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PACCARpe Diem: Vehicle System Life-Cycle Analysis



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Problem Definition

Problem Statement, Project Goals, and Introduction to LCA



Problem Statement

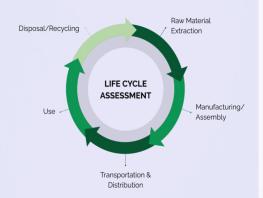
PACCAR seeks a more comprehensive understanding of the environmental impacts via a proof-of-concept Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) tool to gain insight of opportunities to improve sustainability of their products.

Project Goals

- Estimate environmental impacts of a heavy-duty truck using a streamlined LCA
- Relay the **significance and use-case of LCA to PACCAR** to aid PACCAR sustainability initiatives

What is LCA?

- Analyzes environmental impacts associated with a specific life stage or part of a product
- Scientifically recognized and standardized
- The process of assessment from "**inception to expiration**": raw material extraction, processes of production, lifetime use, end of life, and disposal



Design Approach

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Project Steps:

Step 1: Research and Meet Stakeholders



Step 2: Identify Alternatives

- Carculator-Truck
- GREET (Greenhouse gases, Regulated Emissions, & Energy use in Transportation)



Step 3: Assumptions & Risks Model Assumptions:

- Model based on estimated data
- Model will be **built upon**
- PACCAR is interested in LCA

Risks:

- Inaccurate data or analysis
- Model becomes obsolete

Step 4: Design and Build

PACCARculator Interface:



- **Single python file** running the Carculator-Truck and PySimpleGUI packages to generate **modifiable data visualizations**

GREET-Based Materials Analysis:

Excel-based software developed to calculate fuel cycle & vehicle cycle emissions

Step 5: Test and Iterate



Project Results

PACCARculator LCA Analysis and Demo Demo Here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G-nyEFT1a0g05zUTQL2-4-fSRbuCWR2u?usp=sharing

The PACCARculator Interface:

- **Single python file** running the Carculator-Truck and PySimpleGUI packages to generate modifiable data
 - Carculator-Truck open source LCA software
 - Creates a **user interface** allowing users to **modify and visualize Carculator-Truck inventories**
 - Compatible with any python IDE

Sensitivity Analysis:

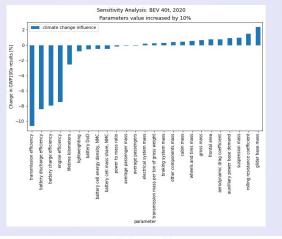
- PACCARculator generates a climate change sensitivity analysis
- Based on generalized truck data

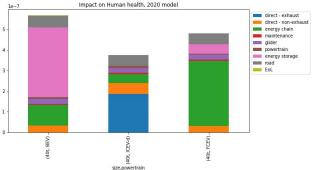
Impact Analysis:

- Generated across categories of **environmental endpoints and midpoints.** Compares three powertrain types.
- Can also just show scope 1, 2, & 3 emissions











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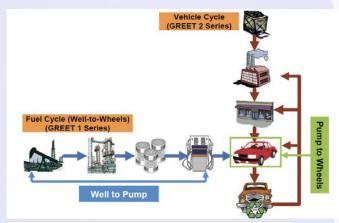
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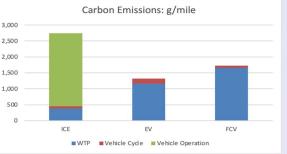
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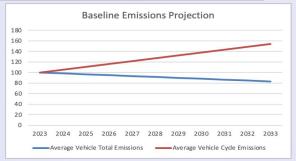
- Excel-based software developed to calculate fuel cycle & vehicle cycle emissions
- **Models manufacturing processes** with a limited amount of precision in streamlined LCAs
- Materials analysis can inform sourcing and composition

Visualizations and Analysis:

- Analysis based on Kenworth T680 with ICE, FCV & EV fuel cells
- Emissions defined by **vehicle cycle**, **vehicle operation**, **and well to pump** (WTP)
- Linear interpolation shows **PACCAR vehicle cycle** emissions projected to increase as total lifetime emissions are reduced









Project Impacts, Team Recommendations, Acknowledgements



Project Impacts

- Starting point for PACCAR to implement LCA as a common practice in United States based subsidiaries
- Recommendation Report: **benefits of LCA** & use-case for PACCAR

Project Demonstrations

- PACCAR has **multiple viable options for pursuing LCA implementation** and other environmental initiatives
- A streamlined LCA analysis interface is **very feasible to develop and can aid in sustainability-based decision making**

Recommendations:

- 1. Build upon the PACCARculator and GREET
- Utilize LCA to inform customers and stakeholders about PACCAR's sustainability measures
- 3. Pursue sustainability in design, sourcing, manufacturing, & distribution

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Thank You! Any Questions?



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