

Kompendium från HåBiMet-seminarium den 31/1 – 2025

HåBiMet består av tre projekt inom det strategiska innovationsprogrammet Impact Innovation. HåBiMet syftar till att utreda vad som hindrar en hållbar marknad för metallurgiskt biokol från att växa fram i Sverige, samt vilken sorts insatser som skulle kunna främja den. De tre projekten adresserar utmaningar från olika perspektiv; tekniskt, socialt, och policymässigt. Detta stödjer Sveriges övergång till fossilfria produktionsmetoder och främjar samverkan mellan olika industrier för att minska klimatpåverkan.

HåBiMet utförs inom Impact Innovation-programmet Swedish Metals & Minerals, en gemensam satsning av Energimyndigheten, Formas och Vinnova

Detta kompendium innehåller presentationer från det Nulägesseminarium som anordnades i projektet den 30/1 – 2025. Seminariet syftade till att ge en överblick av kunskapsläget kring användning och produktion av biokol för metallurgisk användning, samt för vissa andra tillämpningar. Kunskapsutbytet fungerade som grund för det fortsatta samarbetet i projektet. Seminariet och kompendiet är indelat i tre block:

Seminarieblock 1 – Överblick, biomassa och metallurgi

- I. **Planetens gränser och systemtransformationen** – Anna Steorn och Louise Hård af Segerstad (Albaeco)
- II. **Biomassa och produktionsarealer, olika produktionsprocesser för biokol, samt försörjning från jordbruksbiomassa** – Elisabeth Wetterlund (LTU), Erland Nylund (Swerim)
- III. **Outlook biomassa i energisektorn** – Johnny Kjellström (Svebio)
- IV. **Tekniska försök biokol i metallurgi** – Chuan Wang, (Swerim)

Seminarieblock 2 – Användning av biokol och tekniska erfarenheter

- V. **Typiska fällor, fel, krav och önskemål biokol i metallindustrin** – Gunnar Ruist (GRu konsult)
- VI. **Biokol i marken – en introduktion** – Cecilia Sundberg (SLU)
- VII. **Upparbetning av HTC** – Yu-Chiao Lu (KTH)
- VIII. **Användning av biokol i metallindustrin och dess tekniska specifikationer** – Konstantinos Rigas
- IX. **Höganäs erfarenheter med biokol** – Ryan Robinson
- X. **Biokol för ferrokrom** – Ludvig Ånnhagen

Seminarieblock 3 – Möjligheter och policy

- XI. **Samproduktion biokol-fjärrvärme** – Mikael Karlsson, (Energiforsk)
- XII. **Hur policy och marknadseffekter påverkar priser** – Robert Lundmark (LTU)

Compendium from HåBiMet seminar on 31/1 – 2025

HåBiMet consists of three projects within the strategic innovation program Impact Innovation. HåBiMet aims to investigate what prevents a sustainable market for metallurgical biochar from emerging in Sweden, and what kind of initiatives could promote it. The three projects address challenges from different perspectives; technically, socially, and policy-wise. This supports Sweden's transition to fossil-free production methods and promotes collaboration between different industries to reduce climate impact.

HåBiMet is carried out within the Impact Innovation programme Swedish Metals & Minerals, a joint initiative by the Swedish Energy Agency, Formas and Vinnova

This compendium contains presentations from the Current Situation Seminar that was organized in the project on 30/1 – 2025. The seminar aimed to provide an overview of the state of knowledge regarding the use and production of biochar for metallurgical use, as well as for certain other applications. The exchange of knowledge served as a basis for the continued collaboration in the project. The seminar and compendium are divided into three blocks:

Seminar block 1 – Overview, biomass and metallurgy

- I. **Planetary Boundaries and System Transformation** – *Anna Steorn and Louise Hård af Segerstad (Albaeco)*
- II. **Production processes for biocarbon & producing areas for biomass / Supplying biocarbons to the steel industry from agricultural residues** – *Elisabeth Wetterlund (LTU), Erland Nylund (Swerim)*
- III. **Outlook biomass in the energy sector** – *Johnny Kjellström (Svebio)*
- IV. **Technical trials biochar in metallurgy** – *Chuan Wang, (Swerim)*


Seminar block 2 – Use of biochar and technical experiences

- V. **Position, requirements and wishes biochar in the metal industry** – *Gunnar Ruist (GRu consultancy)*
- VI. **Biocarbon in the ground – an introduction** – *Cecilia Sundberg (SLU)*
- VII. **HTC upgrading** – *Yu-Chiao Lu (KTH)*
- VIII. **Utilizing biocarbon in the metallurgical industry and its technical specifications** – *Konstantinos Rigas (Envigas)*
- IX. **Höganäs' experiences with biocarbon** – *Ryan Robinson*
- X. **Biocarbon for ferrochrome** – *Ludvig Ånnhagen*


Seminar block 3 – Opportunities and policy

- XI. **Co-production of biochar-district heating** – *Mikael Karlsson, (Energiforsk)*
- XII. **How policies and market effects affect prices** – *Robert Lundmark (LTU)*

Block 1 – Överblick, biomassa och metallurgi



Planetary boundaries and system transformation



30 January 2025

Louise Hård af Segerstad and Anna Steorn
Albaeco

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Independent organization with broad expertise in sustainable development

Co-founder of Stockholm Resilience Centre

Experts in social ecological systems, transformation and resilience thinking

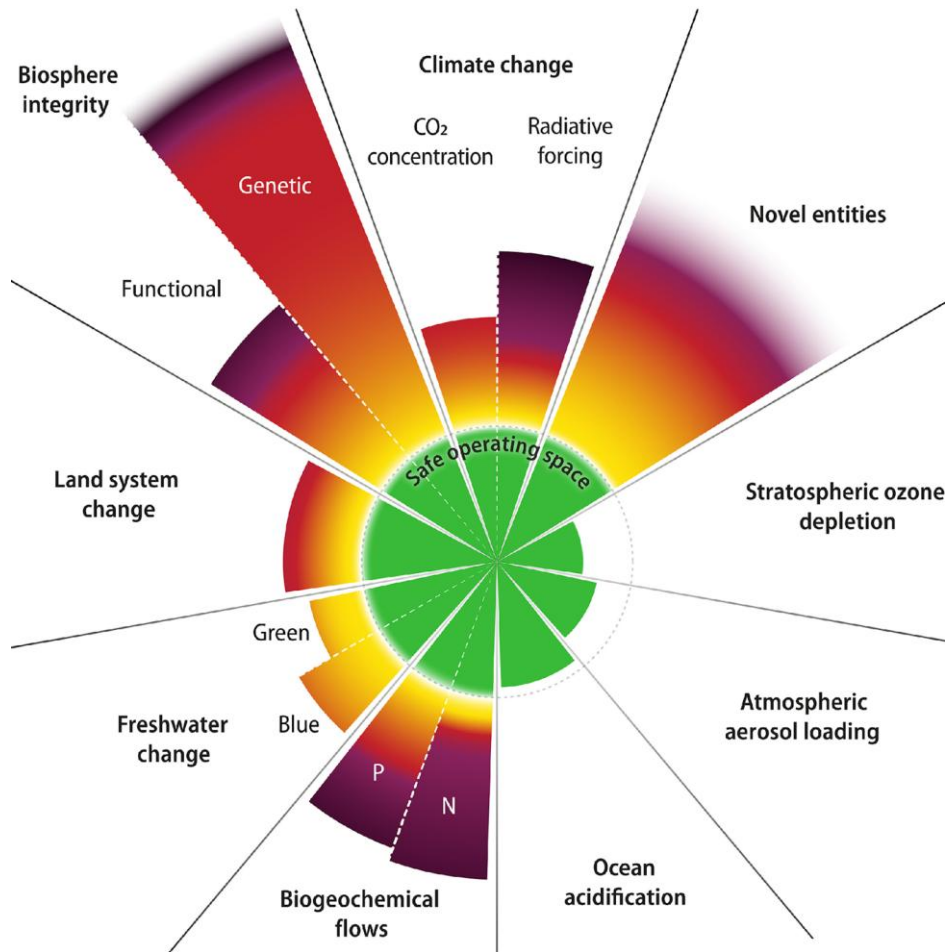
Research communication and strategic advice on environment, climate and sustainability





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A safe operating space for humanity

2023

- All 9 areas quantified
- 6 out of 9 outside safe operating space
- New indicator for functional biodiversity

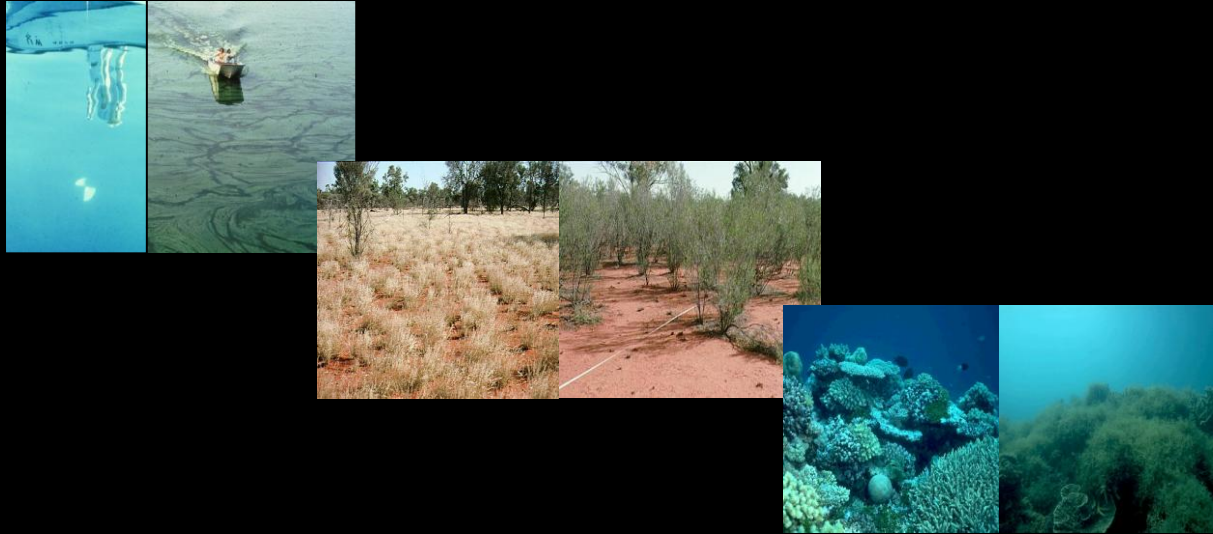
2015

- Biodiversity and climate defined as core boundaries
- 4 out of 9 outside safe operating space

2009

- First article on the PB framework
- 3 out of 9 outside safe operating space

Tipping points



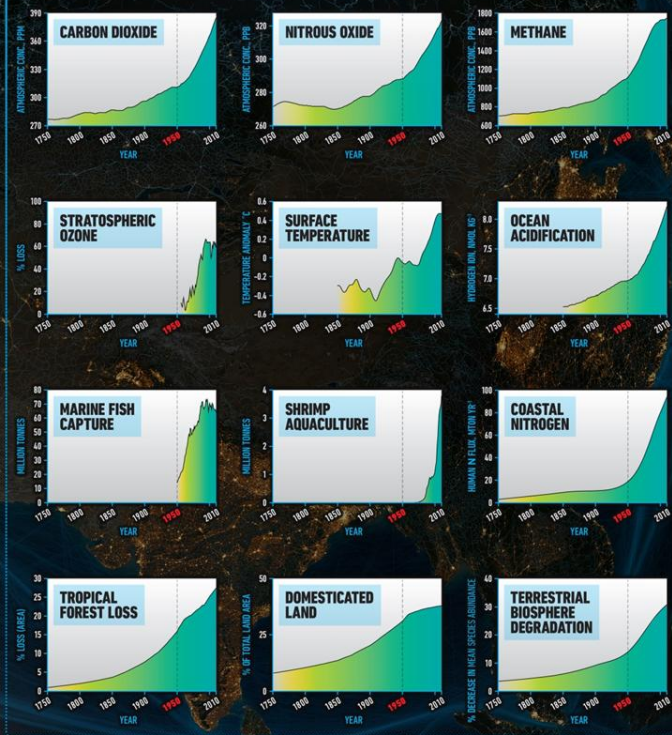
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THE GREAT ACCELERATION

SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRENDS



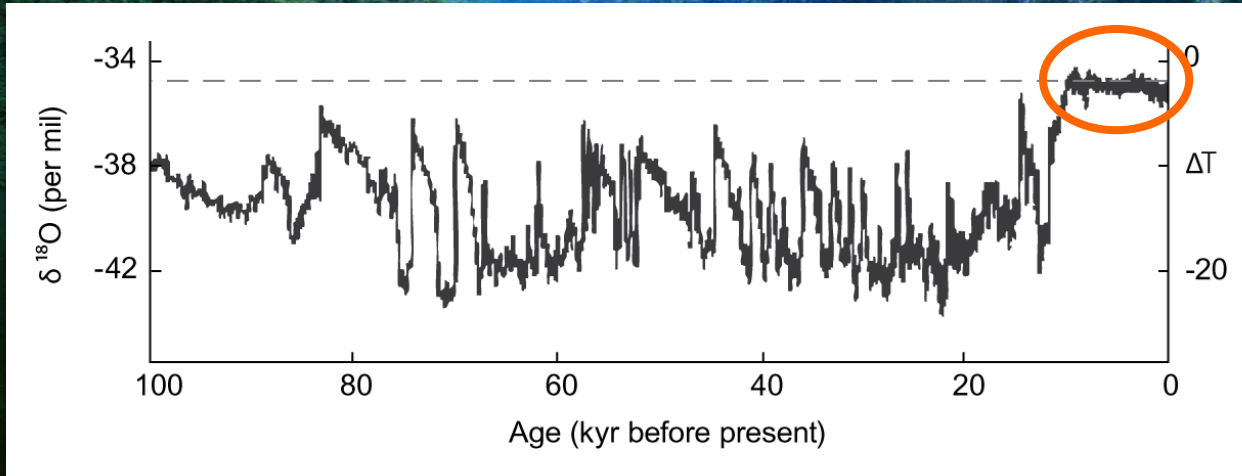
EARTH SYSTEM TRENDS



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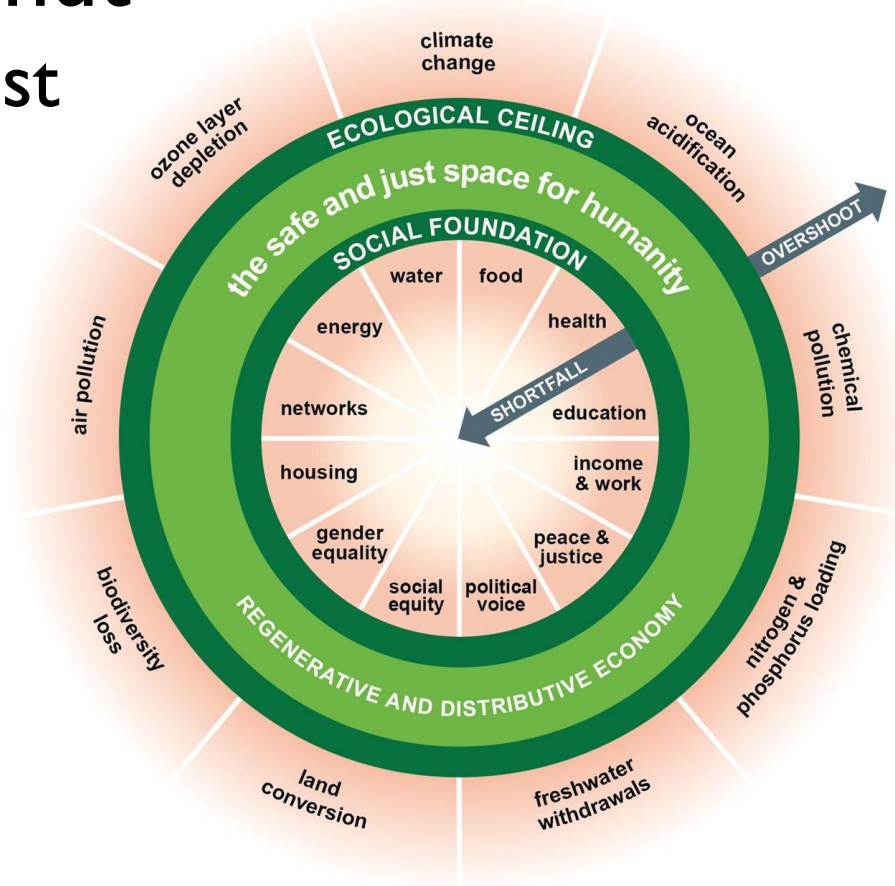


Holocene – 10 000 stabila år



”The Doughnut”

– a safe and just development



Kate Raworth,
Oxford
University



What is a *system*?





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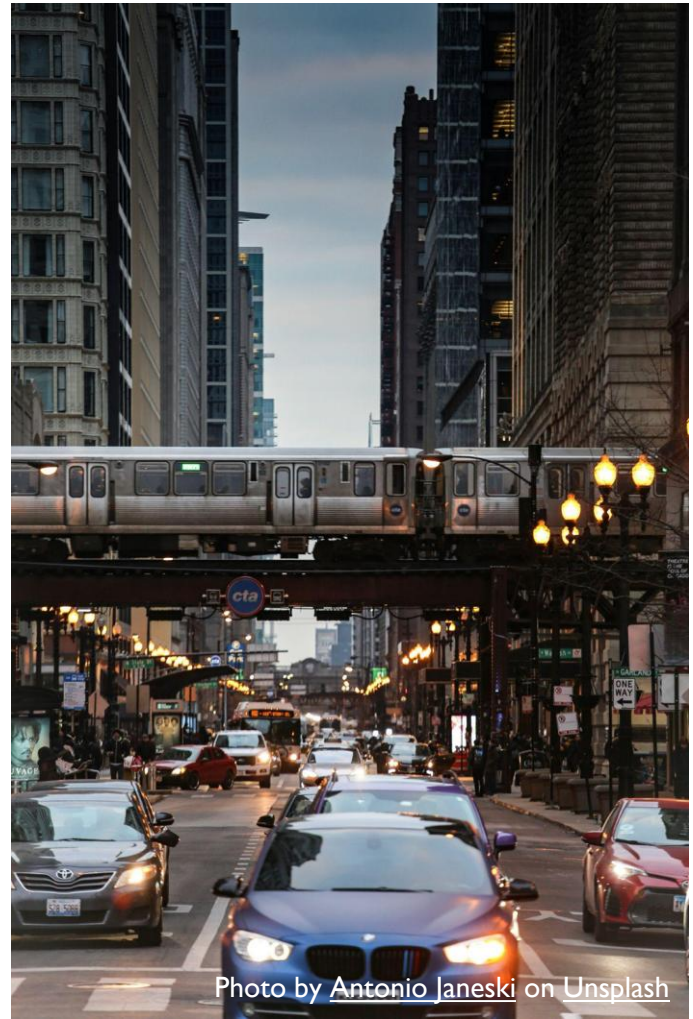


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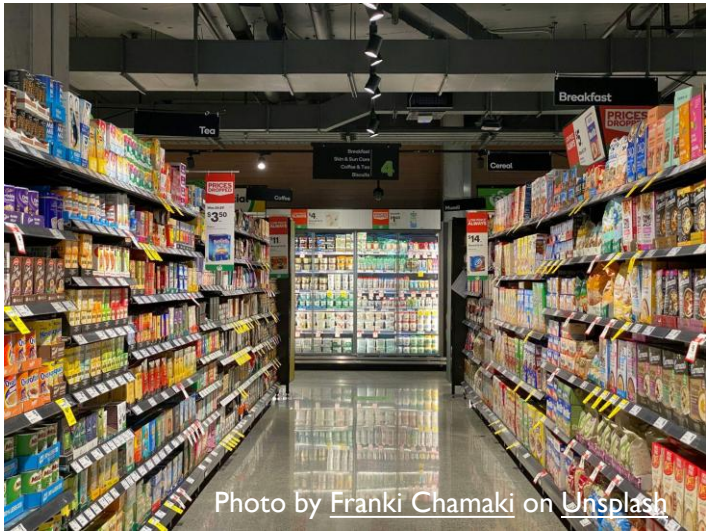


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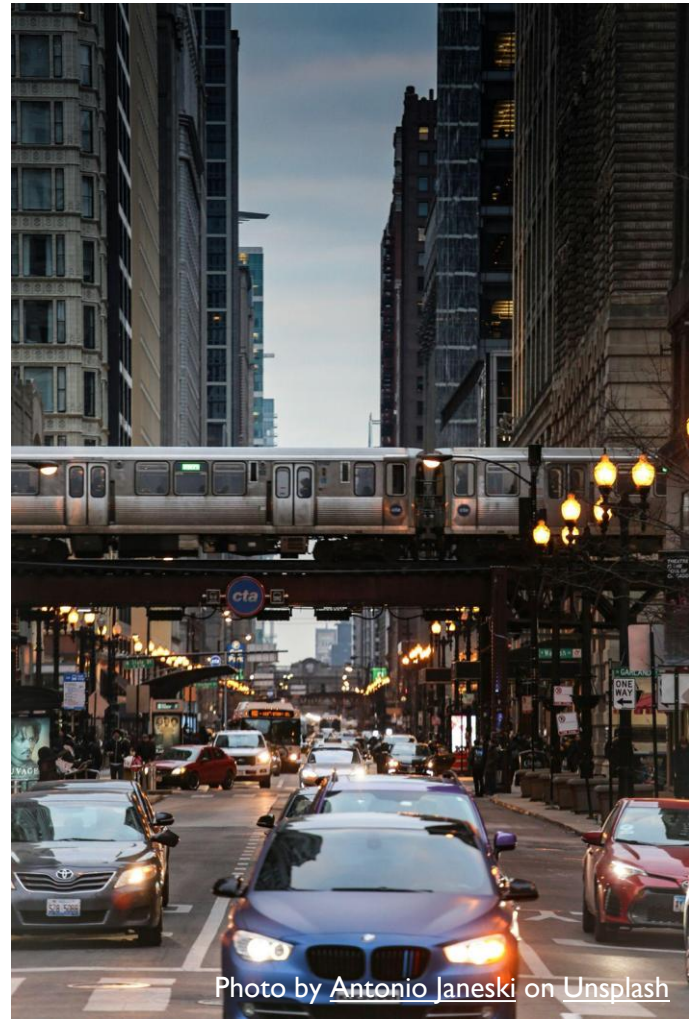


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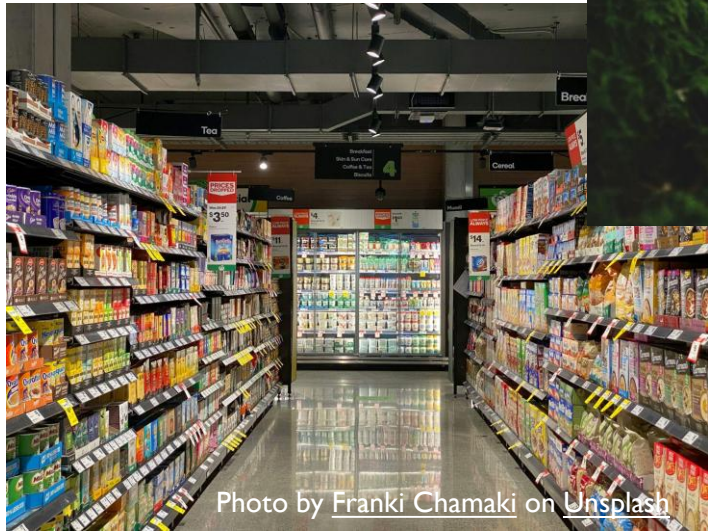


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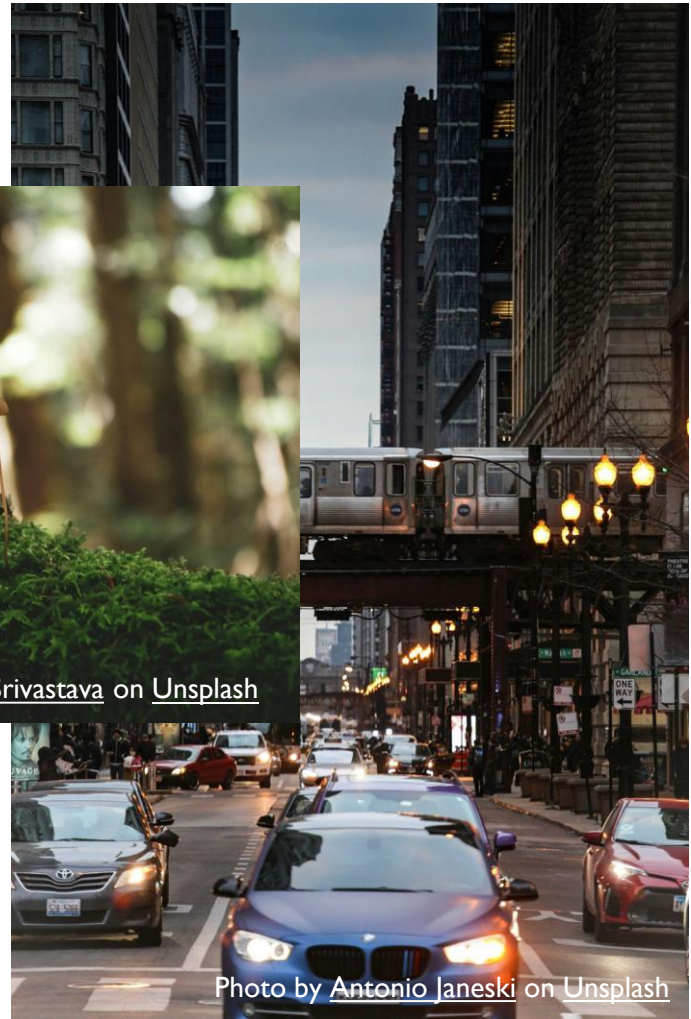
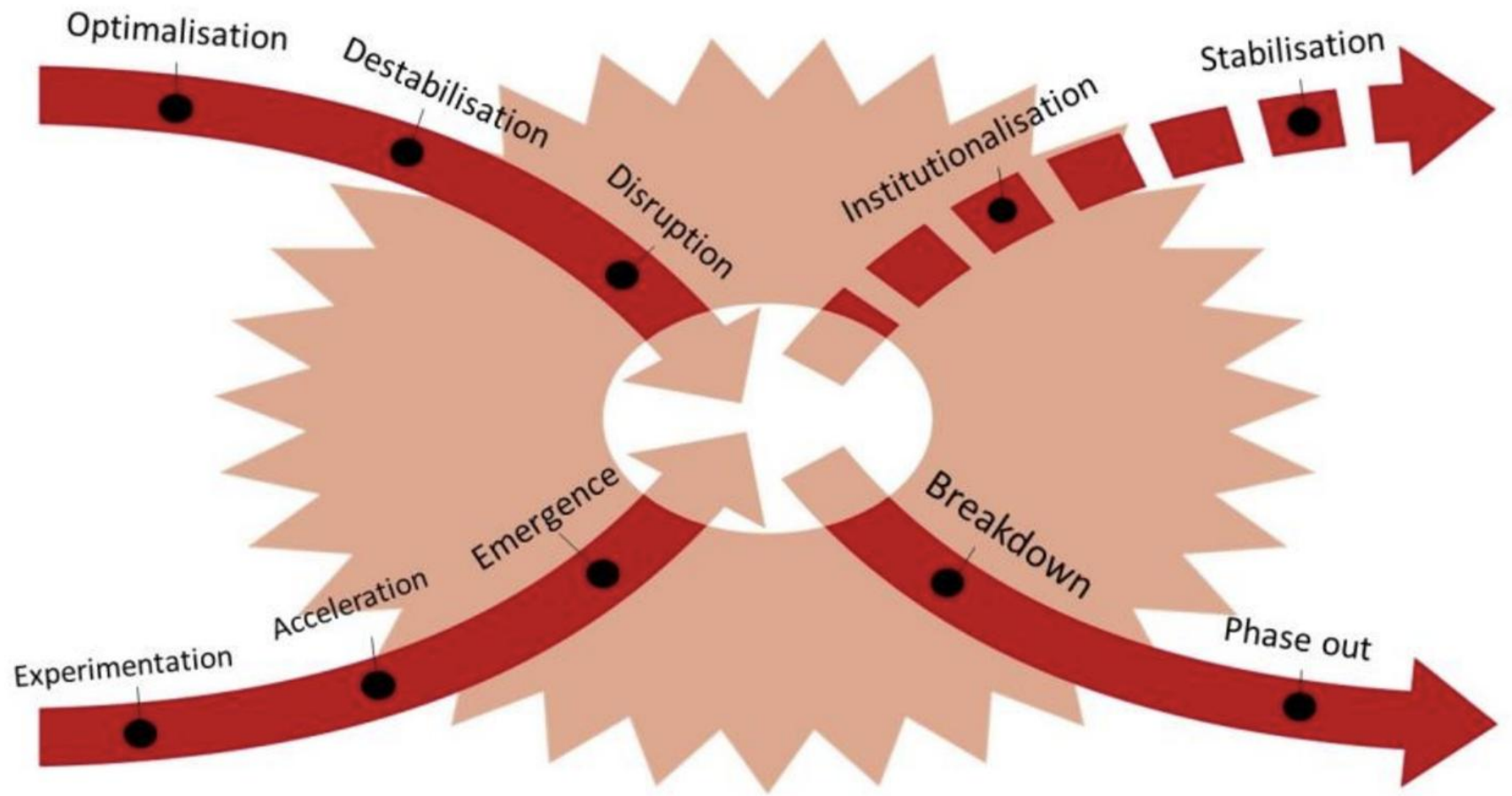


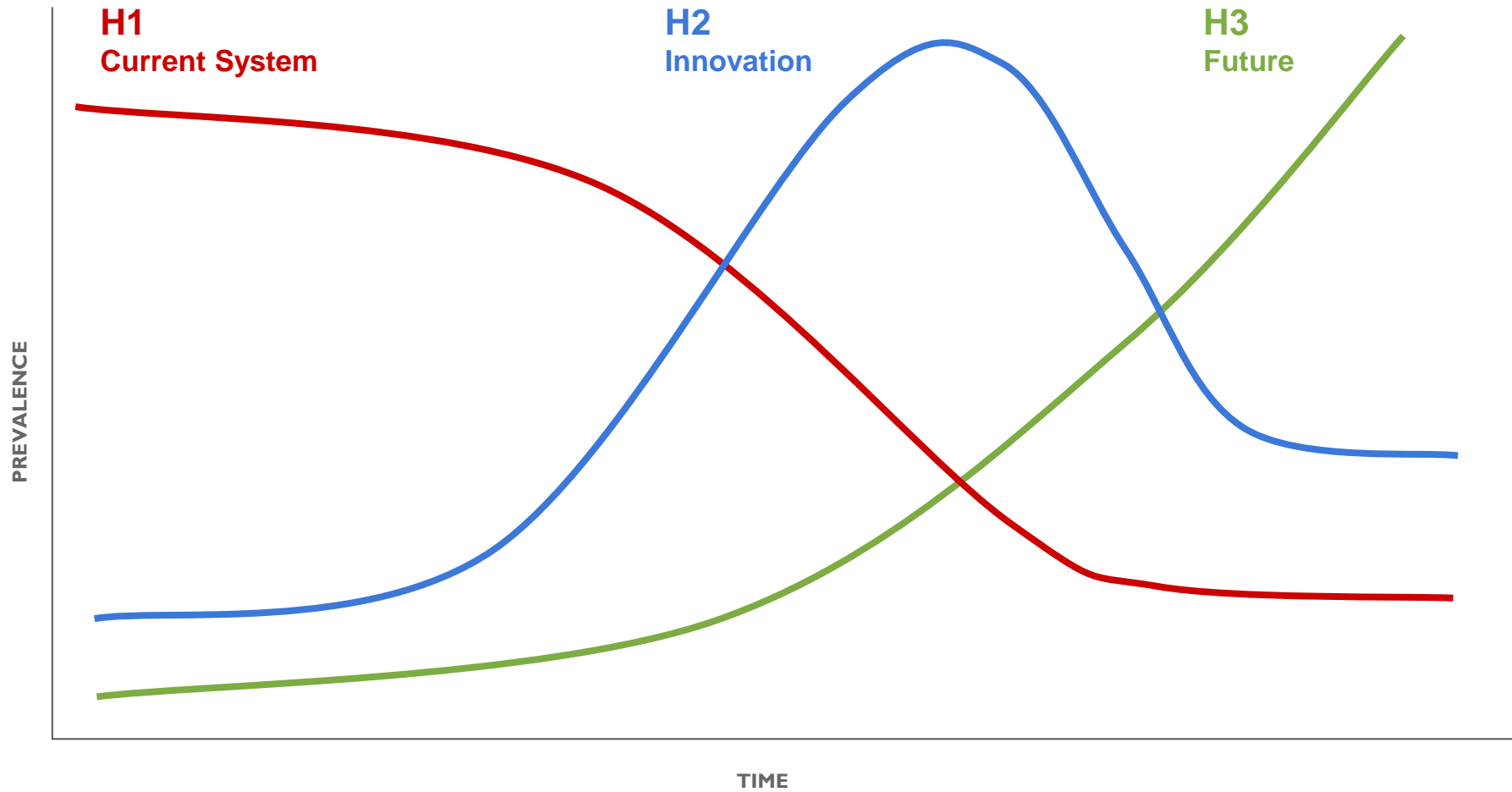
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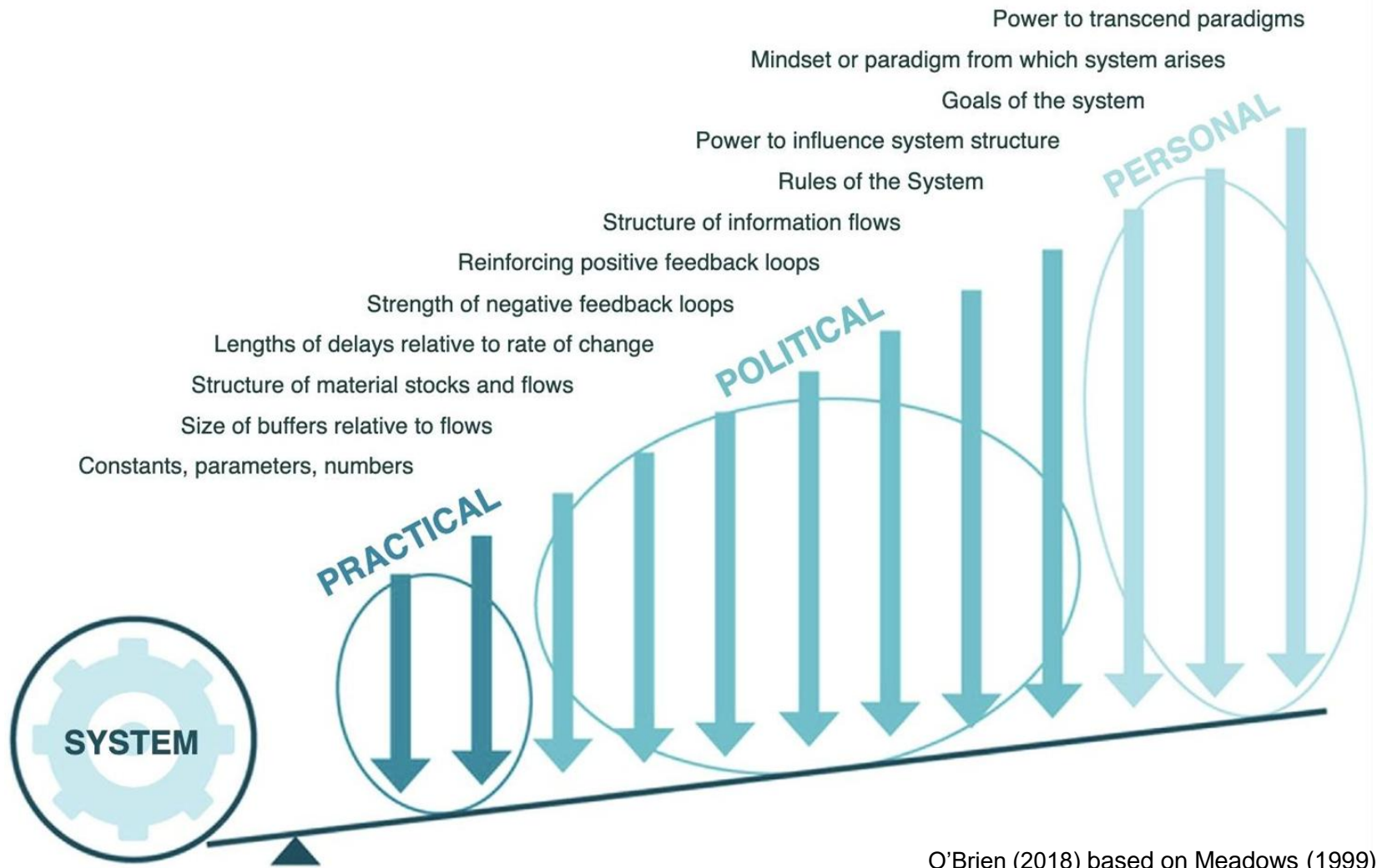
What is transformation?



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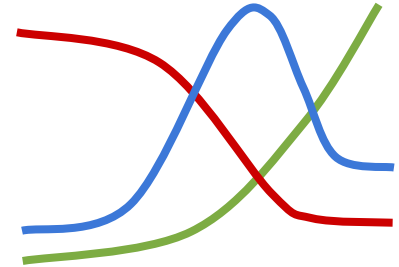




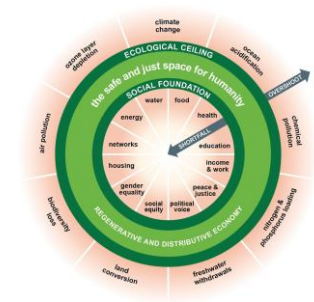
What is the goal of the system?



How do we get there?



How can we achieve this within the safe and just operating space?





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Production processes for biocarbon & producing areas for biomass

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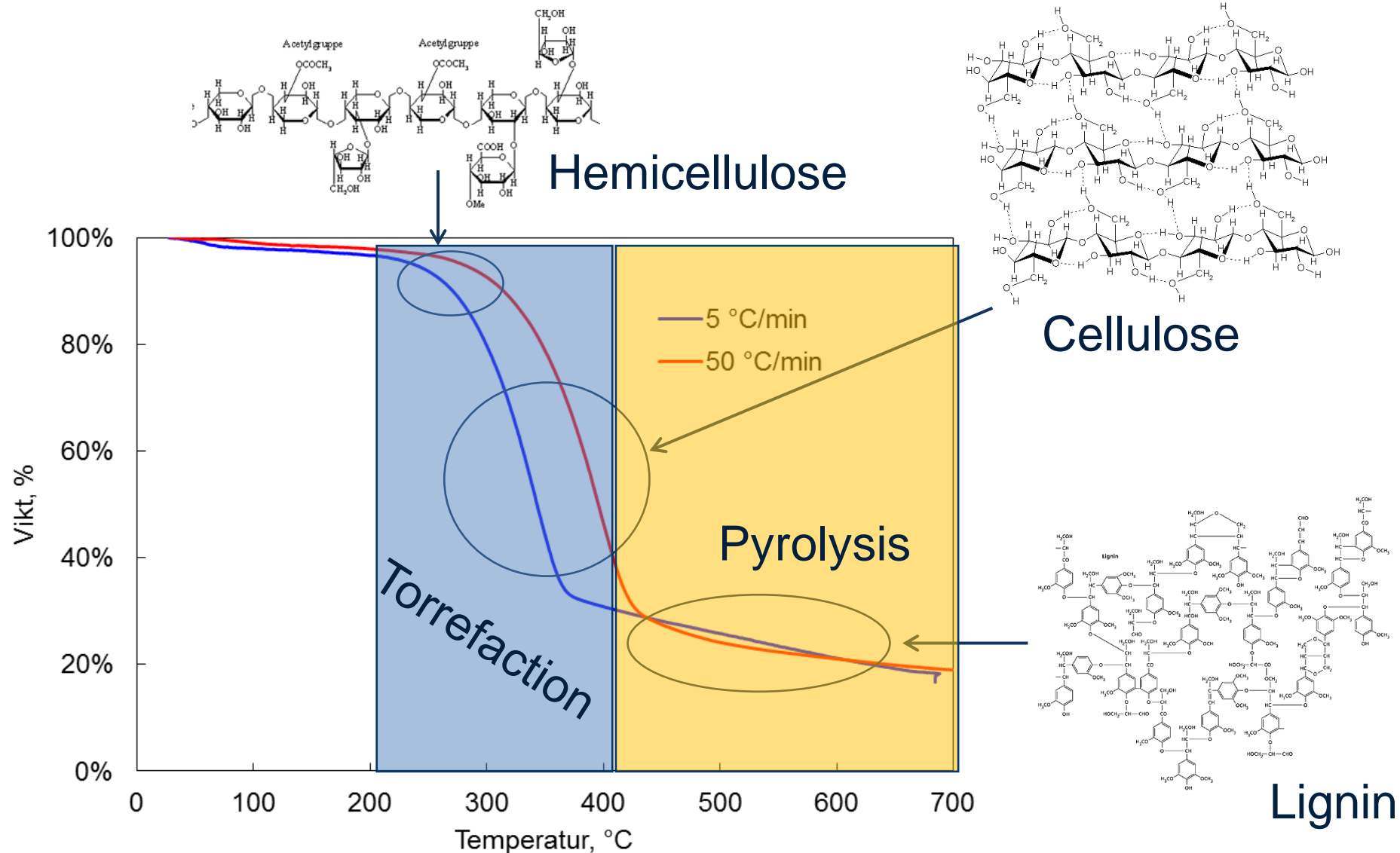


Technology options

	Process	Product
Torrefaction	Heating biomass to 200-350 °C	Torrefied biomass
Pyrolysis	Heating biomass to 400-1200 °C	Biocarbon with almost 100% C
HTC (hydrothermal carbonization)	“Pressure cooking” with water/steam at 150-300 °C	Hydrochar

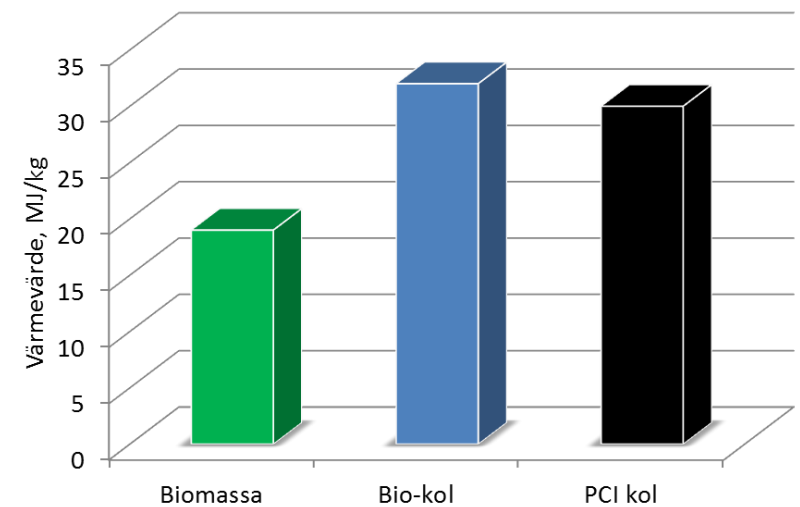
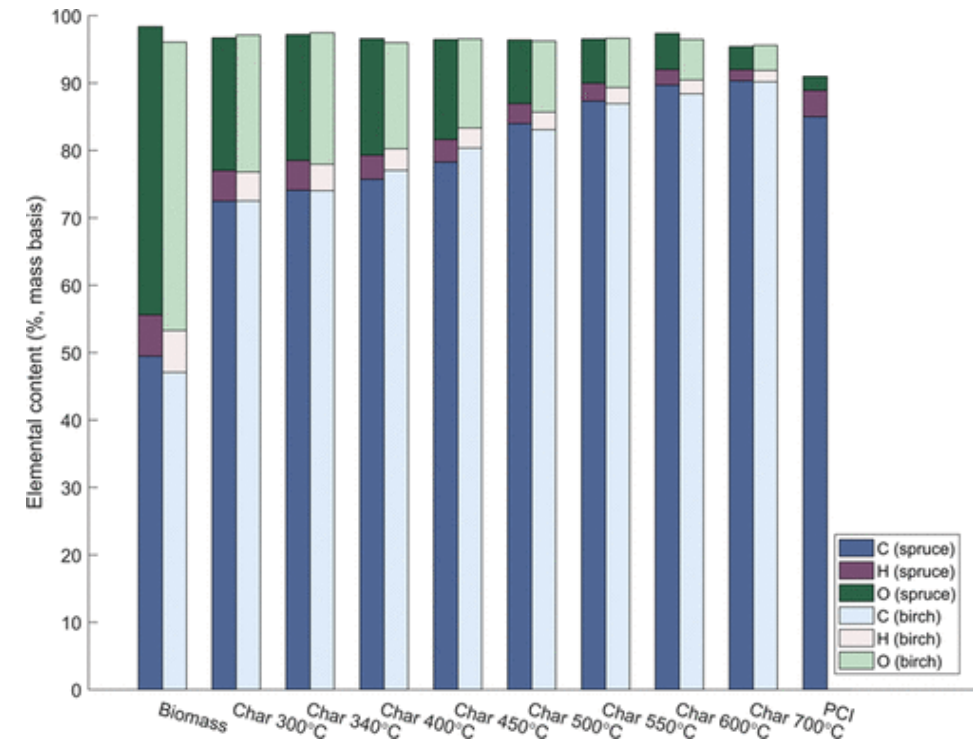


Difference between torrefaction and pyrolysis



Biocarbon properties for metal industry – main requirements

- High C content (low O, H)
- Low volatile content
- High heating value
- Ash content and ash elements

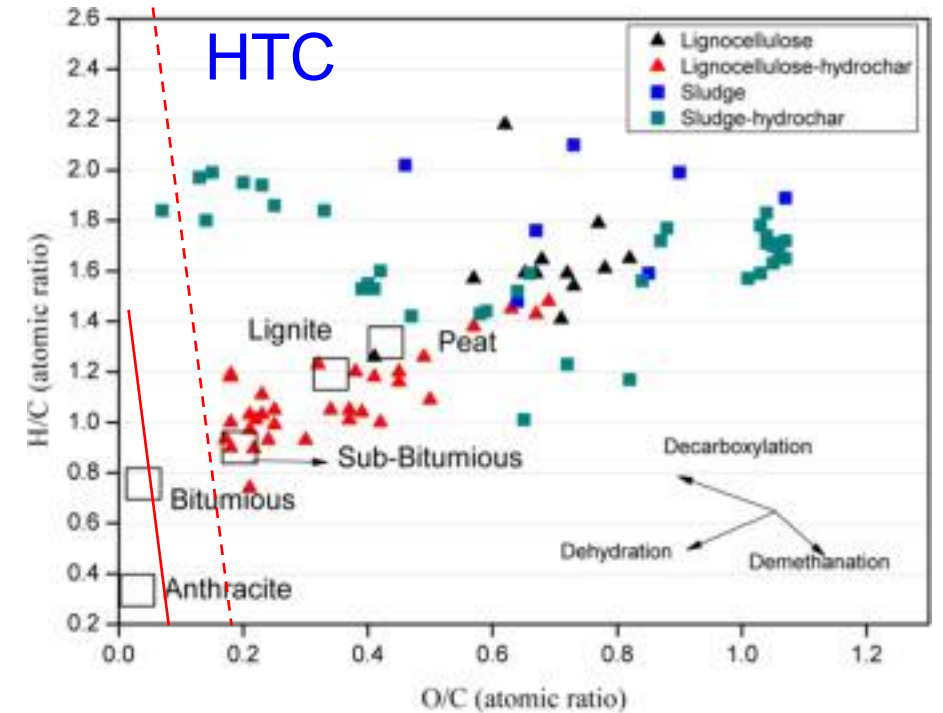
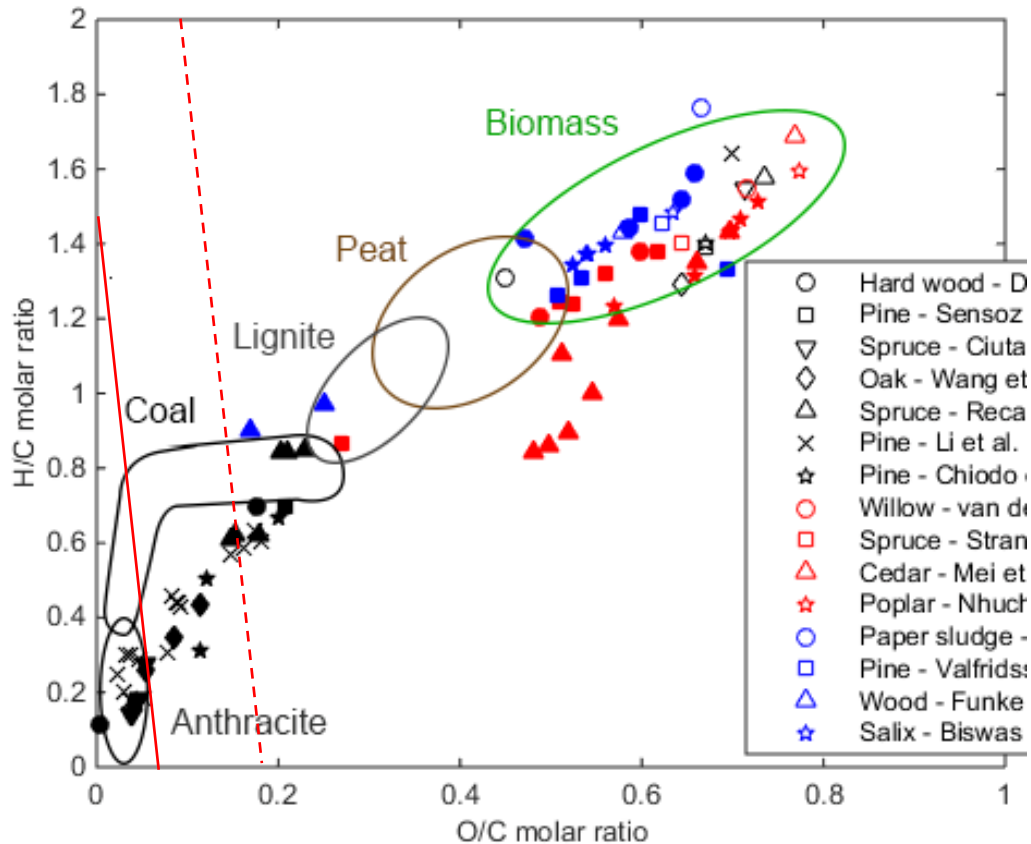


Biocarbon properties for metal industry – carbon content

Black: pyrolysis

Red: torrefaction

Blue: HTC



Requirement: C > 80-90% (red lines)

- Torrefaction and HTC unable to provide biocarbon with high C content
- Pyrolysis with $T > 500$ °C only option

Biocarbon properties for metal industry – additional requirements

- Reactivity
 - For carburization – low reactivity
 - For slag foaming – high reactivity
- High density
- Water absorption capacity
- Particle size (grindability) – important for slag foaming



Difficult to control

Summary of biocarbon production processes

- Pyrolysis (high temperature) is always the main process
- HTC and torrefaction can be possible pretreatment processes but that will of course add costs
 - Sawdust needs little to no pretreatment
 - HTC useful at high K/P/S concentrations (sludges, bark, grot etc.)
 - Torrefaction can be useful for compaction (e.g. pelletisation) before pyrolysis

Feedstock candidates – Swedish perspective

Technical suitability

Forestry by-products

- Forestry residues
- Biomass stems from thinning
- (Stumps)

Forest industry by-products

- Sawdust + other
- Sawmill chips
- Pulp mill fibre- and bio-sludges
- Bark
- (Kraft) lignin ?

Other by-products

- Lignin from lignocellulosic ethanol production ?
- Other bio-sludges?
- Agricultural residues

Feedstock candidates – Swedish perspective

Economic suitability / availability

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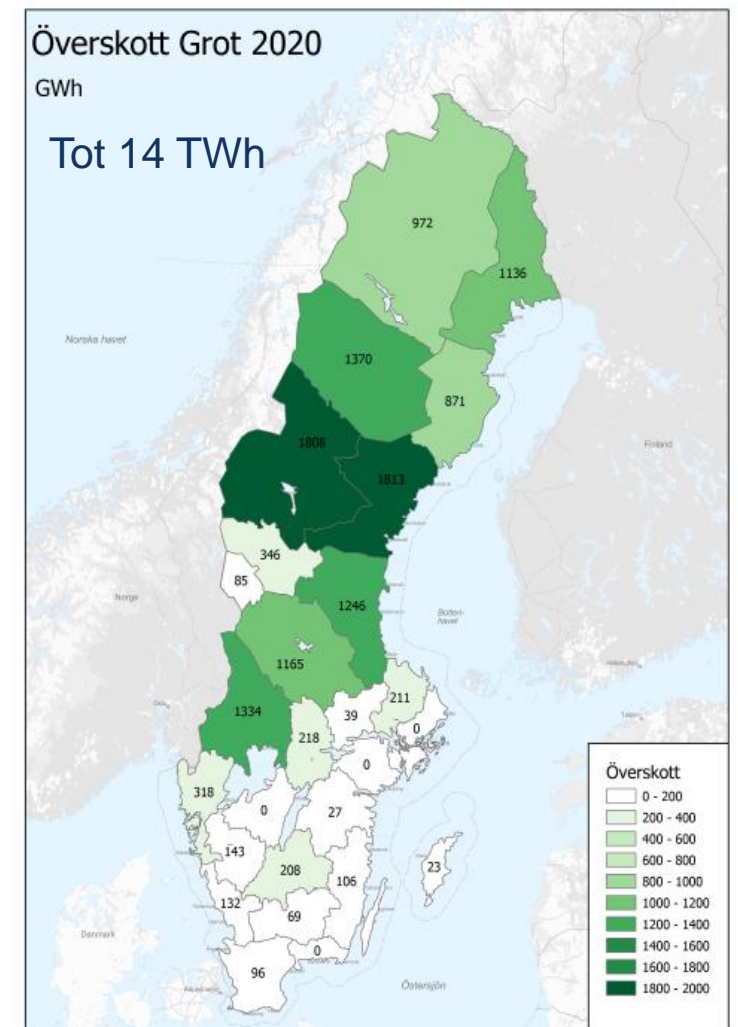
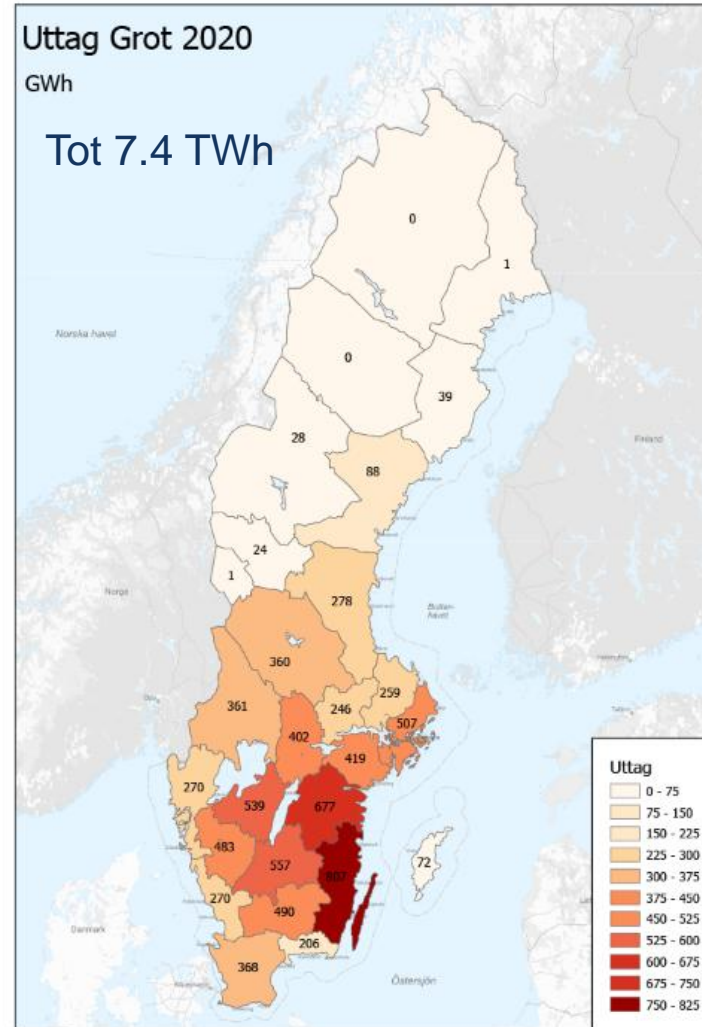
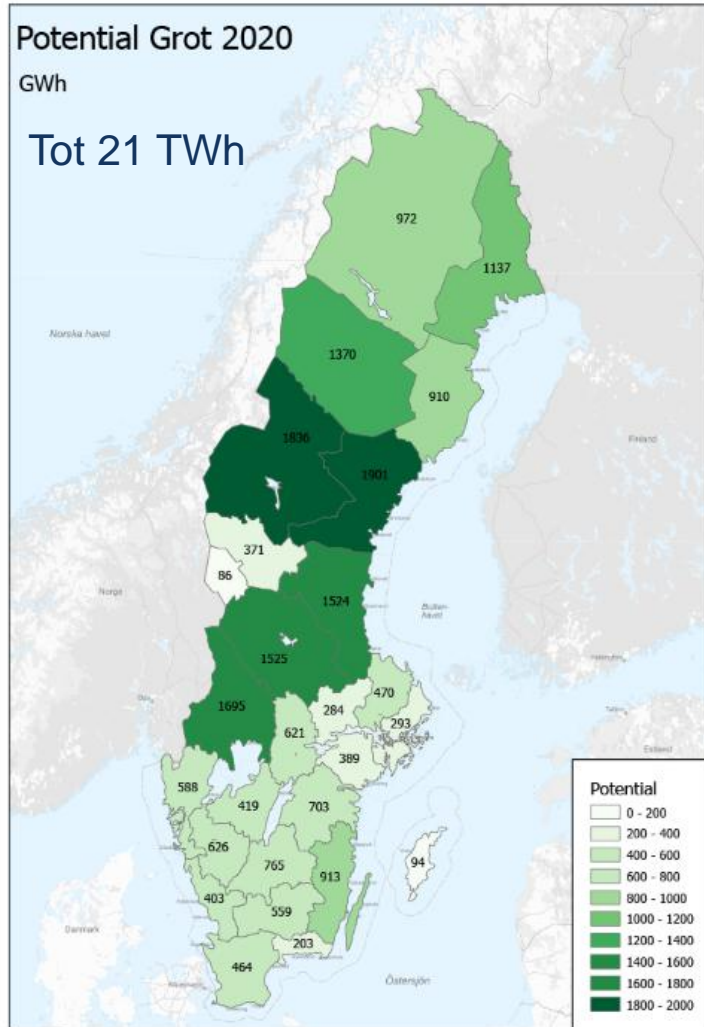
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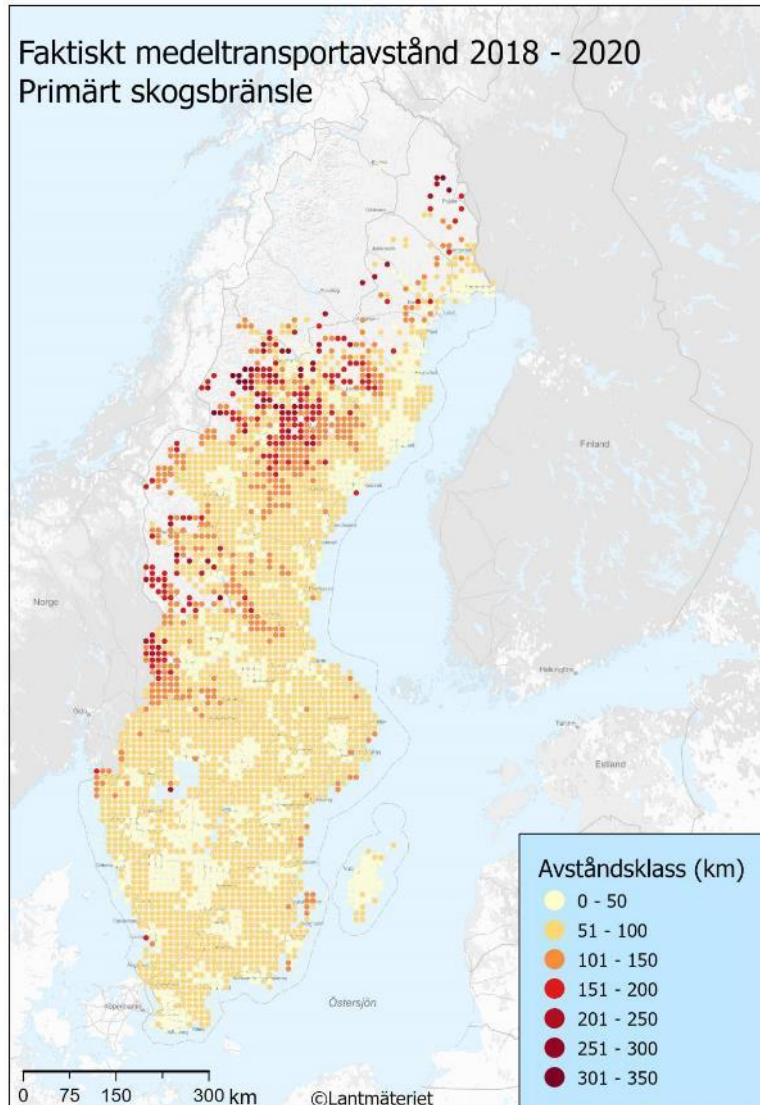
Small squares showing the technical suitability

GROT – potential and outlook

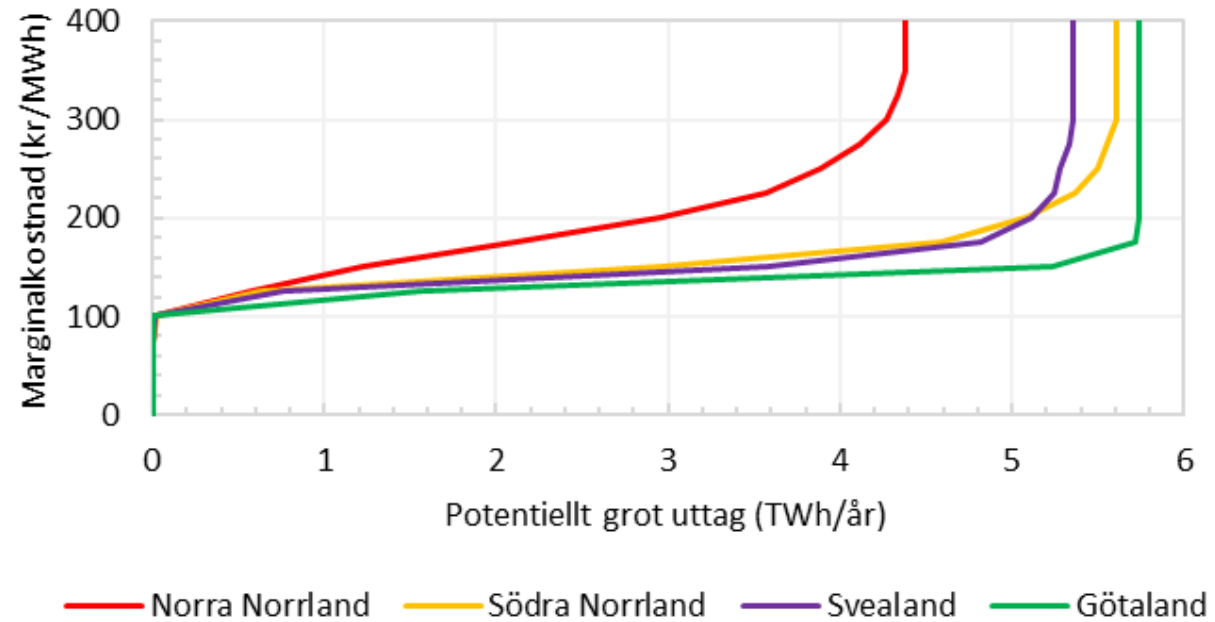


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GROT – production costs



Grot från slutavverkningar, per landsdel



Källa: Skogforsk (2023), Vad kostar det att ta ut mer biobränsle från skogen? <https://www.skogforsk.se/kunskap/kunskapsbanken/2023/vad-kostar-det-att-ta-ut-mer-skogsbiobransle/>

What is needed to increase?

- Trust and long-termism
- Engage the contractors again – and the forest owners
- Investments in machinery
- Coverage for risk
- Time – delivery time on machines
- Time – lead times of 1 year in production of grot!
- Vertical integration – involving customers in the supply chain



Grot samlad i mindre högar på hygge. Högarna hämtas dels av konventionella skotare, dels av skotare specialbyggda för just terrängtransport av grot.



Grotskotning från hygge till bilväg.



Grotväla som täckts med papp, och lagras vid bilväg.

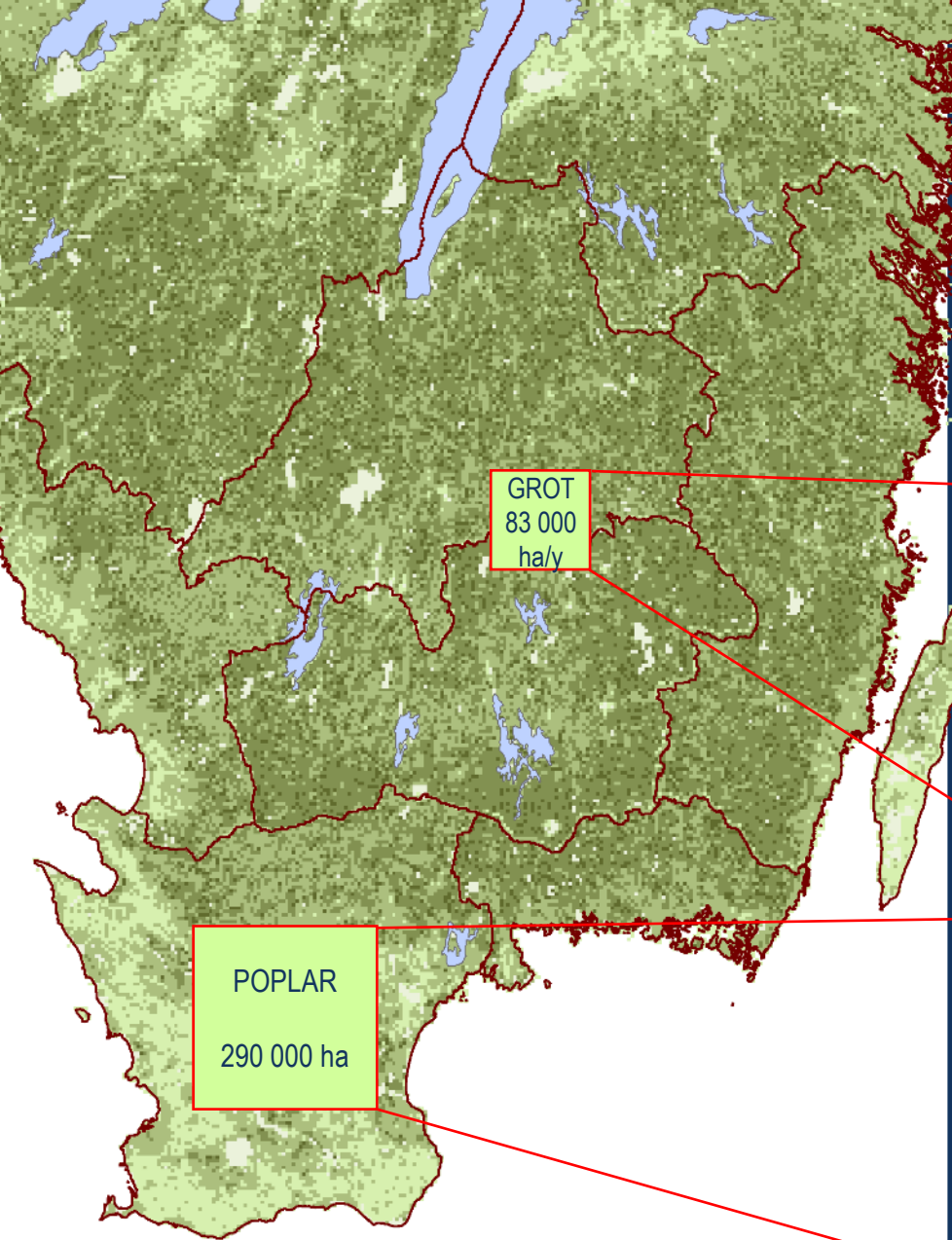


Flisning av grot vid bilväg. Här flisas groten med en så kallad lastbilshugg direkt i ett lastbilssläp.

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Biomass requirement – Swedish steel industry

Biocarbon requirement	350 000 t DS/y
Feedstock requirement	~1 750 000 t DS/y
volume	~4,2 million m ³ /y (55% moisture)
energy	~9 TWh/y



Grot as feedstock

- Final felling area needed:
83 000 ha/y (Götaland) – 100 000 ha/y (Norrland)
- Corresponds to 60% of entire Sweden's potential for INCREASED grot extraction
- Final felling areas today:
56 000 ha/y (Götaland) – 120 000 ha/y (Norrland)

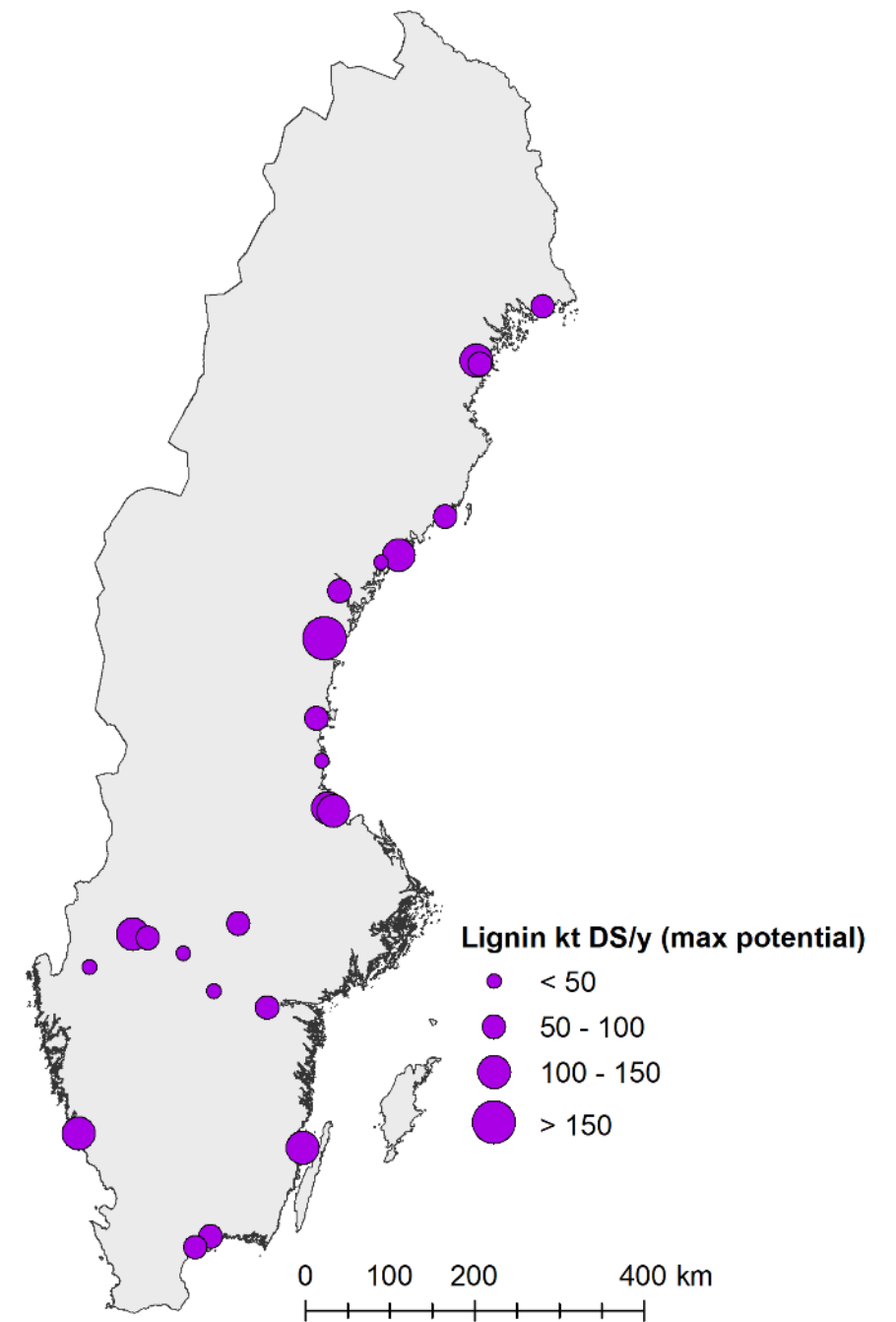


Fast growing poplar as feedstock

- Land area needed:
290 000 ha
- Rotation time ~20 y, can be grown on unused or forested agricultural land
- Production ~6-8 t DS/ha,y
- Estimated available land for poplar:
210 000 ha (Skåne) – 930 000 ha (Götaland)

Lignin from pulp industry liquors

- Theoretical max potential ~30% av all black liquor in Swedish chemical pulp mills
 - ~1900 kt lignin per year (dry substance), or 14 TWh/år
 - Corresponds to ~1200 kt C
- Realistic potential limited by the individual recovery boilers
 - ~880 kt lignin per year (dry substance), or 7 TWh/y
 - Corresponds to ~580 kt C

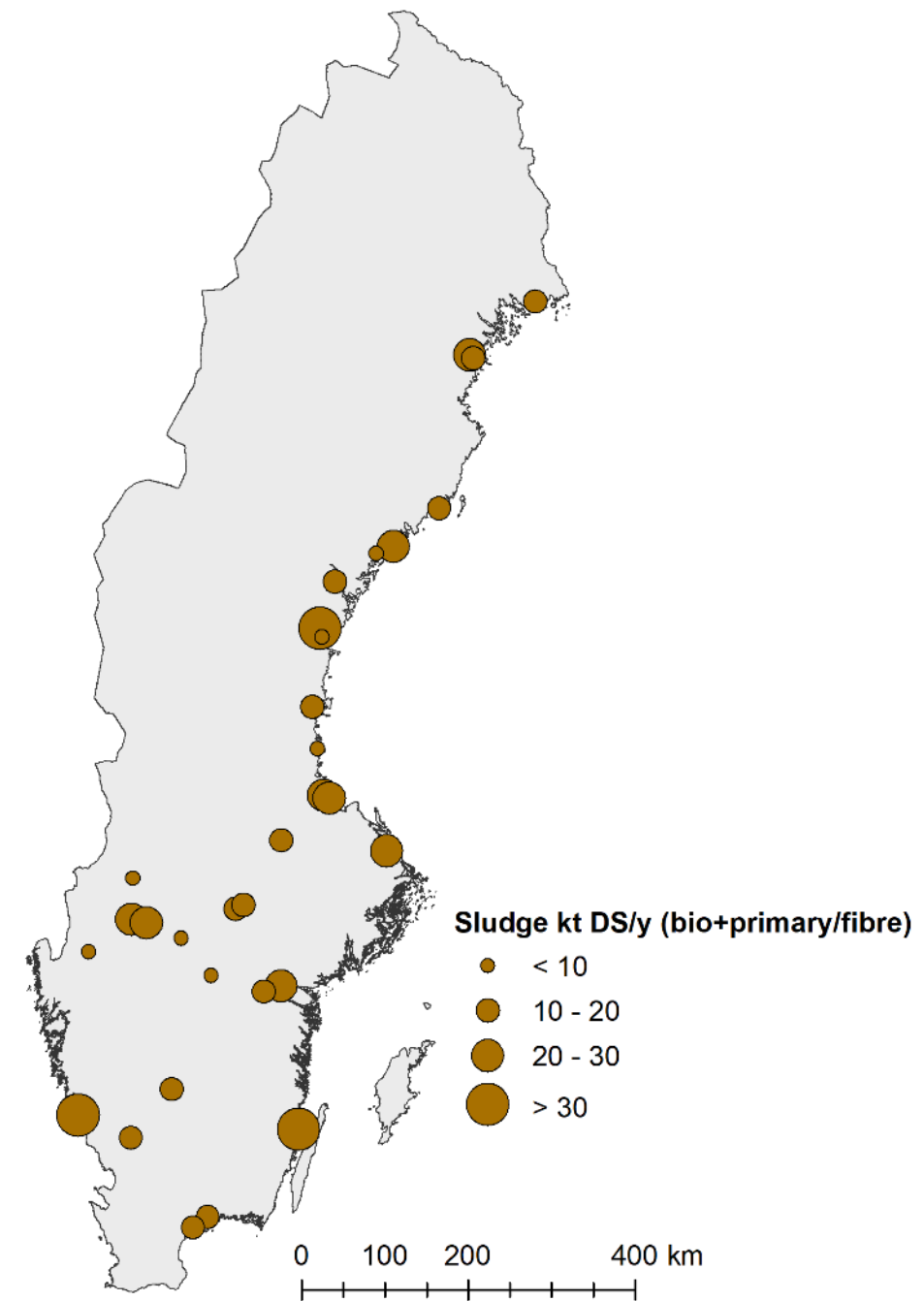


Pulp and paper industry sludges

- ~500 kt sludge per year (dry substance) – bio and fibre sludge combined
 - Corresponds to ~230 kt C
- Hydrochar potential ~320 kt/y

- The hydrochar has low content of both total and fixed C. In EAF ca 4 kg hydrochar is needed to replace 1 kg of anthracite

- Hydrochar can be pyrolysed for a better biochar





Supplying biocarbons to the steel industry from agricultural residues

Erland Nylund

Case study: biohydrogen and biomethane for steel industry

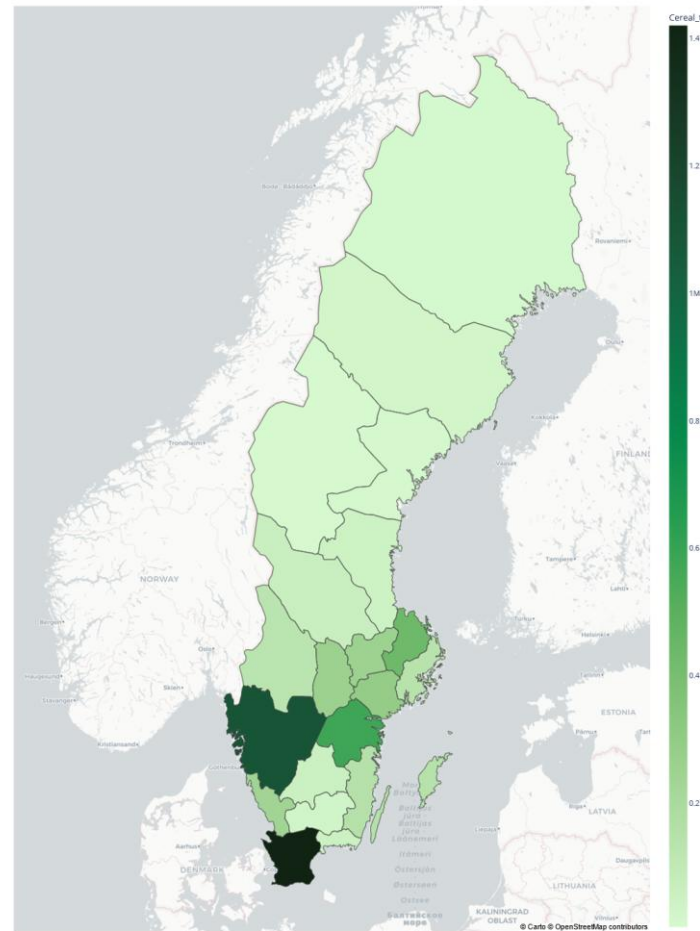
- Short study with Engstam, Falhgren, Tayyebi, 2024
- Three substrate categories: Straw, solid manure, liquid manure
- H₂ or CH₄ production

Potential straw harvest a big enabler

- Cereal production (1)
- Self-sufficiency on straw (2)

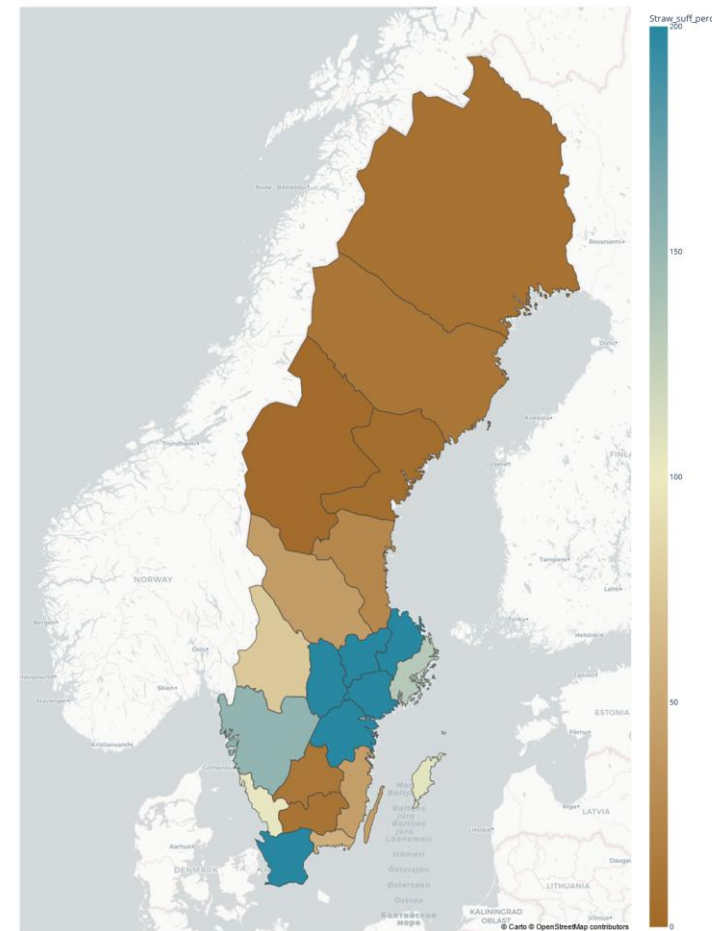
(1)

Total cereal production per region [t/yr]



(2)

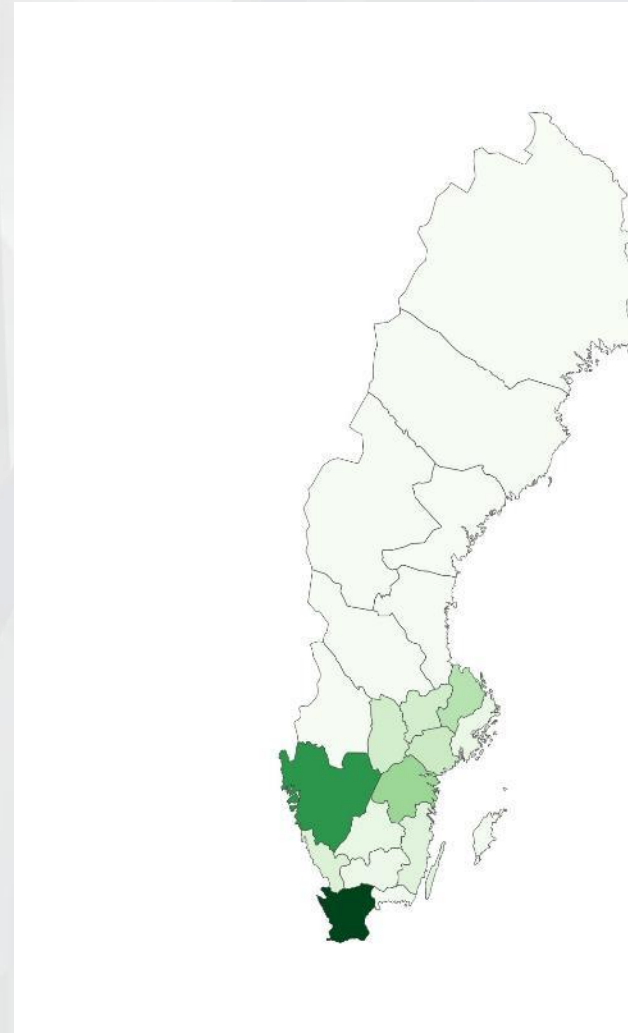
Straw self-sufficiency [%]



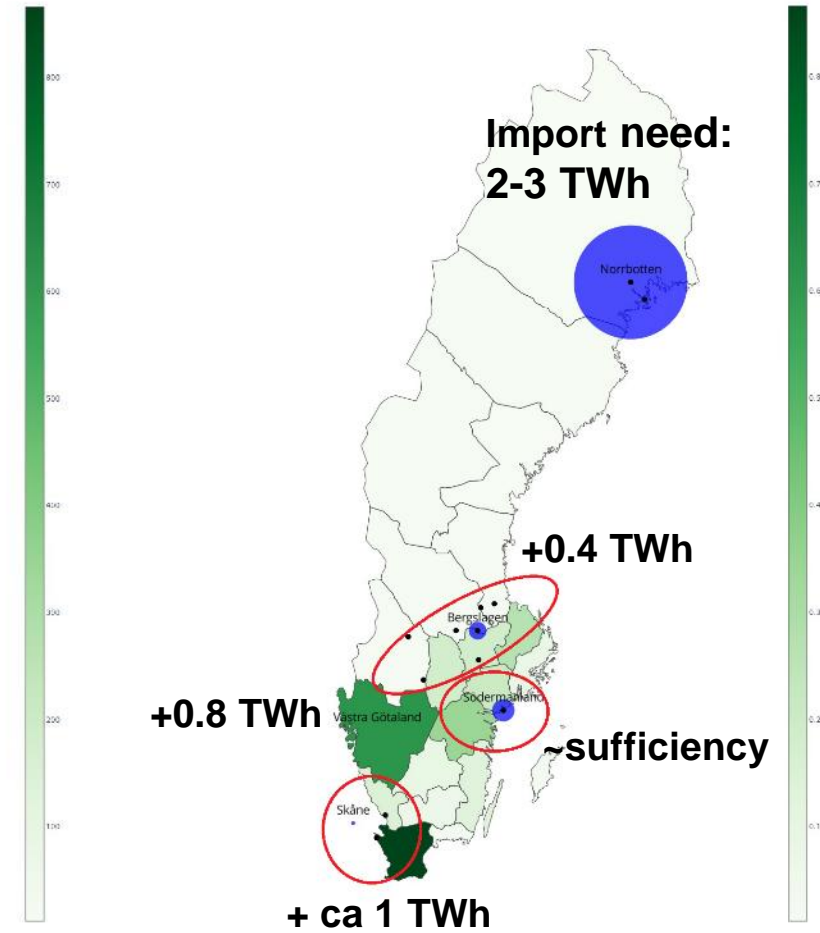
Biogas prouduction potential

- Biomethane potential by region, digestion of manure, gasification of straw (1)
- Steel mills and supply-demand (2)

(1)



(2)



Methane pyrolysis

- Alternative route to biocarbon
- $\text{CH}_4 + \text{high T} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{C}$

If Norrbotten gas need is met
with H_2 from pyrolysis

→ C-production ~ metallurgical
needs

Some conclusions

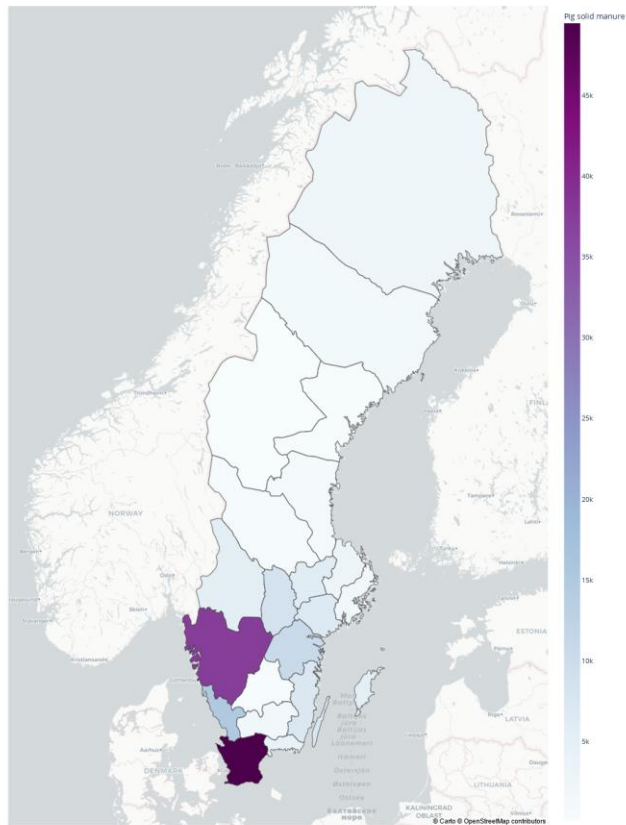
- Agricultural residue biomass can be significant for metal producers
- Gasification of agricultural residues could reduce demand pressures on some forestry products
- Digestion alone unlikely to supply biomethane need
- Methane preferred for distribution



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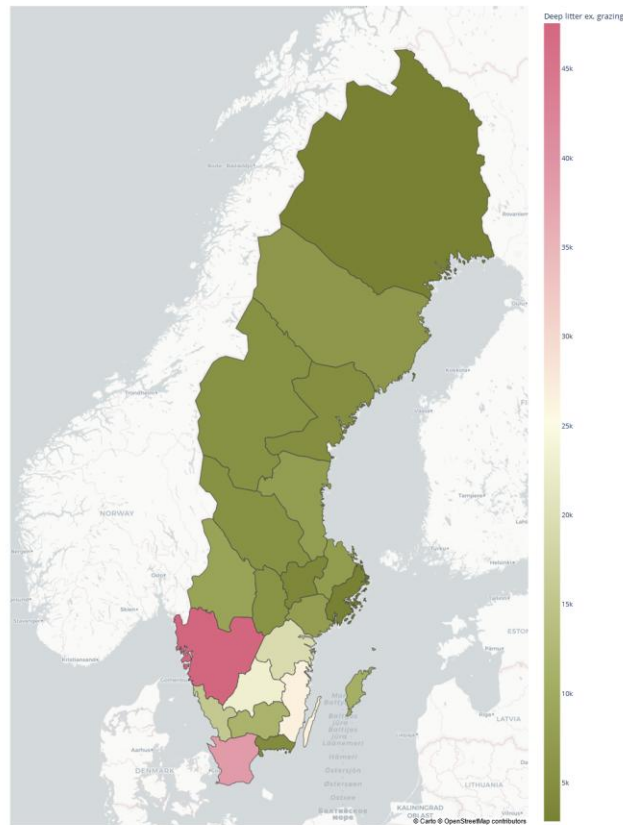
Pig manure

Pig solid manure production [t/yr]



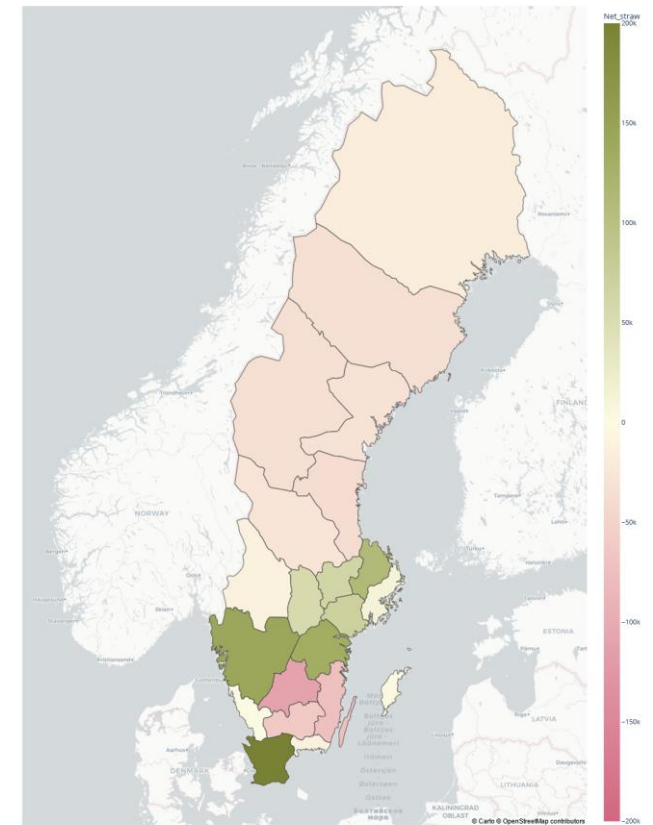
Deep litter (cow)

Deep litter manure production excluding grazing period [t/yr]



Net straw production

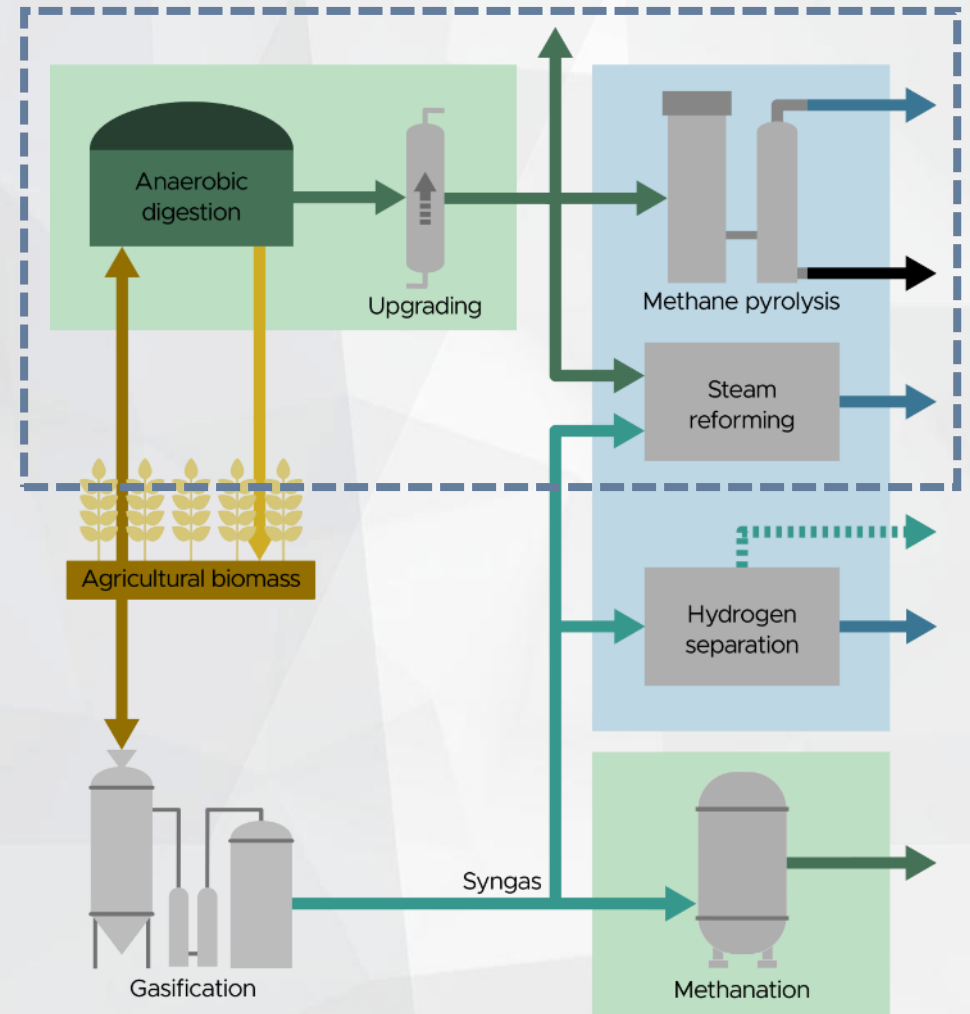
Net straw production per region [t/yr]



Pathways: anaerobic digestion

- Methane
 - Upgraded biogas

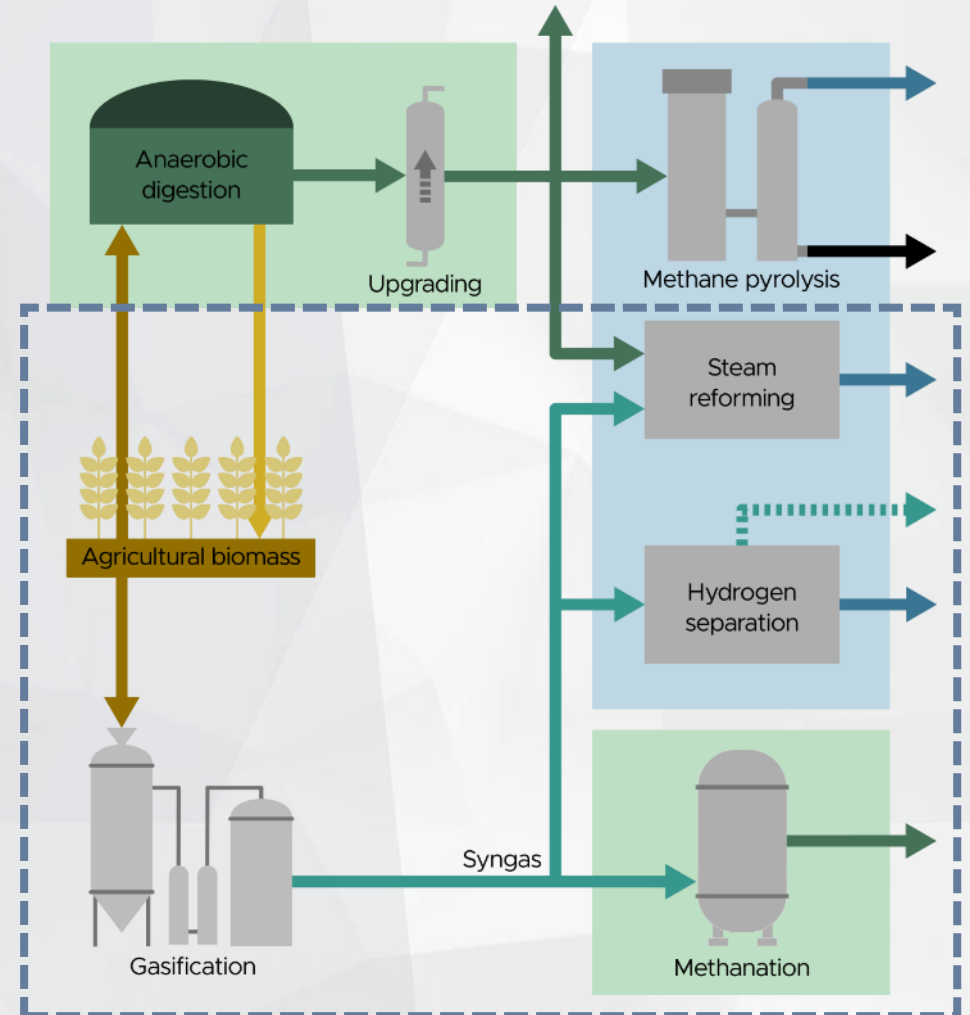
- Hydrogen
 - Methane pyrolysis
 - Steam reforming



Pathways: gasification

- Methane
 - Methanation

- Hydrogen
 - Hydrogen separation
 - Steam reforming





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Antaganden

- Pyrolysis: 20% utbyte träråvara till biokol (efter diskussion med Kentaro)
- Grotpotentialer beräknade från Skogsforsks skattningar av hållbart och nuvarande grotuttag, och statistik från Skogsstyrelsen + Riksskogstaxeringen
- Poppelpotentialer beräknade från forskning och långtidsförsök vid SLU Alnarp
- Slampotentialer, hydrokolproduktion och användning i ljusbågsugn från OSMET 3.0 (manuskript)
- Fiber- och bioslam antas kunna samprocessas i HTC

Källmaterial

Omvandlingsfaktorer mellan enheter

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HåBiMet Nulägesseminarium

Johnny Kjellström

30 januari 2025

Johnny Kjellström



- Näringspolitisk chef, Svebio, sedan i mars 2024
- LRF, 2021-2024
- Länsstyrelsen Sthlm, 2016-2021
- Regeringskansliet, 1999-2016
- Jordbruksverket, 1996-1999

- Smålänning
- Lundaekonom
- Nackabo sedan 2011

Vilka är vi?

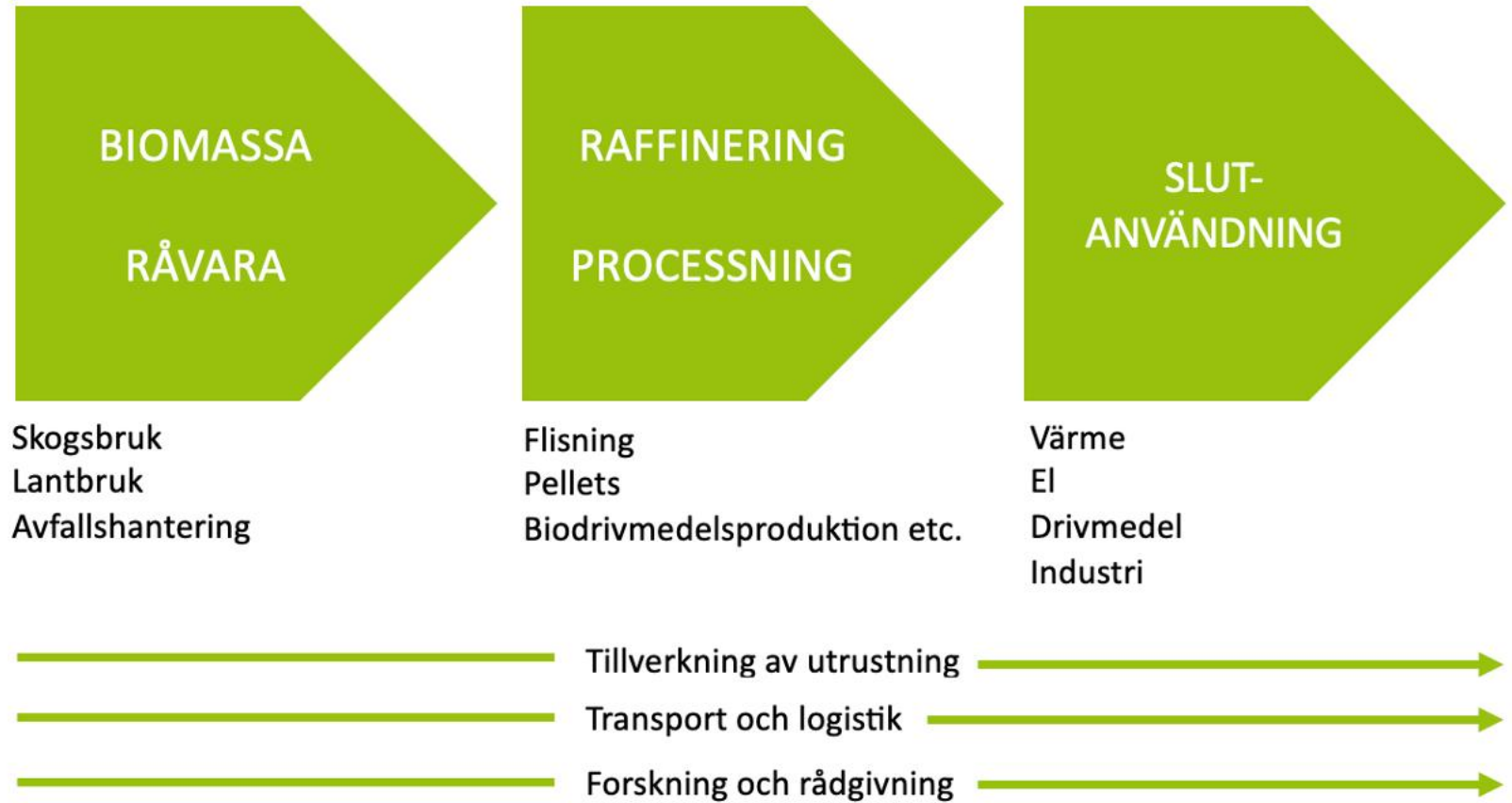
Svenska Bioenergiföreningen (Svebio) är en branschorganisation för drygt 250 företag, organisationer och personer som är verksamma i bioenergibranschen i Sverige. Vi är starkt grundade i våra värderingar som bygger på ett hållbart och tryggt energisystem, företagande och marknadsekonomi. Är medlemmar i Bioenergy Europe och World Bioenergy Association.

Vision och verksamhet

- Vara den ledande företrädaren och ett internationellt föredöme för att utveckla bioenergi i ett hållbart samhälle.
- Ta tillvara medlemmarnas intressen genom bl.a. politiskt påverkansarbete.
- Vi företräder företag som tillverkar och använder bioenergi i fast, gasformig och flytande form.
- Vara en mötesplats för företag, forskare, opinionsbildare och beslutsfattare.
- Organisera konferenser och seminarier
- Två tidningar: Bioenergitidningen och Bioenergy International



Svebio i hela näringskedjan



250 medlemmar: företag, institutioner och privata medlemmar

Bioenergi i Sverige

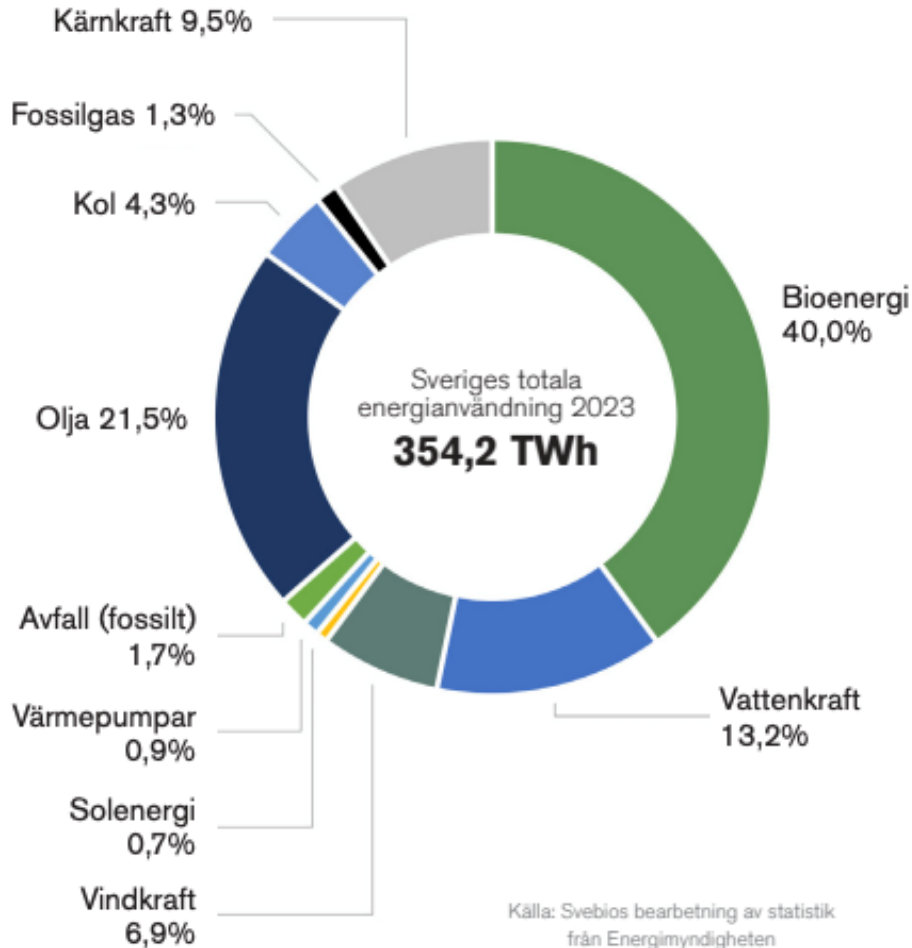
Sveriges energianvändning 2023

Bioenergi är Sveriges största energislag och stod **2023 för 40 procent** av den slutliga energianvändningen i Sverige.

Andelen förnybar energi var 61,7 procent.

Export och energiförluster är ej medräknade

	TWh	%
Bioenergi	141,5	40,0
Olja	76,2	21,5
Vattenkraft	46,9	13,2
Kärnkraft	33,5	9,5
Vindkraft	24,6	6,9
Kol	15,1	4,3
Avfall (fossilt)	6,1	1,7
Fossilgas	4,6	1,3
Värmepumpar	3,3	0,9
Solenergi	2,4	0,7



Källa: Svebios bearbetning av statistik från Energimyndigheten (Kortsiktsprognos mars 2024)



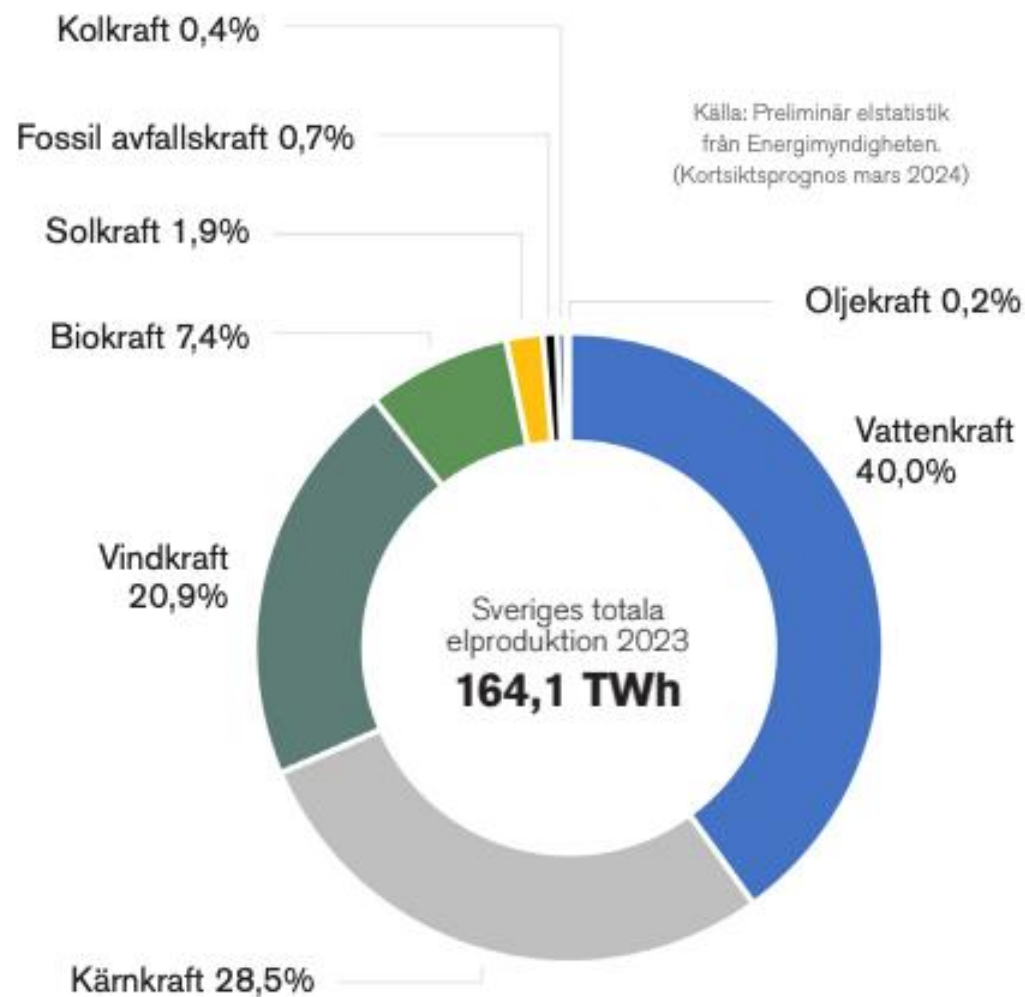
Sveriges elproduktion 2023

Det fossilfria står för 98,6 procent.

Biokraften ligger på fjärde plats inom svensk elproduktion.

Fossilkraft (olja, kol och naturgas) stod endast för 1,5 procent av Sveriges elproduktion 2023.

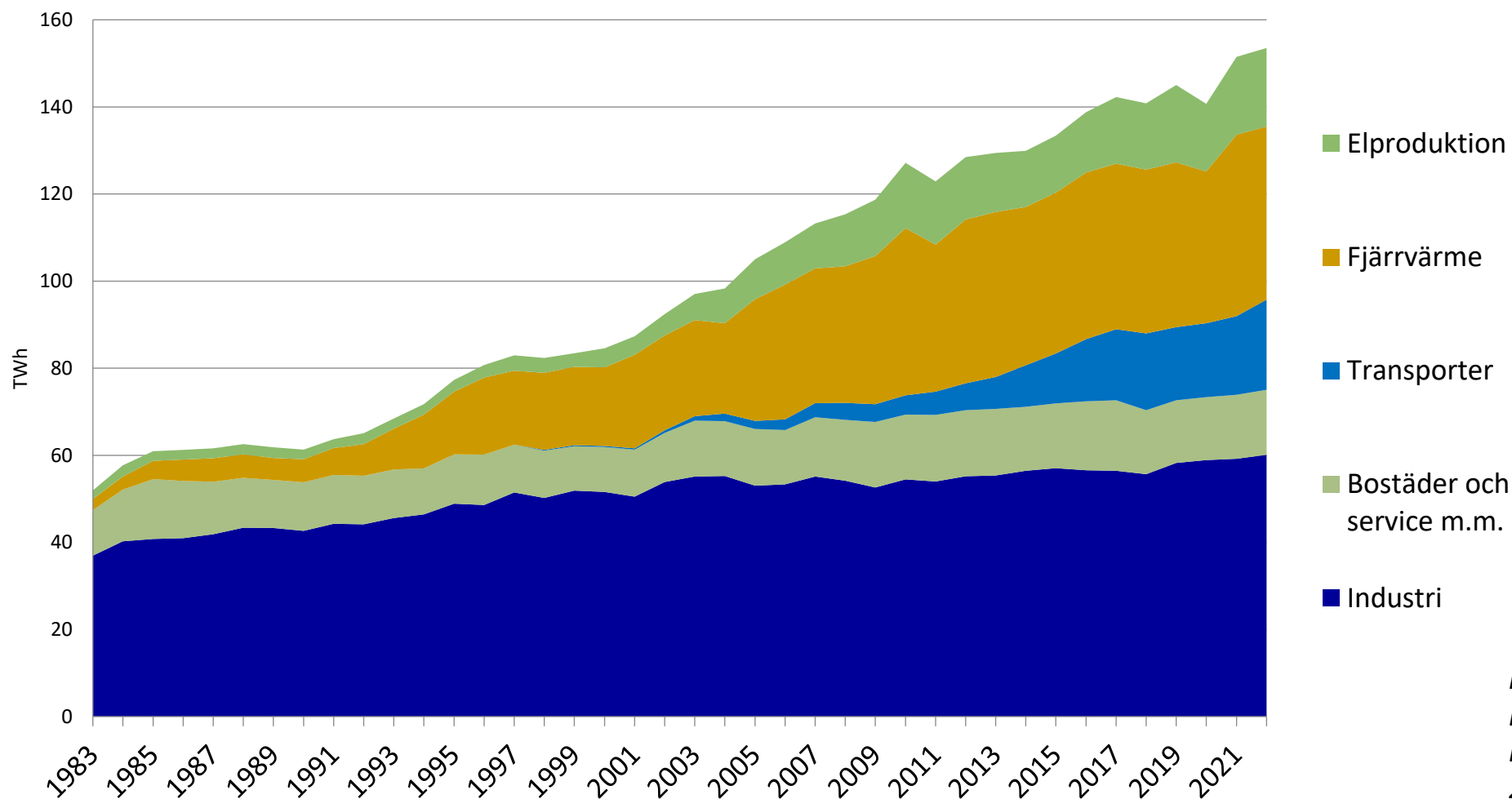
	TWh	%
Vattenkraft	65,7	40,0
Kärnkraft	46,7	28,5
Vindkraft	34,3	20,9
Biokraft	12,1	7,4
Solkraft	3,1	1,9
Fossil avfallskraft	1,2	0,7
Kolkraft	0,7	0,4
Oljekraft	0,3	0,2



Användning av bioenergi per sektor (TWh)

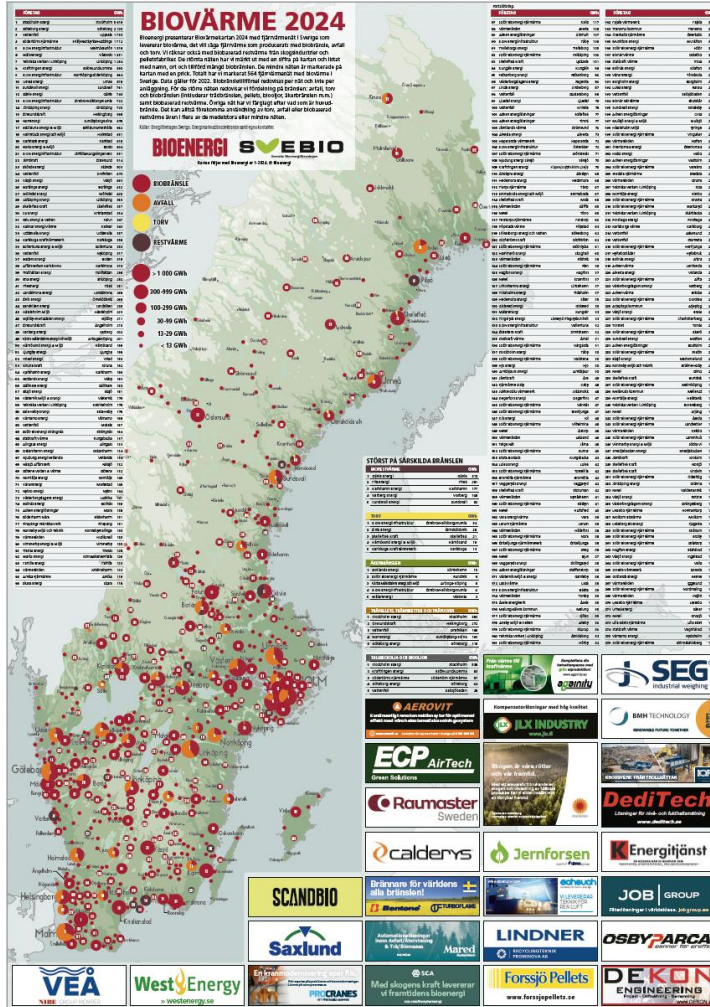


Användning av biobränsle per sektor fr.o.m. 1983, TWh



Källa:
Energimyndigheten,
Energiläget i siffror
2023

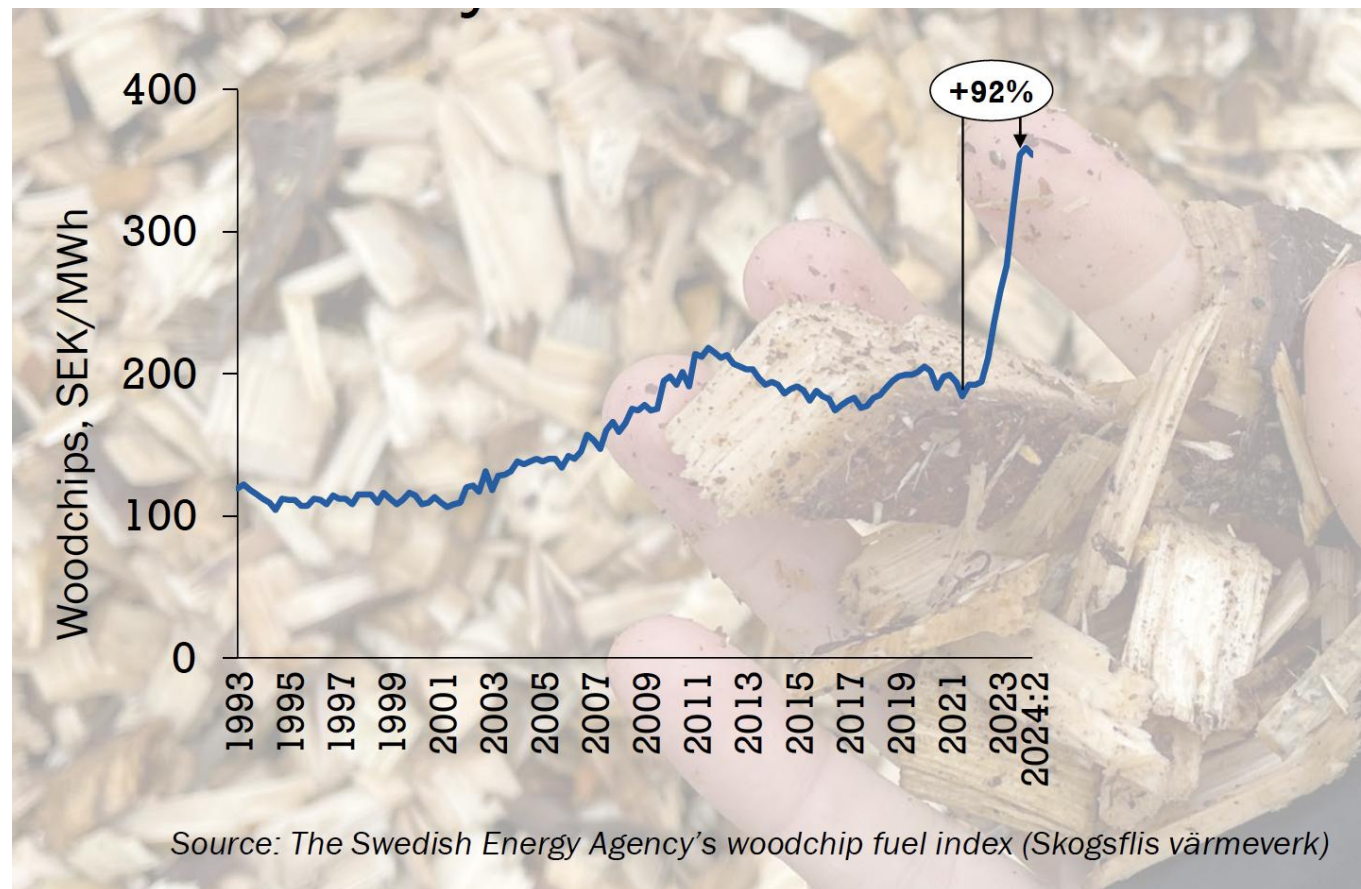
Biovärm



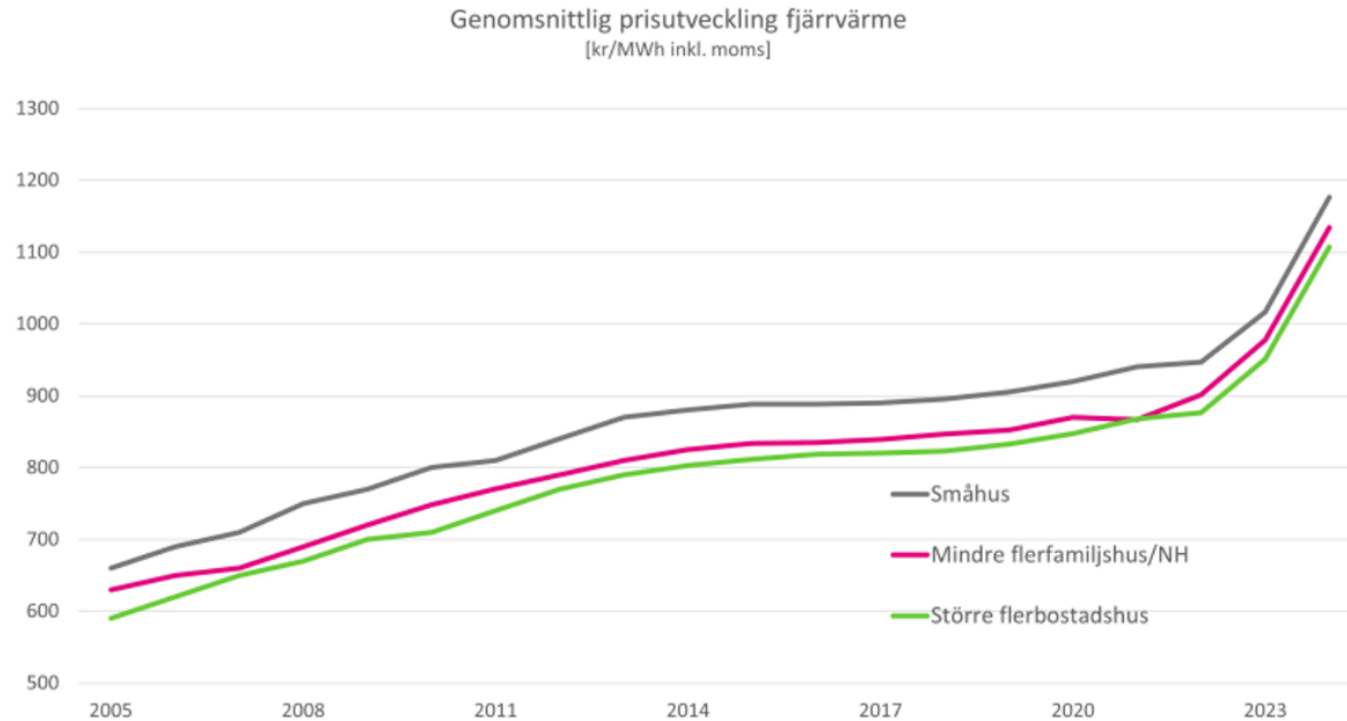
- År 2024 fanns det 564 fjärrvärmesystem som levererar biovärm i Sverige
- Ca 90 procent av flerbostadshus värms idag upp genom fjärrvärm
- Många fjärrvärmesystem eldas med avfall, som till 70 procent består av biogena avverkningsprodukter från till exempel skogsindustri som inte går att återvinna
- Biobränslen står för omkring 70% av all fjärrvärm + spillvärm från skogsindustri



**Priserna på biomassa
har fördubblats under
de senaste två åren**



Fjärrvärmens ökar i pris



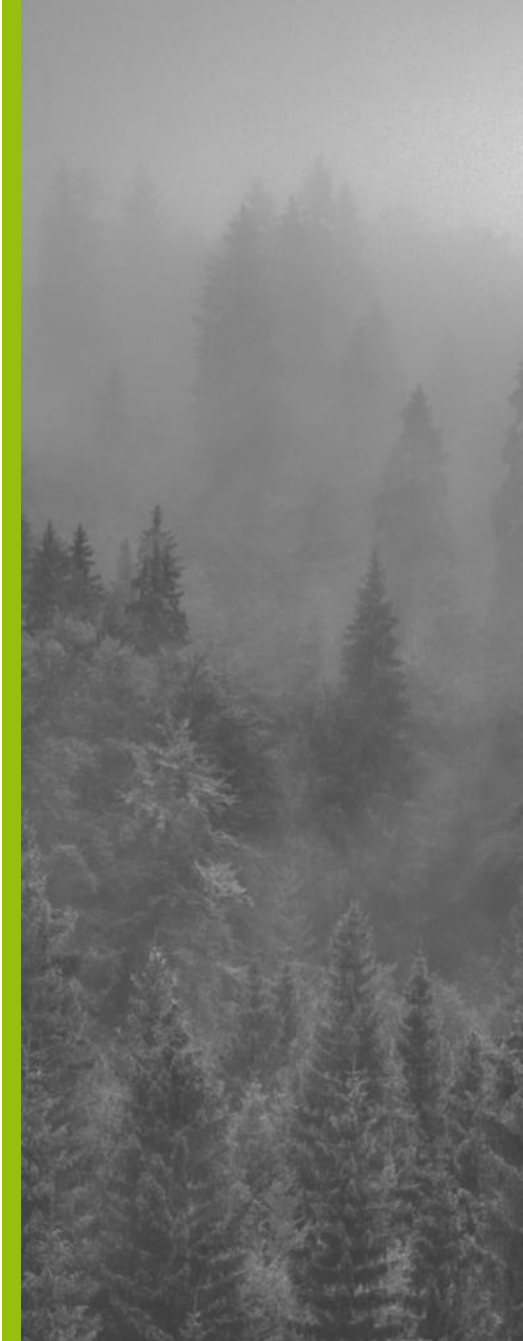
Källa: Nils Holgersson, 2024

- Prisökning i snitt ca 16 procent 2024
- Orsaker: Minskad import av biomassa från Ryssland, Ukraina och Belarus. EU-länder köper från Sverige (låg kronkurs), minskat byggande (mindre restavfall) höjda ETS-priser

Ökad biomassapotentzial

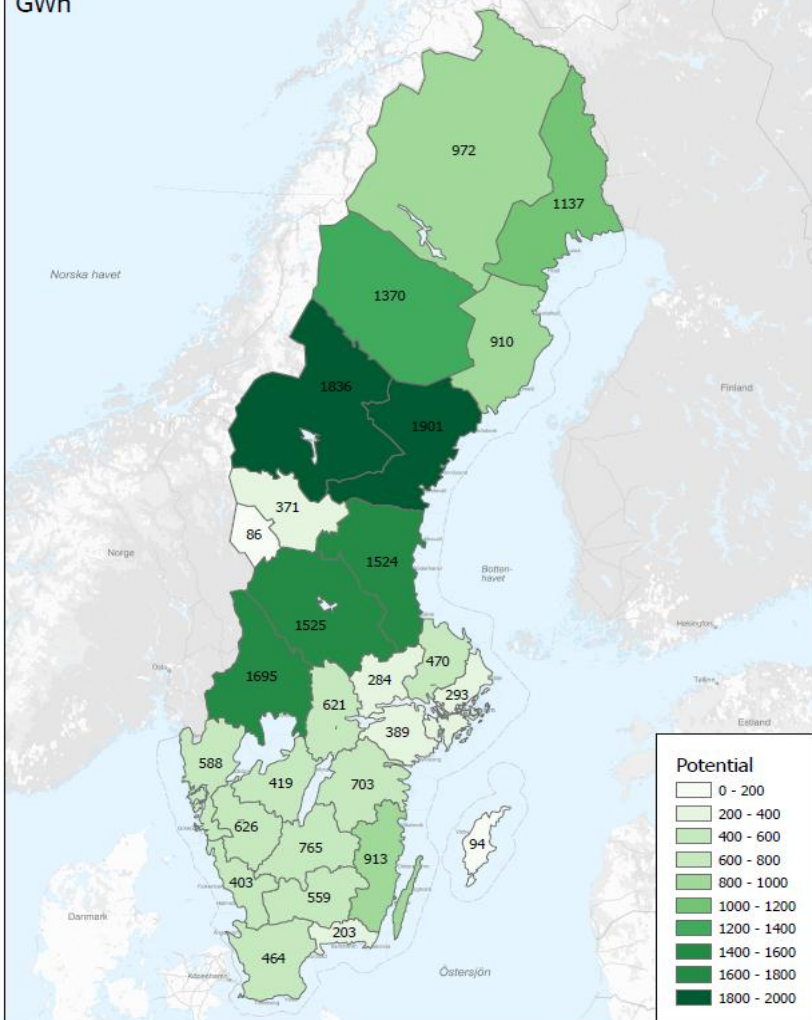
Ökad potential jordbruksbaserad bioenergi	Energi (TWh)	Ökad potential skogsbaserad bioenergi	Energi (TWh)
Halm (spannmål och oljeväxter)	2-3	Grenar och toppar (grot)	13-16
Gödsel och organiska restprodukter (biogas)	8-10	Skadad rundved (insekter, storm m.m.)	3-4
Biomassa från outnyttjad åkermark m.m.	5-10	Klen rundved (eftersatta röjningar m.m.)	2-3
Slytäkt (åkerkanter, igenväxande betesmarker, ledningsgator m.m.)	8-10	Biprodukter (bark, spån, lignin m.m.)	6-12
Summa	18-26	Summa	24-35
<i>Medeltal</i>	22	<i>Medeltal</i>	29

Källor: Baserat på sammanställd statistik från Skogforsk, Skogsstyrelsen, Energimyndigheten, Jordbruksverket och KSLA.



Potential Grot 2020

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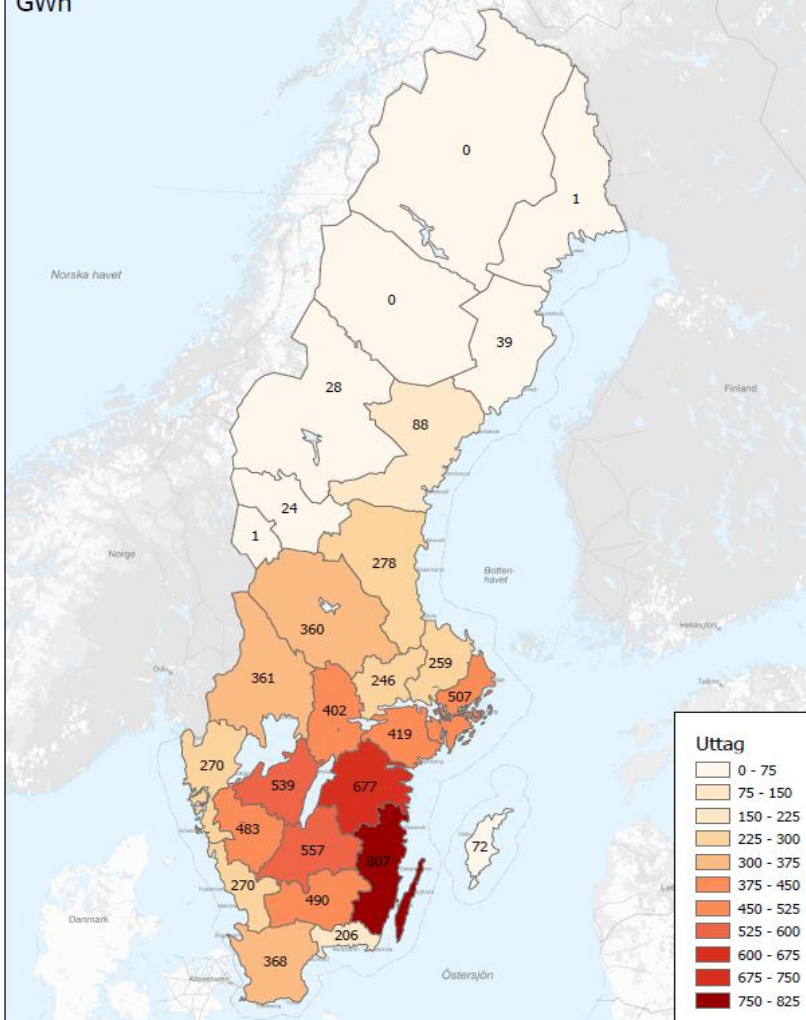


Hållbar potential 21 100 GWh

Källa: Skogforsk

Uttag Grot 2020

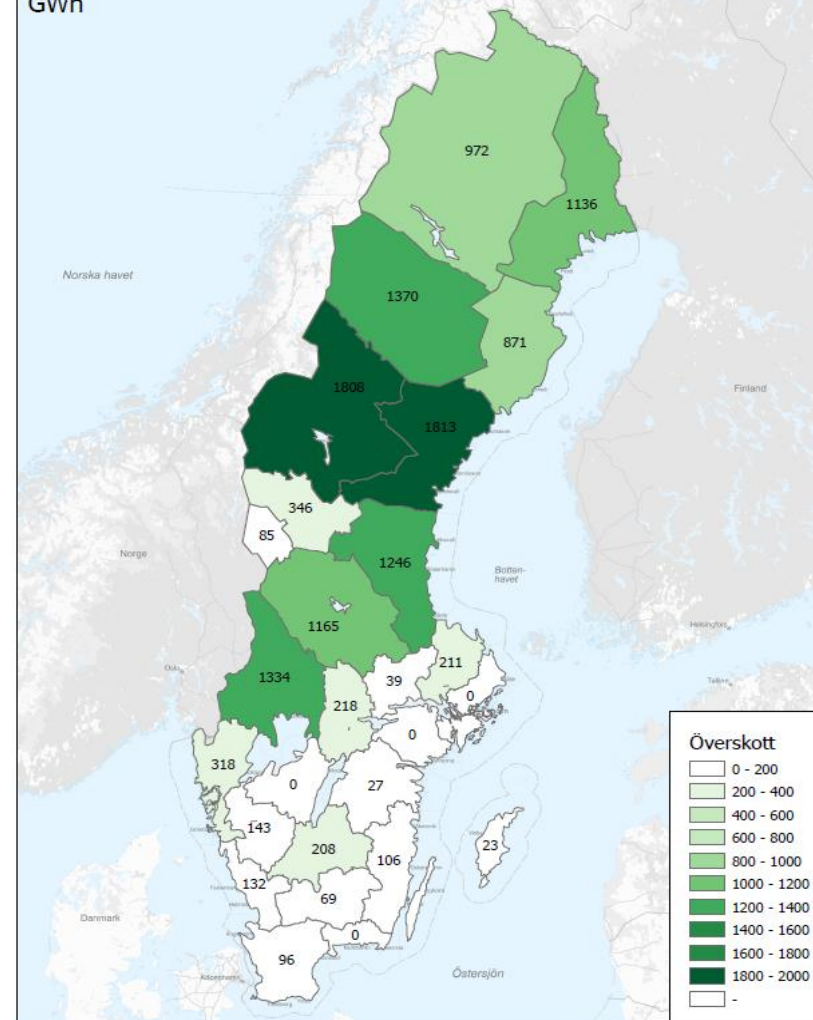
GWh



Nuvarande uttag 7 400 GWh (37%)

Överskott Grot 2020

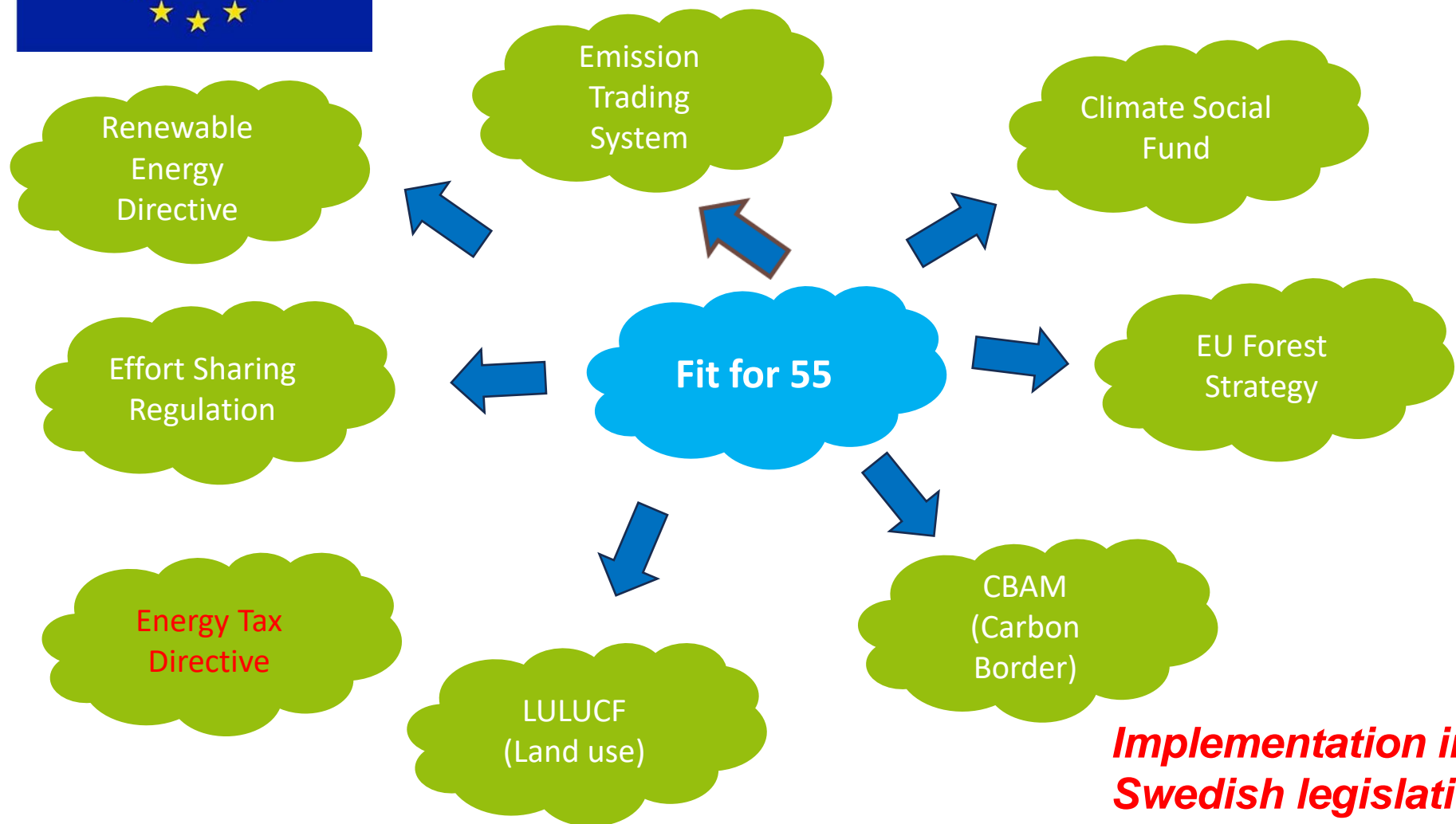
GWh



Utrymme för expansion 13 700 GWh



Fast Development of New Legislation



More clouds...



Implementation into Swedish legislation – how to do it?



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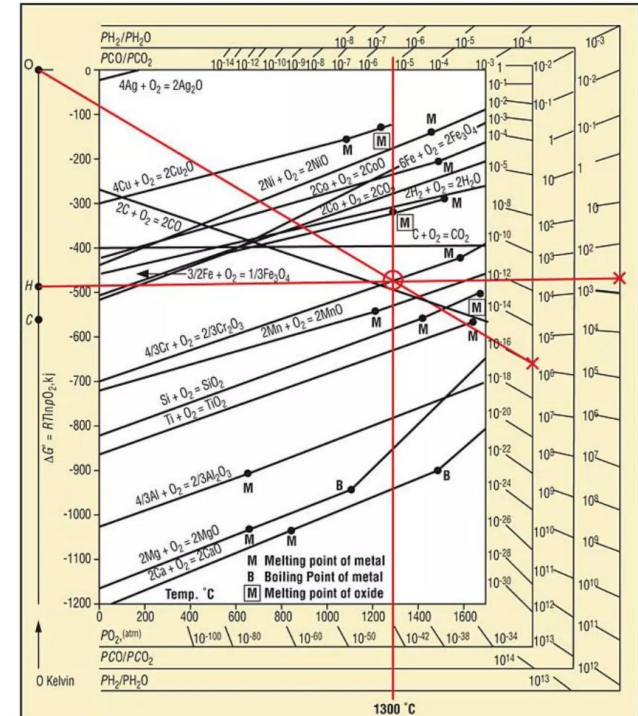


Tekniska försök biokol i metallurgi

Chuan Wang

Why biocarbon is needed in various metallurgical processes?

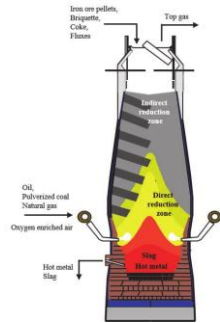
- Fossil carbon (coal, coke, natural gas, etc.) is still in use, thus leading to the emission of fossil CO₂;
- Thermodynamic constraints: not all carbon can be replaced by hydrogen, e.g. Cr₂O₃, SiO₂, TiO₂, etc.;
- Carbon is still needed as carburizing agent, slag foaming agent in EAF, etc.;
- Economic feasibility: hydrogen vs. biocarbon.



Ellingham Diagram

Carbon for iron- and steelmaking

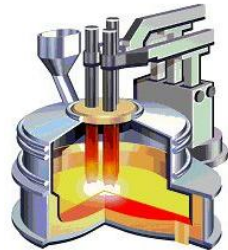
BF



(450-500 kg/thm)

- Reducing agent
- Fuel
- Carburization
- Skeleton (coke)

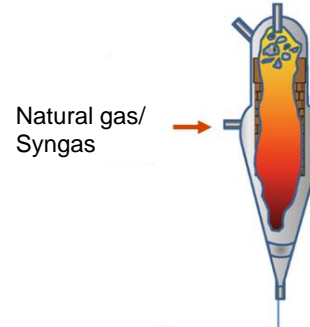
EAF



(12-55 kg/t-steel)

- Slag foaming agent
- Reducing agent
- Carburizing agent
- Fuel

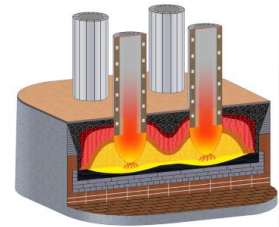
DR-SF



0.2-0.6 MWh/t-DRI

- Carburizing agent
- Fuel

SAF



(300-500 kg/thm)

- Reducing agent
- Fuel
- Carburization

Number of biocarbon projects at Swerim

Others				1	1
SAF				1	1
CF		1	1		
EAF		2	1	6	1
BF	3	12	4		
	2012-2014	2015-2017	2018-2020	2021-2023	2024-

Required properties of biocarbon for metallurgical applications

In general, it requires high heating value, low P and S, low alkali (Na and K), low ash content.

For injection

- Good grindability/fluidability
- Combustibility/burnt-out rate

For top charging

- High density
- High mechanical strength

Fuel

- High heating value
- High C and H

Carburization

- High fixed carbon
- Low reactivity

Reductant

- High C and H
- High volatile content

Slag foaming agents

- High C and H
- High volatile content



Biocarbon powder



Biochar

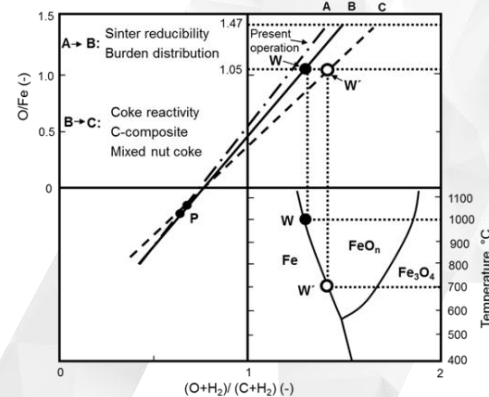
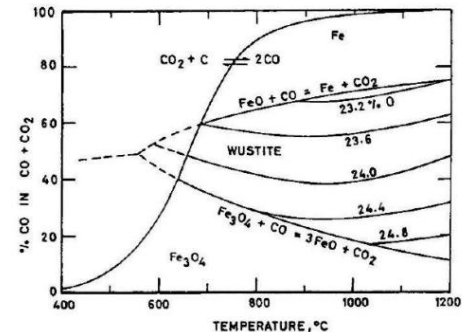
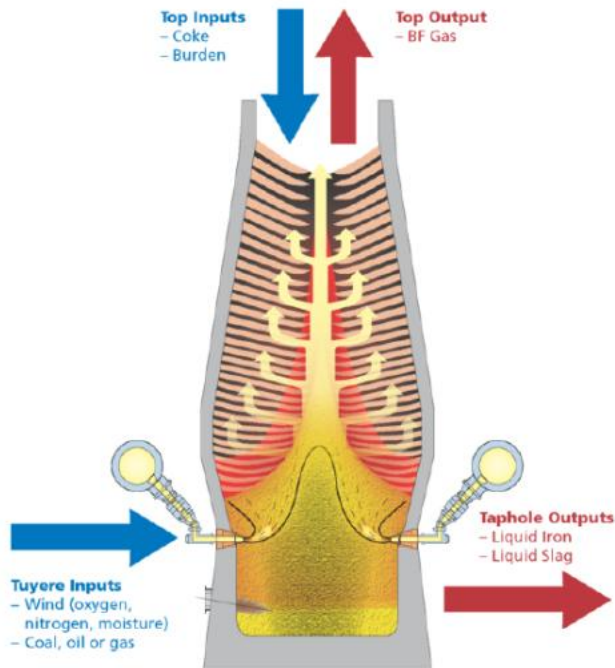
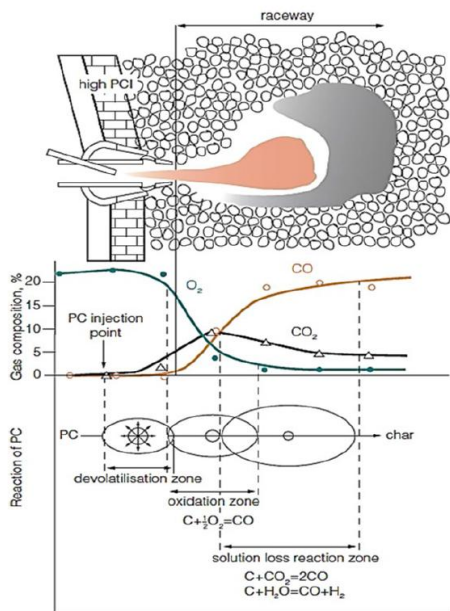


Torrefied material



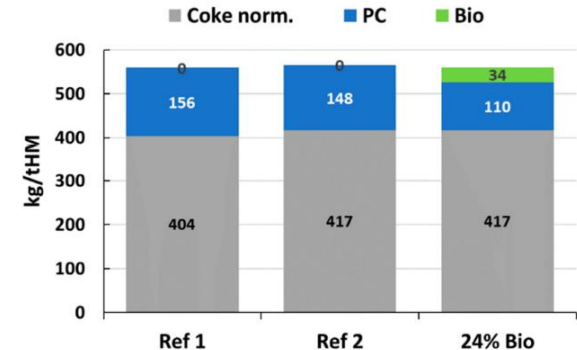
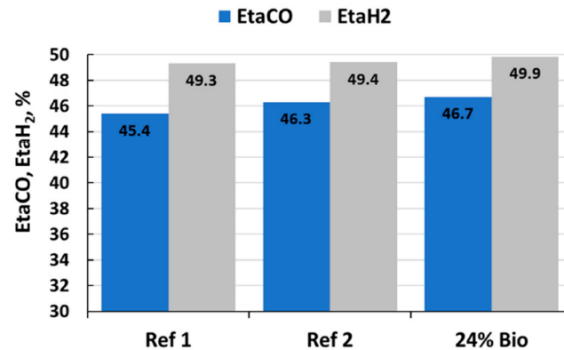
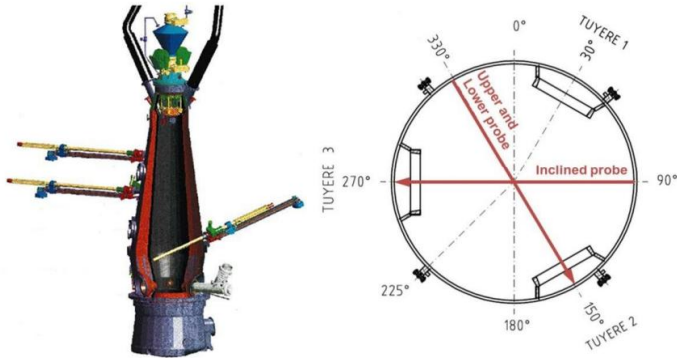
Hydrochar

Utilization of biomass in the blast furnace



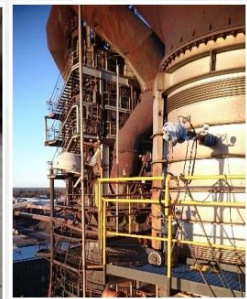
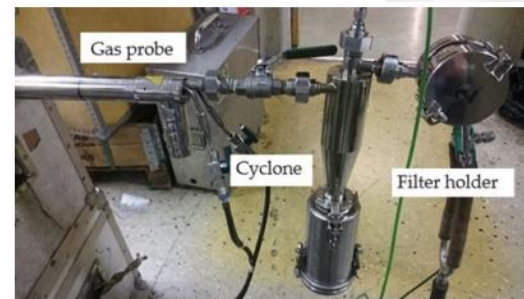
Injection of bio-coals – EBF trials

- Pilot test in the Experimental blast furnace (EBF) with torrefied material of bio-coal
 - ✓ The gas efficiency was somewhat higher during the test period with biocoal
 - ✓ In comparison to the reference periods, the fossil CO₂ emissions could be reduced compared with an average of approximately 8% in the two reference periods



Bio-coal for lowering fossil greenhouse gas emissions from the blast furnace

- Practically demonstrate the potential of industrial use of biomass (**charcoal** and **TS**), consisting of renewable energy, in Swedish blast furnaces to reduce fossil CO₂ emissions from the process in the short term.
- Full scale trials with charcoal in SSAB BF No. 4 in Oxelösund with coal injection through **one tuyere**.
- Injection of up to 10% of charcoal (CC) with PC can be safely achieved without negative impacts on PC injection plant or BF operational conditions and **without losses of CC with the dust**.



Biocoal injection at SSAB Raahe



System designed for fossil coal



The most straightforward option would be to utilize existing system also for biocoal



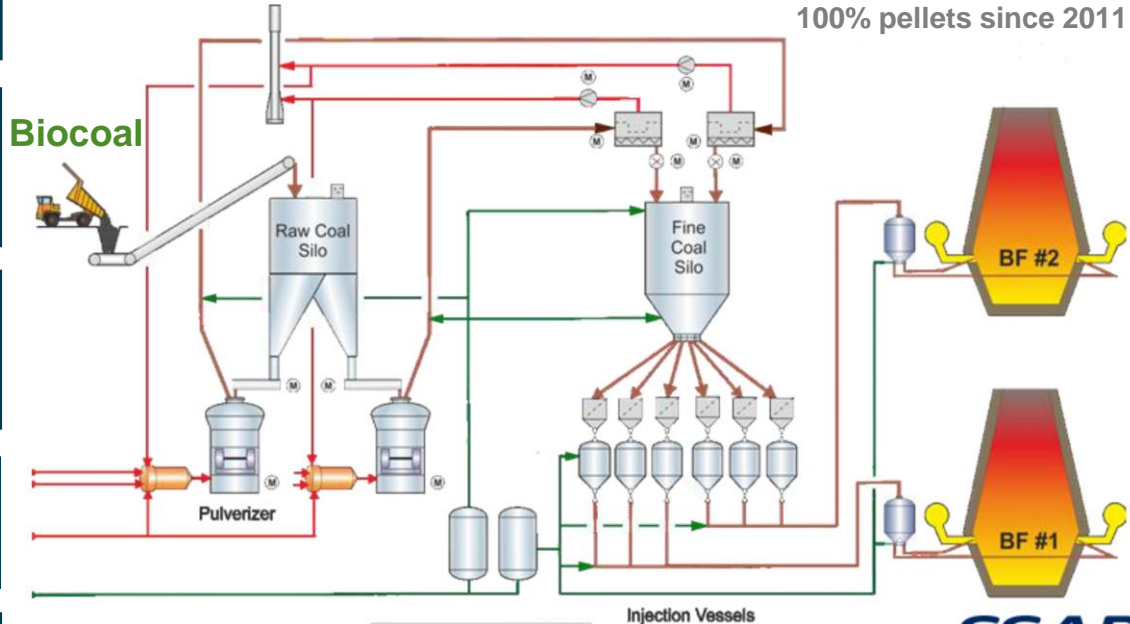
Successful 9-days trial run by SSAB Raahe Steelworks to replace 10% of PCI in August 2019



Lower need of limestone due to low ash and low S content in biocoal



Up to 20% could be possible with the current technical solutions



Courtesy of SSAB

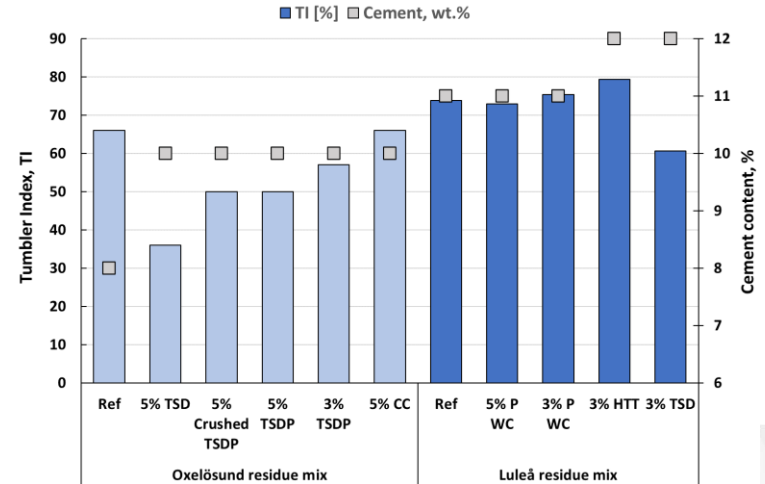
Hearth diameter: 8.0 m
Working volume: 1220 m³
Tuyere: 21
100% pellets since 2011

Trials with sawdust pellets CBBs

Industrial trials at SSAB Öxelsöund

1.8% of torrefied sawdust (TS) pellets and 12% cement, November 2019

- ❑ Improved gas utilization
- ❑ Lowering of thermal reserve zone temperature by 45 °C with 55% bio-briquette addition reduced the C-consumption with ~ 9-11 kg/tHM
- ❑ Compared to the reference period, no negative effects were noticed regarding the hot metal analysis, slag and dust analysis.

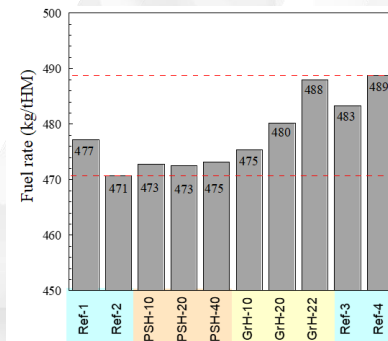
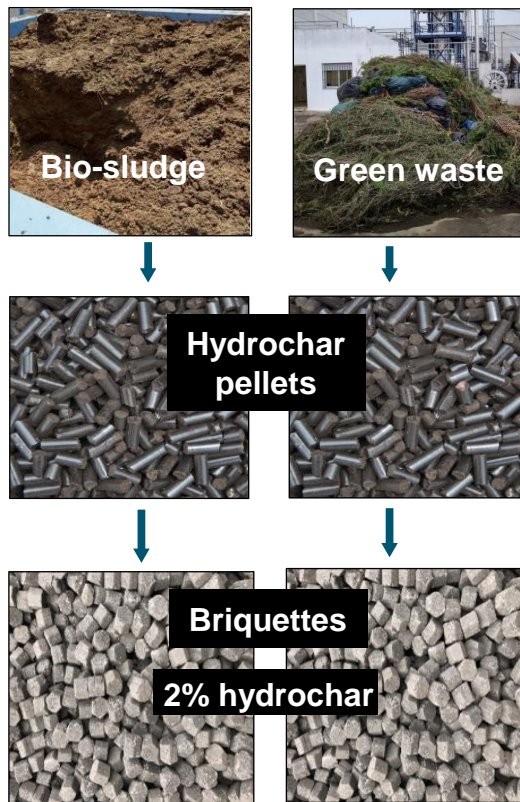


Swedish energy agency (energimyndigheten) project: Bio-agglomerate

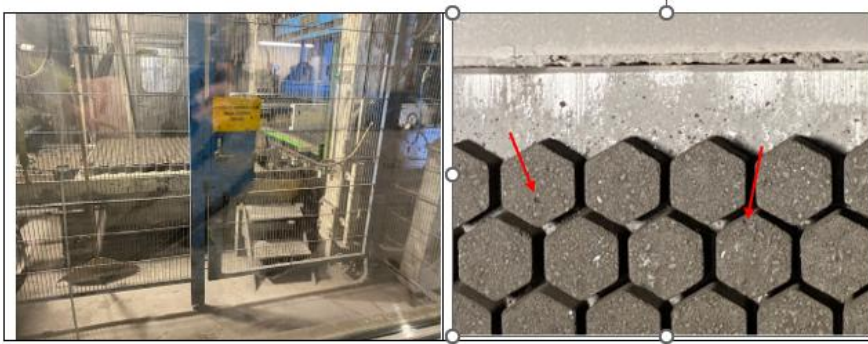
Industrial trials in BF at SSAB

Hydrochar containing cold bonded briquettes (CBBs) 418 ton were top-charged into BF, January-February, 2020.

- No negative effects were noticed regarding the hot metal analysis, slag analysis and their properties, carbon and sulfur content in dust and sludge.
- The trials with hydrochar from paper sludge showed a slightly better results than green waste.



Industrial Scale CCBs trials at BDX/SSAB



- Full-scale tests, but then with a higher admixture of biochar from 1.8% to 12%.
- 5500 tons of biochar CCBs were produced and top charged in the BF at Luleå.

EAF - Carburization test at Swerim

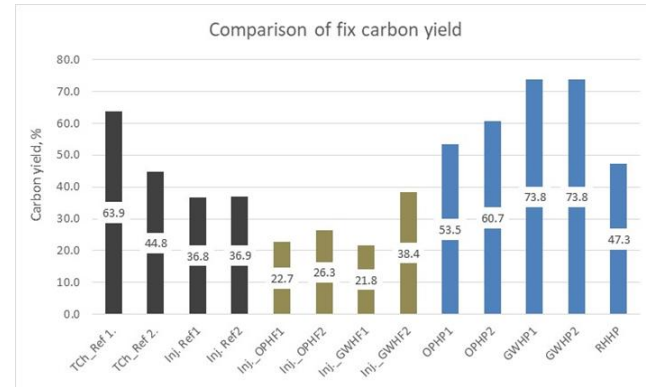
EAF trials in Swerim's test bed were performed in Week 50, 2021 to investigate the use of various types of hydrochar as carburizers to replace anthracite.



EAF injection charge



EAF top charge



Carbon yield/carburization

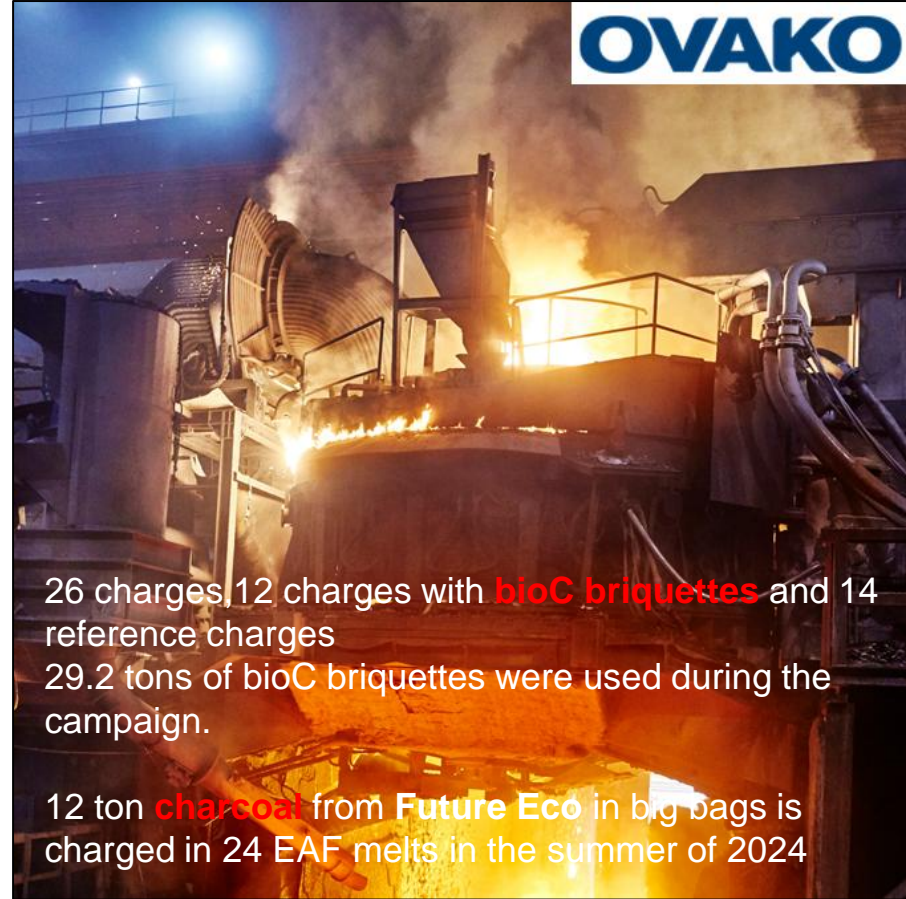
BioChargeEAF project

SWERIM

44 tons of bioC briquettes



Compon ents	Biocarbon	Mill scale	Lignin	FP-P (liquid lignin)	Lime	water											
	wt. %																
Ratio	40.1	26.7	15.0	13.4	0.5	4.3											
Component	Total C	VM	Ash/oxides	Moisture	S	H	O	N	Cl								
wt. %	50	30.8	40.3	4.1	1.5	2.2	5.9	<0.11	<0.01								
Aska/ Ash	Al	P	Fe	Ca	Mg	Si	K	Na	Mn	Ti	Co	Cu	Cr	Mo	Ni	V	Zn
Wt. %	0.53	0.033	51	3.4	0.61	1.8	0.46	0.42	0.37	0.023	0.008	0.072	0.46	0.08	0.23	0.016	0.01



26 charges, 12 charges with **bioC briquettes** and 14 reference charges
 29.2 tons of bioC briquettes were used during the campaign.

12 ton **charcoal** from **Future Eco** in big bags is charged in 24 EAF melts in the summer of 2024

EAF industrial trials with at Uddeholm

Uddeholm trial 1: 3 ton charcoal from **Envigas** in big bags is charged in 7 EAF melts in November and December 2023.

Uddeholm trial 2: 2.4 ton charcoal from **Future Eco** in big bags is charged in 7 EAF melts in February 2024

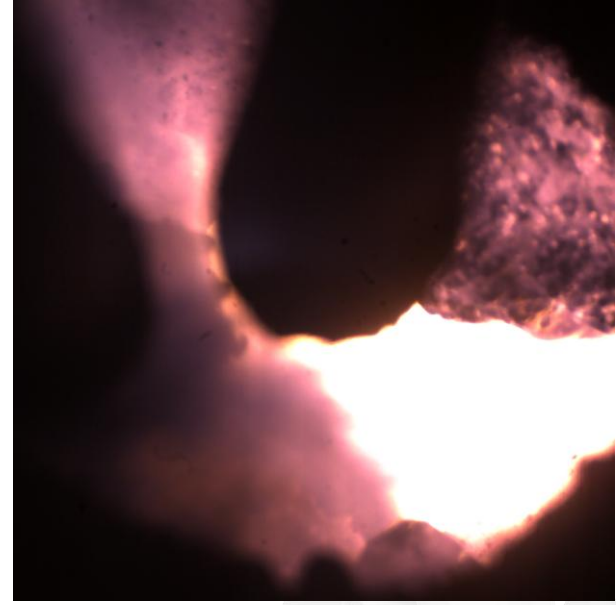
4 reference charges with petcoke for comparison.



Cupola furnace injection

- Hydrochar injection at Volvo Power Truck, Skövde, Sweden
- 1600 kg injection through one tuyere in May, 2019

Vinnova project: OSMET 2.0



Cupola furnace top charging

Bio-briquettes developed:

- Dimensions: \varnothing 80-150 mm, H= 50-150 mm
- C-content: 50 – 70 %
- S-content: 0.2 - 0.35 %
- CCS: up to 14 MPa
- Density: up to 1.000 kg/m³
- Abrasive losses: < 4.5 %

In 2020 - 2022 over 50 pc. different test series with durations 6-120 hours using a total amount of about 800 ton of testing material were carried out at 13 different cupola plants all over Europe:

- Hot- and cold-blast cupola furnaces
- Nominal melting rates 6-75 t/h
- Dry and wet gas cleaning systems
- GJL and GJS products
- Automotive parts and other castings (e.g. tubes etc.)







Pre-trials
Week 39-40 2023

Scale up from lab scale to industrial scale

- 24 recipes with biocarbon

Evaluation of briq:

- Mechanical strength
- Hot strength



Large-scale briq
Week 50 2023

Briquettes 360t = 36t
biocarbon

- Dust to silo

Evaluation of briquettes

- Drop test
- Tumbler index



Furnace campaign
Week 5&6 2024

Week 5

- Charge REF Briquette

Week 6 & 7

- Charge Bio briq
- Charge REF briq



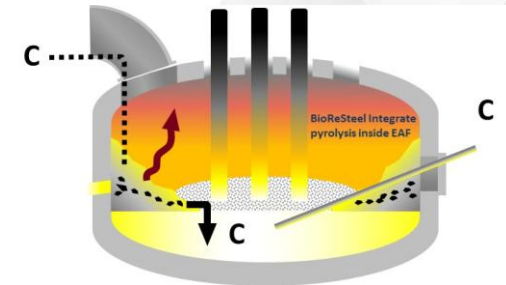
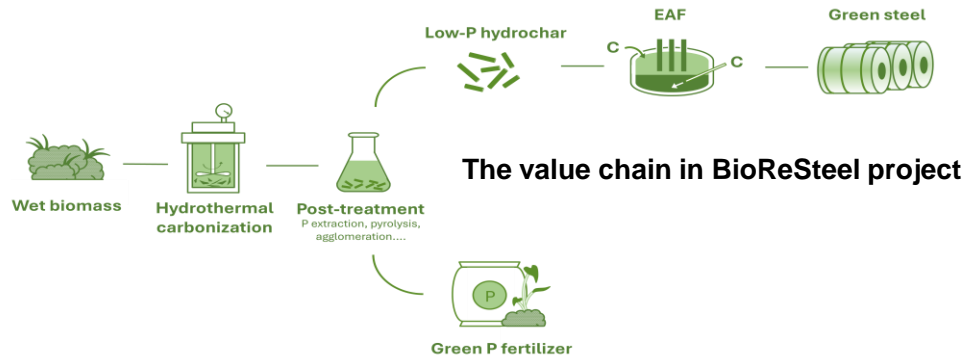
Ongoing BioReSteel project



SWERIM

Objective: to replace fossil carbon in the electric arc furnace (EAF) by biocoal, produced from low-value locally available wet biomass residues by means of a hydrothermal carbonization (HTC) process.

Methodology: The BioReSteel concept will be proved by the means of laboratory and EAF testbed trials. Furthermore, the industrial EAF trials will be performed at three EAF plants to test hydrochar injection, hydrochar top charging and bio-oxides agglomerates in order to prove the concept's flexibility and generality.



Functions: heating; carburization; reductant; slag foaming

Industrial trials at EAF steel plants



EAF (150 ton), PITTINI, Italy

Top charging of hydrochar as slag foaming agent and fuel to reduce natural gas and anthracite assumption.



EAF (85 ton), ORI Martin, Italy

Top charging of bio- agglomerates (made of hydrochar and iron oxides) for the function tests of carburizing agent and reductant.



EAF (150 ton), CELSA, Spain

Injection trials for hydrochar at different blending ratio with anthracite for slag foaming and fuel.

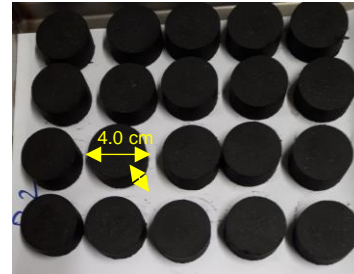
Briquetting at lab scale



manual piston press



semi-automatic piston press



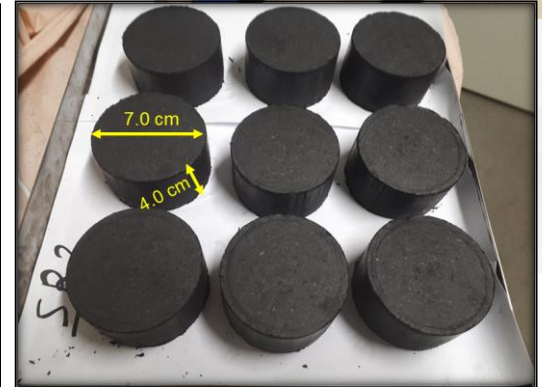
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Ø 70 mm



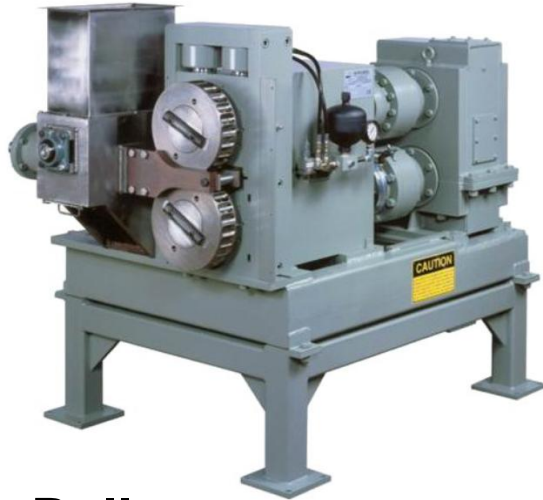
Ø 20 mm

Ø 40 mm



Briquetting at technical and pilot scale

Pilot scale briquetting



Roller press

Vibro press



Pillow shape: 40 x 30 x 20 mm



Hexagonal shape briquettes



Extruder



Ø10 mm



Ø40 mm

Summary

- Many projects on using biocarbon in metallurgical applications.
- Biocarbon (different types) has been tested in BF via tuyeres injection and top charging in the form of CCBs.
- The current work about EAF industrial pilots has been focusing on topcharging of biocarbon as carburizing agents, and in the future other functions of heating, reductants and slag foaming agent will be also tested.
- Research interests in other metallurgical processes, for instance, SAF, DR, etc. have been increasing.
- Woody biomass to organic waste to produce biocarbon (e.g. hydrochar) in the view of economic feasibility and sustainability.



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