

# Life Cycle Assessment

Comparative environmental footprint for future linear colliders CLIC and ILC

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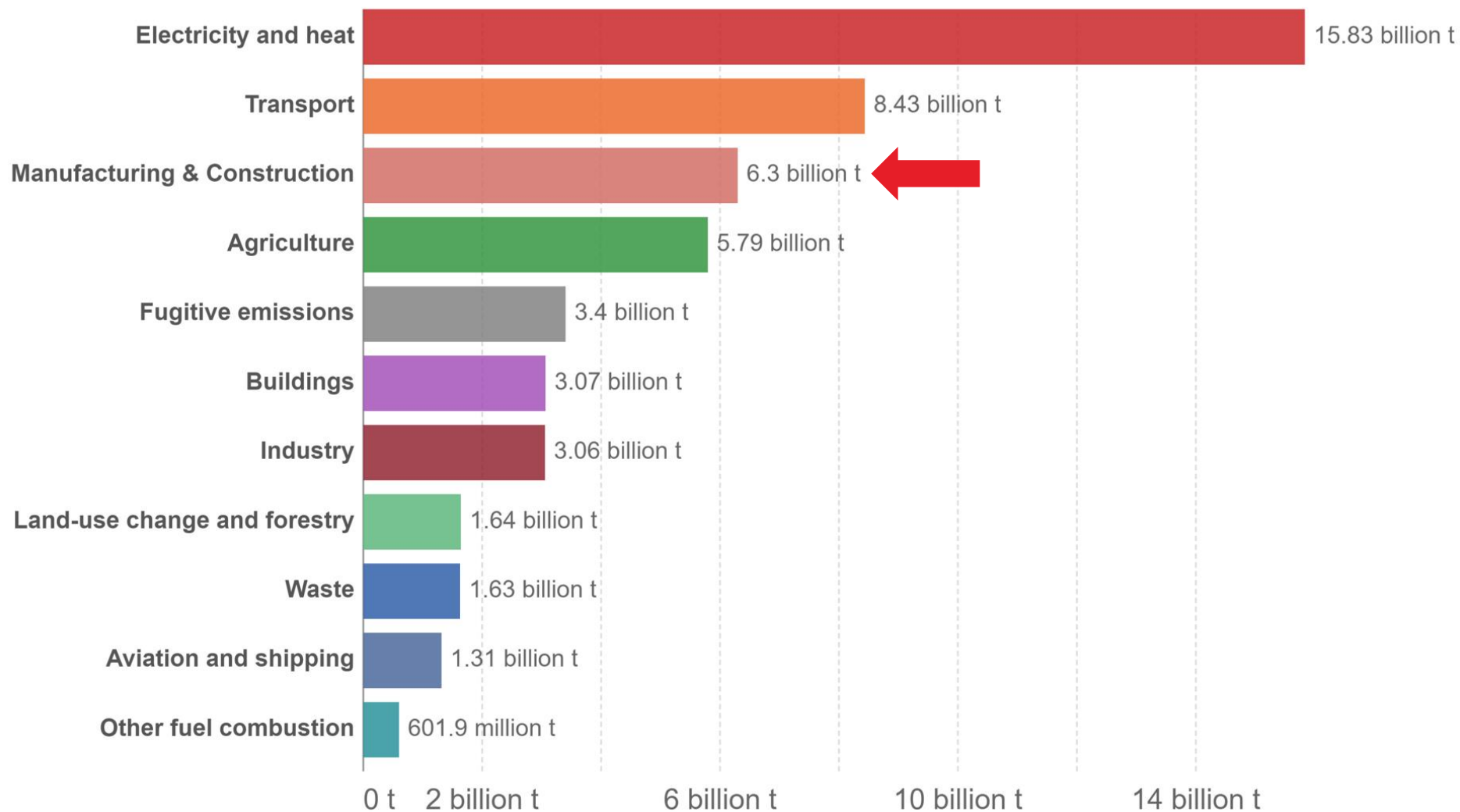
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# Global GHG Emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

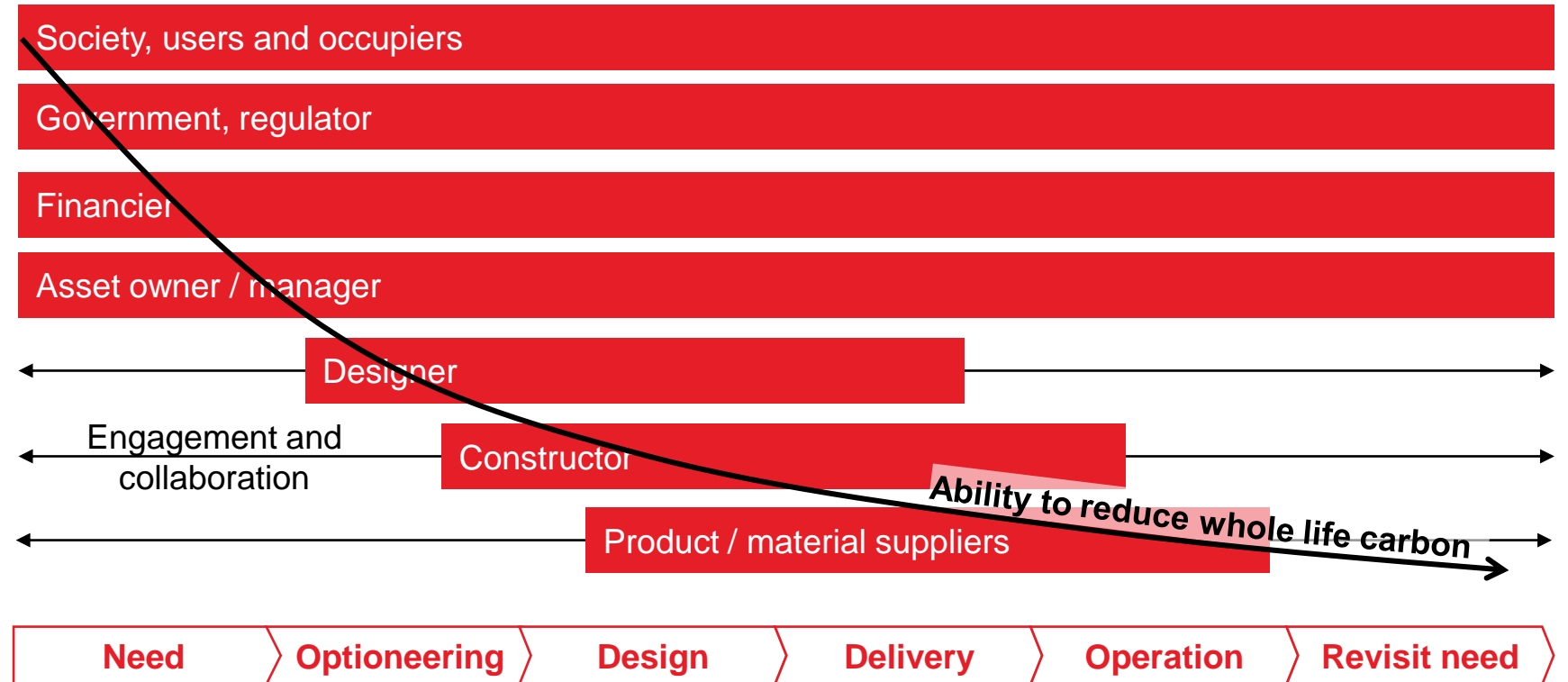


**100% of projects** due to be completed in  
**2030** or after are **net zero carbon**  
**in operation**

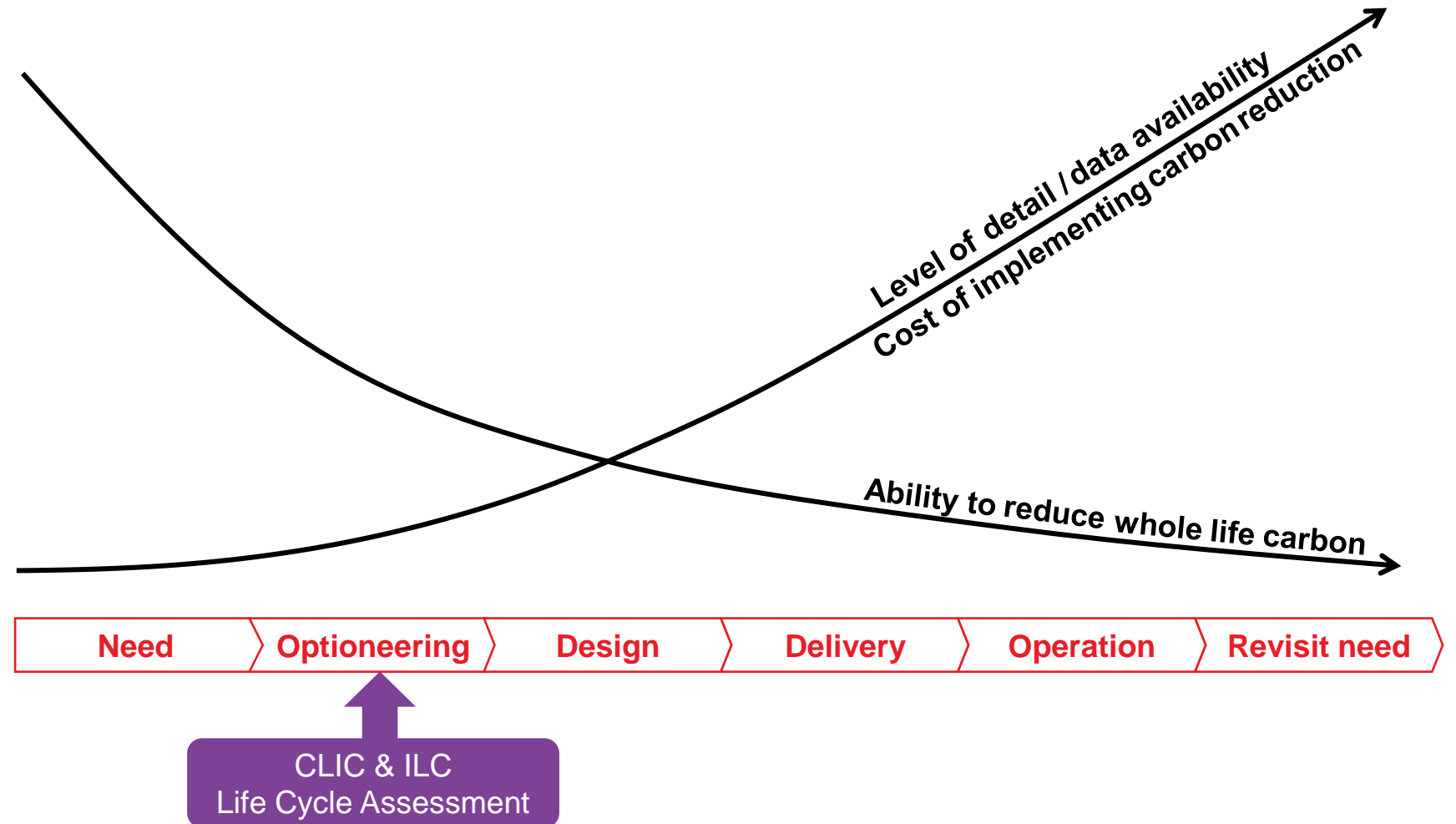
with at least **40% less** embodied  
carbon compared to current practice

UN  
Breakthrough  
Outcomes for  
2030

# Our Influence



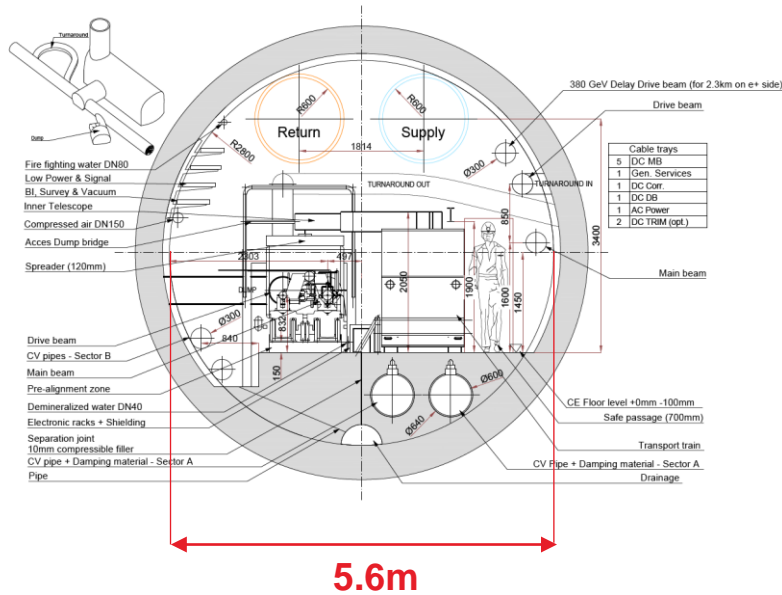
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# Linear Collider Options

## 1. CLIC Drive Beam

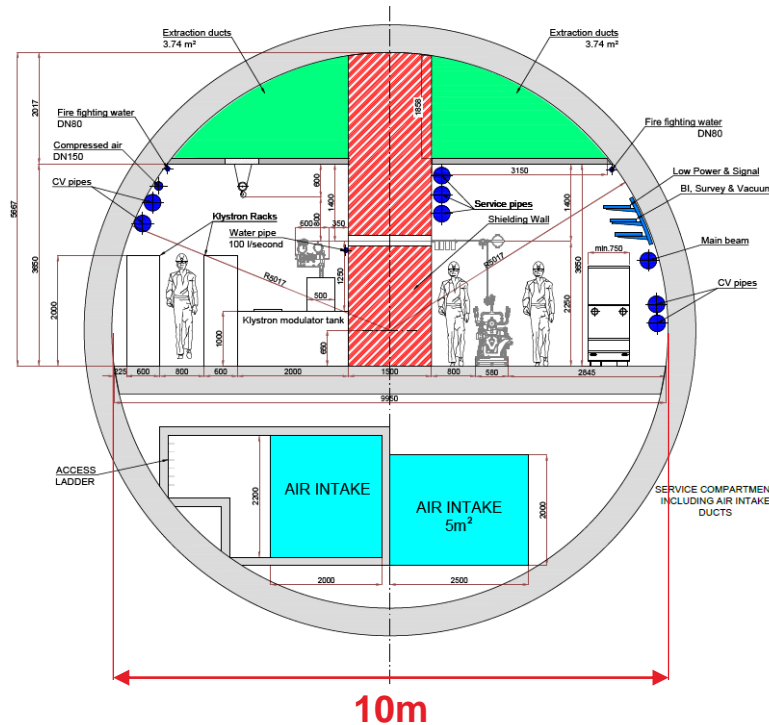
5.6m internal dia. Geneva.  
(380GeV, 1.5TeV, 3TeV)



Reference: CLIC Drive Beam tunnel cross section, 2018

## 2. CLIC Klystron

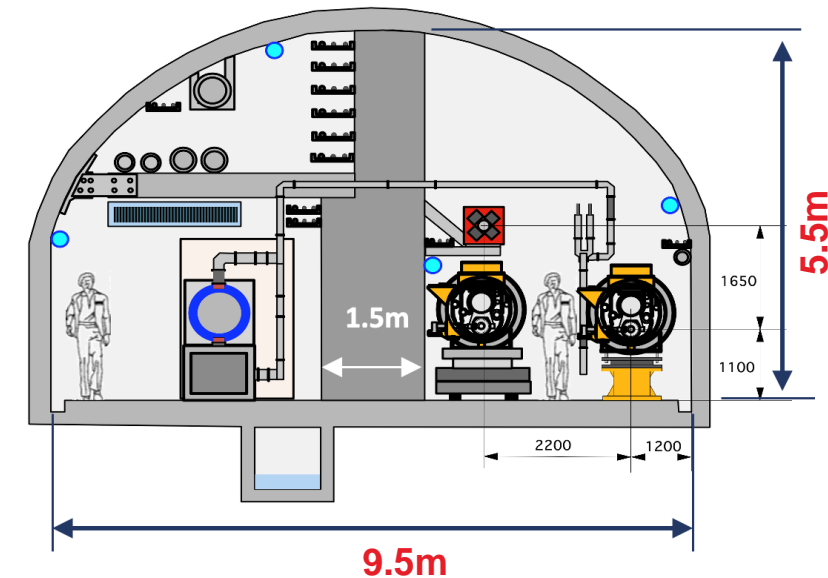
10m internal dia. Geneva.  
(380GeV)



Reference: CLIC Klystron tunnel cross section, 2018

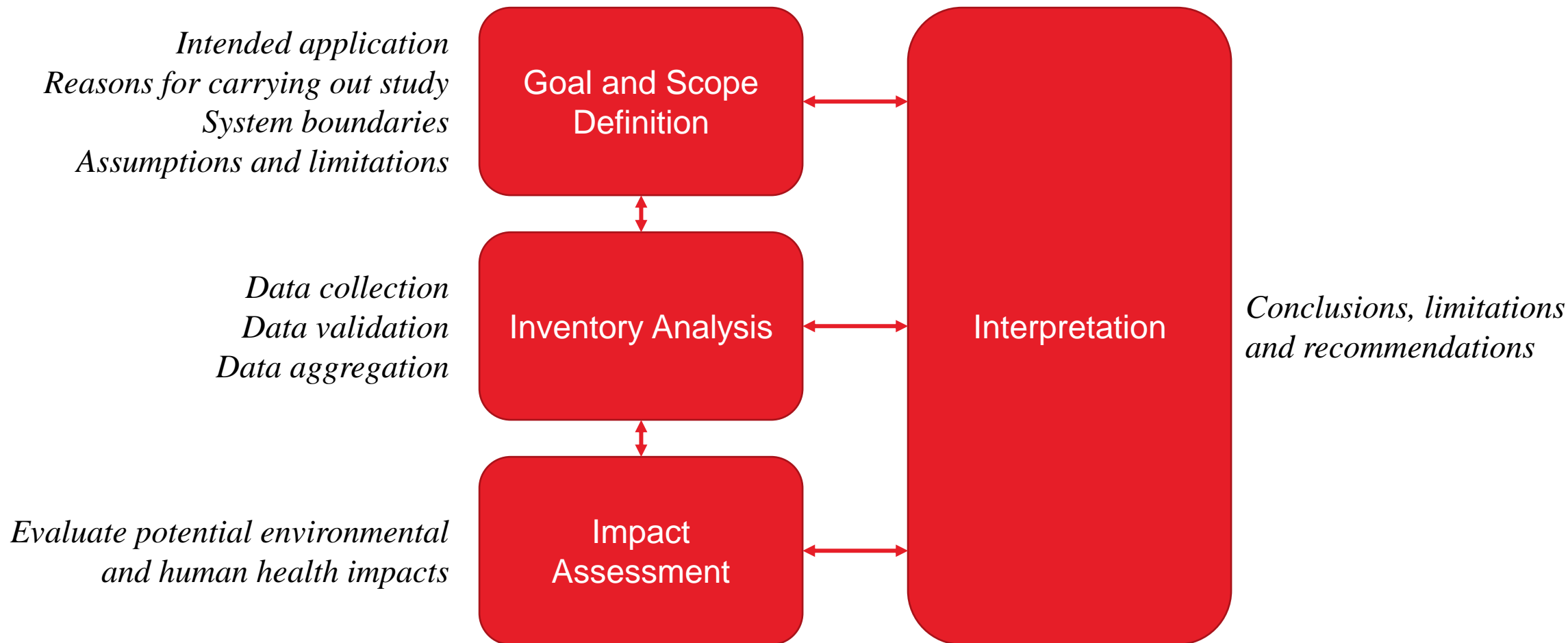
## 3. ILC

Arched 9.5m span. Japan.  
(250GeV)



Reference: Tohoku ILC Civil Engineering Plan, 2020

# Life Cycle Assessment Framework

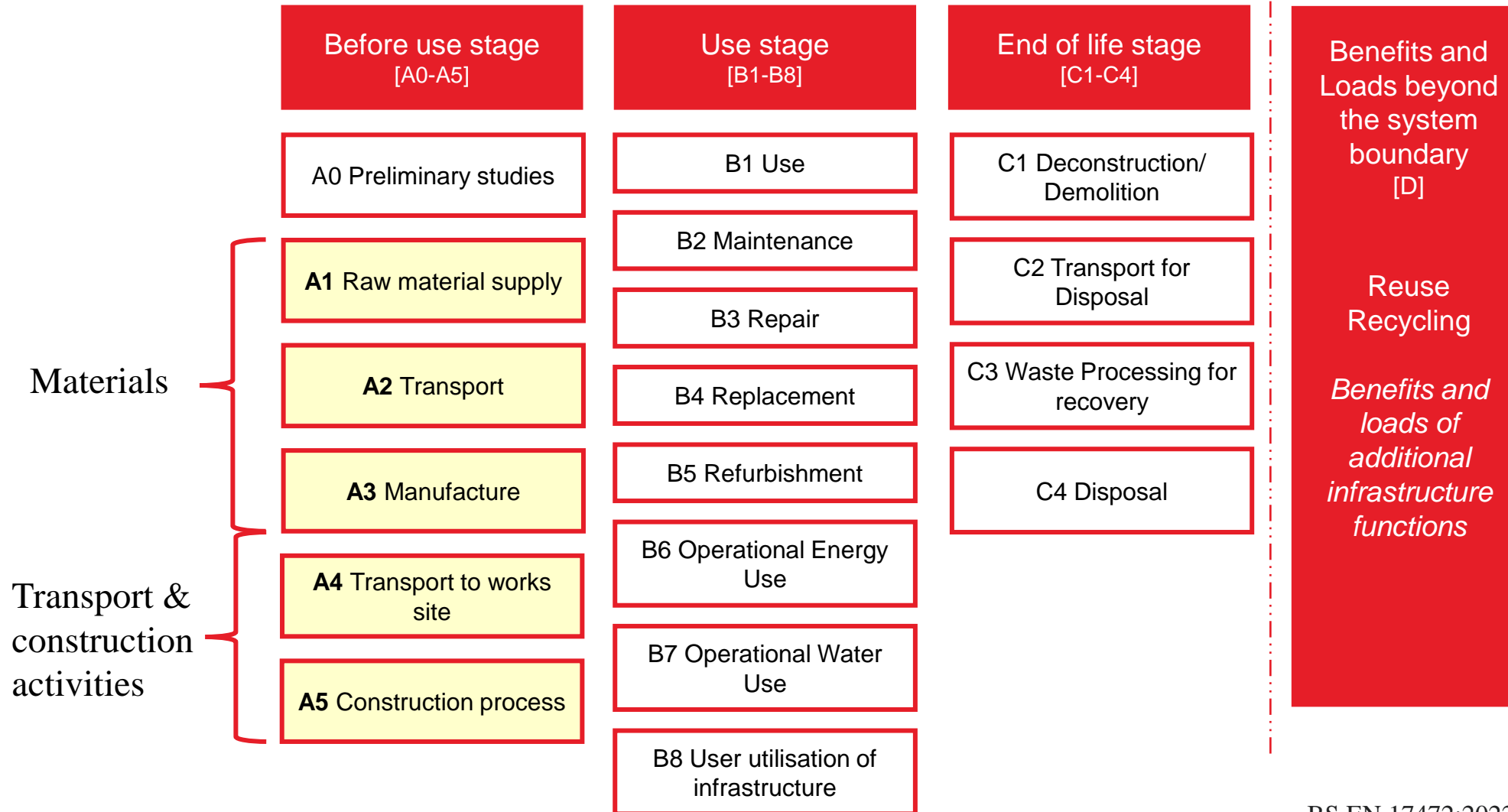


# Goal and Scope

- **Goal:** Evaluate the material and construction environmental impacts of the three proposed linear collider options, identifying hotspots and potential reduction opportunities.
- **Scope:** CLIC & ILC options (tunnels, caverns & access shafts).
- **Methodology:** Evaluates 18 environmental impact categories, including Global Warming Potential (GWP), using ReCiPe 2016 Midpoint (H) Method. LCA tool is Simapro with Ecoinvent database.



# System boundaries



# 2030 Baseline assumptions

LCA Modules		CLIC Drive Beam	CLIC Klystron	ILC
A1-A3	Materials	Concrete (CEMI) & Steel (80% recycled)		
A4	Transport of materials to site	Concrete: Local by road (50km) Steel: European by road (1500km)		Concrete: Local by road (50km) Steel: National by road (300km)
A5	Material wasted in construction	Concrete insitu: 5% Precast concrete: 1% Steel reinforcement: 5%		
A5	Transport of disposal materials off site	Concrete and steel recycling: 30km by road Concrete and steel landfill: 30km by road Spoil: 20km by road <i>Assumed that 90% of EoL construction materials are recycled or repurposed and 10% is in landfill.</i>		
A5	Construction process	Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)		Drill & Blast
A5	Electricity mix 2021/2022	Fossil: 12% Non-fossil: 88%		Fossil: 71% Non-fossil: 29%

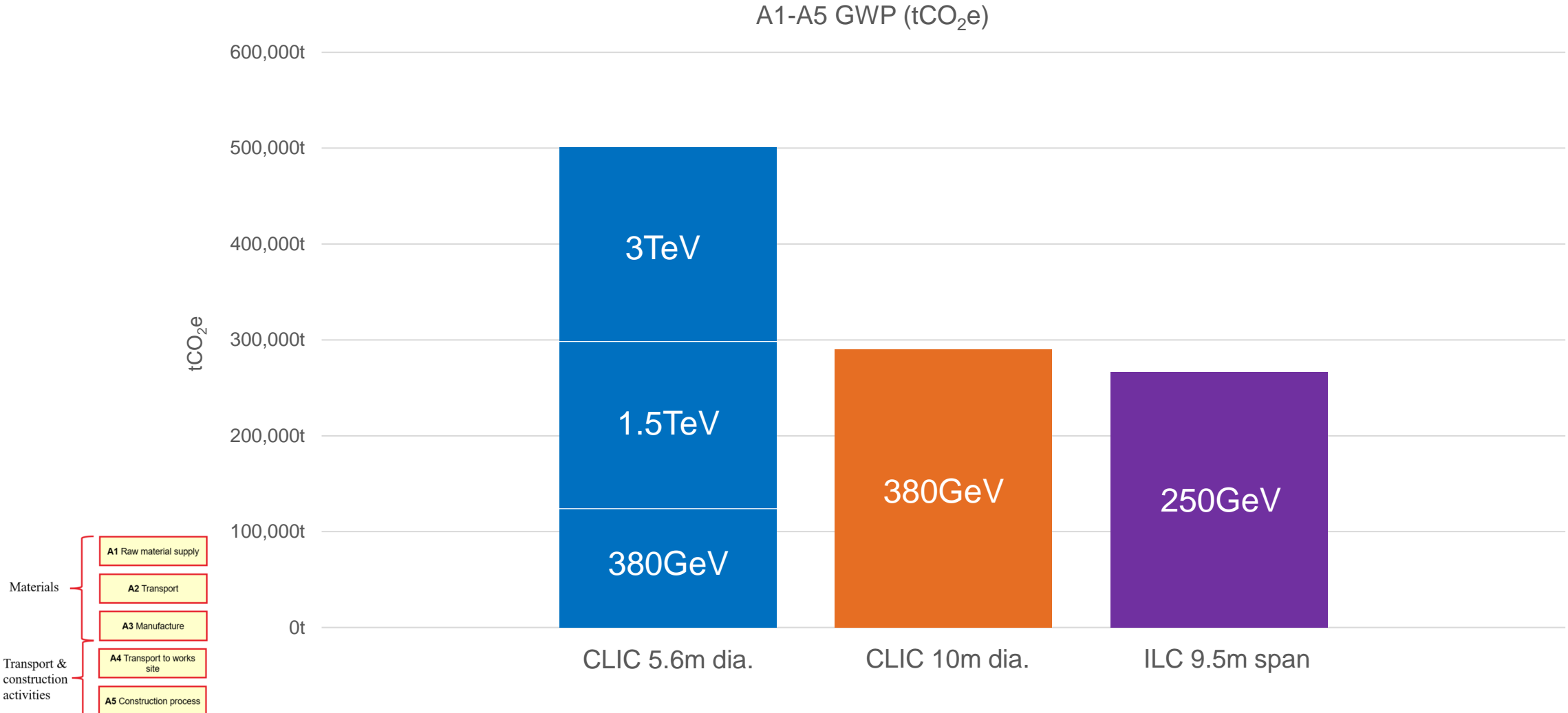
# Data Hierarchy

System	Sub-system	Components	Sub-components
CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV	Tunnels	Main accelerator tunnel	Primary Lining
			Permanent Lining
		Turnarounds	Invert
			Primary Lining
	Shafts	9-18m dia.	Permanent Lining
			Invert
Caverns	BDS, UTRC, UTRA, BC2, DBD, service cavern, IR cavern, detector and service hall	Primary Lining	
		Permanent Lining	

# A1-A5 Results

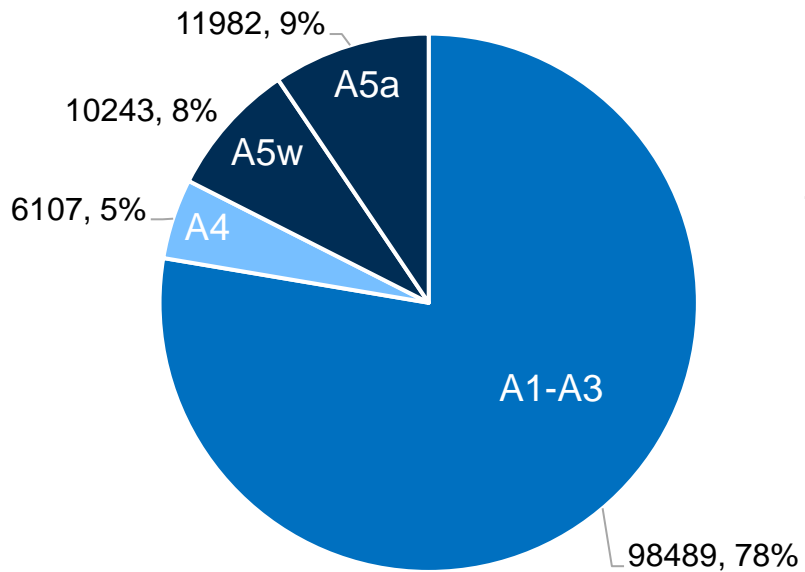


Global Warming Potential, GWP (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



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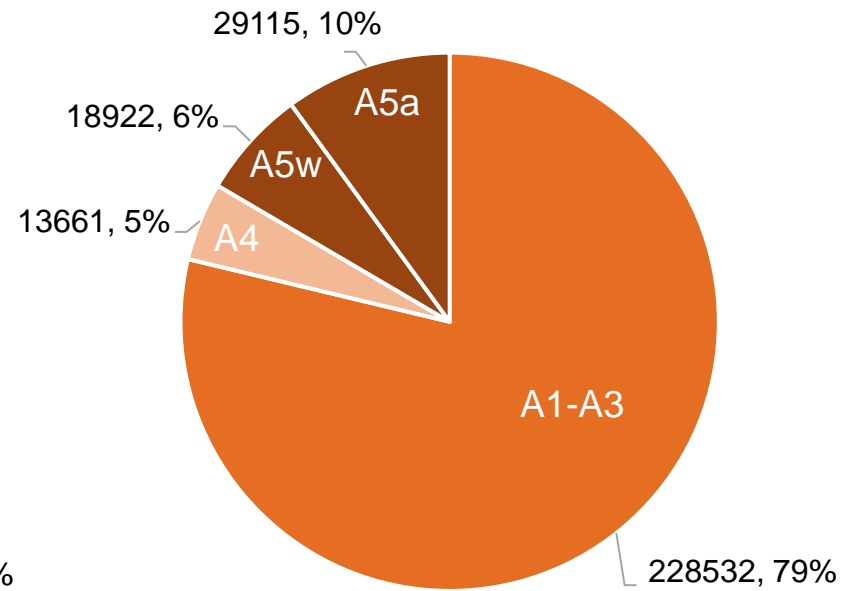
5.6m internal dia.  
Geneva



Total A1-A5 GWP: 127000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

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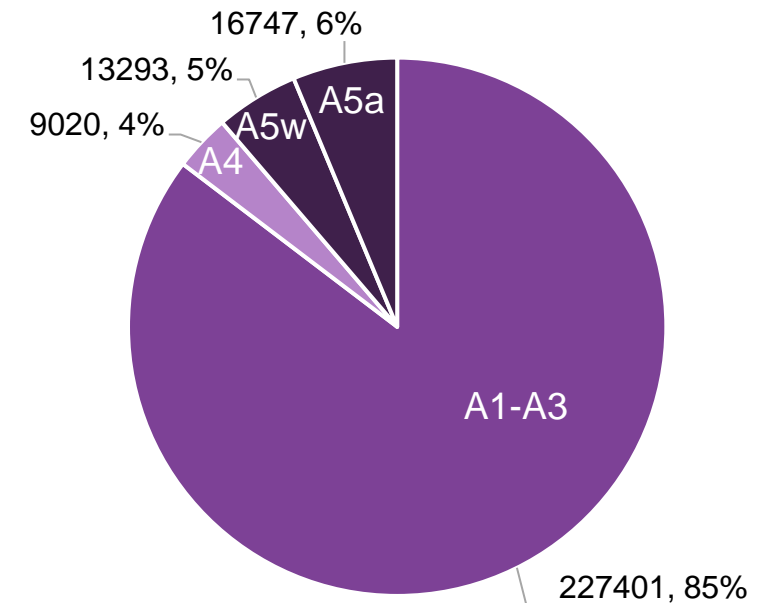
10m internal dia.  
Geneva



Total A1-A5 GWP: 290000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

### 3. ILC 250GeV

Arched 9.5m span  
Japan



Total A1-A5 GWP: 266000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

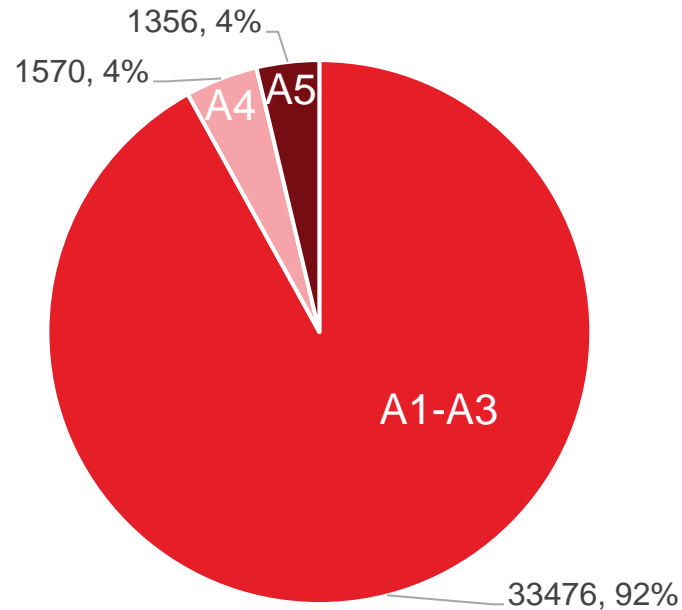
# Benchmarks

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## A1-A5 Global Warming Potential

### Highway tunnel, UK Concept stage

1.4km long, twin bore, 10.7m internal dia. TBM tunnel

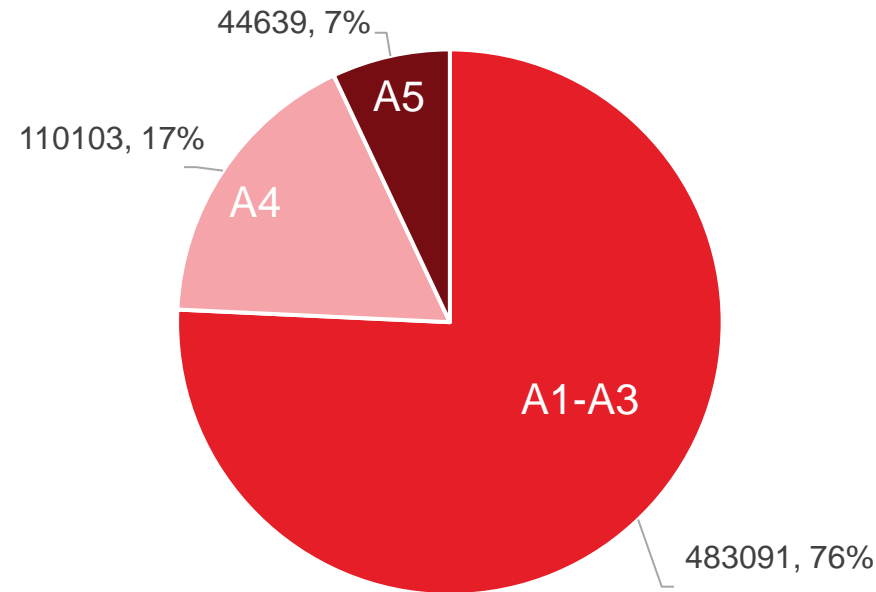


Total A1-A5 GWP: 36400 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

Reference: Arup Highway tunnel carbon calculation internal study (2020)

### Californian High-Speed Rail System Proposed scheme

49km long, twin-bore, 9m internal dia. NATM tunnel



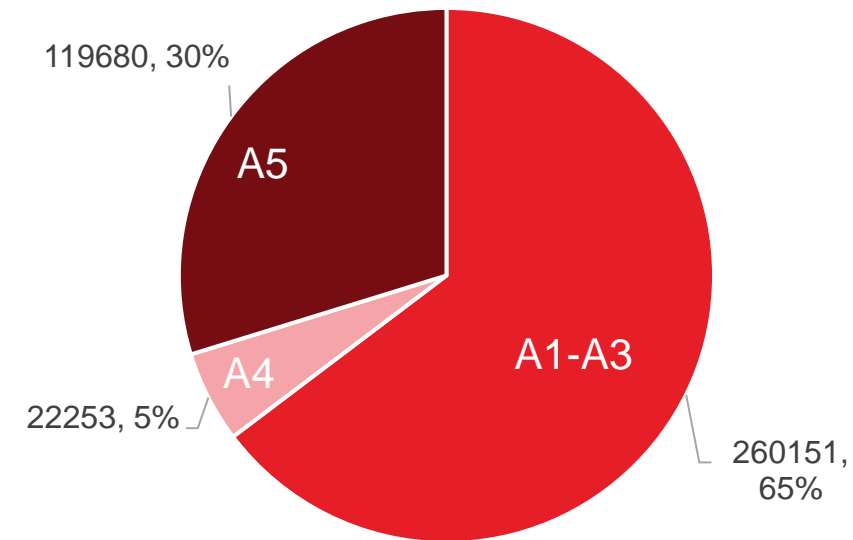
Total A1-A5 GWP: 213000 tCO<sub>2</sub>

Note: Data is reported as CO<sub>2</sub> but is reasonable to compare against CO<sub>2</sub>e.

Reference: Understanding the contribution of tunnels to the overall energy consumption of and carbon emissions from a railway J. A. Pritchard, J. Preston, Transportation Research Group, University of Southampton, (2018).

### Crossrail, UK As built

17km long, 5x twin-bore, 6.2m internal dia. TBM tunnel



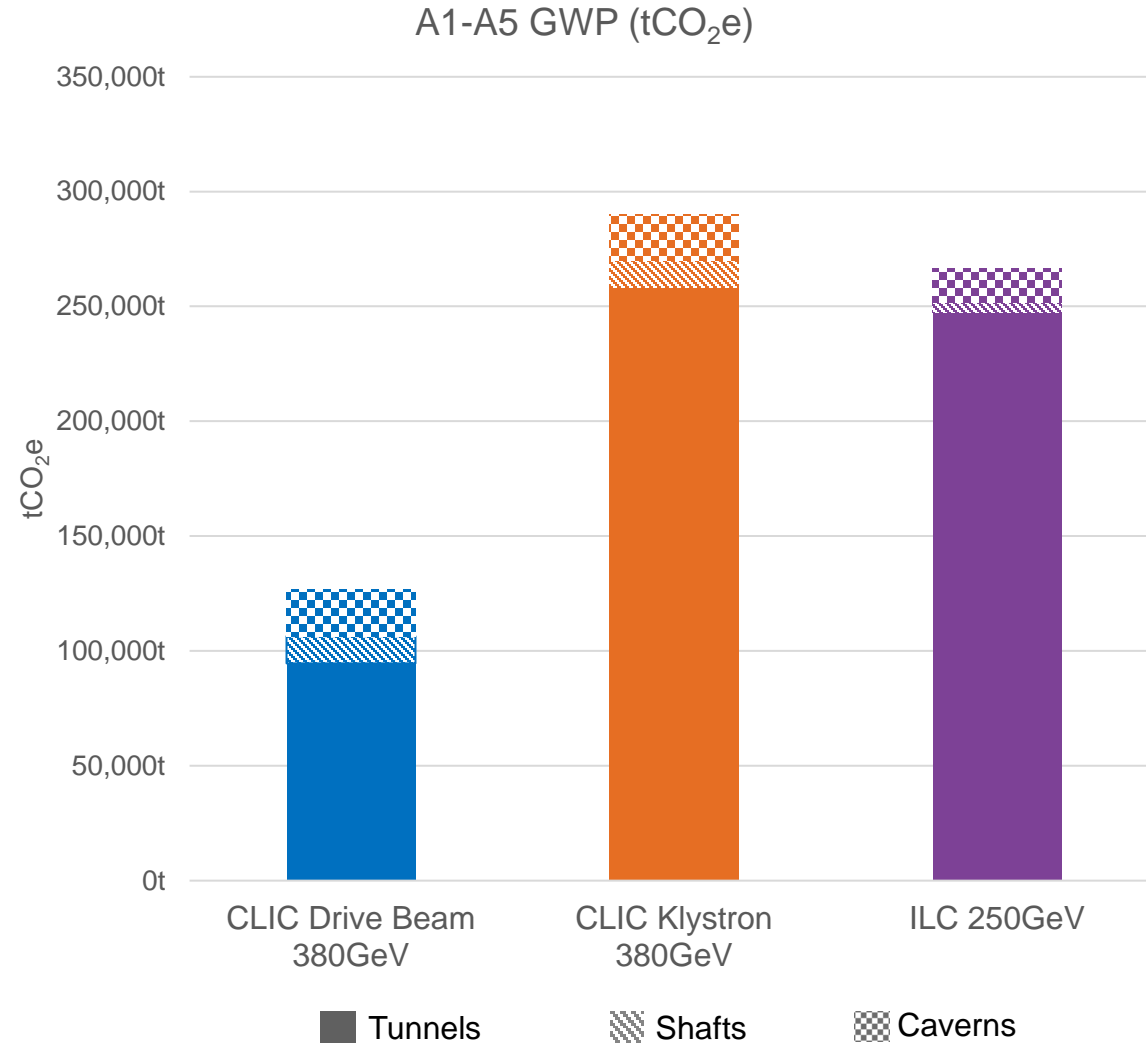
Total A1-A5 GWP: 402000 tCO<sub>2</sub>

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# CLIC & ILC

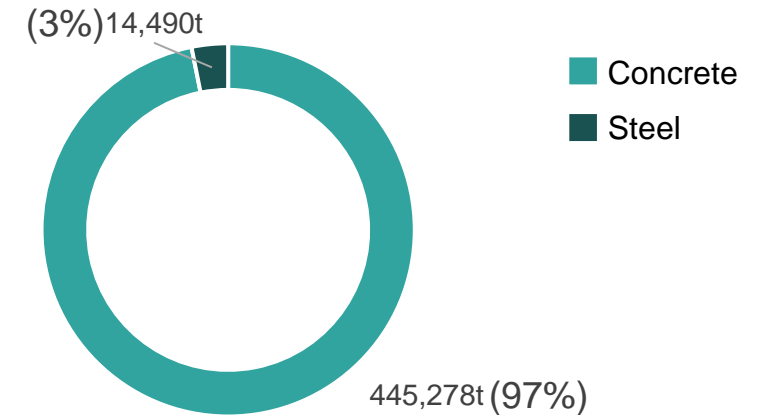
## A1-A5 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



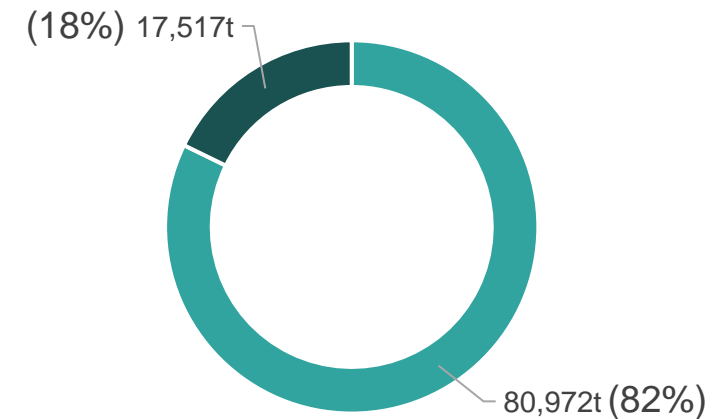
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## CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV

A1-A3 material breakdown (t)



A1-A3 GWP breakdown (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

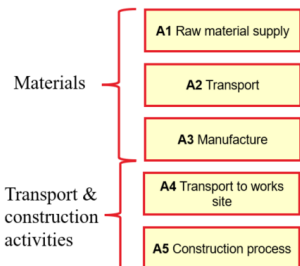
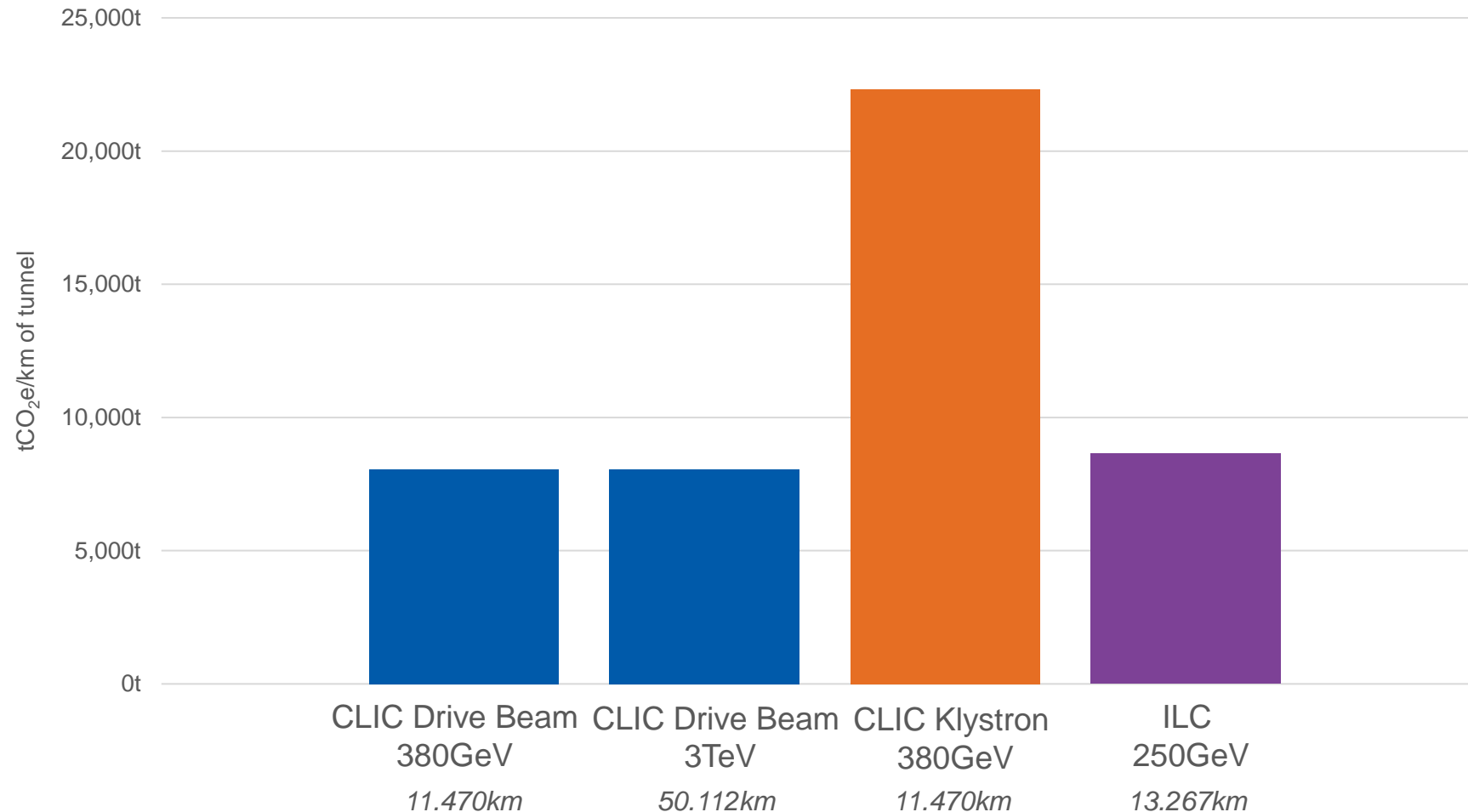


# A1-A5 Results

Global Warming Potential, GWP (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

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A1-A5 GWP (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/km comparison)



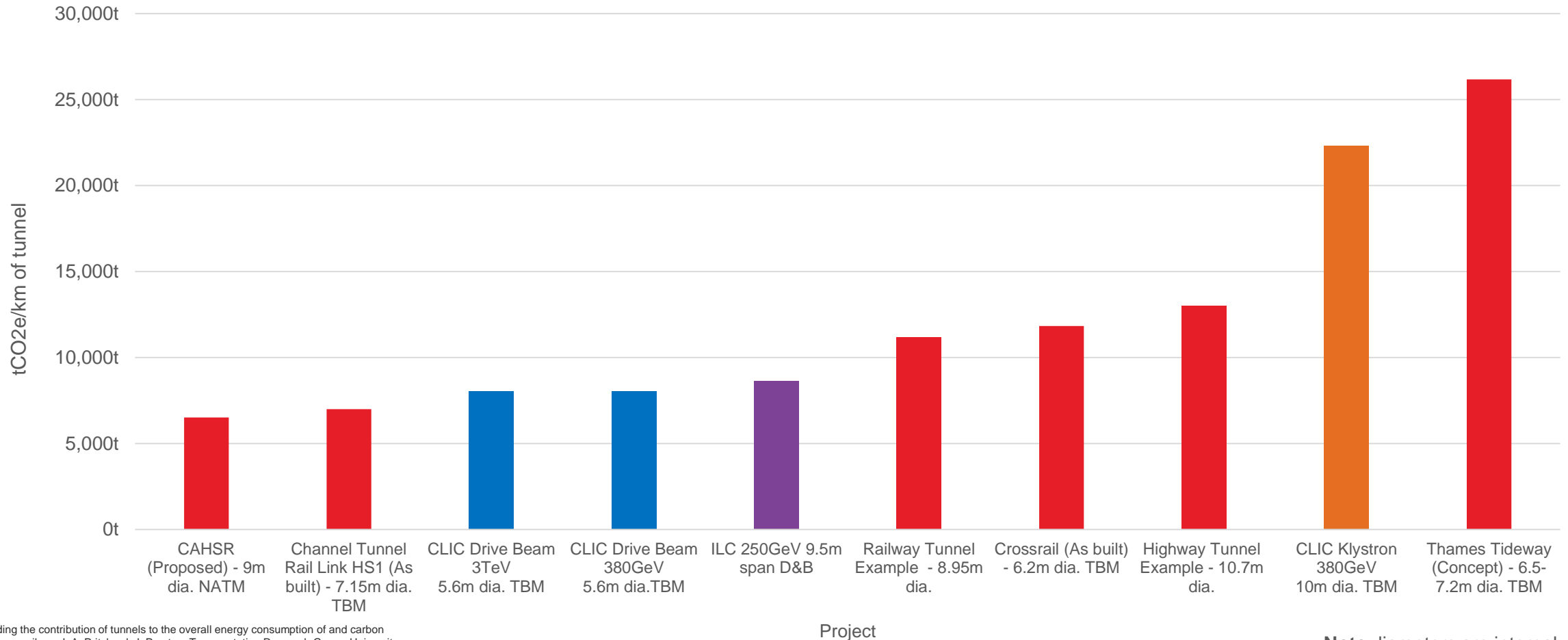


# Main accelerator tunnel

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## A1-A5 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/km)

A1-A5 GWP Benchmarks Comparison (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/km of tunnel)



Note diameters are internal

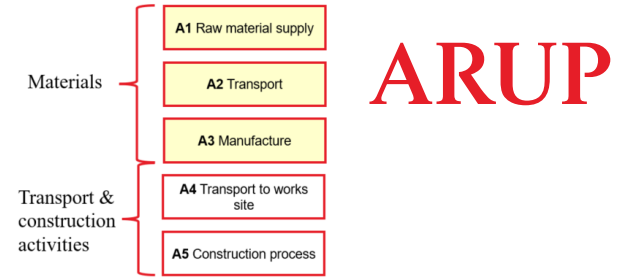
<sup>1</sup> Understanding the contribution of tunnels to the overall energy consumption of and carbon emissions from a railway J. A. Pritchard, J. Preston, Transportation Research Group, University of Southampton, (2018). Embodied energy evaluation for sections of the UK Channel Tunnel Rail link, Geotechnical Engineering, vol.165 Chau, Soga, O'Riordan and Nicholson (2011).

<sup>2</sup> Arup Railway Tunnel Carbon Calculation internal study, (2022).

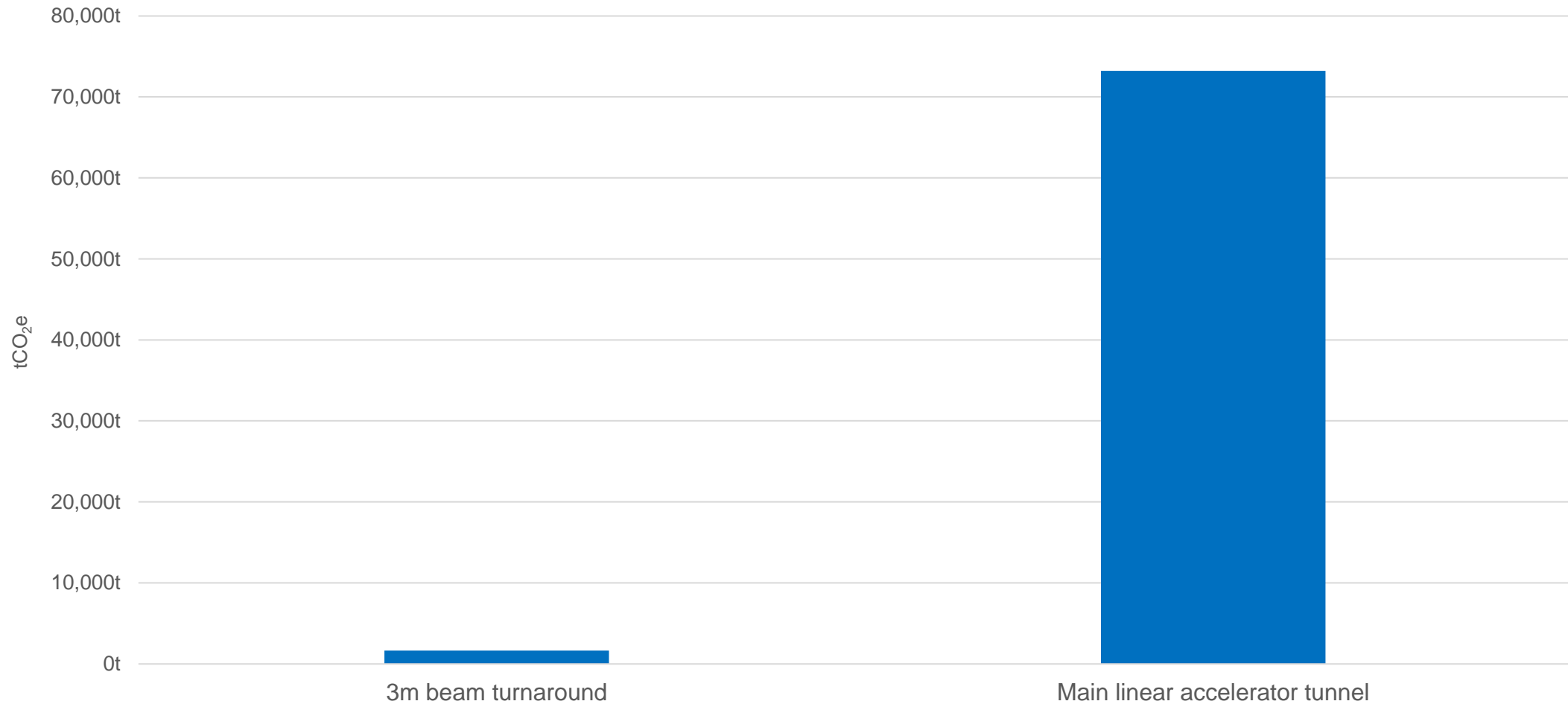
<sup>3</sup> Thames Tideway Tunnel, Thames Water Utilities Limited, Application for Development Consent, Energy and Carbon Footprint Report, (2013).

# CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV

## A1-A3 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



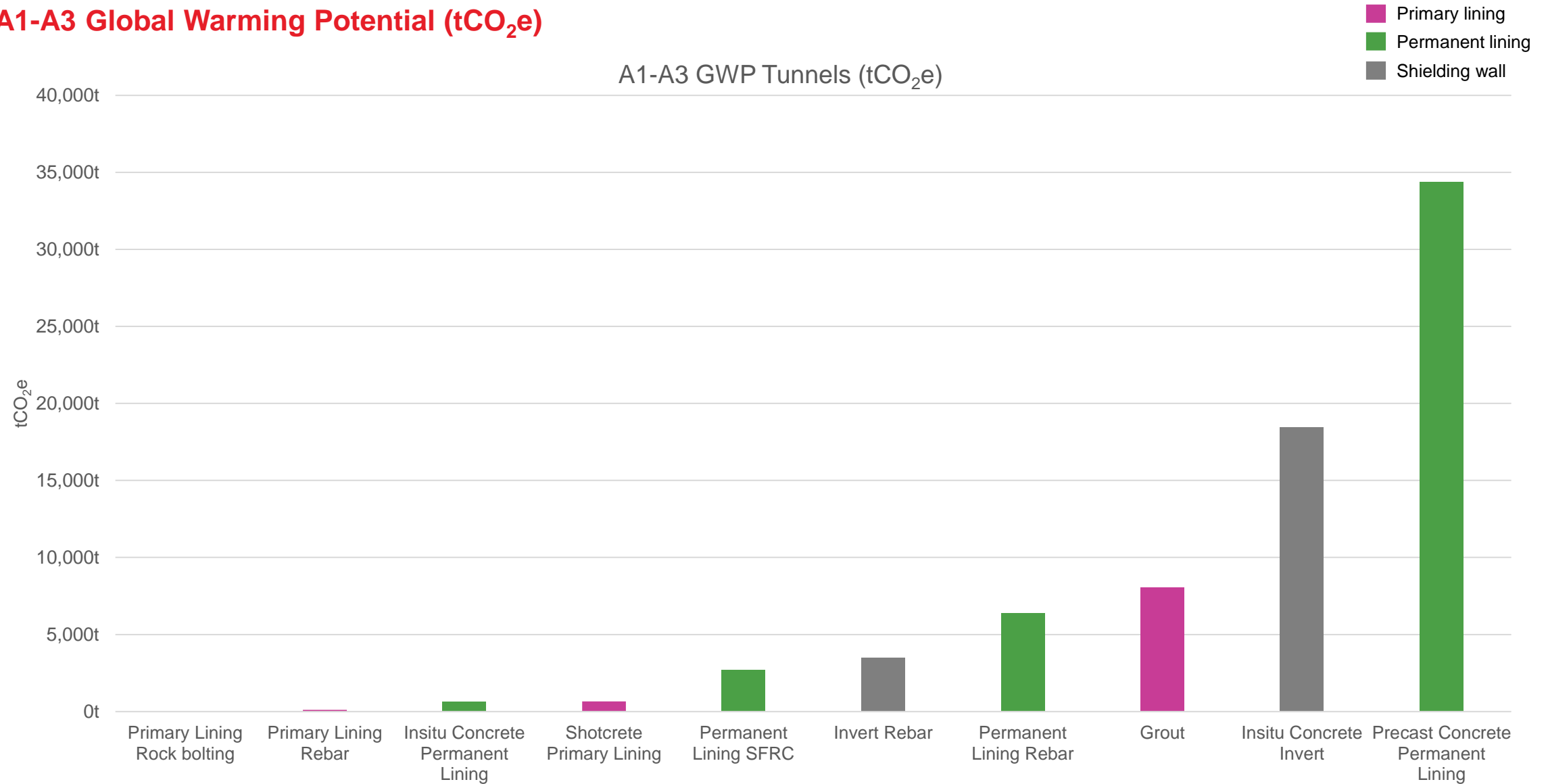
A1-A3 GWP Tunnels (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



# CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV

## A1-A3 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

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# ILC 250GeV

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## A1-A3 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

Tunnels are inclusive of (total length: 33,042m)

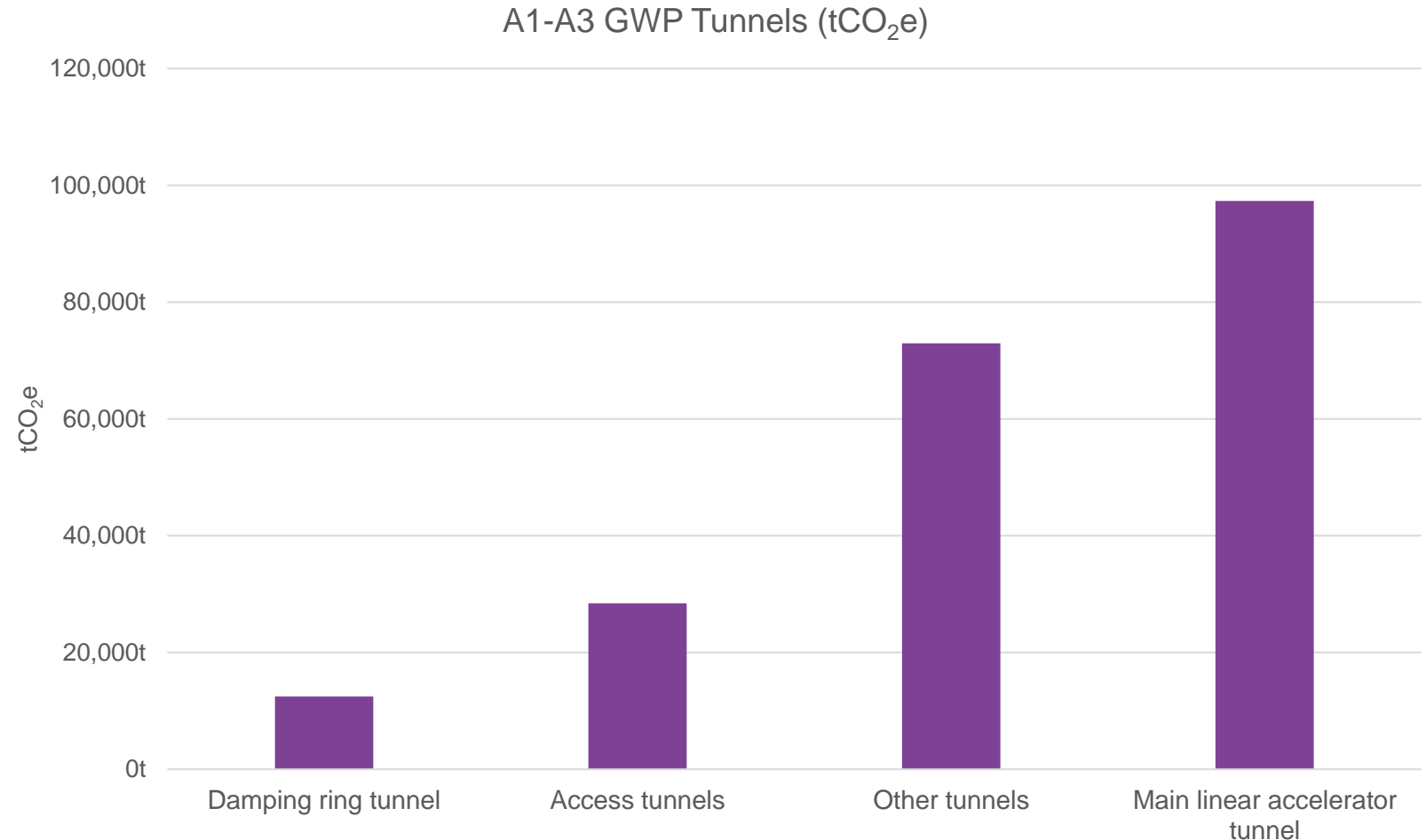
**Main accelerator tunnel**  
**Damping ring tunnel**

### Access tunnels:

- Access tunnel CI
- Access tunnel CII
- Access tunnel DI
- Access tunnel DIII
- Access tunnel DI (EPZ)
- Access tunnel CII (EPZ)

### Other tunnels:

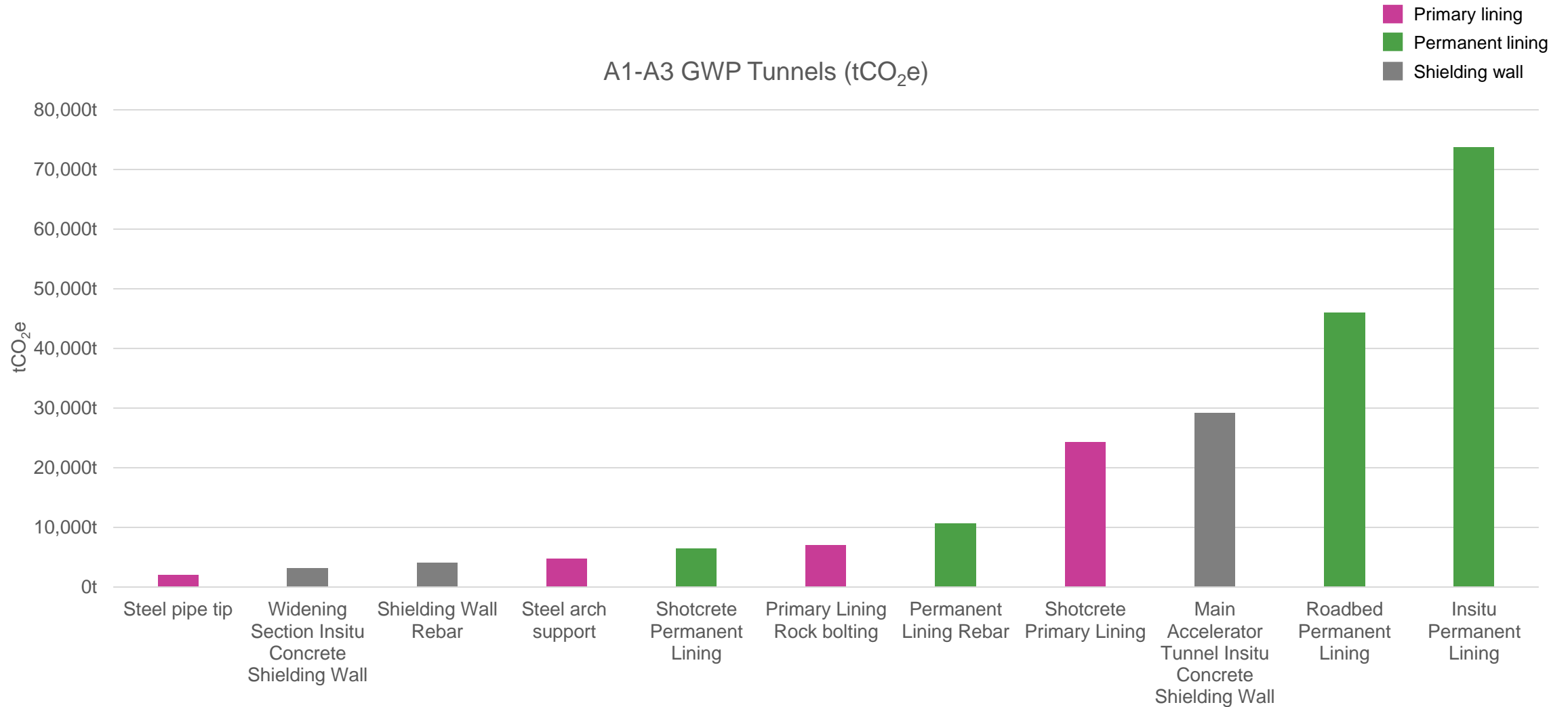
- BDS beam tunnel Section A w9.5m
- BDS beam tunnel Section B w13m
- BDS beam tunnel Section C w17m
- BDS beam tunnel Section D w25m
- Loop sections at both ends
- Widening sections
- Reversal pits
- Peripheral tunnel 3.0m
- Peripheral tunnel 4.0m
- Peripheral tunnel 6.0m
- Peripheral tunnel 8.0m
- AT-DH and AT-DR tunnels
- RTML tunnels



# ILC 250GeV



## A1-A3 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

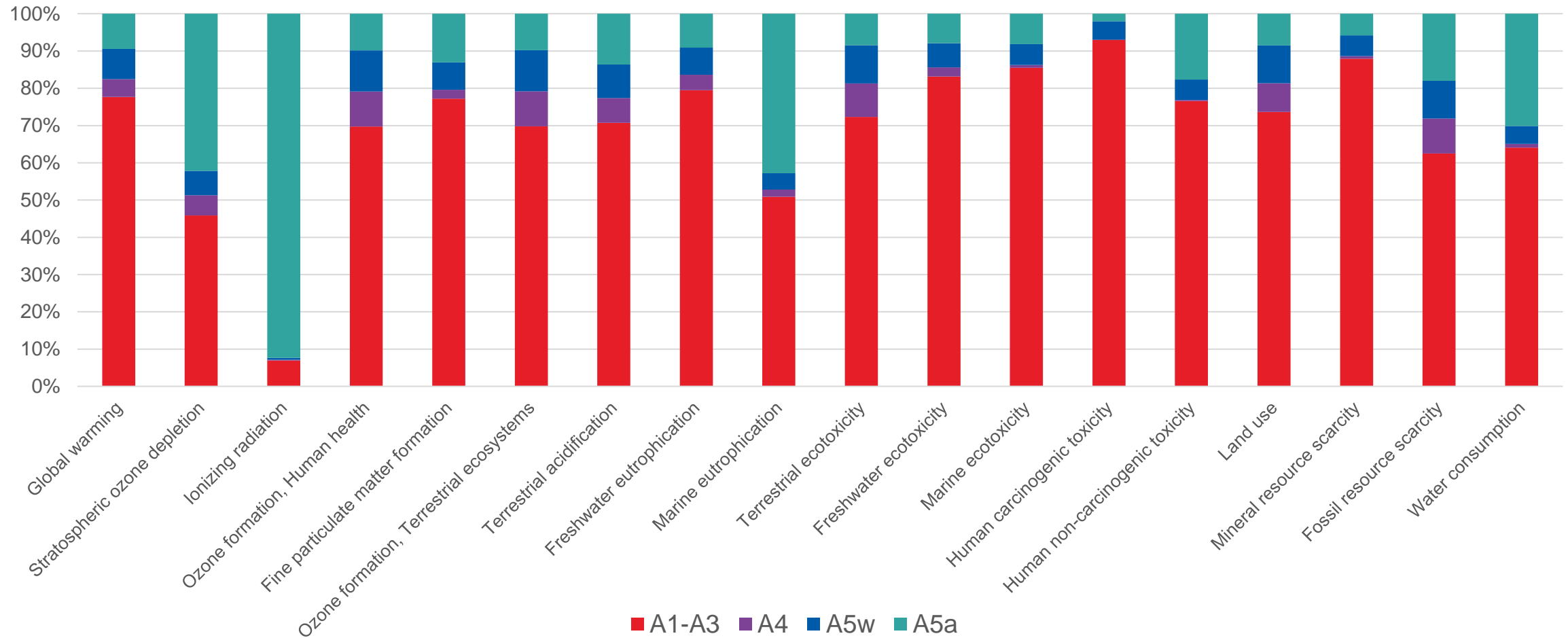


# CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV

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## A1-A5 ReCiPe 2016 Midpoint (H) Impact Categories

CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV | Relative contribution of each A1-A5 stage to total environmental impact

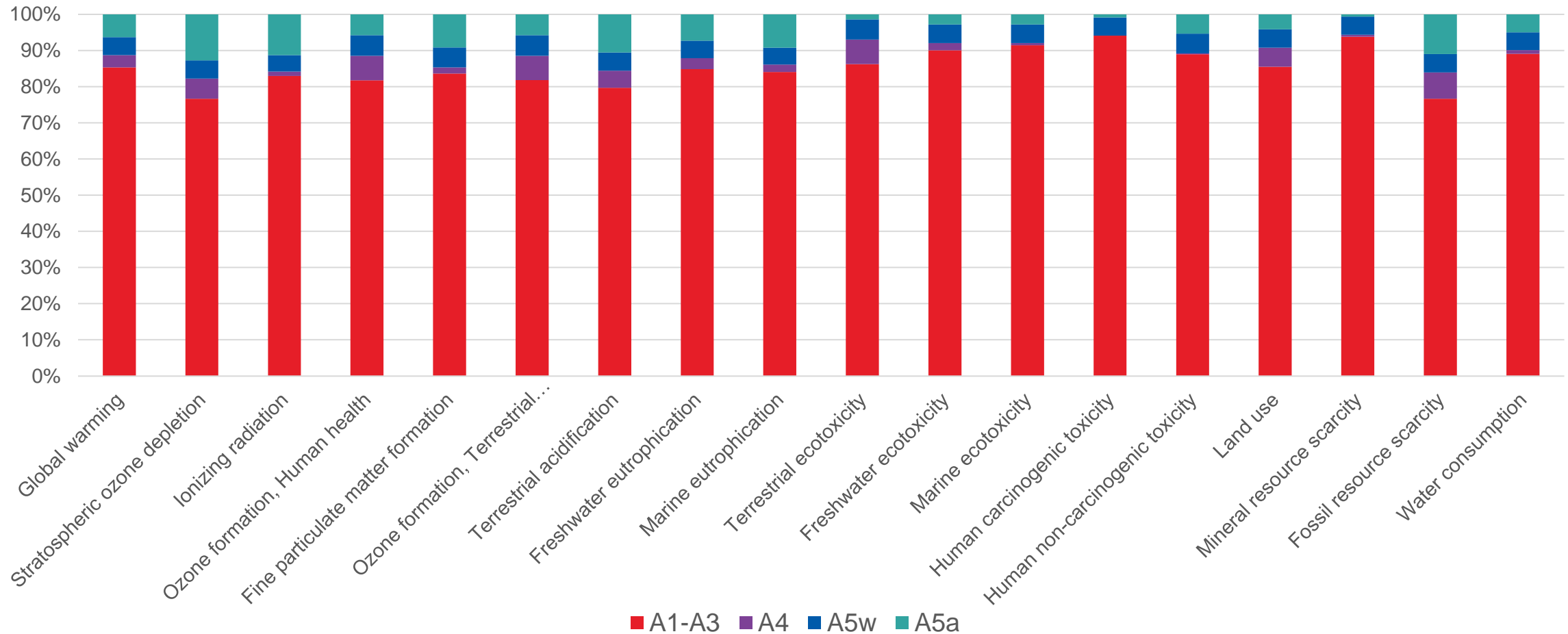


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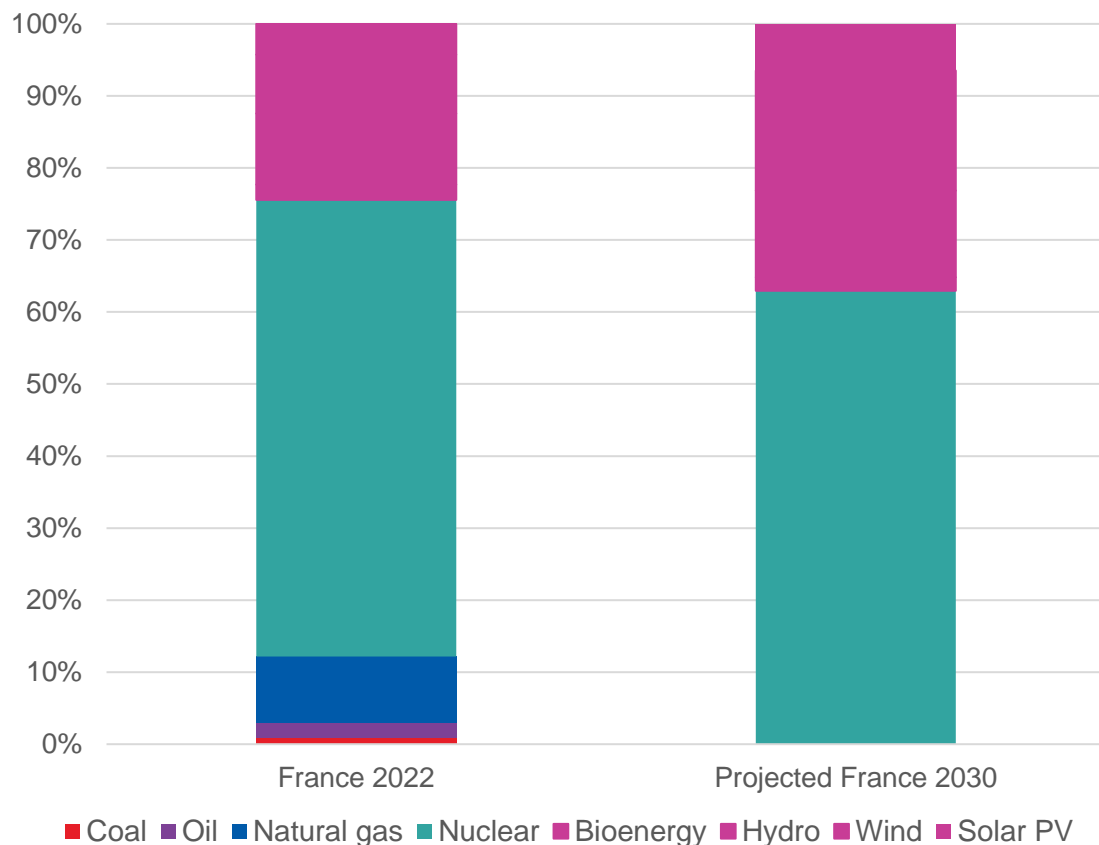
ILC 250GeV | Relative contribution of each A1-A5 stage to total environmental impact



# Baseline and projected electricity mix

CLIC & ILC

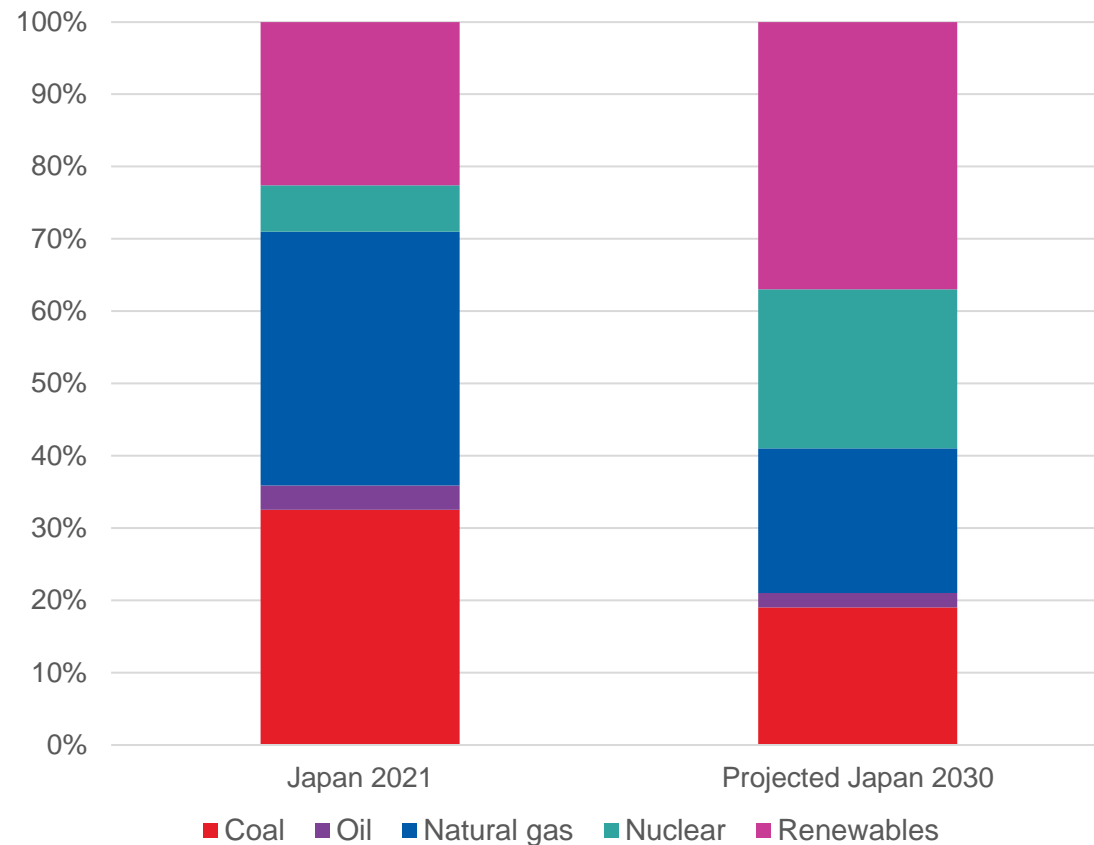
France 2022 and projected 2030 electricity mix (TWh)



Reference: Our World in Data, France 2022

Reference: Energy pathways 2050 key results, RTE 2021

Japan 2021 and projected 2030 electricity mix (TWh)



Reference: Our World in Data, Japan 2021

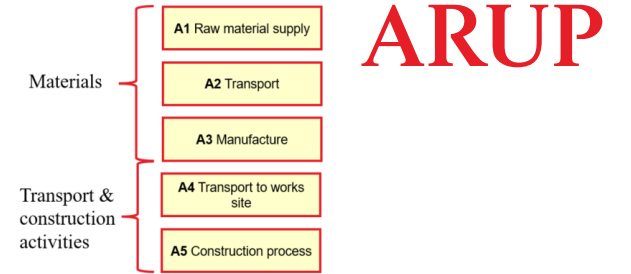
Reference: 6<sup>th</sup> Strategy Energy Plan, METI 2021



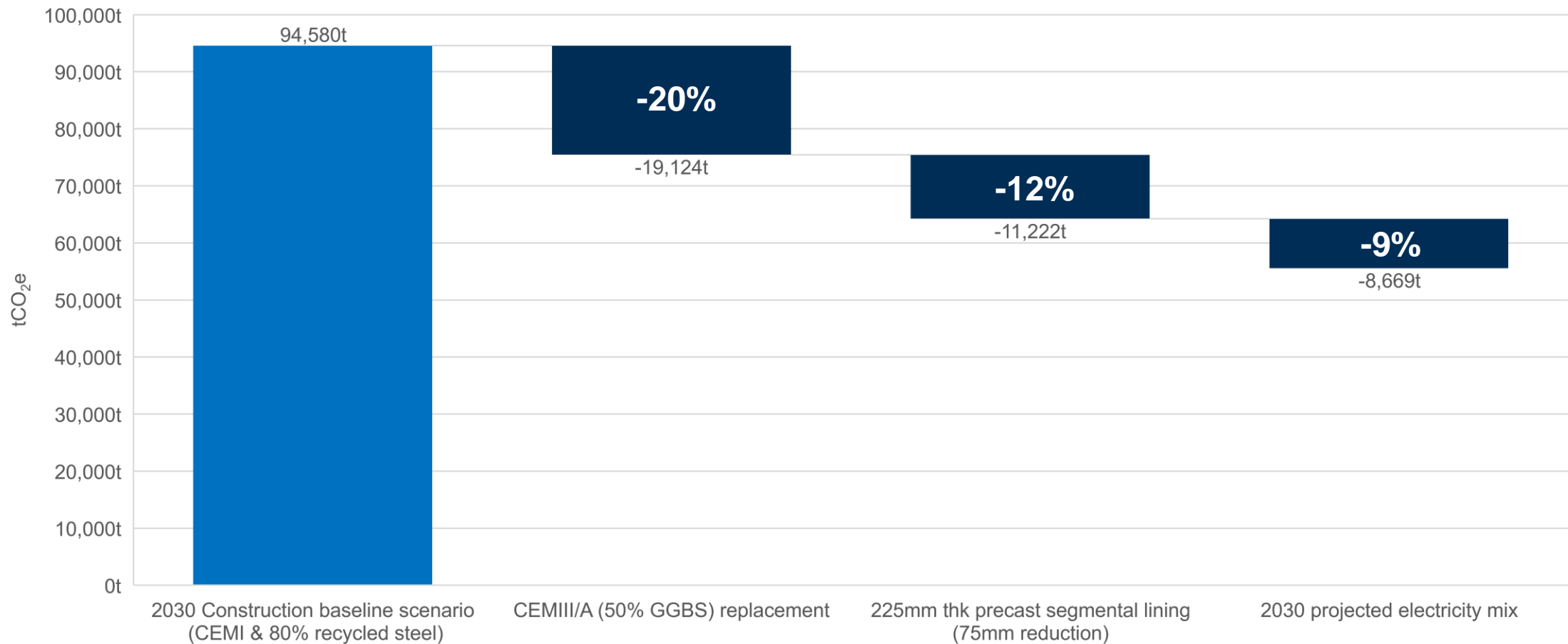
# CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV

## Tunnels reduction opportunities

41% possible A1-A5 GWP reduction



A1-A5 Tunnels GWP (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

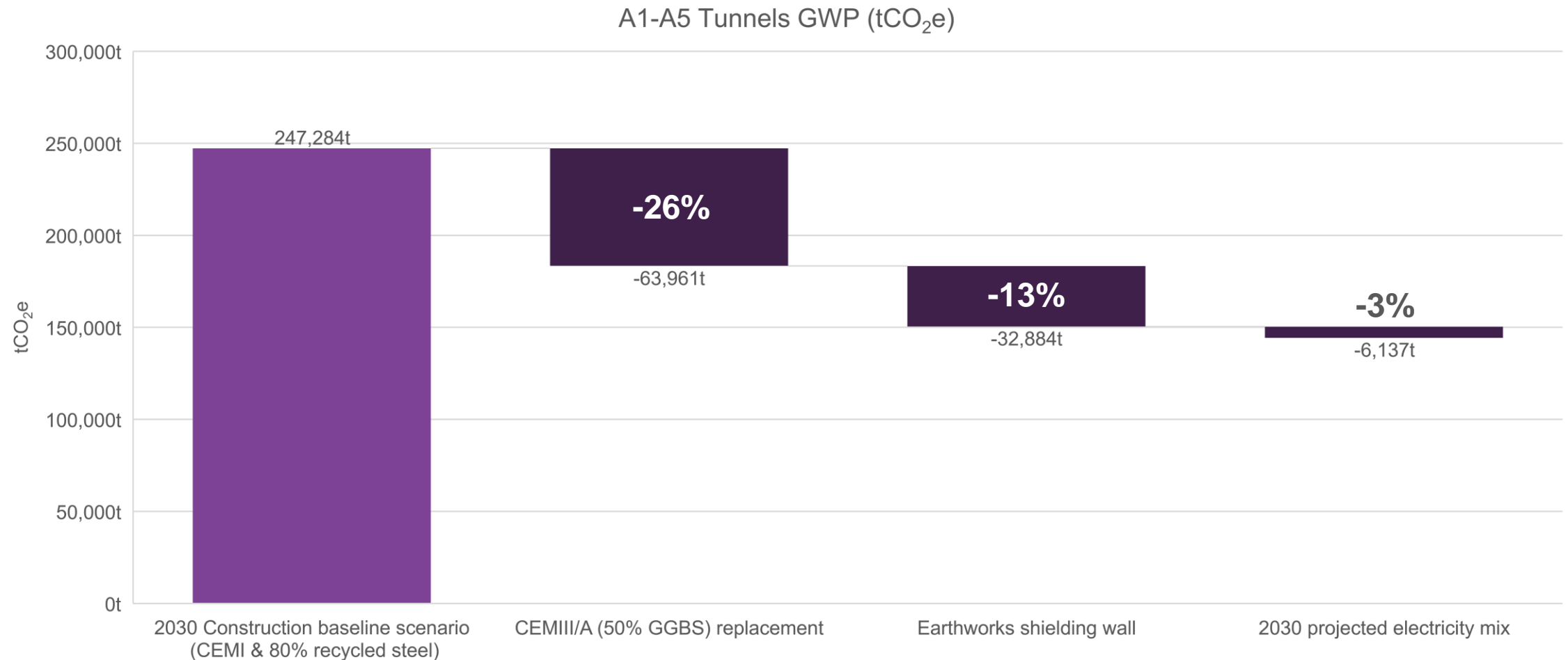


# ILC 250GeV

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## Tunnels reduction opportunities

42% possible A1-A5 GWP reduction



# CLIC Drive Beam

## A1-A5 Global Warming Potential (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)

\*Operational estimates provided by CERN.  
Based on a projected electricity mix in 2050 (50% nuclear, 50% renewables).

### 380GeV

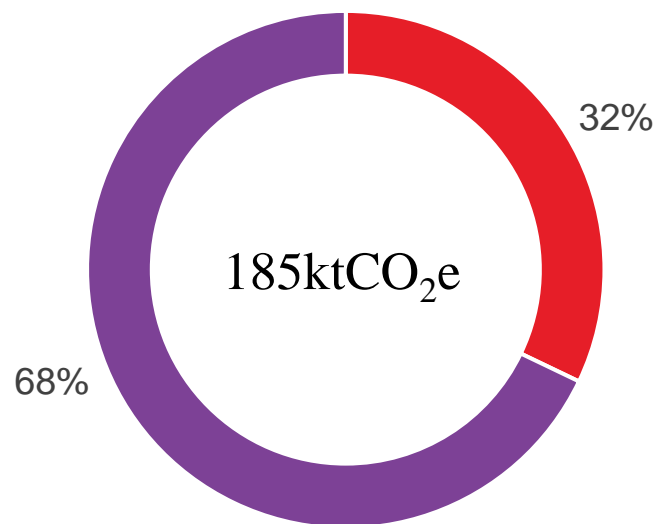
Annual CO<sub>2</sub>e of operations is 6% of embodied carbon  
A1-A5 GWP is equivalent to 1.7 decades of running accelerator

### 1.5TeV

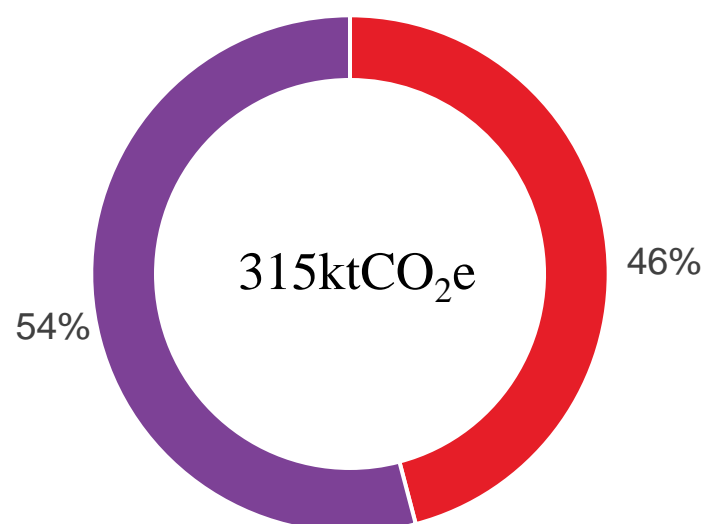
Annual CO<sub>2</sub>e of operations is 12% of embodied carbon  
A1-A5 GWP is equivalent to 0.8 decades of running accelerator

### 3TeV

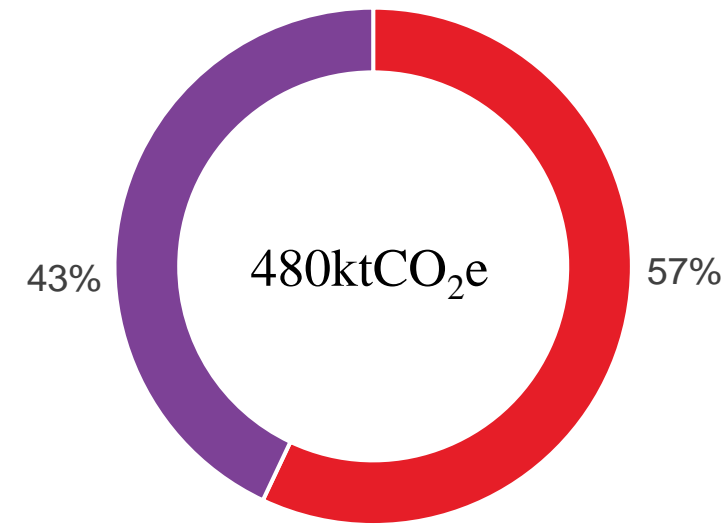
Annual CO<sub>2</sub>e of operations is 17% of embodied carbon  
A1-A5 GWP is equivalent to 0.6 decades of running accelerator



■ A1-A5 Construction (tunnel: 11.47km)  
■ Operation over 8 years



■ A1-A5 Construction (tunnel: 17.56km)  
■ Operation over 7 years



■ A1-A5 Construction (tunnel: 21.08km)  
■ Operation over 8 years

# Parametric Visualisation

In development

The screenshot displays a software interface for parametric visualization. On the left, there are four input panels:

- Primary Lining:** Lining thickness [m] slider from 0 to 2.
- Permanent Lining:** External Diameter of permanent lining [m] slider from 0 to 10, and Lining thickness [m] slider from 0 to 2.
- Invert height:** Invert height [m] slider from -0.01 to 1.
- Material:** Dropdown menu showing 'Concrete | 20MPa | CEMI...'.

In the center is a 3D model of a pipe cross-section with a dark grey outer shell and a blue inner lining.

On the right, there are two analysis panels:

**Global Warming Potential Results (tCO2e)**

Output: A donut chart showing the distribution of carbon footprint across different categories.

Category	Value (tCO2e)
A1-A5 Carbon	43849000
A1-A3 Carbon	40162700
A4 Carbon	1252745
A5w Carbon	2434006

**Impact Categories - ReCiPe 2016 Midpoint (H)**

Category	Value	Unit
Stratospheric ozone depletion:	8	[kgCFC11e/kg]
Ionizing radiation:	1341973	[kBq Co-60 eq/kg]
Fine particulate matter formation:	32949	[kg PM2.5 eq/kg]
Ozone formation:	105617	[kg NOx eq/kg]
Terrestrial acidification:	83986	[kg SO2 eq/kg]
Freshwater eutrophication:	6560	[kg P eq/kg]
Marine eutrophication:	532	[kg N eq/kg]
Terrestrial ecotoxicity:	172166605	[kg 1,4-DCB/kg]
Freshwater ecotoxicity:	627850	[kg 1,4-DCB/kg]
Marine ecotoxicity:	906062	[kg 1,4-DCB/kg]
Human carcinogenic toxicity:	1081785	[kg 1,4-DCB/kg]
Human non-carcinogenic toxicity:	16169400	[kg 1,4-DCB/kg]
Land use:	1785871	[m2a crop eq/kg]
Mineral resource scarcity:	200497	[kg Cu eq/kg]

# Summary of LCA

- Evaluates the environmental impact of CLIC and ILC for the first time
- Establishes a baseline quantification with hotspots and reduction opportunities identified
- Provides a stepping stone for optimising design based on GWP impact

- **A1-A5 Global Warming Potential results:**
  - ~125-500 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e for CLIC Drive Beam 380GeV-3TeV
  - ~290 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e for CLIC Klystron 380GeV
  - ~270 ktCO<sub>2</sub>e for ILC 250GeV
- **A1-A3:** Key drivers are concrete and steel, driven by the scale of the proposed schemes.
- **A4-A5:** Use local manufacturers to reduce transport distances. Energy transition has less of a significance on construction GWP compared to A1-A3 possible reductions and optimisations.
- GWP is one indicator, but the impact of other environmental indicators and reduction opportunities should be recognised

# Key Takeaways

# Future Consider- ations

- Challenge the community to target ambitious aims to drive down the environmental impact and carbon footprint.
- **Technical:** With the baseline established, design optimisation based on GWP and other impact categories can be made based on biggest impact; identify achievable technological advances; consideration of non-CE materials and equipment e.g. services, cooling.
- **Socio-economic:** Consideration of whole life impacts is important to provide the full picture, from construction to end of life. Consideration of the cost impact of carbon.
- **Governance:** Procurement for low carbon. Update the LCA to keep relevant with the expected changing net-zero aligned policies, legislations and governance that will drive standards.

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