

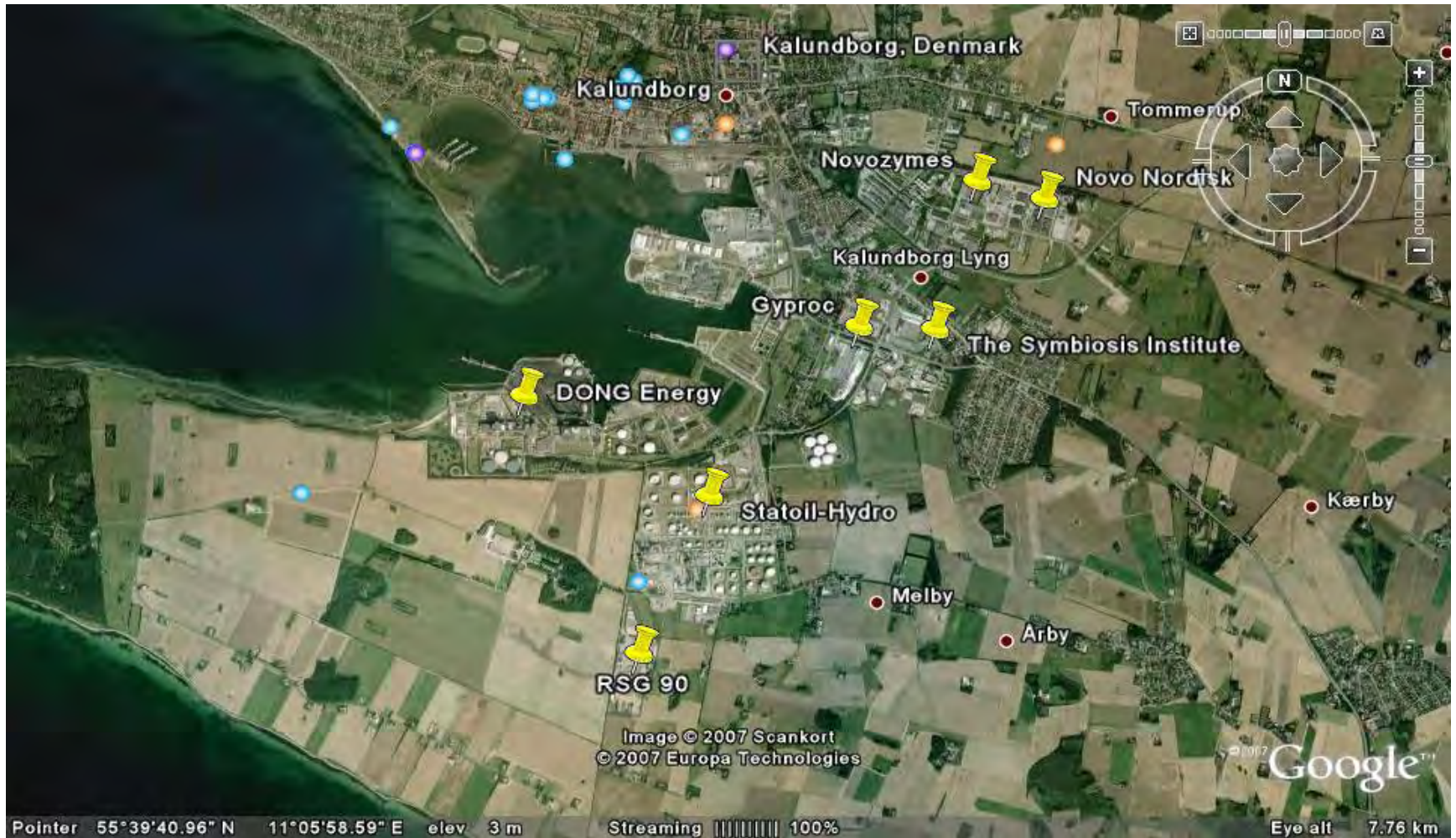


# SYMBIOSIS INDUSTRIEL COOPERATION

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# Kalundborg Symbiosis





The Industrial Symbiosis at Kalundborg  
is a resource and environmental network,  
consisting of more than thirty agreements between five  
industries, two waste handling companies, a  
wastewater treatment plant and the municipality.

# Asnæs Power Station



Production of  
**electricity and  
heat**

**120 employees**

**Denmark's  
largest  
power station**

**DONG**  
energy



# Statoil Refinery



Production of  
petrol and other  
oil-based  
products

350 employees

Denmark's  
largest oil  
refinery.



# NOVO NORDISK A/S

Production of insuline etc.



Altogether  
>4000  
employees

# NOVOZYMES A/S

Production of industrial enzymes





# Gyproc



Production of  
plaster boards.

165 employees





# RGS 90



Remediation of  
250.000 tons oil  
and metal  
polluted soil per  
year.

65 employees



# KARA/NOVEREN



Waste handling company, owned by 9 municipalities.

Kara/Noveren handles 350.000 tonnes of waste per year, recycling 82%



# Kalundborg Community



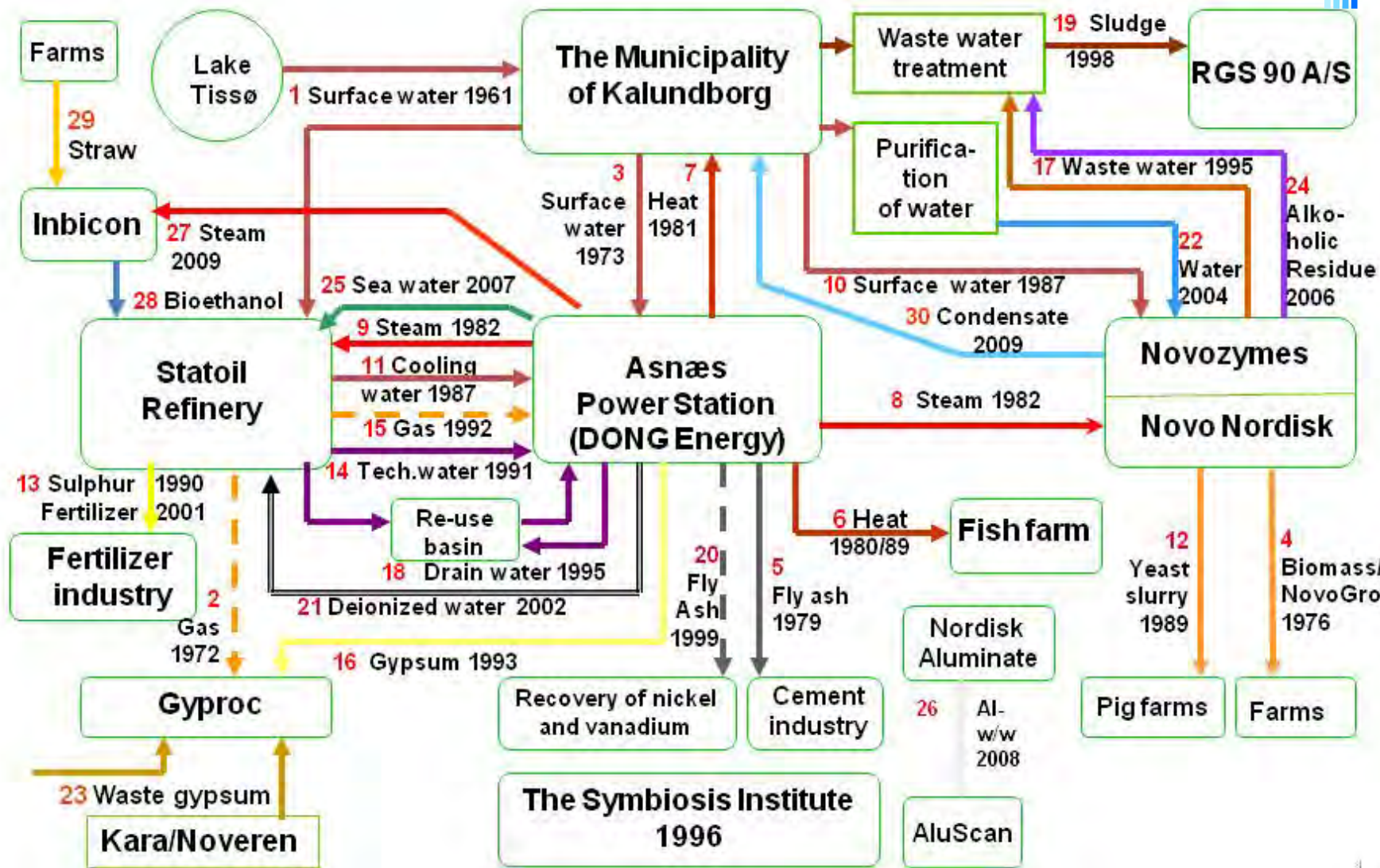
Supply of water  
and heat

50,000 inhabitants





# The Symbiosis projects 2010







## *What is Industrial Symbiosis?*

Our definition of  
Industrial Symbiosis:

It is collaboration between different industries for mutual economic and environmental benefit



## Principles for a Symbiosis project:

- "Someone's waste is another one's raw material"
- Economically and environmentally profitable
- Partners should be independent ("across the fence")



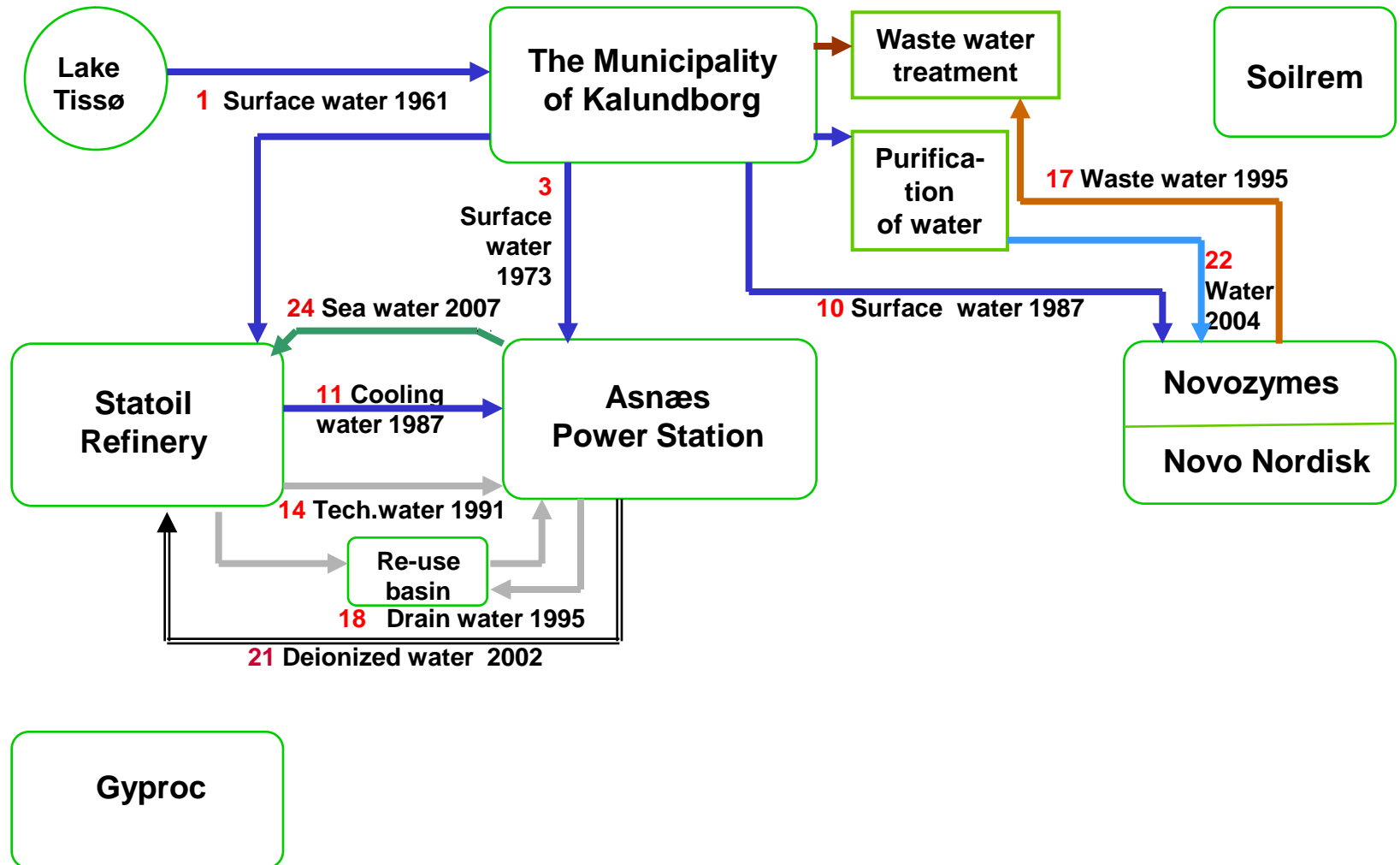
## Three types of projects:

Recycling of water:	14 Projects
Exchange of energy:	7 Projects
Recycling of waste products:	12 Projects

+ a special project: The Industrial Symbiosis Institute



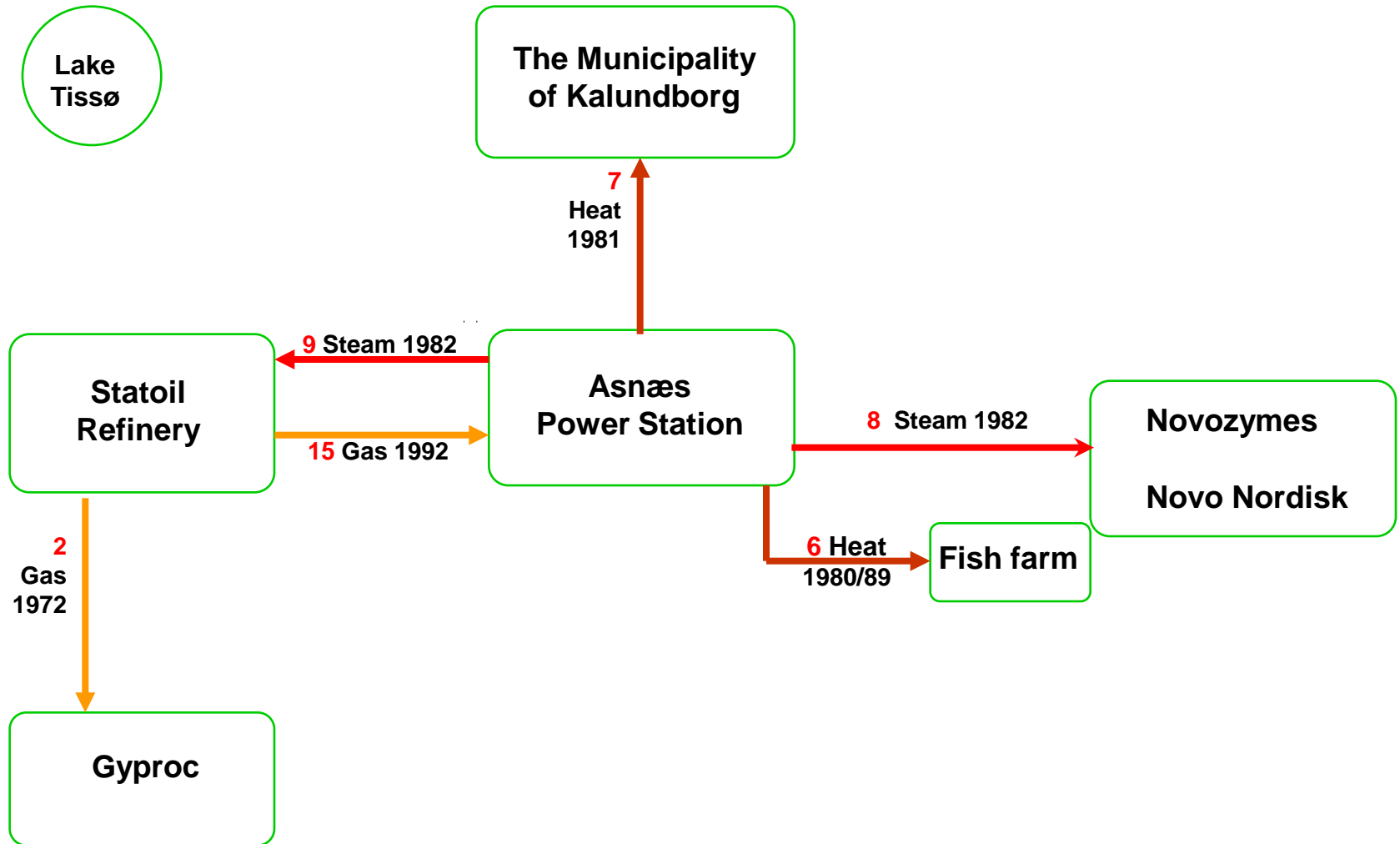
# WATER PROJECTS



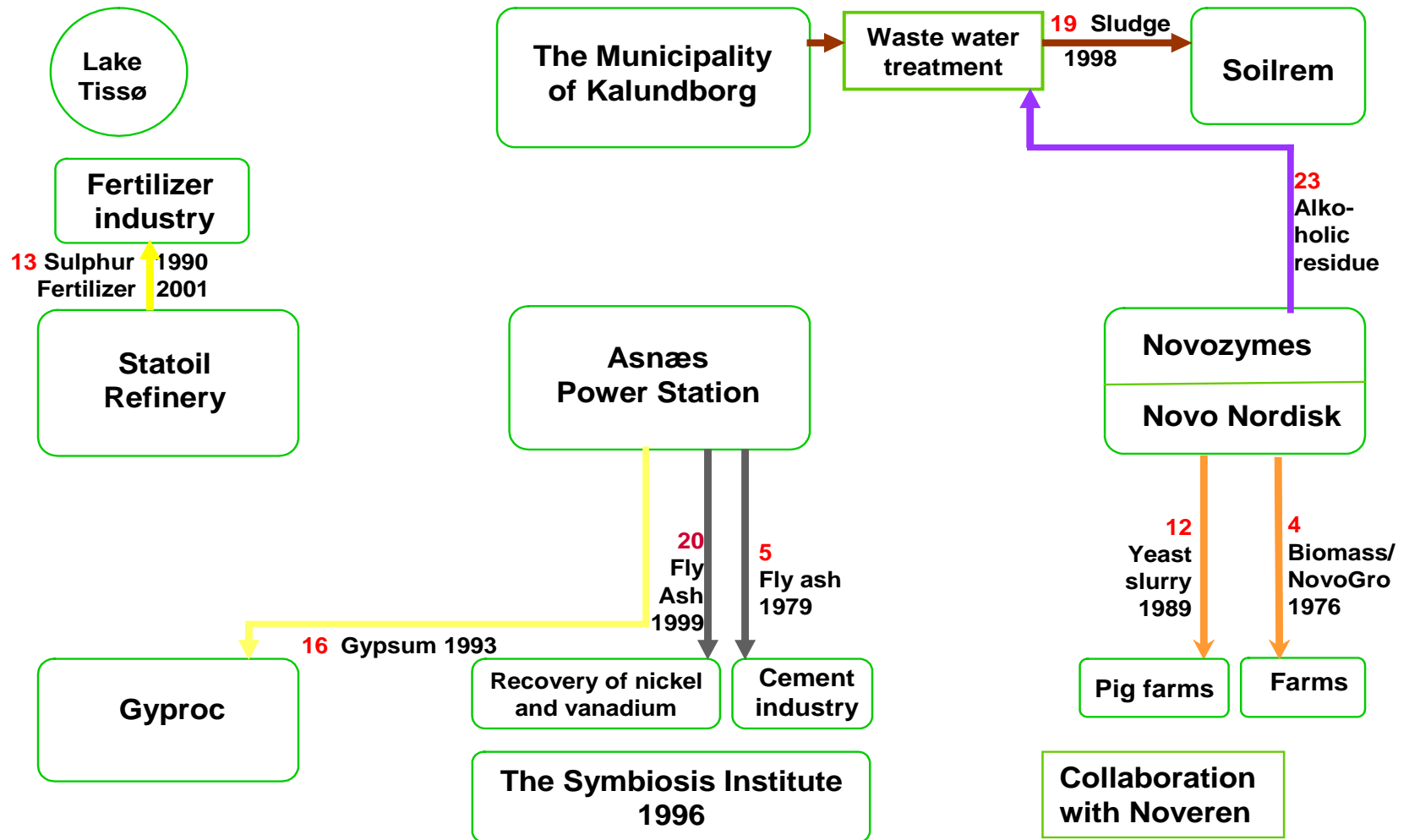




# ENERGY EXCHANGE



# (SOLID) WASTE EXCHANGES



# Gypsum production in 2009



98.039 tons from Asnæs block 5



## How did the symbiosis develop?

- A “non-project” made by a “non-organization”
- Not invented, but evolved through 3 decades
- Not by one person, but by many
- Projects were initiated independently
- The name “Industrial Symbiosis” was not introduced until 1989
- After that, the “symbiotic consciousness” spread





## Why did it evolve at Kalundborg?

- The industrial potential existed:  
Several large industries  
Limited physical distances  
"A good fit"
- The economic incentive existed
- There were no legal barriers
- The communication was good



## Resource savings.

### Examples:

- Ground water ..... 1,9 mill. m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Surface water ..... 1,0 mill. m<sup>3</sup>/year
- Natural gypsum ..... 200,000 tonnes/year
- Oil ..... 20,000 tonnes/year

Reduction of emissions to water and air  
is E.g. 240.000 t CO<sub>2</sub> per year.



- Economic Results (as of 1998):
- Total investments in 18 projects: ~ 75 mio. US\$
- Annual savings: > 15 mio. US\$
- Total savings until 1998: ~ 160 mio. US\$
- The economic results is much better to-day!



## Important factors for an industrial symbiosis:

- Participants must fit, but be different.
- Projects must be environmentally and commercially attractive
- There has to be a short physical distance between the participants.
- There has to be a short mental distance between the participants.
- Communication is more important than technology.





## Lessons to be learned from Kalundborg:

- The Kalundborg I.S. is a spontaneously developed network, - a bottom-up, not a top-down phenomenon.
- Economy was the initial incentive, - environmental idealism came later
- In practice, the mutual dependence between the partners has never been a problem
- Kalundborg has been used as a model for other IS projects
- Regulation can be an incentive to projects, but may also become a barrier
- Communication is more important than technology.



Systems make it possible,  
- but people make it happen!