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The Lux Sustainable Manufacturing Radar

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## THE LUX SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING RADAR



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hazardous and nonhazardous

# **Gtonne/a**

material extraction

**Gtonne/a** 

230 km<sup>3</sup>/a

water use in industrials



## Manufacturing today faces new imperatives







INVESTMENT



### POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Net-zero emissions pledges and goals to limit the impact of production will drive stronger government action

### CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE EXPECTATIONS

Consumers expect sustainable products, and employees want to work for firms aligned with their values

Investors want to back companies with high environmental, social, and governance ratings

### DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Digital technologies enable tracking and optimization processes; the digitalization trend will drive sustainability efforts

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Sustainable manufacturing is defined as the creation of manufactured products through economically sound processes that minimize negative environmental impacts while conserving energy and natural resources. Sustainable manufacturing also enhances employee, community, and product safety.

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

### INTRODUCTION

## Thinking about sustainable manufacturing needs to evolve

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Novel production processes

Sustainable manufacturing potential

Product (re)design for circularity



Waste valorization and upcycling



Alternative business models

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### INTRODUCTION

## Our approach: Life cycle thinking

To take a comprehensive view, we followed a life-cycle-thinking approach, examining not only how to improve current manufacturing operations but also how changes to the whole product life cycle — in design, distribution, and end of life (EoL) — can enable more sustainable manufacturing.



## Three steps to prepare a sustainable manufacturing roadmap

Step 1

### **Select indicators**

## Four key indicators are tracked for sustainable manufacturing



**GHG EMISSION INTENSITY:** All companies will need to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, though the importance of Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions (for direct, indirect, and value chain emissions, respectively) will vary by industry.



**WATER INTENSITY:** The purpose and amount of water usage vary across industries. Besides the environmental impact, water use has a direct impact on social wellbeing in the vicinity of the manufacturing facility.



**MATERIAL INTENSITY:** Materials can have significant upstream environmental and social impacts. Minimizing material usage by reducing waste along value chains and finding alternative sources are critical for reducing material intensity.



**WASTE INTENSITY:** For sustainable manufacturing, minimizing waste generation is a major objective and can be particularly critical if waste products are harmful — or can be valorized for other uses.

## Three steps to prepare a sustainable manufacturing roadmap



### METHODOLOGY

## Three categories of approaches to achieve sustainable manufacturing



### **IMPROVE OPERATIONS**

Innovations where changes to the underlying processes remain minimal. Many of these technologies are well established and have a clear value proposition beyond sustainability.

### Example approaches

- Reduce waste
- Energy efficiency
- Alternative energy



### **ENABLE CIRCULARITY**

Recycling, reuse, and repair technologies reduce impact, but may need additional EoL infrastructure — and challenge firms to move beyond their existing supply chains.

### **Example approaches**

- EoL recycling
- Design for circularity
- Remanufacturing



### TRANSFORM MANUFACTURING

Innovations that transform current operations through significant changes to product, processes, and business models.

### **Example approaches**

- Product redesign
- Alternate manufacturing processes

## Three steps to prepare a sustainable manufacturing roadmap



# Maturity and potential impact are key criteria for prioritizing technologies within each approach

To help build a roadmap, we assess technologies within each approach according to their maturity and potential impact, as well as identifying which indicator they primarily address.

Maturity	Potential impact*
<ul> <li>Scale: Expect to mature in the near term and are scalable</li> <li>Pilot: Expect to mature in the near to midterm, but scaling can be costly</li> <li>Demo: Need more than five years to mature, and scalability still under investigation</li> <li>Lab: Technologies still at early stages of development, and scalability still under invisitill guestionable; clients should monitor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Impact on the GHG intensity, material intensity, water intensity, or waste intensity:</li> <li>High reduction in indicator intensity</li> <li>Medium reduction in indicator intensity</li> <li>Low reduction in indicator intensity</li> <li>*Qualitative indicator</li> </ul>

### FRAMEWORK

## **Sustainable Manufacturing Radar**



Note that this chart is not a comprehensive list of technologies. The technology impact may vary across industries case by case, influenced by ability to scale and implementation cost. In addition, some of the technologies could impact more than one indicator, but for simplicity, we marked each with the indicator where it has relatively more impact.

### CASE STUDY: IMPROVE OPERATIONS

# Improving circularity through a digital product passport (DPP)

- VTT plans to develop a minimum viable DPP and evaluate challenges in DPP implementation.
- VTT's framework targets sustainable and circular manufacturing.
- A DPP will improve the quality of assessments and save costs associated with collection and transportation.

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Scaling DPP projects and industrywide DPP adoption are still long-term goals given the technology's hurdles and uncertain ROI. Although at an early stage, companies should take note of the changing regulatory landscape and prioritize enabling technologies.





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### CASE STUDY: ENABLE CIRCULARITY

# Via Separations reduces energy use with advanced membranes

- <u>Via Separations</u>' graphene oxide-coated membranes filter the waste byproduct of pulp and paper mills called "black liquor."
- The use of graphene oxide greatly reduces organic fouling.
- Membrane-filtering modules reduce energy use by up to 50% and increase factory throughput 3%–10%.

## LUX P

Despite its high potential, membrane technology remains underutilized in process intensification for production of chemicals and materials. Consider similar technology solutions in efforts to decarbonize heavy manufacturing industries.





Image source: Greentown Labs

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### CASE STUDY: TRANSFORM MANUFACTURING

## **3D printing reduces weight by 40%**

- The energy intensity of 3D printing remains higher than that of conventional manufacturing counterparts.
- Overall energy saving over the life cycle can be positive.
- RUAG used finite element analysis to redesign an antenna bracket, reducing the weight of the brackets from 1.4 kg to 0.95 kg (40% decrease).

## LUX •

To scale and increase adoption of 3D printing, innovative tools like generative design and materials informatics are necessary. While 3D printing uses will grow, its overall impact on sustainability will be low, despite some promising niche usecases.





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### RECOMMENDATIONS

## Link your digital transformation efforts to sustainability KPIs

- Most digital transformation projects target improved operations.
- Automation can improve productivity and worker safety.
- Look for new business models.
- Digital transformation should enable sustainable manufacturing.



### RECOMMENDATIONS

# Changing organizational culture is critical for achieving sustainability

- It's not just about the technology.
- Alignment across strategy, execution, and technology is important.
- We need a clear vision and communication for sustainable manufacturing.
- We also need suitable training, incentives, and clear objectives.



# **Customize the radar according to your needs**

- Several factors affect sustainable manufacturing.
- A comprehensive product life cycle assessment is a good starting point.
- Geography will have a significant impact.
- Use the custom sustainable manufacturing radar to take a *portfolio* approach.



SUMMARY

## Outlook

## As system transitions progress, be proactive to stay ahead of the curve

Ensuring circular and transformational technologies enables companies to develop internal expertise and competitive advantages in the long term.

Integration and collaboration are necessary for success and scalability Sustainable manufacturing should be integrated into product and business planning from the beginning, while partnerships across industries will be essential enablers.



Sustainable manufacturing needs new business models

The volume-based revenue model needs to be changed to solve this conflict.

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