

# Industry Application of Green Manufacturing: A Critical Review

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**Abstract:** Green manufacturing is the minimization of hazardous matter in the process of designing, production and technology which may affect the domain of the earth and lead towards global warming. It generally refers to broad area including air, water and land pollution, energy usage and efficiency, waste generation and recycling. It is well known fact that production of greenhouse gases (N<sub>2</sub>O, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>) which are measured to calculate the carbon footprint majorly affect the global warming. Hence to save the environment, it is most significant to decrease the carbon footprint of a sector. Researchers have agreed that one of the main reasons for global warming is Industrialization, and green manufacturing can be considered an effective tool to control and minimize the GHG emission from Industries so this paper will review the application of green manufacturing across the industries including transportation, electricity generation, cement industry, textile and apparel industry etc.

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## 1. Introduction

The effects of climate change, along with pollution and the depletion of non-renewable natural resources, have given rise to environmental awareness (Douglas, 2019). Since the early 20th century, the average surface temperature of the earth has increased by about 0.8°C, with about two-thirds of the increase occurring since 1980. Researchers indicate that during the 21st century, the global surface temperature is expected to rise by a further 1.1 to 2.9°C for the lowest emissions scenario and from 2.4 to 6.4°C for the highest emission scenario. Climate warming is irreversible and scientists suggests that most of it is caused by increasing concentrations of Greenhouse gases produced by activities such as deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels (IPCC, 2020).

In 2014, Greenhouse gas emission was 50 Giga tonnes (Gt.) globally from 196 countries. 5% of total countries were found responsible for more than 85% of the total emission. As per the report by World Resource Institute in 2016, total global emission in 2015 was 43286.2 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>, out of which more than two third emissions are from top ten countries. In the list of top ten countries, six are

developing, and four are developed countries. China topped the list with around 25.36% of global GHG emission. (Juhan, 2015). CO<sub>2</sub> emission from China was

found at 6.9 Gt. per year followed by United States (5.2 Gt. per year), European Union (2.5 Gt. Per year) and India (1.65 Gt. per year) (IPCC, 2015). Industrialization, energy and agriculture are considered as the major factors contributing more than 80% of the total global emission. To reduce the Greenhouse gas emission and further to minimize the adverse effect on the environment, Green Manufacturing is developed as the essential phenomenon (Nanderi, 2017).

Green Manufacturing is coined to reflect a new manufacturing paradigm which implements various Green strategies and techniques to become more efficient (Ariffin, 2015). Researchers have clearly mentioned that Green Manufacturing is relevant not only from an environmental perspective but also because of its social and economic aspects (Elkington, 1994; Kleindorfer, 2015). Green Manufacturing refers to those techniques which minimizes waste and pollution in manufacturing. It slows down the depletion of natural resources as well as lowers the extensive amounts of waste that enter landfills. Green

Manufacturing emphasizes on reducing parts, rationalizing materials, and reusing components yet make the manufacturing more efficient (Cortellini, 2009). These are manufacturing methods that support and sustain a renewable way of producing goods and services that do not harm mankind and the environment. According to another definition, Green Manufacturing covers those designs, materials, processes and products which are economical and sustainable while minimizing pollution and risk to human health and environment (Das, 2013).

The value of investing in Green technology and Green transformation is considered as a topic of argument between researchers and manufacturers (Deif, 2011). Environmental and Green practices in manufacturing should move from being an environmental management approach to an environmental strategy. Following this, manufacturers can improve their environmental performance while matching economic gains (Hoffman, 2000) (Boston Consultancy Group, 2009).

Green Manufacturing is required for sustainable development which also provides competitive advantage to the industries (Venkatesh, 2015). It is considered that industries which adapt Green Manufacturing techniques are preferred by the customers. Green Manufacturing may also be considered as an effective tool for brand building and enhance the acceptability of any product among the consumers. Hence, manufacturing organisations are striving hard to adopt the Green practices to get the benefit of strategic Green Manufacturing in the product management (Adner, 2006; Gerrard, 2007; Bordoloi, 2008; Tan, 2008). Sustainable and Green Manufacturing is considered as a future paradigm with the business model based on designing the environment using nano/bio/material technologies (Jovane, 2003).

## 2. Methods

The keywords “Industry, Green Manufacturing, Sustainability and Carbon Footprint” were used to gather the relevant information about the issue from google scholar.

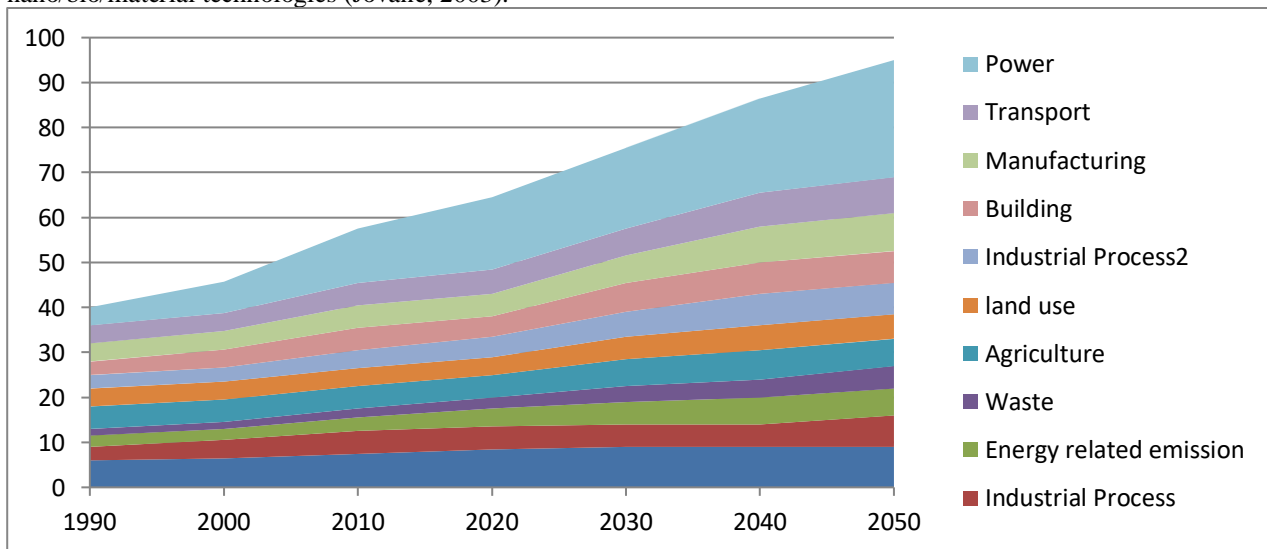
## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Concern towards green manufacturing

The rising levels of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission has been increasing concern over the issue among the society, consumers as well as manufactures. The rising issues among different segments towards green has covered in the following sections:

#### Societal concerns towards green manufacturing

According to Boston Consultancy Group report published in 2011, the society’s rising concern for Green can be grouped into three broad categories. Rising emissions and associated climate change is termed as the first category. Figure 1 shows the expected increment in GHG emission in different sectors by 2050. This could mean that by the end of this century corresponding temperature may rise up to 4-6°C over pre-industrial levels. This unprecedented change is expected to have a huge impact on the global ecosystem, hydrological system, sea level, crop production and related activities.



**Figure 1:** Expected Greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 in different segments

Fast depletion of scarce natural resources was considered as the second category of societal concern towards Green. With ever increasing population and industrialization, the consumption of natural resources (example: wood, coal, oil, food, water, etc.) is rapidly on the rise, while their availability is shrinking. This has led to periodic mismatch

in demand-supply with highly fluctuating prices, impacting both corporate margins and consumer spending. There is an urgent need to (a) adequately manage the use of these resources and (b) find and develop alternatives which are less scarce (example: wind, sun). Growing waste generation and pollution was considered as the third

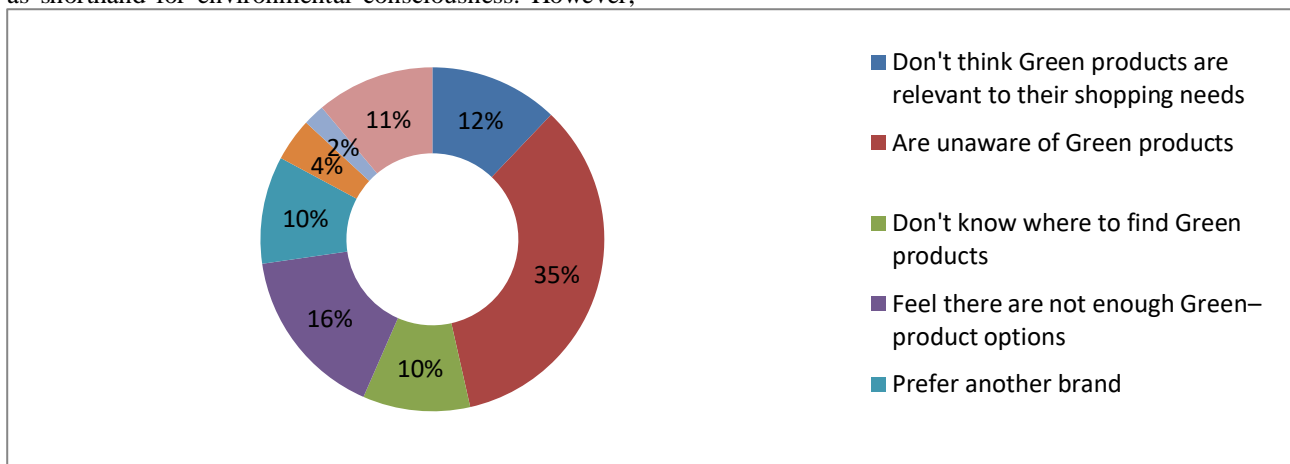
category according to which increased industrialization and urbanization have led to significant growth in waste generation and environmental pollution. Industrial waste with chemical composition can be potentially dangerous to health, and its disposal without treatment is leading to land and water pollution. The release of industrial effluents in rivers and other water bodies is destroying local habitats. As the demand and use of electronic products rise, e-waste is also becoming a major source of environmental pollution.

**Consumer perspective towards green manufacturing**

Green Manufacturing is indispensable, not just due to tightening regulations or cost benefits, but also because consumers are demanding it. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2010). Researchers believe that through purchasing Green products and products with recyclable packaging, consumers can contribute significantly to improve the quality of the environment (Abdul-Muhmin, 2007).

As per the survey finding conducted by MIT in United States in 2010, the term Green is recognized the world over as shorthand for environmental consciousness. However,

when asked to define Green and their expectation from Green products, consumers had a range of responses depending on where they lived and the type of products they bought. It is, therefore, critical for companies to discover how their target consumer segments feel about Green, what they expect from Green products and what prices they are willing to pay for them. Another finding of the survey was that about 50 percent of these consumers purchased Green products. The survey also indicated that consumers greatly value direct benefits that Green products offer, such as – superior freshness and taste, the promise of safety and health, and savings on energy costs. They are willing to pay higher prices for Green products that have better quality perception. While shopping for Green is becoming common in many countries, shopping habits vary considerably by product category. Certain Green product categories like paper, food products, disposable home products, consumer durables and beauty products are more popular than others and are purchased more often. While the above findings seem favorable, figure 2 represents reasons for less consumption of Green products (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2010).



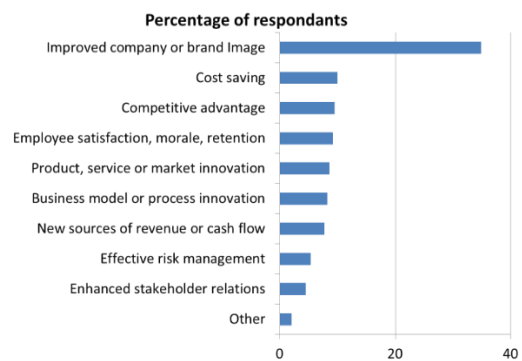
**Figure 2:** Barriers of Green products

In an interesting survey conducted by Chen & Chai in Malaysia in 2010 it was observed that gender does not play significant role in their environmental attitudes and their attitudes on Green products (Chai, 2010). However, many studies have shown the significant differences between men and women in environmental attitudes (Brown, 1992) (Tikka, 2000).

**Industry perspective towards green manufacturing**

In a survey conducted by BCG and MIT in 2009, around 1560 companies were interviewed about possible benefits of Green Manufacturing. Executives of nearly all the companies interviewed said that sustainability-related issues have or will soon have a material impact on their business (Boston Consultancy Group, 2009). Figure 3 shows the responses recorded during the survey. Findings of the survey confirm that Green Manufacturing may be

used as an effective tool in brand building and help companies getting an edge over its competitors.



**Figure 3:** The Sustainability Initiative 2009 Survey, BCG and MIT Sloan Management Review

As per Dobers and Wolff, Financial institutions increasingly value companies according to their social and environmental practices. The opportunity for companies to use Green practices to improve their reputation and strengthen their position in the marketplace constitutes the business case for Green Manufacturing (Dobers, 2000). In a similar way, potential strategic partners, such as government agencies, suppliers, banks and other lenders, currently appear much more sensitive to social and environmental performance when selecting companies for alliances (Miles, 2000).

### 3.2. Application of green manufacturing in different segments

Considering the broad definition of Green Manufacturing, different sectors are adopting Green practices as per their requirements and convenience. Application of Green Manufacturing in different sectors like transportation, agriculture, electricity generation, textiles etc. is as follows:

#### Green manufacturing in transportation

Green transportation is the term which is being used by the researchers for reducing GHGs emission from the transportation sector. As the transportation sector is responsible for carrying goods and passengers, it is considered as the foundation for industrial setup. This segment is responsible for approximately 15% of overall GHG emissions. Also, it accounts for approximately 23% of overall CO<sub>2</sub> So, it will ultimately worsen the scenario of GHGs emission in the environment (Lipman, 2007). In a study, Sukarno et al. developed a system dynamics model focusing on road transport in Indonesia, which predicted that total fuel consumption and road emission from this sector may 62 and 65 times higher in next couple of years as compared to the level in 2013 (Sukarno, 2016). These data show that the sector needs immediate attention from the researchers and industries worldwide to reduce its negative impact on the environment.

Table 2 shows the contribution of various transport segments in overall GHGs emission. It is clear from the table that road transportation is primarily responsible for GHG emission among other mediums as this segment is mainly used by the industries for transportation activities.

**Table 1:** Contribution of transport sector in Greenhouse gases emission

Transportation Sector	Global Share
Road	9.9 %
Air	1.6%

Rail, ship and other Transportation	2.3 %
Total Contribution	13.8 %

Improvement in engine technology and fuels, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and mobility management are among the few most important strategies to deal with this burning issue (Lipman, 2007). Evangelista et al. also described the importance of third party logistics in improving Green Manufacturing in industries through their exploratory case study analysis. It was observed that environmental regulations act as a major driving force for the industries to adapt Green manifesting initiatives as this ultimately results in fuel cost reduction and recycling (Pietro Evangelista, 2010). Cosimato et al. 2014) also found with their DHL case study in Liverpool that environmental regulations would be beneficial for economic growth. They observed Green practices in DHL results in competitive advantage, cost saving, better product quality, increased efficiency and productivity (Cosimato, 2014.).

#### Green manufacturing in electricity generation

Dependence of electrical power generation on fossil fuel (coal, natural gas and oil) is responsible for great amount of GHGs emission which leads to climate change. This scenario paves the way for the concept of sustainable energy, where energy is extracted, converted and utilized sustainably to minimize the environmental damage. Hydropower has been found as one of the most efficient sustainable technology for power generation. Though, relatively high investment cost and associated risk are the drawbacks of this technology (Kaunda, 2012).

To analyze the socio-economic impact of various power generation methods in Ontario, Canada, Dampier et al. reviewed the literature related to the same. They found that although Ontario is moving towards the non-coal electricity generations operations to reduce the GHGs emission; some other countries such as USA, Denmark, Finland, Germany and Belgium are opting for the concept of co-firing, where electricity is generated through burning coal along with woody biomass. Figure 4 shows the changes in electricity generation trend from different sources from 2003 to 2011. It is noted that while electricity generation from nuclear and hydro sources remains relatively constant, usage of coal has decreased significantly for electricity generation. It should also be noted that gas, wind and some other alternative sources have marked their presence to fulfill the purpose (Dampier, 2013).

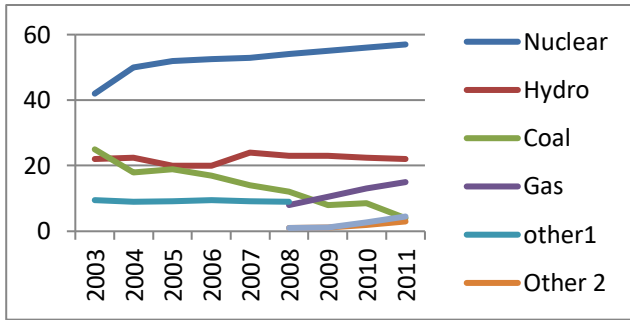


Figure 4: Historical changes in fuel supply used for electricity production from 2003 to 2011

In a recent study, Luo et al. overviewed the electrical energy storage (EES) systems which can store the energy in various forms, according to the technology used, and convert it into electrical energy when needed. Six major categories were chosen for the study as shown in Figure 5:

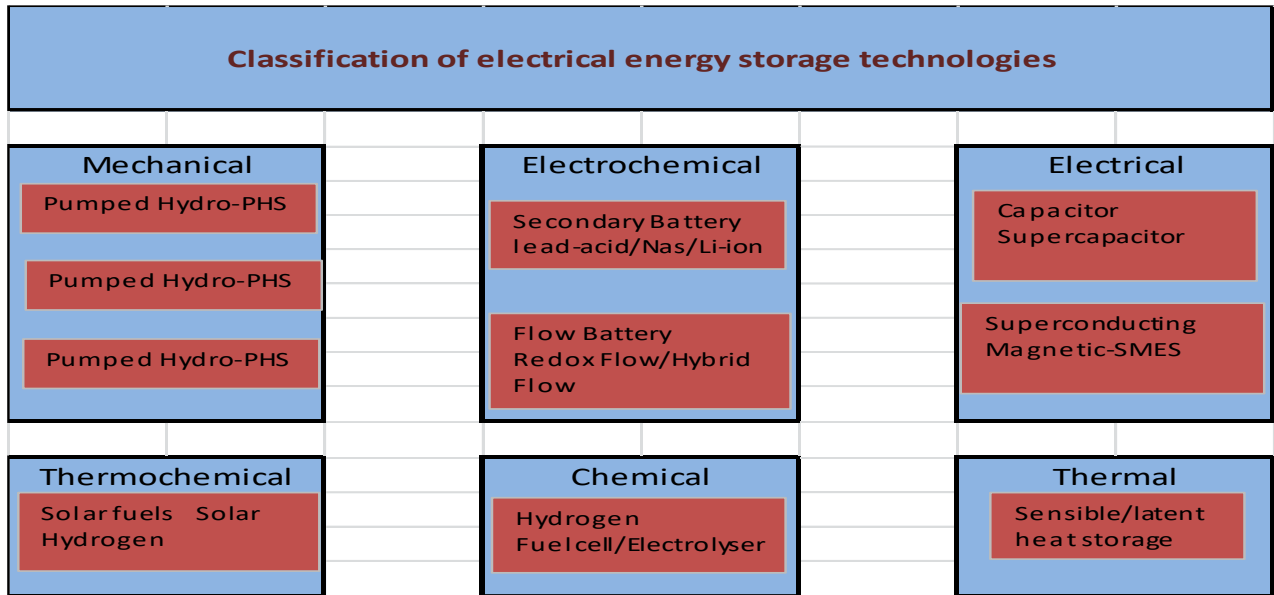


Figure 5: Classification of EES technologies by the form of stored energy

Source: (Xing Luo, 2015)

It has been found that deployment of specific EES technology in a certain segment depends on several factors including technological maturity, reliability and potential environmental impacts, investment cost and the economic gain. Combinations of different EES technologies can also be considered as an effective tool depending on the requirement of the sector (Luo, 2015). Jacobson et al. suggested that with continuing effort, alternative resources such as wind, water and sunlight can replace the existing systems of power generation and reduce GHGs emission significantly (Jacobson, 2011).

**Green manufacturing in agriculture activities**

Agriculture has been considered as one of the largest energy consumption and GHGs emission segment. The environmental impact of agriculture is major area of concern for the researchers. As per the study done by USEPA (US Environmental Protection Agency) in 2009, agricultural sector was observed emitting 6.3% of the total

amount of GHGs emissions in US. It was observed by Camargo et al. that mostly studies are done by taking one crop at a time for environmental impact in respect of agriculture and different management practices have been used by the researchers. Hence, they have introduced Farm Energy Analysis Tool (FEAT) to compare the energy used and Greenhouse gas emission with the cultivation of different crops and varying practices. It was found that nitrogen fertilizer and N2O emissions have a major impact on crop energy use and Greenhouse gas emissions. It was further obtained that integrating sustainable practices such as no tillage and a legume cover crop can reduce energy use and Greenhouse gas emissions by 37% and 42%, respectively, from corn production (Camargo, 2014).

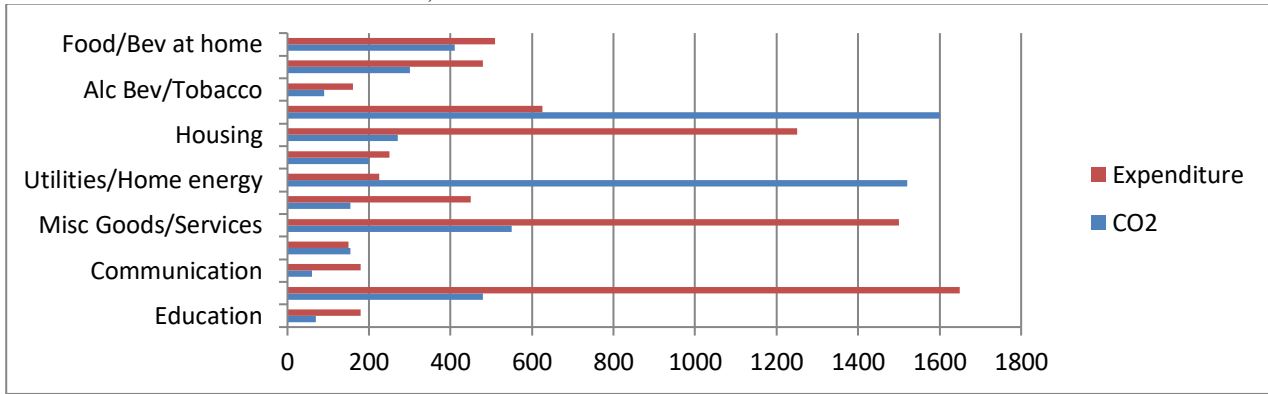
As per Vermeulen et al. (2012), CHG emissions are divided into two major categories in context of agriculture emission, direct through agriculture practices and Indirect through land-cover change emission. It was found that direct agriculture activities majorly emit N2O and CH4 and very less amount of CO2. Whereas, land-cover changes, to open new land for agriculture activity by deforestation, majorly cause CO2 emission. One must consider these factors to work towards limiting the emissions in agricultural segment (Vermeulen, 2012). In a recent study done by Teague et al., they observed that right cropping and grazing practices can preserve the soil organic carbon (SOC)

of soil and minimize the soil erosion. In that way despite responsible for GHGs emission, soil may act as sink for GHGs (Teague, 2016).

**Green manufacturing in household activities**

Analysis of environmental impact due to household activities has been the critical area of concern for the researchers. It has been found that critical part of the study includes different sizes of households, their income and

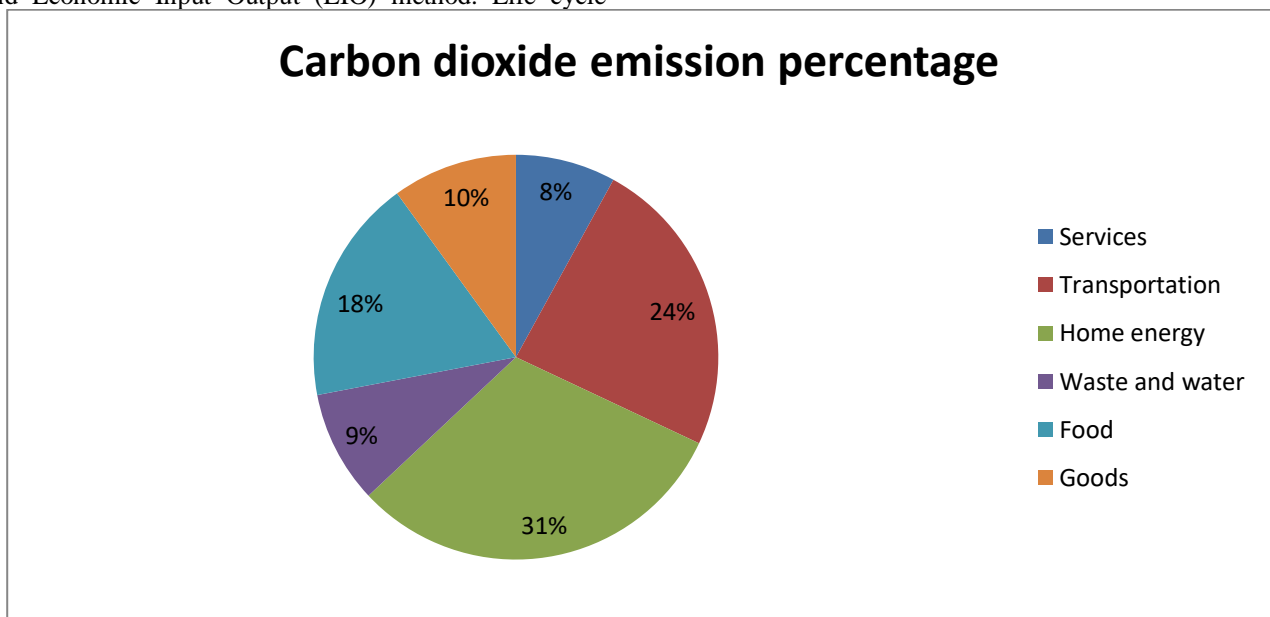
expenditure patterns which make it difficult to standardized the theories. Weber et al. focused their study on the household activities in US and their respective CO2 emission considering their global and distributional aspects. Thirteen most common categories for household activities have included in the study. The result is shown in figure 6. It was also observed that nearly 30% total US household emission in 2004 occurred outside the US (Weber, 2008).



**Figure 6:** Total household expenditure in 2004 (Red bar) and CO2 emissions (Mt/yr) from household consumption in 13 consumption categories

Shirley et al. have developed a carbon footprint calculator for household activities in Virgin Island of The United States. Average carbon footprint in the territory was calculated as 13 tCO2e per year per capita which was approximately 35% less than the average carbon footprint of United States. It was also observed that electricity and food were mainly responsible for carbon footprint. The carbon footprint was calculated by using Process Analysis and Economic Input Output (EIO) method. Life cycle

assessment (LCA) was used to calculate Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during the various phases of commodities including their consumption by households. Figure 7 represents the Carbon di oxide emission due to various household activities which shows that Home energy was majorly responsible for the emission followed by transportation and food (Shirley, 2012).



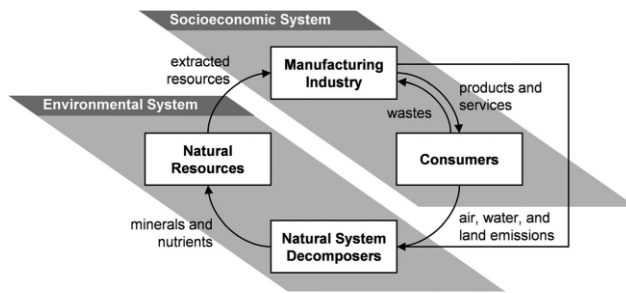
**Figure 7:** Carbon di oxide gas emissions from different household activities in United States Virgin Island

**Green manufacturing in industrial application**

Manufacturing industries consumes natural resources and energy and emits major amount of total GHGs emission



which are ultimately responsible for global warming and climatic changes (Mittal, 2014). To reduce the effect of Greenhouse gas emissions and thus improve the overall environmental effects on product life cycle, industries are approaching towards Green Manufacturing. To obtain this phenomenon, several tools and metrics have been developed by the researchers to measure the environmental impact of a product life cycle. Carbon footprint is considered one of the prominent ways to quantify the climate change impact of GHGs emission. Life Cycle Assessment is another tool which is used by the industries which cover all the processes related to a product or a service which helps to assess all the environmental impacts of the system, in contrast to the CFP where only contributions to climate change have been assessed (Finkbeiner, 2009; Cucek, 2012).

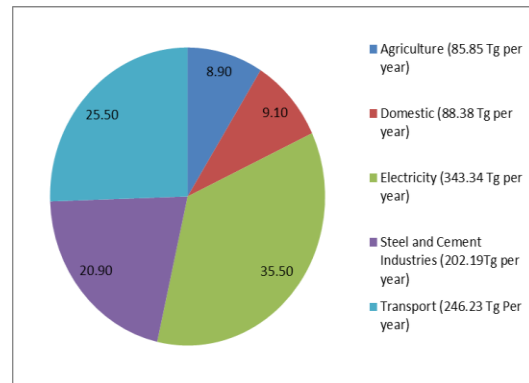


**Figure 8:** The role of the manufacturing industry in a sustainable system

The industrial sector currently accounts for about one-half of the world’s total energy consumption and the consumption of energy by the sector has almost doubled over the last 60 years. Furthermore, industrial energy consumption is expected to increase 40% from 175 quadrillion Btu in 2006 to 246 quadrillion Btu in 2030. Given mounting concerns related to climate change, manufacturing enterprises are facing growing pressure to reduce their carbon footprint. This pressure will become even more significant in the future due to the increasing cost of energy, resulting from both likely taxes and regulations related to carbon emissions as well as increasing energy demands from developing countries. These environmental and economic factors provide

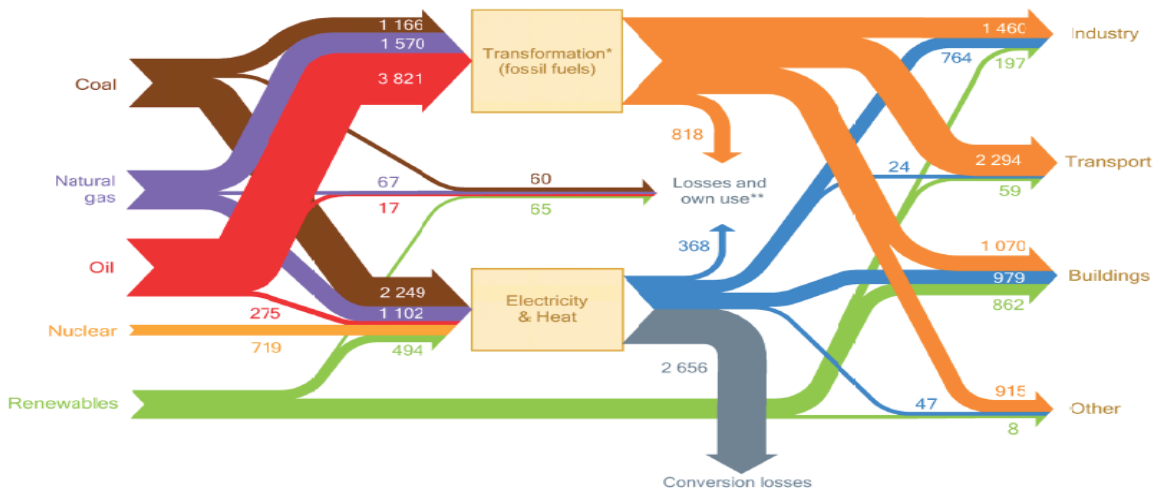
motivation for substantial initiatives directed at minimizing energy consumption and GHGs emissions from manufacturing enterprises (Fang, 2011).

In a related study conducted in India by Ramachandra et al. identify the sectors and regions for carbon emission (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and CO) and carbon sequestration capacity. Among other sectors, cement and steel industries were found as a major source of industrial CO<sub>2</sub> emission. The total CO<sub>2</sub> emission from India was recorded 965.9Tg/year where cement and steel industries alone contributes 202.2Tg/year although CH<sub>4</sub> and CO emission was found nil.



**Figure 9:** Sector wise contribution on total carbon emission in India

In an analysis done by Laurent et al., they compared the effect of CFP and Human Toxic Impact (HTI). A poor correlation was observed between the CFP and HTI for major materials used in industries like metals, plastics, textiles etc. This indicates that for a detailed analysis, effect of GHGs on overall environmental impact should be observed case-by-case basis (Laurent, 2011). As per a report published by International Energy Agency in World Energy Outlook 2012, Industry, transport and building shares almost equally in terms of GHGs emission and energy consumption as shown in Figure 9 (United Nations Industrial Development Organization, 2014).



**Figure 10:** Energy consumption and Greenhouse gas emission by industry, transport and buildings

In a study by Mittal et al. (2014) drivers or motivating factors were identified and ranked according to their importance in implementation of Green Manufacturing in industrial segments. It was found with fuzzy TOPSIS method that incentives ranked at top position followed by public pressure, legislations and public image as among the other important factors. Hence it was concluded that encouragement from government in terms of incentives to the industries and firm policies towards green manufacturing may play a vital role for implementation of Green Manufacturing in industries (Mittal, 2014). In another study by K. Govindan it was found by using fuzzy AHP approach that Government legislations ranked top among some other important drivers.

Following sections present green manufacturing systems incorporated in major industrial segments to study the present scenario and future requirements in these areas.

### Cement industry

Being a basic construction material, cement contributes nearly 5% to the worldwide CO<sub>2</sub> emission. According to estimation by 2050 cement plants may produce 5 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> globally. Thus, CO<sub>2</sub> emission in the cement industry, which cannot be ignored because of the inherent chemistry of cement, has a significant impact on climatic change. Cagio et al. have done a study on calculation of carbon footprint in cement industry. They have MC3 Methodology, the Composed Method of Financial Accounts in its second version V.2.0, was used in this work to calculate the carbon footprint. The study was based on the analysis of three model plants of cement industry, a conventional integral plant, a grinding plant, and an integral plant which has introduced the best available techniques (BAT) into the manufacturing process. Finally, the first two plants were compared for their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with the third plant and it was found that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were reduced significantly with the BAT plant. The authors also insisted that increasing social awareness towards Green Manufacturing is a necessity as economic issues are still the

major constraint among the industries. Hence, analysis should be done at the design stage only to compare the carbon footprint emission with different raw material and techniques to obtain the most sustainable option (Cagio, 2011).

According to a report published in 2014 under Industrial Development Organization, United Nations, clinker being the main ingredient of cement is majorly responsible for the high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and energy usage in this segment as it is produced by sintering limestone and clay. Studies suggest that alternative raw material and fuels, alternative techniques in crushing and grinding raw materials, energy-efficient technologies in manufacturing and more use of blends to reduce the amount of clinker are the key areas which can promote the green manufacturing in this segment while reducing the energy consumption and wastage (UNIDO, 2014). Apart from this, industrial byproducts and waste such as red mud, bottom ash and fly ash can also be utilized in the cement production process to make the process more energy efficient (Potgieter, 2012; Benhelal, 2012). A study carried out in a firm in Kenya from 2011-2014 also confirms that alternative fuel and techniques can significantly reduce the GHGs emission. Authors also insisted on enforcing the environmental laws and regulations for adaption of Green Manufacturing practices in industry (Eshikumo, 2017).

### Textile and garment manufacturing

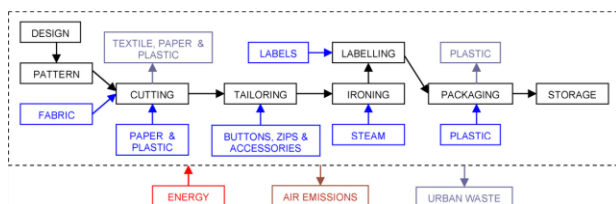
The textile industry significantly affects the environment by releasing carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. The weaving and spinning sector contributes a lot to emission in carbon dioxide. However, the apparel sector contributes 3-4% of overall emission and is rapidly increasing (Mehta, 2014). A study conducted in India deduced that garment manufacturing plays a vital role not only in the country's economy but also in the lives of millions of people of the country. The apparel Industry, along with textiles contributes almost 33% of the country's exports (Advisors, 2015). Apart from providing one of the necessities of life,



the textiles industry also contributes about 15% to industrial production, 4% to the GDP, and 17% of the country's export earnings. It provides direct employment to over 35 million people (Ministry of Textiles, 2016).

In the context of global apparel Industry, Eryuruk et al. (2012) has calculated carbon emission during a lifecycle of an apparel product. He has divided the life cycle from design to reuse and calculated emission for each process. Author has also identified the types of waste generated in every step of the process. It was deduced that taking precautions at each and every stage of apparel manufacturing is important for sustainable production. (Eryuruk, 2012). Wu et al. have presented a model for Taiwan textile and apparel industry in which drivers for Green supply chain management were identified as organizational support, social capital and government involvement (Wu, 2014).

In continuation to the studies based on Green Manufacturing in garment manufacturing industry, Herva et al. developed a tool for evaluating the environmental impact due to the performance of a cotton jackets manufacturing plant. Different tailoring processes were compared in this research for their environmental behavior. The manufacturing data were divided into three parts; resource, energy and wastage to understand their contribution in ecological footprint, where the first two are consumed while the third one is generated during the process. Main resources used in the industry were cotton fabric, lining and stitching material, plastic, paper and cardboard etc. It was found that the material used in manufacturing the jackets is the major contributor in ecological footprint. Energy was found as the second contributor followed by waste generated during the process. Figure 2.12 shows the process flow diagram of the jacket manufacturing unit (Herva, 2008). Therefore, it can be concluded that material should be chosen wisely as ecological footprint may change by varying the material used during manufacturing the garment.



**Figure 11:** Jacket manufacturing factory process flow sheet

In a subsequent study by the authors, two different environmental evaluation methodologies, energy and materials flow analysis (EMFA) and ecological footprint (EF), were applied for a detailed analysis of the material and energy flow. It was observed that cutting is the most energy consuming stage in the manufacturing process of a jacket. Also, gas-oil was identified as an important source of pollution though the contribution in energy supply was low so they recommended using a substitute to minimize the negative effects on environment (Herva, 2012).

Globally the response by researchers in the field to increased production and consumption is diverse and

ranges from discussions about systems change at the manufacturing level to notions like cradle to cradle (McDonough, 2008), Cradle to grave, slow fashion (Kate, 2007), dematerialization, zero wastage, Green Manufacturing and eco design among others (Timo, 2008). However, while proposed models vary, there is agreement on the fact that textile reuse offers very large carbon benefits and even the recycling of textiles is second only to aluminum recycling in terms of carbon benefits, compared to recycling of all other wastes in municipal solid waste (Woolridge, 2006).

Reuse and recycling of clothing results in a reduction in the environmental burden compared to purchasing new clothing made from virgin materials. In a UK based study, Woolridge et. al (2006) quantified and compared the energy used by a reuse/recycling operation and estimated a saving for every kilogram of virgin cotton displaced by second hand clothing at approximately 65 kWh and for every kilogram of polyester at around 90 kWh, using a streamlined Life Cycle Assessment for energy consumption. The reuse of one ton of polyester garments only consumes 1.8 % of the energy required for the manufacture of goods from virgin materials and the reuse of one ton of cotton clothing only uses 2.6 % of the energy required to manufacture those from virgin materials. The textile industry is estimated to use 378 billion liters of water annually, using up to 200 liters of water to process, dye and finish each kilogram of textiles (Woolridge AC, 2006).

Green and Sustainable practices in H&M were studied by Bin Shen (Bin Shen, 2014). Author has shown his concern regarding the tendency of recognized apparel brands, who are taking advantage of lesser environmental awareness and relaxed environmental regulatory systems of developing countries that leads to lesser manufacturing cost. But H&M has recognized the fact that consumers are more educated about the social and environmental consequences because of their purchases and so cost should not be the only factor to choose their manufacturing base. H&M and their vendors have adopted green practices to make their business more Sustainable.

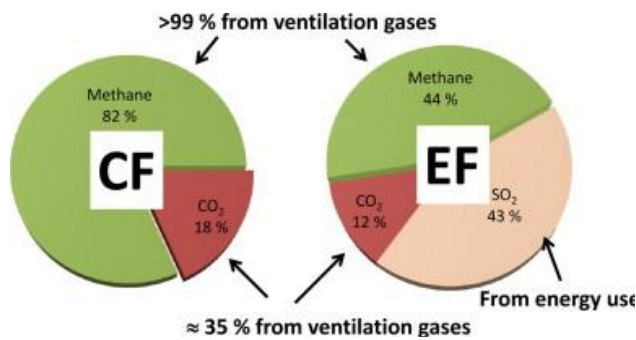
Several researchers have discussed about evaluating present Green Manufacturing practices in different departments of global apparel and textiles industry (Baskaran, 2014; Ngai, 2014; Caniato, 2015). Battaglia et al. has mentioned the huge impact of fashion and apparel industry on environment. They have also discussed the importance of sustainability issues which are crucial to the apparel and fashion industry (Battaglia, 2014). There are studies which suggest that consumers are interested in Green products and also ready to pay higher price for such products (Shen, 2012). Due to consumer's increasing awareness about environment, Green and sustainable products are significantly important and have a critical role to play in textile and garment sector.

### Coal mines

It is considered that the coal is the primary source of energy and consumption of world coal is growing on an

average of 1.1% per year from 2007 to 2020, and will continue to grow with 2.0% per year from 2020 to 2035. The emissions from coal mine contain significant amounts of methane (0.1-1%) which has Global Warming Potential more than twenty times higher than CO<sub>2</sub>. Also, methane emissions from coal mines account for 22% of emissions from energy sector.

Considering the facts, a study was carried out by Diaz et al. for analyzing the carbon and ecological footprints for coal mine ventilation air. The study was conducted on the coal mine situated in Asturias (North of Spain), which belongs to the Spanish mining company (HUNOSA). It was found that the most important contribution to environmental impact of the coal mining extraction was due to the ventilation of gases generated in the shafts. Results indicate that the implementation of commercial technologies for the treatment of these emissions can lead to significant decrease in methane emission thus reducing the carbon footprint up to 70% (Eva Diaz, 2012). Figure 10 shows the comparative data of emission of gases with carbon footprint and ecological footprint and it is clearly seen that the percentage of methane reduce significantly with ecological footprint.



**Figure 12:** Environmental impact of coal mining (bituminous, Spain): carbon (CF) and ecological (EC) footprints

**Table 2:** Car life-cycle impact on environment

Preassembly Phase	Assembly Phase	Use Phase	Post Use Phase
Raw material Extraction, Production of secondary materials and their transportation, production of components and subassemblies	Energy use, pollution in assembly processes especially paint shop, release of waste material into grounds, water, transportation of carts to customers	Energy used for driving, pollutions emitted, waste (batteries, tires, oil) land use requirements, fuel stations, road and parking places	transportation to dismantling sites, energy used, pollution caused by dismantling

### Automotive Industry

Automotive industry is considered as one of the most important source of Greenhouse gas emission due to its size, expansion, diversity, importance and inter-dependency between the industry and other sectors. Considering the importance of its environmental impact, major car manufacturers such as Toyota, GM and Volkswagen are adopting Green initiatives in main sectors of manufacturing which includes Green buildings in providing the facilities, eco-design in product development, Green Manufacturing practices for production, Green supply chain for supplier relationship and logistics, reverse logistics for after sales and backwards flow of materials etc. (Wells, 2007; Bennett B. N., 2009). The environmental initiatives taken by major car manufacturing companies are mainly concerned towards environment friendly manufacturing processes, product performance, supply chain management, non-manufacturing facilities to final disposal of the product.

A further in-depth analysis shows that companies are moving from being reactive to proactive and extending control over all related activities in the supply chain and taking their decisions accordingly. It is suggested that companies, who want to achieve the environmental goals, should focus on the whole operations functions rather than taking care of isolated activities (Bennett, 2010). Table 3 shows the simplified car life cycle environmental impact (Martinuzzi, 2011).

Certainly, the designing of car is the most important factor towards environmental friendly manufacturing which helps to decide the material, process, usage and leads to the sustainable end-of-life techniques. According to Sarkis et al. proper training programs for the automotive companies is essential to motivate them towards eco-designing and handle the pressure of stakeholders (e.g. governmental or regulatory agencies) for fulfilling the environmental regulations (Sarkis, 2010).

#### 4. Conclusion

Present review paper provides the insight of current scenario of Green Manufacturing in various segments with an emphasis on industrial application. Green manufacturing involves the control of environmental factors which can adversely affect the environment. The alarming situation of global warming has caused both researchers and practitioners to devote attention towards the impact of GHGs emission on the environment. However, a concrete analysis of the problem is missing, even though significant research work has been done in studying the impact and reduction of carbon footprint in different manufacturing industries. It can be concluded that Green initiatives must be taken at every stage starting from the design to manufacturing and application of products or processes. Awareness towards Green should also be improved among both manufacturer and consumers through different government initiatives, strict regulations and policies to enhance the Green Manufacturing initiatives.

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