

Energy consumption & carbon footprint of proposed Higgs factories

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More information in [arxiv:2208.10466](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.10466), submitted to Snowmass'21 proceedings

- It is important to send the message that scientists are sensitive to global warming & environmental health in our collider choice, design, & optimization.
- We aim to do the most science with the least energy consumption & minimum environmental impact.**

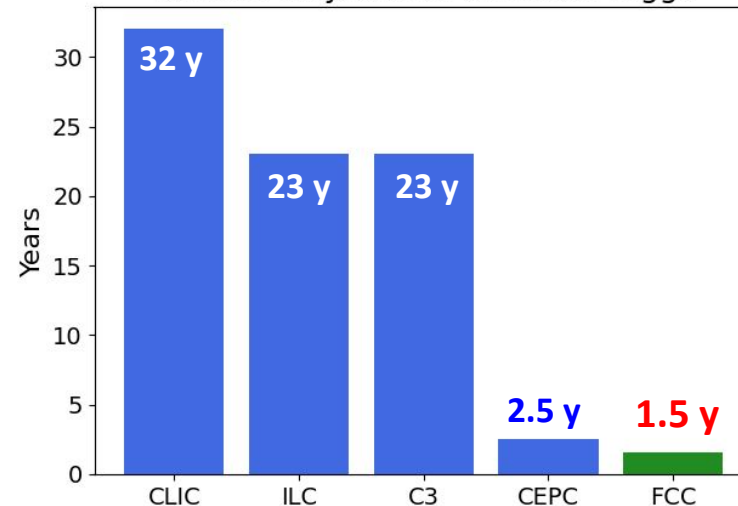
Coupling Precision from a global EFT fit

Higgs Coupling	ZZ/WW	bb	cc	gg	$\tau\tau$
Without long. polarization (%)	0.41	0.72	1.2	1.1	0.81
With long. polarization (%)	0.36	0.71	1.3	1.2	0.79

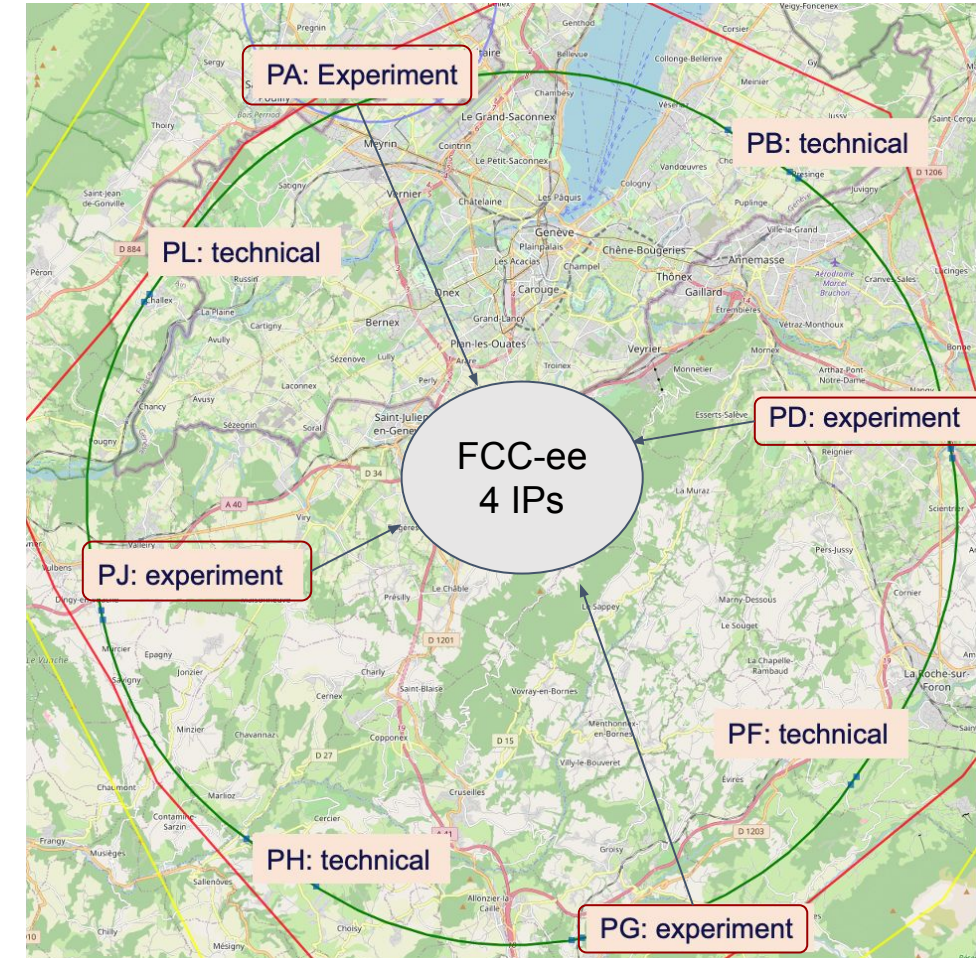
Numbers extrapolated from Table XIX of [arXiv:1903.01629](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.01629)

→ The physics outcome of an e^+e^- Higgs factory depends on the number of H events produced (left: coupling precision with $10^6 ZH$ events)

Number of years for a million Higgs



- Once the desired physics outcome is agreed upon by scientific committees, the **FCC-ee**, with its **4 experiments** and its **larger luminosity** at each interaction point, can deliver **more Higgs events** faster than other Higgs factory proposals



Impact on energy consumption during operation

(see also [FACT2022-FRXAS0101](#))

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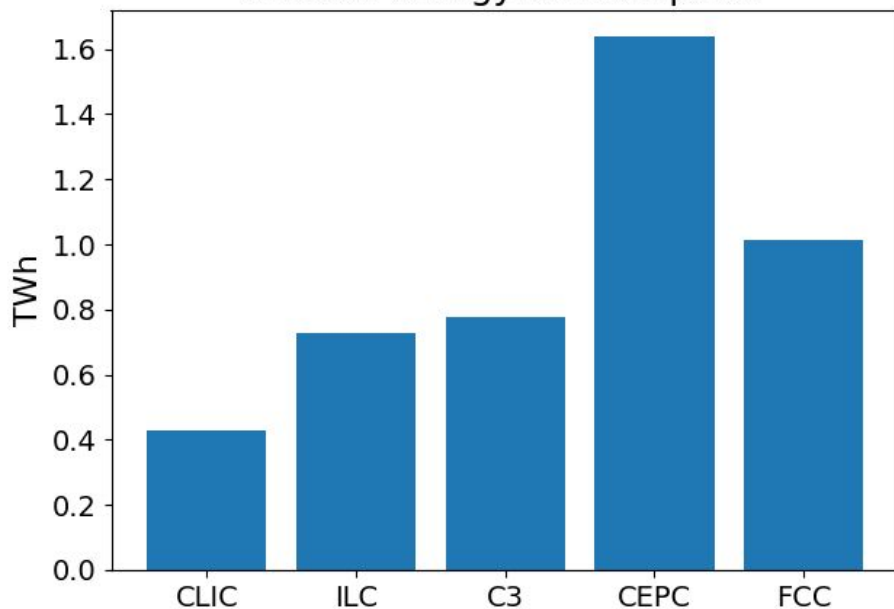
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→ Normalizing the energy consumption by the # Higgs produced shows the circular colliders are lowest

Annual energy consumption

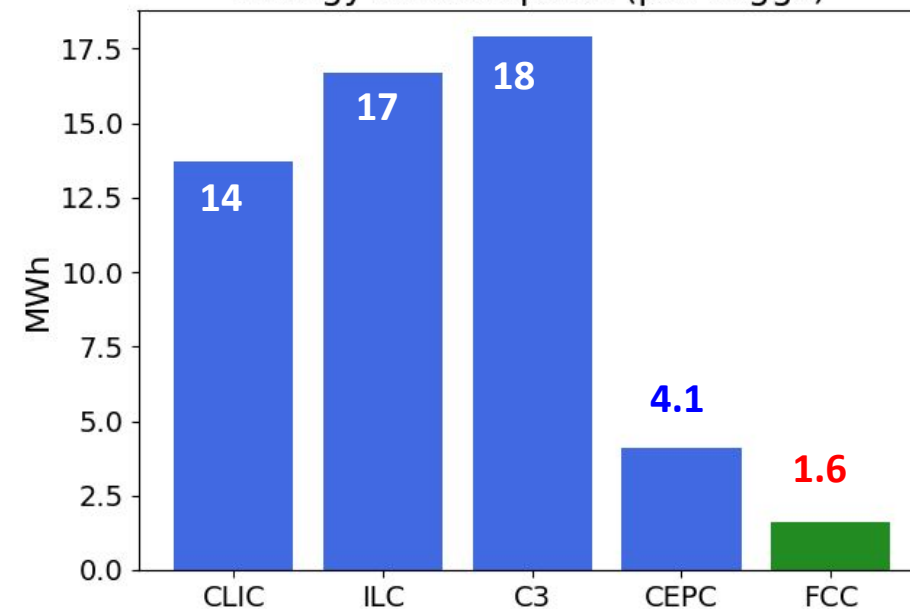


\times (number of years to 10^6 Higgs bosons)



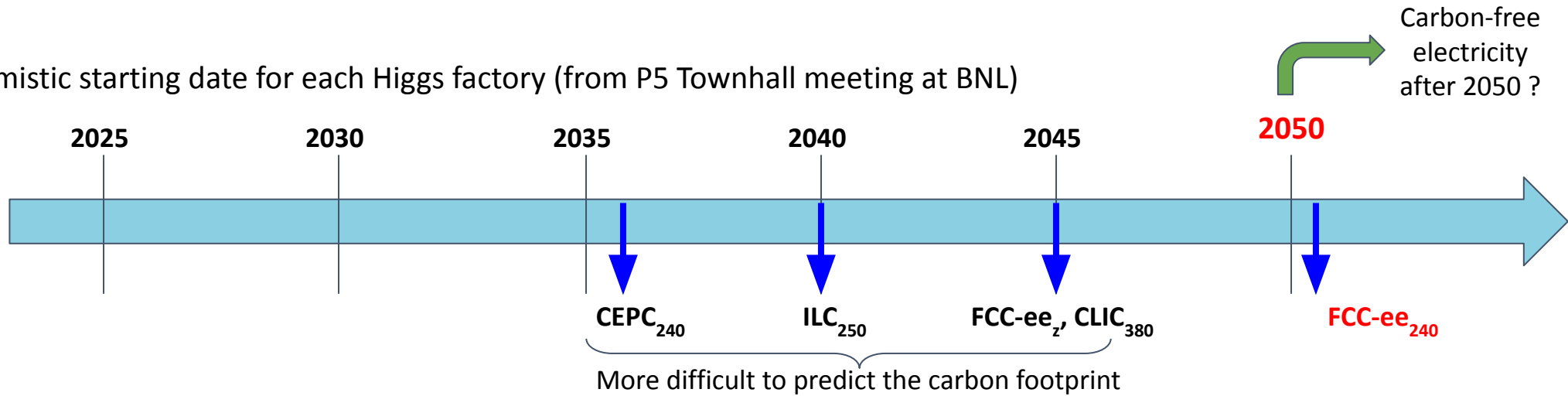
$/ (10^6 \text{ Higgs bosons})$

Energy consumption (per Higgs)

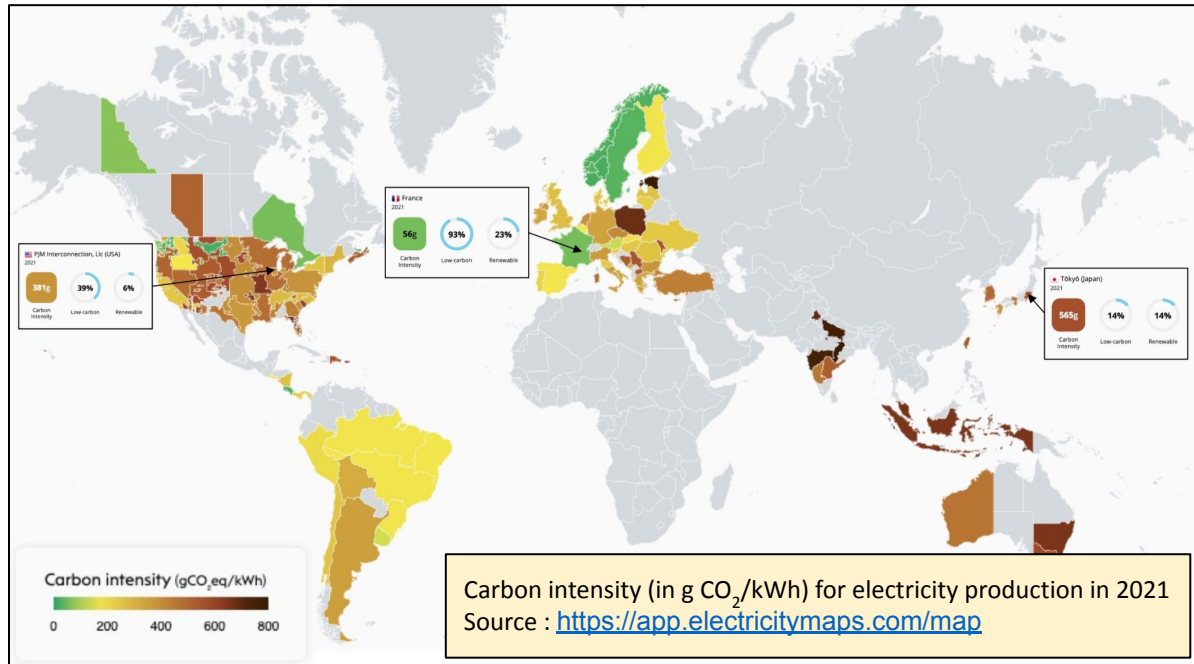


Impact on carbon footprint during operation

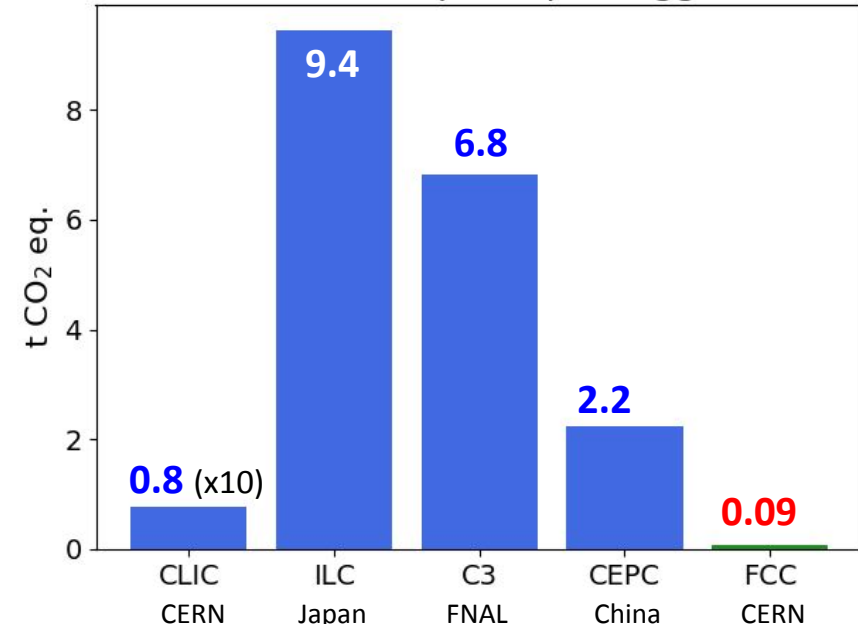
Most optimistic starting date for each Higgs factory (from P5 Townhall meeting at BNL)



If all Higgs factories were to start **TODAY**, CERN (CLIC, FCC-ee) would benefit already from an almost carbon-free electricity



Carbon footprint (per Higgs)



Conclusions

- A Higgs factory is an attractive option for the next collider, and many strong proposals exist (linear & circular)
- FCCee, with 4 interaction points and high luminosity, delivers **more Higgs events faster** than other options
 - Linear colliders have **lower annual power consumption**, but FCCee has the **lowest power per Higgs**
 - *How could we incorporate a harmonized physics outcome into energy considerations?*
- Hosting FCCee at CERN benefits from **cleaner/lower carbon** sources of power (if started today)
 - *How can we best predict carbon neutrality of power and comprehensively account for all sources?*
- **Accounting for the physics output of the collider & carbon intensity reveals there are multiple ways to evaluate the “best” candidate from an energy perspective: we all benefit from a harmonized & comprehensive view across communities!**

Additional remarks

- The FCC-ee **realistic annual running time** is about six months, to be compared to the optimistic nine months for ILC
- Less physics days every year also give **additional flexibility**
 - To operate the collider only when electricity is available (priority always given to the population)
 - To operate the collider only when electricity is carbon-free
- The dissipated heat and the geothermal energy in the tunnel can be used for domestic uses. For the latter, the longer and deeper the tunnel, the better!
- Today, the construction of the FCC tunnel has a carbon footprint that corresponds to three years of running
 - Similarly to solar panels or electric vehicles, **the investment pays off after three years** in terms of CO₂ footprint
 - **The FCC tunnel is also fully recyclable**, as it may be used again by FCC-hh for several decades, and maybe used again for other options later on (muon collider?)
 - Today, the tunnel carbon footprint is dominated by concrete production: cleaner production methods are being developed as we speak, and could be available by the time of construction
 - A complete estimate of the FCC carbon footprint will be available at the end of the feasibility study
- CERN (and other candidate hosts) will do a lot in the direction of reducing energy consumption and carbon footprint
 - For example: Improve the lattice towards larger specific luminosity; Develop energy-efficient technologies (RF power sources, etc.); Generalise dissipated heat and geothermal energy recovery; Maximise synergies with carbon-free energy production; Develop new ideas that transcend the limits of silicon for data storage and analysis; ...
 - **All these efforts are highly incentive of innovative developments**
 - **These developments will serve the society at large**