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# Design for **X** Evolutionary Steps

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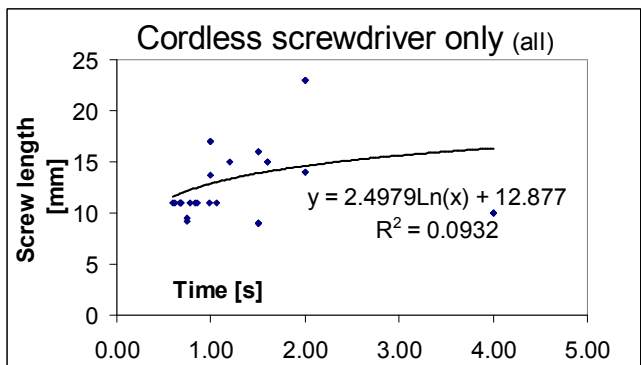
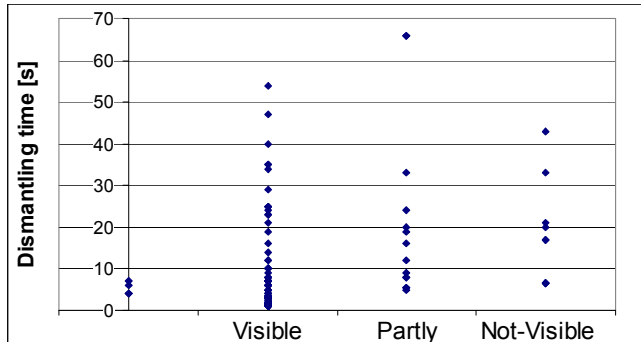
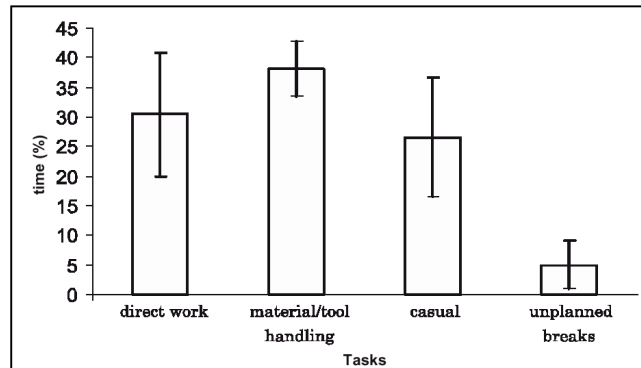
## Initiatives of Manufacturers

- Dismantling information
- **IDIS (International Dismantling Information System) – Initiative started in the mid '90ies – International consortium of 24 OEM's – it was developed to meet the legal obligations of the EU ELV directive**
- **Enables identification of component and hazardous materials for dismantling and promotes the environmentally sound treatment of ELV's, safely and economically.**
- **www.idis2.com**





# Impact of DfDismantling !?



- 70 % of real world dismantling time not linked to type of design [Kazmierczak et al 2005]
- Remaining 30 % mainly weak potential impacts.
- EU funded SEES project made comprehensive analysis of design parameters (visibility, accessibility, fastener type etc.) and dismantling time (475 dismantling actions analysed)
- SEES found no significant correlation between design parameters and dismantling time (besides number of previous parts).

Source: EU funded SEES project (TU Berlin (project coordination), Ford et al.)



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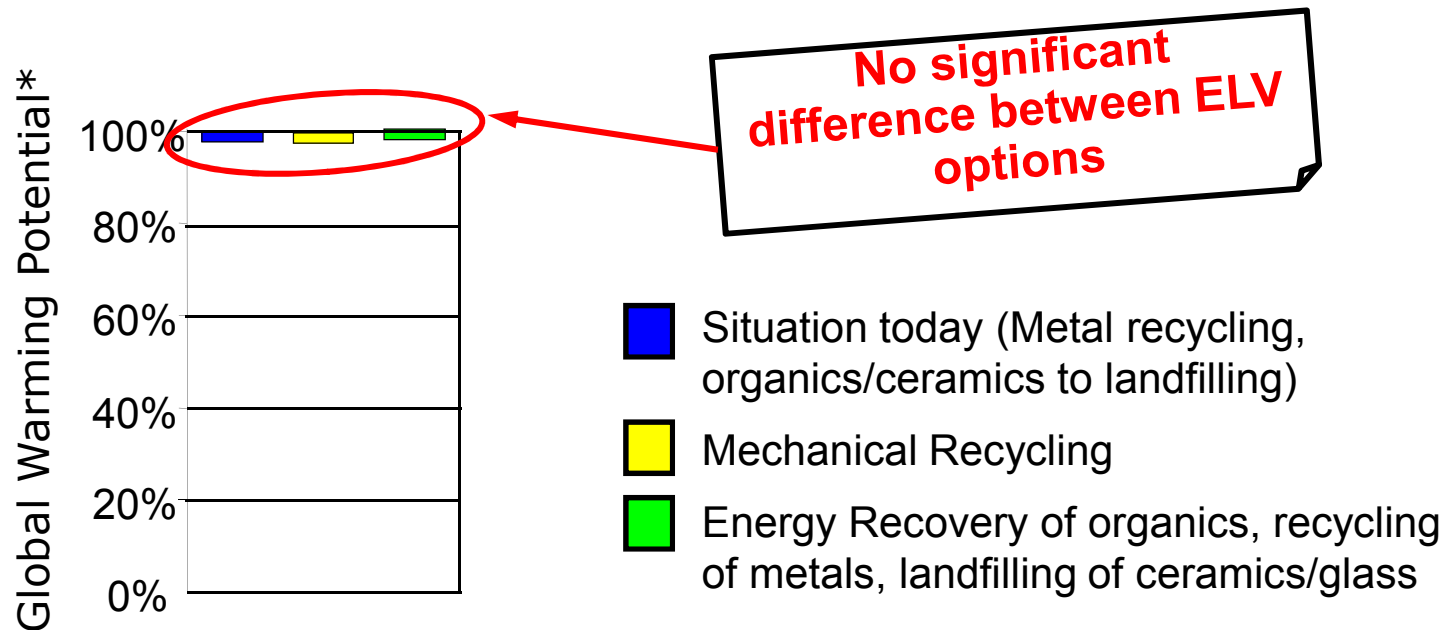


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# What are the impacts of ELV technology variation on the overall environmental profile?



Answer: No significant environmental difference between different EOL technologies

 **Similar results for other environmental impacts & resource depletion**

\* Similar for other environmental impact

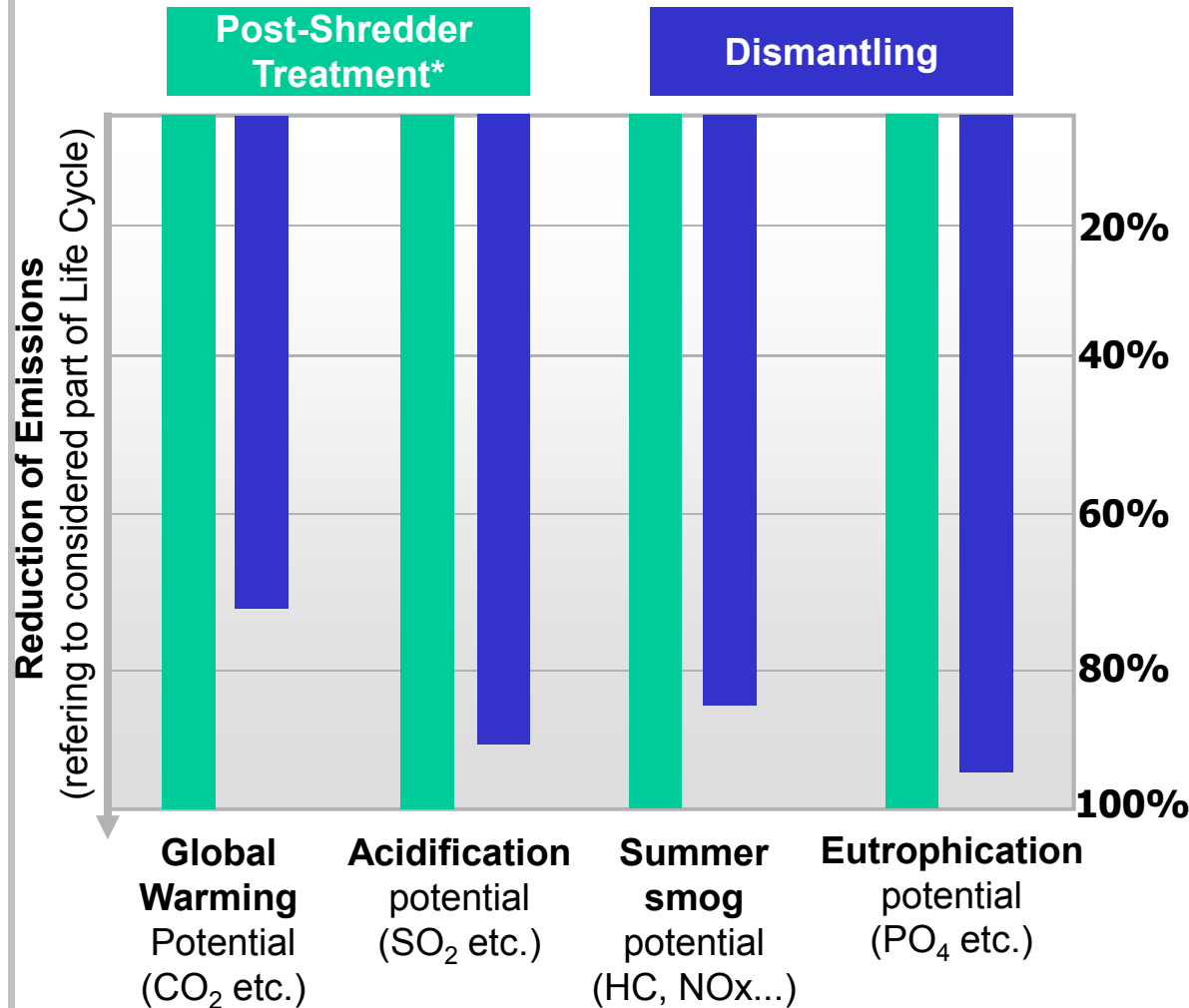


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# Post-Shredder Treatment (PST) vs. dismantling / mechanical Recycling



- VW-SiCon-Process is a process where **no dismantling is necessary** & mainly feedstock recycling is done
- This SiCon-Process results in **more environmental credits compared to a dismantling** & mechanical recycling.
- Sensitivity analysis demonstrates that this advantage remains also for bigger facilities (longer transport distances).
- **Note: This advantage is mainly due to better yields**

Source: ISO14040 reviewed LCA study of VW

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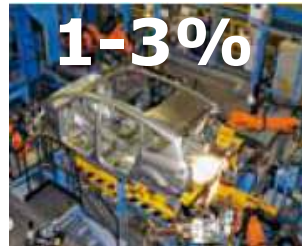


# Revision ERP Scope: What life cycle phase could be significant looking at vehicles?



15%

**Materials  
& Parts**



1-3%

**Manufacture  
and Assembly**



80-85%

**Vehicle  
Use**

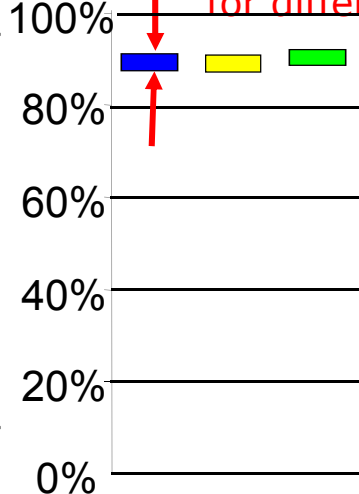





1%

**End of  
Life**

Global Warming Potential\*  
(100% = CO2 of base vehicle)

Impact of material differences (max-min) → Eco-design impact for different materials (7 completely different lightweight strategies)



-  Situation today (Metal recycling, organics/ceramics to landfilling)
-  Mechanical Recycling
-  Energy Recovery of organics, recycling of metals, landfilling of ceramics/glass

\* Similar for other environmental impact;  
Source: EU funded, ISO14040 reviewed LCA LIRECAR



**Use phase dominant /  
no significant impact of individual components,  
materials even if covering whole vehicle**



## ...however this and all other phases are well covered by existing COM legislation

### • **Manufacturing/design phase, for example:**

- IED (industrial emissions directive)
- End of Life Vehicle Directive (substances, parts marking, information obligations etc.)
- Batteries Directive
- RRR directive (recyclability)
- REACH
- ETS Directive

### • **Use phase for example:**

- CO2 Regulations (limits, labelling, etc.)
- Emission regulations (Euro standards, etc.)
- Exterior Drive-by Noise limits
- Fuel Quality Directive
- Renewable Energy Directive

### • **End-of-Life phase, for example:**

- End of Life Vehicle Directive (recycling targets)
- Batteries Directive
- Waste Oil Directive



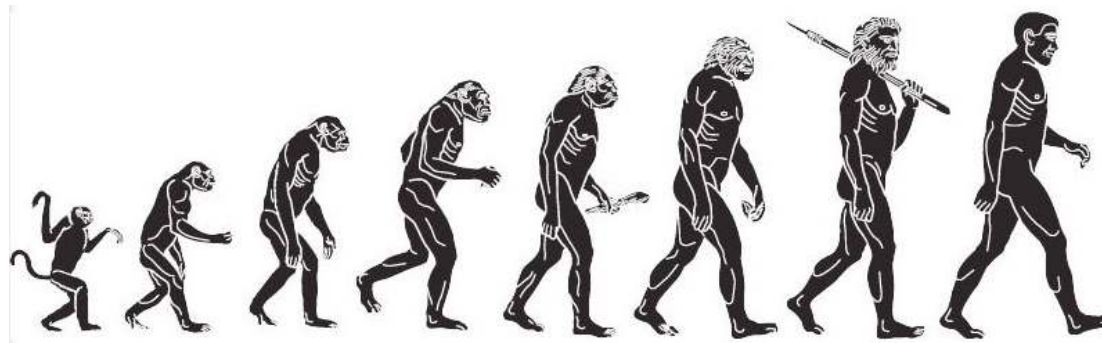
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- **Starting 2000: Design-for-Sustainability  
(balancing with customer costs, safety, etc.)**



## Conclusion

- Long history of eco-design actions in automotive industry with high effort. However, Design-for-Dismantling/Recycling/Environment actions do not significantly change the life cycle.
- Infrastructure measures / Truly integrated approach often superior (e.g. for recycling no design changes necessary because PST can treat material mix).
- Biggest leverage with action referring directly to use phase – but this is already regulated





## Back-up – Also parts of vehicles already well covered

- Type Approval of vehicles is complex and includes individual subsystems (e.g. lightening, air-conditioning etc.) but also impact of all parts (e.g. recyclability)
- Additional legislation is already in place for specific parts covering sufficiently all aspects (various regulations on tyres, mobile air-conditioning, substance restrictions, etc.)

• Technical requirements for components in the automotive environment are often more aggressive than for other areas (see example for electronics as discussed when looking at substance restrictions of the End-of-life Vehicle directive)

Parameter	Consumer	Industrial	Automotive
temperature	0°C → 40°C	-10°C → 70°C	-40°C → 155°C
vibration resistance	low	medium	very high
operation time	1-3 years	5- 10 years	up to 15 years
humidity	Low	enviroment	0% - 100%
tolerate field failure rates	< 10%	<< 1%	target: zero failure
supply	none	up to 5 years	up to 30 years

→ automotive energy-using/related components might slow down progress on implementing measures for other areas