



# Integration of Carbon-Emissions into Corporate Decisions – A Reflection of Theory and Practice

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## Background and problem

- Instruments for assessment and improvement of company's emission performance
- Assessment of emission-intensity by stakeholders:  
Ratios, e.g. emission-intensity are highly aggregated
- Improvement of emission-intensity:  
Isolation or inadequate treatment of carbon emissions

→ Gap between assessment and improvement of eco-intensity

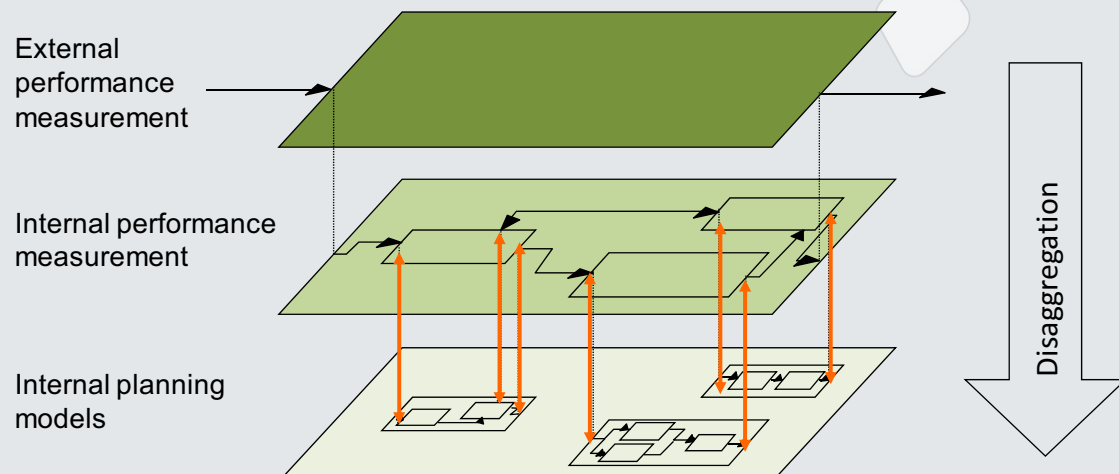
## Objective

- Developing a concept for the implementation of eco-intensity into corporate decision-making processes

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## Hierarchical concept for integration of emission-intensity indicators into corporate decision-making processes

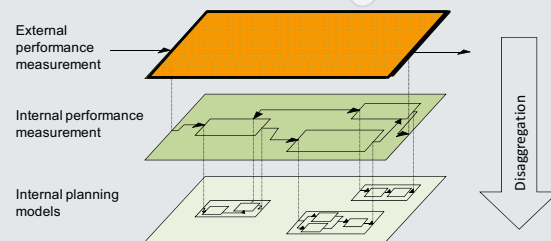


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## External performance measurement

- Goal: Comparison of companies by the ratio of emission-intensity
- Ex-post Analyses
- External data
- Aggregated indicator

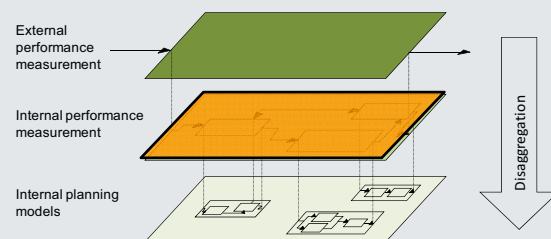


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## Internal performance measurement

- Goal: Comparison of organizational units or suppliers
  - Where is an improvement potential?
  - How big is this improvement potential?
- Internal data
- Ex-post Analyses
- Additional information
  - Disaggregation, Portfolio
  - Multicriteria problem
- Methods:
  - Multi-Attribute Decision Making (MADM)
  - Multi-Objective Decision Making (MODM)
  - Efficiency analysis (e.g. Data Envelopment Analysis)

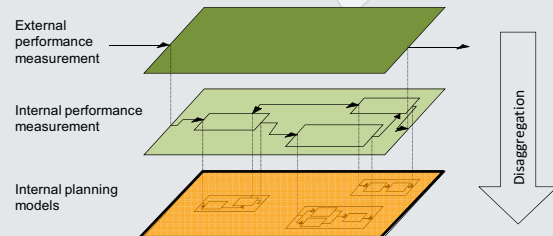


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## Internal planning models

- Goal: Improvement of the position in the portfolio by emission reduction measures
- Internal data
- Ex-ante Analyses
- Analyses of processes
- Multicriteria problem
- Integration of ecological aspects into planning models:
  - Monetization
  - Weighting
  - Constraints/Limits
  - Calculation of trade-offs

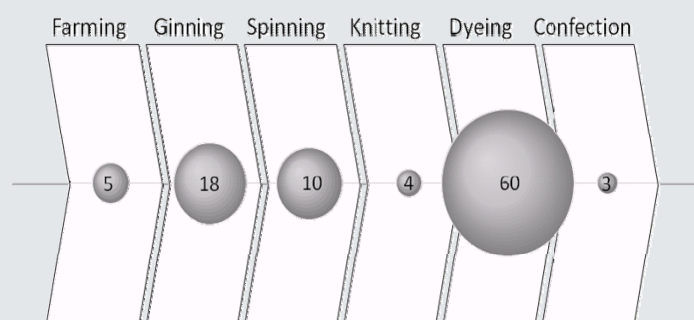


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## Background

- Improvement of carbon efficiency in textile chain
- Huge energy amount for dyeing process
- Comparison of dyeing-sites

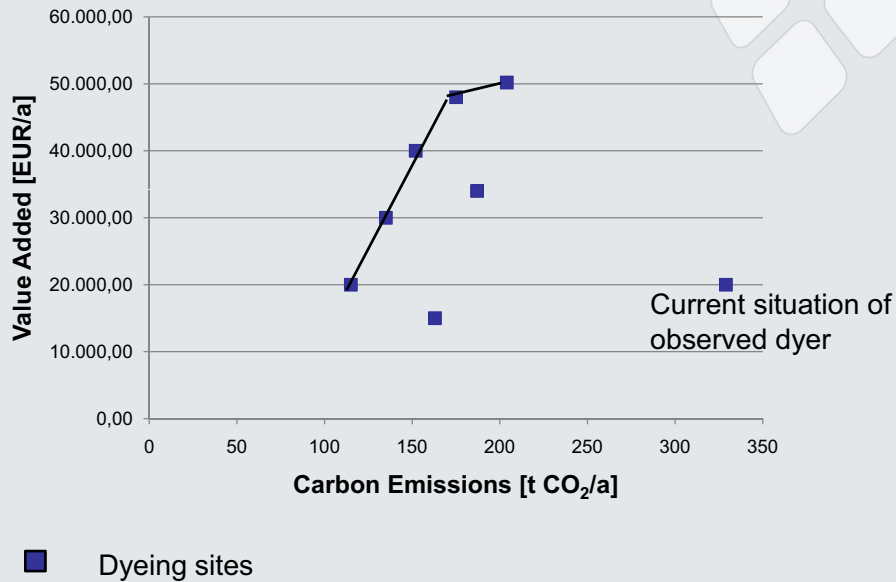


Relative energy demand [%] along the textile chain [Systain Consulting GmbH (2007)]

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## Internal performance measurement



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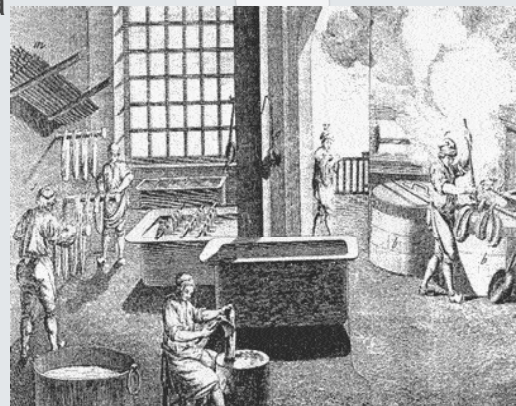


## Current situation

- Energy demand for heating: 1.3 mil. kWh/a → 329 t CO<sub>2</sub>/a
- Annual cost for heating: 68.200 EUR/a
- Fossil fuel used: Diesel

## Substitution options

- Natural gas
- LPG
- Combined Heat and Power Unit (CHPU): Natural gas, diesel  
→ Credits necessary to obtain same utility

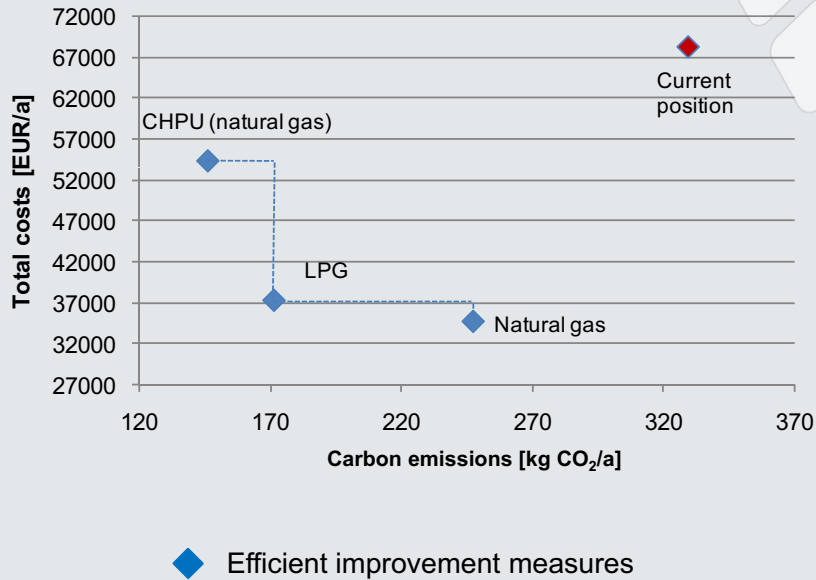


→ Multicriteria problem: Minimization of costs and carbon emissions

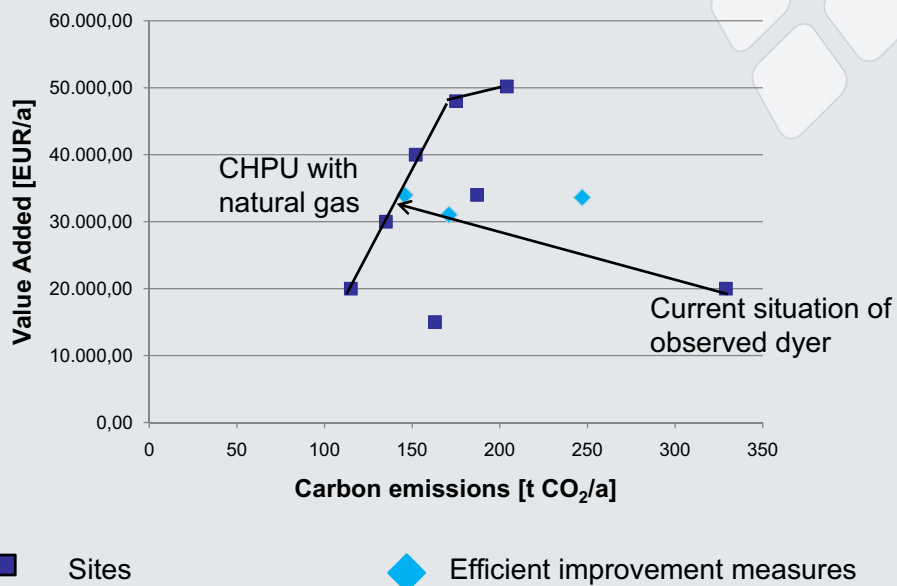
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## Trade-offs between carbon emission and annual costs



## Connection of the levels





## Conclusion

- Economic performance and carbon emissions need to be considered on different decision-making levels
- Hierarchical concept
  - Level of external performance measurement
  - Level of internal performance measurement
  - Level of internal planning models
  - Connection of these levels



**Thank you for  
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**Questions?**



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## Planning model for energy consumption

$$\min C = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i * c_i + (D_i + I_i + O_i) * y_i)$$

$$\min E = \sum_{i=1}^n e_i * x_i$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \sum_{i=1}^n h_i * x_i \geq T$$

$$x_i \leq M * y_i \quad \forall i$$

$$y_i \leq x_i \quad \forall i$$

$$x_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$y_i \in \{0;1\} \quad \forall i$$

Decision variable: Use of input [kg/a or l/a]:

Binary decision variable:

Variable costs for fuel i [€/l or €/kg]:

Emission factor of fuel i [kg CO<sub>2</sub>/l or kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>3</sup>]:

Heat value of fuel i [kWh/l or kWh/m<sup>3</sup>]:

Total energy demand [kWh/a]:

Depreciation of the investment with use of fuel i [€/a]:

Operational fixed costs of the investment with use of fuel i [€/a]:

Interests of the investment with use of fuel i [€/a]:

Very big number:

$x_i$

$y_i$

$c_i$

$e_i$

$h_i$

$T$

$D_i$

$O_i$

$I_i$

$M$  14



## Parameters for calculation

(Values for gas are given per m<sup>3</sup>)

Fuel	D <sub>i</sub> [EUR/a]	I <sub>i</sub> [EUR/a]	O <sub>i</sub> [EUR/a]	c <sub>i</sub> [EUR/l]	e <sub>i</sub> [kg CO <sub>2</sub> /l]	h <sub>i</sub> [kWh/l]
Diesel	0	0	2.304	0,55	2,650	10,80
LPG	6.117	4.588	2.304	0,19	1,631	12,70
Natural gas	2.778	2.084	1.878	0,23	2.041	11,06
CHPHU (diesel)	17.907	13.430	18.802	0,50	1,292	10,80
CHPU (natural gas)	11,587	8,690	12,166	0,18	1,204	11,06

- Credits for CHPU are already included