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Green Chemistry

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Asking the Right Questions

Why would a chemist
make a hazardous material?

How do we train chemists?

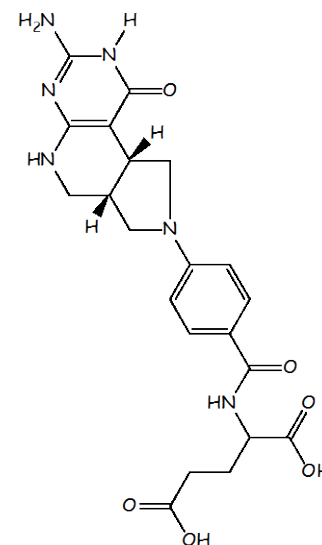


1984-1988

Princeton University



Professor E. C. Taylor



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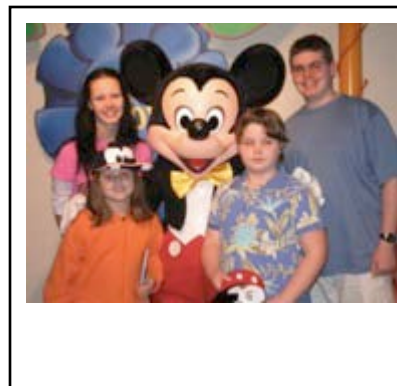
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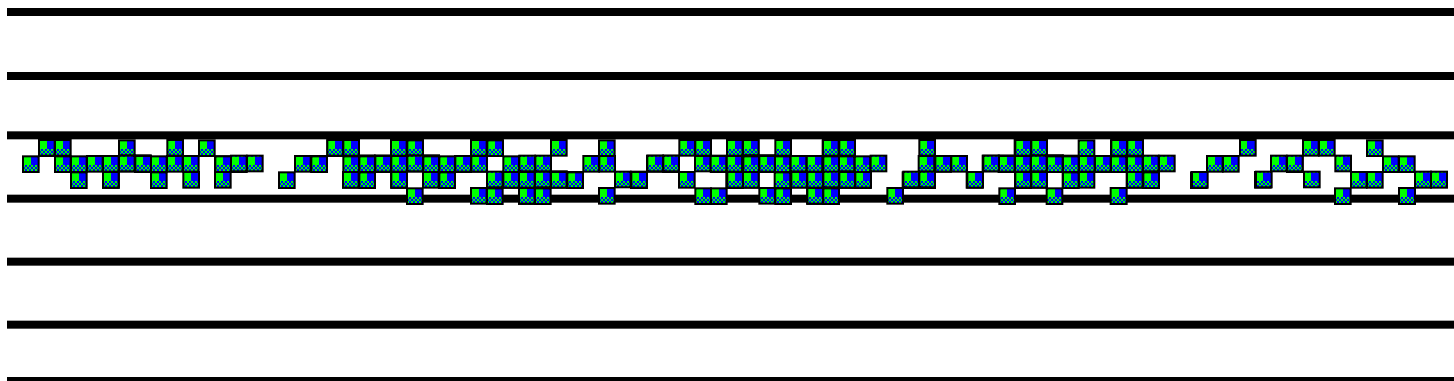
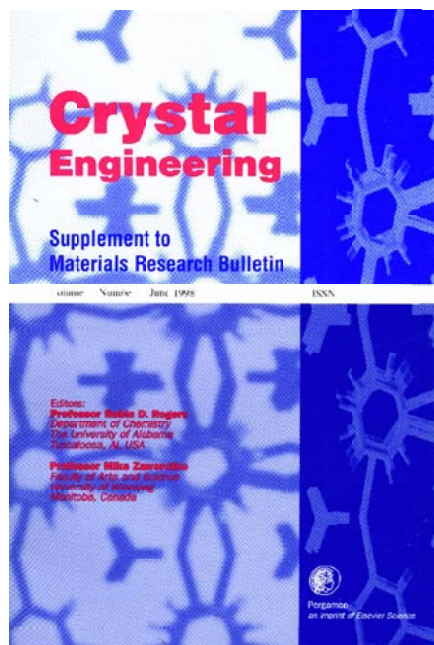
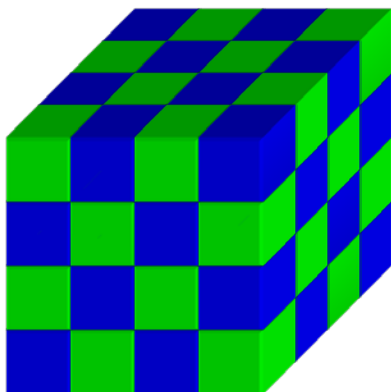
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Noncovalent Derivatization





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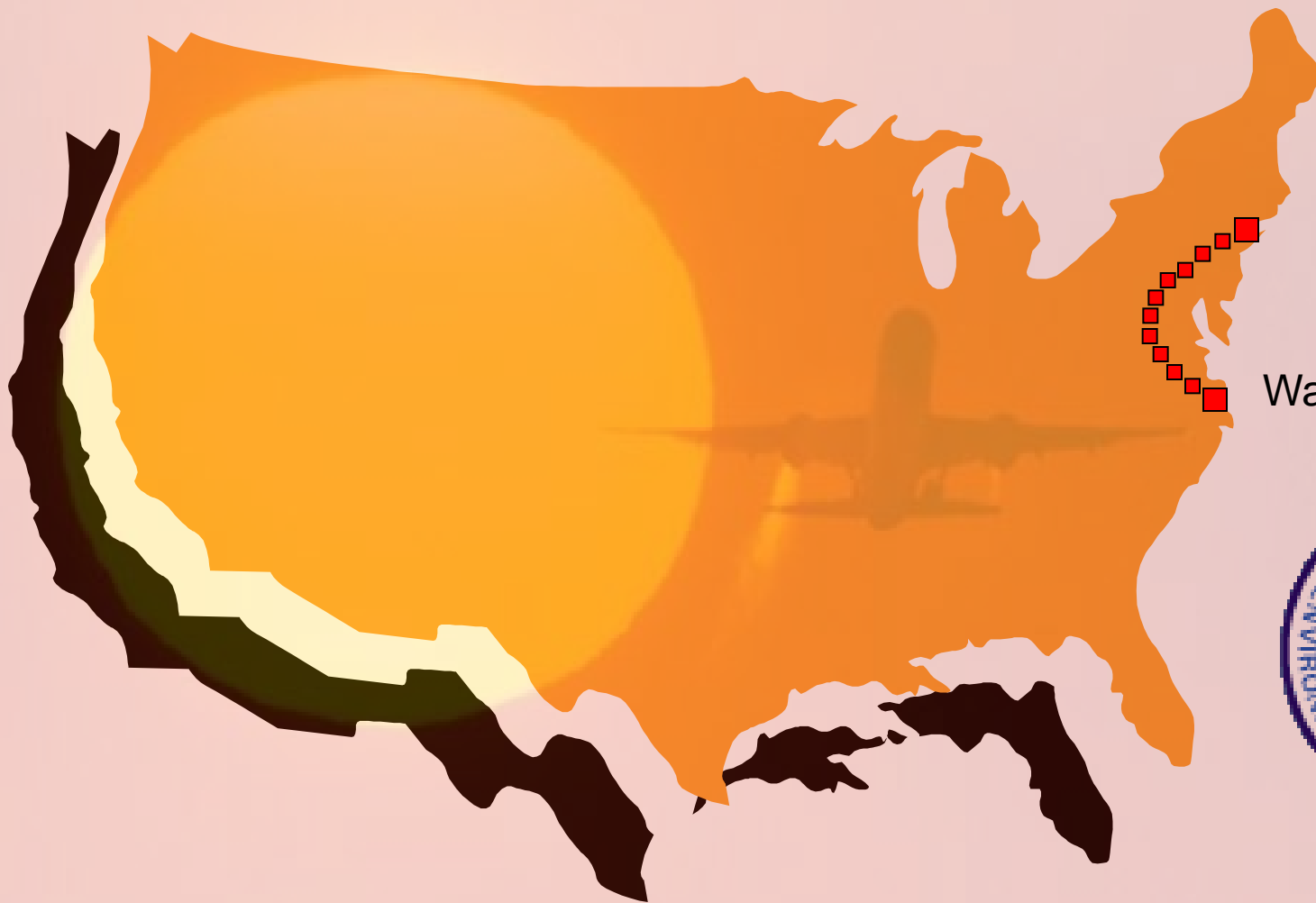
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PreManufacturing Notification

Small particles?

Molecular Complexes?





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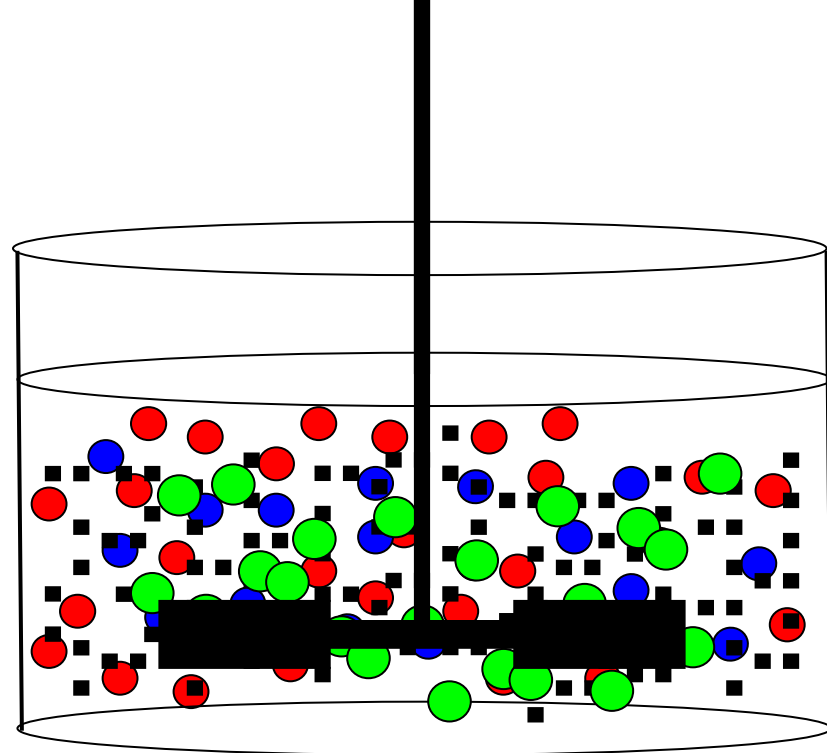
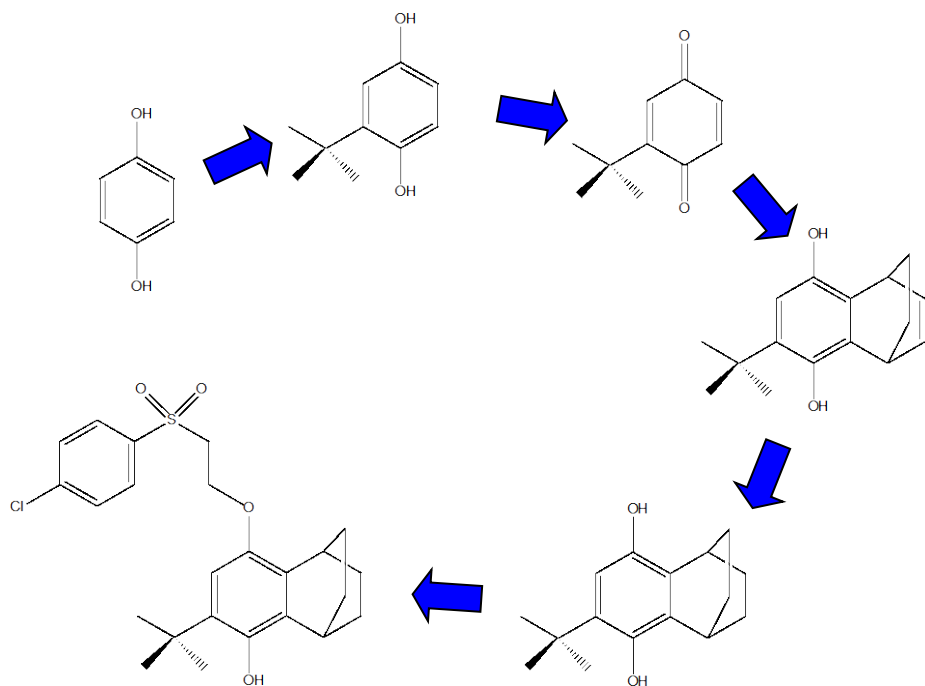
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 Several Solvents
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New Technology
 Aqueous Conditions
 Low Energies
 Non-hazardous Reagents

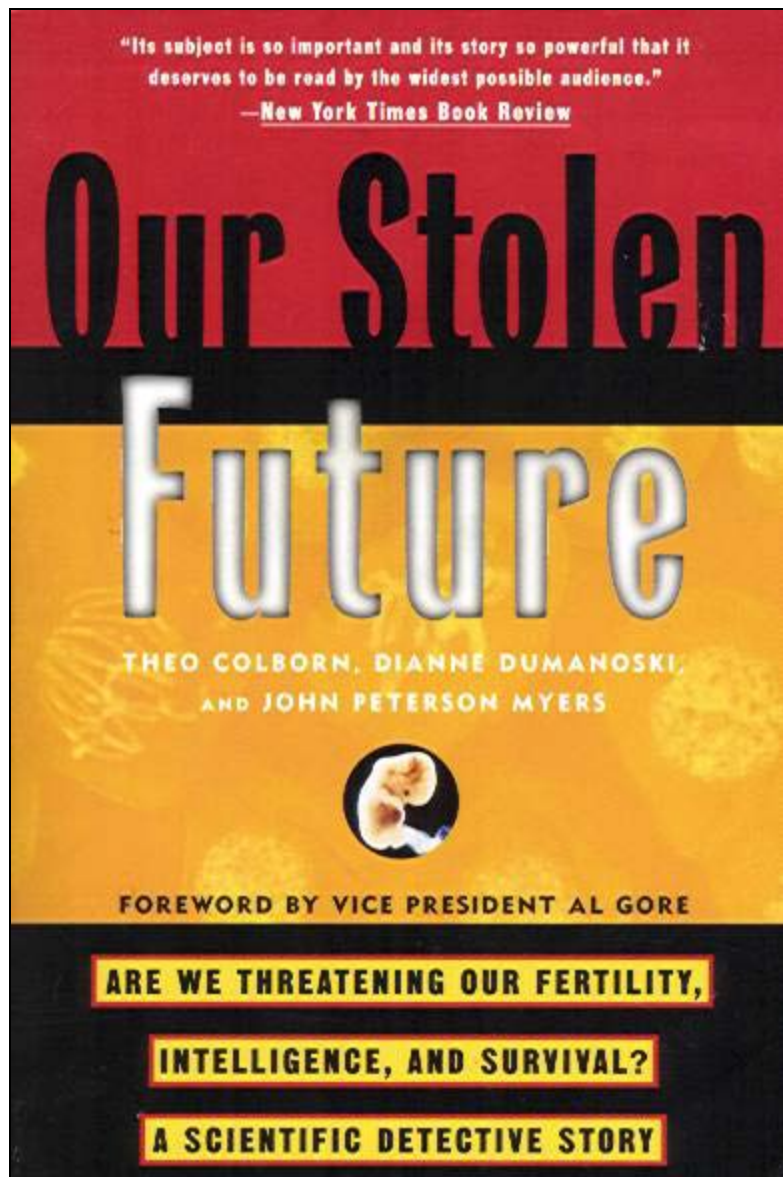


Green Chemistry is the *design* of chemical products and processes that reduce or eliminate the *use and/or generation* of hazardous substances.



The Twelve Principles of Green Chemistry

- 1. Prevention.** It is better to prevent waste than to treat or clean up waste after it is formed.
- 2. Atom Economy.** Synthetic methods should be designed to maximize the incorporation of all materials used in the process into the final product.
- 3. Less Hazardous Chemical Synthesis.** Whenever practicable, synthetic methodologies should be designed to use and generate substances that possess little or no toxicity to human health and the environment.
- 4. Designing Safer Chemicals.** Chemical products should be designed to preserve efficacy of the function while reducing toxicity.
- 5. Safer Solvents and Auxiliaries.** The use of auxiliary substances (solvents, separation agents, etc.) should be made unnecessary whenever possible and, when used, innocuous.
- 6. Design for Energy Efficiency.** Energy requirements should be recognized for their environmental and economic impacts and should be minimized. Synthetic methods should be conducted at ambient temperature and pressure.
- 7. Use of Renewable Feedstocks.** A raw material or feedstock should be renewable rather than depleting whenever technically and economically practical.
- 8. Reduce Derivatives.** Unnecessary derivatization (blocking group, protection/deprotection, temporary modification of physical/chemical processes) should be avoided whenever possible .
- 9. Catalysis.** Catalytic reagents (as selective as possible) are superior to stoichiometric reagents.
- 10. Design for Degradation.** Chemical products should be designed so that at the end of their function they do not persist in the environment and instead break down into innocuous degradation products.
- 11. Real-time Analysis for Pollution Prevention.** Analytical methodologies need to be further developed to allow for real-time in-process monitoring and control prior to the formation of hazardous substances.
- 12. Inherently Safer Chemistry for Accident Prevention.** Substance and the form of a substance used in a chemical process should be chosen so as to minimize the potential for chemical accidents, including releases, explosions, and fires.



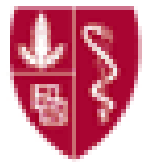
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I have no idea what makes a chemical an environmental hazard!

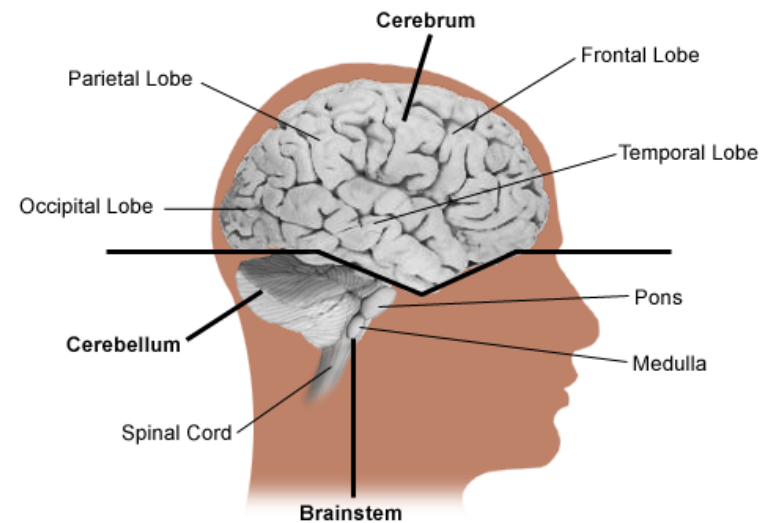
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What causes brain tumors?

The majority of brain tumors have abnormalities of genes involved in cell cycle control, causing uncontrolled cell growth. These abnormalities are caused by alterations directly in the genes, or by chromosome rearrangements which change the function of a gene.

Patients with certain genetic conditions (i.e., neurofibromatosis, von Hippel-Lindau disease, Li-Fraumeni syndrome, and retinoblastoma) also have an increased risk to develop tumors of the central nervous system. There have also been some reports of people in the same family developing brain tumors who do not have any of these genetic syndromes.

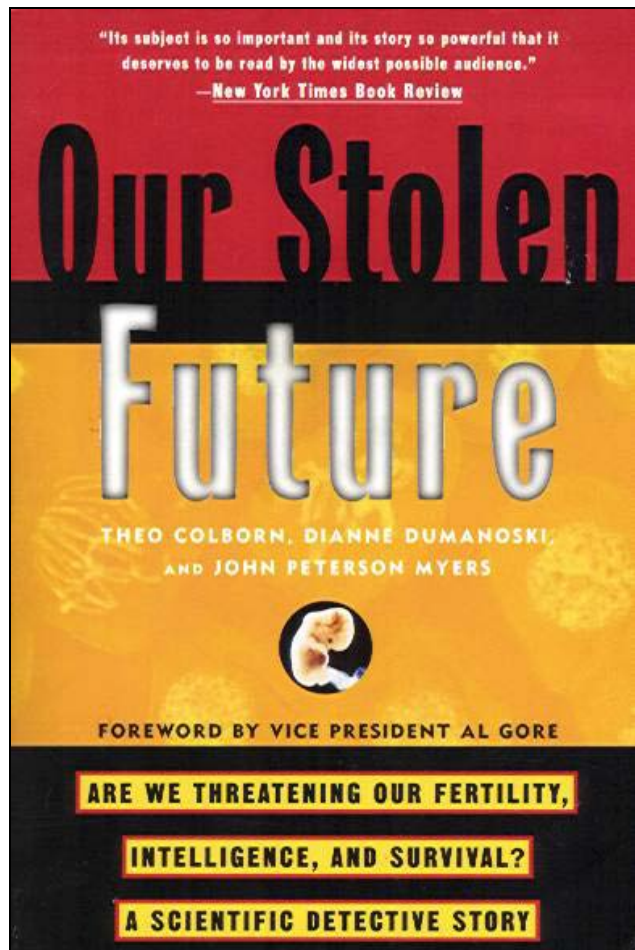
Research has been investigating parents of children with brain tumors and their past exposure to certain chemicals. Some chemicals may change the structure of a gene that protects the body from diseases and cancer. **Workers in oil refining, rubber manufacturing, and chemists have a higher incidence of certain types of tumors.** Which, if any, chemical toxin is related to this increase in tumors is unknown at this time.

<http://cancer.stanfordhospital.com/healthInfo/cancerTypes/brain/default>



Recent scientific research has clearly demonstrated an association between organochlorines and breast cancer. An analysis of chemical plant workers in Hamburg, Germany discovered a two-fold increase in breast cancer among the women workers who had been exposed to dioxin contamination. Significantly higher levels of breast cancer have been found in separate studies of women living near organochlorine chemical plants in Minnesota and Long Island. **Other studies have revealed elevated breast cancer mortality among professional chemists.**

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In 2008: (United States)

13,921 Undergraduate Degrees in Chemistry

4,708 Undergraduate Degrees in Chemical Engineering

2,051 Masters Degrees in Chemistry

952 Masters Degrees in Chemical Engineering

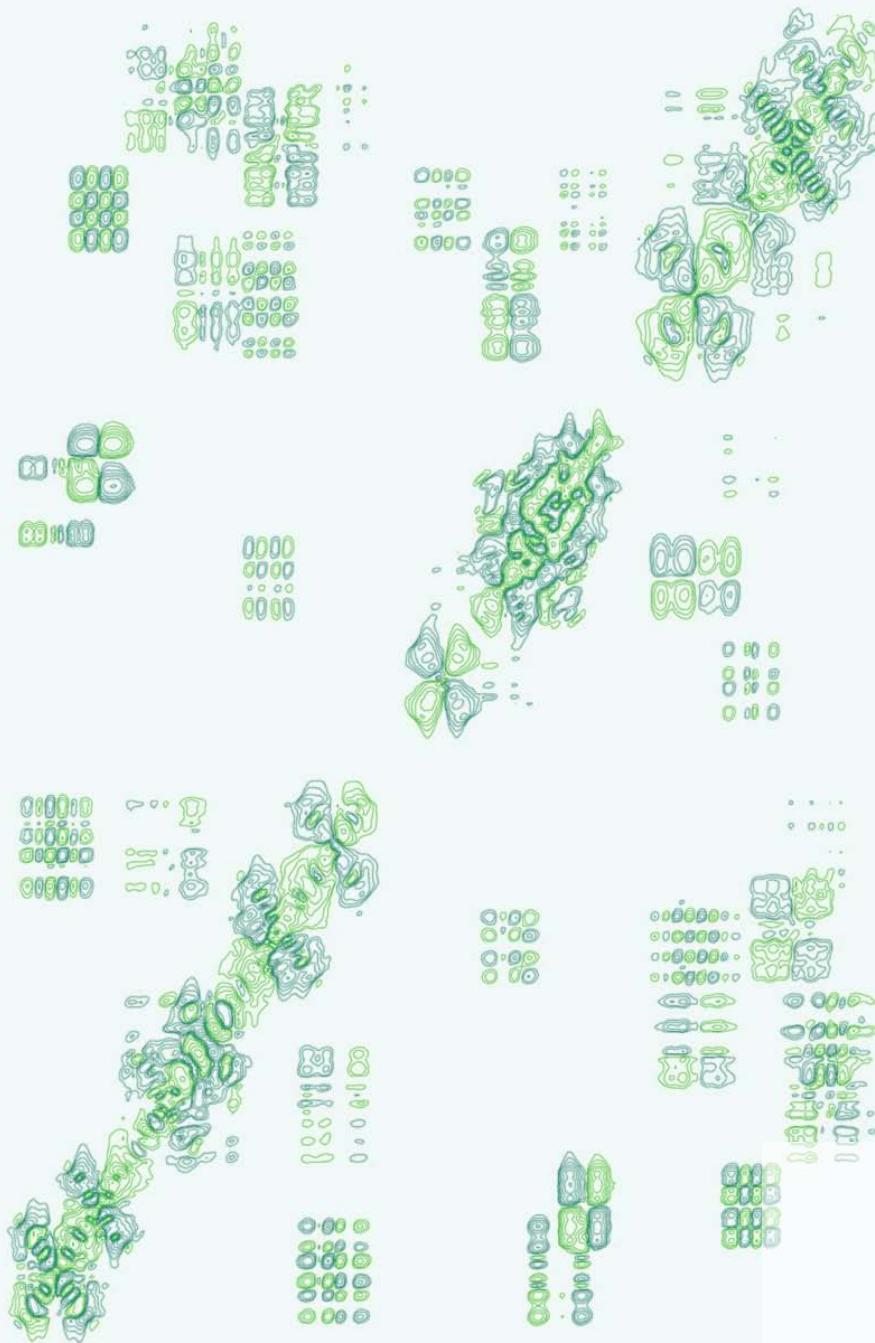
2,362 Doctoral Degrees in Chemistry

885 Doctoral Degrees in Chemical Engineering

50.9 % Women Undergraduate Degrees (2004)

To get a degree in Chemistry...

**No universities require any demonstration
of knowledge regarding
toxicity or environmental impact!**



Required:

**Calculus
Biochemistry
Instrumentation
Independent work...**

Not Required:

**Toxicology
Environmental Impacts
Sustainability
Law and Policy**

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GREEN CHEMISTRY EARNS A PH.D.

The University of Massachusetts, Boston, now offers a Ph.D. track in green chemistry

SINCE LAST FALL, THE UNIVERSITY of Massachusetts, Boston (UMB), has been accepting students into a new program called the green chemistry Ph.D. track. It is offered by the department of environmental sciences but administered by the department of chemistry.

The first of its kind in the world, the program is the brainchild of its director, UMB chemistry professor John C. Warner. Students in the program, he explains, will be trained much like other Ph.D. chemistry students, although their education will emphasize skills to design materials and processes that have minimal impact on human health and the environment. Areas of concentration include environmentally benign synthesis, environmental monitoring and detection, biodegradation, and bioremediation.

What makes the program different from anything else available so far, Warner says, is the requirement of courses in toxicology, environmental law and policy, environmental fate and transport, and industrial chemistry. Through these courses, he explains, "we broaden the students' understanding of environmental realities—such as what makes a molecule toxic, what laws have been established to govern synthetic procedures, and what happens in the environment—which conventional chemistry programs don't teach."

Terrence J. Collins, a chemistry profes-

or at Carnegie Mellon University, notes that "we do not live in a sustainable civilization, sustainability meaning that what we do every day can be carried on to the indefinite future without causing damage." Collins was a recipient of the 1999 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Academic Award. The UMB program, he tells C&EN, is one way to call attention to the fact that "a sustainable civilization needs the intimate engagement of chemistry."

The UMB program "is timely, as there has been a distinct shift in focus in chemistry," says Janet Scott, deputy director of the Centre for Green Chemistry at Monash University, in Australia. "Even those who might not consider themselves 'green chemists' are beginning to focus on issues of sustainability and the design of benign products and processes to prevent pollution at the source. The chemical industry is beginning to demand a wider knowledge of and attention to issues of sustainability."

Mary Kirchhoff, assistant director of the Green Chemistry Institute, in Washington, D.C., agrees that the time is right for a green chemistry Ph.D. program. It might have been met with skepticism 10 years ago, when the term "green chemistry" first surfaced, she tells C&EN. Warner is the ideal person to lead such a program, she adds. "He's got the research credentials, the teaching credentials, the commitment to students, and the passion."

Particularly in organic synthesis, for-

INCUBATOR The University of Massachusetts, Boston, houses the first Ph.D. program in green chemistry.

mal green chemistry training will force chemists to change how they think.

"One of the things that makes organic synthesis so exciting is that, if you draw a molecule, there are probably an infinite number of synthetic pathways that you can follow to make that molecule," Warner says. Traditionally, the focus has been on maximizing yields and stereoselectivities. Considerations of environmental and toxicological impact rarely come into play.

"IF ONE STEP in a synthetic sequence requires a hazardous reagent that's regulated by the federal government, that sequence could be more expensive than an alternative route that might give less yield," Warner explains. Regulatory and environmental realities often decide the economic viability of a synthetic route, he adds.

Chemists usually learn of such considerations when they're working for a company, Warner says. "Industry would like people to come in with some understanding of these issues, because there's economic benefit if processes designed in labs do not have to be reworked to satisfy regulatory requirements."

A green chemistry Ph.D. would be a big plus for chemists interested in process development, notes Berkeley Cue, vice president of pharmaceutical sciences at Pfizer Global Research & Development, Groton, Conn. "What we try to incorporate into the design of manufacturing processes—such as safety, efficient use of raw materials, minimal use of solvents, and online analysis—are aligned to the concepts that Warner and people like him are teaching," he explains. "We just didn't call it green chemistry. We called it process development."

Amy Cannon is the first student enrolled in UMB's green chemistry Ph.D. program. She's working on constructing solar energy devices in a more environmentally benign manner. Currently, she explains, producing solar cells consumes so much energy that a solar panel has to operate for years before it generates as much energy as was used to make it.

"Alternative energy is one of the most important areas in terms of sustainability," Cannon tells C&EN. Having just completed her master's degree under Warner's guidance, Cannon is passionate about green chemistry. "What could be better than this," she asks, "given that my big goal in life is to help save the world by doing what I can where I am?" —MAUREEN ROUHI

Sustainability

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Sustainable Chemistry

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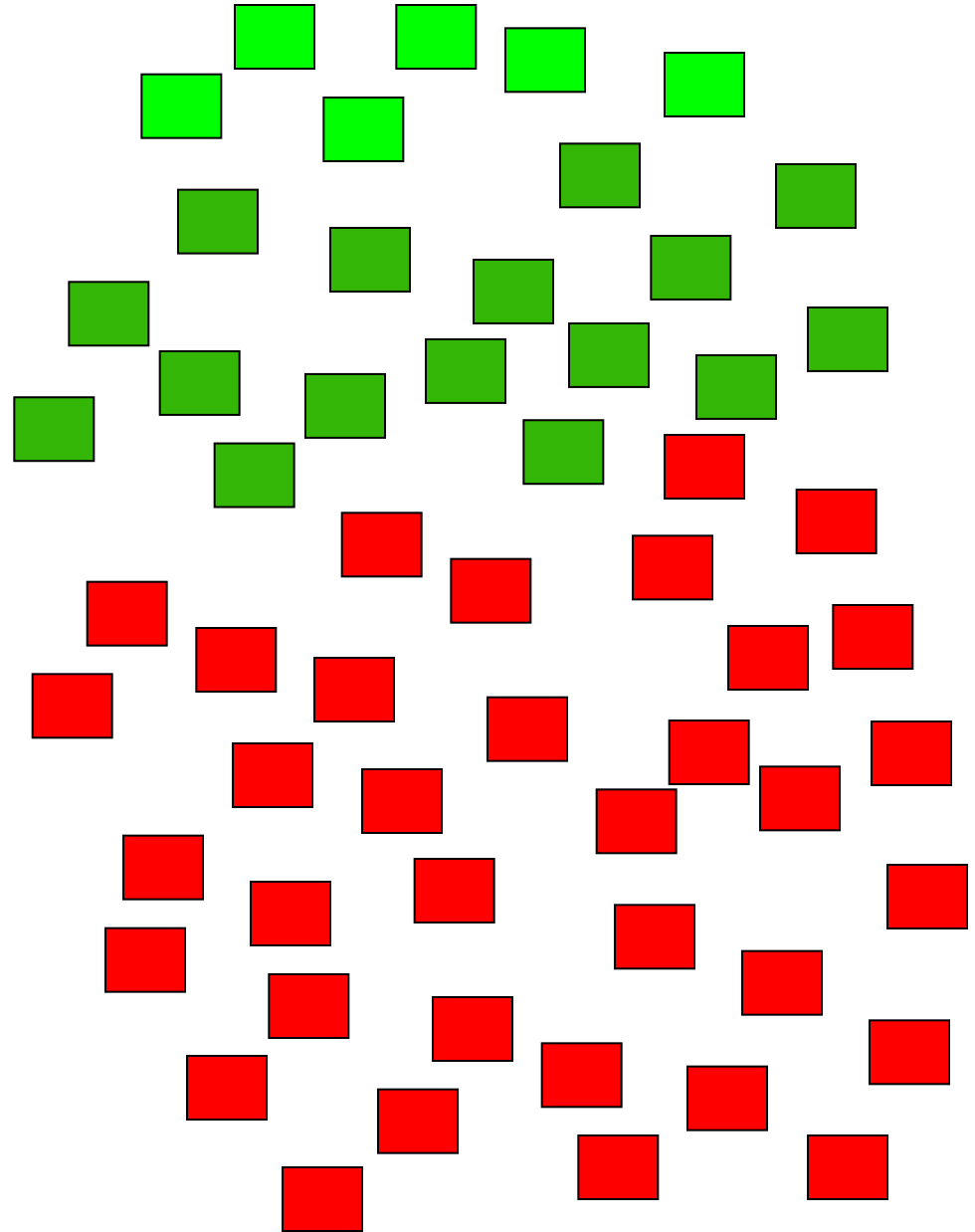
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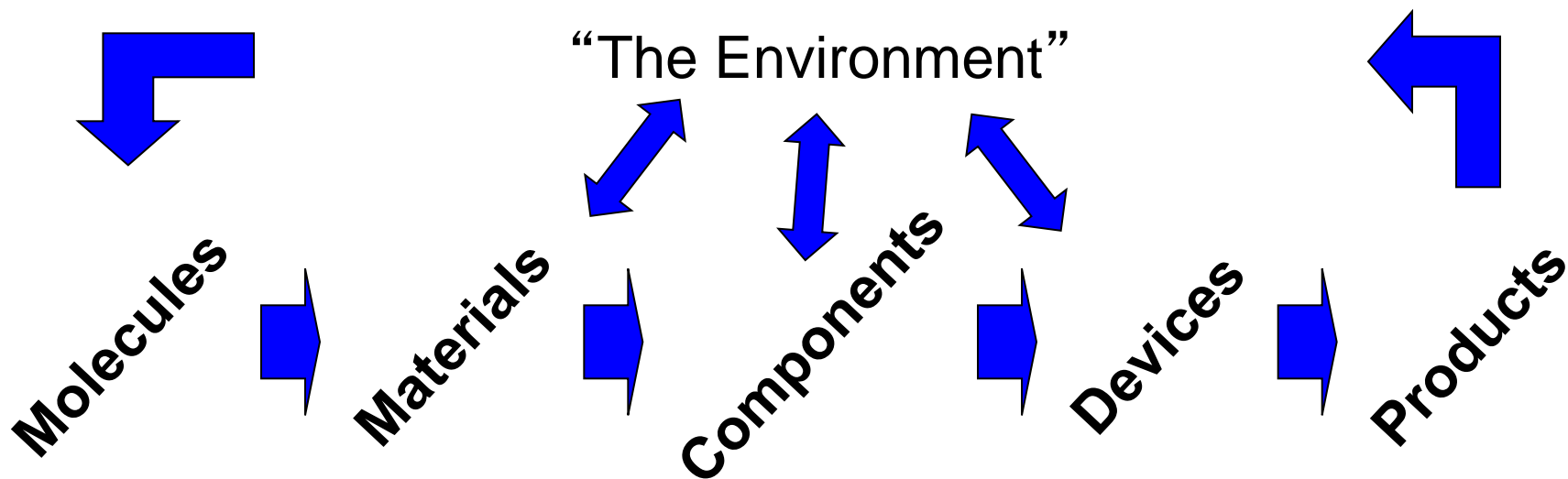
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Where do products come from?



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Applied Research

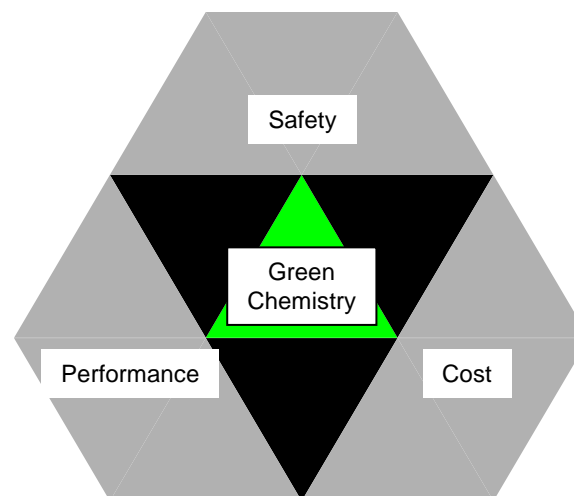
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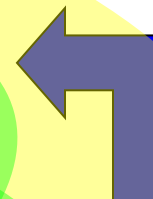
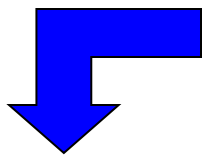
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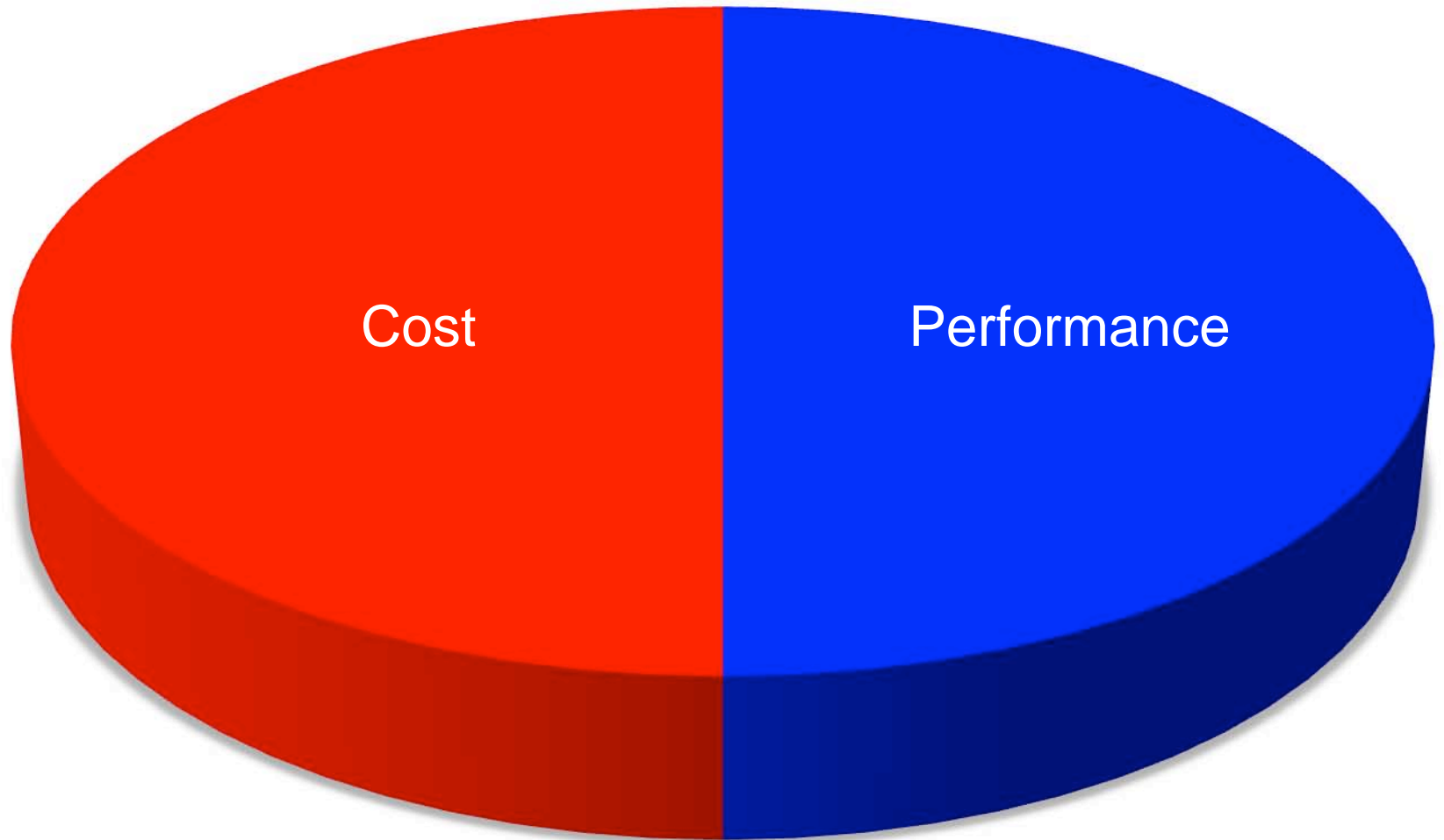
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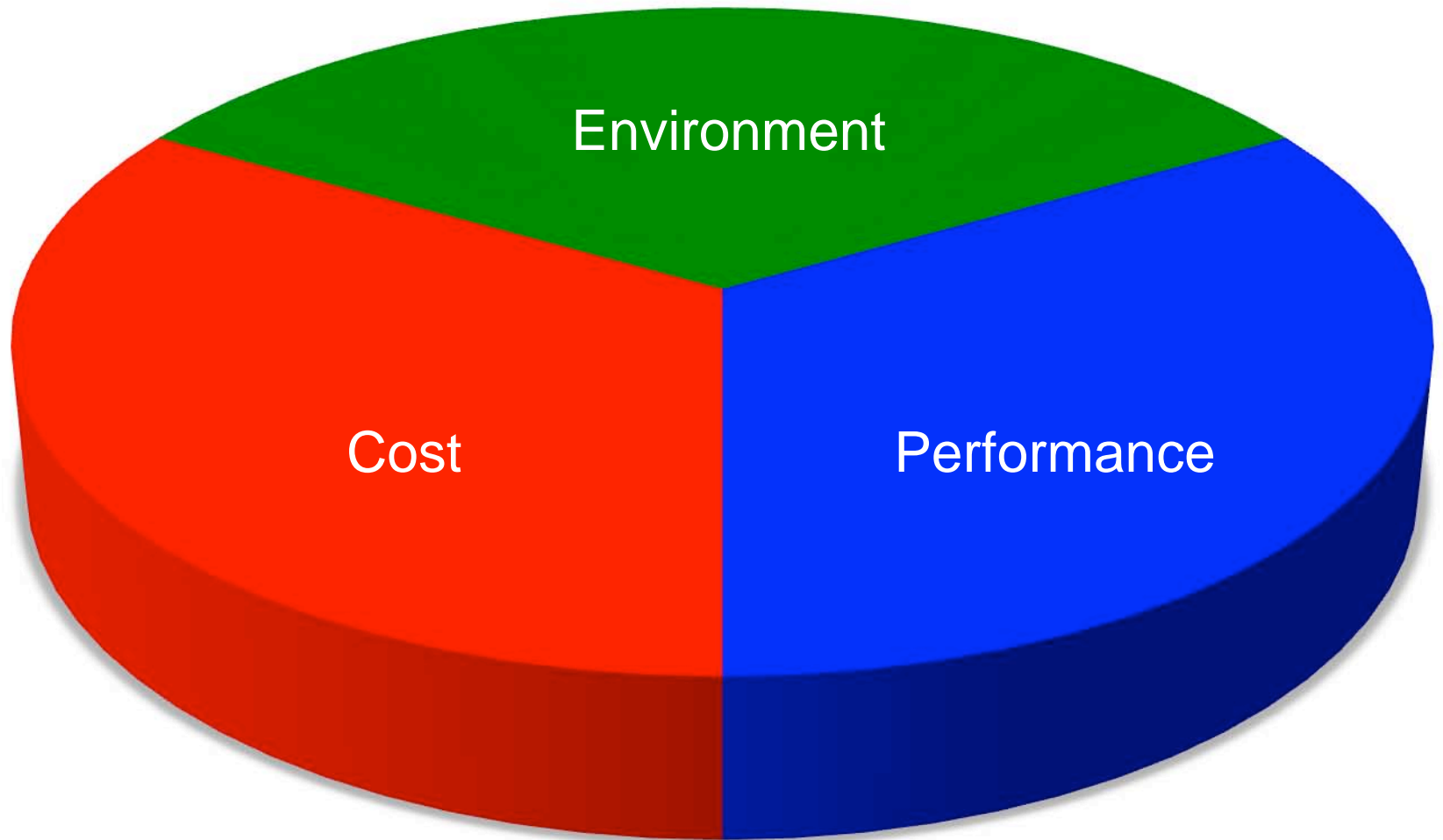
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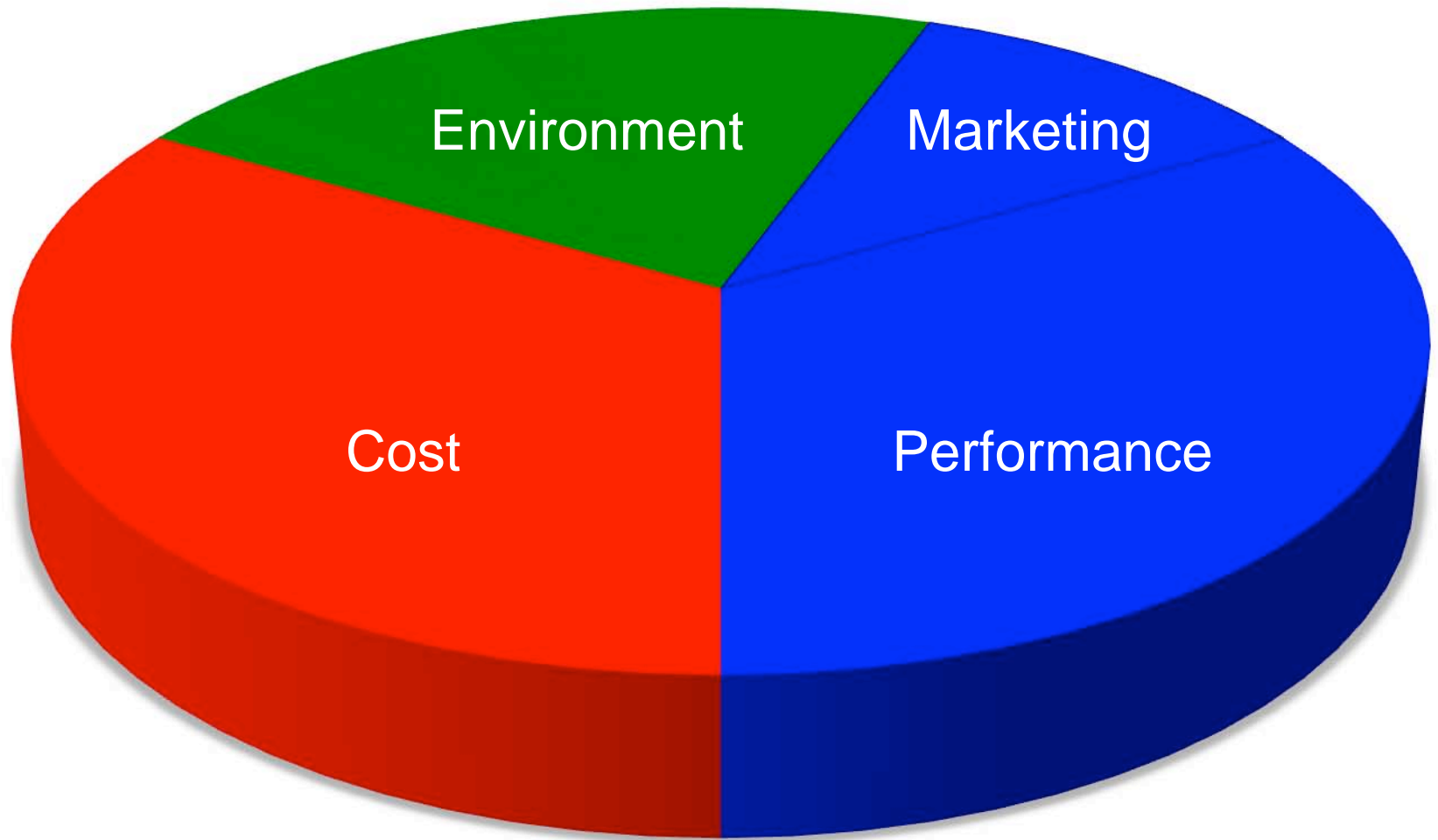
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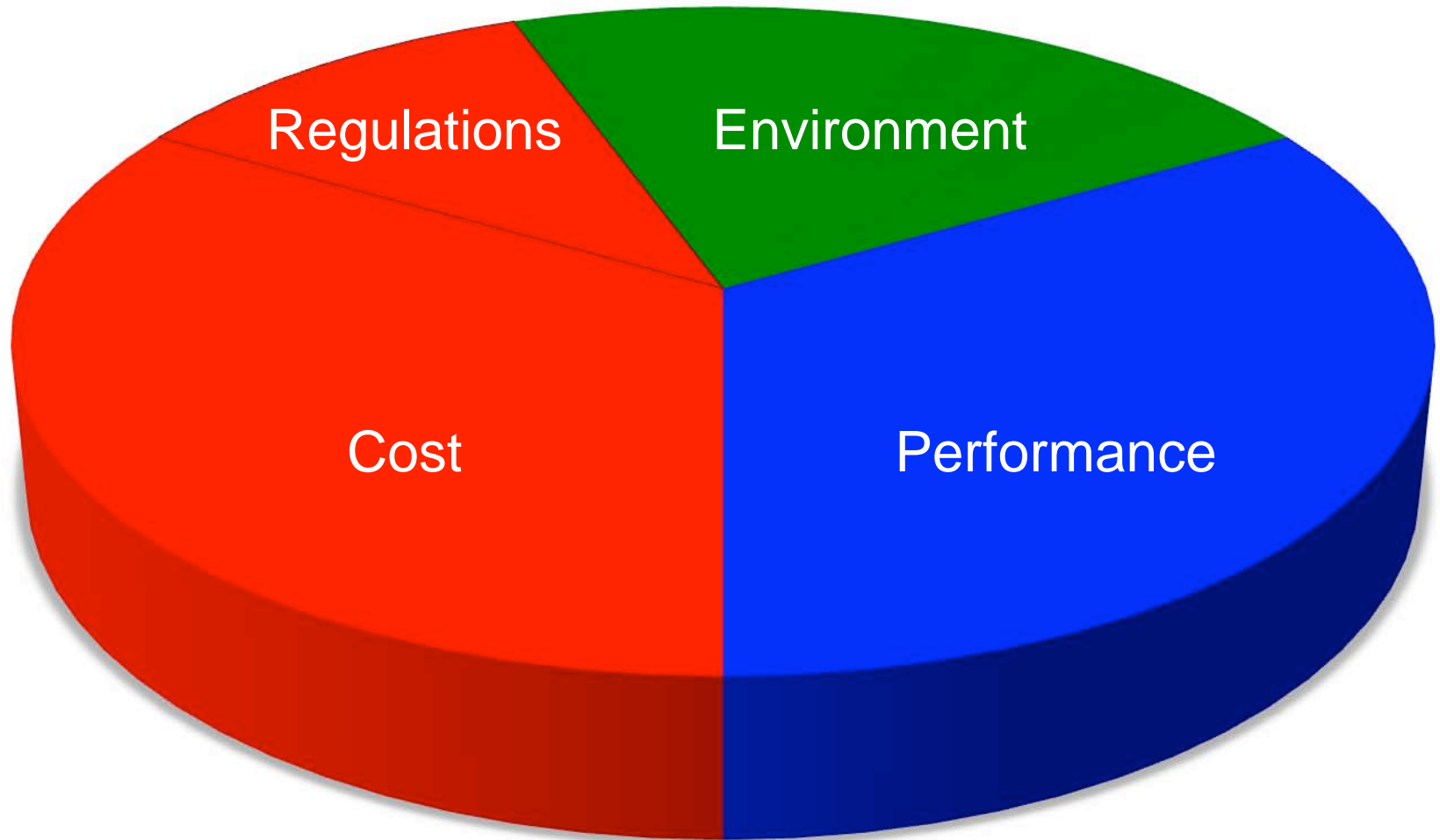
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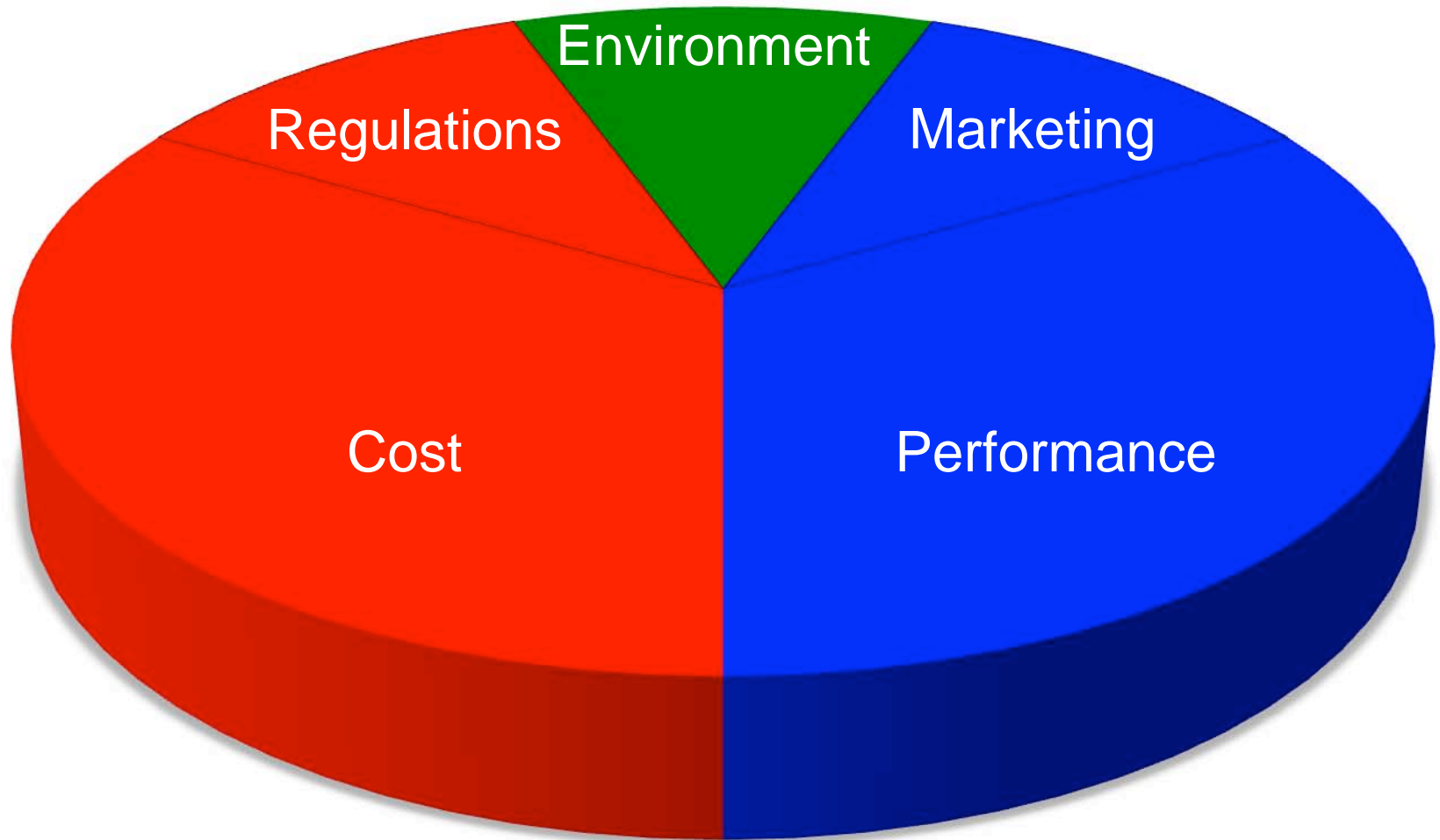


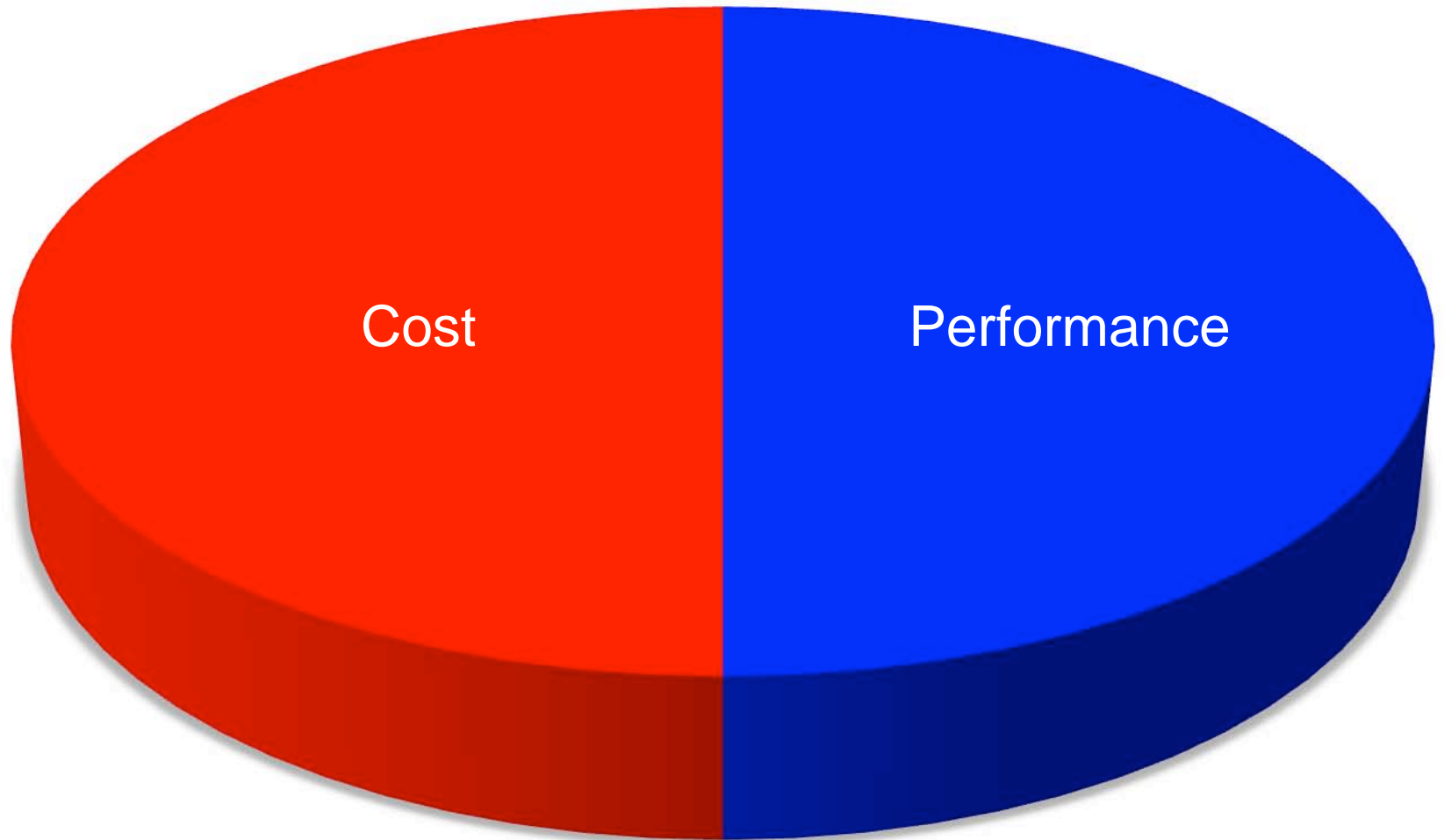


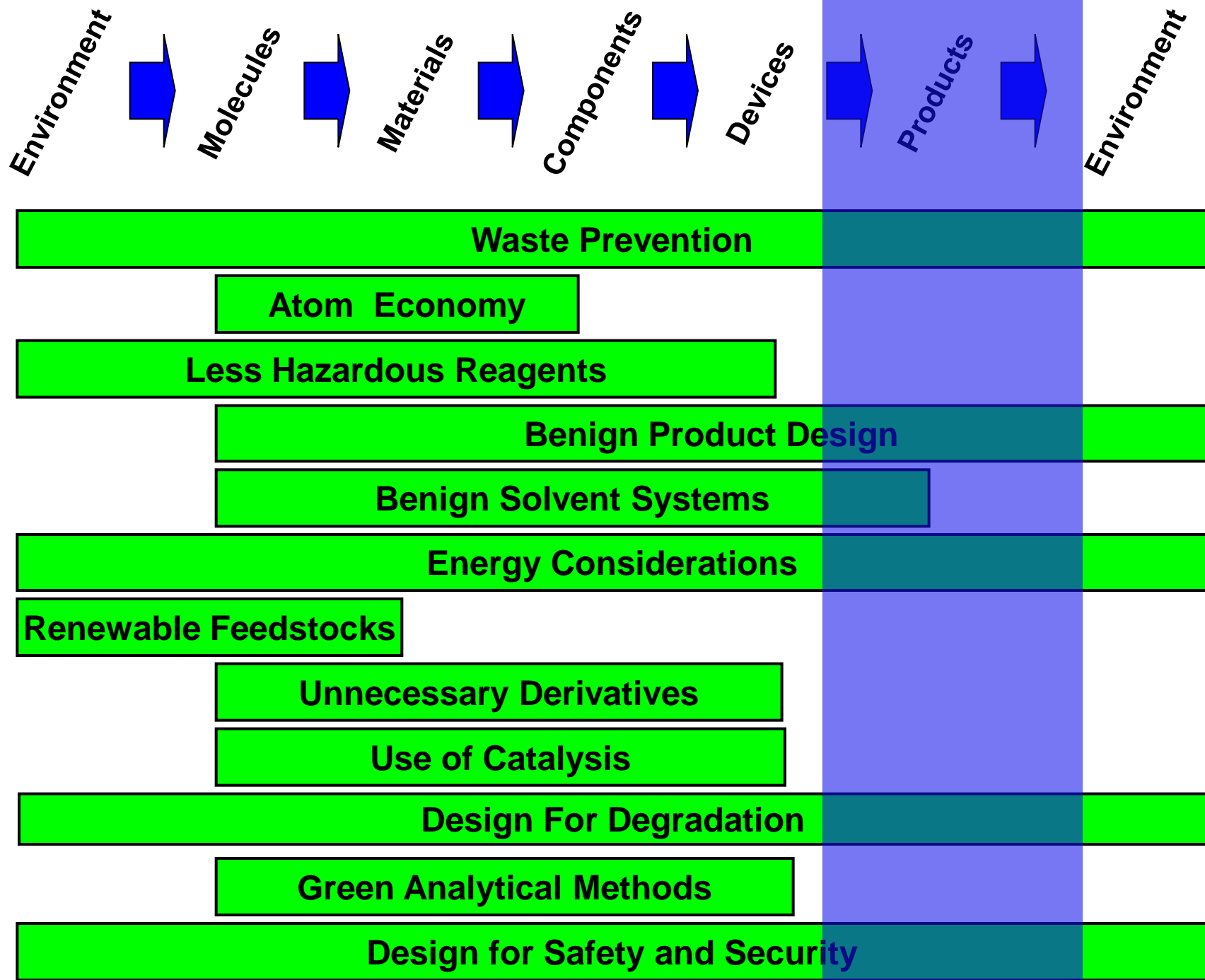


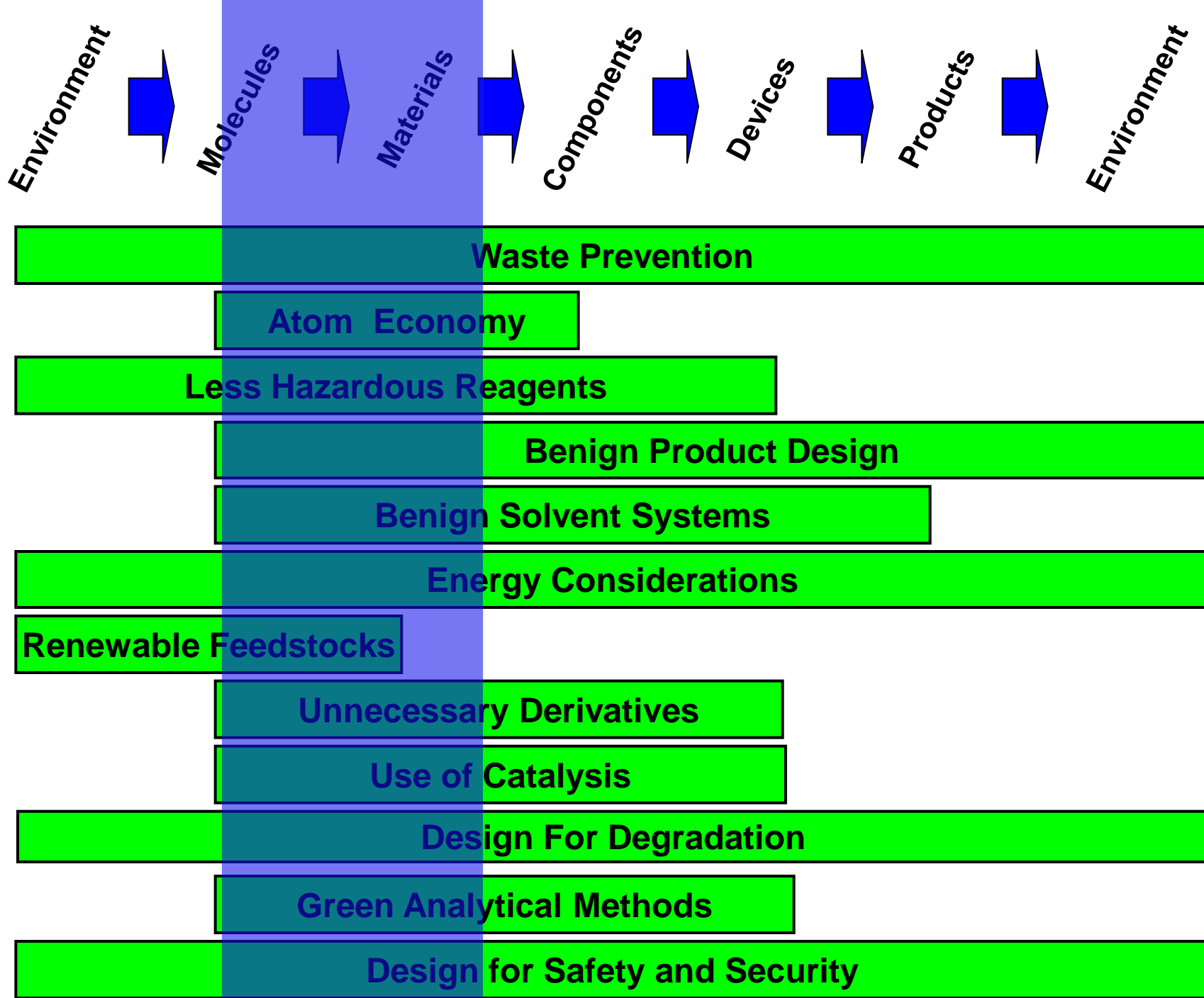












Golf Metaphor:

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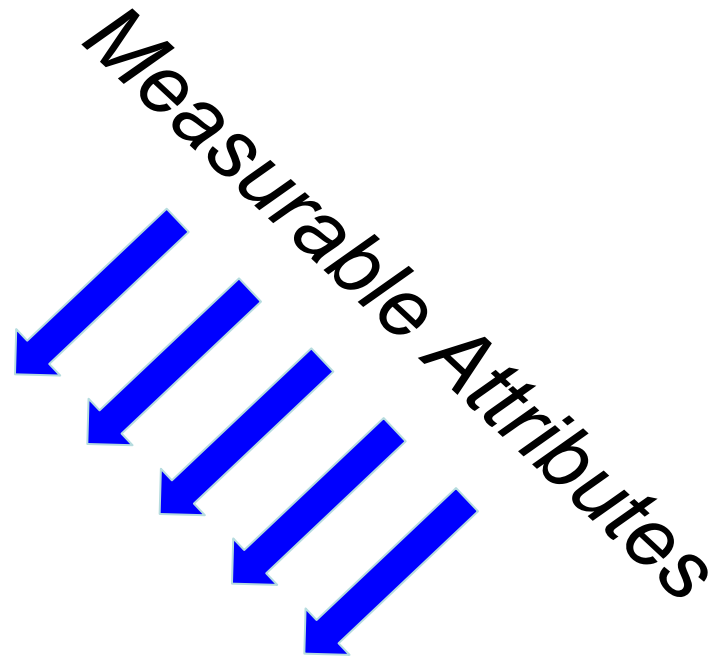
How straight can the golfer hit?

How accurate is the golfer's short game?

How well does the golfer get out of traps?

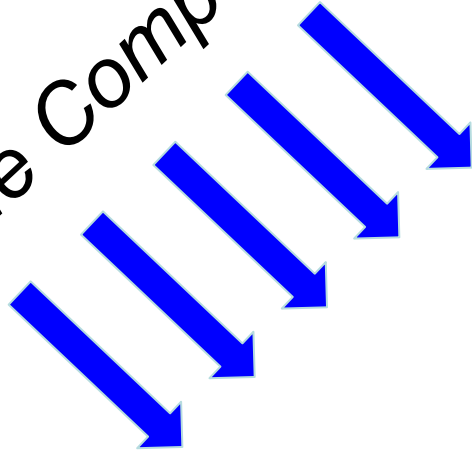
How consistent is the golfer?

Measurable Attributes



Golf Metaphor:

Adjustable Components



How does the golfer grip the club?

How does the golfer hold their shoulders?

How does the golfer place their feet?

How does the golfer swing the club?

How well does the golfer pick their clubs?



Chemists have ALWAYS cared about Human Health and the Environment.



Risk = Exposure x Hazard



The cost of using hazardous materials:

Storage

Transportation

Treatment

Disposal

Regulatory Costs

Liability

Worker Health and Safety

Corporate Reputation

Community Relations

New Employee Recruitment



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Traditional Processes

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Green Alternatives

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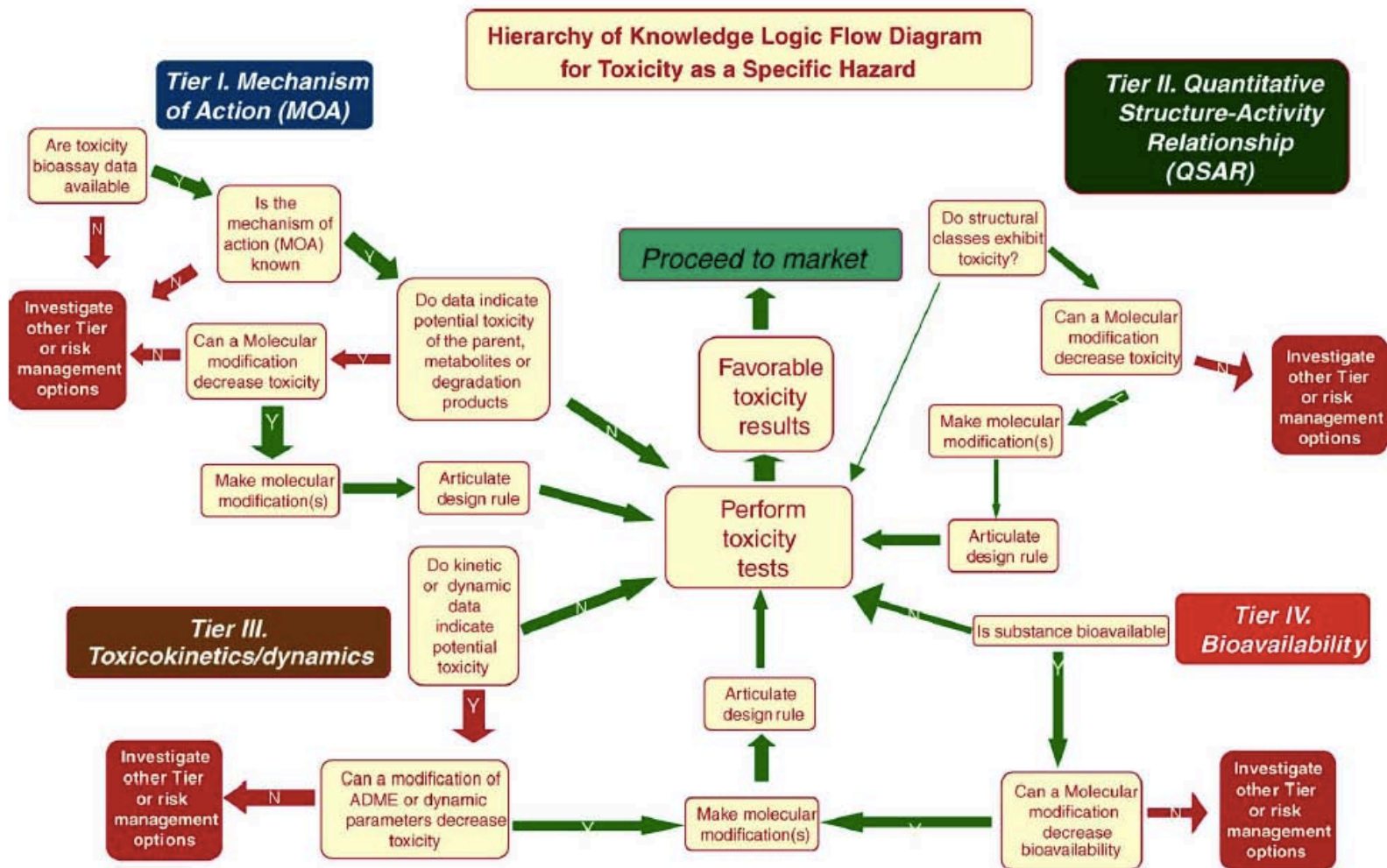
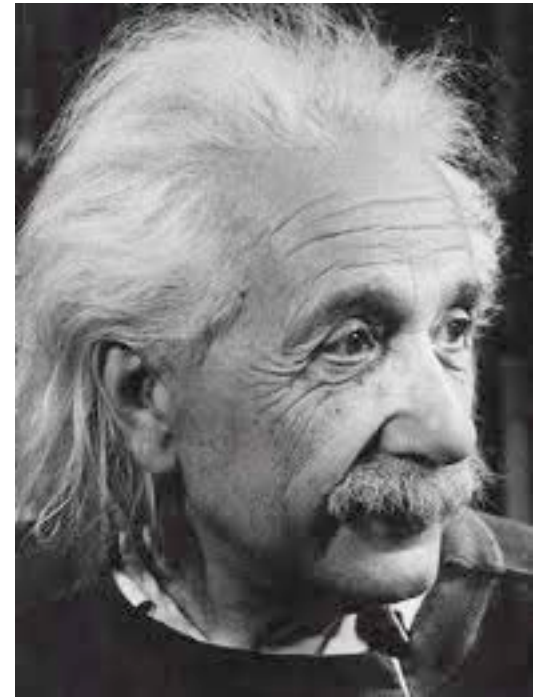


Figure 1. Hierarchy of Knowledge Logic Flow Diagram for Toxicity as a Specific Hazard.

Problems cannot be solved at
the same level of awareness
that created them.



Albert Einstein



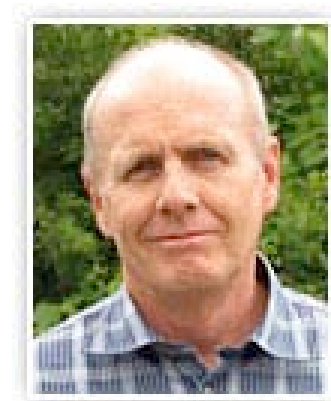


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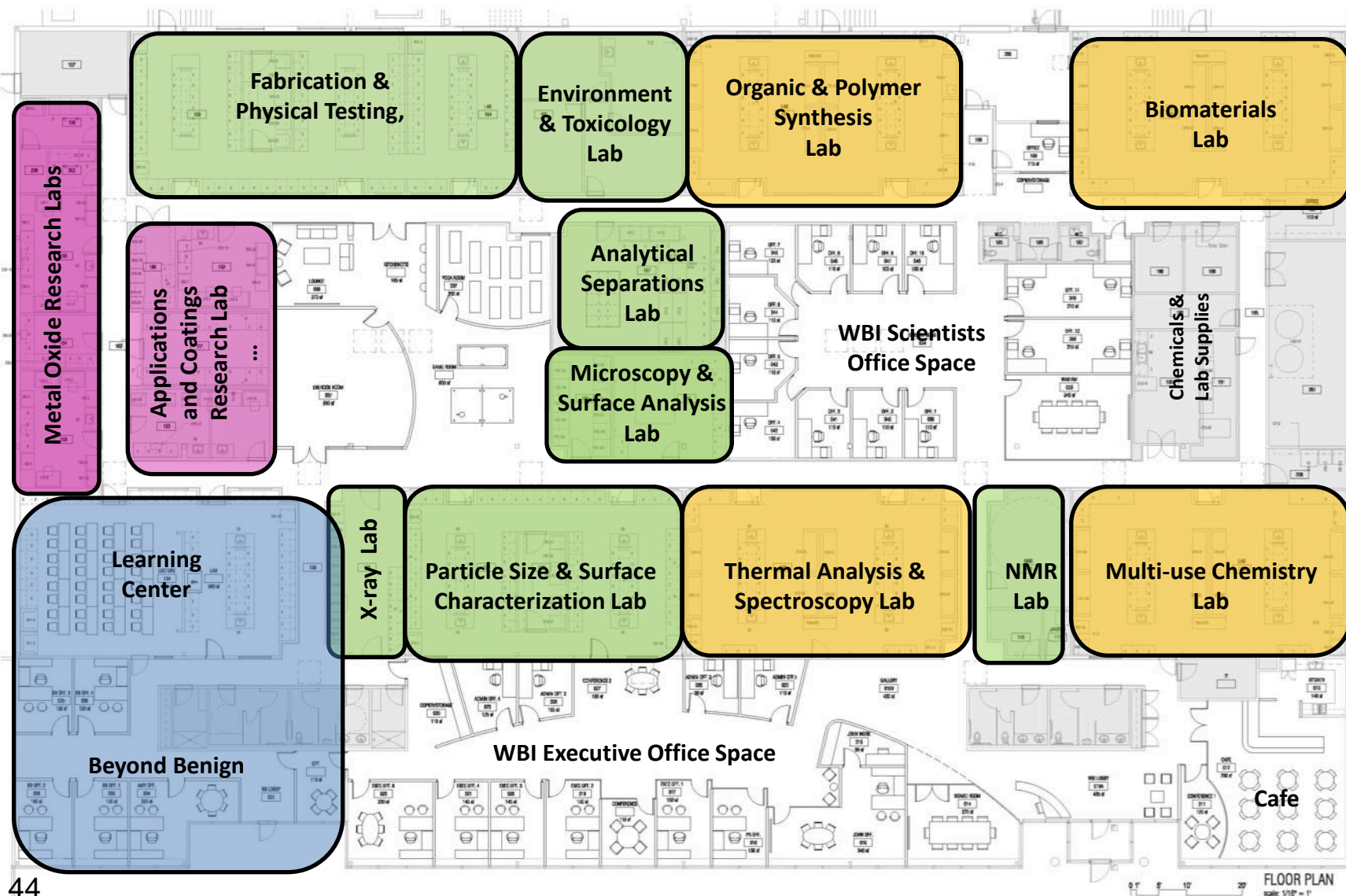


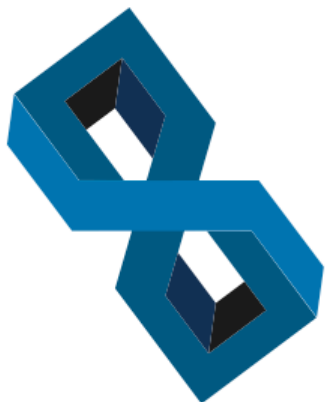
Bill Kunzweiler



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Dr Amy Cannon
Executive Director

K-12

- Curriculum Development and Teacher Training
 - Green Chemistry
 - Green Math & Engineering
 - Biotechnology
 - Forensics
 - Watershed Science

Community

- K-12 and Community Outreach
 - K-12 classroom visits
 - Community events
 - Informational/promotional events
- Community Building (Regional and International)

Workforce Development

- Curriculum Development and Training
 - Academia
 - Technical Training

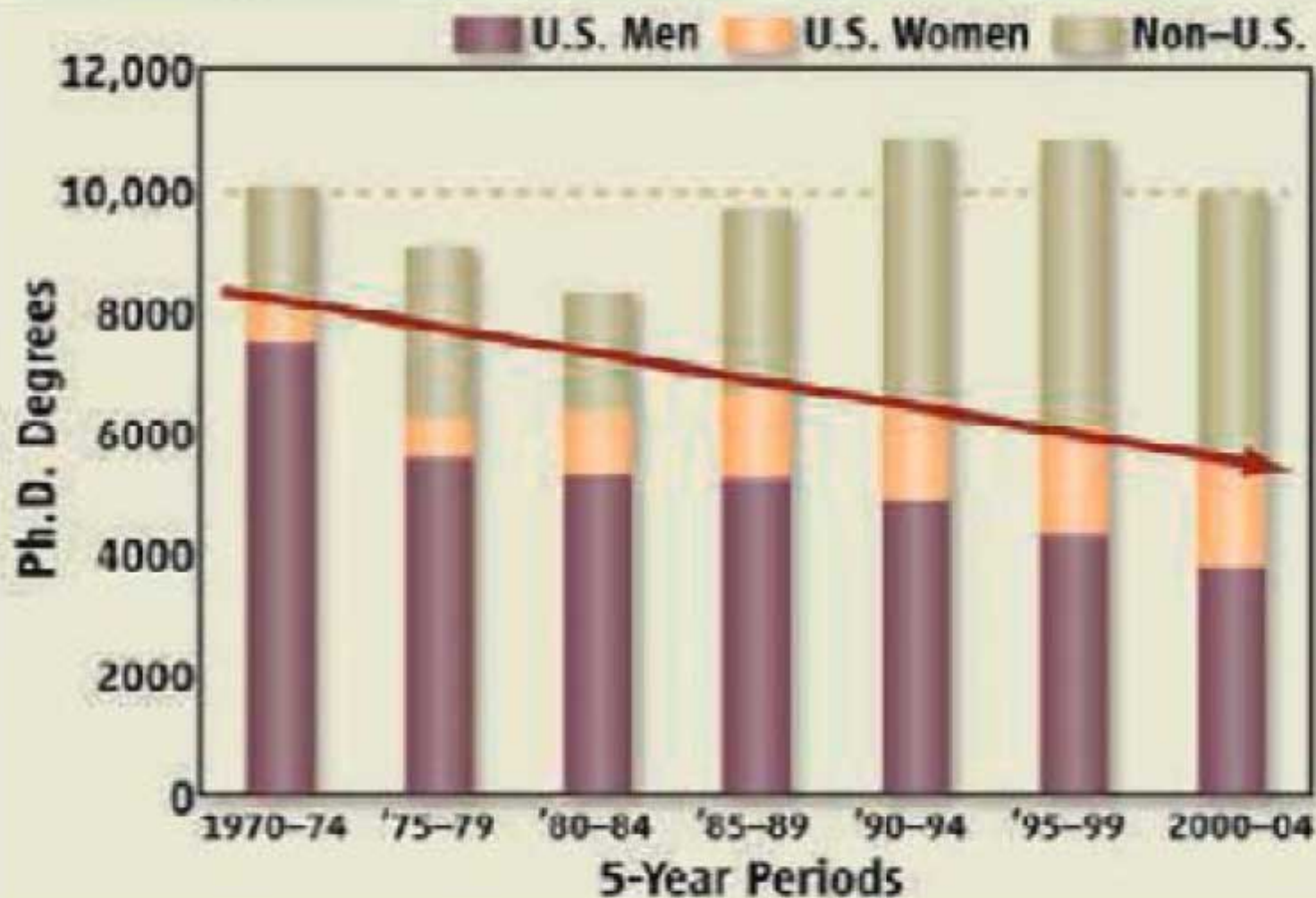


The Green Chemistry Commitment: The Call for Systematic Change

- *Changing Practices:* Implementing green chemistry laboratory exercises throughout the chemistry curriculum
- *Changing Curriculum:* Green Chemistry introduced and integrated throughout chemistry courses and/or courses on Green Chemistry will be offered as a requirement course for chemistry majors. Additional courses in environmental science, environmental fate and transport, and/or environmental law and policy will be made available to students as elective courses.
- *Teaching Toxicology:* Toxicology/environmental health sciences course for chemistry majors introduced as a core course, leading to the course becoming a requirement for chemistry majors.
- *Reaching Out:* Green Chemistry incorporated into Service Learning and Outreach programs to connect with communities and advance awareness of green chemistry throughout the region.
- *Integrating Research:* Green Chemistry will be integrated into research projects and research programs as part of the chemistry program.

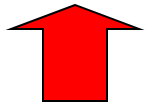
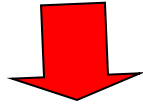


Declining Chemistry Ph.D.s at U.S. Universities



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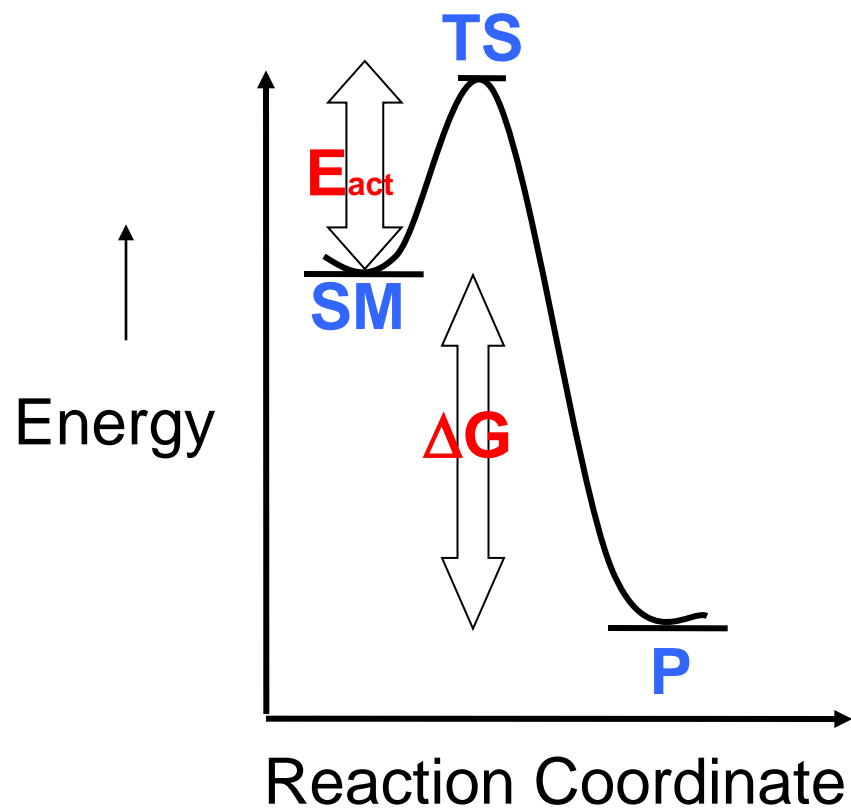
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D'earth, UVa musicians explore chemistry through jazz.



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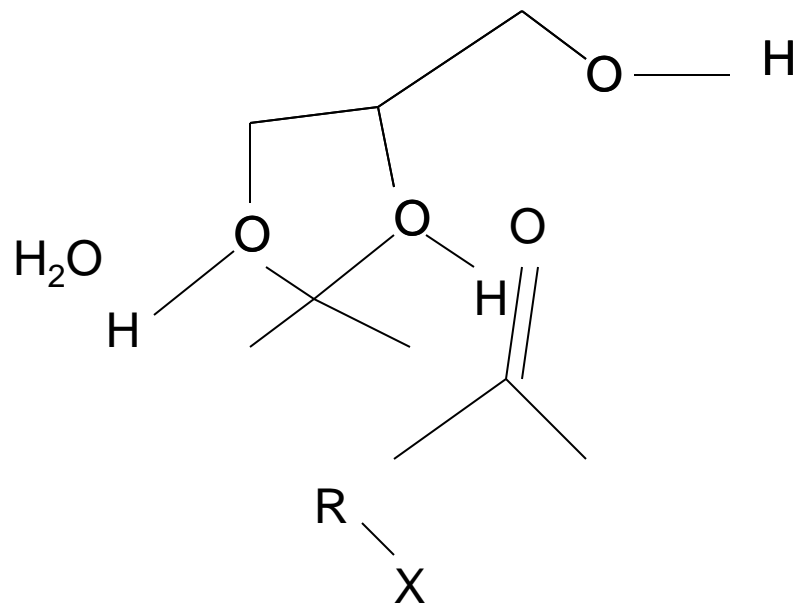
John D'earth (right) leads the University of Virginia Jazz Ensemble. His new composition, "Green Chemistry," is on this weekend's program. Credit: Sena Aydin

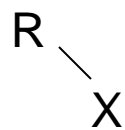
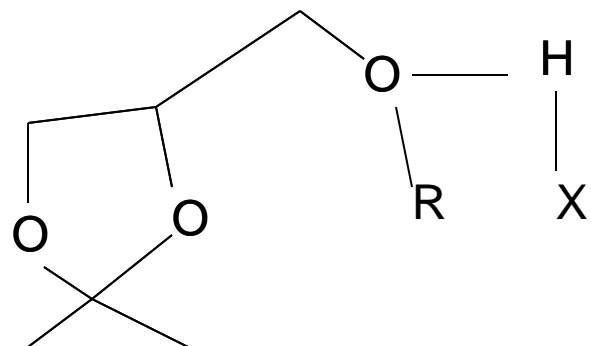


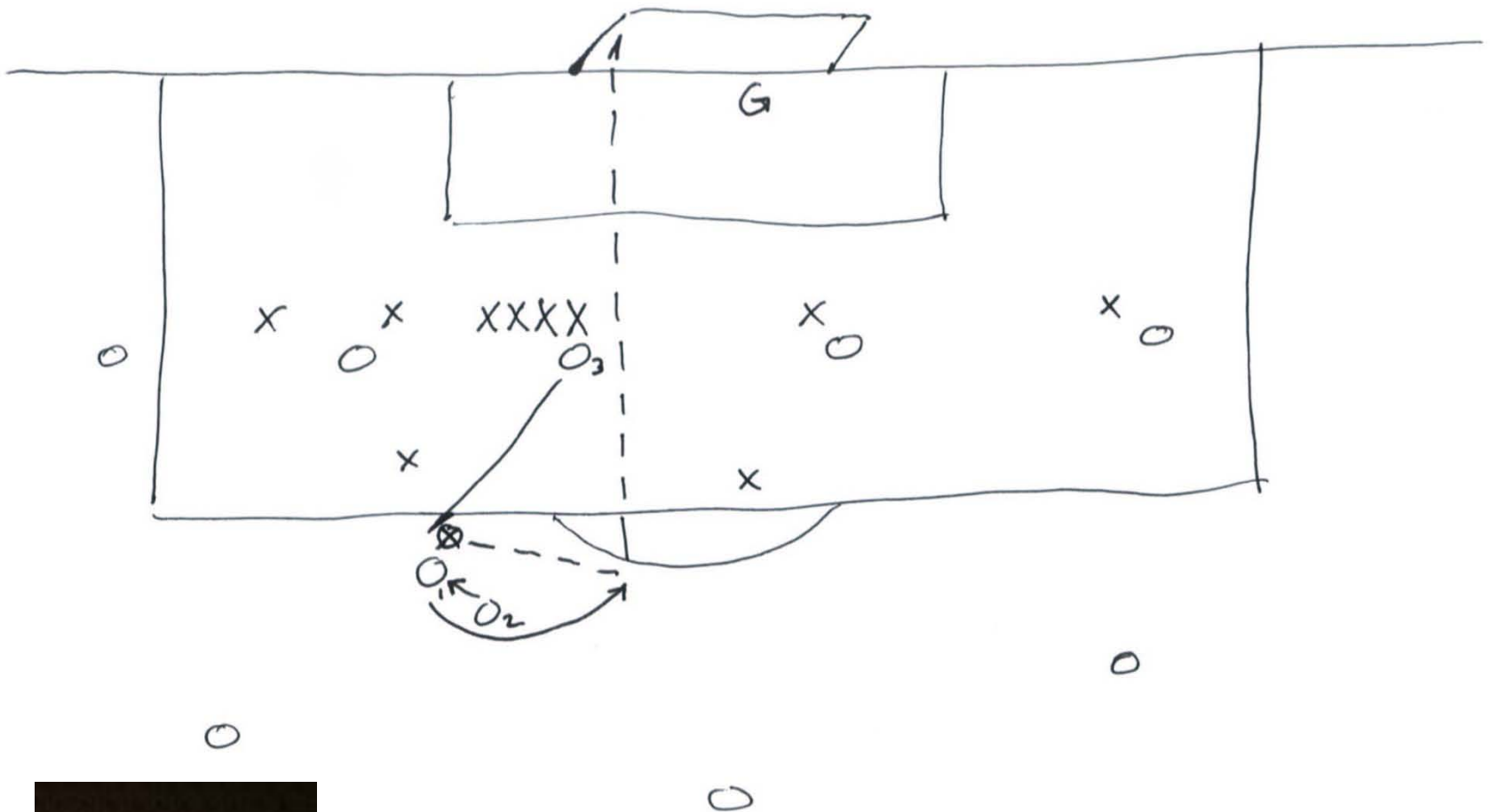
Creating Chemistry

Creating molecules...

The diagram shows a branched ether structure. A central carbon atom is bonded to two oxygen atoms. The left oxygen atom is bonded to a hydrogen atom (H) and a hydroxyl group (OH). The right oxygen atom is bonded to a hydrogen atom (H) and a hydroxyl group (OH). The central carbon atom is also bonded to a hydrogen atom (H) and a hydroxyl group (OH). The structure is shown in a skeletal format with lines representing bonds.





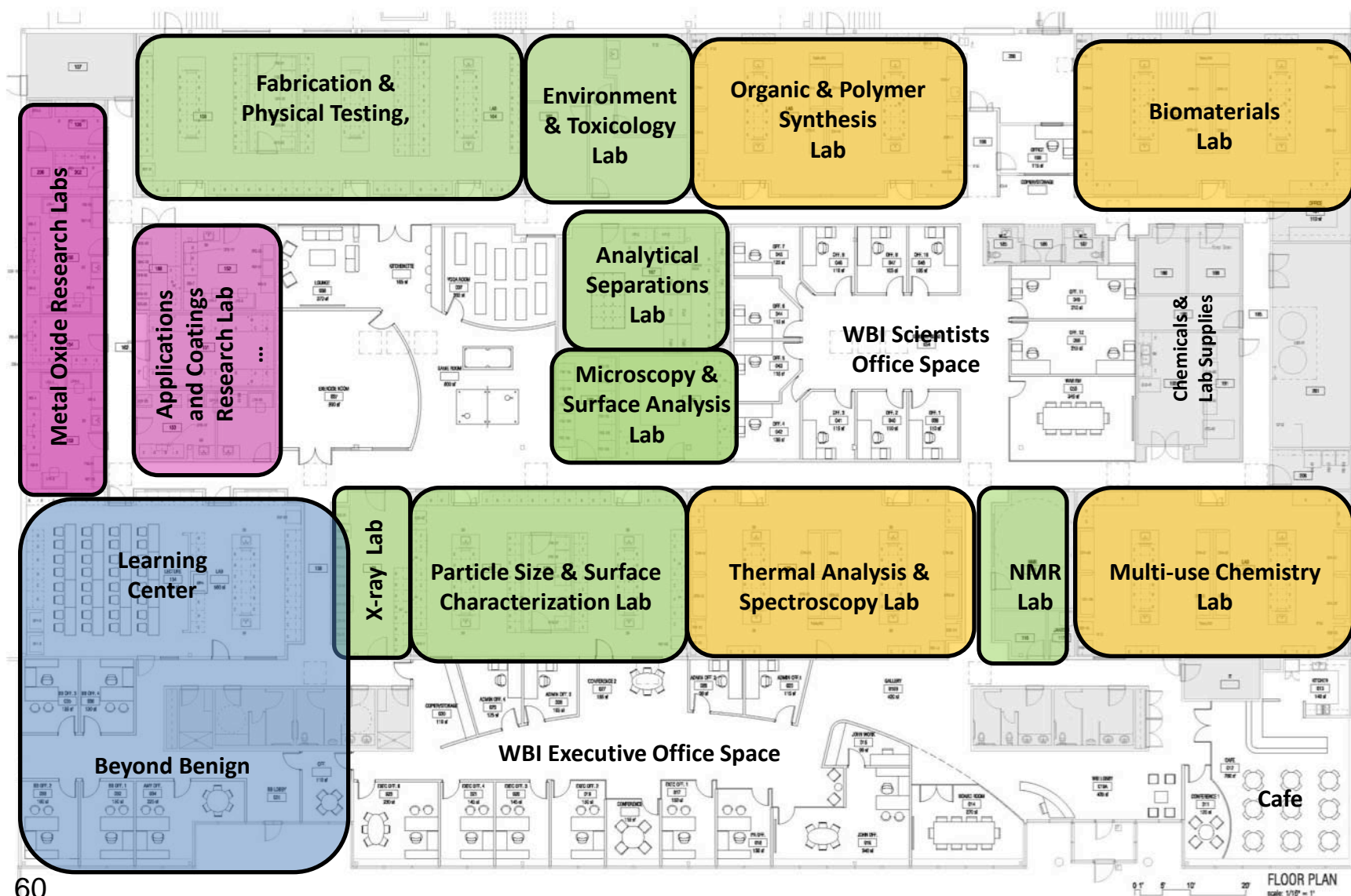


Ed Cannon
Athletic Director
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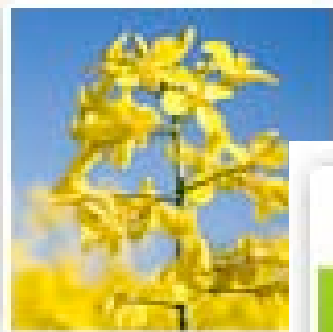
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING AFTER
THE GAME ?

Green Chemistry is a set of
handcuffs that slow productivity!

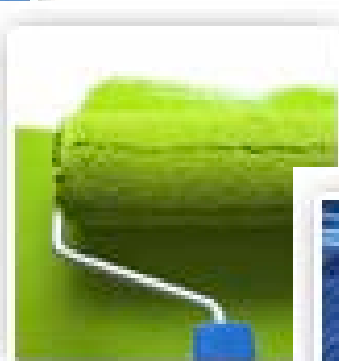




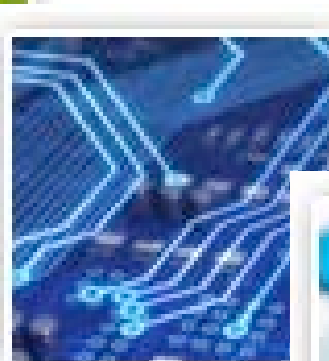
Industry Sectors



Energy, Natural Resources and Environment



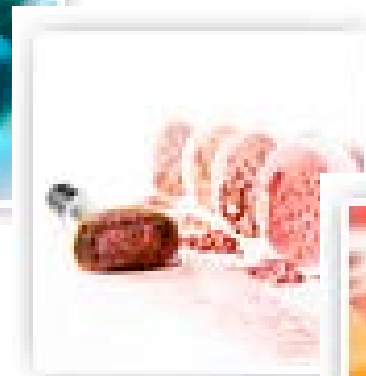
Industrial Chemicals and Materials



Industrial Products



Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology



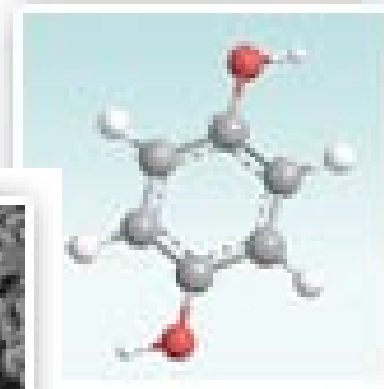
Personal Care & Cosmetics



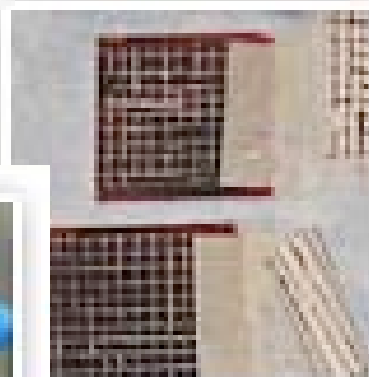
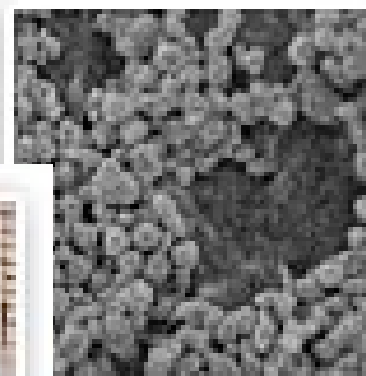
Retail, Consumer, Supply Chain

Core Technologies

Non-covalent Derivatization & Formulation Science



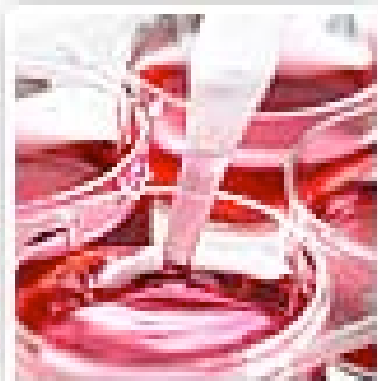
Metal Oxides Nanotechnology



Films, Coatings and Surfaces

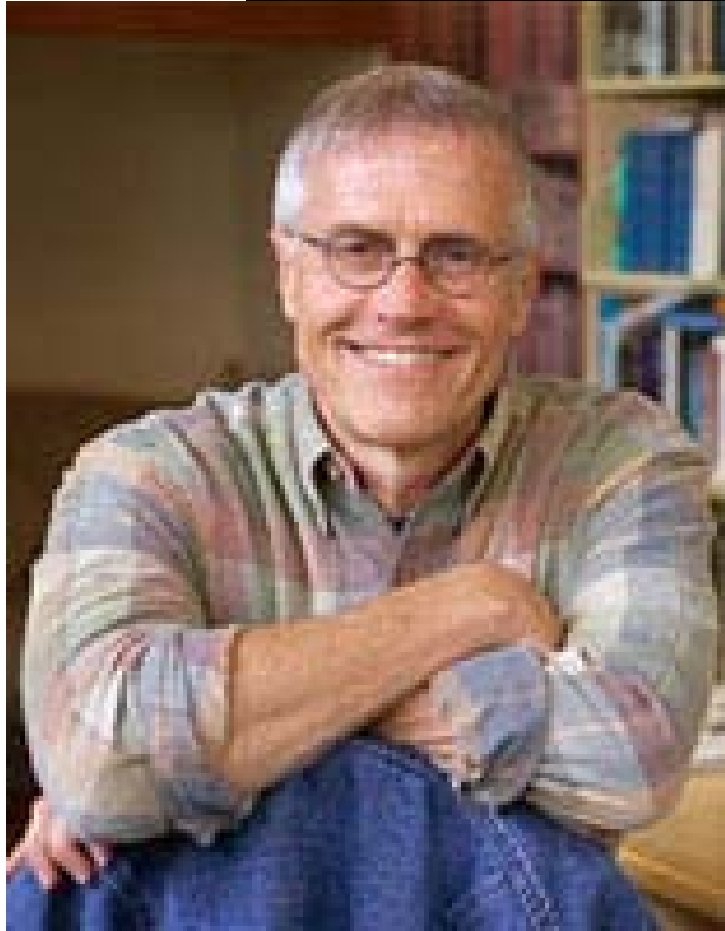


Organic/Polymer Synthesis & Engineering



Non Animal Toxicology Testing

Ultra Low Cost Non-Toxic Solar



Paul Hawken



Janine Benyus



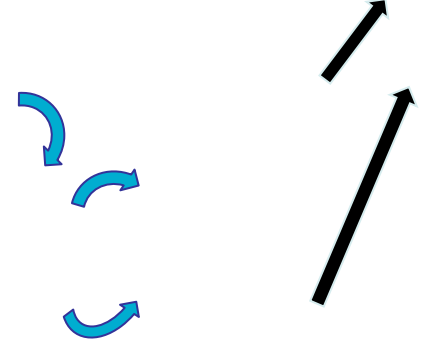
John Warner

Nontoxic, Environmentally Benign Hair Coloring

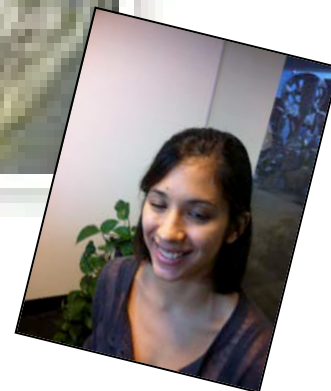
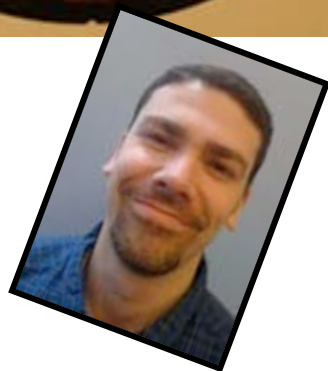
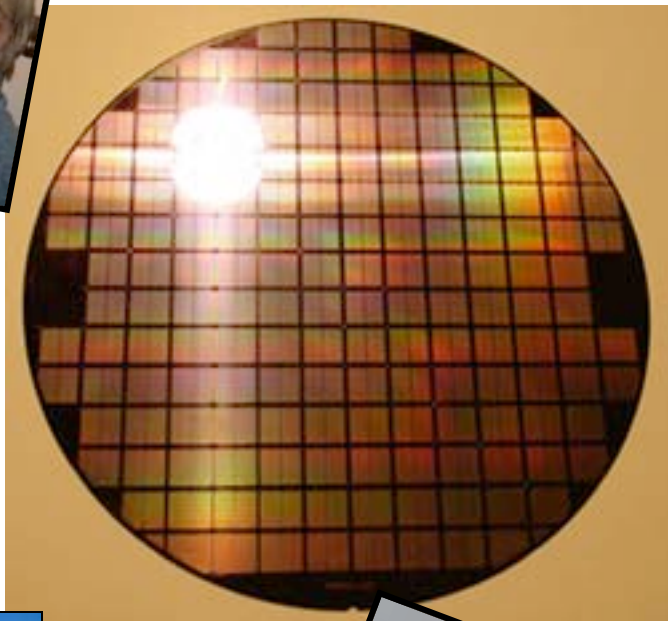


Tyrosinase

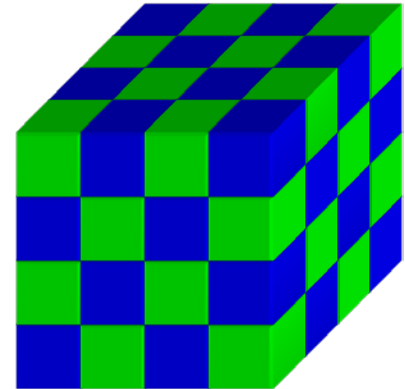
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Water Based Non Toxic Photoresist Cleaning Solutions



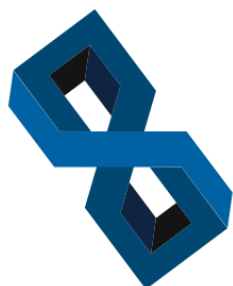
Increased Bioavailability for a Parkinson's Disease Drug







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