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Clean Sweep: Industrial Clean Heat Technologies

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Closing and Q&A

Today's Presenters

- **Kiran Thirumaran, Technical Account Manager & Research Associate**
 - Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
- **Thiago Mikail de Oliveira, Senior Global Energy Consumption Manager**
 - Novelis
- **Malte Weiland, Sustainability Professional**
 - Siemens Smart Infrastructure

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Electrification in Industry

Electrification: The shift from any nonelectric source of energy to electricity at the point of final consumption

Common Electrification Strategies in Industries

- Process Heating
 - Direct resistance heaters
 - Infrared curing
 - Induction and Arc melting
 - Microwave drying

- Building HVAC
 - Electric Boilers
 - Heat pumps
 - Infrared and resistance heaters
 - Mechanical Vapor Recompression

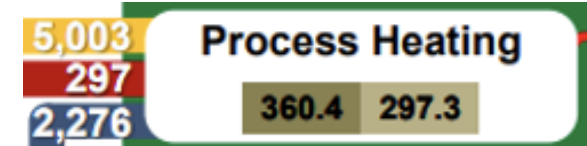
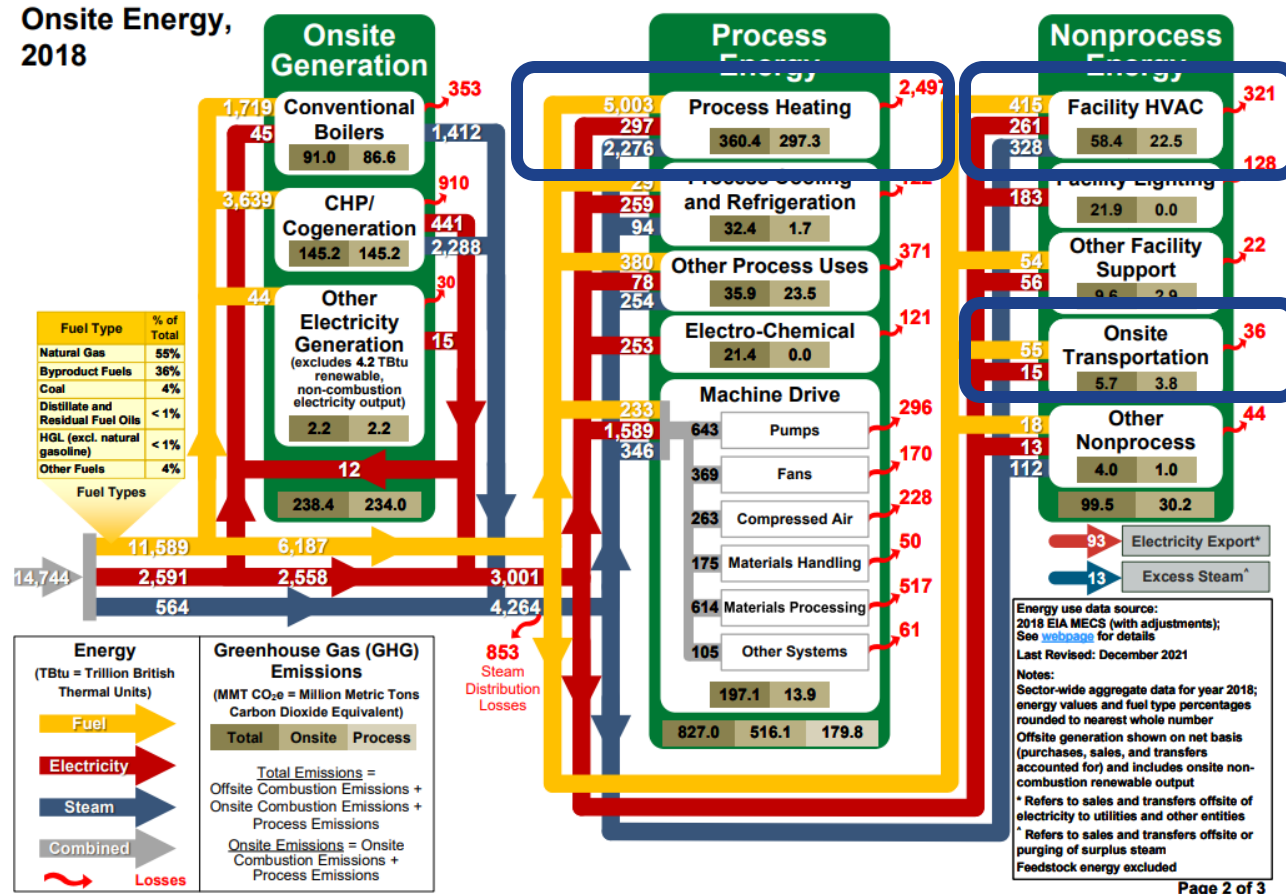
- Forklifts and fleet vehicles



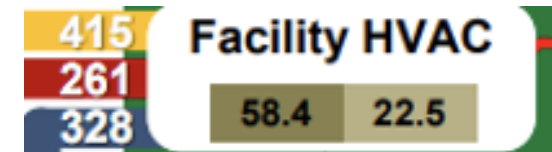
An electric arc furnace used in steel mini-mills

Status of Electrification in Industries

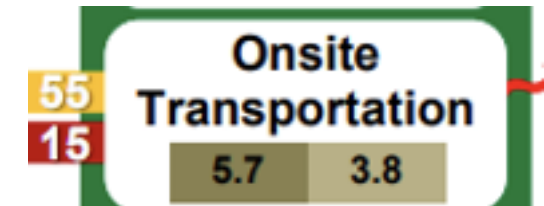
US Manufacturing Energy Footprint



Less than 5% of Process Heating Energy is from Electricity.



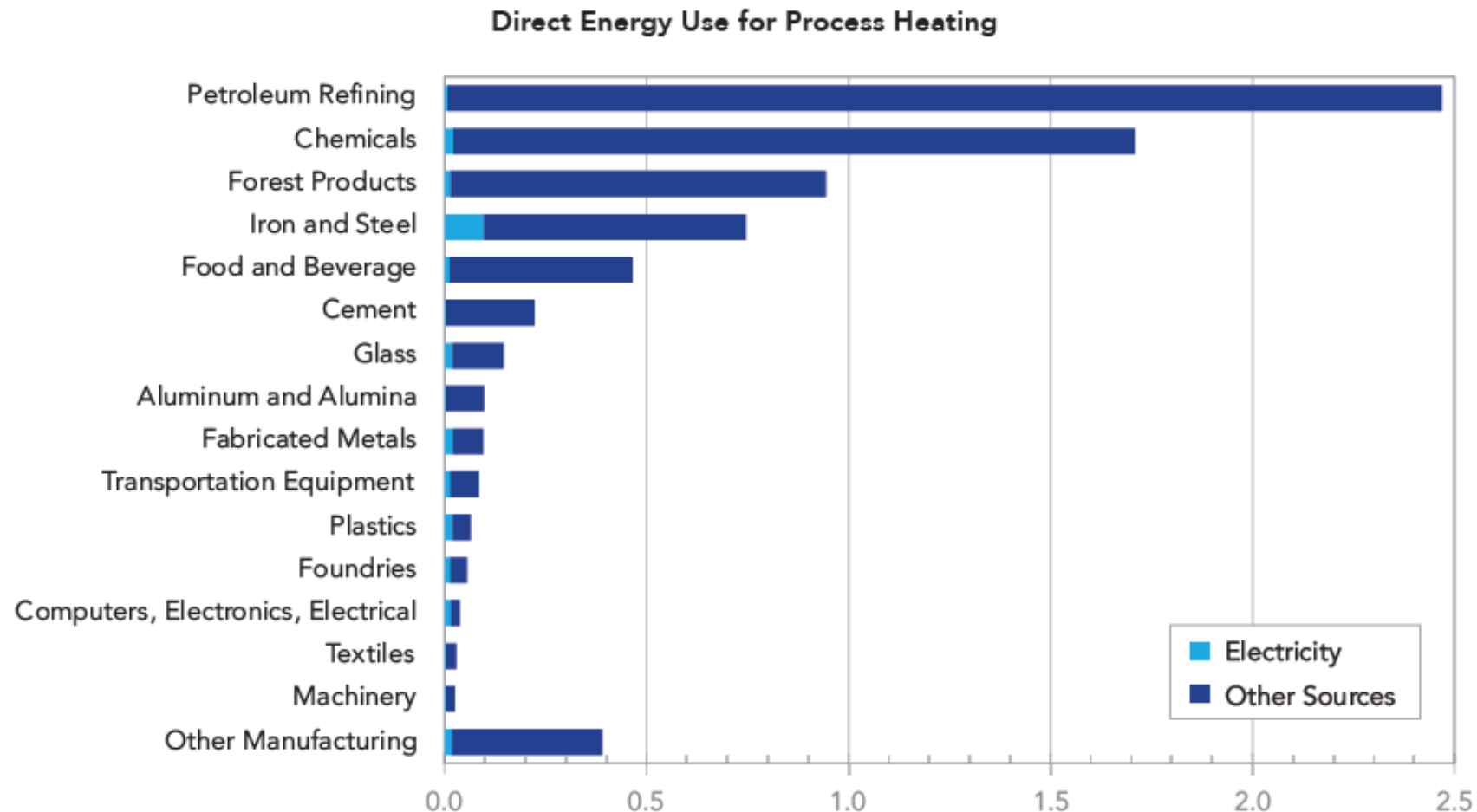
Less than 26% of Facility HVAC Energy is from Electricity.



~27% of Onsite Transportation is Electric

Source: EIA Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey 2018.

Energy Used for Thermal Processing



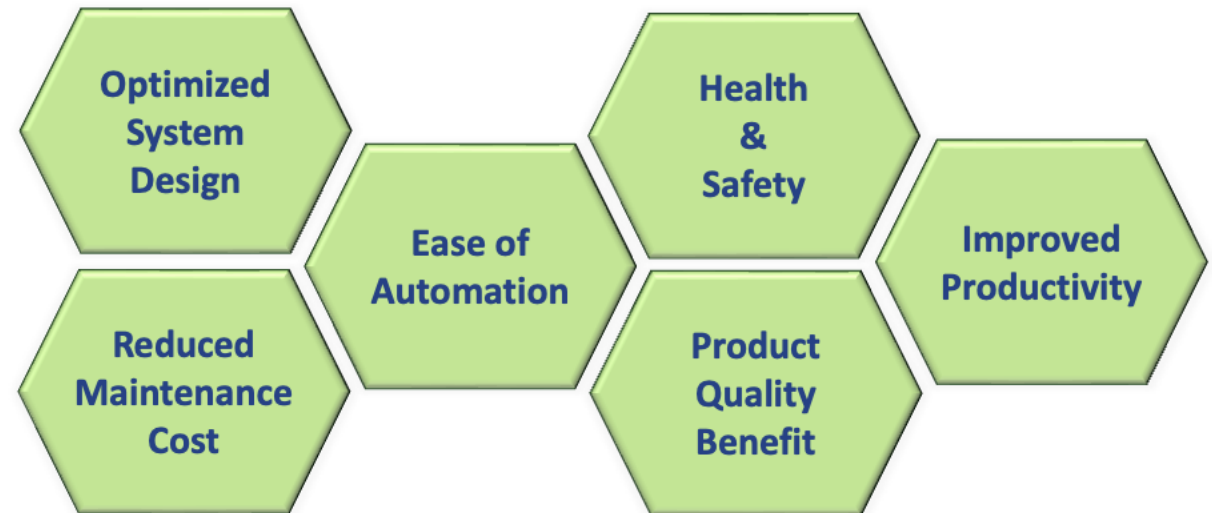
Process heating energy use by source for different industries (2018)

Source: AMO Manufacturing Energy and Carbon Footprints

Why Electrification?

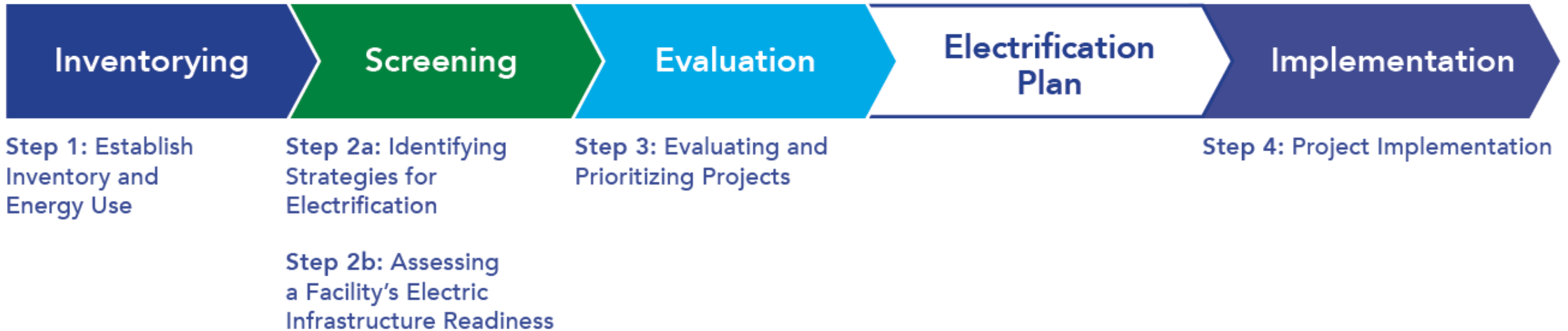
While emission reduction is a driver for electrification, it is just one of the many benefits

- Productivity
- Product Quality (Scrap & Repair)
- Process Flexibility
- Up-time
- Labor Cost
- Capital (Equipment & Inventory)
- Product Features & New Products
- Health & Safety
- Environmental



Electrification Assessment Framework

ELECTRIFICATION ASSESSMENT



Step 1: Establish Inventory and Energy Use

Understanding the existing fuel-fired systems can help better plan for electric transition



Inventorying

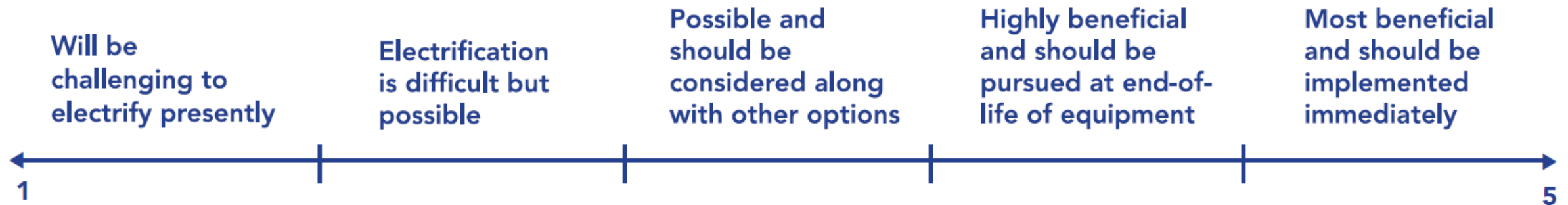
- Identifying existing system at the facility
- Determining key design and operational parameters

Establishing Energy Use (Baseline)

- Metering and Submetering
- Engineering estimates based on burner size and load fact
- Utility Bill Analysis

Suitability for Electrification (Example 1) - Rating Scale

A subjective rating scale based on the following factors



1. How much energy is wasted in the process? can it be cut with electrification
2. Temperature range most suitable for electrotechnology
3. Is the process a bottleneck? Electrification can potential increase productivity
4. Are there major safety concerns with the process

Step 2A: Identifying Strategies for Electrification

Resistance

Electromagnetic

Melting



Electric Arc Furnace



Resistance Melting

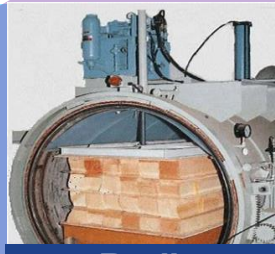


Induction Melting

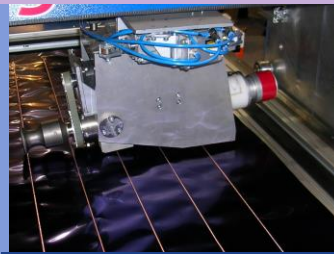
Heating



Convection Furnace



Radio Frequency



Ultrasonics



UV Curing



Induction Heating



Infrared Heating

Steam



Electrode Boiler



MV Boiler



Heat Trace



Heat Recovery HP/Chiller

Summary of Major Electrotechnologies for Process Heating

Technology	Considerations	Advantages	Primary Applications
Resistance Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires a traditional mode of heat transfer (conductive or convective) Not very efficient (comparatively) for large applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideal for retrofit: Suitable for all materials and processes High efficiency uniform direct heating for medium to high temperature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liquid heating such as lubricating oils, heavy or light oils and waxes. Melting of glass and non-metallics
Electric Infrared Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required “line of site” to operate – not suitable for complex shapes Cannot be used if the atmosphere contains gases, hazardous vapors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast heating process Compact and easy integration into current processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drying of material or curing of paint
Induction Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material must be conductive Production size - small production runs are not ideal Requires high voltage power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precise heating Continuous and rapid heating of parts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remelting of metals Heat treatment
Microwave Heating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable material coupling with microwave Material’s sensitivity to rapid heating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides quick and uniform volumetric heating Selective Heating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drying application in food and chemicals sector. Sterilization

Electrotechnology Screening – Decision Tree and Tables

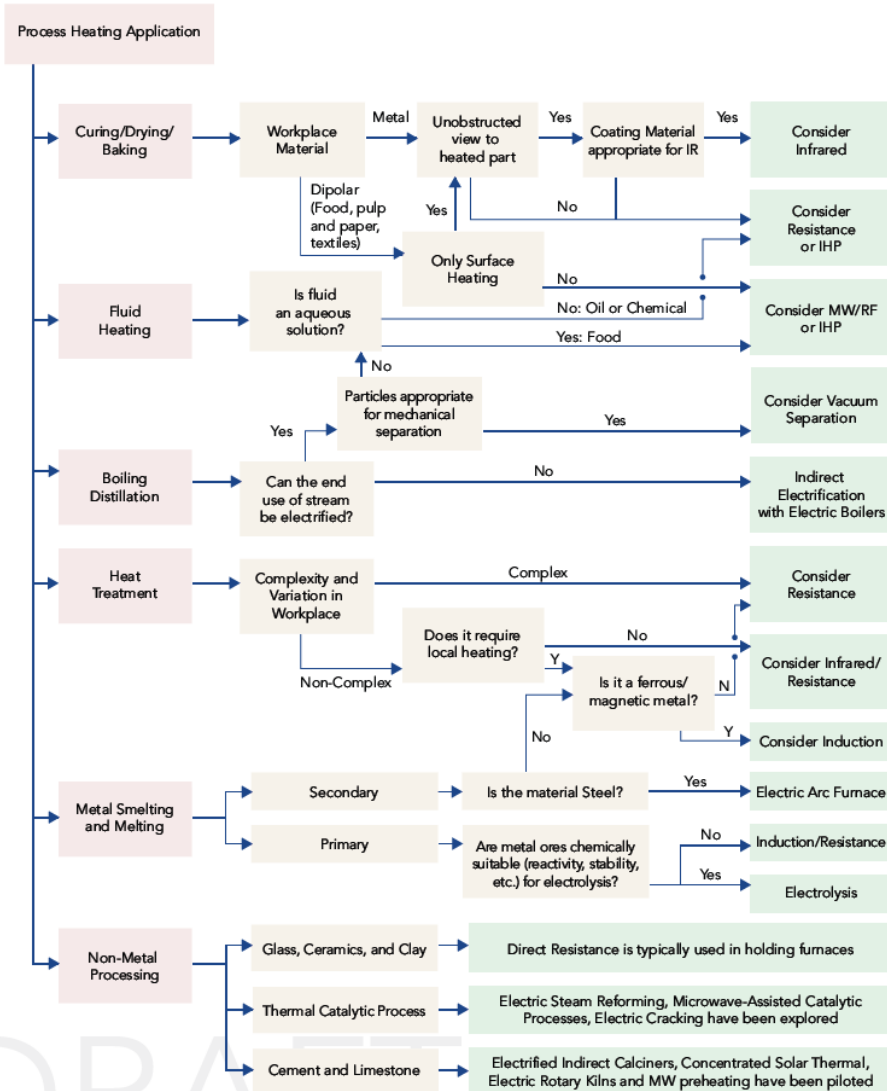


Table 3. HVAC Decision Table.

Criteria	Air/Water Source Heat Pumps	Electric Boilers	VRF Systems	Electric Resistance Heating	Geothermal Heat Pumps
Energy Efficiency	High	Medium	High	Low	Very High
Initial Cost	Medium	Low	High	Low	High
Operating Cost	Low	High	Low	High	Very Low
Maintenance	Medium	Low	Medium	Low	Medium
Regional Applicability	Dependent	Independent	Independent	Independent	Dependent
Scalability	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium
Integration with Existing Systems	High	High	Medium	High	Medium
Temperature Regulation	High	Medium	High	Low	High
Indoor Air Quality (for Office)	High	Medium	High	Low	High
Environmental Control (for Manufacturing)	High	Medium	High	Low	High

Very high-performance characteristic
 Favorable or high-performance characteristic
 Medium or moderate performance characteristic
 Low or less favorable performance characteristic

Table 4. Forklifts and Utility Vehicles Decision Table

Criteria	Lead-Acid Battery	Lithium-Ion Battery	Fuel Cell
Initial Cost	Low	High	High
Operating Cost	Moderate	Low	Moderate-High
Maintenance	High	Low	Low
Run Time	Moderate	High	Very High
Refueling/Recharging	Slow	Fast	Very Fast
Emissions	None	None	None
Indoor Air Quality	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Suitability for Multishift	Poor	Good	Excellent

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Step 2b: Assessing Facility's Electric Infrastructure

Estimate Increased Electric Load from Electrification

Assess Existing Electric Infrastructure

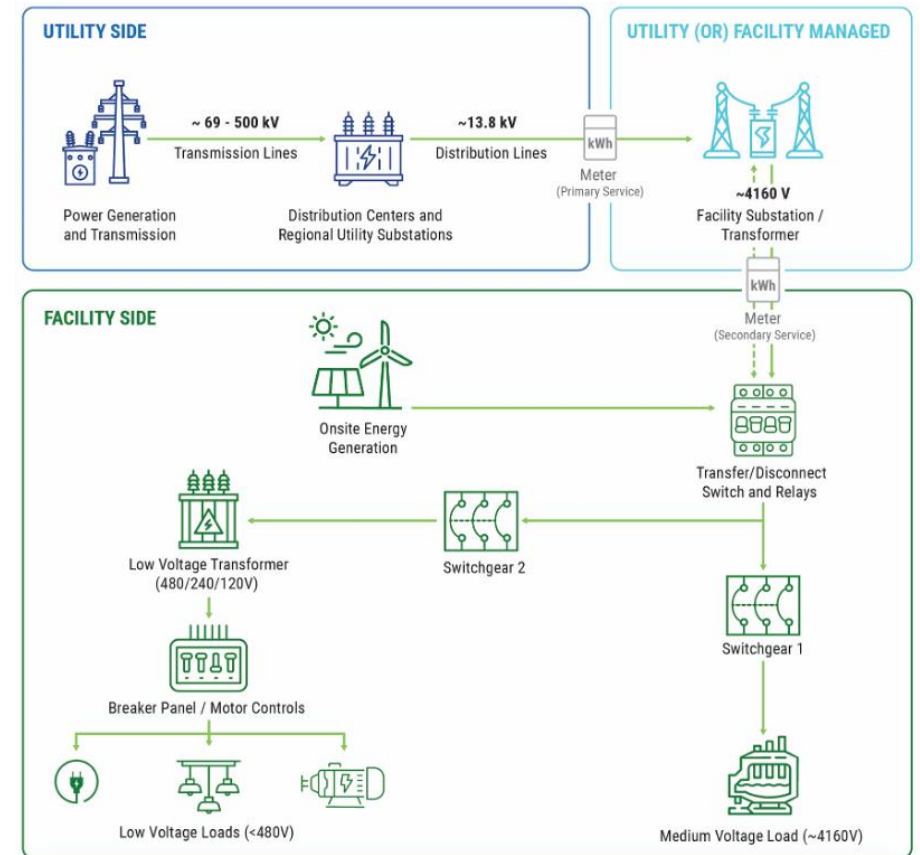
Identify Advanced Electricity Management Techniques

Major Components

- Substations transformers used to step down transmission voltage and associated feeders
- Facility owned transformers to step down voltage at the plant
- Switchgear, motor control centers and control panel used to distribute power throughout the plant
- Electric load

Actionable Items

- Assessing distribution feed from one line diagram
- Discuss with the utility representative to understand the substation and feeder capacity to serve facility loads



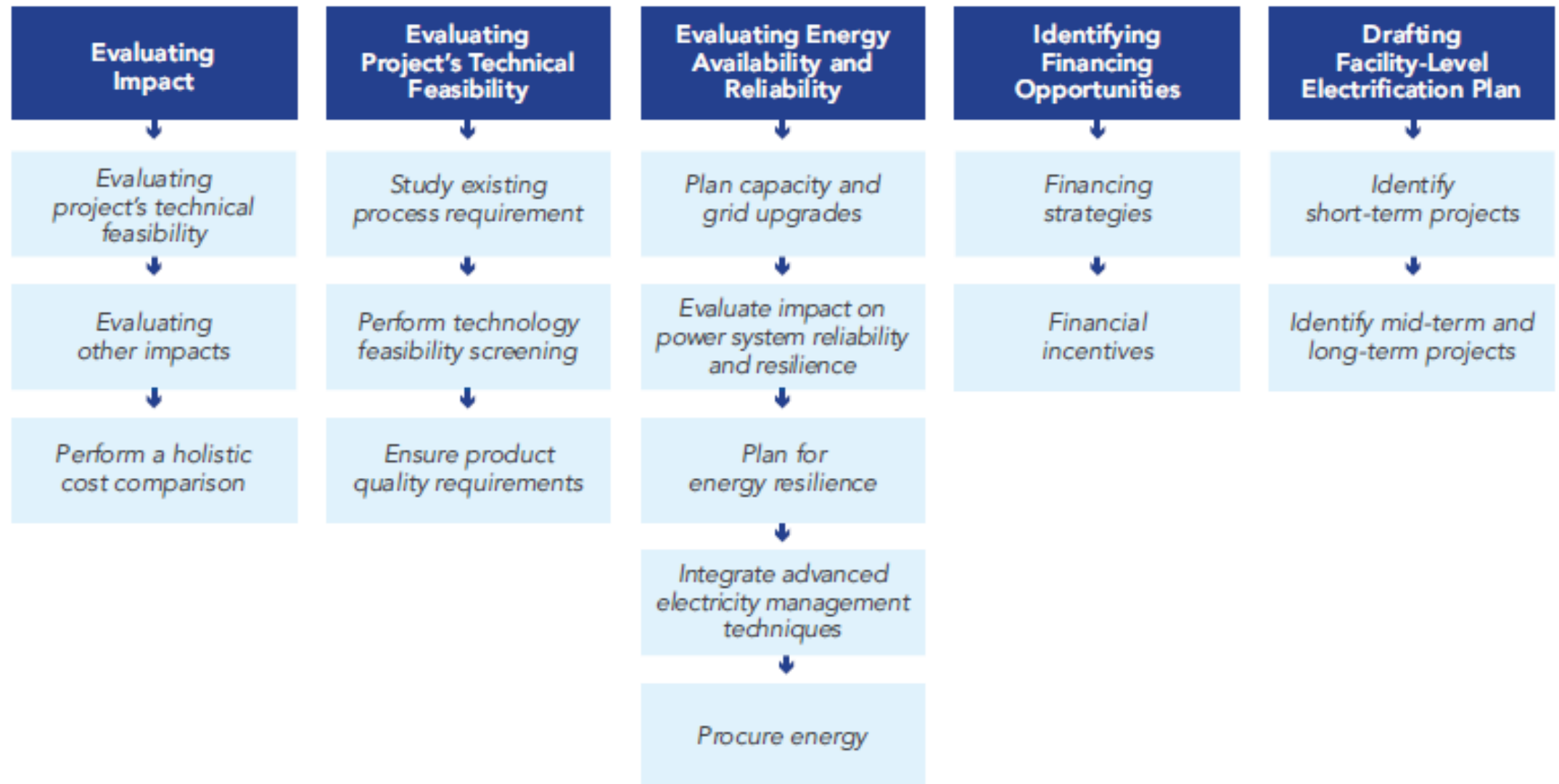
Example Inventory

Equipment Name/ID	Install Date (year)	Rated Capacity (MMBTU/h)	Typical Annual Operating Hours (h)	Operating Temperature (°F)	Load Factor	Fuel Used	Estimated Yearly Energy Use (gas or other fuel, MMBTU)	Baseline System Efficiency (%)	Proposed Electric System Efficiency (%)	Expected Increased Demand with Electrification (kW)	Electrification Suitability Rating
Process Heating Systems											
Furnace 1	2021	1.2	8,760	1700	42.00%	Natural Gas	4,415	50%	75%	235	Mid
Heat Treat Furnace 2	2010	3.5	1,664	1200	44.04%	Natural Gas	2,565	60%	75%	820	Mid
Gas Generator	2011	1.6	1,664	1900	44.10%	Propane	1,174	80%	95%	395	Low
Drying Ovens	2010	1.5	3520	400	76.00%	Natural Gas	4,013	80%	95%	370	High
Total Process Heating System (A)							12,167		12,167	1,820	



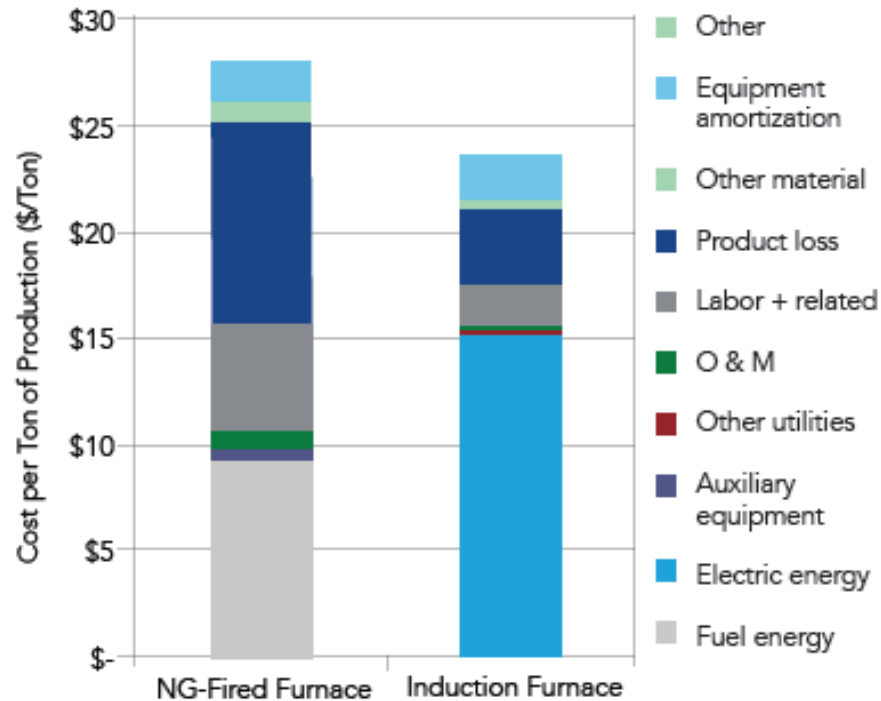
Can be used to evaluate facilities infrastructure requirement

Step 3: Evaluating and Prioritizing Projects



Holistic Comparison of Cost

Evaluation of an electrification project should involve consideration of all relevant co-benefits



Some Unique Considerations when implementing electrification projects

1. System design and testing
2. Auxiliary Infrastructure Upgrades
3. Optimized Operations
4. Energy Reliability
5. Workforce Education

From case study on NG-Fired Furnace vs Induction Furnace in a Forging Plant

Drafting an Electrification Plan

An electrification plan uses key insights from the assessment and defines actionable next steps aligned with priorities and infrastructure readiness.

Projects are categorized as short-term, mid-term, or long-term, with next steps drafted based on key factors:

- Equipment end-of-life
- Electrical capacity considerations
- Project cost
- Other organizational priorities

Time-sensitive external drivers, such as rebates and incentives, can impact project prioritization and scheduling.

Example Electrification Plan

Electrification Plan					
Company Name: Company ABC					
Facility Address: ABC Street, Oak Ridge, Tennessee					
Contact: Mark Smith					
Electrification Projects					
	Equipment End of Life	Implementation Cost	Emission Reduction	Electric Demand Increase	Notes
Induction	2030	\$400,000	80 MT/year	200 kW	
Resistance heat treatment oven	2027	\$275,000	64 MT/year	160 kW	
Electrify Steam Boilers	2035	\$350,000	85 MT/year	250 kW	
Electric RTU	2026	\$120,000	24 MT/year	60 kW	
Electric Forklifts	2025	\$200,000	20 MT/year	50 kW	Total 10 units
Electrify Utility Vehicles	2027	\$140,000	15 MT/year	15 kW	Total 5 units
Electric Capacity Available					
Capacity Available at the Site This is based on the capacity available at the switchgears. (From result C1 in the Electrification Readiness Worksheet)					100 kW
Potential Capacity with Facility-Level Upgrades This is based on the capacity available at the switchgears. (From result B1 and B2 in the Electrification Readiness Worksheet)					1000 kW
Potential Capacity with Utility Upgrades This is based on the capacity available at the switchgears. (From result A1 in the Electrification Readiness Worksheet)					2000 kW

Electrification Plan				
Short Term Projects	Mid Term Projects	Long Term Projects		
Electric Forklifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Electrify Utility Vehicles ▶ Resistance Heat Treatment Oven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Induction Furnace ▶ Implement Onsite Solar ▶ Explore load management with microgrids. 		
Project Activity Tracking				
Activity/Task	Task Lead	Start Date	Duration	Status
Upgrade Forklifts and Utility Vehicles: Fleet Analysis	Alice Brown	2024-08-15	1 month	Initiated
Upgrade Forklifts and Utility Vehicles: Vendor Selection	Alice Brown	2024-09-15	1 month	Planning
Electrify Forklifts: Procurement and Installation	John Doe	2025-02-01	3 months	Not Started
Electrify Utility Vehicles: Procurement and Installation	John Doe	2025-09-01	3 months	Not Started
Install Electric RTU: Site Assessment	Jane Smith	2025-09-01	1 month	Not Started
Install Electric RTU: Electrical Upgrades	Jane Smith	2025-11-01	2 months	Not Started
Resistance Oven Installation: Energy Audit	Tom Wilson	2026-01-01	1 month	Not Started
Resistance Oven Installation: Procurement & Delivery	Tom Wilson	2026-05-01	3 months	Not Started
Induction Furnace: Feasibility Study	Emily White	2027-01-01	3 months	Not Started
Onsite solar and microgrid: Feasibility Study	Emily White	2027-04-01	6 months	Not Started

Breakout Discussion

1.) Please introduce yourself and provide a summary of your experience with electrification.

- Have you evaluated, piloted, or implemented any electrification projects at your site (such as for process heating, HVAC, or forklifts)?**
- If so, could you share any specific challenges you encountered or lessons learned from your experience with electrification?**

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Low Carbon

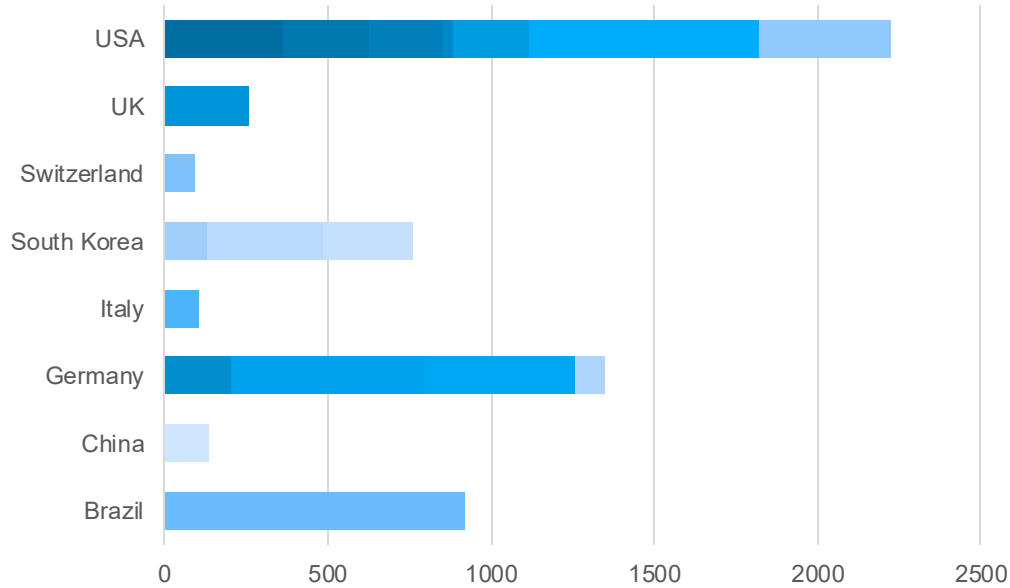
< 3 tCO₂e/tFRP

Be the lowest emissions flat rolled products (FRP) aluminum provider

Industry Frontrunner

Leader in Return On Invested Capital (ROIC)

Grow profitability to continue to fuel first-mover investments



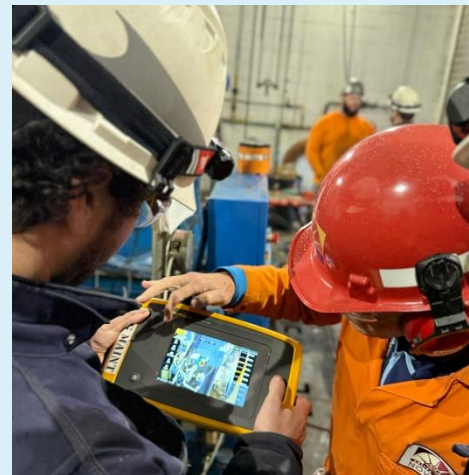
- 19 casting centers on 4 continents
- Diversity in furnaces design (type, controls, auxiliary, etc.)
- The challenge: scalable, adaptable strategy for decarbonized melting
- Strategy: Corporate target setting, plants execution based on Opex and Capex initiatives.

Target Setting for Plants

Opex Initiatives	Capex Initiatives
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- Metering and Management Systems
- Routine Management
- Treasure Hunt

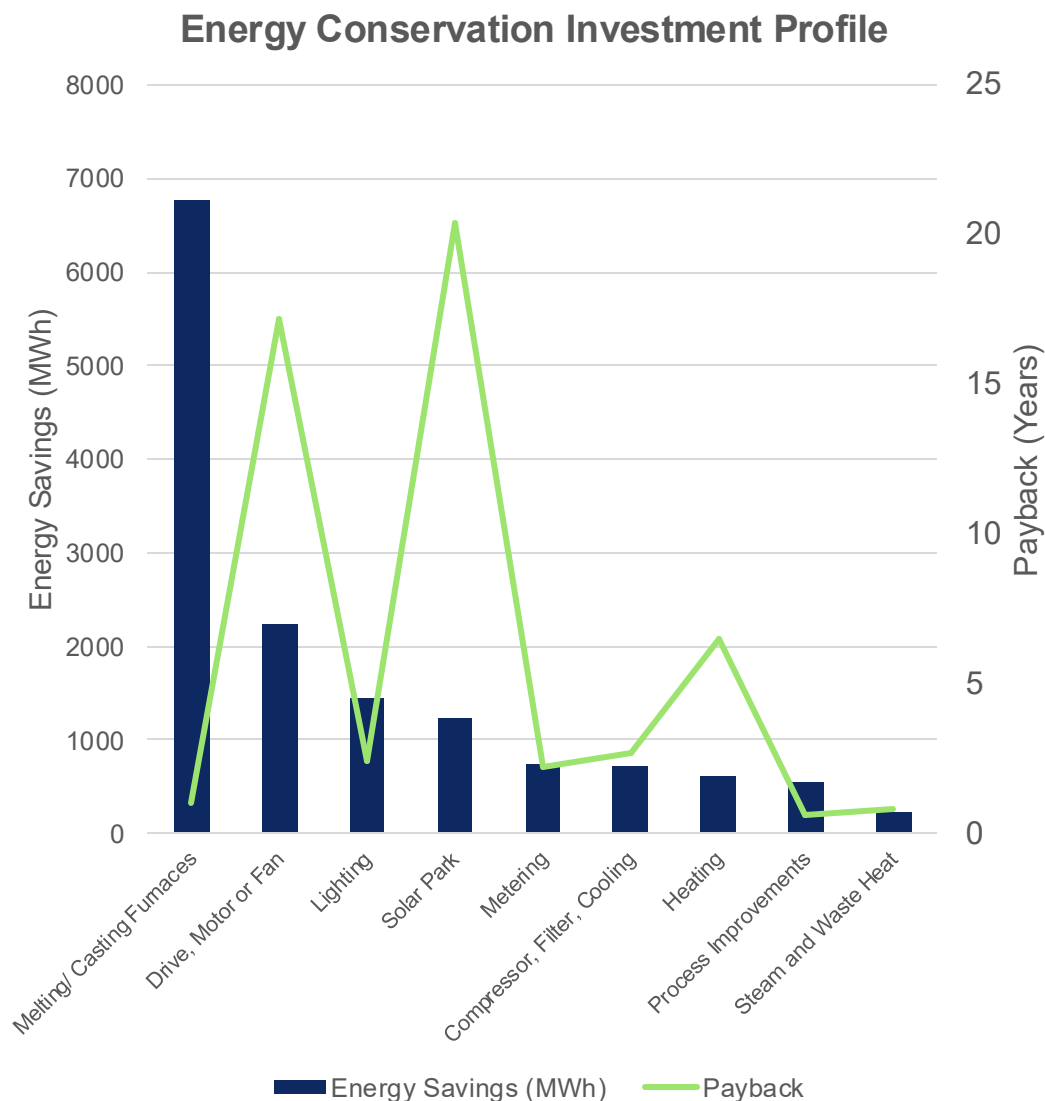
- Priorization necessary
- Following EPN = Energy Priority Number



$$EPN = CO_2 \times \text{Payback}$$

CO2 reduction (t/year)	Scale	Payback (Years)
1000	10	1
8000	8	3
5000	5	5
3000	3	8
1000	2	12

WHY IDEAL FURNACES?

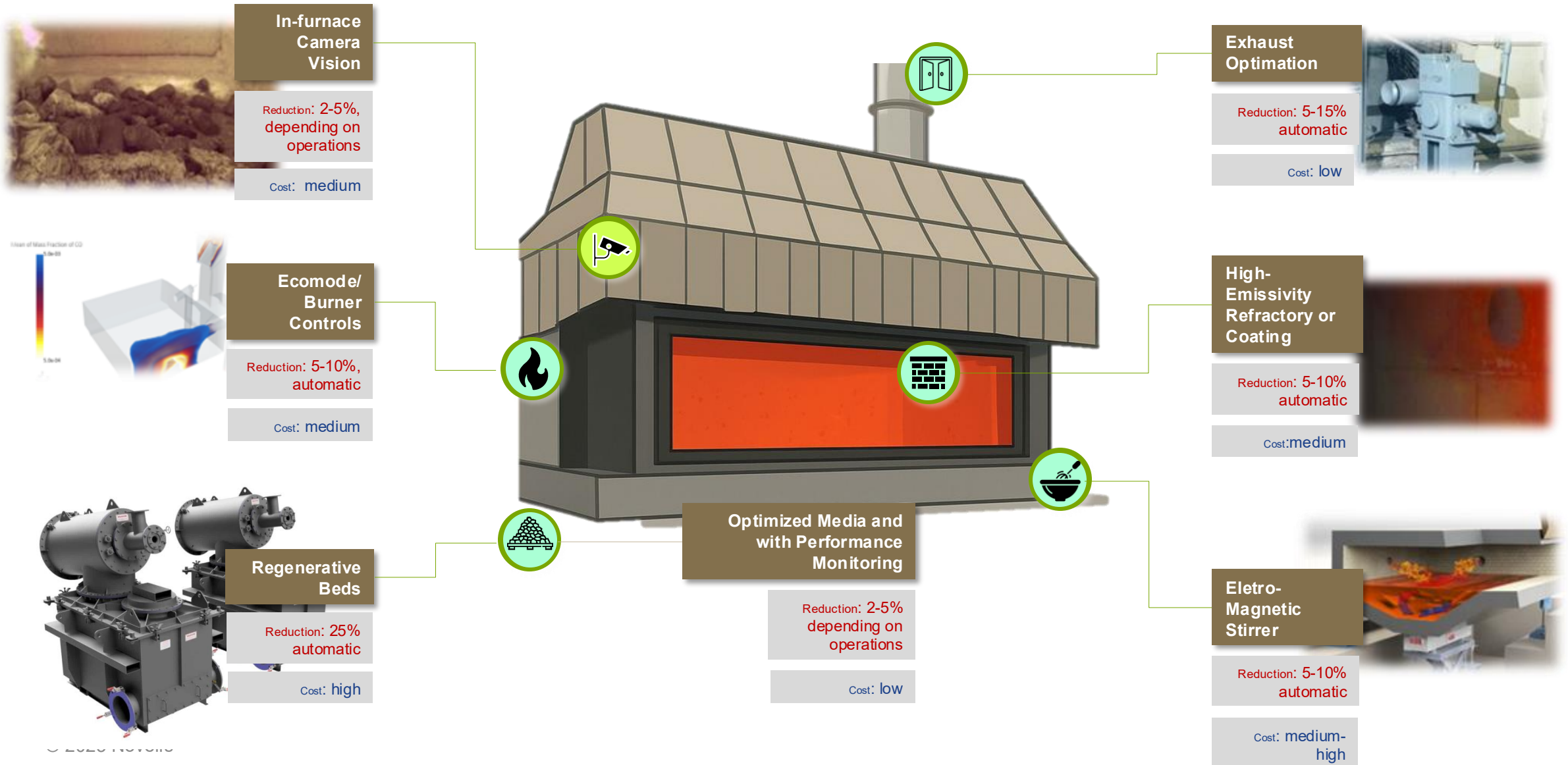


- **Two Strategic Goals at the Same time:** Our casting furnaces present the most significant opportunities for energy savings in terms of absolute CO2 reduction on Operations and payback potential as demonstrated in FY23 initiatives.
- **Ideal Furnace Program:** We refer to this suite of enhancements aimed at reducing natural gas consumption in our casting furnaces as the 'Ideal Furnace' initiative.
- **Phased approach:** We have various levels of mechanical and automation. The investment is being made to capture the lowest hanging fruits first.

Region	Plant	Energy Conservation Measure	NG Energy Savings (MWh/ yr)	Cost savings (1000\$ / yr.)	Funds (1000\$)	Payback
NSA	Pinda	[Ideal Furnace] Furnace Control System Optimization	31.338	1.400	1.380	1
NE	Voerde	[Ideal Furnace] Regenerative Burner on SO1	13.520	893	1.800 + 1.800 (gnvt)	2
NE	Norf	[Ideal Furnace] Regenerative burner Melter 1	11.174	579	1.000 + (1.000 gnvt)	2
NE	Latchford	Routine management Energy Implementation	6.395	308	250	1

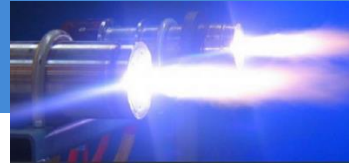
Top 4 Projects Implemented Projects with biggest savings in FY23

A GUIDELINE FOR A TODAY IDEAL FURNACE



PLANTS MUST PREPARE TO ADOPT NEW TECHNOLOGY

Melting Technologies



Hydrogen, Oxyfuel,
Plasma, etc



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Plant of the Future



Simulate and
Optimize



AI Furnace Control



Real-time
Recommendations



Scheduling Tool

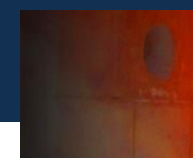
Ideal Furnaces



Machine Vision



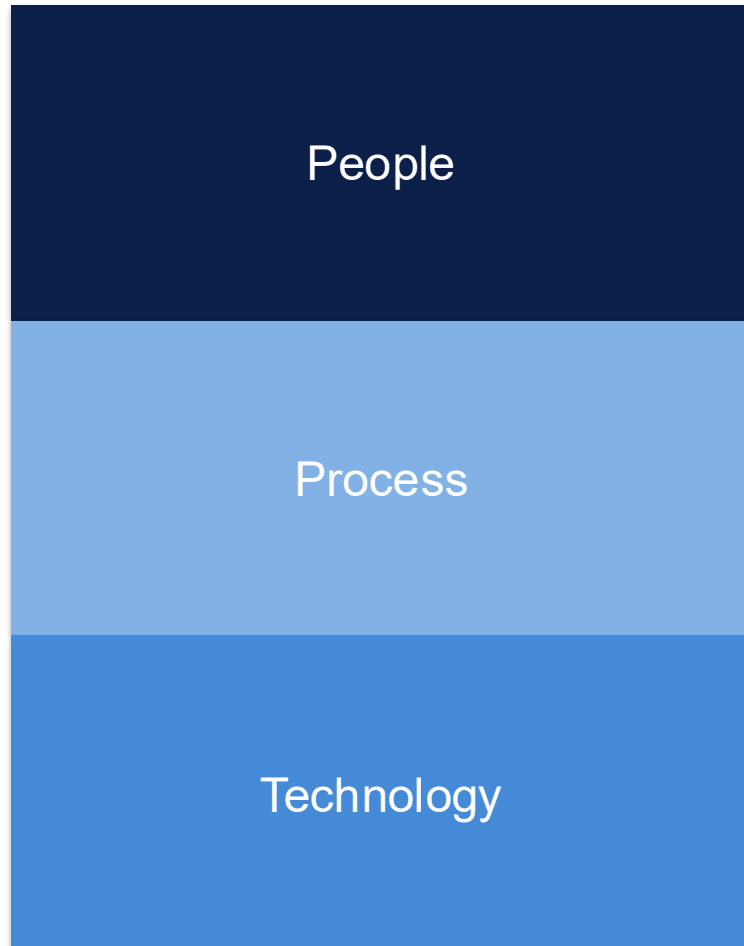
Magnetic Stirrer



High Emissivity
Coating



Regen
Burners



- Evolving scenario, new expertise
- Learning is a constant

- Company process to embrace and scale what is relevant
- Drop as soon as possible what is not
- Constant exchange with partners, academia, competitors, etc

- One size won't fit all
- Electrification is a trend
- How prepared we are

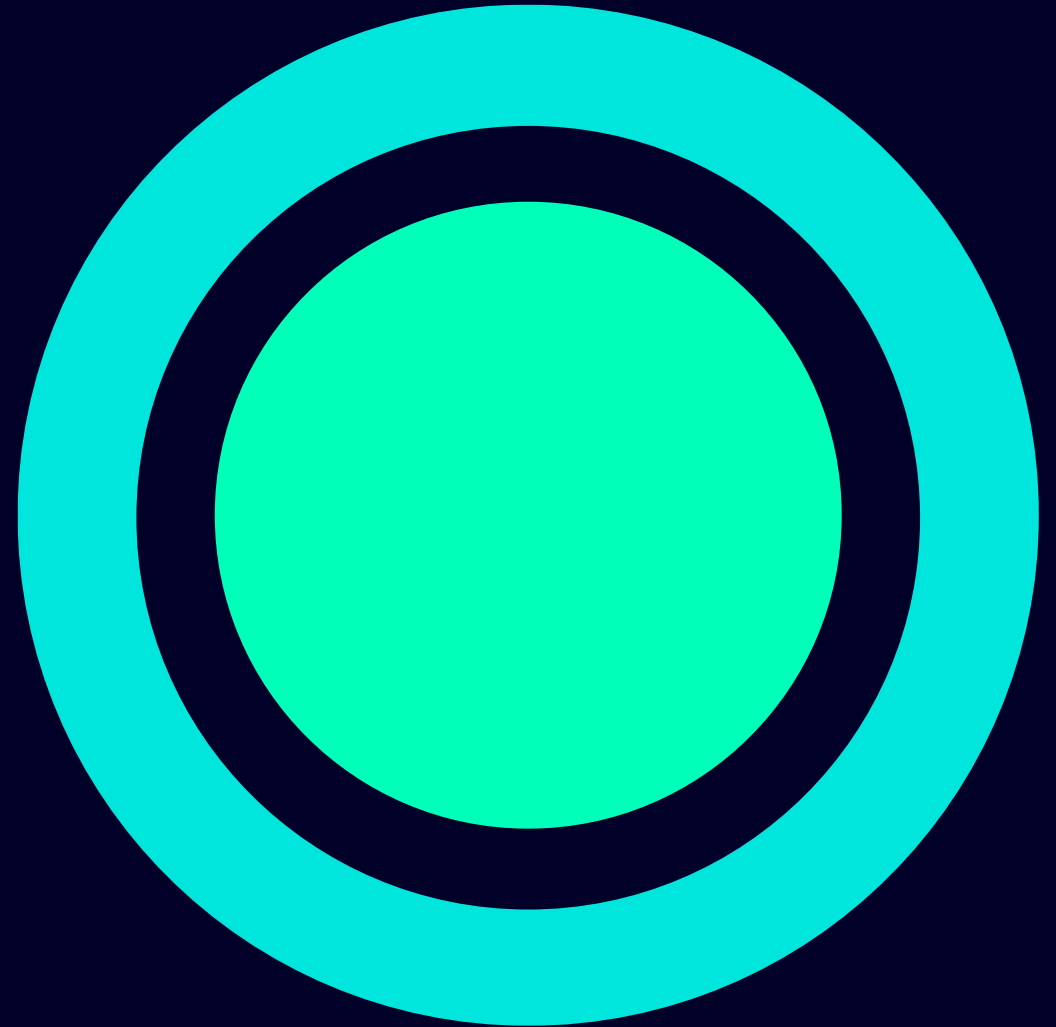
Malte Weiland

Siemens Smart Infrastructure

Electrifying Efficiency

Siemens All-Electric Powder Coating Paint Line

Malte Weiland,
Siemens Smart Infrastructure, Electrical Products



Why?

- Business was experiencing exponential growth due to the boom in infrastructure spending and data center construction
- Customer and internal requirements for decarbonization of our products
- Original powder coating paint line was approaching the end of its useful life, Siemens saw an opportunity to update the system and decarbonize at the same time
 - New system was installed without any disruption to production on the factory floor

Our DEGREE sustainability framework

Decarbonization

Support the 1.5°C target to fight global warming

Ethics

Foster a culture of trust, adhere to ethical standards, and handle data with care

Governance

Apply state-of-the-art systems for effective and responsible business conduct

Resource efficiency

Achieve circularity, dematerialize, and conserve biodiversity

Equity

Foster diversity, equity, inclusion, and community development to create a sense of belonging

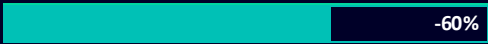
Employability

Enable people to stay resilient and relevant in a permanently changing environment

A 360°
approach
to our core
sustainability
values

Our DEGREE sustainability framework

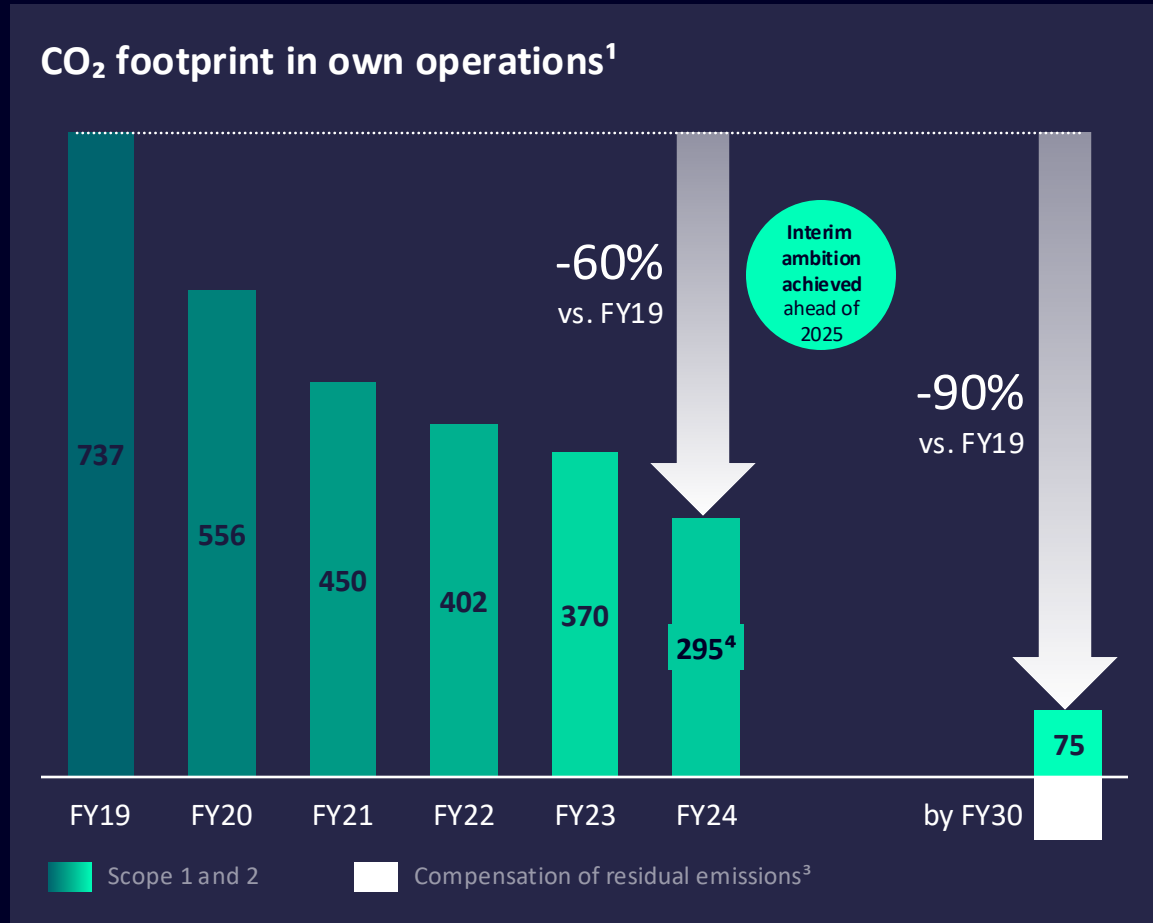
Accelerating the implementation of DEGREE: ambitions achieved ahead of 2025

	DEGREE ambitions	Baseline	Progress until end of FY24	Ambitions	Achieved
Decarbonization	1. Reduce emissions in own operations by 55% by 2025	FY 19: 737 kt CO ₂ e	 -60%	-55% by 2025	✓
	Reduce emissions in own operations by 90% by 2030 and compensate residual emissions	FY 19: 737 kt CO ₂ e	 -60%	-90% by 2030	
	2. Net-Zero supply chain by 2050, 20% emissions reduction by 2030	FY 20: 8,098 kt CO ₂ e	 -2%	-20% by 2030 -100% by 2050	

1 Assessment based on the Siemens internal ESG/Sustainability Index, which is based on CO₂e reduction and digital learning hours

2 Prior periods are presented on a comparable basis, based on an adjusted portfolio scope

Decarbonizing our operations – CO₂e reductions in Scope 1 and 2 emissions lead the way to support our 1.5 °C-aligned SBTi Net-Zero commitment



We reached our DEGREE interim ambition (w/o SHS)

- ✓ Reached our FY25 interim DEGREE ambition of -55% Scope 1 and 2 emissions from a FY19 base year one year in advance (-60%)
 - ✓ FY30 ambition: reduce emissions in own operations by 90% by 2030 and compensate residual emissions
 - ✓ Already 21% electric cars at Siemens (up from 11% in FY23)
 - ✓ Already 91% of electricity from renewable sources² (up from 80% in FY23)
 - ✓ Invest of ~€650m in operational decarbonization between FY22–FY30 (for fleet electrification, buildings, and production emissions)
- DEGREE ambition #1

Our Siemens commitments (w/ SHS)

- ✓ Validated 1.5 °C-aligned SBTi Net-Zero target
 - ✓ 100% electrical vehicles, 100% renewable energy, and 100% net-zero buildings by 2030
- SCIENCE BASED TARGETS
DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION

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EV100

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RE100

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EP100

1 Siemens without SHS, in 1,000 metric tons of CO₂e

2 70% already meets the new requirements of RE100 (plant age <15 years)

3 With high-quality carbon offsets

4 Without Innomatics: ~277 kt

Brownfield Decarbonization Case Study – Grand Prairie, TX Plant

Baseline Total Energy Consumption
48,000 MMBTU



Gas

22,758 MMBTU
48%



Electric

24,735 MMBTU
52%



Location Based
Emission (2021)
Before RECs

4,263Mt CO₂e

Market Based
Emission (2021)
After RECs

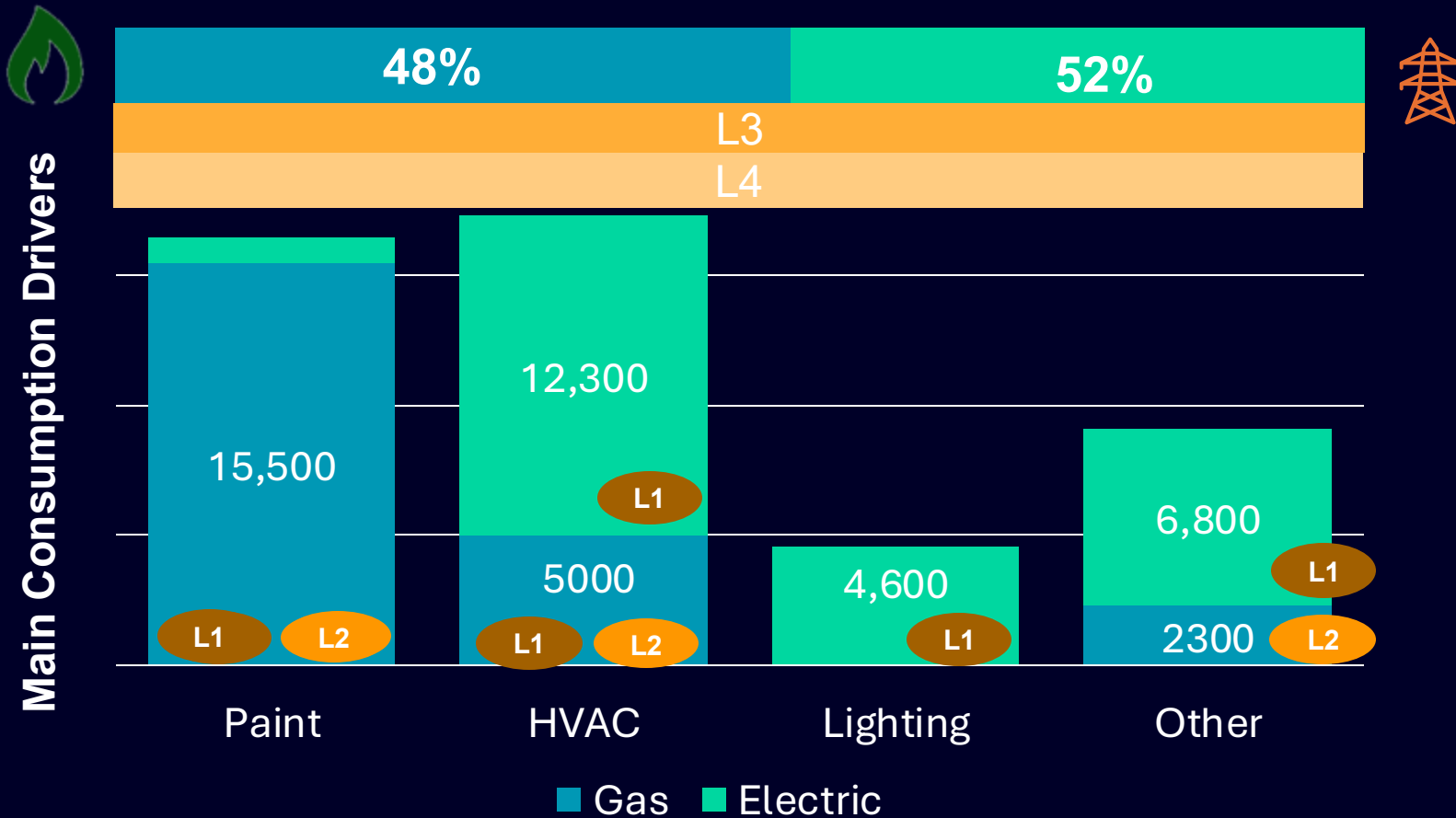
1,662 Mt CO₂e

Electrical Products Produced

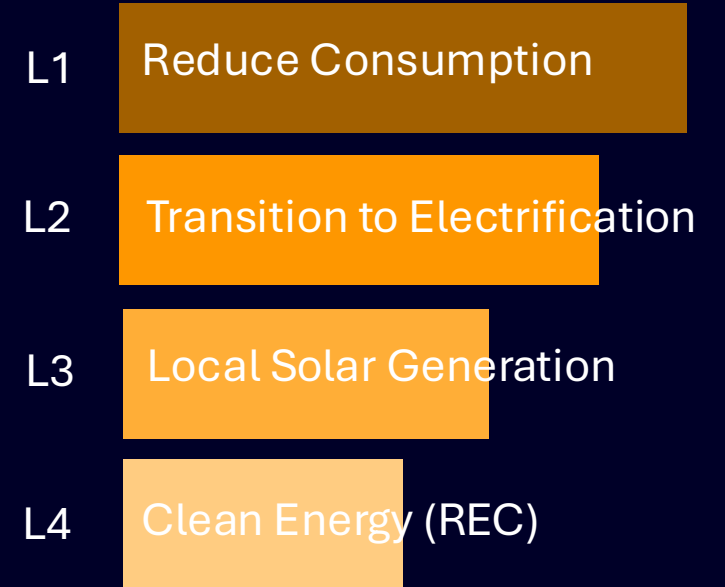


Main Consumption Drivers & Decarbonization Levers

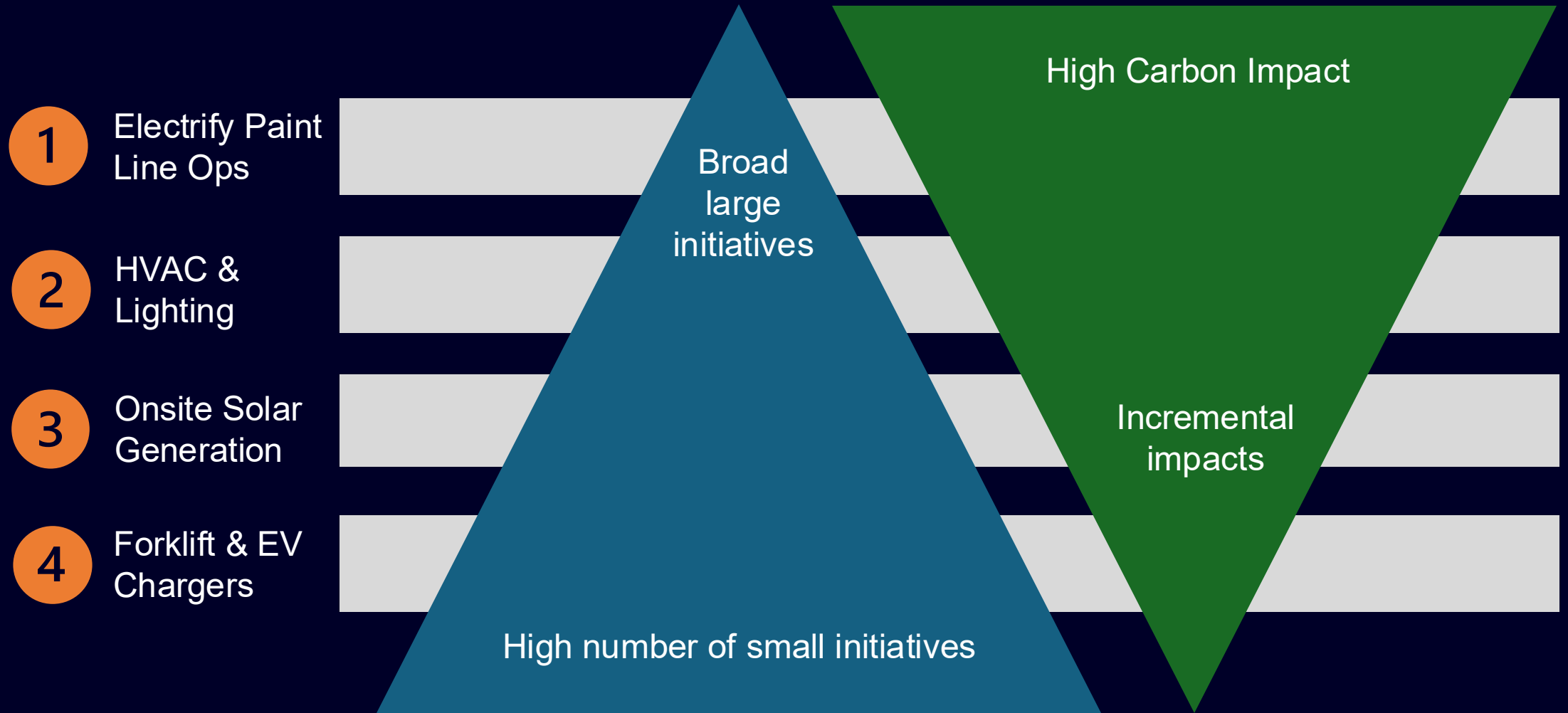
Total Energy Consumption ~ 48,000MM BTU



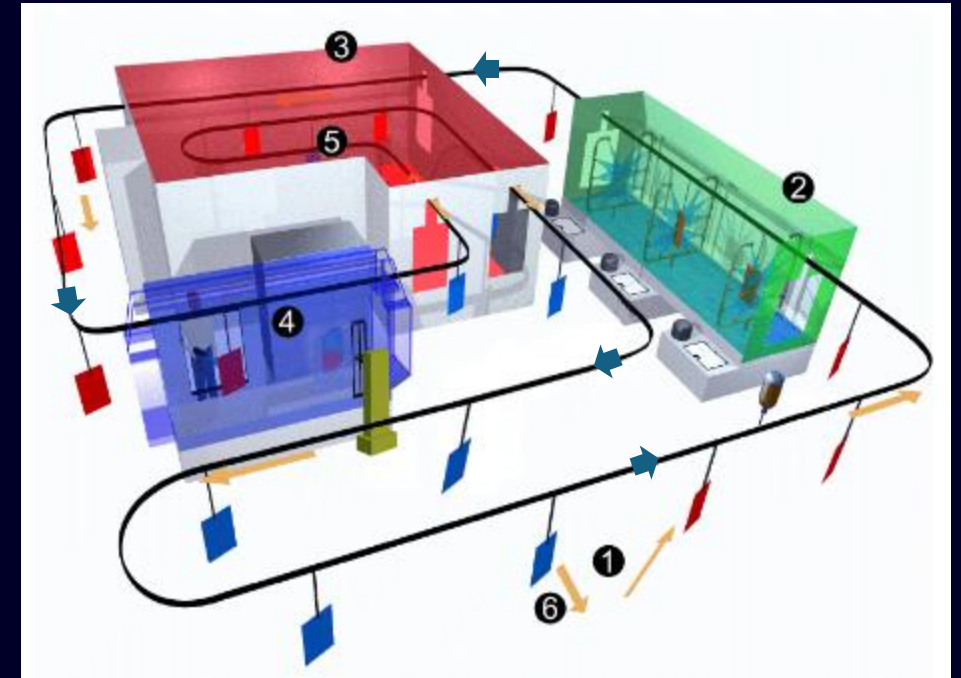
Decarbonization Levers



Key Grand Prairie Factory Decarbonization Projects



Powder Coat Painting – Applications & Sustainability Challenges



Typical Layout Plan for Powder Coat Painting

1. Loading area for the workpiece need to be coated
2. Multiple stage pretreatment/cleaning system
3. Dry-off oven
4. Powder spray booth
5. Curing oven
6. Unloading area for finished workpiece

Sustainability Focus Areas @ Grand Prairie Paint Line



Front End Processes:

- Lower E Powder Paint
- Enhance cleaning chemistry
- Replace Gas Heaters w/ Electric
- Enhanced Insulation / Heat Loss Reduction

Back End Dry/Cure Process:

- Replace Gas Heaters w/ Electric incl. IR
- Enhanced Insulation / Heat Loss Red
- VFD Applications where appropriate

Impacts:

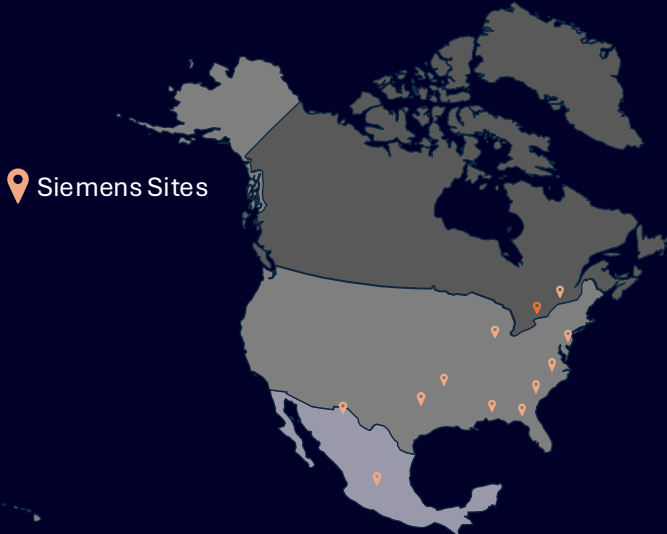
- One of the nation's first all-electric powder coating paint line for the electrical distribution industry
- Gas: 68% Site Reduction (- 15,500 MM BTU), + electrical/+RECs

Collaboration with Energy Providers

Identify existing electricity & gas demand for major sites

Estimate total future electricity demand for electrification by data modelling

Identify gaps to existing electrical infrastructure & high-risk sites



Data Modeling to estimate peak demand Using Actual Data and site weather data to estimate peak demand

1 Data Collection & Site Evaluation

- Site Interviews – operation schedule
- Transformer capacities
- SLDs/arch flash studies
- Contract demand (if available)

2 Electricity demand Evaluation + **Gas demand Evaluation**

- Studying Invoices
- Utility portal data
- Monthly gas kWh (Navigator)

3 Review and Refinement Process

- Iterative Refinement
- Expert Consultation & feedback

Thermodynamic modeling of Oven and Paint Line loads Physics Based Modelling to estimate peak demand

1 Data Collection & Site Evaluation

- Understand paint line operation and load volume
- Reading engineering drawings
- Field measure dimensions and record nameplates
- Collect load data for gas and electrical equipments

2 Oven Modeling

- Excel based mathematical modelling for heat transfer
- Heating loss calculated through oven walls, exhaust, and conveyor opening
- Total Demand = Heat absorbed by metal + surface heat loss + exhaust heat loss + fan

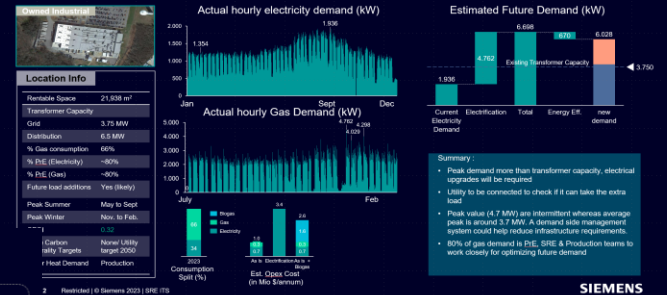
Parts cleaning and Powder Spray Modeling

- Electrical load estimation for pumps
- Water heating and losses through evaporation and exhaust
- Motor loads for compressors, Air conditioning, IR Heat, conveyor
- Total Demand = Heat absorbed by water + surface heat loss + exhaust heat loss + fan + pumps

3 Review and Refinement Process

- Input loads for existing gas ovens and new electrical concepts
- Check results versus energy consumption data
- Expert Consultation & feedback
- Model Calibration

Location X Gas and Electrical demand Load



Challenges

- Demonstrating why decarbonization projects are a good business decision and will improve business, production and efficiency
 - Increased capacity and reduction in overall costs
- Research and Discovery – Collaboration with several builders of powder coating paint systems to gain a comprehensive understanding of the process
- Deep, detailed day-by-day planning, and execution

Advice to Other Organizations

- Planning ahead for the short and long term while the current system is still up and running. i.e. utility, infrastructure backlog
- Continue tracking improvements to the overall operation to validate the decision to leadership and that further improvements can continue to deliver business and sustainability wins.
- Look for efficiencies in other buildings systems (HVAC, Domestic Hot Water)

Decarbonization of this Site is Just a Start...



- **Apply Learnings @ new Pomona and Fort Worth facilities**
- **Apply Concepts @ Other Brownfield Sites**
- **Continued Enhancements @ Grand Prairie**
- **Continued engagement with SMEs**

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