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GREENHOUSE GAS ASSESSMENT OF WINE PRODUCED IN PORTUGAL

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Background and Motivation



Wine is one of the most important agro-industrial sectors in Europe and in Portugal



Portugal produced 624 million liters of wine and exported 227 million liters in 2013



Environmental life-cycle impacts of wine production have been explored in previous studies however, in Portugal just for the wine region of “Vinho Verde”

Main Goal



To present a life-cycle (LC) greenhouse gas (GHG) assessment of wine produced in five wine regions of Portugal

Make a comparative inventory analysis for the different producers

Identify the LC phase of wine production with higher environmental performance

Identify the processes with more contributors to the GHG emissions

Life-cycle model

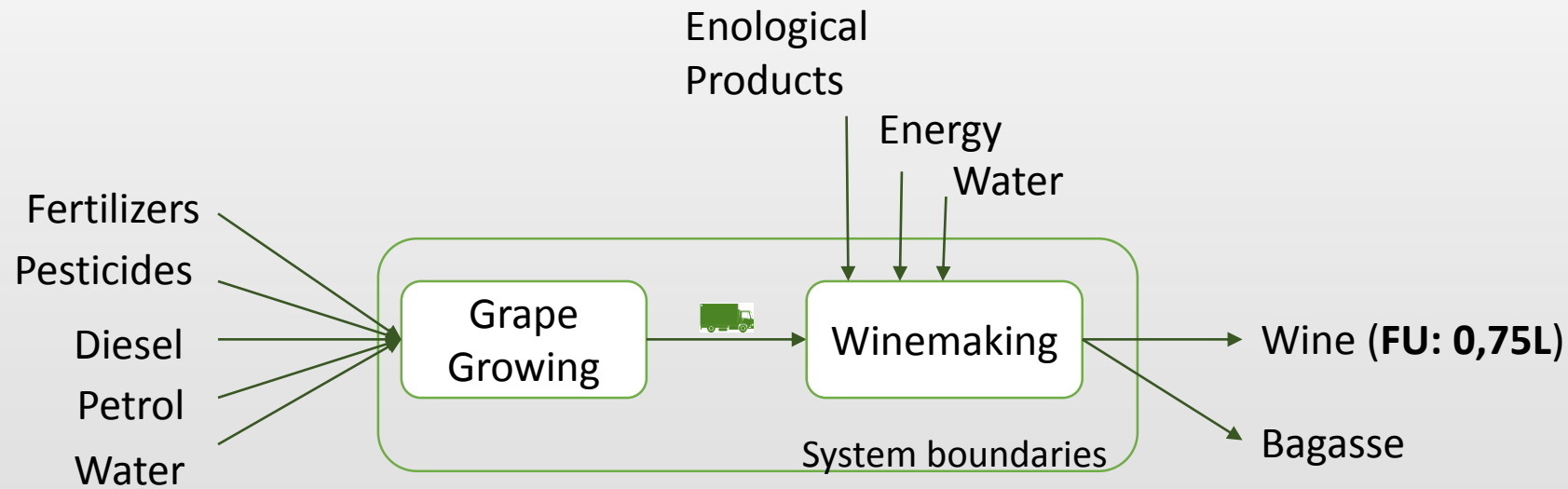


- ❖ Eleven different LC inventories for grape growing from 5 different regions was analyzed
- ❖ Three wine producers from three different regions was considered



Four different types of wine Red, White, Rose and Sparkling

Life-cycle model



- A cradle-to-gate approach was considered
- LC model included grape growing (viticulture), grape transportation and wine production, but did not include packaging and distribution;
- Bagasse was sold, but it represents a very low cash flow ($\downarrow 1\%$) and no allocation of GHG emissions was performed

Inventory (2)



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Inputs	Producer	W_b			W_d			W_c			Units	
		Red	White	Rose	Red	White	Rose	Red	White	Rose		Sparkling
Enological Products												
	Sulfur dioxide	67.5	67.5	67.5	97.8	97.8	97.8	56.3	56.3	56.3	56.3	mg
	Sugar	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	g
	Yeast	225	225	7.5	130	130	130	-	10	10	9000	mg
	Ascorbic acid ^a	37.5	45	45	-	50	49.8	-	-	-	-	mg
	Sorbate ^a	37.5	113	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mg
	Filtrostabil (Arabic gum) ^a	0.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mg
	Citric acid ^a	-	75	75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mg
	CMC [stabilizer]	-	1.5	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mg
	Nutrients	-	-	-	326	326	326	-	-	-	-	mg
	Tannins ^a	-	-	-	52.2	52.2	52.2	-	-	-	-	mg
	Enzymes ^a	-	-	-	7.83	7.83	7.83	-	-	-	-	mg
	Gelatins ^a	-	-	-	-	750	750	-	75	75	75	mg
	Bentonite	-	-	-	-	-	-	188	169	169	169	mg
	Albumin ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	93.8	-	-	-	mg
	Metatartaric acid ^a	97.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	g
	Tartaric acid ^a	-	-	-	163	163	163	-	-	-	-	mg
Energy												
	Electricity	47	47	47	56	56	56	38	38	38	38	Wh
	Diesel	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	-	-	-	-	mL
	Natural Gas	-	-	-	49	49	49	-	-	-	-	J
Water												
	Grapes	1.75	1.75	1.75	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	L
	Outputs	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	kg
Wine												
	Wine	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	L
	Stalk	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	g
	Bagasse	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	kg

- Type and quantities of enological products are different to the different considered regions;
- When we compare the same region, the Enological products applied are the same for wine and rose wine;
- To each producer, energy and water inputs presented the same quantities per 0,75L of wine, because the production occurs simultaneously



mass allocation was considered to distribute this inputs ;

Results

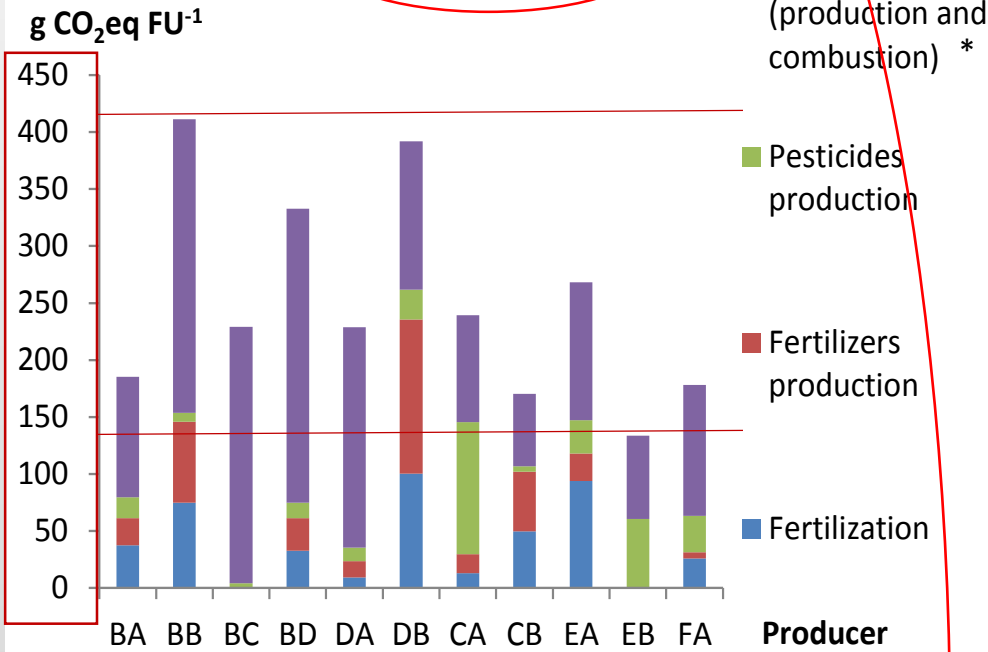


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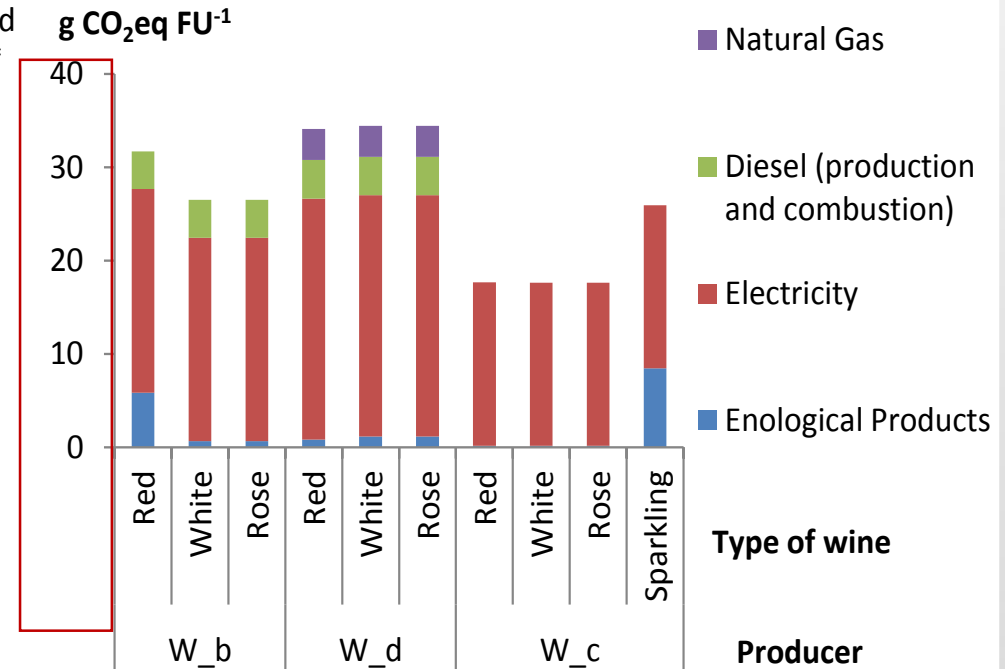
a) Grape growing



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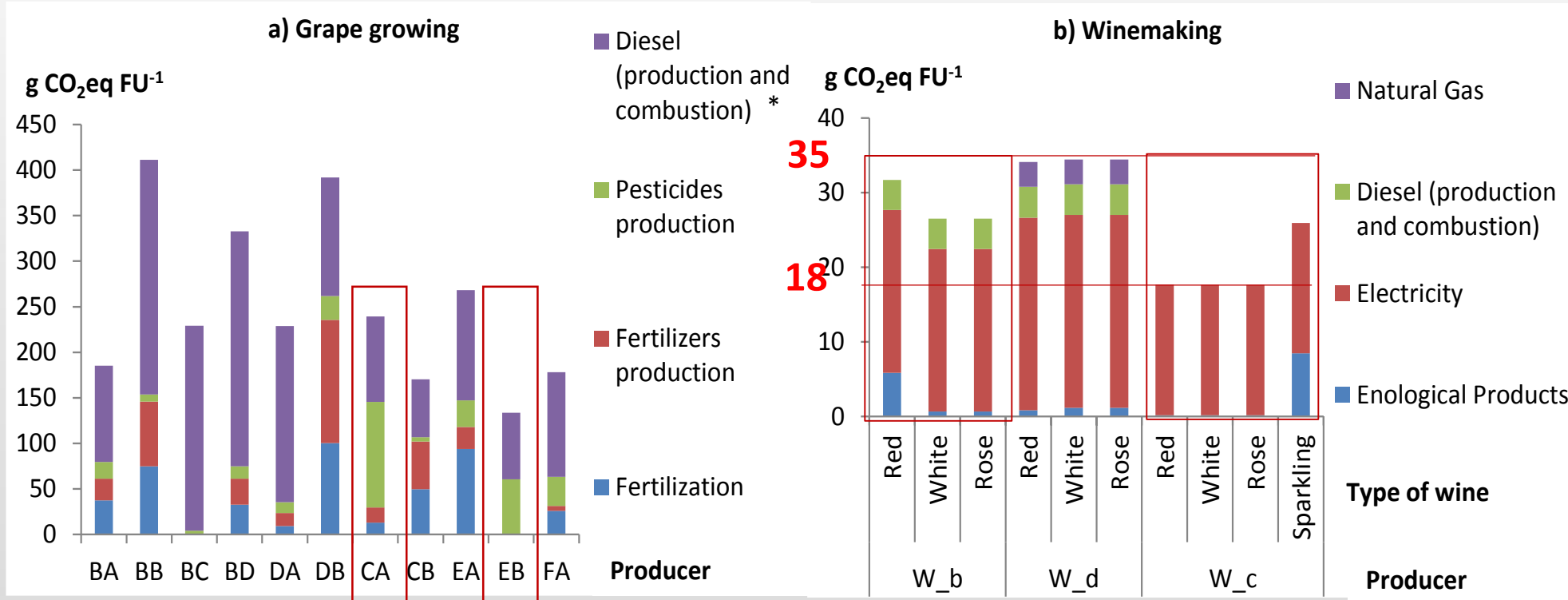
b) Winemaking



151 – 446 g CO₂ per 0.75 L wine

Lower energy and fertilizer use by *EB* compared to *BB*

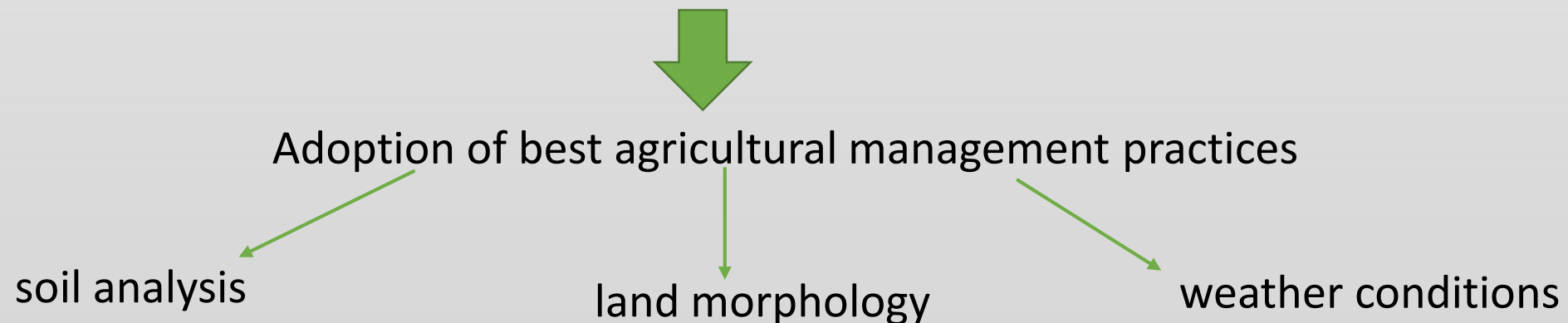
Results



- Main contributors to the GHG emissions were diesel and pesticides
- For the remaining producers fertilizers and diesel were the main contributors to GHG emissions
- W_b ↑ GHG emissions to red wine due to sugar use
- W_c ↑ GHG emissions to sparkling wine due to yeast use

Conclusions

- There is a significant variation of the GHG intensity of the wine for the various producers, but not for the different types of wine;
- The total wine GHG intensity varies between 151 g CO₂eq and 446 g CO₂eq per 0.75 L of wine;
- Grape growing is the LC phase with the highest GHG emissions (88% to 92%);
- Efforts to reduce GHG emissions should be focus on the cultivation



Conclusions



- **Future work**

- ❖ Considered more impact categories (e.g. acidification, marine and freshwater eutrophication) and other impact assessment methods (e.g. Usetox, due to the higher application of pesticides);
- ❖ In addition, due to the high variation on the results, an uncertainty analysis should be included;
- ❖ Different packages must be analyzed;
- ❖ Different export scenarios should be considered.



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