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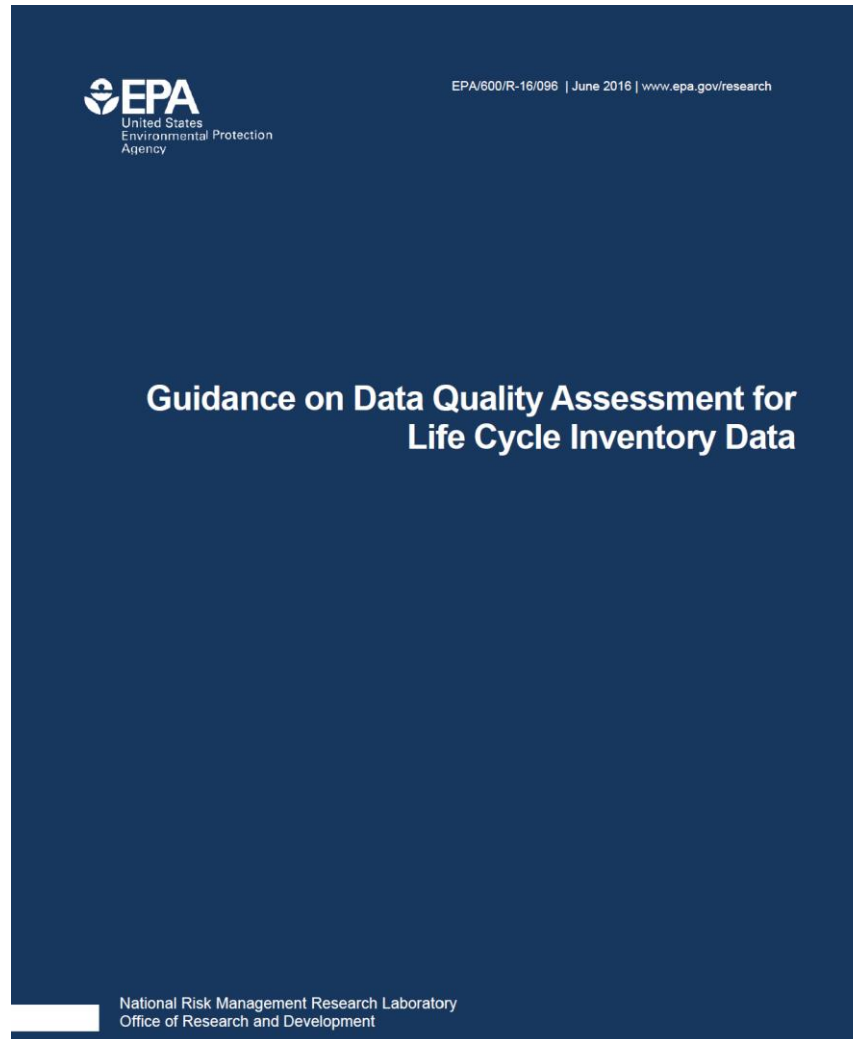
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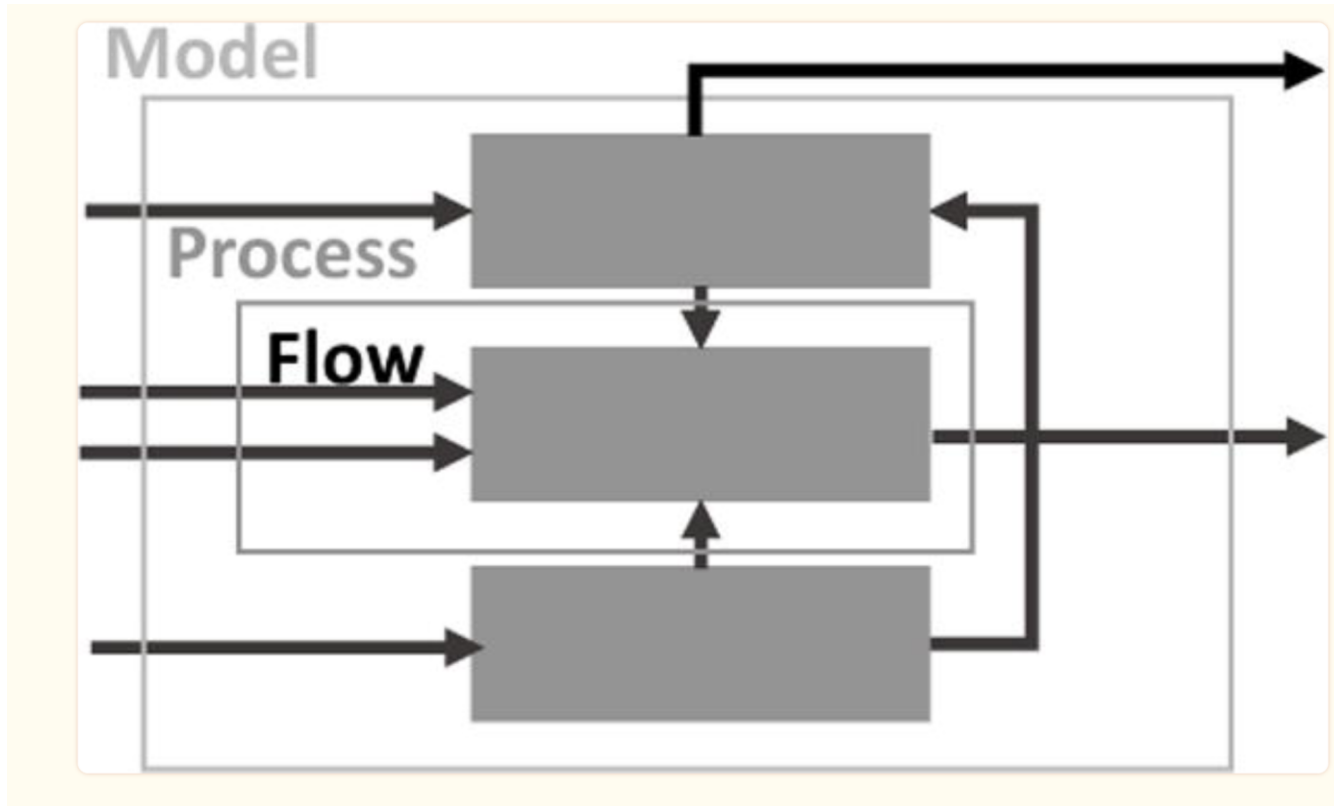


# **Environmental Impact & LCA**

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# Data Quality/sensitivity/uncertainty where??

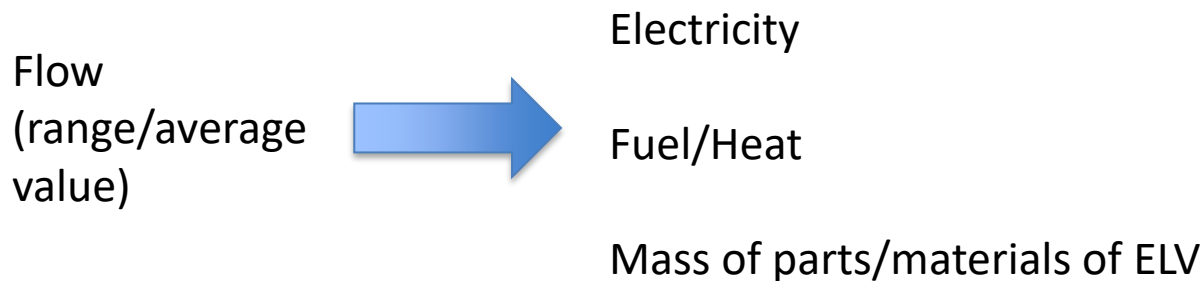
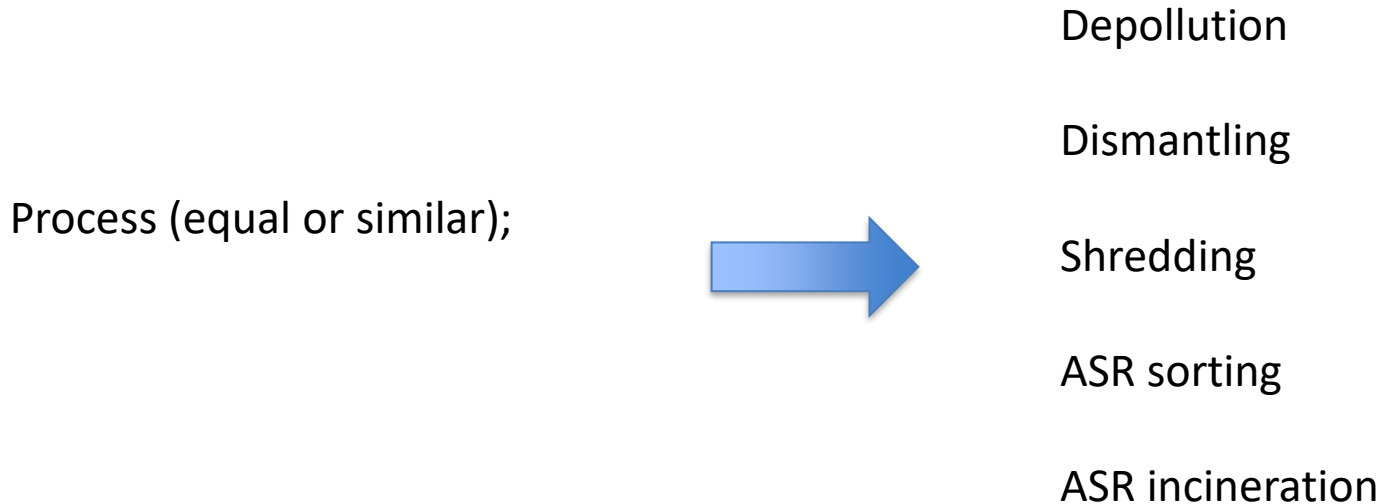


Model (considered boundary, process and flow ); Process (equal or similar); Flow (range)

# Data Quality/sensitivity/uncertainty where??

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Model (considered boundary, processes and flow ; group of linked processes);



**VERY IMPORTANT:** don't mislead the decision-maker with respect to LCA results



# Pedigree Matrix – Data quality

Table 3. Updated Data Quality Pedigree Matrix – Flow Indicators

		← Highest score			→ Lowest score	
Indicator		1	2	3	4	5 (default)
<b>Flow reliability</b>		Verified <sup>1</sup> data based on measurements	Verified data based on a calculation or non-verified data based on measurements	Non-verified data based on a calculation	Documented estimate	Undocumented estimate
<b>Flow Representativeness</b>	<b>Temporal correlation</b>	Less than 3 years of difference <sup>2</sup>	Less than 6 years of difference	Less than 10 years of difference	Less than 15 years of difference	Age of data unknown or more than 15 years
	<b>Geographical correlation</b>	Data from same resolution and same area of study	Within one level of resolution and a related area of study <sup>3</sup>	Within two levels of resolution and a related area of study	Outside of two levels of resolution but a related area of study	From a different or unknown area of study
	<b>Technological correlation</b>	All technology categories <sup>4</sup> are equivalent	<b>Three</b> of the technology categories are equivalent	<b>Two</b> of the technology categories are equivalent	<b>One</b> of the technology categories is equivalent	<b>None</b> of the technology categories are equivalent
	<b>Data collection methods</b>	Representative data from >80% of the relevant market <sup>5</sup> , over an adequate period <sup>6</sup>	Representative data from 60-79% of the relevant market, over an adequate period  or representative data from >80% of the relevant market, over a shorter period of time	Representative data from 40-59% of the relevant market, over an adequate period  or representative data from 60-79% of the relevant market, over a shorter period of time	Representative data from <40% of the relevant market, over an adequate period of time  or representative data from 40-59% of the relevant market, over a shorter period of time	Unknown  or data from a small number of sites and from shorter periods



**Flow reliability** -> Documented estimate ->Score 4

## Geographical correlation

Resolution <sup>1</sup>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Name	Global	Continental	Sub-region	National	(Province/State/ Region)	(County/City)	(Site specific)
Example	World	North America	North America	USA	Ohio	Hamilton	26 W Martin Luther King Dr.

We want a 1000 kg ELV in Portugal so the resolution should be National – D

In our case we didn't get the data from Valorcar so .....”from a different area of study” ..... Score 5

**Table 4. Updated Data Quality Pedigree Matrix – Process Indicators**

Indicator	1	2	3	4	5 (default)
<b>Process review</b>	Documented reviews by a minimum of two types <sup>1</sup> of third party reviewers	Documented reviews by a minimum of two types of reviewers, with one being a third party	Documented review by a third party reviewer	Documented review by an internal reviewer	No documented review
<b>Process completeness</b>	>80% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	60-79% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	40-59% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	<40% of determined flows have been evaluated and given a value	Process completeness not scored

**Process review**-> No review by a third party->Score 5


**Process completeness**-> >80% of the flows were given a value >Score 5

# Pedigree Matrix - Example

Colour from green Score 1 to red Score 5

Click on the matrix cells to select entries

Reliability	Verified data based on measurements	Verified data partly based on assumptions or non-verified data based on measurements	Non-verified data partly based on qualified estimates	Qualified estimate (e.g. by industrial expert)	Non-qualified estimates
Completeness	Representative data from > 50% of the sites relevant for the market considered, over an adequate period to even out normal fluctuations	Representative data from <= 50% of the sites relevant for the market considered, over an adequate period to even out normal fluctuations	Representative data from only some sites (<= 50%) relevant for the market considered or > 50% of sites but from shorter periods	Representative data from only one site relevant for the market considered or some sites but from shorter periods	Representativeness unknown or data from a small number of sites and from shorter periods
Temporal correlation	Less than 3 years of difference to the time period of the data set	Less than 6 years of difference to the time period of the data set	Less than 10 years of difference to the time period of the data set	Less than 15 years of difference to the time period of the data set	Age of data unknown or more than 15 years of difference to the time period of the data set
Geographical correlation	Data from area under study	Average data from larger area in which the area under study is included	Data from area with similar production conditions	Data from area with slightly similar production conditions	Data from unknown or distinctly different area (North America instead of Middle East, OECD-Europe instead of Russia)
Further technological correlation	Data from enterprises, processes and	Data from processes and materials under	Data from processes and materials under	Data on related processes or materials	Data on related processes on laboratory scale or


 A Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Community - ope...

Calculate an average Score

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Score_i}{n}$$

n = number of flows

n = number of processes

Subgroup by processes  Cut-off 1 %

Name	Category	Inventor...	Impact fa...	Impact result	Unit	R	A	T	C	F
agricultural land occupation				0.00196	m2a	1	1	2	1	1
urban land occupation - UL				0.02126	m2a	1	1	5	4	2
natural land transformation				0.00016	m2	1	1	4	4	2
freshwater ecotoxicity - FE				0.07649	kg ...	1	1	3	1	1
freshwater eutrophication -				0.00193	kg ...	1	1	3	1	1
marine ecotoxicity - METPin				0.07128	kg ...	1	1	3	1	1
fossil depletion - FDP				1.31851	kg ...	1	1	5	3	1
human toxicity - HTPin				1.93702	kg ...	1	1	4	2	1
ionising radiation - IRP_HE				0.74190	kg ...	1	1	5	2	1
climate change - GWP100				5.07440	kg ...	3	2	4	2	2
marine eutrophication - MEF				0.00445	kg ...	3	2	3	2	2
photochemical oxidant form				0.01251	kg ...	3	2	3	2	1
terrestrial acidification - TAF				0.02542	kg ...	3	2	3	2	1
metal depletion - MDP				0.18931	kg ...	2	2	5	2	1
ozone depletion - ODPin				3.84291E-7	kg ...	2	2	5	4	2
particulate matter formator				0.00788	kg ...	3	2	3	2	2
water depletion - WDP				0.02052	m3	4	3	4	4	1
terrestrial ecotoxicity - TET				0.00065	kg ...	2	4	4	1	1


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UNCERTAINTIES IN LCA



## Uncertainty in LCA case study due to allocation approaches and life cycle impact assessment methods

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### Abstract

**Purpose** Uncertainty is present in many forms in life cycle assessment (LCA). However, little attention has been paid to analyze the variability that methodological choices have on LCA outcomes. To address this variability, common practice is to conduct a sensitivity analysis, which is sometimes treated only at a qualitative level. Hence, the purpose of this paper was to evaluate the uncertainty and the sensitivity in the LCA of swine production due to two methodological choices: the allocation approach and the life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) method.

**Methods** We used a comparative case study of swine production to address uncertainty due to methodological choices. First, scenario variation through a sensitivity analysis of the approaches used to address the multi-functionality problem was conducted for the main processes of the system product, followed by an impact assessment using five LCIA methods at the midpoint level. The results from the sensitivity analysis were used to generate 10,000 independent simulations using the Monte Carlo method and then compared using comparison indicators in histogram graphics.

**Results and discussion** Regardless of the differences between the absolute values of the LCA obtained due to the allocation approach and LCIA methods used, the overall ranking of scenarios did not change. The use of the substitution method to address the multi-functional processes in swine production showed the highest values for almost all of the impact categories, except for freshwater

Allocation by outputs or allocation by inputs.....

Does it change the scenario ranking?? It is better to incinerate the ASR to provide energy to the ELV system or not?

Does it change the scenario ranking??  
Affects the impact category by how much,  
in percentage?

considering ASR after sorting go to landfill  
or incineration without energy recovery.

The only emissions associated with landfilling plastics are from transportation to the landfill and moving waste in the landfill,

<https://archive.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation/tools/warm/pdfs/Plastics.pdf>

0.04 MTCO<sub>2</sub>eq/Short Ton = 55 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/ kg Plastic



MT – Metric Ton 1000 kg

ST – Short Ton 907.18 kg







BUT THERE CAN BE BACTERIA/Microbes....

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/polystyrene-eating-superworms-may-provide-clues-for-better-recycling-180980239/>

**Incineration without energy recovery produces  
371 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/ (67.5+169.9) kg ASR after sorting**

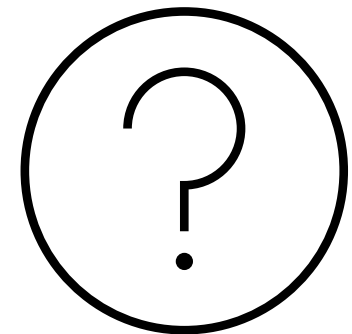
**1.6 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kg ASR after sorting**

data variability, for example electricity consumption in Shredding min-max found in literature how it reflects in output variability

Min  
Average  
Max



Min  
Average  
Max



- 1- Apply the Pedigree Matrix of the 1000 kg ELV example;
- 2- Sensitivity to electricity generation mix ? A variation causes a variation in results?
- 3- Sensitivity regarding allocation procedure in “ASR incineration”? A variation causes a variation in results?
- 4-Sensitivity regarding ASR –mostly plastics incineration with energy recovery versus without energy recovery
- 5- Uncertainty due to electricity data for shredding

Deliver until 13/16 December

## Tip – Pedigree Matrix

Process



Depollution

Dismantling

Shredding

ASR sorting

ASR incineration

Flow  
(range/average  
value)



Electricity

Fuel/Heat

Mass of parts/materials of ELV

## Tip – Pedigree Matrix

		Flow reliability	Temporal representativeness	Geographical representativeness	Technological representativeness	Data collection methods		
FLOW	electricity -empilhadora						1	
	electricity -dismantling						2	
	electricity shredding						3	
	fuel -diesel - empilhadora						4	
	heat - kerosene -ASR sorting						5	
		Review	Completeness					
PROCESS	Depollution							
	Dismantling							
	Shredding							
	ASR sorting							
	ASR incineration							
	Average score							

Tip – consider the base case, year 2020, allocation at incineration by outputs and incineration of ASR with energy recovery

Register deviations from baseline:

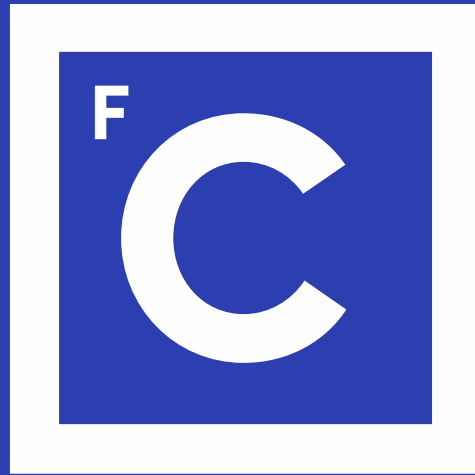
- observe the deviation, in %, of the carbon footprint by considering allocation by inputs;
- observe the deviation of the carbon footprint if there is ASR incineration without energy recovery;
- Observe the effect in the carbon footprint of considering the range of values in electricity needs in shredding instead of a unique value.

## Evaluation dates

Time	13-12-2022 (1.3.20)	16-12-2022 (6.2.50)	11-01-2023 (1.3.20)	30-01-2023 (6.2.44)
13h	x	X Santo		
13h30	x	X Margarida		
14h	x	X Lara		
14h30	x	X Carolina		
15h	x	X Sara		
15h30	x	X João V.		
16h	x	X Leonor		
16h30	x	X Miguel	x	x
17h			x	x
17h30			x	x
18h			x	x
18h30			x	x
19h			x	x
19h30			x	x

**Thanks**





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