Greening Industry: The Forgotten Climate Wedge

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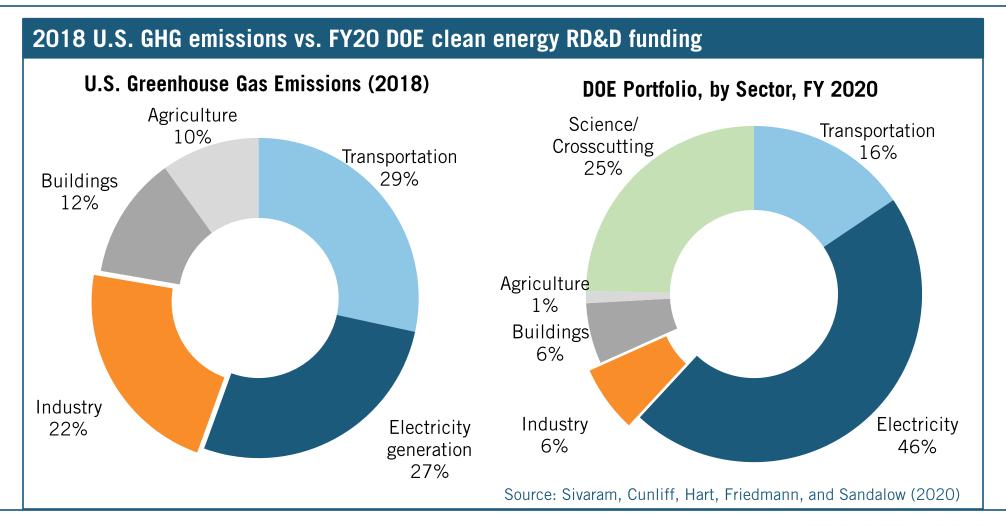




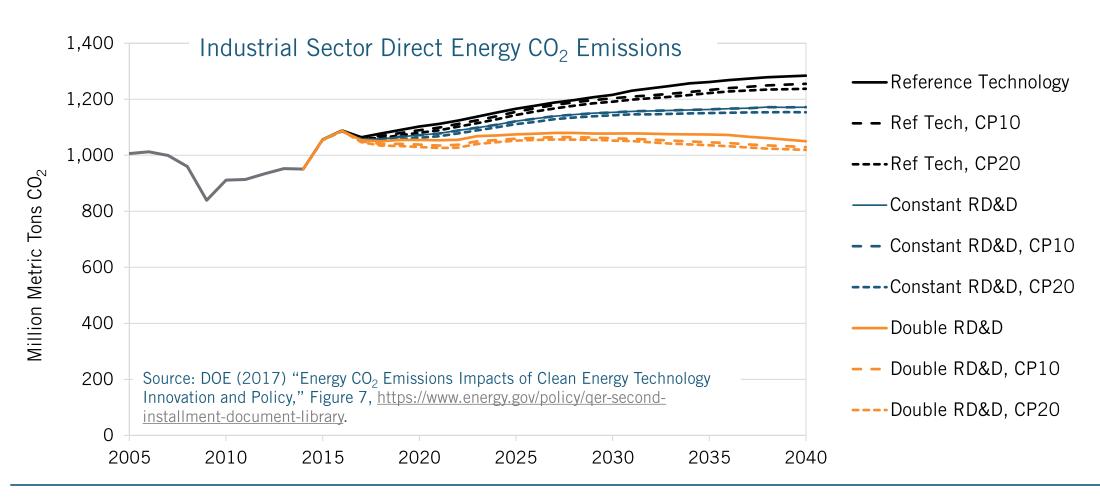
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Industrial emissions: the forgotten climate wedge

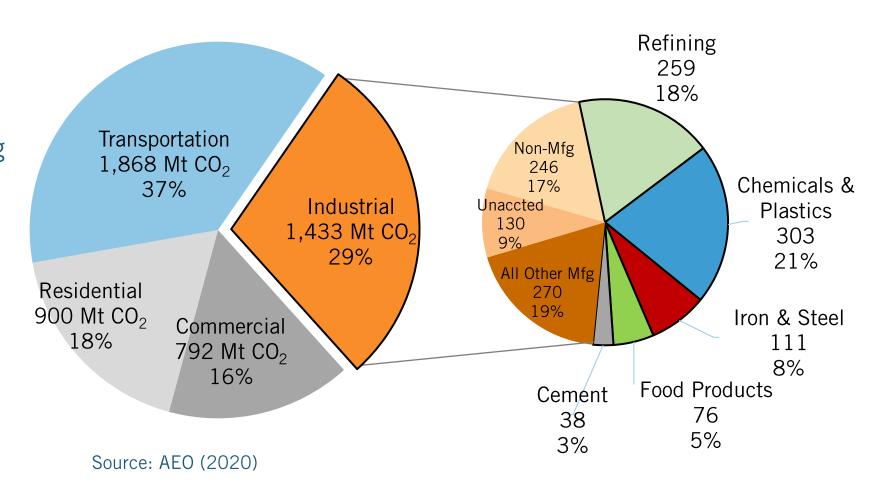


Industrial emissions are remarkably inelastic to climate policy



U.S. energy-related CO₂ emissions in 2020

- Five energy-intensive sectors account for 70% of manufacturing energy CO₂ emissions
- These sectors will be the focus of forthcoming AMO industrial decarbonization roadmaps



Why are emissions from heavy industry hard to abate?

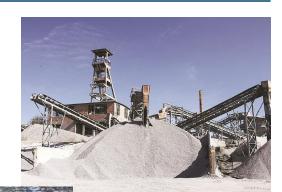
Challenge #1: High-temperature heat for industrial processes cannot be easily electrified

Challenge #2: "Process" emissions from chemical transformations cannot be eliminated by switching to zero-carbon energy

Calcination: $CaCO_3 + heat \rightarrow CaO + CO_2$

Challenge #3: Long lifetimes of industrial plants, ~30-40 years, which leads to slow stock turnover and long investment horizons

Cement



Iron and Steel



Chemicals



Decarbonization levers for heavy industry

Near-term

Deep Decarbonization

Hydrogen Electrification

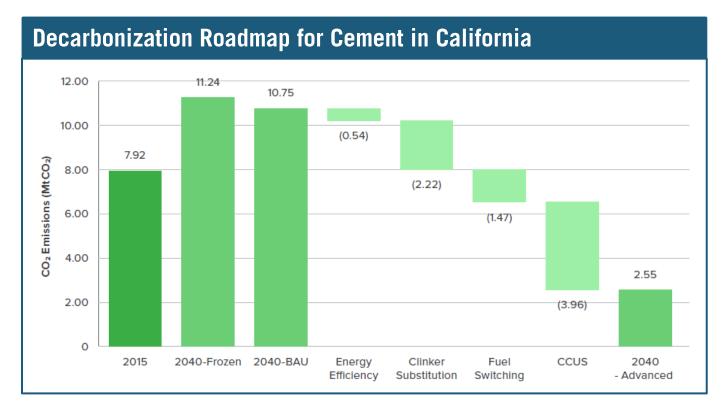
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Transformational processes

Demand management

Materials Substitution

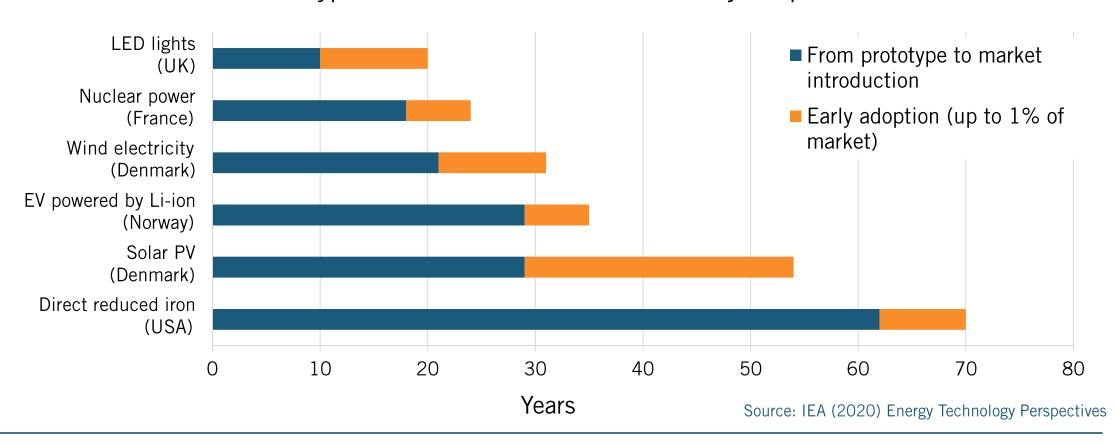
Energy Efficiency



Source: Hasanbeigi and Springer (2019)

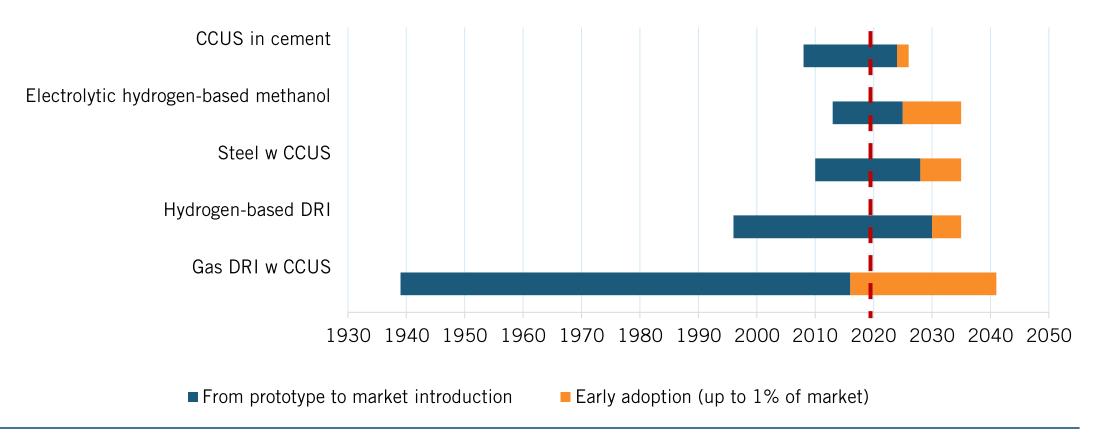
Bringing new technologies to market on a large scale can take 20-70 years

Prototype to market introduction and early adoption

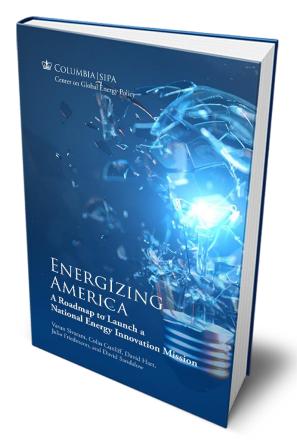


Times to early adoption for select technologies in IEA's Sustainable Development Scenario

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Toward a clean manufacturing RD&D strategy



http://bit.ly/energizingamerica



More funding for industrial decarbonization (AMO appropriations and CITA)



Refocus AMO on decarbonization (not just efficiency). Industrial decarbonization roadmaps are a good start.



Explore H2 applications in industrial sectors (not just transportation)



Explore CCUS applications in industrial sectors (not just coal power generation)

Thank You!

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