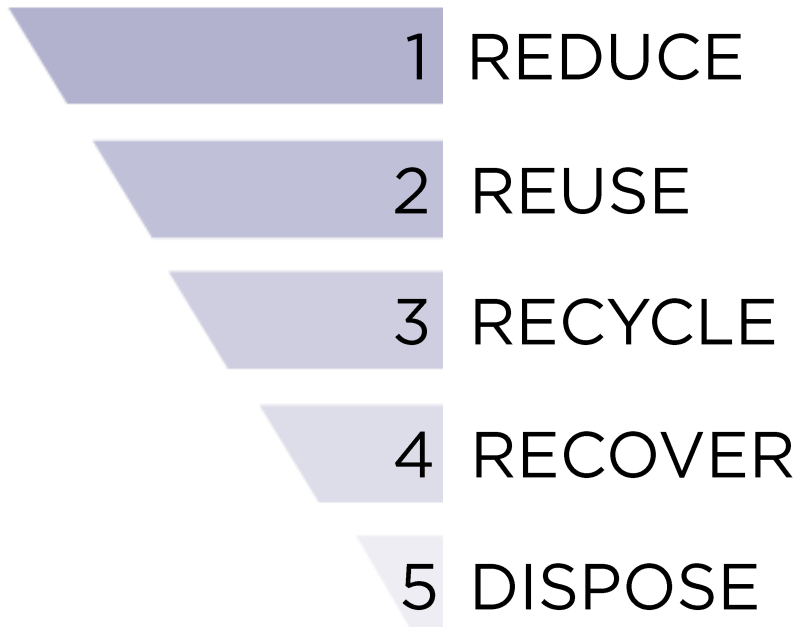
Simple Control of Emissions

Resource Recovery Sector



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# WASTE HIERARCHY



To target resource efficiency:

- Local consideration
- Break even points

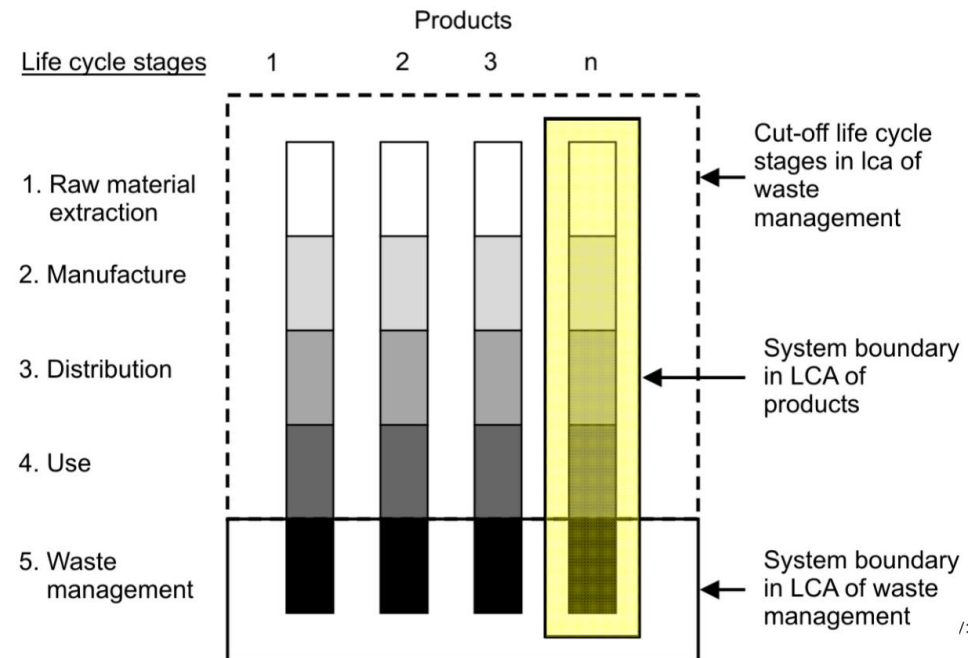
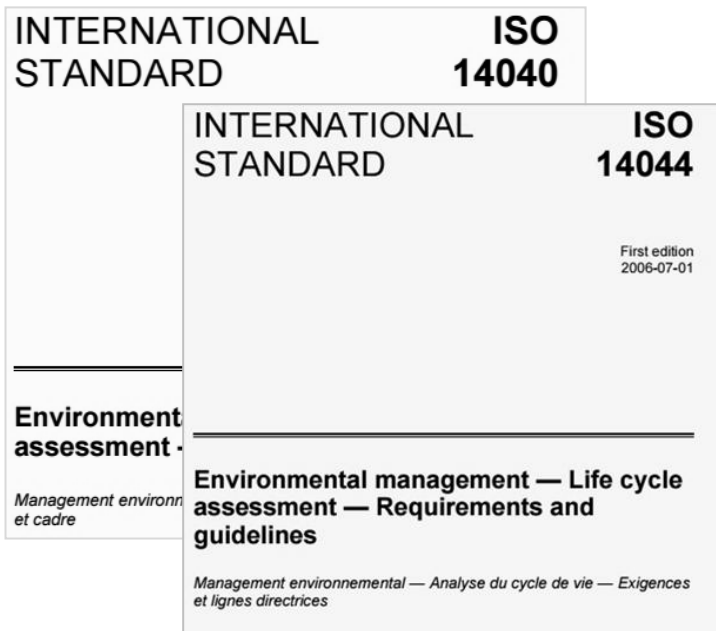
Environmental impact assessment can be used for that.



# **LCA of Waste Systems**

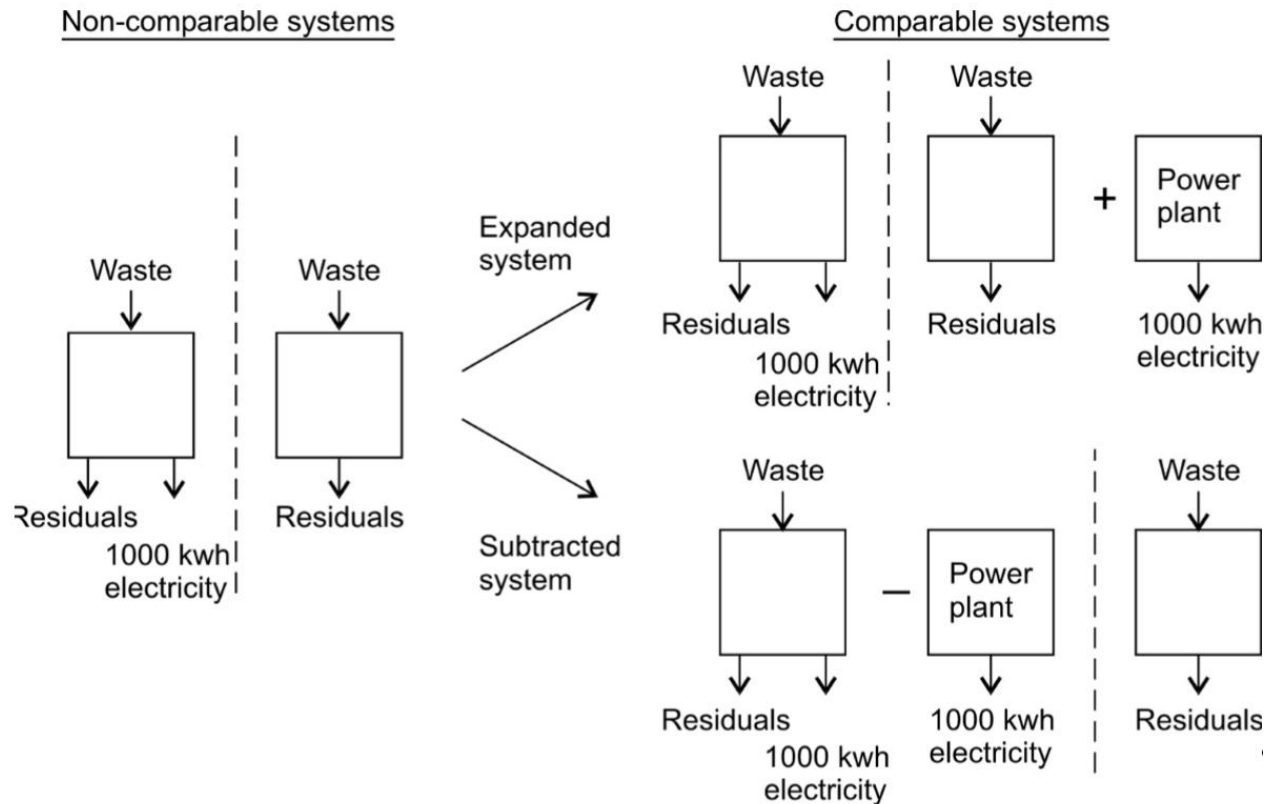
# ZERO BURDEN APPROACH

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)  
is a broadly accepted  
DECISION SUPPORT TOOL for  
ENVIRONMENTAL assessment



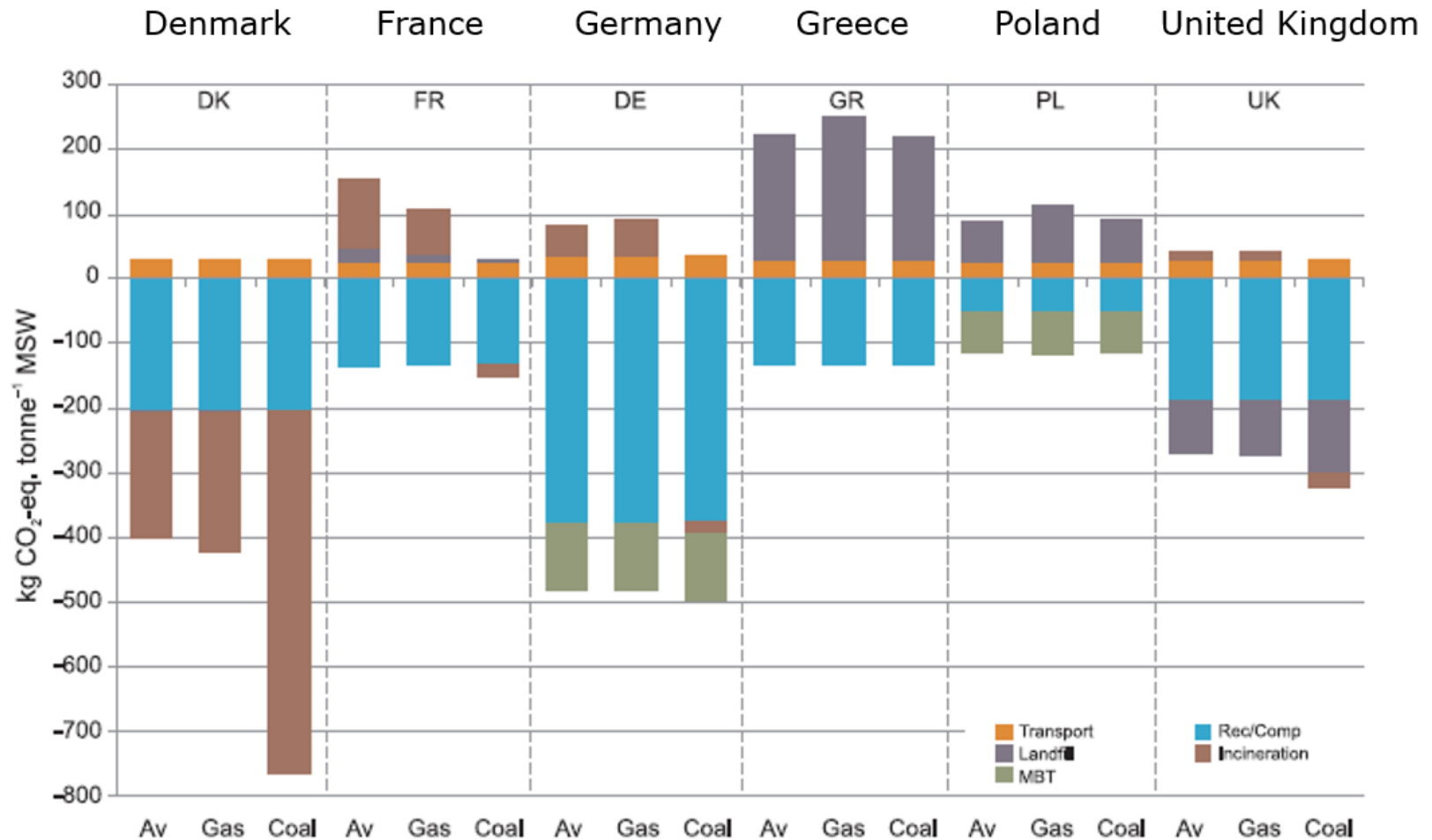
Zero Burden Approach is commonly  
used in waste LCA.

# SYSTEM BOUNDARIES





# ENERGY IMPORTANCE

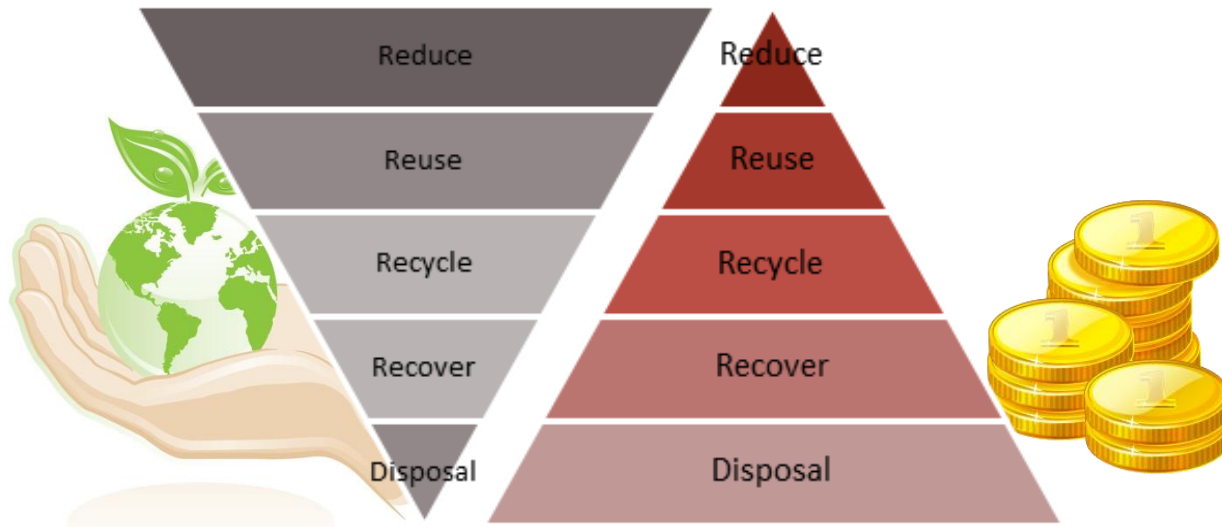




**LCC to support LCA**

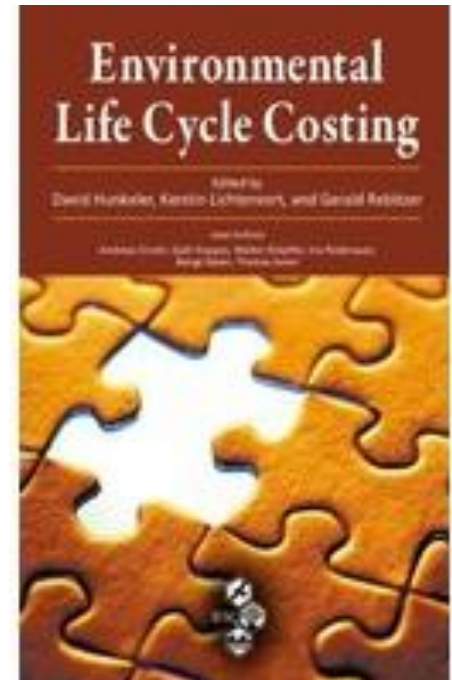
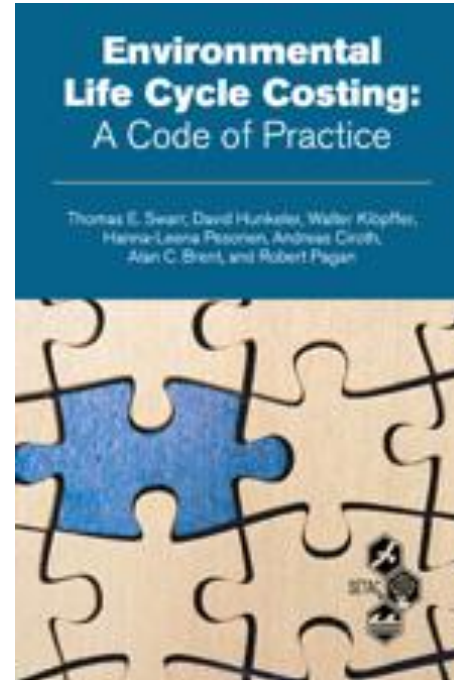
# LCC to support LCA I

- | Waste decision-makers are interested in ENVIRONMENT and BUDGET constraints.
- | Independent assessments often based on different assumptions
- | Lack of integrated assessment limits the value of both assessment tools.



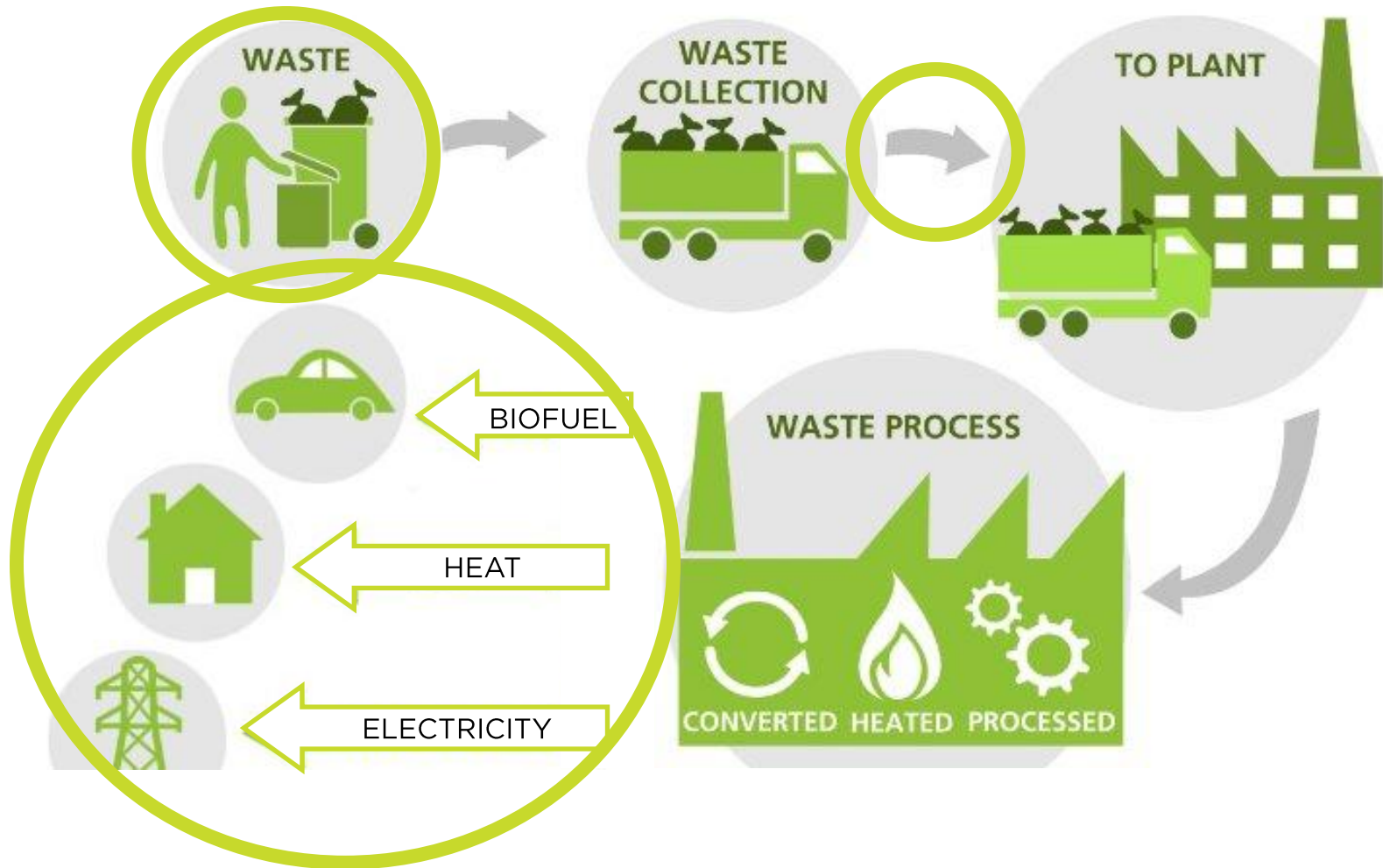
# Generic LCC methodology

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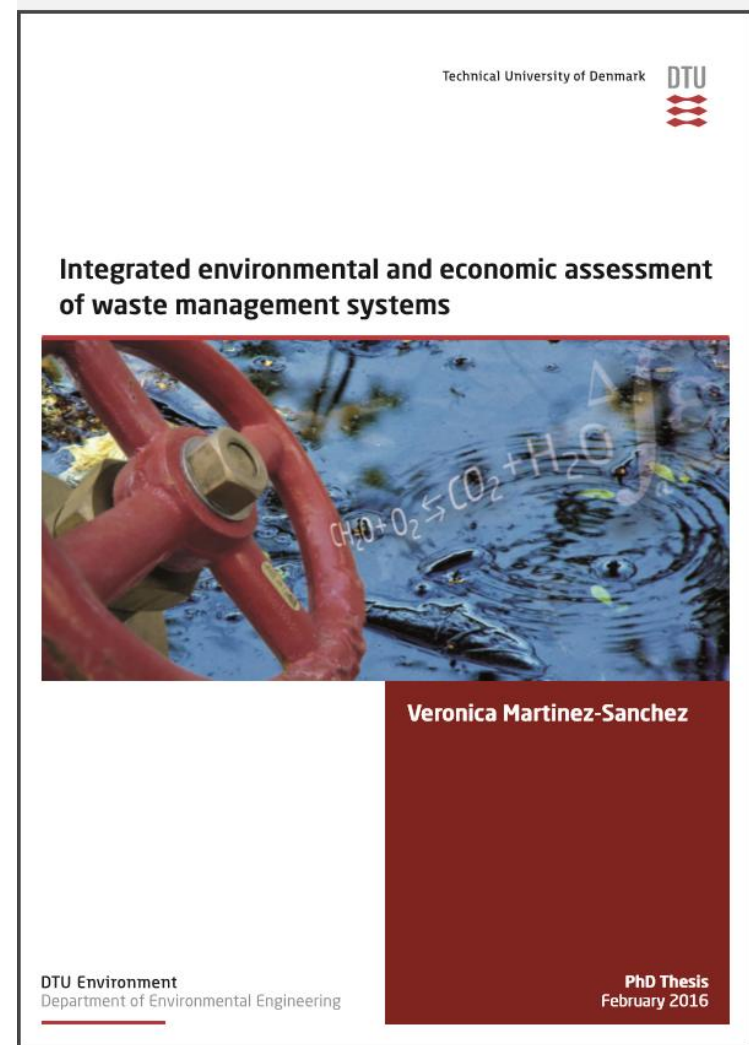


- Hunkeler and Swarr suggested Life Cycle Costing as consistent framework with LCA.
- Generic guidelines for common product and services.

# Waste Specifications



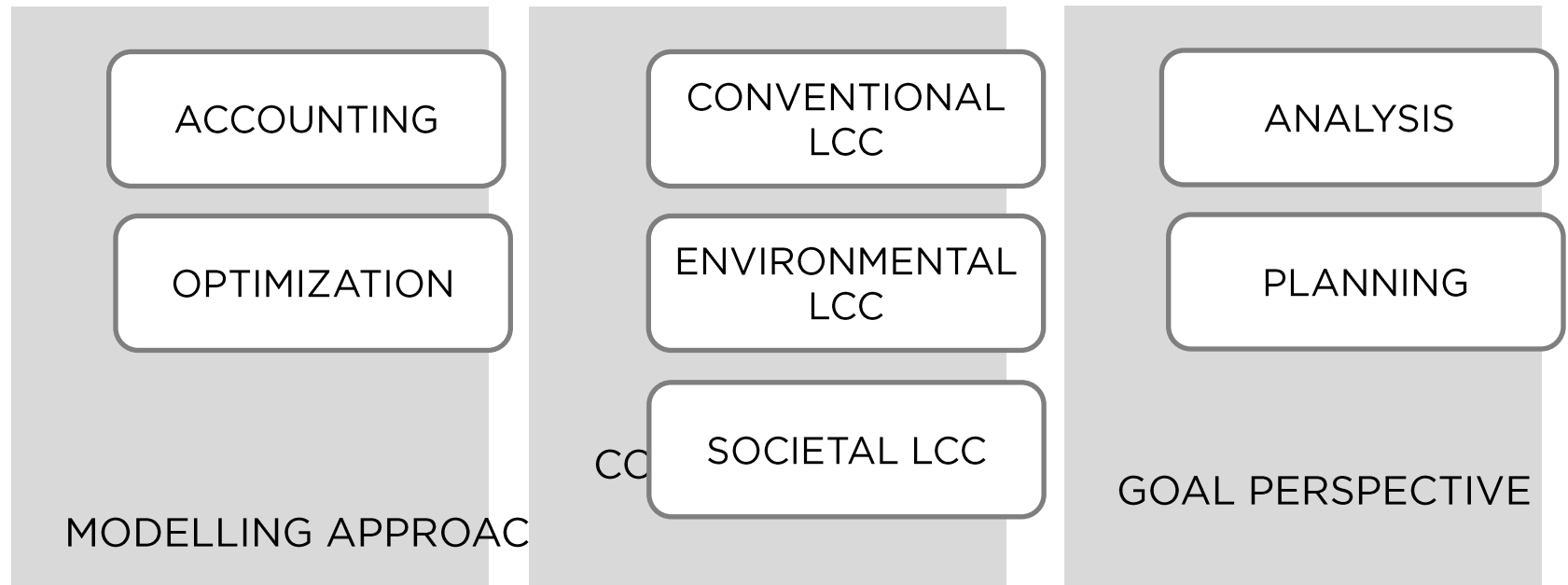
To provide a framework  
for performing **economic  
assessment** of **Solid  
Waste Management**  
systems with different  
levels of LCA integration





# **LCC Methodology**

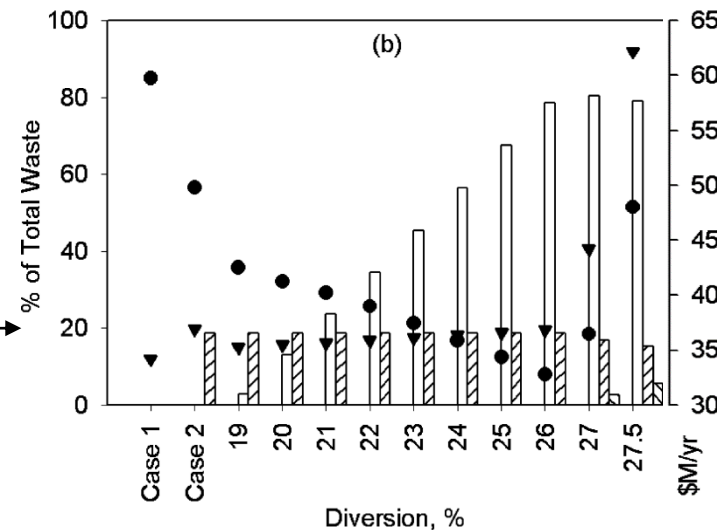
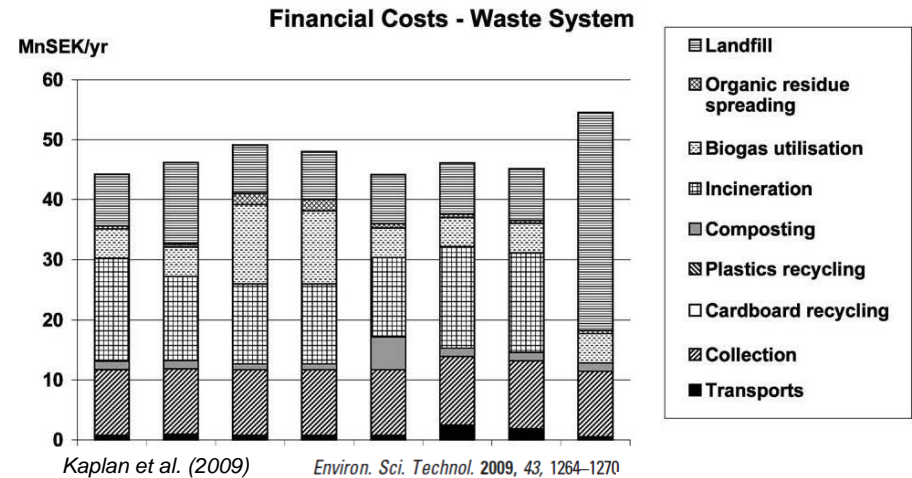
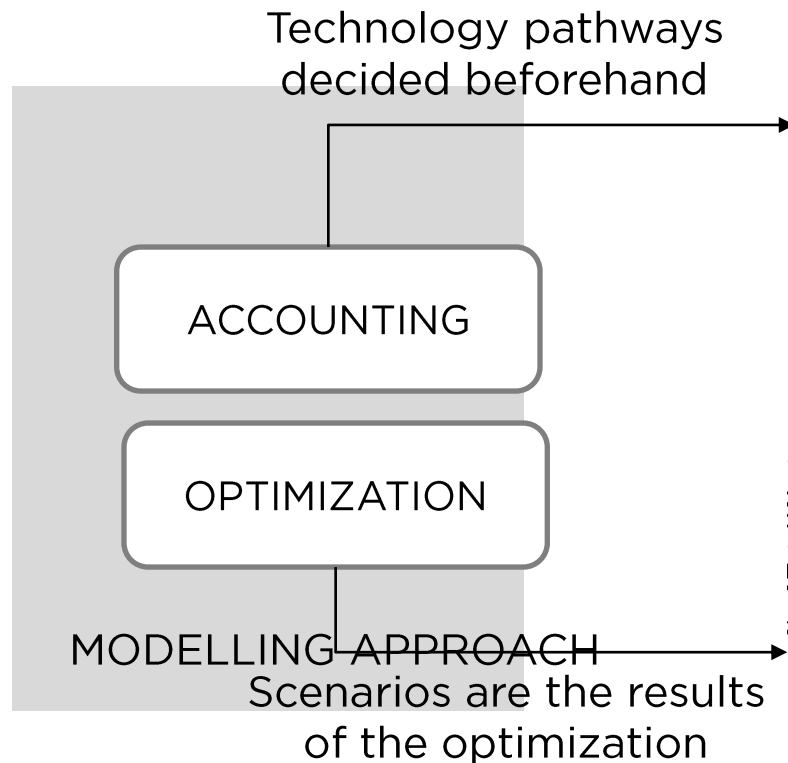
## LCC Method Umbrella



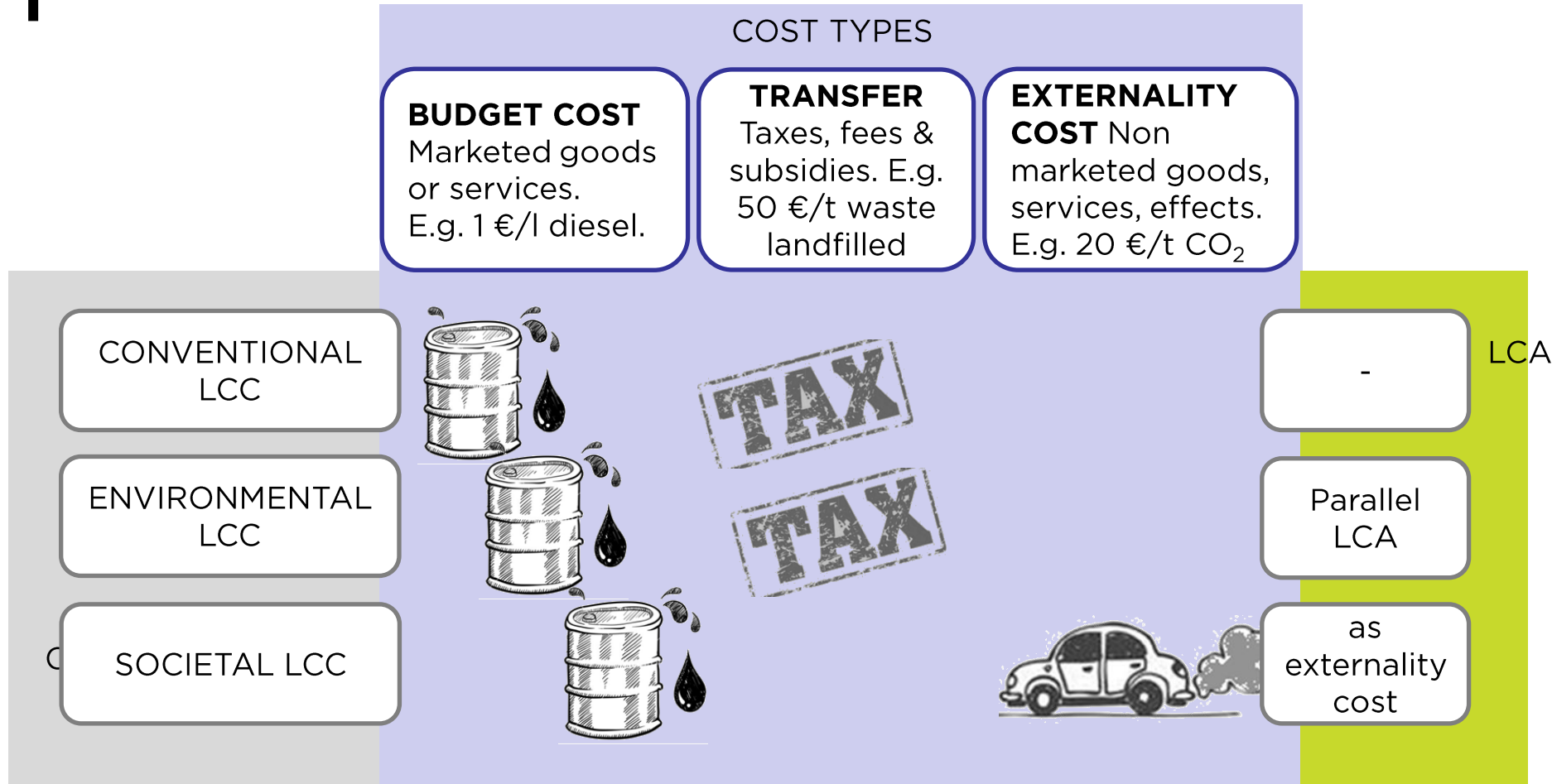


# LCC - Modelling Approach

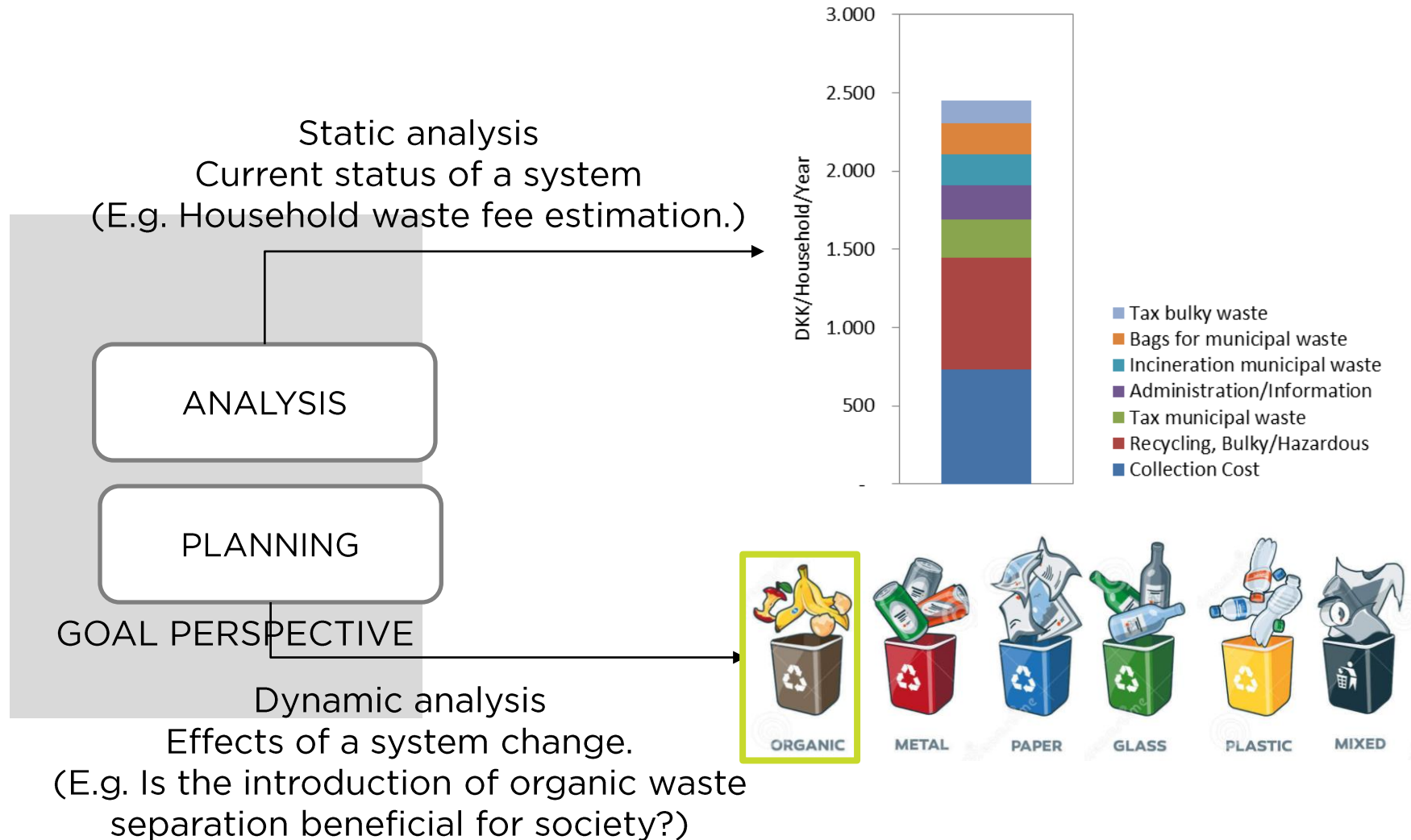
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# LCC - Cost Approach



# LCC - Goal Perspective





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# **CASE STUDY - I**



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## Estimation of marginal costs at existing waste treatment facilities



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### ABSTRACT

This investigation aims at providing an improved basis for assessing economic consequences of alternative Solid Waste Management (SWM) strategies for existing waste facilities. A bottom-up methodology was developed to determine marginal costs in existing facilities due to changes in the SWM system, based on the determination of average costs in such waste facilities as function of key facility and waste compositional parameters. The applicability of the method was demonstrated through a case study including two existing Waste-to-Energy (WtE) facilities, one with co-generation of heat and power (CHP) and another with only power generation (Power), affected by diversion strategies of five waste fractions (fibres, plastic, metals, organics and glass), named “target fractions”. The study assumed three possible responses to waste diversion in the WtE facilities: (i) biomass was added to maintain a constant thermal load, (ii) Refused-Derived-Fuel (RDF) was included to maintain a constant thermal load, or (iii) no reaction occurred resulting in a reduced waste throughput without full utilization of the facility capacity. Results demonstrated that marginal costs of diversion from WtE were up to eleven times larger than average costs and dependent on the response in the WtE plant. Marginal cost of diversion were between 39 and 287 € Mg<sup>-1</sup> target fraction when biomass was added in a CHP (from 34 to 303 € Mg<sup>-1</sup> target fraction in the only Power case), between –2 and 300 € Mg<sup>-1</sup> target fraction when RDF was added in a CHP (from –2 to 294 € Mg<sup>-1</sup> target fraction in the only Power case) and between 40 and 303 € Mg<sup>-1</sup> target fraction when no reaction happened in a CHP (from 35 to 296 € Mg<sup>-1</sup> target fraction in the only Power case). Although average costs at WtE facilities were highly influenced by energy selling prices, marginal costs were not (provided a response was initiated at the WtE to keep constant the utilized thermal capacity). Failing to systematically address and include costs in existing waste facilities in decision-making may unintentionally lead to higher overall costs at societal level. To avoid misleading conclusions, economic assessment of alternative SWM solutions should not only consider potential costs associated with alternative treatment but also include marginal costs associated with existing facilities.

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**Research Question:** Effects of new waste strategies in existing facilities?  
**Scenarios:** WtE facility affected by diversion strategies.



The novelty of the study was the **method developed** to estimate **marginal costs** of new waste strategies for existing facilities.

1<sup>st</sup> Step: Estimation of average costs.

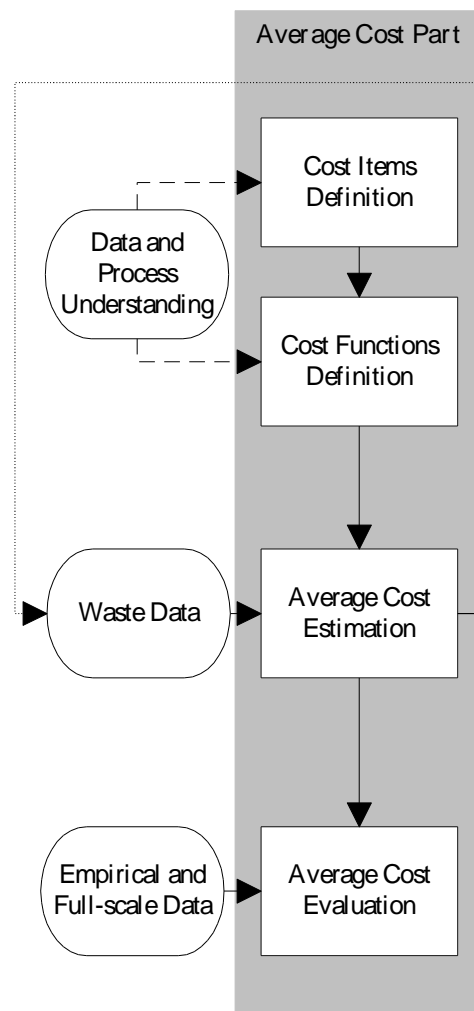
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## CHP 115 MW (€/Mg)

Our Gross Average Cost	98
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ENEA (2007)	67-143
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Massaruto (2015)	100-130
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## CHP (€/Mg)

Energy Recovery System	- 72
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Power Consumption	3
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Ash Disposal	4
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Flue Gas Cleaning	4
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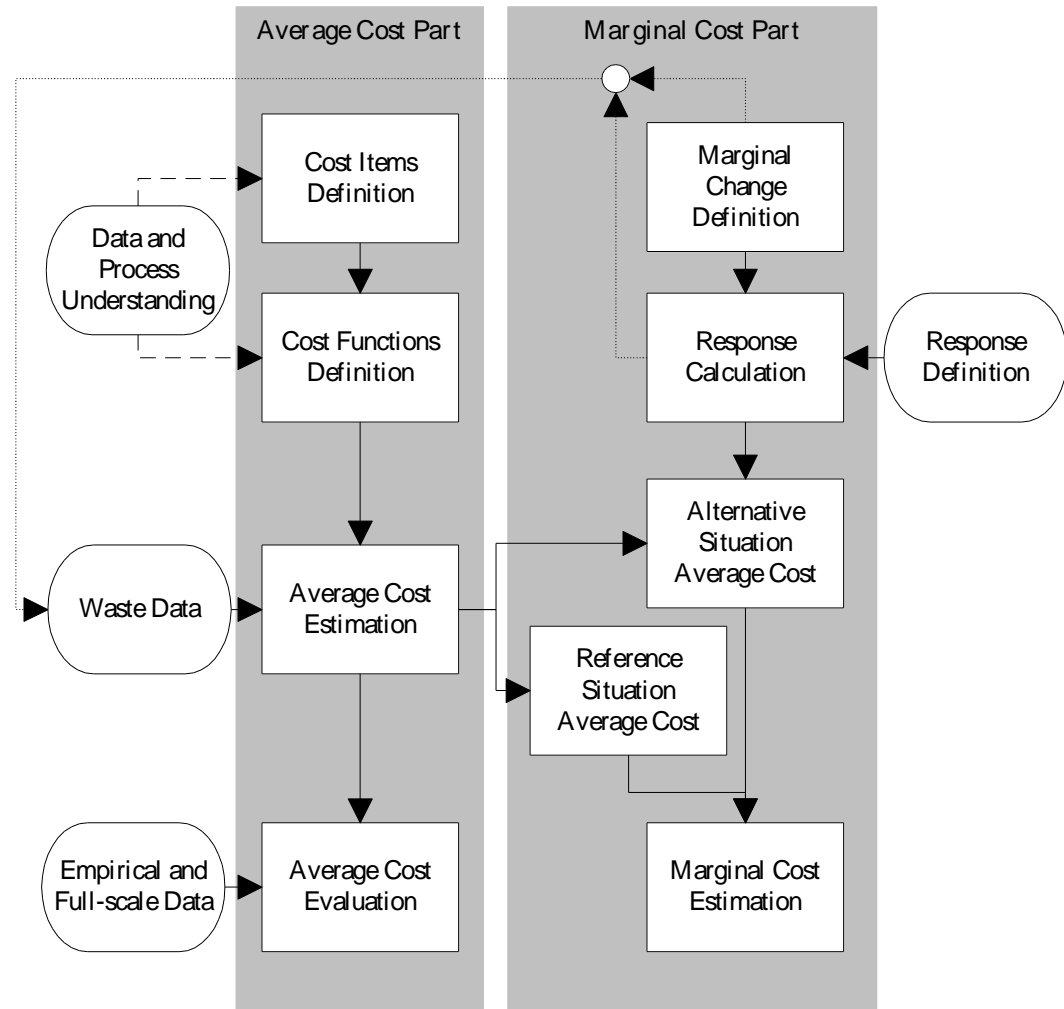
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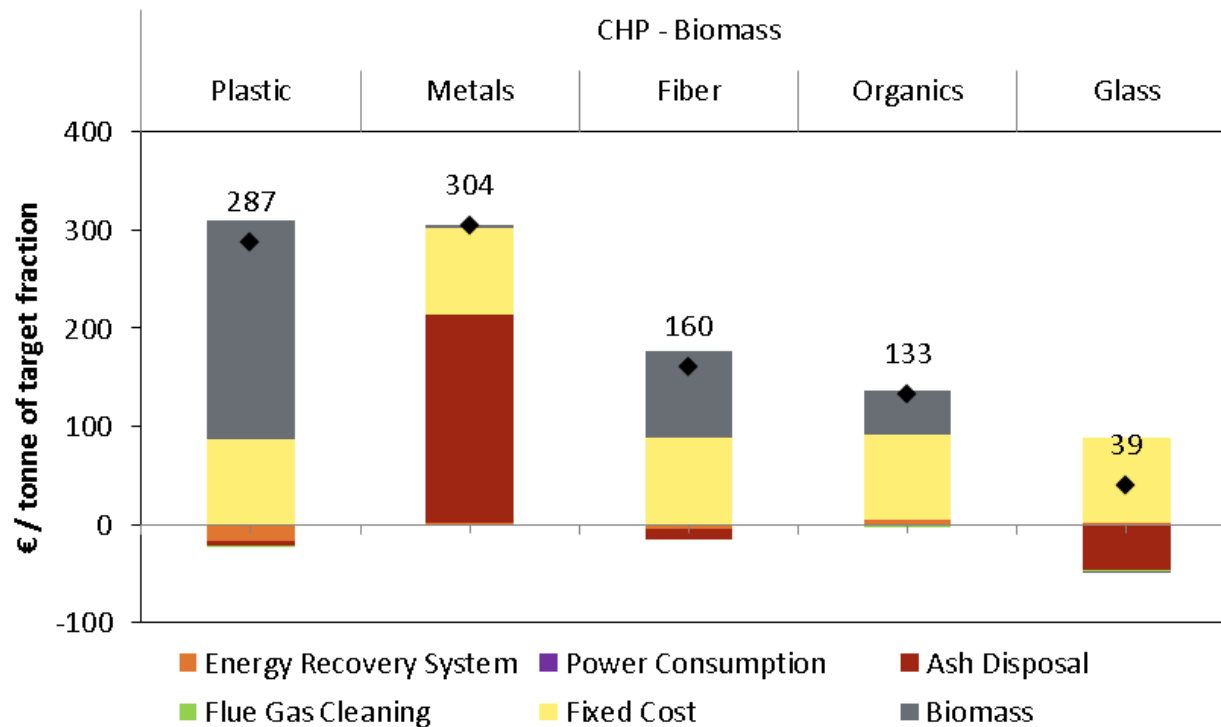
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3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Estimation of marginal cost.





# RESULTS



## Main contributions

- Fixed Cost
- Biomass consumption
- Ash disposal for metals and glass

## Marginal Cost in WtE facilities

- Much larger than average cost
- Depends on the reaction fraction price

Diversion strategies have **large marginal cost** associated in existing WtE facilities completely dependent on the **response** initiated in the facility



## **CASE STUDY - II**

# INTRODUCTION

## Evaluation of Externality Costs in Life-Cycle Optimization of Municipal Solid Waste Management Systems

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### Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** The development of sustainable solid waste management (SWM) systems requires consideration of both economic and environmental impacts. Societal life-cycle costing (S-LCC) provides a quantitative framework to estimate both economic and environmental impacts, by including "budget costs" and "externality costs". Budget costs include market goods and services (economic impact), whereas externality costs include effects outside the economic system (e.g., environmental impact). This study demonstrates the applicability of S-LCC to SWM life-cycle optimization through a case study based on an average suburban U.S. county of 500 000 people generating 320 000 Mg of waste annually. Estimated externality costs are based on emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, VOC, CO, NH<sub>3</sub>, Hg, Pb, Cd, Cr (VI), Ni, As, and dioxins. The results indicate that incorporating S-LCC into optimized SWM strategy development encourages the use of a mixed waste material recovery facility with residues going to incineration, and separated organics to anaerobic digestion. Results are sensitive to waste composition, energy mix and recycling rates. Most of the externality costs stem from SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, fossil CO<sub>2</sub>, and NH<sub>3</sub> emissions. S-LCC proved to be a valuable tool for policy analysis, but additional data on key externality costs such as organic compounds emissions to water would improve future analyses.

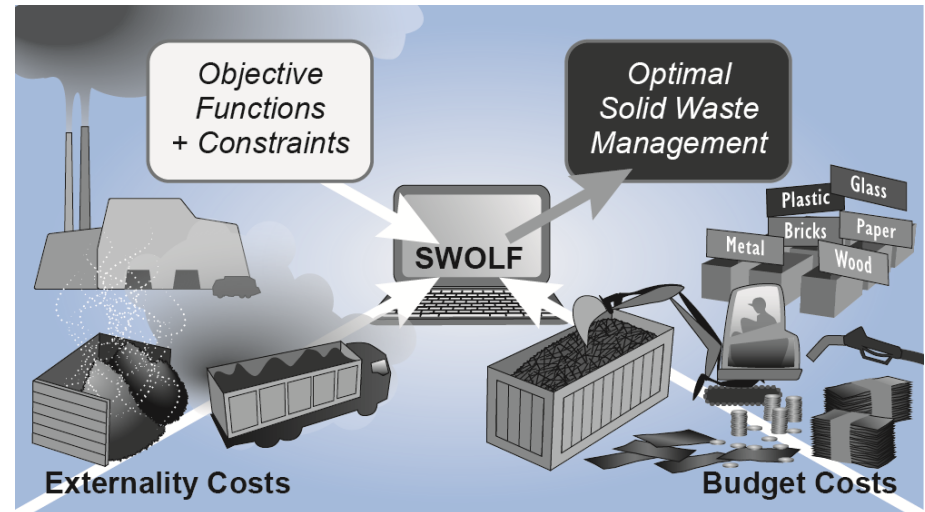


## Research Question

U.S. Societal Optimal SWM system?

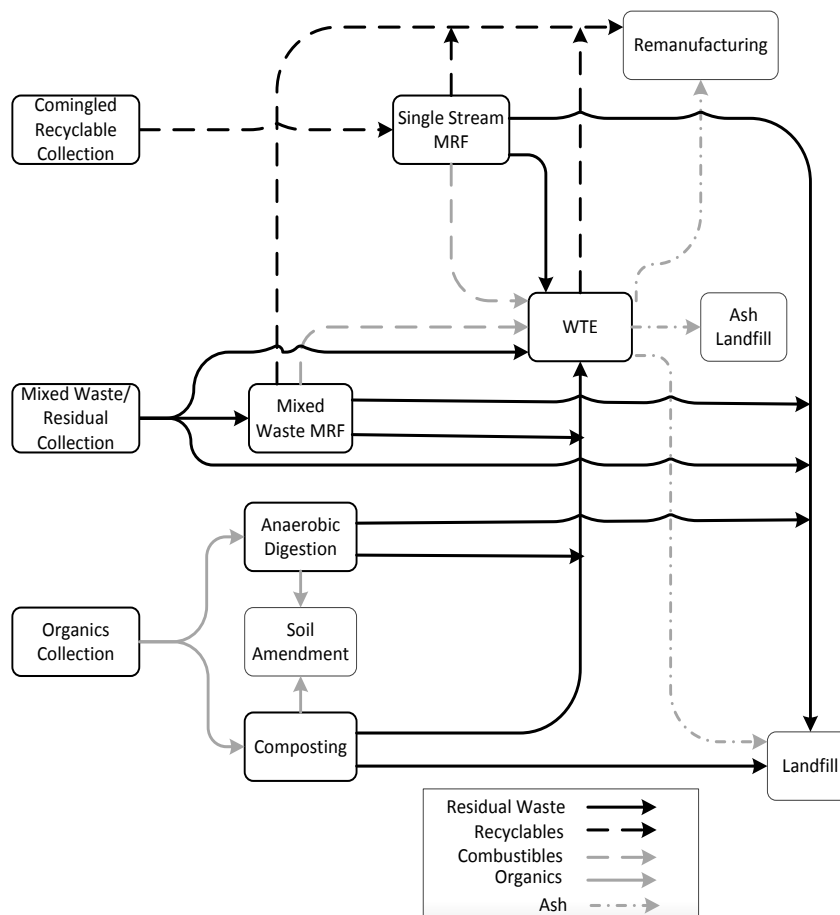
## Software

SWOLF – Solid Waste Optimization Life-cycle Framework, Software developed in North Carolina State University



The novelty of the study was the optimization of SWM using Societal LCC.

## SWOLF Optimization model



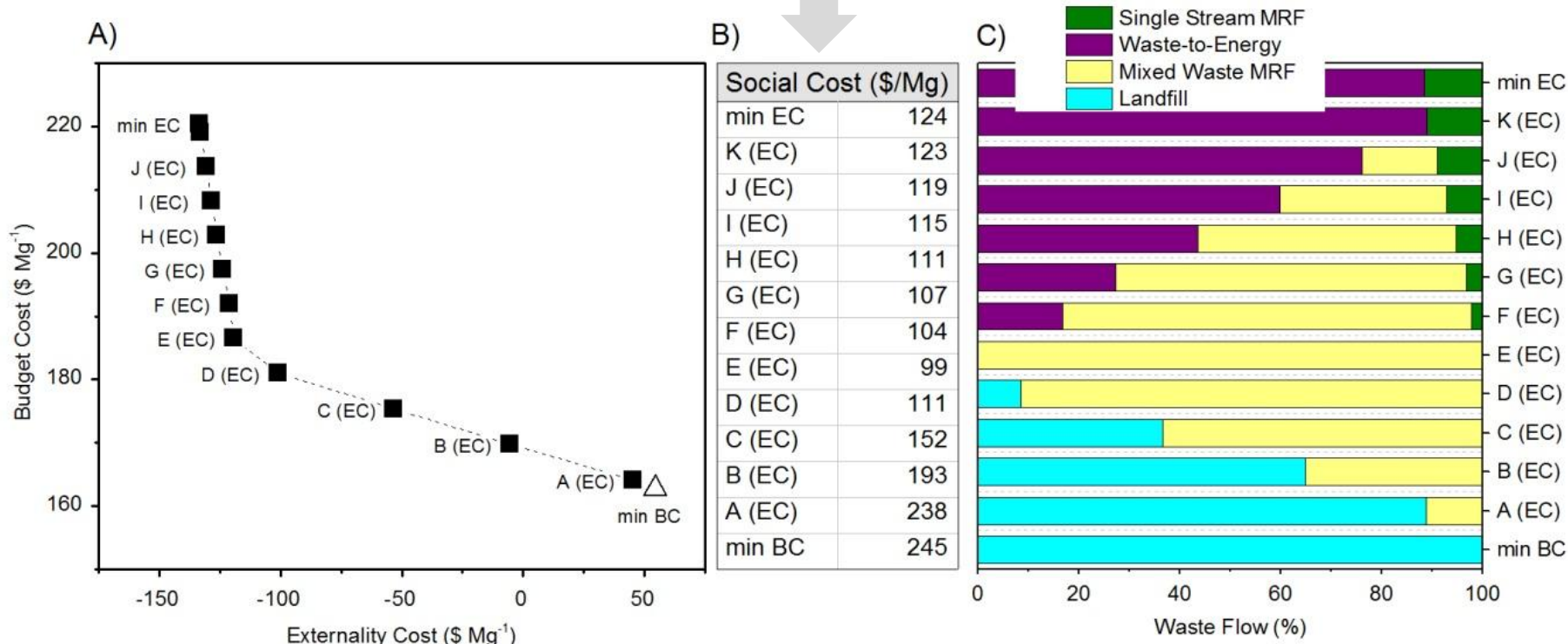
Emission	Accounting Price (\$·kg <sup>-1</sup> )
CO <sub>2</sub> (fossil)	0.04
CH <sub>4</sub>	0.82
N <sub>2</sub> O	11.62
CO	0.87
PM <sub>10</sub>	2.95
NH <sub>3</sub>	25.5
VOC	1.5
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	341.8
SO <sub>2</sub>	64.47
NO <sub>x</sub>	40
Hg	87067
Pb	458
Cd	115
Cr	590
Ni	11
As	236
Dioxins	5.50E+08

The optimization followed a standard “constraint method”:

- Externality cost was the variable within the optimization function
- Budget cost was the constraint variable.

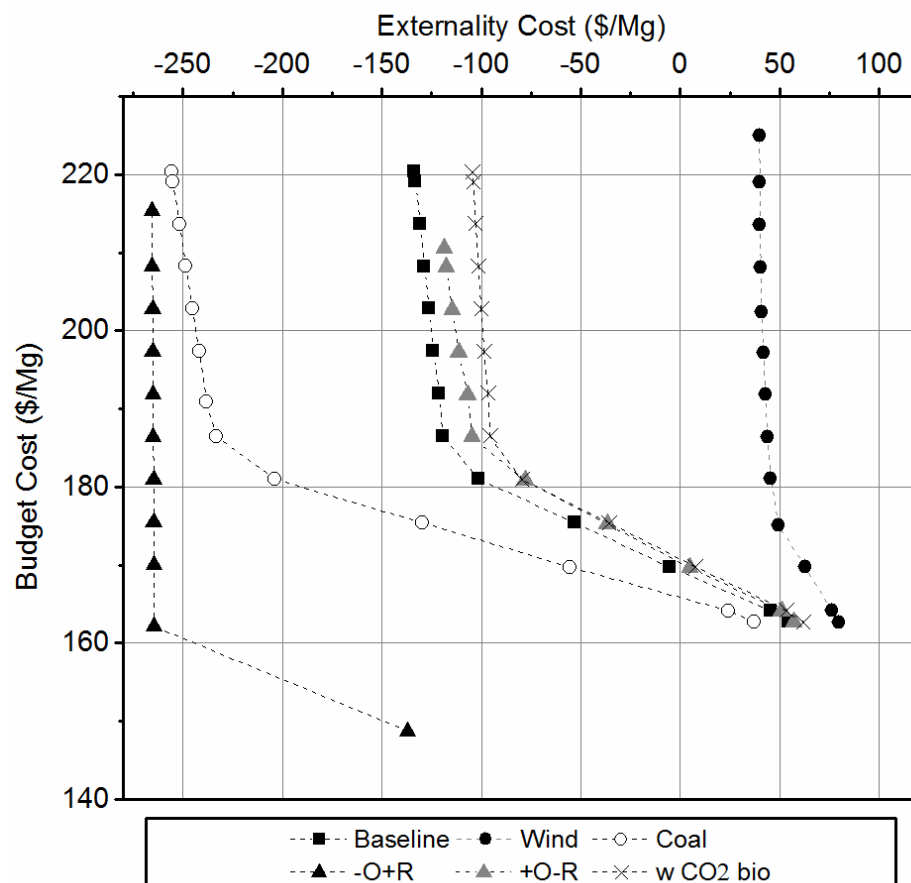
# RESULTS

$$\text{Social Cost} = \text{Externality Cost} + \text{Budget Cost}$$



The societal optimal SWM for a US context rely completely on mixed waste MRF in which organic residues are sent to anaerobic digestion and other residues to WtE.

# RESULTS



The results are really sensitive to the electricity replaced.

The + fossil intensive is the replacement, the more WtE is proposed by the optimization model. More externality benefits from the WMS.

The - fossil intensive is the replaced energy, less WtE is suggested. Less externality benefits from WMS.



# **CONCLUSIONS**

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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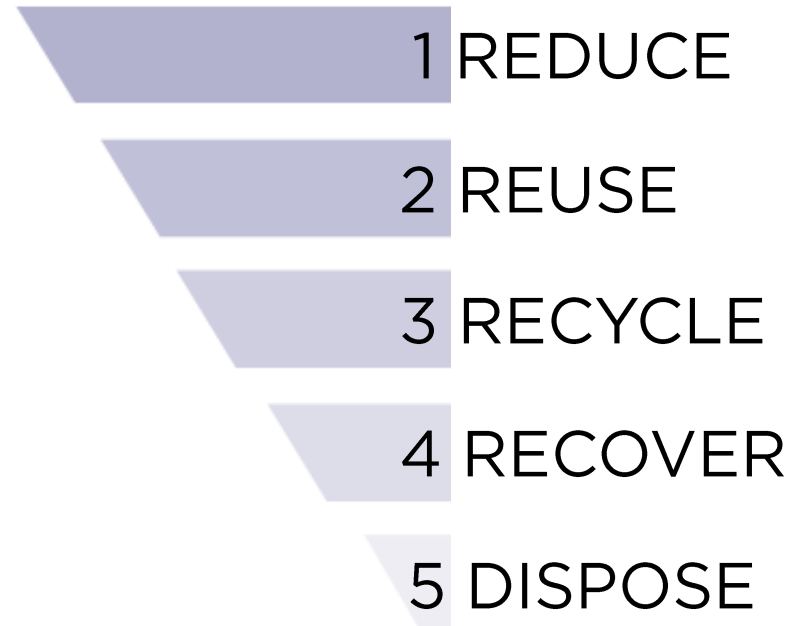
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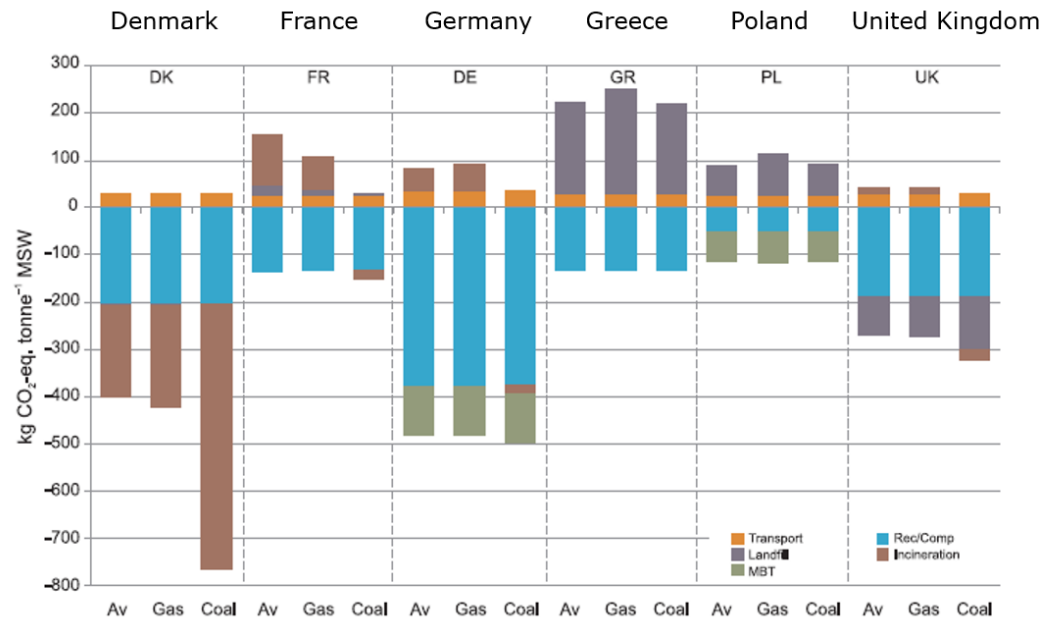
- ✓ Not only **Control of Emissions** but also a **Resource Recovery Sector**
- ✓ **Waste Hierarchy** as main principle



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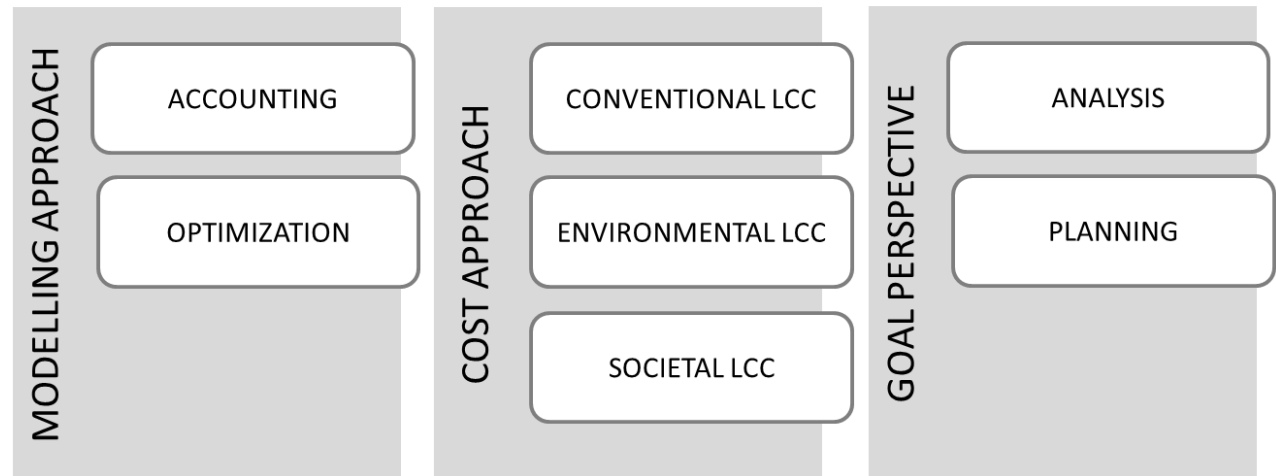
- ✓ **Zero Burden approach**
- ✓ **System Expansion**
- ✓ Importance of the **Energy** Replaced



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## LCC METHOD UMBRELLA



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- ✓ Type of LCC
- ✓ Dynamics of SMW
- ✓ Importance of Rebound Effects

When options compared incur different costs – savings will be used and the impacts of the new consumption have to be accounted for.

- Low-Energy consumption products
- Cheese prices reduction
- Prevention of food waste

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**Thanks for your  
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