# Decarbonizing Refineries & Chemical Plants with Electrification & Digitization

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## We continue to accelerate our commitment to Sustainability

Leading ESG by example in our ecosystem Be the digital partner for **Sustainability and Efficiency** for our customers



#### **Increasing Sustainability in Chemical Industries**



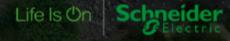
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Software enables efficient energy and process design and operation.

Energy optimization and decarbonization achieves eco-efficiency.

> Automation optimizes energy and resource use.

Schneider Electric is on a mission to make industries of the future eco-efficient, agile and resilient through open, software-centric industrial automation.

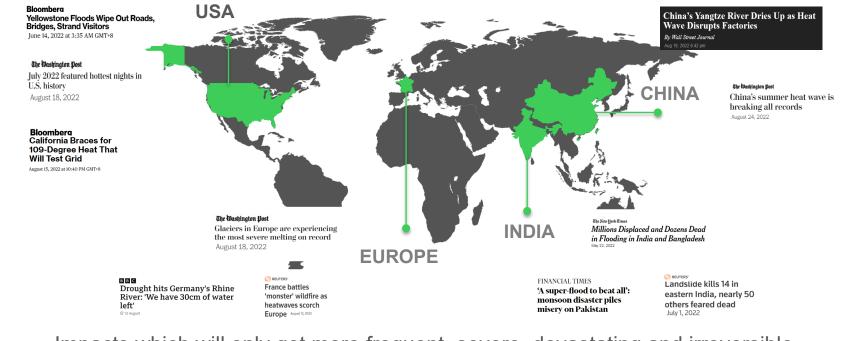


## **Chemical Manufacturing**

#### Key Challenges & Opportunities



## While our attention remains fixated on wars, energy shortages, social tensions & new variants, climate-related impacts continue to ravage our world



Impacts which will only get more frequent, severe, devastating and irreversible





### We are under pressure to decarbonize...but have a dilemma

- Stakeholders pressure
- Risks on access to finance
- Risks on access to talents

You have taken ambitious NetZero commitments...

#### Credibility challenges:

- Setting appropriate short-term targets
- Asset divestments must not justify continued investment in new fossil assets
- 3rd Party offsets may not actually lead to emissions reductions
- "nature-based solutions" will be challenged
- Ambitious (and costly) technologies such as CCUS, Blue or Green Hydrogen need in-depth scrutiny and stable regulatory framework



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## Understanding the Heavy GHG Footprint

In Heavy Process Industries



#### It's a post-COVID world (mostly) but we're still on the wrong track

# 36.3 Gt

The new record high.

2021 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy combustion and industrial processes.

Source: IEA Global Energy Review 2022



#### The industries we all rely on contribute a substantial portion of global emissions



Power generation, industrial emissions are the largest contributor to total global emissions (26% in 2020).

Source: IEA, Tracking Industry 2021

*"Industry is the largest end-use sector in terms of energy use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions; its challenge is to meet the rising demand for materials while transitioning from unabated fossil fuels."* 

Industrial energy consumption increased an average 1% per year between 2010 and 2019

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IEA World Energy Outlook 2021, page 134

## High industrial emissions come from the choice of fuels



2020 global final energy consumption in the industry sector

## of energy used in industry is not electrified

Source: IEA, Tracking Industry 2021

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	19%	Gaseous fuels
	20%	Liquid fuels
	22%	Electricity

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Industries have different ways to decarbonize

Why does process electrification top the list?

## Electric

makes energy green

# Digital

makes energy smart



Electricity is the most efficient energy and the best vector of decarbonization



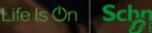
Digital makes the invisible visible, measurable, and actionable

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How much can be electrified?

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of energy in industry can be electrified





## **Decarbonization Strategies**

#### For Refining & Petrochemicals



### **Decarbonization Journey Towards Net Zero Operations**

Low Hanging Fruit 0-35% CO<sub>2e</sub> Reductions

## Remote operations in onshore upstream

- VSD on various pumps, fans and compressors
- Intrusion Detection + Leak
  Detection
- Harmonic filtering and reactive power compensation
- Planning and Scheduling for energy efficiency
- Sustainability KPI's monitoring
- ...and more....

#### Paradigm Change

## Power Purchasing Agreement

- Energy as a Service
- Control & Operate an Offshore /onshore Windfarm
- Power from Shore
- Process Electrification
- De-manned / Remote operations
- Operator Training Simulators
- ...and more...

- Carbon Capture
- Blue and Green Hydrogen

**Breakthrough** 

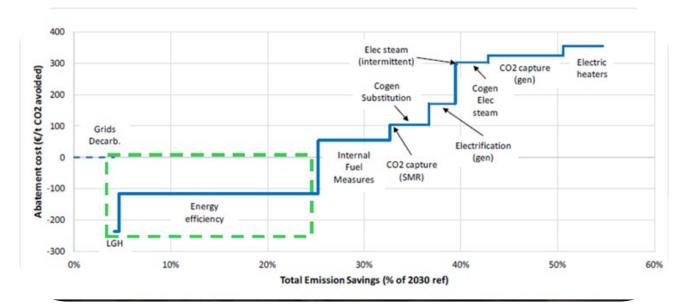
- Electro-chemical processes
- ...and more...



## **CO<sub>2</sub> Cost Abatement For Different Options**

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Abatement Cost Curve

(Energy prices and potential CO2 savings as defined in the 2050 median case)



- EE offers ROI even without any Carbon tax
- Electrification cost can be much lower by integrating flexibility
- CCUS requires major capital investment and proper ecosystem

Source: Concawe report on CO2 reduction technologies - https://www.concawe.eu/wp-content/uploads/Rpt\_19-8.pdf

## Electrification of Heavy Processes

Building a Roadmap



### **Asset Process Electrification Journey**

#### Assess the Potential

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- Select Pilot project
- Consulting / Pre-study
- Approximative saving quantification

#### **Process Electrification**

- Identify functions to be electrified:
- Small heater
- SMR electrification
- · Catalytic reactive heaters
- Heat pumps
- Re-optimize heat exchangers
- VFD based flow regulation
- Large motors & compressors

#### Proposed Power Supply

- Green Energy
- Utility contract
- Hybridation

#### Leverage Demand-Side Flexibility

Hybrid heaters

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- Storage (heat, electricity, intermediate feedstock)
- · Process adjustments
- Monetization

GHG Reduction Target!

GHG Reduction Ambition





#### Parallel activities of Short-term and Long-term Roadmap

- Optimize Electrical Design & Architecture / Re-assess
- Electrical Network Study
- Integrate Electrical system with Process Control

## A Comprehensive approach to Electrification

#### From design to operations

#### Decarbonization



- Carbon Reduction Strategy
- Alternate Technology Assessments
- Power Purchase Agreement
- Onsite Renewable Generation
- Energy Procurement Risk Management



Capacity Assessment Energy Management System

**Power System** 



- Process Electrification Consulting
- Optimized Electrical Distribution
- High Availability of Power Supply
- Power quality and control
- Heating loads Power Control

Process System



- Model-based Predictive Control Process Control
- Consistency with energy balance
- Integrated Power & Process Control
- Asset Performance Management
- Operator Training Simulation
- Safety and Cybersecurity

Refineries and Chemicals Electrification

## **2 Key Areas of Process Electrification**

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## Electrification of Machine Drive (compressors, pumps, etc.)

Light Processes (1-10MW) Eg: Final Product Compression	Heavy processes 10-100MW Eg complete offshore topside electrification	Heavy processes 100+MW Eg complete LNG train electrification	
Pumps, Compressors	Motors, pumps, compressors	Motors, pumps, compressors	
Diesel + Pump	Replacing direct drive of compressors by gas turbines by a centralised power gen and electric motors ; eventually connection to mainland grid or offshore renewables	Replacing gas-turbine driven compressors by a centralised power gen and electric motors. Potentially connection to grid or renewables	

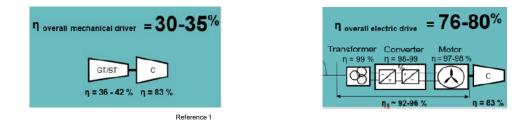
#### Electrification of Heat (Furnaces, Steam boiler, Gas fired heaters )

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	Small heaters <10MW Eg refinery & petrochemicals hot oil heaters, steam boilers, heat-tracing	Large heaters Large green H2 100+MW Eg refinery & petrochemicals CDU, crackers,	
	Heaters	Heaters, boilers, crackers	
	Replacing gas heaters by electric or hybrid heaters	Each refinery (600+WW) and Petrochem plant (2000+ WW) represents 1+GW potential Major players start to investigate, create consortiums	

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## **Electrification is delivering value beyond GHG**

 Better control, driving higher Efficiency: ~95% for electric motors and 99% for thermal energy conversion vs 25 - 40% for fuel powered systems.



- Lower maintenance costs with **Longer MTBF** (x10 vs Gas Turbine) **and Shorter MTTR** (<10% vs Gas Turbine)<sup>2</sup>. Simplifying the system components, eliminating flue gases and soot buildup for heating
- Enablement of **Remote Operations**, better visibility, faster response times with SCR controllers and VFDs.
- Monetization of Flexibility

1. Replacement of Steam and Gas Turbines with Electrical high-speed drive systems for CO2 reduction, Siemens AG, PCIC 2022 2. When should an Electric Adjustable Speed Drive be used instead of a Gas or Steam Turbine? – TMEIC 2013



### **Process Electrification Key Challenges**

 Major Electrical Infrastructure upgrades are required behind and in-front of the meter

 High Temperature electrical heating controllability requires Technology breakthroughs.

How to secure green electricity for large scale electrification ?

 Electrification of Furnaces and Boilers adds a new set of challenges w.r.t Electrical safety!

 Scale of Heating Electrification – large & complex projects

## Meeting your sustainability objectives with process electrification solutions



protection, monitoring and control

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#### **Optimal electrical distribution design**

Operation Performance

#### Ensure an optimized electrical distribution design as you migrate over time

- Design and supply electrical and control system to power newly electrified process
  - Design optimization based on electricity availability, CapEx, OpEx and CO2 footprint
  - Maximize the use of installed equipment

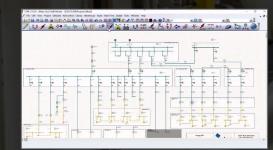
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Reliable

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- Leverage ETAP Electrical Digital Twin design capabilities and models
- Streamline the engineering process: ETAP integrated with AVEVA Unified Engineering



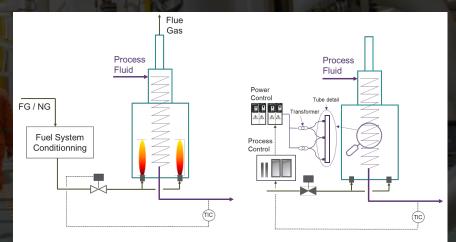


### **Process Control**

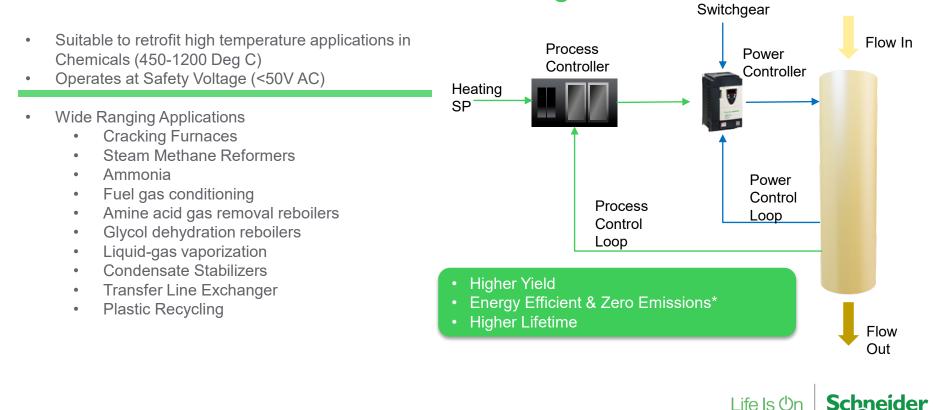
Automation system for continuous operations

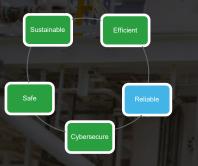
#### Ensuring continuous process quality and control 24/7

- Uniform temperature distribution and reduced hot spots
- Improved stability and faster response
- Improved turndown ratios for a wider operation range
- For specific technologies such as direct tube heating
  - direct and instantaneous control per pass or per tube
  - tube or pass can be divided into up to 3 zones for improved control to mitigate any potential coke deposit
  - monitoring of coke deposit thanks to the impedance measurement



## Technology Spotlight - Direct Electric Heating to Replace Fired Process Heating From LV





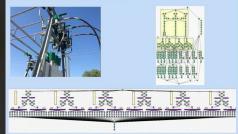
#### Improved Equipment Reliability Increased availability

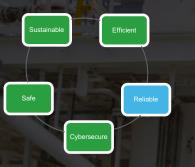
#### Ensuring continuous monitoring of equipment & systems reliability

- Real-time equipment monitoring and reliability modeling
- Predicts remaining useful life; can anticipate repairs or interventions
- Reduced fouling of heaters due to even energy distribution
- Increased equipment life due to reduced thermal shocks or cycling

#### Reliability Digital Twin – RAM Model

Power Distribution and Datacenters





**Power Management and Control** Electrical system operation for maximum uptime

#### Ensuring continuous power supply 24/7

- Intelligent Fast Load Shedding based on IEC61850 strengths to meet best in class response time (<27ms)
- Fault-Tolerant Control Power Architecture, with no data loss (IEC61850)
- Predictive analysis (Simulate before Operate) to secure power operations with ETAP Electrical Digital Twin

#### **Power Quality Management**

Avoid unplanned downtime and maximize equipment performance

#### Addressing the hidden risks of poor power quality

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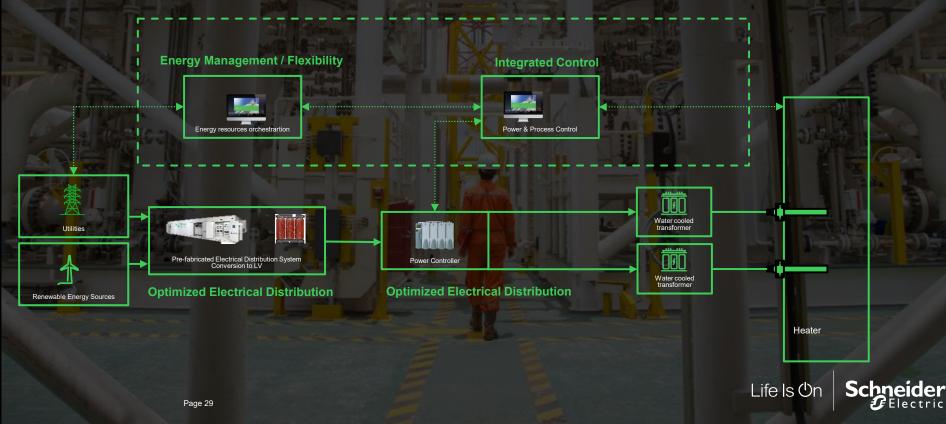
- Commission a Power Quality Audit to find hidden issues that pose a threat to equipment performance and uptime
- Correct poor power factor and mitigate harmonics
- Continuously monitor for power quality disturbances and quickly determine their direction and origin
- Diagnose electrical problems and correct issues efficiently to minimize impact on equipment and production
- Let experts monitor the system remotely and provide the decision support operators need to maximize power performance and lower OpEx



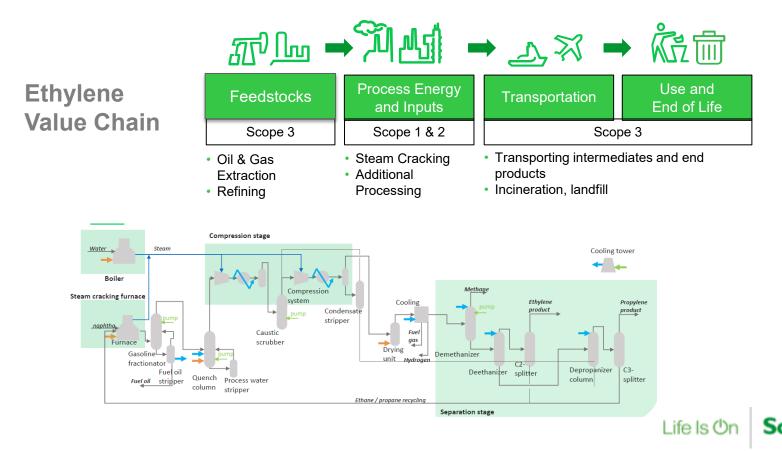
## Technology Spotlight -An integrated power and process approach

**Complete Power-to-Heat integration** 

Power Process



### **Petrochem – Partial vs Full Electrification**





#### For Process Electrification



#### **Electrical Energy Demand is Expected to Grow 10-20x with Process Electrification**

## Conventional Petrochem Facility



20 – 50 MW Electrical System

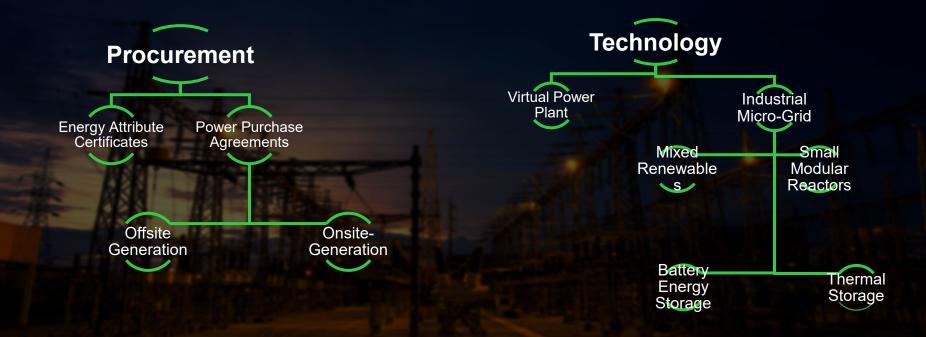
## All Electric Petrochem Facility



300MW – 1GW Electrical System



#### **Pathways to Clean Power for Process Electrification**



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# Process electrification brings more than decarbonization when approached in a holistic, digital way



Lifetime savings on energy efficiency of electrified process



Better control, driving higher efficiency



Lower maintenance costs

Enablement of remote operations

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Participation in grid flexibility mechanisms

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