

A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Semiconductor Test

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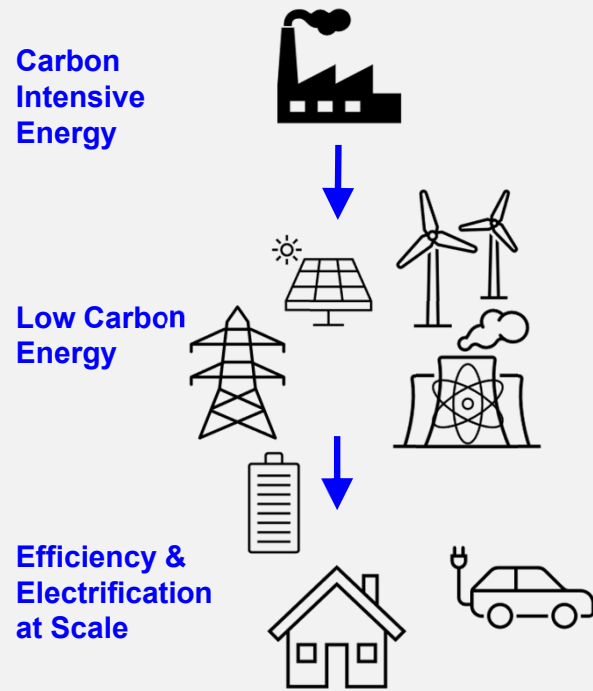


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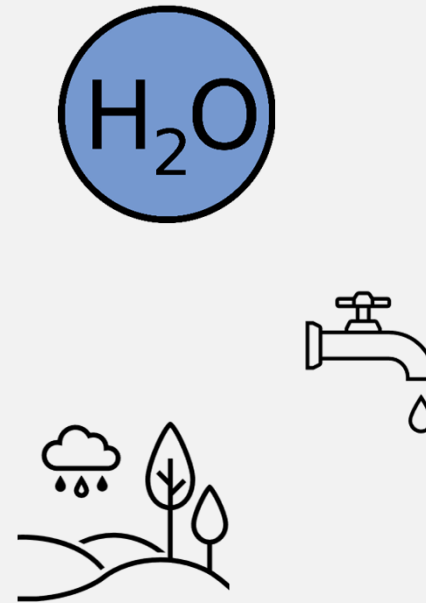
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What is sustainability?

Emissions Reduction



Responsible Use of Water



Responsible Use of Materials



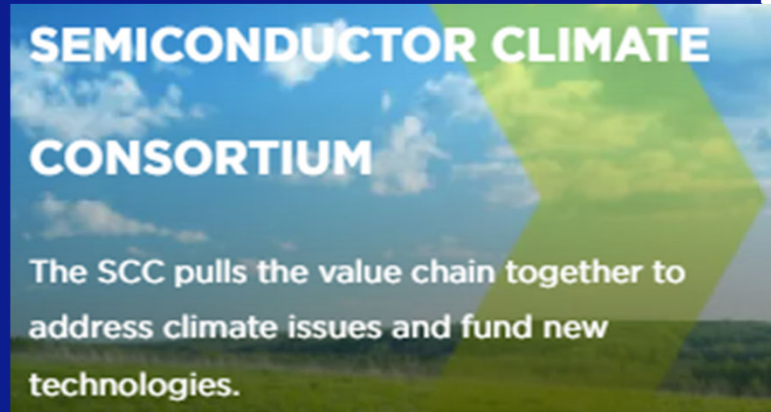
Product Life Cycle

Cradle-to-Grave

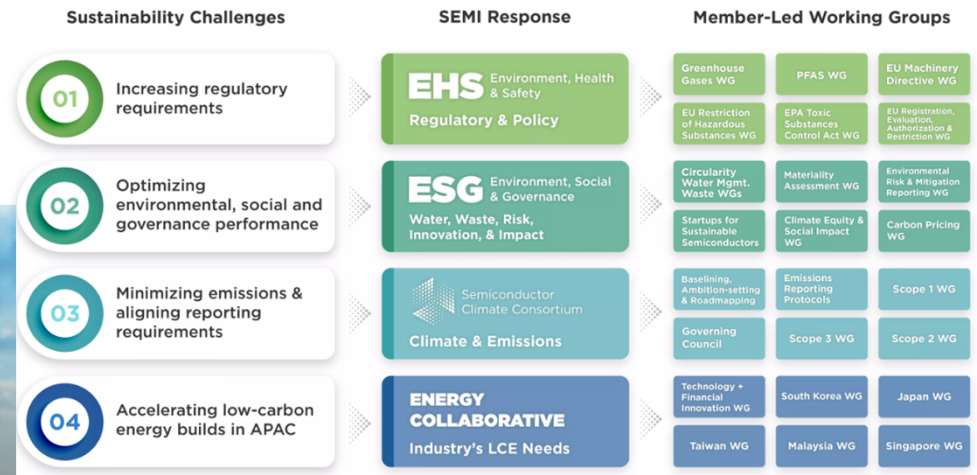


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SEMI and Industry Sustainability Initiatives



SEMI SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE STRUCTURE



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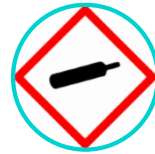
Semiconductor Sustainability: *What matters at the facility level?*



Energy Use &
Resulting
Emissions



Water Use



Process Gases
(High GWP)



Efficient Use of
Materials /
Reduction of Scrap



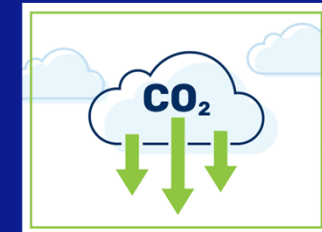
Substances of High
or Very High
Concern

Semiconductor Sustainability: *What matters for semiconductor test?*



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Teradyne Product Sustainability Strategy

1.

**SYSTEM
THROUGHPUT,
PRODUCTIVITY
AND EFFICIENCY**

2.

**EQUIPMENT
UTILIZATION:
OPERATIONS AND
OEE FACILITATORS**

3.

**TEST CAPABILITY
QUALITY AND
FLEXIBILITY**

4.

**INTELLIGENT
FACTORY
CAPABILITIES,
AUTOMATION,
ANALYTICS, AND
INTEGRATED DATA**

5.

**POWER AND
ENERGY
EFFICIENCY**

6.

**INDUSTRY
COLLABORATION**



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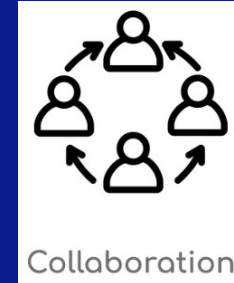
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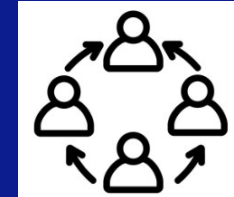
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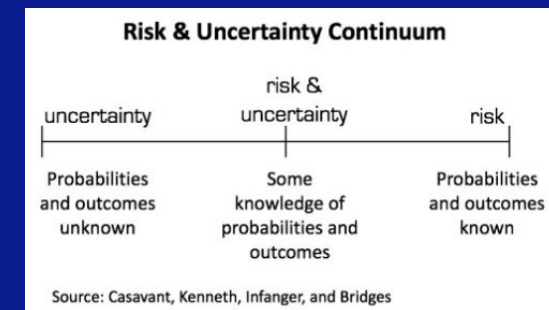
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 - Higher tolerance for uncertainty and risk
 - Adapt to geo-political, regulatory, and industry volatility
 - Early adopter or fast follower?



Collaboration



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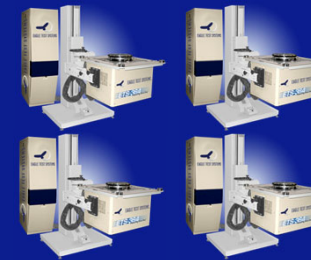
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Current Generation Tester

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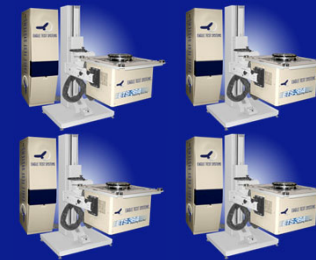
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Efficient Operations → Sustainable Operations

↓ Floor space → ↑ Productivity/m²

↓ Energy Use → ↓ Energy Bills AND ↓ Emissions

↓ Emissions → ↓ Emissions Taxes AND ↓ RECs

Reduces Op Ex and protects the bottom line.



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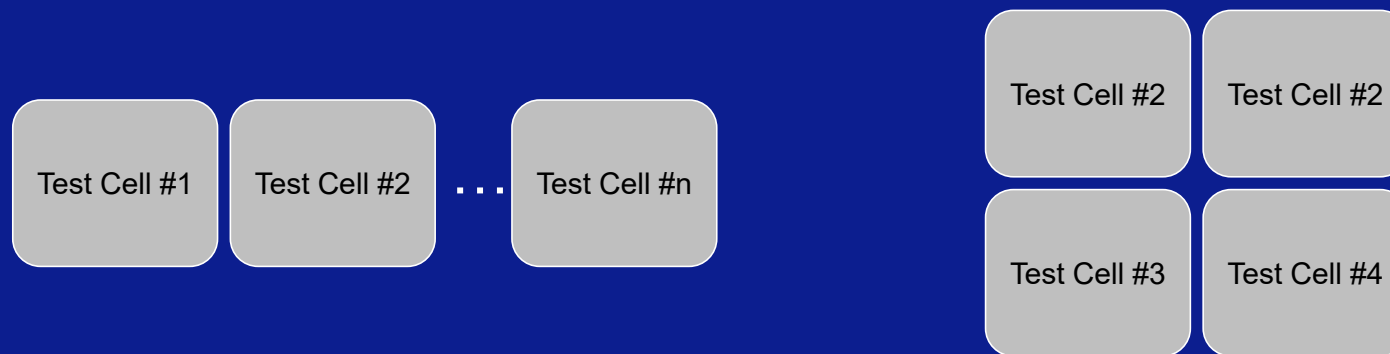
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Example 2: Optimizing Workflows and Floorspace

Floorspace and Workflow Optimization

- Increased test cell density → pull for n x m “test pods”
- Move to co-locate process steps/equipment types → streamline material handling
- Anticipate more *flexibility* required in setups → configurability, interface changes



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Example 3: PFAS Use & Industry Impact

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- **Introducing Non-PFAS Products**
 - Need to maintain system performance
 - Ensure system reliability and longevity
 - Provide customers with choice

PFAS Cooled Testers



Non-PFAS Cooled Testers



¹ https://nasf.org/pfas/what-are-pfas/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAgK2qBhCHARIsAGACuzl3XUSBgjdFfirRCOv8jWIB0668WpyPPTnJiWFZodg6T-Ywt4Gv75AaAsRREALw_wcB

² https://www.semiconductors.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Impact-of-a-Potential-PFAS-Restriction-on-the-Semiconductor-Sector-04_14_2023.pdf

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- **What makes this more difficult?**
 - Conflicting and evolving requirements
 - General trend toward higher digital channel density
 - Higher power devices
 - Strong pull for lower energy consumption
 - Need to maintain product reliability and robustness
 - **Cost sensitivity: customers want higher efficiency and more productive systems but appear unwilling to invest in depreciated equipment**



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Example 5: Engineering & Manufacturing Productivity



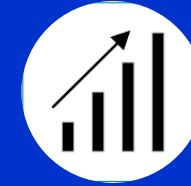
Eng Productivity Tools

- Investing in modernized developer tools to reduce development time and TTM



Documentation & Training

- Offline tester emulation and software testing.
- Streamlining documentation interaction with an AI Assistant feature.



Manufacturing Efficiency

- Integrated and secure data → yield improvement
- Utility introduced for tester lower power modes → SEMI S23 “sleep”
- Continuous Improvements in productivity and opportunities for automation



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Conclusions

1. Sustainability can help control Op Ex and protect the bottom line; an efficient and productive operation is a more sustainable operation.
2. Semiconductor manufacturers and OSATs flowing sustainability requirements to the equipment suppliers.
3. Sustainability requires more than first-order thinking (i.e., it's more than energy and emissions).
4. Sustainability drives innovation → R&D and newer technologies → Business investment decisions.



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