



**COCIR** SELF-REGULATORY INITIATIVE  
FOR MEDICAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT

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## FOREWORD

### Towards the next level of integration of green technologies

*We are pleased to present the 4th edition of the annual Status Report on the COCIR Self-Regulatory Initiative (SRI) on the ecodesign of medical imaging devices.*

*This Initiative officially acknowledged by the European Commission at the end of 2012 aims to reduce the environmental impact of medical devices, and represents the proactive approach of COCIR towards sustainable healthcare and a greener economy.*

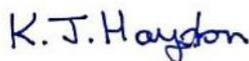
*Since the launch of this COCIR initiative in 2008, COCIR member companies continue to be committed to applying the validated ecodesign methodology, focusing on a new modality every year. So far, ultrasound, magnetic resonance (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) have been assessed. In 2013 the focus was on X-ray, while continuing to monitor and update the achievements for other modalities.*

*Data collection on ultrasound equipment in 2013 was further processed, even though the pilot project had concluded in 2012. For this modality, the average energy consumption per unit achieved a 33% reduction compared to the figures for 2005 - exceeding the 25% target established for 2012.*

*The European Commission recently published (July 2014) Green Public Procurement Criteria for medical devices which can now be used voluntarily by hospital purchasers to optimize their investments in healthcare technologies. If such criteria, particularly those on energy consumption, are used by hospitals, significant energy savings can be achieved, bringing benefits both for the environment and for users. COCIR has been instrumental in defining the criteria to be used.*

*Based on our knowledge and experience gathered over the years since working on this initiative, COCIR member companies have realized that while the integration of environmental considerations into the early stages of design is critically important to contributing to healthcare sustainability, greater results can be achieved by focusing on economic and social aspects.*

*We remain committed to investing in green technologies and to a proactive approach to environment and sustainability as key tools to meet the new challenges for healthcare and EU citizens.*



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## REPORT OVERVIEW

The Status Report on the Self-Regulatory Initiative for medical imaging devices, published annually by the Ecodesign Steering Committee presents information on the SRI and the results achieved by participating Companies.

This SRI Status Report 2013 consists of 8 main parts:

**Part 1** offers a general introduction to the self-regulatory initiative, describing the development of the methodology from the first proposal in 2009 (SRIV1), to the second version (SRIV2) submitted to the European Commission and the Consultation Forum early in 2012 and the present third version (SRIV3).

**Part 2** lists news and results of the work of the Steering Committee and the Expert Groups in 2013.

**Part 3** explains in brief the content of the six steps of the SRIV2 methodology. More details on the methodology are available in the SRIV2 documentation ([www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org)).

**Part 4** shows the results achieved in 2013 by participating companies for all the modalities under scope so far: ultrasound and magnetic resonance and the ecodesign goals for computed tomography.

**Appendix I** summarizes the ultrasound pilot project and briefly present the SRI V1 methodology.

**Appendix II** displays the results of the SRIV2 methodology applied in 2010 to all the modalities in scope of the Self-regulatory Initiative. Step 1 and step 2 of the methodology allowed to define a Priority List based on LCA data provided by companies.

**Appendix III** presents the results of the application of the methodology to magnetic resonance imaging equipment that have been identified as priority one for their environmental impact. The “MRI measurement of the energy consumption” methodology is also briefly introduced.

**Appendix IV** summarizes the findings of the 2013 project on computed tomography equipment and the application of the SRIV3 methodology.

**Appendix V** presents the findings of the application of the methodology to X-ray medical equipment.

**Appendix VI** shows the SRI list of relevant information than EPDs should contain.

Data and figures marked with the ✓ logo have been in the scope of the PwC review 2013 (see page 58 for additional information).

Data and figures marked with the ✓ (black) logo were in the scope of previous PwC reviews (2010, 2011 and 2012)

Please see the assurance statements for 2010, 2011 and 2012 in the previous reports.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COCIR

Founded as a non-profit trade association in 1959, COCIR<sup>1</sup> represents the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT industry in Europe. As such, COCIR members play a driving role in developing the future of healthcare both in Europe and worldwide. COCIR is committed to support its members and communicate with its partners in Europe and beyond on issues which affect the medical technology sector and the health of EU citizens. COCIR also works with various organisations promoting harmonised international standards and regulatory control that respects the quality and effectiveness of medical equipment and healthcare IT systems without compromising the safety of patients and users. COCIR encourages the use of advanced technology to support healthcare delivery worldwide. Key objectives are to include and to promote free worldwide trade of medical equipment and to maintain the competitiveness of the European health sector.

### COCIR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE (EHS)

Founded in 2000 the COCIR EHS has taken several initiatives in the environmental domain introducing Ecodesign Initiatives in different ways:

- **2002 - 2007**, in the field of **International Standardisation**: COCIR member companies contributed to the development of an internationally-recognized standard integrating Ecodesign into the product design and development process for all electromedical equipment. International Electro-technical Commission (IEC) published the International Standard IEC 60601-1-9
- In **2006**, in the field of **Integrated Product Policy**, as advocated by the EU's Action Plan on Sustainable Consumption and Production and Sustainable Industrial Policy (SCP/SIP)<sup>2</sup>, COCIR member companies participated in an Integrated Product Policy project with the Hamburg authorities and hospitals.
- Keeping up with the latest inventions in medical technology often involves replacing equipment in medical practice before it reaches the end of its useful life. COCIR published in **2007** a version 1 of **Good Refurbishment Process** (GRP) describing in 5 steps how manufacturers can effectively refurbish equipment to ensure quality, safety and effectiveness of medical imaging equipment.
- COCIR published in **2008** a **guide** on REACH requirements for component suppliers and equipment manufacturers
- In **2008**, COCIR launched a **web-based database for substances declarations under REACH, RoHS, Batteries and Packaging directives called BOMcheck**. This centralized open-access database provides a cost-effective approach for manufacturers to work with their suppliers to reduce hazardous substances in products.
- In 2014, considering the importance of environment as a horizontal issue, the scope of the Committee was broadened, and now covers also health and safety.

### COCIR.org

More detailed information on COCIR initiative in environmental domain could be found on COCIR website [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org).

<sup>1</sup> For more information: [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org).

<sup>2</sup> See COM(2008) 397, Brussels, 16.7.2008.

## PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

The following companies participate in the SRI for Medical Imaging Equipment for the modalities they market in EU.

**Table 1:** Participating Companies in 2013

|                                | Magnetic<br>Resonance<br>MRI | Computed<br>tomography<br>CT | Nuclear<br>Medicine<br>NM | Radiology<br>X-RAY | Ultrasound<br>US |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Elekta                         |                              |                              |                           | ✧                  |                  |
| Fujifilm                       |                              |                              |                           | ✧                  |                  |
| GE Healthcare                  | ✧                            | ✧                            | ✧                         | ✧                  | ✧                |
| Hitachi Medical Systems Europe | ✧                            | ✧                            |                           |                    | ✧                |
| IBA Ion Beam Applications      |                              |                              | ✧                         |                    |                  |
| Philips Healthcare             | ✧                            | ✧                            | ✧                         | ✧                  | ✧                |
| Samsung Europe                 |                              |                              |                           |                    | ✧                |
| Siemens Healthcare             | ✧                            | ✧                            | ✧                         | ✧                  | ✧                |
| Toshiba Medical Systems Europe | ✧                            | ✧                            |                           | ✧                  | ✧                |

Aloka, formerly in the COCIR SRI has been incorporated into Hitachi Medical Systems Europe and Medison into Samsung.



## 1. GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE SRI FOR MEDICAL IMAGING EQUIPMENT

The Energy Related Products (Ecodesign) Directive, 2009/125/EC, enables the European Commission to set Ecodesign requirements through new regulations for any group of products which uses energy. In 2007, Medical Devices were identified as a “Priority A” product group by the EC for future regulation. To avoid adverse business impacts (unnecessary costs and loss of flexibility in product design), COCIR reached a consensus with the EC to develop an alternative approach allowed under the Ecodesign Directive Annex VIII (Self-Regulatory Initiative for an industry sector).

### 1.1. SELF-REGULATORY INITIATIVE V1 - 2009

During the EC Consultation Forum<sup>3</sup> meeting on **28 May 2008** COCIR presented its first proposal for an industry-led Self-Regulatory Initiative. The EC welcomed this alternative approach as it could achieve the same overall objective as an implementing regulation but would avoid potential negative business impact. In particular, the EC emphasised that “*regulation would risk hampering innovation in the medical equipment sector, where technology evolves rapidly*”.

Based on this positive feedback, COCIR decided in **September 2008** to establish the Ecodesign Steering Committee (*hereafter: Ecodesign SC*) in order to further develop this Initiative and develop the methodology.

- In **May 2009** the developed methodology (*hereafter: SRI*) was applied to ultrasound products in a pilot project to gather experience from practical implementation.
- In **November 2009** the methodology and the pilot project on ultrasound products was presented to the Consultation Forum. Comments were gathered for further improvements.
- In **2010** COCIR and the Steering Committee worked on the SRI v1 to update and improve it taking into account the comments received from the Members of the Consultation Forum, the EC and the lessons learnt from the ultrasound pilot project.

### 1.2. SELF-REGULATORY INITIATIVE V2 - 2012

The result of the thorough analysis and review is the SRIV2 6 step methodology which the Steering Committee considers to address all concerns.

The SRI has been submitted to the European Commission and Consultation Forum in January 2012 and the Consultation phase closed on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The SRI has been officially acknowledged by the Commission in November 2012.

### 1.3. SELF REGULATORY INITIATIVE V3 - 2013

In 2013 the SRI Steering Committee reviewed the SRIV2 Methodology to integrate received comments and the new findings and methodologies developed during the MRI project in 2012.

The methodological aspects have been separated from the commitments of signatories. Two papers are now available for download on the COCIR website:

1. COCIR Self-Regulatory Initiative
2. COCIR Self-Regulatory Initiative Methodology V3 (SRIV3)

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<sup>3</sup> Article 18 of the Ecodesign Directive (2009/125/EC) establishes a “Consultation Forum” (CF) which allows stakeholders to be informed and consulted on the implementation of the Directive. The Forum is limited to 60 members, including 27 representatives of EU Member State, 3 representatives of EEA Member States, 30 stakeholders (Stakeholders have been selected by the EC following an open call for interest).



## 2. NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS 2013

During 2013 the Steering Committee worked on X-ray equipment, the third modality identified by the methodology<sup>4</sup>, to define ecodesign goals.

### 2.1. METHODOLOGY FOR THE MEASUREMENT OF THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION OF X-RAY

The Steering Committee defined in 2013 the methodology for the measurement of the energy consumption of X-ray equipment. On the basis of this methodology companies producing X-ray (see table 1) measured X-ray models.

### 2.2. IMPROVEMENT POTENTIALS FOR X-RAY

The SRI SC decided not to mandate an external consultancy to run a study to quantify the improvement potentials as done for previous modalities as X-ray equipment is not so different compared to CT equipment in terms of structure, modules and energy usage. They are indeed simpler and the technology more mature. Therefore, a lower potential for improvement is expected.

### 2.3. CT GUIDELINES ON ENERGY SAVING

The development of information material to be disseminated to users can play a significant role in changing user perception and therefore in influencing behaviors.

In 2013 COCIR developed the “COCIR Guidelines on energy saving on Computed Tomography – Contribution to healthcare environmental sustainability” which has been officially released in January 2014.

### 2.4. EU GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROJECT

The EU project launched in 2011 to define green criteria for public procurement of medical devices has concluded and published in July 2014.

COCIR participated actively in the definition of the criteria. In particular the SRI Measurement methodologies for MRI and CT have been taken on board.

COCIR also cooperated to develop simplified methodologies to calculate the yearly energy consumption according to purchasers' defined use scenarios.

Integrating the SRI with Green Public Procurement to inform purchasers and to drive the market is a very important achievement of the COCIR SRI and a very good example of Integrated Product Policy.

### 2.5. THIRD ANNUAL FORUM MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2014

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum of the COCIR SRI on March 26, 2014, the Steering Committee presented the results of the work performed in 2013 on X-ray equipment and the CT and MRI ecodesign goals and achievements. The event was open to Members of the Consultation Forum, Stakeholders and Interested Parties.

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<sup>4</sup> See chapter 3.3 on the priority setting step in the SRI methodology



### 3. THE SRI METHODOLOGY

The SRI methodology is the process participating companies shall follow to set ecodesign targets for their products and ensure that they are achieved.

The purpose of the SRI methodology is to:

- Provide a transparent and continuous process to control the application of ecodesign targets while protecting company confidential information.
- Set a priority sequence for the equipment evaluation.
- Identify top environmental aspects.
- Set environmental targets.
- Systematically engage stakeholders.
- Monitor and report progress.

The SRI methodology is based on six key steps. The iterative process allows the member companies to offer their confidential internal life cycle assessment data for each modality, life cycle stage and aspect selection processes. This provides a comprehensive analysis which any one single approach could not achieve.

#### 3.1. SCOPE

The SRI methodology applies to the following imaging equipment:

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging equipment (MRI)
- Computed Tomography (CT)
- Nuclear Medicine (NM)
- X-ray
- Ultrasound (US)
- Therapy equipment (second cycle)

Every year at least one new modality is selected until all modalities in scope have been chosen.

After a modality has been selected (via the priority list resulting from Step 1 and 2), it will remain in the continuous improvement circle (Steps 3 to 6). This means that once a modality has been selected and the industry has achieved the target to minimize the aspect with the highest environmental impact and potential for improvement, another assessment of the most significant aspects will be done.

#### 3.2. STEP 1: GATHER BASELINE DATA

The purpose of the first step is to establish a baseline for prioritization and improvement. The method of the first step is to collect Member Company Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) data on products in scope of the SRI.

The provided information in Step 1 contains typical LCA data per modality and company, including the defined use scenarios, functional units, impact categories and intended use, the percentage of life cycle contribution, the individual environmental load per modality related to the corresponding LCA method, as well as an plausibility check based on expert expectations on the future capacity for innovation of the modality.

#### 3.3. STEP 2: PRIORITIZATION AND SELECTION OF NEXT MODALITY

The purpose of the second step is to analyse the baseline data in order to prioritize the modalities for evaluation. The method of the second step is to rank the environmental load and other data from each modality.

#### 3.4. STEP 3: IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT(S) FOR THE SELECTED MODALITY

The purpose of the third step is to analyse and prioritize the three most significant environmental aspects contributing to the total environmental impact of the selected modality. The method of the third step is to rank the data on the top three environmental aspects, including the percentage of their contribution to the total life cycle.



### 3.5. STEP 4: DERIVE ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE SELECTED MODALITY

The purpose of the fourth step is to develop ecodesign targets. First the selected modality is defined (system boundaries, categories, parameters, protocols, use scenarios, etc.) and then a measurement methodology for the chosen environmental aspect (e.g. energy consumption) is developed. The methodology allows companies to measure their equipment.

The SC Secretariat uses the above mentioned collected values and the results of the study on improvement potential (when appropriate) to calculate the target scenarios:

- Best available technology as Baseline (BAT)
- Business as usual (BAU)
- Best not yet available technology (BnyAT)
- Beyond Business as usual (Beyond BAU)

Based on these scenarios, the SRI SC decides on a feasible industry reduction target. Before it is integrated into the companies design targets, the industry target is proposed to the European Commission for discussion.

The results of this step are two types of targets:

- **Individual company targets:** These are absolute improvement targets which are calculated on the basis of declared values and expected sales at the end of the innovation cycle. Company targets are communicated by the SRI SC Secretariat to each company in a confidential way. It remains at the company's own discretion to publish this individual target.
- **Industry target:** This target represents the market fleet average the Industry is committed to achieve in a period of time equal to the innovation cycle.

### 3.6. STEP 5: IMPLEMENTATION INTO COMPANY PROCESSES

The purpose of the fifth step is the integration of the Ecodesign target(s) into the internal company processes. The translation of the target(s) into the company internal product design process remains up to the individual member.

### 3.7. STEP 6: MONITORING AND REPORTING

The purpose of the sixth step is to monitor and report on the achievement of the industry target. The method of the sixth step is to calculate the averages of the annually reported impact values and comparison to the Baseline. The status of each modality and the progress that the companies are making is annually reported to the Stakeholders with this SRI Status Report.

#### 4. PILOT ULTRASOUND ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2009 the SRI Steering Committee set a target for the Ultrasound Pilot project to achieve by 2012 a 25% reduction in energy consumption compared to 2005, the year chosen as reference. The Pilot concluded in 2012.

The SRI SC decided to continue the collection and the reporting of the ultrasound market and energy data until the next reassessment under the new Methodology SRIv3 in 2016, to ensure solid historical series.

As shown by table 2, in 2012 the annual average energy consumption per unit for ultrasound equipment reached 743 kWh/unit against a set target of 691 kWh/unit. A reduction of around 20% in the average annual consumption per model had been achieved compared to the 2005 baseline.

In 2013 the average energy consumption per unit decreased significantly to 643 kWh/unit.

**Table 2:** Achievements in the ultrasound Pilot Project

| Year  | Total annual sales | Total annual sales as a % of 2005 annual sales | Total annual energy consumption of all new products sold | Total annual energy consumption of all new products as a % of 2005 annual energy consumption | Actual average annual energy consumption of all new products sold in kWh (per unit and year) | Actual average annual energy consumption of all new products compared to 2005 | Targeted average annual energy consumption of all new products sold | Targeted annual energy consumption of all new products compared to 2005 |
|---|--------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|   | Units <sup>5</sup> |  | kWh <sup>6</sup>   |  | kWh/unit year  |   | kWh/unit year   |   |
| <b>2005</b>   | ✓17099             | 100%   | ✓15.757.081  | 100,00%  | ✓923   | 100%  | -   |   |
| <b>2006</b>   | ✓20260             | 118%   | ✓17.536.665  | 111,29%  | ✓868   | 94%   | -   |   |
| <b>2007</b>   | ✓21526             | 126%   | ✓17.193.454  | 109,12%  | ✓803   | 87%   | -   |   |
| <b>2008</b>   | ✓22316             | 130%   | ✓16.606.971  | 105,39%  | ✓746   | 81%   | -   |   |
| <b>2009</b>   | ✓17273             | 101%   | ✓13.975.406  | 88,69%   | ✓809   | 88%   |   |   |
| <b>-----Entry into force of SRI for ultrasound equipment-----</b> |                    |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |
| <b>2010</b>   | ✓19030             | 111%   | ✓13.589.213  | 87,96%   | ✓ <b>722</b>   | <b>78%</b>  | 769   | <b>83,5%</b>  |
| <b>2011</b>   | ✓21672             | 127%   | ✓15.969.315  | 101,35%  | ✓ <b>736</b>   | <b>80%</b>  | 730   | <b>79,2%</b>  |
| <b>2012</b>   | ✓20411             | 119%   | ✓15.166.758  | 96,2%  | ✓ <b>743</b>   | <b>80%</b>  | <b>691</b>  | <b>75,0%</b>  |
| <b>2013</b>   | 19620              | 115%   | 12.618.615   | 80,0%  | <b>643</b>   | <b>67%</b>  |   |   |

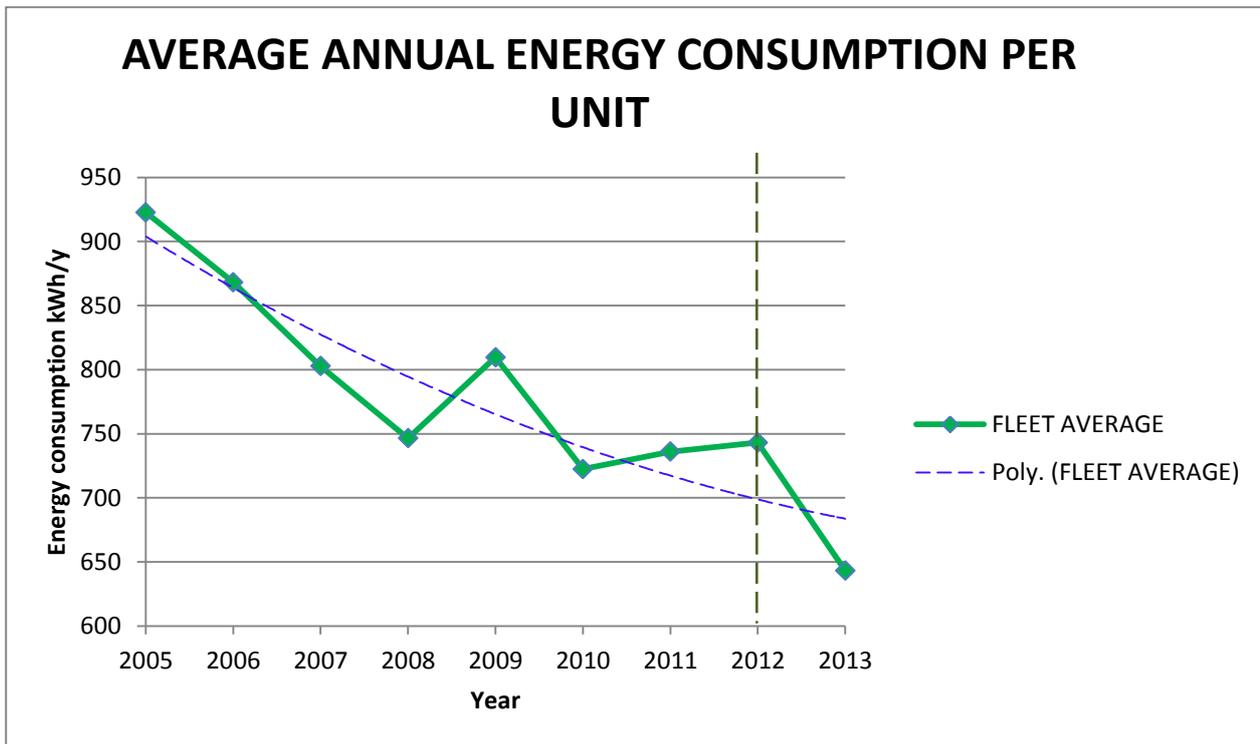
The reduction compared with the BAU baseline implies that the SRI saved in 2013 around 280<sup>7</sup> kWh per unit sold according to the baseline scenario, equivalent to more than 1933 tons of CO<sub>2</sub><sup>8</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> Units sold each calendar year provided by Companies

<sup>6</sup> Energy consumption for each model placed on the market in the calendar year provided by Companies

<sup>7</sup> Assuming 5 days per week, 52 weeks per year

<sup>8</sup> Conversion factor gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh = 352. Average value for Europe 27 in 2011. Source: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fuel Combustion (2013 Edition), IEA, Paris.



**Figure:** Ultrasound annual energy consumption per unit: market fleet average

#### 4.1. INTERPRETATION OF DATA (2005/2013)

The analysis of the data shows and confirms the following conclusions:

1. At least two categories of U/S equipment could be identified with very different behaviour. Low energy using U/S (handheld and laptop based) and high energy using U/S (large self-standing hospital equipment). See figure 1 and figure 2.
2. Each category displays a decreasing trend of the annual average energy consumption per unit.

##### 4.1.1. LOW AND HIGH ENERGY USING US

Collected data confirms 2 categories with different behaviour can be defined for U/S equipment. This limit of the ultrasound project was already understood and reported previously and integrated in the SRiv2 and in the MRI project (where 3 categories have been identified).

1. Low energy using U/S: handheld and laptop based ultrasound equipment.
2. High energy using U/S: large self-standing hospital ultrasound equipment.

As figure 1 shows, the two categories are subject to different dynamics in sales. High energy U/S sales decreased constantly between 2006 and 2010 when they started to increase again. During the same period the sales of low energy using US show an erratic behaviour.

In particular the increase of High U/S in 2012 together with the strong decrease in sales of Low US explains the increase in the average annual energy consumption per unit registered in 2009 and 2012. In 2011 sales of Low U/S increased less than the sales of High U/S therefore increasing the average energy per unit.

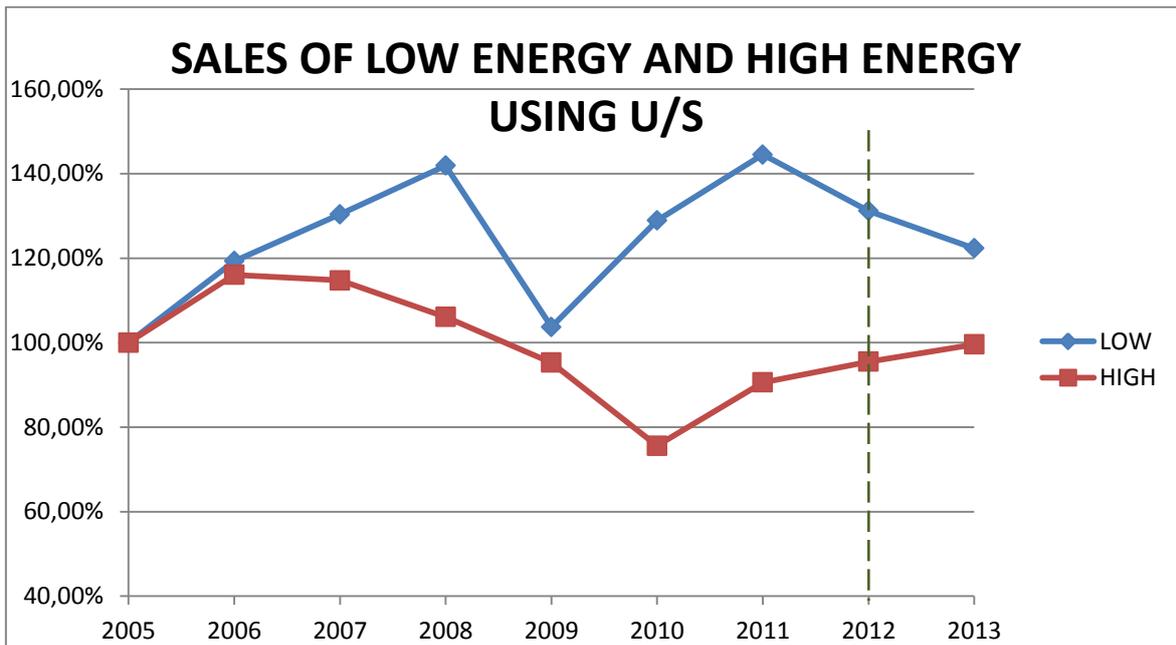


Figure 1: Sales of high energy using and low energy using ultrasound equipment compared to 2005 baseline

**4.1.2. REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION DUE TO TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS**

In the COCIR SRI both technical improvements and sales mix account for target achievement. While technical improvements can be controlled by companies, sales can be influenced but not controlled. As shown so far, market demand is hardly predictable and inconstant therefore it could play a critical role in target achievement (positive or negative).

Nonetheless the subdivision of U/S in two different categories allows analysing the energy behaviour of each category.

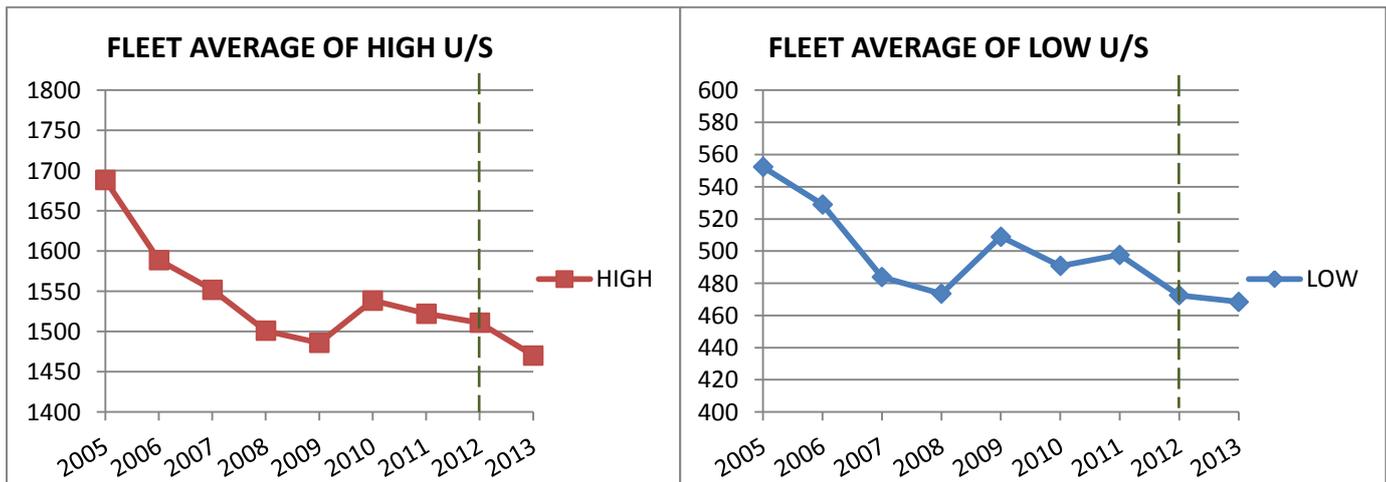


Figure 2: Fleet average for high and low energy consuming ultrasound products

As clearly shown in figure 2 the average energy consumption of both categories has been following a decreasing trend since 2005 (with some exception). In 2012, High U/S being a mature technology registered a reduction of √10,5% while Low U/S, a more recent technology, registered a reduction of √14,4%.



## 5. MAGNETIC RESONANCE ACHIEVEMENTS

The Ecodesign Steering Committee calculated the average annual energy consumption for new products put on the market for the years 2013. The data is used to assess achievements compared to the baseline 2011 (see Appendix III for additional details on methodology and calculations).

As shown by table 3, in 2013 the daily average energy consumption per unit for MRI equipment decreased to ✓209,57 kWh/unit showing a 7,2% reduction compared to 2011.

**Table 3<sup>9</sup>:** Calculated values for year 2011-2013 and forecast until 2017 under the assumption of a linear trend

|      | Sold units <sup>10</sup> | Total daily energy consumption (kWh) <sup>11</sup> | Average daily energy consumption per unit (kWh/d) | Beyond BAU | BAU    |
|------|--------------------------|--|---|------------|--------|
| 2011 | ✓ 394                    | ✓ 89.011   | ✓ 225,92  |            |        |
| 2012 | ✓ 446                    | ✓ 100.038  | ✓ 224,30  | 225,61     | 230,39 |
| 2013 | ✓ 454                    | ✓ 95.146   | ✓ 209,57  | 225,30     | 234,87 |
| 2014 |                          |  |   | 225,00     | 239,34 |
| 2015 |                          |  |   | 224,69     | 243,81 |
| 2016 |                          |  |   | 224,38     | 248,29 |
| 2017 |                          |  |   | 224,07     | 252,76 |

The reduction compared with the BAU baseline implies that the SRI will save in 2017 around 7459<sup>12</sup> kWh per unit sold according to the Beyond BAU scenario, equivalent to more than 2,6 tons of CO<sub>2</sub><sup>13</sup> per year per unit.

### 5.1. COCIR “GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE FOR MRI USERS”

Following the findings of the CT project, COCIR realized that the user behaviour has an important influence on the energy consumption of MRI.

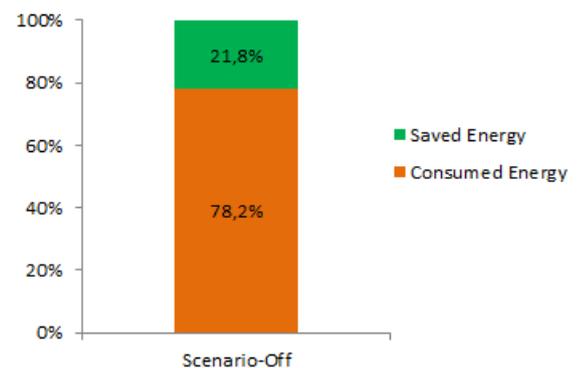
Scenarios have been defined:

- **Scenario-Off:** the MRI scanner is turned in Off mode during the 12h night time.
- **Scenario ready-to-scan:** the MRI is always in ready-to-scan mode.

Considering that during the weekend the scanner can be in Off mode or Ready-to-scan mode for 24 hours, the use of the Off mode allows for saving up to 21,8% of the annual energy consumption which on the average corresponds to 29,2 MWh/y.

Given the importance of such savings, the SRI SC Committee decided to develop a new Good Environmental Practice brochure for MRI in the course of 2014 which will be disseminated to users and purchasers.

#### YEARLY ENERGY SAVINGS



**Figure 3:** MRI energy savings by using Off-mode

<sup>9</sup> Values are slightly different from the ones in SRI Report 2012 due to a retrospective re-categorization of products by one company causing a variation of SRI sales and related energy consumption data of 0,15% in 2011 and 0,13% in 2012 compared to the values reported in previous SRI Status Reports

<sup>10</sup> Sold units data provided by Companies for each model placed on the market in the calendar year 2011

<sup>11</sup> Measured energy consumption data provided by Companies for each model placed on the market in the calendar year 2011.

<sup>12</sup> Assuming 5 days per week, 52 weeks per year

<sup>13</sup> Conversion factor gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh = 352. Average value for Europe 27 in 2011. Source: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Fuel Combustion (2013 Edition), IEA, Paris.



## 6. COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY ECODESIGN GOAL

The SRI SC has set an industry goal to develop initiatives with the aim to educate users on how to operate the CT scanners in an environmental friendly way (see Appendix 4 for methodology and calculations). The following information requirements to users are considered to be appropriate:

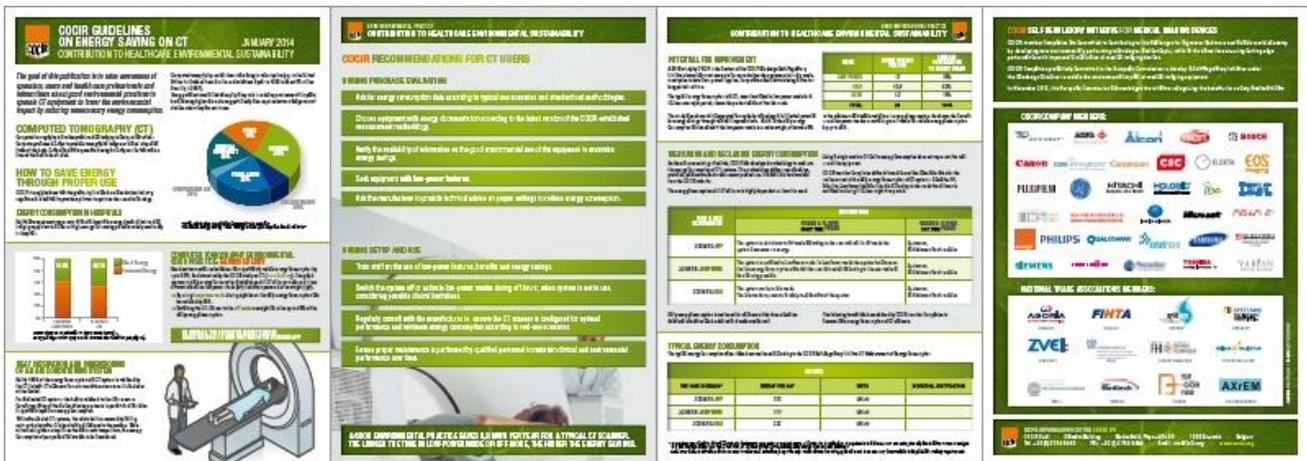
### 6.1. USER MANUAL/INFORMATION

The user manual or user information will contain guidance on how to use the CT scanner in an environmental friendly way with the aim of saving as much energy as possible according to the clinical needs of the user. Instruction will be provided on how to switch the scanner into the energy saving modes and how to switch back to active modes to ensure the scanner is ready when needed.

### 6.2. COCIR “GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE FOR CT USERS”

The development of information material to be disseminated to users can play a significant role in changing user perception and therefore in influencing behaviors.

In 2013 COCIR developed the “COCIR Guidelines on energy saving on Computed Tomography – Contribution to healthcare environmental sustainability” which have been officially released in January 2014.



The objective of the Guidelines is not only to provide useful recommendations but also to provide figures on the possible savings achievable with a proper use. Such savings can be quantified for the first time thanks to the COCIR SRI methodology for energy measurement.

The brochure has been disseminated to users and patient organizations:

- European Society of Radiology (ESR): <http://www.myesr.org>
- European Patient Forum (EPF): <http://www.eu-patient.eu/>
- European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN): <http://www.efn.be/>
- European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE): <http://www.hope.be/>
- Healthcare Without Harm (HCWH): <http://www.noharm.org/>
- Head of European Radiological protection Competent Authorities (HERCA): <http://www.herca.org>

The guidelines have been also distributed in paper version at the European Congress of Radiology (ECR), held in Vienna beginning of March 2014.

### 6.3. INFORMATION TO USERS – ENERGY INFORMATION

The CT energy measurement procedure provides for manufacturers to report the energy consumption of CT systems in the following scenarios:

**Scenario-Off:** This value represents the daily energy consumption when the CT scanner is switched off during the 12h night time (no energy consumption).



**Scenario-LowPower:** This value represents the daily energy consumption when the CT scanner is switched to LowPower during the 12h night time.

**Scenario-Idle:** This value represents the daily energy consumption of the CT when it is left in idle mode for 12h during night time.

Those three values could prove very useful to the user as they underline the difference in energy consumption that can be achieved according to the way the CT scanner is used. They also provide to the user or the purchaser a clear indication on the running cost and how much energy and money can be saved by a correct utilization of the CT.

The following data format has been developed and is recommended for use in product documentation when presenting energy consumption data measured according to the COCIR SRI CT Measurement Methodology. Data should be expressed to the nearest 1 kWh.

| <b>Typical Energy Consumption</b>  |                                      |       |                          |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| The typical energy consumption values have been measured according to the COCIR <i>Self-Regulatory Initiative CT Measurement of Energy Consumption</i> , version 1.0   |                                      |       |                          |
| Model:   |                                      |       |                          |
| Use Case Scenario*   | Energy per Day<br>(exemplary values) | Units | Deviation, Justification |
| Scenario-Idle  | 72                                   | kWh   |                          |
| Scenario-LowPower  | 50                                   | kWh   |                          |
| Scenario-Off   | 37                                   | kWh   |                          |
| <p>* The system use scenario varies according to customer needs during overnight hours. According to the standard, the system is in active use for 12h during the day and inactive for 12h overnight. The 12h overnight may be in Idle, LowPower, or Off modes with corresponding daily energy consumption variations.</p> <p>Measured values in this table are to be used for economic estimation purposes only. These values do not imply, and are not to be used for, conformance to any clinical or safety requirements.</p> |                                      |       |                          |

Additional scenarios can be added by Companies for specific power modes and specific functionalities as long as such scenarios are measured according the COCIR CT Measurement Methodology for LowPower mode.



## 7. X-RAY ECODESIGN GOAL

The SRI SC studied the x-ray modality in 2013. Unlike other imaging equipment in the scope of the SRI there is a big number of Companies manufacturing x-ray devices. The actual SRI participating companies cover around 92% of the market for angiography systems, but less than 52% for all the remaining categories.

X-ray devices are quite simple compared to the modalities analyzed so far by the SRI (MRI and CT) and the energy consumption is lower (See appendix V).

Considering the great variety of X-ray categories and different uses (from mobile c-arc to stationary interventional systems), it is impossible to identify a general user behaviour. Nonetheless considering the findings of previous projects it can be expected that most users do not profit of the low power or switch off functions of x-ray devices. This is supported by the study of the Danish Energy Saving Trust "Energy Efficiency in Hospitals and Laboratories", where the energy consumption of x-ray and user behavior have been investigated.

Already existing Off and LowPower modes, if used properly by users could ensure an energy saving between 50,5% and 64,3% of daily energy consumption (see Appendix V). Nonetheless such options are not widely used by users. The use of Off mode during the night hours and weekend can save on average up to 3,45 MWh per year per equipment.

The COCIR SRI has set an industry goal to develop initiatives with the aim to educate users on how to operate the X-ray scanners in an environmental friendly way.

## APPENDIX I

### I. ULTRASOUND IMAGING EQUIPMENT PILOT PROJECT

When COCIR and the participating companies started to develop the Self-Regulatory Initiative, the methodology and approach was a new terrain for all. Participating companies initiated a first non-standardised review of the products in scope to establish the product of initial focus for a pilot, to develop the industry baseline for energy trending, and to establish targets and timing. The final choice of ultrasound imaging equipment was based on the following reasons:

- Ultrasound equipment is manufactured by the majority of the COCIR participating companies in the Self-Regulatory Initiative: Hitachi Medical Systems Europe (ex-Aloka)<sup>14</sup>, GE Healthcare, Hitachi Medical Systems Europe, Samsung (ex-Medison)<sup>15</sup>, Philips Healthcare, Siemens Healthcare and Toshiba medical Systems Europe. The inclusion of many manufacturers could steep the learning curve.
- COCIR members have a good understanding of environmental aspects and opportunities to reduce environmental impacts for ultrasound equipment. Most of the manufacturers are engaged in Life Cycle Analysis projects and focus on the Ecodesign of their products (examples of ecodesign applied to ultrasound products are reported in Appendix).
- Ultrasound equipment is much less complex, including fewer components compared to other modalities in the medical imaging sector. Taking ultrasound as example was easier and faster to learn and to develop a methodology, to establish company internal processes to assess environmental aspects, create targets, and to change technologies.

#### I.I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ULTRASOUND EQUIPMENT

Ultrasound is an imaging technique used to visualize subcutaneous body structures including tendons, muscles, joints, vessels and internal organs for possible pathology or lesions. Obstetric ultrasound is commonly used during pregnancy to check on the development of the fetus.

Ultrasound uses a piezoelectric transducer encased in a probe to send pulses of sound into the body. The sound wave is partially reflected at each point in the body where a tissue interface results in a change in density. The time it takes for the echo to travel back to the transducer is measured and used to calculate the depth of the tissue interface causing the echo. The greater the difference in density, the larger the echo is.

The sound is focused either by the shape of the transducer, a lens in front of the transducer, or a complex set of control pulses from the ultrasound scanner machine. This focusing produces an arc-shaped sound wave from the face of the transducer. The wave travels into the body and comes into focus at a desired depth.

Typical ultrasound scanners operate in the frequency range of 2 to 18 megahertz, hundreds of times greater than the limit of human hearing. The choice of frequency is a trade-off between spatial resolution of the image and imaging depth. Superficial structures such as muscles, tendons, testes, breast and the neonatal brain are imaged at a higher frequency (7-18 MHz), which provides better axial and lateral resolution. Deeper structures such as liver and kidney are imaged at a lower frequency 1-6 MHz with lower axial and lateral resolution but greater penetration.



Figure 3: ultrasound equipment

<sup>14</sup> Aloka has been acquired by Hitachi in 2012

<sup>15</sup> Medison has been acquired by Samsung in 2012



### I.II. MARKET COVERAGE

The ✓7 companies<sup>16</sup> participating in the ultrasound pilot project had a total turnover in Europe in 2013 of ✓737,4<sup>17</sup> million euros covering around 82%<sup>18</sup> of the European market.

**Table 4:** Ultrasound - EU<sup>19</sup> market data

| Modality        | 2011 Market Value | 2012 Market Value | 2013 Market Value | Estimated EU Market Coverage |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Ultrasound (US) | ✓788 M€           | ✓740 M€           | ✓737,4 M€         | 82%                          |

### I.III. SRIV1 METHODOLOGY FOR ULTRASOUND

Participating companies developed a generic process to be followed for the pilot ultrasound. A detailed description of each process phase is described in the SRIV1.

### I.IV. TARGET SETTING

The industry Ecodesign SC set a target to reduce in 2012 the average annual energy consumption per unit of new ultrasound products placed on the market by 25% compared to the 2005 baseline. The target was set on the basis of an expert judgment on realistic feasibility to improve the already existing ecodesign programs.

To reach the 25% target, according to table 2, participating companies reduced the average annual energy consumption per unit by ✓14,5% from 2009 to 2012.

The average annual energy consumption per unit has been reduced despite new products had increased functionality and delivered even more healthcare benefits to patients.

The target to reduce average annual energy consumption of new ultrasound products placed on the market by ✓14,5% between 2009 and 2012 translates to a reduction in average annual energy consumption from ✓809 kWh per unit per year in 2009 down to ✓691 kWh per unit per year in 2012.

Participating companies achieved the target by setting the following objectives:

- Increased focus on Ecodesign in the product design and development process. For example, considering the use of the International Standard IEC 60601-1-9: Environmentally Conscious Design of Medical Electrical Equipment
- Specify and design product components and parts with much less energy consumption
- Using new technologies (e.g. Green IT equipment)

### I.V. ACHIEVING THE PILOT ULTRASOUND ENERGY REDUCTION TARGET AND INSURANCE OF A CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Now that the pilot project has expired COCIR will include ultrasound equipment into the established SRIV3 methodology procedure. Ultrasound has been added as the last modality to the Priority List presented in this Report and will, from there on, remain in the continuous improvement cycle. Thus, all future Ecodesign targets developed for the next innovation cycle of ultrasound products will be founded on the SRI Methodology.

<sup>16</sup> SRI Member : GE Healthcare, Hitachi Medical Systems Europe, Philips Healthcare, Siemens Healthcare, Toshiba Medical Systems Europe, Hitachi (ex-Aloka), Samsung (ex-Medison)

<sup>17</sup> COCIR SHARE internal market statistics data base. Data are based on the fiscal year.

<sup>18</sup> Estimation provided by companies based on SHARE data

<sup>19</sup> COCIR Imaging Market Statistics source (SHARE). Countries included: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, UK, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Albania, Macedonia.



## APPENDIX II

### I. SRI GENERIC METHODOLOGY

In 2010 the Ecodesign Steering Committee started to apply the methodology first two steps to all the modalities in scope to identify a priority list.

#### I.I. GATHER BASELINE DATA FOR ALL MODALITIES IN SCOPE (STEP 1)

Baseline data was gathered according to a specific template (see SRI Methodology V3 Appendixes). According to the product portfolio of the SRI members (see table 1) data has been delivered from the following companies<sup>20</sup>:

- GE Healthcare
- Philips Healthcare
- Siemens Healthcare
- Toshiba Medical Systems Corporation

For the following modalities and sub-modalities:

- Computed tomography (CT)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Nuclear Medicine
  - NM Conventional
  - NM PET
- X-Ray
  - X-Ray Angio
  - X-Ray Fluoro
  - X-Ray Radio
  - X-Ray Mammography
  - X-Ray Surgery

#### I.II. PRIORITIZATION AND SELECTION OF THE NEXT MODALITY (STEP 2)

The company LCA data from STEP 1 have been consolidated by the SC Secretariat after a plausibility check.

The SC Secretariat calculated two rankings with the provided LCA data:

- The first ranking weights the environmental loads (delivered by the companies in STEP 1) with current units sold in EU (based on SHARE<sup>21</sup> data).
- The second ranking is based on the expert judgements on factors such as feasible technological developments and the complexity of the product, as well as on sales forecasts of the next generation equipment.

The final priority list, see table 5, that is used to select the next modalities is obtained averaging the two previously calculated rankings.

<sup>20</sup> Only already available LCA data has been provided. According to SRIv2 methodology Step 1 and 2 do not require LCA data to be provided by all the participating companies.

<sup>21</sup> SHARE is COCIR's internal market statistics data base.



**Table 5: Priority list**

| Modality         | Environmental loads ranking 2009 | Risk Assessment ranking 20xx* | Average Ranking | Final Ranking |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| MRI              | 1                                | 1                             | 1               | 1             |
| CT               | 3                                | 2                             | 2,5             | 2             |
| X-Ray            | 2                                | 3                             | 2,5             | 3             |
| Nuclear Medicine | 4                                | 4                             | 4               | 4             |

\*depends on the typical modality innovation cycle

CT has been chosen as second one as the European market coverage of the participating companies is around 100%, while for X-ray it is about 80%. The higher the market coverage, the higher the reduction of environmental impacts that the SRI Initiative could achieve.

According to table 6, the SRI Initiative will focus on the listed modalities in the given sequence, at least one each year. Thus, MRI was targeted as the first modality under the SRI methodology and CT as second one.

**Table 6: Timetable for targeting new modalities**

|                  | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| MRI              | ☒    |      |      |      |      |
| CT               |      | ☒    |      |      |      |
| X-Ray            |      |      | ☒    |      |      |
| Nuclear Medicine |      |      |      | ☒    |      |
| Ultrasound       |      |      |      |      | ☒    |

**I.III. IDENTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT (STEP 3)**

Every year a new part is added with a new modality, following the order of the priority list. Each new part for the specific modality includes data on the identification of the top environmental aspect.

## APPENDIX III

### I. MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING EQUIPMENT

#### I.I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE EQUIPMENT

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is a medical imaging technique used in radiology to visualize detailed internal structures of the human body. MRI makes use of the property of magnetic resonance of nuclei to create medical diagnostic images.

An MRI machine utilizes superconductor technology by using liquid Helium (below 4.2 Kelvin) to create a powerful magnetic field to align the magnetization of atoms within the body. Radio frequency waves are used to systematically alter the alignment of this magnetization. This causes the nuclei to produce a rotating magnetic field detectable by the scanner. Very powerful magnetic field gradients are needed to cause nuclei at different locations to rotate at different speeds providing the necessary 3-D spatial information.

The information collected is manipulated with high speed mathematical formulas to generate extremely detailed medical diagnostic images.

MRI provides excellent contrast between the different soft tissues of the body, which makes it especially useful in imaging the brain, muscles, internal organs, and cancers. Compared with other medical imaging techniques such as computed tomography (CT) or X-rays, MRI uses no ionizing radiation.

#### MRI technologies

MRI equipment uses two different technologies to generate the required magnetic field strength that could vary from 0,35 Tesla up to 7 Tesla or even more.

**Permanent magnet:** permanent magnets are used to generate magnetic field up to 1,2 Tesla. Commonly such models are equipped with non-cylindrical magnets allowing more patient comfort. Non cylindrical magnet MRIs are called "Open MRI".

**Superconductive magnet:** superconductive electromagnets, cryo-cooled to 4 Kelvin using liquid helium, are used to generate magnetic fields up to 7 Tesla or more. The boiled helium is re-condensed by a cryo-cooler (Gifford-McMahon or pulse tube). The cryo-cooling system cannot be switched off except in case of emergency. This causes the helium to boil off and get lost. Normally superconductive MRIs use cylindrical magnets but sometimes open magnets.



Figure 4: Open MRI and cylindrical MRI

#### Magnetic field strength

The strength of the magnetic field and the power of the gradient coil and the RF senders determine the quality and resolution of the image. High end machines for hospital use are equipped with 3 Tesla magnets. Higher fields equipment, up to 7 Tesla, are actually under development and test and used only for research purposes.

**Bore size**

The bore diameter is important for patient comfort. Patient suffering from claustrophobia could experience better comfort in larger bores. Moreover, large bores allow the examination of “big” patients suffering from obesity. Nonetheless larger bore size requires the use of more powerful and energy consuming magnet systems and gradient coils, as the field strength decrease with the distance.

**Modes**

Three modes have been defined for MRI equipment.

**Off mode:**

The MRI is in the lowest user selectable power state. In superconductive MRIs the magnet needs to be cooled permanently<sup>22</sup>. Therefore the cooling circuitry and the magnet supervision needs to be active.

**Ready-to-scan mode:**

The MRI is on and ready to acquire an image. All modules are active. However neither gradient pulses nor radio frequency waves are sent or received. The computing system may calculate and display images from raw data previously acquired.

**Scan mode:**

The MRI is actively scanning the patient by sending high frequency waves as well as gradient pulses and reading the resulting variations in the magnetic field. The computing system acquires the corresponding data and calculates and displays images.

The power consumption of MRI in the three modes is represented in figure 5.

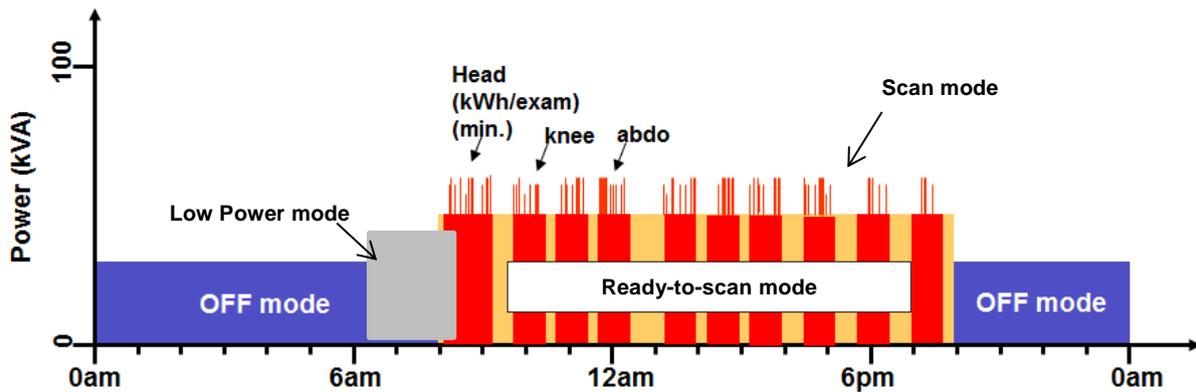


Figure 5: Exemplary power consumption of MRI

**Power consumption in different modes**

The measurements performed on all models allowed to determine the energy consumption of MRI equipment in the different operating modes, according to the defined use scenario (Appendix III.II.IV). Even if the variability between different MRI is relevant, the following average values can be identified equipment:

| MODE          | Average Power Consumption (kW) | Average distribution of daily energy consumption % |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Off           | 9,3                            | 34   |
| Ready to scan | 14,6                           | 34   |
| Scan          | 22,3                           | 32   |

<sup>22</sup> In case the magnet cooling system is switched off, the helium slowly boils and it is released. The released helium is lost and needs to be replaced by liquid helium. This implies the corresponding cooling and transporting efforts.



The power consumption in scan mode cannot be easily measured as it is different for each sequence and moreover it varies extremely during the same sequence as shown by figure 6. For each sequence the average power consumption has to be derived.

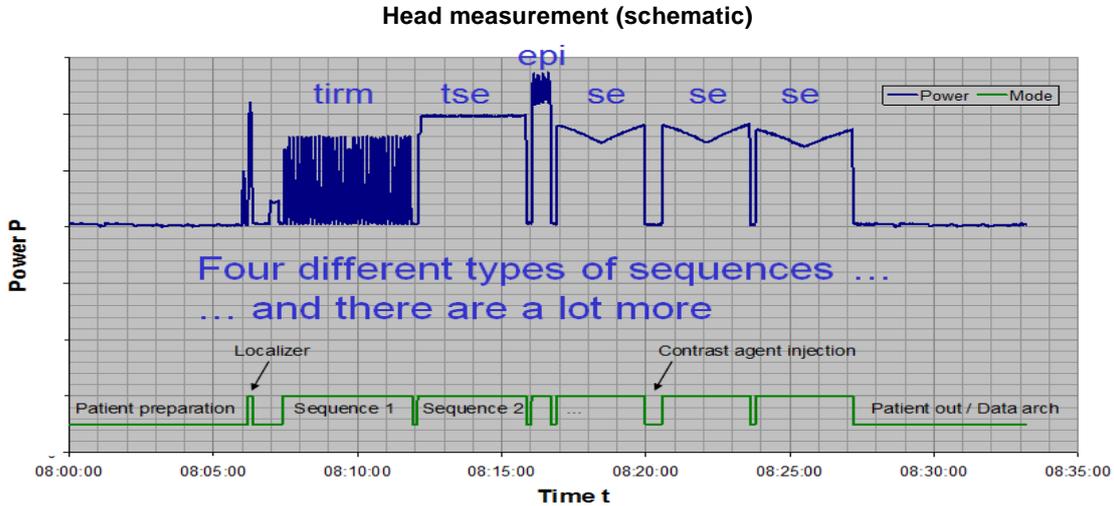


Figure 6: Power consumption for different sequences in abdomen examination

### I.II. MARKET DATA

The ✓5 Companies<sup>23</sup> participating in the SRI for the MRI sector represent a total turnover in Europe of ✓600<sup>24</sup> million euros in 2013, covering about 96%<sup>25</sup> of the European market.

Table 7: MRI – EU<sup>26</sup> market data

| Modality                         | 2011 Market Value | 2012 Market Value | 2013 Market Value | Estimated EU Market Coverage |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) | ✓643 M€           | ✓683,2 M€         | ✓600 M€           | 96%                          |

### I.III. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT FOR MRI

Magnetic resonance Imaging equipment has been chosen by the Steering Committee as the first modality to be targeted on the base of Step 1 and Step 2 of the methodology as shown in table 5.

According to Step 3 of the methodology, data provided by Companies are used to rank the different environmental aspects. Table 8 shows that energy consumption during the product lifecycle use phase has been identified as the top environmental aspect.

<sup>23</sup> GE Healthcare, Hitachi Medical Systems Europe, Philips Healthcare, Siemens Healthcare, Toshiba Medical Systems Europe

<sup>24</sup> COCIR SHARE internal market statistics data base

<sup>25</sup> Estimation provided by COCIR companies based on 2010 SHARE data

<sup>26</sup> COCIR Imaging Market Statistics source (SHARE). Countries included: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, UK, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Albania, Macedonia.



**Table 8:** Identification of most significant environmental aspect

| Identification of most significant environmental aspect |                          |                     |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Aspects   | Average internal ranking | Final COCIR Ranking |
| Energy use  | 1                        | 1                   |
| Non ferrous metals                                      | 2                        | 3                   |
| Ferrous alloys  | 3                        | 4                   |
| Helium consumption                                      | 2                        | 2                   |
| Magnet metals   | 3                        | 5                   |
| Copper in Gradient coil                                 | 4                        | 8                   |
| Copper: end of life                                     | 2                        | 6                   |
| Copper: production                                      | 3                        | 7                   |

#### I.IV. COMPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION

This report is completed by the following documentation:

##### 1. Magnetic resonance Equipment (MRI) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency

The Ecodesign Steering Committee hired in July 2011 an external consultant with long experience in the field of ecodesign, PE International, to study the potential for improvement of MRI equipment with regard to energy efficiency. The study analyses MRI energy consumption, the allocation of power usage in the different modules during off, ready-to-scan and scan mode and technological solutions to improve the efficiency.

Results of the study are used as input for Step 4 of the SRI methodology for setting the ecodesign target for MRI.

##### 2. Magnetic resonance Equipment (MRI) - Measurement of energy consumption

The Ecodesign Steering Committee mandated in October 2010 an Expert Working Group on MRI with the objective to develop a methodology to measure the energy consumption as there are no recognized standards at the moment. The measurement methodology allows company to measure the energy consumption of MRI on a common basis providing comparable data that are used in Step 4 of the SRI methodology.

#### II. MEASUREMENT OF THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION

The Ecodesign Steering Committee started in October 2010 to develop a methodology to measure the energy consumption of MRI equipment, as there are no available standards that could be used.

The methodology ensures that:

- Results of the measurements are comparable and repeatable
- The measured energy consumption has a strict relation with the real energy consumption in everyday hospital use. Such information is important for hospitals and clinics to understand the real running cost of MRI to plan and allocate correctly their budget
- The procedure does not involve disproportionate costs or resources
- The measurement results allow the determination of all the information that could be considered relevant for the SRI target setting process but could also be useful for MRI users.

A first methodology was defined in May 2011 and Participating Companies started a measurement campaign providing a first set of 5 measured machines. After a deep analysis of the data the methodology was simplified by introducing average values for the ready-to-scan mode durations (see the "Magnetic



Resonance – Measurement of energy consumption” document for additional information). Participating companies measured all their MRI models according to the new methodology.

The study on the MRI potential for improvement showed that the energy use in scan mode could not be reduced due to physics of the process which requires a certain amount of energy (see “**Magnetic resonance Equipment (MRI) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency**”).

For the above mentioned reason, the SRI adopted a simplified version of the methodology without measuring the energy consumption in scan mode (for additional information see Appendix III.V).

The methodology has been finalized in February 2012 and is available for download at COCIR website.

### II.I. MEASURING THE ENERGY CONSUMPTION

The energy consumption could normally be calculated by summing the energy consumption in each mode, calculated multiplying the power consumption for each mode for the relative duration:

$$\text{Energy use} = T_{\text{off}} * P_{\text{off}} + T_{\text{ready-to-scan}} * P_{\text{ready-to-scan}} + T_{\text{scan}} * P_{\text{scan}}$$

The average power draw in off mode, servicing mode and ready-to-scan mode can be easily measured. For MRI the following elements are unknown:

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $T_{\text{ready-to-scan}}$ | : Duration of ready to scan mode |
| $T_{\text{scan}}$          | : Duration of scan mode          |
| $P_{\text{scan}}$          | : Power consumption in scan mode |

Those durations depend very much on which examination is performed, the scan speed of the machine and the administrative operations to be performed by doctors during the examination (patient preparation, data input, data archiving, patient positioning, etc.).

While for off mode it is easy to set an average value according to hospital practices, setting average values for the remaining two modes would not allow to take into consideration a very important factor, the “productivity” of the MRI, the number of patients that can be examined per day (see chapter II.V).

### II.II. SYSTEM BOUNDARIES

The Ecodesign SC defined the system boundaries (which modules should be included in the measurement and which not) for the measurement of MRI equipment.

**In:** All system-critical items needed to perform a basic scan, e.g. gradient amplifiers, RF unit, MR coils needed for the specific measurements, reconstruction engine(s), required electronics such power supplies, controllers, console/computer, cryogen compressor, water heat exchanger, patient table, magnet, helium-conservation equipment.

**Out:** Any equipment and accessories beyond basic product offering and not required for a basic scan, or customer-provided equipment, e.g. optional MR coils, patient vital signs accessories, facility-provided cooling water equipment and hardware for advanced medical applications.

### II.III. EQUIPMENT CONFIGURATION

To allow comparability of the measurements the Ecodesign SC identified ranges for the values of the most relevant parameters for each one of the defined sequences having an impact on the energy consumption:

- Number of slices
- Field of view
- Slice thickness
- Resolution
- Bandwidth
- Sequence duration

As shown in table 9, a set of parameter has been defined for each sequence. The values have been determined on the basis of the experience of Companies’ experts as the most commonly used in hospital

practice.

Moreover, the values have been validated according to the following documentation:

- the German “Guidelines of the Federal Medical Council for Quality Assurance of magnetic resonance imaging” (BÄK)
- and the “guidelines on criteria for quality assessment in nuclear magnetic resonance imaging pursuant to § 136 SGB V i.V.m. § 92 SGB V, Section 1 of the Federal Committee of Physicians and Sickness Funds (Quality assessment guidelines for magnetic resonance imaging)

For each parameter and for each sequence the minimum or maximum value is indicated in the table.

**Table 9:** Abstract from the configuration parameters table. The complete table is available in the “MRI – Measurement of energy consumption” document.

|                                   | Number of Slices | FOV(mm <sup>2</sup> ) | Slc Thk (mm) | Resolution | Bandwidth (Hz/Px, Range) |      | Seque<br>Re |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|------|-------------|
|                                   | Minimum          | Max                   | Max          | Max        | Min                      | Max  |             |
| <b>HEAD</b>                       |                  |                       |              |            |                          |      |             |
| localizer                         | 1                | 280                   | 8            | 1,1        | 290                      | 655  |             |
| t2_tirm_tra_dark-fluid_320        | 28               | 220                   | 5            | 0,7        | 191,0                    | 200  |             |
| t2_tse_sag_512                    | 27               | 250 x 225             | 5            | 0,5        | 122,0                    | 195  |             |
| ep2d_diff_3scan_trace_p2          | 23               | 240                   | 5            | 1,9        | 1132,0                   | 4000 |             |
| t1_se_tra_320                     | 28               | 230                   | 5            | 0,8        | 150                      | 160  |             |
| t1_se_tra_320                     | 28               | 230                   | 5            | 0,8        | 150                      | 160  |             |
| t1_se_cor_320                     | 32               | 230                   | 5            | 0,8        | 150                      | 200  |             |
| <b>SPINE</b>                      |                  |                       |              |            |                          |      |             |
| localizer                         | 5                | 450                   | 8            | 1,8        | 290                      | 655  |             |
| t2_tse_sag_512                    | 16               | 300                   | 3            | 0,6        | 160                      | 165  |             |
| t1_tse_sag_512                    | 15               | 300                   | 4            | 0,6        | 240                      | 250  |             |
| t2_tse_tra_512                    | 20               | 230                   | 4            | 0,5        | 95                       | 195  |             |
| t1_tse_tra_448                    | 20               | 230                   | 4            | 0,6        | 110                      | 230  |             |
| <b>ABDOMEN</b>                    |                  |                       |              |            |                          |      |             |
| localizer                         | 5                | 450                   | 8            | 1,8        | 450                      | 655  |             |
| t1_f12d_opp-in_tra_p2_mbh         | 30               | 380                   | 6,0          | 1,5        | 240                      | 525  |             |
| t2_trufi_cor_p2_bh                | 25               | 400                   | 6,0          | 1,4        | 500                      | 655  |             |
| t2_tse_tra_p2_mbh_320             | 30               | 380                   | 6,0          | 1,2        | 260                      | 395  |             |
| t1_vibe_fs_tra_p2_320_bh_pre      | 64               | 400                   | 4            | 1,3        | 400                      | 785  |             |
| t1_vibe_fs_tra_p2_320_bh_arterial | 64               | 400                   | 4            | 1,3        | 400                      | 785  |             |
| t1_vibe_fs_tra_p2_320_bh_venous   | 64               | 400                   | 4            | 1,3        | 400                      | 785  |             |
| t1_vibe_fs_tra_p2_320_bh_delayed  | 64               | 400                   | 4            | 1,3        | 400                      | 785  |             |
| t1_vibe_fs_cor_p2_bh_288_post     | 128              | 400 x 360             | 4            | 1,4        | 600                      | 870  |             |
| <b>KNEE</b>                       |                  |                       |              |            |                          |      |             |
| localizer_tra                     | 3                | 450                   | 8            | 1,8        | 250                      | 656  |             |
| localizer_saq+cor+tra             | 3                | 300                   | 5,0          | 1,0        | 250                      | 435  |             |
| t1_se_sag_512                     | 27               | 160                   | 4            | 0,4        | 120                      | 150  |             |

#### II.IV. MRI USE SCENARIO

To define the functional unit, the use scenario must first be defined. The use scenario includes applicable use modes, typical customer applications, and equipment capability. Use modes<sup>27</sup> in view of the measurement of the energy consumption are defined as:

**Off mode:** The system functions into the minimum energy consumption state that the typical user can access e.g. through selection of off or shutdown, at the operator console.

**Ready-to-scan mode:** This mode represents the state of the system during patient handling and/or data evaluation and archiving, between individual scans.

<sup>27</sup> The low power mode defined in the MRI measurement methodology is not reported here as its power consumption has been assumed equal to ready-to-scan mode.



**Scan mode:** The MRI is actively scanning the patient to generate images by sending high frequency waves and gradient pulses and reading the resulting variations in the magnetic field. The computing system interprets the data and generates the images.

To determine the time an MRI system remains in each mode, participants referenced confidential field usage records and estimated average values that could represent daily usage of MRI.

To evaluate the energy consumption the most commonly used examinations were estimated by application specialists. Such values are also supported by external studies such as the "2007 MRI Market Summary Report", May 2008, IMV Medical Information Division<sup>28</sup>.

This mix served as the "standard application mix" on which basis specific MRI protocols were defined and performed. Members agreed to use the top 5, normalized to 100% as shown in table 10.

**Table 10:** Scan Mode application mix

| Diagnostic Application | Normalized Distribution |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Head                   | 23,8%                   |
| Spine                  | 24,8%                   |
| Abdomen                | 23,8%                   |
| Knee                   | 19%                     |
| Angio                  | 8,6%                    |

According to companies' experts the following daily usage has been defined:

|                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Off:                 | 12h (Off mode)                  |
| Scan, ready-to-scan: | 10h (Ready-to-scan + scan mode) |
| Low power:           | 2h (Reduced power consumption)  |

## II.V. PATIENTS PER DAY

A very important feature of MRI is the patient/day ratio. The patient/day ratio measures the maximum number of patients (or examinations) that a MRI machine could scan in one day according to the examination distribution (use scenario) set as typical by the measurement methodology.

This value is determined by performing each examination (head, spine, abdomen, knee, angio) using phantoms<sup>29</sup> but with real patient measurements (e.g. contrast agent injections, table moves, patient breath holds, etc). Using the distribution provided by the use scenario, it is possible to determine how many examinations could be performed in one day (how many patients could be examined per day).

The patient/day ratio is very important for at least 2 main reasons:

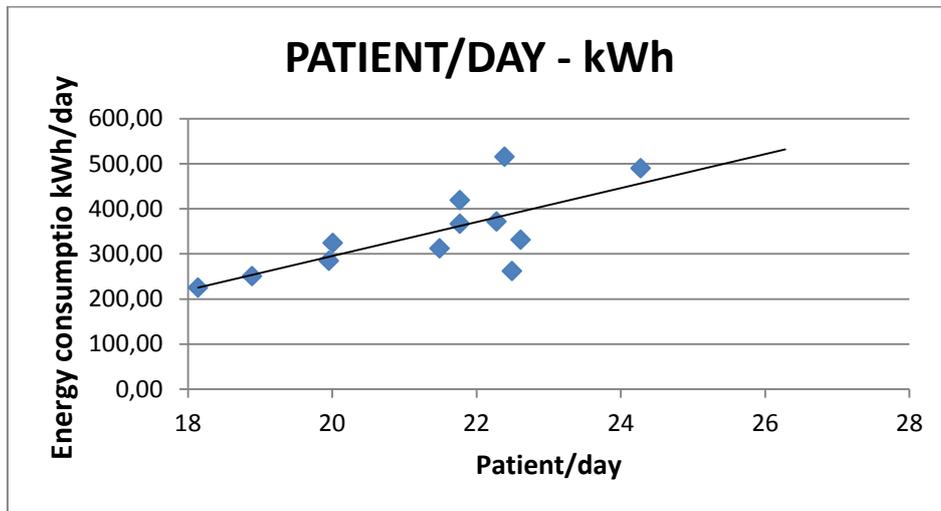
- The productivity of the machine represents high value information for the user (hospital/clinic).
- There is a linear correlation between the productivity and the energy consumption. MRI with higher patient/day ratio consumes more energy as shown by figure 7.

This means that MRIs with lower performances in terms of patients per day are usually consuming less energy. Reducing the number of patients per day could help reducing the energy consumption of MRI equipment. On the other hand this is not acceptable as Medical Companies are committed to deliver equipment with improved performances/shorter examination times for patients.

As the technological evolution is moving towards machines with faster scan time and higher patient throughput (higher productivity) the energy consumption in absolute value could be expected to grow accordingly.

<sup>28</sup> [www.imvinfo.com](http://www.imvinfo.com).

<sup>29</sup> Phantoms are models made of plastic and fluids that simulate body parts and are used to test and calibrate MRI equipment.



**Figure 7:** Correlation between patient/day and total energy daily consumption, measured on 12 MRI.

## II.VI. SIMPLIFIED MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY

As the Steering Committee decided to measure only the energy usage in off and ready-to-scan mode (see chapter III.V), the “Methodology for the measurement of the energy consumption of MRI” has been applied in a simplified version.

Moreover the power draw in low power mode as defined in methodology description has been assumed equal to the power draw in ready-to-scan mode.

## II.VII. THE METHODOLOGY IN BRIEF

The methodology requires and explains how to measure the following data needed for the SRI:

1. Power consumption in off mode
2. Power consumption in ready-to-scan mode
3. Duration of each one of the defined sequences

The duration of each examination is calculated as the sum of the time in scan mode (measured) and the time in ready-to-scan-mode (average value derived by companies’ experience and first simulations).

An evaluation spreadsheet calculates the following values:

1. Number of examinations per day: calculated from the duration of each examination and the examination distribution in the use scenario during 10 hours daily working time.
2. Energy consumption in off mode: calculated multiplying the power consumption in off mode by 12 hours
3. Energy consumption in ready-to-scan mode: the energy consumption of each examination is calculated multiplying the measured power consumption for the duration of ready-to-scan. The total energy consumption per day is obtained multiplying such values for the number of examinations per day.

All the details and procedures on how to measure the energy consumption are presented in the “Magnet Resonance Equipment (MRI) – Measurement of energy consumption” document, available on the COCIR website.



## II.VIII. REQUIRED RESOURCES TO PERFORM THE MEASUREMENTS

The measurement methodology requires the MRI to be available in a test lab. In alternative the test could be performed in a hospital or clinic environment.

The following tasks and technicians/specialists are required to measure one specific target MRI equipment:

| TASK  | TIME       |   |
|---|------------|---|
| Compilation of the sequences                                    | 4h         | Application specialist                          |
| Installation of the measurement tool                            | 1h         | Electrician                                     |
| Preparation of the templates                                    | 1h         | Specialist                                      |
| Running the sequences   | 3h         | Specialist, Measurement specialist              |
| Measurement of Off mode and de-installation of measurement tool | 1h         | Specialist, Electrician, Measurement specialist |
| Data archiving  | 1h         | Application specialist                          |
| Data evaluation   | 4h         | Specialist                                      |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>20h</b> |   |

## III. ECODESIGN TARGET FOR MRI

### III.I. SRI METHODOLOGY FOR ECODESIGN TARGET SETTING IN BRIEF

The fourth step of the SRI methodology sets the ecodesign target as the market average performance of the selected aspect, to be achieved in a time equal to the specific innovation cycle.

The SC Secretariat collects from Companies the measurements of all MRI models and, on the basis of the reduction potentials determined by the PE INTERNATIONAL study on MRI, calculates the target scenarios<sup>30</sup>:

- Baseline today
- Business as usual (BAU)
- Best not yet available technology (BnyAT)
- Beyond Business as usual.

Based on these scenarios, the Ecodesign SC decides on a feasible industry reduction target. Before it is approved, the industry target is proposed to the European Commission for discussion.

### III.II. MRI CATEGORIES

The SRI SC recognized that MRI equipment has different design intents, for specific clinical applications. The design intents result in energy consumption which is substantially different, due in large part to MR physics. For instance, a growing clinical need is for MRI systems with a large patient access (bore). Since MR physics is based on pulse sequences (switched magnetic field gradients and radio frequency pulses), the power needed for the pulse sequences increases as the diameter increases. Other features relevant to different image quality needs, such as number of data receiver channels, also affect energy consumption. It was recognized that a simple energy metric might cause confusion if systems with different clinical utilities are compared directly. As a result, member companies have developed a categorization table (see table 11).

<sup>30</sup> For additional information on scenarios refer to SRIv2 documentation, Appendix V: [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org)

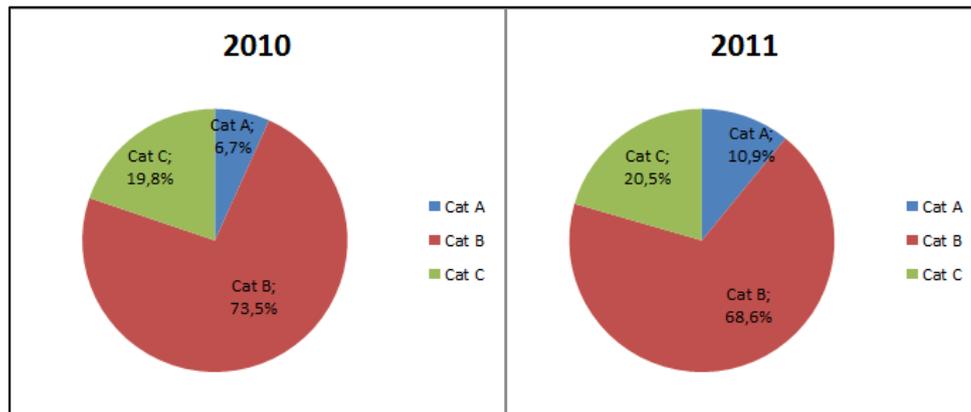


**Table 11: MRI Equipment Categorization Table**

| General information on categories included | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- matrix columns represent key differentiation characteristics that differentiate different clinical utilities of a system</li> <li>- each characteristic results in a designated amount of points</li> <li>- total score of all characteristics will determine the overall category that a system belongs to</li> </ul> |                               |               |        |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| <b>Key characteristics</b>                 | <u>Field strength</u>   | 1.5T                          | 50            | points |
|  |   | 3.0 T                         | 100           | points |
|  | <u>Bore size</u>  | < 60 cm                       | 10            | points |
|  |   | ≥ 60 & < 70 cm                | 20            | points |
|  |   | ≥ 70 cm                       | 30            | points |
|  | <u>Maximum Gradient Amplitude per axis</u>  | < 35 mT/m                     | 40            | points |
|  |   | ≥ 35 mT/m                     | 80            | points |
|  | <u>Maximum Slewrate per axis</u>  | < 100 mT/m/s                  | 20            | points |
|  |   | ≥ 100 mT/m/s & < 150 mT/m/s   | 30            | points |
|  |   | ≥ 150 mT/m/s                  | 40            | points |
|  | <u>Patient table</u>  | fixed table                   | 10            | points |
|  |   | mobile table                  | 20            | points |
|  | <u>Maximum channels</u>   | < 16 channels                 | 15            | points |
|  |   | ≥ 16 channels & < 64 channels | 35            | points |
|  | ≥ 64 channels   | 45                            | points        |        |
| <u>Useable FOV cm<sup>2</sup></u>          | < 40 cm   | 25                            | points        |        |
|  | ≥ 40 & < 50 cm  | 35                            | points        |        |
|  | ≥ 50 cm   | 45                            | points        |        |
| <b>Final company model category</b>        | <b>Total points</b>   |                               |               |        |
|  | Clinical model - Category A   |                               | < 220         | points |
|  | Hospital model - Category B   |                               | ≥ 220 & < 315 | points |
|  | Research model - Category C   |                               | ≥ 315         | points |

The MRI units sold in 2010 and 2011 are reported in figure 8 in percentage according to the 3 identified categories.

✓ **Figure 8<sup>31</sup>**: MRI – Distribution of units sold\* in 2010 and 2011 in EU<sup>32</sup>



\*Open magnet units are not included in the figures as they are not in the scope of the SRI

### III.III. SCOPE

The Ecodesign Steering Committee decided to apply the SRI methodology to set ecodesign targets only to category B equipment.

#### Exclusion of category A

Category A products represent a small percentage of the whole sales in EU as shown by figure 8. Most of category A MRI are open models equipped with permanent magnets that do not require power to generate the magnetic field (no cryo-cooling system). Therefore contribution of category A to the energy consumption of MRI is very limited and the absence of the cryo-cooled magnet reduces also the potential for improvement.

#### Exclusion of category C

Category C models accounts for 20% of all EU sales. Category C represents high-end models, with increased functionality, mostly used for research purposes. Only a few models are actually commercialized by few companies. If applied, the methodology would open critical issues related to confidentiality of delivered results and certainly would harm innovation.

The required high level performances involve higher energy consumption, due to the high magnetic and gradient field performance, number of receiving channels, bore and field-of-view size. For this reason the potential for improvement is extremely limited and should be investigated with extreme care to avoid that possible technical solutions to reduce the energy consumption (adopted for category B equipment) could compromise the innovation potential.

For the above mentioned reasons the SRI Steering Committee decided not to set targets for such equipment and to evaluate the feasibility of reducing the energy consumption without compromising performances and benefits for patients.

### III.IV. FUNCTIONAL UNIT

The functional unit is the reference ensuring the comparability of power consumption of different products and their developments over time.

As identified by the study on improvement potential for MRI, the functional unit for MRI is the number of patients that can be examined per day. Such number, as already presented, is not fixed a priori but depends on the hospital workflow, the administrative time, the nature of examinations, the required quality

<sup>31</sup> Figure 8 has not been updated after the small changes in the sales 2010-2011 following a company re-categorization of MRI models (see footnote 9). The updated figure will be added to the SRI report 2014.

<sup>32</sup> EU 27 market sold units data provided by Companies for each model placed on the market in calendar year 2010 and 2011. As only category B products have been included in the SRI scope, sales data on category A and C are not collected every year.



and functionality and furthermore the power and performance of the machine. It is determined measuring the duration of each examination (scan time: measured + ready-to-scan time: set) and applying the examination distribution to the 10 hours working time of the machine.

### III.V. METRIC – ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN OFF AND READY-TO-SCAN ONLY

The energy consumption of MRI is the sum of the energy consumption in the three different modes (off, ready-to-scan and scan).

The initial measurements run on 12 models and the results of the study on MRI potential for improvement have shown that:

1. Measuring the energy consumption in scan mode is complex, expensive and time consuming, as examined in Appendix II.I.
2. The potential for reducing the energy used to perform the scan is limited due to the physics of the process. A certain amount of energy is needed to stimulate the response from the body and to be read by receivers.
3. Improvements in scan mode could be achieved by defining new technologies that use different sequences with less energy needed. Such improvements could not be recorded by the methodology at the moment, as the sequences are set. Not setting the sequences would render difficult to compare the measurements as it changes the functional unit.

Therefore the Ecodesign Steering Committee **decided to not consider the energy in scan mode for the determination of the ecodesign target.**

The adopted metric for setting the target for MRI is **the energy usage per model per day (kWh/unit day) in off and ready-to-scan mode to perform a certain number of examinations according to the use scenario.**

The target is to be expressed as the **average daily consumption per model in off and ready-to-scan mode:**

$$\text{kWh}_{(\text{off, ready-to-scan})}/\text{unit day}$$

This choice reflects the part of the energy consumption that could be reduced by ecodesign programs and takes into account the productivity of the MRI as the time in ready-to-scan mode is not defined but varies. In fact, even if the ready-to-scan time is defined per examination, the number of examinations per day depends on the total examination time, which account also for the scan time.

### III.VI. INNOVATION CYCLE

The innovation cycle is defined as the time needed to develop new or enhanced products and place them on the market. For medical devices it could vary from 3 years to 7, depending on the complexity of the innovation being brought to market.

The below listed activities for MRI requires:

- |  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| Research and development                 | - | 1 year  |
| Realization, Verification and Validation | - | 3 years |
| Regulatory Approvals                     | - | 1 year  |

The innovation cycle for MRI therefore corresponds to 5 years.



### III.VII. SETTING THE ECODSIGN TARGET

The SRI methodology for target setting has been developed on the base of the experience gathered with the pilot ultrasound project. In particular the Business-as-usual scenario (BAU) is based on the assumption that the energy consumption of the modality under consideration will get lower year after year due to existing ecodesign programs and due to the improvements of other technologies according to implementing regulations under the Ecodesign Directive or voluntary measures. This assumption has proven true for the ultrasound pilot project.

The PE INTERNATIONAL study on MRI shows that this assumption is not true for MRI. New functionalities, larger bore diameters, increased magnetic field strength and more powerful gradient and RF amplifiers are going to increase the energy demand to meet clinical needs of medical care.

Therefore the BAU scenario, defined under the assumption that all companies will reach the front runner today at the end of the innovation cycle, has been redefined for MRI according to the findings of the PE INTERNATIONAL study on MRI improvement potentials and used as the baseline.

According to the findings of PE INTERNATIONAL, the BAU baseline shows an increase in the energy demand which can be mitigated by the reduction of energy usage in the most favorable case (BnyAT) where all possible improvements are implemented at the same time by all companies (extreme assumption not in line with technological limits). Therefore the BnyAT scenario should be re-defined accordingly as the result of the application of the companies' potentials to the newly defined BAU baseline.

#### **BAU Scenario<sup>33</sup>**

PE International estimated in the BAU scenario an increase in energy consumption (off+ready-to-scan) of 16,68% assuming that by 2017, half of the category B product sold on the market will have an energy consumption comparable to the energy consumption of Category C products today.

This estimation has been reviewed later with the availability of additional measurement data and estimations provided by each Company of its own BAU scenario according to the specific corporate strategies.

An increase around 12% in the energy consumption by 2017 has been considered an assumption better reflecting the current trends.

#### **Beyond BAU scenario and correction factors**

According to the experience gathered with the ultrasound Pilot project the SRI methodology assumes that the front runner is the Company with the lowest potential for improvement. The study on Improvement Potentials coupled with measurement data showed for MRI a different situation. The front runner estimated an improvement potential that is quite high compared to other Companies.

This can be interpreted as the result of extensive research in ecodesign that allows the front runner to foresee the application of technical solutions that are not evident to other companies to improve the energy performances. **This represents an important example of how ecodesign could drive innovation.**

Applying the SRI methodology under this circumstances is not possible, otherwise the industry target will result even higher than what has been estimated as the highest possible improvement.

The Ecodesign Steering Committee decided to use correction factors applied to the individual company maximum improvement to derive the company targets and the Industry targets (weighted average against sales). It has been assumed that companies could achieve 75% of the maximum possible improvement and 50% for the front runner to take into consideration the higher marginal costs.

<sup>33</sup> The new methodologies for the scenarios definition (BAU and BnyAT) have been included in the SRIv3 revision which has been published with this Report in 2013.



## Scenarios

The four scenarios have been redefined accordingly as:

- **Baseline today**
- **Business as usual scenario (BAU) according to the SRiv2 methodology**, used as reference value and showing the fleet performance of the front runner.
- **Business as usual (BAU) according to the SRiv3 methodology**: scenario for year 2017 where the average daily energy usage per model is expected to be increased around 12% compared to baseline today.
- **Best not yet available technology (BnyAT)**: scenario for year 2017 where the average daily energy usage per model is expected to decrease around 5,4% compared to the baseline 2011.
- **Beyond Business as usual**: scenario for year 2017 derived applying correction factors to companies BnyAT where the application of the SRI will compensate the increase in energy consumption due to added functionalities maintaining the energy consumption constant (0,73% decrease compared to the 2011 baseline).

The maximum possible reduction potential identified for each Company is used to calculate the average value, **15,63%**, that is used to define the Best-not-yet-available scenario. The PE International study collected the individual company data that cannot be disclosed due to confidentiality reasons.

The four scenarios calculated on all 14 measured models in category B are indicated in the following table:

| Scenario<br>(kWh/unit day)                       | Company |    |    |    |    | Average daily<br>consumption in<br>off and ready-<br>to-scan per<br>unit<br>(kWh/d) | Range for<br>setting<br>targets<br>compared to<br>baseline 2011 |
|--|---------|----|----|----|----|---|---|
|  | A       | B  | C  | D  | E  |   |   |
| <b>BASELINE 2011</b><br>(kWh/d)                  | XX      | XX | XX | XX | XX | 227,4   |   |
| <b>BAU 2017 according<br/>to SRI methodology</b> | XX      | XX | XX | XX | XX | 176   | Front runner<br>fleet<br>performance                            |
| <b>BAU 2017</b><br>(kWh/d)                       | XX      | XX | XX | XX | XX | 254,9   | +12,07%   |
| <b>BnyAT 2017</b><br>(kWh/d)                     | XX      | XX | XX | XX | XX | 215,2   | -5,38%  |
| <b>Beyond BAU 2017</b><br>(kWh/d)                | XX      | XX | XX | XX | XX | 225,8   | -0,73%  |

■ Grey cells: confidential data

The baseline scenario is obtained as the weighted average of the energy performance of all models in kWh<sub>(off+ready-to-scan)</sub>/unit·day against the sales<sup>34</sup>.

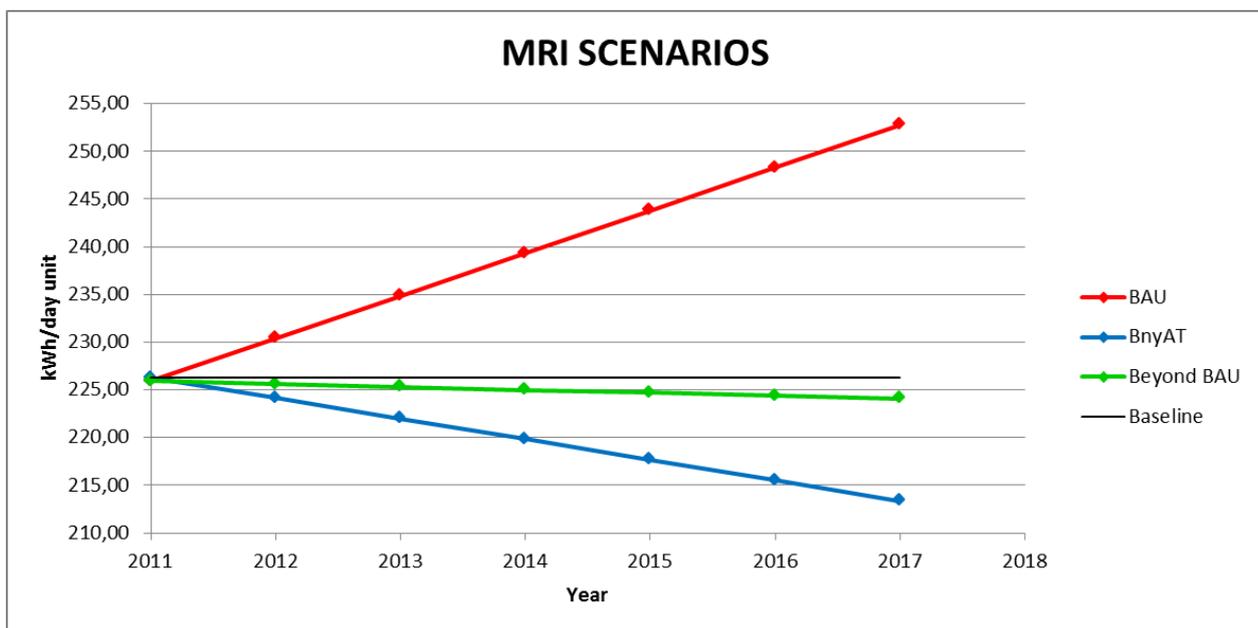
**The result means that Companies producing MRI equipment participating in the SRI commit not to increase the energy consumption in off and ready-to-scan mode of the average model in 2017 compared to the 2011 baseline. If the SRI was not in place, the energy consumption would have increased around 12% by 2017.**

<sup>34</sup> This value differs slightly from the baseline value of the PE INTERNATIONAL study as the study identified the improvement potential of a representative model therefore considering a simple average of the measured models. Therefore the data presented in this report better reflects market reality.



**Table 12:** Calculated values for year 2010-2011<sup>35</sup> and forecast until 2017 under the assumption of a linear trend. Achievements are reported in **chapter 5**

|      | Sold units <sup>36</sup> | Total daily energy consumption (kWh) <sup>37</sup> | Average daily energy consumption per unit (kWh/d) | Beyond BAU | BAU    |
|------|--------------------------|--|---|------------|--------|
| 2011 | ✓ 394                    | ✓ 89.011   | ✓ 225,92  |            |        |
| 2012 |                          |  |   | 225,61     | 230,39 |
| 2013 |                          |  |   | 225,30     | 234,87 |
| 2014 |                          |  |   | 225,00     | 239,34 |
| 2015 |                          |  |   | 224,69     | 243,81 |
| 2016 |                          |  |   | 224,38     | 248,29 |
| 2017 |                          |  |   | 224,07     | 252,76 |



**Figure 9:** MRI target scenarios

### III.VIII. COMPANY TARGETS

According to the SRI methodology, each member company adopts an internal company target which enables achievement of the industry target.

Every year the SRI SC Secretariat can evaluate the achievement of each company by comparing the baseline with the measured average performance of all models from each company placed on the market each year.

As the improvement is not a linear process only at the end of the 5 years period it would be possible to evaluate whether the Company targets have been achieved or not.

Member company targets are confidential unless a company wishes to disclose its own.

<sup>35</sup> Values are slightly different from the ones in SRI Report 2012 due to a retrospective re-categorization of products by one company causing a variation of SRI sales and related energy consumption data of 0,15% in 2011 and 0.13% in 2012 compared to the values reported in previous SRI Status Reports

<sup>36</sup> Sold units data provided by Companies for each model placed on the market in the calendar year 2011

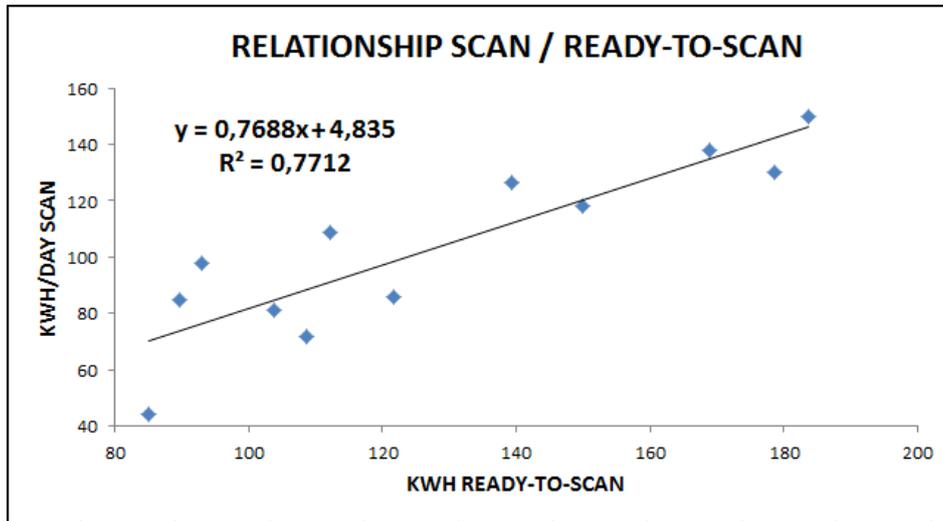
<sup>37</sup> Measured energy consumption data provided by Companies for each model placed on the market in the calendar year 2011.



**III.IX. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCAN AND READY-TO-SCAN KWH**

Figure 10 represents the relationship between the energy use in scan mode and the energy use in ready-to-scan mode measured on 12 models.

The linear regression shows a good correlation ( $R^2=0,77$ ) which allows to determine the total daily consumption of a MRI given the consumption in off and ready to scan mode.



**Figure 10:** Linear correlation between energy consumption per day in scan mode and ready-to-scan mode in 2011

$$\text{Scan}_{\text{kWh/d}} = 0,7688 * \text{Ready-to-scan}_{(\text{kWh/d})} + 4.835$$

The relationship is valid for year 2011 and will gradually change in time due to the different trends in energy usage in the different modes.



## APPENDIX IV

### I. COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

#### I.I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY<sup>38</sup>

Computed tomography is a medical imaging procedure that utilizes computer-processed X-rays to produce tomographic images or 'slices' of specific areas of the body. CT is used in medicine as a diagnostic tool and as a guide for interventional procedures. Sometimes contrast materials such as intravenous iodinated contrast are used. This is useful to highlight structures such as blood vessels that otherwise would be difficult to delineate from their surroundings. Using contrast material can also help to obtain functional information about tissues.

X-ray slice data is generated using an X-ray source that rotates around the object; X-ray sensors are positioned on the opposite side of the circle from the X-ray source.

Since the nineties CT scanners can process not only individual cross sections but continuously changing cross sections as the gantry, with the object to be imaged slowly and smoothly slid through the X-ray circle. These are called helical or spiral CT machines. Their computer systems integrate the data of the moving individual slices to generate three dimensional volumetric information (3D-CT scan), in turn viewable from multiple different perspectives on attached CT workstation monitors. This type of data acquisition requires enormous processing power, as the data are arriving in a continuous stream and must be processed in real-time.

#### **Detectors**

The earliest sensors were scintillation detectors, with photomultiplier tubes excited by (typically) cesium iodide crystals. Cesium iodide was replaced during the 1980s by ion chambers containing high-pressure Xenon gas. These systems were in turn replaced by scintillation systems based on photodiodes instead of photomultipliers and modern scintillation materials with more desirable characteristics.

To be able to obtain a good quality image, detectors have to reach a specific temperature (steady state) from the off state. This process could take different times according to the specific CT and detector technology.

#### **Reconstruction engines**

Once the scan data has been acquired, the data must be processed using a form of tomographic reconstruction, which produces a series of cross-sectional images.

In terms of mathematics, the raw data acquired by the scanner consists of multiple "projections" of the object being scanned. These projections are effectively the Radon transformation of the structure of the object. Reconstruction essentially involves solving the inverse Radon transformation.

Recently, manufacturers have developed iterative physical model-based maximum likelihood expectation maximization techniques. These techniques are advantageous because they use an internal model of the scanner's physical properties and of the physical laws of X-ray interactions. Iterative techniques provide images with improved resolution, reduced noise and fewer artifacts, as well as the ability to greatly reduce the radiation dose in certain circumstances. The disadvantage is a very high computational requirement, but advances in computer technology and high-performance computing techniques, such as use of highly parallel GPU algorithms, now allow practical use.

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<sup>38</sup> <https://www.medicalradiation.com>



## I.II. MARKET DATA

The ✓5<sup>39</sup> Companies participating in the SRI for the CT sector represent a total turnover in Europe of ✓454<sup>40</sup> million euros in 2013 and cover about 98%<sup>41</sup> of the European market.

**Table 13:** CT - EU<sup>42</sup> market data

| Modality                 | 2011 Market Value | 2012 Market Value | 2013 Market Value | Estimated EU Market Coverage |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Computed tomography (CT) | ✓ 506 M€          | ✓ 491 M€          | ✓ 454,2 M€        | 98%                          |

## I.III. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT FOR CT

Computed tomography equipment has resulted as the second modality to be targeted in 2012 on the base of Step 1 and Step 2 of the methodology as shown in table 5.

According to Step 3 of the methodology as summarized in chapter 3, the data provided by Companies are used to rank the different environmental aspects. Table 14 shows that energy consumption during the product lifecycle use phase has been identified as the top environmental aspect, representing around 75% of the impacts on the life cycle of a CT equipment.

**Table 14:** Identification of most significant environmental aspect

| Identification of most significant environmental aspect |                          |                       |                     |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Aspects   | Average internal ranking | % of total life-cycle | Final COCIR Ranking |
| Energy use  | 1                        | 75%                   | 1                   |
| Non-ferrous metals and alloys                           | 2                        | 11%                   | 2                   |
| Ferrous metals and alloys                               | 3                        | 6%                    | 3                   |

The expert judgment provided by companies' experts shows that there is a potential for improvement, even if limited, in the energy consumption of CT. Risks have been identified regarding the impact on patient throughput and innovation. In particular extreme care should be used to ensure that the energy usage reduction is not going to affect the radiation dose or the development towards lower dosage in the future.

<sup>39</sup> GE Healthcare, Hitachi Medical Systems Europe, Philips Healthcare, Siemens Healthcare, Toshiba Medical Systems Europe

<sup>40</sup> COCIR Imaging Market Statistics source (SHARE).

<sup>41</sup> COCIR estimation based on 2010 SHARE data

<sup>42</sup> Countries included: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine, Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, UK, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland, Albania, Macedonia.

#### I.IV. MODES

Four functioning modes have been defined for CT equipment.

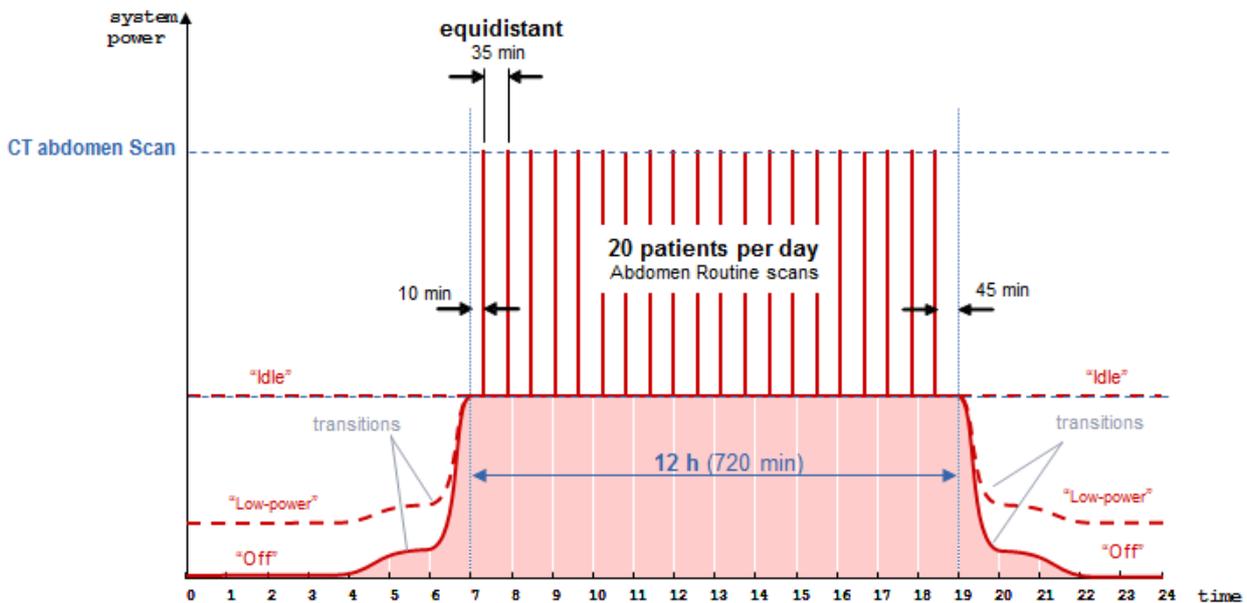
**Off:** The system is shut down, according to the user manual. The system consumes no energy.

**Low-power:** The system functions into the minimum energy consumption state that the user can select according to the user manual.

**Idle mode:** This mode represents a state of the system when fully powered but no scan has been prescribed. This mode does NOT include x-ray tube rotor or gantry rotation.

**Scan mode:** This mode represents the state of the system between individual scans and during scans (e.g. during patient handling, examination planning, contrast agent injection and active scanning with x-ray generation). This mode includes tube rotor rotation, gantry rotation and generation of image.

The power consumption of CT in the four modes is represented in figure 11 for the typical use scenario used by the SRI. Figure 12 provides a detailed overview of power draw during scan.



**Figure 11:** Power usage of a CT scanner over a typical day in hospital. The Idle mode has been simplified for illustration purposes. The 45 minutes at the end of the 12 working hours includes 35 minutes of the last scan and 10 minutes in Idle mode.

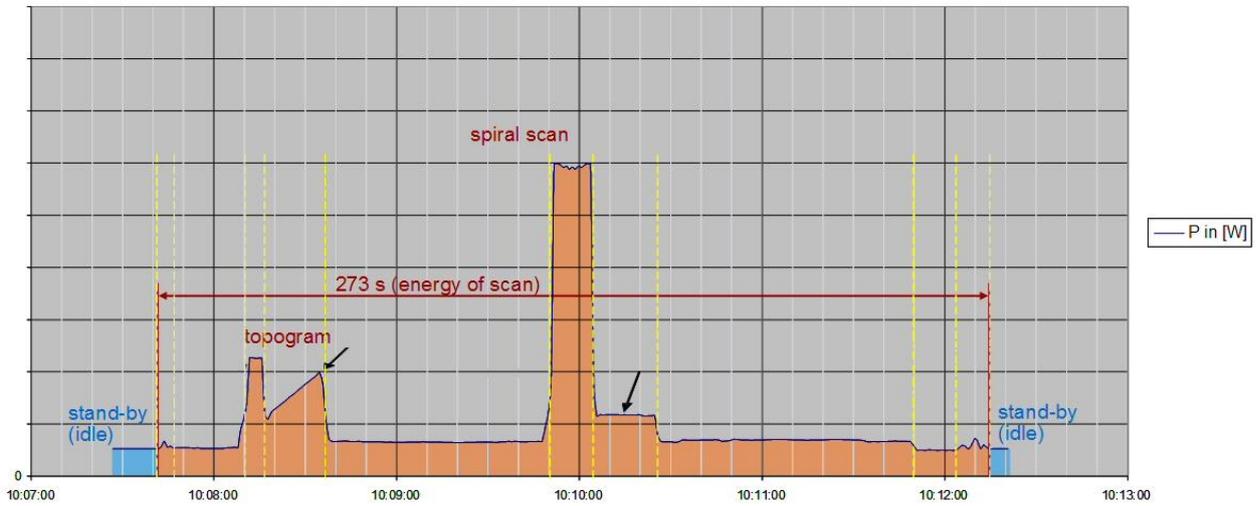


Figure 12: Exemplary power consumption of CT during scan

### I.V. MODULARIZATION

The most important power consuming modules of the entire CT system have been identified<sup>43</sup>.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Tube and generator chain:</b>                        | X-ray tube and all the power supplies used to power the tube and all connected devices. |
| <b>Detector:</b>  | Device reading the x-ray radiation and converting it into digital signal                |
| <b>Power distribution unit and other power supplies</b> | Subsystems required for electrical energy conversion and distribution                   |
| <b>Computation, Controls:</b>                           | Units dedicated to the reconstruction of the CT image and the control of the CT system  |
| <b>Cooling:</b>   | A collection of subsystems required for thermal management of CT components             |
| <b>Patient table:</b>                                   | Patient table with electric movement controls   |
| <b>Gantry Motor:</b>                                    | Electric motor turning the gantry around the patient during scan time.                  |

<sup>43</sup> PE International: Computer Tomography (CT) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency



## II. MEASUREMENT OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION

### II.I. HISTORY

The Ecodesign Steering Committee started in October 2010 to develop a methodology to measure the energy consumption of CT equipment, as there are no available standards that could be used.

The methodology ensures that:

- Results of the measurements are comparable and repeatable
- The measured energy consumption has a strict relation with the real energy consumption in everyday hospital use. Such information is important for hospitals and clinics to understand the real running cost of CT to plan and allocate correctly their budget
- The procedure does not involve disproportionate costs or resources
- The measurement results allow the determination of all the information that could be considered relevant for the SRI target setting process but could also be useful for CT users.

The methodology is available for download at COCIR website.

### II.II. THE MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY IN BRIEF

The SRI SC decided to use as functional unit a typical day of functioning of the CT scanner in hospital environment. The SRI SC determined as a realistic use scenario representing a typical day in the hospital 20 examinations over 12 hours.

To determine representative CT clinical procedures, the study “European Guidance on Estimating Population Doses from Medical X-Ray Procedures”, published by Directorate-General for Energy and Transport in 2008, is used here to determine the distribution of procedure types. From this report the defined procedure distribution used within is:

| Examination | Distribution | Examinations per day |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|
| CT head     | 42,9%        | 9                    |
| CT chest    | 15,9%        | 3                    |
| CT spine    | 16,9%        | 3                    |
| CT abdomen  | 24,2%        | 5                    |

Second, within each procedure type, the specific scan parameters representing each exam type have been chosen to harmonize across manufacturers to general values:

The 12 hours have been subdivided in 20 intervals of 35 minutes each (as shown in table 15).

**Table 15:** Allocation of body regions scans during the 12 hours working time

|                     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |    |              |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------------|
| Type of examination | H  | A  | H  | T  | H  | A  | S  | H  | T  | H  | A  | S  | H  | T  | H  | A  | S  | H  | A  | H  |    | <b>Total</b> |
| Duration (min)      | 10 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 10 | 720          |

Trial executions of testing showed a further simplification of the test procedure is possible by approximating the range of protocols by only the Abdomen scan. Table 16 shows the allocation of time during the working hours.

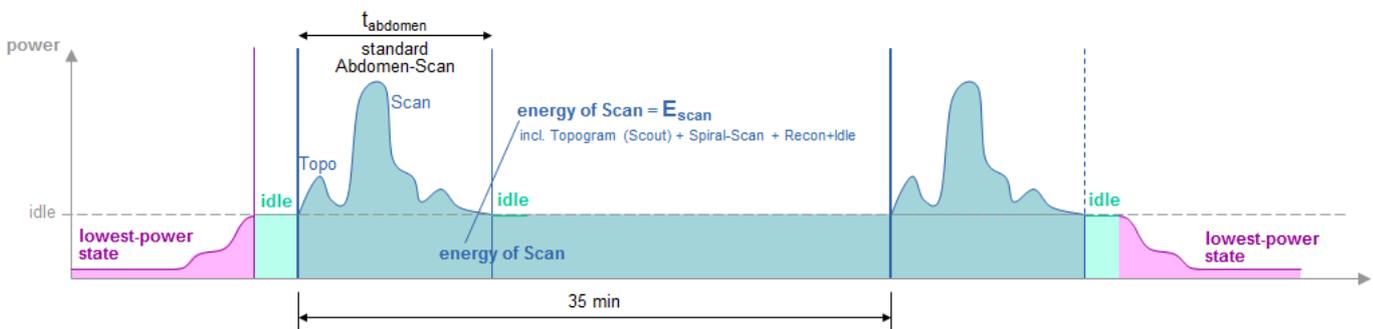


**Table 16:** Allocation of abdomen scans during the 12 hours working time

|                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |              |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--------------|
|                     |    | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |    |  |              |
| Type of examination |    | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  | A  |  | <b>Total</b> |
| Duration (min)      | 10 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 10 |  | 720          |

$$E_{scan} = 20 \times E_{Abdomen}$$

Each interval of 35 minutes includes (see figure 13) time in Scan mode, typical of each CT scanner and the remaining time in Idle mode. The scan interval, as shown in figure 13, is the time between the scan prescription and the moment the power usage is back to Idle mode.



**Figure 13:** Representation of power draw of a CT scanner during LowPower, Idle and Scan mode

The energy consumption of CT can be calculated by summing the measured energy consumption in each mode, where applicable, to a given use scenario:

$$\text{Energy use} = E_{off} + E_{idle} + n \times E_{scan} + E_{low}$$

### II.III. ASPECTS OF THE METHODOLOGY TO BE IMPROVED

The measurement methodology is a powerful tool that allows the measurement of energy consumption based on a use scenario that is very close to everyday practice.

Nonetheless the methodology still has some weak points that the Ecodesign Steering Committee is committed to improve in the coming years.

#### Benefit for patients

In its current form the methodology takes marginally into account the benefits for patients. Companies are working to provide better technologies with improved functions, able to provide better comfort and benefits for patients such as:

- Image quality and resolution
- Integration with other technologies
- Shorter exam durations
- Noise insulation systems
- Alternatives to the use of contrast agents
- Dose reduction

Most of those options require higher energy use. In particular the reduction of the dose is one of the most researched issues at the moment. The reduction of the x-ray dose involves more powerful and sophisticated reconstruction capabilities, which translates into higher computational power and therefore higher energy consumption.



An increase in the average energy consumption for CT due to the increased functionality and/or dose reduction is not recorded by the methodology.

#### II.IV. ENERGY CONSUMPTION

SRI participating companies measured most of the models placed on the market in 2012. The average energy usages are reported in table 17 for the 4 functioning modes.

**Table 17<sup>44</sup>:** Average CT energy consumption in different modes in case the CT is switched to LowPower mode overnight.

| Mode          | Typical time in mode per day | Average energy consumption per day | Estimate of % energy in use phase <sup>45</sup> |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|               | Hours                        | kWh/d                              |   |
| Off mode      | 0                            | 0                                  | 0%  |
| LowPower mode | 12                           | 12,2                               | 25%   |
| Idle mode     | 10,8                         | 31,1                               | 62%   |
| Scan mode     | 1,2                          | 6,1                                | 13%   |
| Total         |                              | <b>50</b>                          |   |

The daily energy consumption<sup>46</sup> depends on which mode is selected for 12h night time.

**Table 18:** Average CT energy consumption in different scenarios.

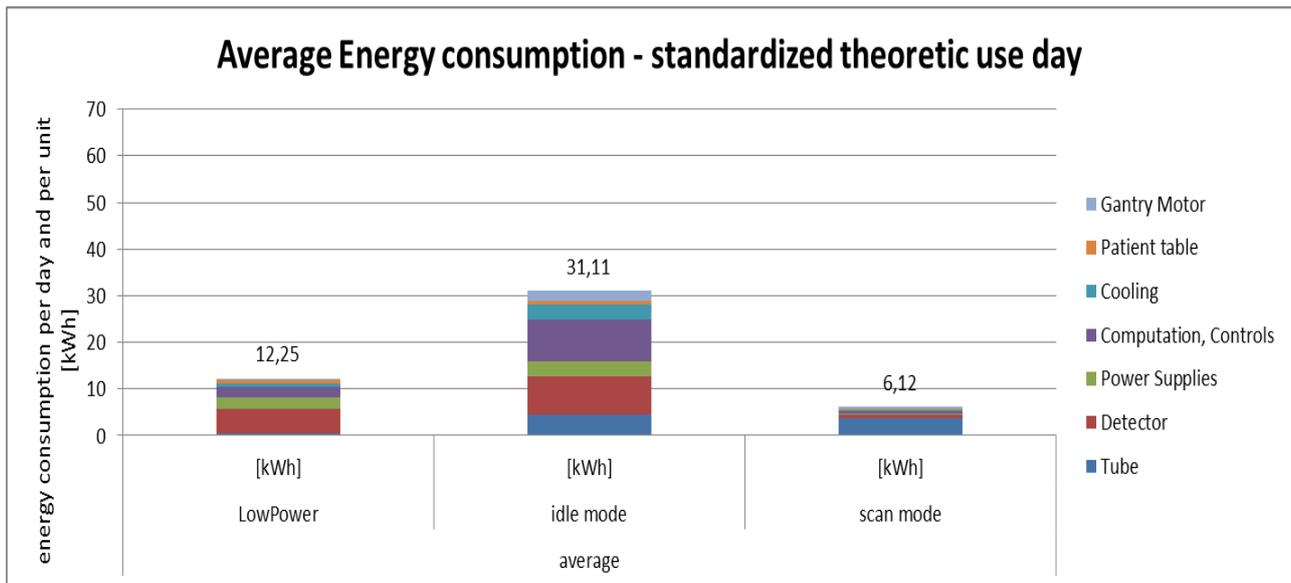
| Scenario | Description  | Average energy consumption per day |
|----------|--|------------------------------------|
|          |  | kWh/d                              |
| Off      | The CT is switched to Off mode during the 12h night time. No energy consumption. | 37                                 |
| LowPower | The CT is switched to LowPower mode during the 12h night time                    | 50                                 |
| Idle     | The CT works in Idle mode during the 12h night time                              | 72                                 |

According to the modularization defined in chapter I.V, the energy consumption can be allocated in the different modules and modes as indicated in figure 14.

<sup>44</sup> Values taken from the PE International Study : Computed Tomography (CT) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency – Page 23

<sup>45</sup> Percentages are calculated against a scenario assuming the scanner working in the corresponding mode for the 12h night time. For this reason percentages cannot be summed to obtain 100%

<sup>46</sup> Values taken from the PE International Study : Computed Tomography (CT) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency – Page 29



**Figure 14:** Energy consumption over a typical day in LowPower, Idle and Scan mode allocated to the different modules of the CT scanner<sup>47</sup>.

### III. REDUCTION OF X-RAY DOSE – COCIR VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT WITH HERCA

Media reports, the public and governmental authorities have placed ionizing radiation exposure and dose reduction measures in medical imaging high on the public health agenda. This increases the awareness among the various stakeholders, such as clinical professionals, equipment manufacturers, regulators, hospital managers, patients, etc.

New requirements and the implementation of future workflow concepts on dose management and dose reporting are currently being considered around the world. Since February 2010, regular discussions are taking place between COCIR and the Heads of European Radiation Competent Authorities (HERCA) requesting our industry to commit in reducing radiation dose for CT equipment. As the developers of sophisticated scanners, CT manufacturers acknowledge their unique role in the process to help optimize patient CT dose in the health care setting.

A dedicated COCIR Task Force was created to respond to HERCA's request and a COCIR CT manufacturers' voluntary commitment was released in May 2011.

The aim of this commitment is to further the initiatives of improving dose reporting, promoting transparency in dose efficacy, continuing reduction of medical exposures, and provision of specific training curricula.

The manufacturers agree to complete the voluntary commitments outlined within and provide yearly updates on:

1. Characterization of CT Systems Standardized Benchmarking
2. Implementation of dose reduction measures in CT
3. Dose management and reporting
4. Provision of specific training curricula

COCIR CT manufacturers have been developing and providing dose reduction features on CT systems for many years, and this trend continues today:

- Patient Protocol Selection Guidance
- Automatic Tube Current Modulation (ATCM) and X-ray Initiation

<sup>47</sup> PE International: "Computer Tomography: Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency", page 23.



- Precise X-ray Field shaping
- Dose Efficient Design
- Dose reporting and Awareness
- Training Opportunities
- Pediatric Protocols
- Dedicated Infant Imaging Mode
- Advanced Tube and Collimator Design
- Dose Efficient Detection
- Dose Display and Recording
- Optimized Image Reconstruction

Some of the above mentioned technological solution could bring to higher energy consumption while trying to reduce dose. Their mutual feedbacks and interactions on energy usage are extremely hard to forecast. For this reason companies could not provide an estimation of the evolution of energy usage for the next years, but an increase in idle energy is most likely.

All the documentation related to the COCIR Voluntary Commitment with HERCA is available on the COCIR website.

#### IV. USER BEHAVIOUR

Given the energy consumption data in the two scenarios in the previous chapter, the SRI SC looked carefully into a fundamental issue influencing energy consumption patterns: user behavior.

The analysis has been performed on two levels:

1. Company field data
2. Literature<sup>48</sup>

CT scanners used in emergency care settings are rarely turned Off or to Low Power mode during night hours, but are kept in idle mode for rapid imaging to meet the needs of critical care. The SRI SC confirmed that many scanners used in other radiology settings are left in an idle mode during overnight hours. They are rarely turned Off or to LowPower mode, in fact are typically powered down only for maintenance or software reboot.

The analysis confirmed that around 90% of the scans are performed between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm (12h working time per day), but also that up to 70% of the scanners are not switched to Off/LowPower mode overnight. On the average, the remaining 30% is switched off only 50% of the time.

Considering the reduced energy consumption over 12 hours of the Off mode (0 kWh) or LowPower mode (12,3 kWh) compared to idle mode (34,6 kWh), a correct user behavior could allow to save from 12,23 to 34,6 kWh per day just by switching the CT scanner from idle. This value represents up to 48% of the energy used daily.

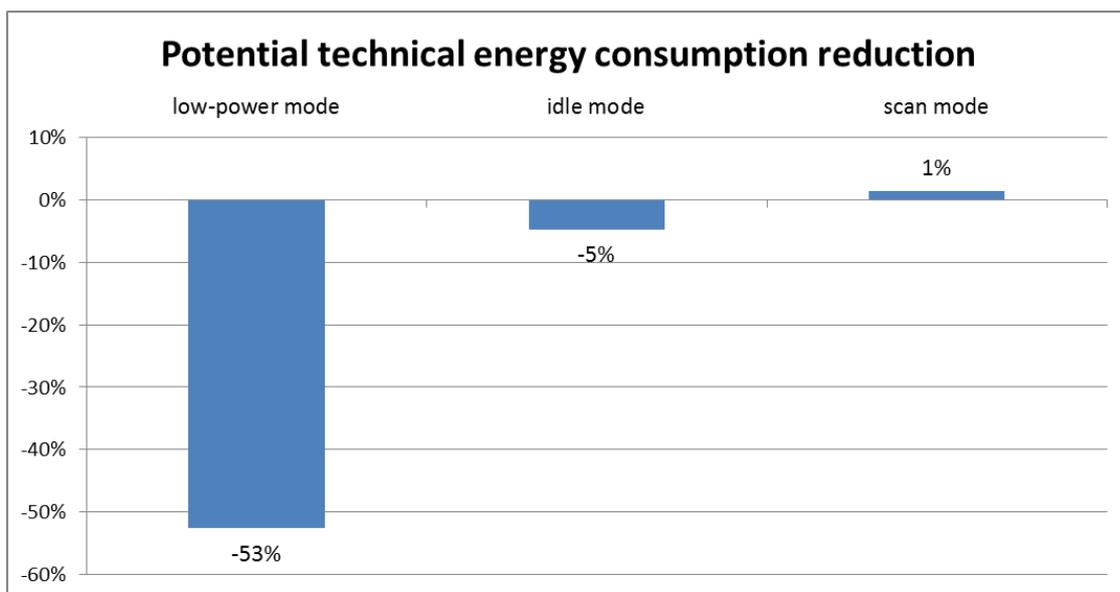
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<sup>48</sup> IEEE Explore: [Energy consumption of VA hospital CT scans / Study \(Denmark\) - Energy Efficiency in Hospitals and Laboratories](#)

## V. IMPROVEMENT POTENTIAL

The PE International study<sup>49</sup> on the improvement potentials regarding the energy consumption for CT shows that:

1. **No improvements possible in scan mode:** considering the short duration of scans and the priority given to the reduction of the dose for patients, no improvements in the energy consumption are achievable. As a consequence of improvements in other modes, a small increase in scan energy is possible.
2. **Limited improvements in idle mode:** Considering the short periods of idle mode in between scans and the need for the user to have the scanner always ready to scan for the next examination, reduction of energy use during idle mode is hardly possible. Switched off components would require time to be reactivated thus hampering availability of the scanner in a very short time.
3. **Significant improvement potential in LowPower mode:** LowPower mode offers the greatest potential for improvement. In LowPower mode modules are active to provide a fast reactivation of the CT scanner to idle mode.



**Figure 15:** Maximum improvement potentials of CT technology per mode

It is important to note that the reported improvements are the maximum improvement potentials, also taking into consideration technologies that are not yet available today (BnyAT). Therefore any final target would be necessarily lower. It is also important to consider that the LowPower mode accounts for just a 24,5% of the total daily energy consumption and therefore the 53% improvement even if possible, will end up in a 13% reduction.

The analysis of user behavior showed that about 70% of CT scanners are never switched to Off/LowPower during the 12h night time and the remaining 30% only 50% of the time on the average. This means that, unless user behavior can be influenced, any reduction of the device energy usage in LowPower mode may have a limited net effect for users (around 1,9%), since the LowPower mode is rarely used.

<sup>49</sup> PE International: "Computer Tomography: Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency", page 31. Available at [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org)



## VI. APPLICATION OF SRIV3 METHODOLOGY TO CT

### VI.I. SRI METHODOLOGY FOR ECODESIGN TARGET SETTING IN BRIEF

The fourth step of the SRI methodology sets the ecodesign target as the market average performance of the selected aspect, to be achieved in a time equal to the specific innovation cycle.

The SC Secretariat collects from Companies the measurements of all CT models and, on the basis of the reduction potentials determined by the PE INTERNATIONAL study on CT, calculates the target scenarios<sup>50</sup>:

- Baseline today
- Business as usual (BAU)
- Best not yet available technology (BnyAT)
- Beyond Business as usual.

Based on these scenarios, the SRI SC decides on a feasible industry reduction target. Before it is integrated into the companies design targets, the industry target is proposed to the European Commission for discussion.

The results of this step are two types of targets:

- Industry target: that's the target that all the participating companies have to achieve as the average of the market and is equal (unless a different decision is justified) to the value provided in the Beyond as usual scenario. This target is the target against which the success of the initiative has to be assessed.
- Individual company targets: Those are improvement targets that each company can derive from the reported scenarios. A company absolute target is equal to the average value provided by the BnYAT scenario. Such targets are used as an internal tool to keep track of improvements, to decide corrective actions and to ensure companies' commitment.

### VI.II. SCOPE

The Ecodesign Steering Committee decided to exclude certain specific CT models from the SRI methodology. In particular:

- 256 slices (or higher) scanners
- Dual source scanners

Dual source scanners are produced only by one Company today. Those are top level scanners equipped with two x-ray tubes. Both dual source and 256 (or higher) slice scanners represents high-end models, with increased functionality and top performances which involve higher energy consumption. Therefore the potential for improvement is extremely limited and should be investigated with extreme care to avoid that possible technical solution to reduce the energy consumption could compromise or reduce the performances.

### VI.III. FUNCTIONAL UNIT

The functional unit is the reference ensuring the comparability of power consumption of different products and their developments over time.

As identified in the CT energy measurement methodology, the functional unit is a typical daily usage in hospital environment.

### VI.IV. INNOVATION CYCLE

The innovation cycle is defined as the time needed to develop new or enhanced products and place them on the market. For medical devices it could vary from 3 years to 7, depending on the complexity of the innovation being brought to market.

The below listed activities for CT requires:

<sup>50</sup> For additional information on scenarios refer to SRIv3 documentation, Appendix V: [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org)



- Research and development - 1 year
- Realization, Verification and Validation - 3 years
- Regulatory Approvals - 1 year

The innovation cycle for CT therefore corresponds to 5 years.

#### **VI.V. SETTING THE ECODESIGN TARGET**

The analysis and studies performed by the SRI SC and PE International revealed so far two important aspects of CT technology that have to be taken into account:

1. The potential for improvement is limited: improvements can be achieved mainly in LowPower mode, which contribution to the daily energy consumption is limited (around 26% of daily energy usage) and rarely used (about 70% of all scanners are not switched to LowPower during 12h night time).
2. Ongoing activities and voluntary commitment of COCIR companies for the reduction of the x-ray dose are going to affect the energy consumption in scan and idle mode. While it is difficult to forecast the interaction of technical solutions and their effects on energy consumption, it is very likely that the energy consumption in idle will increase due to higher computation power required by more powerful iterative image reconstruction engines and longer computational time.
3. The energy savings allowed by the Off mode or LowPower mode, already implemented on CT scanners today, are not achieved due to user behavior. Any improvement achieved with technical solutions in such modes would not be used anyway.

#### **VI.VI. INFLUENCING USER BEHAVIOUR**

As shown by the PE International study, already existing Off and LowPower modes could ensure an energy saving between 30% and 45% of daily energy consumption. Nonetheless such options are not used by users.

Any technical solution to reduce the energy consumption could only improve the usage in LowPower mode and hardly in Idle mode.

In particular during working hours CT scanners work in Idle mode in-between scans, therefore for a quite short period. Reducing energy consumption in such periods would be complex as reactivation to idle mode could take quite some time which could be non-compatible with clinical needs.

The SRI SC concluded that the greatest reduction in energy usage can be achieved by influencing the users' behavior through proper education and information about the possible energy savings related to an environmental friendly use.

Energy savings achievable by improving the use of LowPower mode can amount up to 8,8 MWh per year. Figure 16 shows the savings on a daily basis.

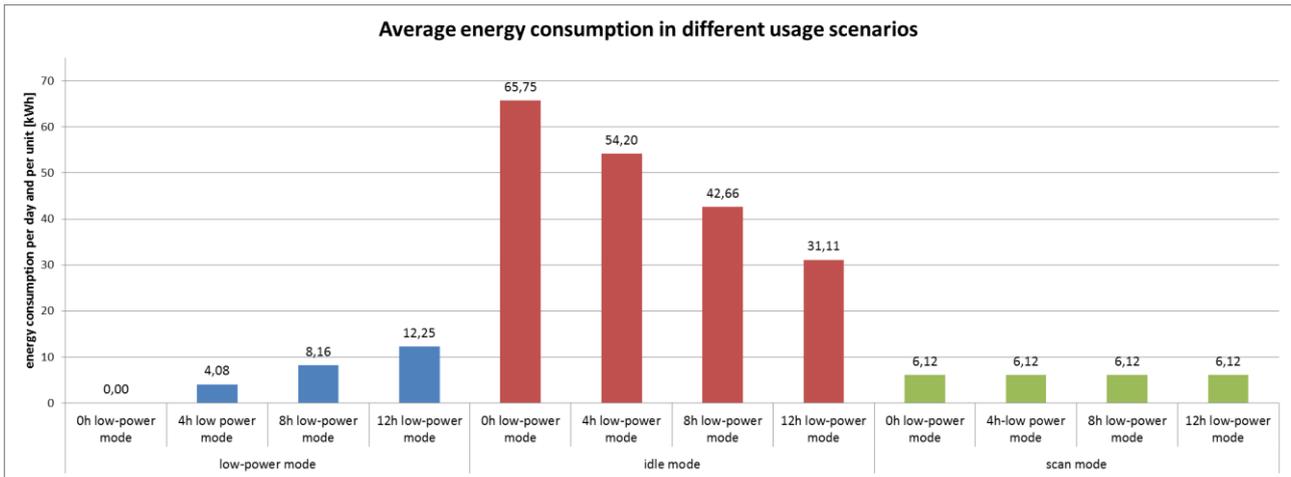


Figure 16: Energy consumption scenarios based on time spent by the scanner in LowPower mode during the 12h night time<sup>51</sup>

Figure 17 shows the total daily energy consumption resulting from different duration of LowPower mode. The right column shows the energy usage in case the scanner is switched to Off mode during the 12 h night period.

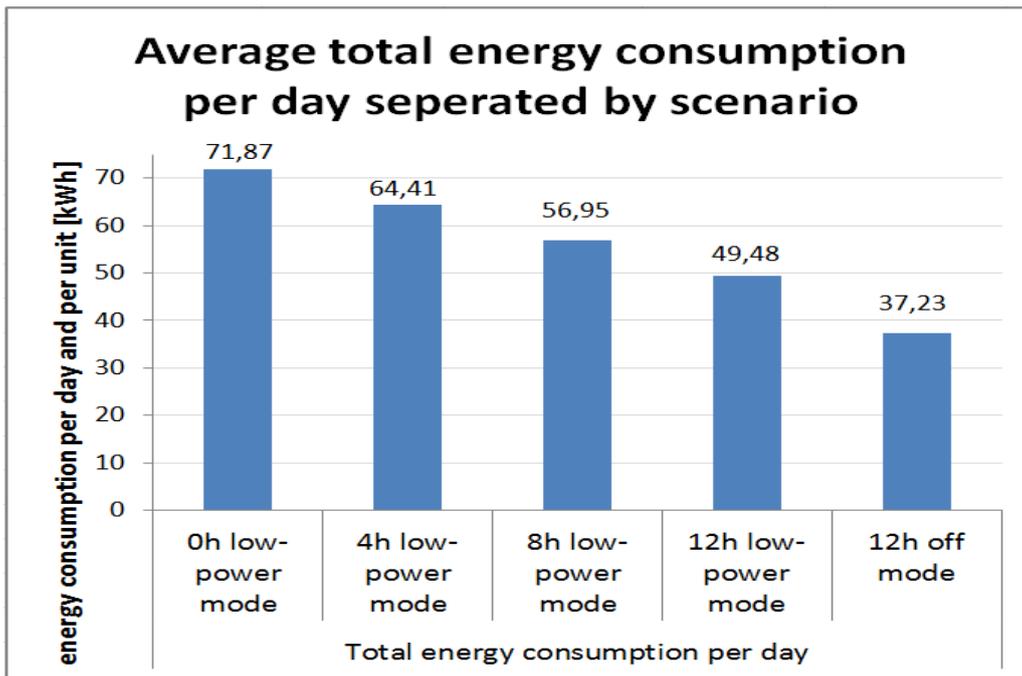


Figure 17: Energy savings achievable by using LowPower and Off mode during 12h night time<sup>52</sup>

Ecodesign goals decided by the SRI SC to achieve energy savings by influencing user behavior towards an environmentally friendly use practice are reported in Chapter 6.

<sup>51</sup> PE International: "Computer Tomography: Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency", page 29.

<sup>52</sup> PE International: "Computer Tomography: Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency", page 30.

## APPENDIX V

### I. X-RAY IMAGING EQUIPMENT

#### I.I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF X-RAY IMAGING EQUIPMENT

Radiography is an imaging technique that uses X-rays to view the internal structure of a non-uniformly composed and opaque object such as the human body. To create the image, a heterogeneous beam of X-rays is produced by an X-ray generator and is projected toward the patient's body. A certain amount of X-ray is absorbed by the body, which is dependent on the particular density and composition of the area. The X-rays that pass through are captured by a detector (either photographic film or a digital detector). The detector can then provide a superimposed 2D representation of all the body's internal structures.

#### X-ray technologies

X-ray imaging comprises a lot of different applications for specific body parts or clinical needs. X-ray can be divided into two main groups: Fluoroscopy and Radiology

**Fluoroscopy** is an imaging technique that uses X-rays to obtain real-time moving images of the internal structures of a patient through the use of a fluoroscope. In its simplest form, a fluoroscope consists of an X-ray source and fluorescent screen between which a patient is placed. However, modern fluoroscopes couple the screen to an X-ray image intensifier and CCD video camera allowing the images to be recorded and played on a monitor. The x-ray generation may last for several minutes at very low intensity.

Some forms of radiography include:

- Angiography
- Fluoroscopy
- Surgery

**Radiography** is used for fast, highly penetrating images, and is usually used in areas with high bone content. X-rays are generated for milliseconds at higher intensity.

Some forms of radiography include:

- Radiography
- Gen&Uro
- Mammo



**Figure 18:** Different models of x-ray devices



### Digital detectors and image intensifiers

Traditional X-ray devices use a film sensitive to x-rays to produce the images. Other technologies have been introduced to allow the image to be digitally acquired or to be projected on a screen and recorded on a media.

**Image intensifiers:** a specific component of an x-ray imaging system, which allows low intensity x-rays to be converted to a visible light output. The device contains a low absorbency/scatter input window, typically aluminum, input fluorescent screen, photocathode, electron optics, output fluorescent screen and output window. These parts are all mounted in a high vacuum environment within glass or more recently, metal/ceramic. It allows the viewer to more easily see the structure of the object being imaged than past fluorescent screens. This device was originally introduced in 1948.

Viewing of the output was via mirrors and optical systems until the adaption of television systems in the 1960s. Additionally, the output was able to be captured on systems with a 100mm cut film camera using pulsed outputs from an x-ray tube similar to a normal radiographic exposure; Today CCD cameras are used.

**Digital detectors:** Digital detectors are an alternative to Image Intensifiers. The detector, roughly the same size of the image to be captured due to impracticability of focusing x-rays, converts x-rays into a charge than can be read and used to build the image. The most common technology is based on an indirect X-ray conversion process, using cesium iodide scintillators. It offers considerable advantages in radiography, angiography and fluoroscopy. The other method employs a direct converter such as selenium which is particularly suitable for mammography. Both flat detector technologies are based on amorphous silicon active pixel matrices.

Digital detectors facilitate the clinical workflow, ensure improved image quality which can help in reducing the dose at the expense of some energy as, to work correctly, they have to be kept at specific steady state temperature and therefore the x-ray device generally cannot be turned off. Digital detectors are also more fragile and are not suited for portable x-ray devices.

### Battery powered x-ray equipment

Some x-ray equipment is powered by battery. The usage patterns and the energy consumption of such equipment are very different from the ones of mains powered x-rays. The SRI SC analysed only mains powered devices but discussions will continue in 2014 to include this specific category both in the measurement methodology and the ecodesign goal.

## I.II. MARKET DATA

The ✓6<sup>53</sup> Companies participating in the SRI for the X-ray sector represent a total turnover in Europe of ✓766,1<sup>54</sup> million euros in 2013.

**Table 19:** CT - EU<sup>55</sup> market data

| Modality | 2011 Market Value | 2012 Market Value | 2013 Market Value |
|----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| X-Ray    | ✓ 829,5 M€        | ✓ 724,8 M€        | ✓ 766,1 M€        |

### Market coverage

The X-ray modality comprises a lot of different categories. Unlike other imaging equipment in the scope of the SRI there is a big number of Companies manufacturing x-ray devices. The actual SRI participating companies cover around 92% of the market for angiography systems, but less than 52% for all the remaining categories.

Nonetheless COCIR believes that the best results can be achieved by developing concepts and

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methodologies that can encompass all x-ray categories. For this reason the measurement methodology has been simplified to ensure it can be used to measure the energy consumption of any model, from huge angiography or interventional systems, to small mobile devices.

## II. MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY

The Ecodesign Steering Committee started in 2013 to develop a methodology to measure the energy consumption of X-ray equipment, as there are no available standards that could be used.

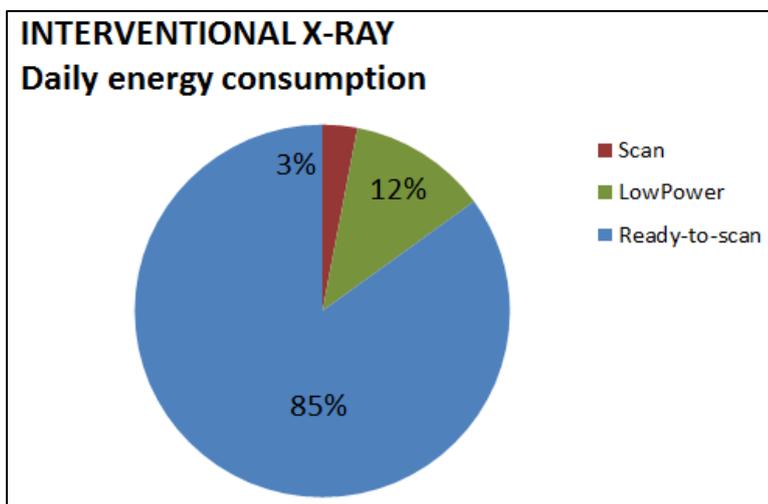
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### II.I. THE MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY IN BRIEF

The SRI SC decided to use as functional unit a typical day of functioning of the X-ray scanner in hospital environment. According to expert judgment the time spent in scan mode is in the order of 'seconds per day' and therefore the energy consumption in scan mode is around 4% of the daily energy usage for the most energy intensive categories such as interventional or angiography x-ray.



The energy consumption in scan mode is also defined by many parameters and variables which should be defined for each specific x-ray category. The required complexity is not justified by the limited energy consumption during scans.

Therefore the Steering Committee decided that the measurement methodology should not take into account scan mode, which would introduce a new layer of complexity to account for less than a 4% daily energy consumption.

**Figure 19:** Daily energy consumption in different modes expressed in percentage



**Functioning Modes**

Four modes have been defined for X-ray equipment.

- Off mode:** The system is shut down, AC mains off, according to the user manual. The system consumes no energy.
- Low-power:** The system functions into the minimum energy consumption state that the user can select according to the user manual.
- Ready-to-scan:** A state of the system when fully powered and ready to acquire the image.
- Scan mode:** A state of the system during scans. This mode includes tube rotor rotation, x-ray generation and generation of image.

The power consumption of X-ray in the four modes during a typical day is represented in figure 20.

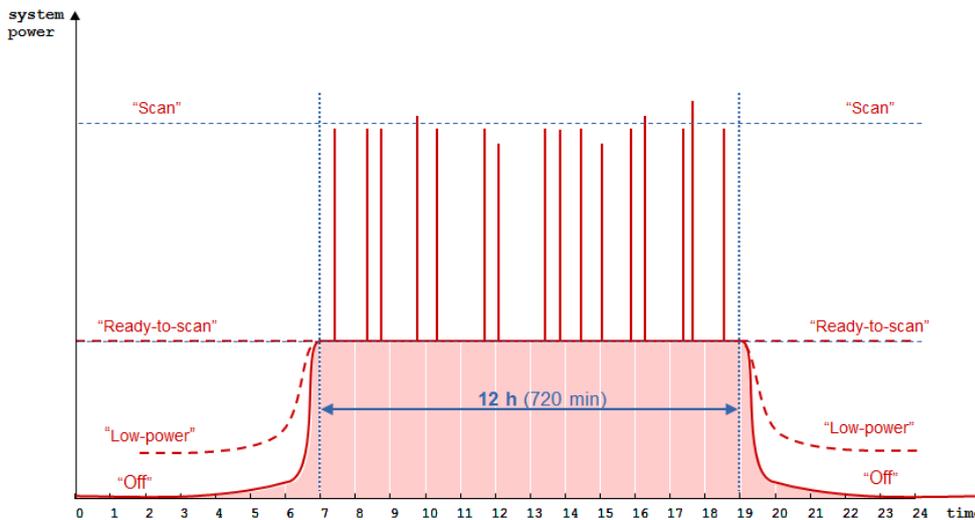


Figure 20: Exemplary power consumption of MRI

The daily energy consumption is calculated as the sum of the energy usage in the different modes. It has to be noted that certain technologies cannot be switched to off-mode (or it is highly recommended not to).

**II.II. MODULARIZATION**

The most important power consuming modules of the entire x-ray system have been identified.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Tube and generator chain:</b>                        | X-ray tube and all the power supplies used to power the tube and all connected devices.                       |
| <b>Detector/Image intensifier:</b>                      | Device reading the x-ray radiation and converting it into digital signal/image                                |
| <b>Power distribution unit and other power supplies</b> | Subsystems required for electrical energy conversion and distribution   |
| <b>Computation, Controls:</b>                           | Units dedicated to the reconstruction and elaboration of the image, the control of the x-ray system.          |
| <b>Cooling:</b>   | A collection of subsystems required for thermal management of x-ray components, in particular the x-ray tube. |
| <b>Patient table:</b>                                   | Patient table with electric movement controls   |



### II.III. ENERGY CONSUMPTION

X-ray devices are quite simple compared to the modalities analyzed so far by the SRI (MRI and CT) and the energy consumption is lower.

Considering the great variety of categories of x-rays, and the SRI Members market coverage, values are reported for complex x-rays such as angiography and interventional systems. For other categories lower power and energy consumption can be expected.

**Table 20<sup>56</sup>:** Average x-ray energy consumption in different modes in case the x-ray is switched to LowPower mode overnight.

| Mode              | Typical time in mode per day | Average power consumption | Average energy consumption per day |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                   | Hours                        | kW                        | kWh/d                              |
| Off mode/LowPower | 12                           | 0,15                      | 5,1                                |
| Ready-to-scan     | 12                           | 0,6                       | 7,3                                |
| Scan mode         | Minutes                      | 1,4                       | -                                  |

The COCIR SRI focuses on angiography and interventional x-ray systems. The energy consumption for other x-ray devices is lower. For mammography systems, for instance, the power consumption in lowpower mode is lower than 0,1 kW.

### III. IMPROVEMENT POTENTIAL

X-ray technology is not very different in principles from Computed Tomography. X-ray equipment are simpler than CT as the x-ray tube is not rotated by a gantry around the patient and the image is directly acquired without the need of complex engines for the reconstruction of a 3D image. CT scanners are also able to acquire hundreds of slices in one single examination.

The COCIR expert group on x-ray analysed the x-ray technology and realized that the improvement potentials for modules are not different from the ones identified for CT equipment. Therefore the 26% improvement potential identified in LowPower mode can be reasonably assumed to be too high for X-ray keeping in mind that:

- X-ray equipment without digital detectors does not need to use energy for maintaining the steady state temperature, therefore the potential for improvement is lower.
- In 2014 it is expected only 15% of installed x-ray devices are equipped with digital detectors, and only high end stationary models. 45% of models sold in 2013/2014 are expected to be equipped with image intensifiers.
- The number of modules which are active is lower in x-ray, therefore there are lower chances to reduce the energy usage by switching of or to low power unnecessary modules.

As for CT, most x-ray devices are not switched off or to lowpower mode during night hours and therefore possible savings in such modes are not going to achieve any practical result.

#### III.I. USER BEHAVIOR

Considering the great variety of X-ray categories and different uses (from mobile c-arc to stationary interventional systems), it is impossible to identify a general user behaviour. Nonetheless considering the findings of previous projects it can be expected that most users do not profit of the low power or switch off functions of x-ray devices.

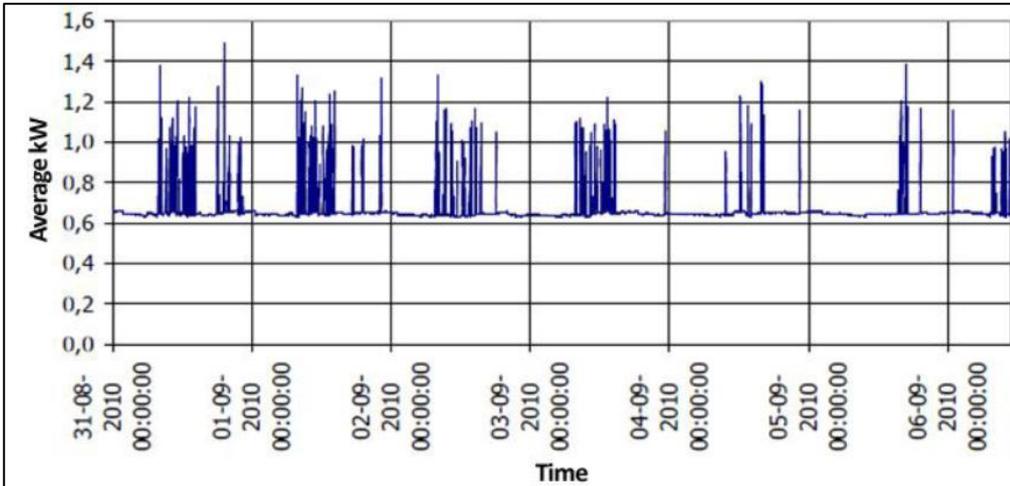
The same conclusion are contained in the study of the Danish Energy Saving Trust "Energy Efficiency in Hospitals and Laboratories" where the energy consumption of x-ray and user behavior have been investigated:

<sup>56</sup> Values taken from the PE International Study : Computed Tomography (CT) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency – Page 23



“Energy savings can be achieved compared with current modes of operation. At present, in those hospitals involved in the project, X-ray equipment **is always left in standby mode outside working hours** because the medical staff considers that the reliability of the equipment will be impaired by frequent ON/OFF operation”.

The following measurement table shows that over a 6 day measurement the x-ray device is never switched of maintaining a power absorption between 0,6 and 0,7 kW.



**Figure 21:** Power measurement of an x-ray device over a week in a Danish hospital

The study also concludes that:

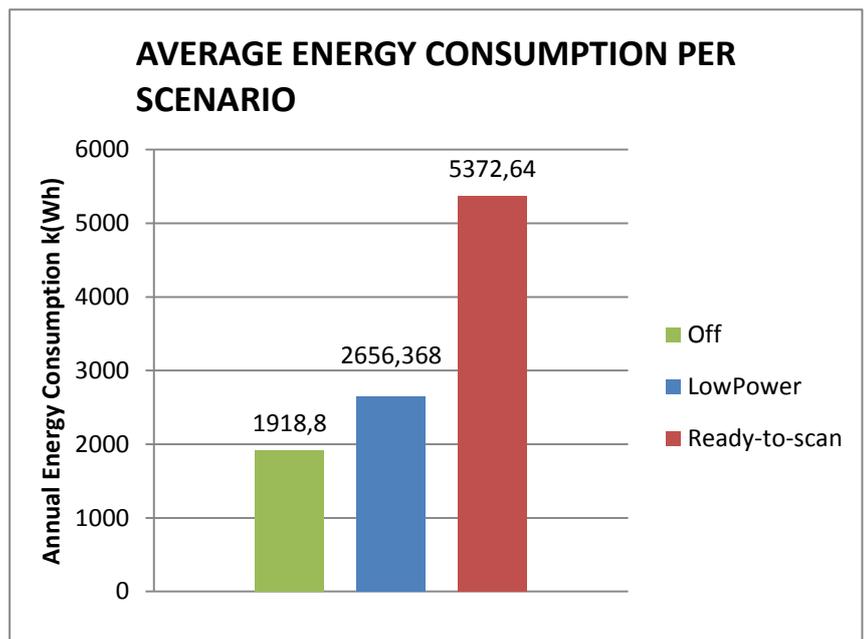
“Secondly, despite the fact that most Danish hospitals have an impressive track record when it comes to implementing energy efficiency projects, the research showed that there is a significant, and additional energy saving potential. **Many of the energy efficiencies are linked to working practice associated with the way in which medical equipment and laboratory equipment is operated.**”

**III.II.INFLUENCING USER BEHAVIOUR**

The SRI SC concluded that the greatest reduction in energy usage can be achieved by influencing the users’ behavior through proper education and information about the possible energy savings related to an environmental friendly use.

Already existing Off and LowPower modes could ensure an energy saving between 50,5% and 64,3% of daily energy consumption (see figure 22). Nonetheless such options are not widely used by users.

The use of Off mode during the night hours and weekend can save up to 3,45 MWh per year on average per equipment.



**Figure 22:** Annual energy consumption of x-ray device per scenario



## APPENDIX VI

### I. EPD - ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

The format developed by participating companies enables the individual member companies to systematically use the Environmental Product Declaration to communicate the most significant aspect(s) that the SRI sets for each targeted modality. Additional information on the EPD is available in the SRI Methodology Appendix 5.

| MINIMUM EPD REQUIREMENT including SRI targets and aspects |   |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|
| SRI CONTENT - mandatory                                   |   |                   |
| SRI   | "Product xxx is part of the SRI Ecodesign Initiative for Medical Equipment to reduce the total energy consumption of units sold by xx % until Year xxxx." |                   |
|   | Energy use according to specific scenarios and operating conditions   | kWh <sup>57</sup> |
| Strongly recommended:                                     |   |                   |
|   | <b>Energy related</b>   | <b>Unit</b>       |
|   | CO <sub>2</sub> footprint in use phase according to specific scenarios and operating conditions   | kg                |
|   | <b>Environmentally relevant content/weight information</b>  | <b>Unit</b>       |
|   | <b>Product</b>  |                   |
|   | Weight of product   | kg                |
|   | Type and number of batteries  | list              |
|   | Relevant materials content - e.g. list RoHS, REACH SVHC, BoMcheck...  | list              |
|   | <b>Packaging</b>  |                   |
|   | Weight  | kg                |
|   | composition   | list              |
|   | recyclable material content   | %                 |
|   | <b>Additional Ecologically relevant information</b>   | <b>Unit</b>       |
|   | <b>End of life aspects</b>  |                   |
|   | refurbishing program available for the system   | yes/no            |
|   | re-use of components program available for the system components  | yes/no            |
|   | cleaning disinfection needed yes/no, if yes which chemicals   | yes/no            |
|   | Information for user and recyclers (includes WEEE recycling passport info)  | describe          |
| Optional  |   |                   |
|   | <b>Energy related</b>   | <b>Unit</b>       |
|   | Patient throughput for standard operation or energy per analysis  | pat/day           |
|   | Waste during normal use (hazardous /non-hazardous/predefined categories?)   | kg                |
|   | Emissions during normal use (hazardous /non-hazardous?)   | kg                |
|   | <b>Additional Ecologically relevant information</b>   | <b>Unit</b>       |
|   | heat dissipation output - operating, stand-by, cooling,   | kWh               |
|   | start up time   | min               |
|   | <b>Additional relevant information</b>  | <b>Unit</b>       |
|   | Power and material saving options (e.g. to previous product)  | describe          |
|   | Additional End of Life aspects  |                   |

<sup>57</sup> This unit depends on the targeted environmental aspect. In this case it is "energy use" and thus "kWh". It might also be a material, e.g. "copper" and thus "kg".



|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| material recycling possibilities, Cradle to Cradle                       | describe    |
| ease of dismantling  | describe    |
| Life cycle impact - company specific -                                   |             |
| % impact per LCA phase (e.g.10% materials, 80% use; specify LCIA method) | %/ describe |
| Noise, radiation, vibration, EMC   | dB(A)       |
| <b>Other Health and Safety related information</b>                       | Unit        |
| voluntary actions (product and/ or company specific)                     | describe    |
| CSR related  | describe    |
| Environmental education  | describe    |



## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT

The Steering Committee mandated an external independent party, PricewaterhouseCoopers AG WPG (PwC) to perform a limited assurance engagement on the preparation process of selected data of the Status Report for the year 2013, in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000.

Within the scope of PwC work the following procedures, amongst others, have been performed:

- Inquiries of personnel at the Ecodesign Steering Committee Secretariat (COCIR) responsible for the preparation of the SRI Status Report regarding the process to prepare the Report and the underlying internal control system;
- Inspection and sample testing of the systems and process documentation for collection, analysis and aggregation of the selected data;
- Recalculation of the aggregation and KPIs calculation for selected data;
- Analytical procedures on selected data
- Inspection of documents regarding the description of the SRI six step methodology (SRI V3) and its application to MRI as detailed in 'Magnetic resonance Equipment (MRI) - Study on the potential for environmental improvement by the aspect of energy efficiency' and 'Magnetic Resonance – Measurement of energy consumption'.

PwC concluded that:

*"Based on our limited assurance engagement, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the preparation process for the MRI data in the SRI Status Report 2013 marked with the logo ✓ has not been, in all material respects, in accordance with the above mentioned SRI six step methodology V3."*

The full Independent Assurance Report issued is provided as a separate document and is available for download on the COCIR public website [www.cocir.org](http://www.cocir.org).



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