

# Group I: 1. Trade-off between current and future impacts

- Division between short-term and long-term
  - Arbitrary, but 100 years “more accessible” than time afterwards
- Is LCA an appropriate tool for long-term emissions/impacts?
  - If not LCA, what else?
  - Definition “cradle to grave”
  - Awareness tool
  
  - LCA should be a tool for companies
  - Period of product use is most important to companies
  - However, long-term assessment of global warming usually accepted
  - Uncertainty plays a role
- Complexity of LCA
  - Communication could become difficult
  - Tradeoff complexity/practicability

## Final round

- Agreement that long-term impacts should be considered
- Some weigh short-term impacts higher, e.g. because it is “closer” to them
- Uncertainties of long-term emissions are high, therefore the long-term assessment represents a “potential risk” (no aggregation with short-term)
- Don’t make it too complicated
- Misuse