

# CALCULATION METHOD OF STOCKPILING AND USE PHASE IN ROAD LCA: CASE STUDY OF STEEL SLAG RECYCLING

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# Great interest in LCA applied to pavements...

- ❖ **Hundred of papers**
- ❖ **Symposium and workshops**

## PAVEMENT LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

University of California, Davis  
Davis, California  
May 5-7, 2010

July 10-12, 2012  
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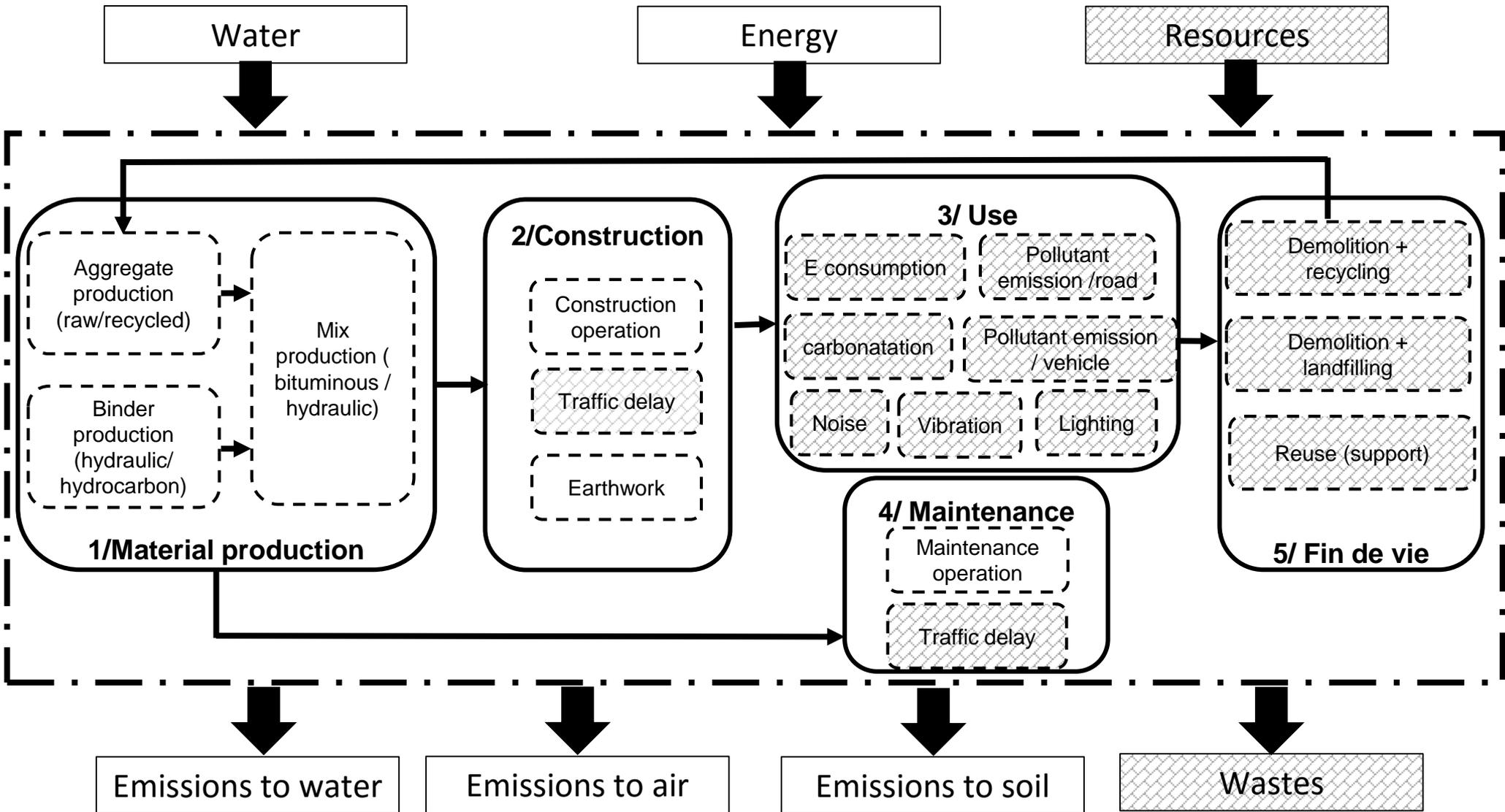
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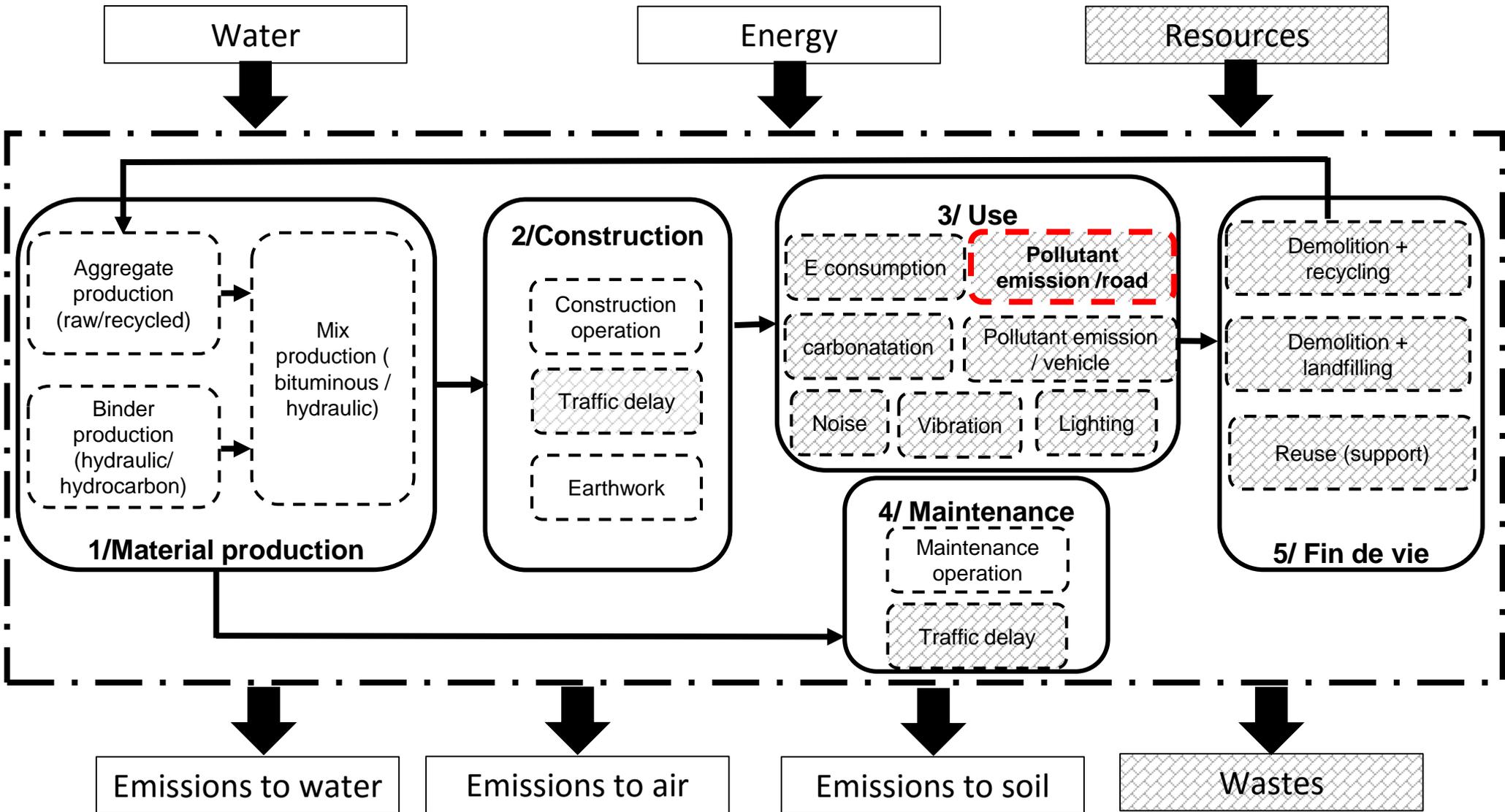
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## When alternative materials are used

⇒ Only primary and secondary production are considered in P LCA

⇒ **Stockpiling impact = 0**

⇒ **Use impact = 0**

**BUT** Wastes release substances into water

## Objective:

New approach of environmental impact assessment of recycling waste (EAF-S)

⇒ considering release of chemical substances from the waste to water

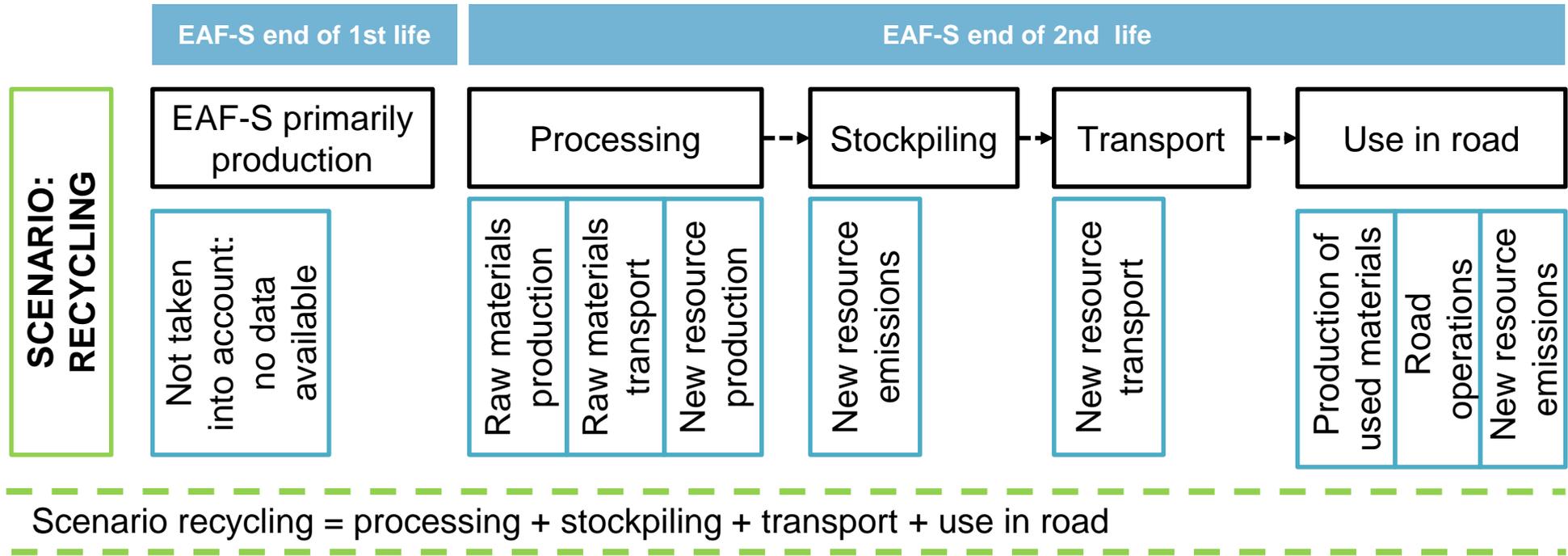
⇒ Ecotoxic Potential and Toxic Potential

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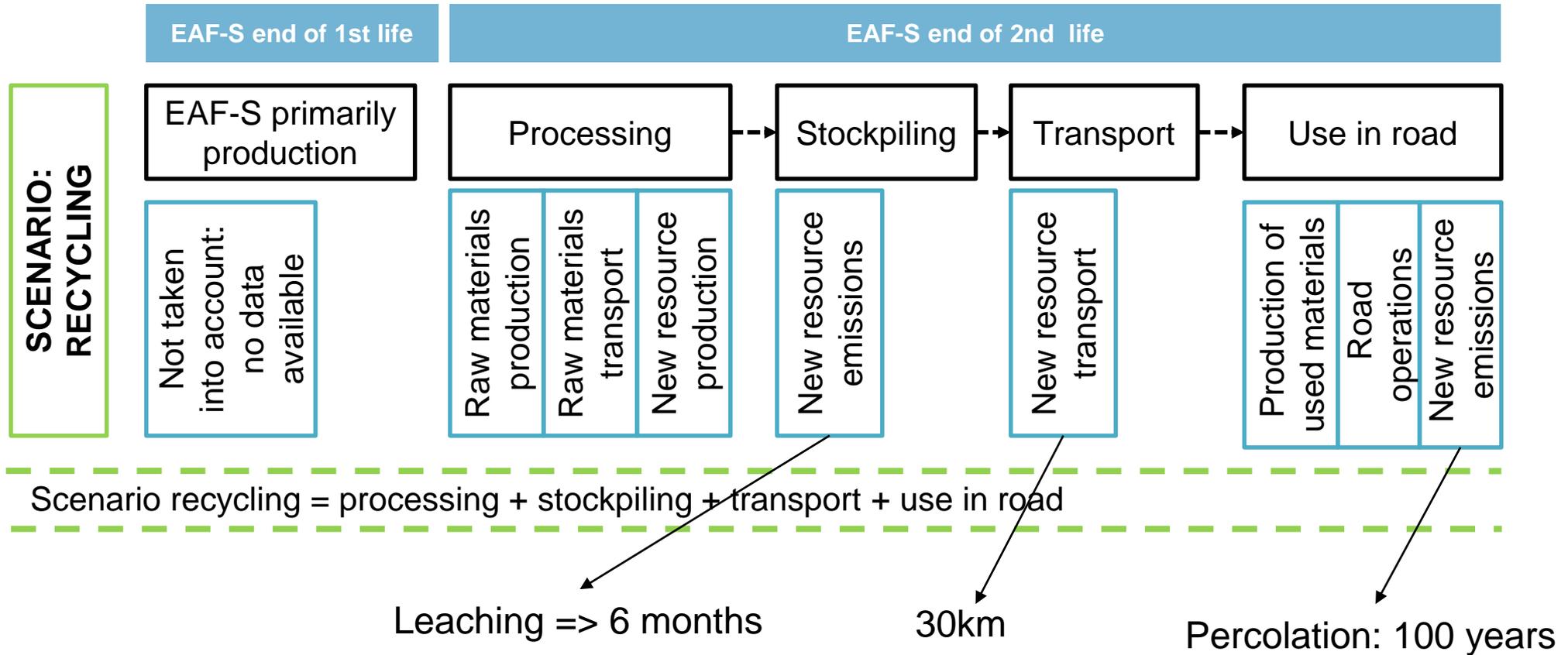
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⇒ Use phase

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❖ the structure simulated is a non-covered 10-15 cm thick road layer of EAF-S

## Method: calculation

The calculation of impact indicators, is described as:

$$\text{Ind } j = \sum_i \alpha_{ij} \times C_{ij} \times m_i$$

Ind j, indicator associated with impact category j;  $m_i$ , mass of inventory flow i (kg);  $C_{ij}$ , contribution coefficient of inventory flow i to impact category j; and  $\alpha_{ij}$ : classification coefficient (from Goedkoop, 2001).

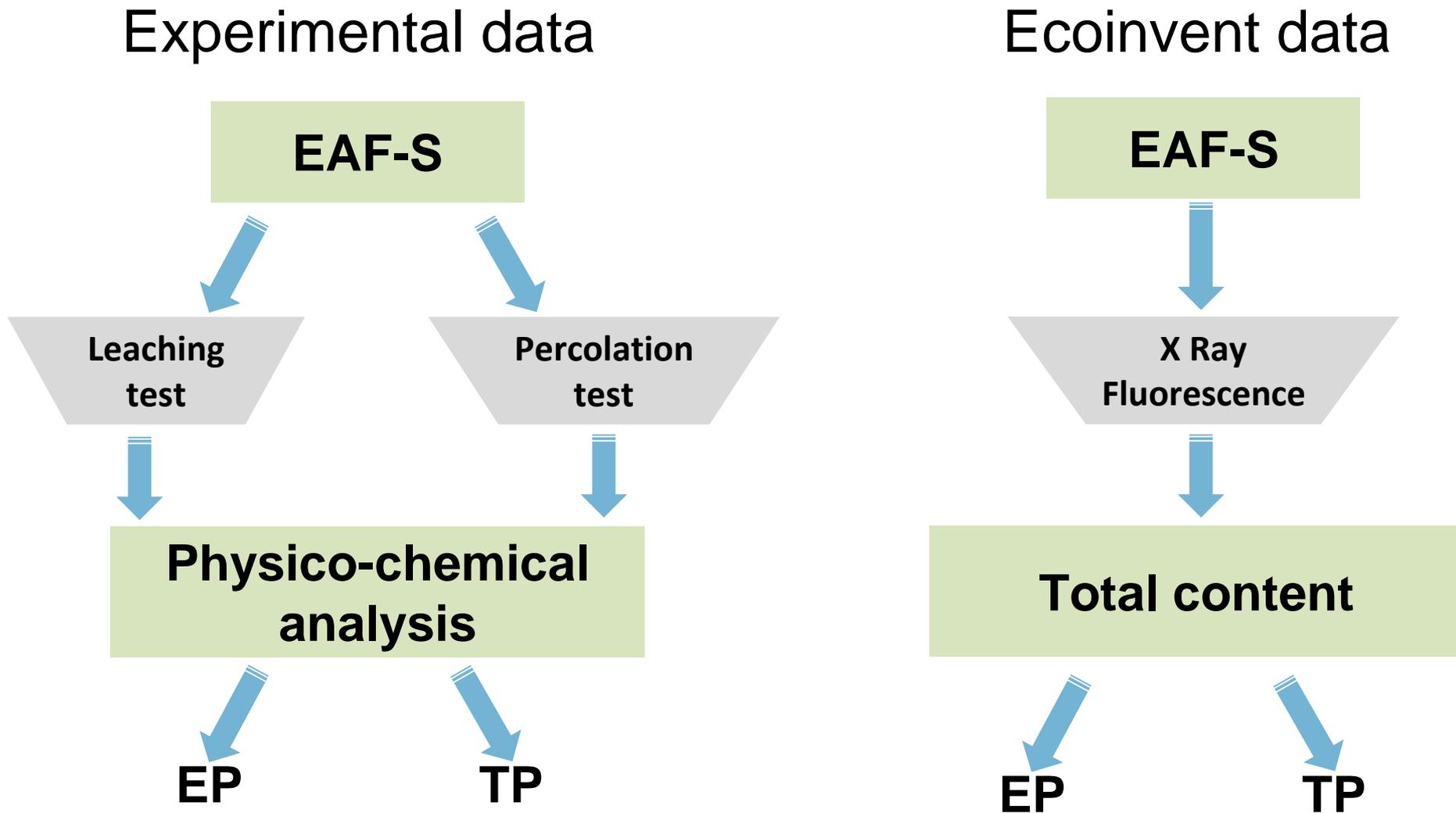
⇒ E (MJ),

⇒ GWP (kg Eq CO<sub>2</sub>),

⇒ EP (kg Eq 1,4 DCB), TP (kg Eq 1,4 DCB)

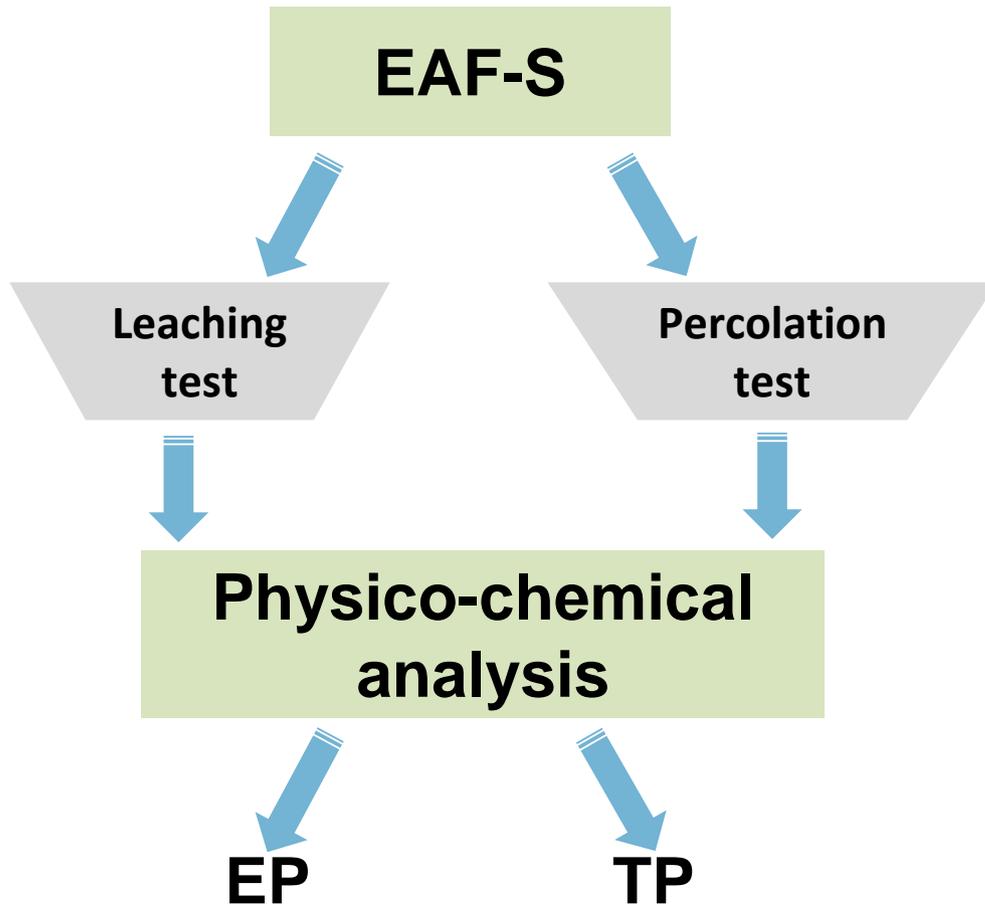
<http://ecorcem.ifsttar.fr>, reference manual (Cerema, Ifsttar)

# Method: 2 calculation methods for EP and TP

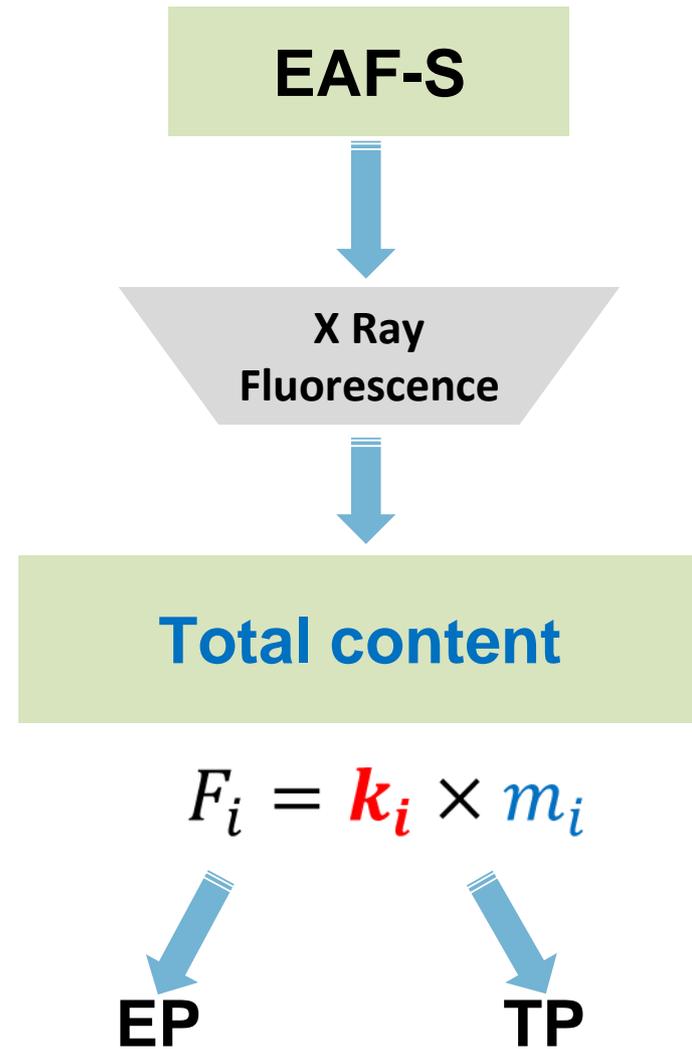


# Method:

## Experimental data



## Ecoinvent data



# Material: Raw and processed EAF-S

Chemical composition of raw EAF-S and processed EAF-S

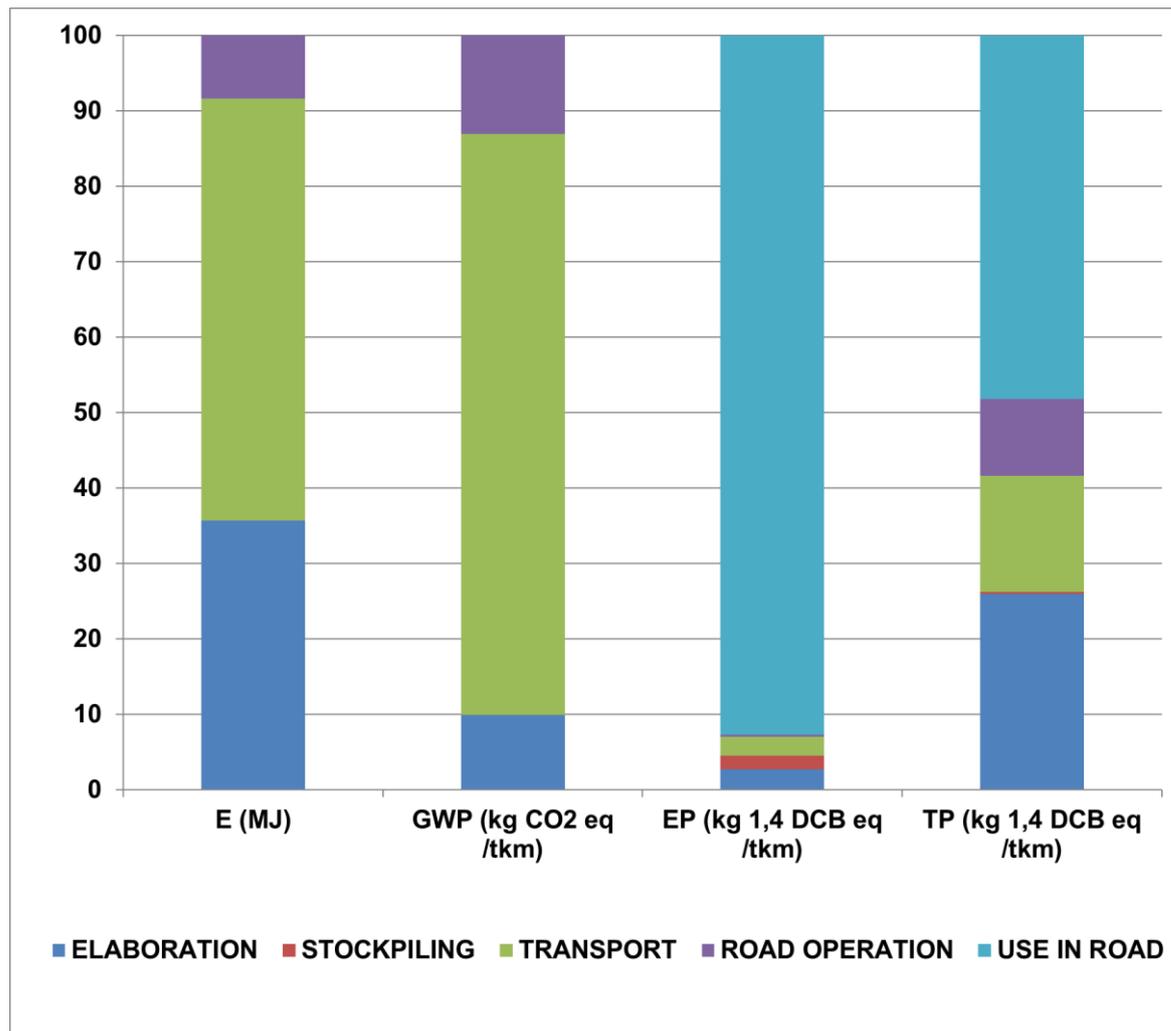
## Physical properties of raw EAF-S

Properties	EAF-S
Real bulk density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.5
Natural water content (Wnat%)	18
Blaine specific surface area (cm <sup>2</sup> /g)	5790
Gap-grading analysis	0/1mm

Elements	Units	Raw EAF-S	Processed EAF-S
Silicon dioxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> )	% by weight	32.9	ND
Titanium dioxide (TiO <sub>2</sub> )	% by weight	0.4	ND
Aluminium oxide (Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	% by weight	8.1	ND
Iron oxide (Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	% by weight	14.1	ND
Manganese oxide ( <u>MnO</u> )	% by weight	1.5	ND
Magnesium oxide ( <u>MgO</u> )	% by weight	3.9	ND
Calcium oxide ( <u>CaO</u> )	% by weight	15.8	ND
Sodium oxide (Na <sub>2</sub> O)	% by weight	0.2	ND
Potassium oxide (K <sub>2</sub> O)	% by weight	0.8	ND
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	% by weight	0.2	ND
Arsenic (As)	mg/kg	<100	42
Cobalt (Co)	mg/kg	275	0
Chromium (Cr)	mg/kg	18000	10706
Copper (Cu)	mg/kg	1040	208
Molybdenum (Mo)	mg/kg	589	502
Nickel (Ni)	mg/kg	1510	849
Vanadium (V)	mg/kg	426	228
Zinc (Zn)	mg/kg	399	205
Zircon ( <u>Zr</u> )	mg/kg	1350	ND

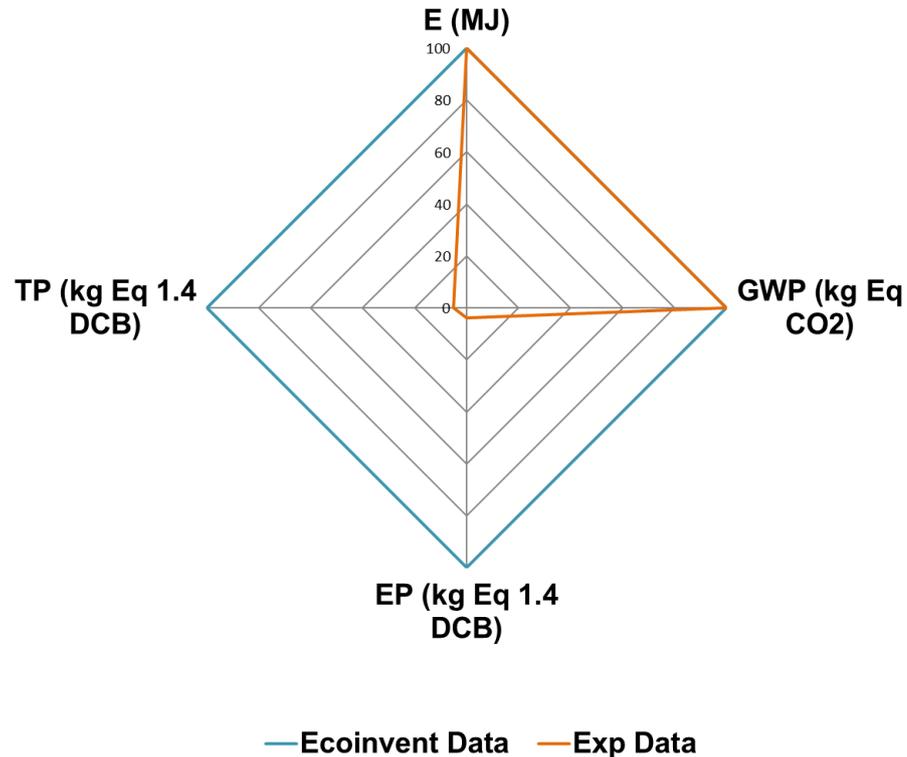
ND: not determined

# Results: Contribution of each life cycle phase of recycling EAF-S in road



- ⇒ Transport is the main contributor to E and GWP
- ⇒ Use phase is the main contributor to EP and TP
- ⇒ the contribution of Stockpiling phase is insignificant

# Results: LCA calculation using Expr data vs. Eco invent data



	Exp Data	Ecoinvent Data
E (MJ)	96,47	96,47
GWP (kg Eq CO2)	4,05	4,05
EP (kg Eq 1.4 DCB)	99,125	2697,225
TP (kg Eq 1.4 DCB)	3,0481	62,0781

⇒ EP, TP calculated with Ecoinvent data  
 >>> Expr data

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- ❖ transfer coef of As and Mo (100y) = 1
- ⇒ **Calculation with Ecoinvent** data suppose that the total content is transferred
  
- ❖ Total content Mo > As
- ⇒ EP, TP seem to be driven by Mo content when calculated with Ecoinvent data

# Results: LCA calculation using Expr data vs. Eco invent data

## Results of processed EAF-S percolation test (L/S=10)

Elements	EAF-S after processing (kg/kg)
Arsenic (As)	8.63E-10
Baryum (Ba)	1.71E-05
Cadmium (Cd)	2.17E-11
Chromium (total)	4.30E-06
Copper (Cu)	2.45E-08
<b>Molybdenum (Mo)</b>	<b>9.94E-06</b>
Nickel (Ni)	ND
Lead (Pb)	3.19E-08
Antimony (Sb)	3.41E-07
Selenium (Se)	4.16E-08
Vanadium	ND
Zinc (Zn)	1.03E-08

- ❖ EAF-S Mo content =  $0.5E-03$  kg/kg
- ⇒ All Mo is not transferred!
- ⇒ Diffusion from its bearing phases (iron silicate and melilite) is very low in demineralized water (Chebbi et al. 2016)
- ⇒ Calculation using the Ecoinvent database appears to overestimate EP, TP
- ⇒ But studies of EAF-S percolation in solutions, with pH values close to the field, should be made to confirm this observation.

## Conclusions:

On the basis of LCA study

- ❖ The impacts of the life cycle phases corresponding to stockpiling and use of EAF-S in a road layer are evaluated
- ⇒ We should take into account the use phase as EP and TP exhibit important impacts
- ⇒ Even if recycling this AM is possible regarding local regulation, water may leach chemical during the use phase by infiltration
- ⇒ Calculation using the Ecoinvent database appears to overestimate EP, TP
- ⇒ This result will be completed by other studies on different AM, as part of OFRIR database (<http://ofrir.ifsttar.fr>) where LCA is now its main objective

# Thank you for your attention

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