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# Comparative Life Cycle Assessment of virgin and retreaded truck tyres

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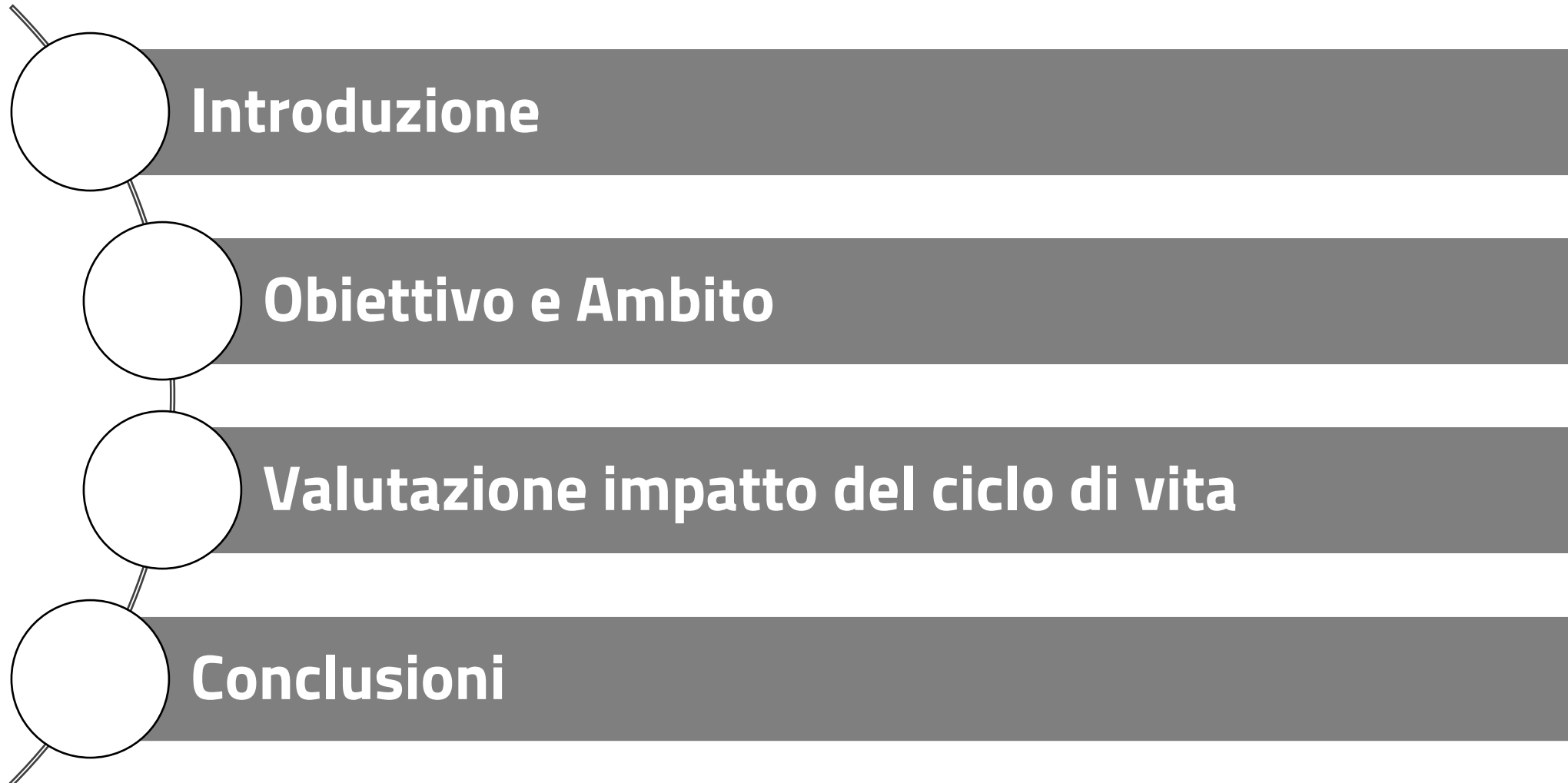
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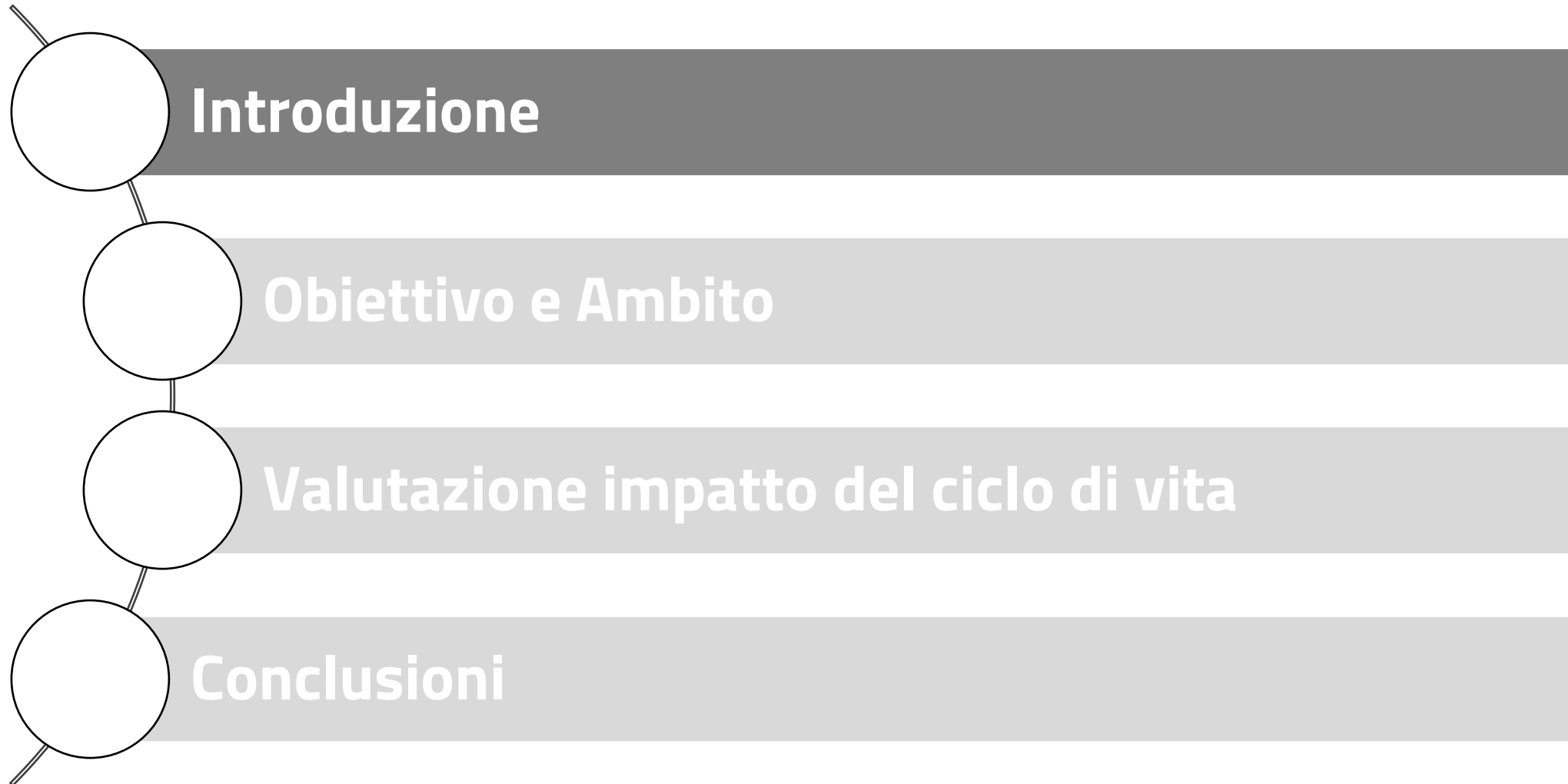


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# Requisiti di Ecodesign



Lo pneumatico è elencato come prodotto prioritario nel piano di lavoro adottato dall'ESPR (Regolamento sulla progettazione ecocompatibile di prodotti sostenibili)

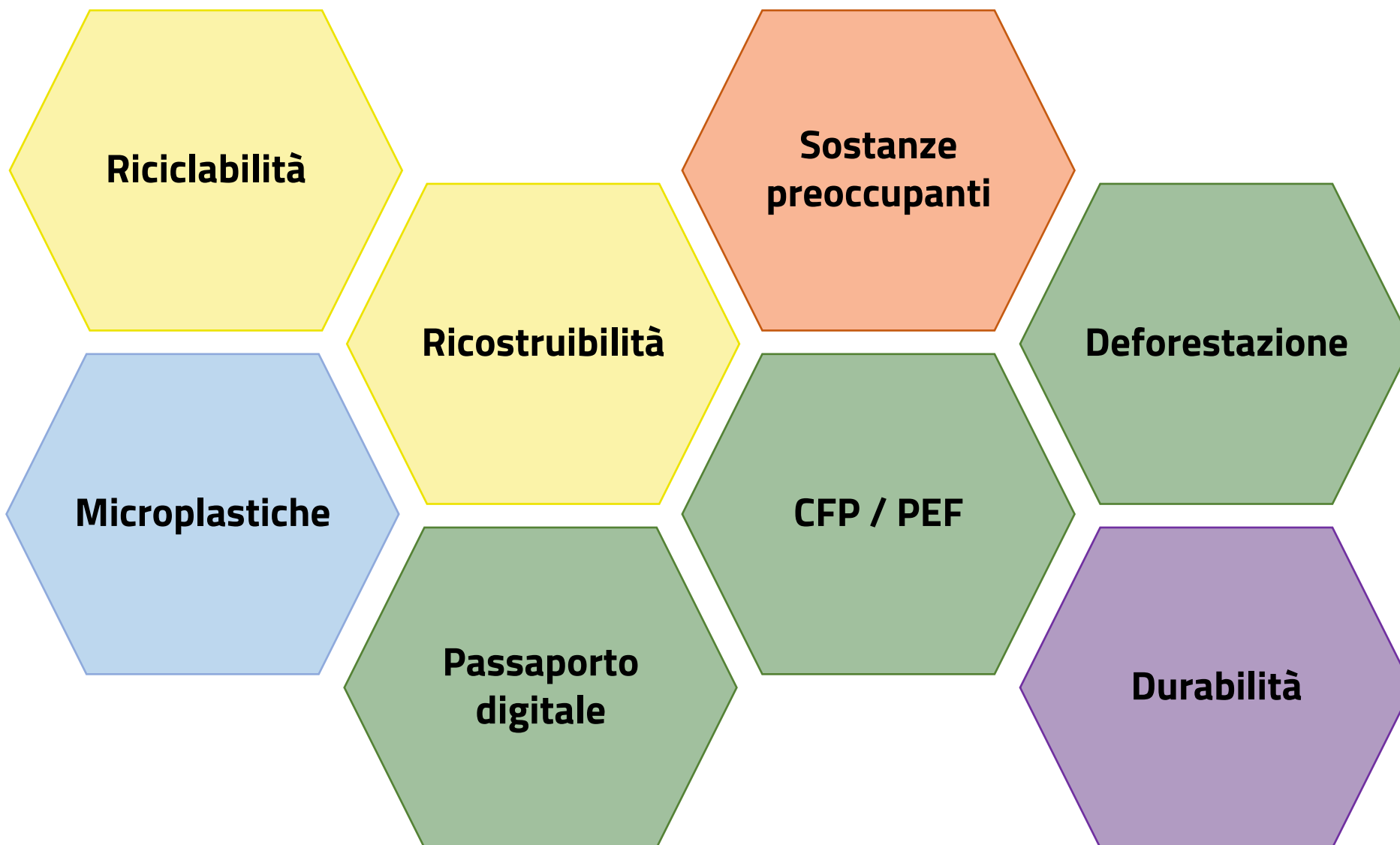
Il Regolamento EU sulla progettazione ecocompatibile di prodotti sostenibili (ESPR) mira a stabilire requisiti di circolarità per la progettazione degli pneumatici

**2027**

Adozione DA con requisiti di ecodesign specifici per la categoria pneumatici

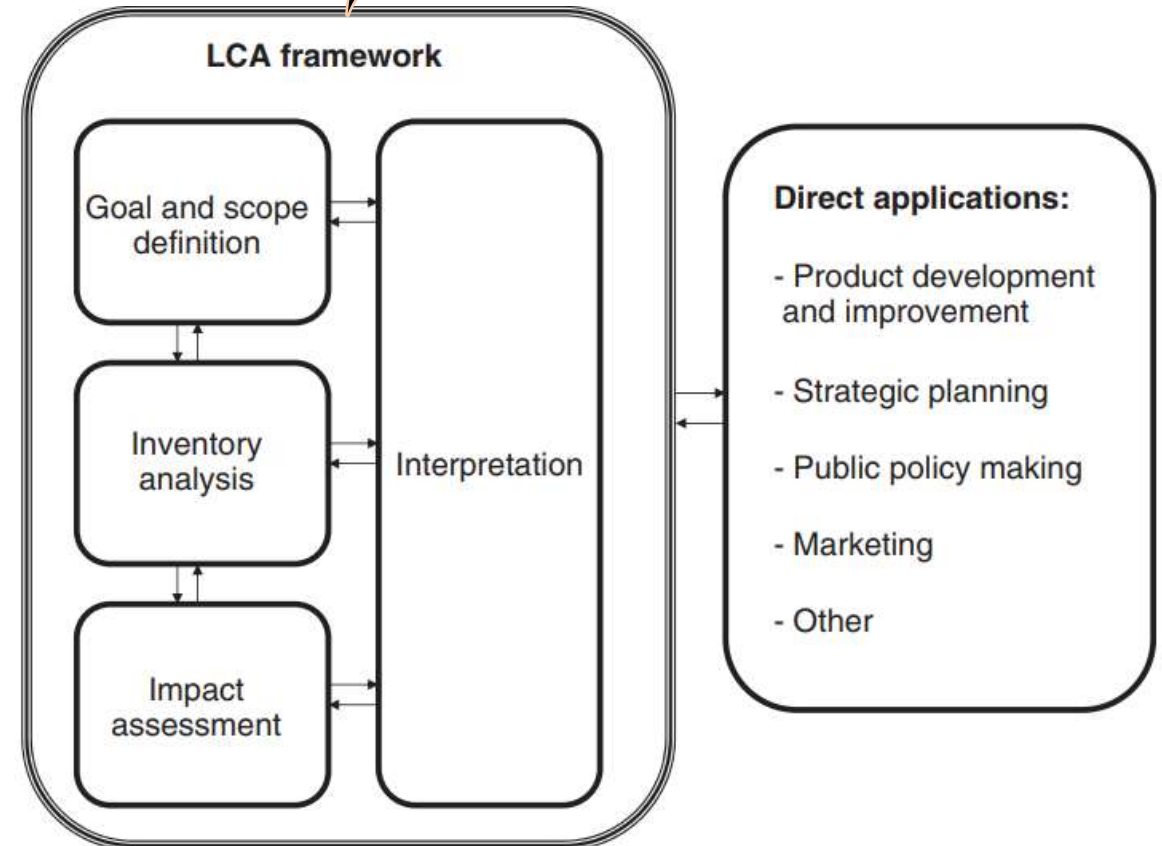


# Aspetti per la futura legislazione in ambito ESPR



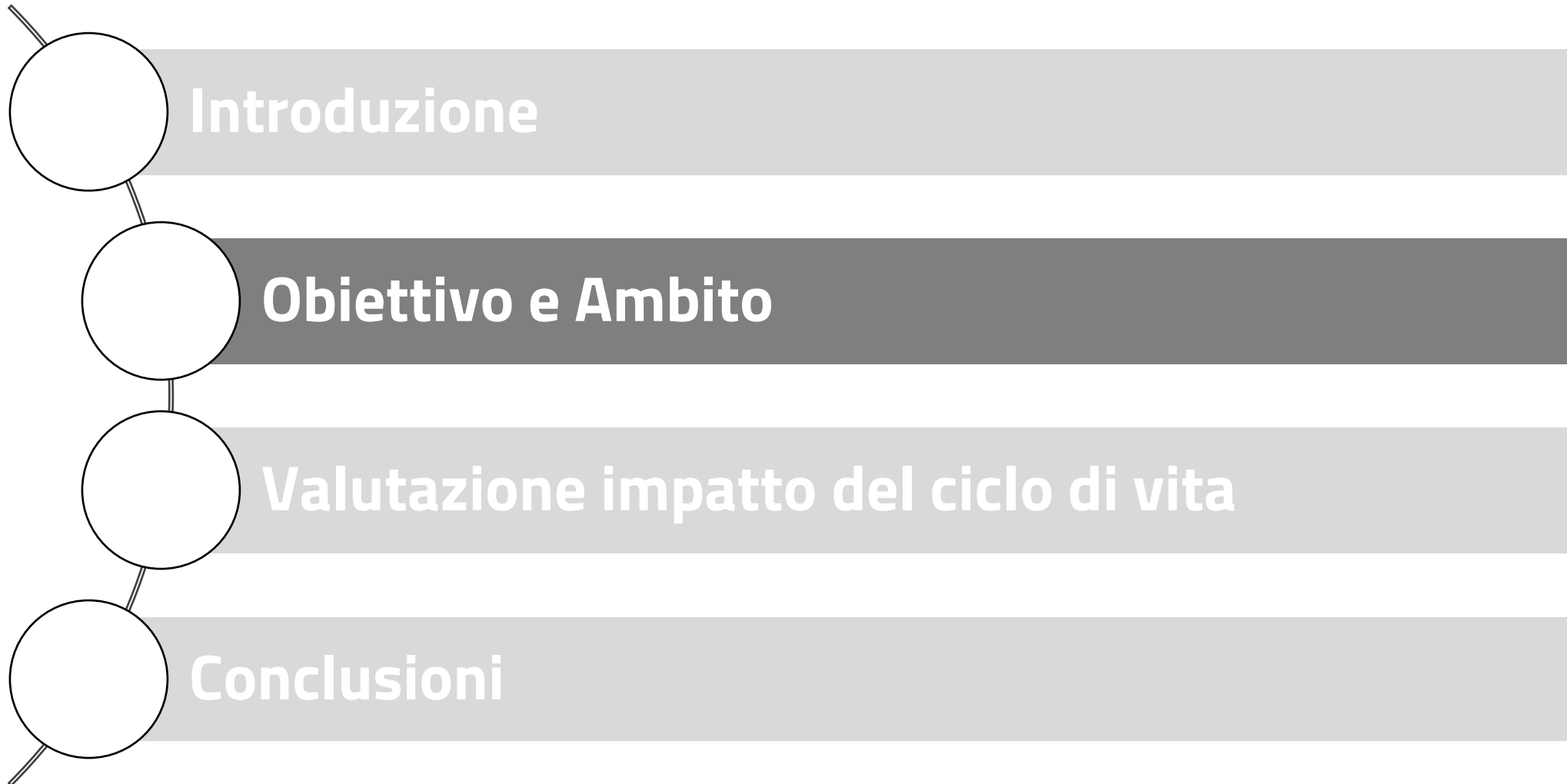


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ISO 14040: Principles and Framework  
ISO 14044: Requirements and Guidelines





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## Committente

Azienda settore pneumatici

## Applicazioni previste

- (i) sviluppo di un'analisi sulla gomma naturale
- (ii) confronto tra pneumatici per autocarro nuovi e ricostruiti

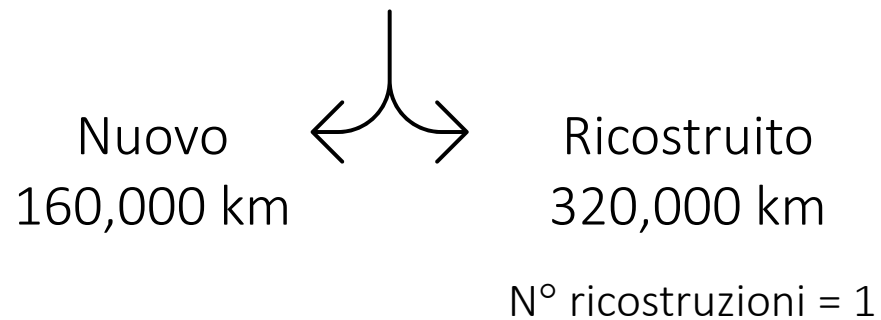
Pneumatico 385/65 R22.5



Massa: 80 kg

## Product Category Rule (PCR) of tyres UL 10006

Vita utile di riferimento



Nuovi e ricostruiti presentano le stesse prestazioni tecniche

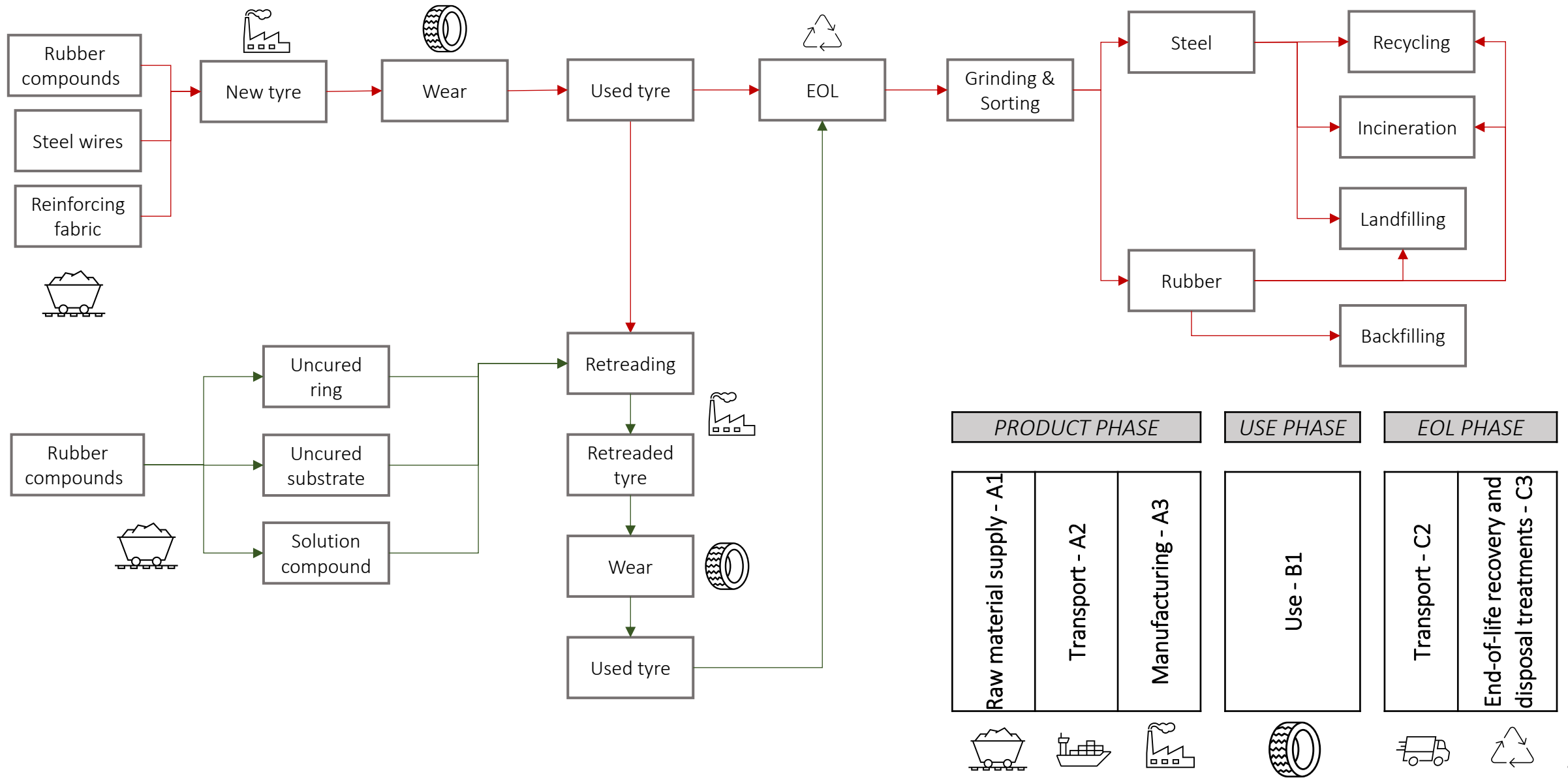
**Unità funzionale [km/FU]**  
Uno pneumatico per 1,000 km

**Flusso riferimento [unit/FU]**

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Nuovo       | 6.25E-03 |
| Ricostruito | 3.13E-03 |

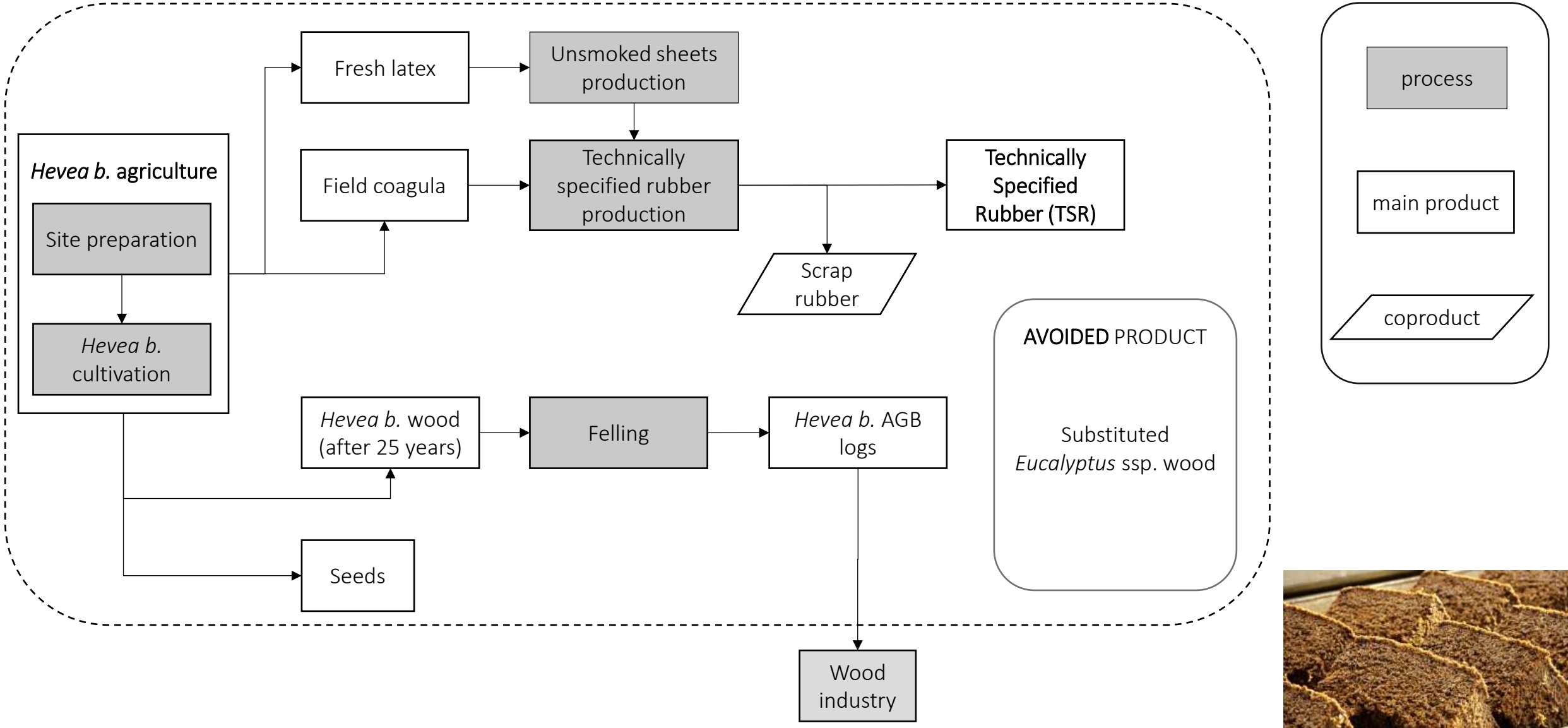
Il confronto deve essere effettuato sulla base dei flussi di riferimento del sistema!

# Schema di flusso





# Schema di flusso gomma naturale





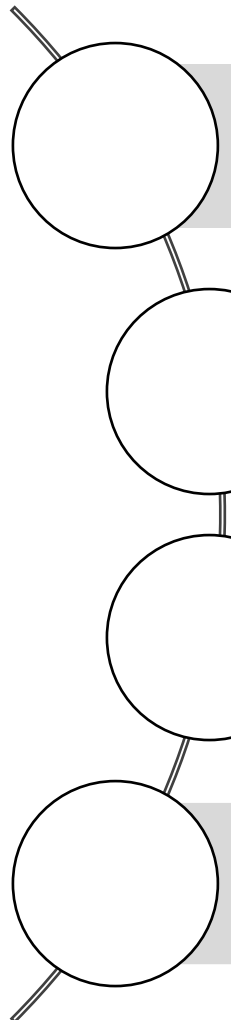
# Valutazione del C stock e analisi del cambiamento d'uso del suolo (LUC)



32,151 ha/y

41,665 ha/y



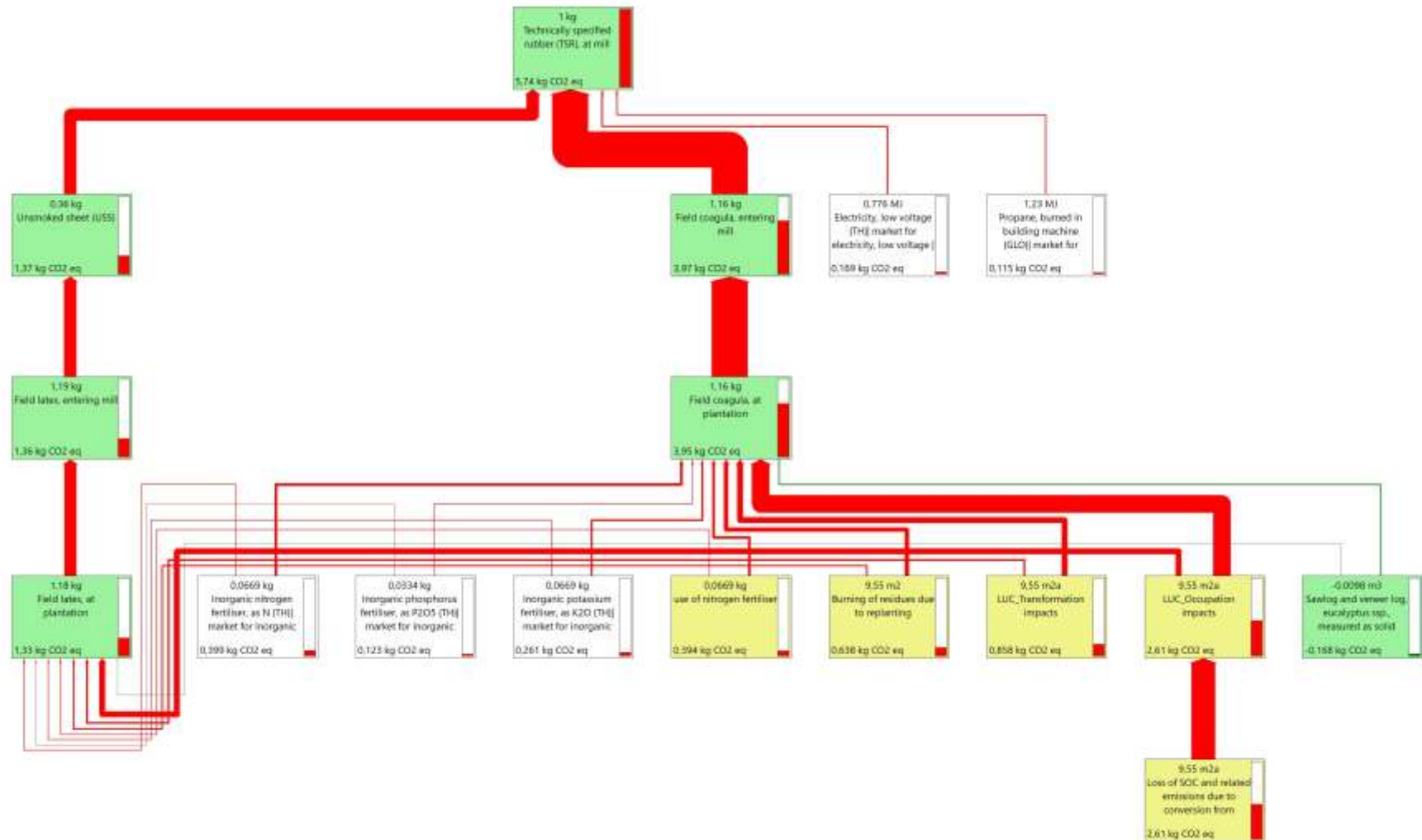


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| Definizione Obiettivo e Ambito               |
| <b>Valutazione impatto del ciclo di vita</b> |
| Conclusioni                                  |

## Network flow chart of the Technically Specified Rubber (TSR)

- Impact category climate change
- *Cut-off value of 2 %*

- 1 Raw material supply (93 %)**  
field coagula (69%) and USS (24%)
- 2 Manufacturing (6.7 %)**  
electricity (2.9%), diesel & propane (3.8%)
- 3 Wastewater (0.2 %)**  
treatment



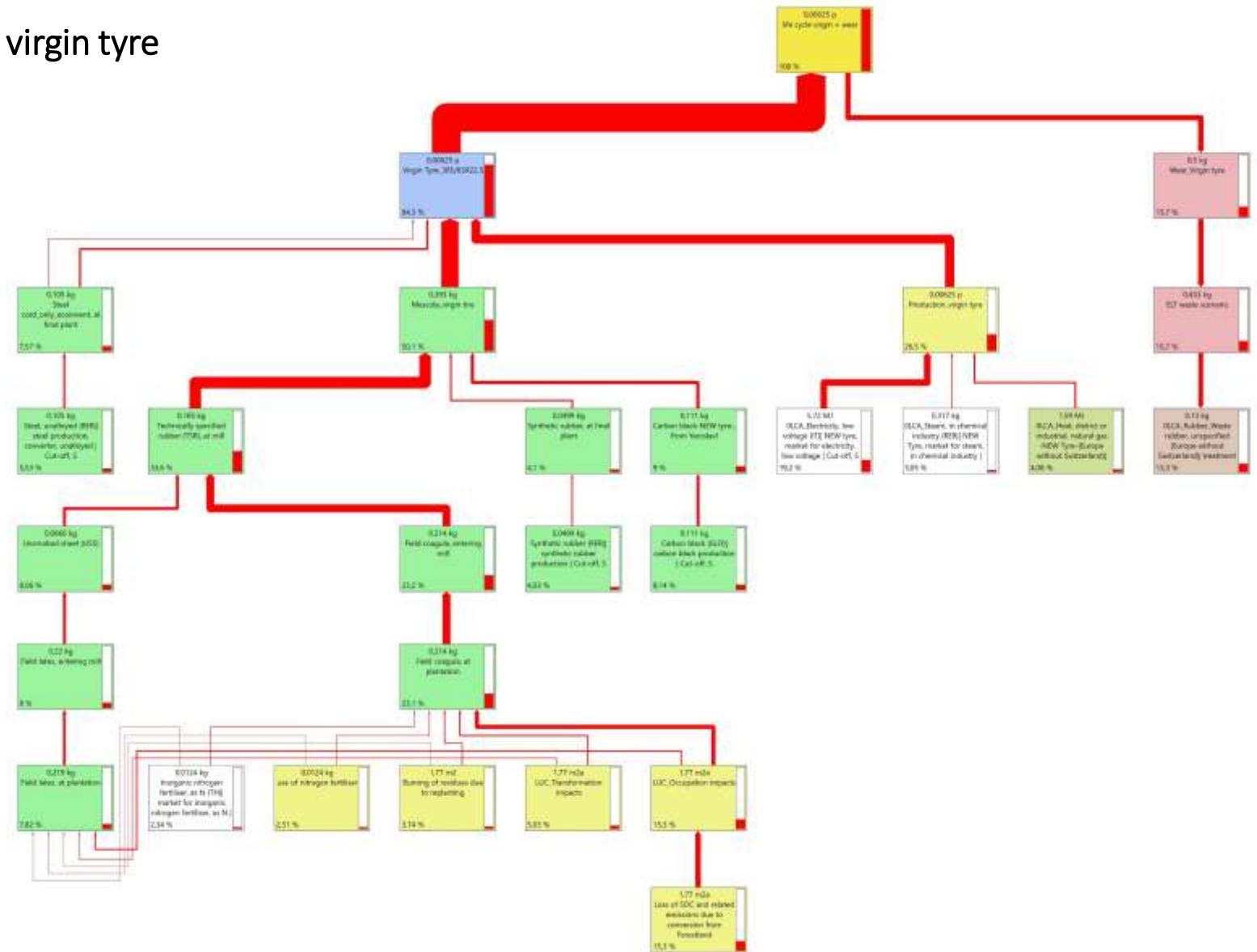
## Network flow chart of the life cycle of the virgin tyre

- Impact category climate change
- Cut-off value of 2 %

**1** Raw material supply (58 %) involves modules A1 (57 %) and A2 (1 %)

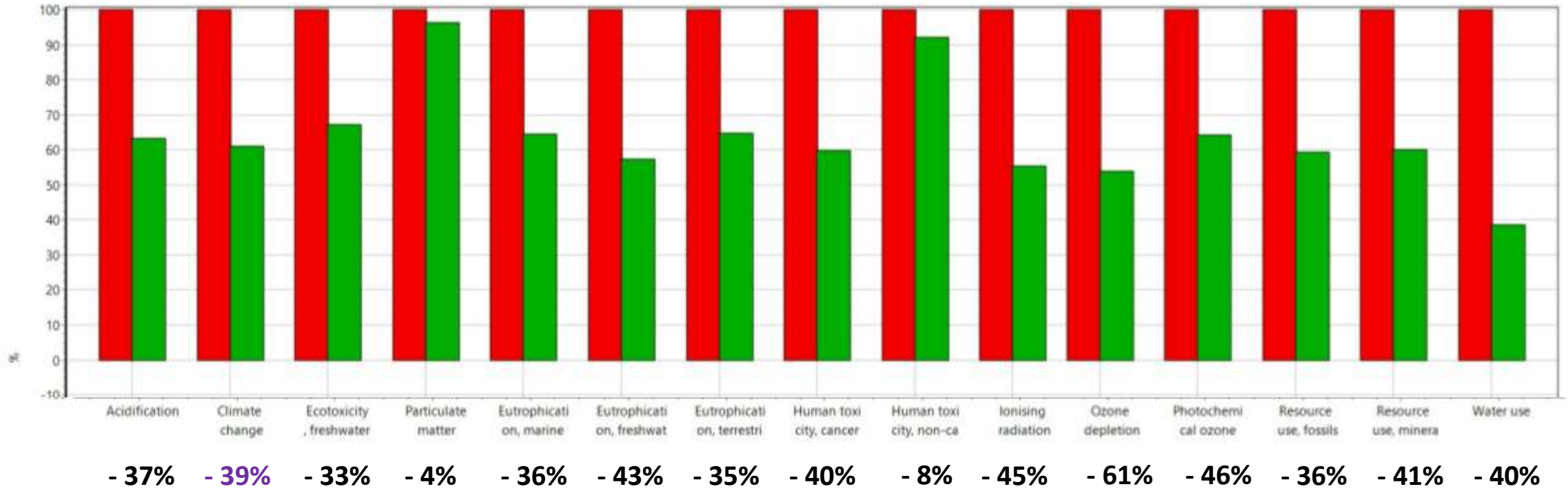
**2** Manufacturing (26 %) entails module A3

**3** End of life (16 %) covers modules C2 (1 %) and C3 (15 %)





# Valutazione dell'impatto: confronto

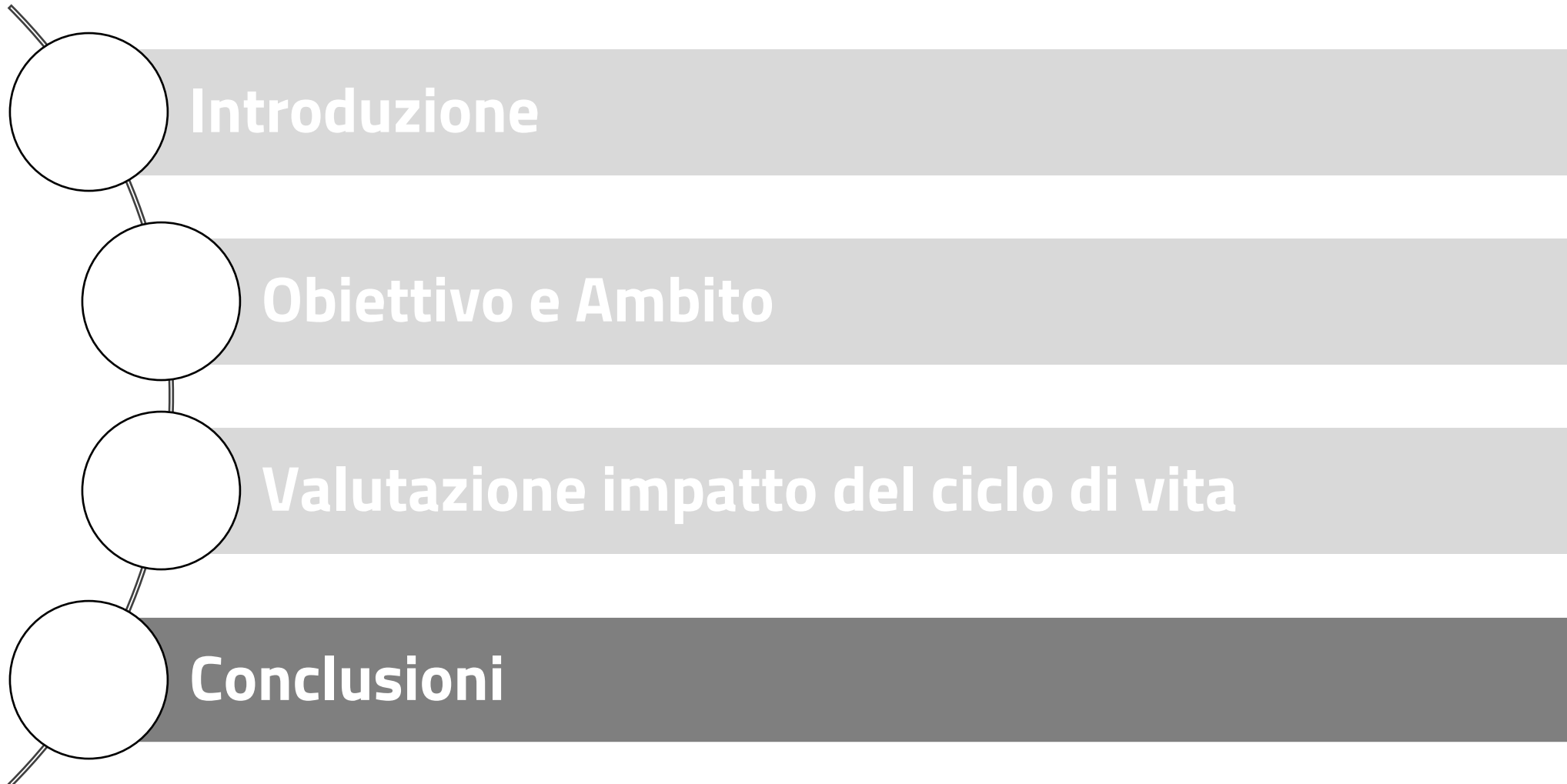


LC vergine

LC ricostruito



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La **gomma naturale** rappresenta la materia prima più importante dal punto di vista della massa

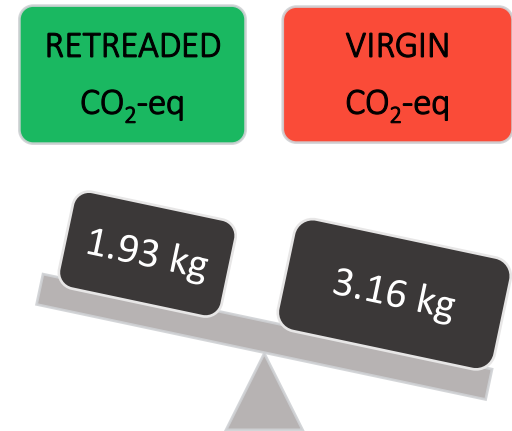
↪ emerge come il principale responsabile degli impatti causati dalle materie prime e rappresenta oltre il 20% degli impatti totali del ciclo di vita di uno pneumatico vergine in 10 su 16 categorie

Lo **pneumatico ricostruito** costituisce una valida opzione di riutilizzo caratterizzata da minori impatti ambientali

↪ riduzione del consumo di materiali e della domanda energetica

Considerando il chilometraggio totale annuo del trasporto merci su strada nell'UE, sarebbe possibile ottenere

↪ un risparmio annuo totale di circa  $(205 \cdot n)$  migliaia di tonnellate di CO<sub>2</sub> eq, se tutti gli  $n$  pneumatici fossero ricostruiti una sola volta



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PER L'ATTENZIONE**

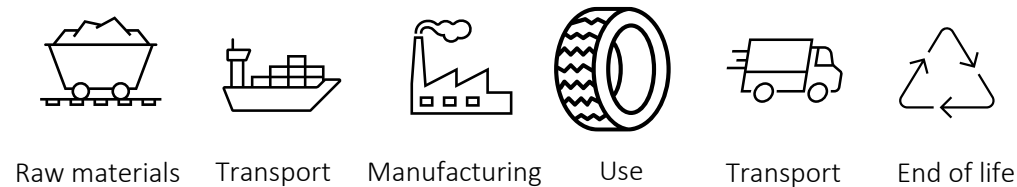


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# Scope definition (supplementary)

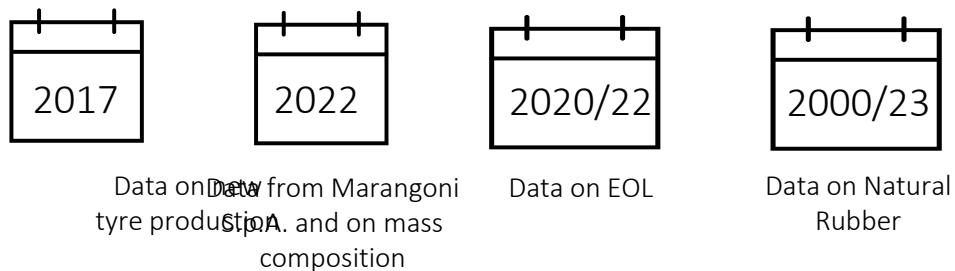
## Technical system boundaries



## Geographical system boundaries



## Temporal system boundaries



| Raw material                      | Mass ratio [phr] | Mass ratio [%] | Mass composition (new tyre) [kg] |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Natural rubber                    | 78.8             | 37.08          | 29.64                            |
| Synthetic rubber                  | 21.2             | 9.98           | 7.98                             |
| (thus, new rubber is)             | 100              | 47.06          | 37.62                            |
| Carbon black                      | 47.3             | 22.26          | 17.79                            |
| Process oil                       | 1.8              | 0.85           | 0.68                             |
| Total of organic rubber chemicals | 8.3              | 3.91           | 3.12                             |
| Zinc oxide                        | 4.4              | 2.07           | 1.66                             |
| Sulphur                           | 2.7              | 1.27           | 1.02                             |
| Silica                            | 2.8              | 1.32           | 1.05                             |
| Total of fibres                   | 0.4              | 0.19           | 0.15                             |
| Steel cord                        | 31.5             | 14.82          | 11.85                            |
| Bead wire                         | 13.3             | 6.26           | 5.00                             |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>212.5</b>     | <b>100</b>     | <b>79.94</b>                     |



# Scope definition (supp.2)

- Among the most common rubber chemicals reported in the literature, the ones utilised also for the retreaded tyre, are here selected. For example, N-1,3-dimethylbutyl-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine (i.e., 6PPD) and 2,2,4-Trimethyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (i.e., TMQ), employed for producing the ring compound in the retreaded tyre system (primary data from Marangoni), are assumed to be used also as chemicals in the production of the compound for the new tyre, since both are the most used antioxidants/antiozonants in the tyre industry. This ensures further coherency between the studied systems, which improves their comparison.
- A wear rate equal to 13.1 %, with respect to the total mass of the tyre, is reported by Marangoni S.p.A. and therefore used during the service of the retreaded tyre. The same tread wear rate proper of the retreaded tyre is fairly assumed and employed for the new tyre use phase.
- End of life scenario employed for both the tyres →

|             | [%]           |                   |                     |       |             |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|-------------|
|             | Rubber (tyre) | Plastic packaging | Paper and Cardboard | Steel | Pallet wood |
| Reused      | -             | -                 | -                   | -     | 12.3        |
| Recycled    | 52.4          | 45.5              | 71.6                | 90.0  | 80.0        |
| Incinerated | 39.8          | 37.2              | 28.4                | 5.7   | 5.7         |
| Landfilled  | 4.3           | 17.3              | -                   | 2.0   | 2.0         |
| Backfilled  | 3.6           | -                 | -                   | -     | -           |

It must be noted that, the information about the waste generated during the new tyre manufacturing, retrieved from the literature, is general, so not distinguishing between waste types, but referring to a total mass of scraps. Therefore, this waste mass disposal pathway is modelled as a mix of treatment according to Ecoinvent database: landfilling (55.22 % of the total mass), incineration (44.11 %) and open burning (0.67 %). The EOL of the waste (cured) rubber obtained during the retreading process is instead modelled according to the assumed scenario.



# Natural rubber (supp.)

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- **Thailand** is the first world producer and first **EU** natural rubber supplier.
- Data **quality requirements** for the acquisition of the information required for the NR system

| Data quality category | Requirement  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Geospatial            | Country-specific data (Thailand)                                     |
| Temporal              | Recent data; data from 2000 – 2020 period for land use change topics |
| Technological         | Most common practices  |

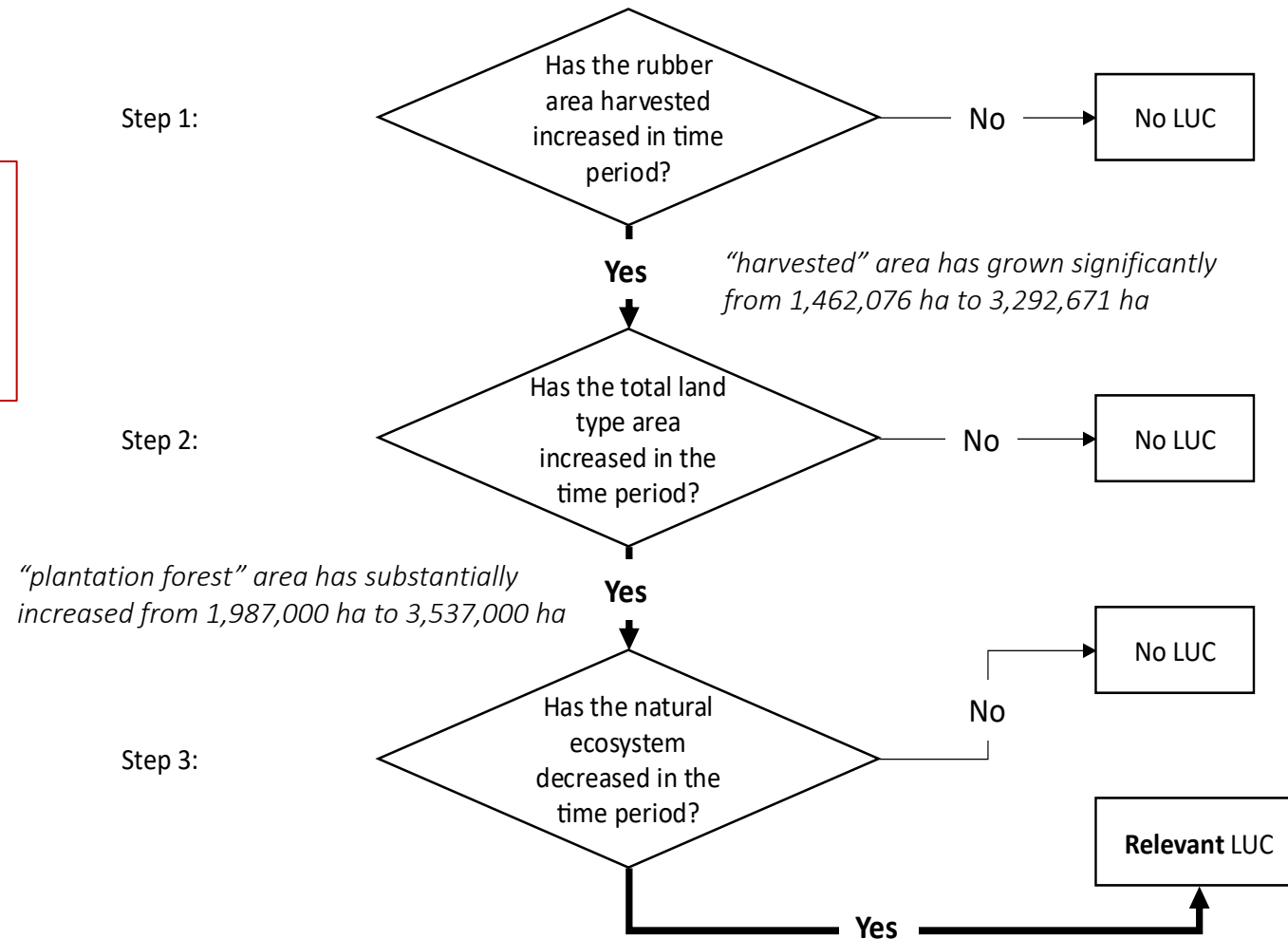
- When secondary data were not found, **estimations** were performed.



# NR – Land Use Change relevance (supp.)

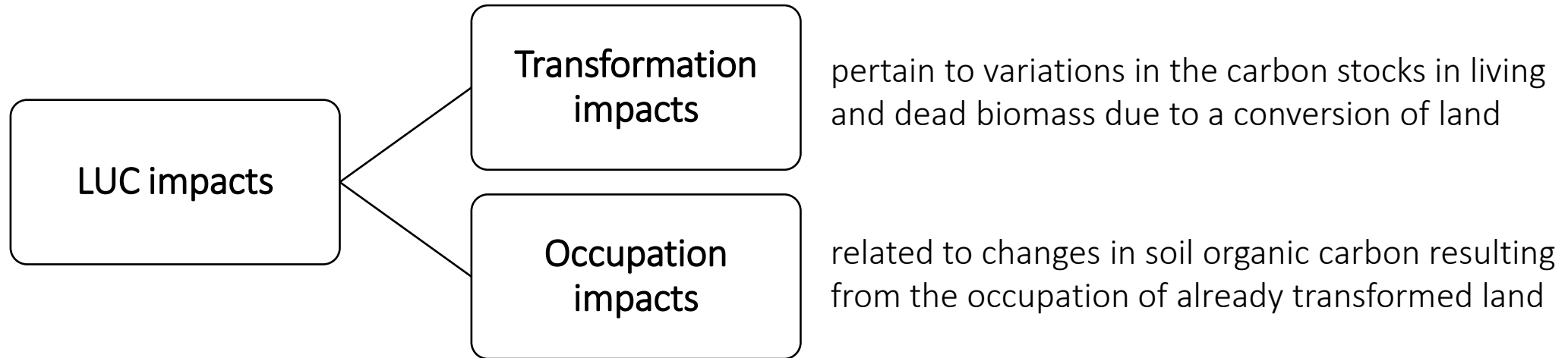
- Understand former land use types of current rubber plantation area → data and literature analysis
- Estimate LUC potential relevance → direct land use change screening methodology

NR production in Thailand during the time period 2000 – 2020





# NR – LUC and variations in C stocks (supp.)



Information required and procedure:

1. obtain **average annual increment in land transformation** related to the farming of *Hevea b.* in Thailand and during the specific time period 2000 – 2020
2. the emissions originated from the **depletion of** above-ground biomass (AGB), below-ground biomass (BGB) and dead organic matter (DOM) **in the natural ecosystem** are evaluated;
3. thirdly, and finally, compute the **change** (loss or gain) **of soil organic carbon** (SOC) in mineral soil, together with its corresponding dinitrogen monoxide emission, the **change** (loss) **of SOC** retained in organic peat soil, and the potential **accumulation** of carbon in biomass form



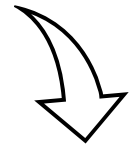
# Evaluation of C stocks and assessment of LUC (supp.)

## *Hevea b.* plantations and Thai forests:

- C fraction, AGB, BGB, root-to-shoot ratio
- $C_{AGB}$ ,  $C_{BGB}$ ,  $C_{DOM}$  stocks, and  $C_{soil}$

## Thai cropland:

- C fractions, AGB, BGB
- C stocks in biomass



32,151 ha/y



41,665 ha/y



| Land use         | $C_{AGB}$<br>[ton/ha]                            | $C_{BGB}$<br>[ton/ha] | $C_{soil}$ (SOC)<br>[ton/ha] | $C_{DOM}$<br>[ton/ha] | Total C stock [ton<br>C/ha] |
|------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tropical forests | 235 <sup>a</sup>                                 | 87 <sup>a</sup>       | 57 <sup>a</sup>              | 15 <sup>c</sup>       | 394                         |
| <i>Hevea b.</i>  | 107 <sup>c</sup>                                 | 14 <sup>c</sup>       | 40 <sup>a</sup>              | 5 <sup>c</sup>        | 166                         |
|                  | <b>Average living biomass C stock [ton C/ha]</b> |                       |                              |                       |                             |
| Crops            | 34.1 <sup>c</sup>                                |                       |                              |                       |                             |

a: from literature

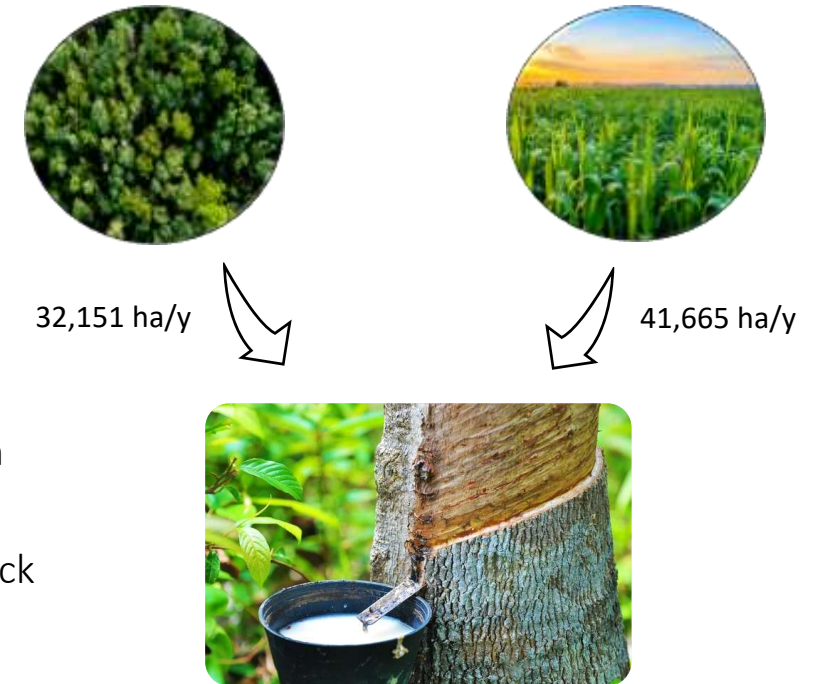
c: estimated in this study



# Evaluation of C stocks and assessment of LUC (supp.2)

According to the methodology\*:

- **Transformation impacts** resulting from the clear cutting of naturally regenerating forests. Assumptions made are
  - i) 20% of AGB is burned,
  - ii) 8% of AGB is harvested,
  - iii) 72% of AGB decays,
  - iv) BGB and DOM decay.
- **Occupation impacts** concerning loss of SOC (and related N<sub>2</sub>O emissions) and C gain in tree biomass
  - a) transformation from forests to *Hevea b.* plantations leads to a decrease in SOC stock
  - b) reduction of C in organic peat soils is negligible
  - c) transformation from cropland to *Hevea b.* plantations yields a C gain in tree biomass  
(34.1 - 121 = - 86.9 ton C per ha)



\*2019 IPCC Refinement and IPCC 2006 Guidelines, EMEP/EEA 2019

\*\*GWPs 100-year from IPCC AR6 (i.e., sixth assessment report)



## Field emissions – NR plantation (supp.)

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### From **agrochemicals**:

- glyphosate applied → considered to end up as emission to soil, in accordance with Ecoinvent
- Nitrogen fertiliser used → direct and indirect emissions calculated in compliance with IPCC 2006 (also 2019) tier-1 methodology
- Phosphorus fertiliser used → emissions calculated following SALCA-P models (the estimation of the P content in topsoil for the geography of Thailand was needed and thus performed).

### From **biomass burning due to replanting** (in already rubber areas):

- firstly, the biomass of residues to be combusted was estimated
- calculations were performed according to EMEP/EEA 2019 tier 2 method

From **heavy metals**: not estimated (neglected) due to paucity of information



# Field emissions – NR plantation (supp.2)

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## Application of NITROGEN fertiliser

- (i) direct emissions of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  into **air** (i.e., directly from the fertilised soil)
- (ii) indirect  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions due to volatilisation of  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  and their succeeding deposition on **soil** and **water** surfaces
- (iii) indirect  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions due to leaching and runoff of the nitrogen from the inorganic fertilisation to **soil** and **water**
- (iv) emissions into **air** of the parts of  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  which do not convert into  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$
- (v) emissions into **soil** and **water** of the part of nitrogen (mainly in  $\text{NO}_3^-$  form) which do not convert into  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

## Application of PHOSPHORUS fertiliser

- (i) leaching of dissolved phosphorus (**soluble phosphate**) to ground **water**
- (ii) runoff of dissolved phosphorus (**soluble phosphate**) to surface **water**
- (iii) erosion of soil particulate phosphorus (**P-containing soil particles**) to surface **water**



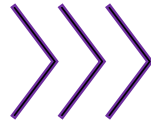
# Field emissions – NR plantation (supp.3)

## Burning of RESIDUES due to replanting activities



*Hevea b.* organs:

- Stumps
- Roots
- Branches
- Foliage



releasing

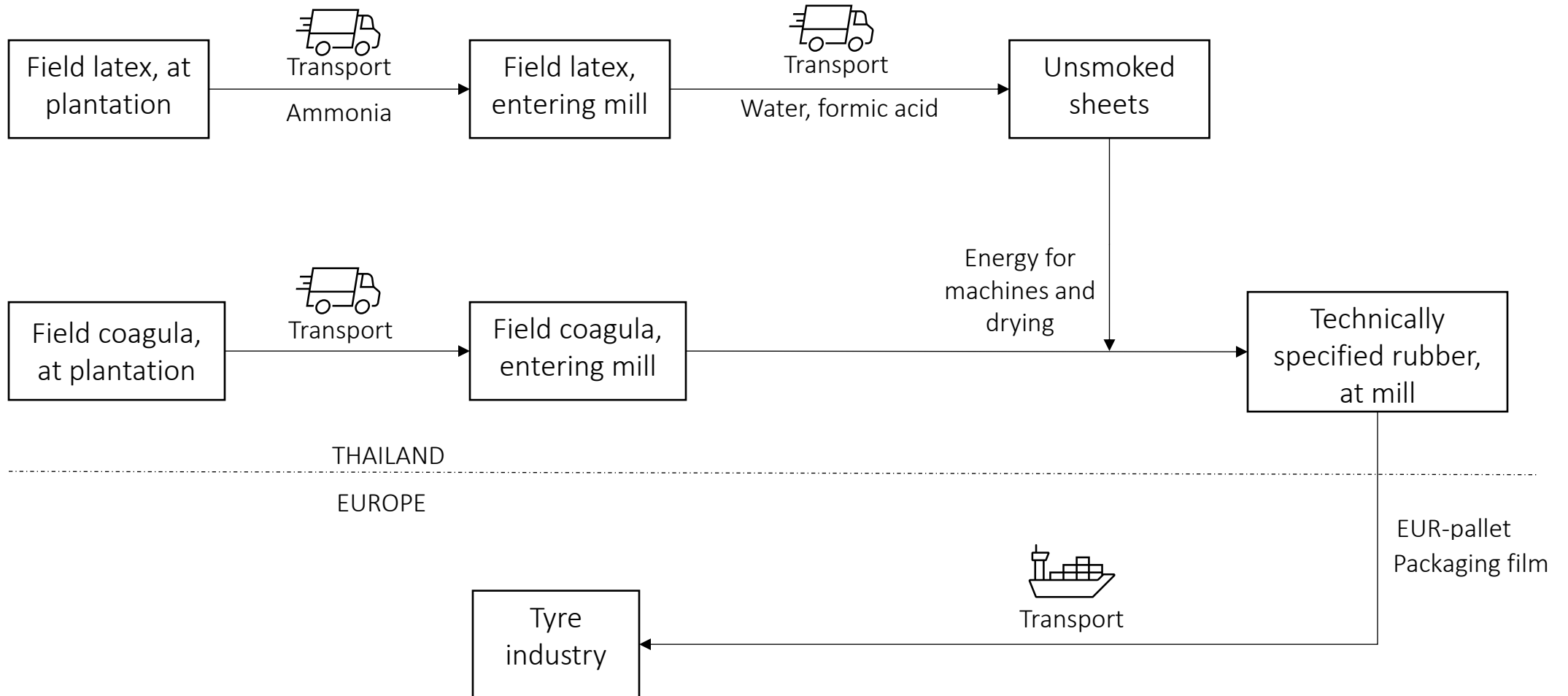
CO  
CH<sub>4</sub>  
CO<sub>2</sub>  
NMVOC  
NO<sub>x</sub>  
NH<sub>3</sub>  
N<sub>2</sub>O  
SO<sub>x</sub>

TSP (< 50 – 100 μm)  
PM10 (< 10 μm )  
PM2.5 (< 2.5 μm)



# SimaPro model of natural rubber (supp.)

From the natural rubber at plantation exit to the natural rubber supplied to the tyre industry





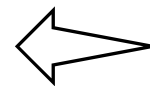
# LCI – Natural rubber (supp.)

Inventory analysis regarding the **unsmoked sheets** at mill, with reference to 1 kg of product



| Flow category | Inflows/Outflows               | Quantity | Unit           |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------------|
| Raw materials | Field latex, entering mill     | 3.30E+00 | kg             |
|               | Formic acid for coagulation    | 7.32E-03 | kg             |
| Water use     | Water for dilution             | 2.20E-03 | m <sup>3</sup> |
|               | Water for formic acid solution | 2.94E-04 | m <sup>3</sup> |
| Products      | Unsmoked sheet (USS)           | 1.00E+00 | kg             |

Inventory analysis regarding the **technically specified rubber** at mill, with reference to 1 kg of this main product



| Flow category   | Inflows/Outflows                            | Quantity | Unit           |
|-----------------|---|----------|----------------|
| Raw materials   | Unsmoked sheet (USS)                        | 3.67E-01 | kg             |
|                 | Field coagula, entering mill                | 1.18E+00 | kg             |
| Water use       | Water                                       | 2.30E-02 | m <sup>3</sup> |
| Electricity use | Electricity                                 | 2.20E-01 | kWh            |
| Fuel use        | Diesel                                      | 1.00E+00 | MJ             |
|                 | LPG   | 1.25E+00 | MJ             |
| Products        | Technically Specified Rubber (TSR), at mill | 1.00E+00 | kg             |
|                 | Scrap rubber, at mill                       | 2.40E-02 | kg             |
| Wastewater      | Wastewater                                  | 2.30E-02 | m <sup>3</sup> |



# LCIA – *Hevea b.* fresh latex (supp.)

Group analysis results for 1 kg field latex at plantation, expressed as percentages

| Impact category                   | Production of fertilisers | Use of fertilisers | Glyphosate production | Burning of residues | LUC impacts | <i>Eucalyptus</i> ssp. logs | Energy demand |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Acidification                     | 8.0                       | 32.8               | 0.8                   | 25.1                | 33.7        | -1.0                        | 0.6           |
| Climate change                    | 14.8                      | 7.5                | 1.9                   | 12.1                | 65.7        | -3.2                        | 1.2           |
| Ecotoxicity, freshwater           | 82.5                      | 1.0                | 11.1                  | 1.1                 | 1.5         | -2.2                        | 1.5           |
| Particulate matter                | 18.1                      | 33.5               | 1.9                   | 27.6                | 37.1        | -18.9                       | 0.8           |
| Eutrophication, marine            | 5.3                       | 38.4               | 0.7                   | 24.1                | 32.4        | -1.9                        | 1.1           |
| Eutrophication, freshwater        | 49.3                      | 33.5               | 28.4                  | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -13.1                       | 1.9           |
| Eutrophication, terrestrial       | 4.7                       | 38.1               | 0.4                   | 24.5                | 32.9        | -1.1                        | 0.6           |
| Human toxicity, cancer            | 74.8                      | 0.0                | 39.7                  | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -23.0                       | 8.5           |
| Human toxicity, non-cancer        | 59.8                      | 0.3                | 6.6                   | 11.5                | 15.6        | -2.2                        | 8.0           |
| Ionising radiation                | 67.3                      | 0.0                | 32.0                  | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -2.4                        | 3.1           |
| Land use                          | 3.8                       | 0.0                | 0.4                   | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -105.0                      | 0.7           |
| Ozone depletion                   | 44.1                      | 0.0                | 58.4                  | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -5.9                        | 3.4           |
| Photochemical ozone formation     | 2.7                       | 15.4               | 0.4                   | 35.4                | 47.6        | -2.1                        | 0.7           |
| Resource use, fossils             | 90.6                      | 0.0                | 14.6                  | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -12.3                       | 7.1           |
| Resource use, minerals and metals | 93.0                      | 0.0                | 5.0                   | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -0.5                        | 2.5           |
| Water use                         | 87.0                      | 0.0                | 13.1                  | 0.0                 | 0.0         | -0.9                        | 0.8           |



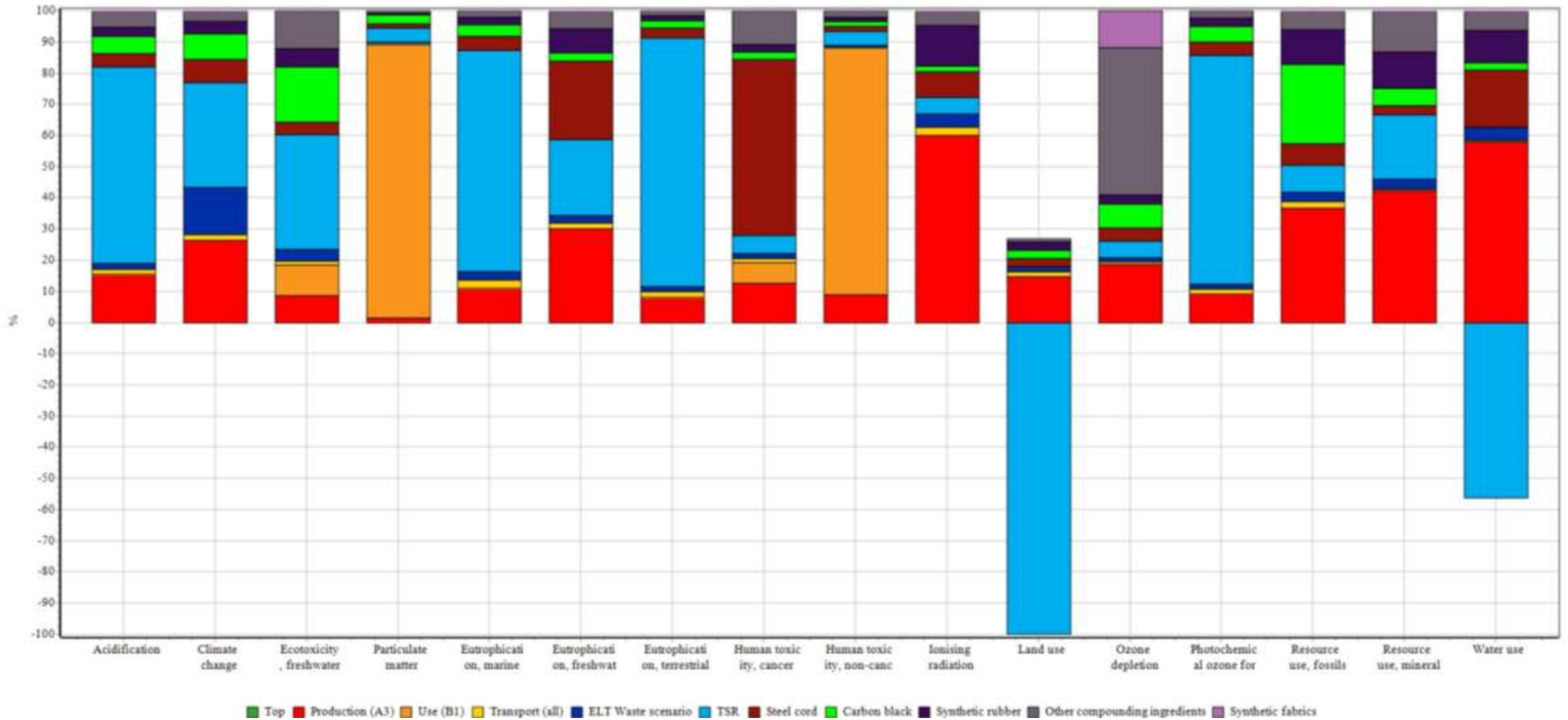
# LCIA – TSR (supp.)

Group analysis results for 1 kg TSR at mill exit, expressed as percentages of the total

| Impact category                   | Total     | Raw materials supply | Energy consumption | Wastewater treatment |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Acidification                     | 6.63E-02  | 96.8                 | 3.2                | 0.1                  |
| Climate change                    | 5.74E+00  | 93.1                 | 6.7                | 0.2                  |
| Ecotoxicity, freshwater           | 4.79E+01  | 95.6                 | 2.7                | 1.7                  |
| Particulate matter                | 2.86E-07  | 97.2                 | 2.6                | 0.2                  |
| Eutrophication, marine            | 1.75E-02  | 93.2                 | 4.3                | 2.4                  |
| Eutrophication, freshwater        | 6.35E-04  | 74.2                 | 19.4               | 6.4                  |
| Eutrophication, terrestrial       | 2.93E-01  | 97.2                 | 2.7                | 0.1                  |
| Human toxicity, cancer            | 7.41E-10  | 82.3                 | 16.0               | 1.7                  |
| Human toxicity, non-cancer        | 2.62E-08  | 84.3                 | 10.0               | 5.6                  |
| Ionising radiation                | 3.83E-02  | 91.4                 | 7.3                | 1.4                  |
| Land use                          | -1.14E+02 | -100.3               | 0.3                | 0.0                  |
| Ozone depletion                   | 3.43E-08  | 77.9                 | 21.9               | 0.2                  |
| Photochemical ozone formation     | 1.02E-01  | 97.5                 | 2.4                | 0.0                  |
| Resource use, fossils             | 1.60E+01  | 68.6                 | 30.9               | 0.6                  |
| Resource use, minerals and metals | 1.84E-05  | 91.4                 | 8.4                | 0.2                  |
| Water use                         | -2.31E+00 | 32.0                 | 1.3                | -133.3               |



# LCIA – virgin tyre life cycle (supp.)





# LCIA – virgin tyre life cycle (supp.2)

Group analysis results for new tyre LC, expressed as percentages of the total impacts

| Impact category                   | Production (A3) | Use (B1) | Transport (all) | ELT Waste scenario | TSR    | Steel cord | Carbon black | Synthetic rubber | Other compounding ingredients | Synthetic fabrics |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Acidification                     | 15.2            | 0.3      | 1.6             | 1.8                | 63.1   | 4.4        | 5.5          | 3.0              | 5.0                           | 0.1               |
| Climate change                    | 26.5            | 0.0      | 1.7             | 15.3               | 33.6   | 7.4        | 8.1          | 4.0              | 3.2                           | 0.2               |
| Ecotoxicity, freshwater           | 8.6             | 9.8      | 1.4             | 3.7                | 36.7   | 4.1        | 17.6         | 5.9              | 12.1                          | 0.1               |
| Particulate matter                | 1.4             | 87.8     | 0.4             | 0.3                | 4.6    | 1.3        | 2.7          | 0.7              | 0.7                           | 0.0               |
| Eutrophication, marine            | 10.6            | 0.4      | 2.6             | 2.7                | 70.9   | 4.5        | 3.8          | 2.3              | 2.1                           | 0.1               |
| Eutrophication, freshwater        | 30.1            | 0.0      | 1.7             | 2.5                | 24.4   | 25.1       | 2.6          | 7.8              | 5.5                           | 0.3               |
| Eutrophication, terrestrial       | 7.9             | 0.1      | 1.9             | 1.6                | 79.9   | 3.1        | 2.4          | 1.5              | 1.5                           | 0.1               |
| Human toxicity, cancer            | 12.5            | 6.8      | 1.3             | 1.6                | 5.7    | 56.4       | 2.4          | 2.6              | 10.6                          | 0.1               |
| Human toxicity, non-cancer        | 8.8             | 78.9     | 0.4             | 0.7                | 4.6    | 1.6        | 1.4          | 1.3              | 2.2                           | 0.1               |
| Ionising radiation                | 60.0            | 0.0      | 2.6             | 4.3                | 5.2    | 8.1        | 2.0          | 12.9             | 4.5                           | 0.2               |
| Land use                          | 20.1            | 0.0      | 2.4             | 2.1                | -136.9 | 3.7        | 3.5          | 3.5              | 1.6                           | 0.2               |
| Ozone depletion                   | 18.7            | 0.0      | 0.8             | 1.4                | 5.1    | 4.2        | 7.9          | 2.8              | 47.1                          | 12.0              |
| Photochemical ozone formation     | 9.1             | 0.0      | 1.7             | 1.5                | 73.4   | 4.3        | 4.9          | 2.7              | 2.2                           | 0.1               |
| Resource use, fossils             | 36.7            | 0.0      | 2.1             | 2.9                | 8.7    | 7.1        | 25.3         | 11.3             | 5.7                           | 0.3               |
| Resource use, minerals and metals | 42.1            | 0.0      | 0.8             | 3.1                | 20.5   | 3.0        | 5.6          | 11.6             | 13.0                          | 0.2               |
| Water use                         | 132.2           | 0.0      | 1.2             | 9.7                | -128.5 | 41.8       | 5.6          | 23.3             | 14.4                          | 0.4               |



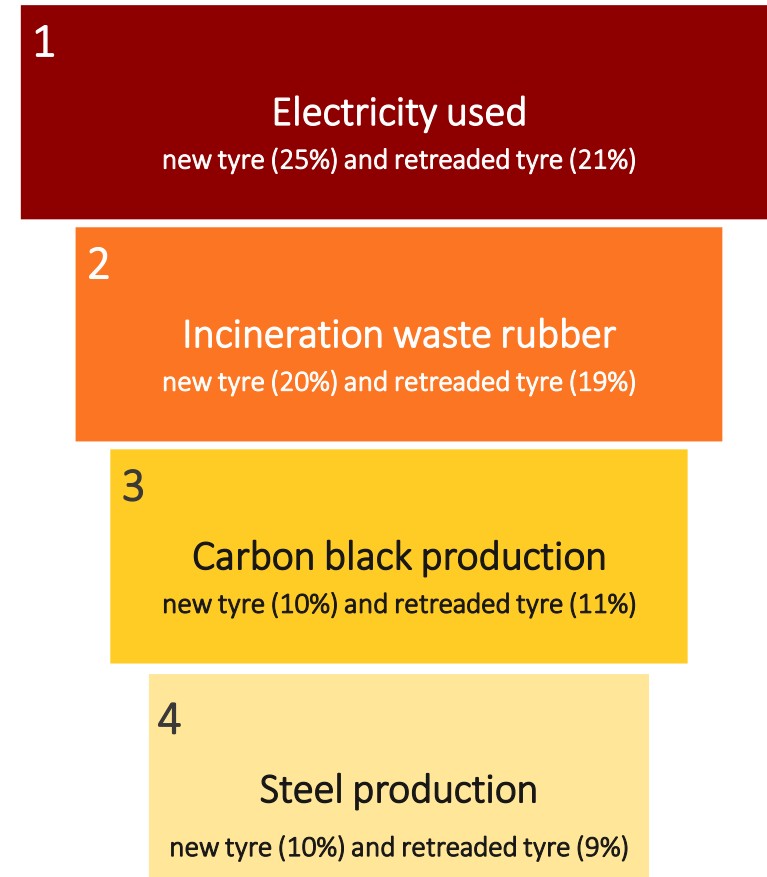
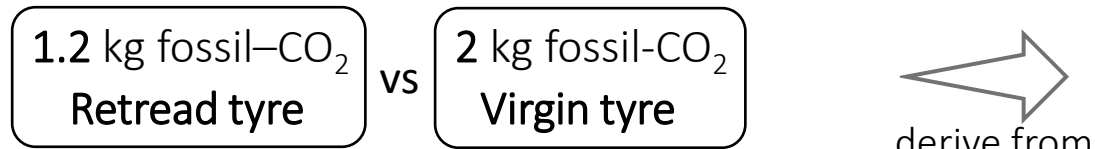
# Comparison new and retreaded LCs (supp.)

| Impact category                   | Unit                   | Life Cycle New Tyre | Life Cycle Retreaded Tyre | Difference [%] |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Acidification                     | mol H+ eq              | 1.95E-02            | 1.23E-02                  | -37%           |
| Climate change                    | kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq  | 3.16E+00            | 1.93E+00                  | -39%           |
| Ecotoxicity, freshwater           | CTUe                   | 2.42E+01            | 1.63E+01                  | -33%           |
| Particulate matter                | disease inc.           | 1.16E-06            | 1.12E-06                  | -4%            |
| Eutrophication, marine            | kg N eq                | 4.57E-03            | 2.94E-03                  | -36%           |
| Eutrophication, freshwater        | kg P eq                | 4.81E-04            | 2.76E-04                  | -43%           |
| Eutrophication, terrestrial       | mol N eq               | 6.80E-02            | 4.40E-02                  | -35%           |
| Human toxicity, cancer            | CTUh                   | 2.40E-09            | 1.44E-09                  | -40%           |
| Human toxicity, non-cancer        | CTUh                   | 1.05E-07            | 9.68E-08                  | -8%            |
| Ionising radiation                | kBq U-235 eq           | 1.35E-01            | 7.48E-02                  | -45%           |
| Land use                          | Pt                     | -1.54E+01           | -9.63E+00                 | -37%           |
| Ozone depletion                   | kg CFC11 eq            | 1.24E-07            | 6.68E-08                  | -46%           |
| Photochemical ozone formation     | kg NMVOC eq            | 2.58E-02            | 1.65E-02                  | -36%           |
| Resource use, fossils             | MJ                     | 3.42E+01            | 2.03E+01                  | -41%           |
| Resource use, minerals and metals | kg Sb eq               | 1.66E-05            | 9.99E-06                  | -40%           |
| Water use                         | m <sup>3</sup> depriv. | 3.33E-01            | 1.29E-01                  | -61%           |
| PM10                              | kg PM10 eq             | 5.31E-03            | 5.25E-03                  | -1%            |
| PM2.5                             | kg PM2.5 eq            | 4.89E-03            | 4.43E-03                  | -9%            |



# Comparison new and retreaded (supp.2)

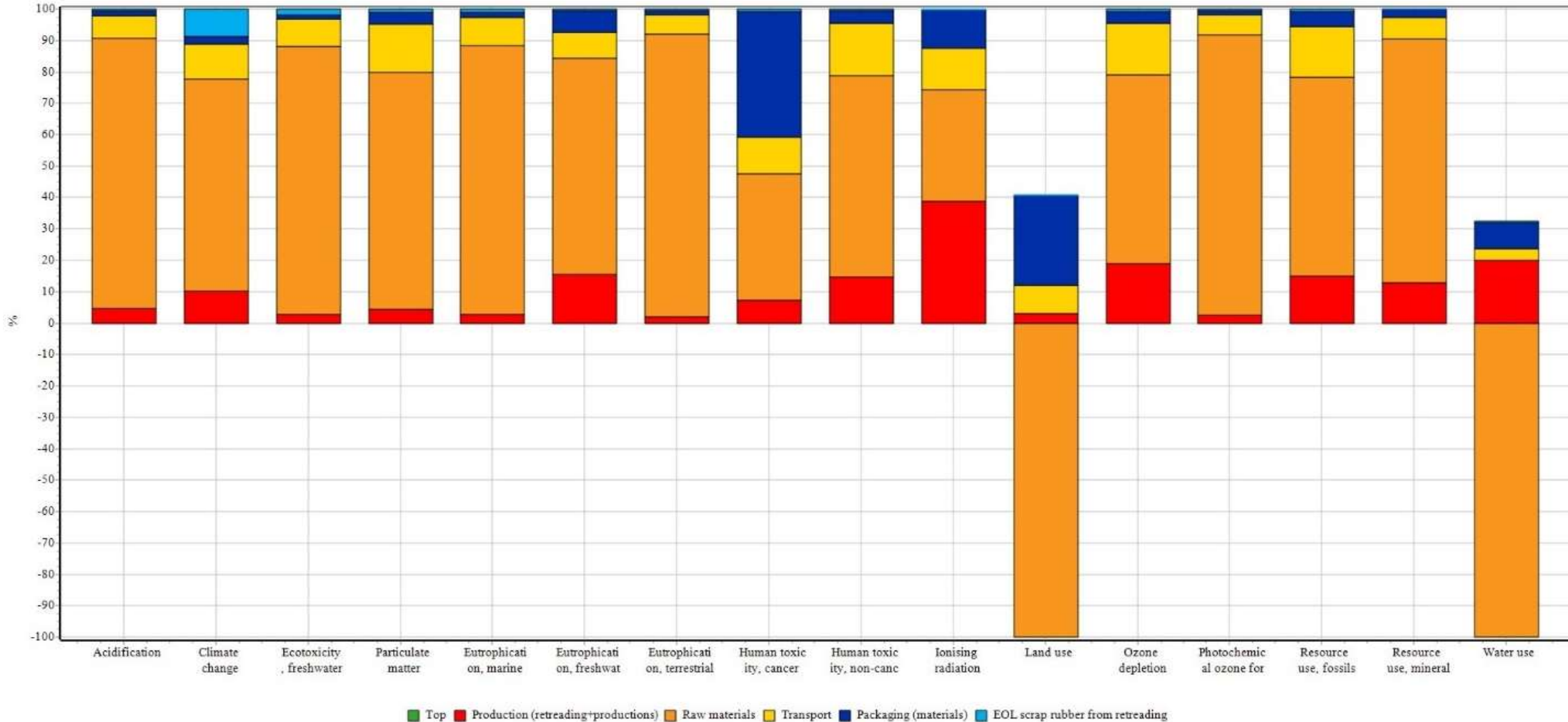
Considering **climate change** category: 78 % of both the carbon footprints is CO<sub>2</sub> , of which the 81 % is from fossil origin!





# LCIA – Retreading process

Group analysis results for 1 tyre retreaded (so not Life Cycle!). Note that only the processes under operational control of company are considered.



# Analisi d'inventario pneumatico nuovo

## RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY (A1)

- Elastomeric compound (62.94 kg)

**Natural rubber (37%)**, Synthetic rubber (10%), Carbon black (22%), Silica (1%), Process oil (1%), Zinc oxide (2%), Stearic acid (1%), Sulphur (1%), 6PPD (<1%), TMQ (<1%), TBBS (<1%), Phenolic resin (<1%), Chlorinated paraffins (<1%), Zinc borate hydrate (<1%)

- Wires (17 kg)

Steel cord (15%), Bead wire (6%), Synthetic textile fabrics (0%)

## TRANSPORT (A2)

- Container ship
- Train
- Lorry

## MANUFACTURING (A3)

- Production of virgin tyre  
Electricity, Steam, Heat, Water
- EOL of manufacturing scrap  
Landfill, Incineration, Open burning

wt. % with respect to total tyre mass

## EOL RECOVERY/DISPOSAL TREATMENTS (C3)

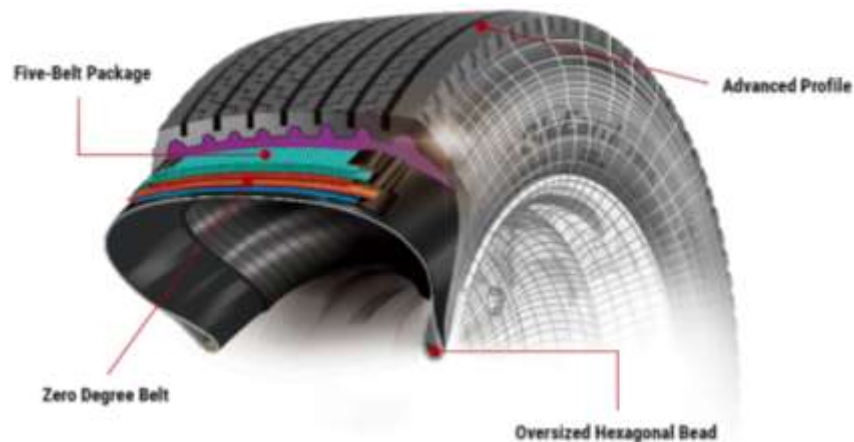
- Recycling  
Rubber (53%), Steel (90%)
- Incineration  
Rubber (40%), Steel (8%)
- Landfilling  
Rubber (4%), Steel (2%)
- Backfilling  
Rubber (3%)

## USE (B1)

- Wear  
Tyre and road wear particles (TRWP)

## TRANSPORT (C2)

- Waste collection truck



Example of truck tyre



# Analisi d'inventario pneumatico ricostruito



## RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY (A1)

- Carcass (69.44 kg)
- Ring compound (15.78 kg)

**Natural rubber (56%)**, Carbon black (30%), NR regenerated (3%), rubber particles from retreading processes (3%), Zinc oxide (2%), Paraffinic plasticiser oil (2%), Stearic acid (1%), 6PPD (1%), Sulphur (<1%), CBS (<1%), Organozinc (<1%), TMQ (<1%), DBD (<1%), CTP (<1%)

- Substrate compound (1.56 kg)

**Natural rubber (47%)**, Carbon black (24%), SBR (12%), Naphtha (4%), Zinc oxide (3%), Acetylene/4-tert-butylphenol copolymer (1%), Carbonaceous residue (1%), Insoluble sulphur (1%), Stearic acid (1%), TMQ (1%), MBTS (<1%), DPG (<1%), DDTs (<1%), 6PPD (<1%)

- Solution compound (0.13 kg)

Naphtha (83%), Natural rubber (13%), Carbon black (2%), Aromatic hydrocarbon resin (<1%), Paraffinic plasticiser oil (<1%)

- Envelopes

Chlorobutyl rubber, Carbon black, Paraffinic oil, other chemicals

- Packaging materials

EUR pallet, PE film, Cardboard, Board box, Label, Adhesive tape

## TRANSPORT (A2)

- Container ship
- Train
- Lorry

## USE (B1)

- Wear  
Tyre and road wear particles (TRWP)

## TRANSPORT (C2)

- Waste collection truck

## MANUFACTURING (A3)

- Production of ring, substrate, envelopes  
Electricity, Steam, Heat
- Retreading  
Electricity, Steam
- Internal transport
- EOL of manufacturing scrap & packaging

## EOL RECOVERY/DISPOSAL TREATMENTS (C3)

- Recycling  
Rubber (53%), Steel (90%)
- Incineration  
Rubber (40%), Steel (8%)
- Landfilling  
Rubber (4%), Steel (2%)
- Backfilling  
Rubber (3%)