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# My most relevant LCI projects for oil and gas extraction

- Ökoinventare von Energiesystemen (1994, 1996)
- LCA of kerosene and LPG in India (1994-1996)
- Erdöl und Erdgas (ecoinvent 2000, 2003 und 2007)
- LCI oil products (BAFU, BFE, Erdölvereinigung, 2018)
- LCI oil and gas supply (BAFU & VSG, 2021)
- LCI oil and gas (ecoinvent v3.9.1, 2022 and v3.10, ongoing)

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# First comprehensive LCI in 1994-96: Ökoinventare von Energiesystemen LCA of LPG and kerosene in India

- Estimates partly based on bottom-up approaches
- Data available from measurements done e.g. at universities
- Comprehensive inventory of pollutants, e.g. detailed emission profiles for single NMVOC
- Literature sources in printed format
- Direct contacts e.g. to oil extracting companies and refineries
- No electronic documentation, only numbers

# Updates 2000-2003: ecoinvent v1 and v2

- Some data are available in environmental reports of single companies
- Focus on energy use and main pollutants
- No newer data for many pollutants reported in the first version
- Different data sources with different scopes had to be combined for an estimate
- EcoSpold v1 for electronic documentation



# Updates in 2016-21: UVEK/KBOB/ESU databases

- Most information available on the internet
- Data available from global statistics, large measurement campaigns or industry associations
- More information found for European situation and less for Africa, Russia or Middle East
- Reports of global oil companies cannot be assigned to single countries nor single stages
  often only relative changes are shown → Not suitable for LCI work anymore
- Focus on literature on main air pollutants like  $NO_X$ , SOx, NMOVC, CO
- No current information found for specific pollutants reported in former versions (heavy metals, single NMVOC, water pollutants)

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# Archetype models for LCI based on global statistics

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⊿ B	F	G	J K	L	P	Q	R	V	W	X	AB	AC	AD	AE
US_ obs	Name	Location	InfrastructureProcess Unit	combined gas and oil production offshore	crude oil, at production offshore	natural gas, at production offshore	combined gas and oil production onshore	crude oil, at production onshore	natural gas, at production onshore	combined gas and oil production	d gas and oil productio n offshore		Data for this scenario	Explanation for Data entry
4	Location			US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	US_obs	
5	InfrastructureProcess			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2016_obsolet	
6	Unit			а	kg	Nm3	а	ka	Nm3	а	ka OE	kg OE	kg OE	
resources, in	Oil, crude	-	- kg	1.02E+11			4.54E+11	100%		5.56E+11			5.56E+11	kg crude oil extracted per country and year (total kg on- and offshore per year)
15	Oil, crude	-	- kg	9.36E+6	100%		4.16E+7	100%		5.09E+7	4.29E-5	4.29E-5	4.29E-05	Value calculated based on entries below.
16	Gas, natural/m3	-	- Nm	3 1.38E+11		100%	6.12E+11		100%	7.50E+11			7.50E+11	Billion cubic meters natural gas extracted per country and year (total m3 on- and c
17 water resource	Water, unspecified natural origin,	GLO	- m3	0	100%	0%	1.63E+8	100%	0%	1.63E+8		3.60E-4	3.60E-04	Fresh water withdrawn for enhanced oil recovery
18	Water, salt, ocean	GLO	- m3	3.68E+7	100%	0%	0	100%	0%	3.68E+7	3.60E-4		3.60E-04	salt water use for offshore production assumed to be the same as freshwater use onshore
19	Water, fossil	GLO	- m3	9.60E+07	100%	0%	2.64E+08	100%	0%	3.60E+08	9.40E-4	5.81E-4	3.60E-04	Line stays empty (used to balance water input and output)
	Water, US_obs	-	- m3		100%	0%	4.27E+8	100%	0%	4.27E+8		9.41E-4	9.41E-01	assumed to be equal to produced water discharged
21	Water, US_obs	-	- m3		100%	0%	0	100%	0%	1.33E+8	1.30E-3		1.30E+00	assumed to be equal to produced water discharged
22	Water, US_obs	-	- m3	0 1.33E+11	100%	0%	0	100% 100%	0%	0 1.33E+11	0	0	0.00E+00	Line stays empty (used to balance water input and output)
23	discharge, produced water, offshore discharge, produced water, onshore		<ol> <li>kg</li> <li>kg</li> </ol>	1.33E+11 0	100% 100%	0% 0%	4.27E+11	100%	0% 0%	1.33E+11 4.27E+11	1.30E+0	9.41E-1	1.30E+00 9.41E-01	Amount of untreated, produced water discharged offshore per kg OE produced off Amount of untreated, produced water discharged onshore per kg OE produced or
25 technosphere	chemicals inorganic, at plant		0 kg	1.21E+8	47%	53%	5.36E+8	47%	53%	6.56E+8	5.53E-4		5.53E-04	Inorganic chemicals used for enhanced oil recovery
26	chemicals organic, at plant		0 kg	9.19E+7	47%	53%	4.09E+8	47%	53%	5.01E+8	4.22E-4		4.22E-04	Organic chemicals used for enhanced oil recovery
27	transport, lorry >16t, fleet average		0 tkm		47%	53%	8.18E+8	47%	53%	1.00E+9	8.45E-4		8.45E-04	Distance for chemical transport by lorry (km) multiplied by sum of chemicals (kg).
28	transport, freight, rail	RER	0 tkm	1.27E+8	47%	53%	5.66E+8	47%	53%	6.94E+8	5.85E-4	5.85E-4	5.85E-04	Distance for chemical transport by rail (km) multiplied by sum of chemicals (kg) $I^{\prime}$
29 Infrastructure	well for exploration and production, offshore	OCE	1 m	8.07E+5	47%	53%	0	0%	0%	8.07E+5	3.70E-6		3.70E-06	Average meter of well to produce one kg of oil equivalent
30	well for exploration and production, onshore	GLO	1 m	0	0%	0%	1.03E+8	47%	53%	1.03E+8		1.06E-4	1.06E-04	Average meter of well to produce one kg of oil equivalent
oil oil	pipeline, crude oil, offshore	OCE	1 km	0	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00E+00	length of Pipeline to production plant, offshore per kg oil equivalent extracted
32	pipeline, crude oil, onshore	RER	1 km	0	0	0	4.25E+3	100%	0	4.25E+3	0	6.95E-9	6.95E-09	length of Pipeline to production plant, onshore per kg oil equivalent extracted

> Excel models for extraction and transports facilitate data exchange in different formats

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# Updates in 2022-23: ecoinvent database

- Global annual statistics (BP, IOGP, Worldbank, IEA)
- Satellite measurements for CH<sub>4</sub> (IEA methane tracker)
- Focused research on water balance (based on IOGP data)
- Established automatized models for transports of oil and gas
- High efforts for electronic documentation

> Scope of data sources changes annually and needs manual refinement of models

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### **Publication**

- Life cycle inventory analysis (LCI and not a full LCA)
- All reports are available on <a href="http://esu-services.ch/data/public-lci-reports/">http://esu-services.ch/data/public-lci-reports/</a>
- Full SimaPro library including updates for refinery based on UVEK 2018 with latest updates offered by ESU-services

http://www.esu-services.ch/fileadmin/download/tender/ESU-background-databases.pdf

• Integration in ecoinvent since v3.9 (only extraction and mixes)

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# Summary

- Full methane emissions need to be accounted for all products from oil and gas
- Industry measurements do not show the full methane picture
- Changes mainly relevant for cradle-to-gate analysis (plastics, chemicals)
- Changes are relevant for relative comparisons between fossilbased products with biobased and other alternative products
- Regular updates of mixes and methane emissions necessary

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# Outlook/Suggestion

- Huge changes due to Russian war on mixes, flaring and fugitive emissions expected
- Regular updates of oil/gas mixes, e.g. every 2-3 years and/or usage of 5-year average data
- Link PlasticsEurope and other industry data to up-to-date LCI
- Include future emissions due to abandoned oil and gas fields
- Harmonize and update data for coal (ongoing at PSI)
   (effect seems to be of low relevance)

> Ask us for extended LCI models for missing countries and/or products

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