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CREATING TOMORROW'S SOLUTIONS

## **How Process Mining Complements Productivity Management at WACKER**

Wacker Chemie at Process Mining Camp 2021

**How often have you already had contact with Wacker products TODAY?**



Sealants



Industrial Coatings



Textile, Leather & Nonwovens



Lithium-Ion Batteries



Electromobility



Automotive & Transport



Pharmaceuticals



Construction



Construction



Gum



Agriculture



Food Supplements

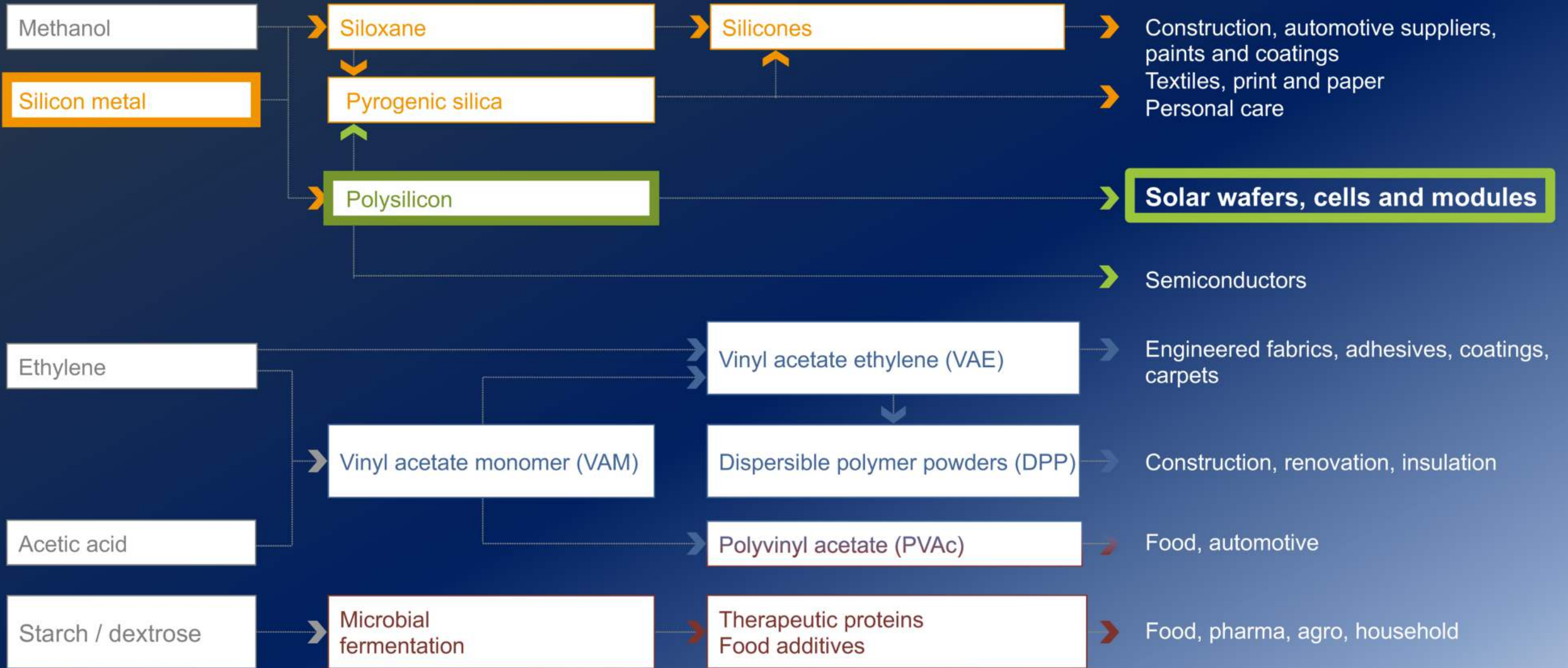


## Raw Materials

## Upstream Products

## Downstream Products

## Customers' Industries



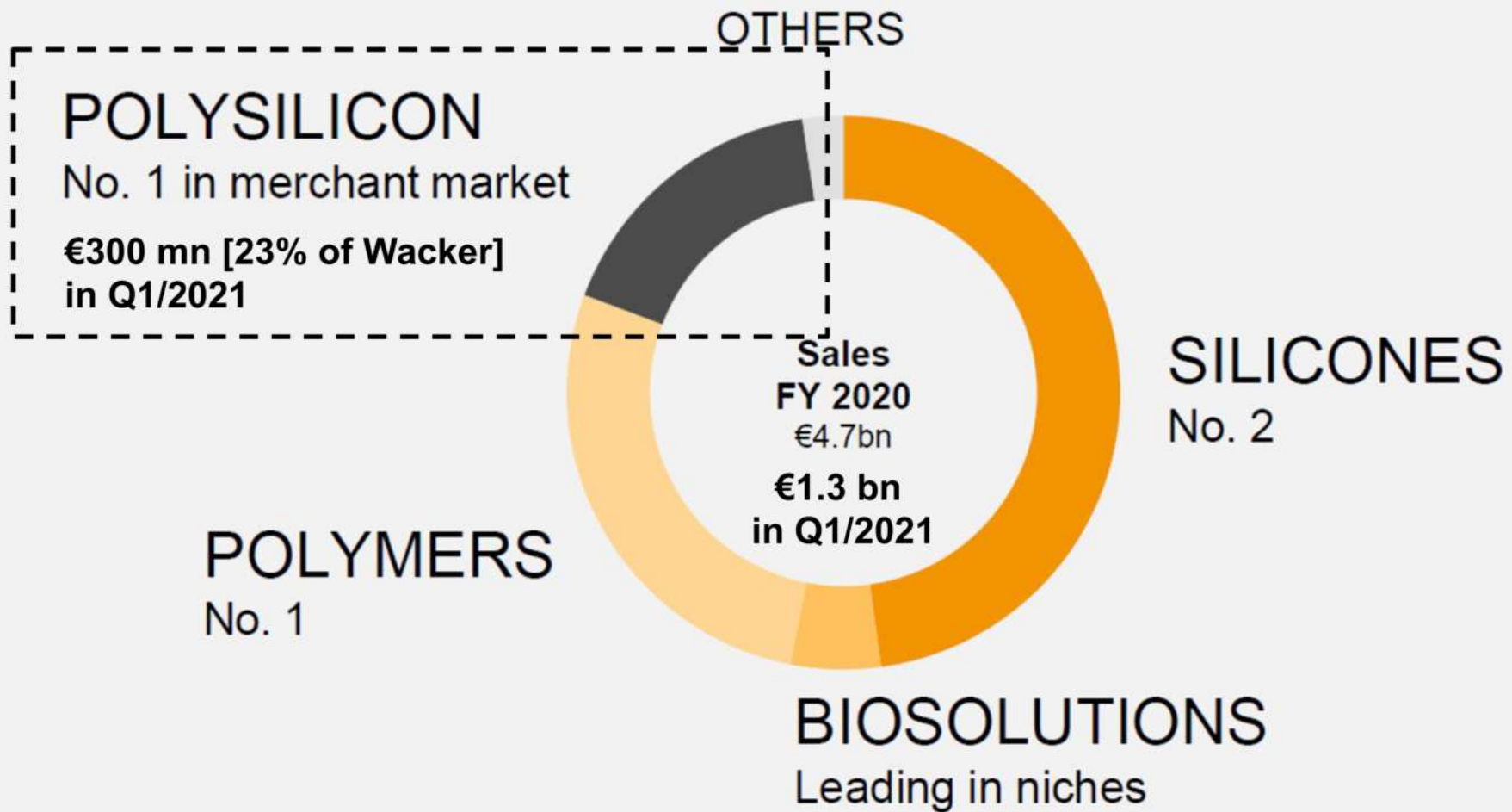
**Our Search for Insights Led Us to...**



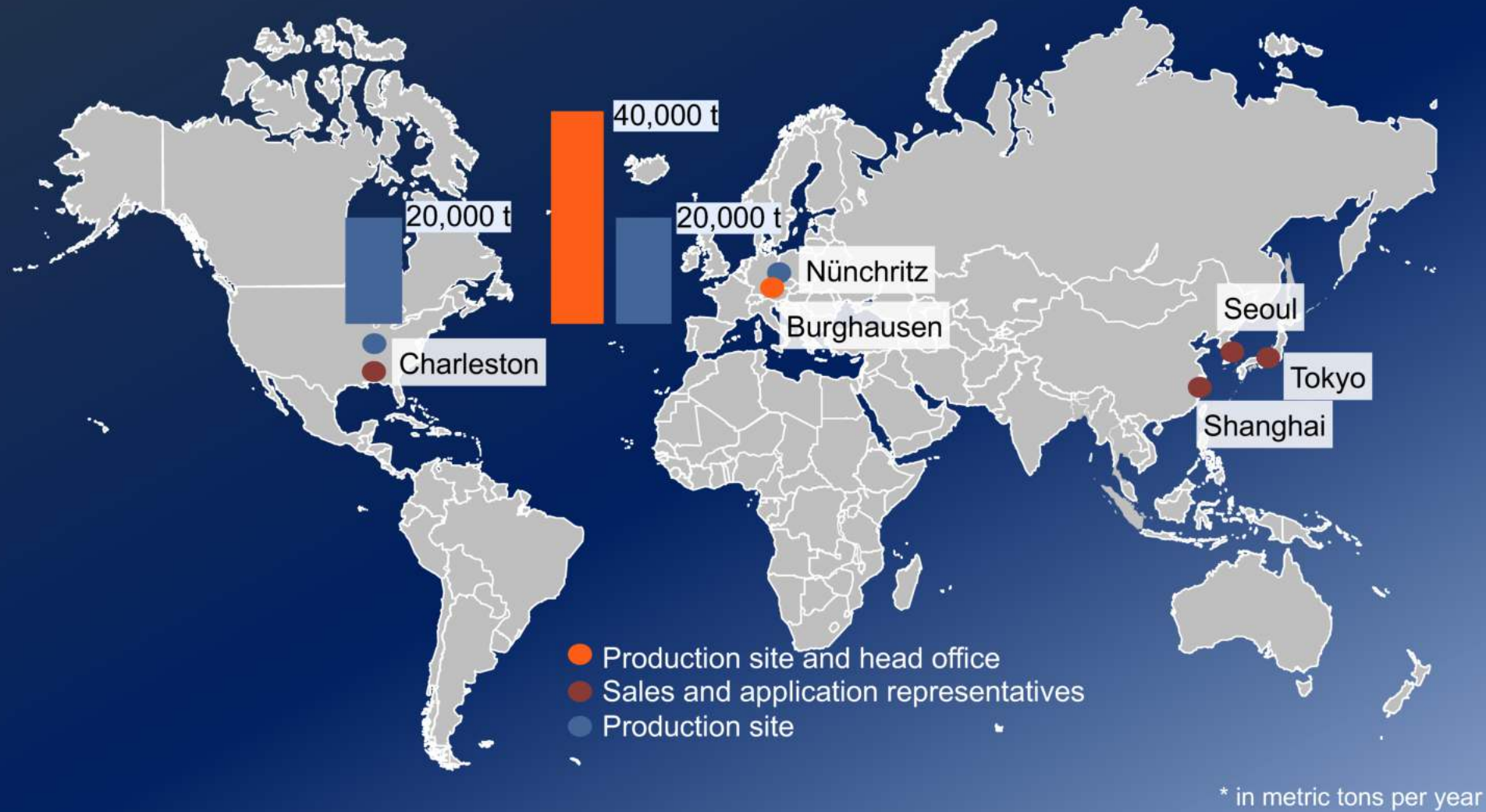
**... the Process Mining Camp in Eindhoven 2017**



**The Polysilicon Division**



## Office Locations, Sites and Nameplate Capacities\*







## Silicon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Abundant Element in the Earth's Crust (26%)



Quartz ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )



Si-Metal



Polysilicon

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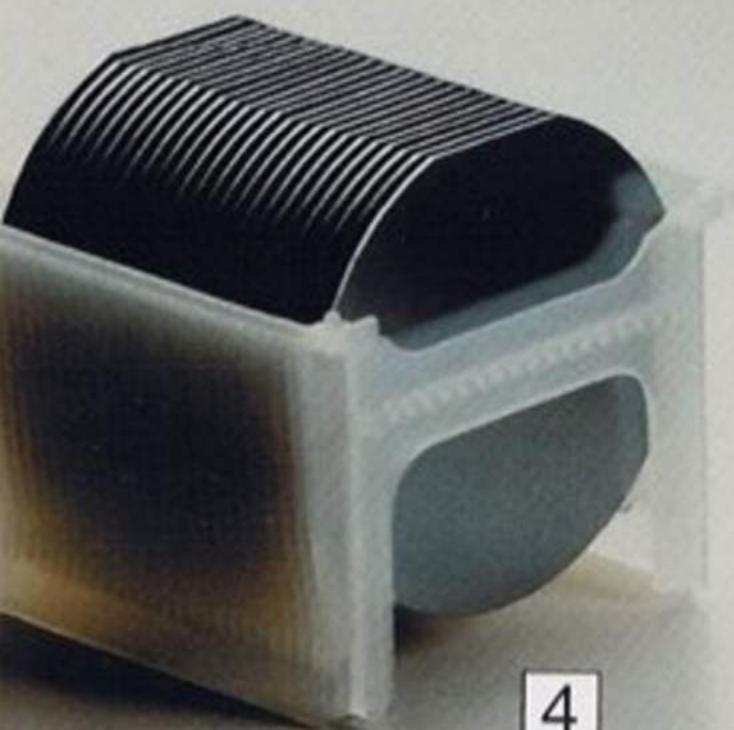


# Solutions for All Silicon-Crystal-Pulling and Wafer Technologies

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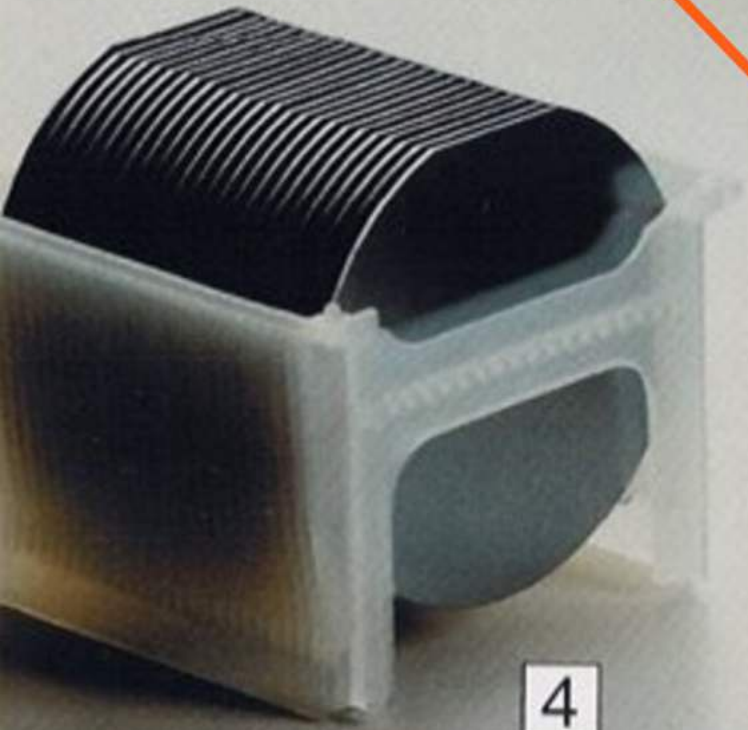


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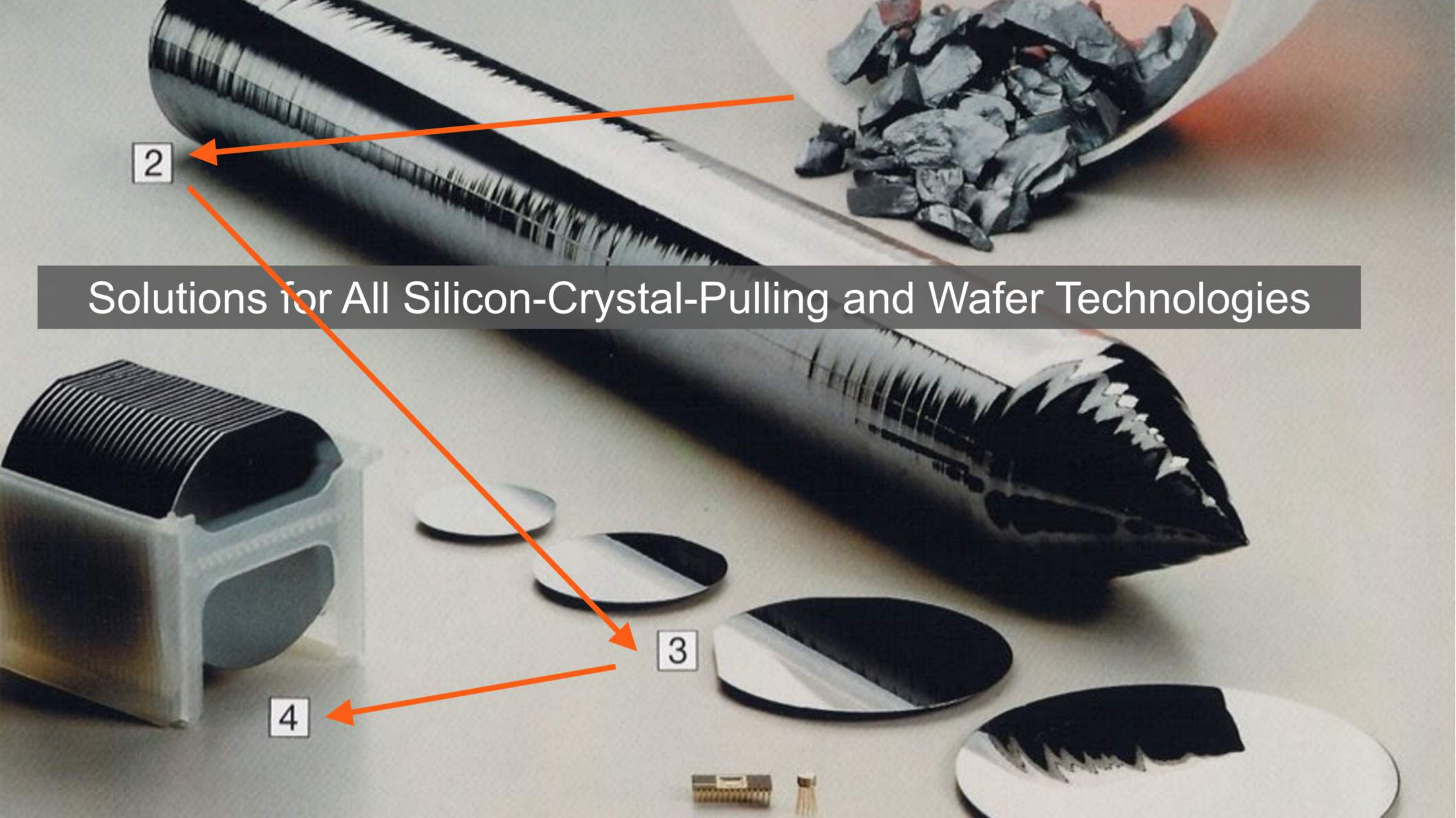


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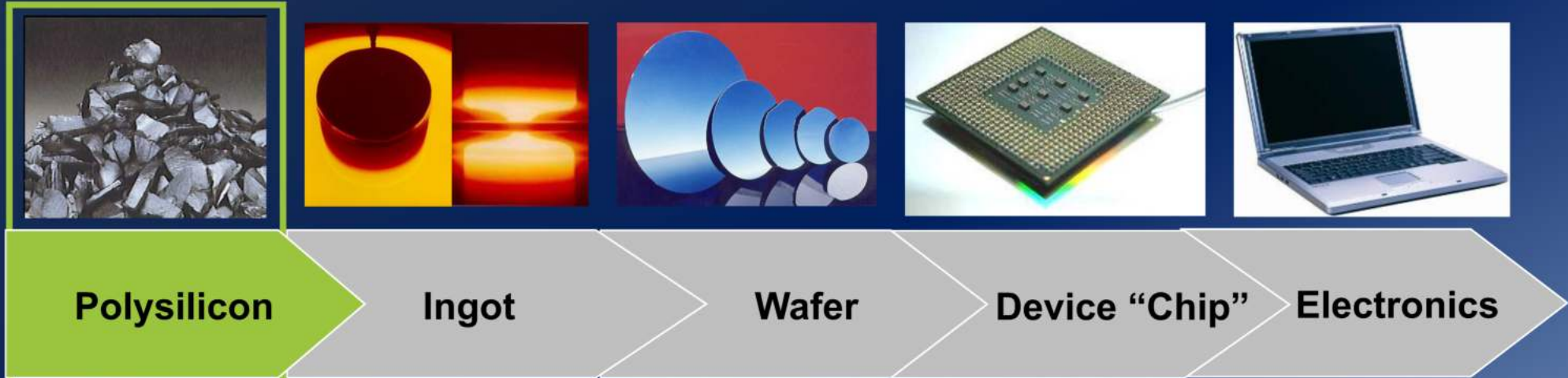
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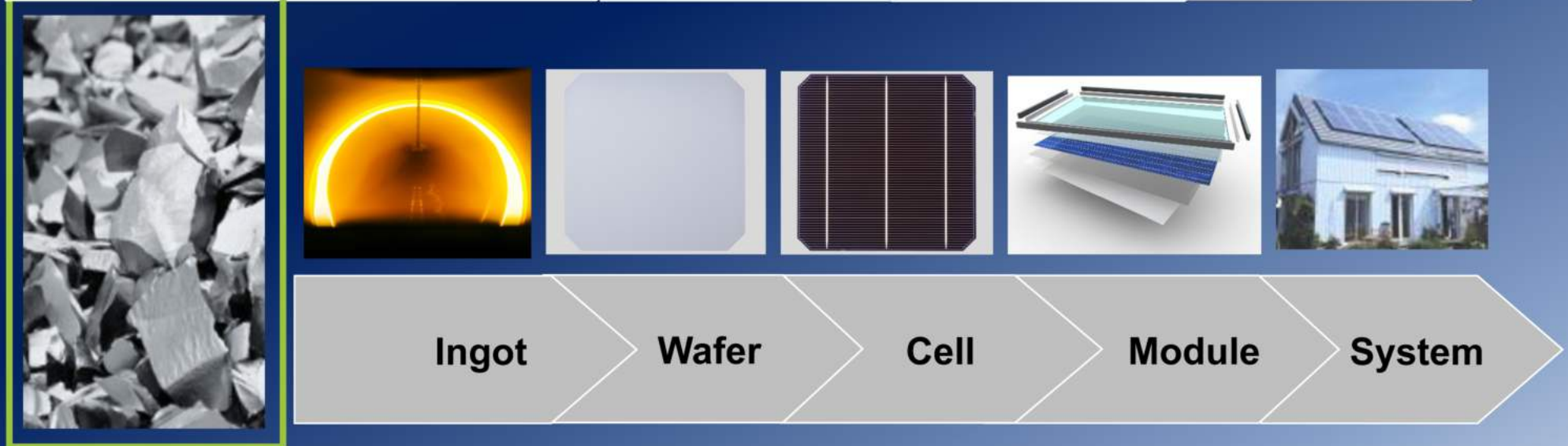


# Polysilicon: Starting Point of the ...

... **Electronic**  
Value Chain

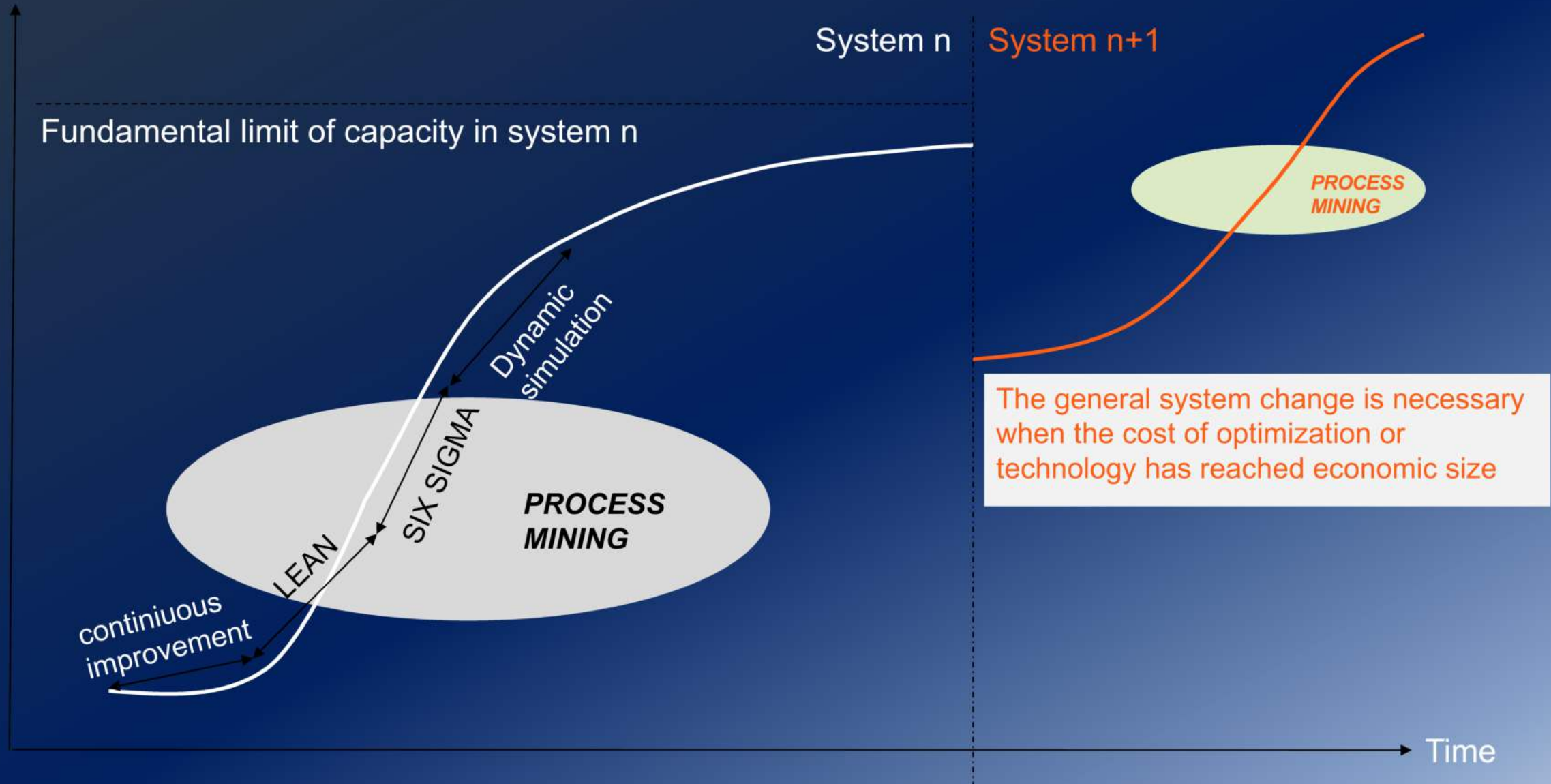


... Key Raw Material  
for > 90% of all  
**Solar**  
**Systems**



# Productivity Management

Niveau / Performance  
of the system

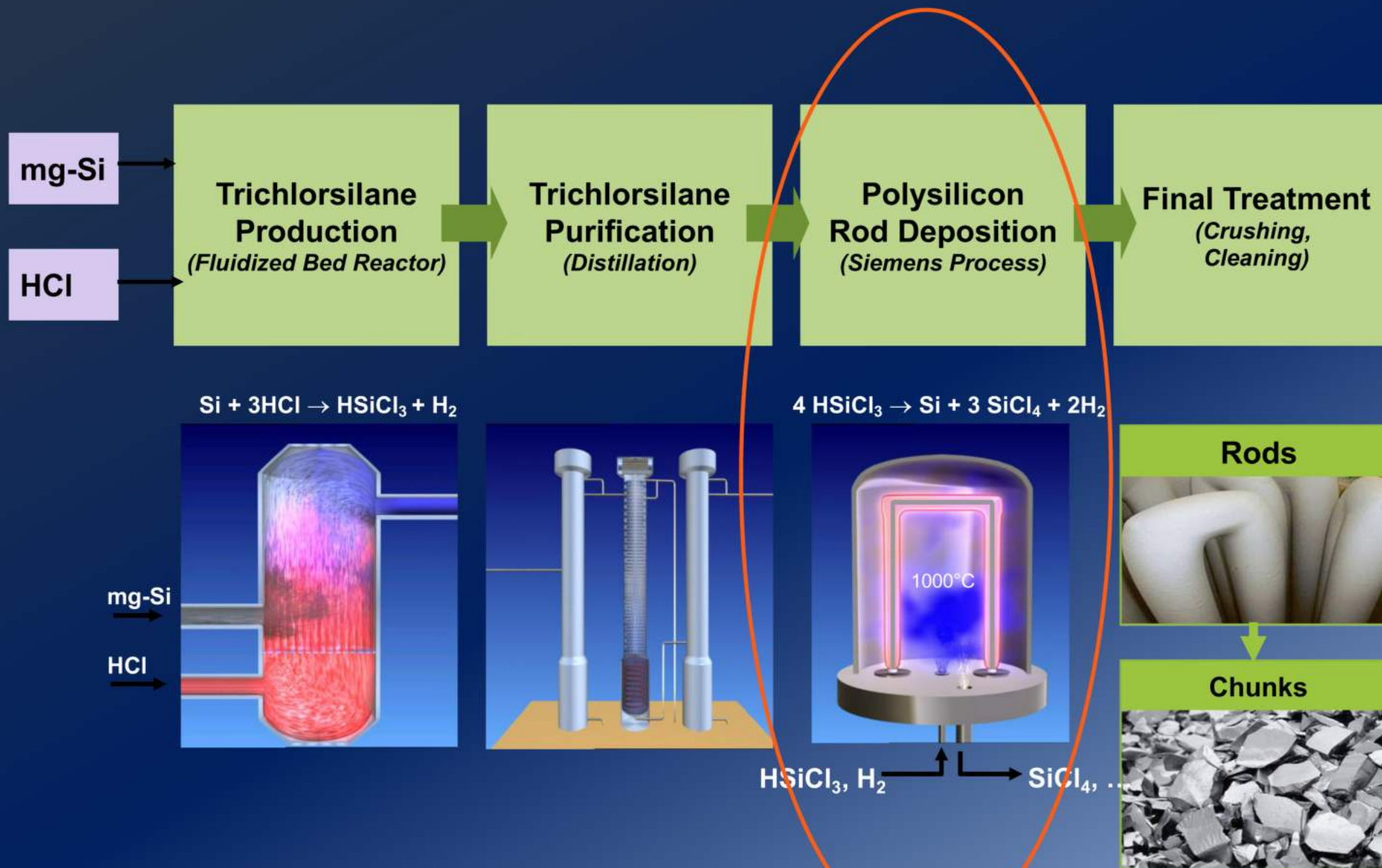


➤ First Example:  
*Poly Deposition*





# Polysilicon Production Is a Four Step Purification Process



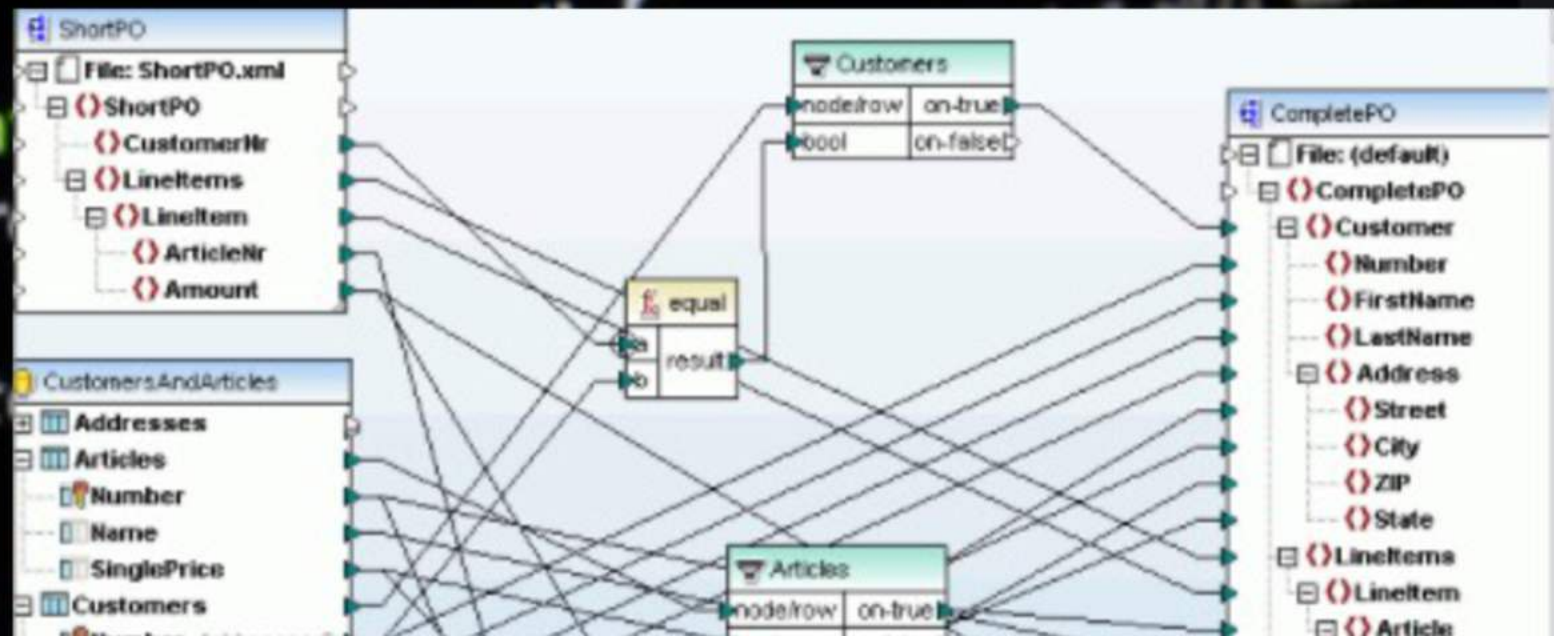


What are the questions?

Which data are available to me?  
How can I prepare this?



```
5  
6  
7 /**  
8 #define pivot_index() (begin+(end-begin)/2)  
9 #define swap(a,b,t) ((t)=(a), (a)=(b), (b)=(t))  
10  
11 void sort(int array[], int begin, int end) {  
12     static int pivot;  
13     static int t;  
14     if (end > begin) {  
15         pivot_index();  
16         swap(array[pivot_index()], array[begin]);  
17         sort(array, begin, pivot_index());  
18         sort(array, pivot_index()+1, end);  
19     }  
20 }
```

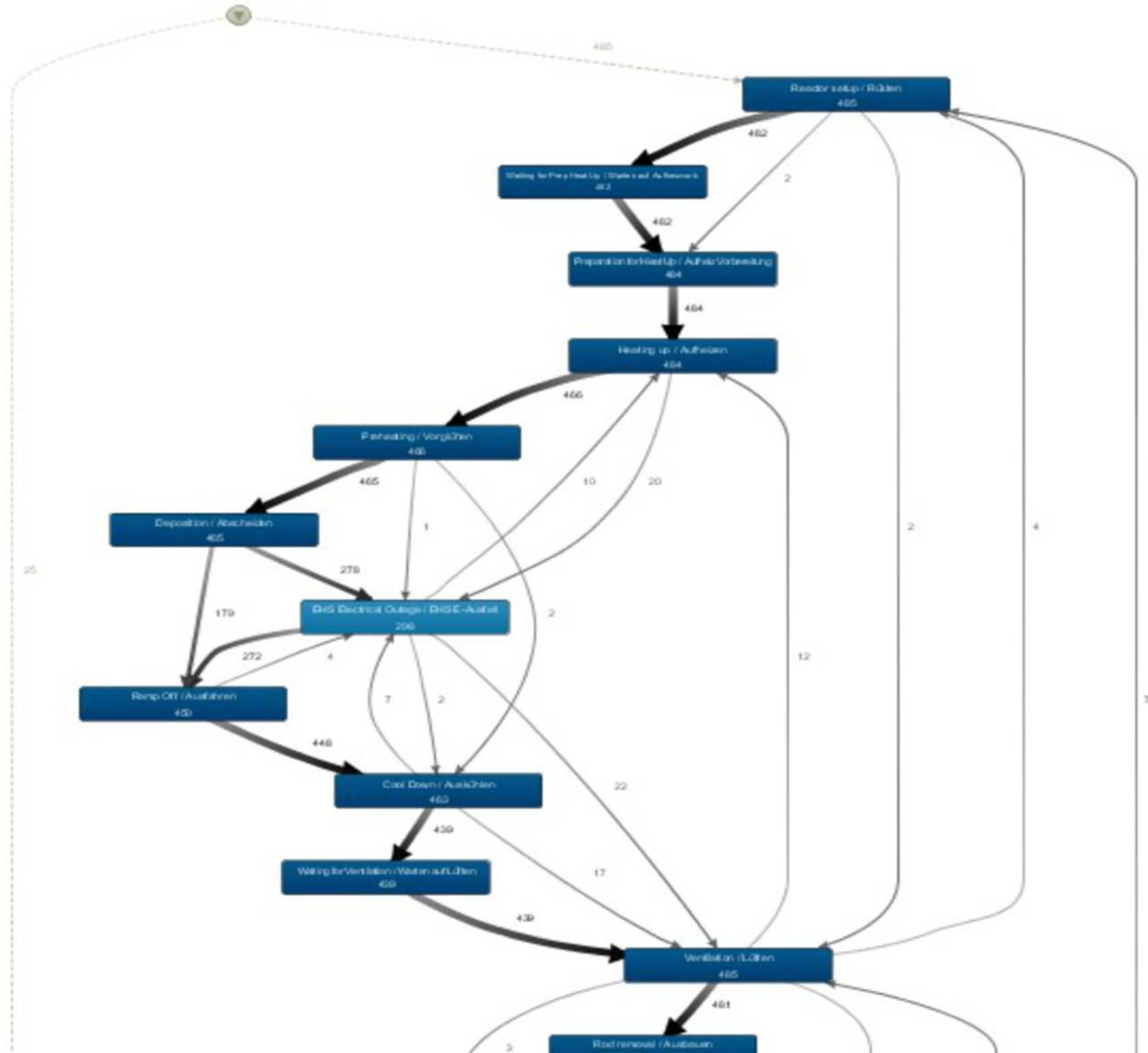




PSTPT A_d Stab (T A) Poly	PSTPT A12z Stab Mono gezogen (T A)	PT A ROH Roh Poly T A	PT AMI_06z T A Mono Impfling 6mm gezogen	PT AP_RE Roh Poly T A Rest
22263	739490			
	82902		7984	7984
		1		
		7		
	11051		5794	5820
		11		
		11		
		273		
	97781		10914	

How are the connections?

# New View on Process: PROCESS MAP





# Different Disciplines Needed for a Process Mining Project

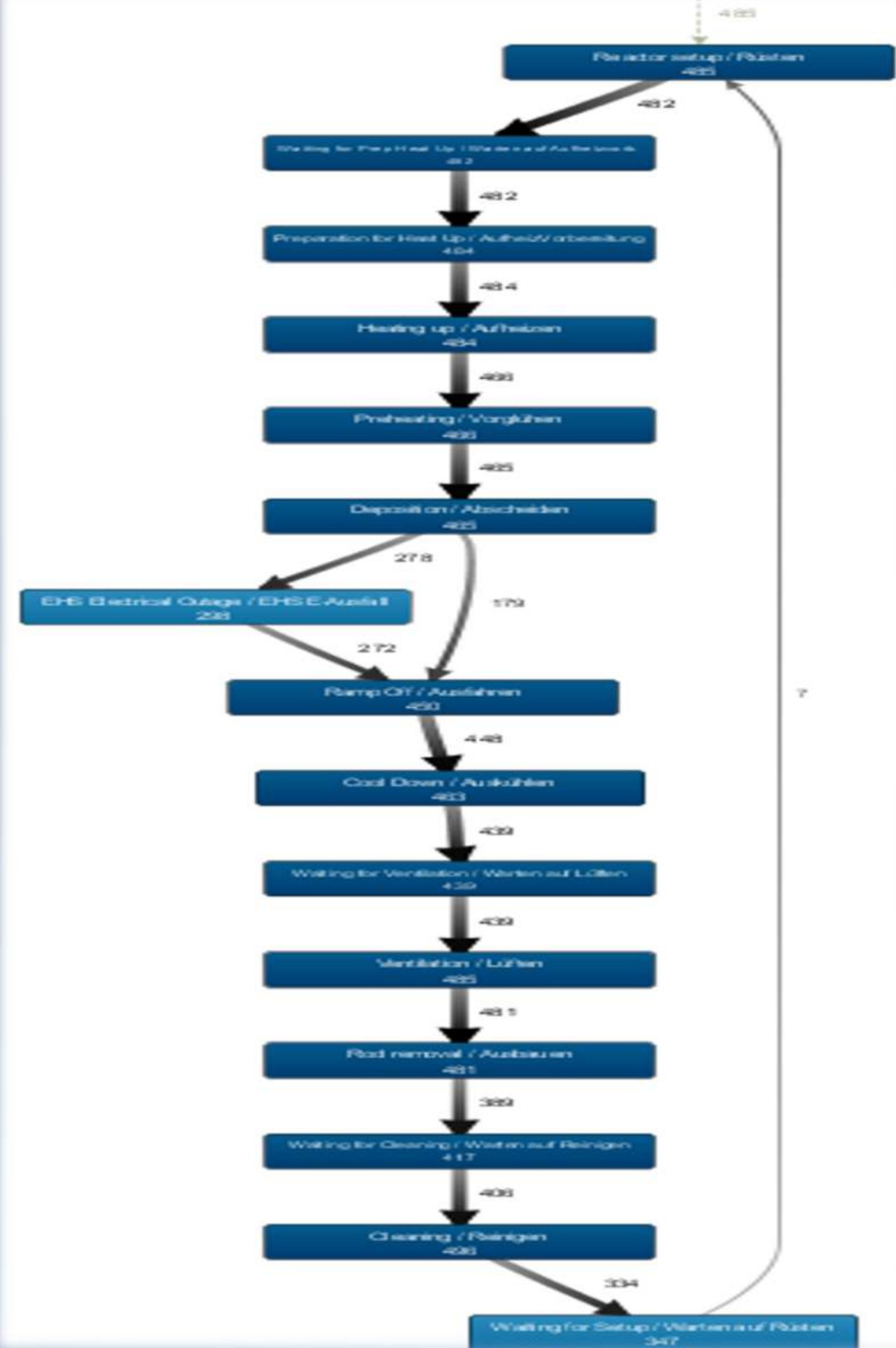


# Polysilicon Deposition Process



**Task:**  
Where do the different outputs of the individual **Deposition halls** come from?

**Situation:**  
The 16 main process steps of all systems worldwide are selected from the DB over 24 months and analyzed with process mining



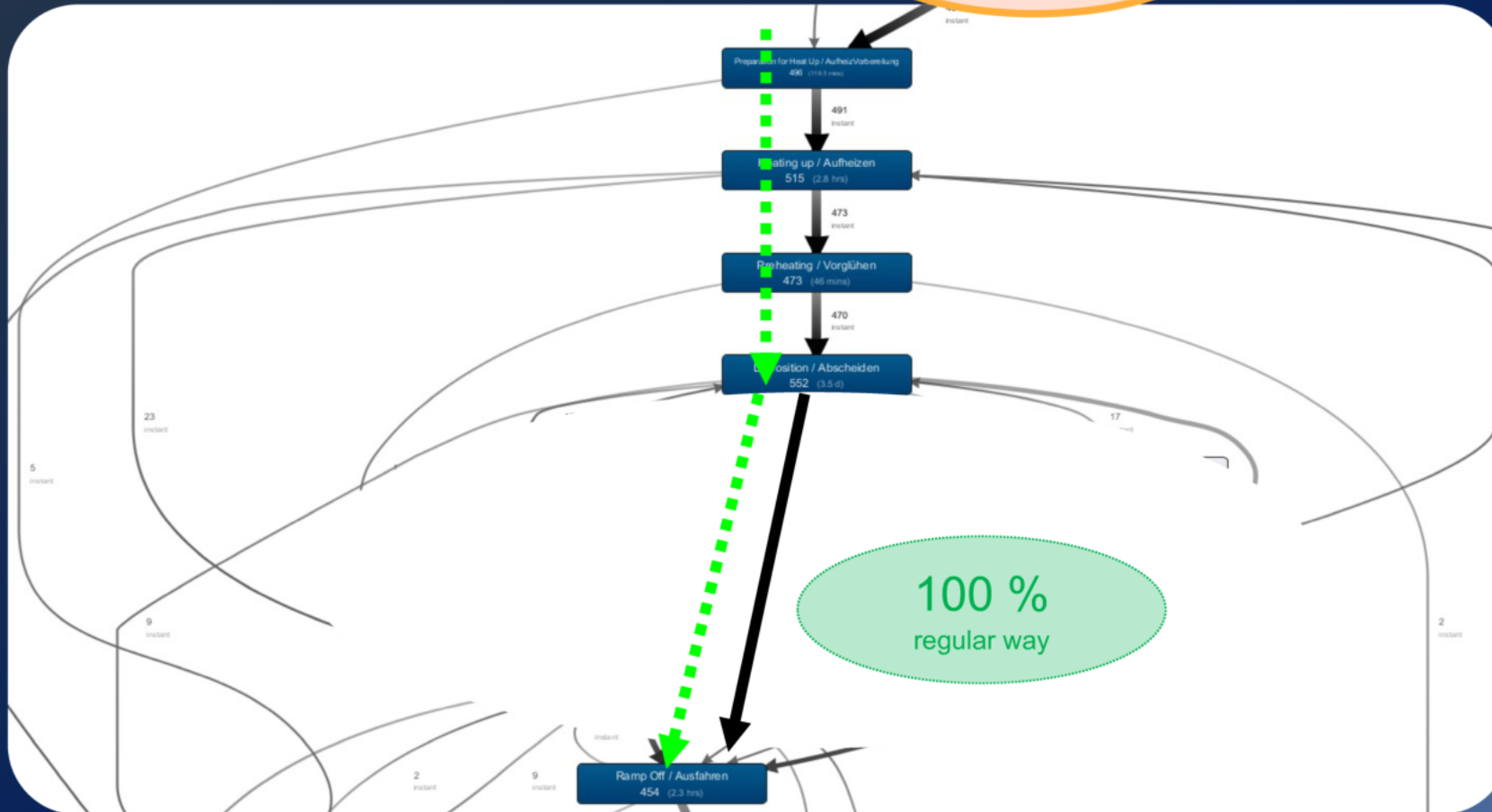


# Extraordinary process:

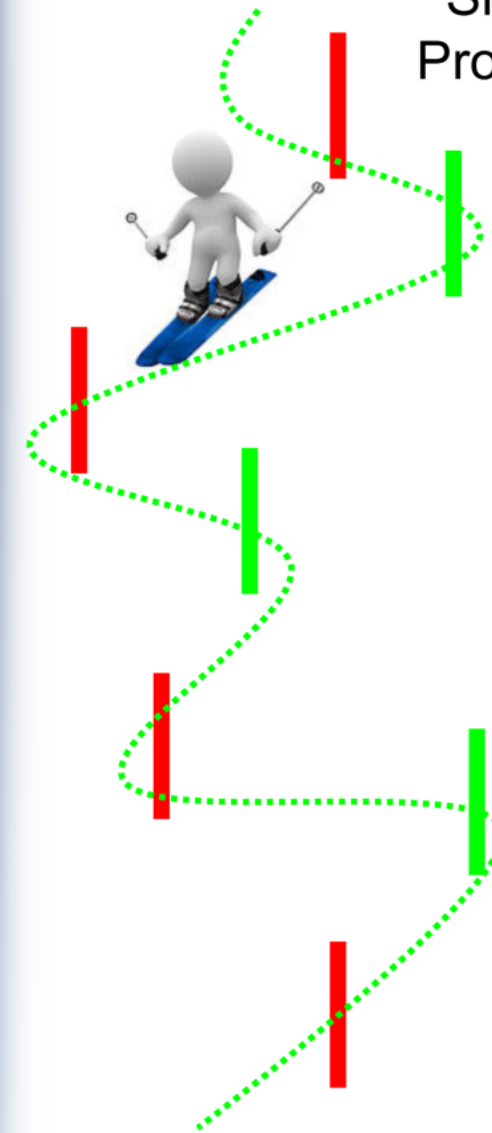
„Regular process sequence“

Deposition  
Process

552 Starts  
= 100 %



Slalom  
Process



# Extraordinary process:

Process is shorten by

„Emergency extension program“

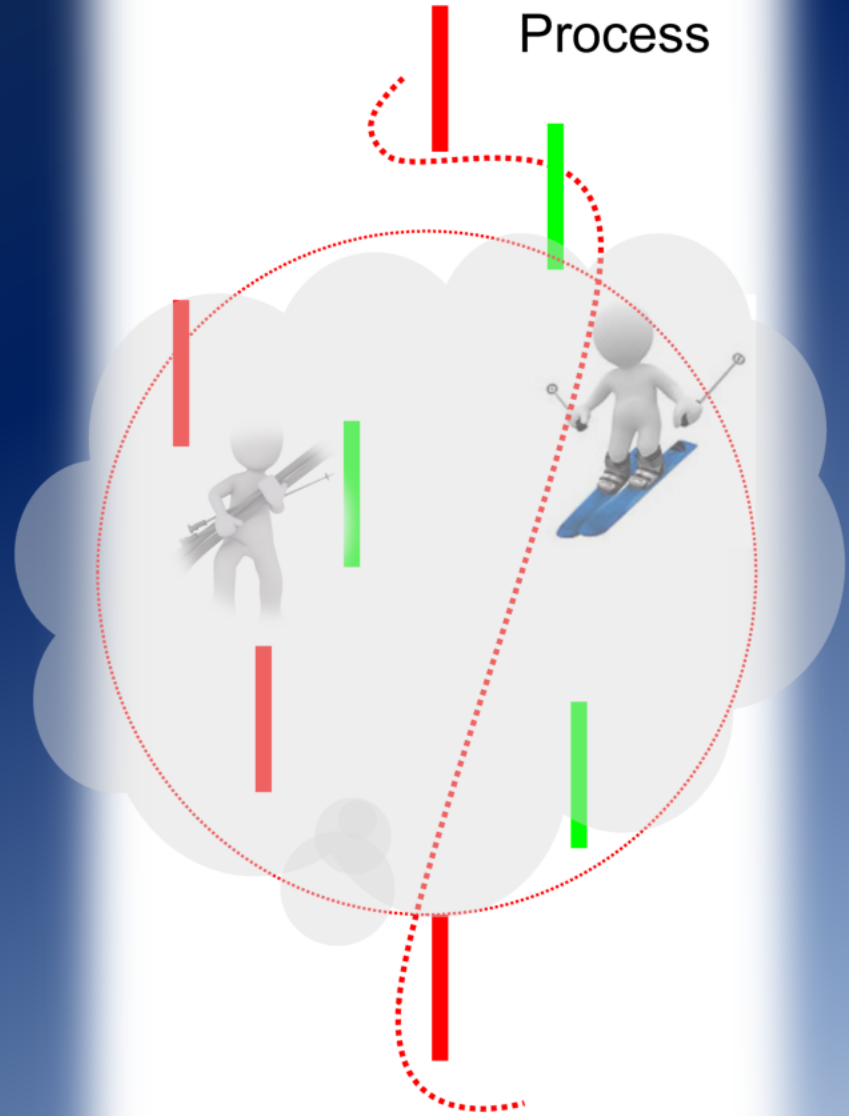
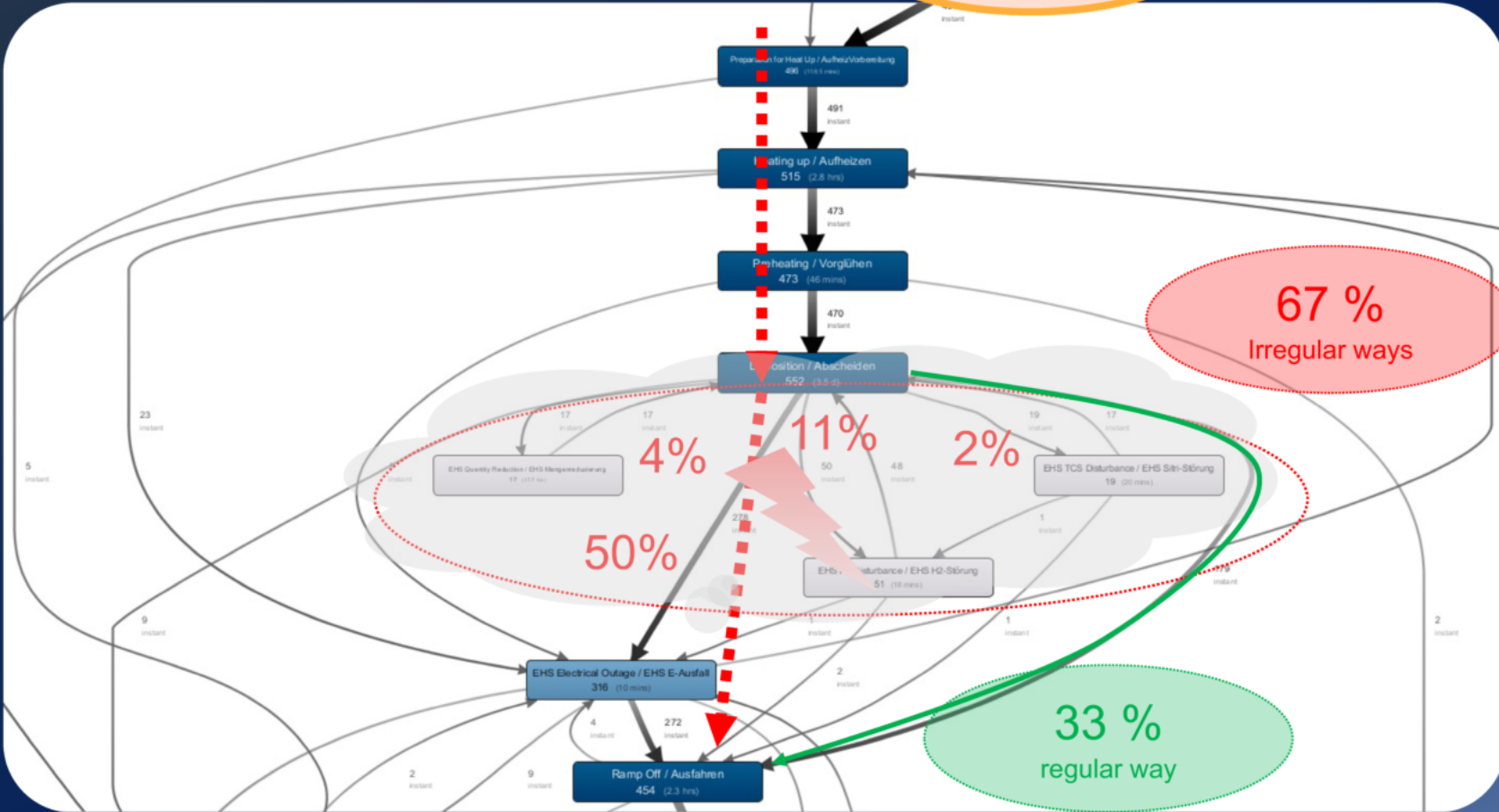
Deposition  
Process

Slalom  
Process

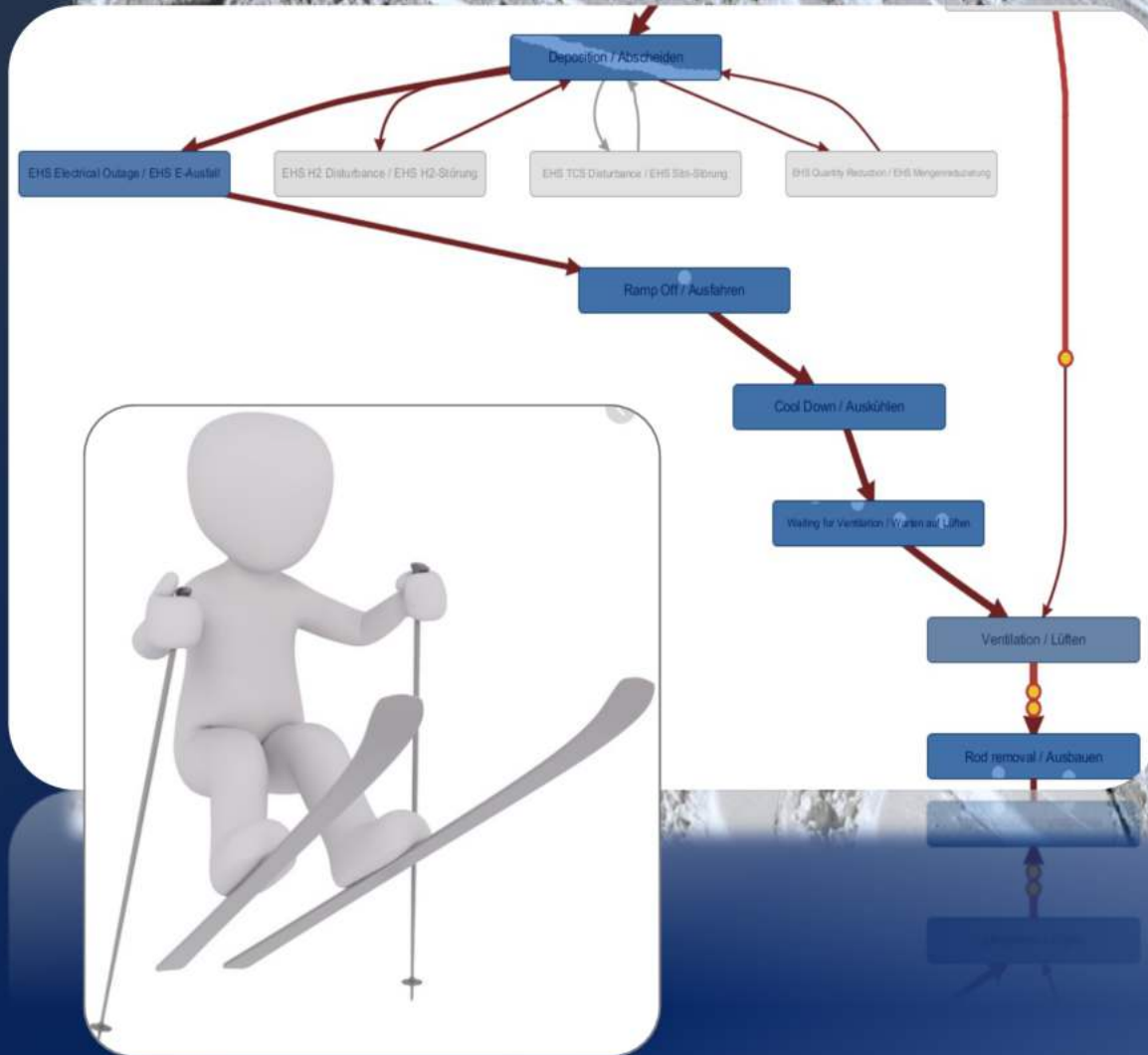
552 Starts  
= 100 %

67 %  
Irregular ways

33 %  
regular way



# By Following And Comparing The Tracks, Significant Successes Could Be Achieved



## **Result:**

Saving 1 hour of process time in all 214 systems results in annual savings of **17 M€ per annum**

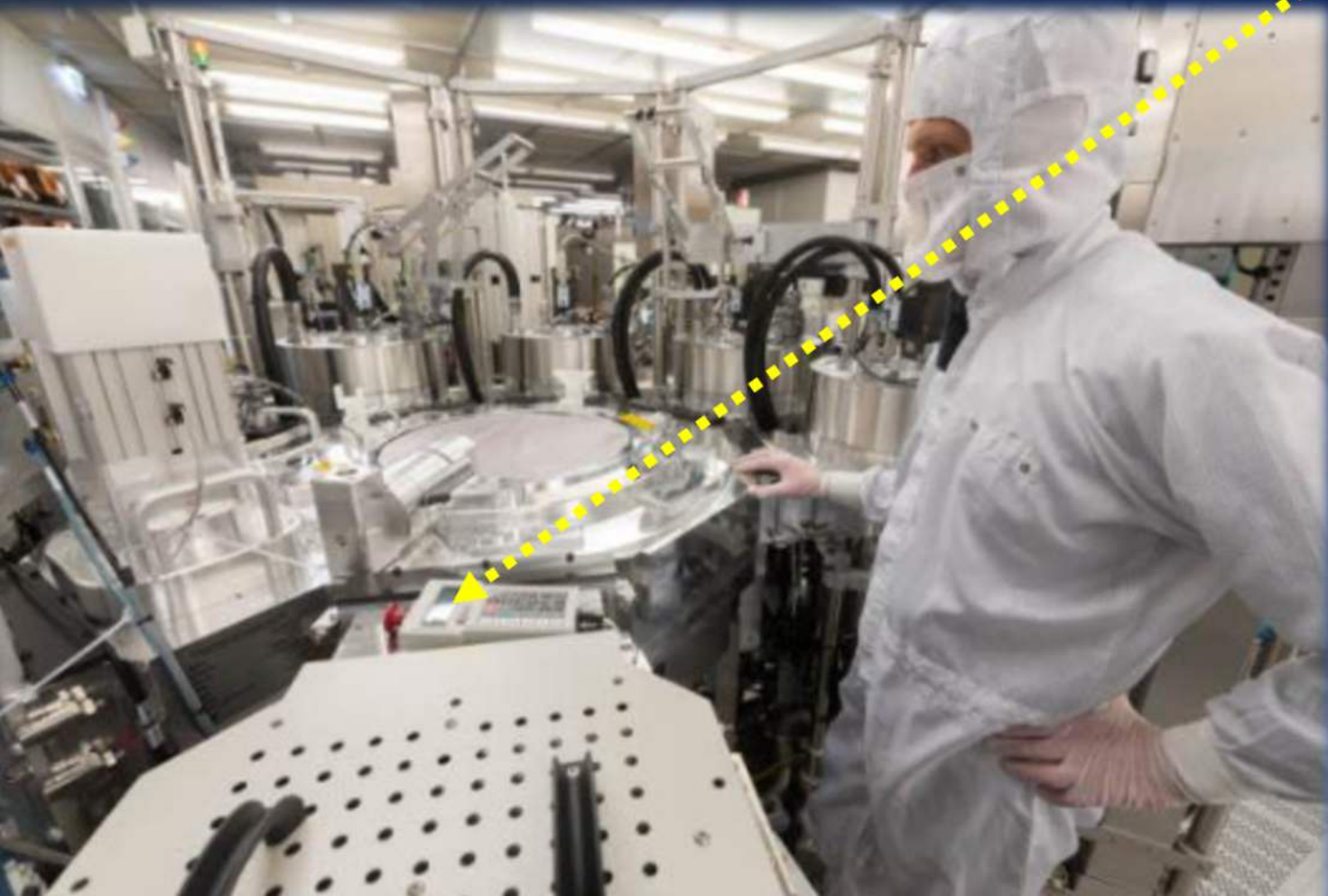


➤ Second Example:

***Physical Analytics  
of Polysilicon***



## Polysilicon Physical Analytics



### **Task:**

The higher quality requirements must be carried out with the same measuring equipment in the same time.

### **Situation:**

55 analysts work on an average of 250 samples on 97 measuring devices in 5 shifts

# 1. Collect and compress data

**Raw data form DB**  
here 206 days > 65,300 individual campaigns

Bereich	Leiter	Verantwortl.	Stichtag	Prozesszeitpunkt	Ergebnis	Ergebnis	Ergebnis	Ergebnis	Ergebnis	Ergebnis
Produktion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

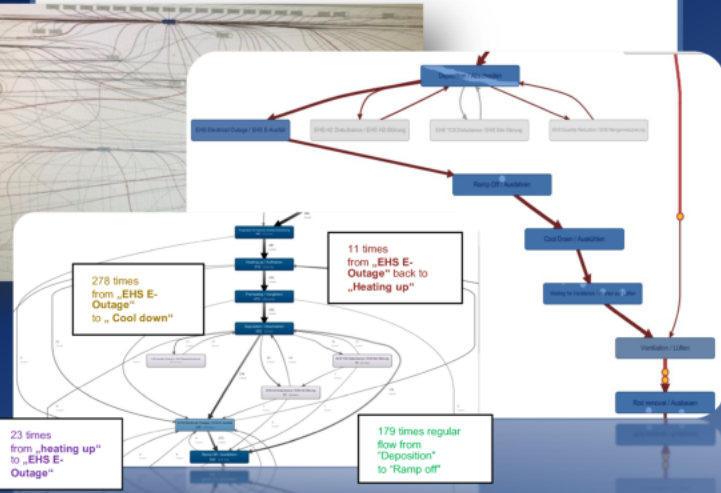
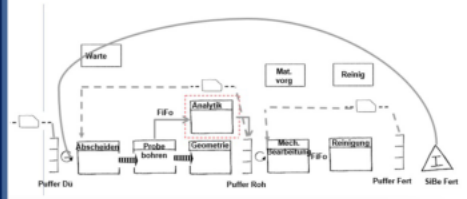
**WSA manual activity**  
handwriting every single process

PROZ. WERT	LAFTG. NAME	ORT. NAME	Anzahl von E	Summe von	Mittelwert	Standardabweichung
Brudenlinie Line 2	LP3003		94	1.622	17,3	23,1
Brudenlinie Line 3	LP241		2	62	31,0	31,0
Brudenlinie Line 4	LP3003		46	794	17,3	24,2
Freeze Nido LP3003	LP241		1	64.173	64.173,0	0,0
Media Quality Testposition	LP3003		3	130	44,3	60,6
Produktion Diarostoffe nach Bodenplatzrevision	C250		2.057	141.305	68,7	801,3
PS_DC_BGH_CHP_PROD_LMI_CS1_LP3003	LP3003		14	313	22,4	26,3
PS_DC_CHA_CHP_PROD_LMI_CS1	LP241		4	207	51,8	113,3
PS_DC_MAM_CHP_PROD_LMI_CS1	D34		48	300	6,4	8,4
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Vertical oil	C250		683	26.072	44,0	64,7
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lagering material	LP241		4	144	36,0	36,3
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lagering LP3003	LP241		23	272	11,8	17,9
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lagering	LP3003		1.261	27.346	29,8	40,2
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lagering	D34		197	8.134	41,3	60,2
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lagering	LP241		69	2.191	31,8	49,9
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lageringmethode	LP3003		2	14	7,0	0,0
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lageringmethode	LP241		678	19.740	34,1	46,7
PS_PA_SPC Quality Bulk Lageringmethode	LP3003		118	5.385	45,6	104,3
Qualität Medien Testabdeckung	LP241		2.771	194.159	70,1	1.141,6
Qualität Medien Testabdeckung NEU	LP3003		1.374	43.847	31,9	24,6
Qualität Medien Testabdeckung NEU	D34		762	17.161	22,5	12,4
Baseline Leco-Proben Line 3	LP241		2	10.506	5.278,0	5.037,0
Brudenlinie Line 2	LP3003		98	71.712	1.280,6	497,8
Brudenlinie Line 3	LP3003		34	41.116	1.200,3	580,7
Brudenlinie Line 4	LP3003		95	132.226	1.802,7	596,7
Cutting Baseline for LECO-Messung (to be measured in BGH)	LP241		10	512.860	51.286,0	8.654,3
Freeze Nido	LP241		1	15.312	15.312,0	0,0
Freeze Nido	LP3003		5	2.030	206,0	484,6
Freeze Nido LP3003	LP241		11	711.942	64.722,0	8.076,2
Freeze Nido Production CHA	LP3003		81	87.074	1.068,1	2.372,3
LECO-Messung	C250		58	41.139	700,3	319,8
Media Quality Testposition	LP241		30	202.318	5.780,5	4.330,0
Media Quality Testposition	C250		2.041	14.963	7,3	31,3
Fire Nido	LP3003		1	1,0	0,0	0,0
Produktion Diarostoffe nach Bodenplatzrevision	LP3003		16	5.490	343,1	229,3
PS_Chp Baseline for LECO-C-Messung LP241	LP241		45	631.394	14.030,8	10.467,3
PS_DC_BGH_CHP_PROD_LMI_CS1_LP3003	LP3003		1	296	296,0	0,0
PS_DC_CHA_CHP_PROD_LMI_CS1	LP3003		15	180.259	12.019,9	6.988,4
PS_DC_CHA_CHP_PROD_LMI_CS1	LP241		1	43.317	43.317,0	0,0

# 2. Analysis of the entire area

using SixSigma tools such as ...

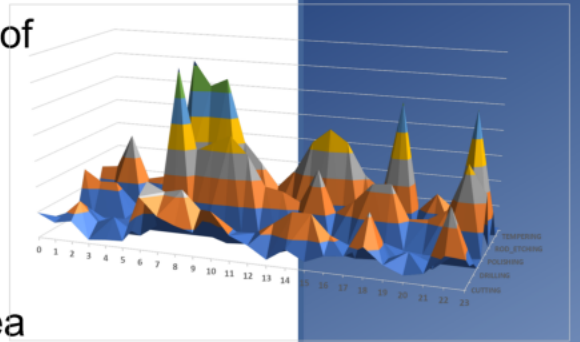
- # Work step analysis WSA
- # Value stream analysis VSA
- # Process Mining / Simulation



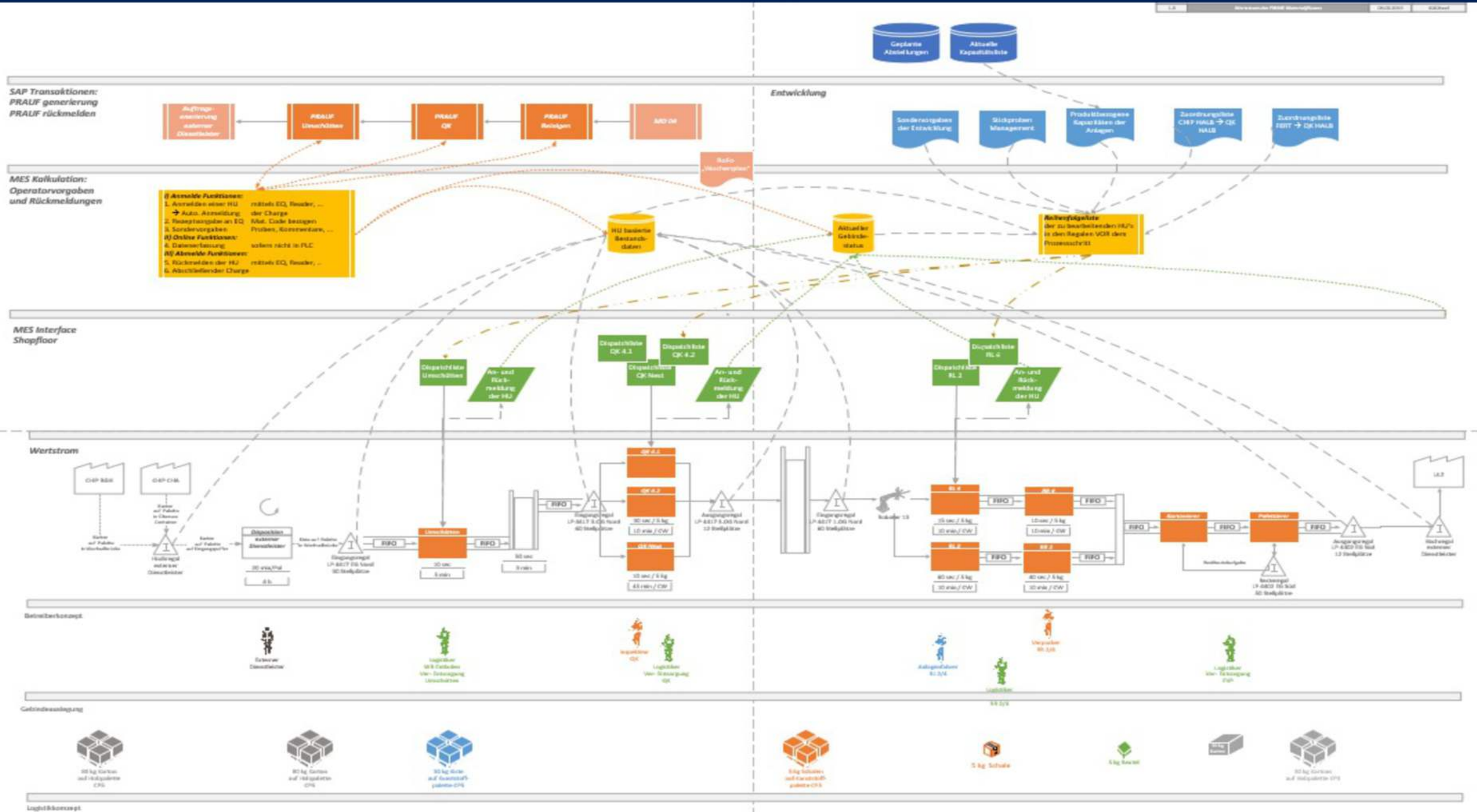
# 3. Synthesis of potentials

Visualization of the current state and deriving potentials through the outside view of OE-PM under consideration of dimensions:

- a) Time
- b) Location
- c) Manufacturing area
- d) Qualification

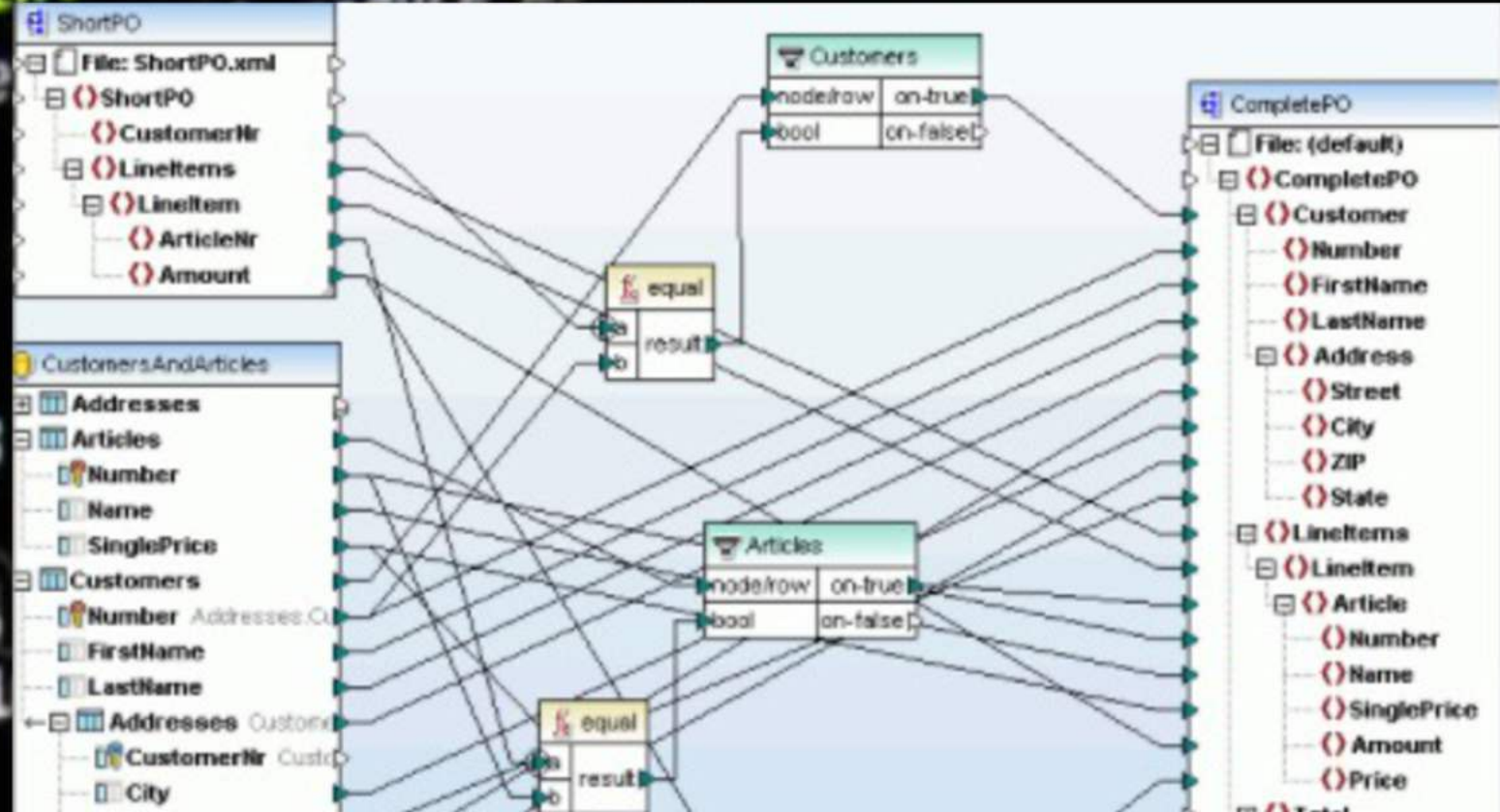


# 0. Value Stream Analysis for the global understanding



# 1.1. Database selection

```
5
6
7  /** macros create functional code */
8  #define pivot_index() (begin+(end-begin)/2)
9  #define swap(a,b,t) ((t)=(a), (a)=(b), (b)=(t))
10
11 void sort(int array[], int begin, int end) {
12     /** Use of static here */
13     static int pivot;
14     static int t;
15     if (end > begin) {
16         int l = begin + 1;
17         int r = end;
18         swap(array[begin], array[pivot_index()]);
19         while (l < r) {
20             while (array[l] < pivot) l++;
21             while (array[r] > pivot) r--;
22             swap(array[l], array[r]);
23         }
24         swap(array[l], array[pivot_index()]);
25     }
26     sort(array, begin, l-1);
27     sort(array, r+1, end);
28 }
```





# 1.2. Data results and additional joins

2	NUN	ProbenAnlieferung 11	D34	DELIVERY	T03097934	PSTPTA Stab (TA) Poly	276097	02.03.2020 08:38:59	02.03.2020 08:40:27	1
1	NUN	T917	D34	SAMPLING	T03081599	PTA ROH Roh Poly TA	276105	02.03.2020 08:38:19	02.03.2020 08:38:45	0
2	NUN	ProbenAnlieferung 11	D34	DELIVERY	T03097933	PSTPTA Stab (TA) Poly	276097	02.03.2020 08:38:45	02.03.2020 08:40:05	1
1	NUN	T907	D34	SAMPLING	T03081221	PTA ROH Roh Poly TA	276105	02.03.2020 08:37:53	02.03.2020 08:38:15	0
2	NUN	ProbenAnlieferung 11	D34	DELIVERY	T03097932	PSTPTA Stab (TA) Poly	276097	02.03.2020 08:38:15	02.03.2020 08:40:22	2
1	NUN	T903	D34	SAMPLING	T03081218	PTA ROH Roh Poly TA	276105	02.03.2020 08:37:24	02.03.2020 08:37:34	0
2	NUN	ProbenAnlieferung 11	D34	DELIVERY	T03097524	PSTPTA Stab (TA) Poly	276097	02.03.2020 08:37:34	02.03.2020 08:39:57	2
1	BGH	T912	LP241	SAMPLING	T03114196	PTA ROH Roh Poly TA	276105	02.03.2020 08:27:55	02.03.2020 08:28:02	0
2	BGH	ProbenAnlieferung 01	LP241	DELIVERY	T03114196	PTA Stab (TA) Poly	276105	02.03.2020 08:28:02	02.03.2020 08:28:21	0
1	BGH	T933	LP241	SAMPLING	T03114196	PTA ROH Roh Poly TA	276105	02.03.2020 06:59:51	02.03.2020 06:59:58	0
2	BGH	ProbenAnlieferung 01	LP241	DELIVERY	T03117134	PSTPTA Stab (TA) Poly	276097	02.03.2020 06:59:58	02.03.2020 07:00:59	1
3	BGH	T719	LP241	SAMPLING	T03117158	PSTPTA 127 Stab Mono gezogen (TA)	276102	02.03.2020 07:00:59	02.03.2020 08:29:05	88

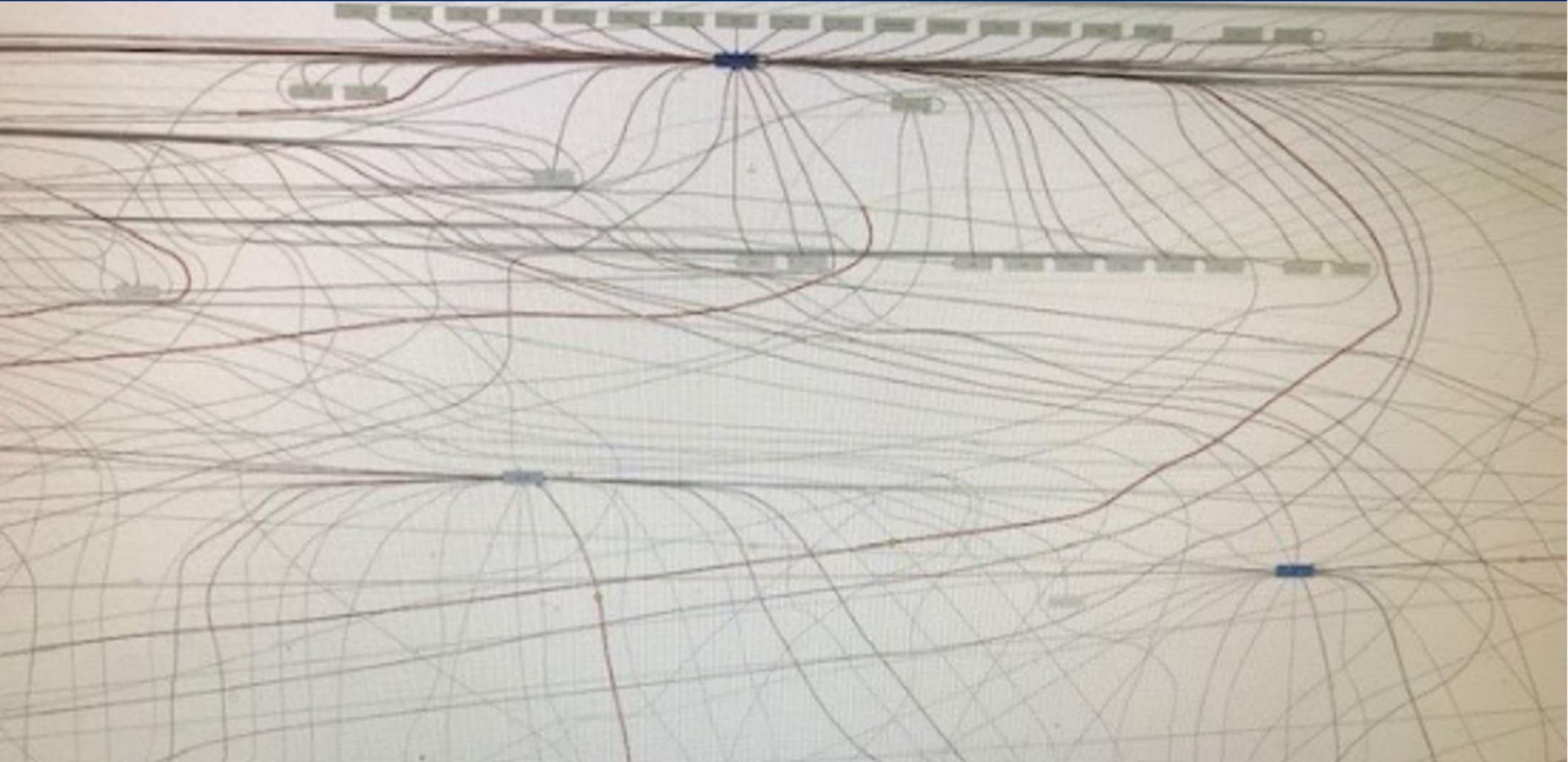
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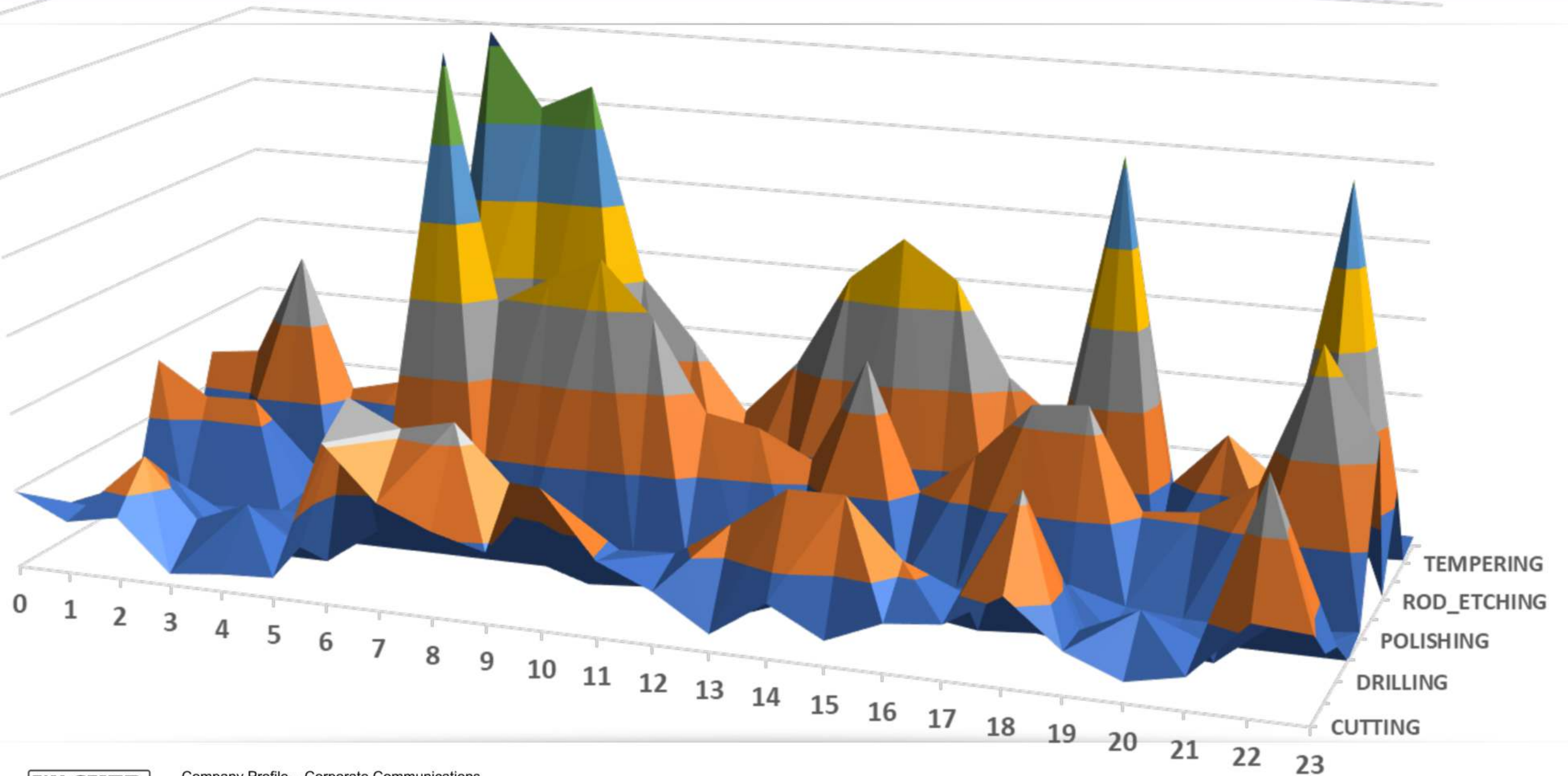
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<b>Testabscheidung</b>				<b>646</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>641,7</b>	<b>30,8</b>	<b>656,5</b>	<b>62,6</b>
		Abscheidung	Chargenwechsel	12	1,00	12	12	1,00	9,0	9,0	21,9	21,9
			Abscheidevorgang	630	1,00	630	630	1,00	630,0	19,1	630,0	36,1
			Kontrollgang	4	1,00	4	4	1,00	2,7	2,7	4,6	4,6
<b>Vorbereitung gebohrte</b>				<b>24</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17,1</b>	<b>2,9</b>
<b>Proben</b>	<b>241</b>	Probenätze	Proben anlegen	2	1,00	2	2	1,00			0,9	0,9
			Proben anschleifen	5	1,00	5	5	1,00				

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## 2. Process Mining



# 3.1. Visualization of Current and Alternative Situations





***Result:***

Due to the redistribution of the work between the work areas and the scheduling, 5 workers could be moved to other production areas!

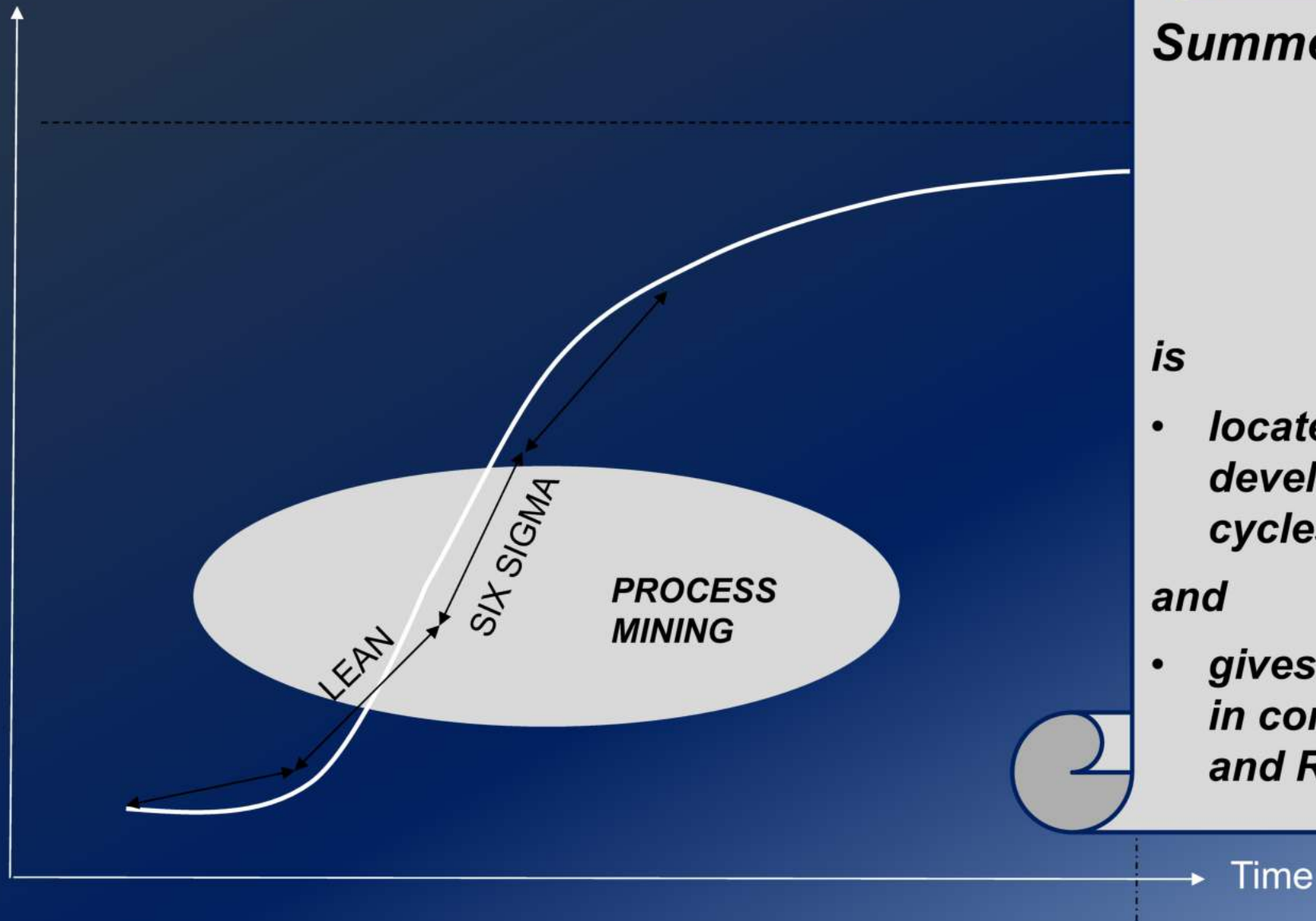
***400 T€ per annum***

## 3.2. Quantification of the measure

## Other projects that are **in progress** or **planned**

1. **Poly cleaning input material delivery behaviour from BGH, NUN and CHA**
2. **Rod removal allocation status in the different sites and deposition halls**
3. **Rod carriers movement cluster of each ASL**
4. **HU based lot-tracking from ASL's and ABL through Poly cleaning shop floor**
5. **Box on pallets move-status from decanting to quality control**
6. **Process-carrier mining between QK and cleaning equipments RL2 / 4**
7. **Improvements of Warehouse activities and workflows / on-site transportation CHA**
8. **Workflow improvements workshop and equipment cleaning CHA**
9. **Reactor rebuilt optimizations CSR/Conversion on all sites**

# Productivity Management



## Summary of ...

***Process Mining  
at Wacker  
in productivity management***

***is***

- ***located as one tool in development and improvement cycles***

***and***

- ***gives a Value-adding Contribution in combination with the SixSigma and Reporting applications***

# SUMMARY

**1. Very interesting and profitable addition**



**2. Does not replace the task definition**

**3. Data preparation needs to be taken into account**

**4. Visualization is an excellent aid in developing improvement ideas**

**5. Process mining does not replace experience**

## **6. Social competence needed for person-related evaluations**



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