

Assessing energy and environmental aspects of infrastructures

Systemanalys av transportinfrastrukturer och transporter: Botniabanan

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An overview presentation



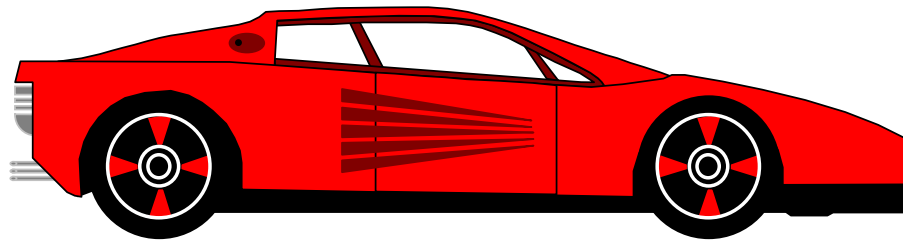
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Single object analysis

Emissions

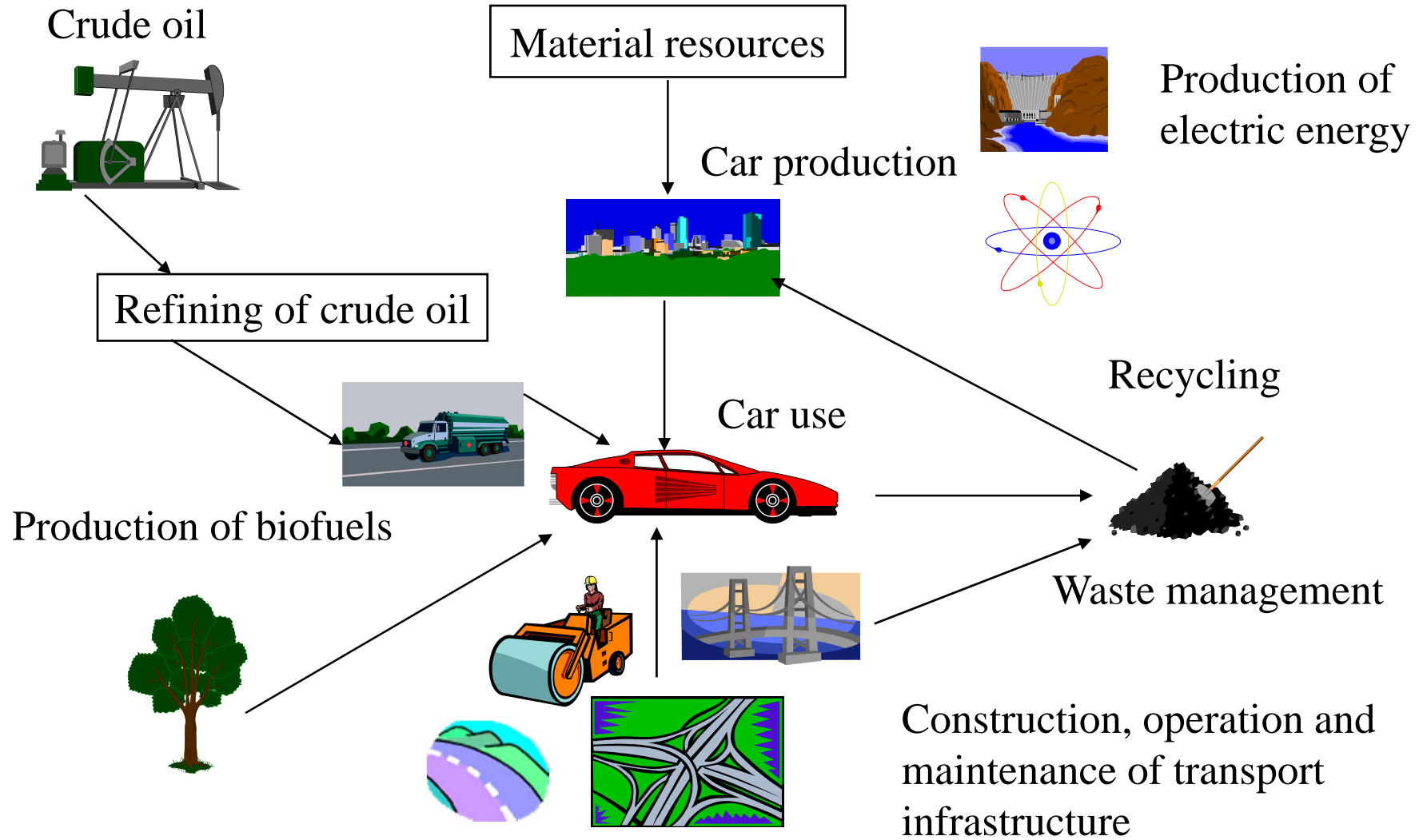
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Fuel use

Gasoline
Diesel
Natural gas
Ethanol
Electric power
etc.

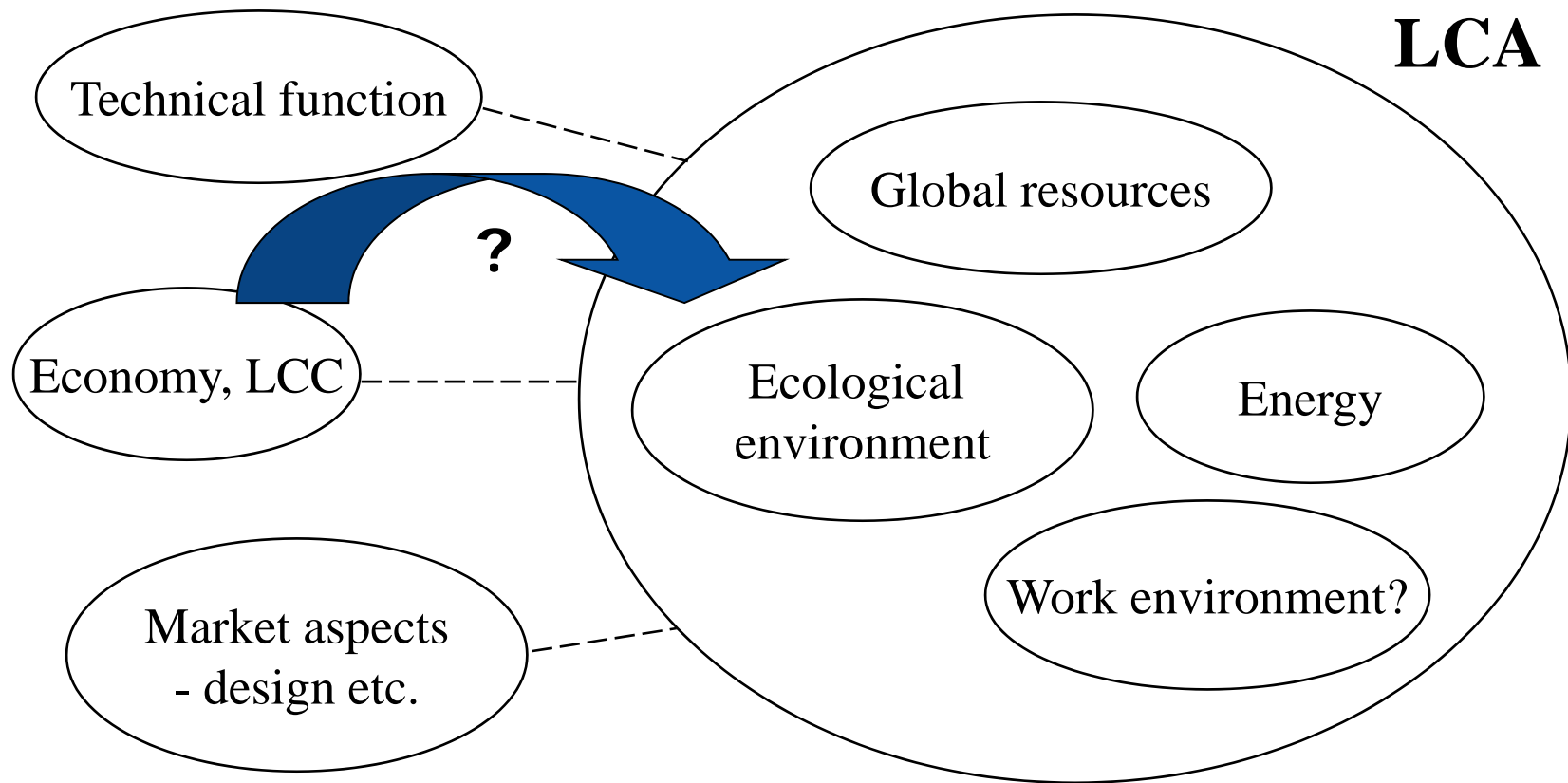
System analysis





LCA and LCC – tools and applications

- Energy analysis
- Resources analysis
- Emission analysis
- (Economic analysis – LCC)
 - Resolution
 - Calculation methods
 - External costs (e.g. environmental costs)





System analysis of transport infrastructure

- Short overview – How does it start?
- Roads and road traffic
- Railways and train traffic
- Ports and shipping
- Airports and air traffic

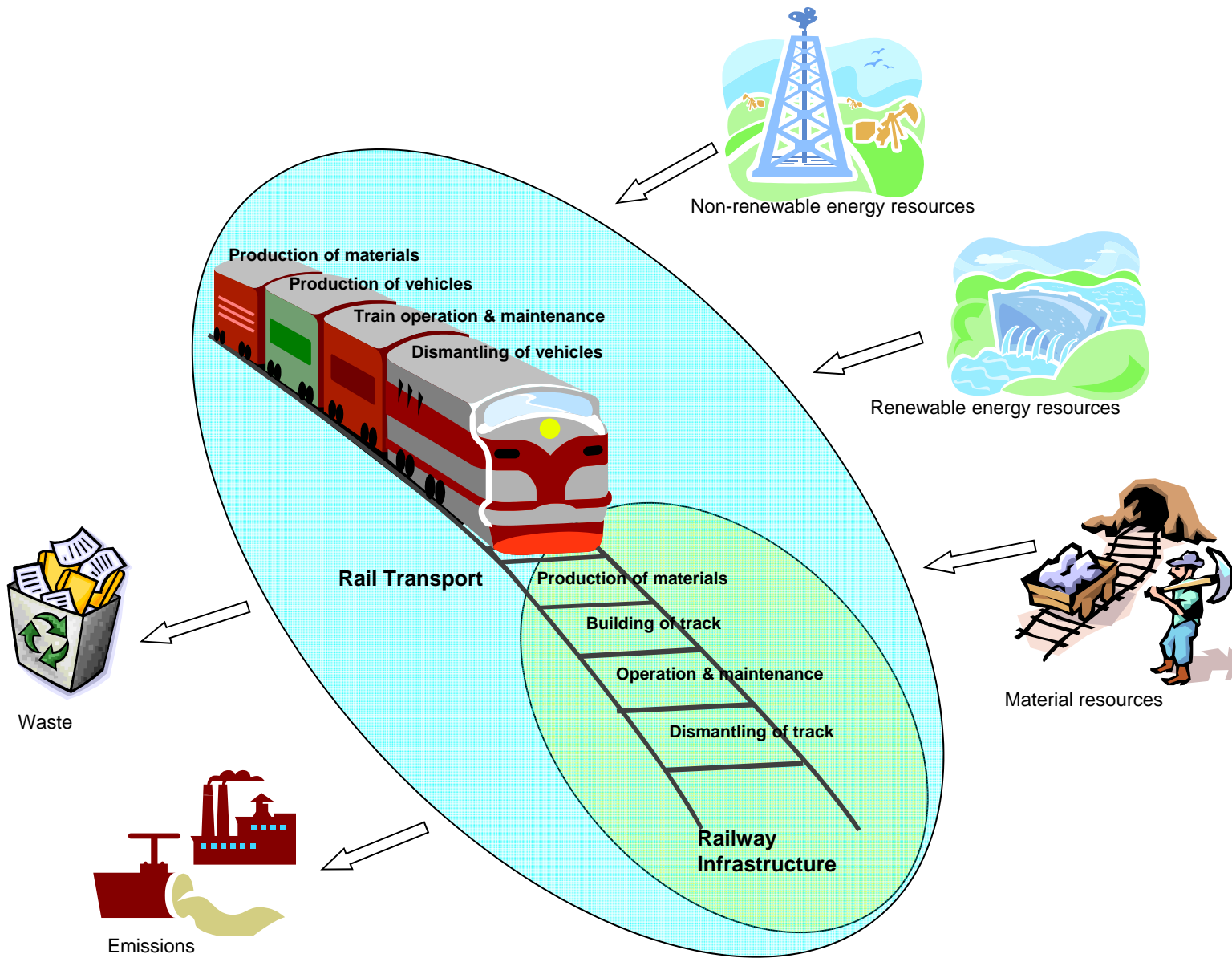


LCA in a methodological perspective

- Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA (Political and society strategic perspective, Strategisk miljöbedömning SMB)
- Environmental Impact Assessment, EIA (Project and site perspective, Miljökonsekvensbeskrivning MKB)
- **Life Cycle Assessment, LCA (product perspective)**
- Substance Flow Analysis, SFA (material and substance perspective)

Main principle of a full transport LCA

	Construction	Maintenance	Operation
Infrastructure			
Traffic			





Railway track foundation. The service road is shown to the left.







A steel girder railway bridge. To the right, the erosion protection of the slope is shown.

Railway systems are complex and require large LCA computer models. (In this case more than 32000 equations)

An LCA computer software (KCL-ECO) has been used.

Due to the complexity of the models, several general railway component models have been developed. The component models can then be integrated to form a large model of an entire railway system.

The component models (sub-models) are:

- Railway track foundation model
- Railway track model
- Railway electric power and control system model
- Railway tunnel model
- Railway bridge model
- Railway passenger station and freight terminal model
- Passenger and freight train model including train operation.

⇒ Collection of inventory data (LCI)

A single-track railway with sidings being laid from the bridge over Ångermanälven, north of Kramfors airport, via Örnsköldsvik, Husum, Nordmaling, to Umeå.

Some specifications of the Bothnia Line:

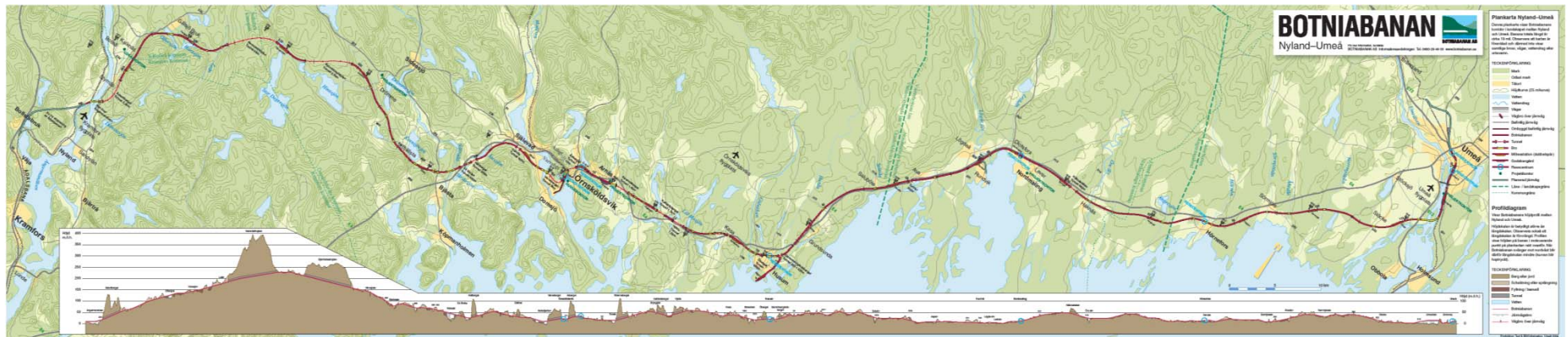
Total railway track length: 209 000 m


(of which main railway track is 183 000 m, side tracks are 23 000 m and shunting yard tracks are 3000 m)

Railway bridges: 90 railway bridges, in total 10 930 m

Railway tunnels: 16 railway tunnels, in total 24 538 m

Track foundation length: $209\ 000 - 10\ 930 - 24\ 538 = 173\ 532$ m

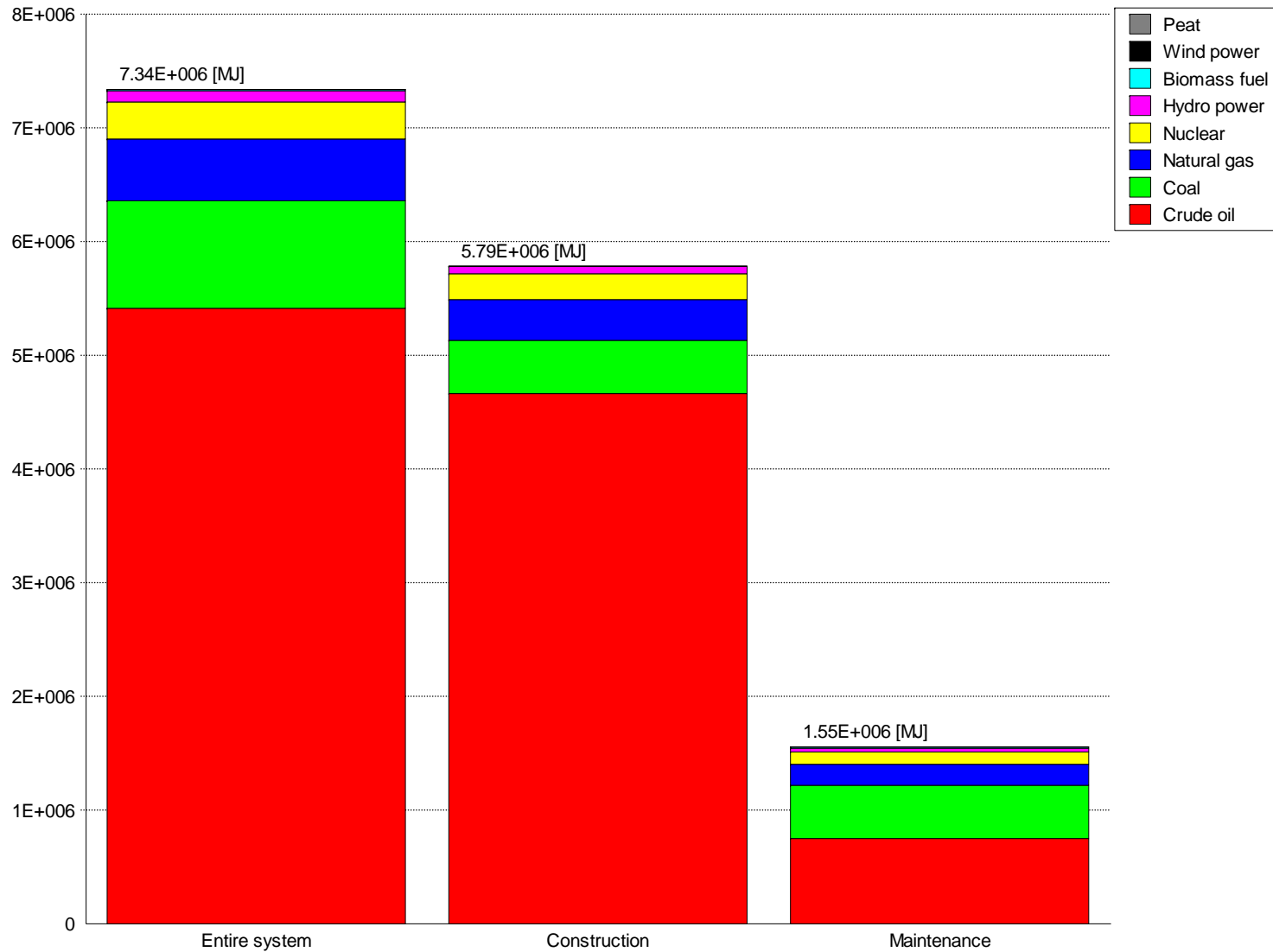




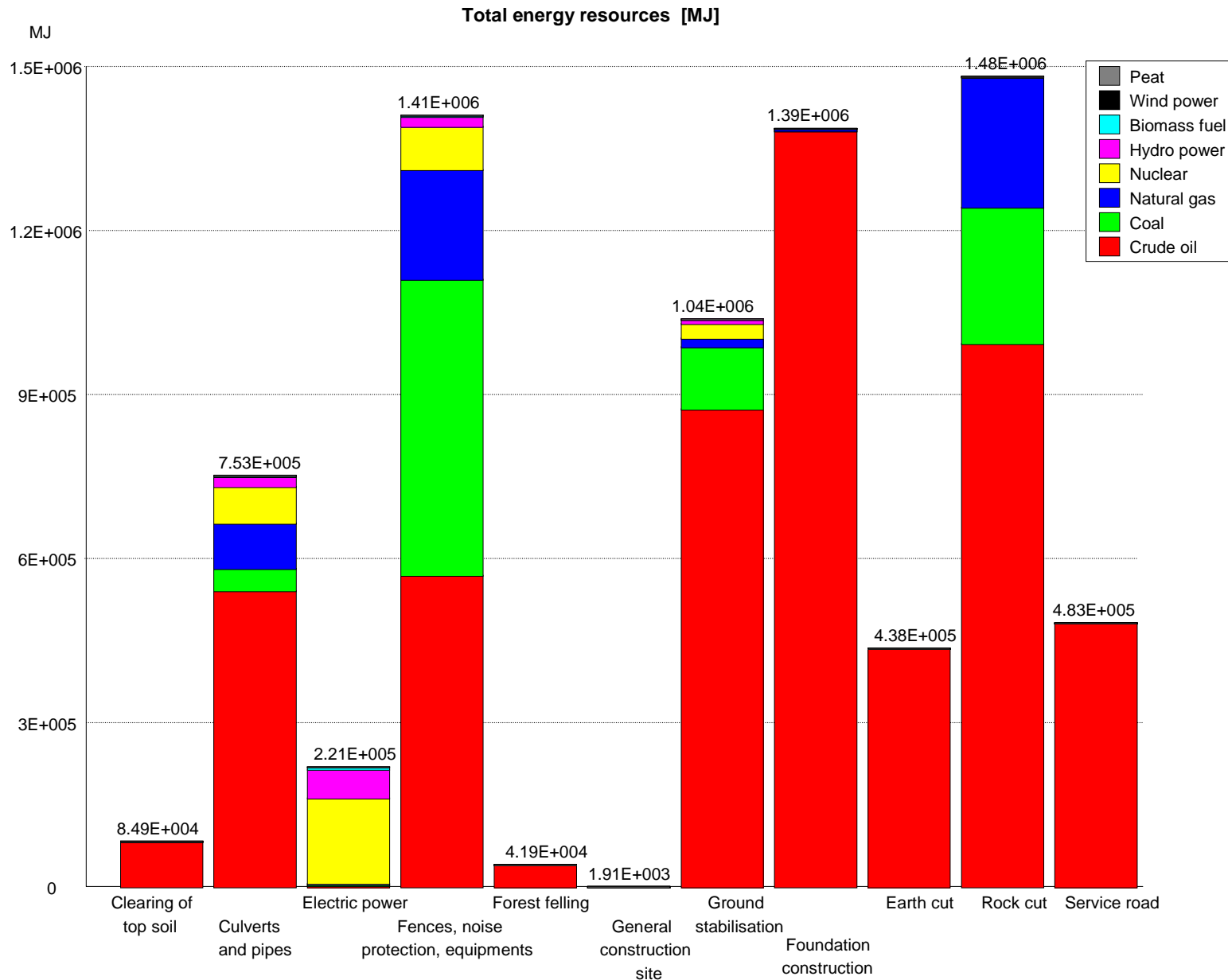
**... and now a very short
demonstration of an infrastructure
LCA model**

- A railway track foundation model

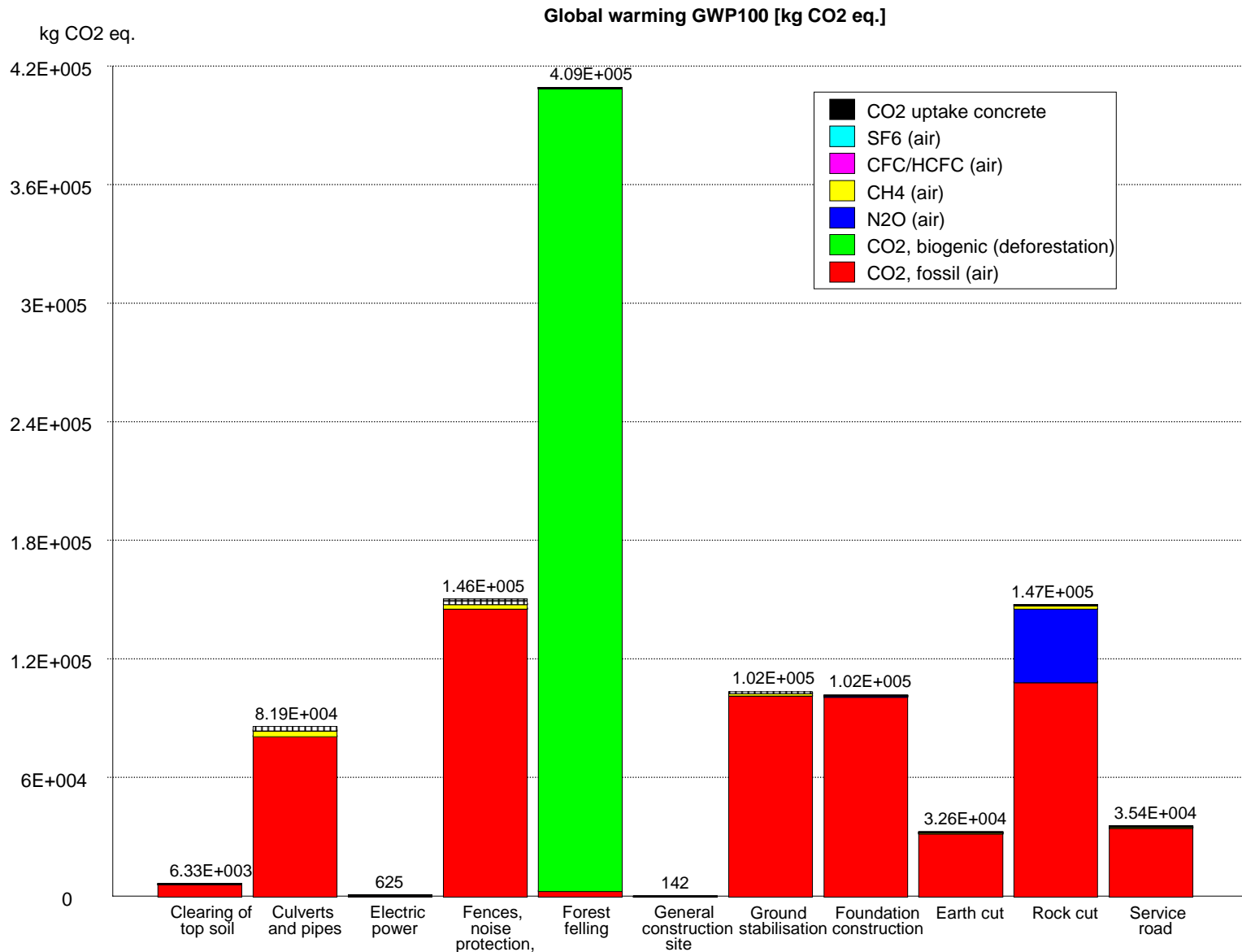
Energy resources [MJ]



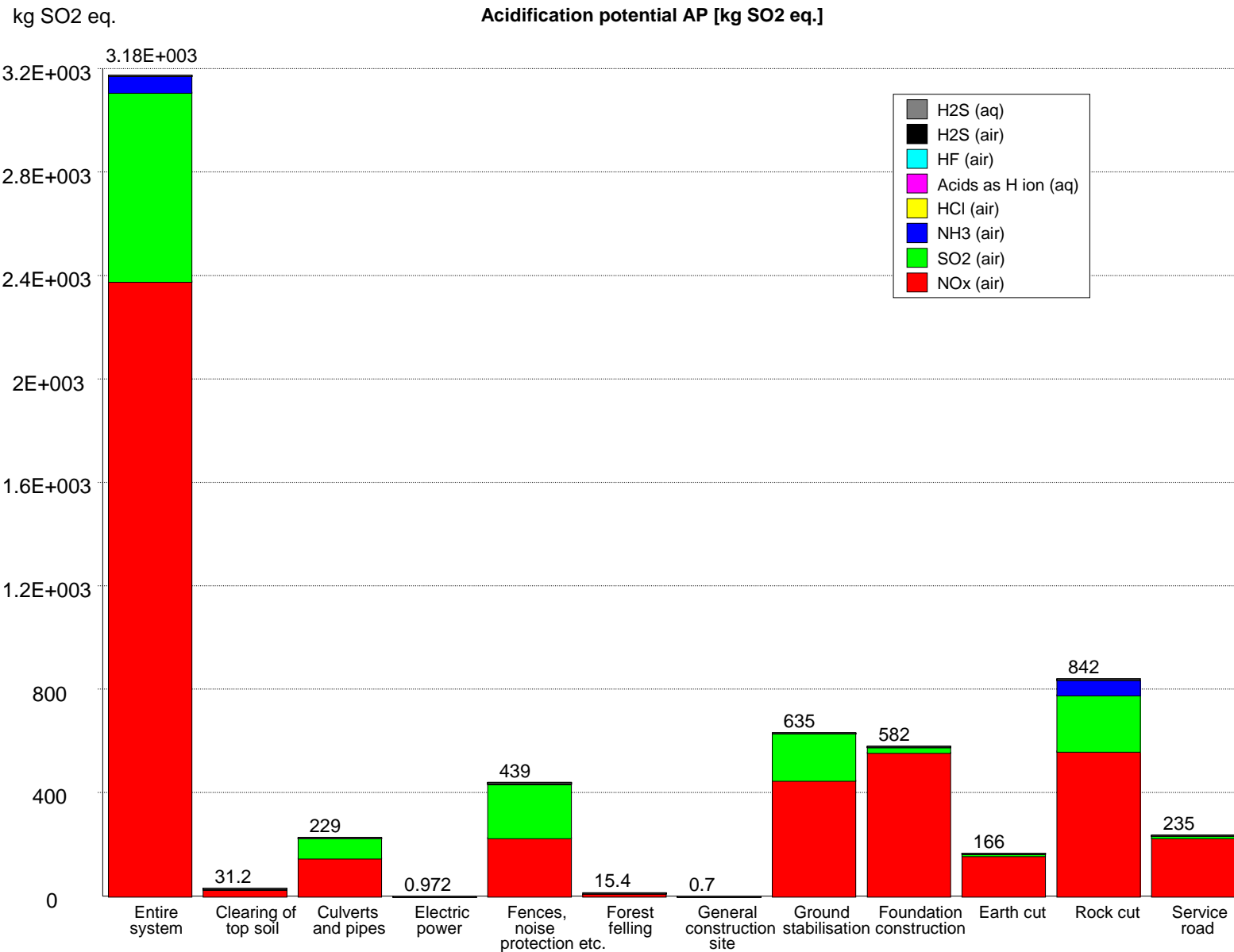
Use of energy resources for 1 km track foundation. The energy use is divided into construction, maintenance and operation and shows the results over a calculation period of 60 years. The track foundation has no energy use for operation.



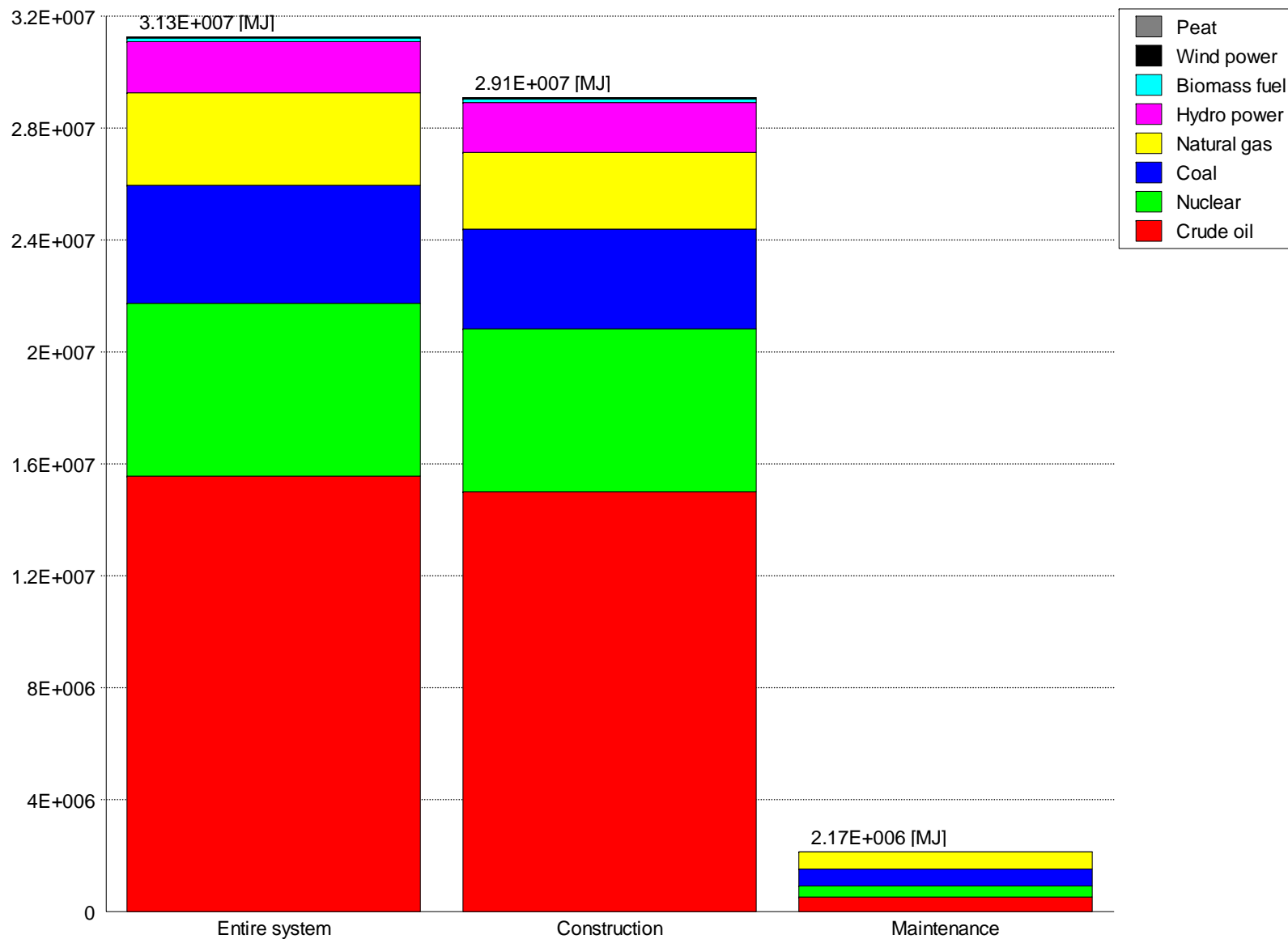
Use of energy resources for 1 km track foundation divided into different sub-processes. The figure includes construction, maintenance and operation over a calculation period of 60 years. The electric power use calculated in the model is shown separately.



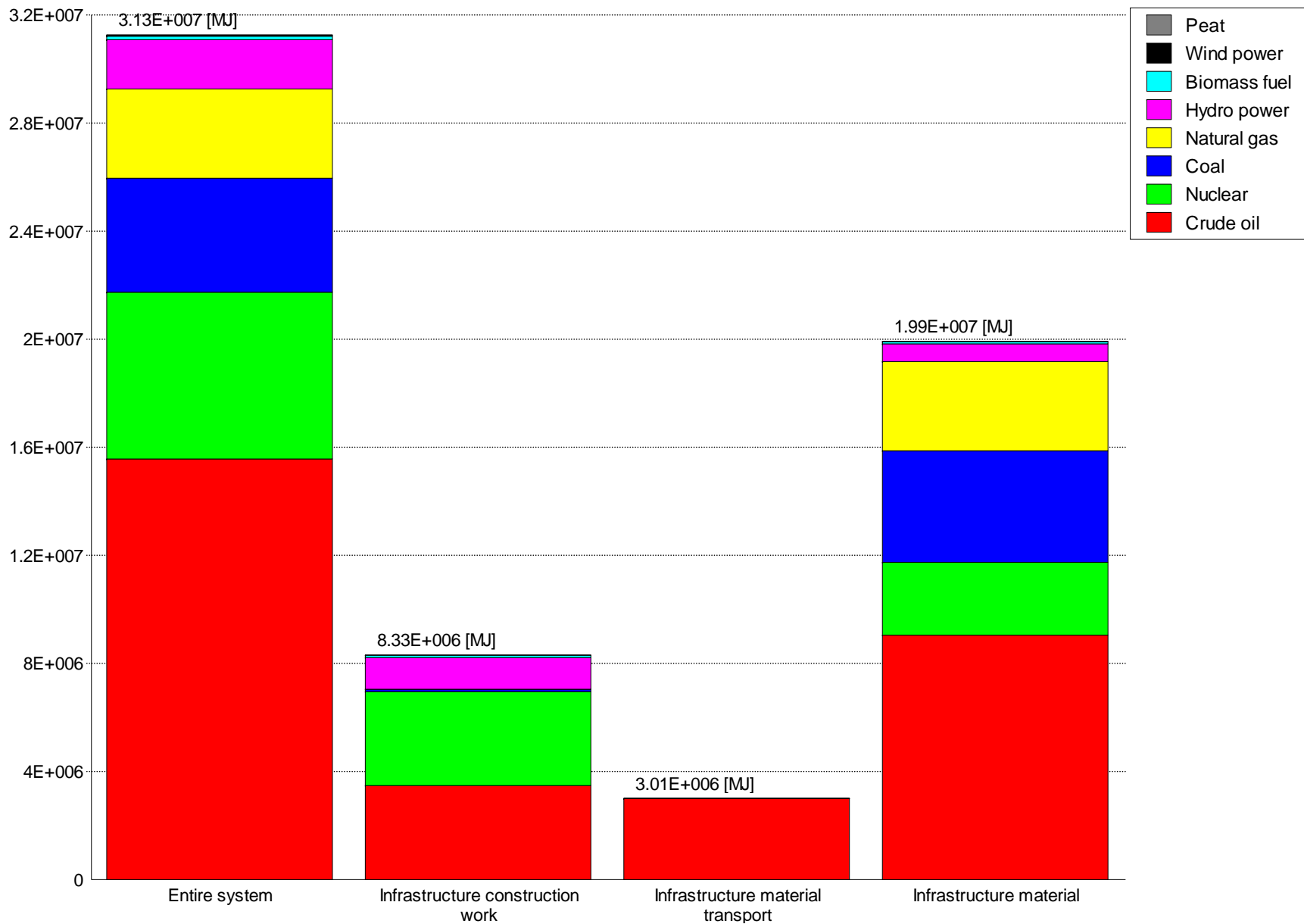
Greenhouse gas emissions from 1 km track foundation expressed as global warming potential (GWP). The figure shows GWP divided into different sub-processes. The results covers the entire life-cycle including construction, maintenance and operation over a calculation period of 60 years.



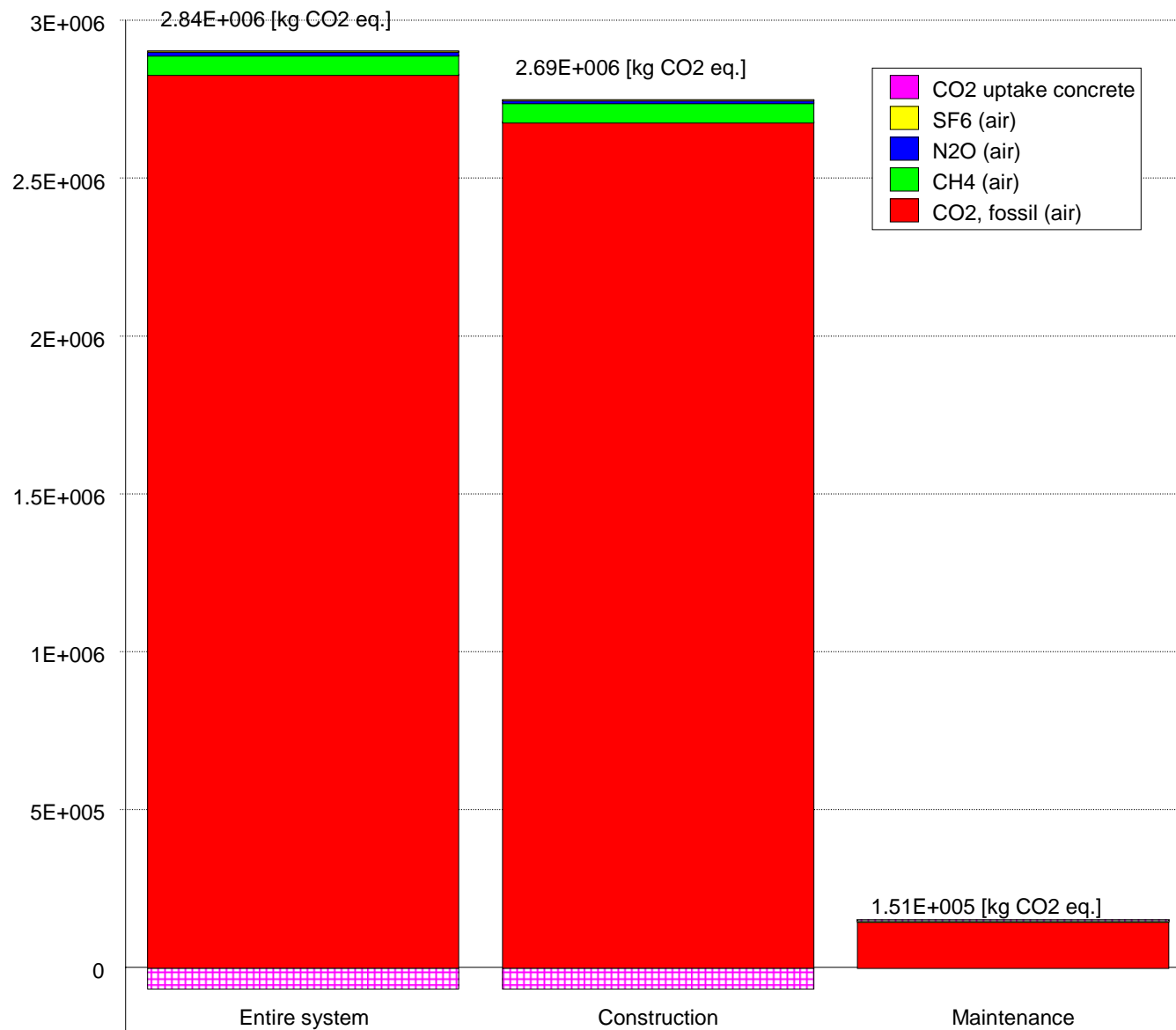
Emission of acidifying substances from 1 km track foundation expressed as acidification potential (kg SO₂ equivalents). The figure shows AP divided into different sub-processes. The results covers the entire life-cycle including construction, maintenance and operation over a calculation period of 60 years.



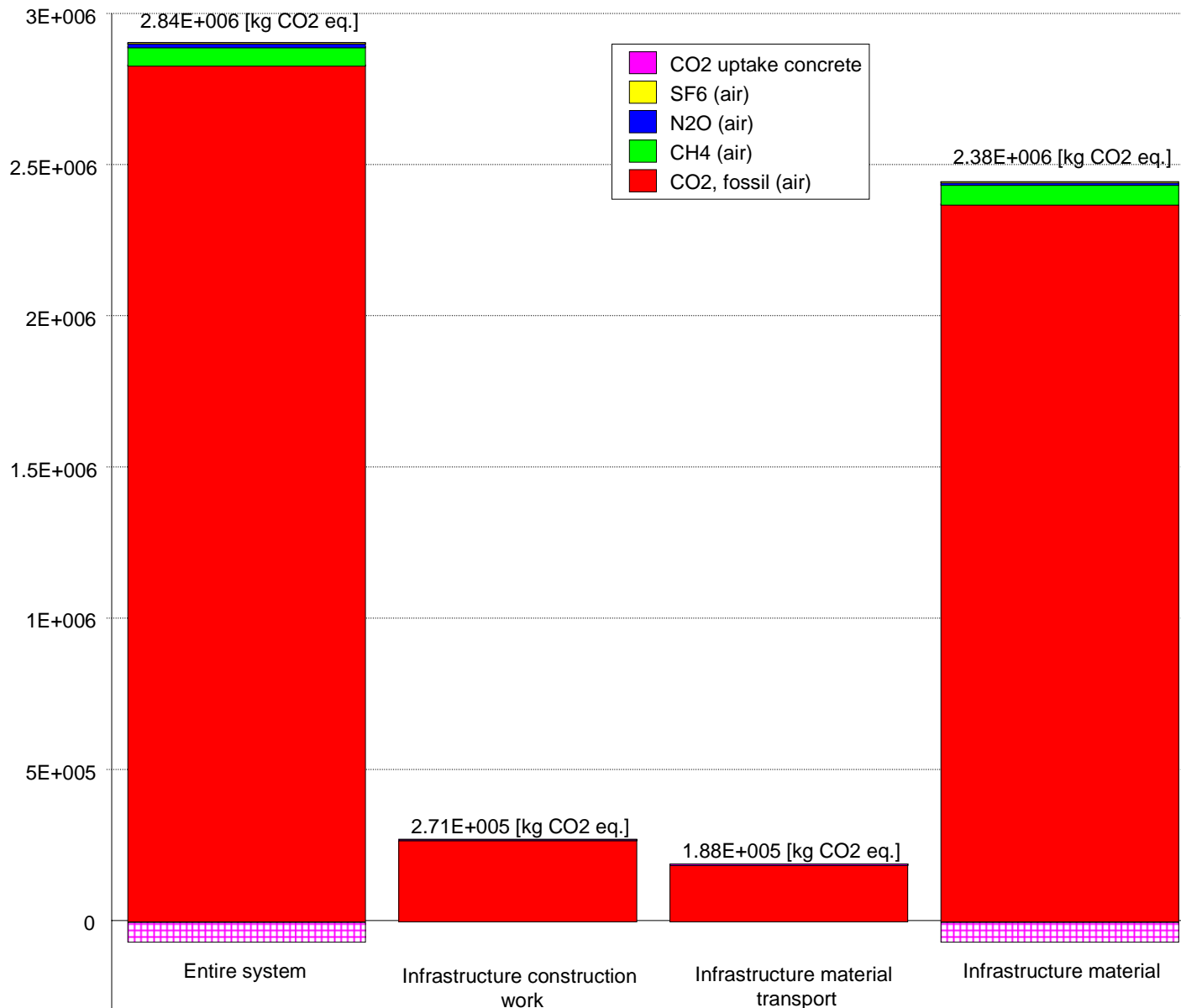
Use of primary energy resources for a concrete beam bridge (type bridge: Hörnefors). The figure shows the total results for a 389 m single track railway bridge. The energy use is divided into construction, maintenance and operation and shows the results over a calculation period of 60 years. No operation data exist for the bridge. The figure does not include the railway track (rail, sleeper and track ballast) and the train power and control systems.



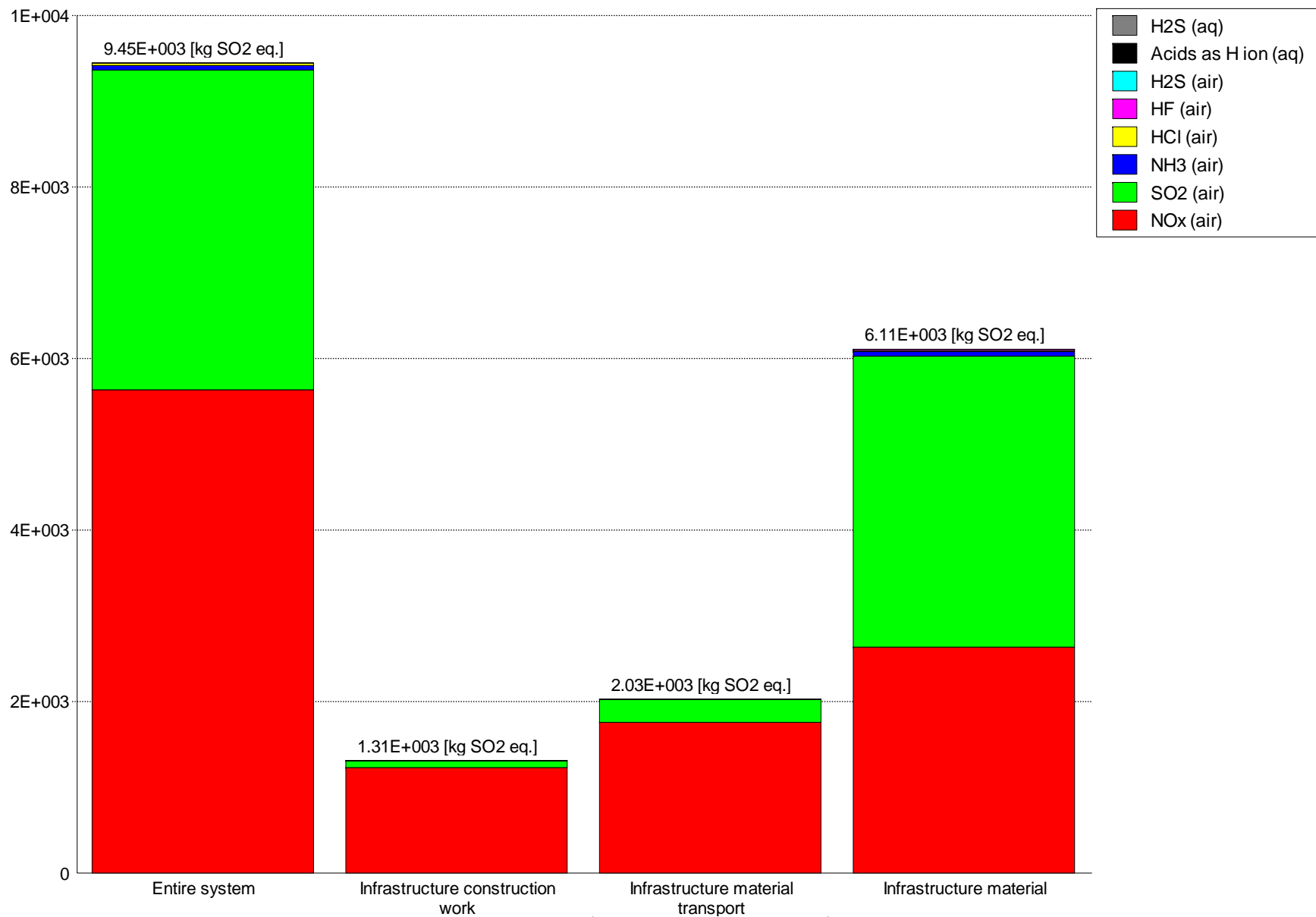
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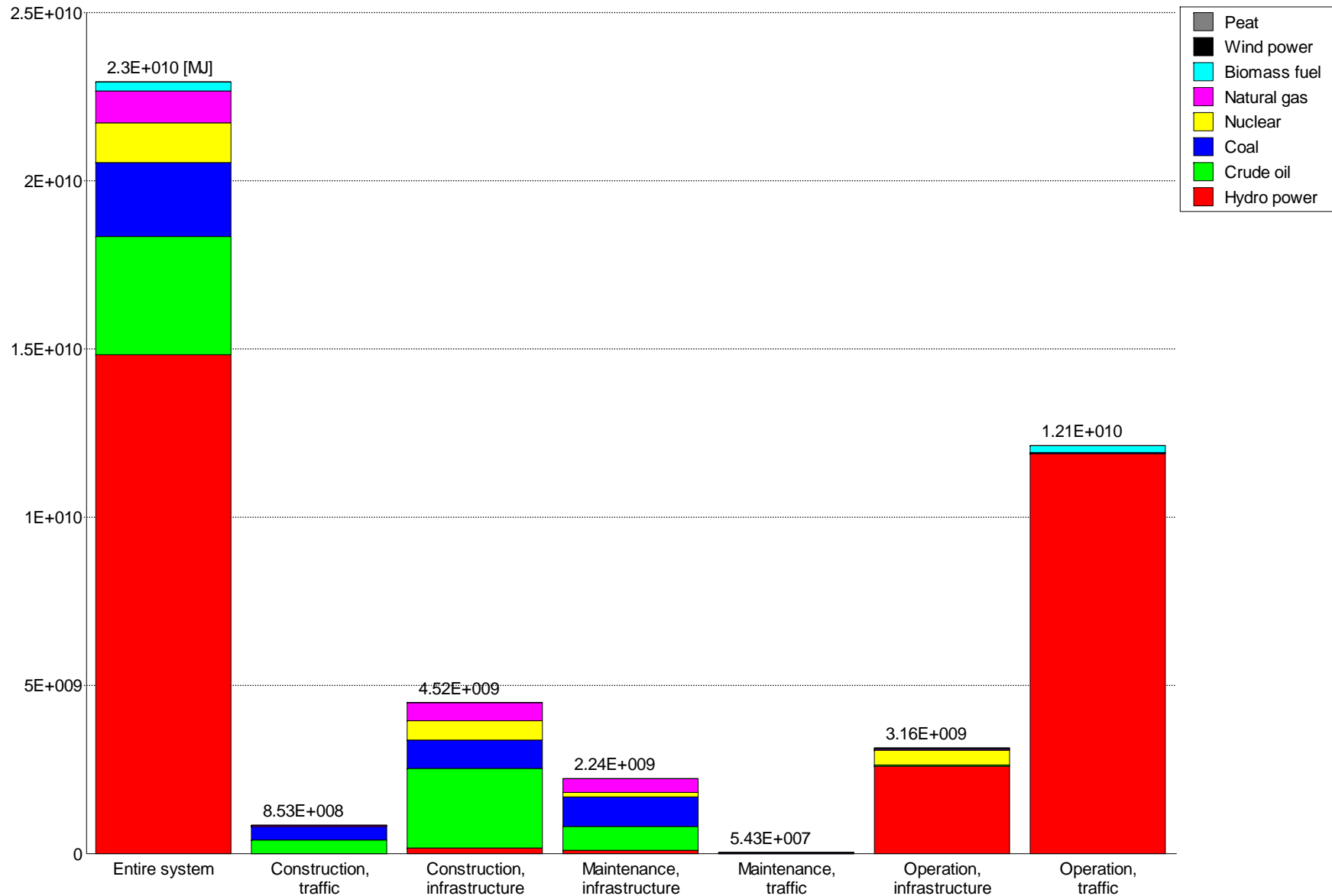


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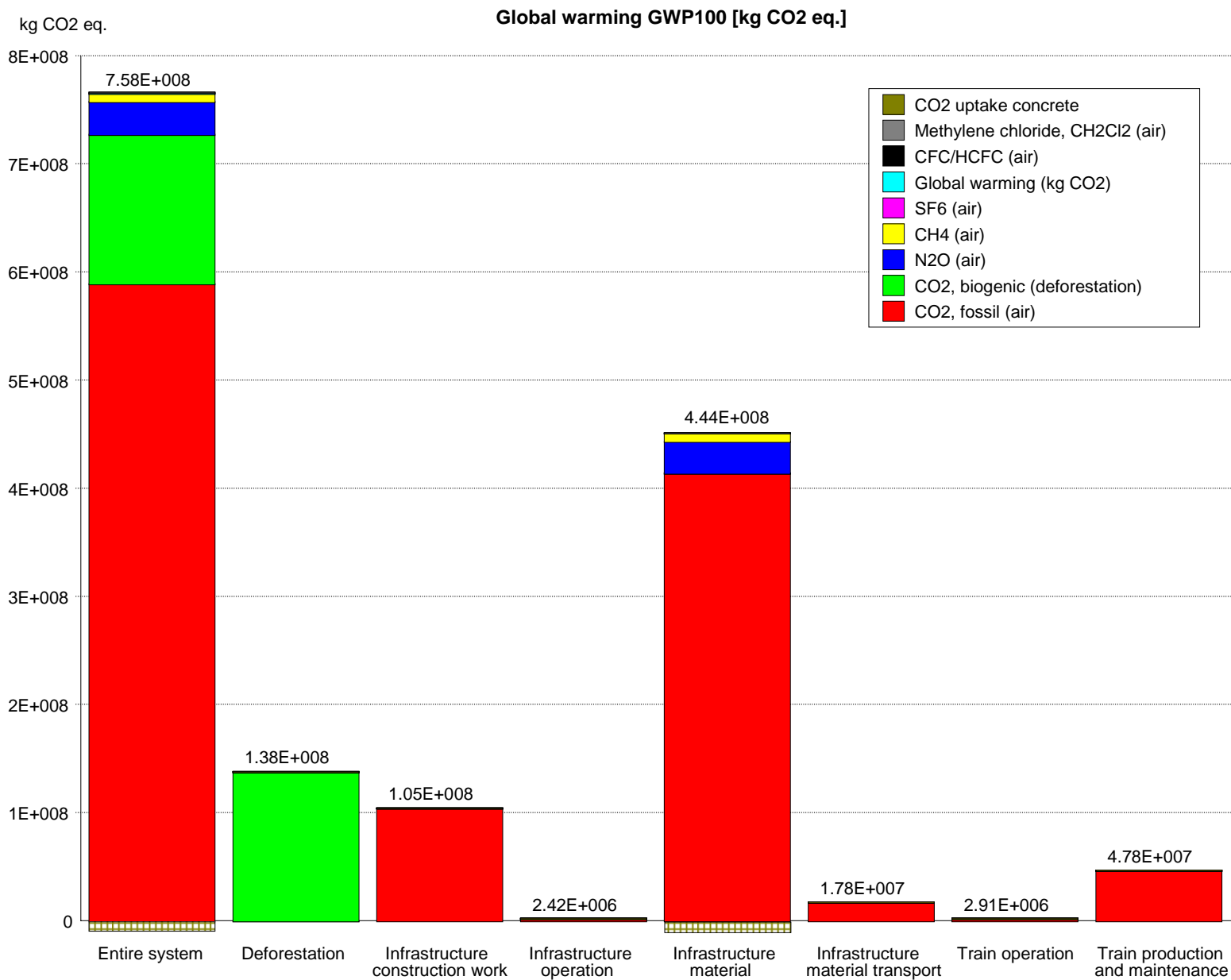


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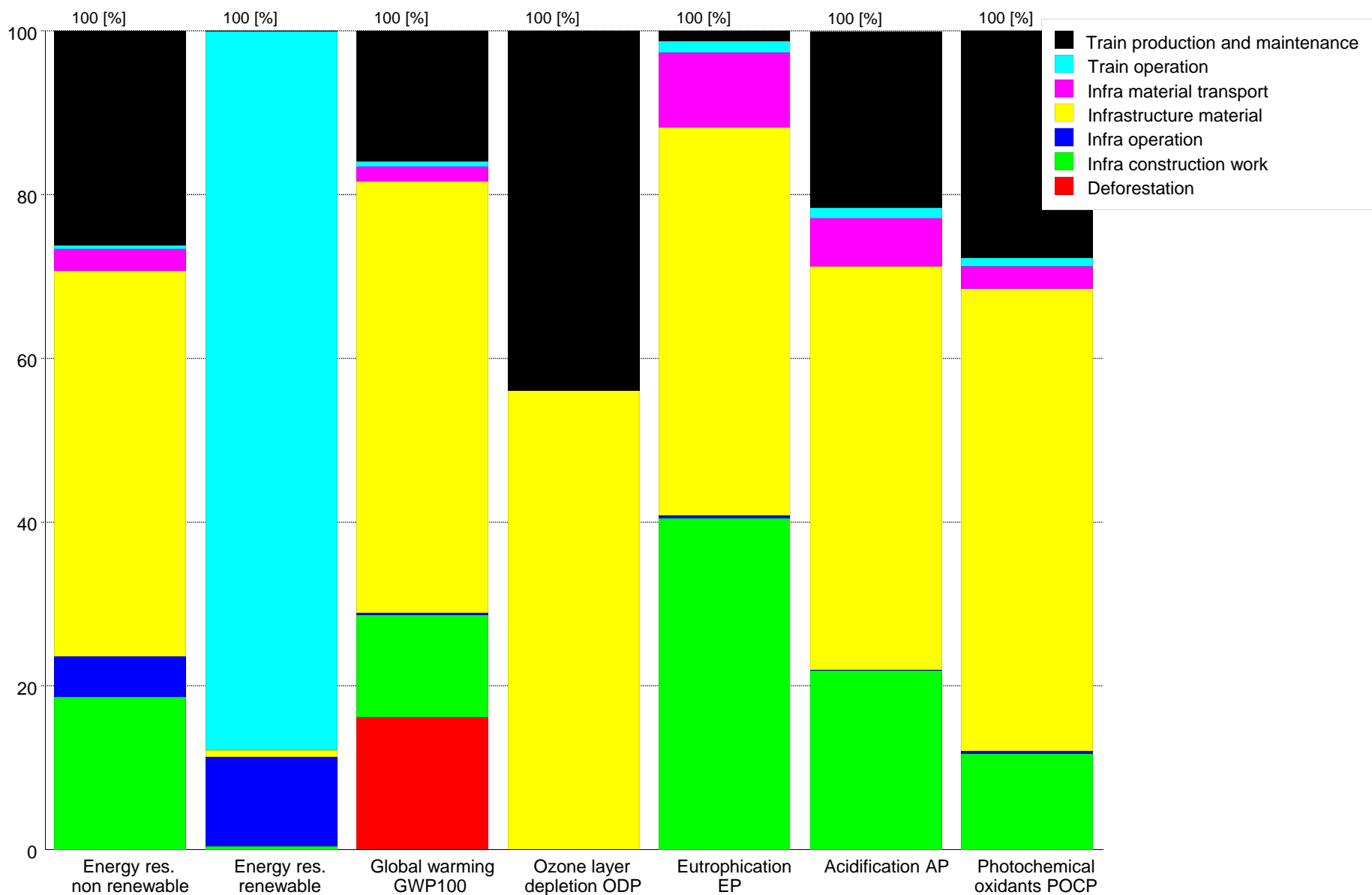


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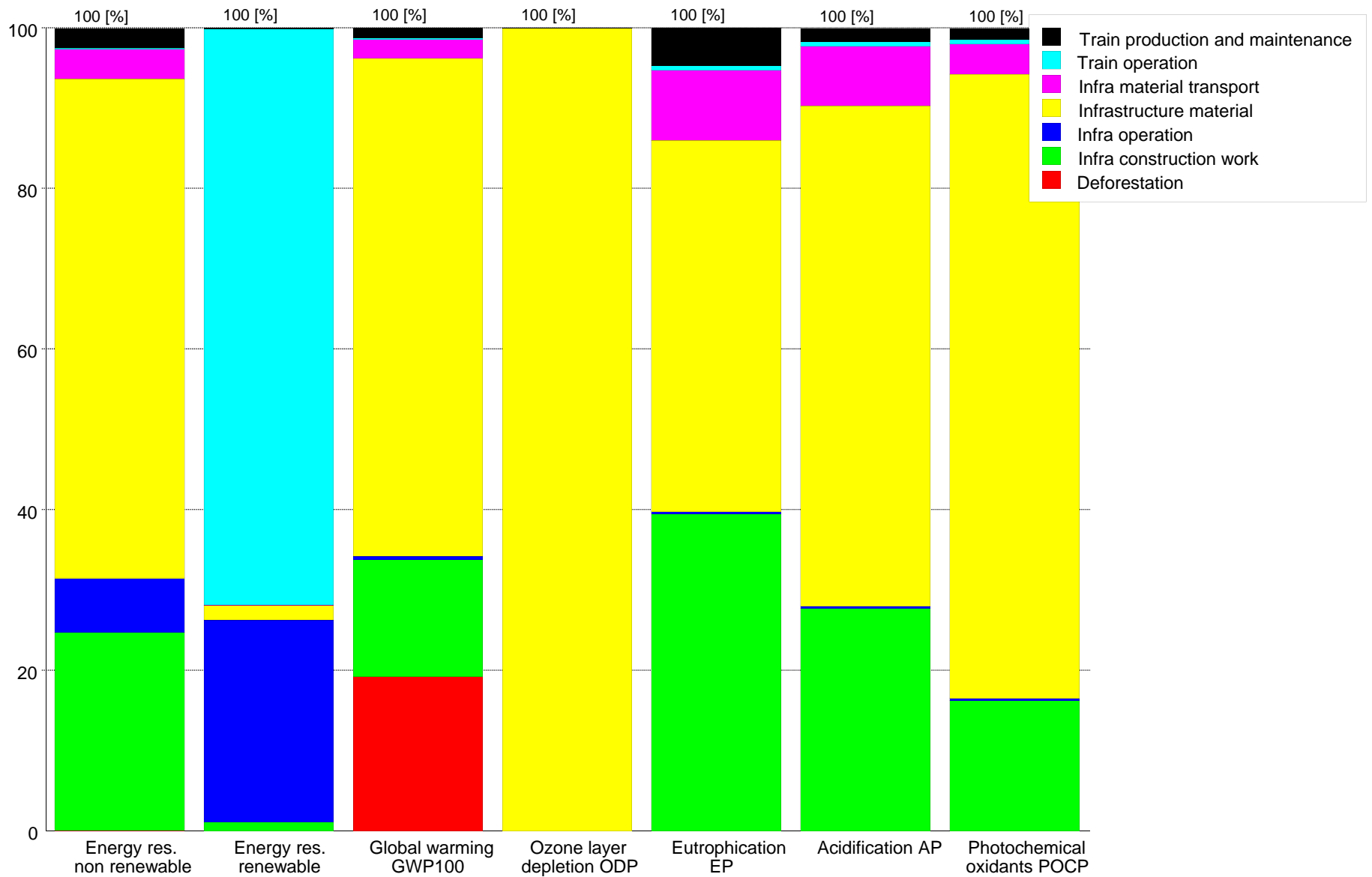
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Impact distribution analysis of a complete passenger transport at the Bothnia line



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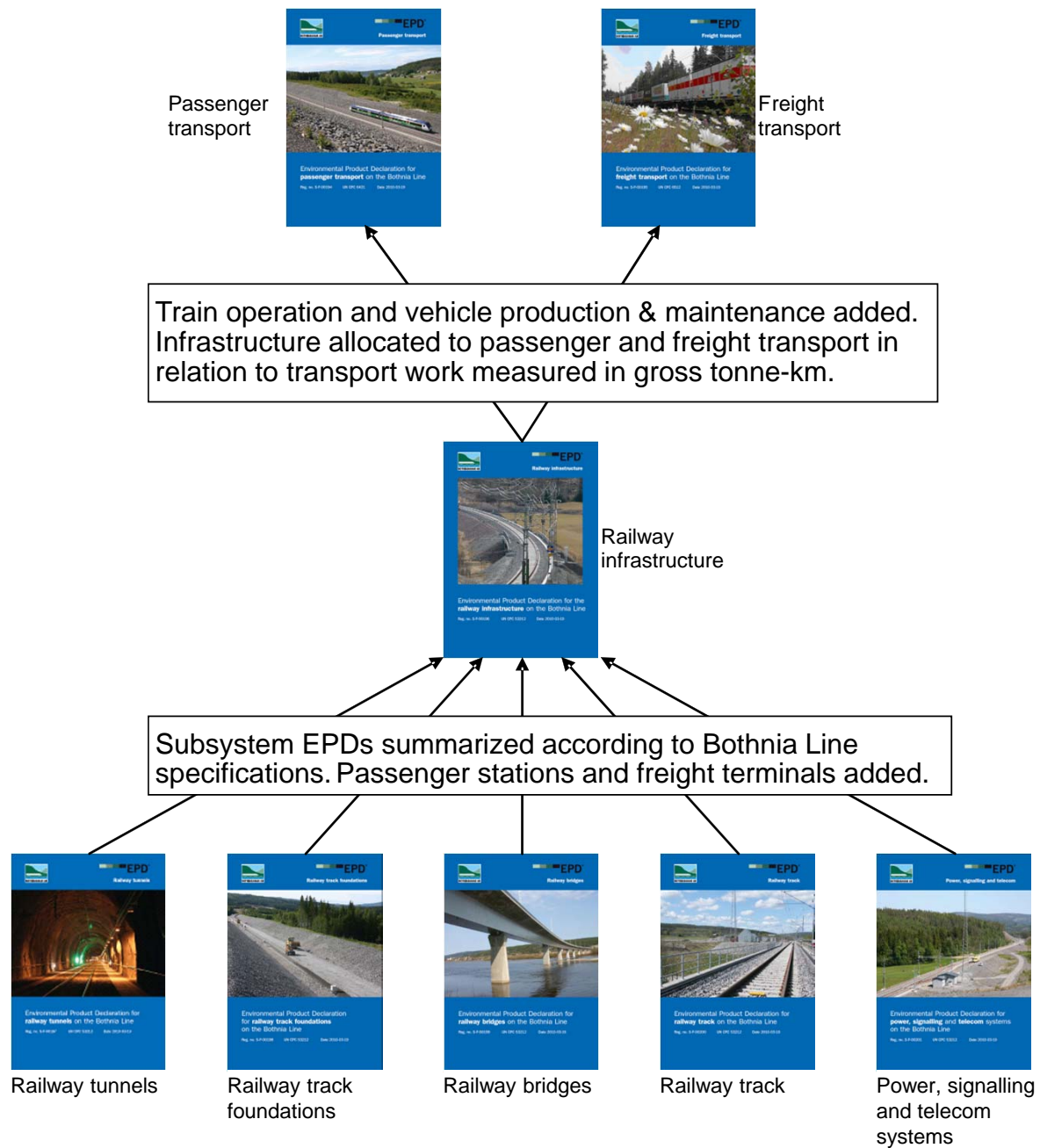
Impact distribution analysis of a complete freight transport at the Bothnia line



Impact distribution analysis of a complete freight transport at the Bothnia Line.

Detailed dominance analysis for the contribution of infrastructure material to the environmental impact category Global warming.

Material/subsystem	Track	Tunnels	Bridges	Stations	Track Foundations	Power, signalling, telecom	Total
Steel	29 %	4 %	5 %		3 %	3 %	43 %
Cement	6 %	10 %	11 %		5 %	0 %	32 %
Buildings				11 %			11 %
Aluminium						4 %	4 %
Explosives	0 %	2 %			1 %		3 %
Plastics	0 %	1 %			1 %	1 %	2 %
Copper						1 %	1 %
Total	35 %	16 %	16 %	11 %	10 %	9 %	97 %





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The report can be downloaded from the homepage:

Stripple H., Uppenberg S., Life cycle assessment of railways and rail transports - Application in environmental product declarations (EPDs) for the Bothnia Line, IVL report B1943 (2010).