

# Intro to Life Cycle Analysis

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Manufacturing

Mining

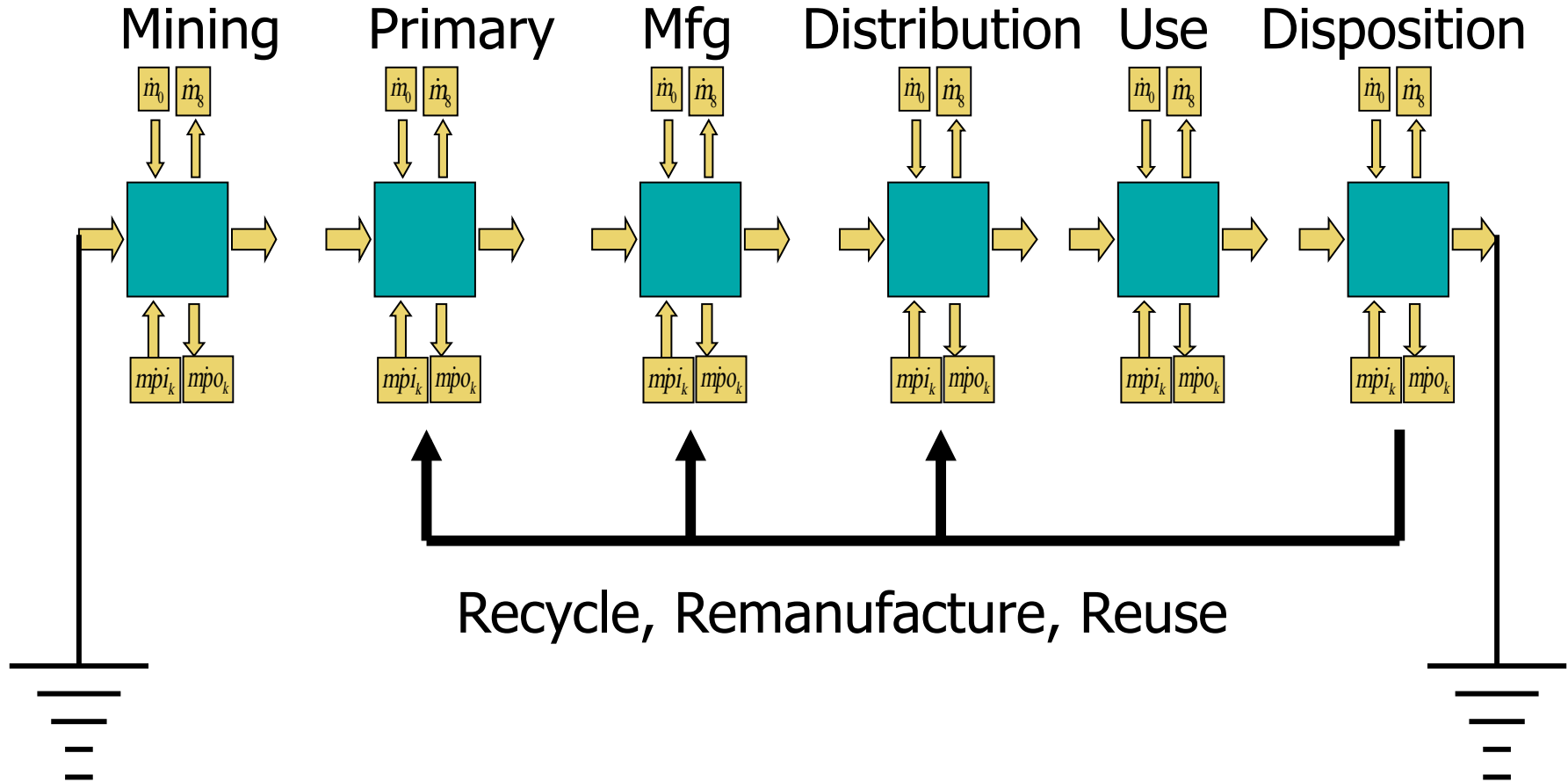
End of Life

Use Phase

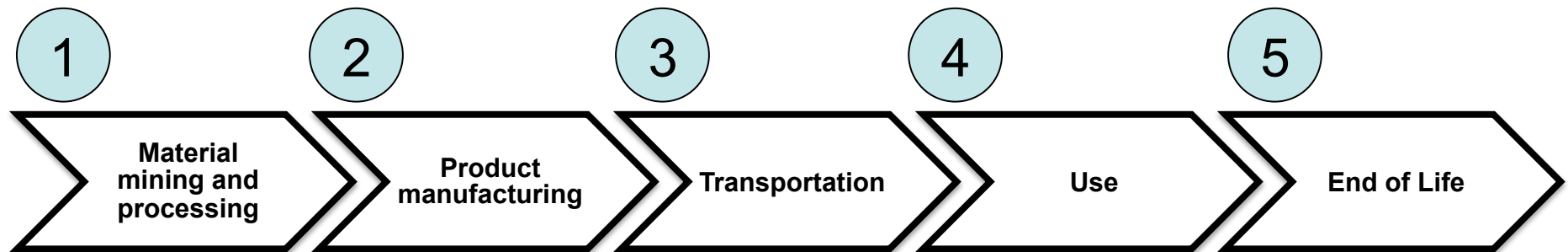


# Life Cycle Assessment


LCA is a methodology to account for and assess the environmental impacts from all phases / stages of a product life cycle





# LCA Exercise



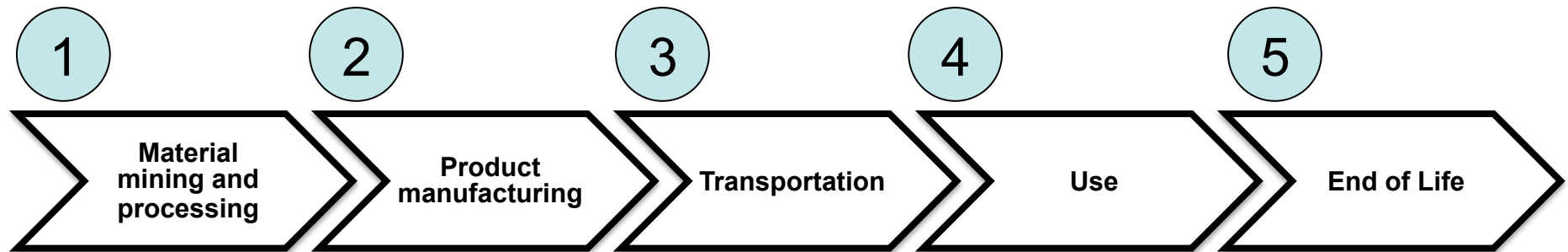
Energy Consumption:  $1 > 3 > 4 > 2 > 5$

Cooling? 

Landfill? 

Distance dependent? 

# Results: Yours



Product	Descending Order of Energy Consumption
Car	4>2 >1 >5 >3
Shoes	1>3 >2 >5 >4
Laundry Detergent	4>1 >2 >3 >5
Fleece Jacket	1>2 >4 >3 >5
Beer	1>2 >4 >3 >5
Milk	3>2 >4 >1 >5



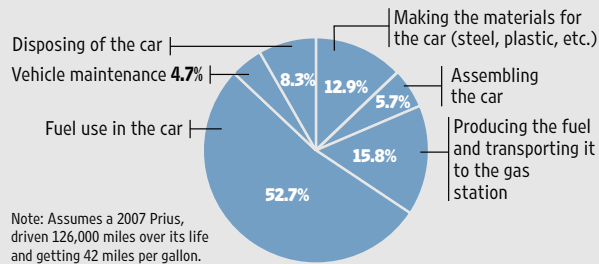
# Results: WSJ

## Measuring the Footprints

Greenhouse-gas emissions associated with six common products\*

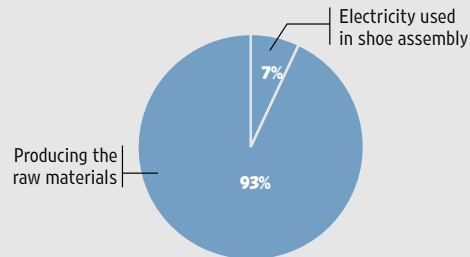
### CAR Toyota Prius

TOTAL FOOTPRINT: **97,000 pounds**



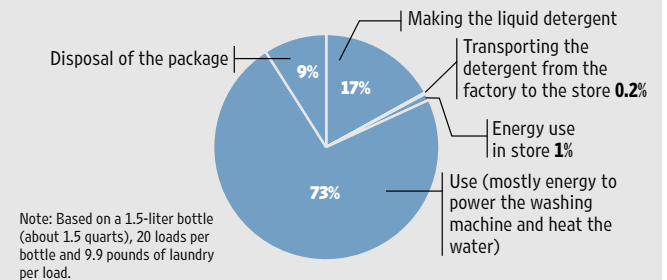
### PAIR OF HIKING BOOTS Timberland Winter Park Slip On Boots

TOTAL FOOTPRINT: **121 pounds**



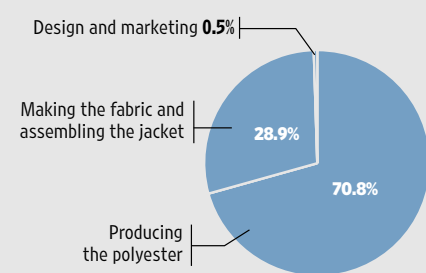
### LAUNDRY DETERGENT Tesco Non-Biological Liquid Wash

TOTAL FOOTPRINT: **31 pounds**



### FLEECE JACKET Patagonia Talus jacket

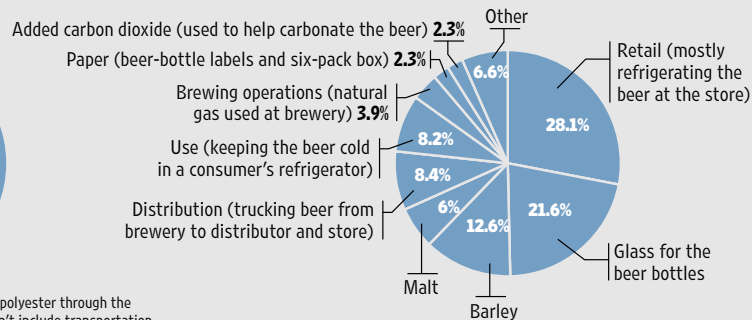
TOTAL FOOTPRINT: **66 pounds<sup>†</sup>**



<sup>†</sup>Includes emissions from producing the oil that's used to make the polyester through the jacket's arrival at Patagonia's distribution center in Reno, Nev. Doesn't include transportation from the distribution center to retail stores, which Patagonia says is negligible.

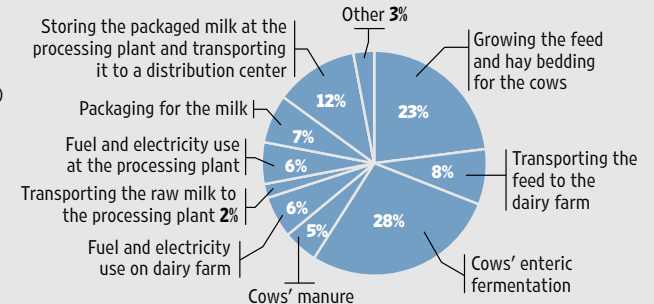
### SIX-PACK OF BEER Fat Tire Amber Ale

TOTAL FOOTPRINT: **7 pounds**



### HALF-GALLON OF MILK Aurora Organic Dairy

TOTAL FOOTPRINT: **7.2 pounds<sup>††</sup>**



<sup>††</sup>Data for a half-gallon of Aurora organic milk; number for other milks may vary

\*Footprints are expressed in carbon-dioxide-equivalent pounds. Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

Sources: Toyota; Kreider & Associates; Timberland; Tesco; Patagonia; New Belgium Brewing Co.; Aurora Organic Dairy; University of Michigan's Center for Sustainable Systems

Six Products, Six Carbon Footprints, WSJ, 2009

# Introduction to Product Analysis

## What is the impact of a product?

- What impact are we interested in?
- What unit of service is provided?
- 1. What is it made of?
- 2. How is it made?
- 3. Is it transported a long distance?
- 4. How is it used?
- 5. How is it disposed of?



# Challenges

- ❑ Boundary and Scope

  - ❑ What does each phase mean?

  - ❑ What is actually included?

- ❑ Geo-temporal

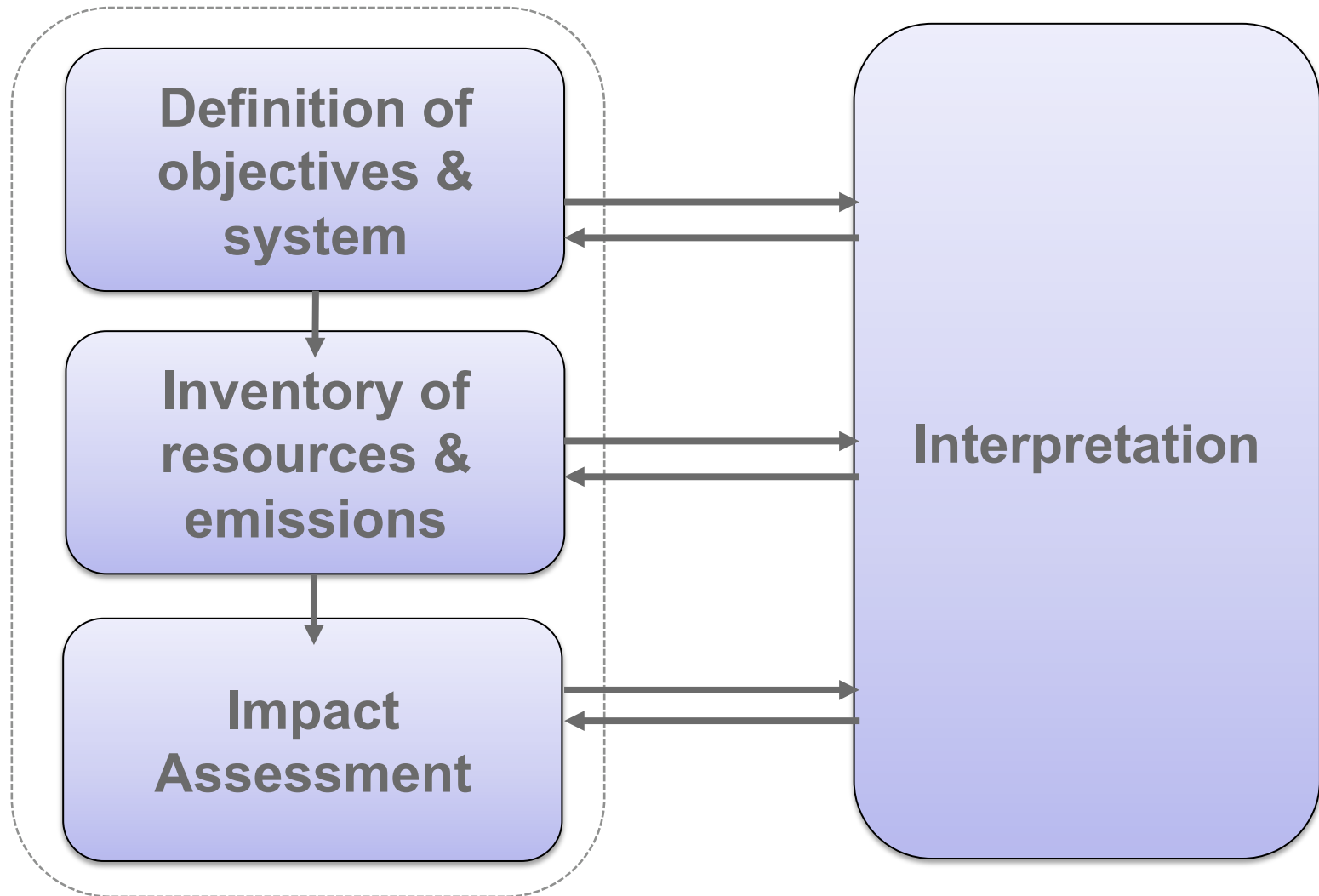
- ❑ Uncertainty

- ❑ Functional Unit

- ❑ Data Quality

- ❑ Methodological Choices

# Life Cycle Assessment: Framework (ISO)



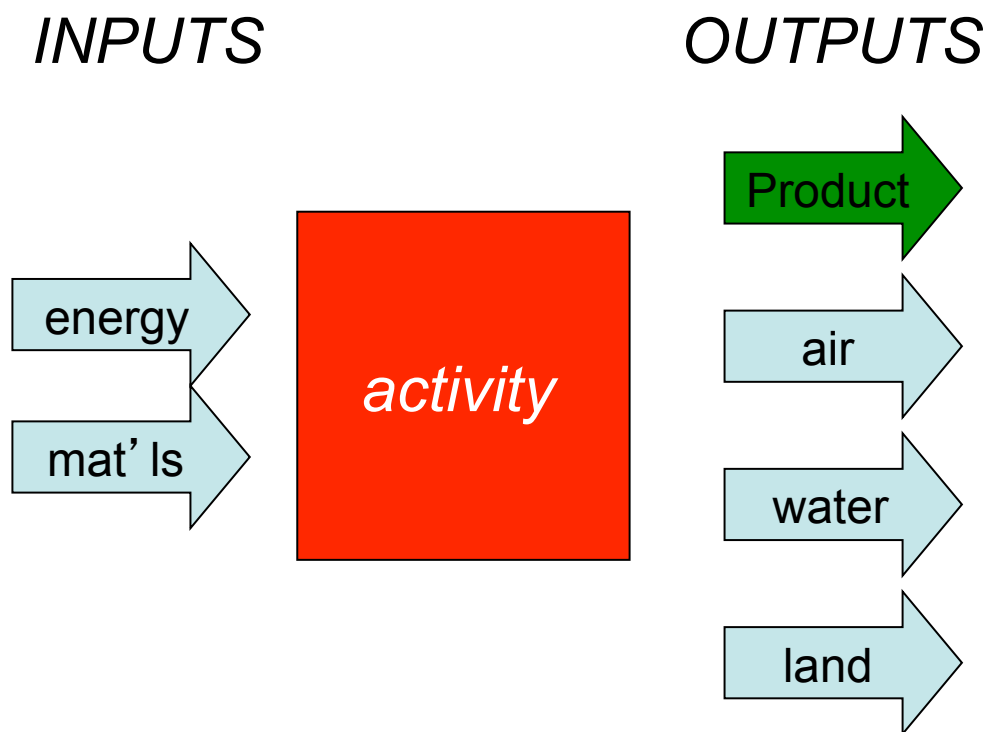
ISO 14044 and other 14000



# Life Cycle Inventory

- LCI collected data on material inputs and outputs
- $LCA = LCI + \text{Impact Analysis}$
- Impact Analysis Issues:
  - Converting LCI to ‘comprehensible’ impacts
    - Human Health
    - Ecotoxicity
    - Natural Resources
    - Others

# Life Cycle Inventory



# Life Cycle Perspective

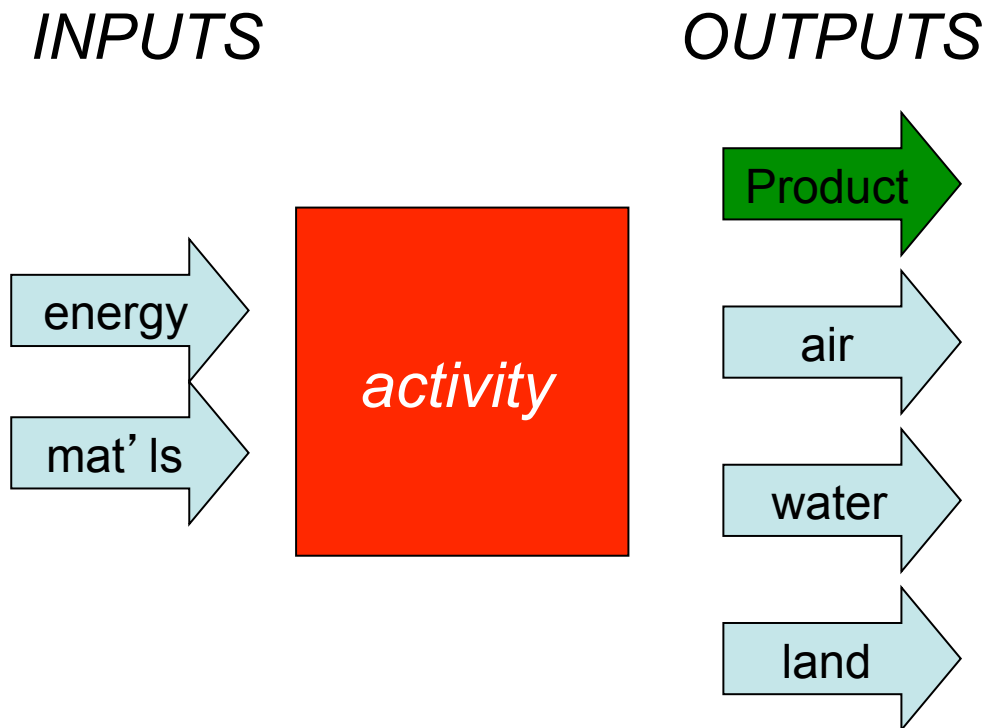
- In theory boundaries start from earth as the **source**, and return to earth as the **sink**
- Evaluation is often focused on a **product** or **service**
- Tracking is of **materials**
- **Time** stands still

# **Estimations Methods**

- Streamlined Life-cycle Assessment (SLCA)
  - Eco-Audit (Ashby)
- Process Models (LCA)
- Input / Output Models (EIO-LCA)
- Hybrid Models



# *Streamlined LCA*



*Issues:*

- 1. qualitative Vs quantitative*
- 2. aggregation*

# *Evaluation Matrix for SLCA, $M_{ij}$*

Life Cycle Stages	Materials Choice	Energy Use	Solid Residues	Liquid Residues	Gaseous Residues
<i>Extraction and Refining</i>	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Manufacturing</i>	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Product Delivery</i>	31	32	33	34	35
<i>Product Use</i>	41	42	43	44	45
<i>Refurbishment, Recycling, Disposal</i>	51	52	53	54	55

## *Scoring $M_{21}$ (mat'ls used in mfg)*

- $M_{21} = 0$  when product mfg requires relatively large amounts of restricted mat'ls (limited supply, toxic, radioactive) and alternatives are available.
- $M_{21} = 4$  when mat'ls used in mfg are completely closed loop and minimum inputs are required.

# *Automobile Example; Manufacturing Ratings 0-4 (best)♪*

<i>Element Designation♪</i>		<i>Element Value &amp; Explanation: 1950s Auto♪</i>		<i>Element Value &amp; Explanation: 1990s Auto♪</i>	
<i>Matls. choice♪</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	Chlorinated solvents, cyanide	<b>3</b>	Good materials choices, except for lead solder waste
<i>Energy use♪</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	Energy use during manufacture is high	<b>2</b>	Energy use during manufacture is fairly high
<i>Solid residue♪</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	Lots of metal scrap and packaging scrap produced	<b>3</b>	Some metal scrap and packaging scrap produced
<i>Liq. Residue♪</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	Substantial liquid residues from cleaning and painting	<b>3</b>	Some liquid residues from cleaning and painting
<i>Gas residue♪</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	Volatile hydrocarbons emitted from paint shop	<b>3</b>	Small amounts of volatile hydrocarbons emitted

taken from Graedel 1998



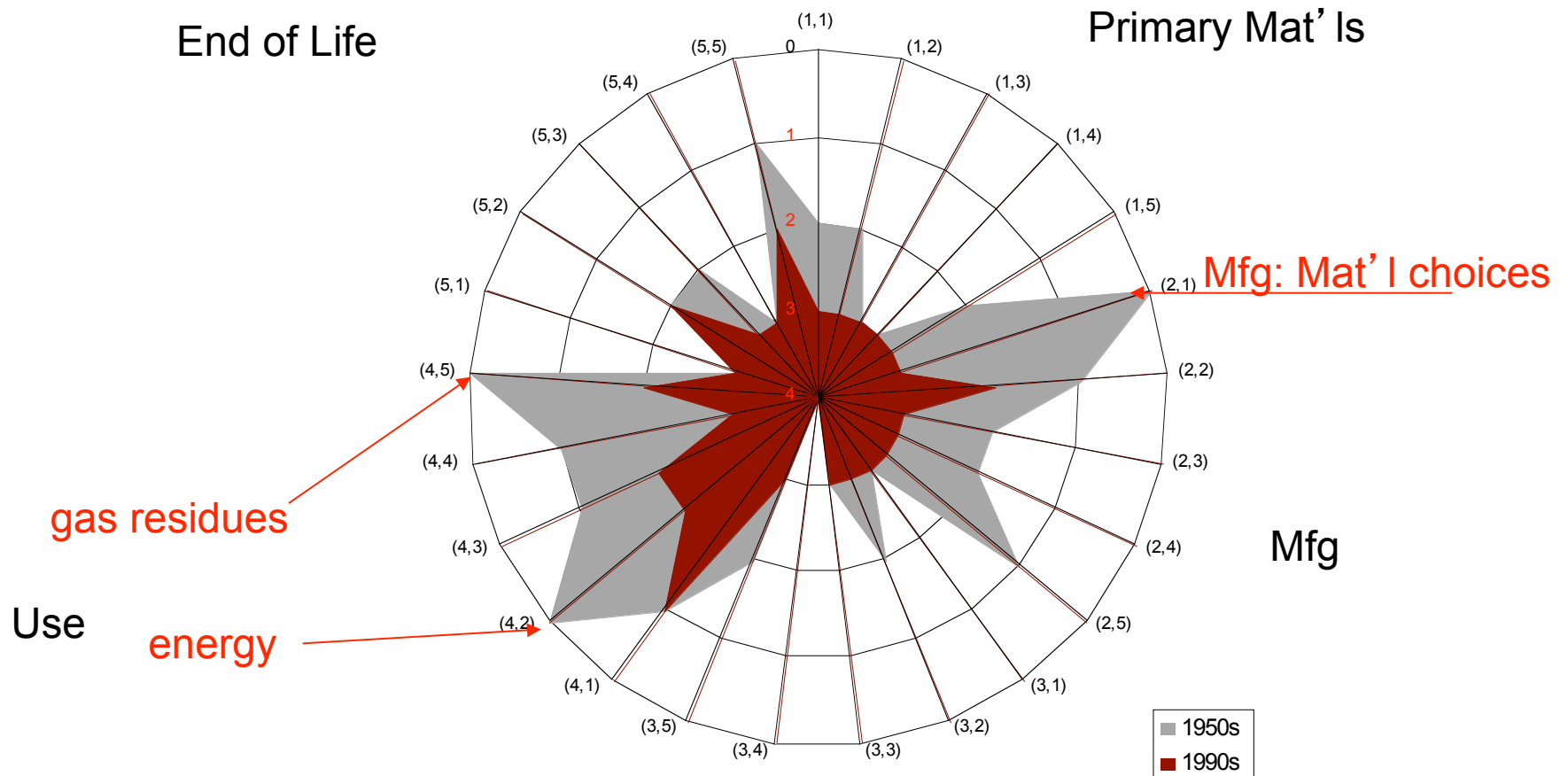
# *Product Assessment Matrix for the Generic 1950s Automobile [Graedel 1998]♪*

	<b>Environmental Stressor</b>					
<b>Life Cycle Stage</b>	<b>Materials Choice</b>	<b>Energy Use</b>	<b>Solid Residues</b>	<b>Liquid Residues</b>	<b>Gaseous Residues</b>	<b>Total</b>
Premanufacture	2	2	3	3	2	12/20
Product Manufacture	0	1	2	2	1	6/20
Product Delivery	3	2	3	4	2	14/20
Product Use	1	0	1	1	0	3/20
Refurbishment, Recycling, Disposal	3	2	2	3	1	11/20
<b>Total</b>	<b>9/20</b>	<b>7/20</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>13/20</b>	<b>6/20</b>	<b>46/100</b>

# *Product Assessment Matrix for the Generic 1990s Automobile [Graedel 1998]♪*

Life Cycle Stage	Environmental Stressor					Total
	Materials Choice	Energy Use	Solid Residues	Liquid Residues	Gaseous Residues	
Premanufacture	3	3	3	3	3	15/20
Product Manufacture	3	2	3	3	3	14/20
Product Delivery	3	3	3	4	3	16/20
Product Use	1	2	2	3	2	10/20
Refurbishment, Recycling, Disposal	3	2	3	3	2	13/20
Total	13/20	12/20	14/20	16/20	13/20	68/100

*Target plot of the estimated SLCA impacts for generic automobiles for the 1950s and 1990s*



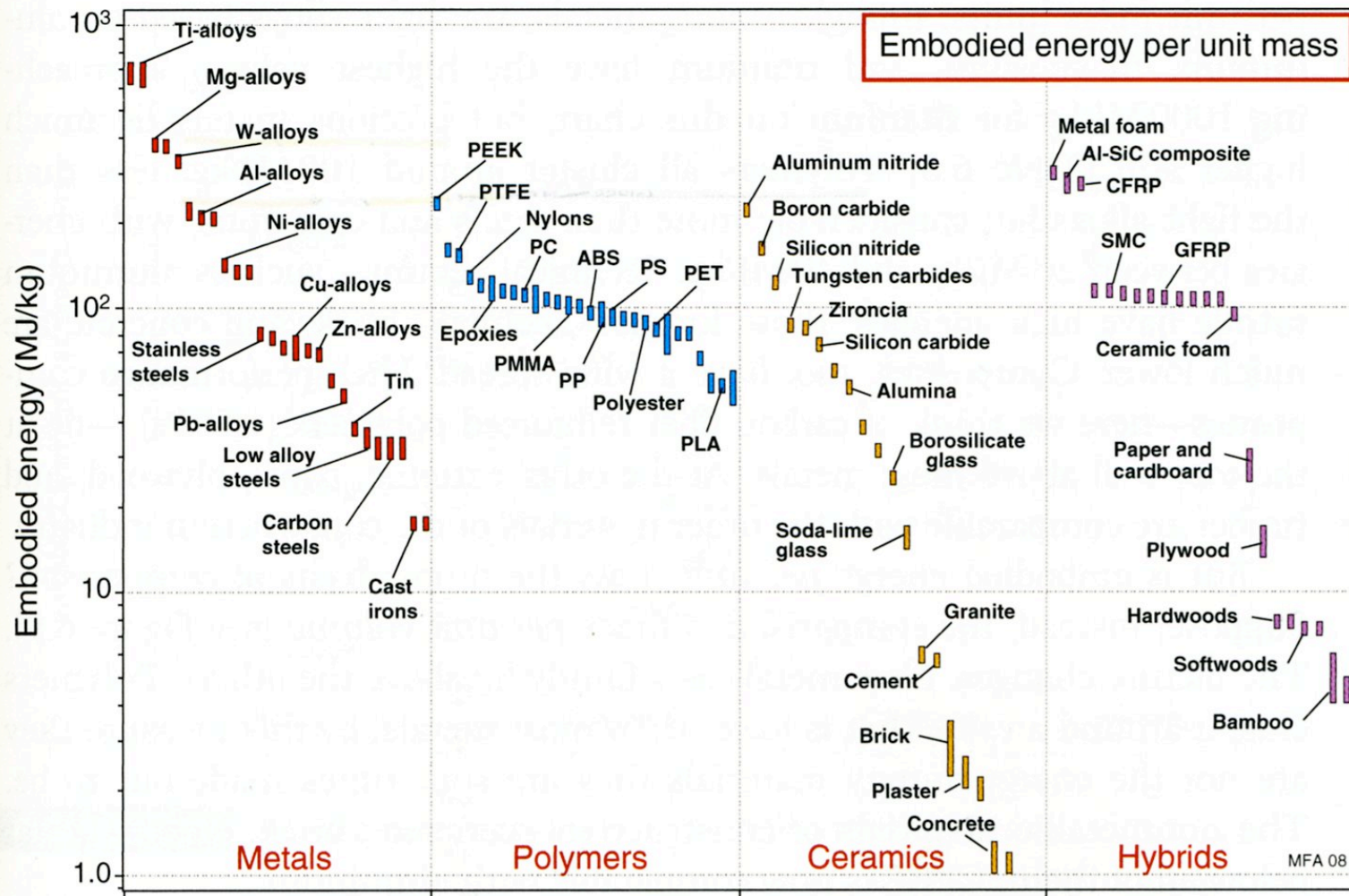
distribution [Graedel 1998]

# Eco-Audit for Energy

1. Materials Production
2. Manufacturing
3. Transport
4. Use Phase
5. End of Life







**FIGURE 6.8** A bar chart of the embodied energies of materials per unit mass.

Ashby 2009

# Estimate Manufacturing Methods

TABLE 1. EMPIRICAL MANUFACTURING ENERGY STUDIES

Manufacturing Process	Energy Requirement Range (MJ/kg processed)			Source
Coventional Manufacturing				
Machining	5.3	-	7.5	[4]
Milling	1.3	-	2.6	
Grinding		8.8		[5]
Iron Casting	19	-	29	[3]
Sand casting	11.6	-	15.4	[6]
die casting		14.9		[7]
Forging		16.3		[8]
Finish Machining		24		[9]
Advanced Manufacturing				
Waterjet (Nylon)	150	-	214	[10]
Waterjet (Steel)	167	-	238	
Waterjet (Al)	195	-	1670	

[ 1 ]

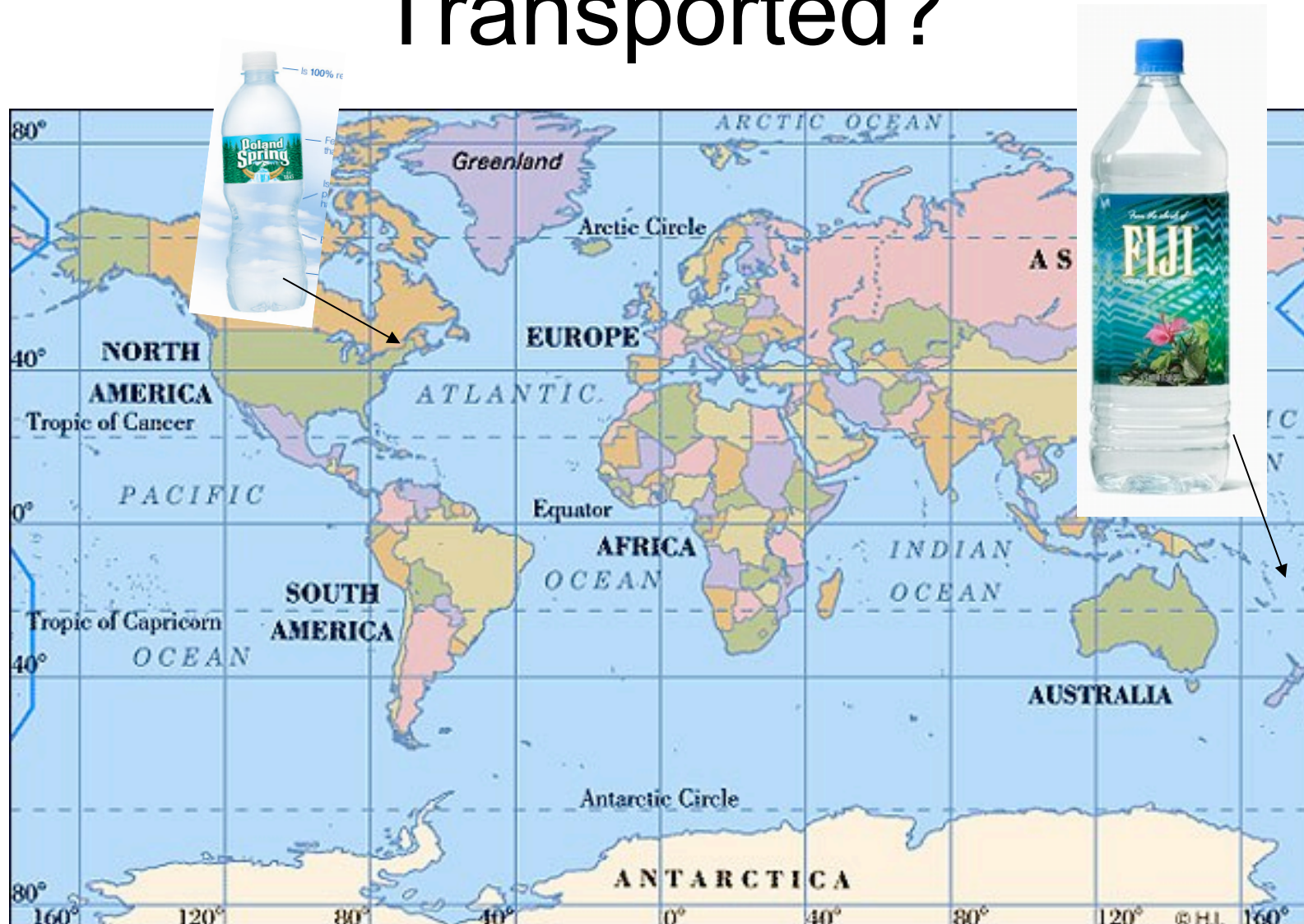
Table 2

Manufacturing methods	Energy intensity (MJ/kg)
Autoclave molding	21.9 <sup>a</sup>
Spray up	14.9 <sup>b</sup>
Resin transfer molding (RTM)	12.8 <sup>b</sup>
Vacuum assisted resin infusion (VARI)	10.2 <sup>b</sup>
Cold press	11.8 <sup>b</sup>
Preform matched die	10.1 <sup>b</sup>
Sheet molding compound (SMC)	3.5 <sup>b</sup>
Filament winding	2.7 <sup>b</sup>
Pultrusion	3.1 <sup>b</sup>
Prepreg production	40.0 <sup>b</sup>
Injection molding (hydraulic)	19.0 <sup>c</sup>
Glass fabric manufacturing	2.6 <sup>d</sup>
Iron casting (Cupola)	13.6 <sup>c</sup>

Table 1: N. Duque Ciceri, T. G. Gutowski, M. Garetti, 2010, and

Table 2: Young S. Song, Jae R. Youn, Timothy G. Gutowski,

# Transported?





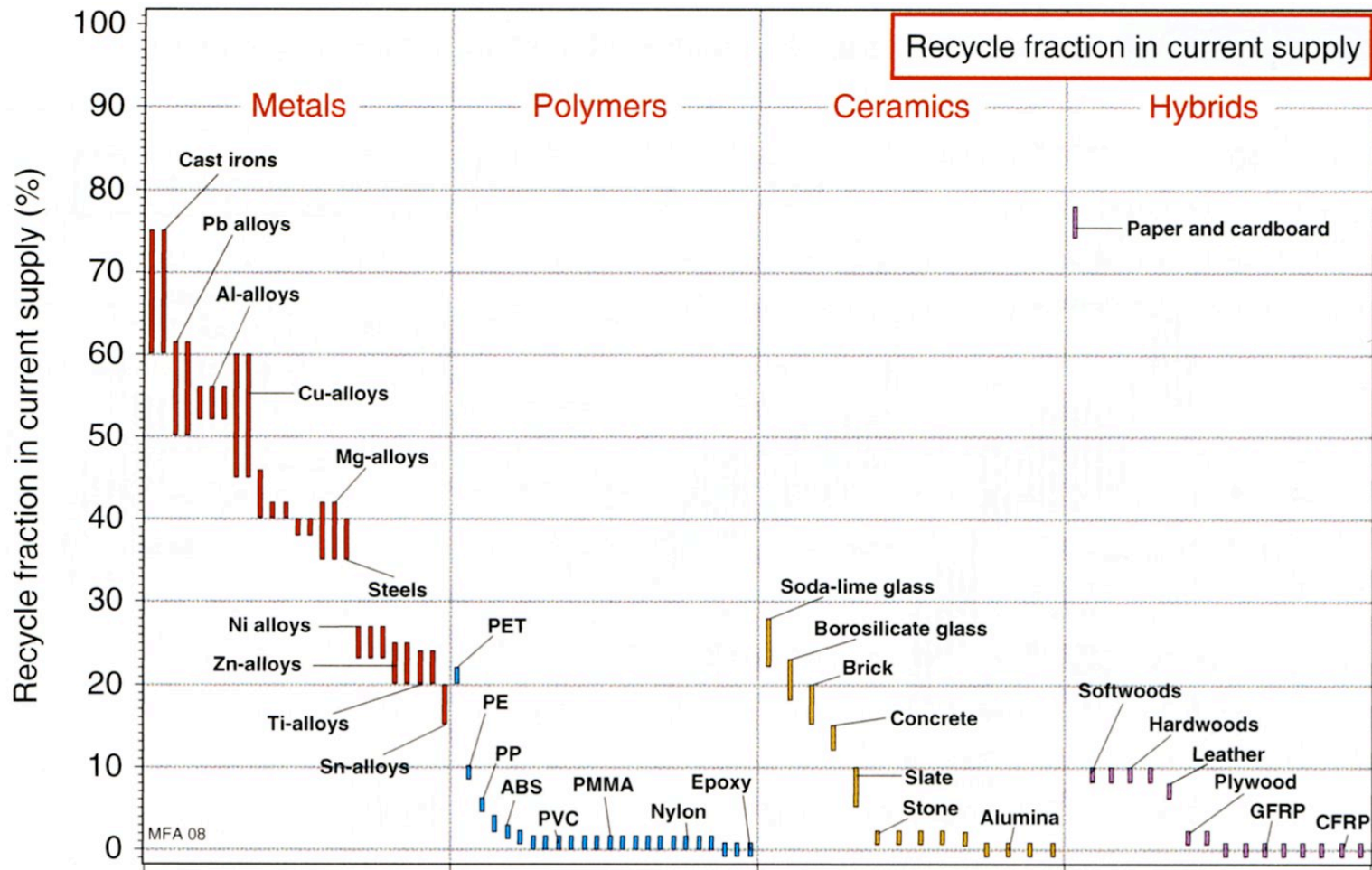
# Use Phase



# End of Life (EOL)

- Recycle
- Remanufacture
- Reuse
- Landfill
- Incinerate





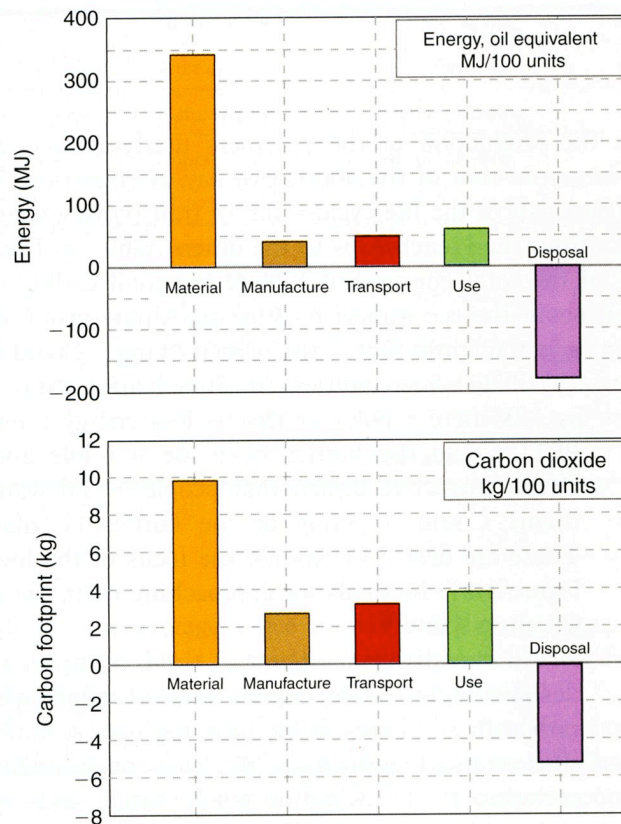
**FIGURE 6.13** *Recycle fraction bar chart.*

Ashby 2009

**Table 7.3** Recycle energy and CO<sub>2</sub> for PET

Component	Material	Mass m kg	Recycle energy $H_{rc}$ MJ/kg*	Recycle CO <sub>2</sub> kg/kg*	m.H <sub>tot</sub> MJ	m.(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>tot</sub> kg
Bottle, 100 units	PET	4	35	0.98	-188	-5.6

\*From the data sheets of Chapter 12.

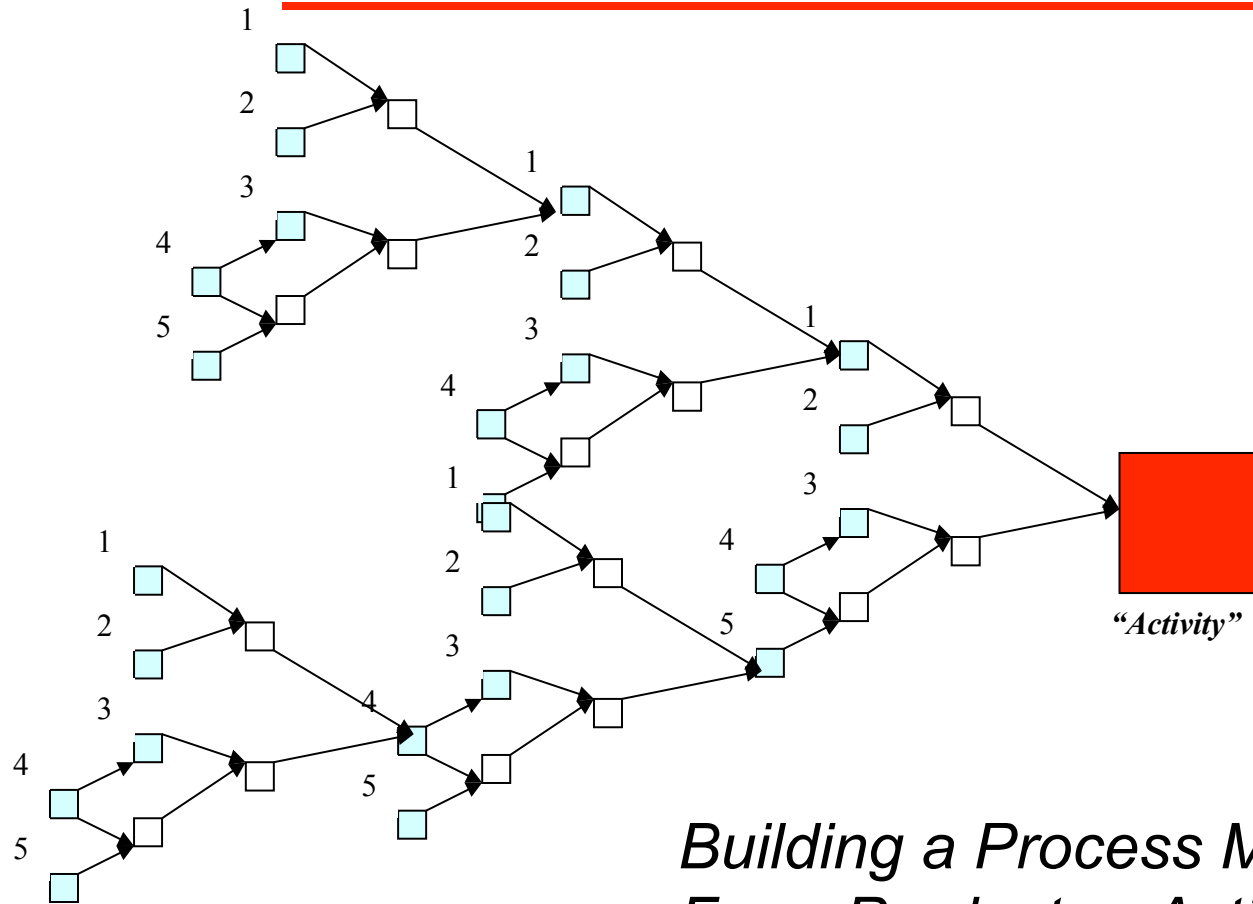


See Ashby Ch. 7 for basic assumptions and Ch 9 for a comparison between various beverage container options

**FIGURE 7.3** The energy and the carbon footprint bar charts for bottled water per 100 units.



# Process Model LCA



*Building a Process Model  
For a Product or Activity  
Takes time, but you know what  
Is in it!*



# *Process Model for “U.S. Family Sedan”*♪

- Estimated from 644 parts
- 73 different materials
- 120,000 miles life time
- 23 mpg
- total mass 1532 kg
- solvent based paints with controls



Plastics	9.3%
Ferrous	64%
Non-ferrous	9%
Fluids	4.8%
Other	13%
Total	100%

*Sullivan et al SAE 1998*♪

# System Boundaries

1. Extraction of materials from earth and materials processing
2. Sub assembly manufacture
3. Auto assembly
4. Use, maintenance & repair
5. Recovery, recycling and disposal

Table 7: LCI of the Generic Vehicle (Raw Materials Use)

	Units	Generic Vehicle	Material Production	Manufacturing	Operation	Maintenance & Repair	End Of Life
Inflow							
(r) Bauxite (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> , ore)	Kg	32	32	0.0026	0	0.021	0
(r) Bauxite Rich Soil	Kg	222	222	0	0	0	0
(r) Chromium (Cr, in ground)	Kg	0.91	0.91	0	0	0	0
(r) Coal (in ground)	Kg	2,509	1,033	618	748	100	11
(r) Copper (Cu, in ground)	Kg	23	23	0	0	0	0
(r) Ilmenite (FeO.TiO <sub>2</sub> , in ground)	Kg	0.97	0.32	0.65	0	9.9 E-05	0
(r) Iron (Fe, in ground)	Kg	1,443	1,440	0.38	0	3.0	0.045
(r) Lead (Pb, in ground)	Kg	33	13	0.26	0	20	0
(r) Limestone (CaCO <sub>3</sub> , in ground)	Kg	458	199	95	142	21	2.
(r) Manganese (Mn, in ground)	Kg	24	23	0	0	0.76	0
(r) Natural Gas (in ground)	Kg	1,810	491	216	1,027	73	2.2
(r) Oil (in ground)	Kg	16,486	631	87	15,562	171	35
(r) Olivine (in ground)	Kg	8.3	8.3	0	0	0.0032	0
(r) Perlite (SiO <sub>2</sub> , in ground)	Kg	2.4	2.3	0.056	0	0	0
(r) Platinum (Pt, in ground)	Kg	0.0015	0.0015	0	0	0	0
(r) Pyrite (FeS <sub>2</sub> , in ground)	Kg	13	13	0	0	4.3 E-05	0
(r) Rhodium (Rh, in ground)	Kg	2.9 E-04	2.9 E-04	0	0	0	0
(r) Sand (in ground)	Kg	179	140	0	0	12	27
(r) Sulfur (S)	Kg	0.1	0.08	0.022	0	4.0 E-05	0
(r) Tin (Sn, in ground)	Kg	0.48	0.067	0.41	0	0	0
(r) Tungsten (W, in ground)	Kg	0.012	0.011	0	0	6.8 E-04	0
(r) Uranium (U, in ground) <sup>a</sup>	Kg	0.039	0.01	0.0089	0.018	0.0019	2.5 E-04
(r) Zinc (Zn, in ground)	Kg	22	22	0	0	4.3 E-04	0
Cullet (from stock)	Kg	0.013	0	0.013	0	0	0
Iron Scrap	Kg	243	200	0.05	0	43	0
Natural Rubber	Kg	25	8.8	0	0	16	0
Raw Materials (alloying additives)	Kg	4.0	4.0	0	0	0	0
Raw Materials (Iron Casting Alloys)	Kg	12	12	0	0	0	0
Raw Materials (unspecified)	Kg	17	7.4	9.2	0	0.32	0
Steel Scrap	Kg	474	428	0	0	46	0
Water Used (total)	Liter	76,959	59,672	9,818	2,007	5,459	4.0

<sup>a</sup> From electricity production



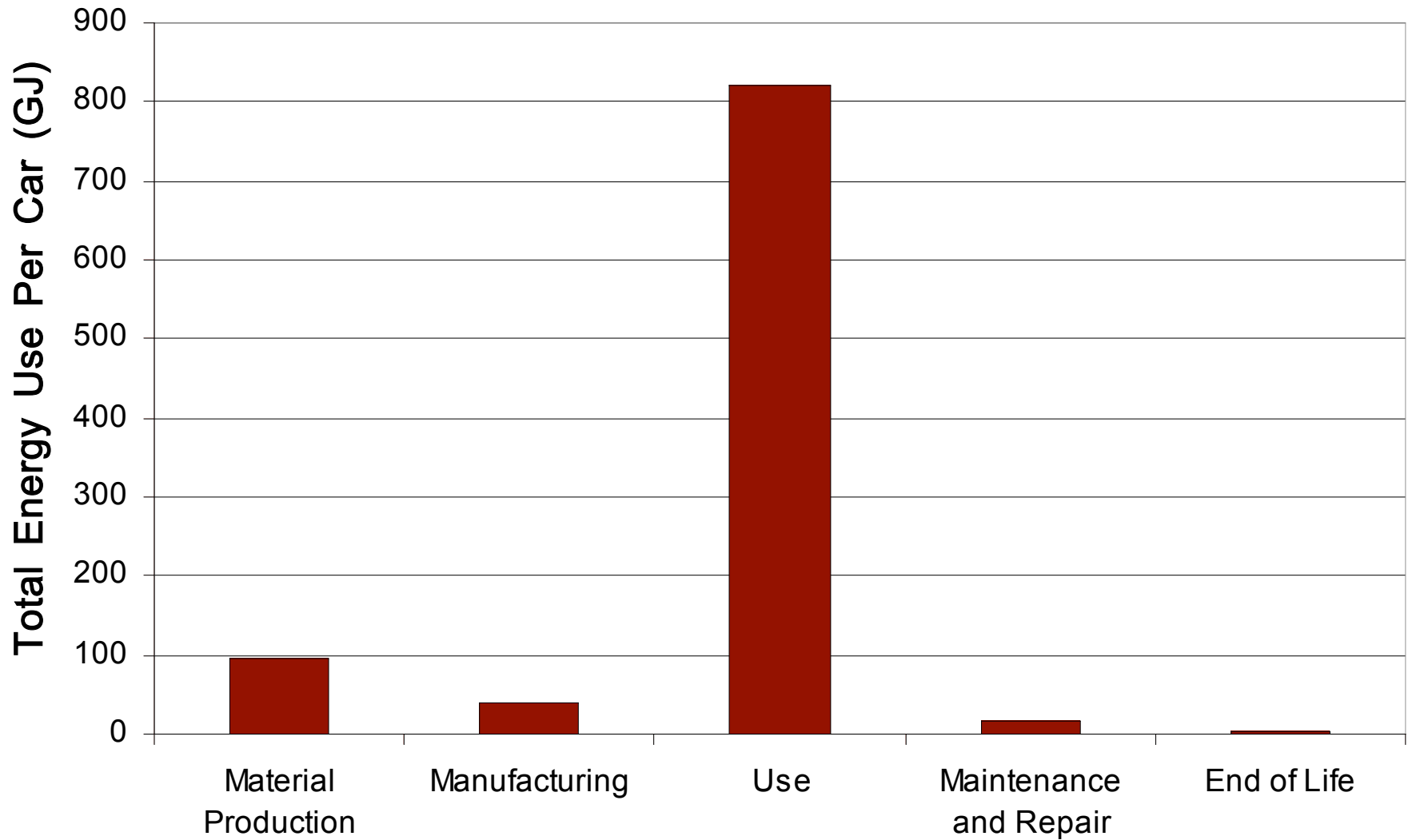
# Output and Energy Use

**Table 8: LCI of the Generic Vehicle (Outflows and Energy Use)**

	Units	Generic Vehicle	Material Production	Manufacturing	Operation	Maintenance & Repair	End Of Life
<b>Outflow</b>							
(a) Carbon Dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> , fossil)	gm	59,092,200	4,439,850	2,562,160	51,331,400	615,481	143,273
(a) Carbon Monoxide (CO)	gm	1,942,230	63,813	5,914	1,832,728	39,088	683
(a) Hydrocarbons (except methane)	gm	256,640	12,627	7,349	234,520	1,974	170
(a) Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	gm	725	278	10	402	29	5.7
(a) Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	gm	113	59	1.1	50	2.0	0.71
(a) Lead (Pb)	gm	115	50	1.2	1.1	63	0.015
(a) Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	gm	65,806	11,773	5,534	44,500	3,854	144
(a) Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> as NO <sub>2</sub> )	gm	254,193	12,871	8,295	229,465	2,755	806
(a) Particulates (unspecified)	gm	53,526	26,470	8,235	16,525	2,050	247
(a) Sulfur Oxides (SO <sub>x</sub> as SO <sub>2</sub> )	gm	133,326	30,491	14,917	83,180	4,424	315
(w) Ammonia (NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , NH <sub>3</sub> , as N)	gm	2,354	116	17	2,208	12	1.9
(w) Dissolved Matter (unspecified)	gm	7,686	4,527	1,118	982	1,041	17
(w) Heavy Metals (total)	gm	39	29	7.5	0	3.1	0.0013
(w) Oils (unspecified)	gm	7,611	130	516	6,918	39	7.4
(w) Other Organics (unspecified)	gm	80	77	0.43	0	2.5	2.2 E-04
(w) Phosphates (as P)	gm	15	7.2	7.8	0	0.42	1.6 E-05
(w) Suspended Matter (unspecified)	gm	74,321	2,779	2,450	68,522	512	58
Waste (municipal and industrial)	Kg	415	22	56	8.0 E-05	41	296
Waste (total)	Kg	4,213	2,440	386	783	277	326
<b>Energy Reminder</b>							
E (HHV) Feedstock Energy	MJ	28,016	18,574	953	308	8,182	0
E (HHV) Fossil Energy	MJ	967,367	90,741	38,414	819,791	16,274	2,147
E (HHV) Non-Fossil Energy	MJ	6,053	3,719	803	1,142	373	16
E (HHV) Process Energy	MJ	934,369	74,531	36,691	814,014	8,389	746
E (HHV) Total Energy	MJ	973,418	94,460	39,217	820,933	16,645	2,164
E (HHV) Transportation Energy	MJ	11,033	1,355	1,574	6,612	74	1,418
Electricity	MJ	10,577	2,468	6,769	0	1,203	136

# Total Energy Use by Lifecycle Stage

Total Energy 973 GJ/car



Lifecycle Stage

Sullivan 1998

**Table 1**  
**Eco-Audit for Sullivan's Automobile (Primarily using energy values from Smil)**

<b>Bill of Materials (BOM)</b>	<b>Mass (kg)</b>	<b>MJ/kg</b>	<b>Energy (MJ)</b>
Plastics (PUR, PVC, Nylon, ABS...)	143kg	100 MJ/kg	14,300
Non-Ferrous			
Alu	93kg	200	18,600
Cu	18	100	1,800
Brass (Copper ~ 65%, zinc ~ 35%)	8.5	90	765
Lead	13	50	650
Other (Zn, Cr...)	5.5	30	165
Iron	156.5 kg	25	3,913
Steel	828.5 kg	50	41,425
Fluids (gasoline, oil,...)	74	10	740
Rubber (not tire)	60	100	6,000
Glass	42	20	820
Tires	45	100	4,500
Other (textiles, carpet...)	45	20	900
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>94,578</b>

Sullivan result: 94,460!

## Tables from Smil, 2008

**Table A.11** Efficiencies of Common Energy Conversions

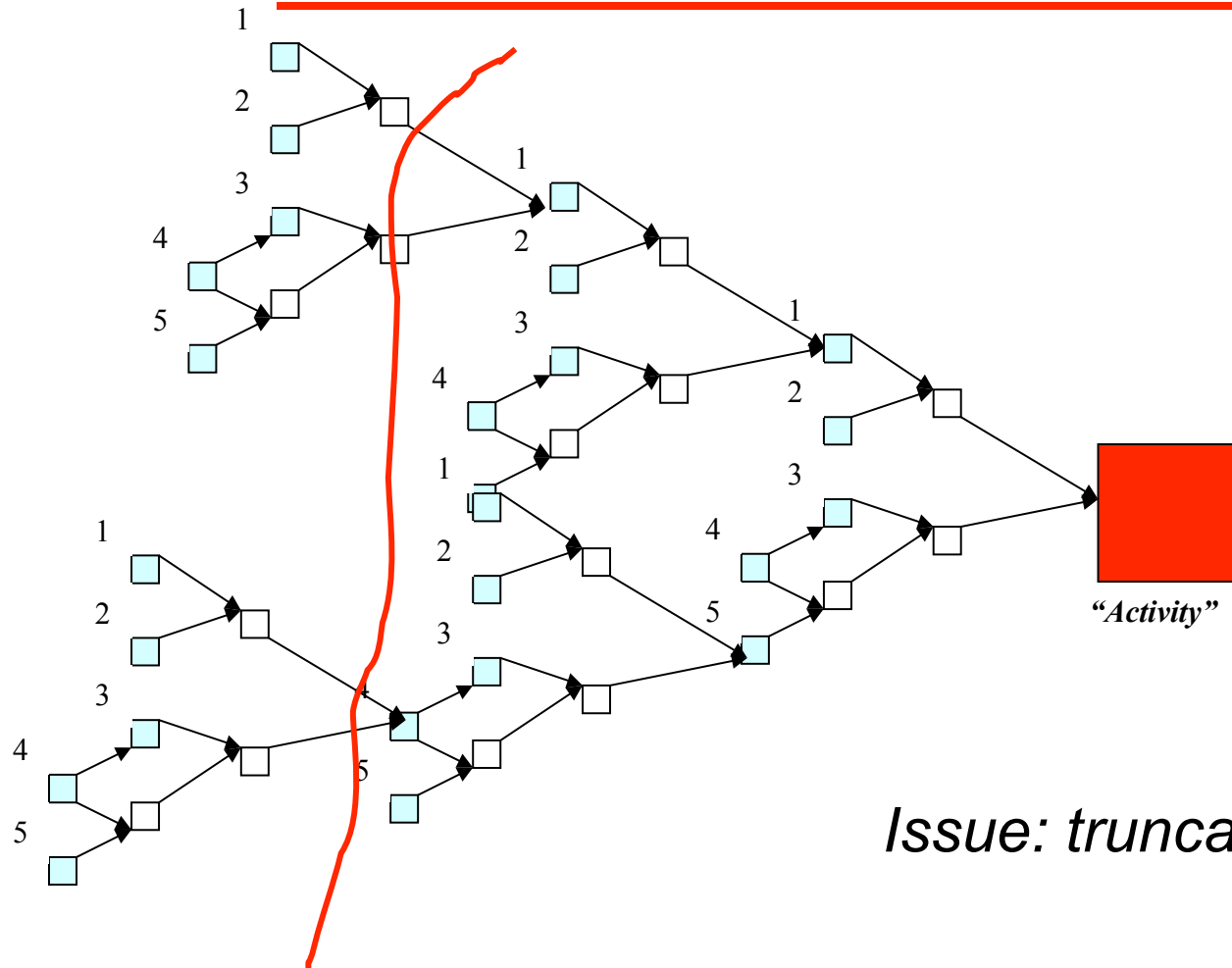
Converter	Conversion	Efficiency (%)
Large electricity generator	m $\Rightarrow$ e	98–99
Large power plant boiler	c $\Rightarrow$ t	90–98
Large electric motor	e $\Rightarrow$ m	90–97
Best household natural gas furnace	c $\Rightarrow$ t	90–97
Dry-cell battery	c $\Rightarrow$ e	85–95
Human lactation	c $\Rightarrow$ c	75–85
Overshot waterwheel	m $\Rightarrow$ m	60–85
Small electric motor	e $\Rightarrow$ m	65–80
Most efficient bacterial growth	c $\Rightarrow$ c	50–65
Glycolysis maxima	c $\Rightarrow$ c	50–60
Large steam turbine	t $\Rightarrow$ m	40–45
Improved wood stove	c $\Rightarrow$ t	25–45
Large gas turbine	c $\Rightarrow$ m	35–40
Diesel engine	c $\Rightarrow$ m	30–35
Mammalian postnatal growth	c $\Rightarrow$ c	30–35
Best PV cell	r $\Rightarrow$ e	20–30
Best large steam engine	c $\Rightarrow$ m	20–25
Internal combustion engine	c $\Rightarrow$ m	15–25
High-pressure sodium lamp	e $\Rightarrow$ r	15–20
Mammalian muscles	c $\Rightarrow$ m	15–20
Milk production	c $\Rightarrow$ c	15–20
Pregnancy	c $\Rightarrow$ c	10–20
Broiler production	c $\Rightarrow$ c	10–15
Traditional stove	c $\Rightarrow$ t	10–15
Fluorescent light	e $\Rightarrow$ r	10–12
Beef production	c $\Rightarrow$ c	5–10
Steam locomotive	c $\Rightarrow$ m	3–6
Peak photosynthetic rate	r $\Rightarrow$ c	4–5
Incandescent light bulb	e $\Rightarrow$ r	2–5
Paraffin candle	c $\Rightarrow$ r	1–2
Most productive ecosystem	r $\Rightarrow$ c	1–2
Global photosynthetic mean	r $\Rightarrow$ c	0.3

c = chemical energy; e = electrical energy; m = mechanical (kinetic) energy; r = radiant (electromagnetic) energy; and t = thermal energy.

**Table A.12** Typical Energy Cost of Common Materials

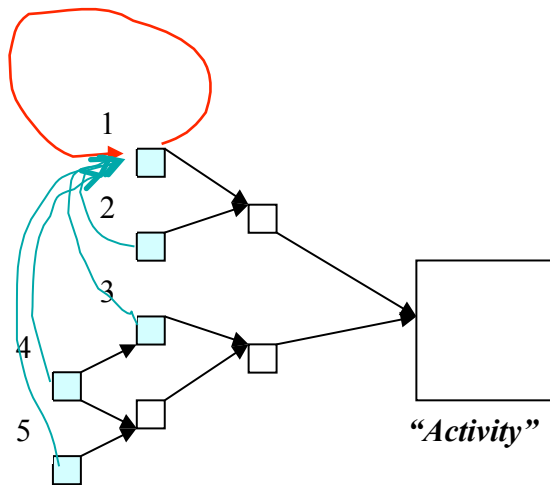
Material	Energy Cost (MJ/kg)	Source
Aluminum	190–230	Bauxite
Aluminum	10–40	Recycled metal
Bricks	2–5	Fired clay
Cement	5–9	Raw materials
Ceramics	3–7	Raw materials
Concrete	1–3	Cement and aggregate
Copper	60–150	Ore
Explosives	10–70	Raw materials
Glass	15–30	Raw materials
Gravel	<0.1	Quarries, rivers
Hydrogen	192–252	Electrolysis of water
Iron	20–25	Ore
Lead	30–50	Ore
Lime	10–12	Limestone
Newsprint	8–10	Wood pulp
Oxygen	6–14	Air
Nitrogen	1.5–1.9	Air
Paints	90–100	Raw materials
Paper, packaging	10–15	Kraft process
Paper, high quality	25–35	Wood pulp
Polyethylene	75–115	Crude oil
Polyvinylchloride	75–100	Crude oil
Sand	<0.1	Excavated
Silicon	1400–4100	Single crystal from silica
Steel, ordinary	20–25	Pig iron
Steel, specialty alloy	30–60	Raw materials
Stone	<1	Quarried
Sulfuric acid	2–3	Sulfur
Timber	1–3	Standing wood
Titanium	900–1000	Ore concentrate
Water	<0.01	Streams, reservoirs

# Process Model LCA



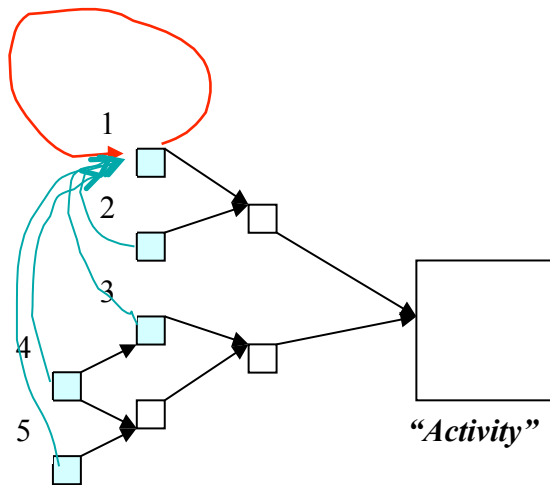


# *Demand Vs Production*



Each sector may have to produce  
“extra” to satisfy not only the  
identified “activity” but also to  
provide for all of the inputs

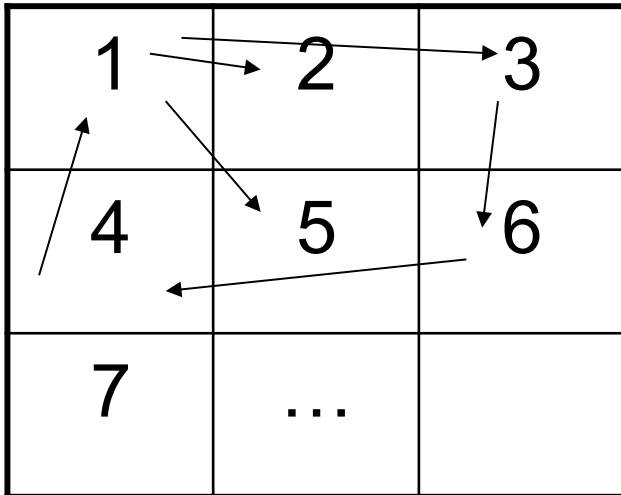
# *Demand Vs Production*



- $f$  = “demand for 1” by the “Activity”
- $x$  = quantity of 1 produced to meet the demand
- $x - \alpha x = f$
- $x = f / (1 - \alpha)$

Because of interactions, “1” has to produce more “ $x$ ” than “ $f$ ” furthermore, 2, 3, 4, ... have to produce to support “1”

# *Input/Output Analysis*



- $f_1$  = “demand for 1” by the “Activity 1”
- $x_i$  = quantity of “i” produced to meet the demand for “1”

Physically we can think of subdividing the economy in sectors that interact with each other. The sectors include all activities so there are no truncation errors, however to be manageable we can only handle a few hundred sectors, therefore each sector will actually include a lot of different activities. “Aggregation errors”

# *Simplified input-output table for a three-sector economy*

**Table 2.1 from Leontief, Oxford Press ' 86**

<b>From:</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>Sector 1: Agriculture</b>	<b>Sector 2: Manufacture</b>	<b>Sector 3: House- Holds</b>	<b>Total Output</b>
<b>Sector 1: Agriculture</b>		25	20	55	100 bushels of wheat
<b>Sector 2: Manufacture</b>		14	6	30	50 yards of cloth
<b>Sector 3: Households</b>		80	180	40	300 man- years of labor

Physical Units

From:	to	Sector 1: Agriculture	Sector 2: Manufacture	Sector 3: House- Holds	Total Output
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Dollars

	Ag	Mfg.	House (demand)	Total (pro- duction)
Ag	$x_{11}$	$x_{12}$	$f_1$	$x_1$
Mfg	$x_{21}$	$x_{22}$	$f_2$	$x_2$

*In matrix form*♪

$$(x_1 - x_{11}) - x_{12} = f_1$$

$$-x_{21} + (x_2 - x_{22}) = f_2$$

or using coefficients  $a_{ij} = x_{ij}/x_j$

$$(1 - a_{11})x_1 - a_{12}x_2 = f_1$$

$$-a_{21}x_1 + (1 - a_{22})x_2 = f_2$$

♪

or

$$[I - a] \{x\} = \{f\}$$

♪

$$[I - a] \{x\} = \{f\}$$

$$\{x\} = [I - a]^{-1} \{f\}$$

$$\{e\} = [R] \{x\}$$

$$\{e\} = [R] [I - a]^{-1} \{f\}$$

where  $[R]$  is a matrix with diagonal elements (impact/dollar) and  $\{e\}$  = environmental impacts

*CMU I/O website*  
<http://www.eiolca.net/>

*Read HLM Ch 1, 2, 5, 6*



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## EIO-LCA: Free, Fast, Easy Life Cycle Assessment

The Economic Input-Output Life Cycle Assessment (EIO-LCA) method estimates the materials and energy resources required for, and the environmental emissions resulting from, activities in our economy. The EIO-LCA method was theorized and developed by economist Wassily Leontief in the 1970s based on his earlier input-output work from the 1930s for which he received the Nobel Prize in Economics. Researchers at the Green Design Institute of Carnegie Mellon University operationalized Leontief's method in the mid-1990s, once sufficient computing power was widely available to perform the large-scale matrix manipulations required in real-time. This website takes the EIO-LCA method and transforms it into a user-friendly on-line tool to quickly and easily evaluate a commodity or service, as well as its supply chain. The results from the EIO-LCA model and this website are free for non-commercial use and may not be used in other derivative works or websites without permission.

Results from using the EIO-LCA on-line tool provide guidance on the relative impacts of different types of products, materials, services, or industries with respect to resource use and emissions throughout the supply chain. Thus, the effect of producing an automobile would include not only the impacts at the final assembly facility, but also the impact from mining metal ores, making electronic parts, forming windows, etc. that are needed for parts to build the car.

The EIO-LCA models available on the site apply the EIO-LCA method to various national and state economies. Each model is comprised of national economic input-output models and publicly available resource use and emissions data. Since its inception in 1995, the method has been applied to economic models of the United States for several different years, as well as Canada, Germany, Spain, and select US states. The on-line tool has been accessed over 1 million times by researchers, LCA practitioners, business users, students, and others.

Life cycle assessment, using the EIO-LCA method and on-line tool, as well as other LCA methods, is a major research focus for the Green Design Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. Over the past 15 years, our group

An EIO-LCA model of the 2002 US economy is available on the [Use The Model](#) page for non-commercial use. [Contact us](#) for details on commercial use licenses.

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Use Standard Models

Create Custom Model

Documentation

1 Choose a model:

Your current model is the **Industry Benchmark US Dept of Commerce EIO model from 1997**, which is a **Producer Price** Model. [\(Show more details\)](#)

US 1997 (491)

2 Select industry and sector:

Search for a sector by keyword:

Search

Or browse for a sector below:

Select a Broad Sector Group

Select a Detailed Sector

3 Select the amount of economic activity for this sector:

1 Million Dollars [\(Show more details\)](#)

4 Select the category of results to display:

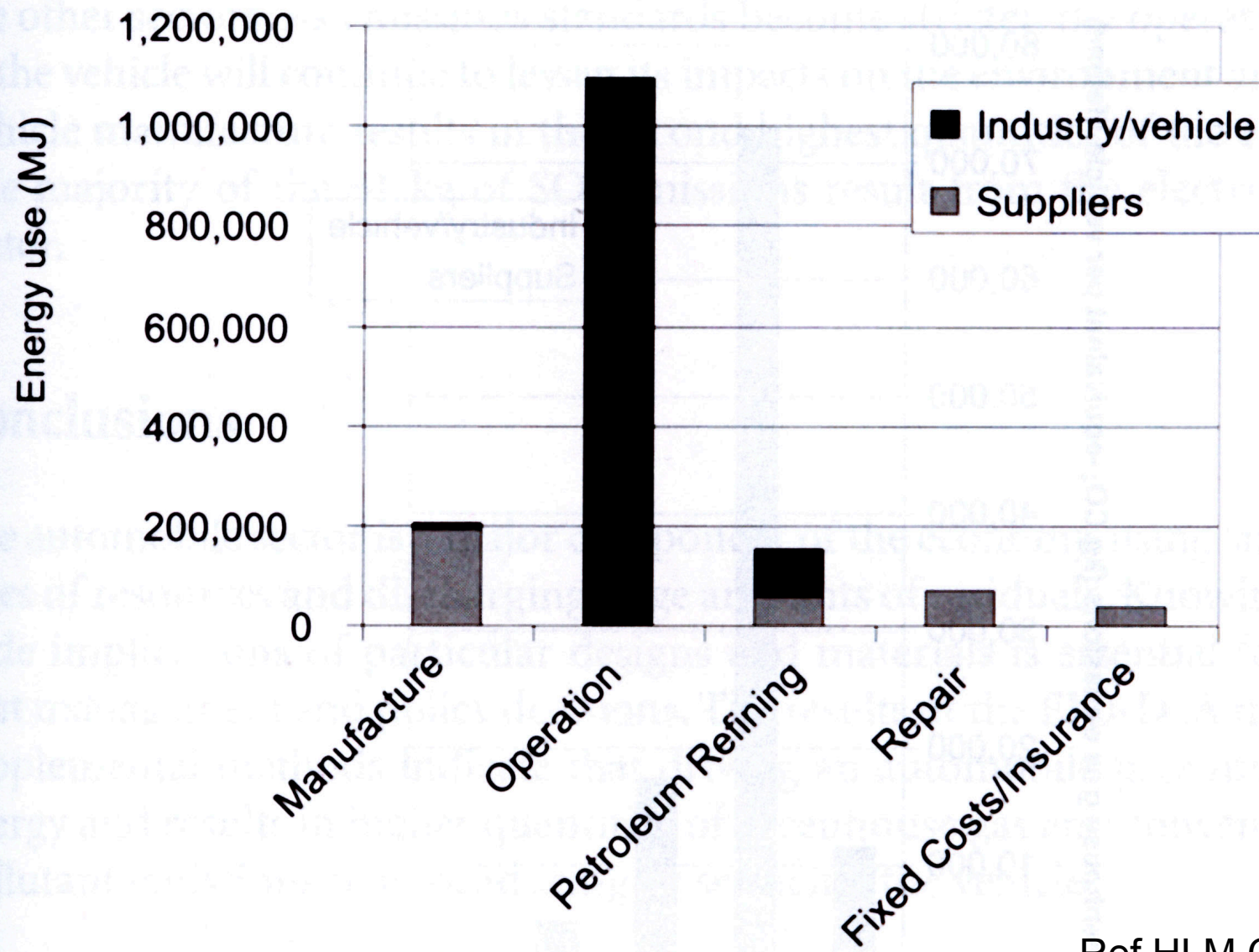
Economic Activity [\(Show more details\)](#)

5 Run the model:

## *I/O Example: Automobile*

see Ch 6 of HLM

- Sector #336110: Automobile and light truck manufacturing
- $7.57 \text{ TJ/M\$} = 7.57 \text{ MJ/\$}$
- $7.57 \text{ MJ/\$} \times \$16,000 = 121 \text{ GJ}$
- $193,800 \text{ miles}/23.6 \text{ mpg} = 8212 \text{ gal}$
- Smil (p 392)  $\sim 45 \text{ MJ/kg}$ ,  $2.8 \text{ kg/gal}$
- $8212 \times 2.8 \times 45 = 1035 \text{ GJ}$



Ref HLM Ch 6

**FIGURE 6-3.** Energy Use in the Automobile Life Cycle

# Comparisons between Models

Summary for Different Modeling Approaches  
Late 1990's – early 2000's family auto (~1500 kg)

Model	Materials (GJ)	Mfg (GJ)	Total (GJ)
Sullivan	94.5	39	133.5
HLM (Ch 6 see text p 73)			138
EIOLCA 1997 (\$16,009 –HLM deflator, producer price)			121
EIOLCA 1997 (\$15,276 –cpi deflator, producer price)			116
EIOLCA 2002 (\$17,126 producer price)			143
Eco-Audit (above)	94.6	30.6 (est 20MJ/k g)	125
<b>Mean Value (n=6)</b>			<b>129.4</b>
<b>Standard Deviation</b>			<b>9.5 (about 7%)</b>

# Hybrid Models and Supply Chains

- See A) Ch 2 of HLM and, B) Matthews, H.S., Hendrickson, C.T., and Weber, C.L., The Importance of Carbon Footprint Estimation Boundaries *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2008, vol. 42, pp 5839 – 5842.

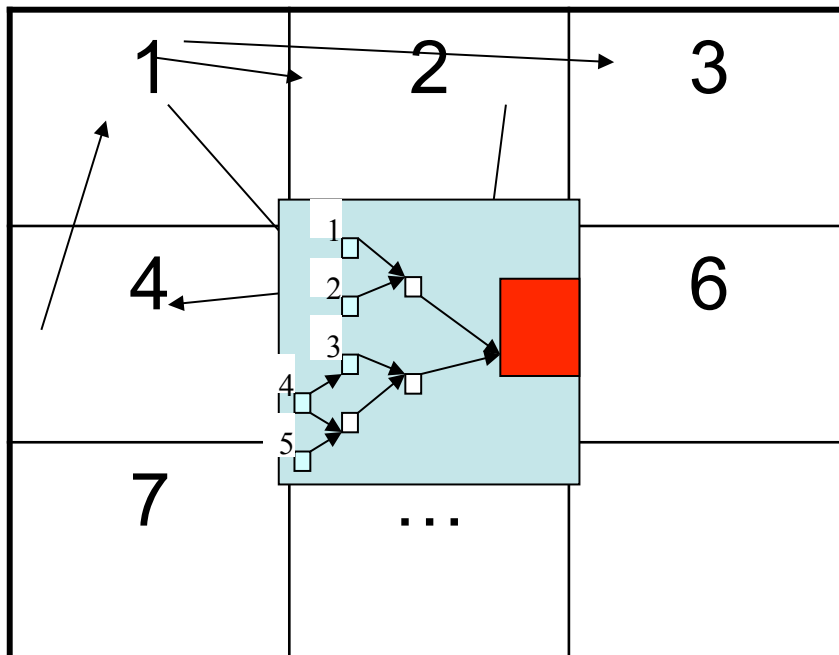


TABLE 1. Summary of Carbon Footprint Estimates for Protocol Tier and Total Emissions

	tier 1 (% of total)	tier 2 (% of total)	tier 1 + 2 (% of total)
book publishers	5	1	6
power generation	92	1	93
average sector	14	12	26

# *LCA software*

[http://www.life-cycle.org/LCA\\_soft.htm](http://www.life-cycle.org/LCA_soft.htm)

- [Boustead Consulting Database and Software](#)
- [ECO-it](#): Eco-Indicator Tool for environmentally friendly design - PRé Consultants
- [EDIP](#) - Environmental design of industrial products - Danish EPA
- [EIOLCA](#) - Economic Input-Output LCA at Carnegie Mellon University
- [GaBi 4](#) - (Ganzheitlichen Bilanzierung - holistic balancing) - Five Winds International/University of Stuttgart (IKP)/PE Product Engineering
- [IDEMAT](#) - Delft University Clean Technology Institute Interduct Environmental Product Development
- [KCL-ECO 3.0](#) - KCL LCA software
- [LCAiT](#) - CIT EkoLogik (Chalmers Industriteknik)
- [SimaPro 6 for Windows](#) - PRé Consultants
- [TEAM](#)(TM) (Tools for Environmental Analysis and Management) - Ecobalance, Inc.
- [Umberto](#) - An advanced software tool for Life Cycle Assessment - Institut für Umweltinformatik



# SIMAPRO 6.0



What is it?

SIMAPRO is a compilation of LCI libraries together with LCA evaluation tools such as the Eco-indicator 99. Some of its libraries include:

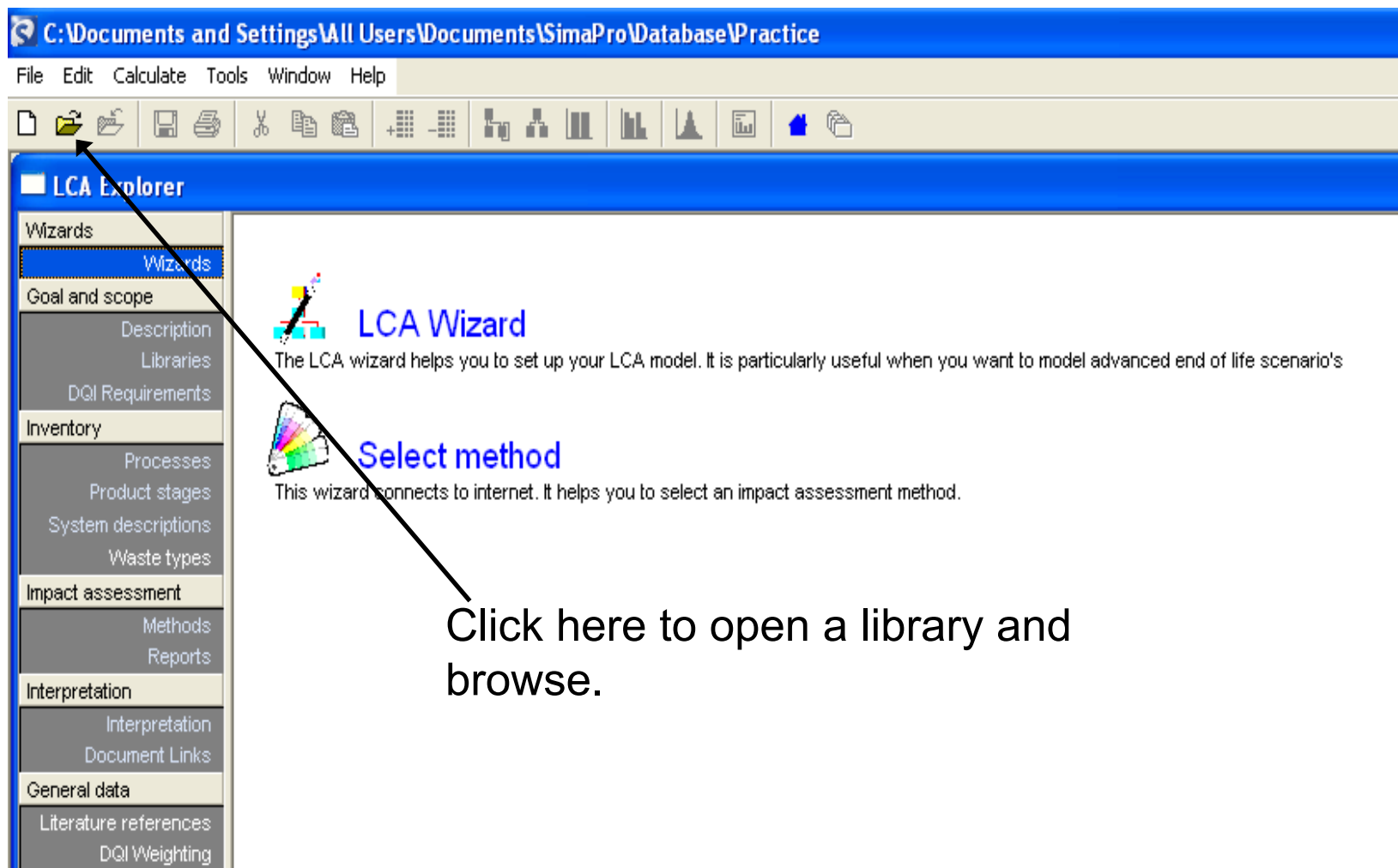
- Buwal 250 (Swiss - EMPA)
- IDEMAT 2001 (Netherlands – Delft University of Technology)
- ETH-ESU (Swiss)
- USA Input Output Database 1998

Download and play with the demo  
<http://www.pre.nl/content/simapro-demo>

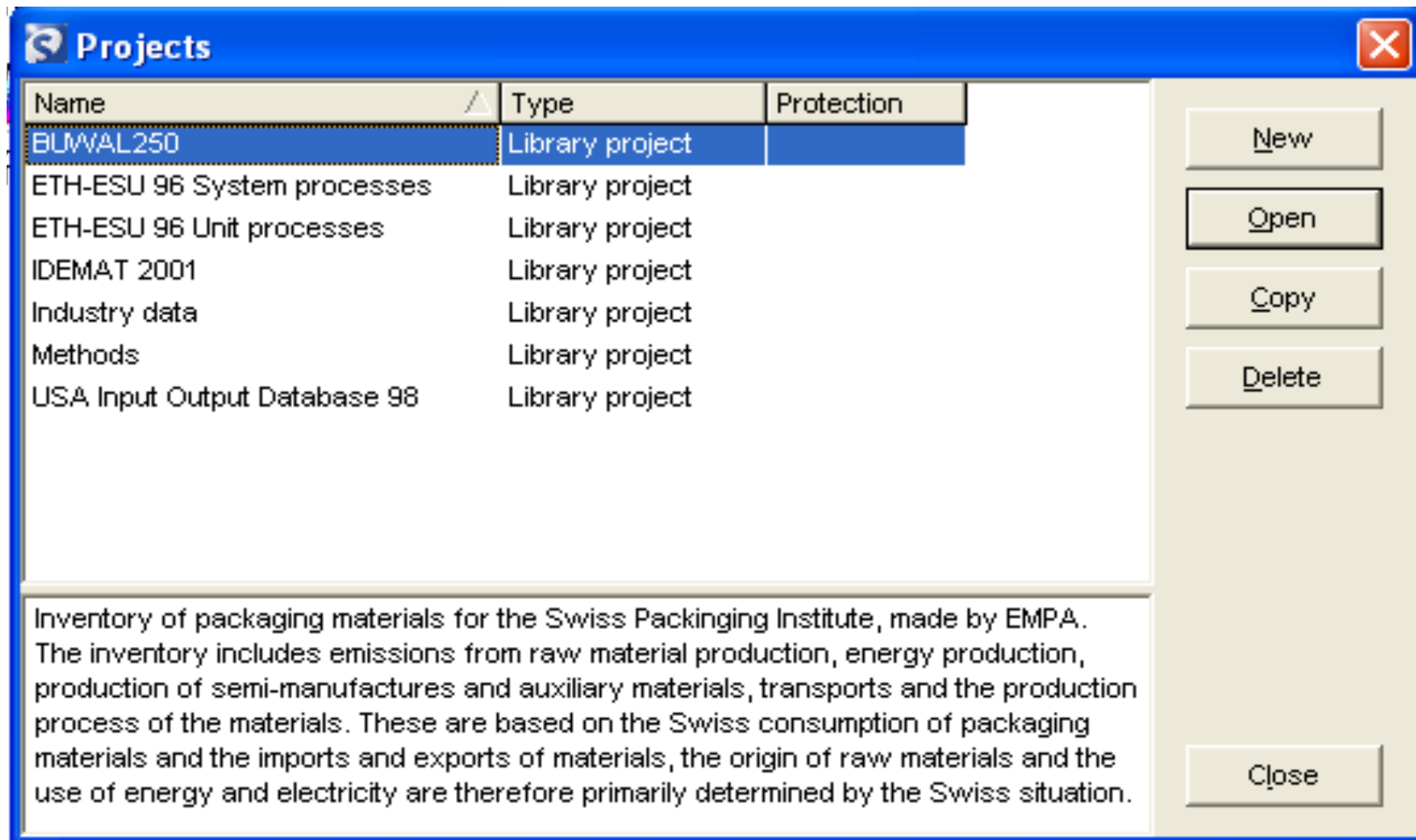


The Focus of this presentation is on Navigation. Please refer to the “Wood Example” tutorial online for instructions on creating a full LCA.

- 1) Open Simapro
- 2) This is the first screen you see:



# Open a database



Imagine we are interested in the LCI of a cardboard box

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Documents\SimaProDatabase\Practice; BUWAL250 - [LCA Explorer]

File Edit Calculate Tools Window Help

Wizards

Goal and scope

Description

Libraries

DQI Requirements

Inventory

**Processes**

Product stages

System descriptions

Waste types

Impact assessment

Methods

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Fuels

Glass

Metals

Minerals

Others

Paper+ Board

Plastics

Energy

Electricity by fuel

Electricity country mix

Heat

Transport

Processing

**Cardboard**

Ferro

Glass

Non ferro

Others

Paper

Plastics

Use

Waste scenario

Waste treatment

286 items

Name	Unit	Waste type	Project	DQI
CC packaging production L	kg		BUWAL250	
CC packaging production S	kg		BUWAL250	
<b>Production cardboard box I</b>	<b>kg</b>		<b>BUWAL250</b>	
Production cardboard box II	kg		BUWAL250	

Click to obtain LCI

Click to obtain tree diagram of LCI

Double Click to obtain data on the LCI

- ✓ Time period
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Representativeness
- ✓ Multiple output allocation
- ✓ Substitution allocation
- Waste treatment allocation
- ✓ Cut-off rules
- ✓ System boundary
- ✓ Boundary with nature

Production of cardboard boxes with off set printing (1000 kg). In this process 20% of the cardboard is lost, for a box of 1 kg 1.2 kg cardboard is needed. The data concern an average type of box, data are derived from 6 factories in Switzerland, materials are not specified in BUWAL 250/2. The inventory only includes processing data (printing, blanking and glueing plus auxiliary materials). The infrastructure is excluded. Waste treatment is not included.

1 item selected

# Data on the LCI – Input/Output Tab

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Documentation Input/output System description

Known outputs to technosphere. Products and co-products

Name	Amount	Unit	Quantity	Allocation %	Category	Comment
Production cardboard box I	1000	kg	Mass	100 %	Cardboard	
(Insert line here)						

Known outputs to technosphere. Avoided products

Name	Amount	Unit	Distribution	SD^2 or 2*SD Min	Max	Comment
(Insert line here)						

Inputs

Known inputs from nature (resources)

Name	Sub-compartment	Amount	Unit	Distribution	SD^2 or 2*SD Min	Max	Comment	
Ink		18.3	kg	Uniform		7.8	34.5	not traced ba average
Glue		5.2	kg	Uniform		0.9	10.6	not traced ba
Oil		0.2	kg	Undefined				not traced ba
Additives		7	kg	Undefined				not traced ba
Water, unspecified natural origin/kg	in water	2.5	kg	Undefined				
(Insert line here)								


Known inputs from technosphere (materials/fuels)

Name	Amount	Unit	Distribution	SD^2 or 2*SD Min	Max	Comment
Paper wood-free C B250	52	kg	Undefined			average amount , paper type not s in the inventory
LDPE B250	8.5	kg	Undefined			listed as unspecified plastics.
(Insert line here)						

Known inputs from technosphere (electricity/heat)

Name	Amount	Unit	Distribution	SD^2 or 2*SD Min	Max	Comment	
Heat diesel B250	90.8	MJ	Undefined			(2 kg, 45.4 MJ/kg)	
Heat gas B250	5.03	MJ	Undefined			0.1 kg propane, 50.3 MJ/kg, avera	
Electricity Swiss B250	325	kWh	Uniform		86	807	average

# Data on the LCI – Documentation Tab

Documentation   Input/output   System description				
Project	BUWVAL250		Category	Processing
Created on	2/4/2003		Last update on	6/10/2004
Process type	System		Process identifier	BUWVAL25006555300161
Name	Production of cardboard boxes with off set printing (1000 kg)			
Image				
Data Quality Indicators				
Time period	1990-1994			
Geography	Europe, Western			
Technology	Average technology			
Representativeness	Mixed data			
Multiple output allocation	Not applicable			
Substitution allocation	Not applicable			
Cut-off rules	Unspecified			
System boundary	Second order (material/energy flows including operations)			
Boundary with nature	Not applicable			
Infra. process	No			
Date	4/1/1997			
Record	PRé Consultants, Amersfoort, the Netherlands, RS			
Generator	ETH Zürich, Institut für Verfahrens- und Kältetechnik (IVUK), Switzerland. EMPA, St. Gallen, Switzerland.			
General reference and sources				
Literature Reference	Comment			

# Data on the LCI – System Description Tab

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Documentation Input/output System description

System description	Comment
Buwval 250 general	

Description

The inventory table includes emissions from raw material production, energy production, production of semi-manufactures and auxiliary materials, transports and the production process of the materials. The system model is based on the Swiss consumption of packaging materials and the imports and exports of materials, the origin of raw materials and the use of energy and electricity are therefore primarily determined by the Swiss situation.

Sub-systems

Production of input materials, transports, production of electricity and thermal energy

Cut-off rules

Biogenous carbon dioxide emissions are not included in the inventory table, since these are assumed to be part of the sustainable use of the biogenous, renewable, resources. Emissions to soil are only included in connection with waste processing of the packaging materials after the consumption phase. For most other processes, except for a very few processing processes, they could not be registered as there were no emissions to soil reported.

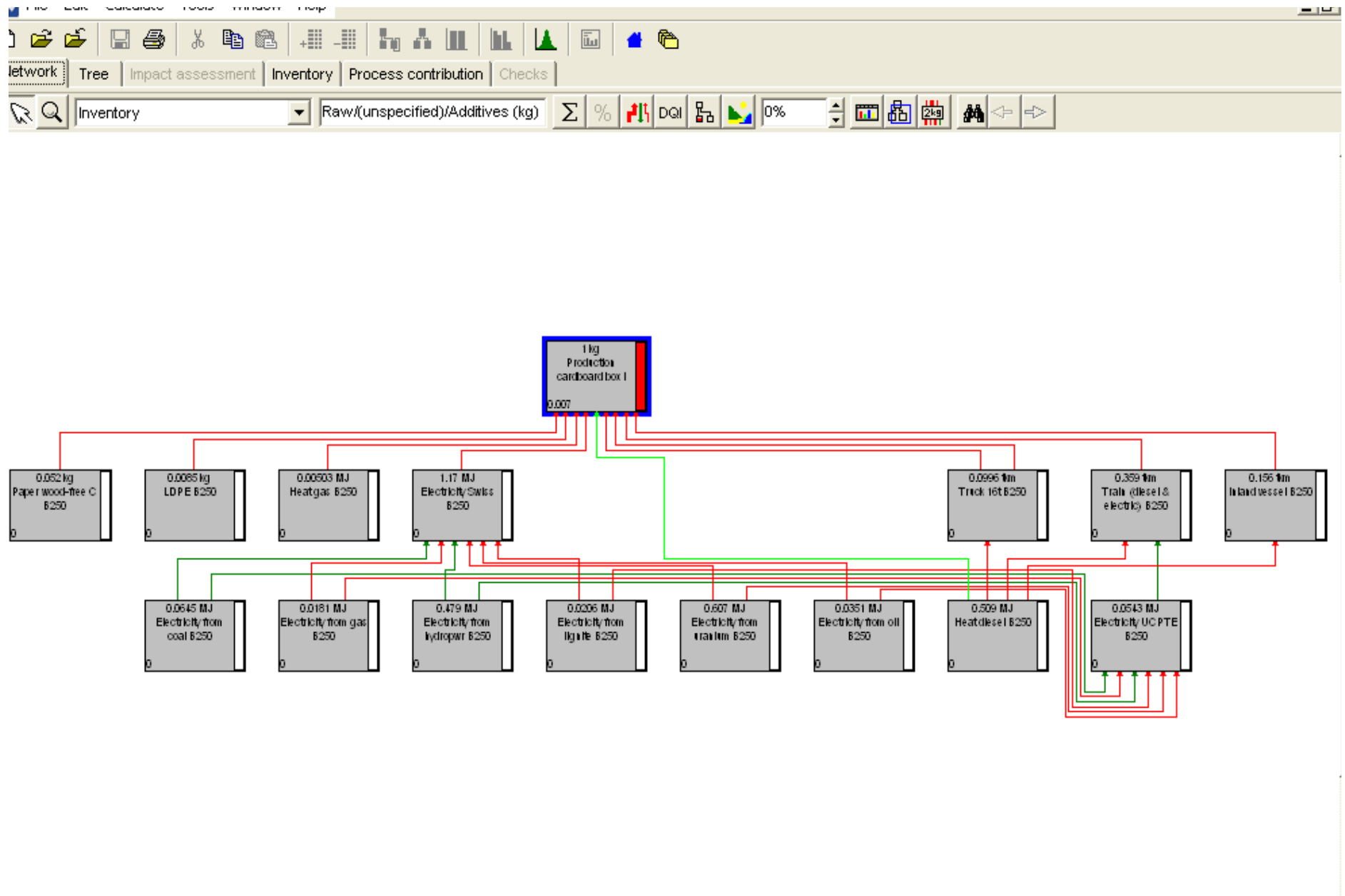
In general the production process is traced back to the raw material resources as far as possible. For some inputs, mainly chemicals and complex auxiliary materials, which are used in the production processes in smaller amounts, not enough data were available to trace the production of these materials back to the raw material resources. Since these materials are only used in small amounts, the effect of the omission in the final results will be small.

These input materials are listed as "not traced back" in the inventory tables. In the output, production waste and re-usable waste are listed. Since the amount of production waste is small, and the composition is unknown, no emissions from the processing of this waste are included in the inventory. For the re-usable wastes, which function as raw materials in another production process, no emissions from recycling processes of these materials are included in the inventory either.

Allocation rules

In general the environmental impacts of multi output processes have been allocated on a mass basis. In the output of the system co-products, which are explicitly mentioned, form an exception to this rule because these co-products leave the whole system defined and are not allocated to. In the inventory table these are listed as solids without emissions. Co-products (intermediate products), which have been balanced in single process steps, are allocated to and these are not mentioned in the total inventory input list. The output of re-usable waste has not been allocated any emissions, since it functions as a raw material in another product system.

# LCI – Network Diagram

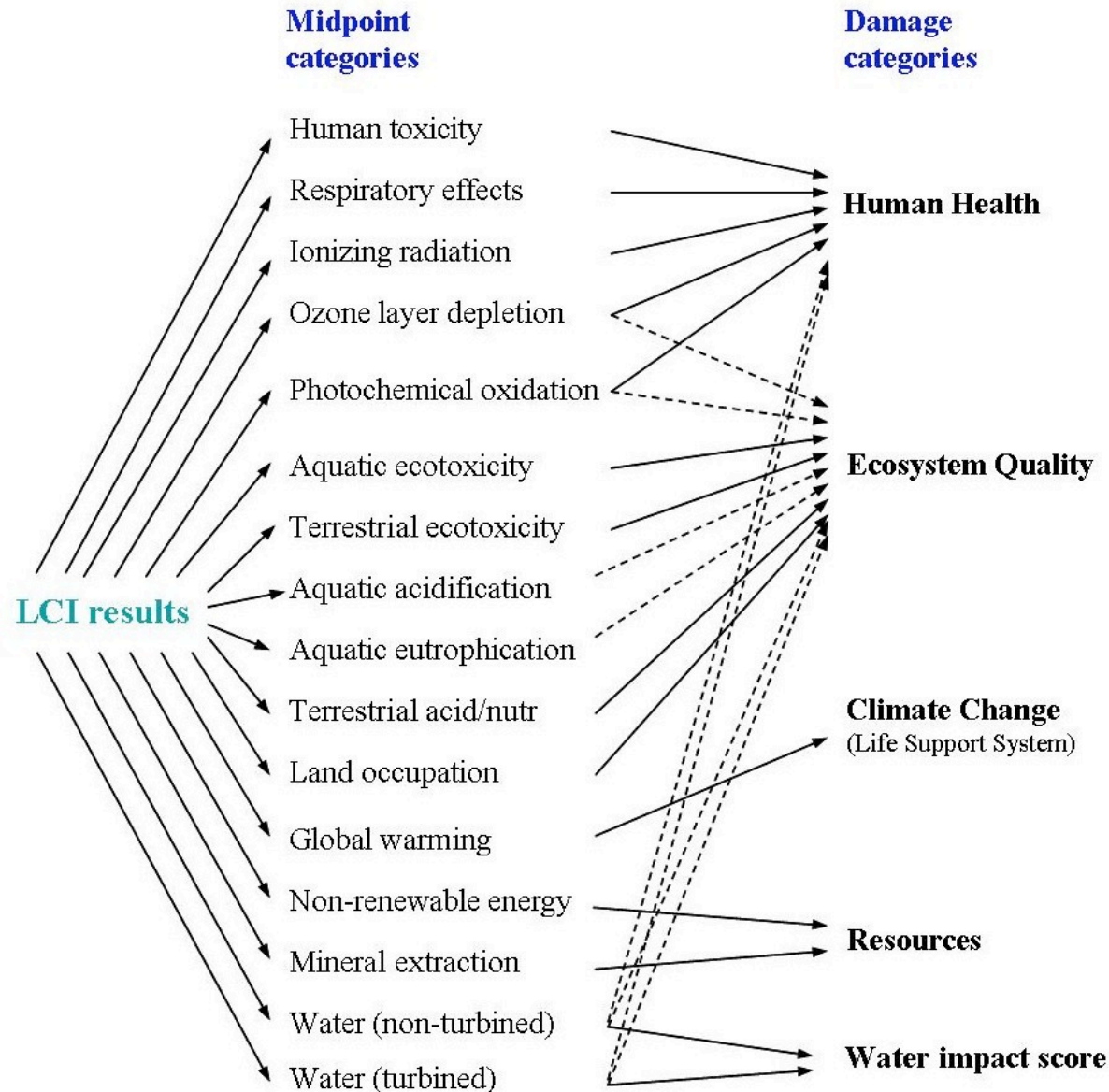


# LCI - Inventory 1 kg of Cardboard Box

No	Substance	Compartment	Unit	Total	Production cardboard box I	Paper wood-free C B250
1	Additives	Raw	kg	0.007	0.007	x
2	Artificial fertilizer	Raw	kg	0.0000473	x	0.0000473
3	Bauxite, in ground	Raw	kg	0.00000343	x	0.000000879
4	Biomass	Raw	kg	0.000629	x	0.000629
5	Clay, unspecified, in ground	Raw	kg	0.013	x	0.013
6	Coal, 18 MJ per kg, in ground	Raw	kg	0.0146	x	0.0021
7	Coal, brown, 8 MJ per kg, in ground	Raw	kg	0.0112	x	0.00135
8	Complexing agent	Raw	kg	0.00000417	x	0.00000417
9	Defoamer	Raw	kg	0.0000158	x	0.0000158
10	Energy, potential, stock, in barrage	Raw	MJ	0.688	x	0.0567
11	Gas, natural, 35 MJ per m3, in ground	Raw	m3	0.00247	x	x
12	Gas, natural, 36.6 MJ per m3, in ground	Raw	m3	0.0154	x	0.0106
13	Gas, natural, feedstock, 35 MJ per m3	Raw	m3	0.0051	x	x
14	Glue	Raw	kg	0.0052	0.0052	x
15	Ink	Raw	kg	0.0183	0.0183	x
16	Iron ore, in ground	Raw	kg	0.000002	x	0.000000302
17	Limestone, in ground	Raw	kg	0.0232	x	0.0232
18	Magnesium sulfate	Raw	kg	0.0000251	x	0.0000251
19	Manure	Raw	kg	0.00506	x	0.00506
20	Oil	Raw	kg	0.0002	0.0002	x
21	Oil, crude, 42.6 MJ per kg, in ground	Raw	kg	0.0202	x	0.00254
22	Oil, crude, feedstock, 41 MJ per kg	Raw	kg	0.00561	x	0.0011
23	Pesticides	Raw	kg	0.00000407	x	0.00000407
24	Potatoes	Raw	kg	0.00105	x	0.00105
25	Sand and clay, unspecified, in ground	Raw	kg	0.00000017	x	x
26	Sand, unspecified, in ground	Raw	kg	0.000000135	x	0.000000135
27	Sodium chloride, in ground	Raw	kg	0.000817	x	0.000749



# Impact Assessment



# Impact Assessment

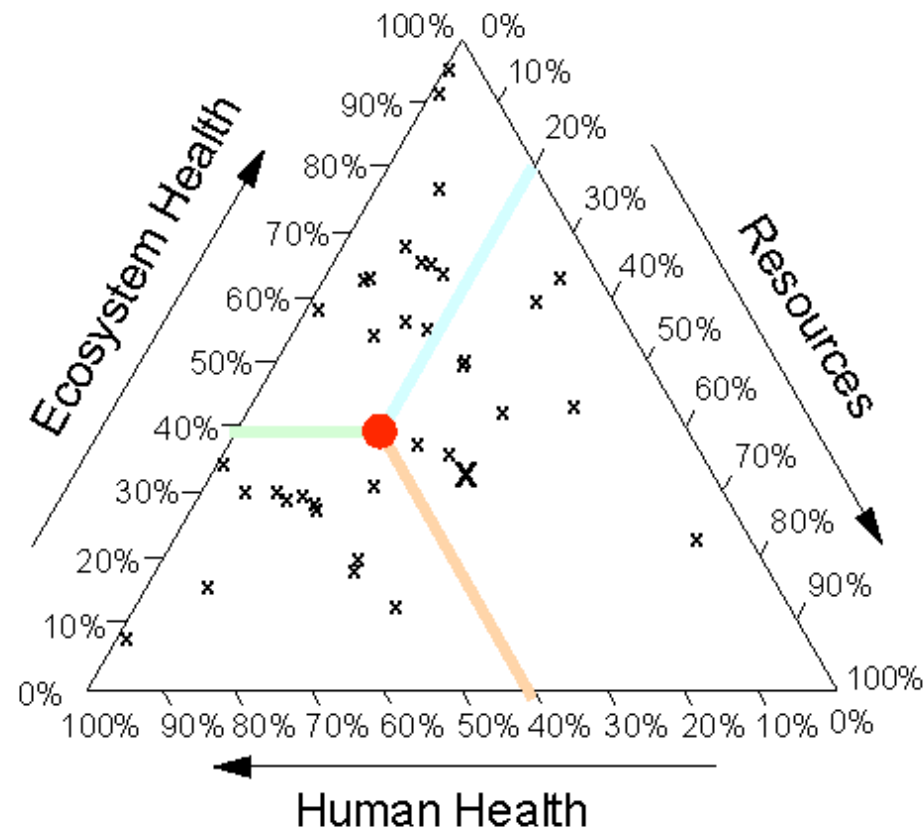
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EDIP 2003, Ecological scarcity 2006,  
EPS 2000, Greenhouse Gas Protocol

All in SimaPro, <http://www.pre.nl/content/databases>

## *The difference between LCA and LCI*

- LCA connects the flows to environmental impacts
- Usually focuses on one or a few effects, e.g.
- *GWP*: CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CFC, HCFC...
- *Acidification Potential*: SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, HCL, NH<sub>3</sub>, ...
- Possible to aggregate more by weighting but...

# *Valuation: Eco-indicator 95*



Weighting of the damage categories by the panel • <http://www.pre.nl/default.htm>

# LCI Software Results

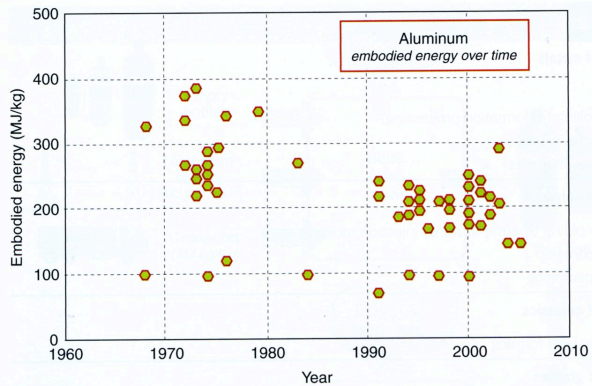
- LCI gives a **very large table** of inputs and outputs, some can be **aggregated** to simplify e.g. GWP, acidification potential
- This result depends upon the **boundaries**
- This result depends upon the **data set**
- Therefore it is **time and location** dependent

# Challenges

- ❑ Boundary and Scope
  - ❑ What does each phase mean?
  - ❑ What is actually included?
- ❑ Geo-temporal
- ❑ Uncertainty (usually at least  $\pm 10\%$ )
- ❑ Functional Unit
- ❑ Data Quality
- ❑ Methodological Choices

# Accuracy and Aluminum

Ashby 2009



**FIGURE 6.2** Data for the embodied energy of aluminum. The mean is 204 MJ/kg, with a standard deviation of 58 MJ/kg. Using the best-characterized data only gives a mean of 220 MJ/kg with a standard deviation of 20 MJ/kg.

1. Smil 2008:

Aluminum from bauxite

190 - 230 MJ/kg

2. Ashby 2009:

200 - 240 MJ/kg

3. CMU EIO LCA:

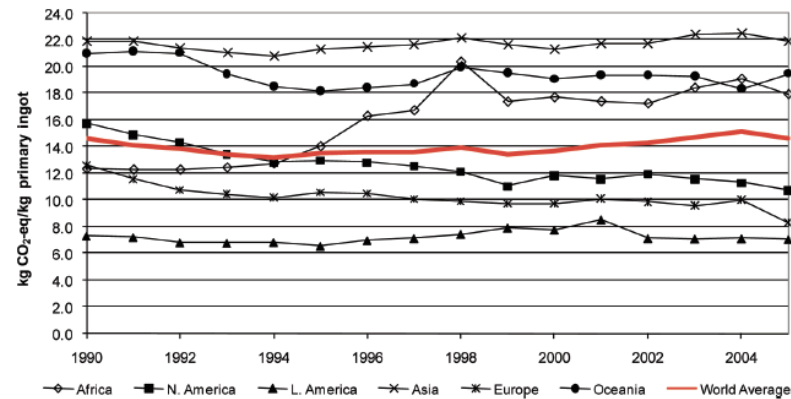
115 MJ/kg

4. Alcoa: 81 MJ/kg

5. International Aluminum Institute:

84 MJ/kg

McMillan & Keoleian 2009



**FIGURE 4.** Production based GHG intensity of primary aluminum production by region.

Ashby 2009:

11 - 14 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kg

Also see debate on CNW's report on 'dust to dust' – Prius vs Hummer

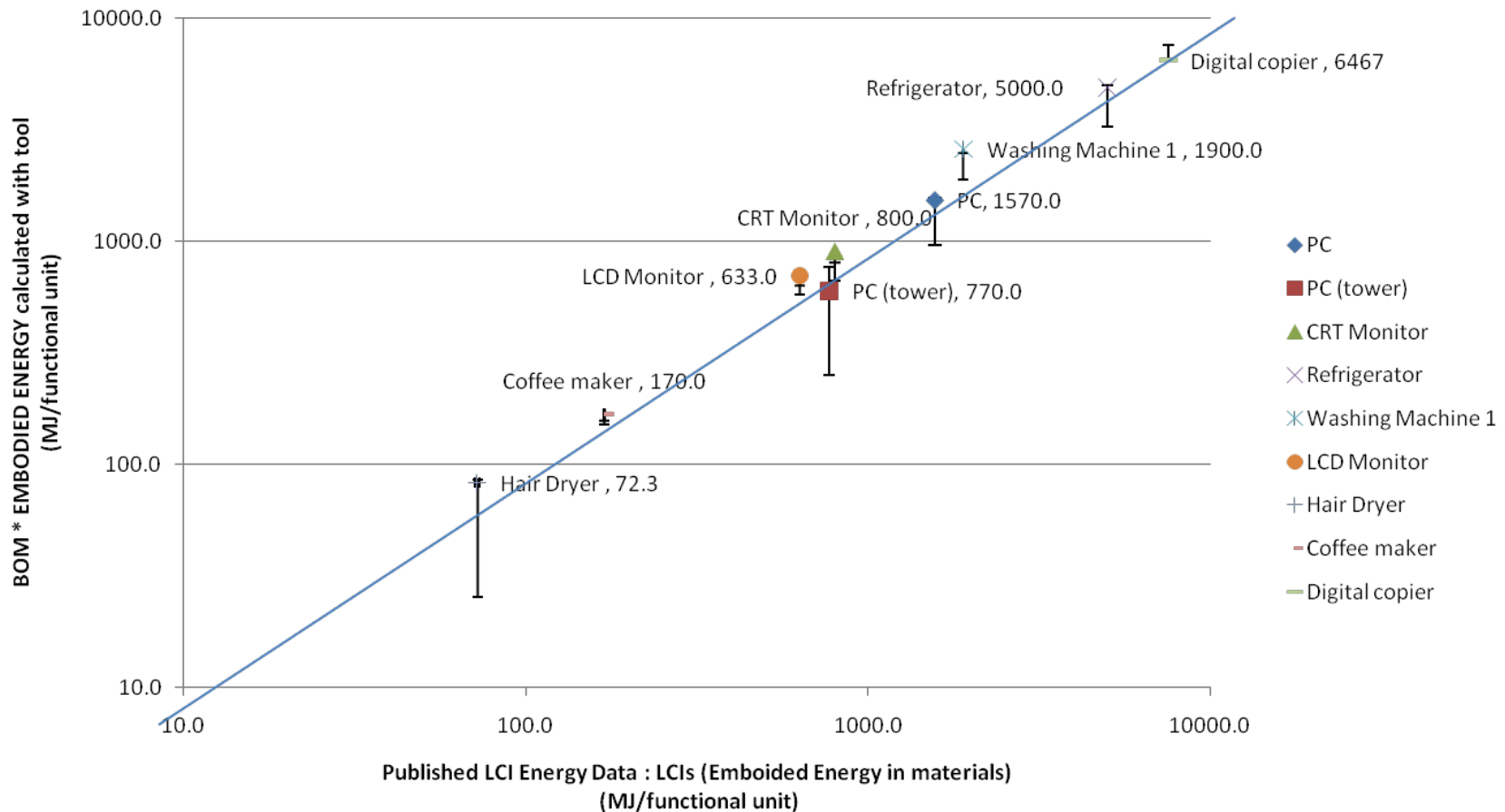
# Summary

- Powerful tool – All phases, various environmental impacts
  - Easy to pickup hard to master
  - Many applications
    - Sustainable design
    - Supplier / distributor selection
    - Performance measurement and tracking
    - CSR reporting
- Has challenges
  - Education
  - Data availability and qualification
  - Vague standards – ISO, WRI, PAS2050, EPD, PCR ..
  - Impact factors
  - Lack of regulation (Picking up in EU)



# Comparison of PRODUCTS' MATERIAL EMBODIED ENERGY DATA:

## Calculated with BOM tool vs. LCIs Published



Natalia Duque Ciceri, 2009

## *Incorporating Values – the difference between LCA and LCI*

- Value Laden
- Location dependent
- Depends on self interest
- Knowledge limitations
  - mental models
- Power advantages
  - if fish could vote....

## *Accuracy Limitations*

- Functional unit limitations
- Boundaries need to be clearly stated
- Little Standardization
- Beware closer than  $\pm 10\%$

# Readings and References

- a) Ashby Ch 3, also see Ch 7 and 12 (Refs)
- b) Hendrickson, Lave and Matthews, Chapters 1, 2, and 5, 6, look at Appendix I.
- c) Leontief, Input/Output Economics, pp19 – 24 (handout)
- d) Sullivan, J., et al, “Life Cycle of US Sedan.....” 1999, p 1-14. (handout)