# The Need in Continuous Measurements of Material Properties and Process Optimization in a Pulp Mill Olli Dahl, Aalto University



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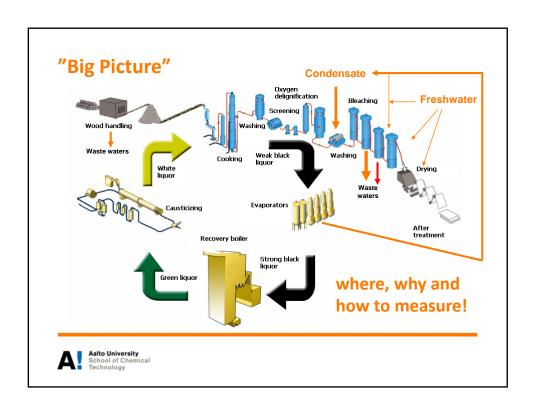
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- "Big Picture", where, why and how to measure!
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# **Wood handling**



Purpose is make good quality chips for cooking!

- Better information are needed from:
  - Dimensions of the chips (particularly from thickness)
  - Bark content of the logs / chips
  - Water balance should be optimised!
    - More water used the more effluent is formed!
    - Quality of the effluent is harmful for the performance of the activated sludge plant



#### **Fiberline**



Purpose is make good quality chemical pulp for markets!

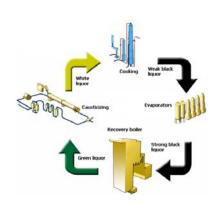
- Better information are needed from many places (e.g.):
  - Moisture of chips (cooking performance)
  - Dissolved solids of various liguors (washing performance)
    - Wash loss vs. oxygen delignification vs. pulp quality
    - Water balance should be optimised!
  - Alkali content of liquors (cooking performance)



### **Chemical recovery**

Purpose is recovery the cooking chemicals and produce energy to mill and paper machines or other customers!

- Better information are needed from many places (e.g.):
  - Dissolved solids of various liguors
  - Alkali content of liquors
  - Concentration of NPE's





#### **Pollution control**

Purpose is reduce amount of air and waste water emissions and increase the amount of solids!

- Better information are needed from many places (e.g.):
  - Wastewater quality (COD, P)
  - Air emissions quality (particles mainly fine ones)
  - Water content of the solids
    - where and how the water is bonded to the material



## Muito obrigado!

and greetings from Mosambique!
Clean technologies research group has a teaching module of Industrial Environmental Engineering ongoing with UEM (Maputo)





