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Chapter 11	22	1-4	The dramatic increase in industrial emissions after 2000 is clearly associated with China's and other non-OECD Asian countries' economic growth, which dominated both absolute and incremental emissions (Figure 11.5a-b). FOOTNOTE22 In 2020 China accounted for nearly 60% of global steel and cement production (IEA 2021a) and in 2015 over than

			<p>half of the material production associated emissions occurred in China (Hertwich 2021).</p> <p>With: The dramatic increase in industrial emissions after 2000 is clearly associated with economic growth in Asia, which dominated both absolute and incremental emissions (Figure 11.5a-b).</p> <p>[FOOTNOTE22 should be deleted]</p>
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1 Executive summary

2 **The Paris Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the COVID-19 pandemic**
3 **provide a new context for the evolution of industry and mitigation of industry greenhouse gas**
4 **(GHG) emissions (*high confidence*).** This chapter is focused on what is new since AR5. It emphasizes
5 the energy and emissions intensive basic materials industries and key strategies for reaching net zero
6 emissions. {11.1.1}

7 **Net zero CO₂ emissions from the industrial sector are possible but challenging (*high confidence*).**
8 Energy efficiency will continue to be important. Reduced materials demand, material efficiency, and
9 circular economy solutions can reduce the need for primary production. Primary production options
10 include switching to new processes that use low to zero GHG energy carriers and feedstocks (e.g.,
11 electricity, hydrogen, biofuels, and carbon capture and utilization (CCU) for carbon feedstock) and
12 carbon capture and storage (CCS) for remaining CO₂. These options require substantial scaling up of
13 electricity, hydrogen, recycling, CO₂, and other infrastructure, as well as phase-out or conversion of
14 existing industrial plants. While improvements in the GHG intensities of major basic materials have
15 nearly stagnated over the last 30 years, analysis of historical technology shifts and newly available
16 technologies indicate these intensities can be reduced to net zero emissions by mid-century. {11.2, 11.3,
17 11.4}

18 **Whatever metric is used, industrial emissions have been growing faster since 2000 than emissions**
19 **in any other sector, driven by increased basic materials extraction and production (*high***
20 ***confidence*).** GHG emissions attributed to the industrial sector originate from fuel combustion, process
21 emissions, product use and waste, which jointly accounted for 14.1 GtCO₂-eq or 24% of all direct
22 anthropogenic emissions in 2019, second behind the energy transformation sector. Industry is a leading
23 GHG emitter - 20 GtCO₂-eq or 34% of global emissions in 2019 - if indirect emissions from power and
24 heat generation are included. The share of emissions originating from direct fuel combustion is
25 decreasing and was 7 GtCO₂-eq, 50% of direct industrial emissions in 2019. {11.2.2}

26 **Global material intensity (in-use stock of manufactured capital, in tonnes per unit of GDP is**
27 **increasing (*high confidence*).** In-use stock of manufactured capital per capita has been growing faster
28 than GDP per capita since 2000. Total global in-use stock of manufactured capital grew by 3.4% yr⁻¹ in
29 2000–2019. At the same time, per capita material stocks in several developed countries have stopped
30 growing, showing a decoupling from GDP per capita. {11.2.1, 11.3.1}

31 **Plastic is the material for which demand has been growing the strongest since 1970 (*high***
32 ***confidence*).** The current >99% reliance on fossil feedstock, very low recycling, and high emissions
33 from petrochemical processes is a challenge for reaching net zero emissions. At the same time, plastics
34 are important for reducing emissions elsewhere, for example, light-weighting vehicles. There are as yet
35 no shared visions for fossil-free plastics, but several possibilities. {11.4.1.3}

36 **Scenario analyses show that significant cuts in global GHG emissions and even close to net zero**
37 **emissions from GHG intensive industry (e.g., steel, plastics, ammonia, and cement) can be**
38 **achieved by 2050 by deploying multiple available and emerging options (*medium confidence*).**
39 Cutting industry emissions significantly requires a reorientation from the historic focus on important
40 but incremental improvements (e.g., energy efficiency) to transformational changes in energy and
41 feedstock sourcing, materials efficiency, and more circular material flows. {11.3, 11.4}

42 **Key climate mitigation options such as materials efficiency, circular material flows and emerging**
43 **primary processes, are not well represented in climate change scenario modelling and integrated**
44 **assessment models, albeit with some progress in recent years (*high confidence*).** The character of
45 these interventions (e.g., appearing in many forms across complex value chains, making cost estimates
46 difficult) combined with the limited data on new fossil free primary processes help explain why they

1 are less represented in models than, for example, CCS. As a result, overall mitigation costs and the need
2 for CCS may be overestimated. {11.4.2.1}

3 **Electrification is emerging as a key mitigation option for industry** (*high confidence*). Electricity is
4 a versatile energy carrier, potentially produced from abundant renewable energy sources or other low
5 carbon options; regional resources and preferences will vary. Using electricity directly, or indirectly via
6 hydrogen from electrolysis for high temperature and chemical feedstock requirements, offers many
7 options to reduce emissions. It also can provide substantial grid balancing services, for example through
8 electrolysis and storage of hydrogen for chemical process use or demand response. {11.3.5}

9 **Carbon is a key building block in organic chemicals, fuels and materials and will remain**
10 **important** (*high confidence*). In order to reach net zero CO₂ emissions for the carbon needed in society
11 (e.g., plastics, wood, aviation fuels, solvents, etc.), it is important to close the use loops for carbon and
12 carbon dioxide through increased circularity with mechanical and chemical recycling, more efficient
13 use of biomass feedstock with addition of low GHG hydrogen to increase product yields (e.g., for
14 biomethane and methanol), and potentially direct air capture of CO₂ as a new carbon source. {11.3,
15 11.4.1}

16 **Production costs for very low to zero emissions basic materials may be high but the cost for final**
17 **consumers and the general economy will be low** (*medium confidence*). Costs and emissions reductions
18 potential in industry, and especially heavy industry, are highly contingent on innovation,
19 commercialization, and market uptake policy. Technologies exist to take all industry sectors to very low
20 or zero emissions, but require 5–15 years of intensive innovation, commercialization, and policy to
21 ensure uptake. Mitigation costs are in the rough range of 50–150 USD·tCO₂-eq⁻¹, with wide variation
22 within and outside this band. This affects competitiveness and requires supporting policy. Although
23 production cost increases can be significant, they translate to very small increases in the costs for final
24 products, typically less than a few percent depending on product, assumptions, and system boundaries.
25 {11.4.1.5}

26 **There are several technological options for very low to zero emissions steel, but their uptake will**
27 **require integrated material efficiency, recycling, and production decarbonisation policies** (*high*
28 *confidence*). Material efficiency can potentially reduce steel demand by up to 40% based on design for
29 less steel use, long life, reuse, constructability, and low contamination recycling. Secondary production
30 through high quality recycling must be maximized. Production decarbonisation will also be required,
31 starting with the retrofitting of existing facilities for partial fuel switching (e.g., to biomass or hydrogen),
32 CCU and CCS, followed by very low and zero emissions production based on high-capture CCS or
33 direct hydrogen, or electrolytic iron ore reduction followed by an electric arc furnace. {11.3.2, 11.4.1.1}

34 **There are several current and near horizon options to greatly reduce cement and concrete**
35 **emissions. Producer, user, and regulator education, as well as innovation and commercialization**
36 **policy are needed** (*medium confidence*). Cement and concrete are currently overused because they are
37 inexpensive, durable, and ubiquitous, and consumption decisions typically do not give weight to their
38 production emissions. Basic material efficiency efforts to use only well-made concrete thoughtfully and
39 only where needed (e.g., using right-sized, prefabricated components) could reduce emissions by 24–
40 50% through lower demand for clinker. Cementitious material substitution with various materials (e.g.,
41 ground limestone and calcined clays) can reduce process calcination emissions by up to 50% and
42 occasionally much more. Until a very low GHG emissions alternative binder to Portland cement is
43 commercialized, which does not look promising in the near to medium term, CCS will be essential for
44 eliminating the limestone calcination process emissions for making clinker, which currently represent
45 60% of GHG emissions in best available technology plants. {11.3.2, 11.3.6, 11.4.1.2}

46 **While several technological options exist for decarbonizing the main industrial feedstock**
47 **chemicals and their derivatives, the costs vary widely** (*high confidence*). Fossil fuel-based feedstocks

1 are inexpensive and still without carbon pricing, and their biomass- and electricity-based replacements
2 will likely be more expensive. The chemical industry consumes large amounts of hydrogen, ammonia,
3 methanol, carbon monoxide, ethylene, propylene, benzene, toluene, and mixed xylenes & aromatics
4 from fossil feedstock, and from these basic chemicals produces tens of thousands of derivative end-use
5 chemicals. Hydrogen, biogenic or air-capture carbon, and collected plastic waste for the primary
6 feedstocks can greatly reduce total emissions. Biogenic carbon feedstock is likely to be limited due to
7 competing land-uses. {11.4.1.3}

8 **Light industry and manufacturing can be largely decarbonized through switching to low GHG**
9 **fuels (e.g., biofuels and hydrogen) and electricity (e.g., for electrothermal heating and heat pumps)**
10 *(high confidence)*. Most of these technologies are already mature, for example for low temperature heat,
11 but a major challenge is the current low cost of fossil methane and coal relative to low and zero GHG
12 electricity, hydrogen, and biofuels. {11.4.1.4}

13 **The pulp and paper industry has significant biogenic carbon emissions but relatively small fossil**
14 **carbon emissions. Pulp mills have access to biomass residues and by-products and in paper mills**
15 **the use of process heat at low to medium temperatures allows for electrification** *(high confidence)*.
16 Competition for feedstock will increase if wood substitutes for building materials and petrochemicals
17 feedstock. The pulp and paper industry can also be a source of biogenic carbon dioxide and carbon for
18 organic chemicals feedstock and carbon dioxide removal (CDR) using CCS. {11.4.1.4}

19 **The geographical distribution of renewable resources has implications for industry** *(medium*
20 *confidence)*. The potential for zero emission electricity and low-cost hydrogen from electrolysis
21 powered by solar and wind, or hydrogen from other very low emission sources, may reshape where
22 currently energy and emissions intensive basic materials production is located, how value chains are
23 organized, trade patterns, and what gets transported in international shipping. Regions with bountiful
24 solar and wind resources, or low fugitive methane co-located with CCS geology, may become exporters
25 of hydrogen or hydrogen carriers such as methanol and ammonia, or home to the production of iron and
26 steel, organic platform chemicals, and other energy intensive basic materials. {11.2; 11.4; Box 11.1}

27 **The level of policy maturity and experience varies widely across the mitigation options** *(high*
28 *confidence)*. Energy efficiency is a well-established policy field with decades of experience from
29 voluntary and negotiated agreements, regulations, energy auditing and demand side-management
30 (DSM) programs (see AR5). In contrast, materials demand management and efficiency are not well
31 understood and addressed from a policy perspective. Barriers to recycling that policy could address are
32 often specific to the different material loops (e.g., copper contamination for steel and lack of
33 technologies or poor economics for plastics) or waste management systems. For electrification and fuel
34 switching the focus has so far been mainly on innovation and developing technical supply-side solutions
35 rather than creating market demand. {11.5.2, 11.6}

36 **Industry has so far largely been sheltered from the impacts of climate policy and carbon pricing**
37 **due to concerns for competitiveness and carbon leakage** *(high confidence)*. New industrial
38 development policy approaches needed for realising a transition to net zero GHG emissions are
39 emerging. The transition requires a clear direction towards net zero, technology development, market
40 demand for low-carbon materials and products, governance capacity and learning, socially inclusive
41 phase-out plans, as well as international coordination of climate and trade policies. It requires
42 comprehensive and sequential industrial policy strategies leading to immediate action as well as
43 preparedness for future decarbonisation, governance at different levels (from international to local) and
44 integration with other policy domains. {11.6}

1 **11.1 Introduction and new developments**

2 **11.1.1 About this chapter**

3 AR5 was published in 2014. The Paris Agreement and the 17 SDGs were adopted in 2015. An increasing
4 number of countries have since announced ambitions to be carbon neutral by 2045-2060. The COVID-
5 19 pandemic shocked the global economy in 2020 and motivated economic stimulus with demands for
6 green recovery and concerns for economic security. All this has created a new context and a growing
7 recognition that all industry, including the energy and emissions intensive industries, need to reach net
8 zero GHG emissions. There is an ongoing mind shift around the opportunities to do so, with
9 electrification and hydrogen emerging among key mitigation options as a result of renewable electricity
10 costs falling rapidly. On the demand side there has been renewed attention to end-use demand, material
11 efficiency and more and better-quality recycling measures. This chapter takes its starting point in this
12 new context and emphasizes the need for deploying innovative processes and practices in order to limit
13 the global warming to 1.5°C or 2°C (IPCC 2018a).

14 The industrial sector includes ores and minerals mining, manufacturing, construction and waste
15 management. It is the largest source of global GHG and CO₂ emissions, which include direct and
16 indirect fuel combustion related emissions, emissions from industrial processes and products use, as
17 well as from waste. This chapter is focused on heavy industry - the high temperature heat and process
18 emissions intensive basic materials industries that account for 65% of industrial GHG and over 70% of
19 industrial CO₂ emissions (waste excluded), where deployment of near-zero emissions technologies can
20 be more challenging due to capital intensity and equipment lifetimes compared with other
21 manufacturing industries. The transition of heavy industries to zero emissions requires supplementing
22 the traditional toolkit of energy and process efficiency, fuel switching, electrification, and
23 decarbonisation of power with material end-use demand management and efficiency, circular economy,
24 fossil-free feedstocks, CCU, and CCS. Energy efficiency was extensively treated in AR5 and remains a
25 key mitigation option. This chapter is focused mainly on new options and developments since AR5,
26 highlighting measures along the whole value chains that are required to approach zero emissions in
27 primary materials production.

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29 **11.1.2 Approach to understanding industrial emissions**

30 The Kaya-identity offers a useful tool of decomposing emission sources and their drivers, as well as of
31 weighing the mitigation options. The one presented below (Equation 11.1) builds on the previous
32 assessments (IPCC 2014, 2018b; Hoegh-Guldberg et al. 2018), and reflect a material stock-driven
33 services-oriented vision to better highlight the growing importance of industrial processes (dominated
34 emissions increments in 2010-2019), product use and waste in driving emissions. Services delivery
35 (nutrition, shelter, mobility, education, etc., see chapter 5 for more detail) not only requires energy and
36 materials flows (fuels, food, feed, fertilizers, packaging, etc.), but also material stocks (buildings, roads,
37 vehicles, machinery, etc.), the mass of which has already exceeded 1000 Gtonnes (Krausmann et al.
38 2018). As material efficiency appears to be an important mitigation option, material intensity or
39 productivity (material extraction or consumption versus GDP (Hertwich et al. 2020; Oberle et al. 2019))
40 is reflected in the identity with two dimensions: as material stock intensity of GDP (tonnes per dollar)
41 and material intensity of building and operating accumulated in-use stock.¹ For sub-global analysis the
42 ratio of domestically used materials to total material production becomes important to reflect outsourced

FOOTNOTE¹ Accumulated material stock initially was introduced in the analysis of past trends (Krausmann et al. 2018; Wiedenhofer et al. 2019), but recently it was incorporated in different forms in the long-term projections for the whole economy (Krausmann et al. 2020) and for some sectors (buildings and cars in Hertwich et al. (2020)) with a steadily improving regional resolution (Krausmann et al. 2020).

1 materials production and distinguish between territorial and consumption-based emissions. The identity
2 for industry differs significantly from that for sectors with where combustion emissions dominates
3 (Lamb et al. 2021).

4 Recent progress in data availability that allows the integration of major emission sources along with
5 socio-economic metabolism, material flows and stock analysis enriches the identity for industry from a
6 perspective of possible policy interventions (Bashmakov 2021):

$$GHG = POP \cdot \frac{GDP}{POP} \cdot \frac{MStock}{GDP} \cdot \left[\frac{MPR + MSE}{MStock} \cdot Dm \cdot \left(\frac{E}{(MPR + MSE)} \cdot \frac{(GHGed + GHGeind)}{E} + \frac{GHGoth}{MPR + MSE} \right) \right]$$

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Equation 11.1

Variables	Factors	Policies and drivers	
POP	population	demographic policies	Demand decarbonization
$\frac{GDP}{POP}$	services (expressed via GDP – final consumption and investments needed to maintain and expand stock) per capita	sufficiency and demand management (reduction)	
$\frac{MStock}{GDP}$	material stock ($MStock$ - accumulated in-use stocks of materials embodied in manufactured fixed capital) intensity of GDP	material stock efficiency improvement	
$\frac{MPR + MSE}{MStock}$	material inputs (both virgin (primary materials extraction, MPR) and recycled (secondary materials use, MSE)) per unit of in-use material stock	material efficiency, substitution and circular economy	
Dm	share of allocated emissions – consumption versus production emissions accounting (valid only for sub-global levels)*	trade policies including carbon leakage issues (localization versus globalization)	CBAM
$\frac{E}{(MPR + MSE)}$	sum of energy use for basic material production (Em), processing and other operational industrial energy use ($Eoind$) per unit of material inputs	energy efficiency of basic materials production and other industrial processes	Production decarbonization
$\frac{(GHGed + GHGeind)}{E}$	direct ($GHGed$) and indirect ($GHGeind$) combustion-related industrial emissions per unit of energy	electrification, fuel switching, and energy decarbonisation (hydrogen, CCUS-fuels)	
$\frac{GHGoth}{MPR + MSE}$	emissions from industrial processes and product use, waste, F-gases, indirect nitrogen emissions per unit of produced materials	feedstock decarbonisation (hydrogen), CCUS-industrial processes, waste and F-gases management	

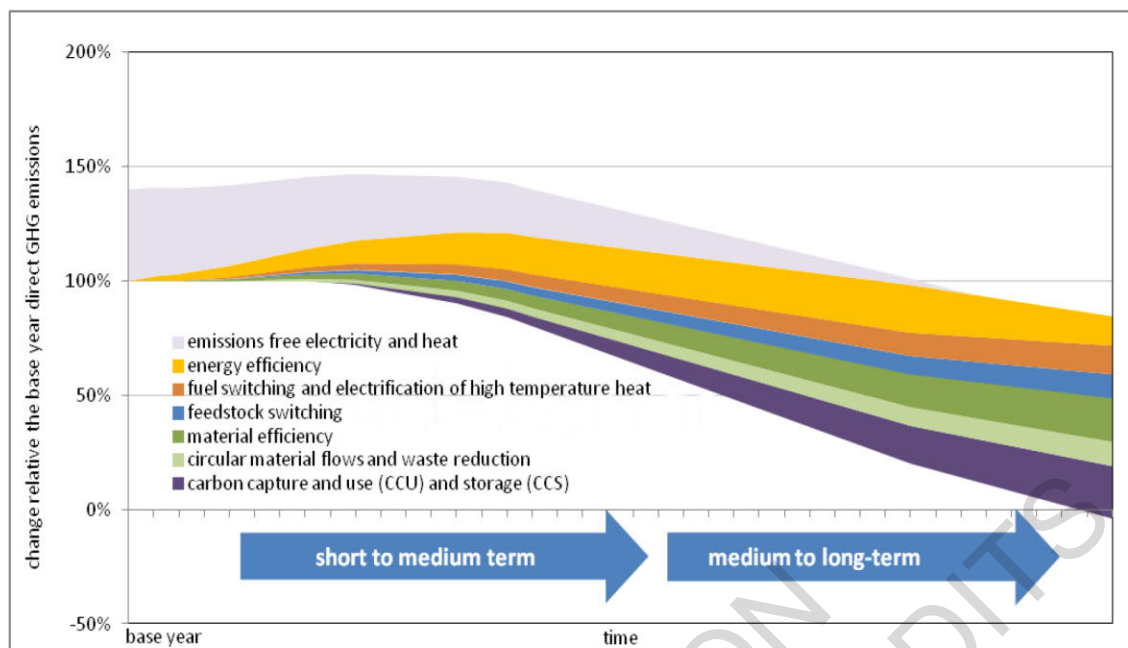
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13 * $Dm=1$, when territorial emission is considered, and Dm equals the ratio of domestically used materials
14 to total material production for the consumption-based emission accounting). CBAM – carbon boarder
15 adjustment mechanism

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17 Factors in (Equation 11.1) are interconnected by either positive or negative feedbacks: scrap-based
18 production or light weighing improves operational energy efficiency, while growing application of
19 carbon capture, use and storage (CCUS) brings it down and increase material demands (Hertwich et al.
20 2019; IEA 2020a, 2021a). There are different ways to disaggregate Equation 11.1: by industrial
21 subsectors (Bashmakov 2021); by reservoirs of material stock (buildings, infrastructure, vehicles,
22 machinery and appliances, packaging, etc.); by regions and countries (where carbon leakage becomes

1 relevant); by products and production chains (material extraction, production of basic materials, basic
2 materials processing, production of final industrial products); by traditional and low carbon technologies
3 used; and by stages of products' lives including recycling.

4 An industrial transition to net zero emissions is possible when the three last multipliers in Equation 11.1
5 (in square parentheses) are approaching zero. Contributions from different drivers (energy efficiency,
6 low carbon electricity and heat, material efficiency, switching to low carbon feedstock and CCUS) to
7 this evolution vary with time. Energy efficiency dominates in the short- and medium-term and
8 potentially long-term (in the range of 10-40% by 2050) (Crijns-Graus et al. 2020; IEA 2020a; IPCC
9 2018a), but for deep decarbonisation trajectories contributions from the other drivers steadily grow, as
10 the share of non-energy sources in industrial emissions rises and new technologies to address mitigation
11 from these sources mature (Material Economics 2019; CEMBUREAU 2020; BPS 2020; Hertwich et al.
12 2020, 2019; IEA 2021a, 2020a; Saygin and Gielen 2021) (Figure 11.1).

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Mitigation options

	short to medium term	medium to long term
Decarbonizing production	Reduction of indirect emissions via lower carbon electricity and heat supply	Provision of emissions free electricity and high temperature heat
	Energy efficiency improvements to best available technologies	Energy efficiency approaching thermodynamic minimums
	Fuel switching, biomass and electricity use for high temperature process heat	Deep low carbon electrification, green hydrogen use
	Partial substitution of high carbon feedstock	Zero emissions feedstock (green hydrogen, biomass) for basic materials production
	Small scale and sectorally narrow concentrated CO ₂ flow CCUS	Broad scale, large-scale concentrated CO ₂ flow and possibly post-combustion CCUS
Decarbonizing demand	Material efficiency and substitution	Eco-design, material efficiency, demand reduction
	Increasing recycling rates	Circular material flows and effective industrial waste management

Base year and contributions from the drivers are only illustrative. Drivers' contribution varies across industries. Indirect emissions reduction is considered as outcome of mitigation activities in the energy sector, see chapter 6.

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Figure 11.1 Stylized composition and contributions from different drivers to the transition of industry to net zero emissions

1 11.2 New trends in emissions and industrial development

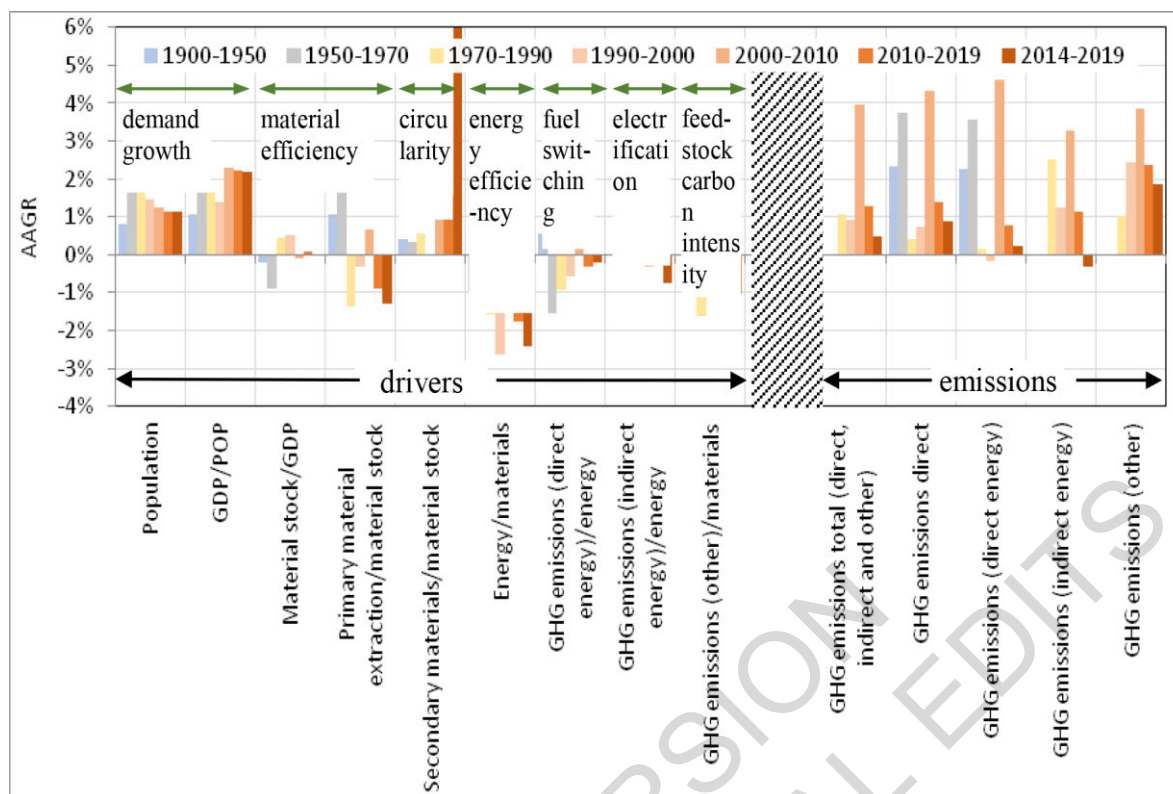
2 11.2.1 Major drivers

3 The use of materials is deeply coupled with economic development and growth. For centuries, humanity
4 has been producing and using hundreds of materials (Ashby 2012), the diversity of which skyrocketed
5 in the recent half-century to achieve the desired performance and functionality of multiple products
6 (density; hardness; compressive strength; melting point, resistance to mechanical and thermal shocks
7 and to corrosion; transparency; heat- or electricity conductivity; chemical neutrality or activity, to name
8 a few). New functions drive the growth of material complexity of products; for example, a modern
9 computer chip embodies over 60 different elements (Graedel et al. 2015).

10 Key factors driving up industrial GHG emissions since 1900 include population and per capita GDP,
11 ²while energy efficiency and non-combustion GHG emissions intensity (from industrial processes and
12 waste) has been pushing it down. Material efficiency factors – material stock intensity of GDP and ratio
13 of extraction, processing and recycling of materials per unit of built capital along with combustion-
14 related emissions intensity factors and electrification – were cyclically switching their contributions
15 with relatively limited overall impact. Growing recycling allowed for replacement of some energy
16 intensive virgin materials and thus contributed to mitigation. In 2014–2019, a combination of these
17 drivers allowed for a slowdown in the growth of industrial GHG emissions to below 1% (Figure 11.2
18 and Table 11.1), while to match a net zero emissions trajectory it should decline by 2% yr⁻¹ in 2020-
19 2030 and by 8.9% yr⁻¹ in 2030–2050 (IEA 2021a).

20 There are two major concepts of **material efficiency** (*ME*). The broader one highlights demand
21 reduction via policies promoting more intensive use, assuming sufficient (excl. luxury) living space or
22 car ownership providing appropriate service levels – housing days or miles driven and life-time
23 extension (Hertwich et al. 2019, 2020). This approach focuses on dematerialization of society
24 (Lechtenböhmer and Fisdick 2020), where a “dematerialization multiplier” (Pauliuk et al. 2021)
25 limits both material stock and GDP growth, as progressively fewer materials are required to build and
26 operate the physical in-use stock to deliver sufficient services. According to IRP (2020), reducing floor
27 space demand by 20% via shared and smaller housing compared to the reference scenario would
28 decrease Group of Seven (G7) countries’ GHG emissions from the material-cycle of residential
29 construction up to 70% in 2050. The narrower concept ignores demand and sufficiency aspects and
30 focuses on supply chains considering *ME* as less basic materials use to produce a certain final product,
31 for example, a car or meter squared of living space (OECD 2019a; IEA 2020a). No matter if the broader
32 or the narrower concept of *ME* is applied, in 1970-2019 it did not contribute much to the decoupling of
33 industrial emissions from GDP. This is expected to change in the future (Figure 11.2).

FOOTNOTE² In 2020 this factor played on the reduction side as the Covid-19 crisis led to a global decline in demand for basic materials, respective energy use and emissions by 3-5 % (IEA 2020a).



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2 **Figure 11.2 Average annual growth rates of industrial sector GHG emissions and drivers. 1900–2019.**
3 **Before 1970, GHG emission (other) is limited to that from cement production. Waste emission is excluded.**
4 **Primary material extraction excludes fuels and biomass. Presented factors correspond directly to**
5 **Equation 11.1**

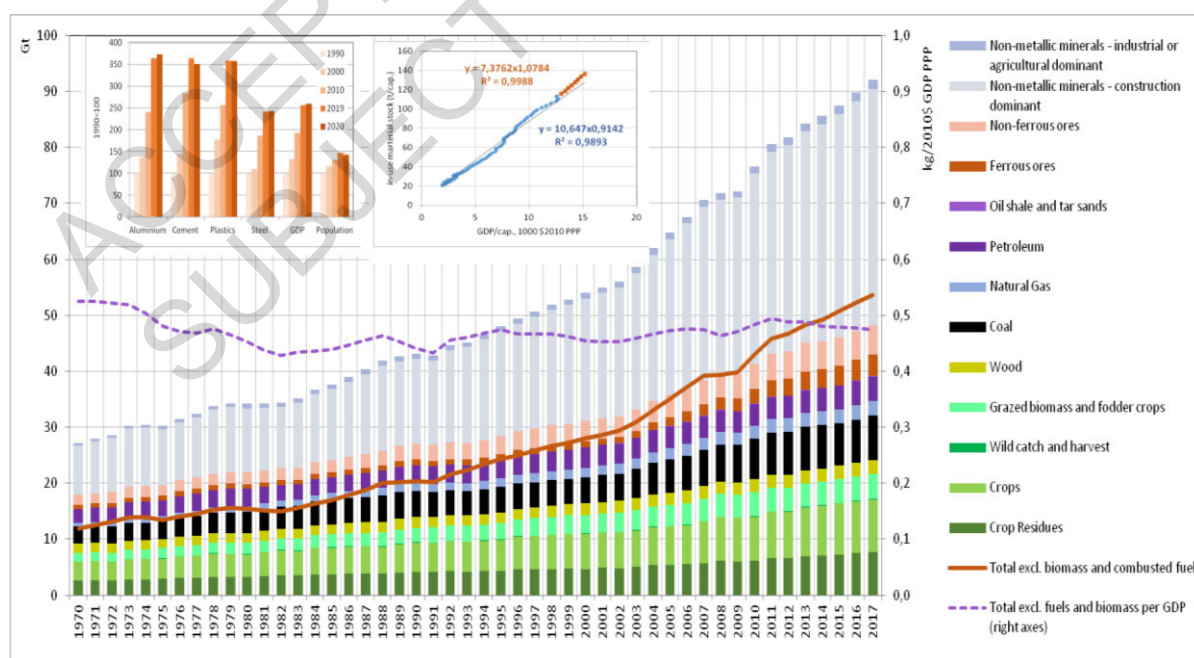
6 **Sources: population before 1950 and GDP before 1960: Maddison Project (2018); population from 1950 to**
7 **1970: UN (2015); population and GDP for 1960–2020: World Bank (2021); data on material stock,**
8 **extraction, and use of secondary materials: Wiedenhofer et al. (2019); data on material extraction: UNEP**
9 **and IRP (2020); industrial energy use for 1900–1970: IIASA (2018), for 1971–2019: IEA (2021b); data on**
10 **industrial GHG emissions for 1900–1970: CDIAC (2017); for 1970–2019: Crippa et al. (2021) and Minx et**
11 **al., (2021)**

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13 Material efficiency analysis mostly uses material intensity or productivity indicators, which compare
14 material extraction or consumption with GDP (Oberle et al. 2019; Hertwich et al. 2020). Those
15 indicators are functions of **material stock intensity of GDP** (tonnes per dollar) and material intensity
16 of building and operating accumulated in-use stock. Coupling services or GDP with the built stock
17 allows for a better evaluation of demand for primary basic materials (Cao et al. 2017; Liu et al. 2013;
18 Liu and Müller 2013; Müller et al. 2011; Pauliuk et al. 2013a; Krausmann et al. 2020; Hertwich et al.
19 2020; Wiedenhofer et al. 2019). Since 1970 material stock growth driven by industrialization and
20 urbanization slightly exceeded that of GDP and there was no decoupling,³ so in Kaya-like identities
21 material stock may effectively replace GDP. There are different methods to estimate the former (see
22 reviews in Pauliuk et al. (2015, 2019) and Wiedenhofer et al. (2019), the results of which are presented
23 for major basic materials with some geographical resolution (Pauliuk et al. 2013a; Liu and Müller 2013)
24 or globally (Graedel et al. 2011; Krausmann et al. 2018; Geyer et al. 2017; International Aluminium
25 Institute 2021a; Pauliuk et al. 2019; Wiedenhofer et al. 2019).

FOOTNOTE³ This conclusion is also valid separately for developed countries, rest of the world, and for China, when adjusted GDP for this country is used (Krausmann et al. 2020).

1 For a subset of materials, such as solid wood, paper, plastics, iron/steel, aluminium, copper, other
 2 metals/minerals, concrete, asphalt, bricks, aggregate, and glass, total in-use stock escalated from 36
 3 Gtonnes back in 1900 to 186 Gtonnes in 1970, 572 Gtonnes in 2000, and 960 Gtonnes in 2015, and by
 4 2020 it exceeded 1,100 Gtonnes, or 145 tonnes per capita (Krausmann et al. 2018, 2020; Wiedenhofer
 5 et al. 2019). In 1900–2019, the stock grew 31-fold, which is strongly coupled with GDP growth (36-
 6 fold). As the UK experience shows, material stock intensity of GDP may ultimately decline after
 7 services fully dominate GDP, and this allows for material productivity improvements to achieve
 8 absolute reduction in material use, as stock expansion slows down (Streeck et al. 2020). While the
 9 composition of basic materials within the stock of manufactured capital was evolving significantly,
 10 overall stock use associated with a unit of GDP has been evolving over the last half-century in a quite
 11 narrow range of 7.7–8.6 t per 1000 USD (2017 PPP) showing neither signs of decoupling from GDP,
 12 nor saturation as of yet. Mineral building materials (concrete, asphalt, bricks, aggregate, and glass)
 13 dominate the stock volume by mass (94.6% of the whole stock, with the share of concrete alone standing
 14 at 43.5%), followed by metals (3.5%) and solid wood (1.4%). The largest part of in-use stock of our
 15 ‘cementing societies’ Cao et al. (2017) is constituted by concrete: about 417 Gt in 2015 Krausmann et
 16 al. (2018) extrapolated to 478 Gt (65 tonnes per capita) in 2018, which contains about 88 Gt of cement⁴.
 17 The iron and steel stock is assessed at 25-35 Gtonnes (Gielen et al. 2020; Wang et al. 2021; Wiedenhofer
 18 et al. 2019), while the plastics stock reached 2.5-3.2 Gtonnes (Geyer et al. 2017; Wiedenhofer et al.
 19 2019; Saygin and Gielen 2021) and the aluminium stock approached 1.1 Gtonnes (International
 20 Aluminium Institute 2021a), or just 0.1% of the total. In sharp contrast to global energy intensity, which
 21 has more than halved since 1900 (Bashmakov 2019), in 2019 material stock intensity (in-use stock of
 22 manufactured capital per GDP) was only 14% below the 1900 level, but 15% above the 1970 level. In-
 23 use stock per capita has been growing faster than GDP per capita since 2000 (Figure 11.3). The growth
 24 rate of total in-use stock of manufactured capital was 3.8% in 1971-2000 and 3.5% in 2000-2019, or
 25 32-35 Gt·yr⁻¹, to which concrete and aggregates contributed 88%. Recent demand for stockbuilding
 26 materials was 51-54 Gt·yr⁻¹, to which recycled materials recently contributed only about 10% of material
 27 input. About 46-49 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ was virgin inputs, which after accounting for processing waste and
 28 short-lived products (over 8 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹) scale up to 54-58 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ of primary extraction
 29 (Krausmann et al. 2017, 2018; UNEP and IRP 2020). The above indicates that we have only begun to
 30 exploit the potential for recycling and circularity more broadly.

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FOOTNOTE⁴ Cement stock for 2014 was estimated at 75 Gtonnes (Cao et al. 2020).

1 **Figure 11.3 Raw natural materials extraction since 1970. In windows: left - growth of population, GDP**
 2 **and basic materials production (1990=100) in 1990–2020; right - production of major basic materials and**
 3 **in-use stock per capita versus income level (1900–2018, brown dots are for 2000–2018).** The regressions
 4 provided show that for more recent years elasticity of material stock to GDP was greater than unity, comparing
 5 with the lower unity in preceding years.

6 Source: Developed based on IEA (2020b); Maddison Project (2018); UNEP and IRP (2020); Wiedenhofer et al.
 7 (2019); World Steel Association (2021); International Aluminium Institute (2021a); Statista (2021a,b); World
 8 Bank (2021); U.S. Geological Survey (2021).

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 10 Total **extraction of all basic materials** (including biomass and fuels) in 2017 reached 92 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹,
 11 which is 13 times above the 1900 level (Figure 11.3).⁵ When recycled resources are added, total material
 12 inputs exceed 100 Gtonnes (Circle Economy 2020). In Equation 11.1 *MPR* represents only material
 13 inputs to the stock, excluding dissipative use –biomass (food and feed) and combusted fuels. Total
 14 extraction of stock building materials (metal ores and non-metallic minerals) in 2017 reached 55
 15 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹.⁶ In 1970–2018, it grew 4.3-fold and the ratio of *MPR* to accumulated in-use capital has
 16 nearly been constant since 1990 along with ratio to GDP (Figure 11.3).

17 End-of-life waste from accumulated stocks along with (re)-manufacturing and construction waste is
 18 assessed at 16 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ in 2014 and can be extrapolated in 2018 to 19 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ (Krausmann et
 19 al. 2018; Wiedenhofer et al. 2019), or 1.8% from stock of manufactured capital. Less than 6 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹
 20 was recycled and used to build the stock (about 10% of inputs⁷). While the circularity gap is still large,
 21 and limited circularity was engineered into accumulated stocks,⁸ **material recycling** mitigated some
 22 GHG emissions by replacing energy intensive virgin materials.⁹ When the stock saturates, in closed
 23 material loops the end-of-life materials waste has to be equal to material input, and primary production
 24 therefore has to be equal to end-of-life waste multiplied by unity minus recycling rate. When the latter
 25 grows, as the linear metabolism is replaced with the circular one, the share of primary materials
 26 production in total material input declines.

27 Recycling rates for metals are higher than for other materials: the end-of-life scrap input ratio for 13
 28 metals is over 50%, and stays in the range 25–50% for another ten, but even for metals recycling flows
 29 fail to match the required inputs (Graedel et al. 2011). Globally, despite overall recycling rates being at
 30 85%, the all scrap ratio for steel production in recent years stays close to 35–38% (IEA 2021b; Gielen
 31 et al. 2020) ranging from 22% in China (only 10% in 2015) to 69% in the US and to 83% in Turkey
 32 (BIR 2020). For end-of-life scrap this ratio declined from 30% in 1995-2010 to 21–25% after 2010
 33 (Gielen et al. 2020; Wang et al. 2021).

34 For aluminium, the share of scrap-based production grew from 17% in 1962 to 34% in 2010 and
 35 stabilized at this level till 2019, while the share of end-of-life scrap grew from 1.5% in 1962 to nearly
 36 20% in 2019 (International Aluminium Institute 2021a). The global recycling (mostly mechanical) rate

FOOTNOTE⁵ IRP (2020) estimate 2017 material extraction at 94 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹.

FOOTNOTE⁶ It approaches 60 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ after construction and furniture wood and feedstock fuels are added
 (Krausmann et al. 2018; UNEP and IRP 2020; Wiedenhofer et al. 2019).

FOOTNOTE⁷ Mayer et al. (2019) found that in 2010-2014 secondary to primary materials ratio for the EU-28 was
 slightly below 9%,

FOOTNOTE⁸ According to Circle Economy (2020) 8.6 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ or 8.6% of total inputs for all resources.

FOOTNOTE⁹ Environmental impacts of secondary materials are much (up to an order of magnitude) lower
 compared to primary materials (OECD 2019a; Wang et al. 2021; IEA 2021a), but to enable and mobilize
 circularity benefits it requires social system and industrial designing transformation (Oberle et al. 2019).

1 for plastics is only 9–10%¹⁰ (Geyer et al. 2017; Saygin and Gielen 2021) and that for paper progressed
2 from 34% in 1990 to 44% in 2000 and to over 50% in 2014–2018 (IEA 2020b).

3 The limited impacts of material efficiency factors on industrial GHG emissions trends reflect the lack
4 of integration of material efficiency in energy and climate policies which partly results from the
5 inadequacy of monitored indicators to inform policy debates and set targets;¹¹ lack of high-level political
6 focus and industrial lobbying; uncoordinated policy across institutions and sequential nature of decision-
7 making along supply chains; carbon pricing policy lock-in with upstream sectors failing to pass carbon
8 costs on to downstream sectors (due to compensation mechanisms to reduce carbon leakage) and so
9 have no incentives to exploit such options as light-weighting, reusing, re-manufacturing, recycling,
10 diverting scrap, extending product lives, using products more intensely, improving process yields, and
11 substituting materials (Skelton and Allwood 2017; Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018b; Hilton et al. 2018).
12 Poor progress with material efficiency is part of the reason why industrial GHG emissions are perceived
13 as ‘hard to abate’, and many industrial low-carbon trajectories to 2050 leave up to 40% of emissions in
14 place (Material Economics 2019; IEA 2021a). The importance of this factor activation rises as in-use
15 material stock is expected to scale up by a factor of 2.2–2.7 to reach 2215–2720 Gtonnes by 2050
16 (Krausmann et al. 2020). Material extraction in turn is expected to rise to 140–200 Gtonnes·yr⁻¹ by 2060
17 (Hertwich et al. 2020; OECD 2019a) providing unsustainable pressure on climate and environment and
18 calling for fundamental improvements in material productivity.

19 In 2014–2019, the average annual growth rate (AAGR) of global **industrial energy use** was 0.4%
20 compared to 3.2% in 2000–2014, following new policies and trends, particularly demonstrated by
21 China¹² (IEA 2020b,d). Whatever metric is applied, industry (coal transformation, mining, quarrying,
22 manufacturing and construction) driven mostly by material production, dominates global energy
23 consumption. About two fifths of energy produced globally goes to industry, directly or indirectly.
24 Direct energy use (including energy used in coal transformation) accounts for nearly 30% of total final
25 energy consumption. When supplemented by non-energy use, the share for the post AR5 period (2015–
26 2019) stands on average close to 40% of final energy consumption, and at 28.5% of primary energy
27 use.¹³ With an account of indirect energy use for the generation of power and centralized heat to be
28 consumed in industry, the latter scales up to 37%. Industrial energy use may be split by: material
29 production and extraction (including coal transformation) 51% on average for 2015-2019, non-energy
30 use (mostly chemical feedstock) 22%¹⁴, and other energy use (equipment, machinery, food and tobacco,
31 textile, leather etc.) 27%. Energy use for material production and feedstock¹⁵ makes about three quarters
32 (73%) of industrial energy consumption and is responsible for 77% of its increment in 2015-2019 (based
33 on IEA (2021a)).

34 For over a century **industrial energy efficiency** improvements have partially offset growth in GHG
35 emissions. Industrial energy use per ton of extracted materials (ores and building materials as a proxy

FOOTNOTE¹⁰ IEA (2021a) assesses the global plastics collection rate at 17% for 2020.

FOOTNOTE¹¹ Significant progress with data and indicators was reached in recent years with the development of several global coverage material flows datasets (Oberle et al. 2019).

FOOTNOTE¹² China contributed three fourth of global industrial energy use increment in 2000-2014. Since 2014 China's share in global industrial energy use slowly declines reaching about a third in 2018 (IEA 2020d).

FOOTNOTE¹³ This fits well 28.8% average for 1900-2018 with a slow trend to decline by 0.01% yr⁻¹ in response to the growing share of services in global GDP, around which about 60-years-long cycles can be observed.

FOOTNOTE¹⁴ Industry also produce goods traditionally used as feedstock –hydrogen and ammonia – which in the coming future may be widely used as energy carriers.

FOOTNOTE¹⁵ Mapping global flows of fuel feedstock allows for better tailoring downstream mitigation options for chemical products (Levi and Cullen 2018).

1 for materials going through the whole production chain to final products) fell by 20% in 2000–2019 and
2 by 15% in 2010–2019, accelerated driven by high energy prices to 2.4%·yr⁻¹ in 2014–2019 matching
3 the values observed back in 1990–2000 (Figure 11.2). Assessed per value added using market exchange
4 rates, industrial energy intensity globally dropped by 12% in 2010–2018, after its 4% decline in 2000–
5 2010, resulting in 2000–2018 decline by 15% (IEA 2020b,a). The 2020 COVID crisis slowed down
6 energy intensity improvements by shifting industrial output towards more energy intensive basic
7 materials (IEA 2020e). Specific energy consumption per tonne of iron and steel, chemicals and cement
8 production in 2019 were about 20% below the 2000 level (IEA 2020b,a). This progress is driven by
9 moving towards best available technologies (BATs) for each product through new and highly efficient
10 production facilities in China, India and elsewhere, and by the contribution from recycled scrap metals,
11 paper and cardboard.

12 Physical energy intensity for the production of materials typically declines and then stabilizes at the
13 BAT level once the market is saturated, unless a transformative new technology enters the market
14 (Gutowski et al. 2013; Crijns-Graus et al. 2020; IEA 2021a) Thus, the energy saving effect of switching
15 to secondary used material comes to the forefront, as energy consumption per tonne for many basic
16 primary materials approach the BATs. This highlights the need to push towards circular economy,
17 materials efficiency, reduced demand, and fundamental process changes (e.g. towards electricity and
18 hydrogen based steel making). Improved recycling rates allow for a substantial reduction in energy use
19 along the whole production chain – material extraction, production, and assembling – which is in great
20 excess of energy used for collection, separation, treatment, and scrap recycling minus energy used for
21 scrap landfilling. IEA (2019b) estimates, that by increasing the recycling content of fabricated metals
22 average specific energy consumption (SEC) for steel and aluminium may be halved by 2060. Focusing
23 on whole systems ‘integrative design’ expands efficiency resource much beyond the sum of potentials
24 for individual technologies. Material efficiency coupled with energy efficiency can deliver much greater
25 savings than energy efficiency alone. Gonzalez Hernandez et al. (2018b) stress that presently about half
26 of steel or aluminium are scrapped in production or oversized for targeted services. They show that
27 resource efficiency expressed in exergy as a single metric for both material and energy efficiency for
28 global iron and steel sector is only 33%, while secondary steelmaking is about twice more efficient
29 (66%), than ore-based production (29%). While shifting globally in ore-based production from average
30 to the best available level can save 6.4 EJ·yr⁻¹, the saving potential of shifting to secondary steelmaking
31 is 8 EJ·yr⁻¹, and limited mostly by scrap availability and steel quality requirements.

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33 **11.2.2 New trends in emissions**

34 GHG emissions attributable to the industrial sector (see chapter 2) in 2019 originate from industrial fuel
35 combustion (7.1 GtCO₂-eq direct and about 5.9 Gtonnes indirect from electricity and heat generation¹⁶);
36 industrial processes (4.5 GtCO₂-eq) and products use (0.2 Gtonnes), as well as from waste (2.3 Gtonnes)
37 (Figure 11.4a-b). Overall industrial direct GHG emission amounts to 14.1 GtCO₂-eq, Figure 11.4c and
38 Table 11.1) and scales up to 20 GtCO₂-eq after indirect emissions are added,¹⁷ putting industry (24%,
39 direct emissions) second after the energy sector in total GHG emissions and lifting it to the leading

FOOTNOTE¹⁶ Indirect emissions are assessed based on EDGAR database (Crippa et al. 2021). IEA database reports 6 Gt of CO₂ for 2019 (IEA 2020f).

FOOTNOTE¹⁷ Based on Crippa et al. (2021) and Minx et al. (2021). In 2019, industrial CO₂ only emissions were 10.4 GtCO₂, which due to wider industrial processes and product use (IPPU) coverage exceeds CO₂ emission assessed by IEA (2021a) at 8.9 Gt for 2019 and at 8.4–8.5 Gtonnes for 2020.

1 position after indirect emissions are allocated (34% in 2019)¹⁸. The corresponding shares for 1990–2000
2 were 21% for direct emissions and 30% - for both direct and indirect (Crippa et al. 2021; Lamb et al.
3 2021; Minx et al. 2021). As the industrial sector is expected to decarbonize slower than other sectors it
4 will keep this leading position for coming decades (IEA 2021a). In 2000–2010, total industrial emissions
5 have been growing faster (3.8% yr⁻¹), than in any other sector (see chapter 2, mostly due to the dynamics
6 shown by basic materials extraction and production. Industry contributed nearly half (45%) of overall
7 incremental global GHG emissions in the 21st century.

8 Industrial sector GHG emissions accounting is complicated by carbon storage in products (Levi and
9 Cullen 2018). About 35% of chemicals' mass is CO₂, which is emitted at use stage - decomposition of
10 fertilizers, or plastic waste incineration (Saygin and Gielen 2021), and sinks. Re-carbonation
11 mineralization of alkaline industrial materials and wastes (aka the “sponge effect”) provide 0.6–1
12 GtCO₂·yr⁻¹ uptake by cement containing products¹⁹ (Cao et al. 2020; Guo et al. 2021); see section 11.3.6
13 for further discussion in decarbonisation context.

14 In 1970–1990, industrial direct combustion-related emissions were growing modestly, and in 1990–
15 2000 even switched to a slowly declining trend, steadily losing their share in overall industrial
16 emissions. Electrification was the major driver behind both indirect and total industrial emissions in
17 those years. This quiet evolution was interrupted in the beginning of the 21st century, when total
18 emissions increased by 60–68% depending on the metric applied (the fastest growth ever seen). In 2000–
19 2019 iron and steel and cement absolute GHGs increased more than any other period in history
20 (Bashmakov 2021). Emissions froze temporarily in 2014–2016, partly in the wake of the financial crisis,
21 but returned to their growth trajectory 2017–2019 (Figure 11.4a).

22 The largest incremental contributors to industrial emissions 2010–2019 are industrial processes at 40%,
23 then indirect emissions (25%), and only then direct combustion (21%), followed by waste (14%, Figure
24 11.4). Therefore, to stop emission growth and to switch to zero carbon pathway more mitigation efforts
25 should be focused on industrial processes, products use and waste decarbonisation along with the
26 transition to low carbon electrification (Hertwich et al. 2020).

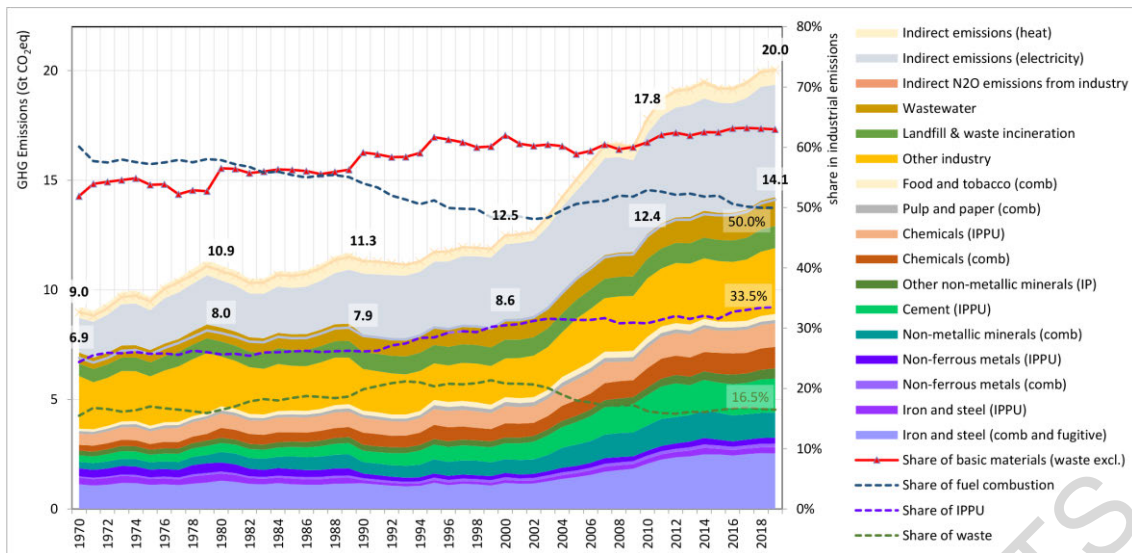
27 Basic materials production dominates both direct industrial GHG emissions (about 62%, waste
28 excluded)²⁰ as well as direct industrial CO₂ emissions (70%), led by iron and steel, cement, chemicals,
29 and non-ferrous metals (Figure 11.4e). Basic materials also contribute 60% to indirect emissions. In a
30 zero-carbon power world, with industry lagging behind in the decarbonisation of high-temperature
31 processes and feedstock, it may replace the energy sector as the largest generator of indirect emissions
32 embodied in capital stock²¹. According to Circle Economy (2020) and Hertwich et al. (2020), GHG
33 emissions embodied in buildings and infrastructure, machinery and transport equipment exceed 50% of
34 their present carbon footprint.

FOOTNOTE¹⁸ According to IEA (2020f) industry fuel combustion CO₂ only emissions contributed 24% to total
combustion emissions, but combined with indirect emission it accounted for 43% in 2018.

FOOTNOTE¹⁹ There are suggestions to incorporate carbon uptake by cement containing products in IPCC
methodology for national GHG inventories (Stripple et al. 2018).

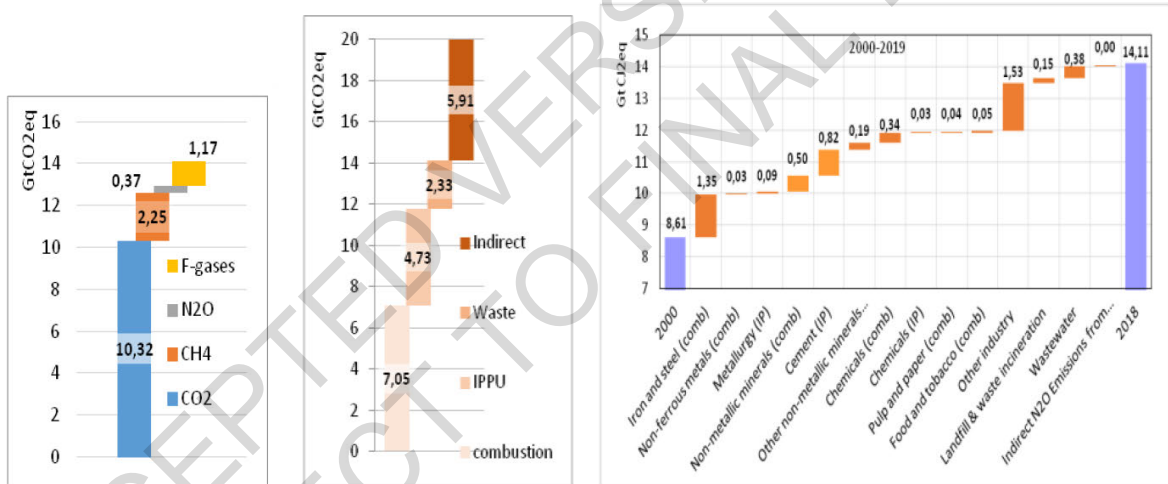
FOOTNOTE²⁰ Crippa et al. (2021) and IEA (2020a) assess materials related scope 1+2 (direct and indirect
emissions) correspondingly at 10.3 for 2019 and at 10.7 for 2018. Hertwich (2021) updated estimates for the global
cradle-to-gate material production related GHG emissions for 2018 at 11.8 Gtonnes (5.1 Gtonnes for metals, 3.7
Gtonnes for non-metallic minerals, 1.8 Gtonnes for plastics and rubber, 1 Gtonne for wood) –which is about 69%
of direct and indirect industrial emissions (waste excluded). These assessments are consistent as transportation of
basic materials contributes around 1 GtCO₂-eq. to GHG emissions.

FOOTNOTE²¹ According to Hertwich et al. (2020), of 11.5 GtCO₂-eq 2015 global materials GHG footprint about
5 Gt were embodied in buildings and infrastructure, and nearly 3 Gtonnes in machinery, vehicles, and electronics.



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(a) Industrial emissions by source (left scale) and emissions structure (right scale). Comb – indicates direct emissions from fuels combustion. IPPU – indicates emissions from industrial processes and product use. Indirect emissions from electricity and heat generation are shown on the top. Shares on the right are shown for direct emissions

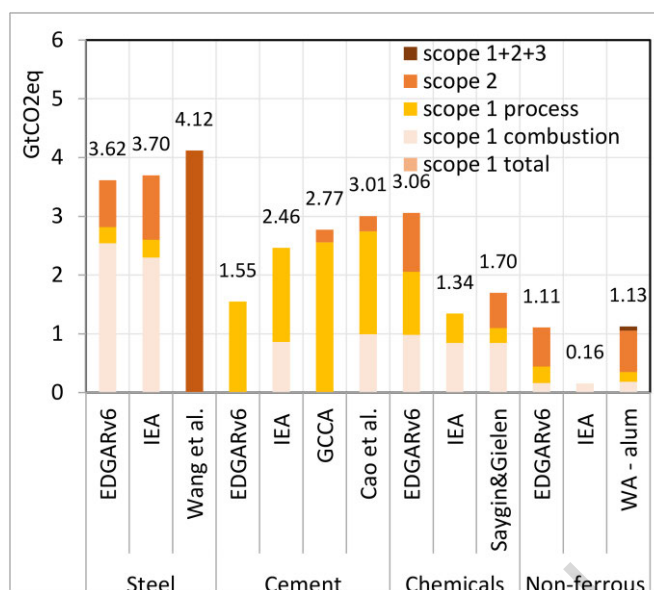


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(b) 2019 direct combustion and process emissions split by GHGs

(c) 2019 emissions split by major sources

(d) increments of GHG emissions by sources (direct emissions only)



(e) 2019-2020 emissions by major basic materials production

Figure 11.4 Industrial sector direct global GHG emissions

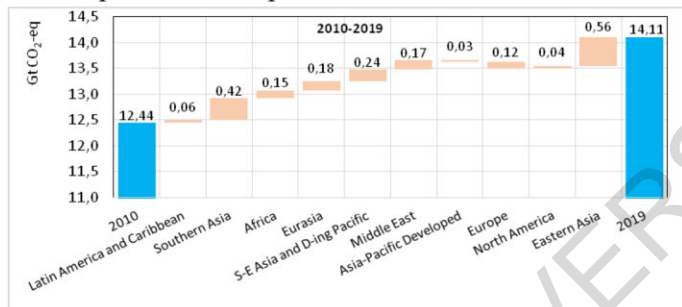
Source: Calculated based on emissions data from Crippa et al., (2021) and Minx et al., (2021). Indirect emissions were assessed using IEA (2021b). For the figure (e): IEA (2020b, 2021a); Cao et al. (2020); Wang et al. (2021); International Aluminium Institute (2021a) and GCCA (2021a).

In 1970–2000, direct GHG emissions per unit of energy showed steady decline interrupted by noticeable growth in 2001–2018 driven by fast expansion of steel and cement production in China (Figure 11.5), where in 2000-2015 on average every month 12 heavy industrial facilities were built (IEA 2021a). Non-energy related GHG emissions per unit of extracted materials decline continuously, as the share of not carbon intensive building materials (aggregates and sand) grows.

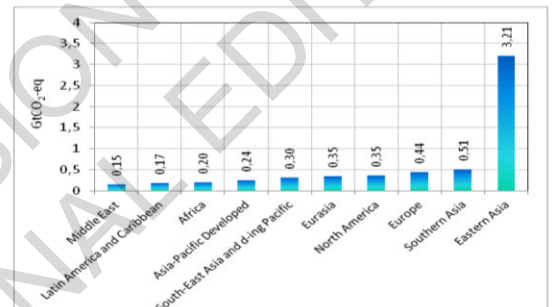
Wang et al. (2021)'s conclusion that iron and steel carbon intensity stagnated in 1995–2015 due to skyrocketing carbon intensive material production in China and India (Figure 11.5) may be extended to 2020 (Bashmakov 2021) and to other basic materials. For aluminium carbon intensity declined in 2010-2019 by only 2% (International Aluminium Institute 2021a). Carbon intensity of cement making since 2010 is down by only 4%. In 1990–2019 it fell by 19.5%, mostly due to energy efficiency improvements (by 18.5%) as the carbon intensity of the fuel mix declined only by 3% (GCCA 2021b). Historical analysis shows the carbon intensity of steel production has declined with “stop and go” patterns in 50-60 years cycles, reflective of the major jumps in best available technology. From 1900–1935 and from 1960–1990 specific scope 1+2+3 emissions fell by 1.5-2.5 tCO₂ per tonne, or as much as needed now to achieve net zero. While historical declines were mostly due to commissioning large capacities with new technologies, with total emissions growing, by 2050 and beyond the decline will likely materialize via new ultra low emission capacity replacements pushing absolute emissions to net zero (Bataille et al. 2021b).



(a) industrial emissions by sources (right axes) and share of materials and emissions from industrial processes and product use in overall industrial emissions



(b) 2010-2019 increments of industrial GHG emissions in 10 world regions (direct emissions only)



(c) 2019 indirect GHG emissions in 10 world regions

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Figure 11.5 Industrial sector GHG emissions (direct only) in 10 world regions. 1990-2019

Source: Calculated based on emissions data from Crippa et al. (2021). Indirect emissions were assessed using IEA (2021b).

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Table 11.1 Dynamics and structure of industrial GHG emissions

		Average annual growth rates				Share in total industrial sector emissions					2019 emissions GtCO ₂ -eq
		1971-1990	1991-2000	2000-2010	2011-2019	1970	1990	2000	2010	2019	
Direct CO ₂ emissions combustion	Mining (excl. fuels), manufacturing industries and construction	0.13%	-0.18%	4.62%	0.77%	45.8%	37.3%	33.2%	36.6%	34.9%	6981
	Iron and steel	0.20%	0.13%	5.62%	2.28%	12.4%	10.2%	9.4%	11.4%	12.4%	2481
	Chemical and petrochemical	3.66%	1.54%	3.16%	1.19%	3.0%	4.9%	5.2%	4.9%	4.9%	977
	Non-ferrous metals	2.12%	3.20%	1.12%	1.36%	0.7%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%	0.8%	163
	Non-metallic minerals	2.91%	1.88%	6.24%	-0.04%	3.3%	4.6%	5.0%	6.5%	5.7%	1148
	Paper, pulp and printing	0.78%	2.79%	0.09%	-2.69%	1.4%	1.3%	1.5%	1.1%	0.7%	150
	Food and tobacco	2.55%	1.50%	3.03%	-1.04%	1.3%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.3%	265
	Other	-1.55%	-2.89%	4.61%	-0.22%	23.8%	13.8%	9.4%	10.3%	9.0%	1797
Indirect emissions - electricity		2,87%	2.06%	3.00%	-0.87%	17.6%	24.6%	27.3%	25.8%	21.2%	4236
Indirect emissions – heat		2,08%	-3.09%	2.53%	9.83%	5.6%	6.7%	4.5%	4.0%	8.3%	1663
Industrial processes CO ₂	Total	1.45%	2.16%	5.00%	1.93%	11.0%	11.6%	13.0%	14.9%	15.7%	3144
	Non-metallic minerals	2.22%	2.36%	5.66%	1.67%	5.7%	7.0%	8.0%	9.7%	10.0%	2008
	Chemical and petrochemical	4.51%	2.52%	3.50%	2.01%	1.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%	720
	Metallurgy	-3.11%	0.37%	5.16%	3.10%	3.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%	391
	Other	1.55%	2.30%	-1.21%	2.89%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	25
Industrial product use GHG		-0,22%	-0.49%	-1.02%	0.41%	2.7%	2.0%	1.7%	1.1%	1.0%	204
Other non-CO ₂ GHG		-0,60%	5.20%	4.29%	3.20%	5.5%	3.9%	5.8%	6.2%	7.3%	1470
Waste GHG		1,94%	1.35%	1.22%	1.57%	11.9%	13.8%	14.4%	11.4%	11.6%	2327
Total GHG		1,16%	0.98%	3.61%	1.32%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	20,025

3 Source: Calculated based on Crippa et al. (2021); IEA (2021b) and Minx et al. (2021).

11.2.3 Industrial development patterns and supply chains (regional)

The dramatic increase in industrial emissions after 2000 is clearly associated with China's²² and other non-OECD Asian countries' economic growth, which dominated both absolute and incremental emissions (Figure 11.5a-b).

More recent 2010–2019 trends show that regional contributions to additional emissions are distributed more evenly, while a large part still comes from Asian countries, where both rates of economic growth and the share of industrial emissions much exceed the global average. All other regions also contributed to total industrial GHG emissions. Structural shifts towards emissions from industrial processes and products use are common for many regions (Figure 11.5a).

Economic development. Regional differences in emission trends are determined by the differences observed in economic development, trade and supply chain patterns. The major source of industrial emissions is production of energy intensive materials, such as iron and steel, chemical and petrochemicals, non-ferrous metals and non-metallic products. Steel and cement are key inputs to urbanization and infrastructure development (buildings and infrastructure are responsible for about three fourths of the steel stock). Application of a “services-stock-flow-emissions” perspective (Wiedenhofer et al. 2019; Haberl et al. 2021; Bashmakov 2021) shows that relationship patterns between stages of economic development, per capita stocks and flows of materials are not trivial with some clear transition points. Cao et al. (2017) mapped countries by four progressive stages in cement stock per capita S-shape evolution as a function of income and urbanization: initial stage for developing countries with a low level and slow linear growth; take-off stage with accelerated growth; slowdown stage; and finally a shrinking stage (represented by just a few countries with very high incomes exceeding 40k USD 2010 per capita) and urbanization levels above 80%. Bleischwitz et al. (2018) use a similar approach with 5 stages to study material saturation effects for apparent consumption and stocks per capita for steel, cement, aluminium, and copper. This logic may be generalized to other materials from which in-use stock is built. While globally cement in-use stock is about 12 tonnes per capita, in developed countries it is 15-30 tonnes per capita, but order of magnitude lower in developing states with high per capita escalation rates (Cao et al. 2017). When stocks for some materials saturate – per capita stock peaks – the ‘scrap age’ is coming (Pauliuk et al. 2013a). Steel in-use stock has already saturated in advanced economies at 14±2 tonnes per capita due to largely completed urbanization and infrastructure developments and a switch towards services-dominated economy. This saturation level is 3-4 times that of the present global average, which is below 4 tonnes per capita (Pauliuk et al. 2013a; Wiedenhofer et al. 2019; Graedel et al. 2011). China is entering the maturing stage of steel and cement consumption resulting in a moderate projection of additional demand followed by expected industrial emissions peaking in the next 10-15 years (Bleischwitz et al. 2018; Zhou et al. 2013; Wu et al. 2019; OECD 2019a; Zhou et al. 2020). But many developing countries are still urbanizing, and the growing need for infrastructure services results in additional demand for steel and cement. Materials intensity of the global economy is projected by OECD (2019a) to decline at 1.3% yr⁻¹ till 2060, driven by improving resource efficiency and the switch to circular economy, but with a projected tripling of global GDP it means a doubling of projected materials use (OECD 2019a). Under the business-as-usual scenario, India's demand for steel may more than quadruple over the next 30 years (de la Rue du Can et al. 2019; Dhar et al. 2020). In the IEA (2021a) Net Zero Energy scenario saturation effect along with material efficiency counterbalances activity effects and keeps demand growth for basic materials modest while escalate demand for critical materials (copper, lithium, nickel, graphite, cobalt and others).

International trade and supply chain. In Equation 11.1 the share of allocated emissions (D_m) equals unity when territorial emission is considered, and to the ratio of domestically used materials to total

FOOTNOTE²² In 2020 China accounted for nearly 60% of global steel and cement production (IEA 2021a) and in 2015 over than half of the material production associated emissions occurred in China (Hertwich 2021).

1 material production for consumption-based emission accounting. Tracking consumption-based
2 emissions provides additional insights in the global effectiveness of national climate policies. Carbon
3 emissions embodied in international trade are estimated to account for 20-30% of global carbon
4 emissions (Meng et al. 2018; OECD.Stat 2019) and are the reason for different emissions patterns of
5 OECD versus non-OECD countries (chapter 2).

6 Based on OECD.Stat (2019) datasets, 2015 CO₂ emissions embodied in internationally traded industrial
7 products (manufacturing and mining excluding fuels) by all countries are assessed at 3 GtCO₂, or 30%
8 of direct CO₂ emission in the industrial sector as reported by Crippa et al. (2021). OECD countries
9 collectively have reduced territorial emissions (shares of basic materials in direct emissions in those
10 regions decline, (Figure 11.5b), but demonstrated no progress in reducing outsourced emissions
11 embedded in imported industrial products (Arto and Dietzenbacher 2014; OECD.Stat 2019).
12 Accounting for net carbon emissions embodied in international trade of only industrial products (1283
13 mln tCO₂ in 2015) escalates direct OECD industrial CO₂ emissions (1333 mln tCO₂ of energy-related
14 and 502 mln tCO₂ of industrial processes) 1.7 fold, 2.3-fold for the US, 1.5-fold for the EU, and more
15 than triples it for the UK, while cutting (*Dm*) by a third for China and Russia (IEA 2020f; OECD.Stat
16 2019). In most OECD economies, the amount of CO₂ embodied in net import from non-OECD countries
17 is equal to, or even greater than, the size of their Paris 2030 emissions reduction commitments. In the
18 UK, parliament Committee on Energy and Climate Change requested that a consumption-based
19 inventory be complementarily used to assess the effectiveness of domestic climate policy in delivering
20 absolute global emissions reductions (Barrett et al. 2013; UKCCC 2019a). It should be noted that the
21 other side of the coin is that exports from countries with lower production carbon intensities can lead
22 to overall less emissions than if production took place in countries with high carbon intensities, which
23 may become critical in the global evolution toward lower emissions. The evolution of *Dm* to the date
24 was driven mostly by factors other than carbon regulation often equipped with carbon leakage
25 prevention tools. Empirical tests have failed to date to detect meaningful “carbon leakage” and impacts
26 of carbon prices on net import, direct foreign investments, volumes of production, value added,
27 employment, profits, and innovation in industry (Acworth et al. 2020; Branger et al. 2016; Carratù et
28 al. 2020; Ellis et al. 2019; Saussay and Sato. 2018; Zachmann and McWilliams 2020; Naegele and
29 Zaklan 2019; Pyrka et al. 2020; Sartor 2013). In the coming years availability of large low-cost
30 renewable electricity potential and cheap hydrogen may become a new driver for relocation of such
31 carbon intensive industries as steel production (Gielen et al. 2020; Bataille 2020a; Bataille et al. 2021a;
32 Saygin and Gielen 2021).

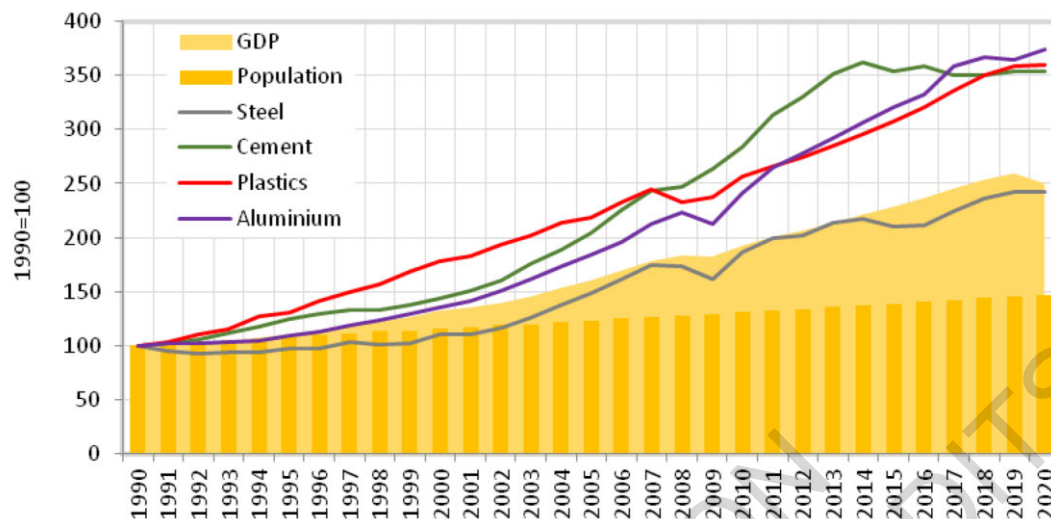
34 11.3 Technological developments and options

35 The following overview of technical developments and mitigation options which relate to the industrial
36 sector is organised in six equally important strategies: (i) demand for materials. (ii) materials efficiency,
37 (iii) circular economy and industrial waste, (iv) energy efficiency, (v) electrification and fuel switching,
38 and (vi) CCUS, feedstock and biogenic carbon. Each strategy is described in detail, followed by a
39 discussion of possible overlaps and interactions between strategies and how conflicts and synergies can
40 be addressed through integration of the approaches.

42 11.3.1 Demand for materials

43 Demand for materials is a key driver of energy consumption and CO₂ emissions in the industrial sector.
44 Rapid growth in material demand over the last quarter century has seen demand for key energy-intensive
45 materials increase 2.5– to 3.5–fold (see Figure 11.6), with growth linked to, and often exceeding,
46 population growth and economic development. The International Energy Agency explains, “as

1 economies develop, urbanise, consume more goods and build up their infrastructure, material demand
 2 per capita tends to increase considerably. Once industrialised, an economy's material demand may level
 3 off and perhaps even begin to decline" (IEA 2019b).



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 5 **Figure 11.6 Growth in global demand for selected key materials and global population, 1990–2019**

6 Notes: Based on global values, shown indexed to 1990 levels (=100). Steel refers to crude steel production.
 7 Aluminium refers to primary aluminium production. Plastic refers to the production of subset of key thermoplastic
 8 resins. Cement and concrete follow similar demand patterns.

9 Sources: 1990–2018: IEA (2020b). 2019–2020: World Steel Association (2021); International Aluminium Institute
 10 (2021a); U.S. Geological Survey (2021); GCCA (2021a); World Bank (2021); Statista (2021b).
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12 The Kaya-like identity presented earlier in the chapter (Equation 11.1) suggests that material demand
 13 can be decoupled from population and economic development by two means: (i) reducing the
 14 accumulated material stock (MStock) used to deliver material services; and, (ii) reducing the material
 15 (MPR +MSE) required to maintain material stocks (MStock). Such material demand reduction
 16 strategies are linked upstream to material efficiency strategies (the delivery of goods and services with
 17 less material demand, and thus energy and emissions) and to demand reduction behaviours, through
 18 concepts such as sufficiency, sustainable consumption and social practice theory (Spangenberg and
 19 Lorek 2019). Materials demand can also be influenced through urban planning, building codes and
 20 related socio-cultural norms that shape the overall demand for square meters per capita of floor space,
 21 mobility and transport infrastructures (Chapter 5).

22 Modelling suggests that per capita material stocks saturate (level off) in developed countries and
 23 decouple from GDP. Pauliuk et al. (2013b) demonstrated this saturation effect in an analysis of in-use
 24 steel stocks in 200 countries, showing that per capita steel in stocks in countries with a long industrial
 25 history (e.g. US, UK, Germany) had saturation levels between 11 and 16 tonnes. More recently,
 26 Bleischwitz et al. (2018) confirmed the occurrence of a saturation effect for four materials (steel,
 27 cement, aluminium and copper) in four industrialised countries (Germany, Japan, UK, US) together
 28 with China. These findings have led to the revision of some material demand forecasts, which
 29 previously had been based solely on population and economic trends.

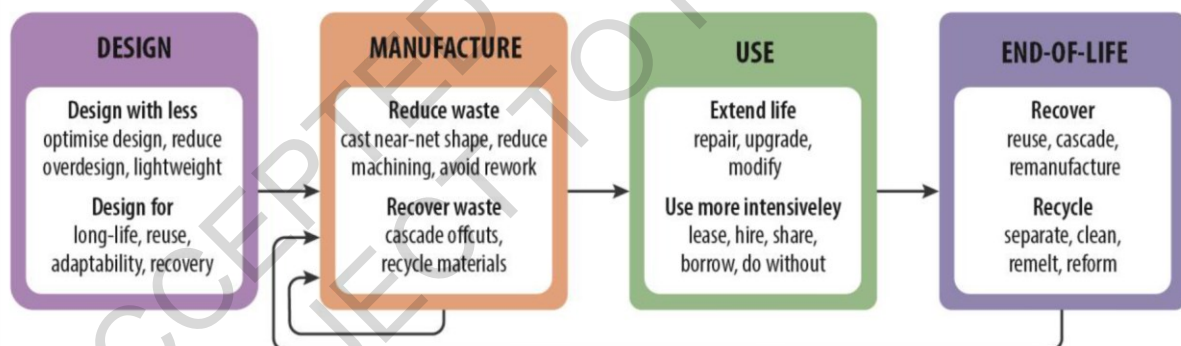
30 The saturation effect for material stocks is critical for managing material demand in **developed**
 31 **countries**. Materials are required to meet demand for the creation of new stocks and the maintenance
 32 of existing stocks (Gutowski et al. 2017). Once saturation is attained the need for new stocks is
 33 minimised, and materials are only required for replacing old stocks and maintenance. Saturation allows
 34 material efficiency strategies (such as lightweight design, longer lifetimes, and more intense use) to
 35 reduce the required per capita level of material stocks, and material circularity strategies (closing

1 material loops through remanufacture, reuse, recycling) to lessen the energy and carbon impacts
 2 required to maintain the material stock. However, it should be noted that some materials still show little
 3 evidence of saturation (i.e., plastics, see Box 11.2). Furthermore, meeting climate change targets in
 4 developed countries will require the construction of new low-carbon infrastructures (i.e., renewable
 5 energy generation, new energy distribution and storage systems, electric vehicles and building heating
 6 systems) which may increase demand for emissions intensive materials (i.e. steel, concrete, glass).

7 For **developing countries**, who are still far from saturation levels, strong growth for new products and
 8 the creation of new infrastructure capacity may still drive global material demand. However, there is an
 9 expectation that economic development can be achieved at lower per capita material stock levels, based
 10 on the careful deployment of material efficiency and circularity by design (Grubler et al. 2018).

11.3.2 Material efficiency

13 ME—the delivery of goods and services with less material—is increasingly seen as an important
 14 strategy for reducing GHG emissions in industry (IEA 2017, 2019b). Options to improve ME exist at
 15 every stage in the life-cycle of materials and products, as shown in Figure 11.7. This includes: designing
 16 products which are lighter, optimising to maintain the end-use service while minimizing material use,
 17 designing for circular principles (i.e. longer life, reusability, repairability, and ease of high quality
 18 recycling); pushing manufacturing and fabrication process to use materials and energy more efficiently
 19 and recover material wastes; increasing the capacity, intensity of use, and lifetimes of product in use;
 20 improving the recovery of materials at end-of-life, through improved remanufacturing, reuse and
 21 recycling processes. For more specific examples see Allwood et al. (2012); Rissman et al. (2020); Scott
 22 et al. (2019); Hertwich et al. (2019) and Lovins (2018).



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 25 **Figure 11.7 Material efficiency strategies across the value chain**

26 Source: derived from strategies in Allwood et al. (2012).

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 28 ME provides plentiful options to reduce emissions, yet because interventions are dispersed across
 29 supply chains and span many different stakeholders, this makes assessing mitigation potentials and
 30 costs more challenging. For this reason, ME interventions have traditionally been under-represented in
 31 climate change scenario modelling and integrated assessment models (IAMs) (Grubler et al. 2018;
 32 Allwood 2018). However, two advances in the modelling of materials flows have underpinned the
 33 recent emergence of ME options being included in climate scenario modelling.

34 Firstly, over many years, the academic community has built up detailed global material flow maps of
 35 the processing steps involved in making energy-intensive materials. Some prominent recent examples
 36 include: steel (Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018b), pulp and paper (Van Ewijk et al. 2018),
 37 petrochemicals (Levi and Cullen 2018). In addition, material flow maps at the regional and sectoral

1 levels have flourished, for example, steel (Serrenho et al. 2016) and cement (Shanks et al. 2019) in the
2 UK; automotive sheet-metal (Horton et al. 2019); and steel powder applications (Azevedo et al. 2018).
3 The detailed and transparent physical mapping of material supply chains in this manner enables ME
4 interventions to be traced back to where emissions are released, and allows these options to be compared
5 against decarbonisation and traditional energy efficiency measures (Levi and Cullen 2018). For
6 example, a recent analysis by Hertwich et al. (2019) makes the link between ME strategies and reducing
7 greenhouse gas emissions in buildings, vehicles and electronics, while Gonzalez Hernandez et al.
8 (2018a) examines leveraging ME as a climate strategy in EU policy. Research to explore the combined
9 analysis of materials and energy, using exergy analysis (for steel, (Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018b))
10 allows promising comparisons across industrial sectors.

11 Secondly, many ME interventions result in immediate GHG emissions savings (short-term), for
12 example, light-weighting products, re-using today's product components, and improving manufacturing
13 yields. Yet, for other ME actions emissions savings are delayed temporally (long-term). For example,
14 designing a product for future reuse, or with a longer-life, only reaps emissions savings at the end of
15 the product life, when emissions for a replacement product are avoided. Many durable products have
16 long life-times (cars >10 years, buildings >40 years) which requires dynamic modelling of material
17 stocks, over time, to enable these actions to be included in scenario modelling activities. Consequently,
18 much effort has been invested recently to model material stocks in use, to estimate their lifetimes, and
19 anticipate the future waste and replenishment materials to maintain existing stocks and grow the
20 material stock base. Dynamic material models have been applied to material and product sectors, at the
21 country and global level. These include, for example: vehicles stocks in the UK (Serrenho et al. 2017;
22 Craglia and Cullen 2020) and in China (Liu et al. 2020); buildings stocks in the UK (Cabrera Serrenho
23 et al. 2019), China (Hong et al. 2016; Cao et al. 2018, 2019) and the European Union (Sandberg et al.
24 2016); electronic equipment in Switzerland (Thiébaud et al. 2017); specific material stocks, such as
25 cement (Cao et al. 2020, 2017), construction materials (Sverdrup et al. 2017; Habert et al. 2020), plastics
26 (Geyer et al. 2017), copper (Daehn et al. 2017), and all metals (Elshkaki et al. 2018); all materials in
27 China (Jiang et al. 2019), Switzerland (Heeren and Hellweg 2019) and the world (Krausmann et al.
28 2017).

29 These two advances in the knowledge base have allowed the initial inclusion of some ME strategies in
30 energy and climate change scenario models. The International Energy Agency (IEA) first created a ME
31 scenario (MES) in 2015, with an estimated 17% reduction in industrial energy demand in 2040 (IEA
32 2015). World energy outlook report includes a dedicated sub-chapter with calculations explicitly on
33 industrial material efficiency (IEA 2019c). They also include ME options in their modelling frameworks
34 and reporting, for example for petrochemicals (IEA 2018a), and in the Material Efficiency in Clean
35 Energy Transitions report (IEA 2019b). In Grubler et al. (2018) 1.5 degree Low Energy Demand (LED)
36 scenario, global material output decreases by 20% from today, by 2050, with one-third due to
37 dematerialisation, and two-thirds due to ME, resulting in significant emissions savings. Material
38 Economics analysis of Industrial Transformation 2050 (Material Economics 2019), found that resource
39 efficiency and circular economy measures (i.e. ME) could almost halve the 530 MtCO₂ yr⁻¹ emitted by
40 the basic materials sectors in the EU by 2050. Finally, the Emissions gap report, UNEP (2019) includes
41 an assessment of potential material efficiency savings in residential buildings and cars.

42 Clearly, more work is required to fully integrate ME strategies into mainstream climate change models
43 and future scenarios. Efforts are focused on endogenising ME strategies within climate change
44 modelling, assessing the synergies and trade-offs which exist between energy efficiency and ME
45 interventions, and building up data for the assessment emissions saved and the cost of mitigation from
46 real ME actions. This requires analysts to work in cross-disciplinary teams and to engage with
47 stakeholders from across the full breadth of material supply chains. Efforts should be prioritised to
48 foster engagement between the IAM community and emerging ME models based in the Life Cycle

1 Assessment, Resource Efficiency, and Industrial Ecology communities (see also Sharmina et al.
2 (2021)).

4 **11.3.3 Circular economy and industrial waste**

5 Circular economy (CE) is another effective approach to mitigate industrial GHG emissions and has
6 been widely promoted worldwide since the fourth IPCC assessment report (AR4). From an industrial
7 point of view, CE focuses on closing the loop for materials and energy flows by incorporating policies
8 and strategies for more efficient energy, materials and water consumption, while emitting minimal
9 waste to the environment (Geng et al. 2013). Moving away from a linear mode of production
10 (sometimes referred to as an “extract-produce-use-discard” model), CE promotes the design of durable
11 goods that can be easily repaired, with components that can be reused, remanufactured, and recycled
12 (Wiebe et al. 2019). In particular, since CE promotes reduction, reuse and recycling, a large amount of
13 energy and GHG intense virgin material processing can be reduced, leading to significant carbon
14 emission reductions. For example, in the case of aluminium, the energy efficiency of primary
15 production is relatively close to best available technology (See **Figure 11.8**) while switching to
16 production using recycled materials requires only about 5% as much energy (11.4.1.4). However,
17 careful evaluation is needed from a life cycle perspective since some recycling activities may be energy
18 and emission intensive, for example, chemical recycling of plastics (11.4.1.3).

19 As one systemic approach, CE can be seen as conducted at different levels, namely, at the micro-level
20 (within a single company, such as process integration and cleaner production), meso-level (between
21 three or more companies, such as industrial symbiosis or eco-industrial parks) and macro-level (cross-
22 sectoral cooperation, such as urban symbiosis or regional eco-industrial network). Each level requires
23 different tools and policies, such as CE-oriented incentive and tax policies (macro-level), and eco-
24 design regulations (micro-level). This section is focused on industry and a broader discussion of the CE
25 concept is found in Box 12.2 and section 5.3.4.2.

26 **Micro-level:** More firms have begun to implement the concept of CE, particularly multi-national
27 companies, since they believe that multiple benefits can be obtained from CE efforts, and it has become
28 common across sectors (D’Amato et al. 2019). Typical CE tools and policies at this level include cleaner
29 production, eco-design, environmental labelling, process synthesis, and green procurement. For
30 instance, leading chemical companies are incorporating CE into their industrial practices, for example,
31 through the design of more recyclable and degradable plastics, a differentiated and market-driven
32 portfolio of resins, films and adhesives that deliver a total package that is more sustainable, cost-
33 efficient and capable of meeting new packaging and plastics preferences. Problematically, at the same
34 time the plastics industry is improving recyclability it has, for example, been expanding into markets
35 without recycling capacity (Mah 2021). Similarly, automakers are pursuing strategies to increase the
36 portion of new vehicles that is fully recyclable when they reach end of life, with increasing ambitions
37 for using recycled material, largely motivated by end-of-life vehicle regulations. This will require
38 networks are available to collect and sort all the materials in vehicles, and policy incentives to do it
39 (Wiebe et al. 2019; Soo et al. 2021).

40 **Meso-level:** Industrial parks first appeared in Manchester, UK, at the end of the 19th century and they
41 have been implemented in industrialized countries for maximizing energy and material efficiency,
42 which has also merit for CO₂ emissions reduction, as stated well in AR5. Industrial parks reduce the
43 cost of infrastructure and utilities by concentrating industrial activities in planned areas, and are typical
44 founded around large, long term anchor companies. Complementary industries and services provided
45 by industrial parks can entail diversified effects on the surrounding region and stimulate regional
46 development (Huang et al. 2019a). This is crucial for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) because
47 they often lack access to information and funds for sophisticated technologies.

1 Typical CE tools and policies at this level include sustainable supply chains and industrial symbiosis.
2 A common platform for sharing information and enhancing communication among industrial
3 stakeholders through the application of information and telecommunication technologies is helpful for
4 facilitating the creation of industrial symbiosis. The main benefit of industrial symbiosis is the overall
5 reduction of both virgin materials and final wastes, as well as reduced/avoided transportation costs from
6 byproduct exchanges among tenant companies, which can specifically help small and medium sized
7 enterprises to improve their growth and competitiveness. From climate perspective, this indicates
8 significant industrial emission mitigation since the extraction, processing of virgin materials and the
9 final disposal of industrial wastes are more energy-intensive. Also, careful site selection of such parks
10 can facilitate the use of renewable energy. Due to these advantages, eco-industrial parks have been
11 actively promoted, especially in East Asian countries, such as China, Japan and South Korea, where
12 national indicators and governance exist (Geng et al. 2019). For instance, the successful implementation
13 of industrial symbiosis at Dalian Economic and Technological Development Zone has achieved
14 significant co-benefits, including GHG emission reduction, economic and social benefits and improved
15 ecosystem functions (Liu et al. 2018). Another case at Ulsan industrial park, South Korea, estimated
16 that 60,522 tonnes CO₂ were avoided annually through industrial symbiosis between two companies
17 (Kim et al. 2018b). The case of China shows a great potential of implementing these measures,
18 estimating 111 million tonne CO₂ equivalent will be reduced in 213 national-level industrial parks in
19 2030 compared with 2015 (Guo et al. 2018). As such, South Korea's national eco-industrial park project
20 has reduced over 4.7 million tonne CO₂ equivalent through their industrial symbiosis efforts (Park et al.
21 2019). Meso-level CE solutions have been identified as essential for industrial decarbonisation (see
22 11.4.3). Moreover, waste prevention as the top of the so-called "waste hierarchy" can be promoted on
23 the meso-level for specific materials or product systems. For instance, the European Environment
24 Agency published a report on plastic waste prevention approaches in all EU 28 member states (Wilts
25 and Bakas 2019). However, challenges exist for industrial symbiosis activities, such as the inter-firm
26 contractual uncertainties, the lack of synergy infrastructure, and the regulations that hamper reuse and
27 recycling. Therefore, necessary legal reforms are needed to address these implementation barriers.

28 **Macro-level:** The macro-level uses both micro- and meso-level tools within a broader policy strategy,
29 addressing the specific challenge of CE as a cross-cutting policy (Wilts et al. 2016). More synergy
30 opportunities exist beyond the boundary of one industrial park. This indicates the necessity of scaling
31 up industrial symbiosis to urban symbiosis. Urban symbiosis is defined as the use of by-products (waste)
32 from cities as alternative raw materials for energy sources for industrial operations (Sun et al. 2017). It
33 is based on the synergistic opportunity arising from the geographic proximity through the transfer of
34 physical sources (waste materials) for environmental and economic benefits. Japan is the first country
35 to promote urban symbiosis. For instance, the Kawasaki urban symbiosis efforts can save over 114,000
36 tons of CO₂ emission annually (Ohnishi et al. 2017). Another simulation study indicates that Shanghai
37 (the largest Chinese city) has a potential of saving up to 16.8 MtCO₂ through recycling all the available
38 wastes (Dong et al. 2018). As such, the simulation of urban energy symbiosis networks in Ulsan, South
39 Korea indicates that 243,396 tCO₂⁻¹·yr⁻¹ emission and 48 million USD·yr⁻¹ fuel cost can be saved (Kim
40 et al. 2018a). Moreover, Wiebe et al. (2019) estimates that the adoption of the CE can lead to a
41 significantly lower global material extraction compared to a baseline. Their global results range from a
42 decrease of about 27% in metal extraction to 8% in fossil fuel extraction and use, 8% in forestry
43 products, and about 7% in non-metallic minerals, indicating significant climate change benefits. A
44 macro-perspective calculation on the circulation of iron in Japan's future society shows that CO₂
45 emissions from the steel sector can be reduced by 56% as per the following assumptions: the amount
46 recovered from social stock is the same as the amount of inflow, and all scrap was used domestically,
47 and the export of steel products is halved (LCS 2018). A key challenge is to go beyond ensuring proper
48 waste management to setting metrics, targets and incentives to preserve the incorporated value in
49 specific waste streams. Estimations for Germany have shown that despite recycling rates of 64% for all

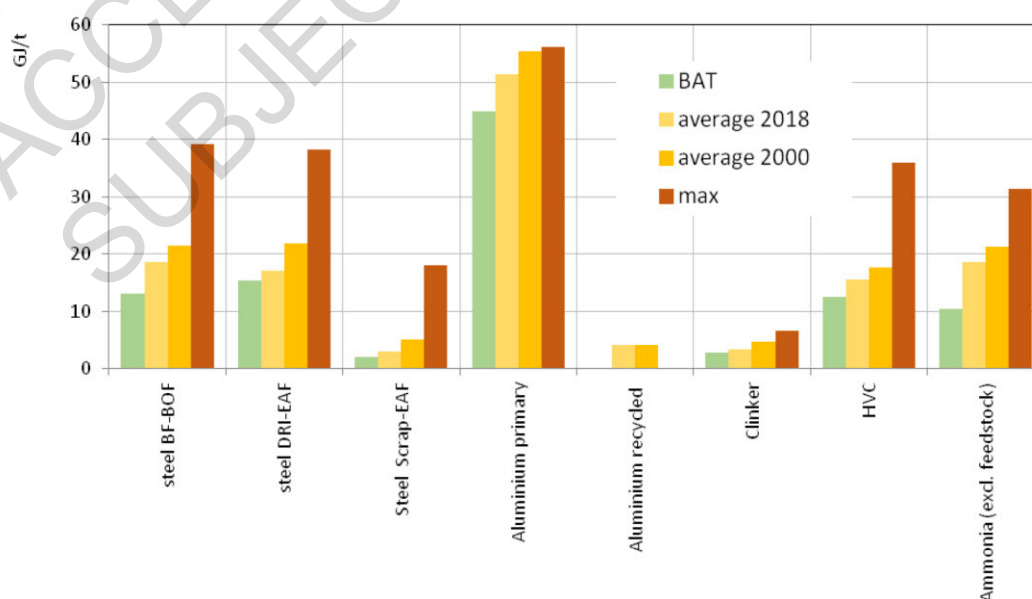
1 solid waste streams, these activities only lead to a resource use reduction of only 18% (Steger et al.
 2 2019). In general, the identification of the most appropriate CE method for different countries requires
 3 understanding and information exchange on background conditions, local policies and myriad other
 4 factors influencing material flows from the local up to the global level (Tapia Carlos et al. 2019). Also,
 5 an information platform should be created at the national level so that all the stakeholders can share
 6 their CE technologies and expertise, information (such as materials/energy/water consumption data),
 7 and identify the potential synergy opportunities.

9 11.3.4 Energy Efficiency

10 Energy efficiency in industry is an important mitigation option and central in keeping 1.5°C within
 11 reach (IPCC SR1.5). It has long been recognized as the first mitigation option in industry (Yeen Chan
 12 and Kantamaneni 2016; Nadel and Ungar 2019; IEA 2021a). It allows reduction of the necessary scale
 13 of deployment for low-carbon energy supplies and associated mitigation costs (Energy Transitions
 14 Commission 2018). The efficiency potentials are greatest in the non-energy intensive industries and
 15 often relatively limited in energy intensive ones, such as steel (Pardo and Moya 2013; Arens et al. 2017;
 16 Kuramochi 2016). Deep decarbonisation in these subsectors requires fundamental process changes but
 17 energy efficiency remains important to reduce costs and the need for low-carbon energy supplies.

18 Below, we focus mainly on the technical progress and on new options that are reflected in the literature
 19 since AR5 and refer the reader there for a broader and deeper treatment of energy efficiency.
 20 Digitalisation and the development of industrial high-temperature heat pumps are two notable
 21 technology developments that can facilitate energy efficiency improvements.

22 Industrial energy efficiency can be improved through multiple technologies and practices (Tanaka 2011;
 23 Fawkes et al. 2016; Crijns-Graus et al. 2020; IEA 2020a; Lovins 2018). There are two parallel processes
 24 in improvement of SEC: progress in energy-efficient BAT, and moving the SEC of industrial plants
 25 towards BAT. Both slow down as theoretical thermodynamic minimums are approached (Gutowski et
 26 al. 2013). For the last several decades the focus has been on effective spreading of BAT technologies
 27 through application of policies for worldwide diffusion of energy-saving technologies (see 11.6). As a
 28 result the SEC for many basic primary materials is approaching BAT and there are signs that energy
 29 efficiency improvements have been slowing down over recent decades (IEA 2019d, 2020a, 2021a)
 30 (Figure 11.8).



1 **Figure 11.8 Energy efficiency indicators for basic material production. Energy accounting is based on**
2 **final energy use. Sectoral boundaries for steel are as defined in (IEA 2020c).**

3 Sources: Calculated based on (IEA 2017, 2018b; IEA and WBCSD 2018; IEA 2020b; Hasanbeigi et al. 2012;
4 UNIDO 2010; Saygin et al. 2011; WBCSD 2016; Crijns-Graus et al. 2020; Napp et al. 2014; Moya and Pardo
5 2013; International Aluminium Institute 2020; IEA 2019b, 2020c)

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7 **11.3.4.1 Heat use energy efficiency improvement**

8 While about 10% of global GHG emissions originate from combustion to produce high temperature
9 heat for basic material production processes (Sandalow et al. 2019), limited efforts have been made to
10 decarbonize heat production. There is still a large potential for using various grades of waste heat and
11 the development of high-temperature heat pumps facilitates its use. NEDO (2019) applies a ‘Reduce,
12 Reuse, and Recycle’ concept for improved energy efficiency, and we use this frame our discussion of
13 heat efficiency.

14 *Reduce* refers to reducing heat needs via improved thermal insulation, for example, where porous type
15 insulators have been developed with thermal conductivity half of what is traditionally achieved by heat
16 resistant bricks under conditions of high compressive strength (Fukushima and Yoshizawa 2016). *Reuse*
17 refers to waste heat recovery. A study for the EU identified a waste heat potential of about 300 TWh·yr⁻¹,
18 corresponding to about 10 % of total energy use in industry. About 50% of this was below 200°C,
19 about 25% at temperatures 200–500°C, and 25% at temperatures of 500°C and above (Papapetrou et al.
20 2018). A survey conducted in Japan showed that 9% of the input energy is lost as waste heat, of which
21 heat below 199°C accounts for 68% and that below 149°C was 29% (NEDO 2019). McBrien et al.
22 (2016) identified that in steel sector process heat recovery presently saves 1.8 GJ per tonne of hot rolled
23 steel, while integrated across all production processes heat recovery with conventional heat exchange
24 could save 2.5 GJ per tonne, and it scales up to 3.0 GJ per tonne using an alternative heat exchange that
25 recovers energy from hot steel. High temperature industrial heat pumps represent a new and important
26 development for upgrading waste heat and at the same time the facilitate electrification. One recent
27 example is a high temperature heat pump that can raise temperatures up to 165°C at a coefficient of
28 performance (COP) of 3.5 by recovering heat from unused hot water (35–65°C) (Arpagaus et al. 2018).
29 Commercially available heat pumps can deliver 100–150°C but at least up to 280°C is feasible
30 (Zühlendorf et al. 2019). Mechanical vapor recompression avoids the loss of latent heat by condensation,
31 then it acts as a highly efficient heat pump with a 5–10 COP (Philibert 2017a).

32 Waste heat to power (WHP), or *Recycle* in NEDO’s terms, is also an underutilised option. For example,
33 a study for the cement, glass and iron industries in China showed that current technology enables only
34 7–13% of waste heat to be used for power generation. With improved technologies, potentially 40–57%
35 of waste heat with temperatures above 150°C could be used for power generation via heat recovery.
36 Thermal power fluctuations can be a challenge and negatively affect the operation and economic
37 feasibility of heat recovery power systems such as Steam and/or Organic Rankine Cycle. In such cases,
38 latent heat storage technology and intermediate storage units may be applied (Jiménez-Arreola et al.
39 2018). The development of thermoelectric conversion materials that produce power from unused heat
40 and energy harvested from higher temperature environment is also progressing, with several possible
41 applications in industrial processes (Ohta et al. 2018; Jood et al. 2018; Lv et al. 2018; Gayner and Kar
42 2016). A potential early application in industry is to power wireless sensors, a niche that uses microwatts
43 or milliwatts, and avoid power cables (Champier 2017).

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45 **11.3.4.2 Smart energy management**

46 Energy management systems to reduce energy costs in an integrated and systematic manner were first
47 developed in the 1970s, mainly in low energy resource countries, for example, by establishing energy

1 managers and institutionalizing management targets (Tanaka 2011). Strategic energy management has
2 since then evolved and been promoted through the establishment of dedicated organizational
3 infrastructures for energy use optimization, such as ISO-50001 which specifies the requirements for
4 establishing, implementing, maintaining, and improving an energy management system (Biel and Glock
5 2016; Tunnessen and Macri 2017). Digitalisation, sometimes referred to as Industry 4.0, facilitates
6 further improvements in process control and optimisation through technology development involving
7 sensors, communications, analytics, digital twins, machine learning, virtual reality, and other simulation
8 and computing technologies (Rogers 2018), all of which can improve energy efficiency. One example
9 is combustion control systems, where big data analysis of factors affecting boiler efficiency, operation
10 optimization and load forecasting have been shown that it can lead to energy savings of 9% (Wang et
11 al. 2017).

12 Smart energy systems with real time monitoring allow for optimization of innovative technologies,
13 energy demand response, balancing of energy supply and demand including that on real time pricing,
14 and product quality management, and prediction and reduction of idle time for workers and robots
15 (Legorburu and Smith 2018; Pusnik et al. 2016; Ferrero et al. 2020; ISO 2018; ERIA 2016; Nimbalkar
16 et al. 2020). IEA estimated that smart manufacturing could deliver 15 EJ in energy savings between
17 2014 and 2030 (IEA 2019d). Smart manufacturing systems that integrate manufacturing intelligence in
18 real time through the entire production operation have not been yet widely spread in the industry.
19 Examples have been demonstrated and integrated in real operation in the electrical appliance assembly
20 industry (Yoshimoto 2016). Combining process controls and automation allows cost optimization and
21 improved productivity (Edgar and Pistikopoulos 2018).

22 23 **11.3.5 Electrification and fuel switching**

24 The principle of electrification and fuel switching as a GHG mitigation strategy is that industries, to the
25 extent possible, switch their end uses of energy from a high GHG intensity energy carrier to a lower or
26 zero intensity one, including both its direct and indirect production and end-use GHG emissions. In
27 general, and non-exclusively, this implies a transition from coal ($\sim 0.09 \text{ tCO}_2 \cdot \text{GJ}^{-1}$ on combustion),
28 refined petroleum products ($\sim 0.07 \text{ tCO}_2 \cdot \text{GJ}^{-1}$), and natural gas ($\sim 0.05 \text{ tCO}_2 \cdot \text{GJ}^{-1}$) to biofuels, direct solar
29 heating, electricity, hydrogen, ammonia, or net zero synthetic hydrocarbon fuels. Switching to these
30 energy carriers is not necessarily lower emitting, however; how they are made matters.

31 Fuel switching has already been observed to reduce direct combustion CO_2 emissions in many
32 jurisdictions. There are significant debates about the net effect of upstream fossil fuel production and
33 fugitive emissions, but observers have noted that in the case of US power generation it would take a
34 leakage rate of $\sim 2.7\%$ from natural gas production to undo the direct fuel switching from coal mitigation
35 effect, and the value is likely higher in most cases (Alvarez et al. 2012; Hausfather 2015). Coal mine
36 methane emissions are also estimated to be substantially higher than previously assessed (Kholod et al.
37 2020). Alvarez et al. (2018) estimated US fugitive emissions (not including the Permian) at 2.3% of
38 supply, 60% more than previously estimated, while recent Canadian papers indicate fugitive emissions
39 are at least 50% more than reported (Chan et al. 2020; MacKay et al. 2021). However, given the
40 potential for energy supply infrastructure lock-in effects (Tong et al. 2019), purely fossil fuel to fossil
41 fuel switching is a limited and potentially dangerous strategy unless it is used very carefully and in a
42 limited way.

43 Biofuels come in many forms, including ones that are nearly identical to fossil fuels but sourced from
44 biogenic sources. Solid biomass, either from direct from wood chips, lignin or processed pellets are the
45 most commonly used renewable fuel in industry today and are occasionally used in cement kilns and
46 boilers. Biomethane, biomethanol, and bioethanol are all commercially made today using fermentation
47 and anaerobic digestion techniques and are mostly “drop-in” compatible with fossil fuel equivalents. In

1 principle they cycle carbon in and out of the atmosphere, but their life cycle GHG intensities are
2 typically not GHG neutral due to land use changes, soil carbon depletion, fertilizer use, and other
3 dynamics (Hepburn et al. 2019), and are highly case specific. Most commercial biofuel feedstocks come
4 from agricultural (e.g. corn) and food waste sources, and the feedstock is limited; to meet higher levels
5 of biomass use a transition to using higher cellulose feedstocks like straw, switchgrass and wood waste,
6 available in much larger quantities, must be fully commercialized and deployed. Significant efforts have
7 been made to make ethanol from cellulosic biomass, which promises much higher quantities, lower
8 costs, and lower intensities, but commercialization efforts, with a few exceptions, have largely not
9 succeeded (Padella et al. 2019). The IEA estimates, however, that up to 20% of today's fossil methane
10 use, including by industry, could be met with biomethane (IEA 2020g) by 2040, using a mixture of
11 feedstocks and production techniques. Biofuel use may also be critical for producing negative emissions
12 when combined with carbon capture and storage, i.e. BECCS. Most production routes for biofuels,
13 biochemicals and biogas generate large side streams of concentrated CO₂ which is easily captured, and
14 which could become a source of negative emissions (Sanchez et al. 2018) (See section 11-3511.3.6).
15 Finally, it should be noted that biofuel combustion can, if inadequately controlled, have substantial
16 negative local air quality effects, with implications for SDGs 3, 7 and 11.

17 There is a large identified potential for direct solar heating in industry, especially in regions with strong
18 solar insolation and sectors with lower heat needs (<180°C), for example, food and beverage processing,
19 textiles, and pulp and paper (Schoeneberger et al. 2020). The key challenges to adoption are site and
20 use specificity, capital intensity, and a lack of standardized, mass manufacturing for equipment and
21 supply chain to provide them.

22 Switching to electricity for end-uses, or “direct electrification”, is a highly discussed strategy for net
23 zero industrial decarbonisation (Palm et al. 2016; Lechtenböhmer et al. 2016; Davis et al. 2018; Bataille
24 et al. 2018a; UKCCC 2019b; Åhman et al. 2017; Axelson et al. 2018; Material Economics 2019).
25 Electricity is a flexible energy carrier that can be made from many forms of primary energy, with high
26 potential process improvements in terms of end-use efficiency (Eyre 2021), quality and process
27 controllability, digitizability, and no direct local air pollutants (Deason et al. 2018; McMillan et al.
28 2016; Jadun et al. 2017; Mai et al. 2018). The net GHG effect of electrification is contingent on how
29 the electricity is made, and because total output increases can be expected for full effect it should be
30 made with a very low GHG intensity primary sources (i.e. <50 grams CO₂·kWh⁻¹: e.g. hydroelectricity,
31 nuclear energy, wind, solar photovoltaics, or fossil fuels with 95+% carbon capture and storage (IPCC
32 2014)). This has strong implications for the electricity sector and its generation mix when the goal is a
33 net zero emissions electricity system. Despite their falling costs, progressively higher mixes of variable
34 wind and solar on a given grid will require support from grid flexibility sources, including demand
35 response, more transmission, storage on multiple time scales, or firm low to negative emissions
36 generation sources (e.g. nuclear energy, hydrogen fuel cells or turbines, biofuels, fossil or biofuels with
37 CCS, geothermal) to moderate costs (Jenkins et al. 2018; Sepulveda et al. 2018; Williams et al. 2021).
38 Regions that may be slower to reduce the GHG intensity of their electricity production will likely need
39 to consider more aggressive use of other measures, like energy and material efficiency or bioenergy.

40 The long-term potential for full process electrification is a very sector by sector and process by process
41 phenomenon, with differing energy and capacity needs, load profiles, stock turnover, capacity for
42 demand response, and characteristics of decision makers. Industrial electrification is most viable in the
43 near term in cases with: minimal retrofitting and rebuild in processes; with relatively low local
44 electricity costs; where the degree of process complexity and process integration is more limited and
45 extensive process re-engineering would not be required; where combined heat and power is not used;
46 where induction heating technologies are viable; and where process heating temperatures are lower
47 (Deason et al. 2018).

1 For these reasons, lighter, manufacturing orientated industries are more readily electrifiable than heavier
2 industry like steel, cement, chemicals and other sectors with high heat and feedstock needs. Steam
3 boilers, curing, drying and small-scale process heating, with typically lower maximum heat temperature
4 needs (<200-250°C) are readily electrifiable with appropriate fossil fuel to electricity price ratios
5 (accounting for capital costs and efficiencies), and direct induction and infrared heating are available
6 for higher temperature needs. These practices are uncommon outside regions with ample hydroelectric
7 power due to the currently relatively low cost of coal, natural gas and heating oil, and especially when
8 there is no carbon combustion cost. Madeddu et al. (2020) argue up to 78% of Europe's industrial
9 energy requirements are electrifiable through existing commercial technologies. In contrast (Mai et al.
10 2018) saw only a moderate industrial heat supply electrification in their high electrification scenario for
11 the US.

12 Electrification has also been explored in: raw and recycled steel (Fishedick et al. 2014b; Vogl et al.
13 2018); ammonia (Philibert 2017a; Bazzanella and Ausfelder 2017); and chemicals (Palm et al. 2016;
14 Bazzanella and Ausfelder 2017). While most chemical production of feedstock chemicals (e.g. H₂, NH₃,
15 CO, CH₃OH, C₂H₄, C₂H₆, C₂H₅OH) is done thermo-catalytically today, it is feasible to use direct
16 electrocatalytic production, by itself or in combination with utilization of previously captured carbon
17 sources if a fossil fuel feedstock is used, or well-known bio-catalytic (e.g. fermentation) and thermo-
18 catalytic processes (De Luna et al. 2019; Kätelhön et al. 2019; Bazzanella and Ausfelder 2017). It may
19 even be commercially possible to electrify cement sintering and calcination through plasma or
20 microwave options (Material Economics 2019).

21 Increased electrification of industry will result in increased overall demand for electricity. For example,
22 75 TWh of electricity was used by steel in the EU in 2015 (out of 1000 TWh total used by industry),
23 Material Economics (2019), varying between their new process, circularity and CCUS scenarios,
24 projects increased demand to 355 (+373%), 214 (+185%) and 238 (+217%) TWh. These values are
25 consistent with (Vogl et al. 2018), which projects a tripling of electricity demand in the German or
26 Swedish steel industries if hydrogen direct reduced iron and electric arc furnace steel making (DRI
27 EAFs) replaces BF-BOFs. Material Economics (2019) was conservative with its use of electricity in
28 chemical production, making preferential use of biofeedstocks and some CCUS, and electricity demand
29 still rose from 118 TWh to 510, 395 and 413 TWh in their three scenarios. (Bazzanella and Ausfelder
30 2017), exploring deeper reductions from the chemical sector using more electrochemistry, projected
31 scenarios with higher electricity demands of 960–4900 TWh (140% of projected available clean
32 electricity at the time) with maximum electricity use. In counterpoint, however, with revised wind
33 capabilities and costs, the (IEA 2019e) Offshore Wind Outlook indicates that ten times current EU
34 electricity use could be produced if necessary. Greater use of electro-catalytic versus thermo-catalytic
35 chemistry, as projected by (De Luna et al. 2019), could greatly reduce these electricity needs, but the
36 technology readiness levels are currently low. Finally, the (UKCCC 2019b), which focussed primarily
37 on CCS for industry in its “Further Ambition” scenario (the UK currently consumes about 300 TWh),
38 in its supplementary “Further electrification” scenario projects an additional 300 TWh for general
39 electrolysis needs and another 200 TWh for synthetic fuel production.

40 While it has been demonstrated that almost any heating end use can be directly electrified, this would
41 imply very high instantaneous thermal loads for blast furnace-basic oxygen furnace (BF-BOF) steel
42 production, limestone calcination for cement and lime production, and other end-uses where flame front
43 (1000°C–1700°C) temperatures are currently needed. This indicates a possible need for another energy
44 carrier to minimize instantaneous generation and transmission needs. These needs can be met at varying
45 current and potential future costs using: bioliquids or gases hydrogen, ammonia, or net zero synthetic
46 hydrocarbons or alcohols.

47 Broadly speaking, **hydrogen** can contribute to a cleaner energy system in two ways. 1) Existing
48 applications of hydrogen (e.g., nitrogen fertilizer production, refinery upgrading) can use hydrogen

1 produced using alternative, cleaner production methods. 2) New applications can use low GHG
2 hydrogen as an alternative to current fuels and inputs, or as a complement to the greater use of electricity
3 in these applications. In these cases—for example in transport, heating, industry (e.g. hydrogen direct
4 reduced iron steel production) and electricity—hydrogen can be used in its pure form, or be converted
5 to hydrogen-based fuels, including ammonia, or synthetic net zero hydrocarbons & alcohols like
6 methane or methanol (IEA 2019f). The IEA states that **hydrogen** could be used to help integrate more
7 renewables, including by enhancing storage options and “exporting sunshine & wind” from places with
8 abundant resources; decarbonize steel, chemicals, trucks, ships and planes; and boost energy security
9 by diversifying the fuel mix & providing flexibility to balance grids (IEA 2019f).

10 Around 70 Mtonne·yr⁻¹ of pure hydrogen is produced today, 76% from natural gas and 23% from coal,
11 resulting in emissions of roughly 830 MtCO₂·yr⁻¹ in 2016/17 (IEA 2019f), or 4.7% of global industrial
12 direct and indirect emissions (waste excluded, see Table 11.1) . Fuels refining (~410 MtCO₂·yr⁻¹) and
13 production of ammonia (420 MtCO₂·yr⁻¹) largely dominate its uses. Another 45 Mtonnes hydrogen is
14 being produced along with other gases, on purpose or as by-products, and used as fuel, to make
15 methanol or as a chemical reactant (IEA 2019f). Very low and potentially zero GHG (depending on the
16 energy source) **hydrogen** can be made via: electrolysis separation of water into hydrogen and oxygen
17 (Glenk and Reichelstein 2019), also known as “green H₂”; electrothermal separation of water, as done
18 in some nuclear plants (Bicer and Dincer 2017); partial oxidation of coal or naphtha or steam/auto
19 methane reforming (SMR/ATR) combined with CCS (Leeson et al. 2017), or “blue H₂”; methane
20 pyrolysis, where the hydrogen and carbon are separated thermally and the carbon is left as a solid (Ashik
21 et al. 2015; Abbas and Wan Daud 2010), or via biomass gasification (Ericsson 2017) (which could be
22 negative emissions if the CO₂ from the gasification process is sequestered). All these processes would
23 in turn need to be run using very low or zero GHG energy carriers for the resulting hydrogen to also be
24 low GHG emissions.

25 **Ammonia production**, made from hydrogen and nitrogen using the Haber-Bosch process, is the most
26 voluminous chemical produced from fossil fuels, being used as feedstock for nitrogen fertilizers and
27 explosives, as well as a cleanser, refrigerant and for other uses. Most ammonia is made today using
28 methane as the hydrogen feedstock and heat source but has been made using electrolysis-based
29 hydrogen in the past, and there are several announced investments to resume doing so. If ammonia is
30 used as a combustion fuel care must be taken to avoid N₂O as a GHG and NO_x in general as a local air
31 pollutant.

32 Hydrogen can also be combined with low to zero net GHG carbon (see 11.3.6 and oxygen and made
33 into **methane, methanol** and other potential net zero **synthetic hydrocarbons & alcohol** energy
34 carriers using methanation, steam reforming and Fischer-Tropsch processes, all of which can provide
35 higher degrees of storable and shippable high temperature energy using known industrial processes in
36 novel combinations (Davis et al. 2018; Bataille et al. 2018a). If the hydrogen and oxygen is accessed
37 via electrolysis the terms “power-to-fuel” or “e-fuels” are often used (Ueckerdt et al. 2021). Given their
38 carbon content, if used as fuels, their carbon will eventually be oxidized and emitted as CO₂ to the
39 atmosphere. This makes their net GHG intensity dependent on the carbon source (Hepburn et al. 2019),
40 with recycled fossil fuels, biocarbon and direct air capture carbon all having very different net CO₂
41 impacts - see the next section on CCS and CCU for elaboration.

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45 **Box 11.1 Hydrogen in industry**

46 The “hydrogen economy” is a long-touted vision for the energy and transport sectors, and one that has
47 gone through hype-cycles since the energy crises in the 1970s (Melton et al. 2016). The widely varying

1 visions of hydrogen futures have mainly been associated with fuel cells in vehicles, small-scale
2 decentralized cogeneration of heat and electricity, and to a certain extent energy storage for electricity
3 (Eames et al. 2006; Syniak and Petrov 2008). However, nearly all hydrogen currently produced is used
4 in industry, mainly for hydrotreating in oil refineries, to produce ammonia, and in other chemical
5 processes, and it is mostly made using fossil fuels.

6 In the context of net zero emissions new visions are emerging in which hydrogen has a central role to
7 play in decarbonizing industry. Near-term industrial applications for hydrogen includes feeding it into
8 ammonia production for fertilizers, while a novel application would be as a replacement for coal as
9 the reductant in steelmaking, being piloted by the HYBRIT project in Sweden 2020-2021, and many
10 companies have initiated hydrogen steelmaking projects. As shown in sections 11.3.5 and 11.3.6 there
11 are many other potential applications of hydrogen, some of which are still relatively unexplored.
12 Hydrogen can also be used to produce various lower GHG hydrocarbons and alcohols for fuels and
13 chemical feedstocks using carbon from biogenic sources or direct air capture of CO₂ (Ericsson 2017;
14 Huang et al. 2020).

15 The geographical distribution of the potential for hydrogen from electrolysis powered by renewables
16 like solar and wind, nuclear electrothermally produced hydrogen, and hydrogen from fossil gas with
17 CCS may reshape where heavy industry is located, how value chains are organized, and what gets
18 transported in international shipping (Gielen et al. 2020; Bataille et al. 2021a; Saygin and Gielen 2021;
19 Bataille 2020a). Regions with bountiful renewables resources, nuclear, or methane co-located with CCS
20 geology may become exporters of hydrogen or hydrogen carriers such as methanol and ammonia, or
21 home to the production of iron and steel, organic platform chemicals, and other energy intensive basic
22 materials. This in turn may generate new trade patterns and needs for bulk transport.

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25 **11.3.6 CCS, CCU, carbon sources, feedstocks, and fuels**

27 Carbon is an important and highly flexible building block for a wide range of fuels, organic chemicals
28 and materials including methanol, ethanol, olefins, plastics, textiles, and wood and paper products. In
29 this chapter we define CCS as requiring return of CO₂ from combustion or process gases or ambient air
30 to the geosphere for geological time periods, i.e. thousands of years (IEA 2009; IPCC 2005; IEA 2019g;
31 Bruhn et al. 2016). CCU is defined as being where carbon (as CO or CO₂) is captured from one process
32 and reused for another, reducing emissions from the initial process, but is then potentially but not
33 necessarily released to the atmosphere in following processes (Tanzer and Ramírez 2019; Detz and van
34 der Zwaan 2019; Bruhn et al. 2016). In both cases the net effect on atmospheric emissions depends on
35 the initial source of the carbon, be it from a fossil fuel, from biomass, or from direct air capture (Cuéllar-
36 Franca and Azapagic 2015; Hepburn et al. 2019) and the duration of storage or use, which can vary
37 from days to millennia.

38 While CCS and CCU share common capture technologies, what happens to the CO₂ and therefore the
39 strategies that will employ them can be very different. CCS can help maintain near CO₂ neutrality for
40 fossil CO₂ that passes through the process, with highly varying partially negative emissions if the source
41 is biogenic (Hepburn et al. 2019), and fully negative emissions if the source is air capture, all not
42 considering the energy used to drive the above processes. CCS has been covered in other IPCC
43 publications at length, for example, IPCC (2005), and in most mitigation oriented assessments since,
44 for example, the IEA's ETP 2020 and Net Zero scenario reports (IEA 2021a, 2020a). The potentials
45 and costs for CCS in industry vary considerably due to the diversity of industrial processes (Leeson et
46 al. 2017), as well as the volume and purity of different flows of carbon dioxide (Naims 2016); Kearns

1 et al. (2021) provide a recent review. As a general rule it is not possible to capture all the carbon dioxide
2 emissions from an industrial plant. To achieve zero or negative emissions, CCS would need to be
3 combined with some use of sustainably sourced biofuel or -feedstock, or the remaining emissions would
4 need to be offset by CDR elsewhere.

5 For concentrated CO₂ sources (e.g. cleaning of wellhead formation gas to make it suitable for the
6 pipeline network, hydrogen production using steam methane reforming, ethanol fermentation, or from
7 combustion of fossil fuels with oxygen in a nitrogen free environment, i.e. “oxycombustion”) CCS is
8 already amenable to commercial oil and gas reinjection techniques used to eliminate hydrogen sulphide
9 gas and brines at prices of 10–40 USD·tCO₂-eq⁻¹ sequestered (Wilson et al. 2003; Leeson et al. 2017).
10 Most currently operating CCS facilities take advantage of concentrated CO₂ flows, for example, from
11 formation gas cleaning on the Snoevit and Sleipner platforms in Norway, from syngas production for
12 the Al Reyadah DRI steel plant in Abu Dhabi, and from SMR hydrogen production on the Quest
13 upgrader in Alberta. Since concentrated process CO₂ emissions are often exempted from existing cap
14 and trade systems, these opportunities for CCS have largely gone unexploited. Many existing projects
15 partially owe their existence to the utilization of the captured CO₂ for enhanced oil recovery, which in
16 many cases counts as both CCS and CCU because of the permanent nature of the CO₂ disposal upon
17 injection if sealed properly (Mac Dowell et al. 2017). There are several industrial CCS strategies and
18 pilot projects working to take advantage of the relative ease of concentrated CO₂ disposal (e.g. LEILAC
19 for limestone calcination process emissions from cement production, HISARNA direct oxycombustion
20 smelting for steel) (Bataille 2020a). An emerging option for storing carbon is methane pyrolysis by
21 which methane is split into hydrogen and solid carbon that may subsequently be stored (Schneider et
22 al. 2020).

23 There are several post-combustion CCS projects underway globally (IEA 2019g), generally focussed
24 on energy production and processing rather than industry. Their costs are higher but evolving downward
25 – (Giannaris et al. 2020) suggest 47 USD·tCO₂⁻¹ for a follow up 90% capture power generation plant
26 based on learnings from the Saskpower Boundary Dam pilot – but crucially these costs are higher than
27 implicit and explicit carbon prices almost everywhere, resulting in limited investment and learning in
28 these technologies. A key challenge with all CCS strategies, however, is building a gathering and
29 transport network for CO₂, especially from dispersed existing sites; hence most pilot are built near
30 EOR/geological storage sites, and the movement towards industrial clustering in the EU and UK
31 (UKCCC 2019b), and as suggested in (IEA 2019f).

32 In the case of CCU, CO and CO₂ are captured and subsequently converted into valuable products (e.g.
33 building materials, chemicals, synthetic fuels) (Daggash et al. 2018; Styring et al. 2011; Vreys et al.
34 2019; Artz et al. 2018; Breyer et al. 2019; Brynolf et al. 2018; Bruhn et al. 2016; Kätelhön et al. 2019).
35 CCU has been envisioned as part of the “circular economy” but conflicting expectations on CCU and
36 its association or not with CCS leads to different and contested framings (Palm and Nikoleris 2021).
37 The duration of the CO₂ storage in these products varies from days to millennia according to the
38 application, potentially but not necessarily replacing new fossil, biomass or direct air capture
39 feedstocks, before meeting one of several possible fates: permanent burial, decomposition, recycling or
40 combustion, all with differing GHG implications. While the environmental assessment of CCS projects
41 is relatively straight forward, however, this is not the case for CCU technologies. The net GHG
42 mitigation impact of CCU depends on several factors (e.g. the capture rate, the energy requirements,
43 the lifetime of utilization products, the production route that is substituted, and associated room for
44 improvement along the traditional route) and has to be determined by life cycle CO₂ or GHG analysis
45 (e.g. Nocito and Dibenedetto (2020) and Bruhn et al. (2016)). For example, steel mill gases containing
46 carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide can be used as feedstock together with hydrogen for producing
47 chemicals. In this way, the carbon originally contained in the coke used in the blast furnace is used
48 again, or cascaded, and emissions reduced but not brought to zero. If fossil sourced CO₂ is only reused

1 once and then emitted, the maximum reduction is 50% (Tanzer and Ramírez 2019). The logic of using
2 steel mill CO and CO₂ could equally be applied to gasified biomass, however, with a far lower net GHG
3 footprint, likely negative, which CCU fed by fossil fuels cannot be if end-use combustion is involved.

4 Partly because of the complexity of the life cycle analysis accounting, the literature on CCU is not
5 always consistent in terms of the net GHG impacts of strategies. For example, Artz et al. (2018),
6 focussed not just on GHG mitigation but multi-attribute improvements to chemical processes from
7 reutilization of CO₂, suggests the largest reduction in the absolute amount of GHGs from CO₂
8 reutilization could be achieved by coupling of highly concentrated CO₂ sources with carbon-free
9 hydrogen or electrons from low GHG power in so called “Power-to-fuel” scenarios. From the point of
10 view of maximizing GHG mitigation using surplus “curtailed” renewable power, however, Daggash et
11 al. (2018) instead indicates the best use would be for direct air capture and CCS. These results depend
12 on what system is being measured, and what the objective is.

13 There are several potential crucial transitional roles for synthetic hydrocarbons & alcohols (e.g.
14 methane, methanol, ethanol, ethylene, diesel, jet fuel) constructed using fossil, biomass or direct carbon
15 capture (DAC) and CCU (Fasihi et al. 2017; Sternberg and Bardow 2015; Breyer et al. 2015; Dimitriou
16 et al. 2015; Bataille 2020a; Bataille et al. 2018a). They can allow reductions in the GHG intensity of
17 high value legacy transport, industry and real estate that currently runs on fossil fuels but cannot be
18 easily or readily retrofitted. They can be used by existing long lived energy and feedstock infrastructure,
19 transport and storage, which can compensate for seasonal supply fluctuations and contribute to
20 enhancing energy security (Ampelli et al. 2015). Finally, they can reduce the GHG intensity of end-
21 uses that are very difficult to run on electricity, hydrogen or ammonia (e.g., long haul aviation).
22 However, their equivalent mitigation cost today would be very high (USD 960–1440 tCO₂-eq⁻¹), with
23 the potential to fall to USD 24–324 tCO₂-eq⁻¹) with commercial economies of scale, with very high
24 uncertainty (Hepburn et al. 2019; Ueckerdt et al. 2021; IEA 2020a).

25 A very large and important uncertainty is the long-term demand for hydrocarbon and alcohol fuels
26 (whether fossil, biomass or DAC based), chemical feedstocks (e.g., methanol and ethylene) and
27 materials, and competition for biomass feedstock with other priorities, including agriculture,
28 biodiversity and other proximate land use needs, as well as need for negative emissions through BECCS.
29 The current global plastics production of around 350 Mt·yr⁻¹ is almost entirely based on petroleum
30 feedstock and recycling rates are very low. If this or future demand were to be 100% biomass based it
31 would require tens of exajoules of biomass feedstock (Meys et al. 2021). If demand can be lowered and
32 recycling increased (mechanical as well as chemical) the demand for biomass feedstock can be much
33 lower (Material Economics 2019). Promising routes in the short term would be to utilise CO₂ from
34 anaerobic digestion for biogas and fermentation for ethanol in the production of methane or methanol
35 (Ericsson 2017); methanol can be converted into ethylene and propylene in a methanol-to-olefins
36 process and used in the production of plastics (Box 11.2). New process configurations where hydrogen
37 is integrated into biomass conversion routes to increase yields and utilise all carbon in the feedstock are
38 relatively unexplored (Ericsson 2017; De Luna et al. 2019).

39 There are widely varying estimates of the capacity of CCU to reduce GHG emissions and meet the net-
40 zero objective. According to Hepburn et al. (2019), the estimated potential for the scale of CO₂
41 utilisation in fuels varies widely, from 1 to 4.2 GtCO₂·yr⁻¹, reflecting uncertainties in potential market
42 penetration, requiring carbon prices of around USD 40 to 80 tCO₂⁻¹, increasing over time. The high end
43 represents a future in which synthetic fuels have sizeable market shares, due to cost reductions and
44 policy drivers. The low end—which is itself considerable—represents very modest penetration into the
45 methane and fuels markets, but it could also be an overestimate if CO₂-derived products do not become
46 cost competitive with alternative clean energy vectors such as hydrogen or ammonia, or with direct
47 sequestration. Brynolf et al. (2018) indicates that a key cost variable will be the cost of electrolyzers for
48 producing hydrogen. Kästelhön et al. (2019) estimate that up to 3.5 GtC·yr⁻¹ could be displaced from

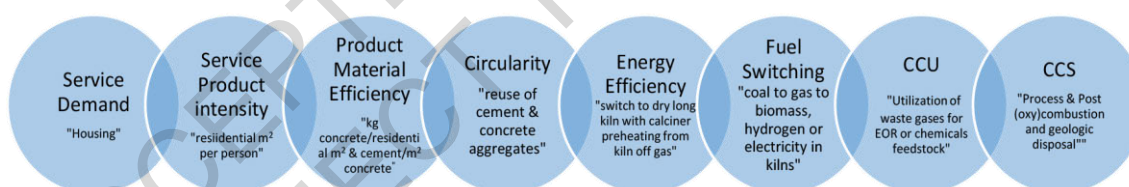
1 chemical production by 2030 using CCU, but this would require clean electricity equivalent to 55% of
 2 estimated global power production, at the same time other sectors' demand would also be rising. Mac
 3 Dowell et al. (2017) suggest that while CCU, and specifically CO₂ based enhanced oil recovery, may
 4 be an important economic incentive for early CCS projects (up to 4–8% of required mitigation by 2050),
 5 it is unlikely the chemical conversion of CO₂ for CCU will account for more than 1% of overall
 6 mitigation.

7 Finally, there is another class of CCU activities associated with carbonation of alkaline industrial wastes
 8 (including iron and steel slags, coal fly ash, mining and mineral processing wastes, incinerator residues,
 9 cement and concrete wastes, and pulp and paper mill wastes) using waste or atmospheric CO₂. Given
 10 the large volume of alkaline wastes produced by industry, capture estimates are as high at 4 GtCO₂·yr⁻¹
 11 (Pan et al. 2020; Huang et al. 2019c; Kaliyavaradhan and Ling 2017; Cuéllar-Franca and Azapagic
 12 2015; Pasquier et al. 2018; Ebrahimi et al. 2017; Zhang et al. 2020) However, as some alkaline wastes
 13 are already used directly as supplementary cementitious materials to reduce clinker-to-cement ratios, and
 14 their abundant availability in the future is questionable (e.g. steel blast furnace slag and coal fly ash),
 15 there will be a strong competition between mitigation uses (see 11.4.2), and the potential for direct
 16 removal by carbonation is estimated at about 1 GtCO₂·yr⁻¹ (Renforth 2019).

17 The above CCU literature has identified that there may be a highly unpredictable competition between
 18 fossil, biogenic and direct air capture carbon to provide highly uncertain chemical feedstock, material
 19 and fuel needs. Fossil waste carbon will likely initially be plentiful but will add to net atmospheric CO₂
 20 when released. Biogenic carbon is variably, partially net-negative, but the available stock will be finite
 21 and compete with biodiversity and agriculture needs for land. Direct air capture carbon will require
 22 significant amounts of low GHG electricity or methane with high capture rate CCS (Keith et al. 2018).
 23 There are clearly strong interactive effects between low carbon electrification, switching to biomass,
 24 hydrogen, ammonia, synthetic hydrocarbons via CCU, and CCS.

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26 11.3.7 Strategy interactions and integration



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28 **Figure 11.9 Fully interactive, non-sequential strategies for decarbonising industry**

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30 In this section we conceptually address interactions between service demand, service product intensity,
 31 product material efficiency, energy efficiency, electrification and fuel switching, CCU and CCS, and
 32 what conflicts and synergies may exist. Post AR5 a substantial literature has emerged, see Rissman et
 33 al. (2020), that addresses integrated and interactive technical deep decarbonization pathways for GHG
 34 intense industrial sectors, and how they interact with the rest of the economy (Denis-Ryan et al. 2016;
 35 Wesseling et al. 2017; Davis et al. 2018; Axelson et al. 2018; Åhman et al. 2017; Bataille et al. 2018a;
 36 Bataille 2020a). It is a common finding across this literature and a related scenario literature (Energy
 37 Transitions Commission 2018; Material Economics 2019; IEA 2021a; CAT 2020; UKCCC 2019a,b;
 38 IEA 2019b, 2020a) that deep decarbonisation of industry requires integrating all available options.
 39 There is no 'silver bullet' and so all behavioural and technological options have to be mobilized, with
 40 more emphasis required on the policy mechanisms necessary to engage a challenging transition in the

1 coming decades in highly competitive, currently GHG intense, price sensitive sectors with long lived
2 capital stock (Wesseling et al. 2017; Bataille et al. 2018a; Bataille 2020a), discussed in the final section
3 of this chapter.

4 While the strategies are not sequential and interact strongly, we discuss them in the order given.
5 Reduced demand through reduced service demand and product intensity per service unit (van Vuuren
6 et al. 2018; Grubler et al. 2018) reduces the need for the next five strategies. Greater material efficiency
7 (see earlier sections) reduces the need for the next four, and so on – see Figure 11.9 above.

8 Circular economy introduces itself throughout, but mainly at the front end when designing materials
9 and processes to be more materially efficient, efficient in use, and easy to recycle, and at the back end,
10 when a material or product's services life has come to end, and it is time for recycling or sustainable
11 disposal (Korhonen et al. 2018; Murray et al. 2017). The entire chain's potential will be maximized
12 when these strategies are designed in ahead of time instead of considered on assembly, or as a retrofit
13 (Material Economics 2019; Allwood et al. 2012; Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018a; IEA 2019b; Bataille
14 2020a). For example, when designing a building: 1) Is the building shell, interior mass and ducting
15 orientated for passive heating and cooling, and can the shell and roof have building integrated solar PV
16 or added easily, with hard-to-retrofit wiring already incorporated? 2) Are steel and high quality concrete
17 only used where really needed (i.e. for shear, tension and compression strength), can sections be
18 prefabricated off-site, can other materials be substituted, such as wood? 3) Can the interior fittings be
19 built with easy to recycle plastics or other sustainably disposable materials (e.g. wood)? 4) Can this
20 building potentially serve multiple purposes through its anticipated lifetime, are service conduits
21 oversized and easy to access for retrofitting? 5) When it is time to be taken apart, can pieces be reused,
22 and all components recycled at high purity levels, for example, can all the copper wiring be easily be
23 found and removed, are the steel beams clearly tagged with their content? The answers to these
24 questions will be very regionally and site specific, and require revision of educational curricula for the
25 entire supply chain, as well as revision of building codes.

26 Energy efficiency is a critical strategy for net zero transitions and enabling clean electrification (IEA
27 2021a). Improving the efficiency of energy services provision reduces the need for material intensive
28 energy supply, energy storage, CCU and CCS infrastructure, and limits generation and transmission
29 expansion to meet an ever-higher power demand, with associated generation, transmission, and
30 distribution losses. Using electricity efficiently can help reduce peak demand and the need for peaking
31 plants (currently often powered by fossil fuels), and energy storage systems.

32 Electrification and final energy efficiency are deeply entangled, because switching to electricity from
33 fossil fuels in most cases improves GJ for GJ end-use energy efficiency: resistance heaters are almost
34 100% efficient, heat pumps can be 300–400% efficient, induction melting can improve mixing and
35 temperature control, and electric vehicle motors typically translate 90-95% of input electricity to motor
36 drive in contrast to 35–45% for a large, modern internal combustion engine. Overall, the combined
37 effect could be 40 % lower global final energy demand assuming renewable electricity is used (Eyre
38 2021).

39 There are potentially complicated physical and market **fuel switching** relationships between low GHG
40 electricity, bioliquids and gases, hydrogen, ammonia, and synthetic hydrocarbons constructed using
41 CCU, with remaining CO₂ potentially being disposed of using CCS. Whether or not they compete for
42 a wide range of end uses and primary demand needs will be regional and whether or not infrastructure
43 is available to supply them. Regions with less than optimal renewable energy resources, or not sufficient
44 to meet growing needs, could potentially indirectly import them as liquid or compressed hydrogen,
45 ammonia or synthetic hydrocarbon feedstocks made in regions with abundant resources (Armijo and
46 Philibert 2020; Bataille 2020a). Large scale CCU and CCS applications needs additional basic materials
47 to build corresponding infrastructure and energy to operate it thus reducing overall material and energy
48 efficiencies.

- 1 There are different roles for different actors in relation to the different mitigation strategies (exemplified
- 2 in Table 11.2), with institutions and supply chains developed to widely varying levels, for example,
- 3 while energy efficiency is a relatively mature strategy with an established supply chain, material
- 4 efficiency is not.

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1 **Table 11.2 Examples of the potential roles of different actors in relation to different mitigation strategies indicating the importance of engaging a wide set of actors**
2 **across all mitigation strategies.**

Sectors	Demand control measures (DM)	Materials Efficiency (ME)	Circular Economy	Energy Efficiency	Electrification, hydrogen and fuel switching	CCU	CCS
Architectural, and engineering firms	Build awareness on the material demand implications of e.g., building codes, urban planning, and infrastructure.	Education of designers, architects, engineers, etc. Develop design tools. Map material flows.	Design and build for e.g., repurpose, reuse, and recycle. Improve transparency on volumes and flows.	Maintain high expertise, knowledge sharing, transparency, and benchmarking.	Support innovation. Share best practice. Design for dynamic demand response for grid balancing.	Develop allocation rules, monitoring and transparency. Coordination and collaboration across sectors.	Transparency, monitoring and labelling. Coordination and collaboration for transport and disposal infrastructure.
Industry and service sector	Digital solutions to reduce office space and travel. Service oriented business models for lower product demand.	Design for durability and light weight. Minimize industry scrap.	Design for reuse and recycling. Use recycled feedstock and develop industrial symbiosis.	Maintain energy management systems.	Develop and deploy new technologies in production, engage with lead markets.	Develop new technologies. Engage in new value chains and collaborations for sourcing carbon.	Plan for CCS where possible and phase-out of non-retrofitable plants where necessary.
International bodies	Best practice sharing. Knowledge building on demand options.	Progressivity in international standards (e.g., ISO).	Transparency and regulation around products, waste handling, trade, and recycling.	Maintain efforts for sharing good practice and knowledge.	Coordinate innovation efforts, technology transfer, lead markets, and trade policies.	Coordinate and develop accounting and standards. Ensure transparency.	Align regulation to facilitate export, transport, and storage.
Regional and national government, and cities	Reconsider spatial planning and regulation that has demand implications.	Procurement guidelines and better indicators. Standards and building codes.	Regulation on product design (e.g., Ecodesign directive) Collect material flow data.	Continue energy efficiency policies such as incentives, standards, labels, and disclosure requirements.	R&D and electricity infrastructure. Policy strategies for making investment viable (including carbon pricing instruments).	Align regulation to facilitate implementation and ensure accountability for emissions.	Develop regulation and make investment viable. Resolve long term liabilities.

Civil society and consumer organizations	Information and advocacy related to social norms.	Strengthen lobby efforts and awareness around e.g., planned obsolescence.	Engage in standards, monitoring and transparency.	Monitor progress.	Information on embodied emissions. Assess renewable electricity and grid expansion.	Develop standards and accounting rules.	Ensure transparency and accountability
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1 **11.4 Sector mitigation pathways and cross sector implications**

2 This section continues the discussion of the various mitigation options and strategy elements introduced
3 in section 11.3 and makes them explicit for the most relevant industry sectors. For the various sectors
4 11.4.1 concludes with a tabular overview of key technologies and processes, their technology readiness
5 level (TRL), potential timing of market penetration, mitigation potential and assessment of associated
6 mitigation costs.

7 An integrated sequencing of mature short-term actions and less mature longer-term actions is crucial to
8 avoid lock-in effects. Temporal implementation and discussion of the general quantitative role of the
9 different options to achieve net zero emissions in the industrial sectors is core to the second part of the
10 section (11.4.2), where industry wide mitigation pathways are analysed. This comprises the collection
11 and discussion of mitigation scenarios available in the literature with a high technological resolution
12 for the industry sector in addition to a set of illustrative global and national GHG mitigation scenarios
13 selected from chapter 3 and 4 representing different GHG mitigation ambitions and different pathways
14 to achieve certain mitigation targets. Comparing technology focussed sector-based scenarios with more
15 top-down oriented scenario approaches allows for a reciprocal assessment of both perspectives and
16 helps to identify robust elements for the transformation of the sector. Comparison of real-world
17 conditions within the sector (e.g., industry structure and logics, investment cycles, market behaviour,
18 power, and institutional capacity) and the transformative pathways described in the scenarios helps
19 researchers, analysts, governments, and all stakeholders understand the need not only for technological
20 change, but for structural (e.g., new value chains, markets, infrastructures, and sectoral couplings) and
21 behavioural (e.g., design practices and business models) change at multiple levels.

22 When undergoing a transformative process, it is obvious that interactions occur, within the sector but
23 also on a cross-sectoral basis. Relevant interactions are identified and discussed in the third and fourth
24 part of the sub-section. Changes are induced along the whole value chains, i.e., switching to an
25 alternative (climate-friendly, e.g., low GHG hydrogen based) steel making process has substantial
26 impacts on the value chain, associated sub-suppliers, and electricity and coal outputs. In addition, cross-
27 sectoral interactions are discussed. This includes feedback loops with other end-use chapters, for
28 example, higher material demand through market penetration of some GHG mitigation technologies or
29 measures (e.g., insulation materials for buildings, steel for windmills) and lower demand through others
30 (e.g., less steel for fossil fuel extraction, transport and processing), or substantial additional demand of
31 critical materials (e.g., the widely varying demands for copper, lithium, nickel, cobalt and rare earths
32 for producing windmills, solar panels, and batteries). Generally, if consumption (or behaviour) driven
33 additional material demand creates scarcity it becomes important to increase efforts on material
34 efficiency, substitution, recycling/re-use, and sustainable consumption patterns.

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36 **11.4.1 Sector specific mitigation potential and costs**

37 Based on the general discussion of strategies across industry in Section 11.3 this sub-section focuses on
38 the sector perspective and provides insights into the sector specific mitigation technologies and
39 potentials. As industry is comprised of many different sub-sectors, the discussion here has its focus on
40 the most important sources of GHG emissions, that is, steel, cement and concrete, as well as chemicals,
41 before other sectors are discussed.

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43 **11.4.1.1 Steel**

44 For the period leading up to 2020, in terms of end-use allocation globally, approximately 40% of steel
45 is used for structures, 20% for industrial equipment, 18% for consumer products, 13% for infrastructure,

1 and 10% for vehicles (Bataille 2020b). The global production of crude steel increased by 41 % between
2 2008 and 2020 (World Steel Association 2021) and its GHG emissions depending on the scope covered
3 is 3.7–4.1 GtCO₂-eq. It represented 20% of total global direct industrial emissions in 2019 accounting
4 for coke oven and blast furnace gases use Figure 11.4 and Table 11.1 (Crippa et al. 2021; Lamb et al.
5 2021; Minx et al. 2021; Olivier and Peters 2018; World Steel Association 2021; IEA 2020a). Steel
6 production can be divided into primary production based on iron ore and secondary production based
7 on steel scrap. The blast furnace to basic oxygen furnace route (BF-BOF) is the main primary steel route
8 globally, while the electric arc furnace (EAF) is the preferred process for the less energy and emissions-
9 intensive melting and alloying of recycled steel scrap. The direct reduced iron (DRI) route is a lesser
10 used route that replaces BFs for reducing iron ore, usually followed by an EAF. In 2019, 73% of global
11 crude steel production was produced in BF-BOFs, while 26% was produced in EAFs, a nominal 5.6%
12 of which is DRI (World Steel Association 2021) .

13 An estimated 15% energy efficiency improvement is possible within the BF-BOF process (Figure 11.8).
14 Several options exist for deep GHG emissions reductions in steel production processes (Leeson et al.
15 2017; Axelson et al. 2018; Fan and Friedmann 2021; Fishedick et al. 2014b; Wang et al. 2021; Holappa
16 2020; Bataille 2020a; Vogl et al. 2018; Rissman et al. 2020). Each could reduce specific CO₂ emissions
17 of primary steel production by 80% or more relative to today's dominant BF-BOF route if input streams
18 are based on carbon-free energy and feedstock sources or if they deploy high capture CCS:

- 19 • *Increasing the share of the secondary route* can bring down emissions quickly and potential
20 emissions savings are significant, from a global average 2.3 tCO₂⁻¹ per tonne steel in BF-BOFs
21 down to 0.3 (or less) tCO₂⁻¹ per tonne steel in EAFs (Pauliuk et al. 2013a; Zhou et al. 2019), the
22 latter depending scrap preheating and electricity GHG intensity. However, realising this
23 potential is dependent on the availability of regional and global scrap supplies and requires
24 careful sorting and scrap management, especially to eliminate copper contamination (Daehn et
25 al. 2017). There is significant uncertainty how much new scrap will be available and usable
26 (IEA 2019b; Xylia et al. 2018; Wang et al. 2021). Most steel is recycled already; the gains are
27 mainly to be made in quality, i.e. separation from contaminants like copper. End of life scrap
28 availability and its contribution to steel production will increase as in use stock saturates in
29 many countries (Xylia et al. 2016).
- 30 • *BF-BOFs with CCU or CCS*. Abdul Quader et al. (2016) and Fan and Friedmann (2021)
31 indicate that it would be difficult to retrofit BF-BOFs beyond 50% capture, which is insufficient
32 for long term emission targets, but may be useful in some cases for avoiding cumulative
33 emissions where other options are not available. However, BF-BOFs need their furnaces relined
34 every 15–25 years (IEA 2021a; Vogl et al. 2021b), at a cost 80–100% of a new build, and this
35 would be an opportunity to build a new facility designed for 90%+ capture (e.g. fewer CO₂
36 outlets). This would depend upon access to transport to geology appropriate for CCS.
- 37 • *Methane based syngas (hydrogen and carbon monoxide) direct reduced iron (DRI) with CCS*.
38 Most DRI facilities currently use a methane-based syngas of H₂ and CO as both reductant and
39 fuel (some use coal). A syngas DRI-EAF steel making facility has been operating in Abu Dhabi
40 since 2016 that captures carbon emitted from the DRI furnace (where it is a co-reductant with
41 hydrogen) and sends it to a nearby oil field for enhanced oil recovery.
- 42 • *Hydrogen-based direct reduced iron (H-DRI)* is based on the already commercialized DRI
43 technology but using only hydrogen as the reductant; pure hydrogen has already been used
44 commercially by Circored in Trinidad 1999-2008. The reduction process of iron ore is typically
45 followed by an EAF for smelting. During a transitional period, DRI could start with methane
46 or a mixture of methane and hydrogen as some of the methane (<=30% hydrogen can be
47 substituted with green or blue hydrogen without the need to change the process). If the hydrogen
48 is produced based on carbon-free sources, this steel production process can be nearly CO₂
49 neutral (Vogl et al. 2018).

- 1 • In the *aqueous electrolysis* route (small scale piloted as Siderwin during the EU ULCOs
2 program), the iron ore is bathed in an electrolyte solution and an electric current is used to
3 remove the oxygen, followed by an electric arc furnace for melting and alloying. In the *molten*
4 *oxide electrolysis* route, an electric current is used to directly reduce and melt the iron ore using
5 electrolysis in one step, followed by alloying. These processes both promise a significant
6 increase in energy efficiency compared with the direct reduced iron and blast furnace routes
7 (Cavaliere 2019). If the electricity used is based on carbon-free sources, this steel production
8 process can be nearly CO₂ neutral. Both processes would require supplemental carbon, but this
9 is typically only up to 0.05% per tonne steel, with a maximum of 2.1%. Aqueous electrolysis
10 is possible with today's electrode technologies, while molten oxide electrolysis would require
11 advances in high temperature electrodes.
- 12 • The *HIsarna*® process is a new type of coal-based smelting reduction process, which allows
13 certain agglomeration stages (coking plant, sintering/pelletizing) to be dispensed with. The iron
14 ore, with a certain amount of steel scrap, is directly reduced to pig iron in a single reactor. This
15 process is suitable to be combined with CCS technology because of its relatively easy to capture
16 and pure CO₂ exhaust gas flow. CO₂ emission reductions of 80% are believed to be realisable
17 relative to the conventional blast furnace route (Abdul Quader et al. 2016). The total GHG
18 balance also depends on the further processing in a basic oxygen furnace or in an EAF. The
19 HIsarna process was small scale piloted under the EU ULCOs program.
- 20 • *Hydrogen co-firing* in BF-BOFs can potentially reduce emission by 30-40%, referring to
21 experimental work by the Course50 projects and Thyssen Krupp, but coke is required to
22 maintain stack integrity beyond that.

23 Reflecting the different conditions at existing and potential future plant sites, when choosing one of the
24 above options a combination of different measures and structural changes (including electricity,
25 hydrogen and CCU or CCS infrastructure needs) will likely be necessary in the future to achieve deep
26 reductions in CO₂ emissions of steel production.

27 In addition, increases in material efficiency (e.g., more targeted steel use per vehicle, building or piece
28 of infrastructure) and increases in the intensity of product use (e.g. sharing cars instead of owning them)
29 can contribute significantly to reduce emissions by reducing the need for steel production. The IEA
30 (2019b) suggested that up to 24% of cement and 40% of steel demand could be plausibly reduced
31 through strong material efficiency efforts by 2060. Potential material efficiency contribution for the EU
32 is estimated to be much higher—48% (Material Economics 2019). Recycling would cut the average
33 CO₂ emissions per tonne of steel produced by 60% (Material Economics 2019), but globally by 2050
34 secondary steel production is limited to 40–56% in various scenarios (IEA 2019b), with 46% in the IEA
35 (2021a) and up to 56% in 2050 in Xylia et al. (2016). It may scale up to 68% by 2070 (Xylia et al.
36 2016). CCU and more directly CCS are other options to reduce GHG emissions but depend on the full
37 life cycle net GHGs that can be allocated to the process (see 11.3.6). Bio-based fuels can also substitute
38 for some of the coal input, but due to other demands for biomass this strategy is likely to be limited to
39 specific cases.

40 Abatement costs for these strategies vary considerably from case to case and for each a plausible cost
41 range is difficult to establish; cf. **Table 11.3** (Leeson et al. 2017; Axelson et al. 2018; Fishedick et al.
42 2014b; Wang et al. 2021; Vogl et al. 2018; Fan and Friedmann 2021). A key point is that while cost of
43 production increases are significant, the effect on final end-uses is typically very small (Rootzén and
44 Johnsson 2016), with significant policy consequences (See Section 11.6 on public and private lead
45 markets for cleaner materials).

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1 *11.4.1.2 Cement and concrete*

2 The cement sector is regarded as a sector where mitigation options are especially narrow (Energy
3 Transitions Commission 2018; Habert et al. 2020). Cement is used as the glue to hold together sand,
4 gravel and stone aggregates to make concrete, the most consumed manufactured substance globally.
5 The production of cement has been increasing faster than the global population since the middle of the
6 last century (Scrivener et al. 2018). Despite significant improvements in energy efficiency over the last
7 couple of decades (e.g. a systematic move from wet to dry kilns with calciner preheaters feeding off the
8 kilns) the direct emissions of cement production (sum of energy and process emissions) are estimated
9 to be 2.1–2.5 GtCO₂-eq in 2019 or 14–17% of total global direct industrial GHG emissions (Figure
10 11.4) (Crippa et al. 2021; Lehne and Preston 2018; Hertwich 2021; Sanjuán et al. 2020; Lamb et al.
11 2021; Bataille 2020a). Typically, about 40% of these direct emissions originates from process heating
12 (e.g. for calcium carbonate (limestone) decomposition into calcium oxide at 850°C or higher, directly
13 followed by combination with cementitious materials at about 1,450°C to make clinker), while 60% are
14 process CO₂ emissions from the calcium carbonate decomposition (Kajaste and Hurme 2016; IEA and
15 WBCSD 2018; Andrew 2019). Some of the CO₂ is reabsorbed into concrete products and can be seen
16 as avoided during the decades long life of the products; estimates of this flux vary between 15 and 30%
17 of the direct emissions (Schneider 2019; Stripple et al. 2018; Andersson et al. 2019; GCCA 2021a; Cao
18 et al. 2020). Some companies are mixing CO₂ into hardening concrete, both to dispose of the CO₂ and
19 more importantly reduce the need for binder (Lim et al. 2019).

20 One of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce cement and concrete emissions is to make
21 stronger concrete through better mixing and aggregate sizing and dispersal; poorly and well-made
22 concrete can vary in strength by a factor of 4 for a given volume (Fechner and Kray 2012; Habert et al.
23 2020). This argues for a refocus of the market away from “one size fits all”, often bagged, cements to
24 professionally mixed clinker, cementitious material and filler mixtures appropriate to the needs of the
25 end use.

26 Architects, engineers and contractors also tend to overbuild with cement because it is cheap as well as
27 corrosion and water resistant. Buildings and infrastructure can be purposefully designed to minimize
28 cement use to its essential uses (e.g. compression strength and corrosion resistance), and replace its use
29 with other materials (e.g. wood, stone, other fibres) for non-essential uses. This could reduce cement
30 use by 20–30% (D’Alessandro et al. 2016; Imbabi et al. 2012; Brinkerhoff and GLDNLV 2015; Lehne
31 and Preston 2018; Shanks et al. 2019; IEA 2019b; Habert et al. 2020).

32 Because so much of the emissions from concrete come from the limestone calcination to make clinker,
33 anything that reduces use of clinker for a given amount of concrete reduces its GHG intensity. While
34 95% Portland cement is common in some markets, it is typically not necessary for all end-use
35 applications, and many markets will add blast furnace slag, coal fly ash, or natural pozzolanic materials
36 to replace cement as supplementary cementitious materials; 71% was the global average clinker content
37 of cement in 2019 (IEA 2020a). All these materials are limited in volume, but combination of roughly
38 2–3 parts ground limestone and one part specially selected, calcined clays can also be used to replace
39 clinker (Fechner and Kray 2012; Lehne and Preston 2018; Habert et al. 2020). Local building codes
40 determine what mixes of cementitious materials are allowed for given uses, and would need to be
41 modified to allow these alternative mixtures where appropriate.

42 Ordinary Portland cement process CO₂ emissions cannot be avoided or reduced through the use of non-
43 fossil energy sources. For this reason, CCS technology, which could capture just the process emissions
44 (e.g. the EU LEILAC project, which concentrates the process emissions from the limestone calciner,
45 see following paragraph) or both the energy and process-related CO₂ emissions, is often mentioned as
46 a potentially important element of an ambitious mitigation strategy in the cement sector. Different types
47 of CCS processes can be deployed, including post-combustion technologies such as amine scrubbing
48 and membrane-assisted CO₂-liquefaction, oxycombustion in a low to zero nitrogen environment (full or

1 partial) to produce a concentrated CO₂ stream for capture and disposal, or calcium-looping (Dean et al.
2 2011). The IEA puts cement CCS technologies at the TRL 6-8 level (IEA 2020h). These approaches
3 have different strengths and weaknesses concerning emission abatement potential, primary energy
4 consumption, costs and retrofittability (Voldsund et al. 2019; Gardarsdottir et al. 2019; Hills et al. 2016).
5 Use of biomass energy combined with CCS has the possibility of generating partial negative emissions,
6 with the caveats introduced in 11.3.6 (Hepburn et al. 2019).

7 The energy-related emissions of cement production can also be reduced by using bioenergy solids,
8 liquids or gases (TRL 9) (IEA and WBCSD 2018), hydrogen or electricity (TRL 4 according to (IEA
9 2020h)) for generating the high-temperature heat at the calciner – hydrogen and bioenergy co-burning
10 could be complementary due to their respective fast vs slow combustion characteristics. In an approach
11 pursued by the LEILAC research project, the calcination process step is carried out in a steel vessel that
12 is heated indirectly using natural gas (Hills et al. 2017). The LEILAC approach makes it possible to
13 capture the process-related emissions in a comparatively pure CO₂ stream, which reduces the energy
14 required for CO₂ capture and purification. This technology (LEILAC in combination with CCS) could
15 reduce total furnace emissions by up to 85% compared with an unabated, fossil fuelled cement plant,
16 depending on the type of energy sources used for heating (Hills et al. 2017). In principle, the LEILAC
17 approach allows the eventual potential electrification of the calciner by electrically heating the steel
18 enclosure instead of using fossil burners.

19 In the long run, if some combination of material efficiency, better mixing and aggregate sizing,
20 cementitious material substitution and 90%+ capture CCS with supplemental bioenergy are not feasible
21 in some regions or at all to achieve near zero emissions, alternatives to limestone based ordinary
22 Portland cement may be needed. There are several highly regional alternative chemistries in use that
23 provide partial reductions (Fechner and Kray 2012; Lehne and Preston 2018; Habert et al. 2020), for
24 example, carbonatable calcium silicate clinkers, and there have been pilot projects with magnesium
25 oxide based cements, which could be negative emissions. Lower carbon cement chemistries are not
26 nearly as widely available as limestone deposits (Material Economics 2019), and would require new
27 materials testing protocols, codes, pilots and demonstrations.

28 Any substantial changes in cement and concrete material efficiency or production decarbonisation,
29 however, will require comprehensive education and continuing re-education for cement producers,
30 architects, engineers, contractors and small, non-professional users of cements. It will also require
31 changes to building codes, standards, certification, labeling, procurement, incentives, and a range of
32 policies to help create the market will be needed, as well as those for information disclosure, and
33 certification for quality. Even an end-of-pipe solution like CCS will require infrastructure for transport
34 and disposal. Abatement costs for these strategies vary considerably from case to case and for each a
35 plausible cost range is difficult to establish but are summarized in **Table 11.3** from the following
36 literature and other sources (Moore 2017; Fechner and Kray 2012; Leeson et al. 2017; IEA 2019f;
37 Wilson et al. 2003; Lehne and Preston 2018; Habert et al. 2020).

39 **11.4.1.3 Chemicals**

40 The chemical industry produces a broad range of products that are used in a wide variety of applications.
41 The products range from plastics and rubbers to fertilisers, solvents, and specialty chemicals such as
42 food additives and pharmaceuticals. The industry is the largest industrial energy user and its direct
43 emissions were about 1.1–1.7 GtCO₂-eq or about 10% of total global direct industrial emissions in 2019
44 (Figure 11.4 and Table 11.1) (Crippa et al. 2021; Lamb et al. 2021; Olivier and Peters 2018; IEA 2019f;
45 Minx et al. 2021). With regard to energy requirements and CO₂ emissions, ammonia, methanol, olefins,
46 and chlorine production are of great importance (Boulamanti and Moya Rivera 2017). Ammonia is

1 primarily used for nitrogen fertilisers, methanol for adhesives, resins, and fuels, whereas olefins and
2 chlorine are mainly used for the production of polymers, which are the main components of plastics.

3 Technologies and process changes that enable the decarbonisation of chemicals production are specific
4 to individual processes. Although energy efficiency in the sector has steadily improved over the past
5 decades (Figure 11.8; (Boulamanti and Moya Rivera 2017; IEA 2018a) a significant share of the
6 emissions is caused by the need for heat and steam in the production of primary chemicals (Box 11.2)
7 (Bazzanella and Ausfelder 2017). This energy is currently supplied almost exclusively through fossil
8 fuels which could be substituted with bioenergy, hydrogen, or low or zero carbon electricity, for
9 example, using electric boilers or high-temperature heat pumps (Thunman et al. 2019; Bazzanella and
10 Ausfelder 2017; Saygin and Gielen 2021). The chemical industry has among the largest potentials for
11 industrial energy demand to be electrified with existing technologies, indicating the possibility for a
12 rapid reduction of energy related emissions (Madeddu et al. 2020).

13 The production of ammonia causes most CO₂ emissions in the chemical industry, about 30% according
14 to IEA (2018a) and nearly one third according to (Crippa et al. 2021; Lamb et al. 2021; Minx et al.
15 2021). Ammonia is produced in a catalytic reaction between nitrogen and hydrogen – the latter most
16 often produced through natural gas reforming (Stork et al. 2018; Material Economics 2019) and in some
17 regions through coal gasification, which has several times higher associated CO₂ emissions. Future low-
18 carbon options include hydrogen from electrolysis using on low or zero-carbon energy sources
19 (Philibert 2017a), natural gas reforming with CCS, or methane pyrolysis, a process in which methane
20 is transformed into hydrogen and solid carbon (Material Economics 2019; Bazzanella and Ausfelder
21 2017) (see also Section 11.3.5 and Box 11.1). Electrifying ammonia production would lead to a decrease
22 in total primary energy demand compared to conventional production, but a significant efficiency
23 improvement potential remains in novel synthesis processes (Wang et al. 2018; Faria 2021). Combining
24 renewable energy sources and flexibility measures in the production process could allow for low-carbon
25 ammonia production on all continents (Fasihi et al. 2021). Steam cracking of naphtha and natural gas
26 liquids for the production of olefins, i.e. ethylene, propylene and butylene, and other high value
27 chemicals is the second most CO₂ emitting process in the chemical industry, accounting for another
28 almost 20% of the emissions from the subsector (IEA 2018a). Future lower-carbon options include
29 electrifying the heat supply in the steam cracker as described above, although this will not remove the
30 associated process emissions from the cracking reaction itself or from the combustion of the by-
31 products. Further in the future, electrocatalysis of carbon monoxide, methanol, ethanol, ethylene and
32 formic acid could allow direct electric recombination of waste chemical products into new intermediate
33 products (De Luna et al. 2019).

34 A ranking of key emerging technologies with likely deployment dates from the present to 2025 relevant
35 for the chemical industry identified different carbon capture processes together with electrolytic
36 hydrogen production as being of very high importance to reach net zero emissions (IEA 2020a).
37 Methane pyrolysis, electrified steam cracking, and the biomass based routes for ethanol-to-ethylene and
38 lignin-to-BTX were ranked as being of medium importance. While macro-level analyses show that
39 large-scale use of carbon circulation through CCU is possible in the chemical industry as primary
40 strategy, it would be very energy intensive and the climate impact depend significantly on the source of
41 and process for capturing the CO₂ (Kätelhön et al. 2019; Müller et al. 2020; Artz et al. 2018). Significant
42 synergies can be found when combining circular CCU approaches with virgin carbon feedstocks from
43 biomass (Bachmann et al. 2021; Meys et al. 2021).

44 In a net zero world carbon will still be needed for many chemical products, but the sector must also
45 address the life-cycle emissions of its products which arise in the use phase, for example, CO₂ released
46 from urea fertilisers, or at the end-of-life, for example, incineration of waste plastics which was
47 estimated to emit 100 Mt globally in 2015 (Zheng and Suh 2019). Reducing life-cycle emissions can
48 partly be achieved by closing the material cycles starting with material and product design planning for

1 re-use, re-manufacturing, and recycling of products – ending up with chemical recycling which yields
2 recycled feedstock that substitutes virgin feedstocks for various chemical processes (Smet and Linder
3 2019; Rahimi and García 2017). However, the chemical recycling processes which are most well
4 studied are pyrolytic processes which are energy intensive and have significant losses of carbon to off-
5 gases and solid residues (Dogu et al. 2021; Davidson et al. 2021). They are thus associated with
6 significant CO₂ emissions, which can even be larger in systems with chemical recycling than energy
7 recovery (Meys et al. 2020). Further, the products from many pyrolytic chemical recycling processes
8 are primarily fuels, which then in their subsequent use will emit all contained carbon as CO₂ (Vollmer
9 et al. 2020). Achieving carbon neutrality would thus require this CO₂ either to be recirculated through
10 energy-consuming synthesis routes or to be captured and stored (Lopez et al. 2018; Material Economics
11 2019; Geyer et al. 2017; Thunman et al. 2019). As all chemical products are unlikely to fit into chemical
12 recycling systems, CCS can be used to capture and store a large share of their end-of-life emissions
13 when combined with waste combustion plants or heat-demanding facilities like cement kilns (Tang and
14 You 2018; Leeson et al. 2017).

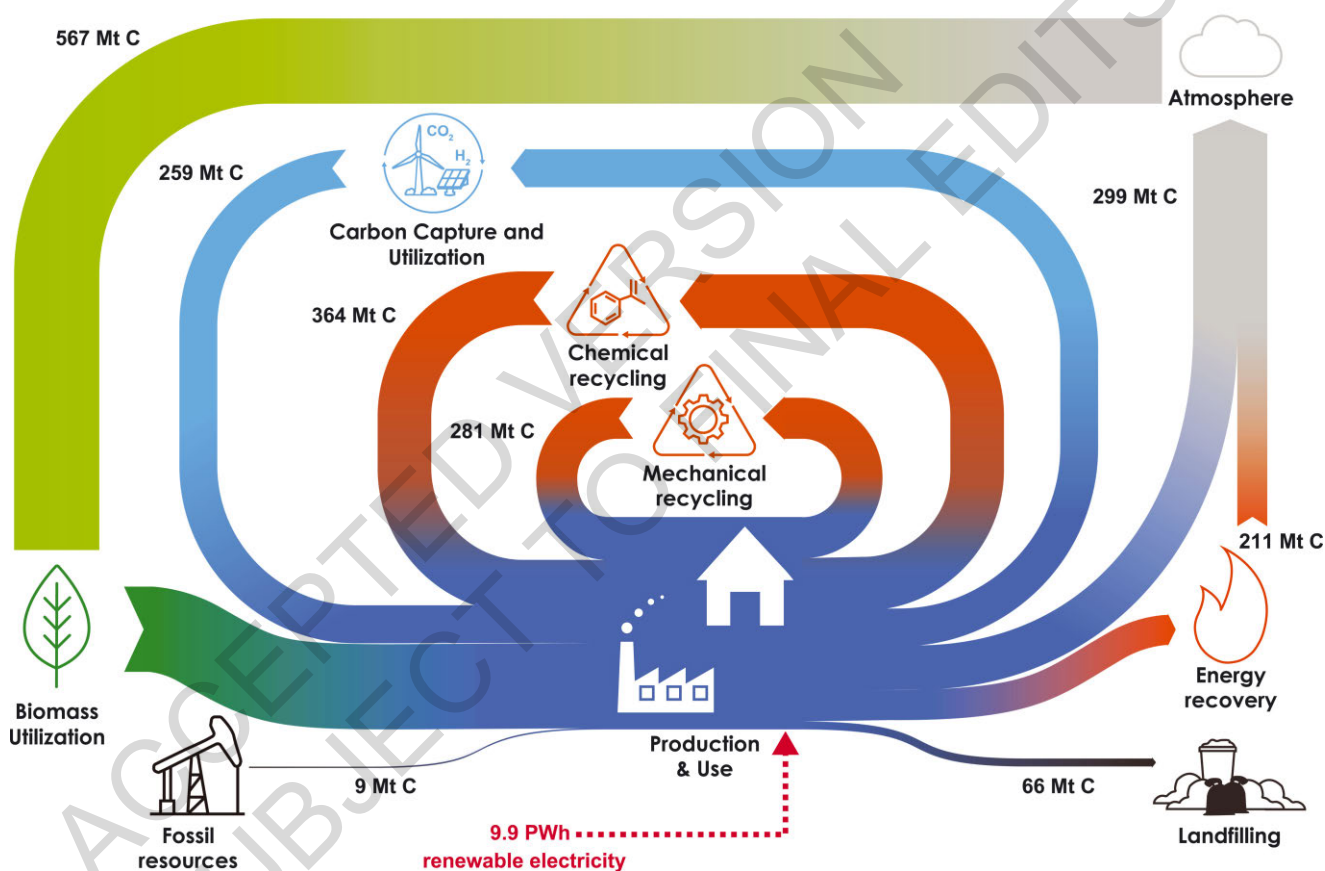
15 Reducing emissions involves demand-side measures, for example, efficient end-use, materials
16 efficiency and slowing demand growth, as well as recycling where possible to reduce the need for
17 primary production. The following strategies for primary production of organic chemicals which will
18 continue to need a carbon source are key in avoiding the GHG emissions of chemical products
19 throughout their life cycles:

- 20 • Recycled feedstocks: *chemical recycling* of plastics unsuitable for mechanical recycling was
21 already mentioned. Through *pyrolysis* of old plastics, both gas and a naphtha-like pyrolysis oil
22 can be generated, a share of which could replace fossil naphtha as a feedstock in the steam
23 cracker (Honus et al. 2018a,b). Alternatively, waste plastics could be *gasified* and combined
24 with low-carbon hydrogen to a syngas, for example, the production and methanol and
25 derivatives (Stork et al. 2018; Lopez et al. 2018). Other chemical recycling options include
26 polymer selective chemolysis, catalytic cracking, and hydrocracking (Ragaert et al. 2017).
27 Carbon losses and process emissions must be minimized and it may thus be necessary to
28 combine chemical recycling with CCS to reach near-zero emissions (Smet and Linder 2019;
29 Thunman et al. 2019; Meys et al. 2021).
- 30 • Biomass feedstocks: Substituting fossil carbon at the inception of a product life-cycle for
31 carbon from renewable sources processed in designated biotechnological processes (Hatti-Kaul
32 et al. 2020; Lee et al. 2019) using specific biomass resources (Isikgor and Becer 2015) or
33 residual streams already available (Abdelaziz et al. 2016). Routes with thermochemical and
34 catalytic processes, such as pyrolysis and subsequent catalytic upgrading, are also available
35 (Jing et al. 2019).
- 36 • Synthetic feedstocks: carbon captured with direct air capture or from point sources (bioenergy,
37 chemical recycling, or during a transition period from industrial processes emitting fossil CO₂)
38 can be combined with low-GHG hydrogen into a syngas for further valorisation (Kätelhön et
39 al. 2019). Thus, low-carbon methanol can be produced and used in methanol-to-
40 olefins/aromatics (MTO/MTA) processes, substituting the steam cracker (Gogate 2019) or a
41 Fischer-Tropsch processes could produce synthetic hydrocarbons.

42 Reflecting the diversity of the sector the listed options can only be illustrative. The above listed
43 strategies all rely on low-carbon energy to reach near zero emissions. In considering mitigation
44 strategies for the sector it will be key to focus on those for which there is a clear path towards (close to)
45 zero emissions, with high (carbon) yields over the full product value chain and minimal fossil resource
46 use for both energy and feedstocks (Saygin and Gielen 2021), with CCU and CCS employed for all
47 remnant carbon flows. The necessity of combining mitigation approaches in the chemicals industry with
48 low-carbon energy was recently highlighted in an analysis (see Figure 11.10) which showed how the

1 combined use of different recycling options, carbon capture, and biomass feedstocks was most effective
 2 at reducing global life-cycle emissions from plastics (Meys et al. 2021). While most of the chemical
 3 processes for doing all the above are well-known and have been used commercially at least partly, they
 4 have not been used at large scale and in an integrated way. In the past external conditions (e.g.
 5 availability and price of fossil feedstocks) have not set the necessary incentives to implement alternative
 6 routes and to avoid emitting combustion and process related CO₂ emissions to atmosphere. Most of
 7 these processes will very likely be more costly than using fossil fuels and full scale commercialisation
 8 would require significant policy support and the implementation of dedicated lead markets (Wyns et al.
 9 2019; Material Economics 2019; Wesseling et al. 2017; Bataille et al. 2018a). As in other sub-sectors
 10 abatement costs for the various strategies vary considerably across regions and products making it
 11 difficult to establish a plausible cost range for each (Philibert 2017b; Bazzanella and Ausfelder 2017;
 12 Philibert 2017a; Axelson et al. 2018; IEA 2018a; Saygin and Gielen 2021; De Luna et al. 2019).

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16 **Figure 11.10 Feedstock supply and waste treatment in a scenario with a combination of mitigation**
 17 **measures in a pathway for low-carbon plastics (Meys et al. 2021)**

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21 **Box 11.2 Plastics and climate change**

22 The global production of plastics has increased rapidly over the past 70 years, with a compound annual
 23 growth rate (CAGR) of 8.4 %, about 2.5 times the growth rate for global GDP (Geyer et al. 2017) and
 24 higher than other materials since 1970 (IEA 2019b). Global production of plastics is now more than

1 400 million tonnes, including synthetic fibres (ibid.) The per capita use of plastics is still up to 20 times
2 higher in developed countries than in developing countries with low signs of saturation and the potential
3 for an increased use is thus still very large (IEA 2018a). Plastics is the largest output category from the
4 petrochemical industry, which as a whole currently uses about 14 % of petroleum and 8 % of natural
5 gas (IEA 2018a). Forecasts for plastic production assuming continued growth at recent rates of about
6 3.5% point towards a doubled production by 2035, following record-breaking investments in new and
7 increased production capacity based on petroleum and gas in recent years (CIEL 2017; Bauer and
8 Fontenit 2021). IEA forecasts show that even in a world where transport demand for oil falls
9 considerably by 2050 from the current ~100 mbpd, feedstock demand for chemicals will rise from ~12
10 mbpd to 15–18 mbpd (IEA 2019b). Projections for increasing plastic production as well as petroleum
11 use together with the lack of investments in break-through low-emission technologies do not align with
12 necessary emission reductions.

13 About half of the petroleum that goes into the chemical industry is used for producing plastics, and a
14 significant share of this is combusted or lost in the energy intensive production processes, primarily the
15 steam cracker. GHG emissions from plastic production depend on the feedstock used (ethane based
16 production is associated with lower emissions than naphtha based), the type of plastic produced
17 (production of simple polyolefins is associated with lower emissions than more complex plastics such
18 as polystyrene), and the contextual energy system (e.g. the GHG intensity of the electricity used) but
19 weighted averages have been estimated to be 1.8 tCO₂-eq·t⁻¹ for North American production (Daniel
20 Posen et al. 2017) and 2.3 tCO₂-eq·t⁻¹ for European production (Material Economics 2019). In regions
21 more dependent on coal electricity production the numbers are likely to be higher, and several times
22 higher for chemical production using coal as a feedstock - coal-based MTO has 7 times higher emissions
23 than olefins from steam cracking (Xiang et al. 2014). Coal-based plastic and chemicals production has
24 over the past decade been developed and deployed primarily in China (Yang et al. 2019). The
25 production of plastics was thus conservatively estimated to emit 1085 MtCO₂-eq·yr⁻¹ in 2015 (Zheng
26 and Suh 2019). Downstream compounding and conversion of plastics was estimated to emit another
27 535 MtCO₂-eq·yr⁻¹, while end-of-life treatment added 161 MtCO₂-eq·yr⁻¹. While incineration of plastic
28 waste was the cause of only 5% of global plastic life cycle emissions, in regions with waste-to-energy
29 infrastructures this share is significantly larger, for example, 13% of life cycle emissions in Europe (Ive
30 Vanderreydt et al. 2021). The effective recycling rate of plastics remains low relating to a wide range
31 of issues such as insufficient collection systems, sorting capacity, contaminants and quality deficiencies
32 in recycled plastics, design of plastics integrated in complex products such as electronics and vehicles,
33 heterogenous plastics used in packaging, and illegal international trade.

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37 *11.4.1.4 Other industry sectors*

38 The other big sources of direct global industrial combustion and process CO₂ emissions are light
39 manufacturing and industry (9.7% in 2016), non-ferrous metals like aluminium (3.1%), pulp and paper
40 (1.1%), and food and tobacco (1.9%) (Bataille 2020a; Crippa et al. 2021; Lamb et al. 2021).

41 **Light manufacturing and industry**

42 Light manufacturing and industry represent a very diverse sector in terms of energy service needs (e.g.,
43 motive power, ventilation, drying, heating, compressed air, etc.) and it comprises both small and large
44 plants in different geographical contexts. Most of the direct fossil fuel use is for heating and drying, and
45 it can be replaced with low GHG electricity, through direct resistance, high temperature heat pumps
46 and mechanical vapour recompression, induction, infrared, or other electrothermal processes
47 (Bamigbetan et al. 2017; Lechtenböhmer et al. 2016). Madeddu et al. (2020) argue up to 78% of

1 Europe's industrial energy requirements are electrifiable through existing commercial technologies and
2 99% with addition of new technologies currently under development. Direct solar heating is possible
3 for low temperature needs (<100°C) and concentrating solar for higher temperatures. Commercially
4 available heat pumps can deliver 100-150°C but at least up to 280°C is feasible (Zühlsdorf et al. 2019).
5 Plasma torches using electricity can be used where high temperatures (>1000°C) are required, but
6 hydrogen, biogenic or synthetic combustible hydrocarbons (methane, methanol, ethanol, LPG, etc.) can
7 also be used (Bataille et al. 2018a).

8 There is also a large potential for energy savings through cascading in industrial clusters similar to the
9 one at Kalundborg, Denmark. Waste heat can be passed at lower and lower temperatures from facility
10 to facility or circulated as low-grade steam or hot water, and boosted as necessary using heat pumps
11 and direct heating. Such geographic clusters would also enable lower cost infrastructure for hydrogen
12 production and storage as well as CO₂ gathering, transport and disposal (IEA 2019f).

13 **Aluminium and other non-ferrous metals**

14 Demand for aluminium comes from a variety of end-uses where a reasonable cost, light-weight metal
15 is desirable. It has historically been used in aircraft, window frames, strollers, and beverage containers.
16 As fuel economy has become more desirable and design improvements have allowed crush bodies made
17 of aluminium instead of steel, aluminium has become progressively more attractive for cars. Primary
18 aluminium demand is total demand (100 Mtonnes·yr⁻¹ in 2020) net of manufacturing waste reuse (14%
19 of virgin and recycled input) and end-of-life recycling (about 20% of what reaches market). Primary
20 aluminium consumption rose from under 20 Mtonnes·yr⁻¹ in 1995 to over 66 Mtonnes primary ingot
21 production in 2020 (International Aluminium Institute 2021). International Aluminium Institute (2021a)
22 expects total aluminium consumption to reach 150–290 Mtonnes·yr⁻¹ by 2050 with primary aluminium
23 contributing 69–170 Mtonnes and secondary recycled 91–120 Mtonnes (as in-use stock triples or
24 quadruples). OECD forecasts increases in demand by 2060 for primary aluminium to 139 Mt·yr⁻¹ and
25 for secondary aluminium to 71 Mtonnes (OECD 2019a). Primary (as opposed to recycled) aluminium
26 is generally made in a two-stage process, often geographically separated. In the first stage aluminium
27 oxide is extracted from bauxite ore (often with other trace elements) using the Bayer hydrometallurgical
28 process, which requires up to 200°C heat when sodium hydroxide is used to leach the aluminium oxide,
29 and up to 1000°C for kilning. This is followed by electrolytic separation of the oxygen from the
30 elemental aluminium using the Hall-Héroult process, by far the most energy intense part of making
31 aluminium. This process has large potential emissions from the electricity used (12.5 MWh per tonne
32 aluminium BAT, 14–15 MWh per tonne average). From bauxite mine to aluminium ingot, reported
33 total global average emissions are between 12 and 17.6 tCO₂-eq per tonnes of aluminium, depending
34 on estimates and assumptions made²³ (Saevarsdottir et al. 2020). About 10 % of this, 1.5 tonnes of direct
35 CO₂ per tonne aluminium are currently emitted as the graphite electrodes are depleted and combine
36 with oxygen, and if less than optimal conditions are maintained perfluorocarbons can be emitted with
37 widely varying GHG intensity, up to the equivalent of 2 tCO₂-eq per tonne aluminium. PFC emissions,
38 however, have been greatly reduced globally and almost eliminated in well-run facilities. Aluminium,
39 if is not contaminated, is highly recyclable and requires 1/20 of the energy required to produce virgin
40 aluminium; increasing aluminium recycling rates from the 20–25% global average is a key emissions
41 reduction strategy (Haraldsson and Johansson 2018).

42 The use of low and zero GHG electricity (e.g. historically from hydropower) can reduce the indirect
43 emissions associated with making aluminium. A public-private partnership with financial support from
44 the province of Québec and the Canadian federal government has recently announced a fundamental

FOOTNOTE²³ According to International Aluminium Institute (2021b), scope 3 (cradle to gate) emissions from aluminium industry in 2018 reached 1.127 GtCO₂-eq or 17.6 tCO₂-eq per tonne of primary aluminium. In Low carbon *B2DS* it expected to be reduced to 2.5 tCO₂-eq per tonne.

1 modification to the Hall-Héroult process by which the graphite electrode process emissions can be
2 eliminated by substitution of inert electrodes. This technology is slated to be available in 2024 and is
3 potentially retrofittable to existing facilities (Saevarsdottir et al. 2020).

4 Smelting and otherwise processing of other non-ferrous metals like nickel, zinc, copper, magnesium
5 and titanium with less overall emissions have relatively similar emissions reduction strategies (Bataille
6 and Stiebert 2018): 1) Increase material efficiency. 2) Increase recycling of existing stock. 3) Pursue
7 ore extraction processes (e.g. hydro- and electro-metallurgy) that allow more use of low carbon
8 electricity as opposed to pyrometallurgy, which uses heat to melt and separate the ore after it has been
9 crushed. These processes have been used occasionally in the past but have generally not been used due
10 to the relatively inexpensive nature of fossil fuels.

11 **Pulp and Paper**

12 The pulp and paper industry is a small net-emitter of CO₂, assuming the feedstock is sustainably sourced
13 (see Chapter 7), but it has large emissions of biogenic CO₂ from feedstock (700–800 Mtonne·yr⁻¹
14 (Tanzer et al. 2021). It includes pulp mills, integrated pulp and paper mills and paper mills using virgin
15 pulpwood and other fibre sources, residues and co-products from wood products manufacturing, and
16 recycled paper as feedstock. Pulp mills typically have access to bioenergy in the chemical pulping
17 processes to cover most or all of heat and electricity needs, for example, through chemicals recovery
18 boilers and steam turbines in the kraft process. Mechanical pulping mainly uses electricity for energy;
19 decarbonisation thus depends on grid emission factors. With the exception of the lime kiln in kraft pulp
20 mills, process temperature needs are typically less than or equal to 150°C to 200°C, mainly steam for
21 heating and drying. This means that this sector can be relatively easily decarbonised through continued
22 energy efficiency, fuel switching and electrification, including use of high temperature heat pumps
23 (Ericsson and Nilsson 2018). Electrification of pulp mills could, in the longer term, make bio-residues
24 currently used internally for energy available as a carbon source for chemicals (Meys et al. 2021). The
25 PPI also has the capabilities, resources and knowledge, to implement these changes. Inertia is mainly
26 caused by equipment turn-over rates, relative fuel and electricity prices, and the profitability of
27 investments.

28 A larger and more challenging issue is how the forestry industry can contribute to the decarbonisation
29 of other sectors and how biogenic carbon will be used in a fossil-free society, for example, through
30 developing the forest based bioeconomy (Bauer 2018; Pülzl et al. 2014). In recent years the concept of
31 biorefineries has gained increasing traction. Most examples involve innovations for taking by-products
32 or diverting small streams to produce fuels, chemicals and bio-composites that can replace fossil-based
33 products, but there is little common vision on what really constitutes a biorefinery (Bauer et al. 2017).
34 Some of these options have limited scalability and the cellulose fibre remains the core product even in
35 the relatively large shift from paper production to textiles fibre production.

36 Pulp mills have been identified as promising candidates for post-combustion capture and CCS
37 (Onarheim et al. 2017), which could allow some degree of net negative emissions. For deep
38 decarbonisation across all sectors, notably switching to biomass feedstock for fuels, organic chemicals
39 and plastics, the availability of biogenic carbon (in biomass or as biogenic CO₂, Chapter 7) becomes an
40 issue. A scenario where biogenic carbon is CCU as feedstock implies large demands for hydrogen,
41 completely new value chains and more closed carbon loops, all areas which are as yet largely
42 unexplored (Ericsson 2017; Meys et al. 2021).

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1 **11.4.1.5 Overview of estimates of specific mitigation potential and abatement costs of key technologies**
2 **and processes for main industry sectors**

3 Climate policy related literature focusing on deep industrial emission reductions has expanded rapidly
4 since AR 5. An increasing body of research proposes deep decarbonisation pathways for energy
5 intensive industries (Figure 11.13). (Bataille et al. 2018a) address the question of whether it is possible
6 to reduce GHG emissions to very low, zero, or negative levels, and identifies preliminary technological
7 and policy elements that may allow the transition, including the use of policy to drive technological
8 innovation and uptake. Material Economics (2019); IEA (2019b), Energy Transitions Commission
9 (2018) and Climate Action Tracker CAT (2020) take steps to identify pathways integrating energy
10 efficiency, material efficiency, circular economy and innovative technologies options to cut GHG
11 emissions across basic materials and value chains. The key conclusion is that net zero CO₂ emissions
12 from the largest sources (steel, plastics, ammonia, and cement) could be achieved by 2050 by deploying
13 already available multiple options packaged in different ways (Material Economics 2019; UKCCC
14 2019b; Davis et al. 2018). The studies assume that for those technologies that have a kind of
15 breakthrough technology status further technological development and significant cost reduction can
16 be expected.

17 **Table 11.3**, modified from Bataille (2020a) and built from (Material Economics 2019; Bazzanella and
18 Ausfelder 2017; Axelson et al. 2018; McMillan et al. 2016; Wesseling et al. 2017; UKCCC 2019b;
19 Energy Transitions Commission 2018; Philibert 2017a; Davis et al. 2018; IEA 2019f, 2020c; Bataille
20 et al. 2018a), presents carbon intensities that could be achieved by implementing mitigation options in
21 major basic material industries, mitigation potential, estimates for mitigation costs, TRL and potential
22 year of market introduction (see also Figure 11.13).

23 **Table 11.3** acknowledges that for many carbon intensive products a large variety of novel processes,
24 inputs and practices capable of providing very deep emission reductions are already available and
25 emerging. However, their application is subject to different economic and structural limitations,
26 therefore in the scenarios assuming deep decarbonisation by 2050–2060 different technological mixes
27 can be observed (section 11.4.2).

Table 11.3 Technological potentials and costs for deep decarbonisation of basic industries. Percentages of maximum reduction are multiplicative, not additive

Sector	Current Intensity (tCO ₂ -eq t ⁻¹)	Potential GHG reduction	NASA TRL	Cost per tonne CO ₂ -eq (2019 USD tCO ₂ -eq ⁻¹ for % of emissions) ? = Unknown	Year available assuming policy drivers
Iron and Steel					
Current intensity – all steel (Worldsteel)	1.83				
Current intensity – ~BF-BOF/ Best BF-BOF & NG-DRI (with near zero GHG electricity)	2.3/1.8 & 0.7				
Current intensity – EAF (depends on electricity intensity & pre-heating fuel)	>=0	Up to 99%			
Material efficiency (IEA 2019 “Material Efficiency...”)		Up to 40%	9	Subject to supply chain building codes and education	Today
More recycling; depends on available stock, recycling network, quality of scrap, availability of DRI for dilution		Highly regional, growing with time	9	Subject to logistical, transport, sorting, & recycling equipment costs	Today
BF-BOF w/ top gas recirculation & CCU/S ⁱ		60%	6–7	70–130 USD/t	2025-‘30
Syngas (H ₂ & CO) DRI EAF with concentrated flow CCU/S		90%+	9	>=40 USD/t	Today
Hisarna with concentrated CO ₂ capture ⁱⁱ		80–90%	7	40–70 USD/t	2025
Hydrogen DRI EAF ⁱⁱⁱ - Fossil hydrogen with CCS is in operation, electrolysis based hydrogen scheduled for 2026		Up to 99%	7	34–68 EUR/t & 40 EUR/MWh	2025
Aqueous (e.g. SIDERWIN) or Molten Oxide (e.g. Boston Metals) Electrolysis ^{iv}		Up to 99%	3–5	?	2035-‘40
Cement & Concrete					
Current intensity, about 60% is limestone calcination	0.55				
Building design to minimize concrete (IEA 2019b, 2020a)		Up to 24%	9	Low, education, design and logistics related	2025
Alternative lower GHG fuels, e.g. waste (biofuels and hydrogen see above)		40%	9	Cost of alt. fuels	Today

	CCUS for process heating & CaCO ₃ calcination CO ₂ (e.g. LEILAC, possible retrofit) ^v		99% calc., ≤90% heat	5–7	≤40 USD/t calc. ≤120 USD/t heat	2025
	Clinker substitution (e.g. limestone + calcined clays) ^{vi}		40–50%	9	Near zero, education, logistics, building code revisions	Today
	Use of multi sized and well dispersed aggregates ^{vi}		Up to 75%	9	Near zero	Today
	Magnesium or ultramafic cements ^{vi}		Negative?	1–4	?	2040
Aluminium & other non-ferrous						
	Current Al intensity, from hydro to coal based electricity production. 1.5 tonne CO ₂ are produced by graphite electrode decay	1.5 t/t + electricity req., i.e. 10/t (NG) to 18 t/t (Coal)				
	Inert electrodes + green electricity ^{vii}		100%	6–7	Relatively low	2024
	Hydro/Electrolytic smelting (w/CO ₂ CCUS if necessary)		Up to 99%	3–9	Ore specific	<2030
Chemicals (see also crosscutting feedstocks above) ^{viii}						
	Catalysis of ammonia from low/zero GHG hydrogen H ₂	1.6 (NG), 2.5 (naptha) 3.8 (coal)	≤99%	9	Cost of H ₂	Today
	Electrocatalysis: CH ₄ , CH ₃ OH, C ₂ H ₅ OH, CO, olefins ^{ix}		Up to 99%	3	Cost: Elec., H ₂ , CO _x	2030
	Catalysis of olefins from: (m)ethanol; H ₂ & CO _x directly		9%	9,3	Cost: H ₂ & CO _x	<2030
	End-use plastics, mainly CCUS and recycling	1.3–4.2, about 2.4	94%	5–6	150–240 USD/t	2030?
Pulp & Paper						
	Full biomass firing, inc. lime kilns		60-75%	9	About 50 USD/t	Today
Other manufacturing						
	Electrification using current tech (boilers, 90°C–140°C heat pumps		99%	9	Cost: Elec. vs. NG	2025
	" using new tech (induction, plasma heating)		99%	3–6		2025
Cross-cutting (CCUS, H ₂ , net zero C _o O _x H _y fuels/feedstocks)						
	CCUS of post-combustion CO ₂ diluted in nitrogen ^v		Up to 90%	6–7	≤120 USD/t	2025
	CCUS of concentrated CO ₂ ^v		99%	9	≤40 USD/t	Today
	H ₂ prod: Steam or auto-thermal CH ₄ reforming w/ CCS ^v		SMR ≤90% ATR >90%	6*, 9**	56% @ ≤40 USD/t chem**, ≤120 USD heat*, +20%/kg	≤2025
	H ₂ prod: coal with CCUS ^v		≤90%	6	“, +25-50%/kg	≤2025

	H ₂ prod: Alkaline or PEM Electrolysis ^x		99%	9	about 50 USD/t or <20-30 USD/MWh	Today
	H ₂ prod: Reversible solid oxide fuel electrolysis ^x		99%	6–8	about 40 USD/t or <40 USD/MWh	2025
	H ₂ prod: CH ₄ pyrolysis or catalytic cracking ^{xi}		99%	5	?	2030?
	Hydrogen as CH ₄ replacement		<=10%	9	See above	Today
	Biogas or liquid replacement hydrocarbons		60–90%	9	Biomass USD/GJ; >=50 USD/t, uncertain	Today
	Anaerobic digestion/fermentation: CH ₄ , CH ₃ OH, C ₂ H ₅ OH ^{xii}		Up to -99%	9	Biomass cost	Today
	Methane or methanol from H ₂ & CO _x (CCUS for excess). Maximum -50% reduction if C source is FF		50–99%	6–9	Cost: H ₂ & CO _x	Today
	850°C woody biomass gasification w/ CCS for excess carbon: CO, CO ₂ , H ₂ , H ₂ O, CH ₄ , C ₂ H ₄ & C ₆ H ₆ ^{xiii}		Could be negative	7–8	about 50–75 USD/t, uncertain	Today
	Direct air capture for short and long chain C _o O _x H _y ^{xiv}		Up to 99%	3	Cost: E, H ₂ , CO _x about 94–232 USD/t	<=2030

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ⁱ Data for CCS costs for steel making: Birat (2012); Axelson et al. (2018) and Leeson et al. (2017);

ⁱⁱ Data for Hisarna: Axelson et al. (2018);

ⁱⁱⁱ Data for hydrogen DRI electric arc furnaces: Fishedick et al. (2014b) and Vogl et al. (2018);

^{iv} Data for molten oxide electrolysis (also known as SIDERWIN): (Axelson et al. 2018; Fishedick et al. 2014b). The TRLs differ by source, the value provided is from Axelson et al. (2018) based on UCLOS SIDERWIN;

^v Data for making hydrogen from SMR and ATR with CCUS: Moore (2017), Leeson et al. (2017) and IEA (2019f). The cost of CCS disposal of concentrated sources of CO₂ at 15–40 USD·tCO₂-eq⁻¹ is well established as commercial for direct or EOR purposes and is based on the long standing practise of disposing of hydrogen sulfide and oil brines underground: Wilson et al. (2003) and Leeson et al. (2017). There is a wide variance, however, in estimated tCO₂-eq⁻¹ breakeven prices for industrial post-combustion capture of CO₂ from sources highly diluted in nitrogen (e.g. Leeson et al. (2017) at 60–170 USD·tCO₂-eq⁻¹), but most fall under 120 USD·tCO₂-eq⁻¹;

^{vi} Data for clinker substitution and use of well mixed and multi sized aggregates: (Fechner and Kray 2012; Lehne and Preston 2018; Habert et al. 2020);

^{vii} Rio Tinto, Alcoa and Apple have partnered with the governments of Québec and Canada to formed a coalition to commercialize inert as opposed to sacrificial graphite electrodes by 2024, thereby making the standard Hall Heroult process very low emissions if low carbon electricity is used;

^{viii} Data and other information: Bazzanella and Ausfelder (2017); Axelson et al. (2018); IEA (2018a); De Luna et al. (2019) and Philibert (2017b,a);

^{ix} See De Luna et al. (2019) for a state of the art review of electrocatalysis, or direct recombination of organic molecules using electricity and catalysts;

^x Data for hydrogen production from electrolysis: Bazzanella and Ausfelder (2017); Philibert (2017a); Armijo and Philibert (2020); IEA (2019f); Philibert (2017b);

^{xi} Data for methane pyrolysis to make hydrogen: Abbas and Wan Daud (2010). Data for hydrogen production from methane catalytic cracking: Amin et al. (2011) and Ashik et al. (2015);

^{xii} Data for anaerobic digestion or fermentation for the production of methane, methanol and ethanol: De Luna et al. (2019);

^{xiii} Data for woody biomass gasification: Li et al. (2019) and van der Meijden et al. (2011);

^{xiv} Data on direct air capture of CO₂: Keith et al. (2018) and Fasihi et al. (2019).

1 While deep GHG emissions reduction potential is assessed for various regions, assessment of associated
2 costs is limited to only a few regions; nevertheless those analyses may be illustrative at the global scale.
3 UKCCC (2019b) provides costs assessments for different industrial subsectors (see **Table 11.3**) for the
4 UK. They provide three ranges: core, more ambitious and when energy and material efficiency are
5 limited. The core options range from 2–85 GBP 2019 tCO₂-eq⁻¹ (e.g., reduction in GHG emissions by
6 about 50% by 2050 applying energy efficiency (EE), ME, CCS, biomass and electrification). The more
7 ambitious options are estimate at 32–119 GBP 2019 tCO₂-eq⁻¹ (e.g., 90% emissions reduction via
8 widespread deployment of hydrogen, electrification or bioenergy for stationary industrial
9 heat/combustion). Finally, costs range from 33–299 GBP tCO₂-eq⁻¹ when energy and material
10 efficiency are limited.

11 In Material Economics (2019) costs are provided for separate technologies and subsectors, and also by
12 pathways, each including new industrial processes, circular economy and CCS components in different
13 proportions allowing for the transition to net zero industrial emission in the EU by 2050. That means
14 that the study provides information about the three main mid- to long-term options which could enable
15 a widely abatement of GHG emissions. Given different electricity price scenarios, average abatement
16 costs associated with the circular economy-dominated pathway are 12–75 EUR 2019 tCO₂-eq⁻¹, for the
17 carbon capture-dominated pathway 79 euro 2019 tCO₂-eq⁻¹, and for the new processes dominated
18 scenario 91 euro 2019 tCO₂-eq⁻¹. Consequently, net zero emission pathways are about 3–25% costlier
19 compared to the baseline (Material Economics 2019). According to Energy Transitions Commission
20 (2018), cement decarbonisation would cost on average 110–130 USD tCO₂⁻¹ depending on the cost
21 scenario. Rootzén and Johnsson (2016) state that CO₂ avoidance costs for the cement industry vary
22 from 25 to 110 EUR·tCO₂⁻¹, depending on the capture option considered and on the assumptions made
23 with respect to the different cost items involved. According to Energy Transitions Commission (2018),
24 steel can be decarbonised on average at 60 USD tCO₂⁻¹, with highly varying costs depending on low
25 carbon electricity prices..

26 For customers of final products, information on the potential impact of supply side decarbonization on
27 final prices may be more useful than that of CO₂ abatement costs. A different approach has been
28 developed to assess the costs of mitigation by estimating the potential impacts of supply-side
29 decarbonization on final products prices. Material Economics (2019) shows that with deep
30 decarbonization, depending on the pathway, steel costs grow by 20–30%; plastics by 20–45%; ammonia
31 by 15–60% and cement (not concrete) by 70–115%. While these are large and problematic costs
32 increases for material producers working with low margins in a competitive market, final end-use
33 product price increases are far less, for example, a car becomes 0.5% more expensive, supported by
34 both Rootzén and Johnsson (2016) and Energy Transitions Commission (2018). For comparison,
35 Rootzén and Johnsson (2017) found that decarbonizing cement making, while doubling the cost of
36 cement, would add <1% to the costs of a residential building; the Energy Transitions Commission
37 (2018) found concrete would be 10-30% more expensive, adding 15,000 USD or 3% to the price of a
38 house includign land value. Finally, IEA (2020a) estimated the impact on end-use prices are rather
39 small, even in a net zero scenario; they find price increases of 0.2% for a car and 0.6% for a house based
40 on higher costs for steel and cement respectively.

41 Thus, the price impact scales down going across the value chain and might be acceptable for a
42 significant share of customers. However, it has to be reflected that the cumulative price increase could
43 be more significant if several different zero-carbon materials (e.g., steel, plastics, aluminium) in the
44 production process of a certain product have to be combined, indicating the importance of material
45 efficiency being applied along with production decarbonisation.

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1 **11.4.2 Transformation pathways**

2 To discuss the general role and temporal implementation of the different options for achieving a net-
3 zero GHG emissions industry, mitigation pathways will be analyzed. This starts with showing the
4 results of IAM based scenarios followed by specific studies which provide much higher technological
5 resolution and allow a much deeper look into the interplay of different mitigation strategies. The
6 comparison of more technology-focused sector-based scenarios with top-down oriented scenarios
7 provides the opportunity for a reciprocal assessment across different modelling philosophies and helps
8 to identify robust elements for the transformation of the sector. Only some of the scenarios available in
9 the literature allow for at least rough estimates of the necessary investments and give direction about
10 relevant investment cycles and potential risks of stranded or depreciated assets. In some specific cases
11 cost comparisons can be translated into expected difference costs not only for the overall sector, but
12 also for relevant materials or even consumer products.

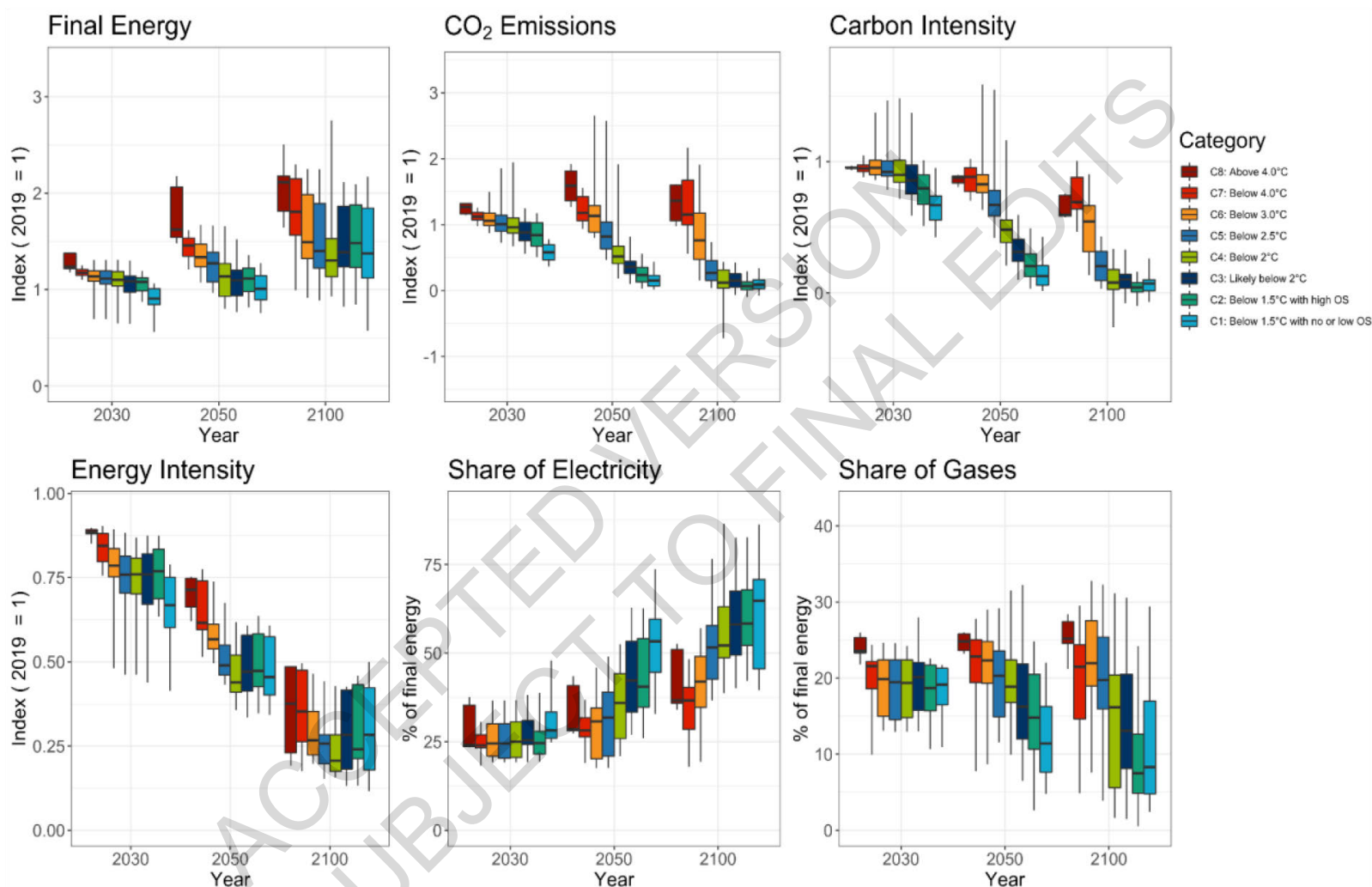
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14 *11.4.2.1 Central results from (top down) scenarios analysis and illustrative mitigation pathways* 15 *discussion*

16 Chapter 3 conducted a comprehensive analysis of scenarios based on IAMs. The resulting database
17 comprises more than 1000 model-based scenarios published in the literature. The scenarios span a broad
18 range along temperature categories from rather baseline like scenarios to the description of pathways
19 that are compatible with the 1.5°C target. Comparative discussion of scenarios allows some insights
20 with regard to the relevance of mitigation strategies for the industry sector (Figure 11.11).

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Figure 11.11 Industrial final energy (top left), CO₂ emissions (top right), energy intensity (middle left), carbon intensity (middle right), share of electricity (bottom left), and share of gases (bottom right).

- 1 **Energy intensity is final energy per unit of GDP. Carbon intensity is CO₂ emissions per EJ of final energy. The first four indicators are indexed to 2019, where**
2 **values less than 1 indicate a reduction. Industrial sector CO₂ emissions include fuel combustion emissions only. Boxes indicate the interquartile range, the median is**
3 **shown with a horizontal black line, while vertical lines show the 5 to 95% interval.**
4 Source: Data is from the AR6 database; only scenarios that pass the vetting criteria are included (see Section 3.2).

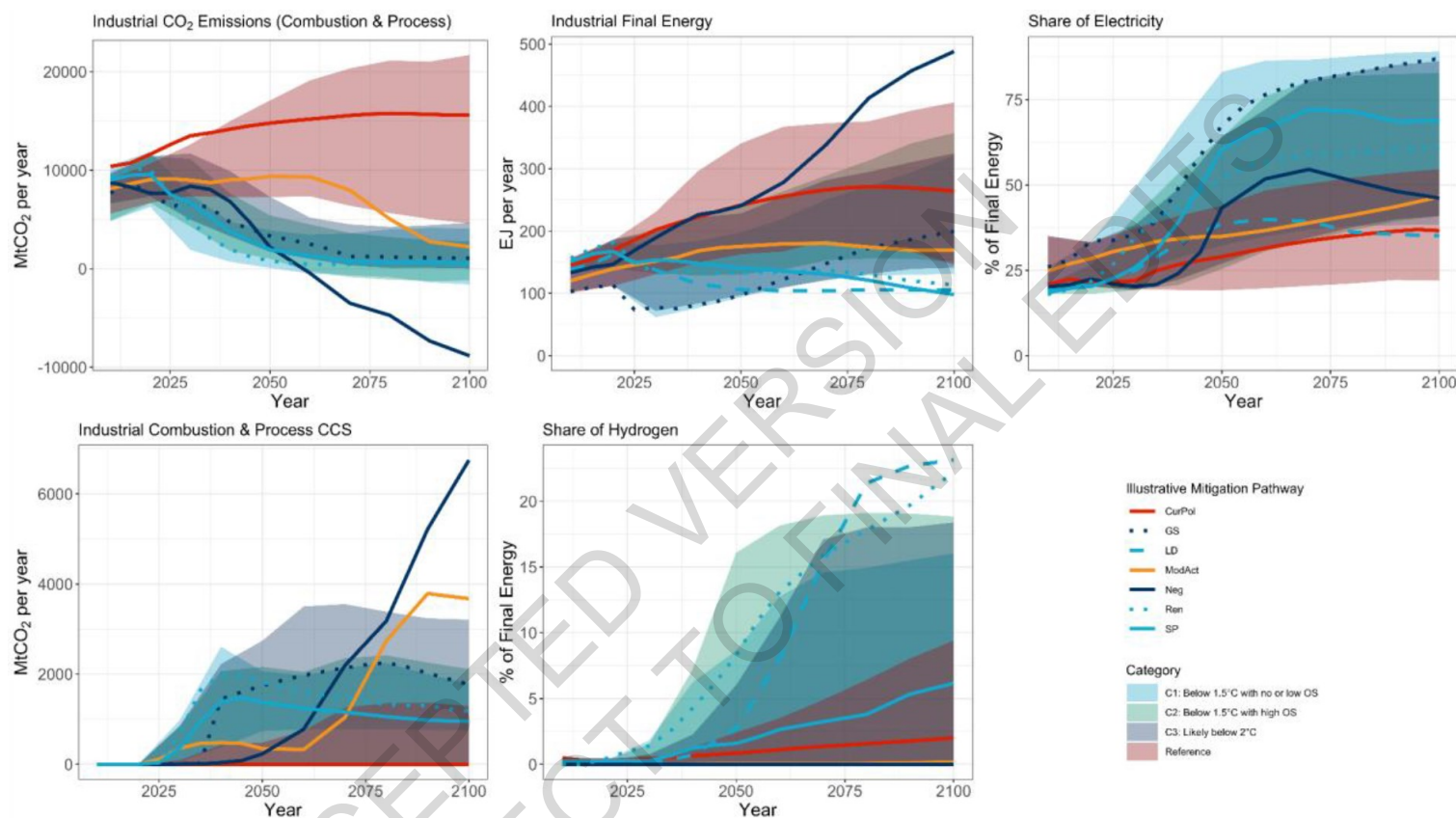
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2 The main results from the Chapter 3 analysis from an industry perspective are:

3 • While all scenarios show a decline in energy and carbon intensity over time final energy
4 demand and associated industry related CO₂ emissions increase in many scenarios. Only
5 ambitious scenarios (category C1) show significant reduction in final energy demand in 2030,
6 more or less constant demand in 2050, but increasing demand in 2100, driven by growing
7 material use throughout the 21st century. While carbon intensity shrinks over time energy
8 related CO₂-emissions decline after 2030 even in less ambitious scenarios, but particularly in
9 those pursuing a temperature increase below 2°C.10 • Reduction of CO₂-emissions in the sector are achieved through a combination of technologies
11 which includes nearly all options that have been discussed in this chapter (Section 11.3 and
12 11.4.1). However, there are big differences with regard to the intensity the scenarios implement
13 the various options. This is particularly true for CCS for industrial applications and material
14 efficiency and material demand management (i.e., service demand, service product intensity).
15 The latter options are still underrepresented in many global IAMs.16 • There are only a few scenarios which allow net-negative CO₂-emissions for the industry for the
17 second half of the century while most scenarios assessed (including the majority of 1.5°C
18 scenarios) end up with still significant positive CO₂-emissions. In comparison to the whole
19 system most scenarios expect a slower decrease of industry related emissions.20 • There is a great - up to a factor of two - difference in assumptions about the GHG mitigation
21 potential associated with different carbon cost levels between IAMs and sector specific industry
22 models. Consequently, IAMs pick up mitigation options slower or later (or not at all) than
23 models which are more technologically detailed. Due to their top-down perspective IAMs to
24 date have not been able to represent the high complexity of industries in terms of the broad
25 variety of technologies and processes (particularly circularity aspects) and to fully reflect the
26 dynamics of the sector. In addition, as energy and carbon price elasticities are still not
27 completely understood, primarily cost driven models have their limitations. However, there are
28 several ongoing activities to bring in more engineering knowledge and technological details
29 into the IAM models (Kermeli et al. 2021).30 In addition to the more aggregated discussion, the IAMs illustrative mitigation pathways (IMPs) allow
31 a deeper look into the transformation pathways related to the scenarios. For the illustrative mitigation
32 pathways (IMPs) approach sets of scenarios have been selected which represent different levels of GHG
33 mitigation ambitions, scenarios which rely on different key strategies or even exclude some mitigation
34 options, represent delayed actions or SDG oriented pathways. For more detailed information about the
35 selection see Chapter 3.3.2. Figure 11.12 compares for a selected number of key variables the results of
36 IMPs and puts them in the context of the whole sample of IAMs scenario results for three temperature
37 categories.

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3 **Figure 11.12 Comparison of industry sector related CO₂-emissions (including process emissions), final energy demand, share of electricity and hydrogen in the**
4 **final energy mix, and industrial CCS for different mitigation scenarios representing illustrative mitigation pathways and the full sample of IAM scenario results for**
5 **three temperature categories (figure based on scenario data base). Indicators in the Illustrative Mitigation Pathways (lines) and the 5-95% range of Reference,**
6 **1.5°C and 2°C scenarios (shaded areas). The selected IMPs reflect the following characteristics: opportunities for reducing demand (IMP-LD; low demand), the**
7 **role of deep renewable energy penetration and electrification (IMP-Ren; renewables), extensive use of CDR in the industry and the energy sectors to achieve net**
8 **negative emissions (IMP-Neg), insights how shifting development can lead to deep emission reductions and achieve sustainable development goals (IMP-SP; shifting**
9 **pathways), and insights how slower short term emissions reductions can be compensated by very fast emission reductions later on (IMP-GS; gradual**

- 1 **strengthening). Furthermore, two scenarios were selected to illustrate the consequences of current policies and pledges; these are CurPol (Current Policies) and**
- 2 **ModAct (Moderate Action) and are referred to as Pathways Illustrative of Higher Emissions**
- 3 Source: Data is from the AR6 database; only scenarios that pass the vetting criteria are included (see Section 3.2).

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2 With growing mitigation ambition final energy demand is significantly lower in comparison of a current
3 policy pathway (CurPol) and a scenario that explores the impact of further moderate actions (ModAct).
4 Based on the underlying assumptions, scenarios IMP-SP and IMP-LD are characterized by the lowest
5 final energy demand, triggered by high energy efficiency improvement rates as well as additional
6 demand side measures while a scenario with extensive use of CDR in the industry and the energy sectors
7 to achieve net negative emissions (IMP-Neg) leads to a significant increase in final energy demand.
8 Scenario IMP-GS represents a pathway where mitigation action is gradually strengthened by 2030
9 compared to pre-COP 26 NDCs shows the lowest final energy demand. All ambitious IMPs show
10 substantially increasing contributions from electricity, with electricity's end-use share more than
11 doubling for some of them by 2050 and more than tripling by 2100. The share of hydrogen shows a
12 flatter curve for many scenarios, reaching 5% (IMP-Ren) in 2050 and up to 20% in 2100 for some
13 scenarios (Ren, LD). Those scenarios that have a strong focus on renewable energy electrification show
14 high shares of hydrogen in the sector. In comparison to sector specific and national studies which show
15 typically a range between 5 and 15% by 2050, many IAM IMPs expect hydrogen to play a less important
16 role. Results for industrial CCS show a broad variety of contributions, with the GS scenario (where
17 hydrogen is not relevant as mitigation option) representing the upper bound to 2050, with almost 2
18 GtCO₂·yr⁻¹ captured and stored by 2050. Beyond 2050 the upper bound is associated with scenario IMP-
19 Neg associated with extensive use of CDR in the industry and energy sectors to achieve net negative
20 emissions in the second half of the century - more than 6 GtCO₂·yr⁻¹ is captured and stored in 2100
21 (this represents roughly 60% of 2018 direct CO₂ emissions of the sector).

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23 *11.4.2.2 In-depth discussion and “reality” check of pathways from specific sector scenarios*

24 Since AR5 a number of studies providing a high technological level of detail for the industry sector
25 have been released which describe how the industry sector can significantly reduce its GHG emissions
26 until the middle of the century. Many of these studies try to specifically reflect the particular industry
27 sector characteristics and barriers that hinder industry to follow an optimal transformation pathway.
28 They vary in respect to different characteristics. In respect to their geographical scope, some studies
29 analyse the prospects for industry sector decarbonisation on a global level (Tchung-Ming et al. 2018;
30 IEA 2017a; Grubler et al. 2018; Energy Transitions Commission 2018; IEA 2020a, 2019b, 2020c);
31 regional level, for example, European Commission (2018); Material Economics (2019), or country level
32 - studies for China, from where most industry related emissions come, (e.g. Zhou et al. (2019)).²⁴ In
33 regard sectoral scope, some studies include the entire industry sector, while others focus on selected
34 GHG emission intensive sectors, such as steel, chemicals and/or concrete. Most of the scenarios focus
35 solely on CO₂ emissions, that is non-CO₂ emissions of the industrial sector are neglected.²⁵

36 Industry sector mitigation studies also differ in regard to whether they develop coherent scenarios or
37 whether they focus on discussing and analysing selected key mitigation strategies, without deriving full

FOOTNOTE²⁴ In addition, there are many other studies available which have developed country-specific, technologically detailed scenarios for industry decarbonisation e.g. (Gerbert et al. 2018) and a few which have investigated the decarbonisation prospects of individual industrial clusters (Schneider 2019), but these types of studies are not discussed here.

FOOTNOTE²⁵ Most of the global mitigation scenarios solely focus on CO₂ emissions. Non-CO₂ emissions make up only a small share of the industry sector's current CO₂-eq. emissions and include N₂O emissions (e.g. from nitric and adipic acid production), CH₄ emissions (e.g. from chemical production and iron and steel production) and various F-gases (such as perfluorocarbons from primary aluminium production and semiconductor manufacturing) (Gambhir et al. 2017; USEPA and ICF 2012). Mitigation options for these non-CO₂ emissions are discussed in (Gambhir et al. 2017).

1 energy and emission scenarios. Coherent scenarios are developed in (IEA 2017; Energy Transitions
2 Commission 2018; Tchung-Ming et al. 2018; Grubler et al. 2018; IEA 2021a; IRENA 2021; IEA 2019b,
3 2020a,c) on the global level and in Climaact (2018); European Commission (2018); Material Economics
4 (2019) on the European level. Recent literature analysing selected key mitigation strategies, for example
5 IEA (2019b) and Material Economics (2019) has focused either exclusively or to a large extent on
6 analysing the potential of materials efficiency and circular economy measures to reduce the need for
7 primary raw materials relative to a business-as-usual development. IEA (2021a, 2020a) also provides
8 deep insides in single mitigation strategies for the industry sector, particularly the role of CCS.

9 The following discussion mainly concentrates on scenarios from IEA. It has to be acknowledged that
10 they only represent a small segment of the huge scenario family (cf. scenario data base in chapter 3),
11 but this approach enables to show the chronological evolution of scenarios coming from the same
12 institution, using the same modelling approach (which allows a technology-rich analytical backcasting
13 approach), but reflect additional requests that emerge over time (Table 11.5). In the 2DS scenario from
14 the “Energy Technology Perspectives (ETP)” study (IEA 2017), which intends to describe in great
15 technological detail how the global energy system could transform by 2060 so as to be in line with
16 limiting global warming to below 2°C, total CO₂ emission are 74 % lower in 2060 than in 2014, while
17 only 39% lower in the industry sector. The B2DS scenario of the same study intends to show how far
18 known clean energy technologies (including those that lead to negative emissions) could go if pushed
19 to their practical limits, allowing the future temperature increase to be limited to “well below” 2°C and
20 lowering total CO₂ emissions by 100% by 2060 and by 75% relative to 2014 in the industry sector.

21 Technologies penetration assumed in the CTS scenario by 2060 allows for an industrial emission cut of
22 45% from 2017 level and a 50% cut against projected 2060 emissions in the Reference Technology
23 Scenario (RTS) from the same study (IEA 2019b) similar to IEA’s 2DS scenario. Energy efficiency
24 improvements and deployment of BATs contribute 46% to cumulative emission reduction in 2018–
25 2060, while fuel switch (15%), material efficiency (19%) and deployment of innovative processes
26 (20%) provide the rest. IEA (2020a,c) which continuous the Energy Technology Perspectives series
27 include the new Sustainable Development Scenario (SDS) to describe a trajectory for emissions
28 consistent with reaching global “net zero” CO₂ emissions by around 2070.²⁶ In 2070 the net zero balance
29 is reached through a compensation of the remaining CO₂-emissions (fossil fuel combustion and
30 industrial processes still lead to around 3 GtCO₂) by a combination of BECCS and to a lesser degree
31 Direct Air Capture and storage. In IEA (2020c) the Faster Innovation Case (FIC) shows a possibility to
32 reach net zero emissions level globally already in 2050, assuming that technology development and
33 market penetration can be significantly accelerated. Innovation plays a major role in this scenario as
34 almost half of all the additional emissions reductions in 2050 relative to the reference case would be
35 from technologies that are in an early stage of development and have not yet reached the market today
36 (IEA 2020c). The most ambitious IEA scenario NZE2050 (IEA 2021a) describes a pathway reaching
37 net zero emissions at system level by 2050. With 0.52 GtCO₂ industry related CO₂-emissions (including
38 process emissions) it ends up 94% below 2018 level in 2050. Remaining emissions in the industry sector
39 have to be compensated by negative emissions (e.g. via DAC).

FOOTNOTE²⁶ Following the description of IEA SDS 2020 would limit the global temperature rise to below 1.8°C with a 66% probability if CO₂ emissions remain at net zero after 2070. If CO₂ emissions were to fall below net zero after 2070, then this would increase the possibility of reaching 1.5°C by the end of the century (IEA 2020c).

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Table 11.4 Perspectives on industrial sector mitigation potential (comparison of different IEA scenarios)

Reduction of direct CO ₂ emissions	Scenario assumptions ⁱ	IEA (2017, 2020c,i, 2021a)		IEA (2019b)	IEA (2020a,c)	
		2030	2050	2060	2050	2070
Baseline direct emissions from industrial sector						
Reference Technology Scenario (RTS)	Industry sector improvements in energy consumption and CO ₂ emissions are incremental, in line with currently implemented and announced policies and targets.	9.8 GtCO ₂	10.4 GtCO ₂	9.7 GtCO ₂		
Emission reduction potential						
2°C Scenario (2DS)	Assumes the decoupling of production in industry from CO ₂ emissions growth across the sector that would be compatible with limiting the rise in global mean temperature to 2°C by 2100.	-7% vs 2014 ⁱⁱ -20% vs RTS ⁱⁱ	-39% vs 2014 ⁱⁱ -50% vs RTS ⁱⁱ			
Beyond 2°C Scenario (B2DS)	Pushes the available CO ₂ abatement options in industry to their feasible limits in order to aim for the “well below 2°C” target.	-28% vs 2014 -38% vs RTS	-75% vs 2014 -80% vs RTS			
Clean Technology Scenario (CTS)	Strong focus on clean technologies. Energy efficiency and deployment of BATs contribute 46% to cumulative emission reduction in 2018–2060; fuel switch -15%; material efficiency -19%; deployment of innovative processes -20%.			5 Gt CO ₂ or -45% vs 2017 level and -50% from 2060 RTS level		
Sustainable Development Scenario 2020 (SDS 2020)	Leads to net zero emissions globally by 2070. Remaining emissions in some sectors (including industry) in 2070 will be compensated by negative emissions in other areas (e.g. through BECCS and DAC)				~ 4.0	~ 0.6
Net-zero emissions across all sectors	-23% (i.e. 2.1 GtCO ₂) vs. 2018	-94% (i.e. 8.4 GtCO ₂) vs. 2018	Net-zero emissions across all			

Reduction of direct CO ₂ emissions	Scenario assumptions ⁱ	IEA (2017, 2020c,i, 2021a)		IEA (2019b)	IEA (2020a,c)	
		2030	2050	2060	2050	2070
are reached already by 2050.			sectors are reached already by 2050.			
Faster Innovation Case (FIC)	Achieves net zero emissions status already by 2050 based on accelerated development and market penetration of technologies which have currently not yet reached the market.				0.8 Gt CO ₂ (mainly steel and chemical industry)	

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ⁱ Based on bottom-up technology modelling of five energy-intensive industry subsectors (cement, iron and steel, chemicals and petrochemicals, aluminium and pulp and paper).

ⁱⁱ Industrial direct CO₂ emissions reached 8.3 GtCO₂ in 2014, 24% of global CO₂ emissions.

Source: IEA (2017, 2020c,i, 2021a, 2019b, 2020a).

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1 Two studies complement the discussion of the IEA scenarios and are related to IEA data base.²⁷ The
2 ETC Supply Side scenario builds on the ETP 2017 study, investigating additional emission reduction
3 potentials in the emissions intensive sectors such as heavy industry and heavy-duty transport so as to
4 be able to reach net zero emission by the middle of the century. The LED scenario (Grubler et al. 2018)
5 also builds on the ETP 2017 study, but focuses on the possible potential of very far-reaching efforts to
6 reduce future material demand.

7 A comparison of the different mitigation scenarios shows that they depend on how individual mitigation
8 strategies in the industry sector (see Figure 11.13) are assessed, . The use of CCS for example is in many
9 scenarios assessed as very important, while other scenarios indicate that ambitious mitigation level can
10 be achieved without CCS in the industry sector. CCS plays a major role in the B2DS scenario (3.2
11 GtCO₂ in 2050), the ETC Supply Side scenario (5.4 GtCO₂ in 2050) and the IEA (2020a), IEA (2021a)
12 scenarios (e.g. 2.8 Gt CO₂ in NZE2050 in 2050, roughly one halve of the captured CO₂ is related to
13 cement production), while it is explicitly excluded in the LED scenario. In the latter scenario, on the
14 other hand, considerable emission reductions are assumed to be achieved by far-reaching reductions in
15 material demand relative to a baseline development. In other words, the analysed scenarios also suggest
16 that to reach very strong emission reductions from the industry sector either CCS needs to be deployed
17 to a great extent or considerable material demand reductions will need to be realised. Such demand
18 reductions only play a minor role in the 2DS scenario and no role in the ETC Supply Side scenario. The
19 SDS described in IEA (2020a) provides a pathway where both CCS and material efficiency contribute
20 significantly. In SDS material efficiency is a relevant factor in several parts of industry, explicitly steel,
21 cement, and chemicals. Combining the different material efficiency options including to a substantial
22 part lifetime extension (particularly of buildings) leads to 29% less steel production by 2070, 26% less
23 cement production, and 25% less chemicals production respectively in comparison to the reference line
24 used in the study (Stated Policy Scenario: STEPS). Sector or sub-sector specific analysis support the
25 growing role of material efficiency. For the global chemical and petrochemical sector (Saygin and
26 Gielen 2021) point out that circular economy (including recycling) has to cover 16% of the necessary
27 reduction that is need for the implementation of a 1.5°C scenario.

28 In all scenarios, the relevance of biomass and electricity in industrial final energy demand increases,
29 especially in the more ambitious scenarios NZE2050, SDS, ETC Supply Side and LED. While in all
30 scenarios, electrification becomes more and more important hydrogen or hydrogen-derived fuels, on
31 the other hand, do not contribute to industrial final energy demand by the middle of the century in 2DS
32 and B2DS, while LED (1% final energy share in 2050) and particularly ETC supply side (25% final
33 energy share in 2050) consider hydrogen or hydrogen-derived fuels as a significant option. In the
34 updated IEA scenarios hydrogen and hydrogen-based fuels already play a more important role. In the
35 SDS share in industry final energy is around 10% (IEA 2020a) and in the Faster Innovation Case around
36 12% (IEA 2020c) in 2050. In the latter case this is based on the assumption that by 2050 on average
37 each year 22 hydrogen-based steel plants come into operation (IEA 2020c). In SDS around 60% of the
38 hydrogen is produced onsite via water electrolysis while the remaining 40% is generated in fossil fuel
39 plants (methane reforming) coupled with CCS facilities. In the NZE2050 scenario biomass/biomethane
40 (13%/3%), hydrogen (3%), natural gas with CCUS (4%) and coal with CCUS (4%) are responsible for
41 27% of the final energy demand of the sector. This is much more than in 2018, starting here from
42 roughly 6% (only biomass). Direct use of electricity still plays a bigger role in the analysis, as share of

FOOTNOTE²⁷ Several other two global mitigation scenarios (e.g. from Tchung-Ming et al. (2018), Shell Sky Scenario from Shell (2018)) are not included in the following scenario comparison as the study's energy and emission base year data on the industry sector deviates considerably from the other three studies included in the comparison, which all use IEA data. Furthermore, unlike the other studies, Tchung-Ming et al. (2018) do not provide detailed information on the steel, chemicals and concrete sub-sectors. Not included here but worth to be mentioned are many other sector specific studies, for example Napp et al. (2019, 2014), which consider more technologically advanced decarbonisation routes for the sector.

1 electricity increases in NZE2050 from 22% in 2018 to 28% in 2030 and 46% in 2050 (in 2050 with
2 15% a part of the electricity is used to produce hydrogen). This is reflecting the effect that since
3 publication of older IEA reports more direct electric applications for the sector become available. In
4 NZE2050 approx. 25% of total heat used in the sector is electrified directly with heat pumps or
5 indirectly with synthetic fuels already by 2030.

6 For B2DS it is assumed that most of the available abatement options in the industry sector are pushed
7 to their feasible limits. That leads to cumulative direct CO₂ emissions reductions compared to 2DS
8 which come from: energy efficiency improvements and BAT deployment (42%), innovative processes
9 and CCS (37%), switching to lower carbon fuels and feedstocks (13%) and material efficiency strategies
10 in manufacturing processes (8%). Energy efficiency improvements are particular important in the first
11 time period.

12 IEA World Energy Outlook indicates energy efficiency improvement in the 2020-2030 period as major
13 basis to switch from STEPS (stated policies) to the SDS (net zero emissions by 2070) pathway (IEA
14 2020i, 2021c). For many energy-intensive industries annual efficiency gains have to be almost doubled
15 (e.g., from 0.6% yr⁻¹ to 1.0 % yr⁻¹ for cement production) to contribute sufficiently to the overall goal.
16 If net zero CO₂-emissions should be achieved already by 2050 as pursued in the NZE2050 scenario IEA
17 (2020i) and (2021c) further accelerating energy efficiency improvements are necessary (e.g., for cement
18 annual efficiency gains of 1.75%) leading to the effect, that in 2030 many processes are implemented
19 closely to their technological limits. In total, sector final energy demand can be held nearly constant at
20 2018 level until 2050 and decoupled from product demand growth

21 The comparative analysis leads to the point that the relevance of individual mitigation strategies in
22 different scenarios depends not only on a scenario's level of ambition. Instead, implicit or explicit
23 assumptions about: a) the costs associated with each strategy, b) future technological progress and
24 availability of individual technologies and c) the future public or political acceptance of individual
25 strategies are likely to be main reasons for the observed differences between the analysed scenarios. For
26 many energy-intensive products technologies capable of deep emission cuts are already available. Their
27 application is subject to different economic and resources constrains (incremental investments needs,
28 products prices escalation, requirements for escalation of new low carbon power generation). To fully
29 exploit potential availability of carbon-free energy sources (e.g., electricity or hydrogen and related
30 derivates) is a fundamental prerequisite and marks the strong interdependencies between the industry
31 and the energy sector.

32 Assessment of the scenario literature allows to conclude that under specific conditions strong CO₂
33 emission reductions in the industry sector by 2050–2070 and even net zero emission pathways are
34 possible. However, there is no consensus on the most plausible or most desirable mix of key mitigation
35 strategies to be pursued. In addition it has to be stressed that suitable pathways are very country-specific
36 and depend on the economic structure, resource potentials, technological competences, and political
37 preferences and processes of the country or region in question (Bataille 2020a).

38 There is a consensus among the scenarios that a significant shift is needed from a transition process in
39 the past mainly based on marginal (incremental) changes (with a strong focus on energy efficiency
40 efforts) to a one based on transformational change. To limit the barriers that are associated with
41 transformational change, besides overcoming the valley of death for technologies or processes with
42 breakthrough character, it is required to carefully identify structural change processes which are
43 connected with substantial changes of the existing system (including the whole process chain). This has
44 to be done at an early stage and has to be linked with considerations about preparatory measures which
45 are able to flank the changes and to foster the establishment of new structures (Section 11.6). The right
46 sequencing of the various mitigation options and building appropriate bridges between the different
47 strategies are important. Rissman et al. (2020) proposes three phases of technologies deployment for
48 the industry sector: (1) energy/material efficiency improvement (mainly incremental) and electrification

1 in combination with demonstration projects for new technologies potentially important in subsequent
2 phases (2020-2035), (2) structural shifts based on technologies which reach maturity in phase (1) such
3 as CCS and alternative materials (2035-2050) (3) widespread deployment for technologies that are
4 nascent today like molten oxide electrolysis based steel making. There are no strong boundaries
5 between the different phases and all phases have to be accompanied by effective policies like R&D
6 programs and market pull incentives.

7 Taking the steel sector as an illustrative example, sector specific scenarios examining the possibility to
8 reach GHG reduction beyond 80% (CAT 2020; IEA 2021a; Vogl et al. 2021b; Bataille et al. 2021b)
9 indicate that robust measures comprise direct reduction of iron (DRI) with hydrogen in combination
10 with efforts to further close the loops and increase availability of scrap metal (reducing the demand for
11 primary steel). As hydrogen based DRI might not be a fully mature technology before 2030 (depending
12 on further developments of the policy framework and technological progress), risk of path dependencies
13 has to be taken into consideration when reinvestments in existing production capacities will be required
14 in the coming years. For existing plants, implementation of energy efficiency measures (e.g. utilization
15 of waste heat, improvement of high temperature pumps) could build a bridge for further mitigation
16 measures, but have only limited unexhausted potential. As many GHG mitigation measures are
17 associated with high investment costs and missing operating experience, a step by step implementing
18 process might be an appropriate strategy to avoid investment leakage (given the mostly long operation
19 times, investment cycles have to be used so as not to miss opportunities) and to gain experience. In the
20 case of steel, companies can start with the integration of a natural gas based direct reduced iron furnace
21 feeding the reduced iron to an existing blast furnace, blending and later replacing the natural gas by
22 hydrogen in a second stage, and later transitioning to a full hydrogen DRI EAF or molten oxide
23 electrolysis EAF, all without disturbing the local upstream and downstream supply chains.

24 It is worth mentioning the flexibility of implementing transformational changes not the least depends
25 on the age profile and projected longevity of existing capital stock, especially the willingness to accept
26 the intentional or market-based stranding of high GHG intensity investments. This is a relevant aspect
27 in all producing countries, but particularly in those countries with a rather young industry structure (i.e.
28 comparative low age of existing facilities on average). Tong et al. (2019) suggest that in China using
29 the survival rate as a proxy less than 10% of existing cement or steel production facilities will reach
30 their end of operation time by 2050. Vogl et al. (2021b) argue that the mean blast furnace campaign is
31 considerably shorter than used in Tong et al (2019), at only 17 years between furnace relining, which
32 suggests there is more room for retrofitting with clean steel major process technologies than generally
33 assumed. Bataille et al. (2021b) found if very low carbon intensity processes were mandatory starting
34 in 2025, given the lifetimes of existing facilities, major steel process lifetimes of up to 27 years would
35 still make a full retrofit cycle with low carbon processes possible.

36 In general, early adoption of new technologies plays a major role. Considering the long operation time
37 (lifetime) of industrial facilities (e.g., steel mills, cement kilns) early adoption of new technologies is
38 needed to avoid lock-in. For the SDS 2020 scenario, IEA (2020h) calculated the potential cumulative
39 reduction of CO₂-emissions from the steel, cement and chemicals sector to be around 57 GtCO₂ if
40 production technology is changed at its first mandatory retrofit, typically 25 years, rather than at 40
41 years (typical retrofitted lifetime) (Figure 11.13). Net zero pathways require that the new facilities are
42 based on zero- or near zero emissions technologies from 2030 onwards (IEA 2021c).

43 Another important finding is that material efficiency and demand management are still not well
44 represented in the scenario literature. Besides IEA (2020a) two of the few exceptions are Material
45 Economics (2019) for the EU and Zhou et al. (2019) for China. Zhou et al. (2019) describe a consistent
46 mitigation pathway (Reinventing Fire scenario) for China where in 2050 CO₂-emissions are at a level
47 42% below 2010 emissions. Around 13% of the reduction is related to less material demand, mainly
48 based on extension of building and infrastructure lifetime as well as reduction of material losses in the

1 production process and application of higher quality materials particularly high-quality cement (Zhou
2 et al. 2019). For buildings and cars, Pauliuk et al. (2021) analyzed the potential role of material
3 efficiency and demand management strategies on material demand to be covered by the industry sector.

4 For the three most important sub-sectors in industry Table 11.5 shows results from Material Economics
5 (2019) for the EU. The combination of circularity, material and energy efficiency, fossil and waste fuels
6 mix, electrification, hydrogen, and biomass use varies from scenario to scenario with no of these options
7 ignored. On the contrary, for CCS the authors set a strong default - in all scenarios CCS is not included
8 as a mitigation option. Scenario studies for Germany Samadi and Barthel (2020) support the Material
9 Economics (2019) findings and show deep mitigation s and even net zero emissions can be reached
10 without application of CCS and with limited contribution of synthetic carbon neutral fuels. In those
11 scenarios there are large contributions from material efficiency, circular economy, material substitution
12 as well as life-style changes.

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14 **Table 11.5 Contribution to emission reduction of different mitigation strategies for net zero emission**
15 **pathways (range represents three different pathways for the industry sector in Europe; each related**
16 **scenario focus on different key strategies)²⁸**

	Steel	Plastics	Ammonia	Cement
	Contribution to emission reduction (%) (range represents the three different pathways of the study)			
Circularity	5–27	7–27		10–44
Energy efficiency	5–23	2–9		1–5
Fossil fuels and waste fuels	9–41	0–27		0–51
Decarbonised electricity	36–59	16–22		29–71
Biomass for fuel or feedstock	5–9	18–22		0–9
End-of-life plastic		16–35		
	Required electrification level			
Growth of electricity demand (times compared with 2015)	3–5	3–4		2–5
	Investments and production costs escalation			
Investment needs growth (% versus BAU)	25–65	122–199	6–26	22–49
Cost of production (% versus BAU)	2–20	20–43	15–111	70–115

17 Source: Material Economics (2019).
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19 The analysis of net zero emission pathways require significantly higher investments compared to
20 business as usual (BAU), 25% to 65% for steel, 6–26% for Ammonia, 22–49% for cement and with
21 122–199% the highest number for plastics (Material Economics 2019).

22 While sector specific cost analysis are rare in general, there are scenarios indicating that pathways to
23 net zero CO₂ emissions in the emissions intensive sectors can be realized with limited additional costs.
24 According to Energy Transitions Commission (2018) deep decarbonization from four major industry
25 subsectors (plastics, steel, aluminium and cement) is achievable on a global level with cumulative
26 incremental capital investments (2015–2050) limited to about 0.1% of aggregate GDP over that period.
27 UKCCC (2019a) assesses that total incremental costs (compared to a theoretical scenario with no
28 climate change policy action at all) for cutting industrial emissions by 90% by 2050 is 0.2% of expected
29 2050 UK GDP (UKCCC 2019a). The additional investment is 0.2% of gross fixed capital formation
30 (Material Economics 2019). The IEA (2020a) indicates the required annual incremental global
31 investment in heavy industry is approximately 40 billion 2019 USD yr⁻¹ moving from (STEPS) to the

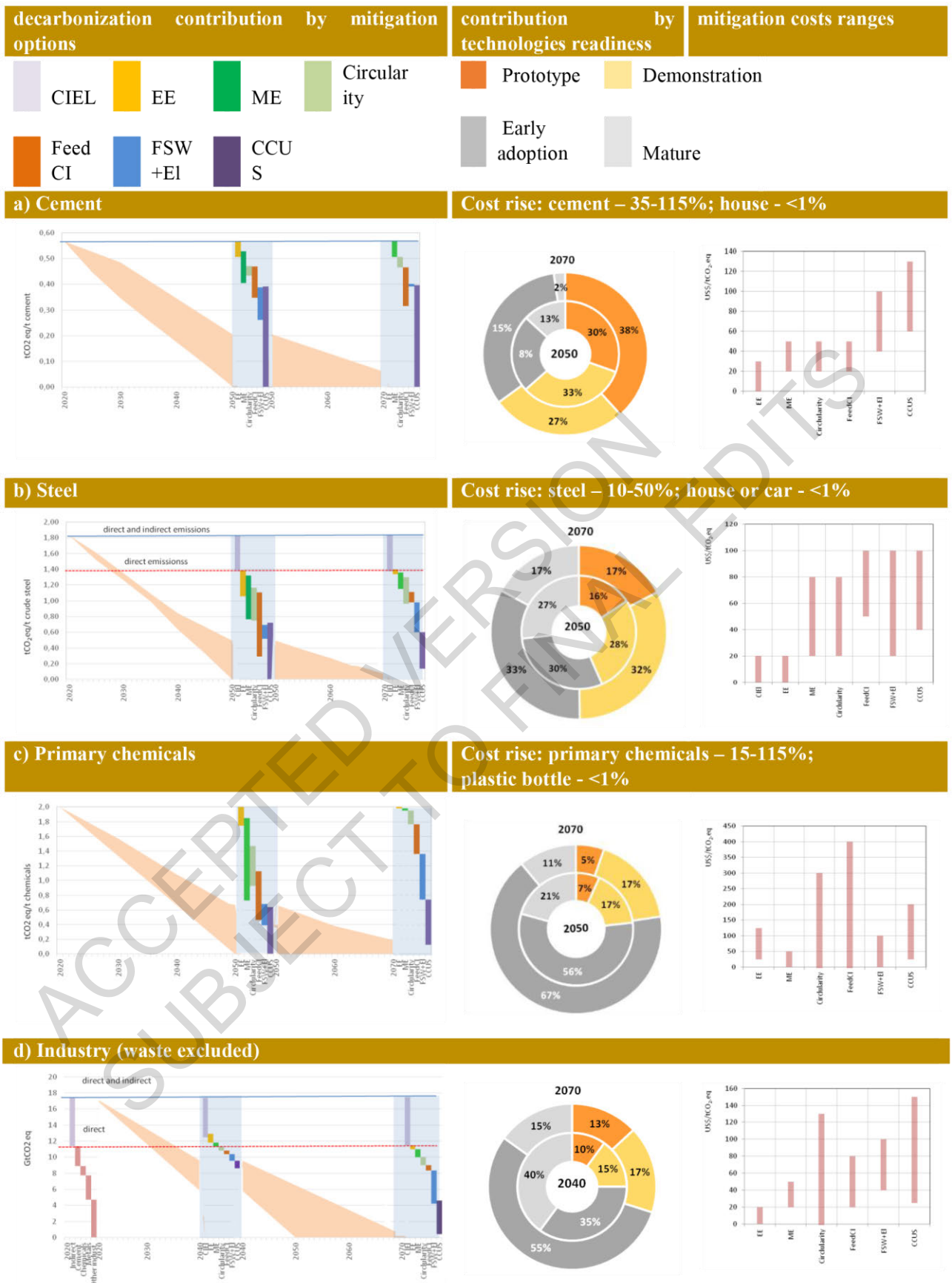
FOOTNOTE²⁸ Note: In the described scenarios CCS was not taken into consideration as a mitigation option by the authors.

1 SDS scenario (2020–2040), rising to 55 billion USD yr⁻¹ (2040–2070), effectively 0.05-0.07% of global
2 annual GDP today.

3 Finally, a new literature is emerging, based on the new sectoral electrification, hydrogen and CCS based
4 technologies listed in previous sections, considering the possibility of rearranging standard supply and
5 process chains using regional and international trade in intermediate materials like primary iron, clinker
6 and chemical feedstocks, to reduce global emissions by moving production of these materials to regions
7 with large and inexpensive renewable energy potential or CCS geology (Gielen et al. 2020; Bataille et
8 al. 2021a; Saygin and Gielen 2021; Bataille 2020a)

9 In a sequence of sectoral and industry wide figures below (Figure 11.13), it is shown - starting in the
10 present on the left and moving through 2050 to 2070 on the right, how much separate mitigation
11 strategies can contribute and how they are integrated in the literature to reach near zero emissions. For
12 cement, steel and primary chemicals GHG intensities are presented, and for all industry absolute GHG
13 emissions are displayed. Effects of the following mitigation strategies are reflected: energy efficiency,
14 material efficiency, circularity/recycling, feedstock carbon intensity, fuel switching, CCU and CCS.
15 Contributions of technologies split by their readiness for 2050 and 2070 are provided along with ranges
16 of mitigation costs for achieving near zero emissions for each strategy, accompanied by ranges of
17 associated basic materials costs escalations and driven by these final products prices increments.

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Figure 11.13 Potentials and costs for zero-carbon mitigation options for industry and basic materials *CIEL* –carbon intensity of electricity for indirect emissions; *EE* – energy efficiency; *ME* – material efficiency; *Circularity* - material flows (clinker substituted by coal fly ash, blast furnace slag or other by-products)

1 and waste, steel scrap, plastic recycling, etc.); *FeedCI* – feedstock carbon intensity (hydrogen, biomass,
2 novel cement, natural clinker substitutes); *FSW+EI* – fuel switch and processes electrification with low
3 carbon electricity. Ranges for mitigation options are shown based on bottom-up studies for grouped
4 technologies packages, not for single technologies. In circles contribution to mitigation from technologies
5 based on their readiness are shown for 2050 (2040) and 2070. Direct emissions include fuel combustion
6 and process emissions. Indirect emissions include emissions attributed to consumed electricity and
7 purchased heat. For basic chemicals only methanol, ammonia and high-value chemicals are considered.
8 Total for industry doesn't include emissions from waste. Base values for 2020 for direct and indirect
9 emissions were calculated using 2019 GHG emission data (Crippa et al. 2021) and data for materials
10 production from World Steel Association (2020a) and IEA (2021d). Negative mitigation costs for some
11 options like Circularity are not reflected.

12 Sources: (Fawkes et al. 2016; CEMBUREAU 2020; JULIO Friedmann et al. 2019; CAT 2020; Pauliuk et al.
13 2013a; Material Economics 2019; EUROFER 2019; Gielen et al. 2020; Sandalow et al. 2019; Saygin and Gielen
14 2021; WBCSD 2016; World Steel Association 2020b; Scrivener et al. 2018; Bazzanella and Ausfelder 2017;
15 Habert et al. 2020; Lehne and Preston 2018; Bataille 2020a; GCCA 2021a; IEA 2018a, 2019b,g,h, 2020a,c,
16 2021a).

18 11.4.3 Cross sectorial interactions and societal pressure on industry

19 Mitigation involves greater integration and coupling between sectors. This is widely recognised for
20 example in the case of electrification of transport (see 6.6.2 and 10.3.1) but it has been less explored for
21 industrial decarbonisation. Industry is a complex web of sub-sectors and intersectoral interaction and
22 dependence, with associated mitigation opportunities and co-benefits and costs (OECD 2019b; Mendez-
23 Alva et al. 2021). Implementation of the mitigation options assessed in 11.3 will result in new sectoral
24 couplings, value chains, and business models but also in phasing-out of old ones. Notably,
25 electrification in industry, hydrogen and sourcing of non-fossil carbon involves profound changes to
26 how industry interacts with electricity systems and how industrial sub-sectors interact. For example, the
27 chemicals and forestry industries will become much more coupled if various forms of biogenic carbon
28 become an important feedstock for plastics (Figure 11.10). Clinker substitution with blast furnace slag
29 in the cement industry is well established way of reducing CO₂ emissions (Fechner and Kray 2012) but
30 this slag will no longer be available if blast furnaces are phased-out. Furthermore, additional material
31 demand resulting from mitigation in other sectors, as well as adaptation, and the importance of material
32 efficiency improvements are issues that has attracted increasing attention since AR5 (Hertwich et al.
33 2020; IEA 2019b; Bleischwitz 2020). How future material will be affected under different climate
34 scenarios is underexplored and typically not accounted for in modelling (Bataille et al. 2021a).

35 Using industrial waste heat for space heating, via district heating, is an established practice that still has
36 a large potential with large quantities of low-grade heat being wasted (Fang et al. 2015). For Denmark
37 it is estimated that 5.1% of district heating demand could be met with waste heat (Bühler et al. 2017)
38 and for four towns studied in Austria 3-35% of total heat demand could be met (Karner et al. 2016). A
39 European study shows that temporal heat demand flexibility could allow for up to 100% utilization of
40 excess heat from industry (Karner et al. 2018). A study of a Swedish chemicals complex estimated that
41 30-50% of excess heat generated on-site could be recovered with payback periods below 3 years
42 (Eriksson et al. 2018).

43 A European study found that most of the industrial symbiosis or clustering synergies today are in the
44 chemicals sector with shared streams of energy, water, and carbon dioxide (Mendez-Alva et al. 2021).
45 For future mitigation the UKCCC (2019b) finds that industrial clustering may be essential for achieving
46 the necessary efficiencies of scale and to build the infrastructure needed for industrial electrification;
47 carbon capture, transport and disposal; hydrogen production and storage, heat cascading between
48 industries and to other potential heat users (e.g. residential and commercial buildings).

1 With increasing shares of renewable electricity production there is a growing interest in industrial
2 demand response, storage and hybrid solutions with on-site PV and CHP (Schriever and Halstrup 2018;
3 Scheubel et al. 2017; Shoreh et al. 2016). With future industrial electrification, and in particular with
4 hydrogen used as reduction agent in ironmaking or as feedstock in the chemicals industry, the level of
5 interaction between industry and power systems becomes very high. Large amounts of coking coal, or
6 oil and gas as petrochemical energy and feedstock, are then replaced by electricity. For example, Meys
7 et al. (2021) estimates a staggering future electricity demand of 10,000 TWh in a scenario for a net zero
8 emissions plastics production of 1100 Mt in 2050 (see 11.3.5 for other estimates of electricity demand).
9 Much of this electricity is used to produce hydrogen to allow for CCU and this provides a very large
10 potential flexible demand if electrolysers are combined with hydrogen storage. Vogl et al. (2018)
11 describe how hydrogen DRI and EAF steel plants can be highly flexible in their electricity demand by
12 storing hydrogen or hot-briquetted iron and increasing the share of scrap in EAF. The IEA (2019f)
13 Future of Hydrogen report suggests that hydrogen production and storage networks could be in locations
14 with already existing hydrogen production and storage, for example, chemical industries, and that these
15 could be ideal for system load balancing and demand response, and in case of district heating systems
16 - for heat cascading.

17 The climate awareness that investors, shareholders, and customers demand from companies has been
18 increasing steadily. It is reflected in growing number of environmental management, carbon footprint
19 accounting, benchmarking and reporting schemes (e.g., the Carbon Disclosure Project, Task Force on
20 Climate-Related Financial Disclosures, Environmental Product Declarations and others, e.g., Qian et al.
21 (2018)) requiring companies to disclose both direct and indirect GHG emissions, and creating explicit
22 (for regulatory schemes) as well as implicit GHG liabilities. This requires harmonised and widely
23 accepted methods for environmental and carbon footprint accounting (Bashmakov et al. 2021b). From
24 an investor perspective there are both physical risks (e.g., potential damages from climate change to
25 business) and transition risks (e.g., premature devaluation of assets driven by new policies and
26 technologies deployment and changes in public and private consumer preferences (NGFS 2019a)).
27 Accompanied by reputational risks this leads to increased attention to Sustainable and Responsible
28 Investment (SRI) principles and increased demands from investors, consumers and governments on
29 climate and sustainability reporting and disclosure (NGFS 2019b). For example, Japan's Keidanren
30 promotes a scheme by different each industries to reduce GHG through the global value chain, including
31 material procurement, product use stages, and disposal, regardless of geographical origin, with provided
32 quantitative visualization (Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) 2018). EU adopted a non-financial
33 disclosure Directive in 2014 (Kinderman 2020) and a Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance in 2019 (see
34 also 15.6.1).

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36 **11.4.4 Links to climate change, mitigation, adaptation**

37 Sectors that are particularly vulnerable to climate change include agriculture, forestry, fisheries and
38 aquaculture, and their downstream processing industries (Bezner et al. 2021). Many of the energy
39 intensive industries are located based on access to fresh water (e.g., pulp and paper) or sea transport
40 (e.g., petrochemicals). Risks of major concern for industry include disrupted supply chains and energy
41 supplies due to extreme weather events, as well as risks associated with droughts, floods with dirty
42 water, sea level rise and storm surges (Dodman et al. 2021). Adaptation measures may in turn affect the
43 demand for basic materials (e.g., steel and cement), for example, increased demand to build sea walls
44 and protect infrastructure, but we have not found any estimates of the potential demand. Increased heat
45 stress is unsafe for outdoor labourers and can reduce worker productivity, for example, in outdoor
46 construction, resource extraction and waste handling (Ranasinghe et al. 2021).

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1 **11.5 Industrial infrastructure, policy, and SDG contexts**

2 **11.5.1 Existing industry infrastructures**

3 Countries are at different stages of different economic development paths. Some are already
4 industrialised, while developing and emerging economies are on earlier take-off stages or accelerated
5 growth stages and have yet to build the basic infrastructure needed to allow for basic mobility, housing,
6 sanitation, and other services (see 11.2.3). The available in-use stock of material per capita and in each
7 country therefore differs significantly, and transition pathways will require a different mix of strategies,
8 depending on each country's material demand to build, maintain, and operate stock of long-lived assets.
9 Industrialised economies have much greater opportunities for reusing and recycling materials, while
10 emerging economies have greater opportunities to avoid carbon lock-in. The IEA projected that more
11 than 90% of the additional 2050 production of key materials will originate in non-OECD countries (IEA
12 2017). As incomes rise in emerging economies, the industry sector will grow in tandem to meet the
13 increased demand for the manufactured goods and raw materials essential for infrastructure
14 development. The energy and feedstocks needed to support this growth is likely to constitute a large
15 portion of the increase in the emerging economies' GHG emissions in the future unless new low carbon
16 pathways are identified and promoted.

17 Emissions are typically categorised by the territory, sub-sector or group of technologies from which
18 they emanate. An alternative sub-division is that between existing sources that will continue to generate
19 emissions in the future, and those that are yet to be built (Erickson et al. 2015). The rate of emissions
20 from existing assets will eventually tend to zero, but in a timeframe that is relevant to existing climate
21 and energy goals, the cumulative contribution to emissions from existing infrastructure and equipment
22 is likely to be substantial. Aside from the magnitude of the contribution, the distinction between
23 emissions from existing and forthcoming assets is instructive because of the difference in approach to
24 mitigation that may be necessary or desirable in each instance to avoid getting locked into decades of
25 highly carbon-intensive operations (Lecocq and Shalizi 2014).

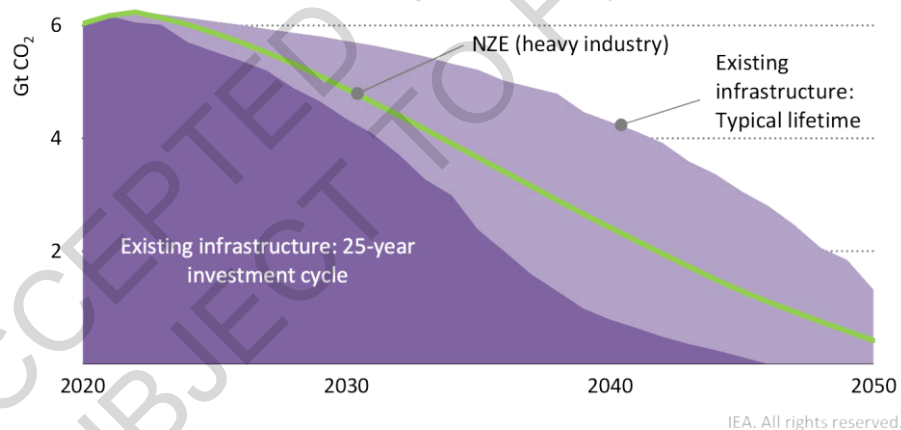
26 Details of the methodologies to assess 'carbon lock-in' or 'committed emissions' differ across studies
27 but the core components of the approaches adopted are common to each: an account of the existing
28 level of emissions for the scope being assessed is established; this level is projected forward with a
29 stylised decay function that is informed by assessments of the current age and typical lifetimes of the
30 underlying assets. From this, a cumulative emissions estimate is calculated. The future emissions
31 intensity of the operated assets is usually assumed to remain constant, implying that nothing is done to
32 retrofit with mitigating technologies (e.g., carbon capture) or alter the way in which the plant is operated
33 (e.g. switching to an alternative fuel or feedstock). While the quantities of emissions derived are often
34 referred to as 'committed' or 'locked-in', their occurrence is of course dependent on a suite of economic,
35 technology and policy developments that are highly uncertain.

36 Data on the current age profile and typical lifetimes of emissions-intensive industrial equipment are
37 difficult to procure and verify and most of the studies conducted in this area contain little detail on the
38 global industrial sector. Two recent studies are exceptions, both of which cover the global energy
39 system, but contain detailed and novel analysis on the industrial sector (Tong et al. 2019; IEA 2020a).
40 Tong et al. (2019) use unpublished unit-level data from China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment
41 to obtain a more robust estimate of the age profile of existing capacity in the cement and iron and steel
42 sectors in the country. The IEA (2020a) uses proprietary global capacity datasets for the iron and steel,
43 cement and chemicals sectors, and historic energy consumption data for the remaining industry sectors
44 as a proxy for the rate of historic capacity build-up.

45 Both studies come to similar estimates on the average age of cement plants and blast furnaces in China
46 of around 10-12 years old, which are the figures for which they have overlapping coverage. Both studies

1 also use the same assumption of the typical lifetime of assets in these sectors of 40 years, whereas the
 2 IEA (2020a) study uses 30 years for chemical sector assets and 25 years for other industrial sectors. The
 3 studies come to differing estimates of cumulative emissions by 2050 from the industry sector; 196
 4 GtCO₂ in the IEA (2020a) study, and 162 GtCO₂ in the Tong et al. (2019) study. This difference is
 5 attributable to a differing scope of emissions, with the IEA (2020a) study including industrial process
 6 emissions (which for the cement sector in particular are substantial) in addition to the energy-related
 7 emissions quantities accounted for in the Tong et al. (2019) study. After correcting for this difference
 8 in scope, the emissions estimates compare favourably.

9 The IEA (2020a) study provides supplementary analysis for the industry sector, examining the impact
 10 of considering investment cycles alongside the typical lifetimes assumed in its core analysis of
 11 emissions from existing industrial assets. For three heavy industry sectors – iron and steel, cement and
 12 chemicals – the decay function applied to emissions from existing assets is re-simulated using a 25-year
 13 investment cycle assumption (Figure 11.14). This is 15 years shorter than the typical lifetimes assumed
 14 for assets in the iron and steel and cement sectors, and 5 years shorter than that considered for the
 15 chemical sector. The shorter timeframe for the investment cycle is a simplified way of representing the
 16 intermediate investments that are made to extend the life of a plant, such as the re-lining of a blast
 17 furnace, which can occur multiple times during the lifetime of an installation. These investments can
 18 often be similar in magnitude to that of replacing the installation, and they represent key points for
 19 intervention to reduce emissions. The findings of this supplementary analysis are that around 40%, or
 20 60 GtCO₂, could be avoided by 2050 if near-zero emissions options are available to replace this
 21 capacity, or units are retired, retro-fitted or refurbished in a way that significantly mitigates emissions
 22 (e.g. retro-fitting carbon capture, or fuel or process switching to utilise bioenergy or low-carbon
 23 hydrogen).



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 26 **Figure 11.14 CO₂ emissions from existing heavy industrial assets in the NZE**

27 Source: IEA (2021a).

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 29 As this review was being finalized several papers were released that somewhat contradict the Tong et
 30 al (2010) results (Vogl et al. 2021b; Bataille et al. 2021b). Broadly speaking, these papers argue that
 31 while high emitting facilities may last for long time, be difficult to shut down early, and are inherent to
 32 local boarder supply chains, individual major processes that are currently highly GHG intense, such as
 33 blast furnaces and basic oxygen smelters, could be retired and replaced during major retrofits on much
 34 shorter time cycles of 15–25 years.

1 The cost of retrofitting or retiring a plant before the end of its lifetime depends on plant specific
2 conditions as well as a range of economic, technology and policy developments. For industrial
3 decarbonisation it may be a greater challenge to accelerate the development and deployment of zero
4 emission technologies and systems than to handle the economic costs of retiring existing assets before
5 end of life. The ‘lock-in’ also goes beyond the lifetime of key process units, such as blast furnaces and
6 crackers, since they are typically part of large integrated plants or clusters with industrial symbiosis, as
7 well as infrastructures with feedstock storage, ports, and pipelines. Individual industrial plants are often
8 just a small part of a complex network of many facilities in an industrial supply chain. In that sense,
9 current assessments of ‘carbon lock-in’ rely on simplifications due to the high the complexity of
10 industry.

11 Conditions are also sub-sector and context specific in terms of mitigation options, industry structures,
12 markets, value chains and geographical location. For example, the hydrogen steelmaking joint venture
13 in Sweden involves three different companies headquartered in Sweden (in mining, electricity and
14 steelmaking, respectively), two of which are state owned, with a shared vision and access to iron ore,
15 fossil-free electricity and high-end steel markets (Kushnir et al. 2020). In contrast, chemical clusters
16 may consist of several organisations that are subsidiaries to large multinational corporations with
17 headquarters across the world, that also compete in different markets. Even in the presence of a local
18 vision for sustainability this makes it difficult to engage in formalised collaboration or get support from
19 headquarters (Bauer and Fuenfschilling 2019).

20 Furthermore, it is relevant to consider also institutional and behavioural lock-in (Seto et al. 2016). On
21 one side, existing high-emitting practices may be favoured through formal and informal institutions
22 (e.g., regulations and social norms or expectations, respectively), for example around building
23 construction and food packaging. On the other side, mitigation options may face corresponding
24 institutional barriers. Examples include how cars are conventionally scrapped (i.e., crushed, leading to
25 copper contamination of steel) rather than being dismantled, or slow permitting procedures for new
26 infrastructure and industrial installations for reducing emissions.

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28 **11.5.2 Current industrial and broader policy context**

29 The basic motivation for industrial policy historically has been economic development and wealth
30 creation. Industrial policy can be progressive and promote new developments or be protective to help
31 infant or declining industries. It may also involve the phase-out of industries, including efforts to retrain
32 workers and create new jobs. Industrial policy is not one policy intervention but rather the combined
33 effects of many policy instruments that are coordinated towards an industrial goal. Industrial policies
34 can be classified as being either vertical or horizontal depending on whether singular sectors or
35 technologies are targeted (e.g., through R&D, tariffs and subsidies) or the whole economy (e.g.,
36 education, infrastructure, and general tax policies). The horizontal policies are not always thought of as
37 industrial policy although taking a broad view, including policy coordination and institution building,
38 is important for industrial policy to be effective (see e.g., Andreoni and Chang (2019)).

39 In the past ten years there has been increasing interest and attention to industrial policy. One driver is
40 the desire to retain industry or re-industrialise in regions within Europe and North America where
41 industry has a long record of declining shares of GDP. The need for economic growth and poverty
42 eradication is a key driver in developing countries. An important aspect is the need to meet the “dual
43 challenge of creating wealth for a growing population while staying within planetary boundaries”
44 (Altenburg and Assman 2017). The need for industrial policy that supports environmental goals and
45 green growth has been analysed by Rodrik (2014); Aiginger (2014); Warwick (2013) and Busch et al.
46 2018). Similar ideas are taken up in OECD reports on green growth (OECD 2011) and system
47 innovation (OECD 2015). However, these approaches to green industrial policy and innovation tend to

1 focus on opportunities for manufacturing industries to develop through new markets for cleaner
2 technologies. They rarely include explicit attention to the necessity of zero emissions and the profound
3 changes in production, use and recycling of basic materials that this entails. This may also involve the
4 phase-out or repurposing of industries that currently rely on fossil fuels and feedstock.

5 The policy implications of zero emissions for heavy industries are relatively unexplored although some
6 analyses in this direction are available (e.g., (Wesseling et al. 2017; Philibert 2017a; Wyns et al. 2019;
7 Fan and Friedmann 2021; Åhman et al. 2017; Bataille 2020a; Bataille et al. 2018a)). For industry, there
8 has been a long time focus on energy efficiency policies through voluntary and negotiated agreements,
9 energy management and audit schemes, and various programs targeting industry (Fischedick et al.
10 2014a). Since AR5, interest in circular economy policies has increased and they have become more
11 prevalent across regions and countries, including EU, China, U.S., Japan and Brazil (e.g. (McDowall et
12 al. 2017; Ranta et al. 2018; Geng et al. 2019)). For electrification and CCUS, efforts are nascent and
13 mainly focused on technology development and demonstrations. Policies for demand reduction and
14 materials efficiency are still relatively unexplored (e.g., Pollitt et al. (2020) and IEA (2019b)). Since
15 zero emissions in industry is a new governance challenge it will be important to build awareness and
16 institutional capacity in industrialised as well as developing countries.

17 In the context of climate change policy, it is fair to say that industry has so far been sheltered from the
18 increasing costs that decarbonisation may entail. This is particularly true for the energy and emissions
19 intensive industries where cost increases and lost competitiveness may lead to carbon leakage, i.e., that
20 industry relocates to regions with less stringent climate policies. Heavy industries typically pay no or
21 very low energy taxes and where carbon pricing exists (e.g., in the European Trading Scheme) they are
22 sheltered through free allocation of emission permits and potentially compensated for resulting
23 electricity price increases. For example, Okereke and McDaniels (2012) shows how the European steel
24 industry was successful in avoiding cost increases and how information asymmetry in the policy process
25 was important for that purpose.

27 **11.5.3 Co-benefits of Mitigation Strategies and SDGs**

28 The deployment of climate change mitigation strategies is primarily influenced by its costs and
29 potential, but also by other broader sustainable development factors such as the SDGs. Mitigation
30 actions therefore are to be considered through the prism of impacts on achieving other economic, social
31 and environmental goals. Those impacts are classified as co-benefits when they are positive or as risk
32 when they are negative. Co-benefits can serve as additional drivers, while risks can inhibit the
33 deployment of available mitigation options. Actions taken to mitigate climate change have direct and
34 indirect interactions with SDGs, both positive (synergies) or negative (trade-off) (Fuso Nerini et al.
35 2019).

36 Given the wide range of stakeholders involved in climate actions and their (often contradictory) interests
37 and priorities, the nature of co-benefits and risk can affect decision-making processes and behaviour of
38 stakeholders (Labella et al. 2020). Co-benefits form an important driver supporting the adoption of
39 mitigation strategies, yet are commonly overlooked in policymaking. Karlsson et al. (2020), based on a
40 review of 239 peer-reviewed articles concluded that diverse co-benefit categories, including air, soil
41 and water quality, diet, physical activity, biodiversity, economic performance, and energy security, are
42 prevalent in the literature.

44 **11.5.3.1 SDGs co-Benefits through Material Efficiency and Demand Reduction**

45 Material efficiency, an important mitigation option (SDG 13 - Climate action) for heavy industries, is
46 yet to be fully acknowledged and leveraged (Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018a; Sudmant et al. 2018;

1 Dawkins et al. 2019). Material efficiency directly address SDG 12 (Responsible production and
2 consumption) but also provide opportunities to reduce the pressures and impacts on environmental
3 systems (SDG 6 – Clean water and sanitation) (Olivetti and Cullen 2018). Exploiting material efficiency
4 usually requires new business models and provides potential co-benefits of increased employment and
5 economic opportunities (SDG 8 - Decent work and economic growth).

6 Material efficiency also provides co-benefits through infrastructural development (SDG 9 – Industry,
7 innovation and infrastructure) (Mathews et al. 2018) to support the wide range of potential material
8 efficiency strategies including light-weighting, re-using, re-manufacturing, recycling, diverting scrap,
9 extending product lives, using products more intensely, improving process yields, and substituting
10 materials (Allwood et al. 2011). Worrell et al. (2016) also emphasises how material efficiency
11 improvements, in addition to limiting the impacts of climate change help deliver sustainable production
12 and consumption co-benefits through environmental stewardship. Binder and Blankenberg (2017) and
13 Dhandra (2019) show that sustainable consumption is positively related to life satisfaction and
14 subjective well-being (SDG 3) and Guillen-Royo (2019) adds positive association with happiness and
15 life satisfaction.

16 The reduction in excessive consumption and demand for products and services generates a reduction in
17 post-consumption waste and so enhances clear water and sanitation (SDG 6) (Govindan 2018;
18 Minelgaitė and Liobikienė 2019) and reduces waste along product supply chains and lifecycle (SDG
19 12) (Unstats 2020). Genovese et al. (2017) At the risk side there are possible reduction of employment,
20 incomes, sales taxes from the material extraction and processing activities, considered as excessive for
21 sustainable consumption (Thomas 2003).

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23 ***11.5.3.2 SDGs co-Benefits from Circular Economy and Industrial Waste***

24 While the circular economy concept first emerged in the context of waste avoidance, resource depletion,
25 closed-loop recycling, etc., it has now evolved as a tool for a broader systemic national policy due to
26 its potential wider benefits (Geng et al. 2013). It represents new circular business models that encourage
27 design for re-use and to improve material recovery and recycling, and so represents a departure from
28 the traditional linear production and consumption systems (with landfilling at the end), with a wide
29 range of potential co-benefits to a wide range of SDGs (Genovese et al. 2017; Schroeder et al. 2019;
30 Unstats 2020; Guo et al. 2016).

31 Genovese et al. (2017) articulates the advantages from an environmental and responsible consumption
32 and production point of view (SDG 12). Many studies have outlined new business models based on the
33 circular economy that fosters sustainable economic growth and the generation of new jobs (SDG 8)
34 (Antikainen and Valkokari 2016), as well as global competitiveness and innovation in business and the
35 industrial sector (Pieroni et al. 2019), such as its potential synergies with industry 4.0 (Garcia-Muiña et
36 al. 2018).

37 Following a review of the literature, Schroeder et al. (2019) identified linkages between circular
38 economy practices and SDGs based on a relationship scoring system and highlighted that such SDGs
39 as SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 8 (Decent Work
40 and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 15 (Life on
41 Land) all strongly benefit from circular economy practices. With the potential to impact on all stages of
42 the value chain (micro, meso- and macro-level of the economy), circular economy has also been
43 identified as key industrial strategy to managing waste across sectors.

44 Chatziaras et al. (2016) highlights the co-benefit to SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) resulting
45 from waste derived fuel for the cement industry. Through the management of industrial waste using
46 circular economy practices, studies such as (Geng et al. 2012; Bonato and Orsini 2017) have pointed

1 out co-benefits to SDGs beyond clear environmental and economic benefits, highlighting how it also
2 benefits SDG 3 and 11 through improved social relations between industrial sectors and local societies,
3 and improved public environmental awareness and public health level.

5 **11.5.3.3 SDG co-Benefits from Energy Efficiency**

6 Beyond the very direct links between energy and climate change, reliable, clean, and affordable energy
7 (SDG 7) presents a cross-cutting issue, central to all SDGs and fundamental to development, and energy
8 efficiency enables its provision by reducing the direct supply and necessary infrastructure required.
9 Energy efficiency improvements can be delivered through multiple technical options and tested
10 policies, delivering energy and resource savings simultaneously with other socio-economic and
11 environmental co-benefits. At the macro-level, this includes enhancement of energy security (SDG 16
12 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) delivered through clean low carbon energy systems
13 (Fankhauser and Jotzo 2018). Much of the literature, including Sari and Akkaya (2016); Garrett-Peltier
14 (2017) and Allan et al. (2017) points out that energy efficiency improvements deliver superior
15 employment opportunities (SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth), while a limited number of
16 studies have reported that it can negatively impact employment in fuel supply sectors (Costantini et al.
17 2018).

18 Many studies report that energy efficiency improvements are essential for supporting overall economic
19 growth, contributing to positive changes in multi-factor productivity (SDG 8 - Decent Work and
20 Economic Growth & Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) (Bashmakov 2019; Bataille and Melton
21 2017; Stern 2019; Lambert et al. 2014; Rajbhandari and Zhang 2018) through industrial innovation
22 (SDG 9) (Kang and Lee 2016), with some dissent e.g., (Mahmood and Ahmad 2018). Improved energy
23 efficiency against a background of growing energy prices helps industrial plants stay competitive
24 (Bashmakov and Myshak 2018). Energy efficiency allows continued economic growth under strong
25 environmental regulation. Given that energy efficiency measures reduce the combustion of fossil fuels
26 it leads to reduced air pollution at industrial sites (Williams et al. 2012) and better indoor comfort at
27 working places.

28 Since less energy supply infrastructure is needed in cities and less energy is needed to produce materials
29 such as cement & concrete, and metals, energy efficiency indirectly supports Sustainable Cities and
30 Communities (SDG 11) (Di Foggia 2018). In addition, energy efficiency in industry reflects
31 achievements in meeting SDG12 (Responsible Consumption and Production).

33 **11.5.3.4 SDGs co-Benefits from Electrification and Fuel Switching**

34 A key, generally underappreciated SDG benefit of electrification is improved urban and indoor air
35 quality (at working places as well) and associated health benefits (SDG 3) from clean electrification
36 (SDG 7) of industrial facilities (IEA 2016). With energy being such an important cross-cutting issue to
37 sustainable development, some SDGs, such as SDG 1, 3, 4, 5 (Harmelink et al. 2018) are co-
38 beneficiaries to using electrification and fuel switching as a climate action mitigation option.

40 **11.5.3.5 SDGs co-Benefits from CCU and CCS**

41 CCU and CCS have been identified as playing key roles in the transition of industry to net zero.
42 Advancements in the development and deployment of both CCS and CCU foster climate action (SDG
43 13). Other co-benefits for CCS include control of non-CO₂ pollutants (SDG 3), direct foreign
44 investment and know-how (SDG 9), enhanced oil recovery from existing resources, and diversified
45 employment prospects and skills (SDG 8) (Bonner 2017). For CCU, the main co-benefit related

1 contributions are expected within the context of energy transition processes, and in societal
2 advancements that are linked to technological progress (Olfe-Kräutlein 2020). Therefore, the
3 expectations are that the deployment of CCU technologies would have least potential for meeting the
4 SDG targets relating to society/people, compared with the anticipated contributions to the pillars of
5 ecology and economy.

6 These mitigation options carry a large number of risks as well. The high cost of the capture and storage
7 process not only limit the technology penetration, but also makes energy and products more expensive
8 (risk to SDG 7), potential leaks from under sea or underground CO₂ storages carries risks for achieving
9 SDG 6, 14 and 15. While there are economic costs involved with the deployment of CCS and CCU
10 (Bataille et al. 2018a), there are also significant economic and developmental costs associated with
11 taking no action, because of the potential negative impact of climate change. CCS and CCU have been
12 argued as providing public good (Bergstrom and Ty 2017) and co-benefits to key SDGs (Schipper et
13 al. 2011). On the other hand, Fan et al. (2018) among others have noted the potential lock-in of existing
14 energy structures due to CCS. Refer to Table 17.1 for CCS and CCU co-benefits with respect to other
15 sector chapters.

17 **11.6 Policy approaches and strategies**

18 Industrial decarbonisation is technically possible on the mid-century horizon, but requires scale up of
19 technology development and deployment, multi-institutional coordination, and sectoral and national
20 industrial policies with detailed sub-sectoral and regional mitigation pathways and transparent
21 monitoring and evaluation processes (Åhman et al. 2017; Wesseling et al. 2017; Nilsson et al. 2021;
22 Rissman et al. 2020; Bataille et al. 2018a). Transitions of industrial systems entail innovations, plant
23 and technology phase-outs, changes across and within existing value-chains, new sectoral couplings,
24 and large investments in enabling electricity, hydrogen, and other infrastructures. Low carbon
25 transitions are likely to be contested, non-linear and require a multi-level perspective policy approach
26 that addresses a large spectrum of social, political, cultural and technical changes as well as
27 accompanying phase-out policies, and involve a wide range of actors, including civil society groups,
28 local authorities, labour unions, industry associations etc. (Geels et al. 2017; Rogge and Johnstone 2017;
29 Yamada and Tanaka 2019; Koasidis et al. 2020). See also cross chapter Box 12.

30 Deployment of the mitigation options presented in this chapter (see 11.3 and 11.4) needs support from
31 a mix of policy instruments including: GHG pricing coupled with border adjustments or other economic
32 signals for trade exposed industries; robust government support for research, development, and
33 deployment; energy, material and emissions standards; recycling policies; sectoral technology
34 roadmaps; market pull policies; and support for new infrastructure (See Figure 11.15) (Creutzig 2019;
35 Flanagan et al. 2011; Tvinnereim and Mehling 2018; Rogge et al. 2017; Rissman et al. 2020; Bataille
36 2020a; Bataille et al. 2018a). The combination of the above will depend on specific sectoral market
37 barriers, technology maturity, and local political and social acceptance (Rogge and Reichardt 2016;
38 Hoppmann et al. 2013). Industrial decarbonization policies need to be innovative and definitive about
39 net zero CO₂ emissions to trigger the level of investment needed for the profound changes in production,
40 use and recycling of basic materials needed (Nilsson et al. 2017). Inclusive and transparent governance
41 that assesses industry decarbonization progress, monitors innovation and accountability, and provides
42 regular recommendations for policy adjustments is also important for progressing (Mathy et al. 2016;
43 Bataille 2020a).

44 The level of policy experience and institutional capacity needed varies widely across the mitigation
45 options. In many countries, energy efficiency is a well-established policy field with decades of
46 experience from voluntary and negotiated agreements, regulations, standards, energy audits, and

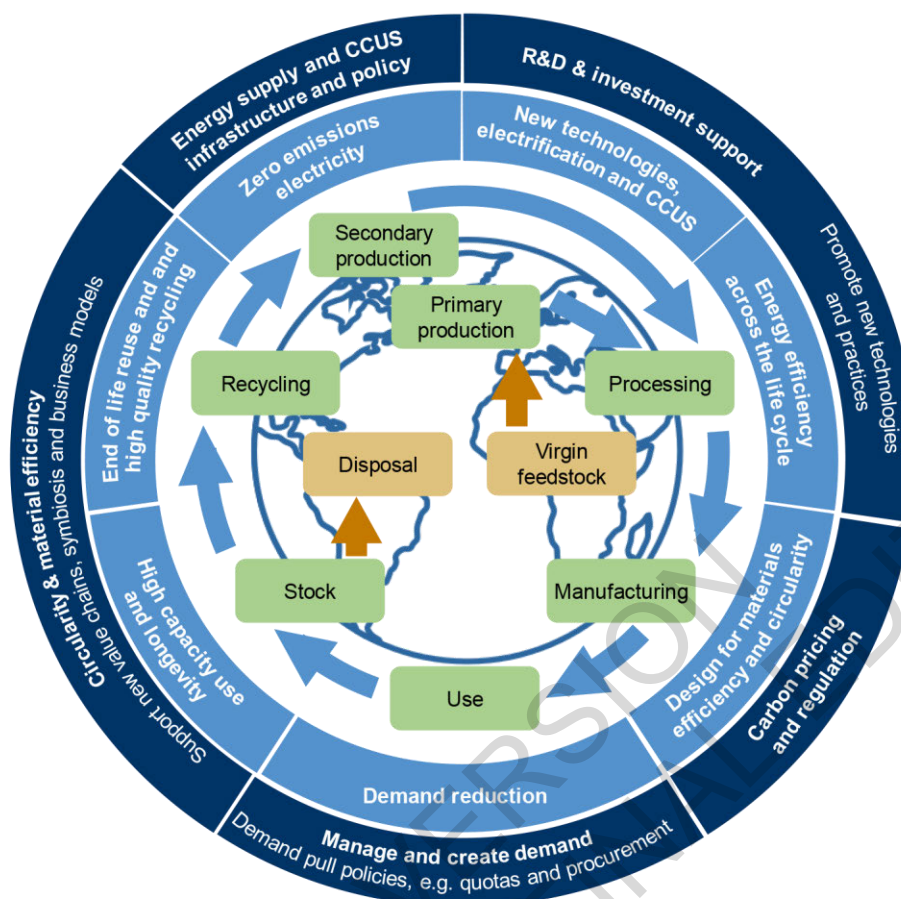
1 demand side management (DSM) programs (see AR5), but there are also many countries where the
2 application of energy-efficiency policy is absent or nascent (See AR5) (García-Quevedo and Jové-
3 Llopis 2021; Tanaka 2011; Saunders et al. 2021; Fishedick et al. 2014a). The application of DSM and
4 load flexibility will also need to grow with electrification and renewable energy integration.

5 Materials efficiency and circular economy are not well understood from a policy perspective and were
6 for a long time neglected in low-GHG industry roadmaps although they may represent significant
7 potential (Allwood et al. 2011; Polverini 2021; Calisto Friant et al. 2021; IEA 2019b; Gonzalez
8 Hernandez et al. 2018b; IEA 2020a). Material efficiency is also neglected in products design,
9 architectural and civil engineering education, infrastructure and building codes, and urban planning (see
10 Ch 5.6) (Orr et al. 2019; Braun et al. 2018). For example, the overuse of steel and concrete in
11 construction is well documented but policies or strategies (e.g., design guidelines, or regulation) for
12 improving the situation are lacking (Shanks et al. 2019; Dunant et al. 2018). Various circular economy
13 solutions are gaining interest from policy makers with examples such as regulations and economic
14 incentives for repair and reuse, initiatives to reduce planned obsolescence, and setting targets for
15 recycling. Barriers that policies need to address are often specific to the different material loops (e.g.,
16 copper contamination for steel and lack of technologies or poor economics for plastics).

17 There is also a growing interest from policymakers in electrification and fuel switching but the focus
18 has been mainly on innovation and on developing technical production-side solutions rather than on
19 creating markets for enabling demand for low carbon products, although the concept of green public
20 procurement is gaining traction. The situation is similar for CCU and CCS. Low carbon technologies
21 adoption represent an additional cost to producers, and this must be handled through fiscal incentives
22 like tax benefits, GHG pricing, green subsidies, regulation and permit procedures. For example, the
23 45Q tax credit provides some incentives to reduce investor risk for CCS and attract private investment
24 in the US (Ochu and Friedmann 2021).

25 Since industrial decarbonisation is only recently emerging as a policy field there is little international
26 collaboration on facilitation (Oberthür et al. 2021). Given that most key materials markets are global
27 and competitive, unless there is much greater global governance to contribute to the decarbonisation of
28 GHG intensive industry through intergovernmental and transnational institutions it is questionable that
29 the world will achieve industry decarbonisation by 2050.

30 As GHG pricing, through GHG taxes or cap and trade schemes, has remained a central avenue for
31 climate policy, this section begins with a review of how the industrial sector has been concerned with
32 these instruments. The rest of the section is then structured into five key topics, following insights on
33 key failures that policy must address to enable and support large-scale transformations as well as the
34 need for complementary mixes of policies to achieve this goal (Grillitsch et al. 2019; Weber and
35 Rohrer 2012; Rogge and Reichardt 2016). The section describes how the need to focus on long-term
36 transitions rather than incremental changes can be managed through the planning and strategizing of
37 transition pathways; discusses the role of research, development, and innovation policy; highlights the
38 need for enabling low-carbon demand and market creation; reflects on the necessity of establishing and
39 maintaining a level of knowledge and capacity in the policy domain about the industrial transition
40 challenge; and points to the critical importance of coherence across geographical and policy contexts.
41 The section concludes with a reflection on how different groups of actors needs to take up different
42 parts of the responsibility for mitigating climate change in the industrial sector.



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2 **Figure 11.15 Schematic Figure showing the life cycle of materials (green), mitigation options (light blue)**
3 **and policy approaches (dark blue).**

4 5 **11.6.1 GHG Prices and GHG Markets**

6 Internalizing the cost of GHG emissions in consumer choices and producer investment decisions has
7 been a major strategy promoted by economists and considered by policy makers to mitigate emissions
8 cost-effectively and to incentivize low GHG innovations in a purportedly technology neutral way
9 (Stiglitz et al. 2017; Boyce 2018a). In the absence of a coordinated effort, individual countries, regions
10 and cities have implemented carbon pricing schemes. As of August 23rd, 2021, 64 carbon schemes have
11 been implemented or are scheduled by law for implementation, covering 22.5% of global GHG
12 emissions (World Bank 2020), 35 of which are carbon taxes, primarily implemented on a national level
13 and 29 of which are emissions trading schemes, spread across national and subnational jurisdictions.

14 Assessments of pricing mechanisms show generally that they lead to reduced emissions, even in sectors
15 that receive free allocation such as industry (Bayer and Aklin 2020; Narassimhan et al. 2018; Martin et
16 al. 2016; Haites et al. 2018; Metcalf 2019). However, questions remain as to whether these schemes
17 can bring emissions down fast enough to reach the Paris Agreement goals (World Bank Group 2019;
18 Tvinnereim and Mehling 2018; Boyce 2018b). Most carbon prices are well below the levels needed to
19 motivate investments in high-cost options that are needed to reach net zero emissions (see Section
20 11.4.1.5). Among the 64 carbon price schemes implemented worldwide today, only nine have carbon
21 prices above 40 USD (World Bank 2020). These are all based in Europe and include EU Emissions
22 Trading System (ETS) (above 40 USD since March 2021), Switzerland ETS, and seven countries with
23 carbon taxes. Furthermore, emissions-intensive and trade-exposed (EITE) industries are typically
24 allowed exemptions and receive provisions that shelter them from any significant cost increase in

1 virtually all pricing schemes (Haïtes 2018). These provisions have been allocated due to concerns about
2 loss of competitiveness and carbon leakage which result from relocation and increased imports from
3 jurisdictions with no, or weak, GHG emission regulations (Branger and Quirion 2014a; Jakob 2021a;
4 Branger and Quirion 2014b). Embodied emissions in international trade accounts for one quarter of
5 global CO₂ emissions in 2015 (Moran et al. 2018) and has increased significantly over the past few
6 decades, representing a significant challenge to competitiveness related to climate policy. CBAM, or
7 CBA) are trade-based mechanisms designed to ‘equalise’ the carbon costs for domestic and foreign
8 producers. They are increasingly being considered by policy makers to address carbon leakage and
9 create a level playing field for products produced in jurisdiction with no, or lower, carbon price
10 (Mehling et al. 2019; Markkanen et al. 2021). On 14 July 2021, the European Commission adopted a
11 proposal for a CBAM that requires importers of aluminium, cement, iron and steel, electricity and
12 fertiliser to buy certificates at the ETS price for the emissions embedded in the imported products
13 (European Commission 2021; Mörsdorf 2021). CBAMs should be crafted very carefully, to meet
14 technical and legal challenges (Rocchi et al. 2018; Sakai and Barrett 2016; Jakob et al. 2014; Cosbey et
15 al. 2019; Pyrka et al. 2020; Joltreau and Sommerfeld 2019). Technical challenges arise because
16 estimating the price adjustment requires reliable data on the GHG content of products imported as well
17 as a clear understanding of the climate policies implications from the countries of imports. Application
18 of pricing tools in industry requires standardization (benchmarking) of carbon intensity assessments at
19 products, installations, enterprises, countries, regions, and the global level. The limited number of
20 existing benchmarking systems are not yet harmonized and thus not able fulfill this function
21 effectively. This limits the scope of products that can potentially be covered by CBAM type policies
22 (Bashmakov et al. 2021a).

23 Legal challenges arise because CBAM can be perceived as a protectionist measure violating the
24 principle of non-discrimination under the regulations of World Trade Organization (WTO). However
25 the absence of GHG prices can also been perceived as a subsidy for fossil fuel based production (Al
26 Khourdajie and Finus 2020; Stiglitz 2006; Kuusi et al. 2020). Another argument supporting CBAM
27 implementation is the possibility to induce low GHG investment in nonregulated regions (Cosbey et al.
28 2019).

29 Thus far, California is the only jurisdiction that has implemented CBA tariffs applied on electricity
30 imports from neighbouring states and provides insights on how a CBA can work in practice by using
31 “default” GHG emissions intensity benchmarks (Fowlie et al. 2021). CBAM is an approach likely to be
32 applied first to a few selected energy-intensive industries that are at risk of carbon leakage as the EU is
33 considering. The implementation of CBA needs to balance applicability versus fairness of treatment.
34 An option recently proposed is individual adjustment mechanism to give companies exporting to the
35 EU the option to demonstrate their actual carbon intensity (Mehling and Ritz 2020). Any CBAMs will
36 have to comply with multilaterally agreed rules under the WTO Agreements to be implemented.

37 The adoption of CBAM by different countries may evolve into the formation of climate club where
38 countries would align on specific elements of climate regulation (e.g. primary iron or clinker intensity)
39 to facilitate implementation and incentivize countries to join (Nordhaus 2015; Hagen and Schneider
40 2021; Tagliapietra and Wolff 2021a,b). However, not all the countries have the same abilities to report,
41 adapt and transition to low carbon production. The implications of CBAMs on trade relationships
42 should be considered to avoid country divide and separation from a common goal of global
43 decarbonization (Eicke et al. 2021; Banerjee 2021; Bashmakov 2021; Kuusi et al. 2020; Michaelowa et
44 al. 2019).

45 The globalization of markets and the fragmentation of supply chains complicates the assignment of
46 responsibility for greenhouse gas emissions mitigations related to trade (Jakob et al. 2021). Production-
47 based carbon price schemes minimize the incentives for downstream carbon abatement due to the
48 imperfect pass through of carbon costs and therefore overlook demand-side solutions such as material

1 efficiency (Skelton and Allwood 2017; Baker 2018). An alternative approach is to set the carbon pricing
2 downstream on the consumption of carbon intensive materials, whether they are imported or produced
3 locally (Munnings et al. 2019; Neuhoff et al. 2015, 2019). However, implementation of consumption
4 based GHG pricing is also challenged by the need of product GHG traceability and enforcement
5 transaction costs (Munnings et al. 2019; Jakob et al. 2014). Hybrid approaches are also considered
6 (Neuhoff et al. 2015; Jakob et al. 2021; Bataille et al. 2018a). The efficacy of GHG prices to achieve
7 major industry decarbonization has been challenged by additional real world implementation problems,
8 such as highly regionally fragmented GHG markets (Tvinnereim and Mehling 2018; Boyce 2018b) and
9 the difficult social acceptance of price increases (Raymond 2019; Bailey et al. 2012). The higher GHG
10 prices likely needed to incentivize industry to adopt low GHG solutions pose social equity issues and
11 resistance (Huang et al. 2019b; Wang et al. 2019; Grainger and Kolstad 2010; Bataille et al. 2018b;
12 Hourcade et al. 2018). GHG pricing is also associated with promoting mainly incremental low-cost
13 options and not investments in radical technical change or the transformation of sociotechnical systems
14 (Rosenbloom et al. 2020; Stiglitz 2019; Vogt-Schilb et al. 2018; Grubb 2014). Transparent and strategic
15 management of cap-and-trade proceeds toward inclusive decarbonization transition that support high
16 abatement cost options can contribute toward easing these shortcomings (Raymond 2019; Carl and
17 Fedor 2016). In California, Senate Bill 535 (De León, Statutes of 2012) require that at least a quarter of
18 the proceeds go to projects that provide a benefit to disadvantaged communities (California Climate
19 Investments 2020).

20 Clear and firm emission reduction caps towards 2050 are essential for sending strong signals to
21 businesses. However, many researchers recognize that complementary policies must be developed to
22 set current production and consumption patterns toward a path consistent with achieving the Paris
23 agreement goals as cap and trade or carbon taxes are not enough (Schmalensee and Stavins 2017;
24 Kirchner et al. 2019; Vogt-Schilb and Hallegatte 2017; Bataille et al. 2018b). In this broader policy
25 context, proceeds from pricing schemes can be used to support the deployment of options with near
26 term abatement costs that are too high to be incentivised by the prevailing carbon price, but which show
27 substantial cost reduction potential with scale and learning, and to ensure a just transition (Wang and
28 Lo 2021).

30 **11.6.2 Transition pathways planning and strategies**

31 Decarbonising the industry sector requires transitioning how material and products are produced and
32 used today to development pathways that include the strategies outlined in Sections 11.3 and 11.4 and
33 Figure 11.15. Such broad approaches require the development of transition planning that assesses the
34 impacts of the different strategies and consider local conditions and social challenges that may result
35 from conflicts with established practices and interests, with planning and strategies directly linked to
36 these challenges.

37 Governments have traditionally used voluntary agreements or mandatory energy or emission reduction
38 targets to achieve emission reduction for specific emission intensive sectors (e.g., UK Climate Change
39 Agreements; India Performance, Achieve and Trade scheme). Sector visions, roadmaps and pathways
40 combined with a larger context of socio-economic goals, with clear objectives and policy direction are
41 needed for every industrial sectors to achieve decarbonisation and at the time of writing they are
42 emerging for some sectors. Grillitsch et al. (2019b) working from the socio-technical transitions
43 literature, focuses on the need for maintaining “directionality” for innovation (e.g. towards net zero
44 transformation), the capacity for iterative technological and policy “experimentation” and learning,
45 “demand articulation” (e.g. engagement of material efficiency and high value circularity), and “policy
46 coordination” as four main framing challenges. Wesseling et al. (2017b) bridges from the socio-
47 technical transitions literature to a world more recognisable by executives and engineers, composed of
48 structural components that include actors (e.g., firms, trade associations, government, research

1 organisations, consumers, etc.), institutions (e.g., legal structures, norms, values and formal policies or
2 regulations), technologies (e.g. facilities, infrastructure) and system interactions.

3 Several studies (Åhman et al. 2017; Material Economics 2019; Wyns et al. 2019; Bataille et al. 2018a)
4 offer detailed transition plans using roughly the same five overarching strategies: 1) policies to
5 encourage material efficiency and high quality circularity; 2) “supply push” R&D and early
6 commercialisation as well as “demand pull” to develop niche markets and help emerging technologies
7 cross “the valley of death”; 3) GHG pricing or regulations with competitiveness provisions to trigger
8 innovation and systemic GHG reduction; 4) long run, low cost finance mechanisms to enable
9 investment and reduce risk; 5) infrastructure planning and construction (e.g. CO₂ transport and disposal,
10 electricity and hydrogen transmission and storage), and institutional support (e.g. labour market training
11 and transition support; electricity market reform). Wesseling et al. (2017b) and (Bataille et al. 2018a)
12 further add a step to conduct ongoing stakeholder engagements, including stakeholders with effective
13 “veto” power (i.e. firms, unions, government, communities, indigenous groups), to share and gather
14 information, educate, debate, and build consensus for a robust, politically resilient policy package. This
15 engagement of stakeholders can also bring on new supply chain collaborations and bridge the cost pass-
16 through challenge (e.g., the Swedish HYBRIT steel project, or the ELYSIS consortium, with plans to
17 bring fully commercialized inert electrodes for bauxite electrolysis to market by 2024).

18 Detailed sectoral roadmaps that assess the technical, economic, social and political opportunities and
19 provide a clear path to low-GHG development are needed to guide policy designs. For example, the
20 German state of North Rhine Westphalia passed a Climate Process Law that resulted in the adoption of
21 a Climate Protection Plan that set subsector targets through a transparent stakeholder engagement
22 process based on scenario development and identification of low GHG options (Lechtenböhmer et al.
23 2015), see Box 11.3. Another example is the UK set of Industrial Decarbonisation and Energy
24 Efficiency Roadmaps to 2050 as well as the UK Strategic Growth Plan, which are accompanied by
25 Action Plans for each energy intensive subsector.

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29 **Box 11.3 IN4Climate NRW – Initiative for a climate-friendly industry in North Rhine-** 30 **Westphalia (NRW)**

31 IN4Climate NRW (www.in4climate.nrw) was launched in September 2019 by the state government of
32 North Rhine-Westphalia (IN4climate.NRW 2019) as a platform for collaboration between
33 representatives from industry, science and politics. IN4climate.NRW offers a common space to develop
34 innovative strategies for a carbon-neutral industrial sector, bringing together different perspectives and
35 competencies.

36 North Rhine-Westphalia is Germany’s industrial heartland. Around 19% of North Rhine-Westphalia’s
37 GHGs have their origin in the industry sector. Consequently, the sector bears a particular responsibility
38 when it comes to climate protection, but the state is also a source of high-quality jobs and export value.
39 The NRW government understands that the state’s current competitive advantage can only be
40 maintained if the regional industry positions itself as a frontrunner for becoming GHG-neutral.

41 In working together across different branches (more than 30 companies representing mainly steel,
42 cement, chemical, aluminium industry, refineries and energy utilities) and enabling a direct interaction
43 between industry and government officials, IN4Climate provides a benefit to the participating
44 companies. People from the different areas are working together in so-called innovation teams and
45 underlying working groups with a self-organized process of setting their milestones and working

1 schedule while reflecting long-term needs as well as short-term requirements based on political or
2 societal discussions.

3 The innovation teams aim to identify and set concrete impulses for development and implementation
4 of breakthrough technologies, specify necessary infrastructures (e.g., for hydrogen production, storage
5 and transport) and appropriate policy settings (i.e., integrated state, national, European policy mix).
6 They also include an attempt to create a discourse between the public and the industry sectors as a kind
7 of sounding board for the early detection of barriers and obstacles.

8 The initiative has been successful so far, for example having developed a clear vision for a hydrogen
9 strategy and an associated policy framework as well as a broader decarbonisation strategy for the whole
10 sector. It is present at the national level as well as at the European level. Being successful and unique
11 IN4Climate is useful as a blueprint for other regions and is often visited by companies and
12 administration staff from other German states.

13 It is particularly the so far missing intensive and dedicated cooperation across industrial sub-sectors that
14 can be seen as success factor. Facing substantial transformation needs associated with structural changes
15 and infrastructure challenges, very often solutions can't be provided and realised by single sector but
16 need cooperation and coordination. Even more, chicken and egg problems like the construction of new
17 infrastructures (e.g., for hydrogen and CO₂ disposal) require cooperation and new modes of
18 collaboration. IN4Climate provides the necessary link for this.

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22 **11.6.3 Technological research, development, and innovation**

23 Policies for research, development, and innovation (RDI) for industry are present in most countries but
24 it is only recently, and mainly in developed countries, that decarbonisation of emissions intensive
25 industries has been prioritised (Nilsson et al. 2021; Åhman et al. 2017). Emission intensive industries
26 are characterised by large dominant actors and mature process technologies with high fixed cost, long
27 payback times and low profit margins on the primary production side of the value chain. Investments
28 in RDI are commonly low and aimed at incremental improvements to processes and products
29 (Wesseling et al. 2017).

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31 **11.6.3.1 Applied research**

32 Investing in RDI for low-GHG process emissions is risky and uncompetitive in the absence of
33 convincing climate policy. Research investment should be guided by assessing options, technology
34 readiness levels, and roadmaps towards technology demonstration and commercialization. The
35 potential GHG and environmental implications need to be assessed early on to assess the sustainability
36 implications and to direct research needs (Zimmerman et al. 2020; Yao and Masanet 2018). Strategic
37 areas for RDI can be focussed on a set of possible process options for producing basic materials using
38 fossil-free energy and feedstock, or CCU and CCS (11.3.5 and 11.3.6). Policies to enhance RDI include
39 public funding for applied research, technological and business model experimentation, pilot and
40 demonstration projects, as well as support for education and training – which further have the positive
41 side-effect of leading to spill-overs and network effects through labour market mobility and
42 collaboration (Nemet et al. 2018). Innovative business models will not emerge if the transition is not
43 considered along the full value chain with a focus on materials efficiency, circularity, and new roles for
44 industry in a transitioning energy system, including possibly providing demand response for electricity

1 through designed-in flexibility, for example, by combining electrolysis hydrogen production with
2 substantial storage (Vogl et al. 2018).

3 Fostering collaborative innovation across sectors through the support of knowledge sharing and
4 capabilities building is important as mitigation options involve new or stronger sectoral couplings
5 (Tönjes et al. 2020). One example is linking chemicals to forestry in the upscaling of forest bio-
6 refineries, although it has proven to be difficult to engage a diverse group of actors in such
7 collaborations (Karlton and Sandén 2012; Bauer et al. 2018). Heterogeneous collaboration and
8 knowledge exchange can be encouraged through conscious design of RDI programs and by supporting
9 network initiatives involving diverse actor groups (Van Rijnsoever et al. 2015; Söderholm et al. 2019).

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11 *11.6.3.2 Policy support from demonstration to market*

12 Applied research is relatively inexpensive compared to piloting, demonstrations, and early
13 commercialisation, and arguably a lot of it has already been done for the key technologies that need to
14 climb the technology readiness ladder (see **Table 11.3**). This includes electricity and hydrogen-based
15 processes, electro-thermal technologies, high temperature heat pumps, catalysis, lightweight building
16 construction, low embodied carbon construction materials, etc. Demonstration to market strategies can
17 be particularly successful when the complete supply chain is considered. A prominent example of such
18 an integrated supply chain approach is the UK Offshore Wind Accelerator Project. Coordinated by the
19 UK Carbon Trust and working with wind turbine manufacturers, the project looked across the potential
20 supply chain for floating offshore wind and identified what components manufacturers could innovate
21 and produce by themselves, and where there were gaps beyond the capability of any one firm. This
22 process led to several key areas of work where the government and firms could work together; once the
23 concepts were piloted and proven, the firms went back into a competitive mode. The project illustrates
24 the potential importance of third parties, including government, in creating platforms and opportunities
25 for cross-industry exchange and collaboration (Tönjes et al. 2020).

26 Pilot and demonstration projects funded through public - private partnerships contributes to risk
27 mitigation for industries and helps inform on the feasibility, performance, costs and environmental
28 impacts of decarbonization technologies. Most countries already maintain government research and
29 deployment programs. For example, the Horizon Europe has a total budget of 95.5 billion EUR (117
30 billion USD) for 2021-2027, of which 30% will be directed to green technology research. The EU has
31 conducted several demonstration projects for emission intensive industries, such as the Ultra-Low
32 Carbon Steel (ULCOS) project (Abdul Quader et al. 2016), which lead to several small scale pilot that
33 are now going to larger scale firm pilots (e.g., HISARNA, HYBRIT and SIDERWIN). Supported by
34 the EU, several cement firms are working together on the cement LEILAC project, where a new form
35 of limestone calciner is being developed to concentrate the process CO₂ emerging from quicklime
36 production (about 60% of cement emissions) for eventual utilisation or geological storage (as one of
37 many options for cement, see for example, Plaza et al. (2020)). If LEILAC works, it is conceivable that
38 existing cement plants globally that are located near CCS opportunities could have their emissions
39 reduced by 60% with one major retrofit of the kiln.

40 Once a technology has been demonstrated with scale up potential, the next stage is commercialization.
41 This is a very expensive stage, where costs are not yet compensated by revenue (see, e.g., Åhman et al.
42 (2018) and Nemet et al. (2018)). The H-DRI, SIDERWIN and LEILAC examples are all at the stage of
43 scaling up. Given the resource requirement, a diversified portfolio of investors and support is required
44 to share the risk. LEILAC includes several firms, as did the UK Offshore Wind Accelerator.
45 Government funds are also required and could be refunded in the future through an equity position,
46 royalty or tax. Fast growing economies, which are adding new industrial capacity, can provide
47 opportunities to pilot, demonstrate and scale-up new technologies, as shown by the rapid expansion of

1 electric vehicle and solar panel production in China, which contributed to driving down costs (Nemet
2 2019; Jackson et al. 2021; Hsieh et al. 2020).

3 Finally, large capital flows towards deployment of low GHG solutions will not materialise without a
4 growing demand for low carbon materials and products that allows business opportunities. Policy will
5 thus be needed to support the first niche markets which are essential for refining new decarbonized
6 technologies, trouble shooting, and for building manufacturing economies of scale. Market creation
7 does however go beyond the nurturing, shielding, and empowerment of early niches (Smith and Raven
8 2012; Raven et al. 2016) and must also consider how to significantly re-shape existing markets to create
9 space for decarbonized solutions and crowd out fossil-based ones (Mazzucato 2016).

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11 **11.6.4 Market Pull**

12 The perception of an increasing durable demand for low GHG products induces manufacturers to invest
13 in decarbonisation strategies (Olatunji et al. 2019). Policies can support and accelerate this process by
14 creating niche market, stimulating demand for low carbon products through procurement and financing
15 and by addressing informational and other market barriers.

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17 **11.6.4.1 Public Procurement**

18 Governments spend a large portion of their budget on the provision of products and material through
19 infrastructure development, general equipment, and miscellaneous goods. The OECD estimates that an
20 average of 30% of general government expenditure goes to public procurements in OECD countries,
21 representing 12.6% of GDP, which makes government a powerful market actor (OECD 2021). Public
22 procurement can therefore create a significant market pull and be used to pursue strategic environmental
23 goals (Ghisetti 2017). Local, regional and national authorities can use their purchasing power to create
24 niche markets and to guarantee demand for low GHG products and material (Wesseling and Edquist
25 2018; Muslemani et al. 2021). In some cases, governments will have to adapt government procurement
26 policies that are not well suited for the procurement of products and services that focus on the
27 decarbonisation benefits and longer-term procurement commitments of emissions reducing
28 technologies and projects (Ghisetti 2017). Implementation can be challenged by the complexity of
29 criteria, the lack of credible information to check GHG intensities and the added time needed for
30 selection (Testa et al. 2012; Cheng et al. 2018; Geng and Doberstein 2008; Zhu et al. 2013; Liu et al.
31 2019b; Bratt et al. 2013; Lundberg et al. 2015). To ease these hurdles, the EU commission has developed
32 environmental criteria that can be directly inserted in tender documents (Igarashi et al. 2015; European
33 Commission 2016). These criteria are voluntary, and the extent of their application varies across public
34 authorities (Bratt et al. 2013; Testa et al. 2016; Michelsen and de Boer 2009). In the Netherlands,
35 companies achieving a desirable certification level under the national CO₂ Performance Ladder obtain
36 a competitive advantage in public procurement (Rietbergen and Blok 2013; Rietbergen et al. 2015).
37 Globally, many countries have implemented green product procurement or sustainable procurement
38 following Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 – Responsible consumption and production (UNEP
39 2017). Public procurement is also developing at subnational levels. For example, the state of California
40 in the United States passed the Buy Clean California Act (AB 262) that establishes maximum acceptable
41 global warming potentials for eligible steel and glass construction materials for public procurement
42 (USGBC-LA 2018). See Box 11.4.

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Box 11.4 Buy Clean California Act

2 In October 2017, California passed Assembly Bill (AB) 262, the Buy Clean California Act, a new law
3 requiring state-funded building projects to consider the global warming potential (GWP) of certain
4 construction materials during procurement. The goal of AB 262 is to use California's substantial
5 purchasing power to buy low-carbon products. Such low-carbon public procurement will directly
6 reduce emissions by using lower-carbon products, and indirectly by sending a market signal to
7 manufacturers to reduce their emissions in order to stay competitive in California.

8 The bill requirements are two-pronged: as of January 2020, manufacturers of eligible materials must
9 submit a facility-specific environmental product declaration (EPD), and the eligible materials must
10 demonstrate (through submitted EPDs) GWP below the product-specific compliance limits defined by
11 the state Department of General Services (DGS), which will regulate policy implementation. The
12 eligible materials include structural steel, carbon steel rebar, flat glass, and mineral wool insulation. In
13 January 2021, the DGS published maximum acceptable GWP limits for each product category set at
14 the industry average of facility specific GWP for each material. Beginning July 1, 2021, awarding
15 authorities were required to verify GWP compliance for all eligible materials (DGS 2020; USGBC-LA
16 2018).

17 Prior to adoption of the Buy Clean California Act, the California Department of Transportation
18 (Caltrans) had been evaluating the use of life-cycle assessment and EPDs in evaluating materials. In
19 addition to the materials specified in Buy Clean California Act (noted above), the Caltrans project
20 includes materials used extensively in transportation (concrete, asphalt, and aggregate). Also, the
21 California High-Speed Rail project had begun using EPDs as part of its procurement process. The High-
22 Speed Rail Sustainability Report states that the construction projects will: 1) require EPDs for
23 construction materials including steel products and concrete mix designs, and 2) require "optimized
24 life-cycle scores for major materials" and include additional strategies to reduce impacts across the life
25 cycle of the project (Simonen et al. 2019).

26 Several other states such as Washington, Minnesota, Oregon, Colorado, New York and New Jersey are
27 developing similar types of Buy Clean regulations (BGA 2020; Simonen et al. 2019).

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31 ***11.6.4.2 Private Procurement***

32 The number of companies producing sustainability reports has increased rapidly over the last decade
33 (Jackson and Belkhir 2018) and so has the number of pledges to carbon neutrality announced. This
34 trend has mainly been driven by consumer concerns, investor requests, and as a business strategy to
35 gain a competitive advantage (Koberg and Longoni 2019; Higgins and Coffey 2016; Ibáñez-Forés et
36 al. 2016). For example, Apple and the governments of Québec and Canada are the financier and lead
37 market maker in the Elysis consortium to bring inert electrodes to market for bauxite smelting to make
38 zero GHG aluminium. Aluminium is a very small fraction of the cost of a laptop or smartphone, so even
39 expensive low emissions aluminium adds to Apple's brand at very little cost per unit sold. Some
40 countries are also requiring corporate to report their emissions. For example, the French government
41 requires companies with 500 or more employees and financial institutions to report Corporate Social
42 Responsibility (CSR) and disclose publically Scope 1 (direct emissions), Scope 2 (indirect emissions
43 from purchased electricity) and Scope 3 (emissions from supply chain's 2 impacts and consumer's
44 usage and end-of-life recycling practices) emissions (Mason et al. 2016).

1 The most common climate mitigation strategies used by corporates are to set emissions reduction targets
2 in line with the Paris Agreement goals through science-based target (SBT) and to develop internal
3 carbon pricing (Kuo and Chang 2021). The SBT initiative records that 338 SBT companies reduced
4 their emissions by 302 MtCO₂ e between 2015 and 2019 (SBTI 2021). As of August 2021, 858
5 companies had set SBT and over 2,000 companies across the world currently use internal carbon pricing
6 with a median internal carbon price of 25 USD per metric ton of CO₂-eq (Bartlett et al. 2021). The most
7 determined companies have developed internal GHG abatement strategies that incorporate their supply
8 chains' emissions (Martí et al. 2015; Tost et al. 2020; Gillingham et al. 2017) and design procurement
9 contracts that encourage or require their suppliers to also improve their product GHG footprint (Liu et
10 al. 2019a). For many corporations, the emissions impact within their supply chain far exceeds their
11 operations direct emissions (CDP 2019). Therefore, the opportunities to reduce emissions through
12 purchasing goods and services from the supply chain (scope 3) have much greater potentials than from
13 direct emissions.

14 However, these trends have to be approached with caution as some of the emissions reductions are not
15 direct emissions reductions from companies' operations, instead often from offset projects of varying
16 quality (Chrobak 2021). There is a lack of consistency and comparability in the way firms are reporting
17 emissions, which limits the possibilities to assess companies' actual ambition and progress (Blanco et
18 al. 2016; Liu et al. 2015; Burritt and Schaltegger 2014; Sullivan and Gouldson 2012; Rietbergen et al.
19 2015). More research is needed to assess the current impacts of corporate voluntary climate actions and
20 if these efforts meet the Paris agreement's goals (Rietbergen et al. 2015; Wang and Sueyoshi 2018). It
21 will be critically important that the international corporate accounting frameworks, standards, and
22 related guidance (e.g., GHG Protocol) be maintained and improved to reflect evolving needs in the
23 global market and to allow for comparison of objectives and progress.

24 25 **11.6.4.3 GHG content certifications**

26 The development of GHG labels corresponds to a growing demand from consumers desiring
27 information about the climate impacts of their consumption (Darnall et al. 2012; Feucht and Zander
28 2018; Tan et al. 2014). GHG labels fill this information gap by empowering consumers' purchasing
29 decisions and creating higher value for low GHG products and materials (Cohen and Vandenberg
30 2012; Vanclay et al. 2011). The willingness to pay for lower GHG products has been found to be
31 positive but to depend on socioeconomic consumer characteristics, cultural preferences and the product
32 considered (Li et al. 2017; Shuai et al. 2014; Tait et al. 2016; de-Magistris and Gracia 2016; Feucht and
33 Zander 2018). Companies and governments that favour low GHG products and who are seeking to
34 achieve environmental, social, and governance (ESG) goals also need readily available and reliable
35 information about the GHG content of products and materials they purchase and produce (Munasinghe
36 et al. 2016; Long and Young 2016).

37 Numerous methodologies have been developed by public and private organizations to meet the needs
38 for credible and comparable environmental metrics at the product and organization levels. Most follow
39 life cycle assessment standards as described in ISO 14040 and ISO 14044, ISO 14067 for climate
40 change footprint only and ISO 14025 (2006) for environmental product declarations (EPD) but the way
41 system boundaries are applied in practice varies (Liu et al. 2016; Wu et al. 2014). Adoption has been
42 challenged by the complexity and the profusion of applications which contribute to confuse
43 stakeholders (Guenther et al. 2012; Gadema and Oglethorpe 2011; Brécard 2014). The options of
44 applying different system boundaries and allocation principles involve value judgements that in turn
45 influence the results (McManus et al. 2015; Tanaka 2008; Overland 2019; Finnveden et al. 2009). A
46 more systematic and coordinated international approach based on transparent and reliable data and
47 methodologies is needed to induce global low GHG market development (Pandey et al. 2011; Tan et al.
48 2014; Darnall et al. 2012).

1 Within the context of GHG content certifications and EPD development, more transparency is needed
2 to increase international comparability and to validate claims to meet consumers demand for low GHG
3 material and products (Rangelov et al. 2021). Greater automation, publicly available reference
4 databases, benchmarking systems and increased stakeholder collaboration can also support the
5 important role of conveying credible emissions information between producers, traders and consumers.

7 *11.6.4.4 Performance Standards and Codes*

8 Policy makers can set minimum performance standards or maximum emission content specifications
9 through legislation to increase the use of low GHG materials and products by mandating the adoption
10 of low GHG production and construction processes while requiring material and resource efficiency
11 aspects.

12 Construction of buildings represented 11% of energy and process-related carbon dioxide (CO₂)
13 emissions globally in 2018 (IEA and UNEP 2019). The share of embodied emissions in construction is
14 increasing as building energy efficiency is improving and energy supply is decarbonized (Chastas et al.
15 2016). As a result, jurisdictions are increasingly considering new requirements in building codes to
16 reduce embodied emissions. This is the case of France's new building code which is shifting from a
17 thermal regulation (RT 2012) to an environmental regulation (RE 2020) to include embodied GHG
18 LCA metrics for encouraging use of low-GHG building materials (Schwarz et al. 2020; Ministère de la
19 Transition écologique et solidaire 2018). The 2018 International Green Construction Code (IGCC)
20 provides technical requirements that can be adopted by jurisdictions for encouraging low GHG building
21 construction, which also covers minimum longevity and durability of structural, building envelope, and
22 hardscape materials (Art. 1001.3.2.3) (Celadyn 2014). Low GHG Building Rating Systems, such as
23 LEEDs, are voluntary standards which include specific requirements on material resources in their
24 rating scale. Trade-offs between energy performance achievement and material used in building
25 construction needs to be further assessed and considered as low GHG building code requirements
26 develop. Local governments can also lead the way by adopting standards for construction. This is the
27 case of the county of Marin in California which specifies maximum embodied carbon in kgCO_{2-eq} m⁻³
28 and maximum ordinary Portland cement content in lbs/yd³ for different levels of concrete compressive
29 strength (Marin County 2021).

30 Governments are also turning their attention to developing standards to increase the durability of
31 products and materials by requiring options for maintenance, reparability, reusability, upgradability,
32 recyclability and waste handling. For example, the EU Eco-design directive includes new requirements
33 for manufacturers to make available for a minimum of 7 to 10 years spare parts to repair household
34 equipment (Talens Peiró et al. 2020; Nikolaou and Tsagarakis 2021; Calisto Friant et al. 2021). The
35 European Commission plans to widen the resource efficiency requirements beyond energy-related
36 products to cover products such as textiles, furniture as well as high impact intermediary products such
37 as steel, cement and chemicals in a new sustainable product policy legislative initiative. (Polverini 2021;
38 Domenech and Bahn-Walkowiak 2019; Llorente-González and Vence 2019; European Commission
39 2020).

40 Further research is needed to understand how different international and national frameworks, codes,
41 and standards that focus on emissions can work in unison to amplify their mutually desired outcomes.
42 Building performance and market instrument trading frameworks recognized globally do not always
43 incentivize the same outcomes due to the differences in market approach. LCA metrics are a useful tool
44 to help assess optimal options for ultimate emission reduction objectives (Röck et al. 2020; Shadram et
45 al. 2020).

1 **11.6.4.5 Financial Incentives**

2 Fossil-free basic materials production will often lead to higher costs of production, for example, 20–
3 40% more for steel, 70–115% more for cement, and potentially 15–60% for chemicals (Material
4 Economics 2019). There is a nascent literature on what are effectively material “feed-in-tariffs” to
5 bridge the commercialization “valley of death” (Wilson and Grubler 2011) of early development of low
6 GHG materials (Neuhoff et al. 2018; Sartor and Bataille 2019; Wyns et al. 2019; Bataille et al. 2018a).
7 Renewable electricity support schemes have typically been price-based (e.g., production subsidies and
8 feed-in-tariffs) or volume-based (e.g., quota obligations and certificate schemes) and both principles
9 can be applied when thinking about low GHG materials. Auction schemes are typically used for larger
10 scale projects, for example, offshore wind parks.

11 Based on how feed-in-tariffs worked, a contract for difference (CfD) could guarantee a minimum and
12 higher-than-market price for a given volume of early low GHG materials. CfDs could be based on a
13 minimum effective GHG price reflecting parity with the costs of current higher emitting technologies,
14 or directly on the higher base capital and operating costs for a lower GHG material (Richstein 2017;
15 Chiappinelli et al. 2019; Sartor and Bataille 2019; Vogl et al. 2021a). CfDs can also be offered through
16 low GHG material procurement where an agreed price offsets the incremental cost of buying low GHG
17 content product or material. Private firms, by themselves or collectively, can also guarantee a higher
18 than market price for low GHG materials from their supplier for marketing purposes (Bataille 2020a;
19 Bataille et al. 2018a). Reverse auctions (by which the lowest bidder gets the production subsidy) for
20 low GHG materials is also an option but it remains to be analyzed and explored. While these financial
21 incentive schemes have been implemented for renewable energy, their application to incentivize and
22 support low GHG material production have yet to be developed and implemented. The German
23 government is currently developing a draft law which will allow companies that commit to cut GHG
24 emissions by more than half using innovative technologies to bid for 10-year CfDs with a guaranteed
25 price for low-carbon steel, chemical and cement products (Agora Energiewende and Wuppertal Institut
26 2019; BMU 2021).

27 New and innovative financial market contracts for basic materials that represent low-carbon varieties
28 of conventional materials are emerging. This is the case of aluminium for which quantity of low GHG
29 production already exist in countries where hydroelectric power is a common power source. Market
30 developments will allow for low GHG aluminium to trade at a premium rate as demand develops. For
31 example, Harbor Aluminium has launched a green aluminium spot premium at the end of October 2019
32 and the London Metal Exchange has introduced a "green aluminium" spot exchange contract. (LME
33 2020; Das 2021).

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35 **11.6.4.6 Extended producer responsibility**

36 EPR systems are increasingly used by policy maker to require producers to take responsibility for the
37 end life of their outputs and to cover the cost of recycling of materials or otherwise responsibly
38 managing problematic wastes (Kaza et al. 2018). According to the OECD, there are about 400 EPR
39 systems in operation worldwide, three-quarters of which have been established over the last two
40 decades. One-third of EPR systems cover small consumer electronic equipment, followed by packaging
41 and tyres (each 17%), vehicles, lead-acid batteries and a range of other products (OECD 2016).

42 While the economic value of some discarded materials such as steel, paper and aluminium is generally
43 high enough to justify the cost and efforts of recycling, at current rates of 85% above 60% and 43%
44 respectively (Cullen and Allwood 2013; Graedel et al. 2011), others like plastic or concrete have a much
45 lower re-circularity value (Graedel et al. 2011). Most plastic waste ends up in landfills or dumped in
46 the environment, with 9% recycled and 12% incinerated globally (UNEP 2018; Geyer et al. 2017)).
47 Collected waste plastics from OECD countries were largely exported to China until a ban in 2018

1 required OECD countries to review their practices (Qu et al. 2019). EPR schemes may thus need to be
2 strengthened to actually achieve a reduced use of virgin, GHG intensive materials. The potential for re-
3 circularity of unreacted cement and aggregates in concrete is increasing as new standards and
4 requirement develops. For example, concrete fines are now standardized as a new cement constituent
5 in the European standardization CEN/TC 51 "cements and construction limes".

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9 **Box 11.5 Circular economy policy**

10 The implementation of a circular economy relies on the operationalization of the R-imperatives or
11 strategies which extend from the original 3Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, with the addition of Refuse,
12 Reduce, Re-sell/Re-use, Repair, Re-furbish, Re-manufacture, Re-purpose, Re-cycle, Recover (energy),
13 Re-mine and more (Reike et al. 2018). The R implementation strategies are diverse across countries
14 (Kalmykova et al. 2018; Ghisellini et al. 2016) but, in practice, the lower forms of retention of materials,
15 such as recycling and recover (energy), often dominate. The lack of policies for higher retention of
16 material use such as Reduce, Reuse, repair, remanufacture is due to institutional failures, lack of
17 coordination and lack of strong advocates (Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018a).

18 Policies addressing market barriers to circular business development need to demonstrate that circular
19 products meet quality performance standards, ensure that the full environmental costs are reflected in
20 market prices and foster market opportunities for circular products exchange, notably through industrial
21 symbiosis clusters and trading platforms (Hartley et al. 2020; Hertwich 2020; Kirchherr et al. 2018;
22 OECD 2019a). Policy levels span from micro (such as consumer or company) to meso (eco-industrial
23 parks) and macro (provinces, regions and cities) (Geng et al. 2019). The creation of eco-industry parks
24 ("industrial clusters") has been encouraged by governments to facilitate waste exchanges between
25 facilities, where by-products from one industry is used as a feedstock to another (Tian et al. 2014;
26 Winans et al. 2017; Jiao and Boons 2014; Shi and Yu 2014; Ding and Hua 2012). Systematic assessment
27 of wastes and resources is carried out to assess possible exchange between different supply chains and
28 identify synergies of waste streams that include metal scraps, waste plastics, water heat, bagasse, paper,
29 wood scraps, ash, sludge and others (Ding and Hua 2012; Shi and Yu 2014).

30 The development of data collection and indicators is nascent and need to ramp up to quantify the impacts
31 and provide evidence to improve circular economy and materials efficiency policies. Policy makers
32 needs to leverage the potential socio-economic opportunities of transitioning to circular economies
33 (Llorente-González and Vence 2020) which shows positive GDP growth and job creation by shifting to
34 more labor-intensive recycling plants and repair services than resource extraction activities (Cambridge
35 Econometrics et al. 2018; WRAP and Alliance Green 2015). The International Labor Organization
36 estimates that worldwide employment would grow by 0.1 per cent by 2030 under a circular economy
37 scenario (ILO 2018). However questions remain if the type of jobs created are concentrated in low-
38 wage labor-intensive circular activities which may need targeted policy instruments to improve working
39 conditions (Llorente-González and Vence 2020).

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1 **11.6.5 Knowledge and capacity**

2 It is important that government bodies, academia and other actors strengthen their knowledge and
3 capacities for the broad transformational changes envisioned for industry. In Japan, the industry has
4 been voluntarily working on GHG reduction, under the Framework of Keidanren's Commitment to a
5 Low-carbon Society since 2009. Government and scientific experts regularly review their commitments
6 and discuss results, monitoring methods, and reconsidering goals. Industry federations/associations can
7 obtain advice in the follow-up meetings from other industries and academics. The energy and transport
8 sectors have decades of building institutions and expertise, whereas industrial decarbonisation is largely
9 a new policy domain. Most countries have experience in energy efficiency policies, some areas of
10 research and innovation, waste management, regulations for operational permits and pollution control,
11 worker safety and perhaps fuel switching. There is less experience with market demand pull policies
12 although low GHG public procurement is increasingly being tested. Circular economy policies are
13 evolving but potential policies for managing material demand growth are less understood. Material
14 efficiency policies through, for example, product standards or regulation against planned obsolescence
15 are nascent but relatively unexplored (Gonzalez Hernandez et al. 2018a).

16 All this argues for active co-oversight, management and assessment by government, firms, sector
17 associations and other actors, in effect the formation of an active industrial policy that includes
18 decarbonisation in its broader mandate of economic and social development (OECD 2019b; Bataille
19 2020a). This could draw from the quadruple helix innovation model, which considers the role of
20 government, universities, the private sector, the natural environment and social systems to foster
21 collaboration in innovation (Durán-Romero et al. 2020; Carayannis and Campbell 2019). Important
22 aspects of governance include mechanisms for monitoring, transparency, and accountability. It may
23 involve the development of new evaluation approaches, including a greater focus on ex-ante evaluations
24 and assessment of, for example, readiness and capacities, rather than ex-post evaluations of outcomes.
25 Such organisational routines for learning have been identified as a key aspect of policy capacity to
26 govern evolutionary processes (Karo and Kattel 2018; Kattel and Mazzucato 2018). Although many
27 governments have adopted ideas of focusing resources on the mission or challenge of climate change
28 mitigation, comparisons between Western and East-Asian contexts show significant differences in the
29 implementation of governance structures (Wanzenböck et al. 2020; Mazzucato et al. 2020; Karo 2018).
30 Overall, improved knowledge and stronger expertise is important also to handle information
31 asymmetries and the risk of regulatory capture.

33 **11.6.6 Policy coherence and integration**

34 Industrial net zero transitions, while technically feasible, involves not just a shift in production
35 technology but major shifts in demand, material efficiency, circularity, supply chain structure and
36 geographic location, labour training and adaptation, finance, and industrial policy. This transition must
37 also link decarbonisation to larger environmental and social goals (e.g. air and water quality, low GHG
38 growth, poverty alleviation, sustainable development goals) (OECD 2019b).

39 Although there is little evidence of carbon leakage so far it will be ever more important to strive for
40 coherence in climate and trade policies as some countries take the lead in decarbonising internationally
41 traded basic materials (Jakob 2021b). At the time of writing the previously academic debate on this
42 issue is shifting to real policy making through debates and negotiations around carbon border
43 adjustment (see 11.6.1) and sectoral agreements or climate clubs (Nordhaus 2015; Nilsson et al. 2021;
44 Åhman et al. 2017; Jakob 2021a). The climate and trade policy integration should also consider what is
45 sometimes called positive leakage, i.e., that heavy industry production moves to where it is easier to
46 reach zero emissions. As a result, policy should go beyond border measures to include, for example,
47 international technology cooperation and transfer and development of shared lead markets.

1 Energy intensive production steps may move where clean resources are most abundant and relatively
2 inexpensive (Bataille et al. 2021a; Gielen et al. 2020). For example, steel making has historically located
3 itself near iron ore and coal resources whereas in the future it may be located near iron ore and zero
4 GHG electricity or close to carbon storage sites (Fischedick et al. 2014b; Vogl et al. 2018; Bataille
5 2020a). This indicates large changes in industrial and supply chain structure, with directly associated
6 needs for employment and skills. Some sectors will grow, and some will shrink, with differing skill
7 needs. Each new workforce cohort needs the general specific skill to provide the employment that is
8 needed at each stage in the transition, implicating a need for co-ordination with policies for education
9 and retraining.

10 Depending on what mixes of deep decarbonisation strategies are followed in a given region (e.g.
11 material efficiency, electrification, hydrogen, biomass, CCU, CCS), infrastructure will need to be
12 planned, financed and constructed The UKCCC Net-zero Technical Report describes the infrastructure
13 needs for achieving net zero GHG in the UK by 2050 for every sector of the economy (UKCCC 2019b).
14 Transportation would be facilitated with pipelines or ships to allow transfer of captured CO₂ for
15 utilisation and disposal, and associated institutional frameworks (IEAGHG 2021). Electrification will
16 require market design and transmission to support increased generation, transmission, and flexible
17 demand. Hydrogen, CCU, and CCS will require significant new or adapted infrastructure. Hydrogen
18 and CO₂ pipelines, and expanded electricity transmission, have natural monopoly characteristics which
19 are normally governed and planned by national and regional grid operators and their regulators.
20 Industrial clustering (a.k.a. eco-parks), such as those planned in Rotterdam and Teeside, UK, would
21 allow more physical and cost-effective sharing of electricity, CCU, CCS, and hydrogen infrastructure
22 but is dependent on physical planning, permitting, and infrastructure policies.

23 Costing analysis (see Chapter 15) indicates an increased upfront need for financial capital which require
24 policies to encourage long term, patient capital that reflects society's preferences for investment in
25 industrial decarbonisation and the minimum 10 or more years horizon before there are significant new
26 commercially available processes.

27 All the above indicate the need for general industrial policy as part of a coherent general economic,
28 taxation, investment, employment and social policy for climate change mitigation (Wyns et al. 2019;
29 Wesseling et al. 2017; Bataille et al. 2018a; Nilsson et al. 2021).

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31 **11.6.7 Roles and responsibilities**

32 While all climate policy requires topic specific adaptive governance for long term effectiveness (Mathy
33 et al. 2016), deep decarbonisation of heavy industry has special governance challenges, different from
34 those for the electricity, transport or buildings sectors (Åhman et al. 2017; Wesseling et al. 2017;
35 Bataille et al. 2018a). Competition is strong, investments are rare, capital intensive and very "lumpy".
36 In an atmosphere where transformative innovation is required the process is very capital focussed with
37 non-diversifiable risks unless several companies are involved. There are significant infrastructure needs
38 for electricity, hydrogen, and CCS and CCU. Given there is no "natural" market for low emissions
39 materials, there is a need to manage both the supply and demand sides of the market, especially in early
40 phase through lead supplier and markets. Finally, there is a very high probability of surprises and
41 substantial learning, which could affect policy choice, direction, and stringency.

42 Different types of actors thus have to play different, but coordinated roles and responsibilities in
43 developing, supporting, and implementing policies for an industrial transition. Table 11.6 below shows
44 how the different core parts of integrated policy making for an industrial transition may depend on
45 efforts from different actors groups and highlights the responsibility of these actor groups in developing
46 a progressive and enabling policy context for the transition. This includes policy makers at local,

- 1 national, and international arenas as well as civil society organisations, industry firms, and interest
- 2 organisations.

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1 **Table 11.6 Examples of the potential roles of different actors in key policy and governance areas for a low GHG transition to indicate the importance of**
 2 **agency and wide stakeholder engagement in the governance of industrial decarbonisation**

Actors	Direction: Planning and strategising pathways to net zero	Innovation: RD&D for new technologies and other solutions	Market creation: Create and shape demand-pull for various solutions	Knowledge and capacity: Build institutional capacity across various actors	Coherence: Establish international and national policy coherence
International bodies and multilateral collaboration	More attention to industry in NDCs. Monitor progress and identify gaps. Develop international roadmaps.	Include heavy industry decarbonisation in technology cooperation (e.g., Mission Innovation).	International standards, benchmarking systems, and GHG labels. Allow for creation and protection of lead markets.	Support knowledge building and sharing on industrial decarbonisation.	Align other Conventions and arenas (e.g., WTO) with climate targets and include heavy industry transitions in negotiations.
Regional and national government, and cities	Require net zero strategies in permitting. Set targets and facilitate roadmaps at various levels. Sunset clauses and phase-out agreements for polluting plants.	Experimentation for recycling, materials efficiency, and demand management. Hydrogen, electrification, and other infrastructure.	Public procurement for innovation and lead markets. Green infrastructure investments.	Develop policy expertise for industrial transformation. Support and facilitate materials efficient and circular solutions through design standards, building codes, recycling, and waste policy.	Support vertical policy coherence (i.e., international, national, city level).
Civil society	Monitor and evaluate leaders and laggards. Support transparency.	Engage in responsible innovation programs, experimentation, and social innovation.	Progressive labelling, standards and criteria for low emissions materials and products (e.g., LCA-based), including updating.	Engage in policy processes and build capacity on industrial decarbonisation. Support consumer information and knowledge.	Monitor and support policy coherence and coordination across policy domains (trade, climate, waste, etc.).
Industrial sectors and associations	Adopt net zero emissions targets, roadmaps, and policy strategies for reaching them. Assess whole value chains, scope 3 emissions and new business models.	Share best practice. Coordination and collaboration. Efficient markets for new technology (e.g., licensing).	Work across (new) value chains to establish lead markets for low emissions materials as well as for materials efficiency and circularity.	Education and retraining for designers, engineers, architects, etc. Information sharing and transparency to reduce information asymmetry.	Coordination across policy domains (trade, climate, waste, etc.). Explore sectoral couplings, new value chains and location of heavy industry.

<p>Corporations and companies</p>	<p>Set zero emissions targets and develop corporate and plant level roadmaps for reaching targets.</p>	<p>Lead and participate in R&D, pilots, and demonstrations. Increase and direct R&D efforts at reaching net zero.</p>	<p>Marketing and procurement of low emissions materials and products. Include scope 3 emissions to assess impact and mitigation strategies.</p>	<p>Engage in value chains for increased recycling and materials efficiency. Build knowledge and capacity for reorientation and transformation.</p>	<p>MNCs avoid race to the bottom, and strategically account for high carbon price as part of transition strategy.</p>
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1 **11.7 Knowledge gaps**

2 An increasing body of research proposes deep decarbonisation pathways for energy intensive industries
3 including mitigation options such as materials efficiency, circular economy and new primary processes.
4 These options are underrepresented in climate change scenario modelling and integrated assessment
5 models, some of which do not even reflect evolution of demand for basic materials, which is a key
6 driver behind energy consumption and GHGs emissions in the industrial sector. As a result, no
7 agreement is reached so far between bottom-up and top-down studies on the effectiveness and costs for
8 many promising mitigation options, their respective roles, sequencing and packaging within various
9 mitigation pathways.

10 A significant shift is needed from the transition process of the past mainly based on marginal and
11 incremental changes, with a strong focus on energy efficiency efforts, to one grounded in
12 transformational change where there is limited knowledge of how to implement such change effectively.

13 There is a knowledge gap on comparable, comprehensive, and detailed quantitative information on costs
14 and potentials associated with the mitigation options for deep decarbonisation in industry, as cost
15 estimates are not often comparable due to the regional or country focus, differences in costs metrics,
16 currencies, discount rates, and energy prices across studies and regions.

17 A very large and important uncertainty is the availability of biomass for deep decarbonisation pathways
18 due to competition for biomass feedstock with other priorities and the extent to which electrification
19 can reduce the demand for bioenergy in the industry, transport and energy sectors.

20 CCS and CCU are important mitigation options in industry, for which the potentials and costs vary
21 considerably depending on the diversity of industrial processes, the volume and purity of carbon dioxide
22 flows, the energy requirements, the lifetime of utilisation products and the production route.

23 The effectiveness of mitigation policies in industry is poorly known as so far the sector has largely been
24 sheltered from the impacts of climate policy due to the concerns of competitiveness and carbon leakage.
25 There is a lack of integration of material efficiency and circularity with energy and climate policies
26 which partly results from the inadequacy of monitored indicators to inform policy debates and set
27 targets, a lack of high-level political focus, a history of strong industrial lobbying, uncoordinated policy
28 across subsectors and institutions, and the sequential nature of decision-making along supply chains.

29 Industry as a whole is a very complex web of sectors, sub-sectors and inter-sectoral interactions and
30 dependence, with diverse associated mitigation opportunities and co-benefits and costs. Additional
31 knowledge is needed to understand sectoral interactions in the transformation processes.

32 Industrial climate mitigation policy is supplemental to many other policy instruments developed to
33 reach multiple industrial goals, for the range of stakeholders with their interest and priorities reflecting
34 the assessment of co-benefits and risk and affecting decision-making processes and behaviour of
35 stakeholders. Better knowledge is needed to identify the co-benefits for the adoption of climate change
36 mitigation strategies.

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38 **Frequently Asked Questions**

39 **FAQ 11.1 What are the key options to reduce industrial emissions?**

40 Industry has a diverse set of GHG emission sources across sub-sectors. To decarbonise industry requires
41 that we pursue several options simultaneously. These include energy efficiency, materials demand
42 management, improving materials efficiency, more circular material flows, electrification, as well as
43 CCU and CCS. Improved materials efficiency and recycling reduces the need for primary resource

1 extraction and the energy intensive primary processing steps. Future recycling may include chemical
2 recycling of plastics if quality requirements make mechanical recycling difficult. One approach, albeit
3 energy intensive, is to break down waste plastics to produce new monomer building blocks, potentially
4 based on biogenic carbon and hydrogen instead of fossil feedstock. Hydrogen can also be used as a
5 reduction agent instead of coke and coal in ironmaking. Process emissions from cement production can
6 be captured and stored or used as feedstock for chemicals and materials. Electricity and hydrogen needs
7 can be very large but the potential for renewable electricity, possibly in combination with other low
8 carbon options, is not a limiting factor.

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10 **FAQ 11.2 How costly is industrial decarbonisation and will there be synergies or conflicts**
11 **with sustainable development?**

12 In most cases and in early stages of deployment, decarbonisation through electrification or CCS will
13 make the primary production of basic materials such as cement, steel, or polyethylene more expensive.
14 However, demand management, energy and materials efficiency, and more circular material flows can
15 dampen the effect of such cost increases. In addition, the cost of energy intensive materials is typically
16 a very small part of the total price of products, such as an appliance, a bottle of soda or a building, so
17 the effect on consumers is very small. Getting actors to pay more for zero emission materials is a
18 challenge in supply chains with a strong focus on competitiveness and cutting costs, but it is not a
19 significant problem for the broader economy. Reduced demand for services such as square meters of
20 living space or kilometres of car travel is an option where material living standards are already high. If
21 material living standards are very low, increased material use is often needed for more sustainable
22 development. The options of materials and energy efficiency, and more circular material flows,
23 generally have synergies with sustainable development. Increased use of electricity, hydrogen, CCU
24 and CCS may have both positive and negative implications for sustainable development and thus require
25 careful assessment and implementation for different contexts.

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27 **FAQ 11.3 What needs to happen for a low carbon industry transition?**

28 Broad and sequential policy strategies for industrial development and decarbonisation that pursue
29 several mitigation options at the same time are more likely to result in resource-efficient and cost-
30 effective emission reductions. Industrial decarbonisation is a relatively new field and thus building
31 capacity for industrial transition governance is motivated. For example, policy to support materials
32 efficiency or fundamental technology shifts in primary processes is less developed than energy
33 efficiency policy and carbon pricing. Based on shared visions or pathways for a zero-emission industry,
34 industrial policy needs to support development of new technologies and solutions as well as market
35 creation for low and zero emission materials and products. This implies coordination across several
36 policy domains including research and innovation, waste and recycling, product standards,
37 digitalisation, taxes, regional development, infrastructure, public procurement, permit procedures and
38 more to make the transition to a carbon neutral industry. International competition means that trade
39 rules must be evolved to not conflict with industrial decarbonisation. Some local and regional
40 economies may be disadvantaged from the transition which can motivate re-education and other
41 support.

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