



Taking oil further

Bitumen Lifecycle & Footprint

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Summary

- Definitions, Data and Models
- Current position on LCI & Carbon Footprint
- Joint Research



“All men, by nature, desire knowledge”

Aristotle

“A little knowledge is a dangerous thing”

Alexander Pope

“Knowledge is power”

Francis Bacon

“Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely”

Lord Acton

“Before giving an answer, it helps to know the question”

Ian Lancaster



From the web (“information” superhighway)

Greenpeace Forum (forum.greenpeace.org)

I am concerned with what i see going on in the road building industry. The asphalt(oil) industry lobbies control almost every State. Why are we building our roads out of oilbased materials that don't hold up and are not enviromentally friendly. I read an article that we use 500k barrels of oil per day across the USA just for asphalt roadways. Our nieghbors to the north have an interesting study that they recently completed. It is called the Athena Study. It shows just how much difference between an asphalt road and concrete road in regards to how much fossil fuel is used to produce both. Also visit the website www.pavements4life.com to see about the heat island effect that an asphalt road has.

What about the oil in the roadway, where is it going? Right into our environment doing harm to our wildlife. But yet we keep using it, why is that?

Aggregateresearch.com

I read in an article that recycling 1Te of asphalt will save 60Te of CO₂. This is absurd; how can I refute it?

Yahoo.com/answers

Is it possible that carbon dioxide retains heat as long as BLACK ASPHALT PAVING?

Mb-soft.com blog

There are over 100,000 square miles of black asphalt pavement and roofs in the USA. If those areas could be made white instead of black, they could REFLECT a lot of sunlight back out to space rather than absorbing it. This relatively minor change could help combat Global Warming.



Definitions

- Carbon footprint is:
 - The amount of CO₂ emitted due to your daily activities
 - A methodology to estimate the total emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) in carbon equivalents across its life-cycle
 - A technique for identifying and measuring the individual GHG emissions from each activity within a supply chain and the framework for attributing this to each output product
 - The full extent of direct & indirect CO₂ emissions caused by your business
 - The impact human activities have on the environment
 - The demand on biocapacity required to sequester (through photosynthesis) the CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion
 - A measure of the amount of CO₂ emitted through the combustion of fossil fuels
 - The total amount of CO₂ and other GHG's emitted over the full life cycle of a process or product

It's all about the carbon – or is it?



Greenhouse gases

- Relation of all emissions to carbon or CO₂ equivalent
 - Using GWP (global warming potential)

Gas	GWP	GWP ₁₀₀
Carbon Dioxide	1	1
Methane	21	25
Nitrous Oxide	310	298
HFC's	124-14800	124-14800
Sulphur hexafluoride (SF6)	23900	22800



Factors for Process Emissions				
Emission	Amount Emitted per Year in tonnes	x	Conversion Factor	Total kg CO ₂ equivalent
CO ₂		x	1,000	
Methane		x	21,000	
Nitrous Oxide		x	310,000	
HFC - 125		x	2,800,000	
HFC - 134		x	1,000,000	
HFC - 134a		x	1,300,000	
HFC - 143		x	300,000	
HFC - 143a		x	3,800,000	
HFC - 152a		x	140,000	
HFC - 227ea		x	2,900,000	
HFC - 23		x	11,700,000	
HFC - 236fa		x	6,300,000	
HFC - 245ca		x	560,000	
HFC - 32		x	650,000	
HFC - 41		x	150,000	
HFC - 43 - 10mee		x	1,300,000	
Perfluorobutane		x	7,000,000	
Perfluoromethane		x	6,500,000	
Perfluoropropane		x	7,000,000	
Perfluoropentane		x	7,500,000	
Perfluorocyclobutane		x	8,700,000	
Perfluoroethane		x	9,200,000	
Perfluorohexane		x	7,400,000	
SF ₆		x	23,900,000	
Total				0



Tools

- “Footprint” depends on amount of GHGs generated and lifecycle
- Amount of GHG can be measured
 - Directly or indirectly
 - Calculation of equivalent CO₂ or carbon equivalent
- Lifecycle is a matter of opinion
 - When is a product “born”
 - At what point do we declare it “dead”
 - Studies from “cradle to grave” or “cradle to gate”
- European commission has over 50 tools for calculation / estimation of life-cycle

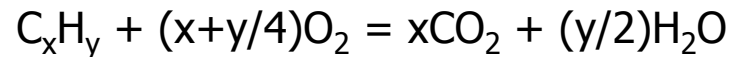
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Simple calculations

CO₂ produced from combustion: (simple model)

Assuming ideal combustion occurs:



One mole methane = 16g

Assuming ideal combustion 1 mole methane produces 1 mole CO₂

One mole CO₂ = 44g therefore every 1g of methane produces 2.75g CO₂

Similar calculations hold for other alkanes / fuels

If the consumption of fuel is known, the mass of CO₂ produced can be calculated

Dividing CO₂ produced / crude processed indicates efficiency

Ideal combustion rarely occurs:

Carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons, NO_x & SO_x will be present



Converting fuel types to CO ₂			Net CV Basis ⁶		
Fuel Type	Amount used per year	Units	x	kg CO ₂ per unit	Total kg CO ₂
Electricity		See Annex 3			
Natural Gas		kWh	x	0.206	
		therms	x	6.023	
Gas Oil		tonnes	x	3190	
		kWh	x	0.265	
		litres	x	2.674	
Diesel		tonnes	x	3164	
		kWh	x	0.263	
		litres	x	2.630	
Petrol		tonnes	x	3135	
		kWh	x	0.252	
		litres	x	2.315	
Fuel Oil		tonnes	x	3223	
		kWh	x	0.282	
Burning Oil ¹		tonnes	x	3150	
		kWh	x	0.258	
		litres	x	2.518	
Industrial Coal ²		tonnes	x	2457	
		kWh	x	0.347	
Domestic Coal ³		tonnes	x	2523	
		kWh	x	0.313	
Wood Pellets ⁴		tonnes	x	132	
		kWh	x	0.026	
Coking Coal		tonnes	x	2810	
		kWh	x	0.349	
LPG		kWh	x	0.225	
		therms	x	6.608	
		litres	x	1.495	
Aviation Spirit		tonnes	x	3128	
		kWh	x	0.250	
		litres	x	2.233	
Aviation Turbine Fuel ¹		tonnes	x	3150	
		kWh	x	0.258	
		litres	x	2.518	
Other Petroleum Gas		tonnes	x	2894	
		kWh	x	0.217	
Naphtha		tonnes	x	3131	
		kWh	x	0.250	
Lubricants		tonnes	x	3171	
		kWh	x	0.263	
Petroleum Coke		tonnes	x	3410	
		kWh	x	0.361	
Refinery Miscellaneous		kWh	x	0.258	
		therms	x	7.562	
Total					0

Gross CV Basis ⁶		
x	kg CO ₂ per unit	Total kg CO ₂
	See Annex 3	
x	0.185	
x	5.421	
x	3190	
x	0.252	
x	2.674	
x	3164	
x	0.250	
x	2.630	
x	3135	
x	0.240	
x	2.315	
x	3223	
x	0.268	
x	3150	
x	0.245	
x	2.518	
x	2457	
x	0.330	
x	2523	
x	0.288	
x	132	
x	0.025	
x	2810	
x	0.332	
x	0.214	
x	6.277	
x	1.495	
x	3128	
x	0.238	
x	2.233	
x	3150	
x	0.245	
x	2.518	
x	2894	
x	0.206	
x	3131	
x	0.237	
x	3171	
x	0.250	
x	3410	
x	0.343	
x	0.245	
x	7.164	
		0

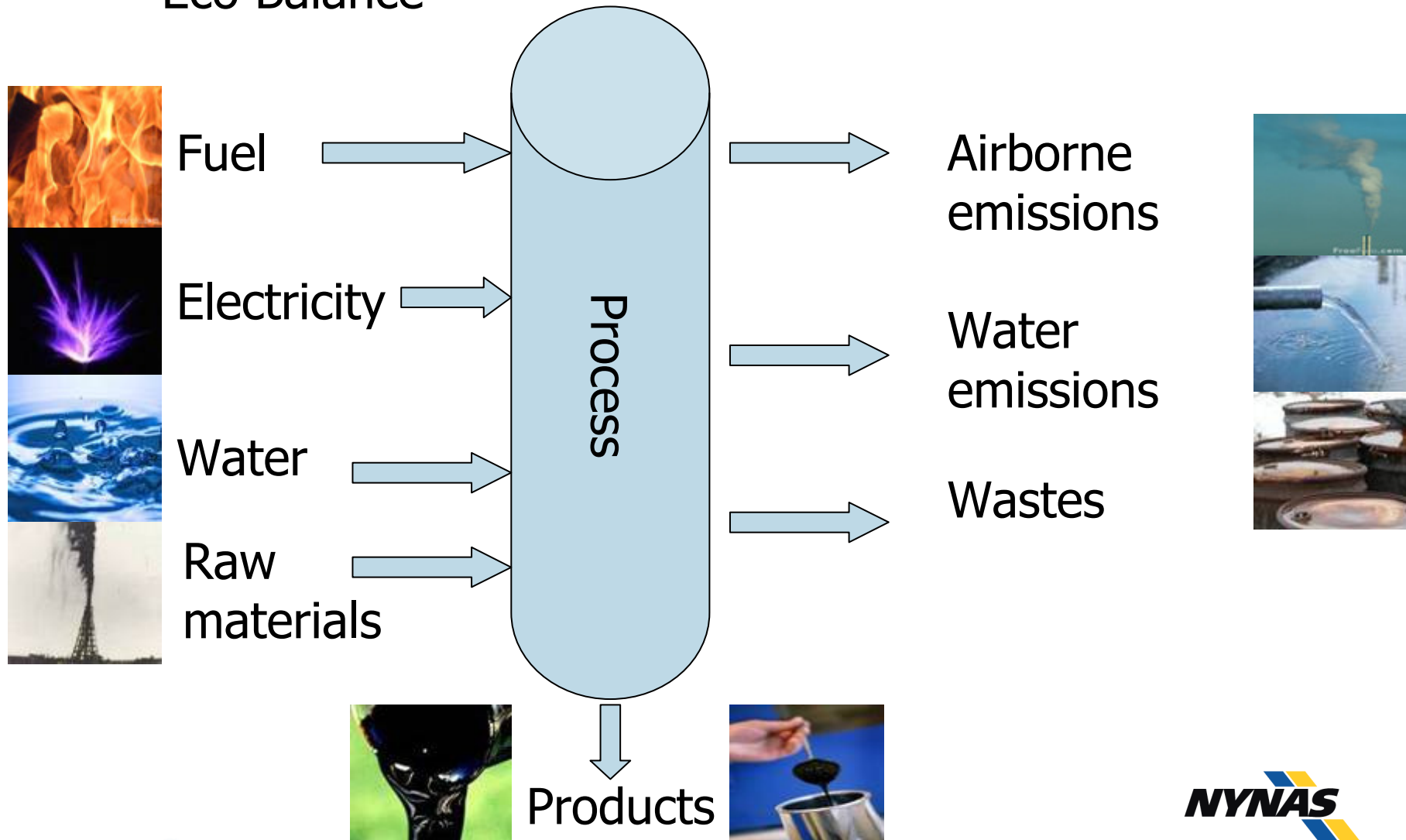


Eurobitume Partial LCA

- Originally published 1999
 - Carbon footprint concept?
- Adopts a cradle to gate approach
 - Delivery beyond refinery gate not considered
- Covers crude extraction, transport, production & storage
- Idealised, hypothetical refinery
 - Western Europe
 - Restricted crude diet



Eco Balance





Crude extraction



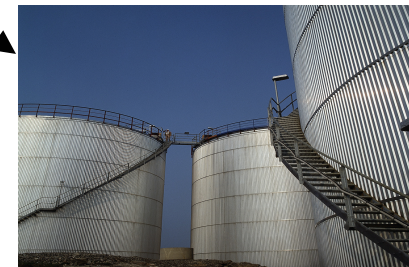
Electricity production



Transport

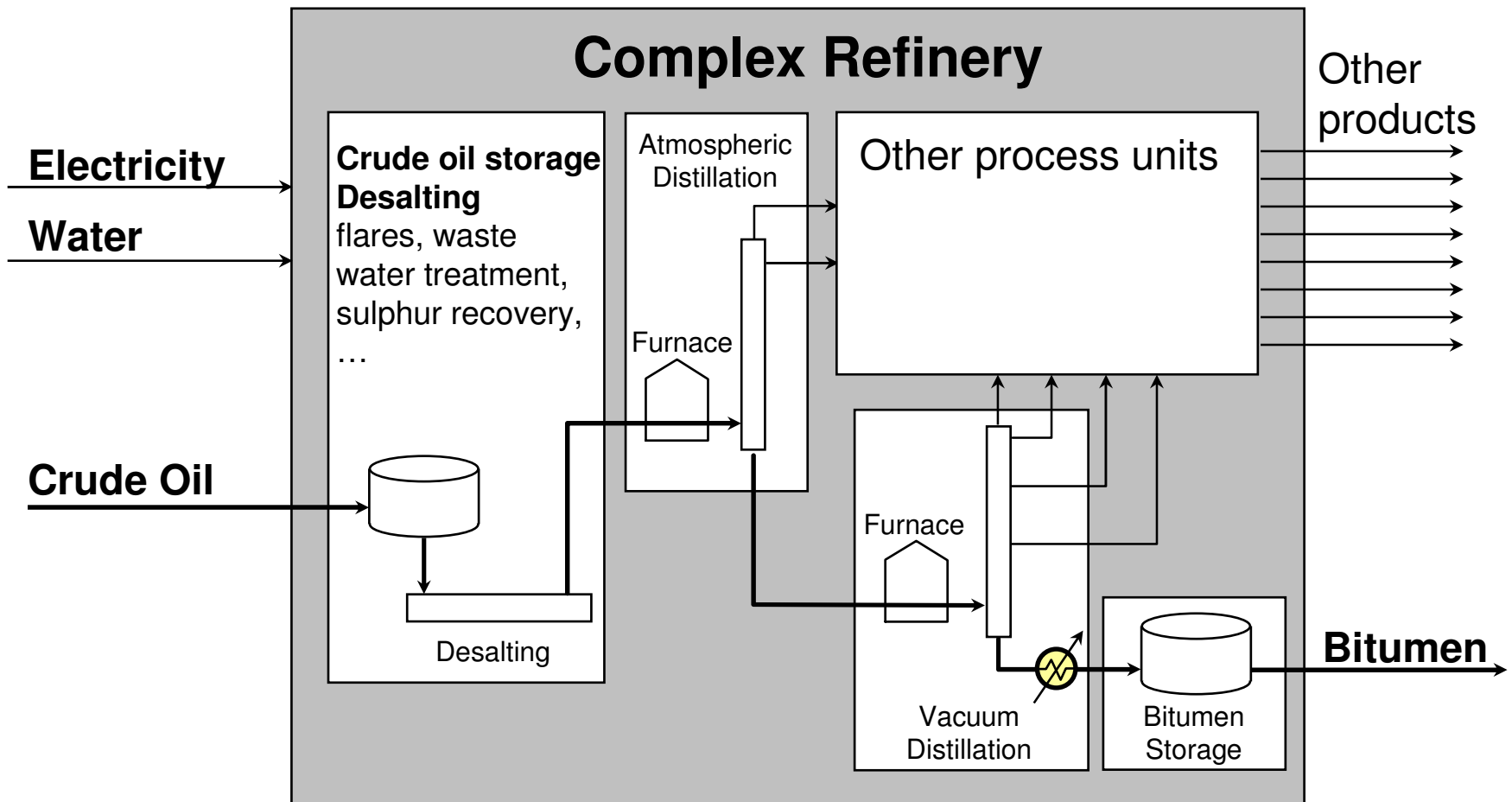


Refining /
Production



Storage



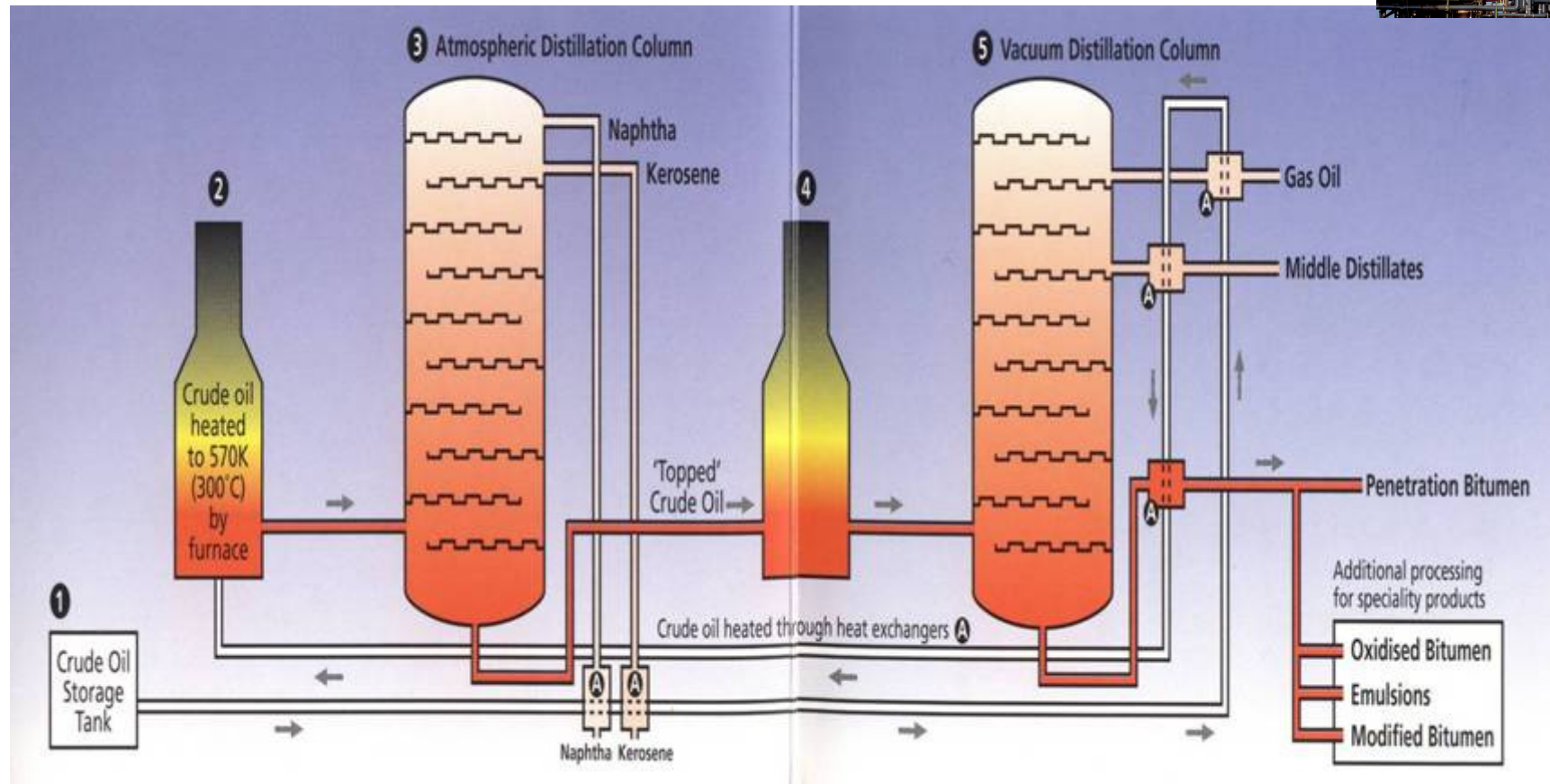




This bit does the bitumen!

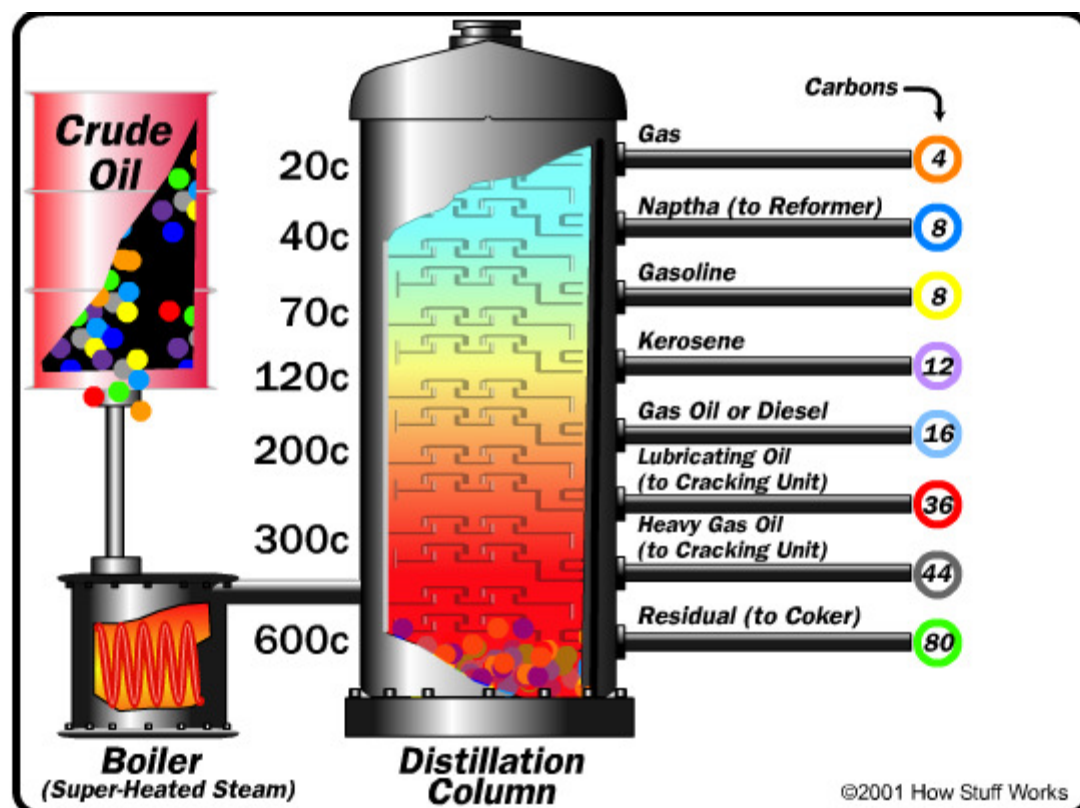


Bitumen Production



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Where to apportion carbon?



Some streams can be/ are used as internal fuel



Partial LCA Assumptions

- Single “average” grade in common use
- Straight-run distillation
- Mix of Middle Eastern & South American crudes (70:30)
- Optimised Nautical Cargo (105kTe)
- Notional Yield
 - Middle Eastern 35%
 - South American 70%
- Coastal, West European Refinery
 - Capacity 40kTe.a
- Flows balanced according to product
- Bitumen 100% recyclable



		Crude oil extraction	Transport to Europe	Bitumen production	Bitumen storage	Electricity production	Total from crude oil to bitumen in a storage tank ⁽³⁾
Energy							
Gas	MJ/kg	2.196		0.855	0.01		3.061
Oil	MJ/kg		0.588	0.404	0.096		1.088
Electricity	MJ/kg			(0.14)	(0.033)		
Primary energy ⁽¹⁾	MJ/kg					0.561	0.561
Air emissions							
SO ₂	mg/kg	0.324	914	655.7	122.1	108.5	1 800
NO _x	mg/kg	658	1 219	137	32.4	44.5	2 090
CO ₂	mg/kg	109 918	45 941	81 062	19 114	20 609	277 000
CO	mg/kg	3.24	130.6	0.06	0.01	3.81	138
HC	mg/kg	1 163	36.24	12.7	4.6	61.6	1 280
Dust	mg/kg	154		33.3	7.9	24.6	220
Metals	mg/kg			2.8	0.6	1.04	4.44
HCl	mg/kg			0.9	0.2		1.1
Water emissions			(2)		(2)		
Oil	mg/kg	40		2.0		2.08	44.1
Acid as H ⁺	mg/kg	30					30
Phenol	mg/kg			<0.1			<0.1
Phosphorus	mg/kg			0.3		0.17	0.47
Sulphate	mg/kg					98.3	98.3
Chloride	mg/kg	10				96.0	106
Mineral salts	mg/kg					79.2	79.2
Dissolved organics	mg/kg	20					20
Nitrogen	mg/kg			10.8		0.17	11
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/kg	1		54		0.17	55.2
Biological Oxygen Demand	mg/kg			16			16
Metals	mg/kg	5				22.5	27.5
Solids	mg/kg	80		29		6.75	116
Solid wastes	mg/kg	1480	(2)	3350	(2)	3 157	7 987
Raw materials							
Water	g/kg	23.1		325		89.4	438
Bauxite/limestone/iron ore	g/kg	0.728					0.728
Bitumen	g/kg			1 000			1 000

⁽¹⁾ European average data used.

⁽²⁾ Included in the bitumen production data.

⁽³⁾ The values are given with three significant figure

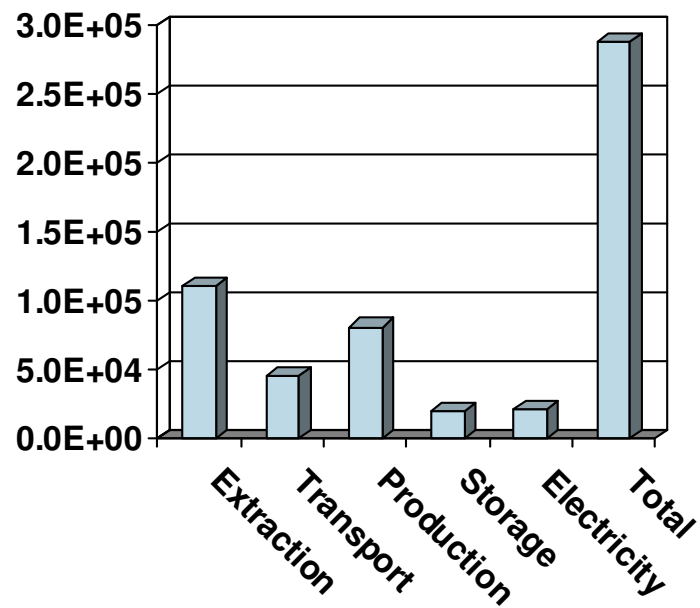


Energy		4.9	MJ/kg
Air emissions	SO ₂	1.8 x 10 ³	mg/kg
	NO _x	2.1 x 10 ³	mg/kg
	CO ₂	2.8 x 10 ⁵	mg/kg
	CO	140	mg/kg
	HC	1.3 x10 ³	mg/kg
	Dust	220	mg/kg
	Metals	4.4	mg/kg
	HCl	1.1	mg/kg
			mg/kg
Water emissions	Oil	44	mg/kg
	Acid as H+	30	mg/kg
	Phenol	<0.1	mg/kg
	Phosphorus	0.5	mg/kg
	Sulphate	98	mg/kg
	Chloride	110	mg/kg
	Mineral salts	79	mg/kg
	Dissolved organics	20	mg/kg
	Nitrogen	11	mg/kg
	C.O.D	55	mg/kg
	B.O.D	16	mg/kg
	Metals	28	mg/kg
	Solids	120	mg/kg
Solid Wastes		8 x 10 ³	mg/kg
Raw materials	Water	440	g/kg
	Bauxite / limestone / iron ore	0.7	g/kg
	Bitumen	1000	g/kg

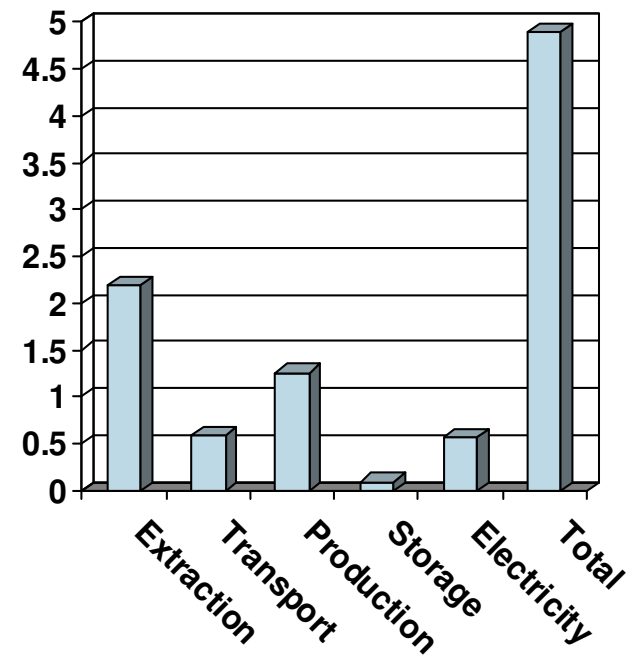


Summary Data

CO₂ emissions (mg/kg)



Energy Consumption MJ/kg

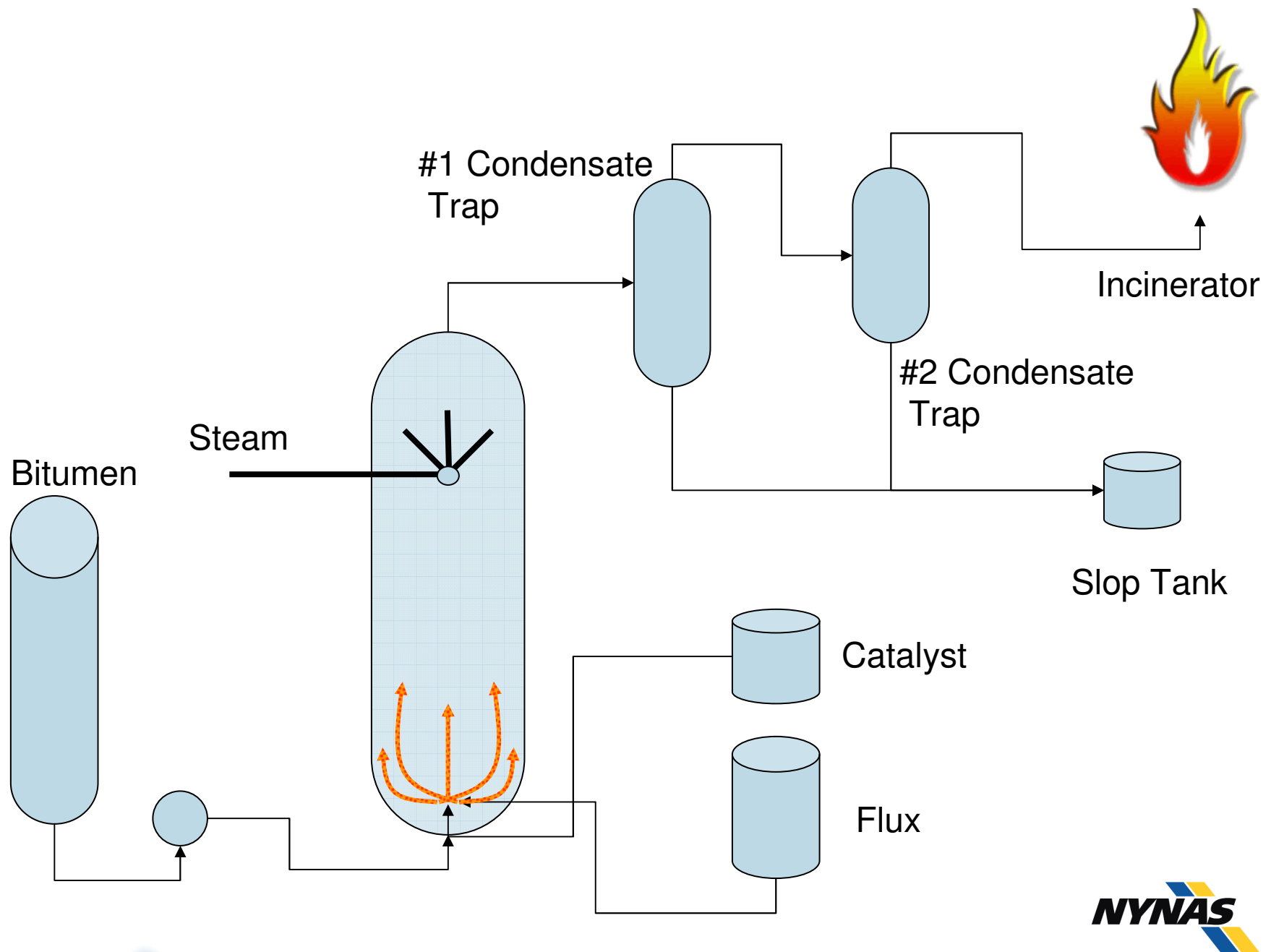


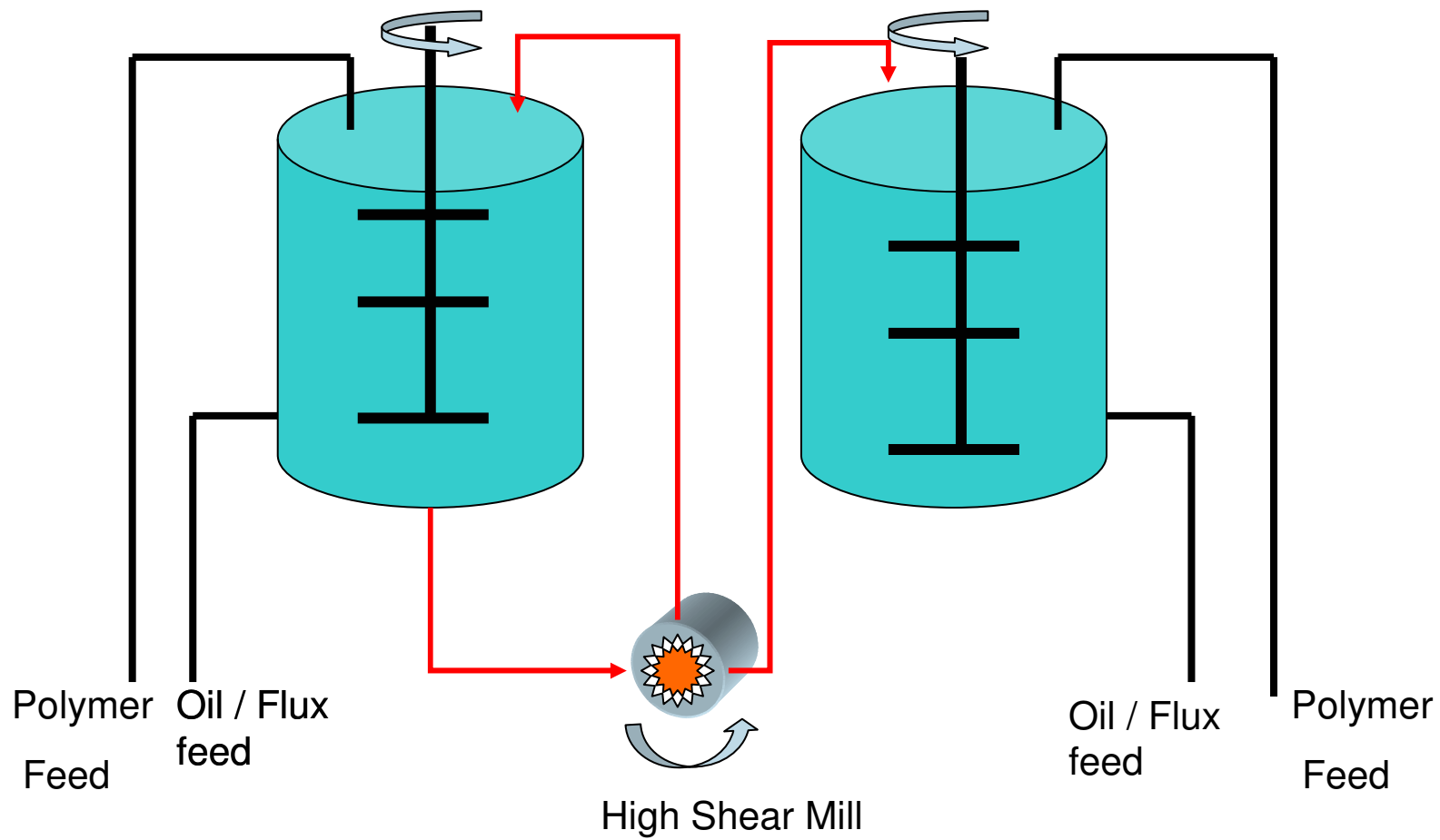
Limitations of the current LCA

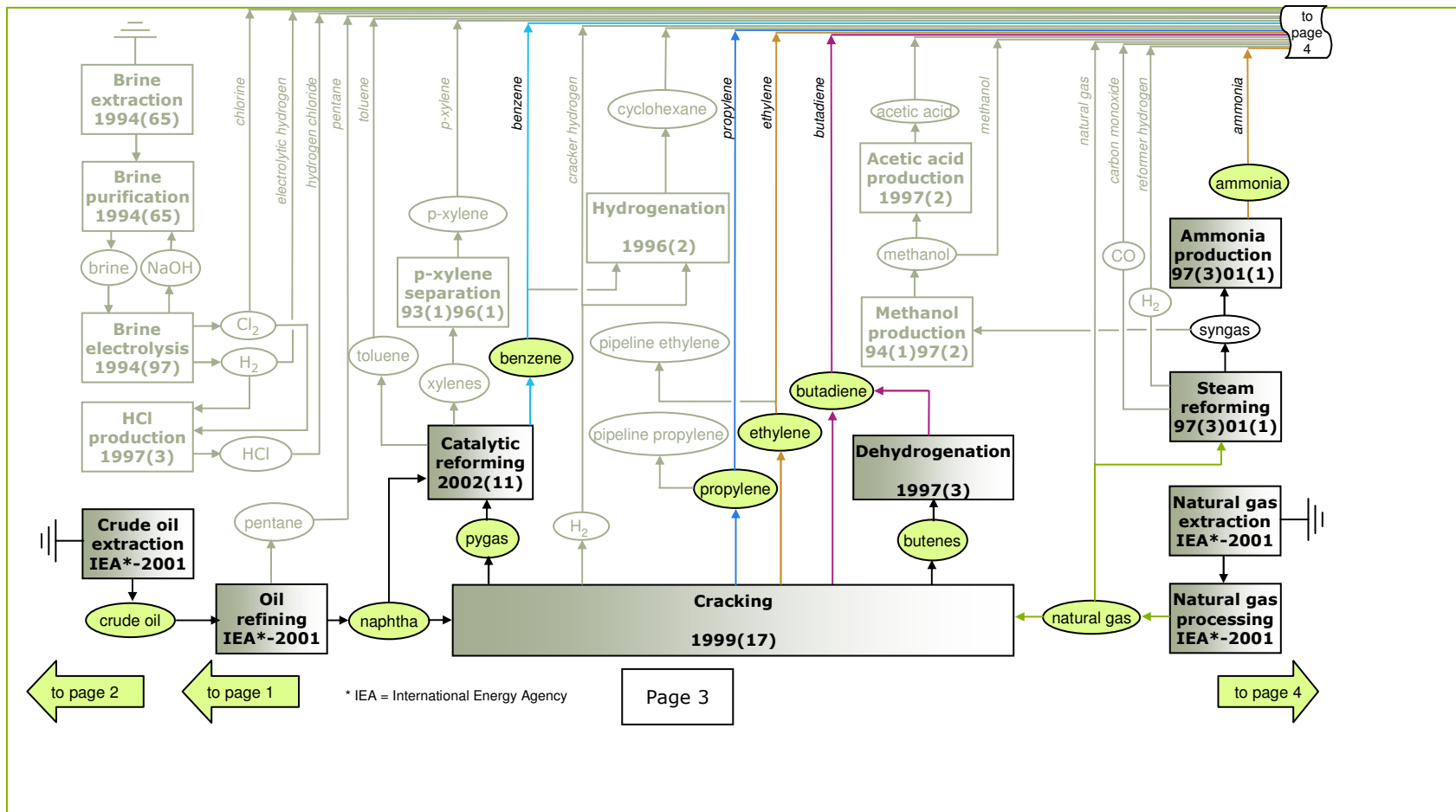
- Crude “diet”
 - Based on mix of Middle East / South American crude oils
 - Increase in supply from Russia
- Shipping
 - Assumption based on fuel demand in 1999
 - Engines are more efficient
 - Fuel is cleaner
 - Cargos are heavier
- Refineries
 - Are more efficient
 - Recover more heat
 - Fuel / power use
 - Location
 - Production methods
- Deals with pen bitumen only
 - Idealised single grade
- Transport
 - Delivery to asphalt plant / customer not included
- Does not consider lifetime / recycling

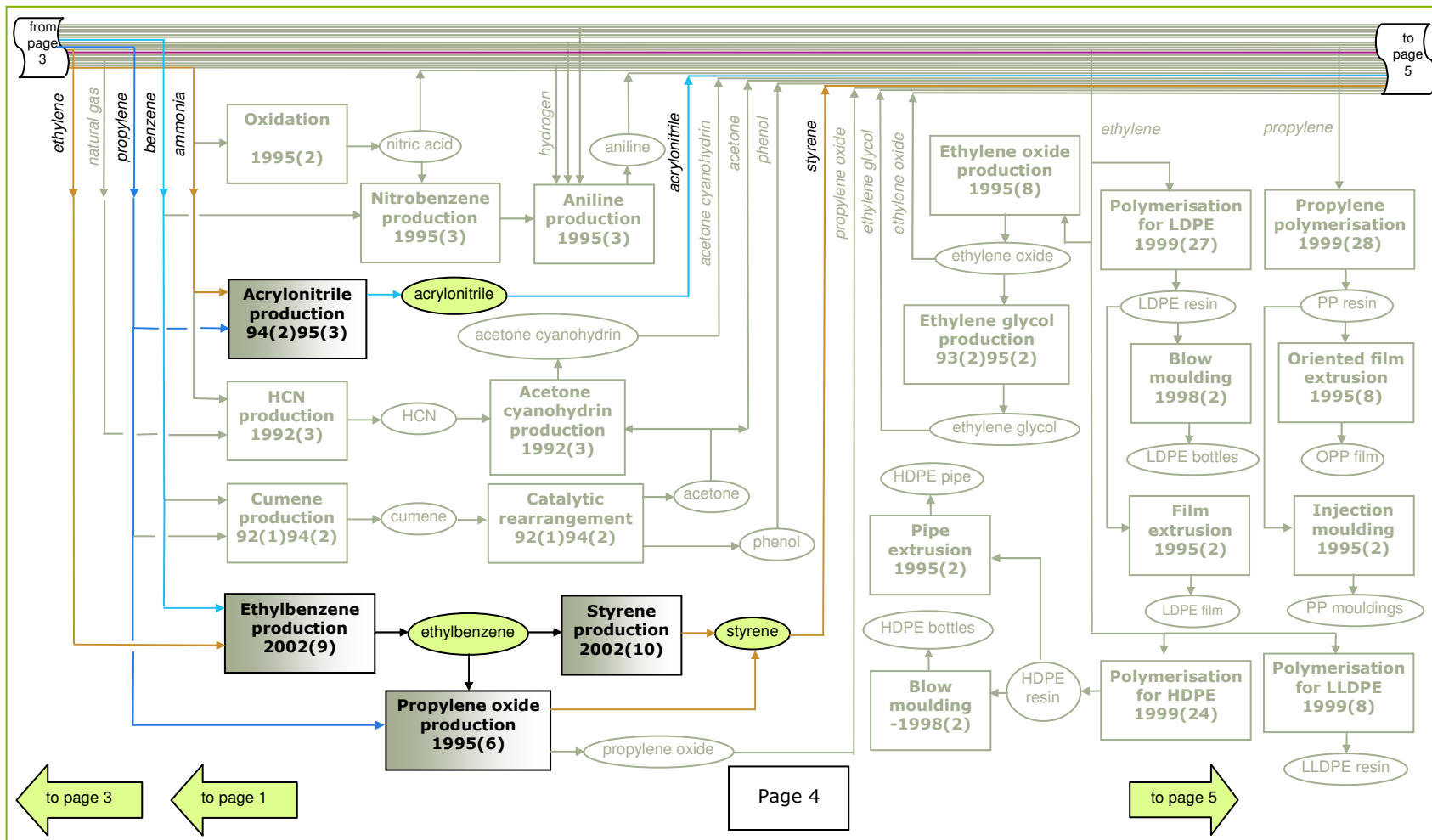


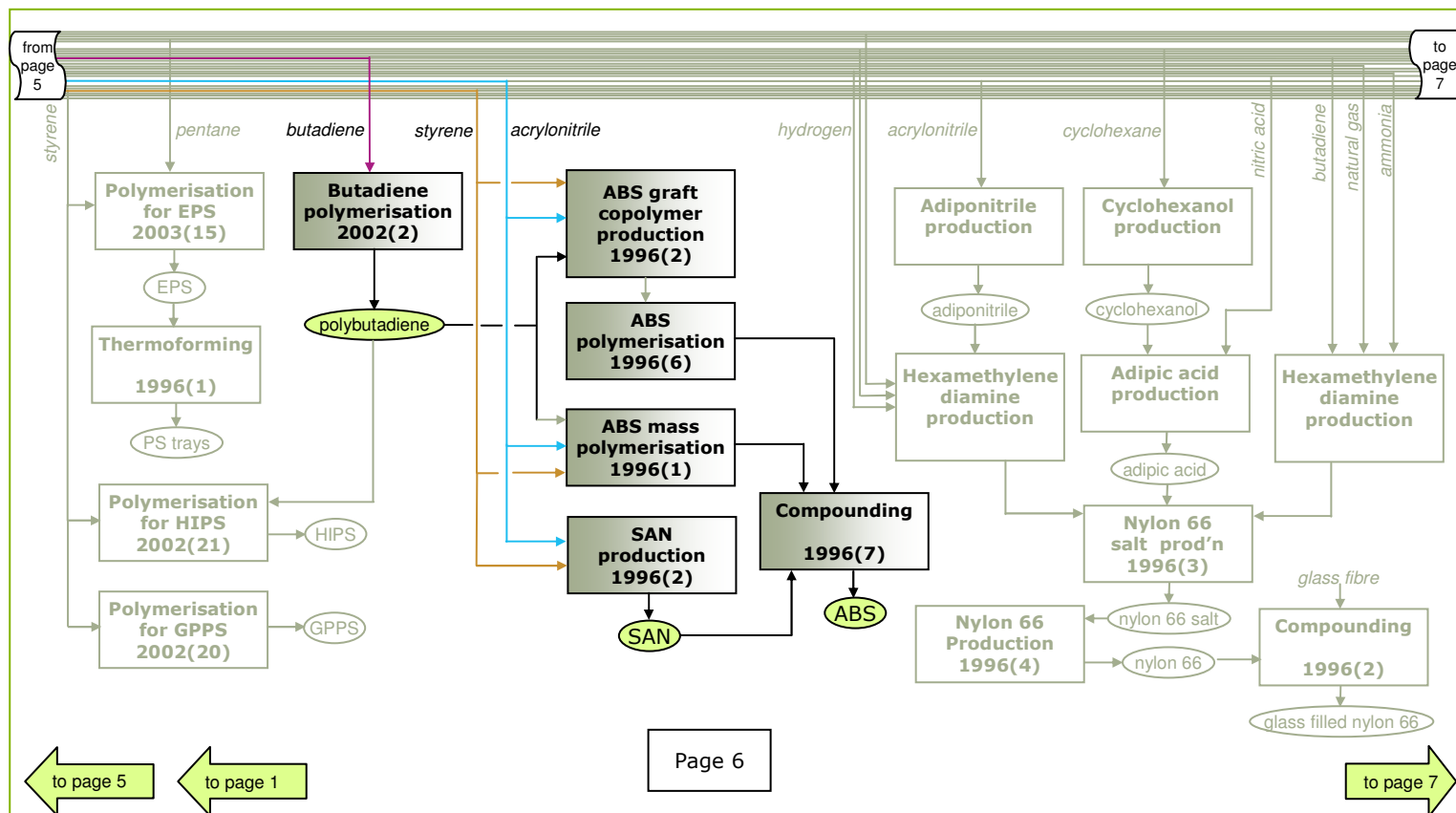




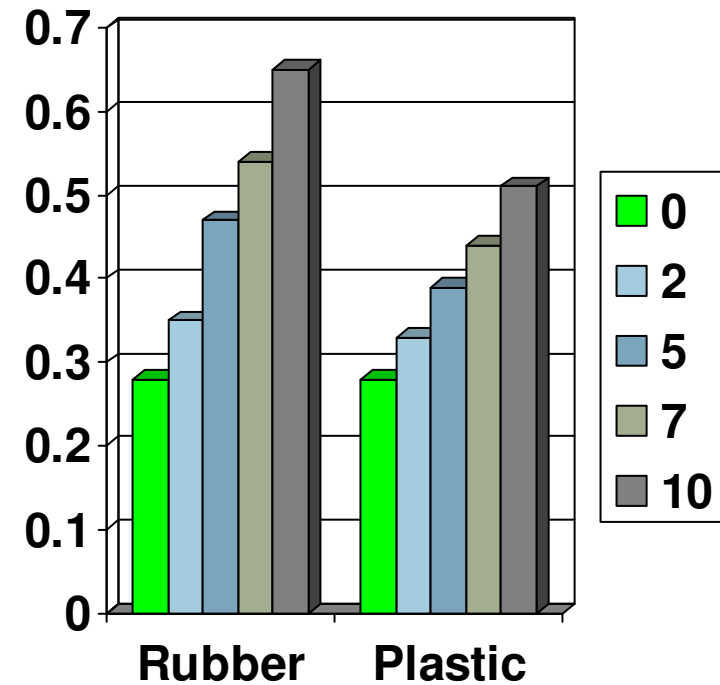
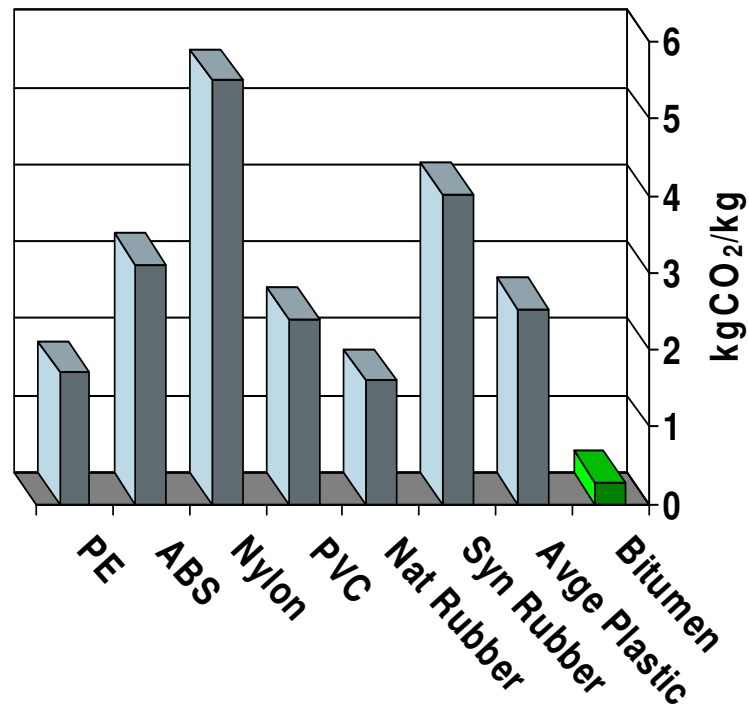








Impact of Polymer



Consider life cycle.

PmB = greater flexibility, durability, longer life



Emulsion Production

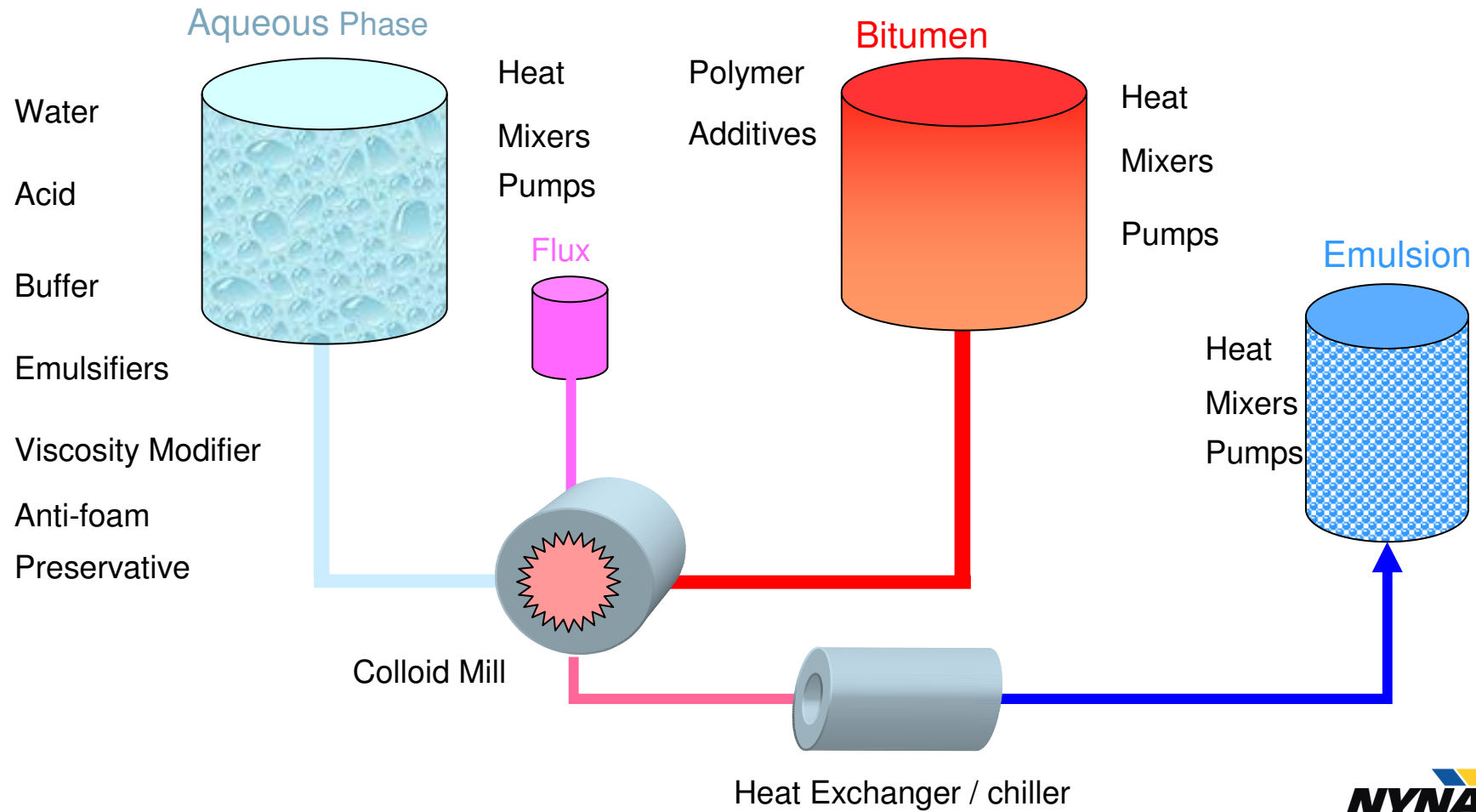


Table 5b

Standard road transport fuel conversion factors				
Fuel used	Total units used	Units	x kg CO ₂ per unit	Total kg CO ₂
Petrol		litres	x	2.3154
Diesel		litres	x	2.6304
Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)		kg	x	2.7278
Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)		litres	x	1.4951
Total				0

Sources: UK Greenhouse Gas Inventory for 2005 (produced for Defra by AEA Energy & Environment)

Digest of UK Energy Statistics (DTI)

Carbon factors for fuels (UKPIA, 2004)

Notes: 1 imperial gallon (UK) = 4.546 litres

Table 12a

Van/Light Commercial Vehicle Road Freight Mileage Conversion Factors: Vehicle km Basis				
Type of van	Gross Vehicle Weight (tonnes)	Total vehicle km travelled	x kg CO ₂ per vehicle km	Total kg CO ₂
Petrol	up to 1.25t		x	0.234
Diesel	up to 3.5t		x	0.272
LPG or CNG	up to 3.5t		x	0.272
Average	up to 3.5t		x	0.266
Total				0

Table 12b

Van/Light Commercial Vehicle Road Freight Mileage Conversion Factors Based on UK Average Vehicle				
	Gross Vehicle Weight (tonnes)	Total tonne km travelled	x kg CO ₂ per tonne km	Total kg CO ₂
Petrol	up to 1.25t		x	0.449
Diesel	up to 3.5t		x	0.272
LPG or CNG	up to 3.5t		x	0.272
Average	up to 3.5t		x	0.283
Total				0

Sources:

Factors developed by AEA Energy & Environment and agreed with Department for Transport (2005)

Notes:

Emission factors for vans in tonne km were calculated from the emission factors per vehicle km provided in Table 8 and an average load factor of 50%. The average cargo capacity was taken to be 0.5 tonnes for vans up to 1.25 tonnes gross vehicle weight, and 2 tonnes for vans up to 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight.

Table 13a

Diesel HGV Road Freight Mileage Conversion Factors: Vehicle km Basis						
	Gross Vehicle Weight (tonnes)	% weight laden	Total vehicle km travelled	x kg CO ₂ per vehicle km	Total kg CO ₂	
Rigid	>3.5-7.5t	0%		x	0.525	
		50%		x	0.571	
		100%		x	0.617	
		41% (UK average load)		x	0.563	
Rigid	>3.5-7.5t	0%		x	0.525	
		50%		x	0.571	
		100%		x	0.617	
		41% (UK average load)		x	0.563	
Rigid	>7.5-17t	0%		x	0.672	
		50%		x	0.768	
		100%		x	0.864	
		39% (UK average load)		x	0.747	
Rigid	>17t	0%		x	0.776	
		50%		x	0.940	
		100%		x	1.119	
		56% (UK average load)		x	0.929	
All rigid	UK average			x	0.895	
Articulated	>3.5-33t	0%		x	0.672	
		50%		x	0.840	
		100%		x	1.008	
		43% (UK average load)		x	0.817	
Articulated	>33t	0%		x	0.667	
		50%		x	0.889	
		100%		x	1.111	
		59% (UK average load)		x	0.929	
All artic	UK average			x	0.917	
ALL HGVs	UK average			x	0.906	



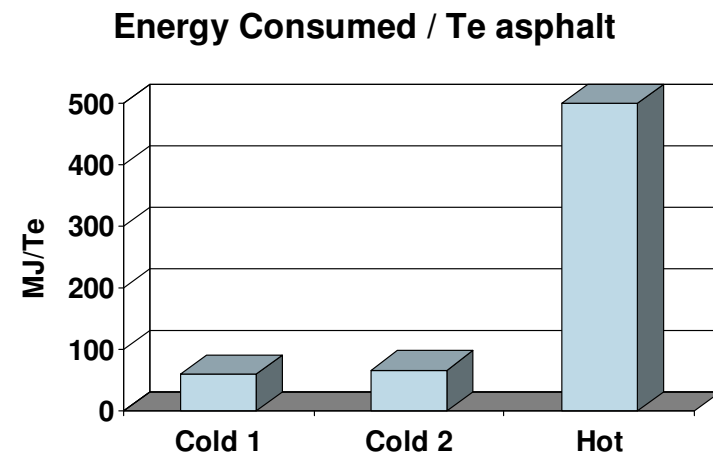
Future Research

- Carbon Footprint is important
- Eurobitume LCA is accurate (but limited)
 - Future work to address limitations
- RBA, HA, MPA & TRL research
 - Building on current data
 - Sustainability management system for asphalt
 - To include maintenance and end-of-life considerations
- Individual figures?



Reducing the footprint

- Asphalt and bitumen are recyclable
- Lower mixing & storage temperatures preserve binder properties
 - Cold, warm & semi-warm technologies
- Higher bitumen content = lower ageing = longer life
- Prevention of moisture ingress = longer life



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