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Assessment on WASTE
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN AND CHINESE BICYCLE PRODUCTION

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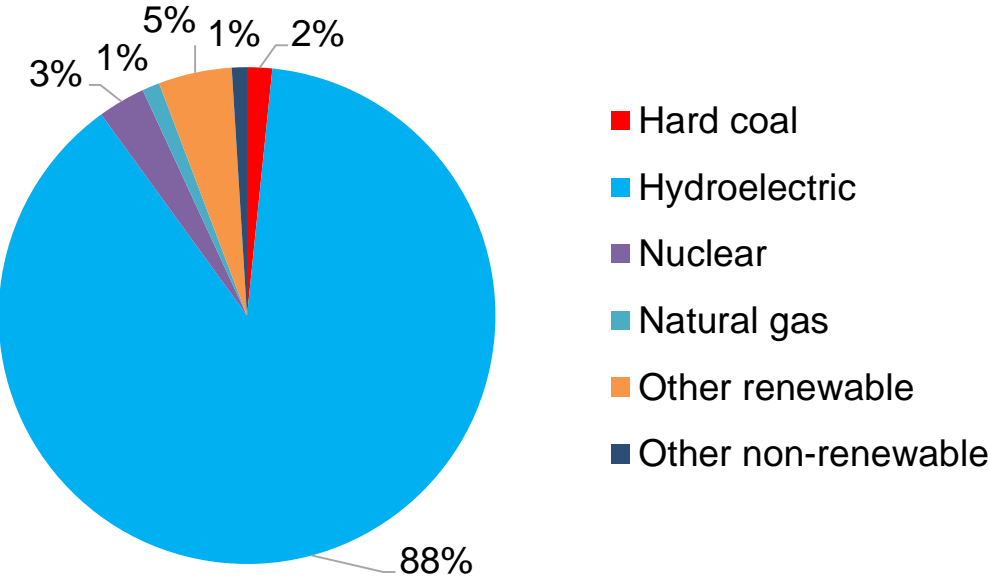
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Aluminium electricity mix

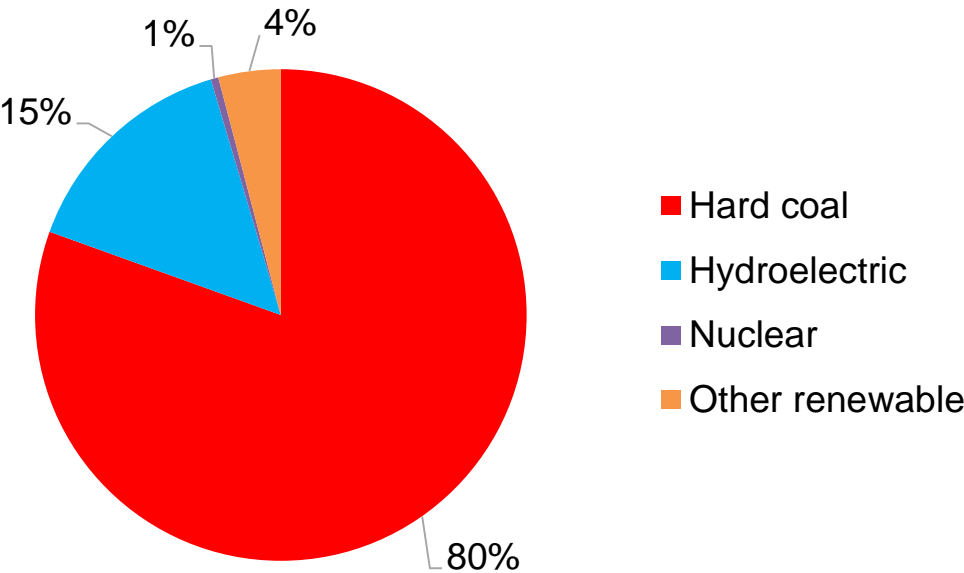
Europe

(in each country for bicycle and each component)



China

(in each province)



Transportation (freight, sea): comparison of CO₂ emission intensities from different sources

kg CO₂ eq/bicycle

Transport, freight, sea, bulk carrier for dry goods	Transport, freight, sea, container ship	Transport, freight, sea, container ship with reefer, cooling	Transport, freight, sea, container ship with reefer, freezing	Transport, freight, sea, ferry	Transport, freight, sea, tanker for liquefied natural gas	Transport, freight, sea, tanker for liquid goods other than petroleum and liquefied natural gas	Transport, freight, sea, tanker for petroleum	Transport, freight, sea, transoceanic ship	Transport, freight, sea, transoceanic tanker
1.4	2.0	4.5	3.9	23.7	2.1	1.6	1.3	2.4	1.2



Average carrier dry container emission intensities for different routes

Asia to-from Mediterranean: 48 gCO₂/TEUxkm

Asia to-from Nord Europe: 42 gCO₂/TEUxkm



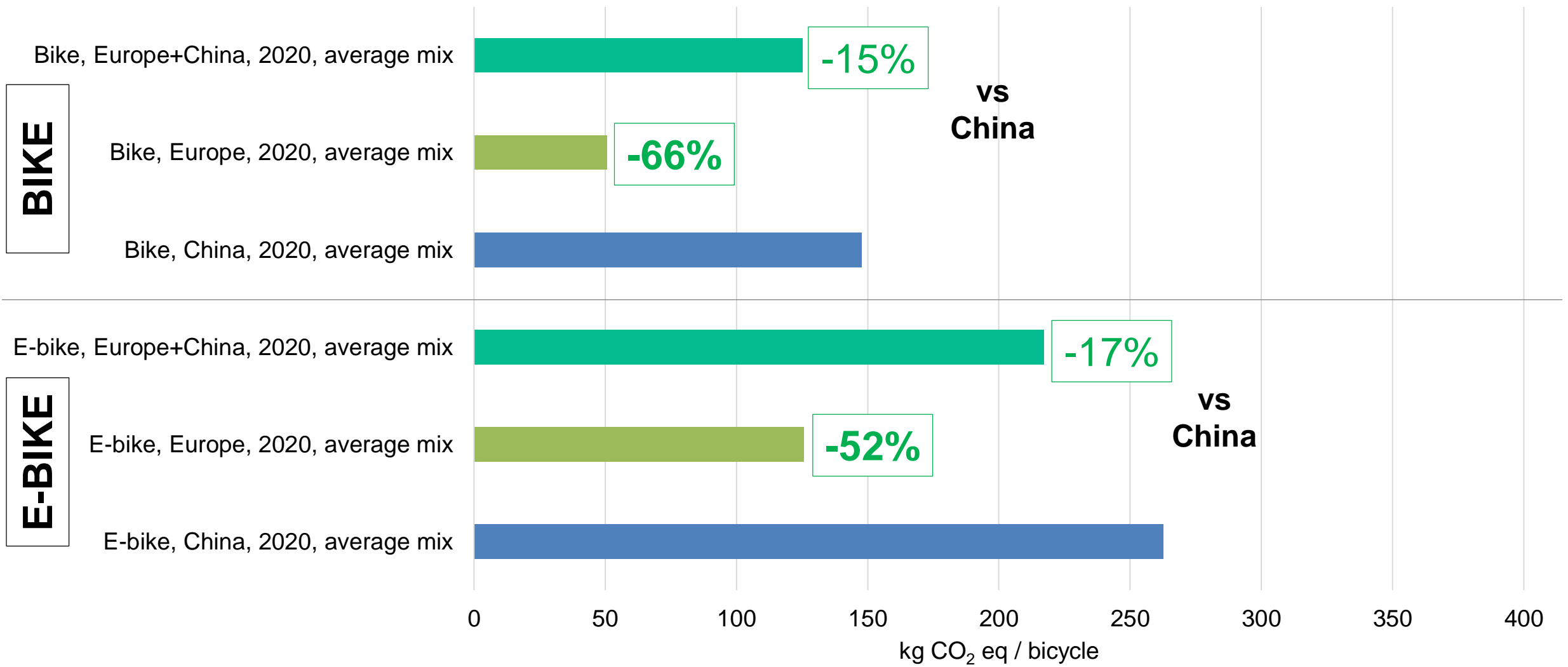
90 gCO₂/(TEU x km)
Including empty return!

$$90 \text{ gCO}_2/(\text{TEU} \times \text{km}) \times 17900 \text{ km} / 84 \text{ bikes} / \text{TEU} = 19.2 \text{ kgCO}_2/\text{bike}$$

$$90 \text{ gCO}_2/(\text{TEU} \times \text{km}) \times 17900 \text{ km} / 65 \text{ e-bikes} / \text{TEU} = 24.8 \text{ kgCO}_2/\text{e-bike}$$



Results (climate change) - 2020 average electricity mix



Results (climate change) - contribution analysis

