

Interreg

France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen



UNION EUROPÉENNE
EUROPESE UNIE

GRASS



GRASS

Gazons **a**rtificiels **A**nti-feu **S**ûrs et durables
Artificial Turf, Fire Resistant and Durable
Vlamwerende kunstgrasmatten: veilig en duurzaam



Kick off event GRASS
5th Decembre 2018 , Fedustria Gent



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GRENDOERSCHRIJDEND
SAMIENWERKINGSPROGRAMMA
PROGRAMME DE COOPÉRATION
TRANSFRONTALIÈRE

LANCERINGSEVENEMENT EVÉNEMENT DE LANCEMENT



GRASS

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Technisch team Interreg –Steunpunt Vlaanderen
Equipe Technique Interreg – Antenne Vlaanderen

Gent – 05.12.2018



MET STEUN VAN HET EUROPEES FONDS VOOR REGIONALE ONTWIKKELING
AVEC LE SOUTIEN DU FONDS EUROPÉEN DE DÉVELOPPEMENT RÉGIONAL

1. CONTEXT • CONTEXTE

HET INTERREGPROGRAMMA FRANCE- WALLONIE-VLAANDEREN IN BEELD

LE PROGRAMME INTERREG FRANCE- WALLONIE-VLAANDEREN EN IMAGES

COHESIEBELEID 2014-2020

POLITIQUE DE COHÉSION 2014-2020



1

Investeren voor groei en werkgelegenheid

Investissement pour la
croissance et l'emploi

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Europees sociaal Fonds <
Fonds social européen

Cohesiefonds <
Fonds de cohésion

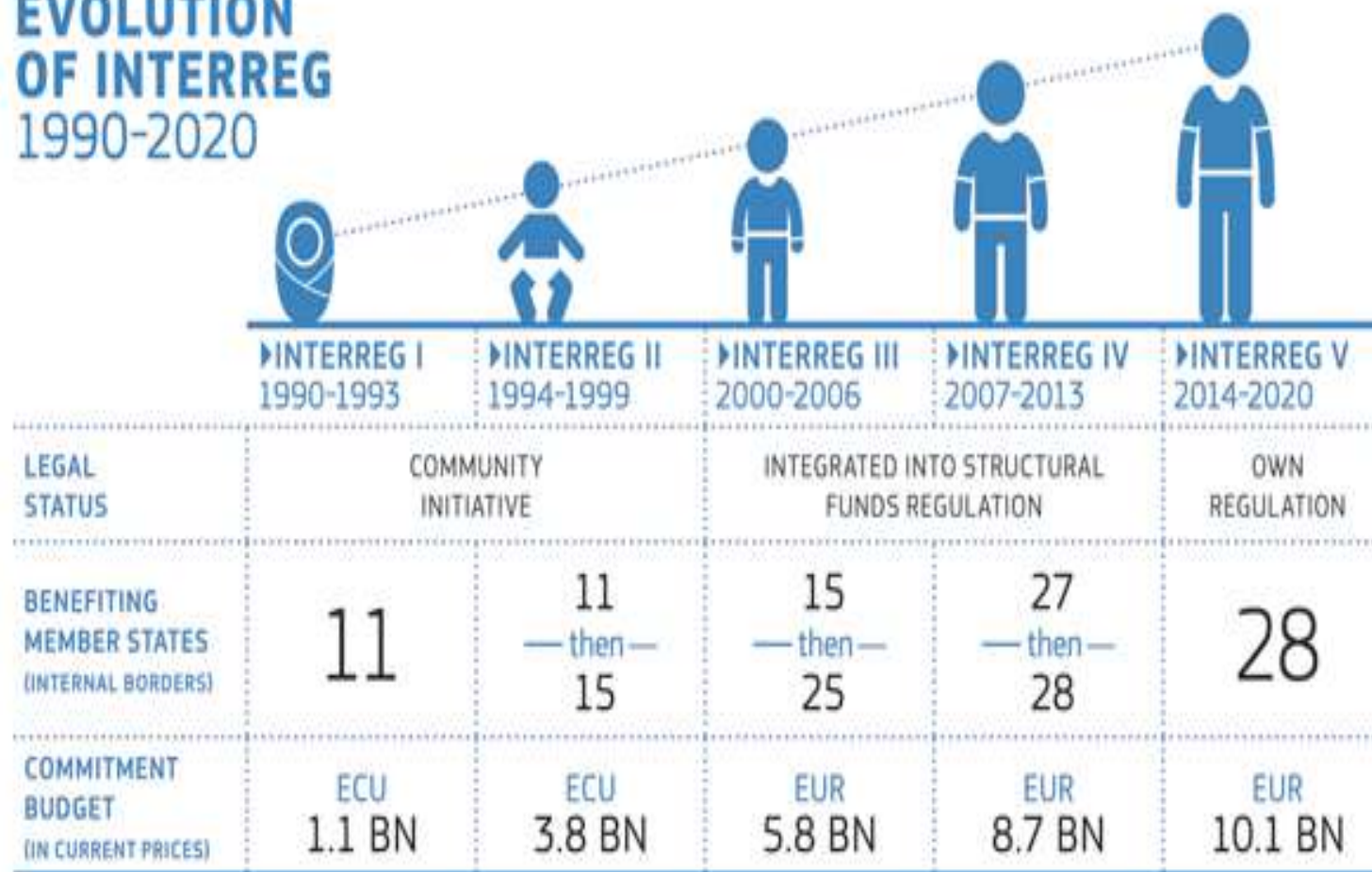
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Europese territoriale samenwerking

Coopération territoriale
européenne

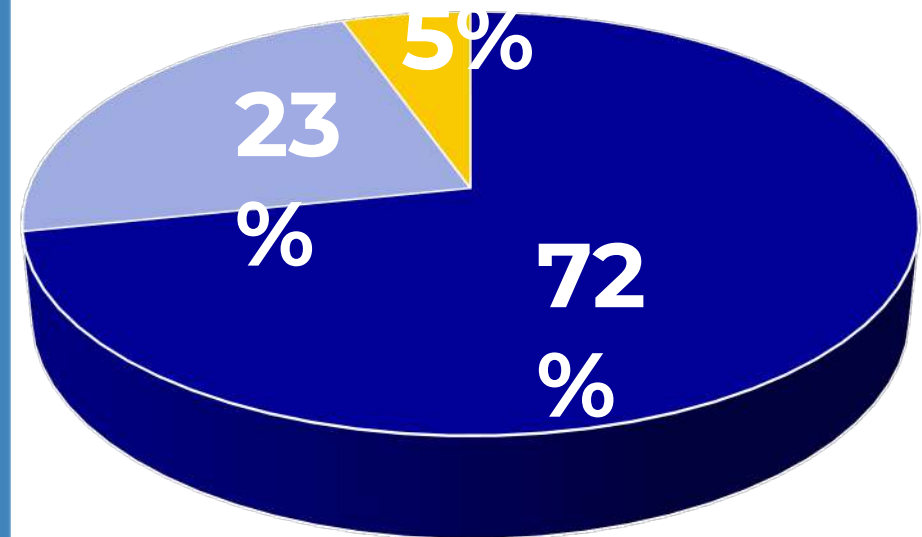
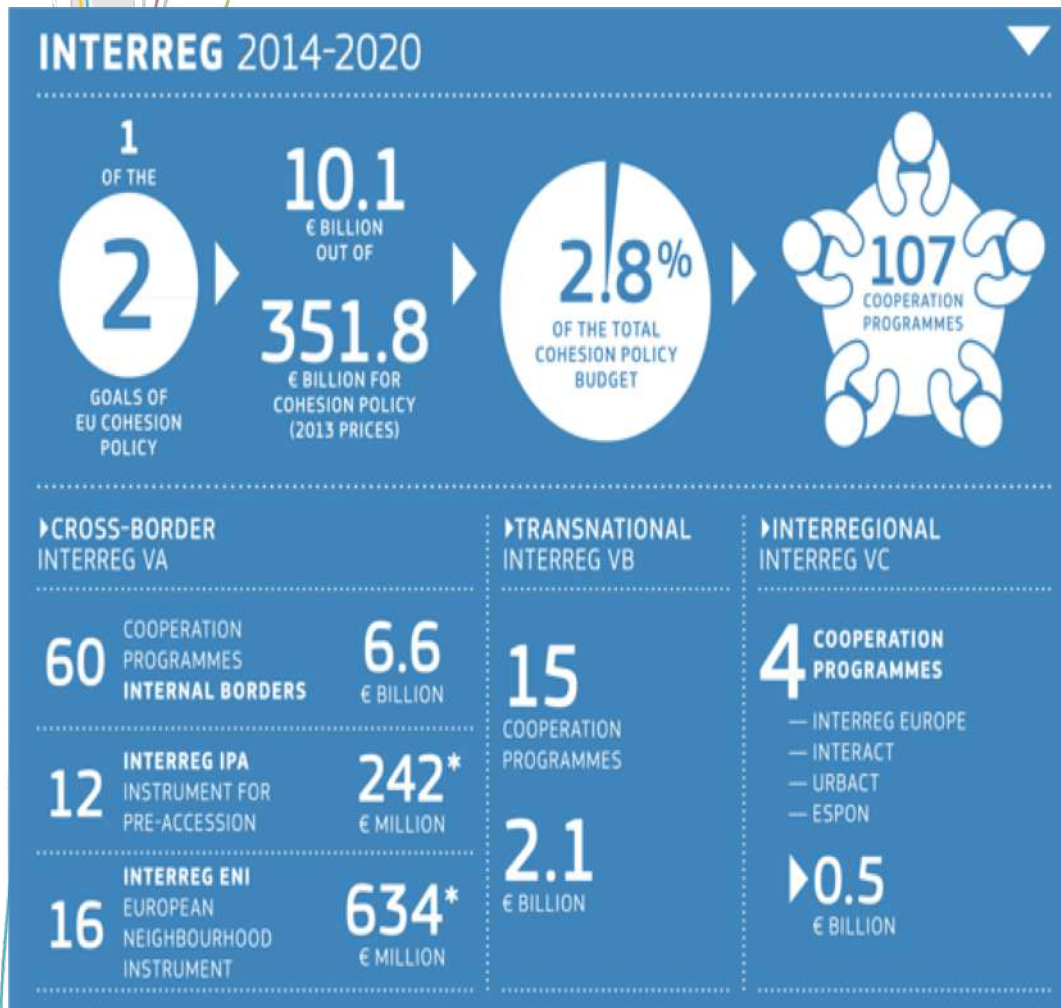
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▼ EVOLUTION OF INTERREG 1990-2020



DE EUROPESE TERRITORIALE SAMENWERKING 2014-2020

LA COOPÉRATION TERRITORIALE EUROPÉENNE 2014-2020



- Grensoverschrijdend Transfrontalier
- Transnationaal Transnational
- Interregionaal Interrégional

▶ CROSS-BORDER



1885



2 DE IDENTITEIT VAN HET PROGRAMMA **L'IDENTITÉ DU PROGRAMME**



HET SAMENWERKINGSGBIED

LE TERRITOIRE DE COOPÉRATION

62.000 km²
10.800.000 habitants/inwoners



DE STRATEGIE: 4 PRIORITAIRE ASSEN

LA STRATÉGIE : 4 AXES PRIORITAIRES

Verbeteren en ondersteunen van de grensoverschrijdende samenwerking op het gebied van onderzoek en innovatie

Améliorer et soutenir la collaboration transfrontalière en recherche et innovation



Vergroten van het grensoverschrijdend concurrentievermogen van de KMO's

Accroître la compétitivité transfrontalière des PME



Beschermen en valoriseren van het milieu door een geïntegreerd beheer van de grensoverschrijdende hulpbronnen

Protéger et valoriser l'environnement par une gestion intégrée des ressources transfrontalières



Bevorderen van de cohesie en van de gemeenschappelijke identiteit van de grensoverschrijdende gebieden

Promouvoir la cohésion et l'identité commune des territoires transfrontaliers



ONDERZOEK EN INNOVATIE



RECHERCHE ET INNOVATION

Versterken van het onderzoek en de innovatie van de grensoverschrijdende zone in de strategische sectoren en de sectoren met een sterke complementariteit

Accroissement de la recherche et de l'innovation de la zone transfrontalière dans les secteurs stratégiques et les secteurs à forte complémentarité

Grotere overdracht en verspreiding van goede praktijken in de strategische sectoren en de sectoren met een sterke complementariteit in de grensoverschrijdende zone

Accroissement du transfert et de la diffusion des bonnes pratiques innovante dans les secteurs stratégiques et à forte complémentarité de la zone transfrontalière

CONCURRENTIEVERMOGEN VAN DE KMO'S



COMPÉTITIVITÉ DES PME



3

Gezamenlijk voorzieningen creëren, valoriseren en met elkaar delen om de kmo's te ontwikkelen en te begeleiden bij het zoeken naar toegang tot de markten

Créer, valoriser et mutualiser des dispositifs transfrontaliers de développement et d'accompagnement des PME à l'accès aux marchés

MILIEU



ENVIRONNEMENT

Op innoverende en duurzame wijze het grensoverschrijdend patrimonium valoriseren en ontwikkelen via toerisme

Valoriser et développer de manière innovante et durable le patrimoine transfrontalier via le tourisme

Ontwikkelen van het geïntegreerde en duurzame beheer van de natuurlijke hulpbronnen en van de grensoverschrijdende ecosystemen

Développer la gestion intégrée et durable des ressources naturelles et des écosystèmes transfrontaliers

Anticiperen op en beheren van de natuurlijke, technologische en industriële risico's en van de noodsituaties

Anticiper et gérer les risques naturels, technologiques et industriels ainsi que les situations d'urgence

SOCIALE INCLUSIE



INCLUSION SOCIALE



7

Versterken en bestendigen van de grensoverschrijdende netwerking en van het grensoverschrijdend dienstenaanbod voor de bevolking op gezondheidsvlak

Renforcer et pérenniser la mise en réseau et l'offre de services transfrontaliers à la population en matière sanitaire



8

Versterken en bestendigen van de grensoverschrijdende netwerking en van het grensoverschrijdend dienstenaanbod voor de bevolking op sociaal vlak

Renforcer et pérenniser la mise en réseau et l'offre de services transfrontaliers à la population en matière sociale



9

Bevorderen van de werkgelegenheid en de grensoverschrijdende arbeidsmobiliteit en integreren van de arbeidsmarkten

Favoriser l'emploi et la mobilité transfrontalière des travailleurs et intégrer les marchés de l'emploi

HET BUDGET LE BUDGET

PRIORITAIRE ASSEN AXES PRIORITAIRES

59.491.966 €



Onderzoek en
innovatie
Recherche et
innovation

25.496.557 €



Concurrentiever
mogen van de
KMO's
Compétitivité
des PME

42.494.261 €



Milieu
Environnement

32.295.639 €



Sociale
inclusie
Inclusion
sociale

TOTAAL EFRO BUDGET
BUDGET TOTAL FEDER

159.778.423
€

VOOR EEN GESLAAGD GRENSOVERSCHRIJDEND PROJECT POUR UN BON PROJET TRANSFRONTALIER



Een grensoverschrijdende meerwaarde

Une plus-value transfrontalière



Geoptimaliseerde resultaten

Résultats optimisés



Een grensoverschrijdende uitvoering

Une mise en œuvre transfrontalière



Complementariteit van de projectpartners

Complémentarité des opérateurs



Een grensoverschrijdende impact

Un impact transfrontalier



Ten voordele van de bevolking en/of de regio

Bénéfice pour les populations et/ou le territoire

HET BESTUUR

LA GOUVERNANCE

- De Beheersautoriteit
L'Autorité de Gestion
Wallonië, vertegenwoordigd door Wallonie-Bruxelles
International
La Wallonie, représentée par Wallonie-Bruxelles
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Wallonie



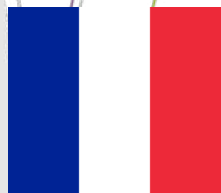
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Assistée dans ses missions par :

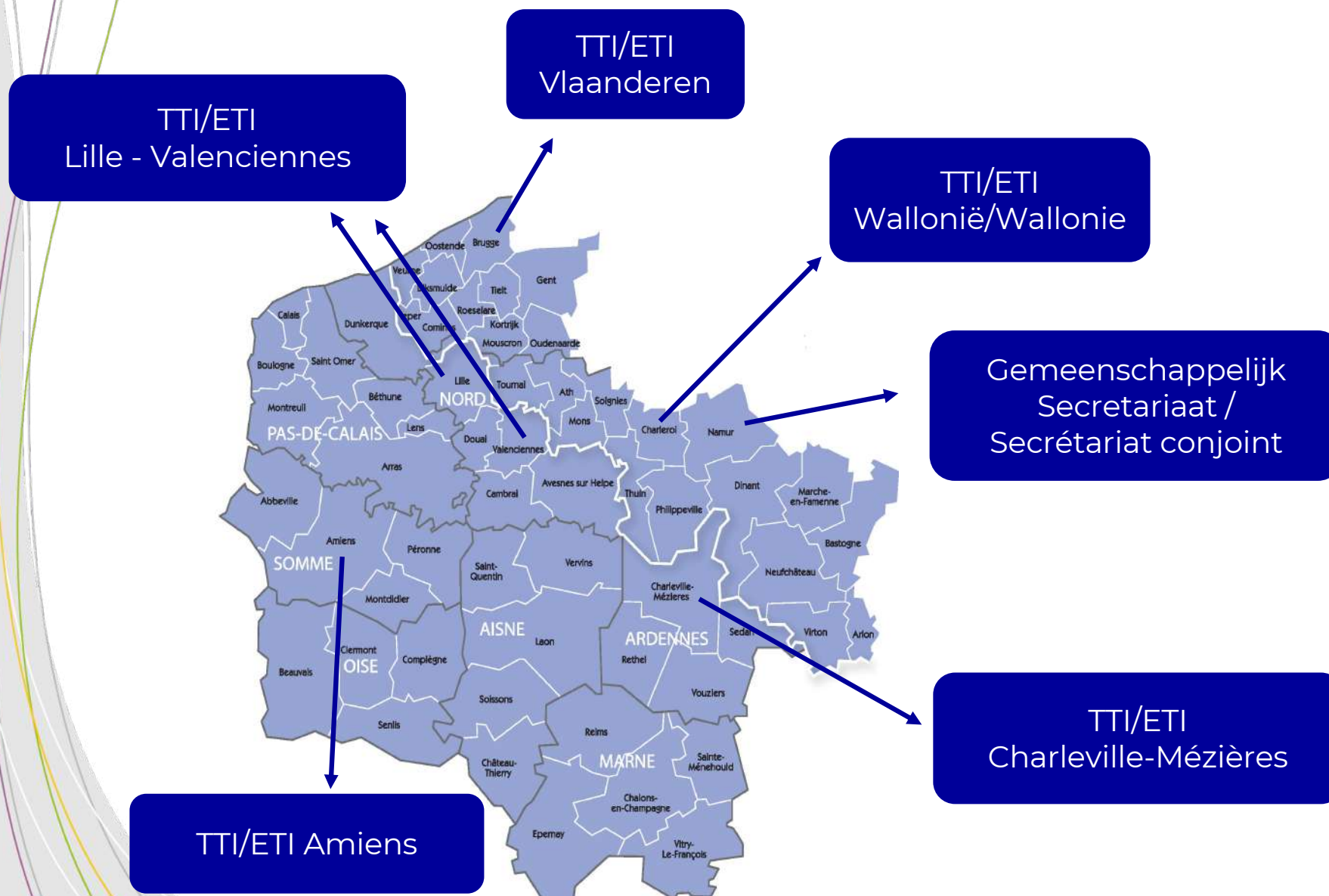
- Het Gemeenschappelijk Secretariaat / Le Secrétariat
conjoint
- Het Technisch Team / L'Equipe technique

DE PARTNERAUTORITEITEN

LES AUTORITÉS PARTENAIRES



TECHNISCHE BIJSTAND L'ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUE



APPLICATION
DE GESTION

VOUS ÊTES UN CITOYEN

VOUS ÊTES UN ACTEUR



PROGRAMME DE COOPÉRATION TRANSFRONTALIÈRE

avec le soutien du Fonds Européen de Développement Régional

ACCUEIL | LE PROGRAMME | ÉVÉNEMENTS | CONTACTS | ESPACE DOCUMENTATION

COMPÉTITIVITÉ DES PME

VOLG ONS! **SUIVEZ-NOUS !**

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GESTION DU TERRITOIRE

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A small introduction



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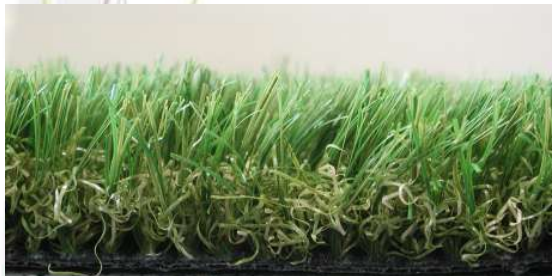


Project Raison (Why do we do it?)

- Actual situation:
 - Wrong idea:
properties of artificial turf = properties of natural turf
 - Artificial turf has other fireproofing properties
 - Actual solutions not eco-friendly
 - Hence:
 - Public unaware of difference
 - Fields with insufficient FR properties



Which types of artificial turf exist?



Landscaping grass	Hockey grass	Sports grass
Generally no infill, recreational	No infill, use of water	Filled in with sand and rubber
Europe: $10 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$ (+ 10%/year)	Europe: $30 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$	



Current RISKS with artificial turf



USE	Outdoor recreational and private: garden, terrace, park,...	Indoor: theme parks, event halls, markets	Sport fields.
Artificial turf system	Carpet without infill materials	Carpet without infill materials	Carpet with sand and rubber.
Risk	BBQ, cigarettes, camp fire, fire works...	Normal indoor risks, such as cigarettes, cooking plates, candles, electrical short-circuit, ...	Fire works, use of stadium for other events, grass can't be used as evacuation area
Current Solution	Add sand	Add sand	Use special fire retardant rubber
Reality	Almost always used without sand	Fire report with sand, installed without sand	Over 90% with rubber from recycled tyres.



Lack of awareness

Stakeholders	Producers	Owners, Installers, public authorities	Fire brigades, police, law enforcers	End-users
Problem	Price pressure, environmental risks with anti-fire agents	No awareness on importance of sand. No fire legislation for outdoor area's	Lack of information, studies, fire propagation scenario's	Don't realise the difference with natural grass
Risk	<i>Prevention:</i> Costs, environment, <i>Accident:</i> Collapse of business	Liability in case of accidents Damage to people and infrastructure	Acceptance of unsafe installation Wrong judgement of risk crowd management problems	Personal injuries, burning wounds, inhalation of smoke, or even death
Information need	New Flame retardants, LCA, fire tests,...	Legislation (needs), risks, solutions, environmental aspects,..	Fire propagation, evaluation of risks, interpretation of tests,...	Correct use, Risks, Prevention,...



Project Objectives

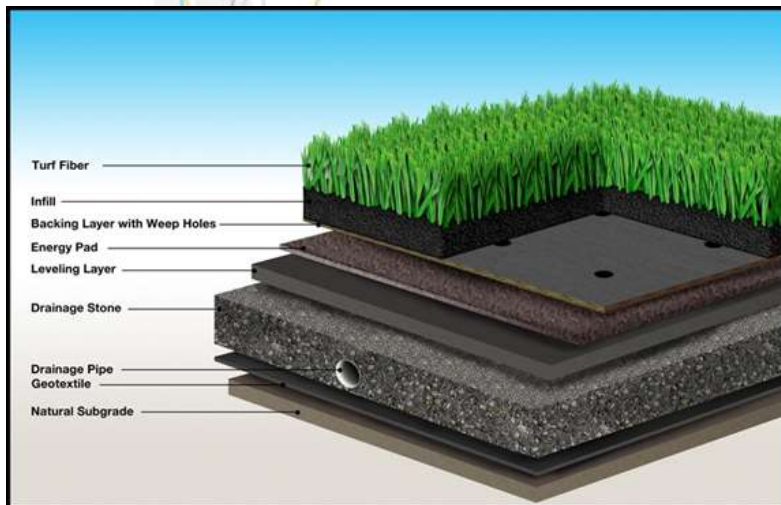
- Make the stake holders aware of difference
 - Communications,
 - Workshops,
 - ...
- Improve the fireproofing of artificial turf
 - Develop better solutions,
 - Taking into account the durability and ecologic aspects
 - Taking into account the industrial feasibility



Flame retardancy: technological issues



Artificial turf is a complex and multi-layered material and various problems need to be addressed:



- Where should the fire protection be ?
- How to process each layer containing flame retardants keeping the same specifications?
- How to make a fast screening of the fire performance relevant with the standard of the whole material?
- How to design a fire test (determination of the governing parameters?)



Scientific goal and expected results

- Understanding of the burning behaviour of the artificial turf when exposed to standard test (EN ISO 9239)
- Design of fire bench for testing turf-like assembly (simple multi-layered material)
- Propose technical solution to improve the fire retardancy of artificial turf (incorporation of FR additives in the matrix, surface treatment...)
- Demonstrate the sustainability of the developed solutions



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Project partners



Associated Partners



Resonance group



THE ULTIMATE
SURFACE EXPERIENCE





Presentation of the partners

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Lieva Van Langenhove:

Textile mechanics and smart textiles



Karen De Clerck:

Fibre technology and coloration



Dagmar D'hooge:

Polymerisation technology



Artificial turf - ERCAT

Development of new grass filaments

Extrusion

Multimaterial

Optimization

Improved performance

Resilience

Cooling

Player/field interaction

Shock absorption

Fire resistance



Artificial turf testing

Accreditation for

FIFA

Rugby

Hockey

Specific test methods

Lisport (wear)

Taber test

Fire test

Thermal analysis

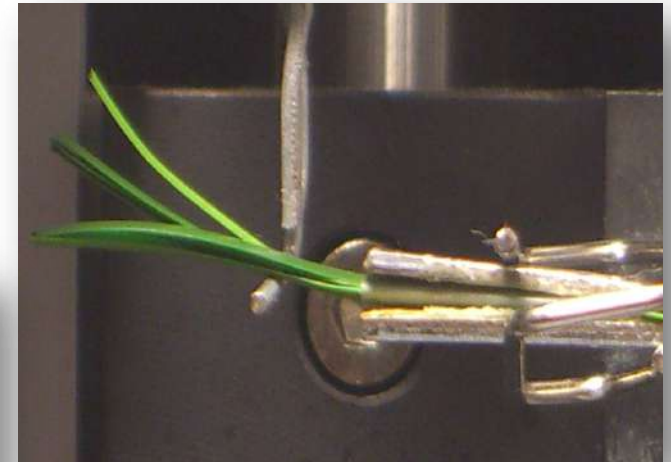
Filling analysis

Ball roll and rebound

Resilience

UV resistance

...





Presentation of the partners

Project partners: Université de Lille
Mathilde Casetta



UMET laboratory

80 researchers



"No, I said my name is Dr. Gofman. G as in glucose, O as in ornithine, F as in Ferritin, M as in Methionine, A as in acetylcholinesterase, N as in nitrogen."

60 PhD - 20 Post-Docs/CDD – 30 DUT, M_{1,2}



PhD day 2018

25 technical and
administration staff



=> materials science laboratory for different applications



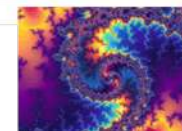
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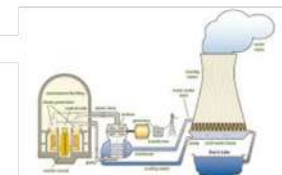
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Building

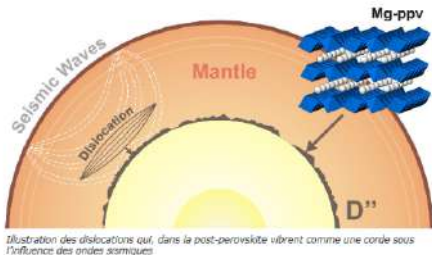
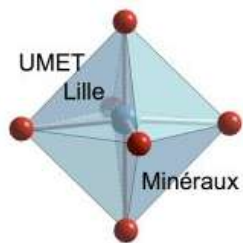
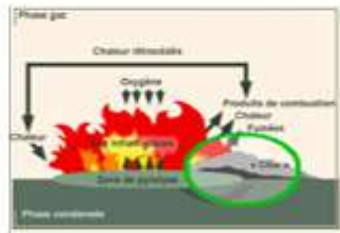
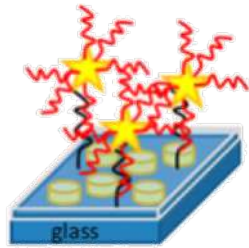


Planets



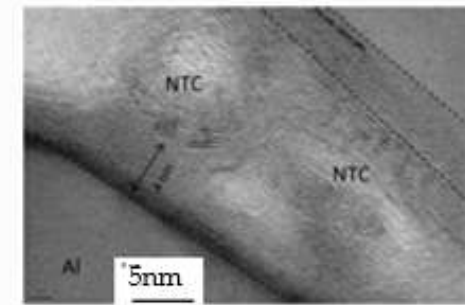
Nuclear Plant

UMET: Structure



Polymer
Systems
Engineering

Physical
Metallurgy
and
Materials
Engineering

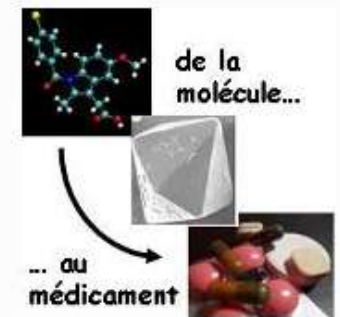


Al + NTC métallurgie des poudres

Earth and
Planetary
Materials

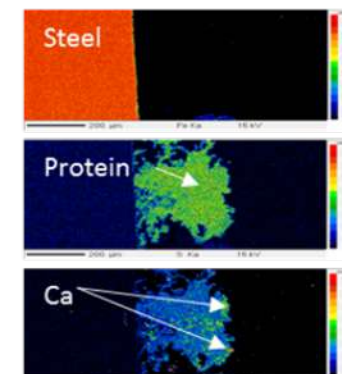
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Molecular and
Therapeutic
Materials



Plasticity

Interface
Processes
and Hygiene
of Materials



Polymer
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Reaction and resistance to fire

Holistic
approach

Engineering and processing

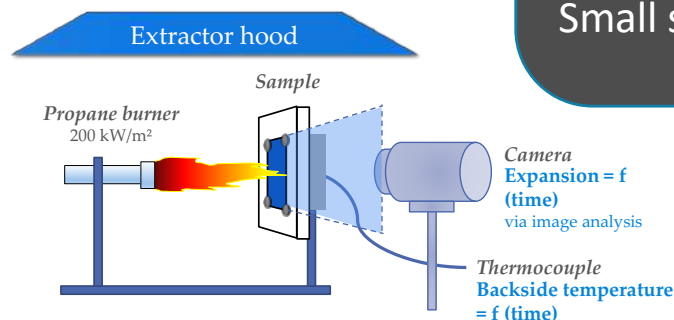
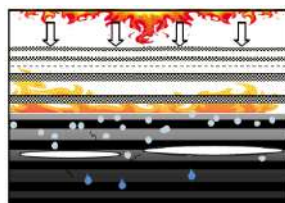
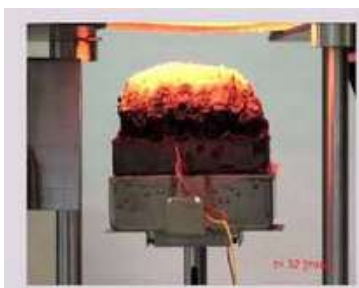
- Filled polymer
- Composites and nanocomposite
- Reactive extrusion
- Surface treatment
- FR synthesis and formulation

Functional durability

- Recycling
- Aging

Similitude, modelling and simulation

Kinetic analysis
Modelling
(intumescent,
thermal barrier...)
Small scale protocol





Presentation of the partners

**Project partners: Materia Nova
Oliver Talon**

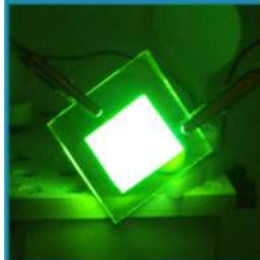




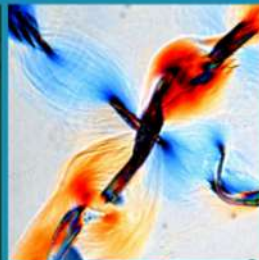
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FUTURE MATERIALS...



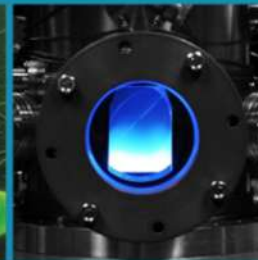
ADVANCED
MATERIALS FOR
ENERGY
APPLICATIONS



INNOVATIVE AND
SUSTAINABLE
POLYMERIC
MATERIALS



CELLS FOR
MATERIALS AND
MATERIALS FOR
CELLS



MULTIFUNCTIONAL
SURFACES



LIFE CYCLE
THINKING



CHARACTERIZATION
PLATFORM

... MADE BY TODAY'S PEOPLE



Main role of Materia Nova in the **GRASS** project

Use Life Cycle Assessment tools (LCA) to

- quantify the environmental benefits of new turf compositions
- identify potential environmental hotspots
- eco-design the new products for optimization of their environmental footprint



Presentation of the partners

Project partners: Up-tex
Nicolas Martin





UP-tex textile cluster association for innovation in textile sector

More than 170 members



UP-tex & CLUBTEX
131 companies

Turnover
15 Bn €

Staff
31 000

Midsize / SMEs /
Small companies
128 members
(inc 12 large
companies subsidiary)

Turnover
4,5 Bn €

Staff
22 700

Our members: Companies



More info on www.innovationstextiles.fr

Our members: Universities and Technology centres



Our members: Clusters, Associations



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Innovation booster: « Pôle de compétitivité »

Projects toward products

- Emergence and brainstorming workshops (from idea to project)
- Partner search / Access to partnerships
- Labeling of projects for fund raising
- Assistance in project proposal in response to calls for tender
- Communication on projects results

Business intelligence

- Technological watch
- Newsletters
- Studies on prospective markets and technologies

Communication

- 3 conference days / year
- 1 business lunch every month
- 2 key account meeting / year
- Futex Convention
- International prospecting missions and exhibitions



Presentation of the partners

**Associated partners: Fedustria
Kris Vermoesen**





Presentation of the partners

Associated partners:

- Sport Vlaanderen
- Infrasports
- Union Sport & Cycle





Presentation of the partners

Resonance group





Raisons to have a resonance group

- Membres of the resonance group:
 - Industry,
 - Stakeholders (government, sport federations, ...),
 - ...
- Objectives
 - Helping the partner with info on,
 - Industrial feasibility
 - Needs of the public / stake holders
 - Communication



Presentation of the partners

**Resonance group: Michel Van de Wiele N.V.
Dominique Maes**

 **VANDEWIELE**

GRASS Kick-Off 05-12-2018



Founded in 1880

- Activities
 - Machinery Building (50%):
 - Technology & components (50%)
- VANDEWIELE Group
 - 560 million EUR turnover
 - 3000 + FTE
- VANDEWIELE Marke
 - 260 million EUR turnover
 - 760 FTE



Extrusion



Heat Setting



Tufting



Finishing



Weaving

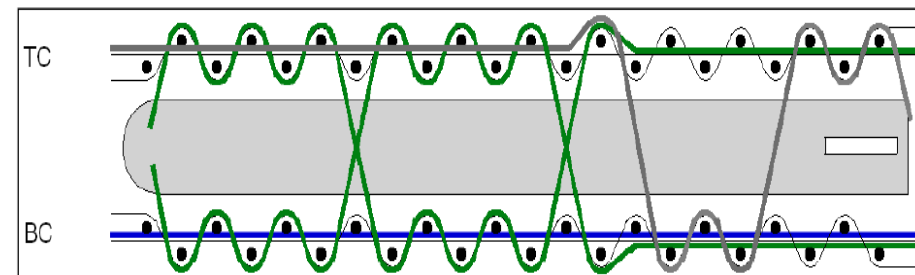
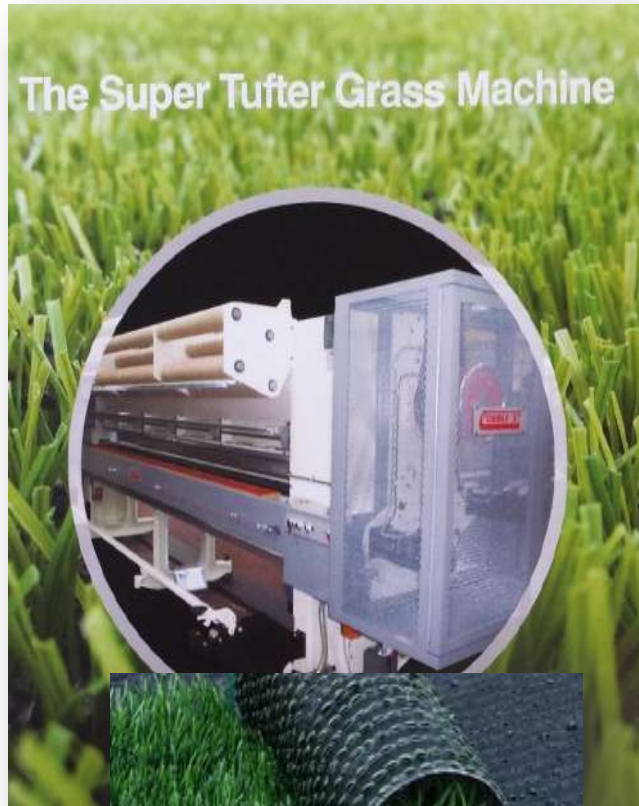


Tufting

Weaving

Cobble : Super Grass Tufter

Van de Wiele : SRe02





Presentation of the partners

Resonance group: LANO Sports
Chris Vandendorre



Lano Group

One of the largest, family owned, European tufting & weaving companies



- > 100m € turnover
- 10m m² tufted & 1m m² woven carpet
- 500 employees
- 2 production sites - Belgium & France
- ISO 9001 certified



Lano Group stands for

Quality

- Control
- Experience

Integration

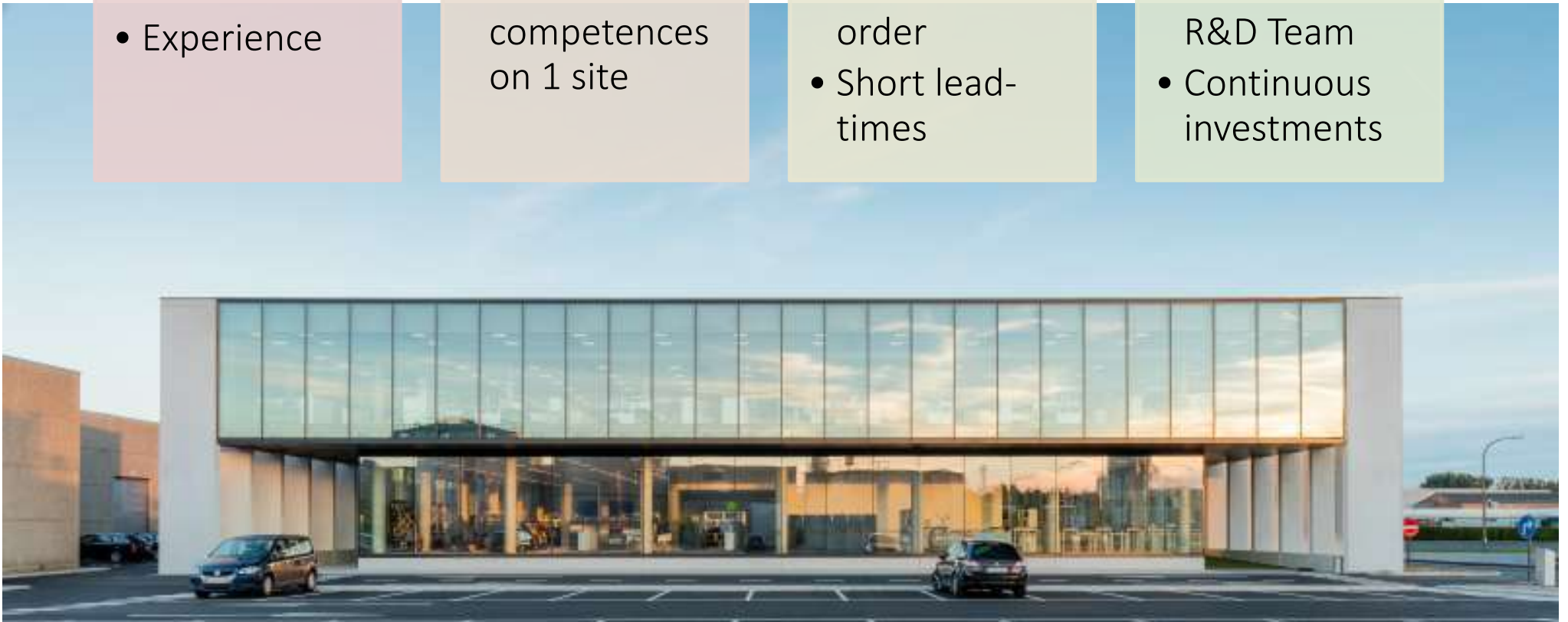
- All core competences on 1 site

Flexibility

- Make-to-order
- Short lead-times

Technology & Innovation

- Extended R&D Team
- Continuous investments



Lano's Sustainability Statement



Lano strives to achieve a minimum impact on the environment by undertaking the following activities:

- Source recycled material
- Reduce emissions
- Conserve energy
- Recycle waste water
- Minimise carbon emissions
- Improve product life cycle



By ensuring the use or implementation of:

- Recycled materials in new developments
- Solar driven energy of our own installation
- Wastewater treatment facility



artificial grass solutions



Producer of Artificial Turf since 1984 !

>30 Years of Experience

Durability in Quality and Performance

Sports & Landscaping applications

Business Unit within Lano Group

Turnover : 13m €

Dedicated production facility - Harelbeke (B)

Internationally accredited



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Presentation of the partners

Resonance group: Sports & Leisure Group
Jordi Vercauteren





Presentation of the partners

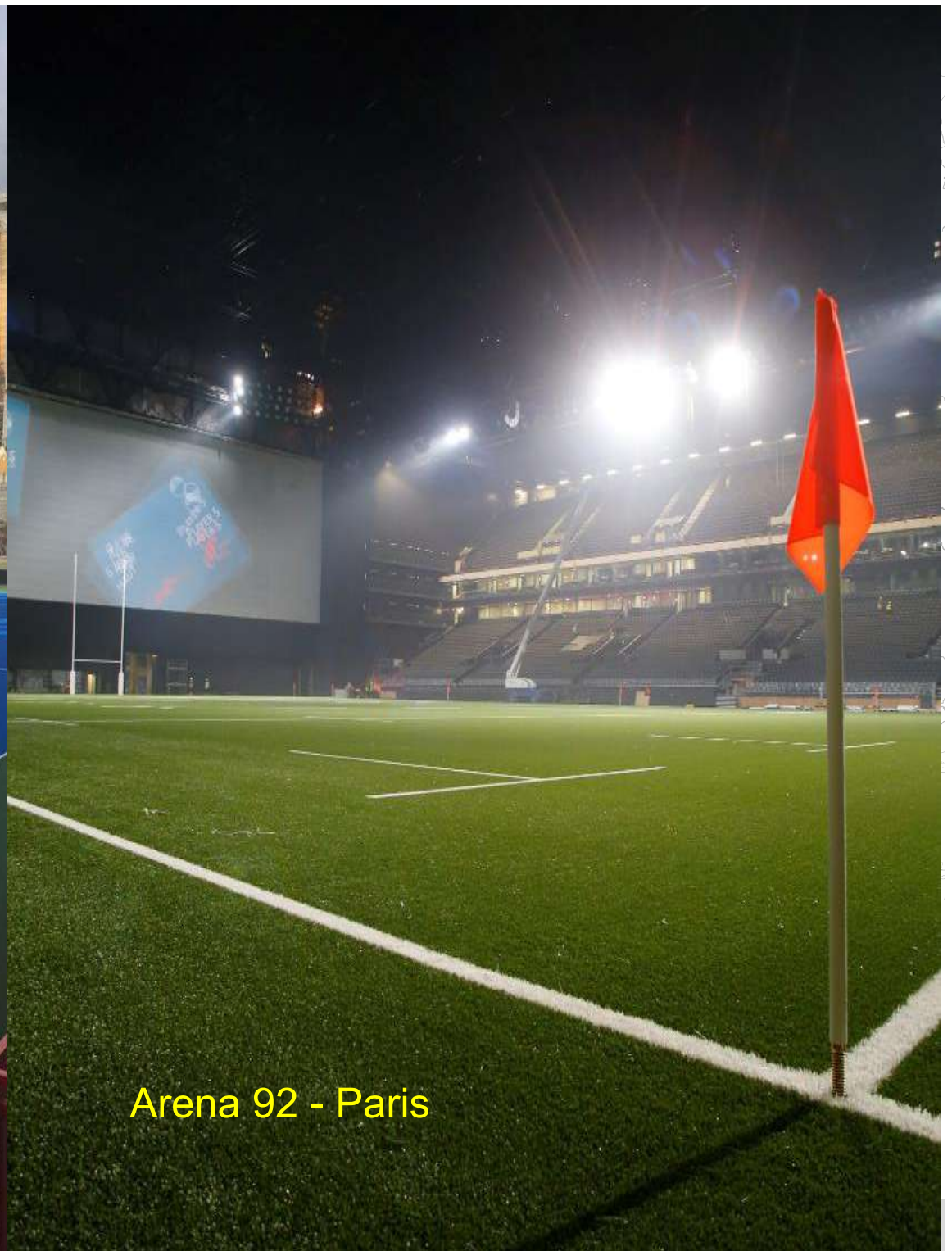
**Resonance group: Tarkett
Vincent Menec**



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SURFACE EXPERIENCE



Macao - Chine



Arena 92 - Paris



Presentation of the partners

**Resonance group: Mattex
Davida Decorte**



Company Overview: Our Business



Your preferred partner

At a glance

- Sales : >300 Million USD
- Employees: 1,065
- Established in 1996 by Al Rajhi Holding & Al Sorayai Group



Plants

- Jeddah, KSA - Fabrics
- Jeddah, KSA - Grass Yarn & Grass Carpet
- Dubai, UAE - Fabrics
- Eton, USA - Fabrics & Grass Yarn
- Jubail, KSA - Staple Fiber & Geo Synthetics
- Abu Dhabi, UAE – Grass Yarn

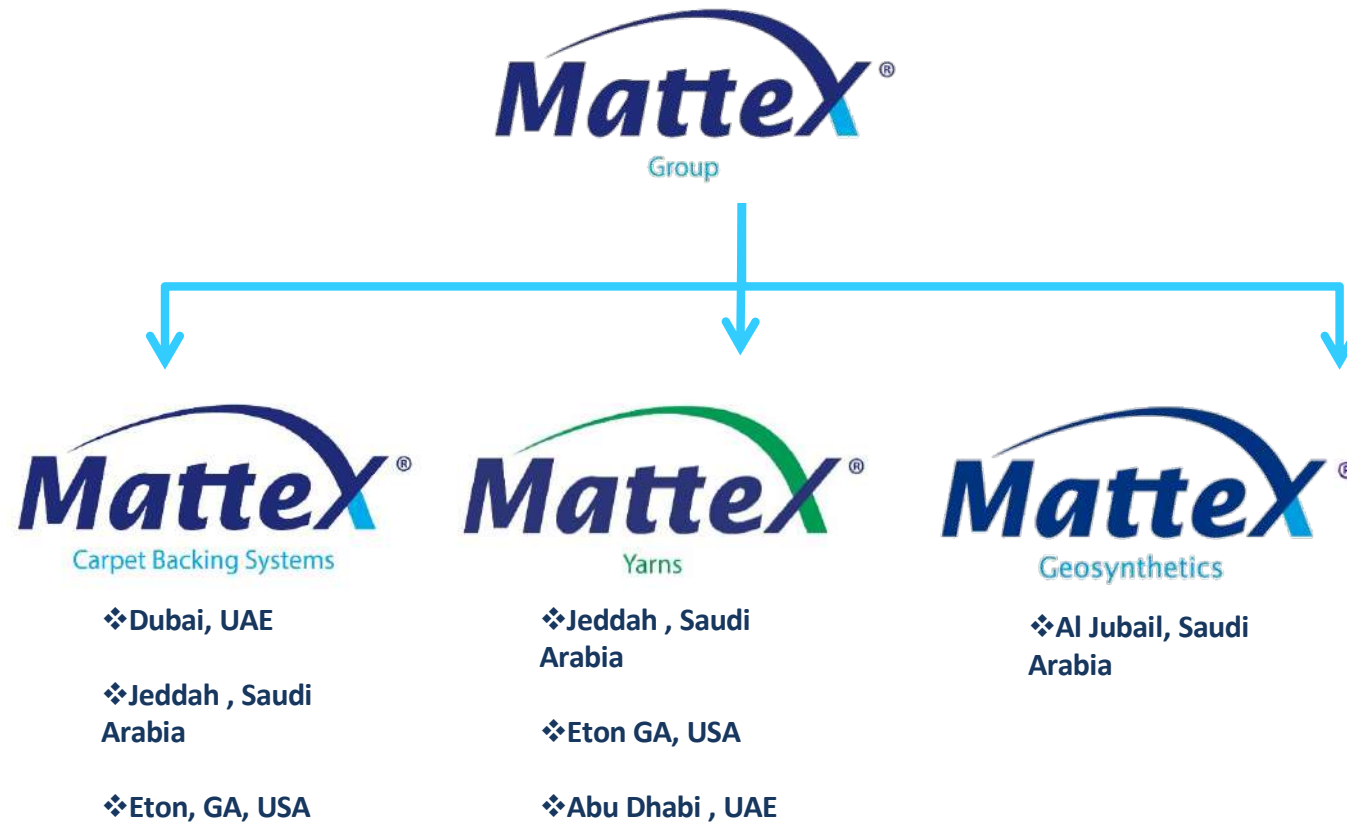
Sales Offices

- Belgium, Europe
- Luxembourg, Europe
- Paarl, South Africa
- Shanghai, China
- Auckland, New Zealand

Company Overview: Where are we located



Your preferred partner



Three Strategic Business Units

Company Overview: Our Specialities

Fabrics



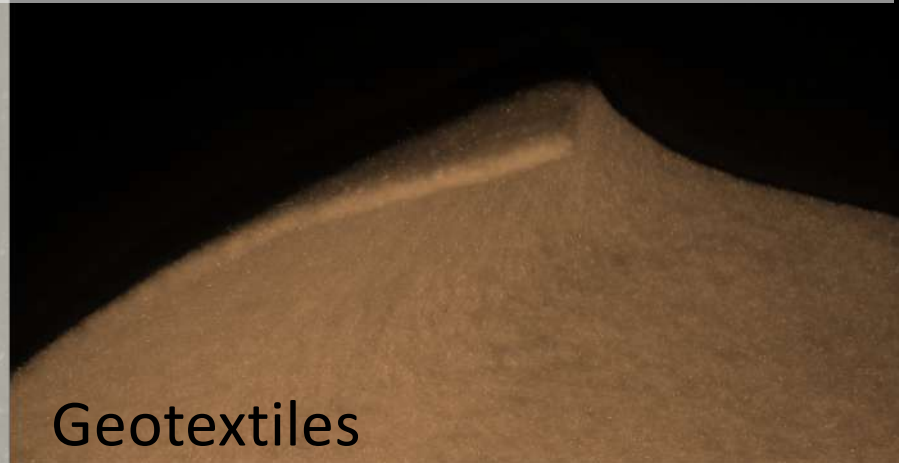
Yarns



Fibers



Geotextiles





Presentation of the partners

Resonance group: EOC
Piet Tytgat & Quintin Keil





Who is EOC?

- Manufacturer of high-quality chemical products
- For a wide range of industries
- For a great variety of applications
- Family owned, medium-sized
- Active on a worldwide scale
- Provide toll manufacturing





Business Units

Compounds

Latex

Polyurethanes

Emulsions

Adhesives

Surfactants

Textile
Chemicals

Thermoplastic
Elastomers

EXOTEX

CARPET LATEX

EXOFOAM

FOAM COMPOUND

EXOLAST

THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMERS

EXOPUR®

HIGH-PERFORMANCE POLYURETHANES

EXOTURF

GRASS BACKING

EXOTILE

TILE PRECOAT

EXOFLAM

FLAME RETARDANT

EXOCARPET

CARPET COMPOUND

EXOMOTIVE

AUTOMOTIVE

EXOPROTECT

WATER & OIL REPELLENCY

EXODISP

EMULSIONS FOR COATING

EXOCRUMB

RUBBERCRUMB COMPOUND



Presentation of the partners

Resonance group: Fitco Grass
Luc Decraemer



- Fitco Grass is an independent producer of yarns for artificial turf.
- Production of pile yarns for landscaping as well as for sports.
- Yarns types:
 - Fibrilated yarns
 - Monifilament yarns : twist, wrapped or texturized.
- Production facility situated in Ostend.



Presentation of the partners

Resonance group: Devan Chemicals





Presentation of the partners

Resonance group: Jonckvansteen





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Overview of systems



M. Sc Stijn Rambour

Kick off event GRASS
5th Decembre 2018 , Fedustria Gent



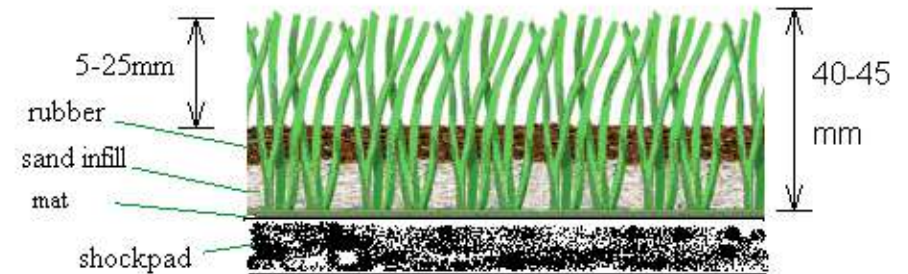
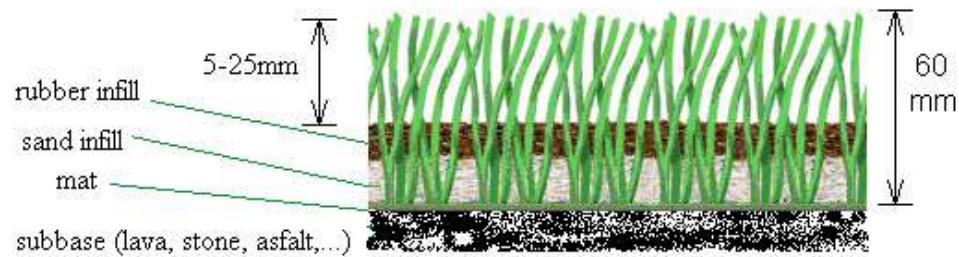
Which types of artificial turf exist?



Landscaping grass	Hockey grass	Sports grass
Generally no infill, recreational	No infill, use of water	Filled in with sand and rubber



Sports grass



60 mm grass	40 mm grass
High quantity of performance infill (+/- 30mm)	Lower quantity of performance infill (10-20mm)



Stabilsing infill material

Silica sand



beige

Round shape

**No fine material,
generally 0.4mm as
finest grade**

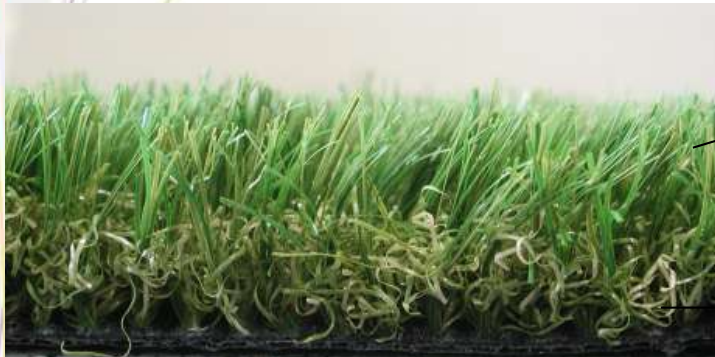


Performance infill materials

SBR	EPDM	TPE	cork
			
Black	All colours possible	All colours possible	brown
Made from recycled tyres	New man made material	New man made material	Natural material from tree
No additives possible	Additives possible	Additives possible	No additives possible
Heat by sun	Surface temperature a little bit lower	Surface temperature a little bit lower	Lower surface temperature
Very UV resistant	UV resistant by adding UV stabilisators	UV resistant by adding UV stabilisators	Good resistance to sun light
Smell when hot	Can have the same smell as SBR	No smell, nor heavy metals	No smell



Landscaping grass



Straight topyarn

tatch yarn: curled
or texturised



Thank you for your attention





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FIRE RETARDANCY OF MATERIALS

Mathilde CASETTA

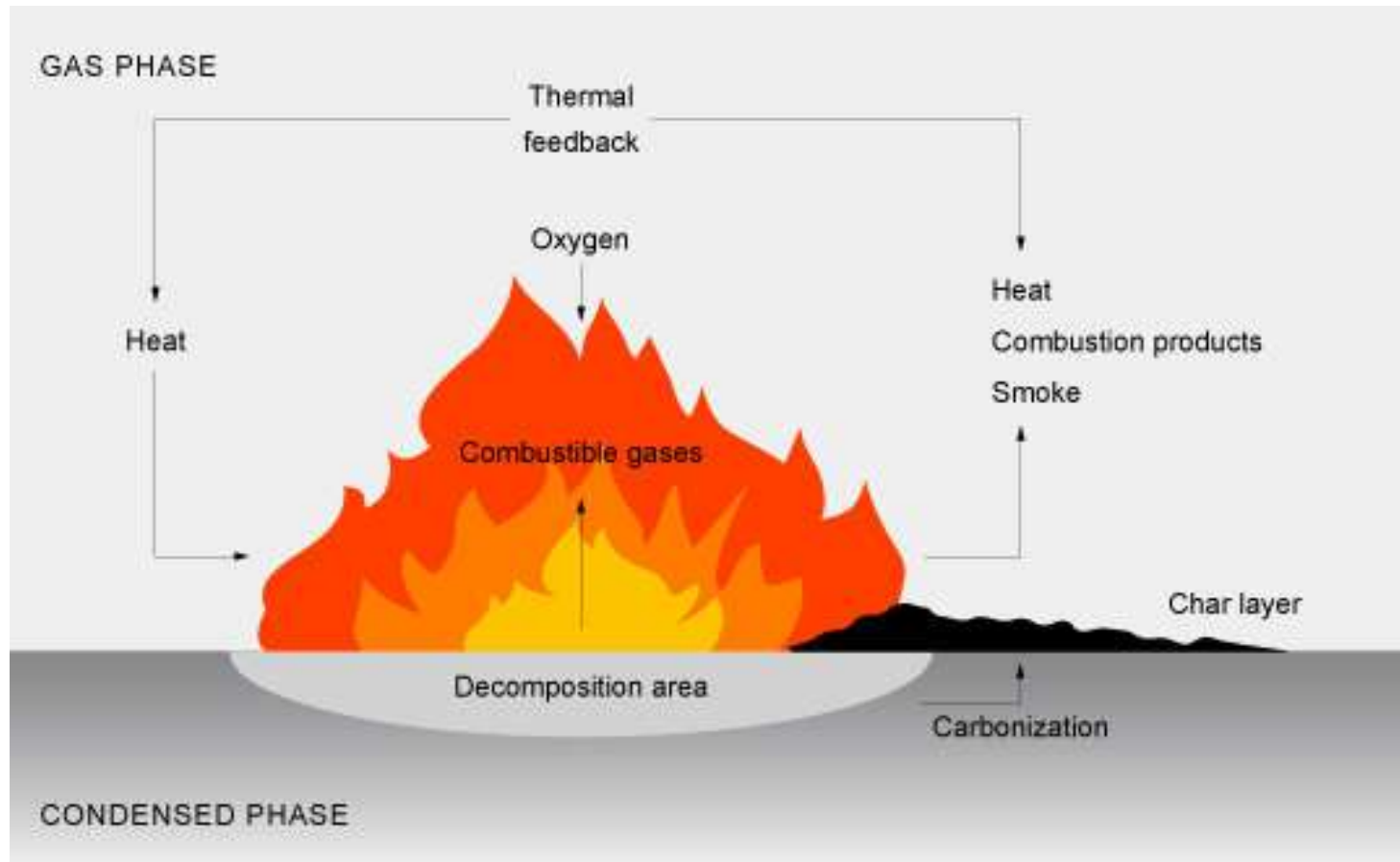
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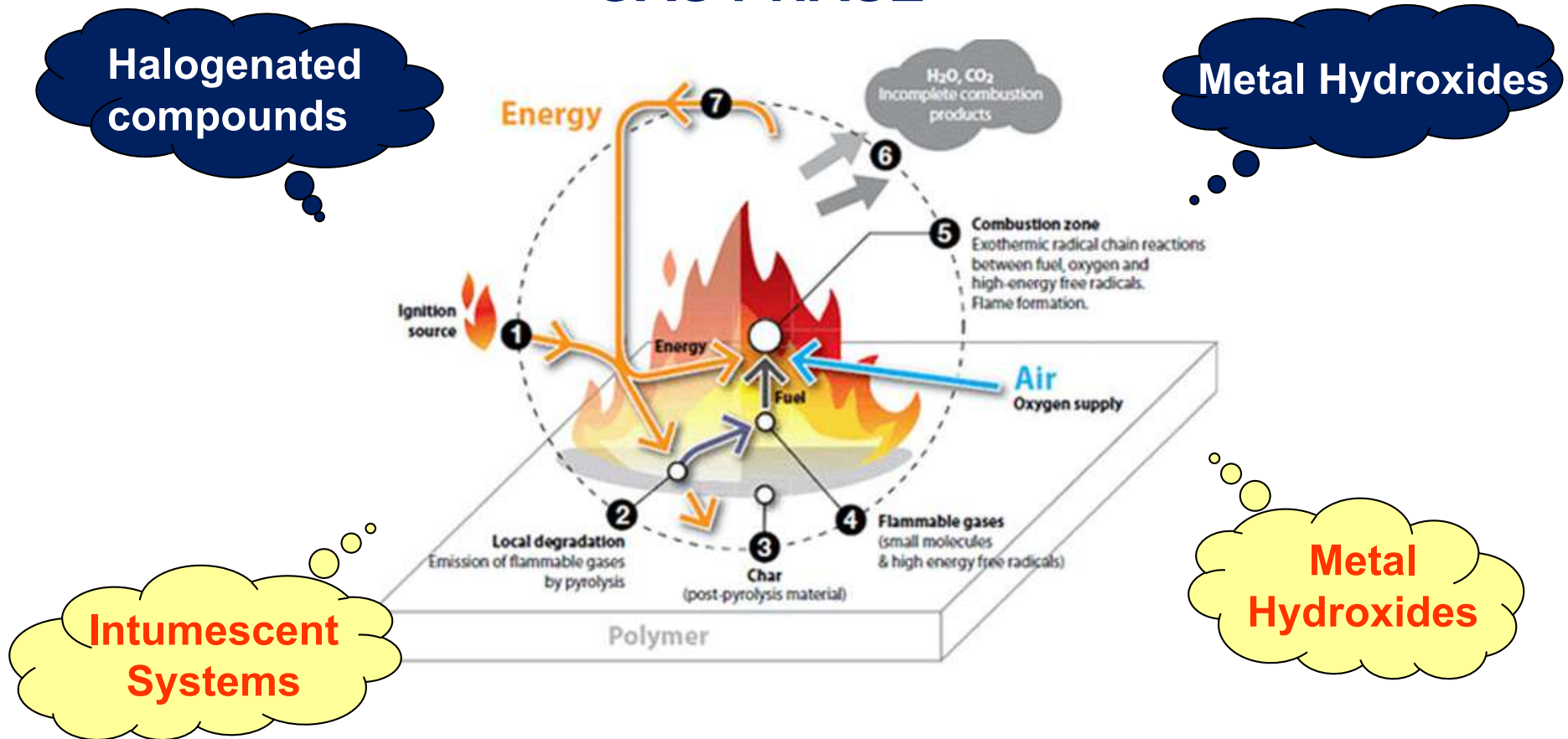
Combustion process



GAS PHASE

Halogenated compounds

Metal Hydroxides



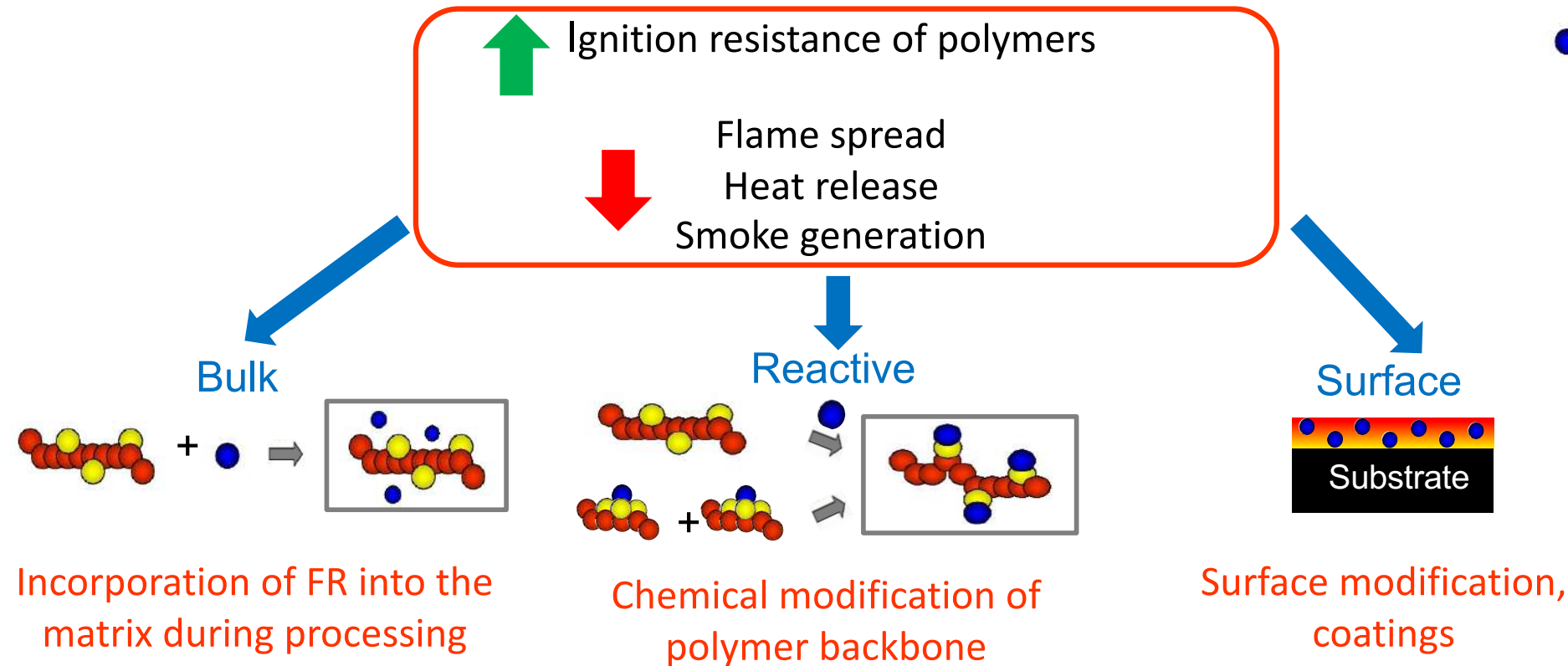
Intumescent Systems

Metal Hydroxides

CONDENSED PHASE

How to fire retard polymeric materials?

● FR



Low cost & fast
BUT
High loading (up to 65 wt-%)
Decrease of intrinsic properties

Efficient
BUT
Expensive
Change in morphology /
physical properties

FR concentrated at the surface
No bulk modification
BUT
Problem of adhesion
Ageing

Example: Tarkett project



From



To



Vertical burning test
AITM2-0002

Smoke chamber test

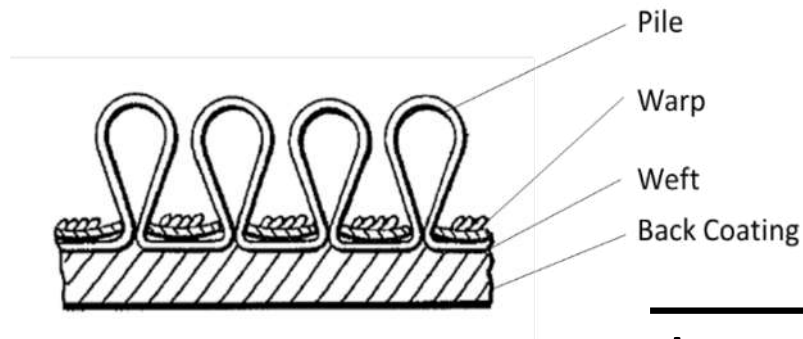
Smoke toxicity
AITM3-0005

Smoke density
AITM2-0007



Carpets composition

Comparison Highweight / Lightweight



Highweight



Lightweight

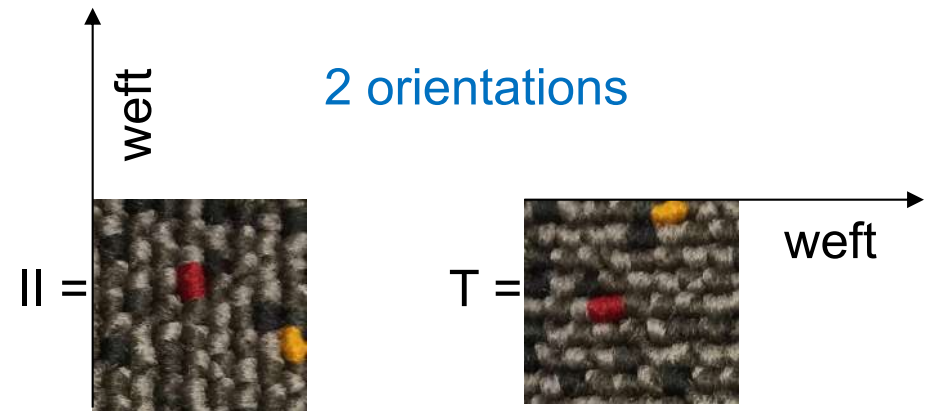
Layer	Nature	Weight
Pile	Different	~ 50% lighter
Warp1	=	=
Warp2	=	=
Weft	=	=
Backcoating	=	~ 20% lighter
Total		~ 30% lighter

Development of smoke chamber

Sample in vertical position



Heat flux: 25kW/m²



2 modes: flaming mode (Fmode)
non flaming mode (NFmode)

Test duration: 240s

Determination of the smoke density and smoke toxicity

Validation of the smoke chamber

Smoke toxicity (AITM0005)



Smoke density (AITM2-0007)

Determination of the optical density D_m at maximum time of test

- Flaming mode (Fmode)
 $D_m \leq 250$
- Non-flaming mode (NFmode)
 $D_m \leq 150$

- Comparison of $D_s = f(t)$ curves with standardized test: **SIMILAR RESULTS**
- BUT: saturation phenomenon at high D_s values (275-300)
- LW fails the test

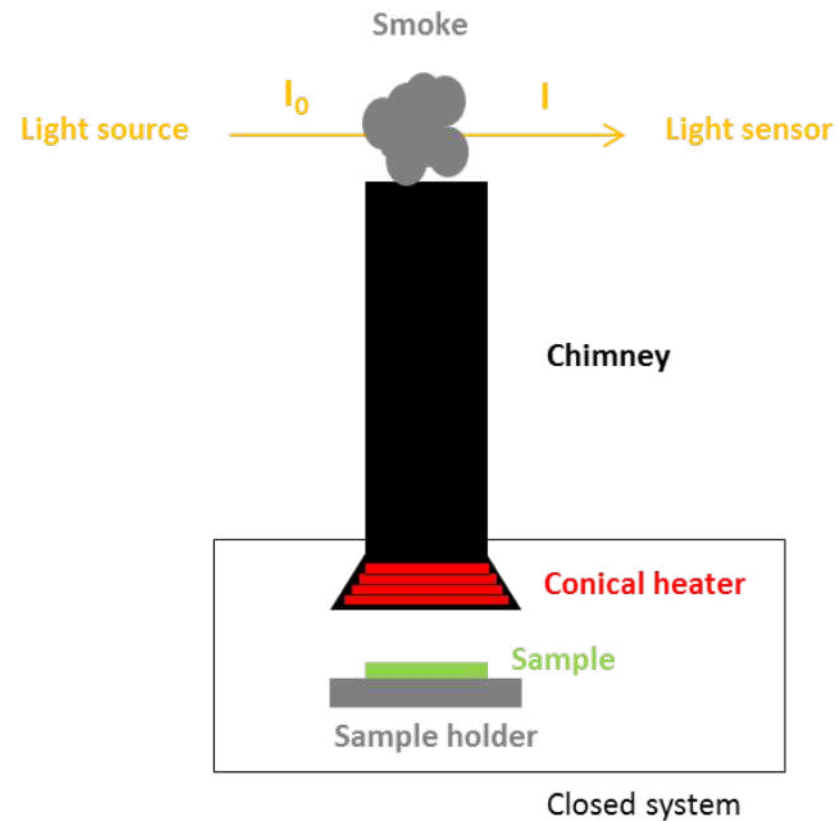
- Test correlated with the standardized test
- LW fails the smoke density test

Role of the components – MLC smoke

Mass Loss Calorimeter coupled with smoke density analyzer (MLC-smoke)



Sample 10x10cm²
25kW/m², 25mm



Role of the components – MLC smoke

Smoke density simulation of LW and its components

- Strong contribution of the backcoating and the weft
- Non negligible contribution of the pile

But potential interactions between carpet components not considered

Comparison of pile and pileless samples

Strong contribution of the pile on the smoke density with the LW carpet

Comparison of backing and backingless samples

- Shift of the smoke density towards shorter times with the backing
- Interaction between pile and backing for the LW carpet?

Development of new backing formulations

Smoke chamber test

	F1	F2	F3
Polymer matrix	100	100	100
Water	40	40	40
FR1	120	80	100
FR2	-	40	-
FR3	-	-	20
Total	260	260	260



Smoke density AITM2-0007

New backing formulations

F1 formulation

$D_m \leq 150$ for all samples

$D_m \leq 250$ for all samples



F2 formulation

$D_m \geq 150$ for LW samples

$D_m \geq 250$ for all samples



F3 formulation

$D_m \leq 150$ for all samples



WORKPLAN FOR GRASS

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1. Characterization of the different artificial grass structures using fire tests complementary to the ISO 9239 standard test
2. Identification of the components having the most important contribution to the fire behavior
3. Development of a small scale ISO 9239 test + validation of the test
4. Selection of the most relevant FR additives and of the fire retardant strategy
5. Elaboration of fire retarded formulations and evaluation of the fire properties with the small scale test
6. Determination of the mechanism of action of FR additives
7. Selection of the FR structures for testing at the ISO 9239 standard test

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USE OF LCA FOR ECODESIGNING GRASS INNOVATION

OLIVIER TALON
MATERIA NOVA



WHAT IS LCA?

(LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT)

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LCA identifies all steps of the life cycle of the studied system

end of life
treatment



manufacture of
the product



transports



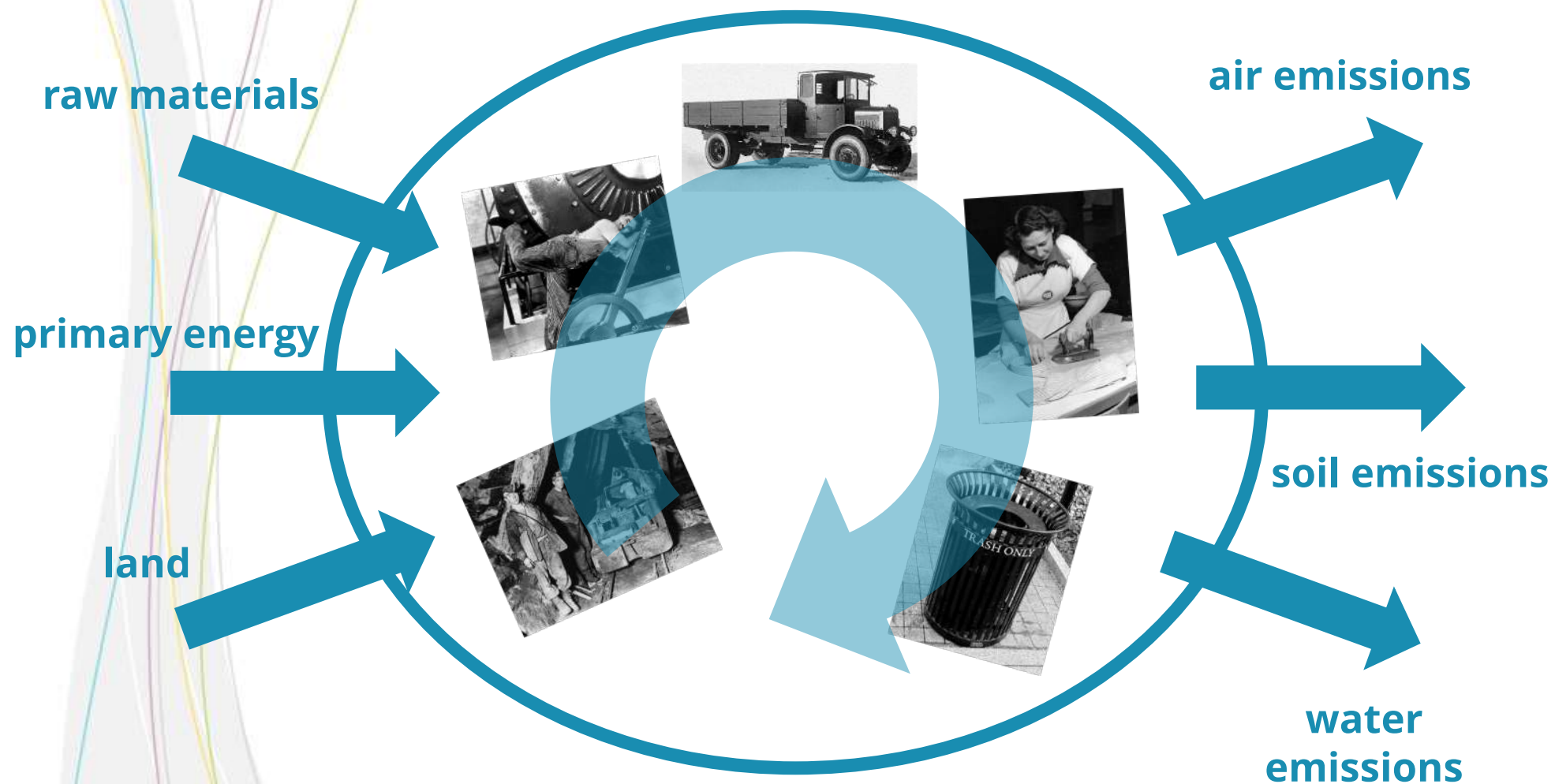
raw materials
extraction



use phase



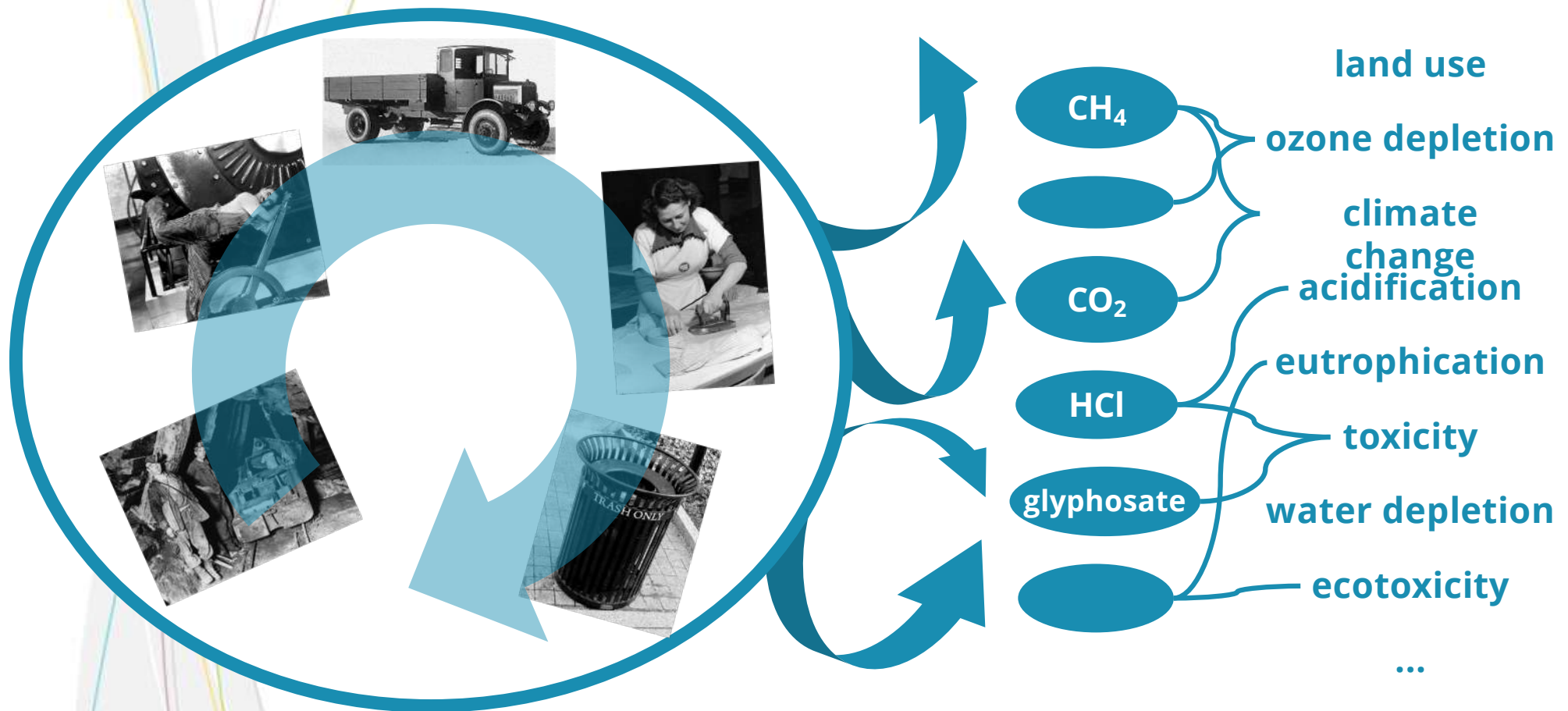
LCA quantifies exchanges between the system and the environment



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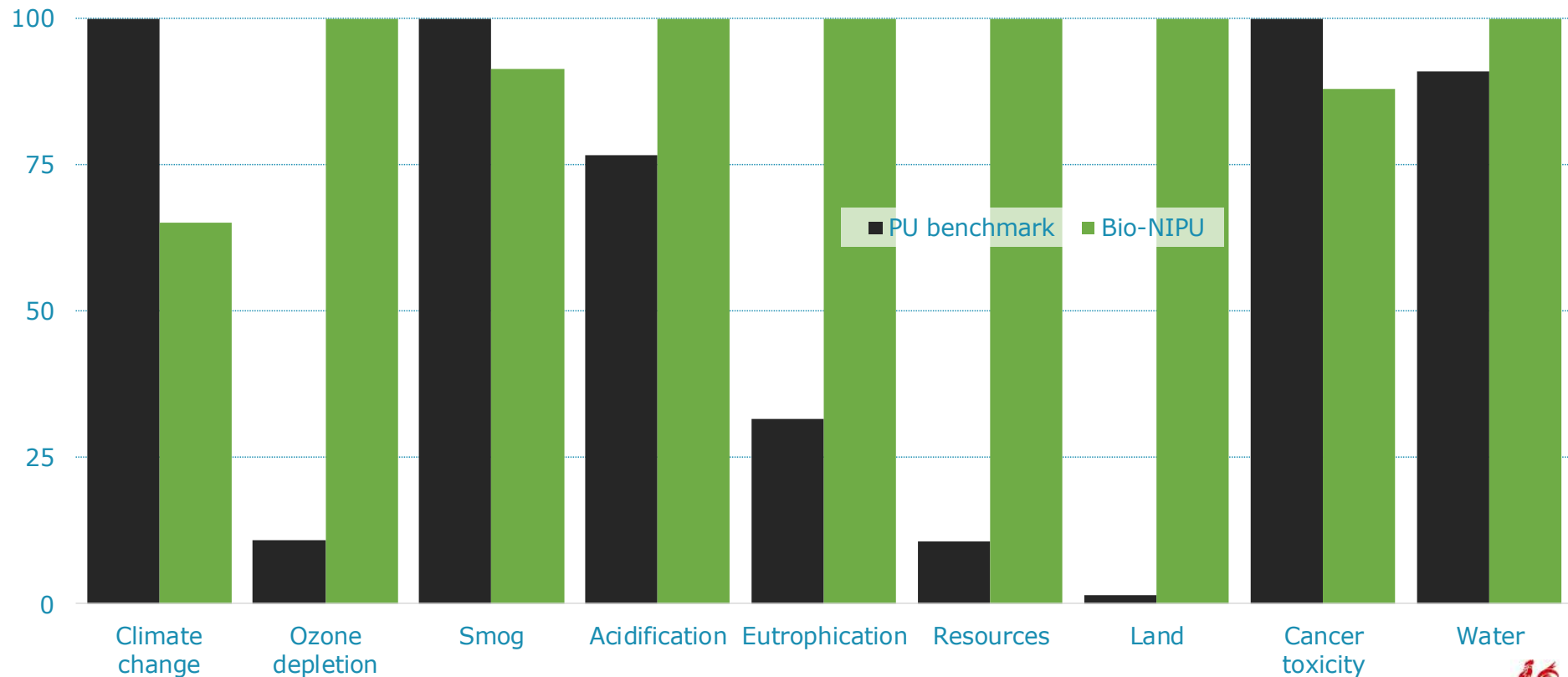
LCA makes links between these exchanges and multiple environmental impact categories



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LCA translates these flows into environmental impacts



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WHAT IS THE LINK BETWEEN LCA AND ECODESIGN?

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Ecodesign is a process /
mindset where environmental
issues are taken into account
while developing a product.



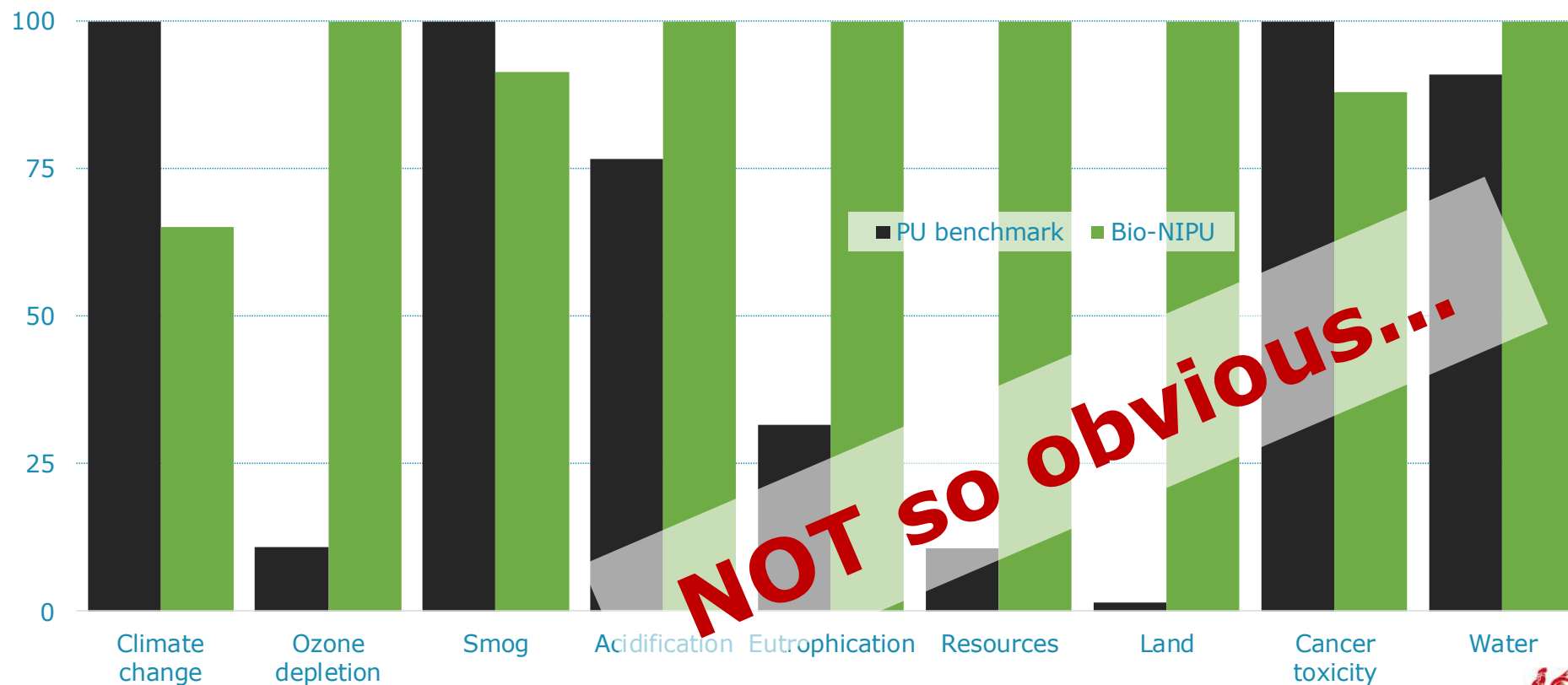
LCA is a tool that enables verification / quantification of the expected benefits of the ecodesign process from a life cycle perspective.



Sometimes, LCA may reveal that the ecodesign effort does not result in 100% greener products, and that further optimization is needed...



Example: We make it bio-based. It should be GREEN!



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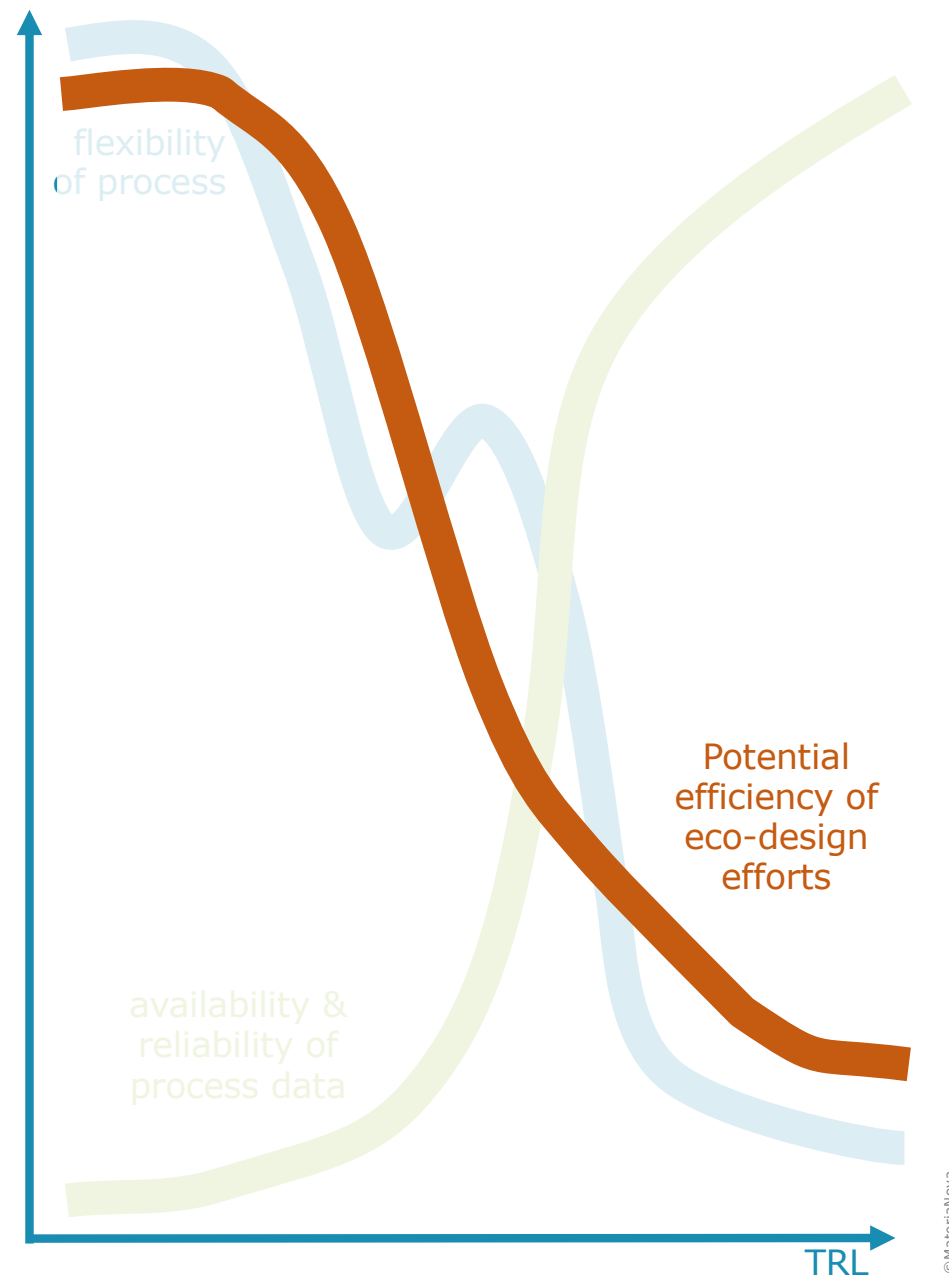


WHEN CAN THIS TOOL BE USED IN AN INNOVATION PROCESS?

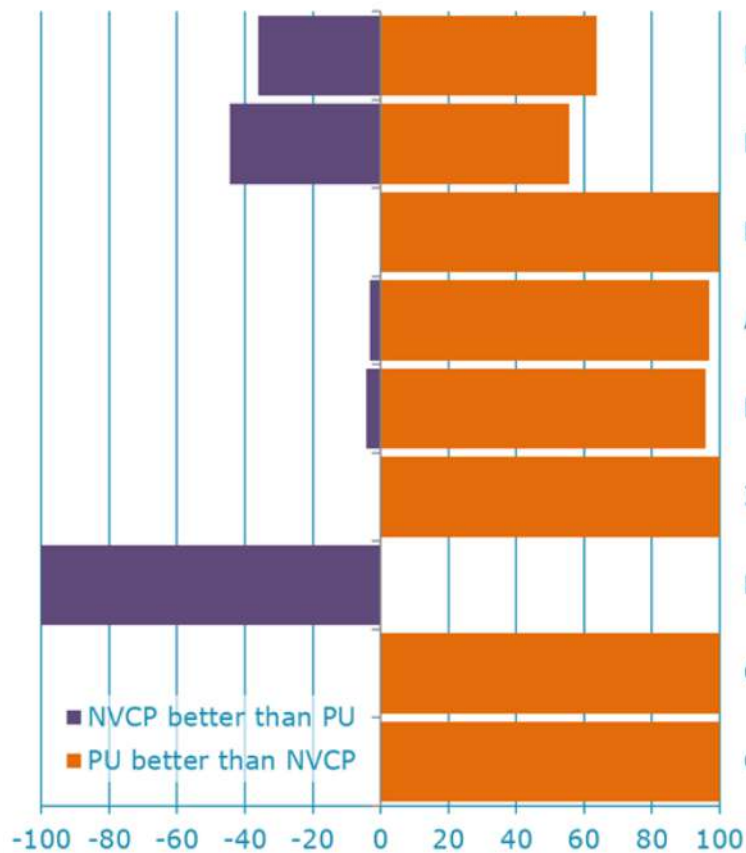
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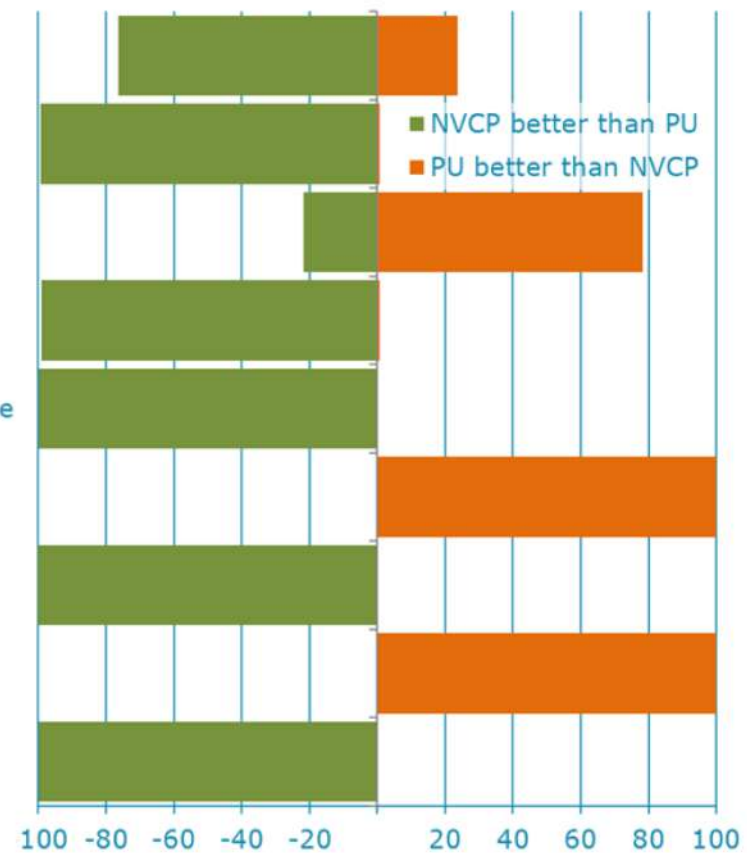
The earlier the better...



Early LCA can help reducing environmental footprint



First prototype



After LCA induced optimizations



ECODESIGNING GRASS INNOVATION WITH THE USE OF LCA TOOLS

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SPECIFIC ISSUES OF LCA FOR FIRE-RETARDED SYSTEMS

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LCA is based on (very) simple mathematics

$$EI(A+B) = EI(A) + EI(B)$$



$$EI(\text{Life Cycle}) = \sum(EI_{\text{steps}})$$

LC step 1

emission of 1 kg X

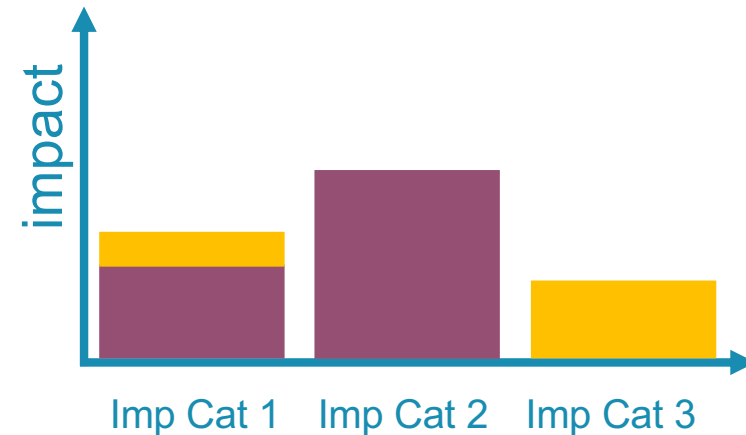
- $IC_1(X) = x_1$
- $IC_2(X) = x_2$
- $IC_3(X) = 0$

LC step 2

emission of 1 kg Y

- $IC_1(Y) = y_1$
- $IC_2(Y) = 0$
- $IC_3(Y) = y_3$

Overall Life Cycle Impacts



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Impact of a system

Any system

$$EI(\text{system}) = EI(\text{production}) + EI(\text{use}) + EI(\text{end of life})$$

Non-fire retarded system

$$EI(\overline{\text{FR}}) = EI(\text{prod}_{\overline{\text{FR}}}) + EI(\text{use}_{\overline{\text{FR}}}) + EI(\text{eol}_{\overline{\text{FR}}})$$

Fire retarded system

$$EI(\text{FR}) = EI(\text{prod}_{\text{FR}}) + EI(\text{use}_{\text{FR}}) + EI(\text{eol}_{\text{FR}})$$



FR vs. $\overline{\text{FR}}$

What do we compare?

In LCA, everything is related to the function of the system

What is the common function of FR and $\overline{\text{FR}}$?

Not to burn? No.
To be used.



FR vs. $\overline{\text{FR}}$

Therefore, if $\text{FR} = \overline{\text{FR}} + \text{fr}$

$$\text{EI}(\text{FR}) = \text{EI}(\overline{\text{FR}}) + \text{EI}(\text{fr})$$

$$\text{EI}(\text{FR}) > \text{EI}(\overline{\text{FR}})$$

because, obviously: $\text{EI}(\text{prod}_{\text{fr}}) + \text{EI}(\text{use}_{\text{fr}}) + \text{EI}(\text{eol}_{\text{fr}}) > 0$



But...

Such systems should not be considered by LCA as if they would never burn. Because they may burn. Each of them.



How can we do that?

By including fire statistics and
environmental consequences of fire events
in the comparative LCA study



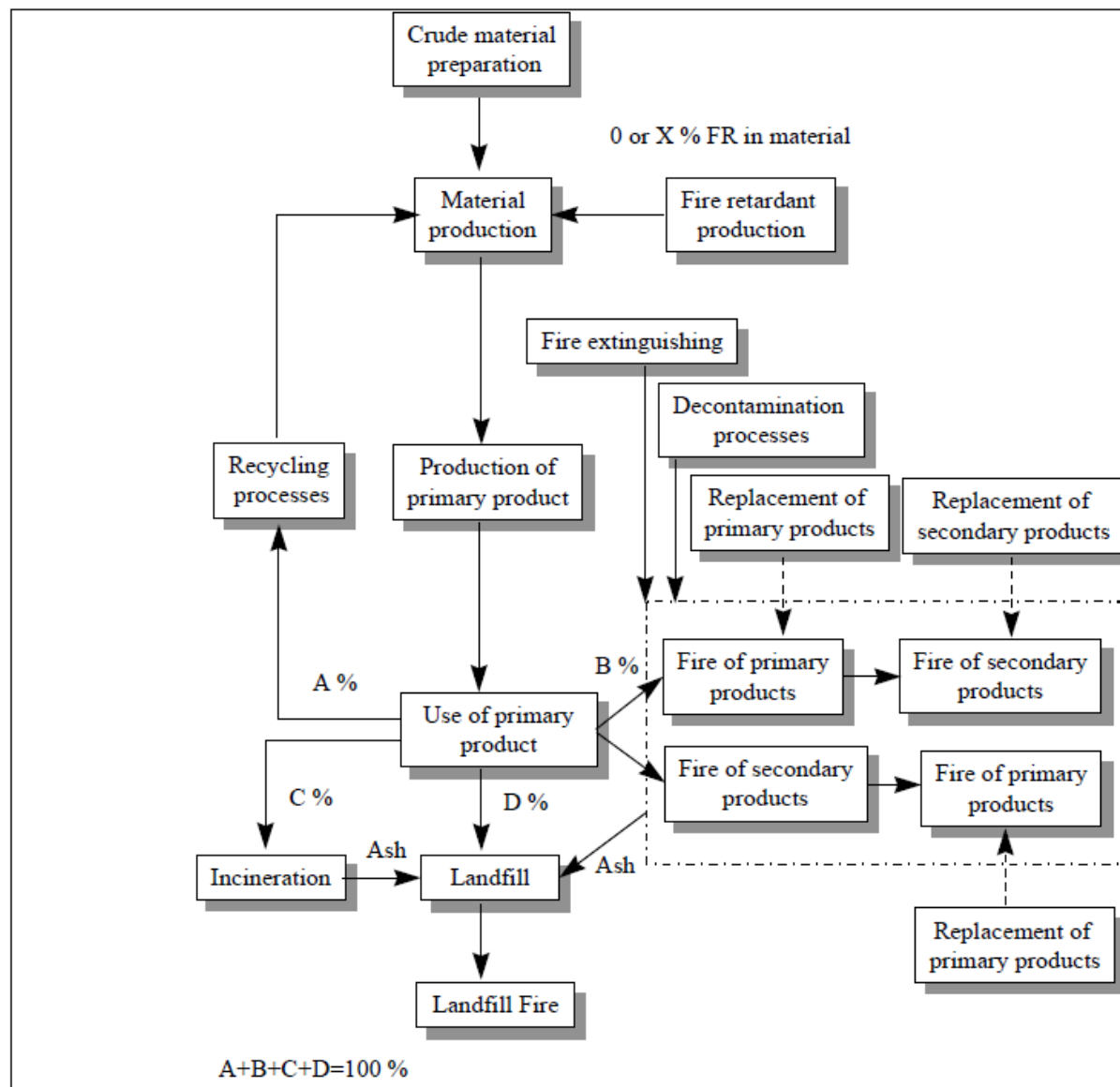


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the Fire-LCA model.

Source: Simonson, 2000



What if $\overline{\text{FR}}$ burns?

Consequences of the fire event

System has to be replaced. Even partly.

People may have to be healed.

Room may have to be cleaned.

Walls may have to be painted.

Building may have to be rebuilt.

Burnt system has to be discarded / treated.

CO₂, particles, dioxins etc. are emitted.

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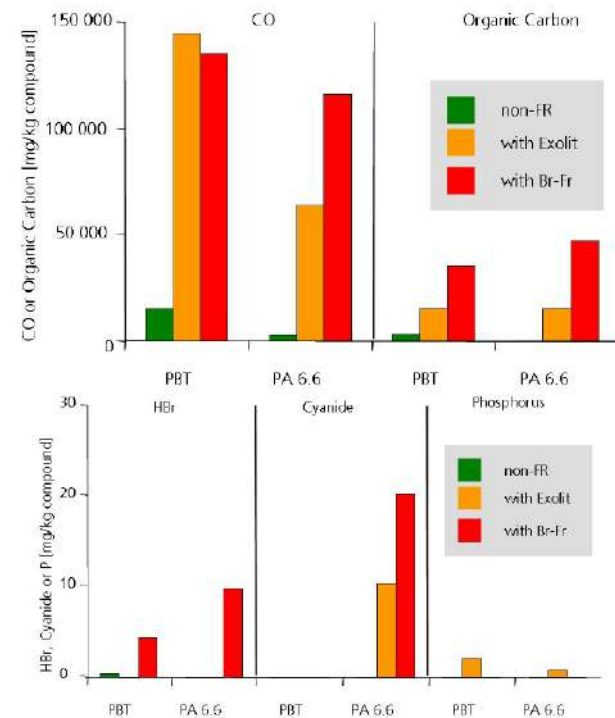
What if FR burns?

Consequences of the fire event

Similar consequences.
Maybe even worse consequences
in terms of emissions.

Marzi, 2006
Toxic combustion products
green: FR; orange & red: FR

Figure 5: Combustion products with acute toxicity as measured with the DIN oven.



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Impacts of the two systems

$\overline{\text{FR}}$

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\text{fire}) * \text{EI}(\text{consequences}) \\ & + \\ & (1 - p(\text{fire})) * \text{normal EI}(\overline{\text{FR}}) \end{aligned}$$

FR

$$\begin{aligned} & p'(\text{fire}) * \text{EI}'(\text{consequences}) \\ & + \\ & (1 - p'(\text{fire})) * \text{normal EI}(\text{FR}) \end{aligned}$$

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Data are therefore needed about:

- impacts of fr production
- impacts of FR system production
- impacts of “normal” use phase
- impacts of disposal / treatment after “normal” use
 - probability of fire events
 - emissions directly linked to fr in case of fire
 - other fire consequences
- impacts of disposal / treatment of burnt system

...



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1. Definition of normal use scenario

2. Life cycle inventory for reference turf

3. Model for FR turf production

4. Collection of emission data for both turfs

5. Definition of normal / post-fire end-of-life treatments

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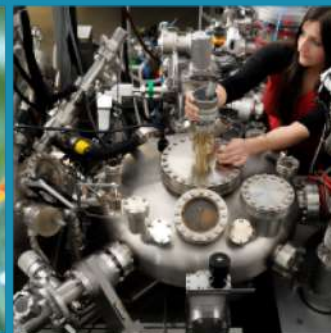
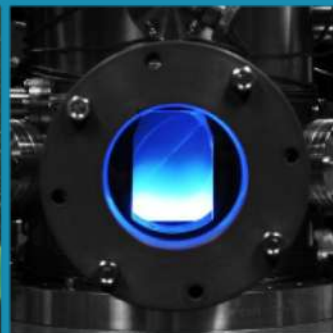
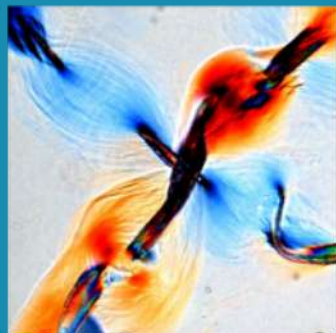
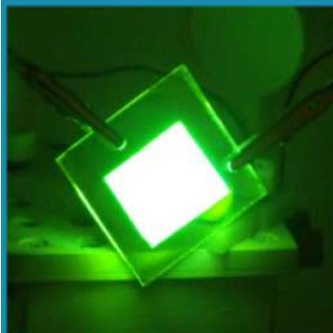




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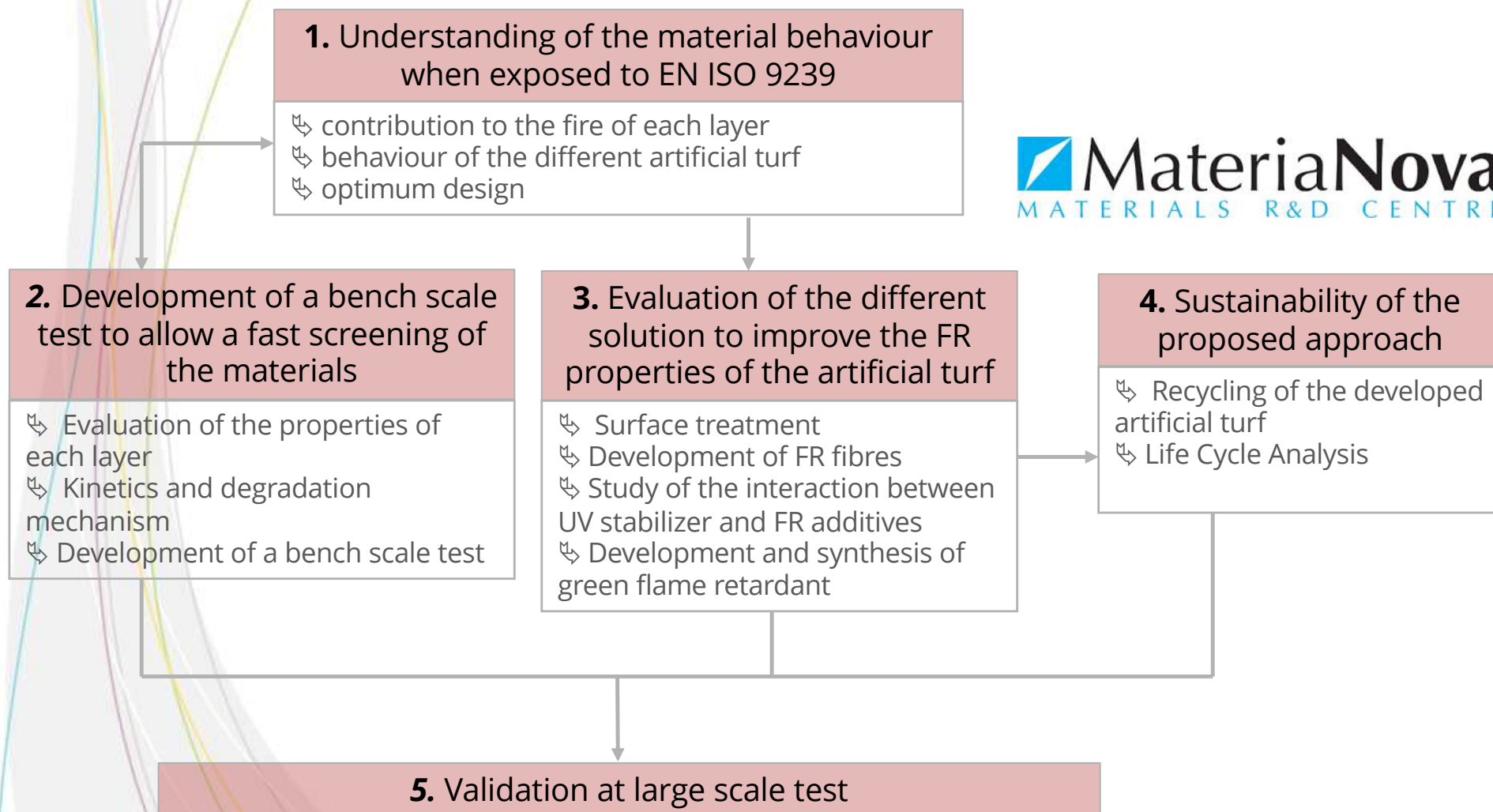


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Scientific Structure GRASS





Communication GRASS

- Make the stake holders aware of difference
 - Communications (website, newsletters,...)
 - Workshops,
 - ...
- Strong co-operation with associated partners and their networks towards
 - Industry
 - Sport federations
 - Governments, public organisations.....
 - Public



Resonance group

- Actually 9 membres
- All industrial companies
- Still looking for extra members
- Governments, sport organisations, ...
- No fee to be paid !!!





QUESTIONS ?



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GRASS Communication strategy

UP-tex

Nicolas MARTIN, Project manager



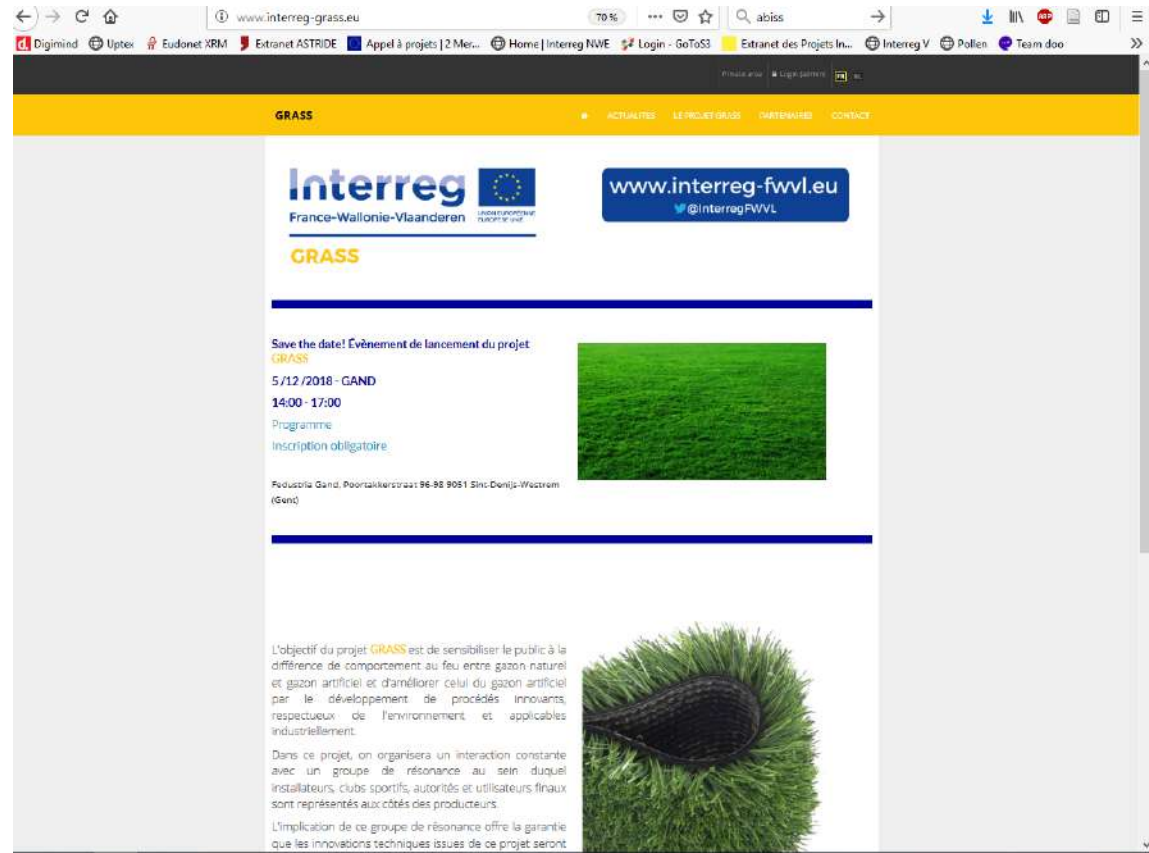
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Communication and dissemination

- Website
- Newsletter
- LinkedIn
- Printed communication (brochure)
- Press article
(professional and scientific magazines, press release)
- Events
- Resonance group

Website: www.interreg-grass.eu



Starting point to follow the project

- news
- events
- documents

Newsletter



Every 6 months:

- Events
- Project progress and results



Linkedin: Interreg-grass



The screenshot shows the LinkedIn profile of Interreg Grass. The header includes the company name, location (Gand, Région flamande), and a button to 'Gérer la page'. Below this is the 'À propos' section, which describes the project's goal: to sensitize the public to the difference in behavior towards fire between natural and artificial grass, and to improve artificial grass through innovative, environmentally friendly processes. It mentions a resonance group involving installers, sports clubs, authorities, and end-users. The 'Informations sur l'entreprise' section is partially visible. On the right, a list of 'Autres pages consultées' includes Interreg North Sea Region Programme, Kunstrasen-Guenstiger.de, Mon Gazon Synthétique, MGS mon gazon synthétique, ALLGAZON, and Interreg MDTEX.

You can follow us on linkedin!!
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Events

- Resonance group meetings
- Workshops
- Press conference: M18
- Final project conference: M45-M48

Dissemination

- Scientific and professional journals
- Press release for general public
- Conferences
- Brochures



Associated partners



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Support project communication by
spreading the word to their members

Thank you

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Resonance group call for membres

- Actually 9 membres
- **Still looking for extra members**
- Governments, sport organisations,
- No fee to be paid !!!





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