

# Assessment of the emission behavior of nanomaterial-containing waste in thermal treatment plants

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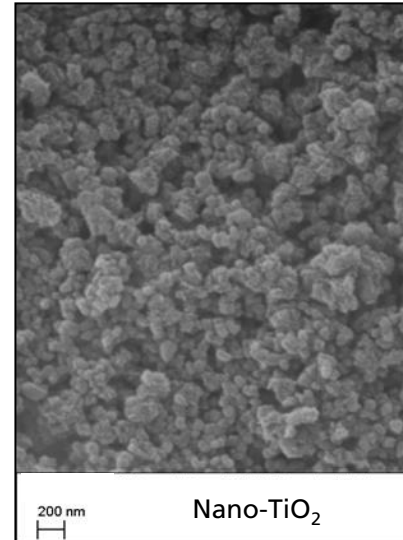
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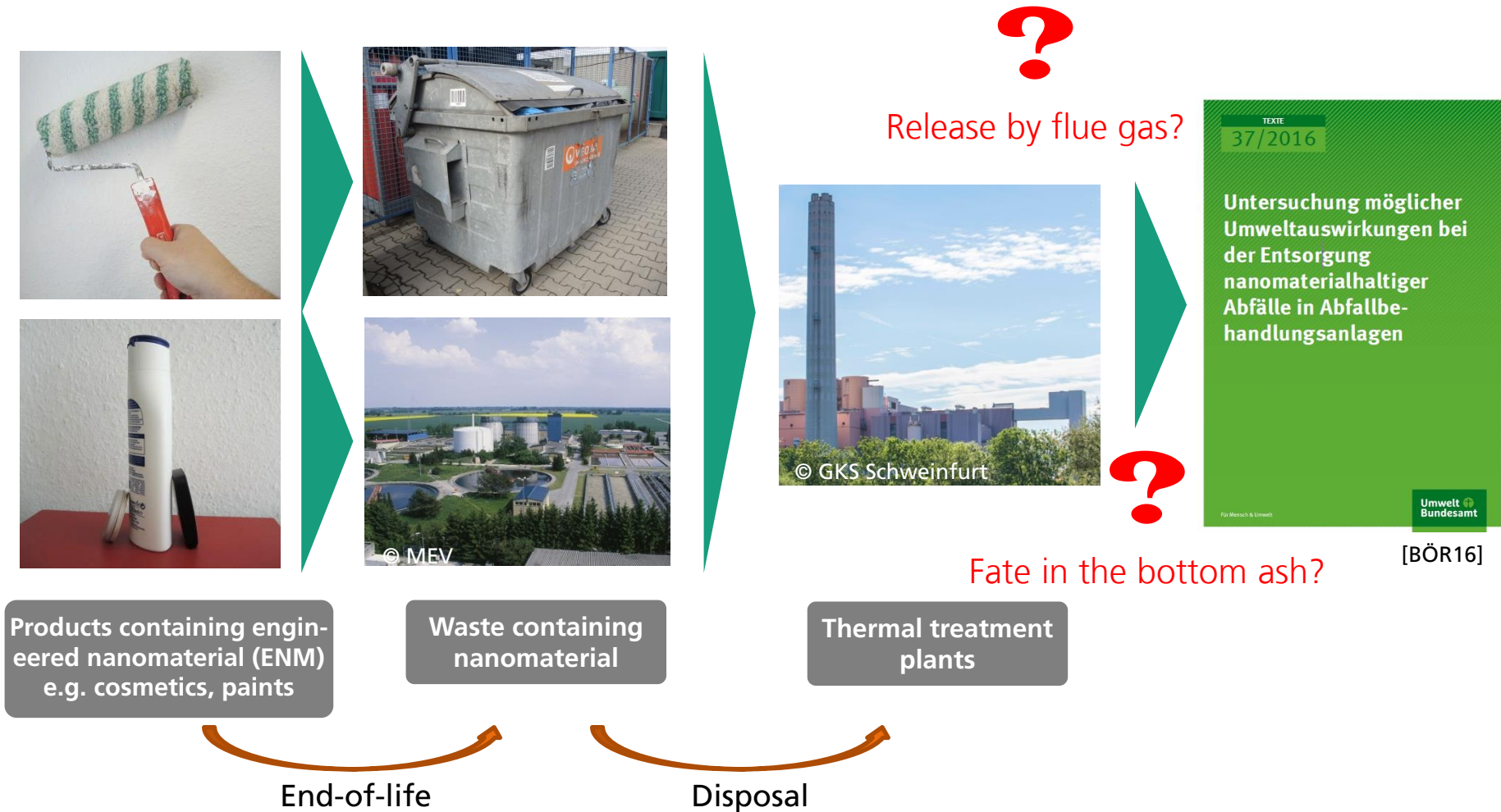


# Agenda

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- Project “Investigations on the possible release of nanoparticles during the deposition and soil-related application of mineral waste” (UFOPLAN FKZ 3716 34 319 0)
- Discussion / Further points of interest

# Introduction

## Emission pathways of ENM during disposal



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## Examined waste streams

Different forms of application of ENM to different fuels

Sewage sludge

Municipal waste



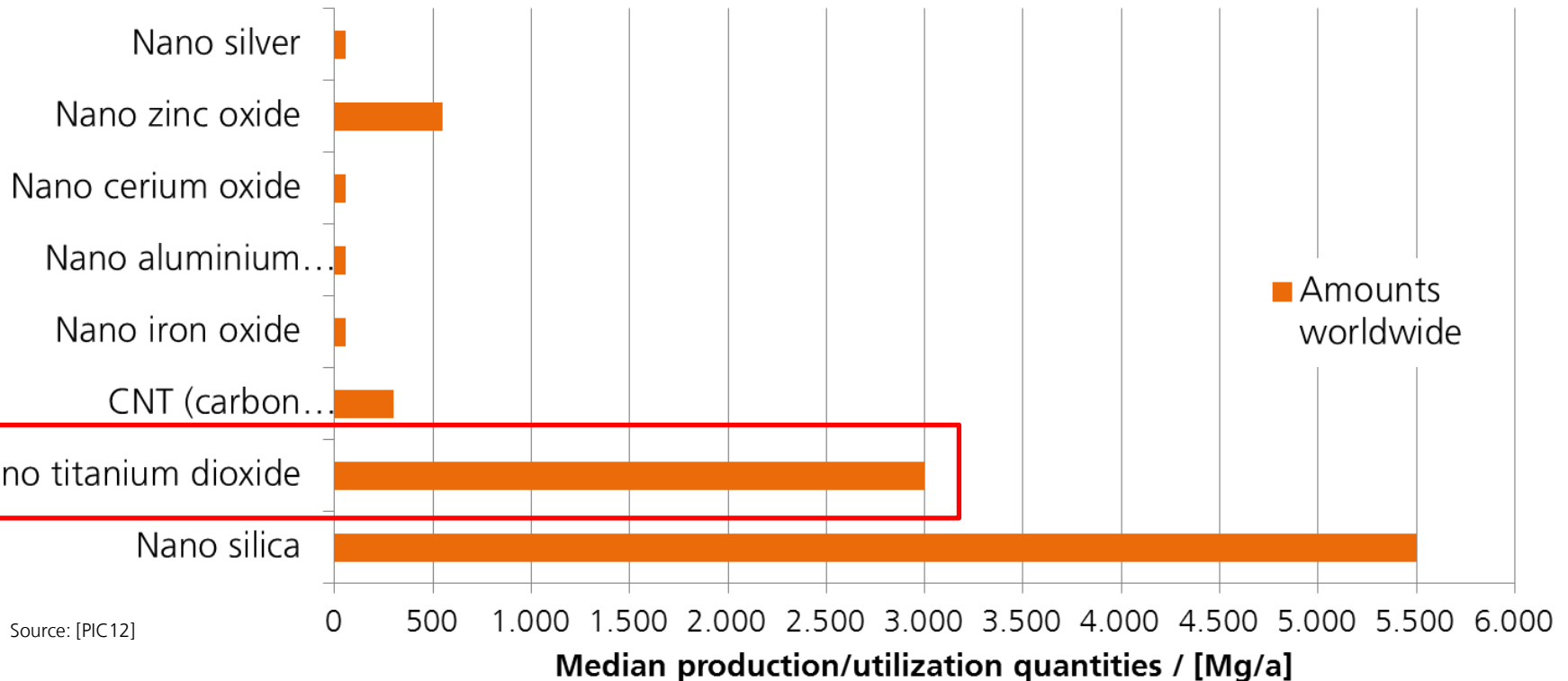
Pilot plant at Fraunhofer UMSICHT

Sewage sludge incineration plant ZVK Steinhäule

Municipal waste incineration plant GKS Schweinfurt

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## Selection of ENM

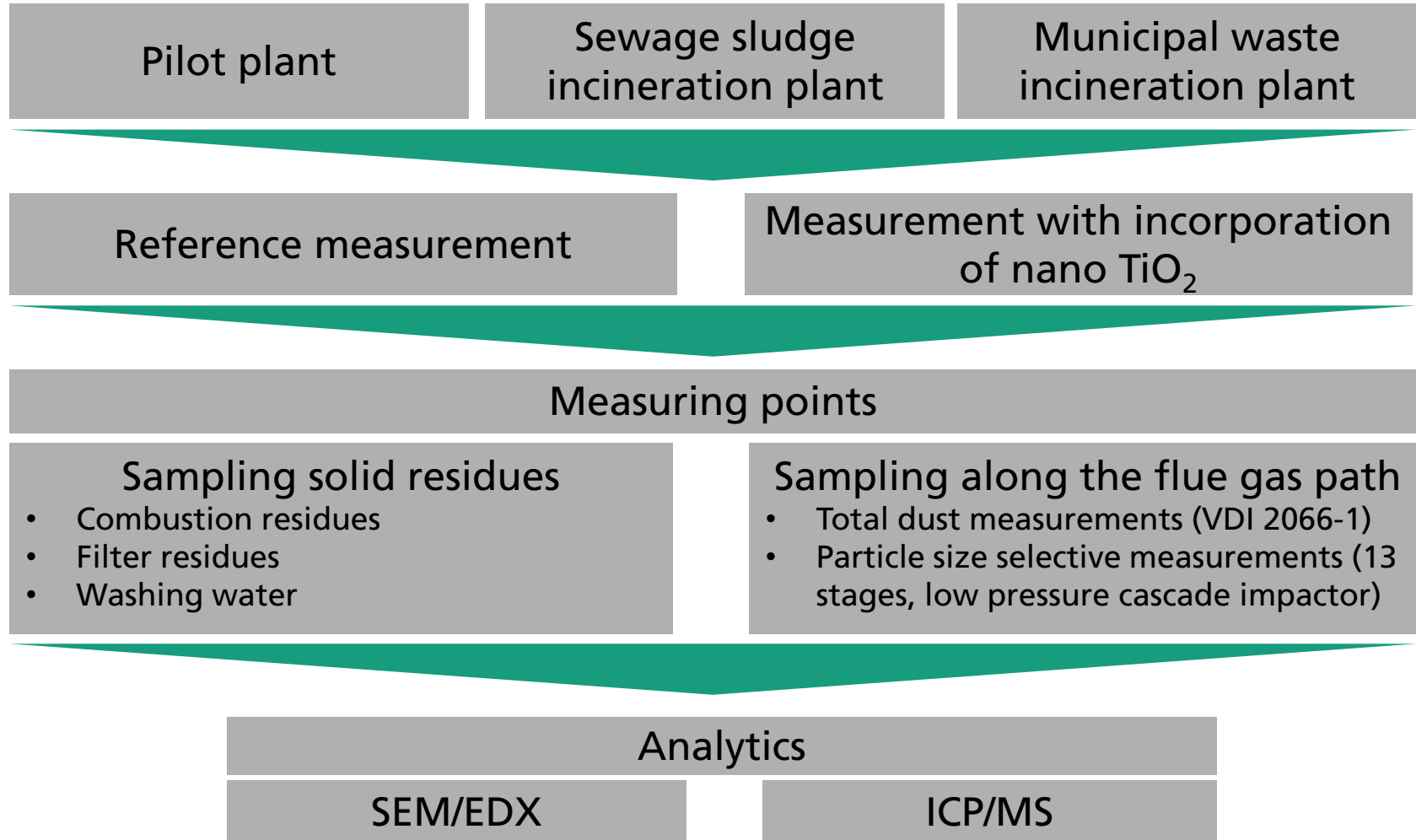


Source: [PIC12]

- Nano titanium dioxide as tracer
- Advantages: inert, chemical stable, melting point > 1800 °C
- Product: Hombicat UV 100 WP (slurry for large-scale plants experiments)

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## Measurement technique / analytics



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## Measurement instrumentation / analytics

### Cascade impactor

#### Dekati® Low Pressure Impactor

- Operation in low pressure range
- 13 stages + filter
- Determination of particle size distribution in the range of 30 nm upto 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (10 nm with filter stage)
- 3 stages in the nm scale



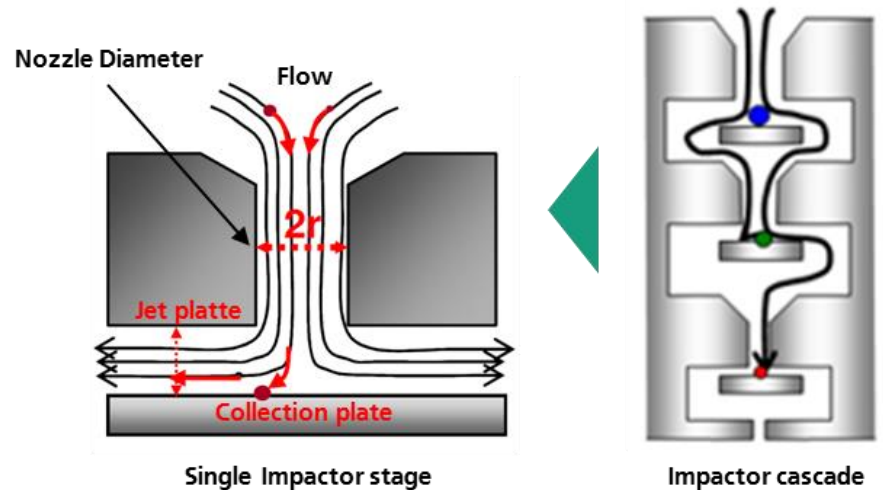


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## Measurement instrumentation / analytics

### Cascade impactor

- Aerosol passes through the nozzles with high speed and makes a sharp turn to flow between the plates  
→ Particles larger than a certain size impact on the collection plate
- Nozzle diameter reduces in the impactor cascade  
→ Classification by particle size
- Collection of aerosol on aluminium foils  
→ Gravimetric analysis  
→ Following: SEM/EDX or ICP/MS

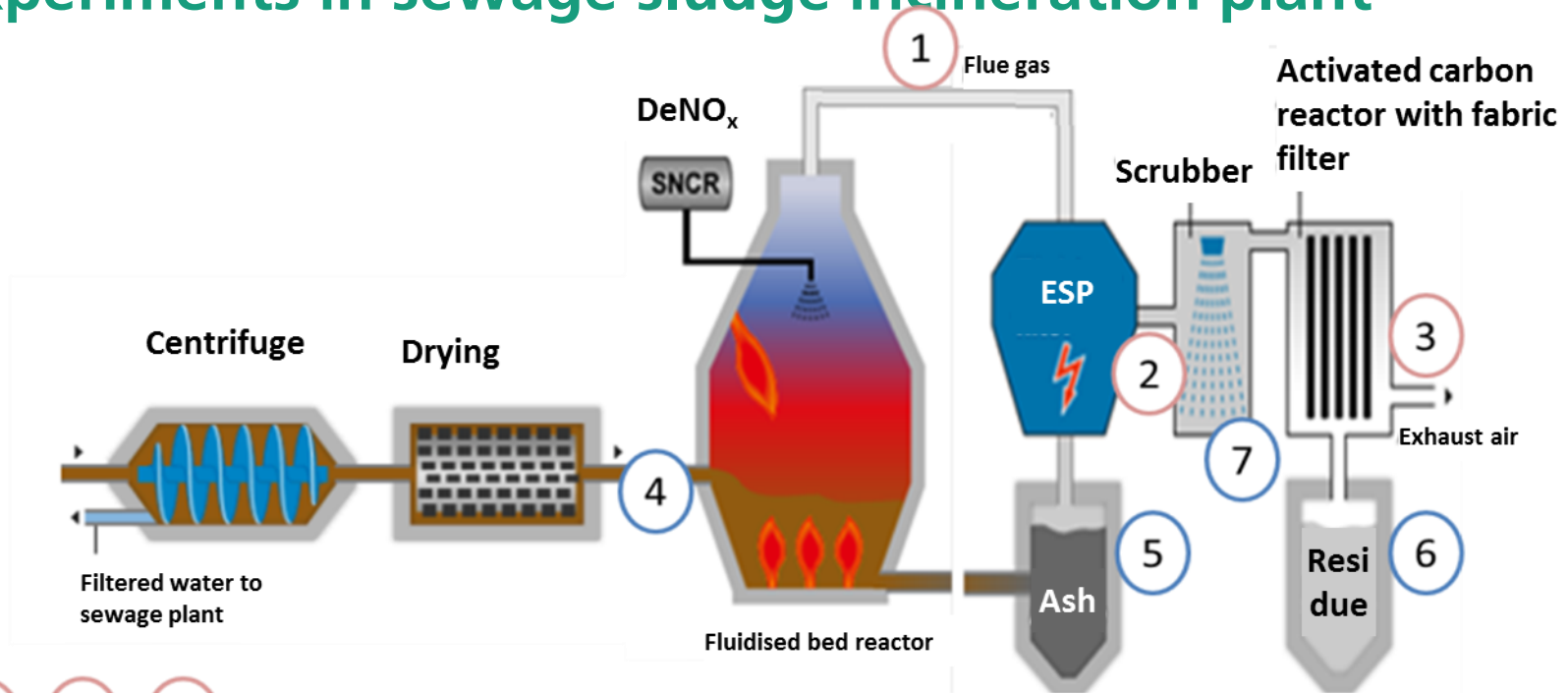


Functional principle of impactor [DEK10]



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## Experiments in sewage sludge incineration plant



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Total dust- and impactor measurement (flue gas)

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Solid sampling

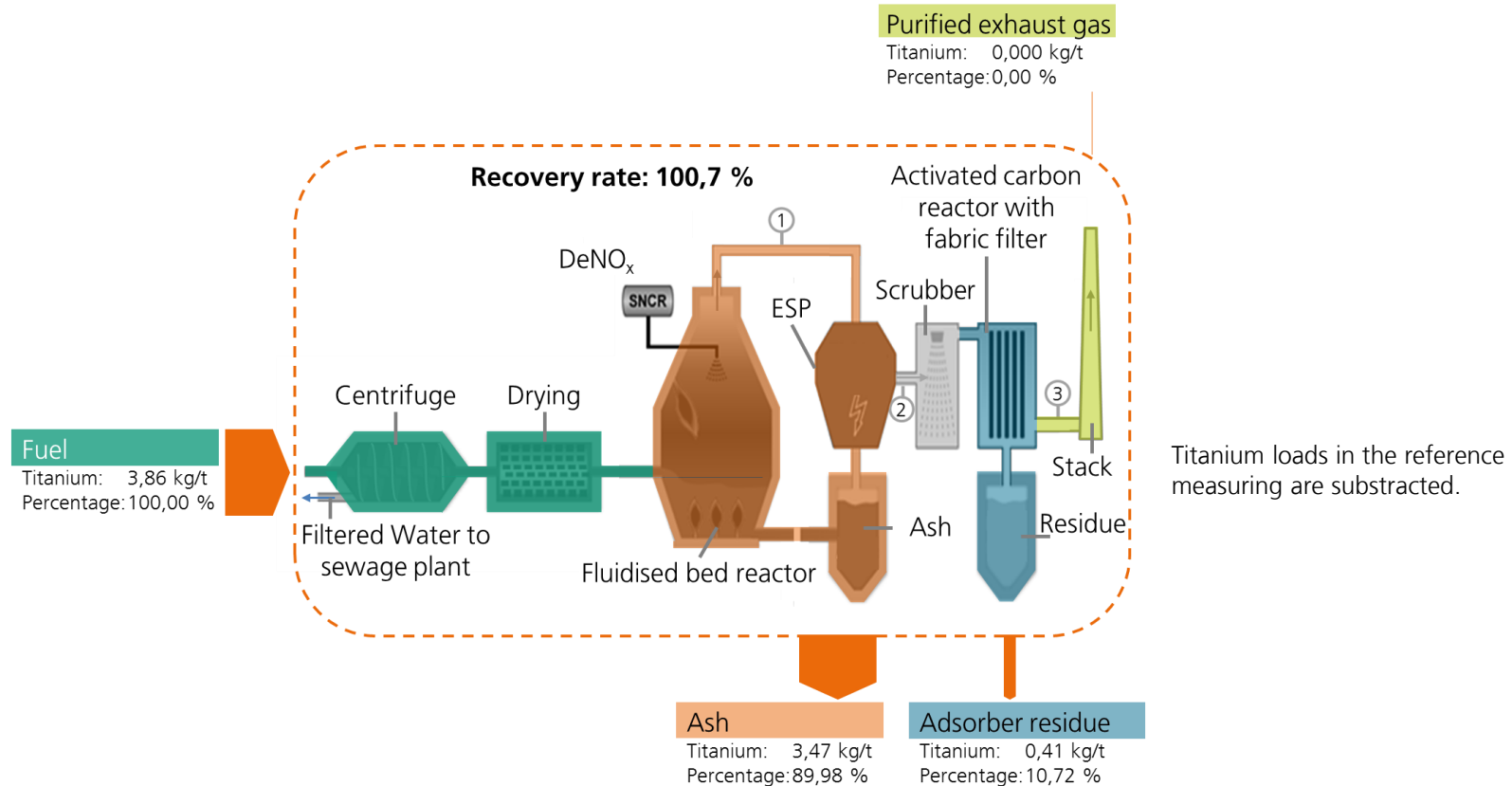
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Wash water sampling

Source: [www.klaerwerk-steinhæule.de](http://www.klaerwerk-steinhæule.de)

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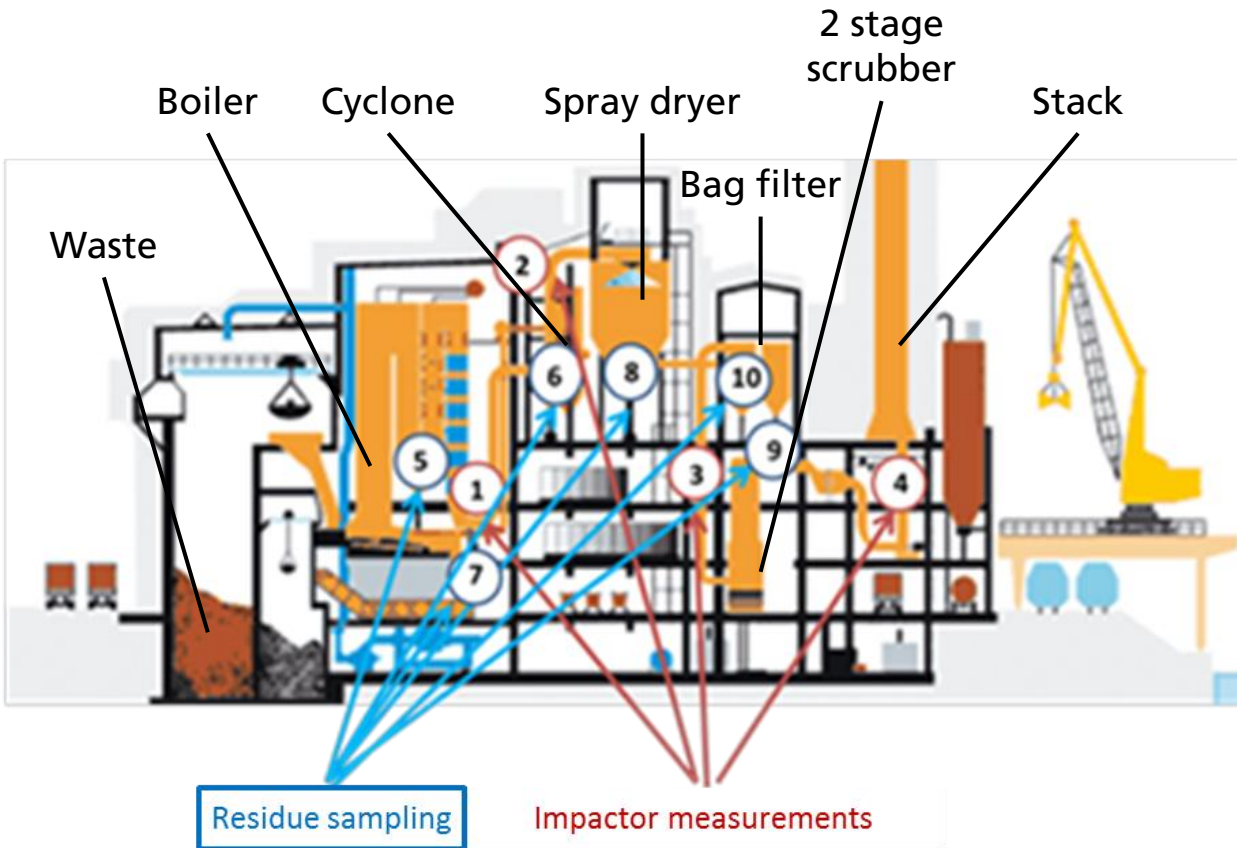
## Experiments in sewage sludge incineration plant



- Fate of titanium: Particularly in solid combustion residues
- Emission of titanium by purified exhaust gas is hardly to be expected.

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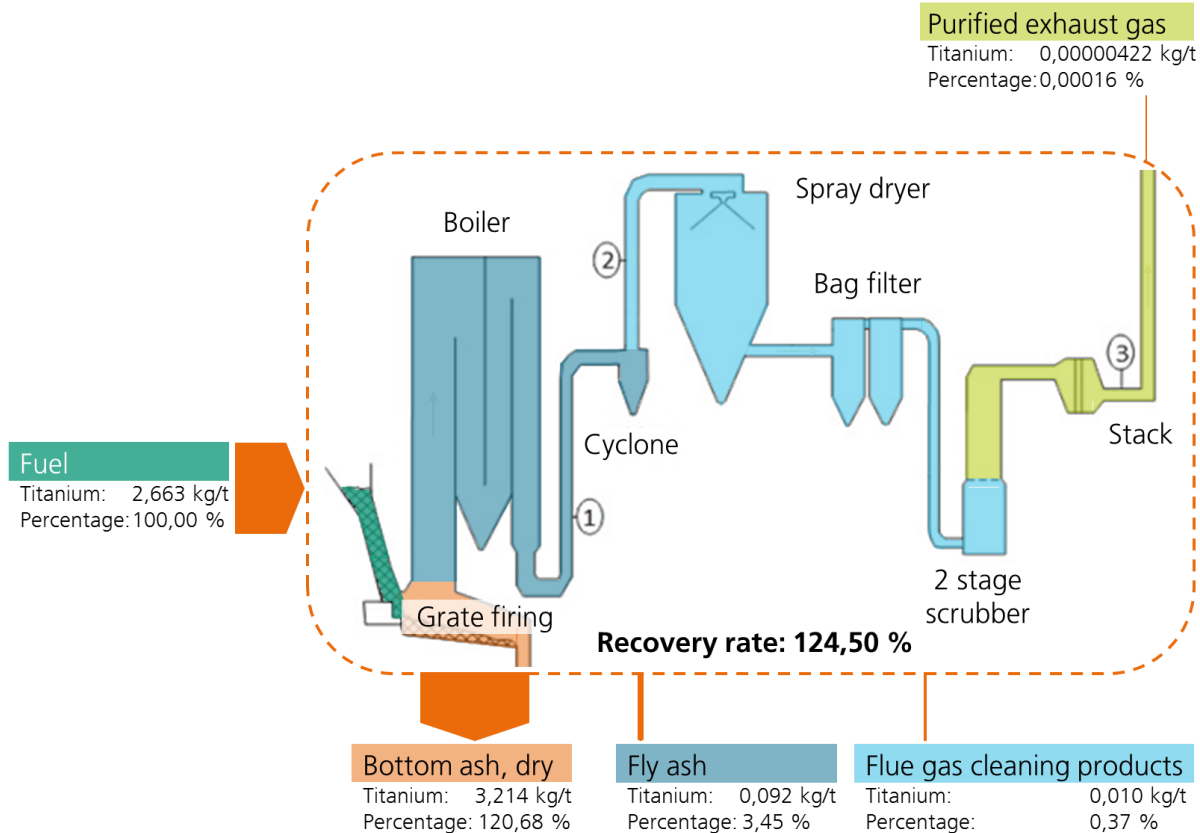
## Experiments in municipal waste incineration plant



Number	Position	Sample matrix
①	After boiler	Dust
②	After cyclone	Dust
③	Before scrubber	Dust
④	Before stack	Dust
⑤	Boiler ash	Ash
⑥	Cyclone dust	Dust
⑦	Bottom ash	Ash
⑧	Spray dryer	Solid matter
⑨	Wash water	Water sample
⑩	Fabric filter	Ash

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## Experiments in municipal waste incineration plant



Titanium loads in the reference measuring are subtracted.

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# Project NanoEmission

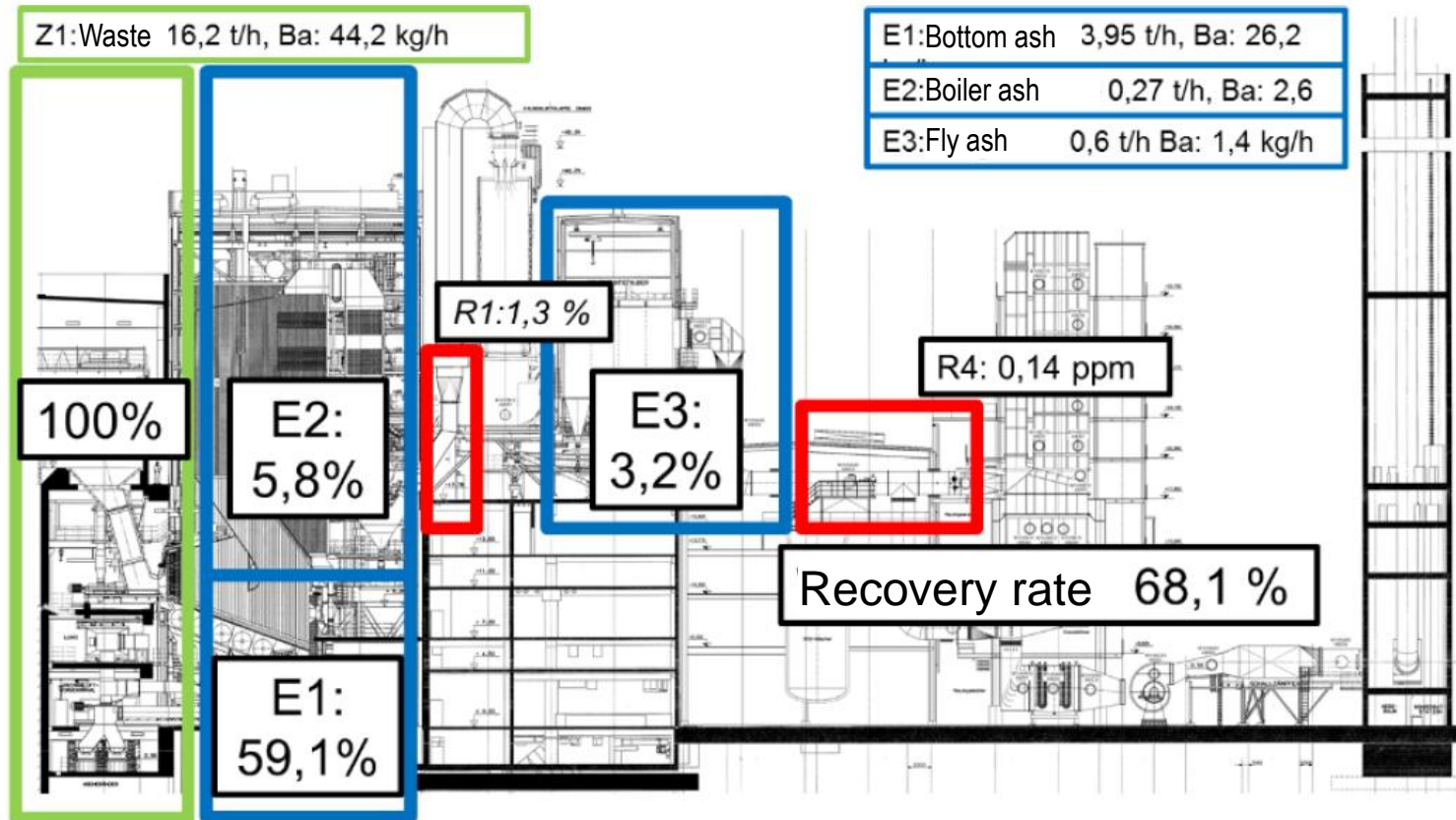
## Experiments in municipal waste incineration plant

- Joint research project:
- Funded by BMBF
- Project duration: 2013 - 2016
- Objective of the project: Investigation of the emission behavior of nanoparticles in waste incineration
- Detailed investigation along the whole pathway considering the waste, combustion, filtering and a possible release of ENM as well as human toxicity studies
- Experiments in pilot plants as well as in the municipal waste incineration plant MVA Weisweiller
- Bariumsulfate as tracer in the MVA Weisweiller
- Reports available: <https://www.tib.eu/de/>, keyword: NanoEmission



# Project NanoEmission

## Experiments in a municipal waste incineration plant



- Fate of barium: Particularly in solid combustion residues
- Emission of barium by purified exhaust gas is hardly to be expected.

Source: [BAR16]

# Overview of other research projects

## Experiments in thermal treatment plants

Plant/ Combustion system	Fuel / ENM	Tracer recovery rate in [%]			Tracer at stack	
		Bottom ash	Boiler ash	Precipi- tator	Concentration [ $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ]	Percentage [%]
100 kW Boiler* Grate	Wood chips with 1% $\text{TiO}_2$	ca. 98		No precipitator	< 5.000 Boiler outlet	< 2 <sup>***</sup>
MWIP Schweinfurt*	Waste with 1% $\text{TiO}_2$	92	5	0,2	5	< 0,01
Sewage sludge incinerator* ZVK Neu-Ulm / Fluidised bed	Sewage sludge with 0,8 % $\text{TiO}_2$	ca. 50		ca. 5	< 20	< 0,01
MWIP-Solothurn** Grate	Waste with a) 10 kg $\text{CeO}_2$ b) 1 kg $\text{CeO}_2$	32	7	< 0,1	< 0,1	< 0,01
		18	15	0,6	< 0,1	< 0,01
KLEAA (KIT) Labor shaft furnace	PMMA-composite with 2 % $\text{TiO}_2$	99 Residue	--	--	< 0,1	< 0,01
BRENDA (KIT) 2 MW burning chamber	Coal dust with 25 g/h $\text{CeO}_2$ / 6,5 mg/ $\text{Nm}^3$	No grate	3	64	< 0,1	< 0,01
RVA in chemical industry/rotary kiln with afterburner chamber	Residues with 100 g/h $\text{CeO}_2$	No grate	10	72	< 0,1	< 0,01

\* UBA-Texte 37/2016 (UFOPLAN-Projekt 3712 33 327) [BÖR16]

\*\* Walser et. al (2012) [WAL12]

\*\*\* At boiler outlet with no further flue gas cleaning

Source: [PAU16]



# Project UFOPLAN FKZ 3716 34 319 0

- Partner:
- Funded by UBA
- Project duration: 2016 – 2019
- Objective of the project: Investigations on the possible release of nanoparticles during the deposition and soil-related application of mineral waste (UFOPLAN FKZ 3716 34 319 0)
- Production of nanomaterial containing ashes/slugs from municipal waste and sewage sludge (Fraunhofer UMSICHT)
- Leaching tests with the nanomaterial containing ashes/slugs in large-scale lysimeters (Fraunhofer IME)



# Discussion

## Further points of interest

### ■ Summary

- Nano-TiO<sub>2</sub>, nano-CeO<sub>2</sub>, nano-BaSO<sub>4</sub> show similar behaviour during combustion in thermal treatment plants
- Fate of examined ENM: Particularly in solid combustion residues
- The examined incineration and flue gas treatment plants comply with the requirements of the best available techniques.

### ■ Further points of interest:

- How behaves a carbon tracer like CNT during combustion?
- How behave CeO<sub>2</sub>, BaSO<sub>4</sub> and CNT in mineral waste streams?

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## Thank you!

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