



Recovering Energy from Waste

Exploring Trends, Challenges and Opportunities: Energy for our Future Generations

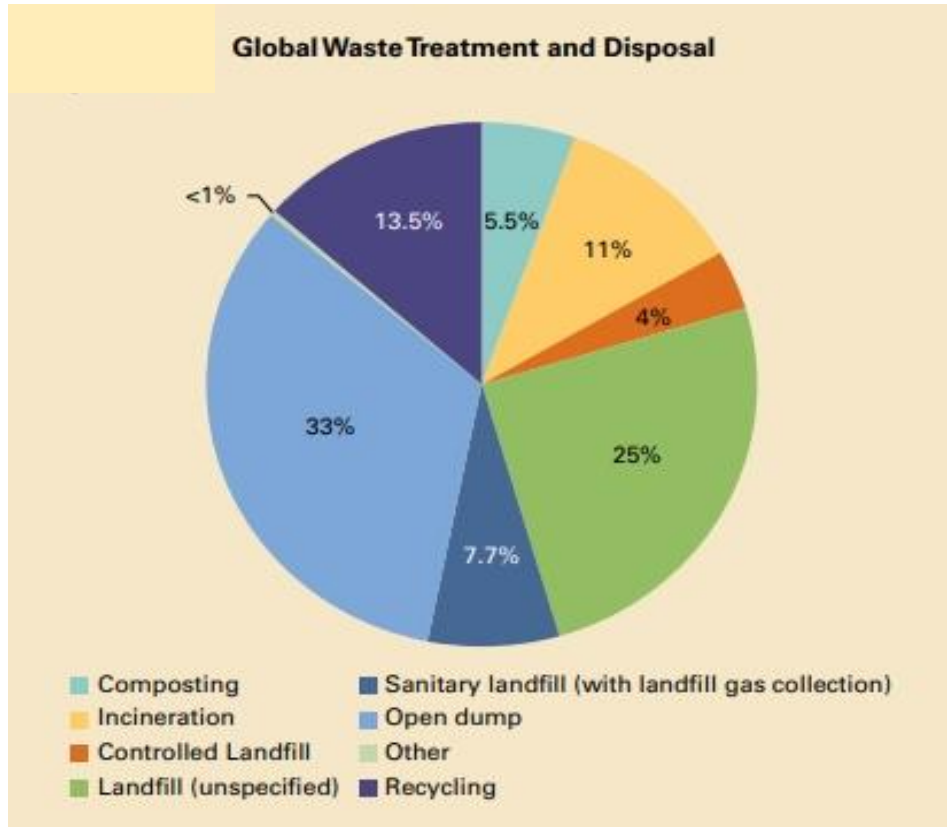
How many tonnes of municipal solid waste (“MSW”) are globally produced annually?



Estimated 2,000,000,000 tons in year 2016

Projected to reach 3,400,000,000 tons in 2050 based on business as usual scenario

So what happens with this Waste?



36.7% Landfilled

33% Open dump

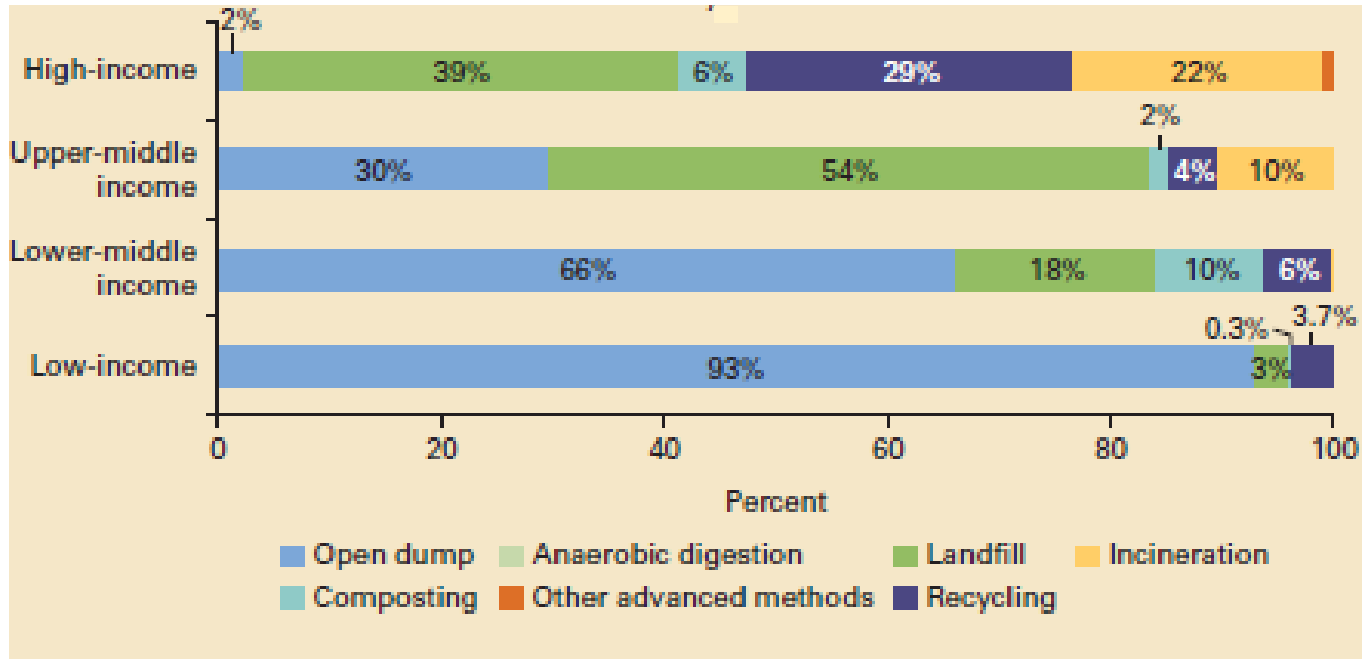
13.5% Recycled

11% Incinerated

5.5% Composted

< 1% Others

So what happens with this Waste?



What is Residual Waste?

WASTE HIERARCHY - LANSINK'S LADDER



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Waste Hierarchy – Lansink's Ladder

Oxford definition of **Waste**

“Unwanted or unusable material, substances, or by-products”

Oxford definition of **Residual**

“Left over or remaining after the greater part or quantity is gone”

Residual Waste are left over after reuse or recycling

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When Waste remains as Waste



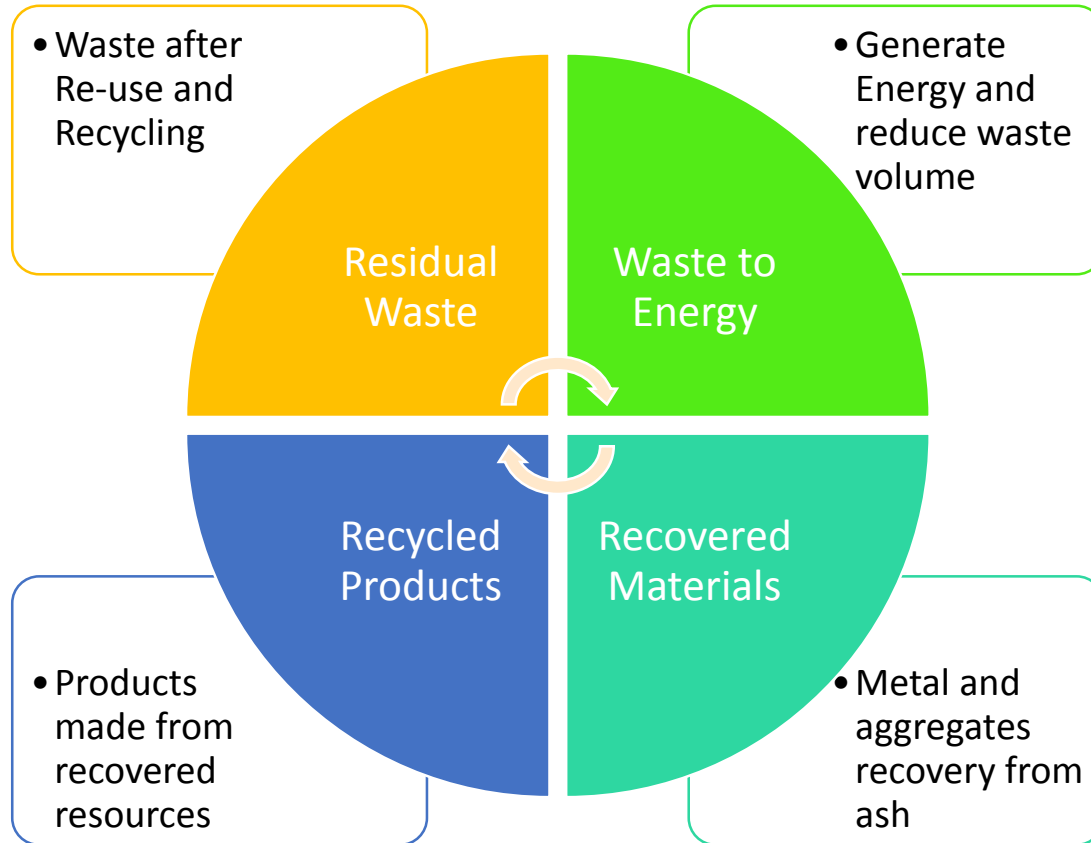
Residual Waste as Energy Resource



Resource recovery from Bottom Ash



Part of the effort towards Circular Economy

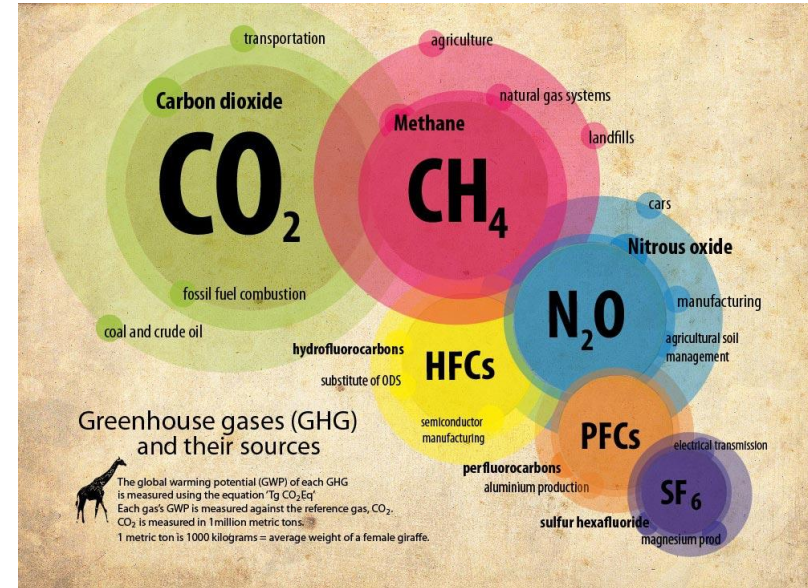


Landfill versus Waste to Energy

	Landfill	Waste to Energy
Energy Production	Generally not	Yes
Land area optimization	No	Volume reduction by >90 %
Pollution	Uncontrolled	Treated and controlled
Net greenhouse gas reducer	No	Yes
Vermin	Yes	No
Odour and visual nuisance	Yes	Controlled
Reduces dependency on fossil fuels	No	Yes
Complementary with other industry	Generally not	Steam and energy delivery District cooling and heating
Material Recovery	Generally not	Material recovery system can be incorporated

Indirect Greenhouse gas avoidance – Green energy from waste

- Avoid greenhouse gasses
 - Landfill: source of methane (20-30 times higher impact than CO₂)
 - Metals: Recycling metals saves around 1.5 kg CO₂ per kg iron scrap and about 10 kg CO₂ per kg aluminum.
- Waste to Energy produces CO₂
 - 30-50 % of organic source – Green source



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Comparing Waste to Energy with other Power Plants

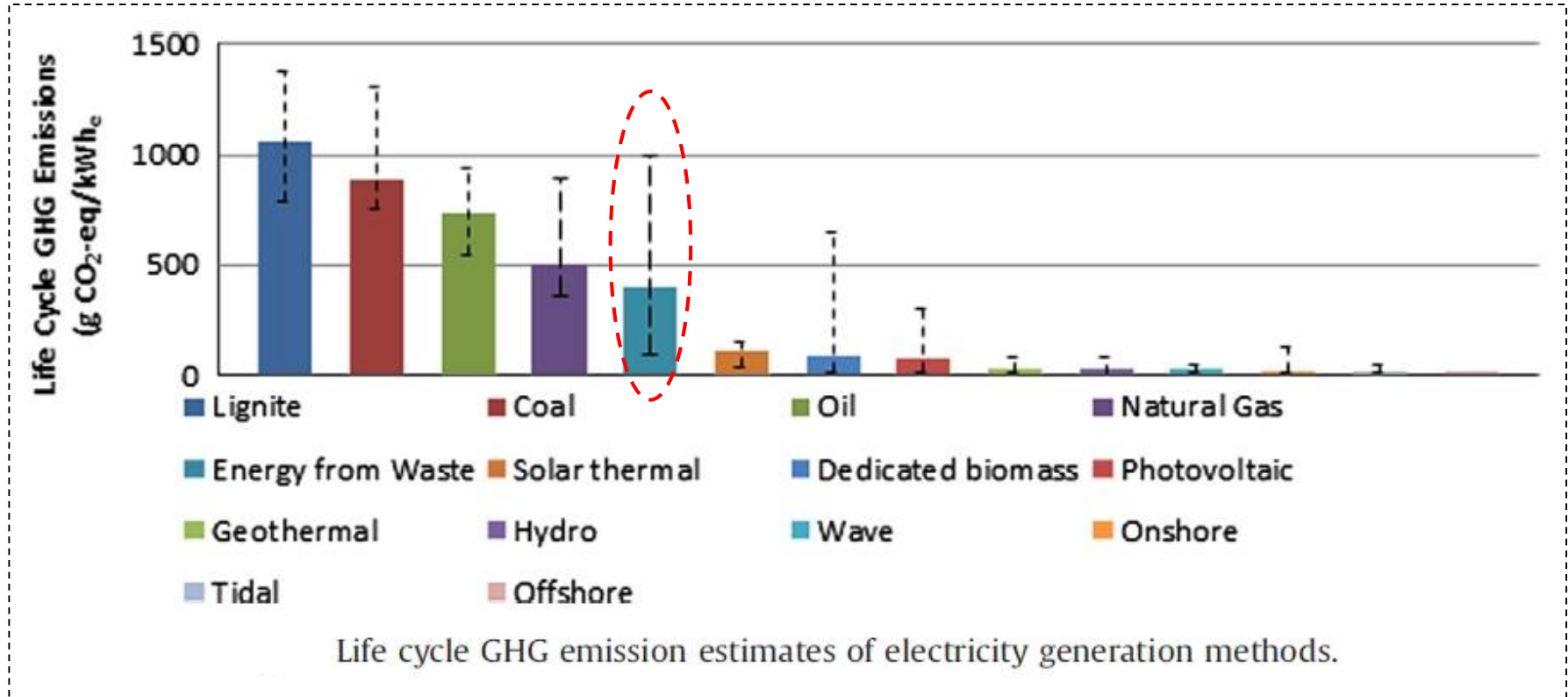
	Type of energy generation				
	Fossil fuel	Waste to Energy	Solar	Wind	Nuclear
Size (MWe)	> 1000	< 100	> 100	> 100	> 1000
Efficiency of electricity generation	32-53%	19-33%	4-22%	23-45%	30-36%
Fuel Type	Oil, gas, coal	Residual waste	Renewable	Renewable	Uranium, Plutonium
EU Emission limits (mg/Nm³)					
SO₂	400	50	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
NO_x	300	200	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Dust	20	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Sources: Comparing the sustainability parameters of renewable, nuclear and fossil fuel electricity generation technologies - Evans et al. 2010

Waste-to-energy is compatible and complementary with recycling in the circular economy – Van Caneghem et al. 2019

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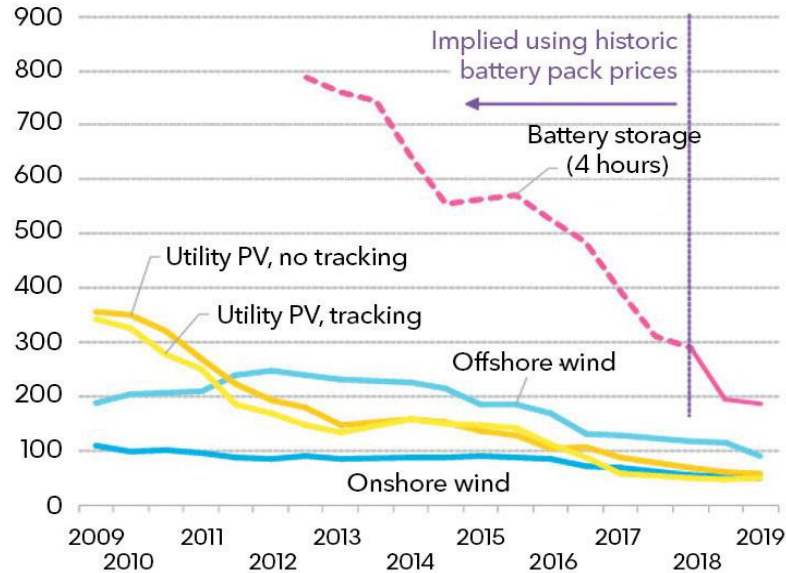
Comparing Waste to Energy – Green house Gas emissions



How do we see the energy landscape changing?

Global benchmarks - PV, wind and batteries

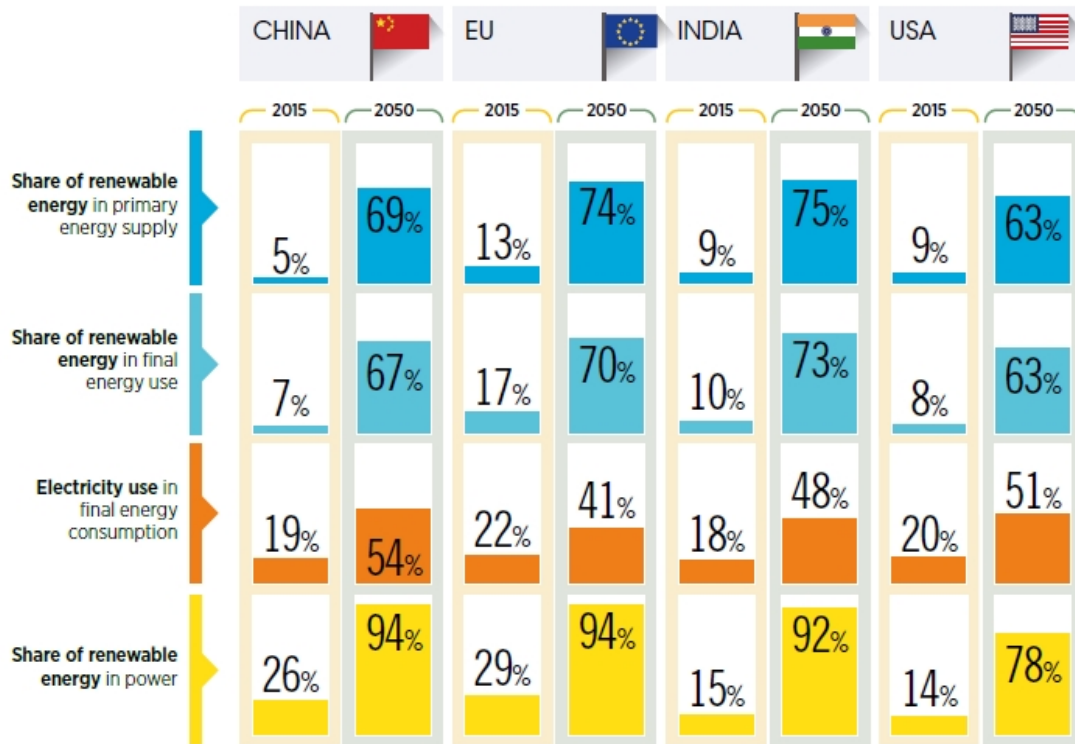
LCOE (\$/MWh, 2018 real)



- Prices of renewables are going down
- Economic and ecologic drivers to implement these technologies for energy production

Source: BloombergNEF. Note: The global benchmark is a country weighed-average using the latest annual capacity additions. The storage LCOE is reflective of a utility-scale Li-ion battery storage system running at a daily cycle and includes charging costs assumed to be 60% of whole sale base power price in each country.

How do we see the energy landscape changing?



- Increase in the use of electricity as a form of energy.
- Substantial increase in the adoption of renewable energy over the next 30 years.

Role of Waste to Energy in the future

Waste Sector	Energy Sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Success of Re-use & Recycling effort• Residual Waste trends• Landfill diversion rate• Technology advancement for Waste to Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduction in green house gases• Stricter emission control on power plants

Thank You