



# Building Waste-to-Energy and Resource Supply Chain towards Circular Economy System

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# I. Introduction



# 1.1 International Movement on “Green Economy”

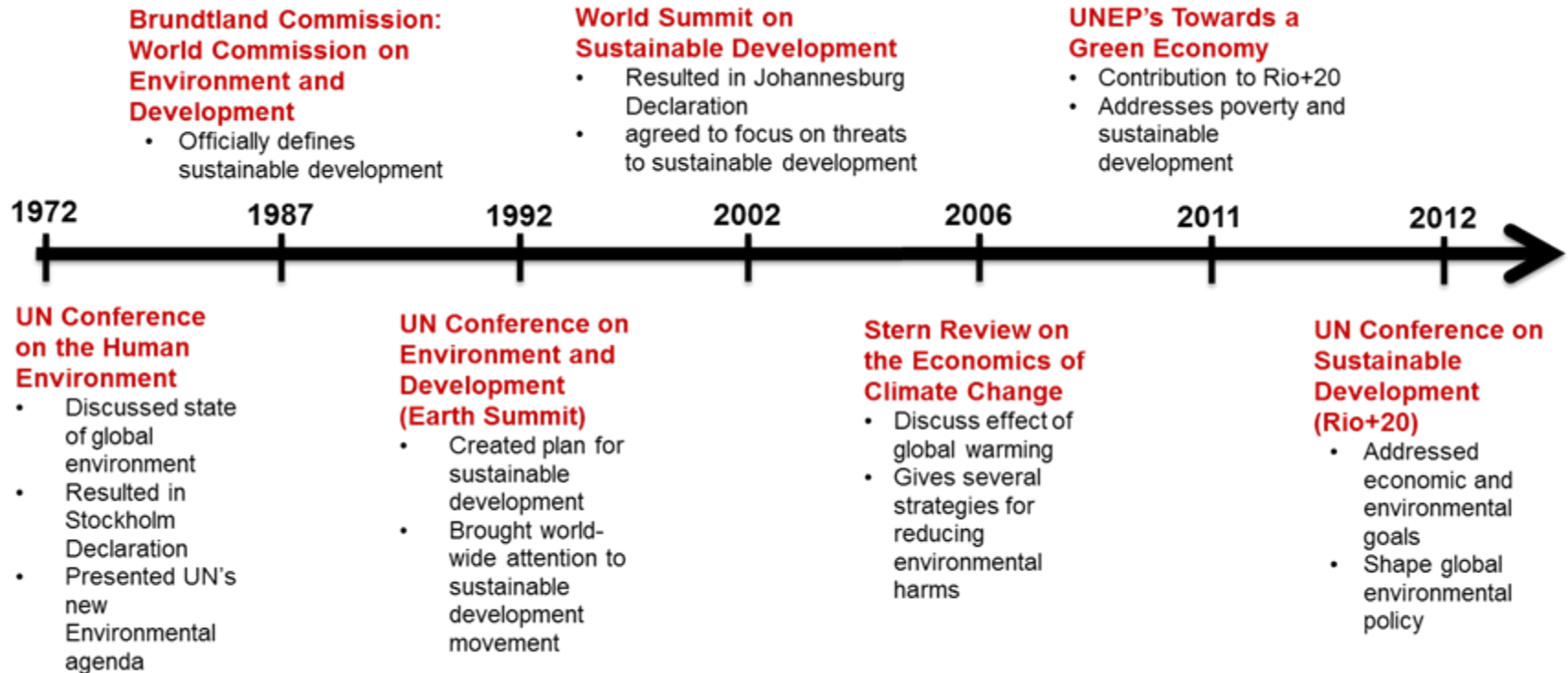
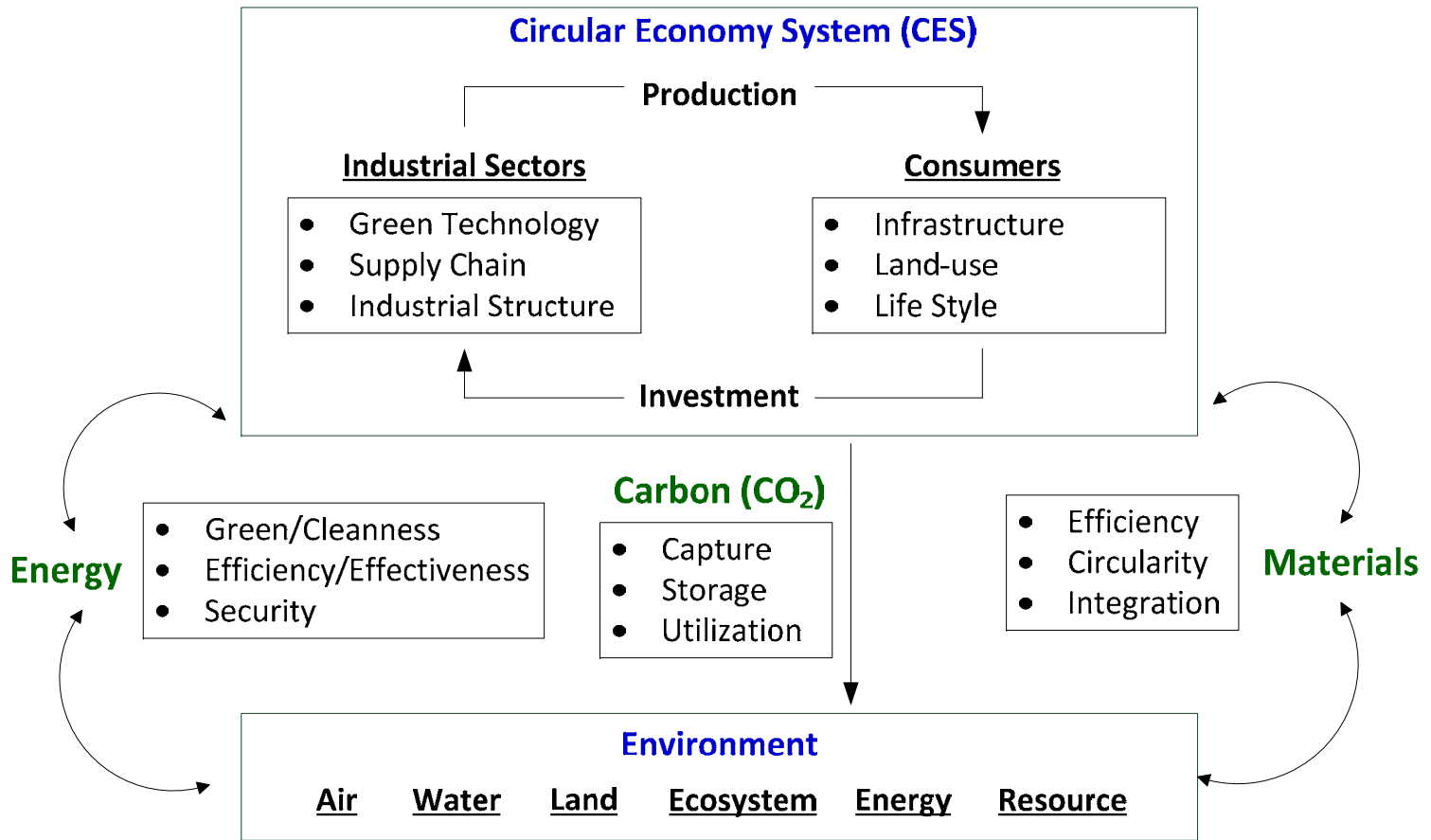


Figure. Important international movement on the sustainable development and green economy

# 1.2 Building WTE Supply Chain for CES



Conceptual framework of building WTE supply chains for CES

# 1.3 Biomass Components

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▶ **Biomass:** It refers generally to the organic matters originated from organism, such as :

1) **Forestry wastes** (matchwood, etc.),

2) **Agriculture wastes** (pod, cob, bagasse, and rice straw),

3) **Domestic wastes** (garbage, kitchen waste),

4) **Animal husbandry wastes** (carcass),

5) **Industrial organic wastes**

(waste plastics, rubbers, and paper).



Crops



Wood



Alcohol Fuels



Landfill Gas



Garbage

# 1.4 Industrial Development of Biomass Energy

- Based on the **scientific** and **technological innovation**, the foundation and development of biomass energy industry can be promoted.
- Sustainable development depends on a “**Green Economy**”
- Only be implemented if fundamental changes are made to the current energy supply chains, especially in industrial parks

- ✓ Improve the solid waste disposal rate
- ✓ Achieve the harmless treatment
- ✓ Achieve energy production of biomass waste



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## **II. Waste Management Plans in Taiwan**



# 2.1 Milestone of Municipal Solid Wastes (MSW) Management Plans in Taiwan



Land-fill

Incineration

Decommission  
of Land-fill

Zero waste  
Policy

Zero  
Land-fill

WTE and  
Resource  
Supply Chain

Disposal

1989

1997

2002

2005

2012

1984

1990

1998

2003

2010

2014

Resource  
Recycle Act

Renewable  
Resource  
Recycle

General Waste  
Source  
Reduction  
(Plastic bag free)

Biomass  
Energy  
Utilization  
Plans



Mandatory  
Garbage Sorting  
Enforcement

## 2.2 Implementation of Zero Waste Vision Plans in Taiwan

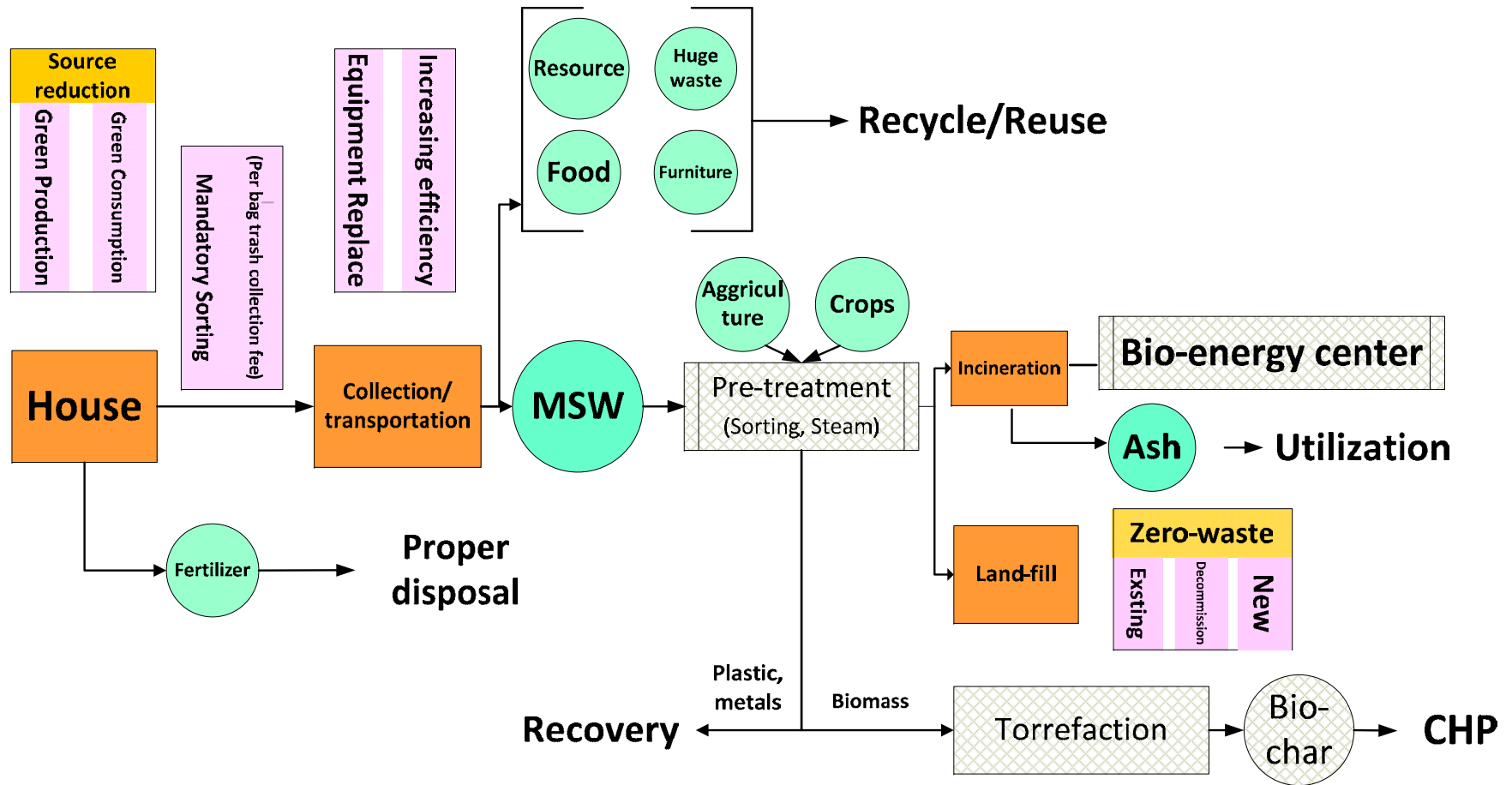


Diagram of Implementation of Zero Waste Vision Plans in Taiwan

## 2.2 “Per Bag Trash Collection Fee” in Taipei City

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95年1月1日起「垃圾強制分類」全國實施

**資 源**

包括廢紙、廢鋁、廢鐵、廢玻璃、廢塑膠、廢乾電池、廢日光燈直管.....等。

**廚 餘**

家中烹調或食用後剩下的生熟食殘渣。  
(依各縣市政府公告回收項目)

**垃 圾**

目前無法回收再利用垃圾，如紙尿褲【片】、衛生紙【棉】、口香糖等。

95年1~3月為勸導期，95年4月1日起「垃圾未分類者」可處以新台幣1200至6000元罰款。

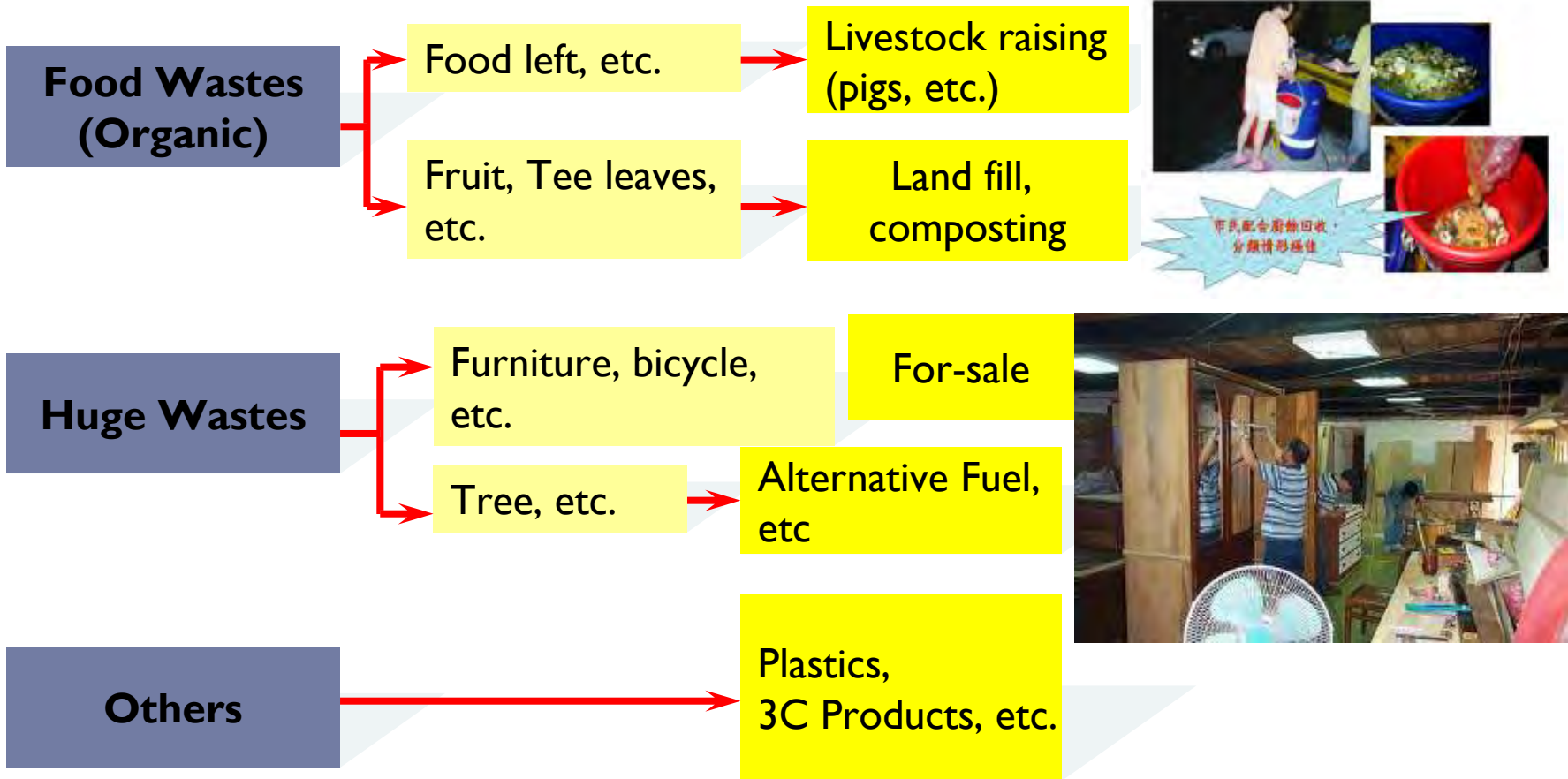
 行政院環境保護署



## 2.2 Collection of Food Waste in Taipei City



# 2.2 Waste Minimization and Recovery



# 2.2 Reuse and Recycle of MSW Incinerator Ashes

Sewage sludge → Mixed with aggregate or agricultural applications



MSWI Bottom Ash  
Totally recycle since 2005.9 → Aggregate of road-based and construction materials

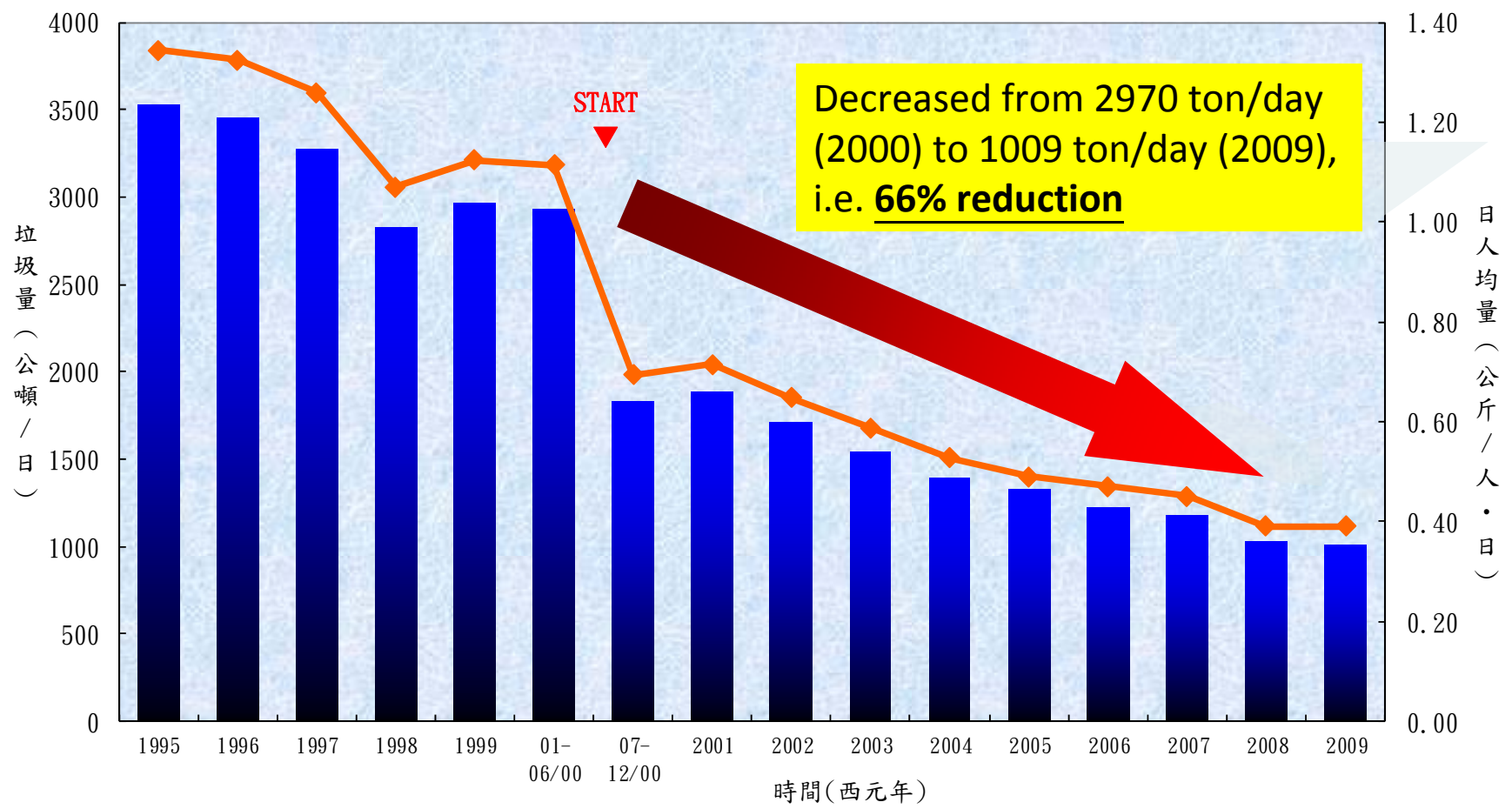


MSWI Fly Ash → Cement Industries, etc.

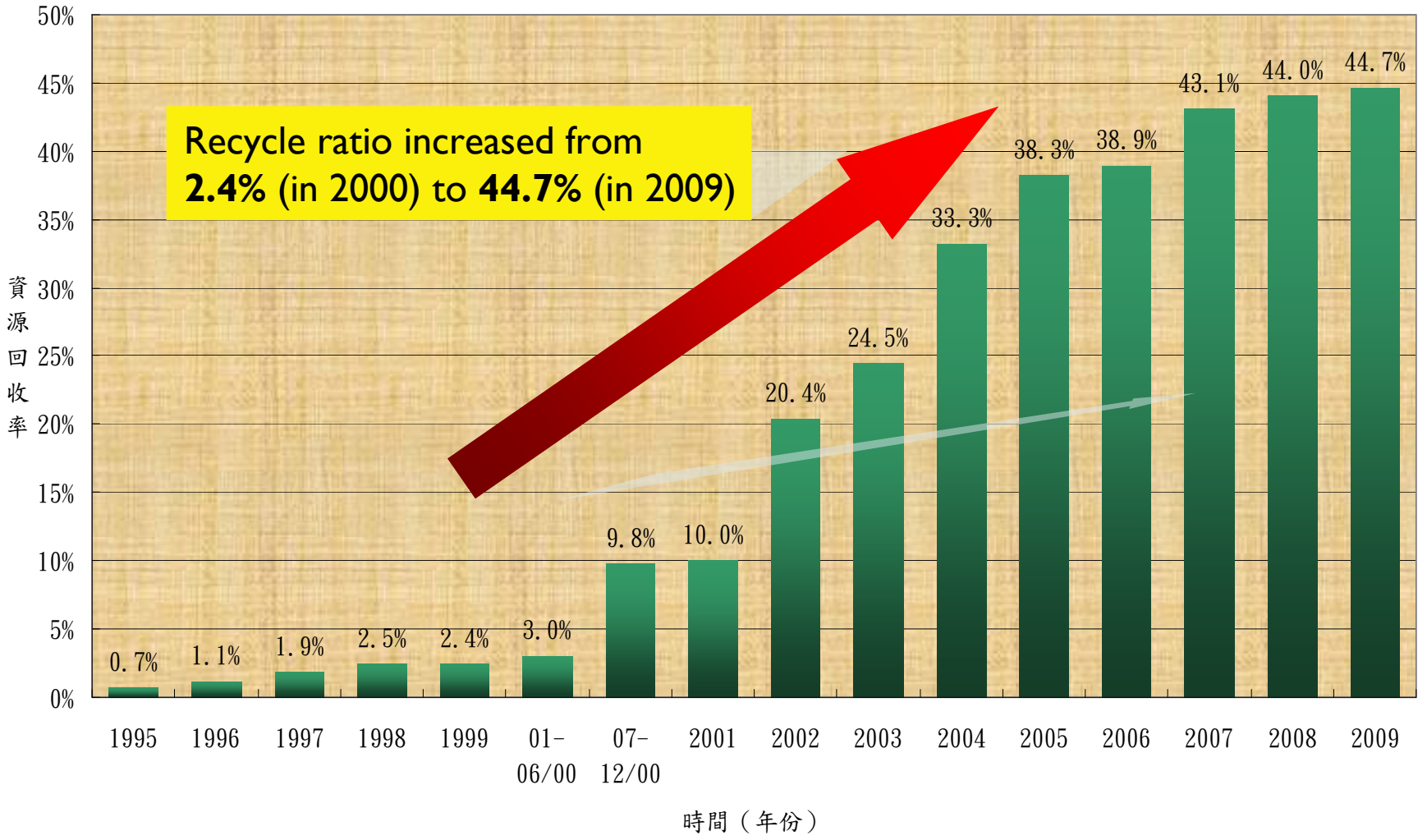


# 2.2 Performance of “Per Bag Trash Collection Fee” Policy

## Amount of Trash Generation per Day in Taipei City



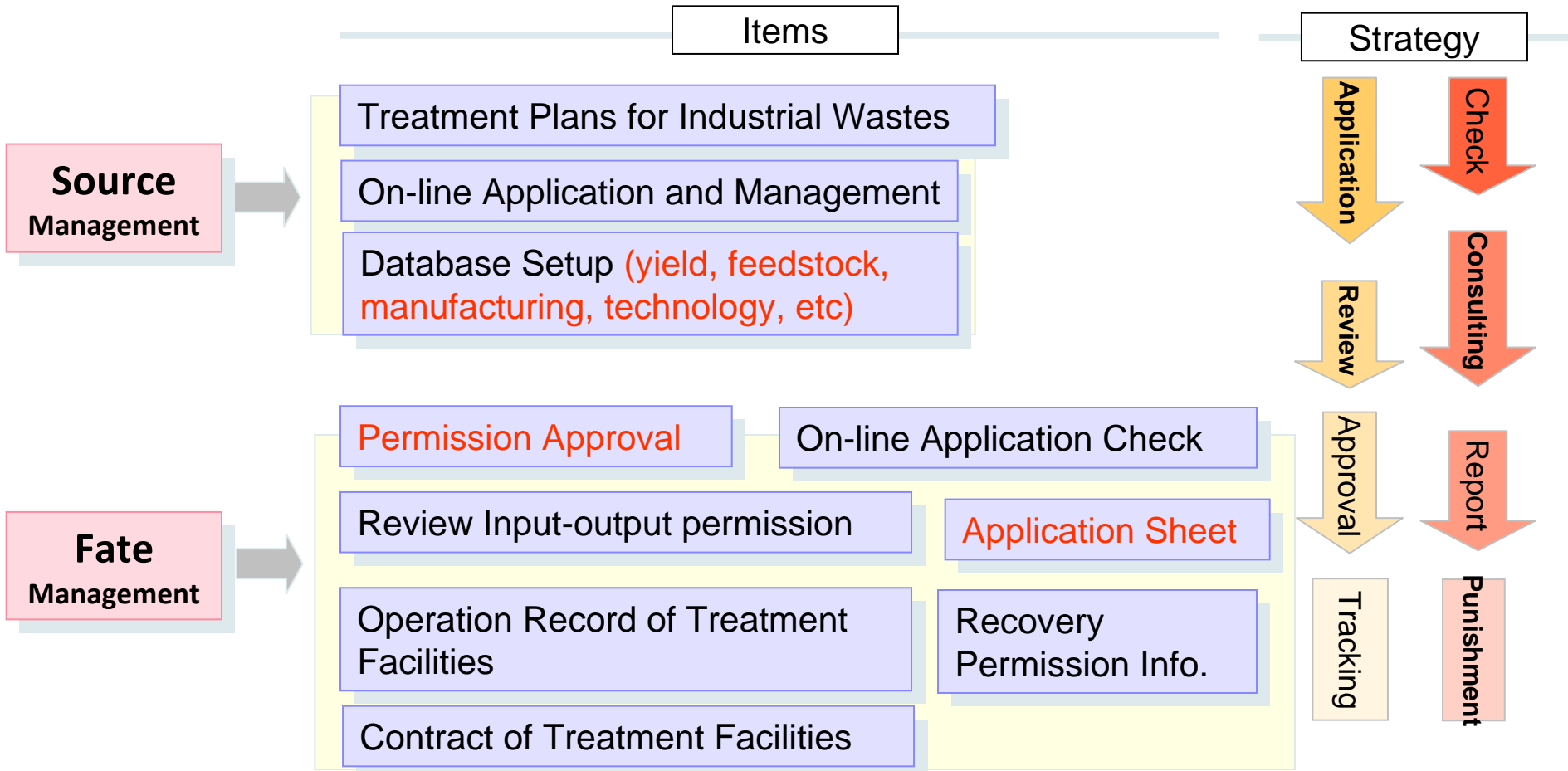
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臺北市歷年資源回收率統計



# 2.3 Industrial Waste Management Plans



# 2.3 Industrial Wastes Enforcement Programs

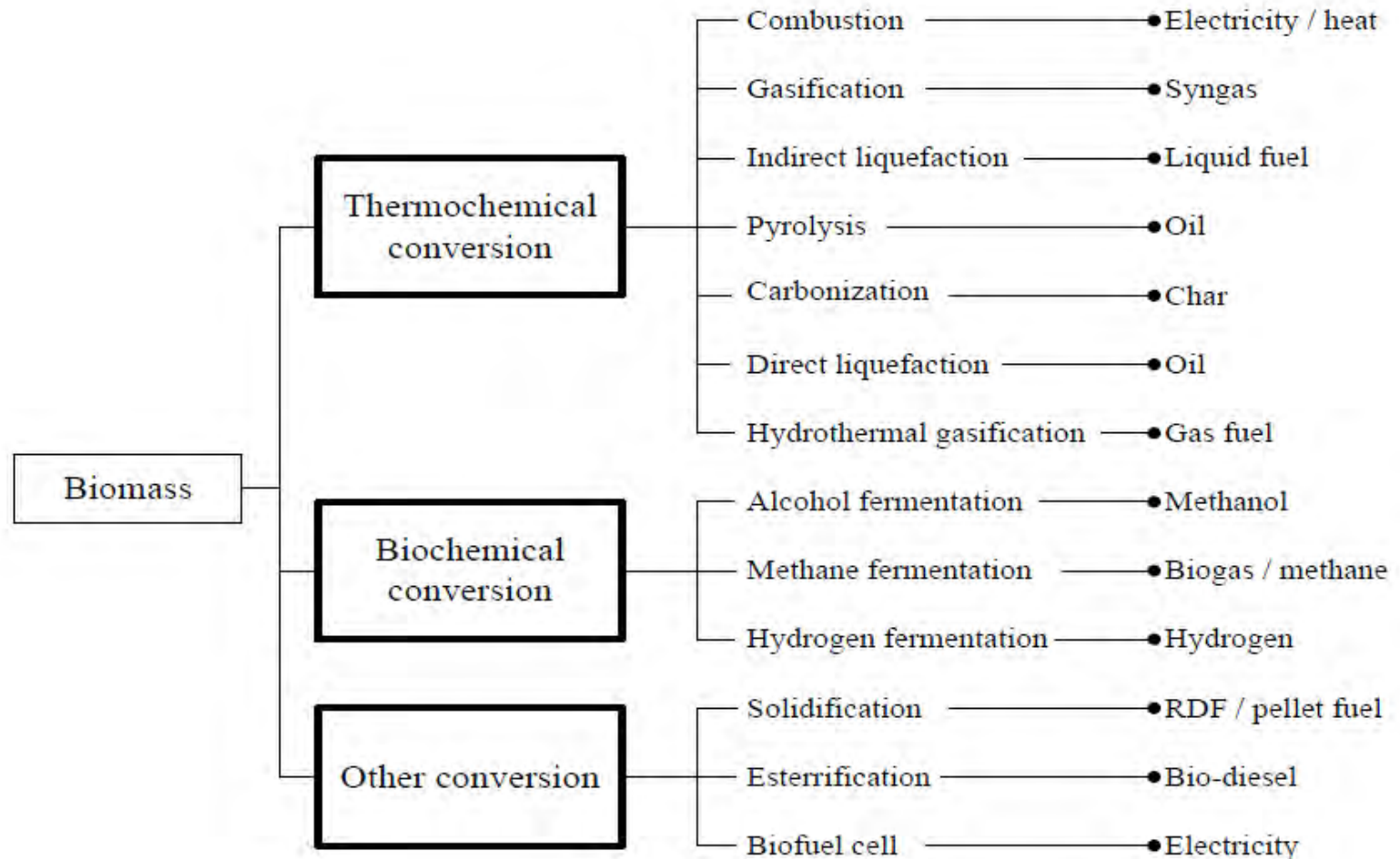


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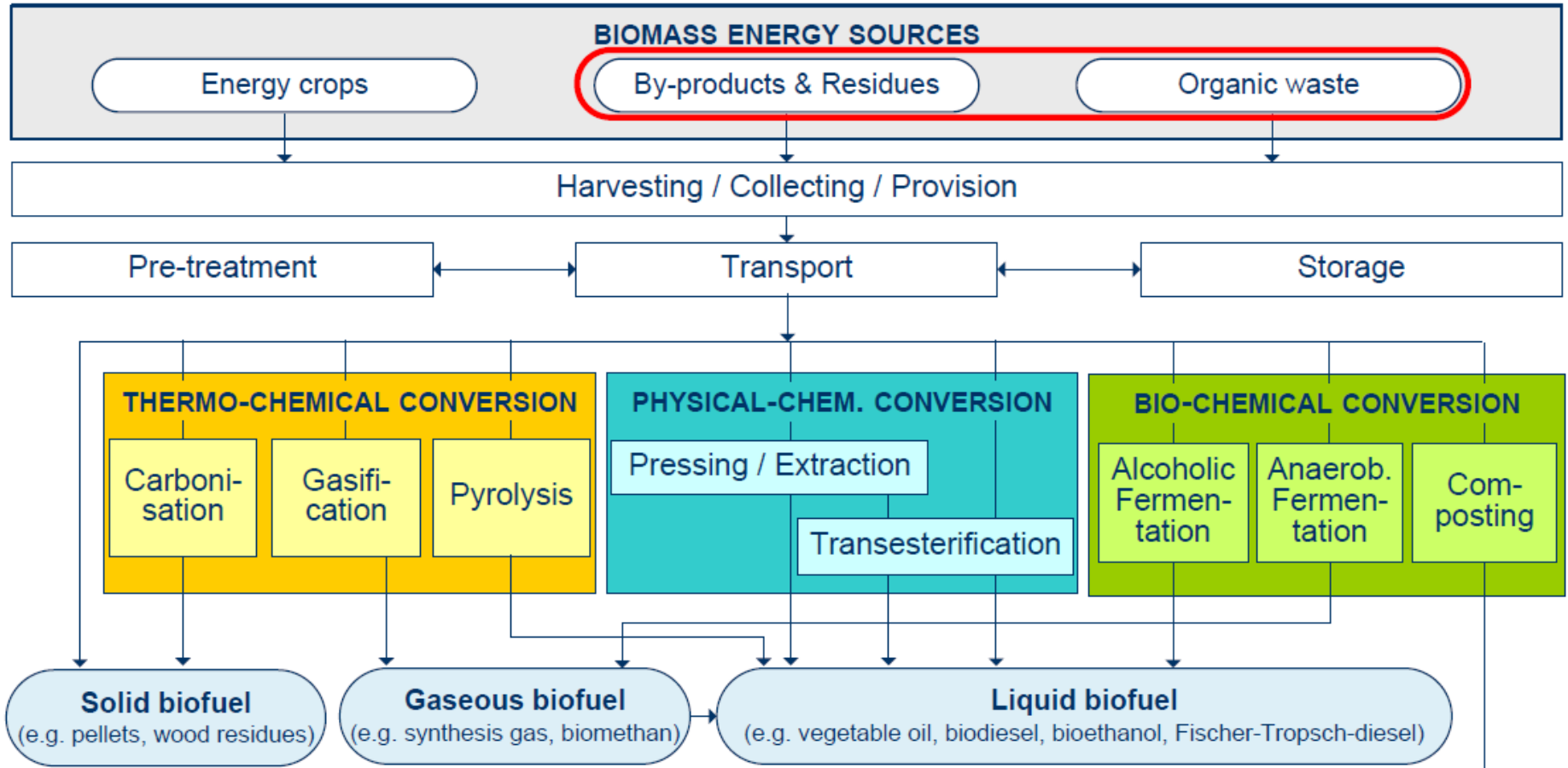
## **III. Waste-to-Energy/Resource Technologies**



# 3.1 Utilization technology of biomass



# 3.2-1 Biomass Energy Technology Overview

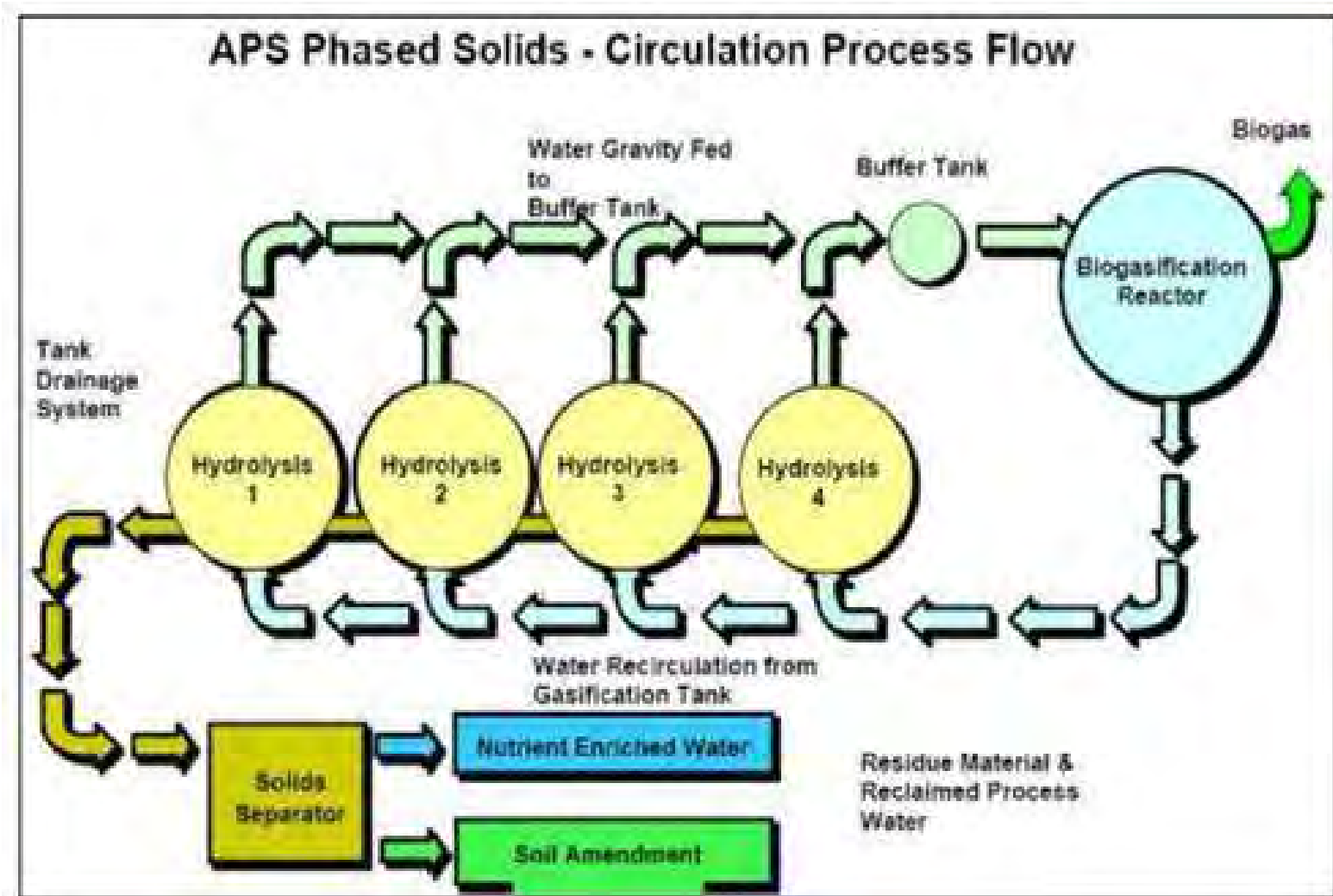


# 3.2-2 Biomass Energy Technology Overview

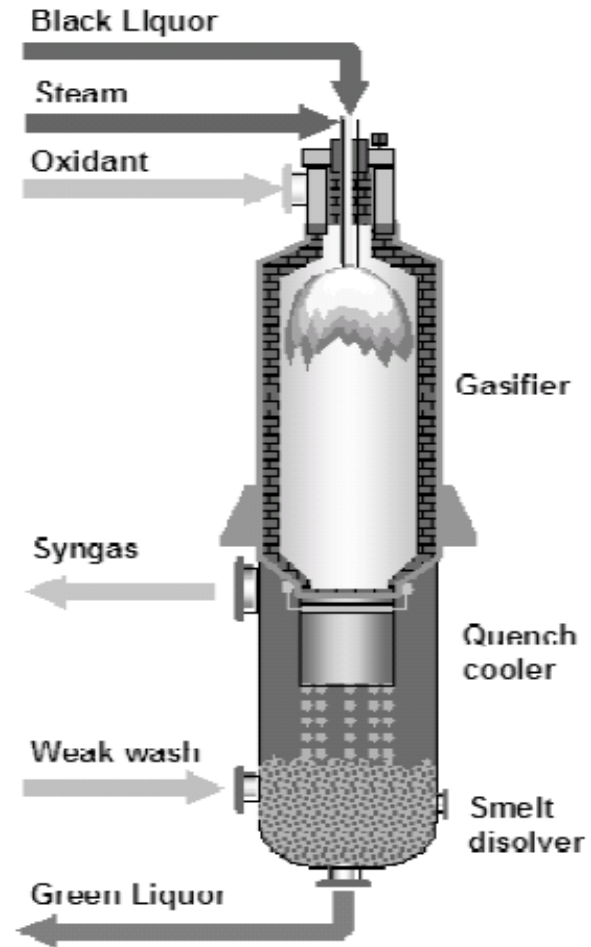
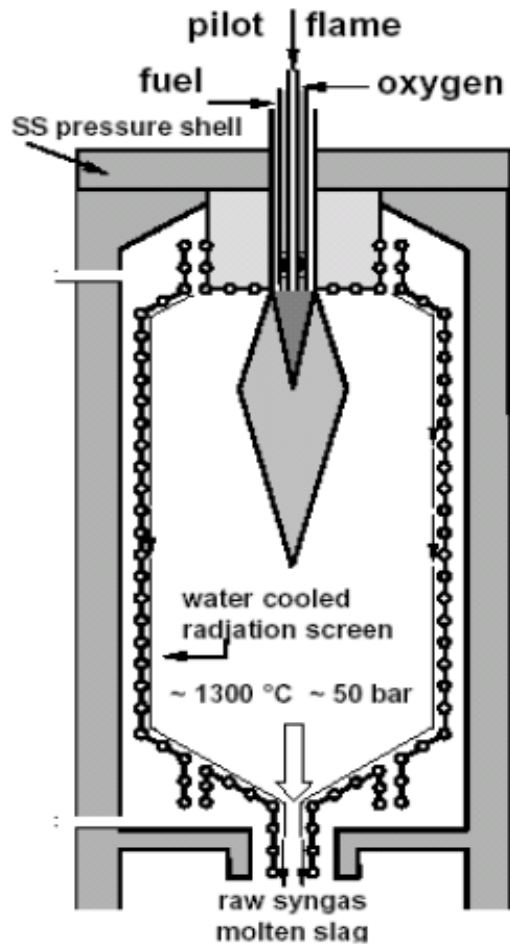
| Feedstocks                             | Conversion Technologies   | Products   | Case Studies                                 |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Type 1</b> (Agriculture Wastes)     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Drying/Pressing/Granulation (<b>Physical</b>)</li> <li>→ Torrefaction/Gasification (<b>Chemical</b>)</li> <li>→ Carbonization (<b>Chemical</b>)</li> </ul> | <b>Green Fuel Pellet</b><br><b>Bio-char</b><br><b>Bio-gas</b>  | Utilized for heating supply (Denmark/Taiwan) |
| <b>Type 2</b> (Industrial Wastes)      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Gasification/Combustion (<b>chemical</b>)</li> <li>→ Pyrolysis/Combustion (<b>chemical</b>)</li> <li>→ Bio-refinery (<b>biological</b>)</li> </ul>         | <b>Heats</b> (heating/cooling)<br><b>Electricity</b><br><b>Bio-gas</b> (DME/methanol)                                  | Utilized for CHP Plant (Taiwan)              |
| <b>Type 3</b> (Animal Wastes)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Gasification/Combustion (<b>chemical</b>)</li> <li>→ Anaerobic Digestion (<b>biological</b>)</li> <li>→ Fermentation (<b>biological</b>)</li> </ul>        | <b>Bio-gas</b> (H <sub>2</sub> /syngas/methanol)<br><b>Electricity</b><br><b>Heats</b> (heating/cooling)               | Utilized for Biogas (Germany/Sweden)         |
| <b>Type 4</b> (Municipal Solid Wastes) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Co-combustion (<b>chemical</b>)</li> <li>→ Co-digestion (<b>biological</b>)</li> <li>→ Fermentation/Compost (<b>biological</b>)</li> </ul>                 | <b>Bio-gas</b> (H <sub>2</sub> /syngas/methanol)<br><b>Heats</b> (heating/cooling)<br><b>Refuse Derived Fuel</b> (RDF) | Utilized as DES Center (USA/Taiwan)          |

Technology tree of waste-to-energy (WTE) supply chain for bioenergy utilization

## 3.3-1 Anaerobic Digestion Process



## 3.3-2 Gasification Process

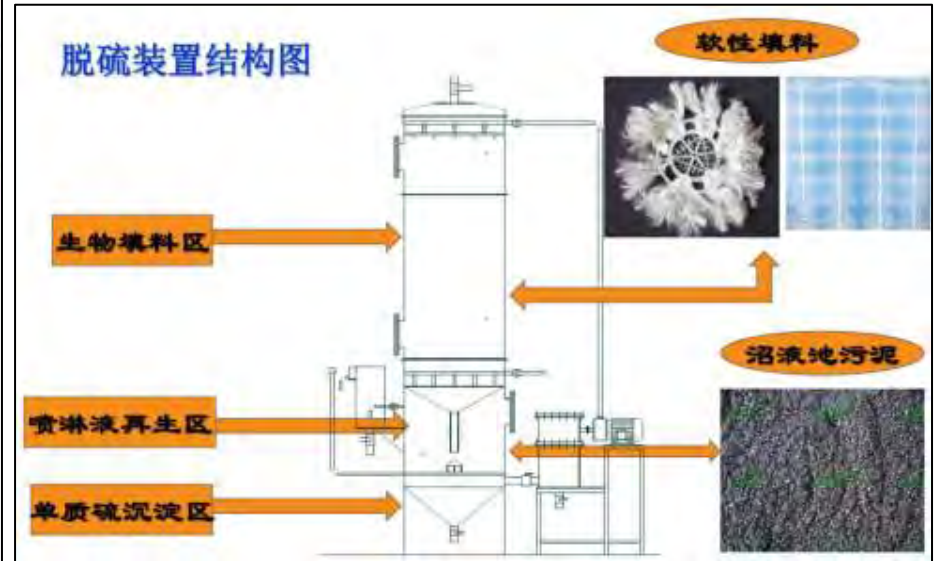
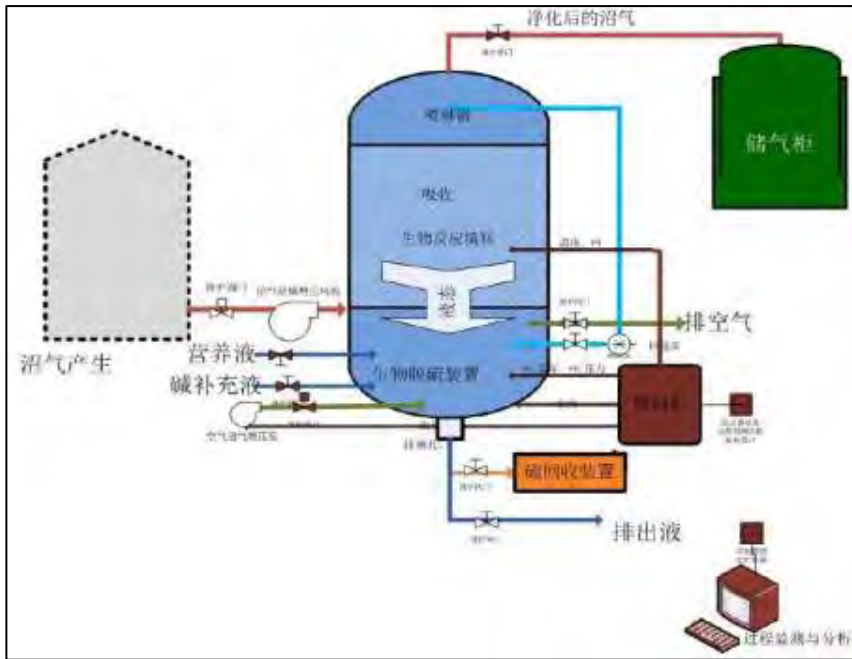


Sagging entrained flow gasifier for biomass & pyrolysis slurry (left hand side) and for black liquor<sup>23</sup> (right hand side)

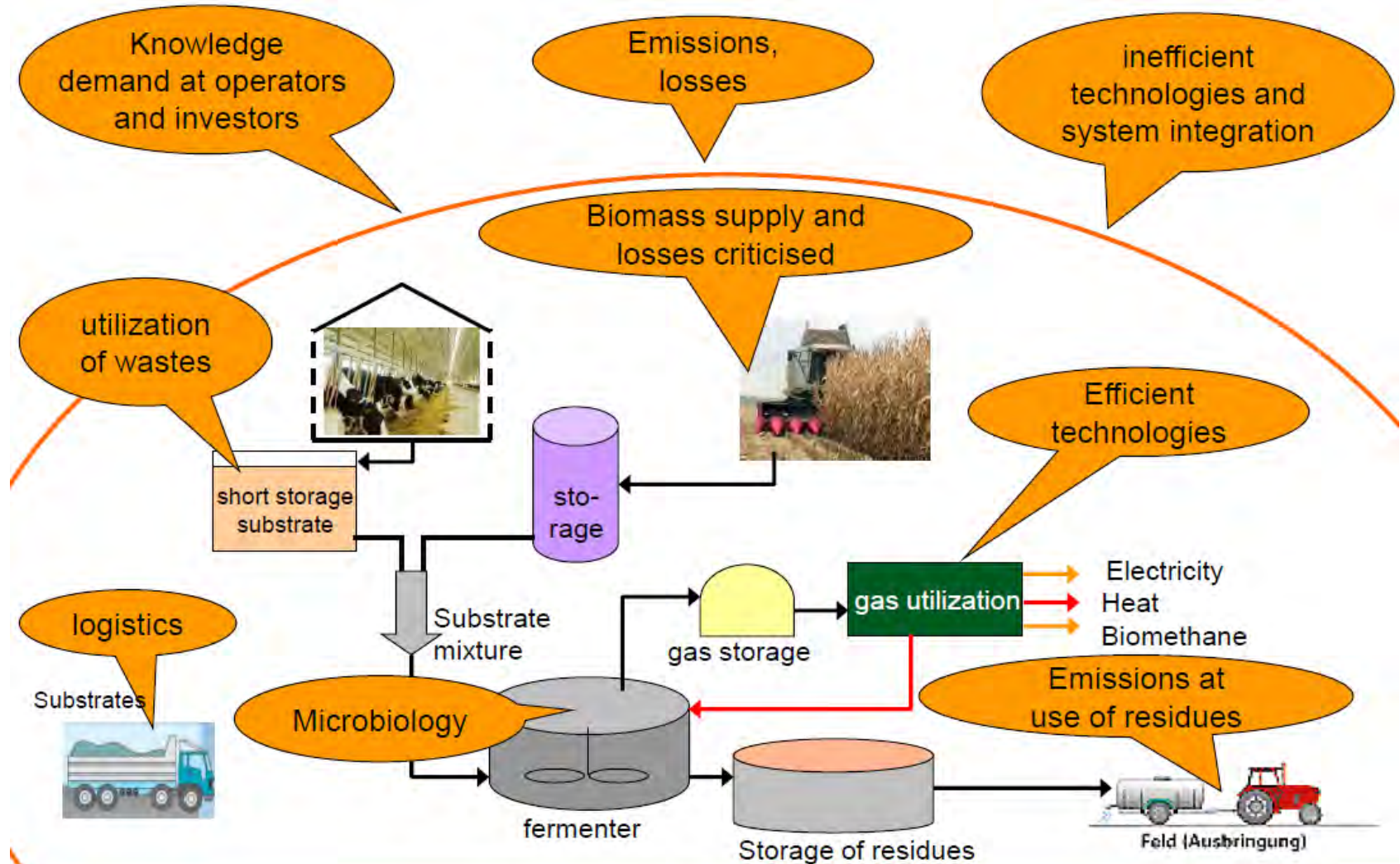


# 3.4 Biogas Purification Process

## Bio-desulfurization equipment for biogas



# 3.5 System Optimization



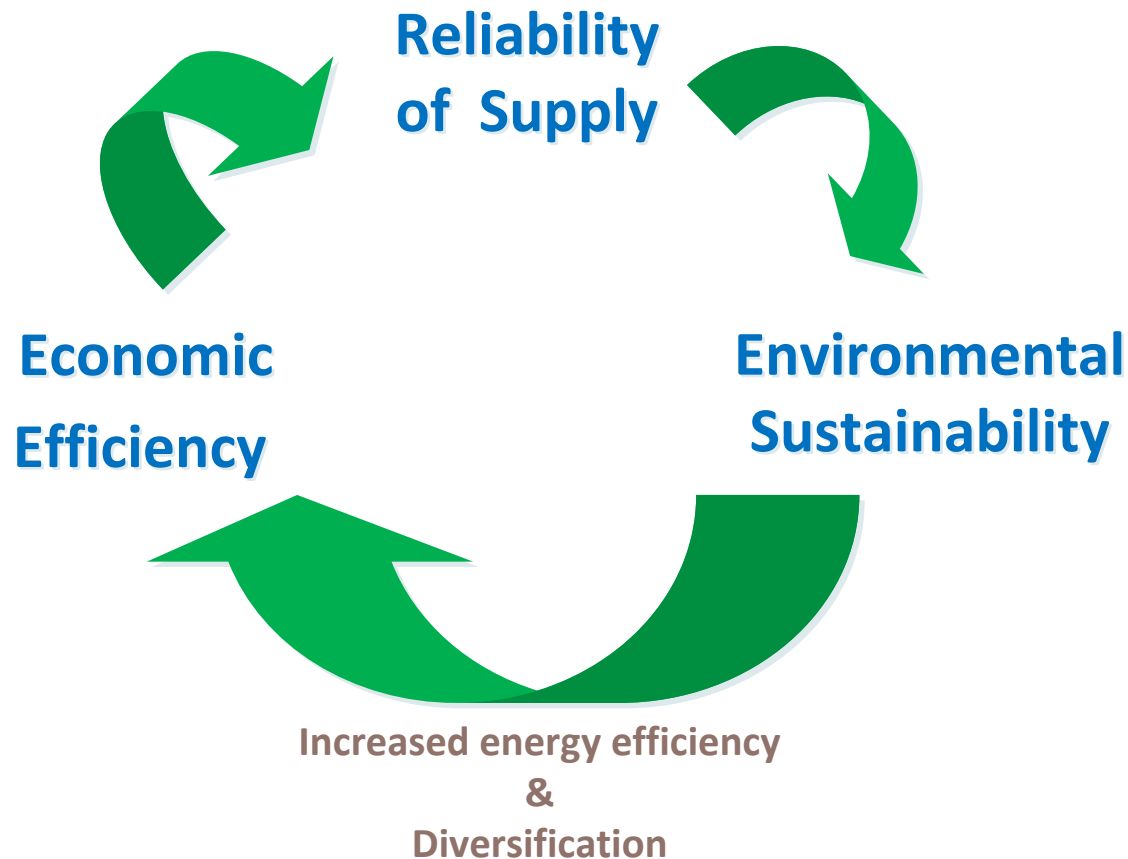
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# IV. Successful Experiences



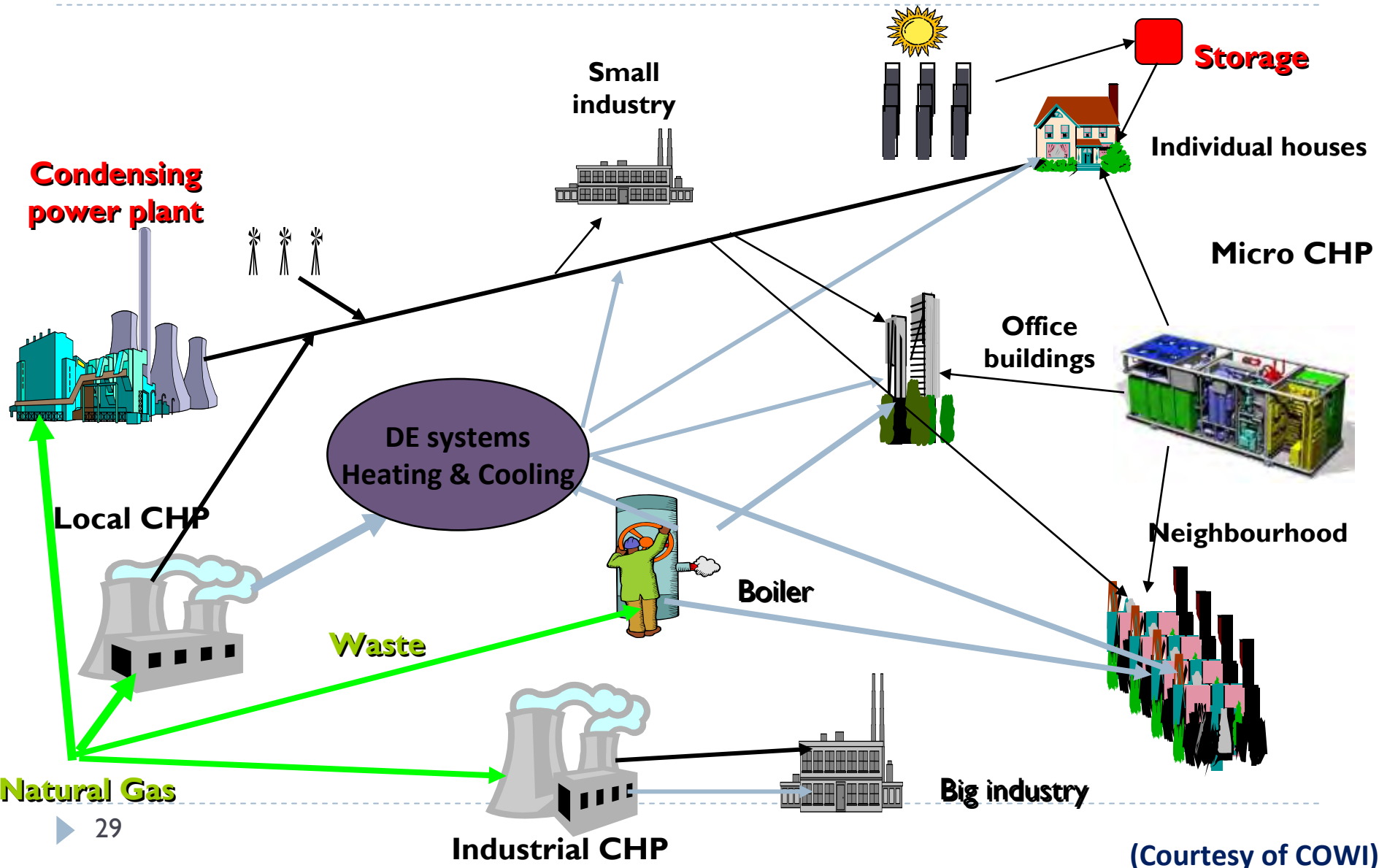
## 4.1-1 Sustainable Energy Development (Danish)

### - Balancing of Goals at Short Term and Long Term



(Courtesy of COWI)

# 4.1-2 Energy supply structures: Competition or Synergies



# 4.1-3 Denmark: Multi-fuel Boiler Technologies



Avedøre II (2001) / DONG Energy A/S  
CHP / 485 MWe & 545 MJ/s heat

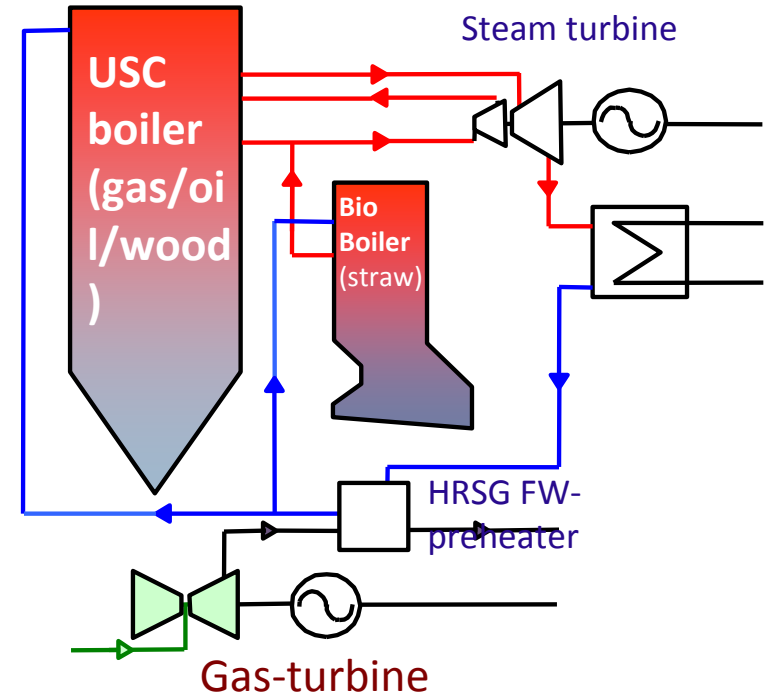
Avedøre Power Station unit 2 design:

- \*100% on coal and natural gas
- \*100% on heavy fuel oil (HFO)
- \*70% on biomass (wood pellets)

USC combined with 2 x 50MW gas turbine

Increased output: 150MWe

Total plant efficiency: 51%

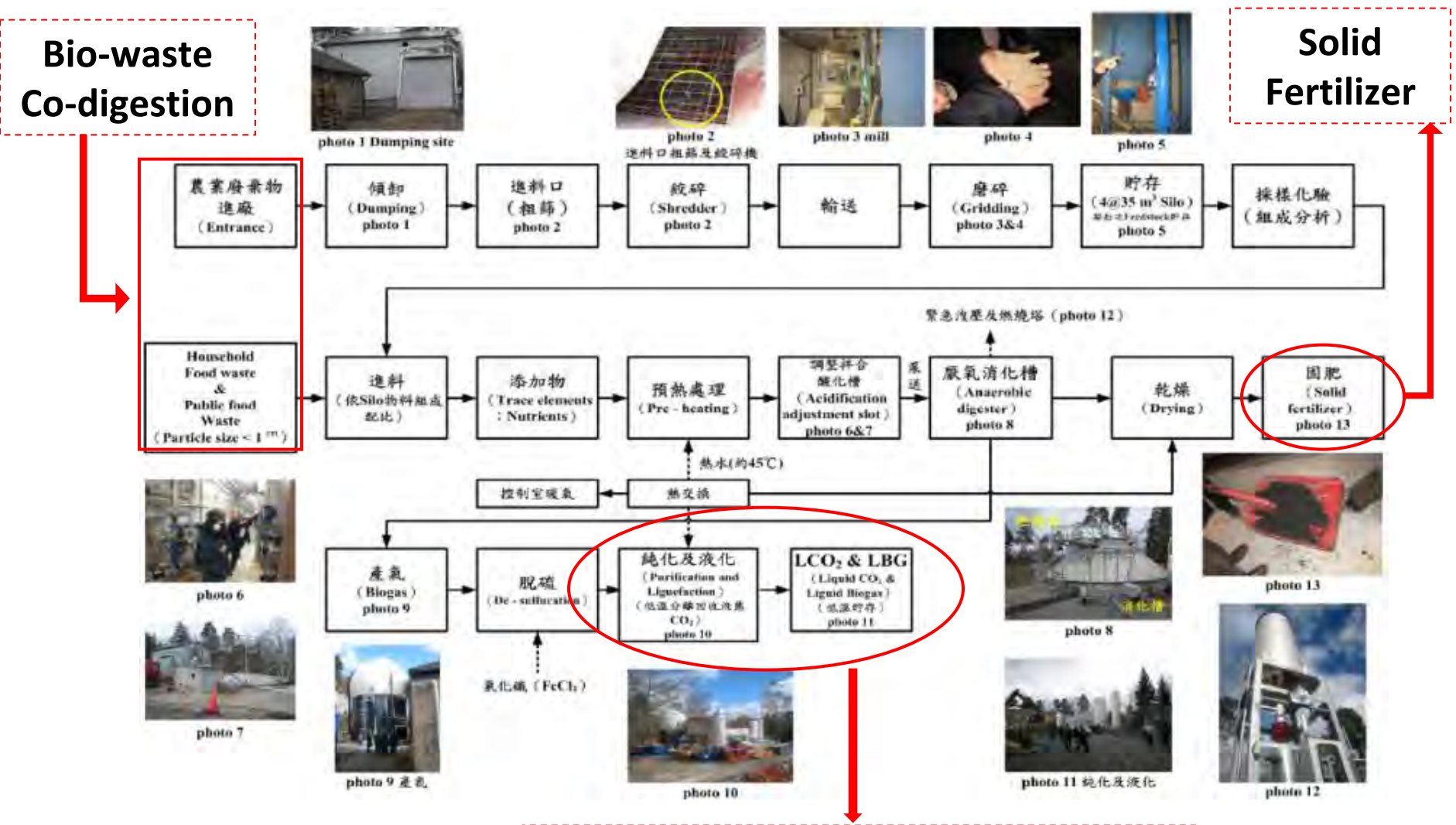


Plant concept by DONG Energy, visited by delegations during COP15

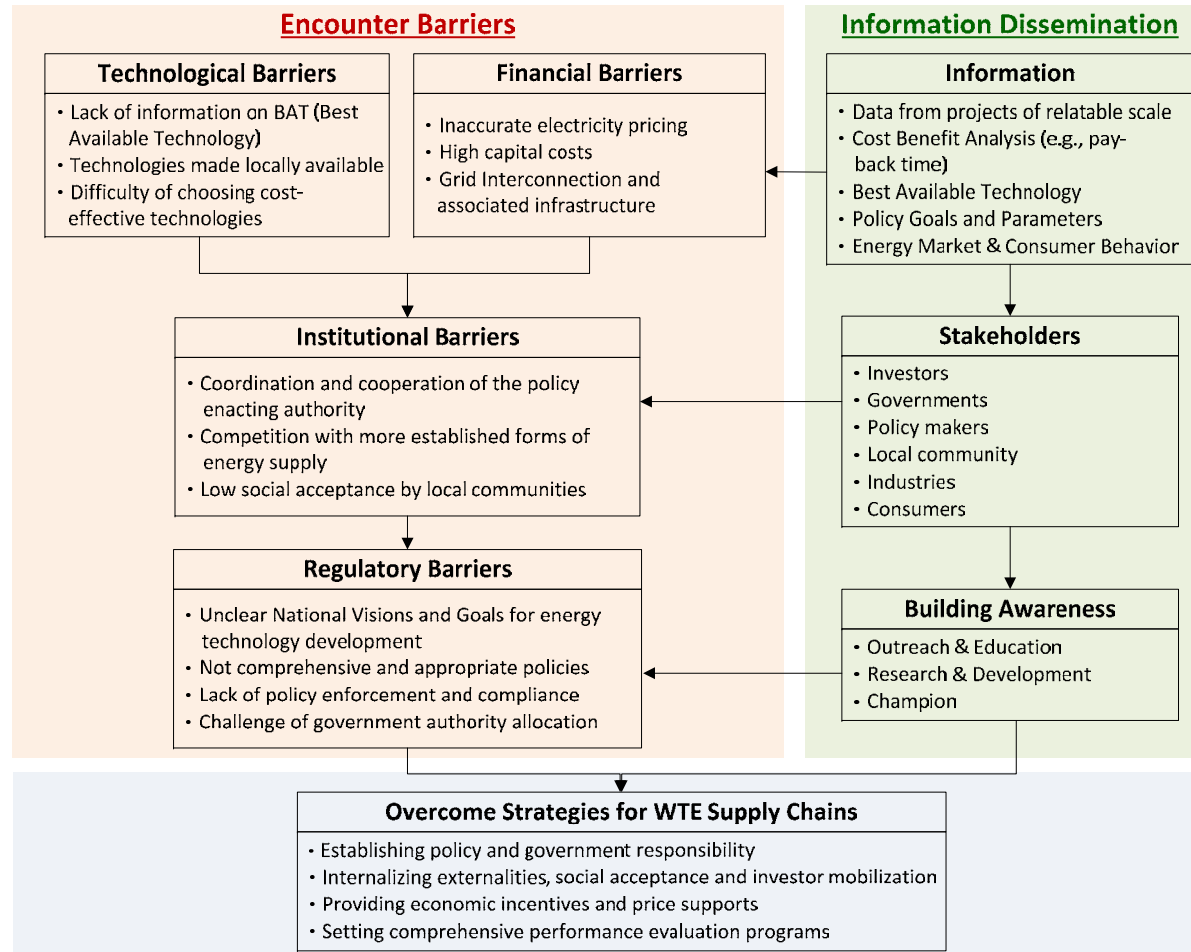


Using "Green Fuel Pellets"

# 4.2 Sweden: Bio-waste Treatment Flowchart



# 4.3-1 Barriers and Strategies in Taiwan



Visualization of encounter barriers and overcome strategies for constructing WTE supply chains



## 4.3 Demonstration: Bali WWTP for Bio-gas Production

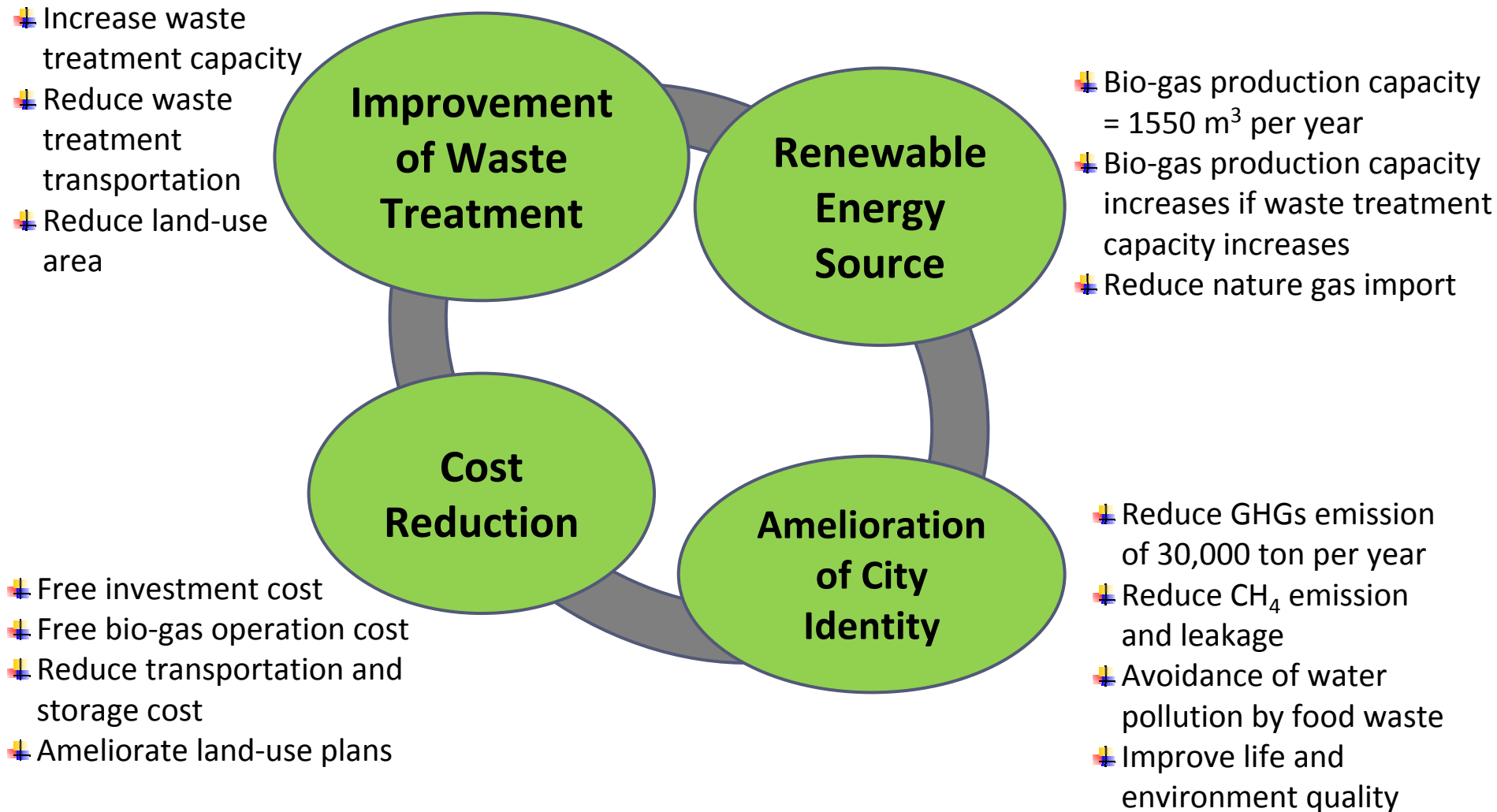
The image shows an aerial view of the Bali Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) with several callout boxes providing details about the project. The plant is situated along a riverbank, with various processing units and infrastructure marked in different colors. Callout boxes are connected to specific areas of the plant by yellow lines.

- Area permanently kept as park.**  
公園保持永久綠地使用。  

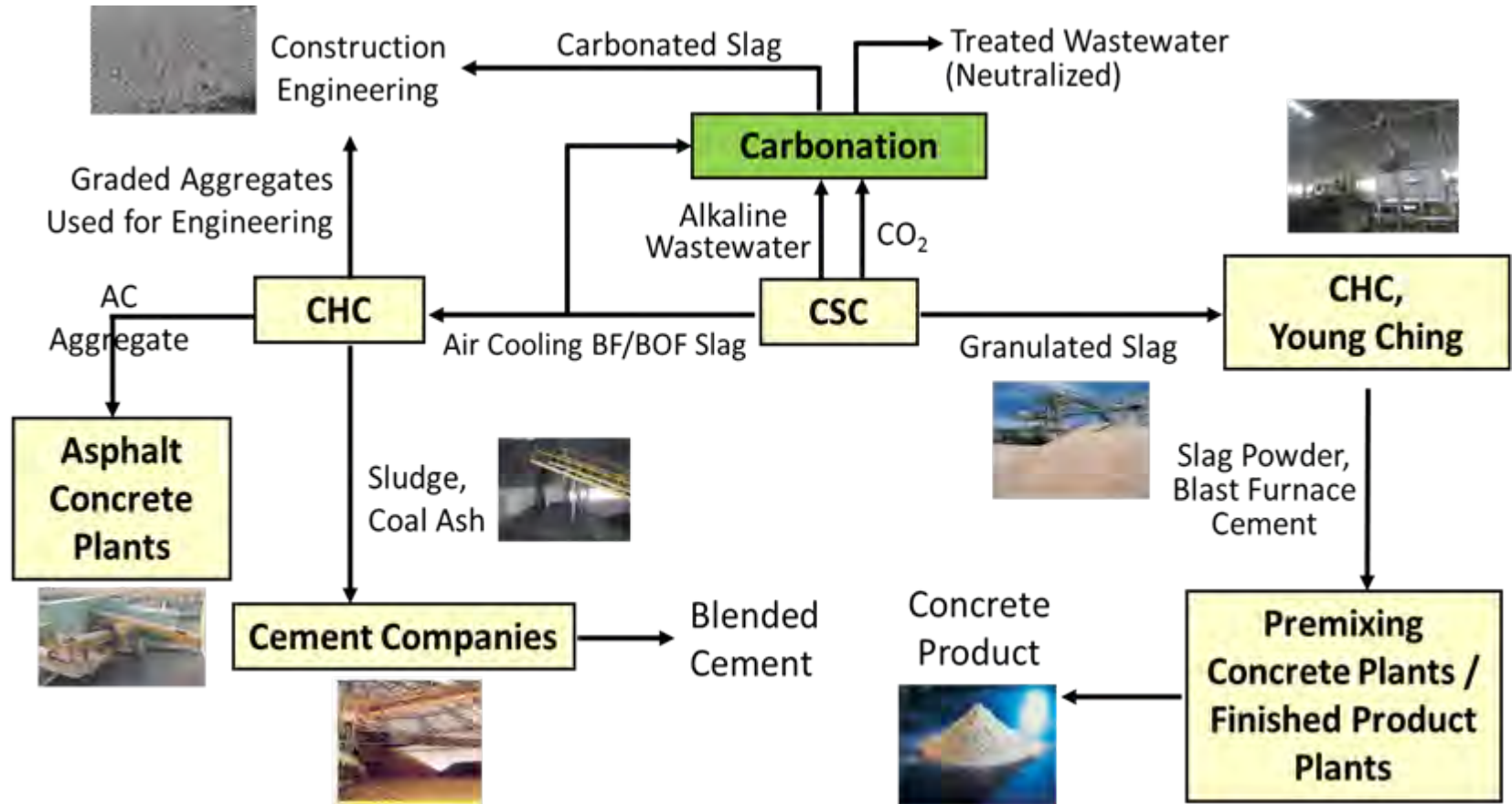
- Food waste plant alternative 1 treating pre-treatment 400 ton/day.**  
廚餘處理場建議位置 (每日 400 噸)。
- Gas engine to be used for electricity production.**  
啓用現有沼氣發電設備。
- Existing gas production infrastructure redesigned/upgraded.**  
重新修附設技現有沼氣設備。
- Digester capacity sufficient for all Taipei food waste available.**  
蛋槽足以容納大台北地區所有廚餘。

Map labels include: 挖子尾, 十三行河, 埤子頭, 小坎腳, 大坎腳, 文心街, 龍米路三段, 中華路一段, 圍子內, 105, 15, 南港大道, 文心路, 民享街, 埤頭二街, 埤頭一街, 文心路, 忠五街, 龍米路, 大坎路, 小坎路, 埤頭路, 中華路, 圍子內路.

## 4.3 Benefits of Bali WWTP Demonstration

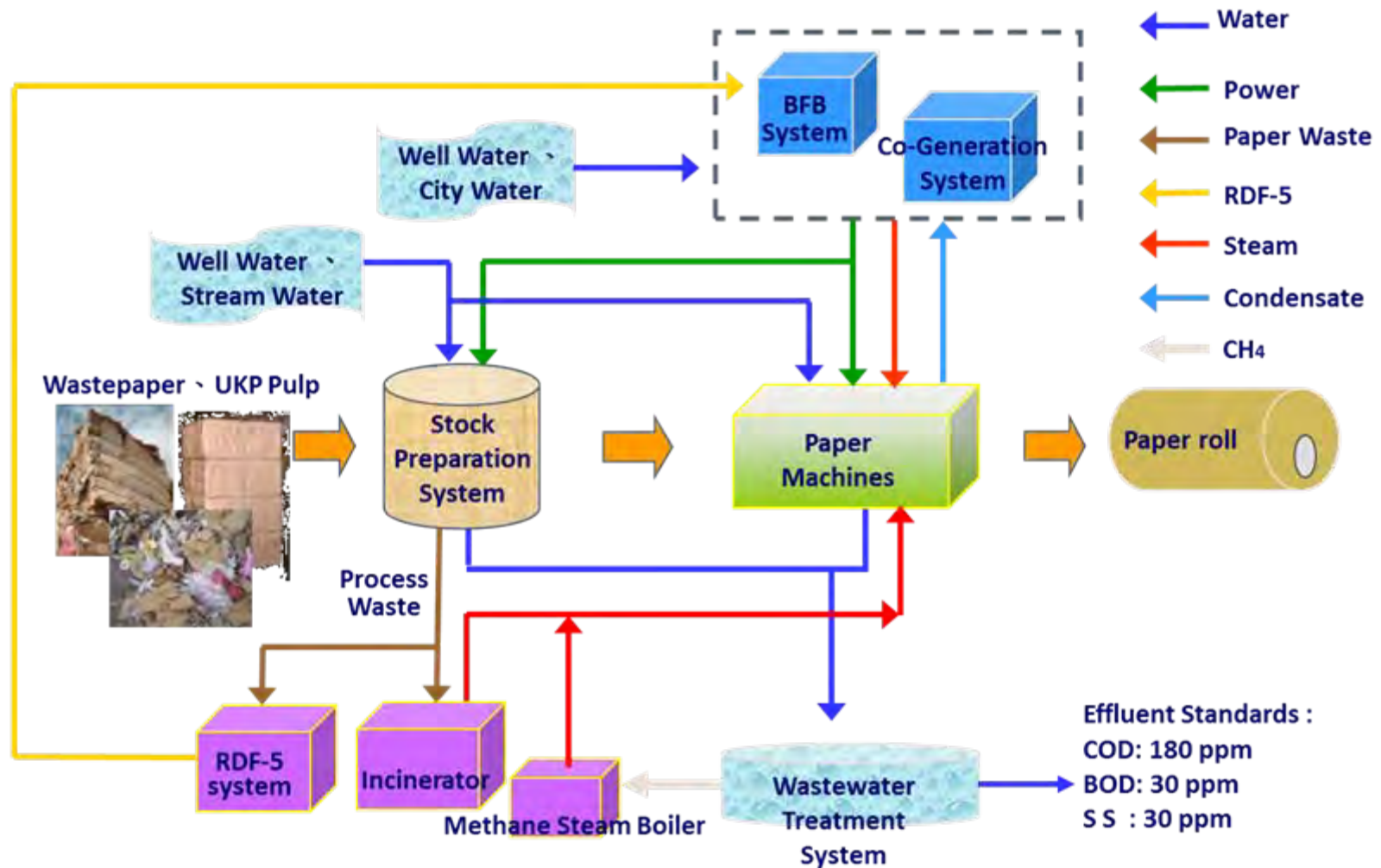


## 4.3-1 Taiwan: Lin-Hai Industrial Park

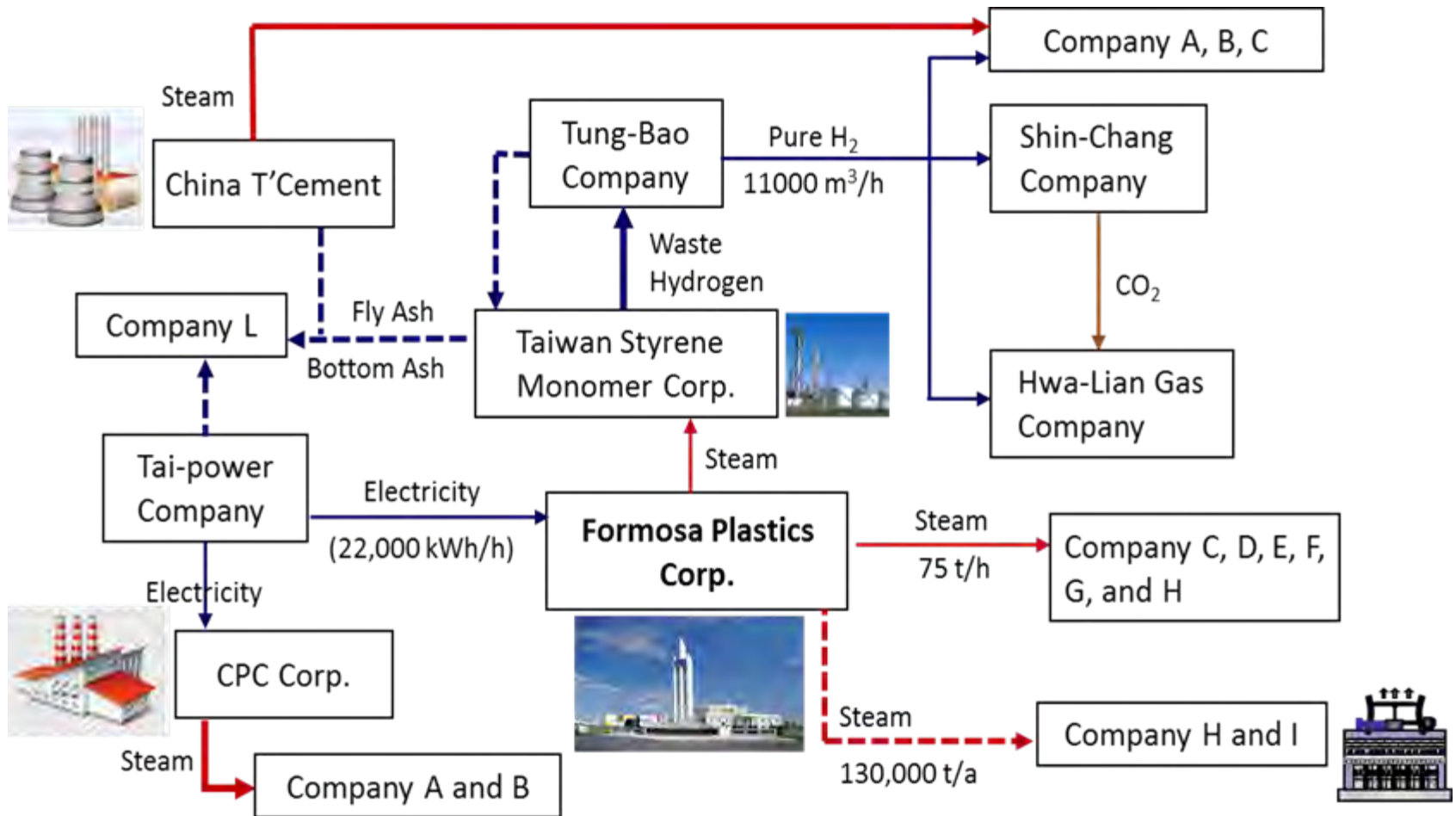


Conceptual diagram of green supply chain in the case of alkaline solid wastes in Lin-Hai Industrial Park

## 4.3-2 Taiwan: Da-Yuan Industrial Park



## 4.3-3 Taiwan: Formosa Plastic Corp.



Schematic diagram of construction of green supply chain in Lin-Yuan Industrial Park

## 4.3-4 Environmental and Socio-economic Benefits

| Aspects       | Themes                | Indicators                         | Units          | Industrial Parks in Taiwan |              |              |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|               |                       |                                    |                | Lin-Hai                    | Da-Yuan      | Lin-Yuan     |
| Environmental | Pollution Reduction   | NO <sub>x</sub> Emissions          | t/y            | 1,270                      | -            | 160          |
|               |                       | Particles Emissions                | t/y            | 181                        | -            | 15           |
|               |                       | SO <sub>x</sub> Emissions          | t/y            | 1,830                      | -            | 370          |
|               |                       | CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions          | t/y            | 574,000                    | 18,000       | 32,300       |
|               | Resource Recycling    | Ratio of Waste Recycling           | %              | 84.7                       | 30.6         | -            |
|               |                       | Amount of Waste Recycling          | t/y            | 669,487                    | 284,550      | -            |
|               |                       | Ratio of Waste Recycling           | %              | -                          | 28.9         | -            |
|               |                       | Amount of Steam Supply             | t/y            | 1,880,709                  | 940,000      | 630,000      |
|               | Green infrastructure  | Amount of Industry Gas Supply      | t/y            | 116,463                    | -            | 8,600        |
|               |                       | Area of green land                 | m <sup>2</sup> | 57,000                     | 5,600        | 202,000      |
| Economic      | Energy Efficiency     | Heavy Oil Reduction                | kL             | 40,663                     | 13,800       | -            |
|               |                       | Boiler Heat Utilization            | %              | -                          | -            | 60.5         |
|               | Benefits              | Annual value of productions        | USD/y          | 305 billion                | 105 billion  | 77.5 billion |
|               |                       | Cost Reduction                     | USD/y          | 100 million                | 2.87 million | 5.3 million  |
| Social        | Community Development | Number of Employee per year        | persons        | 40,717                     | 11,027       | 4,395        |
|               |                       | Number of companies                | units          | 526                        | 168          | 27           |
|               |                       | Public Satisfaction of environment | -              | Excellent                  | Excellent    | Excellent    |
|               |                       | Cognition of eco-industrial park   | -              | Excellent                  | Excellent    | Excellent    |

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# V. Conclusions

# 5.1 Strategies on Building WTE Supply Chain (1/3)

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## 1. Broaden the Source Material Collection and Increase the Co-digestion Efficiency of Bio-organic Wastes

- Garbage and agricultural waste shall be processed via steam cooking process
- Kitchen waste, septage, hog farm waste and municipal sludge shall be processed by the co-digestion process
- Install a centralized energy recycle center for collecting wasted bio gas from the digestion process
- Co-digestion of various organic wastes will enhance the bio-gas generation and energy recycle

## 2. Establish an Integrated, Centralized and Authorized Management Agency to Execute the Integration of All Energy and Natural resources.

- An industry sponsorship Institute may be a more appropriate management agency responsible for recycle and reuse of various organic



# 5.1 Strategies on Building WTE Supply Chain (2/3)

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## 3. Promulgate Better and Thorough Regulations and Provide Economic Incentives to Strictly Regulate the Recycle and Reuse of Bio-organic Wastes

- Carry out in both directions of **Top-Down** as well as **Bottom-Up** in executing a policy.
- Establish the **Feed-in Tariffs (FITs)** purchasing price guarantee system.
- Establish stringent codes for increasing the collection of kitchen waste and reducing environmental pollution

## 4. Establish an International Manufacturing Cooperation Mechanism, Technical Platform and Basic Structure

- Promote the integration of all incineration plant transformation
- Establish a new medium to small size regional bio-energy center
- Integrated with the low carbon community policy to integrate the regional bio-energy development plan

# 5.1 Strategies on Building WTE Supply Chain (3/3)

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## 5. Build a Biomass Model Plant, Improve the Biogas Quality and Biogas Application

### Engineering Technology

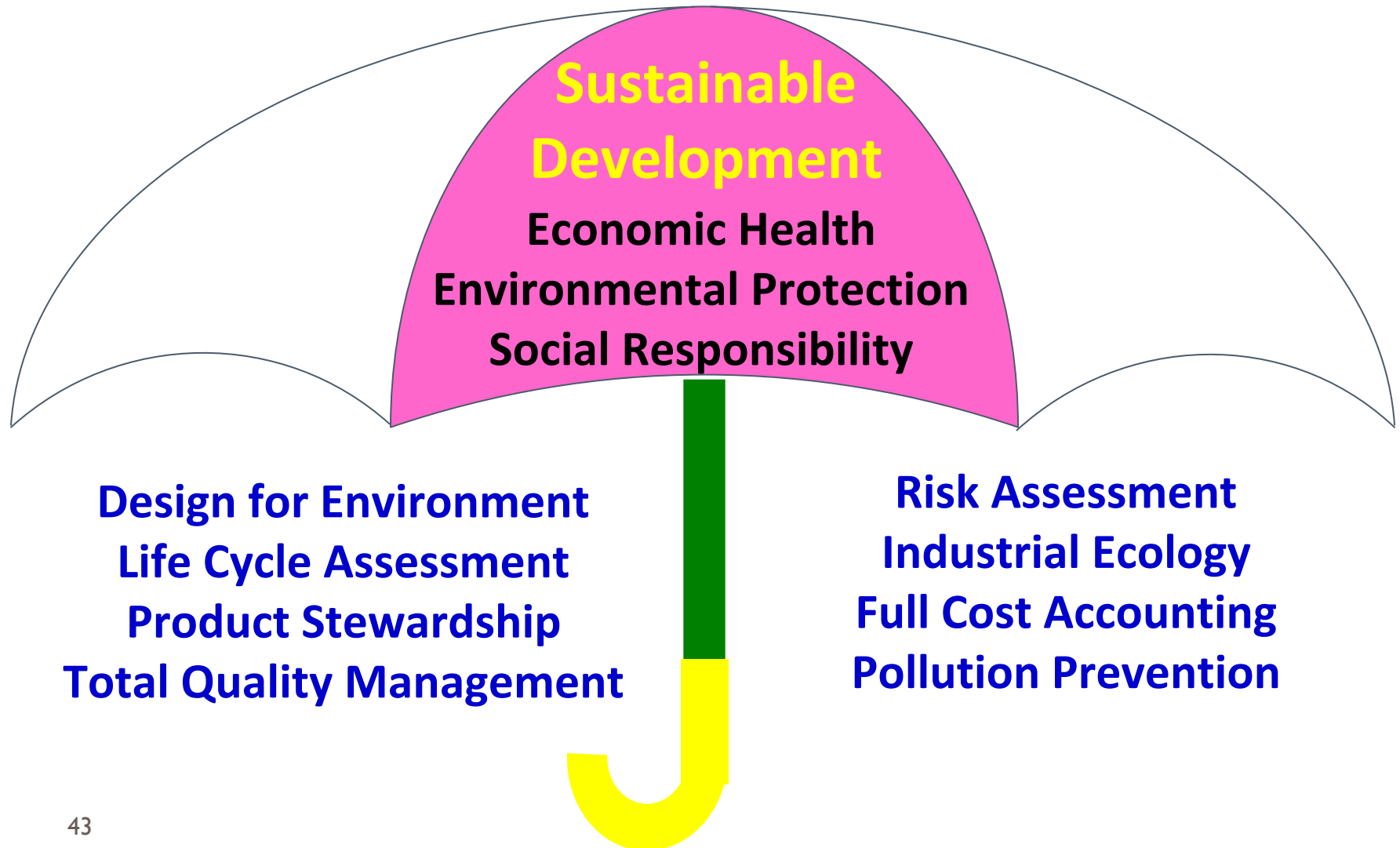
- Establish the **commercialized model** and model the cost effects of collection and transportation
- Wastes from the **large** industrial plants be used as the energy source for **power generation**
- Wastes from the **small** scale livestock industry be used as the energy source for **heating purpose**
- Integrate the steam cooking system and garbage incineration plant to form a regional biomass center

## 6. Accelerate the Promotion Plan of Biomass Energy Generation, Enhance the

### Technology Development and Application Research in Biomass

- Establish the technical platform and pertaining infrastructures
  - Promote the resource re-generation model utilizing the anaerobic digestion technology
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## 5.2 Green Engineering and Sustainable Technology (GEST)





**Thank you for your attention !!!**

**Questions and Comments ??**



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