



Sustainability in HEP

and what can we do to help?

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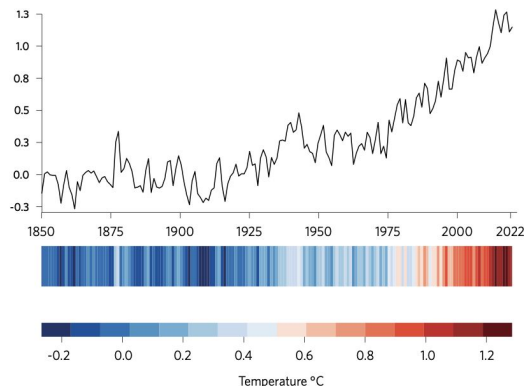
Goal of the month for November 2023

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Climate change in numbers

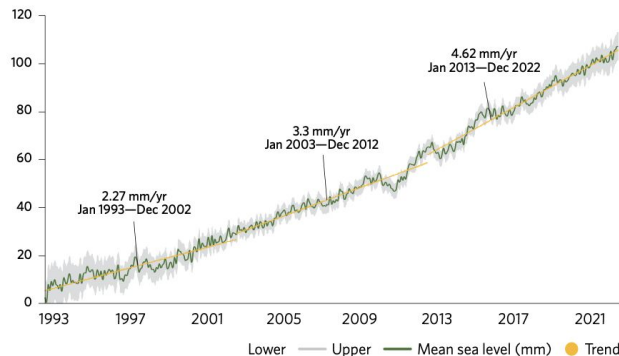
- ❑ At the current rate, the world temperature will **increase by 1.5 °C by 2035** and faces a **2.5 °C warming by 2100**.
- ❑ The **rate of sea-level rise has doubled** in the last decade.
- ❑ Global emissions must be halved by 2030, on the way to net-zero by 2050, but on current national plans, **emissions are set to rise by 10%**.

Global annual mean temperature relative to pre-industrial levels (1850-1900 average), 1850-2022 (degrees Celsius)



Source: The figure and climate stripes are drawn from the World Meteorological Organization's State of the Global Climate 2022 report, which combines six international data sets for temperature: HadCRUT.5.0.1.0 (UK Met Office), NOAA GlobalTemp v5 (USA), NASA GISTEMP v4 (USA), Berkeley Earth (USA), ERA5 (ECMWF), and JRA-55 (Japan).

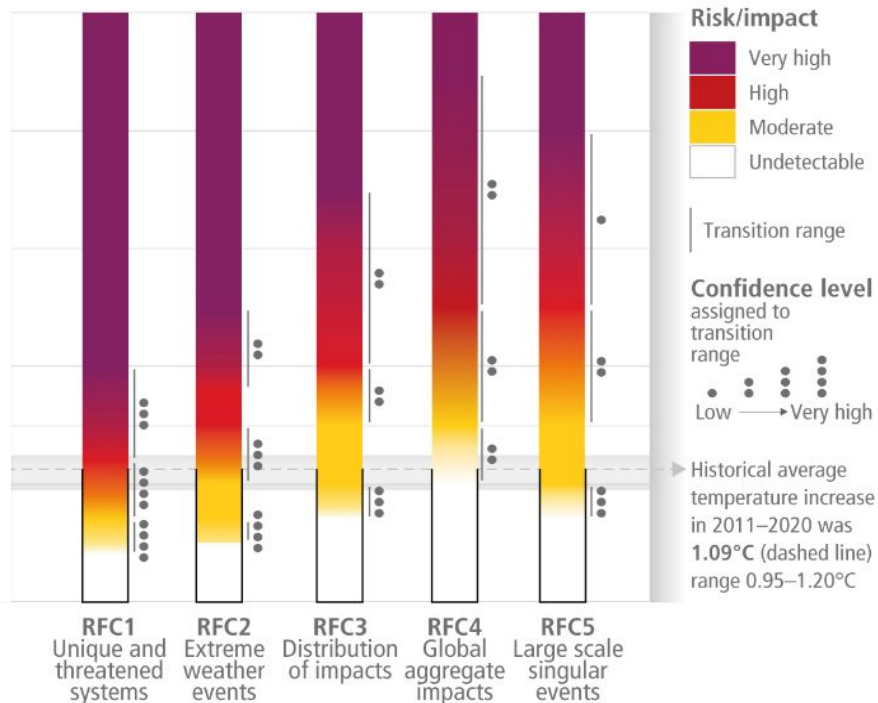
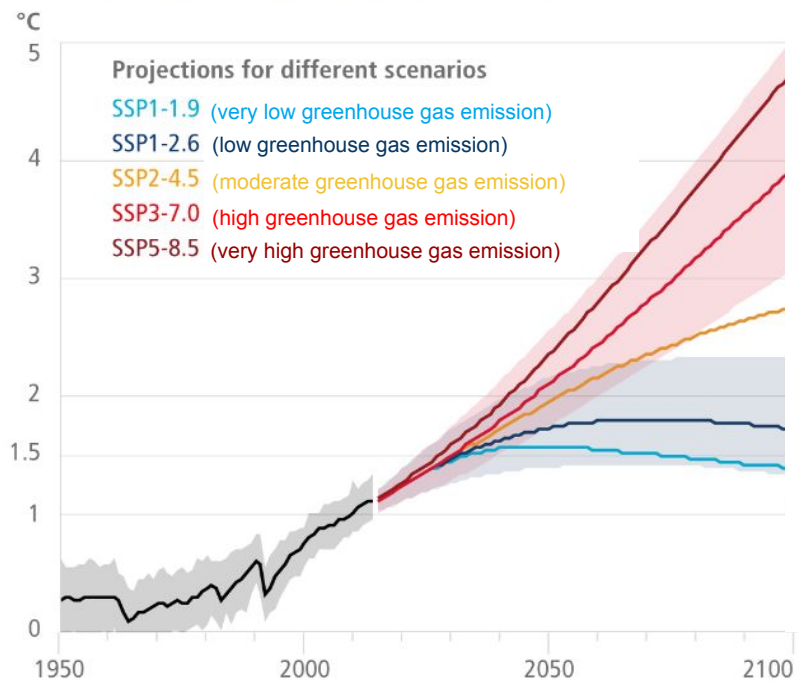
Global mean sea level, 1993-2022 (millimetres)



Note: Based on satellite measurements.

Source: Laboratoire d'Etudes en Géophysique et Océanographie Spatiales (LEGOS); data from AVISO altimetry (www.aviso.altimetry.fr). Taken from the World Meteorological Organization's State of the Global Climate 2022 report.

How bad could it get?

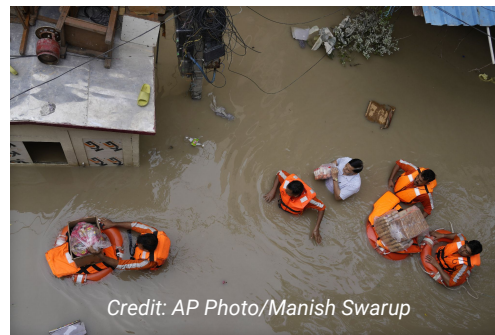


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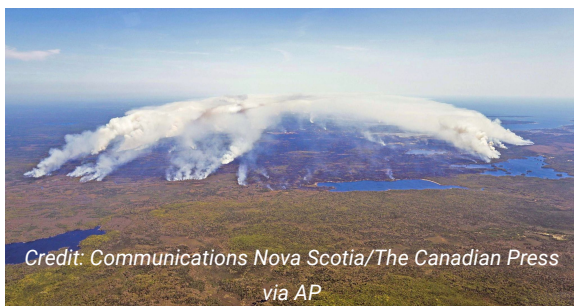
Flooding in Italy, May 2023



Floods in India, July 2023



Wildfires in Canada, May 2023



Wildfires in Greece, July 2023

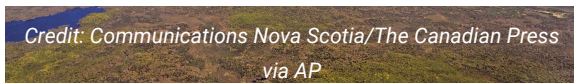


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We all have a responsibility to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to limit global warming, individually and as a community in HEP



What is the FH Sustainability Forum?

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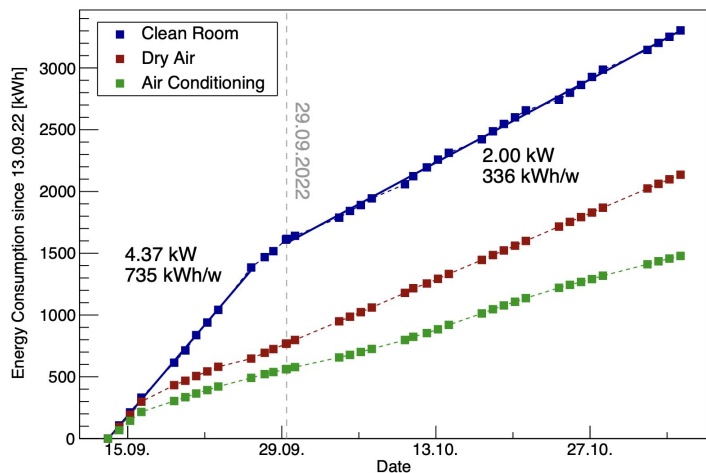
...a platform to discuss, to improve & to change for sustainable high energy physics within DESY FH!

- ❑ Talks & discussions on different sustainability topics: identify unsustainable practices – discuss, share, and implement sustainable solutions – networking
- ❑ Establish innovative and support existing projects working towards a sustainable HEP
- ❑ Monthly meetings: usually one Monday per month at 16h
- ❑ Regular sustainable computing workshop for DESY users

DESY FH examples: optimising clean rooms

From Andreas Mussgiller's [talk in the Sustainability Forum](#)

- DESY, in collaboration with German universities, will deliver one endcap for the future trackers of CMS and ATLAS
 - Requires Detector Assembly Facilities (DAFs), which are clean-rooms that use Fan Filter Units (FFUs)

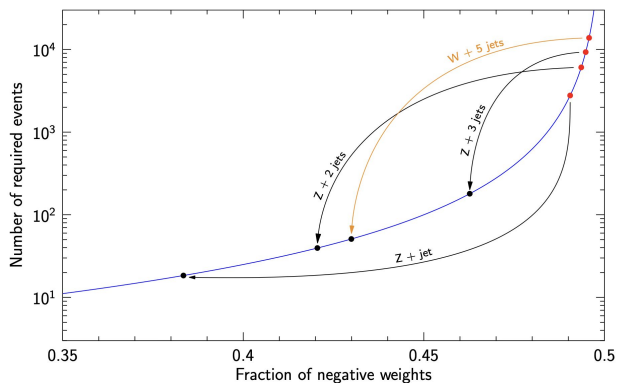
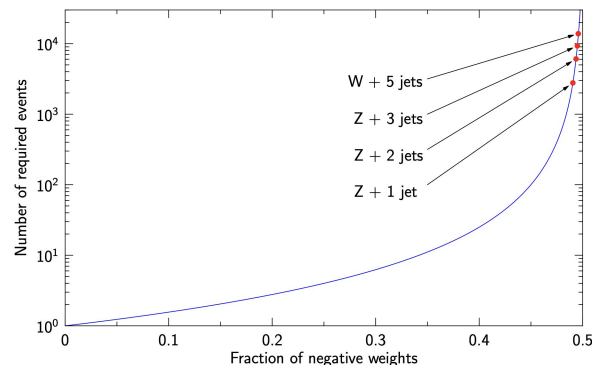


- Early in 2023, a study to optimise the clean room energy consumption was launched
- Aim of the optimisation was to reduce energy consumption without degrading air quality
 - Reduced the energy consumption of the FFUs by over 50%

DESY FH examples: MC generation techniques

From Andreas Maier's [talk in the Sustainability Forum](#)

- ❑ Event weights can be negative but this leads to slow statistical convergence
- ❑ The higher the fraction event weights, the higher the required number of events that needs to be produced



- ❑ Cell resampling drastically reduces the number of required events
- ❑ The idea is to remove negative weights by smearing over small phase space regions
- ❑ Has been demonstrated to preserve predictions in an ATLAS analysis, [Eur. Phys. J. C77 \(2017\) 361](#)
- ❑ Computationally efficient

DESY FH examples: computing

- ❑ Held **1-day workshop** (September 8, 2023) on **Sustainable Computing**, hosted by the FH Sustainability Forum and FH IT experts
 - ❑ <https://indico.desy.de/event/40426/>
- ❑ Participants learned about:
 - ❑ Writing efficient code
 - ❑ Using batch computing in a sustainable way
 - ❑ Maximizing resources and minimize waste
- ❑ Examples demonstrated with local computing clusters and tailored to the needs of the FH division
- ❑ **Next workshop, tailored to beginners will be January 17 and 18, 2024. <https://indico.desy.de/event/42345/>** Please register, 25 spots in total!



Other HEP examples: RPC leaks

From [this presentation](#) at an ECFA symposium

- ❑ Almost 50% of ATLAS CO₂e emissions originates from gases with high GWP
 - ❑ In particular, from leaks in the RPCs where 1000 L / h == 5.8 Tons CO₂ / h
- ❑ 2 mitigation strategies:
 1. Fix the gas leaks. But:
 - ❑ Difficult to access and takes a long time
 2. Using special foam (applicable to ~50% gas inlets)
But:
 - ❑ Cannot be applied if there is a complete crack
- ❑ Recuperation system for R134A under investigation
 - ❑ First results are promising
 - ❑ CMS is saving 10% of fresh gas
- ❑ Dilution of gas mixture
 - ❑ Addition of CO₂ gives 15% reduction in combined GWP

Gas	GWP
CO ₂ (Carbon dioxide)	1
R134A (Tetrafluoro-ethane)	1430
SF ₆ (Sulfur hexafluoride)	22800
C ₃ F ₈ (Octafluoropropane)	8830
C ₆ F ₁₄ (Perfluorohexane)	9300

Other HEP examples: CMS remote operations

- ❑ **DESY remote operations** → **travelling saved**
- ❑ Large number of DQM shifts at the CMS Center at DESY:
 - ❑ 35 shift blocks for Tracker DQM Shifter and Tracker DQM Shift Leader
 - ❑ 34 shift blocks for online DQM
- ❑ **Saved ~69 round trips to CERN**
 - ❑ With one round trip by plane corresponding to 450 kg CO₂^{*}, one round trip by train to 61 kg CO₂^{*}

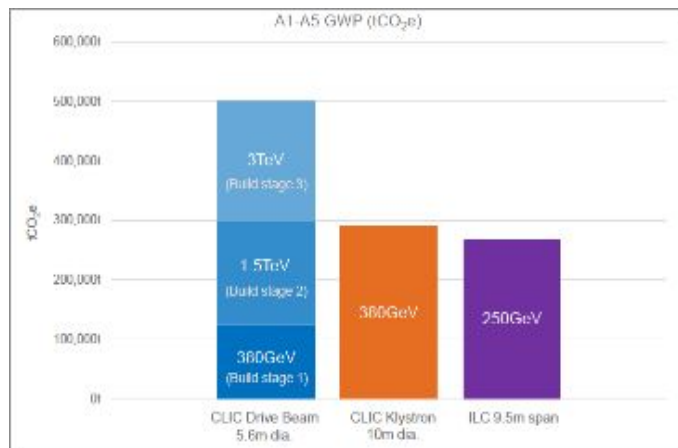


Up to 31 tons of CO₂ saved!!

Other HEP examples: future colliders

From Benno List's [talk in the Sustainability Forum](#)

- ❑ A **lifecycle approach** needs to be considered for all future projects to achieve the target energy and luminosity whilst also conserving resources
 - ❑ Consider the entire lifecycle of a project, from construction through to end-of-life



- ❑ CERN have already started to engage in this
 - ❑ [First comprehensive study](#) commissioned for the impact of civil engineering work CLIC and ILC
 - ❑ Sets a new standard for lifecycle studies for future colliders

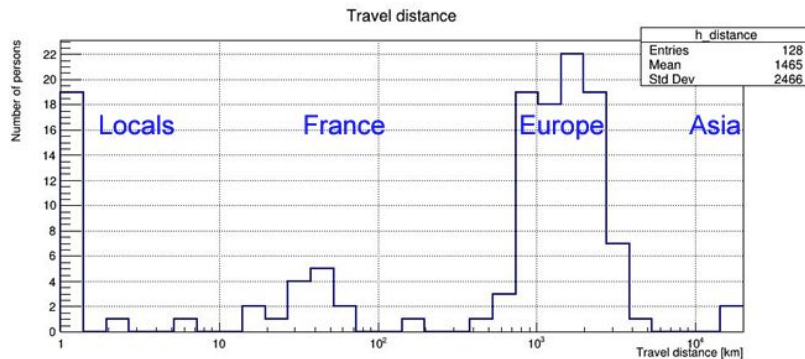
Other examples: Einstein Telescope travel footprint

From [ET's Sustainability Workshop](#)

- ❑ The Einstein Telescope collaboration had a whole workshop devoted to sustainability
- ❑ For the workshop, they estimated their travel carbon footprint

We have estimated the carbon footprint associated to travels for this ET collaboration meeting

Participants have provided the carbon footprint of their travel when they registered



146 participants

18 persons did not provide information about their trip

CO2 emission w/o contrails = 17717 kg → 19901 kg (extrapolating missing info)

CO2 emission w/ contrails = 31480 kg → 35361 kg (extrapolating missing info)

CO2 emission per person = 30000 kg / 146 = 205 kg for 4 days of meeting

In average a French person emits ~10 t / year of CO2 (2050 target: 2 t / year)
~ 27 kg / day (2050 target: 5 kg / day)

Final remarks

Next forum meeting:

“Evaluating the environmental impact of the ISIS-II neutron and muon source” Hannah Wakeling

[Monday 22nd January 16:00](#)

“Unless we act now, the 2030 Agenda will become an epitaph for a world that might have been.”

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

in [The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023](#)

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Any interest from Belle II members to help organize?