Life Cycle Assessment with focus on the automotive industry

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Towards the fundamental question...



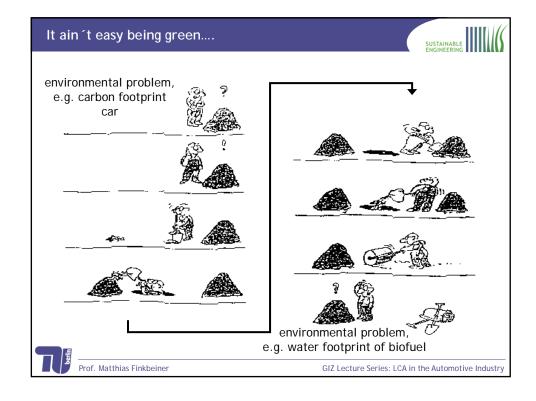
- We all agree that we want to protect the environment!
- We all agree that sustainable development is the way to go!

"Our world has enough for each person's need, but not for his greed."

Mahatma Gandhi



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The fundamental questions



- How can we measure what is green (environmentally preferable)?
- How can we measure what is blue (more sustainable)?
- → for products
- → for processes
- → for organisations
- → for nations
- If we know the green and blue, how can we make it happen?



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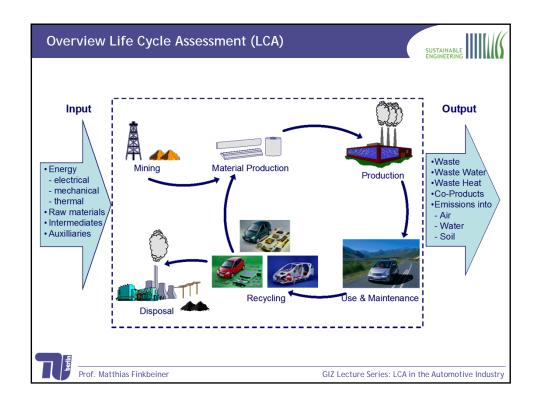
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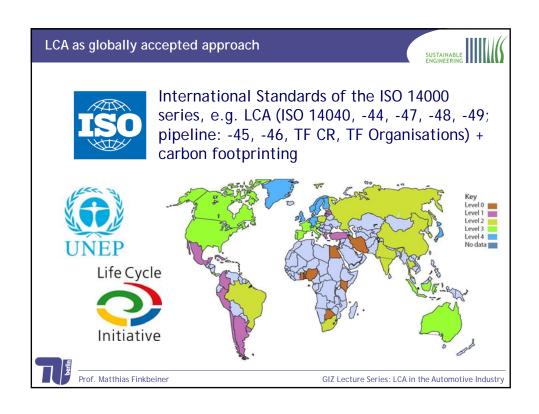


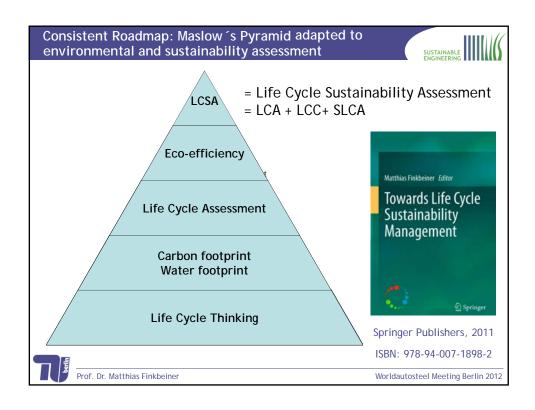
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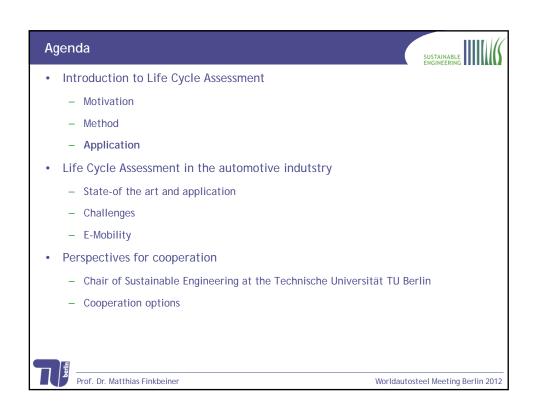


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Applications of LCA



- products
- technical processes
- organizations

Product(s) Process(es)	existing	new
one	hot spot	design
	analysis	optimisation
	(optimisation)	
more than one	choice	design
with the same	optimisation	optimisation
function		choice



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Lesson learnt: there is no one size fits all LCA



In the past:

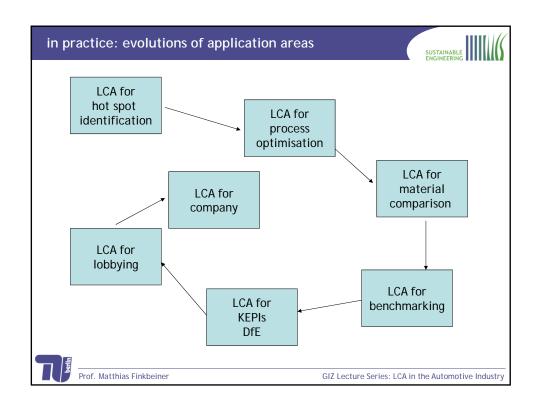
- "Whatever the problem is, LCA is gonna fix it."
- One big, costly LCA to be used for everything, i.e. comparison, optimisation, communication, etc.
- Often no clear result and disappointment, "it depends"

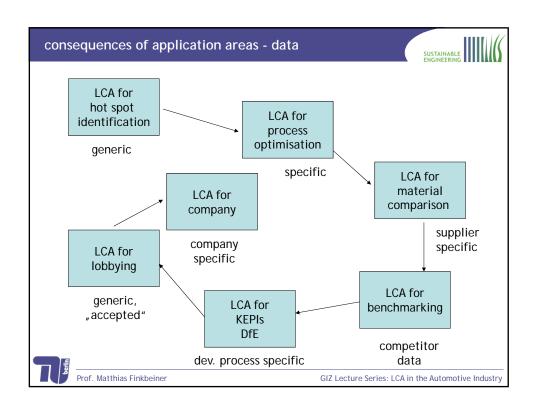
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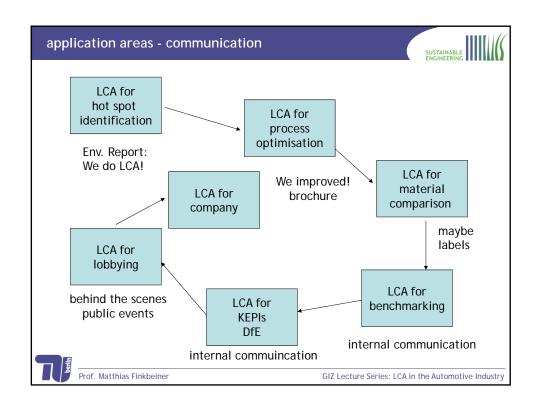
- Goal and application dependant LCAs
- The better defined the question to answer is, the better the LCA result.
- LCA is not a "religion" (good or bad?), it is a tool (useful or not useful?).



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LCA-based legislation: example RED - Directive (I)



DIRECTIVE 2009/28/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 23 April 2009

on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC

Article 17

Sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioliquids

2. The greenhouse gas emission saving from the use of biofuels and bioliquids taken into account for the purposes referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 shall be at least 35 %.

With effect from 1 January 2017, the greenhouse gas emission saving from the use of biofuels and bioliquids taken into account for the purposes referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of paragraph 1 shall be at least 50 %. From 1 January 2018 that greenhouse gas emission saving shall be at least 60 % for biofuels and bioliquids produced in installations in which production started on or after 1 January 2017.

Article 19

Calculation of the greenhouse gas impact of biofuels and bioliquids



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LCA-based legislation: example RED - Directive (II)



C. Methodology

Greenhouse gas emissions from the production and use of transport fuels, biofuels and bioliquids shall be calculated as:

$$E = e_{ec} + e_l + e_p + e_{td} + e_u - e_{sca} - e_{ccs} - e_{ccr} - e_{ee},$$

where

E = total emissions from the use of the fuel;

 e_{ec} = emissions from the extraction or cultivation of raw materials;

e₁ = annualised emissions from carbon stock changes caused by land-use change;

 e_p = emissions from processing;

 e_{td} = emissions from transport and distribution;

 e_u = emissions from the fuel in use;

 e_{sca} = emission saving from soil carbon accumulation via improved agricultural management;

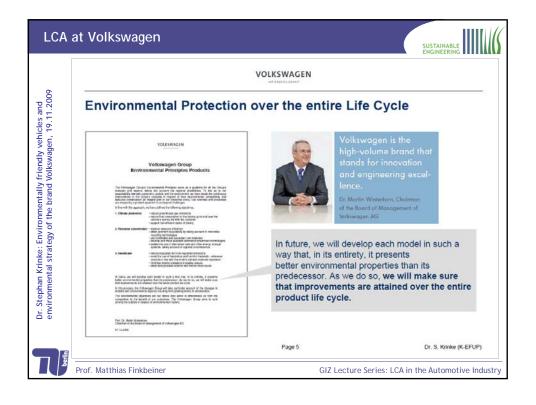
 e_{ccs} = emission saving from carbon capture and geological storage;

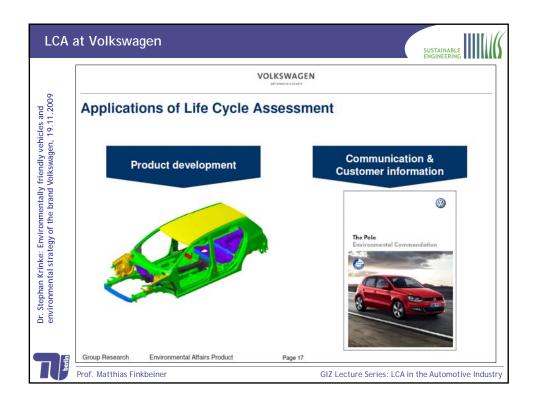
 e_{cr} = emission saving from carbon capture and replacement; and

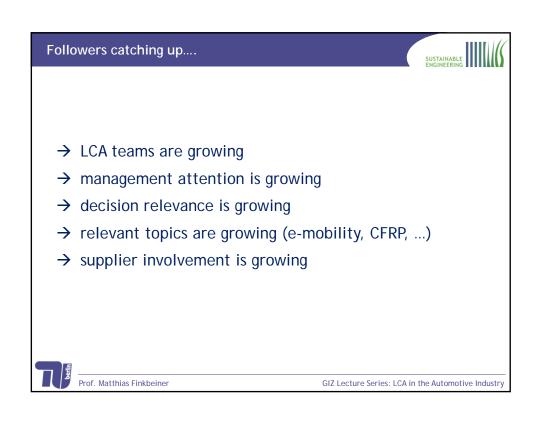
 e_{ee} = emission saving from excess electricity from cogeneration.



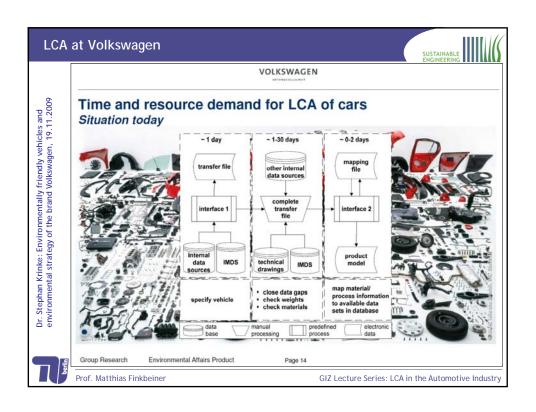
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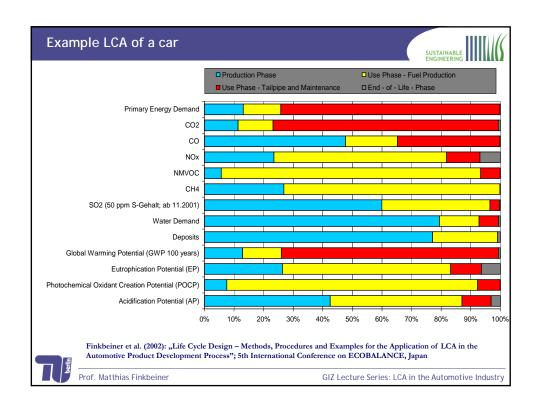


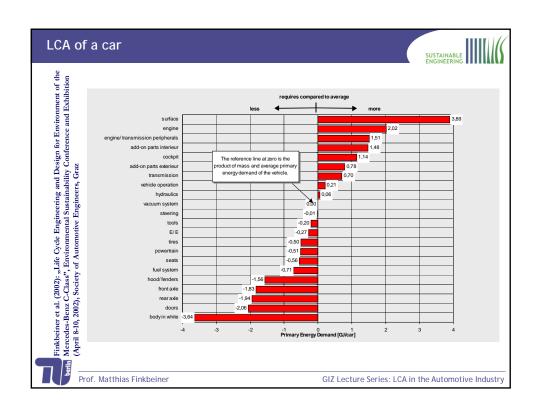
LCA of a car

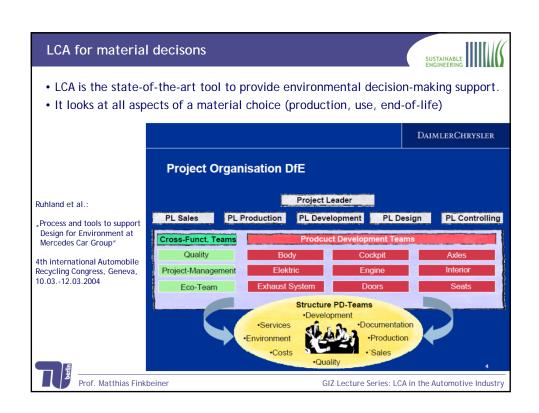


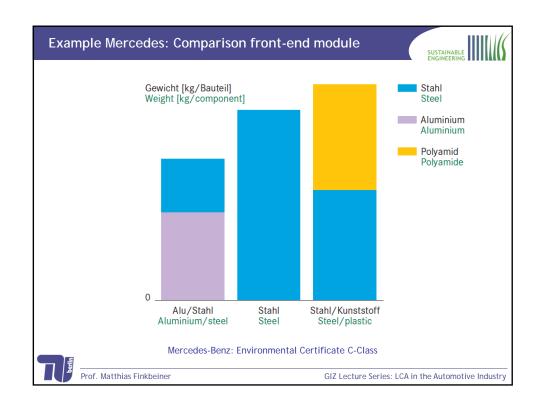
- > 40.000 unit processes
- > 2000 inputs and outputs
- · customized software and databases
- Finkbeiner et al. (2003): "Data Collection Format for Life Cycle Assessment of the German Association of the Automotive Industry"; Int. J. of Life Cycle Assessment (6) 379 - 381

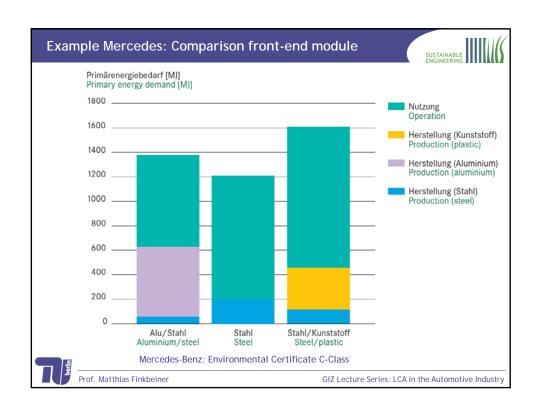
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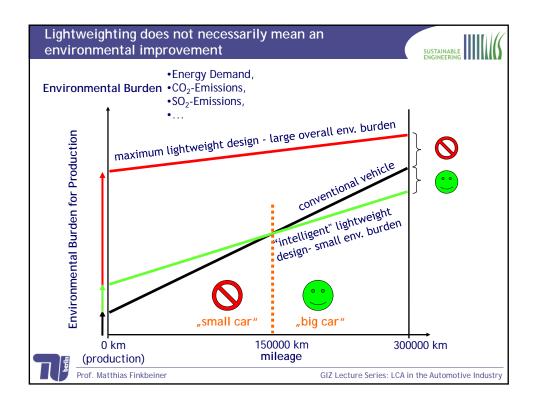


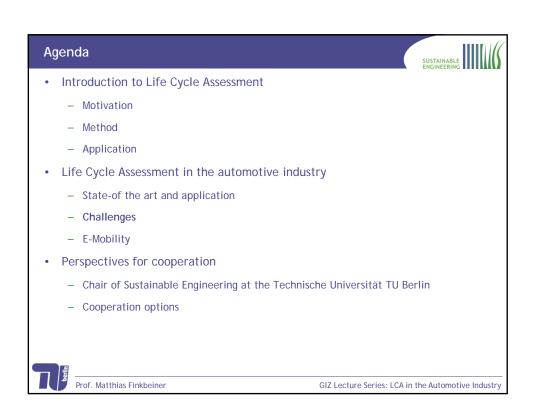












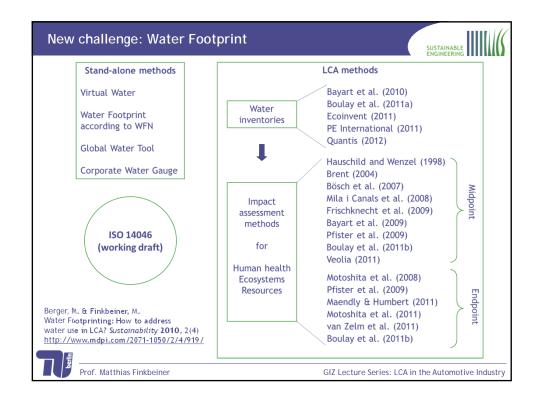
Sophistication and method refinement in classical areas of automotive parts LCAs...

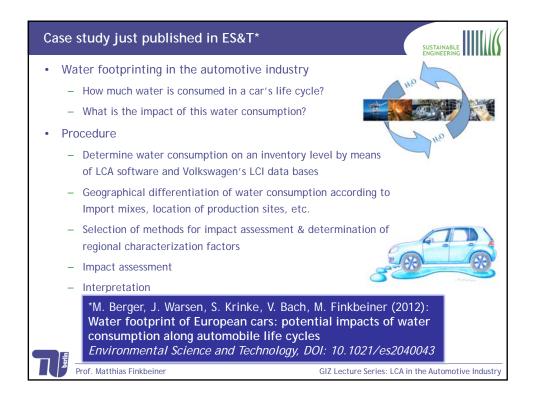


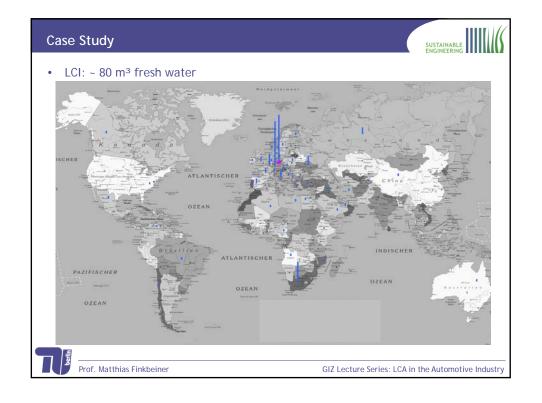
- How to model EoL-phase? (recycled content vs. EoL-recycling or new approaches)
- How to model use phase?
 - FRVs?
 - non-fuel derived emissions?
- How to model energy supply?
 - renewables?
 - production or consumption mix?
- · Data issues
 - e-mobility
 - CFRP
 - other specialties

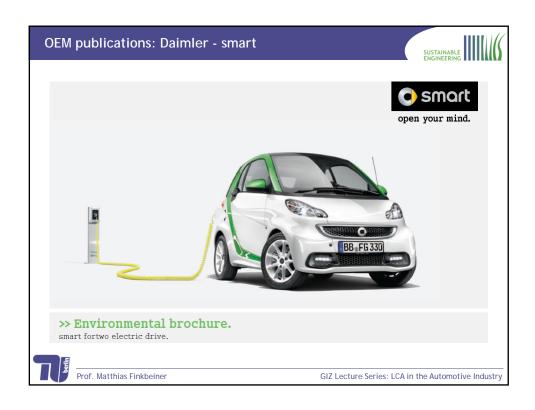


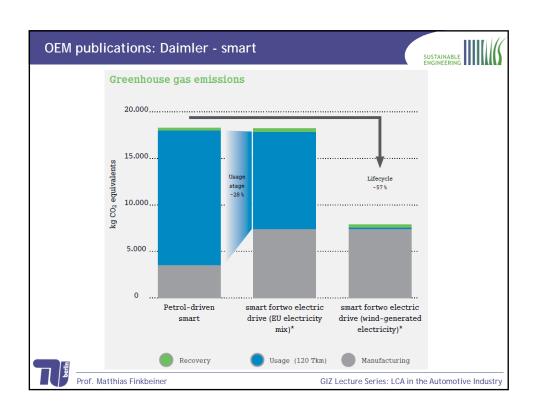
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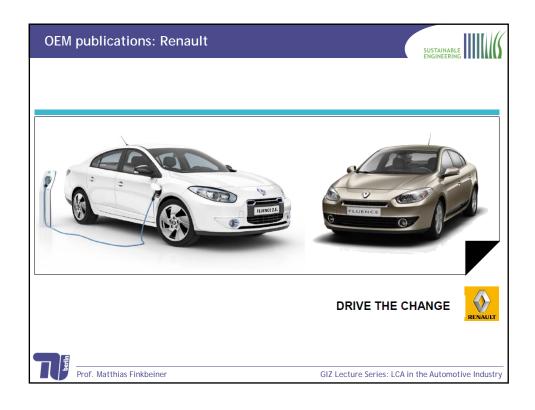


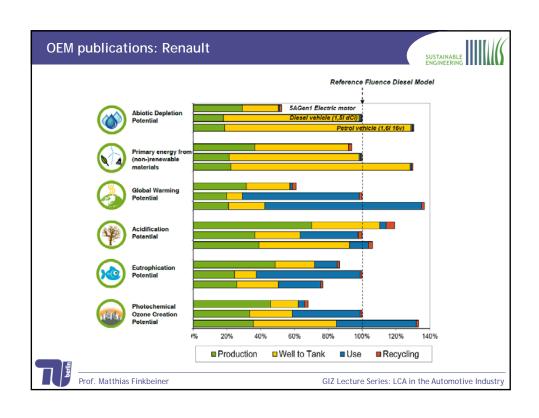


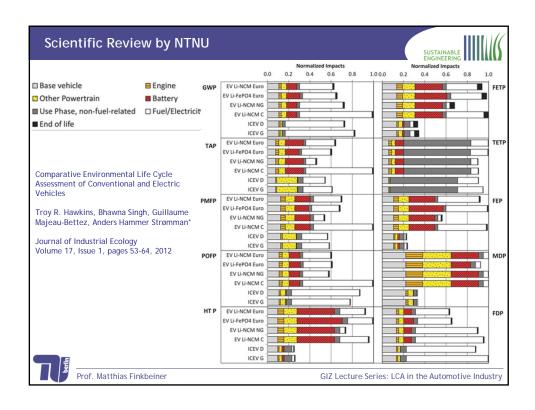


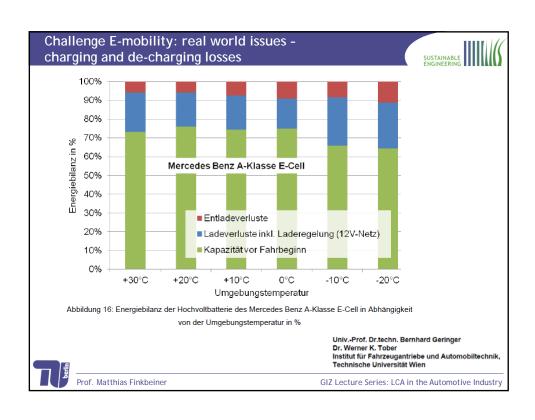


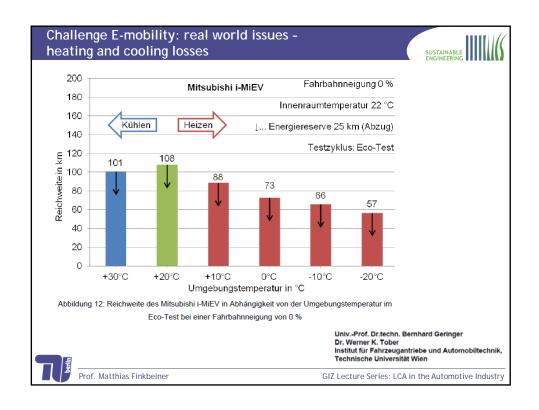


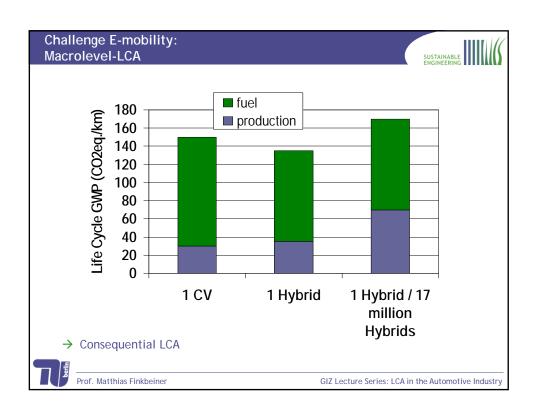












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> 140 million € third party funds

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 - Department of Environmental Technology
 - Chair of Sustainable Engineering



- Target:
 - Promote a sustainable way of engineering
 - · Implement principles of sustainability into daily engineering practice
 - Support the development of sustainable products and processes
 - Provide tools that enable the "measurement" sustainability aspects
 - Teaching of students in sustainability topics



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Key facts



- experience of >>100 LCA case studies in a variety of sectors, e.g. Mobility, Building, Food, Energy, Investment goods, Consumer Goods, Services
- Carbon footprint studies for both organisations (scope 3) and products
- Water footprint studies for several industrial products
- Social LCA for several industrial products
- Resource efficiency and availability studies for several companies and industry associations.
- Third party funds about 60% from companies and industry associations and 40% public research grants
- Growth of the group from 4 members in 2008 to more than 20 today.
- interdisciplinary team with >50% female and >30% international members.



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ISO TC207 Life Cycle Assessment





INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION

Appointment as ISO/TC 207 Subcommittee 5 Chair

Dear Dr. Finkbeiner:

On behalf of the Chair, member bodies and expert participants of ISO/TC 207 on Environmental Management, I congratulate you on your recent appointment as Chair of ISO/TC 207 Subcommittee 5 on Life Cycle Assessment. The work of Subcommittee 5 has helped build the international reputation and credibility of the ISO 14000 family of standards and is critical to our continued success. As you know, the analytical tools of life cycle assessment are being increasingly used by governments and industry as a decision support in a variety of applications, including resource efficiency, environmental labeling or carbon footprinting initiatives

Thanks again for your leadership and support. I look forward to working with you over upcoming years to ensure ISO's 14000 series standards remain rigourous, relevant and timely.

ISO Chairman TC207/SC5 Life Cycle Assessment Chairman Advisory Committee TC207 seit Juni 2008 in Bogota

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UNEP Project Leader Carbon Footprinting







United Nations Environment Programme

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Mr. Mathias Finkbeiner,

The UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative (http://lcinitiative.unep.fr) is a global Initiative which aims "to bring science based life cycle approaches into practice worldwide". Since 2002 the world has experienced a positive evolution regarding the internalization of Life Cycle Thinking in policy making and business. Today key players in sustainable decision making issues see the Initiative as a one-stop-shop for approaches and knowledge. One important achievement is the set up of an international Life Cycle Community with more than 1000 members, 40% of which come from developing countries and economies in transition.

We would like to confirm our acknowledgment of your in kind contribution to the activities of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative in special of the areas to "Life Cycle GreenHouseGas Protocol and Carbonfootprint", which you are leading.

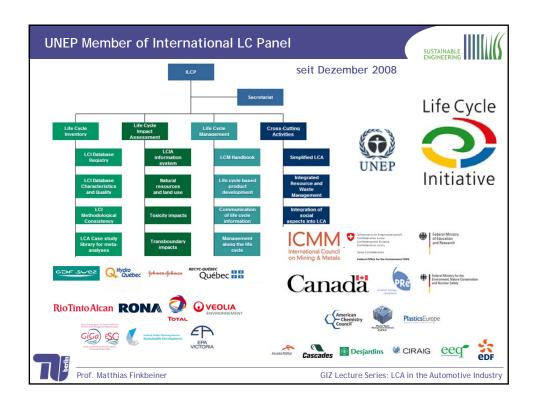
We will be very grateful to continue receiving your support.

Sincerely yours,

Mr Arab Hoballah Chief, Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch UNEP-DTIE



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Collaborative Research Center (CRC) 1026

CRCs in general

- ▶ The DFG (German Research Foundation) is the self-governing organisation for excellent science and research in Germany.
- Collaborative Research Centers are high-profile institutions established at universities for up to 12 years that enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme, crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes and faculties.

CRC 1026 Sustainable Manufacturing

- ▶ 22 Chairs
- ▶ 17 subprojects
- > close to 11,000,000€ funding for the first 4 years
- ▶ plus Integrated Research Training group incl. 35 one year doctoral scholarships



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SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING





Doctoral Scholarships

Reference Number: SFB-1026-MGK-12-1

Topic: Short term doctoral scholarships in the Integrated Research Training Group of the Collaborative Research Centre CRC 1026

Motivation:

Three one year doctoral scholarships (Euro 1,362.00 per month) will be awarded in April and

The scholarships are granted for the participation in the German Science Foundation (DFG) funded Integrated Research Training Group "Sustainable Manufacturing - Shaping Global Value Creation" at the Technische Universität Berlin. The challenge in creating products and DFG-Graduiertenkolleg 1026 "Sustainable Manufacturing" Univ.-Prof. Dr.-ing. Günther Seliger

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- ▶ 5 scholarships per year from 2013
- after one year: potentially get researcher position in the CRC or go back to "home university".
- http://www.mf.tu-berlin.de/fileadmin/fg267/stellenausschreibungen/SFB-1026-MGK-12-1.pdf



Cooperation options



- informal
 - always welcome
 - limited resources and sustainability
- formal
 - coperation agreements
 - joint research projects
 - advisory or guest professorship



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