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LCA applications for industrial partners and Research at the Center for Industrial Ecology

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Energy for Sustainability Initiative
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Center for Industrial Ecology

- Research group in the multi-disciplinary field of **Industrial Ecology**.
- Develops and applies tools to enhance the **sustainability** of products and systems supported by **life-cycle thinking**.
- Takes a **holistic** and systematic approach to the analysis of sustainable systems by exploring trade-offs and synergies between **economy, environment and society**.
- Promotes R&D&I to support industry, public authorities, organizations, and consumers towards sustainable production and consumption.



Research Agenda

Environmental life-cycle assessment (Carbon, water, environmental footprints)

Social LCA, Life-cycle management, LC Costing

Life-cycle sustainability assessment

LCA & multi-objective optimization, LCA & Partial Equilibrium Analysis (LCAA)

LCA & MultiCriteria Decision Analysis

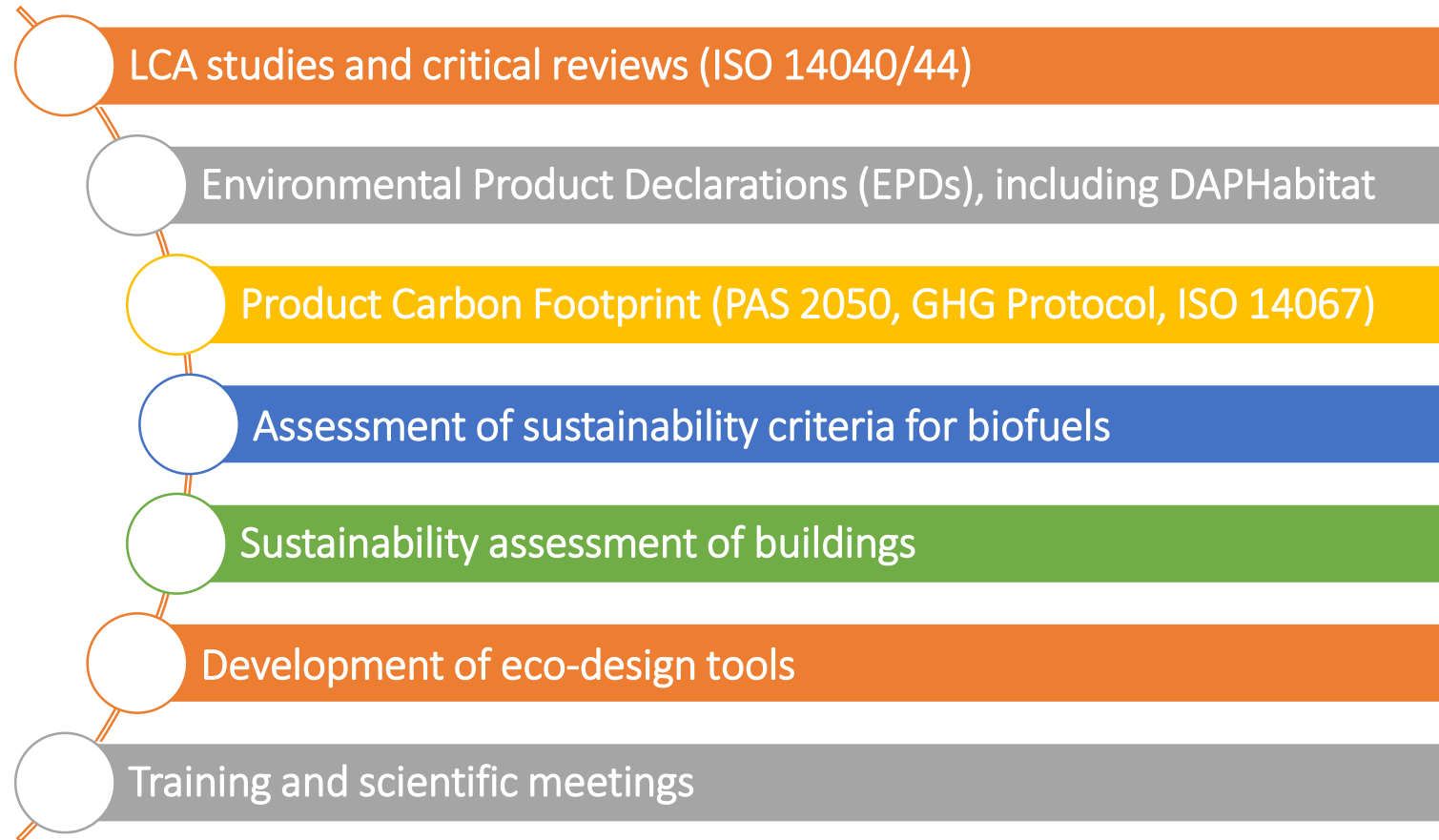
Extended LC approaches: uncertainty, variability, local aspects & spatial different

Eco-design, fleet-based LCA, Dynamics

Circular Economy

Urban metabolism & Material Flow Analysis, MFA & LCA

Services



Application areas

Energy

Renewables:
bioenergy, biofuels,
solar e other

Fossil fuels,
Conversion systems

Electricity

Transportation

Vehicle components and
systems,
electric vehicles,
trains,
fleet analysis, batteries

Sustainable
mobility

Buildings and Sustainable Architecture

Sustainable urban
development

Prefabrication

Building
components

Thermal insulation

Sustainable
construction and
retrofitting

Agrifood and Forestry

Fruits, vegetables,
vegetable oils

Animal-derived
products

Sustainable diets

Wood-based
materials

Waste valorization

Land Use Change

Waste Management

Waste cooking oil
and animal fat

Demilitarization

Anaerobic digestion

Building waste
management

Packaging

Ongoing projects

2017-2019 **CTB Basics: CleanTechBlock – Sustainable Multi-functional Building Block Basics**

Proponent Institution: Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia | Coordinator at ADAI-LAETA: Fausto Freire Funding: M-ERA.NET/FCT | M-ERA-NET2/0017/2016 | Funding: 425 884 €

2016-2019 **URBANWINS: Urban metabolism accounts for building waste management innovative networks and strategies**

Proponent Institution: Comune di Cremona | Coordinator at UC: Fausto Freire | Funding Entity: European Union – Horizon 2020 | Grant Agreement No. 690047 | Funding: 4 966 516.25 €

2016-2019 **SUSTAINFOR: Sustainability assessment of forest sector management strategies in the context of a bioeconomy**

Coordinator: Ana Dias (CESAM-UA) | Coordinator at ADAI-LAETA: Fausto Freire | Funding Entity: FCT | PTDC/AGR-FOR/1510/2014 | Funding: 199 992 €

2016-2019 **SABIOS: Sustainability assessment of bioenergy systems: a life cycle multi-criteria decision-support approach, including land use change**

Coordinator: Luis Arroja (CESAM-UA) | Coordinator at ADAI-LAETA: Fausto Freire | Funding Entity: FCT | PTDC/AAG-MAA/6234/2014 | Funding: 199 836 €

2016-2018 **WASHONE: Innovative toilet system combining a washlet system, an integrated water storage and discharge system and an urine separation system**

Proponent Institution: Oliveira & Irmão S.A. | Coordinator at DEM-UC: António Gameiro | Funding Entity: FEDER/COMPETE 2020 | Funding: 460 802 €

2018 **Almost ongoing...**

Ecodesign and Life Cycle Assessment of pharmaceutical packaging

Coordinator: Fausto Freire | Funding Entity: VALORMED

Selected Concluded Projects (I)

- **Funded by Industry**

- **CIE Plasfil**

- 2013-2015: EDIL - EcoDesign and Impact Labelling of automobile plastic components

- **Portuguese Association of Biofuel Producers – APPB**

- 2010-2011: LC GHG emissions for soybean-based biodiesel in Portugal

- 2014-2016: LC GHG emissions for rapeseed-based biodiesel in Portugal

- **ROLLS-ROYCE Environment Advisory Board |**

- 2015-16 LifeCycle GHG Analysis of Train Power Systems: Diesel, Hybrid and LNG

- **Projects with international partners**

- 2010-2013: **BioTrans** - Capturing Uncertainty in Biofuels for Transportation. Resolving Environmental Performance and Enabling Improved Use. (USA, MIT)

- 2010-2013: **Economic and Environmental Sustainability of Electric Vehicle Systems** (USA, MIT)

- 2013-2015: LC Environmental Sustainability Assessment of Bioenergy (**Brazil, USP**)

- 2010-2012: **BIOACV** - Comparison of the LCA of the Biodiesel Produced from Soybean Oil and Animal Fat, Methylic and Ethylic Routes (**Brazil, USP**).

Selected Concluded projects (II)

○ National projects

- 2016-2017: **BIO2URBAN**- Biodiesel blends for road vehicles in urban areas
- 2012-2015: **BioHeavy** - Extended “well-to-wheels” assessment of biodiesel for heavy transport vehicles
- 2013-2015: **BioSustain** - Sustainable mobility: Perspectives for the future of biofuel production-Sustainable mobility: Perspectives for the future of biofuel production
- 2007-2011: Biofuel systems for transportation in Portugal: A "well-to-wheels" integrated multi-objective assessment
- 2012-2015: **EMSURE** - Energy and Mobility for Sustainable Regions (CENTRO-07-0224-FEDER-002004)
- **2011-2013: EcoDeep - Eco-efficiency and Eco-management in Agro-industry (Funded by COMPETE - QREN)**

WashOne

Innovative toilet system combining a washlet system, an integrated water storage and discharge system and an urine separation system

- GOAL: conception, technical development, prototyping and final validation of an innovative toilet that includes a number of features, namely a 'washlet' system, an integrated system for storing and flushing the water, and an urine separation system.
- Partners:
 - **OLI**: a leading firm in Portugal in the manufacture of toilet cisterns and accessories for sanitary ware;
 - **Sanindusa**: a relevant Portuguese manufacturer of sanitary ware;
 - **EVOLEO**: a SME with acknowledged experience in developing complex electronic systems;
 - **ITeCons**: a research and innovation systems institution geared to developing new construction systems and processes;
 - **ANQIP**: research and innovation systems institution devoted to the assessment of the quality and efficiency of facilities installed in buildings;
 - **University of Aveiro**: which has sound experience in developing and validating hydromechanical systems;
 - **University of Coimbra**: experience in the simulation of engineered systems and life-cycle assessment.

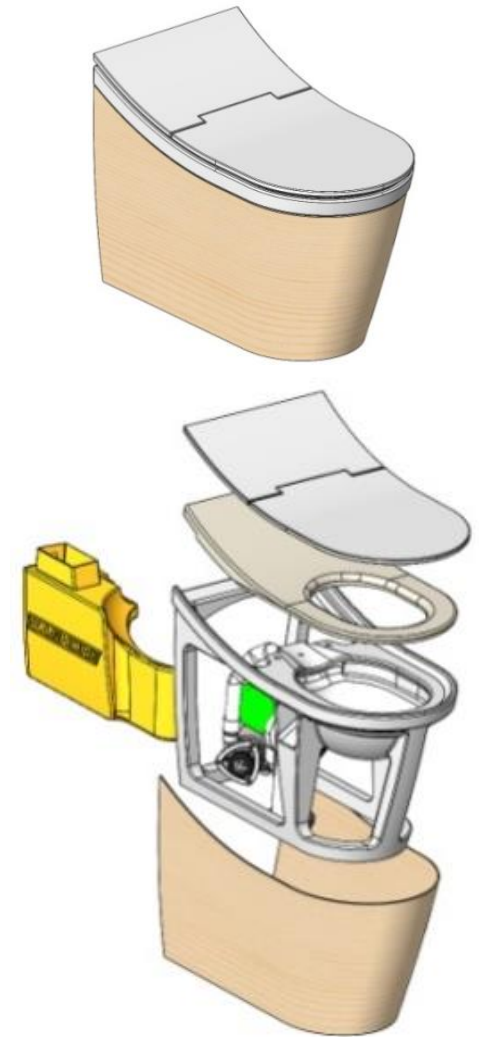
WashOne – Innovative toilet combining multiple comfort, cleaning and sustainable functions

Main functions:

- Washlet (cleaning and drying system)
- Integrated systems for water storing and flushing
- Urine separation system

Additional functions:

- Odor extraction
- Seat heating
- Automatic lid
- Orientation light
- Remote control unit



Partners:



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ITeCons



SABIOS

Sustainability assessment of bioenergy systems: a life cycle multi-criteria decision-support approach, including land use change

- Coordinator: Luis Arroja (CESAM-UA) | Coordenador@ADAI-LAETA: Fausto Freire | INESCC: Luís Dias | Funding Entity: FCT
- GOAL: [Develop a framework for Sustainability Assessment of bioenergy systems](#), able to inform industry actors, policy makers and stakeholders, and to support bioenergy systems management.
- The methodology aims to innovate and advance the state of the art along three interrelated lines:
 - The assessment of bioenergy alternatives will be based on the [complementary use of Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis \(MCDA\) and LCA](#)
 - [Uncertainty analysis](#) will be embedded throughout all models to be developed, an important aspect since there is considerable uncertainty regarding the type, scale and timing of indirect LUC
 - The LCA will account for the [indirect Land Use Changes \(LUC\) effects](#)

SUSTAINFOR

Sustainability assessment of forest sector management strategies in the context of a bioeconomy

- Coordinator: Ana Dias (CESAM-UA) | Coordenador@ADAI-LAETA: Fausto Freire | Funding Entity: FCT
 - GOAL: To assess, for the first time, the [effects of the transition to a bioeconomy on the eucalypt and maritime pine forest sectors in Portugal](#), in order to provide insights for improved policy and decision-making concerning the choice of more sustainable solutions taking into account the [three pillars of sustainability \(environmental, economic and social\)](#).
 - The project will provide answers to the following questions:
 - What are the current total [environmental, economic and social impacts of the eucalypt and maritime pine forest sectors in Portugal](#)?
 - How these current impacts can be decreased?
 - What are the possible [alternative management strategies](#) for these forest sectors in the future?
 - What are the [environmental, economic and social impacts of those possible future scenarios](#)?
 - What are the [most sustainable scenarios](#) that should be adopted in the [future](#)?
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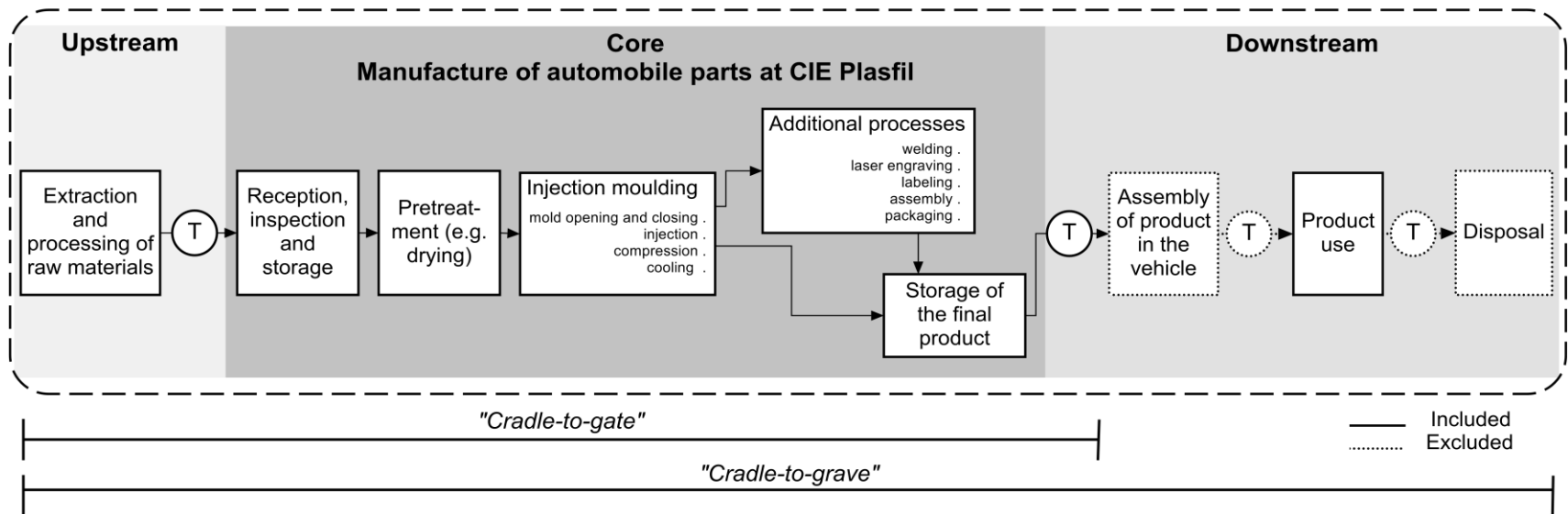
Ecodesign of a passenger car armrest

Structural elements of the armrest



Life-Cycle model

System boundaries



Development of an Ecodesign tool

Screen capture of the “EcoPlasfil” tool:

- Interactive menu;
- selection of materials for the injection molding process;
- transportation modes (and distances) for finished components/sets

Environmental impact calculation tool: EcoPlasfil

Quick access menu: Introduction → Data Input CIE Plasfil → Data Input transp. & use → **CALCULATE** → Results - Production → Results - Transport → Results - Life Cycle

1. PRODUCTION IN CIE PLASFIL

1.1. General information

Select the scenarios (e.g. #2, #3 e #5) for comparison.
 #base #2 #3 #4 #5
 #6 #7 #8 #9 #10

Pre-fill (of scenarios with the values from #base)
 Import data (from CIE Plasfil interface)

Grey cells represent cells to insert or select information. The remaining ones are blocked to safeguard from accidental deletion of relevant information.

Enter the designation, the main characteristics and the weigh of the components for comparison.

| | #1 | #2 | #3 | #4 |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| Designation | Component A | Component B | Component C | Component D |
| Description | Injected: virgin PBT PET GF30; Auxiliary materials for assembly: silicone, steel | Injected: virgin PBT PET GF30 and PP GF30; Auxiliary materials for assembly: PET, steel | Injected: virgin ABS PC; Auxiliary materials for assembly: PP, POM, steel | Injected: recycled ABS PC; Auxiliary materials for assembly: PP, steel |
| Liquid weight of the injected plastic component (g) | 355 | 235 | 340 | 275 |
| Weight of the final assembly (g) | 420 | 355 | 411 | 371 |

1.2. Injection

1.2.1. Materials

Indicate virgin and recycled materials incorporated in the component.

| Inputs | Material | Quantity | Material | Quantity | Tipo de material | Quantidade | Tipo de material | Quantidade |
|---|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| Raw materials (g/component) | PBT PET GF 30 | 355 | PBT PET GF 30 | 150 | ABS PC | 340 | ABS PC | 200 |
| | [pick material] | 0 | PP GF30 | 85 | [pick material] | 0 | [pick material] | 0 |
| | [pick material] | 0 | [pick material] | 0 | Modified starch, or starch | 0 | [pick material] | 0 |
| Recycled materials (g/component) | [pick material] | 0 | [pick material] | 0 | Poliolefin, or another, or other | 0 | Auxiliary materials for assembly | 0 |
| | [pick material] | 0 | [pick material] | 0 | Poliolefin, or other, or other | 0 | ABS PC | 75 |
| | [pick material] | 0 | [pick material] | 0 | Styrene- acrylonitrile copolymer | 0 | [pick material] | 0 |
| Total weight of the injected plastic component (kg) | | 355,0 | | 235,0 | | 340,0 | | 275,0 |
| Total weight of the raw materials (including losses) (kg) | | 387,6 | | 264,2 | | 382,3 | | 309,2 |

1.2.2. Transport of finished components/assemblies to the vehicle assembly plant

For the transportation of finished components/assemblies, select the most common destination (destination 1 - base scenario) and also, if a comparison of transportation scenarios is desired, destinations 2 and 3 (alternative scenarios 1 and 2).

| #1 Component A | Origin | Vehicle | Mileage (km) | Empty return? | #2 Component B | Origin | Vehicle | Mileage (km) | Empty return? | #3 Component C | Destino | Tipo de veículo | Distância (km) | Retorno vazio? | #4 Component D | Destino | Tipo de veículo | Distância (km) | Retorno vazio? |
|--|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Destination 1 - base scenario | Weighted Lorry >32t, E 13018 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | base | Weighted Lorry >32t, E 13018 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | base | Weighted Lorry >32t, E 13018 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | base | Weighted Lorry >32t, E 13018 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] |
| Destination 2 - alternative scenario 1 | Gondoco Lorry >32t, E 1822 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | Destino 2 - Cenário alternativo 1 | Gondoco Lorry >32t, E 1822 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | Destino 2 - Cenário alternativo 1 | Gondoco Lorry >32t, E 1822 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | Destino 2 - Cenário alternativo 1 | Gondoco Lorry >32t, E 1822 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] |
| Destination 3 - alternative scenario 2 | Portveid Lorry >32t, E 268 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | Destino 3 - Cenário alternativo 2 | Portveid Lorry >32t, E 268 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | Destino 3 - Cenário alternativo 2 | Portveid Lorry >32t, E 268 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] | Destino 3 - Cenário alternativo 2 | Portveid Lorry >32t, E 268 | [pick vehicle] | 0 | [Empty return] |

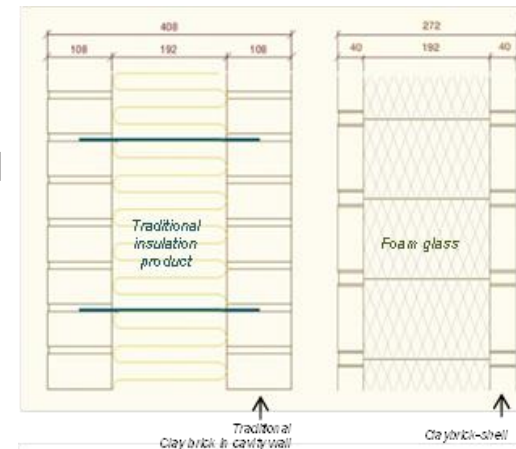
CTB Basics

CleanTechBlock – Sustainable Multi-functional Building Block Basics

○ GOAL: the development of a new preparation method for a foam glass with superior thermal insulation properties and its integration into a new building block – CleanTechBlock (CTB), a multifunctional sandwich-block solution based on the combination of two clay brick shells and a foamed recycled-glass core.

○ EU-Partners:

- Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia: experience in the field of synthesis and processing of ceramic and glass(y) materials, (micro) structural characterization and evaluation of functional properties.
- ADAI-CIE (University of Coimbra)
- CellMat Technologies, Spain: reference company in the transfer of both know-how and technology to the industrial sector. CMT implements advanced technologies in the production plants of companies in the plastics sector in two specific areas: Cellular Materials and Bioplastics.



CTB Basics concept



CTB prototype

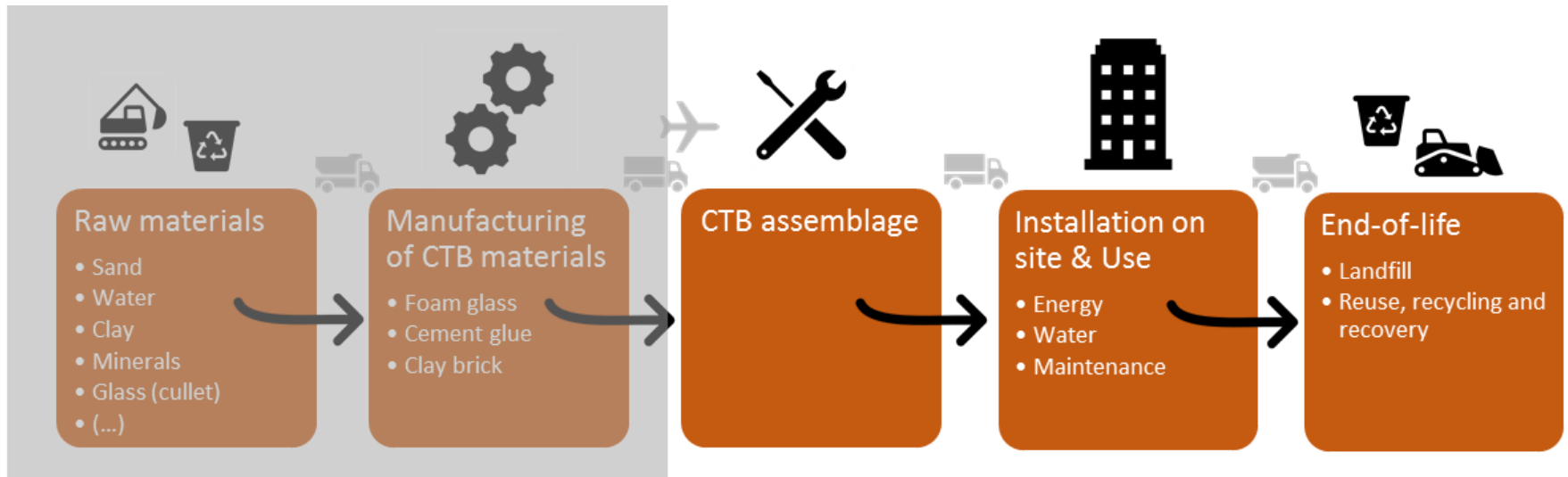


CTB wall mock-up

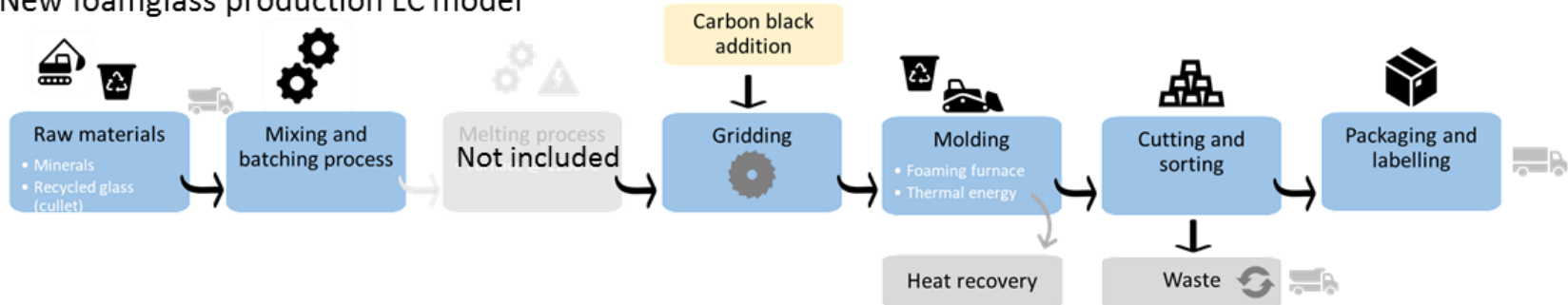
1. More than 50% reduction in the brick thickness,
2. Use of recycled materials in the production of foam glass,
3. Less energy intensive foam glass production,
4. Less energy required for construction due to faster construction,
5. Less energy required for transportation to the construction site,
6. Consumption of cement minimized (10-times less than traditional structure),
7. No organic components included.
8. Prolonged lifespan of the insulation element (200 years),
9. Minimum maintenance,
10. Lower consumption of raw materials,
11. Recyclability of the materials after demolition,
12. Composed of inert mineral materials.

- In CTB concept we take advantage of the superior insulation stability, load-bearing capacity, and sustainability of foam glass produced from cullet, and combine these with the durability, optimum indoor properties and minimal maintenance requirements of the traditional clay bricks.
- The new foam-glass preparation process enables the production of foam glass exclusively from waste glass and provides superior heat-insulation properties.

CTB Basics – life-cycle model



New foamglass production LC model



Research: selected results

- Biofuels
- Agri-food and Forestry

*other topics, not in this presentation: Energy systems,
Transportation, Buildings, Waste management, Demilitarization*

Biofuels

○ LCA of biodiesel:

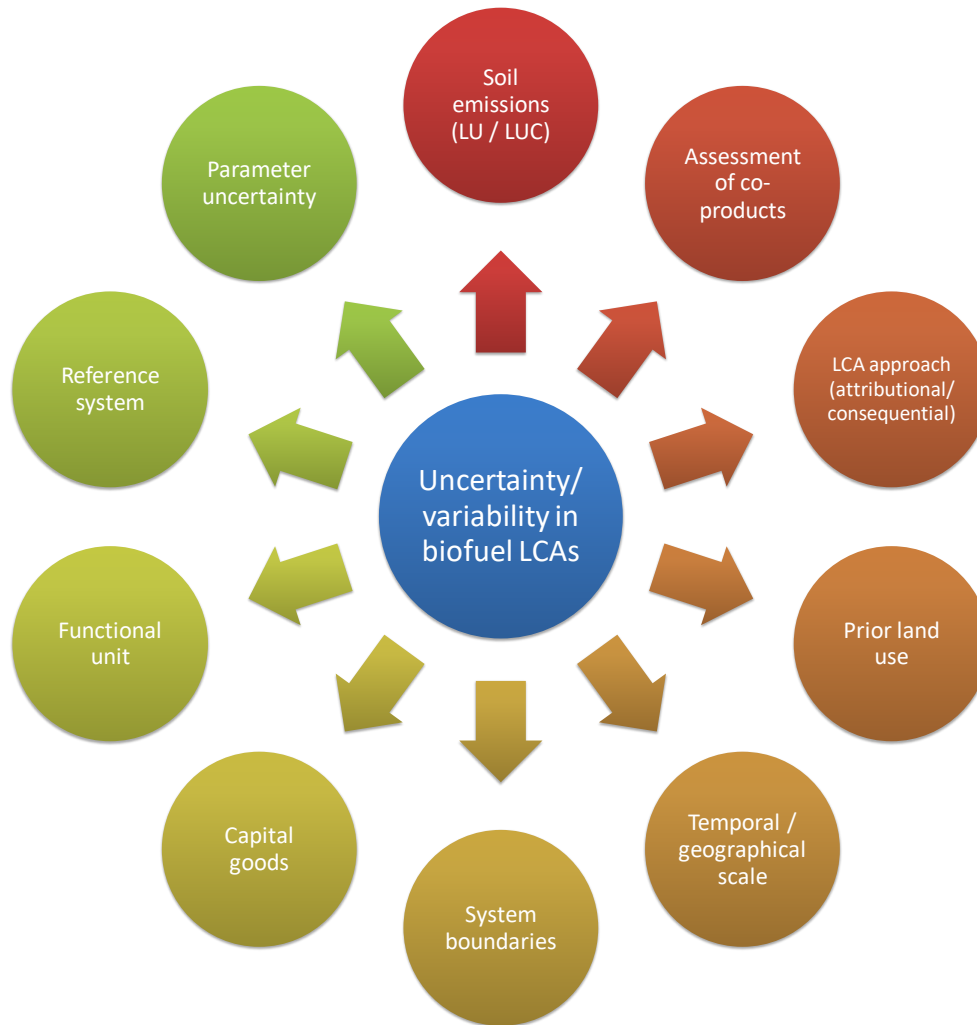
- Virgin oils – rapeseed, palm, soybean, sunflower
- Microalgae
- Waste cooking oils
- Beef tallow

○ LCA of bioethanol:

- Wheat
- Sugar beet
- Sugarcane

- Well-to-Tank & Tank-to-Wheels analysis
- Heavy duty vehicles
- LUC
- Agriculture practices and pathways
- Uncertainty analysis
- Multicriteria decision analysis
- Multi-objective optimization
- Social impacts
- Water footprint
- Multifunctionality

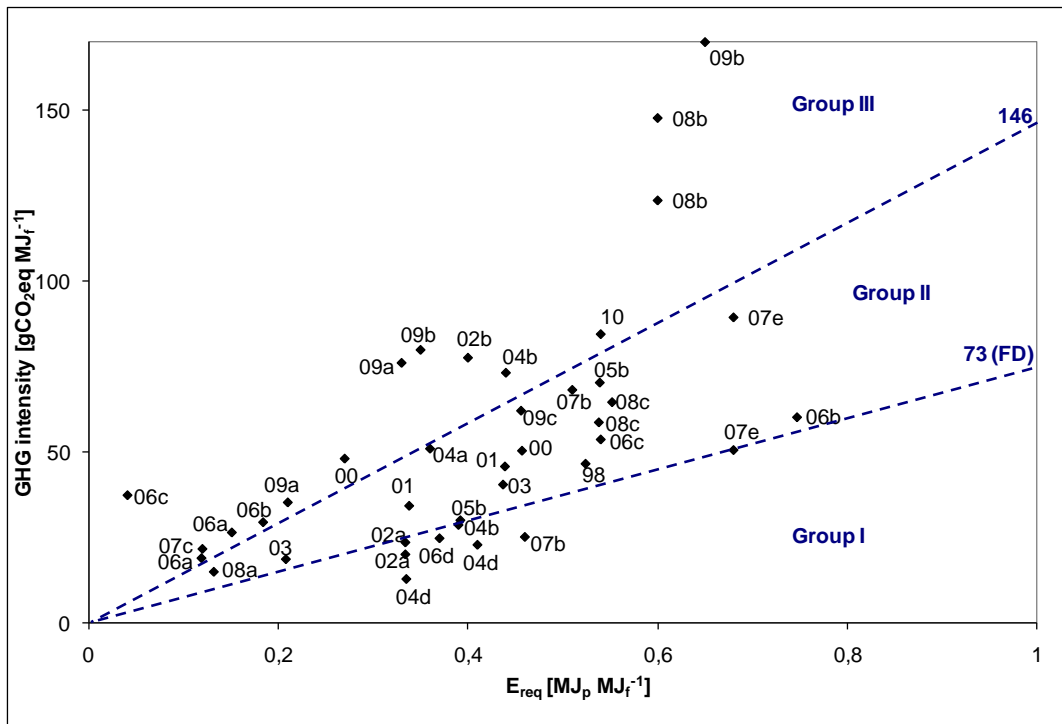
LCA of biofuels: sources of uncertainty



**METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES AFFECTING
THE RESULTS OF BIOFUEL LC STUDIES**

LCA of EU Rape methyl ester A Review

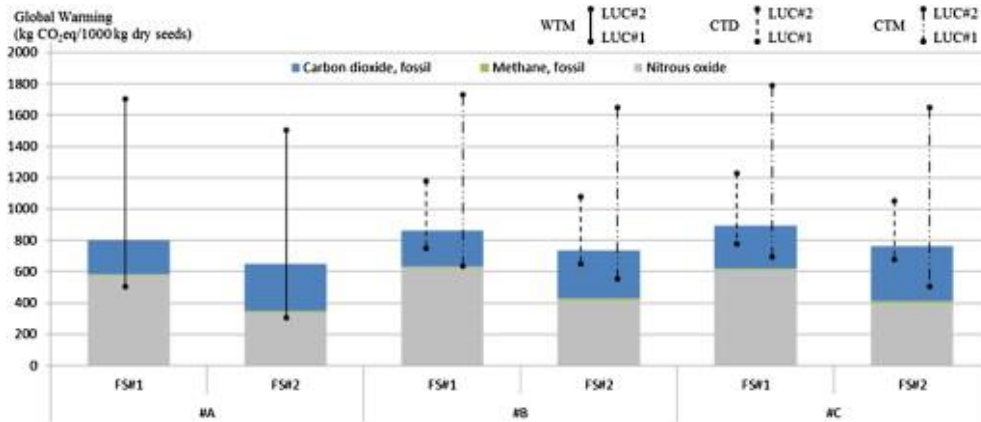
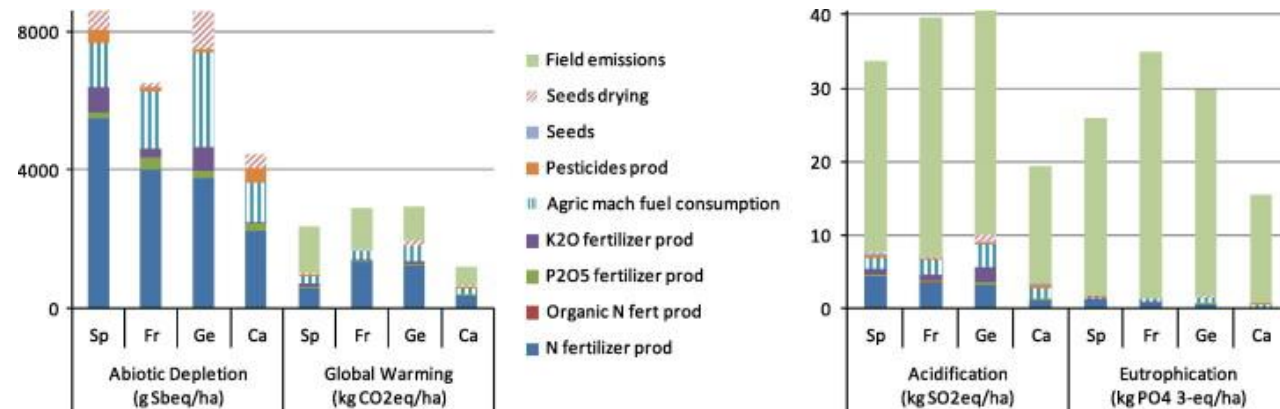
- Biofuel LC studies have varying and sometimes contradictory conclusions, even for the same biofuel type and pathway.
- Significant disagreement and controversy exist regarding the actual benefits of biofuels displacing fossil fuels.



| Group | Key modeling issues addressed | GHG intensity per nonrenewable primary energy use requirement (gCO ₂ eq MJ _p ⁻¹) | | |
|-------|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| | | < 73 | 73 – 146 | > 146 |
| III | soil carbon emissions + soil N ₂ O emissions (↑, high uncert.) + fossil CO ₂ emissions | | | 10, 09b, 08b |
| II | soil N ₂ O emissions (↓ or ↑) + fossil CO ₂ emissions | | 09c, 08c, 08a, 07e, 07b, 06c, 06b, 05b, 04b, 04a, 03, 01, 00 | 09a, 07c, 06c, 06a, 02b |
| I | soil N ₂ O emissions (0 or ↓) + fossil CO ₂ emissions | 06d, 04d, 02a | 98 | |

LCA of rapeseed biodiesel

Main contributions to the environmental impacts of rapeseed cultivation in various countries



o Contribution of substances to GW

- **LUC scenarios:** LUC#1 (low inputs) and LUC#2 (high inputs)
- **Climates:** WTM - warm temperate moist; CTD - cool temperate dry; CTM - cool temperate moist)
- **Fertilization scenarios:** FS#1 (N as NPK+CAN) and FS#2 (N as NPK+U)

Queirós, J., Malça, J., Freire, F. (2015). "Environmental Life-Cycle Assessment of Rapeseed Produced in Central Europe: Addressing Alternative Fertilization and Management Practices". JCIIP 99, 266-274.

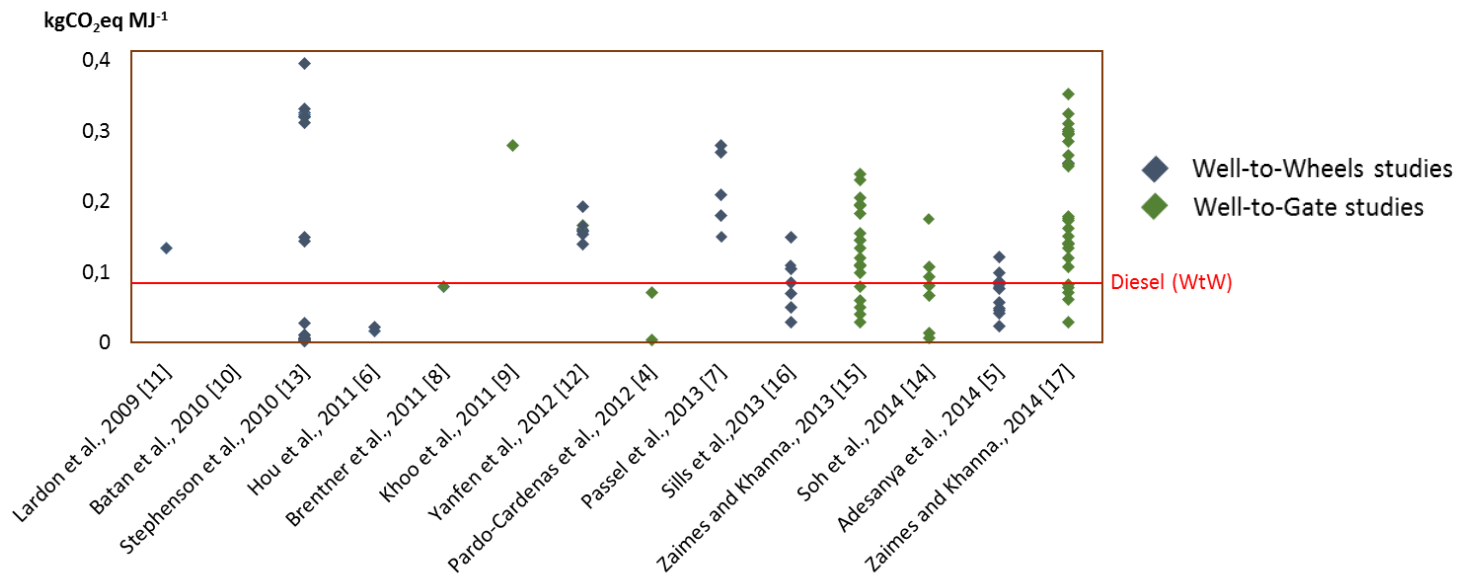
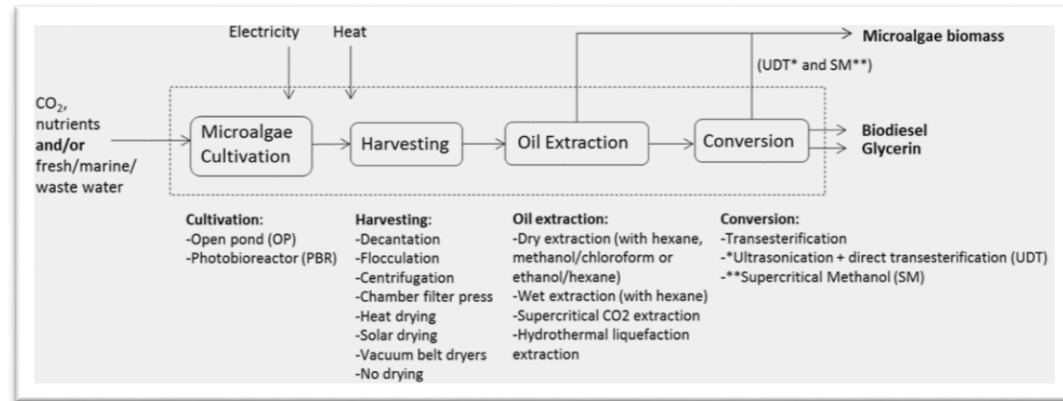
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Microalgae biodiesel

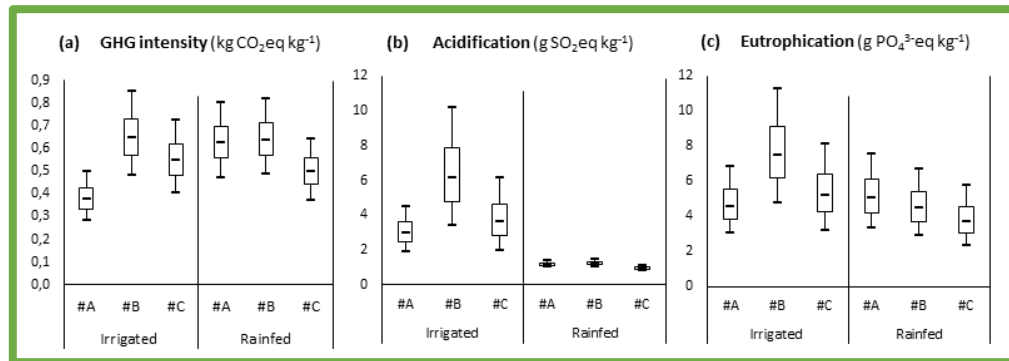
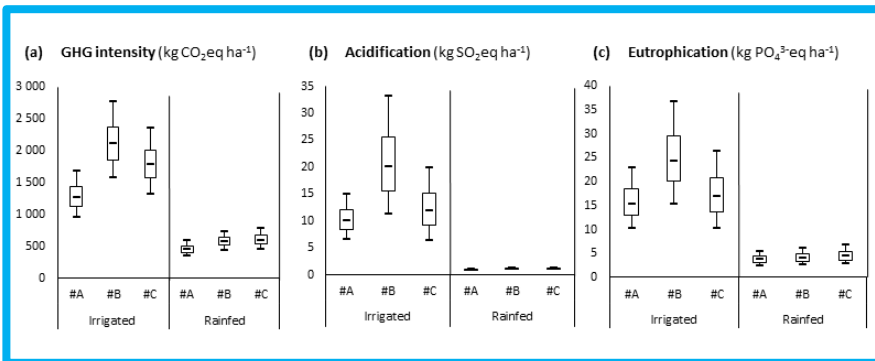
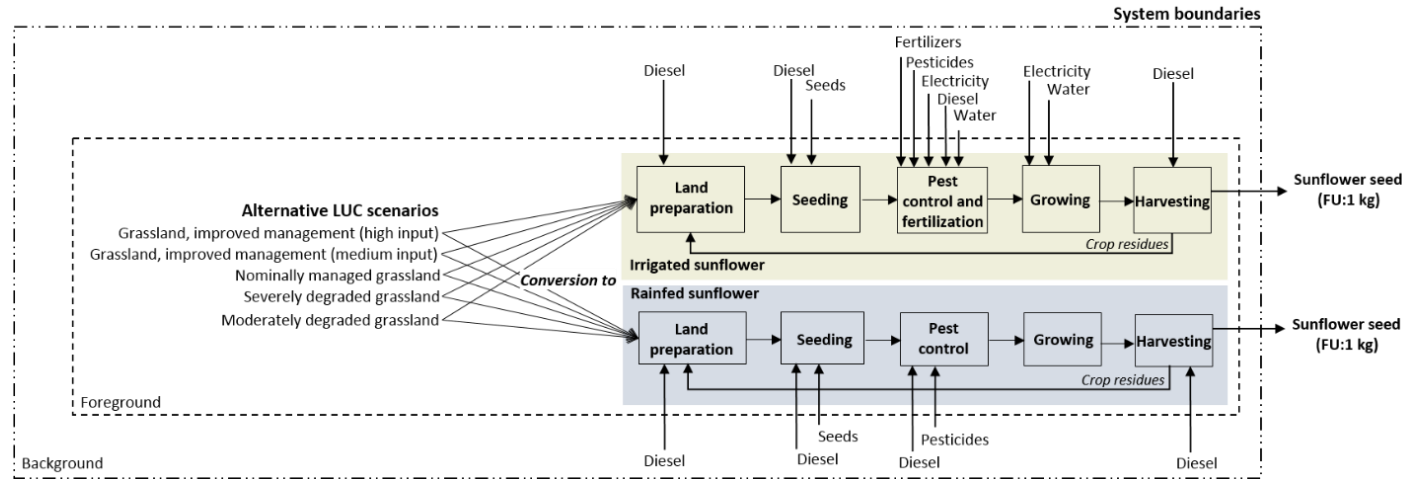
Comprehensive review of published LCAs for biodiesel produced from microalgae

- Identify the main causes for the high variability of GHG intensity



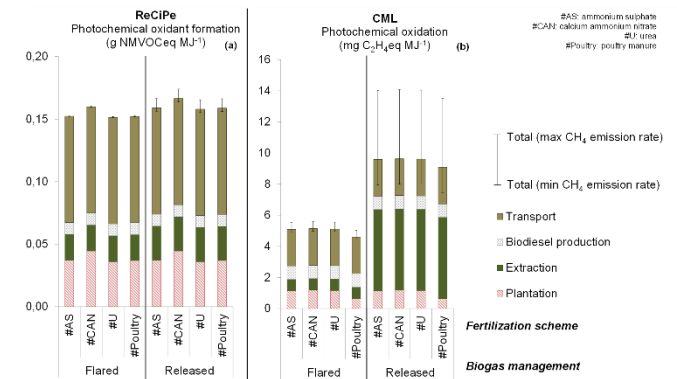
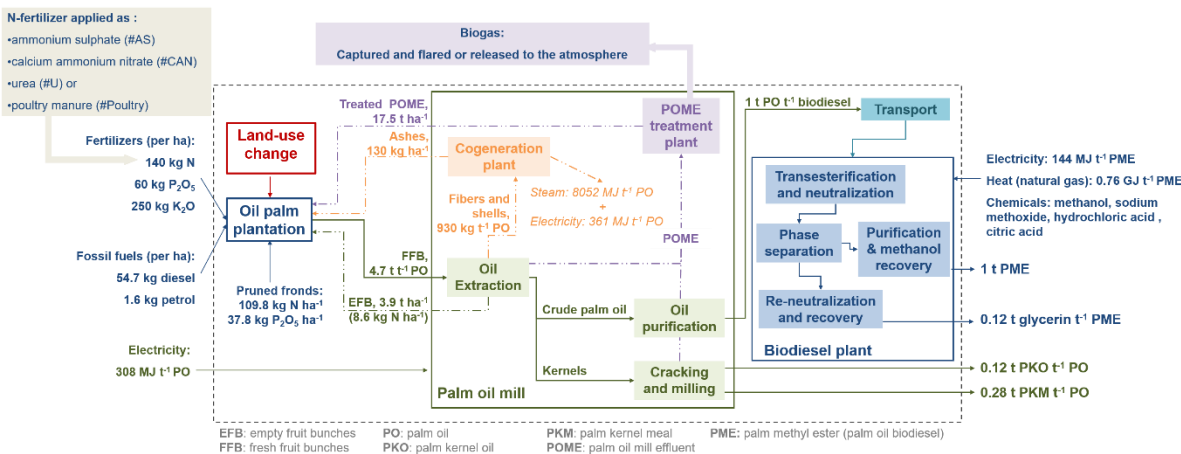
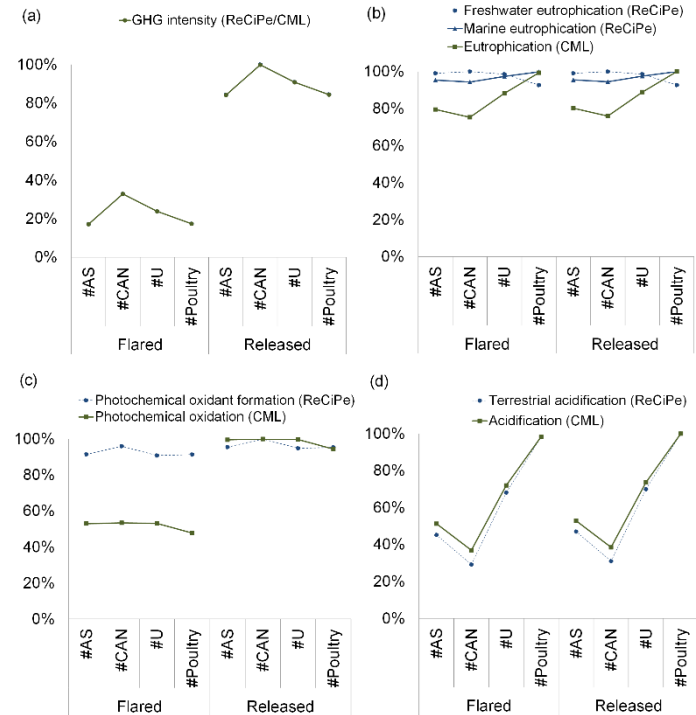
LCA of sunflower cultivation in PT

- Irrigated vs rainfed
- LUC scenarios
- Different functional units (kg and ha)
- Uncertainty analysis

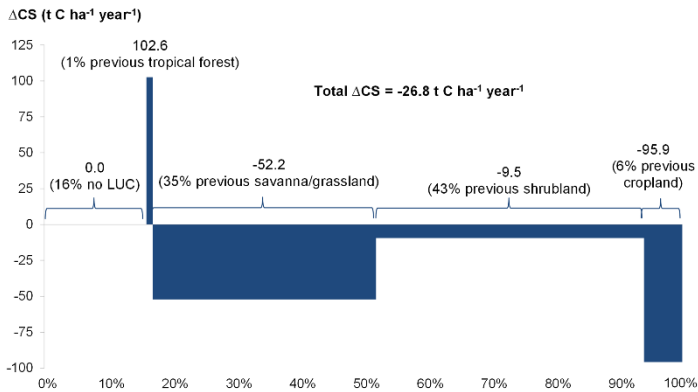


LCA of biodiesel produced with palm oil from Colombia

- o Alternative fertilization schemes:
 - Ammonium sulphate - #AS
 - Ammonium nitrate - #AN
 - Calcium ammonium nitrate - #CAN
 - Urea - #U
 - Poultry manure - #Poultry
- o Comparison of LCIA methods
- o Biogas captured and flared vs released

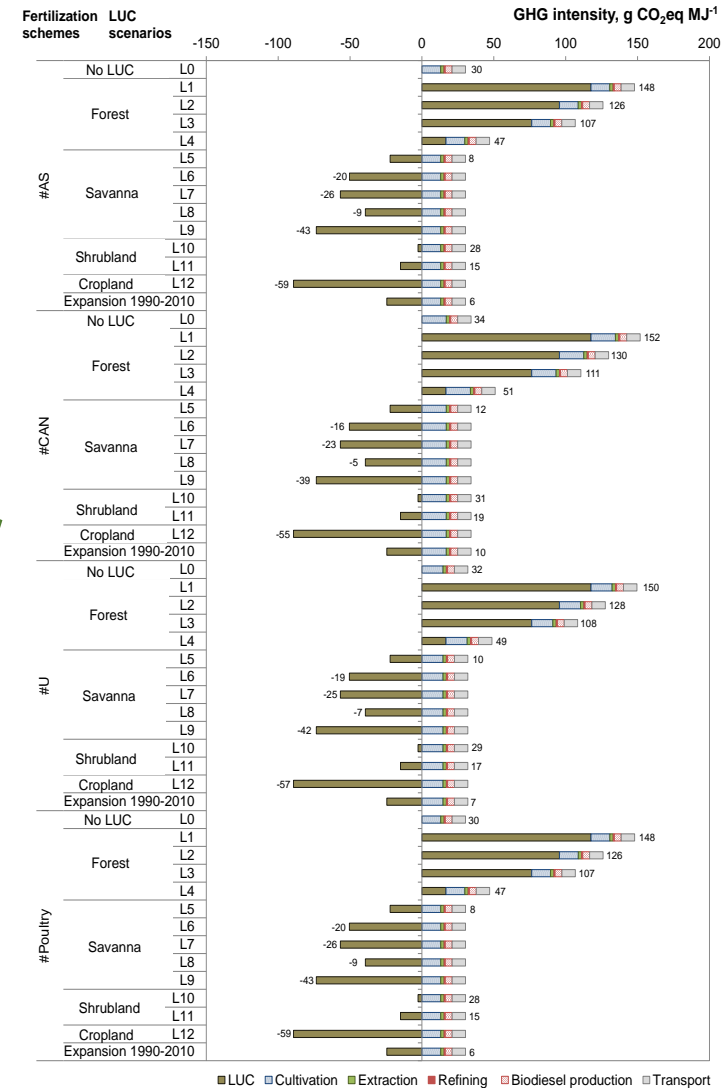
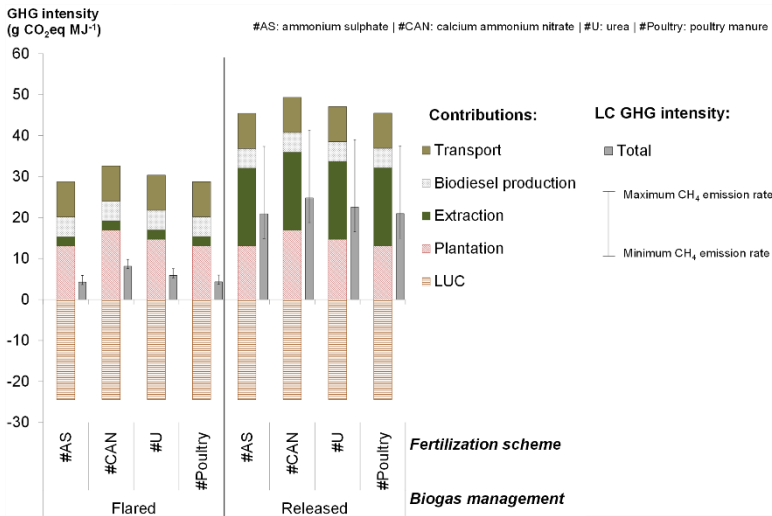


LCA of biodiesel produced with palm oil from Colombia



LUC @ Colombia (1990-2010)

LUC scenarios

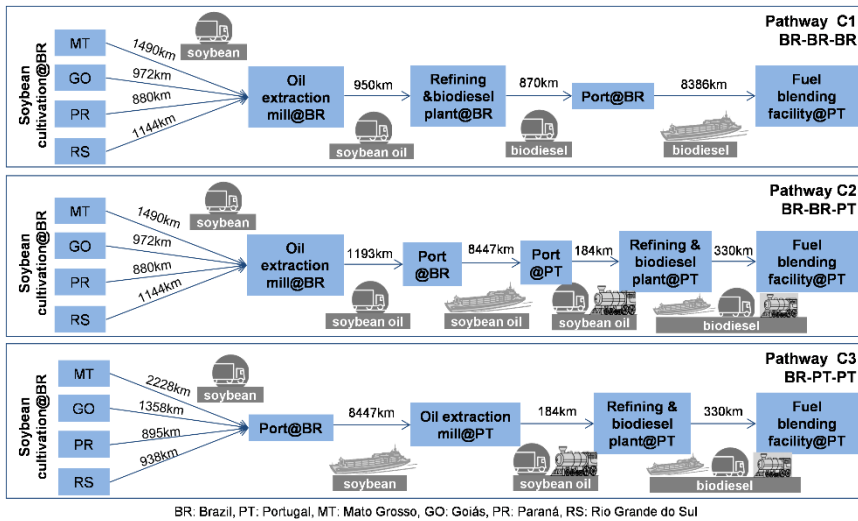


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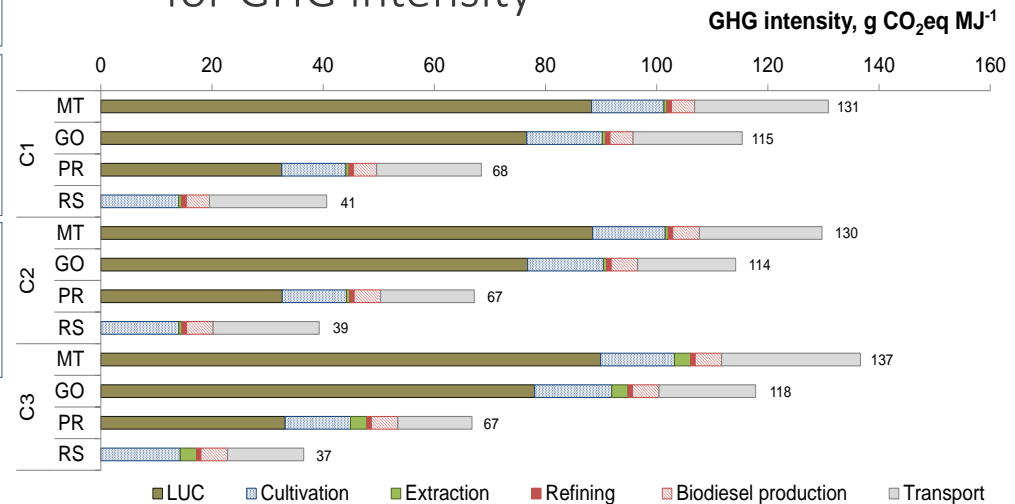
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LC GHG intensity of soybean biodiesel

- Three pathways and four Brazilian soybean origins



- Contribution of each LC phase for GHG intensity



Pathways
 C1: Biodiesel produced in Brazil | C2: Biodiesel produced in Portugal based on imported Brazilian soybean oil | C3: Biodiesel produced in Portugal based on imported Brazilian soybean
 Soybean origins (Brazilian states)
 MT: Mato Grosso | GO: Goiás | PR: Paraná | RS: Rio Grande do Sul

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LCA of soybean cultivation in Brazil

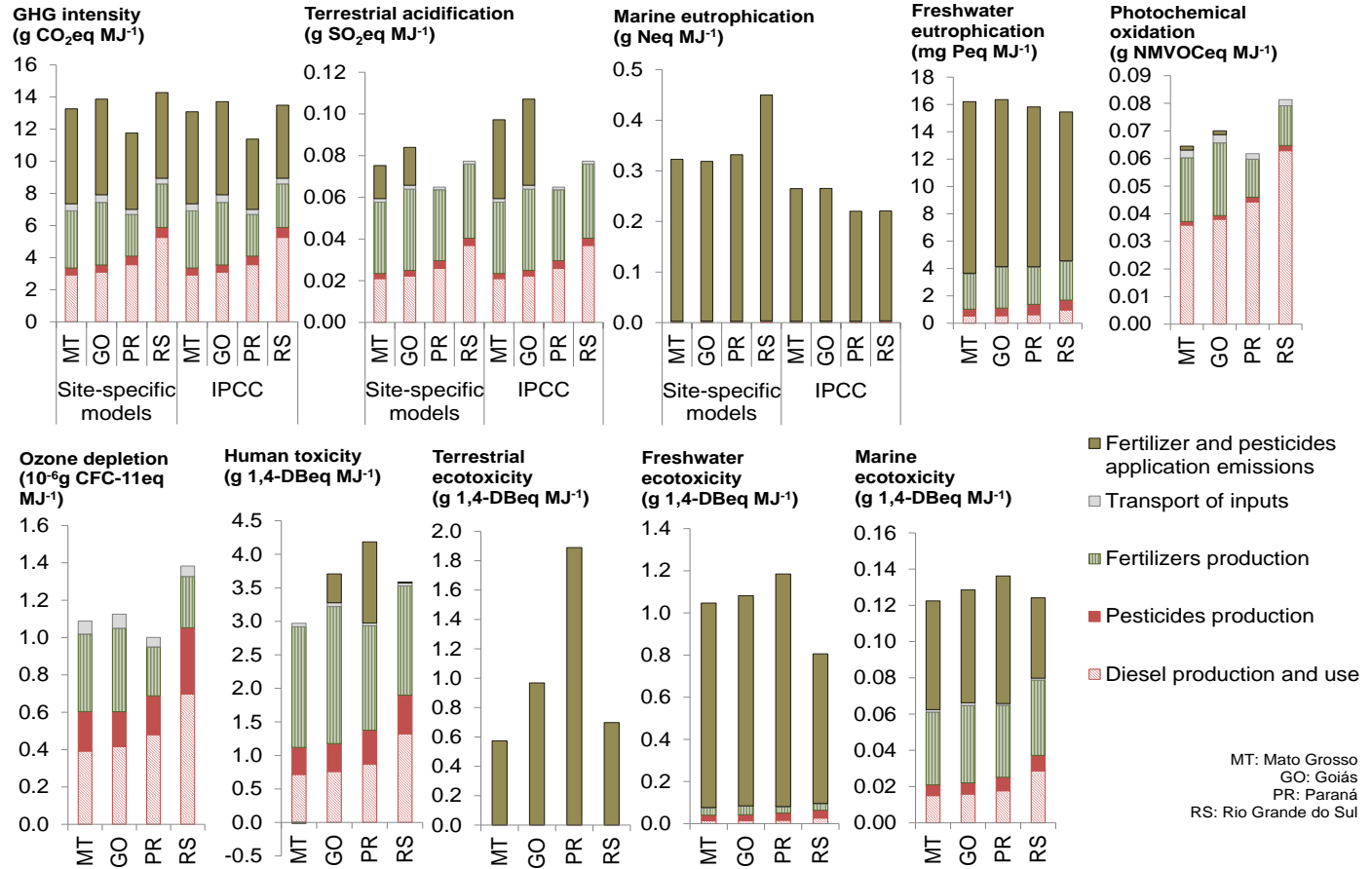
LCA of soybean cultivation in four Brazilian states:

Mato Grosso

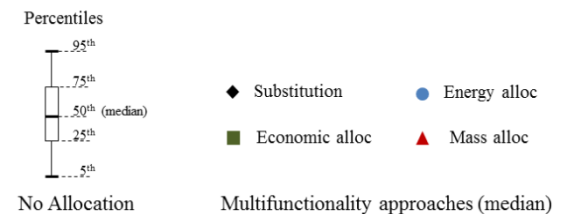
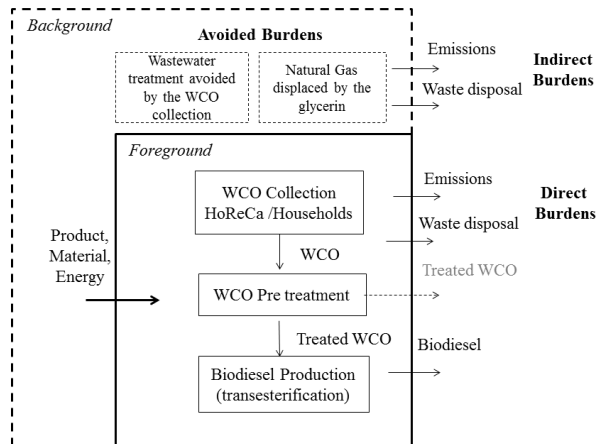
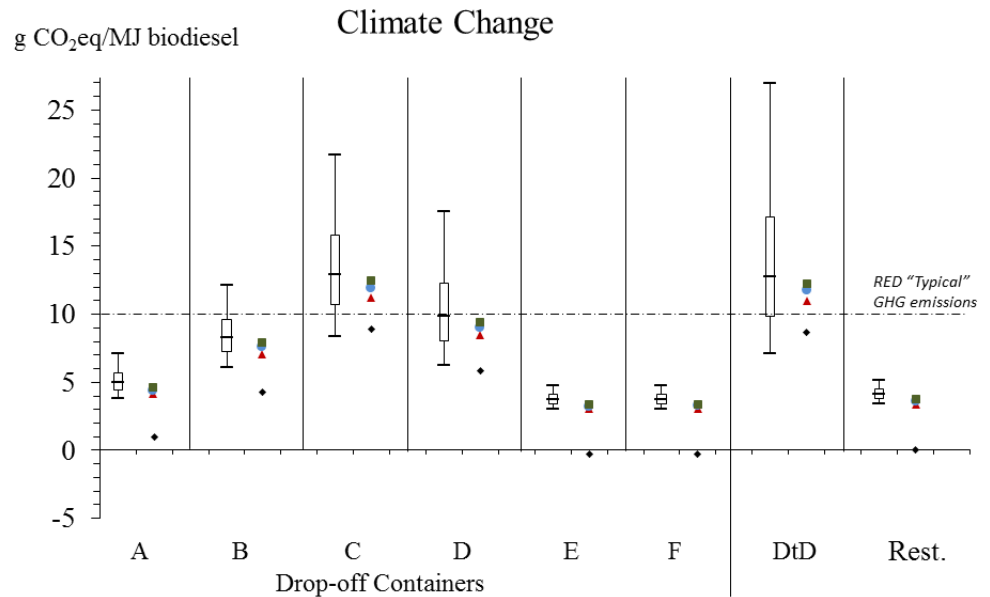
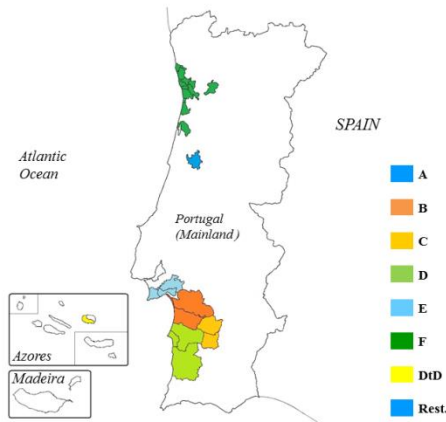
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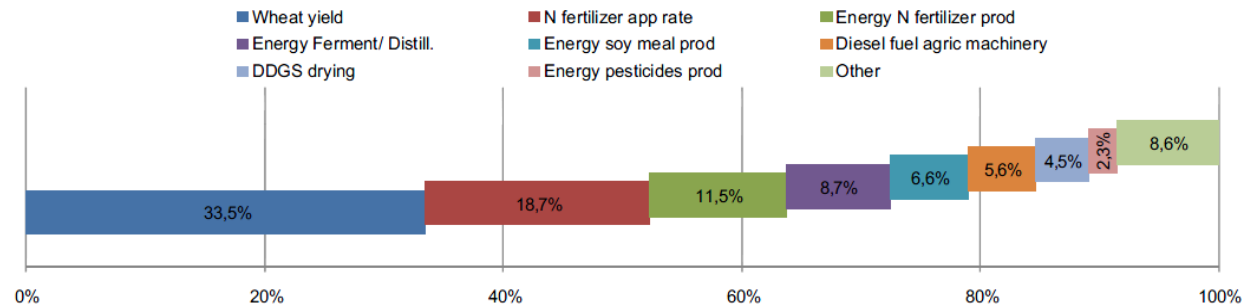
LCA of Waste Cooking Oil biodiesel addressing uncertainty



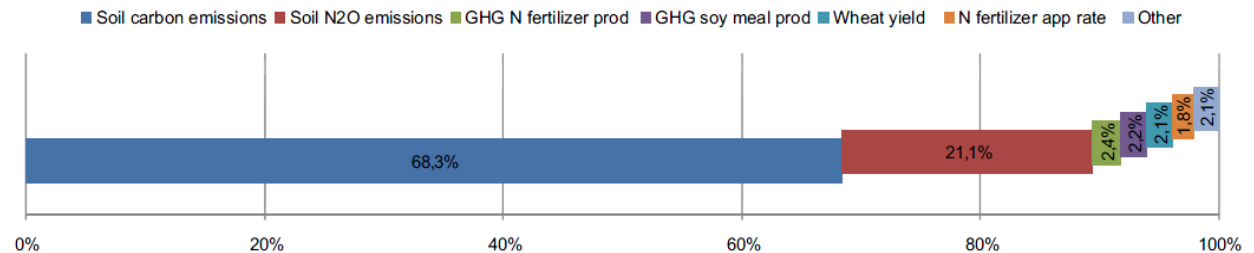
LCA of wheat-based bioethanol



Flow chart illustrating the life-cycle chain (well-to-tank) of wheat-based bioethanol.

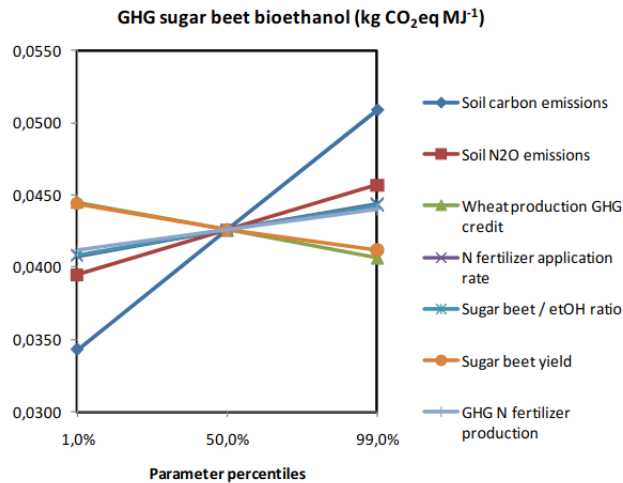
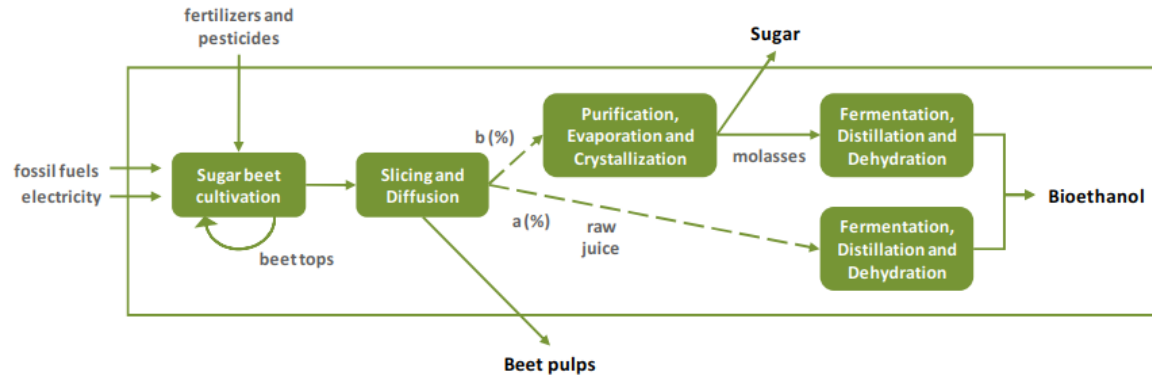


Contribution of input data to the variance of bioethanol ERenEf (substitution method).

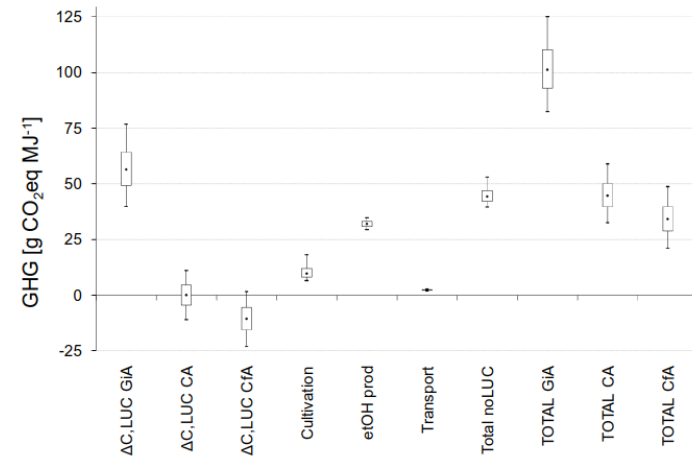


Contribution of input data to the variance of bioethanol GHG intensity (substitution method; LUC scenario: low-tillage cropland to wheat cultivation).

LCA of sugar beet-based bioethanol



Preliminary Sensitivity Analysis

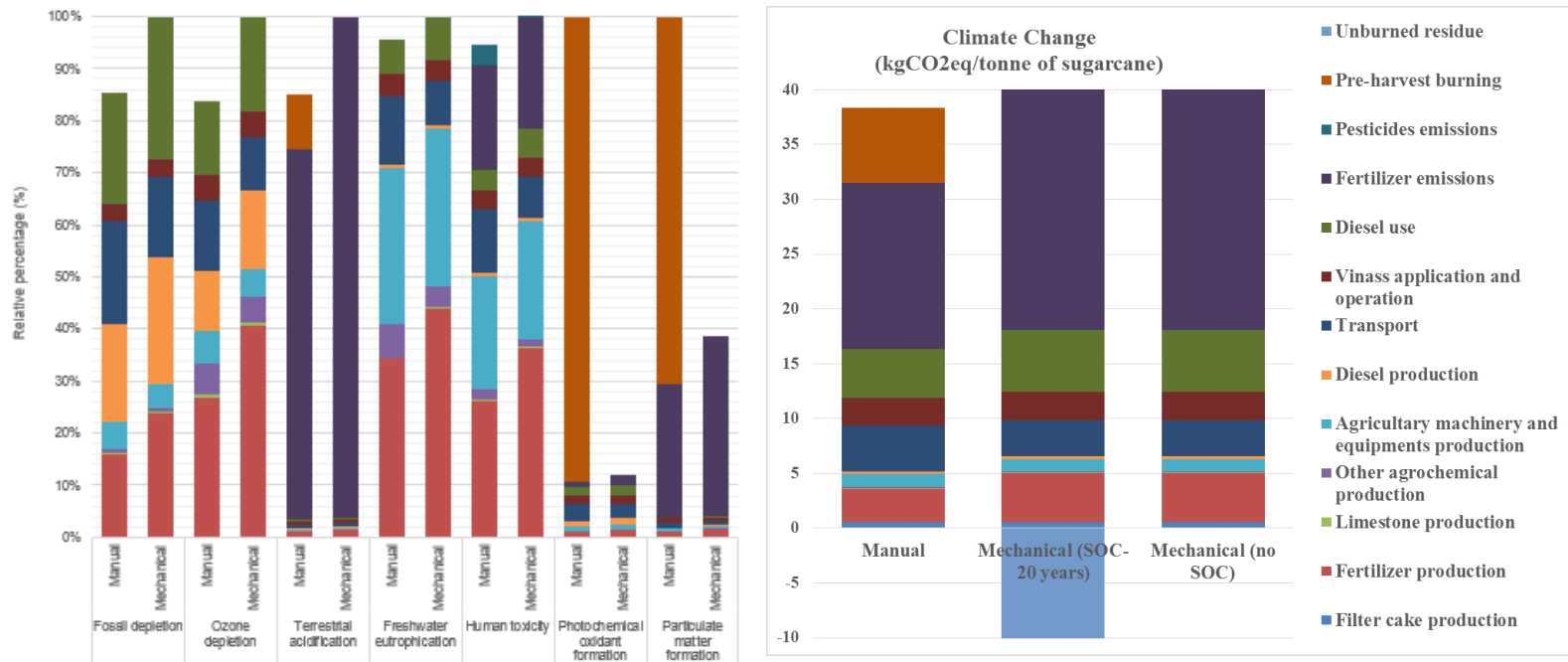


Non-allocated GHG emissions per LC stage

Sugarcane production in Brazil

Environmental and health impacts

- A comparative LCA was conducted to compare the environmental impacts of manual and mechanical harvesting.
- We calculated characterization factors for particular matter for Brazil to quantify related health risks.

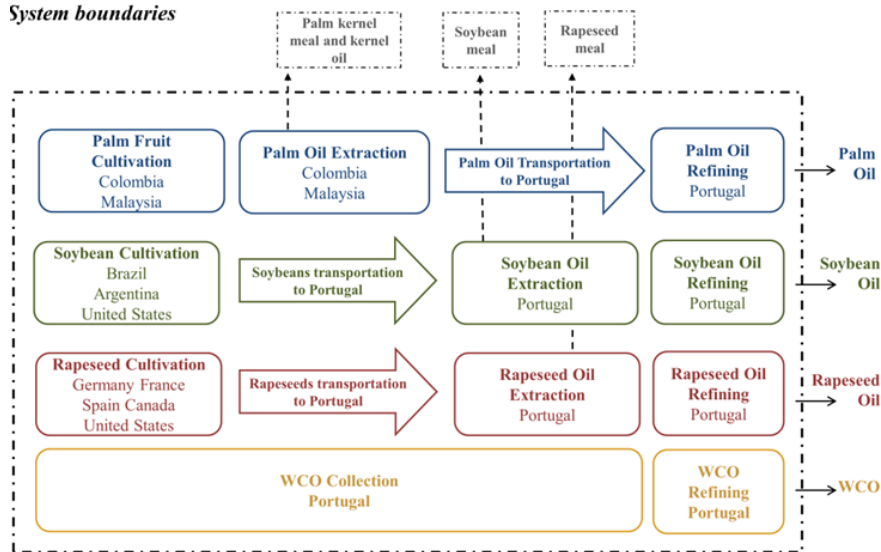


Social impacts: LC social impacts related to sugarcane production in Brazil were also assessed: SHDB and content analysis both identified Labor Rights and Decent Work as the impact category with the highest risk.

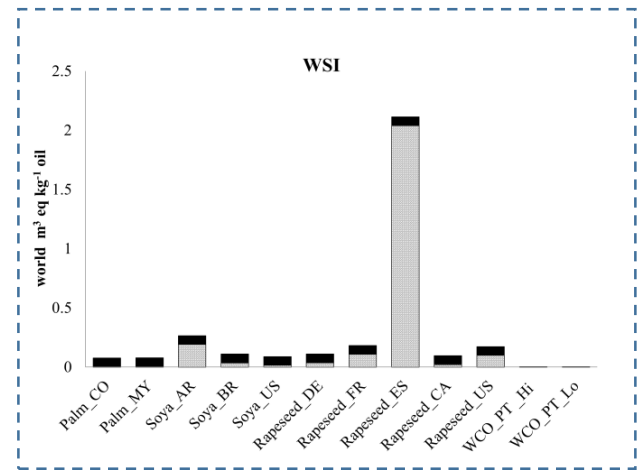
Water footprint of biodiesel

ISO 14046:2014 Environmental management - water footprint - Principles, requirements and guidelines.

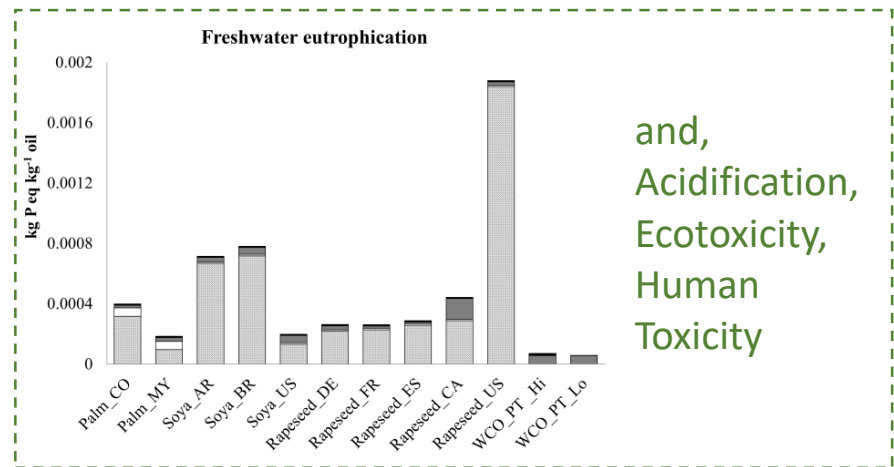
System boundaries



Water consumption impacts



Water degradation impacts



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Acidification,
Ecotoxicity,
Human
Toxicity

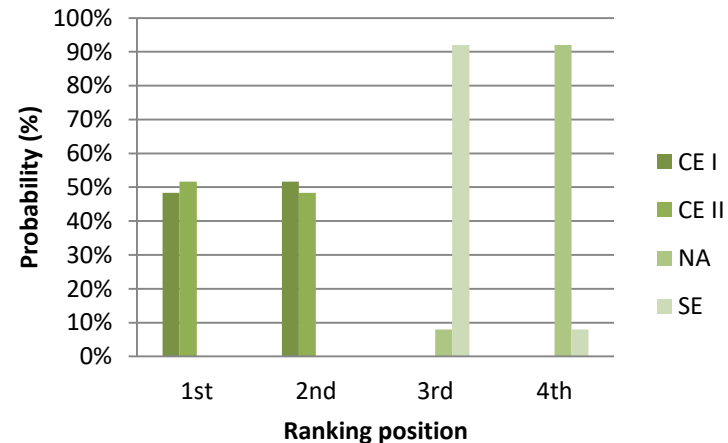
Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) and LCA: RME

- MCDA can be integrated in LCIA to support robust decisions in the interpretation phase of LCA
- A new LCIA-MCDA approach was applied to a comparative LCA of RME biodiesel to provide insights on the relative ranking of four rapeseed cultivation systems

Variable Interdependent Parameters Analysis (VIP Analysis)

| Summary | Range | Confrontation | Max Regret | | |
|-------------|---------|---------------|------------|--------|--|
| | Germany | Canada | Spain | France | |
| Germany | | 0.343 | 0.257 | 0.122 | |
| Canada | -0.129 | | 0.072 | -0.021 | |
| Spain | -0.087 | 0.2 | | -0.093 | |
| France | 0.065 | 0.395 | 0.195 | | |
| Max Regret: | 0.065 | 0.395 | 0.257 | 0.122 | |

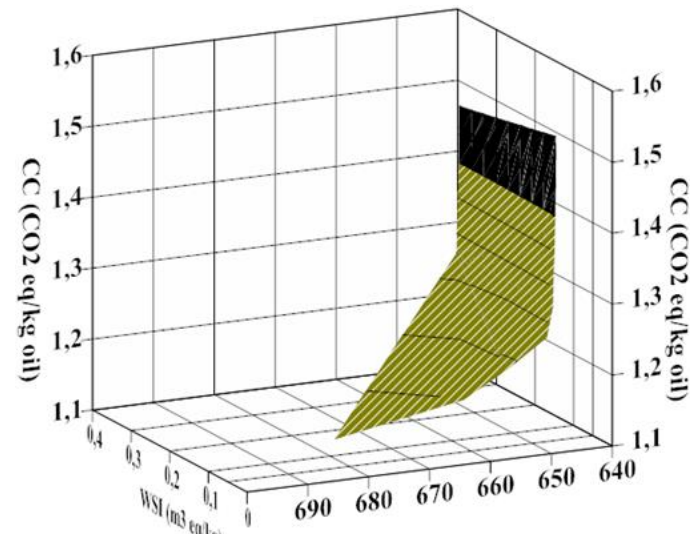
Stochastic Multicriteria Acceptability Analysis (SMAA)



Multi-objective optimization as decision support tool (I)

| Objective minimized | Cost | Climate Change (CC) | WSI | Eutrophication (EU) | Acidification (AC) | Human Toxicity (HT) | Ecotoxicity (ET) |
|---------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| | Euros/ton | kg CO ₂ eq /kg oil | m ³ eq/kg oil | kg P eq /kg oil (*10 ⁻⁴) | kg SO ₂ eq /kg oil (*10 ⁻²) | CTUh / kg oil (*10 ⁻¹¹) | CTUhe / kg oil |
| Cost | 642.7* | 1.48** | 0.354** | 4.36 | 1.87 | 54.08 | 6.82 |
| CC | 676.4 | 1.11* | 0.145 | 3.63 | 1.44 | 14.41 | 3.79 |
| WSI | 650.1 | 1.31 | 0.065* | 31.22** | 1.98** | 54.32** | 12.29** |
| EU | 647 | 1.24 | 0.101 | 1.95* | 1.64 | 23.62 | 2.55 |
| AC | 676 | 1.13 | 0.128 | 3.53 | 1.39* | 0.90 | 1.92 |
| HT | 702.6** | 1.23 | 0.143 | 4.31 | 1.53 | 0.78* | 1.74 |
| ET | 667.8 | 1.32 | 0.089 | 2.79 | 1.72 | 0.91 | 0.28* |

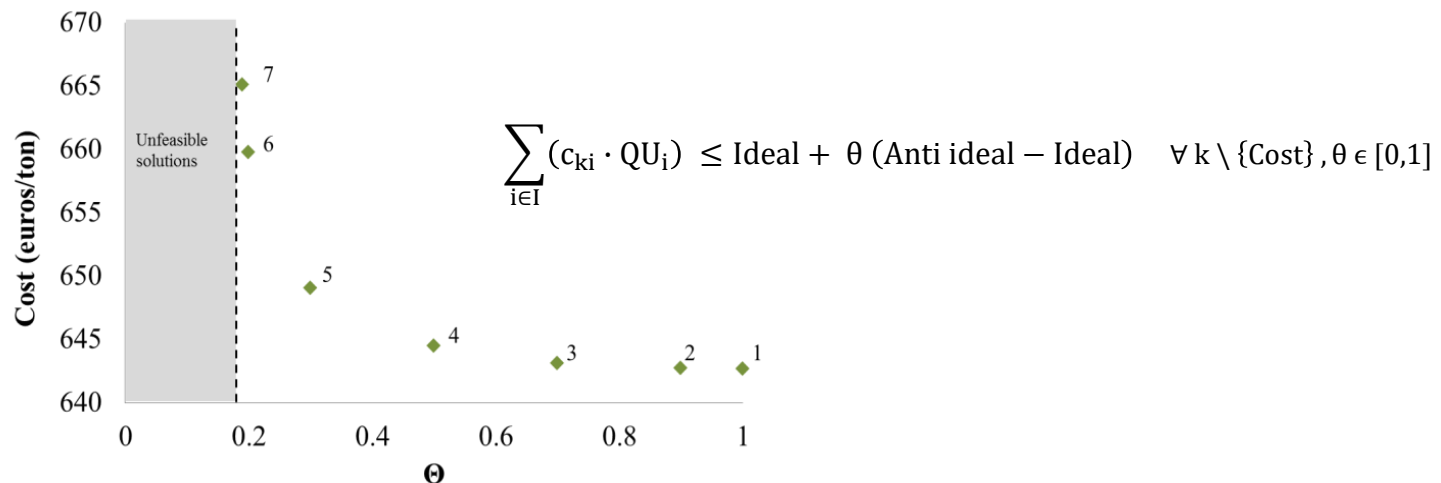
- More than 3 objectives is difficult to visualize



Multi-objective optimization as decision support tool (II)

○ We developed an approach to:

- Facilitate the decision process - decide based on an overall environmental performance
- Visualize in a simpler manner the tradeoff between cost and environmental impacts
- Allow the decision-maker to decide based on an overall performance without needing to attribute weights to each of the environmental impacts



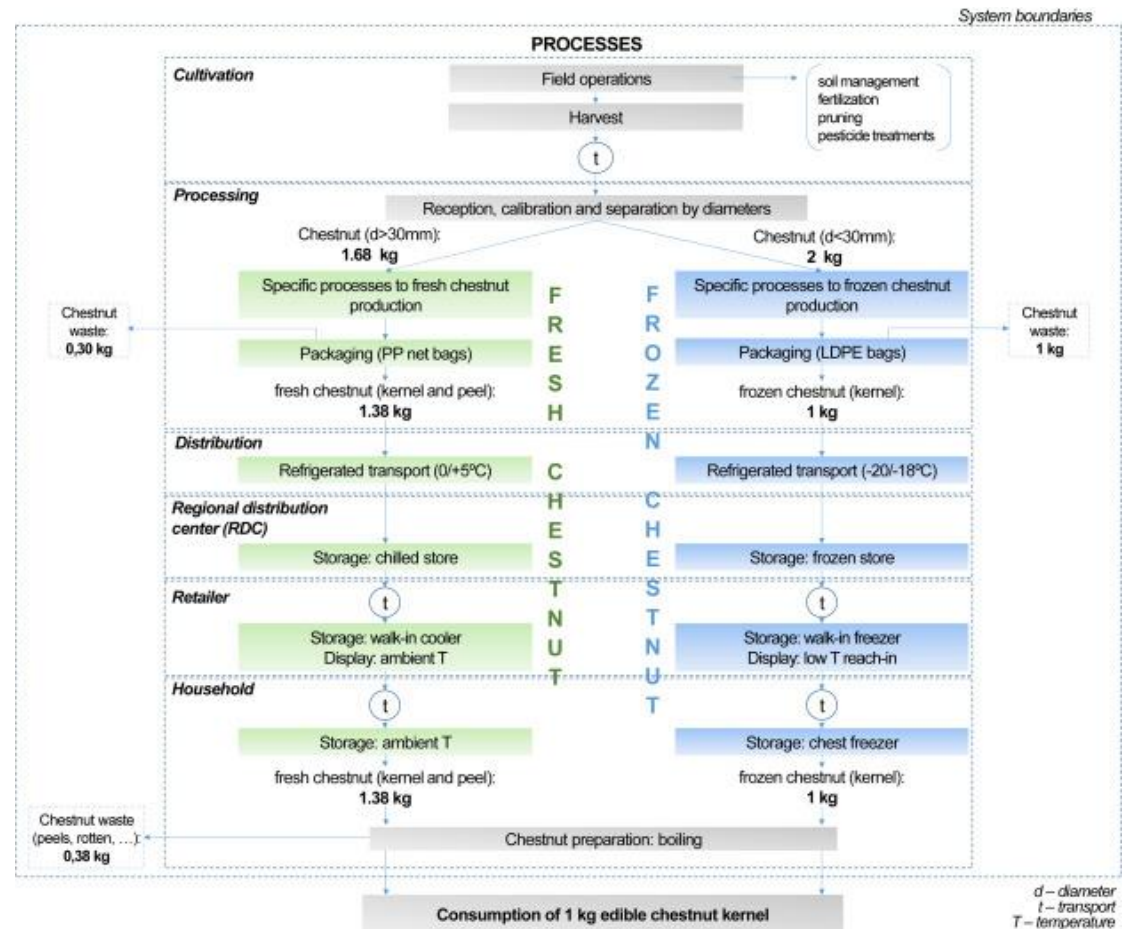
Agrifood

- LCA of fresh and frozen chestnut
- LCA of olive oil addressing alternative production systems
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Life-cycle assessment of fresh and frozen chestnut

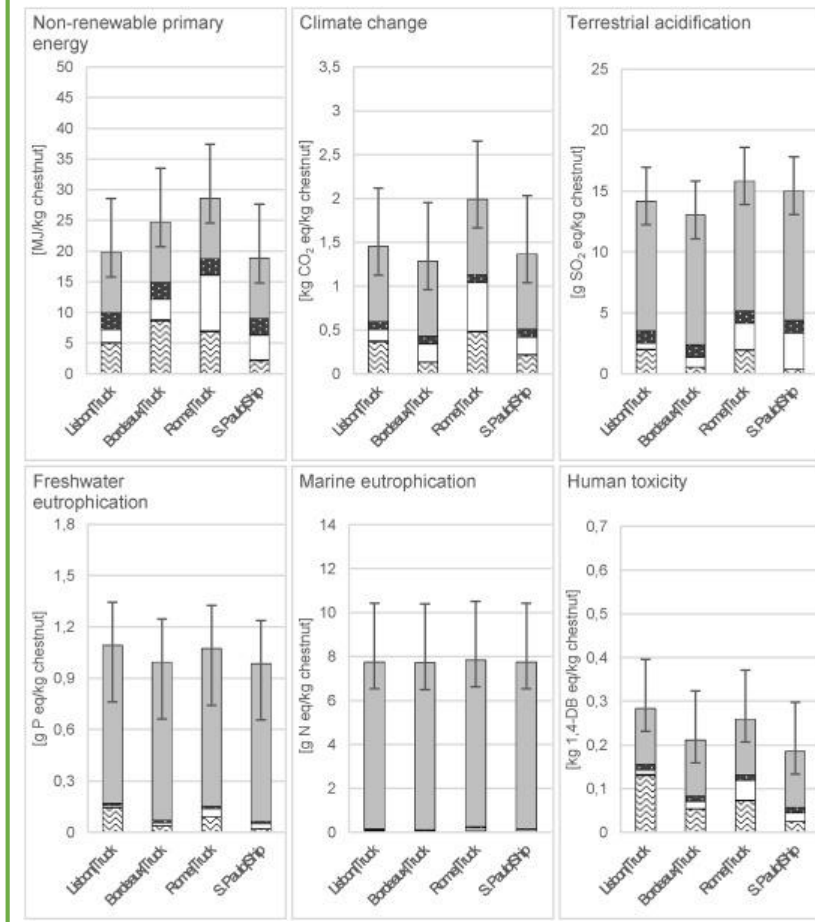
- Portugal is the 3rd largest producer of chestnut in Europe (EU 28); 7th worldwide.
- Annual production of 24.7 thousand tons.
- Orchard area of 35 thousand hectares.
- About 70-80% of Portuguese chestnut is exported.

Objective: Compare the environmental impacts of fresh and frozen chestnut produced in Portugal (for exports and national consumption).

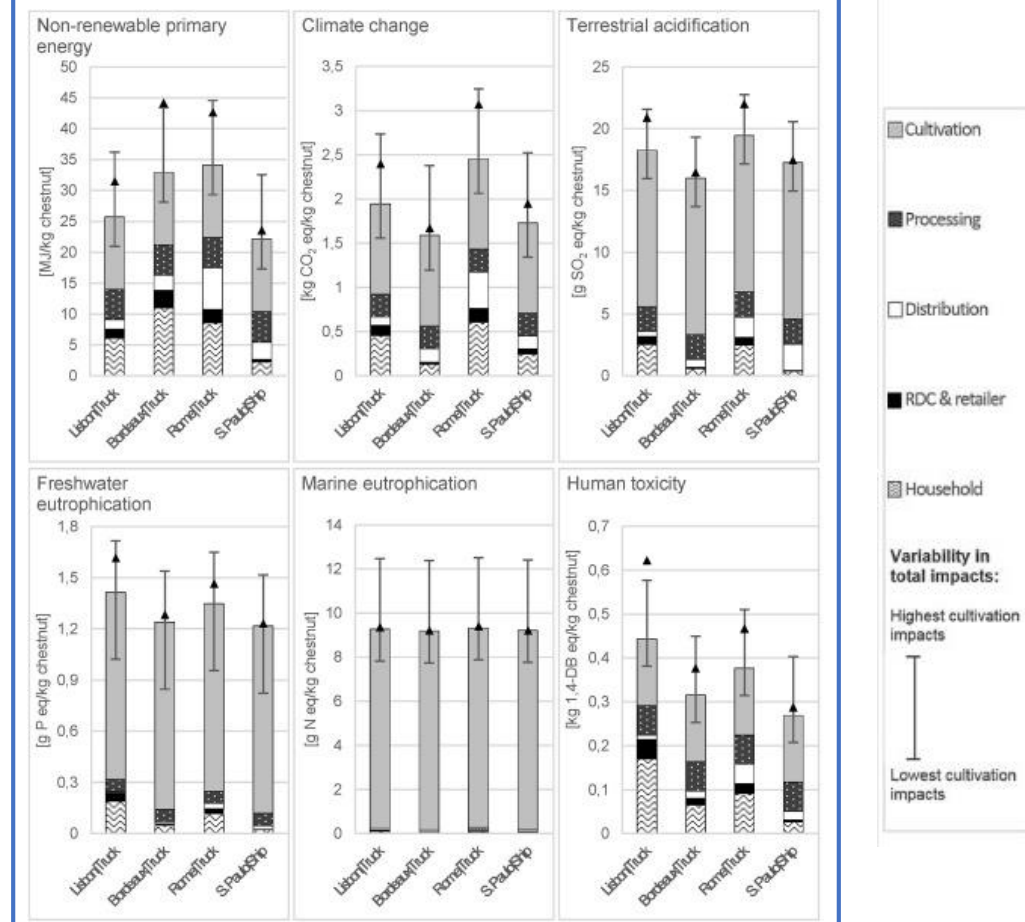


LC environmental impacts of fresh and frozen chestnut

Fresh chestnut kernel

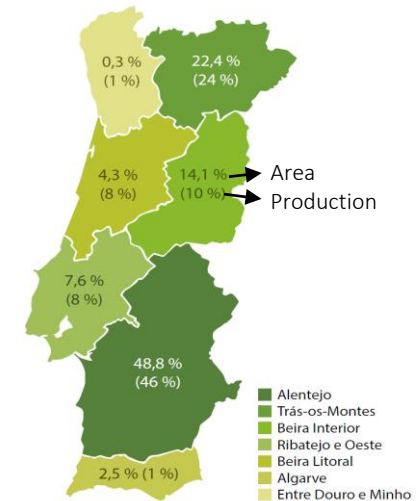


Frozen chestnut kernel



LCA of olive oil addressing alternative production systems

- Large variety of cultivation systems (family-level, traditional, intensive and organic)
- Two main technologies for olive oil extraction
- To assess the influence of the multifunctionality approach (allocation vs substitution)



Three-phase

Olive oil, pomace & wastewater

Two-phase

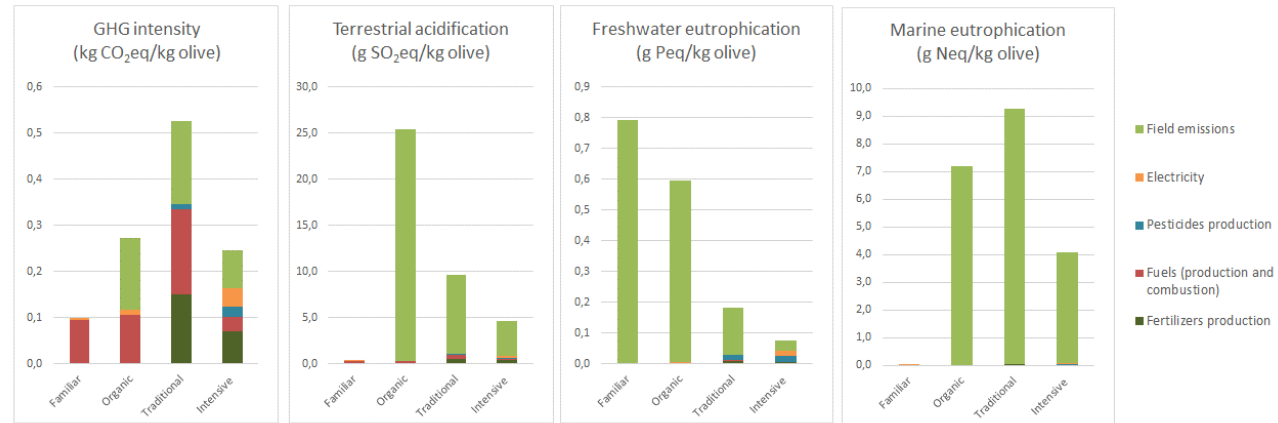
Olive oil & wet pomace

Olive pomace is recovered to produce olive pomace oil & extracted pomace (chemical extraction with hexane)

LCA of olive oil

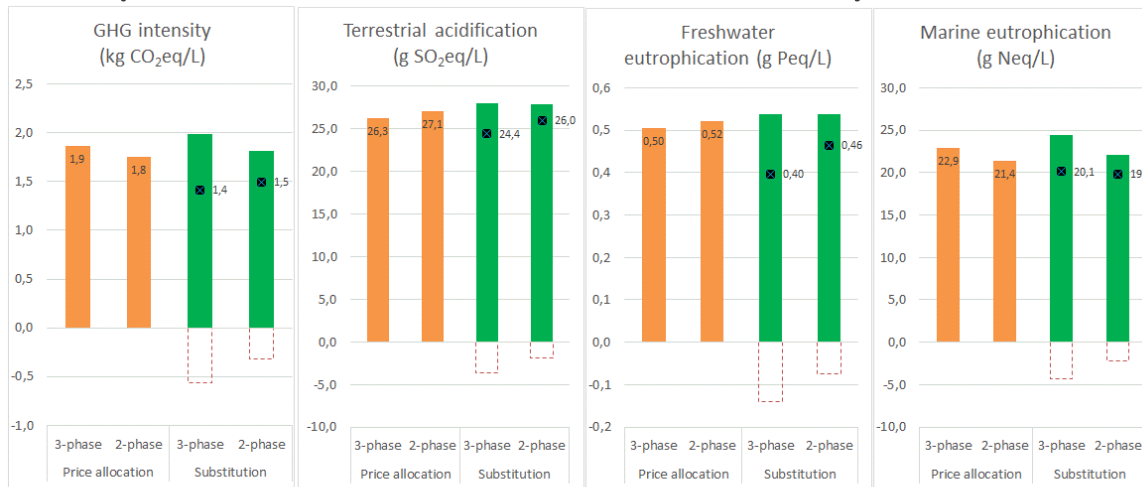
Impacts of different olive cultivation systems

- Cultivation is the LC phase which contributed the most to the overall environmental impacts.
- The high olive productivity of the intensive production system leads to comparatively low impacts.



Allocation vs Substitution

Impacts for the Intensive cultivation system



How comparable are the different types of olive oil systems (organic, familiar, intensive) ?

Thank You!

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