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# Framing decision support for SME

## Trends and perspectives of resource use

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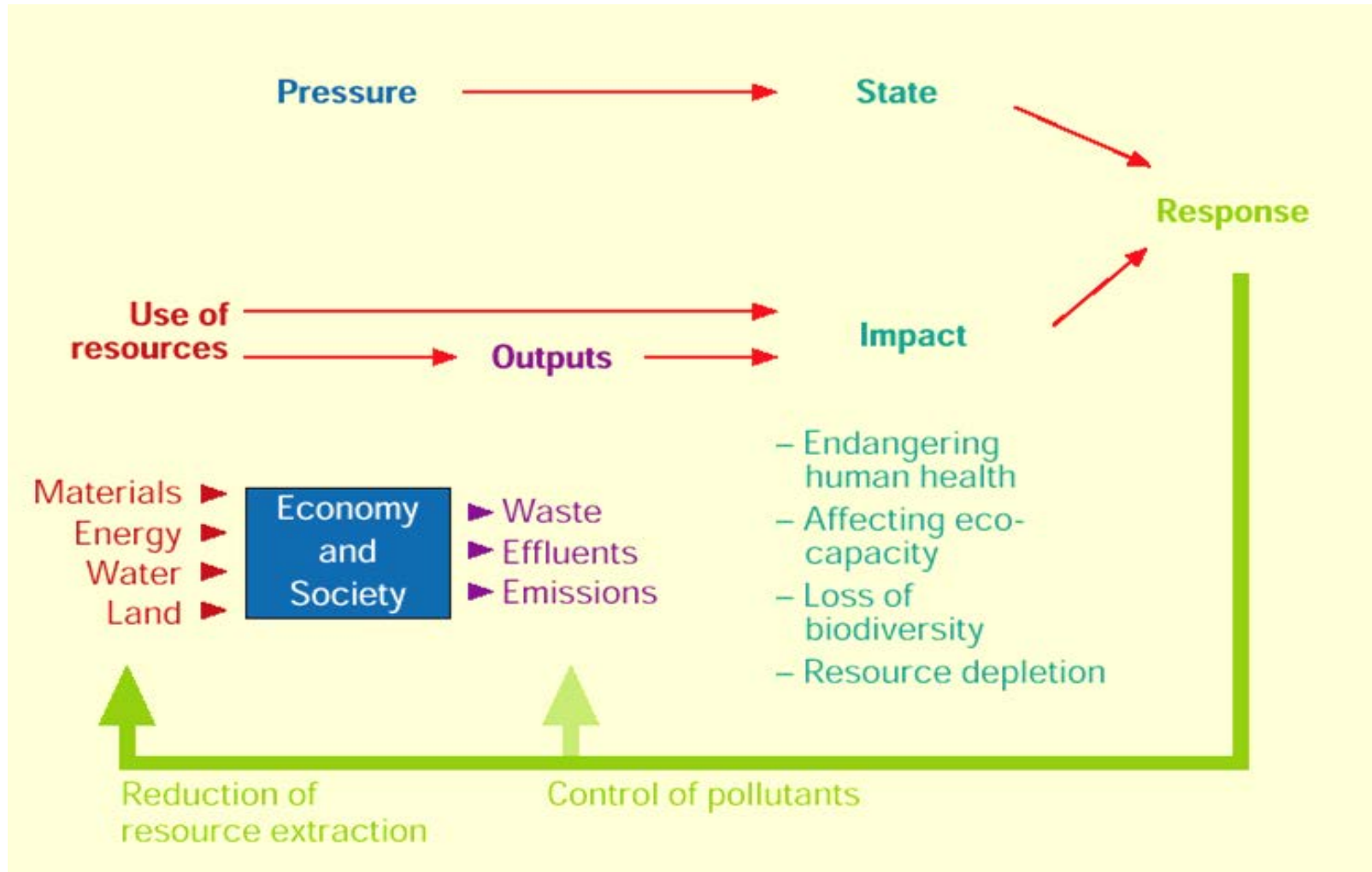
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# Background: Development of environmental policy in Europe

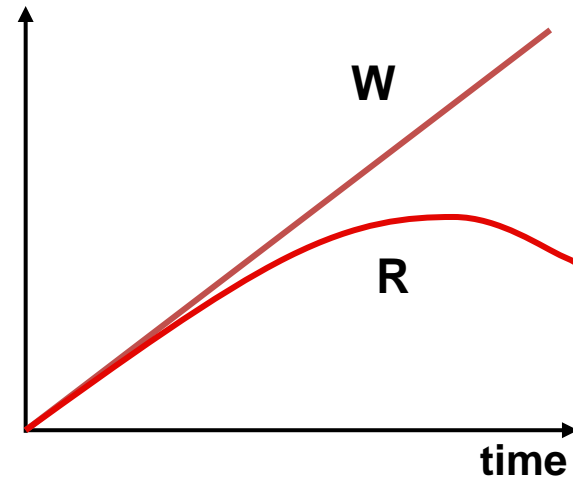
## A History of learning and a widening perspective



Source: Loske et al. 1996

# Decoupling of wealth generation and resource use

## Policy goals and targets



- Factor X: Targets to increase resource productivity by factor 4-10  
(Schmidt-Bleek 1992, von Weizsäcker 1995)
- Quantitative targets and measures:  
AT, D, DK, EST, FL, I, Japan, ROM, S, SLO, HUN, UK, China
- EU Commission: 3rd pillar of Raw Material Initiative (2008)  
Flagship Initiative for Resource Efficient Europe 2020 (2011)  
Roadmap for Resource Efficiency (2011)

## Prices of raw materials increased with higher volatility

Commodity Price Index (1999-2001 = 100)

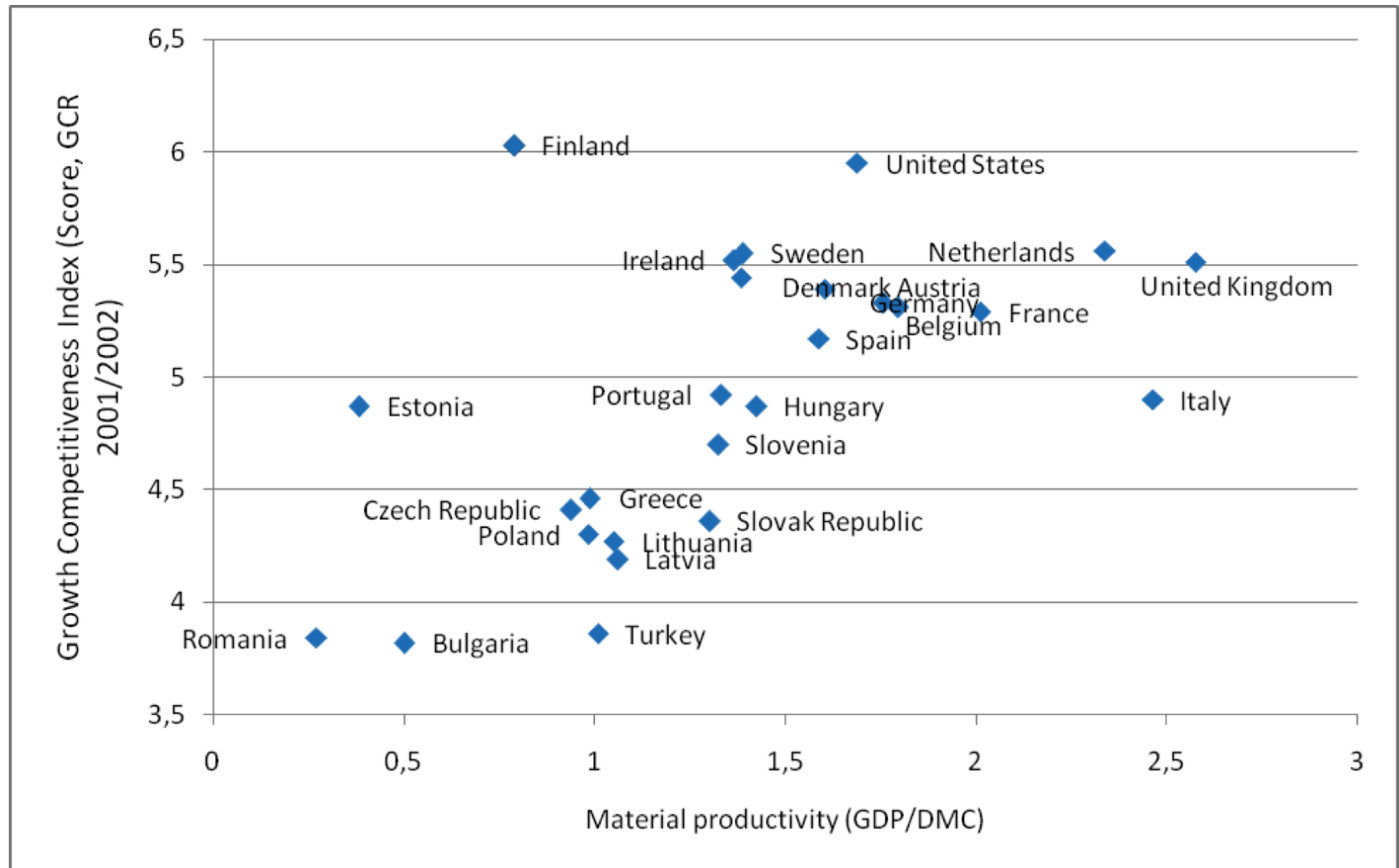


1 See the methodology appendix for details of the MGI Commodity Price Index.

2 2011 prices are based on average of the first eight months of 2011.

Quelle: McKinsey (2011) „Resource Revolution: Meeting the world’s energy, materials, food and water needs“

## International competitiveness grows with material productivity

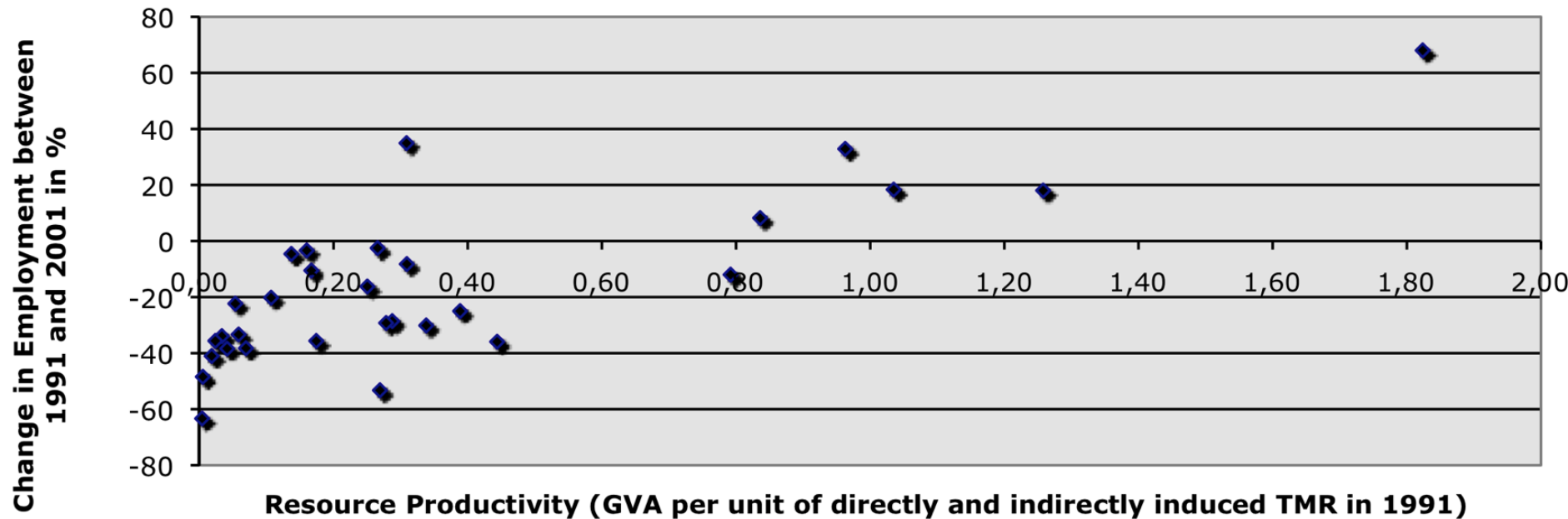


Note: GDP in PPP U.S. \$; t-statistics and F-statistics significant with  $p < 0.05$ ; Source: Bringezu and Bleischwitz (2009)

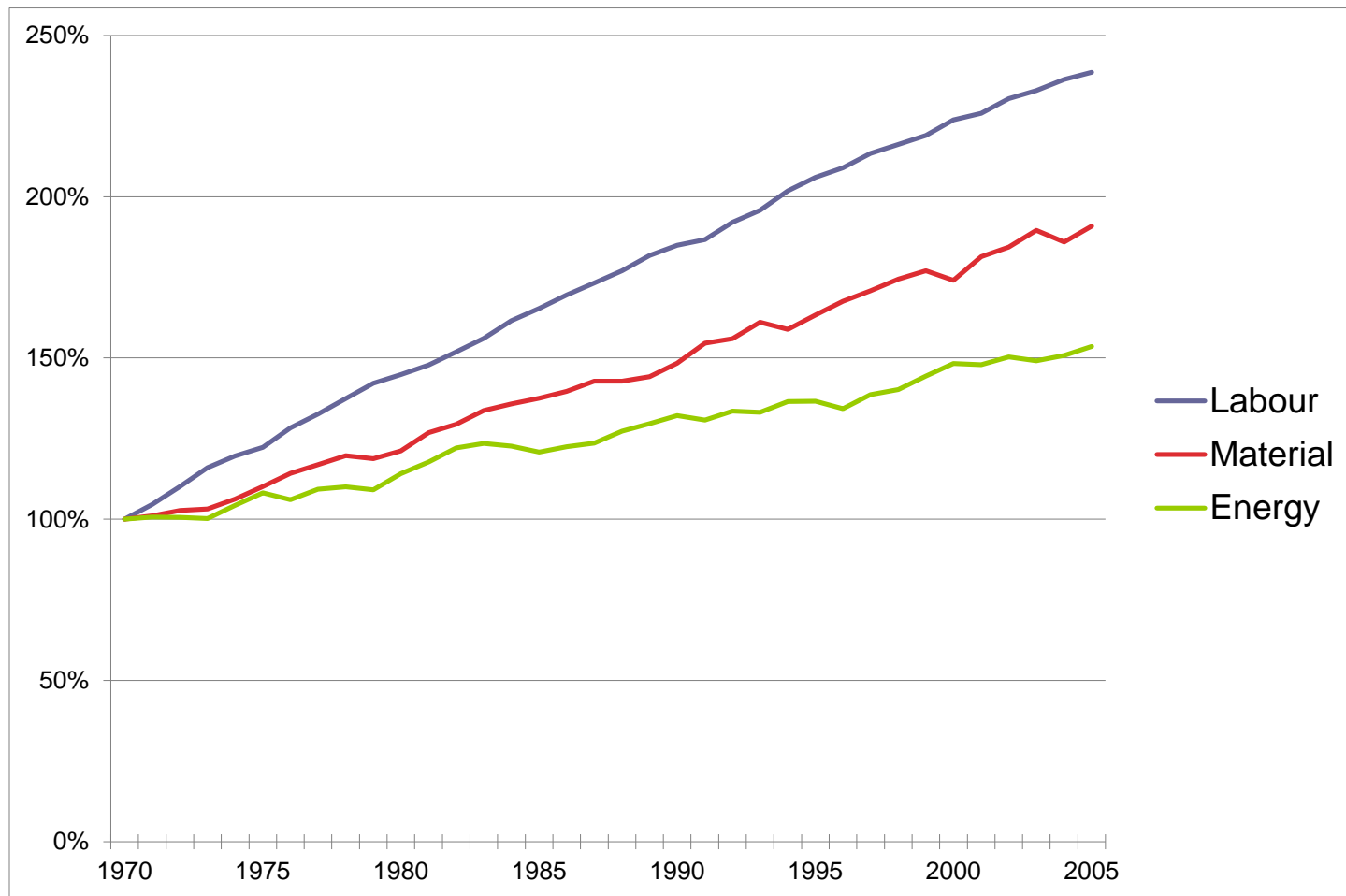
# Employment chances rise with resource productivity of branches

Example of Germany

**Change in Employment vs Resource Productivity**



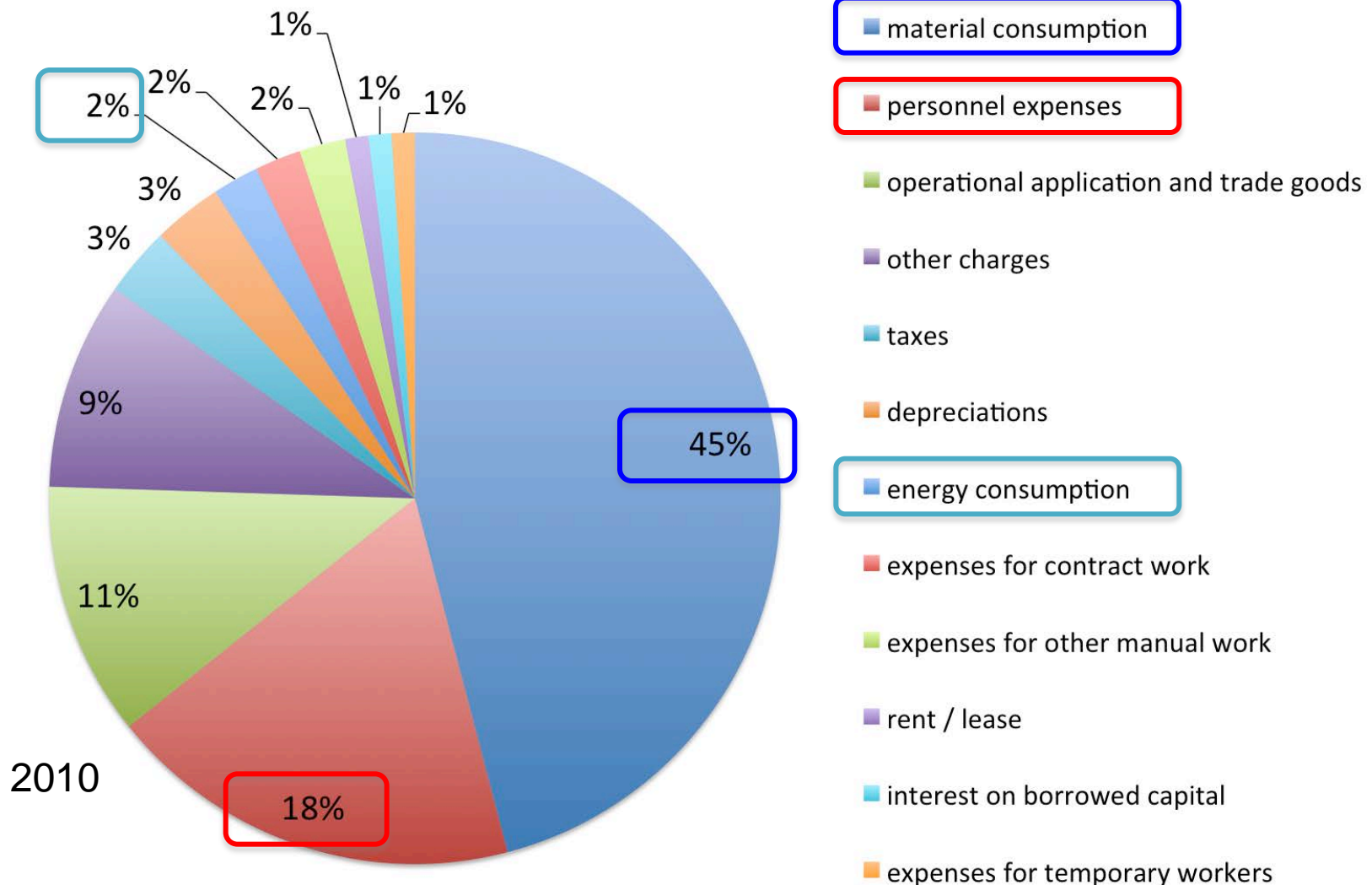
## Labour, material and energy productivity have grown differently (EU-15)



Source: GDP + working hours: Conference Board and Groningen Growth and Development Centre, Total Economy Database, June 2009; Material: Eurostat statistics; Energy: International Energy Agency.

# Cost structure of the manufacturing industry in Germany

Material costs dominating



Quelle: destatis 2012

# Material efficiency measures in manufacturing

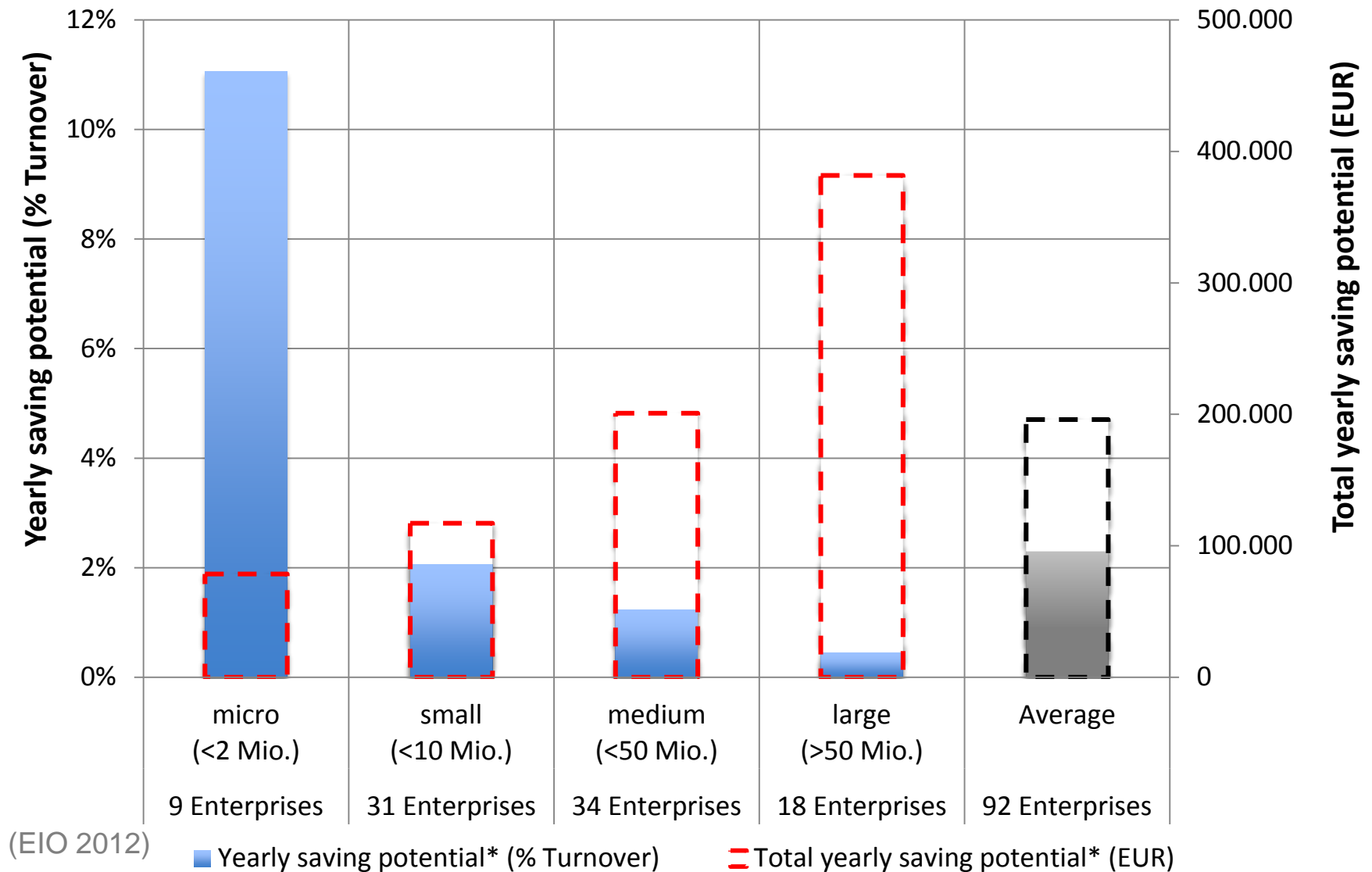
## Cost saving potentials

| Study                       | Yearly saving potential          | Sample size, source, branches, country                        |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Követ (2012)                | <b>134.000 € to 412.000 €</b>    | N=56, „Money back through the window“, Manufacturing, Hungary |
| BIS (2010)                  | <b>19.000 £ to 52.000 £</b>      | N=403, ENWORKS, 8 sectors, UK                                 |
| Schmidt u. Schneider (2010) | <b>210.000 €</b>                 | N=569, demea, manufacturing; Germany                          |
| Schröter (2012)             | <b>7 % of material purchases</b> | N=1,484, „MidP“, manufacturing; Germany                       |
| EIO (2012)                  | <b>196.000 €</b>                 | N=92, demea, 5 sectors of manufacturing; Germany              |

Quelle: Eco Innovation Observatory (2012)

# Material efficiency measures in manufacturing

## Potential savings (demea)



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## Investments and saving potential

(demea)

### ■ Average by company:

- **129,000 €** one-off investments
- **196,000 €** yearly saving potential

| Investments and Saving Potential                          | Sample size | One-off Investments |             | Yearly Saving Potential |             |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|   |             | EUR                 | % Turnover  | EUR                     | % Turnover  |
| Fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment | 28          | 85,000              | 3.6%        | 120,000                 | 3.9%        |
| Furniture and other manufacturing                         | 14          | 79,000              | 0.3%        | 327,000                 | 1.6%        |
| Food products and beverages                               | 13          | 429,000*            | 2.8%        | 247,000                 | 1.2%        |
| Machinery and equipment n.e.c.                            | 27          | 81,000              | 0.7%        | 207,000                 | 1.9%        |
| Rubber and plastic products                               | 10          | 53,000              | 0.5%        | 132,000                 | 1.5%        |
| <2 Mio.   | 9           | 43,000              | 9.3%        | 78,000                  | 11.1%       |
| <10 Mio.  | 31          | 103,000             | 1.8%        | 117,000                 | 2.1%        |
| <50 Mio.  | 34          | 129,000             | 0.5%        | 201,000                 | 1.2%        |
| >50 Mio.  | 18          | 216,000             | 0.3%        | 382,000                 | 0.4%        |
| <10 Employees   | 5           | 49,000              | 12.5%       | 87,000                  | 11.2%       |
| <50 Employees   | 27          | 55,000              | 1.9%        | 108,000                 | 3.3%        |
| <250 Employees  | 44          | 153,000             | 1.0%        | 203,000                 | 1.4%        |
| >250 Employees  | 16          | 214,000             | 0.3%        | 358,000                 | 0.4%        |
| <b>Sum / Average</b>                                      | <b>92</b>   | <b>129,000</b>      | <b>1.8%</b> | <b>196,000</b>          | <b>2.3%</b> |

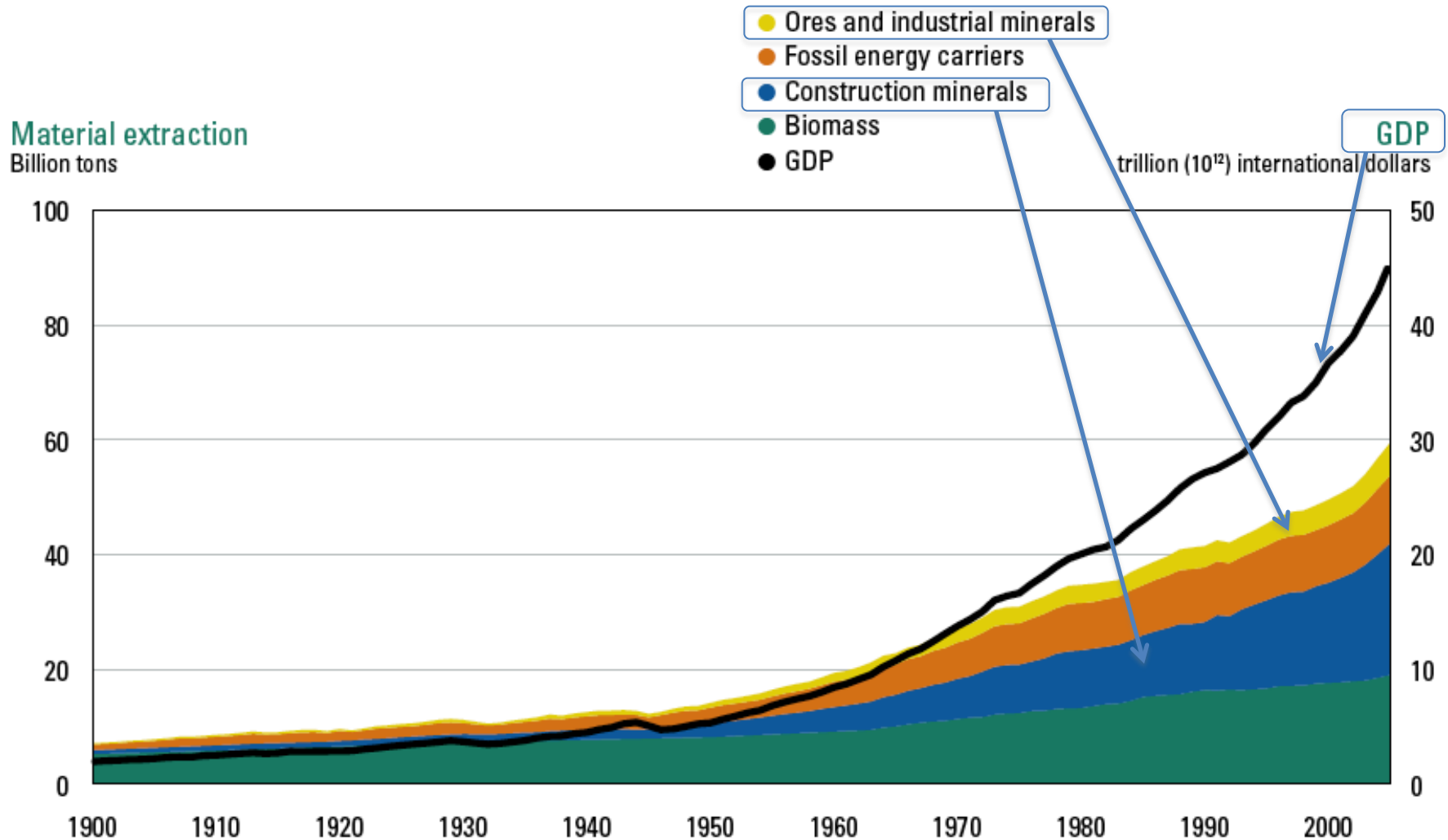
Source: EIO 2012

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# World GDP decouples from resource use

## Global material extraction used 1900-2008

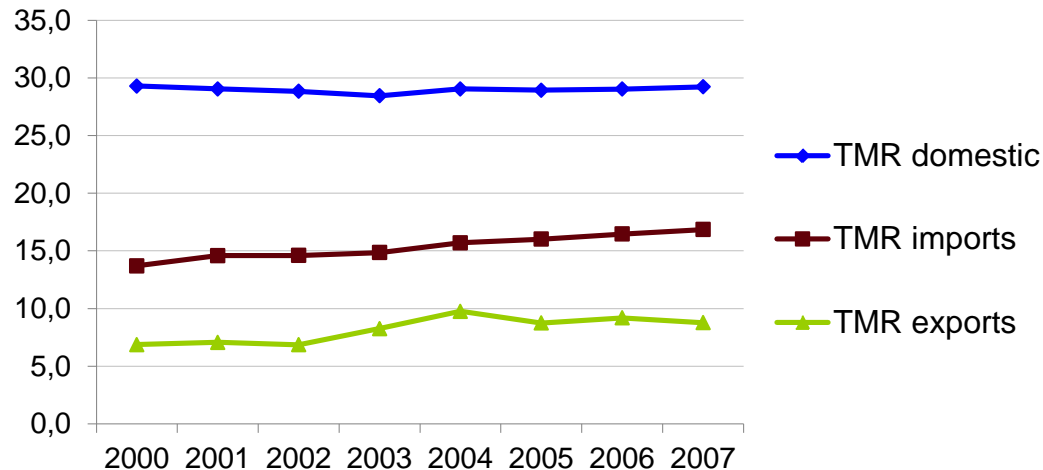


Source: UNEP (2011) after Krausmann et al. 2009

# Global resource use of the EU is growing

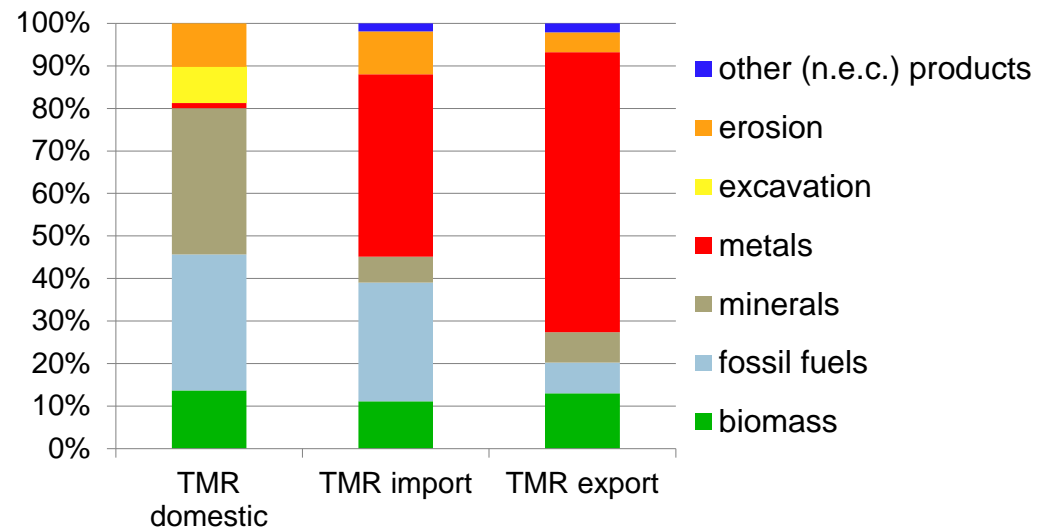
## Total Material Requirement TMR

Tonnes per capita



■ EU increasingly uses resources outside

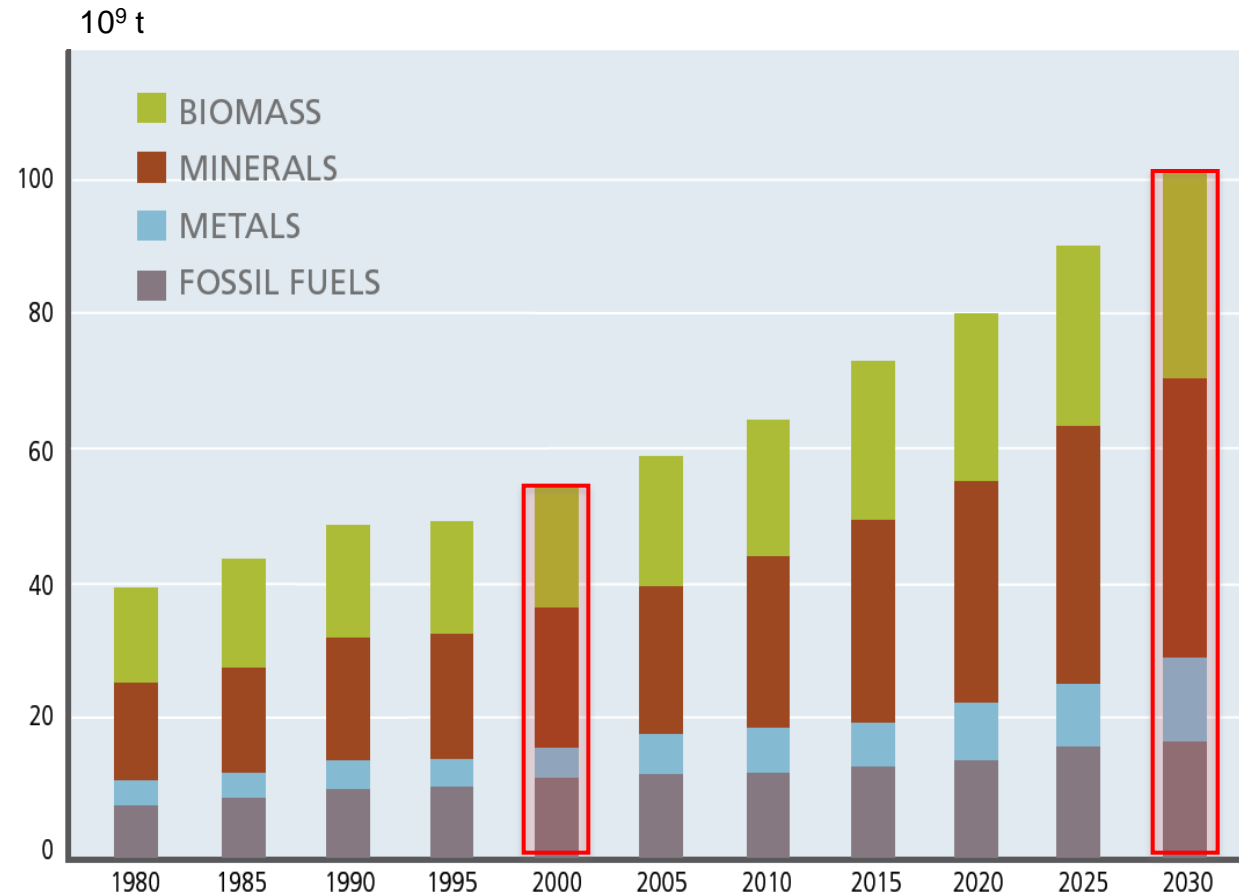
■ Metal minerals determine TMR of imports and exports



Sources: Schütz/Bringezu, Eurostat

# Growing global resource use

- Projected **doubling of used extraction** from 2000 to 2030
- Unused extraction adds double to triple amount\*

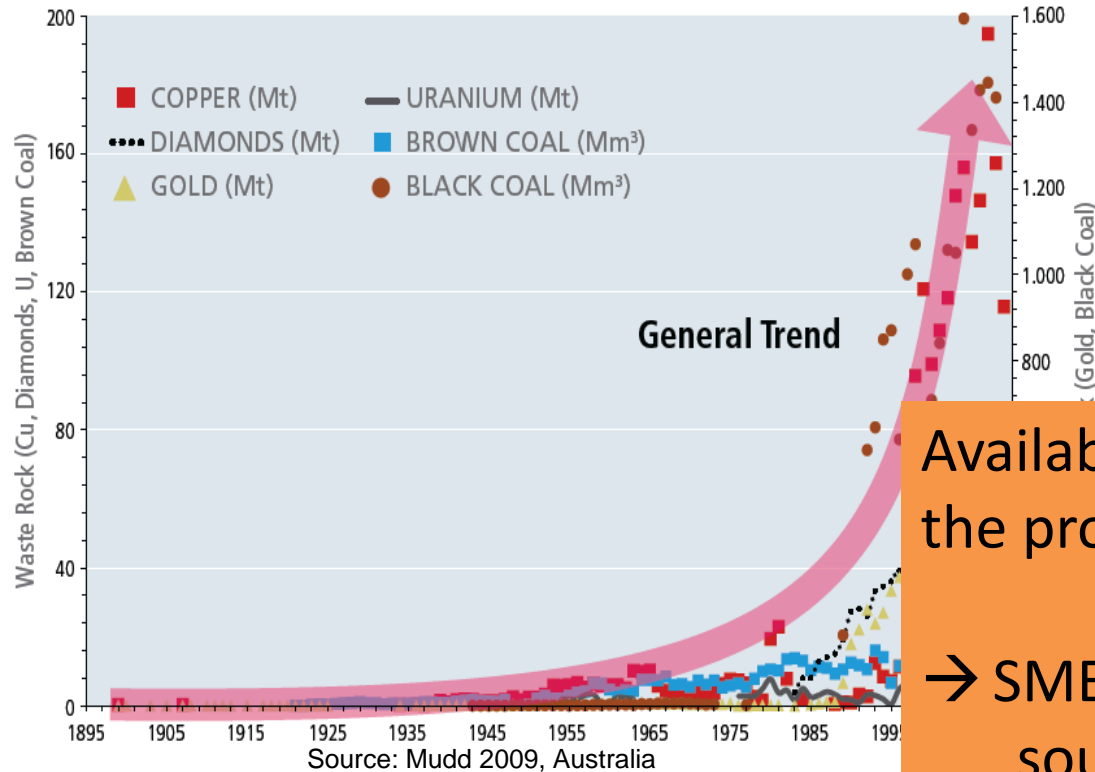


Source: Aachen Foundations based on SERI/FoE 2009

\*not shown: e.g. in 2000: 50 bill t used plus 95 – 130 bill t unused extraction

# Growing environmental impacts by mineral extraction:

## Purposeful excavation which remains per se unused



Availability of resources is not the problem but conflicts on land use

→ SMEs should check low risk sourcing strategies

- "Unused extraction" grows
  - more waste, water distraction, landscape change

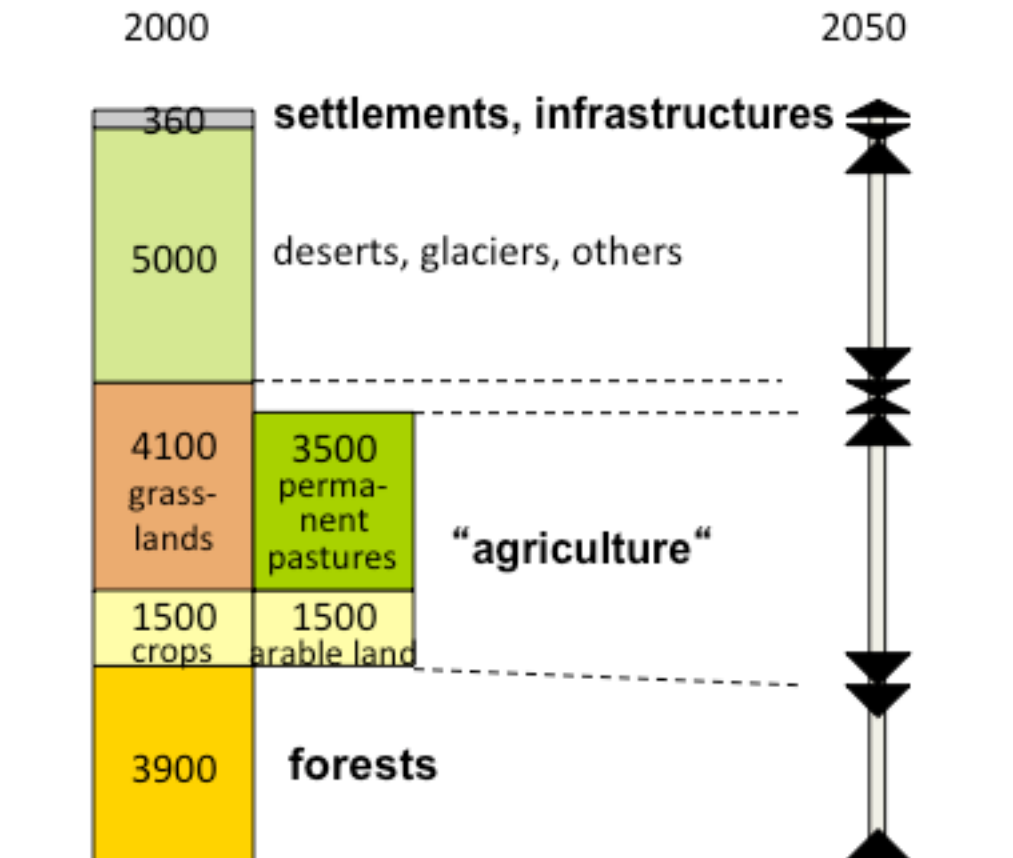


Foto Edgar Llamoca

## Global trends

# Dynamics of land use change

- Around 15 billion ha of land worldwide
- Around 30 % used for agriculture
- Built-up land expands (often at the expense of agriculture)
- Agriculture expands at the expense of forests and savannahs, especially in the tropics
- Around 13 Mha of forests per year were lost over the last 5 decades



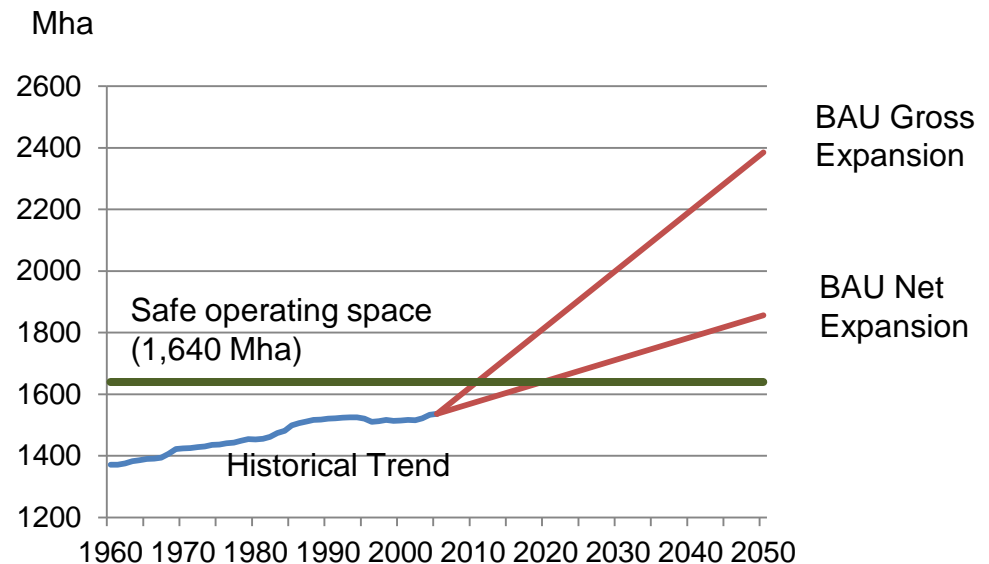
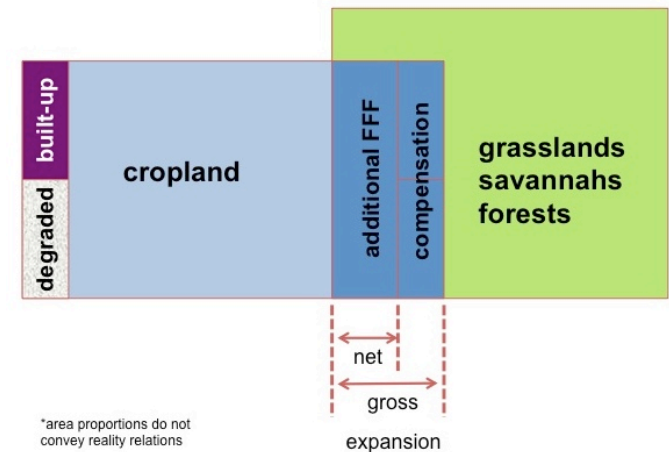
Major types and trends of global land use and land cover (Mha)

Source: Bringezu and Bleischwitz 2009

# Global land use change: growing pressure by demand for crops

- Demand for food and non-food biomass from cropland boosts
- Fertile soils are lost
- Expansion of cropland mainly in the tropics into grasslands and forests
- Result in more GHG emissions and losses of biodiversity
- Safe Operating Space value of 0.20 ha/person exceeded by BAU

Net and gross expansion of cropland



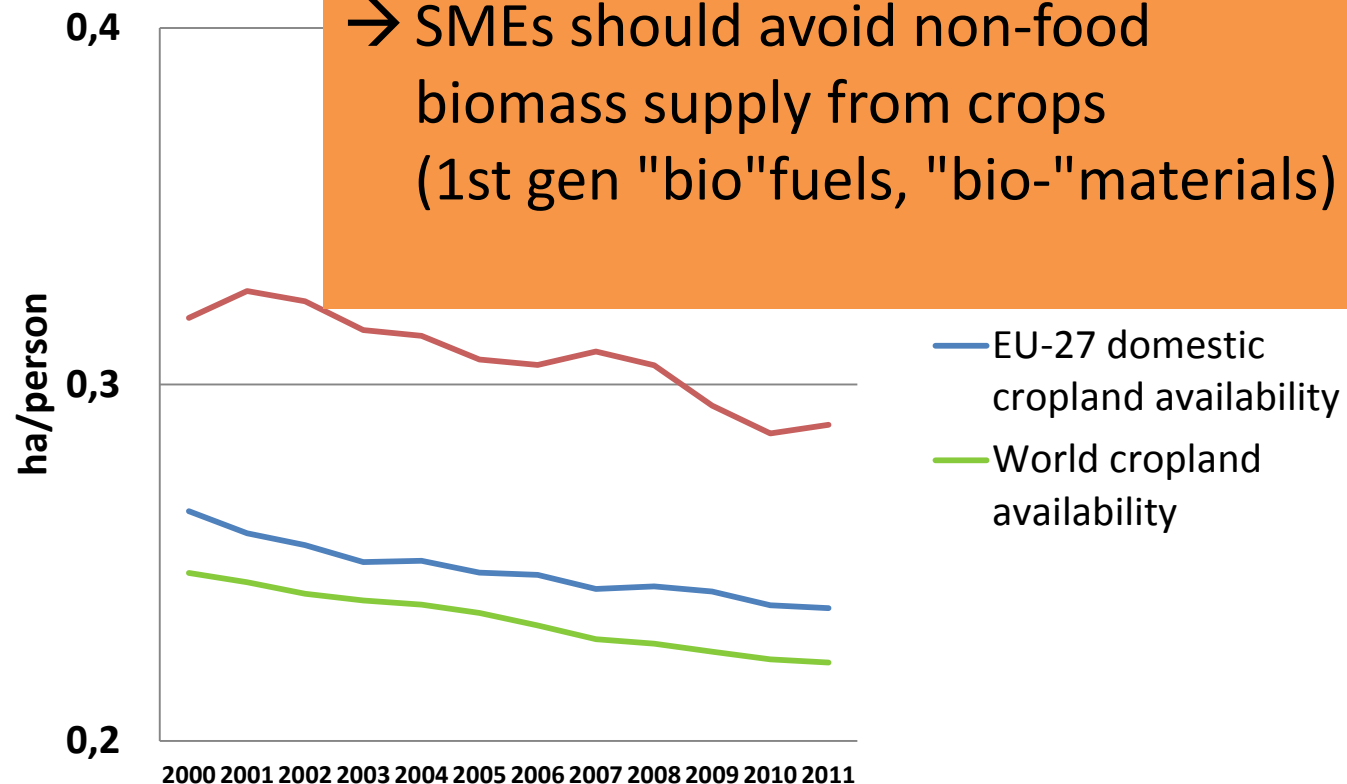
## EU net importer of cropland

Consumption exceeds SOS

- EU-27 used 22% more cropland than domestic cropland area in 2011
- EU-27 used 30% more cropland than the globally available per person cropland of the world population in 2011
- The consumption exceeds 0.20 ha/person

Certification of biofuels cannot prevent land use change

→ SMEs should avoid non-food biomass supply from crops (1st gen "bio"fuels, "bio-"materials)



**Use of global cropland by the EU-27 for the consumption of agricultural goods**

Source: H. Schütz – Wuppertal Institute, based on Bringezu et al. 2012

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# Goal of Sustainable Resource Management

Suggestions for SDG by a think piece of the International Resource Panel

## Possible Goal

*Efficient use of natural resources in an equitable and environmentally benign manner for human well-being in current and future generations.*

## Possible Targets

*Double the rate of yearly productivity increase*

*Keep resource consumption within Safe Operating Space*

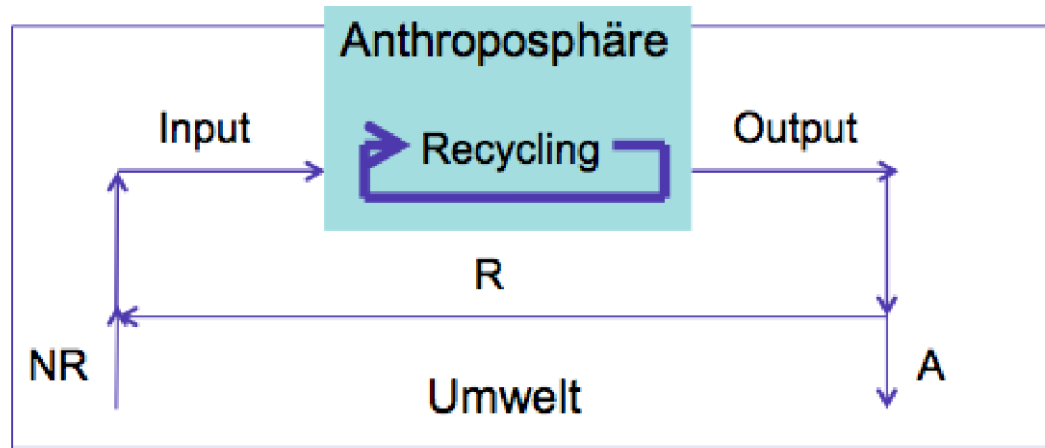
## Possible Indicators

*the Four Footprints and relations to GDP*

- *Materials*
- *Land*
- *Water*
- *GHG emissions*

# The goal from a systemic perspective

## Criteria for a sustainable socio-industrial metabolismus

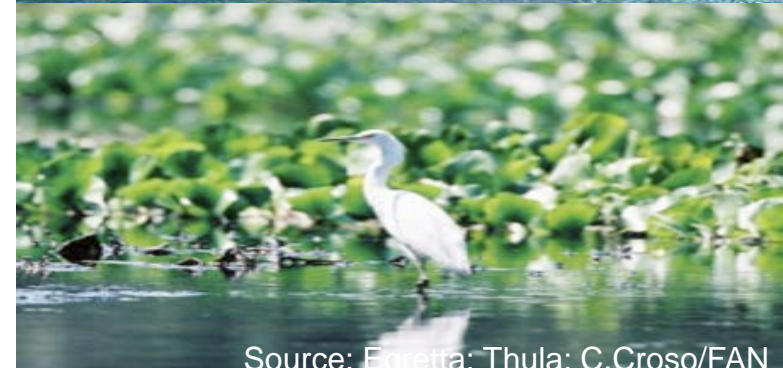


1. Material supply is largely based on recycling within the anthroposphere
2. Energy supply comes from renewable sources (solar, wind etc.)
3. Material Input and Output stay within safe levels
4. The anthroposphere must not oust the bio-geo-sphere (controlled growth)

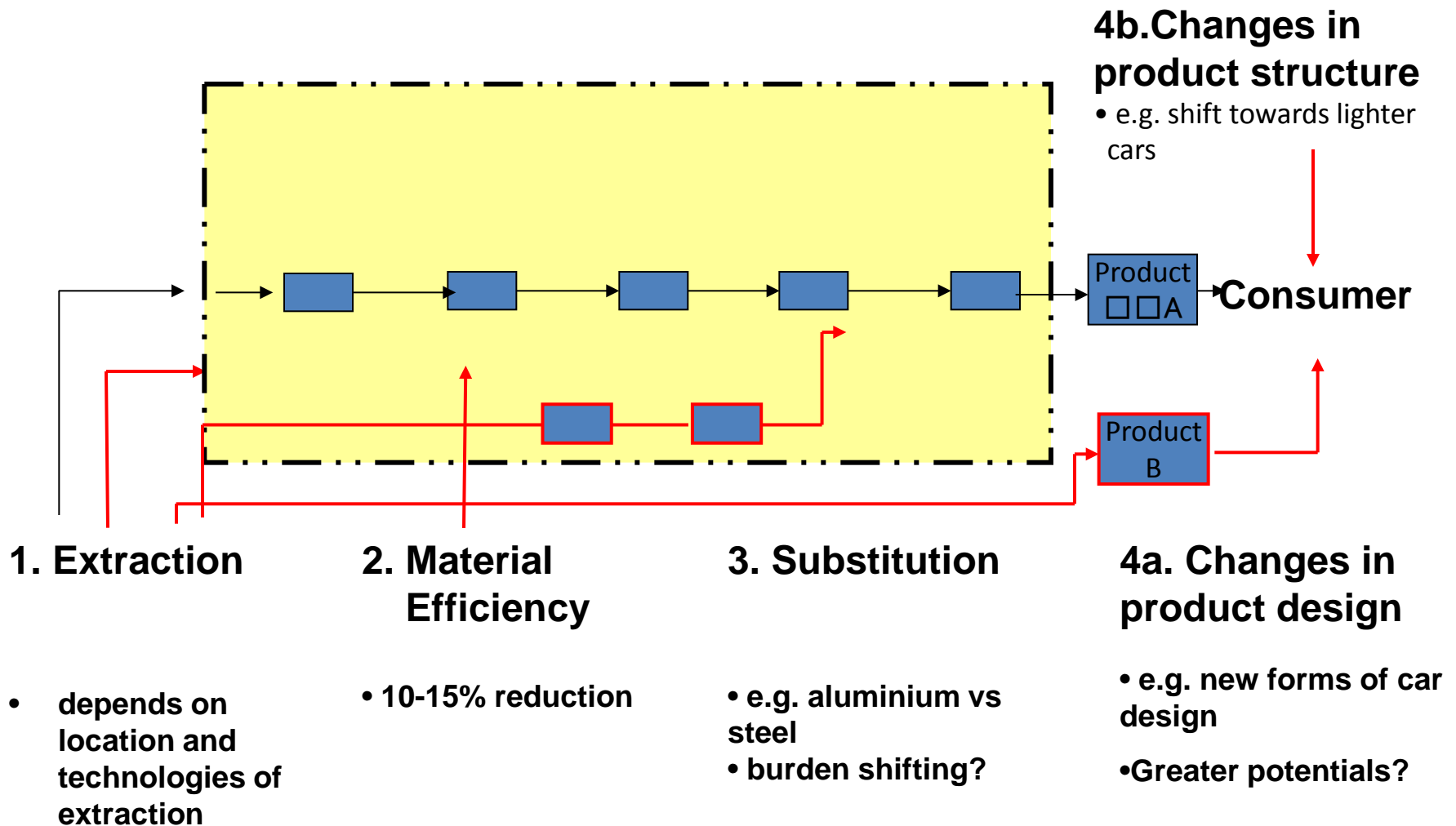
# Four key strategies for a sustainable resource management

- **Resource efficient and recycling based industries**
- **Steady stocks societies**
- **Solarized infrastructures**
- **Balanced bio-economy**

Source: Bringezu 2009

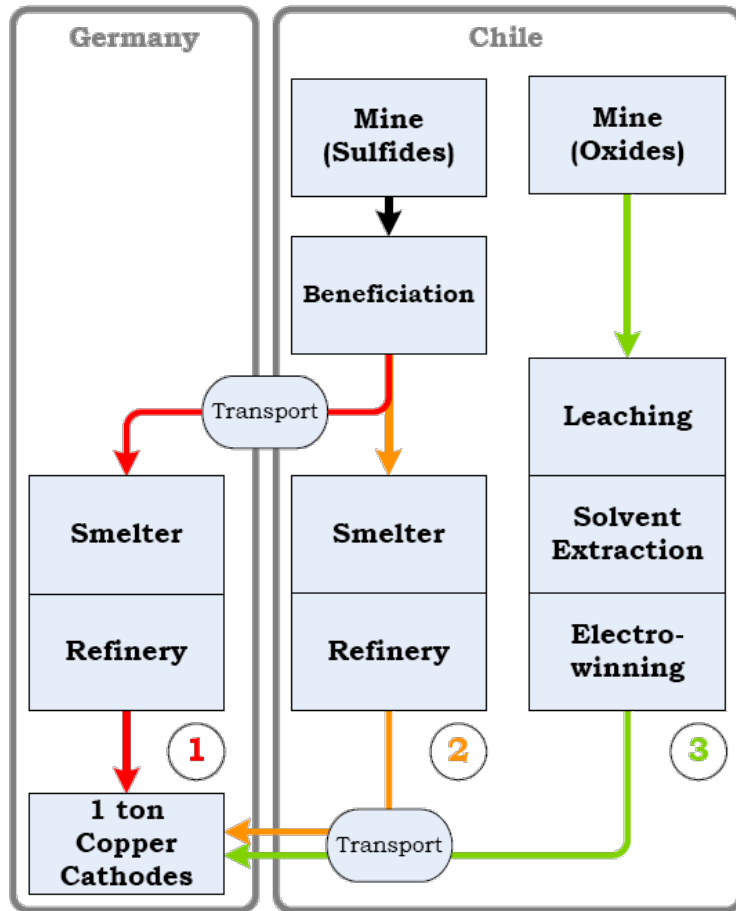


# Where are the greatest potentials for resource efficiency along the production chain? The case of automobiles

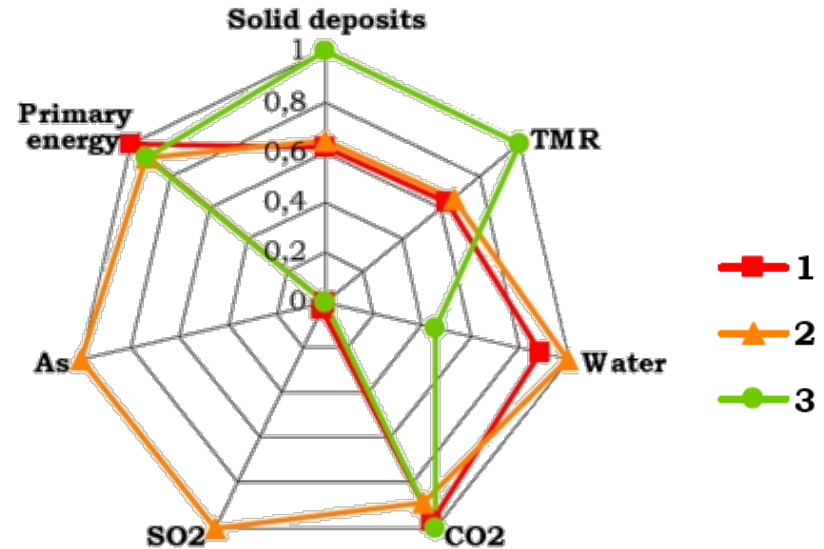


# Options to improve the environmental profile of raw materials

## The example of copper in Chile and Germany



Source: Schüller, Estrada, Bringezu 2008



→ Existing mining, smelting and refinery processes can be improved

→ EU refineries and manufacturing can source from supply chains and regions with low environmental burden

# Efficiency increase in production and logistics

## Examples of material, waster and fuel savings



Quelle: Wikimedia - Wikiuka

**Upholstery**  
Paint use: - 20%  
while enhancing quality

Quelle: Wikimedia - SRuhnke



**Production of  
Cleaning water**

Scoure: Efficiency  
Material Efficiency

**Pipe production Re  
cuttings +20%**



Quelle: PhotoDisc



cher GmbH

→ When companies check

- all inputs:
  - materials
  - water
  - energy
- outputs:
  - waste
  - waste water
  - emissions to air

→ They will find options for savings



Quelle: PhotoDisc

**Beverages**  
Cleaning water: ca -40%

# Where are the highest potentials for resource savings?

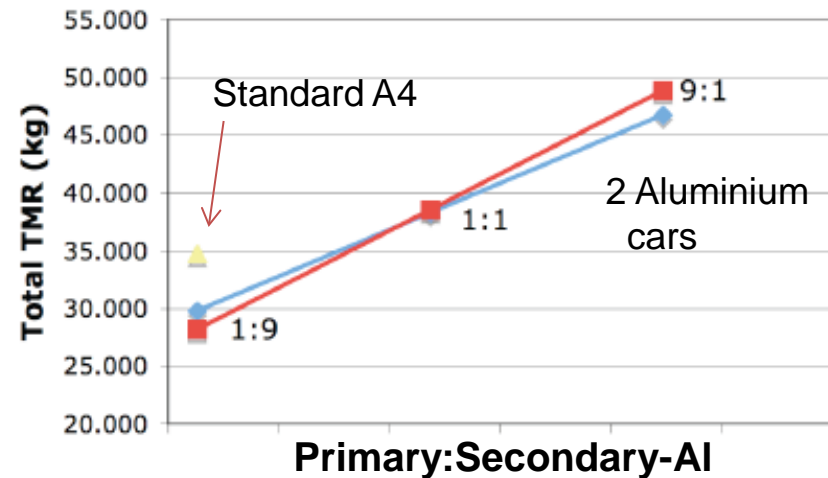
Substitution: Example of car manufacturing

**Golf A4**

## Aluminium vs Steel

Depends on relation of  
ore vs. recycling based Aluminium

|     |                       |
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| 1:9 | 15-19% savings of TMR |
| 1:1 | -9% to -11%           |
| 9:1 | -34% to -41%          |



v.d. Sand et al. / WI 2007

- Only recycled aluminium requires less resources
- Problem:
  - a) RC Aluminium for cars only suitable for cast parts
  - b) No economy-wide savings as long as material input higher than total waste output

→ Material substitution may lead to problem shifting

# Changing product design offers greatest potential for resource savings

## TMR savings related to current German fleet production



Source: Wikimedia – Sven Storbeck

100% Lupo → **31% savings**



Source: Wikimedia – LSDSL

100% Loremo → **54% savings**



Source: ETH

100% Pac Car → **Up to 89% savings**  
(technological extreme)

→ Profound changes towards dematerialized design would offer significant potentials for resource and climate protection

# Europe imports most of the ores used from other regions

## The example of iron ore from Brasil

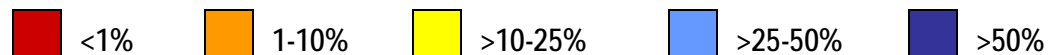


Primary material (TMR)  
per tonne of steel:  
8.1 t/t blast furnace  
1.5 t/t recycling

→ Recycling can reduce  
the ecological rucksack  
significantly

# Global Post-Consumer Recycling Rates are still rather low

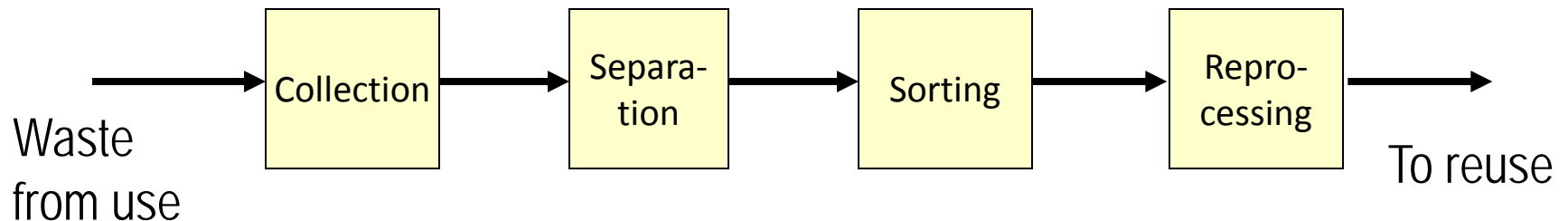
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| 3<br>Li       | 4<br>Be  |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 5<br>B     | 6<br>C     | 7<br>N     | 8<br>O     | 9<br>F         | 10<br>Ne   |
| 11<br>Na      | 12<br>Mg |          |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |            | 13<br>Al   | 14<br>Si   | 15<br>P    | 16<br>S    | 17<br>Cl       | 18<br>Ar   |
| 19<br>K       | 20<br>Ca | 21<br>Sc | 22<br>Ti  | 23<br>V   | 24<br>Cr  | 25<br>Mn  | 26<br>Fe  | 27<br>Co  | 28<br>Ni  | 29<br>Cu  | 30<br>Zn   | 31<br>Ga   | 32<br>Ge   | 33<br>As   | 34<br>Se   | 35<br>Br       | 36<br>Kr   |
| 37<br>Rb      | 38<br>Sr | 39<br>Y  | 40<br>Zr  | 41<br>Nb  | 42<br>Mo  | 43<br>Tc  | 44<br>Ru  | 45<br>Rh  | 46<br>Pd  | 47<br>Ag  | 48<br>Cd   | 49<br>In   | 50<br>Sn   | 51<br>Sb   | 52<br>Te   | 53<br>I        | 54<br>Xe   |
| 55<br>Cs      | 56<br>Ba | *        | 72<br>Hf  | 73<br>Ta  | 74<br>W   | 75<br>Re  | 76<br>Os  | 77<br>Ir  | 78<br>Pt  | 79<br>Au  | 80<br>Hg   | 81<br>Tl   | 82<br>Pb   | 83<br>Bi   | 84<br>Po   | 85<br>At       | 86<br>Rn   |
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| * Lanthanides |          |          | 57<br>La  | 58<br>Ce  | 59<br>Pr  | 60<br>Nd  | 61<br>Pm  | 62<br>Sm  | 63<br>Eu  | 64<br>Gd  | 65<br>Tb   | 66<br>Dy   | 67<br>Ho   | 68<br>Er   | 69<br>Tm   | 70<br>Yb       | 71<br>Lu   |
| ** Actinides  |          |          | 89<br>Ac  | 90<br>Th  | 91<br>Pa  | 92<br>U   | 93<br>Np  | 94<br>Pu  | 95<br>Am  | 96<br>Cm  | 97<br>Bk   | 98<br>Cf   | 99<br>Es   | 100<br>Fm  | 101<br>Md  | 102<br>No      | 103<br>Lr  |



Source: Graedel et al., 2011

## Example of why End-of-Life Recycling Rates are often low

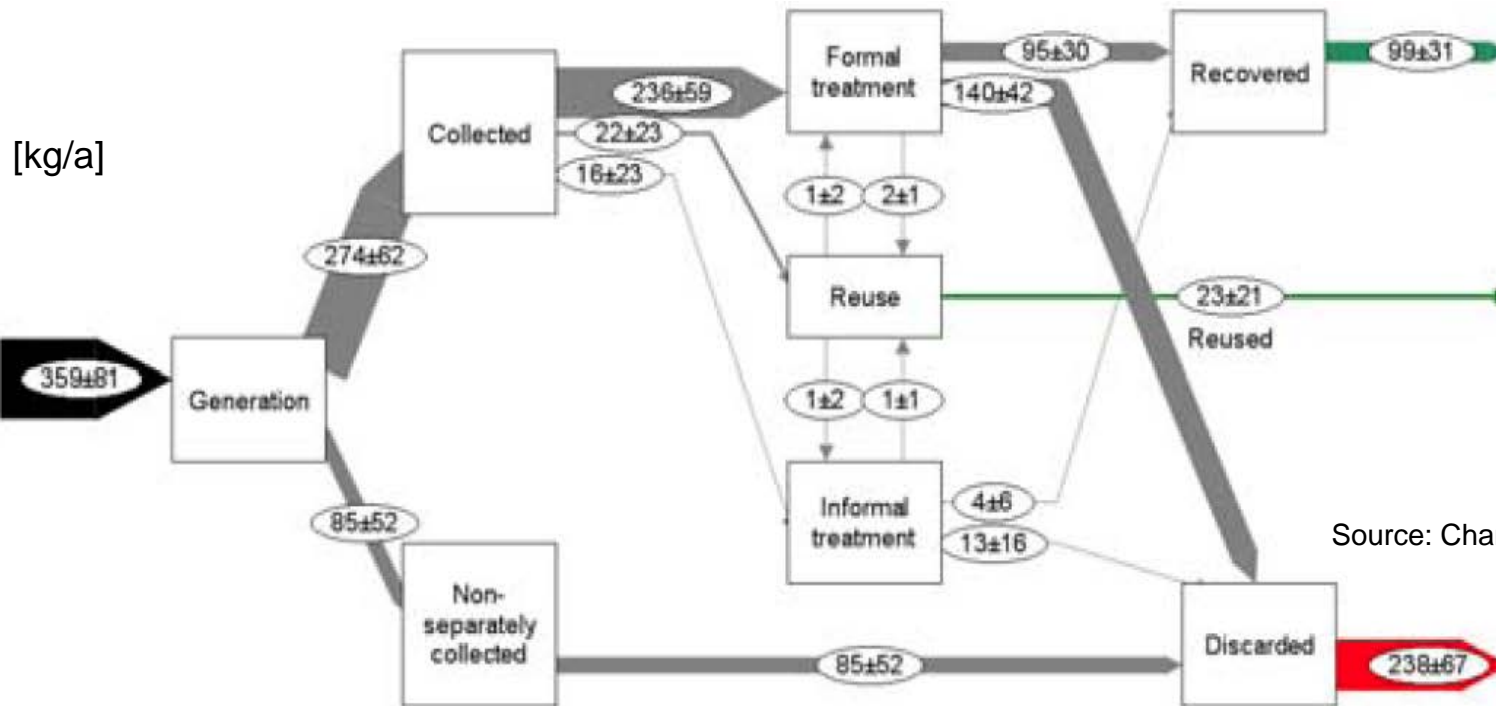
Efficiencies: 50%      x      70%      x      85%      x      95%      =      29%



While technologies for recycling may be advanced, institutions managing waste to resources are often poor

# Gold from WEEE: PCs and Laptops

## Germany 2007

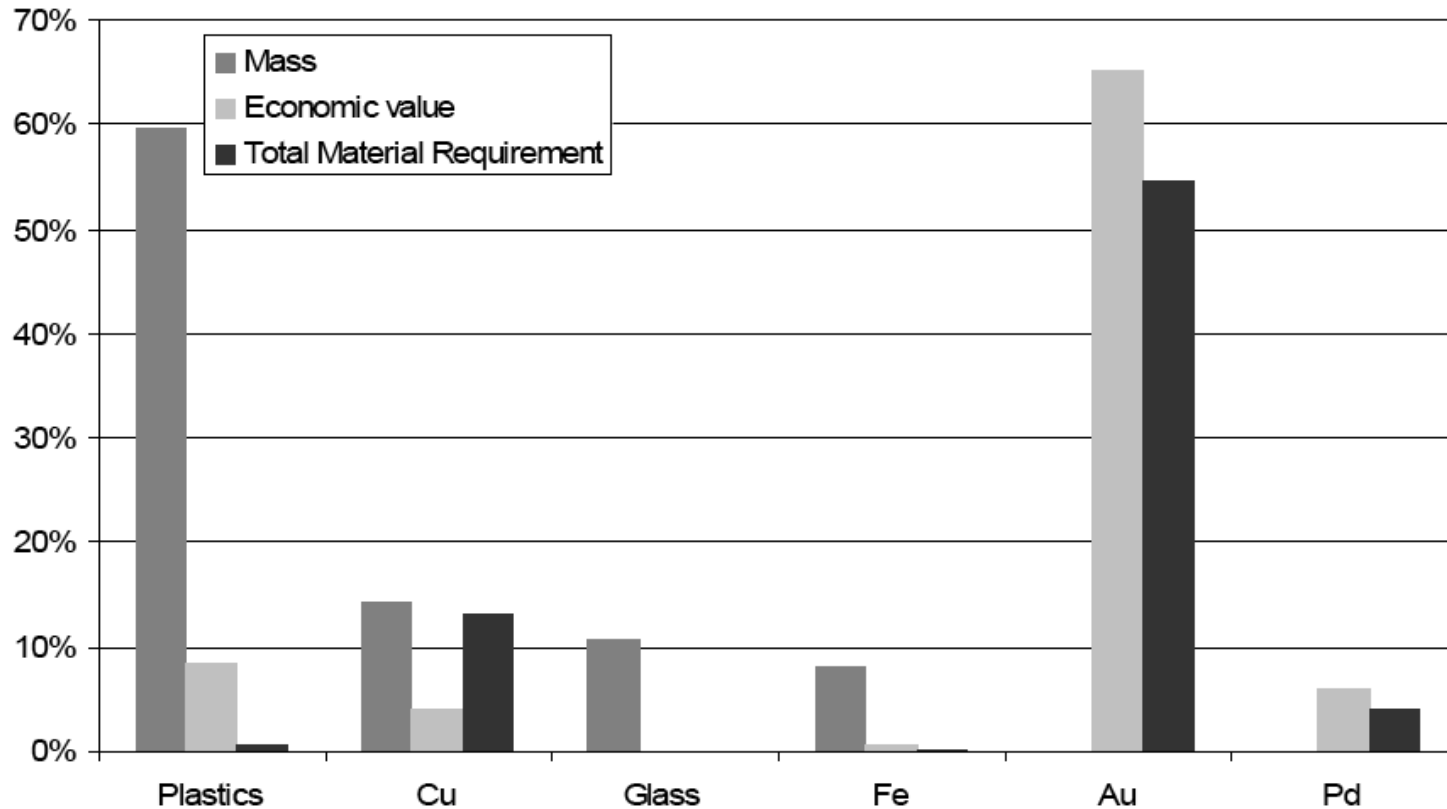


- Separate collection and sorting still poor
- While recovery from sorted waste was nearly 100%, the overall recycling rate was 28%
- In particular SMEs still dispose their computers as normal household waste, due to data security concerns

→ a business case

## Waste regulations still based on direct mass

The example of mobile phones shows that this may be misleading

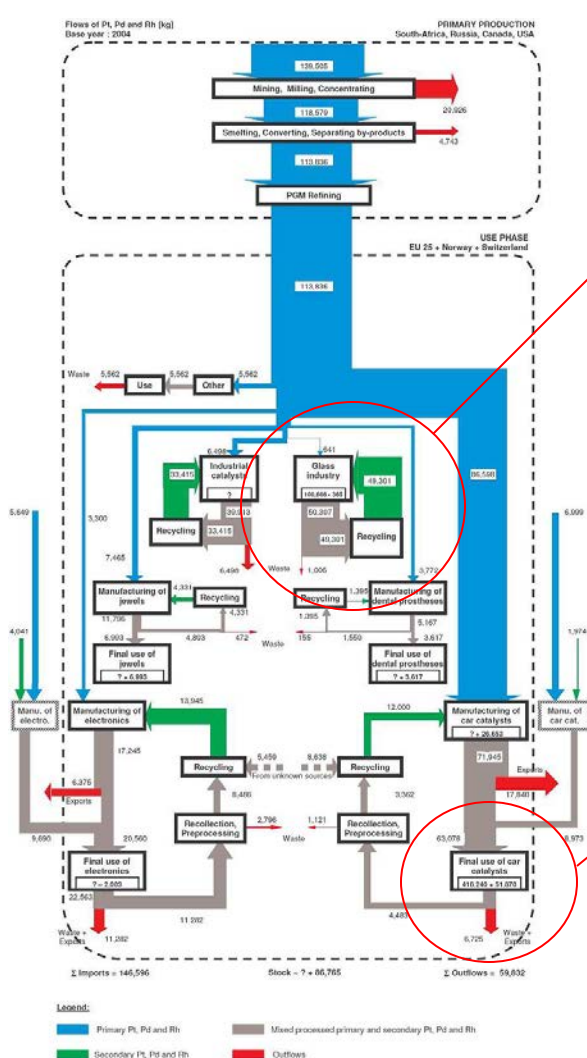


Source: Chancerel and Rotter 2009

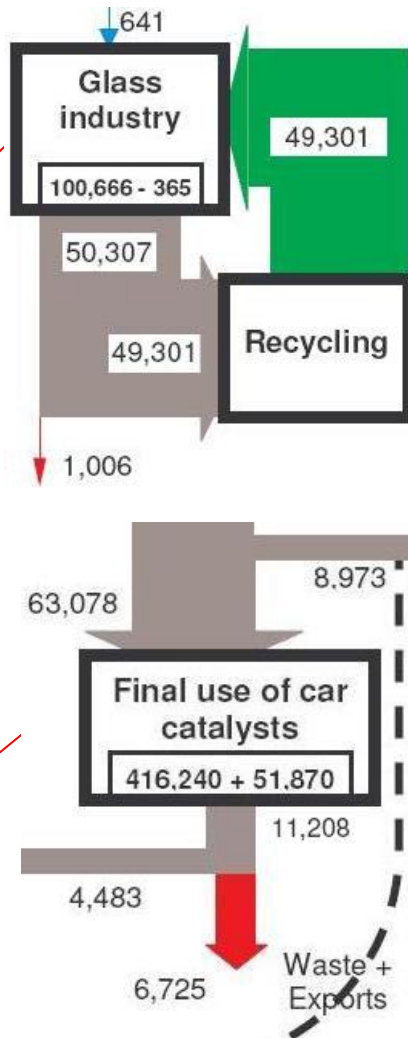
→ Performance indicators of recycling need to consider (savings of) total resource requirements

# Managing Metal Flows

## The example of Platinum-Group-Metal flows for European industry



**PGM flows in EU 25 + Norway + Switzerland in 2004**  
Source: Mathieu Saurat and Stefan Bringezu



**PGMs in glass industry:**  
organized in nearly closed cycle

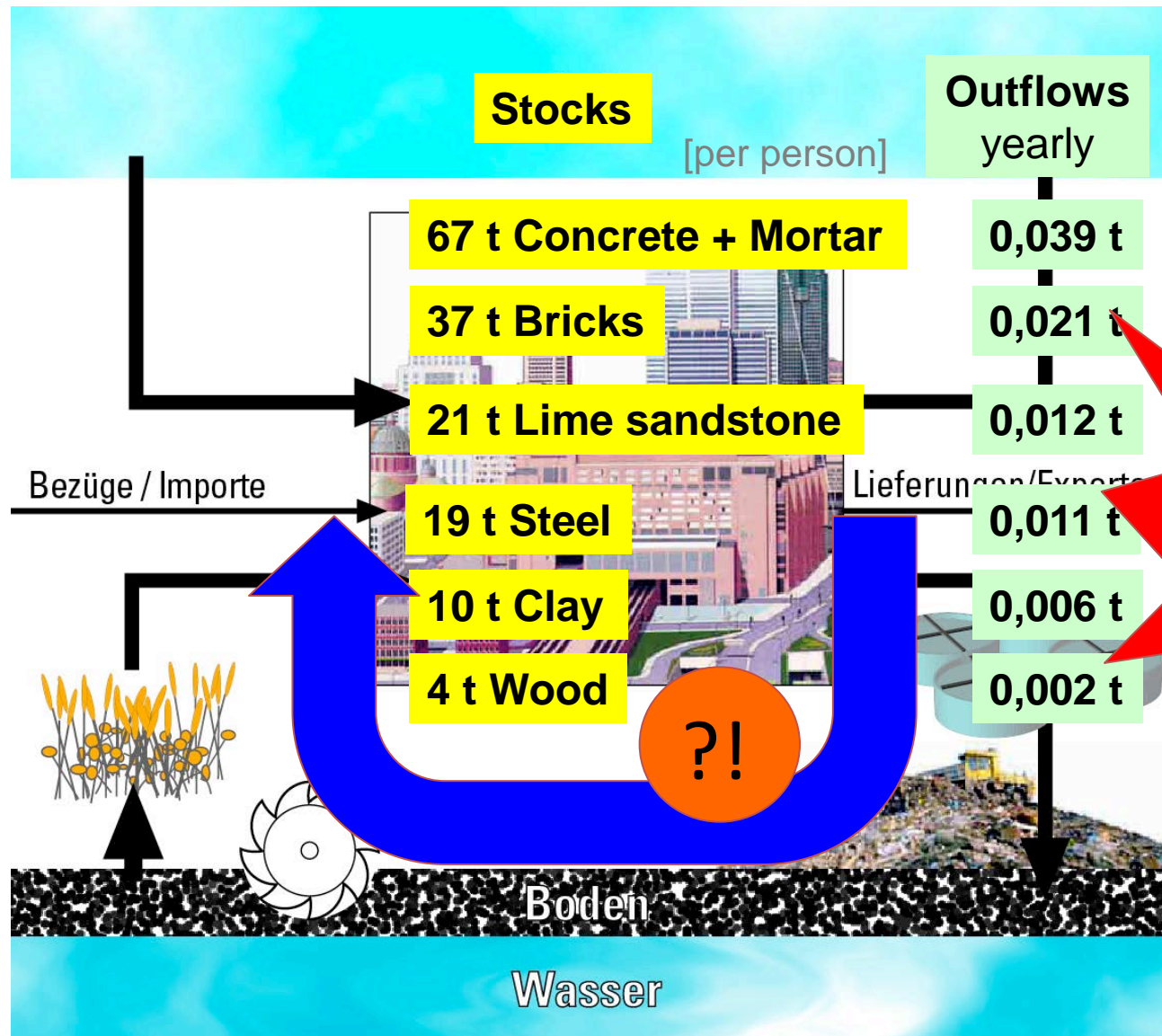
**PGMs in car catalysts:**  
low recycling rate (~30 %),  
mainly due to exports

**The automotive industry**  
requires 76 % of PGM  
primary input to Europe

→ **Trans-European  
recycling schemes**  
also important

# Buildings and infrastructures are the mines of the future

Stocks and construction waste flows in Wuppertal (residential buildings)



How to transform construction waste into resources

## Urban Mining Potential – Stocks of engineering metals in the technosphere [kg/person](2000-2006)

to be expected in the EU

| Metal           | Number of estimates | Percent of all estimates | Global per capita stock | MDC per capita stock <sup>b</sup> | LDC per capita stock <sup>c</sup> |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Aluminum        | 9                   | 7.4                      | 80                      | 350 – 500                         | 35                                |
| Copper          | 34                  | 27.0                     | 35 – 55                 | 140 – 300                         | 30 – 40                           |
| Iron            | 13                  | 10.7                     | 2200                    | 7000 – 14000                      | 2000                              |
| Lead            | 20                  | 16.4                     | 8                       | 20 – 150                          | 1 – 4                             |
| Steel           | 1                   | 0.8                      |                         | 7085                              |                                   |
| Stainless steel | 5                   | 4.1                      |                         | 80 – 180                          | 15                                |
| Zinc            | 14                  | 11.5                     |                         | 80 – 200                          | 20 – 40                           |

MDC: more developed countries

LDC: less developed countries

Source: Graedel et al. 2010

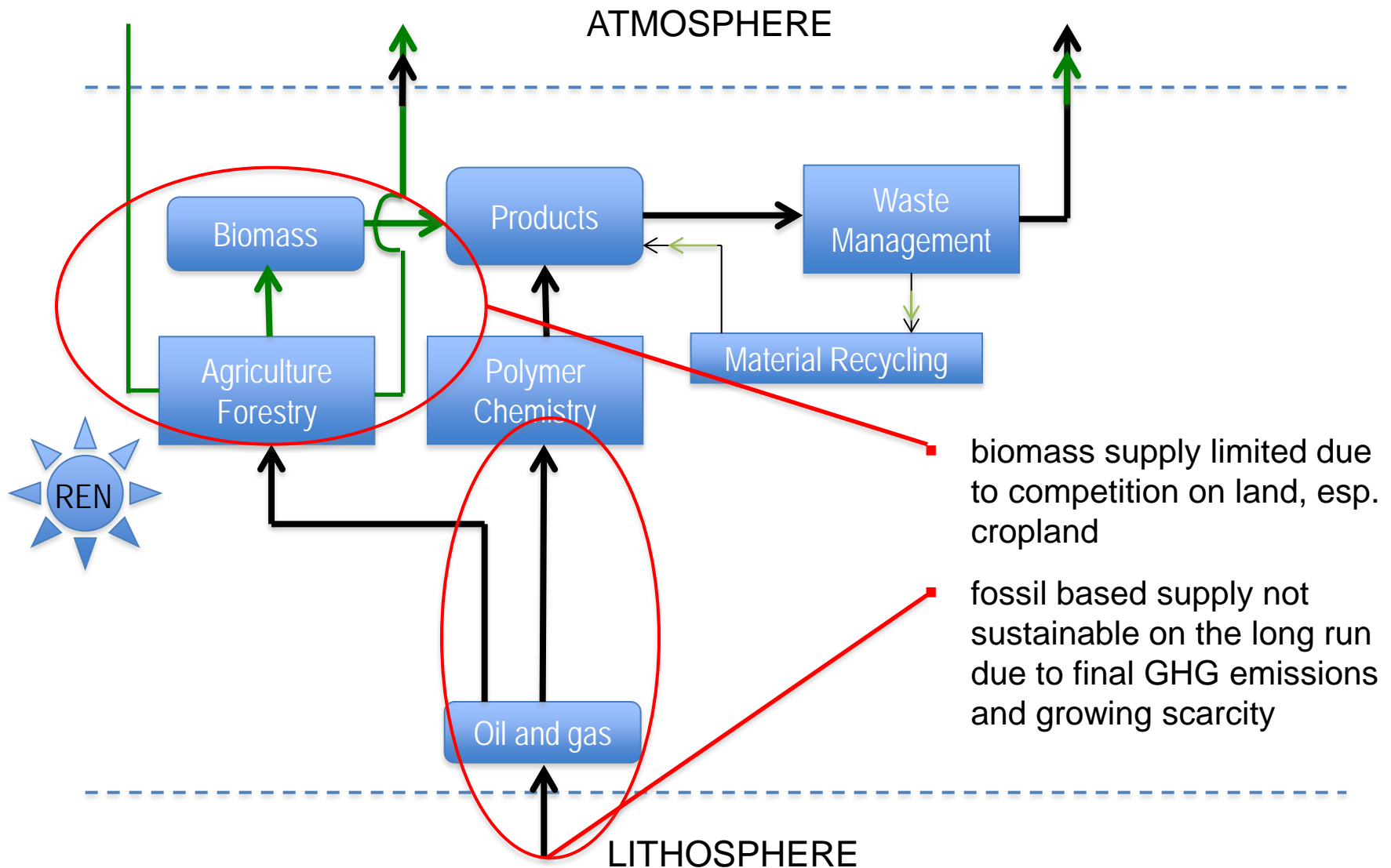
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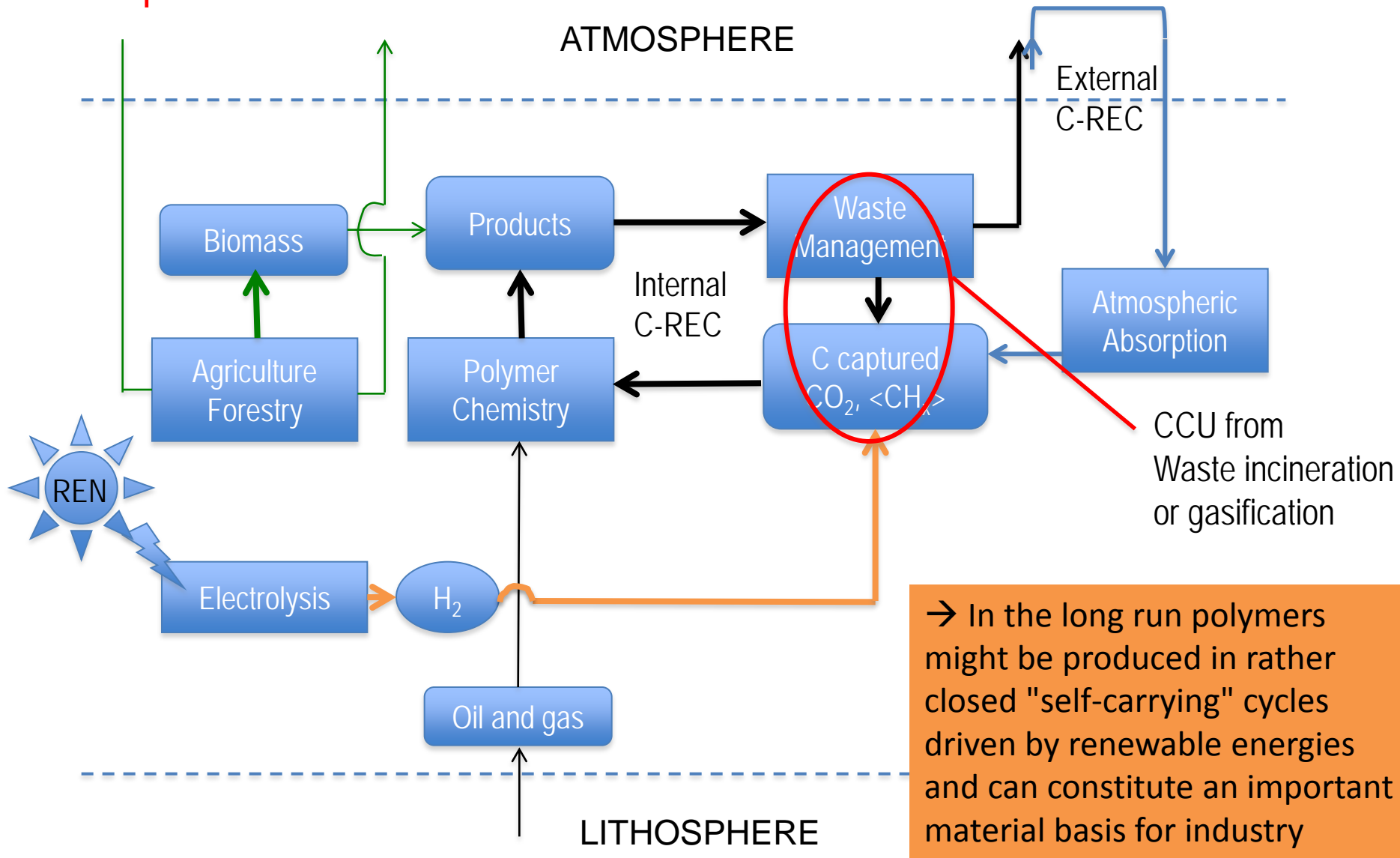
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... but information systems on how much materials, when and which quality may be expected as potential RC input are still in an early phase

# Current carbon flows for consumable and durable products



# Polymer production can develop recycling routes to become independent from fossil and biomass resources

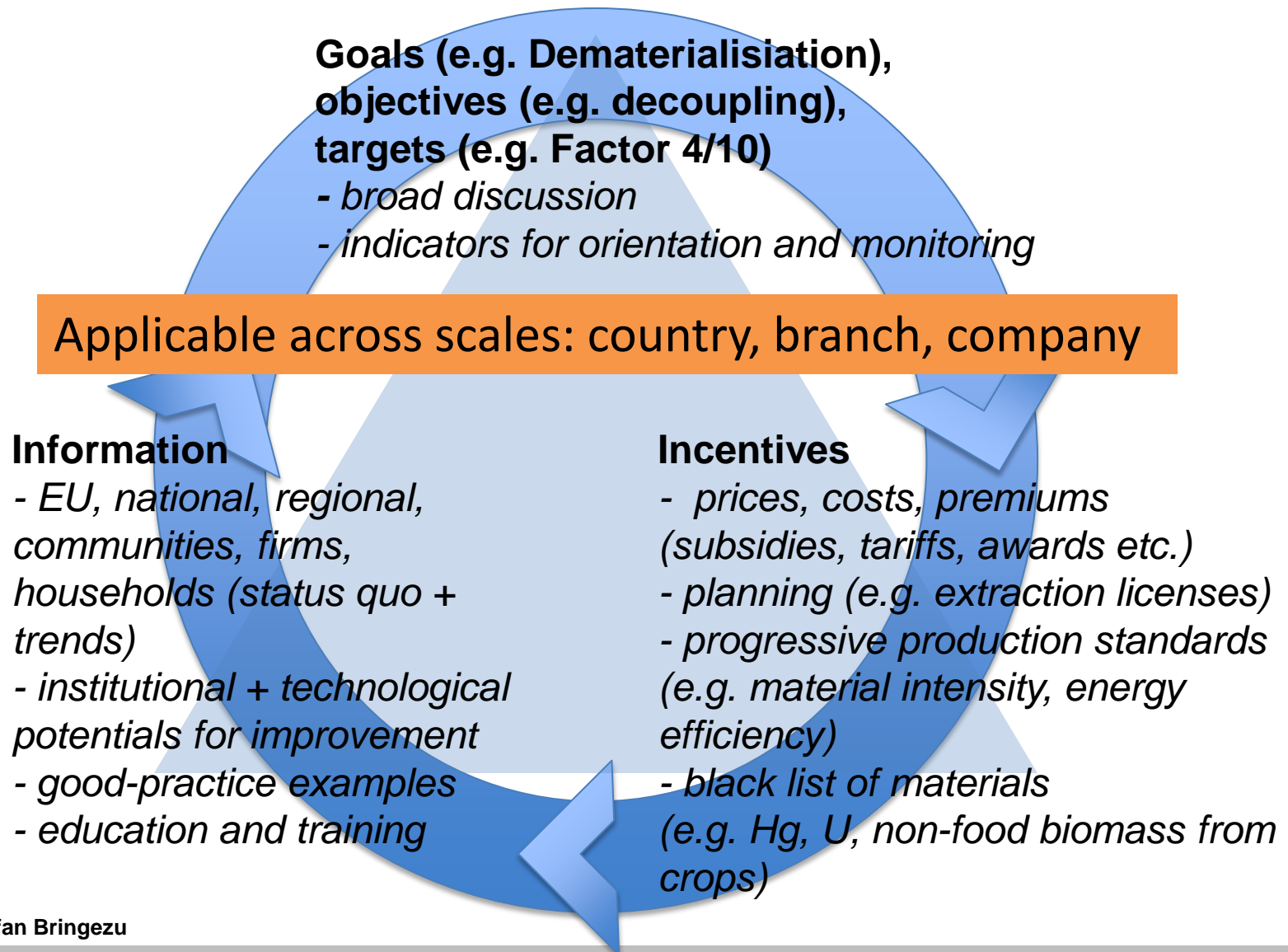


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# The triangle of progress in the transition cycle

Orientation, motivation and information



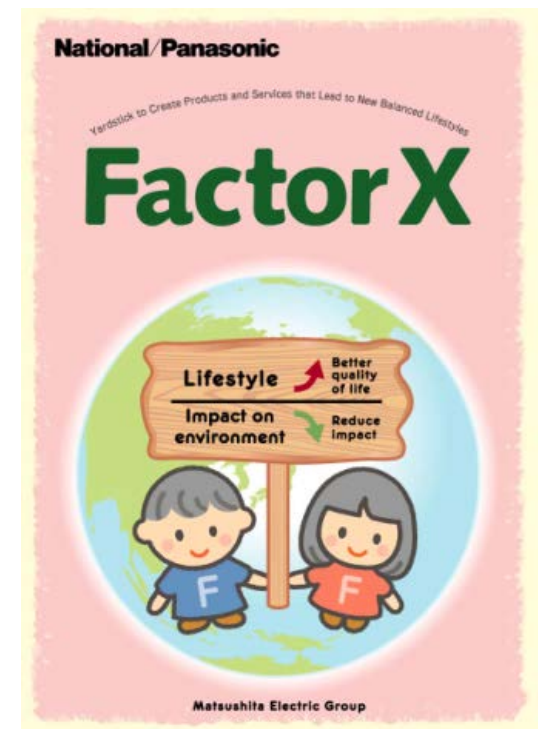
Resource innovations in companies

The factor X approach was tested in Japanese electronics industries

# Panasonic

Panasonic tests new products against older ones

New products need to be more efficient than older ones by a defined factor



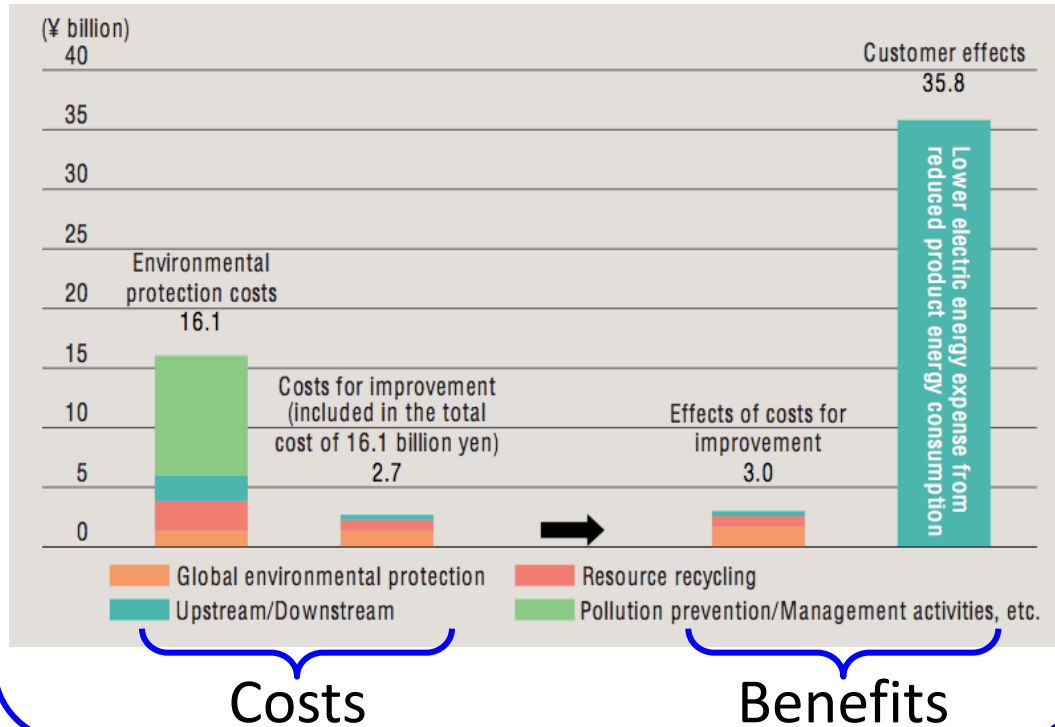
# Goals and targets in companies

The example

## Factor 2

Canon

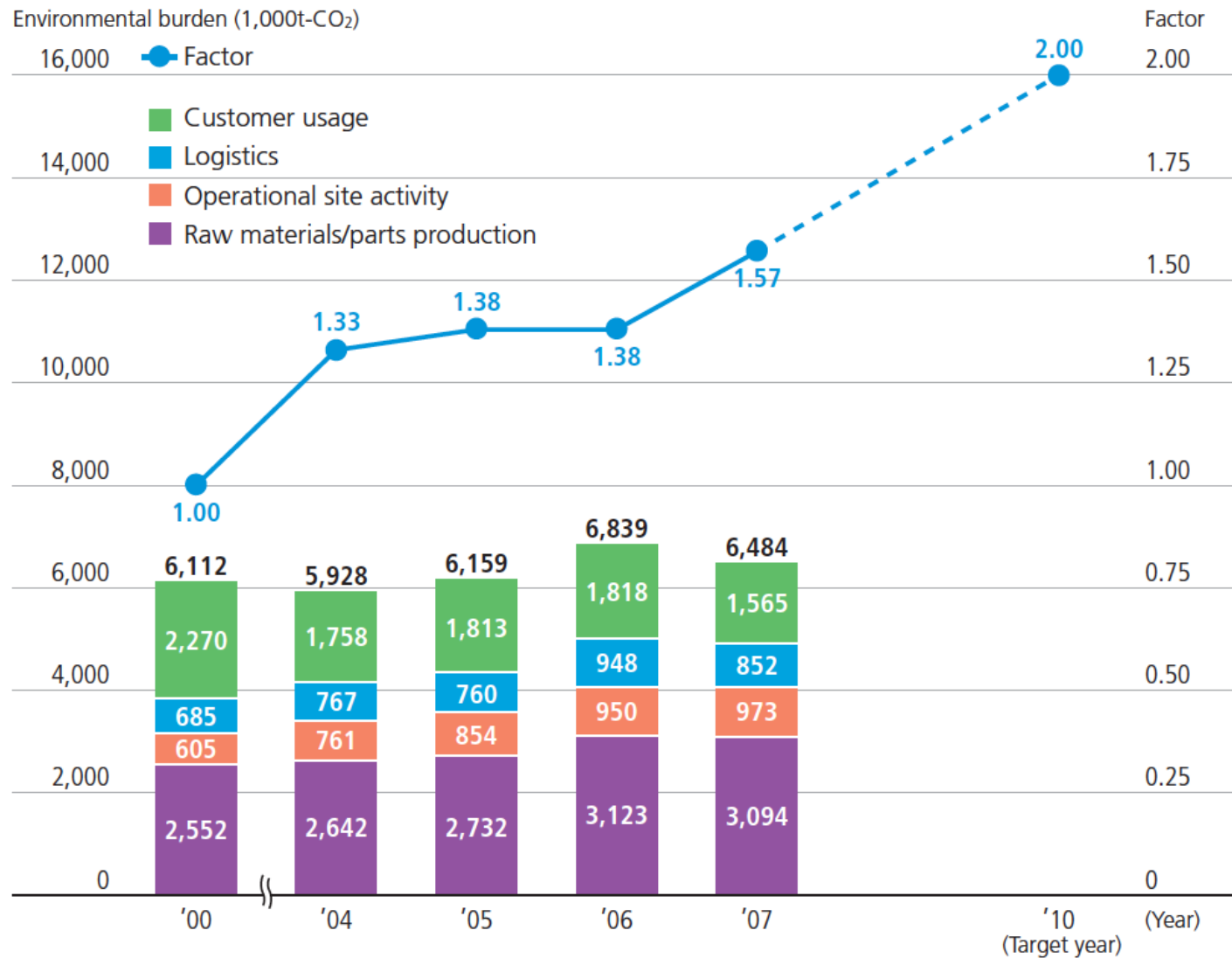
### Resource efficiency pays dividends



- Canon set a target to reduce CO2 emissions by a factor 2
- The company expected that this paid for itself if costs are considered over the whole production and use chain

# Example of Target Setting at company level

## Canon's sustainability report



# Policy targets on resource use and productivity

## Selected examples

- European Resource Efficiency Platform (EREP)  
Increase of resource productivity "well over 30% until 2030" (from pre-crisis level)
- Germany: doubling raw materials productivity until 2020 (from 1994)
- Japan: increase material productivity by 50% until 2015 (from 2000)
- China: increase material efficiency by 15% (2011-2015)

**target values and indicators differ, but direction is clear**

# Progress will be measured by headline indicators

## Environmental performance: the Four Footprints

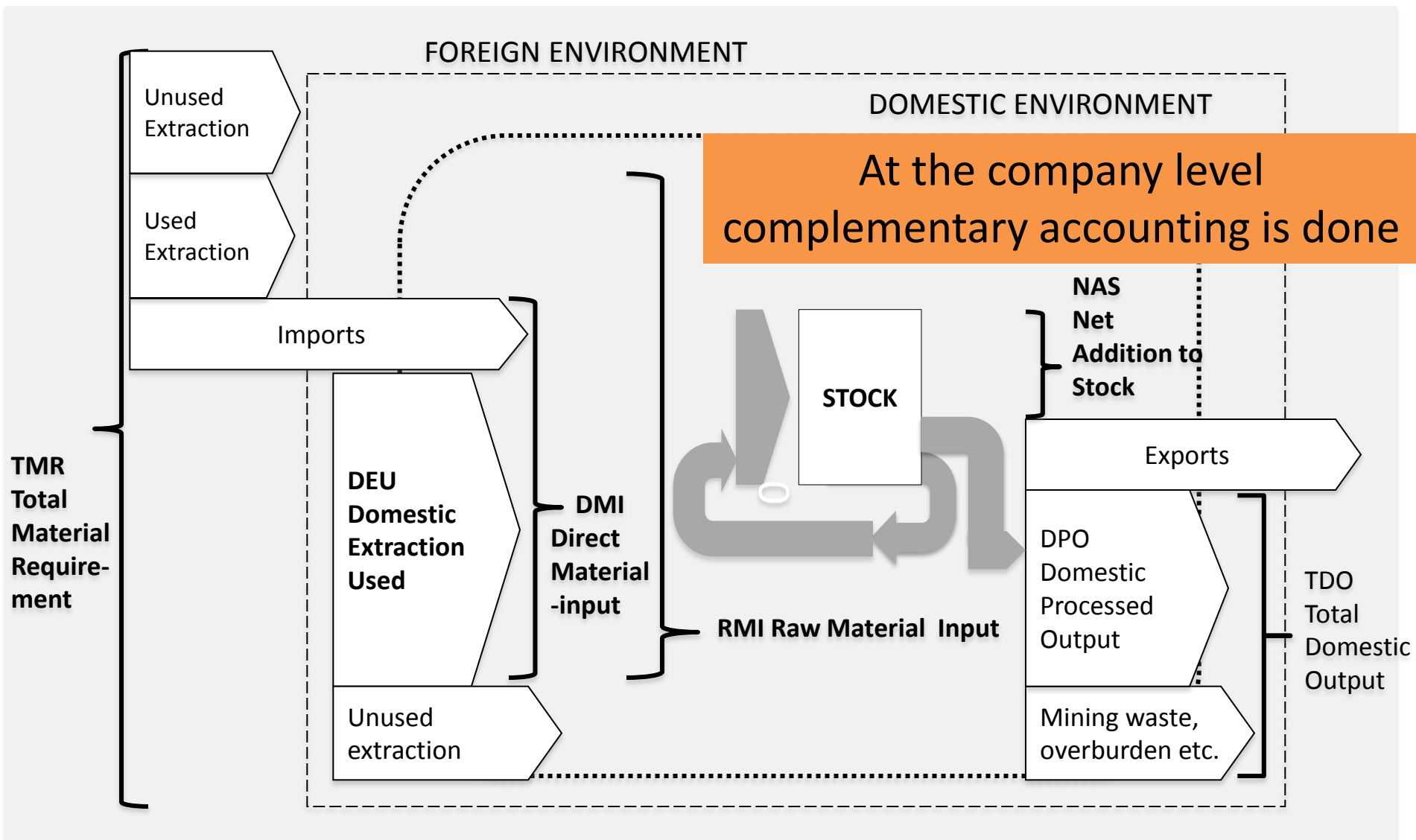
### Key indicators for monitoring natural resource use

| <div>Material Productivity<br/>GDP/DMI (GDP/DMC)</div> <div>Raw Materials Productivity<br/>GDP/RMI (GDP/RMC)</div> <div>Total Resource Productivity<br/>GDP/TMR</div>   |           | Territory or national perspective   | Global supply chain or international perspective  |
|---|-----------|---|---|
|   | Materials | Domestic extraction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- abiotic</li><li>- biotic</li><li>- used</li><li>- unused, DMI, DMC*</li></ul> | Total primary material resource requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- direct (domestic)</li><li>- indirect (foreign) TMR and TMC</li><li>RMI and RMC</li></ul> |
|   | Land      | Artificial land or built-up area  | Direct and indirect land use for consumption of biomass-based products focussing on cropland  |
|   | Water     | Water exploitation index  | Direct and indirect water consumption (e.g. Water footprint)  |
| Economy-wide MFA and Resource productivity indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- method guides Eurostat, OECD;</li><li>- applications in many IC and DCs;</li><li>- statistical offices in charge</li></ul> | Air       | GHG emissions (t)   | Direct and indirect GHG emissions (both carbon and non-carbon emissions)  |

Economy-wide MFA and Resource productivity indicators:

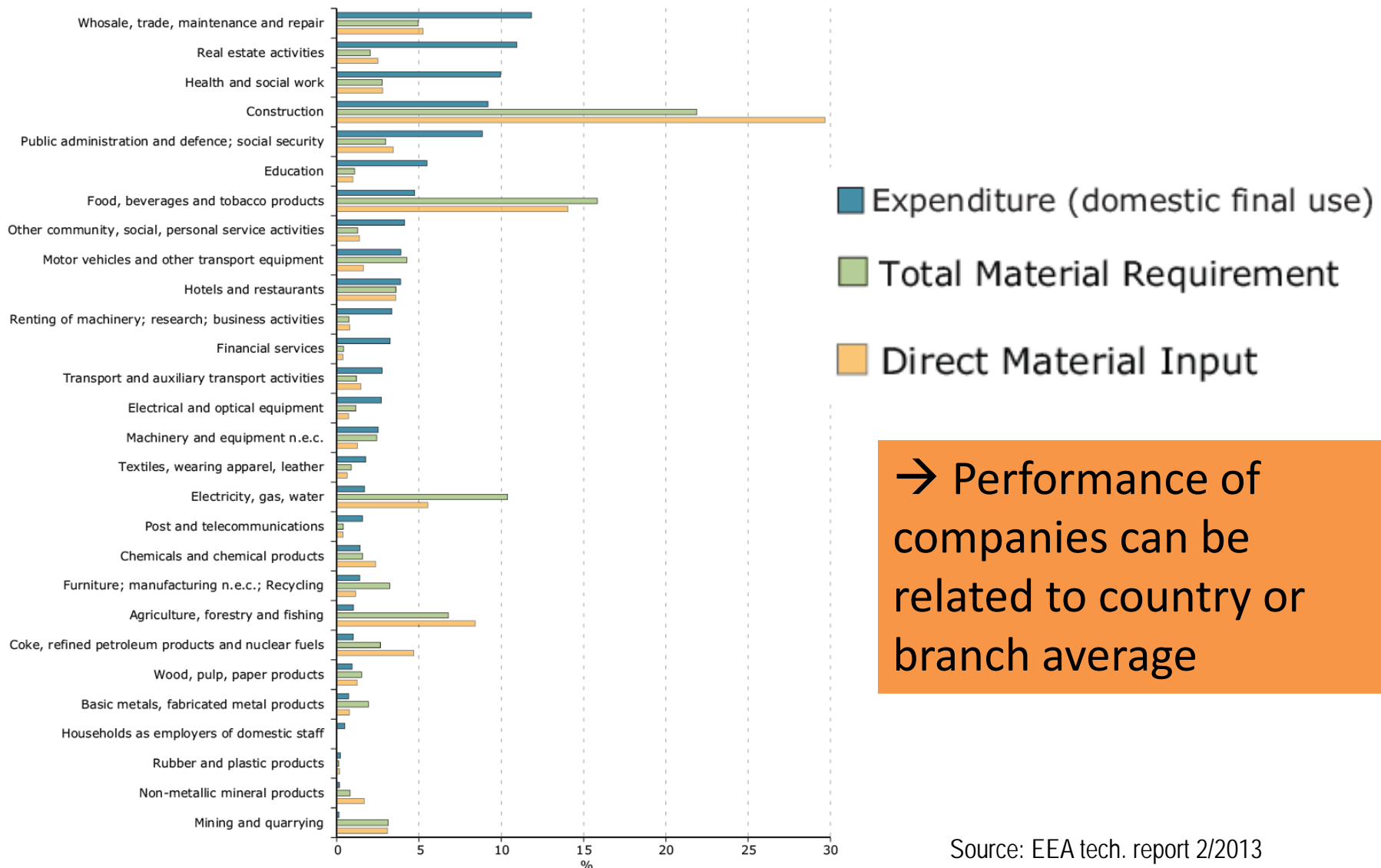
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# Overview of economy-wide material flow indicators



# Material Input and Total Material Requirement of branches

## Product groups, EU-9, 2005



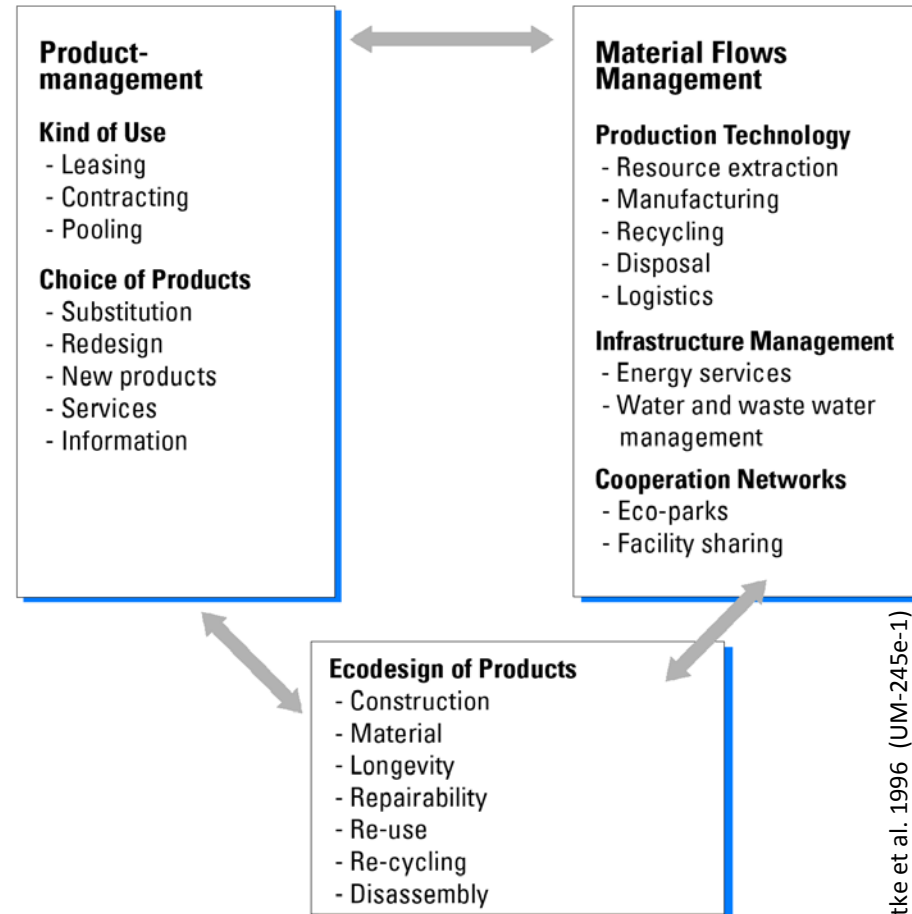
→ Performance of companies can be related to country or branch average

Source: EEA tech. report 2/2013

# What companies can do to increase their resource productivity

## Examples from Germany

- Resource checks are available online and offline
  - for specific branches,
  - as basic and advanced modules
- VDI-ZRE:  
<http://www.ressource-deutschland.de/instrumente/ressourcenchecks/>
- Resource Efficiency Agency (efa) in Northrhine-Westphalia:  
english Website:  
<http://www.ressourceneffizienz.de/en/startpage.html>



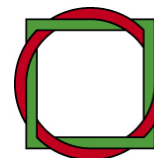
Source: Liedtke et al. 1996 (UM-245e-1)

# The presentation

- Historical learning and actual policies on resource efficiency
- Global trends of resource use
- Goals and Strategies for sustainable resource management
- What governments and companies do
- **Conclusions**

## Conclusion

- A relative decoupling of economic growth and natural resource use is ongoing. Thus, markets already favour increased resource efficiency
- For industry and SMEs still huge potentials are untapped to save costs for purchasing, storing and waste managing materials. Efficiency agencies such as in Germany can play an important assisting role.
- SMEs may set their goals and check
  - inhouse potentials for material and energy efficiency;
  - risks associated with their purchases (minerals, biomass);
  - business opportunities in waste prevention and recycling;
  - options for dematerialized design of their products;
  - strategic innovation potential to enhance their competitiveness



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