







How Far are We from Integrating the Waste-to-Energy Technologies ?



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<u>Associate Editor</u>, Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews -Elsevier (IF 10.556) for Bioenergy, Waste to Energy, and Biomass Populati on and Energy Demand The current world population of 7.2 billion is projected to reach up to 8.2 billion in 2025 with current annual growth rate of 1%.

The Asia, Middle East, Africa and Latin America are the places, where most of this growth will occur due to rapidly growing industries and urbanization.

The energy demand will increase significantly in developing countries, especially in Asia with an increase of 46-58% at annual rate of 3.7% till 2025.

Fossil fuels are the most relied source at the moment to meet the world's energy demands.

The intensive and solely utilization of fossil resources are not only depleting our natural reserves but also causing global climate change.

Waste Generatio n and its Managem ent

The generation rate of municipal solid waste (MSW) will increase from 1.2 to 1.5 kg per capita per day in next 15 years.

Globally, around 2.4 billion tons of MSW is generated every year that will reach up to 2.6 billion tons by 2025.

In cities of developing world, MSW is the city's single largest budgetary item.

The sustainable disposal of MSW is still at infancy level in most of the developing countries.

The current waste management in developing world include waste collection and disposal of the collected waste to dumpsite or landfill sites without any treatment.

The actual collection of waste from the cities is only 60% of generated waste, while the remaining waste lies in the empty plots, street sides, along road, railway lines, drains, and low

The infrastructure and maintenance facilities for MSW vary according to the economy of the area.

What to do with so much waste?



The MSW can be a cheap and valuable source of renewable energy, recycled materials, valueadded products (VAP) and revenue, if properly

Concept of Waste-to-Energy (WTE)

- The concept of waste to energy is known as one of the several energy recovery technologies capable of benefiting a society that wants to cut its fossil fuel addiction.
- The possibilities for converting waste-toenergy (WTE) are plentiful and can include a wide range of waste sources, conversion technologies, and infrastructure and end-use applications.
- Several WTE technologies such as pyrolysis, anaerobic digestion (AD), incineration, transesterification, gasification, refused derived fuel (RDF) and plasma arc gasification.
- The integrating of waste with the generation of energy will provide a solution to the developing world's challenge of waste disposal with energy supply.



Forestry	Agricultural	Animal waste	Industrial	Municipal waste
waste	waste		waste	
 Bark Sawdust Pulping liquors Fibers Dead trees Culling and logging waste Leaves Straws 	 Crop waste Citrus waste Green waste What and rice straw waste Wood chips Sawdust 	 Fats Tallow Blood Meat processing waste Manure Swine waste 	 Olive pulp Wastewate r from pulp and paper industry Wastewate r from sugar or toffee industry 	 Food waste Used cooking oil Sewage Plastics Paper and card boards Textile Leather Construction and demolition waste

Single Waste Factory

Why Integration of WTE Technologies?

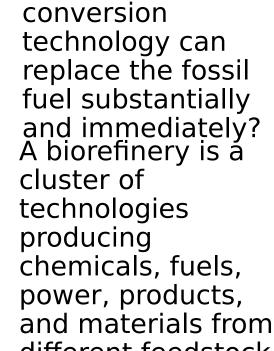


Can any of the Waste to Energy technology achieve the zero waste concept?



Is any of these technologies capable enough to compete other renewable-energy sources such as wind, solar, etc.?



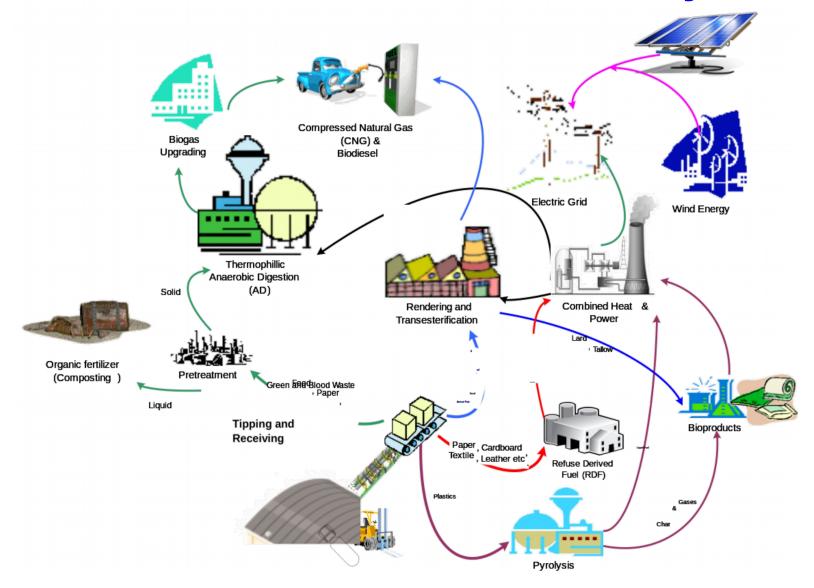


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Intergradation of energy recovery technologies under a waste-driven factory.

Integrated WTE technologies under Waste-driven Factory



Case Study of Saudi Arabia EXILS III KJA.

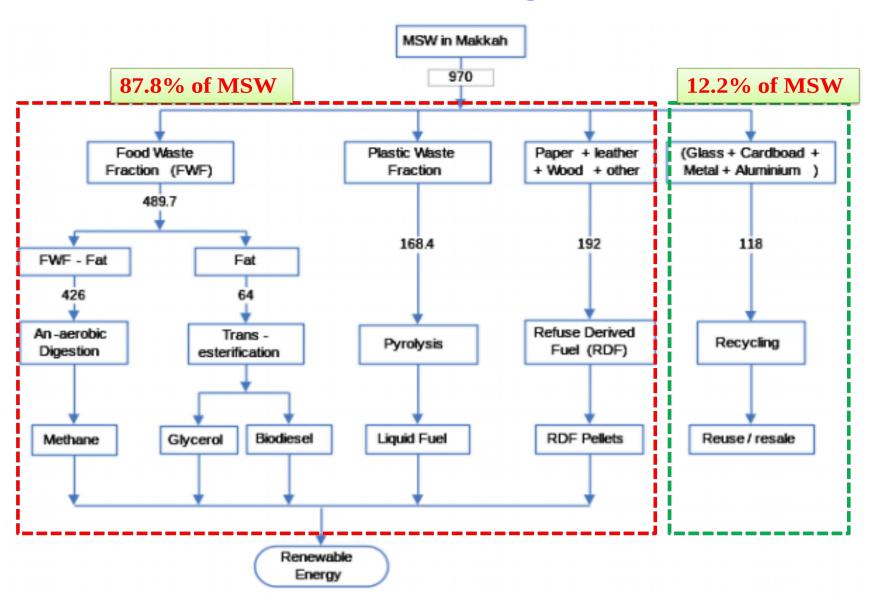
- Most of the collected municipal waste is disposed to landfill or dump sites untreated.
- The recycling of metals and cardboards is the only waste recycling practices, which is around 10-15% of the total MSW.
- The problems of GHG emissions, and groundwater and soil contamination along with public health issues are occurring in the waste-disposal vicinities
- Every year, around 15 million tons of MSW is generated in KSA with an average rate of 1.4 kg per capita per day.
- The food and the plastic waste are the two largest waste streams that collectively add up to 70% of total MSW.
- My Solid Waste Research Unit has examined the appropriate WTE technologies for Saudi Arabia

VISION 2030 – Saudi Arabia

- Improving efficiency of waste management
- Recycling projects
- Reducing all types of pollution
- Utilizing treated and renewable water
- Localizing renewable energy
- we still lack a competitive renewable energy sector at present
- Initial target of generating 9.5 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy
- Millions of SAR in funding for waste to energy projects



Waste-based Factory in Makkah



Economic and Environmenta I Benefits of Waste Recycling in Makkah

There are significant economic and environmental benefits for the Makkah city by recycling only

Cardboar d (6.6%)	Glass (2.9%)	Metals (1.9%)	Aluminiu m (0.81%)				
It is theoretically estimated that up to 140.1 thousand Mt.CO2 eq. global							

warming potential (GWP) will be

achieved with savings of 5.6 thousand

tons emission of CH4.

A net revenue of 113 million SAR will be added to the national economy every year only from recycling practices in Makkah city.

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Economic and Environmenta I Benefits

A total net revenue of 758 million SAR can be generated from;

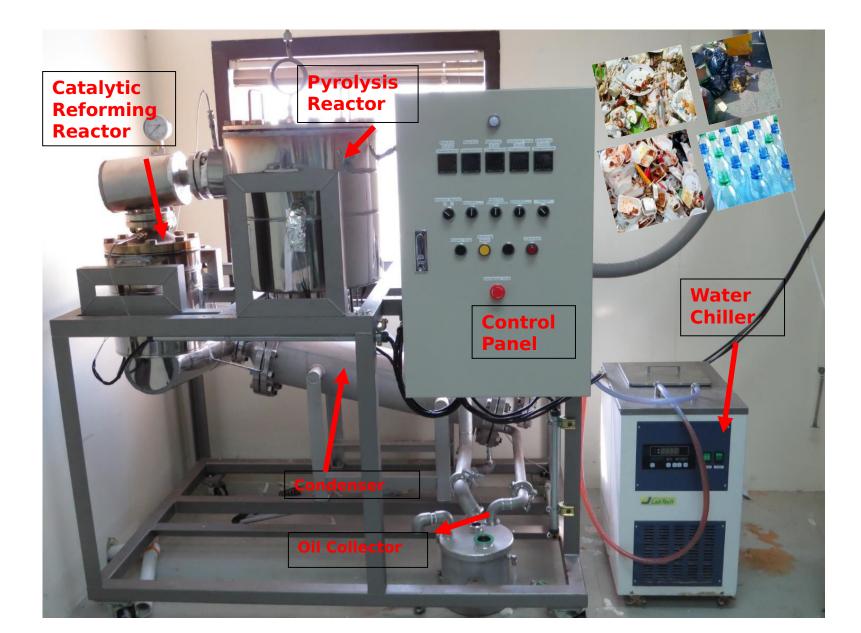
landfill diversion (530.4 million SAR)

electricity generation (181.6 million SAR)

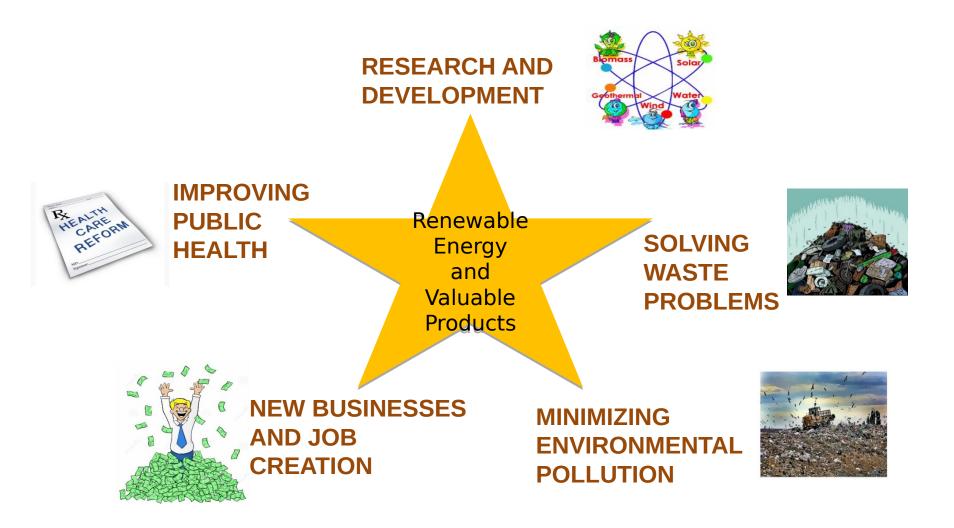
recycling (45.5 million SAR) 1.95 million barrels of oil and 11.2 million mcf of natural gas can be saved with a cost savings of 485.5 million SAR.

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Two-Stage Batch Pyrolyzer System



Benefits of Waste-Based Factory



consumption has exerted great pressure on natural resources and results in significant GHG emissions in

energy production, mainly from the nonfood biomass, including forestry and agricultural residues and industrial and

Conclusions and Recommendati ons

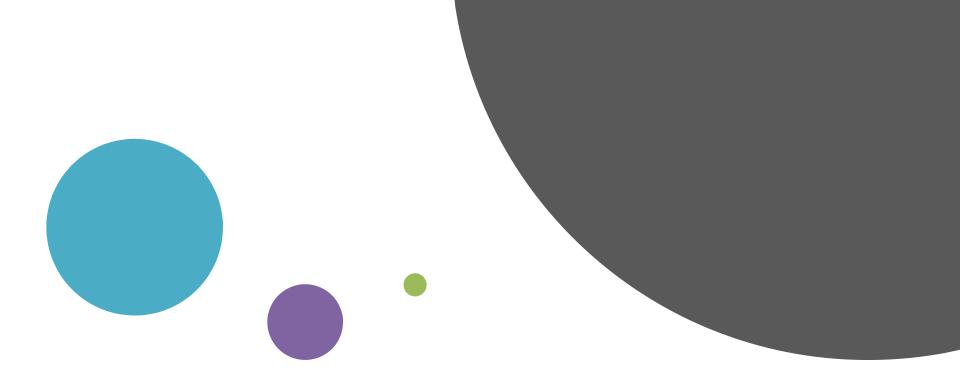
WTE technologies are expected in near future due to continuous improvement in process technologies with reduced process costs, governmental subsidizes and generation of multiple energy and valuable The Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) based studies on the integrated waste-based biorefinery will provide a knowledge base platform for academics and industries about technical, economic and environmental benefits and limitations of the conversion technologies.

Recycling is considered to be a key component of modern waste-reduction practices to reduce the GHG emissions and environmental impact of waste.

A case study of KSA showed potential economic and environmental benefits of developing integrated waste-based biorefinery in the country.

Collaboration Established with National and International Institutions





Thank You So Much