



TSMC 2021

Environmental Profit and Loss (EP&L)





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0. About EP&L

Corporate growth is reliant on natural resources and ecosystem services, but environmental footprints from resource consumption and pollution during the operating process may have varying degrees of negative impact on the world’s natural capital. Such negative impact is referred to as environmental externalities. TSMC first adopted the Environmental Profit and Loss (EP&L) valuation model in 2018. Since then, TSMC has complied with ISO 14008:2019, a methodological framework for the monetary valuation of environmental impacts and related environmental aspects, grounded in principles of welfare economics, and integrated simple financial terms with sustainable corporate management mindsets to measure environmental externalities generated by value chain activities from an outside-in perspective and converted environmental externalities into monetary valuations of social costs.

The EP&L is a management tool grounded in science. As such, the methodology is still in its developing stages. To strengthen the breadth and depth of the methodology and reduce uncertainties in the results, TSMC started to develop localized factors for Taiwan with local environmental characteristics that reflect TSMC’s primary place of business. Since 2019, TSMC has applied EP&L analysis to the upstream supply chain, using hot spot analysis to identify industries with real impacts. TSMC then surveyed critical suppliers to identify significant environmental impact factors and formulated improvement measures accordingly.

TSMC aims to build a comprehensive EP&L database that covers the entire value chain, from the supply chain to production and operating sites around the world. Each year, TSMC will expand the scope of evaluations to help decision-makers allocate and utilize resources more effectively in product design, procurement, manufacturing, research, and development stages, thereby producing more eco-friendly products and a sustainable model for the common good.





1. Executive Summary

In 2020, the monetary valuation of environmental externalities from production and operations was around NT\$16,182 million; a significant 96.3% or NT\$15,576 million of the environmental externalities were the social cost of carbon from greenhouse gas (GHG) emitted from energy and gas consumption for fabrication. In recent years, TSMC has been building and commissioning new fab, which, coupled with evolving advanced processes, has increased demands for energy, water, and raw materials. In 2021, environmental externalities from production and operations increased by 34% from 2017. To mitigate rising environmental externalities from fabrication processes, TSMC continues to promote green innovative practices such as expanding the use of renewable energies, perfecting water reclamation technologies, and optimizing pollution prevention and source reduction solutions. In 2021, environmental externalities per unit product decreased by 18% from 2017.

On the supply chain side, TSMC’s 2021 environmental hot spot analysis of 1,149 tier-1 suppliers revealed that environmental externalities from the supply chain generated from TSMC’s procurements have a monetary valuation of NT\$14,296 million. Manufacturing of chemical products indirectly contributed to the most environmental externalities across the supply chain, accounting for 50% or NT\$7,140 million of the environmental externalities. Based on the results of the hot spot analysis, TSMC will prioritize critical raw material suppliers as survey targets. As of 2021, TSMC has surveyed a cumulative total of 73 suppliers. Research shows that thinners, sulfuric acids, and developers have the most significant impact in terms of environmental externalities from raw materials. When tackling environmental issues in the supply chain, TSMC will continue to strive for a responsible supply chain and collaborate with suppliers to uncover opportunities to optimize processes and minimize environmental footprints. We hope our efforts will enhance the sustainability of TSMC’s supply chain and create a positive impact across society.

<p>16.2 billion (NT\$) Environmental externalities generated from TSMC production and operations</p>	<p>14.3 billion (NT\$) Environmental externalities generated from supply chain production and services</p>
<p>↓18%^{*1} Reduction in environmental externalities per unit product (Base year: 2017)</p>	<p>50% Environmental externalities from chemical products from the supply chain</p>
<p>>73 Critical raw material suppliers surveyed</p>	<p>Thinners, sulfuric acid, and developers Biggest contributors to environmental externalities amongst raw materials</p>

¹ Environmental externalities per unit product were calculated using a 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer.

2. Results: Production & Operations

In 2021, analysis results showed that the monetary valuation of environmental externalities from TSMC production and operations was around NT\$16,182 million, which is a 7.1% increase from 2020. The increase was primarily caused by a growing demand for energy, water, and raw materials from the increase in fabs and evolving advanced processes. GHG emissions from TSMC facilities were the primary source, accounting for 96.3% of all TSMC's environmental externalities. Other sources such as water resources, air pollution, wastewater pollution, and waste incineration/ burial accounted for only 3.7%. To reduce the environmental impact of TSMC production and operations, TSMC has adopted a variety of green innovative practices such as low-carbon manufacturing, renewable water sources, and the circular economy. In recent years, environmental externalities per unit product have been declining.



Unit: NT\$ million*2

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Greenhouse gases*3	11,662	12,426	13,160	14,569	15,576
Water consumption	24	25	28	36	42
Air pollution	190	253	210	209	241
Water pollution	107	102	123	166	176
Waste	96	93	86	124	147

Unit: NT\$ / 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer

EP&L density (Environmental externalities per unit product)	28.3	26.8	28.2	25.1	23.2
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² The monetary value is the relative value produced by the formula and the scenario analysis rather than the absolute value.

³ To ensure GHG inventory data remains consistent with reduction targets, surveying methods for Scope 1 have been amended in 2020 to adopt the guidelines set forth in the 2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories. Results were also updated accordingly. Starting from 2021, all GHG environmental externalities reduced by carbon offset are now included. Historical results were also updated accordingly.



2.1 Greenhouse Gases

Environmental Externalities from GHG Emissions		Environmental Externalities from GHG Emissions per Unit Product	
(NT\$ million)	(Year-on-year)	(NT\$ / 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer)	(Year-on-year)
15,576	↑6.9%	22.3	↓7.9%

In 2021, the external cost of GHG emission from all TSMC operation sites globally was around NT\$15,576 million, which was 96.3% of the overall external cost. CO₂ emissions, primarily from indirect emissions due to purchased electricity, was the most significant factor at 79%. In recent years, the external costs of GHG emissions have been trending upwards, increasing by 6.9% from 2020 to 2021. The main causes are evolving advanced processes and the growing number of new fabs becoming operational as the growing consumption of electricity ultimately results in greater GHG emissions. With TSMC actively promoting various low-carbon manufacturing measures, we were able to reduce environmental externalities from GHG emissions per unit product by 7.9% from 2020 to 2021. Please refer to [5.1](#) for more details on the formula.

To mitigate external costs generated from the large consumption of energy and resources, TSMC continues to promote various energy conservation and carbon reduction measures, bringing a total of NT\$9.3 billion in positive impact in 2021. This includes:

- 1) **Promote Low-Carbon Manufacturing:** Adopt best available technologies to reduce GHG emissions and become a benchmark for low-carbon manufacturing in the industry. In 2021, TSMC replaced or installed 3,400 local scrubbers for fluorinated greenhouse gases and nitrous oxide, which effectively reduced GHG emissions by 4.5 million metric tons. TSMC has also started using carbon offsetting to reduce 188,000 metric tons of GHG emissions from natural gases, effectively avoiding NT\$7.2 billion in social cost of carbon, which is an 11% increase from the previous year.
- 2) **Use Renewable Energies:** In 2021, TSMC increased purchases of renewable energy in Taiwan fabs from 250 GWh to 660 GWh, which is a year-on-year increase of around 160%. In overseas locations in the U.S., Canada, Europe, China, Japan, and South Korea, TSMC used 1,010 GWh in renewable energies and achieved zero carbon emissions from energy consumption for four consecutive years. In 2021, TSMC's Taiwan fabs and overseas subsidiaries used a total of 1,670 GWh of renewable energies, which reduces the equivalent of 1.02 million metric tons of GHG emissions and avoids NT\$1.6 billion in social cost of carbon, which is a 43% increase from the previous year.
- 3) **Increase Energy Efficiency:** Map out new annual energy-saving measures, take action in energy conservation, and increase energy efficiency. In 2021, TSMC carried out 499 energy-saving measures across 8 different categories and was able to conserve 700 GWh in energy consumption, reduce around 350,000 metric tons of GHG emissions, and eliminate NT\$540 million in social cost

of carbon, which is a 40% increase from the previous year.

In 2021, TSMC announced the Net Zero Emissions by 2050 target and we believe that expanding our use of renewable energy will be a critical action to achieve the target. With full support from the Board and the management team, TSMC was able to invest in purchasing renewable energies and increase the Company's internal sustainability goal for 2030 from "25% renewable energy for fabs and 100% renewable energy for non-fab facilities" to "40% renewable energy for all TSMC fab operation sites around the world" to expand our use of renewable energies and show our resolve toward net zero emissions.

2.2 Water Consumption

Water Consumption		Environmental Externalities from Water Consumption per Unit Product	
(NT\$ million)	(Year-on-year)	(NT\$ / 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer)	(Year-on-year)
42	↑14.6%	0.1	↓1.2%

According to EP&L analysis, the external cost of water consumption at all TSMC operation sites globally in 2021 was around NT\$42 million, which is 0.3% of the overall external cost to the environment; malnutrition from agricultural water scarcity was the primary factor. The evolution of advanced process technologies and new fabs becoming operational are why external costs of water consumption grew by 14.6% and environmental externalities per unit product grew by 1.2% in 2021. Please refer to [5.2](#) for more details on the formula.

TSMC continued to promote the four major water conservation measures of "Reduce Facility System Water Consumption, Increase Wastewater Recycling of Facilities, Improve Water Production Rate of the System, and Decrease Water Discharge Loss from the System" in an attempt to uncover opportunities to save water and achieve maximum water conservation. In 2021, TSMC was able to deliver reliable water supplies for fabrication and conserve an additional 2.48 million metric tons of water through water reclamation systems. Unfortunately, water supply works for the TSMC Tainan Science Park Reclaimed Water Plant was delayed as the government is still developing their reclaimed water supply system. Right now, the water supply is slated for Q3 of 2022, which will help reduce demands for tap water, making 2022 the start of water reclamation for TSMC. TSMC is actively working with the government to promote water reclamation programs. TSMC was able to increase the target replacement rate for reclaimed waters by 2030 from 30% to 60%.



2.3 Air Pollution

Environmental Externalities from Air Pollution		Environmental Externalities from Air Pollution per Unit Product	
(NT\$ million)	(Year-on-year)	(NT\$ / 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer)	(Year-on-year)
241	↑16.8%	0.3	↑0.7%

According to EP&L analysis, the external cost of air pollution emissions at all TSMC operation sites globally in 2021 was around NT\$241 million, which is 1.5% of the overall external cost to the environment; the primary reason is damage to human health from particulate matters. The evolution of advanced process technologies and new fabs becoming operational are why external costs of air pollution grew by 16.8% and environmental externalities per unit product grew by 0.7% in 2021. Please refer to [5.3](#) for more details on the formula.

TSMC has spared no efforts in air pollution control. In 2021, facilities started implementing four technologies: High-efficiency Central Scrubbers, Single Zeolite Rotor Concentrators Upgrade Initiative, Dual Zeolite Rotor Concentrator, and AI Parameter Optimization for Single Zeolite Rotor Concentrators, increasing reduction rates of volatile organic gases (VOCs) to over 98%. During the same time, TSMC has also been using effective source distribution and highly efficient local scrubbers to treat air pollutants through multi-phase BAT processing to reduce air pollutant emissions per unit product and reduce the social costs and impact generated from pollutants spreading in the atmosphere. To enhance scrubbing tower efficiency, the Facility Division collaborated with the Industrial Technology Research Institute to design a high-efficiency central scrubber, which was first introduced to Fab 18B in 2021 and has been able to reduce acid and alkaline gases by 40%. In addition, TSMC will apply smart control parameters to zeolite rotor systems. Concentration level at entry, temperature, airflow, and other external parameters are imported into the tool so that it can automatically set the optimal burning temperature, desorption temperature, rotor revolution, and other operating parameters.

2.4 Water Pollution

Environmental Externalities from Water Pollution		Environmental Externalities from Water Pollution per Unit Product	
(NT\$ million)	(Year-on-year)	(NT\$ / 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer)	(Year-on-year)
176	↑5.6%	0.3	↓9%

According to EP&L analysis, the external cost of water pollution at all TSMC operation sites globally in 2021 was around NT\$176 million, which is 1.1% of the overall external cost on the environment; the primary reason is the social cost of carbon generated from wastewater treatment and damages

to human health from heavy metals in effluents. In recent years, the external costs of wastewater have risen because of new fabs becoming operational, a greater demand for cleanliness in new processes, and optimization in operational systems. In 2021, the external costs of wastewater increased by 5.6% from the previous year, while environmental externalities per unit product went down by 9%. Please refer to [5.4](#) for more details on the formula.

TSMC is devoted to expanding applications of source distribution management and recycling systems; we are researching how to convert effluent matters into reusable, industrial-grade materials. TSMC has developed 38 distribution systems based on the composition and concentration of wastewater from fabrication for wastewater classification and resource management. The distribution systems can effectively reduce pollutants, increase water recycled rate, and serve as a strong foundation for the circular economy. In 2021, TSMC developed the Hydrofluoric Acid Waste Regeneration System and applied the system to Fab 15B, creating a move towards the circular economy and advancing recycling technologies for local circular economy industries. To reduce chemical oxygen demand (COD) in effluents, TSMC introduced a biofilm treatment system, reducing average COD concentration levels to 180ppm. In addition, due to the increased usage of cobalt sulfate for advanced processes, TSMC also continues to expand the cobalt sulfate treatment system using resin adsorption to meet effluent standards.

2.5 Waste

Environmental Externalities from Waste		Environmental Externalities from Waste per Unit Product	
(NT\$ million)	(Year-on-year)	(NT\$ / 12-inch equivalent wafer mask layer)	(Year-on-year)
147	↑18.5%	0.2	↑2.1%

According to EP&L analysis, the external cost of waste at all TSMC operation sites globally in 2021 was around NT\$147 million, which is 0.9% of the overall external cost to the environment; the social cost of carbon from waste incineration is the primary source of impact. In recent years, waste output has risen, especially waste solvents and waste sludge, because of new fabs becoming operational and a greater demand for cleanliness in the new processes. In 2021, the external costs of waste increased by 18.5% from the previous year, while environmental externalities per unit product went down by 2.1%. Please refer to [5.5](#) for more details on the formula.

TSMC is dedicated to waste reduction and recycling resources for sustainability. From the source, we are fine-tuning parameters for raw material use and developing measures to improve process technologies to optimize and minimize the use of raw materials for source reduction. TSMC has also built a Zero Waste Manufacturing Center to decrease the quantity of waste outsourced for treatment. We are also expanding the Industry Cooperation to Co-Create Resources Project and evaluating resource recycling projects such as using pyrolysis to create oil products or solid fuel from plastic

waste. This can reduce incineration rates and increase our recycling rate as we actively try to reduce the environmental footprint and impact of our waste treatment. TSMC strives to become a company that practices waste reduction, net zero emissions, and a circular economy.

3. Results: Upstream Procurement

In 2019, the EP&L was further applied to the upstream supply chain. We conducted hot spot analysis through Environmentally Extended Input Output (EEIO)^{*4} and started gradually surveying suppliers of key raw materials through life cycle thinking. We hope the valuation can help us drive sustainability across the supply chain and identify opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint and increase social welfare.

3.1 Environmental Hot Spot Analysis of the Supply Chain

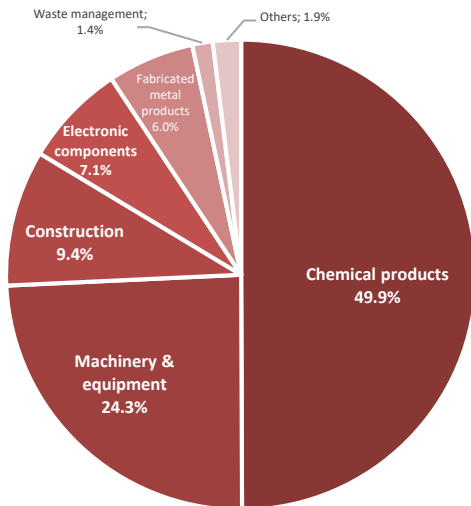
Environmental Externalities from the Supply Chain		Industries Accounting for 90% of Environmental Externalities		
(NT\$ million)	(Year-on-year)	(NT\$ million)		(Year-on-year)
14,296	↑24.3%	Chemical Products	7,140	↑ 22.5%
		Machinery & Equipment	3,477	↑36.2%
		Construction	1,338	↑43.5%
		Electronic Components	1,010	↑10.8%

TSMC's 2021 environmental hot spot analysis of 1,149 tier-1 suppliers revealed that environmental externalities from the supply chain generated by TSMC's procurements have a monetary valuation of NT\$14,296 million. Chemical products, machinery & equipment, construction, and electronic components industries have the most significant environmental impacts when offering their products or services, with each industry's external cost estimated at around NT\$7,140 million (49.9%), NT\$3,477 million (24.3%), NT\$1,338 million (9.4%), and NT\$ 1,010 million (7.1%), respectively. The primary sources of impact are particulate matter pollution on human health and the social cost of carbon from GHG emissions which are estimated to have external costs of NT\$9,874 million (69.1%) and NT\$3,661 million (25.6%), respectively. Environmental externalities generated by the supply chain increased by 24.3% from 2020. The increase is mainly caused by the growing number of new fabs and increased capacities, which has led to greater demands for construction engineering and hardware equipment. Please refer to [5.6](#) for more details on the formula.

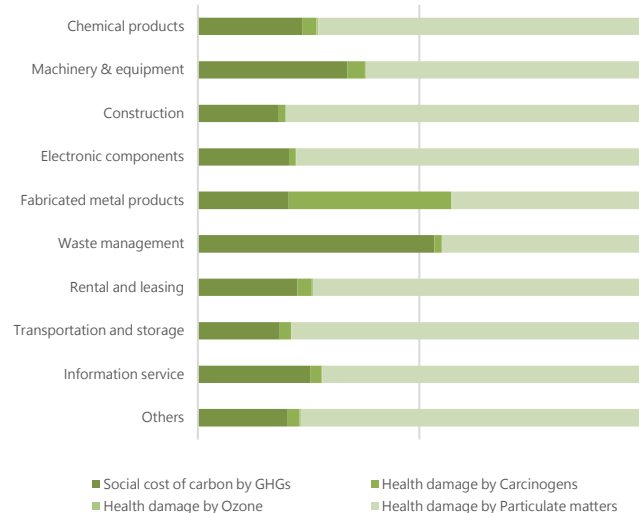
⁴ EEIO analysis is a common methodology to assess the correlation between economic activities and downstream environmental impact (Kitzes, 2013).

Applying the environmental hot spot analysis to the supply chain can help TSMC evaluate procurement strategies thoroughly and further identify industries with larger environmental impacts. With analysis results, TSMC is able to prioritize critical suppliers for surveys, identify environmental impact factors, and formulate mitigation measures to reduce environmental externalities and social costs from procurements.

Supply Chain Hot Spots (by Industry)



Supply Chain Hot Spots (by Impact Factor)



3.2 Environmental Externalities of Critical Raw Material Life Cycles

Based on the results of the environmental hot spot analysis on the supply chain, TSMC formulated a survey plan for chemical products and other raw materials with significant environmental impact using the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)⁵. The LCA assesses all stages of the product’s life cycle from raw material extraction, consumption of energy and resources, pollution emissions, transportation, and distribution to measure environmental externalities from the input and output at every stage and uncover opportunities for improvement.

In the supplier survey plan, TSMC classified raw materials used in the manufacturing process into eight categories: silicon wafer, bulk chemical, gas, lithographic chemicals, precursors, slurries, specialty chemicals, and target. In 2021, we added a new category: pad/disks. Suppliers were selected by data comparability, integrity, and procurement percentage. Each year, we continue to add new raw material categories to our EP&L analysis. As of the end of 2021, TSMC has assessed a cumulative total of 73 suppliers.

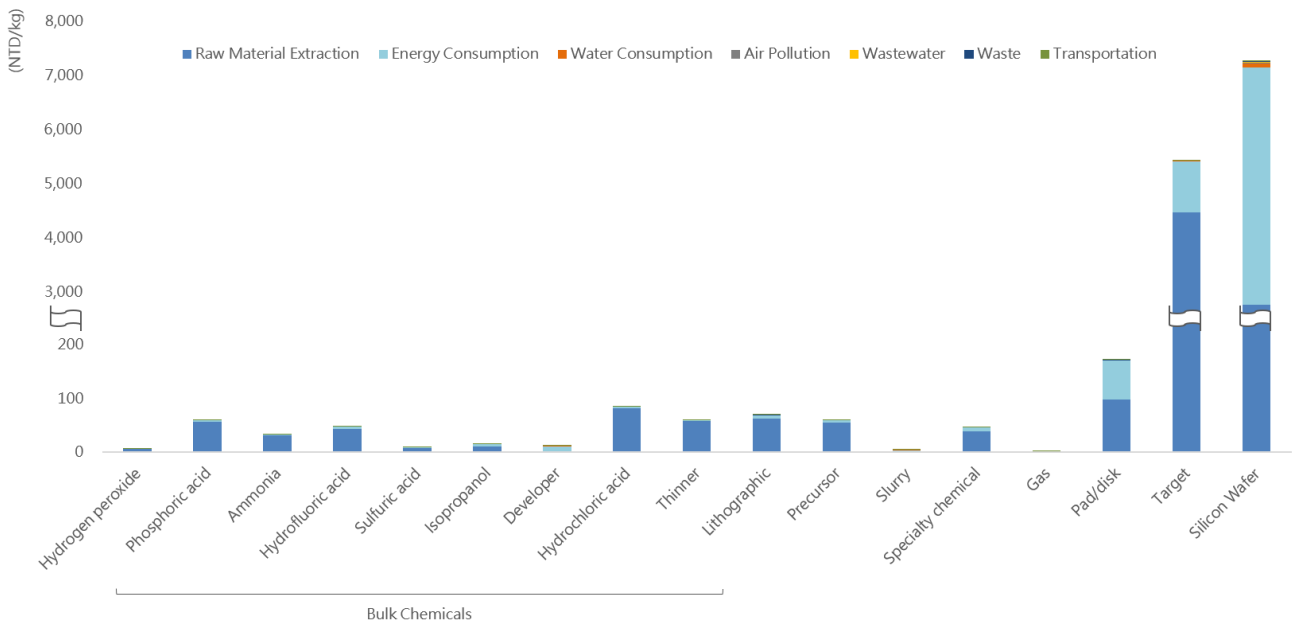
⁵ LCA is an instrument to assess the potential environmental impacts on human health, ecosystem and natural resources of a product or service throughout its life cycle (raw material, manufacturing, distribution, usage, and waste disposal) (ISO 2006).



Analysis results showed that, of the raw material categories surveyed by TSMC, thinners, sulfuric acids, and developers generated the most environmental externalities from TSMC procurements. If we are solely considering the environmental externalities generated by 1kg of raw materials, silicon wafers and targets generate the largest impact, which is largely from energy consumed in the manufacturing process and the raw material supply chain. Please refer to [5.7](#) for more details on the formula.

TSMC will continue to survey and analyze raw material suppliers to compile an EP&L database for the supply chain. TSMC also used differential analysis against peer industries and environmental audits to help suppliers identify potential risks and opportunities for change. We aim to collaborate with suppliers to uncover opportunities to optimize processes and minimize environmental footprints.

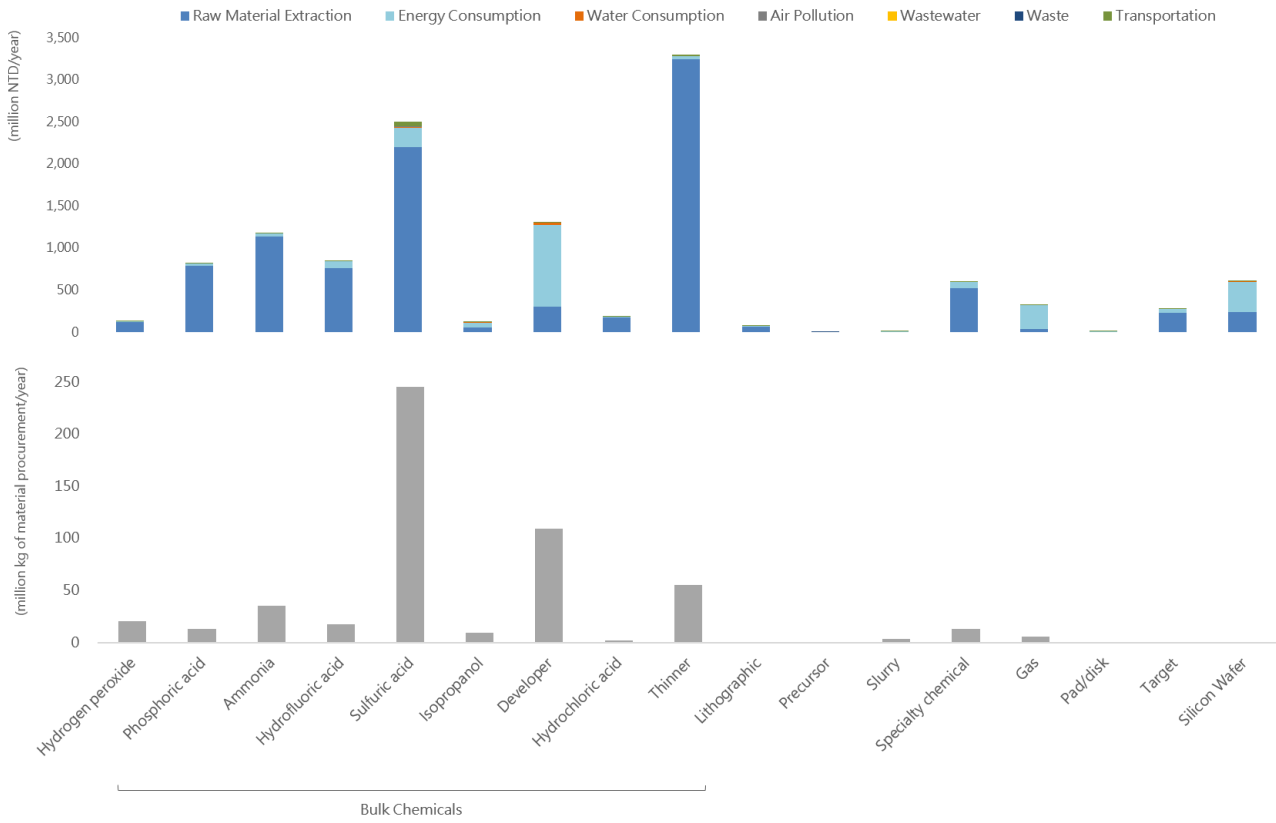
Environmental Externalities from 1kg of Raw Materials*⁶



⁶ Weighted average calculated based on raw material classification and procurements from suppliers during the survey period.



Procurements from Suppliers During the Survey Period & Environmental Externalities

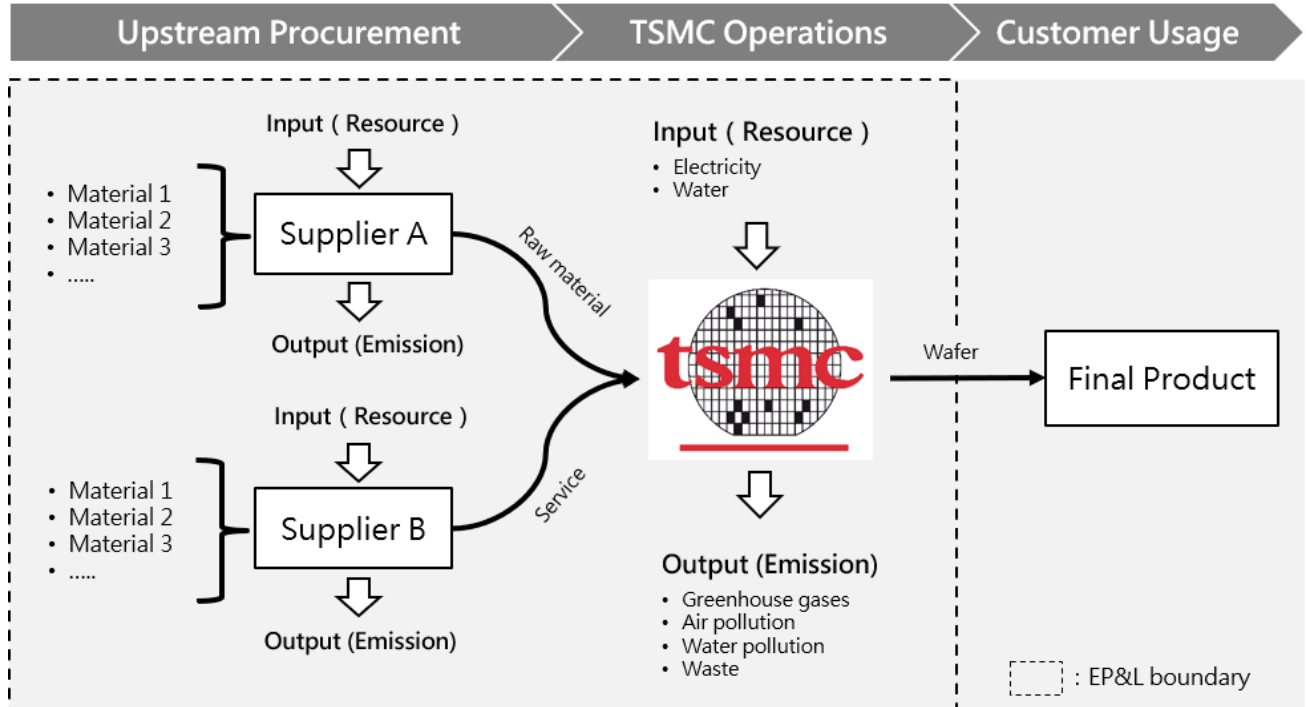


4. EP&L Methodology: Roll-Out Steps

EP&L aims to assess the impact of environmental changes associated with corporate value chains on human wellbeing (PwC UK, 2015). The calculation principle is based on welfare economics that uses willingness to pay (WTP) or willingness to accept (WTA) to measure the value of positive or negative welfare changes resulting from the environmental impact of business (ISO, 2019).

4.1 Define Boundaries & Scope

At TSMC, EP&L covers TSMC operations and the upstream procurement stages. TSMC operations include all TSMC fabs in Taiwan, TSMC (China), TSMC (Nanjing), and WaferTech whereas the primary targets for upstream procurement are our suppliers. The scope of the evaluations covers five environmental issues related to green manufacturing in the TSMC materiality matrix: greenhouse gases, air pollution, wastewater pollution, waste, and water consumption. TSMC uses the issues to analyze the externalities on environmental footprint and human welfare, such as the social cost of carbon from greenhouse gas emissions and the damage cost on human health from pollutant emissions into the air and water due to TSMC operations and procurement.

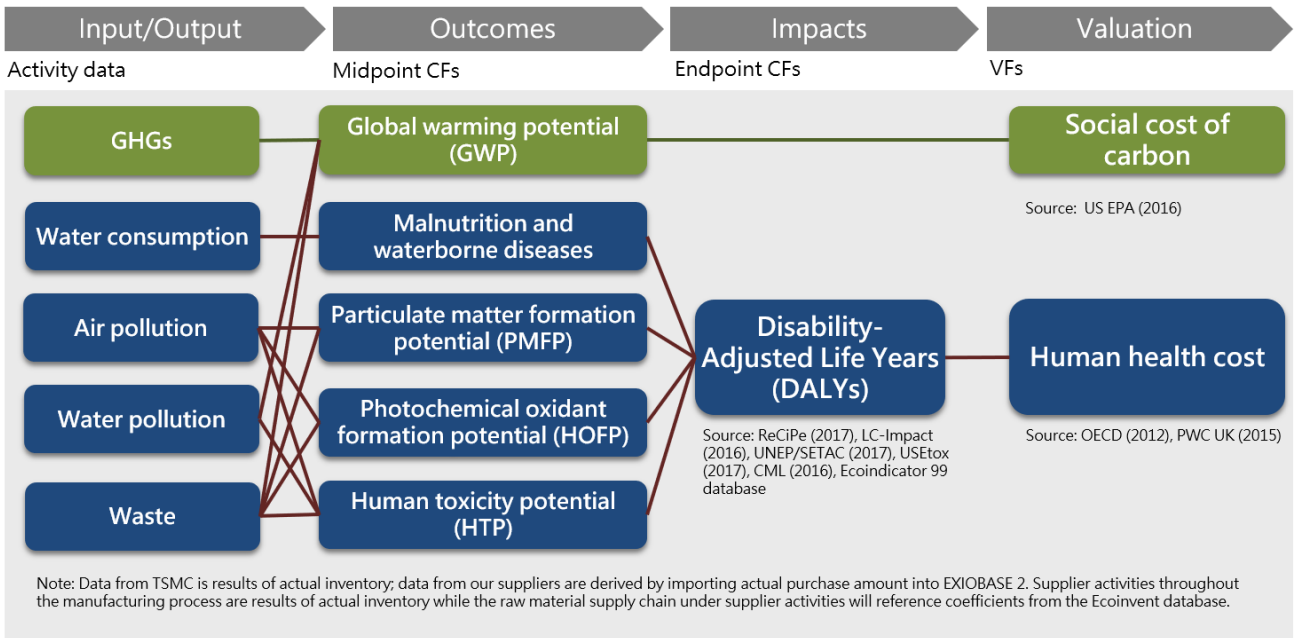




	Upstream Procurement	TSMC Operations
Spatial boundary	Suppliers are directly trading three or more times with TSMC in a year, and where the annual transactions exceed NT\$10 million in value; 1,149 suppliers meet the criteria in 2021.	Taiwan : Fab 2, Fab 3, Fab 5, Fab 6, Fab 8, Fab 12, Fab 14, Fab 15, Fab 18, Advanced Backend Fab 2, Advanced Backend Fab 3, Advanced Backend Fab 5, and VisEra China : Fab 10 and Fab 16 USA : Fab 11
Temporal boundary	2021/01/01 to 2021/12/31	
Scope	Greenhouse gases (GHGs), air pollution, water pollution, waste, and water consumption	
Externalities	Social cost of carbon and human health cost	

4.2 Map Out Impact Pathways

Through the impact pathway approach, TSMC has painted a picture of how operational activities may incur environmental externalities and their complex relationships. Our studies are based on the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) model and we've worked with academic institutes to develop an EP&L coefficient and methodology in order to conduct environmental impact assessments on all TSMC operation sites globally and the upstream supply chain.





4.3 Confirm Data Quality

The data used in the calculation process are divided into activity data, characterization factors (CFs), and valuation factors (VFs) according to the impact pathway approach. The activity data is internal raw data (primary data) from TSMC/ suppliers or secondary data derived from databases. The CFs and VFs are the secondary data derived from this study, peer-reviewed literature, and other external data sources.

CFs include midpoint and endpoint CFs. Midpoint CFs refer to changes in environmental conditions caused by resource consumption and pollutant emissions, such as the increase in the concentration of PM_{2.5}. Endpoint CFs refer to impacts on human health caused by changes in environmental conditions. This study uses the disability-adjusted life year (DALY)^{*7} as a quantitative metric (refer to Sections 5.1 to 5.5 for further information).

VFs include the social cost of carbon and human health cost. The social cost of carbon refers to long-term economic losses caused by global warming and climate changes caused by GHG emissions. Human health cost refers to the value of DALY losses due to resource consumption and pollutant emissions. The value is calculated based on the value of a statistical life (VSL).

Target	Activity data (Input)	Activity data (Output)	CFs	VFs
TSMC	◎	◎	○	○
Supply chain (hot spot analysis)	◎	○		
Critical Raw Material (life cycle assessment)	◎/○	◎/○		
◎ Primary Data (from inventory): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data on resource use and pollutant emissions in TSMC operations - Data of TSMC’s purchase amount (in NT\$) in upstream procurements - Data on material input, energy consumption, pollutant emissions, and transportation for the supplier's manufacturing process ○ Secondary Data (from databases and literature): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pollutant emissions data are derived from purchase amount by applying EEIOA, which is referenced from EXIOBASE 2 database - Data on material input, energy consumption, pollutant emissions, and transportation for all manufacturing stages of the supplier's raw material supply chain is referenced from the Ecoinvent database - Midpoint and endpoint CFs are derived from this study or from reference sources such as ReCiPe (2017), LC-Impact (2016), UNEP/SETAC (2017), USEtox (2017), CML (2016), IPCC (2006) and Eco-indicator 99 - VFs referred to the US EPA (2016), OECD (2012), and PwC UK (2015) 				

⁷ One DALY can be considered as one lost year of “healthy” life (WHO).



4.4 Establish Valuation Method

Social cost of carbon

The social cost of carbon is a measure (in 2007 US dollars) of the long-term damage done by a ton of CO₂ emissions in a given year. The social cost of carbon is meant to be a comprehensive estimate of the damage caused by climate change, including changes in net agricultural productivity and human health, property damage from increased flood risks, and changes in energy system costs. The social cost of carbon should increase over time because future emissions are expected to produce large incremental damages, as physical and economic systems become increasingly stressed in response to considerable levels of climatic changes (US EPA, 2016).

Year	Social cost of carbon (in 2007 USD/ton-CO ₂) * ⁸		
	5% discount rate	3% discount rate * ⁹	2.5% discount rate
2015	11	36	56
2020	12	42	62
2025	14	46	68
2030	16	50	73
2035	18	55	78
2040	21	60	84
2045	23	64	89
2050	26	69	95

Human health cost

According to the OECD (2012), the average VSL for OECD member countries is US\$3 million (in 2005 USD). The median age of the study is 47 years, and the life expectancy is 78 years. Therefore, the VSL estimate indicates the WTP to avoid the 31-year risk of loss of life. Prüss-Üstün et al. (2003) indicated that the DALY of different age groups should be given different weights. This study refers to the PwC UK (2015) method that used a 3% discount rate and assumed that an individual was originally expected to live to 78 years but prematurely dies at 47 years (proportion of life loss is 23.4%). Multiplying the proportion of life loss by the expected lifetime yields a loss of DALYs. Finally, dividing VSL by the loss of DALYs gives a human health cost of US\$164,366 (in 2005 USD) per DALY value.

⁸ The values in the table indicate economic losses caused by global climate changes from CO₂ emissions up to 2300. Then discount the value of the damages over the entire time span back to the present value to determine the social cost of carbon. For example, the social cost of carbon for 2018 represents the present value of climate change damage that could occur between 2018 and 2300 that are associated with the release of one ton of CO₂ in 2018.

⁹ One of the most important factors influencing the social cost of carbon is the discount rate. A high discount rate means that people are willing to pay more attention to short-term rather than long-term benefits (Yan, 2014). This study uses a median of 3% discount rate.



$$\text{Human health cost} = \frac{VSL}{\text{Number of DALYs loss}}$$

Parameter	Unit	Value	Source
Age of premature death	Year	47	OECD (2012) PwC UK (2015)
Life expectancy	Year	78	
Proportion of life loss	%	23.4	
Number of DALYs loss	Year	18.3	
VSL	2005 USD	3,000,000	
Human health cost	2005 USD/DALY	164,366	

Value transfer

Adjustments for spatial, temporal, and other contextual differences should be made to adapt monetary value estimates from other studies (ISO, 2019). TSMC operation sites and suppliers are in nearly 20 countries around the world. We adopt the value transfer method in this study for the monetization of environmental externalities (2018 is the base year).

- 1) Adjustment for spatial contextual differences: Equity weighting is performed on the gross national income (GNI) per capita and adjusted for purchasing power parity (PPP) by multiplying these monetary values by the power of the income elasticity (OECD, 2012).

$$E_i = \left(\frac{Y_i}{Y_{ref}} \right)^\epsilon$$

Where:

E_i : income adjusted equity weighting factor

Y_i : GNI per capita adjusted for PPP of target region

Y_{ref} : GNI per capita adjusted for PPP of reference region

ϵ : Income elasticity means WTP for a healthy life, ranging from 0 and 1; “1” means that WTP is directly proportional to income; “0” means that WTP has no relationship with income. We use the PwC UK (2015) recommendation value of 0.6 in the study.

- 2) Adjustment for temporal contextual differences: When a monetary value is determined for a different base year, the value should be adjusted based on inflation and exchange rates.



Value factor	Original	Adjusted
Social cost of carbon ^{*10}	<p style="text-align: center;">42</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Unit : 2007 USD/ton-CO₂)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1,540</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Unit : 2018 NTD/ton-CO₂)</p>
Human health cost	<p style="text-align: center;">164,366</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Unit : 2005 USD/DALY)</p>	Taiwan: 7,073,176
		China: 3,670,405
		USA: 7,790,113
		Japan: 6,272,106
		Korea: 5,900,960
		Germany: 7,099,465
		France: 6,438,535
		Italy: 6,093,175
		Israel: 5,887,703
		Malaysia: 5,022,955
		(list only main operation site and supplier locations)

¹⁰ CO₂ emissions cause a global impact of rising GHG concentrations and will not vary by region.

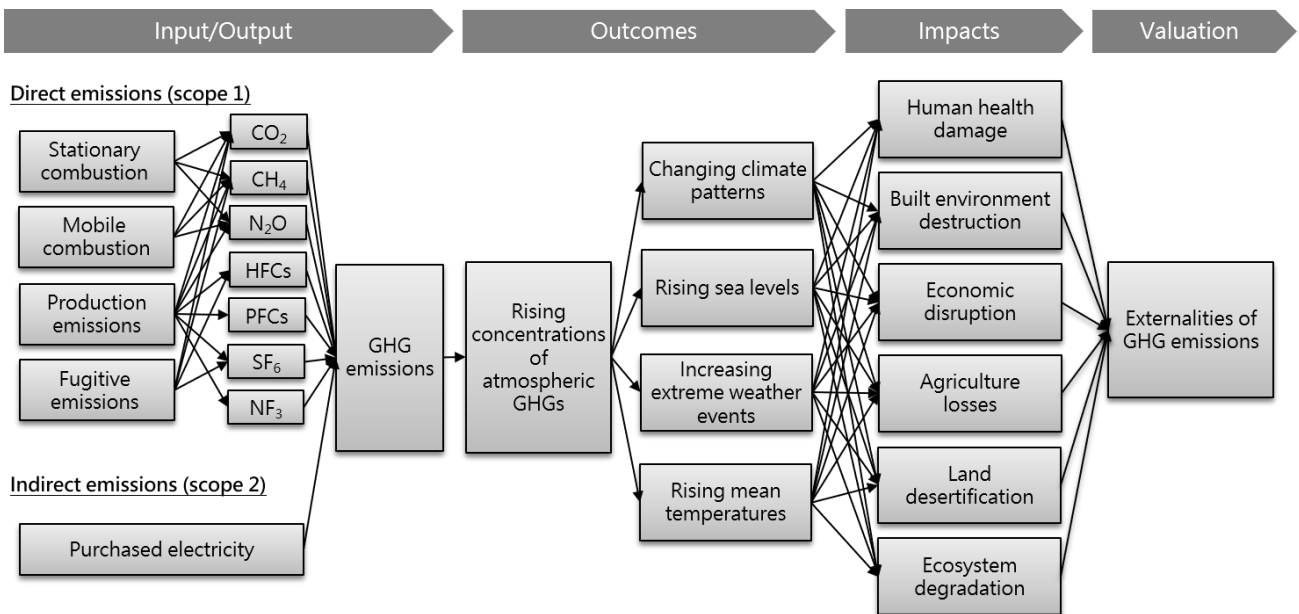
5. EP&L Methodology: Formula

5.1 Greenhouse Gases

Greenhouse gas (GHG) is a gas that absorbs and emits radiant energy, causing heat to be trapped in the Earth's surface and troposphere, thereby resulting in greenhouse effects. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) lists seven principal classes of GHGs, namely, carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆), nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃), various hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), and perfluorocarbons (PFCs).

In this study, we use the social cost of carbon developed by the US EPA (2015) as the VF for GHG emissions.

Impact pathways



Calculation

Externalities of GHG emissions = GHG emissions × Social cost of carbon

- Externalities of GHG emissions: external environmental costs caused by GHG emissions (2018 NTD/year)
- GHG emissions: total GHG emissions from TSMC operation sites (ton-CO₂/year)
- Social cost of carbon: long-term economic damage indicators caused by GHG emissions in a given year (2018 NTD/ton-CO₂) (see Section 4.4 for details)

Assumptions and limitations

- 1) Numerous uncertainties exist in the model of social cost of carbon, including catastrophic and non-catastrophic effects, climate change adaptation and technological changes, high temperature damage estimation methods, and risk aversion assumptions. Such uncertainties will be continuously improved and updated in future research (US EPA, 2015).
- 2) We select the social cost of carbon as a better approximation of the impact of GHGs on society than the marginal abatement cost (MAC) or carbon market prices.
 - The MAC shows the cost of reducing the impact of a company at a point in time given prevailing technology.
 - Carbon market prices do not currently reflect the value of a company's impact on society as a result of GHG emissions.
 - The social cost of carbon measures the global impact of climate changes on socioeconomic factors.
- 3) Other indirect GHG emissions (scope 3) have been excluded in this study, as they involve multiple considerations and limited application cases.

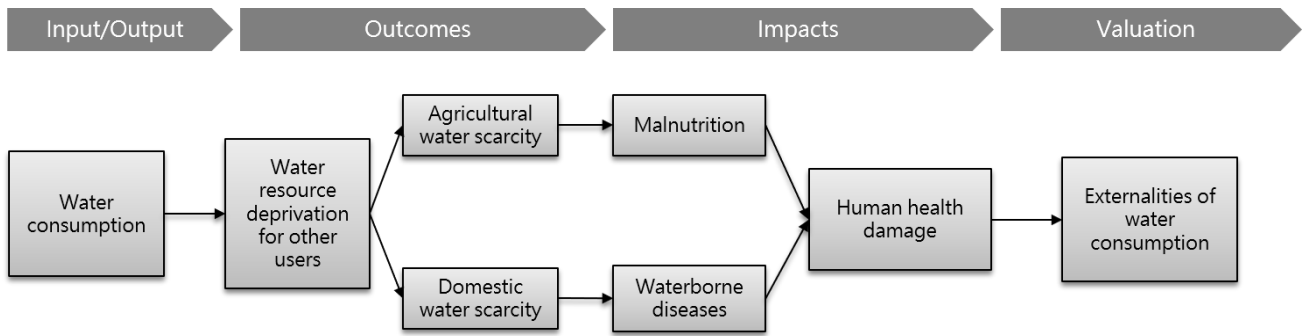
5.2 Water Consumption

Generally, three main types of water use exist for human needs, namely, domestic, agricultural, and industrial (UNEP, 2016). According to Bayart et al. (2010) and Kounina et al. (2013), excessive freshwater consumption will lead to irrigation water scarcity and will subsequently result in health degradation from malnutrition. Malnutrition may result from waterborne diseases that reduce nutrient absorption (WWAP, 2009; Boulay et al., 2011).

Pfister et al. (2009) developed a model for assessing the environmental impact of freshwater consumption. The factors considered are water stress index (WSI), human development index (HDI), and so on. They are used to estimate the effects of malnutrition caused by inadequate local food supplies from shortages in agricultural water use. Motoshita et al. (2011) used a non-linear multiple regression analysis to illustrate the relationship between domestic water scarcity and infectious diseases, such as ascariasis, trichuriasis, hookworm disease, and diarrhea.

This study assumes that the water consumption of TSMC will directly affect the water availability of other users. Thus, we adopt CFs from Pfister et al. (2009), LC-Impact (2016), and Motoshita et al. (2011) for human health loss due to agricultural and domestic water scarcity and estimates the external cost of each operation based on VSL.

Impact pathways



Calculation

Externalities of water consumption

$$= \text{Water consumption} \times \text{Health damage factor} \times \text{Human health cost}$$

- Externalities of water consumption: external environmental costs caused by water consumption (2018 NTD/year)
- Water consumption: total water consumption from TSMC operation sites (m^3/year)
- Health damage factor: loss of healthy life caused by malnutrition and infectious diseases due to water scarcity (DALY/ m^3)
- Human health cost: value of every healthy life lost (2018 NTD/DALY) (see Section [4.4](#) for details)

Assumptions and limitations

- 1) This study assumes that the water consumption of TSMC will directly affect the water availability of other users.
- 2) Agricultural water scarcity
 - This study references Pfister et al. (2009) and LC-Impact (2016) to estimate the CFs of malnutrition as caused by agricultural water scarcity. The primary factors that causes regional differences are the percentage of agricultural water use, water stress index (WSI), and human development index (HDI).
 - The assessment model of Pfister et al. (2009) only considers the impact of the insufficient supply of local food. The model does not consider factors such as trade relations and economic adaptation capacity that farm produce can be imported from other regions or countries.
- 3) Domestic water scarcity
 - The assessment model of Motoshita et al. (2011) only considers four kinds of infectious diseases and analysis based on country-scale data. The expectation is that regional and local characteristics within each country will be considered in future studies.
 - Given the level of current understanding, evidence is not sufficient to recommend a specific methodology. Evidence refers to causality between water consumption, scarcity, and domestic

water deprivation that causes water-related diseases (UNEP & SETAC, 2016).

4) Out of the scope

- Ecosystem degradation: methodology is currently being developed.
- Depletion of groundwater: groundwater is not used at TSMC global operation sites.
- Indirect impact from water supply sector: this factor is excluded given that processing technology is complicated and data are not readily available.

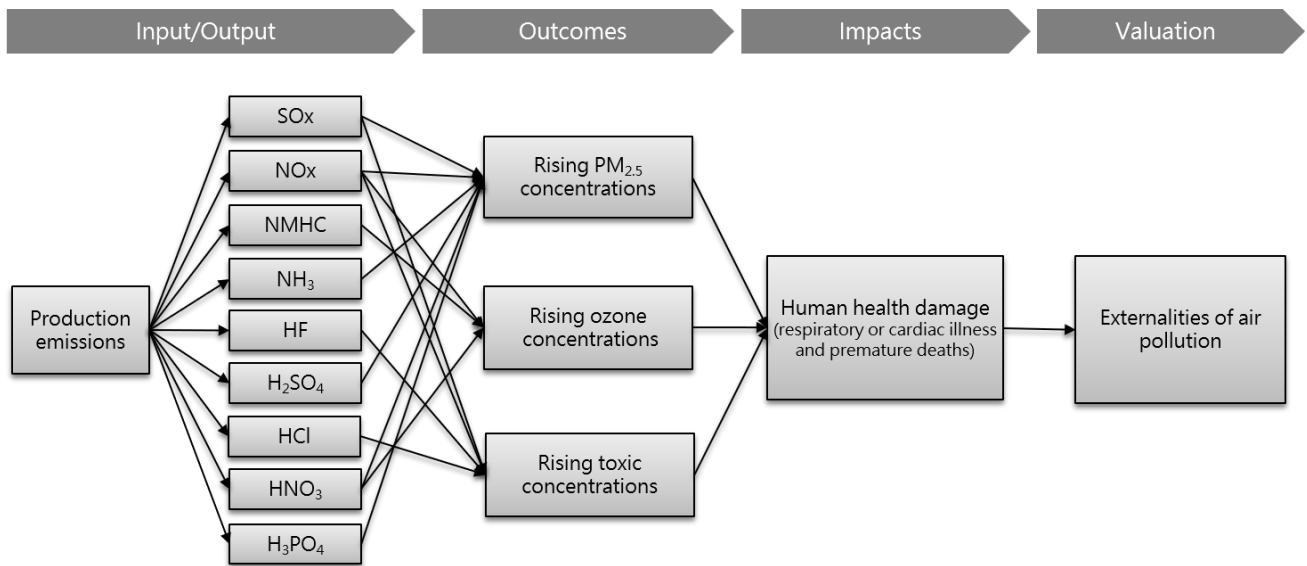
5.3 Air Pollution

Air pollution that produces primary and secondary aerosols in the atmosphere can have a substantial negative impact on human health (WHO, 2006; HEIMTSA, 2011; Burnett et al., 2014; Lelieveld et al., 2015). The majority (94%) of the social cost of air pollution comes from illnesses and mortalities. The rest is from visibility, agricultural losses, and recreational value (Muller & Mendelsohn, 2007).

Air pollutants derived from TSMC are classified into fine particulate matter, ozone, and toxic substances. According to RIVM (2017), fine particulate matter less than 2.5 μm ($\text{PM}_{2.5}$) in diameter represents a complex mixture of organic and inorganic substances. Such substances can cause human health problems to the upper respiratory airways and lungs when inhaled and are measured by particulate matter formation potential (PMFP). Ozone is formed as a result of photochemical reactions of NO_x and non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs) that can inflame airways and damage lungs and are measured by human health ozone formation potential (HOFPP). Toxic substances have carcinogenic or non-carcinogenic effects on human health and are measured by human toxicity potential (HTP).

This study adopts CFs from CML (2016), ReCiPe (2018), and LC-Impact (2016) for human health loss caused by various air pollutant emissions and estimates the external cost of each operation based on VSL.

Impact pathways



Calculation

Externalities of air pollution

$$= \text{Air pollutant emissions} \times \text{Health damage factor} \times \text{Human health cost}$$

- Externalities of air pollution: external environmental costs caused by air emissions (2018 NTD/year)
- Air pollutant emissions: total air pollutant emitted from TSMC operation sites (ton/year)
- Health damage factor: loss of healthy life due to PM_{2.5}, ozone, and toxic substances inhaled (DALY/ton)
- Human health cost: value of every healthy life lost (2018 NTD/DALY) (see Section 4.4 for details)

Assumptions and limitations

1) PM_{2.5}

- The WHO (2004) concluded that most epidemiological studies on large populations have been unable to identify a threshold concentration below which ambient PM_{2.5} has no effect on mortality and morbidity.
- Therefore, no thresholds for PM_{2.5} effects are assumed in the effect calculations.

2) Ozone

- Ozone formation is a nonlinear process that depends on the meteorological conditions and background concentrations of NO_x and NMVOCs (Cohan et al., 2005).
- NMHCs (non-methane hydrocarbons) is a subset of NMVOC consisting of compounds containing only carbon and hydrogen (Petrea, 2007). This study uses CFs of NMVOC.

3) Toxic substances

- Population density is an important factor that affects the rate of toxic substance uptake. This study assumes and uses the CFs of a high population density region.

4) Out of the scope

- Ecosystem degradation: methodology is currently being developed.
- Visibility, agricultural losses, and recreation value: non-primary issues.
- Indirect impact from power plant: this factor is excluded owing to the difficulty of acquiring activity data.

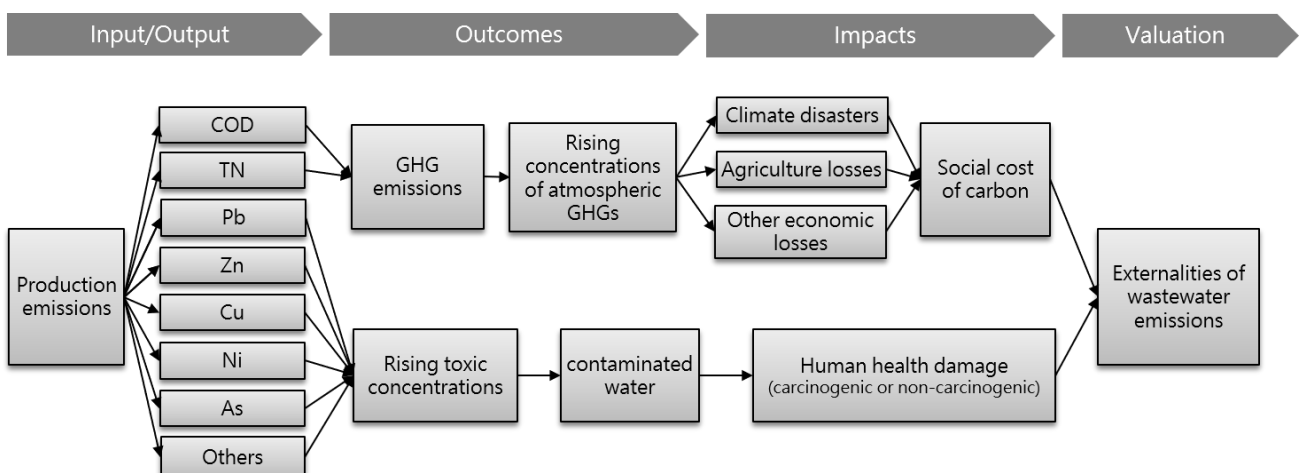
5.4 Water Pollution

Water pollutants can enter humans via a number of pathways, including direct ingestion (e.g., drinking), indirect ingestion (e.g., bioaccumulation), and direct inhalation (e.g., evaporated pollutants). These pollutants are discharged in low concentrations in effluents. Long-term exposure to low levels of chemical pollutants can lead to chronic health problems, such as cancer, increased risks of adverse pregnancy outcomes, and reduced mental and central nervous functions. The most important of these pollutants are heavy metals and chemicals, which are measured by human toxicity potential (HTP) (PwC UK, 2015; CE Delft, 2018). The severity of the potential impact resulting from the discharge of these specific pollutants is diverse. Therefore, the analysis considers specific pollutants to emphasize the impact of water pollution.

The USEtox model, which was developed by UNEP and SETAC, contains more than 3,000 organic and inorganic chemicals that affect human health and ecosystems. This study uses CFs from the USEtox (2017) database for human health loss caused by various types of pollutants and estimates the external cost of each operation based on VSL.

Using chemical oxygen demand (COD) and total nitrogen (TN) as indicators, this study refers to the IPCC (2006) assessment method to calculate the greenhouse gases such as methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O) derived from wastewater discharge at various operation sites to estimate the social cost of carbon.

Impact pathways





Calculation

Externalities of water pollution

$$= (\text{Water pollutant emissions} \times \text{Health damage factor} \times \text{Human health cost}) \\ + (\text{GHG emissions} \times \text{Social cost of carbon})$$

- Externalities of water pollution: external environmental costs caused by wastewater discharge (2018 NTD/year)
- Water pollutant emissions: total water pollutant emitted from TSMC operation sites (ton/year)
- Health damage factor: loss of healthy life due to toxic substance intake (DALY/ton)
- Human health cost: value of every healthy life lost (2018 NTD/DALY) (see Section [4.4](#) for details)
- GHG emissions: GHG emissions from wastewater treated anaerobically (ton-CO₂/year)
- Social cost of carbon: long-term economic damage indicators caused by GHG emissions in a given year (2018 NTD/ton-CO₂) (see Section [4.4](#) for details)

Assumptions and limitations

1) Toxic substances

- Assuming that treated wastewater is discharged into a freshwater basin, the pollutant transport and human intake rates do not vary by region. Any increase in pollution in the water body is likely to cause carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic diseases.

2) GHG emissions

- Only the GHG emissions of industrial wastewater are considered.
- CO₂ emissions from wastewater are not considered because of biogenic origin (IPCC, 2006).

3) Out of the scope

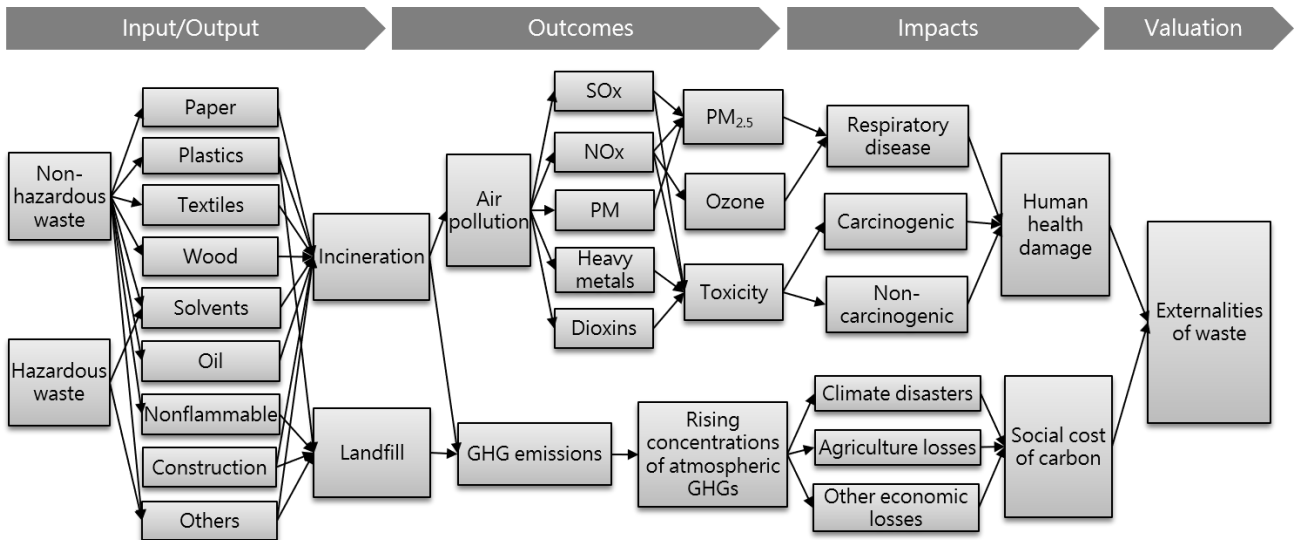
- Ecosystem degradation: methodology is currently being developed.
- Agricultural losses and recreation value: non-primary issues.
- Indirect impact from wastewater treatment plant: this factor is excluded given that treatment technology is complicated and data are not readily available.
- Indirect impact from power plant: this factor is excluded owing to the difficulty of acquiring activity data.

5.5 Waste

Waste incineration produces a wide variety of air pollutants. PM, NO_x, SO_x, dioxins, and heavy metals are particularly important, as they can have considerable societal consequences (e.g., causing cancer or loss of intelligence via developmental harm) (EXIOPOL, 2009; PwC UK, 2015). Based on the actual test data of 24 incinerators in Taiwan, this study estimates the emission factors of the incineration of various types of air pollutants. We refer to the LC-Impact (2016) and USEtox (2017) databases for the CFs of human health losses due to various air pollutant emissions. We estimate the external cost of each operation based on VSL.

Greenhouse gases (GHGs) are produced by the decomposition of waste materials at landfill sites and from the burning of wastes in incinerators (PwC UK, 2015). GHGs generated by the waste incineration process include CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O. This study estimates GHG emissions while considering the dry matter weight, fossil carbon content, and incinerator combustion efficiency of various wastes according to the IPCC (2006) method. CH₄ is emitted during the anaerobic decomposition of organic wastes in solid waste disposal sites. GHG emissions from landfill processes are assessed based on the first-order decay (FOD) model to estimate the social cost of carbon from incineration and that derived from landfills.

Impact pathways



Calculation

Externalities of waste

$$= (\text{Waste incineration} \times \text{Emission factor of air pollution} \times \text{Health damage factor} \times \text{Human health cost}) + (\text{Waste incineration} \times \text{GHGs emission factor} + \text{Waste landfill} \times \text{GHGs emission factor}) \times \text{Social cost of carbon}$$

- Externalities of waste: external environmental costs caused by wastes from incinerators or landfills (2018 NTD/year)
- Waste incineration: total waste incineration treatment of TSMC operation sites (ton/year)
- Waste landfill: total waste landfill disposal of TSMC operation sites (ton/year)
- Emission factor of air pollution: air pollutants generated by incinerator ($\text{kg}_{\text{pollutant}}/\text{ton}$)
- Health damage factor: loss of healthy life due to air pollution (DALY/ton)
- Human health cost: value of every healthy life lost (2018 NTD/DALY) (see Section [4.4](#) for details)
- GHG emission factor: GHG emissions from incinerators or landfills ($\text{ton-CO}_2/\text{ton}$)
- Social cost of carbon: long-term economic damage indicators caused by GHG emissions in a given year (2018 NTD/ton- CO_2) (see Section [4.4](#) for details)

Assumptions and limitations

1) Air pollution caused by incineration

- This study assumes and uses the CFs in a high population density region.

2) GHG emissions from incineration

- This study uses the original statistics of the incinerators to assess the potential of incineration power generation to avoid GHG emissions.

3) GHG emissions from landfill

- CH_4 emitted during anaerobic decomposition is discharged yearly based on its half-life, which ranges from several years to decades (IPCC, 2006). This study refers to the EPA (2017) recommendation that buried waste takes 50 years to completely decompose.
- According to the census results of the EPA's 2016 biogas collection and treatment methods for 377 landfills in Taiwan, the proportion of landfill treatment that can be deducted from biogas combustion can be regarded as zero. Therefore, this study does not consider carbon emissions that can be avoided through landfill methane recovery.

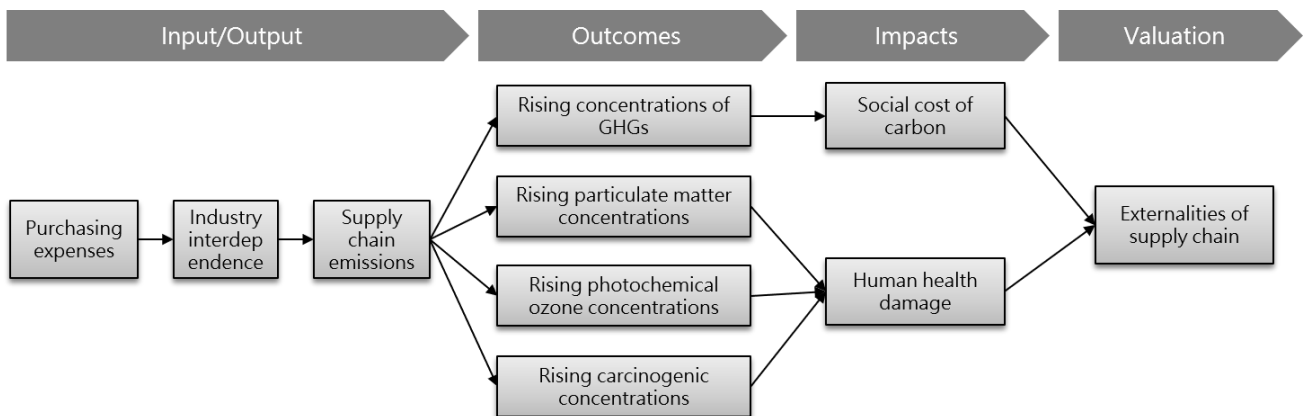
4) Out of the scope

- This study does not consider the externalities of the intermediate treatment of wastes.
- Ecosystem degradation: methodology is currently being developed.
- Leachate, noise, land use, and so on: non-primary issues.
- Recycling externalities: these factors are excluded given that treatment technology is complicated and data are not readily available.

5.6 Environmental Hot Spot Analysis of the Supply Chain

There exists a complex co-dependent relationship between inter-industry economic activities. Applying the input-output analysis, we can understand the economic value directly or indirectly created through procurement. Kitzes (2013) points out that EEIO analysis offers a simple and comprehensive method for evaluating the relationship between consumer activity and its environmental impact. In this study, we apply the EEIO method to our suppliers with annual trading three or more times and transactions exceeding NT\$ 10 million to evaluate the indirect environmental footprint and social costs that our procurement has resulted on our supply chain. The scope of our assessment includes the social cost of carbon as a result of greenhouse gas emissions and the damages of air pollutants to human health in terms of respiratory diseases and carcinogenic impacts. The analysis is based on the CFs from EXIOBASE 2 database^{*11}; we assess the relationship between procurement from various industries and their environmental impacts, and then we introduce the social cost of carbon and human health cost for a conversion into monetary value.

Impact pathways



¹¹ EXIOBASE is a global, detailed Multi-regional Supply-Use and Input-Output database jointly developed by the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research (TNO), Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI), Institute of Environmental Sciences (CML), Institute for Ecological Economics (WU), and 2.-0 LCA consultants. EXIOBASE 2 uses 2007 as the base year and covers economic, environmental, and social data for 5 continents, 43 countries/regions, and 163 industries.

Calculation

Externalities of supply chain

$$= \text{purchase amount (in NT\$)} \times \text{characterization factors} \times \text{valuation factors}$$

- *Externalities of supply chain: external costs on the environment from TSMC's procurement (2018 NTD/year)*
- *Purchase amount (in NT\$): the monetary value of procurement made by TSMC from suppliers (NTD/year)*
- *Characterization factor: environmental externalities from pollutants indirectly caused by TSMC's procurement and subsequent impact on supply and demand in various industries; includes human health costs from air pollution and global warming from greenhouse gas emissions (DALY/NTD and ton-CO₂e/NTD, respectively)*
- *Valuation factor: includes human health costs and social cost of carbon (2018 NTD/DALY and 2018 NTD/ton-CO₂e, respectively); please refer to [4.4](#).*

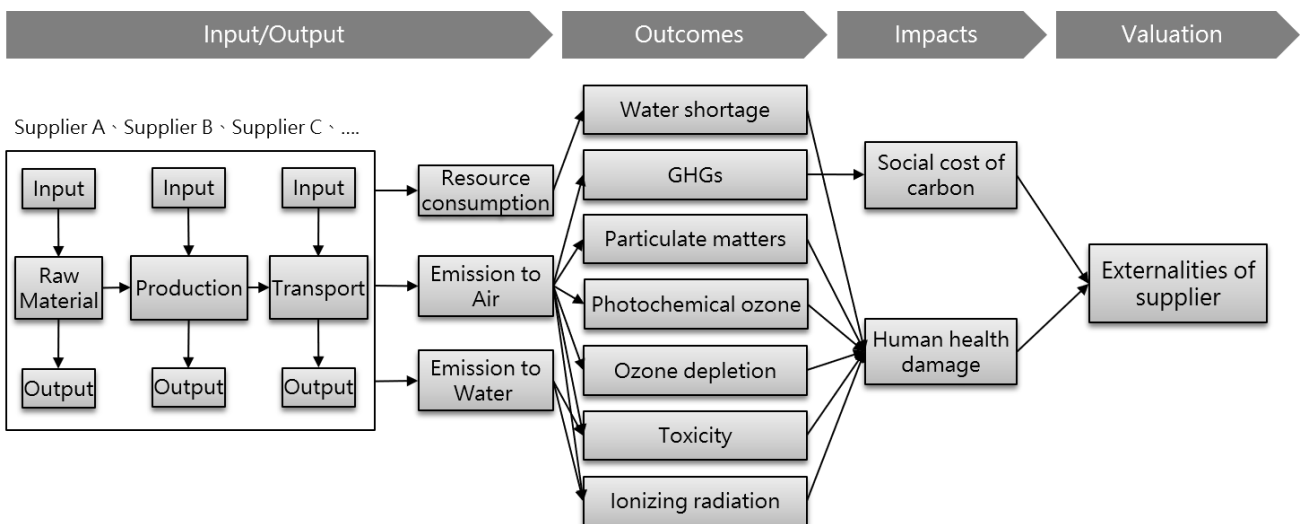
Assumptions and limitations

- 1) EEIO combines pollutants from various industries with inter-industry supply and demand to estimate the environmental impact indirectly caused by purchasing expenses. The EEIO methodology presents the average impact of multiple industries and therefore the accuracy of the results is highly dependent on how detailed the database has set up its industry categories.
- 2) Certain suppliers are based in countries without coefficient data in the EXIOBASE 2 database and will be substituted by coefficients of neighboring countries or countries with similar economic structures. But this may result in uncertainties in the calculations. For example, Singapore and Malaysia will be adopting the coefficient for Taiwan.

5.7 Environmental Externalities of Critical Raw Material Life Cycles

For a better understanding of the environmental externalities generated by various raw materials used in fabrication, TSMC has prioritized certain suppliers to survey in consideration of data comparability, integrity, and procurement percentage. TSMC conducted Life Cycle Impact Assessments (LCIA) on the selected suppliers to identify related data on energy and resources consumed (input) and pollutants and waste generated (output) across raw material extraction, production and manufacturing, and distribution and transportation. Version 3.5 of the ecoinvent database^{*12} and characterization factors (CFs) from ReCiPe 2016^{*13} were adopted as the basis for calculating the product life cycles environmental impact, which was then converted into a monetary valuation after adding the social cost of carbon and cost of damages to human health.

Impact pathways



¹² Ecoinvent is a Swedish NGO. Version 3.5 of the ecoinvent database contains over 16,000 life cycle assessment data points and offers three system models: Cut-off, APOS, and Consequential. TSMC adopted an attribution-based APOS system model.

¹³ A methodology to assess life cycle impact, ReCiPe aims to convert surveyed data into measurable environmental impact indicators. ReCiPe was first developed by the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Radboud University, Leiden University, and PRé Sustainability in 2008 and then updated in 2016.

Calculation

Externalities of supplier = supplier activity data × characterization factors × valuation factors

- Externalities of supplier: external costs on the environment from TSMC's raw material supplier (2018 NTD/year)
- Supplier activity data: include the input (energy resources) and output (air and water emissions) from raw material extraction and processing, product manufacturing and shipping on the life cycle for supplying products and services, which are represented as physical units of measurements (e.g. kWh, ton, m³, km, etc.)
- Characterization factor: environmental externalities caused by energy resources consumption and pollutant emissions in the life cycle of products and services; includes human health damage and global warming (DALY and ton-CO₂e, respectively)
- Valuation factor: includes human health costs and social cost of carbon (2018 NTD/DALY and 2018 NTD/ton-CO₂e, respectively); please refer to [4.4](#).

Assumptions and limitations

- 1) Activity data of selected suppliers are from actual surveys while activity data of the raw material supply chain are coefficients from databases which may lead to uncertainties in the results based on differences in geographical locations or industrial processes. Coefficients of similar characteristics will be selected when a dedicated coefficient is not available in the database.
- 2) When the supplier's facility contains a greater diversity of products and the energy resource (input) and pollutant emissions (output) varies by product type and the supplier is unable to identify such information for each product type, TSMC will opt to allocate the activity data based on the total output volume of all products manufactured in the facility.
- 3) If the supplier subcontracts any part of the manufacturing or distribution process (e.g. products manufactured by Manufacturer A are delivered to Manufacturer B for additional processing or distribution), activity data from both stages shall be included.

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