Environmental Sustainability and Particle Accelerators

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Overview



Particle Accelerators

Intersection with The Climate Crisis

Reducing environmental impact

Evaluating environmental impact

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The Climate Crisis

How does this actually relate to the field of accelerator physics?

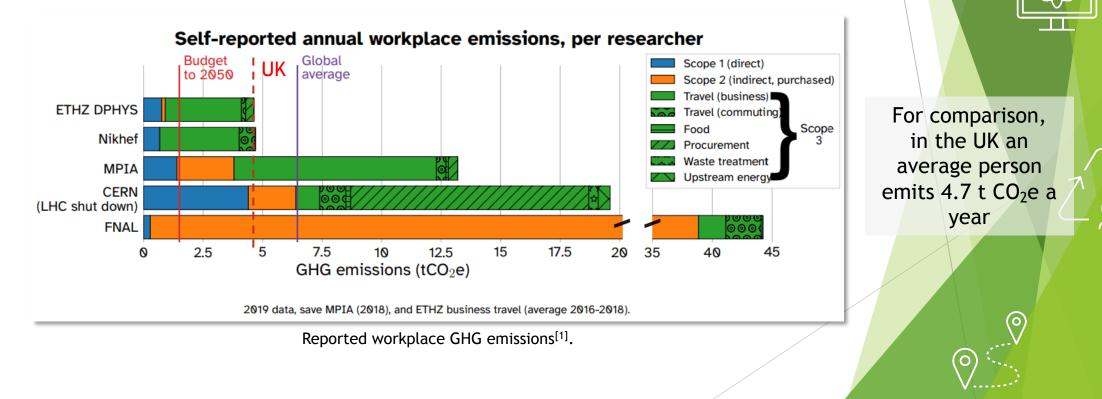


Definitions:

- Sustainability has many varied definitions: "a social goal for people to co-exist on Earth over a long time."
- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) any gas that absorbs infrared radiation emitted from the Earth's surface
- Global Warming Potential (GWP) measures the heating effect of a GHGs compared to CO₂
 - **CO₂e** Carbon Dioxide Equivalent
 - CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide and fluorinated gases

Large accelerator facilities are generally <u>unsustainable</u>:

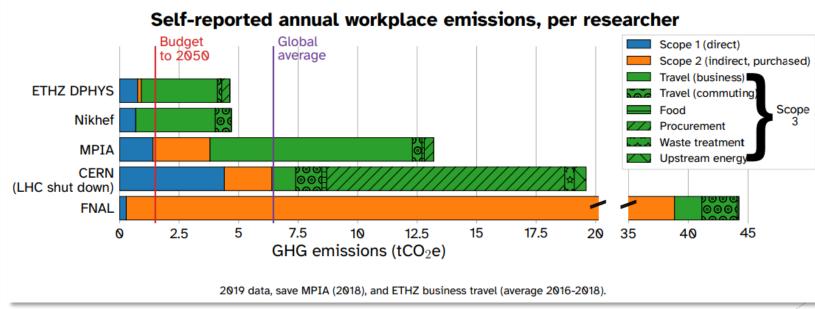
- resource consumptive, and
- next generations aim to grow in size and/or power, and therefore (generally) consumption.



https://www.arup.com/perspectives/what-are-scope-1-scope-2-and-scope-3-emissions

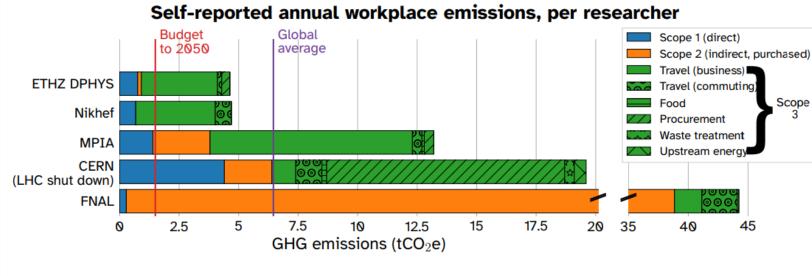
Why particle accelerators?

Scope 1: direct GHG emissions i.e., on-site burning fossil fuels and chemical reactions.



Reported workplace GHG emissions^[1].

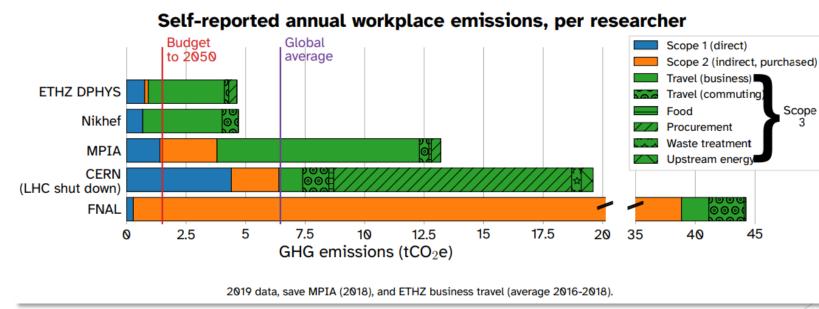
Scope 2: indirect GHG emissions resulting from the generation of purchased electricity, heat, or steam.



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

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Scope 3: all other indirect GHG emissions in the value chain of the organisation associated with activities and sources including but not limited to: transportation of goods, extraction and production of purchased materials, employee commuting, investments, ...



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One *can* argue:

- There are so many other, larger and worse environmental impacts.
- Accelerator physics has contributed so much knowledge and benefits to humanity, and will continue to do so; it's worth it.
- 1. The Climate Crisis is a compound problem, and an issue for everyone.
- 2. Moral and social duty to lead by example.
- 3. Policy affects us.
 - The environmental impact of construction of a large collider facility will have a carbon impact similar to that of a redevelopment of a neighbourhood in a major city. We will come under scrutiny.
- 4. Often largely publicly funded. Governmental and taxpayer support is necessary.

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just one more collider bro. i promise bro just one more collider and we'll find all the particles bro. it's just a bigger collider bro. please just one more. one more collider and we'll figure out dark matter bro. bro cmon just give me 22 billion dollars and we'll solve physics i promise bro. bro bro please we just need to build one more collider





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So, what can we do?

- ▶ We must adapt,
- reduce impact,
- & demonstrate our efforts

including considering and/or maintaining

- reliability,
- lifetime,
- efficiency,
- & science output
- Many efforts ongoing around the world!



Reducing environmental impact

Efforts that are ongoing

- Policy and culture change
- Carbon emissions and environmental impact reports
- Designing with the environment in mind
 - ▶ New(er) technologies and R&D
- Resource consumption and waste

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Section 6: Investing in the Future of Science and Technology

nent to sustainability is a high priority for particle physics activities. Thi-

utred for a given luminosity and reduce the size and impact of fut

A the global effort to advance particle physics. Defining sustainab

Sustainability and the Environment

Recent policy changes

- Sustainability is getting a lot of first time mentions in physics
 - U.S. Community Study on the Future of Particle Physics Snowmass 2021
 - Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel (P5) report 2023
- Naturally affected by other policy:
 - Paris Agreement: Net Zero by 2050
 - UN Breakthrough (2030)
 - ▶ 100% of post-2030 projects must be net zero in operation and at least 40% less embodied carbon compared to current practice for 100% net zero for whole life cycle by 2050
 - ▶ UK Government: biodiversity net gain of 20%
- Self-imposed restrictions i.e. air travel



Culture change

- We need it to make a real difference
- Embody sustainability within existing structures
- Design, manufacturing, operation etc. could carry on as normal without enforced policy/rules
- BUT with culture change
 - Not policy reliant
 - Can initiate change before policy is implemented
 - Creative, new solutions
 - Better attitudes and habits, i.e. <u>air travel</u>!





Carbon emissions and impact reports

- Climate impacts of particle physics
- Publish environmental impact reports
 - ▶ i.e. <u>CERN</u>, <u>DESY</u>

Use carbon impact reports to design with the environment in mind





Designing with the environment in mind

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- Lots of ideas in the pipeline
 - ▶ ILC, FCC, CEPC, CLIC, C³

Society, users and occupiers - behaviours and expectations that drive demand, influence and enable change

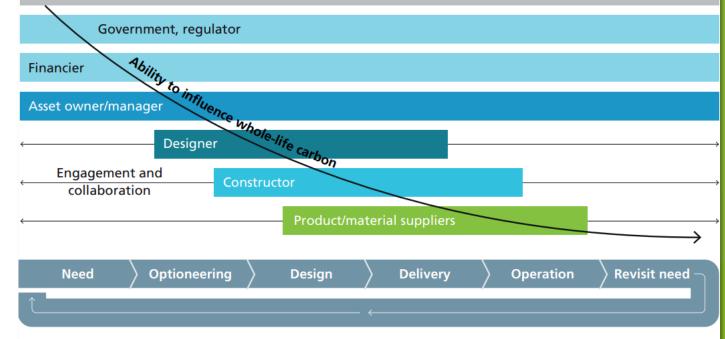


Fig 2.1: Value-chain members' ability to accelerate decarbonisation throughout the delivery process

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PAS 2080 guidance document: Practical actions and examples to accelerate the decarbonisation of buildings and infrastructure



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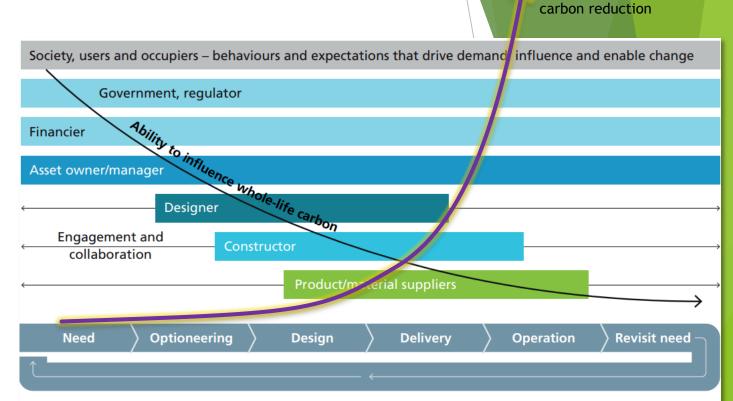


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PAS 2080 guidance document: Practical actions and examples to accelerate the decarbonisation of buildings and infrastructure

Committed to recycling the annual 254 GWh of waste heat energy via a district heating network

European Spallation Source (ESS)

<5 MW proton beam with a rotating target

- Built into the design of ESS
- Office (non-accelerator) buildings are <u>BREEAM</u> certified 'outstanding'

Renewable Power





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EUROPEAN SPALLATION

SOURCE

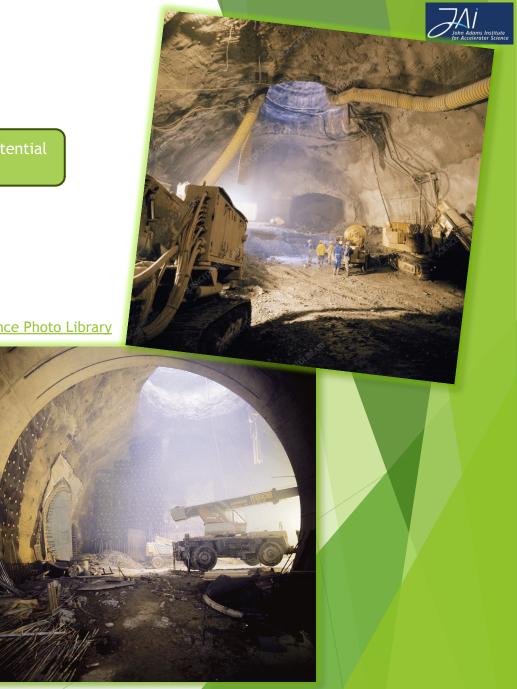
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- 250-550 GeV Linear Accelerator
- Compact 8km footprint, cut-and-cover construction evaluation
- ▶ Site power of 150 (175) MW for a beam power of 2.1 (2.45) MW
 - at an estimated 1.4% efficiency
- 185 MW solar farm could be built (\$150 million), double covering the average power requirement of C3

Where excess power could be stored for night usage.



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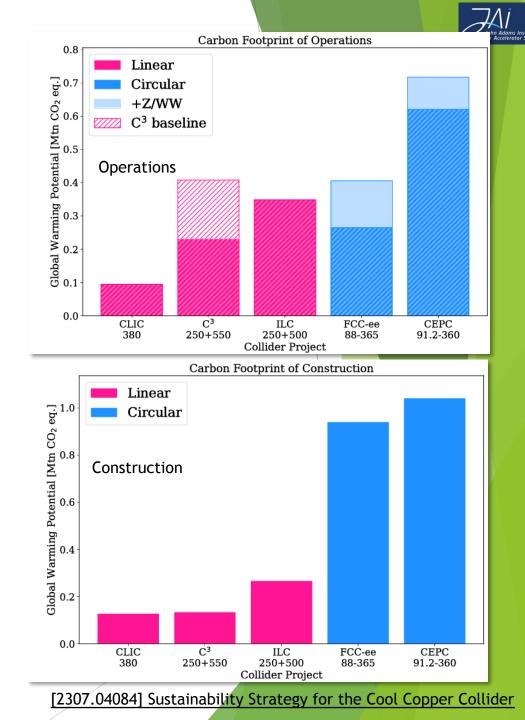
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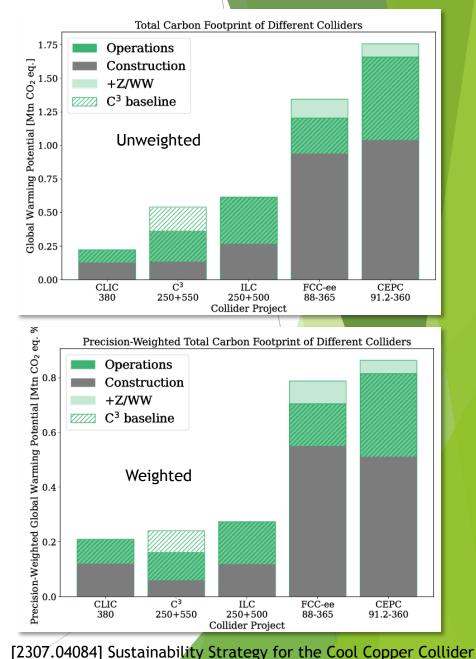
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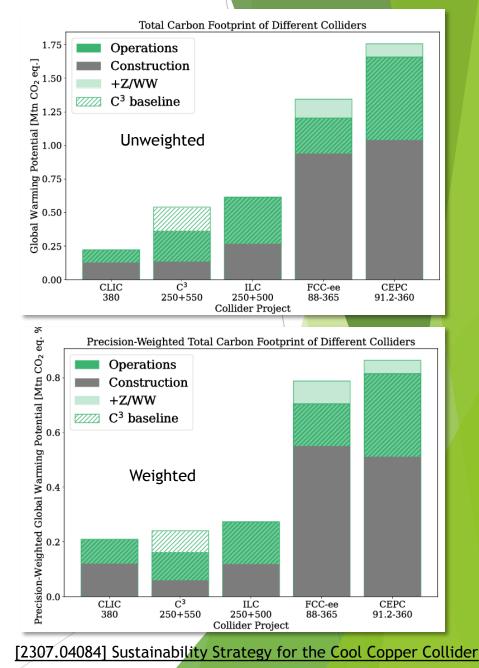




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- Not occurring here, but be aware of potential for greenwashing or "science-washing"



CLIC and ILC tunneling Life Cycle Analysis (LCA)

CLIC

- Drive beam or Klystron
- ▶ 380 GeV (1.5 TeV and 3 TeV) linear accelerator
- 11 50 km

ILC

> 250 GeV (1 TeV) linear accelerator

> 33 km

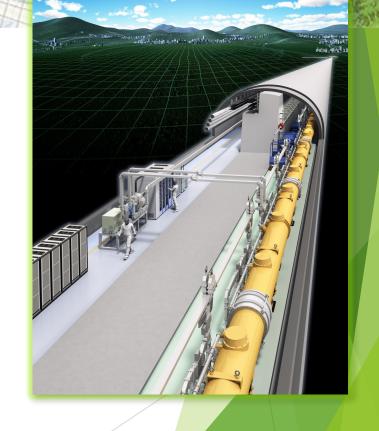


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CLIC and ILC Life Cycle Assessment Final Report

Green ILC Project

- Evaluating options for a greener ILC
- Including:
 - Large wooden structures (from sustainable forestry)
 - Utilizing waste heat for greenhouses
 - Thermal storage (HASClay®)



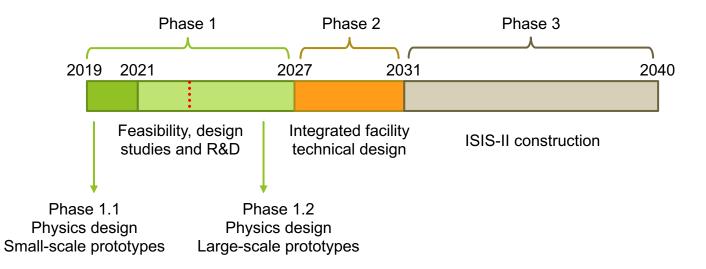


Green ILC Project





ISIS-II Neutron & Muon Source



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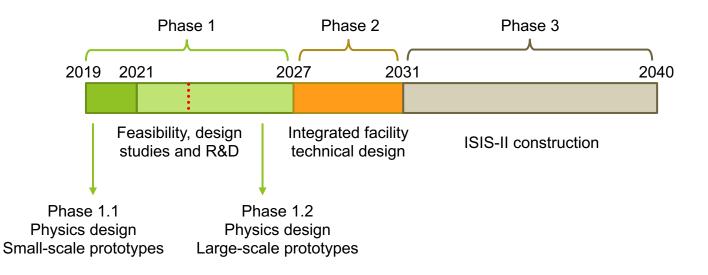


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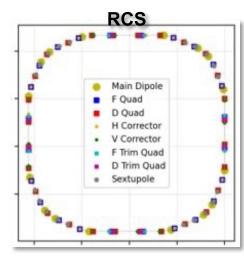


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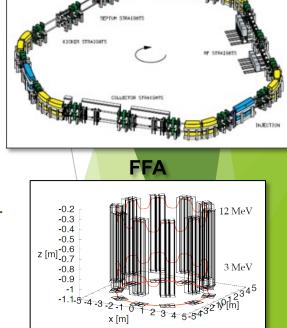
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- (Simplified) Life Cycle Assessment underway to inform design options.



ISIS Neutron and Muon Source



3 ring options for ISIS-II.



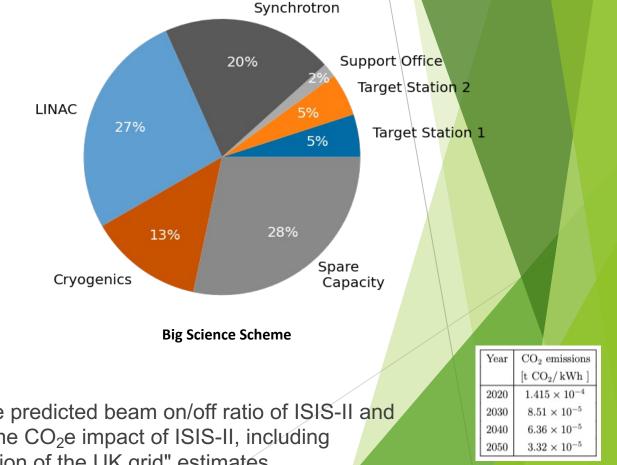
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ISIS-II Power consumption

A first estimation of the emissions of CO₂e due to the power consumption of ISIS-II over its lifetime.

Power	Big Science Scheme	
	[MVA]	Lifetime CO ₂ e [tCO ₂ e]
Target Station 1	1.5	30,156
Target Station 2	1.5	30,156
Support Office	0.5	10,052
Synchrotron	6	120,625
LINAC	8	160,834
Cryogenics	4	80,417
Spare Capacity	8.5	170,886
TOTAL	30	603,126



The power values are assumed to reflect the predicted beam on/off ratio of ISIS-II and present the 60-year operational lifetime CO₂e impact of ISIS-II, including current predicted "decarbonization of the UK grid" estimates.

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Aurora Energy Research

PRELIMINARY



Designing with the environment in mind but at a smaller scale

- Optimize individual components:
 - Power
 - Materials
- Important to consider whole lifecycle
- E.g., it's not just net weight, it's gross weight too
 - Case study: FETS RFQ at RAL
 - 16 blocks of oxygen-free copper totaling 4 tonnes
 - Machined to 16 vanes: 8 major (80kg each), 8 minor (20kg each)
 - 3.2 tonnes of copper, i.e. 80%, wasted.
 - Swarf and off cuts were recycled via commercial metal recycling.
- Machining of materials potentially optimizable



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More efficient technologies: RF Amplifiers

- Varying levels of power efficiency.
- Klystrons presently have ~50% efficiency (depending!)
- Multibeam RF sources can have RF source designs exceeding 80%
 - Modeling and Design of a High-Efficiency Multibeam Klystron
- This indicates a klystron amplifier efficiency of 70-80% is possible, leading to an overall RF source efficiency of 65%.
 - High Efficiency 50MW X-band Klystron Development
- Many other opportunities available here.



New technologies: Thin Film SC RF

- Bulk niobium cavities have been the choice for SC RF cavities for the last 50 years
- Use a considerable amount of natural material
- Performance limit of niobium has been reached
- Costly to produce
- ▶ Run at a temperature of 2 K
 - A considerable cryogenic demand and energy load
- Thin films open up the possibilities to
 - Use a copper supporting cavity better thermal properties and cheaper material and production
 - Using different superconducting materials (e.g. Nb₃Sn, NbN and MgB₂)
 - Higher operation temperature of new alloys
 - Theoretical higher accelerating gradients
 - Using high T_c superconducting materials allows RF cavities to operate at 4.2 K, instead of the 1.9 K used for high-performance Nb cavities
 - more than doubling the efficiency of the cryogenic system





Newer technologies: Permanent Magnets (PMs)

- Is it better to use PMs over electromagnets (EM)?
- ASTeC Zero-Power Tunable Optics
 - PM alternative to EM
- Proposed 3 TeV version of CLIC would require 582 MW
 - 124 MW would be used by resistive EMs.
- One magnet replacement could save $136 \text{ kg CO}_2/\text{yr}$.
- Great example of power vs. material impacts
- NdFeB is a rare earth magnet with non-negligible environmental impacts
 - > 27.6 kg CO₂e / kg of virgin NdFeB magnet

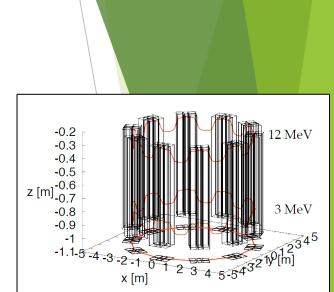
Table 3. Life cycle impacts of producing virgin and recycled NdFeB magnets.				
Impact category	Unit	Virgin	Recycled	
Global Warming	kg CO ₂ eq	27.602	12.453	
Acidification	$\mathrm{H}^{\!\scriptscriptstyle +}$ moles eq	20.524	11.320	
Carcinogenics	benzene eq	0.069	0.035	
Non carcinogenics	toluene eq	249.382	136.075	
Respiratory effects	kg PM2.5 eq	0.124	0.059	
Eutrophication	kg N eq	0.011	0.004	
Ozone depletion	kg CFC-11 eq	1.25E-06	4.89E-07	
Ecotoxicity	kg 2,4-D eq	94.285	45.345	
Smog	$kg \ NO_X \ eq$	0.109	0.034	

Tunable permanent magnets for sustainable particle accelerators

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Newer technologies: Fixed Field Alternating gradient (FFA) rings

- High energy efficiency possible due to super-conduction or permanent DC magnets
- Can deliver a high average beam current
 - The acceleration pattern is not constrained by the B field ramping speed (as in synchrotrons)
 - Solely determined by the RF voltage and frequency
- The high repetition rate could be used to deliver pulsed beams to multiple target stations at different rates
 - Leads to neutrons beings able to be generated with a variety of time structures.

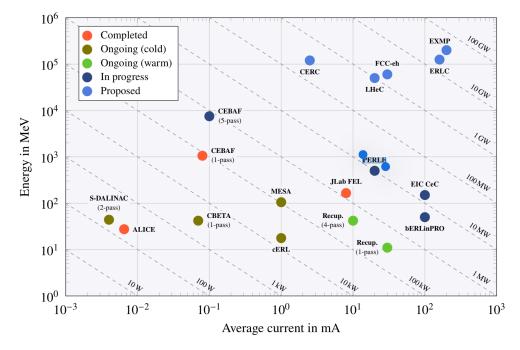


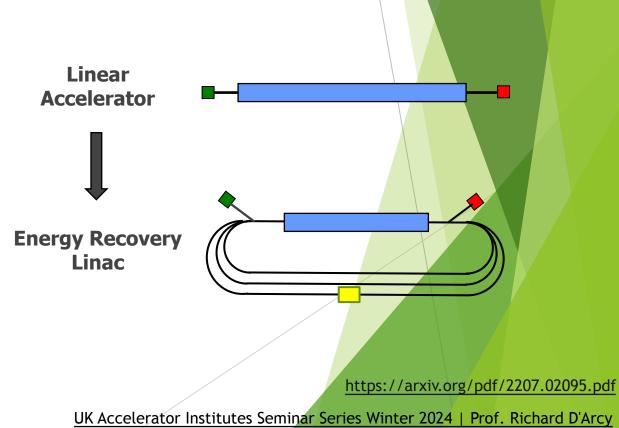
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Newer technologies: Energy Recovery Linacs (ERL)

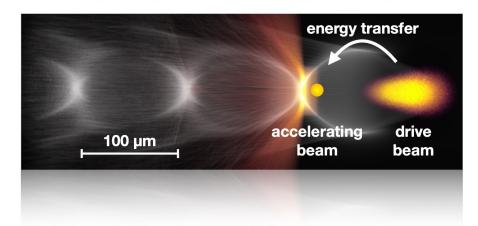
- Utilise the kinetic energy of unused particles in increasing the RF field intensity
- $\blacktriangleright \quad \text{Accelerate} \rightarrow \text{use} \rightarrow \text{decelerate}$
- More energy efficient
- Largest energy consumption will be the cryo





New technologies: Plasma accelerators

Charge-density wave in plasma

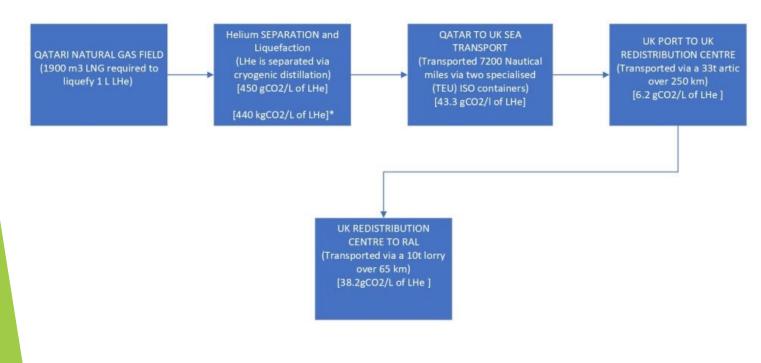


- High power-transfer efficiency
- Potential for wall plug power to beam power efficiency of 50%?



Reduction in resource consumption: Helium

- Increasingly rare and expensive!
- Also comes with associated environmental impact



Helium	Production footprint	Transportation footprint	Boil-off losses	Total footprint
source	(g CO ₂ / l He)	(g CO ₂ / l He)	(%)	(g CO ₂ / l He)
ISIS helium recovery system	450	0	10	500
Gas company (excluding LNG production)	450	87.7	25	712
Gas company (including LNG production)	440,000	87.7	25	587,000
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0.08% of gas company inc. Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) production

The authors have applied an assumption that ~25% of the gas suppliers' liquid helium boils off during transport, compared to ~10% at ISIS.



Particle accelerator waste

- Waste occurs throughout lifetime
- Many types of waste, and lots of it
 - Especially at decommissioning

	Prevent	
N	Reduce	
	Reuse	
	Recycle	
	Dispose	

Reducing radioactive waste

- Accelerators can generate some highly active hazardous waste
 - Operational and End Of Life
- Long lived radionuclides are the relevant topic for waste management at accelerator facilities
- Electron accelerators:
 - Not (usually) significant < 13 MeV</p>
 - Radioactivity comes from secondary photo-nuclear interactions
- Proton/ion accelerators:
 - Threshold reactions can occur at almost all energies
 - Leads to activation of accelerator components
 - Spallation and neutron production
 - Also activates surrounding materials!

Reducing radioactive waste

- The UK currently lacks enough capacity for disposal of ILW and High Activity Waste (HAW)
- Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is in early planning stages
 - GDF schedule 2040-2108
- Waste must safely store for ~20-90 years...

ISIS radioactive waste

150 - 300 tonnes of

radioactive waste per year

~30,000 - 35,000 tonnes

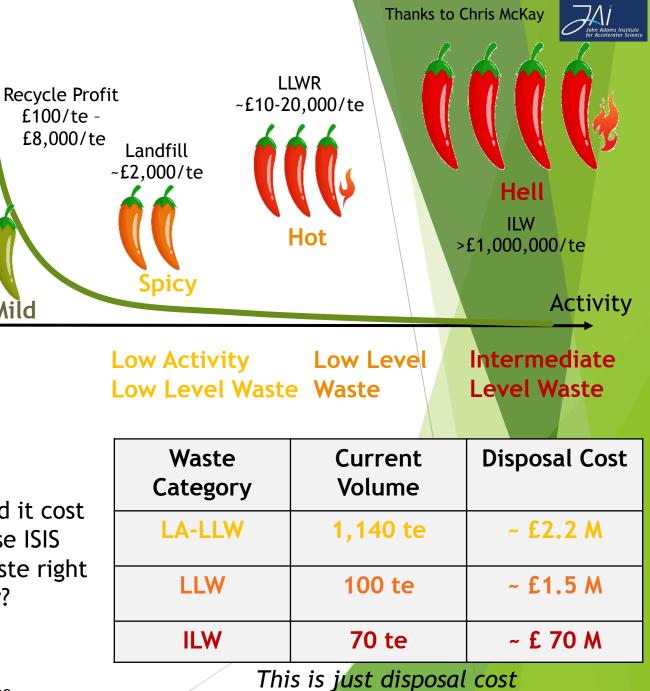
decommissioning

What would it cost to dispose ISIS current waste right now?

Mild

Quantity

of Waste

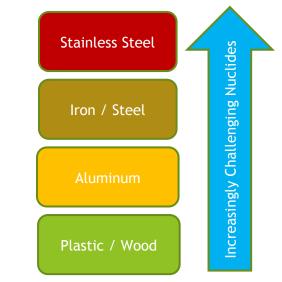


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Reducing radioactive waste

- Understand what you expect to generate
- Plan and mange through the full lifecycle
 - Minimise (beam losses, material selection)
 - Segregation
 - Characterise
 - Storage
 - Disposal
- Adequate facilities (remote waste handling)
- Plan for site legacy after operation





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Other optimization

e.g. could machine learning aid us?

1. Simulation

enhance simulation and modelling of particle accelerator processes for more accurate predictions of performance and energy usage such that researchers could identify ways to improve efficiency and reduce environmental impact before physical implementation.

2. Optimise Energy Use

analyze data on energy consumption patterns of particle accelerators and reduce energy without compromising performance. Potential here for real-time adjustment of machine parameters.

3. Optimise Material Use

- optimize materials used and component design in particle accelerators to improve efficiency and reduce environmental impact.
- 4. Beam Control
 - predict and control beam characteristics such as intensity, position, and stability using ML models to operate more efficiently, reduce energy consumption and minimize radioactive waste.
- 5. Fault Detection
 - proactively detect anomalies using sensors and predict potential failures in particle accelerators to prevent unexpected downtime and environmental impact associated with spares and repairs.

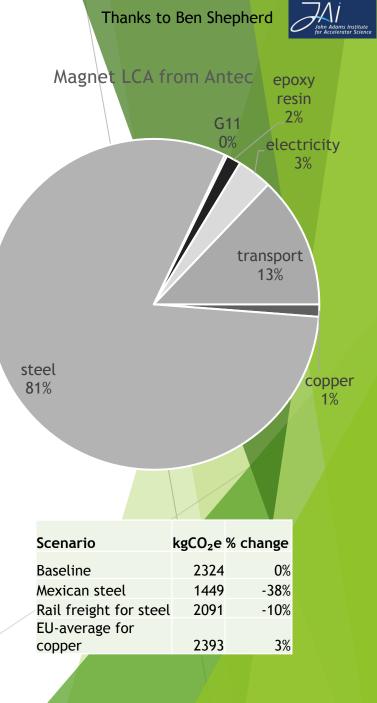
Evaluating environmental impacts

There are many methods to evaluate various environmental impacts

- "Back of envelope"
- Environmental impact reports
- Carbon emission/footprint reports
- Life Cycle Assessments/Analyses
- What is important is
 - Appropriate level
 - Documentation/Methodology
 - Reproducibility

Antec Magnet Carbon Footprint

			kgCO₂e/kg	Source		
Oxygen free copper		Copper, Finland	0.400 Northey, 2012			
Magnetic Steel: M270-50A		Steel, Germany	1.708	gi, 2016		
G11 plates		Fibreglass, Europe	1.500 PwC, 2016			
Epoxy resin		Epoxy resin, World	, World 6.700 Venk		katesh, 2009	
Supplies (location):						
			kgCO₂e/t.km	km	kgCO₂e/kg	
Copper	Finland	Road freight, Europe	0.1	3800	0.531	
Magnetic Steel	Germany	Road freight, Europe	0.1	1700	0.238	
G11	Spain	Road freight, Europe	0.1	410	0.057	
Epoxy resin	Spain	Road freight, Europe	0.1	410	0.057	
Use of materials (quantities/surplus):						
		end use [kg]	consumed [kg]	kgCO₂e	transport kgCO ₂ e	
Copper: 70kg (100% utilization)		70	70	28	37	
Magnetic Steel: 1100 kg of material consumed to use						
700 kg (63.6% utilization)		700	1100	1879	261	
G11: Consumed 3.5 kg material to use 2.5 kg (71.5 %)		2.5	3.5	5	0	
Epoxy resin: 5 kg per coil		5	5	34	0	
Other materials in commercial parts not considered						
	Total	s 777.5	1178.5	1946	299	
Energy consumption (per magnet) (*)						
			kWh/kg			
Manufacture/yoke stacking and curing: 0.25 kWh/kg			0.25			
Winding: 0.1 kWh/kg			0.1			
Impregnation and curing: 0.3 kWh/kg			0.3			
		Total	0.65	505	kWh	
			Spain, 2020	156 gCO2e / kWh 79 kgCO₂e		
			Overall total	verall total 2324 kgCO ₂ e		
				2.99	kgCO₂e/kg	



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A Life Cycle Analysis/Assessment (LCA)

► ISO 14040/44 standard



Goal & Scope

Goal

What is the goal of this study? Are you trying to compare designs? Identify hotspots of impact? Report on a specific component/material?

Scope

- What will the study cover? What will it ignore? What assumptions are made?
- Decide on a functional unit, e.g., "user hours delivered over 40 years of operation at an energy of 1.2 GeV".
- Define impacts considered.
 - Environmental impact is not just CO₂e (toxicity, biodiversity, human health, ...)



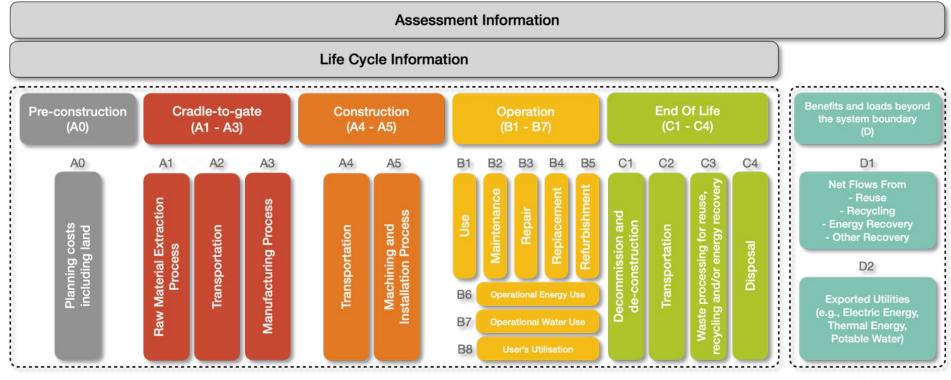
Inventory Analysis

Data collection and quality control:

- Construction
 - Facility
 - Machine
 - Shielding
 - Computing
 - Location
- Operation/Active life
 - Energy consumption
 - Resource consumption inc. leakage
 - Failure likelihoods/risks inc. replacement/repair
- Decommissioning
 - Storage of radioactive materials

Input (resources, materials, semi-products, products) vs. Output (emissions, waste, valuable products)

Impact Assessment



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BS EN 17472:2022

EN 17472:2022 is an engineering standard which we can use as a basis.

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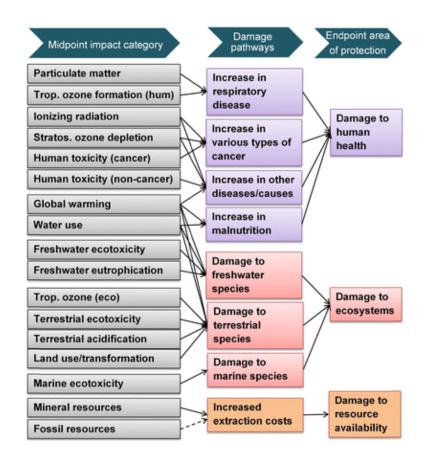


A. ConstructionB. OperationC. Decommissioning



Impact Assessment

- Many impact assessments exist, no standard yet set within our field
- ReCiPE:2016 Midpoint (H) Life Cycle Impact Assessment Method



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LCA Software

- OpenLCA
- Simapro

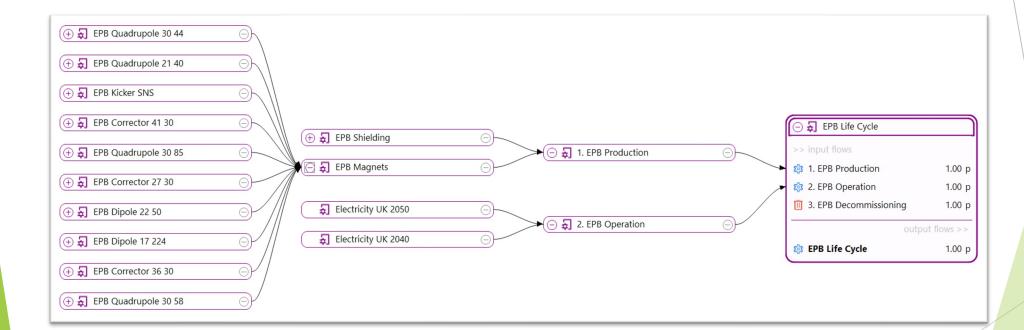
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- OneClick LCA
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LCA Software

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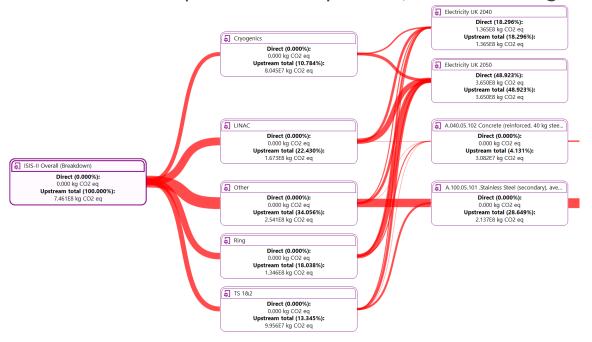
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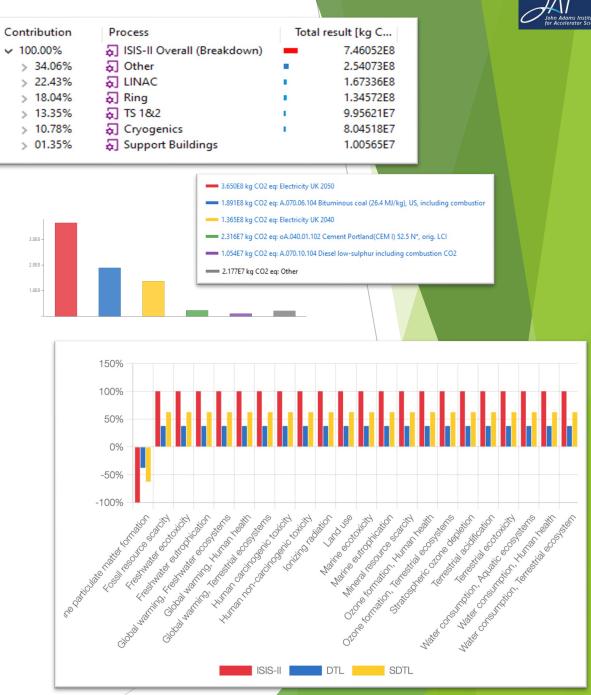
LCA Software

OpenLCA

- Idemat database free for academics
- Open Source
- Compatible with Python
- Enables fast calculation of component lifetime impacts
- Enables comparison of components, different designs etc.



JAI Accelerator Course, Oxford | Dr. H. M. Wakeling | February 2024



Conclusion and summary

- Particle accelerators have an environmental impact
- ▶ We should reduce it
- There are endless opportunities to do so
- Each have different levels of impact themselves
- Evaluation allows identification of next steps





Backup slides



- Humanity's power consumption is growing, and still growing, to the point of an energy crisis.
- David MacKay TED talk: <u>How the Laws of</u> <u>Physics Constrain Our Sustainable Energy</u> <u>Options</u>
 - Book! (free pdf and other versions)
- Energy crisis has many possible solutions and opinions:
 - "Renewables! Only renewables."
 - "Slow down our development."
 - "Technology will save us."
- Realistically, none of these on their own is our single saviour.

The Energy Crisis



Established groups, organizations and events to be aware of

EuCARD2 - EnEfficient, WP3 Energy Efficiency

High Energy Physics, Cosmology, Astroparticle Physics, Nuclear and Hadron Physics (HECAP+) Initiative

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ESSRI Workshops <u>previous 2022 workshop</u>, <u>next workshop: Madrid 25-27 Sep 2024</u> EAJADE Workshop <u>on Sustainability in Future Accelerators (WSFA2023) (25-27 September 2023)</u> Sustainable HEP 2024 (**upcoming**!): <u>Sustainable HEP 2024 – 3rd Edition (10-12 June 2024)</u>



The Sustainable HECAP+ reflective document

- Reflects on sustainability in the context of HECAP+: High Energy Physics, Cosmology, Astroparticle Physics plus Hadron and Nuclear Physics).
- Initiative conceived at the 2021 <u>Sustainable HEP</u> workshop, hosted online by CERN.
- Broken down by key areas for our research, with best practice examples, case studies and recommendations.
- Relevance across big science, and all those engaged in it: scientists and non-scientists alike.
- You can show your support of this document through endorsement at the website!

Environmental sustainability in basic research A perspective from HECAP+



Abstract

The climate crisis and the degradation of the world's ecosystems require humanity to take immediate action. The international scientific community has a responsibility to limit the negative environmental impacts of basic research. The HECAP+ communities (High Energy Physics, Cosmology, Astroparticle Physics, and Hadron and Nuclear Physics) make use of common and similar experimental infrastructure, such as accelerators and observatories, and rely similarly on the processing of big data. Our communities therefore face similar challenges to improving the sustainability of our research. This document aims to reflect on the environmental impacts of our work practices and research infrastructure, to highlight best practice, to make recommendations for positive changes, and to identify the opportunities and challenges that such changes present for wider aspects of social responsibility.

https://sustainable-hecap-plus.github.io

Additional Resources

- [2203.12389] Climate impacts of particle physics
- [2307.04084] Sustainability Strategy for the Cool Copper Collider
- Fraunhofer CLIC Energy Study: Energy Load and Cost Analysis
- ARUP CLIC and ILC Life Cycle Assessment Final Report

