

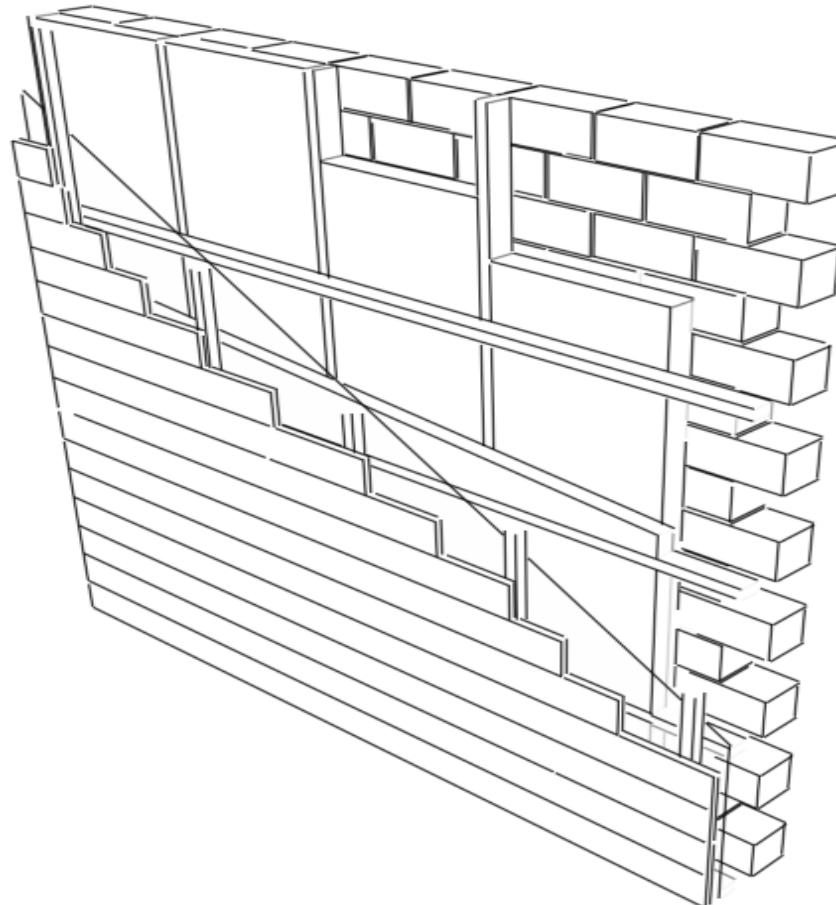
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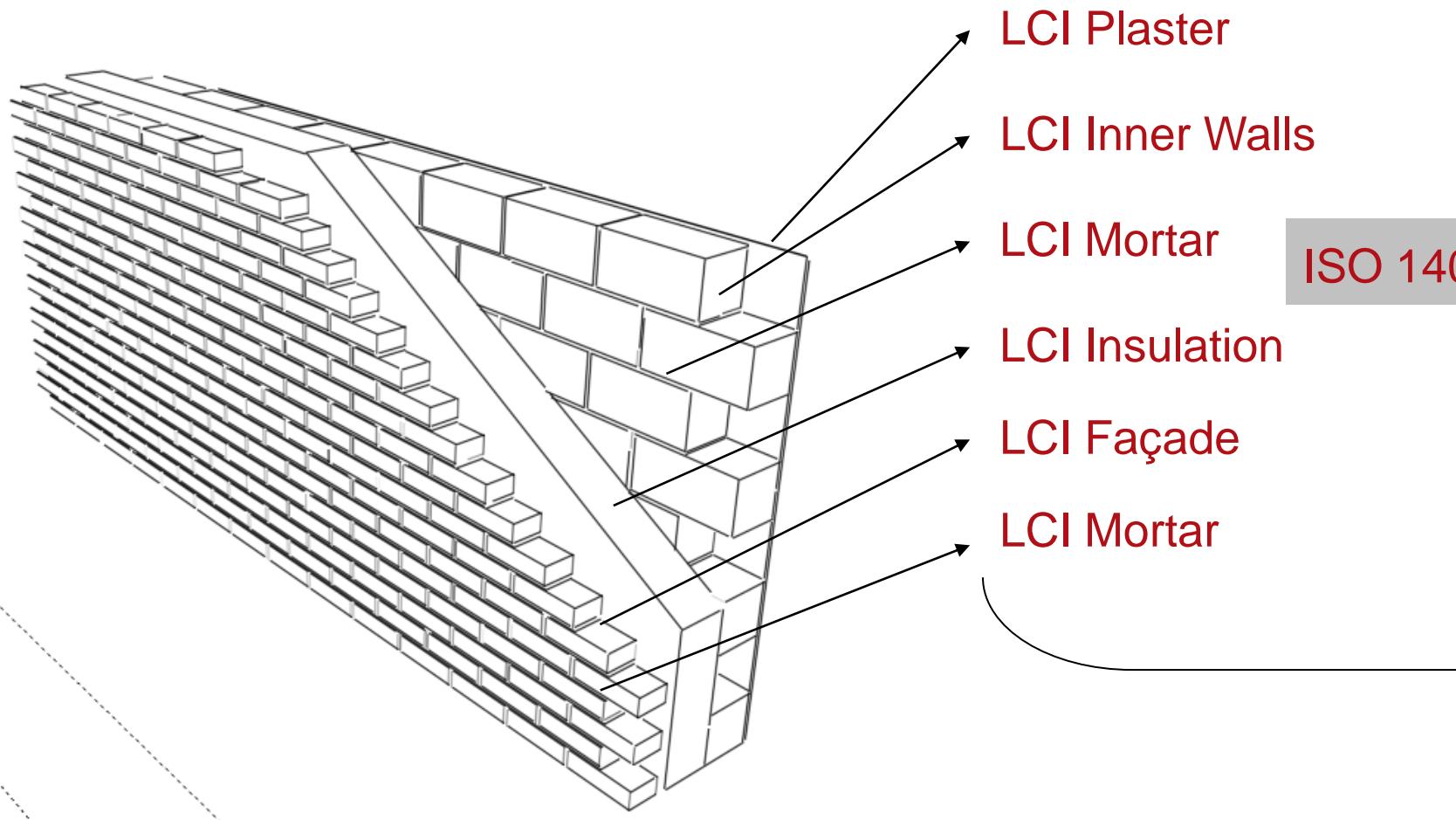
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- What is sustainability of the wall element?

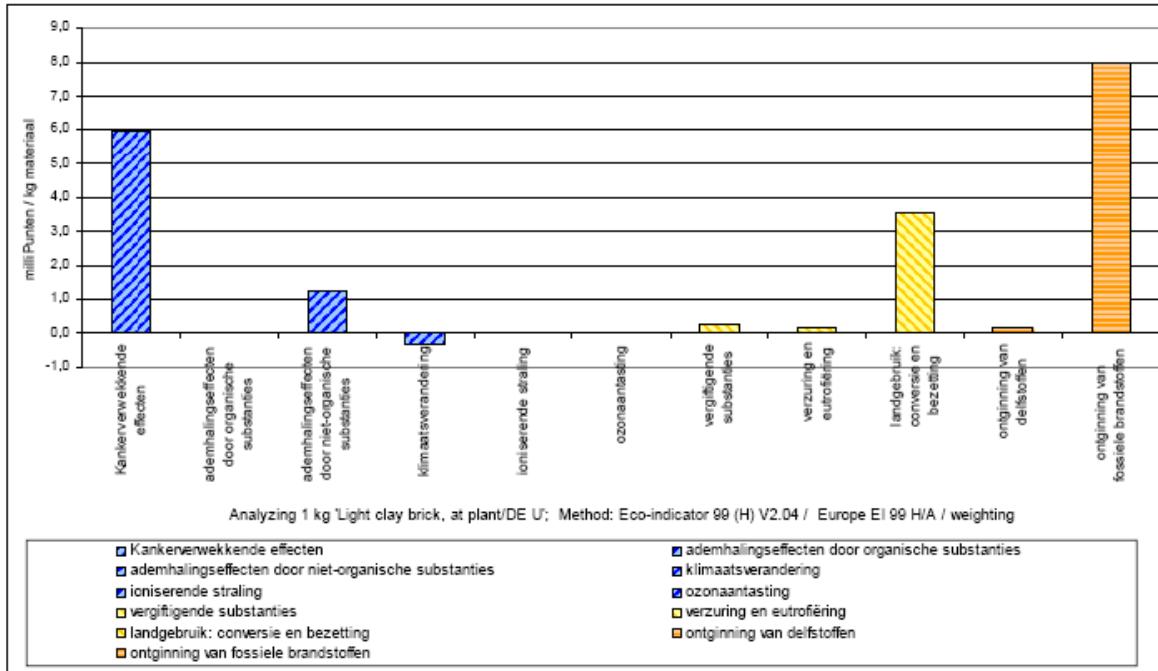


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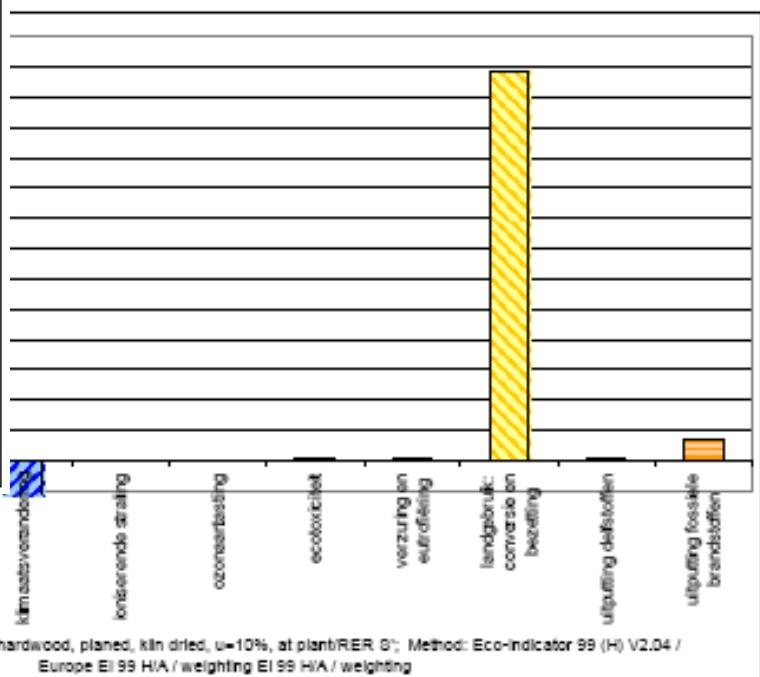


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2.4.2. Light Clay Brick, at plant

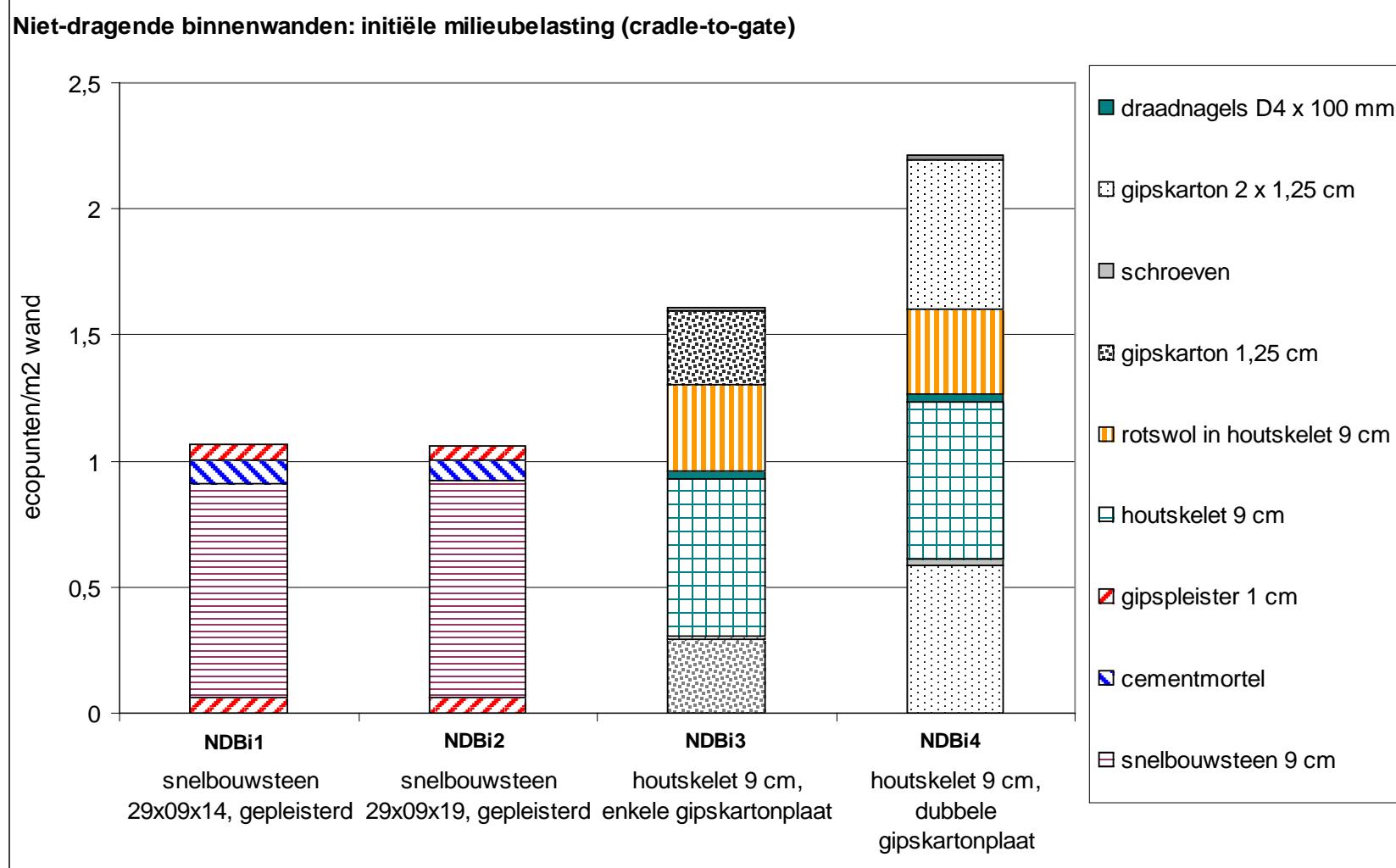


Some examples of LCAs

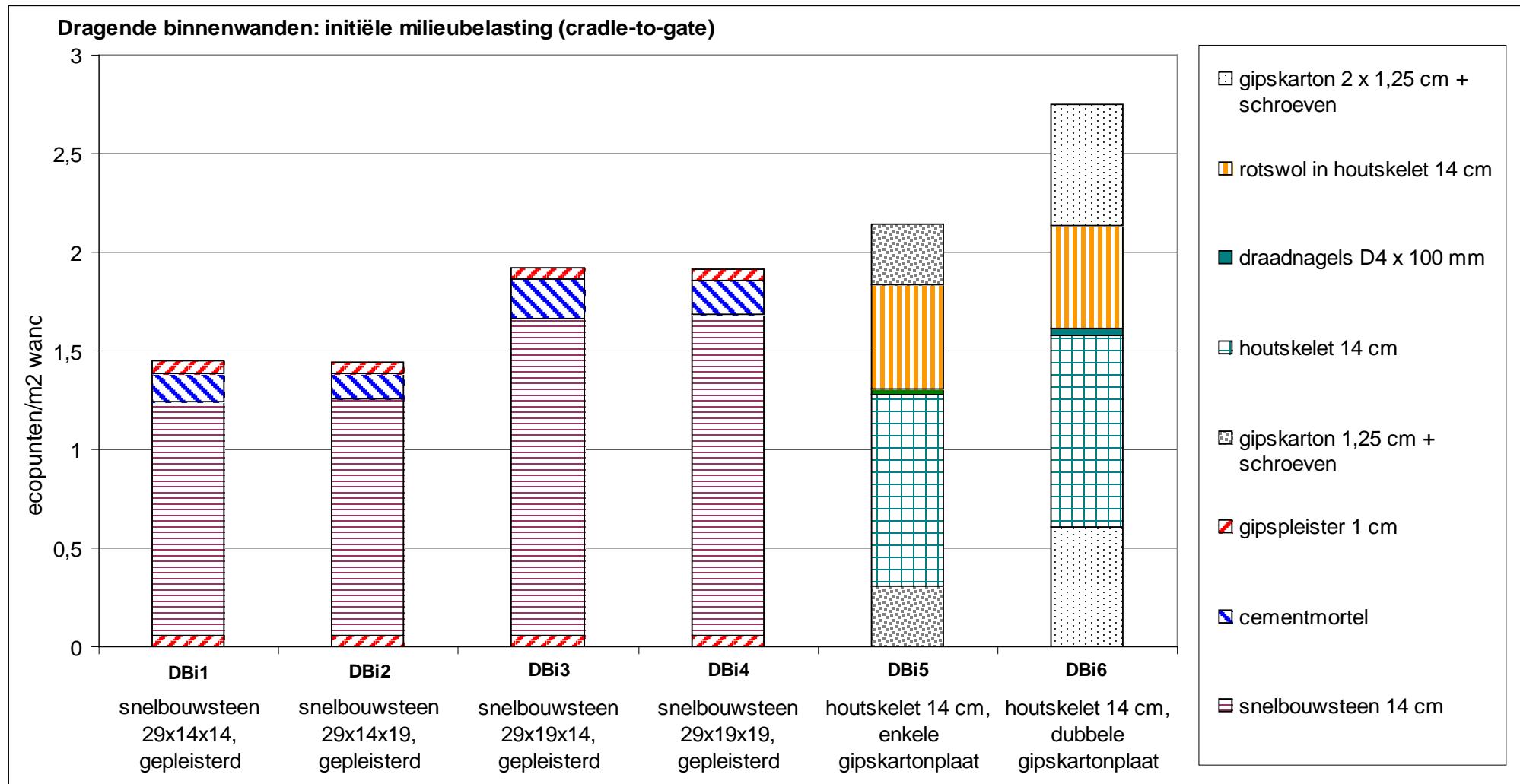


Figuur 23 Gewogen milieuprofiel van 'Sawn timber, hardwood, planed, kiln dried, u = 10%' met aanduiding van de verschillende milieueffecten.

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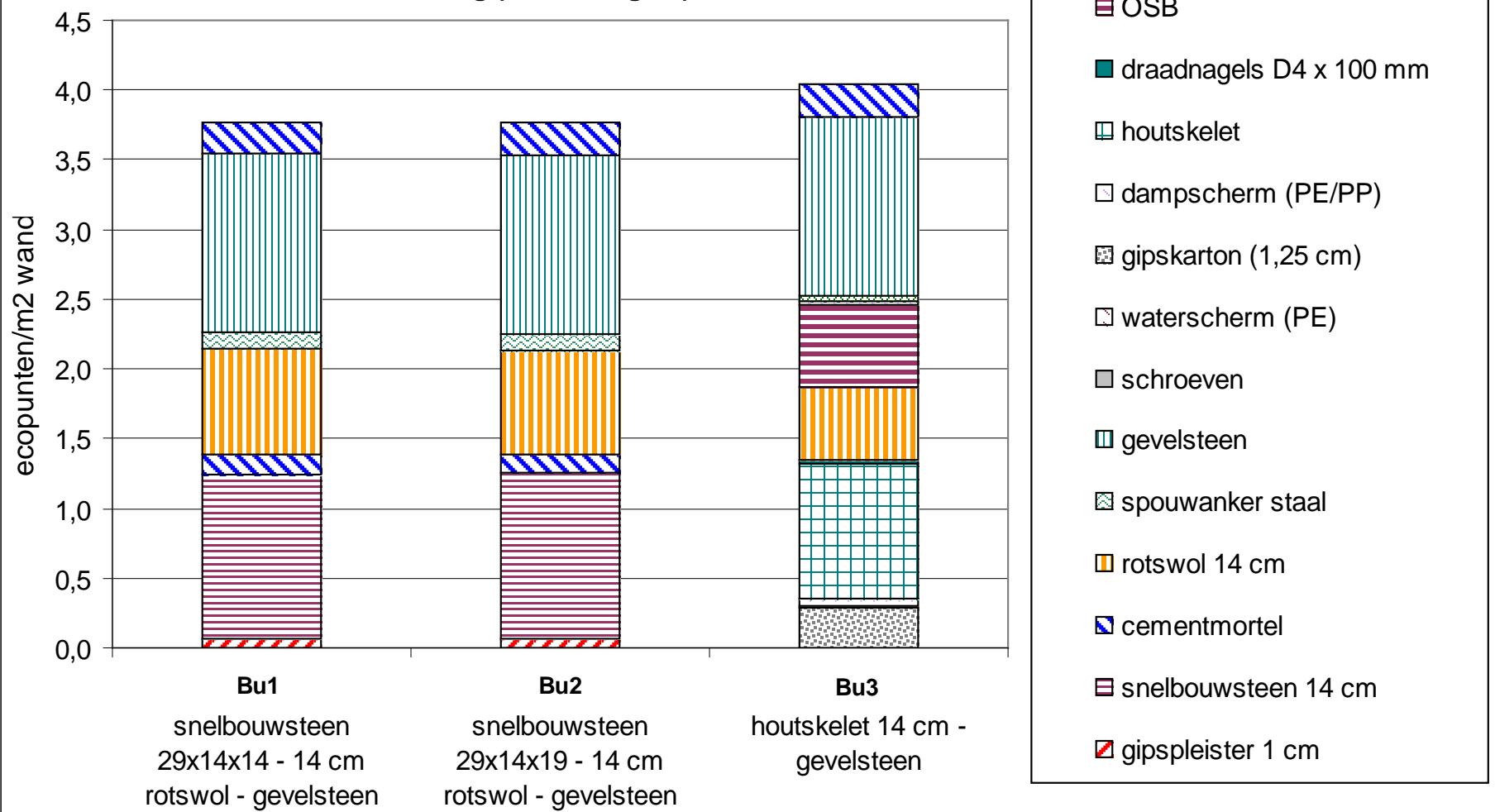


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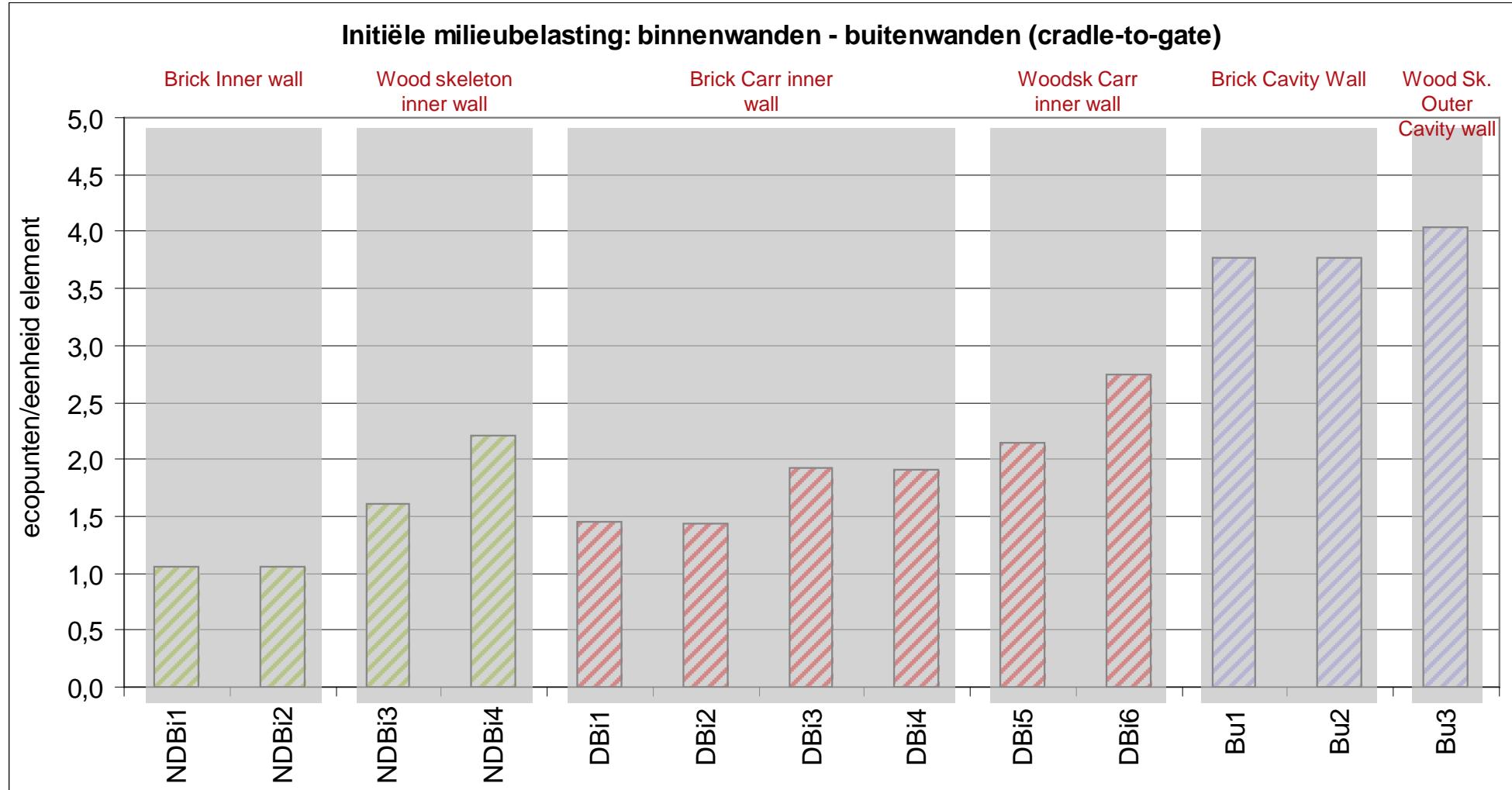
Buitenwanden: initiële milieubelasting (cradle-to-gate)



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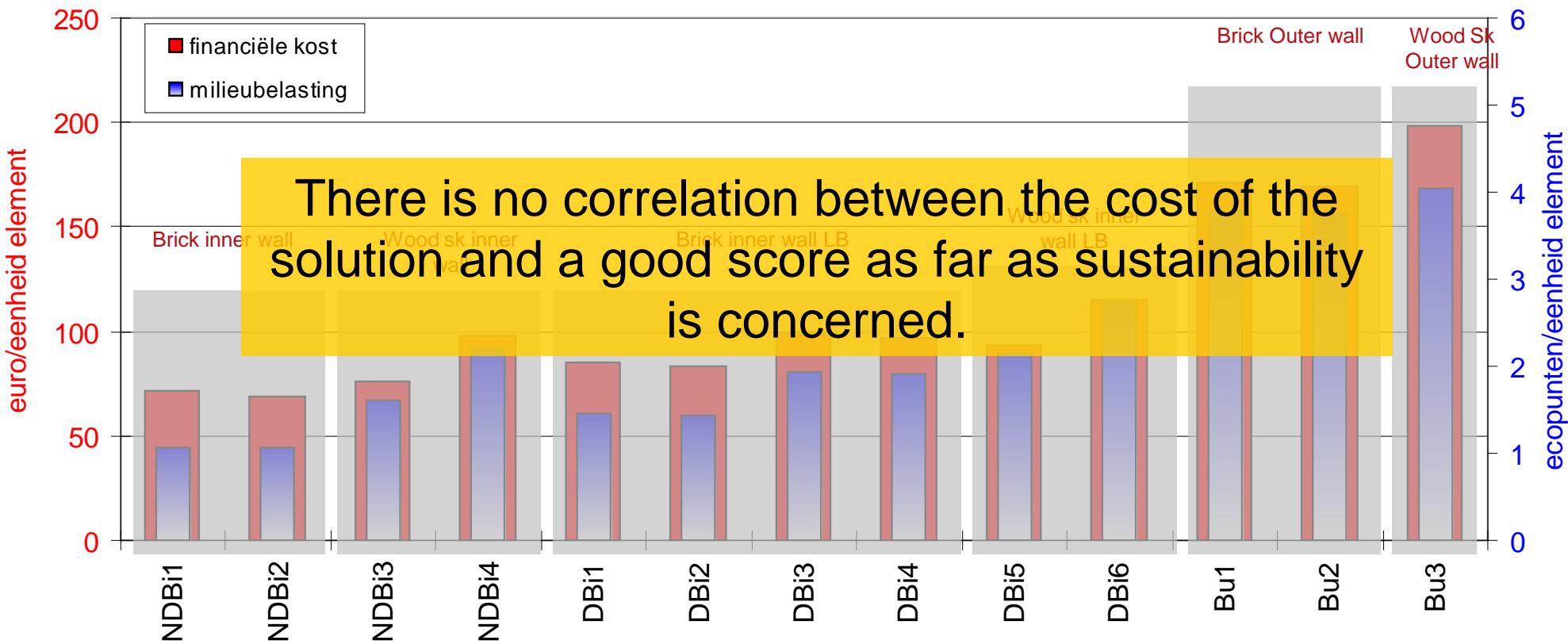


Initiële milieubelasting: binnenwanden - buitenwanden (cradle-to-gate)



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Initiële financiële kost en initiële milieubelasting: vergelijking binnenwanden - buitenwanden (ASPEN en Ecoinvent gegevens)



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- Sustainability and life span

SUSTAINABILITY

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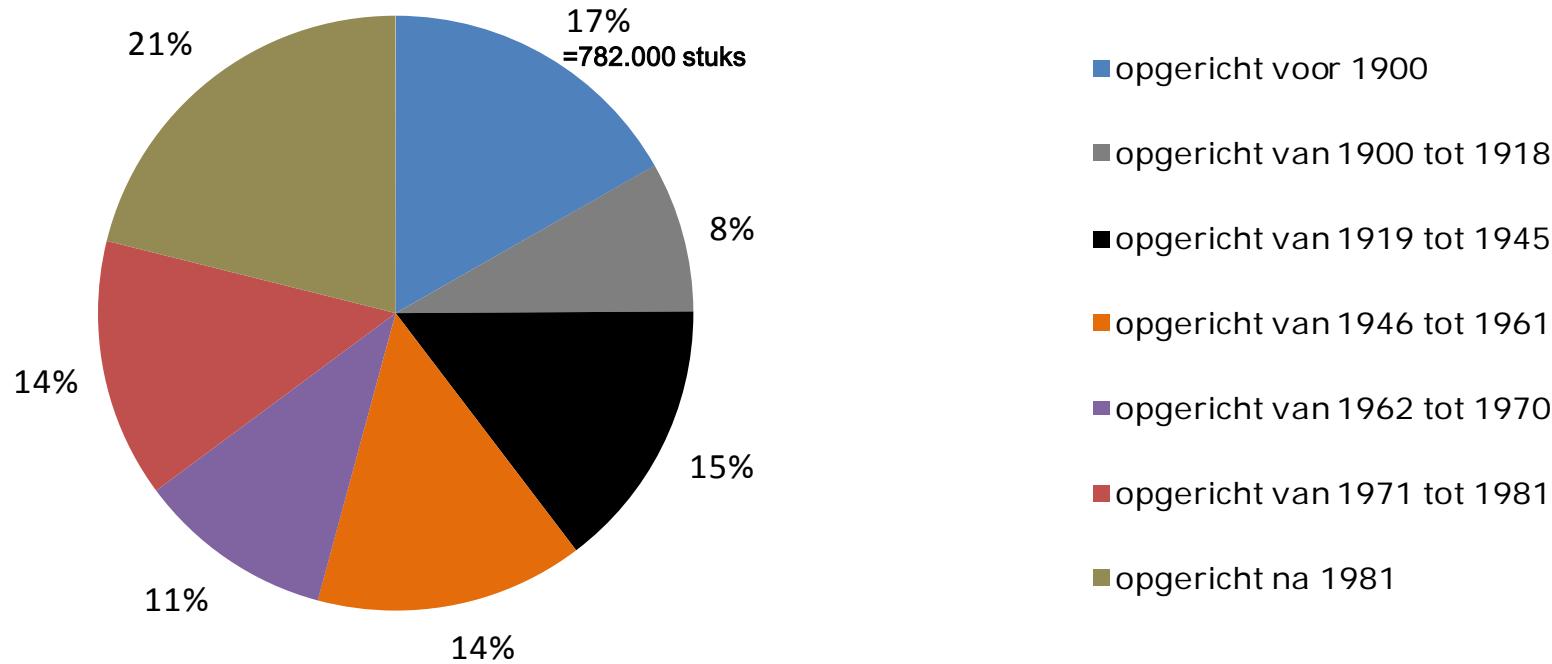
LIFE SPAN

INITIAL IMPACT

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■ Housing in Belgium (4,6 million)

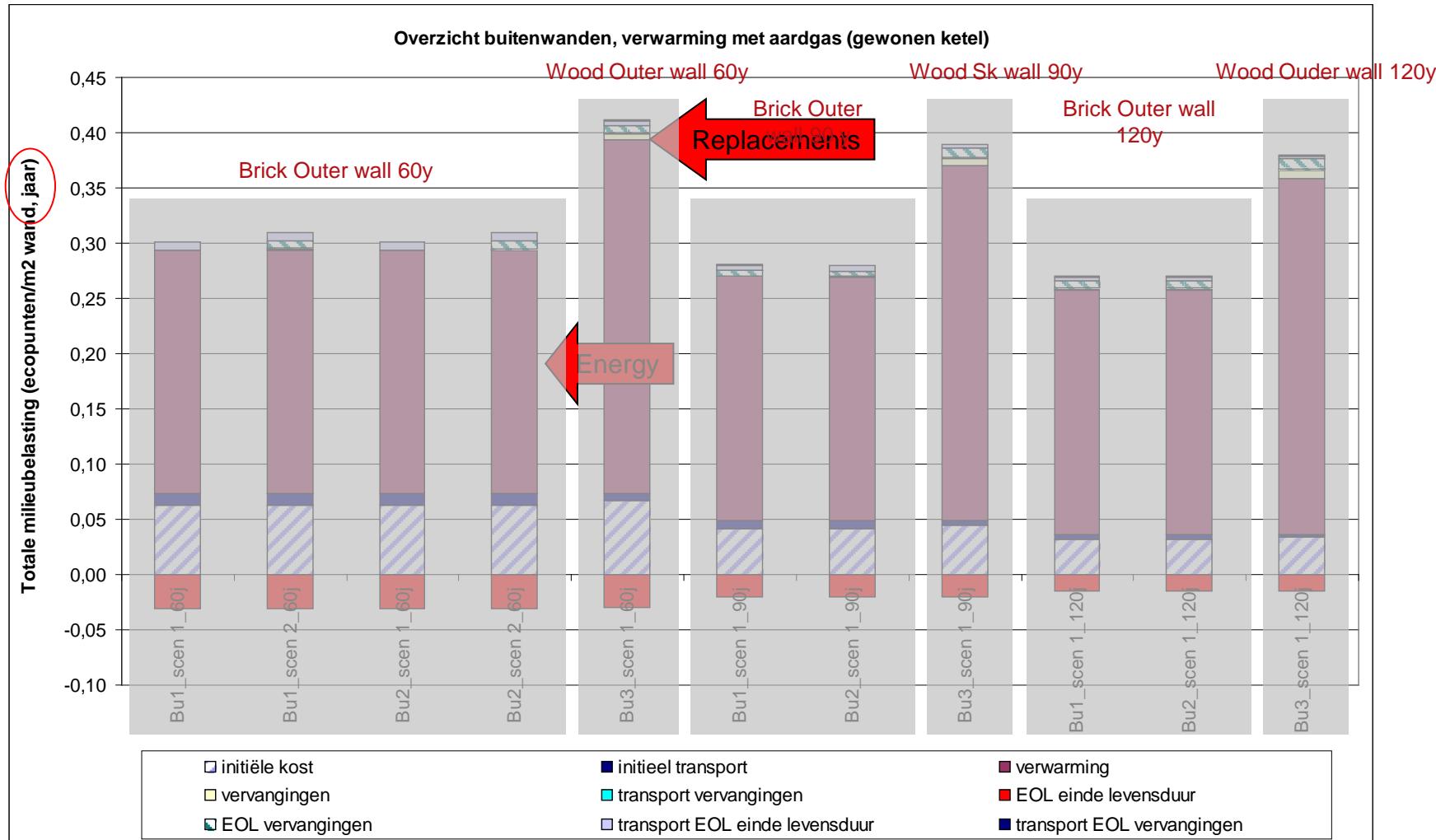


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- Research by X-tra Muros on behalf of Wienerberger covering 1100 buildings
 - Of all houses with original building materials (48,6% of the total number) 34,98% are made of clay bricks, this means 70% of the original houses built before 1900 are made of bricks. For original houses built before 1850 this percentage is 68%!
 - Of all façades (original, restored, renovated) 68,8% are visibly constructed with bricks
 - Assuming that underneath the plastered walls there will be a brick layer 88,9% is made of bricks!
 - Of all façades studied 33,96% still had the original bricks (45,85% original plastering incl.)
 - When looking at the choice of materials for renovation (50,32% of all the considered buildings were renovated), 27,51% used bricks, this means that in half of the renovation cases people stick to bricks

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Conclusions

- LCA studies are scientifically reliable tools to measure the sustainability of building materials.
- It makes no sense to compare building materials when looking at sustainability, because the performance of all materials used in the building are interrelated, hence the minimum level for comparison is the wall element.
- The Eco impact of ceramic walls is at least as durable/ecological as for wooden constructions.
- The impact of transportation on the eco score is huge. Therefore one cannot compare eco scores from one location to the one of other locations. It is worthwhile to produce and sell products locally as much as possible.
- When designing long lasting products, one has to take into account the impact of replacement scenarios: a solution which initially scored well may turn out to be less durable when considering its full life cycle.
- The longer the life span, the less important the initial impact of the element becomes, energy loss turned out to be the most important for walls in the long run, therefore especially in case of long life cycles, it is worthwhile to insulate more.
- NPV-cost optimisation of a cavity wall, is obtained through excellent insulation.