
Strategies and Measures for Promoting MFA applications for RM and EM in Industries

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Incentives for industry to use MFA

1. Direct economic benefit
2. Comparative advantage in a competitive market
3. Leadership
4. Regulations
5. Improve knowledge base

No incentive:

MFA studies “per se” without economic or problem solving purpose



1. Economic benefits: MFA and greenhouse gas emission assessment



Concept of Balance Method

Material data of waste input

Biogenic matter C, H, O, N, S, Cl

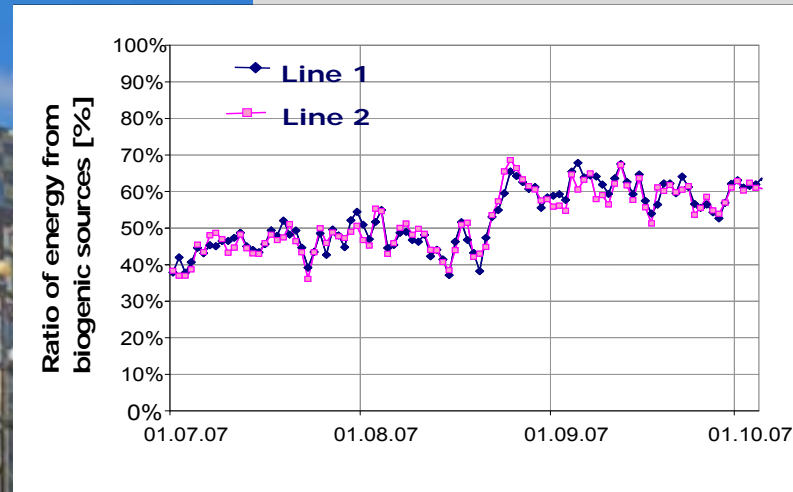
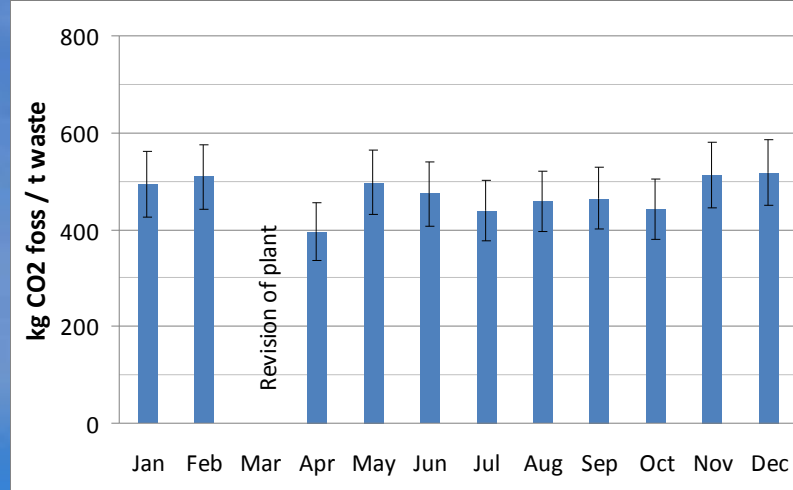
Fossil matter C, H, O, N, S, Cl

Balance equations

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 m_B + m_F + m_I + m_W & = & 1 \\
 & & m_I \\
 C_B \cdot m_B + C_F \cdot m_F & = & C_{\text{waste}} \\
 HV_B \cdot m_B + HV_F \cdot m_F - 2.45 \cdot m_W & = & HV_{\text{waste}} \\
 O_{2,B} \cdot m_B + O_{2,F} \cdot m_F & = & O_{2,\text{waste}} \\
 d_{O_2-CO_2} \cdot m_B + d_{O_2-CO_2} \cdot m_F & = & d_{O_2-CO_2,\text{waste}}
 \end{array}$$

Operating data from WTE plant

Waste input, flue gas volume,
CO₂, O₂, steam production



Balance Equation

Mass balance	$m_B + m_F + m_I + m_W$	$= 1$
“Ash”-balance	m_I	$= a_{\text{waste}}$
Carbon-balance	$C_B \cdot m_B + C_F \cdot m_F$	$= C_{\text{waste}}$
Energy-balance	$HV_B \cdot m_B + HV_F \cdot m_F - 2.45 \cdot m_W$	$= HV_{\text{waste}}$
O₂-consumption	$O_{2,C,B} \cdot m_B + O_{2,C,F} \cdot m_F$	$= O_{2,C}^{\text{waste}}$
Difference of O₂-cons. +CO₂-prod.	$d_{O_2-CO_2} \cdot m_B + d_{O_2-CO_2} \cdot m_F$	$= d_{O_2-CO_2, \text{waste}}$

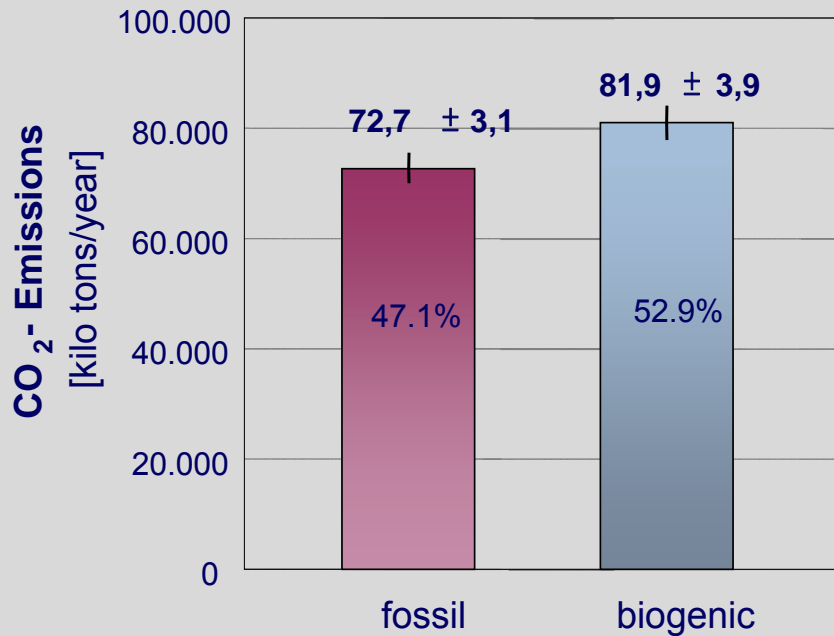
Coefficients (given by the chemical composition of biogenic and fossil matter)

Derived from operating data

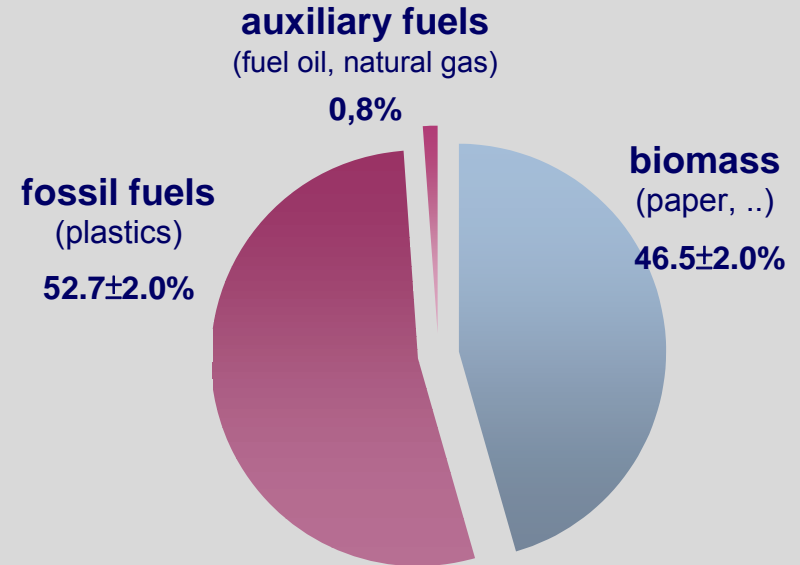


Results (annual values)

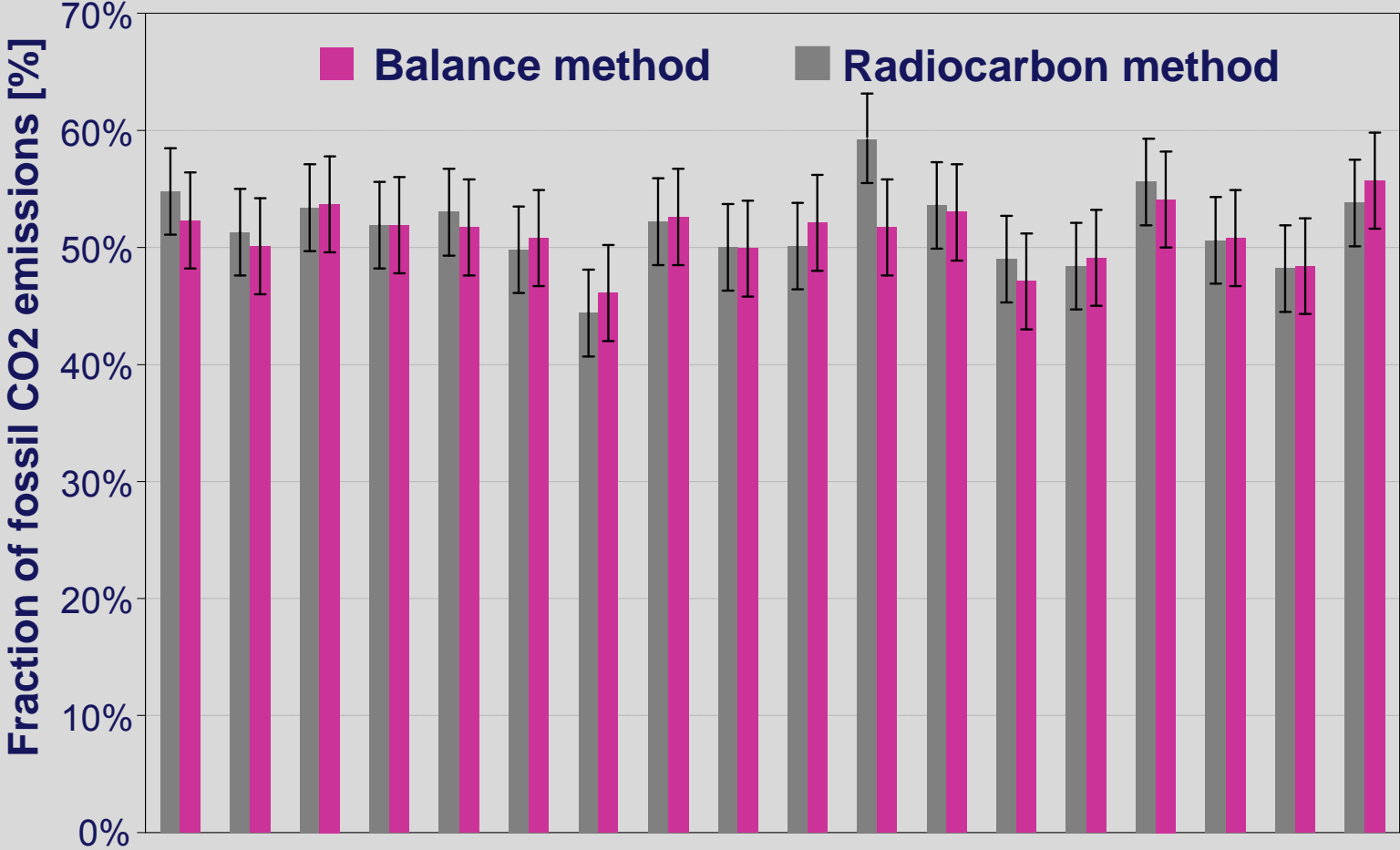
sources of CO₂ - emissions



sources of energy



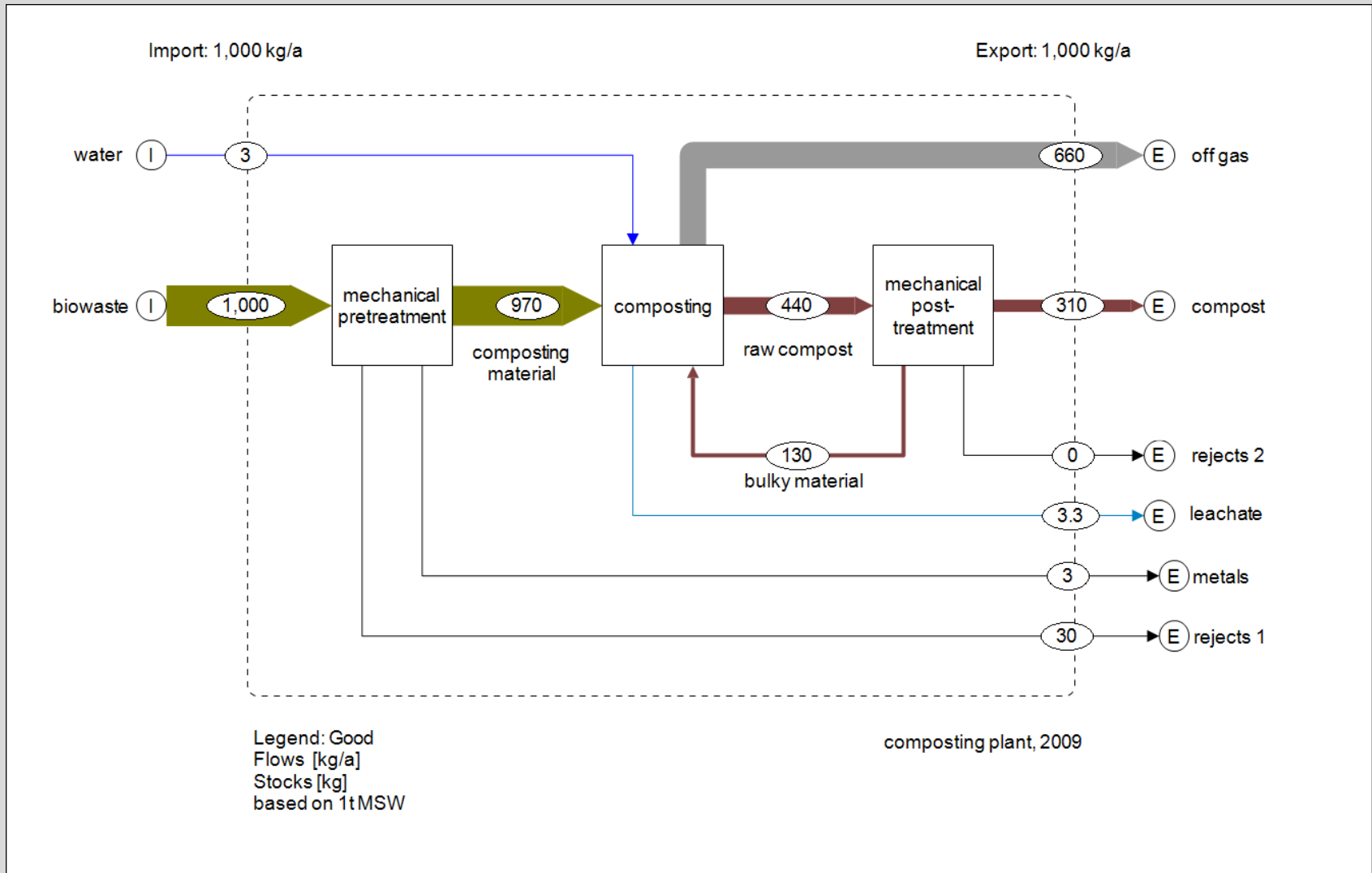
Comparison with radiocarbon method



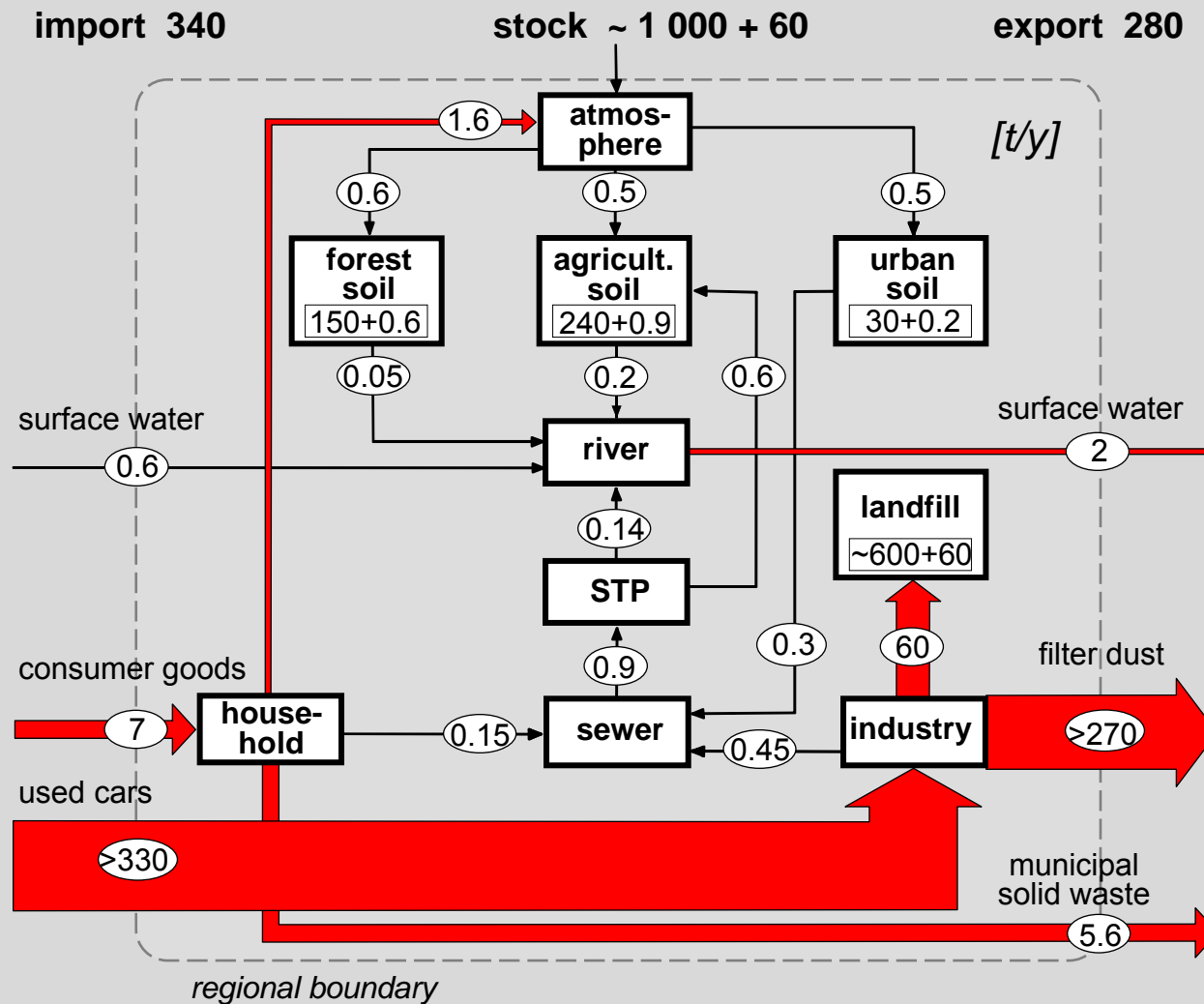
Fellner et al, 2007



2. Comparative advantage in a competitive market (v.EFB)



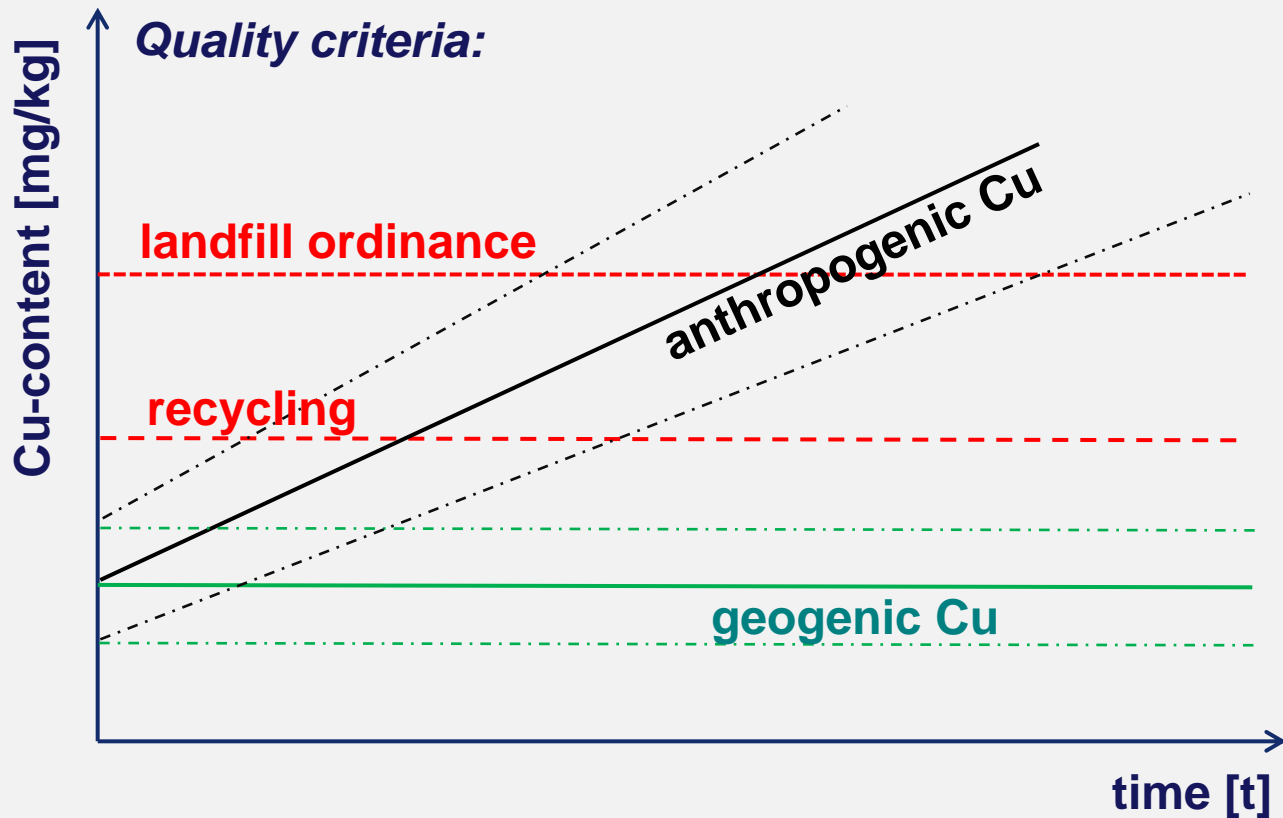
3. Leadership: regional lead flows to air from smelter



4. Regulations: MFA to cut costs from railway maintenance



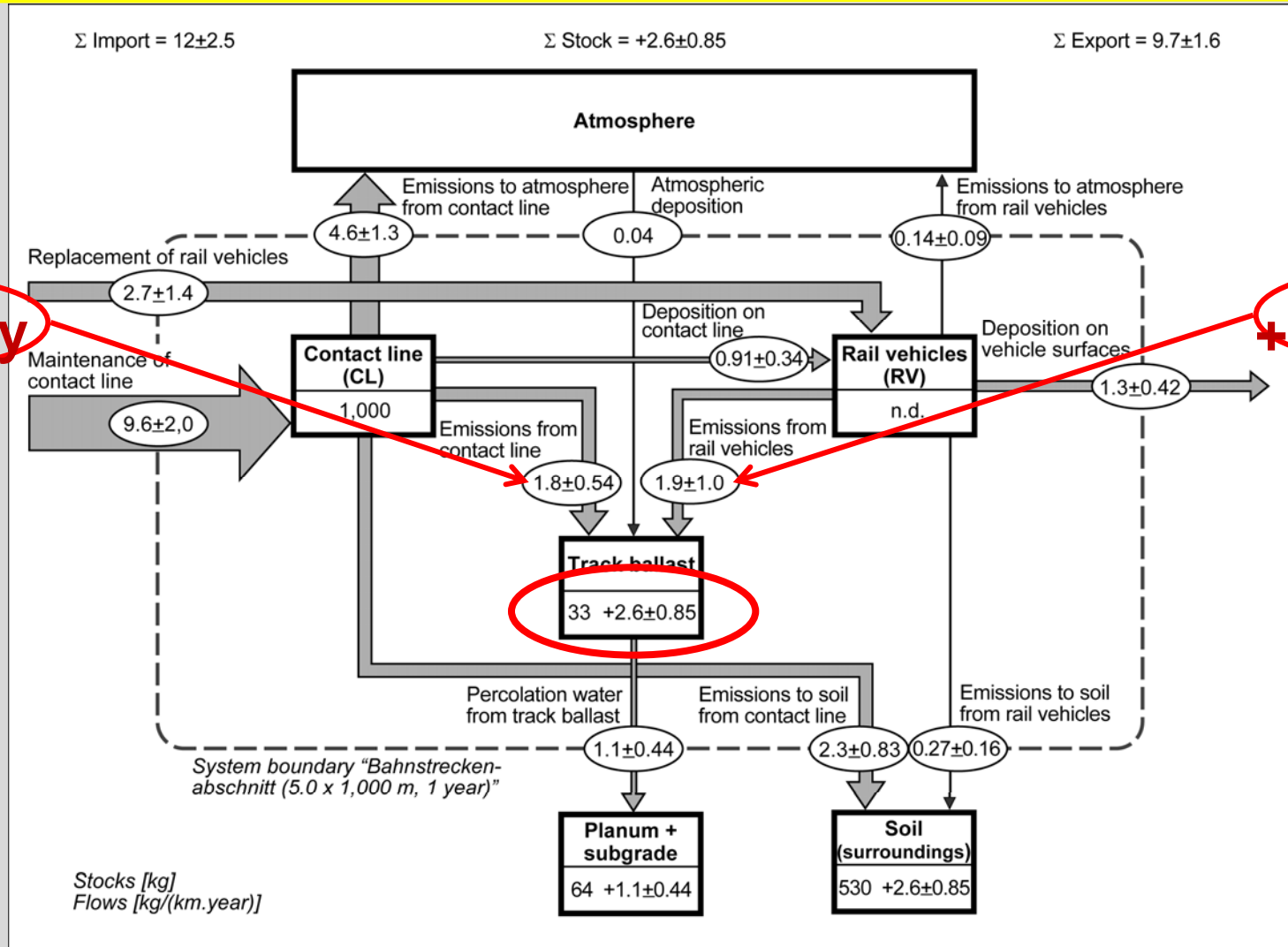
The problem: high costs for landfilling spent gravel from RR



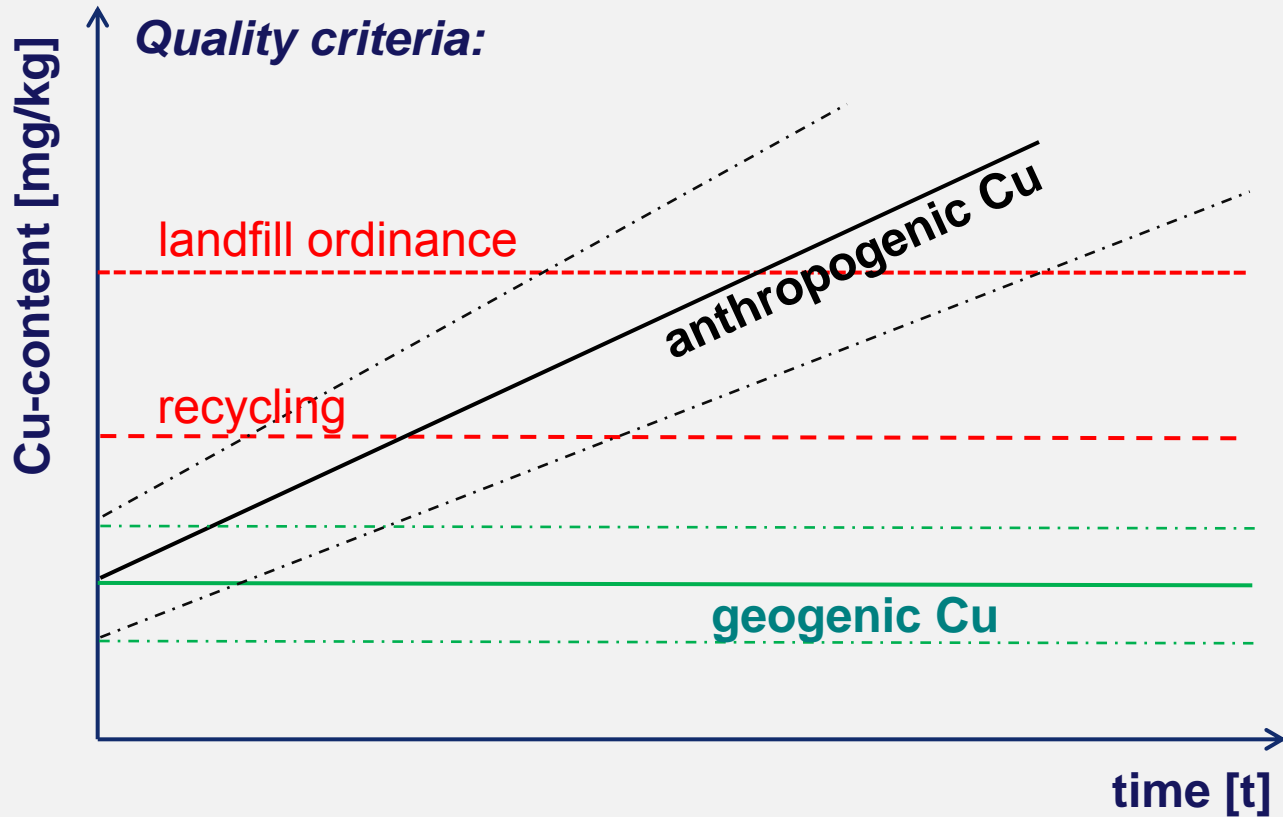
The method: MFA of Cu in track ballast



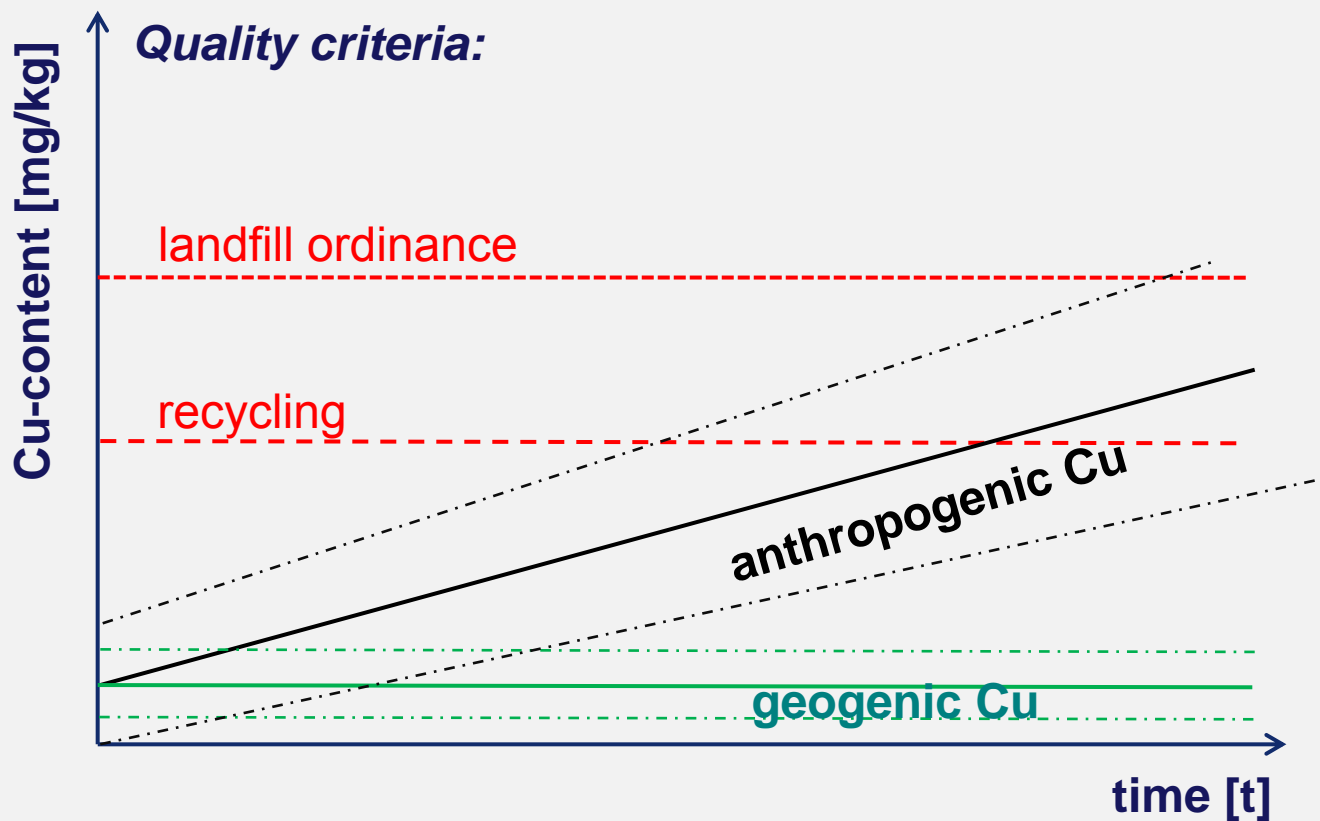
Result: brake system and contact line as main anthropogenic sources



Solution: new material for brake pads, contact line (?), and low Cu gravel

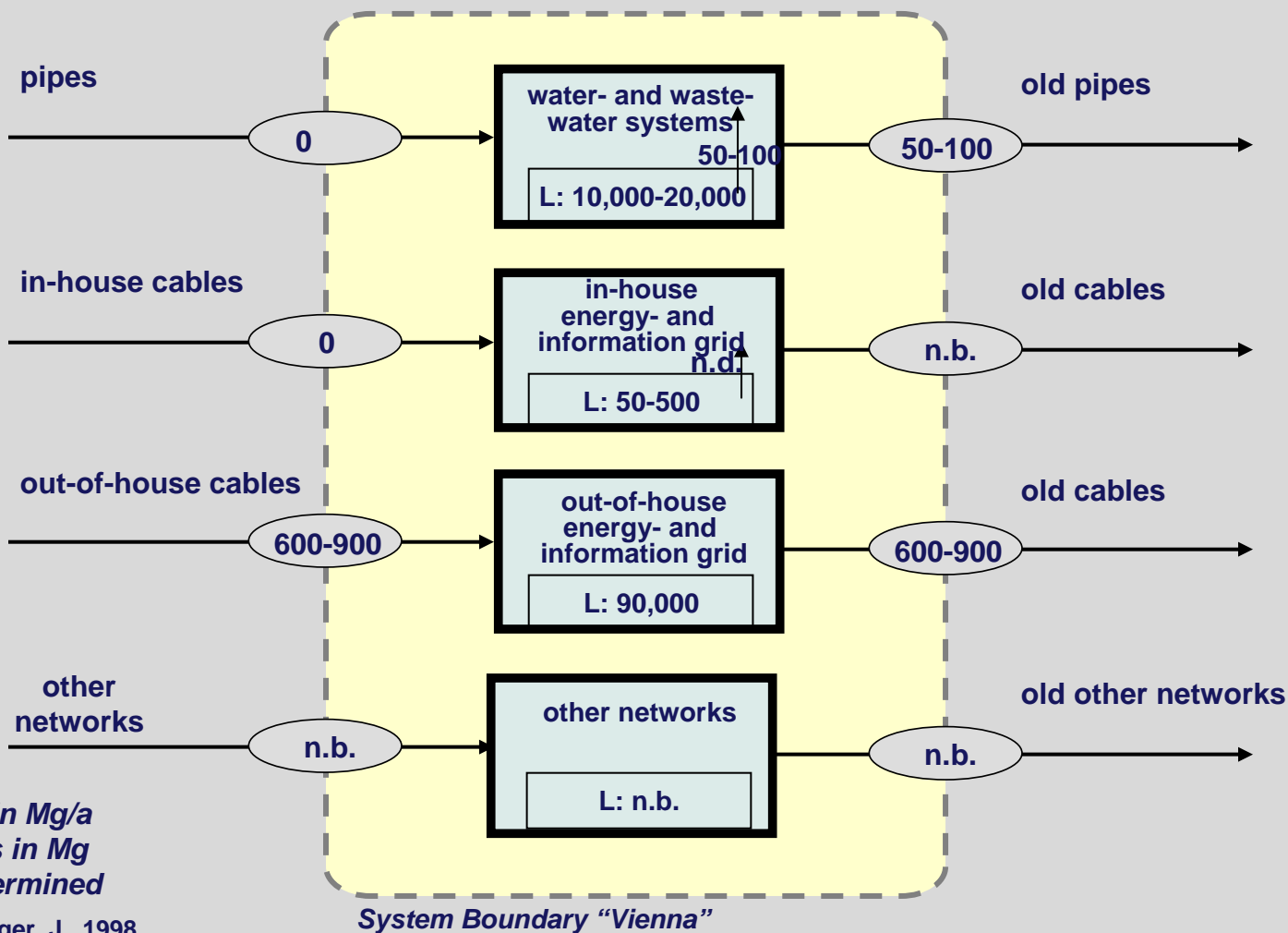


Solution: new material for brake pads, contact line (?), and low Cu gravel



5. Improve knowledge base: case of lead recycling

lead stocks in networks and buildings of Vienna

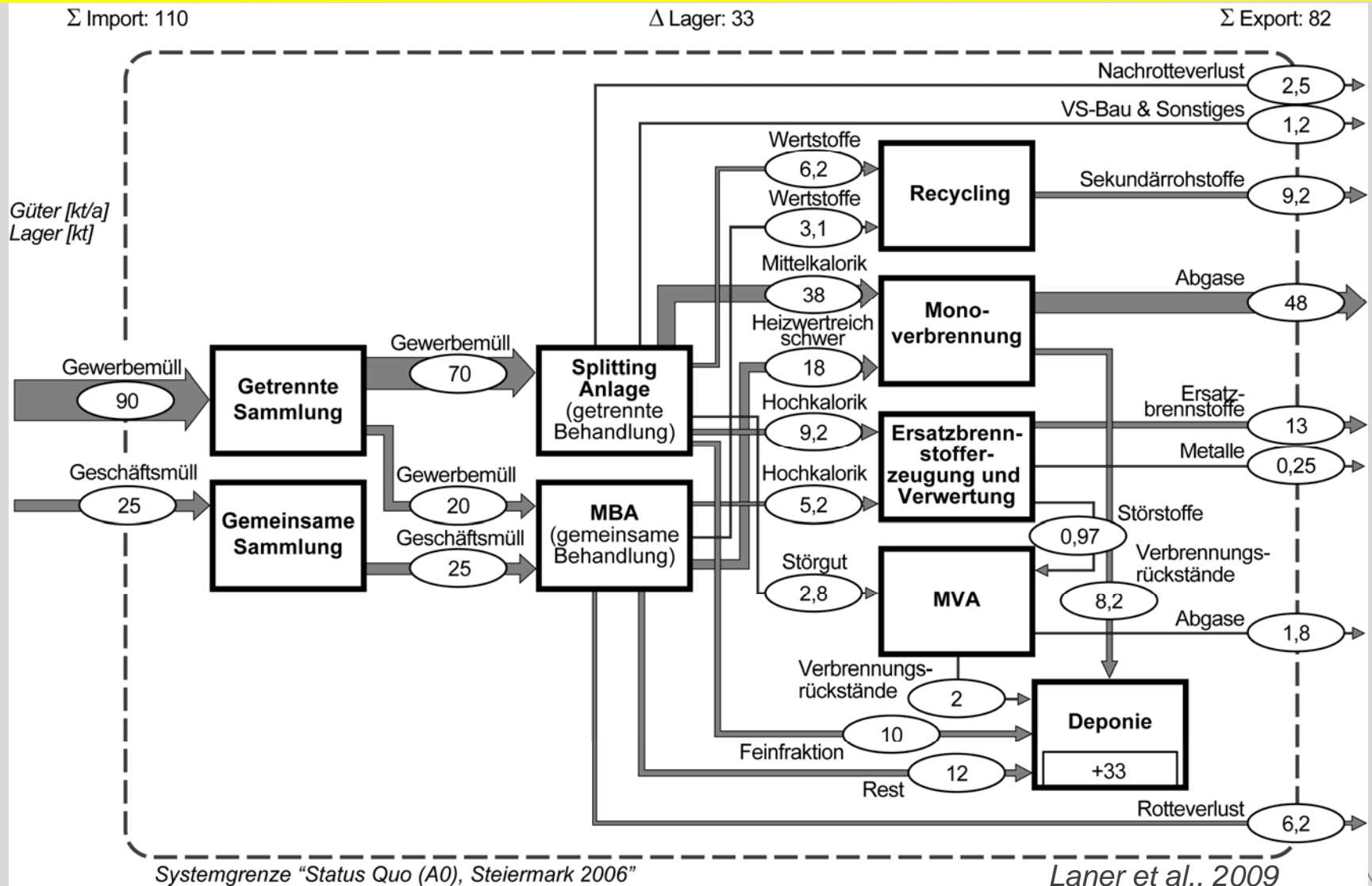


lead flows in Mg/a
lead stocks in Mg
n.b. not determined

Source: Möslinger, J., 1998



5. Improve knowledge base: case of waste management



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Issue:

Struggle between private and public waste management: Who should collect wastes from industry, business and trade?

Questions:

Where are additional potentials for waste collection and treatment?
What is the “best” solution: private or public?

Procedure:

1. Assessment of waste amounts, 2. MFA of various scenarios, and 3. evaluation of scenarios

Solution:

1. Insufficient information to answer the question (->scenarios)
2. Separate collection and treatment has advantages, no matter if public or private
3. Amount in question relatively small (~ 20%) when compared to rest



Conclusion

Industry will apply MFA if:

- MFA is known to industry
- MFA is instrumental to solve relevant industrial problems
- MFA is economic (benefit > cost)
- MFA is mandated by law

Strategy to promote MFA in industry:

- Identify key industries and apply MFA for problem solving
- Make economically successful MFA results known to industry
- Educate engineers and practitioners in MFA methodology
- Standardize MFA as an instrument for RM, WM and EM
- Incorporate MFA into selected legislation (EIA, SEIA)
- Incorporate MFA in national planning (RM, WM, EM)
-> framework for industrial activities

