

# What is „landfill fine fraction covering material“?

## M 1-1. WP 1. Recovery potential perspective and properties

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# Background



## Characterisation of sites: Kudjape



- Mostly municipal waste
- In operation 1970 – 2009
- Estimated volume 200,000 m<sup>3</sup>
- By law: capped 2013
  - *This particular fact initiated full-scale LFM, co-operation between partners, and research in REE-s*

Kudjape Landfill, Saaremaa island, Estonia

# Landfill Mining was a tool for final closure of Kudjape landfill

- Simple closure design of a LF was not agreed by the authority;
- Fear of gas → 1,5 m cover layer was prescribed;
- Sorry, but this amount of cover material was not available.
  - Is it even ethical to force LF to take fragile soil and waste it?
  - Is it OK to dig a hole what the local community did not ask for ☹.
- What if we take cover material from the landfill?



# Excavation in progress



We want this fraction!

Coarse fraction as by-product



# Waste was well characterised





# Series of experiments with LF resources!



- Waste-to-energy in Tallinn Mass-burn facility



- Waste-to-plastic product at Rexest plastic industry



- Waste-to-SRF for Kunda Cement factory



- Waste-to-oil in Oil Shale industry

# The main objective: methane degradation layer

Is there anything valuable that we missed?





## Characterisation of sites: Torma



- Municipal waste
- In operation today
- Total volume 300,000 tons
- Excavated into layer up to 3 yr

## Characterisation of sites: Vika (Sweden)



- Industrial and C&D waste
- In operation

## Characterisation of sites: BLB, Riga, Latvia



- Historical industrial waste site – 100 years of hazardous waste dumping
- In operation today – oil terminal on anthropogenic soil
- Total area 21 ha, average depth of contamination 3 to 4 m
  - 1.5 – 2.0 M tons
  - Cd, Cr, **Cu**, Hg, Pb, **Zn**, As, Ni
  - Remediation project!





# Characterisation of sites: BLB

- The mobility of contamination **must be reduced**
- Result **must be quick**
- Choosing the Technology:
  - Some remediation technologies are not appropriate because of high groundwater level, concentration of contaminants, or ongoing industrial activities
  - To stabilize or to mine???
  - Is Urban Mining a tool for remediation?

# Objectives

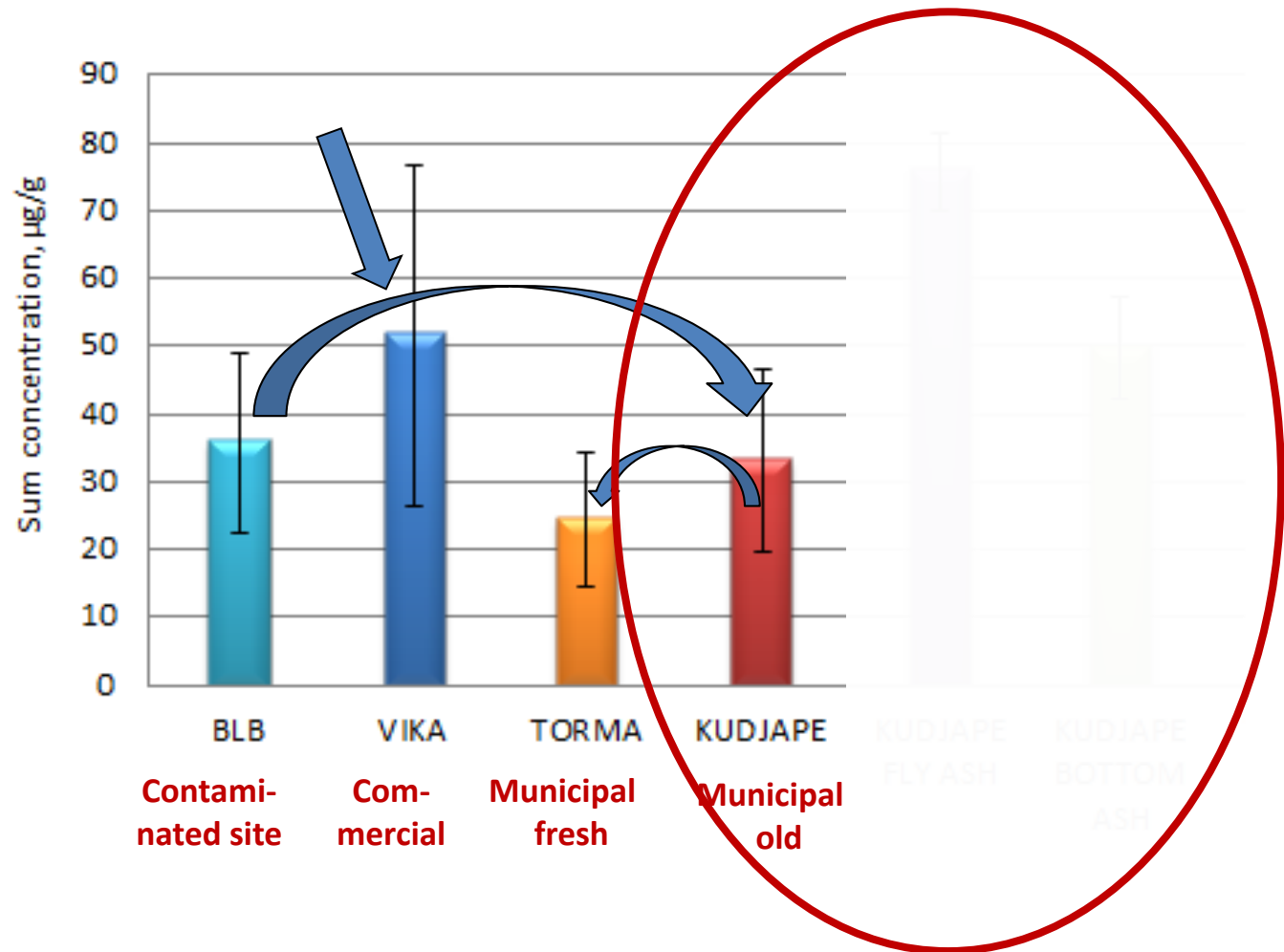
- The aim of this study was to determine elemental content of colloidal, clayey and silty aggregates (very fine fraction) from excavated soil-like material in order to assess recovery potential of metals and REEs.
- Why REEs, they were not the primary objective in any of these projects?
- REEs strategic and expensive (up to 3-5 thousand \$/kg).
- It is useful to know what do we have in 'stock'.
- If we go for extracting major metals, perhaps we can get REEs too?
  - Advanced leaching and bioextraction (approved technologies).
- Molycorp, Sillamäe, Estonia: producing tantalum and niobium (loparite ore from the Kola Peninsula)

# Materials & Methods

- Excavated waste was shredded, sieved and homogenized until it was recognized as fine fraction.
- Soil was drilled from BLB.
- Bottom and fly ash were collected from incineration plant.
- Acid digestion, followed by ICP-MS and AAS measurements was used.
  - Results from ICP-MS and AAS were compared with results from portable XRF equipment (*publications in Environmental Analytical Chemistry Journal and Waste and Biomass Valorization Journal*)

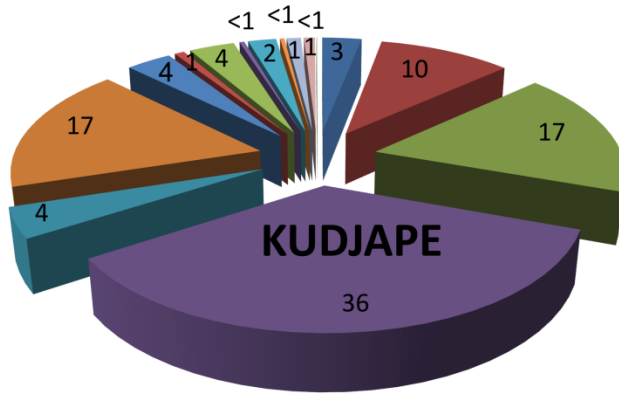


# The comparison of total REE content in fine fraction

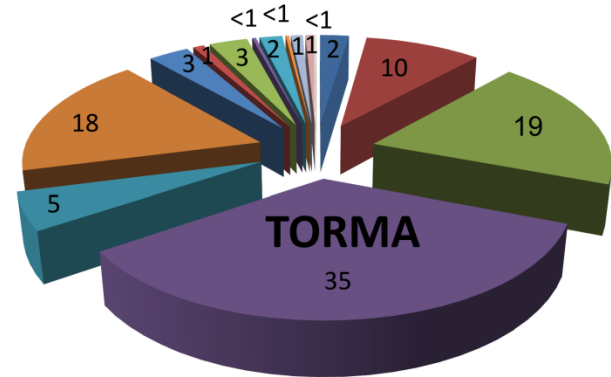


# Ditribution of REEs

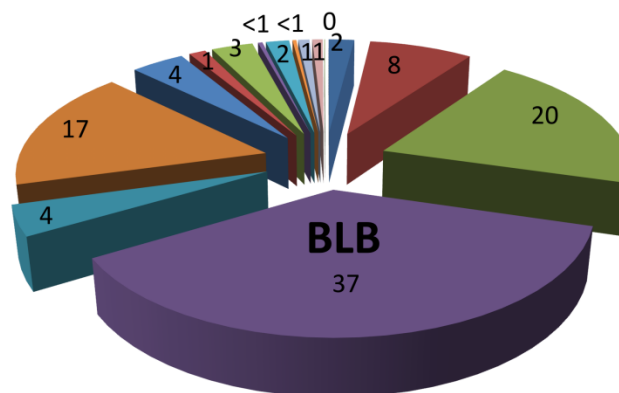
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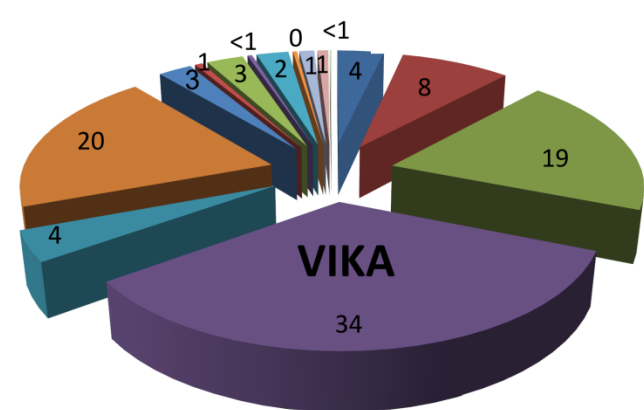
**Municipal, fresh**



**Contaminated soil**



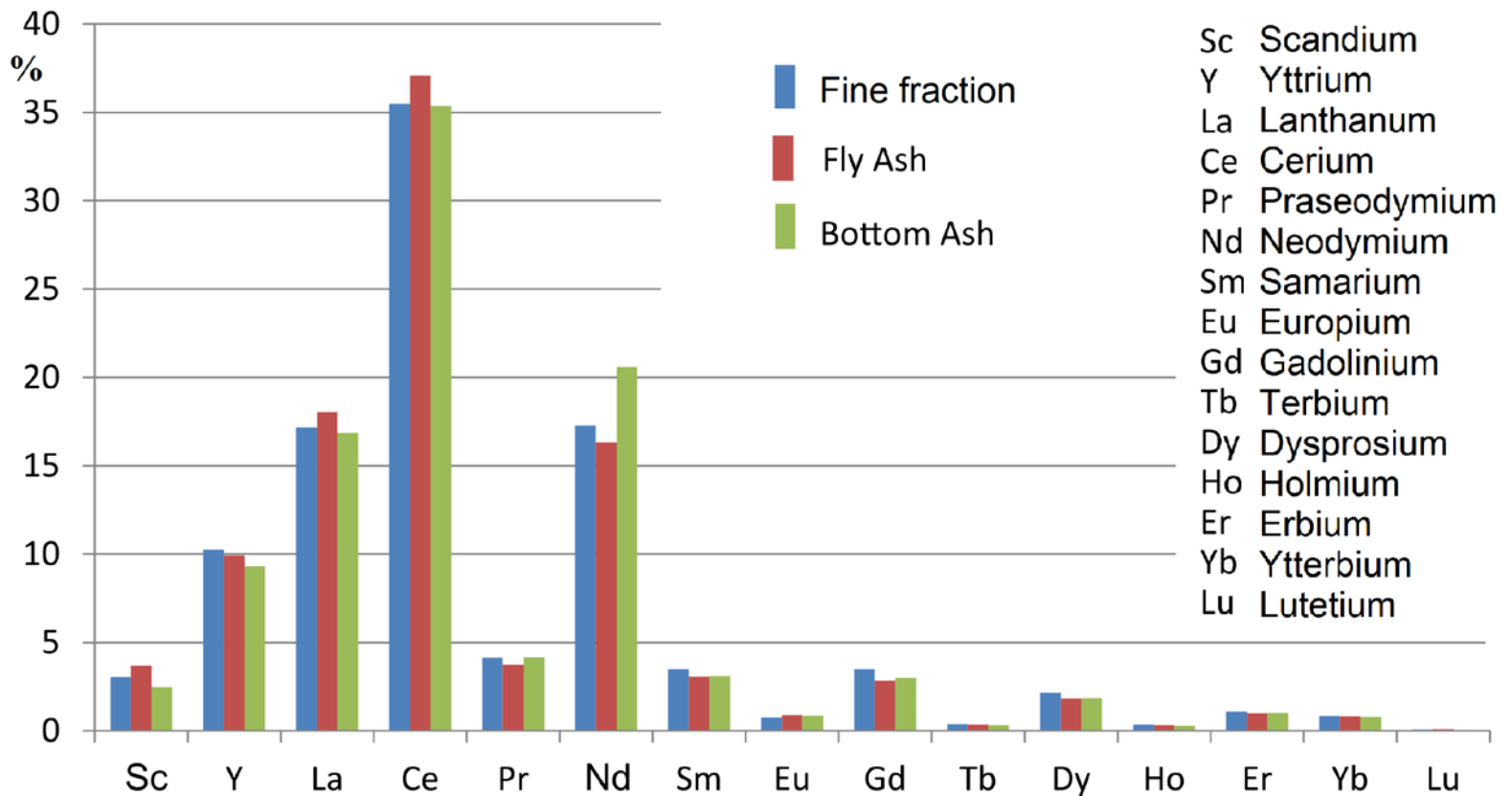
**Commercial**



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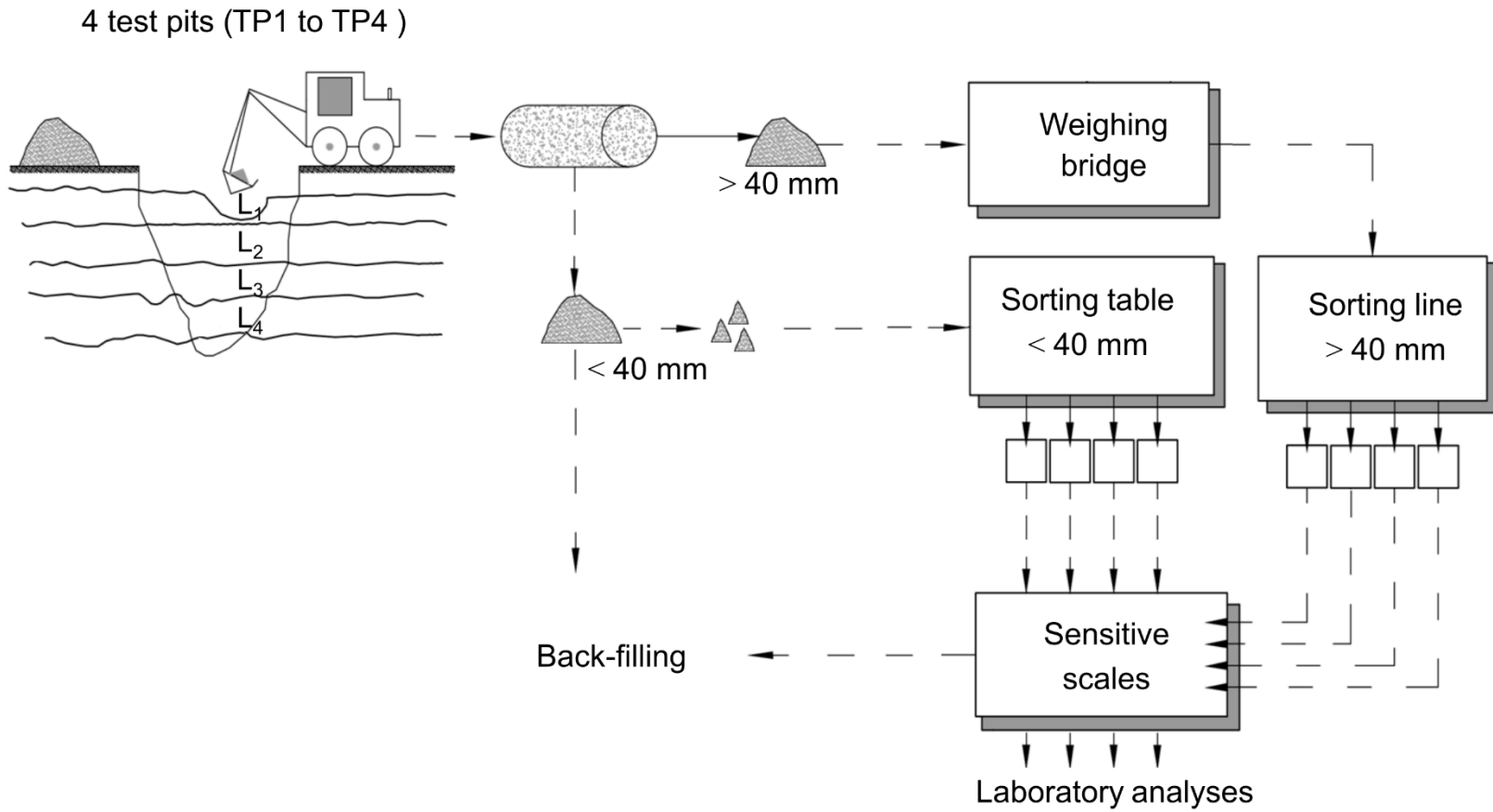
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- Tb Terbium
- Dy Dysprosium
- Ho Holmium
- Er Erbium
- Yb Ytterbium
- Lu Lutetium

# Waste from Kudjape Municipal LF





# NEW SET OF DATA TO BE PREPARED: Pre laboratory phase defining capping material potential raw properties



# Field works



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# process



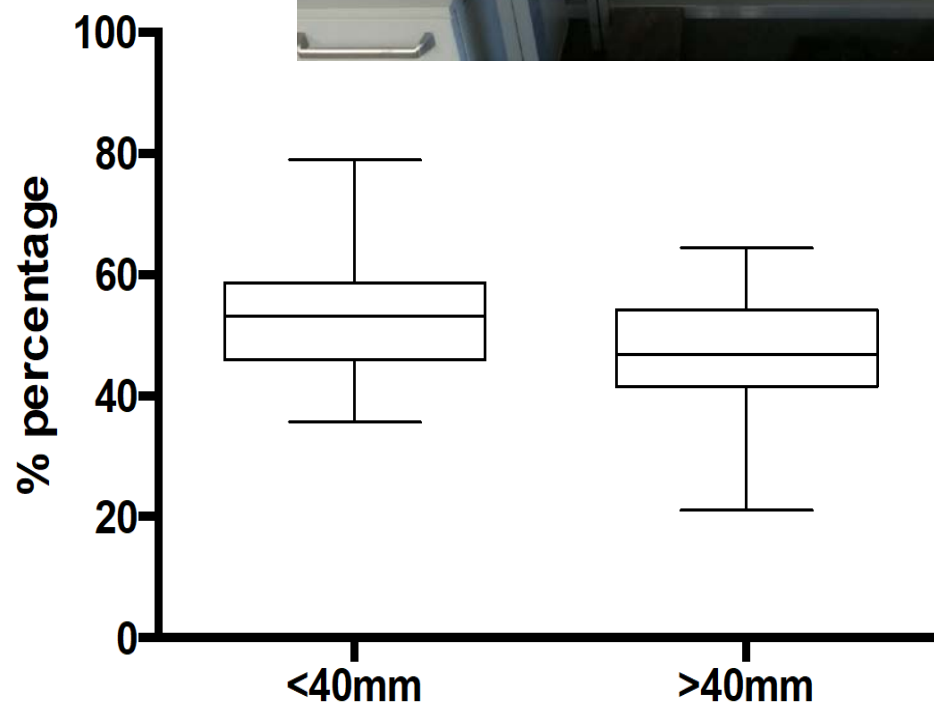
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 40mm + 205,32g 8-40mm 193,69g  
 Plastic 109,52g -16,77g Wood 140,87g  
 Wood 157,40g Glass 17,03g 28mm 644,86g  
 Glass 926g Rock 28,57g  
 Textile fabric 305g Plastic 666g

# Uikala landfill example

			1028,29					
Coarse fraction >40mm			Middle fraction 8-40mm			Inert mass <8mm		
40-1 0-50cm								
			Total weight,g					
			1104,54					
Coarse fraction >40mm			Middle fraction 8-40mm			Inert mass <8mm		
Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	Type	Weight, g	Weight, %
Total	282,29	25,56	Total	675,89	61,19	Total	146,36	13,25
Plastic	123,4	11,17	Glass	41,37	3,75	Plastic	1,15	0,10
Textile	116,12	10,51	Rock	127,4	11,53	Glass	2,84	0,26
Wood	21,96	1,99	Textile	8,15	0,74	Rock	1,99	0,18
Glass	20,81	1,88	Plastic	477,64	43,24	Unidentifi	140,38	12,71
			Wood	7,4	0,67			
			Ceramic	13,93	1,26			
20-1 50-70cm								
			Total weight,g					
			1355,48					
Coarse fraction >40mm			Middle fraction 8-40mm			Inert mass <8mm		
Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	Type	Weight, g	Weight, %
Total	6,61	0,49	Total	783,65	57,81	Total	565,22	41,70
Plastic	6,61	0,49	Glass	21,75	1,60	Plastic	4,2	0,31
			Rock	60,89	4,49	Glass	1,45	0,11
			Textile	5,41	0,40	Metal	0,3	0,02
			Plastic	695,6	51,32	Unidentifi	559,27	41,26

# Tallinn landfill example

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			Total weight,g						
			1287,1						
Coarse fraction >40mm			Middle fraction 8-40mm			Inert mass <8mm			
Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	Type	Weight, g	Weight, %	
Total	353,22	27,44	Total	230,85	17,94	Total	703,03	54,62	
Plastic	28,03	2,18	Glass	22,71	1,76	Wood	101,7	7,90	
Glass	13,15	1,02	Rock	17,66	1,37	Plastic	5,32	0,41	
Bone	1,92	0,15	Plastic	6,42	0,50	Unidentifie	567,09	44,06	
Wood	226,16	17,57	Wood	184,06	14,30				
Ceramic	72,18	5,61							
Hard pressed cardboard	11,5	0,89							
Ceramic undercategories:									
Ceramic knife blade shard		16,84g							
Ceramic floor tile piece		55,34g							



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Material	Weight (g)
40mm +	209,32g
Plastic	159,52g
Wood	157,40g
Glass	9,26g
Textile Fabric	3,05g
8-40mm	193,69g
Wood	140,87g
Glass	17,03g
Rock	28,57g
Plastic	6,66g
2mm	644,85g

# Fine fraction material further to be analyzed on:

- Elemental contents; bioavailability of metals; extraction potential; interaction with organic material; methane degradation potential in field

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