

# **Sustainable Product and Service Design, Eco-Auditing**

Spring 2019 / Teaching Period III

Tuesdays 8.1., 15.1. & 22.11. (13:15-17:00)

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# Course Information & Schedule

# Eco-Auditing (2 ECTS / MUO-E8017)

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- 3-day workshop familiarizes the students with **assessing ecological and social impacts** of materials, products and systems
- Tuesdays 8.1. / 15.1. / 22.1. / (13-17) / Väre building, room G202
- Students will use the **CES EduPack software** (on Aalto computers) to support material selection, assessment & design
- Outcomes include a **small eco-audit exercise and report**
- The course is open to all Aalto students (preferably master-level)

# Course schedule

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First contact day: Tuesday 8.1. :

- Basics of lifecycle design and material selection
- Familiarizing with CES Edupack material selection tools
- Introducing project ideas

Second day: Tuesday 15.1. :

- Basics of eco auditing and lifecycle impact assessment
- Familiarizing with CES Edupack eco-auditing tool
- Working with project ideas

Third day: Tuesday 22.1. :

- Presenting project work
- Project report work



# Final project work reports

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Final reports on project work due 28.2. :

- Around 5-7 pages (or more) PDF document with description of the project ideas, assessment of project material (inventory, system boundaries, life phases), and description of the eco-auditing process
- Upload to course MyCourses!

8.1.

Eco-Auditing with CES-Edupack:

# **Ecodesign, Life Cycle Design and Material Selection Strategies**

# Material Crisis

# Natural resources

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“Natural resources are materials, energy, and their attributes that are derived from the Earth and are useful or of value to the maintenance and improvement of the quality of human life.”

-Encyclopedia of life support systems

# Renewable & non-renewable materials

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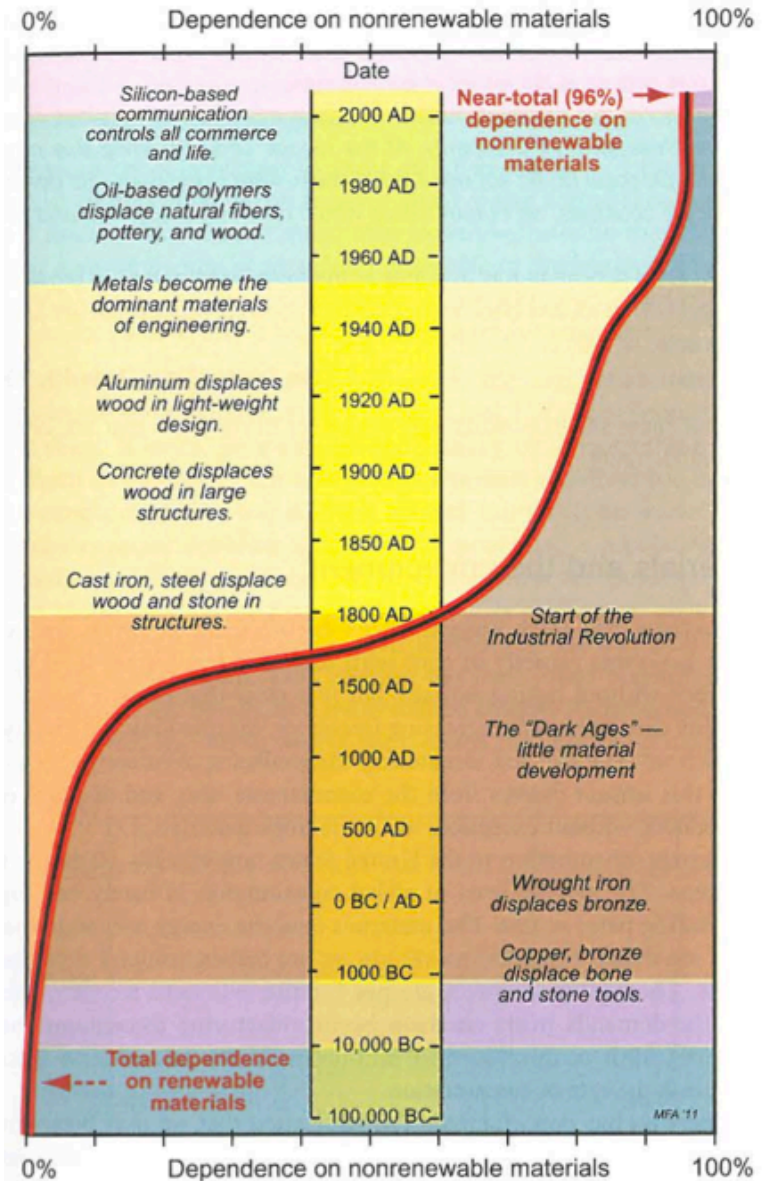
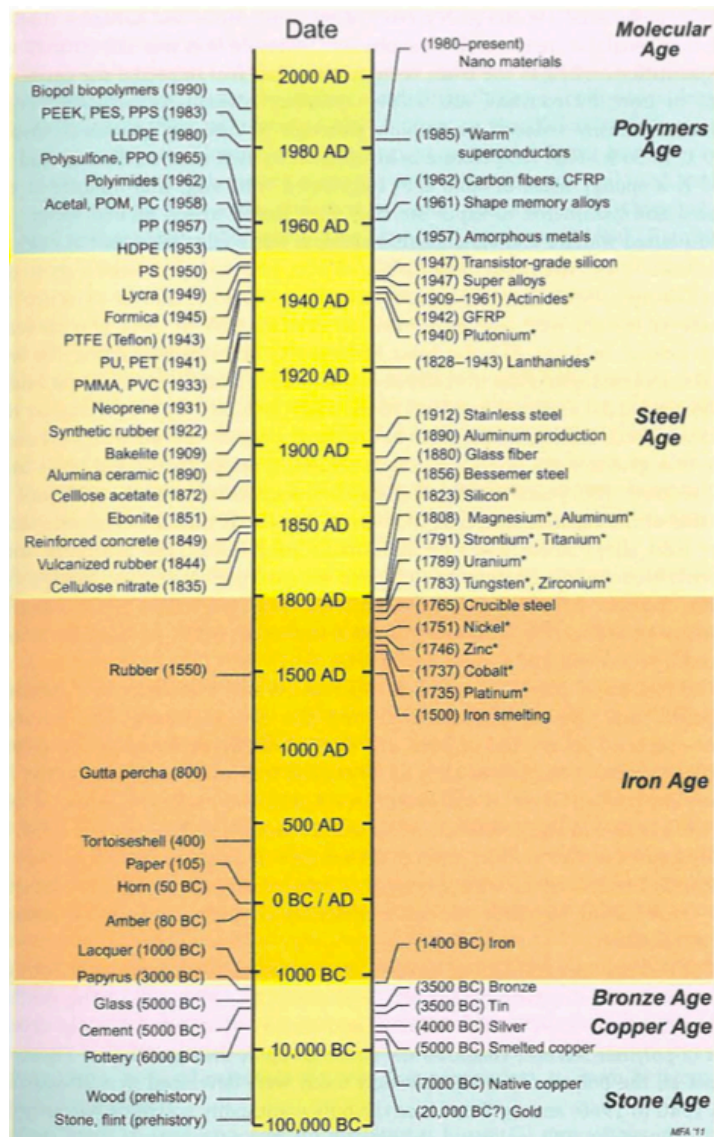
## Renewable materials:

- “refer to those resources that originate from storage of energy from sun by living organisms including plants, animals and humans. Providing that sufficient water, nutrients and sunshine are available, renewable resources can be grown in continuous cycles”
- resources are rapidly renewable if the crop takes under three years to regrow,
- annually renewable resources (the crops which grow and are harvested in one year)

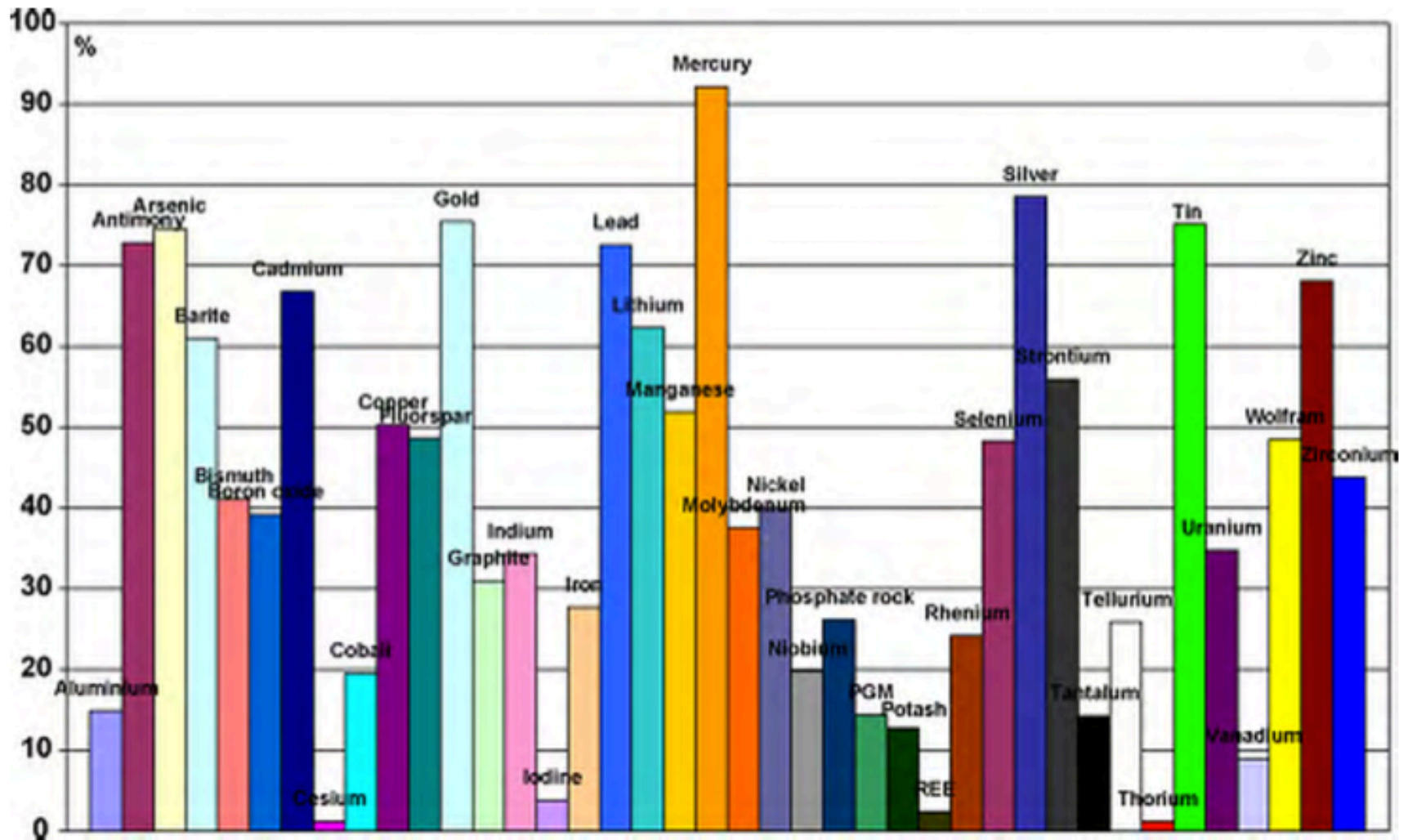
Non-renewable materials are those that do not renew at those speeds.

Thus, also e.g. peat can be considered non-renewable.

# Our material dependency:

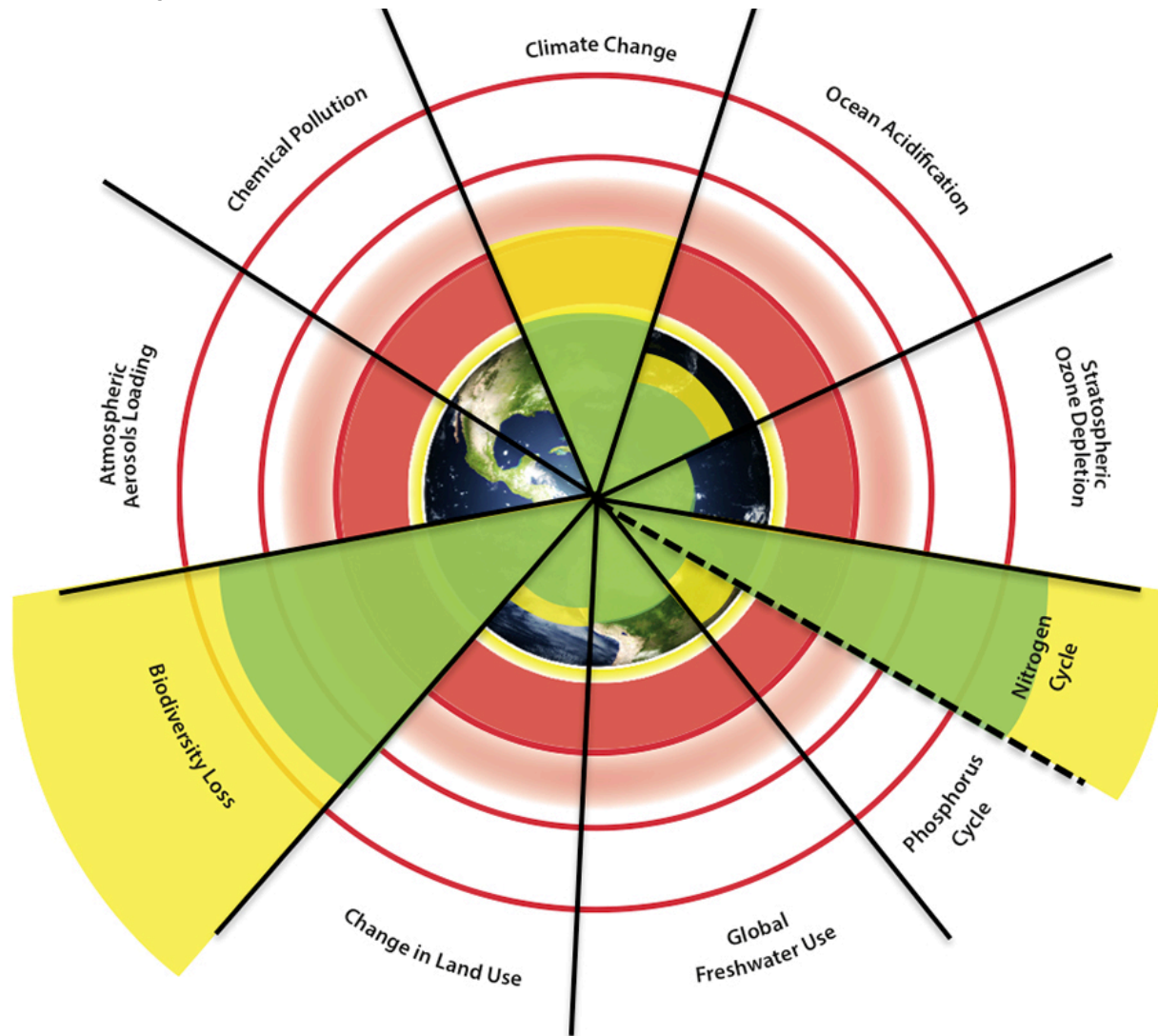


## Facing an era of peak-everything:



**Fig. 3.** Depletion degree in % of the main non-fuel mineral commodity reserves.

## Facing planetary boundaries:



Rockstrom et al., 2009



# Materials Selection & Design

# Global material sources

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Relatively simple products can have parts from all around the world. Sometimes transporting goods is justifiable (complex products), but many times it's not (food from abroad or other simple products).

Some materials are more problematic than others. Also a lot of fossil fuels is used for transport of materials.

Sustainable design solutions acknowledge these dependencies. Material flows within a product or a system should be somehow identified.

See e.g. Sourcemap

<https://www.open.sourcemap.com/>

# ‘Metabolisms’ of materials

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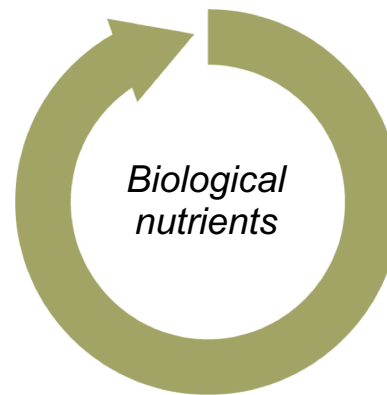
Different "metabolisms":

- Biological cycle
- Technical cycle

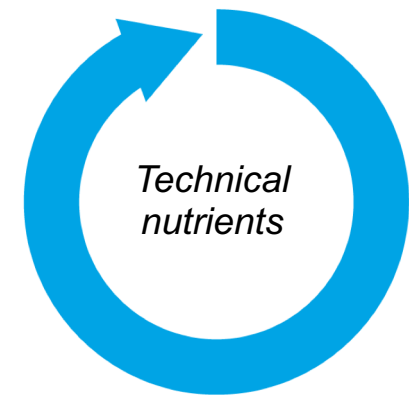
These should not  
cross-contaminate

**“Cradle-to-cradle” life-cycle design:**

**Biological  
cycle**



**Technical  
cycle**



Source: McDonough, W. and M. Braungart (2001) ‘The Next Industrial Revolution’ in Charter, M. & U. Tischner (eds.)  
*Sustainable solutions: developing products and services for the future*

# Closing the loops for material flows

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## Correct cycling of materials:

Organic waste cannot be tossed to landfill, where it cannot build new soil. Depositing synthetic materials and chemicals in natural systems, on the other hand, harms environment.

Technical nutrients should be designed to go back into the technical cycle in such a manner that it allows materials to retain their quality, and that they are not contaminating the biological cycle.

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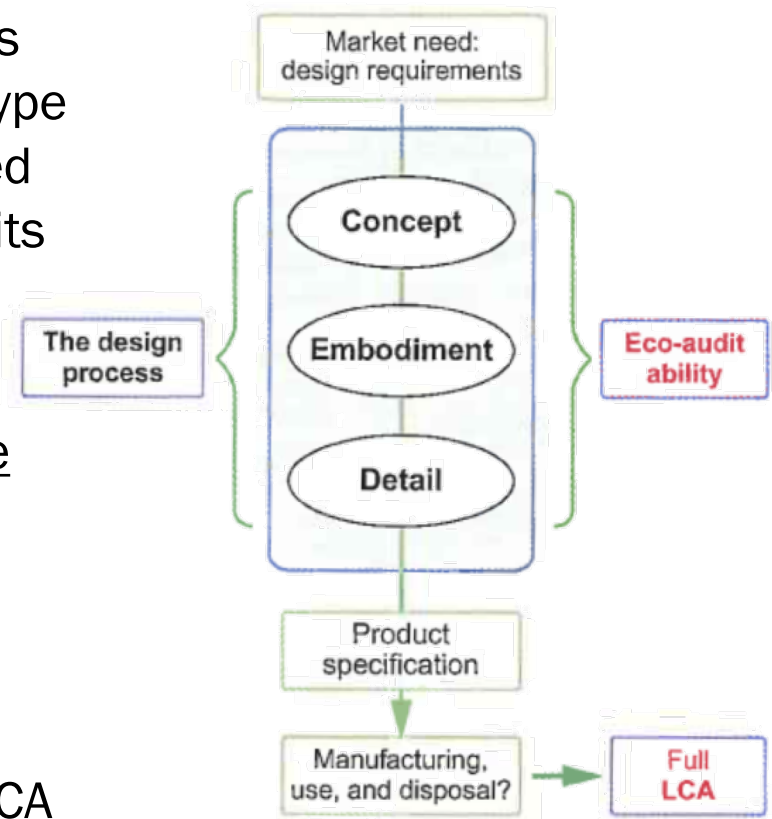
# **Material Impacts, Life Cycle Design & Assessment (LCA)**

# Design & impacts assessment

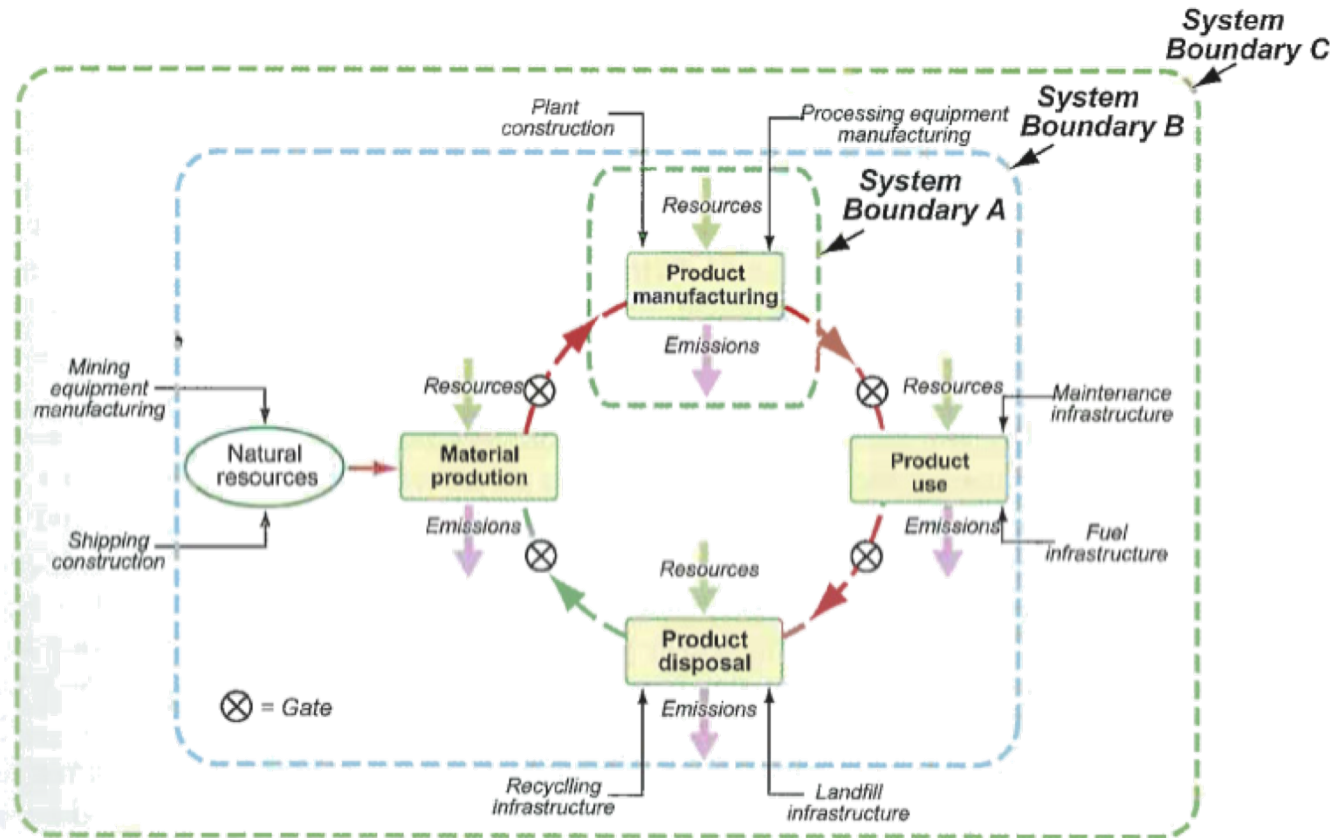
Sustainable design must focus to product's whole life. It should always include some type of assessment of the impacts of its involved material use and production processes in its different phases of product-life.

One mainly used approach in ecodesign is life cycle assessment (LCA) and life cycle design.

In general design tools for life cycle design range from guidelines and checklists to qualitative tools, light-weight eco-auditing tools and finally to full-scale quantitative LCA research, often made by specialized consults.



## LCA involves an analysis of system boundaries:



**FIGURE 3.3** LCA system boundaries with the flows of resources and emissions across them. System Boundary A encloses a single phase of the lifecycle. System Boundary B encloses the direct inputs and emissions of the entire life. It does not make sense to place the system boundary at C, which has no well-defined edge.

Source: Ashby, M. (2012) *Materials and the Environment: Eco-Informed Material Choice*

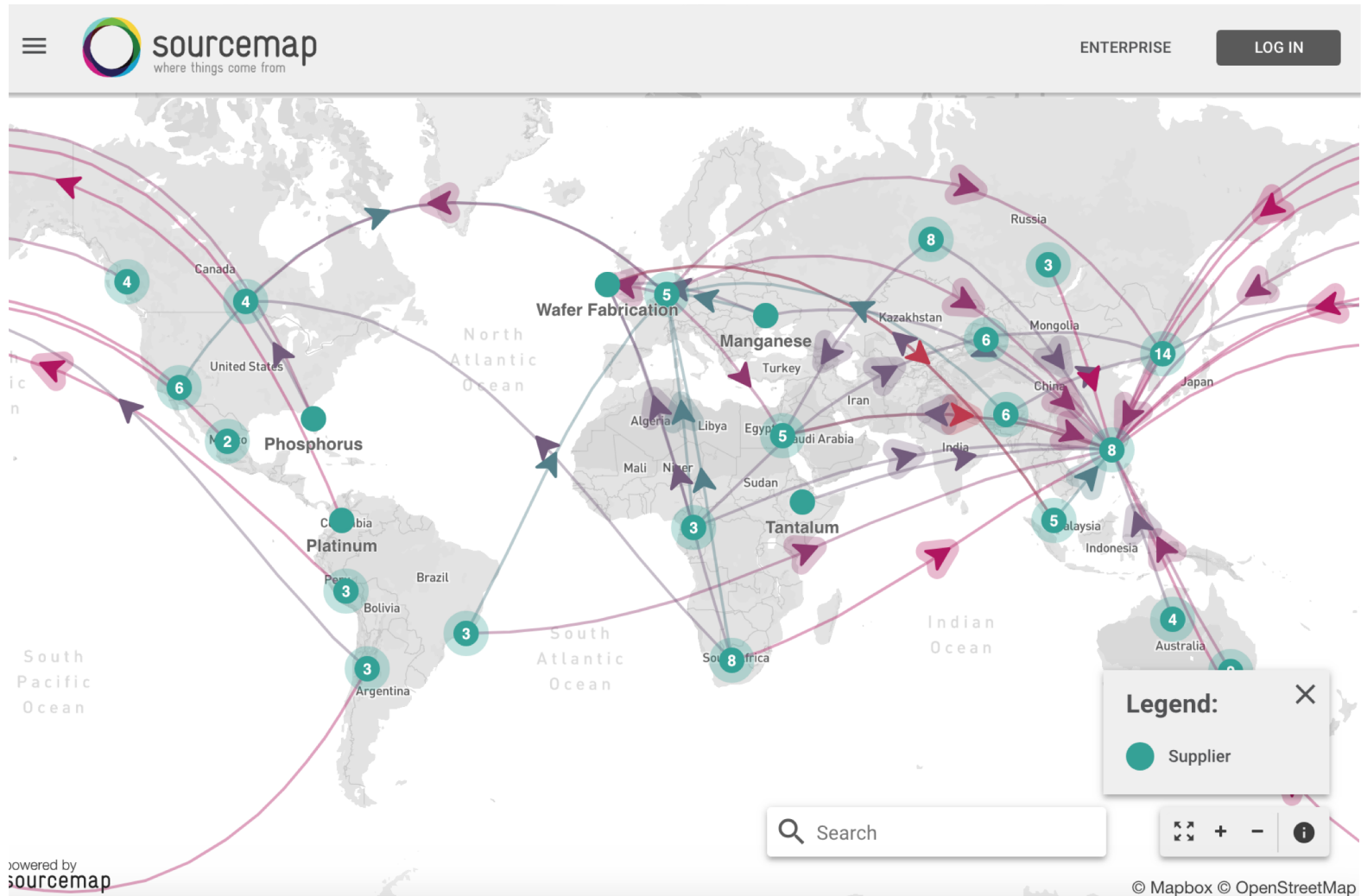
## LCA involves inventory of components, materials & processes:

**Table 14: Composition ASUS UL50Ag**

Component	Weight	Material	Basic ecoinvent process
Mainboard	204.2g		Printed wiring board, mounted, Laptop PC mainboard, Pb free, at plant/GLO
HDD	114.8g		HDD, laptop computer, at plant/GLO
RAM	2*7.9g		Integrated circuit, IC, memory type, at plant/GLO
Display	731.0g		LCD module, at plant/GLO
Case (including the back of the display)	906.0g	ABS, PC, and Aluminium	Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer, ABS, at plant RER; Polycarbonate, at plant/RER; Aluminium, primary, at plant/RER
Keyboard	123.8g		Keyboard, standard version, at plant/GLO
Battery pack	440.0g		Battery, Lilo, rechargeable, prismatic, at plant/GLO
Drive	135.8g		CD-ROM/DVD-ROM drive, laptop computer, at plant/GLO
Fan	27.7g		Fan, at plant/GLO
Power adapter	362.0g		Power adapter, for laptop, at plant/GLO
Product packaging			
Card board	739.0g	Corrugated board	Corrugated board, fresh fibre, single wall, at plant/RER
Handle	14.8g	HDPE	Polyethylene, HDPE, granulate, at plant/RER
Mail packaging			
Card board	446.0g	Corrugated board	Corrugated board, fresh fibre, single wall, at plant/RER
Filling	4*5.8g	HDPE	Polyethylene, HDPE, granulate, at plant/RER

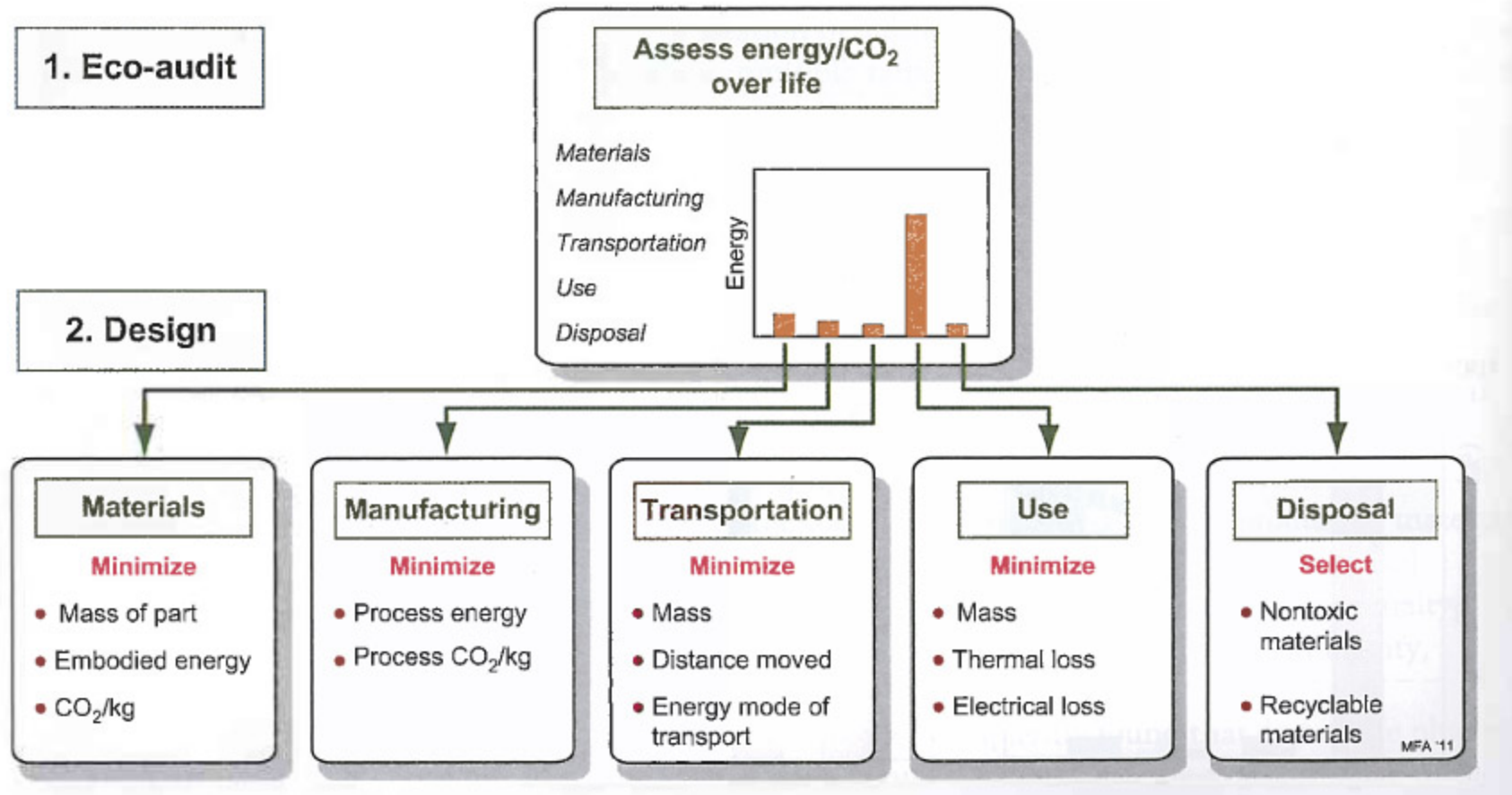


## LCA with social impact assessment also looks at material chains:



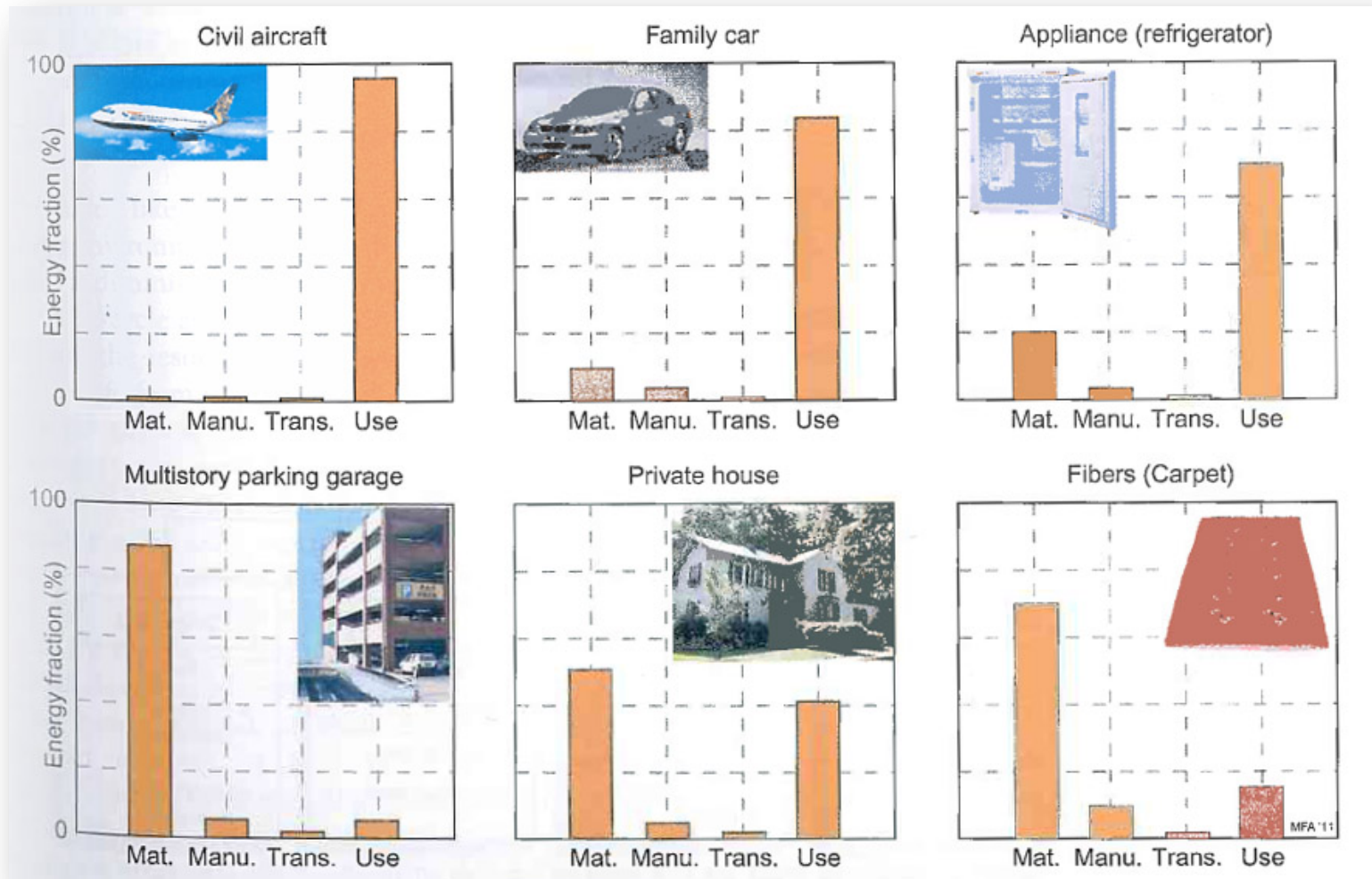
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LCA involves analysis of environmental impacts throughout all the phases of product-life:



Source: Ashby, M. (2012) *Materials and the Environment: Eco-Informed Material Choice*

## Products have impacts in different phases of life:



Source: Ashby, M. (2012) *Materials and the Environment: Eco-Informed Material Choice*

# Life Cycle Assessment – Process:

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Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is carried out in the following four phases:

- 1) Definition of goal and scope, the aims for improvement, and the system with its boundaries;
- 2) Creation of an inventory of the inputs and outputs in selected dimensions depending on LCA approach or method used;
- 3) Assessment of life cycle impacts, which include the estimation of effects of studied inventory;
- 4) Interpretation that is reflecting three other phases continuously.

# Life Cycle Assessment – Process:

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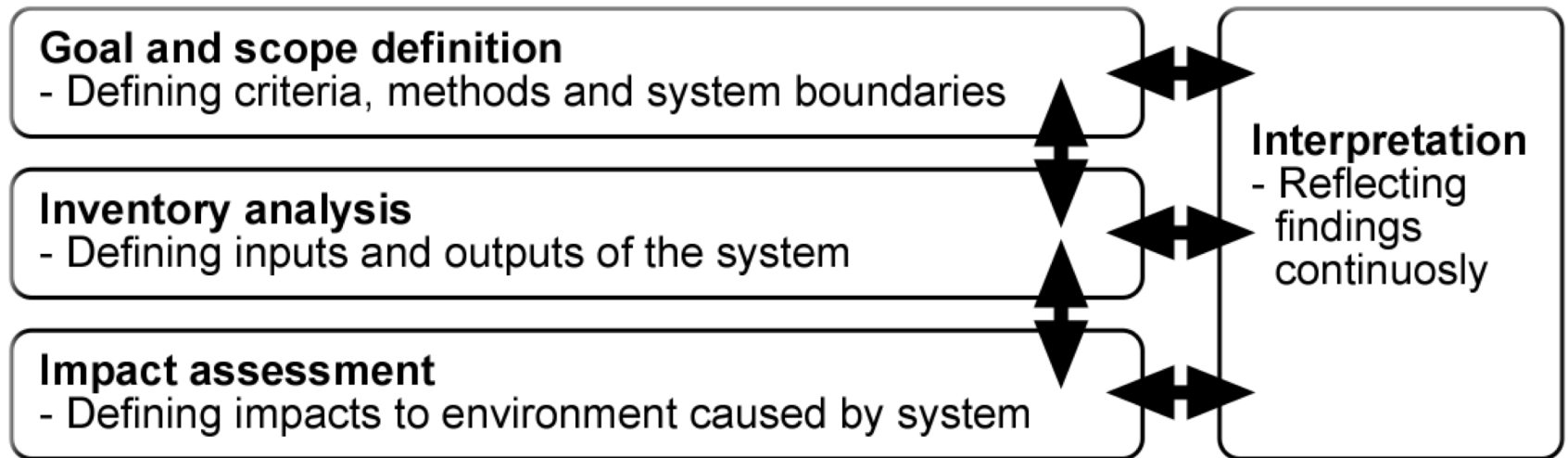
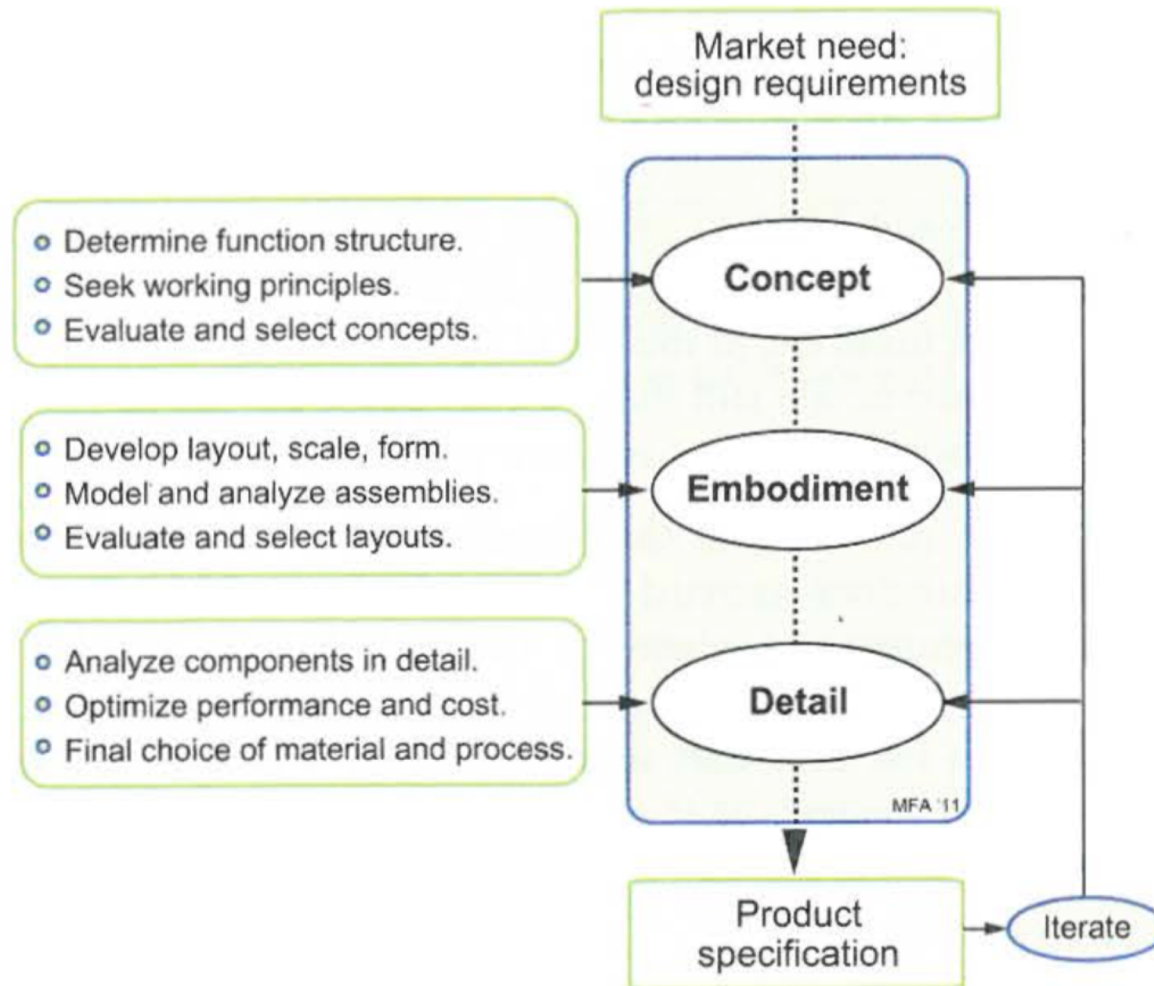


Figure 2. The process of LCA (according to ISO 14040 and ISO 14044).

## LCA supported design process, aiming to mitigate impacts:



# Ecodesign as a Design Strategy

# Simplified Life Cycle Assessment (SLCA)

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The methodologies used in LCA process can be divided in approaches utilizing quantitative, semi-quantitative or qualitative life-cycle assessment methods and data.

(Wenzel, H. 1998)

Simplified, or streamlined LCA (SLCA) is divided also in semi-quantitative and qualitative strategies, including input-output tools and matrix approaches.

Commonly, SLCA tools often emphasize general values over specific numbers from a specific assessment. Many of them can also combine quantitative and qualitative aspects



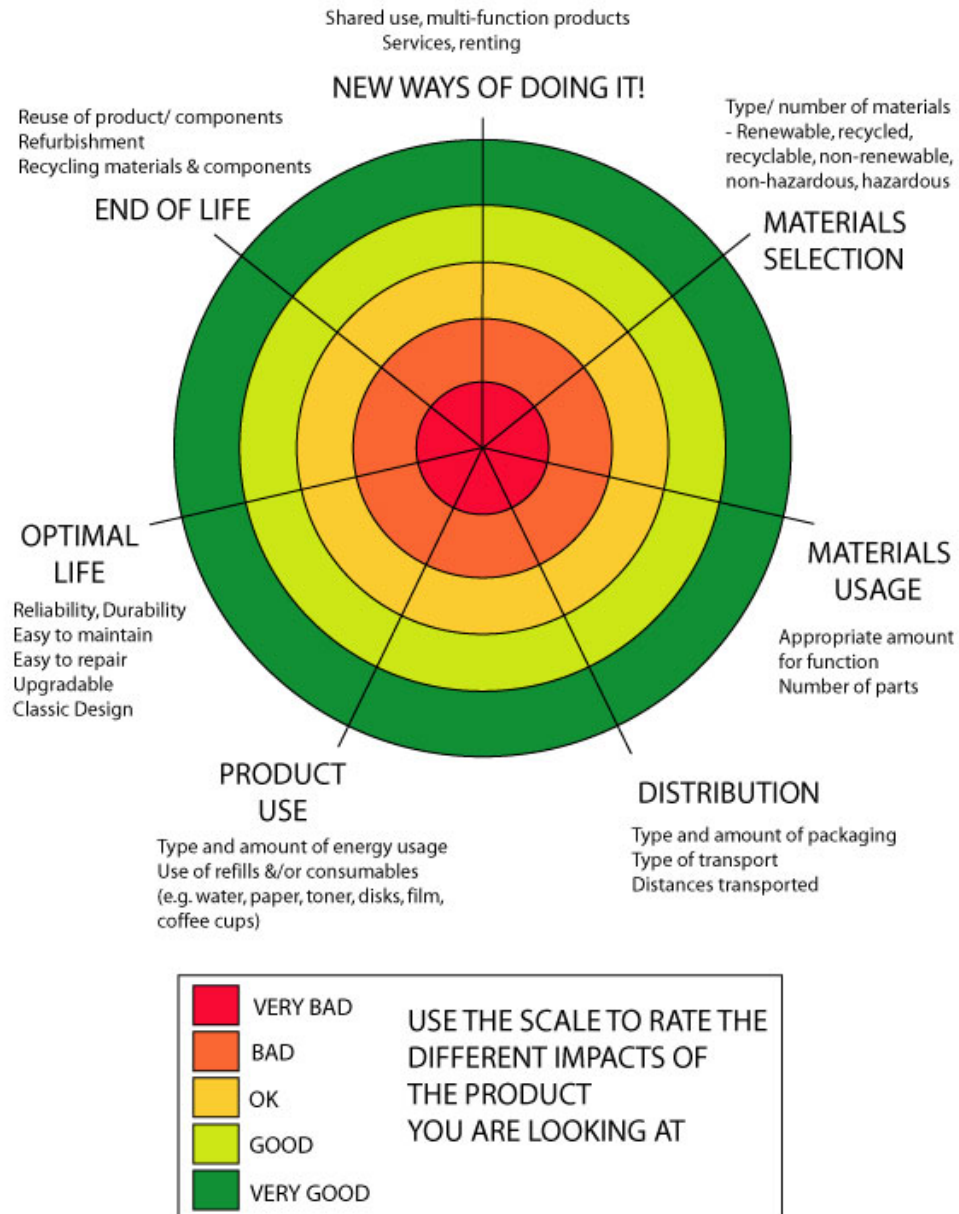
## Example – META matrix:

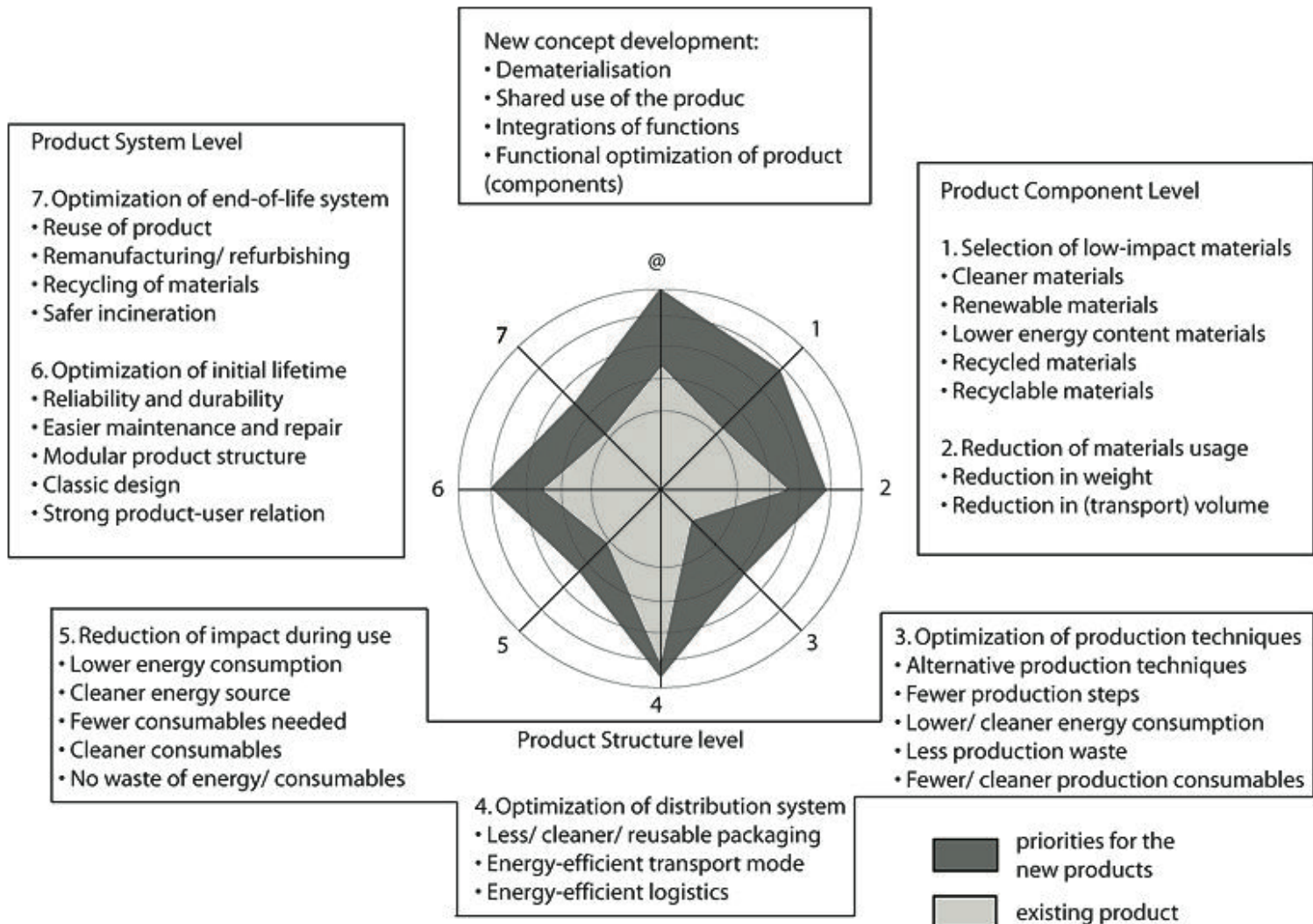
Impact category	Material production	Manufacturing	Use-phase	End-life	Transport
M-Materials					
E-Energy					
T-Toxicity					
A-Socio-cultural					

# Eco-design strategy wheel

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1. Define the product idea, product concept or existing product that will be analyzed. (evaluate existing system or your concept)
2. Systematically score the product on each dimension of the strategy wheel, linked to life phases of the product.
3. Consider the optimization options for each of the dimensions, paying special attention to those where the current design scores badly.





# Design for:

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## 1. Innovation

- Rethink how to provide the benefit
- Serve needs provided by associated products
- Anticipate technological change and build in flexibility
- Provide product as service
- Share among more users
- Design to mimic nature
- Use living organisms in product

# Design for:

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## 2. Low-impact materials

- Avoid materials that damage human health, ecological health, or deplete resources
- Use minimal materials
- Use renewable resources
- Use waste by-products
- Use thoroughly tested materials
- Use recycled or reused materials

# Design for:

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## 3. Optimized manufacturing

- Design for ease of production quality control
- Minimize manufacturing waste
- Minimize energy in production
- Minimize number of production methods and operations
- Minimize number of components/materials

# Design for:

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## 4. Efficient distribution

- Reduce product and packaging waste
- Use reusable or recyclable packaging
- Use an efficient transport system
- Use local production and assembly



# Design for:

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## 5. Low-impact use

- Minimize emissions/integrate cleaner or renewable energy sources
- Reduce energy inefficiencies
- Reduce water use inefficiencies
- Reduce material use inefficiencies

# Design for:

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## 6. Optimized product lifetime

- Build in user's desire to care for product long term
- Design for take-back programmes
- Build in durability
- Design for maintenance and easy repair
- Design for upgrades
- Design for second life with different function
- Create timeless look or fashion

# Design for:

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## 7. Optimized end-of-life

- Integrate methods for product collection
- Provide for ease of disassembly
- Provide for recycling or downcycling
- Design reuse, or 'next life of product'
- Provide for reuse of components
- Provide ability to biodegrade
- Provide for safe disposal

# Break

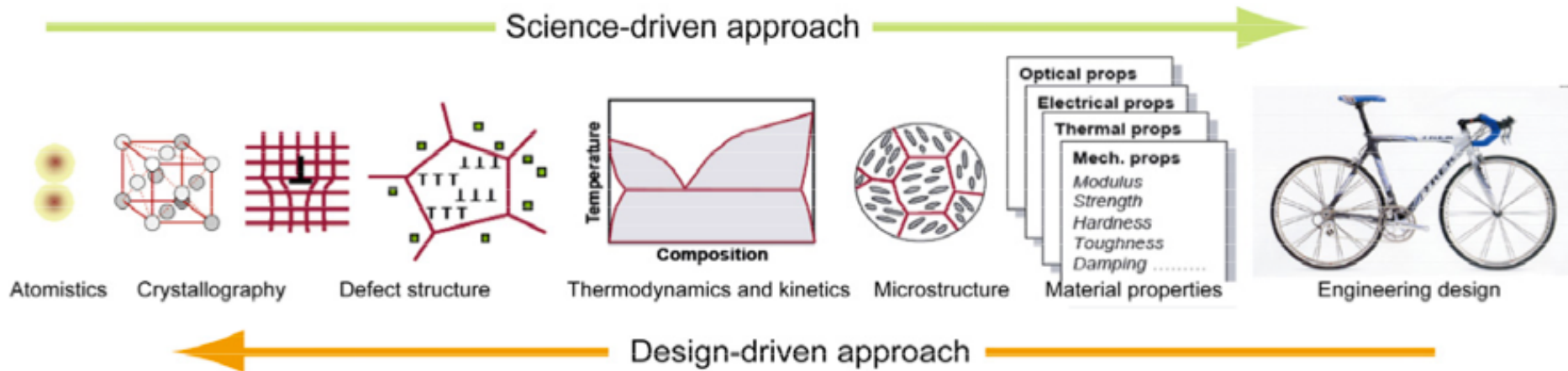
# CES Edupack Tool

# Approaching Material Science

Two main approaches in teaching material sciences: Science-driven & design-driven.

Design-driven begins with specification of design requirements and translation into material choices.

In sustainable design it is also important to assess impacts of existing material choices in product design.



Source: Edupack 2009 Manual

# CES Edupack Tool

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Grantadesign's CES Edupack Tool (Cambridge Engineering Selector) is a program with database that have information tables on legislation & regulations, materials, processes, nations and even many producers.

It can be used to easily compare different materials and their qualities and to assist in material selection.

It can be also used to assess products' impacts on both environmental and also to some extent on societal dimensions (or system parts like service elements).

On Aalto computers!

# Information Dimensions in CES Edupack

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In the CES Edupack database there are several datasheets, regarding:

- Legislation & regulations
- Material Universe
- Process Universe
- Nations of The World
- Producers



## Information tables & data in CES Edupack:

### Legislation & regulations

- Advisory organizations (mostly UK, only few)
- Asian directives (China REACH & RoHS)
- Environmental taxes (some general like carbon, fuel, landfill etc.)
- EU directives & regulations (a lot...)
- International agreements & protocols (e.g. UNCSD)
- Standards (ISO)
- U.S. environmental legislation

### Material Universe

- Ceramics and glasses (21 materials on level 2)
- Hybrids: composites, foams, natural materials (22 on lvl 2)
- Metals & alloys (ferrous & non-ferrous; 28)
- Polymers & elastomers (29)

### Process Universe

- Joining, shaping & surface treatment

### Nations of The World

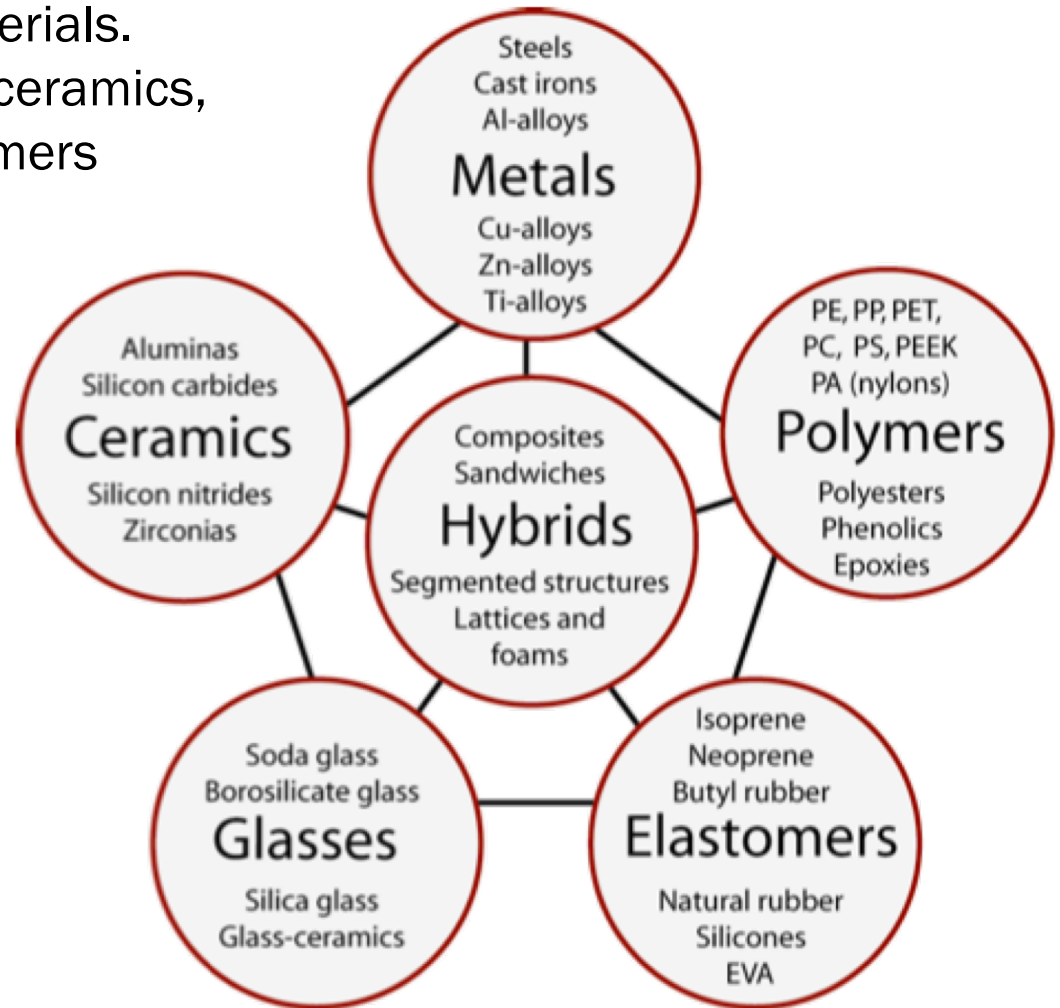
- People, education, human rights & governance, economy & development, health, energy & environment

### Producers

- Selected examples, mostly UK or Europe

## Material Universe:

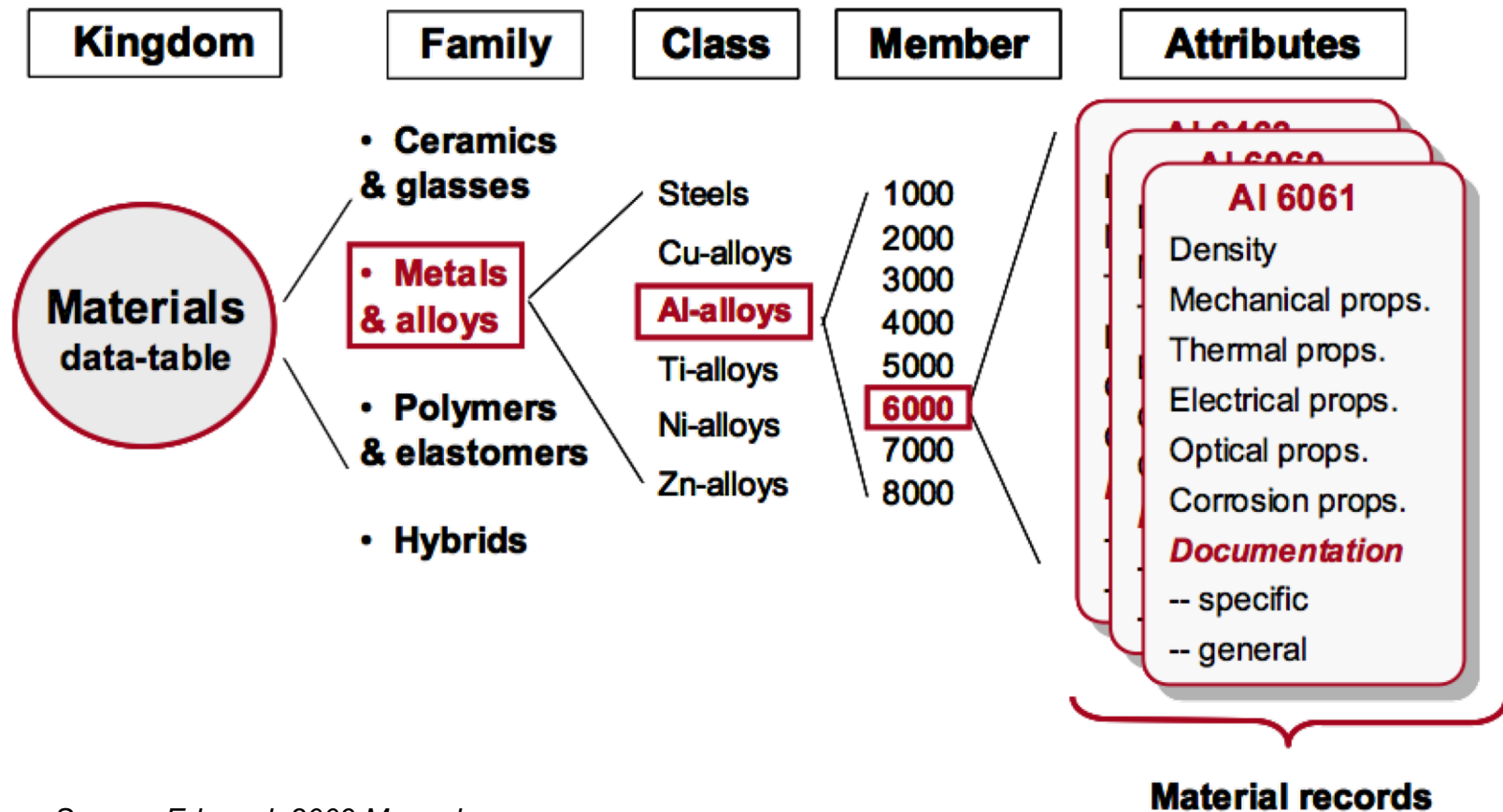
The menu of engineering materials.  
The basic families of metals, ceramics, glasses, polymers and elastomers can be combined in various geometries to create hybrids.



*Source: Ashby & Cebon (2007) Teaching Engineering Materials*

## Taxonomies in Material Universe data-tables:

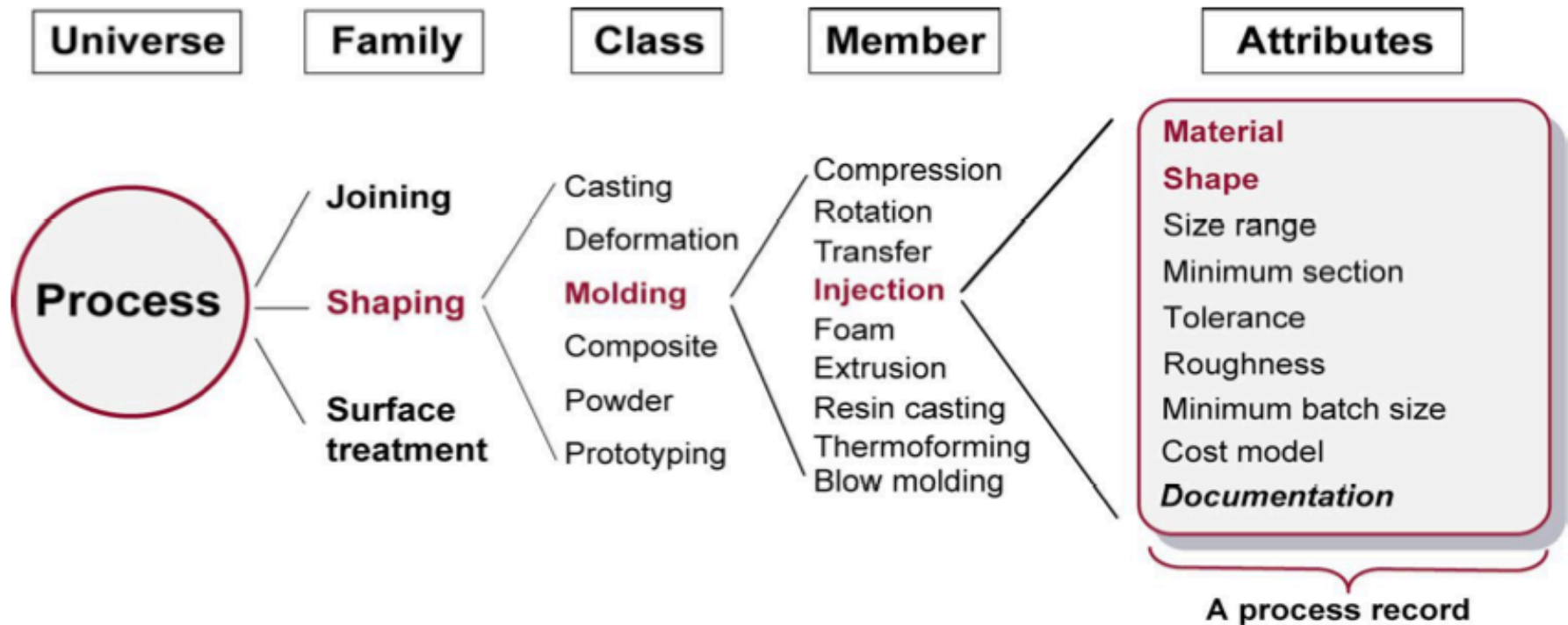
A hierarchical structure for process classification, ending with a schematic of a record.



Source: *Edupack 2009 Manual*

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# Data table record sheets:

## Injection molding

No other process has changed product design more than INJECTION MOLDING. Injection molded products appear in every sector of product design: consumer products, business, industrial, computers, communication, medical and research products, toys, cosmetic packaging and sports equipment. The most common equipment for molding thermoplastics is the reciprocating screw machine, shown schematically in the figure. Polymer granules are fed into a spiral press where they mix and soften to a dough-like consistency that can be forced through one or more channels ('sprues') into the die. The polymer solidifies under pressure and the component is then ejected.

Thermoplastics, thermosets and elastomers can all be injection molded. Co-injection allows molding of components with different materials, colors and features. Injection foam molding allows economical production of large molded components by using inert gas or chemical blowing agents to make components that have a solid skin and a cellular inner structure.

### Shape

Circular prismatic	True
Non-circular prismatic	True
Solid 3-D	True
Hollow 3-D	True

### Physical attributes

Mass range	0.001 - 25 kg
Range of section thickness	0.4 - 6.3 mm
Tolerance	0.07 - 1 mm
Roughness	0.2 - 1.6 µm
Surface roughness (A=v. smooth)	A

### Process characteristics

Primary shaping processes	True
Discrete	True

### Economic attributes

Relative tooling cost	very high
Relative equipment cost	high
Economic batch size (units)	10000 - 1e6

### Design guidelines

Injection molding is the best way to mass-produce small, precise, polymer components with finish is good; texture and pattern can be easily altered in the tool, and fine detail reproduces molded onto the surface of the component (see In-mold Decoration). The only finishing is sprue.

### Technical notes

Most thermoplastics can be injection molded, although those with high melting temperature. Thermoplastic-based composites (short fiber and particulate filled) can be processed provided large. Large changes in section area are not recommended. Small re-entrant angles and though some features (e.g. undercuts, screw threads, inserts) may result in increased tooling be used with thermosets and elastomers. The most common equipment for molding them



## Polypropylene (PP) (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH(CH<sub>3</sub>))<sub>n</sub>

Polypropylene, PP, first produced commercially in 1958, is the younger brother of polyethylene - a very similar molecule with similar price, processing methods and application. Like PE it is produced in very large quantities (more than 30 million tons per year in 2000), growing at nearly 10% per year, and like PE its molecule-lengths and side-branches can be tailored by clever catalysis, giving precise control of impact strength, and of the properties that influence molding and drawing. In its pure form polypropylene is flammable and degrades in sunlight. Fire retardants make it slow to burn and stabilizers give it extreme stability, both to UV radiation and to fresh and salt water and most aqueous solutions.



### General properties

Density	890 - 910 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Price	* 1.89 - 2.07 USD/kg

### Mechanical properties

Young's modulus	0.896 - 1.55 GPa
Shear modulus	0.316 - 0.548 GPa
Bulk modulus	2.5 - 2.6 GPa
Poisson's ratio	0.405 - 0.427
Yield strength (elastic limit)	20.7 - 37.2 MPa
Tensile strength	27.6 - 41.4 MPa
Compressive strength	25.1 - 55.2 MPa
Elongation	100 - 600 %
Hardness - Vickers	6.2 - 11.2 HV
Fatigue strength at 10 <sup>7</sup> cycles	11 - 16.6 MPa
Fracture toughness	3 - 4.5 MPa.m <sup>0.5</sup>
Mechanical loss coefficient	0.0258 - 0.0446

### Thermal properties

Melting point	150 - 175 °C
Glass temperature	-25.15 - -15.15 °C
Maximum service temperature	100 - 115 °C
Minimum service temperature	-123 - -73.2 °C
Thermal conductor or insulator?	Good insulator
Thermal conductivity	0.113 - 0.167 W/m.°C
Specific heat capacity	1.87e3 - 1.96e3 J/kg.°C
Thermal expansion coefficient	122 - 180 µstrain/°C

### Design guidelines

Standard grade PP is inexpensive, light and ductile but it has low strength. It is more rigid than PE and can be used at higher temperatures. The properties of PP are similar to those of HDPE but it is stiffer and melts at a higher temperature (165 - 170 °C). Stiffness and strength can be improved further by reinforcing with glass, chalk or talc. When drawn to fiber PP has exceptional strength and resilience; this, together with its resistance to water, makes it attractive for ropes and fabric. It is more easily molded than PE, has good transparency and can accept a wider, more vivid range of colors. PP is commonly produced as sheet, moldings fibers or it can be foamed. Advances in catalysis promise new co-polymers of PP with more attractive combinations of toughness, stability and ease of processing. Mono-filaments fibers have high abrasion resistance and are almost twice as strong as PE fibers. Multi-filament yarn or rope does not absorb water, will float on water and dyes easily.

### Technical notes

The many different grades of polypropylene fall into three basic groups: homopolymers (polypropylene, with a range of molecular weights and thus properties), co-polymers (made by co-Polymerization of propylene with other olefines such as ethylene, butylene or styrene) and composites (polypropylene reinforced with mica, talc, glass powder or fibers) that are stiffer and better able to resist heat than simple polypropylenes.

### Typical uses

Some general polymer engineering: automobile air ducting, aerial chalking and air cleaner, garden furniture, washing



Source: Ashby (2013) CES Edupack tutorial



## Science notes:

### Age-hardening wrought Al-alloys

**Description.** The high-strength aluminum alloys rely on age-hardening: a sequence of heat treatment steps that causes the precipitation of a nano-scale dispersion of intermetallics that impede dislocation motion and impart strength.

#### General properties

Density

Price

#### Mechanical properties

Young's modulus

Yield strength (elastic limit)

Tensile strength

Elongation

Fatigue strength at  $10^7$  cycles

Fracture toughness

#### Thermal properties

Melting point

Maximum service temperature

Thermal conductivity

Thermal expansion coefficient

#### Electrical properties

Electrical resistivity

### Young's modulus

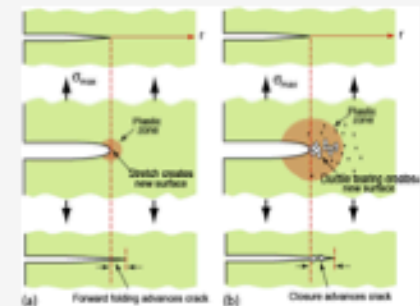
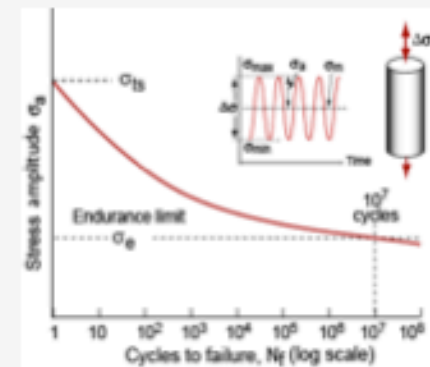
### Fatigue strength at $10^7$ cycles

#### Definitions and measurement.

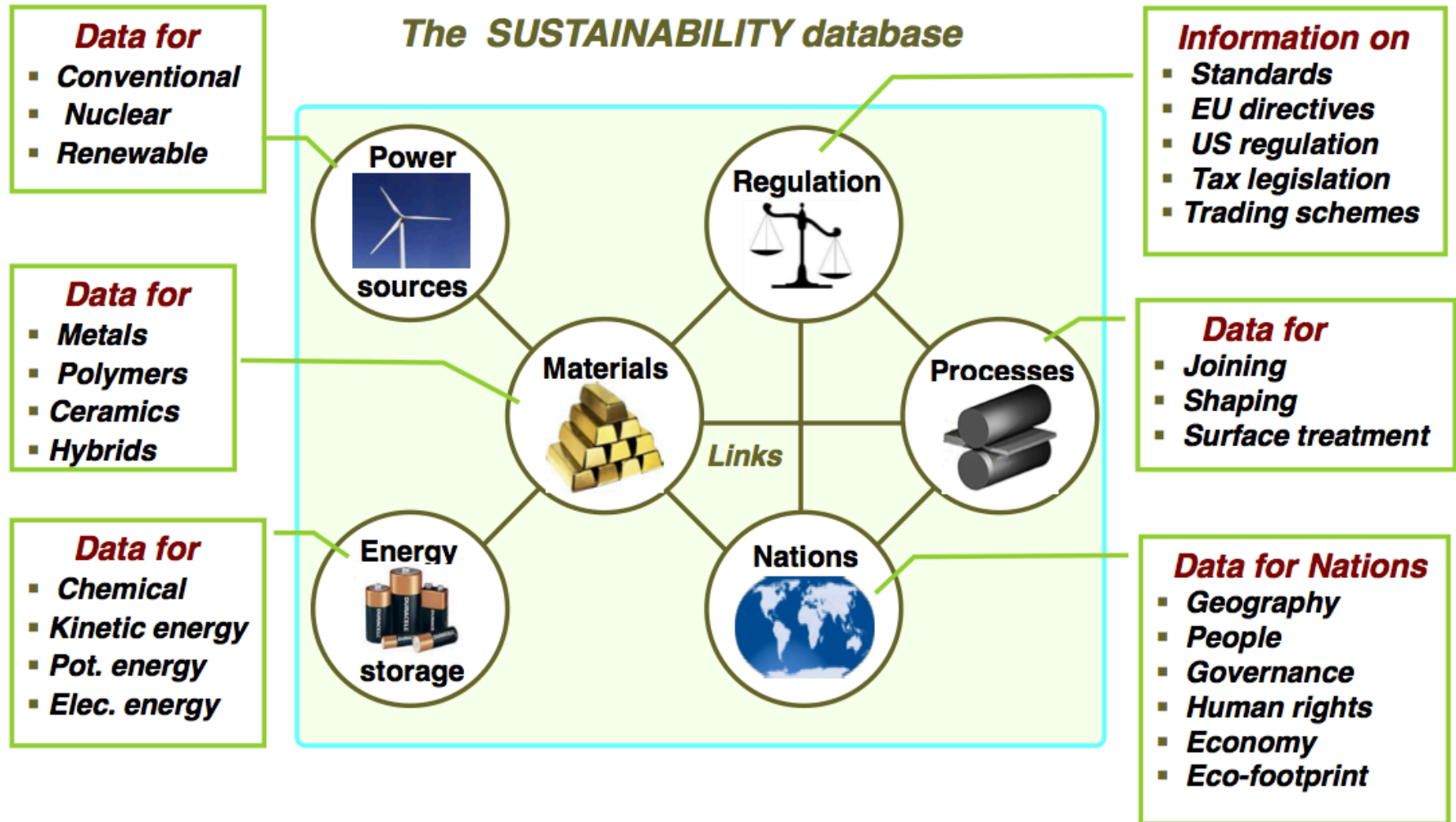
Material subjected to repeated stress cycles may fail even when the peak stress is well below the tensile strength, or even below that for yield. Fatigue data are measured and presented as curves, where  $\Delta\sigma$  is the range over which the stress varies and  $N_f$  is the number of cycles to failure.....

#### How do fatigue cracks propagate?

Holes, change of section, cracks, and surface scratches concentrate stress so that, even when the sample as a whole remains elastic (the "high-cycle" regime), local plasticity occurs. The damage this creates accumulates, finally developing into a tiny crack. The crack propagates in the way shown on the left of Figure 2. ....



## Data-tables to assist sustainable design process:



Source: Ashby et al. (2012) Materials & SD

# Two main processes with CES Edupack

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## Materials selection:

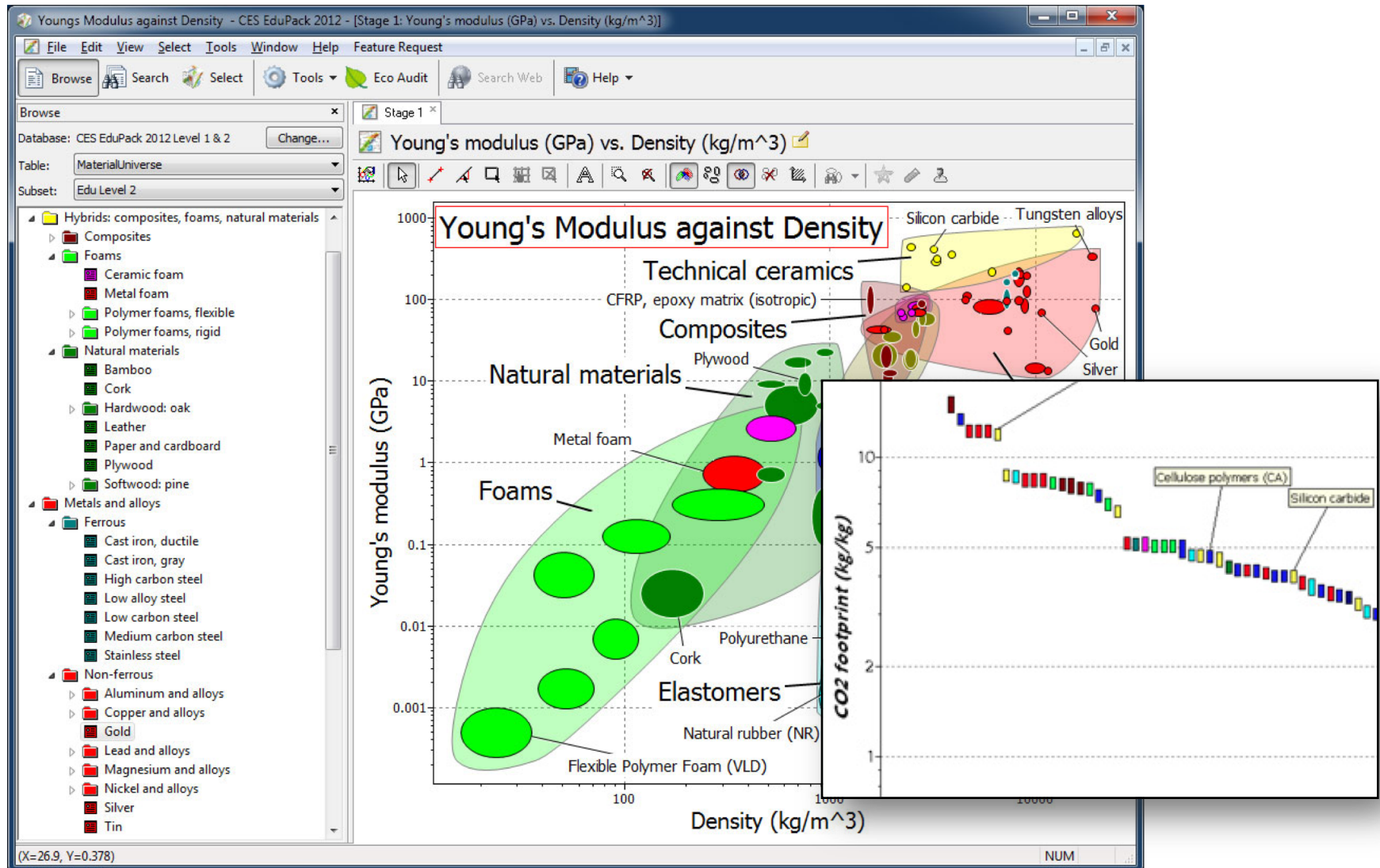
- Materials comparison can be done by combining information from the several different tables considering material qualities and information related to them (e.g. Nations of the world –table).

## Impacts assessment:

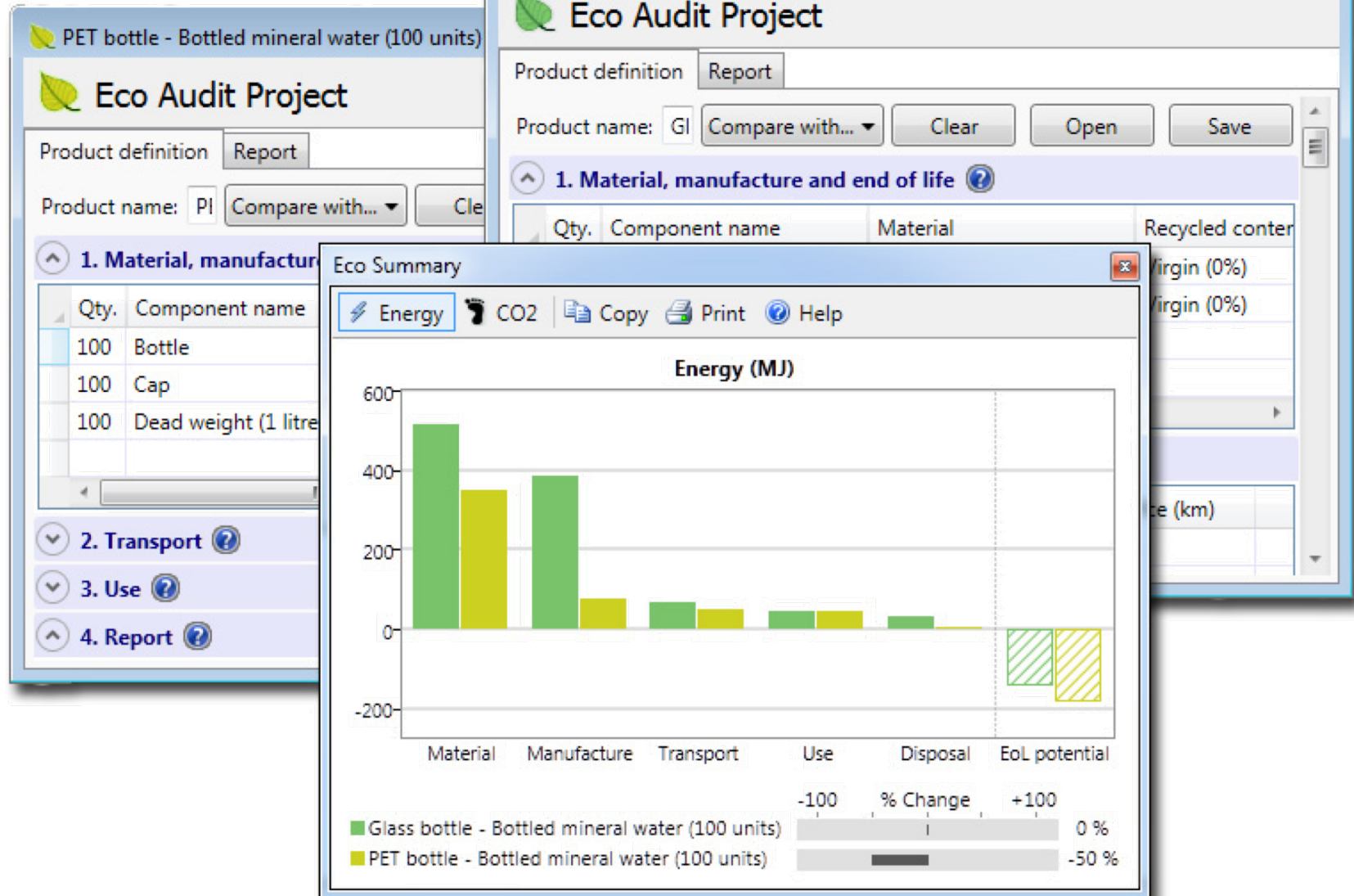
- Products (or system elements) can be assessed with SLCA type of impact-assessment tool (indicating values from data tables)
- Products' assessment values can be compared with each other



# CES Edupack interface:



## CES Edupack interface:



# CES Edupack: Material Selection

# Material selection strategies

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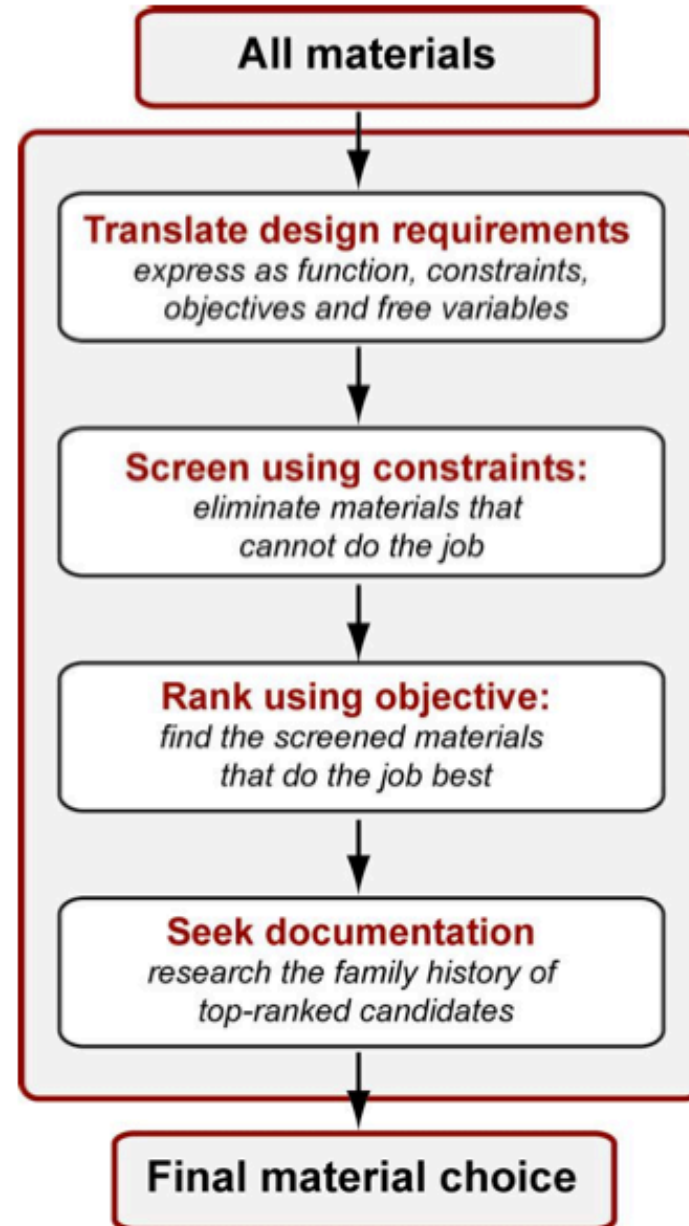
- Assemble data for the characteristics of the thing you want to select; make a *database*, mental or physical.
- Formulate the characteristics that the thing must have to satisfy your requirement; list the *constraints*.
- Decide on the ranking criterion you will use to decide which, of the candidate things that meet all the constraints, is the best; choose and apply the *objective*.
- Research the top-ranked candidates more fully to satisfy yourself that nothing has been overlooked; seek *documentation*.

SOURCE: Ashby, M. (2009) Materials and the Environment: Eco-Informed Material Choice. Oxford: Elsevier.

# Material selection strategies in CES Edupack:

Four steps:

1. Translation,
2. Screening,
3. Ranking, and
4. Documentation



Source: Ashby & Cebon (2007) Teaching Engineering Materials

# Selection strategies (1)

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⇒ Step one: **translation** - converting the design requirements into a prescription for selecting a material and a process to shape it.

<b>Function</b>	<i>What does component do?</i>
<b>Constraints</b>	<i>What non-negotiable conditions must be met?</i>  <i>What negotiable but desirable conditions...?</i>
<b>Objective</b>	<i>What is to be maximized or minimized?</i>
<b>Free variables</b>	<i>What parameters of the problem is the designer free to change?</i>

Source: Ashby & Cebon (2007) *Teaching Engineering Materials*

# Selection strategies (2)

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⇒ Step two: **screening** - eliminating the candidates that cannot do the job because one or more of their attributes lies outside the limits set by the constraints

Common constraints, e.g.:

**Must be:**

Electrically conducting

Optically transparent

Corrosion resistant

Nontoxic

Nonrestricted substance

Able to be recycled

**Must meet a target value of:**

Stiffness

Strength

Fracture toughness

Thermal conductivity

Service temperature

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# Selection strategies (3)

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- ⇒ Step three: **ranking** - ordering the survivors by their ability to meet a criterion of excellence, such as minimizing cost, embodied energy, or carbon footprint
- the property or property-group that maximizes performance for a given design is called its *material index*

## Common objectives:

### Minimize:

Cost	Energy consumption
Mass	Carbon emissions
Volume	Waste
Thermal losses	Environmental impact
Electrical losses	Resource depletion

SOURCE: Ashby, M. (2009) *Materials and the Environment: Eco-Informed Material Choice*. Oxford: Elsevier.



# Selection strategies (4)

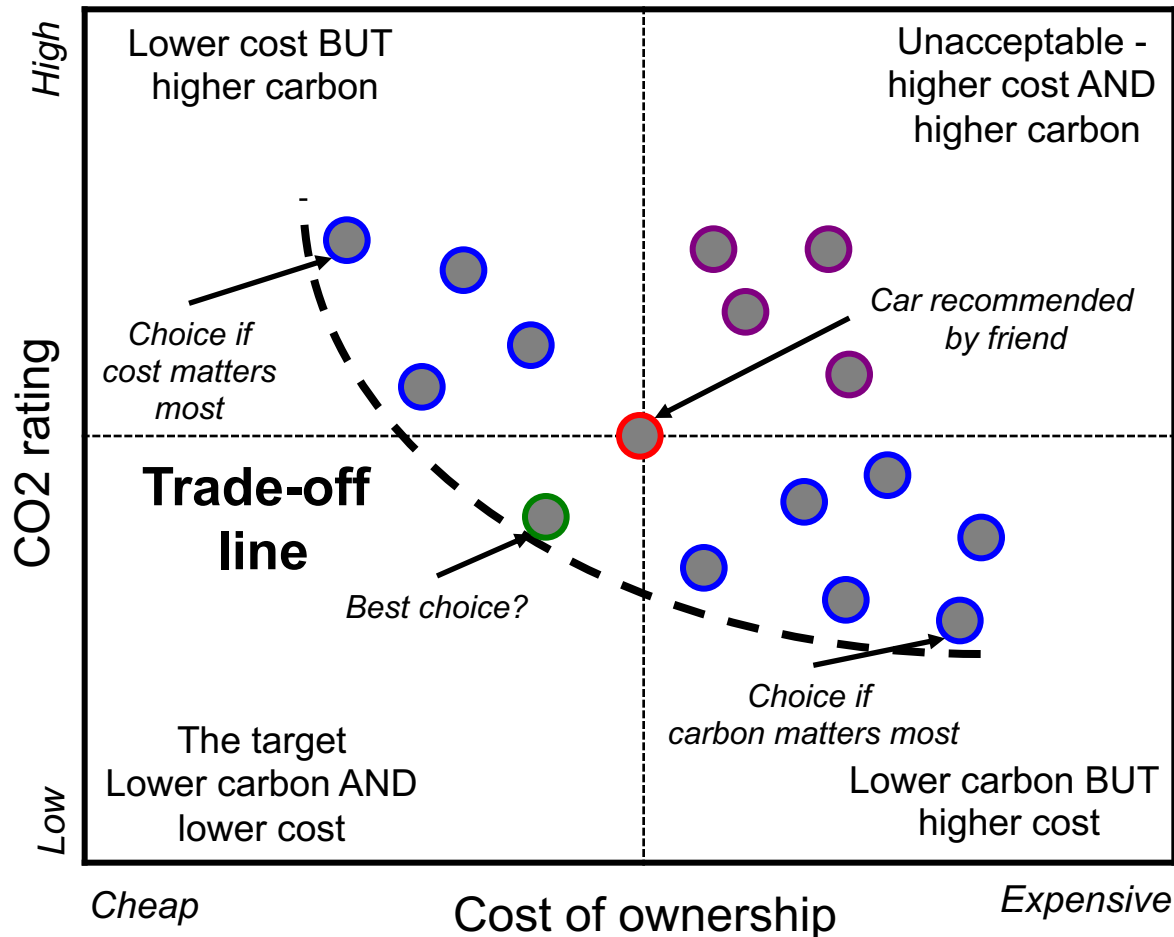
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⇒ Step four: **documentation** - exploring the most promising candidates in depth, examining how they are used at present, case histories of failures and how best to design with them

- any hidden weaknesses?
- what is its reputation?
- has it got a good track record?

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# Selection strategies



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# Using CES Edupack: Exercises

# CES Edupack: Three Levels of Databases

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The CES EduPack software has three Levels of Database.

	Coverage	Content
<b>Level 1</b>	Around 70 of the most widely used materials drawn from the classes: metals, polymers, ceramics, composites, foams and natural materials. Around 70 of the most widely used processes.	A description, an image of the material in a familiar product, typical applications, and limited data for mechanical, thermal and electrical properties, using rankings where appropriate.
<b>Level 2</b>	Around 100 of the most widely used materials. Around 110 of the most commonly used processes.	All the content of Level 1, supplemented by more extensive numerical data, design guidelines, ecological properties and technical notes.
<b>Level 3</b>	The core database contains more than 3,750 materials, including those in Levels 1 and 2. Specialist editions covering aerospace, polymers, eco-design, architecture, bio-materials and low carbon power are also available.	Extensive numerical data for all materials, allowing the full power of the CES selection system to be deployed.

*Source: Ashby (2013) CES Edupack tutorial*

Each of the three levels can be interrogated by:

- **BROWSING**

*Exploring the database and retrieving records via a hierarchical index.*

- **SEARCHING**

*Finding information via a full-text search of records.*

- **SELECTION**

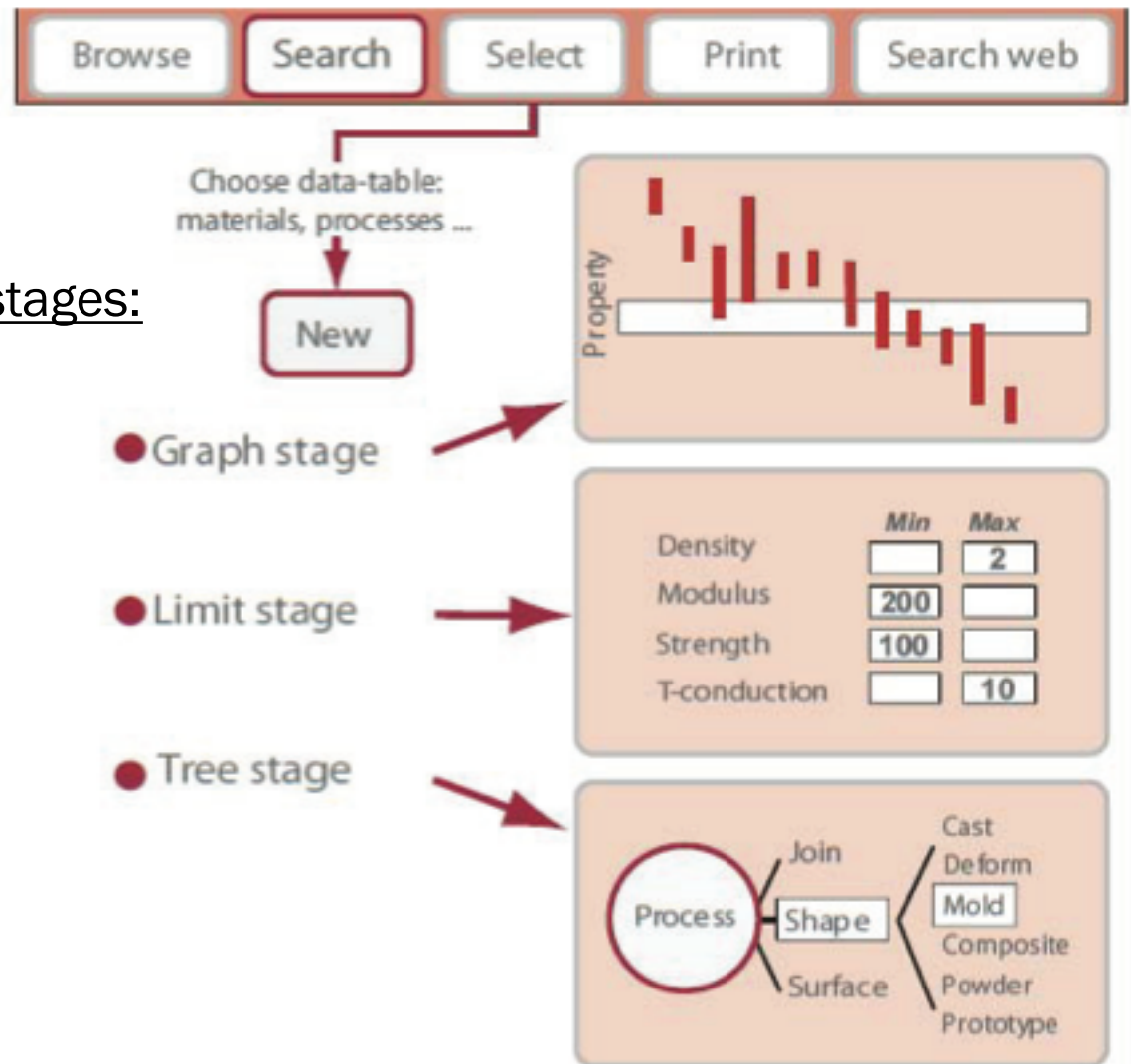
*Using the powerful selection engine to find records that meet an array of design criteria.*

And several interrogations can be combined into a single project...

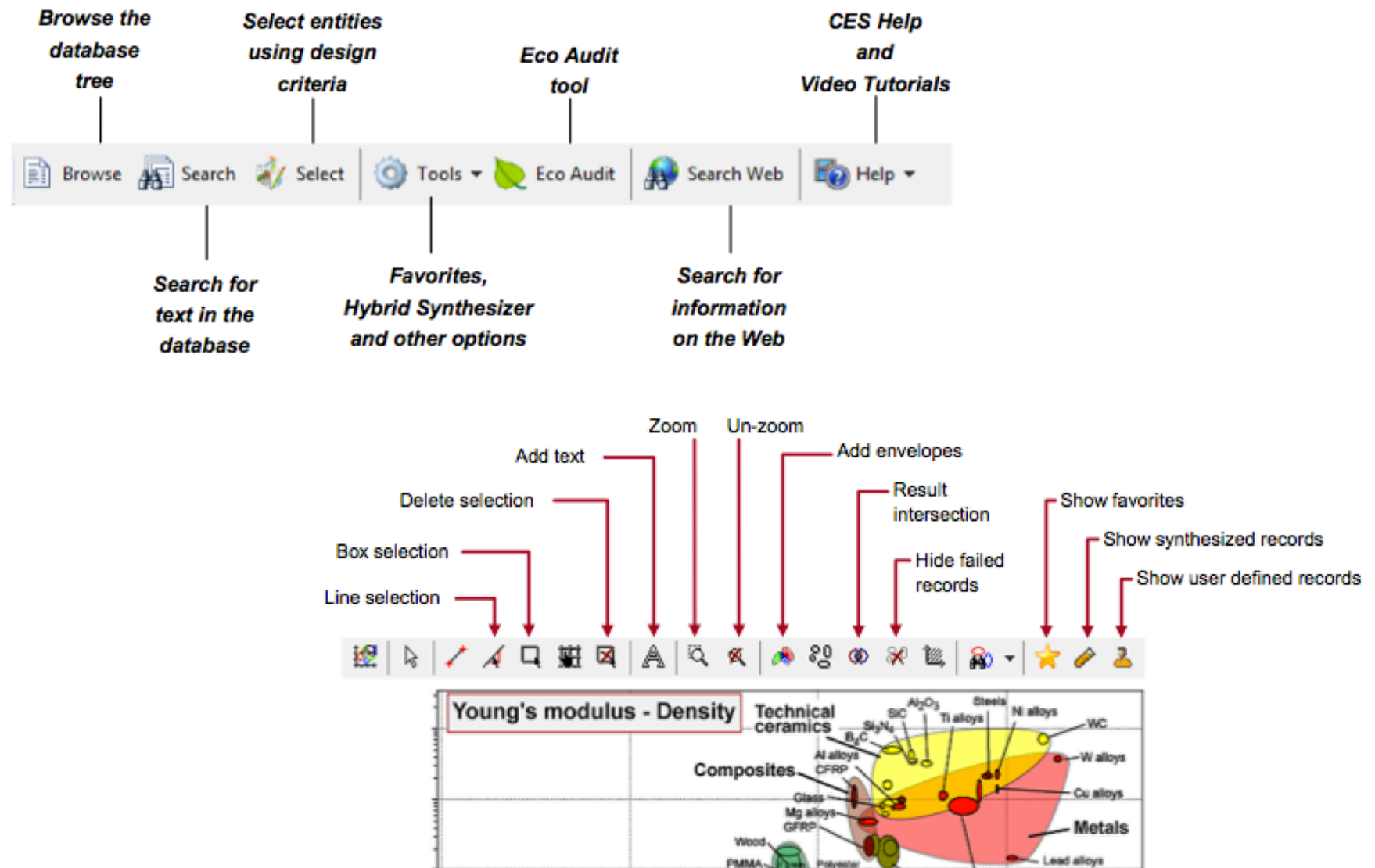
*Source: Ashby et al. (2012) Materials & SD*

## BROWSE, SEARCH and SELECT materials:

## GRAPH, LIMIT and TREE stages:



## Standard and graph stage toolbars:



# **Exercises #1**

## **BROWSING and SEARCHING**

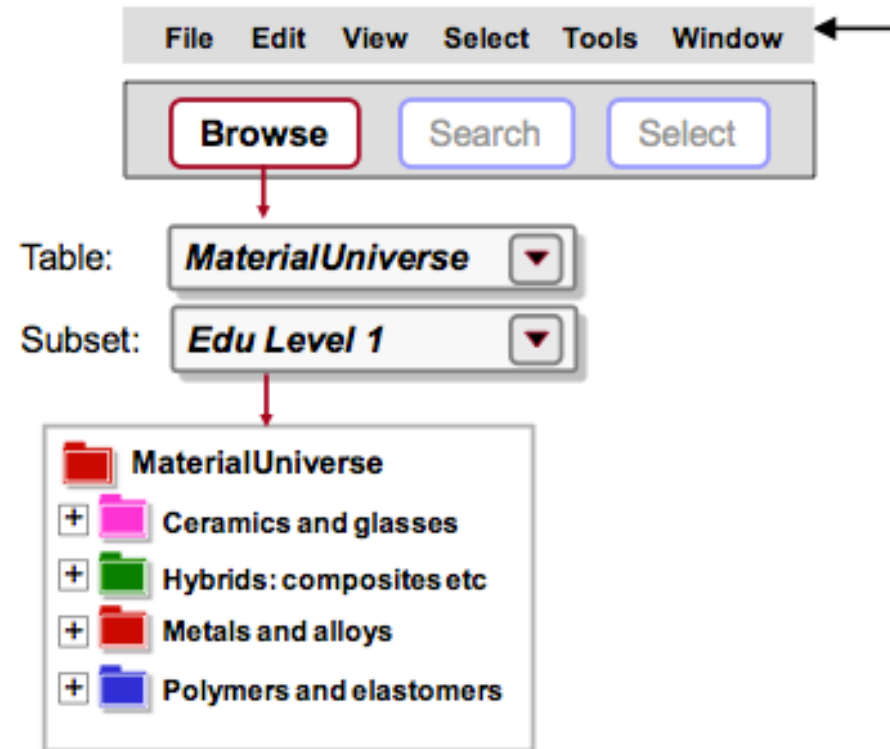
*Using CES EduPack Levels 1 & 2*



# Exercise 1:

## BROWSE Materials

- Find record for STAINLESS STEEL (LEVEL 1)
- Find record for CONCRETE
- Find record for POLYPROPYLENE
- Find PROCESSES that can shape POLYPROPYLENE using the LINK at the bottom of the record
- Explore POLYPROPYLENE record at LEVEL 2
  - What else can be found?

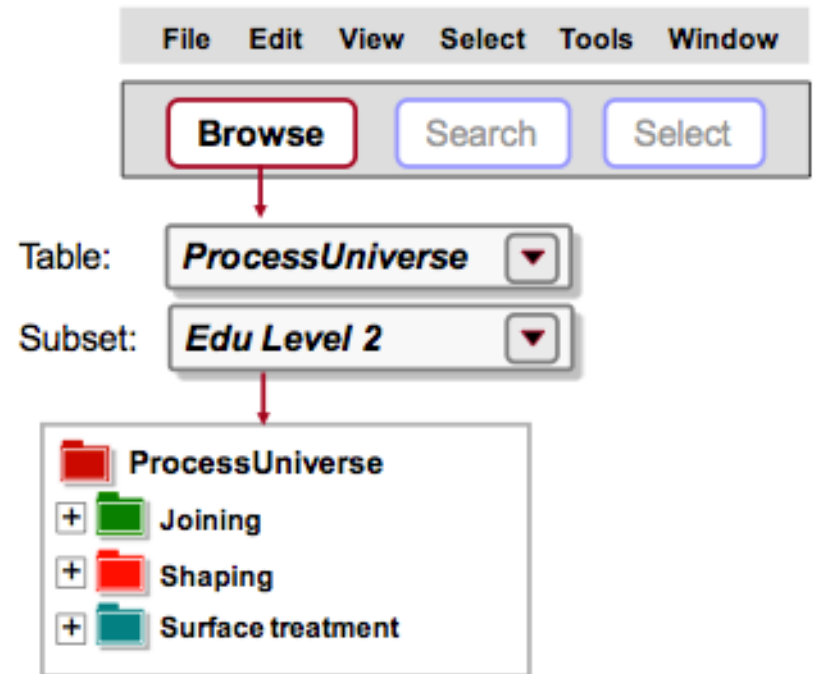


# Exercise 2:

## BROWSE processes

Select LEVEL 2, ALL PROCESSES

- Find record for INJECTION MOLDING
- Find record for LASER SURFACE HARDENING
- Find record for FRICTION WELDING (METALS)
- Find MATERIALS that can be DIE CAST, using the LINK at the bottom of the record for DIE CASTING



# Exercise 3:

## Applying SEARCH

- Find the material POLYLACTIDE
- Find materials for CUTTING TOOLS
- Find the process RTM

The diagram illustrates a user interface for searching materials. At the top, a horizontal bar contains three buttons: 'Browse', 'Search', and 'Select'. The 'Search' button is highlighted with a red border. An arrow points from the 'Search' button to a search form below. The search form has two fields: 'Find what:' and 'Look in table:'. The 'Find what:' field contains the text 'Polylactide' in red, and the 'Look in table:' field contains the text 'MaterialUniverse' in red. A red border highlights the entire search form area.

Browse	<b>Search</b>	Select
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Find what: **Polylactide**

Look in table: **MaterialUniverse**

# Familiarizing...

# **Exercises #2**

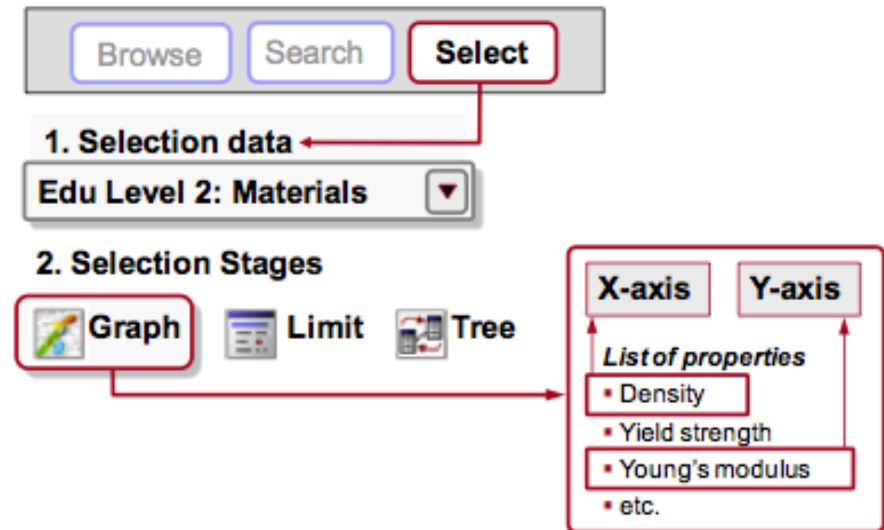
# **PROPERTY CHARTS**

*Using CES EduPack Levels 1 & 2*

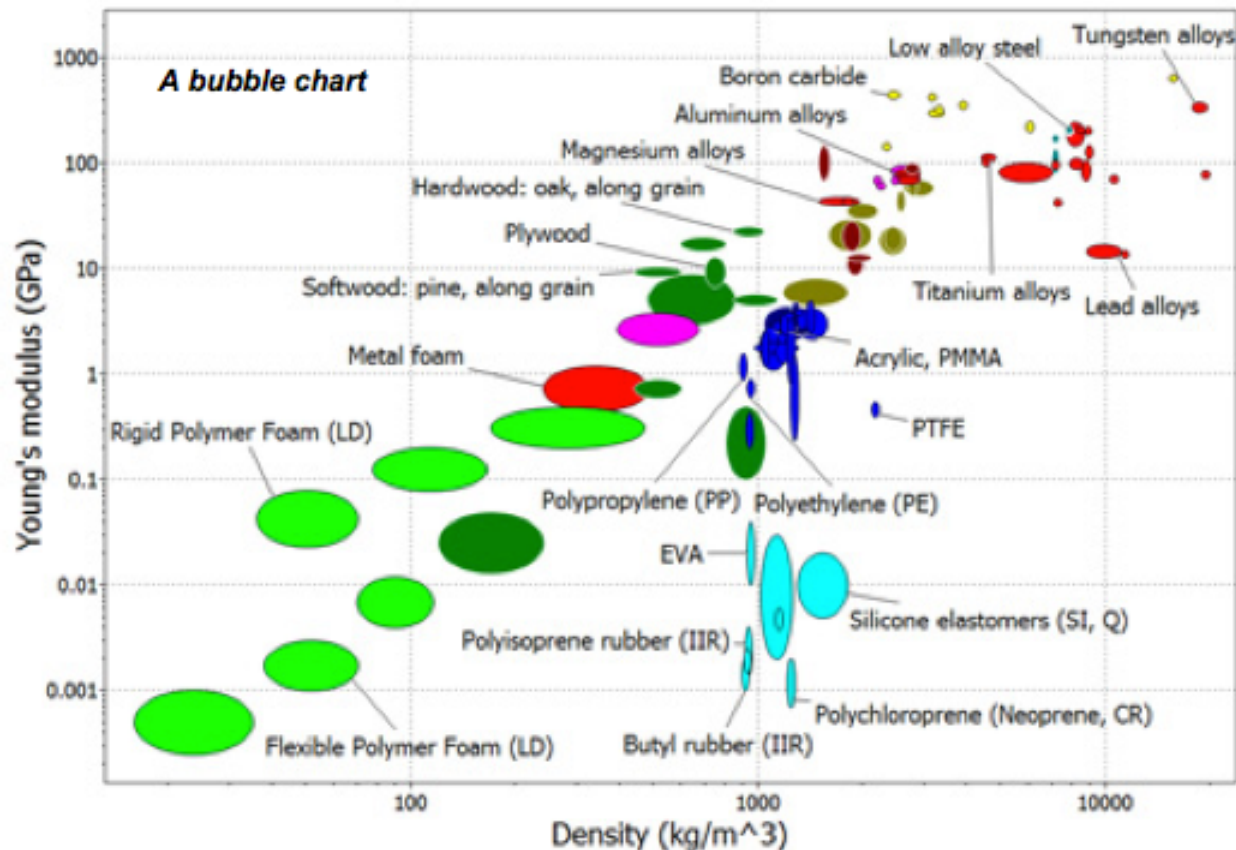
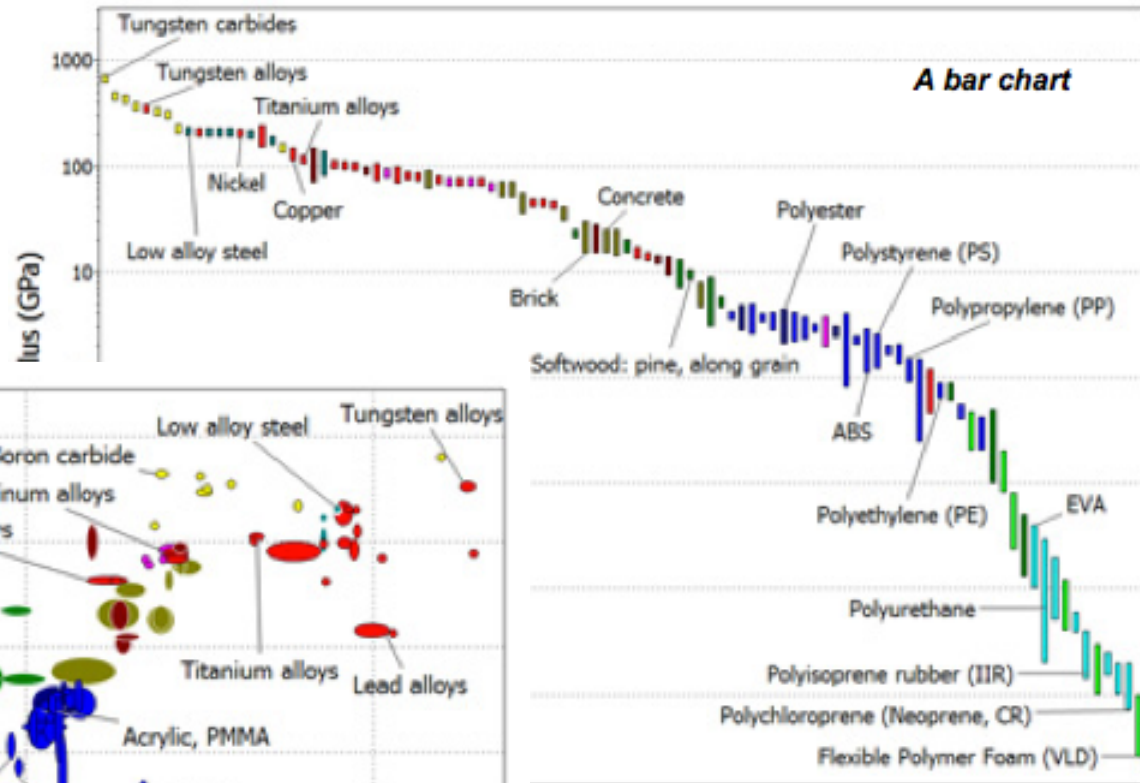
# Exercise 4:

## Making PROPERTY CHARTS

- SELECT MaterialUniverse:  
LEVEL 2, MATERIALS
- Make a BAR CHART of  
YOUNG'S MODULUS (E)
  - *Set only y-axis*
- Make a BUBBLE CHART of  
YOUNG'S MODULUS (E)  
VS. DENSITY ( $\rho$ )
  - *Set both x-axis and y-axis*
  - *Materials can be labeled – click and drag to move the labels;  
use DEL to delete a label*
- Finally, DELETE THE STAGE (Right click on stage in Selection Stages  
and select “Delete”)



## Charts with one – two axes & logarithmic scales:



# Exercise 5:

## Selection using a LIMIT stage

- Find materials with:  
MAX. SERVICE TEMPERATURE  
> 200 ° C  
THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY  
> 25 W/m.° C  
ELECTRICAL CONDUCTOR OR  
INSULATOR?  
= GOOD INSULATOR
- Enter the limits – minimum or maximum as appropriate – and click “Apply”
- DELETE THE STAGE

**1. Selection data**  
Edu Level 2: Materials

**2. Selection Stages**  
Graph Limit Tree

Results	Ranking	
	X out of 95 pass	Prop 1 Prop 2
Material 1	2230	113
Material 2	2100	300
Material 3	1950	5.6
Material 4	1876	47
etc...		

**A Limit stage**

**Mechanical properties**

**Thermal properties**

	Min.	Max	
Max. service temperature	200		°C
Thermal conductivity	25		W/m.°C
Specific heat			J/kg.°C

**Electrical properties**

Electrical conductor or insulator?

- ☐ Good conductor
- ☐ Poor conductor
- ☐ Semiconductor
- ☐ Poor insulator
- ☒ Good insulator

**Limit guidance bars**

Ceramics and glasses  
Composites  
Metals and alloys  
Polymers and elastomers

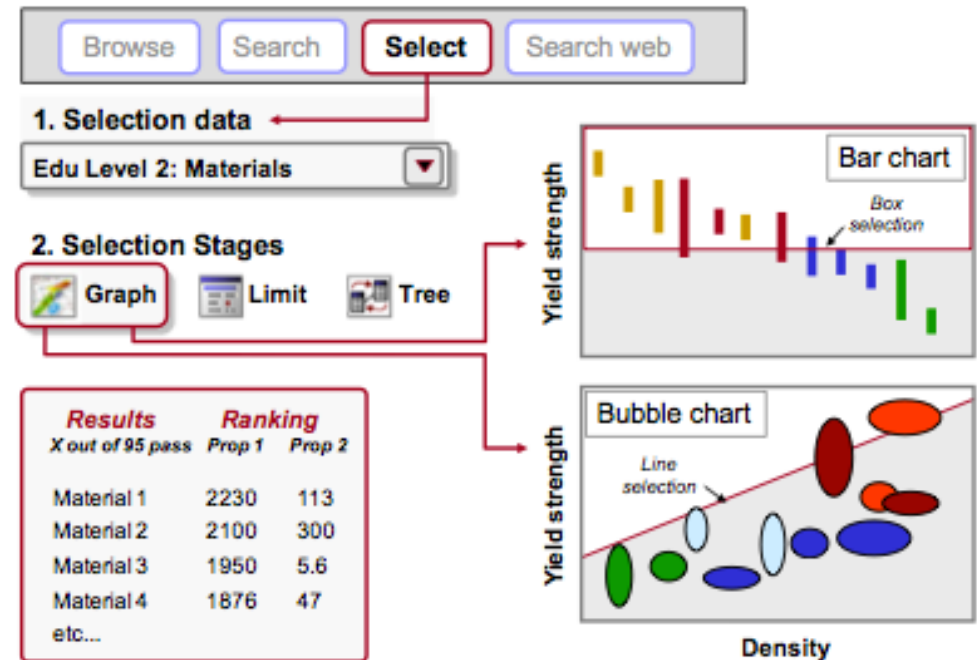
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# Exercise 6:

## Selection with a GRAPH stage; 1/2

- Make a BAR CHART of YIELD STRENGTH (  $\sigma_y$  ) (plotted on the y-axis)
- Use a BOX SELECTION to find materials with high values of elastic limit (or strength)
  - Click the box icon, then click-drag-release to define it
- Add, on the other axis, DENSITY (  $\rho$  ):
  - Either highlight Stage 1 in Selection Stages, right-click and choose Edit Stage from the menu; or double-click the graph axis to edit

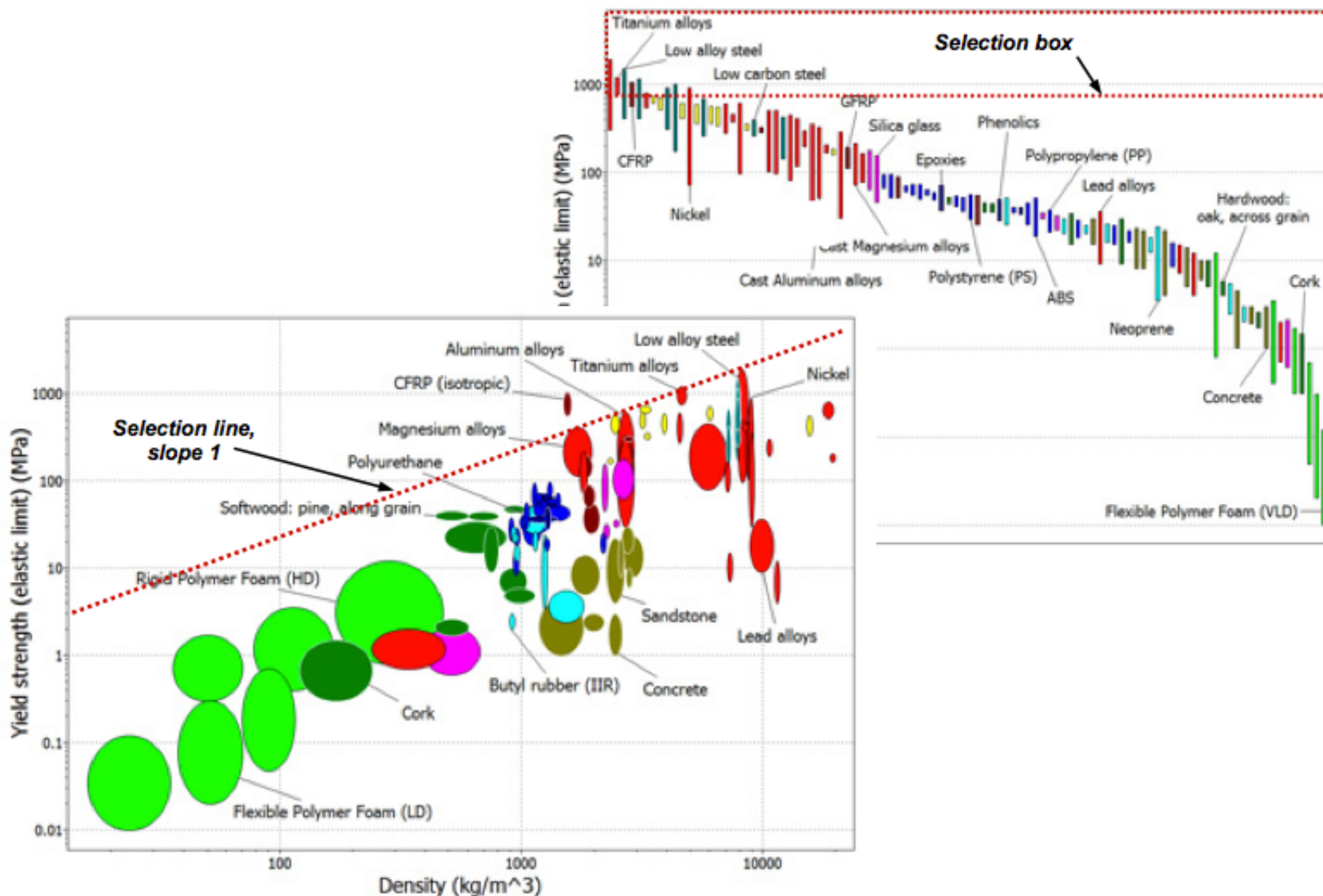


## Exercise 6:

# Selection with a GRAPH stage; 2/2

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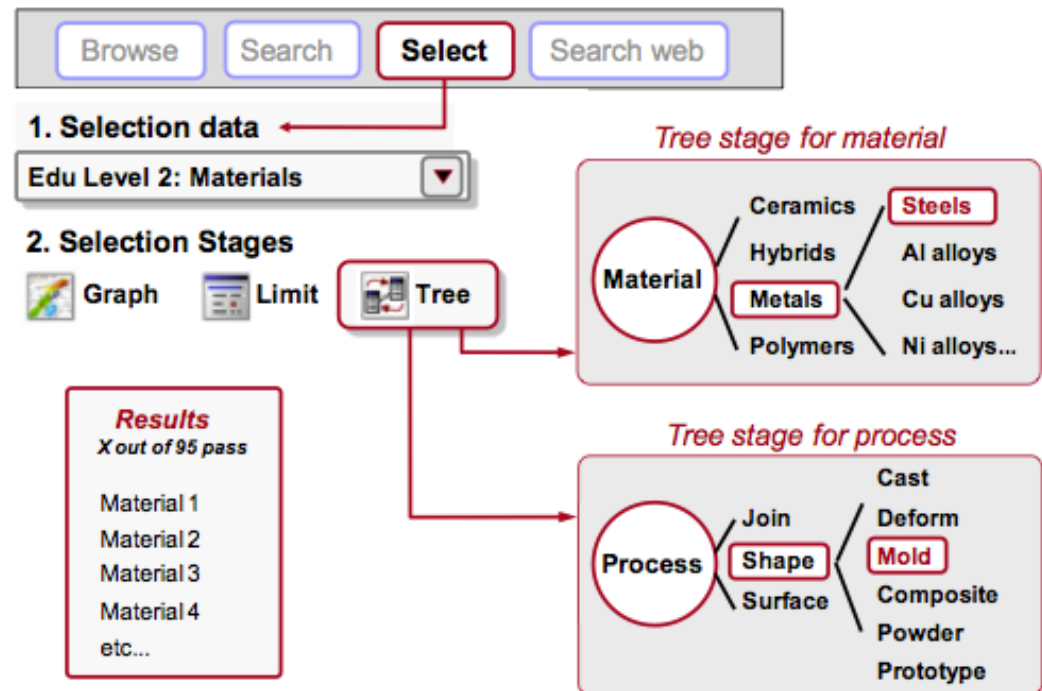
- Use a BOX SELECTION to find materials with high strength and low density
- Replace the BOX with a LINE SELECTION to find materials with high values of the “specific strength” ( $\sigma_y / \rho$ ):
  - *Click the gradient line icon, then enter slope: “1” in this case.*
  - *Click on the graph to position the line through a particular point.*
  - *Click above or below the line to select an area: above the line for high values of  $\sigma_y / \rho$  in this case.*
  - *Now click on the line and drag upwards, to refine the selection to fewer materials*
- DELETE THE STAGE



# Exercise 7:

## Selection with a TREE Stage; 1/2

- Find MATERIALS that can be MOLDED
  - In Tree Stage window, select ProcessUniverse, expand “Shaping” in the tree, select Molding, and click “Insert”, then OK
- DELETE THE STAGE



# Exercise 7:

## Selection with a TREE Stage; 2/2

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- Find PROCESSES to join STEELS
  - *First change Selection Data to select Processes: LEVEL 2, JOINING PROCESSES*
  - *Then, in Tree Stage window, select MaterialUniverse, expand “Metals and alloys” in the tree, select Ferrous, and click “Insert”, then OK*
- DELETE THE STAGE

# Exploring...

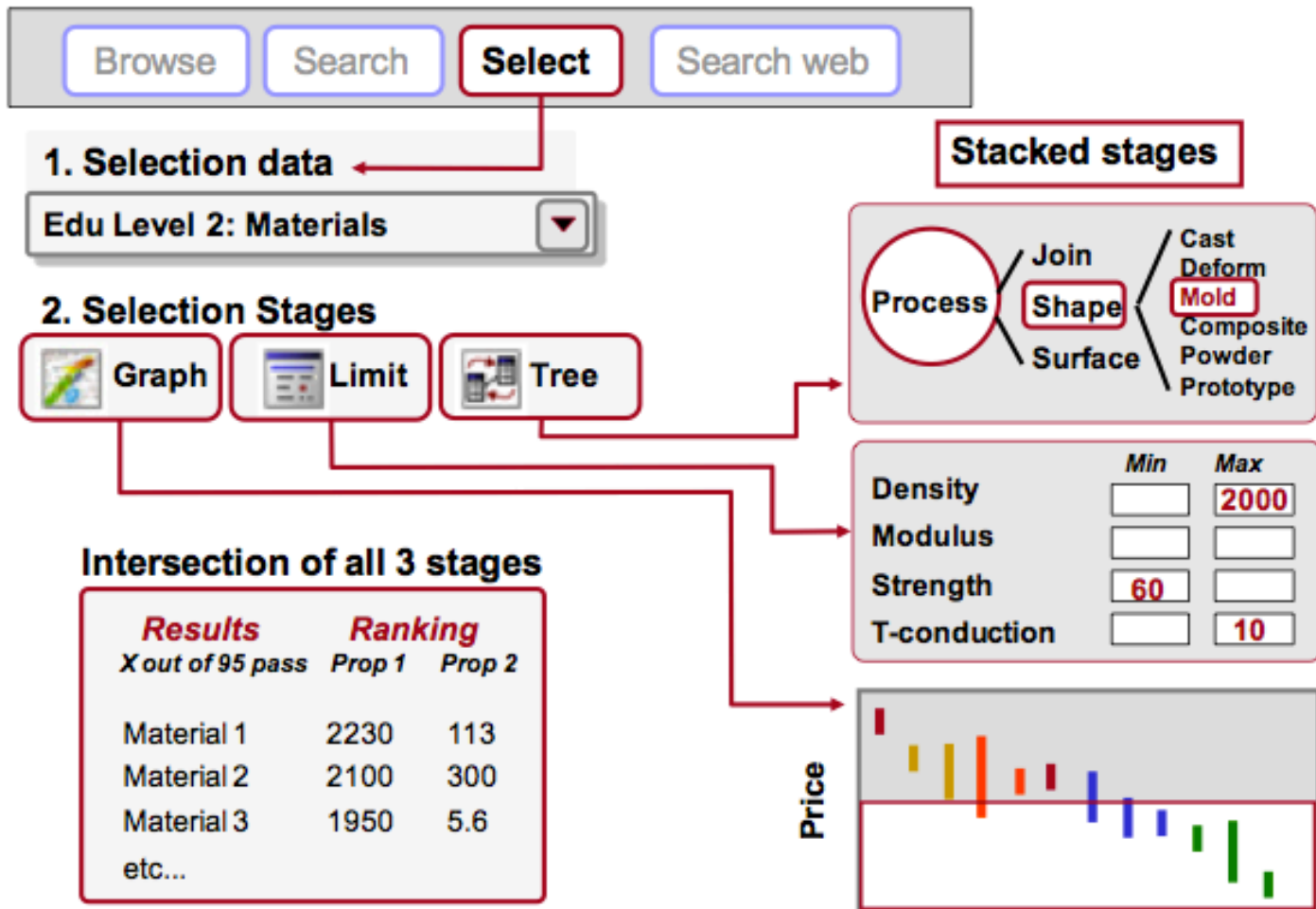
# **Exercises #3**

## **GETTING ALL TOGETHER**

*Using CES EduPack Levels 1 & 2*

# Exercise 8:

## Using ALL 3 STAGES together; 1/2





# Exercise 8:

## Using ALL 3 STAGES together; 2/2

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- Find MATERIALS with the following properties:

DENSITY < 2000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

STRENGTH (Elastic limit) > 60 Mpa

THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY < 10 W/m.° C

- *Change Selection Data to select Materials: Select LEVEL 2, MATERIALS*
- *3 entries in a Limit Stage*
- Can be MOLDED (a Tree Stage: ProcessUniverse – Shaping – Molding)
- Rank the results by PRICE (a Graph Stage: bar chart of Price)
  - *On the final Graph Stage, all materials that fail one or more stages are grayed-out; label the remaining materials, which pass all stages*
  - *The RESULTS window shows the materials that pass all the stages*

# Exercise 9:

## Selecting PROCESSES; 1/2

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Browse

Search


Select


Search web


**1. Selection data**

Edu Level 2: Processes - Shaping ▼

**2. Selection Stages**

 Graph

 Limit

 Tree

**Shape**  
Dished sheet ☒  
**Physical attributes**  
Mass 

10

12

  
Section thickness 

4

4

  
**Process characteristics**  
Primary shaping ☒

Material

Ceramics

Hybrids

Metals

Polymers

Thermoplastics

Thermosets

# Exercise 9:

## Selecting PROCESSES; 2/2

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- Find PRIMARY SHAPING PROCESSES to make a component with:

SHAPE = Dished sheet

MASS = 10–12kg

SECTION THICKNESS = 4 mm

PROCESS CHARACTERISTICS = Primary shaping process

ECONOMIC BATCH SIZE > 1000

- *Change Selection Data to select Processes: Select LEVEL 2, SHAPING PROCESSES*
- *5 entries in a Limit Stage*
- Made of a THERMOPLASTIC (a Tree Stage: MaterialUniverse – Polymers and elastomers – Polymers – Thermoplastics)

# Presenting Project Ideas

# Working with your project ideas...

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- Introduce your project ideas to others
- Upload idea as small text to MyCourses by next session...

## Next steps:

- Identification of main objective and assessment boundaries
- Identification of life phases, product-service system and stakeholders
- Inventory of components & materials

# Working with your project ideas: Next steps

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1. Identify prime objective in your design project idea
2. Define system boundaries for the assessment
3. Review stakeholders and both production system and product components
4. Perform fact-finding on stakeholders and components  
(Materials & Manufacturing; Environment; Society; Economics; Regulation; Design)

# Step 1:

## Identifying objective and boundaries

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- Identify the main objective of your design action, and how it may contribute to sustainability
- Identify the initial boundaries of your action and assessment
- *Where is your focus?*
- Use a matrix type of approach to assess product/material impacts quickly on a qualitative level
- Use e.g. META matrix (see next slide), or at least consider material & socio-cultural implications on a general level

## Example – META matrix:

Impact category	Material production	Manufacturing	Use-phase	End-life	Transport
M-Materials					
E-Energy					
T-Toxicity					
A-Socio-cultural					



## Steps 2-3:

# System and stakeholder analysis

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- Use the matrix from exercise 1 to analyze the overall life phases and involved stakeholders of the system
- What to tackle with your contribution? Iteration of the objectives...
- *Who to involve?*
- Create a simple stakeholder mapping and add it to the matrix for each phase of product-life

**THANKS!**

**Continues on Tuesday 15.1.**

(See readings online...)