Challenges of LCA in a European context – Findings from the research projects OPEN HOUSE and EeBGuide

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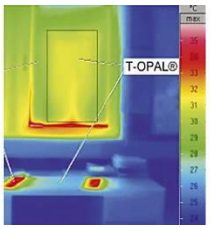



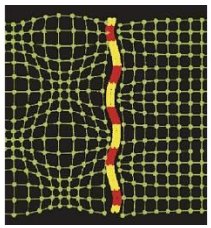


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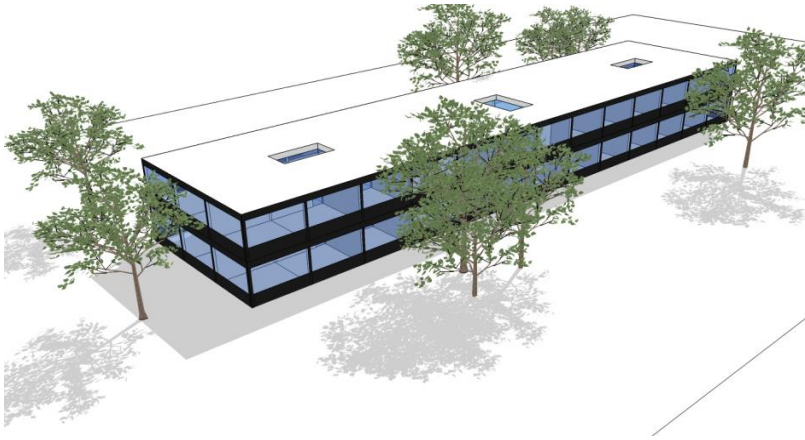
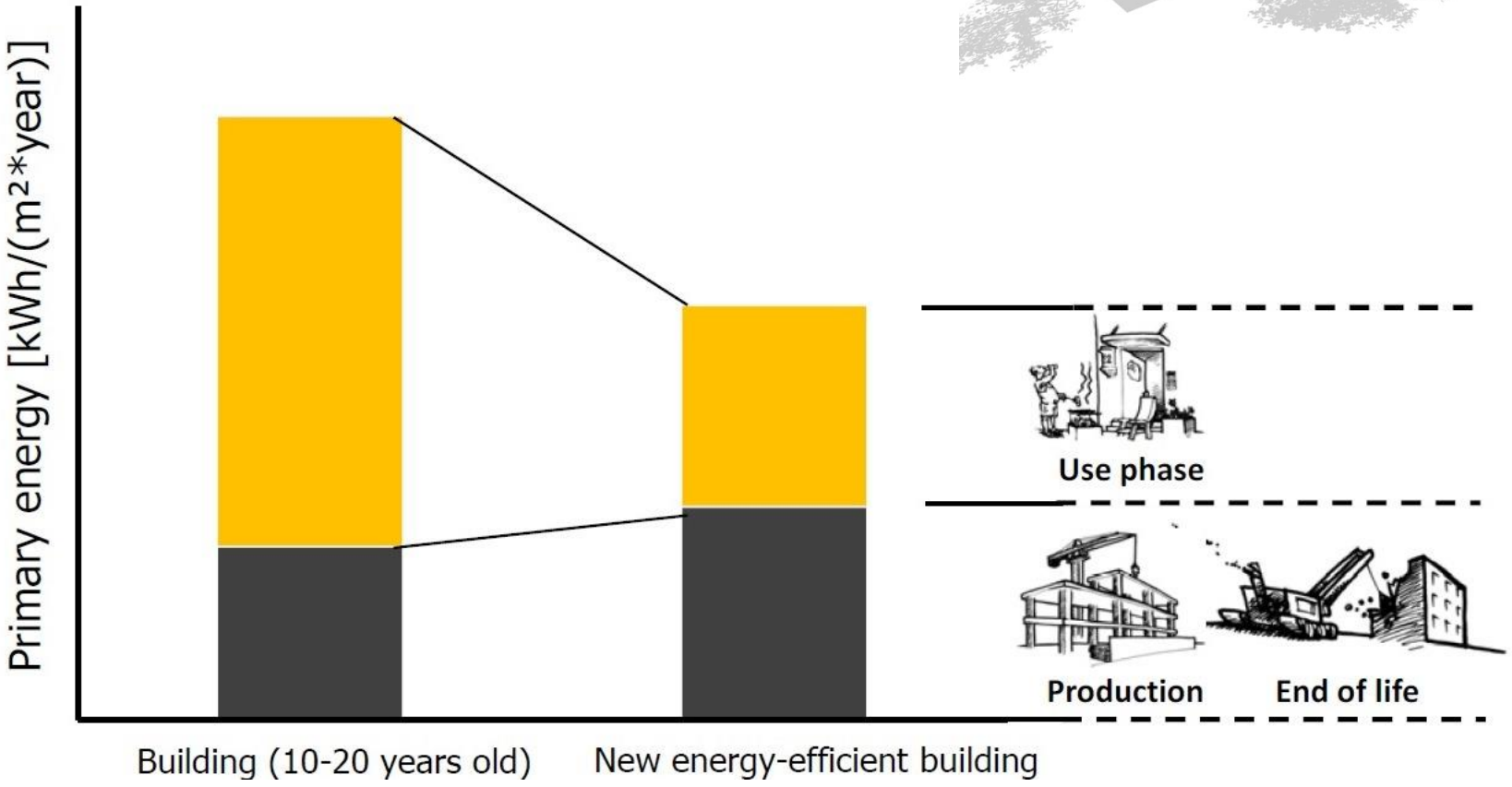
INTRODUCTION

Relevance of Lifecycle Analysis





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CHALLENGES OF LCA IN THE FUTURE

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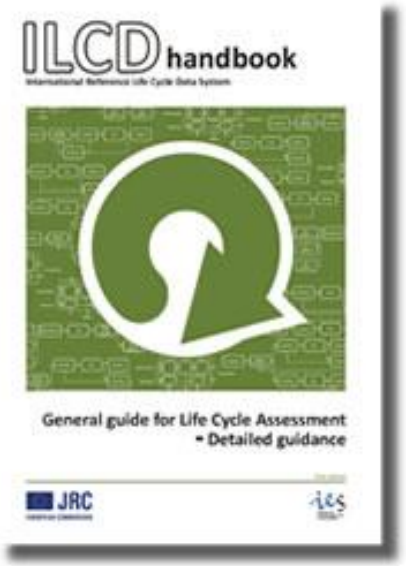
Inconsistency of current guidance documents and standards on LCA



- Different LCIA methods for different impact categories
- Different LCIA hypotheses
- Different level of interest

Availability and inconsistency of LCA datasets and EPD

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- Still very few construction products available
- No consistency between different systems
- Different methodologies and system boundaries

Inconsistency of current labelling schemes

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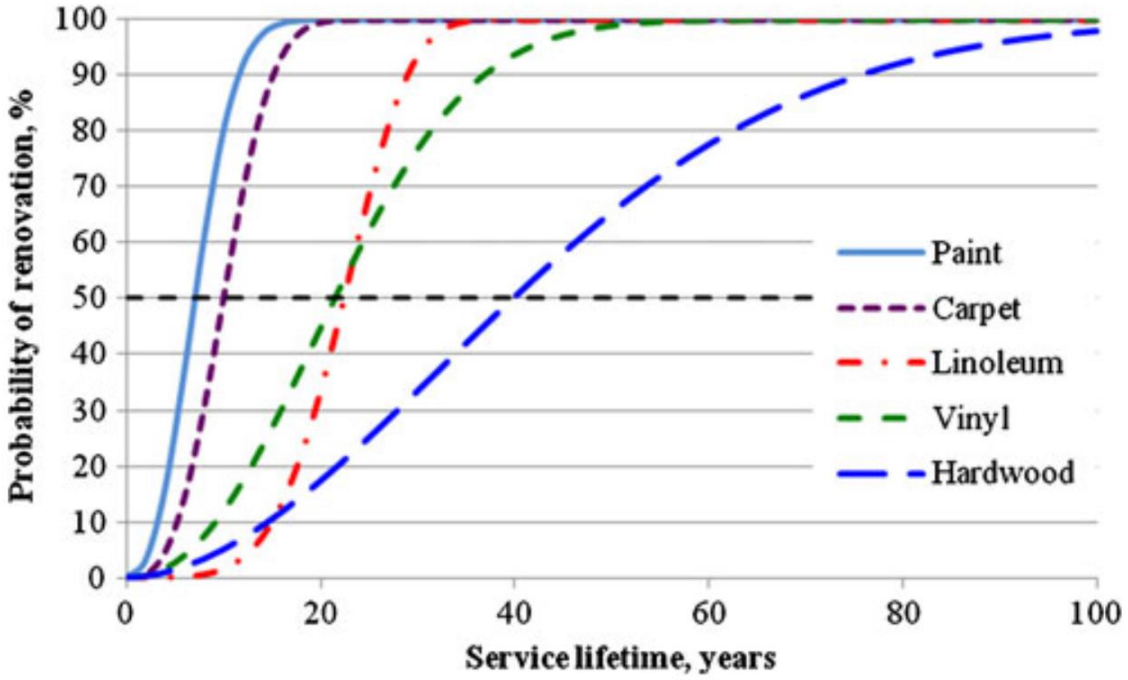
- Different calculation rules for building LCA (e.g. system boundaries)
- Different focus on impact categories and methodologies
- Cut-off requirements

Reference service life



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- Choice of reference service life has a big influence on LCA results
- Different approaches (average theoretical service lifes vs. measured statistical results)

National and European reference buildings

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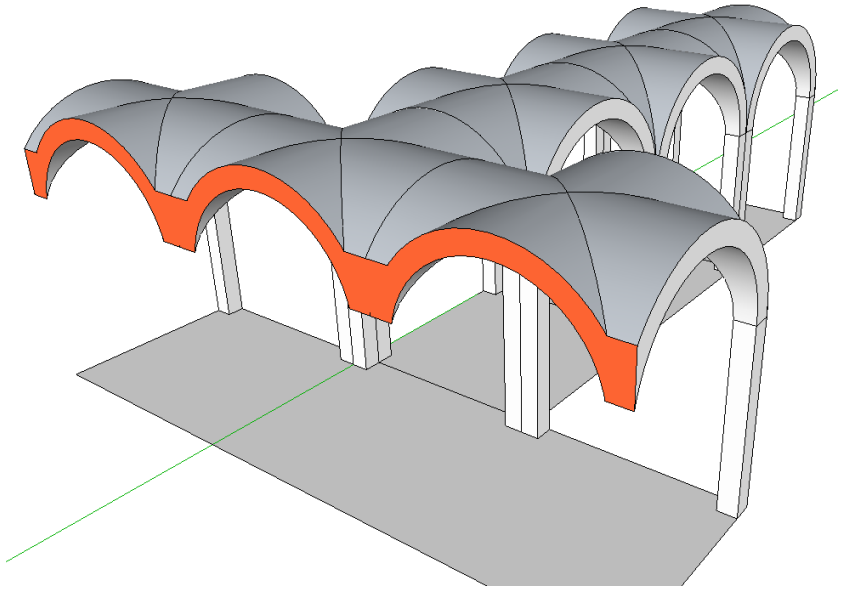
Surface calculation methodologies and national EPBD versions



CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

Conclusion

- Life cycle thinking idea is very important for future developments and improvements
- Huge need for standardization and harmonization on a European level
- National standards (e.g. measuring code for surfaces) can be a huge market barrier in and for Europe
- A lot of activities are already undertaken towards a harmonization of standards and guidelines, but there are still different tendencies. Legislative Top Down approaches vs. industry developed established standards

Outlook

A lot of things to do to get to …

Outlook – LCA happy world

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