



Lab4 - Impact assessment and interpretation in LCA: Refrigerated water cans



Step 1 - Preparation

- Download on Zenodo :
- Impact assessment method: IMPACT World +2.0.1
- Import it on OpenLCA

Reminder:

Right click on the ecoinvent database you already have — import — other — Linked Data.

Find your .zip — finish

Idem for IW+ import it in the same database



Context

During the previous labs:

- Carbon footprint of the consumption of a cooled carbonated water can in the US (Lab1)
- Carbon footprint of an **alternative scenario** in which the aluminium cans are from Quebec and China (Lab2)
- Carbon footprint with different recycling approaches (Lab3)
- → Potential environmental impacts cradle-to-grave?
- → Interpretation ?



Contexte

Table 1: Inventory results for the reference scenario (FU = Drinking 1 can of refrigerated carbonated water, aluminum UE, 100% landfill, cut-off criteria at 11%)

Substance	Unit/ FU	[quantity]
Carbon dioxide, fossil	kg	1.69e-1
Chromium VI	kg	1.46e-6
Arsenic, ion	kg	9.82e-7
Particulates, <2.5um	kg	2.60e-4
Aluminium	kg	3.04e-5
Coal, hard, unspecified, in ground	kg	3.83e-2
Gas, natural, in ground	m^3	1.31e-2
Oil, crude, in ground	kg	8.08e-3
Coal, brown, in ground	kg	3.34e-2
Uranium, in ground	kg	4.79e-7
Water	m^3	3.51e-3



Context

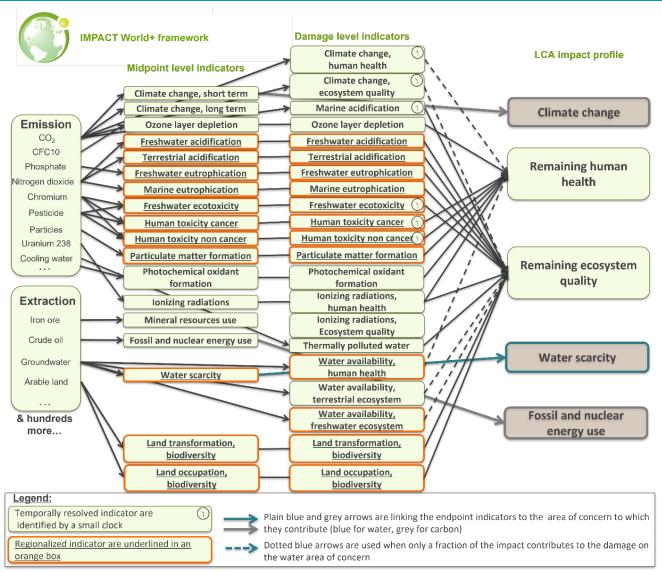




Table 3: Impact categories, indicators, and indicators' unit of the Footprint version

Impact categories	Indicators displayed and units
Carbon footprint	- Climate change, short term (in kg CO ₂ eq)
Water scarcity footprint	- Water scarcity (in m3 world-eq)
Resource depletion	- Fossil and nuclear energy use (in MJ deprived)
Rest of human health AoP (minus the contribution of climate change and water related issues)	- Rest of human health (in DALY)
Rest of ecosystem quality AoP (minus the contribution of climate change and water related issues)	- Rest of ecosystem quality (in PDF.m².yr)



Context

Table 2: Characterization factors of potential impacts (taken from IMPACT World+ method, footprint version)

Substance	Carbon footprint (kg CO2-eq)	Fossil and nuclear energy use (MJ _{deprived})	Water scarcity footprint (m3 world-eq)	Remaining human health damage (DALY)	Remaining ecosystem quality damage (PDF.m2.yr)
Carbon dioxide, fossil (/kg)	1	-	-	-	0.0165
Chromium VI (/kg)	-	-	-	1.14E-1	5.32
Arsenic, ion (/kg)	-	-	-	7.19E-2	-
Particulates, <2.5um (/kg)	-	-	-	2.60E-4	-
Aluminium (/kg)	-	-	-	-	1080
Coal, hard, unspecified, in ground (/kg)	-	19.1	-	-	-
Gas, natural, in ground (/m3)	-	40.3	-	-	-
Oil, crude, in ground (/kg)	-	45.8	-	-	-
Coal, brown, in ground (/kg)	-	9.9	-	-	-
Uranium, in ground (/kg)	-	5.6e5	-	-	-
Water (/m3)	-	-	43.0	-	-



Hand calculations

QUESTION 1



1.1 Calculate by hand:

 the impact score of at least two categories (remaining human health and fossil and nuclear energy use)

1.2 Identify the elementary flow that contributes most to the impact scores.



1.1 Impact scores:

Carbon footprint

	Name	Inventory result	Unit	CF	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit
_	Carbon dioxide, fossil	1.69E-01	kg	1.00E+00	kg CO2 eq (short)/kg	1.69E-01	kg CO2 eq (short)



1.1 Impact scores:

Fossil and nuclear energy use

Name	Inventory result	Unit	CF	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit
Coal, hard, unspecified in ground	3.83E-02	kg	1.91E+01	MJ deprived/kg	7.32E-01	MJ deprived
Gas, natural, in ground	1.31E-02	m3	4.03E+01	MJ deprived/m3	5.27E-01	MJ deprived
Oil, crude, in ground	8.08E-03	kg	4.58E+01	MJ deprived/kg	3.70E-01	MJ deprived
Coal, brown, in ground	3.35E-02	kg	9.90E+00	MJ deprived/kg	3.32E-01	MJ deprived
Uranium, in ground	4.80E-07	kg	5.60E+05	MJ deprived/kg	2.69E-01	MJ deprived

2.23 MJ deprived



1.1 Impact scores:

Remaining ecosystem quality damage

Name	Inventory result	Unit	CF	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit
Aluminium	3.04E-05	kg	1.08E+03	PDF.m2.yr/kg	3.27E-02	PDF.m2.yr
Carbon dioxide, fossil	1.69E-01	kg	1.65E-02	PDF.m2.yr/kg	2.79E-03	PDF.m2.yr
Chromium VI	1.46E-06	kg	5.32E+00	PDF.m2.yr/kg	7.77E-06	PDF.m2.yr

3.55E-02 PDF.m2.yr



1.1 Impact scores:

Remaining human health damage

Name	Inventory result	Unit	CF	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit
Chromium VI	1.46E-06	kg	1.14E-01	DALY/kg	1.67E-07	DALY
Arsenic, ion	9.82E-07	kg	7.19E-02	DALY/kg	7.06E-08	DALY
Particulates, < 2.5 um	2.57E-04	kg	2.00E-04	DALY/kg	5.14E-08	DALY

2.89E-07 DALY



1.1 Impact scores:

Water scarcity footprint

Name	Inventory result	Unit	CF	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit
				m3 world-		
Water	3.52E-03	m3	4.30E+01	eq/m3	1.51E-01	m3 world-eq



1.2 Most contributory elementary flow (fossil and nuclear energy use)

Name	Inventory result	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit	Contribution
Fossil and nuclear energy use			2.23E+00	MJ deprived	100%
Coal, hard, unspecified, in ground	3.83E-02	kg	7.31E-01	MJ deprived	33%
Gas, natural, in ground	1.31E-02	m3	5.27E-01	MJ deprived	24%
Oil, crude, in ground	8.08E-03	kg	3.70E-01	MJ deprived	17%
Coal, brown, in ground	3.35E-02	kg	3.32E-01	MJ deprived	15%
Uranium, in ground	4.80E-07	kg	2.69E-01	MJ deprived	12%



1.2 Most contributory elementary flow (remaining human health damage)

Name	Inventory result	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit	Contribution
Remaining Human health damage			2.89E-07	DALY	100%
Chromium VI	1.46E-06	kg	1.67E-07	DALY	58%
Arsenic, ion	9.82E-07	kg	7.06E-08	DALY	24%
Particulates, < 2.5 um	2.57E-04	kg	5.14E-08	DALY	18%



1.2 Most contributory elementary flow (remaining ecosystem quality damage)

Name	Inventory result	Unit	Impact assessment result	Unit	Contribution
Remaining Ecosystem quality damage			3.55E-02	PDF.m2.yr	100.00%
Aluminium	3.04E-05	kg	3.27E-02	PDF.m2.yr	92.13%
Carbon dioxide, fossil	1.69E-01	kg	2.79E-03	PDF.m2.yr	8.52%
Chromium VI	1.46E-06	kg	7.77E-06	PDF.m2.yr	0.28%



Impact assessment in openLCA

QUESTION 2

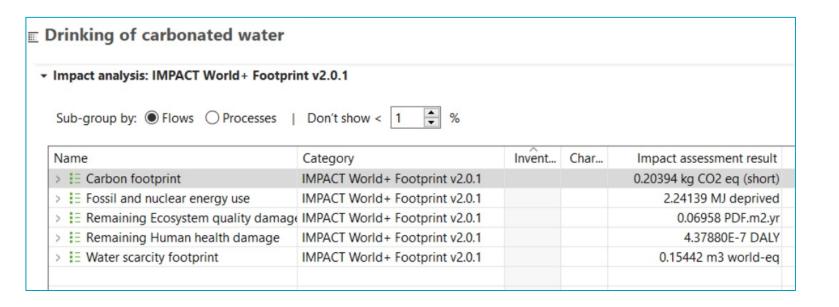


2 With openLCA

- **2.1** Compute the complete scores of the impact profile (i.e., the 5 categories of the footprint version of IMPACT World+) for the same reference product system based on the functional unit
- **2.2** Compare the results to the ones you obtained by hand. How do you explain the gap between those results?

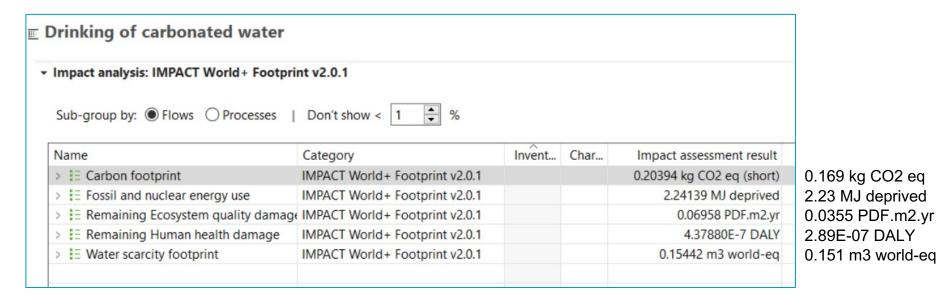


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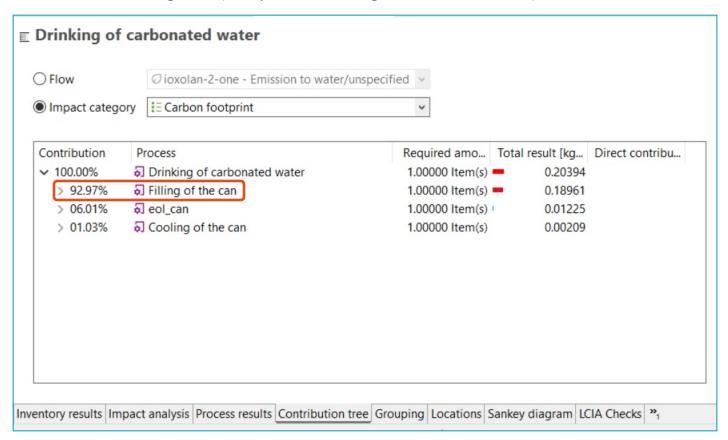


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- At the first modelling level (unit process feeding the reference flows)?
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- **3.2 Contribution analysis per elementary flow** to the 5 impact categories of the reference scenario.
- Which are the most contributing elementary flows to the HH and EQ areas of protection?
- Which are the most contributing elementary flows to climate change?
- Are the results on the environmental performance of the impact profile indicators consistent with the results obtained by hand?

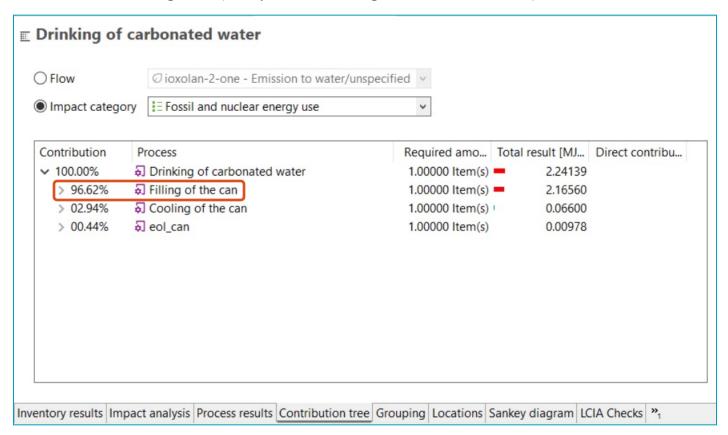


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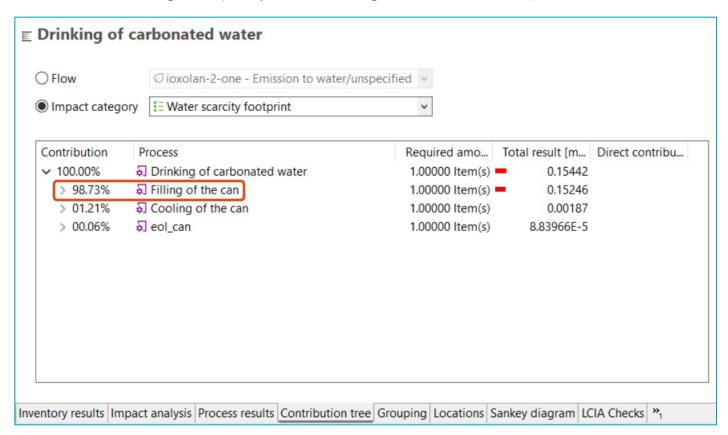


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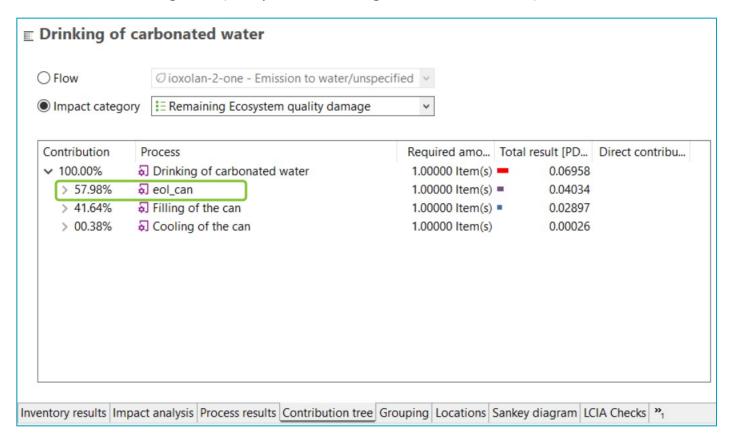


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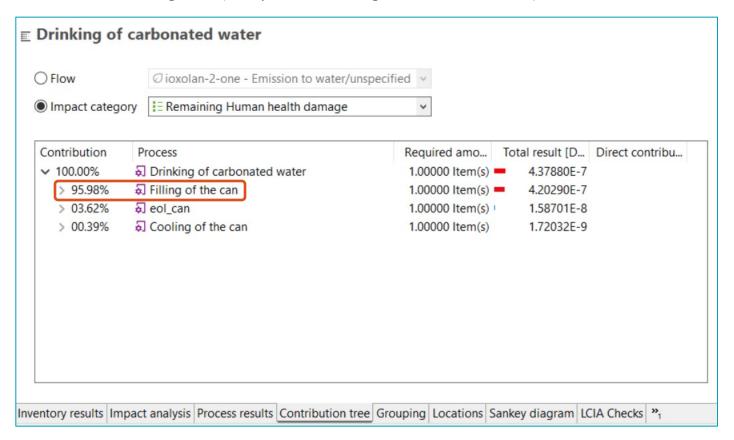


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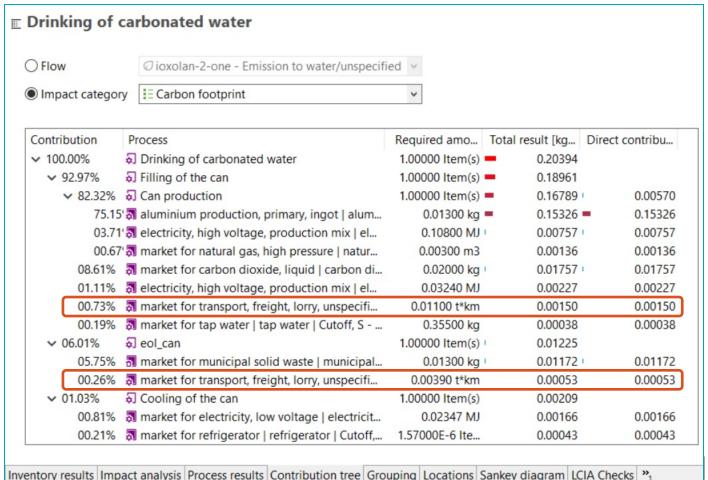
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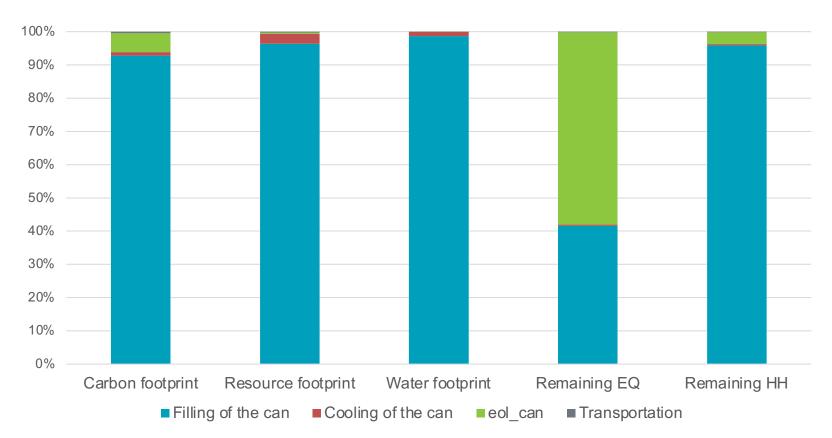
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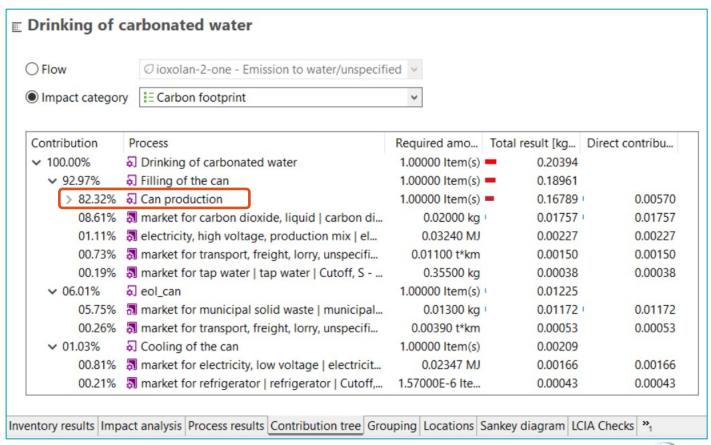


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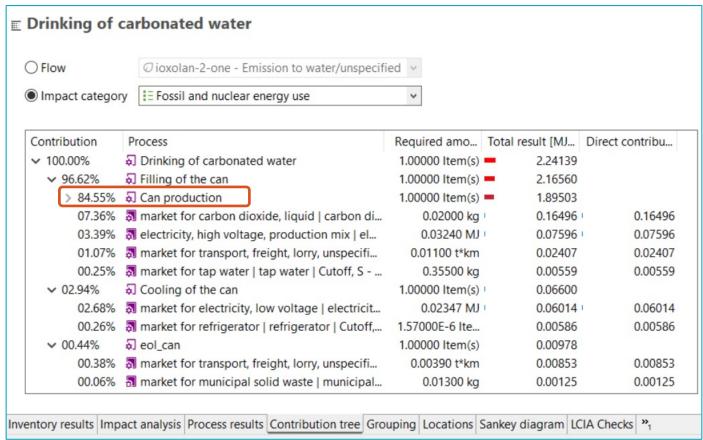


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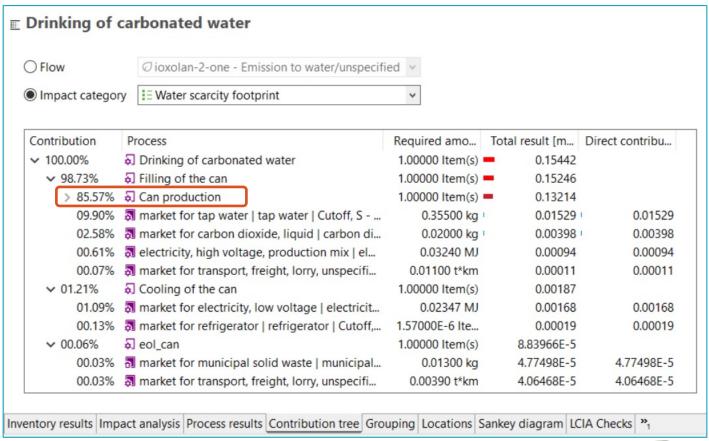


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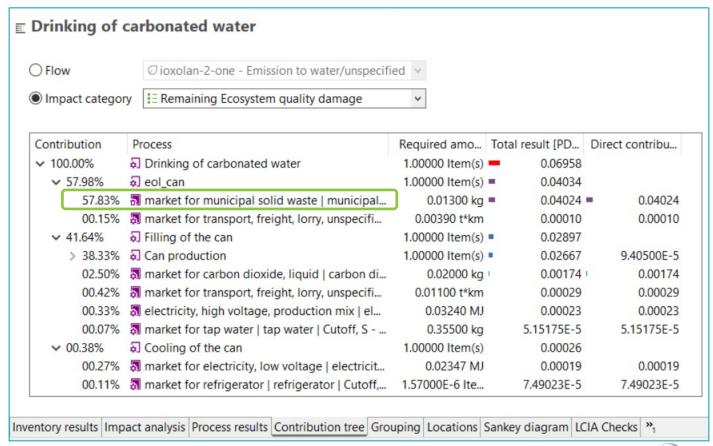


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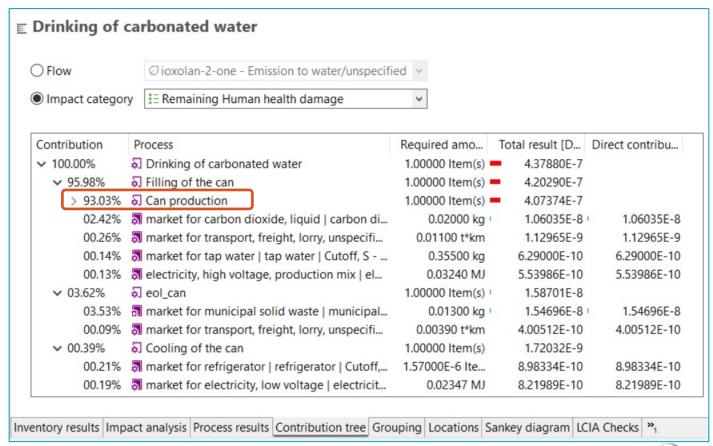


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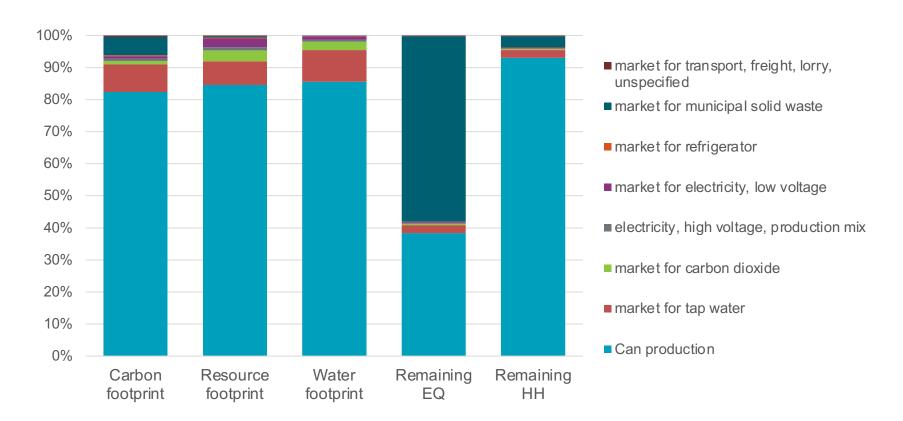


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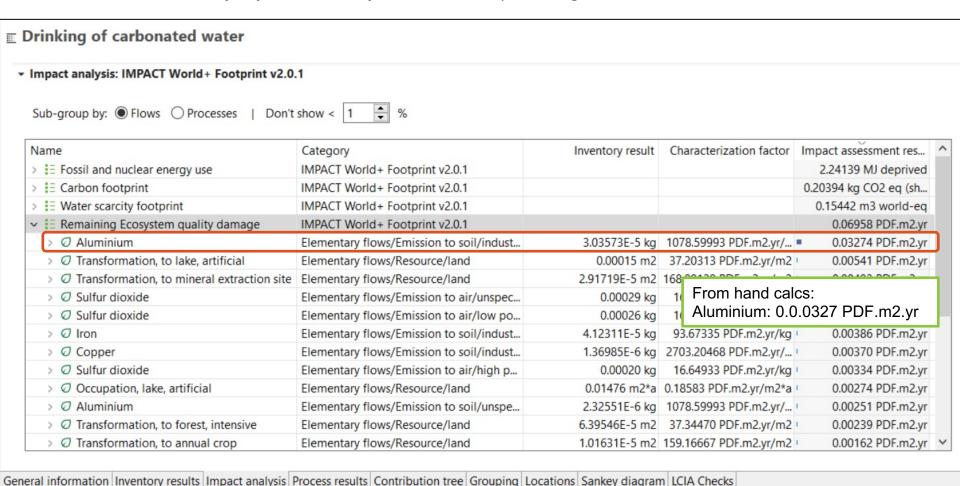
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> 🗸 Water, turbine use, unspecified natural orig	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	2.12812 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	91.41045 m3 world
> Ø Water, cooling, unspecified natural origin	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	0.00639 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	 0.27455 m3 world-ed
> Ø Water, river	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	0.00078 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	0.03341 m3 world-ed
Water, well, in ground	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	0.00046 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	0.01002 m2 world or
> 🗸 Water, unspecified natural origin	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	0.00031 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	Sum = 0.151
> Ø Water, lake	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	8.04638E-5 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	0.00346 m3 world-ed
> Ø Water	Elementary flows/Emission to water/surf	0.00032 m3	-42.95353 m3 world-e	-0.01361 m3 world-ed
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General information Inventory results Impact analysis Process results Contribution tree Grouping Locations Sankey diagram LCIA Checks

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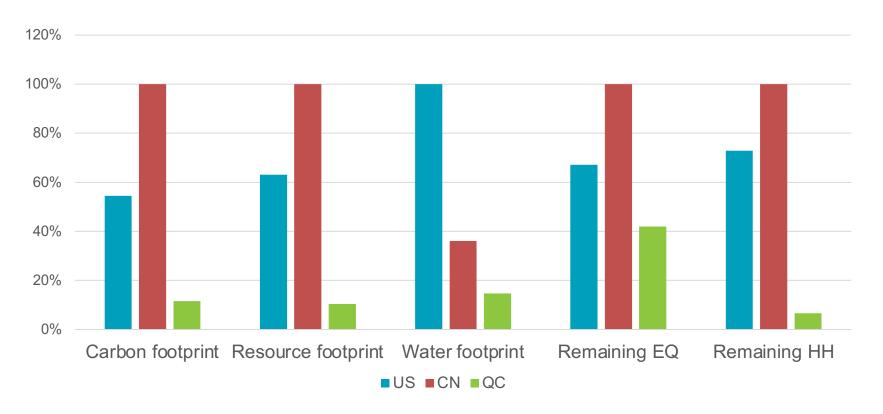
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- **4** We want to compare the impact profiles of three aluminum can scenarios (produced in the US, in China and in Québec) by applying the footprint profile of the IMPACT World+ method. To be done via Excel graphs:
- a) Represent the results of the comparison with a figure presenting the impact profile via an internal normalization (100% being the scenario with the highest impact score per category).
- b) Propose a contribution analysis per process at the first level (i.e., feeding reference flows) and second level (i.e., feeding upstream intermediary flows) on the same graph.
- c) For elementary processes being important contributors, identify the main elementary flows.

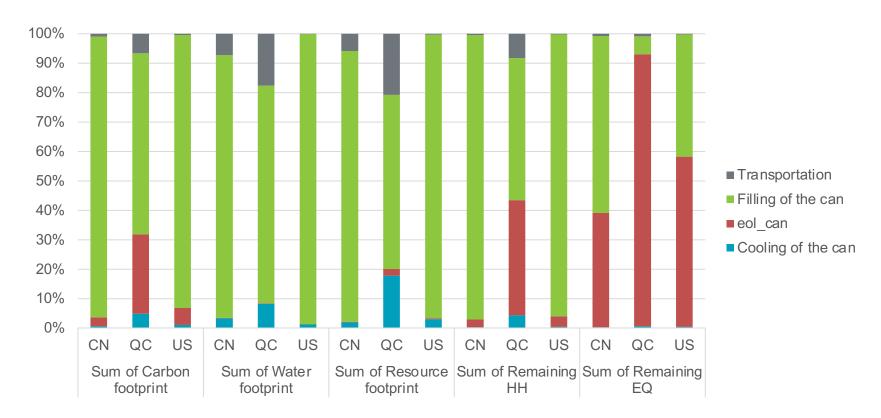


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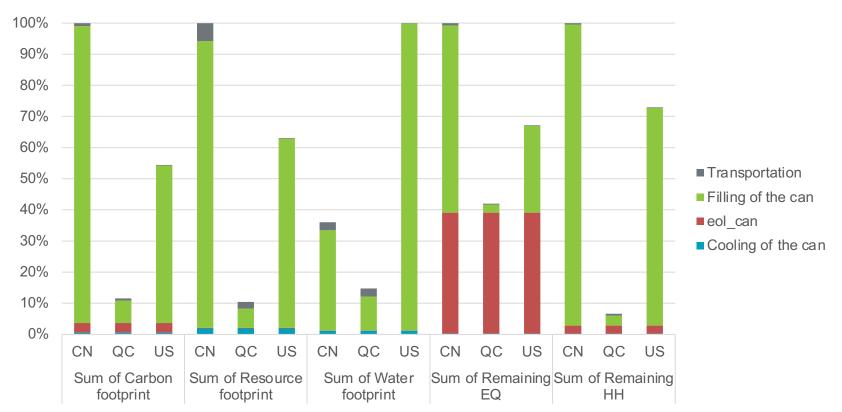


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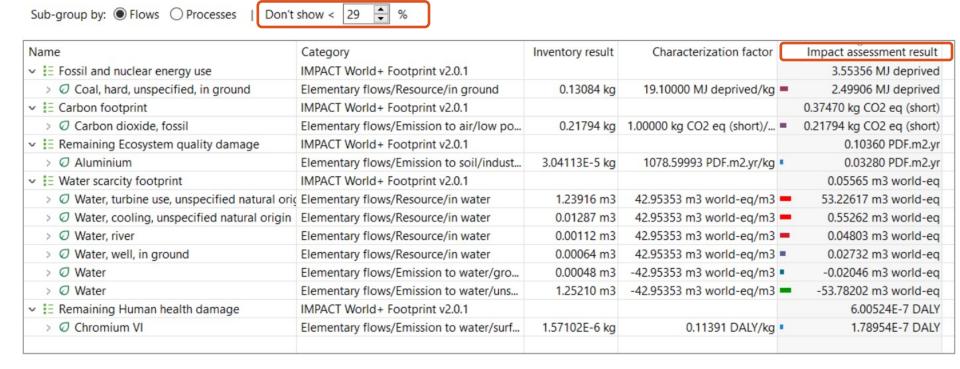




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Sub-group by: ● Flows ○ Processes | Don't show < 29 🕏 %

Name	Category	Inventory result	Characterization factor	mpact assessment res
▼ E Fossil and nuclear energy use	IMPACT World+ Footprint v2.0.1			1.39630 MJ deprived
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> Ø Water, cooling, unspecified natural origin	Elementary flows/Resource/in water	0.00332 m3	42.95353 m3 world-eq	0.14241 m3 world-eq
> Ø Water	Elementary flows/Emission to water/uns	1.94665 m3	-42.95353 m3 world-e	-83.61534 m3 world
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> O Carbon dioxide, fossil	Elementary flows/Emission to air/high p	0.04234 kg	1.00000 kg CO2 eq (sh	0.04234 kg CO2 eq (
▼ IE Remaining Ecosystem quality damage	IMPACT World+ Footprint v2.0.1			0.06878 PDF.m2.yr
> O Aluminium	Elementary flows/Emission to soil/indust	3.03302E-5 kg	1078.59993 PDF.m2.yr/ =	0.03271 PDF.m2.yr
E Remaining Human health damage	IMPACT World+ Footprint v2.0.1			3.77843E-7 DALY
> O Chromium VI	Elementary flows/Emission to water/surf	1.45844E-6 kg	0.11391 DALY/kg =	1.66131E-7 DALY

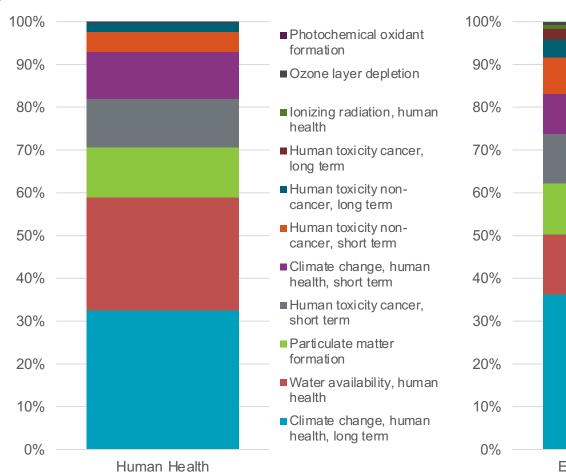
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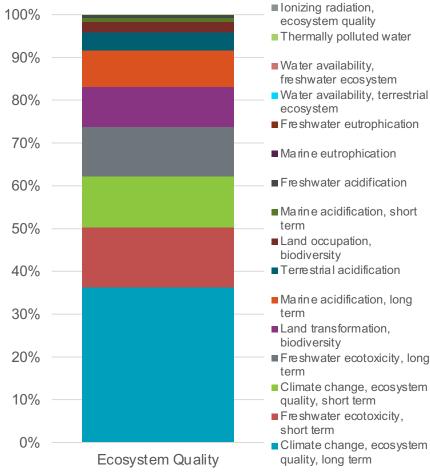
Compute the scores to damage of the expert version of IMPACT World+ for the same reference product system with OpenLCA.

Which environmental problem is contributing the more to the total HH and EQ, respectively? What is the link that we can establish with the elementary flow contribution analysis?



5.1 Analyze the contribution per environmental problem to the areas of protection HH and EQ.







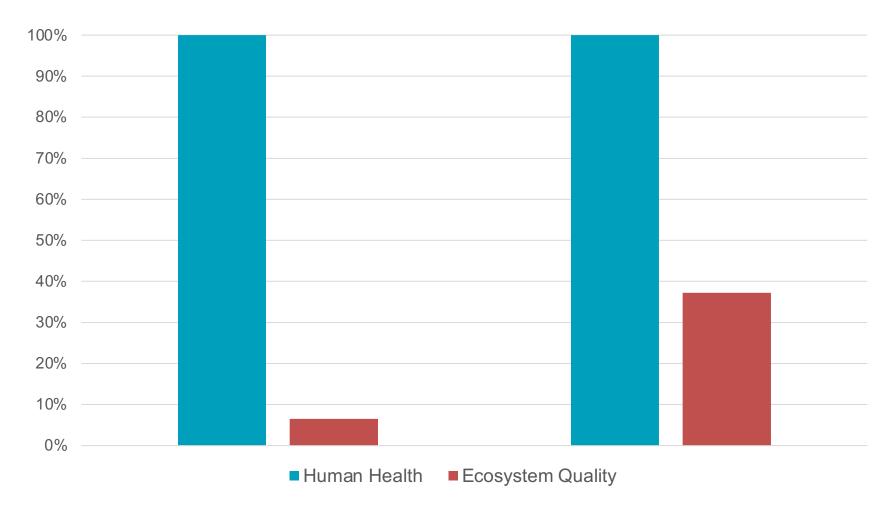
5.2) Compute the normalized impact scores for the HH and EQ categories. How to interpret the units of the normalized scores? Can we add up the normalized scores (environmental impact points) obtained for HH and EQ? If yes, in which conditions?

- **5.3)** Compute a unique score with:
 - 1. an explicit egalitarian weighting of normalized impact scores to the areas of protection (i.e., HH, EQ)
 - 2. the monetary weighting factors proposed by IMPACT World+:
 - HH = 74000€/DALY,
 - EQ = 0.14€/PDF_m2_yr

How to interpret the results from these two weighting approaches?



5.2 & 5.3 Compute normalized impact scores





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*Note: the exercise only asks you to compute the normalized scores for the reference (US) system. This is only shown here to show how simplified our comparison becomes when we apply normalization

