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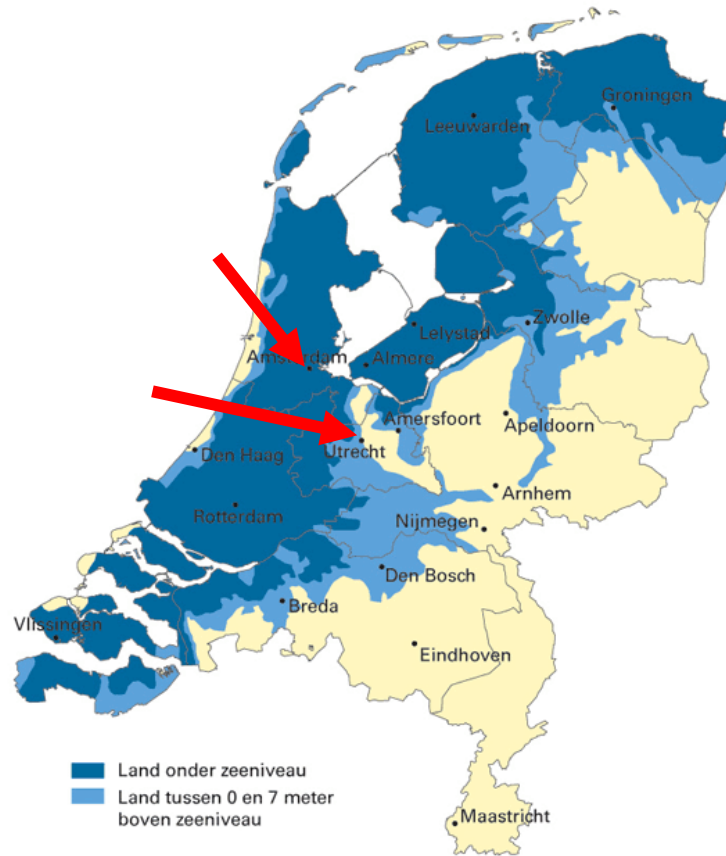
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‘I have no potential conflicts of interest to report’

If everyone lived like you, we would need

2.8 Earths 





## FOOTPRINT

→ HOW MUCH CO2 DID YOU GENERATE?

## HANDPRINT

→ WHAT WILL YOU DO TO DECREASE FOOTPRINT OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS?

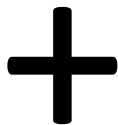




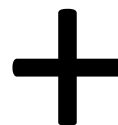
# Surgery footprint



Scope 1



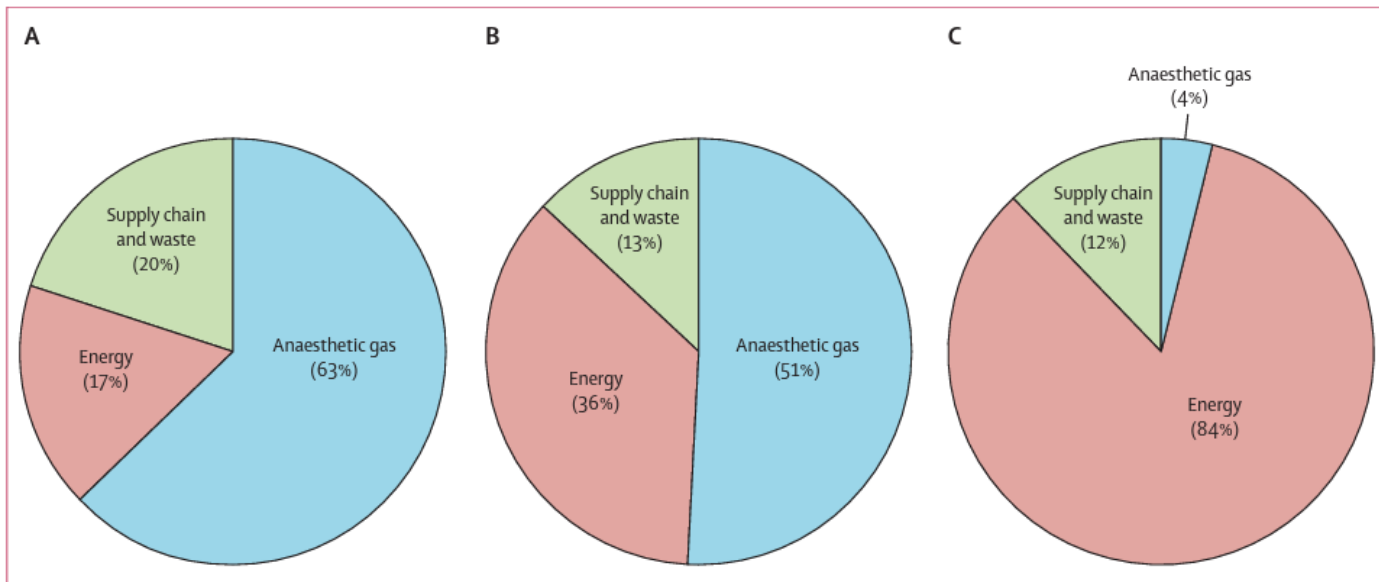
Scope 2



Scope 3

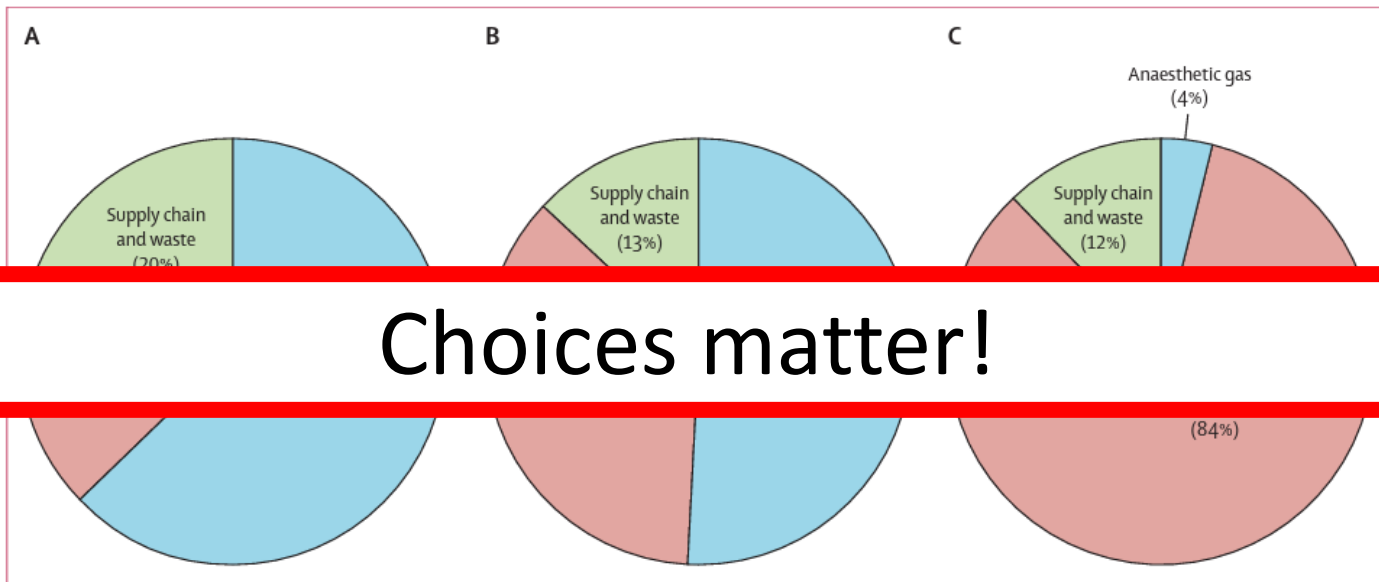


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**Choices matter!**



# Surgery & endoscopy footprint



Scope 1



Scope 2



Scope 3





# CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalents (GWP<sub>20</sub>)

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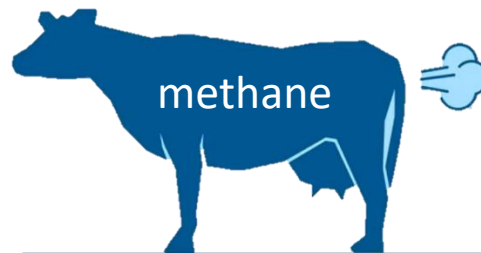
Methane = 86

N<sub>2</sub>O = 289

SEVO = 508

ISO = 1800

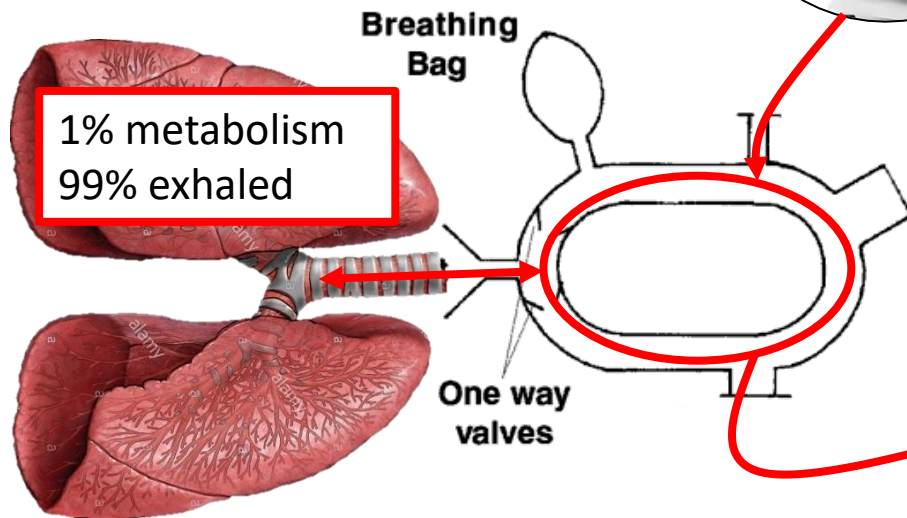
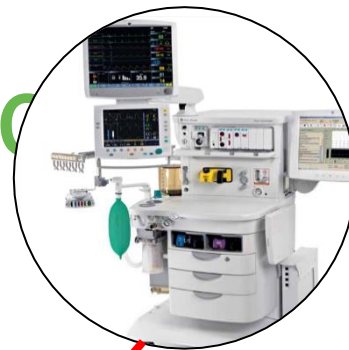
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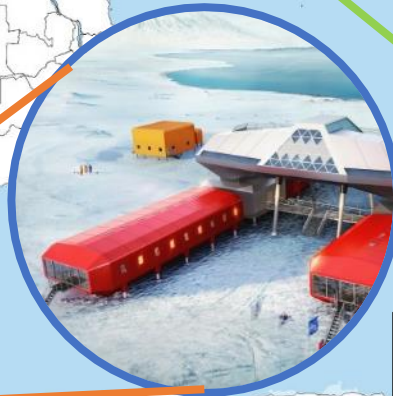
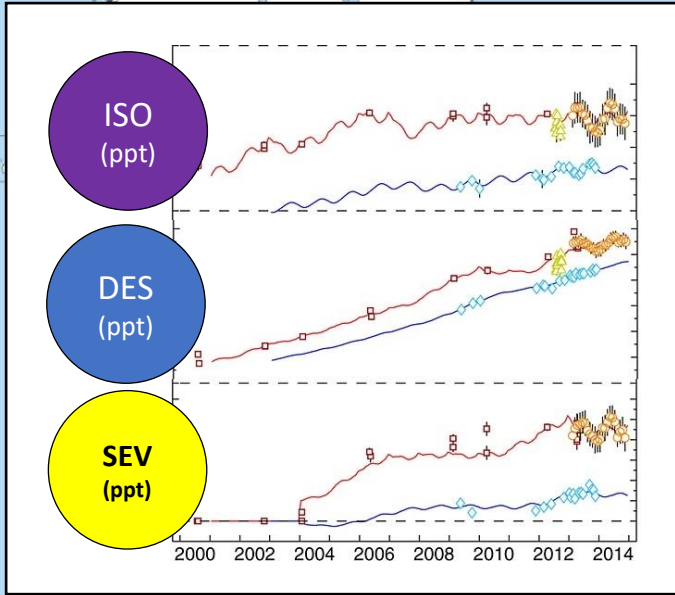


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# Volatile anaesthetics/N<sub>2</sub>O

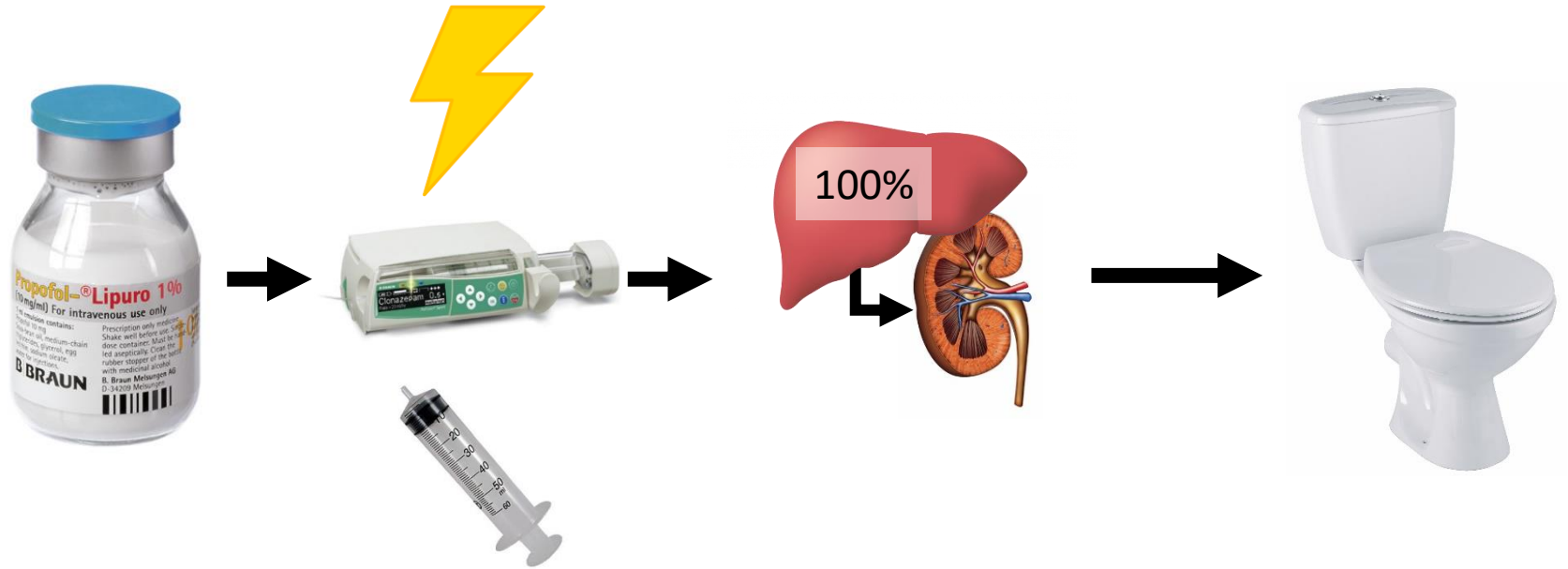




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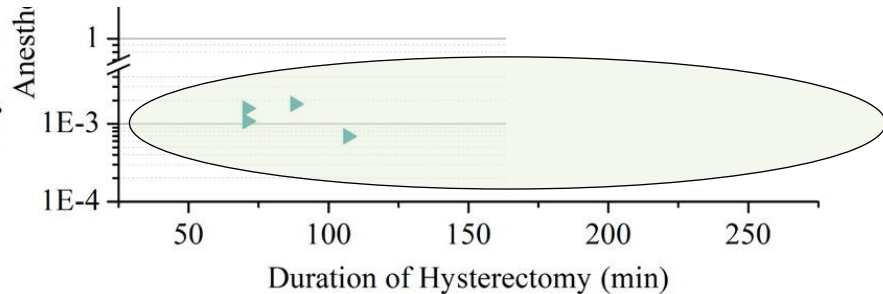


# IV-medication





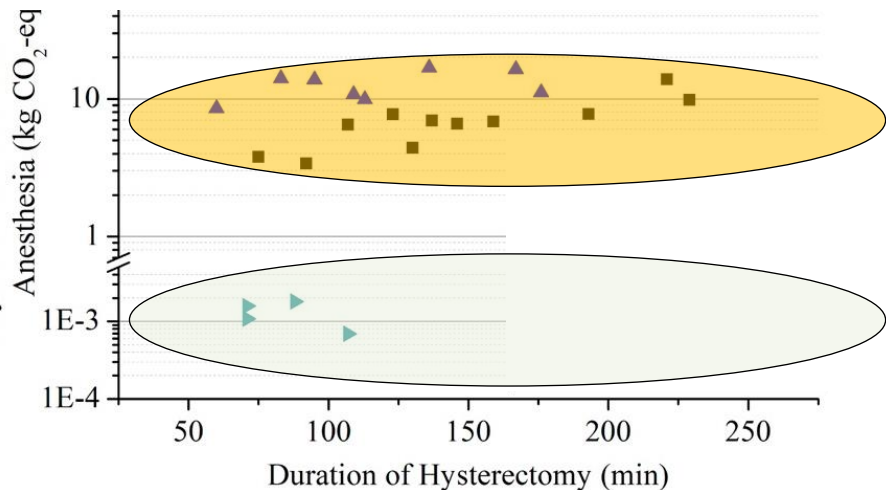
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Propofol  
0.1 kg CO<sub>2</sub> (1 km)



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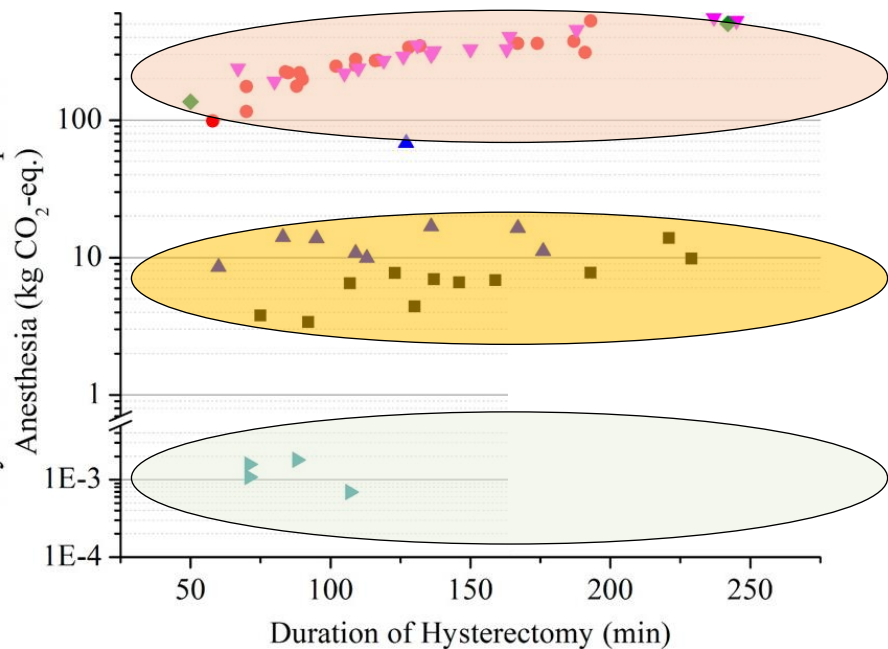


Sevoflurane  
9 kg CO<sub>2</sub> (90 km)

Propofol  
0.1 kg CO<sub>2</sub> (1 km)



# Choice of anaesthetic does matter



Desflurane  
300 kg CO<sub>2</sub> (3000 km)

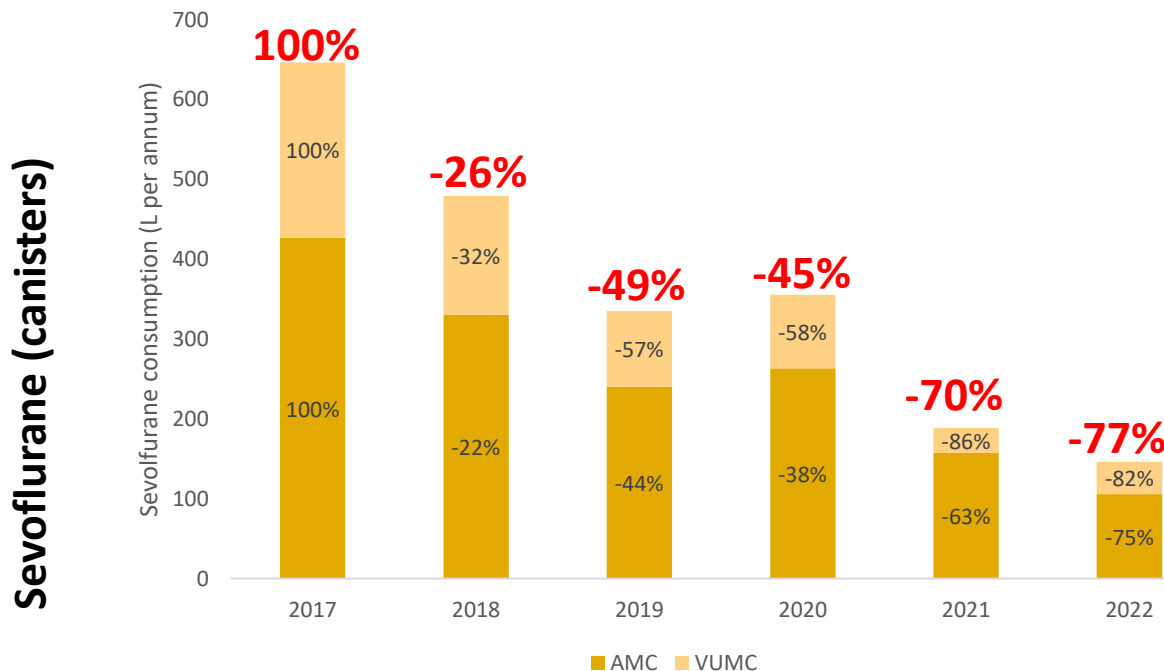
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# Practice what you preach @Amsterdam UMC



## How?

1. Stop desflurane/N<sub>2</sub>O
2. Ultra low-flow sevo
3. Preferred use of TIVA and loco-regional options
4. (Capture and recycle)





# Surgery & endoscopy footprint

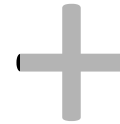


Scope 1

Avoid volatile anaesthetics  
and N<sub>2</sub>O



Scope 2

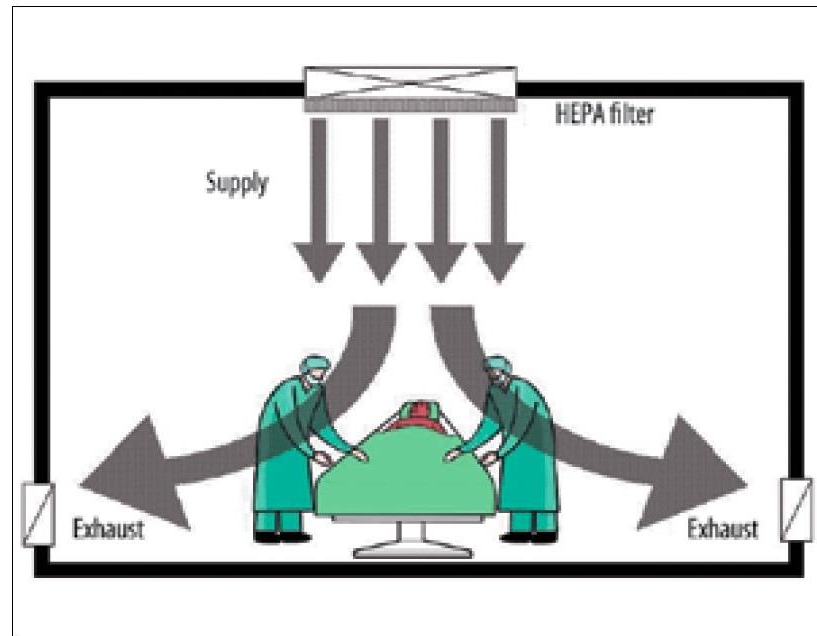


Scope 3



## Energy consumption OR

- OR 3-6x more energy per m<sup>2</sup> than rest of the hospital
- 90% air treatment
- (Very limited evidence that this reduces surgical site infections)





# Air treatment in Amsterdam UMC





# Air treatment in Amsterdam UMC



	Energy use (kWh y <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>Baseline</b>	2.464.758
<b>Off-hours stand-by (2018)</b>	-810.583 (-33%)
<b>+ Increase off-hours</b>	-283.435 (-11%)
<b>+ Reducton on-hours</b>	-508.385 (-21%)
<b>All</b>	<b>-1.602.403 (-65%)</b>



# Surgery & endoscopy footprint



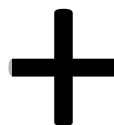
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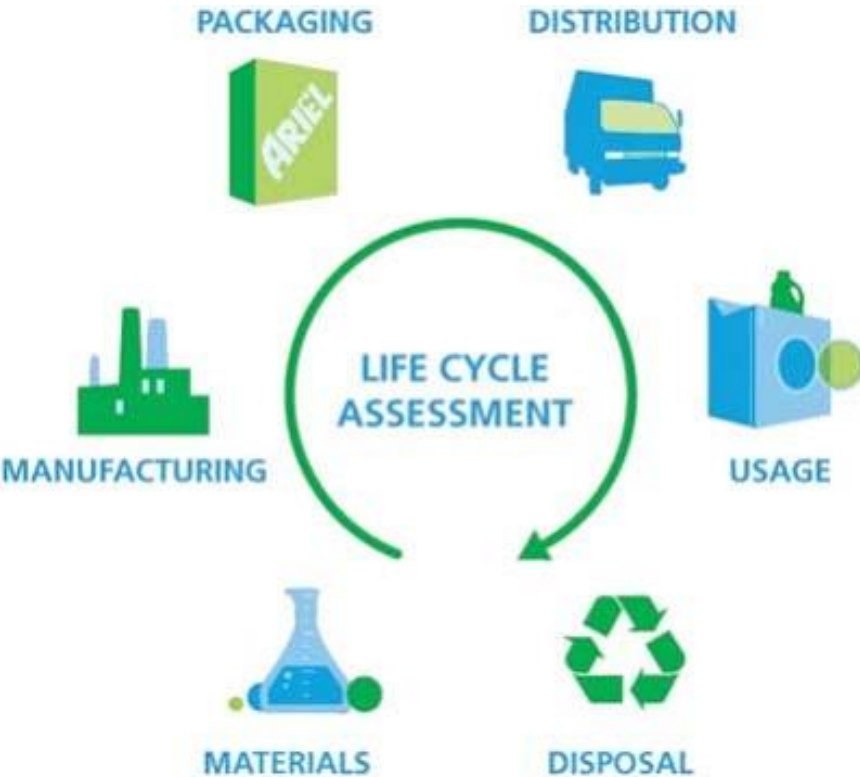
Optimise air treatment



Scope 3



# The impact of 'stuff'



- Visible versus invisible impact
- Life cycle assessment



# Disposable vs. reusable



2018



2023

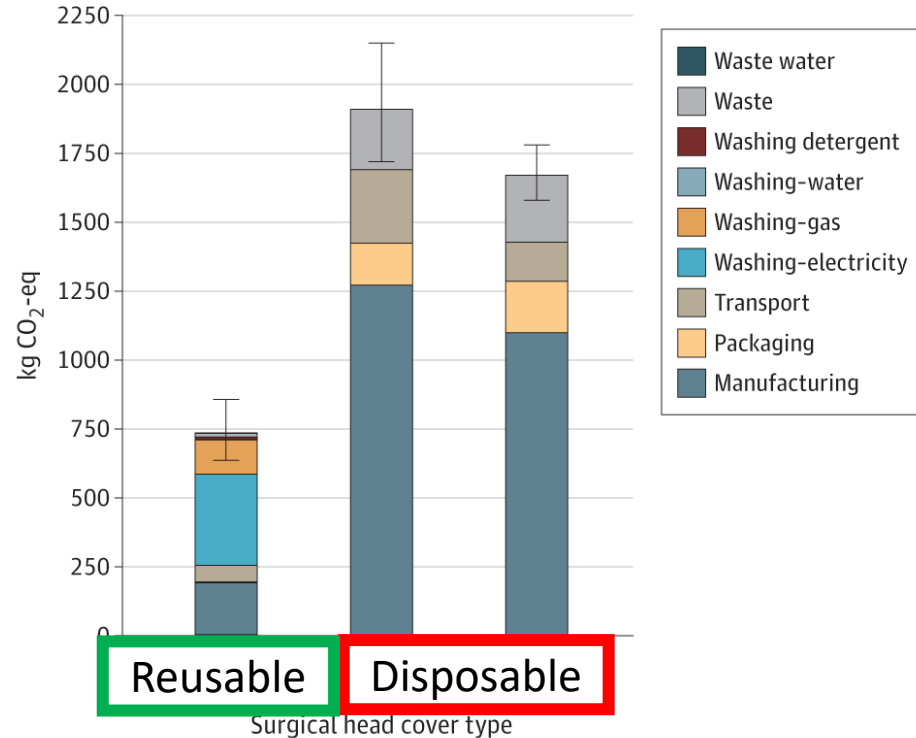


# Single use more than doubles carbon footprint

Despite energy use by washing/sterilization



A Carbon footprint by surgical head cover type







1st Author	Year	Subject	Lowest impact
Adler	2004	Laparoscopy instruments	Reusable
Davis	2018	Ureteroscope	Similar
Donahue	2020	Vaginal speculum	Reusable
Eckelman	2012	Laryngeal Mask (LMA)	Reusable
Friedericy	2021	Sterilization container/wrap	Reusable
Grimmond	2020	Needle container	Reusable
Ibbotson	2013	Scissors	Reusable
Leiden	2020	Spinal fusion set	Disposable
McGain	2010	Anaesthetic tray	Reusable
McGain	2012	Central venous catheterization kit	Reusable
McGain	2017	Anaesthesia equipment	Reusable
Rodriguez	2022	Vaginal specula	Reusable
Sanchez	2020	Blood pressure cuffs	Reusable
Schaer	1995	Laparoscopy instruments	Reusable
Sherman	2018	Laryngoscope	Reusable
Snijder	2021	Delivery kit	Reusable
Vozzola	2018	Drapes and gowns	Reusable



**REDUCE**



**REUSE**



**RECYCLE**



*"We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it."*



**Focus on your HANDprint!**



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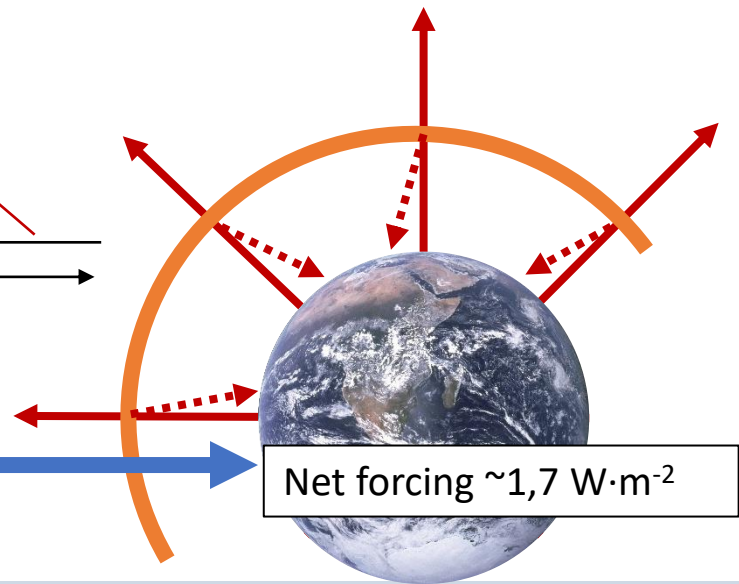
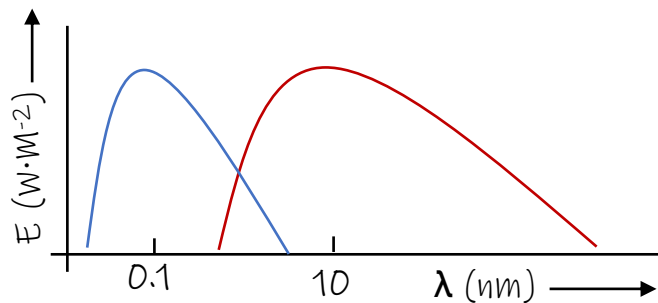
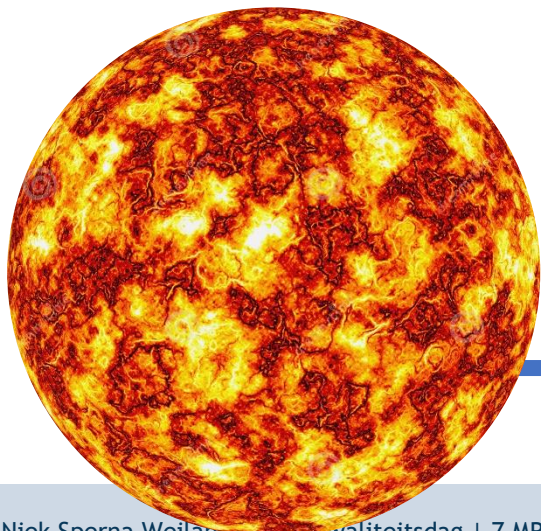
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How does a greenhouse gas work?



# Green house physiology



What about capture and recycling?





# The technology - adsorption





# The technology - desorption

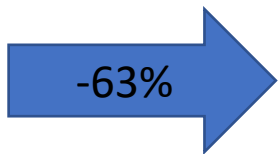




# Early results - 3 OR's, 80 procedures



6902 g  
administered



2509 g  
adsorbed



# Early results - 3 OR's, 80 procedures



6902 g  
administered

-63%



2509 g  
adsorbed

-31%



1727 g  
recaptured

25%



# Lower capturing rate during longer procedures

**Table 1** Patient characteristics and distribution of variables for the overall cohort, and patients with a low and high percentage of recaptured desflurane (based on the median in the cohort). Data are expressed as frequency (prevalence in %) or median (inter-quartile range [25th–75th percentile]).

	Total (n=80)	Recaptured desflurane ≤52.3% (n=40)	Recaptured desflurane >52.3% (n=40)	P-value
BMI (kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	26.4 (24.6–28.7)	26.4 (24.4–28.5)	26.2 (24.6–29.1)	0.54
Duration of desflurane administration (min)	238.0 (105.0–349.0)	340.0 (240.0–381.5)	112.5 (73.5–231.5)	<0.001
Circuit leak at incision (L min <sup>-1</sup> )	0.0 (0.0–0.1)	0.0 (0.0–0.0)	0.0 (0.0–0.2)	0.025
Minute ventilation (L min <sup>-1</sup> )	6.5 (5.5–7.5)	6.7 (5.8–8.1)	6.2 (4.9–7.0)	0.010
Ventilatory frequency (breaths per min <sup>-1</sup> )	12.0 (12.0–14.0)	13.0 (12.0–15.0)	12.0 (10.5–14.0)	0.012
Fresh gas flow (L min <sup>-1</sup> )	0.8 (0.5–0.8)	0.7 (0.5–0.8)	0.8 (0.7–0.9)	0.095
End-tidal concentration of desflurane (%)	4.6 (4.2–5.0)	4.8 (4.3–5.3)	4.5 (4.1–4.8)	0.051
Minimum alveolar concentration of desflurane	0.8 (0.8–0.9)	0.9 (0.8–0.9)	0.8 (0.7–0.9)	0.002
End-tidal concentration of desflurane at extubation (%)	0.8 (0.6–1.0)	0.9 (0.8–1.1)	0.8 (0.6–0.9)	0.010
Operating room				<0.001
1	13 (16%)	1 (3%)	12 (30%)	
2	28 (35%)	1 (3%)	27 (68%)	
3	39 (49%)	38 (95%)	1 (3%)	

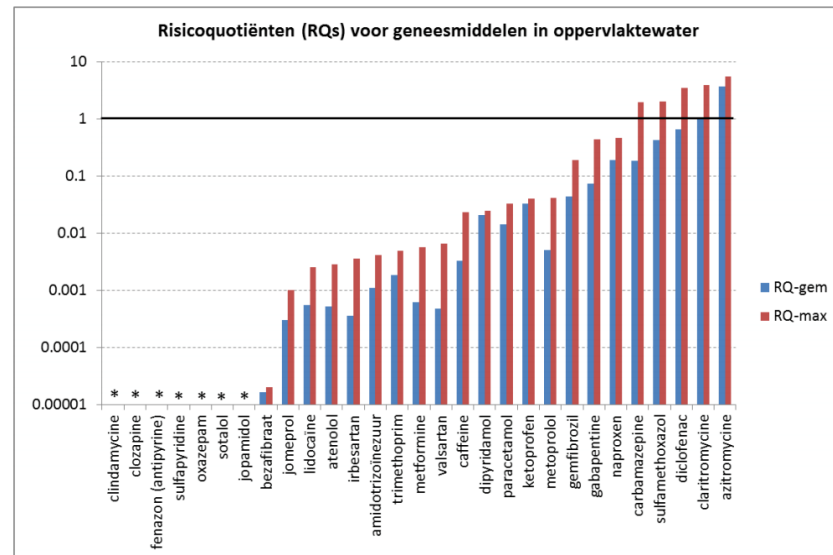
What about water pollution with propofol?



# Environmental risk

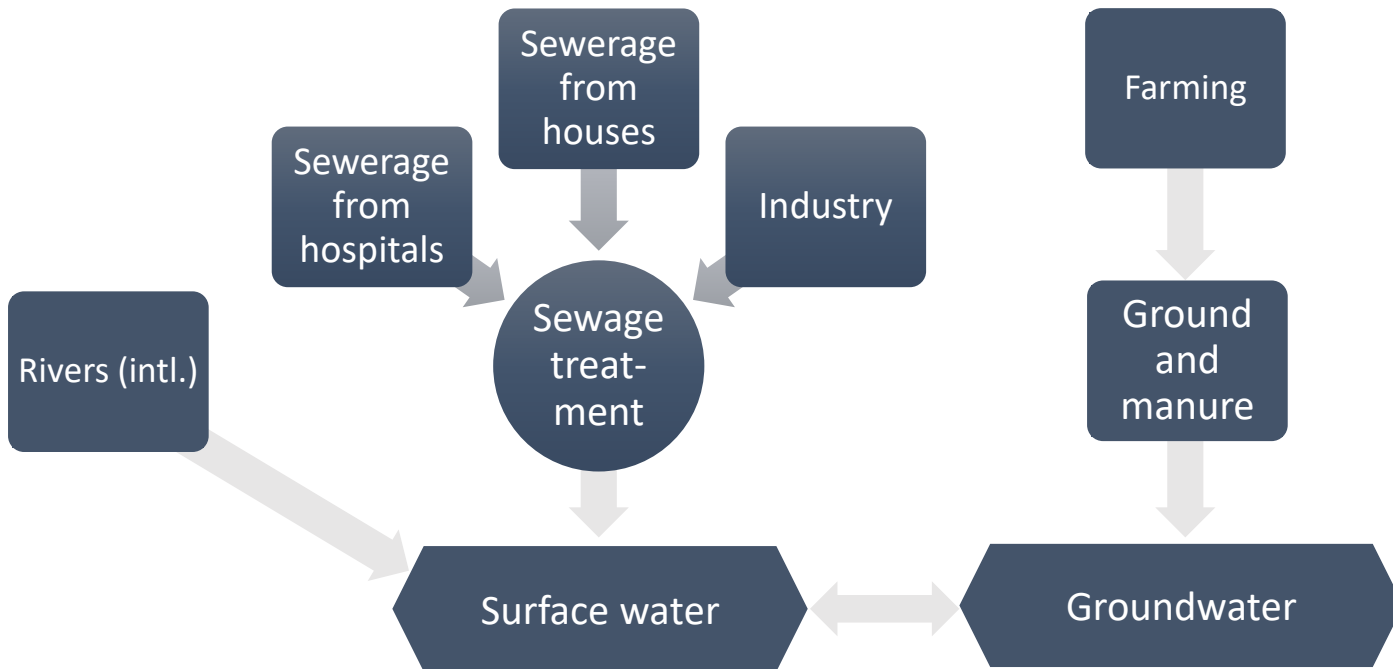
- Persistence  
*Degradation in the aquatic environment*
- Bioaccumulation  
*Accumulate in fatty tissue of organisms*
- Toxicity  
*Toxic effects on algae, crustaceans, fish*

Risk

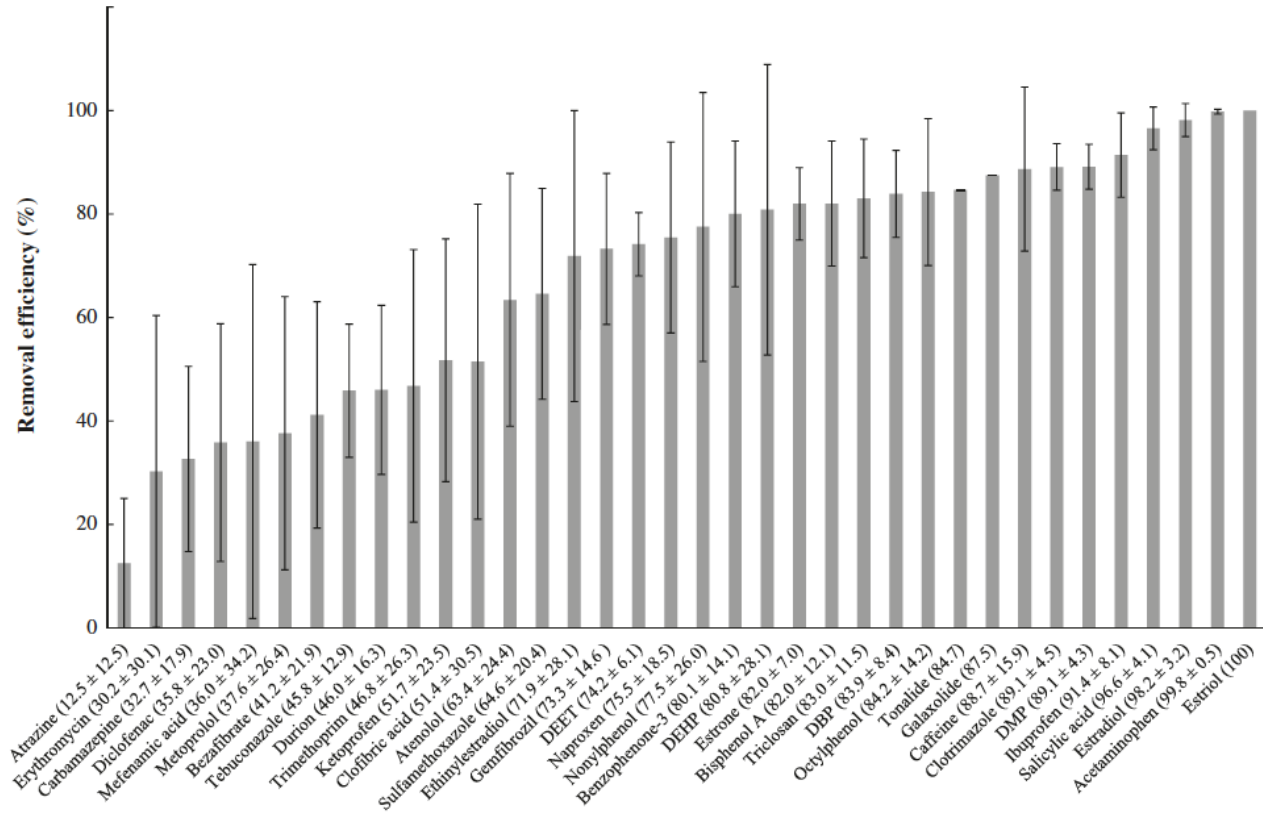


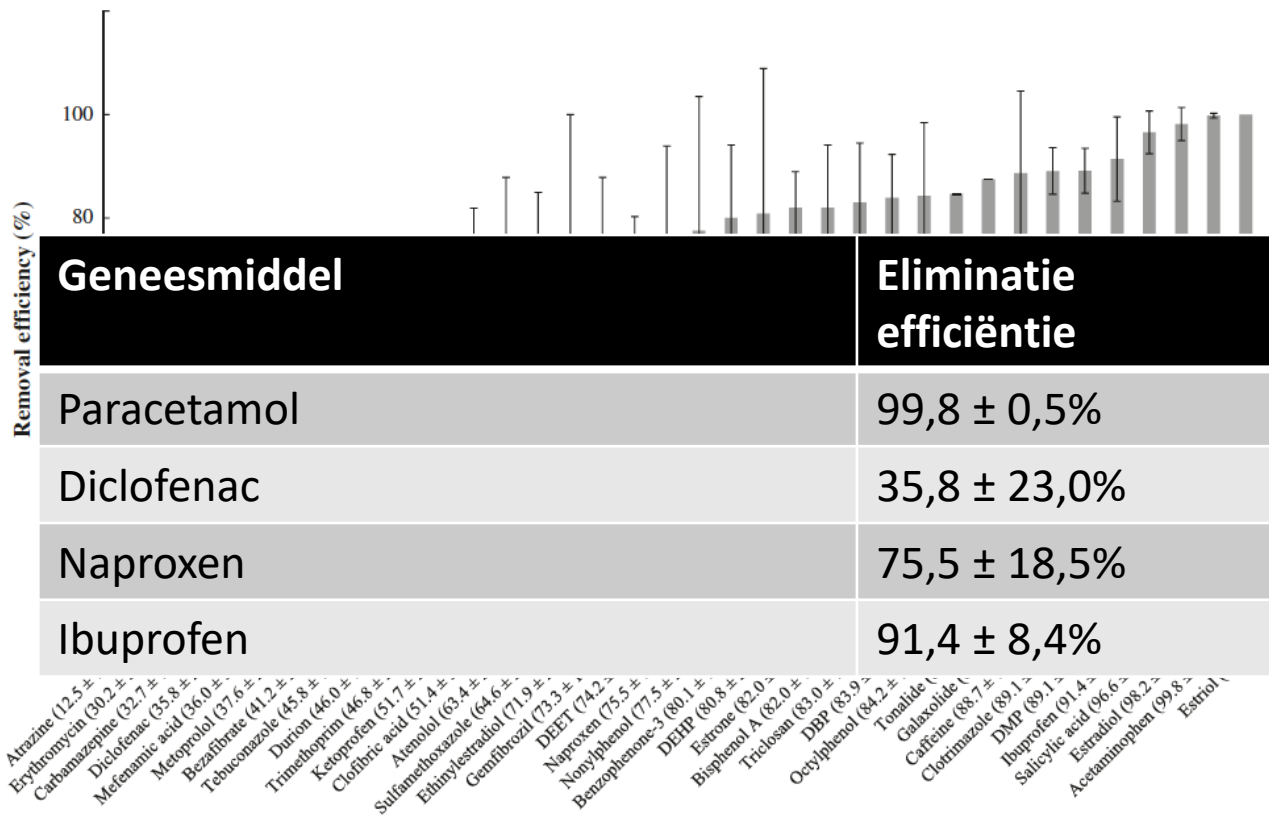


# Sources of pollution





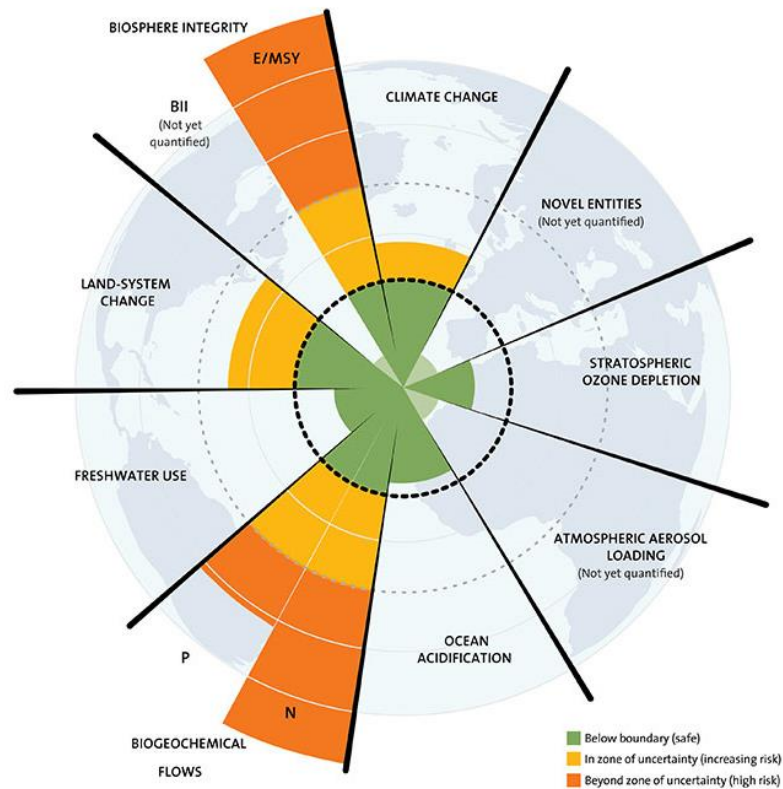






# Weighing risk

- Climate impact vs water pollution





# More info

## Review Article

### **Environmental risk assessment of propofol in wastewater: a narrative review of regulatory guidelines**

**J. Waspe**<sup>1</sup>  and **T. Orr**<sup>2</sup>

## Editorial

### **Propofol waste and the aggregation of marginal gains in green anaesthesia**

**S. White**,<sup>1</sup> **L. Fang**<sup>2</sup> and **C. Shelton**<sup>3,4</sup>

Why do you distrust the study of Leiden et al.?



# LCA deep fake?

- Industry sponsored study
- 45 kg reusable / 2 kg disposable set
- Reusable: also 1.4 kg disposable wrap

## Assumptions

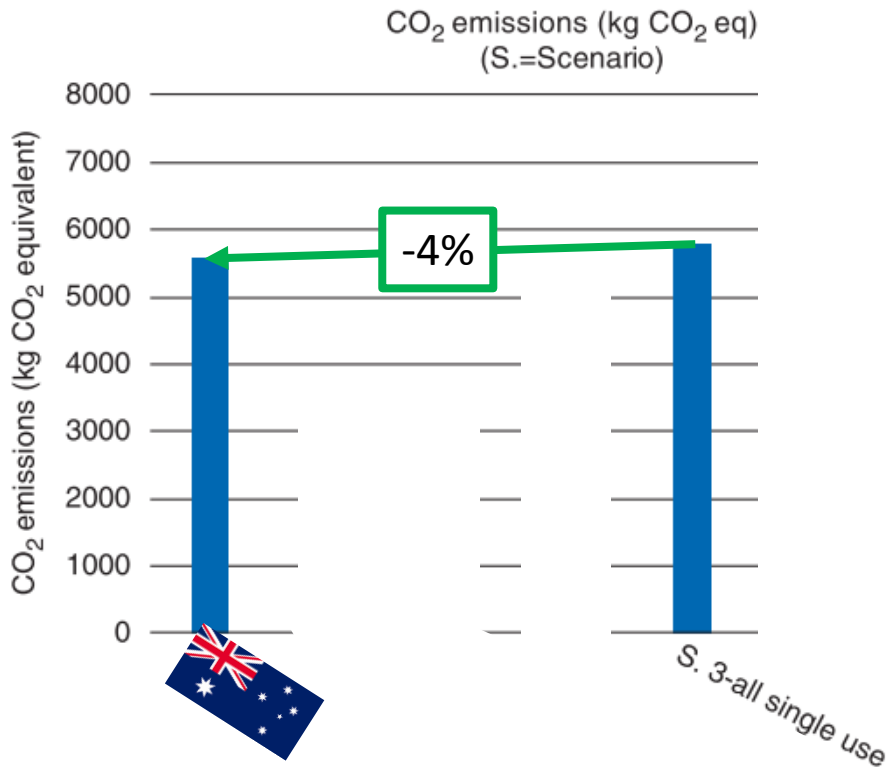
- 10% loss of reusable instruments  $y^{-1}$
- 0% recycling
- Sterilization before AND after surgery?



Why is energy consumption so important in Life Cycle Assessment?



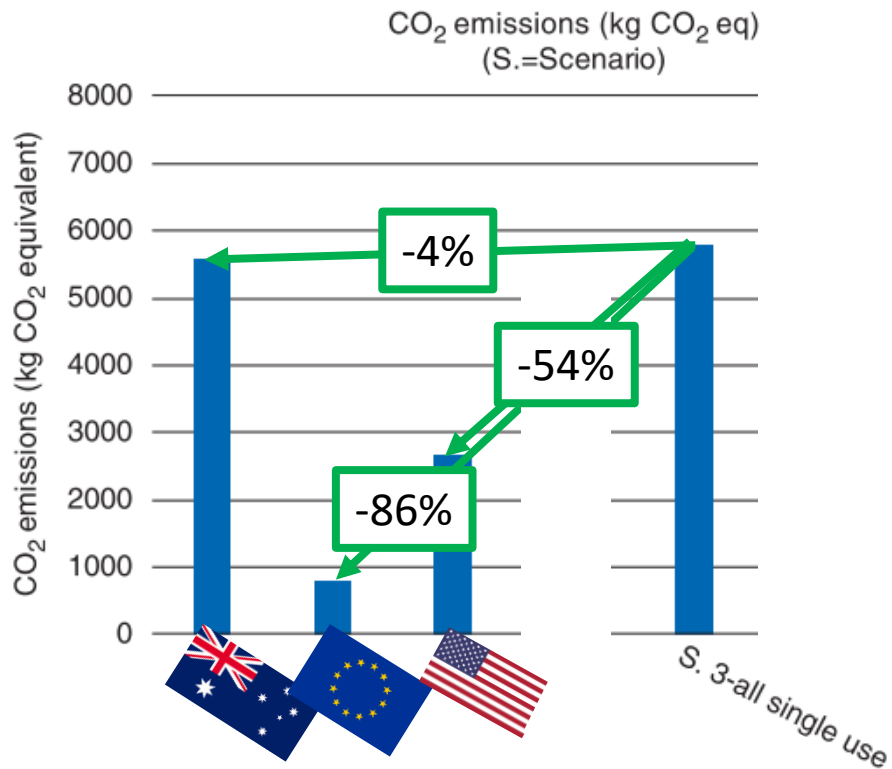
# Per operation







# Per operation





# TOP



Figure 2.1: Pictures of the current reusable surgical instrument composition on the (a) *Wertheim*, (b) *Gynaecologisch Buik*, and (c) *Basis Groot* tray

Table 2: GHG-emission of 1 DIN, ½ DIN and ¼ DIN trays

Tray	Sterilization (95% CI)	Tray procuring
1 DIN (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	2,43 (2,23 - 2,77)	0,0183
½ DIN (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	1,47 (1,37 - 1,65)	0,0173
¼ DIN (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq)	0,799 (0,74 - 0,89)	0,0167

# Surgical Trays



# Integer Linear Prog.

objective:

$$\text{Min } \sum_t (Te_d * A_{t,d} + \sum_p Se_d * f_p * C_{p,t,d})$$

$$\sum_{t,d} D_{p,i,t,d} \geq req_{p,i} \quad \forall p,i \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_i (Size_i * B_{i,t,d}) \leq din_d \quad \forall t,d \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_i (Weight_i * B_{i,t,d}) \leq 7500 \quad \forall t,d \quad (4)$$

Constraint (5) uses  $M$  to ensure that if instruments that are placed on a tray ( $D$ ) that are needed for a procedure, the tray is available for the procedure by setting  $C$  to 1.  $C$  equals 0 if none of the instruments on the tray are needed for the procedure. However, to ensure that no more instruments are available of a type than are placed on the tray, constraint (6) and constraint (7) are formulated. Constraint (8) ensures that instruments are placed only on trays that are assembled.

$$D_{p,i,t,d} \leq M * C_{p,t,d} \quad \forall p,i,t,d \quad (5)$$

$$D_{p,i,t,d} \geq B_{i,t,d} + (M * C_{p,t,d} - 1) \quad \forall p,i,t,d \quad (6)$$

$$D_{p,i,t,d} \leq B_{i,t,d} \quad \forall p,i,t,d \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_i B_{i,t,d} \leq M * A_{t,d} \quad \forall t,d \quad (8)$$

Constraint (9) ensures that trays are made in an ascending order and limits the number of possible solutions [28]. Subsequently, this is also a way to ensure that output is easily retrieved. To ensure that all instruments are placed on trays in sets of two if at least two are needed, constraint (10) is added. Lastly, to limit the decision space, constraint (11) ensures that a maximum number of trays for each DIN size can be created. Variables  $A$  and  $C$  are binary variables and the rest are integers, which is stated in constraint (12).

$$A_{t,d} \geq A_{t+1,d} \quad \forall d,t \quad (9)$$

$$\text{If } req_{p,i} > 2 \text{ then } B_{i,t,d} = 2 * q \quad \forall p,i,t,d \quad (10)$$

$$\sum_t A_{t,d} \leq trays_d \quad \forall d \quad (11)$$

$$A_{t,d}, C_{p,t,d} \in B ; B_{i,t,d}, D_{p,i,t,d}, q_{i,t,d}, r_{i,t,d} \in Z \quad (12)$$

The ILP model was formulated using *Gurobi Python Interface*. The code employed is displayed in Appendix A.






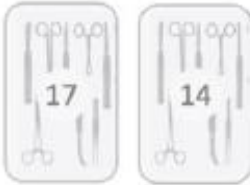
Current	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
Current situation	≥ 50% utilization	≥ 50% utilization combined	≥ 50% utilization reducing total tray size by ½ DIN	>60% utilization rate
				
70 instruments	37 instruments	37 instruments	37 instruments	31 instruments

Figure 2.2 Current situation of *Gynaecologisch buik* and *Wertheim* tray and different optimization scenario's



Dashboard - Sheet 1  
by L. Ruchtie

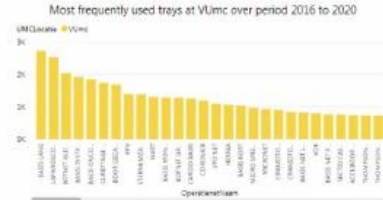
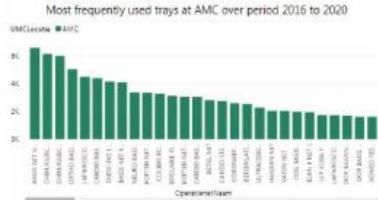


Figure 5.2 Screenshot of the first sheet of the dashboard. Green: AMC, yellow: VUmc. Dashboard - Sheet 2  
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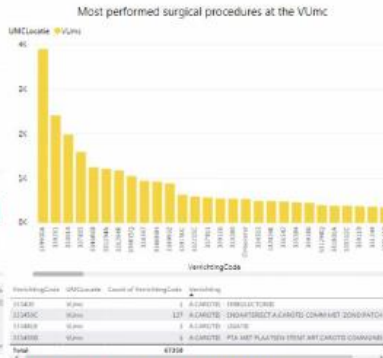
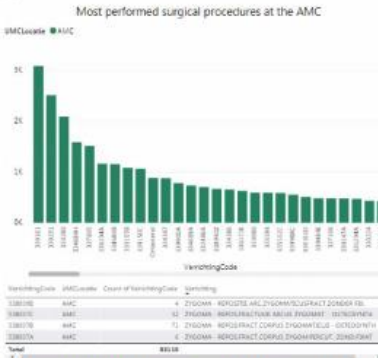


Figure 5.3 Screenshot of the second sheet of the dashboard. Green: AMC, yellow: VUmc.

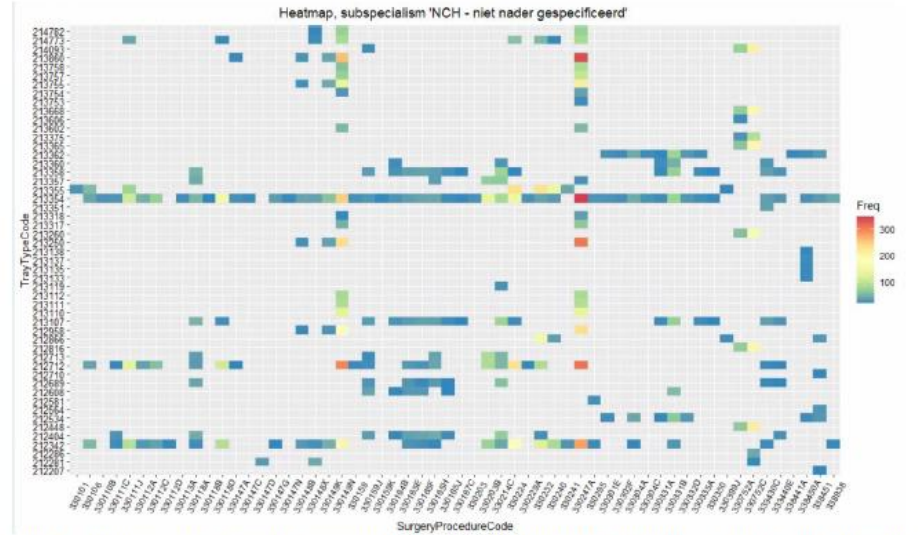


Figure 5.6 Heatmap of trays used\* per surgical procedure for the 'NCH - niet nader gespecificeerd' discipline