# **UCI SMART IAC Updates**

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### UCI SMART IAC

# Sustainable Manufacturing Alliance for Research and Training Industrial Assessment Center









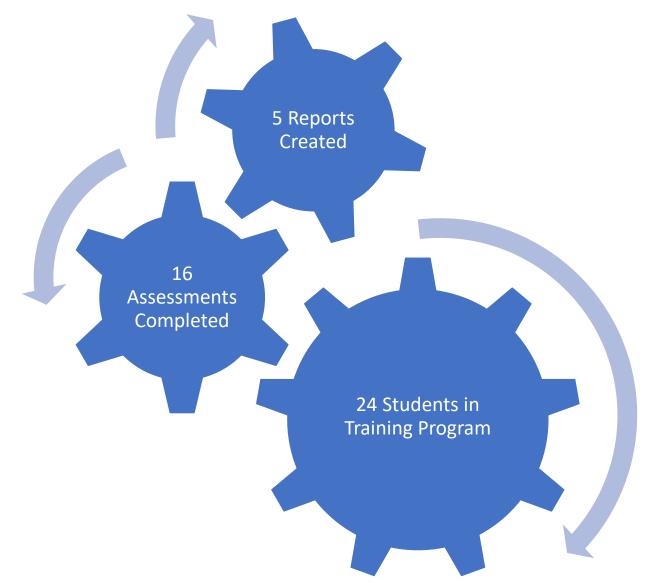
# UCI SMART IAC Energy Assessments

- Focus on energy efficiency, waste reduction, and productivity enhancements
- Energy efficiency: lighting, air compressors, motors, furnaces, ovens, boilers, HVAC, chillers, water treatment systems, renewables, and much more!
- Bringing SMART into our IAC: smart manufacturing, cybersecurity, lifecycle analysis and fuel switching

## UCI SMART IAC Energy Assessments

- Tour the manufacturing facility, noting initial ideas for energy savings
- Team brainstorming session to identify areas of interest
- Data collection from shop floor
- Return to campus, develop a full report with engineering and financial analysis
- Follow up in 6-9 months to determine how well the report has served the client and how many recommendations have been implemented

# Quick Stats



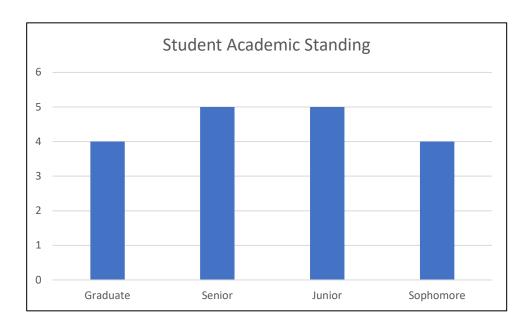


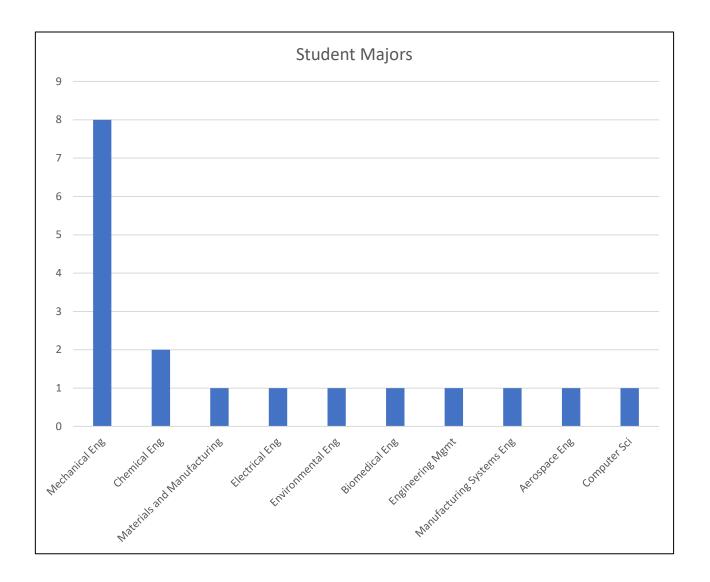
### Student Team

• UCI: 14 Students

• CSUN: 4 Students

• Cypress: 6 Students

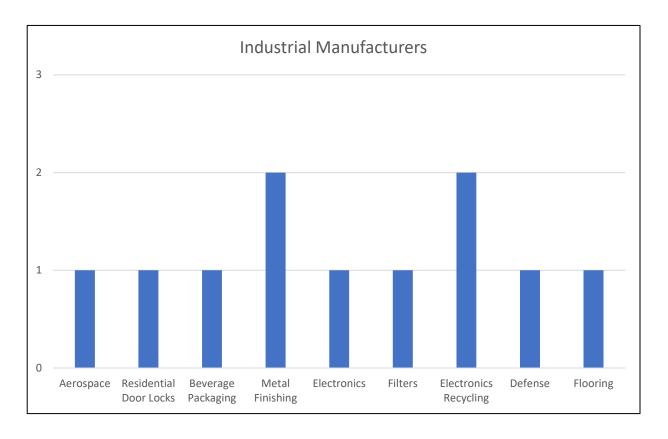




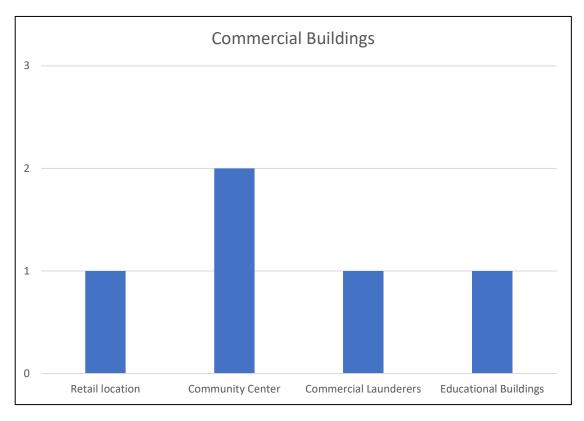


# Energy Assessments Performed

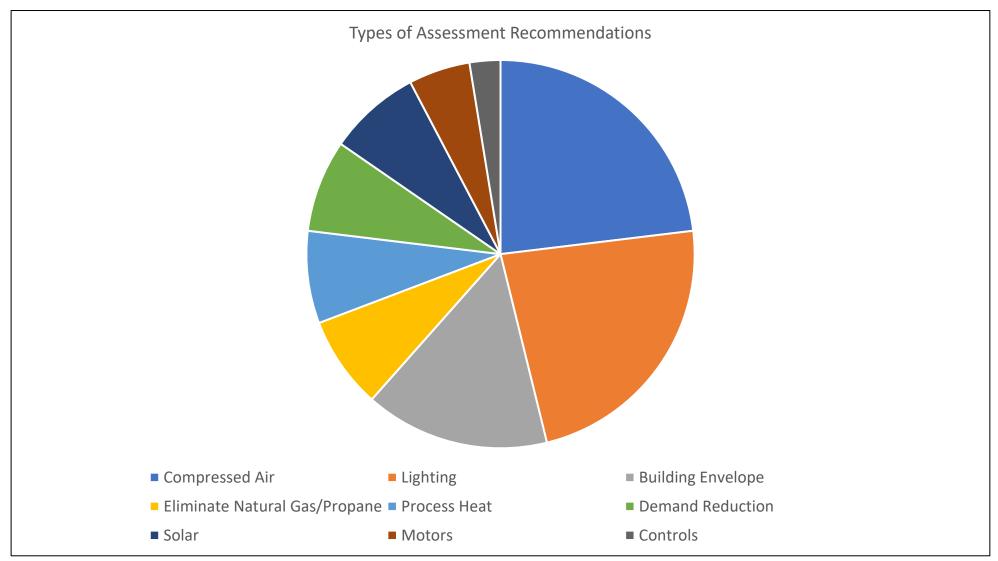
#### 11 industrial energy assessments



#### 5 commercial energy assessments



### Assessment Recommendations



## Top Assessment Recommendations

#### Compressed Air

- Reduce leaks
- Install storage tank
- Reduce air pressure

#### Lighting

- LEDs
- Photosensors
- Occupancy sensors

#### Building

- Insulate dock doors
- Heat pump water heaters
- CO2 sensors

#### Eliminate Natural Gas

- Replace propane forklifts with electric
- Replace natural gas boiler with electric



# Top Assessment Recommendations

#### **Process Heat**

- Recover waste heat
- Reduce heat loss
- Install thermal storage

# Demand Reduction

- Charge electric forklifts offpeak
- Run DI water system offpeak

#### Energy Generation

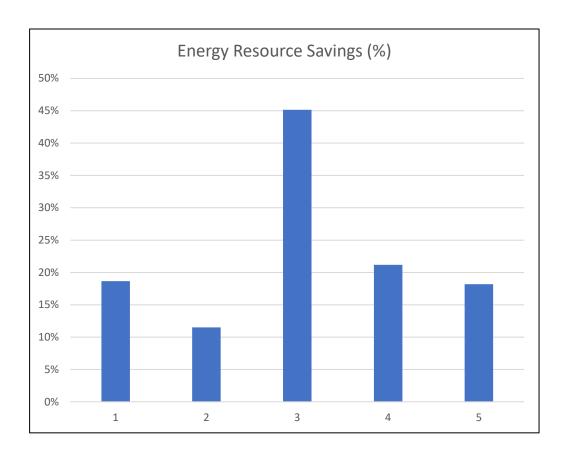
- Solar rooftop systems
- Solar parking structures
- Energy storage

#### Motors

- High efficiency motors
- Variable speed drives

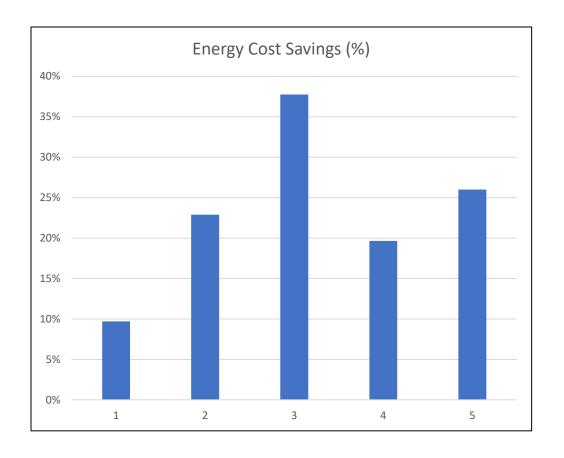
# **Energy Savings**

Client	Energy Resource Savings (kWh/yr)	Total Energy Usage (kWh/yr)	Energy Resource Savings
1	457,582	2,450,797	19%
2	206,689	1,796,000	12%
3	880,355	1,950,117	45%
4	913,425	4,310,672	21%
5	591,720	3,253,632	18%



# Cost Savings

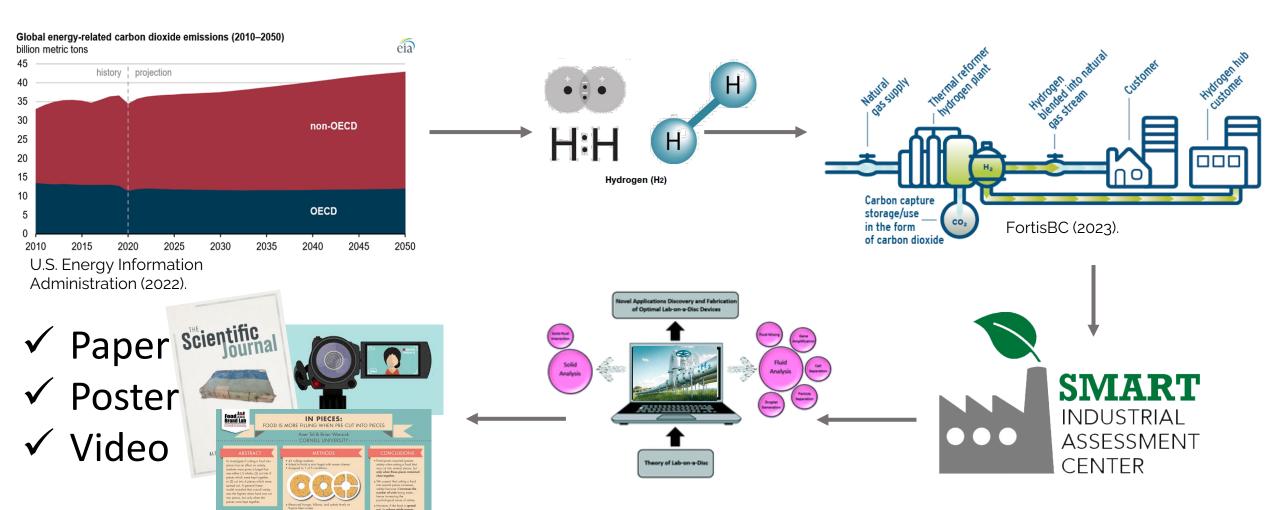
Client	Energy Cost Savings	Total Energy Costs	Energy Cost Savings
1	\$55,079	\$567,215	10%
2	\$67,378	\$294,337	23%
3	\$154,739	\$409,750	38%
4	\$87,712	\$446,187	20%
5	\$82,270	\$316,277	26%



### UCI SMART IAC Student Research Award

- UCI was awarded one of 8 Student Research Awards in 2022
- The IAC Student Research Award Competition is designed to create funding for undergraduate and graduate students to pursue assessment-inspired research projects
- Mixing Hydrogen with Natural Gas as an Alternative for Fuel Switching in Manufacturing for Decarbonization/Reducing GHG Emissions
- Lead: Daniela Ruiz
  - PhD Student in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

### UCI SMART IAC Student Research Award



## Student Testimonial

- Jeannie Liang
- Senior
- Biomedical Engineering









# Questions?





