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Biological and Thermal Treatment of Municipal Solid Waste

## Status and Trends for Biological Treatment of Organic Solid Waste in France

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- Coaching for waste management policy definition
- Tender assistance for biological treatment plants
- Technical missions (facility expertise, communication management, quality and training, feasibility studies, ...)

### Industries support and training

- Food industries management for sustainable development
- biological treatments for organic waste or effluent with (composting or anaerobic digestion, biogas use, ...)
- treatment facilities assistance
- R&D Process development support

### Training sessions

- made to measure
- for students, staff or operating workers

# Summary

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# French annual waste, by producers

(data 2008, source : ADEME)

Total production : 850 millions tons

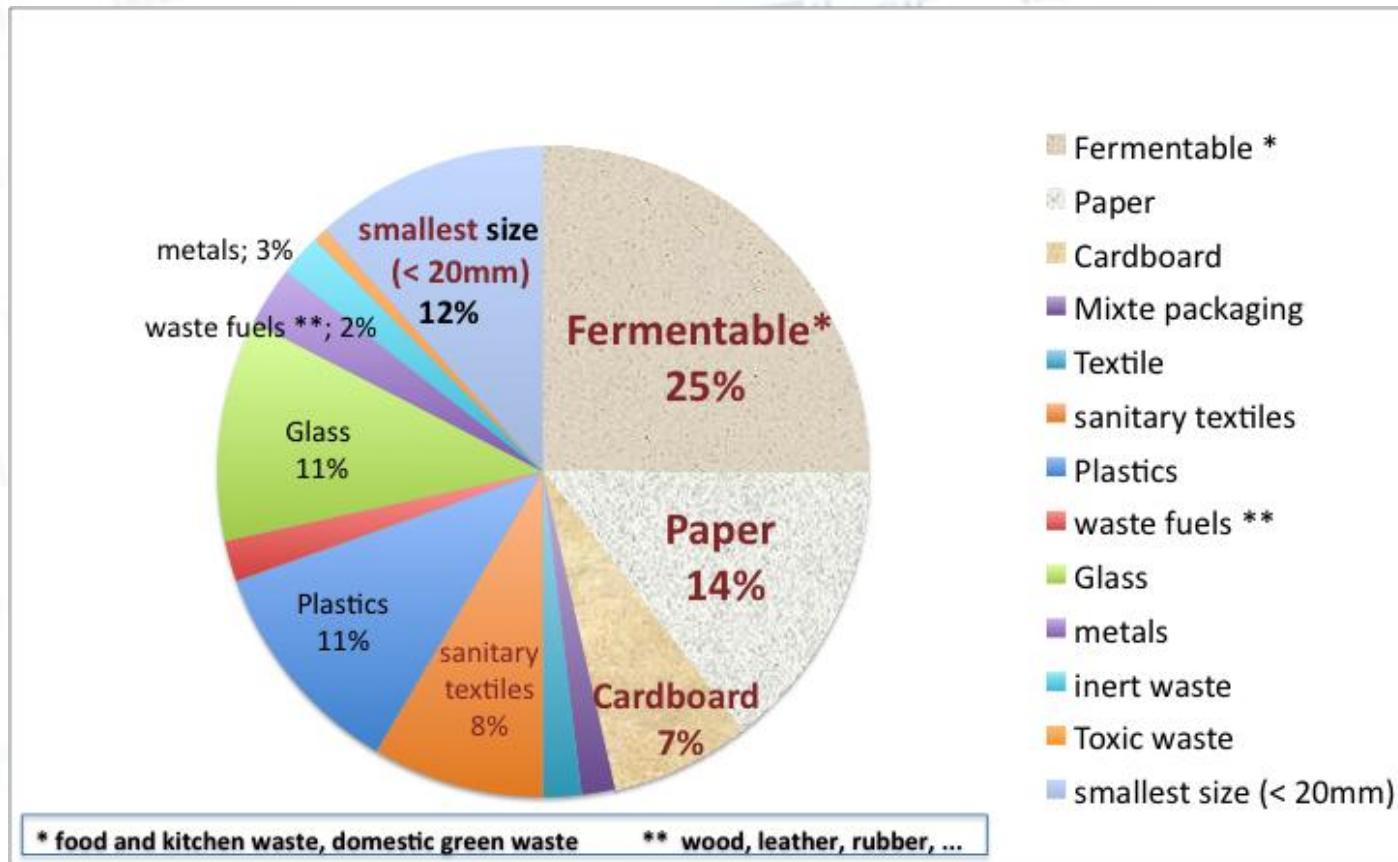
- municipalities waste :	14	→ 2%
- household waste:	28	→ 4%
- industrial waste :	90	
- agriculture waste :	374	→ 44%
- medical waste:	0,2	
- Building and public works	343	



among which **global municipal collection** (sewage sludge, garden waste, garbage, market waste, stores and small industries, ...) :  
**46 millions tons**

# French MSW - average composition

(source ADEME - item 2008)

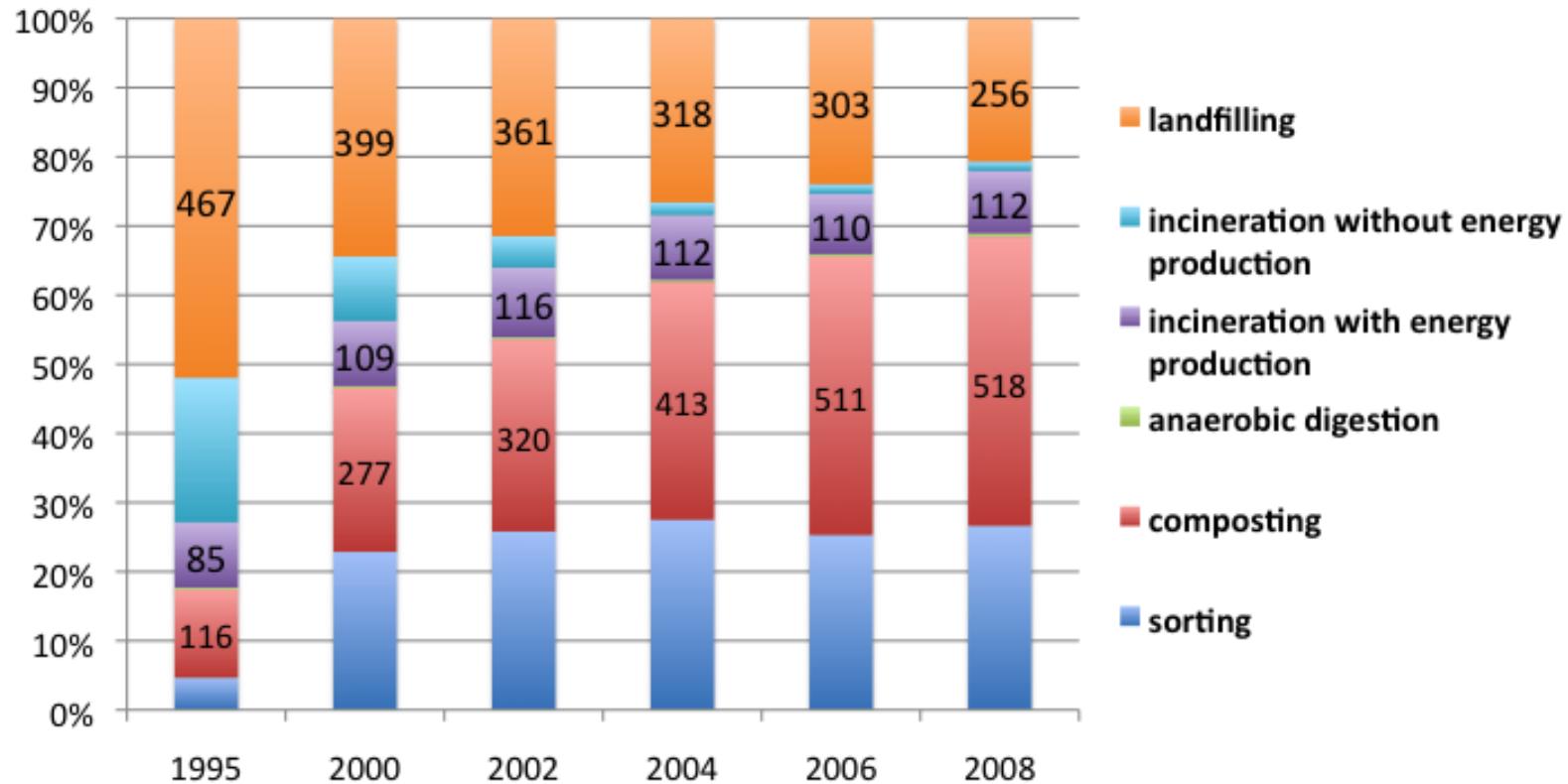


Organic solid waste available for biological treatment reach nearly 54% total MSW collected

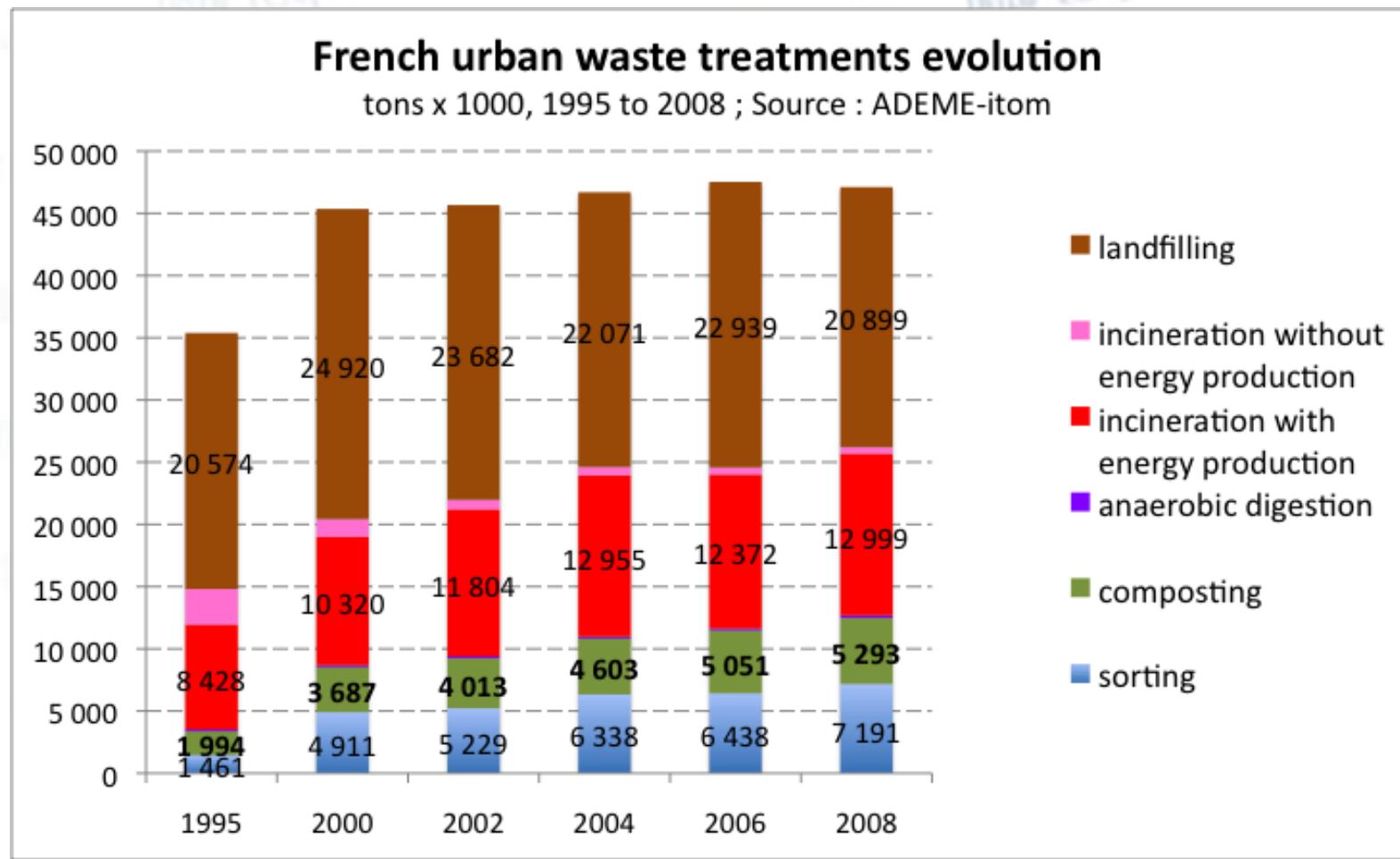
# French waste treatment: plant number evolution

## French urban waste treatment : plants number evolution

1995 to 2008 ; Source : ADEME-itom



# French waste treatment: evolution (tons/year)



# French municipal solid waste : treatment plant statistics (data from 2000 to 2008)

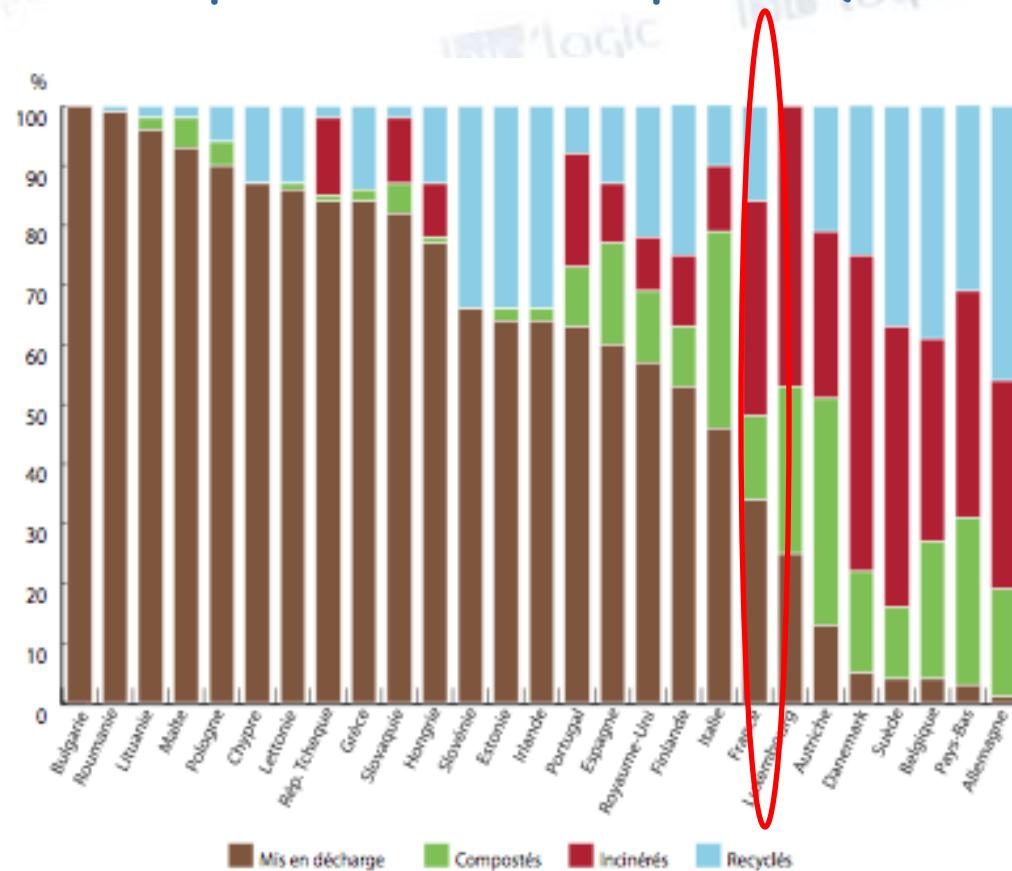
2008 data	plants	% total plants	2010 / 2000 variation	x 1000 tons (year 2008)	% total tons	2010 / 2000 variation
sorting	330	27%	x 1,2	7 191	15%	x 1,5
composting	518	42%	x 1,9	5 293	11%	x 1,4
anaerobic digestion	6	0,5%	x 6,0	206	0,4%	x 2,3
incineration with energy production	112	9%	x 1	12 999	28%	x 1,3
incineration without energy production	17	1,4%	x 0,1	522	1,1%	x 0,4
tipping	256	21%	x 0,6	20 899	44%	x 0,6
<b>total</b>	<b>1 239</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>x 0,9</b>	<b>47 111</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>x 0,9</b>

We notice :

- for biological treatments (composting, anaerobic digestion), an increase: + 42,5% total plants and + 11,4% total tons
- for incineration : a stability in plant number but an increase for treated tons (+40%)

# Waste management treatments (% total tons)

European countries comparison (source EUROSTAT)

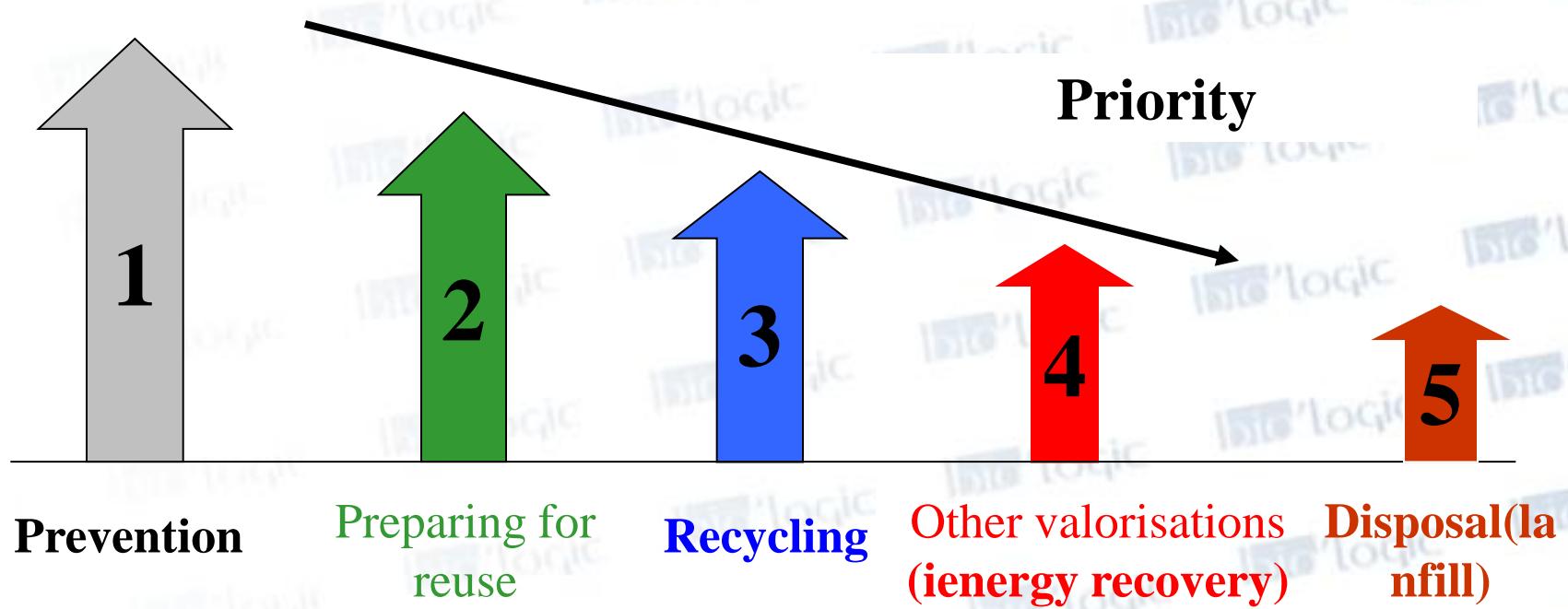


We notice for France : one of the smallest recycling results and one of the highest incineration use

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# Basic constraints : European regulations

- **Waste management Directive 2008/98/EC** (deadline transposition 12.12.2010) : legal framework, of which the treatment hierarchy



## Basic constraints (2)

- **Landfill Directive 1999/31/EC** (deadline transposition 16.07.2001) obligation to reduce by 2016 the amount of biodegradable waste that countries landfill to 35% of 1995 levels
- **Waste incineration Directive 2000/76/EC** (deadline transposition 28.12.2002, with Regulation amending act n°1137/2008), which limit values for incineration plant emissions (heavy metals, dioxins and furans, CO, dust, total organic carbon, HCl, HF, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO and NO<sub>2</sub>)
- **Bio-waste management com2010-0235** (18/5/2010) : Commission analysis of the bio-waste management options and possible future steps (first discussions from 1999 and 2001... )

## Biowaste “greenpaper” : some details

- the management of bio-waste must be made a key priority by Member States, together with the Landfill Directive
- the overall potential for separately collected bio-waste is estimated at up to 150 kg/inhabitant/year and 80 Mt for EU 27 members
- about 30% of this potential (24 Mt) are been currently collected separately and treated biologically.

# Main specific French constraints (1)

- **Compost standard for soil fertiliser : NF-U444051** (2006 new standard), sets very high quality targets (low content) for inerts and plastics, which have induced new plant treatment designs
- **New environmental targets for MSW management policy** ("Grenelle de l'environnement" 2008 and 2010 laws)
  - Recycling and biological treatment : 45% of total MSW collection
  - Packaging waste recycling : 75% of MSW Packaging waste
  - MSW source collection reduction : - 7% on the horizon 2015
  - Maximum incineration rate : 60% of total MSW collection

# Main specific French constraints (2)

linked to renewable energies ...

- the biggest European nuclear plants park (58 nuclear reactors, 74% of total electricity produced), inducing :
  - a low electricity production cost (average : 46 €/MWh)
  - a medium price for private consumers (120 €/MWh, source EUROSTAT)
  - a low CO<sub>2</sub> emission for electricity production (about 80 g/kWh)
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- low price for electricity produced new energies, and so from biogas : 7,5 to 14 c€/kWh, including an efficiency bonus (0 to 3 c€/kWh) linked to a high level target for outside plant heat cogeneration use ; imminent price rate revision, with bonus for agriculture projects)

# French compost standard NF-U44051

## Main key quality targets

VM >= 20% wet weight (ww) ; N, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> & K<sub>2</sub>O < 3 % ww N + P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + K<sub>2</sub>O < 7 % ww

**Inert et unwanted matters** (method XP U44-164), in % dry matter (dm)

Glass + metals > 2mm < 2,0%dm

Plastic films + PSE > 5mm : < 0,3%dm

Other plastics > 5mm < 0,8%dm

New criteria, which concern mainly compost produced from residual MSW (without source collection)

**Other criteria :**

- "heavy metals" (maximum, en mg/kg dm)

Hg : 2 ; Cd : 3 ; Ni : 60 ; Cr : 120 ; Pb : 180 As : 18 ; Se : 12 ; Cu : 300 ; Zn : 600

- **pathogenic agents**

  - living helminthes eggs: zero in 1,5 g ww

  - Salmonella : zero in 25 g ww (and for truck farming : in 1 g ww)

- **organic components traces** : maximum concentration (and maximum annual flow)

  - Fluoranthène : 4 mg/kg dm (6 g/ha/year)

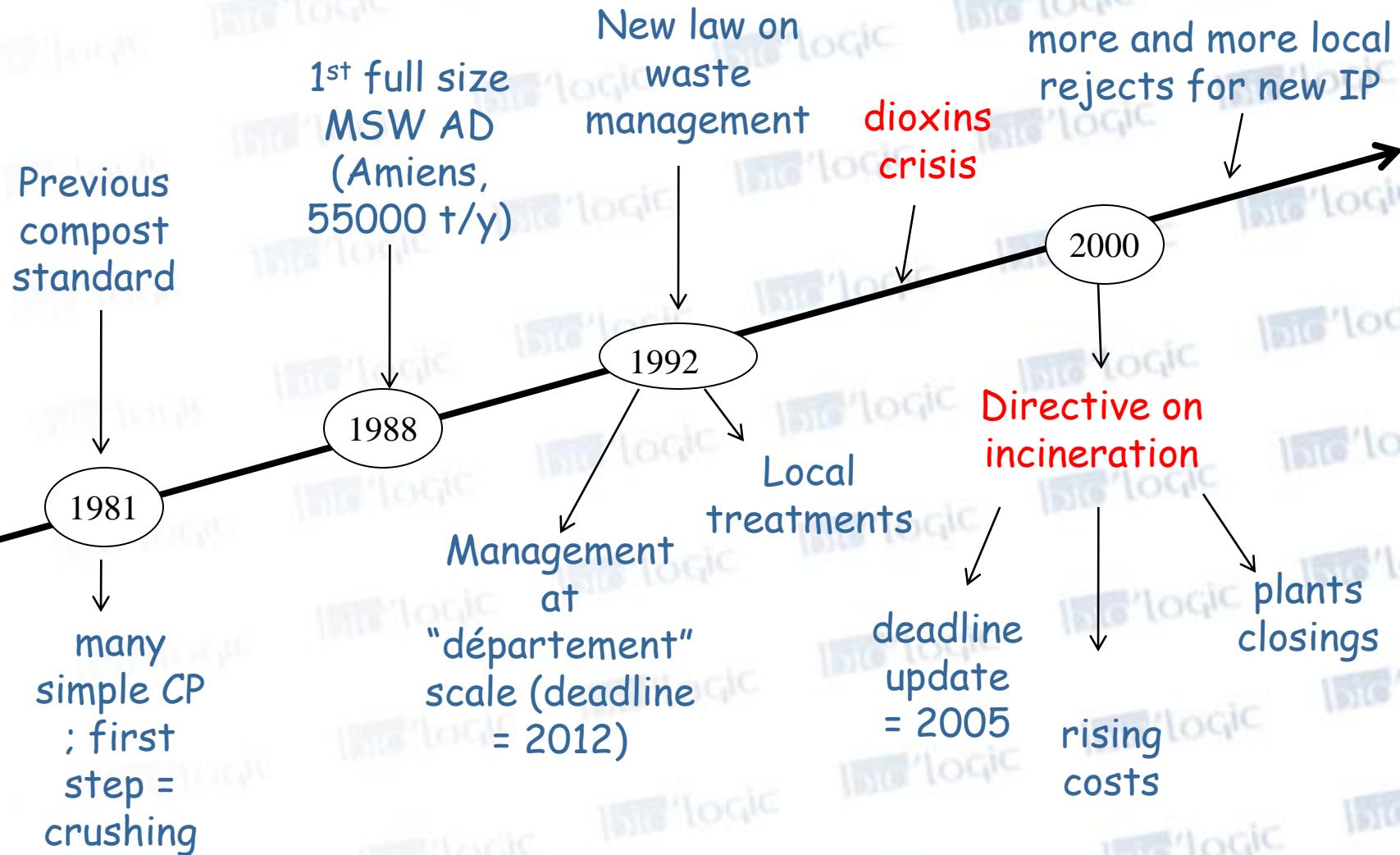
  - Benzo(b)fluoranthène: 2,5 mg/kg dm (4 g/ha/year)

  - Benzo(a)pyrène : 1,5 mg/kg dm (2 g/ha/year)

**Process : AD must be followed by "characterized » composting step**

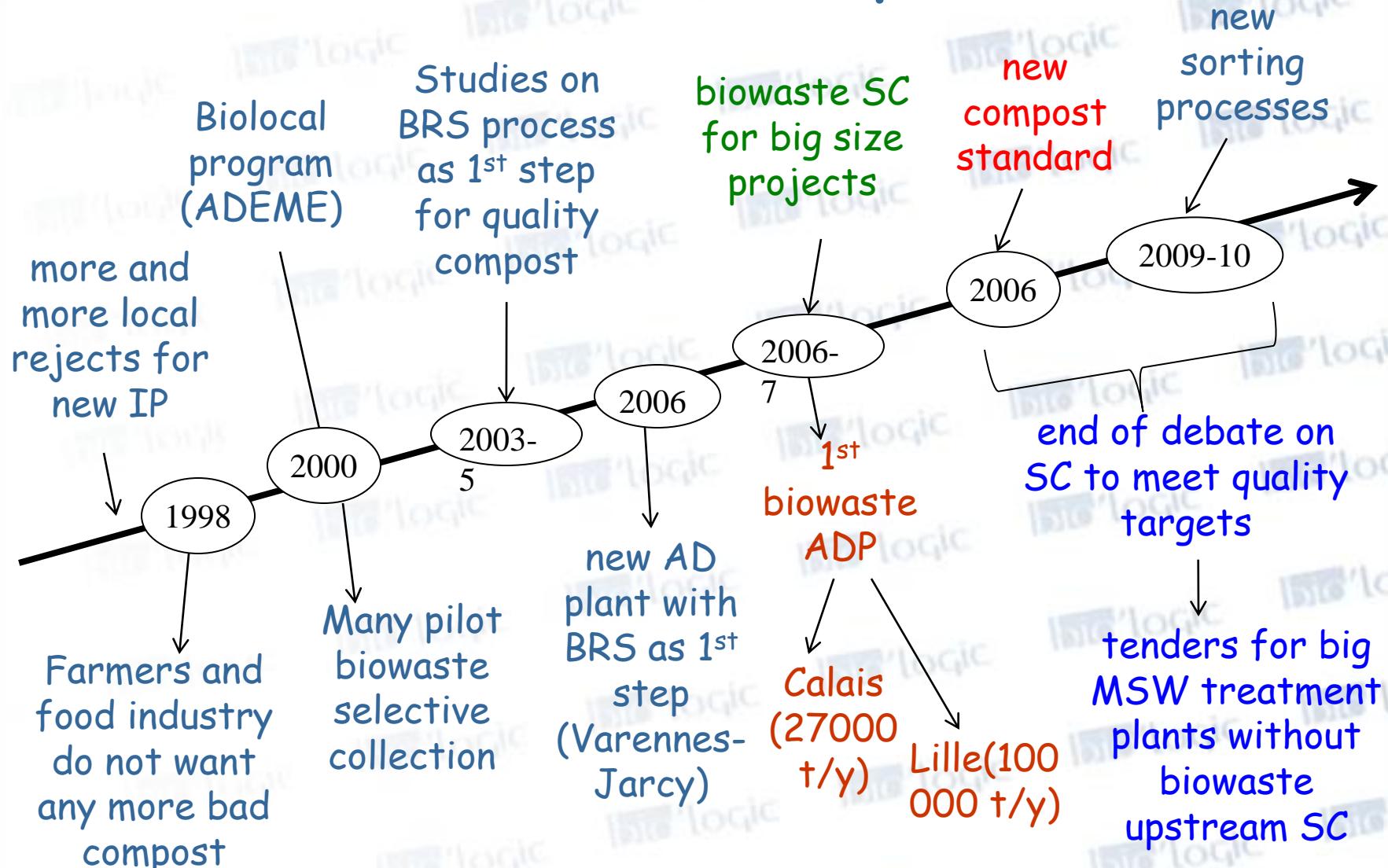
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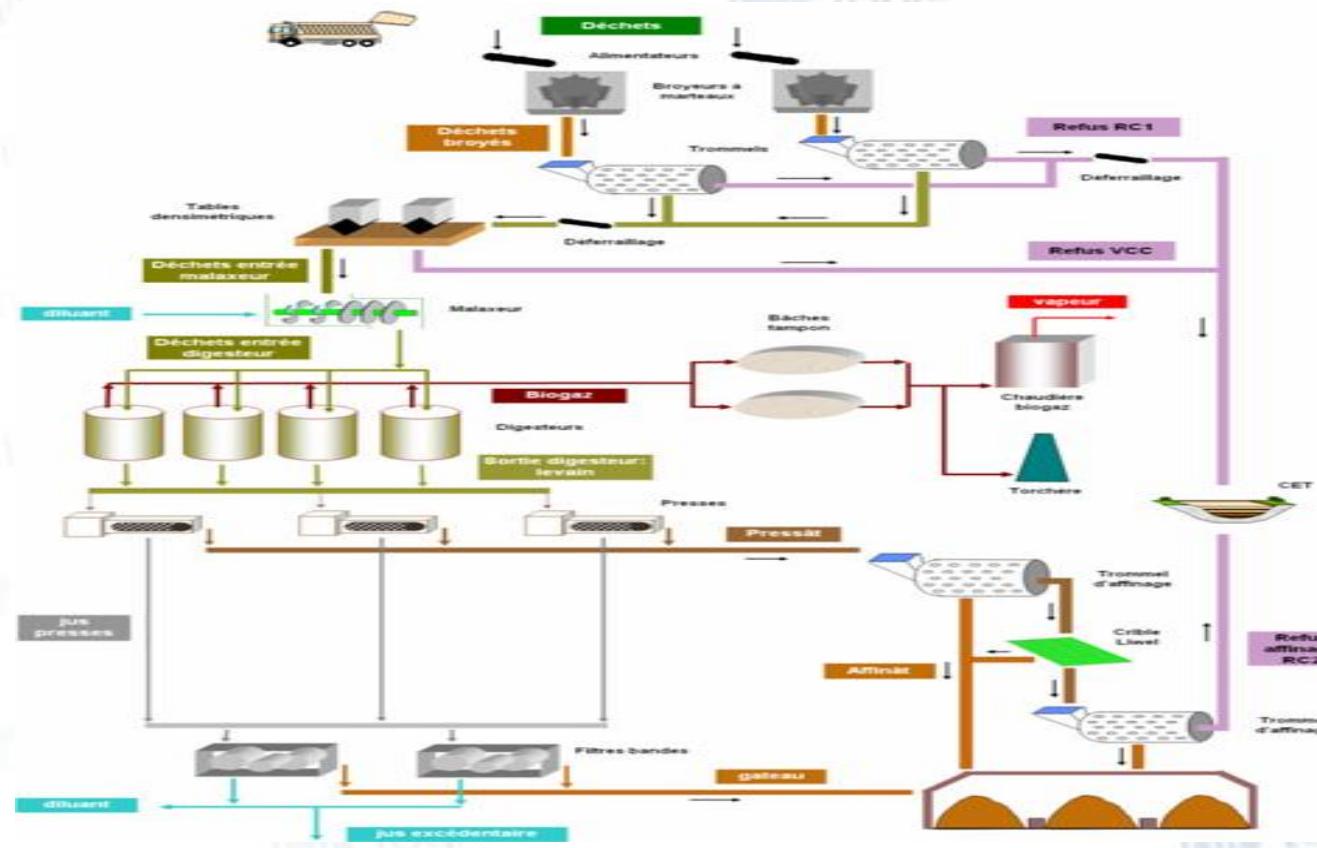
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# Some facts and consequences (2)



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# 88' design for MSW with AD : Amiens plant



**Result : good biogas production and valorisation  
but bad quality compost**

# Selective collection for domestic biowaste : technical solutions

- type 1 = in bins, combining green waste and food & kitchen waste
  - but** : low efficiency for food and kitchen waste (kg/year) and very often green waste > 80% total collected
  - but** : not efficient for building areas
- type 2 = specific bins for domestic food & kitchen waste
  - but** : high costs and technical difficulties in cities centres
- type 3 : plastic coloured waste bags + optic sorting machines
  - but** : high costs
  - full size test** : Nantes and Montpellier cities

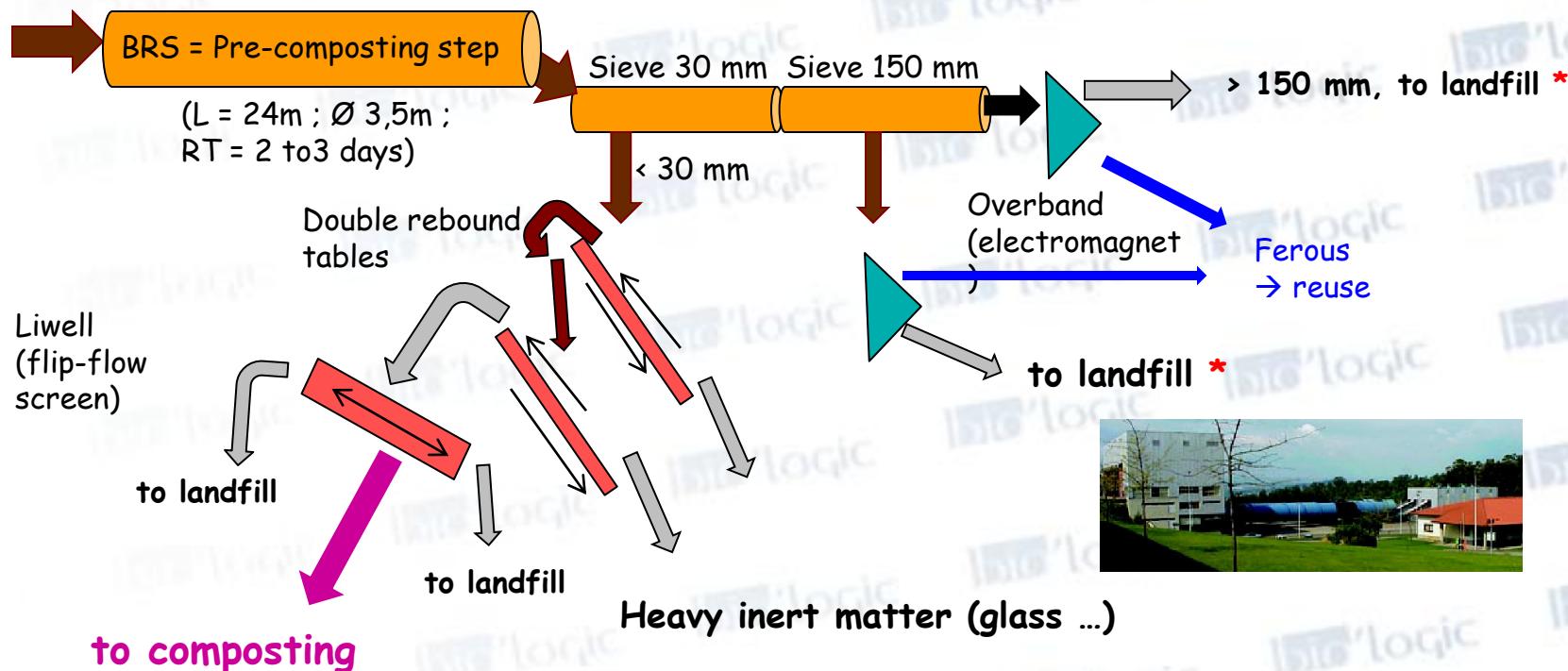
# Technical solutions to extract organic matter from residual MSW and rise up quality compost

- Rule n°1 : stop crushing at 1<sup>st</sup> step treatment
- Organic matter sorting for biological treatment
  - BRS process = soft size reduction for paper and cardboard (= 2 to 3 days pre-composting step in turning cylinder + sieving step)
  - hyper press (about 800 bars), with "pulp" production from wet organic matter (*no reference in France*)
- New sorting technologies for unwanted inert matters (which require high dry matter content, before or after biological treatment) :
  - density sorting machines (rebound, trampoline like movement, ...)
  - bounce machines
  - riddle or sieve
- New process : wet separation after AD (SORDISEP, patented)

# BRS + specific dry sorting

1st process which proved that it was possible to get as good compost (heavy metals an inert content, ...) from a residual MSW than with organic selective collection

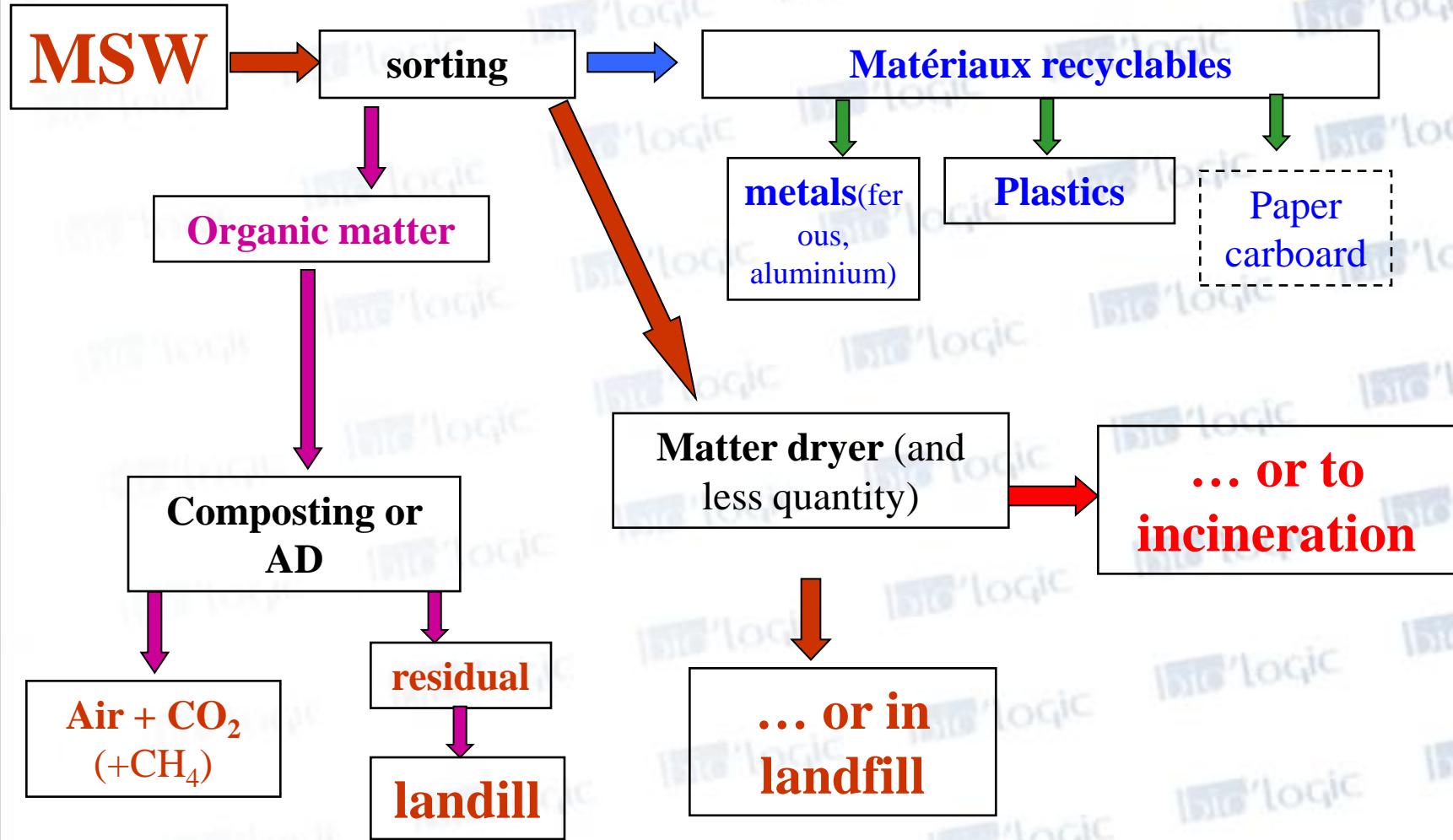
(Composting plant in Launay-Lantic ; 60 tons/day ; after 2006 revamping (old plant)



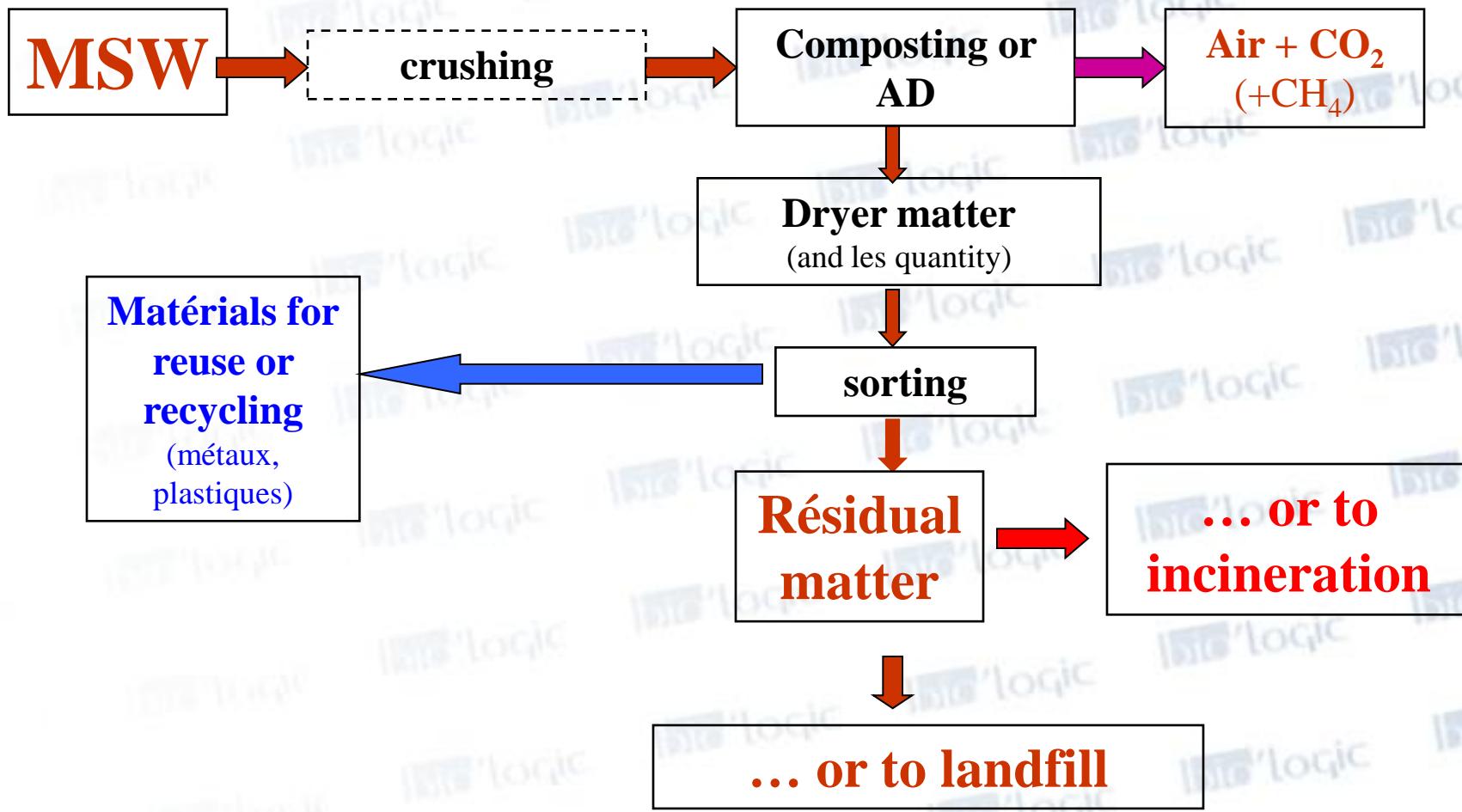
\* High calorific value => it could be used as RDF

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# 1st logic : sorting then biological treatment



## 2nd logic : biological treatment then sorting

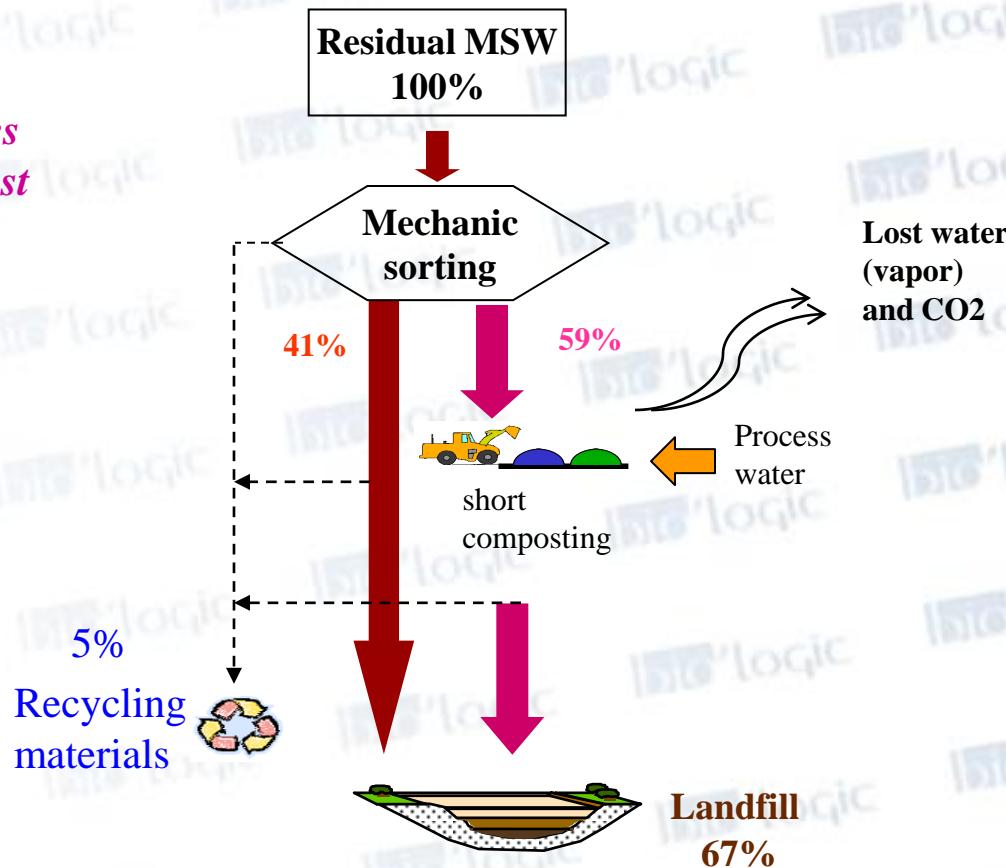


# Solution 1 : MBT (Mechanic Biologic Treatment)

## single target = stabilisation before landfilling

*Typical market :*  
*small municipalities*  
*and no local compost*  
*use or demand*

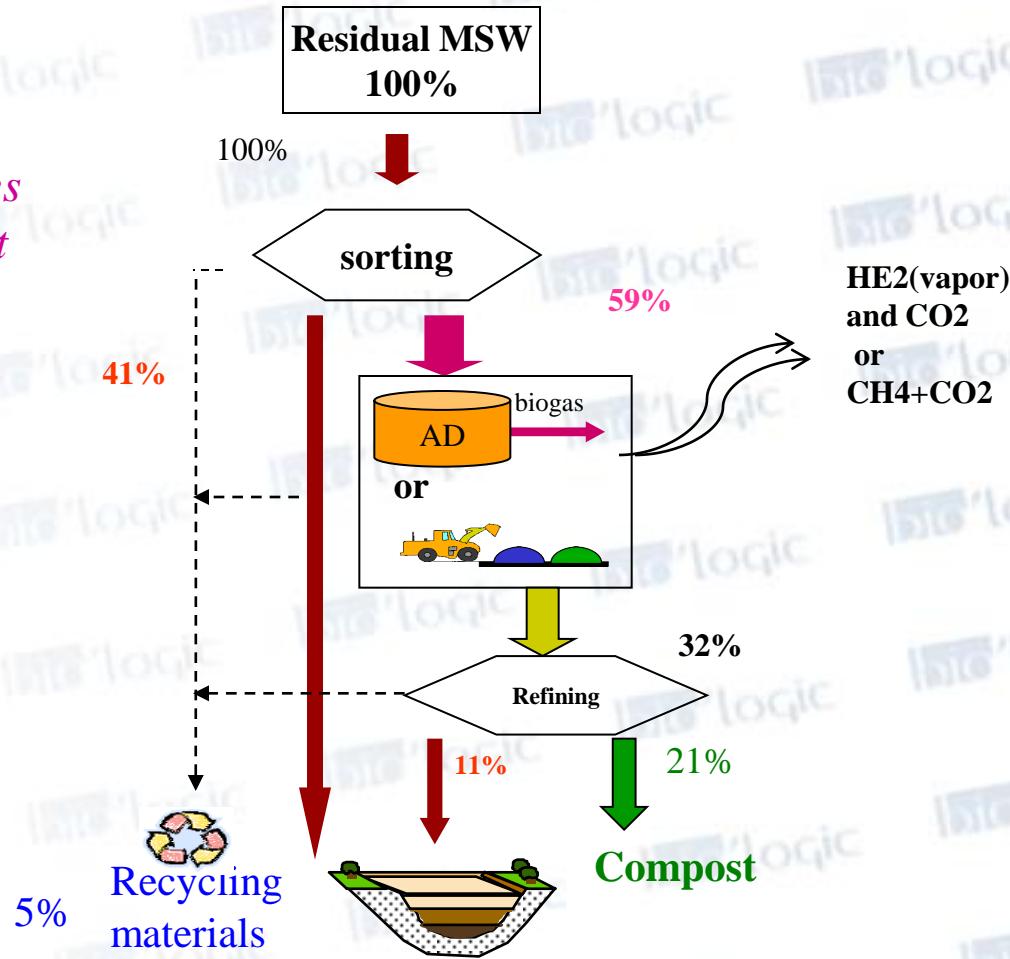
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 for mass  
 balance



# Solution 2 : MBT with two targets = stabilisation before landfilling + compost production

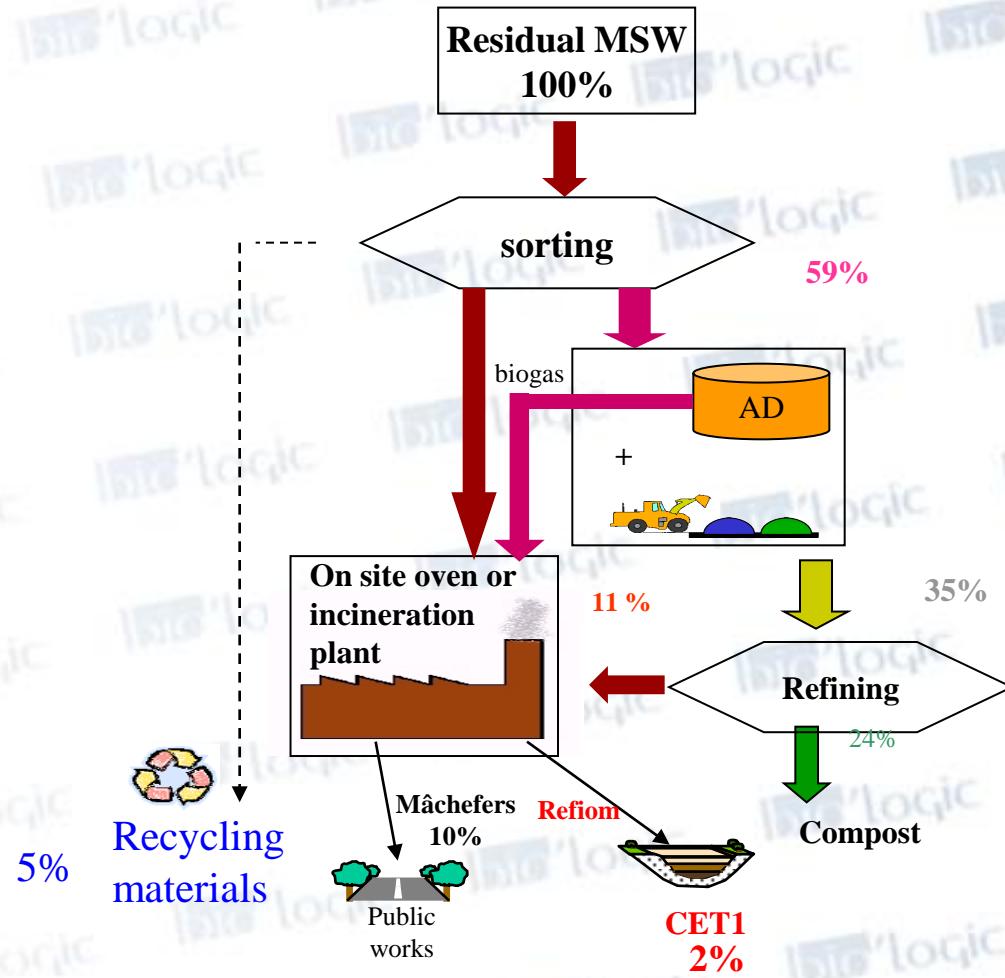
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**Solution 3 : MBT + AD + post-composting  
+ incineration**

*Typical market :*  
*big area or big city*  
*+ local compost use*  
*+heat consumers*



# % input residual matter in landfill

Plant design impact (from real project study),

Single TMB → 77%

TMB simple + CET direct → 67%

TMB + extraction d'un compost d'OM → 46%

TMB + compost + FRC en incinération → 12%

## Some earlier French plants

- Amiens Metropole (1988 & 2005) : AD, 55 000 → 104 000 t/y, MSW
- Varennes Jarcy Plant : 110 000 t/y MSW, AD (Valorga)
- SEVADEC (Calais, 2007) : 27 000 t/y, BW + GW, AD (Valorga)
- Lille Metropole (2008) : 105 000 t/y, BW + GW, AD (Strabag)
- SMITOM de la Martinique (2006) : 45 000 t/y, B + GW AD (Vinci)

\* : BW + GW = biowaste + green waste ; INC = incineration

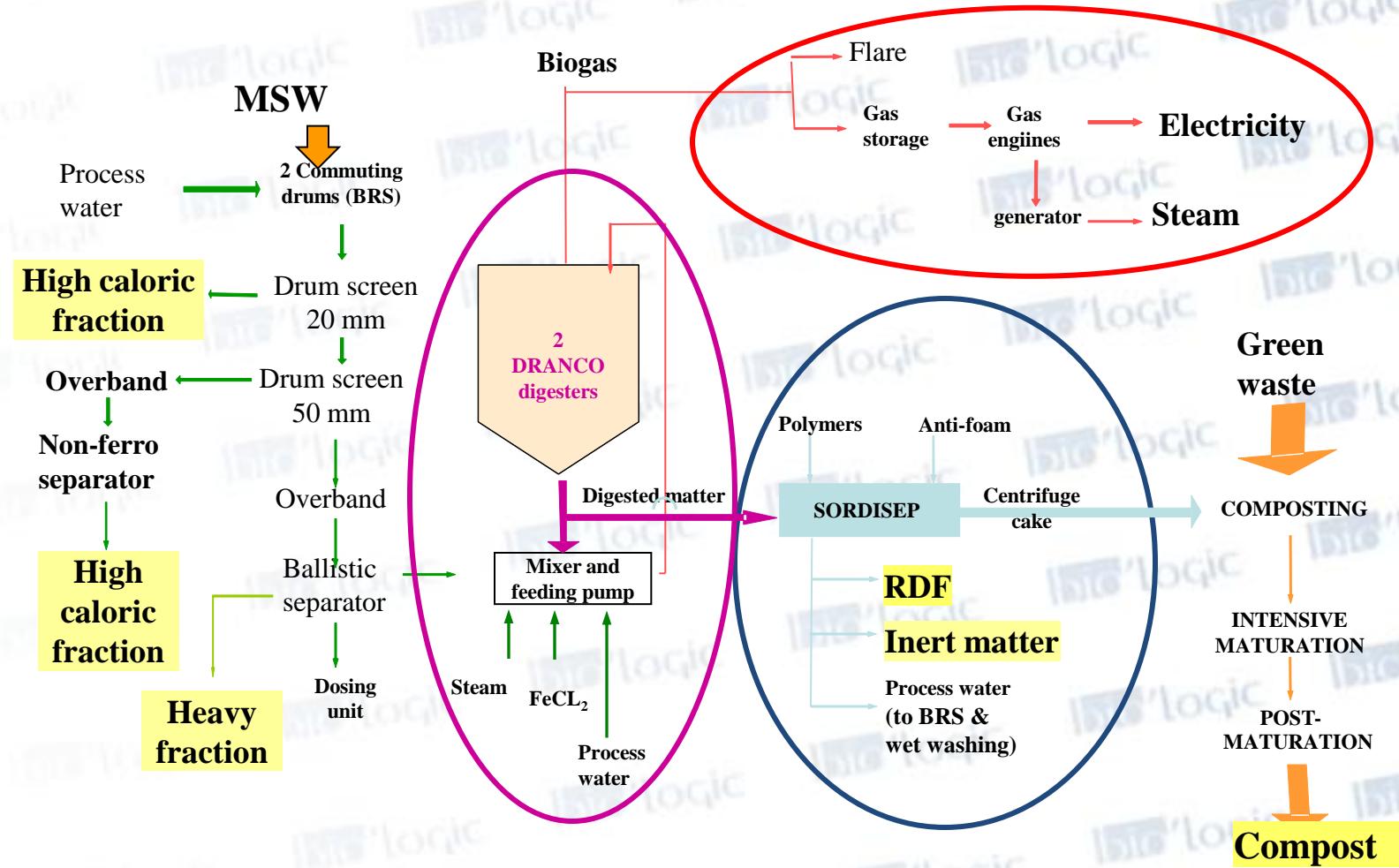
# Latest French plants (operating nearly in starting up step)

- Marseille Metropole, Evréé plant, 410 000 t/y : MSW ; AD+INC (Urbaser)
- Montpellier city area, AMETYST plant, 2009) : MSW (130 000 t/y) + BW + BW (+ 33 000 t/y), Vinci
- Forbach (42 000 t/y)- B + GW, Vinci
- Vannes aea (MSW 50 000 t/y) + BW + BW (+ 3 000 t/y), Vinci
- Angers city area, BIOPOLE plant, Vinci
- Bourg-en-Bresse plant (Ain Department plant), OWS
- SYCTOM de Paris, Romainville plant, 315 000 t/y MSW, Urbaser
- *SYCTOM de Paris, Blanc-Mesnil plant, 85 000 t/y MSW + 10 000 t/ DM sewage sludge (tender in preparation)*
- *SYCTOM de Paris, Ivry plant, 500000 t/y MSW (tender in preparation)*

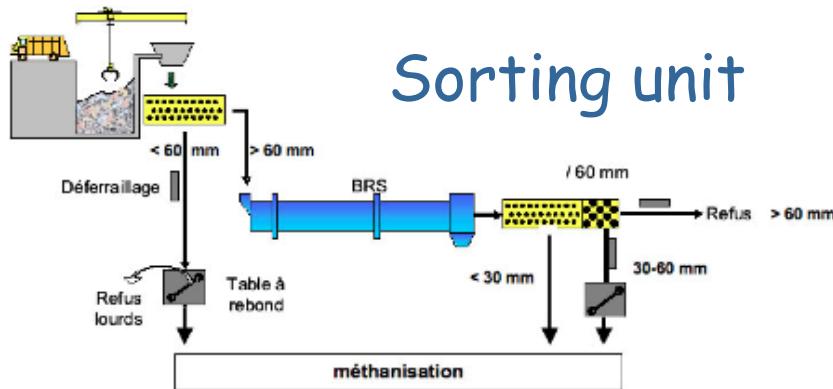
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# 2009 design for Bourg-en-Bresse plant (ows AD process)

## MSW with AD and SORDISEP (wet sorting process)



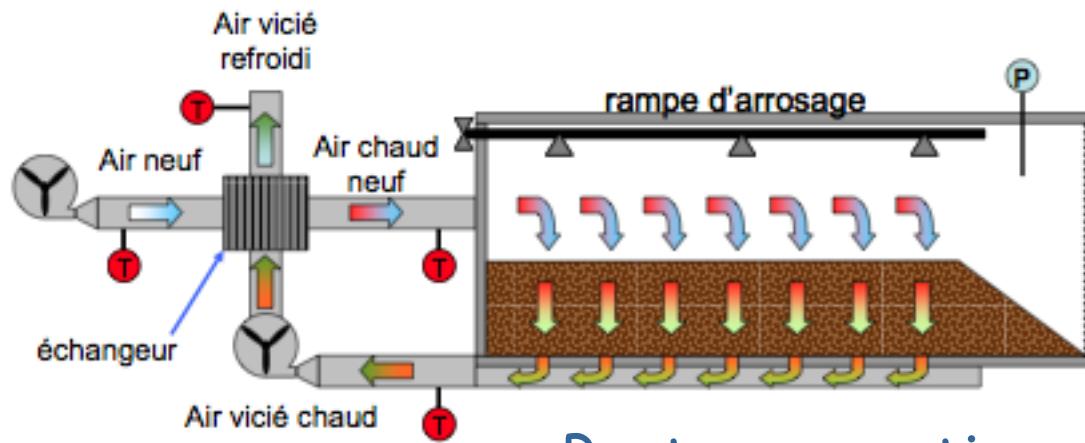
# 2010 conception : BIOPOLE plant, Angers city area, 90 000 tons/year (start up in 2011, VINCI)



Sorting unit

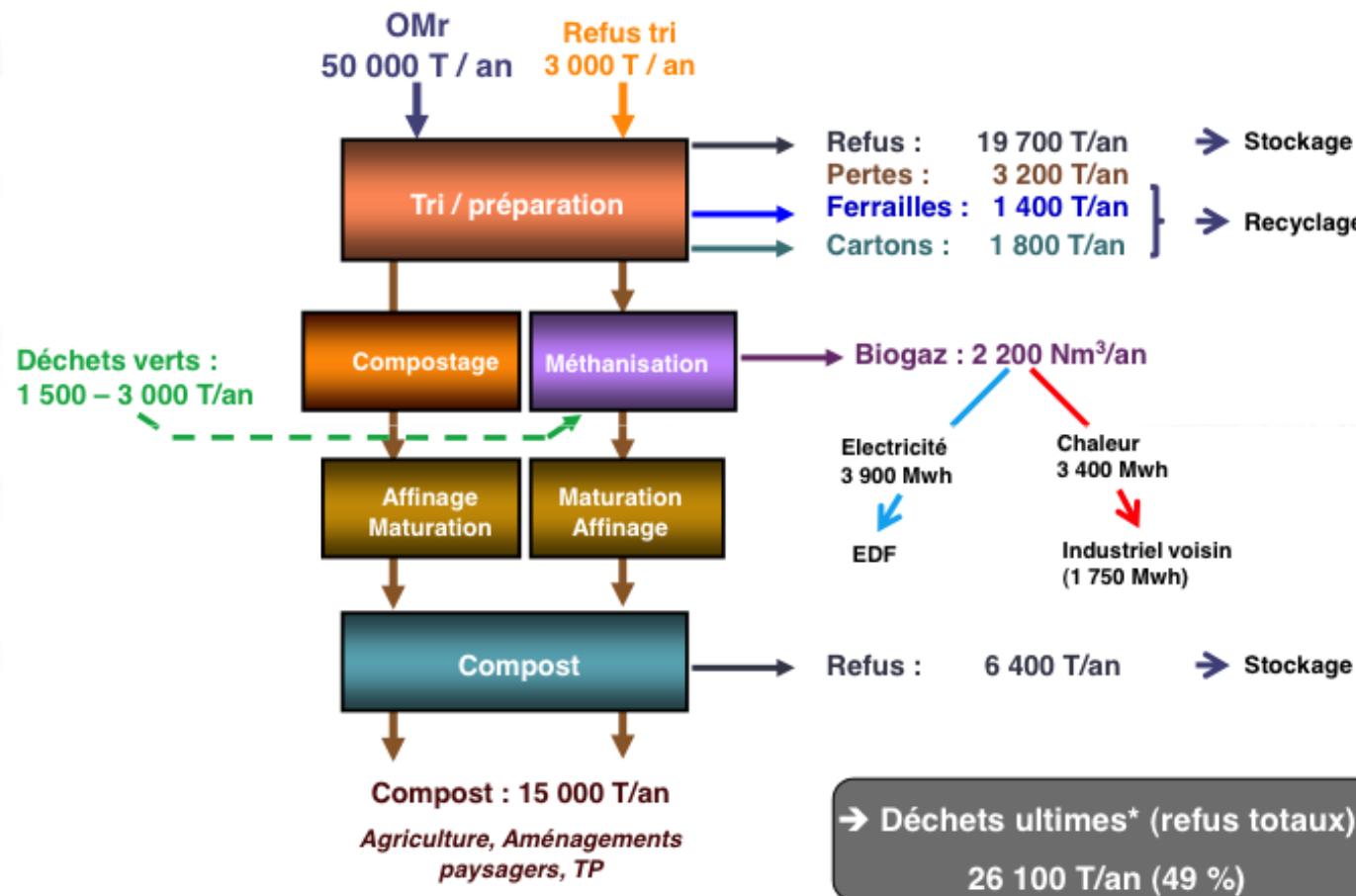


digester

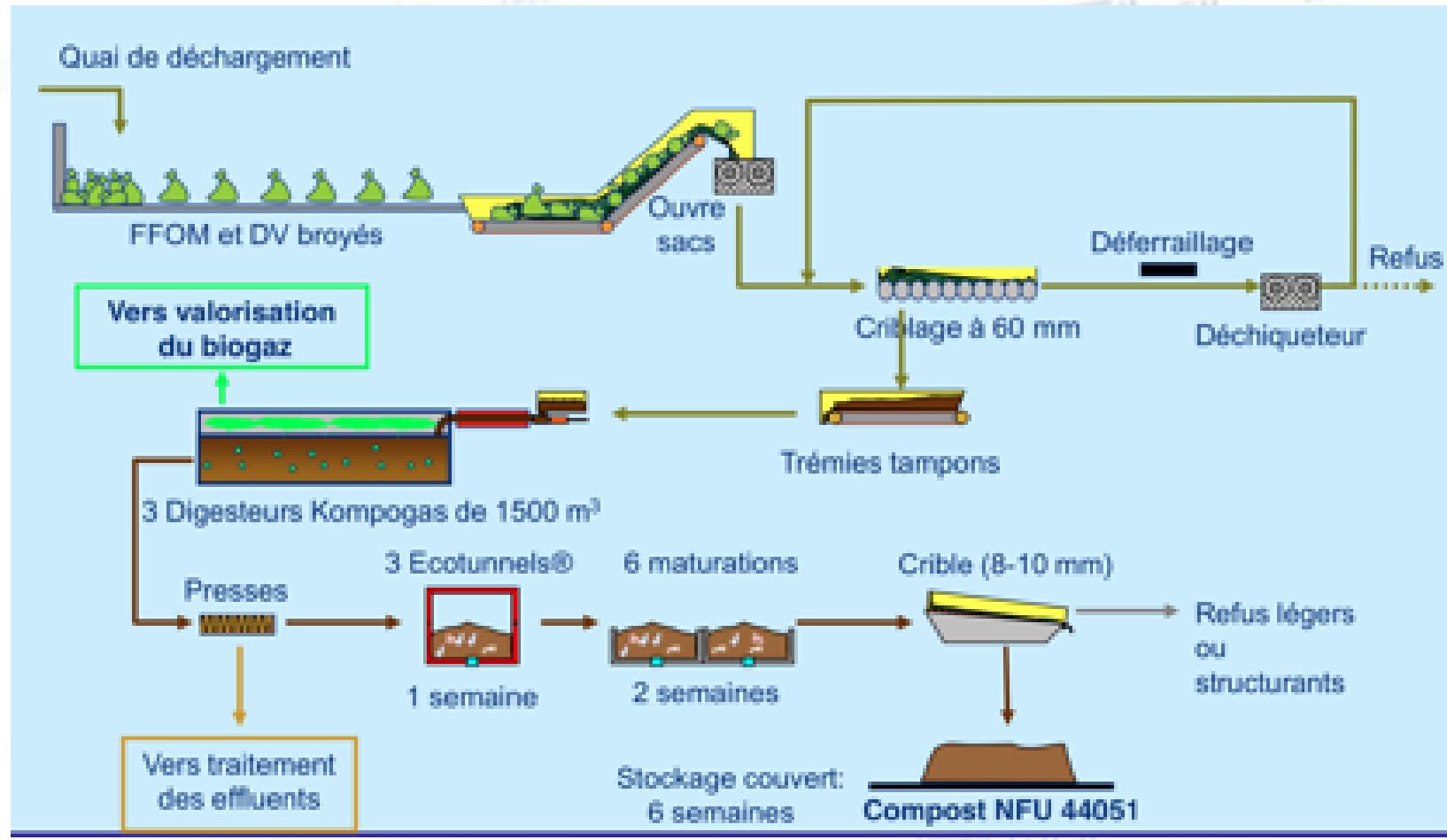


Post-composting

# Conception 2009 - SYSEM plant, Vannes city area, 243 000 inhabitants (start up in 2011, VINCI)

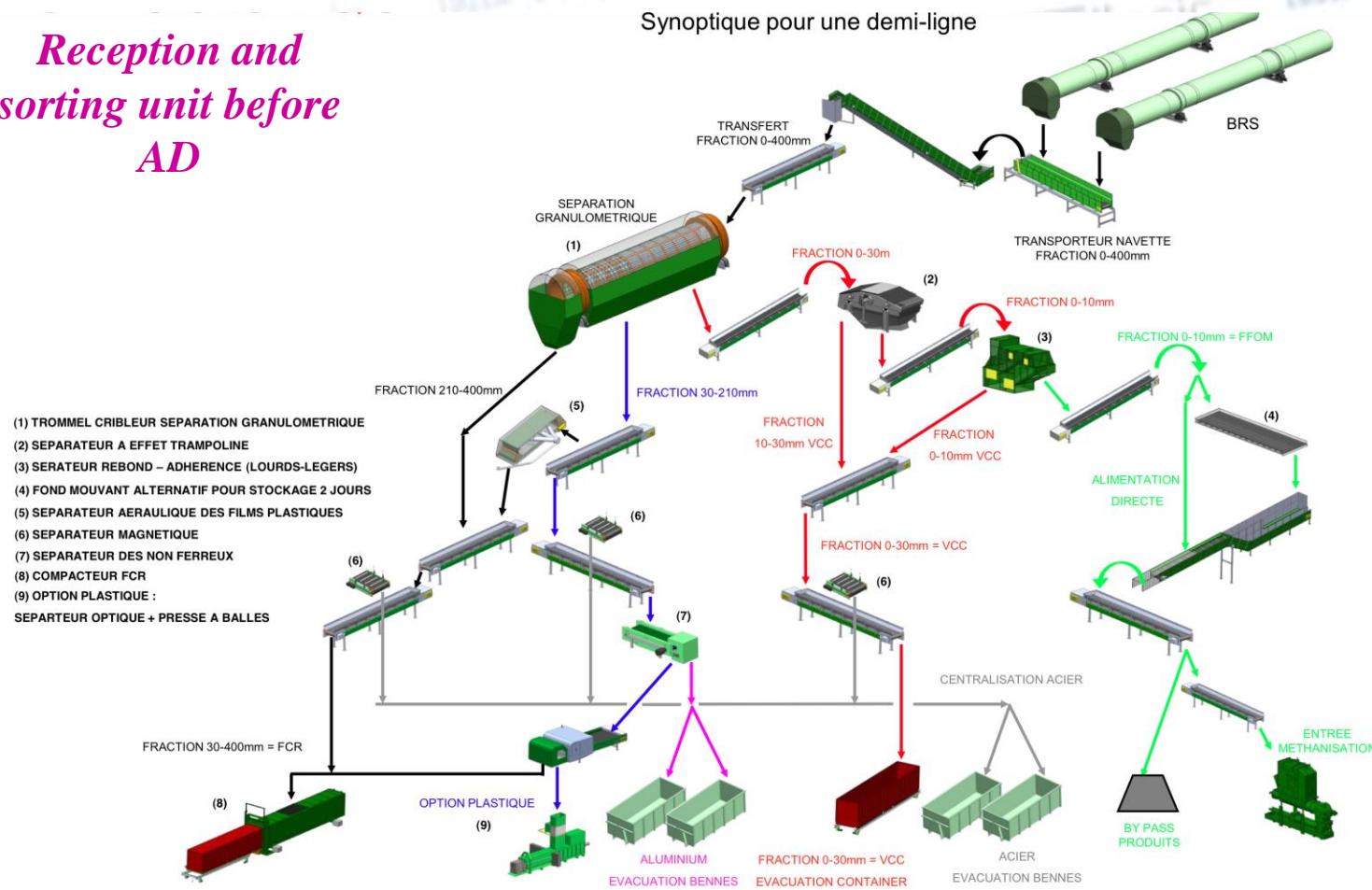


# Forbach plant, design 2009 for biowaste and green waste

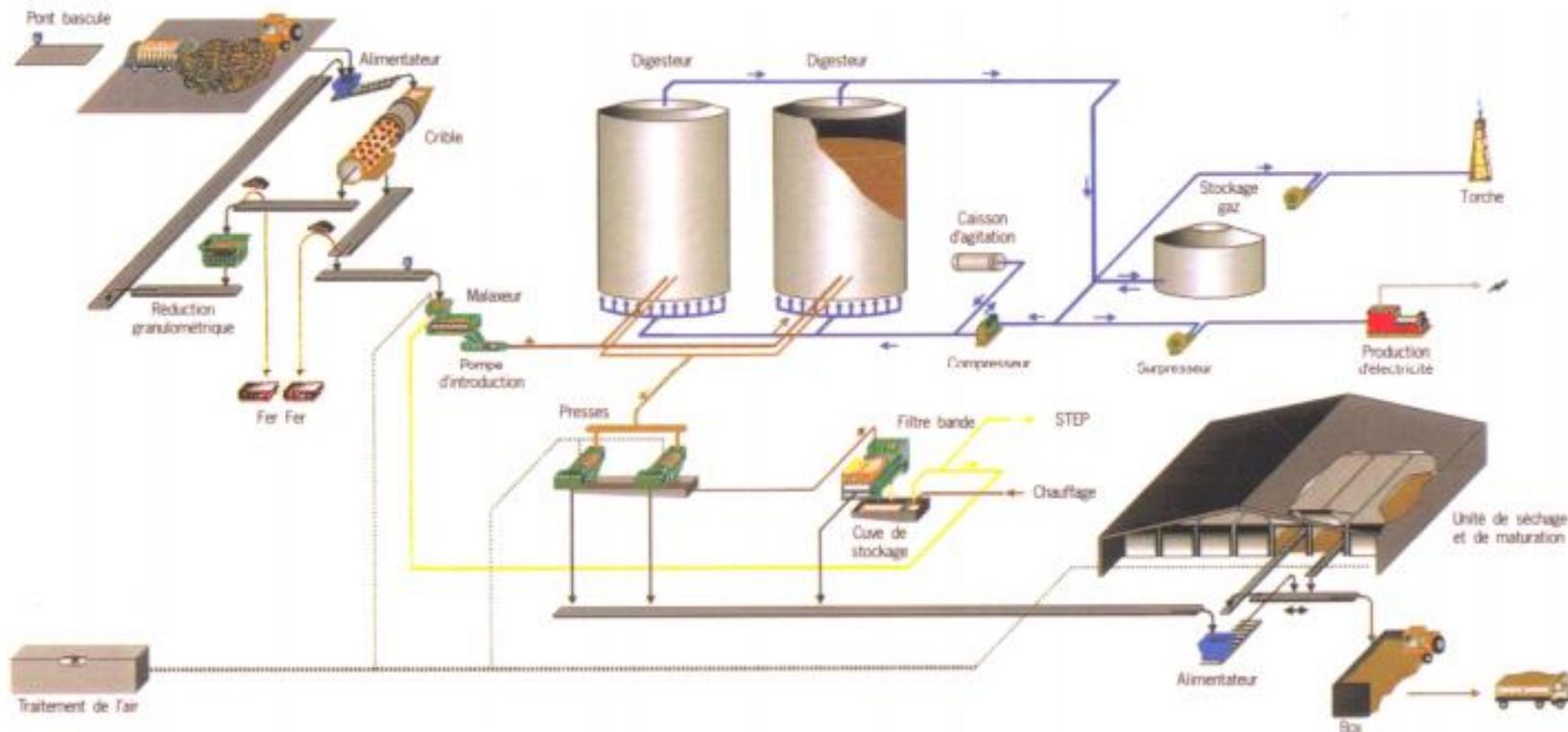


# SYCTOM de Paris / Romainville Plant, Design 2009 for residual MSW, URBASER AD process)

*Reception and sorting unit before AD*



# Standard VALORGA process (URBASER) for biowaste



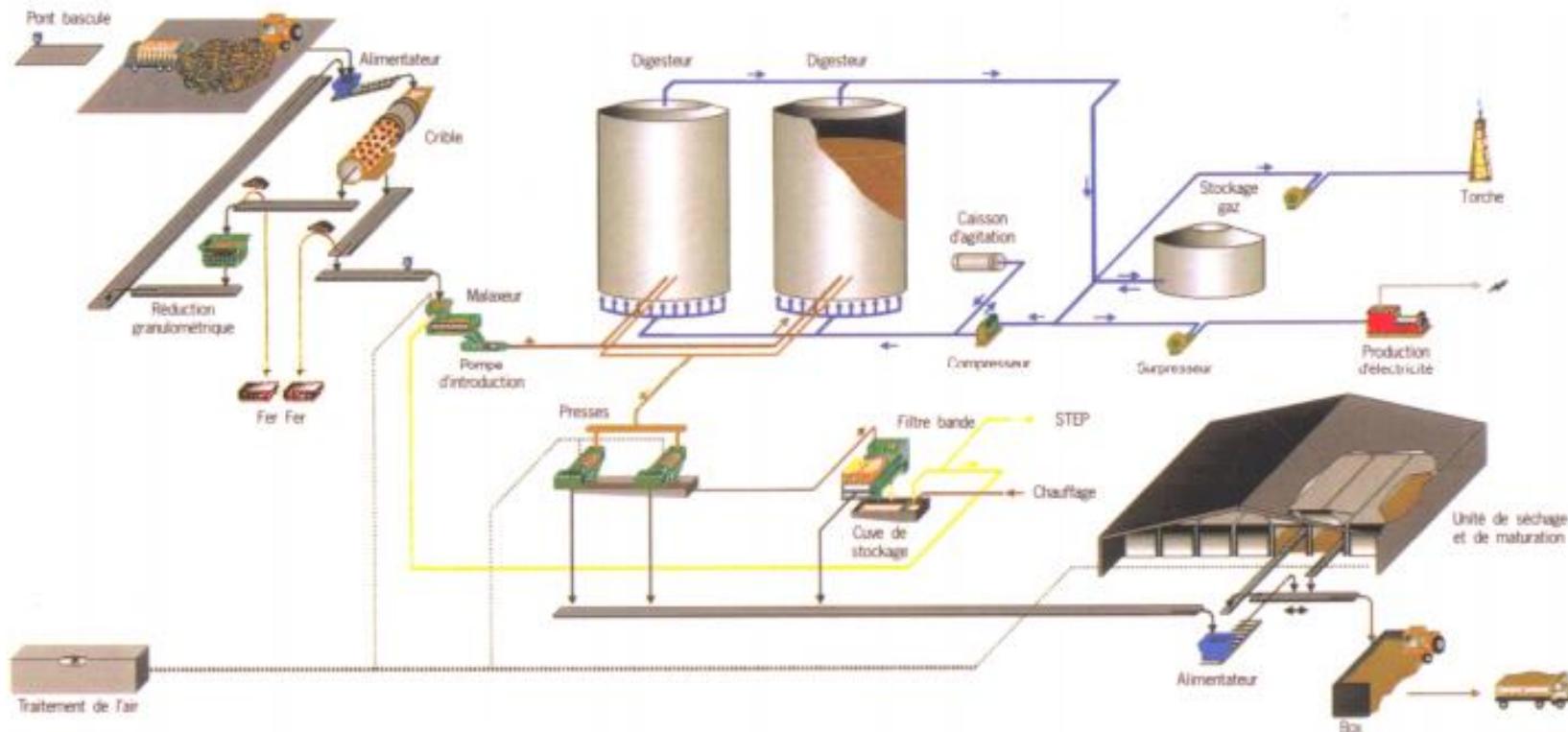
# New AD process on French market

BEKON process (from Germany) :

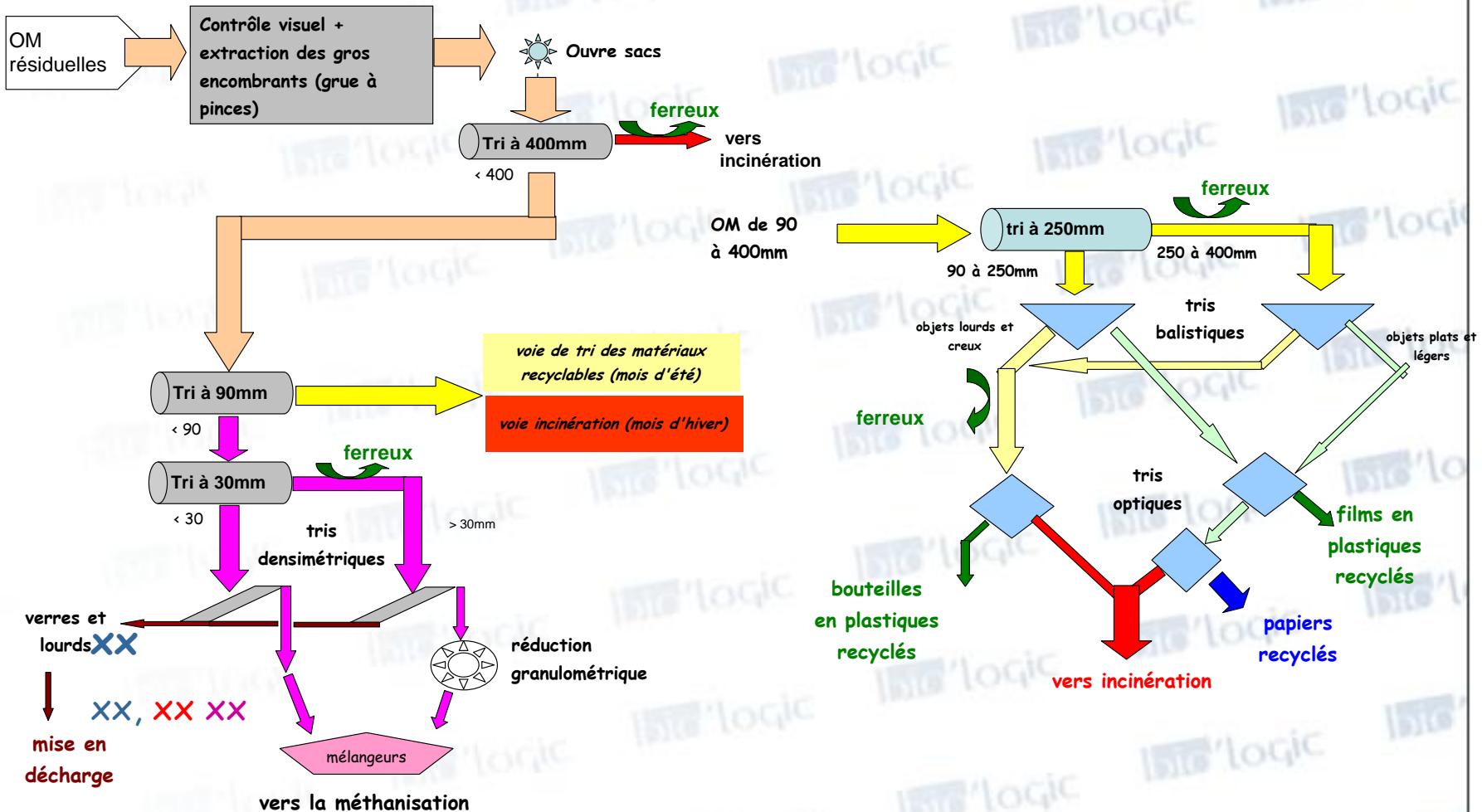
- batch,
- Mesophilic
- « dry » conditions (without dilution)
- in concrete tunnels



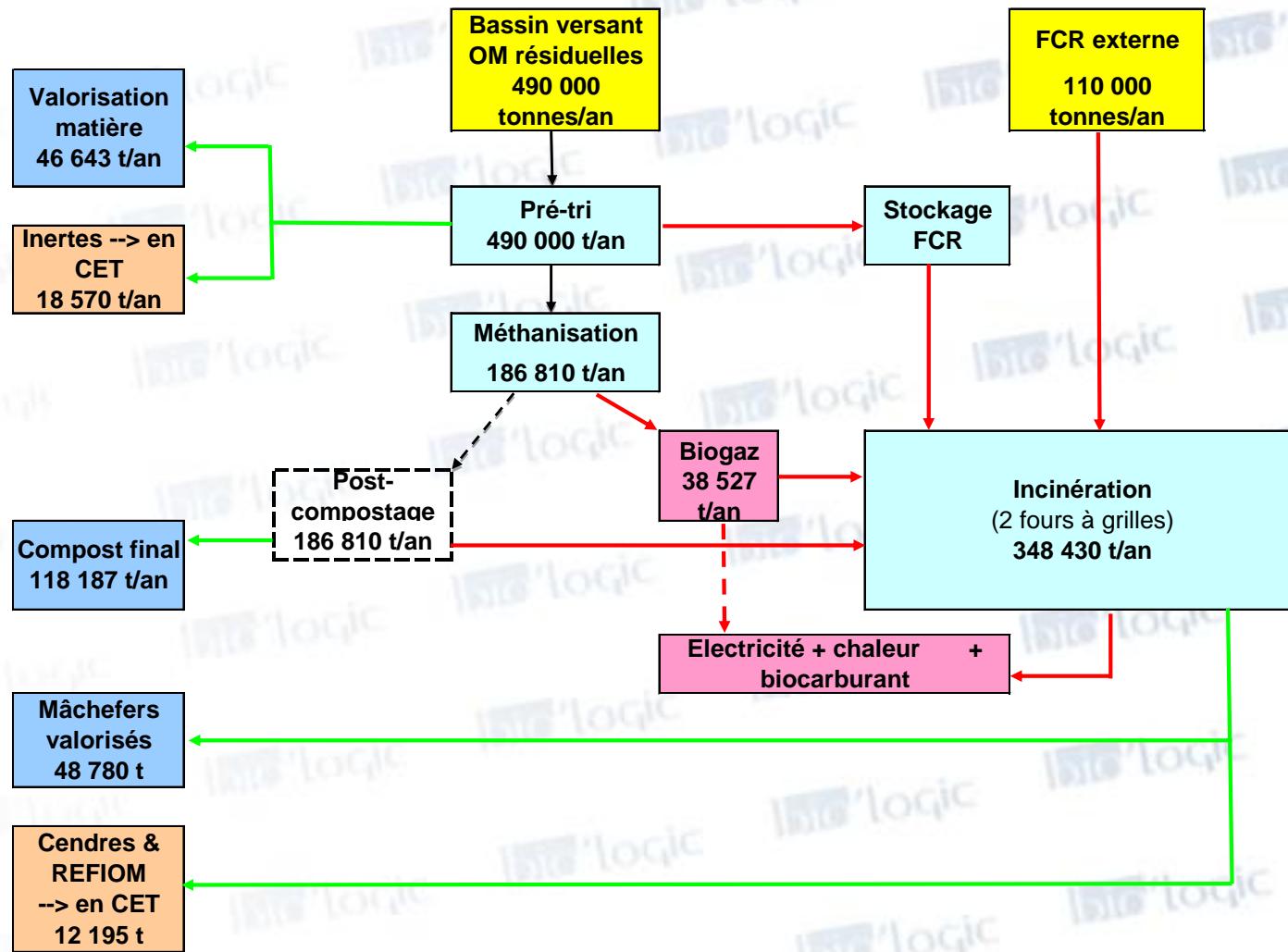
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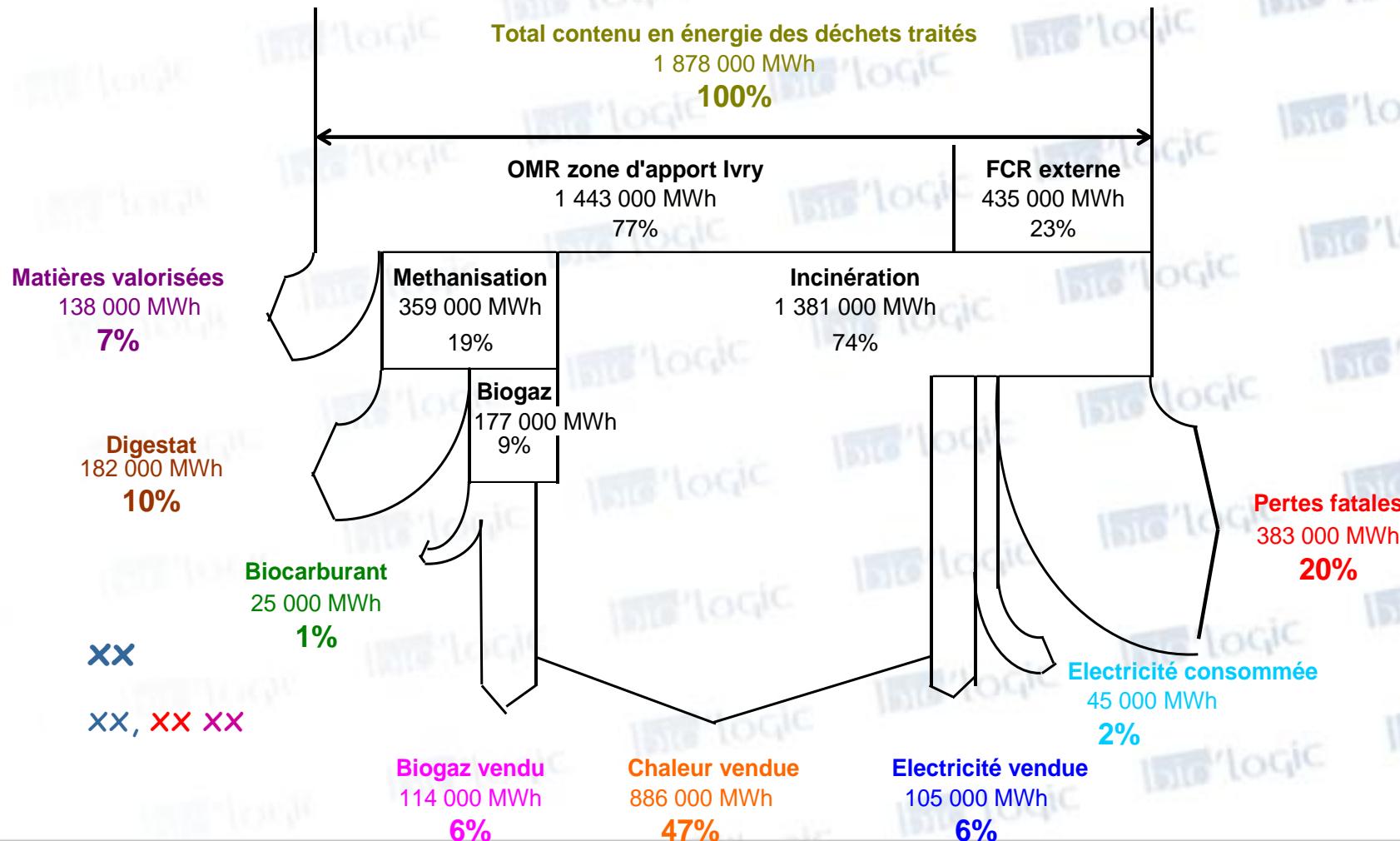
# SYCTOM - Paris (tender project) : example of a sorting unit including an optic process



# SYCTOM - Paris (tender project) : example of a mass balance



# SYCTOM - Paris (tender project) : example of an energy balance



***Thank you for listening***

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- **Tender assistance** (technical aspects, or complete mission in partnership) for bio treatment plants all along the different steps (technical tender documents production, offers evaluation, contract negotiation support, building and start running step support, performances validation, ...)
- **Technical missions** (facility expertise, communication management, quality and training, feasibility studies, ...)

### Industries support and training

- **Food industries waste management and treatment : sustainable development** (CO<sup>2</sup> emissions reduction and global approach linked to process production, transportation, water consumption, bio treatment, energy impacts, ...)
- **Bio treatment technical solutions** (composting or anaerobic digestion projects, and biogas use for all industries)
- **Biological treatment facilities assistance** (technical and biologic performances checking, process change or technical rebuilding support for best results, ...)
- **R&D Process development support** (technical and economical evaluation, experiment program ... for new products and services linked to bio waste management, compost quality and uses, sustainable development)
- **Training support** made to measure (staff or operating workers)

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Procédés et offre industrielle de méthanisation de déchets					
Appellations courantes	" en liquide ", ou " classique "	"en pâteux" " à haute teneur en matières sèches " "en solide"	" en liquide après pulpeur "	" à sec "	" codigestion en liquide "
type de matières traitées	boues de STEP	OM résiduelles	biodéchets solides	déchets verts et biodéchets	biomasse agricole et biodéchets
	effluents industriels	biodéchets et DV	OM résiduelles	OM résiduelles	effluents industriels
Principes mis en œuvre	cuverie classique	dilution minimale après tri => pompage	tri humide (pulpeur)	tunnels en béton	cuverie classique
	pompes classiques	pompes de type à béton	cuverie classique	pas de dilution	pompes classiques
		divers principes d'agitation	pompes classiques	remplissage et extraction au chargeur à godet	
Concentration en entrée de digesteur	< 5%MS	20 à 40%	8 à 12%MS	30 à 50%	< 5%MS
Arrivée sur le marché français (pays d'origine)	années 20 (boues)	début années 80	fin années 80	depuis 2 ans	depuis 1 à 3 ans
	année 70 (industries)				
Offres commerciales (sociétés ou marques)	OTV DEGREMONT SGN PAQUES ...	VALORGA OWS KOMPOGAS (->VINCI) STRABAG ...	BTA / MAT ROS-ROCA	BEKON BAL ... ...	AGRAFERM LEE NASKEO ...
Applicable au projet	non	oui	oui	oui	non

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# Méthanisation et compostage

Différences de bases : énergie et eau

## Méthanisation (liquide ou pâteux)

MO + énergie --> [pré] compost + eau + ENERGIE  
(biogaz = CH<sub>4</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub>)

70 à 100 kWh/t

0 à 1,5 m<sup>3</sup>/t 160 à 175 kWh/t

0,7 à 1,6 l/t gazole

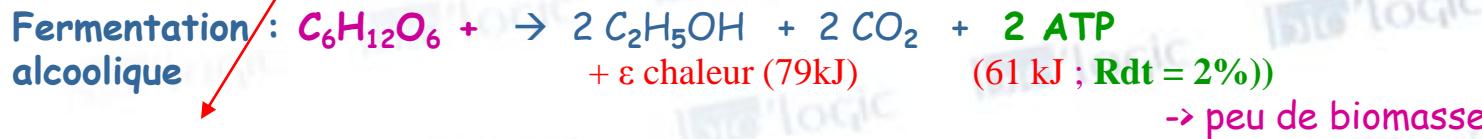
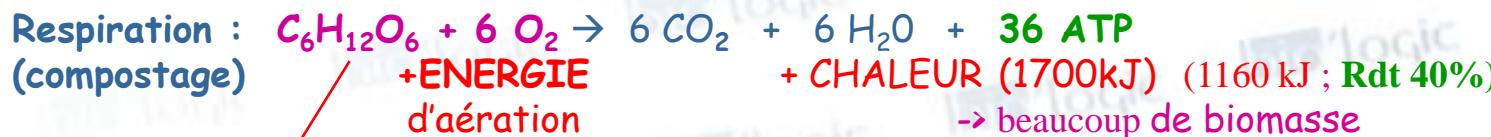
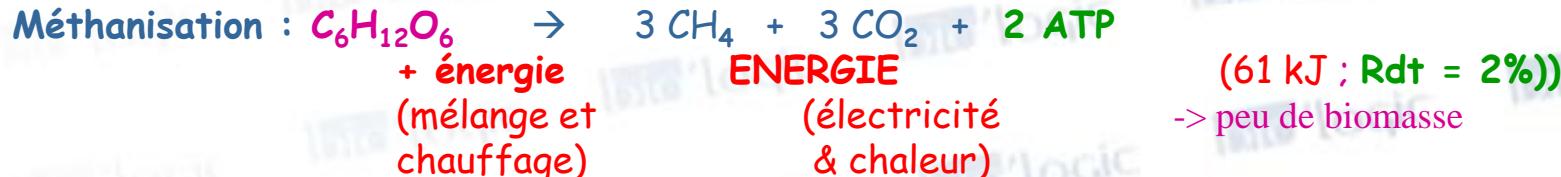
## Compostage (solide ou liquide sur support) = respiration

MO + Air + ENERGIE + EAU --> compost + eau + chaleur (air chaud et saturé)

35 à 70 kWh/t 0 à 1 m<sup>3</sup>/t

10 à 12 l/t gazole

# Rendement énergétique selon la voie métabolique utilisée dans des cellules



**2860 KJ**

Plus il y a formation d'ATP, plus il pourra y avoir de synthèse biochimique dans la bactérie (la cellule), et plus elle pourra donc se reproduire. La voie la plus rentable en ATP est la respiration (moteur du compostage), puis loin derrière la méthanisation ou la fermentation alcoolique