

15<sup>th</sup> Expert Meeting on Data for the IPCC Emission Factor Database  
(EFDB)

# Emission Factors for Fossil Fuels in Germany

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## Basic idea of the publication

### INITIAL SITUATION:

- Thousands of measurement data available from ETS
- Measurement data available from different unpublished studies
- Results of measurement campaigns from several institutes

A large number of high  
quality data  
but  
no quotable source!

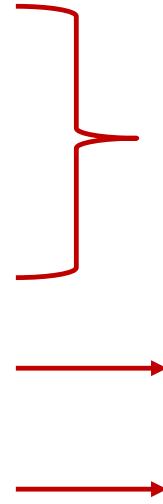
### IDEA:

- Getting an overview of all data sources
- Providing a publication to make it available for other inventory compiler

## Emission Factor Documentation

PUBLICATION: "CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION FACTORS FOR FOSSIL FUELS", UBA 2016 CONTAINS INFORMATION ON:

- Hard coal
- Raw lignite
- Lignite products
- Derived gases from iron and steel
- Petroleum products
- Natural gas
- Brown coal briquettes



Original source: measurement data  
ETS

Original source: measurements DBI  
GUT Leipzig

Original source: measurements  
university Dresden

PUBLICATION: DFIU, KIT, EIFER "FORTSCHREIBUNG DER EMISSIONSFAKTOREN FÜR FEUERUNGS- UND GASTURBINENANLAGEN NACH13/17. BIMSCHV UND TA LUFT" PAGE 109, CALCULATED EMISSION FACTORS USING MEASUREMENT DATA FROM THE VGB POWERTECH E.V. PROJECT: „MESSTECHNISCHE ERMITTLUNG DER CH<sub>4</sub>- UND N<sub>2</sub>O-EMISSIONEN VON KRAFTWERKEN“

- N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> from power plants

## Quality aspects



Data and the report where reviewed

By different experts from UBA and industrial associations:

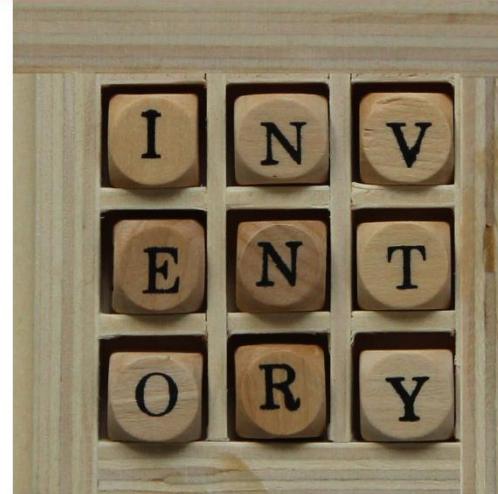
German energy association

Coal associations

Oil association

Gas institute

Steel institute



German-Level

According to the ETS regulation values have to be checked by an independent, accredited or certified evaluation body.

Measured by accredited laboratories using standard measurement methods:

Gases: DIN EN 15984, DIN 51872, DIN EN ISO 10723,

petroleum products: DIN ISO 10694, DIN EN ISO 22854, DIN 51425

coal: DIN 51721 (Radmacher-Hoverath-method), ISO 29541, DIN 51732

Measurement frequency according to ETS instructions:

Coal and liquid petroleum products: every 20 000 tons, minimum 6 times a year,

Natural gas: once a week other gases: daily measurement

## German background



2014  
Worlds largest  
lignite producer

Important hard coal  
user in Europe

7<sup>th</sup> largest steel  
producer in the  
world

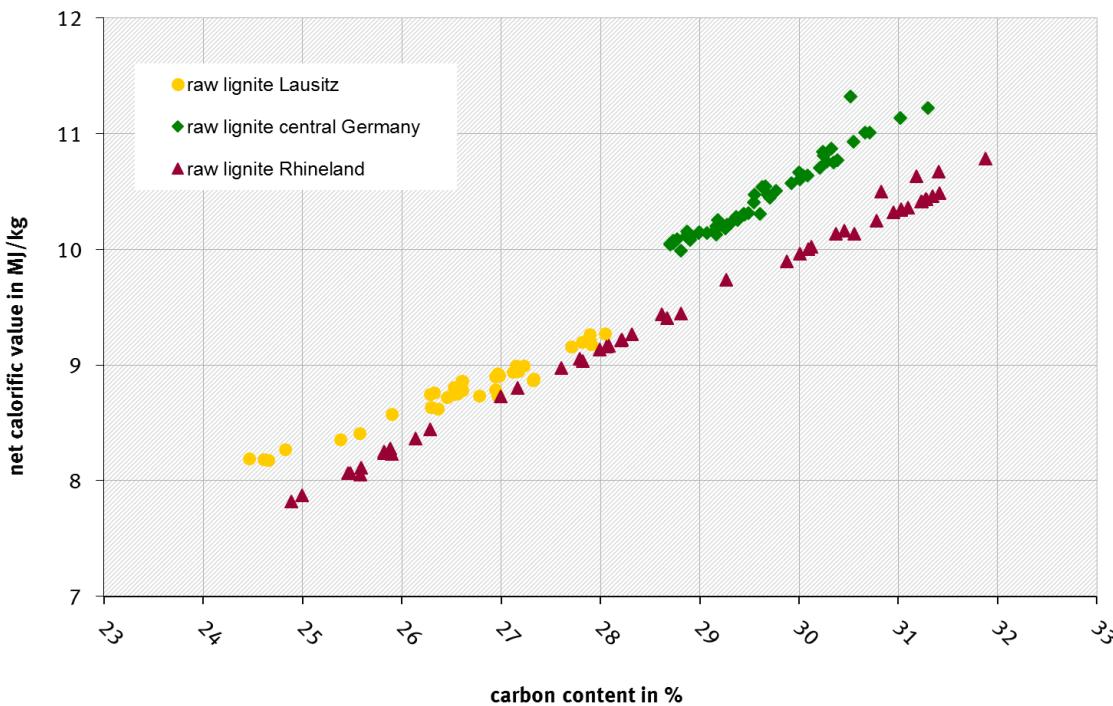
Highest refinery  
production in  
Europe

Important gas  
transfer



**Many data for different fuel categories available!**

## Lignite - Evaluation of ETS data 2005 - 2014



Default IPCC 2006 Guidelines:  
Lignite: 101.0 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

2014 values of raw lignite:

Lusatian mining district:  
Sulfur content: 0.3 – 1.5%  
NCV: 8.5 MJ/kg  
CO<sub>2</sub> EF: 111.2 t/TJ

Central Germany:  
Sulfur content: 1.3 – 2.3%  
NCV: 10.7 MJ/kg  
CO<sub>2</sub> EF: 102.8 t/TJ

Rhineland:  
Sulfur content: 0.15 – 0.5%  
NCV: 8.7 MJ/kg  
CO<sub>2</sub> EF: 113.1 t/TJ

## Lignite products

Lignite coke:

EF: 109.6 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ NCV: 29.9 MJ/kg

No default value (only hard coal coke)

Lignite dust and fluidized bed coal:

98.1 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ NCV: 21.06 MJ/kg

Default value: 97.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Brown coal briquettes:

Lusatian mining district:

98.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ NCV: 20.12 MJ/kg

Rhineland district:

99.0 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Default value: 97.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ



## Difficulties with fuel definitions according to the IPCC Guidelines

### Black Lignite:

EF: 95.6 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ NCV: 17.9 MJ/kg

According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines  
this is Sub-Bituminous Coal,  
the GCV is between 17 435 kJ/kg and  
23 865 kJ/kg

But in several years the GCV is  
 $< 17\ 435\ \text{kJ/kg}$

According to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines  
this is considered as lignite



**More user friendly values in the Guidelines**

### Hard coal:

Coking coal: "...refers to bituminous coal with a quality that allows the production of a coke..."

other bituminous coal: "...includes all bituminous coal that is not included under coking coal..." **GCV > 23 865 kg/TJ on an ash-free but moist basis**

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### Hard coal

Hard coal mix used in Germany 2013:  
CO<sub>2</sub> EF: 93.36 t/TJ (weighted average)

Default EF: 94.6 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Hard coal from:

Germany: 93.28 t/TJ

South Africa: 94.96 t/TJ

Australia: 95.06 t/TJ

Colombia: 93.84 t/TJ

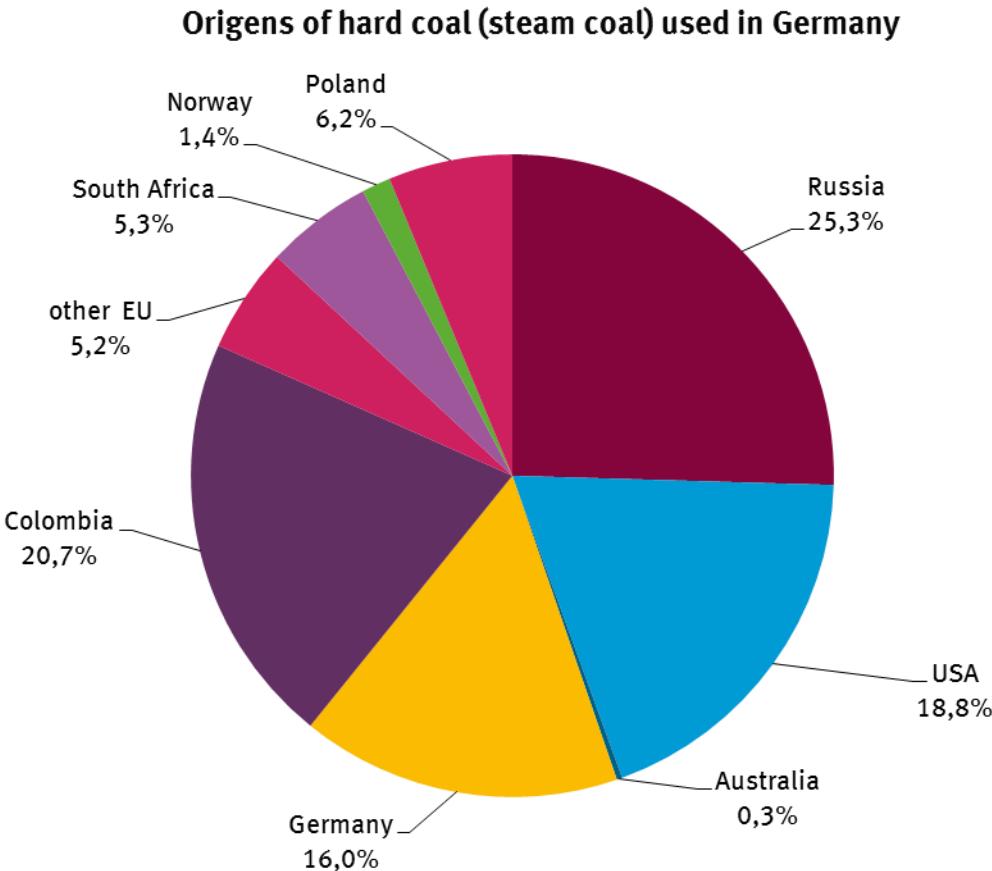
Norway: 93.43 t/TJ

Poland: 93.96 t/TJ

Russia: 93.02 t/TJ

USA: 91.41 t/TJ

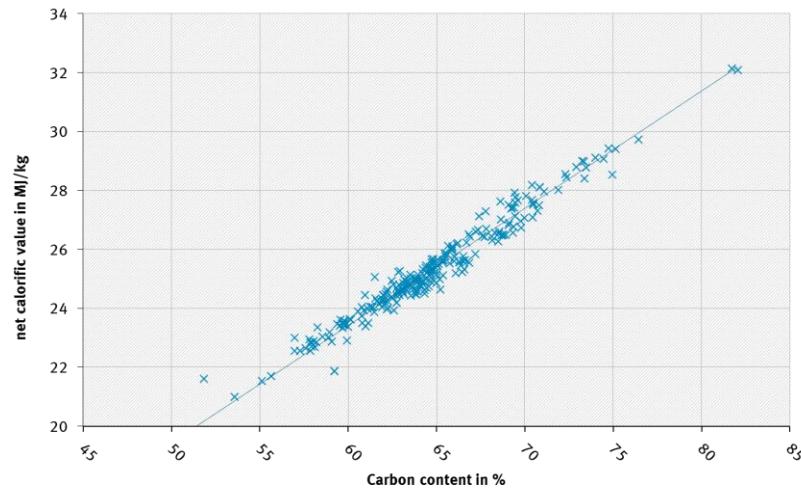
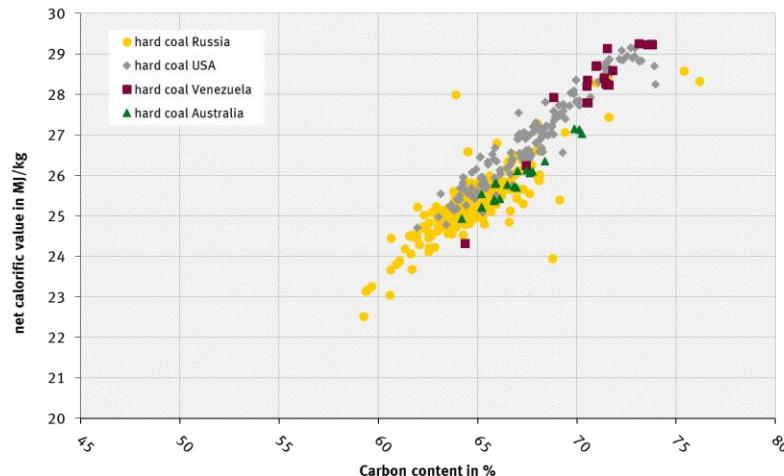
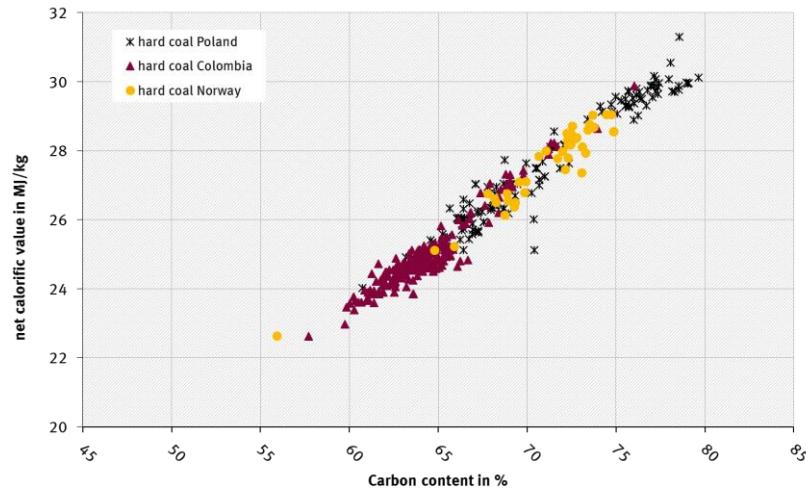
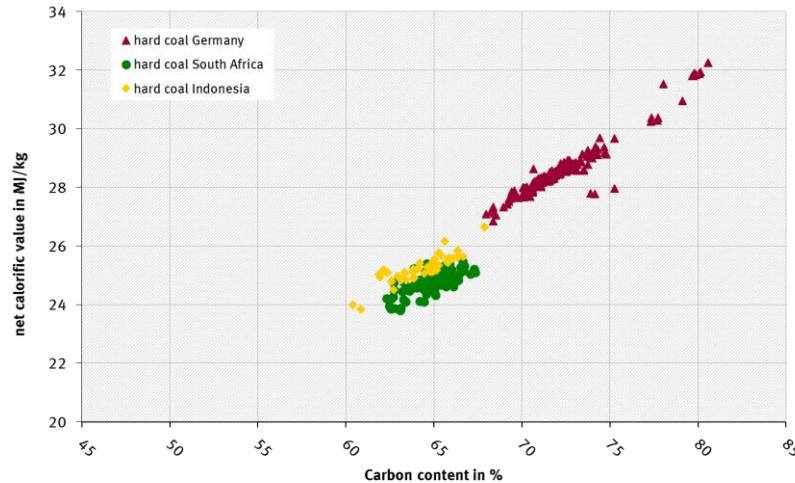
CO<sub>2</sub> EF: 93.28 t/TJ (coal regions)



Source: VDKI 2015, AGEB 2016

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# Different hard coal profiles



Source: Own figures, compiled with data from DEHSt 2015

## Derived gases Iron & Steel – data evaluation from ETS



Coke oven gas:

EF: 41.2 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 16.6 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>

**Default value: 44.4 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ**

Blast furnace gas:

EF: 261.9 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 3.6 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>

**Default value: 260.0 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ**

Basic oxygen furnace gas:

EF: 194.3 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 8.3 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>

**Default value: 182.0 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ**

## Natural gas (1)

Measurement project in 2014

in order to analyze the main gas qualities from the different entry and exit points

Measured by an accredited laboratory with decade-long experience in gas measurements (DBI Gas- und Umwelttechnik GmbH)

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### analysis data on natural gas (low gas)

	unit	Netherlands winter	Netherlands summer	Germany winter	Germany summer
nitrogen	Mol.-%	13,20	11,89	11,67	11,24
carbon dioxide	Mol.-%	0,91	0,73	0,77	0,53
methane	Mol.-%	82,92	85,30	85,10	86,58
ethane	Mol.-%	2,45	1,70	2,01	1,47
propane	Mol.-%	0,30	0,18	0,22	0,06
GCV	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	35,26	35,50	35,80	35,65
NCV	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	31,81	32,02	32,30	32,15
<b>emission factor</b>	<b>t CO<sub>2</sub> /TJ</b>	<b>55,90</b>	<b>55,63</b>	<b>55,76</b>	<b>55,41</b>

source: DBI Leipzig 2014

## Natural gas (2)

### anaylisis data on natural gas (high gas)

	unit	Norway winter	Norway summer	Russia winter	Russia summer
<b>nitrogen</b>	Mol.-%	1,15	1,18	0,83	0,67
<b>carbon dioxide</b>	Mol.-%	1,11	1,68	0,07	0,13
<b>methane</b>	Mol.-%	92,96	90,94	97,26	96,60
<b>ethane</b>	Mol.-%	4,10	5,09	1,39	1,97
<b>propane</b>	Mol.-%	0,44	0,88	0,31	0,44
<b>GCV</b>	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	40,64	40,96	40,18	40,53
<b>NCV</b>	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	36,68	36,98	36,23	36,56
<b>emission factor</b>	t CO <sub>2</sub> /TJ	56,12	56,62	55,16	55,32

source: DBI Leipzig 2014

Gas samples from 32 measuring points in Germany

Method of sampling: DIN 51853 and DIN EN ISO 10715

Analyzes: DIN EN ISO 6975, DIN 51872-4 and DIN EN ISO 6974-6

EF (calculated by gas streams): 55.93 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ      EF (ETS): 55.88 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Default value: 56.1 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

## Petroleum products – data evaluation from ETS

Light fuel oil (ETS):

EF: 74.02 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 42.47 MJ/kg

Default value: 74.1 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Heavy fuel oil:

EF: 79.8 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 40.5 MJ/kg

Default value: 77.4 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Liquefied petroleum gas:

EF: 65.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ (modeled)

NCV: 45.98 MJ/kg

(mix of 60 % propane & 40 % butane  
known from the LPG statistic)

Default value: 63.1 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

Petroleum coke:

EF: 95.7 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 31.7 MJ/kg

Default value: 97.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ



## Special case: “other petroleum products”

Other petroleum products  
(residues)

EF: 82.7 t CO<sub>2</sub>/TJ

NCV: 38.5 MJ/kg

Data evaluation from ETS

According to the 2006  
Guidelines: this is residual fuel  
oil – same fuel category like  
heavy fuel oil

In the German inventory this  
fuel is defined as residue from  
refineries, because there is no  
standardization



## N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> Emissions

Not extremely relevant: in Germany N<sub>2</sub>O + CH<sub>4</sub> equivalents of source category 1.A are just 1.3 % of all greenhouse gases from combustion processes

Nevertheless regular problems to explain why several German values are higher than the default values.

Depend on the combustion technology

- Fluidized combustion:  
high N<sub>2</sub>O emissions
- Gas engines: high CH<sub>4</sub> emissions
- N<sub>2</sub>O should be consistent with NOX
- CH<sub>4</sub> should be consistent with NMVOC



## N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub> Emission factors (results of a measurement project)

Nitrous oxide and methane emission factors				
	dust firing (hard coal)	wet bottom firing (hard coal)	dust firing (lignite)	combined-cycle gas turbine (natural gas)
Emission factor in kg/TJ				
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O at full load</b>	< 1,1	0,73 - 3,3	2,5 - 4,2	< 1,7
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O at partial load</b>	< 1,1	0,73 - 2,55	2,5 - 3,8	< 1,7
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O during load changes (half-hour average)</b>	< 1,1	3,3	4,2	1,7
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O during load changes (instantaneous value)</b>	1,1	4,7	7,5	1,7
<b>CH<sub>4</sub> at full load</b>	0,36	0,73 - 4,7	< 0,42 - 0,84	1,7 - 8,4
<b>CH<sub>4</sub> at partial load</b>	0,36 - 1,1	0,36 - 4,7	< 0,42 - 0,84	8,4 - 25,2
<b>CH<sub>4</sub> during load changes (half-hour average)</b>	1,1 - 4,37	4,7	1,7	25,2
<b>CH<sub>4</sub> during load changes (instantaneous value)</b>	1,1	3,3	10,9	36,1

Source: [Fichtner 2011] DFIU, KIT, EIFER "Fortschreibung der Emissionsfaktoren für Feuerungs- und Gasturbinenanlagen nach 13./17. BlmSchV und TA Luft" page 109, table 8.1-4 calculated emission factors using measurement data from the VGB PowerTech e.V. project: „Messtechnische Ermittlung der CH<sub>4</sub>- und N<sub>2</sub>O-Emissionen von Kraftwerken“ (continuous measurement considering various load conditions)

Also available: **N<sub>2</sub>O EF of a lignite fired fluidized combustion plant** (annual average, continuously measured) of: **11.08 kg/TJ** [Fichtner 2011] page 108, table 8.1-1

# Thank you very much for your attention

**The report is available at UBA website:**

<https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/publikationen/co2-emission-factors-for-fossil-fuels>

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