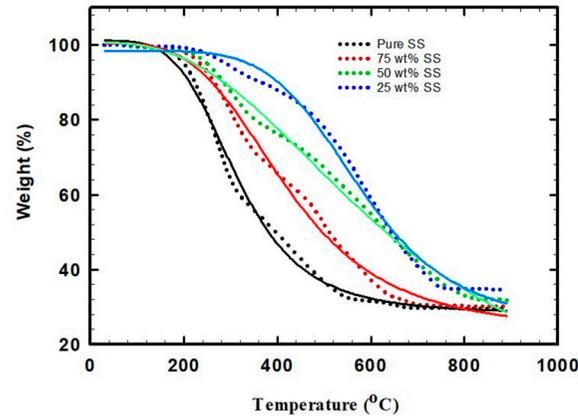


## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Thermal characterization, kinetic analysis and co-combustion of sewage sludge coupled with high ash Ekibastuz coal

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**Figure S1:** Regression analysis for the TGA curves for SS and bituminous coal at different blend ratios at heating of 15 °C/min in air.

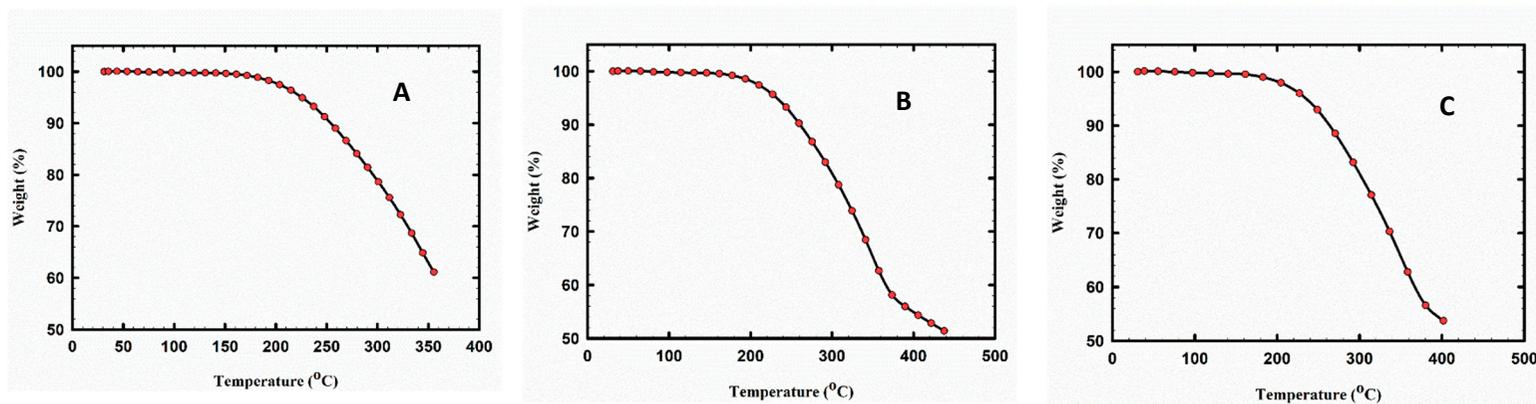
Regression models:

$$\text{Pure SS weight (\%)} = -10^{-9}T^4 + 3 * 10^{-6}T^3 - 0.0018T^2 + 0.2414T + 93.356 \quad (\text{E1})$$
$$R^2 = 0.9935$$

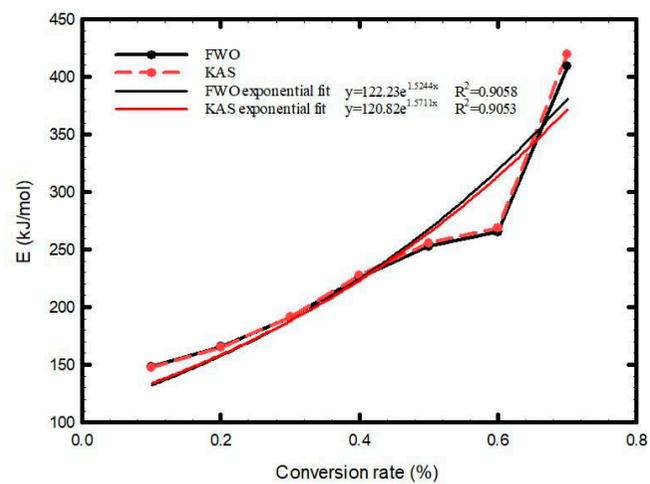
$$75 \text{ wt\% SS weight (\%)} = -5 * 10^{-10}T^4 + 10^{-6}T^3 - 0.001T^2 + 0.1707T + 93.846 \quad (\text{E2})$$
$$R^2 = 0.9970$$

$$50 \text{ wt\% SS weight (\%)} = 2 * 10^{-7}T^3 - 0.0003T^2 + 0.0496T + 98.541 \quad (\text{E3})$$
$$R^2 = 0.9969$$

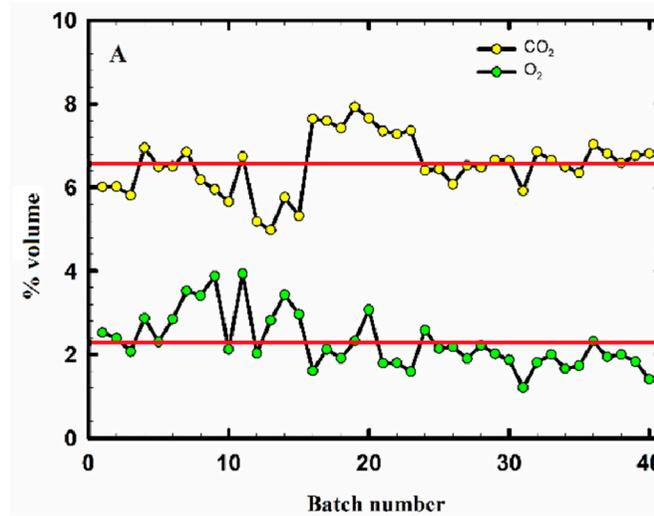
$$25 \text{ wt\% SS weight (\%)} = 10^{-9}T^4 - 10^{-6}T^3 + 0.0006T^2 - 0.0825T + 98.541 \quad (\text{E4})$$
$$R^2 = 0.9970$$



**Figure S2:** The thermographs of sewage sludge as obtained from the TGA experiments in nitrogen environment at A) 10 B) 15 C) 20 °C/min

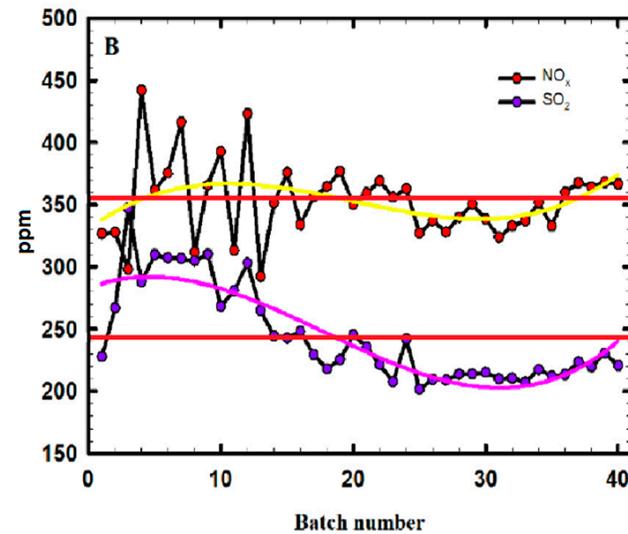


**Figure S3:** The exponential fit for both FWO and KAS models



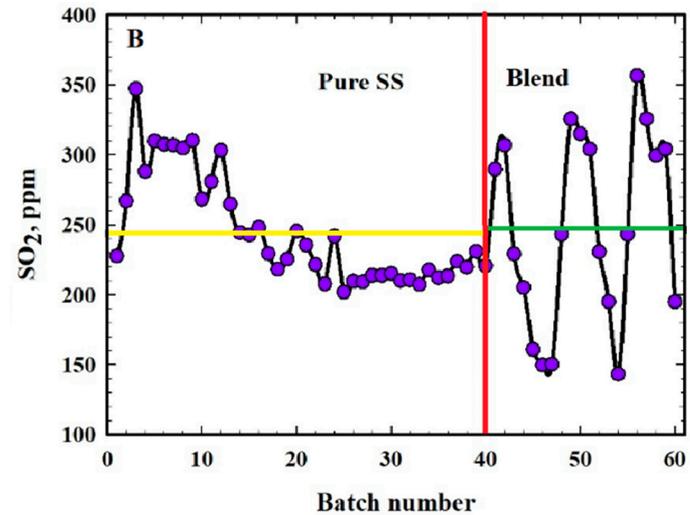
**Figure S4:** Analysis for O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations emissions during the mono-combustion of SS in BFB rig.

In Figure S4, the average values for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (6.55 % volume) and O<sub>2</sub> emissions (2.30 % volume) are shown. The standard deviations are  $\pm 0.69$  % volume and  $\pm 0.66$  % volume, respectively.



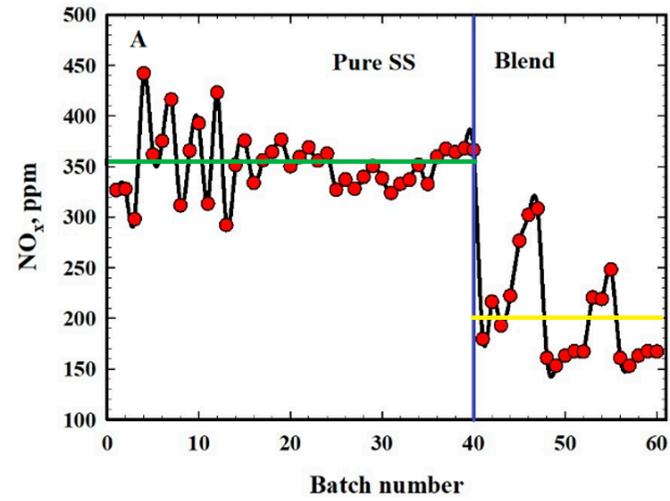
**Figure S5:** Analysis for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations emissions during the mono-combustion of SS in BFB rig.

In Figure S5, the average values for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions (353.23 ppm) and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions (244.42 ppm) are shown. The standard deviations are ±30.85 ppm and ±38.44 ppm, respectively.



**Figure S6:** Analysis for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions

In Figure S6, the average values for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions for pure SS (244.42 ppm) and blend (248.65 ppm) are shown. The standard deviations are ±38.44 ppm and ±68.22 ppm, respectively.



**Figure S7:** Analysis for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

In Figure S7, the average values for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for pure SS (353.23 ppm) and blend (200.53 ppm) are shown. The standard deviations are  $\pm 30.85$  ppm and  $\pm 49.65$  ppm, respectively.