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energy supply: electricity mix updates

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Overview

- countries covered
- changes and improvements implemented
- the role of certified electricity
- comparison of results
- Conclusions



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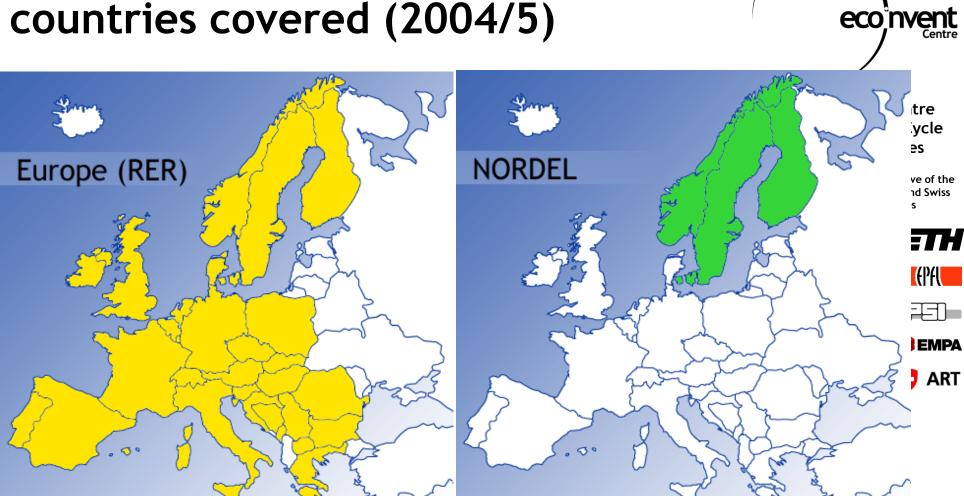








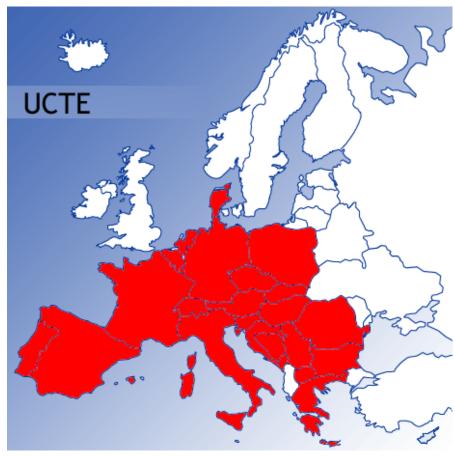
countries covered (2004/5)



including Bulgaria and Romania



countries covered (2004/5)



including CENTREL countries



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Additional countries and mixes:

- Brazil, China, Japan, USA
- Aluminium industry
- Swiss Railways



Datasets per electricity mix

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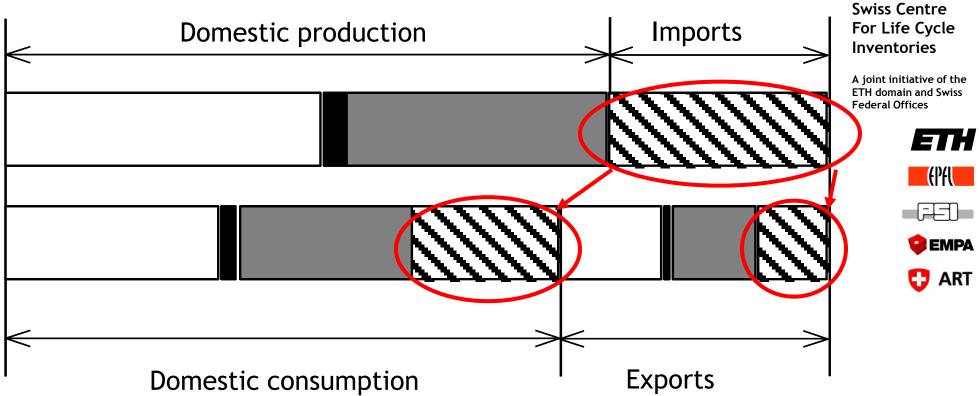




- Different voltages:
 - at the busbar
 - High voltage >24kV
 - Medium voltage 1-24kV
 - Low voltage <1kV
- Different mixes:
 - Production mix (domestic production only)
 - Supply mix (domestic production plus imports)

Electricity model





Mix domestic production plus Mix Imports = Supply mix

Power plant technologies

- Hard coal and lignite *
- Heavy fuel oil *, Diesel CHP
- Natural gas (also CHP) and Industrial gases *
- Hydroelectric power (run of river and storage)
- Pumping storage hydroelectric power *
- Nuclear power (pressurised and boiling water reactors) *
- Photovoltaic (average yield) *
- Wind power (also offshore, Baltic Sea case study)
- Biomass (Wood CHP)
- Biogas (from sewage sludge and biowaste)

* country specific



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Electricity network

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- High / medium voltage:
 SF₆-losses in Switchyards considered
- Low voltage:
 Heavy metal leachate from use phase of treated wood poles
- Country specific losses; between about 3.5% in Finland and nearly 19% in the successor states of the former Jugoslavia.

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Features of v2 modelling



- CENTREL countries (PL, HU, CS, CZ) now included in UCTE
- emission factors of CENTREL fossil power plants updated
- LNG supply of Japan modelled separately
- Greenhouse gas emissions of Brazil hydroelectric power plants:
 104 g "CO₂, land transformation" per kWh
- NEW EU 27 mix, applicable where no specific information available on
 - product provenience (production phase) or
 - product destination (use phase)
- Certified electricity production modelled separately

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Roles of certified electricity

- 12% of Swiss hydro power, and
 26% of new renewable power
 is certified and sold separately
- Swiss production mix **includes** certified electricity
- Swiss supply mix **excludes** certified electricity
- No differentiation in all other country mixes
- Separation of "green" electricity from grid supply mix gets more important in the future



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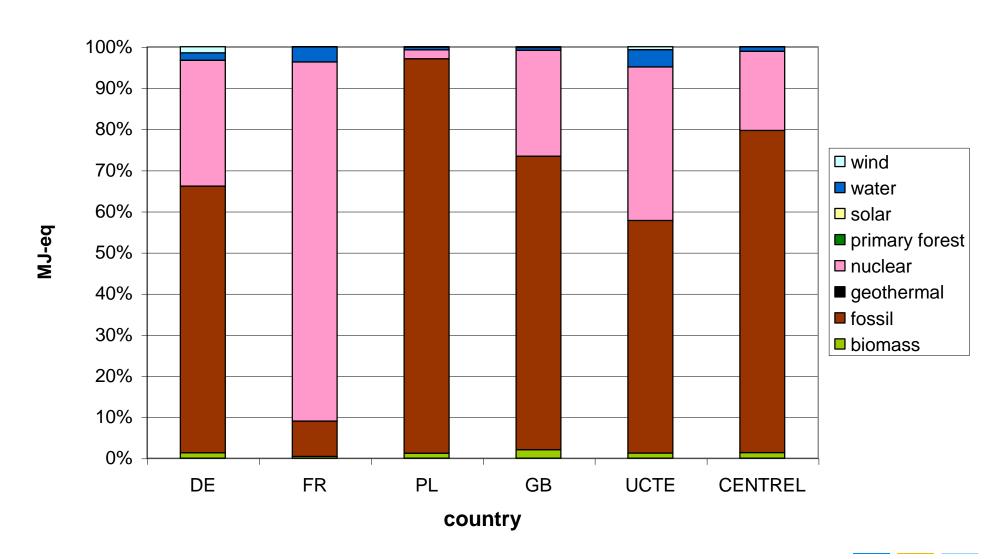






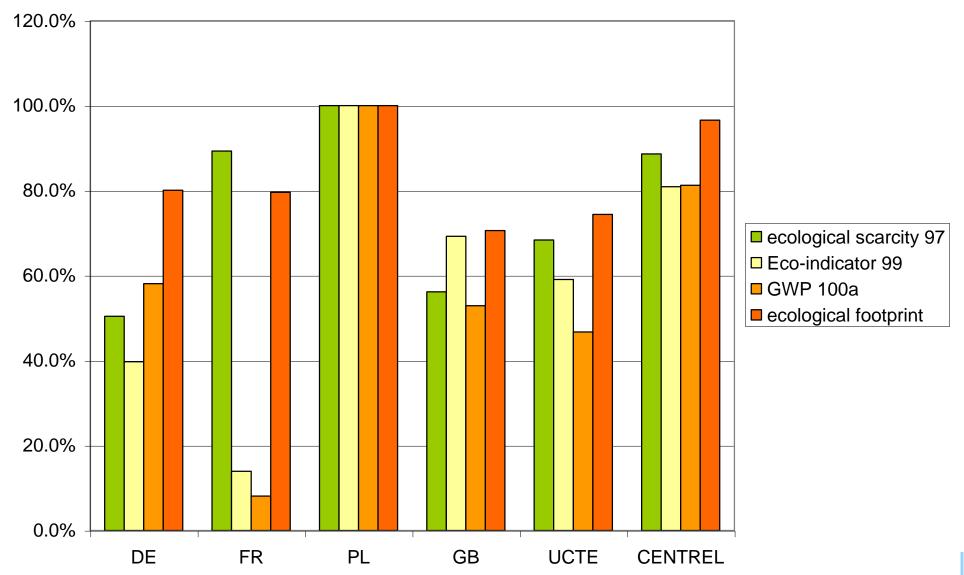


production mix, per kWhel



Comparison electricity supply mixes

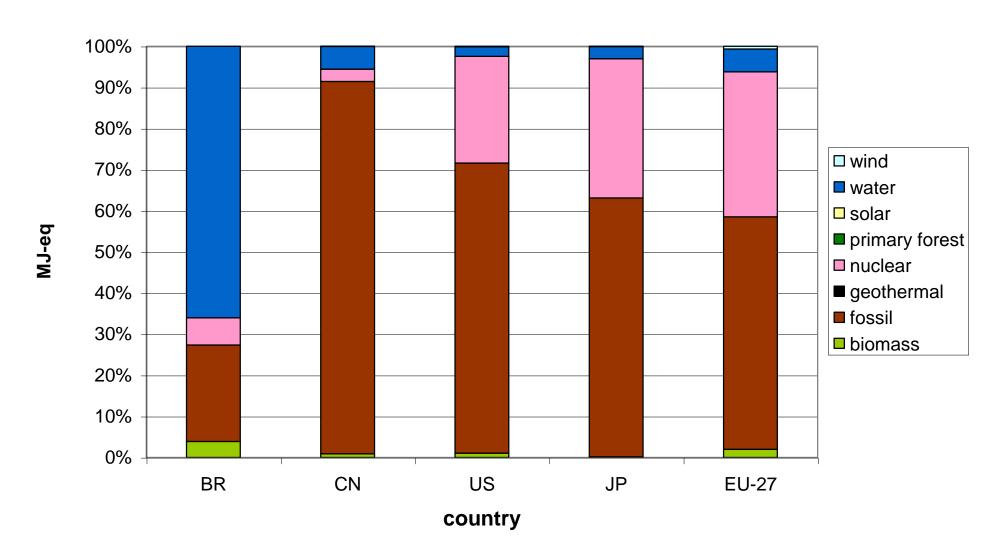






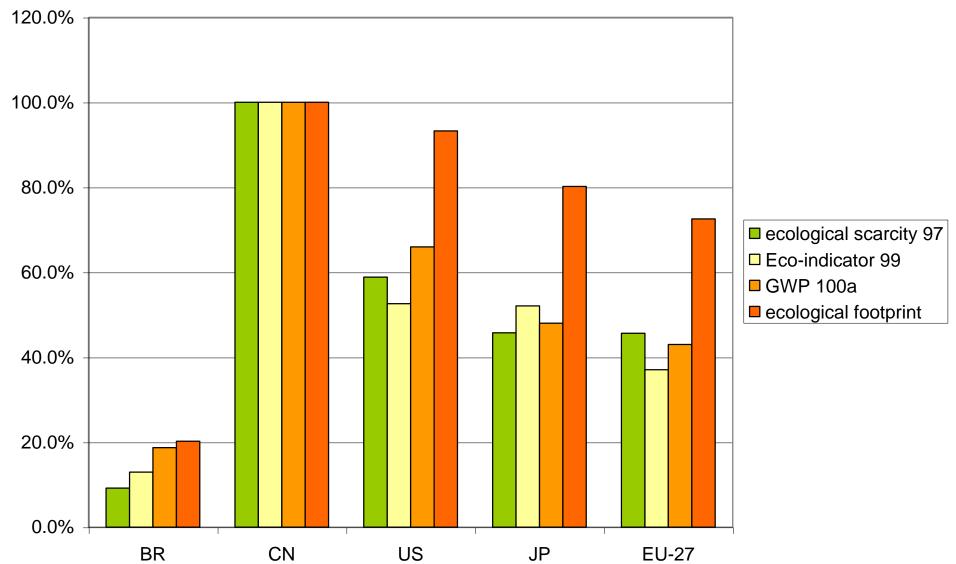


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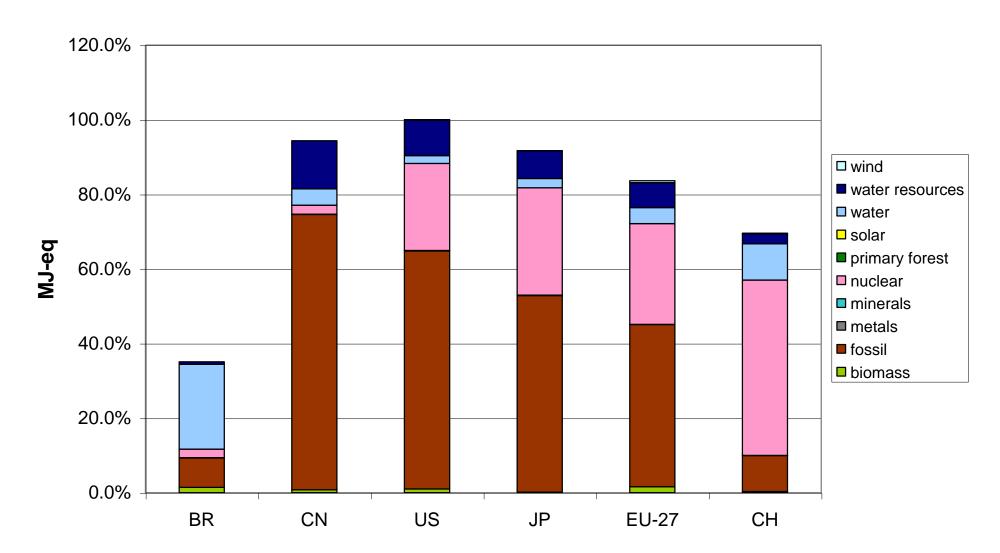




Cumulative Exergy Demand (CExD)



production mix, per kWhel



Differences LCIA-results ecoinvent v2.01 vs. v1.3



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per kWh	UBP'97	El'99 (H,A)	GWP 100
DE	-4.5%	4.2%	-2.4%
FR	0.5%	0.2%	-4.8%
PL	-18.2%	-15.6%	-1.3%
GB	-3.5%	1.2%	3.2%
UCTE	-2.9%	6.0%	9.1%
CENTREL	-16.4%	-15.3%	-4.1%

How to choose the correct dataset



- Relevant for LCAs: <u>Supply</u> mix
 - -> Data sets with name "electricity, medium voltage, at grid" NOT "electricity, medium voltage, <u>production SE</u>, at grid"
- Except for countries / networks with no electricity imports:
 - -> "production mix"
- If electricity demand anywhere in Europe:
 use the NEW EU 27 electricity mix
 "electricity, medium voltage, production RER, at grid"

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