

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL For Optimization Models for Long-Term Planning of Municipal Solid Waste Management Systems: A Review with An Emphasis on Mass Balances

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Table S1. The List of Journal Considered in the Specific Surveillance

JOURNALS	NUMBERS OF ARTICLE
Waste Management	57
Waste Management and Research	37
Resources, Conservation and Recycling	32
Journal of Cleaner Production	28
Journal of Environmental Management	20
European Journal of Operational Research	18
Journal of the Air and Waste Management Association	17
Environmental Engineering Science	14
Engineering Optimization	13
Computers and Chemical Engineering	8
Environmental Modeling and Assessment	8
Journal of Environmental Engineering	8
Journal of Environmental Informatics	8
Water Science and Technology	8
Sustainability Switzerland	7
Environmental Management	6
Environmental Modelling and Software	6
Environmental Science and Technology	6
Journal of Environmental Engineering United States	6
Journal of Hazardous Materials	6
Applied Mathematical Modelling	5
Civil Engineering and Environmental Systems	5
International Journal of Production Economics	5
Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management	5
Science of the Total Environment	5
Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment	5

Table S2. The Results for the Programming Components of the Literature Evaluation Scheme

OBJECTIVE FUNCTIONS	CONSTRAINTS	VARIABLES	PARAMETERS	ECHELON TYPES ¹	INTEGRATED MASS BALANCE POSSIBILITY	WASTE TRANSFORMATION	REFERENCES
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/TP	-	Cumulative	Galante et al., 2010
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy/Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Li and Huang, 2010a
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic/Interval	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Li and Huang, 2010b
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic/Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Xu et al., 2010
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy/Stochastic/Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Tan et al., 2010a
Quadratic	Linear	Continuous	Stochastic/Interval	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Sun et al., 2010
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy /Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhang and Huang, 2010
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy/Interval	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Guo and Huang, 2010
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic/Interval	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Su et al., 2010
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy /Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhang et al., 2010
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Radial Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Tan et al., 2010b
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy/Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Tan et al., 2010c
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Random/Intervals	TS/BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Cui et al., 2011
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy/Stochastic/Interval	BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Li and Chen, 2011
Quadratic	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy /Interval	MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Guo and Huang, 2011
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy /Interval	TS/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Li and Huang, 2011
Fractional	Linear	Continuous	Stochastic	MP/BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhu and Huang, 2011
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Interval	TS/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Dai et al., 2011
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhang et al., 2011
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy	TS/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Cumulative	Srivastava and Nema, 2011
Non-linear	Linear	Integer	Deterministic	TS/LP	-	Cumulative	Chatzouridis and Komilis, 2012
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Chang et al., 2012
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy /Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Tan et al., 2012
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy/Stochastic/Interval	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Wang et al., 2012
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Interval	MP/BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Dai et al., 2012
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy /Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Sun et al., 2012
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Component-based	Levis et al., 2013
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Component-based	Mavrotas et al., 2013
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Deterministic	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Chang and Lin, 2013a
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy/Stochastic	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhang and Huang, 2013
Non-linear	Linear	Continuous	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Component-based	Minoglou and Komilis, 2013
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Chang and Lin, 2013b
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/TP	-	Component-based	Santibanez-Aguilar et al., 2013
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Stochastic/Interval	TS/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Chen et al., 2014
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic/Interval	MP/BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Dai et al., 2014
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhang and Huang, 2014
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Fan et al., 2014
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/LP	-	Cumulative	Eisele and Marianov, 2014
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Stochastic	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhang et al., 2014
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Fuzzy	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Xu et al., 2014a
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Xu et al., 2014b
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP/LP	-	Cumulative	Tan et al., 2014
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	BP/TP	-	Cumulative	Münster et al., 2015
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	BP/TP/LP	-	Cumulative	ThiKimOanh et al., 2015
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic	MP/BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Chen et al., 2016a
Quadratic	Linear	Continuous	Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Kong et al., 2016
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhai et al., 2016
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TP/LP	-	Cumulative	Lee et al., 2016
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy/Stochastic/Interval	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Chen et al., 2016b
Fractional	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic	MP/BP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhou et al., 2016
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Interval	BP/TP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhu et al., 2016
Non-linear	Linear	Continuous	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Component-based	Asnoune et al., 2016
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy	TS/TP/LP	-	Cumulative	Xu et al., 2016
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Component-based	Tascione et al., 2016
Linear	Non-linear	Mixed	Interval	TS/BP/LP	-	Component-based	Yadav et al., 2017
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic	TS/MP/BP/LP	-	Cumulative	Habibi et al., 2017
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Interval	BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Zhu and Huang, 2017
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	-	Component-based	Harjani et al., 2017
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Fuzzy	BP/TP/LP	-	Cumulative	Ma et al., 2017
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Asefi and Lim, 2017
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/TP/LP	No P. S.	Component-based	Santibanez-Aguilaret al., 2017
Linear	Non-linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/BP/LP	-	Cumulative	Li et al., 2017
Linear	Linear	Continuous	Stochastic/Interval	TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Wu et al., 2018
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic	MP/TP/LP	-	Component-based	Diaz-Barriga-Fernandez et al., 2018
Linear	Non-linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP/LP	-	Cumulative	Sharif et al., 2018
Non-linear	Non-linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Component-based	Rizwan et al., 2018
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	-	Cumulative	Rathore and Sarmah, 2019
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	MP/BP/TP	Yes	Component-based	Mohammadi et al., 2019
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic	TS	-	Cumulative	Kudela et al., 2019
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic/Interval	TS/TP/LP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Li et al., 2019
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Stochastic	TS/PP/TP	No P. S.	Cumulative	Gambella et al., 2019
Linear	Linear	Mixed	Deterministic	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Cumulative	Yousefloo and Babazadeh, 2020

¹: Process alternatives that may be used in waste management: Transfer station (TS), mechanical process (MP), biological process (BP), thermal process (TP), landfills (LP).

No P. S.: The study doesn't consider the process selection question.

Table S3. The Results for the Decision Components of the Literature Evaluation Scheme

COLLECTION ZONING	WASTE ALLOCATION	CAPACITY ASSESSMENT	PROCESS SELECTION ¹	TECHNOLOGY ALTERNATIVES	SITE SELECTION	REFERENCES
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS	Yes	Yes	Galante et al., 2010
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Li and Huang, 2010a
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Li and Huang, 2010b
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Xu et al., 2010
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Tan et al., 2010a
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Sun et al., 2010
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang and Huang, 2010
-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Guo and Huang, 2010
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Su et al., 2010
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang et al., 2010
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Tan et al., 2010b
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Tan et al., 2010c
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Cui et al., 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Li and Chen, 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Guo and Huang, 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Li and Huang, 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhu and Huang, 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Dai et al., 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang et al., 2011
Yes	Yes	Yes	LP	-	Yes	Srivastava and Nema, 2011
Yes	-	Yes	TS	-	Yes	Chatzouridis and Komilis, 2012
Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	Chang et al., 2012
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Tan et al., 2012
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Wang et al., 2012
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Dai et al., 2012
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Sun et al., 2012
-	Yes	Yes	MP/BP/TP/LP	-	-	Levis et al., 2013
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	-	Mavrotas et al., 2013
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Chang and Lin, 2013a
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang and Huang, 2013
Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	-	Minoglou and Komilis, 2013
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Chang and Lin, 2013b
Yes	Yes	Yes	MP/TP	Yes	Yes	Santibanez-Aguilar et al., 2013
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Chen et al., 2014
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Dai et al., 2014
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang and Huang, 2014
Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	Fan et al., 2014
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS/LP	-	Yes	Eiselt and Marianov, 2014
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhang et al., 2014
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Xu et al., 2014a
-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Xu et al., 2014b
Yes	Yes	Yes	MP/BP/TP/LP	-	-	Tan et al., 2014
-	Yes	Yes	BP/TP	Yes	-	Münster et al., 2015
Yes	Yes	Yes	BP/TP	Yes	Yes	ThiKimOanh et al., 2015
Yes	-	Yes	-	-	-	Chen et al., 2016a
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Kong et al., 2016
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhai et al., 2016
-	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Lee et al., 2016
Yes	Yes	Yes	TP/LP	-	-	Chen et al., 2016b
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhou et al., 2016
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhu et al., 2016
-	Yes	-	-	-	-	Asnoune et al., 2016
Yes	Yes	Yes	BP/TP/LP	-	-	Xu et al., 2016
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	-	Tascione et al., 2016
-	Yes	Yes	TP	-	Yes	Yadav et al., 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS/MP/LP	Yes	Yes	Habibi et al., 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Zhu and Huang, 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Yes	Harjani et al., 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	BP/LP	-	-	Ma et al., 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	Yes	Asefi and Lim, 2017
Yes	Yes	-	-	-	-	Santibanez-Aguilaret al., 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	LP	-	-	Li et al., 2017
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Wu et al., 2018
Yes	Yes	-	MP/TP	Yes	Yes	Diaz-Barriga-Fernandez et al., 2018
Yes	Yes	Yes	MP/BP/TP/LP	-	Yes	Sharif et al., 2018
Yes	Yes	Yes	MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	-	Rizwan et al., 2018
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS	-	Yes	Rathore and Sarmah, 2019
Yes	Yes	Yes	MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	-	Mohammadi et al., 2019
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS	-	Yes	Kudela et al., 2019
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Li et al., 2019
Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-	Gambella et al., 2019
Yes	Yes	Yes	TS/MP/BP/TP/LP	Yes	Yes	Yousefloo and Babazadeh, 2020

¹: Process alternatives that may be used in waste management: Transfer station (TS), mechanical process (MP), biological process (BP), thermal process (TP), landfills (LP).

Table S4. The Results for the Managerial Components of the Literature Evaluation Scheme

COLLECTION TYPE	GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS	DISTANCES	COST AND BENEFIT COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE FUNCTION ¹	OTHER COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE FUNCTION ²	PLANNING PERIOD (YEARS)	REFERENCES
Mix	Italy	Yes	CC/OC/TC	AP	30	Galante et al., 2010
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Li and Huang, 2010a
Mix	Canada	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Li and Huang, 2010b
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC	-	15	Xu et al., 2010
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC	-	15	Tan et al., 2010a
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Sun et al., 2010
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC	-	15	Zhang and Huang, 2010
Mix	Canada	-	OC/TC/RV	-	21	Guo and Huang, 2010
Mix	China	Yes	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Su et al., 2010
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Zhang et al., 2010
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Tan et al., 2010b
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Tan et al., 2010c
Mix	China	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Cui et al., 2011
Mix	China	Yes	OC/TC/RV	-	5	Li and Chen, 2011
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Guo and Huang, 2011
Mix	China	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Li and Huang, 2011
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Zhu and Huang, 2011
Mix	China	Yes	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Dai et al., 2011
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	-	Zhang et al., 2011
Mix	India	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	17	Srivastava and Nema, 2011
Mix	Greece	Yes	CC/OC/TC	-	-	Chatzouridis and Komilis, 2012
Separate	Taiwan	Yes	OC/TC/RV	AP	-	Chang et al., 2012
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Tan et al., 2012
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Wang et al., 2012
Mix	Canada	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Dai et al., 2012
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Sun et al., 2012
Separate	Hypothetical	Yes	CC/OC/RV	GHG	10	Levis et al., 2013
Separate	Macedonia	Yes	CC/OC/RV	GHG	20	Mavrotas et al., 2013
Mix	Taiwan	Yes	OC/TC/RV	-	5	Chang and Lin, 2013a
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	GHG	15	Zhang and Huang, 2013
Separate	Macedonia	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	CO ₂ equivalents	15	Minoglou and Komilis, 2013
Separate	Taiwan	-	OC/TC/RV	Emissions	-	Chang and Lin, 2013b
Separate	Mexico	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	-	Santibanez-Aguilar et al., 2013
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Chen et al., 2014
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Dai et al., 2014
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	GHG	15	Zhang and Huang, 2014
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Fan et al., 2014
Mix	Chile	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	Pollution	-	Eiseit and Marianov, 2014
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC	-	-	Zhang et al., 2014
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC	-	15	Xu et al., 2014a
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Xu et al., 2014b
Separate	Malaysia	-	CC/OC/TC/RV	GHG	13	Tan et al., 2014
Mix	Denmark	-	OC	GHG	-	Münster et al., 2015
Mix	Vietnam	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	20	ThiKimOanh et al., 2015
Mix	Canada	Yes	OC/TC/RV	-	25	Chen et al., 2016a
Mix	China	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Kong et al., 2016
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Zhai et al., 2016
Mix	Hong Kong	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	-	Lee et al., 2016
Mix	China	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Chen et al., 2016b
Mix	Hypothetical	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Zhou et al., 2016
Separate	Canada	-	OC/TC/RV	-	24	Zhu et al., 2016
Separate	Algeria	-	CC/OC/RV	-	5	Asnoune et al., 2016
Mix	China	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	15	Xu et al., 2016
Separate	Italy	Yes	-	Life Cycle Impacts	-	Tascione et al., 2016
Mix	Hypothetical	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	20	Yadav et al., 2017
Separate	Iran	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	GHG/Visual/ Pollution	-	Habibi et al., 2017
Mix	Canada	-	OC/TC/RV	-	21	Zhu and Huang, 2017
Separate	Iran	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	AP/SCB/Sustainability	5	Harijani et al., 2017
Mix	China	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	-	Ma et al., 2017
Mix	Iran	Yes	CC/TC	Suitability	-	Asefi and Lim, 2017
Separate	Mexico	Yes	OC/TC/RV	-	-	Santibanez-Aguilaret al., 2017
Mix	Canada	-	CC/OC/TC/RV	GHG	30	Li et al., 2017
Mix	China	-	OC/TC/RV	-	-	Wu et al., 2018
Separate	Mexico	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	-	Diaz-Barriga-Fernandez et al., 2018
Separate	Iran	-	CC/OC/RV	-	-	Sharif et al., 2018
Mix	U. A. Emirates	-	CC/OC/RV	-	20	Rizwan et al., 2018
Separate	India	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	5	Rathore and Sarmah, 2019
Separate	Mexico	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	-	-	Mohammadi et al., 2019
Mix	Czechia	Yes	CC/OC/TC	-	-	Kudela et al., 2019
Mix	China	-	OC/TC/RV	-	15	Li et al., 2019
Mix	Italy	-	OC/TC/RV	-	3	Gambella et al., 2019
Separate	Iran	Yes	CC/OC/TC/RV	Health Risk	-	Yousefloo and Babazadeh, 2020

¹: It refers to the parameters used in the objective function: Construction costs (CC), operation-maintenance costs (OC), transportation costs (TC), and revenues (RV).

²: It refers to the social and environmental components of objective functions: Air pollution (AP), greenhouse gases (GHG), social costs and benefits (SCB).

Table S5. The Findings for 74 Articles Examined in the Last Assessment Stage

MODEL PARAMETERS	GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS	OBJECTIVE FUNCTION	CONSTRAINTS	VARIABLES	INTEGRATED MASS BALANCE POSSIBILITY	REFERENCES
	Hypothetical	Linear	Linear	Mixed	No. P. S.	Huang et al., 1994; Huang et al., 1995; Zou et al., 2000; Huang et al., 2002; Li et al., 2006a; Li et al., 2006b; Guo et al., 2008a; He et al., 2008b; Lu et al., 2008; Guo et al., 2009; He et al., 2009a; He et al., 2009b; He et al., 2009c; Li and Huang, 2009a; Li et al., 2009a; Liu et al., 2009; Lu et al., 2009; Nie et al., 2009; Lu et al., 2012; Fan et al., 2012; Yu and Solvang, 2017
	Hypothetical	Linear	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Maqsood and Huang, 2003; Maqsood et al., 2004; Li and Huang, 2006b; Li et al., 2007; Nie et al., 2007; Guo et al., 2008b; He and Huang, 2008; He et al., 2008a; Li et al., 2008c; Cai et al., 2009; Cheng et al., 2009; Fan et al., 2009; Li and Huang, 2009c; Sun et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2019
Non-deterministic	Hypothetical	Quadratic	Linear	Mixed	No. P. S.	Li and Huang, 2007
	Hypothetical	Quadratic	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Chen and Huang, 2001
	China	Linear	Linear	Mixed	No. P. S.	Jing et al., 2009; Xi et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2016c; Zhou et al., 2017
	China	Linear	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Su et al., 2008
	Canada	Linear	Linear	Mixed	No. P. S.	Li et al., 2008b
	Canada	Non-linear	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Wu et al., 2006
	Canada	Linear	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Yeomans, 2007
	Hypothetical	Linear	Linear	Mixed	-	Huang et al., 2001a
	U. S. A.	Linear	Linear	Mixed	-	Davila and Chang, 2005; Chang and Davilla, 2006; Chang and Davilla, 2007
	Czechia	Non-linear	Non-linear	Mixed	-	Hrabec et al., 2019
Deterministic	Canada	Linear	Linear	Mixed	-	Huang et al., 2001b; Li and Huang, 2006a; Li et al., 2008a; Guo and Huang, 2009; Li et al., 2009b; Li and Huang, 2010c
	India	Linear	Linear	Mixed	-	Srivastava and Nema, 2012
	Hypothetical	Linear	Linear	Mixed	Yes	Li and Huang, 2009b
	Taiwan	Linear	Non-linear	Continuous	Yes	Chang and Wang, 1996
	Taiwan	Linear	Linear	Mixed	Yes	Chang and Wang, 1997
	Hypothetical	Linear	Linear	Mixed	No. P. S.	Solano et al., 2002a
	Hypothetical	Non- Linear	Non- Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Muneeb et al., 2018
	Italy	Linear	Linear	Mixed	No. P. S.	Fabbricino, 2001
	Italy	Non-linear	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Minciardi et al., 2008
	Lebanon	Linear	Linear	Continuous	No. P. S.	Najm and El-Fadel, 2004
	Hypothetical	Linear	Linear	Continuous	-	Harrison et al., 2001
	U. S. A.	Linear	Non-linear	Mixed	-	Chang et al., 2005
	Egypt	Linear	Linear	Mixed	-	Badran and El-Haggar, 2006
	Iran	Linear	Linear	Mixed	-	Heidari et al., 2019
	Taiwan	Linear	Linear	Mixed	Yes	Chang et al., 1996; Chang and Lu, 1997
	Italy	Linear	Non-linear	Mixed	Yes	Fiorucci et al., 2003; Costi et al., 2004

No P. S.: The study doesn't consider the process selection question.

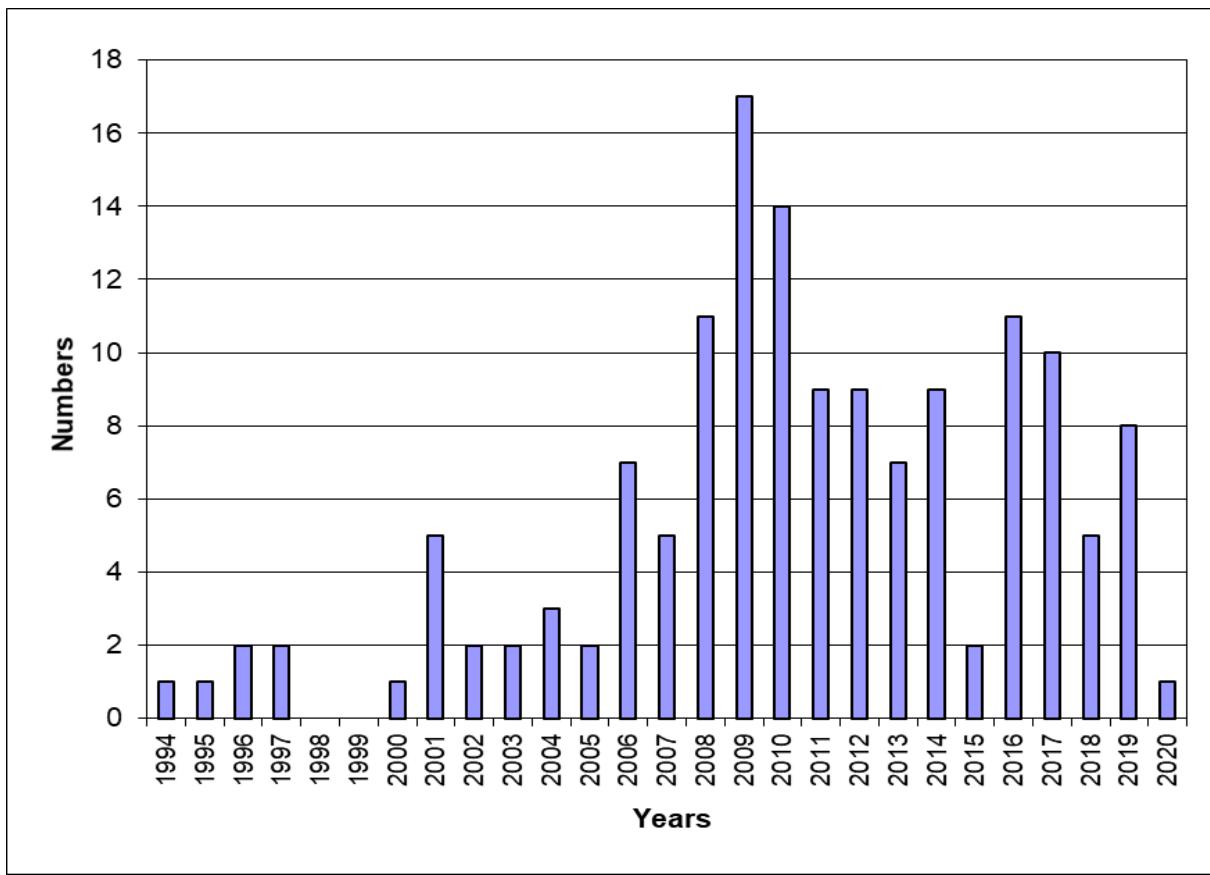


Figure S1. The temporal distribution of 146 articles examined in the first assessment and the last assessment stages.

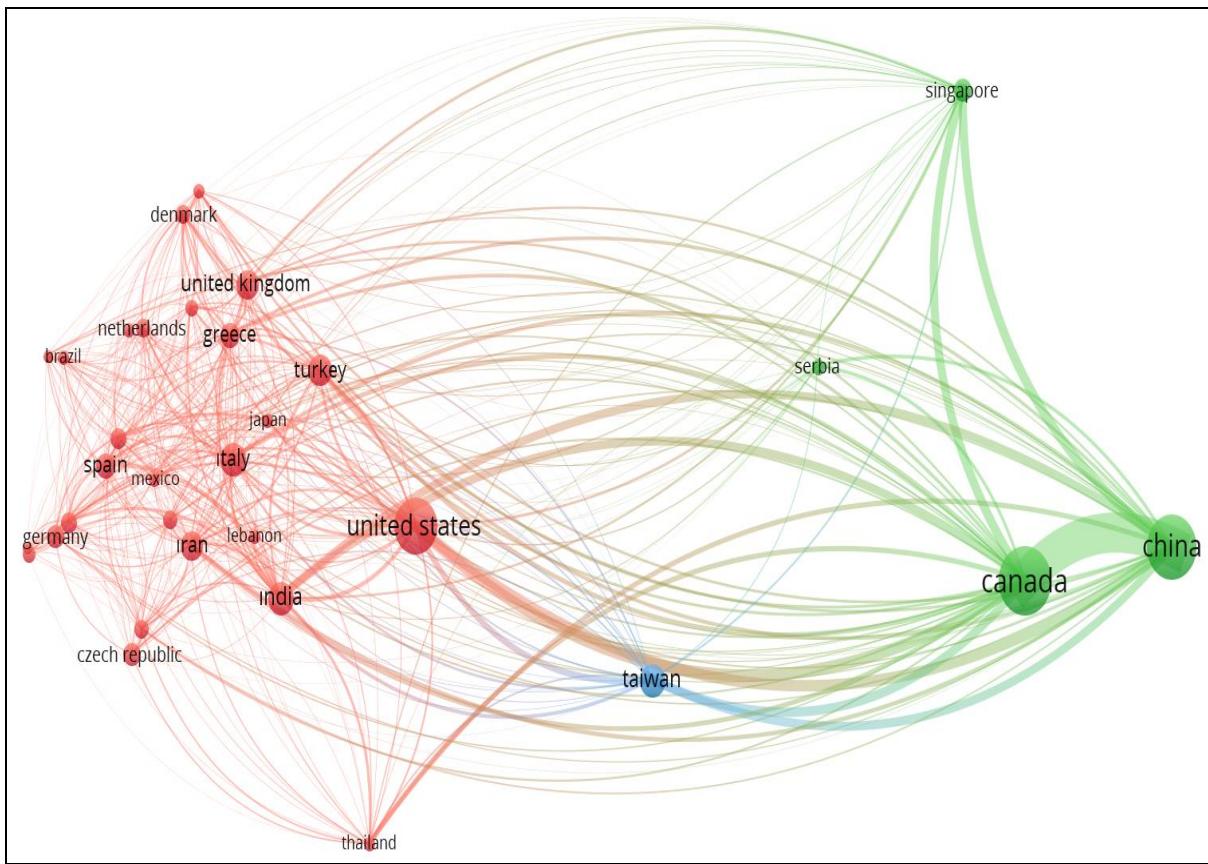


Figure S2. The bibliographic coupling of countries in publications.

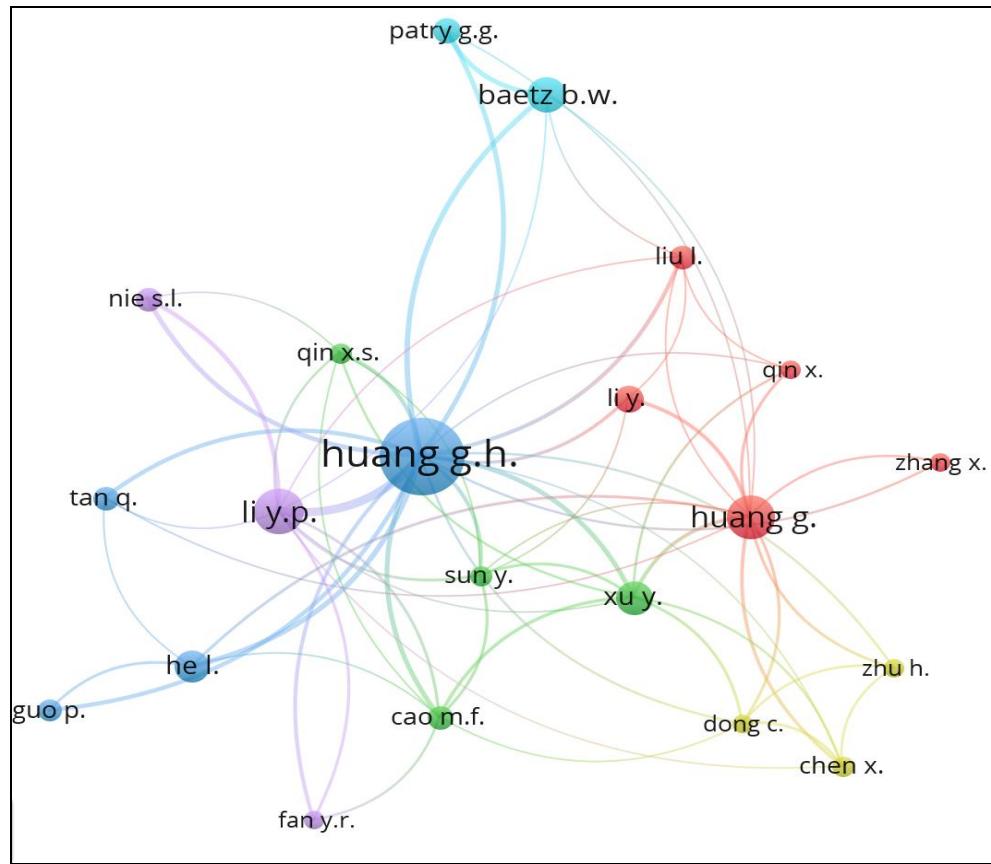


Figure S3. The co-authorship of authors in publications.

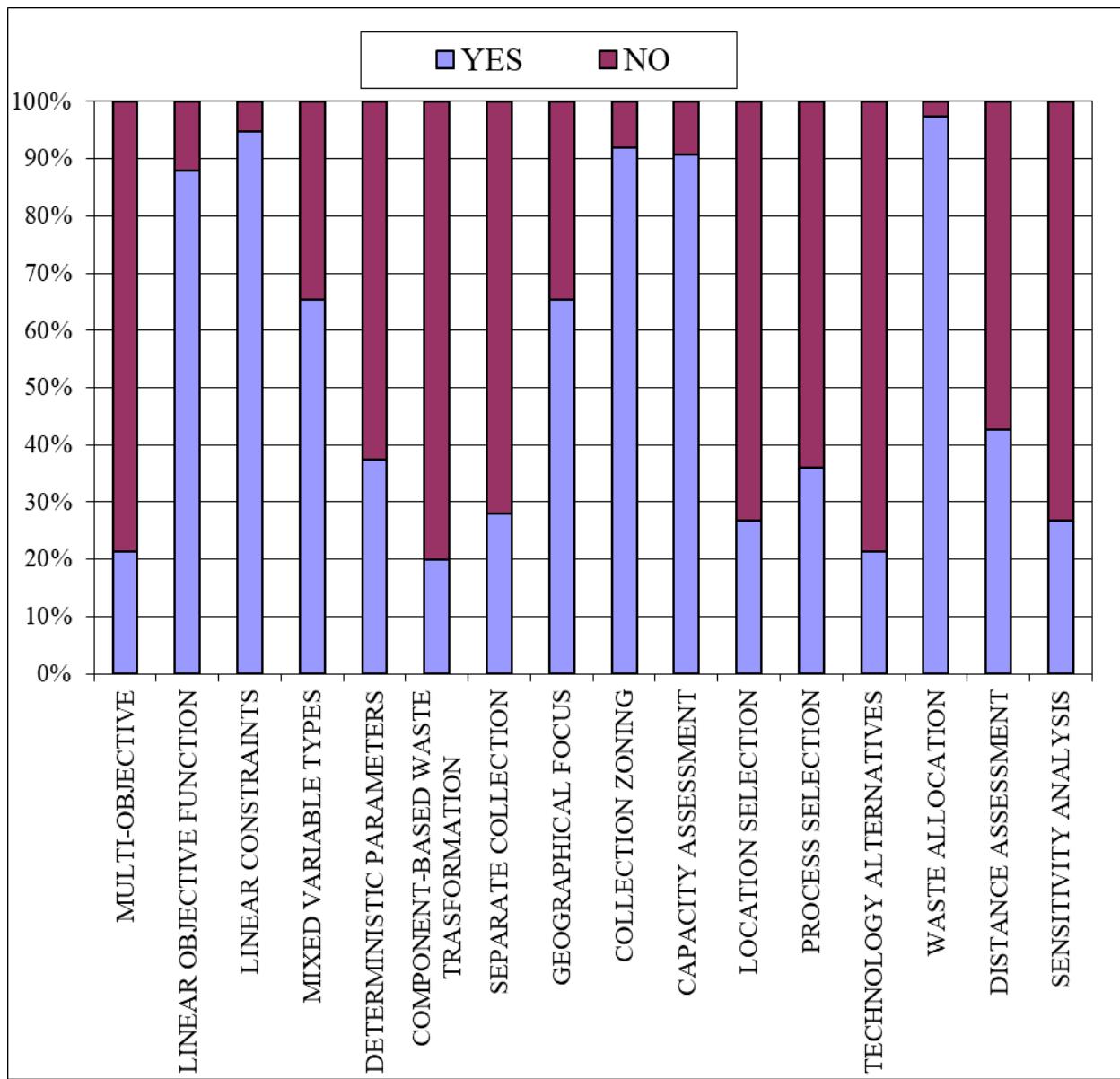


Figure S4. A summary of the findings obtained in the first assessment stage.