

Electronic Supplementary Information for ‘A matter of meters: state of the art in life cycle assessment of enhanced geothermal system’ by Menberg et al.

Table S1: Reservoir and technical parameters for the evaluated EGS plants in St.Gallen and Basel. Projected values assumed for the planned projects respectively, not necessarily equal to the actually encountered site conditions. Deviating parameters for plant design with co-generation in brackets. Parameters not explicitly listed here were adopted from Frick *et al.* (2010).¹

Parameter	St.Gallen	Basel
Number of geothermal wells	2	2
Well depth [m]	4450	5000
Technical life time [years]	30	30
Geothermal flow rate [m^3/s]	0.05	0.08
Load hours	7000 (6529)	7000 (6529)
Thermal load hours	0 (3600)	0 (2250)
Conversion efficiency	0.104	0.132
Power capacity [kW_{el}]	4500	3000
Heat capacity [MW_{th}]	0 (18)	0 (20)
Fluid temperature at production [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	145	190
Fluid temperature at reinjection [$^{\circ}\text{C}$]	70	70
Energy consumption for drilling [$\text{kWh}_{\text{el}}/\text{m}$]	787 ^a	1157 ^b
Annual net energy production [$\text{GWh}_{\text{el}}/\text{a}$]	24.4 (22.7)	14.0 (13.0)
Annual heat production [$\text{TJ}_{\text{th}}/\text{a}$]	234	162
Life time energy production [GWh_{el}]	732	419
Life time heat production [TJ_{th}]	7020	4860

^a Sonderegger²; ^b Häring³, Kaiser and Fäs⁴

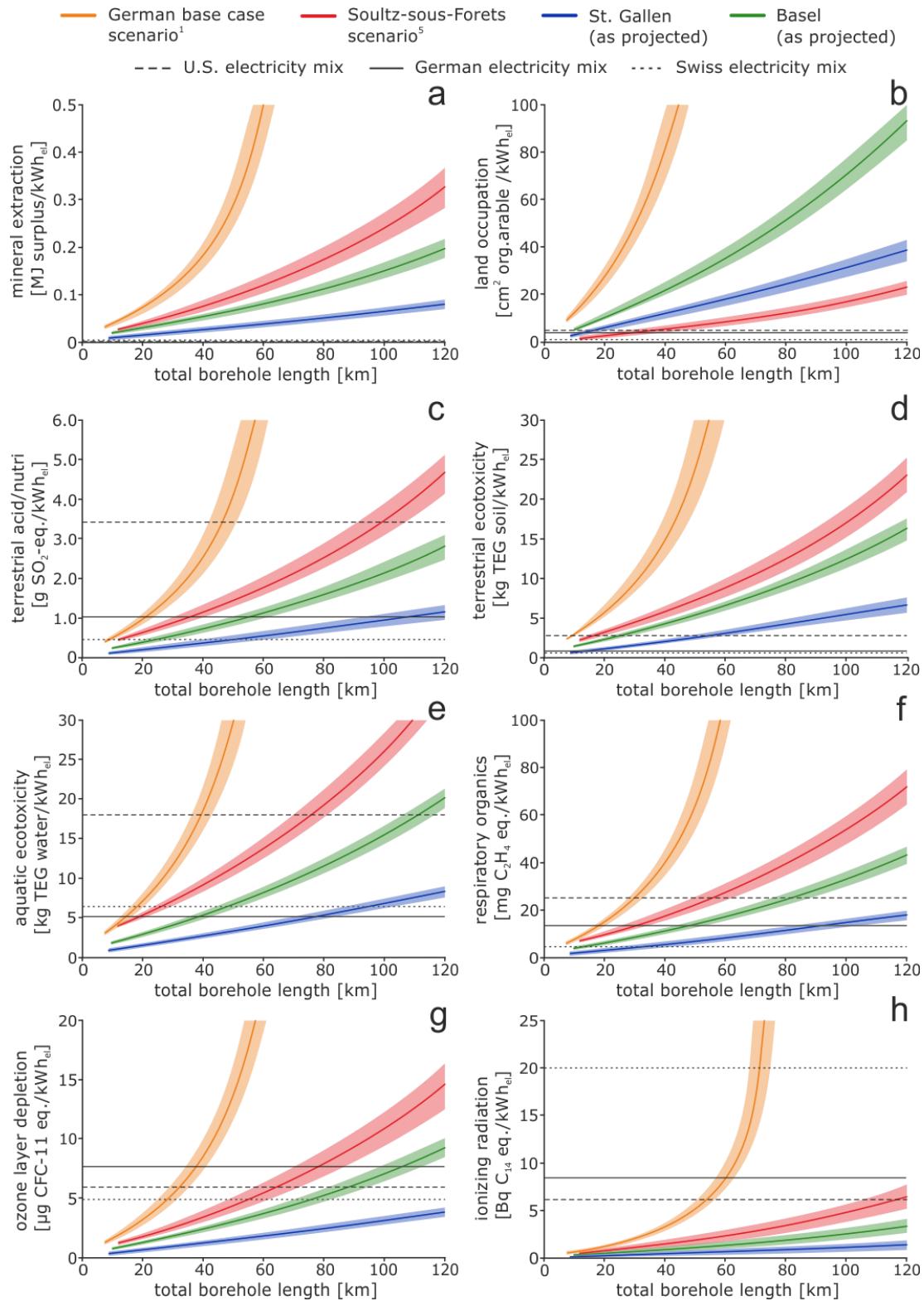


Figure SI1: Life time environmental impacts due to a) mineral extraction, b) land occupation, c) terrestrial acidification and nutrification, d) terrestrial ecotoxicity, e) aquatic ecotoxicity, f) respiratory organics, g) ozone layer depletion, h) ionizing radiation, i) respiratory inorganics, j) human toxicity as non-carcinogens and k) carcinogens per produced kWh_{el} for four EGS plants as a function of overall borehole depth (number wells multiplied by well depth). The German base case is identical to scenario A1 in Frick *et al.* and Soultz-sous-Forêts is identical with scenario case 6 in Lacirignola and Blanc.^{1,5} Data for the emissions caused by electricity mixes are taken from Ecoinvent 2.2.¹⁰ The band accounts for the standard deviation of LCI uncertainty.

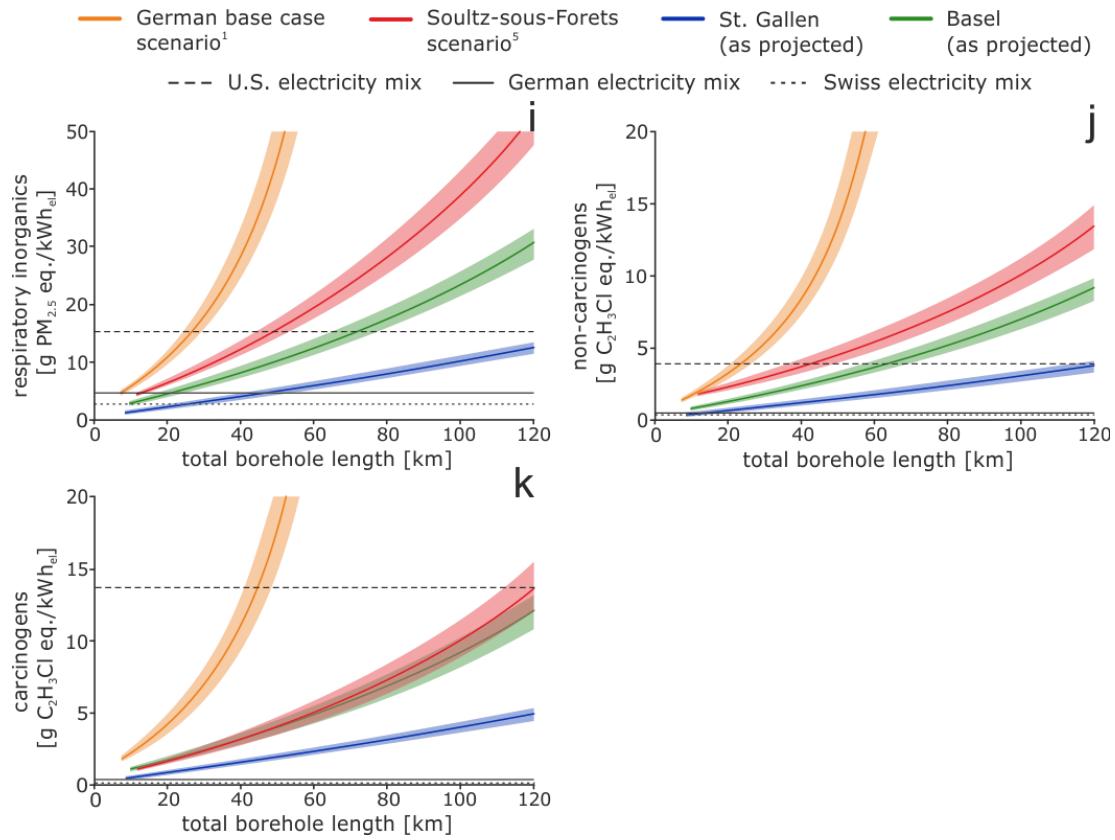


Figure SI1 continued: Life time environmental impacts due to a) mineral extraction, b) land occupation, c) terrestrial acidification and nutrification, d) terrestrial ecotoxicity, e) aquatic ecotoxicity, f) respiratory organics, g) ozone layer depletion, h) ionizing radiation, i) respiratory inorganics, j) human toxicity as non-carcinogens and k) carcinogens per produced kWh electricity for four EGS plants as a function of overall borehole depth (number wells multiplied by well depth). The German base case is identical to scenario A1 in Frick *et al.* and Soultz-sous-Forêts is identical with scenario case 6 in Lacirignola and Blanc.^{1,5} Data for the emissions caused by electricity mixes are taken from Ecoinvent 2.2.⁶ The band accounts for the standard deviation of LCI uncertainty.

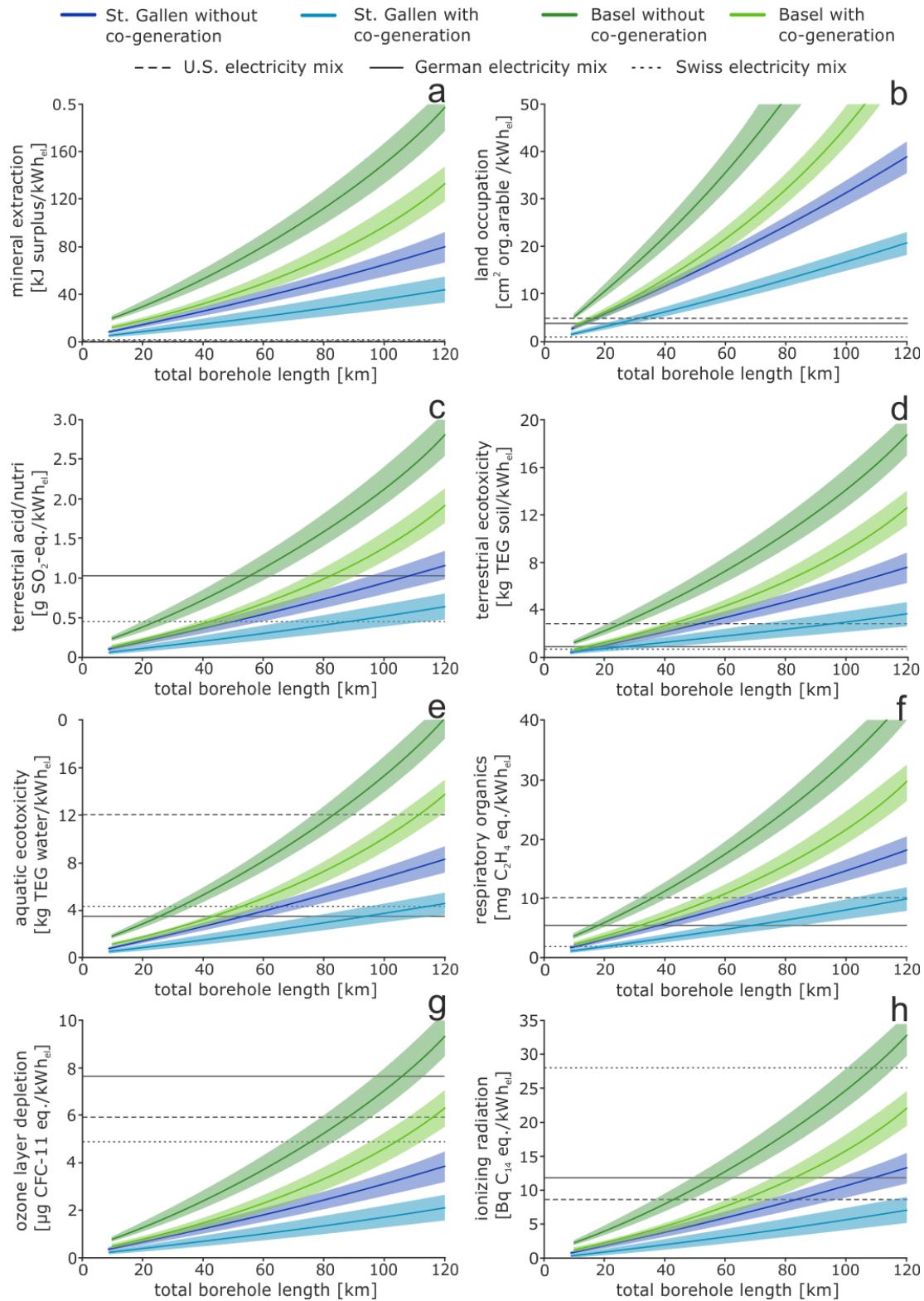


Figure SI2: Life time environmental impacts due to a) mineral extraction, b) land occupation, c) terrestrial acidification and nutrification, d) terrestrial ecotoxicity, e) aquatic ecotoxicity, f) respiratory organics, g) ozone layer depletion, h) ionizing radiation, i) respiratory inorganics, j) human toxicity as non-carcinogens and k) carcinogens per produced kWh electricity for the projected EGS plant in St. Gallen and Basel with and without co-generation of heat. The band accounts for the standard deviation of LCI uncertainty. Data for the emissions caused by electricity mixes are taken from Ecoinvent 2.2.⁶

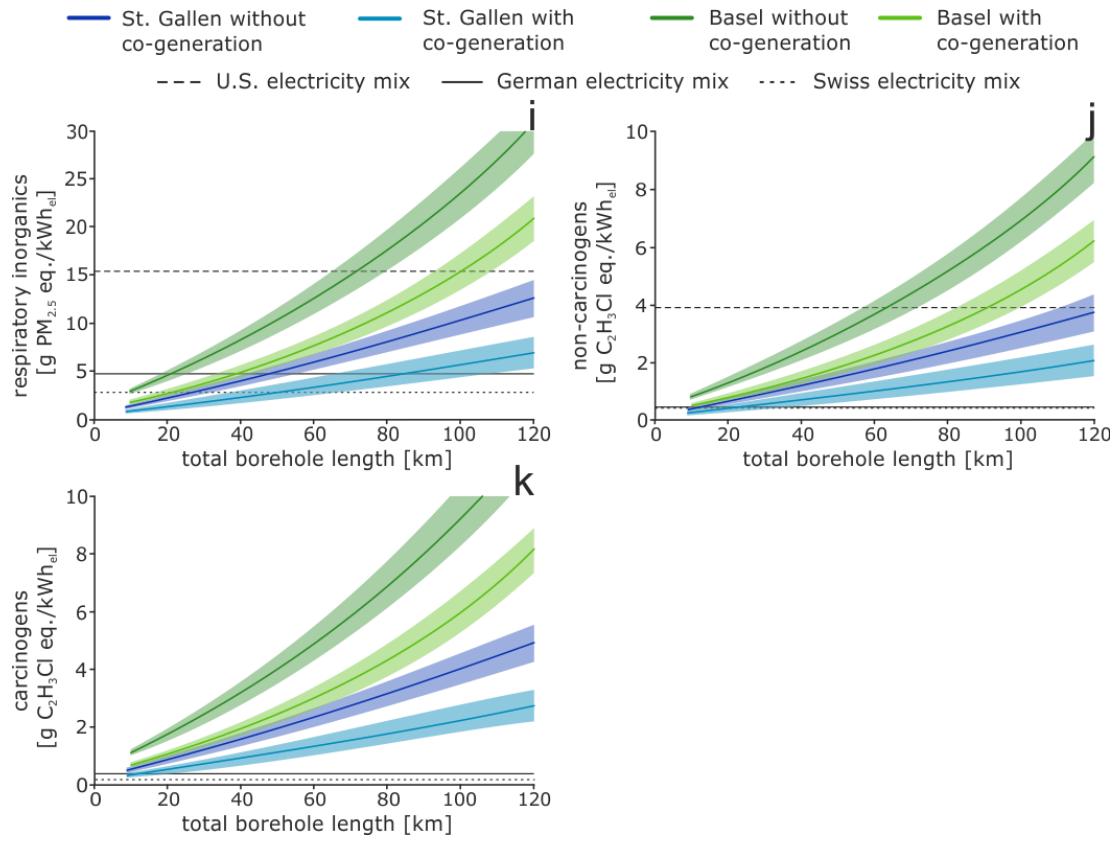


Figure SI2: Life time environmental impacts due to a) mineral extraction, b) land occupation, c) terrestrial acidification and nutrification, d) terrestrial ecotoxicity, e) aquatic ecotoxicity, f) respiratory organics, g) ozone layer depletion, h) ionizing radiation, i) respiratory inorganics, j) human toxicity as non-carcinogens and k) carcinogens per produced kWh electricity for the projected EGS plant in St. Gallen and Basel with and without co-generation of heat. The band accounts for the standard deviation of LCI uncertainty. Data for the emissions caused by electricity mixes are taken from Ecoinvent 2.2.⁶

Table SI2: Reservoir and technical parameter for the future scenarios for EGS power plants taking into account four different perspectives for future geothermal drilling. Reservoir and power plant parameters were adopted from the future 2030 scenario in Limberger *et al.* (2014).⁷ The energy consumption for the specific drilling technologies was calculated based on the disintegration energy, assuming the amount of auxiliary energy to be equal to rotary drilling, and normalized considering the specific penetration rates in relation to rotary drilling using actual drilling data.^{2,8} The numbers given in brackets refer to the magnitude of the worst and best case scenario for the corresponding parameters and outputs.

Parameter	Electric rotary drilling (min, max)	Hydrothermal spallation drilling (min, max)	Flame Jet thermal spallation drilling (min, max)	Electro pulse drilling (min, max)
Number of geothermal wells		3		
Well depth [m]		7000		
Technical life time [years]		30		
Geothermal flow rate [m ³ /h]		360 (300, 420)		
Load hours		8000		
Conversion efficiency		0.14 (0.11, 0.17)		
Gross power output [kW _{el}]		7280 (2933, 14280)		
Fluid temperature at production [°C]		200 (150, 250)		
Fluid temperature at reinjection [°C]		70		
Disintegration energy [kWh _{el} /m] ^a	275	20	527	10.0
Auxiliary energy [kWh _{el} /m]	564	564	564	564
Penetration rate [m/h]	5.7 ^b	15.8 ^a	15.8 ^a	10.0 ^a
Additional emissions [gCO ₂ -eq./m]	0	791 ^c	1888 ^d	0
Energy consumption for drilling [kWh _{el} /m]	972 (787, 1157)	225 (180,270)	732 (585, 878)	334 (267, 401)
Annual net energy production [GW _{el} /a]		54.4 (20.2, 109.7)		
Life time net energy production [GW _{el} /a]		1631.0 (606.5, 3292.2)		
Total drilling energy [GW _{el}]	21.5 (17.6, 25.4)	5.8 (4.8, 6.7)	16.4 (13.4, 19.5)	8.1 (6.7, 9.5)
Life time total energy production [GW _{el}]	1609.5 (581.1, 3274.6)	1625.2 (599.8, 3287.4)	1614.6 (587.0, 3278.8)	1622.9 (599.8, 3285.5)

^a Ndeda *et al.*⁹; ^b Sonderegger², Tester *et al.*⁸; ^c direct emission due to combustion of ethanol from Stathopoulos *et al.*¹⁰ and indirect emissions from Ecoinvent 2.2⁶; ^d direct emission due to combustion of petrol from Rinaldi¹¹ and indirect emissions Ecoinvent 2.2.⁶

Table SI3: Additional information on the individual studies used to compile Figure 7 for each impact factor and each technology.

Energy generation technology	Reference	Values (range)	Count of estimates	Comments
<i>Greenhouse gas emissions</i>				
		[gCO ₂ -eq. /kWh]		
EGS (electric drilling)	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES Treyer <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹²	5.8 – 12.8 7.5 – 45.6	2 3	with current drilling technology Switzerland, different capacities
EGS co-generation	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	3.8 – 7.8	2	with current drilling technology
Coal-fired power generation	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶ US LCI database ¹³ UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴ Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵ Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶ SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷ Whitaker <i>et al.</i> (2012) ¹⁸ Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹ Hondo (2005) ²⁰ Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹ Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	1030 - 1190 1080 - 1260 146 – 900 201 – 933 1083 1000 1001 325.7 975.2 1243 888	6 2 6 6 1 1 164 1 1 1 1 3	different geographical references different types of coal different technologies different technologies hard coal, Spain average of global review median of different technologies New Zealand Japanese average GREET model, US average global average

	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	1126	8	average in Turkey
	Varun <i>et al.</i> (2009) ²⁴	975.3	1	Indian average
	Agrawal <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁵	1127	1	Indian case study
	Turconi <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁶	965 – 997	5	case studies Ireland
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	988 – 1021	2	case studies Portugal
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	1094	1	Mexican average
Natural gas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	483 – 690	6	different geographical references
	US LCI database ²⁹	720	1	US average
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	187 – 516	4	different technologies
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	247 – 527	2	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	507	1	Spain
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	480	1	average of global review
	Heath <i>et al.</i> (2014) ³⁰	488	9	median for shale gas
	O'Donoughue <i>et al.</i> (2014 ³¹)	450 – 670	69	median for different conventional natural gas technologies
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	194	1	New Zealand
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	519 – 608	2	different technologies, Japan
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	487	1	GREET model, US average
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	500	3	average
	Kannan <i>et al.</i> (2005) ³²	474	1	average for Singapore
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	499	187	average in Turkey
	Varun <i>et al.</i> (2009) ²⁴	607.6	1	Indian average
	Agrawal <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁵	584	1	Indian case study
	Turconi <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁶	349 – 450	20	case studies Ireland
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	423 – 588	3	case studies Portugal
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	468	1	Mexican average
Oil combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	606 – 1129	6	different geographical references
	US LCI database ²⁹	935	1	residual fuel oil
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	850	1	average of global review
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	742	1	Japanese average
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	750	3	global average
	Varun <i>et al.</i> (2009) ²⁴	742.1	1	Indian average
	Turconi <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁶	839 – 1475	5	case studies Ireland
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	912	1	case studies Portugal
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	964	1	Mexican average
Nuclear power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	5.3 – 13.2	6	different geographical references
	US LCI database ²⁹	11.5	1	US average
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	20	1	average of global review
	Warner & Heath (2012) ³³	12	99	light water reactors
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	24.2	1	Japanese average
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	16.55	1	GREET model, US average
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	24	3	global average
	Dones <i>et al.</i> (2003) ³⁴	5 – 11.5	2	average for Switzerland
	Varun <i>et al.</i> (2009) ²⁴	24.2	1	Indian average
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	12	1	Mexican average
Lignite coal	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	1059 - 1407	6	different geographical references
	US LCI database ²⁹	1190	1	coal fired steam generation
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	1050	3	global average
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	1062	16	average in Turkey
Diesel combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	732	1	Switzerland

	US LCI database ²⁹	1130	1	US average
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	866	1	Mexican average
Conventional geothermal	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	5.8	1	diesel-driven drilling
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	50	1	average of global review
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	5.6	1	high temperature binary cycle
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	41.0	1	hot dry rock
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	15	1	double flash, Japan
	Karlsdottir <i>et al.</i> (2010) ³⁶	35	1	double flash, Iceland
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	5.7 – 103	2	different technologies
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	11 – 78	4	average
	Bertani & Thain (2002) ³⁷	4 – 470	85	different technologies
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	131	1	Mexican average
	Bravi & Basosi (2013) ³⁸	380 – 1045	4	single flash, steam, Tuscany different geographical references;
Hydropower	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	4.1 – 1099	7	run-of-river, reservoir plants and pumped storage
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	10.0 – 137	4	reservoir power plants
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	5.6 – 78.8	2	reservoir power plants
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	4.0 – 14.0	2	average of global review
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	4.6	1	reservoir, New Zealand
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	10 – 13	2	different plant sizes, Germany
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	15	1	run-of-river, Japan
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	1.7 – 8.1	3	different technologies
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	2 – 74.9	11	different technologies
	Varun <i>et al.</i> (2012) ²⁴	11.3 – 74.9	145	run-of-river, dam, India
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	4 – 17	3	case studies Portugal
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	12	1	Mexican average
Wind power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	11.2 – 112	4	different geographical references; offshore and onshore
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	8.0 – 11.0	6	offshore and onshore
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	8.4 – 11.4	3	offshore and onshore
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	8.0 – 20.0	2	average of global review
	Dolan & Heath (2012) ³⁹	11.0	126	average, offshore and onshore
	Padey <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁴⁰	4.5 – 76.7	17	different wind conditions
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	3.0	1	onshore, New Zealand
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	9.0 – 11.0	2	onshore, offshore, Germany
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	29.5	1	onshore wind park, Japan
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	2.6 – 21.3	3	different technologies
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	4.6 – 123.7	19	onshore and offshore
	Celik <i>et al.</i> (2007) ⁴¹	20.5	6	micro-wind plants, Turkey
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	23	1	case studies Portugal
	Santoyo-Castelazo <i>et al.</i> (2011) ²⁸	18	1	Mexican average
	Reimers <i>et al.</i> (2014) ⁴²	13.2 – 22.2	6	onshore and offshore, Germany
Solar power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	47.4 – 86.6	6	different geographical references; photo-voltaic (PV)
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	14.0 – 56.0	9	CSP, different types of PV
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	16.1 – 57.5	8	CSP, different types of PV
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	23 – 55	2	average of global review, CSP and PV
	Burkhardt <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁴³	26 – 38	36	median for tower and through CSP
	Hsu <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁴⁴	45.0	42	median for crystalline-silicon PV
	Kim <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁴⁵	14 – 27	7	different thin-film PV types

	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	14 – 104	2	PV, solar thermal, Germany
	Hondo (2005) ²⁰	53.4	1	polycrystalline silicon PV, Japan
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	8.4 – 142	3	different technologies
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	9.4 – 300	19	different PV technologies
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	51	1	case studies Portugal
Tidal and wave power	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	8 – 23	2	average of global review
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	1.8	1	New Zealand
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	10 – 50	4	different plant types
	Parker <i>et al.</i> (2007) ⁴⁶	22.8	1	wave energy converter
	Douglas <i>et al.</i> (2008) ⁴⁷	15.0	1	tidal current turbine
Biogas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	241 – 387	3	different geographical references; co-generation
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	144	1	average of global review
	Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2010) ²¹	115	1	US average
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	239	1	case studies Portugal
	Fuchsz & Kohlheb (2014) ⁴⁸	260 – 413	2	different plant types, Germany
Biomass	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	25 – 1110	8	different types of biomass
	US LCI database ²⁹	45.8	1	US average
	SRREN Report (2012) ¹⁷	45	1	average of global review
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	27 – 86	7	different types of biomass
	Gerin <i>et al.</i> (2008) ⁴⁹	31 – 104	9	different crops in Belgium
	Amponsah <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²²	14.4 – 650	14	different types of biomass
	Shafie <i>et al.</i> (2014) ⁵⁰	845 – 1086	3	different crops, Malaysia
	Ramjeawon (2008) ⁵¹	35.6	1	case study Mauritius
	Kami Delivand <i>et al.</i> (2012) ⁵²	193	1	case study Thailand
	Liu <i>et al.</i> (2010) ⁵³	664	1	case study China
	Sebastián <i>et al.</i> (2011) ⁵⁴	1066 – 1074	2	case studies Spain
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	33 – 56	2	case studies Portugal
Waste incineration	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	147 – 1800	2	different types of waste
<i>Non-renewable energy demand</i>		[MJ/kWh]		
EGS (electric drilling)	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	0.09 – 0.19	2	with current drilling technology
EGS co-generation	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	0.06 – 0.12	2	with current drilling technology
Coal-fired power generation	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	11.4 – 13.5	6	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	13.4 – 16.3	2	different types of coal
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	8.5 – 14.4	6	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	12.1	1	hard coal, Spain
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	11.0 – 11.5	2	case studies Portugal
Natural gas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	8.2 – 11.9	6	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	11.4	1	US average
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	8.2 – 9.8	2	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	8.7	1	case study Spain
	Kannan <i>et al.</i> (2005) ³²	7.8	1	case study Singapore
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	6.5 – 9.4	3	case studies Portugal
Oil combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	8.6 – 15.9	6	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	12.6	1	US, residual fuel oil
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	13.2	1	case study Portugal
Nuclear power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.07 – 0.16	6	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	0.15	1	US average
	Lenzen (2008) ⁵⁵	0.1 – 0.3	24	LWR and HWR reactors, Germany
Lignite coal	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	7.8 – 19.9	6	different geographical locations

	US LCI database ²⁹	20.5	1	US average
Diesel combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	9.92	1	Switzerland
	US LCI database ²⁹	14.65	1	US average
Conventional geothermal	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	0.2	1	binary systems
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	0.05	1	case study Spain
	Hirschberg <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁵⁶	0.09 – 0.54	3	Switzerland
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	0.09	1	binary plant, New Zealand
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.54	1	Germany, hot dry rock
Hydropower	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.04 – 12.8	7	different geographical references; run-of-river, reservoir plants and pumped storage
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	0.1 – 2.0	2	different reservoir types
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	0.06	1	reservoir, New Zealand
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.1 – 0.14	2	different plant sizes, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.04 – 0.05	3	case studies Portugal
Wind power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.14 – 0.22	4	different geographical references; offshore and onshore
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	0.2 – 0.3	3	offshore and onshore
	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	0.07	1	onshore, New Zealand
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.11 – 0.12	2	onshore, offshore, Germany
	Celik <i>et al.</i> (2007) ⁴¹	0.45	6	micro-wind plants, Turkey
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.04	1	case studies Portugal
Solar power (PV only)	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.6 – 1.1	6	different geographical references; photo-voltaic (PV)
	UNEP report 2015 ¹⁴	0.2 – 0.9	6	different types of PV
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.14 – 1.5	2	PV, solar thermal, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.65	1	case studies Portugal
Tidal and wave power	Rule <i>et al.</i> (2009) ¹⁹	0.04	1	New Zealand
	Douglas <i>et al.</i> (2008) ⁴⁷	0.21	1	tidal current turbine
	Parker <i>et al.</i> (2007) ⁴⁶	0.29	1	wave energy converter
Biogas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.66 – 1.34	3	different geographical references; co-generation
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.09	1	Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	1.31	1	case studies Portugal
Biomass	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.18 – 0.7	8	different types of biomass
	US LCI database ²⁹	0.03	1	US average
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.28 – 0.46	7	different types of biomass
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.37 – 0.6	2	case studies Portugal
Waste incineration	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	1.17 – 1.60	2	different types of waste
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	1.71	1	case study Portugal
<hr/>				
<i>Acidification potential</i> [gSO ₂ ⁻ equivalent/k Wh]				
EGS (electric drilling)	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	0.03 – 0.07	2	with current drilling technology
EGS co-generation	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	0.02 – 0.04	2	with current drilling technology
Coal-fired power generation	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	6.01 – 6.28	3	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	8.6 – 37.8	2	different types of coal
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	0.72 – 1.61	6	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	11.6	1	hard coal, Spain
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	6.00	8	average in Turkey
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	2.84 – 8.72	2	case studies Portugal
Natural gas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.28 – 6.0	6	different geographical locations

	US LCI database ²⁹	6.4	1	US average
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	3.78 – 4.68	2	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	0.28	1	case study, Spain
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	0.80	8	average in Turkey
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.35 – 0.74	3	case studies Portugal
Oil combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	8.26 – 10.5	6	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	3.44	1	US, residual fuel oil
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	19.0	1	case study Portugal
Nuclear power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.04 – 0.08	6	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	0.27	1	US average
Lignite coal	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	1.12 – 6.85	5	different geographical locations
	US LCI database ²⁹	12.3	1	US average
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	11.0	16	average in Turkey
Diesel combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	1.66	1	Switzerland
	US LCI database ²⁹	2.66	1	US average
Conventional geothermal	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	0.01	1	case study Spain
	Hirschberg <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁵⁶	0.1 – 0.03	3	Switzerland
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.19	1	hot dry rock, Germany
	Bravi & Basosi (2013) ³⁸	0.1 – 44.8	4	single flash, steam, Tuscany
				different geographical references;
Hydropower	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.01 – 6.94	7	run-of-river, reservoir plants and pumped storage
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	0.03 – 0.44	2	different technologies
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.04 – 0.06	2	different plant sizes, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.02 – 0.03	3	case studies Portugal
Wind power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.05 – 0.07	4	different geographical references; offshore and onshore
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	0.04 – 0.09	3	different technologies
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.05 – 0.06	2	onshore, offshore, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.11	1	case study Portugal
Solar power (PV only)	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.21 – 3.77	6	different geographical references; photo-voltaic (PV)
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	0.04 – 0.09	3	CSP, different types of PV
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.09 – 0.53	2	PV, solar thermal, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.25	1	case study Portugal
Biogas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.78 – 7.25	3	different geographical references; co-generation
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	3.81	1	Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.72	1	case study Portugal
Biomass	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.26 – 2.80	8	different types of biomass
	US LCI database ²⁹	0.77	1	US average
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	0.24 – 1.31	7	different types of biomass
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	0.65 – 1.40	2	case studies Portugal
	Ramjeawon (2008) ⁵¹	0.36	1	case study Mauritius
Waste incineration	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	1.23 – 1.40	2	different types of waste
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	1.28	1	case study Portugal

[mgPO₄³⁻-equivalent/kWh]

EGS (electric drilling)	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	1.9 – 3.5	2	with current drilling technology
EGS co-generation	Menberg <i>et al.</i> (20XX), EES	1.4 – 2.6	2	with current drilling technology
Coal-fired power generation	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	249 – 831	6	different geographical locations

	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	427 – 687	6	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	2110	1	hard coal, Spain
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	2300	8	average in Turkey
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	2300 - 2480	2	case studies Portugal
Natural gas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.53 – 11.6	6	different geographical locations
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	5.40 – 10.1	2	different technologies
	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	70.0	1	case study, Spain
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	100	8	average in Turkey
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	4.0 – 150	3	case studies Portugal
Oil combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	17.0 – 31.5	6	different geographical locations
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	57.0	1	case study Portugal
Nuclear power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	2.60 – 5.90	6	different geographical locations
Lignite coal	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	1800 – 4620	6	different geographical locations
	Atilgan & Azapagic (2014) ²³	11900	16	average in Turkey
Diesel combustion	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	22.8	1	Switzerland
Conventional geothermal	Martin-Gamboa <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁶	42.0	1	case study Spain
	Hirschberg <i>et al.</i> (2015) ⁵⁶	4.68 – 27.6	3	Switzerland
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	24.8	1	hot dry rock, Germany different geographical references;
Hydropower	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	0.85 – 157	6	run-of-river, reservoir plants and pumped storage
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	0.03 – 3.82	2	different technologies
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	5.0 – 6.0	2	different plant sizes, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	1.0 – 6.0	3	case studies Portugal
Wind power	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	7.21 – 11.5	4	different geographical references; offshore and onshore
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	5.86 – 8.62	3	different technologies
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	2.7 – 4.0	2	onshore, offshore, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	60.0	1	case study Portugal
Solar power (PV only)	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	39.8 – 72.7	6	different geographical references; photo-voltaic (PV)
	Hertwich <i>et al.</i> (2015) ¹⁵	4.07 – 44.5	3	CSP, different types of PV
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	10.0 – 44.0	2	PV, solar thermal, Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	160	1	case study Portugal
Biogas	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	11.3 – 14.6	3	different geographical references; co-generation
	Pehnt (2006)	609	1	Germany
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	130	1	case study Portugal
Biomass	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	5.64 – 47.5	8	different types of biomass
	Pehnt (2006) ³⁵	38.0 – 196	7	different types of biomass
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	230 – 440	2	case studies Portugal
	Ramjeawon (2008) ⁵¹	442	1	case study Mauritius
Waste incineration	Ecoinvent database 2.2 ⁶	159 - 176	2	different types of waste
	Garcia <i>et al.</i> (2014) ²⁷	1190	1	case study Portugal

References

1. S. Frick, M. Kaltschmitt and G. Schröder, *Energy*, 2010, **35**, 2281-2294.
2. M. Sonderegger, personal communication.
3. M. O. Häring, *Deep Heat Mining Basel: Voruntersuchung und Pflichtenheft für die Umweltverträglichkeits-Prüfung*, Basel, Switzerland, 2003.

4. M. Kaiser and M. Fäs, *Umweltverträglichkeitsbericht, Deep Heat Mining*, Basel, Geothermal Explorers Ltd., Basel Switzerland, 2004.
5. M. Lacirignola and I. Blanc, *Renew. Energy*, 2013, **50**, 901-914.
6. Swiss Centre for Life Cycle Inventories, ecoinvent database v2.2, 2010.
7. J. Limberger, P. Calzagno, A. Manzella, E. Trumpy, T. Boxem, M. Pluymakers and J.-D. van Wees, *Geoth. Ener. Sci.*, 2014, **2**, 55-71.
8. J. W. Tester, B. J. Anderson, A. S. Batchelor, D. D. Blackwell, R. Dipippo and E. M. Drake, *The future of geothermal energy—impact of enhanced geothermal systems (EGS) on the United States in the 21st century*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and US Department of Energy, 2006.
9. R. Ndeda, E. Sebusang, R. Marumo and E. Ogur, Proceedings of Sustainable Research and Innovation Conference, Juja-Thika, Kenya, 2015.
10. P. Stathopoulos, K. Ninck and P. R. von Rohr, *Combustion and Flame*, 2013, **160**, 2386-2395.
11. R. Rinaldi, *Report prepared for Sandia National Laboratory by Resource Technology, Inc.*, 1984.
12. K. Treyer, H. Oshikawa, C. Bauer and M. Miotti, in *Energy from the Earth - Deep Geothermal as a Resource for the Future*, eds. S. Hirschberg, S. Wiemer and P. Burgherr, Centre for Technology Assessment zurich, Switzerland, 2015, vol. TA-SWISS 62/2015, p. 524.
13. National Renewable Energy Laboratory, U.S. LCI Database, 2010.
14. E.G.Hertwich, J. Aloisi de Larderel, A. Arvesen, P. Bayer, J. Bergesen, E. Bouman, T. Gibon, G. Heath, C. Peña, P. Purohit, A. Ramirez and S. Suh, *Green Energy Choices: The benefits, risks, and trade-offs of low-carbon technologies for electricity production*, UNEP, 2015.
15. E. G. Hertwich, T. Gibon, E. A. Bouman, A. Arvesen, S. Suh, G. A. Heath, J. D. Bergesen, A. Ramirez, M. I. Vega and L. Shi, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2015, **112**, 6277-6282.
16. M. Martín-Gamboa, D. Iribarren and J. Dufour, *Geothermics*, 2015, **53**, 27-37.
17. IPCC, *Renewable Energy Sources and Climate Change Mitigation - Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*, Cambridge, 2012.
18. M. Whitaker, G. A. Heath, P. O'Donoughue and M. Vorum, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S53-S72.
19. B. M. Rule, Z. J. Worth and C. A. Boyle, *Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2009, **43**, 6406-6413.
20. H. Hondo, *Energy*, 2005, **30**, 2042-2056.
21. J. L. Sullivan, C. E. Clark and M. W. J. Han, *Life-cycle analysis results of geothermal systems in comparison to other power systems*, Argonne National Laboratory, Energy Systems Division, US Department of Energy, 2010.
22. N. Y. Amponsah, M. Troldborg, B. Kington, I. Aalders and R. L. Hough, *Renew. Sust. Energ. Rev.*, 2014, **39**, 461-475.
23. B. Atilgan and A. Azapagic, *J. Clean. Prod.*, 2014, **106**, 555-564.
24. Varun, I. K. Bhat and R. Prakash, *Renew. Sust. Energ. Rev.*, 2009, **13**, 1067-1073.
25. K. K. Agrawal, S. Jain, A. K. Jain and S. Dahiya, *Int. J. Environ. Sci. Technol.*, 2014, **11**, 1157-1164.
26. R. Turconi, C. O'Dwyer, D. Flynn and T. Astrup, *Appl. Energ.*, 2014, **131**, 1-8.
27. R. Garcia, P. Marques and F. Freire, *Appl. Energ.*, 2014, **134**, 563-572.
28. E. Santoyo-Castelazo, H. Gujba and A. Azapagic, *Energy*, 2011, **36**, 1488-1499.
29. NREL, *US LCI database*, 2010.
30. G. A. Heath and M. K. Mann, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S8-S11.
31. P. R. O'Donoughue, G. A. Heath, S. L. Dolan and M. Vorum, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2014, **18**, 125-144.
32. R. Kannan, K. C. Leong, R. Osman, H. K. Ho and C. P. Tso, *Energ. Convers. Manage.*, 2005, **46**, 2145-2157.
33. E. S. Warner and G. A. Heath, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S73-S92.
34. R. Dones, T. Heck and S. Hirschberg, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Energy Systems: Comparison and Overview*, Paul Shcerrer Institut, Villingen, Switzerland, 2003.
35. M. Pehnt, *Renew. Energy*, 2006, **31**, 55-71.

36. M. R. Karlsdottir, O. P. Palsson and H. Palsson, Proceedings World Geothermal Congress 2010, Bali, Indonesia, 2010.
37. R. Bertani and I. Thain, *Geothermal Power Generating Plant CO2 Emission Survey*, 2002.
38. M. Bravi and R. Basosi, *J. Clean. Prod.*, 2013.
39. S. L. Dolan and G. A. Heath, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, 136-154.
40. P. Padey, I. Blanc, D. Le Boulch and Z. Xiusheng, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S28-S38.
41. A. N. Celik, T. Muneer and P. Clarke, *Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part A: Journal of Power and Energy*, 2007, **221**, 1107-1117.
42. B. Reimers, B. Özdirik and M. Kaltschmitt, *Renew. Energy*, 2014, **72**, 428-438.
43. J. J. Burkhardt, G. Heath and E. Cohen, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S93-S109.
44. D. D. Hsu, P. O'Donoughue, V. Fthenakis, G. A. Heath, H. C. Kim, P. Sawyer, J. K. Choi and D. E. Turney, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S122-S135.
45. H. C. Kim, V. Fthenakis, J. K. Choi and D. E. Turney, *J. Ind. Ecol.*, 2012, **16**, S110-S121.
46. R. P. M. Parker, G. P. Harrison and J. P. Chick, *Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part A: Journal of Power and Energy*, 2007, **221**, 1119-1130.
47. C. A. Douglas, G. P. Harrison and J. P. Chick, *Proceedings of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Part M: Journal of Engineering for the Maritime Environment*, 2008, **222**, 1-12.
48. M. Fuchsz and N. Kohlheb, *J. Clean. Prod.*, **86**, 60-66.
49. P. A. Gerin, F. Vliegen and J.-M. Jossart, *Bioresource Technol.*, 2008, **99**, 2620-2627.
50. S. M. Shafie, H. H. Masjuki and T. M. I. Mahlia, *Energy*, 2014, **70**, 401-410.
51. T. Ramjeawon, *J. Clean. Prod.*, 2008, **16**, 1727-1734.
52. M. Kami Delivand, M. Barz, S. H. Gheewala and B. Sajjakulnukit, *J. Clean. Prod.*, 2012, **37**, 29-41.
53. H. Liu, K. R. Polenske, Y. Xi and J. e. Guo, *Energ. Policy*, 2010, **38**, 6153-6160.
54. F. Sebastián, J. Royo and M. Gómez, *Energy*, 2011, **36**, 2029-2037.
55. M. Lenzen, *Energ. Convers. Manage.*, 2008, **49**, 2178-2199.
56. S. Hirschberg, P. Burgherr, W. Schenler, M. Spada, K. Treyer and C. Bauer, in *Energy from the Earth - Deep Geothermal as a Resource for the Future?*, eds. S. Hirschberg, S. Wiemer and P. Burgherr, Centre for Technology Assessment Zurich, Switzerland, 2015, vol. TA-SWISS 62/2015.