

# Cost - benefit analysis of plasma technologies

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# Plasma based technologies sustainability analysis



#### **Cost-benefit analysis**

- Aspects of the plasma technologies
  - In order to reach a conclusion about all aspects of the plasma technologies a common unit has to be defined; i.e., there must be a "bottom line."
- Costs and benefits
  - The most convenient common unit is money. This means that all benefits and costs of an implemented project should be measured in terms of their equivalent money value.
  - A programme may provide benefits which are not directly expressed in monetary terms.





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- Past choices
  - Most challenging is to find past choices which reveal tradeoffs and equivalencies in preferences.
- Benefits from an higher efficiency cleaning technology
  - Monetary benefits that can be established by evaluating the different housing payments among more polluted areas and less which polluted areas taking into account the same characteristics and location.
- Value of cleaner air
  - Generally, the value of cleaner air to people as revealed by the hard market choices seems to be less than their rhetorical valuation of clean air.









**Avoided payments for air pollution** 

**Avoided external costs** 

**Health benefits** 





#### **Cost calculation**



### **Taxes for pollution**

Administration and capital costs etc.





### Report on cost-benefit analysis



Cost-benefit analysis of selected examples regarding the main pollution service.

Information search for cost and market analysis concerning sea water cleaning from oil and oil – type slicks.

Cost models and investment preparation document for one important applied field will be prepared.







### Plasma technologies

Plasma technologies for flue gas treatment

Plasma technologies for water treatment

Plasma technologies for odour reduction





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### Methods for pollution control



### Electron beam flue gas treatment

- Removal of SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx
- NOx treatment using low-energy secondary emission electron gun
- oxidative decomposition of aromatic hydrocarbons
- an overview and research needs

Arc

- For destruction of hazardous waste
- Modeling
- Plasma pyrolysis of medical waste





### Non-thermal-plasmas



## Electrostatic precipitators

- Review
- Application in cement industry

#### Corona

- Pulsed streamer corona
- DC corona streamers induced by UV irradiation
- Scale-up for a coal fired power plant
- Plasma based total treatment of waste and lowgrade fuels
- Kinetic
- Analysis of non-thermal plasmas used for pollution control

**DBD** 

• NOx, SO2, VOCs (Reviews)







### Non-thermal-plasmas



## High frequency discharge

 Oxidation of activated carbon and methane using a high-frequency pulsed plasma

#### Glow discharge

 DC glow discharge in atmospheric pressure air as a source for pollution control

#### Microwave

 Microwave-plasma discharge within the flue gas as a potential pollution-control method

## Micro-hollow cathode

 Applications for plasmachemical synthesis and pollution control become feasible







### Indirect plasma methods



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Pollution and odour control

Ozone

- Ozone injection for NOx control: numerical simulation
- Removal of SO<sub>2</sub> and NOx
- Effect of ozone injection on the catalytic reduction of nitrogen oxides









# **Electron beam flue gas treatment** (EBFGT)





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### **Administration and capital costs**



Со	sts	EBFGT industrial plant, Chengdu, 90MW unit	EBFGT industrial plant, Hangzhou, 90MW unit	EBFGT industrial plant, Beijing, 150MW unit	EBFGT industrial plant, Pomorzany, 120 MW unit
Total capital cost	MEuro	8,02	8,02	8,37	14,77
Unit capital cost	Euro/kWe	88,97	88,97	55,91	112,53
Unit operation cost	Euro/ton SO <sub>2</sub>	84,45	84,45	39,27	746,72

Source: Calinescu, a.o. Electron beam technologies for reducing SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from thermal power plants











Country	Tax rate, NO <sub>x</sub> (Euro per ton)	Tax rate, SO₂ (Euro per ton)
Sweden	4 150	1 600
Denmark		1 300
Poland	125	
Lithuania	132	83
Latvia	42	42
Estonia	764	394

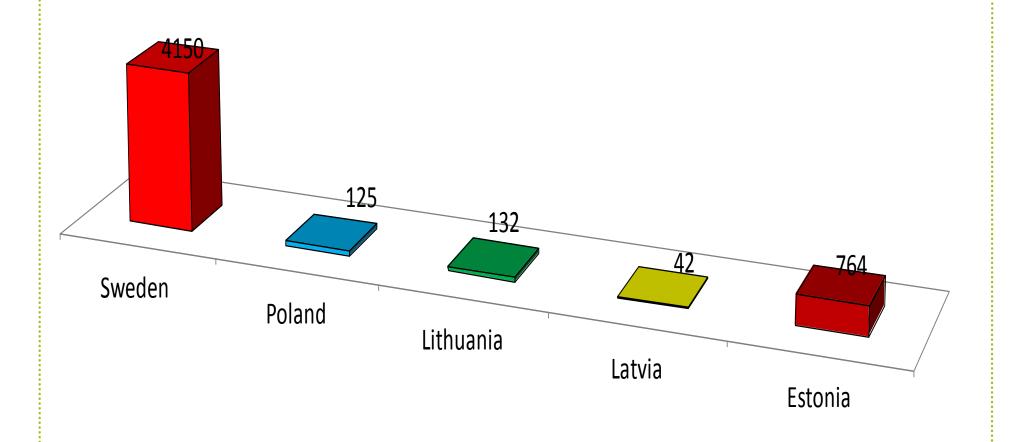
Source: OECD





### Tax rate NO<sub>x</sub>, Euro per ton



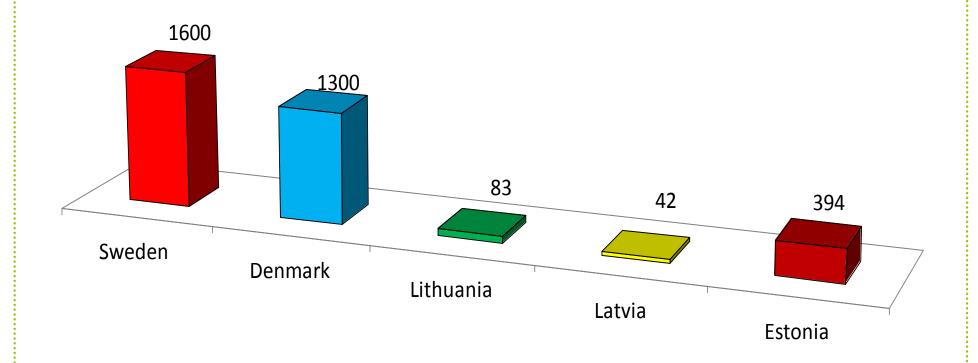






### Tax rate SO<sub>2</sub>, Euro per ton









## **Cost Comparison of Various Emission Control Methods**



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Emission control method, 120 MW unit	Investment cost, Euro/kWe	Annual operation Cost, Euro/MWe	
Wet flue gas desulphurization	84	2110	
Selective Catalytic Reduction	77	3234	
Combination of methods:			
Wet FGD + SCR	162	5343	
Electron beam treatment EBFGT	113	5167	

Source: Calinescu, a.o. Electron beam technologies for reducing SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from thermal power plants





# Investment and operation costs of combination of conventional methods



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Flue gas treatment method, > 300 MW unit	Investment cost, Euro/kW	Annual operational cost, Euro/MW	
Wet SO <sub>2</sub> scrubbing:			
Selective Catalytic Reduction	42 – 71	2 676 – 3 240	
Selective Non Catalytic Reduction	42 – 71	1 760 – 2 113	
Combination of methods:			
Wet de-SO <sub>2</sub> + SCR	176 – 247	11 660 – 23 005	
Wet de-SO <sub>2</sub> + SNCR	144 – 190	10 747 – 21 882	

Source: Basfar, a.o. EBFGT Technology for Simultaneous Removal of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> from Combustion of Liquid Fuels







# Plasma technologies for water treatment

**Pulsed Arc Electrohydraulic Discharge (PAED)** 



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The pulsed arc electrohydraulic discharge (PAED) technology was evaluated as an industrial wastewater treatment solution for its efficacy as a cost-effective alternative to other wastewater treatments, such as:

- Ozone
- Ultraviolet radiation
- Chlorination







Operating and maintenance costs for wastewater treatment are largely dependant on the manufacturer of the particular device, the site, the capacity of the treatment facility, and the characteristics of the wastewater to be disinfected.

The PAED system achieved anticipated operating costs between

1,5 Euro/m³ to 11 Euro/m³





# **OPERATION COSTS OF OTHER METHODS**



Water treatment technology	Operational and maintenance cost, Euro/m <sup>3</sup>
Chlorination	0,001
Ultraviolet Disinfection Lamps	0,01
Ozone Disinfection	0,07

Source: BoydTechnologies. Feasibility assessment PAED







# Plasma technologies for odour reduction

#### Non-thermal plasma





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### Non-thermal plasma

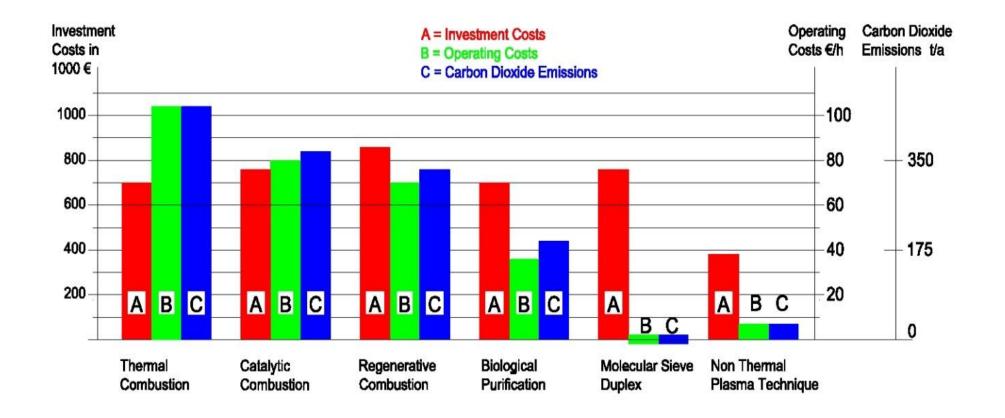


# Non-thermal plasma (NTP) methods are very hot topics because of:

- high removal efficiency,
- energy yields,
- good economy.







Source: Rolf Rafflenbeul. Non Thermal Plasma Plants: Experiences from the Industrial Praxis of Air Purification





Information search for cost and market analysis concerning sea water cleaning from oil and oil – type slicks



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## Technologies of oil removal and recovery from sea surface



There are several technologies of oil removal and recovery from sea surface, such as:

weir skimmers,
disc (adhesive) skimmers,
sorption skimmers.





#### **VIKOMA**









Komara Mini Capacity-1 to 7m<sup>3</sup>/hr

Komara Duplex Capacity-7 to 15m<sup>3</sup>/hr

Komara 20 Capacity-15 to 23m<sup>3</sup>/hr





Komara Midi

Komara Maxi

Capacity-22 to 30m<sup>3</sup>/hr

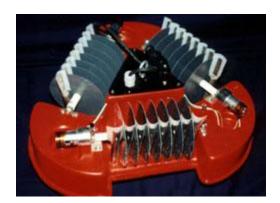
Capacity-30 to 52m<sup>3</sup>/hr





#### **Morris Skimmers**





MI-2 (E, HE, HD), 30 dm3/min



MI-14/18, 30 dm3/min



MI-11/24, 300 dm3/min



MI-30, 140 dm3/min



MI-50, 1000 dm3/min





#### **RO-CLEAN DESMI**







Disc skimmer DBD 2 (25 kg), 33 dm3/min

Weir skimmer Mini-Max (22 kG), 510-830 dm3/min



Weir skimmer Ro-Weir (3.5 kG), 500 dm3/min



Weir skimmer Terrapin (8.5 kG), 165 dm3/min



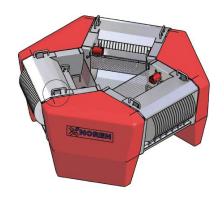




### **NOREN** Bergen



Miniskimmer (45 kg), 250 dm3/min



NorMar 50 Disc skimmer (140 kg), up to 1000 dm3/min





NorMar 30 Weir skimmer, up to 500 dm3/min



NorVac Weir Vacuum skimmer (8 kg), sucking speed 13 cm/s





### Megator





Alpha 1½" weir skimmer (9 kg), up to 150 dm3/min



Tri-skimmer (37 kg), 200 dm3/min





### **Skimoil**





FWS-A2 Series



FWS-A81 Series





### **Action Petroleum Spill Recovery**









#### **Cost calculations**



Two approaches can be applied for the oil removal from seawater in harbours:

- using own skimmer to collect oil and transport it for the further utilisation;
- using a service company specialized in oil spills combat and management.



#### **Prices of skimmers**



Skimmer Model	Manufacturer	Capacity, dm <sup>3</sup> /min	Price, Euro
Komara Miniskimmer	VIKOMA	115	13 000
MI-2HD	Morris Skimmers	30	9 980
Terrapin	RO-CLEAN DESMI	165	5 600
OE-140	RO-CLEAN DESMI	83	9 930
NorMar Miniskimmer	AllMaritim	250	26 000
BOSS 2.2	Recovered Energy	8.3	3 453
TriSkimmer	Megator	200	3 100
AP-30	Action Petroleum	580	6 695







### Thank you for attention

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