



# Informing Design for Environment (DfE) in Semiconductor Manufacturing

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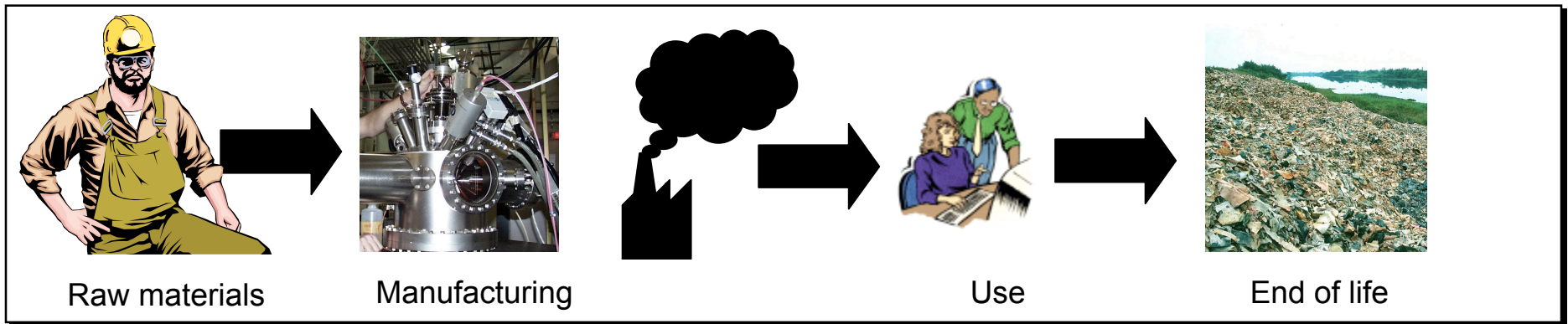
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- 1. LCA Context, Overview and Challenges
- 2. Overall, first-order semiconductor LCA results using Economic Input Output Methods
- 3. The Environmental Value Systems (EnV-S) Analysis
- 4. Connecting the EnV-S to LCA analyses: preliminary results



# 1. Context and Overview

*from raw materials extraction to manufacture, use and end of life*



*Design: Ability to effect environmental improvements/changes -  
Greatest leverage is during product design and development*

*Environmental and health issues concerns arise at each stage*



Human health impacts



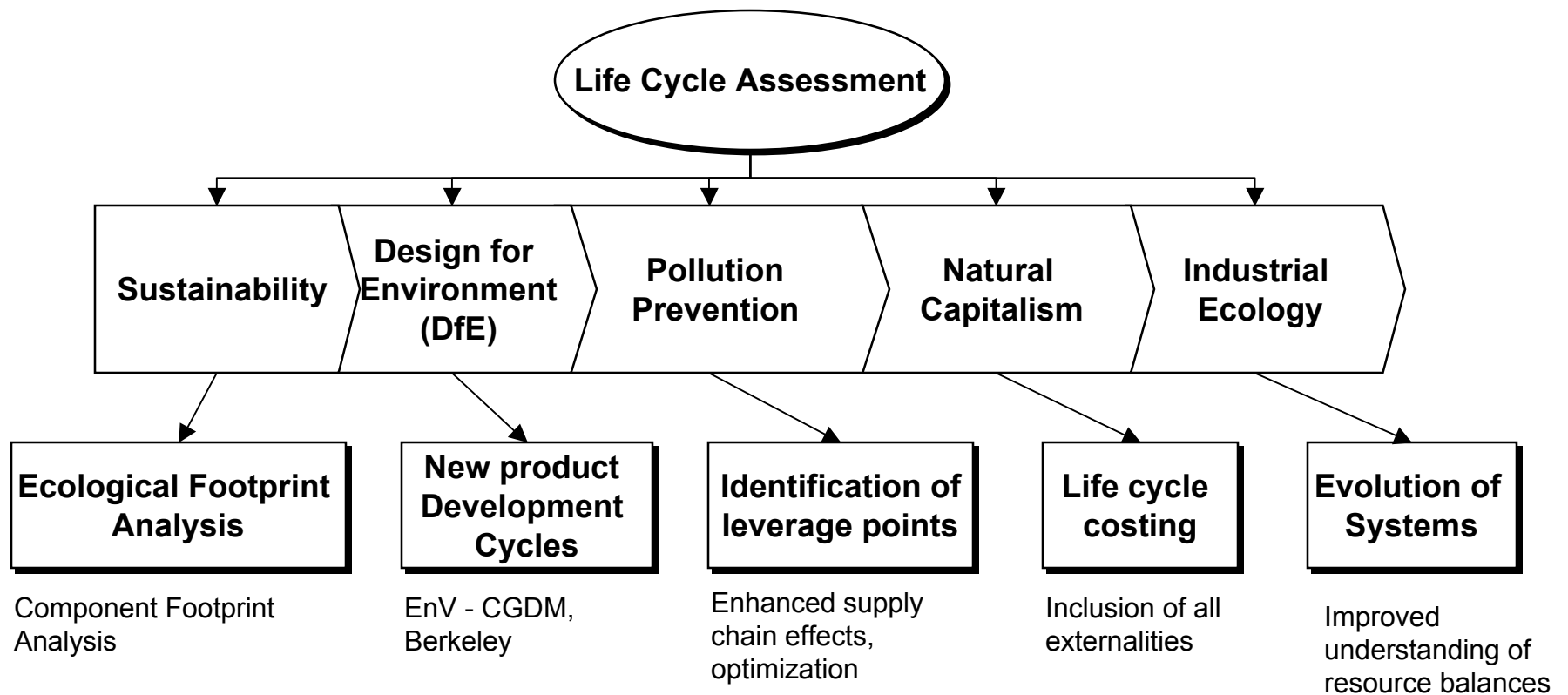
Environmental impacts





# Contextual background

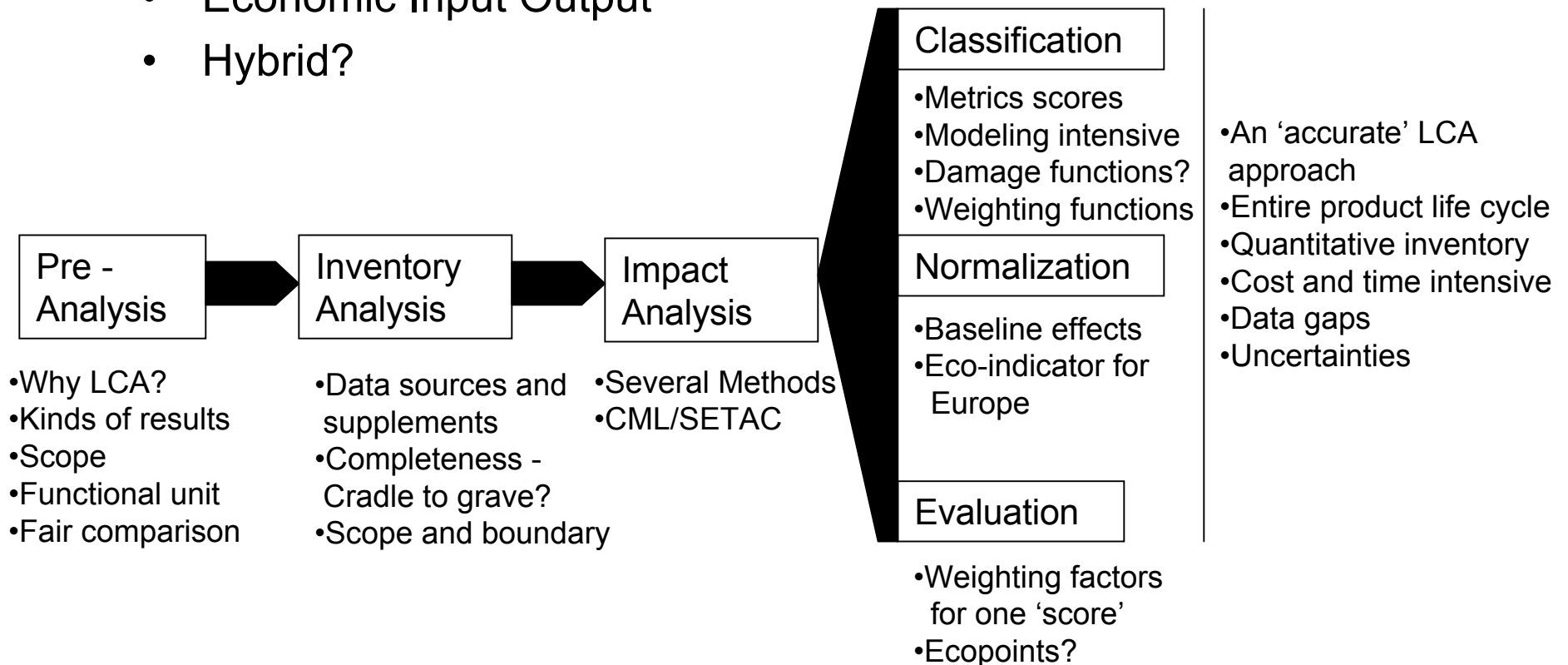
- LCA as a support tool
- Strategies - inventory, impact, score
- Strategies - cradle to grave





# Typical Methodologies for Implementation

- 'Typical' LCA Approach/SETAC
- Streamlined Approaches
- Economic Input Output
- Hybrid?





# Typical Methodologies for Implementation

- Streamlined LCA (SLCA) - *Gradel*

Impacts	Life cycle stage	Raw materials	Manufacturing	Use	Disposal
Air pollution					
Energy use					
Water use					
Hazardous waste					
Toxic					
EHS costs					

- Simplified approach
- Cost and time improvements
- Similar results to full analysis?
- Unexpected results unseen

- Economic Input Output - *Green Design Initiative*

Asbestos products

- Sectoral approach
- Circumvent data issues
  - Economic ripple effect
- Cost and time improvements
  - Approximate nature
  - Temporally fixed on data
- \$1million of asbestos related products

Effects	Total
Economic Purchases [\$ million]	2.136594
Electricity Used [Mkw-hr]	0.856254
Energy Used [TJ]	16.836959
Conventional Pollutants Released [metric tons]	29.902856
OSHA Safety [fatalities]	0.000517
Greenhouse Gases Released [metric tons CO2 equivalents]	1194.785867
Fertilizers Used [\$ million]	0.000548
Fuels Used [metric tons]	445.846441
Ores Used - at least [metric tons]	258.587962
Hazardous Waste Generated [RCRA, metric tons]	51.675771
External Costs Incurred [median, \$ million]	0.051903
Toxic Releases and Transfers [metric tons]	10.567005
Weighted Toxic Releases and Transfers [metric tons]	29.397856
Water Used [billion gallons]	0.010157

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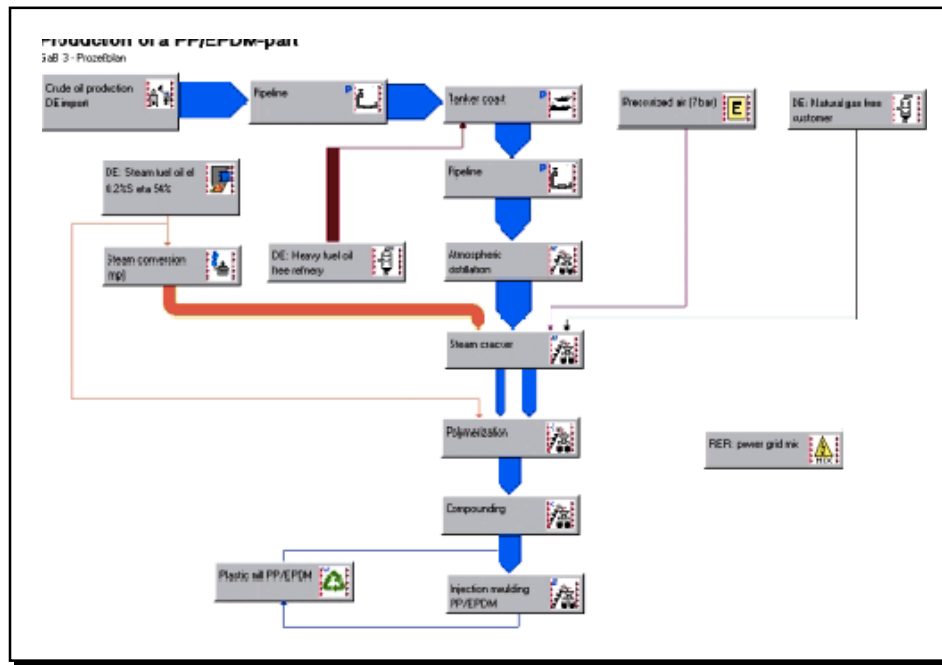
- Hybrid Approaches*

- Combine strengths of various approaches
- Theoretically effective
- Practical/implementation issues?
- Case - specific application



# Commercial Software

- Product Based
  - Gabi (Stuttgart)
  - Simapro (Pré consultants)
  - Umberto (ifu Hamburg)
  - Others (LCAit, KCL, Sylvatica)
- Tools use multiple databases/sources
- Ease of use
- Different valuation approaches
- Databases are site/region specific
- Databases are hidden - transparency issues
- Valuation issues - site specific and hidden



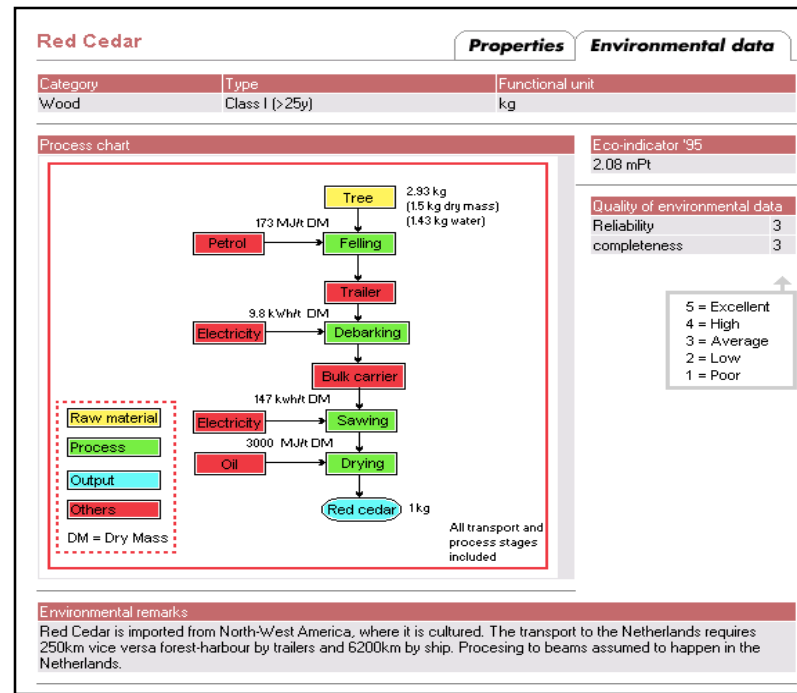
Sankey diagram - Gabi



# Commercial Software (contd.)

- Process focus
  - Idemat (TU Delft)

- Process focus - unusual
- Still, data driven



- Environmental Value Systems (EnV-S) Analysis (Berkeley)

- Process focus
- Model based
- More information on model-based approaches later



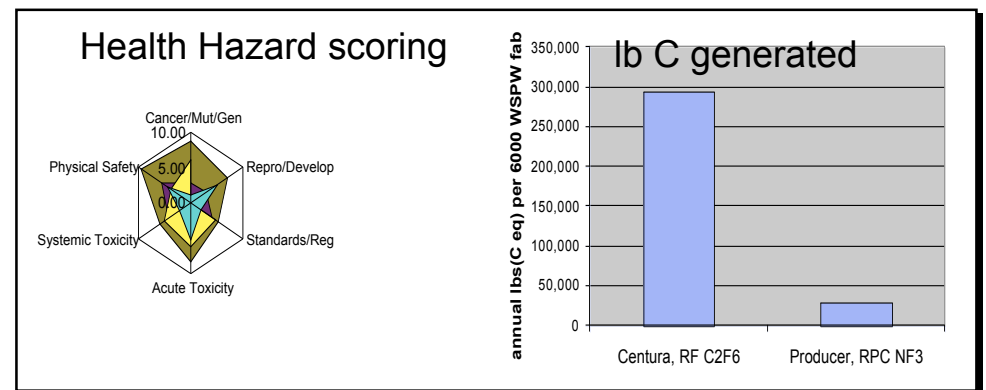


# Challenges

## Case Example (Semiconductors)

- **Functional unit**
    - Important for a fair comparison
  - **Temporal scale**
    - Analysis is static
    - Time lags cannot be understood
  - **Spatial scale**
    - Analysis of local Vs. global effects
    - different at different stages of the inventory
- **Perfluorocarbon (PFC) Abatement**
    - comparison based on mass flow
    - comparison based on wafer pass - 200, 300mm
  - Copper in semiconductors
    - idle flow, continuous flow (specification from the tool)
    - copper discharge limits (bath dumps)
    - Need average analysis and peak analysis
    - Bay area - 2lb/day Cu discharge regulation, ~2ppm Cu concentration regulation
  - Health factors Vs. Environmental factors

Challenges adapted from - Krishnan, N, 'Understanding drivers, benefits and shortcomings of Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA): Strategies for a successful implementation in process type industries,' EH&S Performance and Corporate Responsibility: Building Bridges and Competitive Advantage, Pacific Industrial and Business Association, 9th Annual Silicon Valley EH&S Conference, February 26 and 27, 2002.





# Challenges (contd.)

## Case Example (*Semiconductors*)

- Boundary problem

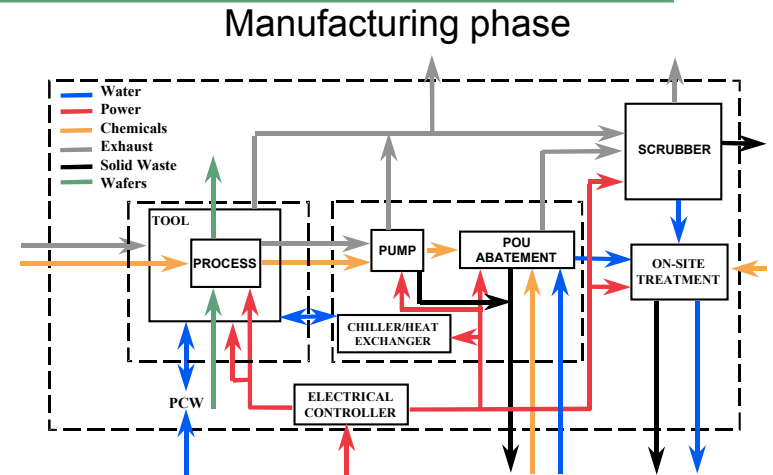
- circumvented in Economic Input Output type analyses and streamlined analyses

- Cost and time

- Variable and hard to judge
- circumvented in Economic Input Output type analyses

- Data availability

- Gaps
- Multiple, non-compatible sources
- Obsolete



- Top down Vs. bottom up view of semiconductor manufacturing?

- Monitoring energy consumption at tool
- Estimating from recipes
- Averaging from facilities

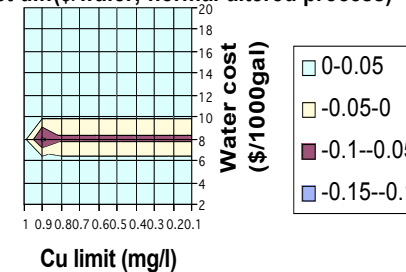


# Challenges (contd.) Case Example (*Semiconductors*)

- Product focus
  - No process focus (ability to impact process)
  - No service focus (needs based analyses)

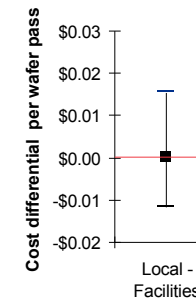
Inform design and decision making

Water cost diff(\$/wafer; normal-altered process)



- Uncertainty
  - In methodology, data, impacts
  - Quantitative?
  - Comparative?

Variation in Environmental Cost of Ownership



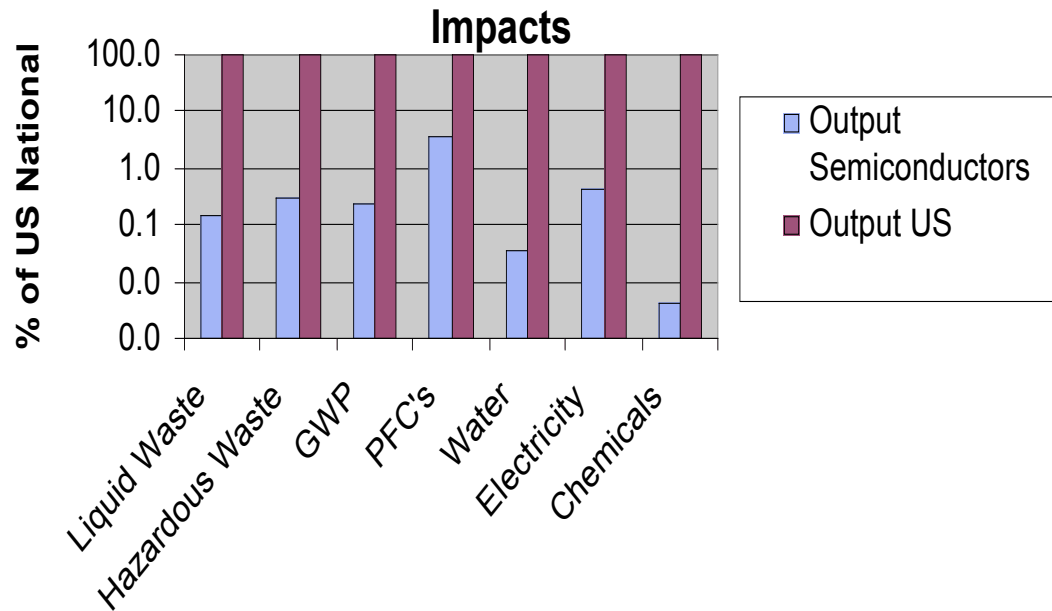
- Valuation
  - Subjective decision making
  - No 'correct' approach
  - Site specific
  - Perhaps no standardization feasible -or sensible, given uncertainties

- Present multiple impacts
  - Health
  - Environmental
  - Manufacturing
  - Process
  - Cost



## 2. Environmental overview of the industry

### Semiconductor Impacts relative to US National



	Output US	
Liquid Waste	8.03E+04	billion gallons
Hazardous Waste	40.0	Million Tons
GWP	1600.0	MMTCE
PFC's	37.1	MMTCE
Inputs		
Water	123735	billion gallons
Electricity	3652.0	billion KWhr
Chemicals	8500.0	Million Tons

Outputs from the Fab		Source	Inputs to the Fab		Source
Liquid Waste	75 gal/in <sup>2</sup>	[1]	Water	30 gal/in <sup>2</sup>	[3, 6, 2]
Hazardous Waste	0.1 kg/in <sup>2</sup>	[1]	Electricity	10 KWhr/in <sup>2</sup>	[2, 3]
GWP	2.6 kgCE/in <sup>2</sup>	[2, 3, 4]	Chemicals	0.2 kg/in <sup>2</sup>	[5]
PFC's	0.9 kgCE/in <sup>2</sup>	[4]			
Toxic Releases	0.01 kg/in <sup>2</sup>	[5]			

Impacts per square inch of Si



# Life cycle environmental analysis for the semiconductor industry

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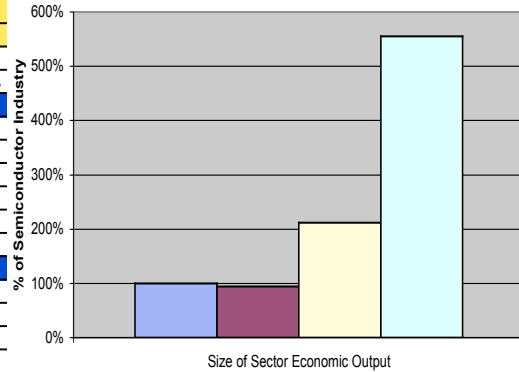
- Using Economic Input-Output Analysis



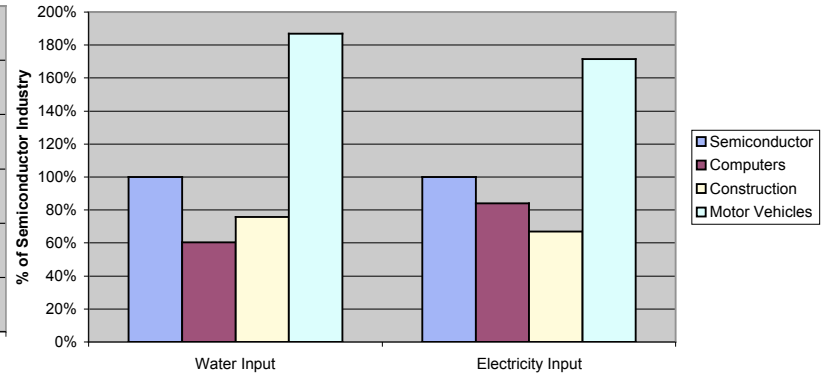
# 1997 Summary of sector life cycle results

Sector #570200: Semiconductors and related devices		
Semiconductor		
	1997 Data (Adjusted)	
Size of Industry Output	52924	Millions of Dollars
<b>Output Semiconductors</b>		
Liquid Waste		Million Tons
Hazardous Waste	2.543	Million Tons
GWP	23.231	MMTCE
Toxic Releases	0.052	Million Tons
Conventional Pollutants	0.203	Million Tons
<b>Input Semiconductors</b>		
Water	137.484	billion gallons
Electricity	19.556	billion kW-hr
Chemicals		

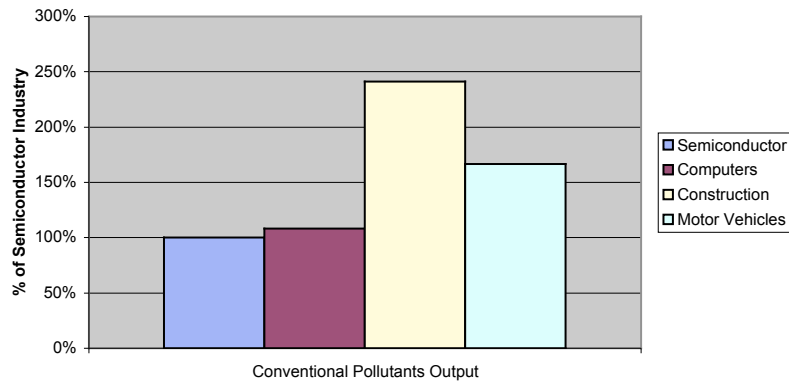
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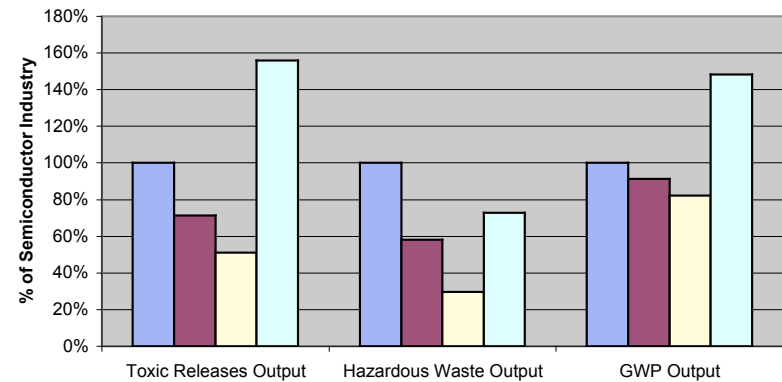
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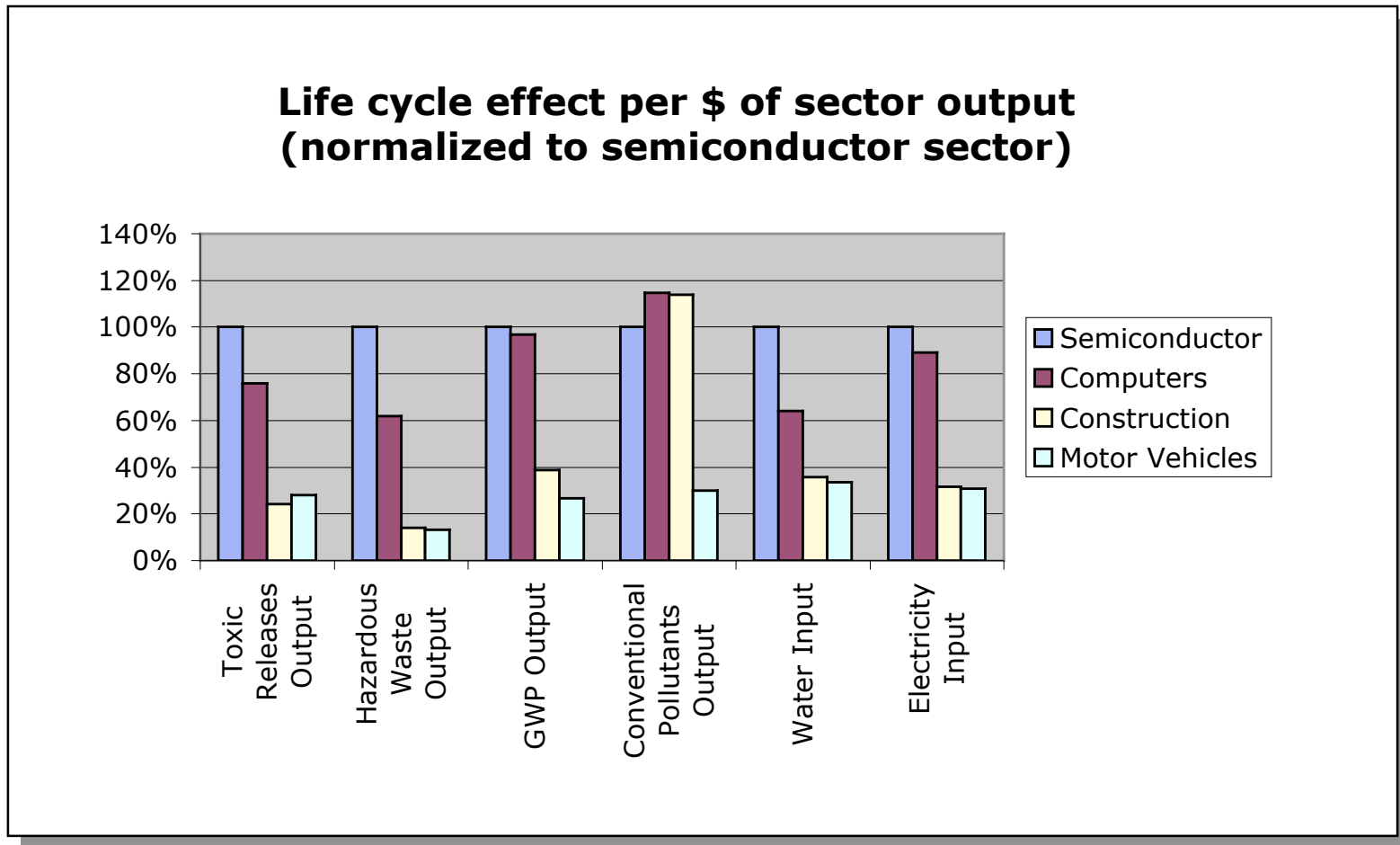
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# 1997 impacts normalized to sector output

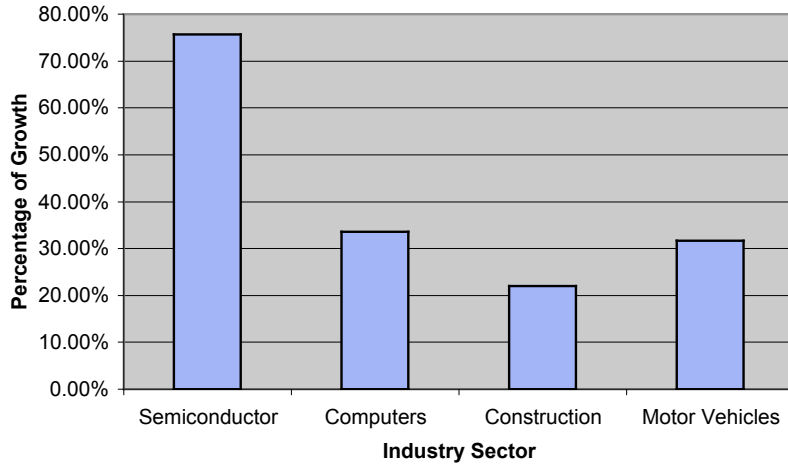
- Semiconductor sector is high when normalized per \$ of output



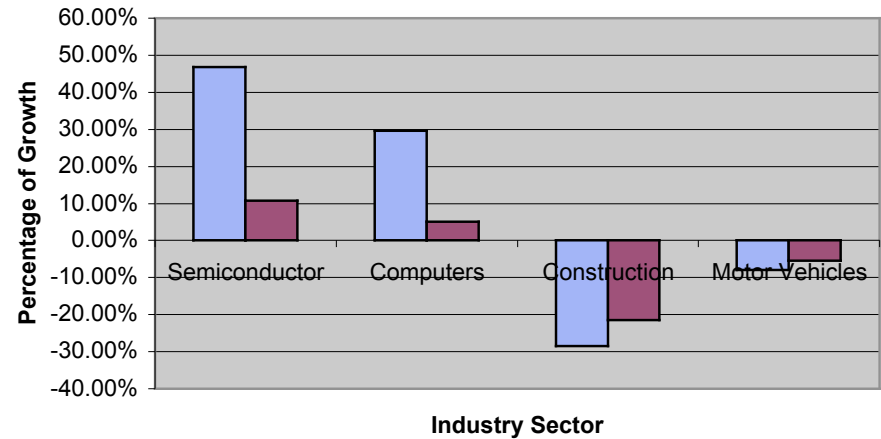


# 1997 and 1992 results comparison

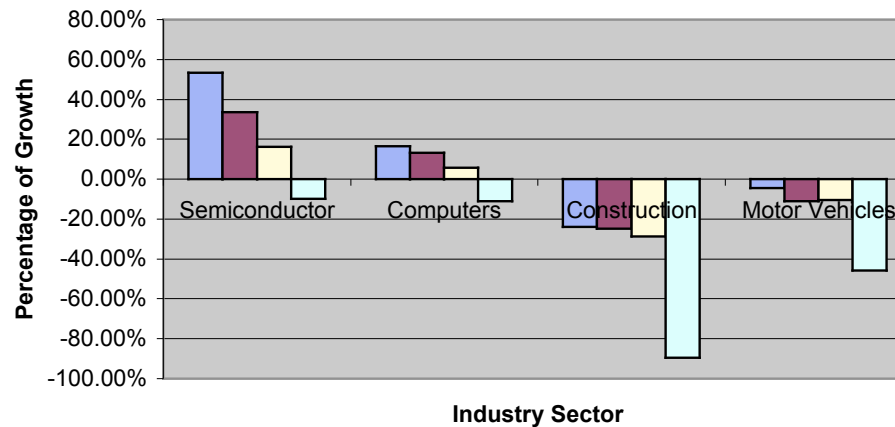
Industry Size Change from 1992 - 1997 (in 1992 Dollars)



Water and Energy Use Change from 1992 - 1997 (in 1992 Dollars)



Environmental Output Change from 1992 - 1997 (in 1992 Dollars)







### 3. The Environmental Value Systems (EnV-S) Analysis

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# Problem Statement & Baseline

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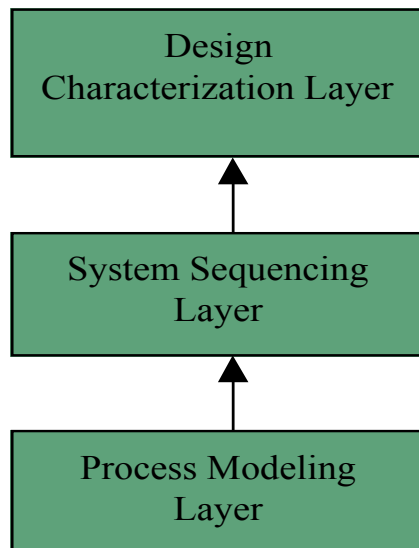
- Equipment manufacturers need a tool for the quantitative evaluation and comparison of tool-centric environmental solutions
- EnV-S Model Blueprint
  - Focus the model on the process tool and the support equipment
  - Ensure the model output is in terms of important business metrics such as CoO
  - Factor in all controllable variables that significantly affect the key outputs
  - Provide sensitivity analysis for those controllable variables
  - Enable “what-if” comparisons between various solutions
  - Make the tool suitable for the casual user (i.e., user-friendly)
  - Use industry norms for cost/performance parameters (e.g., UPW costs)
  - Make the tool readily available and, if possible, an industry standard

Slide adapted from Woolston, M., Francis, T., “Semiconductor EHS Goals - Why do we need an Environmental Value Systems Analysis Model? . . . a background,” Seminar on the Environmental Value Systems (EnV-S) Analysis, SEMICON West 2002.



## EnV-S Summary

- The Environmental Value Systems (EnV-S) Analysis
  - Informing Design for Environment (DFE) in semiconductor manufacturing
  - Focus on bottom-up, tool-centric views - develop analysis for platforms
  - Inform design decisions for equipment suppliers

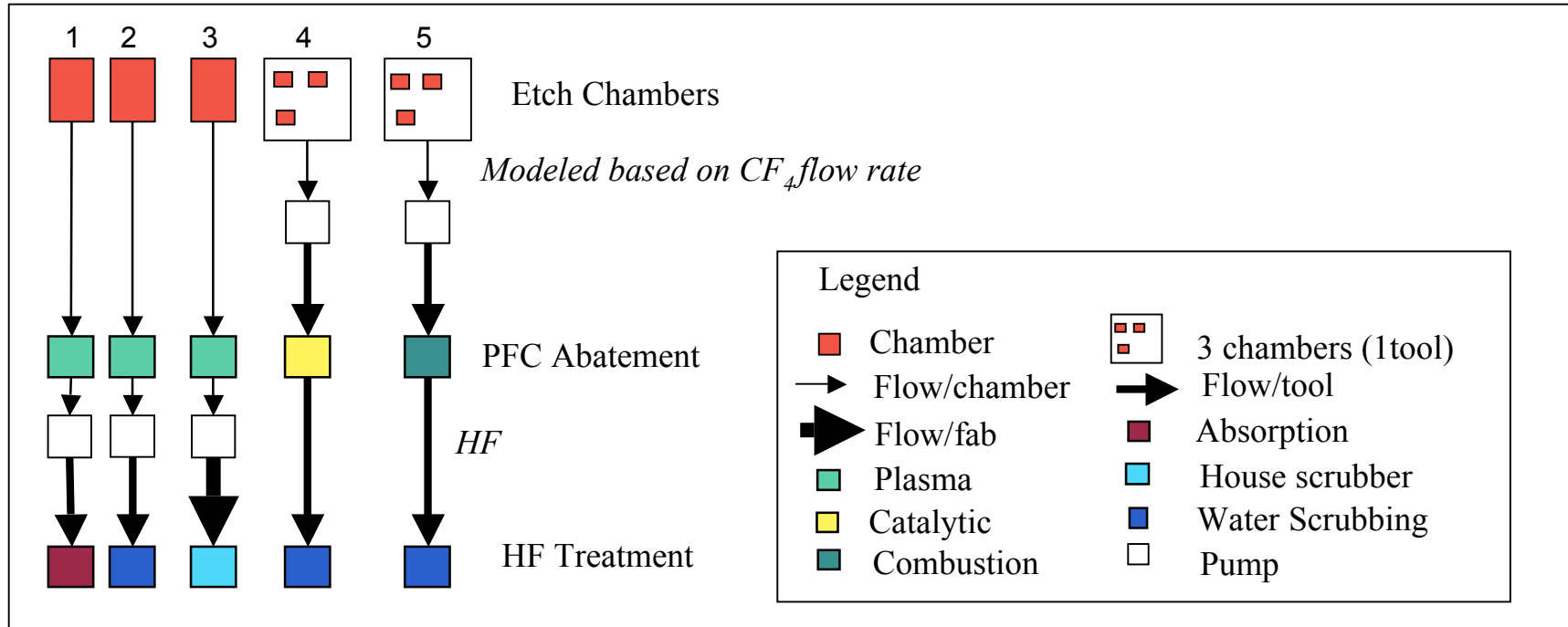


- Stepping stone to complete LCA - Spatial scale and boundary around the facility
- Bottom up as opposed to top down
  - Model as opposed to data based (temporal issues)
  - Data availability issues - better sensitivity analysis
- Valuation metrics
  - Discrete (uncombined)
  - Decisions are subjective and combinations of \$ values, health and environmental and process issues
- Support equipment design, process design, new product development



# Case study: PFC Abatement Option Space

Options space - Different combinations of abatement and downstream options



Analysis: (Environmental Cost of Ownership (COO))

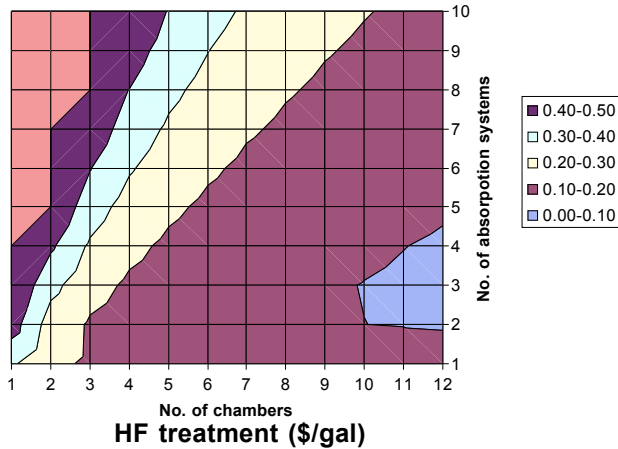
1. Sensitivity analysis of costs and cost differences
2. Cost of downstream HF treatment as a function of flow and configuration parameters

Case study adapted from, Krishnan, N., Woolston, M., Dornfeld, D., 'Exploring Environmental Cost of Ownership of Perfluorocarbon (PFC) Abatement Options and Decision Spaces using the Environmental Value Systems (EnV-S) Analysis,' Environmental Technologies and Manufacturing Practices, SEMICON West 2002

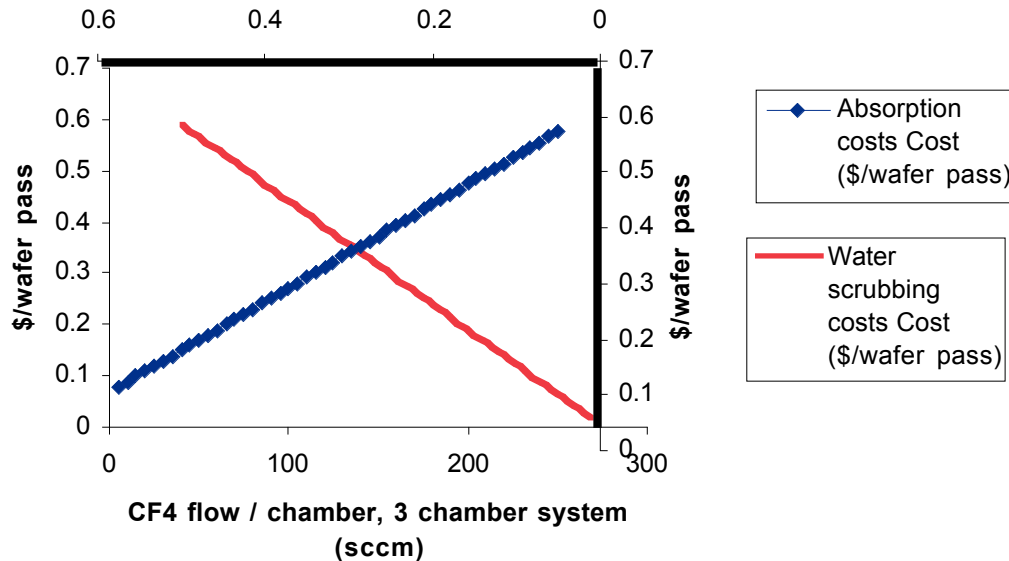


# Design graphs and trade off analysis

\$/wafer pass - 200



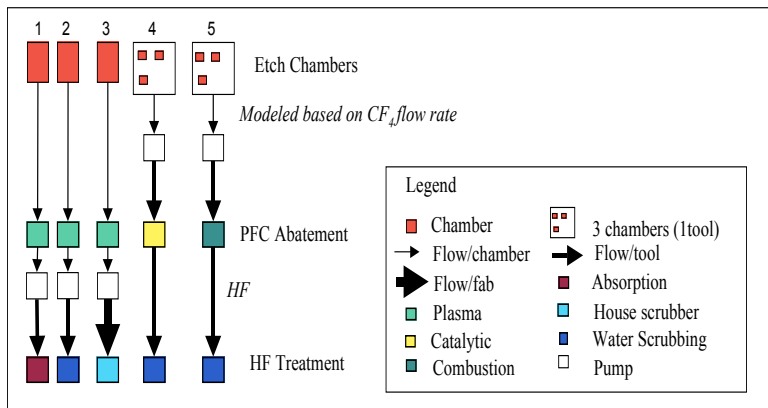
- 200mm flows are lower - there is region of operation (0-10c/wafer pass) With many chambers connected to a few absorption systems



Trade off analysis in examining different HF treatment systems

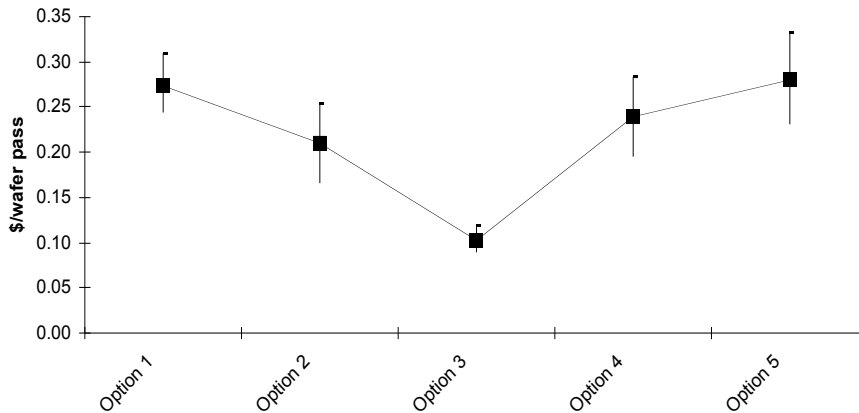


# PFC Abatement Cost Variability

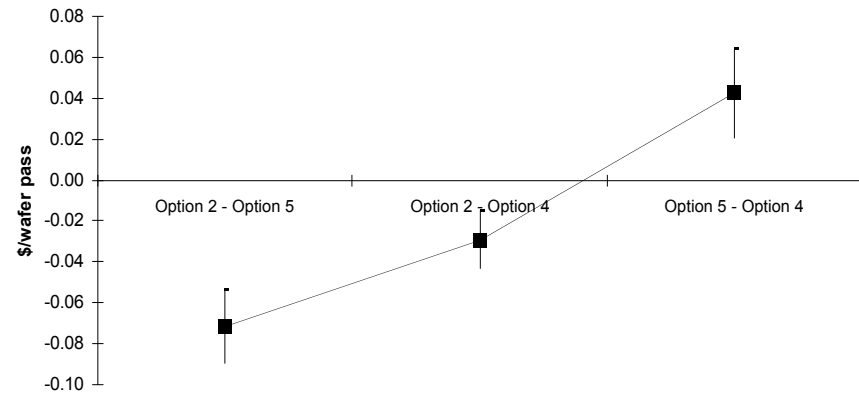


- Uncertain cost of individual options, but robust selections between options!

Cost variation - 200



Cost difference 200mm





## 4. Connecting the EnV-S to LCA tools

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- The EnV-S can be used as a DfE tool for
  - *Semiconductor process and equipment design and selection*
- Current work is expanding the analysis to new Semiconductor modules by developing platform-based modules (CMP, etch, deposition, etc.)
- One of the future directions
  - Expand the analysis to look at life cycle effect during the design stage. ie, DFE with a Life cycle focus.
    - This has potentially different users or audiences
    - Different applications within product design cycles
- Two approaches to this hybrid analysis
  - 1. EnV-S + SETAC LCA Methods
  - 2. EnV-S + Economic Input Output Method
  - Preliminary results with the *second approach* are outlined here



# Case Study: the copper CMP process

*Summary of parameters for a “typical” copper CMP process*

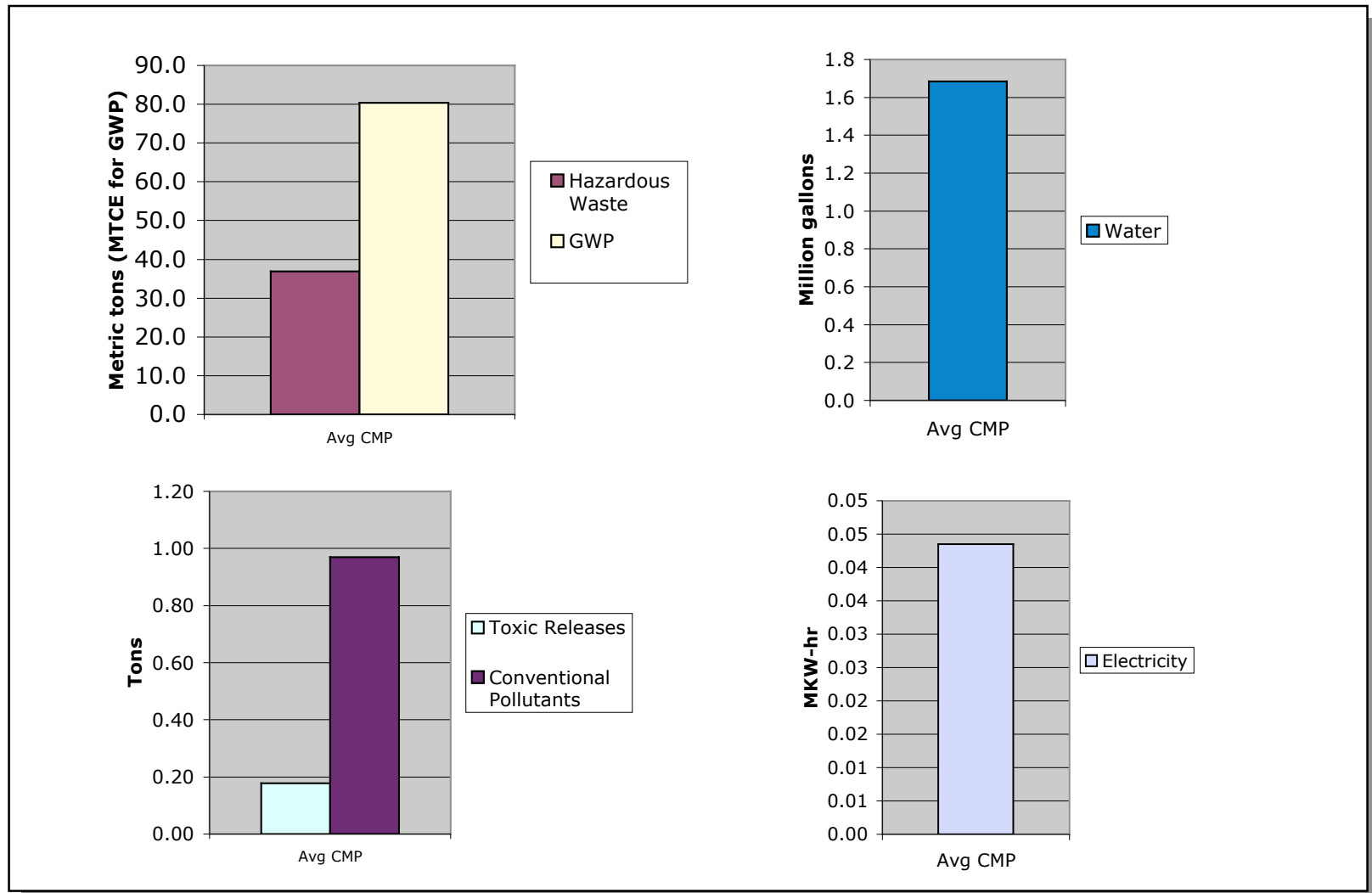
Copper CMP totals for a "typical" process

<i>Liquid</i>		
Primer	21 g/min	0.01 \$/wafer
UPW	7514 g/min	0.07 \$/wafer
Slurry	0.13 gal/wafer	3.99 \$/wafer
Other additives	0.08 g/min	0.00 \$/wafer
<i>Solid</i>		
Pad	293 wafers/item	0.75 \$/wafer
Pad conditioning	167 wafers/item	0.60 \$/wafer
PVA brushes	2333 wafers/item	0.13 \$/wafer
Other consumables	2933 wafers/item	0.26 \$/wafer
<i>Electricity</i>		
	3000 W	0.01 \$/wafer





# Preliminary results - life cycle CMP effects





# Summary and future work

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- Preliminary life cycle effects using EIOLCA
  - high growth rates
  - high impacts/\$
  - Explore applicability of data further
- Develop combination of EnV-S and EIOLCA and other life-cycle approaches
  - Compare results with SETAC-type methods for a few case studies
  - This could offer a quick and easy way
    - to inform DFE for certain environmental issues during early product development phases
    - Or to draft/examine broad policy decisions



# Appendix

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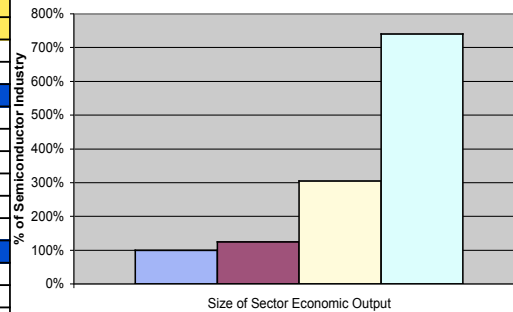
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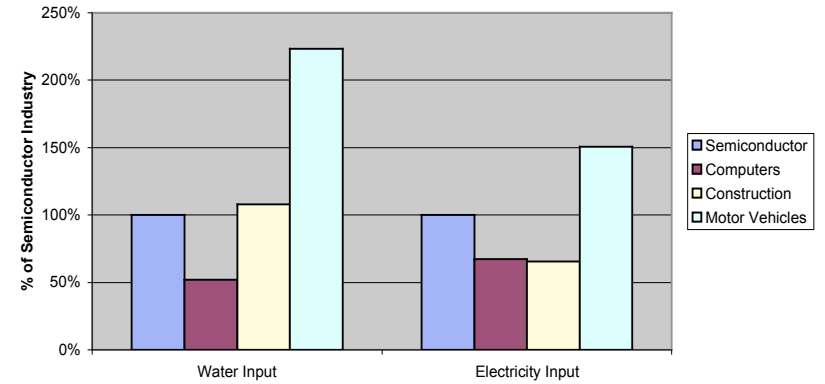
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Electricity	17.663	billion kW-hr
Chemicals		

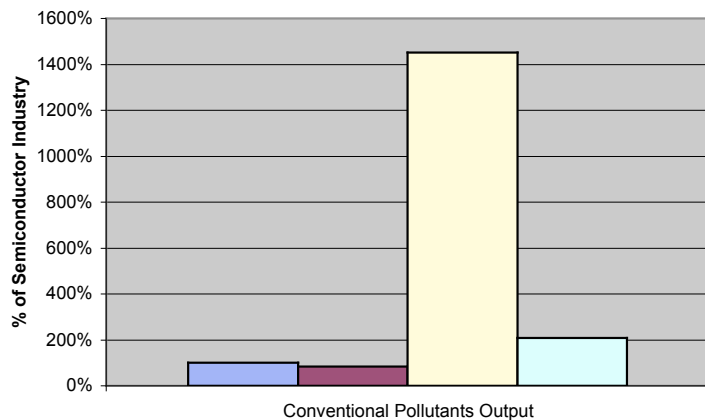
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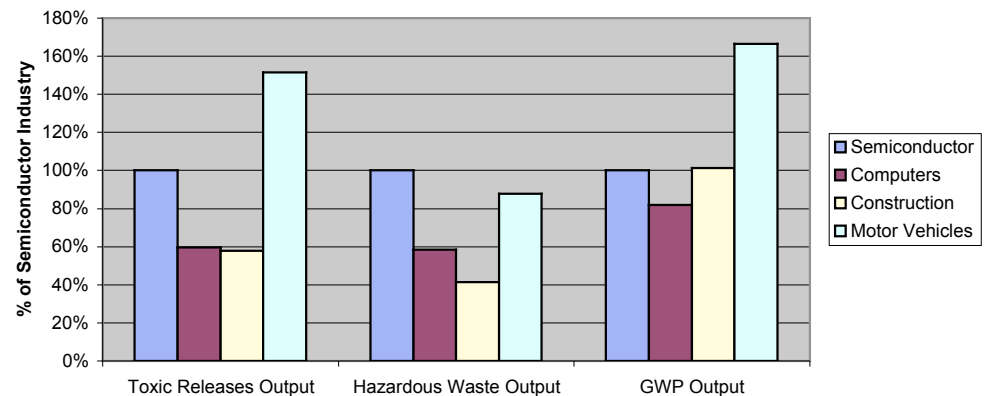
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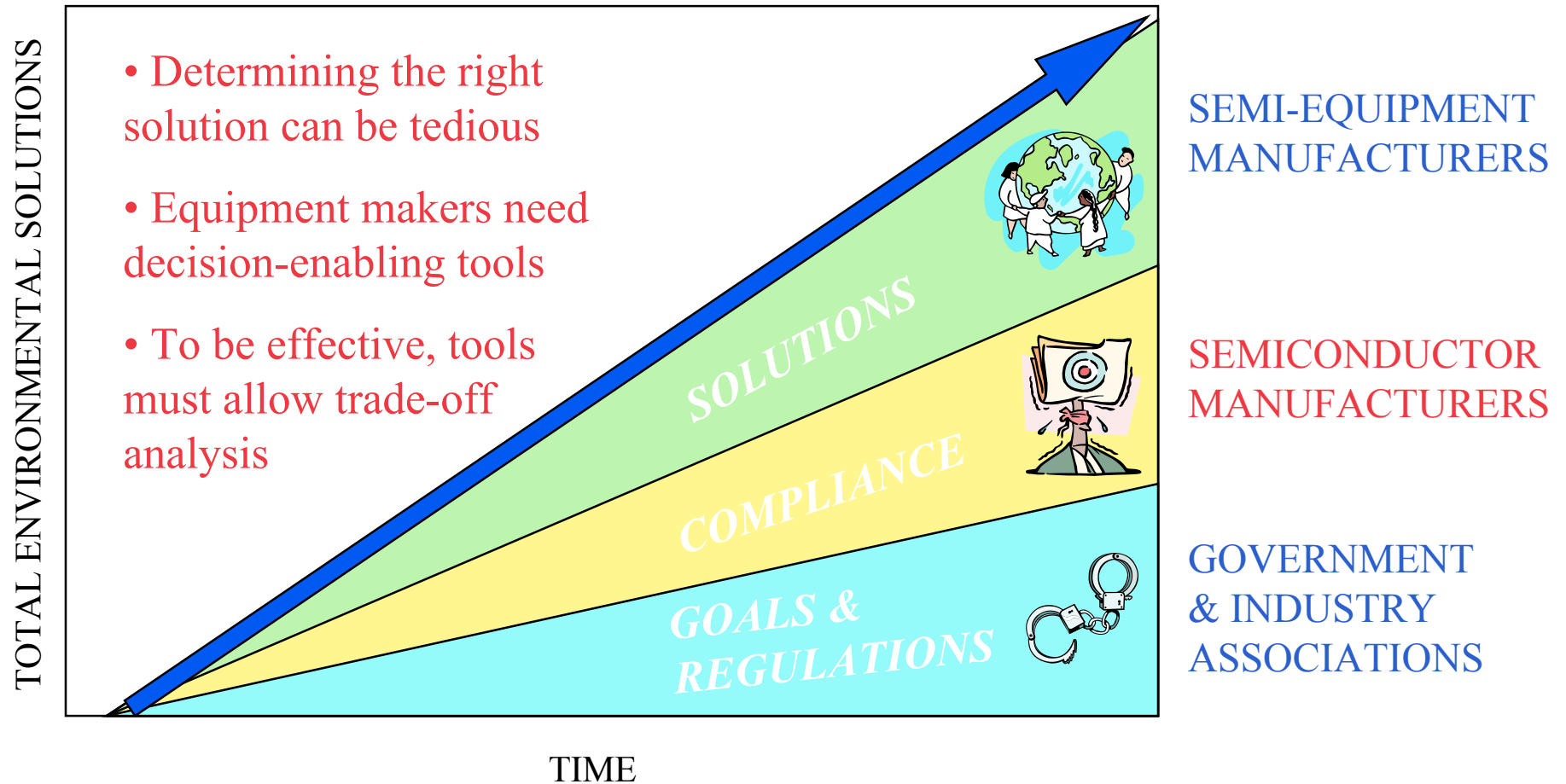


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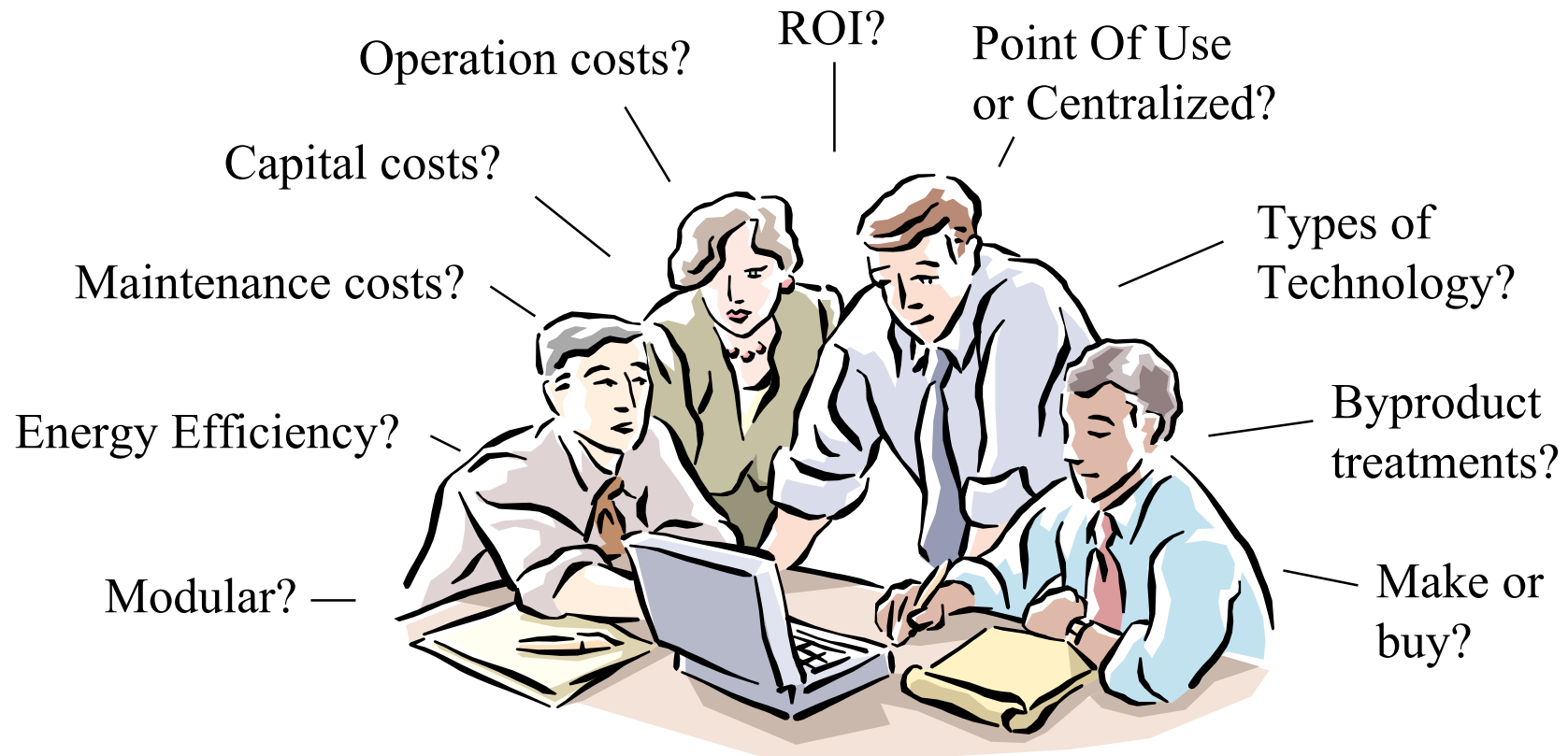
# Environmental Trends



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# Typical Design Trade-Offs



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# Summary of System Parameters

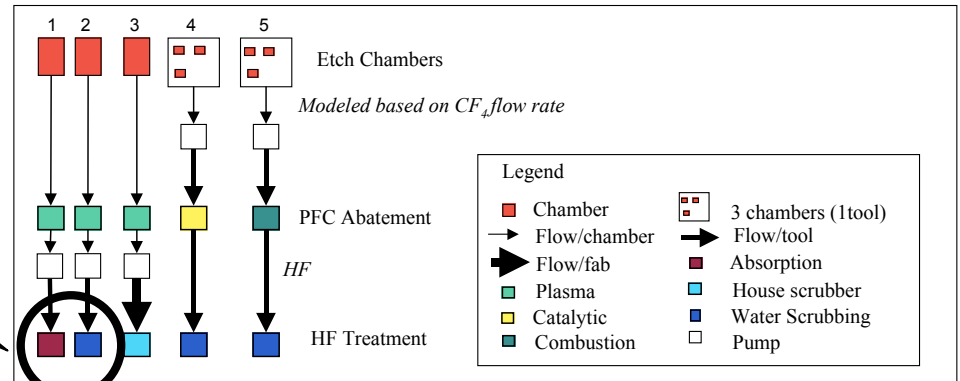
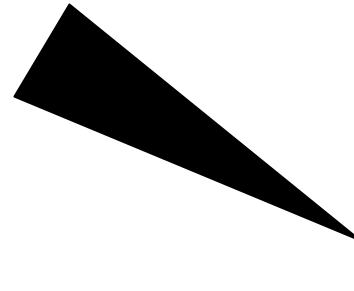
Summary of System Parameters (/chamber)	200mm	300mm
CF4 (sccm) flow from process chamber	50	250
Throughput (wafers/chamber)	15	15
Utilization (%)	70	70
Annual hours of processing	6115	6115
Pump dilution ratio (nitrogen to gas flow)	1000	1000
C equivalent (g/min)	332	1662
Cequivalent (g / wafer pass)	1330	6648
C/year for a 5 layer etch (tons). 5000 wsps	1728	8642
C from energy use (10KWhr/in <sup>2</sup> , SIA Roadmap)	24937	56109
If unabated and unscrubbed, HF (g/wafer pass)	0.7	3.4
A difference of 1 c/wafer pass =	2751	\$/Etch tool/year



# Cost of HF treatment

2 choices were explored

- absorption
- water scrubbing



(simplified equations)

Absorption system details:

Could configure by

- (i) cascading multiple chambers to an absorption system
- (ii) Chaining multiple absorption systems together (essentially adjusting absorption capacity)

$$CoO_{abs} = \frac{a.(FC + UC)}{c.w} + \frac{CC + DC}{a.w}$$

Where,

$CoO_{abs}$  = Absorption System Cost

$a$  = Number of absorption systems cascaded together

$c$  = Number of chambers connected to the systems

$FC$  = Fixed costs/system/year

$UC$  = Utility costs/system/year

$w$  = Number of wafers processed/year

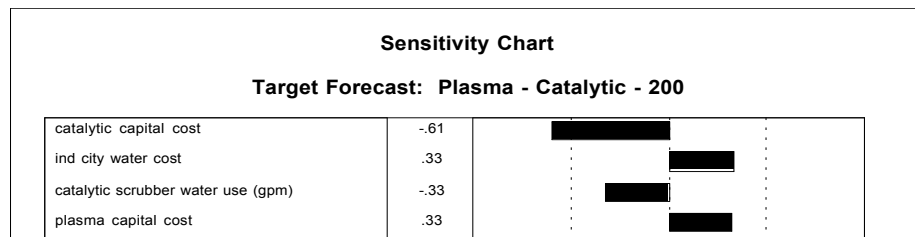
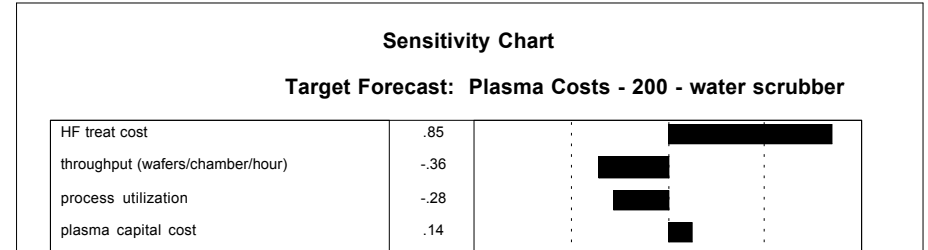
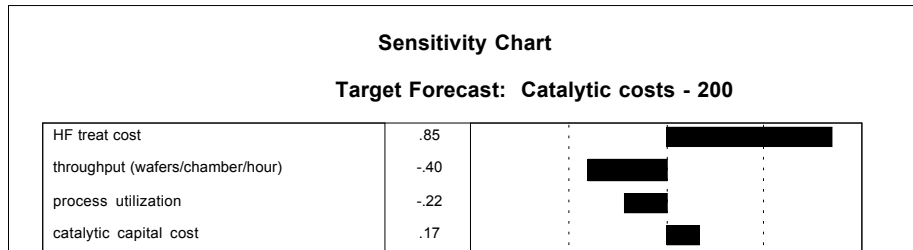
$CC$  = Consumable costs

$DC$  = Disposal costs





# Determining Important Variables



- For the individual units (plasma and catalytic), HF treatment costs are the most important!
- But these disappear in the plasma-catalytic CoO difference. Now catalytic capital cost is the biggest cost factor!