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## Accelerating the Transition to a Circular Economy

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# The REMADE Institute

A national consortium of **171 member organizations** comprised of industry, academia, national laboratories, trade associations, and non-profit entities collaborating on early stage applied research activities and the development & dissemination of key industrial technology initiatives

## REMADE STRATEGIC GOALS



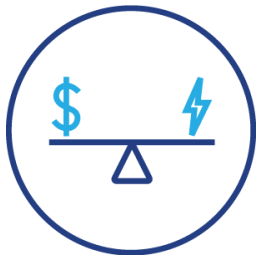
Develop **transformational technologies** to expand material recycling, recovery reuse and remanufacturing



Reduce **energy use & emissions** by **decreasing primary, or raw and virgin, material use** in energy-intensive industries



Replace **primary feedstocks, or raw and virgin materials**, through **increased use of secondary feedstocks, or recycled materials**



Achieve **better than cost & energy parity** between secondary feedstocks & primary feedstocks



Educate and train the **incumbent & future workforce** to deploy and use REMADE technologies



	1/17 – 1/21	2/21 – 9/23	10/23 – 9/24	Total Planned \$
DOE Funded	\$9,937,899	\$50,048,505	\$10,013,596	\$70,000,000
Project Cost Share	\$9,982,343	\$50,048,505	\$9,969,152	70,000,000

## REMADE TECHNICAL PERFORMANCE METRICS

↓30%

Primary Feedstock (FS) Consumed

↑30%

Recycled Materials Use

↑25%

Embodied Energy Efficiency

↓20%

GHG Emissions



Cross-Industry Reuse



Cost and Energy Parity

# REMADE Mission:

Reduce embodied energy and carbon emissions through early-stage applied research & development



## Systems Analysis & Integration

Data collection, standardization, metrics, and tools for understanding material flow



## Design for Re-X

Design tools to improve material utilization and reuse at End-of-Life (EOL)



## Manufacturing Materials Optimization

Technologies to reduce in-process losses, reuse scrap materials, and utilize secondary feedstock in manufacturing



## Remanufacturing & EOL Reuse

Efficient and cost-effective technologies for cleaning component restoration, condition assessment, and reverse logistics



## Recycling & Recovery

Rapid gathering, identification, sorting, separation, contaminant removal, reprocessing and recycling

## MATERIAL CLASSES



Metals



Polymers/Plastics



E-Scrap



Fibers



# REMADE Membership

171  
Members

91  
Industry  
Members

40  
Academic  
Partners

33  
Affiliate  
Orgs.

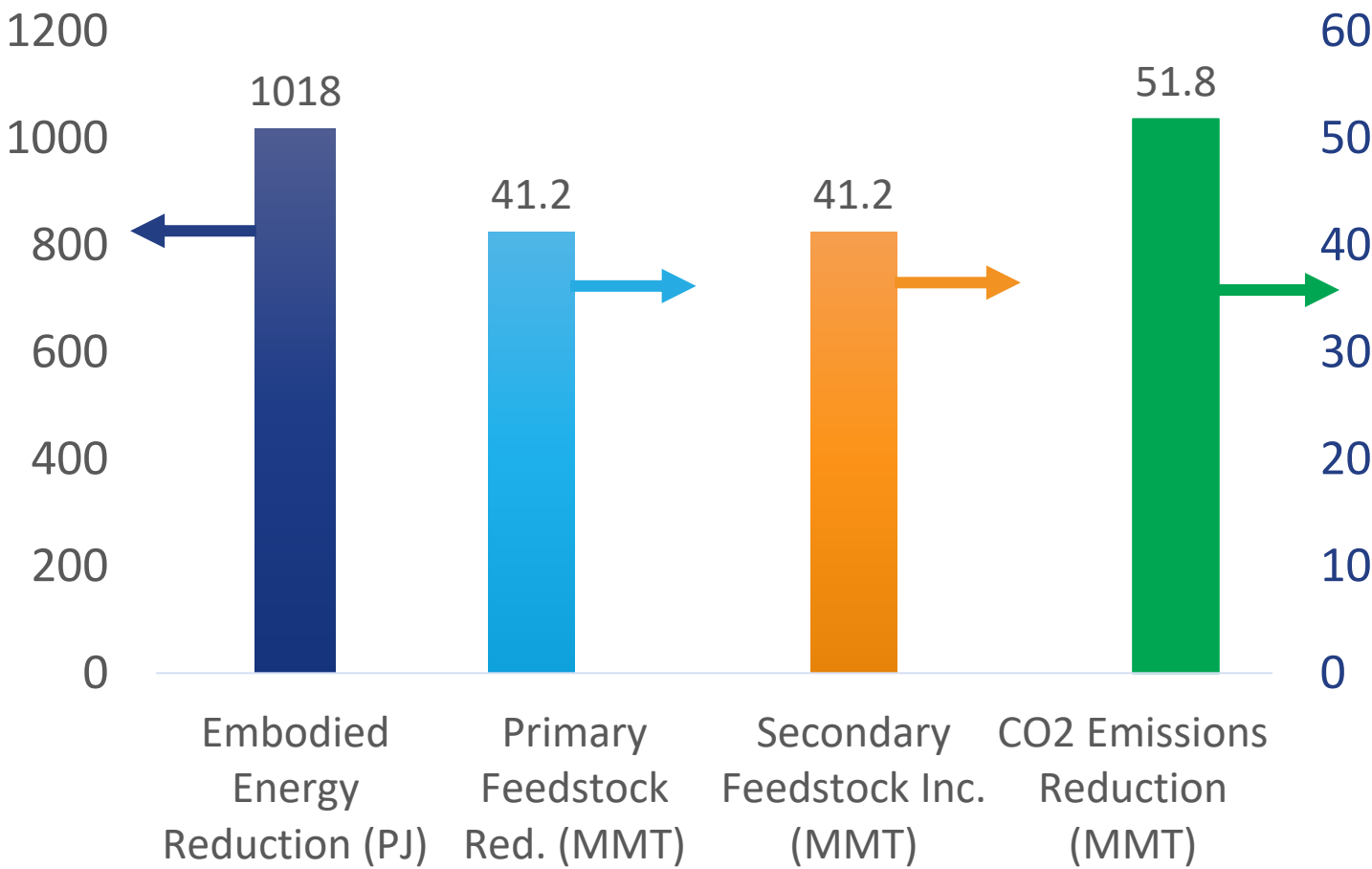
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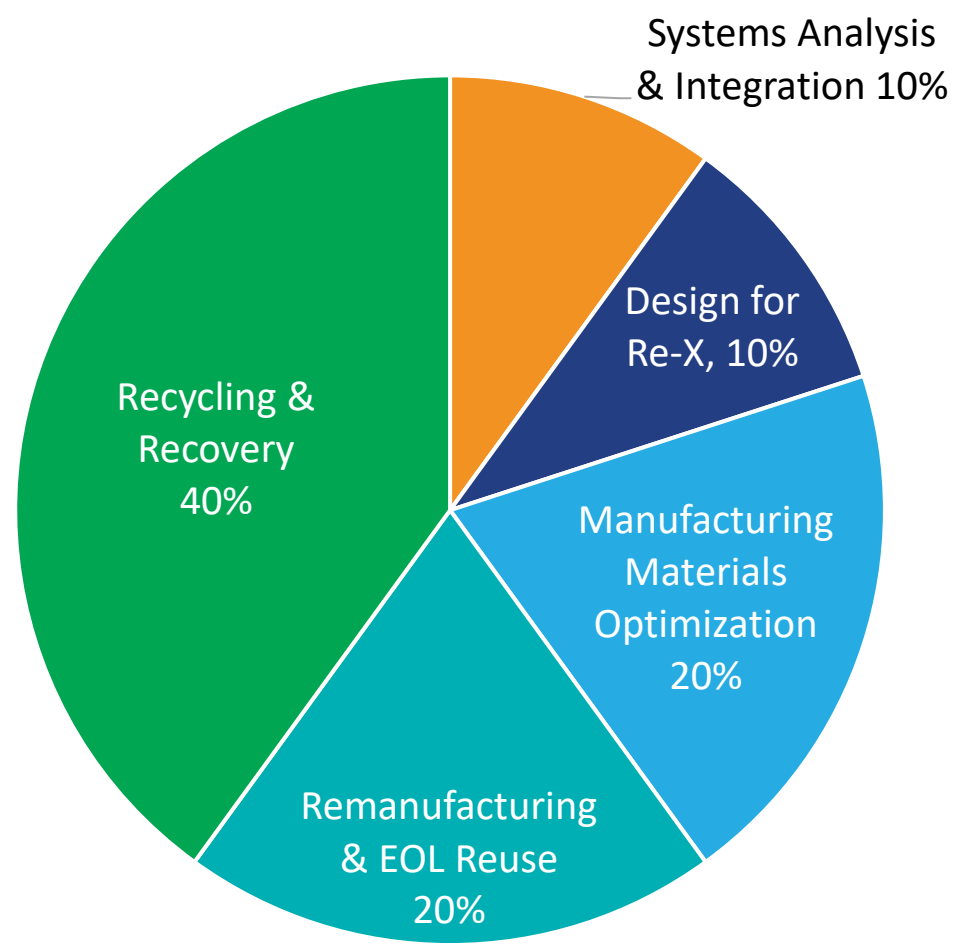


# Aligning Institute Investments with Technology Development Progress & Gaps

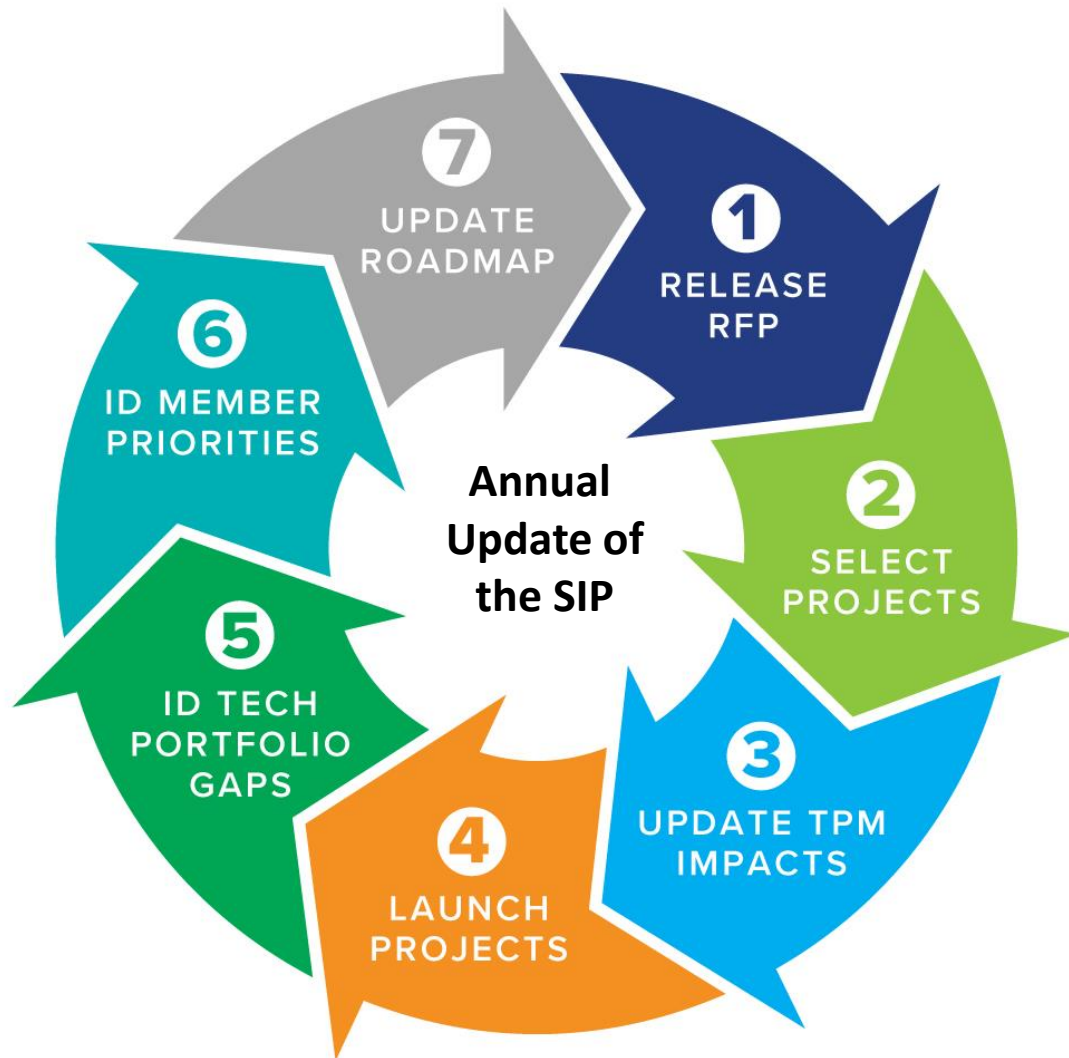
Annual Impacts of REMADE Project Portfolio  
(for all Nodes after \$70M Investment from AMMTO)



Funding Allocations by Node  
(based on the Strategic Investment Plan)



# Aligning Institute Investments with Technology Development Progress & Gaps



## Technology Roadmap

- Identify the knowledge gaps and research priorities

## Project Portfolio Analysis

- Calculate progress versus the Technical Performance Metrics (TPMs) & alignment with the Technology Roadmap

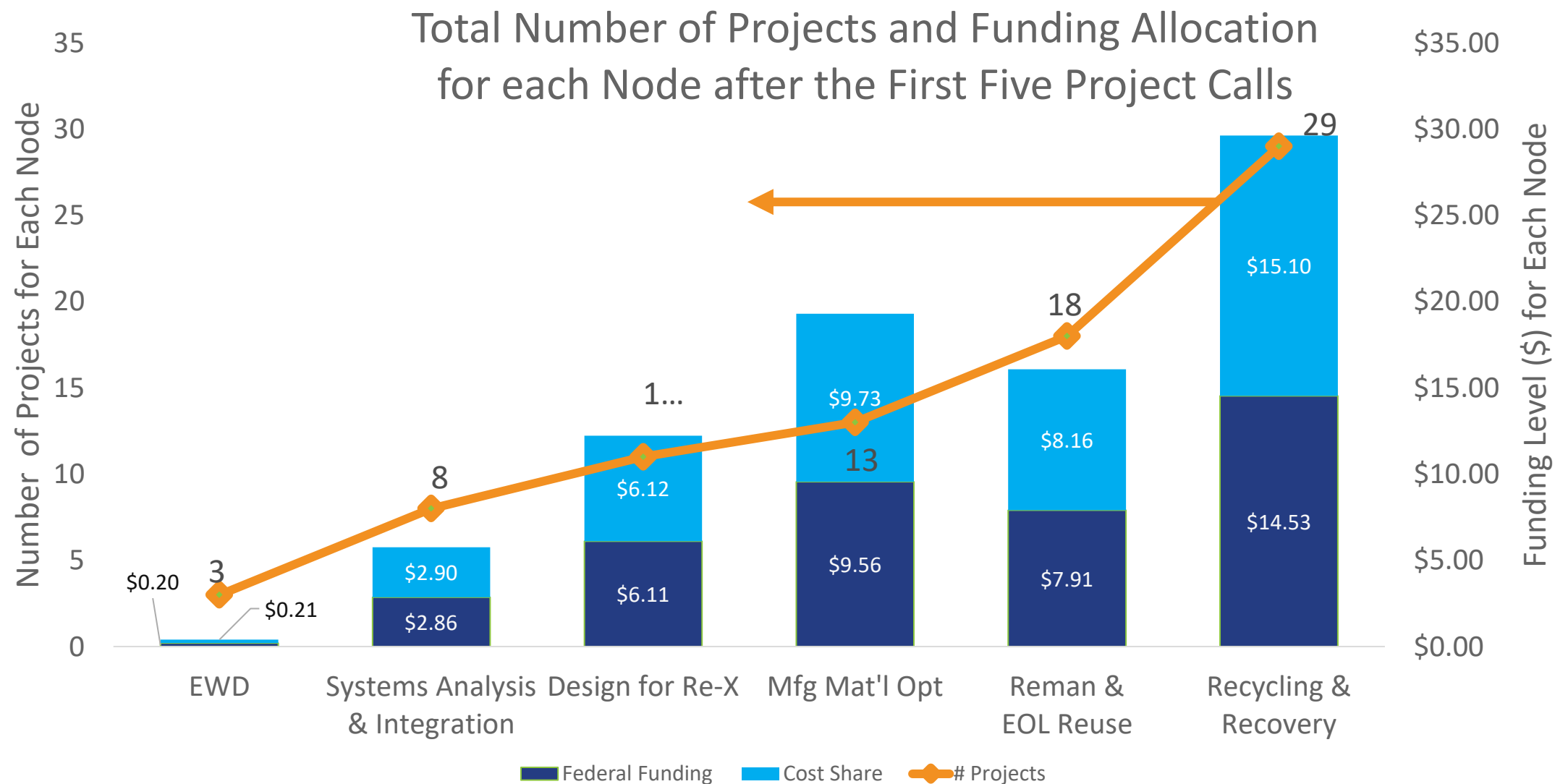
## Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

- Plan for research investment based on the technology roadmap and portfolio analysis

## Request for Proposal (RFP)

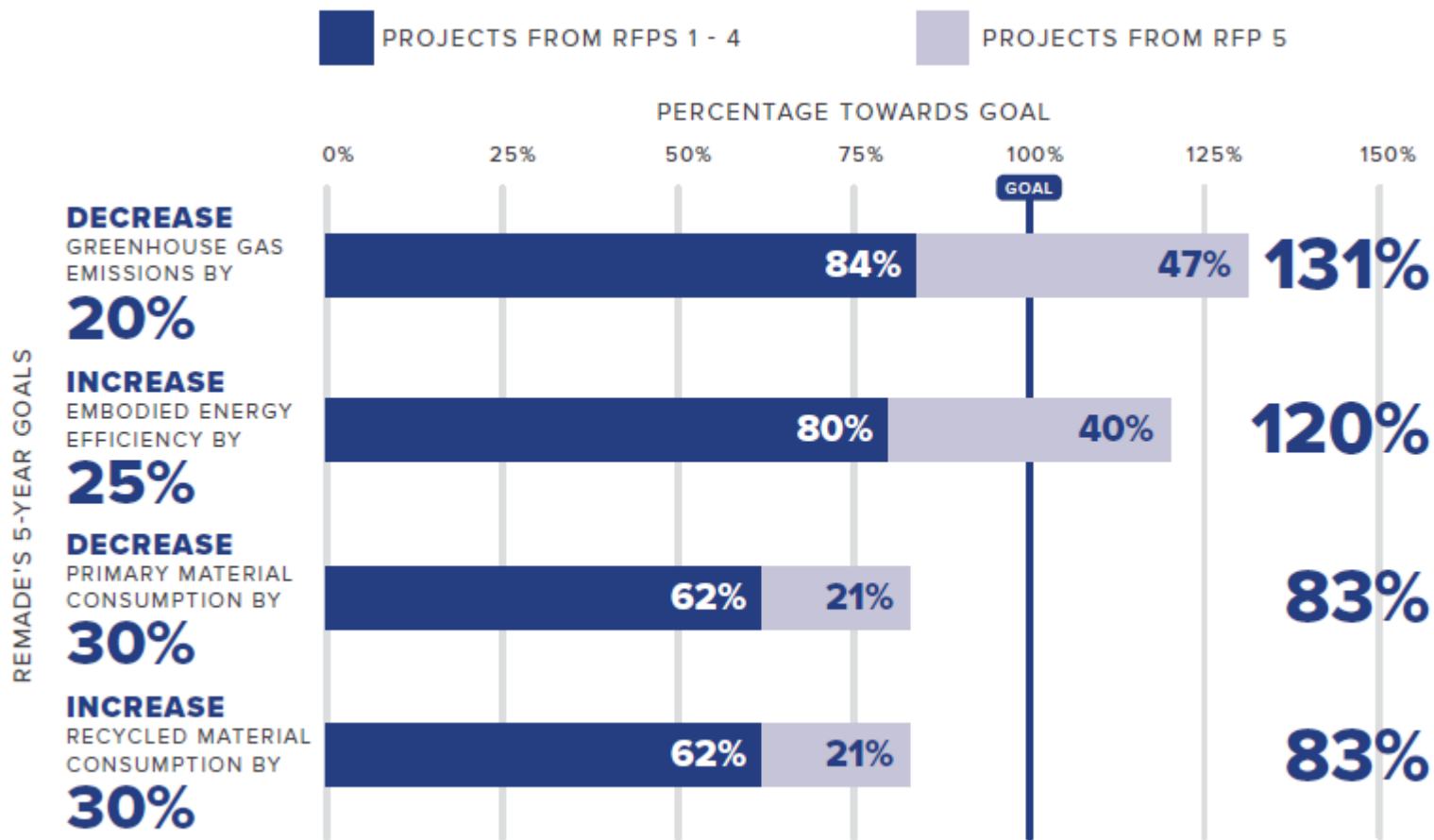
- Solicitation to address the research priorities of the roadmap, tech portfolio gaps consistent with the SIP funding levels

# Total Number of Projects for each Node vs. the SIP through RFP 5





# Technical Performance Metric Impacts of the Technology R&D Portfolio



These calculations represent the estimated potential impact of projects in the R&D portfolio



# Sorting and Recycling of Mixed Flexible Packaging & Plastic Wrap

**Problem Statement:** Films and flexibles are one of the fastest growing packaging types, are not readily recyclable, and currently contaminate the U.S.'s curbside recycling system.

**Objective:** Improve sortation of FPP with optical sorting and identify economically and environmentally viable end markets for recycled flexible packaging (rFlex).

**Results:** The team explored four pathways for converting bales of flexible plastic packaging into secondary feedstocks: roof coverboard, plastic pallets, and films.

**Tech Demo/Commercialization:** The team demonstrated that conversion of rFlex into roof coverboard reduced GHG emissions by 40%, and cost 46% less than gypsum drywall. For the pellet application, the cost was as much as 65% lower. The roof coverboard product has been commercialized





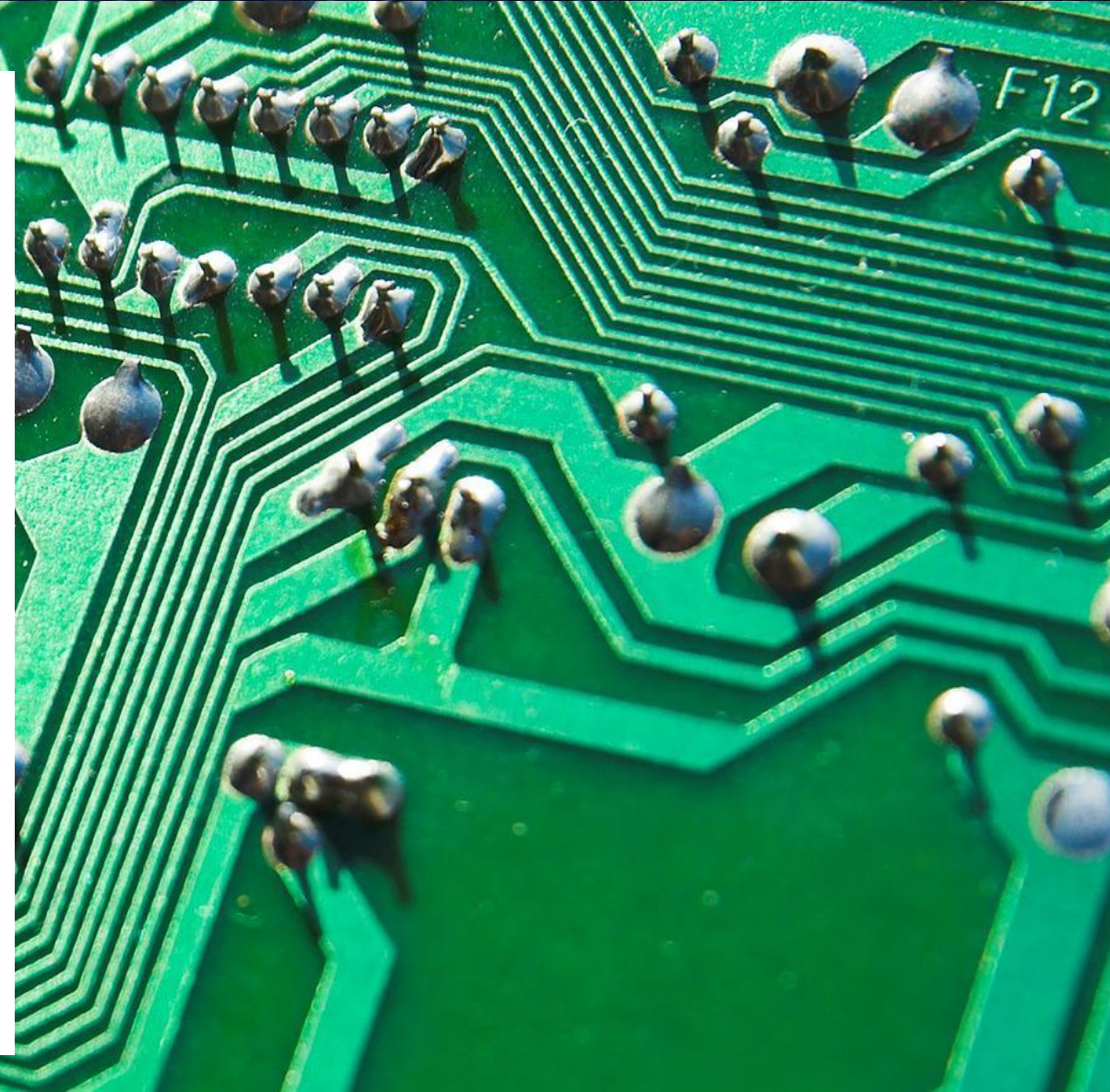
# Metal Recovery Using Gas-Assisted Microflow Solvent Extraction (GAME)

**Problem Statement:** Only 20% of e-scrap is recycled through appropriate channels, and the recycling rate of precious metals from scrap PCBs is even less

**Objective:** Design, construct & evaluate a gas-assisted microflow extraction (GAME) system to recover precious metals from complex streams generated from PCBs.

**Results:** Once fully developed, the team expects to increase the precious metal recycling rate in PCBs to 60%.

**Tech Demo/Commercialization:** The team has licensed the technology being developed to Phinix LLC.





# Enabling More Recycled Rubber in Tires

**Problem Statement:** Today, the amount of micronized rubber powder (MRP) used in light-duty and commercial vehicle tires is 0.1% and 0.4%, respectively.

**Objective:** Increase the amount of MRP in light-duty and commercial vehicle tires to 12% and 15%, respectively.

**Results:** The team has developed multiple new composite polymer material formulations containing virgin rubber and MRP

**Tech Demo/Commercialization:** The team has fabricated 12 passenger vehicle tires and 12 truck tires on full-scale production equipment and is evaluating tire endurance relative to baseline new tires.





# Detection of Hidden Defects in Used Circuit Boards

**Problem Statement:** Methods to reliably & cost-effectively detect/locate defects in printed circuit boards (PCBs) limits PCB remanufacturing.

**Objective:** Develop automated artificial intelligence-based methods to detect latent failures in used PCBs.

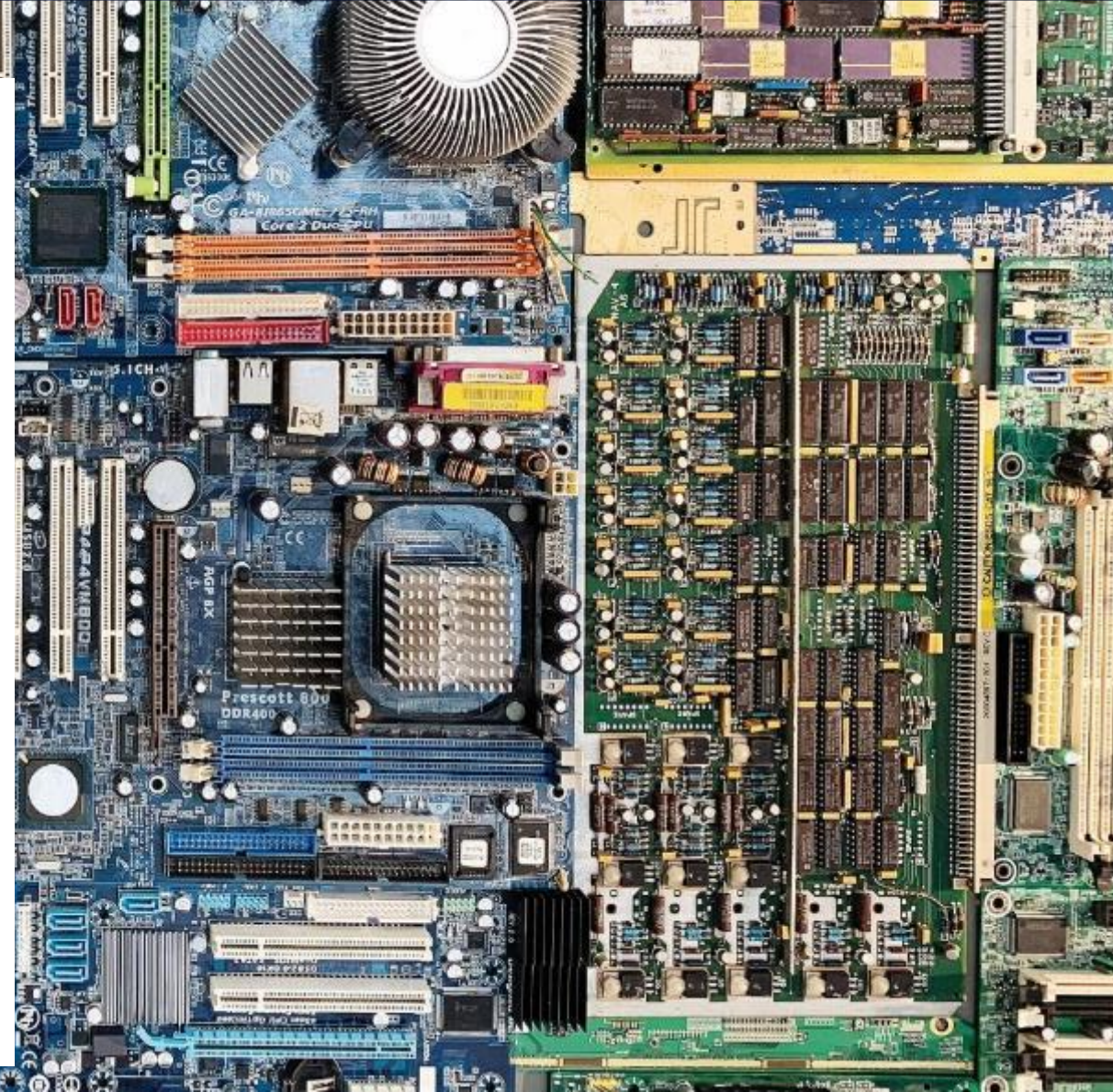
**Results:** Based on results to-date, the team expects to be able to increase PCB reuse by 25-35%.

**Tech Demo/Commercialization:** The team installed a prototype system at CoreCentric Solutions to continue refining the process

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# Maturing & Transitioning Technology

20

Exploratory  
Projects

56

Traditional  
Projects

3

Transformational  
Projects

RFP 6

Tech Transition  
Projects

13 Projects

21 Projects

20 Projects

TRL 3

Proof-of-Concept  
Laboratory Trials

Separate elements of the  
technology solution have been  
shown to work as expected

Technology elements have  
been integrated to demonstrate  
they will work together

TRL 5

Bench Scale  
Lab Trials

TRL 4

Process or Equipment  
Validation Trials

Testing environment simulates  
the most important/stressing  
aspects expected in final system

Functionality tested across the full  
spectrum of intended operating  
conditions expected in final system

Prototype Equipment  
or Process Testing

TRL 6

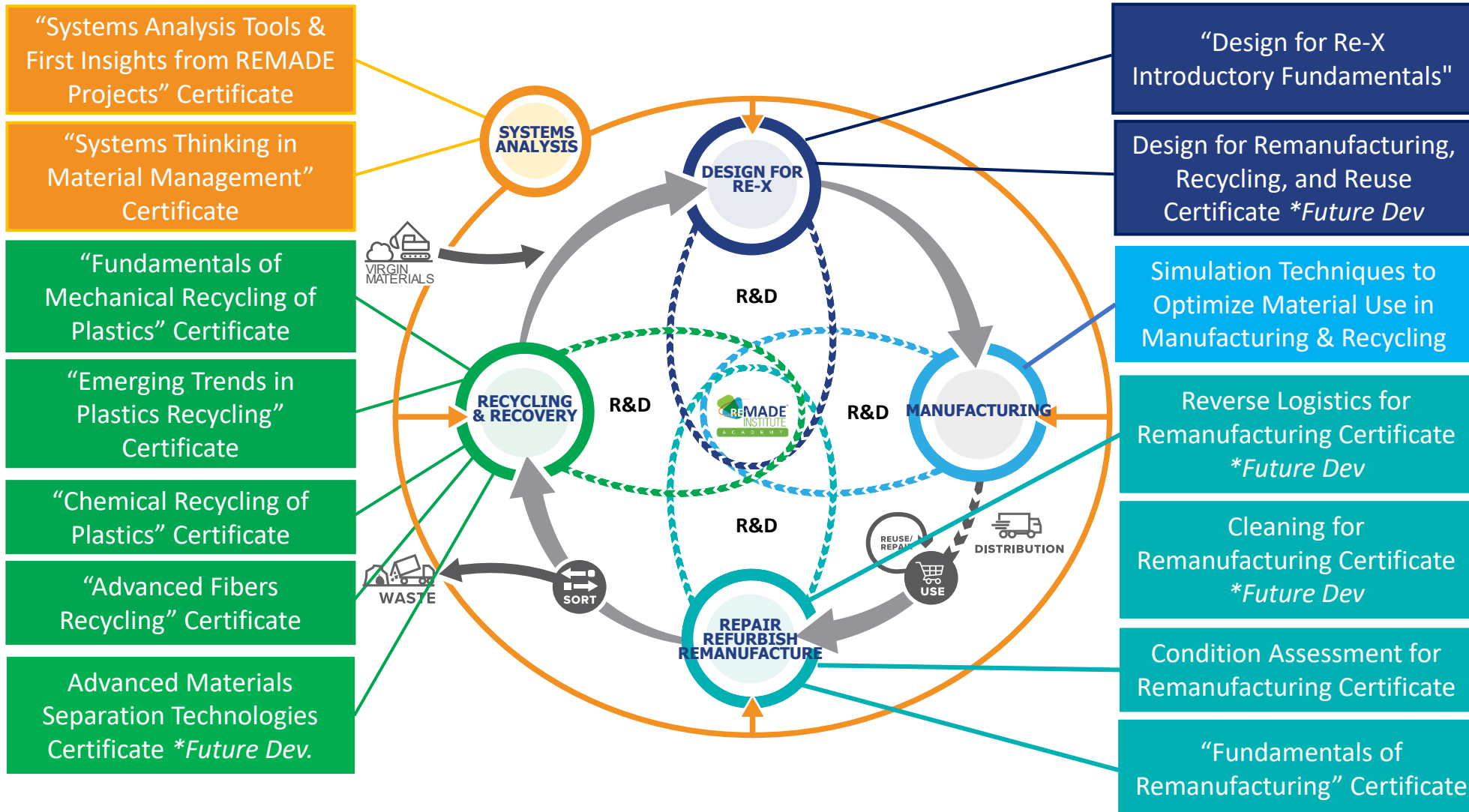
System Prototype  
Demonstration

Testing environment addresses all the  
operating conditions and specifications  
required in the final system

TRL 7

# REMADE Academy

## Training Industry for Next-Generation Circular Economy Technologies



- Introducing Industry to the Circular Economy Across 5 focus areas
- Over 3,100 participants, including 500+ self-identified trainers
- Training prepared for both on-site and online-delivery; supported with over 20 R&D project training webinars
- Guided by Industry Led Education Committee





# REMADE CIRCULAR ECONOMY TECH SUMMIT & CONFERENCE

BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATIONS  
FOR SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING.



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY &  
RENEWABLE ENERGY







# INITIATIVES



**MRFNXTGEN™**



**SYSTEMS ANALYSIS**



**PLASTIC RECYCLING**



**FULL EV RECYCLABILITY**



**DIGITAL REMAN**



**CIRCULAR DESIGN**



# Examples of REMADE Material Recovery R&D

## Novel Sorting Technologies

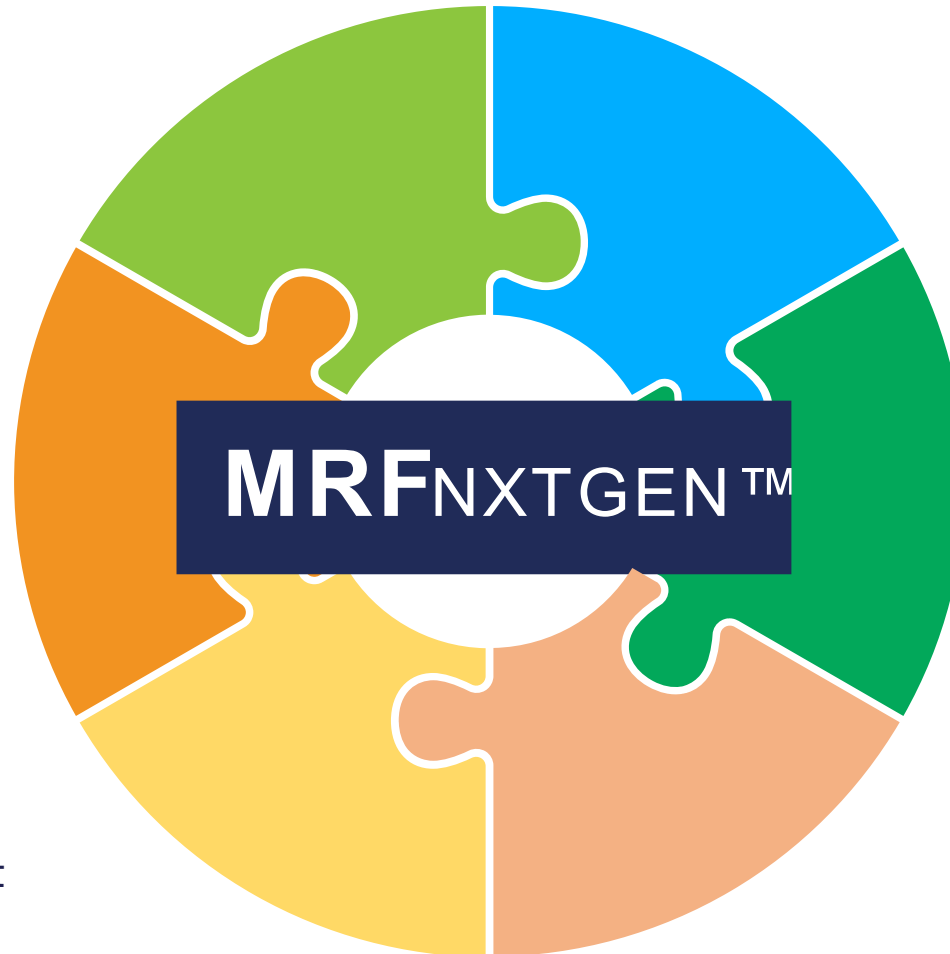
Rapid Sorting of Scrap Aluminum  
Sorting & Recycling of Mixed  
Flexible Packaging

## Contamination Removal

Purification of Recycled  
Metals, Fibers, and Plastics

## Artificial Intelligence

Identification of Mixed Plastic &  
Valuable Electronics / Contaminant  
Removal from Recycled Plastics



## Improved Material Recovery

Low-Cost, High-Value Metal  
Recovery from Electronic Scrap

## Novel Waste Processing Methods

Delamination to Enable Recycling  
of Polymer-Based Multilayer  
Packaging

## Condition Assessment

Condition Assessment of Used  
Electronics and Non-Destructive  
Evaluation of Metal Fatigue Damage

# Results and Achievement

## Projects

- 79 Technology/3 EWD Projects have been selected for funding
- 29 Projects Completed, 51 Active Projects, Reviewing 45 proposals submitted for RFP 6
- 20 Projects on track to reach TRL 7/21 Projects on track to reach TRL 6

## Technology Transfer & Dissemination

- 18 subject inventions reported by project teams
- 2 Technology licenses negotiated
- 75+ articles/presentations that have been published, are awaiting publication, or publicly presented
- Inaugural CE Conference & Tech Summit held – to be published. Working to launch a new journal.

## Technical Performance Metrics

- Tech portfolio capable of reducing embodied energy by 1.2 Quads/yr, decreasing primary material increasing secondary consumption by 36.2 MMT/yr, and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 68.9 MMT/yr

## Membership

- 171 REMADE members (vs. 95 members at the 2020 Peer Review)

## Education & Workforce Development

- 70+ hours of online EWD content has been released, 9 certificate pathways released, 3,100 trained



# Future Work, Technology Transfer, and Impact

## Future Work

- Select and launch projects from RFP 6
- Start up the REMADE Initiative for MRFNxtgen

## Technology Transfer

- RFP 6 is focused on scaling previously developed technologies to TRL 6 or TRL 7
- Continue patenting and licensing REMADE technologies
- Utilize testbeds and technology incubators to commercialize REMADE technologies

## Impact

- Tech portfolio capable of reducing embodied energy by 1.2 Quads/yr, decreasing primary material increasing secondary consumption by 36.2 MMT/yr, and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 68.9 MMT/yr
- Expand existing EWD content and tailor training to REMADE Members