

# The Climate Emergency: can Particle Physics ever be sustainable?

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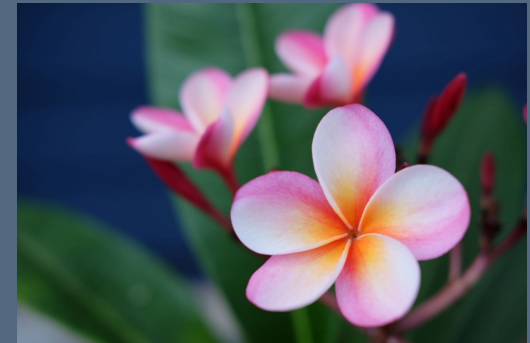


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10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (427.0 CO<sub>2</sub> ppm)  
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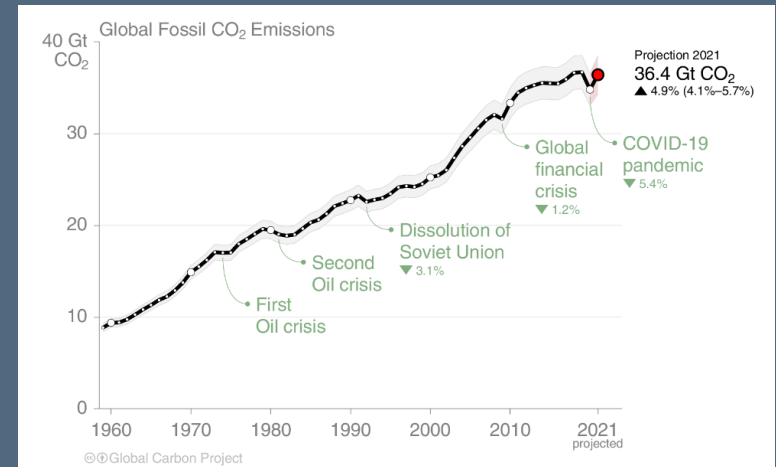
# Outline

- The climate emergency
- CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions & solutions from:
  - Accelerators (construction/operation)
  - Detectors
  - Computing
  - Rest (travel, conferences, buildings, etc.)
- Possible recommendations
- **Disclaimer:**
  - I'm not a climate/energy scientist!
  - My research is on ATLAS, so energy frontier bias!

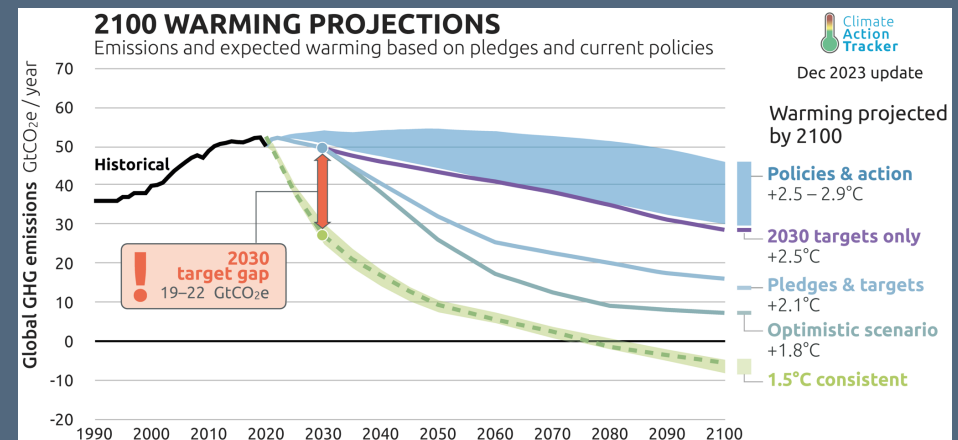
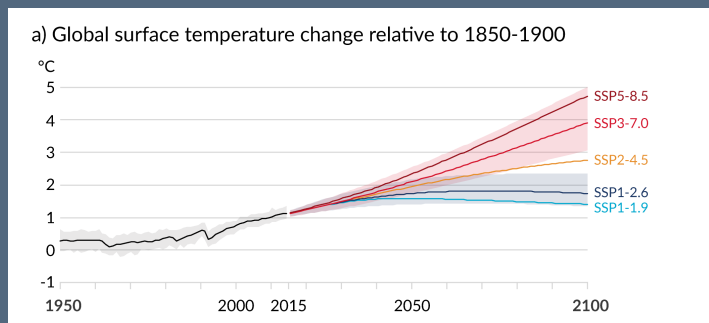


# Climate Change: an emergency

- UK parliament first to approve a motion to declare an “environment and climate emergency” on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019
- Of the top 10 GHG emitters, only Japan, Canada and the EU have **legally** binding target of “net zero emissions by 2050 (2045)”
  - **The pandemic was a blip (lessons)**
- IPCC 2015 Paris agreement: aim to stay “below 2°C” so focus on 1.5 °C
  - NDC: Countries make pledges for how to achieve this (and then increase those pledges over time)
  - Climate Action Tracker: “With all target pledges, including those made in Glasgow, global greenhouse gas emissions in 2030 will still be around twice as high as necessary for the 1.5 °C limit”



IPCC AR6

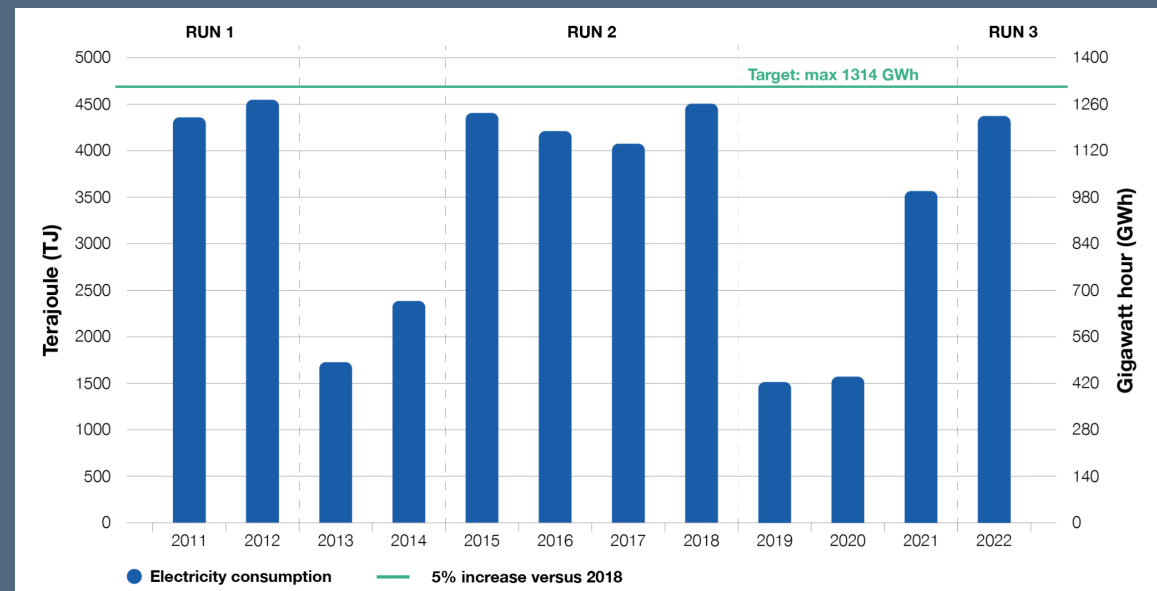
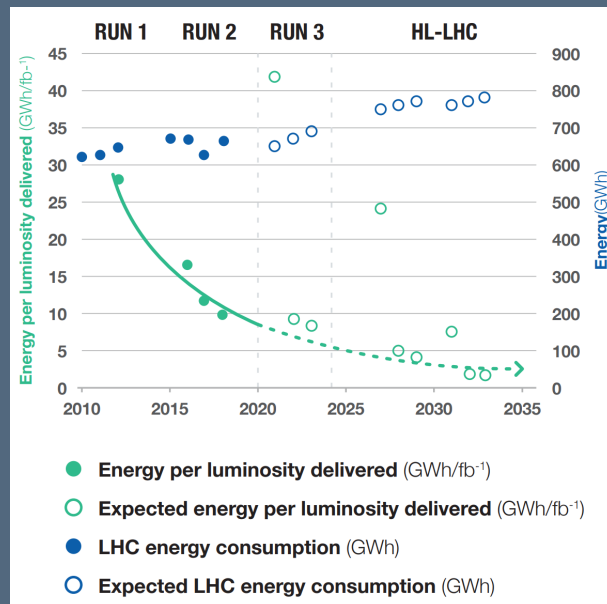
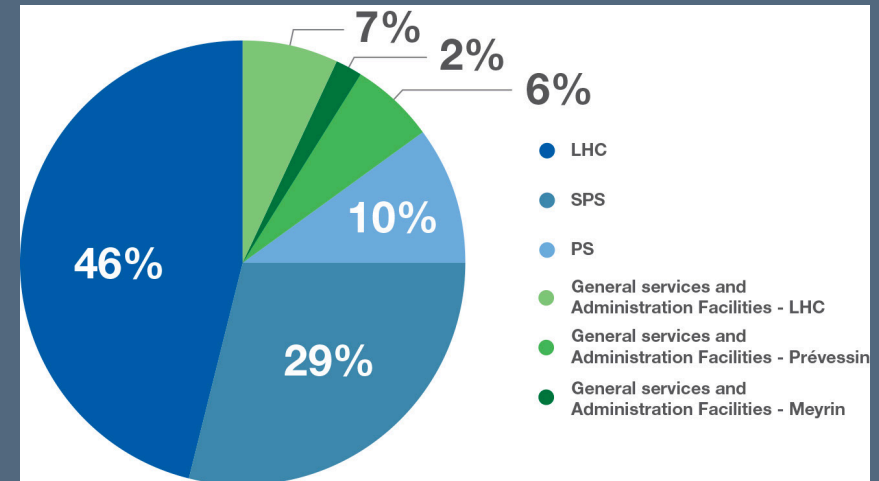


Ice ages: ~ -5°C  
 +4°C: civilization breakdown...

# Emissions from accelerators: operations

- CERN now releases [Environment reports](#) (1<sup>st</sup>: 2017-18, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2019-20, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2021-22)
- CERN peak power: ~180 MW (~ 1/3 of Geneva)
- Per year: ~ 1.2 TWh (~ 2% of Switzerland, 0.03% of Europe)
- LHC: ~55% of CERN's E consumption
- Electricity mainly comes from France: 90% carbon free (2022)

Electrical power distribution 2018





# Emissions from FNAL

- In the US, DOE requirements to report yearly on environmental impacts including emissions
- REC: Renewable Energy Certificates

[2019 FNAL  
Environment  
Report](#)

2019:  
CERN used **4**  
**times more**  
electrical E  
than FNAL  
and yet had **4**  
**times less**  
Scope 2  
emissions

## Scope 1 & 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Goal: Reduce direct GHG emissions by 50 percent by FY 2025 relative to FY 2008 baseline  
Interim Target (FY 2019): -31.0%

**Current Performance: -62.5%**

	FY 2008	FY 2019	% Change
Facility Energy	343,366.8	161,122.7	-53.1%
Non-Fleet V&E Fuel	142.6	186.6	30.9%
Fleet Fuel	691.6	0.0	-100.0%
Fugitive Emissions	40,165.1	139.1	-99.7%
On-Site Landfills	0.0	0.0	N/A%
On-Site WWT	0.0	0.0	N/A%
Renewables	0.0	0.0	N/A%
RECs	0.0	-17,435.4	N/A
<b>Total (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>384,366.1</b>	<b>144,013.0</b>	<b>-62.5%</b>



## Scope 3 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Goal: Reduce indirect GHG emissions by 25 percent by FY 2025 relative to FY 2008 baseline  
Interim Target (FY 2019): -13.0%

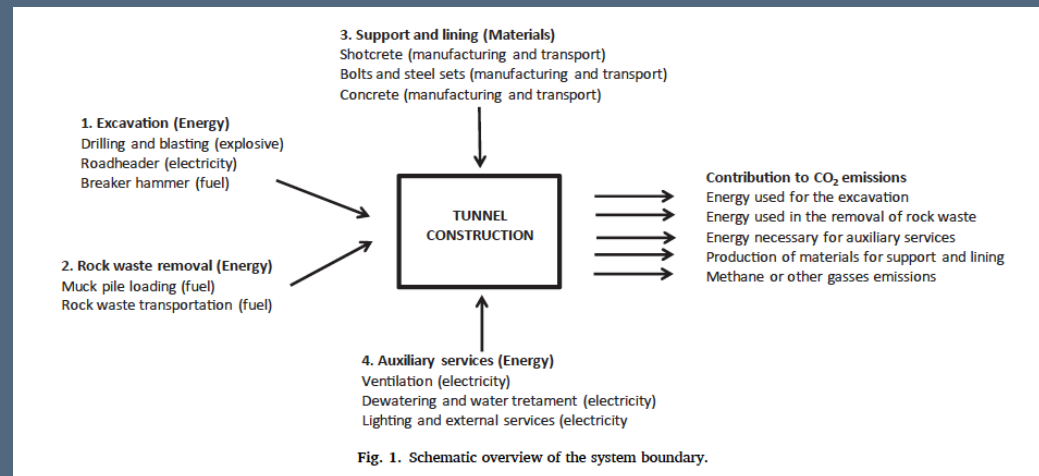
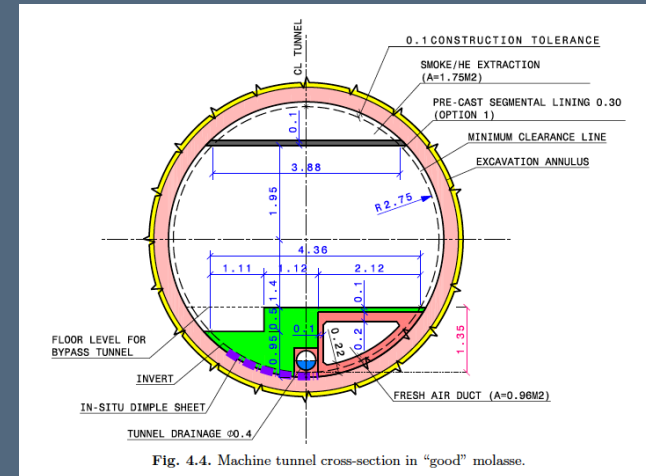
**Current Performance: -51.0%**

	FY 2008	FY 2019	% Change
T&D Losses*	22,287.8	7,306.8	-67.2%
T&D RECs Credit	0.0	-1,148.5	N/A
Air Travel	2,215.8	2,530.1	14.2%
Ground Travel	168.9	128.5	-23.9%
Commute	4,633.3	5,392.5	16.4%
Off-Site MSW	191.8	247.7	29.1%
Off-Site WWT	4.8	11.0	129.2%
<b>Total (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e)</b>	<b>29,502.4</b>	<b>14,468.1</b>	<b>-51.0%</b>

\* Includes T&D losses for purchased renewable electricity

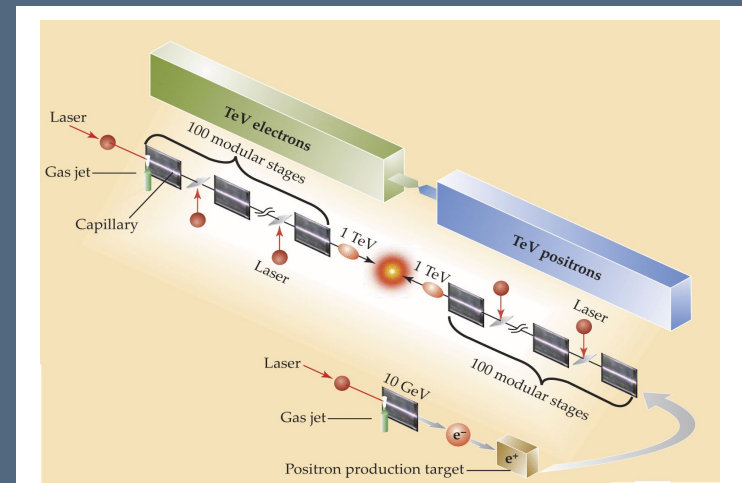
# Emissions from accelerators: construction

- Potential future of energy frontier: [FCC](#) (ee then hh)
  - ~100 km tunnel, caverns, buildings, roads, etc.
- Concrete needed for the tunnel, which means (Portland) cement!
- Half of emissions from Portland clinker ([ref](#))
- Ken Bloom and my rough calculation:
  - ~260k tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- [Paper](#) on emissions from road tunnels:
  - Lowest estimate: ~500k tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Comparison: Using [report](#) for CO<sub>2</sub>e for construction of buildings: = building 8 London Shards!
- 1.4% of CH CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions (2016)
- **Plant 6 million trees!**



# Emissions from accelerators: solutions

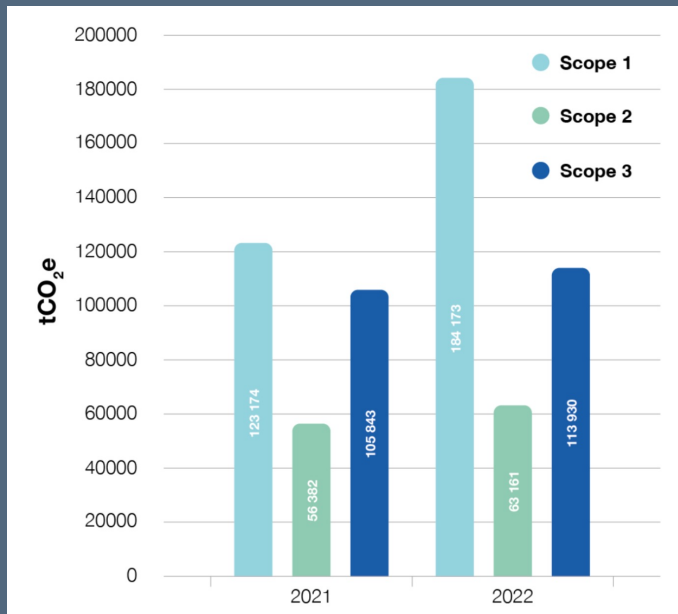
- District heating:
  - Hot water from LHC cooling at Point 8 ready to heat 8000 homes in Ferney-Voltaire, CERN also looking at Point 2 and 5, and Point 1 could heat CERN building on Meyrin site
- Since 2011 series of workshops: Energy for Sustainable Science at Research Infrastructures, 7th one: September 2024 in Madrid
- Long-standing R&D in lowering accelerator power requirements
  - Eg Energy-Recovery in a Laser-Driven Plasma Wakefield Acceleration



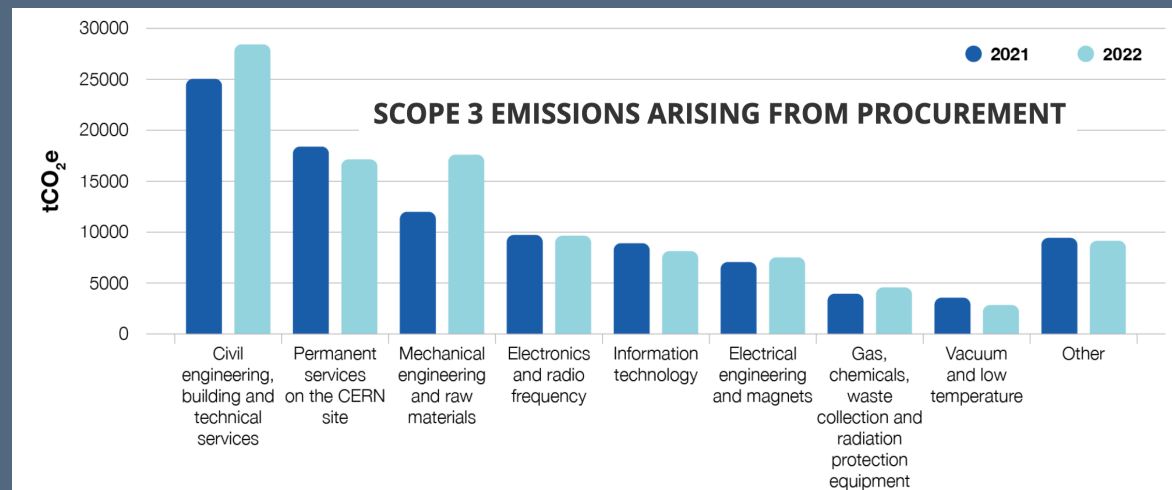
Physics Today **62**, 3, 44 (2009);  
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# Emissions from detectors

- Dominant CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions from CERN: gases used in experiments!
- Scope 1: direct emissions from organization/vehicles etc.
- Scope 2: indirect emissions from electricity generation, heating, etc.
- Scope 3: all other indirect emissions, upstream and downstream (business travel, personnel commutes, catering, etc.)



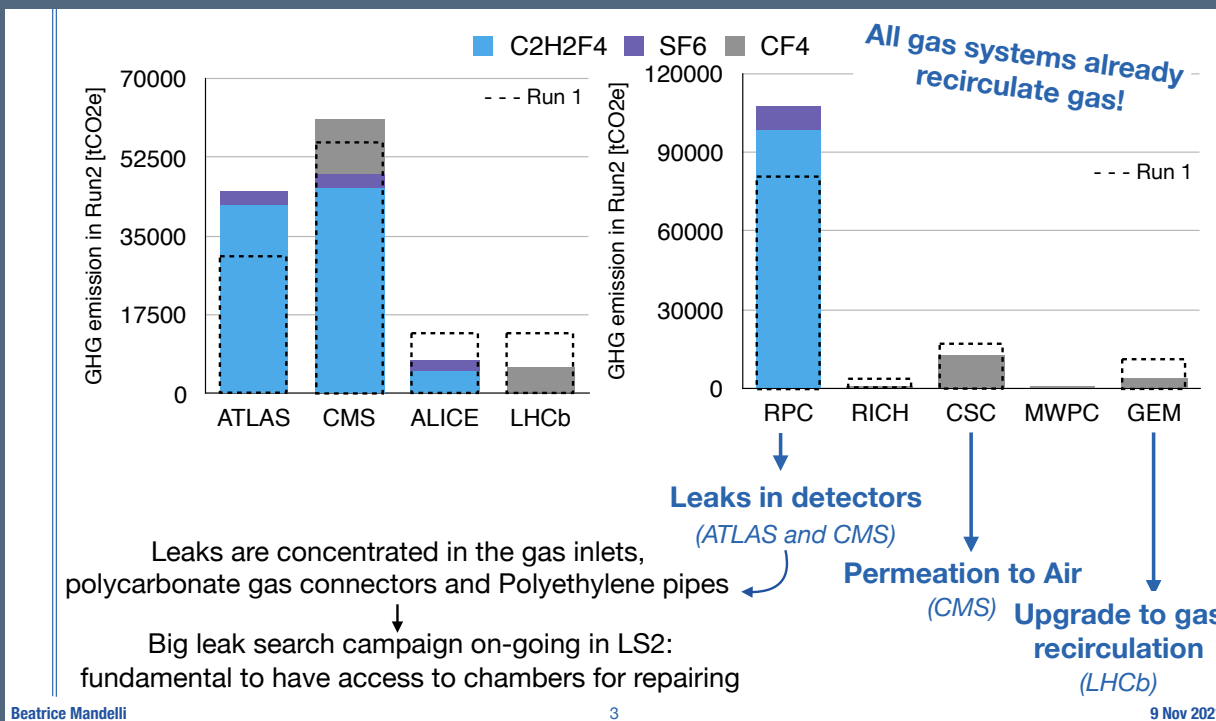
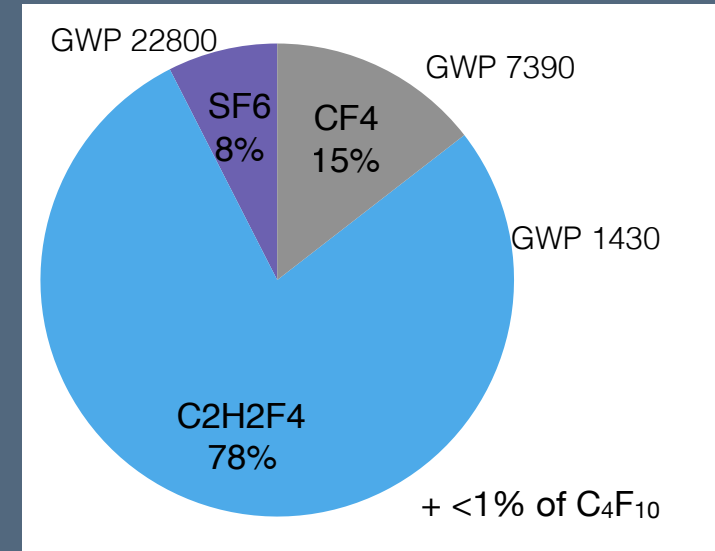
GROUP	GASES	tCO <sub>2</sub> e 2021	tCO <sub>2</sub> e 2022
Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)	CF <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>8</sub> , C <sub>4</sub> F <sub>10</sub> , C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>14</sub>	55 921	68 989
Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HFCs)	HFC-23 (CHF <sub>3</sub> ) HFC-32 (CH <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) HFC-134a (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> ) HFC-404a HFC-407c HFC-410a HFC-507	36 557	86 211
Other F-gases	SF <sub>6</sub> , NF <sub>3</sub>	16 838	18 355
Hydrofluoroolefins (HFO)/HFCs	R-449 R1234ze NOVEC 649	86	199
	CO <sub>2</sub>	13 771	10 419
<b>Total Scope 1</b>		<b>123 174</b>	<b>184 173</b>



# Emissions from detectors

- SF6, HFCs and PFCs: particle detection
- HFCs and PFCs: detector cooling
- HFCs: air conditioning systems
- SF6: also used for electrical insulation in power supply systems

Particle detection

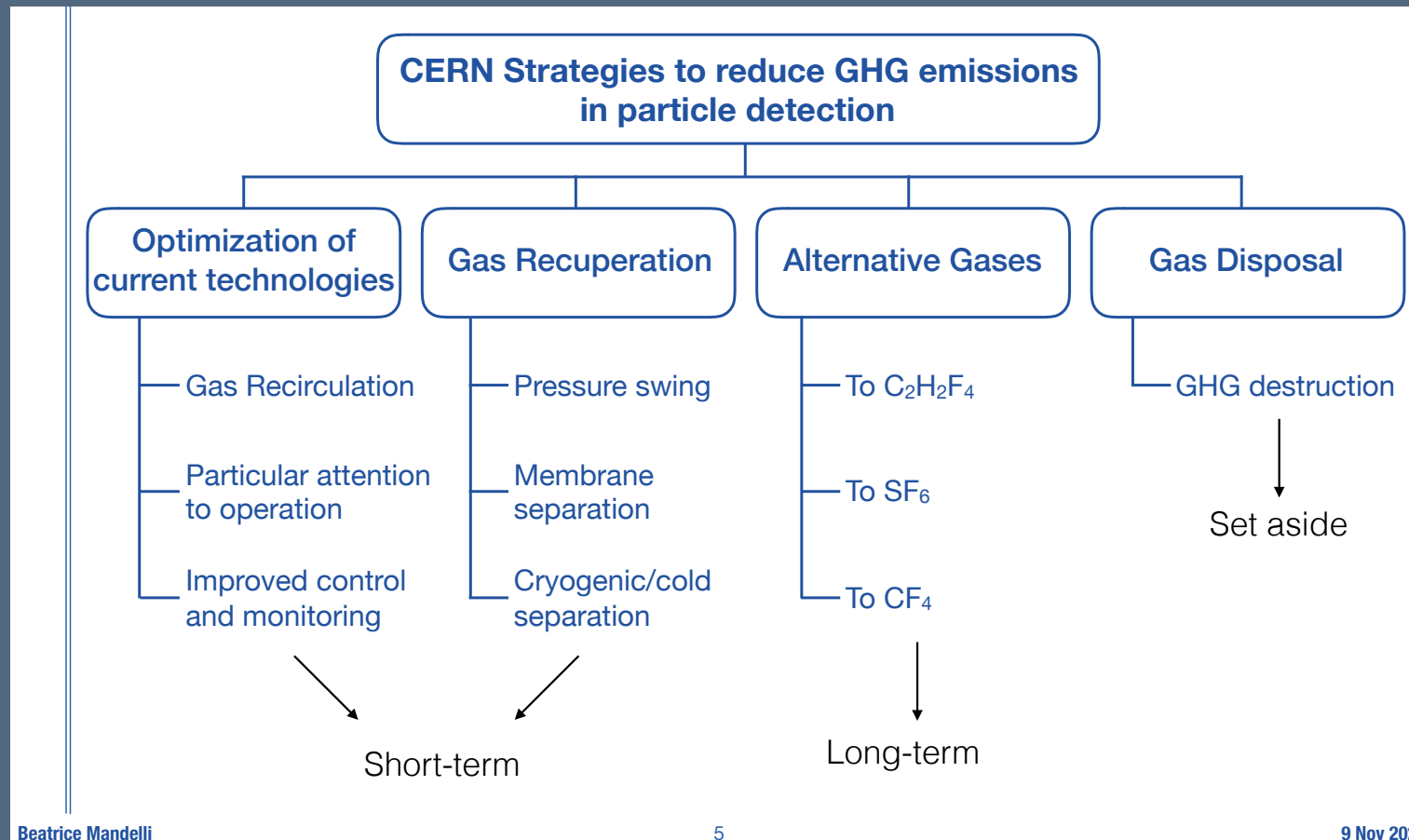


- Gas recirculation is 90%



# Emissions from detectors: solutions

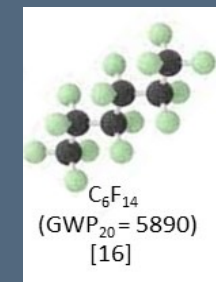
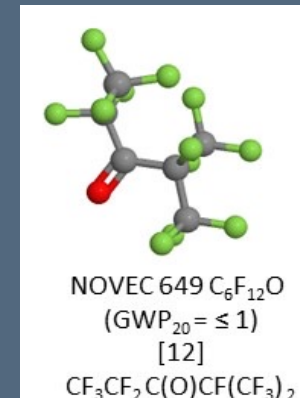
- 2020: CERN launched a working group on managing F-gases, with representatives from the departments concerned and the large LHC experiments. The group looked at issues such as the implementation of a centralised F-gas procurement policy, leak detection, replacement alternatives, training courses for personnel handling F-gases, and improving traceability and reporting.



# Emissions from detectors: solutions

- Crucial to do R&D in finding replacements (eco-gases) and ensure 100% leak-free and 100% recirculation
  - CERN has tested NOVEC 649: Equivalent radiation stability to  $C_6F_{14}$  used as a liquid coolant in all LHC experiments

G. D. Hallewell



The “green” use of fluorocarbons in Cherenkov detectors and silicon tracker cooling systems: challenges and opportunities in an unfolding era of alternatives

# Embedded emissions from accelerators & detectors

HECAP+ 2023

- Future projects need to compute the full **life cycle analysis** of emissions of all accelerator and detector components

## Best Practice 6.1: Life cycle data for a silicon wafer

The ecological impacts of a 1 cm<sup>2</sup> silicon wafer (thickness 775 μm, diameter 300 mm, weight 0.128 kg) as identified in 2000, are summarised in

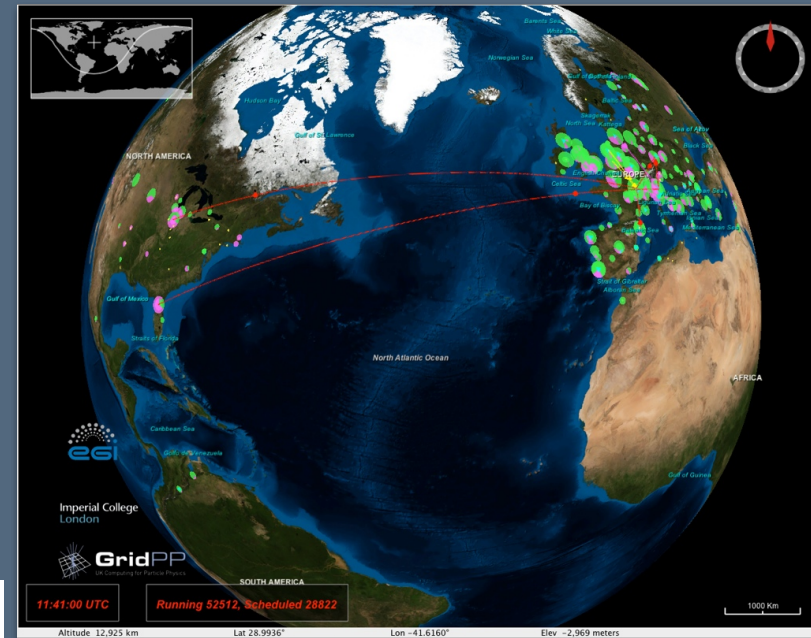
Table 6.1 [194].

Inputs	Quantity	Outputs	Quantity
Hydrogen chloride HCl (hydrochloric acid)	0.00675 kg	Co-products: Si in other co-products	0.000286 kg
Graphite (as electrode material)	0.000163 kg	Co-products: Silicon tetrachloride	0.00415 kg
Wood chips	0.00183 kg	Co-products: Si residues for solar cells	65.2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>
Petroleum coke	0.000597 kg	Polished silicon wafer	1 cm <sup>2</sup>
Quartz	0.00486 kg		
Electricity	0.385 kWh		
Dry wood	0.00398 kg		
Air emissions	Quantity	Discharge to Water	Quantity
CH <sub>4</sub>	68.8 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> kg	Metal chlorides	0.000787 kg
CO	0.000167 kg		
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.00833 kg	Waste	Quantity
Ethane	29 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> kg	SiO <sub>2</sub>	16.3 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> kg
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.00188 kg		
Methanol	85.1 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> kg		
NO <sub>x</sub>	13.8 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> kg		
Particulate matter	0.000201 kg		
SO <sub>2</sub>	34.4 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> kg		
Hydrogen	0.000125 kg		

Table 6.1: Inputs, outputs and emissions of silicon wafer production [194].

# Emissions from Computing

- Global IT sector could be 2-6% of global CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions, growing to 20% by 2030
- 70% from data centres and communication networks
- HEP uses Grid centres all over the world, yet emissions from electricity vary wildly

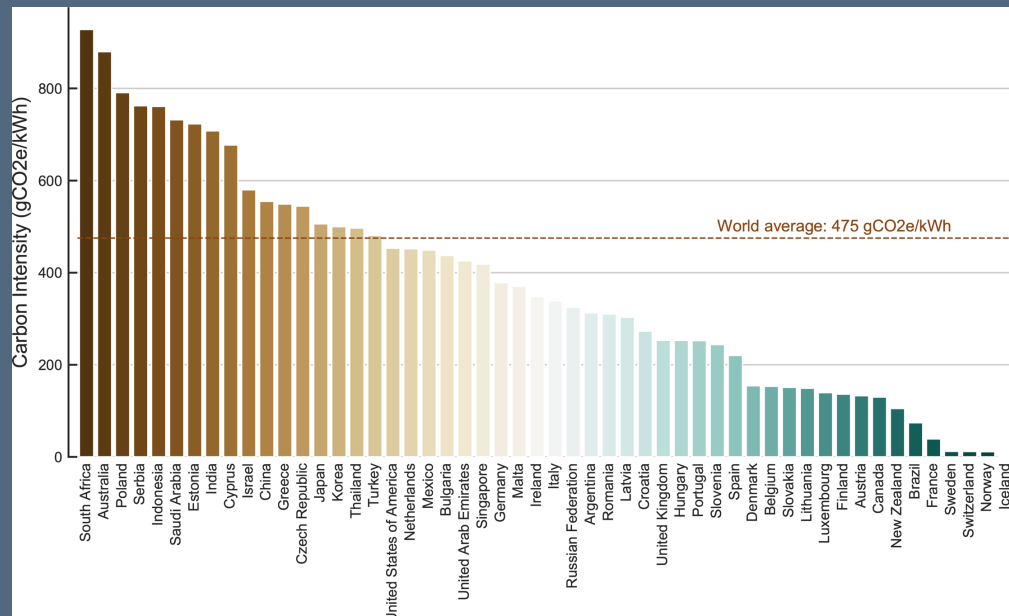


## Solutions:

- Choose sites with green electricity...
- [Green500 list](#)
- Optimize your code ;-)

## Far future (2040):

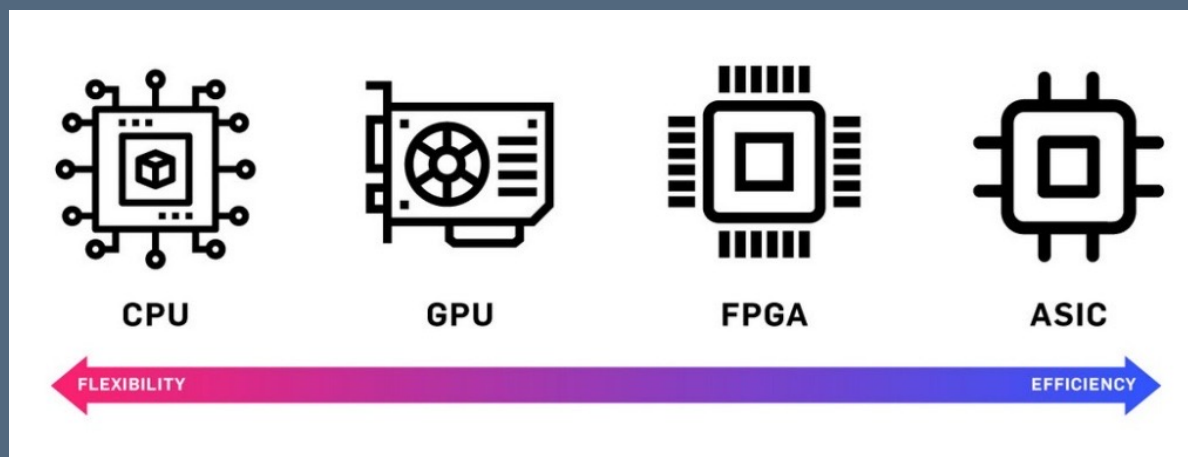
- All OECD electricity grids will be emissions free...
- .... But huge demand for electricity



# Emissions from Computing

- **Embedded emissions...**
  - 326 (620) kg CO<sub>2</sub>e 13' (16') MacBook Pro, 128 GB (1 TB) storage
- **... far outnumber running emissions (80-85% of lifetime emissions)**
  - 2g (3g) CO<sub>2</sub>e/h MacBook Pro
  - 10g CO<sub>2</sub>e/h average-efficient laptop
  - 50g CO<sub>2</sub>e/h desktop with screen
  - + 22g CO<sub>2</sub>e/h for servers, networks
- Replacing farms less often can help a lot
- In general ASIC/FPGA/GPU/TPU use less power than CPUs, but exact numbers depend on software/architecture

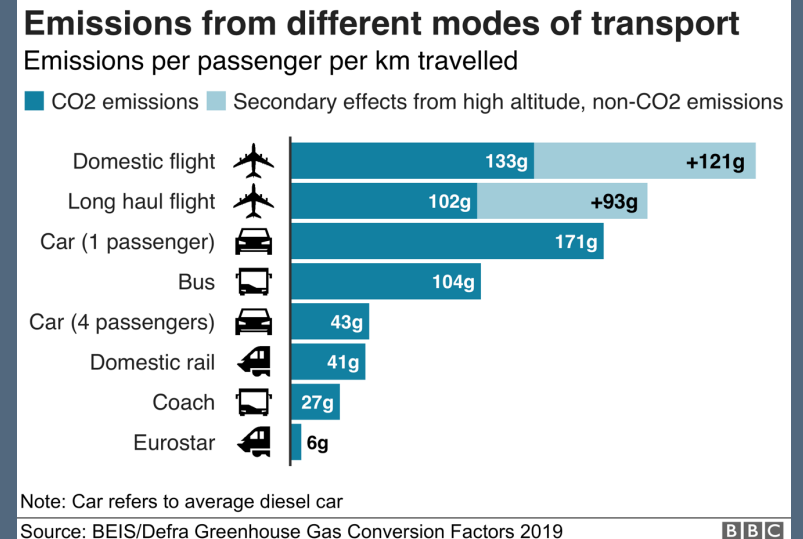
Numbers  
from Mike  
Berners-Lee





# Emissions from Travel

- Commuting, conferences, etc.
- A nearly carbon-neutral conference model
- Although aviation is 2.4% (2018) of global emissions (more than Australia or Italy or France!), rate of growth is large and carbon neutral flights long way off (CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increased by 32% from 2013-2018)
- Environmental groups calling for frequent flyers levy since eg in 2015 only 12% of people in England took 3 flights or more!
- Carbon offsetting as short term mitigation? controversial



	AGU Fall Meeting 2019	ICHEP Melbourne 2012	ICHEP Valencia 2014	ICHEP Chicago 2016	ICHEP Seoul 2018	ICHEP Prague 2020 (virtual)
Number of participants	24,009	764	966	1,120	1,178	2,877
GHG emissions per participant [kg CO <sub>2</sub> e]	2,883	8,432	1,902	2,699	2,648	0

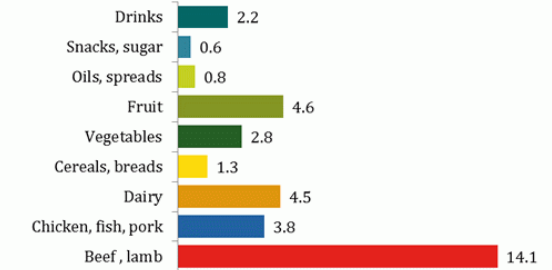
**Table 5.3:** Total number of participants of recent ICHEP conferences and the GHG emissions per participant. The corresponding numbers for the American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting [147] are shown for reference.

# Emissions from food & Total

- [IPCC report in August 2019 on Land Usage](#)
- How about migrating our PP catering (meetings, conf, workshops) in that direction?

[HECAP+ 2023](#)

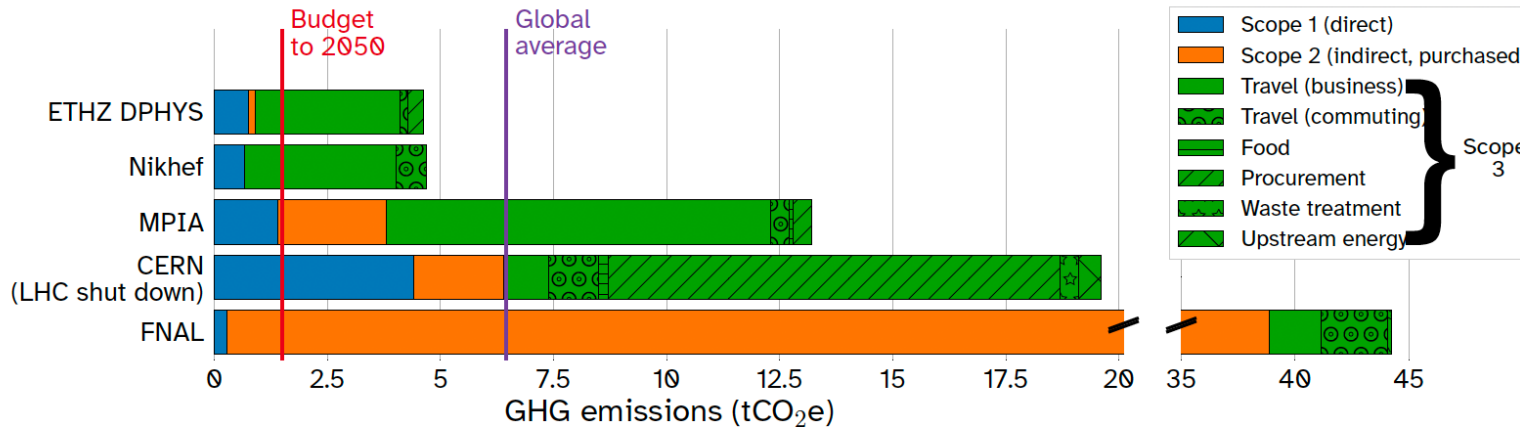
Carbon Intensity of Eating: g CO<sub>2</sub>e/kcal



Note: Figures are grams of carbon dioxide equivalents per kilocalorie of food eaten (g CO<sub>2</sub>e/kcal). Intensities include emissions for total food supplied to provide each kilocalorie consumed. This accounts for emissions from food eaten as well as consumer waste and supply chain losses. All figures are based on typical food production in the to point of sale, they do not include personal lude any land use change emissions

ata, Weber & Matthews Shrink That Footprint

Self-reported annual workplace emissions, per researcher



2019 data, save MPIA (2018), and ETHZ business travel (average 2016-2018).

Mike Berners-Lee: average UK: 13 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e

Remaining carbon budget:

(50% chance of staying < 1.5°C) 460 GtCO<sub>2</sub>

Per year per person: 2.2t

# POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

# European Strategy Update 2020

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## Environmental and societal impact

A. The energy efficiency of present and future accelerators, and of computing facilities, is and should remain an area requiring constant attention. Travel also represents an environmental challenge, due to the international nature of the field. ***The environmental impact of particle physics activities should continue to be carefully studied and minimised. A detailed plan for the minimisation of environmental impact and for the saving and re-use of energy should be part of the approval process for any major project. Alternatives to travel should be explored and encouraged.***

B. Particle physics, with its fundamental questions and technological innovations, attracts bright young minds. Their education and training are crucial for the needs of the field and of society at large. ***For early-career researchers to thrive, the particle physics community should place strong emphasis on their supervision and training. Additional measures should be taken in large collaborations to increase the recognition of individuals developing and maintaining experiments, computing and software. The particle physics community commits to placing the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion at the heart of all its activities.***

C. Particle physics has contributed to advances in many fields that have brought great benefits to society. Awareness of knowledge and technology transfer and the associated societal impact is important at all phases of particle physics projects. ***Particle physics research centres should promote knowledge and technology transfer and support their researchers in enabling it. The particle physics community should engage with industry to facilitate knowledge transfer and technological development.***

D. Exploring the fundamental properties of nature inspires and excites. It is part of the duty of researchers to share the excitement of scientific achievements with all stakeholders and the public. The concepts of the Standard Model, a well-established theory for elementary particles, are an integral part of culture. ***Public engagement, education and communication in particle physics should continue to be recognised as important components of the scientific activity and receive adequate support. Particle physicists should work with the broad community of scientists to intensify engagement between scientific disciplines. The particle physics community should work with educators and relevant authorities to explore the adoption of basic knowledge of elementary particles and their interactions in the regular school curriculum.***

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Snowmass white paper: [\[2203.12389\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.12389) [Climate impacts of particle physics \(arxiv.org\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.12389)

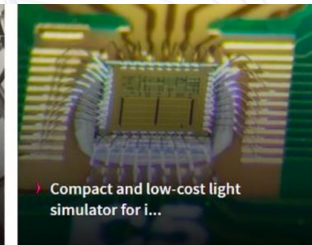
# Recommendations

- New experiments and facility construction projects should **report on their planned emissions and energy usage** as part of their environmental assessment
  - Eg LHCb TDR for Phase II, CLIC LCA, ISIS-II LCA (H. Wakeling)
- Review across all international laboratories to ascertain whether emissions are **reported clearly and in a standardized way**
  - Wednesday: know your footprint!, France Labos 1.5
- Take steps to mitigate impact on climate change by setting **concrete reduction goals and defining pathways to reaching them**
  - spend a portion of research time on directly tackling challenges related to climate change
  - Parallel B: mitigation efforts



# Sustainable Concrete Construction

## Knowledge and technology for the environment - Highlights



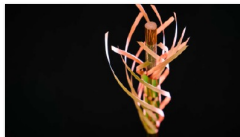
### □ + Others



#### CERN to partner with industry on innovation to reduce environmental impact of large-scale facilities

In its commitment to minimising its environmental impact and developing technologies that can help society towards a better planet, CERN has formed an innovation partnership with ABB, with the aim of reducing the Laboratory's energy consumption

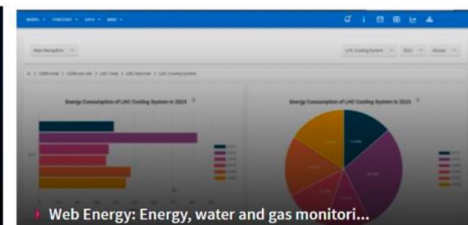
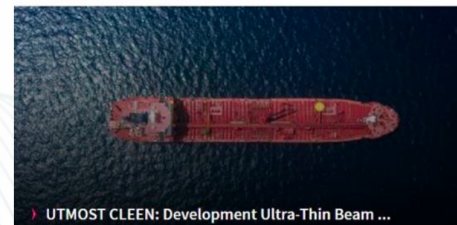
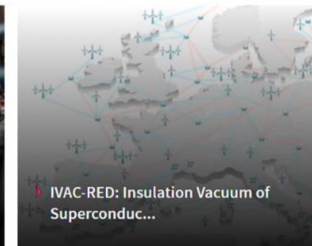
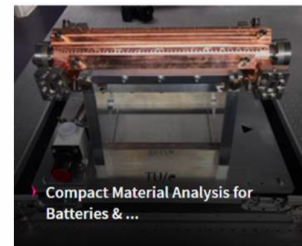
Environment | 14 June, 2022



#### CERN and Airbus partnership on future clean aviation

CERN and Airbus UpNext sign a collaboration agreement to assess the use of superconducting technologies for future low-emission aeroplanes.

AerospaceEnvironment | 01 December, 2022



# CERN Innovation Programme on Environmental Applications

# Recommendations

- Minimize the **travel** emissions of users
- Long-term projects should consider the **evolving social and economic context**
- Actively engage in **learning** about the climate emergency and about the climate impact of particle-physics research
  - You are 😊!
- **Promote and publicize their actions** surrounding the climate emergency to the general public and other scientific communities
- **Engage with the broader international community** to collectively reduce emissions

# Recommendations

- Eg ATLAS Sustainability Forum!
  - atlas-sustainability-forum@cern.ch
- Detailed Recommendations in each area listed in HECAP+ report

Version 1.0, 5 June 2023

Environmental sustainability in basic research

## Recommendations — Mobility



### Individual actions:

- Re-assess business travel needs, using remote technologies wherever practicable.
- Choose environmentally sustainable means of transport for daily commutes as well as unavoidable business travel, amalgamating long-distance trips where possible.



### Further group actions:


- Define mobility requirements and travel policies that minimise emissions, while accounting for the differing needs of particular groups, such as early-career researchers or those who are geographically isolated.
- Re-assess needs for in-person meetings, and prioritise formats that minimise travel emissions and diversify participation by making use of hybrid, virtual or local hub participation, and optimising the meeting location(s).



### Further institutional actions:

- Support environmentally sustainable commuting by improving on-site bicycle infrastructure, subsidising public transport and providing shuttle services.
- Disincentivise car travel where viable alternatives exist, facilitate car pooling, and provide on-site charging stations.
- Incentivise the reduction of business travel, e.g., by implementing carbon budgets with appropriate concessions.
- Ensure unavoidable travel is made via environmentally sustainable means through flexible travel policies and budgets, and the use of travel agents that offer multi-modal itineraries. Employ carbon offsetting only as a last resort.
- Remove any requirement on past mobility as an indication of quality in hiring decisions.
- Lobby for improved and environmentally sustainable local and regional transport infrastructure.



An aerial photograph of a coastal landscape featuring a wide, sandy beach that curves along a bay. The dunes are covered in sparse, dry-looking vegetation. The water in the bay is calm, and the sky is overcast. The overall tone is muted and somewhat somber.

# THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY: CAN PARTICLE PHYSICS EVER BE SUSTAINABLE?

## DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS

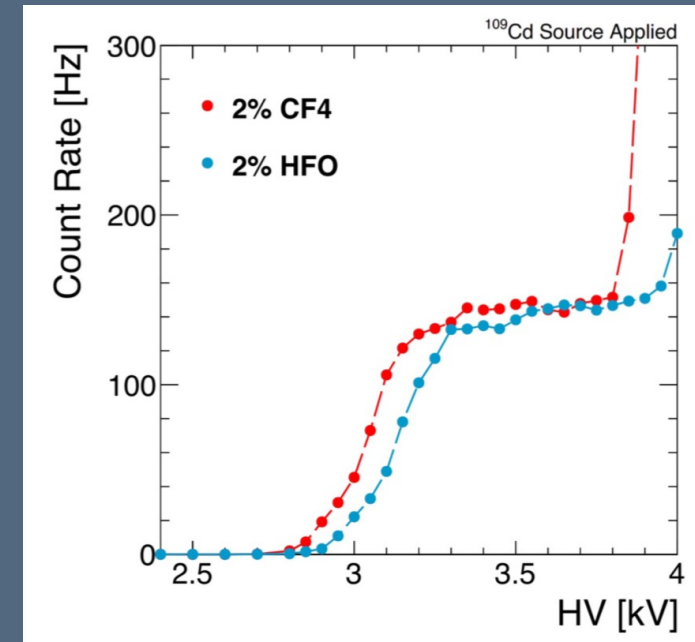
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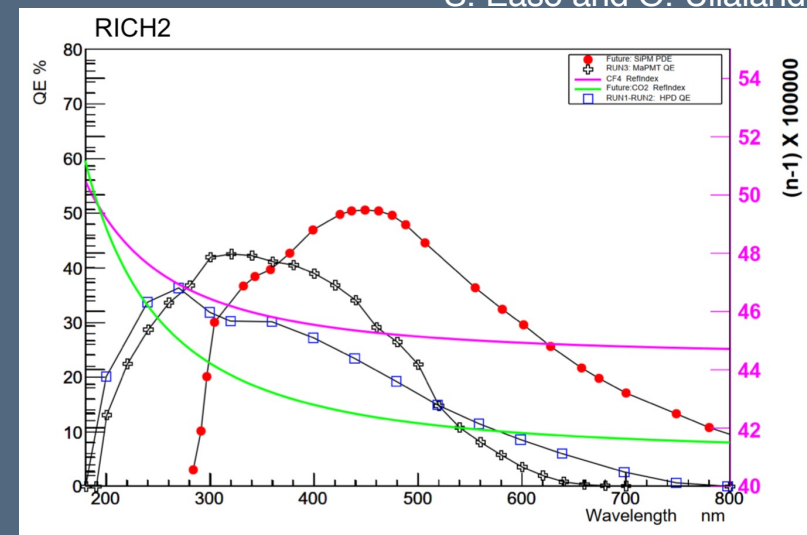
# Emissions from detectors: solutions

Presented at DPF 2019

- Alternative gas example: replace  $\text{CF}_4$
- $\text{CF}_4$  prevents ageing, improves timing resolution and is a scintillator
- CMS CSC: currently 10%  $\text{CF}_4$ 
  - Reduce concentration to 5%
  - Replace with  $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$  or  $\text{HFO}_{1234ze}$
- LHCb RICH studies:
  - $\text{CF}_4$  or  $\text{C}_4\text{F}_{10}$  used for good refractive index
  - Could replace  $\text{C}_4\text{F}_{10}$  with  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$  but flammable
  - Replace  $\text{CF}_4$  with  $\text{CO}_2$ : under study
  - Use of SiPM to reduce the chromatic error and increase the yield



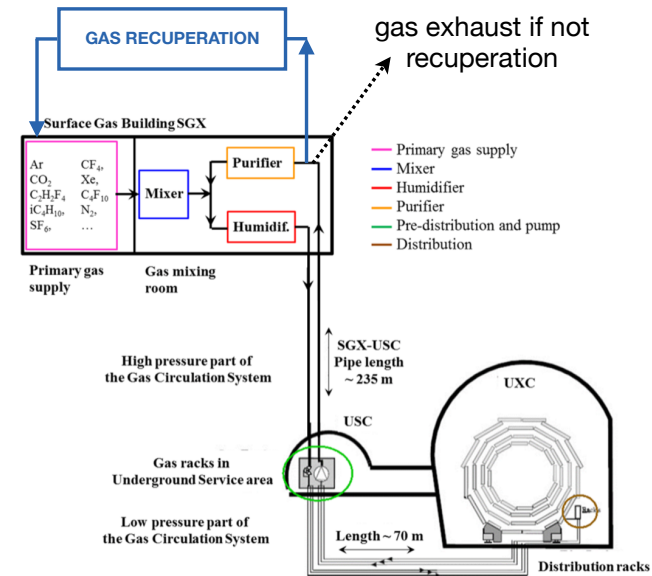
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# Gas Recuperation systems at LHC experiments

*Sometimes it is not possible to recirculate 100% of the gas mixture due to detector constrains*

- Air permeability, max recirculation fraction, impurities, etc.
- A fraction of gas has to be renewed
- Some gas is sent to the atmosphere
- This fraction of gas mixture can be sent to a recuperation plant where the GHG is extracted, stored and re-used
- Challenges: R&D, custom development, operation and recuperated gas quality
- Gas recuperation also to empty/fill the detectors during LS



## LHCb RICH1 and RICH2

During LS2 need to empty the detectors for maintenance/upgrade:

RICH1: 4 m<sup>3</sup> of C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>10</sub>

RICH2: 100 m<sup>3</sup> of CF<sub>4</sub>

Gas recuperation system for empty/filling and cleaning from Air contamination

New gas recuperation system developed for the empty and filling of the detector

## CMS CSC

Small Permeability to Air:  
accumulation of N<sub>2</sub>

Need to inject fresh gas continuously to keep N<sub>2</sub> stable and guarantee detector performance

~80 l/h of CF<sub>4</sub> would be lost in exhaust without gas recuperation system

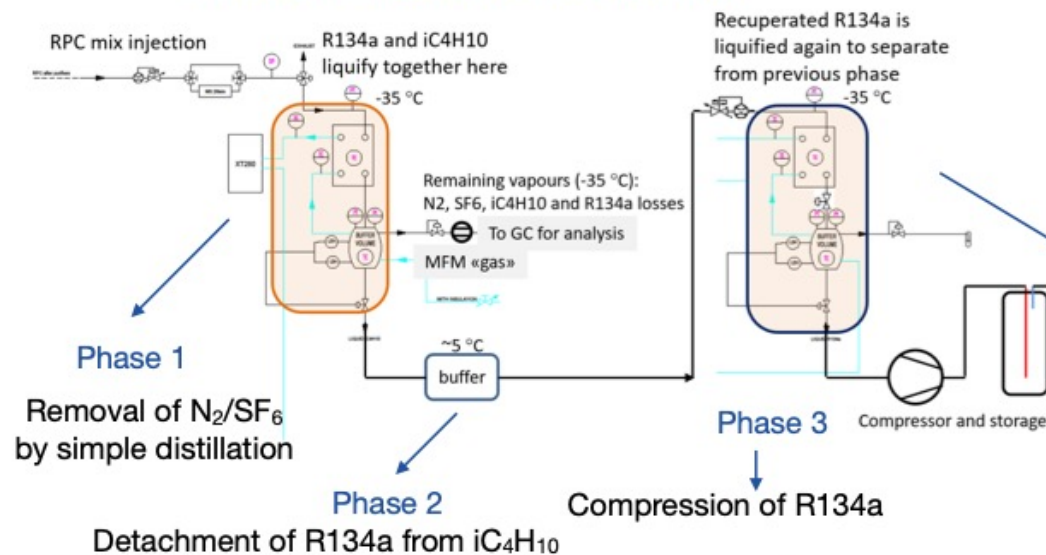
# The R134a recuperation system for RPCs

## ATLAS and CMS RPC Gas Systems

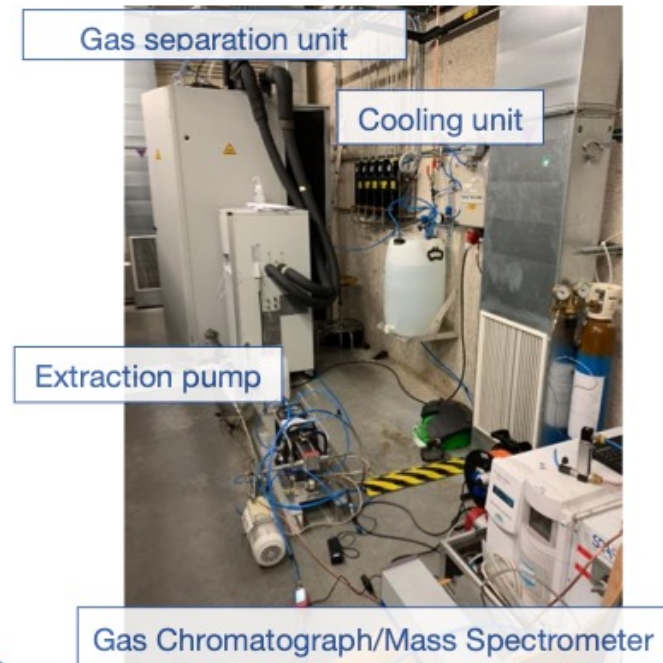
- Detector volume  $\sim 15 \text{ m}^3$
- Gas mixture:  $\sim 95\% \text{ C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4$ ,  $\sim 5\% \text{ iC}_4\text{H}_{10}$ ,  $0.3\% \text{ SF}_6$
- Gas recirculation:  $\sim 90\%$ 
  - Maximum recirculation validated for RPC detectors
- **Fundamental to repair detector leaks**
  - To have the gas at the exhaust of the gas system

***R134a and iC<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> form an azeotrope***

*A mixture of liquids whose proportions cannot be altered or changed by simple distillation*



$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4$  recuperation prototype system under study in CMS Experiment



Recuperation efficiency  $\sim 80\%$

***First  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_4$  recuperation system under construction: installation foreseen beginning of 2023 in CMS experiment***

# Gas disposal

*Abatement plants are employed when GHGs are polluted  
and therefore are not reusable*

In case all studies on recuperation will not bring to efficient recuperation plants,  
industrial system able to destroy GHGs avoiding their emission into the atmosphere  
have been considered

Quite heavy infrastructure required:

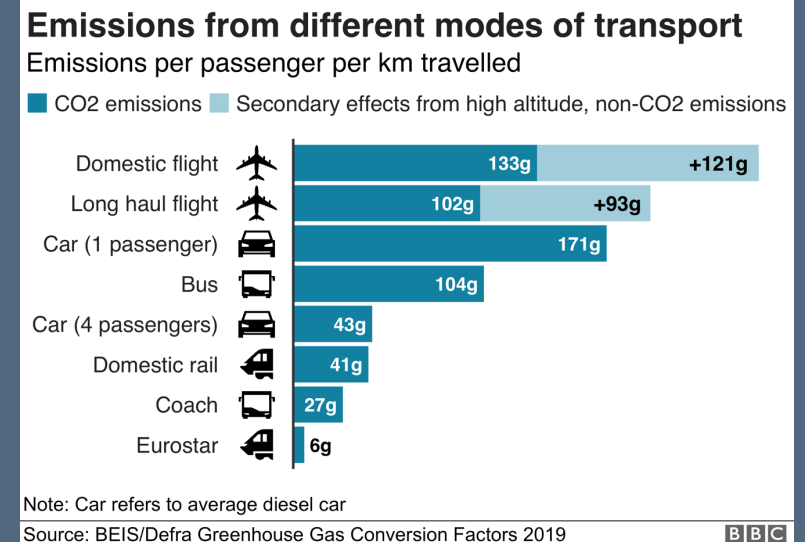
- CH<sub>4</sub>/city gas + O<sub>2</sub> supply + N<sub>2</sub> supply
- Waste water treatment
- PFC/HFC are converted in CO<sub>2</sub> + HF acid dissolved in water
- disposal of remaining waste/mud
- To have the gas at the exhaust (600-1000 l/h)



Found also companies available to take PFC/HFC based mixture for disposal:  
but extremely expensive

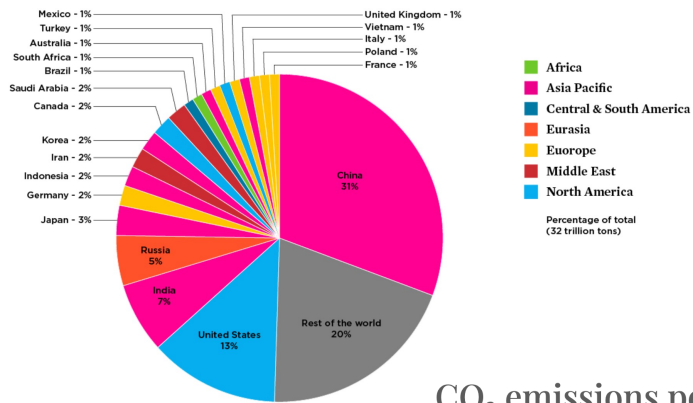
# Carbon footprint of PP researchers

- Flying!
  - 15% of E consumption for an **average** UK citizen
  - Particle Physicists fly a lot (esp. seniors)! Let's say, per year:
    - 8 European trips (eg use from London to Zurich):  $8 \times 148 \text{ Kg CO}_2$ : **1184 Kg CO<sub>2</sub>**
    - 1 overseas trip (eg use from London to NYC): **986 Kg CO<sub>2</sub>**
    - Total: **2170 Kg CO<sub>2</sub>**: ~87 countries where the average citizen **emits less CO<sub>2</sub> in a year** (incl. India, **Morocco**, Peru, **Colombia**)!
    - Using: [Guardian calculator](#)
  - [A nearly carbon-neutral conference model](#)
  - Best calculator:  
<https://www.atmosfair.de/en/offset/fix/>



### Top Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emitting countries, 2020

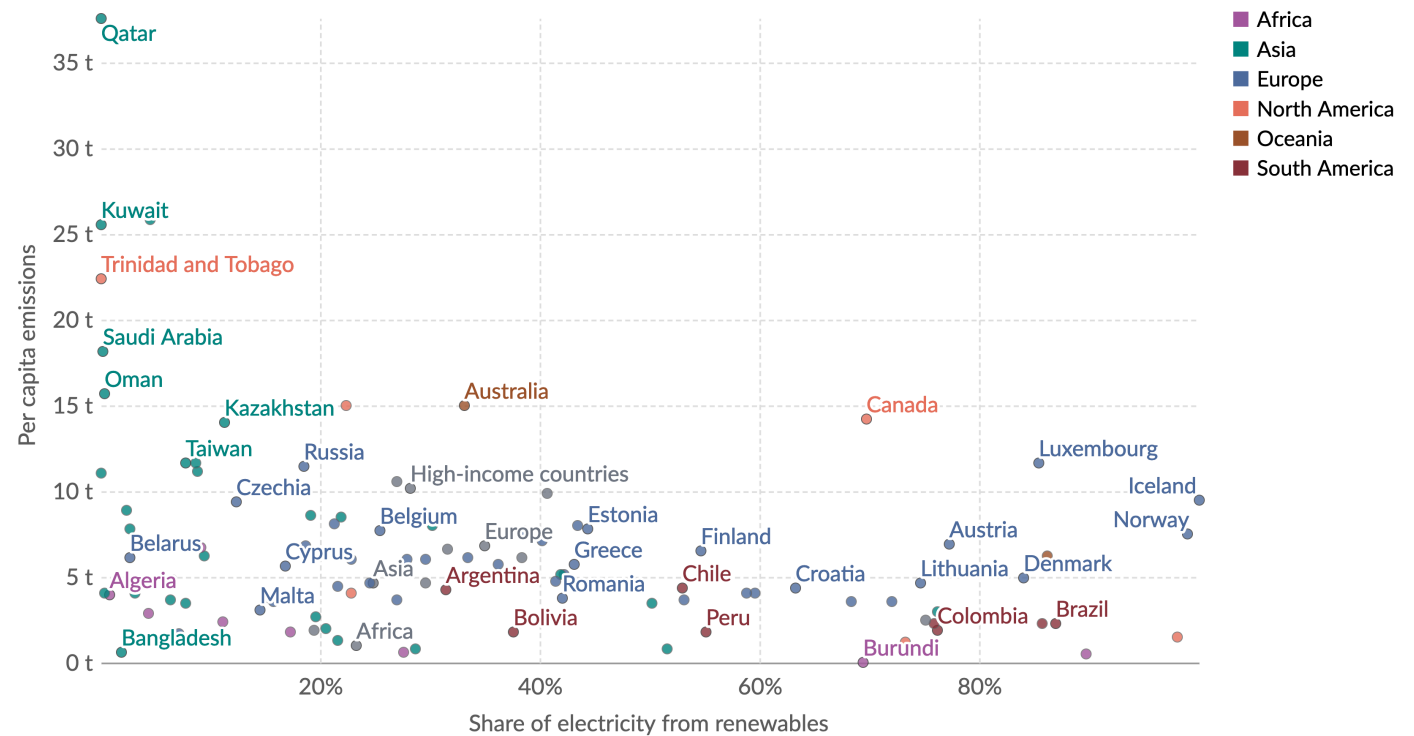
(from fossil fuels)



### CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita vs. share of electricity generation from renewables, 2022

Our World in Data

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions are measured in tonnes per person.



Data source: Global Carbon Budget (2023) and other sources  
[OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions](https://OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions) | CC BY

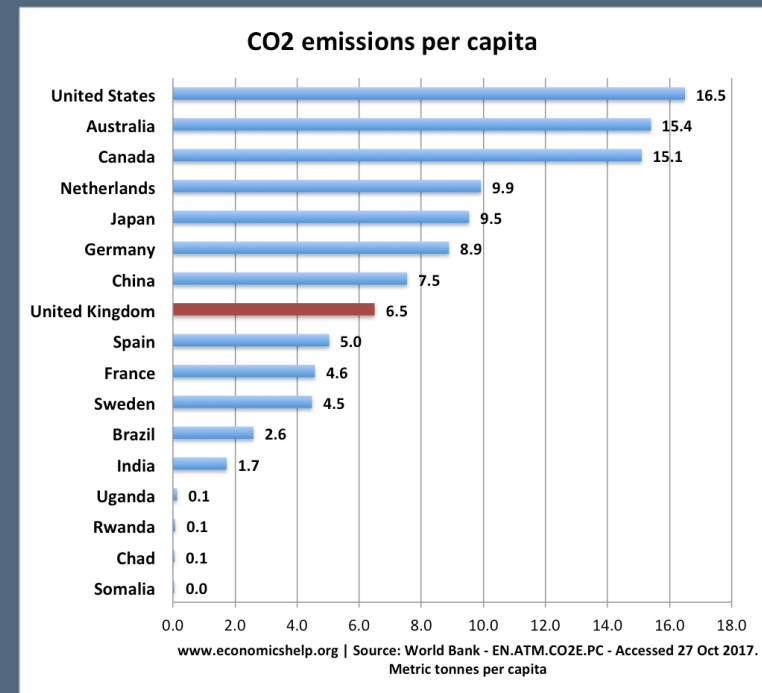


# List of top CO<sub>2</sub> emitters

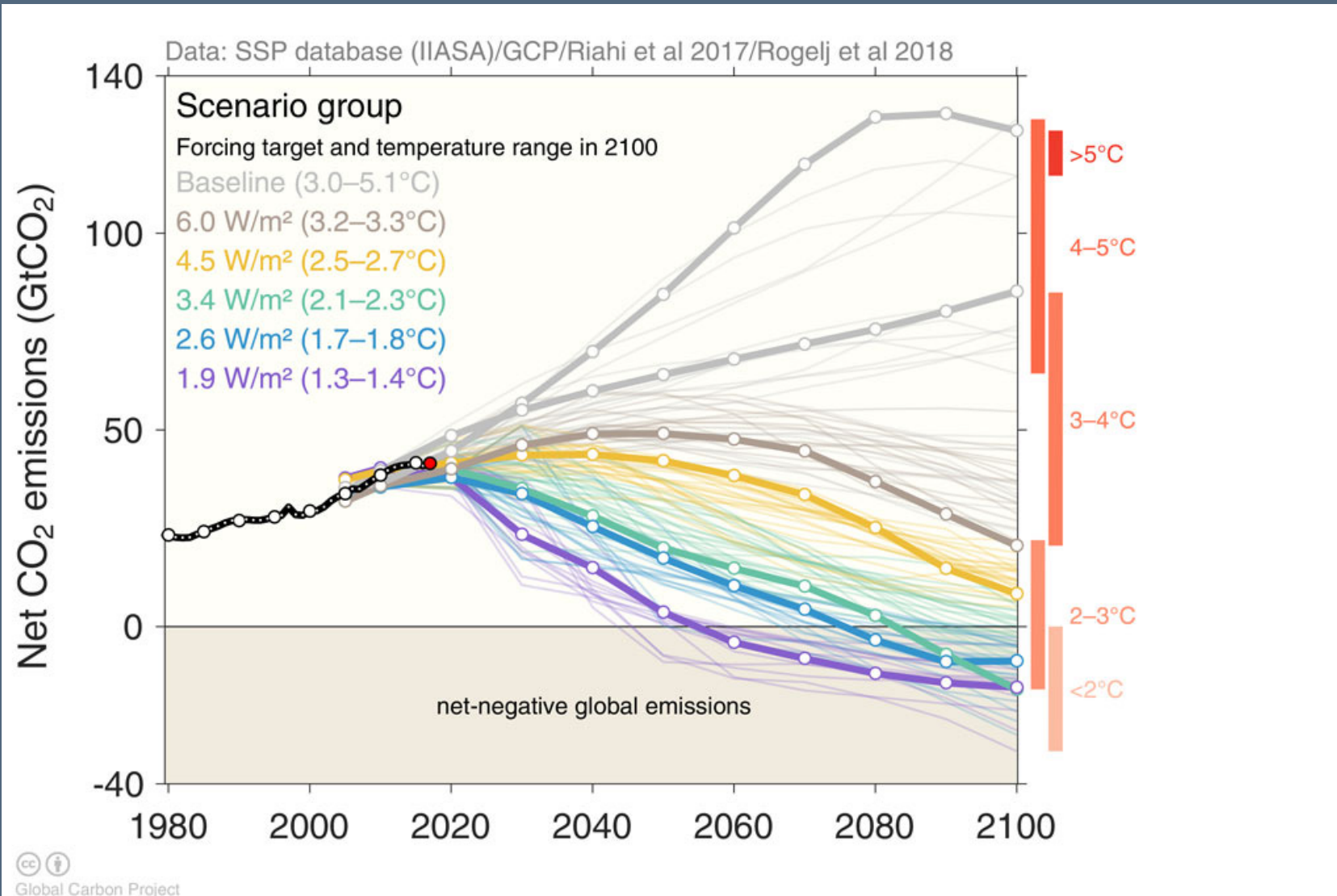
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Country	2018 CO2 Emissions in Billion Metric Tons	Global Share	Change Since Kyoto Protocol
China	9.43	27.8%	54.6%
U.S.	5.15	15.2%	-12.1%
India	2.48	7.3%	105.8%
Russia	1.55	4.6%	5.7%
Japan	1.15	3.4%	-10.1%
Germany	0.73	2.1%	-11.7%
South Korea	0.70	2.1%	34.1%
Iran	0.66	1.9%	57.7%
Saudi Arabia	0.57	1.7%	59.9%
Canada	0.55	1.6%	1.6%

Economicshelp.org



# Emissions pathway



## Sustainable HEP

28-30 June 2021  
Zoom  
Europe/Zurich time zone

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### Closing Statement

#### Workshop "Sustainable HEP"

#### Closing Statement (status: 14th July 2021, 403 signatures)

On 28th–30th June 2021, the [workshop "Sustainable High Energy Physics"](#) took place by videoconferencing means with more than 350 registered participants from around 45 countries and five continents. The aim of this workshop was to initiate a community discussion on how to align the scientific operations within this particular subfield of physics with requirements of climate sustainability. Achieving the latter is a most pressing global issue for the present decade (as evidenced by the [IPCC reports](#)). The main focus of the workshop was on the scientific travel culture and the virtualisation of scientific exchange. The following topics were highlighted at this occasion:

- characteristics of the climate crisis
- best practice examples on the virtualisation of scientific meetings
- challenges for research institutions to improve their climate sustainability
- improvement of global inclusiveness in scientific exchange through virtualisation
- domains of action for large scale experiments to improve their climate sustainability

We are organisers and participants of the workshop as well as members of the High Energy Physics community or related fields of physics. We understand that the climate impact of certain aspects of our field of research is a cause of concern and we assert that there is a need for determined action to align these with the goals of the Paris climate agreement and, more generally, with the needs of a sustainable society. Our aim is to trigger a discussion on how HEP can live up to its responsibility in the global transition to a sustainable and climate-neutral world, while maintaining the high quality of research and international scientific exchange. In this context, we highlight increased inclusiveness as a crucial co-benefit of online formats.

We thus encourage members of our community to discuss and enable suitable implementations of sustainable development for our field. We stress that this is a call to develop a balanced and deliberated approach that brings together the needs of a global HEP community with the needs of climate sustainability. We call on research and funding institutions to adjust the general framework for research accordingly and to facilitate a transformation towards sustainable means. Consequently, we invite the formation of working groups to continue the discussions initiated at the workshop and to conduct further installations of the workshop on related topics of sustainability that deserve discussions in a broader setting.

#### Signatures

The following persons have signed the statement as individuals on their own behalf. Please note that institutions are mentioned merely to identify the signatories' current scientific affiliations. This statement does not (necessarily) reflect the opinions of these institutions.

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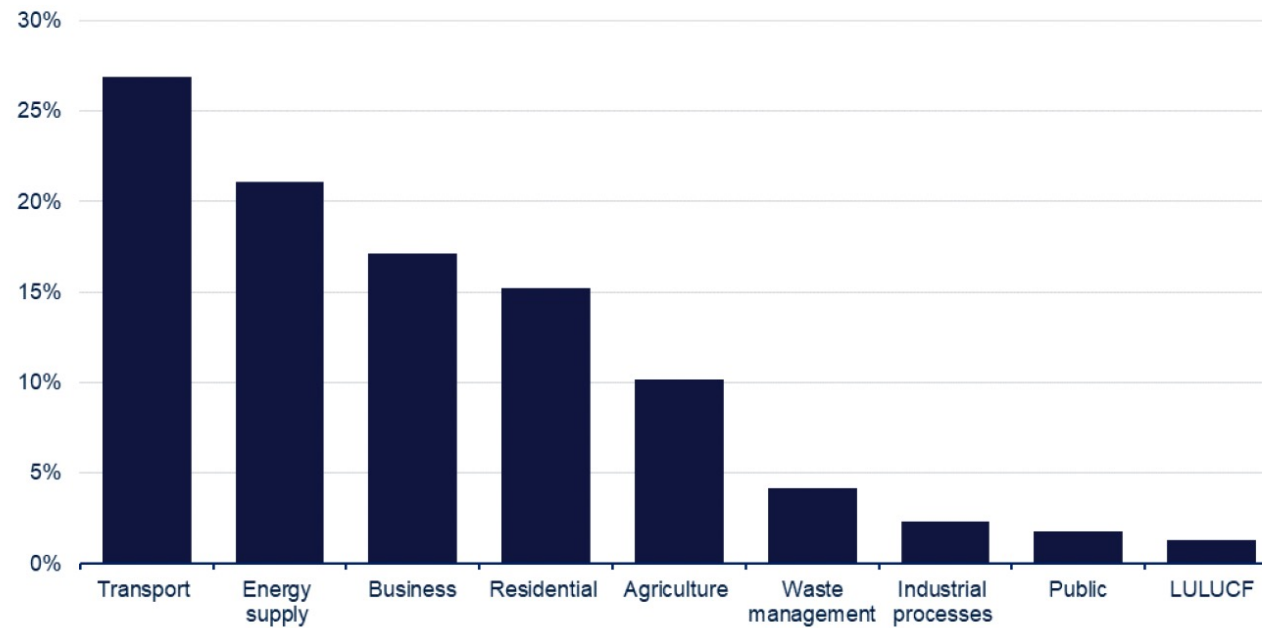
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Valerie Domcke (CERN/EPFL)  
Astrid Eichhorn (CP3-Origins, University of Southern Denmark)  
Kai Schmitz (CERN)

**workshop participants:**

Also: white paper for Australian Astronomy: ["The imperative to reduce carbon emissions in astronomy"](#)

**Figure 4: Territorial UK greenhouse gas emissions by NC sector, 2019 (%)**



Source: Table 1.2, Final UK greenhouse gas emissions national statistics 1990-2019 Excel data tables

Note: LULUCF is land use, land use change and forestry.

World Emissions Clock

# Green electricity grids by 2035

- Germany's target updated in 2022
  - The US, Canada and UK have already committed to a similar goal [100% renewable electricity grid by 2035]. Denmark is already aiming for more than 100% renewable power by 2027, Austria 100% by 2030 and Portugal and the Netherlands are well on track with recent plans to expand renewable capacities till 2030.”
- US pledge
- UK CCC plan: