ASSESSMENT OF CARBON FOOTPRINT GENERATION THROUGH ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN RESIDENTIAL COLONY OF CSIR-INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PETROLEUM (Phase-II Survey; Summer Season)

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1. INTRODUCTION

A **carbon footprint** is defined as "the total set of carbon emissions caused by an individual, organization, product expressed as carbon dioxide equivalent."

OR

A **carbon footprint** can broadly be defined as a measure of the carbon emissions that are directly and indirectly caused by an activity or are accumulated over the life stages of a product or service, expressed in carbon dioxide equivalents $CO₂e$.

For easiness of writing, it is often expressed in terms of Carbon footprint, a way of showing your carbon emissions. Human's individual emissions are built up from the energy we use personally for electricity, as well as the energy that's required to produce our food. The total carbon footprint cannot be calculated because of the large amount of data required and the fact that carbon dioxide can be produced by natural occurrences. Our footprint value is in "tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent". The result is an individual footprint, although household information is used to calculate home energy impacts. The impact of heating and powering the home is divided by the number of adult residents. Generally, carbon emissions, which are closely, related to direct and indirect energy requirements of households. The following definitions are used:

For this report, an independent study was conducted by the student, as part of a CSIR HARIT project. This is planned to be an ongoing part of the CSIR HARIT, giving the student direct exposure to challenging problems of the real-world, in this case, sustainability and in particular measuring and mitigating carbon footprint.

2. BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION

An initiative to develop an eco-campus with in CSIR-IIP's colony premises was made. We combine energy analysis with household demand structure to estimate the carbon footprint for IIP colony households limited to C, D, E, S type. Therewith, we can trace the carbon content of each final consumption items. This survey can be used to propose ideas for maintaining the generation of total carbon footprints generated. The basic understanding, ability and motivation for reducing carbon emissions is known as CARBON CAPABILITY. It captures the contextual meanings associated with carbon, whilst also referring to an individual's ability and motivation to reduce emissions within the broader institutional and social context. Managing finance and managing carbon are also similar in the way that they have intangible aspects. Similarly, the negative impacts of increasing carbon emissions are easily ignored because of their intangibility. One of the challenges therefore for promoting carbon capability is to increase the visibility of carbon and re-materialize energy use in day-to-day activities and choices. Carbon capability is about transforming understandings of carbon from an inevitable waste product of modern lifestyles, to a scarce and potent resource to be carefully managed.

Being carbon capable implies knowledge of:

- the causes and consequences of carbon emissions;
- the role individuals and particular activities play in producing carbon emissions;
- the scope for (and benefits of) adopting a low-carbon lifestyle;
- what is possible through individual action;
- carbon-reduction activities which require collective action and infrastructural change;
- managing a carbon budget;
- information sources and the reliability (bias, agenda, uncertainty, etc.) of different information sources; and
- the broader structural limits to and opportunities for sustainable consumption.

The purpose of this exercise is to demonstrate that individual action is only one part of the carbonmanagement picture, and there is a limit to what can be achieved by individuals acting independently. To achieve the necessary cuts in carbon emissions, collective action and action by business and government are essential to shift fundamental infrastructures of society.

(a) Investigate your carbon footprint using the following web sources:

- 1. www.carbontrust.co.uk/solutions/CarbonFootprinting/
- 2. wi.footprint.wwf.org.uk
- 3. $actorCO_2$.direct.gov.uk/index.html
	- who is providing these calculators?
	- what do you think their aims are in providing the calculator? what are your scores for each of the footprint calculators?
	- what assumptions are made in each of the footprint calculators?
	- how useful do you think calculators like this are for contributing to a low carbon future?
- (b) How could you, acting on your own, reduce your carbon footprint?
- (c) How could the following people or organizations help to create an environment which would make it easier for you to reduce your footprint?
	- your fellow household members
	- your community
	- organizations?

In 2016, Mr. Abhilek Kumar Nautiyal, SRF, BCA, BFD carried out the same study for winter season. This year, I have repeated the same study limited to same reference frame, for summer season (March – May 2018). I have surveyed all the occupied quarters in C, D, E, S1, and S2 as, previously done by Mr. Abhilek and also co-related with total electrical meter reading (individual house-hold basis), as supplied by Ms. Sandhya Garg, ESD, CSIR-IIP to calculated carbon foot print generated during summer season due to electrical appliances.

3. SURVEY

The survey was restricted to C, D, E, S1 and S2 type quarters in CSIR-IIP Colony during summer season (March-May 2018) and calculations have been shown on average output per month basis.

Figure 1: Google map image of CSIR-IIP Residential campus showing S1, S2, D , E & C type quarters

4. ANALYSIS

4.1 Methodology

To calculate the $CO₂$ emissions inventory, we identified all relevant emissions sources and collected activity data from the site then, using emission factors, calculated emissions from each source. This was aggregated to total carbon footprint.

Emission sources and activity data: Activity data is a quantitative measure of activity that results in $CO₂$ emissions. It is mainly primary data e.g. the amount of electricity used for heating. The activity data is also used as environmental impact indicators.

Emission factors: Emission factors are calculated ratios relating $CO₂$ emissions to a measure of activity at an emissions source. They are used to convert activity data to carbon emissions. Emission factors represent **carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2)**.

To calculate your housing footprint, you need to work out your personal share of home energy use. Having gathered this information, we then multiplied our personal usage by an emissions factor (EF) to calculate home footprint based on the following equation.

<u>USE</u> (kWh/month) \times **EMISSIONS FACTOR** (kg CO₂e/kWh) = **EMISSIONS** (Kg CO₂e/ month)

4.2 Activity data

Based on above mentioned table, during survey all the appliances were divided into three heads; (1) electrical appliances, (2) kitchen appliances, (3) house hold appliances and the calculations were based on their Avg. load and usage as per survey of individual household.

Mean 445.675297619047

4.3 Mean data table

E type 19 9086 378.5833333 57404.42754 239.5922109 D type 12 7461 532.9285714 135100.8407 367.5606626 C type 5 5816 969.33333333333333334.6667 555.5489777

4.4 Anova Analysis

The variation among the groups was studied with ANOVA with a α value of 0.05. The null hypothesis was assumed that the population means are equal. Hence, we may write the null hypothesis as:

H₀: $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$ - The mean electrical consumption across the blocks are similar.

Since the null hypothesis assumes all the means are equal, we could reject the null hypothesis if only mean is not equal. Thus, the alternative hypothesis is:

Ha : At least one mean pressure is not statistically equal.

From the data table, we see that the observed F value is 20.09 which is significantly higher than the critical value Fcrit (2.45) at 95% level of confidence. So, we reject the null hypothesis that the observed means are statistically different and the blocks contribute differently to the mean electricity consumption.

4.5 Box plot

A box plot for electricity consumption as estimated by the survey and based on the meter reading data for the peak month of summer (May) was carried out to estimate the regression coefficient between the two. It was observed from the box plot that the survey data for quarters C, D, E, S_1 and S_2 were close to the actual meter readings for the total consumption corresponding to the quarter blocks. It can be inferred that the survey data was an accurate representation of the electricity consumption corresponding to these block. Based on the regression statistic, it could be inferred that the survey could only represent 90% of the actual meter readings accurately.

Figure 2: Box plot for electricity consumption as estimated by the survey and based on the meter reading data for the peak month of summer.

4.6 Mean Electricity Consumption of different apartment types

Figure 3: Mean Electricity Consumption of different apartment

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5. APPLIANCE BASED LOAD DISTRIBUTION AND CARBON FOOT PRINT EVALUATION

5.1 C Type quarters

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Figure 5: C type appliance-based carbon foot print generation (summer season)

5.2 D Type quarters

D-3 & 12 (A total of 2 quarters were unoccupied during the time of survey)

Figure 6: D type appliance-based carbon foot print generation (summer season)

5.3 E Type quarters

E- 2, 11, 16, 17, & 22 (A total of 5 quarters were unoccupied during the time of survey)

5.4 S-1 Type quarters

S-1-1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29 (A total of 18 quarters were unoccupied during the time of survey)

Figure 8: S1 type appliance-based carbon foot print generation (summer season)

5.5 S-2 Type quarters

S-2-1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31 & 32 (A total of 19 quarters were unoccupied during the time of survey)

Figure 9: S2 type appliance-based carbon foot print generation (summer season)

Quarter Type	N ₀	Electrical appliances			Kitchen appliances			House hold appliances			Total	Total
		Load		Carbon	Load		Carbon	Load		Carbon	electrical	Carbon
				Footprint			Footprint			Footprint	load	Footprint
		kW/ day	kW/ month	Kg of	kW/ day	kW/ month	Kg of	kW/ kW/ day month	Kg of	kW/	MT of	
				CO ₂ eq/ month			CO ₂ eq/			$CO2$ eq/	month	CO ₂ eq/
							month			month		month
\mathcal{C}	5	10.462	313.86	50	28.76	862.92	170	14.32	429.66	80	1606.44	0.30
D	12	41.23	1236.93	190	76.65	2299.53	390	48.22	1446.66	240	4982.85	0.780
E	19	57.82	1734.72	330	102.79	3083.88	570	32.022	960.66	170	5779.86	1.020
S ₁	14	28.54	856.32	260	49.82	1494.64	460	17.38	521.43	100	2872.44	0.770
S ₂	13	21.85	655.68	250	30.13	904.14	280	20.45	613.77	180	2173.59	0.700
Total	63	159.90	4797.51	1080	288.15	8645.11	1870	132.39	3972.18	770	17415.18	3.57

5.6 Cumulative electrical load and carbon foot print in Surveyed quarters

Figure 10: Cumulative electrical load share in surveyed quarters (summer season)

Figure 11: Quarter type wise appliance-based carbon foot print generation (summer season)

Figure 12: Appliance based and total amount of carbon foot print generation in CSIR-IIP (summer season)

6. CONCLUSION

The intent of this research was to increase awareness among CSIR-IIP colony residents for carbon reduction in urban management. Inferences from this research aimed to demonstrate the usability of GHG inventories within the existing scenario of constraints and its potential benefits to the society to focus on and enforce $CO₂$ mitigation measures to spearhead sustainability. The use of the survey as a policy tool will also aid to measure and monitor carbon reduction. A better understanding and early awareness of climate change and its impact will allow the person to plan the adaptation measures and be well prepared for any eventualities. Many carbon reduction policies will also have positive socio-economic benefits for the society. For example, creating more carbon sinks within the society by introducing green spaces will create more vibrant and healthy communities; introducing and promoting local renewable generation will promote energy self-sufficiency and reduce energy poverty whilst also providing the citizens with an opportunity to sell the excess energy to the grid, or by planning walkable neighborhoods, apart from reducing transport dependence and associated emissions, the health and safety within the community will also be positively affected. The research adds to the existing body of literature in the field by focusing on the process analysis and adding detail to the understanding of the role of governance structure on policymaking and the adaptation of policy tools. This research identifies that global benchmarking should perhaps not be considered as a key goal in designing inventories.

6.1 Conclusive remarks

The survey was done unbiasedly to generate data across C, D, E, S1 and S2 type quarters irrespective of considering electrical bills generated by IIP. Hence a more precise survey could be performed to get more specific data.

- 1. Last year a similar survey was performed by Mr. Abhilek K Nautiyal, SRF, BCA, BFD during winter season and this year (2018), the second phase of the survey was performed.
- 2. The survey was done during summer season (March, April and May) and average monthly data was presented.
- **3. In total 63 occupied residences, a total of 3.57 MT of CO₂ eq. foot print was reported per month basis (During March 2016 to May 2018) from CSIR-IIP Colony.**
- 4. We recommend a repeat survey during Autumn season $(3rd$ and last phase) to get a complete carbon foot print status of CSIR-IIP Colony due to residential electrical appliances throughout the year.

7. APPENDICES

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SAMPLE SURVEY SHEET

Appendix-2

RECOMMENDED REDUCTION STRATEGIES

The following Carbon Management Principles (developed by EPA Victoria) are considered best practice and are recommended as a model to achieve your ultimate goal of becoming a carbon neutral:

Sustainable Procurement

It is also recommended that a simple Sustainable Procurement (Purchasing) strategy is implemented by adopting the following three principles:

Principle One – Avoid unnecessary consumption

- Evaluate the absolute need for the new product
- Consider purchasing the product second hand

Principle Two – Select products/services with the lowest environmental impact

- Give preference to products that are reusable, recyclable or contain recycled content.
- Look for products that have been environmentally certified or have credible eco-labels
- Purchase locally produced goods and services. These generally have a lower carbon footprint due to lower "carbon miles" from their distribution.

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Figure 13: Photographs during survey