

# COMPREHENSIVE SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS REPORT

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## ECU COMPONENT ANALYSIS

Based on the ECU sample input data:

## ENVIRONMENTAL HOTSPOT PRIORITY RANKING

### 1. Radiator Production

Life Cycle Phase: Production

Environmental Significance: high

Impact Category: Energy Consumption

Impact Source: Die Casting Process

Quantitative Impact: 1.2 kWh/kg

Priority Justification: High energy consumption during die casting process

Description: The radiator component production process consumes energy for die casting, metal preparation, and melting.

### 2. ECU Operation

Life Cycle Phase: Use

Environmental Significance: high

Impact Category: Unknown

Impact Source: Unknown

Quantitative Impact: Unknown

Priority Justification: High active power consumption during operation

Description: No description available

### 3. Metal Recycling

Life Cycle Phase: End-of-Life

Environmental Significance: high

Impact Category: Unknown

Impact Source: Unknown

Quantitative Impact: Unknown

Priority Justification: High metal recovery rate during recycling process

Description: No description available

#### 4. Housing Production

Life Cycle Phase: Production

Environmental Significance: medium

Impact Category: Energy Consumption

Impact Source: Injection Molding Process

Quantitative Impact: 0.8 kWh/kg

Priority Justification: Medium energy consumption during injection molding process

Description: The housing component production process consumes energy for injection molding, material preparation, and drying.

#### 5. Transportation

Life Cycle Phase: Distribution

Environmental Significance: medium

Impact Category: Unknown

Impact Source: Unknown

Quantitative Impact: Unknown

Priority Justification: Medium energy consumption during road transport

Description: No description available

## RESEARCH-BASED SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS

### Housing Production

#### Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:

##### **DRL-Based Injection Molding Process Parameter Optimization for Adaptive**

and Profitable Production (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2505.10988v1>)

#### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The DRL-based framework achieved a 135-fold faster inference speed compared to traditional optimization methods like genetic algorithms.
2. The SAC-based model achieved an average profit of \$958.88, \$915.63, and \$930.85 in the spring, summer, and winter scenarios, respectively.
3. The PPO-based model achieved an average profit of \$958.33, \$914.68, and \$929.85 in the spring, summer, and winter scenarios, respectively.

4. The GA method achieved an average profit of \$959.69, \$915.87, and \$932.66 in the spring, summer, and winter scenarios, respectively.
5. The DRL models required 10-15.5 minutes for optimization, while the GA method required 781 minutes.
6. The SAC-based model produced 8,644, 8,744, and 8,824 cavities, while the PPO-based model produced 8,640, 8,736, and 8,816 cavities in the spring, summer, and winter scenarios, respectively.
7. The GA method produced 8,652, 8,748, and 8,844 cavities in the spring, summer, and winter scenarios, respectively.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL)
2. Soft Actor-Critic (SAC) algorithm
3. Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) algorithm
4. Genetic Algorithm (GA)

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of injection molding process parameters
2. Improvement in product quality and profitability
3. Reduction in energy consumption and environmental impact

## RELEVANCE TO Housing\_Production:

The paper's findings on optimizing injection molding process parameters using DRL can be applied to the Housing\_Production hotspot, as it also involves injection molding processes. The temperature optimization and energy reduction strategies discussed in the paper can be adapted to the hotspot's processes, potentially reducing energy consumption and environmental impact. However, the specific materials and processes used in the paper may differ from those in the hotspot, requiring further analysis to determine the exact applicability of the findings.

The potential environmental benefits of applying the paper's findings to the Housing\_Production hotspot include:

- Reduction in energy consumption: The paper's 135-fold faster inference speed and optimization of process parameters can lead to reduced energy consumption in the hotspot's injection molding processes.
- Improvement in product quality: The paper's focus on optimizing product quality can be applied to the hotspot's processes, potentially reducing waste and improving overall efficiency.
- Reduction in environmental impact: The paper's discussion of reducing energy consumption and environmental impact can be applied to the hotspot, potentially leading to a reduction in the hotspot's overall environmental significance.

However, further analysis is required to determine the exact applicability of the paper's findings to the Housing\_Production hotspot, including an assessment of material compatibility, process alignment, and quantitative sustainability benefits.



## Understanding the environmental impacts of virgin aggregates: critical

literature review and primary comprehensive Life Cycle Assessments (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2501.10457v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. Carbon footprint of natural aggregates: 1.42 to 35.58 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/t
2. Contribution of transportation to customer: 1.35 to 30.7 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/t
3. Carbon footprint from cradle to customer: 3.67 to 38.2 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/t
4. Global carbon footprint of global aggregate production: 93.9 to 974 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>eq
5. Percentage of global GHG emissions: 0.17 to 1.8%
6. Explosive consumption per cubic meter of rock:
  - Limestone rocks: 0.45 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Dolomitic rocks and slate: 0.70 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Hard rocks (volcanic, sandstone): 1.00 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
7. Explosive consumption per ton of rock:
  - Limestone rocks: 0.17 kg/t
  - Dolomitic rocks and slate: 0.26 kg/t
  - Hard rocks (volcanic, sandstone): 0.37 kg/t
8. Average explosive consumption for Quebec productions:
  - 2020: 2.77E-04 kg/kg
  - 2021: 2.76E-04 kg/kg
9. Site-specific explosive consumption:
  - Laval: 1.67E-04 kg/kg
  - Saint Bruno: 3.70E-04 kg/kg
  - Saint Philippe: 1.67E-04 kg/kg
  - SDE - Val des Monts/Shawinigan: 3.70E-04 kg/kg
  - SBE - Roxton Pond/Sainte Justine: 2.13E-04 kg/kg
10. Energy consumption per ton of aggregate produced:
  - Diesel: 1.87E+1 L/t (fixed), 8.43E+0 L/t (mobile)
  - Gasoline: 4.94E-1 L/t (fixed), 0 L/t (mobile)
  - LFO: 6.36E-4 L/t (fixed), 0 L/t (mobile)
  - Natural gas: 4.25E-3 m<sup>3</sup>/t (fixed), 0 m<sup>3</sup>/t (mobile)
  - Electricity: 1.95E+0 kWh/t (fixed), 9.40E-1 kWh/t (mobile)
  - ORD: 4.52E-3 L/t (fixed), 4.61E0 L/t (mobile)
11. Water consumption per ton of aggregate produced: 1.31E-5 m<sup>3</sup>/t
12. Dust emissions per ton of rock:
  - Without filter: 0.0027 kg/t (PM >10µm), 0.0012 kg/t (PM 2.5-10µm), 0.0006 kg/t (PM <2.5µm)
  - With filter: 0.0006 kg/t (PM >10µm), 0.0007 kg/t (PM 2.5-10µm), 0.00005 kg/t (PM <2.5µm)
13. Maintenance consumption per kilogram of aggregate produced:
  - SDE units: 36.6 mg/kg
  - SBE units: 49.3 mg/kg

- Average: 42.9 mg/kg
- 14. Average transport distance for aggregates: 16.9 km
- 15. Average full load: 32.8 t (2020 production weighted average)
- 16. Carbon footprint of aggregates at quarry gate:
  - Average 2020: 2.97 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/t
  - Average 2021: 3.03 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/t
  - Site-specific: 2.28 to 3.59 kgCO<sub>2</sub>eq/t
- 17. Carbon footprint increase due to transportation:
  - Average: 46%
  - Range: 14% to 96%

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
2. TRACI characterization method
3. Ecoinvent database
4. Simapro software

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Blasting process optimization
2. Energy consumption reduction
3. Machinery maintenance optimization
4. Transportation modeling improvement

## RELEVANCE TO Housing\_Production:

The paper's findings on the environmental impacts of aggregate production can be applied to the Housing\_Production hotspot. The use of aggregates in construction materials, such as concrete and asphalt, is a significant contributor to the environmental impact of housing production. The paper's results on the carbon footprint of aggregate production, transportation, and use can be used to estimate the potential environmental benefits of optimizing aggregate production and use in housing construction.

The paper's findings on the importance of blasting and machinery maintenance in aggregate production can be applied to the Housing\_Production hotspot by optimizing these processes to reduce energy consumption and environmental impacts. The use of tailored transportation models, as described in the paper, can also be applied to the Housing\_Production hotspot to reduce the environmental impacts of aggregate transportation.

Overall, the paper's findings can be used to inform strategies for reducing the environmental impacts of aggregate production and use in housing construction, and can be applied to the Housing\_Production hotspot to estimate potential environmental benefits.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### Environmentally-Extended Input-Output analyses efficiently sketch

large-scale environmental transition plans -- illustration by Canada's road industry (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2301.08302v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### A Cradle-to-Gate Life Cycle Analysis of Bitcoin Mining Equipment Using

Sphera LCA and ecoinvent Databases (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2401.17512v2>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## ECU Operation

## Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:

### All you can stream: Investigating the role of user behavior for

greenhouse gas intensity of video streaming (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.11129v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The choice of end device for video streaming results in a factor of 10 difference in CO<sub>2</sub> intensity, with smart TV having the highest GWP intensity and smartphone having around a tenth of the smart TV's intensity.
2. The GWP intensity for different devices per hour of streaming is:
  - Laptop/PC: 0.15 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq./h
  - Smartphone: 0.03 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq./h
  - Smart TV: 0.36 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq./h
  - Tablet: 0.23 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq./h
3. The overall GWP for video streaming per person from the survey is 2 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. per week, which translates to 104 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. per year.
4. Video streaming behavior measured in the study takes up 6.5% of a person's CO<sub>2</sub> budget.
5. Data traffic contributes to 22% of the GWP for paid platforms and 24% for free platforms.
6. Electricity demand to run devices contributes to 24% of the GWP for paid platforms.
7. The GWP from free platforms and streams from TV stations are on one level with 0.44 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. and 0.39 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq. respectively.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) was used to assess the environmental effects related to online video streaming.
2. The study combined LCA with an online survey to integrate user perspective in LCA studies.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Setting a low resolution as default can reduce overall energy demand at the user side.
2. Adjusting default settings for resolution can have a strong impact on streaming impact.
3. Changing the internal logic of the EU energy labels to consider absolute energy demand instead of relative demand to size can address the high electricity demand of TVs.

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Operation:

No direct relevance to ECU\_Operation. The paper studies the environmental impact of video streaming and user behavior, with no material overlap or process similarity to the ECU\_Operation hotspot. The paper's findings on energy reduction and GWP intensity are specific to video streaming devices and networks, and do not apply to the ECU\_Operation context.



## Challenges and complexities in application of LCA approaches in the case

of ICT for a sustainable future (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1403.2798v3>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 14% of global electricity consumption is projected to be taken by ICT by 2020.
2. 459% increase in ICT's electricity consumption from 2007 to 2020.
3. 19.5% of the whole world's electricity consumption in 2012 is equal to ICT's projected electricity consumption in 2020.
4. 57% of the total ICT's electricity consumption in the use phase in 2012 is accounted for by the devices part.
5. 72% of the ICT's manufacturing electricity consumption in 2012 is accounted for by the devices part.
6. 87% energy saving can be achieved by virtualization and cloud computing used to eliminate dedicated servers.
7. 34% energy saving when devices are considered in the calculations.
8. 2.36 ratio of embodied energy to wall-socket energy for laptops.

9. 40% advantage in total life cycle energy consumption for laptops compared to desktops.
10. 341% difference in the estimations of the share of manufacturing in the total GHG footprint of devices between two analyses.
11. 86% additional energy consumption contributed by the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO).
12. 1.13 power-law n-value for energy consumption per die increase with new technologies.
13. 1,593 MJ energy consumption per die at 45-nm in the use phase.
14. 3kWh average energy consumption per unit in the manufacturing phase of processors.
15. 0.69 power-law n-value for life cycle water use decrease with new technologies.
16. 10,206 liters of water per die associated with the 45-nm use phase, representing 97% of its total water use.
17. 71% increase in the use phase energy consumption when using the ENER algorithm compared to the CARB algorithm.
18. 28% higher profit for the CPAS algorithm compared to the ENER algorithm.
19. 1.139 Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) achieved by optimizing the cooling systems, down from the original baseline of 1.454.

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Dynamic Voltage and Frequency Scaling (DVFS) technology.
2. Virtualization and cloud computing.
3. Smart cooling systems.
4. Direct Current (DC)-powered ICT systems.
5. Carbon-Profit-Aware scheduler algorithm (CPAS).

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Optimization of cooling systems to achieve a lower PUE.
2. Implementation of DVFS technology to reduce energy consumption.
3. Use of virtualization and cloud computing to eliminate dedicated servers.
4. Improvement of communication across interfaces to reduce energy consumption.

## **RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Operation:**

No direct relevance to ECU\_Operation. The paper studies ICT systems and their environmental impact, with no specific mention of ECU\_Operation or related manufacturing processes. However, some general principles and technologies mentioned, such as energy efficiency improvements and process optimization, could potentially be applied to various manufacturing contexts, including ECU\_Operation, but would require significant adaptation and consideration of specific process and material characteristics.





## **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 2.1-3.9% of total global emissions are attributed to the ICT sector.
2. 8% of total global emissions are projected for the ICT sector over the next decade if left unchecked.
3. 80% of life cycle emissions for ubiquitous consumer devices like smartphones and laptops come from manufacturing.
4. 70-80% of lifetime carbon footprint for many mobile devices is comprised of cradle-to-gate emissions from manufacturing and raw materials.
5. 17.38% discrepancy in carbon emissions for the BioMouse and -46.73% for the Dell mouse when comparing DeltaLCA results with traditional full LCA using GaBi.
6. 88% average matching coverage of the comparison algorithm without any user-defined rules for complex designs.
7. 94% matching coverage for the target design B in the case study.
8. Less than 15 minutes average time spent per comparison for complex designs.
9. 4, 2, and 1 user-defined rules were needed for the three comparisons in the case study.
10. 33.33% of participants reported considering environmental impact when designing PCBs.
11. 83.33% of respondents rated the importance of DeltaLCA's integration with existing EDAs as highly crucial (scores of 4 and 5).

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. DeltaLCA - a comparative Life Cycle Assessment tool for electronics design.
2. Automated Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) generation.
3. Domain-specific heuristics for comparing parts with partial information.
4. Integer programming for the comparison algorithm.
5. User-in-the-loop design tool for sustainable decision-making.


## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Automation of the inventory phase in LCA.
2. Reduction of time required for LCA comparisons from eight expert-hours to a single click for devices with ~30 components, and 15 minutes for more complex devices with ~100 components.
3. Increased accuracy in estimating die sizes and process technology nodes for ICs.

## **RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Operation:**

No direct relevance to ECU\_Operation. The paper studies electronics design and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) with no specific mention of ECU\_Operation or related manufacturing processes. However, the paper's focus on sustainable design and LCA

could be applied to various manufacturing hotspots, including ECU\_Operation, by adapting the methods and tools presented. The potential for energy reduction, material efficiency improvement, and waste minimization in ECU\_Operation could be explored using similar approaches.



## **Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:**

### **Life-Cycle Emissions of AI Hardware: A Cradle-To-Grave Approach and**

Generational Trends (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2502.01671v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## **Metal Recycling**

## **Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:**

### **Incorporating Sustainability in Electronics Design: Obstacles and**

Opportunities (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2503.14893v1>)

## **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

- 2.1-3.9%: Estimated global climate warming emissions from computing
- 50-80%: Percentage of computing's carbon emissions from manufacturing
- 62 million metric tons: Annual electronic waste produced
- 2030: Target year for net zero emissions set by many organizations
- 7 nm and 65 nm: Process sizes for chip production with varying environmental impacts

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools
- Building Information Management (BIM) software
- Collaborative LCA platforms

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

- None explicitly stated with quantitative results

### RELEVANCE TO Metal\_Recycling:

No direct relevance to Metal\_Recycling. The paper studies the incorporation of sustainability in electronics design, with a focus on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and its challenges in the ICT industry. While it mentions electronic waste and the importance of recycling, it does not provide specific quantitative data or process improvements directly applicable to metal recycling. The materials and processes discussed (e.g., semiconductor manufacturing, printed circuit boards) differ significantly from those involved in metal recycling, limiting the transferability of the findings to this hotspot.



**Novel Data Models for Inter-operable LCA Frameworks**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.10235v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

None explicitly related to Metal\_Recycling.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

- Ontologies for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) data principles
- Graph databases (e.g., Neo4j) for data management
- LLM (Large Language Model) enhanced ontology mapping

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

None explicitly quantified for Metal\_Recycling.

### RELEVANCE TO Metal\_Recycling:

No direct relevance to Metal\_Recycling. The paper discusses the development of ontologies for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and their application in various fields, including materials science, but does not provide specific quantitative data related to metal recycling. The materials and processes studied in the paper do not directly overlap with those in the Metal\_Recycling hotspot context. While the paper mentions the importance of standardizing ontologies for LCA and enhancing data management, it does not offer specific sustainability metrics or process improvements applicable to metal recycling.

Given the lack of direct material and process overlap, and the absence of quantitative sustainability data in the paper related to Metal\_Recycling, no potential environmental benefits or adaptations can be directly inferred for this hotspot.



## A life cycle model for high-speed rail infrastructure: environmental

inventories and assessment of the Tours-Bordeaux railway in France (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2501.10458v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 80% of rails are recycled.
2. 20% of rails are reused on the secondary French rail network after 30 years.
3. 7% of mechanical rail wear happens on the secondary network.
4. 100% of chairs are sent to inert landfill.
5. 100% of fasteners are recycled.
6. 100% of sleepers are recycled.
7. Ballast recycling has a major negative impact on the environment due to transportation distances.
8. Recycling steel scrap into secondary steel offsets part of the environmental burden for 12 indicators.
9. The 100:100 allocation approach leads to a double count of the burden from recycling.
10. Average environmental impacts of the railway per km and per year:
  - Abiotic resources depletion: 1.67E+02 kg Antimony-Eq
  - Acidification: 1.32E+02 kg SO<sub>2</sub>-Eq
  - Bulk waste production: 9.06E+03 kg
  - Climate change: 2.75E+04 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-Eq
  - Eutrophication: 1.72E+02 kg NO<sub>x</sub>-Eq
  - Human toxicity: 4.20E+04 kg 1,4-DCB-Eq
  - Freshwater ecotoxicity: 1.48E+04 ID
  - Marine ecotoxicity: 2.68E+07 ID
  - Ozone depletion: 3.69E-03 kg CFC-11-Eq
  - Primary energy consumption: 4.02E+05 MJ-Eq
  - Radioactive waste production: 2.34E+00 kg
  - Summer smog: 6.94E+00 kg Ethylene-Eq
  - Terrestrial ecotoxicity: 3.24E+02 kg 1,4-DCB-Eq

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
2. 100:100 allocation approach
3. Avoided impact method
4. OpenLCA 1.4.1 software
5. Cumulative Energy Demand (CED) method
6. EDIP method

## 7. CML method

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Recycling steel scrap into secondary steel
2. Reusing rails on the secondary French rail network
3. Recycling sleepers and fasteners
4. Optimizing ballast recycling transportation distances

### RELEVANCE TO Metal\_Recycling:

The paper's findings on recycling steel scrap into secondary steel and reusing rails on the secondary French rail network directly apply to the Metal\_Recycling hotspot. The 80% recycling rate of rails and 100% recycling rate of fasteners and sleepers demonstrate significant potential for metal recycling in the rail industry. However, the paper also highlights the importance of considering transportation distances in metal recycling, as seen in the case of ballast recycling.

### MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The paper studies steel and other metals used in rail infrastructure, which is directly relevant to the Metal\_Recycling hotspot. The material properties and processing characteristics of steel are similar across different applications, making the paper's findings transferable to the hotspot context.

### PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

The paper examines the recycling and reuse of metals in the rail industry, which is similar to the processes involved in Metal\_Recycling. The equipment and operational parameters used in rail metal recycling are likely to be similar to those used in other metal recycling applications.

### QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

The paper's findings on the environmental benefits of recycling steel scrap into secondary steel can be translated to the Metal\_Recycling hotspot. For example, if the hotspot context shows a significant quantity of metal waste, the 80% recycling rate of rails and 100% recycling rate of fasteners and sleepers could be used to estimate the potential environmental benefits of implementing similar recycling practices.

### TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

The technologies and methods used in the paper, such as the 100:100 allocation approach and the avoided impact method, could be adapted for use in the Metal\_Recycling hotspot. The OpenLCA 1.4.1 software used in the paper could also be used to model and analyze the environmental impacts of metal recycling in the hotspot context.



**Life Cycle Analysis of the GRAND Experiment**  
<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2309.12282v1>

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 6% reduction in environmental impact in all categories evaluated by reducing the mass of the antenna structure by 6 kg per antenna.
2. 5% to 34% reduction in total environmental impact by using different stainless steel alloys (X5CrNi18 (304) and X20Cr13 (420)) for the antenna structure.
3. 83% and 66% reduction in "resource use, minerals and metals" indicator by using alloys X5CrNi18 (304) and X20Cr13 (420), respectively.
4. 18% and 22% reduction in "acidification" indicator by using alloys X5CrNi18 (304) and X20Cr13 (420), respectively.
5. 22% to 99% reduction in different indicators by using recycled materials for the antenna structure.
6. 40% reduction in environmental impact by using remanufactured batteries.
7. 3% reduction in total environmental impact by reducing transportation distances by approximately 30%.
8. 5% reduction in environmental impact by reducing the size/mass of different components by 10%.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology.
2. Idemat database for environmental impact assessment.
3. Simplified LCA approach.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Redesigning the antenna structure to reduce material usage.
2. Using different stainless steel alloys for the antenna structure.
3. Implementing recycling processes for materials.
4. Improving battery life to reduce the number of batteries needed.
5. Using remanufactured batteries.
6. Optimizing transportation distances.

## RELEVANCE TO Metal\_Recycling:

The paper's findings on reducing environmental impact through material optimization, recycling, and process improvements are relevant to the Metal\_Recycling hotspot. The study's focus on stainless steel alloys and recycling processes can be directly applied to metal recycling. The quantitative reductions in environmental impact, such as the 5% to 34% reduction in total environmental impact by using different stainless steel alloys, can be translated to potential benefits in metal recycling. The paper's emphasis on recycling and material efficiency also aligns with the goals of metal recycling. However, the specific processes and materials studied in the paper may require adaptation to be directly applicable to metal recycling.



## Planning sustainable carbon neutrality pathways: accounting challenges

experienced by organizations and solutions from industrial ecology (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2501.10456v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

- 11% to 25%: The estimated contribution of scope 2 emissions to the worldwide economy's emissions, depending on the quantification method.
- 52%: The share of scope 3 emissions in the worldwide economy's emissions.
- 37%: The share of scope 1 emissions in the worldwide economy's emissions.
- 0.6 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh: The emissions reported under scope 2 for an organization consuming electricity from Quebec's grid.
- 33.9 gCO<sub>2</sub>eq/kWh: The emissions reported under upstream scope 3 for an organization consuming electricity from Quebec's grid.
- 18.3 to 29.8: The evolution of the GWP for "fossil CH<sub>4</sub> GWP-100a".
- 2%: The percentage of suppliers of the CDP-reporting companies that provided their life cycle footprints in 2021.
- 20%: The percentage of organizations reporting to the CDP that accounted for their upstream scope 3 in 2021.
- 9%: The expected increase in the carbon footprint of cobalt production under a business-as-usual scenario.
- 28%: The expected decrease in the carbon footprint of cobalt production under a "sustainable development" scenario.
- 71-112%: The expected increase in human toxicity impacts from cobalt production.
- 40%: The percentage of GHG released by material production worldwide accounted for by metals between 1995 and 2015.
- 22%: The percentage of the worldwide GHG emissions accounted for by countries and cities using carbon pricing mechanisms.
- 0.025%: The percentage of technology-based carbon capture in 2020 accounted for by direct air capture (DAC).

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)
- Life Cycle Inventory (LCI)
- Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs)
- Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)
- Marginal Abatement Cost (MAC) curves
- Prospective Life Cycle Inventory (pLCI)
- Dynamic Life Cycle Assessment (dLCA)

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

- Temperature optimization

- Pressure optimization
- Cycle time reduction
- Energy consumption reduction
- Material efficiency improvement
- Waste reduction

### RELEVANCE TO Metal\_Recycling:

The paper discusses various challenges and solutions related to planning sustainable carbon neutrality pathways, including the importance of considering scope 3 emissions, the need for high-quality and time-dependent inventories, and the use of dynamic GWPs. While the paper does not specifically focus on metal recycling, some of the discussed methods and technologies, such as LCA and IAMs, could be applied to the metal recycling industry to improve its sustainability.

Material compatibility analysis: The paper mentions metals such as cobalt, nickel, and lithium, which are relevant to the metal recycling industry.

Process alignment assessment: The paper discusses the importance of considering the entire life cycle of products, which is relevant to the metal recycling industry.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: The paper provides some quantitative data on the environmental impacts of metal production, such as the expected increase in the carbon footprint of cobalt production under a business-as-usual scenario.

Technology and method adaptation potential: Some of the methods and technologies discussed in the paper, such as LCA and IAMs, could be adapted for use in the metal recycling industry to improve its sustainability.

However, the paper does not provide specific quantitative data on the sustainability benefits of applying these methods and technologies to the metal recycling industry. Therefore, the relevance of the paper to the metal recycling industry is limited.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### Life Cycle Assessment of the Athena X-ray Integral Field Unit (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2404.15122v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### Environmental performance of shared micromobility and personal

alternatives using integrated modal LCA (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2103.04464v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### Space debris through the prism of the environmental performance of space

systems: the case of Sentinel-3 redesigned mission (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2207.06306v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.



## **The environmental value of transport infrastructure in the UK: an**

EXIOBASE analysis (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2504.20098v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## **ECU Standby Power**

### **Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:**

#### **A 28 nm AI microcontroller with tightly coupled zero-standby power**

weight memory featuring standard logic compatible 4 Mb 4-bits/cell embedded flash technology (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2503.11660v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

- 0.04% inference accuracy degradation for MNIST dataset after baking at 125 ■ for 160 hours
- 95.58% AI inference accuracy for MNIST after baking
- 0.878 AUC for FC-Autoencoder after baking
- 10V program voltage level achieved by the logic compatible charge pump
- 2.5V (=VDDH) verify-reference levels supplied by the WL driver circuits
- 16 distinct states programmed with a margin between states
- 160 hours of unpowered baking at 125 ■ with maintained accuracy
- 4-bit integer quantization aware training for MNIST dataset and ToyADMOS dataset

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

- 28 nm low power standard logic technology
- Standard logic compatible 4 Mb 4-bits/cell embedded flash technology
- Near-Memory Computing Unit (NMCU) for efficient AI acceleration
- Overstress-free WL driver circuit with PMOS charging path
- High Voltage (HV) generator circuit for program and erase operations
- Adaptive body biasing scheme for NMOS and PMOS transistors

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

- Carefully designed state mapping for 4-bits/cell EFLASH memory
- Overstress-free WL driver circuit for wider-range verify levels

- Tightly coupled NMCU for simultaneous multi-bit processing and minimized internal data movement
- Ping-pong buffer for efficient AI acceleration

#### **RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:**

No direct relevance to ECU\_Standby\_Power. The paper studies a 28 nm AI microcontroller with tightly coupled zero-standby power weight memory, which does not directly relate to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot. The paper focuses on efficient low power edge AI acceleration, while the hotspot context is not provided. However, the paper's discussion on zero-standby power weight memory could be indirectly related to reducing standby power consumption in ECUs.

Material compatibility analysis: No materials are compared, as the hotspot context is not provided.

Process alignment assessment: No processes are compared, as the hotspot context is not provided.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: No direct quantitative benefits can be translated to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot.

Technology and method adaptation potential: The concept of zero-standby power weight memory could be explored for potential adaptation to reduce ECU standby power consumption, but this would require significant modifications and is not directly applicable.

In conclusion, while the paper presents interesting advancements in low-power AI microcontrollers, it does not provide direct quantitative sustainability benefits for the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot.



#### **A Novel Low Power Non-Volatile SRAM Cell with Self Write Termination (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.04683v1>)**

#### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 17.88% power savings during backup operation compared to the proposed nv-sram cell without write termination.
2. 6.15% and 2.95% power savings achieved by the write termination circuitry in the proposed nv-sram cell with write termination compared to [13] and [14], respectively.
3. 42.50% and 25.81% reduction in the number of transistors in the proposed write termination circuit compared to [13] and [14], respectively.
4. Mean write energy of 0.257 pJ/bit for the proposed nv-sram cell with write termination.
5. Write power for '0' and '1' of 0.257 pJ/bit for the proposed nv-sram cell with write termination.

#### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. STT-MTJ (Spin Transfer Torque-Magnetic Tunnel Junction) devices for non-volatile memory.

2. Write termination circuitry for reducing power consumption during backup operation.
3. FinFET 20 nm design kit for simulation.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of write termination circuitry to reduce power consumption during backup operation.
2. Reduction of number of transistors in the write termination circuitry.

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

The paper's findings on power savings during backup operation and reduction in the number of transistors could be relevant to reducing the standby power consumption of ECUs (Electronic Control Units). The proposed write termination circuitry and STT-MTJ devices could potentially be applied to ECU design to achieve power savings and reduce environmental impact. However, the direct applicability of these findings to ECU\_Standby\_Power would depend on the specific materials, processes, and scales used in ECU manufacturing.

Material compatibility analysis: The paper does not provide information on the materials used in ECU\_Standby\_Power, so a direct comparison with the materials studied in the paper (e.g., STT-MTJ devices) cannot be made.

Process alignment assessment: The paper's focus on backup operation and write termination circuitry may be relevant to ECU standby power management, but the specific processes and equipment used in ECU manufacturing are not described.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: Assuming the proposed write termination circuitry and STT-MTJ devices could be applied to ECU design, the potential power savings during backup operation could be significant. However, without specific information on ECU\_Standby\_Power material quantities and significance level, the exact environmental benefits cannot be calculated.

Technology and method adaptation potential: The proposed write termination circuitry and STT-MTJ devices could potentially be adapted for use in ECU design, but would require further research and development to ensure compatibility and feasibility.



## An Accurate Process Induced Variability Aware Compact Model-based

Circuit Performance Estimation for Design-Technology Co-optimization (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2109.00849v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. ~73% reduction in dynamic power
2. ~61% reduction in standby power
3. ~22% more optimistic estimate of  $(\sigma/\mu)$ SHM
4. ~4x (~2.3x) accuracy improvement for NMOS (PMOS) in the estimation of device figure of merits (DFoMs)
5. ~23% (~17%) degradation in SRM (SWM) at  $\Lambda = 15$  nm for  $\rho = 0.9$  as compared to  $\rho = 0$

6. ~2% decrease in RO delay for  $\rho = 0.9$  compared to  $\rho = 0$
7. ~61% decrease in  $(\sigma/\mu)RO$  for higher  $\rho$
8. ~10% contribution due to MGG variation in  $(\sigma/\mu)SRM$

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. FinFET technology
2. BSIM-CMG model
3. SPICE simulation
4. TCAD simulation
5. Design-Technology Co-optimization (DTCO)

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Improved accuracy in device variability estimation
2. Enhanced performance estimation in RO and SRAM circuits
3. Optimization of LER parameters ( $\rho$ ,  $\Delta$ ,  $\sigma$ ) for improved circuit performance
4. Optimization of MGG parameters ( $\sigma VT$ ) for improved circuit performance

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

No direct relevance to ECU\_Standby\_Power. The paper studies FinFET technology and device variability estimation with no explicit connection to ECU\_Standby\_Power. However, the paper's findings on reducing standby power (~61% reduction) could be potentially applicable to reducing the standby power consumption of ECUs, but this would require further analysis and adaptation to the specific ECU\_Standby\_Power context.



**AR Training App for Energy Optimal Programming of Cobots**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2210.08015v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. Up to 37% reduction in energy consumption using optimal manufacturer-defined commands without payload.
2. Up to 26% reduction in energy consumption using optimal manufacturer-defined commands with payload.
3. Up to 3.29% reduction in energy consumption using optimal motion time without payload.
4. Up to 2.77% reduction in energy consumption using optimal motion time with payload.
5. 5.27% reduction in energy consumption using reduction of dissipative energy.
6. Up to 16% reduction in energy consumption using optimal standby position.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Augmented Reality (AR) for training and teaching energy-optimal programming of cobots.
2. Optimal manufacturer-defined commands.
3. Optimal motion time.
4. Reduction of dissipative energy.
5. Optimal standby position.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Using joint linear movements instead of Cartesian linear movements for fast moves.
2. Obtaining the characteristic curve (EC vs. execution time) of a given path to minimize robot energy consumption.
3. Transforming regenerated energy into kinematic energy using a dynamic power saturator.

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

The paper's findings on optimal standby position, which achieved up to 16% reduction in energy consumption, directly relate to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot. This is because both involve reducing energy consumption during standby or idle states. Although the paper focuses on collaborative robots (cobots) and not specifically on ECU standby power, the principle of optimizing standby positions or states to minimize energy consumption is applicable. The quantitative benefit of up to 16% energy reduction could potentially translate to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot, depending on the specific materials, processes, and scales involved. However, without more specific information on the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot's materials, quantities, and significance level, the exact environmental benefit is uncertain. Nonetheless, the paper's findings suggest that optimizing standby conditions can lead to significant energy savings, which could be relevant to reducing the environmental impact of the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot.

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## Area-Efficient Selective Multi-Threshold CMOS Design Methodology for

Standby Leakage Power Reduction (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/0710.4762v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 40% reduction in standby leakage power
2. 20% reduction in total area
3. 85.42% reduction in leakage power (from 100.00% to 14.58% for Dual-V<sub>th</sub> and to 9.42% for Improved Selective-MT)
4. 34.82% reduction in area overhead (from 164.84% to 133.18% for Improved Selective-MT compared to conventional Selective-MT)

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Selective Multi-Threshold (Selective-MT) CMOS design methodology
2. Dual-V<sub>th</sub> technique
3. Improved Selective-MT circuit with shared switch transistor
4. CoolPower™ tool for switch transistor structure optimization

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of switch transistor structure to reduce voltage bounce and area overhead
2. Replacement of low-V<sub>th</sub> cells with high-V<sub>th</sub> cells and MT-cells to reduce leakage power
3. Insertion of output holders to prevent signal floating
4. Routing and buffering of MT enable signal for efficient design

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

The paper's findings on reducing standby leakage power directly apply to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot. The 40% reduction in standby leakage power achieved through the improved Selective-MT circuit could potentially reduce the environmental impact of the ECU's standby power consumption. Although the paper does not provide specific data on the ECU's material quantities or significance level, the quantitative improvements in leakage power reduction and area efficiency could be translated to actual environmental benefits, such as reduced energy consumption and decreased carbon footprint. The improved Selective-MT circuit's ability to share switch transistors and optimize switch transistor structure could be adapted for implementation in the ECU's design, potentially leading to significant sustainability gains. However, the direct applicability of these findings would depend on the specific materials, processes, and scales used in the ECU's manufacturing, which are not provided in the paper.



**Dynamic Power Reduction in a Novel CMOS 5T-SRAM for Low-Power SoC (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1302.4464v1>)**

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The proposed 5T SRAM cell features a 13% area reduction compared to a conventional 6T cell.
2. The 5TSDG cell achieves up to 30% power reduction in read mode compared to a low-power 6T structure.
3. W0 consumes 80% less power, and W1 consumes 9% less power compared with a low-power 6T structure in the worst-case scenario (FF corner, 120 agSoud).
4. The leakage current of the 5TSDG cell is 80.6 nA, which is significantly lower than the conventional 6T cell (2020.0 nA).
5. The RNM (Read Noise Margin) of the 5TSDG cell is 172.3 mV, which is higher than the low-power 6T cell (123.2 mV).

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. 5T SRAM cell design
2. Dynamic power reduction techniques
3. Low-power SRAM design methodologies

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of VSSM voltage to minimize leakage power
2. Use of dual grounds (5TSDG) to improve performance and reduce leakage power
3. Implementation of a novel bit-line biasing technique to enhance performance and suppress standby leakage power

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

The paper's findings on dynamic power reduction in the 5T SRAM cell design can be applied to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot. The proposed 5TSDG cell design achieves significant power reduction in read mode, which can be beneficial for reducing the standby power consumption of ECUs. The optimization of VSSM voltage and the use of dual grounds can also be explored for application in ECU designs to minimize leakage power. However, the direct applicability of these techniques to the ECU\_Standby\_Power hotspot would depend on the specific design and process characteristics of the ECU.

The 30% power reduction in read mode and the 80% reduction in W0 power consumption can be considered as potential benefits for reducing the environmental impact of ECUs. Assuming an average power consumption of 1W for an ECU in standby mode, a 30% reduction in power consumption could result in a 0.3W reduction in energy consumption. Over a period of one year, this could translate to a significant reduction in energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions. However, a detailed analysis of the ECU design and process characteristics would be necessary to quantify the actual environmental benefits.

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## Improving the Efficiency of a Deep Reinforcement Learning-Based Power

Management System for HPC Clusters Using Curriculum Learning (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2502.20348v2>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 3.73% energy reduction achieved by the Best Agent compared to the baseline DRL method.
2. 4.66% improvement in energy reduction achieved by the Best Agent compared to the best timeout configuration (shutdown every 15 minutes of idle time).
3. 9.24% reduction in average job waiting time achieved by the Best Agent.



4. 13.02% shorter job waiting time achieved by the Best Agent compared to the optimal 15-minute timeout policy.
5. 32.70% higher job-filling rate achieved by the Best Agent compared to the baseline setting.
6. 2% higher job-filling rate achieved by the Best Agent compared to the optimal 15-minute timeout policy.
7. 800 million Joules of energy saved by the Best Agent compared to the no-CL agent.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) with Curriculum Learning (CL) for power management in HPC clusters.
2. Advantage Actor-Critic (A2C) algorithm for DRL.
3. Batsim-py simulation framework for modeling job scheduling and power management in HPC systems.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of node shutdown and startup times to reduce energy consumption.
2. Improvement in job scheduling efficiency through reduced average job waiting time.
3. Increased job-filling rate through effective node utilization.

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

No direct relevance to ECU\_Standby\_Power. The paper studies power management in HPC clusters, which is a different domain from ECU\_Standby\_Power. However, the paper's focus on energy reduction and optimization techniques could be applied to other areas, including ECU\_Standby\_Power, if similar energy-consuming processes are identified.

Material compatibility analysis: Not applicable, as the paper does not discuss materials related to ECU\_Standby\_Power.

Process alignment assessment: Not applicable, as the paper's processes (HPC cluster power management) differ from ECU\_Standby\_Power processes.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: Not applicable, as the paper's findings are not directly related to ECU\_Standby\_Power.

Technology and method adaptation potential: The paper's optimization techniques could be explored for potential application to ECU\_Standby\_Power, but significant adaptations would be required due to differences in domains and processes.



## Self-Sustaining Multi-Sensor LoRa-Based Activity Monitoring for

Community Workout Parks (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2506.03203v1>)



## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The sensor has an average power consumption of 0.712 mW in low-power mode.
2. The sensor has an average power consumption of 4.194 mW during data transmission.
3. The sensor has an average power consumption of 6.951 mW in presence detection mode with VL5310X.
4. The sensor has an average power consumption of 1.147 mW in application mode.
5. The battery runtime is estimated to be 46.75 days with a 330 mAh battery.
6. The system is capable of harvesting an energy surplus of 9.9 J during 24-hours of operation with 4.5 hours of sun exposure.
7. The system can store 28.7 J/h in the battery while fully operational and uploading data every 10 minutes.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. LoRaWAN (Long Range Wide Area Network) for low-power data transmission.
2. Energy harvesting using solar cells.
3. Customized electronics for low-power consumption.
4. Adaptive sampling and transmission algorithm for reduced power consumption.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Reduced energy consumption through energy-aware firmware and adaptive sampling and transmission.
2. Improved battery runtime through optimized power consumption.

## RELEVANCE TO ECU\_Standby\_Power:

The paper's findings on low-power consumption and energy harvesting can be applied to reduce the standby power consumption of ECUs (Electronic Control Units). The average power consumption of 0.712 mW in low-power mode and the ability to harvest energy through solar cells can be used to minimize the energy consumption of ECUs in standby mode. However, the direct applicability of these findings to ECU\_Standby\_Power depends on the specific materials, processes, and scales used in ECU manufacturing.


The paper's focus on low-power consumption and energy harvesting can be translated to potential environmental benefits for ECU\_Standby\_Power, such as reduced energy consumption and decreased carbon footprint. However, a detailed analysis of the ECU manufacturing process and material quantities is required to quantify these benefits.

In terms of material compatibility, the paper does not provide information on the materials used in ECU manufacturing. However, the use of low-power electronics and energy harvesting can be applied to various materials and processes.

The process alignment assessment shows that the paper's focus on low-power consumption and energy harvesting can be applied to the ECU manufacturing process. The use of adaptive sampling and transmission algorithms can be used to optimize the power consumption of ECUs.

The technology and method adaptation potential is high, as the paper's findings can be applied to various ECU manufacturing processes and materials. However, the required adaptations for different scales, materials, or equipment need to be evaluated.

Overall, the paper's findings have a moderate to high relevance to ECU\_Standby\_Power, as they can be applied to reduce the standby power consumption of ECUs and minimize their environmental impact. However, a detailed analysis of the ECU manufacturing process and material quantities is required to quantify these benefits.



## **Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:**

### **Allocations of Cold Standbys to Series and Parallel Systems with**

Dependent Components (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.02214v4>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Limousine Service Management: Capacity Planning with Predictive**

Analytics and Optimization (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.05422v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## **EMC Shield Production**

## **Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:**

### **Anisotropic behaviour law for sheets used in stamping: A comparative**

study of steel and aluminium (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/0801.3018v1>)

## **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

- 30-40% reduction in weight can be expected when using aluminium instead of steel.

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**


- Stamping of thin aluminium sheets
- Quadratic non-centered Hill's (1948) yield criterion
- Mixed hardening law (kinematic and isotropic)

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

- None explicitly stated in terms of process improvements with measurable results.

### RELEVANCE TO EMC\_Shield\_Production:

NO direct quantitative relevance to EMC\_Shield\_Production. The paper studies the anisotropic behaviour law for sheets used in stamping, comparing steel and aluminium, with no explicit connection to EMC shield production. While the paper discusses material properties and potential weight reduction, it does not provide specific process improvements or sustainability metrics directly applicable to the EMC\_Shield\_Production hotspot. The weight reduction percentage (30-40%) is related to material substitution (aluminium for steel) rather than a process improvement in EMC shield production.



## Fracture toughness characterization through notched small punch test

specimens (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1711.02406v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

None related to sustainability improvements, energy consumption, material efficiency, waste reduction, or environmental impact.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:


- Small Punch Test (SPT)
- Finite Element Simulations
- Gurson-Tvergaard-Needleman (GTN) model for ductile damage characterization
- Notched tensile tests
- Fracture tests (single edge notched bend specimens)

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

None explicitly stated in terms of sustainability or environmental impact.

### RELEVANCE TO EMC\_Shield\_Production:

No direct relevance to EMC\_Shield\_Production. The paper studies fracture toughness characterization of CrMoV steels using the Small Punch Test, with no material overlap or process similarity to the hotspot context, which lacks specific details. The paper's focus on material properties and fracture mechanics does not provide quantitative sustainability metrics applicable to the environmental impact reduction of the EMC\_Shield\_Production hotspot.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### **475°C aging embrittlement of partially recrystallized FeCrAl ODS**

ferritic steels after simulated tube process (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.13842v2>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Fast Privacy-Preserving Punch Cards**

(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.06079v3>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Linear Non-Gaussian Component Analysis via Maximum Likelihood**

(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1511.01609v3>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **MICZ-Kepler = dynamics on the cone over the rotation group**

(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1305.1063v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Implementing and Benchmarking the Locally Competitive Algorithm on the**

Loihi 2 Neuromorphic Processor (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2307.13762v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **ViT-LCA: A Neuromorphic Approach for Vision Transformers**

(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2411.00140v2>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## PCBA Recycling

## Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:

### **Recyclable vitrimer-based printed circuit board for circular electronics**

(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2308.12496v1>)

## **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 98% recovery of the vitrimer polymer
2. 100% recovery of glass fibers
3. 91% recovery of the solvent (THF)
4. 47.9% improvement in global warming potential
5. 65.5% improvement in ozone depletion potential
6. 80.9% improvement in human cancer toxicity emissions
7. 35.8% reduction in acidification
8. 59.1% reduction in freshwater ecotoxicity
9. 61.8% reduction in human non-cancer toxicity emissions
10. 38.0% reduction in particulate matter
11. 45.9% reduction in photochemical ozone
12. 40.2% reduction in fossil depletion
13. 79.2% reduction in mineral and metal use
14. 28.1% reduction in water use
15. 20.0% reduction in global warming potential (vPCB freight vs. conventional FR-4 prepreg freight)
16. 28.0% reduction in ozone depletion potential (vPCB freight vs. conventional FR-4 prepreg freight)
17. 14.0% reduction in fossil depletion (vPCB freight vs. conventional FR-4 prepreg freight)
18. 26.0% reduction in mineral and metal use (vPCB freight vs. conventional FR-4 prepreg freight)

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Vitrimer-based printed circuit board (vPCB) fabrication
2. Transesterification vitrimer synthesis
3. Swelling-based separation for vitrimer composite recycling
4. Dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA)
5. Fourier-transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy
6. Life-cycle assessment (LCA)

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Improved recyclability of vPCBs through swelling-based separation
2. Enhanced repairability of vPCBs through dynamic covalent bonds
3. Increased efficiency in material recovery and reuse
4. Reduced environmental impact through closed-loop recycling

## **RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Recycling:**

The paper's findings on vitrimer-based PCBs and their recyclability through swelling-based separation have direct relevance to the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot. The quantitative improvements in material recovery (98% polymer recovery, 100% fiber recovery) and

reduced environmental impact (47.9% reduction in global warming potential, 65.5% reduction in ozone depletion potential) can be applied to the PCBA\_Recycling process. The use of vitrimer-based PCBs and the swelling-based separation method can potentially reduce the environmental impact of PCBA\_Recycling by decreasing waste, energy consumption, and emissions. The paper's results demonstrate the feasibility of closed-loop recycling for PCBs, which can be adapted to the PCBA\_Recycling process.



## **Recy-ctronics: Designing Fully Recyclable Electronics With Varied Form**

Factors (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2406.09611v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 97.5% recycling rate for LM in sheet form factor
2. 96.1% recycling rate for LM in foam form factor
3. 98.6% recycling rate for LM in tube form factor
4. 87.4% recycling rate for PVA in sheet form factor
5. 78.1% recycling rate for PVA in foam form factor
6. 83.2% recycling rate for PVA in tube form factor
7.  $0.013 \pm 0.002 \Omega/\blacksquare$  sheet resistance for original LM
8.  $0.019 \pm 0.011 \Omega/\blacksquare$  sheet resistance for recycled LM
9. 50% strain results in a resistance increase from approximately  $0.74 \Omega$  to  $0.82 \Omega$  for stretchable LM-filled tubes
10. 17.4 grams of LM recovered from a batch of devices accumulated over two months

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Screen printing for patterning circuits
2. Mechanical stirring for preparing PVA solution
3. Mold casting for creating tubes
4. Laser cutting for shaping foams and tubes

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Simple immersion in water for efficient dissolution and recycling process
2. Accessible recycling process without complicated tools or steps
3. Reduced energy consumption due to screen printing requiring less expensive equipment and ecosystem

### **RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Recycling:**

The paper's findings on recyclable electronics using PVA and LM have direct relevance to PCBA\_Recycling. The high recycling rates for LM (97.5%, 96.1%, and 98.6% for sheet,

foam, and tube form factors, respectively) and PVA (87.4%, 78.1%, and 83.2% for sheet, foam, and tube form factors, respectively) demonstrate the potential for significant environmental impact reduction in the PCBA recycling process. The simple and accessible recycling process described in the paper could be adapted for PCBA recycling, potentially reducing energy consumption and waste generation. The use of screen printing for patterning circuits also shows promise for reducing energy consumption in the manufacturing process.

#### MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The paper's use of PVA and LM as recyclable materials has some relevance to PCBA materials, as both are used in electronic devices. However, the specific materials used in PCBA (e.g., copper, fiberglass, and solder) are not directly addressed in the paper.

#### PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

The paper's manufacturing processes (screen printing, mechanical stirring, and mold casting) have some similarity to those used in PCBA manufacturing (e.g., printing, etching, and assembly). However, the specific processes and equipment used in PCBA manufacturing are not directly addressed in the paper.

#### QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

Assuming a similar recycling rate for LM and PVA in PCBA recycling, the potential environmental impact reduction could be significant. For example, if 1000 kg of LM and PVA are used in PCBA manufacturing, a 97.5% recycling rate for LM and an 87.4% recycling rate for PVA could result in a reduction of 975 kg of LM waste and 874 kg of PVA waste.

#### TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

The paper's recycling process and manufacturing techniques (screen printing, mechanical stirring, and mold casting) could be adapted for PCBA recycling and manufacturing, potentially reducing energy consumption and waste generation. However, further research and development would be needed to integrate these technologies and methods into existing PCBA manufacturing and recycling processes.



## Measuring the Recyclability of Electronic Components to Assist Automatic

Disassembly and Sorting Waste Printed Circuit Boards (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2406.16593v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 17% of e-waste was properly recycled in 2019.
2. 53.6 million tons of e-waste were produced in 2019, worth \$62.5 billion.
3. Annual global e-waste generation is predicted to reach 120 million tons by 2050.
4. Entropy levels of each component vary between 0.69 and 2.0.
5. Recycling capability of each WEC varies depending on material composition.
6. Grade of material content in each component depends on material type.
7. Recyclability values for WECs:
  - Aluminum Capacitor:  $68 \pm 14$
  - Tantalum Capacitor:  $45 \pm 11$

- IC:  $33 \pm 8$
  - Diode:  $76 \pm 12$
  - Transistor:  $58 \pm 21$
  - Resistor:  $39 \pm 6$
  - Inductor:  $52 \pm 7$
8. Minimum threshold for recovery: 18
  9. Recyclability value below 30 is considered difficult to recycle.
  10. Recyclability value from 30-50 is considered moderate recycling.
  11. Recyclability value from 50 onward is considered easy recycling.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) based models for automatic disassembly and sorting of WECs.
2. Deep learning model YOLOv5 for object detection.
3. Python 3.8 and NVIDIA Quadro RTX5000 16GB GPU for training and inference.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Automatic disassembly and sorting of WECs using AI-based models.
2. Improved efficiency in recycling processes by prioritizing high-value WECs.
3. Reduced environmental impact by strategic material retrieval.
4. Increased economic gains by reducing inefficient processing.

## RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Recycling:

The paper's focus on measuring the recyclability of electronic components from waste printed circuit boards (WPCBs) and using AI for automatic disassembly and sorting has direct relevance to the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot.

1. **MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:**
  - The paper studies WPCBs, which are directly related to the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot.
  - Shared material properties and processing characteristics between WPCBs and PCBA\_Recycling can be identified.
2. **PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:**
  - The manufacturing process investigated in the paper (recycling of WPCBs) aligns with the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot.
  - Similar equipment types, processing conditions, and operational parameters can be matched.
3. **QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:**
  - The paper's recyclability values and minimum threshold for recovery can be used to calculate potential impact reduction for the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot.
  - Measurable LCA impact reductions and sustainability metrics can be identified.
4. **TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:**
  - The AI-based models and deep learning techniques used in the paper can be directly implemented for the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot.
  - Adaptations for different scales, materials, or equipment can be evaluated.



The paper's findings on recyclability measurement and AI-based automatic disassembly and sorting can be applied to the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot, potentially reducing environmental impact and increasing economic gains.



## **PCB-Vision: A Multiscene RGB-Hyperspectral Benchmark Dataset of Printed**

Circuit Boards (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2401.06528v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 17.4% of 53.6 million metric tons of E-waste was officially documented as recycled in 2019.
2. 28% of a PCB's weight is constituted by high-grade precious metals such as Au, Ag, Cu, Pd, and Ta.
3. 3 to 5% annual growth rate estimation of E-waste generation.
4. 82.0% of the dataset consists of the 'IC' class, 9.2% consists of the 'Connectors' class, and 8.7% consists of the 'Capacitor' class.
5. 37.7% of the dataset consists of PCBs with two classes, namely "IC-Connectors".
6. 28.3% of the dataset consists of PCBs with all three classes, "IC-Capacitor-Connectors".
7. 24.5% of the dataset consists of PCBs with two classes, "IC-Capacitor".
8. 9.4% of the dataset consists of PCBs with only the 'IC' class.

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. RGB cameras for cost-effective, high spatial resolution, and real-time data acquisition.
2. Hyperspectral imaging (HSI) cameras for comprehensive spectral coverage and material identification.
3. Machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) methods for streamlining the recycling process and improving accuracy.
4. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for semantic segmentation tasks.
5. U-Net, Attention U-Net, ResUnet, DeepLabv3+, and LinkNet models for benchmarking segmentation performance.

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Data augmentation techniques to enhance model generalization and performance.
2. Class imbalance mitigation using class weights to improve model accuracy.
3. Dimensionality reduction techniques like PCA to address memory limitations and improve segmentation performance.

## RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Recycling:

The paper's focus on developing a multiscene RGB-Hyperspectral benchmark dataset for PCB analysis and recycling has direct relevance to the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot. The dataset's composition, including the classes of interest (IC, Capacitor, Connectors), aligns with the materials and components involved in PCBA\_Recycling. The paper's exploration of machine learning and deep learning methods for improving recycling efficiency and accuracy also applies to the hotspot. However, the specific quantitative improvements mentioned in the paper (e.g., energy reduction, material efficiency) are not directly applicable to the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot without further context or data on the hotspot's current processes and environmental impact.

The technology and methods mentioned in the paper, such as RGB and HSI cameras, machine learning, and deep learning, have adaptation potential for the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot, particularly in optimizing the recycling process and improving material identification and sorting. Nevertheless, the implementation complexity and potential sustainability gains would depend on the specific requirements and conditions of the PCBA\_Recycling process.

Given the lack of direct quantitative data on energy consumption, material efficiency, or environmental impact reduction specifically for the PCBA\_Recycling hotspot, the relevance assessment focuses on the applicability of the technologies, methods, and process improvements discussed in the paper to the hotspot's context.



**System Support for Environmentally Sustainable Computing in Data Centers (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2403.12698v1>)**

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 10x prolongation of cell endurance by using a 2-state cell compared to a 3-bit TLC.
2. 0.6% average Raw Bit Error Rate (RBER) when cells in the recycled flash chip have only two V<sub>th</sub> states.
3. 0.9% average RBER when cells have three V<sub>th</sub> states.
4. 1.4% average RBER when cells have four V<sub>th</sub> states.
5. Reduction in embodied carbon footprint through the use of recycled NAND flash chips and a reconfigurable hardware accelerator.
6. State-of-the-art carbon minimization achieved by Amoeba.
7. 50% capacity loss when converting 2-bit MLC to 1-bit SLC.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:


1. Amoeba: A reconfigurable FeFET-based PIM accelerator.
2. FRAC: A fraction NAND flash cell for recycling used NAND flash chips.
3. ESE: An Environmental Sustainability Estimator for data centers.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Improved lifetime of about-to-worn-out blocks in recycled NAND flash chips through FRAC.
2. Enhanced energy efficiency and reduced operational carbon footprint through Amoeba.
3. Accurate evaluation of operational and embodied energy consumption through ESE.

### RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Recycling:

The paper's focus on recycling used NAND flash chips and reducing embodied carbon footprint has direct relevance to PCBA\_Recycling. The use of FRAC to improve the lifetime of about-to-worn-out blocks and the development of Amoeba for energy-efficient hardware acceleration can be applied to the recycling of PCBAs. The quantitative findings, such as the 10x prolongation of cell endurance and the reduction in RBER, demonstrate the potential for significant environmental impact reduction in PCBA recycling. However, the paper does not provide specific data on the materials or processes used in PCBA\_Recycling, limiting the direct applicability of the findings. Nevertheless, the technologies and methods presented can be adapted and applied to PCBA recycling, offering potential for improved sustainability.



## Technological Progress and Obsolescence: Analyzing the Environmental

Economic Impacts of MacBook Pro I/O Devices (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2501.14758v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. More than 468,328 accessories will become obsolete.
2. No specific percentages or exact numbers for energy reduction, material efficiency, or environmental impact reduction are provided.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. AMZScout PRO (a third-party Chrome extension) for collecting sales data from Amazon.
2. Python for generating line charts to visualize sales trends.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

None explicitly mentioned in terms of manufacturing process improvements.

### RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Recycling:

The paper discusses the obsolescence of MacBook Pro I/O devices and its environmental impact, which can be related to PCBA\_Recycling in terms of electronic waste generation.

However, there is no direct quantitative data on recycling rates, material efficiency, or energy consumption reduction that can be applied to PCBA\_Recycling.

#### MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

- The paper does not specifically study materials related to PCBA\_Recycling, but it does mention electronic waste, which includes printed circuit boards (PCBs).

#### PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

- The manufacturing processes investigated in the paper are not directly related to PCBA\_Recycling, as the focus is on the obsolescence of I/O devices rather than the recycling process itself.

#### QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

- There is no specific numerical data provided in the paper that can be directly translated into environmental benefits for PCBA\_Recycling.

#### TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

- The use of third-party tools like AMZScout PRO for data collection and Python for data analysis could potentially be adapted for studying sales trends and environmental impacts in the context of PCBA\_Recycling, but this would require significant modifications and additional data.

Given the lack of direct quantitative data and process similarities, the relevance of the paper to PCBA\_Recycling is weak. The paper's focus on the obsolescence of I/O devices and its environmental impact provides some indirect insights into electronic waste generation but does not offer specific solutions or quantitative benefits that can be directly applied to improve the sustainability of PCBA\_Recycling.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### Machine Learning Approaches in Agile Manufacturing with Recycled

Materials for Sustainability (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2303.08291v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### Energy-Sustainable IoT Connectivity: Vision, Technological Enablers,

Challenges, and Future Directions (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2306.02444v2>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### Powering the Future: Innovations in Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2412.20687v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### Recycled nylon fibers as cement mortar reinforcement (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1409.7258v4>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

# PCBA Production

## Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:

**Parasitic Circus: On the Feasibility of Golden Free PCB Verification**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2403.12252v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

None related to sustainability improvements, energy consumption, material efficiency, waste reduction, or environmental impact.

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

- ANSYS SIwave 2023 R2 for electromagnetic simulation
- Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) for impedance characterization
- Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) for similarity measurement between simulated and measured signatures

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

None explicitly stated in terms of sustainability or environmental impact.

### RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Production:

No direct relevance to PCBA\_Production in terms of quantitative sustainability metrics. The paper focuses on the feasibility of using simulated golden signatures for PCB verification, detecting tamper events without relying on physical golden samples. While it discusses the addition and removal of components and their impact on impedance, it does not provide quantitative data on energy consumption, material efficiency, waste reduction, or environmental impact that could be directly applied to improve the sustainability of PCBA\_Production. The processes and materials studied (e.g., capacitors, PCB design) have some overlap with PCBA\_Production, but the paper's primary concern is with security and verification rather than sustainability or environmental impact.

Given the lack of direct quantitative sustainability data, the connection to PCBA\_Production is weak in the context of environmental sustainability improvements.



## **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. **\*\*Energy Consumption Reduction\*\***: HAM-PVA bioplastic has 4 times lower energy consumption than PVF and 3 times lower than PLA, with a cumulative energy demand (CED) of 1.468327 kg oil eq per kg of bioplastic.
2. **\*\*Climate Change Impact Reduction\*\***: Production of 1 kg of HAM-PVA bioplastic results in 4.260198 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq, which is 4 times lower than PVF (16.65613 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq) and 2 times lower than PLA (9.220808 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq).
3. **\*\*Marine Ecotoxicity Reduction\*\***: HAM-PVA bioplastic has a marine ecotoxicity impact of 0.02145 kg 1,4-DB eq, which is 7 times lower than PVF (0.163069 kg 1,4-DB eq) and 3 times lower than PLA (0.070634 kg 1,4-DB eq).
4. **\*\*Water Depletion Reduction\*\***: HAM-PVA bioplastic has a water depletion impact of 0.070116 m<sup>3</sup>, which is 4 times lower than PLA (0.322912 m<sup>3</sup>) and 3 times lower than PVF (0.21498 m<sup>3</sup>).
5. **\*\*Material Efficiency Improvement\*\***: The use of whey protein isolate (WPI) as a raw material for HAM-PVA bioplastic production reduces waste and improves material efficiency.

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. **\*\*Bioplastic Production\*\***: A simple, scalable, and water-based process for producing free-standing, transparent, and flexible bioplastic films from amyloid fibrils and biodegradable polymers.
2. **\*\*Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)\*\***: A method used to evaluate the environmental impact of HAM-PVA bioplastic production, including energy consumption, climate change, marine ecotoxicity, and water depletion.

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. **\*\*Temperature Optimization\*\***: The production process involves heating the solution to 90°C for 5 hours to convert WPI monomers to amyloid fibrils.
2. **\*\*Material Selection\*\***: The use of WPI as a raw material reduces waste and improves material efficiency.

## **RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Production:**

No direct relevance to PCBA\_Production. The paper studies bioplastic production from amyloid fibrils and biodegradable polymers, which is a different material and process than PCBA production. However, the paper's focus on sustainable manufacturing, energy efficiency, and waste reduction could be applied to other manufacturing processes, including PCBA production. The use of LCA to evaluate environmental impact could also be relevant to PCBA production.



## PCB Renewal: Iterative Reuse of PCB Substrates for Sustainable

Electronic Making (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2502.13255v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 98.4% reduction in material cost for the first iteration of the camera roller PCB.
2. 6402.90mg of FR-4 saved in the first iteration of the camera roller PCB.
3. 71.91kJ of energy saved in the first iteration of the camera roller PCB.
4. 15.25 minutes of fabrication time saved in the first iteration of the camera roller PCB.
5. 4.06mg of silver epoxy consumed in the first iteration of the camera roller PCB.
6. 74.6% reduction in material cost for the WiFi radio PCB.
7. 5602.15mg of FR-4 saved in the WiFi radio PCB.
8. 32.03kJ of energy saved in the WiFi radio PCB.
9. 105mg of silver epoxy consumed in the WiFi radio PCB.
10. 3.89 minutes longer fabrication time for the WiFi radio PCB compared to creating a new PCB.
11. 87.5% reduction in material cost for the ESPBoy game console PCB.
12. 5608.24mg of FR-4 saved in the ESPBoy game console PCB.
13. 25.99kJ of energy saved in the ESPBoy game console PCB.
14. 98.91mg of silver epoxy consumed in the ESPBoy game console PCB.
15. Less than 5 minutes difference in fabrication time for the ESPBoy game console PCB compared to creating a new PCB.

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. PCB Renewal technique for iterative reuse of PCB substrates.
2. Conductive epoxy deposition for "erasing" and "reconfiguring" existing circuit traces.
3. CNC milling machine for engraving and modifying PCB substrates.
4. Laser cutting for removing solder mask and editing vias.
5. EDA software plug-in for guiding epoxy deposition, generating updated profiles, and calculating resource usage.

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Reduced material waste through iterative reuse of PCB substrates.
2. Decreased energy consumption through minimized engraving and material processing.
3. Improved fabrication efficiency through automated epoxy deposition and curing.
4. Enhanced design flexibility through the ability to "erase" and "reconfigure" existing circuit traces.

### RELEVANCE TO PCBA\_Production:

The paper's findings on PCB Renewal and conductive epoxy deposition have direct relevance to PCBA\_Production, as they offer a sustainable approach to reducing material



waste and energy consumption in PCB manufacturing. The technique's ability to "erase" and "reconfigure" existing circuit traces enables the iterative reuse of PCB substrates, which can lead to significant reductions in material costs and environmental impact.

#### MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The paper's focus on FR-4 PCB substrates is directly relevant to PCBA\_Production, as FR-4 is a commonly used material in the industry. The use of conductive epoxy as a filler material also has potential applications in PCBA\_Production, particularly in the context of PCB repair and rework.

#### PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

The paper's investigation of CNC milling and laser cutting processes for PCB modification is aligned with common practices in PCBA\_Production. The use of EDA software for guiding epoxy deposition and generating updated profiles also has relevance to the industry's reliance on design and manufacturing software.

#### QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

The paper's quantitative findings on material cost reduction, energy savings, and fabrication time reduction can be directly translated to PCBA\_Production. For example, the 98.4% reduction in material cost for the first iteration of the camera roller PCB could be applied to similar PCB designs in PCBA\_Production, leading to significant cost savings and environmental benefits.

#### TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

The PCB Renewal technique and conductive epoxy deposition method have potential for adaptation in PCBA\_Production, particularly in the context of PCB repair and rework. The use of CNC milling and laser cutting processes for PCB modification could also be integrated into existing manufacturing workflows. However, further research is needed to assess the feasibility and effectiveness of these technologies in large-scale PCBA\_Production environments.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### **Crosswashing in Sustainable Investing: Unveiling Strategic Practices**

Impacting ESG Scores (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2407.00751v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Domain Analysis of Ethical, Social and Environmental Accounting Methods (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2208.00721v1>)**

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Magnetic Measurements of HL-LHC AUP Cryo-Assemblies at Fermilab (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2112.07560v1>)**

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Analysis of Biomass Sustainability Indicators from a Machine Learning**

Perspective (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2302.00828v1>)



No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Multidimensional spatiotemporal clustering -- An application to**

environmental sustainability scores in Europe (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.20191v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Observing spin Hall effect of pseudo-thermal light through weak**

measurement (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1603.09395v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## **Plastic Incineration**

### **Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:**

**A plastics hierarchy of fates: sustainable choices for a circular future**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2303.14664v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 80% recycling rate of paper, making it the most efficiently recycled packaging material type.
2. 70% of glass is currently recycled in the UK, with a target collection rate of 90% by 2030.
3. 78% of plastic packaging put onto the UK market is rigid plastic packaging.
4. 92% of non-consumer plastic film and 44% of consumer plastic film is PE.
5. 6% of non-consumer plastic film and 26% of consumer plastic film is PP.
6. 20% of rigid plastics in household waste are made of PP.
7. 28% of rigid plastics in household waste are made of PE.
8. 5% of plastic waste currently falls beyond the sorting categories shown in the hierarchy.
9. 0.4% of the total plastic packaging market is multi-material rigid plastic, a reduction of over 70% compared to 2020.
10. 90% reduction in PVC packaging, as highlighted in the UK Plastics Pact annual report 2021-2022.

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Mechanical recycling

2. Chemical recycling
3. Pyrolysis
4. Gasification
5. Solvent dissolution
6. Near-Infrared (NIR) technology for sorting plastics
7. Float-sink separation for sorting plastics
8. Eddy current separation for metal recycling
9. Microwave-enabled pyrolysis (Enval process)

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Improved recycling rates through consistent kerbside collection and sorting.
2. Enhanced recycle quality through "design for recycling" guidelines.
3. Increased use of mono-material packaging to improve recyclability.
4. Reduced contamination through improved sorting and separation techniques.

## RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:

The paper's findings on recycling rates, material efficiency, and waste reduction can be applied to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot. By improving recycling rates and reducing waste, the environmental impact of plastic incineration can be decreased. The paper's emphasis on "design for recycling" and mono-material packaging can also help reduce contamination and improve recycle quality, making it more feasible to recycle plastics instead of incinerating them.

Material compatibility analysis shows that the paper's focus on plastics, particularly PE, PP, and PET, is relevant to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot. Process alignment assessment reveals that the paper's discussion of mechanical recycling, chemical recycling, and pyrolysis is applicable to the hotspot's incineration process.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation suggests that the paper's findings on recycling rates and waste reduction can be used to estimate potential environmental benefits for the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot. For example, a 25% increase in recycling rates could lead to a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and waste sent to landfills.

Technology and method adaptation potential assessment indicates that the paper's optimization techniques, such as temperature optimization and solvent dissolution, could be adapted for use in the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot. However, further research and development would be necessary to ensure feasibility and effectiveness.



## A new approach to sustainable solid waste incineration: the concept and

generic feasibility study (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2502.20407v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The heat value of solid communal waste can be estimated as 10 MJ/kg.

2. Burning of 1 kg of waste requires 0.3-0.4 kWh of electric energy for oxygen production.
3. The heat-to-energy efficiency of a steam turbine can be increased from 30% to potentially double this value by using pure oxygen.
4. The temperature of the combustion chamber can be increased by a factor of two and a half when using pure oxygen.
5. The proposed scheme can produce 1 kg of gravel or rock fiber per 1 kg of waste.
6. The cost of air separation unit (ASU) can be estimated as £70,000 per ton-per-day.
7. The CAPEX for a medium town with 100,000 habitants can be estimated as £15,000,000 for ASU and £1,000,000 for a steam turbine unit.
8. The cash flow without considering CO<sub>2</sub> sale can be estimated as £32,000 per day or £11,680,000 per year.
9. The investment can be returned in approximately 2-3 years.
10. The energy consumption for oxygen production can be reduced to 0.15-0.2 kWh per 1 kg of oxygen using an "oxygen only" ASU.

## **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Pure oxygen incineration
2. Air separation unit (ASU)
3. Steam turbine
4. Condensation filtration
5. Cryogenic low-pressure gas separation unit

## **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Increased heat-to-energy efficiency of steam turbine
2. Reduced energy consumption for oxygen production
3. Increased temperature of combustion chamber
4. Production of gravel or rock fiber from waste
5. Reduced waste logistics expenses by locating incineration plants within megacities

## **RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:**

The paper's findings on pure oxygen incineration can be applied to Plastic\_Incineration, as the process can increase the temperature of the combustion chamber, ensuring complete decomposition of harmful substances like dioxins. The use of pure oxygen can also increase the heat-to-energy efficiency of the steam turbine, potentially reducing energy consumption. Additionally, the production of gravel or rock fiber from waste can reduce waste logistics expenses. However, the paper does not provide specific data on plastic incineration, and the applicability of the findings to this specific hotspot would depend on further analysis of the material properties and process conditions.

**Material compatibility analysis:** The paper studies solid communal waste, which may include plastics, but the specific material properties and thermal behaviors of plastics are not addressed.

**Process alignment assessment:** The paper investigates the incineration process, which is relevant to Plastic\_Incineration, but the specific process conditions and equipment used may differ.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: The potential impact reduction of the proposed scheme on Plastic\_Incineration can be estimated based on the increased heat-to-energy efficiency and reduced waste logistics expenses, but specific numerical benefits would require further analysis of the hotspot's material quantities and significance level.

Technology and method adaptation potential: The pure oxygen incineration process and condensation filtration method can be adapted to Plastic\_Incineration, but would require further evaluation of the feasibility and potential sustainability gains.

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## **A unified framework for polycrystal plasticity with grain boundary**

evolution (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1709.10176v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

No explicit quantitative sustainability improvements related to Plastic\_Incineration were found in the paper.

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

The paper discusses a unified framework for polycrystal plasticity with grain boundary evolution, using a thermodynamically-consistent polycrystal plasticity model.

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

No specific process improvements related to Plastic\_Incineration were found in the paper.

### **RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:**

No direct relevance to Plastic\_Incineration. The paper studies polycrystal plasticity with grain boundary evolution, which does not overlap with the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot context. The paper's focus on material deformation and grain boundary motion does not provide quantitative sustainability metrics applicable to Plastic\_Incineration's environmental impact reduction.

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## **Detailed Evaluation of Modern Machine Learning Approaches for Optic**

Plastics Sorting (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2505.16513v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 8% plastic recycling rate in the U.S.
2. 16% of plastics being incinerated
3. 76% of plastics disposed of in landfills
4. 91.7% mean Average Precision (mAP) in distinguishing between PET and PET-G
5. 99.74% accuracy in identifying and segregating plastics for recycling using Machine Learning
6. 80% mean average precision (mAP) for the validation dataset using Mask RCNN on the US Plastics dataset
7. 71.8% accuracy, 71.6% precision, 71.8% recall, and 71.1% F1 score for Resnet-34 on the Open Food Facts dataset
8. 50% recycling rate goal by 2030 as per the U.S. National Recycling Strategy

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Machine Learning algorithms (SVM, KNN, Decision tree, Logistic Regression)
2. Deep Learning models (Mask RCNN, Faster R-CNN, ResNet, Xception)
3. Optical sorting methods
4. Digital watermarking technology

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

None explicitly mentioned for Plastic\_Incineration

### RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:

No direct relevance to Plastic\_Incineration. The paper studies optic plastics sorting using machine learning approaches, which does not directly address the environmental impact of plastic incineration. However, improving plastic recycling rates, as discussed in the paper, could potentially reduce the amount of plastics sent to incineration, thereby indirectly reducing the environmental impact of Plastic\_Incineration.

Material compatibility analysis: The paper discusses various types of plastics (HDPE, LDPE, PVC, PET, PS, PP), but it does not specifically address the materials or processes involved in plastic incineration.

Process alignment assessment: The paper focuses on sorting and recycling processes, which are different from the incineration process.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: While the paper provides some quantitative data on recycling rates and accuracy of sorting methods, it does not directly translate to environmental benefits for Plastic\_Incineration.

Technology and method adaptation potential: The technologies and methods discussed in the paper are not directly applicable to reducing the environmental impact of Plastic\_Incineration. However, improving recycling rates and efficiency could potentially reduce the amount of waste sent to incineration.



## Elastic-gap free strain gradient crystal plasticity model that

effectively account for plastic slip gradient and grain boundary dissipation (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.13384v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

- 2% strain value for the infinite shear layer problem
- $0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$  reference slip rate ( $\dot{\epsilon}_0$ )
- 0.05 rate-sensitive exponent ( $m$ )
- 50 MPa initial slip resistance ( $S_0$ )
- 260 GPa Young's Modulus ( $E$ )
- 0.3 Poisson's ratio ( $\nu$ )
- 2% increase in GND density near the grain boundary
- 1000 value for GB recovery coefficient ( $\zeta_s$ )
- $5 \times 10^4$  value for GB hardening coefficient ( $c_s$ )
- 2000 value for bulk recovery coefficient ( $\zeta$ )
- 10 degree inclination of first slip of grain A ( $\theta_A$ )
- -10 degree inclination of first slip of grain B ( $\theta_B$ )
- 30 degree slip angle for the first slip plane of grain A ( $\theta_{1\_A}$ )
- -45 degree slip angle for the second slip plane of grain A ( $\theta_{2\_A}$ )
- -30 degree slip angle for the first slip plane of grain B ( $\theta_{1\_B}$ )
- -45 degree slip angle for the second slip plane of grain B ( $\theta_{2\_B}$ )

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

- Strain gradient crystal plasticity (SGCP) theory
- Finite element method (FEM)
- User subroutine (UEL) for ABAQUS/Standard
- Zero-thickness interface element for grain boundary modeling

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

- Nonlinear hardening and dissipation in the SGCP theory
- Apparent strengthening due to nonlinear kinematic hardening
- Saturation of GND density near the grain boundary
- Reduction of GND density near the grain boundary due to GB recovery coefficient ( $\zeta_s$ )

### RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:

No direct relevance to Plastic\_Incineration. The paper studies strain gradient crystal plasticity theory and its application to modeling grain boundary behavior, which does not have a direct connection to plastic incineration. The materials and processes discussed in the paper are not related to plastic incineration. However, the paper's focus on sustainability and environmental impact reduction through improved material modeling and

process optimization could be indirectly relevant to the broader context of plastic waste management and reduction.

## **Feasibility Study of Magnetism-based Indoor Positioning Methods in an**

Incineration Plant (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.12952v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. Average positioning errors of 6.89 m for Point Matching, 0.05 m for Path Matching, and 0.06 m for DTW Matching.
2. Computation time: 0.548 seconds for Point Matching, 0.788 seconds for Path Matching, and 36.760 seconds for DTW Matching.
3. Positioning error at 100% (max): 76.70 m for Point Matching, 0.46 m for Path Matching, and 0.50 m for DTW Matching.
4. Positioning error at 75%: 1.34 m for Point Matching, 0.08 m for Path Matching, and 0.10 m for DTW Matching.
5. Mean positioning error: 6.89 m for Point Matching, 0.05 m for Path Matching, and 0.06 m for DTW Matching.

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Magnetism-based indoor positioning method.
2. Point Matching, Path Matching, and DTW Matching algorithms for fingerprint matching.

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Improved positioning accuracy using Path Matching and DTW Matching compared to Point Matching.
2. Reduced computation time for Point Matching and Path Matching compared to DTW Matching.

### **RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:**

NO DIRECT RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration. The paper studies magnetism-based indoor positioning methods in an incineration plant, which does not directly relate to the material processing or environmental impact of plastic incineration. The paper focuses on worker safety and location monitoring, rather than energy consumption, material efficiency, or waste reduction. While the paper mentions an incineration plant, it does not provide quantitative data on environmental impact, energy consumption, or material processing that could be applied to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot.

## **Low carbon optimal scheduling of integrated energy system considering**

waste heat utilization under the coordinated operation of incineration power plant and P2G (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2409.07254v2>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 18.7% reduction in external power purchase and gas purchase costs
2. 6.7% reduction in heat supply costs
3. 17.8% reduction in carbon trading costs
4. \$4829.80 reduction in total operating costs for Mode 4 compared to Mode 1
5. 300 MWh of recoverable waste heat from the incineration process
6. 0.1188 kWh of recoverable methanation reaction heat per kWh of electricity consumed
7. 4% COP (coefficient of performance) for the water source heat pump

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Power-to-Gas (P2G) technology
2. Hydrogen fuel cells
3. Water source heat pumps
4. CO<sub>2</sub> separation devices
5. Methanation reaction devices
6. Electric hydrolysis

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Optimization of the P2G process to reduce energy ladder losses
2. Introduction of hydrogen fuel cells to improve energy efficiency
3. Implementation of a water source heat pump to recover waste heat
4. Installation of a CO<sub>2</sub> separation device to capture and utilize CO<sub>2</sub>

### **RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:**

The paper's findings on waste heat recovery, energy efficiency improvements, and carbon reduction strategies have potential applications to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot. The use of P2G technology, hydrogen fuel cells, and water source heat pumps could be adapted to improve the energy efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of plastic incineration processes. However, the specific materials and processes studied in the paper (e.g., incineration of municipal waste) may differ from those relevant to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot (e.g., plastic waste incineration). Further analysis would be required to determine the feasibility and potential benefits of applying these technologies and methods to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot.





## From Plastic Waste to Treasure: Selective Upcycling through Catalytic

Technologies (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2309.08354v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 80 wt% yield in the conversion of various polyethylene grades using a Pt/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst at 280 °C.
2. 98% yield of methyl propionate from PLA waste plastics using an  $\alpha$ -MoC catalyst.
3. 10-fold reduction in the molecular weight (Mw) of polyethylene using a Pt/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst.
4. 70% conversion of LDPE into liquid alkanes at 70 °C using a Lewis acidic chloroaluminate ionic liquid.
5. 90% Faradaic efficiency and 4.1 mmol·cm<sup>-2</sup>·h<sup>-1</sup> formic acid yield from EG oxidation using a CoNi<sub>0.25</sub>P catalyst.
6. 91.6% selectivity toward glycolic acid from EG oxidation using a Pd-Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> catalyst.
7. 85% Faradaic efficiency for formic acid production from PET hydrolysate oxidation using a NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst.
8. 75% and 91% yields of lactic acid and glycolic acid, respectively, from biomass and PET upcycling using an Au/Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> catalyst.
9. 93.2% conversion of EG and 91.6% selectivity toward glycolic acid using a Pd-Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> catalyst.
10. 40 mmol·g<sup>-1</sup>·h<sup>-1</sup> hydrogen production rate from PLA and PET plastic wastes using a defect-rich nickel-based chalcogenophosphate-coupled cadmium sulfide photocatalyst.
11. 100% selectivity for acetic acid production from PE, PP, and PVC using a Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> photocatalyst.

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Catalytic upcycling of plastics using thermocatalysis, electrocatalysis, and photocatalysis.
2. Pt/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> catalyst for polyethylene conversion.
3.  $\alpha$ -MoC catalyst for PLA conversion.
4. CoNi<sub>0.25</sub>P catalyst for EG oxidation.
5. Pd-Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> catalyst for EG oxidation.
6. NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> catalyst for PET hydrolysate oxidation.
7. Au/Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> catalyst for biomass and PET upcycling.
8. Defect-rich nickel-based chalcogenophosphate-coupled cadmium sulfide photocatalyst for plastic photoreforming.
9. Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> photocatalyst for PE, PP, and PVC conversion.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Temperature optimization from 280 °C to lower temperatures for polyethylene conversion.
2. Use of Lewis acidic chloroaluminate ionic liquid for LDPE conversion at 70 °C.
3. Microwave-assisted catalysis for rapid conversion of plastics.
4. Electrocatalytic conversion of plastics using a CoNi<sub>0.25</sub>P catalyst.
5. Photocatalytic conversion of plastics using a Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> photocatalyst.

## RELEVANCE TO Plastic\_Incineration:

The paper's findings on catalytic upcycling of plastics using thermocatalysis, electrocatalysis, and photocatalysis can be applied to reduce the environmental impact of Plastic\_Incineration. The use of catalysts such as Pt/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>,  $\alpha$ -MoC, CoNi<sub>0.25</sub>P, Pd-Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>, and NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> can improve the efficiency and selectivity of plastic conversion, reducing waste and emissions. The temperature optimization and use of Lewis acidic chloroaluminate ionic liquid can also reduce energy consumption and improve process efficiency. However, the scalability and adaptability of these technologies to the specific context of Plastic\_Incineration need to be further evaluated.

Material compatibility analysis shows that the paper's focus on polyethylene, PLA, and PET can be directly applied to the hotspot's plastic materials. Process alignment assessment reveals that the paper's investigation of catalytic upcycling can be matched with the hotspot's incineration process, with potential adaptations for temperature, pressure, and energy input. Quantitative sustainability benefit translation suggests that the paper's findings can reduce energy consumption, waste, and emissions in the hotspot, with potential environmental benefits including reduced greenhouse gas emissions and improved air quality. Technology and method adaptation potential is high, with potential for direct implementation of catalysts and process optimizations in the hotspot.

Overall, the paper's findings have strong relevance to the Plastic\_Incineration hotspot, with potential for significant environmental impact reduction through improved process efficiency, reduced waste, and lower emissions.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### Closed-loop Identification of a MSW Grate Incinerator using Bayesian

Optimization for Selecting Model Inputs and Structure (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2401.05221v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## Radiator Production

## Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:

**An Innovative Line Balancing for the Aluminium Melting Process**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2504.02857v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 117.6% growth in marginal daily profit
2. 50% increase in labour expenses
3. Daily marginal profit increase of USD67,786
4. Additional profit margin from increasing production from 2 to 4.36 cycles per day: USD67,968
5. Maximum profit margin per casting cycle of 36 rods: USD28,800 (USD800 per rod)
6. Increase in daily output from 2 times/day to 4.36 times/day
7. 118% increase in output percentage

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Mixed Integer Linear Programming (MILP) for line balancing
2. Lean Methodology for process optimization
3. Industrial Engineering for resource allocation and layout design

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of melting furnace and melting tank operations
2. Reduction of idle time for melting furnaces
3. Improved production flow through balanced workload
4. Increased daily output rates through optimized cycle times

### RELEVANCE TO Radiator\_Production:

Although the paper focuses on aluminium extrusion, the principles of line balancing, process optimization, and energy efficiency could be applied to Radiator\_Production. However, there is no direct quantitative data in the paper that specifically addresses Radiator\_Production. The paper's findings on melting temperature optimization (e.g., maintaining temperature above 700°C) and energy efficiency improvements might be relevant to radiator production if similar materials and processes are used. Nevertheless, without more specific information on the radiator production process, it is challenging to establish a strong connection between the paper's findings and the hotspot's environmental impact reduction potential.



## A process planning system with feature based neural network search

strategy for aluminum extrusion die manufacturing (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/0907.0611v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. Minimum soaking time: 1hr/inch of the die and backer.
2. Maximum allowance time after a die reaches specified temperature:
  - 300° C - 24 hours
  - 370 °C - 10 hours
  - 420 °C - 8 hours
  - 480 °C - 2 hours
3. Material removal rate in turning process:  $MRR = \pi \times D \times d \times f \times N$
4. Material removal rate in milling process:  $MRR = w \times d \times v$  or  $MRR = w \times d \times (f \times N \times n)$
5. Material removal rate in grinding process:  $MRR = d \times w \times v$
6. EDM wire cutting removal rates:
  - 18,000 mm<sup>2</sup>/hr for 50 mm thick D2 tool steel
  - 45,000 mm<sup>2</sup>/hr for 150 mm thick aluminum
7. Learning rate: 0.1
8. Momentum rate: 0.7
9. Number of nodes in input layer: 170
10. Number of nodes in output layer: 93
11. Number of hidden layers: 1
12. Number of die manufacturing cases: more than 150 cases

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Feature-based neural network search strategy
2. Computer-aided process planning (CAPP)
3. Artificial neural networks
4. Frame-based system
5. Rule-based system
6. Computer-aided design (CAD)
7. EDM (Electrical Discharge Machining)
8. EDM wire cutting
9. EDM sparking

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Die design and process planning optimization
2. Reduction of die design lead-time
3. Increase of die manufacturing efficiency
4. Improvement of die quality and productivity

## RELEVANCE TO Radiator\_Production:

No direct relevance to Radiator\_Production. The paper studies aluminum extrusion die manufacturing with no material overlap (paper materials: aluminum vs. hotspot materials: not specified). Process differences: paper examines die manufacturing vs. hotspot process: not specified. Scale mismatch: not applicable. However, the paper's focus on process optimization, material efficiency, and energy consumption reduction could be indirectly relevant to Radiator\_Production if similar manufacturing processes are used.

For example, the paper's discussion on material removal rates and machining processes (e.g., turning, milling, grinding) could be applied to other manufacturing contexts, including Radiator\_Production, if similar materials and processes are involved. Additionally, the paper's use of artificial neural networks and computer-aided process planning could be adapted to optimize manufacturing processes in other domains, potentially leading to sustainability benefits.

However, without more specific information about the Radiator\_Production hotspot, it is difficult to quantify the potential relevance and applicability of the paper's findings. Further analysis would be required to determine the potential for technology and method adaptation, as well as the feasibility of implementing similar process optimizations in the Radiator\_Production context.



## Discrete flow mapping: transport of phase space densities on

triangulated surfaces (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1303.4249v2>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

None directly related to Radiator\_Production or its specific sustainability improvements.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

- Discrete Flow Mapping (DFM) for solving stationary phase space flow equations.
- Application of DFM in vibro-acoustics for modeling high-frequency wave energy transport.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

- Improved resolution of refocused singularities with higher-order implementations of the basis approximation in direction space.
- Efficient computation of ray density on complex geometries like a sphere.
- Good correspondence between DFM predictions and finite element method (FEM) solutions for kinetic energy density on a thin aluminum shell.

## RELEVANCE TO Radiator\_Production:

No direct relevance to Radiator\_Production. The paper studies discrete flow mapping and its application in vibro-acoustics, with no material overlap (paper materials: aluminum vs. hotspot materials: not specified) or process similarity (paper process: vibro-acoustic modeling vs. hotspot process: radiator production). Scale mismatch and lack of quantitative sustainability metrics applicable to radiator production's environmental impact reduction.

Given the lack of direct connection between the paper's findings and the specifics of radiator production, including materials, processes, and scales, there's no clear pathway to translate the paper's results into sustainability benefits for the Radiator\_Production hotspot.

## Optimization of Solidification in Die Casting using Numerical

Simulations and Machine Learning (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1901.02364v2>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. Solidification time reduction: 1.99 s (minimum solidification time achieved through optimization)
2. Max Grain Size reduction: 22.39  $\mu\text{m}$  (minimum max grain size achieved through optimization)
3. Min Yield Strength improvement: 137.95 MPa (maximum min yield strength achieved through optimization)
4. Temperature optimization: Initial temperature optimized to 1015.8 K, and wall temperatures optimized to multiple values between 500.7 K and 643.6 K
5. Energy consumption reduction: Not explicitly stated, but the optimization process aims to improve process efficiency

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Numerical simulations using finite volume method
2. Machine learning using neural networks
3. Multi-objective optimization using Non-dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm II (NSGA-II)

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of solidification process in die casting
2. Improvement of product quality through optimization of initial and wall temperatures
3. Reduction of solidification time and improvement of yield strength

### RELEVANCE TO Radiator\_Production:

The paper's findings on optimization of solidification process in die casting may have some relevance to Radiator\_Production, as both processes involve metal casting and

solidification. However, the specific materials and processes used in Radiator\_Production are not mentioned in the paper, making it difficult to directly apply the findings.

#### MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The paper studies aluminum alloys, which may be used in some radiators. However, the specific alloy used in the paper is not mentioned, and the material properties and thermal behaviors may differ from those used in Radiator\_Production.

#### PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

The die casting process studied in the paper may share some similarities with the casting process used in Radiator\_Production. However, the specific process conditions, such as temperature, pressure, and cycle time, may differ.

#### QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

The paper's findings on reduction of solidification time and improvement of yield strength may translate to some environmental benefits, such as reduced energy consumption and improved material efficiency. However, the specific quantitative benefits are not explicitly stated, and the relevance to Radiator\_Production is limited.

#### TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

The optimization techniques used in the paper, such as numerical simulations and machine learning, may be adaptable to Radiator\_Production. However, the specific implementation would require further study and consideration of the unique process conditions and material properties involved.



### **Thermofluid topology optimization for cooling channel design** (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2302.04745v2>)

#### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 48% improvement in cooling efficiency for the cavity surfaces (Case A)
2. 51% improvement in cooling efficiency for the cavity surfaces (Case C)
3. 31% improvement in cooling efficiency for the cavity surfaces (Case F)
4. 10% maximum total fluid volume fraction (constraint G1)
5.  $10^{-5}$  relative cost function difference between consecutive steps (optimization stopping criterion)
6. 3% computation time accounted for by the projection schemes (involving the density filter)
7. 0.6 core-hours per optimization step (computational effort for Case A)
8. 2.97 Prandtl number (for  $Re = 100$ )
9. 2% discrepancy in domain-averaged temperature between body-fitted and porosity solvers
10.  $10^{-3}$  m/s flow speed isocontour (used to visualize optimized channel designs)

#### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Topology optimization methodology

2. Porous modeling of conjugate heat transfer
3. Adjoint method for sensitivity computation
4. Density filter for regularization
5. Body-fitted solver for validation

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of cooling channel design for improved cooling efficiency
2. Use of additive manufacturing techniques for complex channel geometries
3. Implementation of a porous modeling approach for conjugate heat transfer

### RELEVANCE TO Radiator\_Production:

The paper's findings on topology optimization for cooling channel design could be relevant to Radiator\_Production, as radiators often involve complex channel geometries for heat transfer. The 48% improvement in cooling efficiency for the cavity surfaces (Case A) could potentially be applied to radiator production, depending on the specific materials and processes used. However, the paper's focus on die casting molds and the use of water as the fluid may limit the direct applicability to radiator production, which may involve different materials and processes. Further analysis would be needed to determine the potential for adaptation and implementation of these optimization techniques in the context of Radiator\_Production.



## Papers without Specific Quantitative Data:

### A direction preserving discretization for computing phase-space

densities (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2106.14506v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### Fabrication of quantum emitters in aluminium nitride by Al-ion

implantation and thermal annealing (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.20540v1>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### FADO: Floorplan-Aware Directive Optimization for High-Level Synthesis

Designs on Multi-Die FPGAs (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2212.11582v3>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### MEDPNet: Achieving High-Precision Adaptive Registration for Complex Die

Castings (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2403.09996v1>)



No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

### **Tracing the phase transition of Al-bearing species from molecules to**

dust in AGB winds. Constraining the presence of gas-phase  $(\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3)_n$  clusters (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/1704.05237v2>)

No specific quantitative sustainability improvements were found in this paper.

## **Transportation**

### **Papers with Quantitative Sustainability Data:**

#### **A Two-Stage Stochastic Model for Road-Rail Intermodal Freight**

Transportation Under Demand and Capacity Uncertainty (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2503.17510v1>)

### **QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:**

1. 53.6 million tons of freight daily, valued at over \$54 billion (Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2021)
2. 21.6% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Halim, 2023)
3. 46% reduction in emissions (Hernandez et al., 2024)
4. 87% reduction in emissions (Matsuyama et al., 2024)
5. 4.7% unmet demand penalties
6. 2.4% emissions penalties

### **TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:**

1. Two-stage stochastic optimization model
2. Conditional Value-at-Risk (CVaR) framework
3. Gurobi Optimizer 11.0.0
4. Python 3.11.4

### **PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Optimizing container preparation and allocation
2. Dynamic capacity allocation
3. Adaptive scheduling

#### 4. Improved coordination among stakeholders

#### RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on optimizing intermodal logistics and reducing emissions directly apply to the Transportation hotspot. The two-stage stochastic optimization model and CVaR framework can be used to minimize costs and reduce environmental impact in intermodal transportation. The potential environmental benefits include a reduction in CO2 emissions, as seen in the paper's examples (21.6%, 46%, and 87% reductions). However, the paper does not provide a direct quantitative analysis of the Transportation hotspot's specific materials, processes, or scales. Therefore, while the paper's methods and technologies show promise for improving sustainability in intermodal transportation, further adaptation and analysis would be necessary to quantify the potential benefits for the Transportation hotspot.



#### Automatic Extraction of Relevant Road Infrastructure using Connected

vehicle data and Deep Learning Model (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2308.05658v1>)

#### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The model achieved a precision of 0.73 and recall of 0.69 for the "Intersection" class without colored images.
2. The model achieved a precision of 0.90 and recall of 0.92 for the "Straight" class without colored images.
3. The overall accuracy of the model without colored images was 0.86.
4. With colored images, the model achieved a precision of 0.98 and recall of 0.84 for the "Intersection" class.
5. With colored images, the model achieved a precision of 0.94 and recall of 0.99 for the "Straight" class.
6. The overall accuracy of the model with colored images was 0.95.
7. The F1-score for the "Intersection" class without colored images was 0.71.
8. The F1-score for the "Straight" class without colored images was 0.91.
9. The F1-score for the "Intersection" class with colored images was 0.90.
10. The F1-score for the "Straight" class with colored images was 0.97.

#### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Connected vehicle data
2. Deep learning model (YOLOv5)
3. Geohashing technique

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Improved accuracy in identifying intersections and straight road segments using colored images.
2. Enhanced precision and recall values for both classes with the use of colored images.

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on improving the accuracy of road infrastructure classification using connected vehicle data and deep learning models have potential applications in the Transportation hotspot. The use of geohashing and YOLOv5 algorithms could be adapted for similar road infrastructure mapping tasks, potentially reducing the time and resources required for comprehensive road network analysis. However, the direct relevance of the paper's quantitative findings to the Transportation hotspot is limited due to the lack of specific data on energy consumption, material efficiency, or environmental impact reductions.

Material compatibility analysis: The paper does not provide information on specific materials, so a direct comparison with the Transportation hotspot materials is not possible.

Process alignment assessment: The paper's focus on road infrastructure classification using connected vehicle data and deep learning models may have similarities with processes used in the Transportation hotspot, such as traffic management and urban planning. However, the specific processes and equipment used in the paper are not directly comparable to those in the Transportation hotspot.

Quantitative sustainability benefit translation: The paper's findings on improved accuracy and precision in road infrastructure classification could potentially lead to sustainability benefits, such as reduced energy consumption or improved traffic flow, but these benefits are not explicitly quantified in the paper.

Technology and method adaptation potential: The use of geohashing and YOLOv5 algorithms in the paper could be adapted for similar applications in the Transportation hotspot, such as optimizing traffic signal performance or improving road safety. However, the feasibility of implementing these technologies and methods in the Transportation hotspot would depend on various factors, including data availability, equipment, and operational characteristics.



**Cyber-physical Control of Road Freight Transport**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1507.03466v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 10% fuel savings from platooning trucks traveling close together due to reduced air drag.
2. 5% overall fuel savings from coordinated platoon planning.
3. 5.7% fuel saving from coordinated platoon planning in the case study.
4. 12.0% maximum fuel saving when vehicles platoon continuously.
5. 1,045 liters of diesel fuel saved and 2,770 kg reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the case study.

6. 10% energy savings compared to vehicles driving alone using look-ahead control.
7. 7% energy savings compared to vehicles platooning without cooperating and exploiting topography information.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Cyber-physical systems approach for road freight transport.
2. Vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication.
3. Cooperative look-ahead control strategy.
4. Distributed controller design for platooning vehicles.
5. Receding horizon control problem for platoon fuel optimization.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of vehicle platooning for reduced fuel consumption.
2. Improvement of platoon formation and merging maneuvers.
3. Adjustment of velocity profiles for fuel-efficient platooning.
4. Integration of transport planning, routing, and coordination for fleet management.

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on fuel savings and emissions reduction through platooning and cooperative look-ahead control directly apply to the Transportation hotspot. The use of vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communication, as well as the distributed controller design, can be adapted for implementation in the Transportation sector. The quantitative sustainability benefits, such as 10% fuel savings and 2,770 kg reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, demonstrate the potential for environmental impact reduction in the Transportation hotspot. The paper's focus on optimizing vehicle platooning and platoon formation can be translated to actual environmental benefits in the Transportation sector, making it a relevant and applicable study.

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## Multiple data sources and domain generalization learning method for road

surface defect classification (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2407.10197v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

None related to sustainability improvements, energy consumption, material efficiency, waste reduction, or environmental impact.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

- Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)
- Transfer learning methods (e.g., VGG16, MobileNet-V2, ResNet50)
- Contrastive learning
- Domain generalization training

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

- Improved accuracy in road surface defect classification using the proposed method (up to 0.51 precision, 0.53 recall, and 0.49 F1-score)
- Enhanced model generalizability to unseen datasets

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

No direct quantitative relevance to environmental sustainability or specific manufacturing processes in the Transportation hotspot. The paper focuses on road surface defect classification using camera images and AI/deep learning methods, which does not directly relate to material processing, energy consumption, or waste reduction in the context of transportation manufacturing.

The study's primary contribution is in the development of a more accurate and generalizable model for road surface defect classification, which, while important for road maintenance and potentially indirectly beneficial for transportation efficiency and safety, does not provide explicit quantitative data on sustainability improvements such as energy reduction, material efficiency, or waste minimization that could be directly applied to the Transportation hotspot.



## Deep Learning Innovations for Energy Efficiency: Advances in

Non-Intrusive Load Monitoring and EV Charging Optimization for a Sustainable Grid (PDF: <http://arxiv.org/pdf/2505.04367v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 11.5% average electricity bill reduction achieved through the proposed DQN EV optimal charging policy.
2. 88.4% average solar power utilization for EV charging.
3. 19.66% increase in solar energy utilized for EV charging compared to historical data.
4. 10.9% average electricity cost reduction.
5. 7% reduction in household Peak-to-Average ratio, reducing network stress.
6. 17.65% cost reduction for the community compared to uncontrolled EV charging.
7. 133.14% increase in self-consumption of solar energy on a community level.
8. 18.75% reduction of Peak-to-Average Ratio compared to historical data.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Deep Q-Learning (DQN) for EV charging optimization.
2. N-Step Deep Q-Learning for self-sustained EV charging.
3. Multi-Agent Deep Reinforcement Learning (MADRL) for community-driven smart EV charging.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of EV charging schedules to minimize grid stress and reduce costs.
2. Utilization of solar power for EV charging to promote self-consumption and reduce network stress.
3. Implementation of a community-driven approach for smart EV charging, allowing for concurrent optimization of multiple EVs.

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on EV charging optimization and community-driven smart EV charging directly apply to the Transportation hotspot. The proposed DQN and N-Step DQN methods can be used to optimize EV charging schedules, reducing energy consumption and grid stress. The community-driven approach can be applied to promote self-consumption of solar energy and reduce network stress. The quantitative sustainability benefits, such as the 11.5% average electricity bill reduction and 19.66% increase in solar energy utilization, demonstrate the potential for significant environmental impact reduction in the Transportation sector.



**Optimized Method for Iranian Road Signs Detection and recognition system (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1407.5324v1>)**

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 98.66% detection accuracy rate for road speed signs
2. 100% recognition accuracy rate for road speed signs

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Combination of shape and color feature detection
2. Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier for recognition

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Improved detection rate compared to other methods (e.g., 93% using normalized cross-correlation)

## 2. Robustness to noise and distance due to geometric and color feature usage

### RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on road sign detection and recognition have direct relevance to the Transportation hotspot, particularly in the context of intelligent transportation systems. The high detection and recognition accuracy rates achieved through the proposed method could enhance road safety and efficiency. However, the paper does not provide explicit quantitative data on environmental impact reduction, energy savings, or material efficiency improvements directly applicable to the Transportation hotspot. The focus is on the technical performance of the detection and recognition system rather than its sustainability benefits.

Given the context of road sign detection and recognition, potential sustainability benefits could include reduced energy consumption through optimized traffic flow, decreased congestion, and lower emissions from vehicles. However, these benefits are not quantitatively assessed in the paper. The method's robustness to noise and distance, as well as its high accuracy rates, suggest potential for application in various transportation settings, but specific adaptations for different environments or scales are not discussed.

In summary, while the paper contributes to the development of intelligent transportation systems, its direct relevance to sustainability improvements in the Transportation hotspot is indirect and would require further analysis to quantify potential environmental benefits.

**Optimized sensor placement for dependable roadside infrastructures**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.05314v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. 17% higher efficiency (ce■) achieved by the algorithm compared to a simple greedy search approach for a parking garage setup.
2. 75% increase in ce■ for a fully covered four-way intersection due to the additional symmetrization procedure.
3. Coverage efficiency (ce■) of 0.64 achieved by the algorithm for a section of Berlin city with 312 sensors.
4. Coverage efficiency (ce■) of 0.5 for a four-lane motorway covered by mid-range radar sensors.
5. Coverage efficiency (ce■) of 0.6 for an urban four-way intersection monitored by cameras.
6. Coverage efficiency (ce■) of 0.04 for an asymmetric parking space covered by high-precision radar sensors.

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Genetic algorithm for optimized sensor placement.
2. Greedy local search for refining the optimal sensor configuration.
3. Symmetrization to improve the fitness of the solution.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Optimization of sensor placement for dependable roadside infrastructures.
2. Improvement of coverage efficiency (ce $\blacksquare$ ) through symmetrization and greedy local search.

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on optimized sensor placement for dependable roadside infrastructures have potential applications in the Transportation hotspot, particularly in the context of intelligent transportation systems and automated vehicles. The use of sensors and sensor networks can improve road safety, traffic flow, and overall transportation efficiency.

## MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The paper does not specifically discuss materials, but the sensor types (camera, radar, lidar) mentioned could be relevant to various materials used in transportation infrastructure.

## PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

The optimization of sensor placement can be applied to various transportation processes, such as traffic monitoring, smart intersections, and automated vehicle systems.

## QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

While the paper does not provide direct quantitative sustainability benefits, the improved coverage efficiency and optimized sensor placement can potentially lead to reduced energy consumption, improved safety, and enhanced overall efficiency in transportation systems.

## TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

The genetic algorithm, greedy local search, and symmetrization techniques can be adapted for various transportation applications, such as optimizing sensor placement for smart intersections, highways, or parking garages. However, the specific implementation would depend on the context and requirements of each application.

The paper's focus on optimized sensor placement can contribute to the development of more efficient and sustainable transportation systems, but the direct quantitative sustainability benefits would need to be further investigated and quantified in the context of specific transportation applications.



**Popularity-based Alternative Routing**  
(<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2406.05388v1>)

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. **\*\*23.57% reduction in CO2 emissions\*\***: Polaris achieves a CO2 reduction of 23.57% in Florence compared to the best baselines.
2. **\*\*13.33% reduction in CO2 emissions\*\***: Polaris achieves a CO2 reduction of 13.33% in Milan compared to the best baselines.
3. **\*\*2.52% increase in CO2 emissions\*\***: Polaris results in a slight increase of 2.52% in CO2 emissions in Rome compared to the best baselines.



4. **\*\*31.07% usage of highly popular edges\*\***: Polaris has the lowest percentage of edges with high popularity, with values of 31.07% in Florence.
5. **\*\*24.53% usage of highly popular edges\*\***: Polaris has the lowest percentage of edges with high popularity, with values of 24.53% in Milan.
6. **\*\*29.79% usage of highly popular edges\*\***: Polaris has the lowest percentage of edges with high popularity, with values of 29.79% in Rome.
7. **\*\*13.49% regulated intersections\*\***: Polaris exhibits the lowest percentage of regulated intersections encountered along alternative routes, with values of 13.49% in Florence.
8. **\*\*23.35% regulated intersections\*\***: Polaris exhibits the lowest percentage of regulated intersections encountered along alternative routes, with values of 23.35% in Milan.
9. **\*\*13.04% regulated intersections\*\***: Polaris exhibits the lowest percentage of regulated intersections encountered along alternative routes, with values of 13.04% in Rome.

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. **\*\*Polaris algorithm\*\***: An alternative routing algorithm that minimizes the use of highly popular roads.
2. **\*\*K-road layers\*\***: A concept that considers the popularity of road edges while considering the potential for redirecting vehicles to unpopular roads to increase their future popularity.

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. **\*\*Dynamic edge-weight penalization\*\***: Polaris updates the cost of each edge in the road network by multiplying it with the K-road value in the  $i$ -th layer or the last K-road layer if  $i \geq m$ .
2. **\*\*Multi-layer edge-weight penalization\*\***: Polaris computes multiple K-road values for each edge in the road network, referred to as K-road layers.

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper's findings on reducing CO2 emissions and minimizing the use of highly popular roads directly apply to the Transportation hotspot. The Polaris algorithm can be used to optimize routes and reduce traffic congestion, leading to a decrease in environmental impact. The quantitative benefits of using Polaris, such as the 23.57% reduction in CO2 emissions in Florence, can be translated to actual environmental benefits in the Transportation hotspot. The technology and method adaptation potential is high, as the Polaris algorithm can be implemented in various transportation systems to reduce energy consumption and emissions.



**Road Damage Detection Based on Unsupervised Disparity Map Segmentation (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/1910.04988v1>)**

## QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. The pixel-level accuracy of the detected road damage areas is approximately 97.56%.
2. The proposed algorithm achieves the minimum transformed disparity standard deviation (■) on all the stereo datasets.
3. The comparisons of ■ and runtime are illustrated in Table I, showing that the proposed algorithm performs much faster than both GSS-DP and GD.
4. The accuracy of the proposed roll angle estimation algorithm decreases with the increase of ■, but the highest ■■ is only about 0.04■ (■ = 50).

## TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Unsupervised disparity map segmentation
2. Stereo rig roll angle estimation
3. Road disparity projection model
4. Otsu's thresholding method

## PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

1. The proposed algorithm can directly obtain the numerical solution for the energy minimization problem, making it more efficient than GSS-DP and GD.
2. The algorithm can perform in real-time.

## RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper presents a novel road damage detection algorithm based on unsupervised disparity map segmentation, which can be applied to the Transportation hotspot. The algorithm's ability to accurately detect road damage with a pixel-level accuracy of 97.56% can help reduce maintenance costs and improve road safety.

## MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:

The paper does not specifically discuss materials, but the algorithm's application to road damage detection implies its potential use with various road materials.

## PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:

The paper's focus on road damage detection using stereo vision and disparity map segmentation aligns with the Transportation hotspot's need for efficient and accurate road maintenance.

## QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:

While the paper does not provide direct quantitative sustainability benefits, the algorithm's ability to reduce maintenance costs and improve road safety can indirectly contribute to environmental sustainability by reducing the carbon footprint associated with frequent road repairs and maintenance.

## TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:

The proposed algorithm has the potential to be adapted for use in various Transportation applications, such as autonomous vehicles, road maintenance, and traffic monitoring, by integrating it with existing sensor systems and machine learning frameworks.

However, there is no explicit quantitative data in the paper that directly measures sustainability improvements, such as energy consumption reduction, material efficiency

improvement, or waste reduction, in the context of the Transportation hotspot.



## Understanding and Developing Equitable and Fair Transportation Systems (<http://arxiv.org/pdf/2209.10589v1>)

### QUANTITATIVE FINDINGS:

1. \$90 billion: annual expenditures due to traffic congestion
2. \$900 billion: annual expenditures due to traffic accidents
3. \$100 billion: annual expenditures due to infrastructure maintenance
4. 3.2%: significant decrease in the share of accidents for the 10-19 age group
5. 4%: increase in the share of accidents for males
6. 5%: decrease in the share of accidents for females

### TECHNOLOGIES/METHODS:

1. Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs)
2. Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL)
3. Change-point detection algorithm
4. Difference-in-differences analysis
5. Kernel density estimation

### PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS:

None explicitly stated in terms of numerical process improvements.

### RELEVANCE TO Transportation:

The paper directly addresses the transportation hotspot by analyzing traffic accidents, congestion, and the potential of CAVs to improve transportation systems' safety, equity, and resilience. However, the quantitative findings are primarily focused on the economic and demographic aspects of traffic accidents rather than specific process improvements or sustainability metrics directly applicable to reducing environmental impact.

The connections between the paper's findings and the target hotspot can be analyzed as follows:

1. **MATERIAL COMPATIBILITY ANALYSIS:** Not applicable, as the paper does not discuss materials.
2. **PROCESS ALIGNMENT ASSESSMENT:** The paper discusses transportation systems, including traffic flow and accidents, which aligns with the transportation hotspot. However, it does not delve into specific manufacturing processes.
3. **QUANTITATIVE SUSTAINABILITY BENEFIT TRANSLATION:** The paper mentions potential improvements through the use of CAVs but does not provide specific numerical sustainability benefits that could be directly translated to

environmental impact reductions in the transportation hotspot.

4. **\*\*TECHNOLOGY AND METHOD ADAPTATION POTENTIAL:\*\*** The technologies and methods discussed, such as CAVs and DRL, could potentially be adapted to improve the sustainability of transportation systems. However, the paper does not provide explicit quantitative data on how these technologies could reduce environmental impact.

Given the lack of direct quantitative sustainability data and specific process improvements, the relevance of the paper to the transportation hotspot is more conceptual, focusing on the potential of technological advancements to improve safety, equity, and resilience rather than providing measurable environmental benefits.



## **DATA QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

Total papers analyzed: 83

Papers with quantitative sustainability data: 52

Papers without quantitative data: 31

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1. Actual data from the ECU component specification
2. Quantitative findings explicitly stated in research papers
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