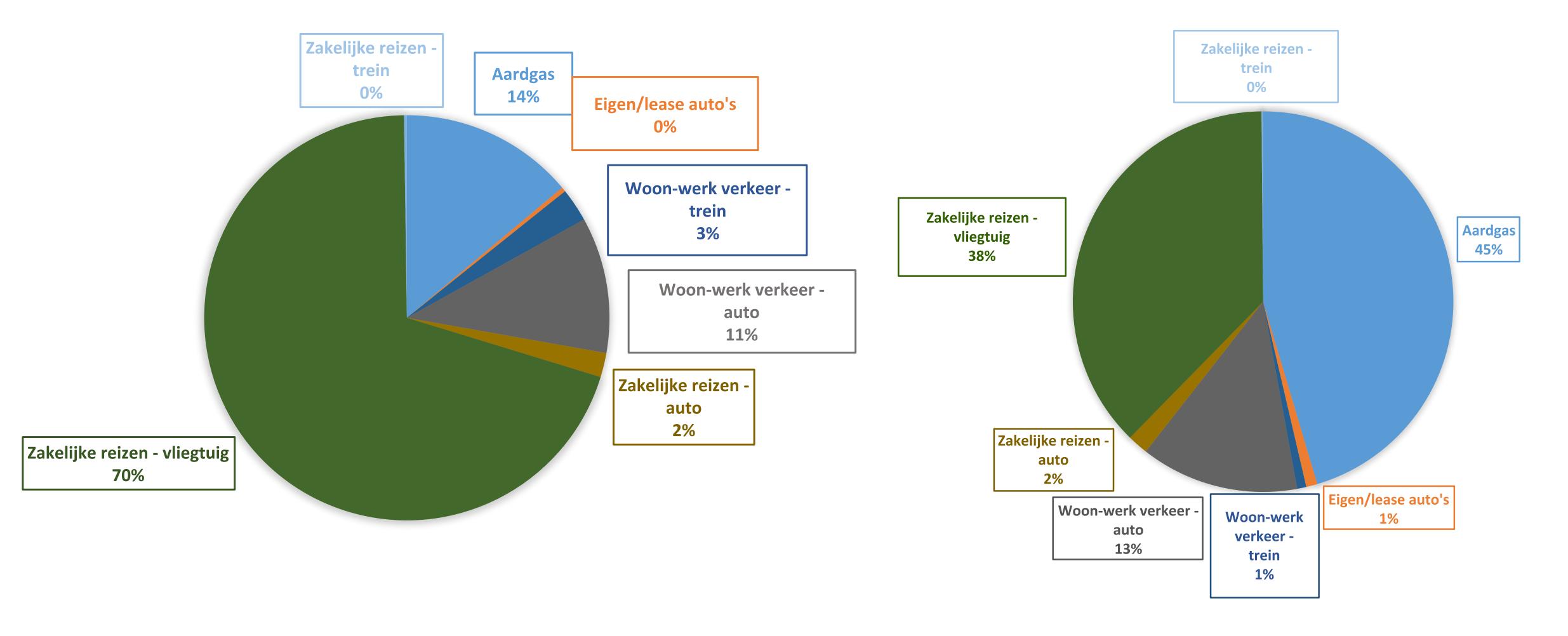


SUSTAINABILITY

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## NIKHEF'S CARBON FOOTPRINT



2019: 1.100 ton

2020: 400 ton



# SUSTAINABILITY @ NIKHEF

Goal: climate neutral in 2030.

Roadmap Sustainable Nikhef; five action lines:

- Diminish energy consumption: building (renovation) and 'primary process' (research activities) e.g. computing;
- Mobility: in particular less travel by air;
- Waste management: tie to initiatives on the Amsterdam Science Park;
- 'Attitude and behavior';
- Primary process: 'sustainable (astro)particle physics'

#### Current status of the Roadmap:

- Discussed with Works Council; we have answered many questions;
- Works Council had advised positively; recognizes the priority to start with 'mobility'; advises to address the following 4 issues:
  - How to handle frequent travel?
  - How to increase awareness?
  - How to facilitate sustainable travel to popular destinations (like CERN);
  - How to form a 'pilot' group of sustainable travelers? We need volunteers !!!

PARALLEL SESSION AT NEXT JAMBOREE



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#### Common topics (for all NWO-institutes):

#### Travel policies:

- less travel -> travel differently -> travel efficiently -> compensate;
- may require changes in 'UVR' (labor regulations), such as 1<sup>st</sup> class train travel, direct flights;
- tips & tricks for travelers to lower barriers for sustainable travel options;
- monitoring: feed (financial) system with adequate data on travel (mode, destination, etc.);
  - Needs follow-up!

#### Procurements;

- Use guidelines (available nationally) for sustainable procurement ('MVI criteria tool');
- For Nikhef: let's define some pilot projects;
  - First pilot: we have 'sustainability' included in the tender for our new furniture;

#### Compensation;

- NWO-Institutes plan to collectively procure compensation projects (2022-2023);
  - Not yet started;



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Reaching sustainability goals will require dedicated, consistent and long term attention. It will certainly mean changes in the way we work.

We appreciate your feedback! Send it to me: avr@nikhef.nl.

