



Exam BY6404 Life Cycle Assessment of Constructions

1) Functional units

a) Production of potatoes and carrots

Tons produced or kg produced

b) Production of paints

↳ Assume production, not use!

litre or m<sup>3</sup> of paint produced

c) A mobile telephone

MHz (CPU)  
Storage capacity

d) Hoop on a building

hoop for 60 years  
or per m<sup>2</sup> of hoop installed

(Two possible, depending on goal I would say)

e) Comparative analysis between coal power production and wind power production

Annual production (GWh/year or TWh/year)

⇒ Hard to compare other ways! (or whole lifetime possible)



2) } construction project in Norway  
a) } → lots of steel

- China?  
- Poland?  
- Norway? } Equal steel

⇒ Least environmental impact per ton!

→ Since the quality of the steel is the same, I assume same production and thus same waste of the productions

Important things to include:

- Energy used (Coal, oil, hydro wind?)  
↳ Especially the electricity production

- Waste treatment

- Emission cleaning and all emissions

- Energy usage

↳ Basically all the things that has evolved Norway into a cleaner industry, thus expensive one.

⇒ Functional unit would be per ton steel preferably



2) I think waste treatment and  
a) Energy usage will impact their  
decision, Especially the electricity  
production, since this is different  
in these countries.

## 2b) Main Components of LCA:

### 1. Goal and Scope

Here the total goal for the study is  
set by the commissioner. The functional  
unit is set and system boundaries.  
Basically how the study is going  
to be performed and what limits.

### 2. Inventory analysis

→ Data Collection

#### • Flow Chart

→ process diagram for the complete  
process

#### • Data Collection

→ Collect data in various ways

#### • Calculation of environmental loads

→ Calculate emissions based on the data



## 2b) 3. Life Cycle impact assessment

- Impact categories
- Classification
- Characterization

In this section the environmental loads is assigned to the correct impact category, and then assigned an impact factor calculated for how much factor they have in each category

## 4. Interpretation

This section is almost included in all the others, this is where you analyze and interpret the results you have gotten

It is also possible to do different analyses based on what you want. See what had greatest impact and so on (sensitivity, break even analysis and so on)

↳ Continuously used to improve the study.



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### 3) Allocation

Norwegian Shipping Company

Norway  $\rightarrow$  South Africa

1 000 000 ton Capacity MSC Brunost Express

Kristiansand  $\xrightarrow{1}$  Rotterdam  $\xrightarrow{2}$  Porto  $\xrightarrow{3}$  Lagos  
 $\xrightarrow{4}$  Capetown

In order to allocate I will divide the route into all the different trips and allocate to each goods per "route". There will be 4 routes in total.

$\rightarrow$  6000 tons of  $SO_2$  - eq emissions for the total 8600 km journey. I assume I can use this as average, and thus be able to divide it into each route.

$$\frac{6000 \text{ ton } SO_2}{8600 \text{ km}} = \frac{30}{43} \text{ ton } SO_2 / \text{km}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Assume that it is wanted answer per destination

$\Rightarrow$  So each goods will be responsible for a part of this emission during the trip to each destination

$\Rightarrow$  Since different amount is at each time, there percentage will be different.



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3a)  
Kristiansand → Rotterdam

$$\frac{30}{43} \text{ SO}_2 \text{ ton/km} \cdot 800 = \underline{\underline{558,14 \text{ ton SO}_2}}$$

Total load 900000 ton

Brown Cheese :

$$\frac{600000}{900000} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\text{Gravel} : \frac{300000}{900000} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Emission on goods : Brown cheese : 372,1 ton SO<sub>2</sub>  
Gravel : 186,05 ton SO<sub>2</sub>

2. Rotterdam → Porto

$$\frac{30}{43} \cdot 1600 = \underline{\underline{1116,28 \text{ ton SO}_2}}$$

Tot = 800000

$$\text{Brown Cheese} : \frac{500000}{800000} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\text{Tulips} : \frac{300000}{800000} = \frac{3}{8}$$

Emission on goods : Brown Cheese : 697,7 ton SO<sub>2</sub>  
Tulips : 418,6 ton SO<sub>2</sub>



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3a) 3. Porto → Lagos

$$\frac{30}{43} \cdot 3500 = \underline{\underline{2447,86 \text{ SO}_2 \text{ ton}}}$$

Total load : 1000000

$$\text{Brown cheese: } \frac{400000}{1000000} = 0,4$$

$$\text{Tulips: } \frac{200000}{1000000} = 0,2$$

$$\text{Wine: } \frac{400000}{1000000} = 0,4$$

Emission on goods :  
 Brown cheese: 976,74 SO<sub>2</sub> ton  
 Tulips : 488,37 SO<sub>2</sub> ton  
 Wine : 976,74 SO<sub>2</sub> ton

7. Lagos → Cape town

$$\frac{70}{43} \cdot 2700 = \underline{\underline{7883,72 \text{ ton SO}_2}}$$

Total load : 7000000 ton

$$\text{Brown cheese: } \frac{200000}{7000000} = 0,2$$

Tulips : All gone in Lagos

$$\text{Wine: } \frac{300000}{7000000} = 0,3$$

$$\text{Furniture: } \frac{500000}{7000000} = 0,5$$



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3a) 4. Lagos  $\rightarrow$  Cape town

$\rightarrow$  All remaining cargo drop off in Cape Town.

Emissions on goods:

Brown Cheese	: 376,74 ton SO <sub>2</sub>
Wine	: 565,12 ton SO <sub>2</sub>
Furniture	: 947,86 ton SO <sub>2</sub>

This is the way I interpreted the question, if the total for transporting the different goods it can be summed up. But that is not good. Best to have it like this, per trip.

3b) In this example is the average of the emissions used. But allocation method is partitioning, with the physical relationship of mass as the partition method. at each trip

$\rightarrow$  Many other relations can be used, but mass often the best





## 4) Inventory analysis

Stjernehus housing Block

OLD → TEK10

Kruse-mith

↳ Test LCA study

CO<sub>2</sub> - emissions and energy demand

Upgrade:

- exterior wall, with insulation and material barrier

- New doors and windows

- Fixing roof

- New ventilation system

↳ Heat requirements from Rt. Sand incineration plant

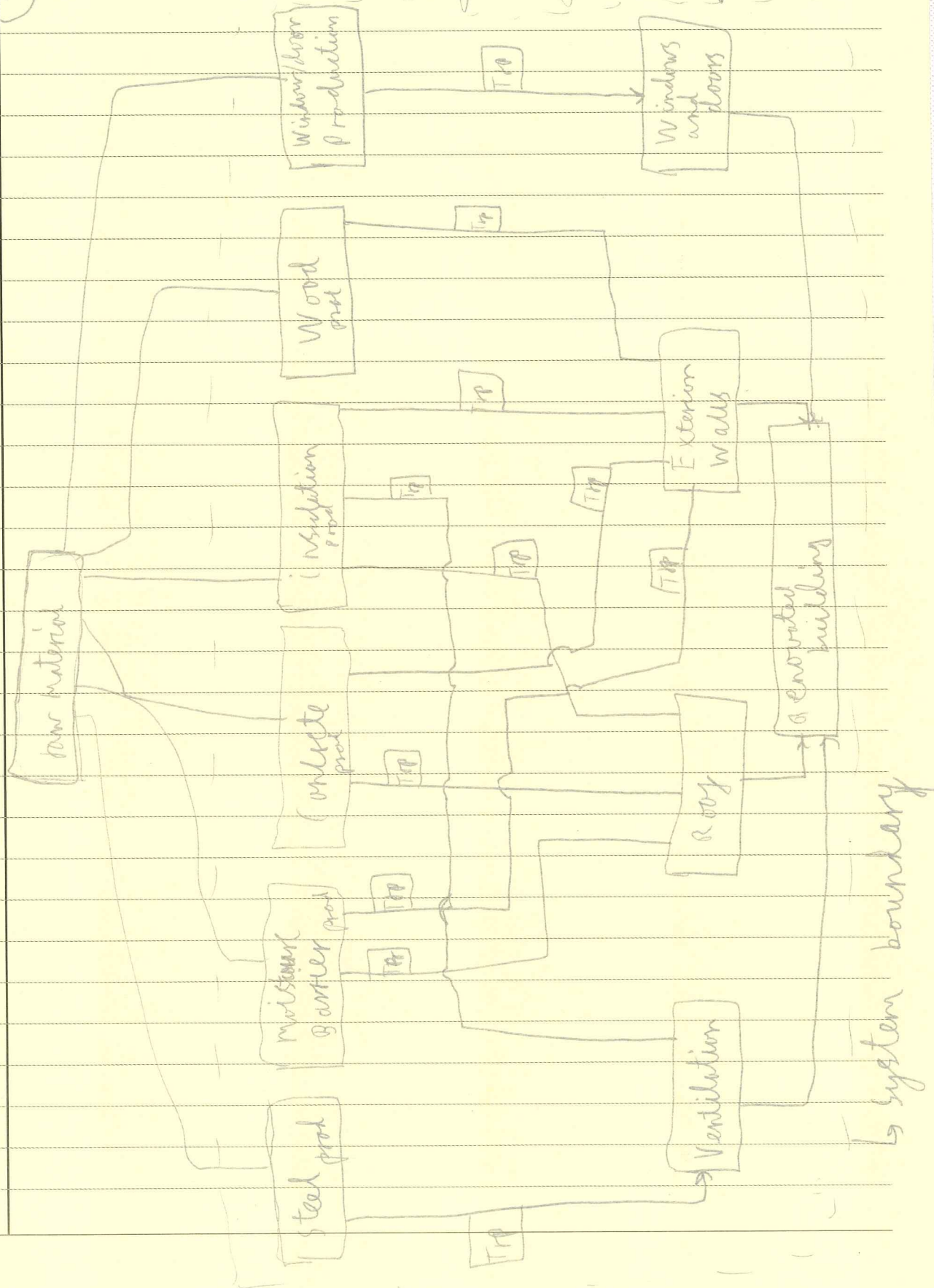
stjernehus data:

• 3777 m<sup>2</sup> heating area

• 63 m<sup>2</sup> average apartment size



a) Basic Flow Chart. (page 17 for Assumptions)





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a) Assumptions

- Not included base material extraction and Transport

- Assume materials is in the factories (factories)

- The roof sections not included information

⇒ The system got a little messy, but should be correct.

b) Material requirements for one apartment

$\frac{63}{3777} = \frac{1}{59} \Rightarrow$  so I assume each apartment is responsible for  $\frac{1}{59}$  of all the emissions, and constructions

Material requirements for one apartment, will do per thing first than ~~some~~ sum up for each part at end.

Exterior walls:

Insulation :  $15 \text{ ton} \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{15}{59} \text{ ton/ap}$

Concrete :  $47 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{47}{59} \text{ ton/ap}$

Wood :  $102 \text{ m}^3 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{102}{59} \text{ m}^3/\text{ap}$

Moisture barrier :  $1,5 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{3}{118} \text{ ton/ap}$



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b) Windows and doors:

$$\text{Windows: } 760 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{760}{59} \text{ m}^2/\text{ap}$$

$$\text{Wooden doors: } 739 \text{ m}^2 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{739}{59} \text{ m}^2/\text{ap}$$

~~Windows:  $\frac{760}{59} \text{ m}^2/\text{ap}$~~

↳ Not calculated for frame here, because is in window.

Roof:

$$\text{moisture seal: } 2,3 \text{ ton} \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{23}{590} \text{ ton/ap}$$

$$\text{Insulation: } 3,0 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{3}{59} \text{ ton/ap}$$

$$\text{concrete: } 2,0 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{2}{59} \text{ ton/ap}$$

Ventilation:

$$\text{steel ducts: } 2,7 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{27}{590} \text{ ton/ap}$$

$$\text{Insulation: } 7,7 \cdot \frac{1}{59} = \frac{77}{590} \text{ ton/ap}$$

These calculations above is the material requirements for all the different things per part, to be able to view a property it viewed like this. No time to sum up. (See C for summation)



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g) Total + transport for average appartment:

Material:

$$\text{Wood: } 102/59 \text{ m}^3/\text{ap} \cdot 480 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$= \frac{1224}{1475} \text{ ton/ap} \cdot 25 \text{ km} = \frac{1224}{59} \text{ ton} \cdot \text{km/ap}$$

$$\text{Concrete: } \frac{47}{59} + \frac{2}{59} = \frac{49}{59} \text{ ton/ap} \cdot 25 \text{ km}$$

$$= \frac{7225}{59} \text{ ton} \cdot \text{km/ap}$$

$$\text{Insulation: } \frac{75}{59} \text{ ton/ap} + \frac{3}{59} + \frac{17}{540} = \frac{797}{590} \text{ ton/ap}$$

$$\frac{797}{590} \text{ ton/ap} \cdot 25 \text{ km} = \frac{985}{118} \text{ ton} \cdot \text{km/ap}$$

$$\text{Moisture barrier: } \frac{3}{118} + \frac{23}{590} = \frac{79}{295} \text{ ton/ap}$$

$$\frac{79}{295} \cdot 200 \text{ km} = \frac{760}{59} \text{ ton} \cdot \text{km/ap}$$



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1) Steel ducts:

$$\frac{27}{59} \text{ ton/ap} \cdot 1000 \text{ km} = \frac{2700}{59} \text{ ton km/ap}$$

Wooden doors:  $\frac{139}{59} \text{ m}^2/\text{ap} \cdot 0,03 \text{ m} \cdot 0,98 \text{ T/m}^3$

$$\cdot 75 \text{ km} = \frac{3753}{1475} \text{ ton km/ap}$$

Windows:  $\frac{760 \text{ m}^2}{59} / \text{ap} \cdot 0,03 \text{ m} \cdot 2,6 \text{ T/m}^3 = \frac{1482}{1475} \text{ T/ap}$

PVC:  $\frac{760 \text{ m}^2}{59} / \text{ap} \cdot 0,065 \text{ T/m}^2 = \frac{247}{295} \text{ ton/ap}$

Steel:  $\frac{760 \text{ m}^2}{59} / \text{ap} \cdot 0,02 \text{ T/m}^2 = \frac{76}{295}$

$$= \frac{3097}{1475} \text{ ton/ap}$$

$$\frac{3097}{1475} \text{ ton/ap} \cdot 75 \text{ km} = \frac{9297}{59} \text{ ton km/ap}$$

Sum it up:

$$\rightarrow \underline{\underline{258,3 \text{ ton km/ap}}}$$

$$\frac{1229}{59} + \frac{1225}{59} + \frac{985}{1475} + \frac{760}{59} + \frac{2700}{59} + \frac{3753}{1475} + \frac{9297}{59}$$



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d) A seeming previous calculation was correct thus it used here:

MJ  $\rightarrow$  Direct energy

Energy usage:

Transport: (Assume the truck)

$$258,7 \text{ ton-km/ap} \cdot 0,02 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{ton-km}} \cdot 44 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{kg}} = 227,3 \text{ MJ/ap}$$

Diesel machine on sight

$$1200 \text{ h} \cdot 0,923 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{h}} \cdot \frac{1}{59} \cdot 44 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{kg}} = 826 \text{ MJ/ap}$$

Electricity used:

$$452,77 \text{ kWh} \cdot 3,6 \frac{\text{MJ}}{\text{kWh}} \cdot \frac{1}{59} = 2762,7 \text{ MJ/ap}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Total energy per apartment: (average

$3876 \text{ MJ/ap}$  By my calculations!



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e) Type of study.

This is an attributional/accounting study.

→ Due to the fact that it looks into what has happened on a specific building site. All the values it gives and it accounts for what has happened. There no change it, not looking at what ~~is~~ to choose between.

→ Looking at past, what has happened





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5) Life cycle impact assessment

Norwegian energy company

1 GJ of ethanol fuel wood products.

• Terrestrial acidification

• Photochemical oxidant formation

Calculate the total for these two for producing 50 GJ of ethanol.

Terrestrial acidification:  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$ , Ammonia

•  $\text{SO}_2$  - Sulphur dioxide:

$$0,23620 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{GJ}} \cdot 50 \text{ GJ} = 11,81 \text{ kg} / 50 \text{ GJ} \quad (1)$$

$\text{NO}_x$

$$0,17377 \cdot 50 \text{ GJ} = 8,67 \text{ kg} / 50 \text{ GJ}$$

$$\text{eq} \Rightarrow 8,67 \cdot 0,560 = 4,86 \text{ kg } \text{SO}_2 \text{ eq} / 50 \text{ GJ}$$



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5) Ammonia:

$$0,03382 \text{ kg/GJ} \cdot 50 \text{ GJ} = \frac{1691}{1000} = 1,69 \text{ kg/50GJ}$$

$$1,69 \cdot \text{kg/50GJ} \cdot 2,450 \text{ kg SO}_2 \text{ eq/torr} = 4,14 \text{ kg SO}_2 \text{ eq/50GJ}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Total SO}_2 \text{-eq} = 4,14 + 4,86 + 11,87 \\ = 20,87 \text{ SO}_2 \text{ eq/50GJ fuel}$$

Photo Chemical oxidant formation:

$$\text{SO}_2: 11,87 \text{ kg/50GJ} \cdot 0,655 = 7,74 \text{ kg NMVol-eq}$$

$$\text{NO}_x: 8,67 \text{ kg/50GJ} \cdot 1,375 = 11,92 \text{ kg NMVol-eq}$$

Non-methane...

$$0,05699 \text{ kg/GJ} \cdot 50 = 2,85 \text{ kg/50GJ}$$



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5) Carbon monoxide:

$$0,20242 \cdot 50 = 10,12 \text{ kg CO/50G}$$

$$10,12 \cdot 0,095 = 0,96 \text{ kg NMVOC-eg/50G}$$

⇒ Total Photochemical oxidant formation:

$$7,74 + 17,92 + 2,85 + 0,96 = 23,47 \text{ NMVOC-eg/50G}$$

6) The only difference in the description is

1. electricity prod, hydro, pumped, storage
2. market for

⇒ In number one it is specified that the electricity comes from hydropower with a pumped storage. But on the other one it is average market in Norway

- ↳ Not all ~~energy~~ electricity in Norway come from hydro, so these will be different.
- ↳ Pumped storage is not that common



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7a) Stjernehus building:

Original 337 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> Per year

Renovated : 102 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per year

Total renovation energy:

$$9430000 \text{ MJ} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ kWh}}{3,6 \text{ MJ}} = 2679444,4 \text{ kWh}$$

Improved energy consumption

$$337 - 102 = 235 \text{ kWh/improvement m}^2$$

$$235 \cdot 3717 \text{ m}^2 = 873495 \text{ kWh/building}$$

↳ Annual improvement

$$\frac{2679444,4}{873495} \approx 3 \text{ år Approximately}$$

7b) Trump won, but Hillary most votes  
 I think to remember.