

Analyzing Environmental Performance of New Zealand Tannery



TASMAN
INSPIRING NEW
LEATHERS FROM
NEW ZEALAND

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Aim of The Study

Study Overview

- What is the study about?

Environmental evaluation of waterproof shoe leather production using Life Cycle Assessment.

- The goal of this study:

Determination of the “hotspots”



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Aim of The Study

Where to start?

Data collection period June 2018- May 2019

Product type	m2	%	number of hides
Finished Uph	178032	4.4%	41402.8322
Crust Uph	315551	7.8%	73383.96507
Finished Shoe	568994	14.0%	132324.1047
Crust shoe	26241	0.6%	6102.443114
Splits	9157	0.2%	2129.525205
Gloving (from bovine)	9690	0.2%	2253.582139
Wet blue Bovine	1753334	43.1%	407752
Wet blue Ovine	101537	2.5%	156211
Pickle Ovine	337447	8.3%	519149
Salted Ovine	196266	4.8%	301947
Salted Hides	374964	9.2%	87201
Salted Collagen	196961	4.8%	45804.87442

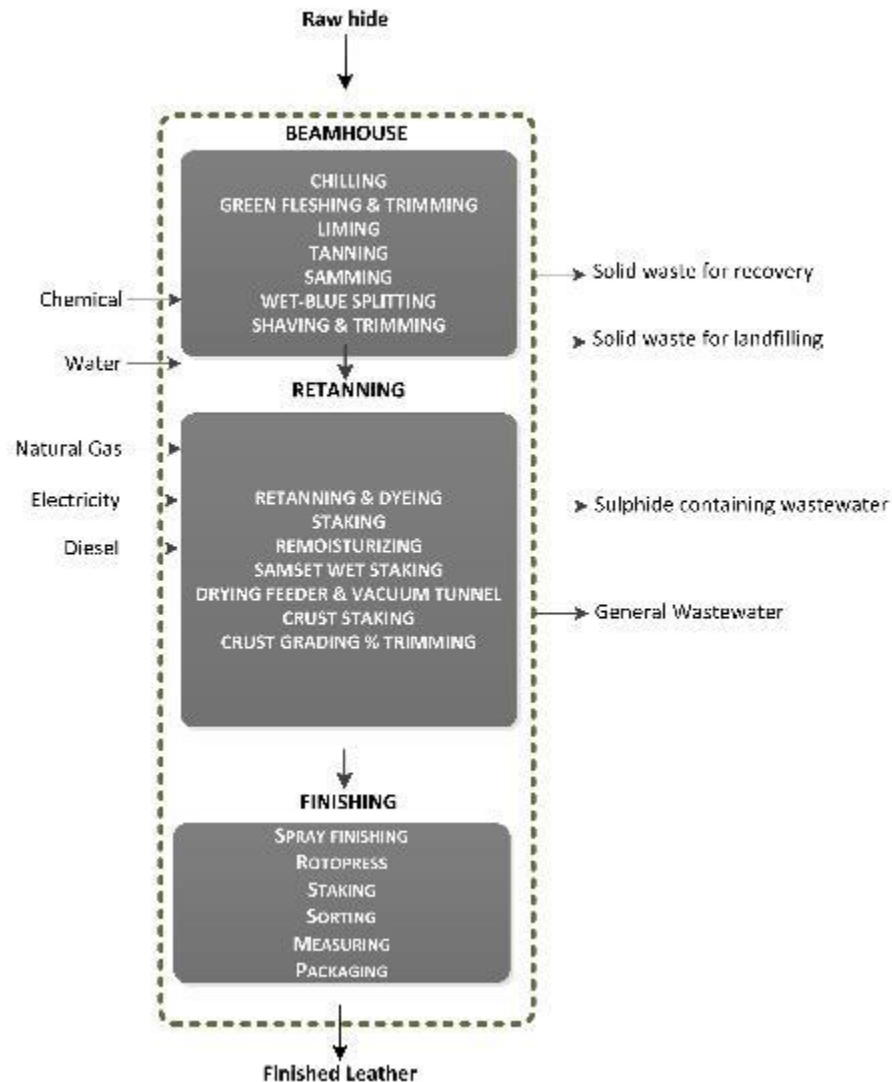


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Functional unit= 1 raw hide (32.45 kg) to produce finished typhoon leather

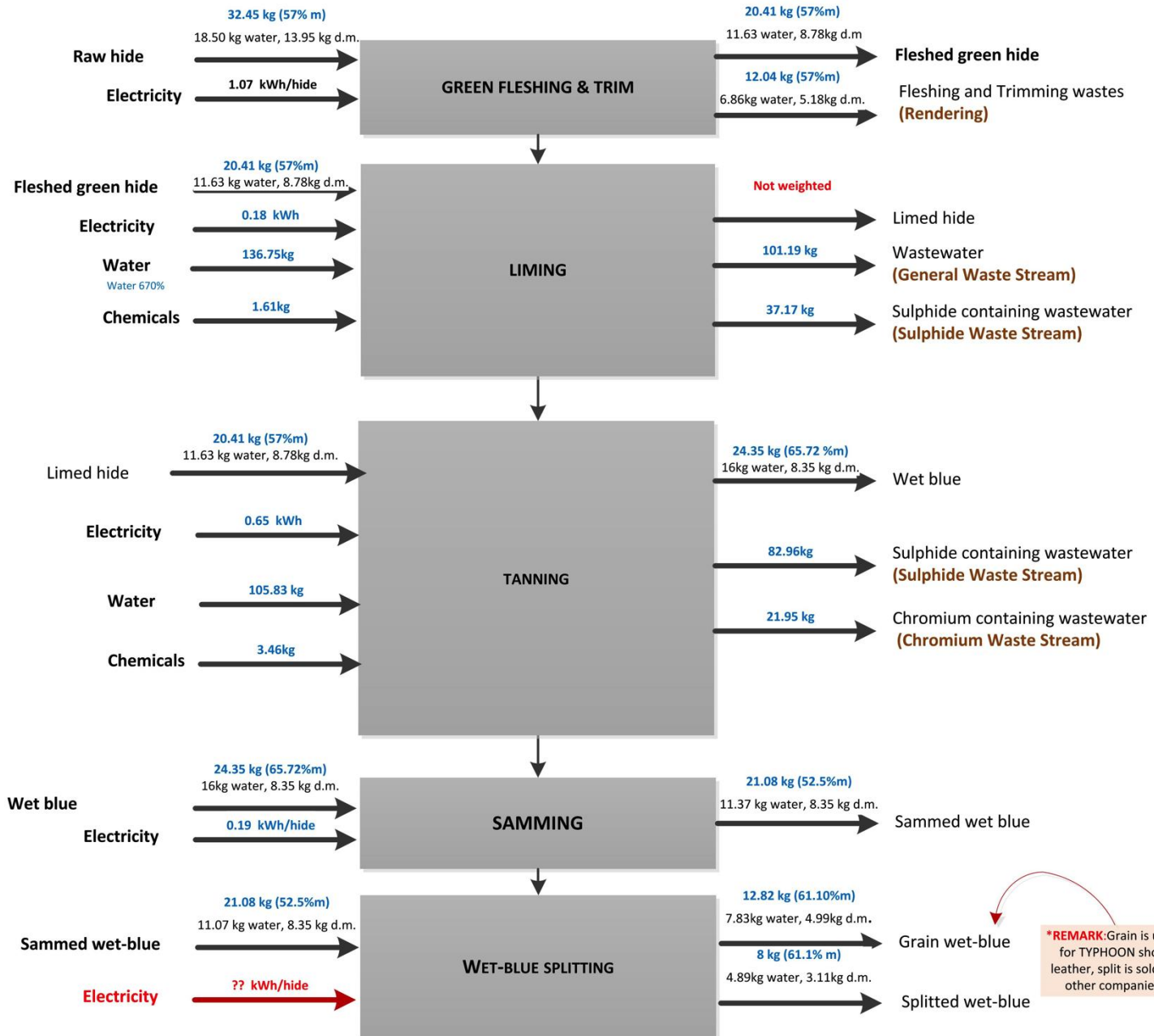


Inventory data collection: Production processes

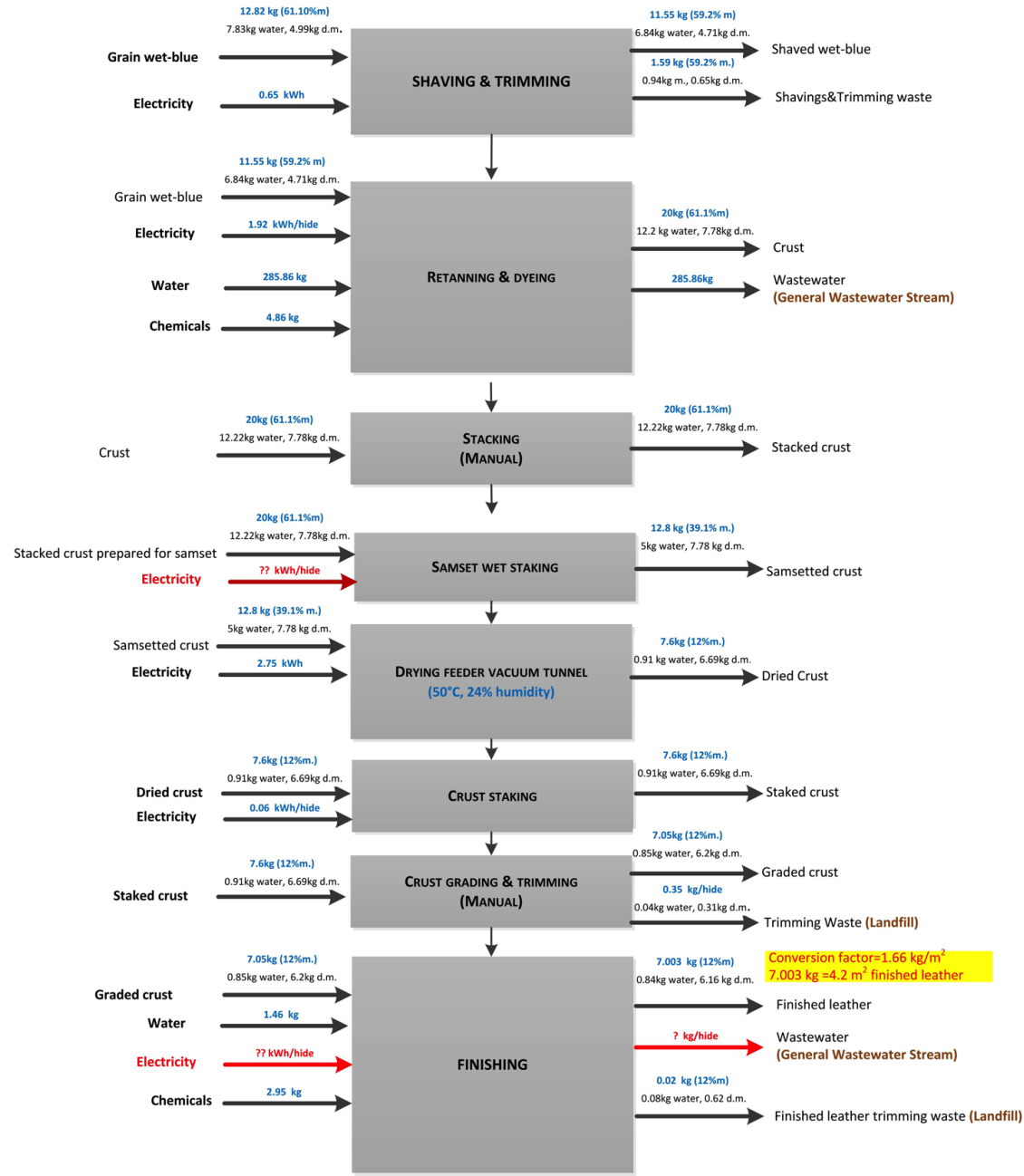


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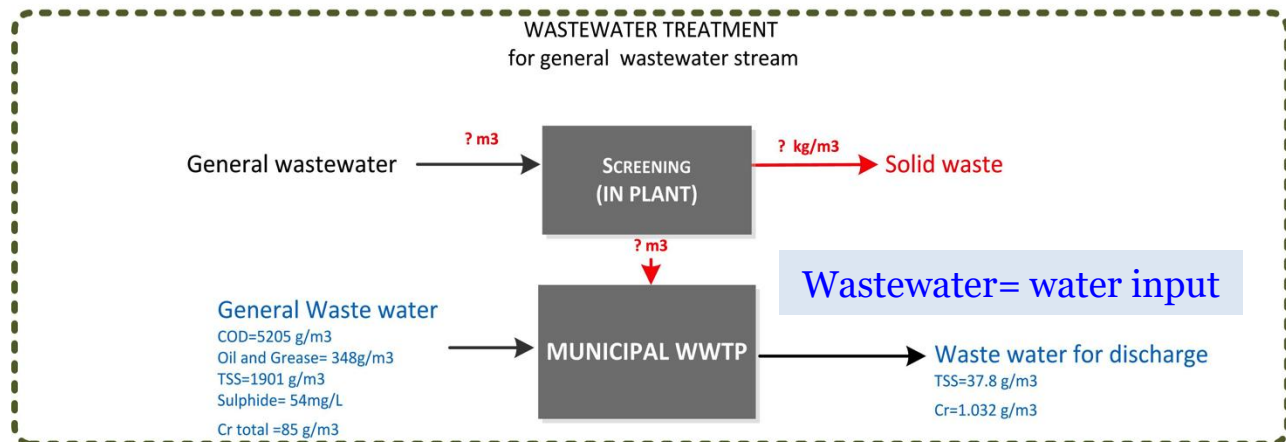
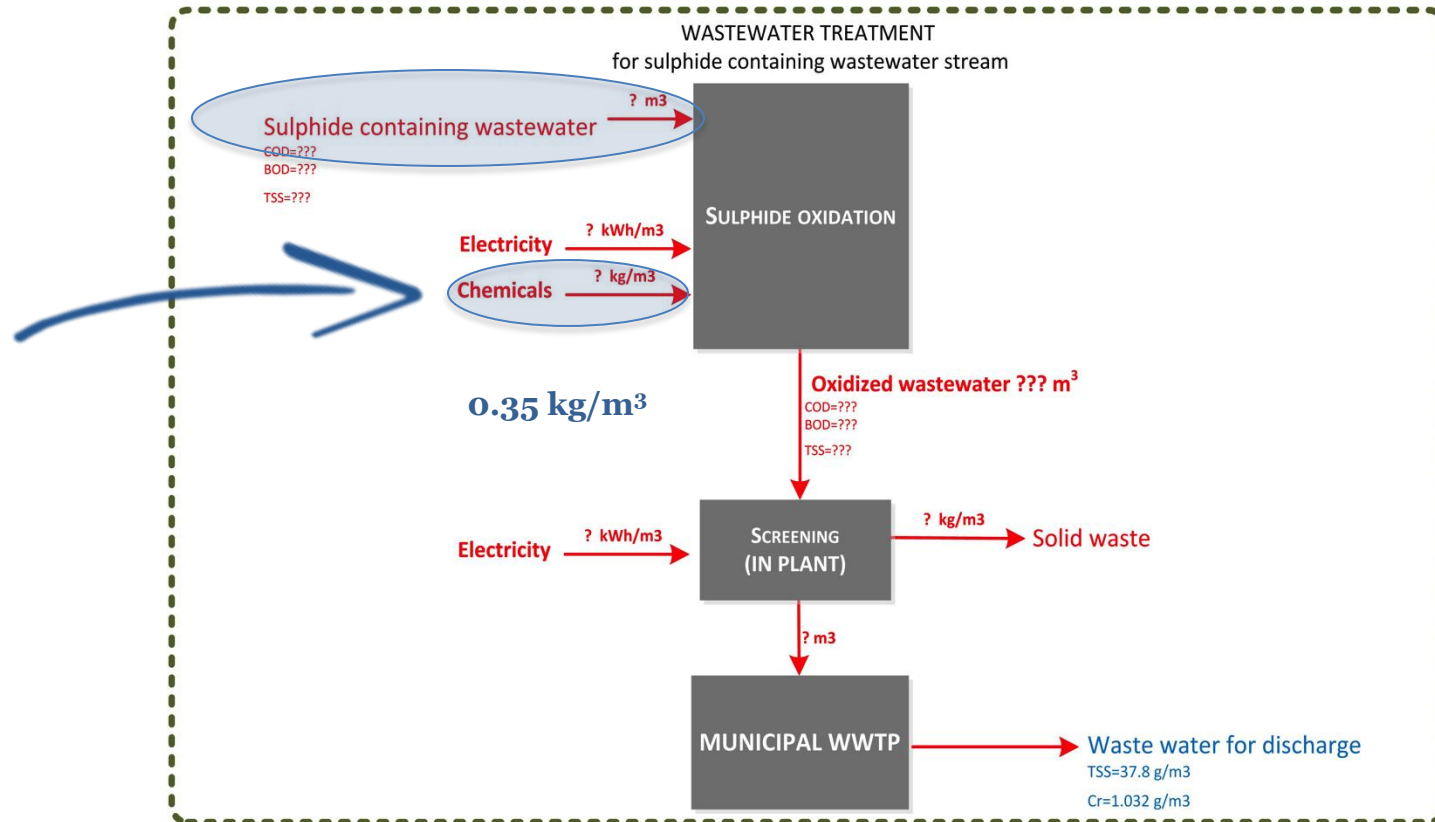
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Inventory data collection: Production processes



Inventory data collection: Wastewater treatment



Inventory data collection: **Transportation processes**

AVERAGE distance (km)

440.955

62% percent of hides comes from
North Island

273.4

AVERAGE distance (km)

778.8571429

38% percent of hides comes from
south Island

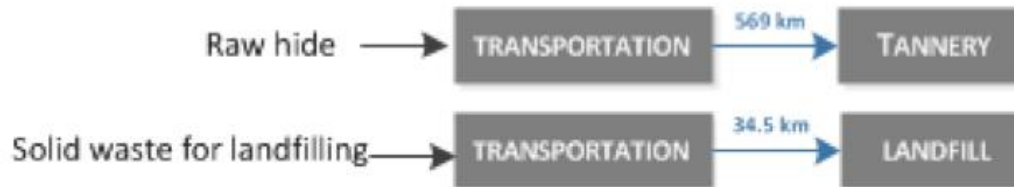
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Weighted distance for rawhide transport

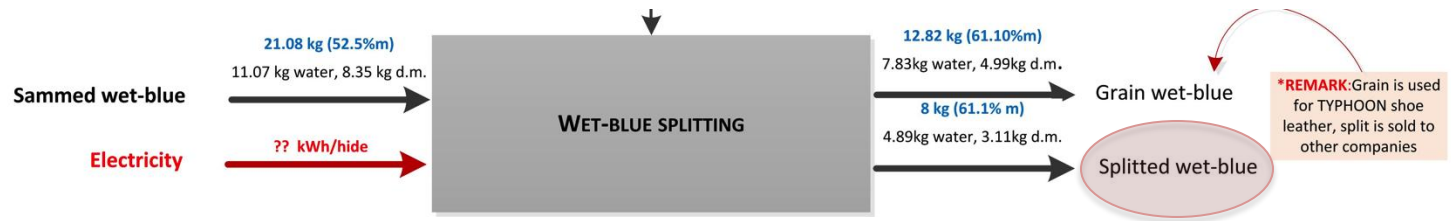
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WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCESSES FOR TYPHOON LEATHER

TRANSPORTATION



What issues have risen?: Allocation of Co-products



PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULES

Leather

Table 25 Allocation factors for bovine leather

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1 March 2018

Valid until 31 December 2020

From	Raw				Semi-processed products	Raw		
To	Semi-processed products, split, hair burn	Semi-processed products, split, hair save	Semi-processed products, full substance, hair burn	Semi-processed products, full substance, hair save	Crust or Finished Grain Split Leathers	Finished leather, split, hair save	Finished leather, split, hair burn	Finished Sole Leather
Grain Splits	64%	60%	100%	91%	100%	60%	63%	100%
Flesh Splits	36%	31%	-	-	-	31%	37%	-
Hair	-	9%	-	9%	-	9%	-	-



What issues have risen? Lack of data on energy use

- ISSUE: **no separate data available FOR**
 - Natural gas consumption
 - Diesel consumption
 - LPG consumption
- RESOLUTION: **Allocation from the general natural gas use**

	<u>ANNUAL PRODUCTION</u>	
	m ²	%
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	4068173	100%



What issues have risen? Lack of data on energy use

- RESOLUTION: Allocation from the ANNUAL natural gas, diesel and LPG consumption

Data collection period June 2018- May 2019

	Electricity, Kwh	Natural Gas, GJ	Water input, m3	Landfill waste, T	Rendering, T	Diesel, L	LPG, Kg	BOD (g/m ³)	COD (g/m ³)	O&G (g/m ³)	TSS (g/m ³)	Sulphide (mg/l)	Chromium - Total (g/m ³)
18-May	596503	5849	50276	226.2	1064	6206	1840						
18-Jun	541544	6717	48427	165.8	628.507	7252	1107	2791	6473	879	3209	21	150
18-Jul	538879	6006	48558	187.66	607.72	4851	1053	2404	5735	519	2915	29	149
18-Aug	526245	5861	42450	231.14	1252.49	3292	1360	2126	4570	397	1857	45	87
18-Sep	488030	5260	39010	175.24	445.74	5401	960	1891	4136	186	1053	36	90
18-Oct	497067	5992	45844	247.08	533.9	4102	1320	1972	4115	180	859	38	53
18-Nov	532069	5508	36180	211.1	176.052	6676	973	2199	4473	156	876	55	62
18-Dec	393279	4153	26014	182.46	471.226	3001	827	2077	4321	261	1255	57	54
Jan-19	451241	3761	42771	234.71	162.262	6302	827	2096	4808	362	1671	81	80
Feb-19	503893	5016	32743	197.68	144.376	9350	987	2348	4630	190	1040	80	40
Mar-19	574684	4924	48471	255.69	580.721	5606	1000	2417	5532	252	2032	78	60
Apr-19	507448	5751	43154	199.02	62.108	5024	840	2658	6285	327	3088	55	115
May-19	611564	6159	48122	251.41	551.962	6297	1890	2887	7386	469	2954	71	86

ASSIGNED TO 14% shoe leather production



Chemical Modelling: Assignment of chemicals in database

PRODUCT ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT CATEGORY RULES

Leather

Table 42 Chemicals modelling

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Category	Family	Representative substance	Process from database	Composition	Data quality
Acids	Hydroxy-carboxylic acids (Deliming agents)	Adipic	Adipic acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	100,0%	1
		Citric	Citric acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	50,0%	1
			Tap water technology mix at user per kg water (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	50,0%	
		Lactic	Lactic acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	80,0%	1
			Tap water technology mix at user per kg water (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	20,0%	
	Strong mineral acids	Hydrochloric acid	Hydrochloric acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	30,0%	1
			Tap water technology mix at user per kg water (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	70,0%	
		Phosphonic acid	Phosphoric acid fertiliser grade, dihydrate process at plant per kg (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	17,0%	3
			Tap water technology mix at user per kg water (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	83,0%	
		Phosphoric acid	Phosphoric acid fertiliser grade, dihydrate process at plant per kg (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	100,0%	1
		Sulfuric acid	Sulphuric acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	100,0%	1
	Strong organic acids (fixing agent)	Acetic acid	Acetic acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	98,0%	1
			Tap water technology mix at user per kg water (EU-28+3) [LCI result]	2,0%	
	Strong organic acids (clearing agent)	Oxalic acid dehydrate	Adipic acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	100,0%	4
		Formic acid	Formic acid production technology mix production mix, at plant 100% active substance (RER) [LCI result]	85,0%	1



What issues have risen?: Assignment of chemicals in database

- **ISSUE: in LCA database no data available for**

- Polyurethane dispersion
- Synthetic tannins
- Natural tannins
- Basic chromium sulfate
- Synthetic fatliquors

Polyurethane dispersion | Technology mix | Production mix, at plant | 40% in water {GLO} [LCI result]

Synthetic tannins and retanning agents production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result]

Natural tannins extracted from chestnut production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result]

Basic chrome sulfate production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {ZA} [LCI result]

Synthetic fatliquors production | technology mix | production mix, at plant | 100% active substance {RER} [LCI result]

- **RESOLUTION: Assignment of similar/proxy processes**

- Polyurethane dispersion = Polyurethane based adhesive
- Synthetic tannins = **X**
- Natural tannins = **X**
- Basic chromium sulfate = Chromium oxide
- Synthetic fatliquors = Lubricating oil (petrochemical based), silicone (silicone based)



Introduction of inventory data into software (Massey University)

Software



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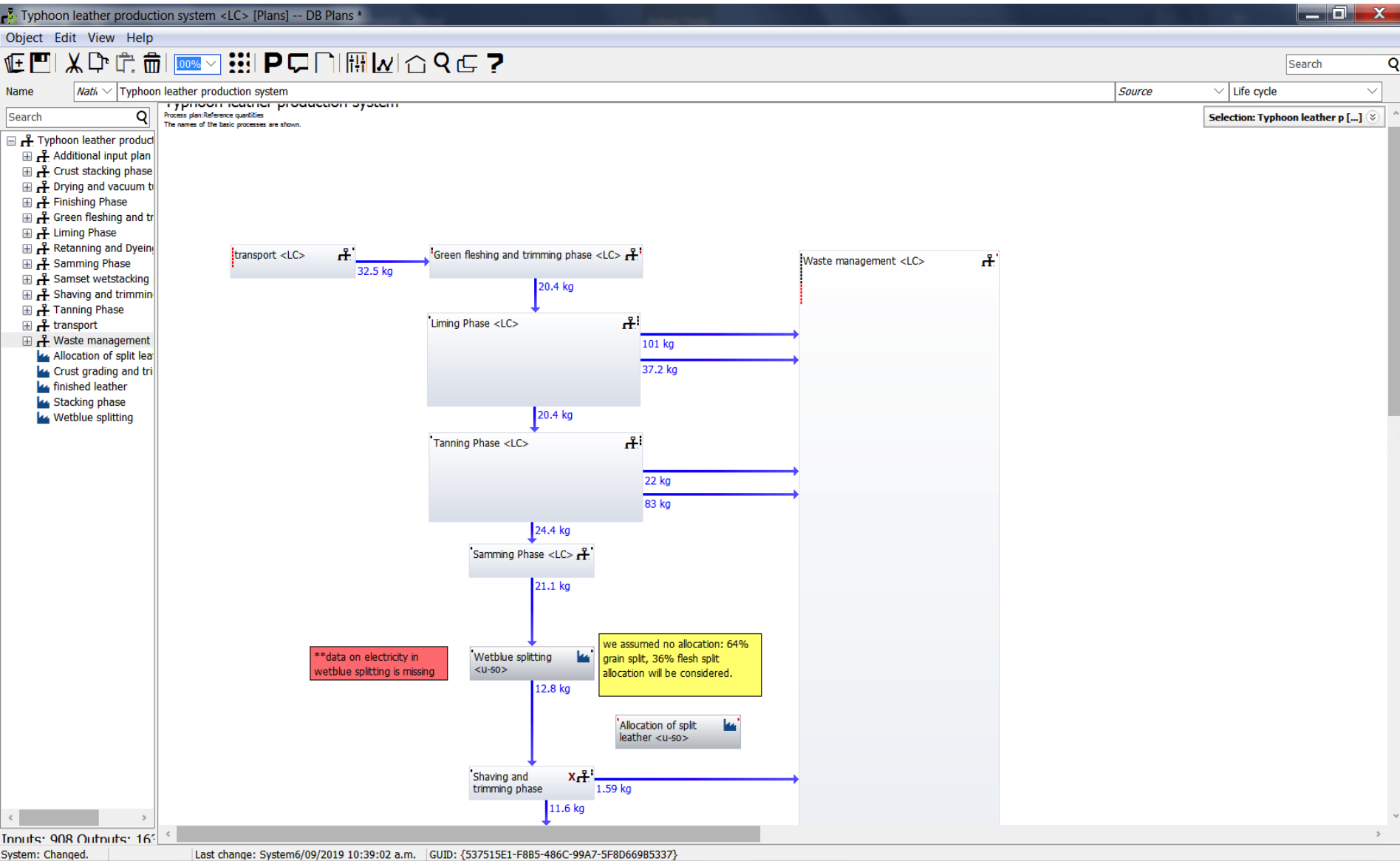
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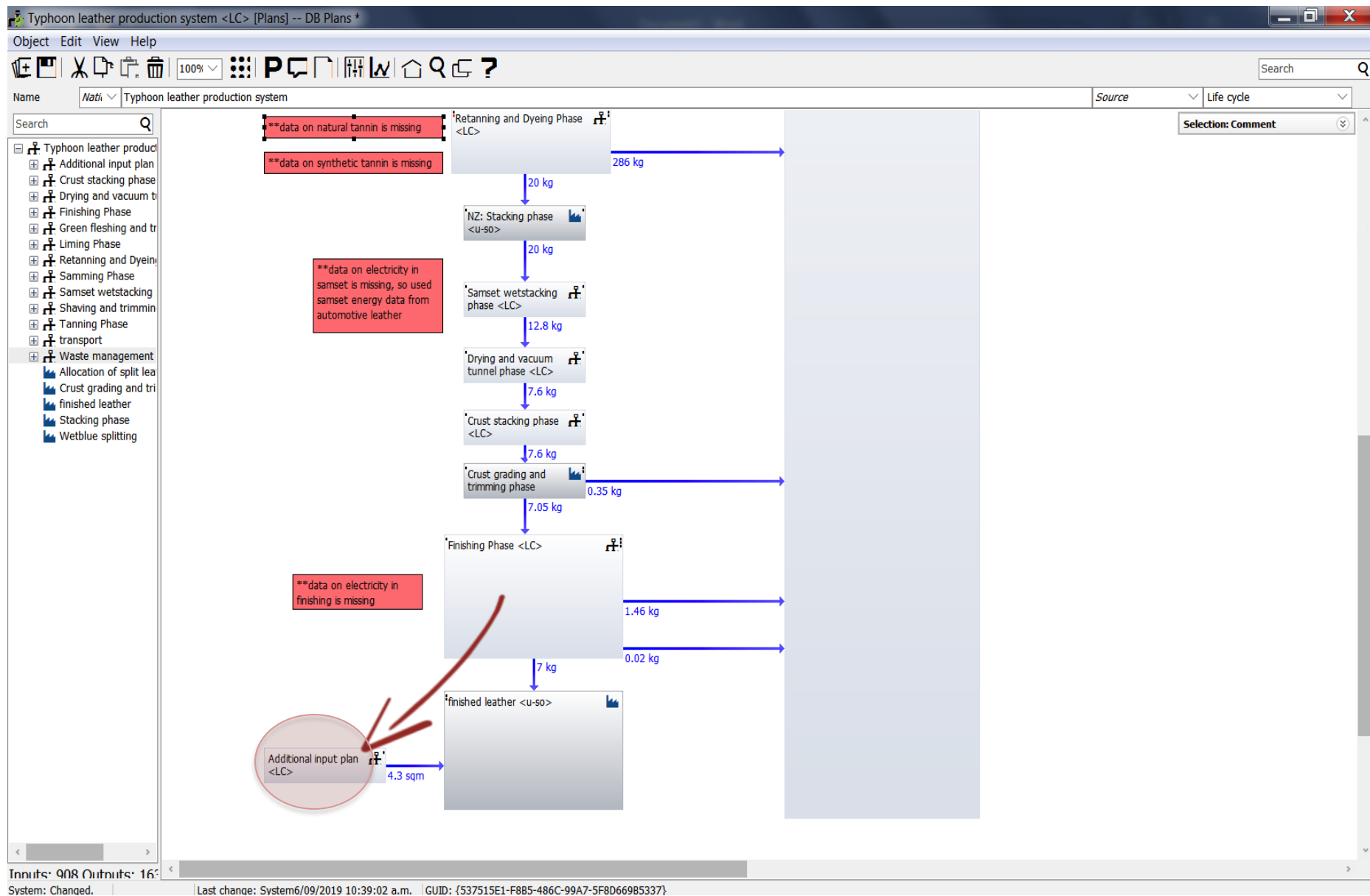


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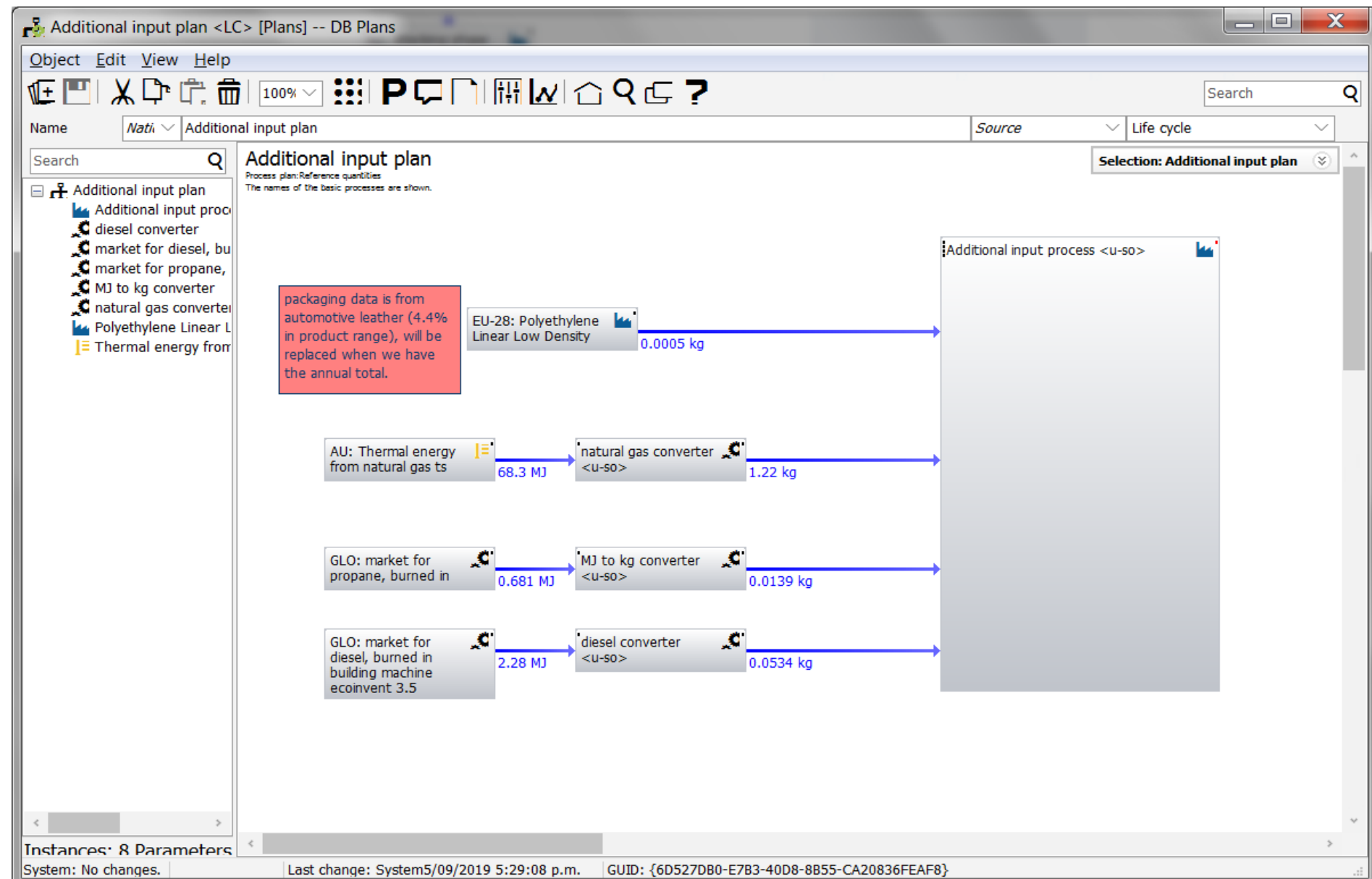
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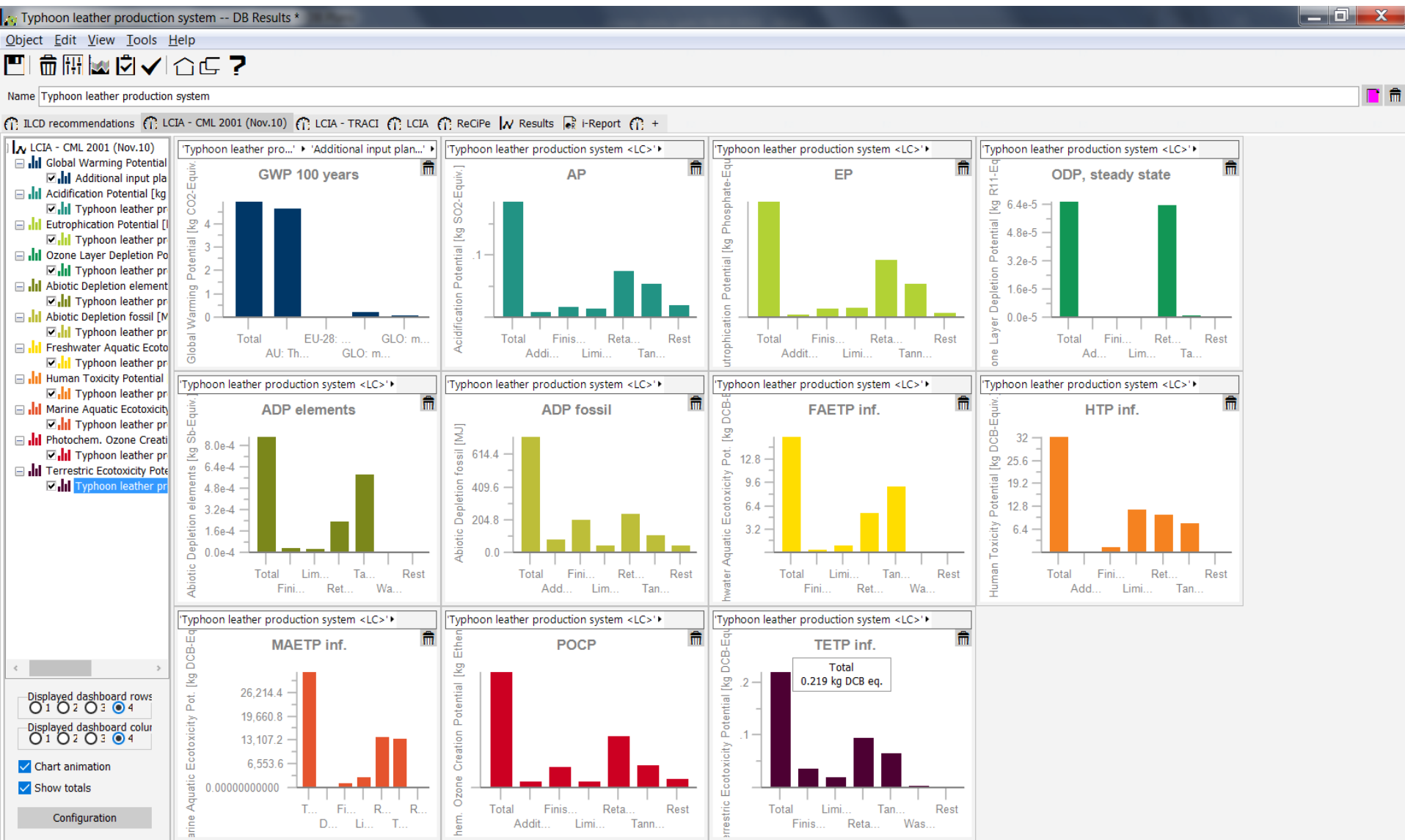
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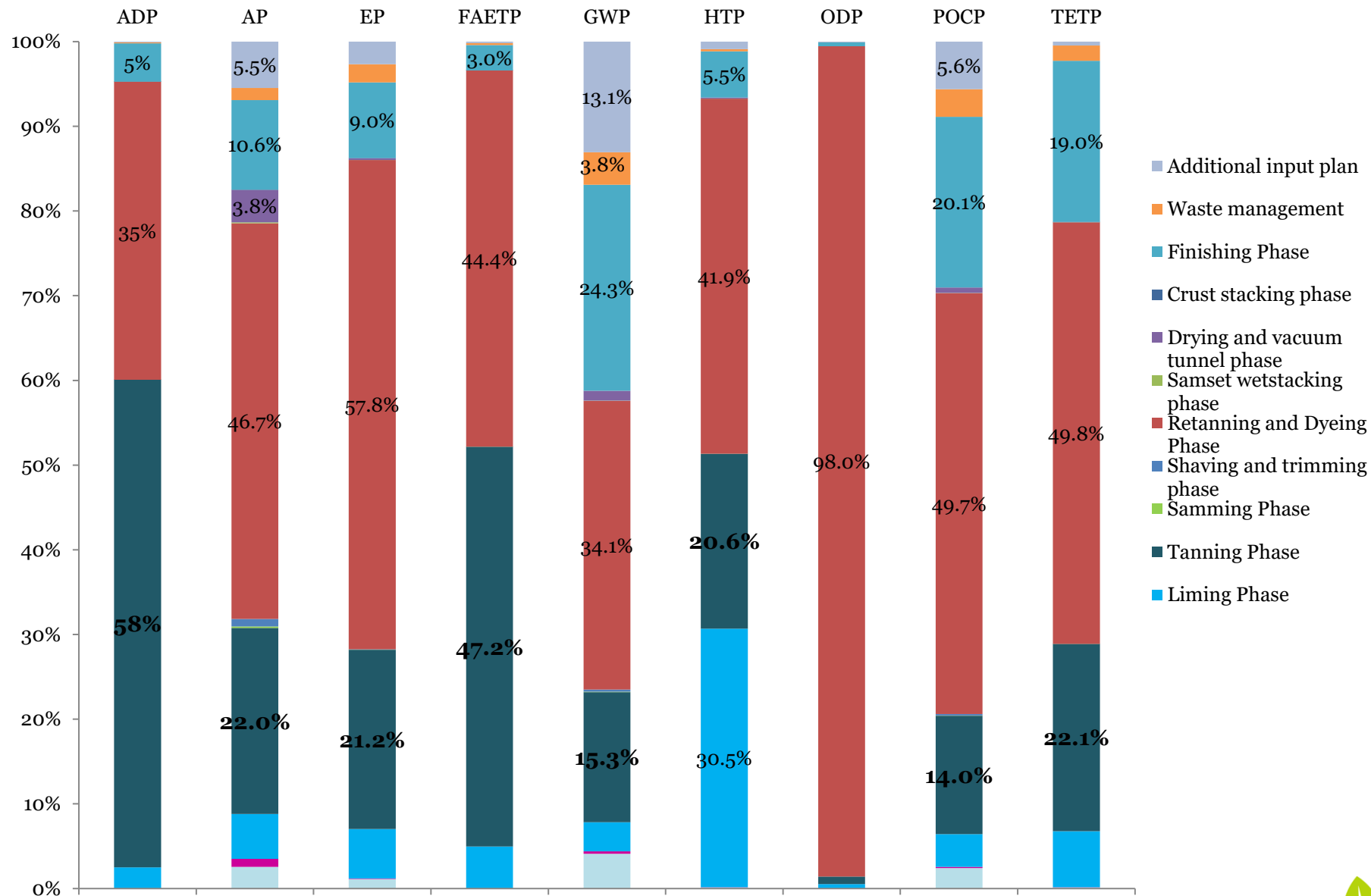
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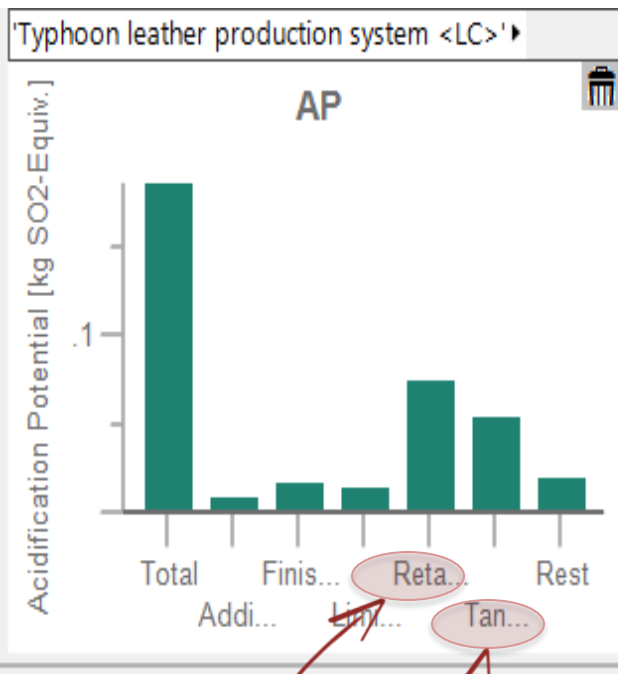


Impact assessment results



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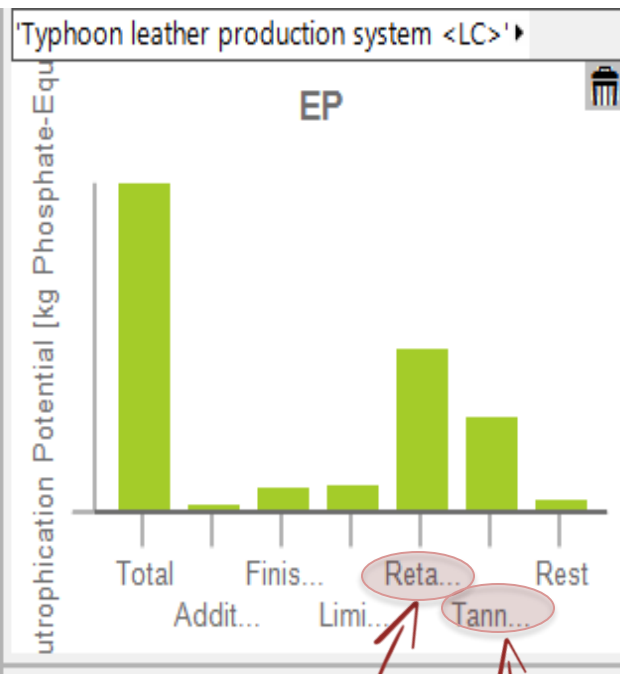
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Aniline 33%

Chromium oxide 78%

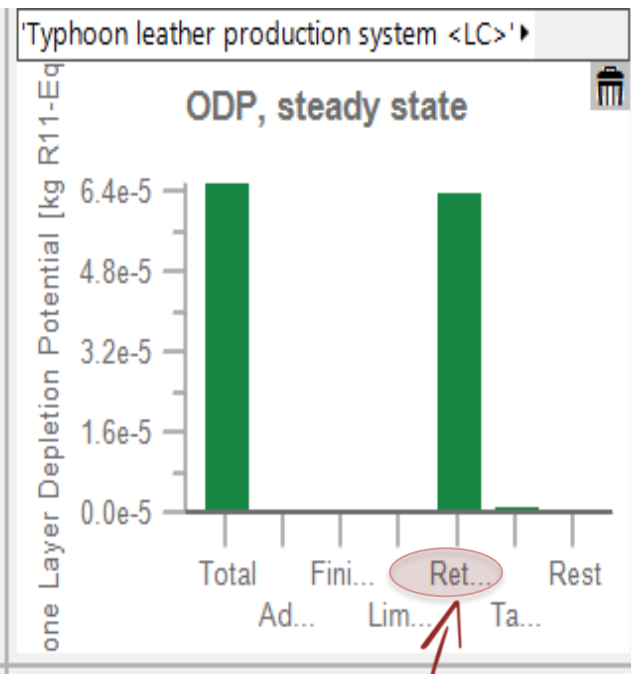
Eutrophication Potential (EP)



Aniline 43%

Chromium oxide 81%

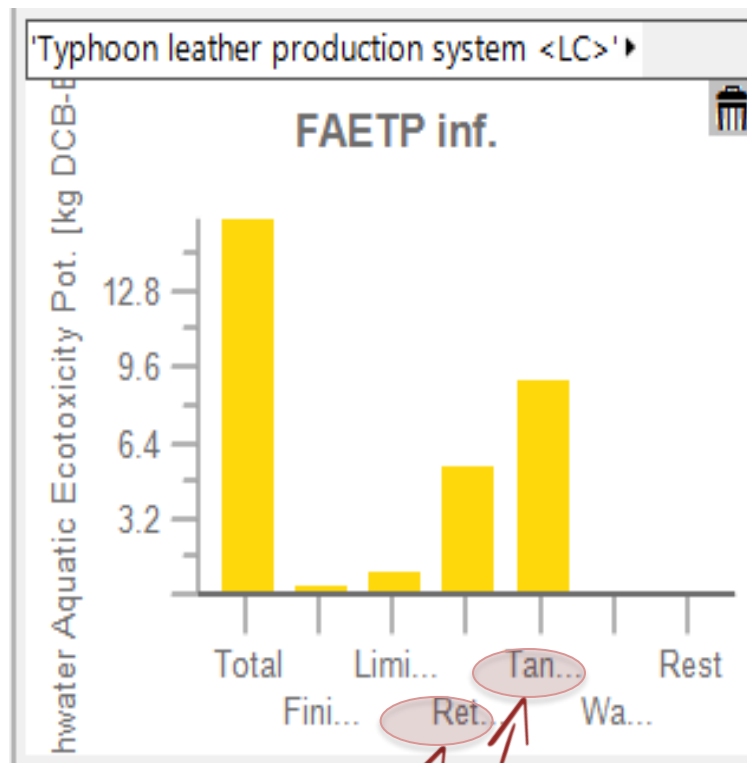
Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)



Anionic resin 98%

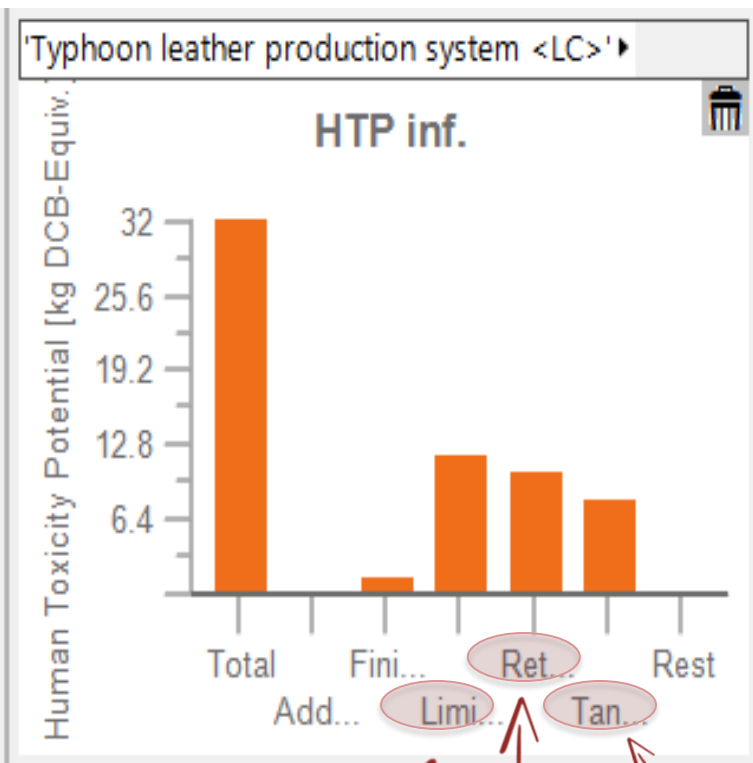


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Chromium oxide 38%
Aniline 20%

Chromium oxide 92%



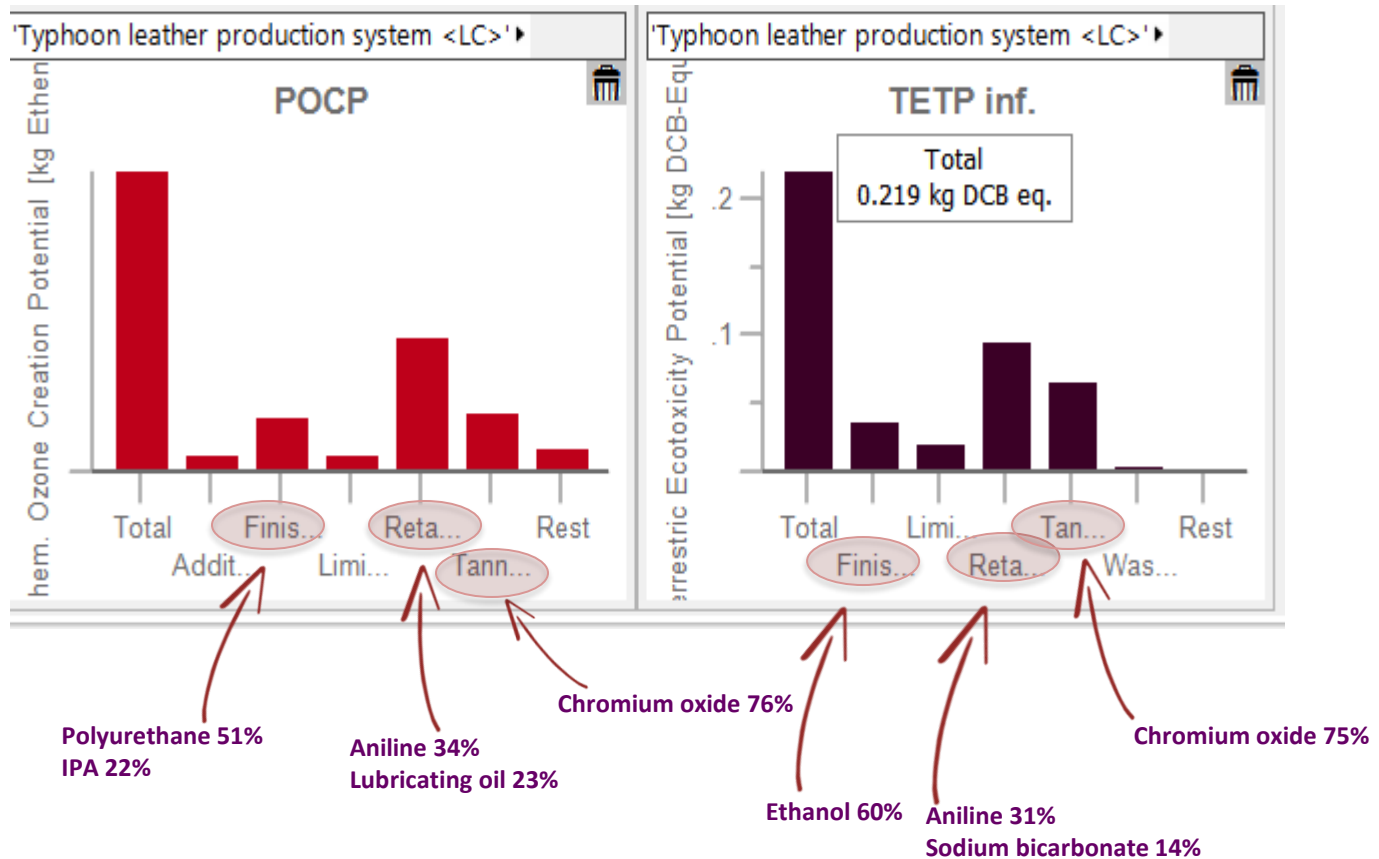
Monoethanolamine 87%

Aniline 38%

Chromium oxide 79%

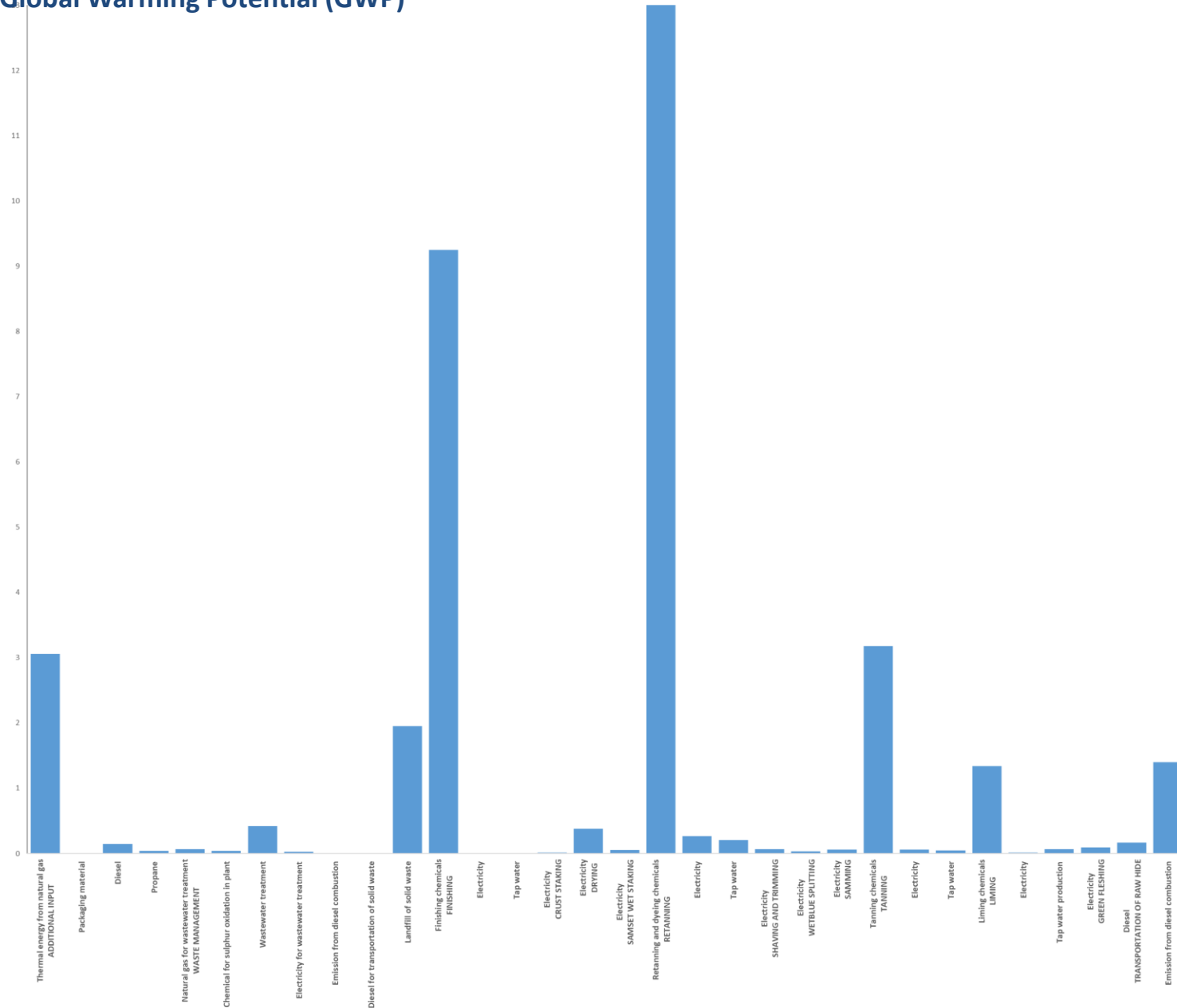


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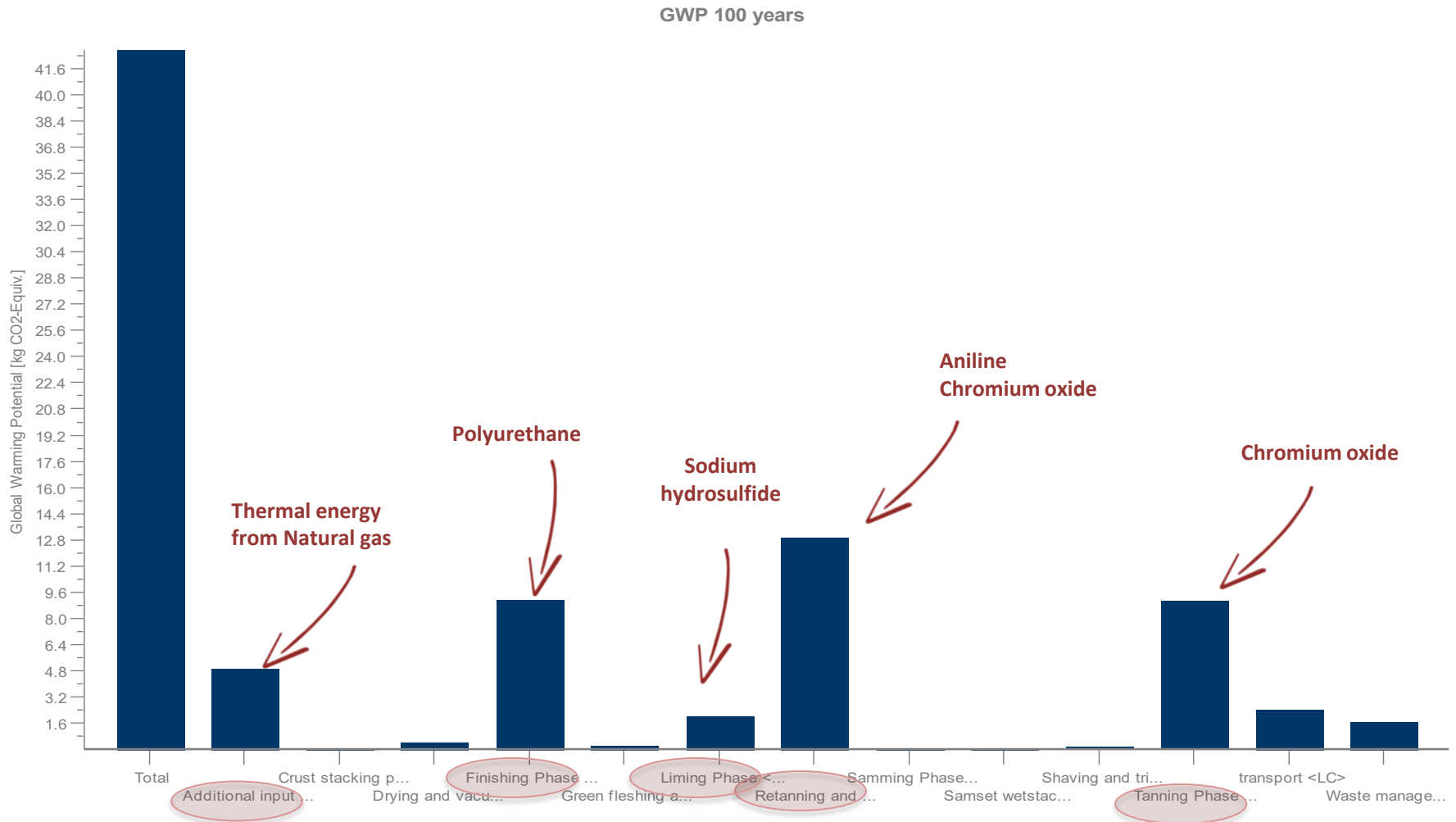
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Global Warming Potential (GWP)



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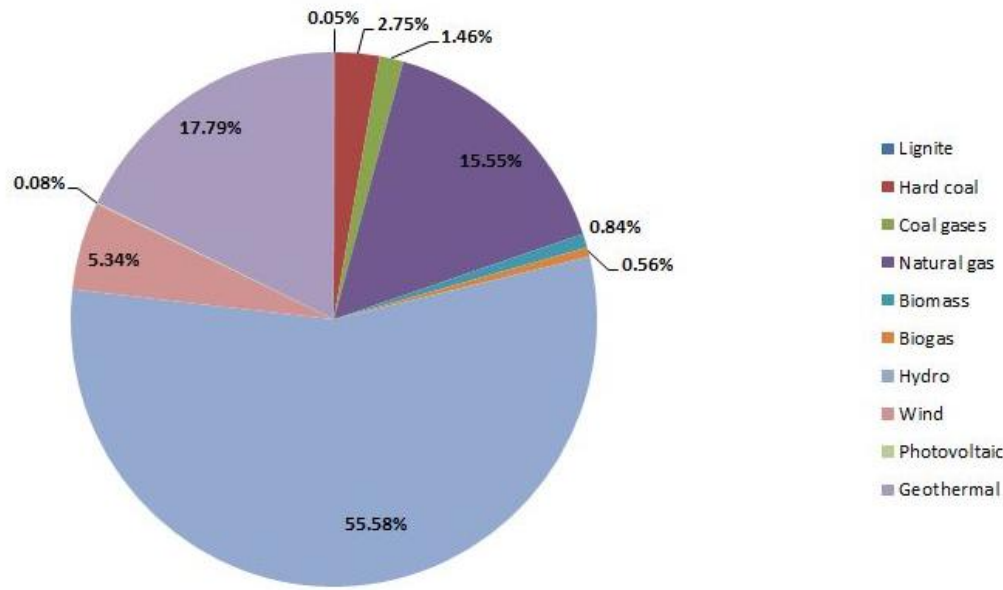
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Environmental benefits provided by New Zealand system

* New Zealand has an electricity grid mix with a high proportion of renewable primary energy, comprising nearly 78% of the total electricity supply.

Electricity Mix - New Zealand - NZ - 2015



≈78% renewable energy

* New Zealand system provide some environmental benefits due to application of green fleshing, which avoids the need for preservation of raw hides, and the soaking process, resulting in chemical-free fleshing waste.

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***** New Zealand's farming practices, mainly based on extensive farming, are a distinguishing feature in terms of animal welfare. However, the PEFCR is currently limited to assessment of a specified set of environmental impacts and does not include wider sustainability aspects such as social issues and animal welfare.

Concluding remark

- The waste management stage contributes nearly 95% to the climate change (biogenic) impact category, mainly due to greenhouse gas emissions from landfilling of solid wastes.
- ** Production process data regarding vegetable tannins and synthetic tannins are missing !**
- ***** In particular, prioritising the optimisation of chemical use and promoting energy recovery in landfill – or alternative end-of-life management technologies - could mitigate multiple environmental impacts associated with leather production.
- ***** This is an ongoing study so modelling and assumptions may change.

