

Detergents based on Renewable Raw Materials

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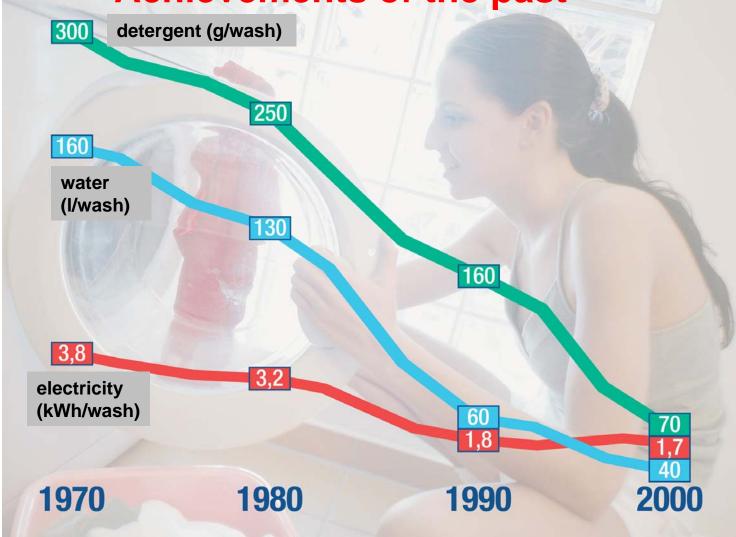
Detergents and Raw Materials

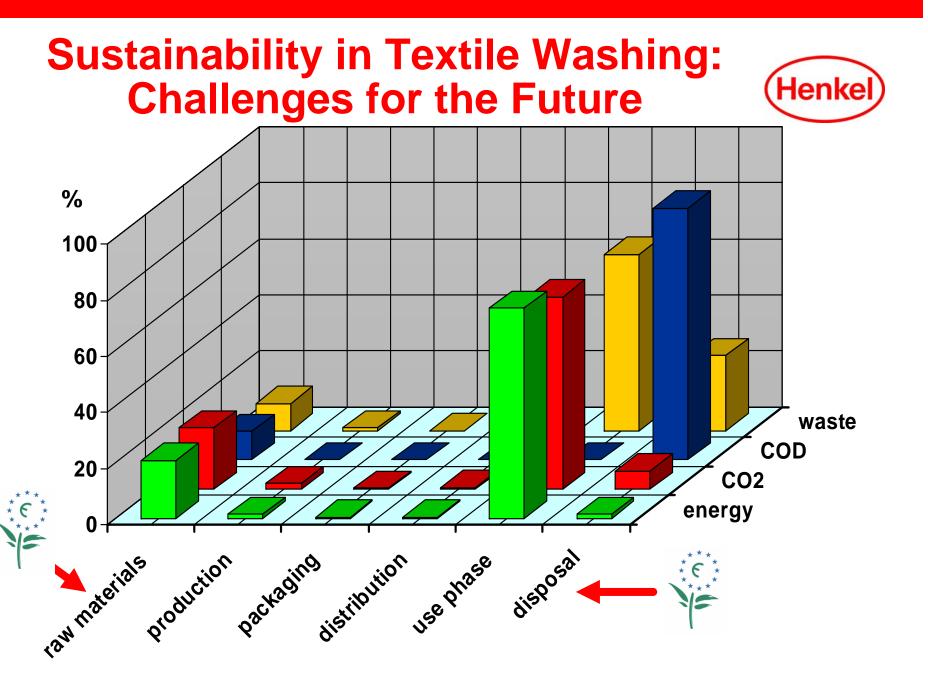


- Total tonnage in D 630 k t (detergents) + 220 k t (auxiliary detergents)
- Market volume in D was 3.689 billion € in 2005 → share of heavy duty detergent was 26 % (0.95 billion €)
- Search in Google® resulted in 10,100 hits!
- High potential for RRM in detergents due to high tonnages / volumes?

Sustainability in Textile Washing: Achievements of the past







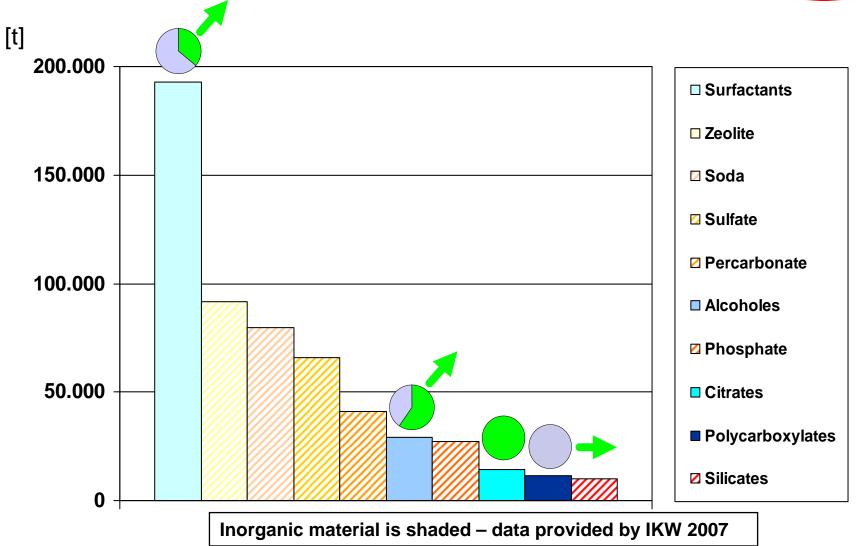
T-A-C-T: Sinner's Wash Cycle





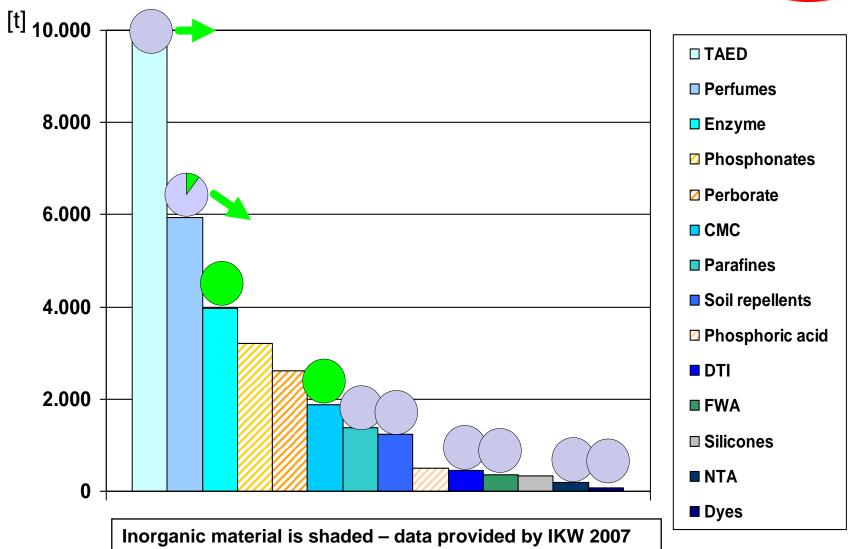
Detergent raw materials in D 2006 I





Detergent raw materials in D 2006 II





Renewable Raw Materials



- Renewable raw materials [RRM] are based on ...
 - Plants (palm kernel oil, coconut oil, ...)
 - **◆** Animals (tallow, amino acids, ...)
 - Fermentation (white biotechnology)
- Chemical processing is usually required → bio-refineries (Verbund)
- Prices of RRM are not only market driven but reflect political decisions as well.

Organic Detergent Ingredients: What is the Potential Renewable Resources?



- Surfactants (√)
- Alcohols (✓)
- Citrate ✓
- PCA -
- TAED +
- Perfumes (√)
- Enzymes ✓
- CMC (Carboxymethylcellulose) (✓)
- Paraffines –
- Soil repellents –
- DTI (Dye transfer inhibitors) –
- FWA (Fluorescent whitening agents) –

Enzymes in Detergents



- Hydrolases
 - Protease (various applications)
 - Glucosidase (Cellulase, Amylase)
 - Lipase
- Oxidoreductase
- Activase ?

Summary



- Renewable resources (or bio-based products) have a long and successful history in laundry detergents.
- Social factors (chemistry from food) are to be taken into account.
- There is a need for raw materials that ...
 - exert a specific activity that can help to lower washing temperatures.
 - are environmentally benign.
 - readily available at a competitive price.