

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR:

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This supporting information provides the procedure to import from EXIOBASE v3.3.18, use main.py, to obtain Data\_S1.xls, Data\_S2.xls, Data\_S3.xls, and a comparison between results from EXIOBASE v3.3.1 and other material flow analysis (MFA) studies.



# Procedure

The following presents the procedure to import from EXIOBASE v3.3.18, use ***main.py***, obtain ***Data\_S1.xls***, ***Data\_S2.xls***, ***Data\_S3.xls,*** and creating the global map shown in Figure 2 from ‘Global distribution of material inflows to in-use stocks and its implication for a circularity transition’ paper.

## Import data

The dataset is stored as tab-delimited text file (txt.file) in the folder ***EXIOBASE\_3.3.18\_hsut\_2011***. In order to obtain EXIOBASE v3.3.18 txt.file, the following steps are implemented:

1. From ‘Data Download’ in EXIOBASE website (<http://www.exiobase.eu/>), download ‘EXIOBASE\_3.3.18\_hsut\_2011’
2. From folder ‘EXIOBASE\_3.3.18\_hsut\_2011’, open ‘MR\_HSUT\_2011\_v3\_3\_18\_extensions.xlsb’. This file contains spreadsheets with the accounts of: material inflows to in-use stock additions (‘stock\_add\_act’ and ‘stock\_add\_FD’), and stock additions from transport equipment (‘mach\_use\_waste\_act’ and ‘mach\_use\_waste\_fd’).
3. Copy each spreadsheet in a separate Excel file. Apply:
   1. Delete rows with sector codes leaving only country abbreviation and activity name as headers (usually correspond to rows 3 and 4 of the array).
   2. Save files as tab delimited files (.txt)
   3. Re-name files as follow: ‘stock\_add\_act’ = SA\_ACT ; ‘stock\_add\_FD’ = SA\_FD.txt; ‘mach\_use\_waste\_act’ = TR\_act; and ‘mach\_use\_waste\_fd’ = TR\_FD
4. For population:
   1. Download data from World Bank Statistics (2020) website (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SP.POP.TOTL>)
   2. Copy dataset in Word Bank to EXIOBASE convertor (in ***wb\_to\_exio\_conv.xls***, from Aguilar-Hernandez et al. (2019))
   3. In ‘coverted\_data’ spreadsheed, copy and save array as tab-delimited text file (.txt), and re-name file as: population data = POP.txt
5. Save all files in folder as ***EXIOBASE\_3.3.18\_hsut\_2011***

## Use main.py, Data\_S1.xls, Data\_S2.xls, and Data\_S3.xls

Run ***main.py*** using Python 3.7.6, that retrieves:

1. ***Data\_S1.xls*** is a modified Excel file with all results from by using ***save\_result( )*** function
2. ***Data\_S2.xls*** combines data from ‘sa\_all\_tot’ ***Data\_S1.xls*** and income classification World Bank Statistics (2020). This file was uploaded to Tableau Public version 2019.4 Software (2019)
3. ***Data\_S3.xls*** brings the EXIOBASE classification combined with World Bank groups.

## Use country\_validation.py

Run ***country\_validation.py*** using Python 3.7.6 to retrieve the values of steel composition in Australia, Canada, France, Japan, United Kingdom, and United States, which are used for comparing results with other studies (see Table S2 below).

# Comparison between material inflow to in-use stocks data from EXIOBASE v3.3.18 and previous studies

Table S1 shows a comparison between data from EXIOBASE v3.3.18 and other sources of material flow accounts. This allows to demonstrate that the sum of inflows to in-use stocks in EXIOBASE v3.3.18 extensions is similar to those reported by previous studies.

Table S1. Comparison between material inflows to in-use stocks (or stock additions) of EXIOBASE v3.3.18 and other studies

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| Source | EXIOBASE v3.3.18  (Merciai and Schmidt 2018; Schmidt and Merciai 2017)1 | MISO database (Wiedenhofer et al. 2019)2 | Haas et al. (2015) |
| Year reference | 2011 | 2011 | 2005 |
| Global stock additions (Gigatonnes) | 30.3 | 29.8 | 26.0 |

1 Value retrieved from Data\_S1

2 Value was calculated from data in supplementary material of Wiedenhofer et al. (2019)

Table S2 presents a comparison between the sectoral distribution of steel stock additions of 6 selected countries from EXIOBASE v3.3.18 and other MFA studies. The values from EXIOBASE v3.3.18 for Australia, Canada, France, Japan, United Kingdom and United States are calculated by using the ***country\_validation.py*** function (see section 1.3. above). The shares of steel stock additions in construction and transport sectors are significantly different between the EXIOBASE and Muller et al. (2011). However, final demand categories (e.g. households and government expenditures) also contribute to steel stock additions in construction and transport, for example, when consumers purchase a house or a private car. Assuming that most of the materials accumulated by final demand categories are related to construction and transport sectors, thus, the sum of construction, transport and final demand constitutes between 70% and 80% of total steel stock additions in the selected countries, which are similar to those reported by Müller et al. (2011). It is important to notice that the two datasets represent different years (i.e. 2011 and 2005), which might imply differences in the sectoral distribution depending on the period. As explained in section 3.3 and 4.2 of the main manuscript, a further research on the application of multi-regional hybrid-units input-output tables (MR-HIOT) is required in order to provide a more comprehensive comparison between MR-HIOT and MFA results. However, we consider that these results are a starting point for a data reconciliation between MR-HIOT and MFA approaches at national and global levels. A full comparison with other MFA-based studies is available at Data\_validation.

Table S2. Comparison between the shares of steel stock additions in construction and transport sectors from EXIOBASE v3.3.18 and Müller et al. (2011)

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| Source | EXIOBASE v3.3.18  (Merciai and Schmidt 2018; Schmidt and Merciai 2017)1 | | | Müller et al. (2011)3 | |
| Year reference | 2011 | | | 2005 | |
| Sector | Construction (%) | Transport (%) | Final demand (%)2 | Construction (%) | Transport (%) |
| Country: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Australia | 13 | 13 | 58 | 51 | 24 |
| Canada | 23 | 12 | 47 | 43 | 34 |
| France | 24 | 12 | 36 | 33 | 27 |
| Japan | 29 | 10 | 38 | 47 | 32 |
| United Kingdom | 5 | 14 | 52 | 33 | 25 |
| United States | 14 | 11 | 50 | 37 | 30 |

1 Values retrieved from *country\_validation.py*

2 Values comprises construction, transport, and other durable goods purchased by final demand categories directly

3 Values were retrieved from the Figure S2 in Müller et al. (2011), supporting information by using WebPlotDigitizer (Rohatgi 2019)

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