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PIOLAB-SE A global Physical Input-Output Laboratory for Spatially Explicit material and energy footprints and environmental impact assessment

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Impacts depend on specific location





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Industrial Ecology Virtual Laboratory (IELab)

- Generalized raw data management with root classification
- AISHA: One-step reconciliation engine
 - Constrained optimization, KRAS
- High performance computers
- Re-use code/data to compile IO tables for specific research questions

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Prototype for global iron and steel supply chains

- ➤ 32 regions, 30 processes & 39 flows
- Primary data: World Steel, BACI, UNEP-IRP MFA accounts, ...
- When primary data unavailable: information from MFA, LCA, Waste IO modeling
- Publication forthcoming in JIE, first PIOTs available on Zenodo

Sankey diagram of global iron-steel PIOT (2014)



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- Holistic multi-layer physical IO modelling framework for material & energy flows
- Nested subnational-global PIOTs (30-100 regions) for iron, copper, aluminum, ...
- Extends basic PIOLab approach with subnational impact assessment of mining activities
- Main FINEPRINT tool for impact assessment of metal consumption

A global-scale data set of mining areas





Total land area: 57,277 km²



Metal ore extraction, 2019, 1° grids





Environmental Pressure Impact Proxy (EPIP) matrix fineprint

Type 1 (pressure) e.g. extraction

 $\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{p}_m \end{pmatrix}$

m stands for number of root regions and global extraction equals $\sum p$ **Type 2** (**impact**) e.g. abiotic resource depletion

 $\mathbf{i} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{i}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{i} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{p} * \mathbf{c}$

vector i is derived from

secondary/own modeling

results or by weighting

pressures p using impact

coefficients c, e.g. from LCA

Type 3 (pressure-by-states) e.g. extraction-by-reserves

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & \cdots & p_{1,n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{m,1} & \cdots & p_{m,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

n stands for the number of environmental states (e.g. large, medium, small reserves) for which pressures are disaggregated. Row elements of matrix **P** sum up to **p**

Global subnational PIOT example



			WA (Western Australia)		RoW (Rest of the World)			Final use		Boundary output to		Total	
			Mining	Smelting	Manufact.	Mining	Smelting	Manufact.	WA	RoW	SEM	Nature	output
	MA	Mining		20			40					40	100
		Smelting			100						20		120
		Manufacturing							190	10			200
Mod	RoW	Mining		10			490					500	1000
		Smelting			100			1820			200		2120
		Manufacturing							200	1620			1820
Boundary	from	SEM		90			1590		[kt]				
	Input	Nature	100			1000							
		Total input	100	120	200	1000	2120	1820					

Landuse	species-rich biome	20		1500	
Lanu use	species-poor biome	140		600	
Wateruse	water scarce region	200		1100	
water use	water abundande region	0		1100	
Extraction	large reserves	80		200	
from	minor reserves	20		800	

[km²]

[1000 m³]

EPIP Type 3

[kt]







Thank you!

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