Energy Efficiency as a Foundational Technology Pillar for Industrial Decarbonization

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Industry's Significant Energy Demand and CO_2 Emissions

Industrial sector is comprised of
manufacturing | agriculture | mining | construction

ACCOUNTS FOR

33% of the nation's primary energy use

30% of CO_2 emissions

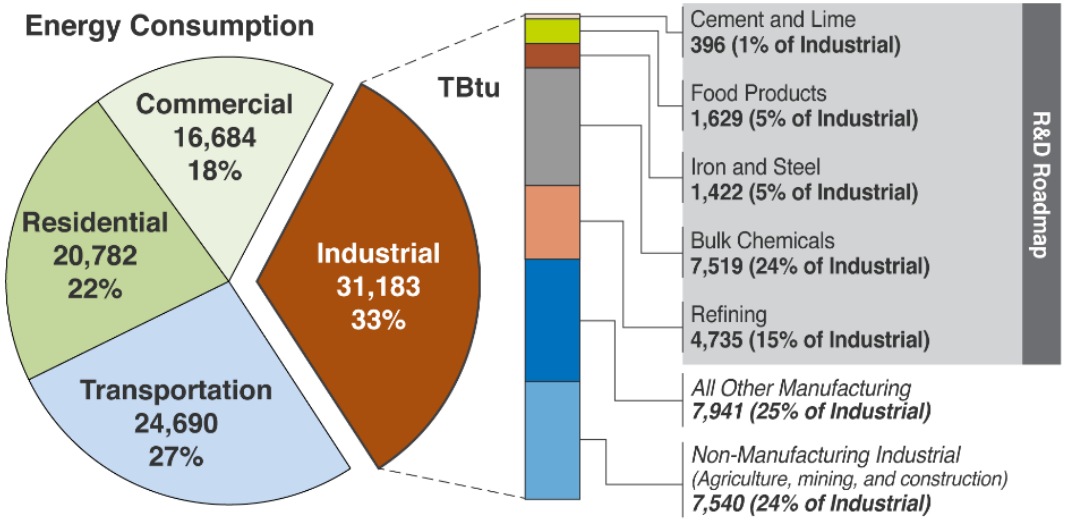
Anticipated industrial sector energy demand growth of 30% by 2050 may result in a

17% CO_2 emissions increase

Technological advances in manufacturing will be critical to enabling decarbonization for other sectors.

Data source: Energy Information Administration (EIA) *Annual Energy Outlook 2021 with Projections to 2050*.

U.S. Energy Consumption by Sector and Subsector (2020)



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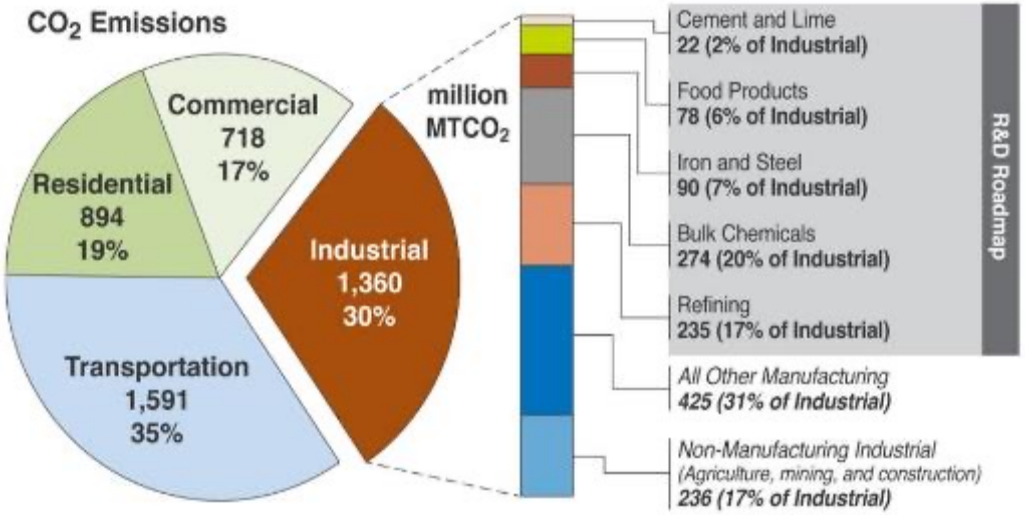
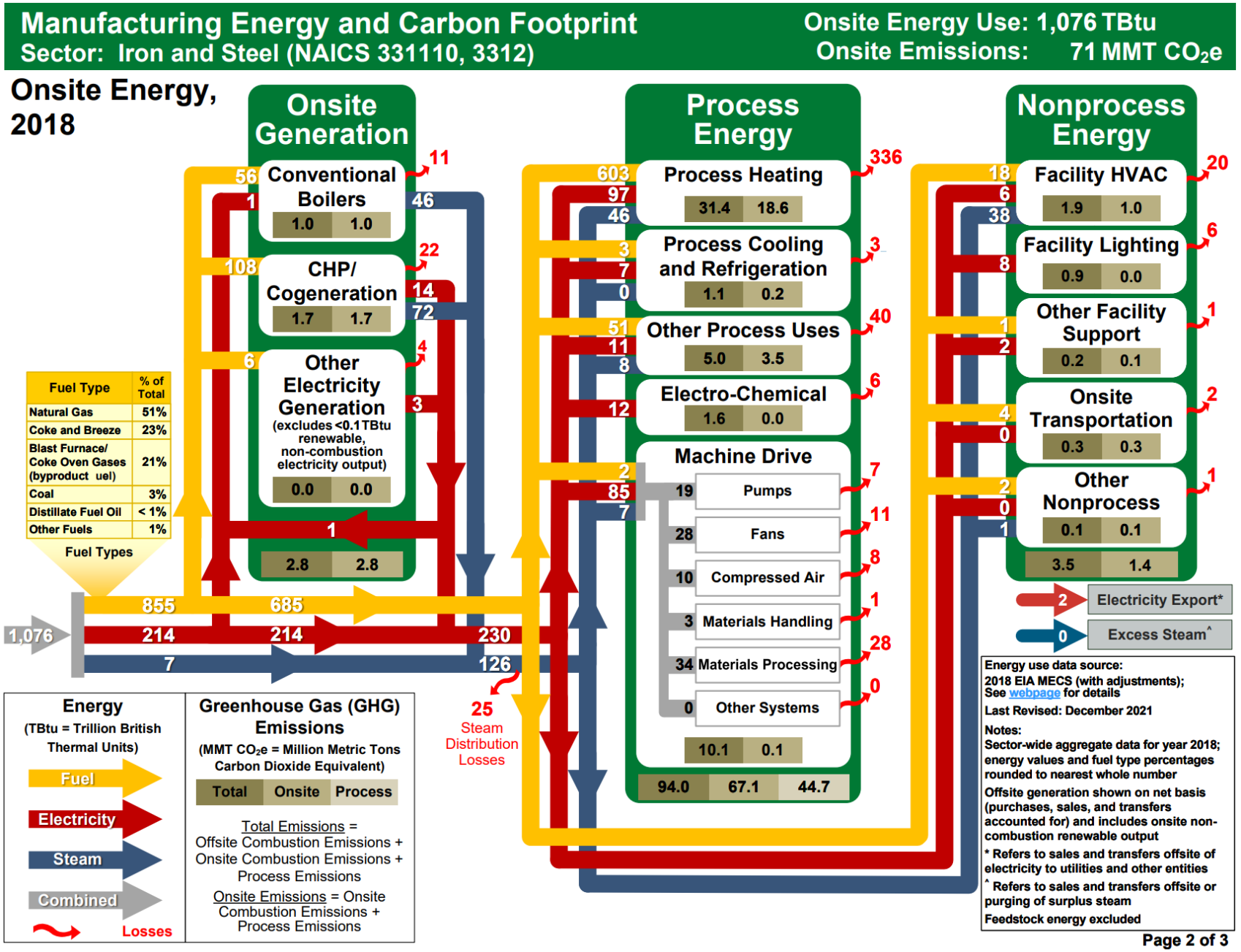


Energy Use and Emissions in Iron & Steel Sector



Source: DOE Energy Footprint Analysis based on Energy Information Administration's Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS) data for 2018.

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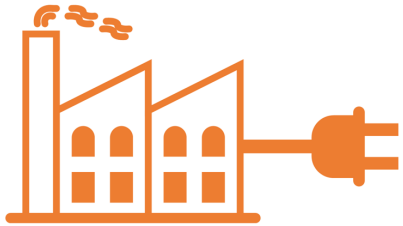
The Industrial Decarbonization Pillars

Energy Efficiency (near-term)

- Energy Management
- Adoption of Smart Manufacturing
- Improved Material and Process Efficiency
- Utilization of Combined Heat and Power



Industrial Electrification (mid- to long-term)

- Electrification of Process Heating
- Electrification of Space Heating
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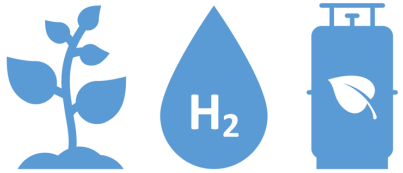
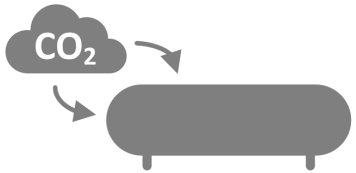
- Development of Electrified Processes



Low-Carbon Fuels, Feedstocks, and Energy (mid- to long-term)

- Development of Carbon-Free Alternative Fuels
- Adoption of Low-Carbon Alternative Fuels
- Utilization of Low-Carbon Feedstock Materials
- Development of Biofuel Infrastructure



Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (long-term)

- Direct Air Carbon Capture
- Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage
- CO_2 Distribution Infrastructure
- Chemical Utilization

Source: Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap; DOE/EE-2635; United States Department of Energy: Washington, DC, USA, 2022.

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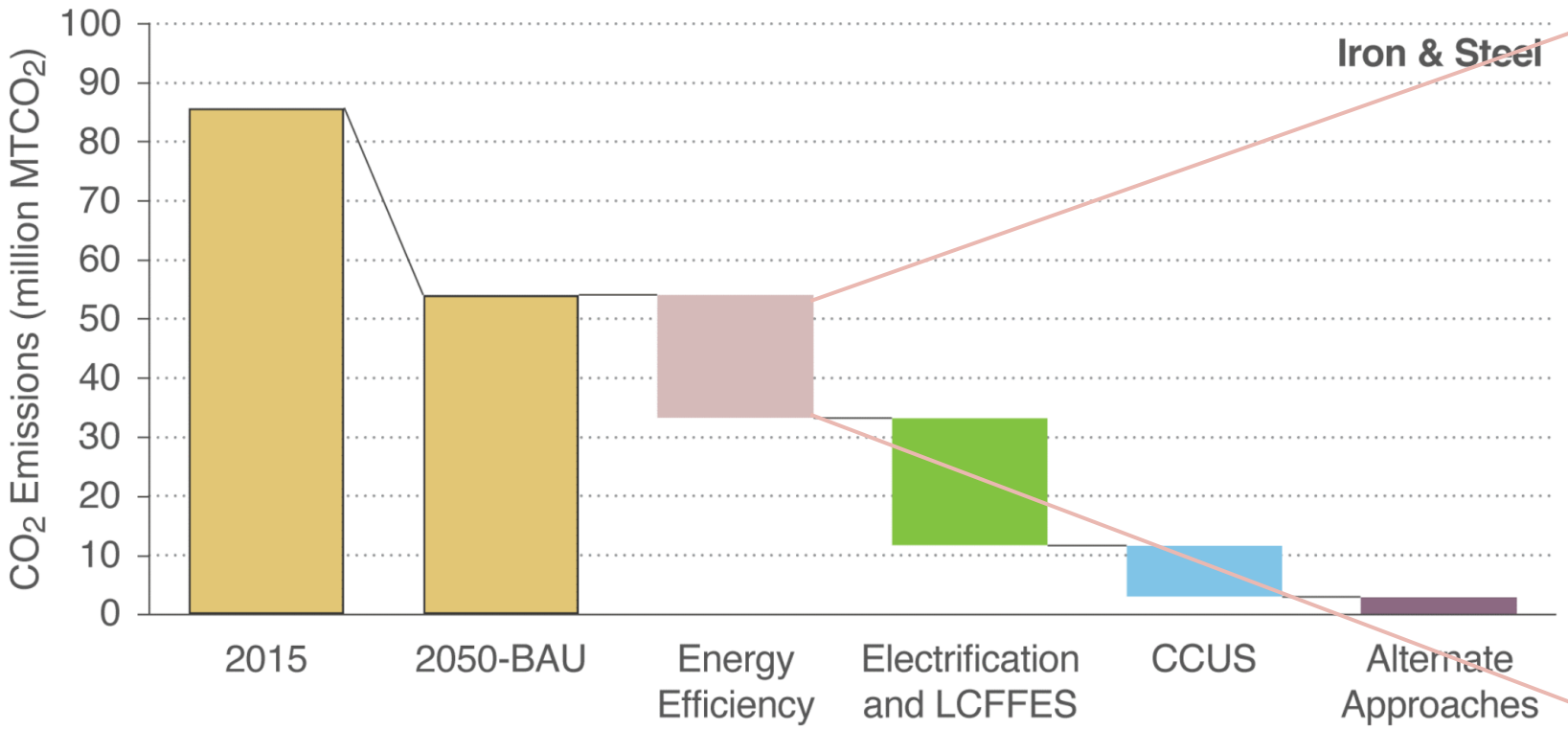
Energy Efficiency as a Foundational Technology Pillar

Path to Net-Zero CO_2 Emissions

(for five representative subsectors*)



Energy Efficiency Pillar

1. Strategic Energy Management
2. System Efficiency
3. Smart Manufacturing
4. Materials and life cycle Efficiency
5. Combined Heat & Power

***Subsectors included in Roadmap analysis:** Iron & Steel, Petroleum Refining, Cement, select chemicals (ammonia, methanol, and benzene, toluene, and xylenes (BTX)), and select food & beverage products (beer, beet sugar, cane sugar, fluid milk, red meat, soybean oil, and wet corn milling).

Data source: Scenario modeling based on *Roadmap* findings (this study).

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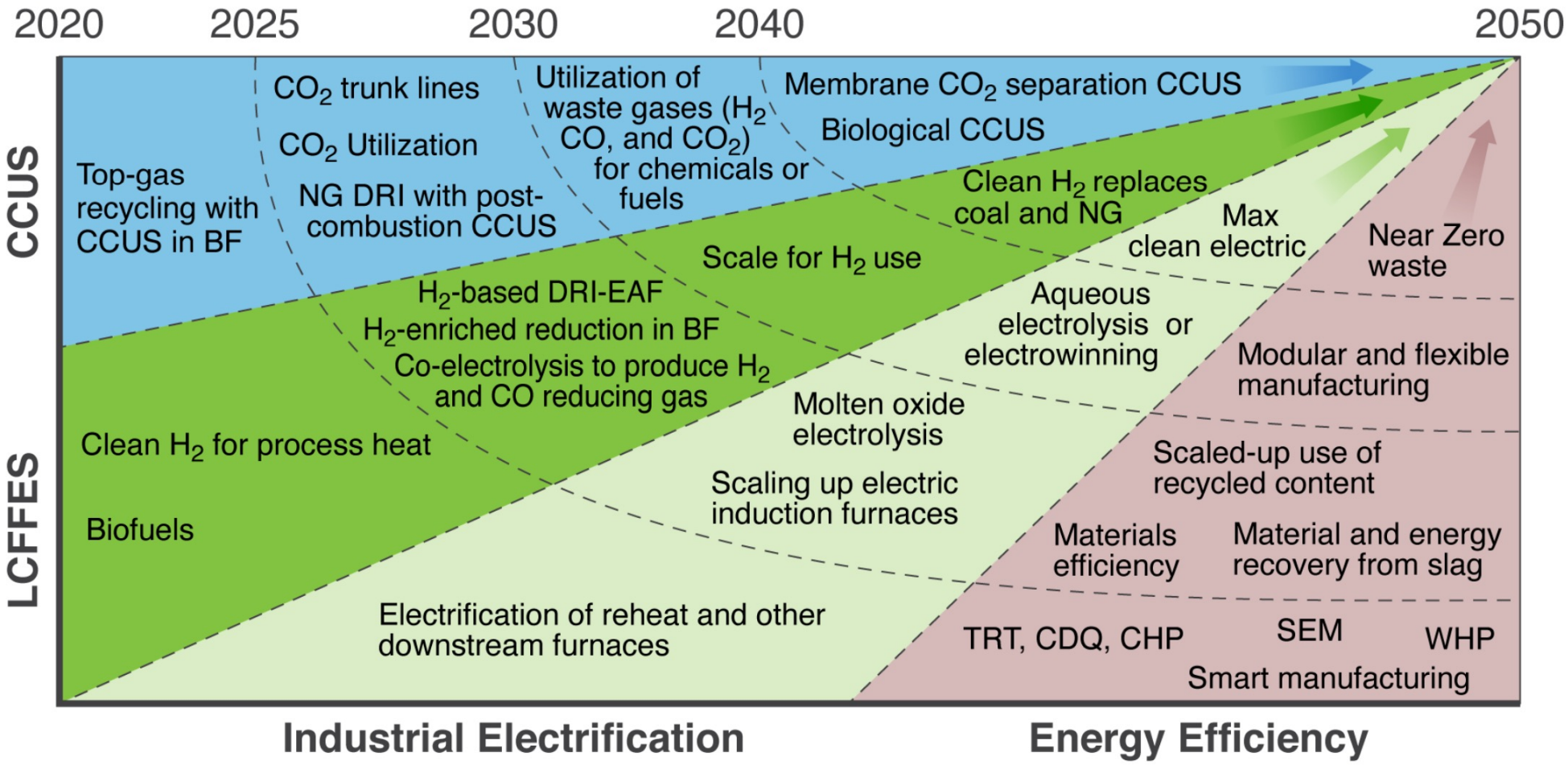
Landscape Of RD&D Advancement Opportunities

- RD&D investments are needed across a host of opportunities in the U.S. steel industry to lower technical hurdles, improve economic viability, accelerate adoption, and pave the way for even more transformative low-carbon technologies.



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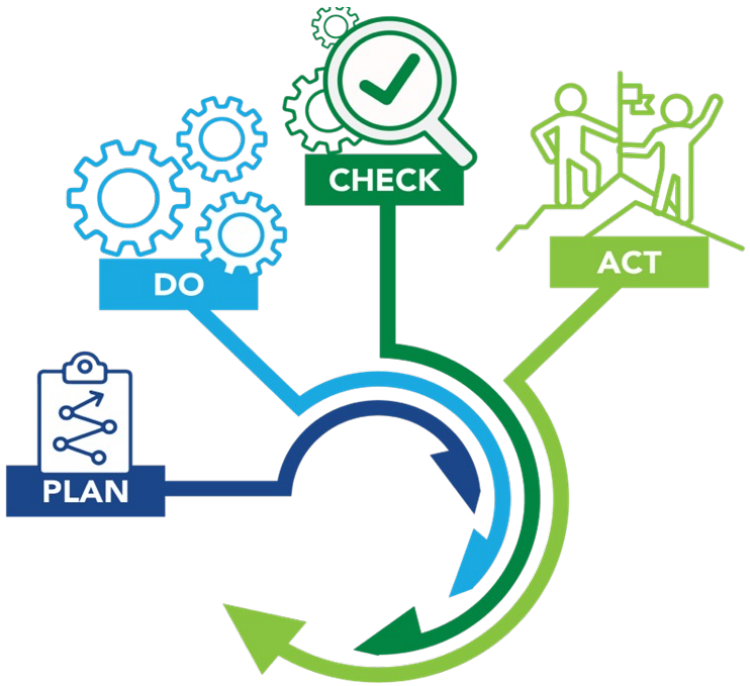
Strategic Energy Management

- Energy Performance Improvement Platform
  - Energy efficiency is only one focus
  - Integrated demand side management (IDSM)
  - Resilience, security, demand, supply
  - Decarbonization
- Operational Excellence Program
  - Policies and procedures
  - Systematic approach
  - Change management
- Broader Organizational Framework
  - Energy management platform integrated into business systems
  - (Multinational) Corporate reporting, compliance, and alignment
  - Demonstrates action and commitment to long term success



A management system is:

Say what you do
Do what you say
Prove it
Improve it

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EnMS Programs and Support of ISO 50001 Standard

50001 Ready
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SELF ATTEST

- Complete 25 steps in Navigator
- Self-attest to completion
- Report energy performance
- Recognition by DOE

Time required to complete: flexible

ISO

CERTIFY

- ANAB-accredited audit to certify to standard
- DOE support of US TAG/TC 301

Time required to complete: 12-18 months

Superior Energy Performance®
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

VERIFY

- Requires ISO 50001 certification
- Robust M&V protocol
- 3rd party energy performance verification audit
- SEP 50001 Certification
- Professional certifications
- Elevated recognition by DOE

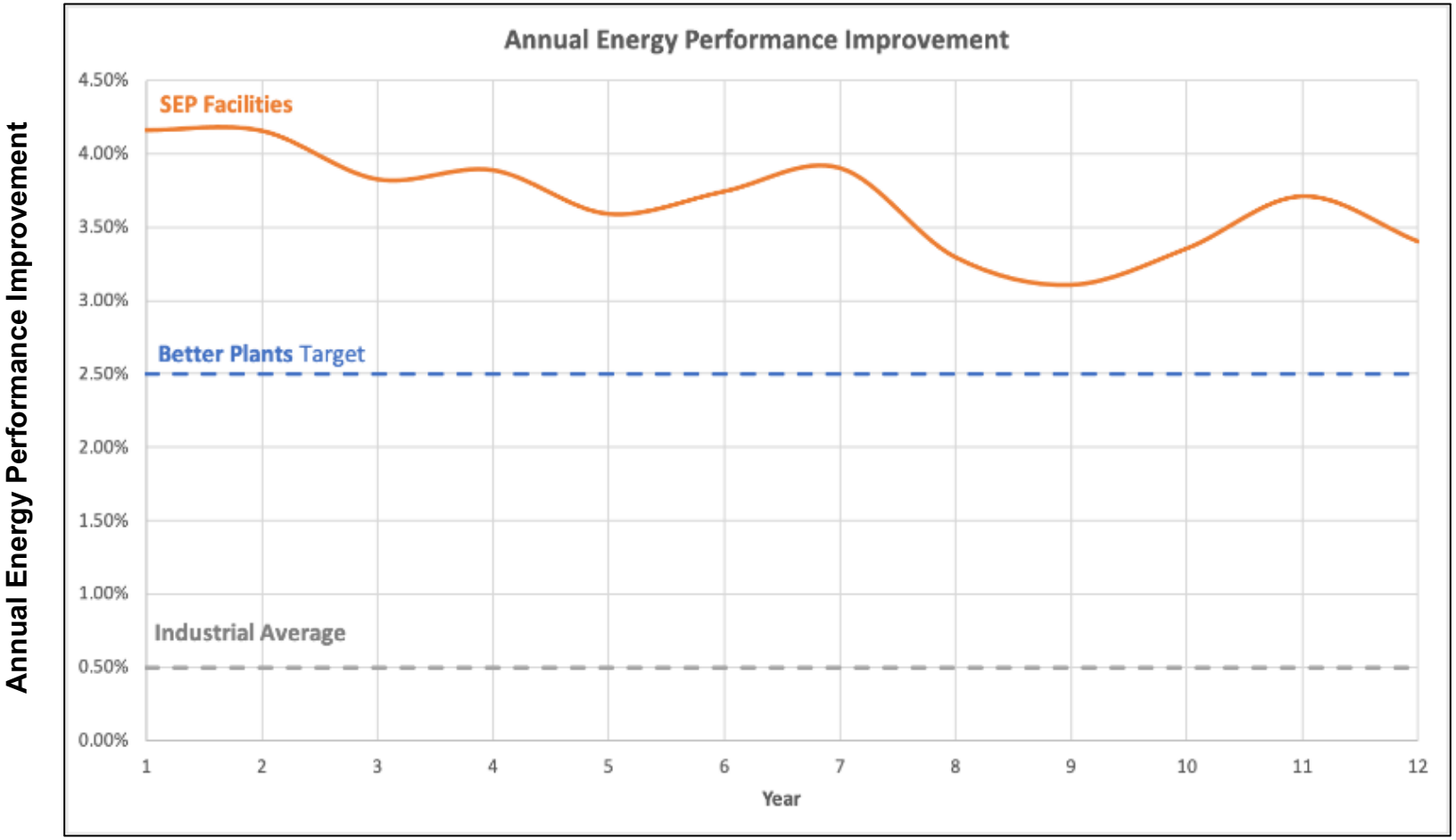
Time required to complete: 12-18 months

50001 Ready can be part of a Pathway toward ISO 50001 Certification and Validated Energy Savings in SEP

Superior Energy Performance 50001 Program

- Analysis of eleven years of SEP program participants' energy savings shows ***a 4.2% improvement*** across all facilities in the first year.
- By the 11th year, the facilities are still achieving a ***3.4% year on year improvement*** in energy performance.
- Far exceeds the average improvement in energy intensity across all of industry
  - 0.5%/year per EIA
  - 1.3%/year per IEA
- Journal article to publish in Sustainable Energy Technologies and Assessments in late 2023

Research Findings: Energy Management Saves More Energy



2022 LBNL analysis

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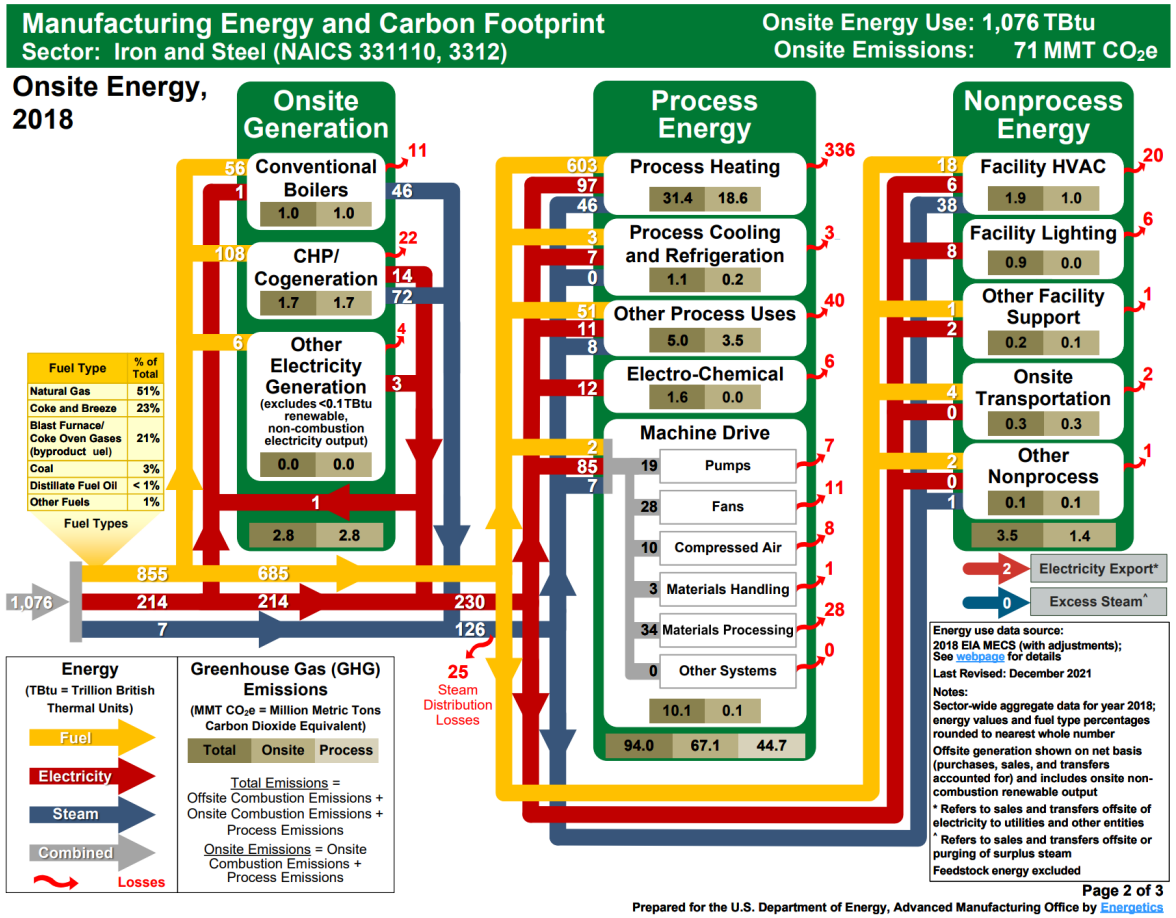
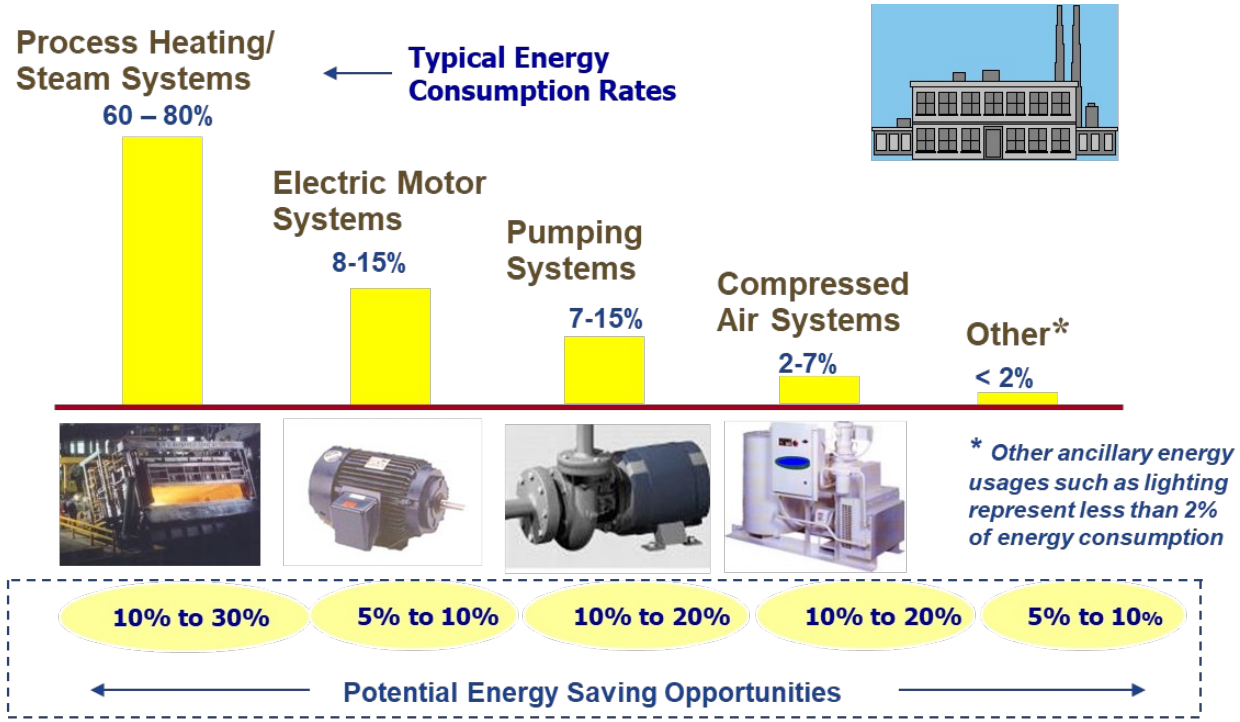
System Focus Targets Major Energy Consumers





Smart Manufacturing Pathways for Industrial Decarbonization and Thermal Process Intensification

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Thermal Process Intensification

Low-Thermal Budget Transformative (mid- to long-term)
- Electrolysis and electrodialysis
- Microwave and radio frequency processing
- Drying via ultrasound processing and membrane separation
- Hydrogen-based production of ammonia, ethanol etc.

Alternative Thermal Processing (near- to mid-term)
- Electric, induction, and resistance heating
- Alternative liquid biofuels or biochemicals
- Hybrid fuel systems
- Solar thermal systems

Transformative Supplemental (near-term)
- Smart IoT devices for system optimization
- Smart manufacturing (e.g., artificial intelligence, digital twins, predictive process controls)
- Flexible, modular manufacturing and operations design

Waste Heat Management (near-term)
- High-temp heat pumps
- Thermal energy storage and waste heat to power
- Recuperators, regenerators, and economizers
- Thermoelectric devices, heat pipes, etc.

Thermal Process Intensification

Smart manufacturing pathways offer a way to both decarbonize and intensify existing processes while enabling continuous efficient operations and future implementation of new technologies.

Source: Price, C.R.; Nimbalkar, S.U.; Thirumaran, K.; Cresko, J. Smart Manufacturing Pathways for Industrial Decarbonization and Thermal Process Intensification. Smart Sustain. Manuf. Syst. 2023, 7, 41–53.

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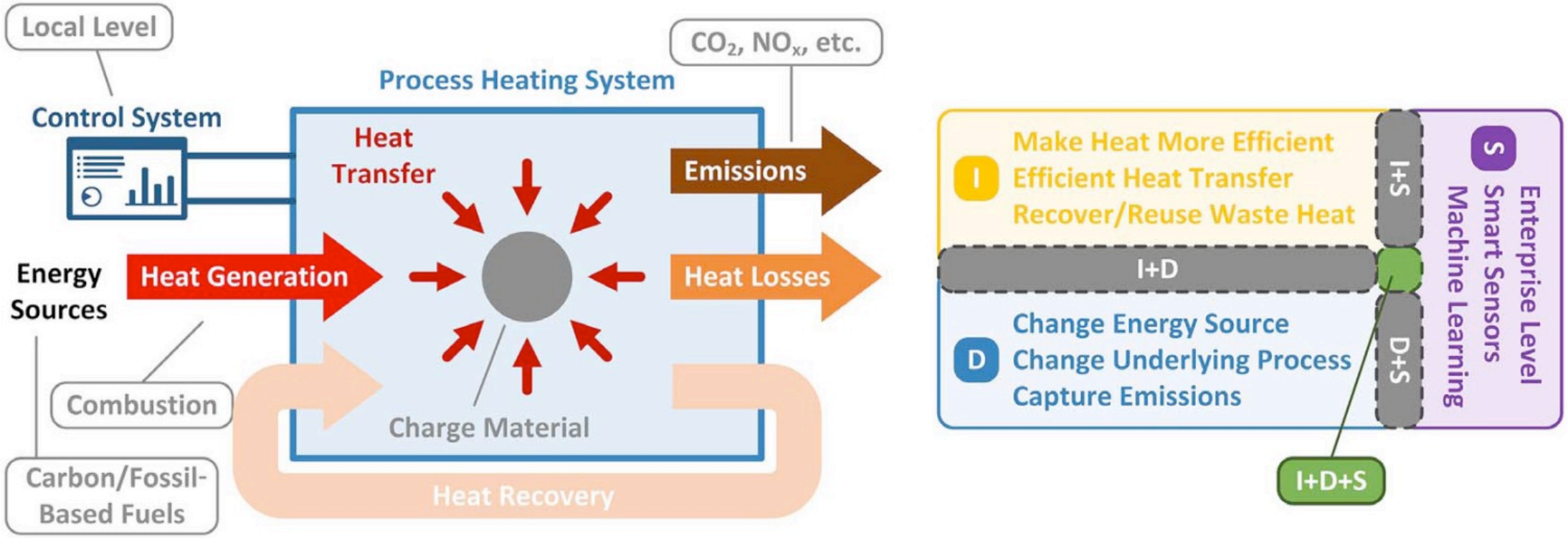
Pathways toward a smart (S), intensified (I), and decarbonized (D) system from the baseload (left) case

Implementation of SM in the manufacturing sector can enhance the performance of existing systems, improve equipment lifespan, reduce waste, and increase production yields



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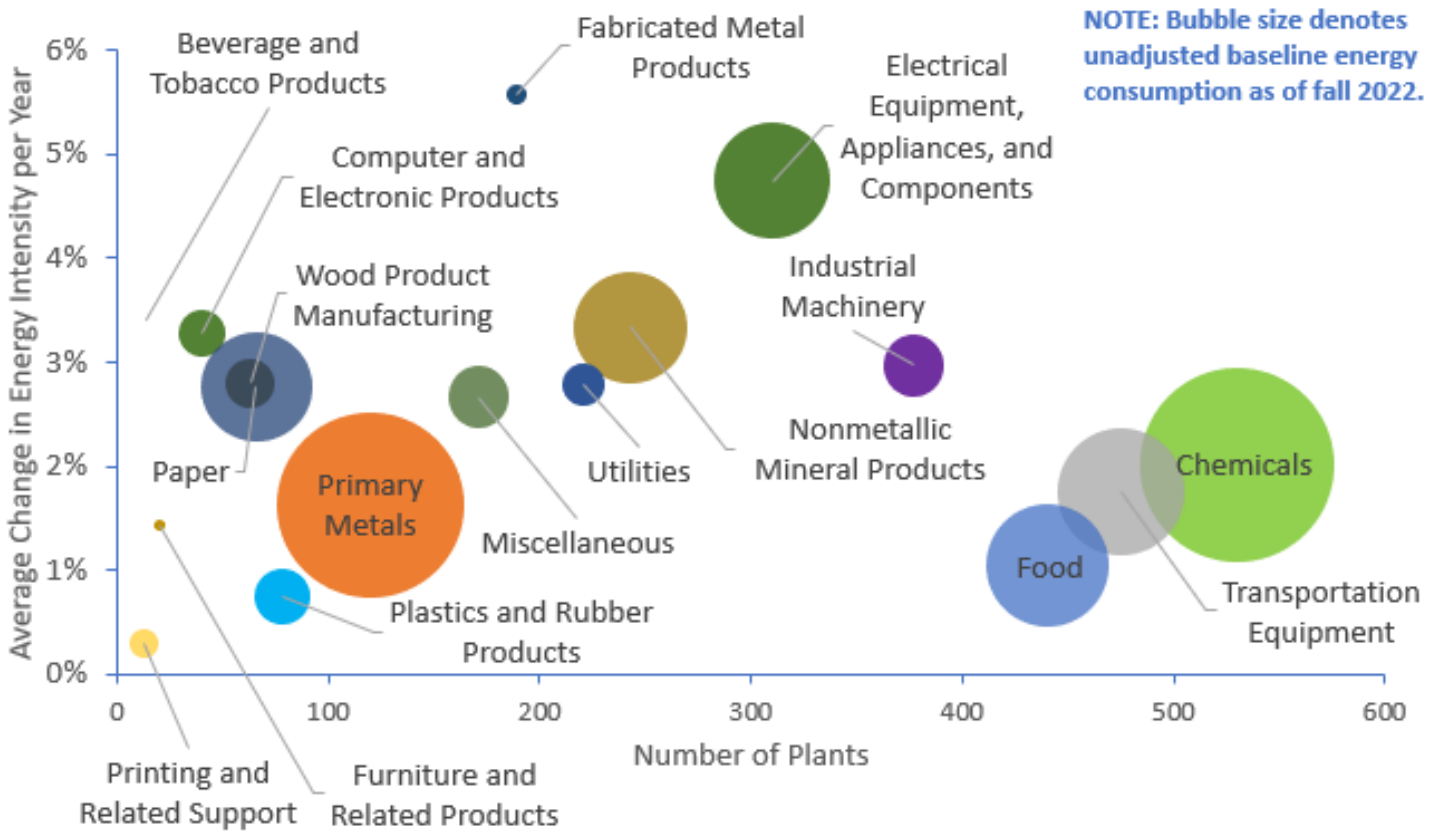
Average Annual Energy Performance of DOE's Better Plants Partners

- Through the program, DOE supports 270+ partners (~3600 facilities), corresponding to 14% of the U.S. manufacturing footprint.
- Since 2010, these partners have reported savings of 2.2 QBtu of energy and $10.6 billion. This is equivalent to 131 MMT of CO2 emissions reductions[1].

Average energy intensity improvement in terms of no. of plants and program energy footprint for selected sectors[2]



(1) Better Plants 2022 Progress Update:: https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/resources/2022-betterplants-progress-update
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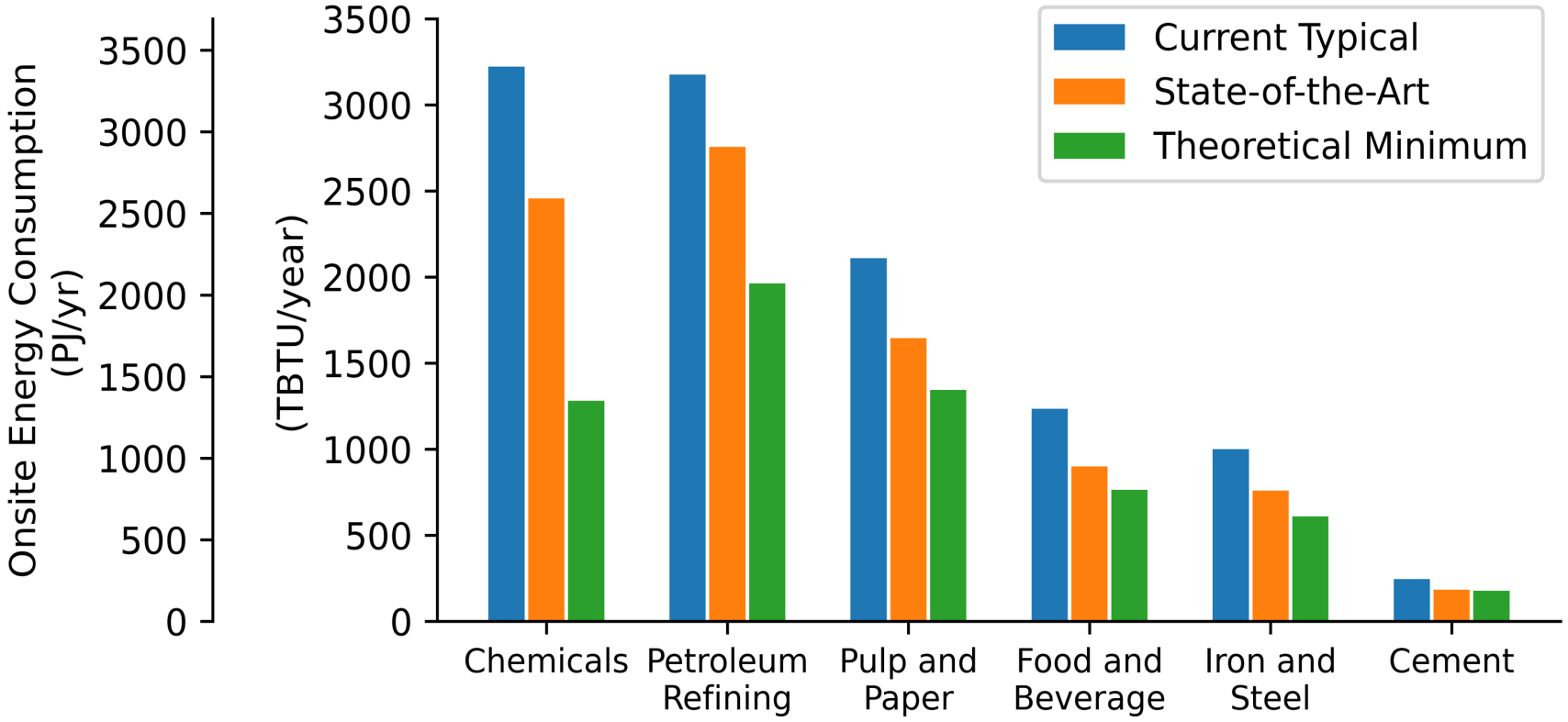
Energy Use of Select Energy and Carbon-Intensive Industries

- Energy efficiency technology pillar can achieve a significant reduction in energy consumption and corresponding energy-related CO2 emissions by reducing current typical energy intensities to state-of-the-art energy intensities.



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Specific Strategies for the Six Energy-Intensive Industries

Energy Efficiency Pillar	Iron and Steel	Chemical	Food and Beverage	Petroleum Refining	Pulp and Paper	Cement
Strategic energy management	Commitment, identification, and implementation of energy efficiency projects, tracking energy and carbon efficiency performance, ISO 50,001, and energy management information systems					
System efficiency	Process heating, compressed air, pumps, and fans	Steam, process heating and cooling, compressed air, pumps, and fans	Steam, process heating and cooling, compressed air, pumps, fans, non-thermal drying, and dewatering	Steam, process heating and cooling, compressed air, pumps, and fans	Steam, process heating and cooling, compressed air, pumps, fans, efficient dispersers, refiners, and grinders	Process heating, compressed air, pumps, and fans; efficient grinding technologies (e.g., high-pressure grinding rolls, vertical roller mills in place of ball mills
Materials and life cycle efficiency	Top pressure recovery turbine, coke dry quenching, BOF gas recovery, improving semi-manufacturing yields, scrap reduction of end-use goods by improved manufacturing techniques (e.g., AM)	Energy, system, and material efficiency (e.g., recycling and waste minimization)	Food waste reduction	Desulfurization using clean hydrogen; efficient use of low-carbon energy sources	Innovative drying techniques, increased use of recycled pulp, biogas production from effluent, and black liquor gasification	High-efficiency clinker cooling and grinding; innovative chemistry (blended cement and low-carbon binders), and clinker substitutes (fly ash, ground granulated BF slag, etc.) wastes (oils and solvents) as alternative fuels in kilns
Smart manufacturing	Shortened smelting time and enhanced smelting efficiency using automated detection of molten steel components, blowing controls, and component analysis; digital twin	Smart manufacturing using data mining and modeling to develop dynamic target values for energy consumption; digital twin	Automation and smart manufacturing (soft or virtual software sensors to augment physical data points and enable control of nonstandard process variables), and precise measurement/control of steam energy; digital twin	Digital twin	Automation and smart manufacturing, such as cleaner automation; digital twin	Upgraded cement process controls to lower firing temperatures and times; digital twin
Combined heat and power	Waste heat management (reduce, recover, and recycle)	Combined heat and power; waste heat to power	Waste heat recovery	Waste heat recovery	Waste heat recovery; combined heat and power	

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RD&D Needs for Energy Efficiency

- To improve the efficiency of **process heating, steam, and motor systems** – the largest end-uses of energy in the industrial sector.
- **Smart manufacturing and advanced data analytics** to unlock energy efficiency opportunities at every level of system integration: equipment, facility, and supply chain.

- Research to address **big data challenges** related to data quality, storage, and computing; **advanced analytical tools** are needed to process the data and improve cybersecurity.
- Demonstrations of **plant automation systems** that provide real-time energy performance data.
- **Data integration to facilitate utility efficiency programs** that reward manufacturers for energy saved rather than equipment installed.

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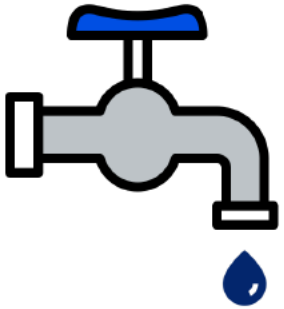
DOE's Better Plants Program

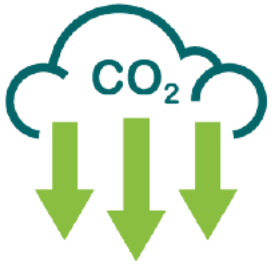
- The Better Plants Program partners with leading manufacturers and water utilities to **improve energy efficiency and competitiveness in the industrial sector, saving money in the process**.
- Through Better Plants, partners voluntarily set a specific goal, typically to reduce energy intensity by **25% over a 10-year period** across all their U.S. operations.

Increased Energy Productivity



Water Savings

Waste Reduction



Carbon Reduction

All Better Plants Partners

Better Plants® U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Better Climate Challenge

Better Climate CHALLENGE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Portfolio-wide reduction in GHG emissions of *at least* 50% in 10 years

- Reduction includes Scope 1 & 2 emissions
- RECs allowed; No offsets
- Baseline up to 5-years back from join date
- Encouraged to establish an absolute target, but intensity-based targets will be accepted
- Pursue an energy efficiency target that will contribute towards the 50% emissions reduction. This target is intended to encourage prioritizing energy efficiency when pursuing a decarbonization plan.
- Goals less than 50% will be considered for energy-intensive sectors

Better Climate Challenge – Industrial Partners

Ford
EASTMAN
Chemours
TRANE TECHNOLOGIES
DESCHUTES BREWERY
Stanley Black & Decker
xerox
3M
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
VOLVO
Lopez
DORADA FOODS
ZEBRA
GORE
NTi MetalTechnologies™ More than metal.
Steelcase
Cummins
HNI
KYB
Whirlpool CORPORATION
SIEMENS
IR Ingersoll Rand
BorgWarner
Nestlé
BENTLEY
Genentech A Member of the Roche Group
Bendix
CLIFFS
AstraZeneca
Kingspan
NISSAN
United Mechanical & Metal Fabricators, Inc. Precision Sheet Metal Fabricator
synthomer
legrand®
TOYOTA
Honeywell
intertape polymer group
LEAR CORPORATION
LA DWP Los Angeles Department of Water & Power
Schneider Electric
Johnson Controls
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EMERSON
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Hewlett Packard Enterprise
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE
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SAINT-GOBAIN
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STELLANTIS
Celanese The chemistry inside innovation™
ABB
Gerber
Nestlé HealthScience
LUNDBERG FAMILY FARMS

Why Companies Join Better Plants or Better Climate Challenge

Industry Leadership

Developing Innovative, Replicable Solutions with Market Leaders

- National Recognition
- Peer to Peer Networking
- Better Building Solutions Center

Technical Assistance Resources

Making Energy Efficient Investments Easier

- Tools for Energy & Carbon Management
- Financing Navigator
- Diagnostic Equipment Program

Emerging Technologies

Innovation to Drive Savings

- DOE National Labs
- Advanced Technology Field Validation

Workforce Development

Helping You Meet Your Challenges of Today, and Tomorrow

- In-Plant Trainings
- Fundamentals of Energy Management and Decarbonization Trainings
- Industrial Assessment Centers

Questions

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Energy Efficiency as a Foundational Technology Pillar

Energy efficiency is the foundational, cross-cutting decarbonization strategy—and remains the most cost-effective option for GHG reductions.

97% of industrial sector CO_2 emissions (and 63% of GHG emissions overall) are associated with fossil fuel combustion for energy, with a majority attributed to process heating, steam, and motor-driven systems.

Process Heating and Steam

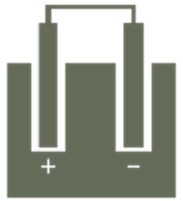
42% of industrial combustion emissions

Motor-Driven Systems

28% of industrial combustion emissions

Process Cooling

4% of industrial combustion emissions



Electro-Chemical Processing

4% of industrial combustion emissions

Other Process Uses

7% of industrial combustion emissions

Non-Process Uses

15% of industrial combustion emissions

Data sources: U.S. EPA *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2019*; DOE *Manufacturing Energy and Carbon Footprint*, based on EIA Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS) data for 2014.

Pillar 1

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