

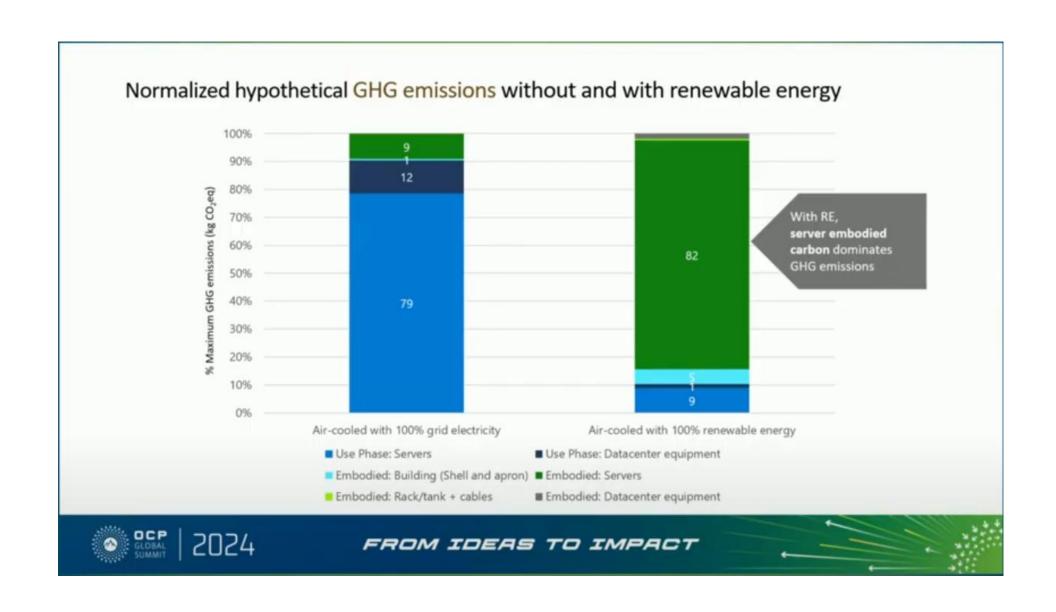


Cradle-to-gate of Al compute

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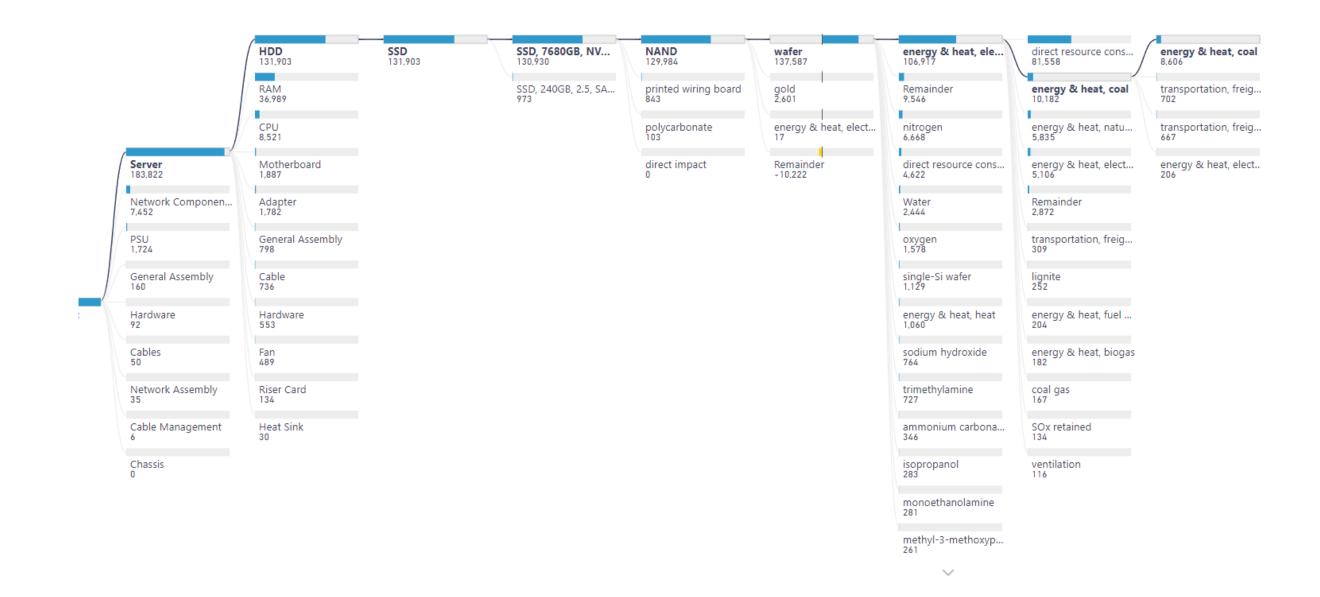
Datacenter Embodied Emissions



Open Compute Project (OCP) LCA of a datacenter

Results with and without renewable energy (RE) in operation phase RE case shows the relative **dominance of the server compute** vs datacenter building, rack, cabling and other equipment.

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Carbon map of a server value chain

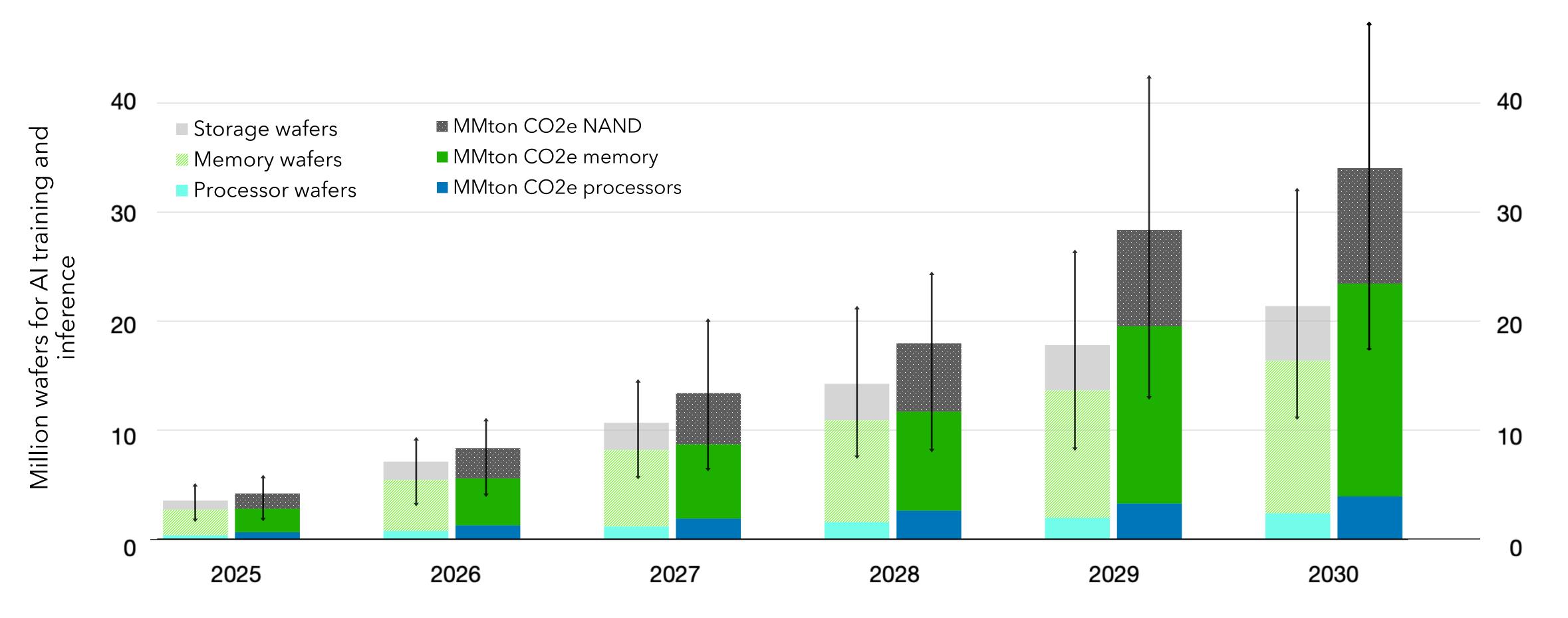
Multiple supply chain steps between hyperscaler and sources of GHG emissions **upstream**

Policy solutions need to translate incentives and drivers across value chain

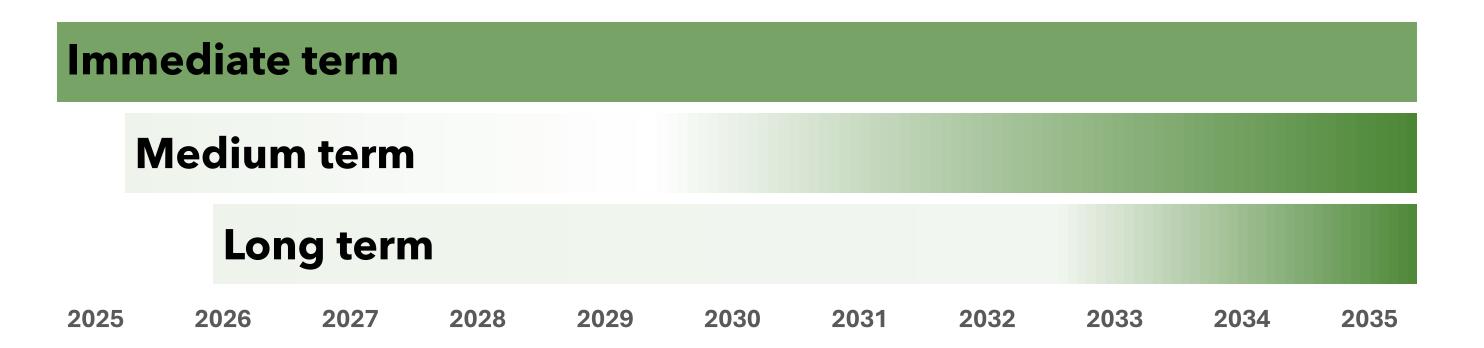
illion metric tons CO2e for Al wafers

Growth curve for cradle-to-gate of Al compute

Business-as-Usual results in additional 20-50 MMton CO₂e by 2030



Technical solutions to the Cradle-to-gate Al challenge

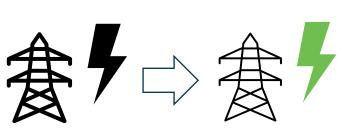


Immediate term

Renewable energy capacity development to meet fab demands in leading node producing countries

Effective fluorinated GHG abatement (tuning, monitoring)

Renewables capacity





F-GHG abatement





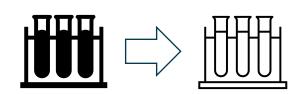


Medium term

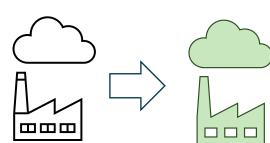
Alternative process chemistries

More advanced abatement of fluorinated GHG process gases

Process gas substitution



Advanced F-GHG abatement

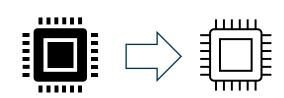


Long term

Carbon alongside Power, Performance, Area and Cost in semiconductor roadmapping

Optimization for carbon in system-level compute architectures

Lower life-cycle carbon architectures



Policy solutions to the Cradle-to-gate challenge

Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)

- Ensuring that companies have climate transition plans, addressing value chain (Scope 1, 2 and 3)
- Detailed action plan, setting targets at 5-year increments
- · Raising visibility of climate strategy to leadership: Executive compensation tied to target achievement
- · Penalties (fines) and civil liability when there is failure to comply

Ecodesign for Sustainable Products (ESPR) Directive

- · Methods to calculate and track carbon (and other sustainability attributes) for products
- · Sets incentives and drives action across value chain through market activity



Thank you.