

# ADEPT - A Tool to Evaluate Used Electronic Flows for the United States

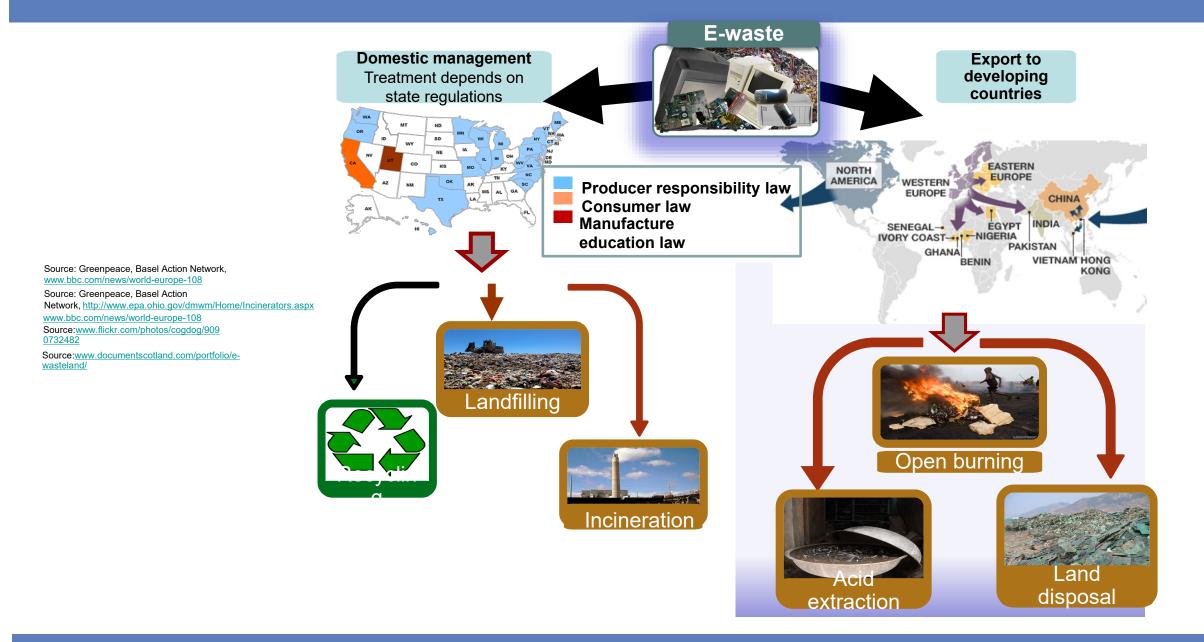
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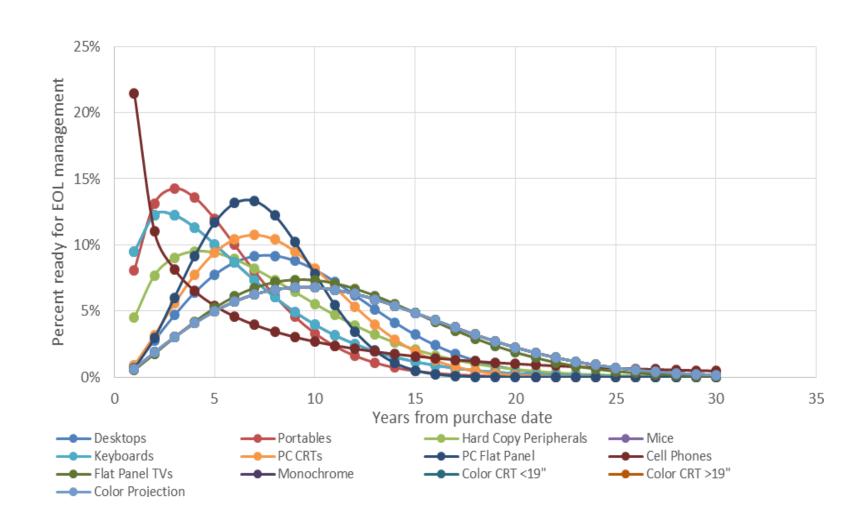
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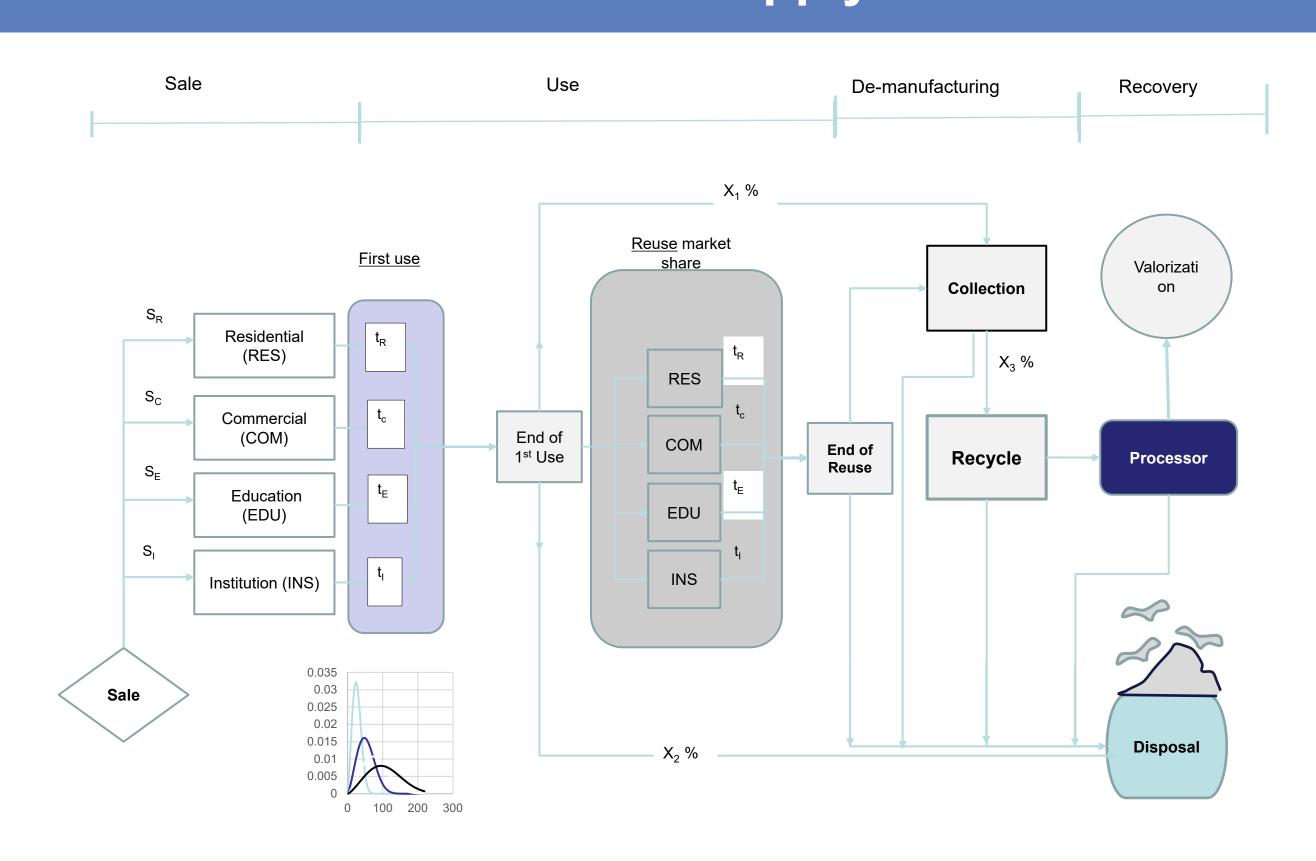
#### Overview



# Percentage of Products Ready for End-of-life Management after Each Year of Sale



#### E-waste – Flow – EoL Supply Chain Model



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Alternative Disposition of Electronics Planning Tool (ADEPT)

#### **Features**

- The ADEPT Tool is an Excel-based tool which evaluates the generation of used or disposed electronic items from nationally representative sales data.
- The state-level, national sales are disaggregated to a state level using state shares of national GDP.
- Does not account for specific state policies or actual state-level sales.
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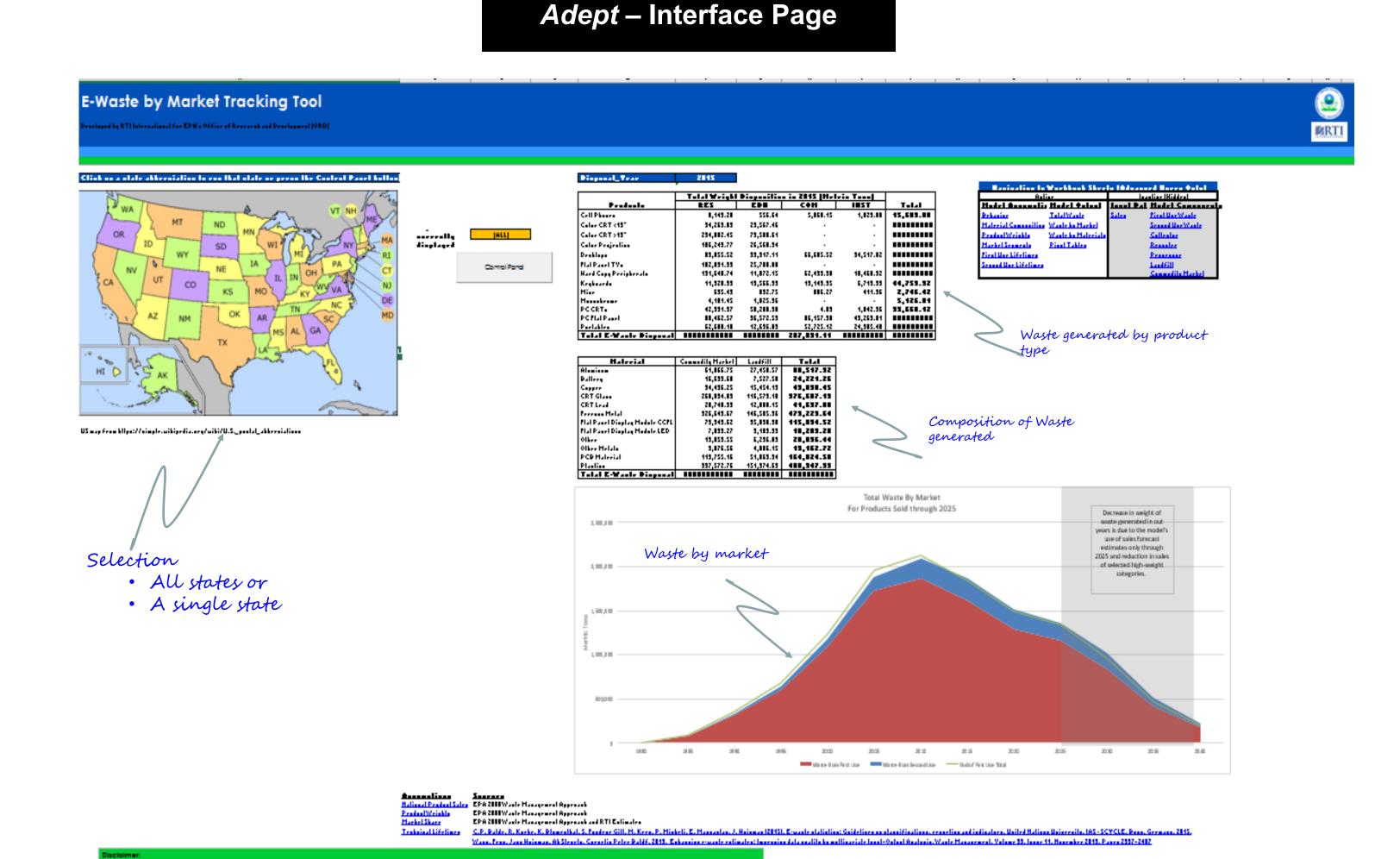
Residential Collection  $\rightarrow$  23.596/47.272 = 50%

Commercial collection  $\rightarrow$  8997/47,272 = 19%

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- flows of disposed materials between states are not in the accounting

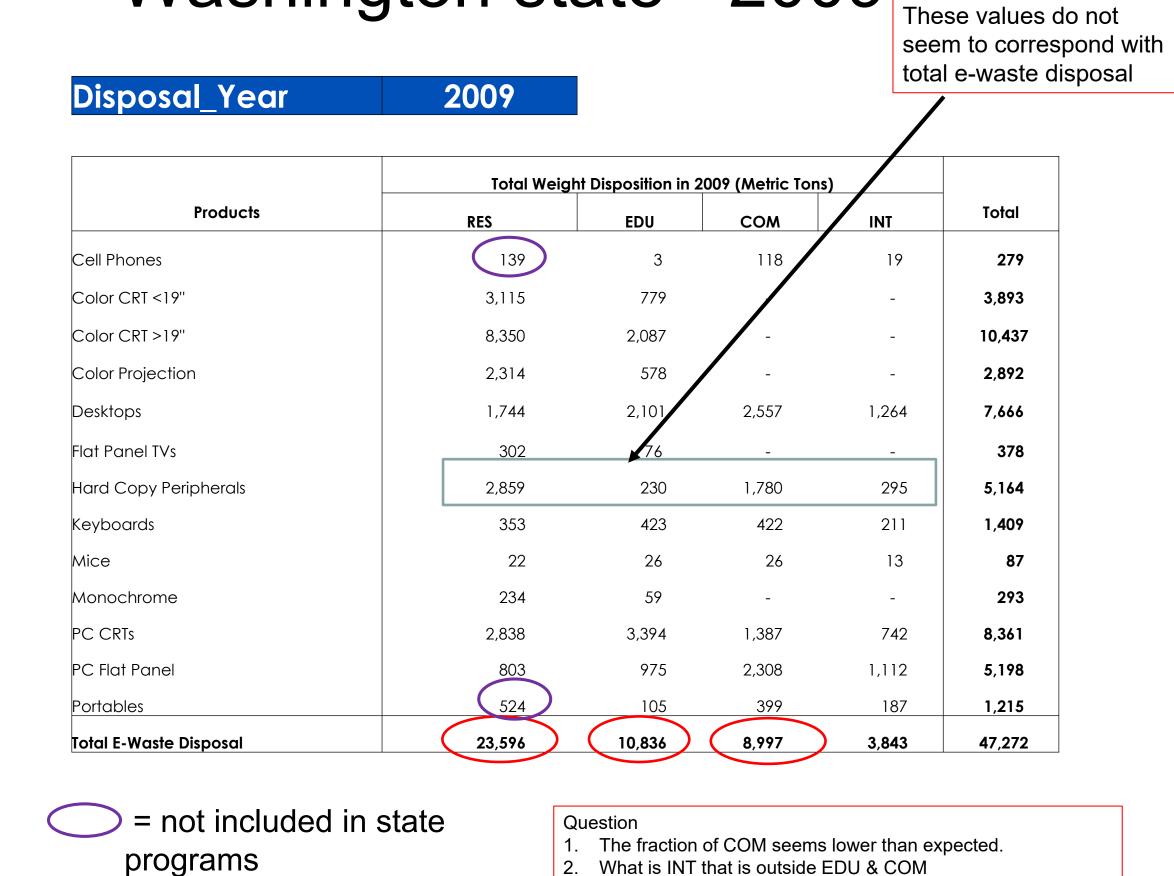
#### **Assumptions**

- Waste may be sent directly to landfill during each stage in the flow or through the recycling chain.
- At each step in the recycling chain (i.e., collectors to recyclers), there is a fixed materials extraction efficiency applied to all products.
- For example, the default efficiency parameter from collectors to recyclers is 85%. This means that 85% of materials continue to recyclers and the remaining 15% goes to landfill.
- These efficiency parameters can be adjusted in the Control Panel's Behavior tab. These incremental movements of product and material weight to landfill is cumulative.
- The Total E-Waste Disposal for landfill is the cumulative waste disposed, for a given year, across each of these steps
- Material composition for each product is static across years. This assumption is based on a laboratory study by the Rochester Institute of Technology (Babbitt et al., 2017).



### Adept - Applications & Use

## Washington state - 2009



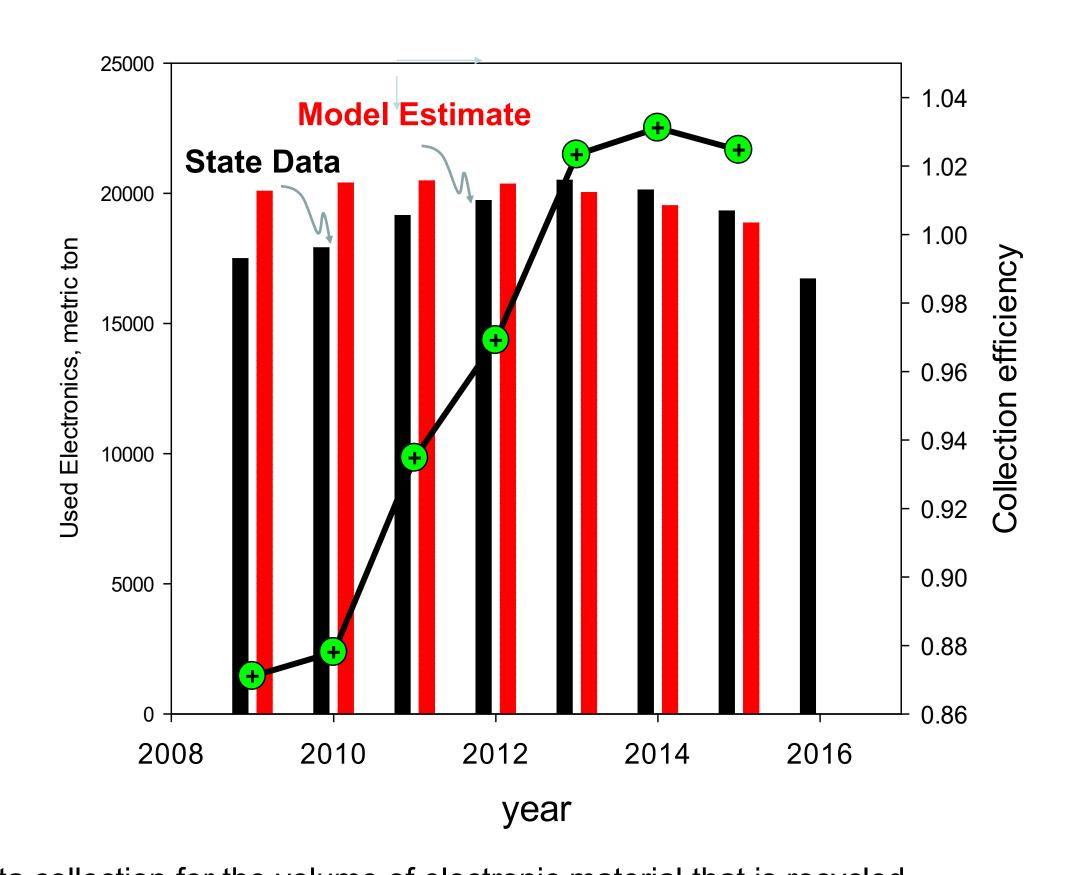
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waste. Is this only proprional to economic activity or more?

# Comparison of state collection data with model prediction for EoL electronics

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Washington State



26 states have passed laws requiring statewide e-waste recycling and data collection for the volume of electronic material that is recycled.

Additional states are working to pass new laws or improving existing laws.

Aggregate data collected by the states are available from different sources; however the data are incomplete. Data collection from states without a codified e-waste program is still a challenge.