



Modelling Long-Term Industry Energy Demand and CO₂ Emissions in the System Context Using REMIND (Version 3.1.0)

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Abstract. This paper presents the extension of industry modelling within the REMIND integrated assessment model to industry subsectors, and the projection of future industry subsector activity and energy demand for different baseline scenarios for use with the REMIND model. The industry sector is the largest greenhouse gas-emitting energy demand sector and considered a mitigation bottleneck. At the same time, industry subsectors are heterogeneous and face distinct emission mitigation challenges.

5 By extending the multi-region, general equilibrium integrated assessment model REMIND to an explicit representation of four industry subsectors (cement, chemicals, steel, and other industry production), along with subsector-specific carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), we are able to investigate industry emission mitigation strategies in the context of the entire energy-economy-climate system, covering mitigation options ranging from reduced demand for industrial goods, over fuel switching and electrification, to endogenous energy efficiency increases and carbon capture. We also present the derivation of both activity
10 and final energy demand trajectories for the industry subsectors for the use with the REMIND model in baseline scenarios, based on short-term the continuation of historic trends and long-term global convergence. The system allows for selective variation of specific subsector activity and final energy demand across scenarios and regions to create consistent scenarios for a wide range of socioeconomic drivers and scenario story lines, like the shared socioeconomic pathways (SSPs).

15 1 Introduction

The targets of the Paris Accord (United Nations, 2015) (holding global warming to well below 2°C while pursuing efforts to limit it to below 1.5°C) have been shown to entail limited budgets of future CO₂ emissions (Matthews and Caldeira, 2008, Meinshausen et al. (2009), Pathak et al. (2022)). The CO₂-budgets for reaching the 1.5°C limit with a likelihood of 50 % was
20 estimated at around 500 GtCO₂ by the latest IPCC assessment report (Arias et al., 2021). Similarly, limiting warming to below 2°C with 67 % likelihood – a possible interpretation of the well below 2°C target (United Nations Environment Programme, 2022) – is assessed to constrain future cumulative CO₂ emissions to 1150 GtCO₂. While these estimates are highly uncertain in size (Rogelj et al., 2019), it is evident that they are so constrained as to be unattainable without carbon dioxide removal (CDR) (Luderer et al., 2018). The availability of CDR, however, is uncertain (Smith et al., 2015, Fuss et al. (2018), Minx et al.



(2018)) and subject to major sustainability concerns (Smith et al., 2015). Therefore, minimizing residual fossil CO₂ emissions from the energy supply, buildings, industry, and transport sectors is imperative to limit reliance on CDR.

In 2020, industry accounted for 26 % of global CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion and processes (International Energy Agency, 2021) and is the largest emitting demand sector. Industry is broadly considered a decarbonisation bottleneck. Low carbon solutions exist for almost all industrial processes, but decarbonisation is stymied by high abatement costs, inertia caused by the longevity of installations and the technology development, as well as limited availability of (low-cost) low-carbon energy inputs (Bashmakov et al., 2022, Deason et al. (2018)). While technological options for electrifying most of industrial use of fuels are available, or can be in the foreseeable future (Madeddu et al., 2020), their implementation depends on reductions of high electricity prices (relative to fossil fuels) (Luderer et al., 2022). Widespread electrification of industry, together with rapid decarbonisation of power supply, would alleviate most of the combustion emissions of the sector, leaving process emissions (e.g. reduction of iron ore, calcination of limestone), which need to be addressed by either negative emissions or modified process designs. A major driver of industry activity and emissions is the demand for industrial goods and services, which is underpinning both economic growth and increasing consumption levels, and demand reductions are discussed as a climate mitigation option (Bashmakov et al., 2022).

In view of the importance of the industry sector in terms of energy demand and CO₂ emissions, its accurate modelling in the context of the overall energy transition is crucial for deriving meaningful climate change mitigation pathways in line with the Paris climate targets. Also, the industry sector competes with other sectors – buildings, transportation or energy supply – for low-carbon energy, a dwindling carbon budget as well as finite geological capacity for carbon sequestration. The transformation of industry therefore needs to be analysed in the context of these other systems (energy production, other energy demand sectors, and CO₂ management options). Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs) provide a combined perspective on the integrated energy-economy-climate system. So far, IAMs either pursue a top-down approach with strong limitations in the granularity of industry subsector and process representation or stronger bottom-up representation of processes at the expense of an incomplete representation of system integration (Bauer et al.), e.g., in terms of macroeconomic substitutions and implications for material demand the impact of climate policies on economic growth.

We here present a newly developed industry sector module for the REMIND model which seeks to represent characteristics of processes in key subsectors while at the same time fully embedding the industry sector in the modelling of the transformation of the energy-economic system. Specifically, the new module explicitly represents the industry subsectors cement, chemicals, steel production (split into primary and secondary production), as well as combined other industries. It models CCS individually per subsector, switching to advanced final energy carriers (hydrogen and electrification of high-temperature heat provision), energy efficiency investments, and links the industry sector to both macroeconomic demand drivers as well as final energy provision and carbon management of a detailed bottom-up energy system model. It thus covers all major mitigation options for industry, ranging from end-of-pipe approaches to fuel switching, electrification and efficiency as well as macroeconomic adjustments in the response to climate policy.



Further to the refinements of industry sector representation within REMIND, we present new methods for producing consistent trajectories for industry subsector production and final energy use for different baseline scenarios used for calibrating the REMIND model.

60 2 The industrial production system in the macroeconomic context

2.1 REMIND Model Structure

The integrated assessment model REMIND (Baumstark et al., 2021) is comprised of a macroeconomic growth model that is hard-linked to a detailed energy system model (ESM). The ESM represents over 50 conventional and low-carbon energy conversion technologies, modelling energy flow from primary through secondary to final energy, accounting for CO₂ and other
65 greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) as well as carbon capture and sequestration (CCS), carbon capture and utilisation (CCU) and options for carbon dioxide removal (CDR). The macroeconomy is represented by an intertemporal general equilibrium model that maximises intertemporal welfare of twelve to 21 world regions (depending on parametrisation) that are linked by trade in primary energy carriers, an aggregated trade good, and emission permits. The macroeconomic model uses a nested constant elasticity of substitution (CES) production function (Jae Wan Chung, 1994), in which labour, energy, and capital are used for
70 production of economic output, and energy inputs are tracked through the economic sectors buildings, industry, and transport to final energy carriers which constitute the links to the ESM. The different economic sectors form themselves sub-trees in the CES function and can be realised in different levels of detail. This paper describes specifically the extension of the industry sector from an aggregated realisation to one in which different subsectors are modelled explicitly. The nested CES production function takes the form

$$75 \quad V_o = \left(\sum_{(o,i) \in \text{CES}} \alpha_i V_i^\rho \right)^{\frac{1}{\rho}} \quad (1)$$

where V_o ¹ is the output quantity, V_i are the input quantities, α_i are efficiency parameters for the inputs, and ρ_o is a parameter derived from the substitution elasticity σ_o ($\rho = 1 - \sigma^{-1}$) between the inputs on a CES nest. The set CES of tuples (o, i) links the output of a CES nest to its inputs. Since outputs on one level are inputs on another, this gives rise to a tree structure (cf. Figure 1). Substitution elasticities σ in general describe the relative change in utilisation of the inputs to an economic production process
80 (called production factors) in relation to the relative change in input prices. A constant elasticity of substitution function assumes that a specific percentage increase (decrease) in the price of one production factor in relation to the prices of the other factors will cause a constant specific percentage decrease (increase) in factor utilisation, irrespective of the amount of factor utilisation at which this price change occurs.

Operating the REMIND model entails calculating a baseline scenario, in which no climate change mitigation policies are
85 assumed, and then imposing different constraints on the model (e.g. a fixed carbon price trajectory, a limit on peak and/or

¹Most variables in REMIND vary with time. We omit time indices unless they are relevant for the equation at hand.



end-of-century temperature increase, a limited greenhouse gas emissions budget over the century) for calculating policy scenarios that are used to investigate specific research questions (e.g. the feasibility of climate change mitigation targets under constrained availability of technologies, the impact of climate change mitigation policy on investments into certain technologies, the macroeconomic costs of different climate change mitigation regimes) (Baumstark et al., 2021). Besides initialising
90 a large set of variables (i.a. all stocks of energy conversion technologies in the ESM, their efficiency parameters, trade in all traded goods) for the first model time step (2005), this requires determining the efficiency parameters α_i for the CES production function for the entire model time horizon. For this, trajectories for the output (macroeconomic production – GDP) of the CES production function and all inputs (final energy demand and for industry also subsector production levels) into the CES production function over the entire model time horizon (until 2100) are needed.

95 Since there is structural uncertainty in the future development of the fundamental drivers of the energy system – population and GDP growth – IAMs use the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs) as a common framework (O’Neill et al., 2017). The five SSPs (named SSP1 through SSP5) provide both a contextual description of how the world might evolve in the coming century, and quantitative trajectories for future population and GDP on the country level. They are varied along two orthogonal axes: socioeconomic challenges to climate change mitigation, and socioeconomic challenges to adaptation to climate change.
100 In this paper, we consider the scenarios SSP1, SSP2, and SSP5, updates from earlier SSPs-realizations with the REMIND model (Kriegler et al., 2017).

- The SSP2 scenario is characterised by median challenges along both axes and referred to as a “middle of the road” scenario, where historic trends continue into the future, improving living conditions for most people without pronounced reductions in global inequality, and technological progress at a steady but constant rate.
- 105 – The SSP1 scenario is characterised by low challenges along both the mitigation and adaptation axes and referred to as a “sustainability” scenario, where the demographic transition is accelerated, leading to lower population growth, and high-income countries shift to “a broader emphasis on human well-being”, leading to slower economic growth, and investments and adjusted tax incentives bring about faster progress in resource efficiency.
- The SSP5 scenario is characterised by high challenges to mitigation, but low challenges to adaptation, and referred to as
110 a “fossil fuel-development” scenario, where the exploitation of abundant fossil fuels drives investment into health and education, but also consumption, and therefore very energy-intensive lifestyles globally.

In addition to extending the industry sector in the REMIND model proper, it is also necessary to calculate consistent trajectories for the input data of the CES calibration (subsector production and final energy demand) for all baseline scenarios (e.g. SSP1, SSP2, and SSP5).



115 2.2 Industry Subsectors

The CES production function of REMIND can be expanded to explicitly represent the industrial subsectors and economic drivers for the demand of their products. The industry sector of the REMIND model is split into four subsectors: cement², chemicals, steel production, and all “other industry” production, based on the energy demand characteristics of the sectors, their portion in industry energy demand and CO₂ emissions, and the applicability of CCS.

120 The products of both the cement and steel subsectors are comparatively homogeneous with well-defined properties, for which country-level statistics in physical units are available, and the subsectors are dominated by few production processes. The chemicals subsector produces a diverse range of intermediate and final products, yet some energy intensive processes (e.g. steam cracking or reforming) are common to many production routes (Fischedick et al., 2014). Since production statistics for the different products are not widely available and the products lack commensurability with respect to energy inputs
125 and CO₂ emissions of production, a monetary measure is employed to model the activity of the chemicals subsector. The last subsector, “other industry”, is by definition characterised by diverse processes and heterogeneous goods which are not comparable on a physical basis, and therefore a monetary measure is used for modelling its activity, too. The decarbonisation challenges faced by “other industry” production are, however, quite comparable, as most of the energy demand can be electrified by established technologies (Madeddu et al., 2020).

130 The production of cement, chemicals, and iron and steel consumes the bulk of final energy in the industry sector (7 %, 14 %, and 23 %, respectively (Fischedick et al., 2014)), and accounts for 29 %, 13 %, and 30 % of total direct CO₂ emissions of industry (8.7 Gt CO₂/yr) (International Energy Agency, 2021). The application of CCS in industry has been studied for different subsectors (Kuramochi et al., 2012), but due to the limited number of key processes, the large average size of installations (which make for economic point sources) and the high specific CO₂ emissions by unit of economic output, the cement,
135 chemicals, and steel subsectors are considered to be main targets for CCS in industry (Naims, 2016).

2.3 Electrification of Heat Production

Energy use in industry can be coarsely subdivided into two categories: energy for mechanical work, provided principally by electricity, and energy for heating, provided principally by fuels – especially on medium to high temperature levels (above 100°C). Both are represented in REMIND through individual nodes in the CES production structure of the industry subsectors,
140 with low elasticities between them, as mechanical work and heat are not interchangeable in production processes. The substitution elasticities of fuels increases from low to high levels (0.5 or 0.7 to 2) by 2040, reflecting lower short-term and higher long-term flexibility in industry. Since the electrification of heat production is technically possible (Madeddu et al., 2020) and a viable option for mitigating CO₂ emissions (when using carbon-free electricity), we include an additional production factor for high-temperature heat from electricity in the production functions for both chemicals and other industry (cf. Figure 1).

²Due to limited data availability, the “cement” subsector in the REMIND model encompasses the entire “non-metallic minerals” subsector, of which cement production is the dominant part.

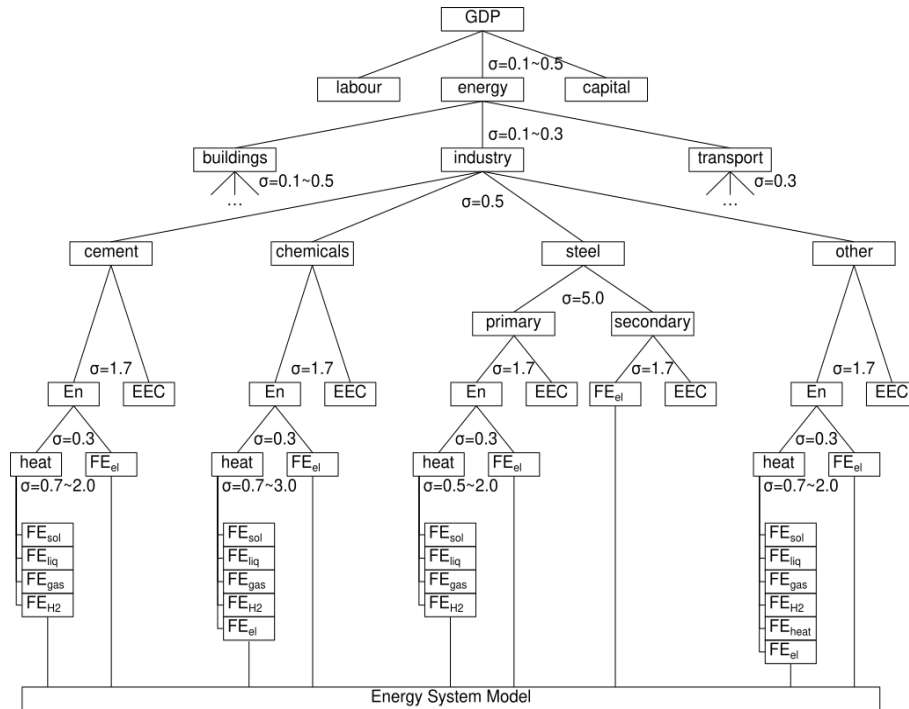


Figure 1. REMIND CES production tree. Macroeconomic output (GDP) is produced from labour, energy (energy services), and capital, while energy services are subdivided into the industry sector and the buildings and transport sectors (both omitted for clarity). Industry subsectors cement, chemicals, steel, and other industry, use final energy (FE) provided by the energy system model, and energy efficiency capital (EEC) to provide energy services. σ denotes substitution elasticities between the respective inputs into a node, with $\sigma = a \sim b$ denoting elasticities changing over time.

145 This allows for the explicit modelling of the substitution between fuels and electricity in heat production, without allowing
 for the replacing of mechanical work through heat. This option is only included for the chemicals and other industry subsectors,
 since electric steel production is modelled explicitly (see below) and electrification of clinker burning (a major source of CO₂
 emissions in cement production) is less attractive compared to CCS options, because large process emissions from limestone
 calcination (about half of total emissions) would remain. The representation of energy carrier switching via the CES production
 150 function takes into account the heterogeneity of circumstances in industry subsectors, with some better positioned to electrify
 high-temperature heating than others.

2.4 Energy-Efficiency Investments

We also introduce dedicated stocks for energy efficiency capital (EEC) for all industry subsectors. They are positioned at
 the top level, such that subsector output is produced from the aggregated energy inputs and the EEC (cf. Figure 1). This
 155 models the trade-off between capital investment and energy demand. It is possible to invest into facilities with higher energy



efficiency (usually for new installations, to some degree also for retrofits). This capital stock is integrated into the handling of the macroeconomic capital stock in REMIND, and is subject to depreciation and requires investments (Baumstark et al., 2021).

Both the stock of and the investments into capital for energy efficiency, separate from the general capital for industrial production, are difficult to ascertain (International Energy Agency, 2014). We therefore initialise this stock from investment
160 estimates into energy-intensive (cement, chemicals, steel) and non-energy-intensive industry (other industry) for 2014–20
(International Energy Agency, 2014, Annex A), assuming a steady state where energy efficiency investments only cover the
depreciation of the EEC stock, which is assumed to depreciate exponentially with a half-life of 25 years. For the baseline
scenarios, we assume to EEC to grow (and shrink) proportional to subsector output (but EEC stocks are not reduced beyond
the depreciation rate – in accordance with the capital motion formulation of the REMIND model).

165 2.5 Representation of Mitigation Options

Expanding on Kaya et al. (1997) and Fishedick et al. (2014), industry decarbonisation can be analysed using the identity

$$E = \text{Pop} \times \frac{\text{GDP}}{\text{Pop}} \times \frac{A}{\text{GDP}} \times \frac{\text{FE}}{A} \times \frac{\text{FF}}{\text{FE}} \times \frac{C}{\text{FF}} \times \frac{E}{C} \quad (2)$$

With E the emissions, Pop the population, GDP the economic activity, A the industrial production, FE the final energy use
in industry, FF the fossil fuels used in industry, and C the carbon content of those fossil fuels. The products of the identity are
170 drivers of emissions or mitigation options: Pop – population growth (or population change more general), GDP/Pop – per-
capita GDP (affluence), A/GDP – the share of industry in economic activity (as opposed to agriculture and services), FE/A
– the energy intensity of industry, FF/FE – the share of fossil fuels in industry energy demand (as opposed to renewable
energies), C/FF – the specific carbon content of those fuels per unit energy (high for coal and oil, lower for natural gas), and
 E/C – the emissions rate, which can be reduced by CCS.

175 Different drivers and mitigation options are realised by different parts of the extended REMIND model as presented here.
Population is an exogenous SSP scenario assumption and thus constant across scenarios (that are based on the same SSP). GDP
and industrial activity are endogenous elements of the production function and vary with the strictness of mitigation constraints.
Final energy, fossil fuels, carbon content and emissions are all endogenous elements of the ESM. Notably, the REMIND model
covers the entire range of mitigation options, from demand for industrial goods, over industrial energy demand, to energy
180 production.

A recent overview of industry CO₂ emission reduction (Bauer et al.) compares seven integrated assessment models “with
improved industry sector representation”, in which the REMIND model as discussed here shows the widest range of endoge-
nous mitigation options. Notably, it is the only IAM with endogenous reduction of industry demand, due to its integration of a
Ramsey growth model.



185 2.6 REMIND implementation

The role of the industry module is to provide the hard link between macroeconomic growth module and ESM, taking into account the aspects unique to industry (as opposed to the buildings and transport sectors). This entails (1) balancing industry final energy demand as an input to the CES production function with final energy provision by the ESM, (2) deriving industry outputs and activity levels consistent with the overall macroeconomic developments and climate policy constraints, (3) deriving
190 final energy demand consistent with industrial outputs and activity levels, (4) accounting for CO₂ emissions and options for their abatement via CCS, and consistency of industrial production with climate policy targets.

The first function is achieved by a simple balance equation that equates the sums of final energy inputs of different types (solids, liquids, gases, ...) into the different industry subsectors in the CES production function (V_i in equation 1) with the production of those final energy carriers in the ESM. In that way, production of industry output that consumes energy incurs
195 costs for energy production in the ESM, which have to be covered from the macroeconomic production (i.e. GDP output of the production function).

CES production functions, being an economic concept, do not represent all physical aspects relevant to modelling physical production in industry. They allow for the substitution of production factors beyond limits that might exist in real technical applications. Specifically, the formulation with industry subsector output being produced from energy and EEC captures the
200 mechanism that through investments into energy efficiency, the specific energy demand per unit output can be reduced. But only up to a limit, given technical and physical (in the limit thermodynamic) constraints. We therefore impose a lower bound of the sum of final energy inputs into a subsectors' CES sub-tree per unit of subsector output, to confine the model solution space to technically and physically feasible values. This bound is described by an exponentially decreasing function that decreases from the 2015 specific energy demand towards the limit described below in section 3.6, and passes through a point that allows
205 climate change mitigation scenarios to close no more than 75 % of the gap between the baseline scenario and this limit in 2050.

CES production functions also do not deviate far from equilibrium points. This is a problem in the detailed representation of final energy carriers with CES functions, as those carriers not already in use will see little utilisation even at very high price levels. This is most relevant for hydrogen and electricity for high-temperature heat production in industry, both of which are economically unattractive without strict climate policies and accompanying high carbon prices, and are therefore not used so
210 far. To overcome this limitation, we employ two mechanisms.

First, we set future shares of hydrogen and high-temperature heat electricity for the baseline calibration. The share of hydrogen in industry gases is increased from 0.1 % in 2020 to 30 % in 2050. The share of high-temperature heat electricity in industry FE demand for high-temperature heat (so excluding electricity for mechanical work and low-temperature heat), is increased from 0.1 % in 2020 to 8 % in 2050. This leads to demand for hydrogen and high-temperature heat electricity in
215 industry that is not in line with a “no climate change mitigation policy” baseline scenario, but necessary to generate realistic policy scenarios.

Second, we apply mark-up costs to both hydrogen and high-temperature heat electricity use in industry to represent additional cost of introducing new technologies to the production process that use these energy carriers. Due to the economic nature of



input substitution in the production function, the mark-up costs cannot be determined by techno-economic data and are instead
220 set based on model behaviour. Here, we use the concept of the marginal rate of substitution that gives the amount of one input
needed to substitute another input to provide the same economic value (the ratio of the partial derivatives of two inputs into
the production function). The mark-up cost are chosen such that the marginal rates of substitution with respect to gases and
liquids (as the final energy carriers hydrogen and high-temperature electricity compete most strongly with) roughly approach
technical substitution ratios in climate policy scenarios (one in for hydrogen, two to three in for high-temperature electricity).
225 The mark-up costs can be reduced in scenarios which e.g. stipulate a strong policy push for these technologies (Schreyer et al.),
making hydrogen and/or high-temperature heat electricity cheaper relative to other final energy carriers and in turn increasing
their utilisation in industry.

Finally, we impose a lower bound on the share of steel from primary production (cf. section 3.3 below).

Industry CCS is calculated applying subsector-specific marginal abatement cost (MAC) curves. The MAC curves are either
230 based on (Kuramochi et al., 2012), a techno-economic assessment of CO₂ capture technologies (with capture rates of 28–76 %
at costs of 62–133 \$US₂₀₀₅/t CO₂³ for different subsectors), or on (Fischedick et al., 2014, fig. 10.7–10.10), implementing a
more optimistic industry CCS scenario (with capture rates of 75 % at 50 \$US₂₀₀₅/t CO₂ up to 95 % at 217 \$US₂₀₀₅/t CO₂ for
all subsectors except “other industry”). Subsector emissions from fuel combustion are calculated from final energy demand
and fuel-specific emission factors. Process emissions in the cement subsector are calculated by applying a specific emissions
235 factor for clinker (0.53 t CO₂/t clinker) and regional clinker to cement ratios (0.58-0.82 t clinker/t cement; Kermeli et al. (2016),
fig. 21), which are converged towards to lowest regional value by 2100. The model is then able to capture industry CO₂
emissions up to the level indicated by the respective MAC curve at given CO₂ prices. Since the MAC curves do not reproduce
the inertia of capital stocks required for CCS (investments and retrofits would occur only gradually, not all at once), the increase
in the capture rate is limited to 5 % p.a.

240 3 Projections and Input Data

3.1 General Approach

We project industry subsector activity, as well as final energy demand, for the SSP2 (“middle of the road”) scenario, which best
fits the continuation of historic trends into the future. All other scenarios, including SSP1 and SSP5, are derived as variations
of specific material and specific energy demand of the SSP2 scenario.

245 Industry subsector activity (except for steel production) for the SSP2 scenario is projected in per-capita terms as a function
of per-capita GDP in the form of

$$A_{pC} = \alpha \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{\text{GDP}_{pC}}\right) \quad (3)$$

³All monetary values and prices in REMIND are denoted in year 2005 US-dollars and converted accordingly.



with A_{pC} the per-capita activity level, GDP_{pC} the per-capita GDP, α the asymptotic limit of A_{pC} , and β a parameter of convergence speed. This formulation is used because it presupposes a decoupling of per-capita demand from increasing
250 affluence levels, and its positive codomain makes it easily tractable. It was found to be a good fit to historic data in previous
research (van Ruijven et al., 2016). A decoupling between GDP and production of bulk industrial goods (cement and steel)
or the value added of industry (chemicals and other industry) is in line with historically observed patterns, and generally
assumed to continue as future economic activity moves from physical production to service provision (Bashmakov et al.,
2022). Parameters α and β are derived via regression both on regional and global levels. The regional asymptotes α are
255 linearly converged towards the global value until 2200 (i.e. in about 2100 they lie half-way between the original regional and
the global levels). This results in a short-term continuation of current trends and a long-term convergence across regions. Using
these converged parameters, per-capita and absolute activity are projected using per-capita GDP and population projections
(KC and Lutz, 2017, Koch and Leimbach (2023)).

For cement, activity levels are derived in physical units (production quantity), for the chemical industry they are expressed
260 in economic units (subsector value added), due to the heterogeneity of chemicals produced. Since cement and steel production
are modelled in physical units, an additional regression of value added per unit production is performed (see subsections 3.5.
This allows calculating consistent estimates for the “other industry” subsector as the difference between total industry value
added and the value added of the cement, chemicals, and steel subsectors. These regressions use the same formula as used for
per-capita output (equation 3), presupposing an increasing specific value added (dollars per unit of production) that converges
265 toward some level, as industry moves to production of increasingly higher-value products (e.g. high-strength or corrosion
resistant steels rather than generic construction steels). As before, the regression is performed both on the regional and global
level, and the regional asymptotic limits α are linearly converged towards the global value until 2200 (i.e. in about 2100 lie
half-way between the original regional and global levels). Population and GDP regression data is from World Bank (2019),
series NY.GDP.MKTP.PP.KD (“GDP, PPP; constant 2017 international \$”) and SP.POP.TOTL (“Population, total”), from 1970
270 through 2021.

3.2 Cement Projections

Historic per-capita cement production is regressed on per-capita GDP using the formulation discussed above (equation 3), using
cement production summaries by van Ruijven et al. (2016), van Ruijven (2017), and USGS (2020). Regression parameters are
derived once on the regional level, and once again on the global level. For the global regression, cement production from
275 the “CHA” region (Peoples’ Republic of China with Hong Kong and Macau, and Republic of China) is excluded, since the
exceptional cement production of the People’s Republic (55 % of global production at 18 % of global population in 2019)
would unduly bias the global regression. Projections of per-capita cement production and total cement production are calculated
from the converged regression parameters (see above) and per-capita GDP and population projections for the SSP2 scenario,
respectively. Figure 2 shows the regression data (regionally aggregated), the regression function, and the SSP2 projection.

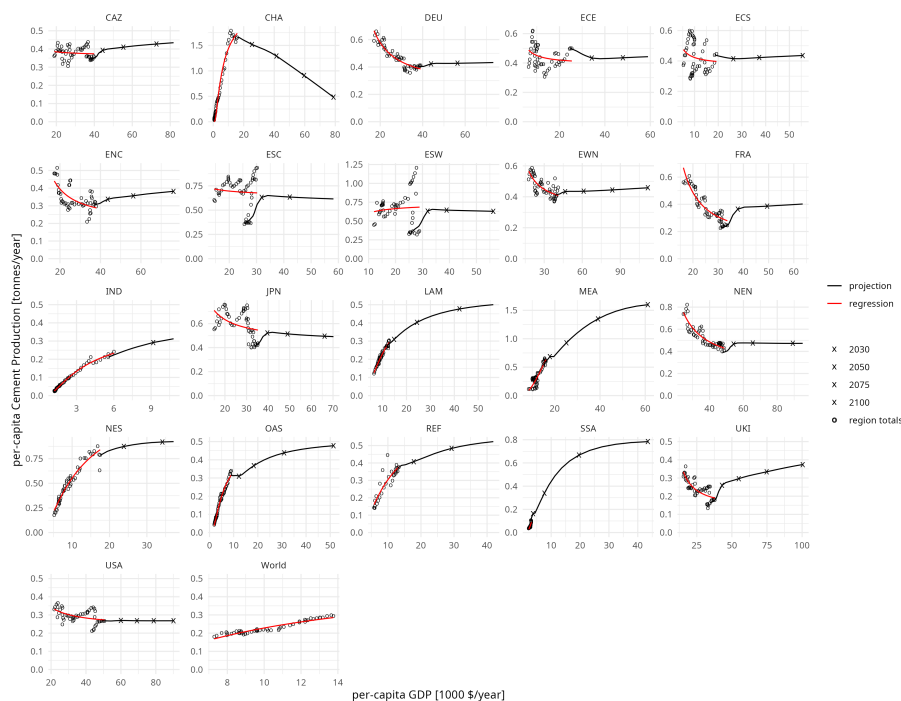


Figure 2. Regression and projection of cement production. Per-capita cement production over per-capita GDP for 21 REMIND regions.

280 3.3 Steel Projections

Iron and Steel differ from other bulk materials like cement and basic chemicals by being easily recyclable. Cement is bound in concrete with aggregate and possible reinforcement that requires elaborate separation and energy intensive reversal of the hydration reactions during setting to be recycled. Chemicals like ethylene and propylene are processed into complex products like plastics that are widely dispersed in the economy, requiring careful separation from other materials and energy intensive treatments to recover feedstocks or products that are often not of the comparable quality as the ones being recycled (Uekert et al., 2023). Steel only needs to be collected, can usually be separated magnetically from most other materials and can be molten down to produce new products of the same quality (with few exceptions). For these reasons, steel, unlike cement and chemicals, accumulates in the economy. Most iron ore that has been refined into steel stays available as steel. Our projections of steel production therefore follow the approach of Pauliuk et al. (2013a), which considers the (per-capita) stock of steel in use in the economy and not the yearly flow of new steel being produced as primary regression variable. It assumes that in-use per-capita steel stocks will saturate over time and that deprecated stocks will then be replaced mainly by recycled steel. Projections of steel production derive from carrying forward the steel stocks, calculating yearly stock losses from deterioration to scrap, and based on available scrap calculating secondary and then primary steel production.

Estimates of in-use steel stocks per country (Müller et al., 2013, supplementary information 2, sheet “steel stock per cap med”) are aggregated to 21 regions and converted to per-capita numbers with population data (United Nations Department of



Economic and Social Affairs Population Division, 2015) and then regressed on per-capita GDP (World Bank, 2019, Arujo et al. (2021)) using the logistic function

$$S_{pC} = \frac{A}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{i - \text{GDP}_{pC}}{s}\right)} \quad (4)$$

with S_{pC} the per-capita steel stock, GDP_{pC} per-capita GDP, A the saturation level (asymptote) of per-capita steel stock, i the per-capita GDP level at which the steel stock is half as much as the asymptote (inflection point), and s a scaling parameter determining the speed of convergence. The resulting regression parameters A , i , and s are used with per-capita GDP projections from James et al. (2012) and population projections from KC and Lutz (2017) as well as Koch and Leimbach (2023) to project future per-capita and absolute steel stocks.

Projected steel stocks are depreciated exponentially with steel stock life-times l from Pauliuk et al. (2013b) (table S23, approach b), which are converged linearly towards the global average in 2100. Of the depreciated steel stocks, we assume 90% to be available for recycling. The resulting year-on-year differences in steel stocks (due to both per-capita steel stocks increasing monotonically with increasing per-capita GDP, and replacements for depreciated stocks) are the required stock additions. Decreases in steel stocks due to shrinking populations are not balanced, but ignored, as they would otherwise imply a reduced per-capita steel production in regions with contracting populations. (The life-times of steel stocks are largely independent of utilisation and thus population. Buildings, transport equipment and goods do not become obsolete at a lower rate because there are more of them per capita, they are written off just the same.)

The stock additions from increasing per-capita stocks and increasing population, and the replacements for depreciated stocks are added up to derive steel demand, and, adjusted for trade, domestic steel production in each region. Steel and steel products are widely traded commodities, but modelling or projecting future steel trade is beyond the scope of our model. It is therefore assumed that trade patterns in the base year continue over the model horizon. To that end, regional net trade (T_r) (positive for net imports, negative for net exports) is kept at the same share in regional steel use (production plus net trade) over time as in the base year. Since the sum of these trade volumes across regions is not generally equal to zero after the base year, they are adjusted (T_r') by scaling all imports and exports inversely to their share in total trade (global net trade – positive if all imports exceed all exports and vice versa – over the global sum of absolute trade flows). Thus if the global sum of imports is twice as large as that of exports, the imbalance is solved by scaling imports down by a factor twice as large as the factor with which exports are scaled up.

$$T_r' = T_r \left(1 - \text{sign}(T_r) \frac{\sum_{r'} T_{r'}}{\sum_{r'} |T_{r'}|} \right) \quad (5)$$

Steel demand adjusted for trade is served by secondary production first, subject to a scrap availability constraint (share of recyclable steel from the depreciated steel stock) and a constraint on the maximum (minimum) share of secondary (primary) steel production, as we assume secondary production to be cheaper than primary production. The remainder of total production is then primary production. The maximum share of secondary steel production is capped at a value that converges linearly

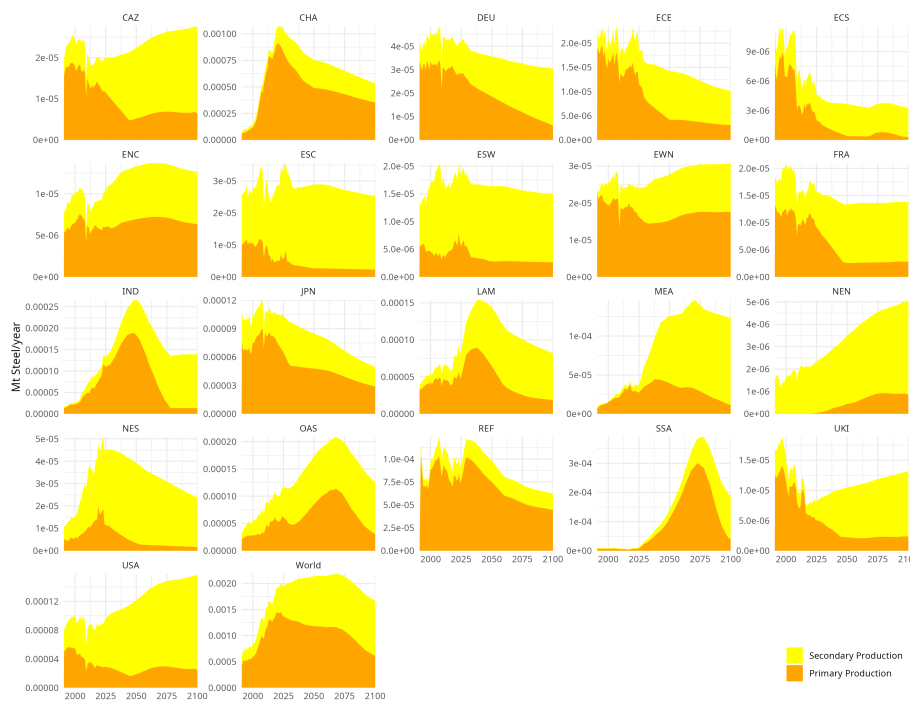


Figure 3. Primary and secondary steel production. Historic production unit 2019 and projections for the SSP2 scenario for 21 REMIND regions.

from base year levels to the assumed bound of 10 % in 2050, if no region-specific information is used. The reason is twofold: (1) certain applications require high quality steel that can only be achieved via primary production, (2) we assume that current production practices and existing production capacity will not change quickly, but continue to be used for economic reasons.

330 Figure 3 shows the historic production (until 2019) and SSP2 projections of primary and secondary steel production.

3.4 Chemical Projections

Historic per-capita value added of chemicals production is regressed on per-capita GDP using equation 3. Chemicals value added data is from United Nations Industrial Development Organization (2017), ISIC Rev. 3 code 24 (chemicals and chemical products), per-capita GDP data from World Bank (2019) and population data from United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Division (2015). Regression parameters are derived once on the regional level, and once again on the global level, and regional asymptotes are converged linearly towards the global ones by 2200. Projections of per-capita chemical value added and total chemicals value added are calculated from the converged regression parameters (see above) and per-capita GDP and population projections for the SSP2 scenario, respectively. Figure 4 shows the chemicals regression data (regionally aggregated), the regression function, and the SSP2 projection of chemicals value added.

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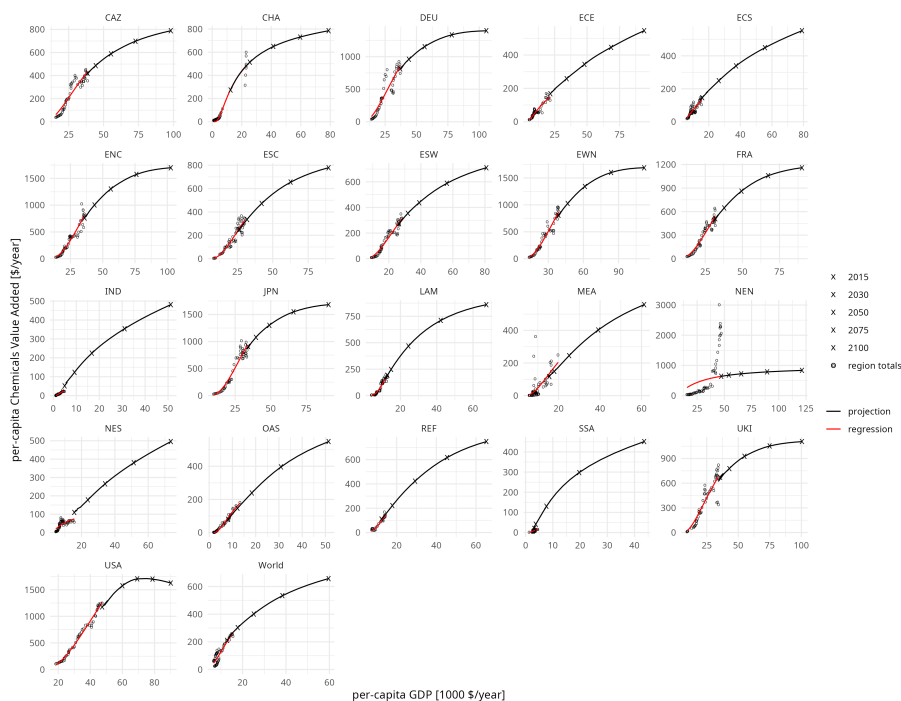


Figure 4. Regression and projection of chemicals value added. Per-capita chemicals value added over per-capita GDP for 21 REMIND regions.

340 3.5 Other Industry Projections

Projecting the activity (value added) of the “other industry” subsector entails projecting the value added of industry as a whole and subtracting the value added of the three subsectors that are modelled explicitly. To that end, per-capita value added of the entire industry sector is regressed on per-capita GDP using equation 3. Industry value added data is from United Nations Industrial Development Organization (2017), using ISIC Rev. 3 code D “total manufacturing” and table code 20 “value added”,
 345 per-capita GDP from World Bank (2019) and population data from United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Population Division (2015). Regression parameters are derived once on the regional level, and once again on the global level, and regional asymptotes are converged linearly towards the global ones by 2200. Figure 5 shows industry value added regression data (regionally aggregated), the regression function, and the value added projections.

Specific value added of cement and steel production (dollars value added per tonne of physical production) are regressed
 350 on per-capita GDP using equation 3. Cement and steel value added data is from United Nations Industrial Development Organization (2017), ISIC Rev. 3 codes 26 “non-metallic mineral products” (cement) and 27 “basic metals” (steel), respectively, and table code 20 “value added”. Cement production data is from van Ruijven et al. (2016) and van Ruijven (2017), steel production data from World Steel Association (2018). Regression parameters are derived on the regional and global level, and regional asymptotes are converged linearly towards the global one by 2200. Using the converged regression parameters for

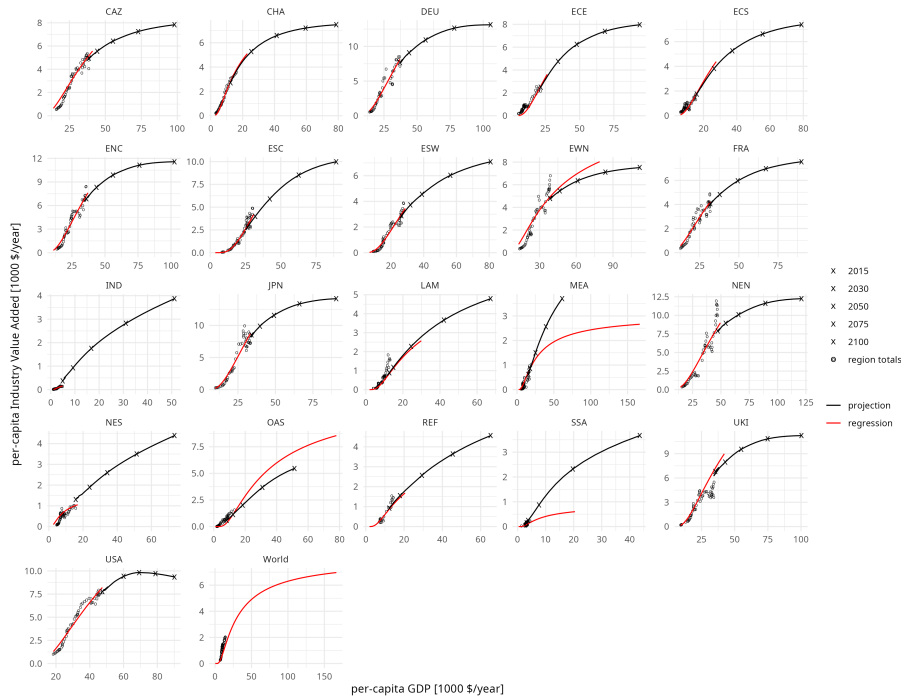


Figure 5. Regression and projection of total industry value added. Per-capita industry value added over per-capita GDP for 21 REMIND regions.

355 cement and steel specific value added and the projected production of cement and steel, (total) value added of cement and steel production is projected. Figures 6 and 7 show the specific cement and steel regression data (regionally aggregated), the regression functions, and the value added projections.

360 Lastly, projected value added of cement, chemicals, and steel production is subtracted from projected value added of the entire industry sector to yield projected value added of the “other industry” subsector. Figure 8 shows the absolute value added of all four industry subsectors for the SSP2 scenario.

3.6 Final Energy Projections

Demand of final energy is projected using annual autonomous energy efficiency improvements (Kermeli et al., 2014) that decrease the total (i.e. across energy carriers) specific final energy demand (Joule per unit of production or per unit value added) towards a lower bound, and by converging the shares of different final energy carriers in total specific final energy demand from historic values towards those in International Energy Agency (2017) in 2060 (and keeping them constant afterwards). Total (subsector) specific final energy demand is calculated according to the formula

$$\frac{E(t)}{A(t)} = \left(\frac{E(t_0)}{A(t_0)} - L \right) (1 - \alpha)^{t-t_0} + L \quad (6)$$

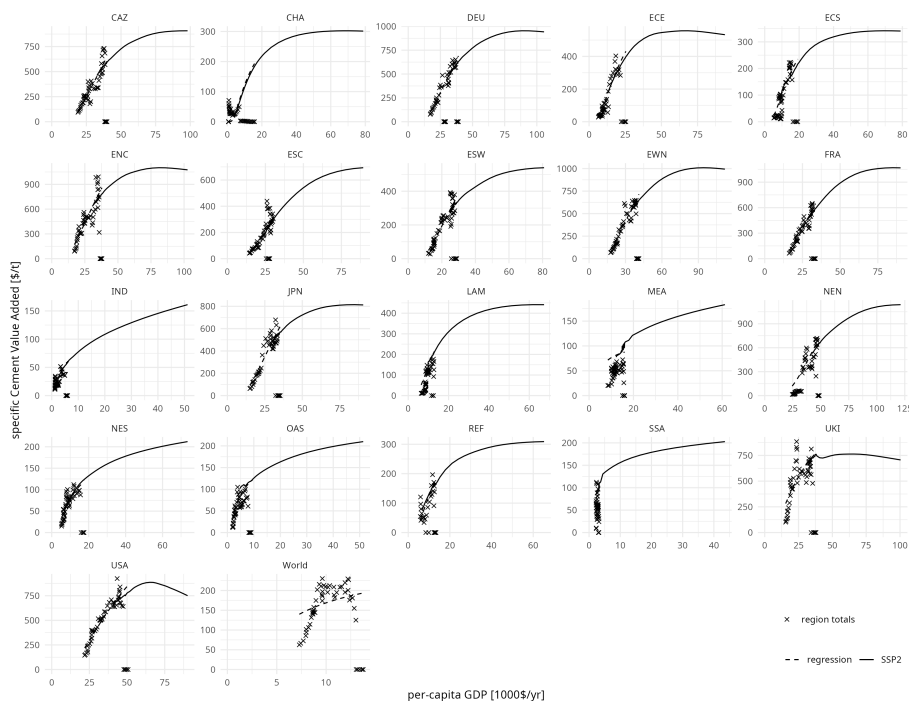


Figure 6. Regression and projection of specific cement value added. Per-tonne cement value added over per-capita GDP for 21 REMIND regions.

Table 1. Convergence parameters for specific FE demand

Subsector	Lower Limit	Lower Limit Source	α
cement	1.8 GJ/t	Madloul et al. (2011)	2.1 %
primary steel	8 GJ/t	Fruehan et al. (2000)	0.48 %
secondary steel	1.3 GJ/t	Fruehan et al. (2000)	0.48 %
chemicals	10 % of base year	assumption	1.6 %
other industry	10 % of base year	assumption	2.1 %

with E the final energy demand, A the activity level (physical production or value added), L the lower limit of specific final energy demand, α the annual autonomous energy efficiency improvements, and t_0 the base year. The annual autonomous energy efficiency improvements are chosen such that overall industry final energy demand trajectories conform to scenario assumptions by other groups (International Energy Agency, 2017). The limits L are set at 1.8 GJ/t for cement (Madloul et al., 2011), 8 GJ/t and 1.3 GJ/t for primary and secondary steel (Fruehan et al., 2000), and 10 % of the base-year value of the region with the lowest specific energy demand (final energy per value added) for chemicals and other industry. Table 1 summarises the parameters for the specific final energy demand projections.

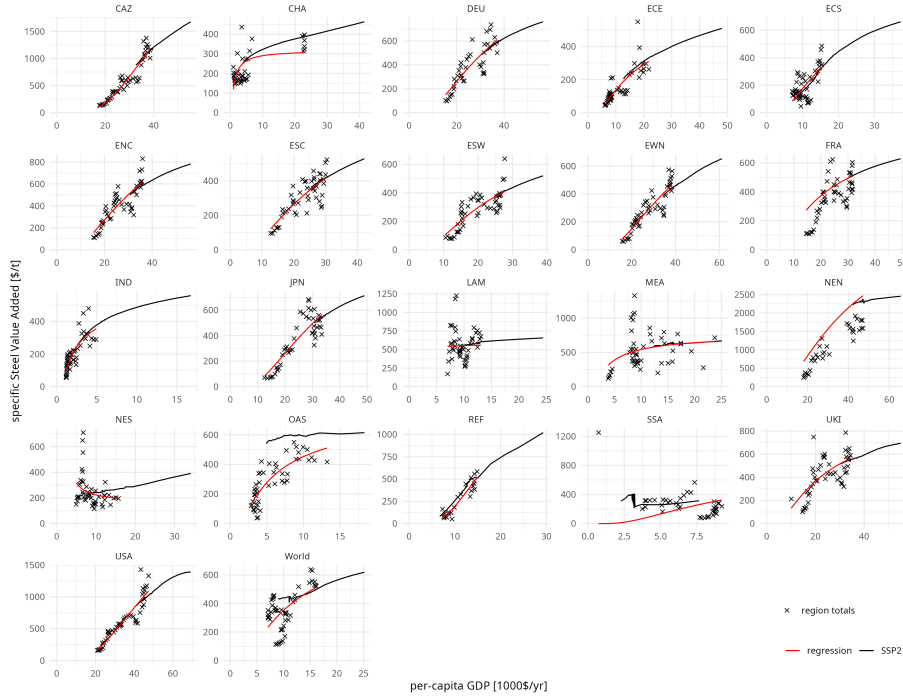


Figure 7. Regression and projection of specific steel value added. Per-tonne steel value added over per-capita GDP for 21 REMIND regions.

375 3.7 Scenario Variations

Other scenarios are derived from the SSP2 scenario by varying specific material demand (subsector production A per unit GDP) and specific energy demand (Joule per unit subsector production). Three methods for varying specific material demand are used: “fixed ratios”, “declining improvements”, and “modified rate of change”, which calculate the scenarios’ specific material demand by multiplying either the specific material demand of a reference scenario R (“fixed ratios” and “declining improvements”), or the specific material demand of base year t_0 (“modified rate of change”, base year specific material demand is identical across scenarios) with a factor $\alpha(t)$, which is derived differently for the three methods.

Under the “fixed ratios” method, specific material demand is set to a specific ratio α_0 of the specific material demand of the reference scenario R (e.g. cement demand per unit GDP can be set to 95 % of specific cement demand in the reference scenario). The actual parameters $\alpha(t)$ is converged from one to α_0 over a time period T_C (15 years) from the base year t_0 on.

$$385 \quad \frac{A_s(t)}{\text{GDP}_s(t)} = \alpha(t) \frac{A_R(t)}{\text{GDP}_R(t)} \quad (7)$$

$$\alpha(t) = 1 + (\alpha_0 - 1) \min \left(1, \max \left(0, \frac{t - t_0}{T_C} \right) \right) \quad (8)$$

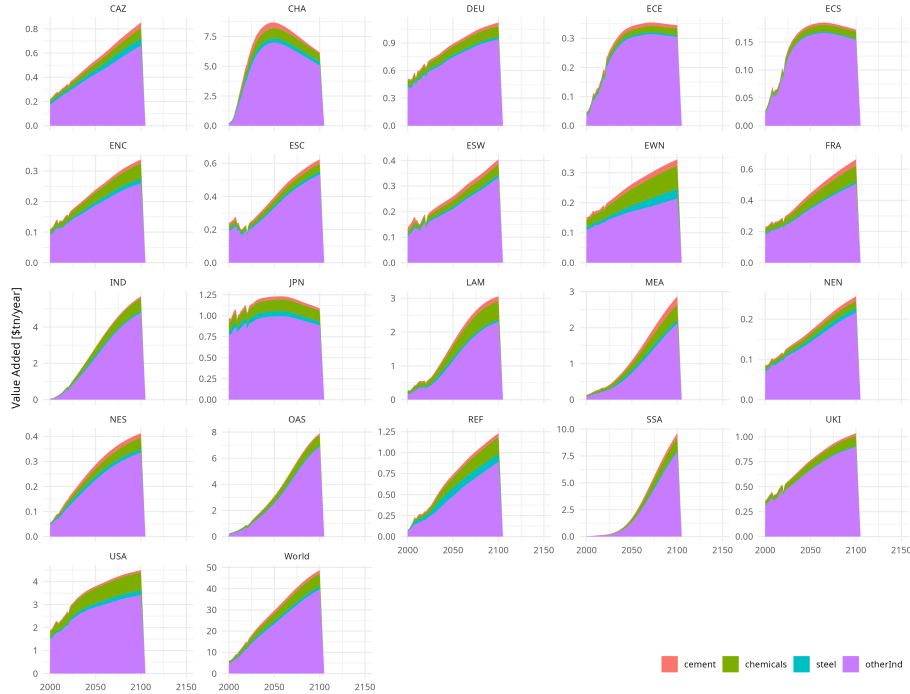


Figure 8. Industry subsector value added. Historical data and projections of value added of the cement, chemicals, steel, and other industry subsectors for the SSP2 scenario for 21 REMIND regions.

Under the “declining improvements” method, annual improvements of specific material demand are assumed, that converge from α_0 (e.g. 0.5 % per annum decrease of cement demand per unit GDP) to zero over the configurable time period T_C from base year t_0 on (to preclude exponential decay of the specific demand towards zero). The parameter $\alpha(t)$ is the product of
 390 converged α_0 parameters from the base year to year t , or one before the base year.

$$\frac{A_s(t)}{\text{GDP}_s(t)} = \alpha(t) \frac{A_R(t)}{\text{GDP}_R(t)} \quad (9)$$

$$\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \leq t_0 \\ \prod_{r=t}^{t+T_C} 1 - \alpha_0 \left(1 - \min\left(1, \frac{t-t_0}{T_C}\right)\right) & t > t_0 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Under the “modified rates of change” method, relative differences in specific material demand (with respect to the base year t_0) of the reference scenario R are either improved (reductions are turned into higher reductions, increases are turned into
 395 lower increases) or degraded (increases are turned into higher increases, reductions are turned into lower reductions). To that end, the relative difference $\beta(t)$ of specific material demand of the reference scenario R , relative to the base year t_0



Table 2. Parameters for deriving the SSP1 and SSP5 scenarios from the SSP2 scenario

Scenario	Subsector	Region	Method	α_0	T_C
SSP1	cement	CHA	declining improvements	6.5 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	cement	others	declining improvements	3 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	chemicals	all	declining improvements	5 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	primary steel	CHA	declining improvements	10 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	primary steel	others	declining improvements	6 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	secondary steel	CHA	declining improvements	10 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	secondary steel	others	declining improvements	6 % p.a.	50 years
SSP1	other industry	all	declining improvements	2 % p.a.	50 years
SSP5	all	all	modified rates of change	0.5	—

$$\beta(t) = \frac{A_R(t)}{\text{GDP}_R(t)} \frac{\text{GDP}_R(t_0)}{A_R(t_0)} - 1 \quad (11)$$

is multiplied by some factor α_0 if the difference is positive (increasing specific demand), or divided by α_0 if the difference is negative (decreasing specific demand) to calculate modified relative differences $\alpha(t)$

$$\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq t_0 \\ \beta(t)\alpha_0^{-\text{sign}(\beta(t))} & t > t_0 \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

and the specific material demand of scenario S is calculated using base year specific material demand and these modified relative differences

$$\frac{A_S(t)}{\text{GDP}_S(t)} = (1 + \alpha(t)) \frac{A_S(t_0)}{\text{GDP}_S(t_0)} \quad (13)$$

The method of calculating specific material demand, as well as the α_0 parameters (and T_C in the case of “declining improvements”) can be chosen individually for combinations of scenarios, regions, and industry subsectors. Table 2 summarises the settings used to derive the SSP1 and SSP5 scenarios from the SSP2 scenario.



4 Industry Demand in the System Context: Exemplary results

This section exemplifies industry subsector results from the REMIND model for different scenarios. We examine the three socioeconomic baselines SSP1, SSP2, and SSP5, and combine them with three different policy scenarios. The baseline scenarios (Base) reproduce the basic SSP scenario narratives without any climate change mitigation policies, and are identical to the calibration data derived as described in section 3. The two mitigation scenarios limit the budget for GHG emissions over the period 2020–2100 to 1150 and 500 Gt CO₂-equivalent (“PkBudg1150” and “PkBudg500”), which are consistent with two possible interpretations of the climate targets of the Paris Accord (limiting global warming to 2°C with 67 % likelihood, or to 1.5°C with 50 % likelihood, cf. Arias et al. (2021), table TS.3).

Figure 9 shows industry subsector activity, indexed to the year 2015. We observe differentiated demand reactions to climate policy across the socioeconomic baselines, the policy scenarios, as well as between different industry subsectors.

In accordance with the SSP scenario narratives (O’Neill et al., 2017, Bauer et al. (2017)), the SSP1 Base scenario shows lower growth in industry demand than the SSP2 scenario, while the SSP5 Base scenario shows higher growth, reproducing the data from the projection and scenario variation steps (section 3, especially 3.7). The “other industry” subsector sees the highest growth across all socioeconomic baselines, in line with the assumed increase in the share of industries producing high-value goods as opposed to bulk materials. The increase in the chemicals subsector’s activity, too, agrees with the assumption of higher shares of products from light metals like aluminium, plastics and other modern materials, rather than steel.

For all socioeconomic baselines, we see a reduction in industry demand with strengthened climate targets (reduced budgets for further GHG emissions), as well as a shift from primary to secondary steel, since the latter is produced from electricity which is easier to produce carbon-free.

This endogenous demand reduction is a feature that is missing from the class of partial-equilibrium IAMs (Bauer et al.), that rely on exogenous demand pathways for policy scenarios and do not represent the trade-offs between reducing demand for industrial products and mitigation options within the industry sector (fuel switching, modified processes, and CCS). Most general equilibrium IAMs (like REMIND) on the other hand, have aggregated industry sectors that do not capture important differences in the decarbonisation options for different subsectors.

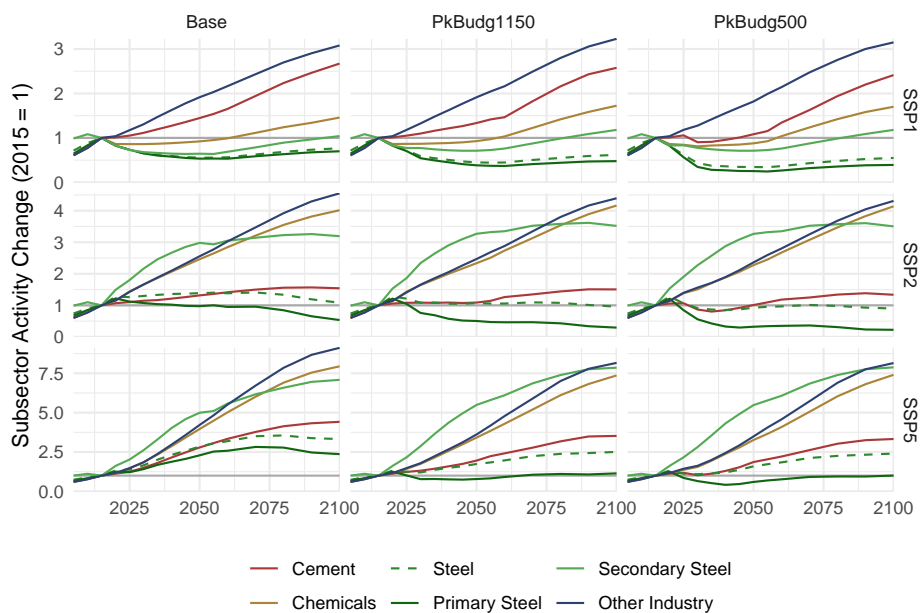


Figure 9. Industry Subsector Activity Change. Production of cement and primary and secondary steel, as well as chemicals and other industry value added, indexed to 2015. Panels correspond to scenario matrix, with socioeconomic drivers (SSP1, SSP2, SSP5) and climate change mitigation policy (Base – no policy, PkBudg1150 and PkBudg500 – peak budgets of 1150 and 500 GtCO₂, corresponding to the 2°C and 1.5°C targets.)

Figures 10 and 11 show industry final energy (FE) demand, by subsector and energy carrier. Both the shares of individual energy carriers, as well as of the different subsectors, vary across the scenario matrix, as the model reacts differently to the emission constraints in the different socioeconomic baselines.

The SSP1 Base scenario shows an immediate decline in industry FE demand, in accordance with the scenario narrative of sustainability and efficiency, while the SSP2 and SSP5 scenarios display an increase and subsequent decrease in FE demand, albeit to markedly different levels (273 EJ/year in 2070 for SSP2, and 559 EJ/year in 2080 for SSP5). The share of electricity (an indicator of industry decarbonisation) rises to 28 % for the Base scenarios, and 45–49 % for the mitigation scenarios, while the share of solids decreases strongly, to be partially replaced with liquid final energy carriers, part of which will be generated from biomass.

Figure 12 exemplifies the differences in mitigation strategies of the industry subsectors for the set of SSP2 scenarios. The cement and chemicals subsectors, which cannot easily electrify, move to carbon-free fuels either directly in the form of biomass or hydrogen, or indirectly by using hydrogen-derived synthetic fuels (biomass and synthetic fuel are grouped under “carbon free”). The steel subsector is electrifying by moving from primary steel production to secondary steel production thereby drastically cutting the use of coal (solids). The other industry subsector substitutes electricity for fuels, while also increasing energy efficiency, so the total electricity demand increases only slightly.

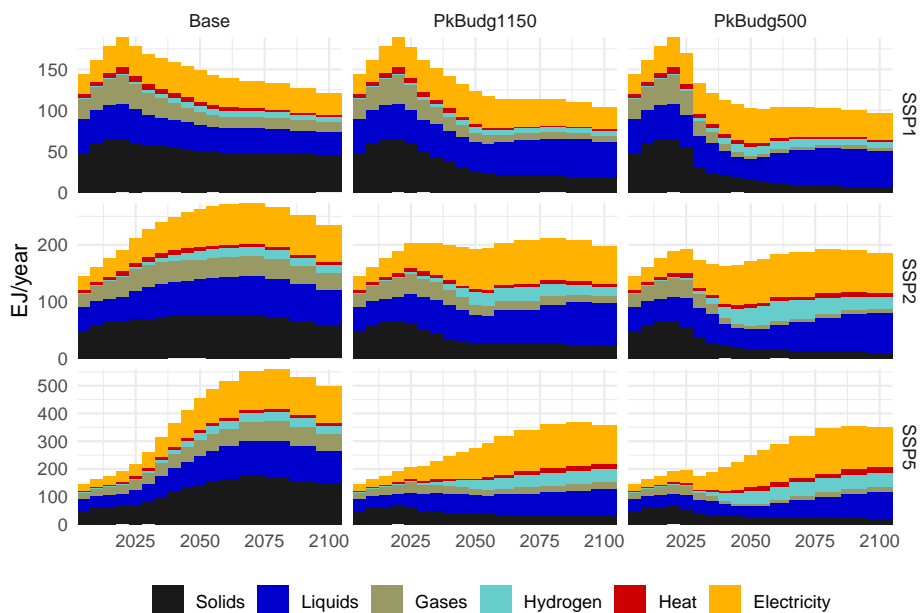


Figure 10. Industry final energy demand by energy carrier. Panels correspond to scenario matrix, with socioeconomic drivers (SSP1, SSP2, SSP5) and climate change mitigation policy (Base – no policy, PkBudg1150 and PkBudg500 – peak budgets of 1150 and 500 GtCO₂, corresponding to the 2°C and 1.5°C targets.)

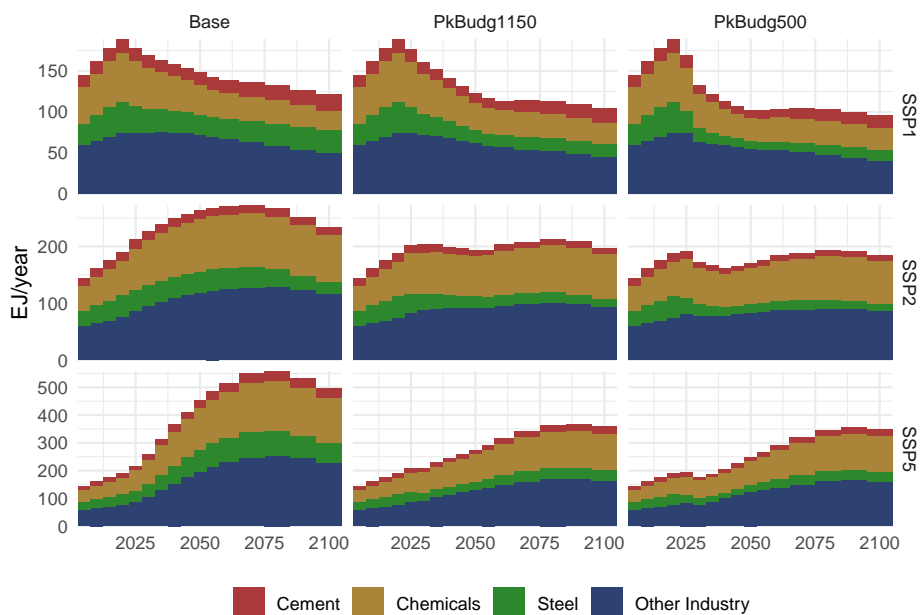


Figure 11. Industry subsector final energy demand. Panels correspond to scenario matrix, with socioeconomic drivers (SSP1, SSP2, SSP5) and climate change mitigation policy (Base – no policy, PkBudg1150 and PkBudg500 – peak budgets of 1150 and 500 GtCO₂, corresponding to the 2°C and 1.5°C targets.)

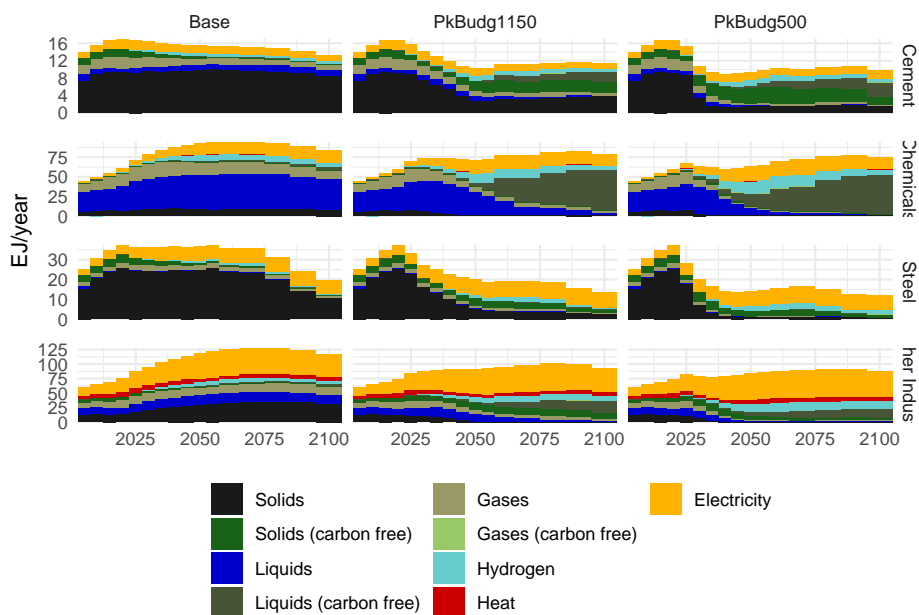


Figure 12. Industry final energy demand by subsector and energy carrier for SSP2 scenario. Solids, liquids, and gases derived from either biomass or (renewable) hydrogen are grouped as "carbon free".

Figure 13 show industry CO₂ emissions and CCS by industry subsector. The emissions in the baseline scenarios follow the trajectory of the total demand in final energy of fossil origin (cf. solids, liquids, and gases in Figure 10), while their composition differs from the subsector-composition of FE demand (cf. Figure 11, as the other industry subsector moves to higher shares of electricity in FE demand, while the heavy industry subsectors rely more strongly on fossil fuels for high-temperature heat generation. Process emissions from cement production become a dominant fraction, as they are fixed relative to cement production, thus do not benefit for energy efficiency improvements, and cement production expands (especially in emerging economies). The electrification trend is intensified in the climate mitigation scenarios and complemented by CCS to mitigate emissions from fossil fuels in the heavy industry subsectors that cannot be substituted (cement and chemicals), while the use of biomass fuels combined with CCS can even yield negative emissions in strong decarbonisation scenarios.

455 5 Conclusions

As industry is a key contributor to GHG emissions and faces particular mitigation challenges compared to other energy demand sectors and the energy supply sector, it has to be considered both in detail and in conjunction with the entire system of macroeconomic production, energy demand, and carbon management options. The differentiation of the main industry subsectors enables the REMIND model to represent their different mitigation options and challenges in detail, while keeping them linked to the other economic sectors, the energy supply system, and the emissions, CCS, and CDR submodels, allows for consistent analysis of the entire energy-economy-climate system.

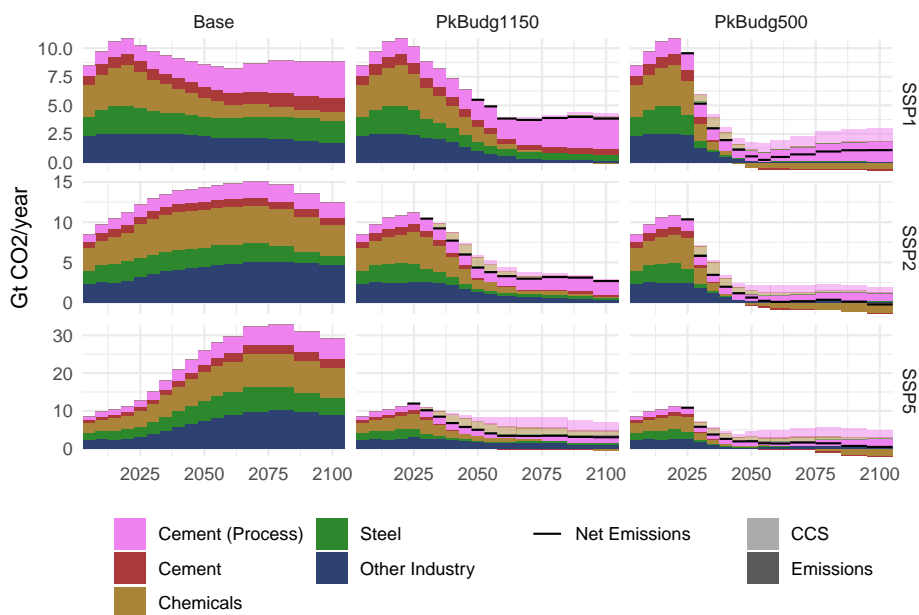


Figure 13. Industry CO₂ emissions and CCS. Net emissions are shown for periods with CCS or negative emissions (through bioenergy and CCS). Panels correspond to scenario matrix, with socioeconomic drivers (SSP1, SSP2, SSP5) and climate change mitigation policy (Base – no policy, PkBudg1150 and PkBudg500 – peak budgets of 1150 and 500 GtCO₂, corresponding to the 2°C and 1.5°C targets.)

The projection of baseline scenarios of industry activity, energy demand, and CO₂ emissions is a prerequisite for developing and exploring climate change mitigation scenarios. The presented approach allows for both the generation of trajectories that replicate short-term trends and long-term global convergence of specific activity, as well as ways to conveniently and transparently modify those long-term trends to enable the creation of scenarios with different narratives to explore, like the different SSP scenarios.

The resulting REMIND model (in different versions) and scenarios are used to investigate industry mitigation options and their implications for other economic sectors and the economy as a whole (e.g. Luderer et al. (2022), Schreyer et al.). A detailed analysis of industry subsector mitigation options and challenges that takes full advantage of these new modelling facilities is in preparation. It aims to spell out in detail the different drivers of emissions and their mitigation options, and to identify crucial bottlenecks for reducing the unavoidable residual GHG emissions from industry that will have to be offset by CDR measures.

Possible future extensions include the integration of material flow analysis to improve the representation of the physical characteristics of different industry subsectors (e.g. the recycling of plastics), the introduction of feedbacks between other economic sectors and the demand for industry products (e.g. shrinking demand for steel through light-weighting of cars or the use of timber or carbon fibres instead of steel-reinforced concrete in construction), the effect of cheap variable electricity from renewables on direct and indirect (through hydrogen) electrification of industry, and international trade in energy intensive industrial goods and subsequent shift in production patterns of industry towards world regions with cheap abundant energy.



Code availability. The REMIND model is written in GAMS, with supporting scripts in R, and version 3.1.0 of the model is archived at Zenodo (<https://zenodo.org/record/7628336>).

480 The code for preparing REMIND input data is written in R and version 0.165.0 of the principal package `mrremind` is available at Zenodo (<https://zenodo.org/record/8144700>).

The source of this paper, including the R code for preparing the figures, is available at Zenodo (<https://zenodo.org/record/8276423>). It is, however, not fully functioning as one proprietary data source (UNIDO INSTAT) cannot be shared publicly and had to be redacted.

Data availability. The data used for preparing REMIND input data is partly proprietary, and only available upon request.

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