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STRATEGIC MATERIALS IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION

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- The great challenge
- Energy supply and green house gas emission
- Material criticality and conflict metals
- Substitution and Recycling
- Raw material needs wind energy, E-mobility and cooling

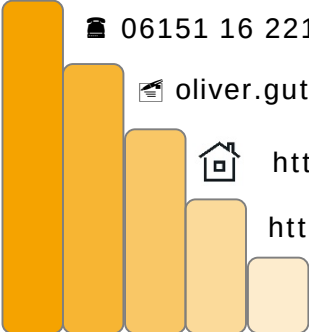


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THE GRAND CHALLENGE

Transition to 100% renewables



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There is growing awareness that human activities are having a major impact on the earth's ecosphere—so much so that many are now defining a new geological era: the **Anthropocene**, a time when humans have become the driving force in the earth's physical changes.

With the **global human population expected to reach over 9 billion by 2050**, urbanization, access to energy, infrastructure development, and poverty reduction will result in an **unprecedented strain on our planet's natural resources and environment**.

(World Bank 2017)





ENERGY SUPPLY

SOLAR RESOURCE IS FUNDAMENTALLY INTERMITTENT → STEADY AND RELIABLE SOURCE OF ELECTRICITY



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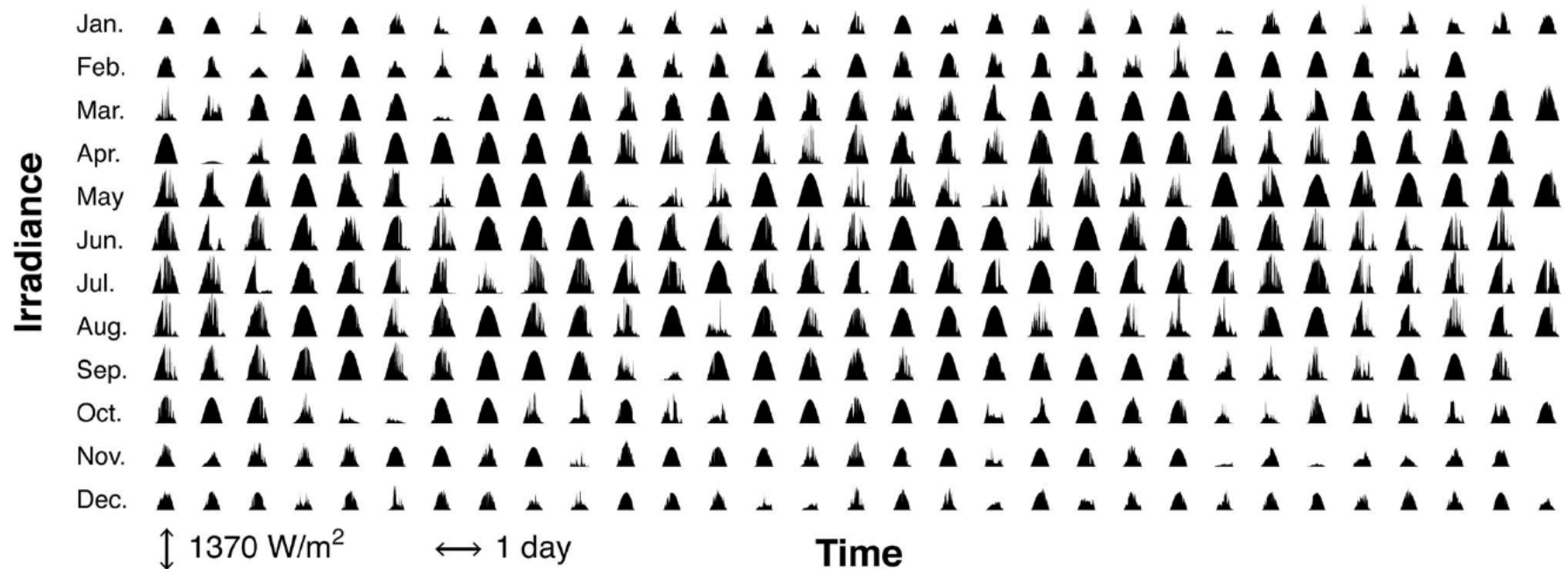


Fig. 1 Complete minute-by-minute solar irradiance profile in Golden, CO, for the year 2012. The time axis is to scale, with nights included.

Energy Environ. Sci. 2015, 8, 1200–1219

Average solar budget: 188 W / m² or 4.5 kWh per m²

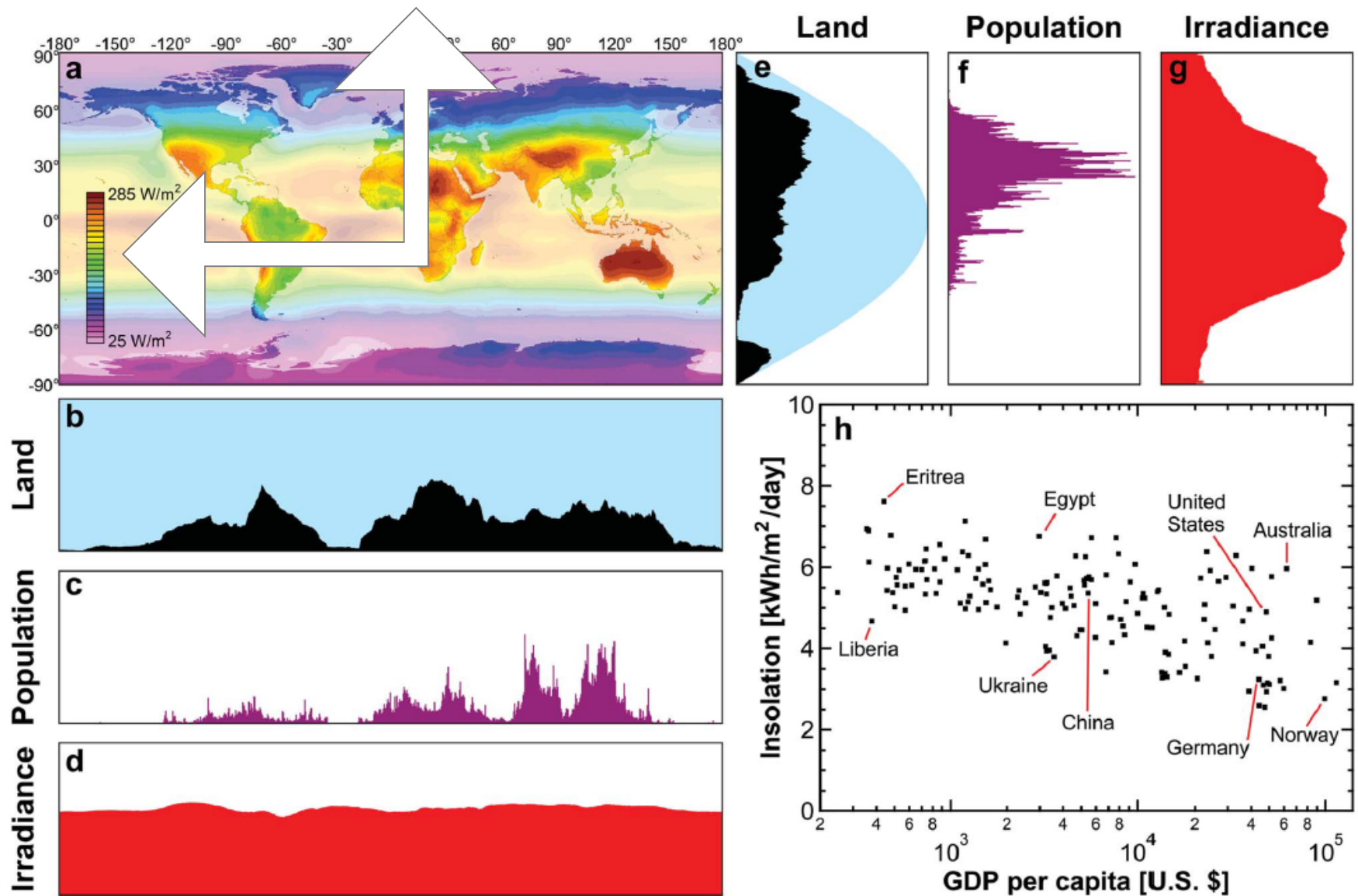
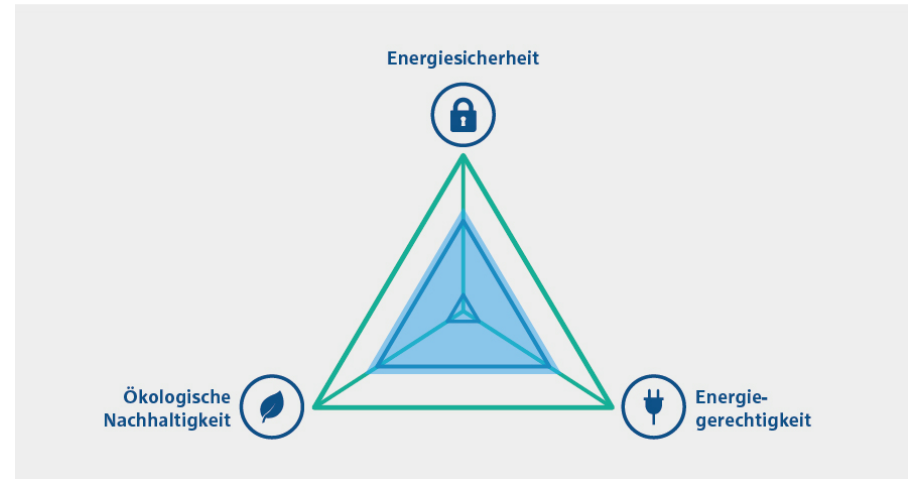
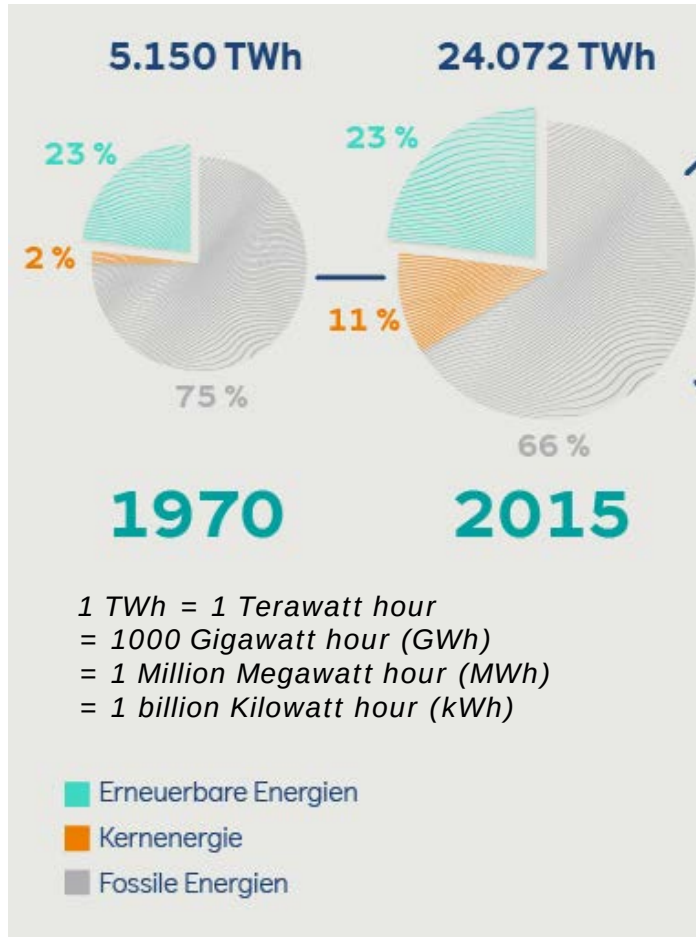


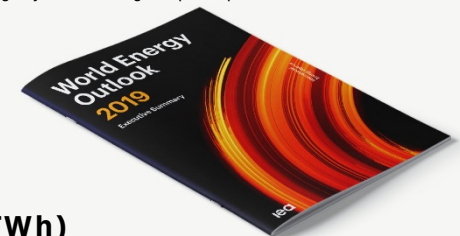
Fig. 2 Worldwide distribution of the solar resource. (a) Global map of solar irradiance [W m⁻²] averaged from 1990 to 2004 (©Mines ParisTech/Armines 2006).²⁰ Histograms of world land area [m² per °], population [persons per °] (reproduced with permission from ref. 21), and average irradiance at the Earth's surface [W m⁻²] are shown as a function of longitude (b–d) and latitude (e–g). In (b) and (e), land area is shown in black, and water area is shown in blue. (h) Correlation of average insolation and GDP per capita by country for the year 2011.^{18,19} Each dot represents one country.

ENERGY SYSTEMS – ENERGY SUPPLY



Threefold dilemma
(adapted from World Energy Council)

<https://www.en-former.com/europaeische-energiesysteme-belegen-spitzenplaetze/>



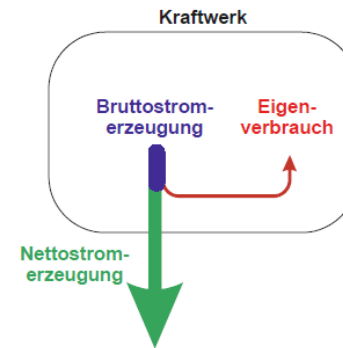
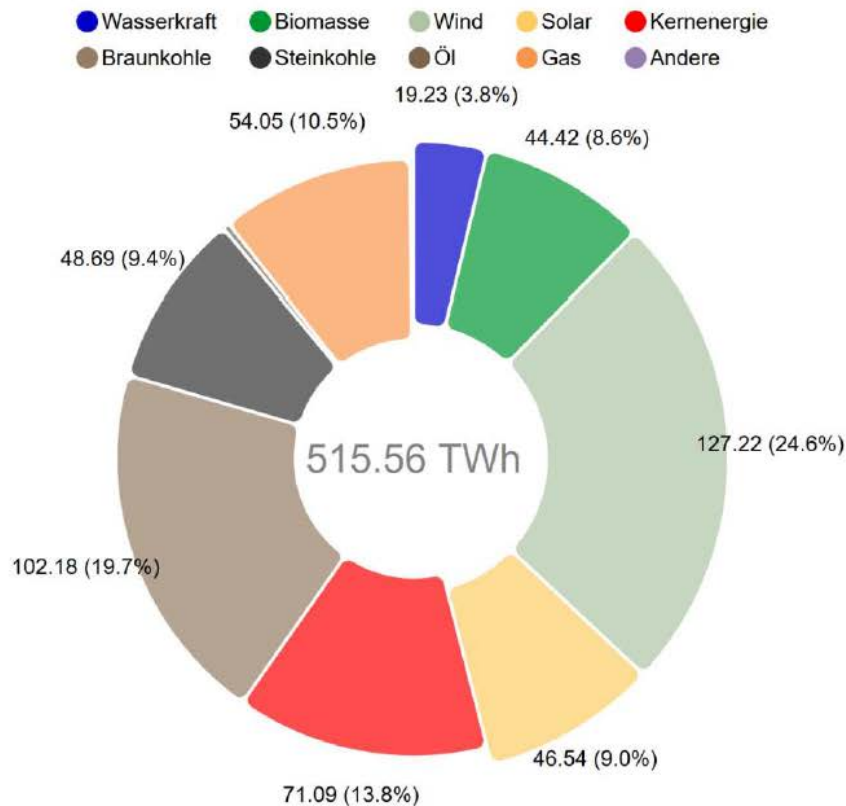
Global electricity generation (in TWh)

source: H.-W. Schiffer auf Basis von BP Statistical Review of World Energy und World Energy Council, Paul Scherrer Institute, Accenture Strategy: World Energy Scenarios/2019, September 2019.

NET ELECTRICITY GENERATION 2019 IN GERMANY

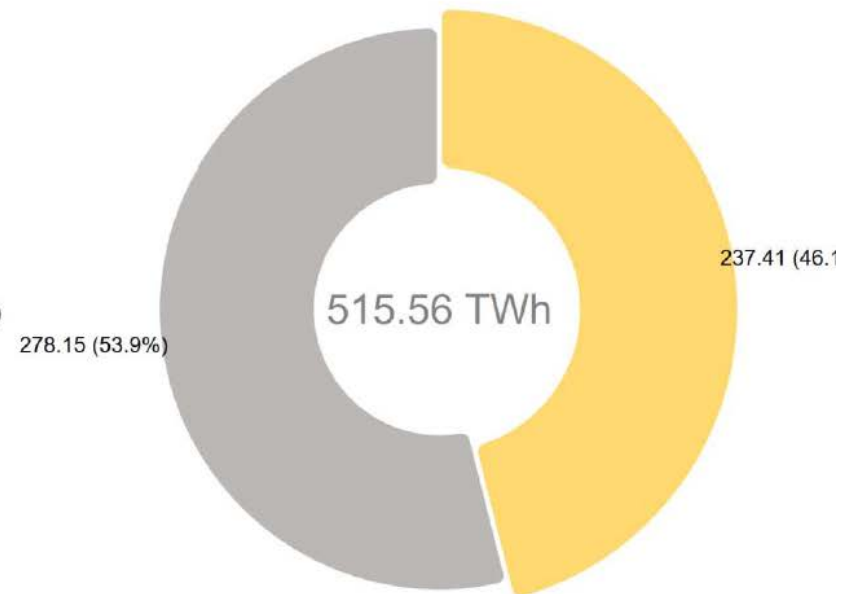


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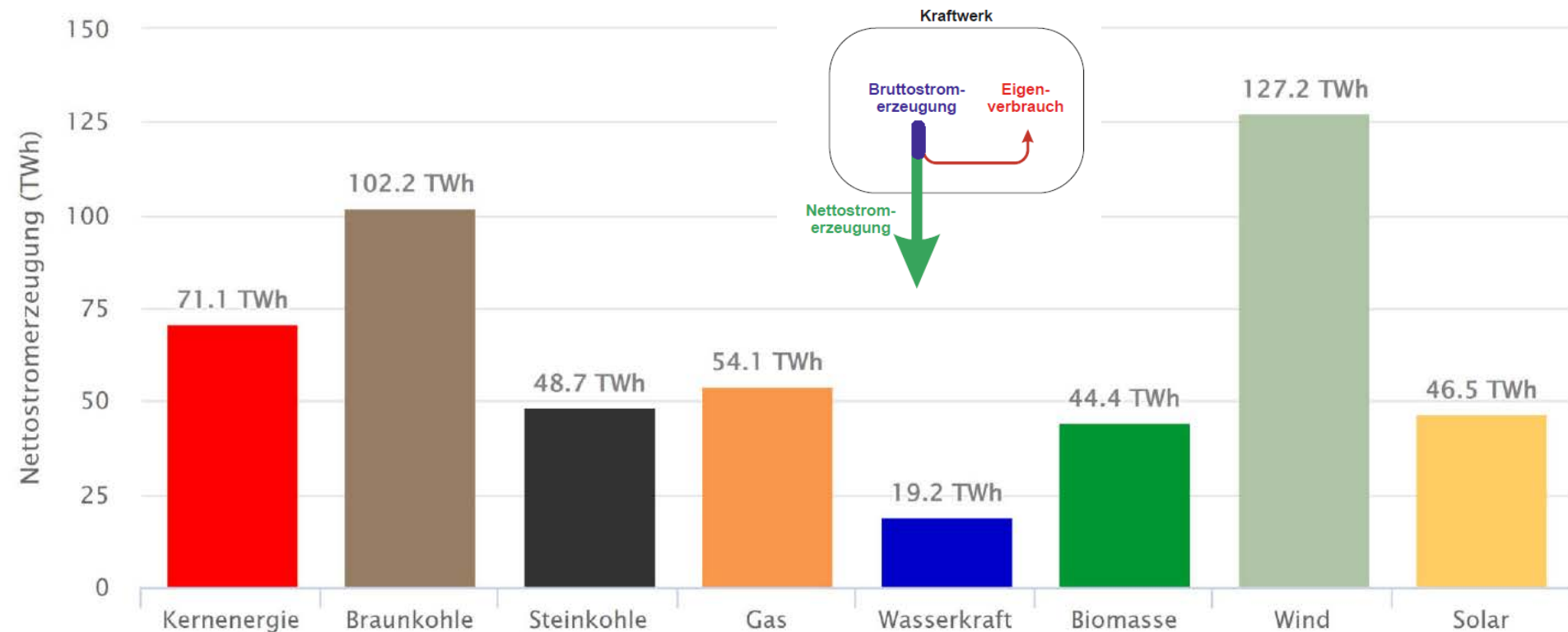
Nettostrom-
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Erneuerbare (Yellow) Nicht Erneuerbare (Grey)



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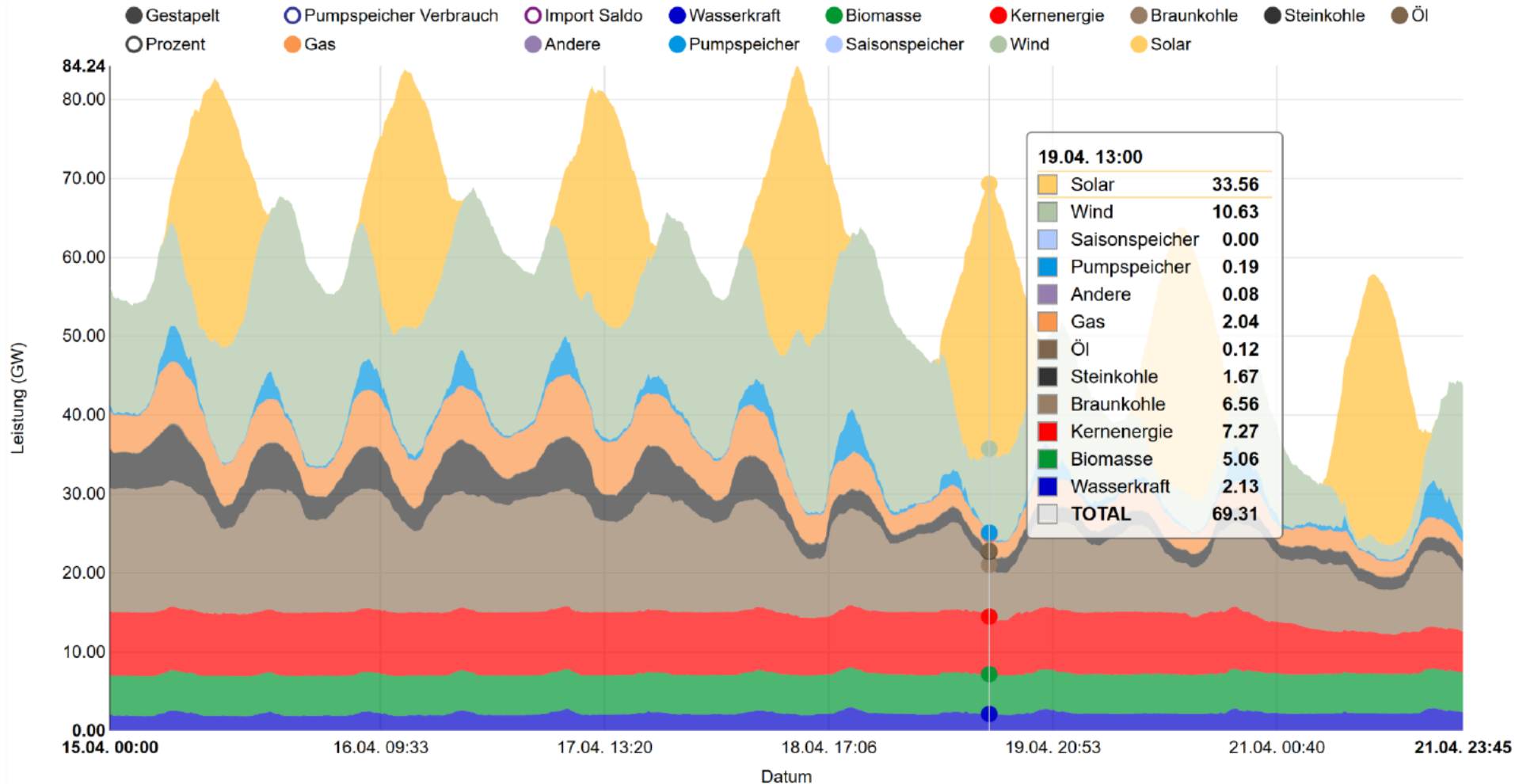


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Highest electricity generation from Solar

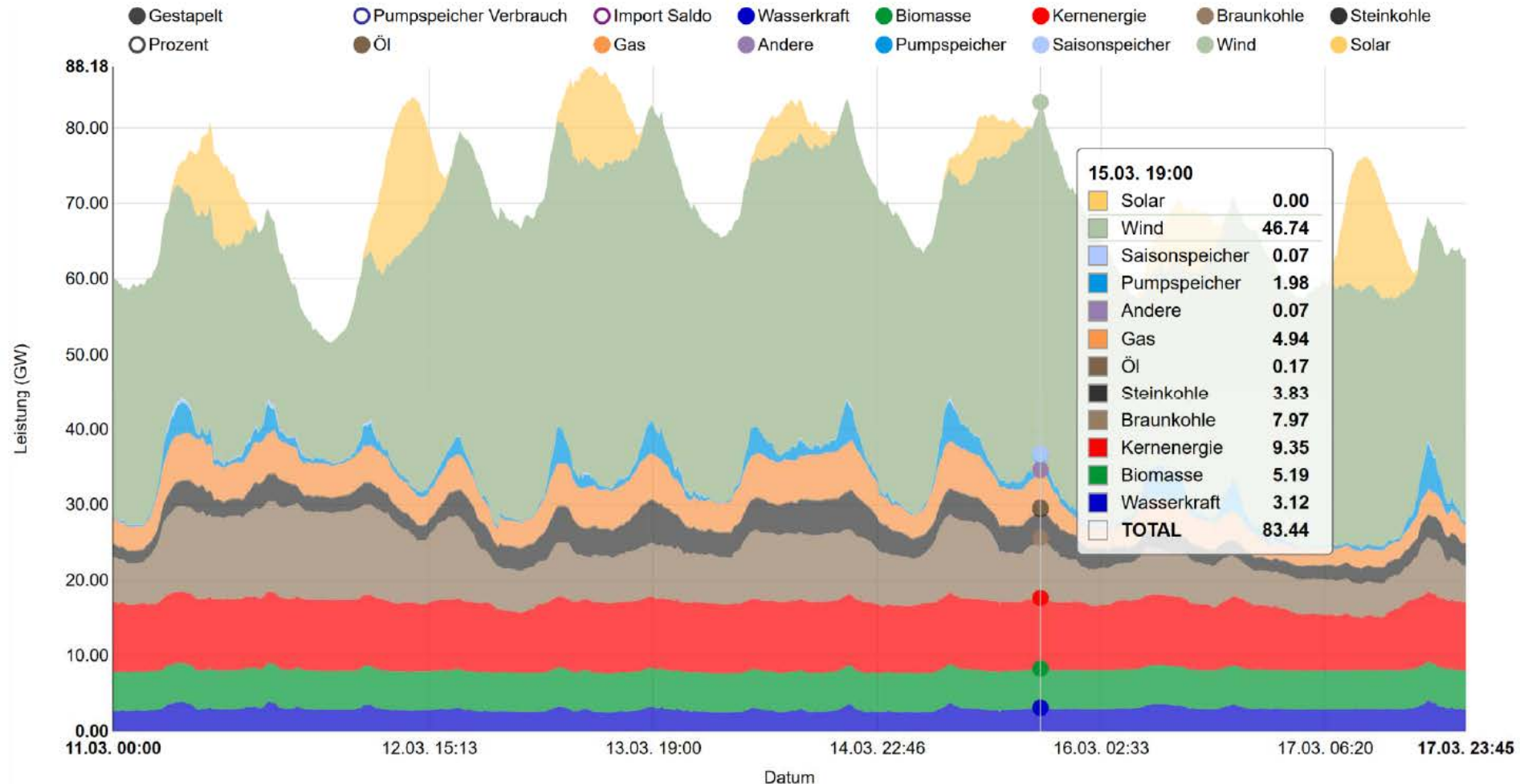
week 16 2019 / Germany

Grafik: B. Burger, Fraunhofer ISE; Quelle: https://www.energy-charts.de/energy_de.htm?source=all-sources



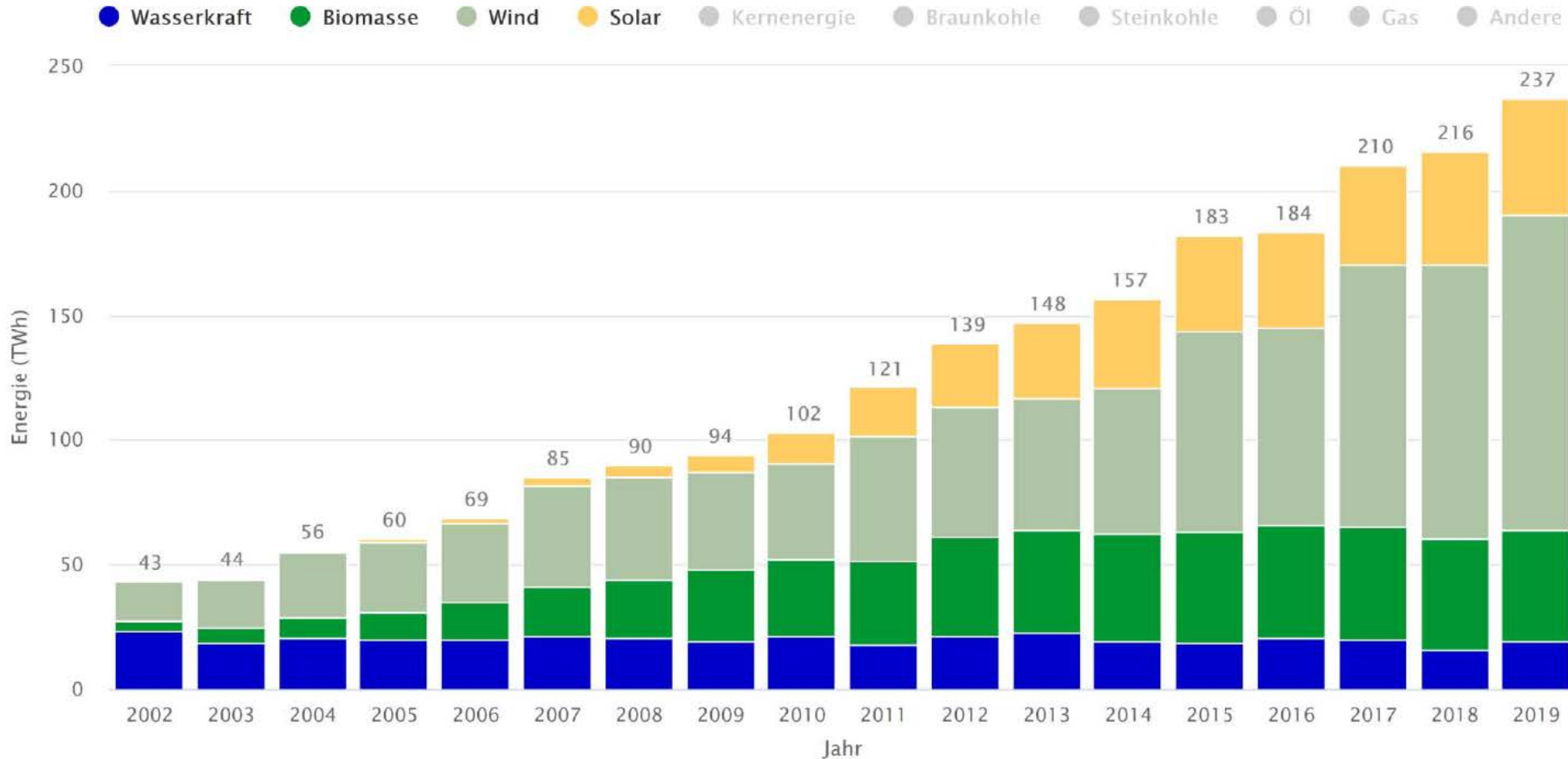
Highest electricity generation from Wind week 10 2019 / Germany

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Net electricity generation from renewable energies 2002 - 2019

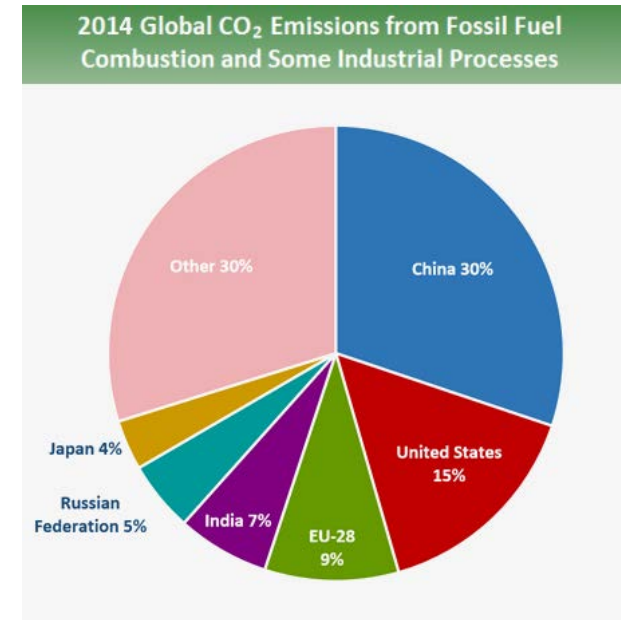
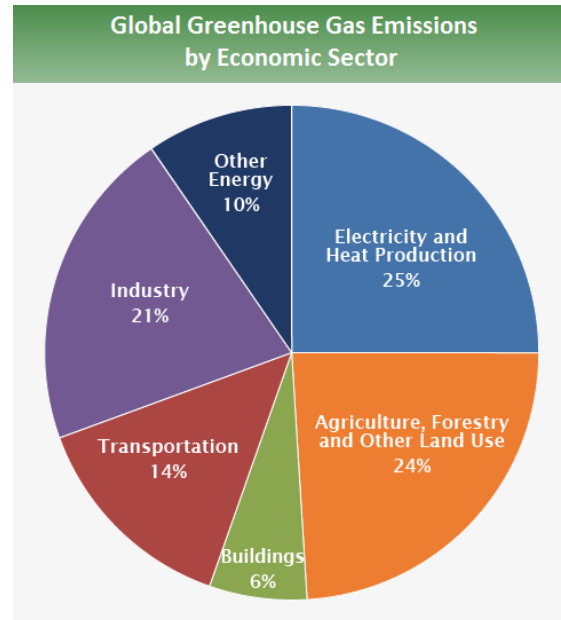
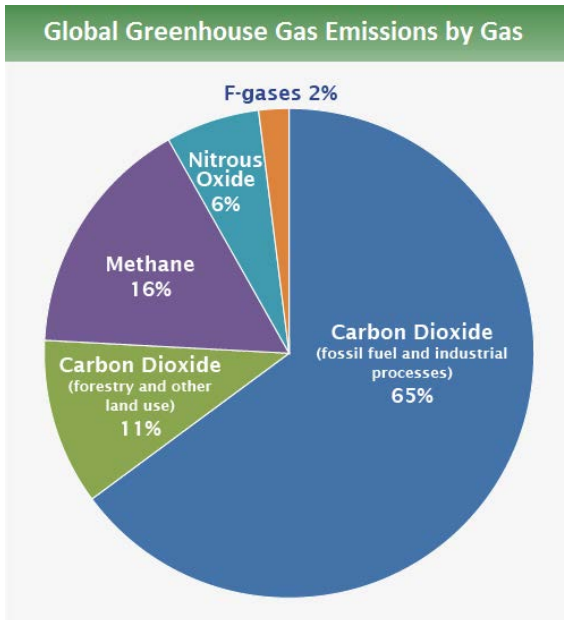
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GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSION

GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



Source: IPCC (2014) Exit based on global emissions from 2010. Details about the sources included in these estimates can be found in the Contribution of Working Group III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/global-greenhouse-gas-emissions-data>

GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

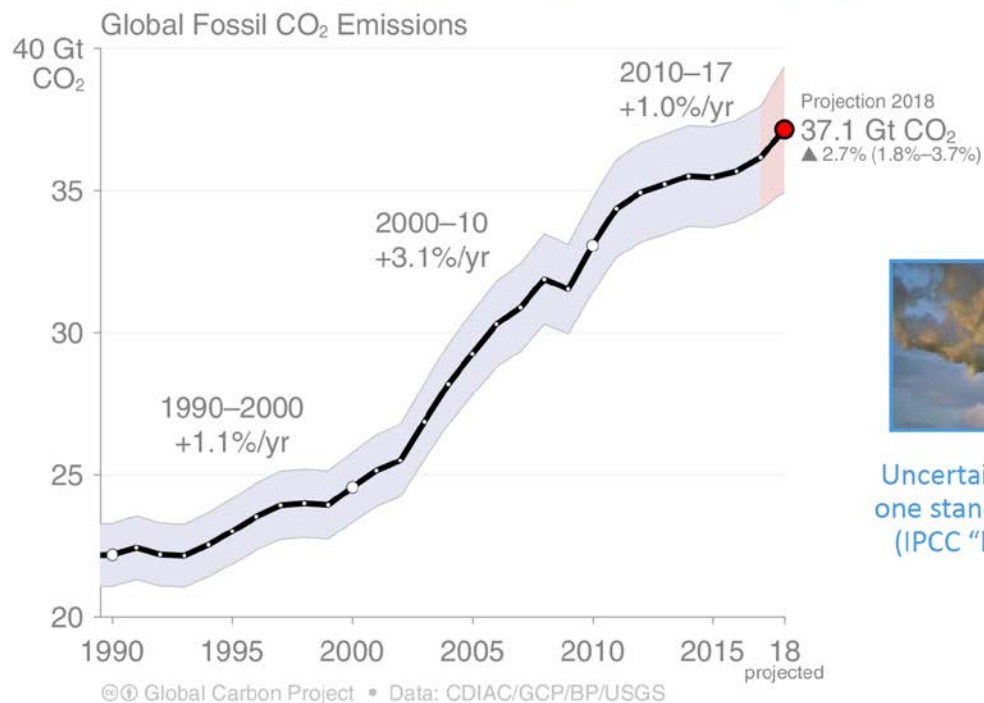
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Global fossil CO₂ emissions: 36.2 ± 2 GtCO₂ in 2017, 63% over 1990

● Projection for 2018: 37.1 ± 2 GtCO₂, 2.7% higher than 2017 (range 1.8% to 3.7%)



Uncertainty is $\pm 5\%$ for
one standard deviation
(IPCC “likely” range)

Estimates for 2015, 2016 and 2017 are preliminary; 2018 is a projection based on partial data.

Source: [CDIAC](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

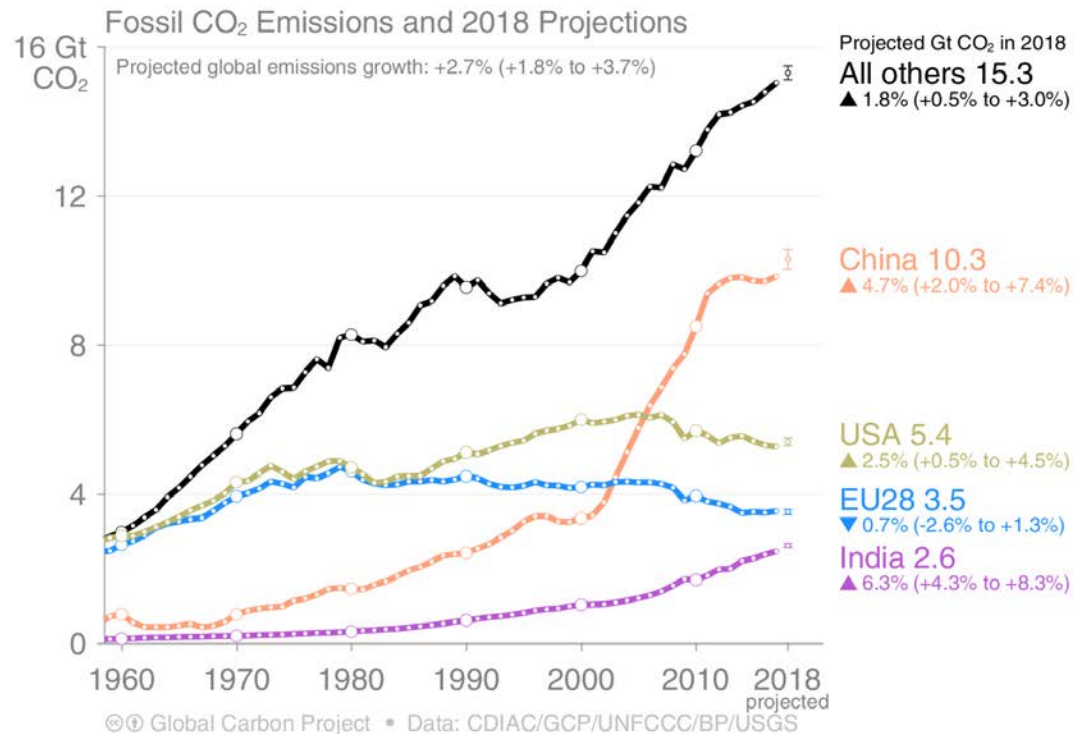
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Global fossil CO₂ emissions are projected to rise by 2.7% in 2018 [range: +1.8% to +3.7%]
The global growth is driven by the underlying changes at the country level.



Source: [CDIAC](#); [Jackson et al 2018](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

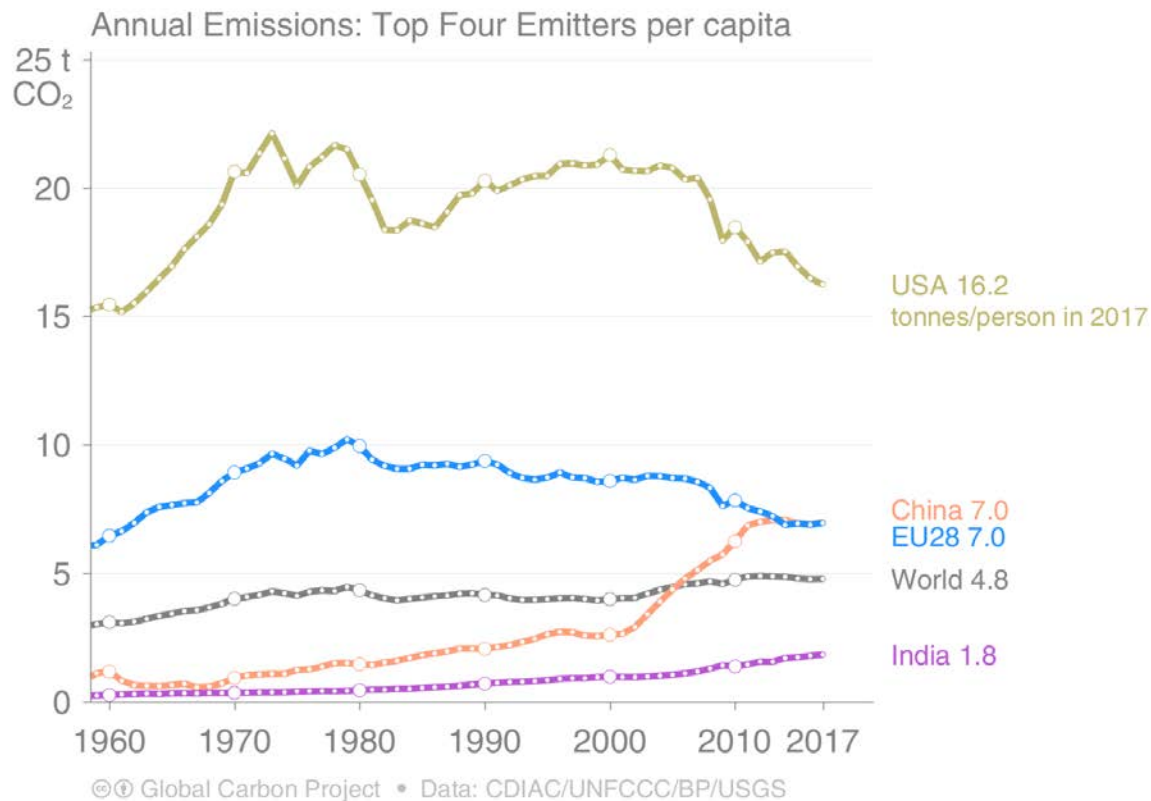
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Countries have a broad range of per capita emissions reflecting their national circumstances



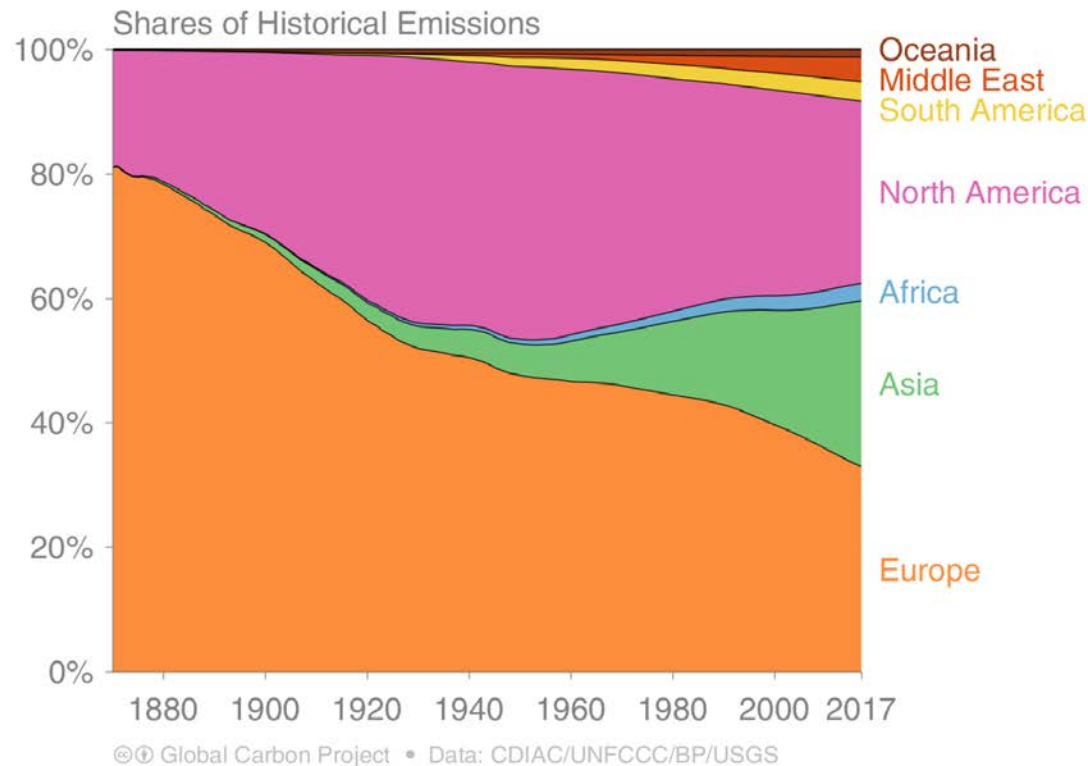
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Cumulative fossil CO₂ emissions (1870–2017). North America and Europe have contributed the most cumulative emissions, but Asia is growing fast



The figure excludes bunker fuels and statistical differences
Source: [CDIAC](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

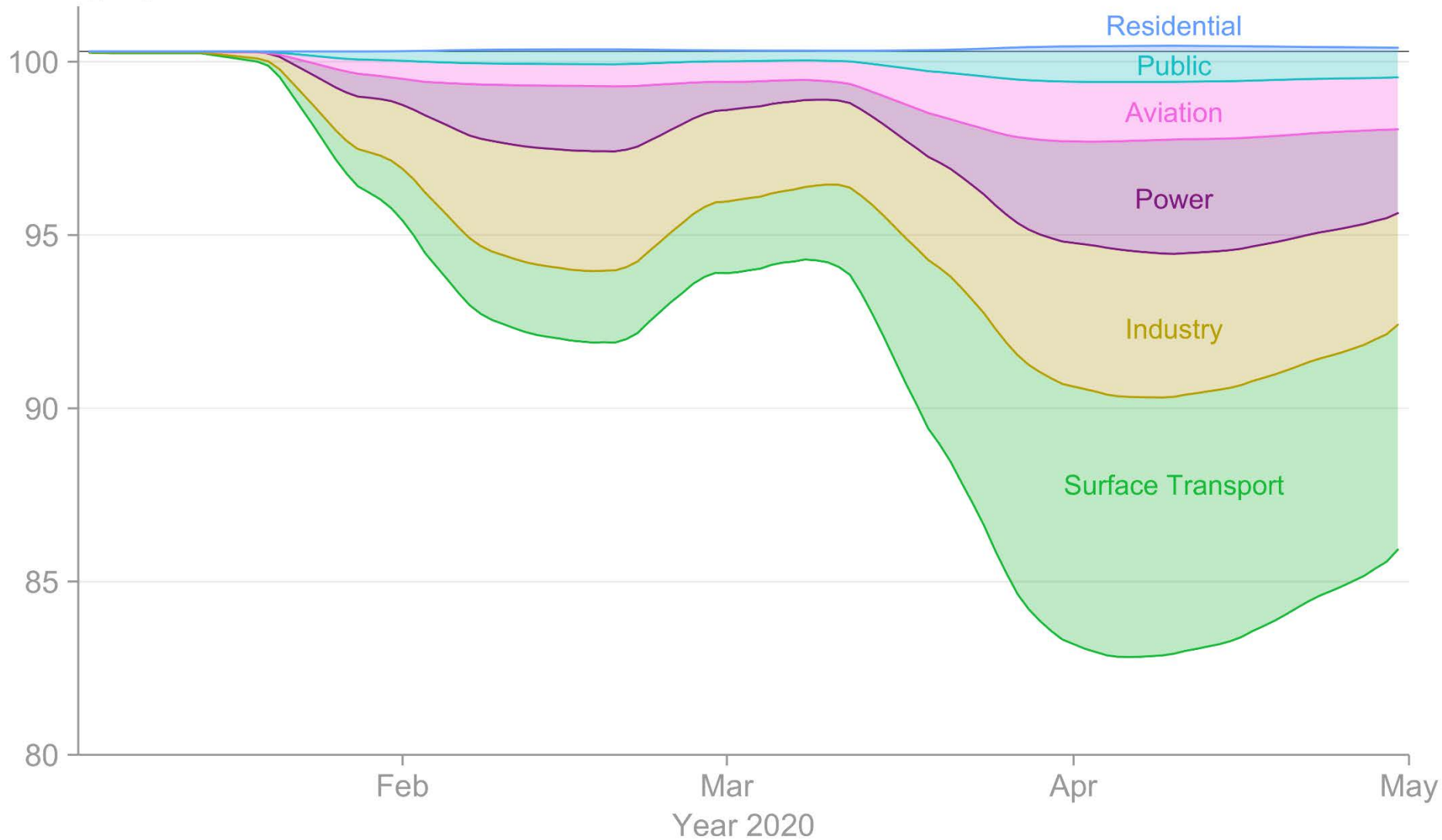


Temporary reduction in daily global CO₂ emissions during the COVID-19 forced confinement

Corinne Le Quéré ^{1,2}✉, Robert B. Jackson ^{3,4,5}, Matthew W. Jones ^{1,2}, Adam J. P. Smith^{1,2}, Sam Abernethy ^{3,6}, Robbie M. Andrew ⁷, Anthony J. De-Gol^{1,2}, David R. Willis^{1,2}, Yuli Shan⁸, Josep G. Canadell ⁹, Pierre Friedlingstein ^{10,11}, Felix Creutzig ^{12,13} and Glen P. Peters ⁷

Government policies during the COVID-19 pandemic have drastically altered patterns of energy demand around the world. Many international borders were closed and populations were confined to their homes, which reduced transport and changed consumption patterns. Here we compile government policies and activity data to estimate the decrease in CO₂ emissions during forced confinements. Daily global CO₂ emissions decreased by -17% (-11 to -25% for $\pm 1\sigma$) by early April 2020 compared with the mean 2019 levels, just under half from changes in surface transport. At their peak, emissions in individual countries decreased by -26% on average. The impact on 2020 annual emissions depends on the duration of the confinement, with a low estimate of -4% (-2 to -7%) if pre-pandemic conditions return by mid-June, and a high estimate of -7% (-3 to -13%) if some restrictions remain worldwide until the end of 2020. Government actions and economic incentives post-crisis will likely influence the global CO₂ emissions path for decades.

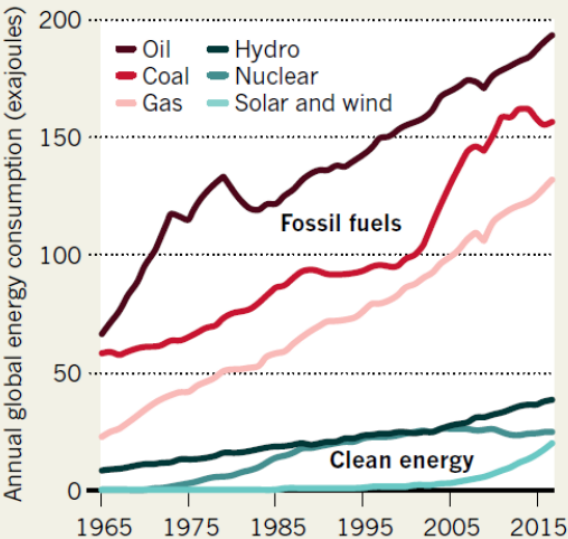
Global daily fossil CO₂ emissions
MtCO₂ day⁻¹



ENERGY GENERATION CAPACITY

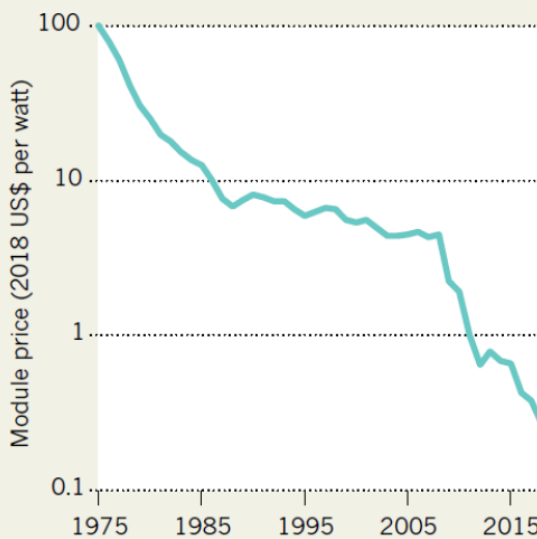
RENEWABLES ARE PICKING UP

Half of all new energy-generation capacity is renewable. Switching to electric cars would prioritize clean energy over oil.



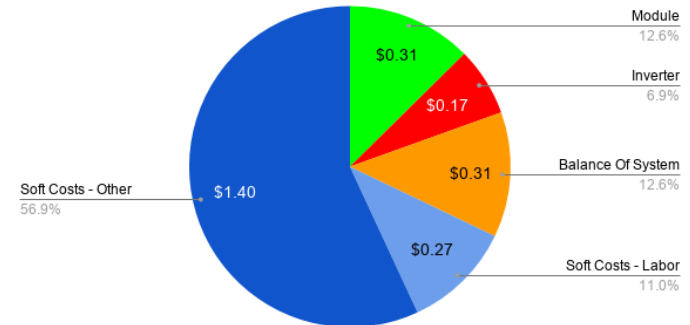
SOLAR ENERGY IS AFFORDABLE

Costs have dropped by 80% over the past decade as solar installations have expanded.



Cost of Solar Panel System Breakdown

System Component in Terms of Price Per Watt (\$/W)



Source: [U.S. Solar Photovoltaic System Cost Benchmark: Q1 2017](#), NREL

Source: [Figueres et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

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ELEMENT AND MINERAL INTENSITY

Strategic Elements

THE ENERGY TRANSITION IS A MATERIAL TRANSITION



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- Wind, water, sun are intermittent and have strong geographic, seasonal, daily variations: a material, technology and infrastructure challenge to facilitate efficient conversion, storage and transport
- The mineral intensity in the great transformation to a carbon neutral society is growing quickly
- Assessment of criticality of a metal
- How “green” is a (strategic) metal for green technologies?
- What is the environmental footprint of a renewable technology?
- What mitigation strategies to improve the resource basis for the great transformation can we employ?

RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF STRATEGIC METALS IN ENERGY AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES



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- **electronic** and **solar energy** applications (gallium, germanium, selenium, indium, and tellurium)
- several rare earth elements (praseodymium, neodymium, terbium, dysprosium, and lutetium) important in offshore **wind, e-mobility, lighting,** and medical imaging
- platinum group metals for **catalysts in fuel cells / chemical energy conversion**
- **thermoelectric** conversion of waste heat (cadmium, tellurium)
- **magnetic cooling** (gadolinium, germanium, indium, cobalt)
- **batteries** (lithium, cobalt)
- yttrium for high **TC superconductors**
- alloying elements in high-temperature turbines (cobalt, hafnium, and rhenium)



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/cobalt/gallium/rhenium/Lutetium/terbium/lithium/platinum>

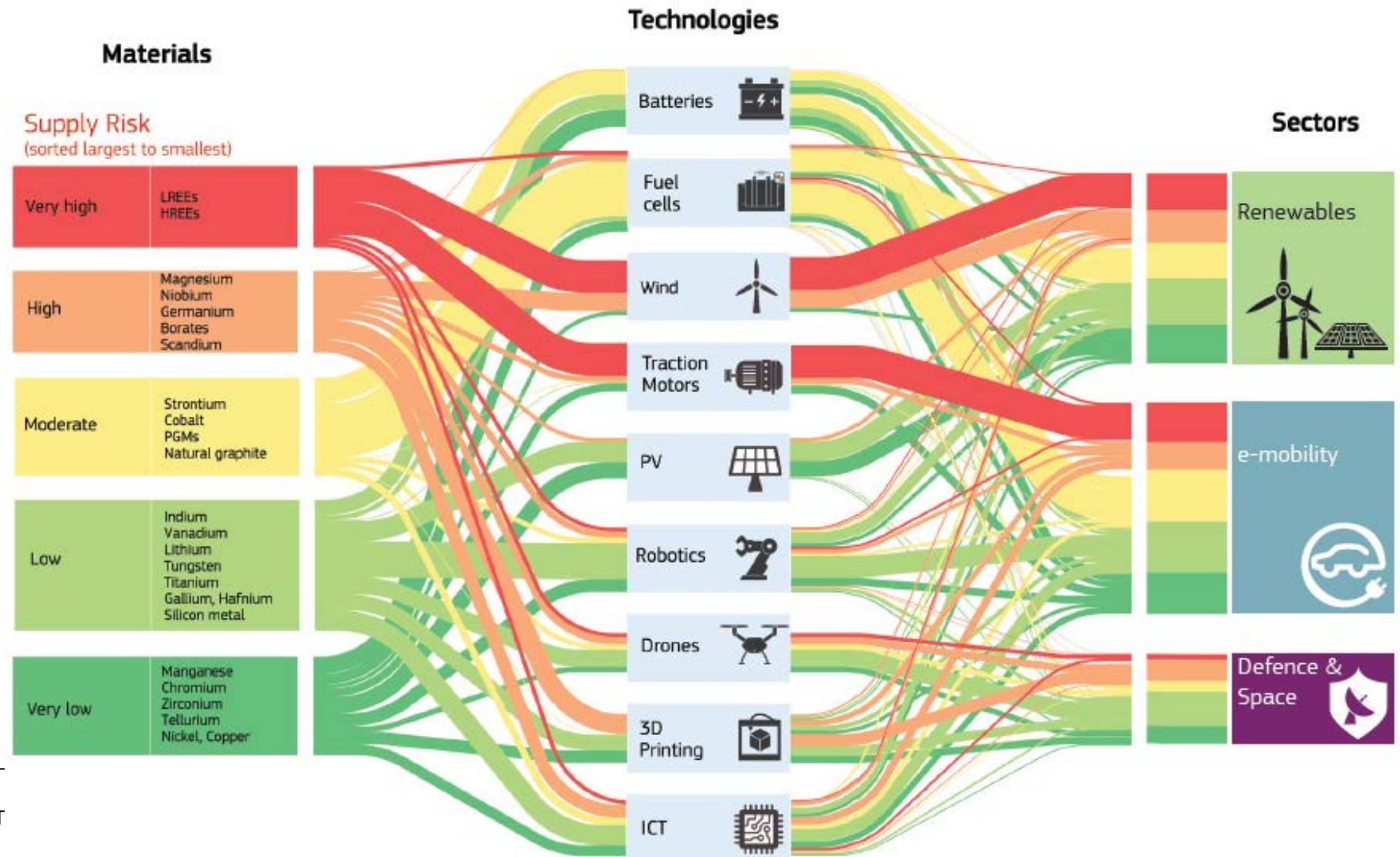
SEMI-QUANTITATIVE REPRESENTATION OF FLOWS OF RAW MATERIALS AND THEIR CURRENT SUPPLY RISKS TO THE NINE SELECTED TECHNOLOGIES AND THREE SECTORS (BASED ON 25



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European Commission, Study on the EU's list of Critical Raw Materials – Final Report (2020)

SELECTED RAW MATERIALS





“Pressure on resources will increase - due to increasing global population, industrialisation, digitalisation, increasing demand from developing countries and the transition to climate neutrality with metals, minerals and biotic materials used in low-emission technologies and products. OECD forecasts that global materials demand will more than double from 79 billion tonnes today to 167 billion tonnes in 2060. Global competition for resources will become fierce in the coming decade. Dependence of critical raw materials may soon replace today's dependence on oil. “

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Renewables



Photovoltaics



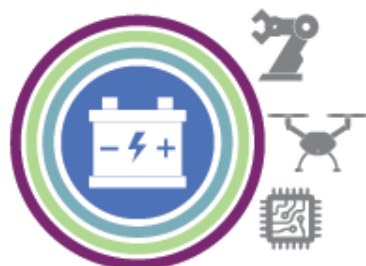
Wind Generators



Robotics



e-mobility



Batteries



Traction Motors



Fuel Cells



Defence &
Space



Drones (UAV)



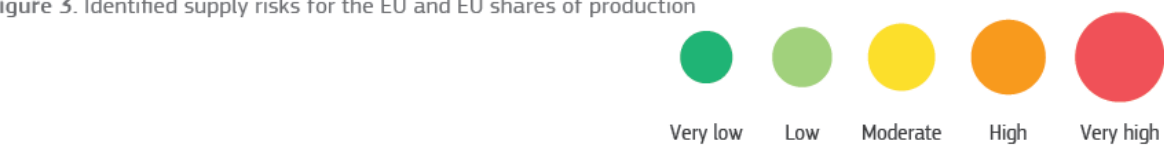
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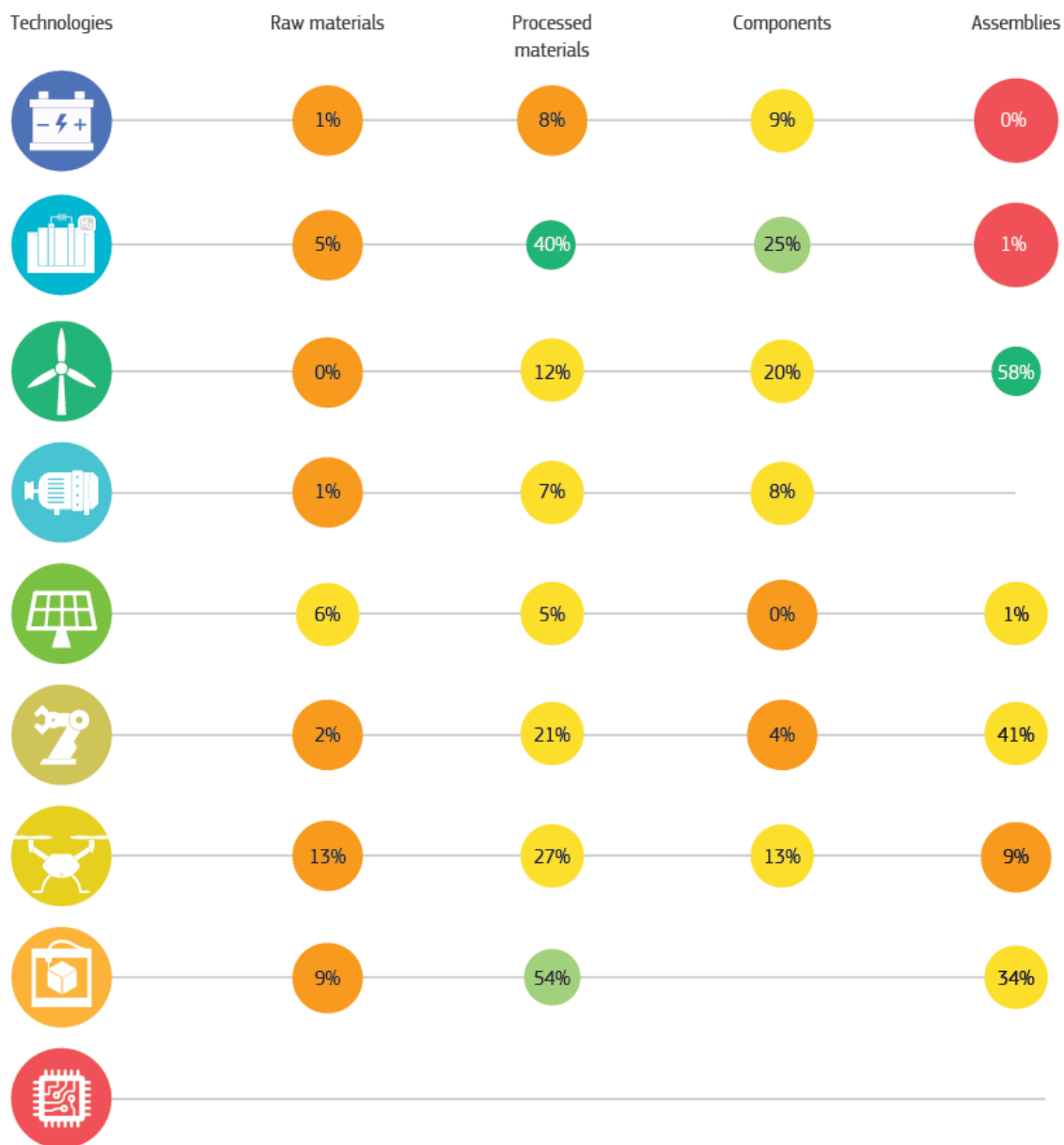
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Figure 3. Identified supply risks for the EU and EU shares of production



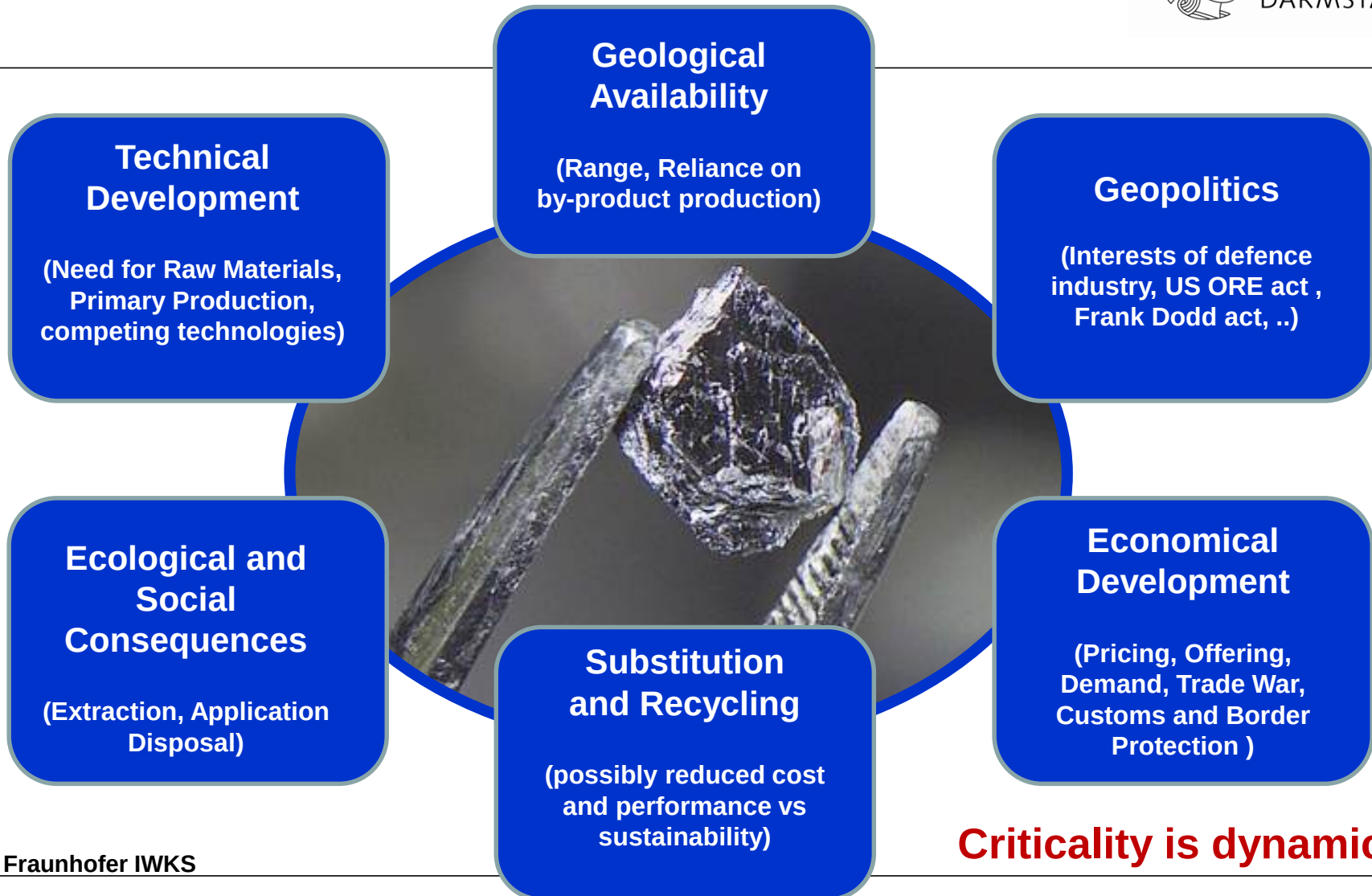
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CRITICALITY

Factors for criticality of metals



Criticality is dynamic !

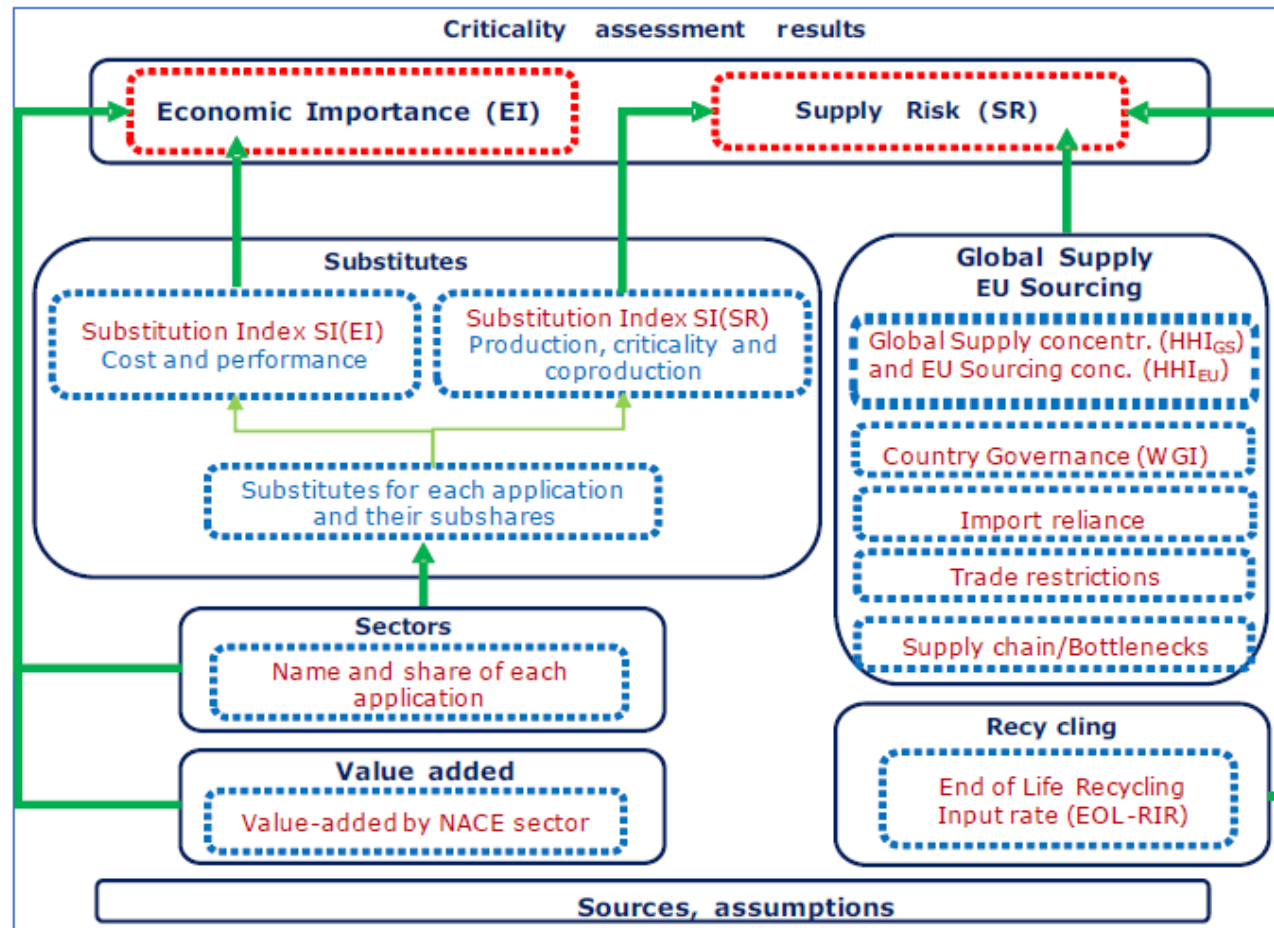


2020 Critical Raw Materials (new as compared to 2017 in bold)

Antimony	Hafnium	Phosphorus
Baryte	Heavy Rare Earth Elements	Scandium
Beryllium	Light Rare Earth Elements	Silicon metal
Bismuth	Indium	Tantalum
Borate	Magnesium	Tungsten
Cobalt	Natural Graphite	Vanadium
Coking Coal	Natural Rubber	Bauxite
Fluorspar	Niobium	Lithium
Gallium	Platinum Group Metals	Titanium
Germanium	Phosphate rock	Strontium

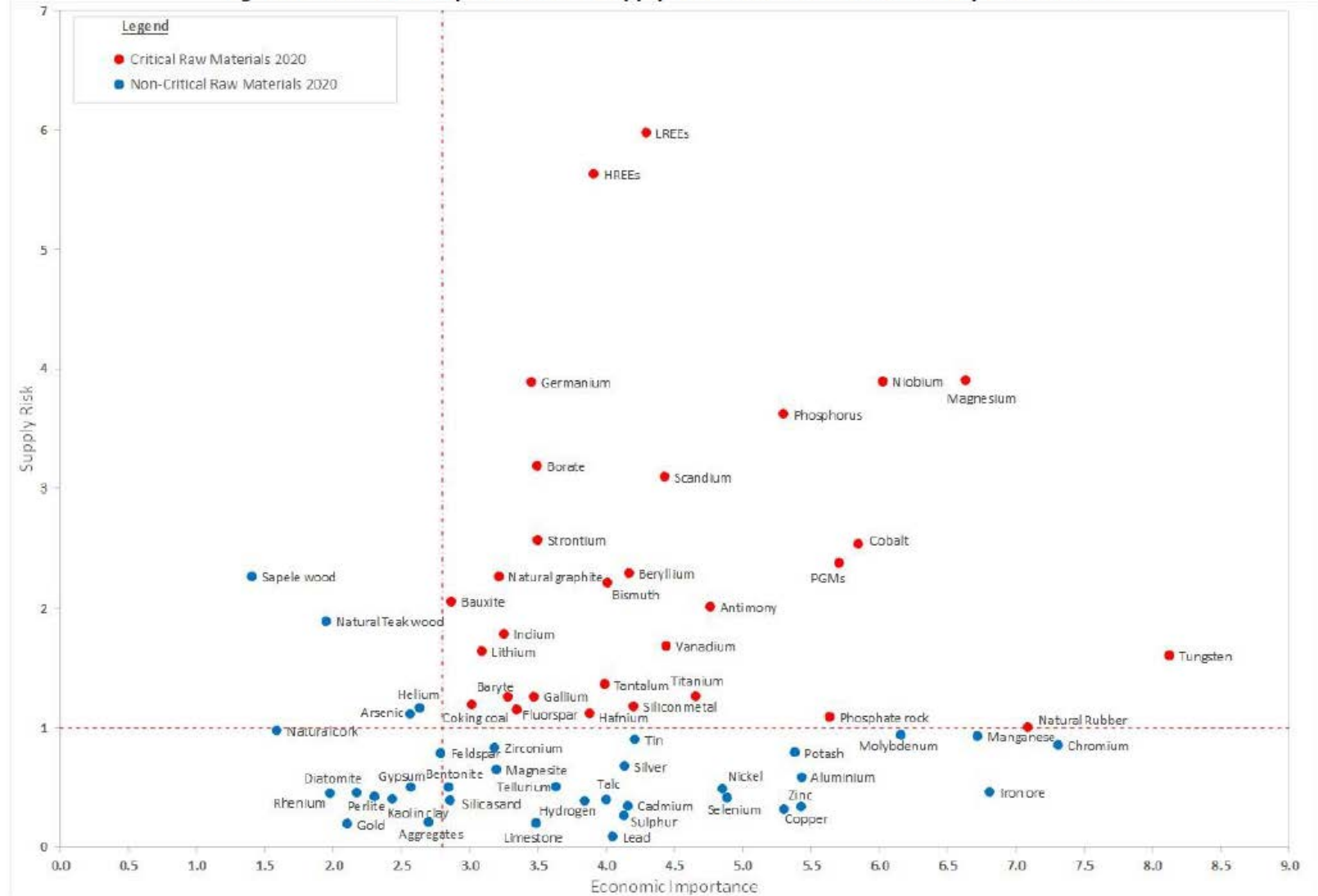
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Figure 2: Overall structure of the criticality methodology³²



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Figure A: Economic importance and supply risk results of 2020 criticality assessment



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 Hauptmetall
 Neben-
 produkte



The periodic table of companionality



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Nassar, Graedel, Harper Sci. Adv. 2015;1:e1400180 3 April 2015

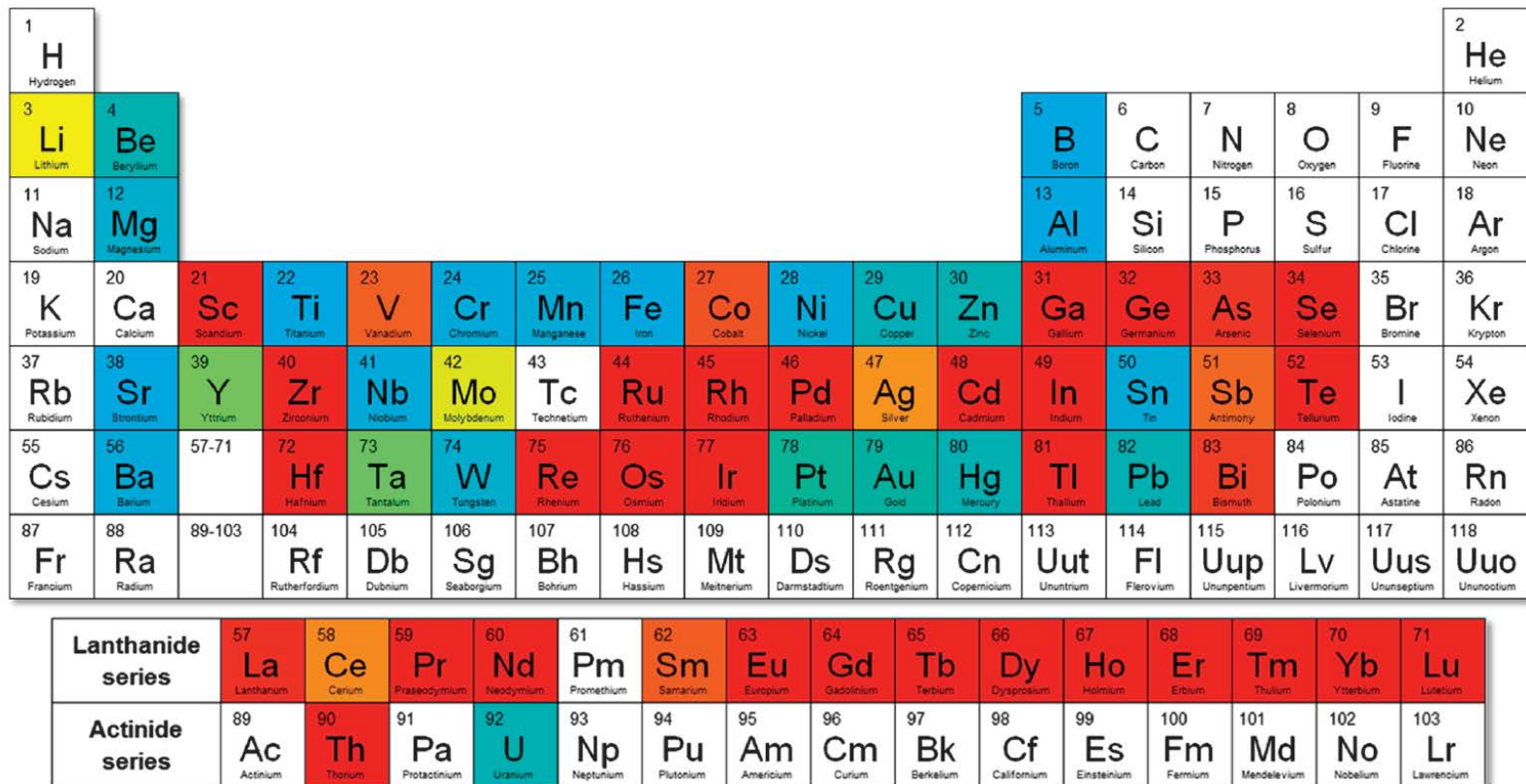


Fig. 1. The periodic table of companionality on a global basis for 2008. Metals that are mainly produced as hosts appear in blue, and those that are mainly produced as companions are in red. Details regarding data sources and assumptions are presented in the Supplementary Materials.

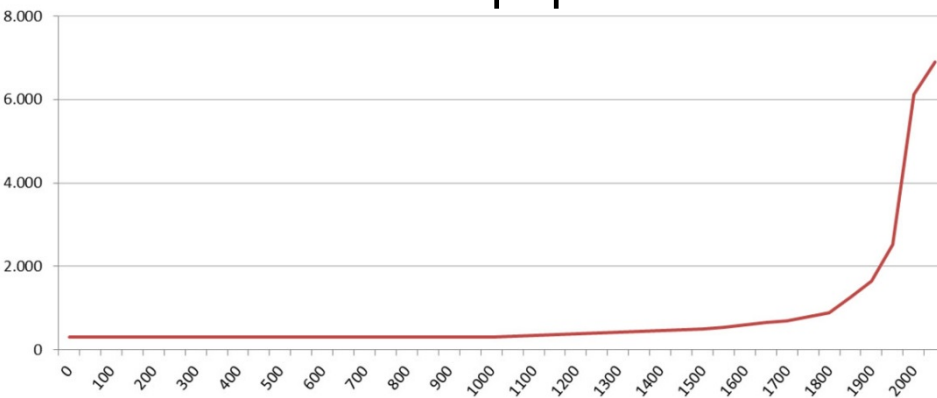
Classification of resources (McKelvey-diagram) after McKelvey 1965

Cumulative Production	IDENTIFIED RESOURCES		UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES	
	Demonstrated		Probability Range (or)	
	Measured	Indicated	Hypothetical	Speculative
ECONOMIC	Reserves		Inferred Reserves	
MARGINALLY ECONOMIC	Marginal Reserves		Inferred Marginal Reserves	
SUB - ECONOMIC	Demonstrated Subeconomic Resources		Inferred Subeconomic Resources	
Other Occurrences	Includes nonconventional and low-grade materials			

FINITENESS OF RAW MATERIAL RESERVES

Constantly increasing demand

- ▶ Extraction of raw materials grows permanently, range is subsequently being reduced
 - ▶ New technologies
 - ▶ Growth of population

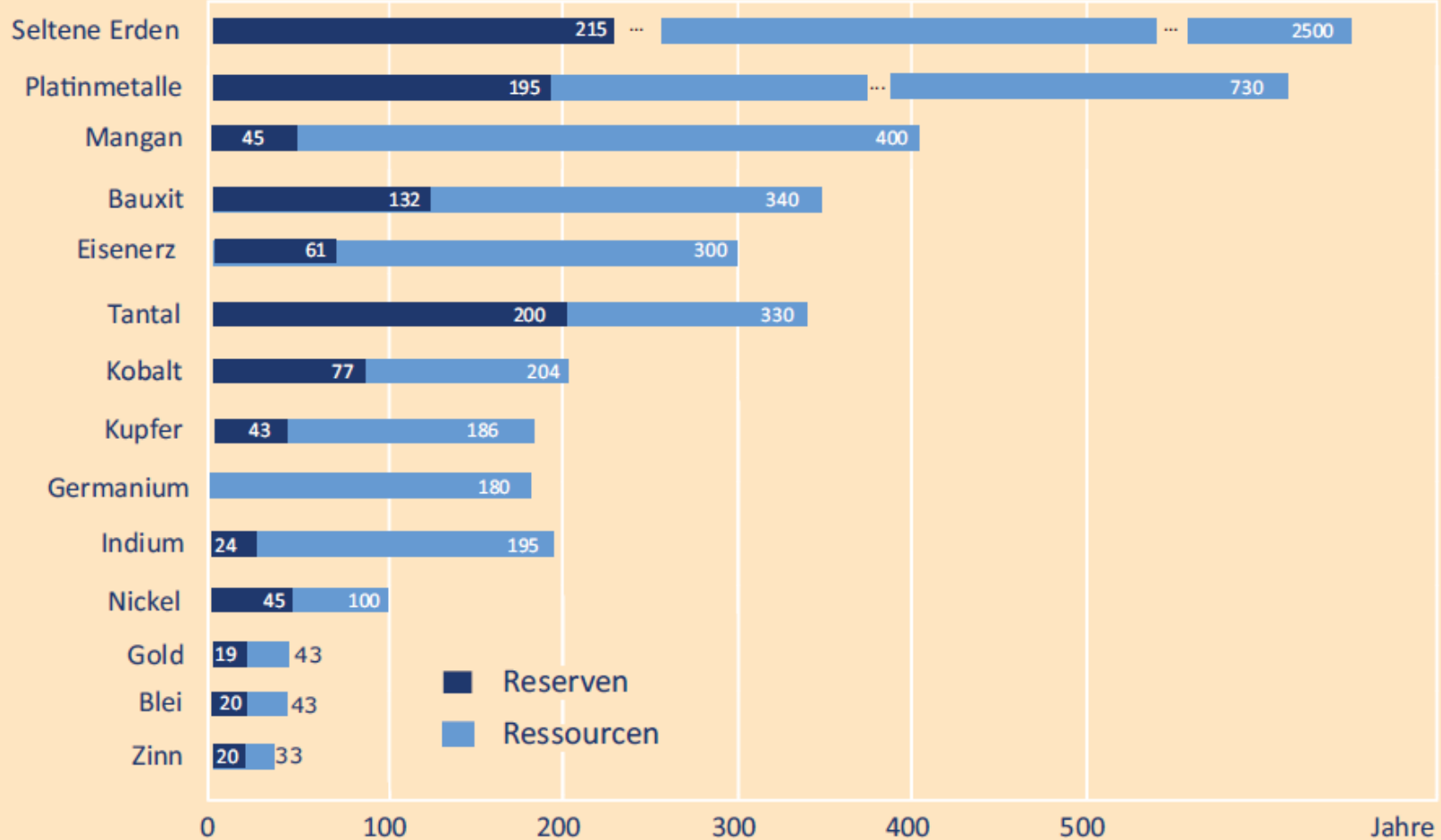


Source: Armin Reller, Universität Augsburg
Tom Graedel, Yale University

Critical elements with a low range:

Antimony	15 – 20 years
Hafnium	≈ 10 years
Indium	5 – 10 years
Platinum	≈ 15 years
Silver	15 – 20 years
Tantalum	20 – 30 years
(Uranium	30 – 40 J years)
Zinc	20 – 30 years

ABB. 8 REICHWEITE DER METALLROHSTOFFE

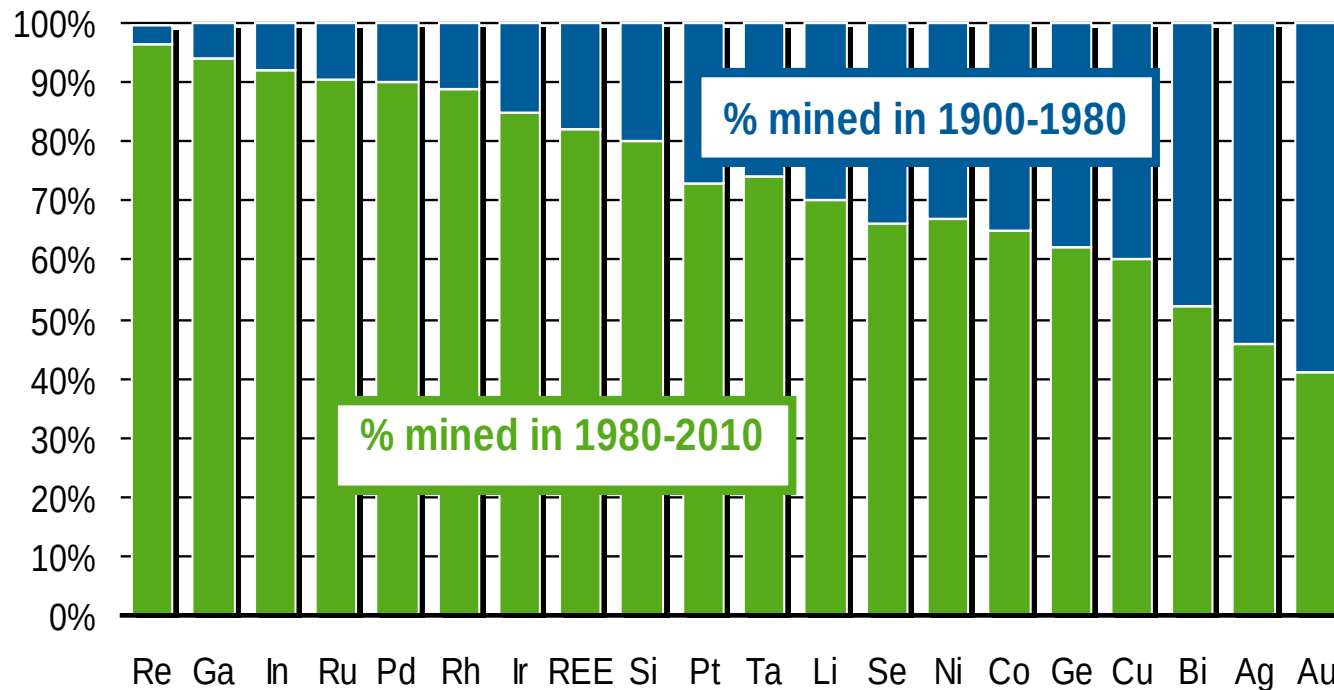


Die statische Reichweite für einige Metallrohstoffe bezogen auf die Reserven (dunkelblau) und Ressourcen (heller blau). Die Werte beziehen sich auf die vom USGS für 2011 publizierten Produktions- und Reservenangaben; für SE, Ta, Ge und In wurden andere Schätzungen verwendet [27].

Extraction of strategic metals

> 80% of the extraction of rare earths, PGM, Gallium, Indium, Rhenium ... took place in the last 30 years

Mine production since 1980 / since 1900



Criticality matrix here for PV, wind power and E-mobility

Medium-Term (2015–2025) Criticality Matrix

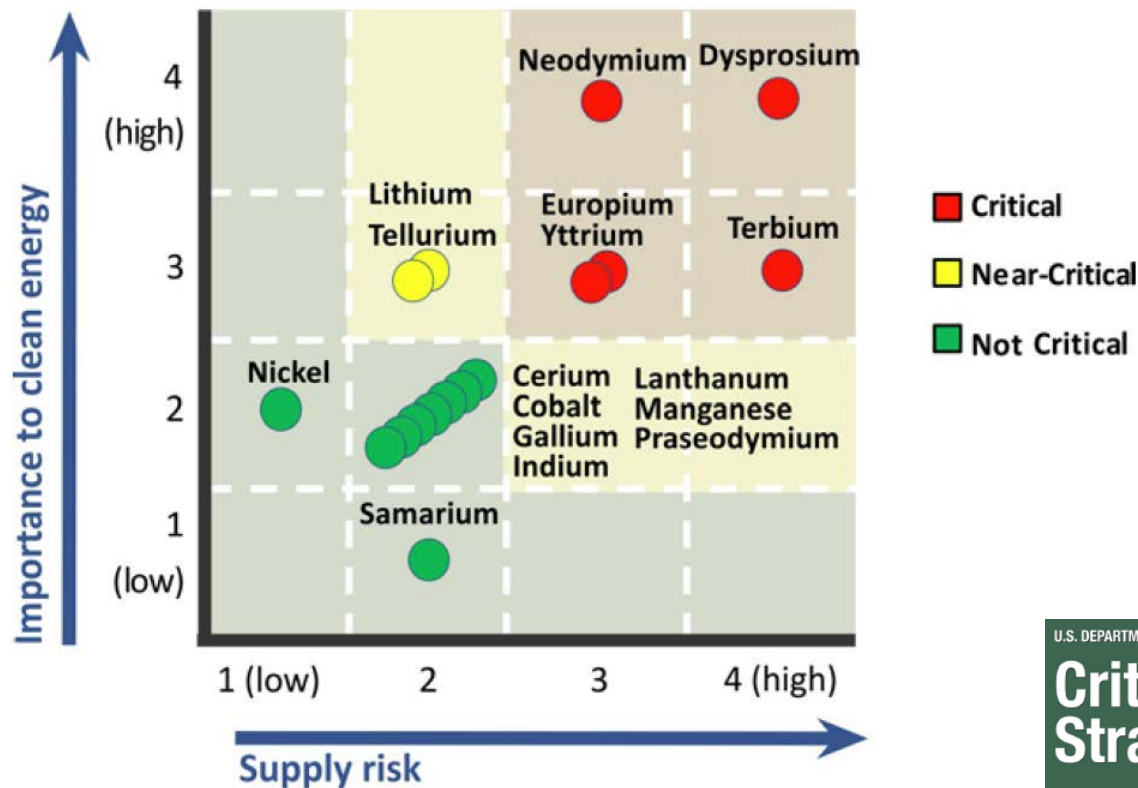
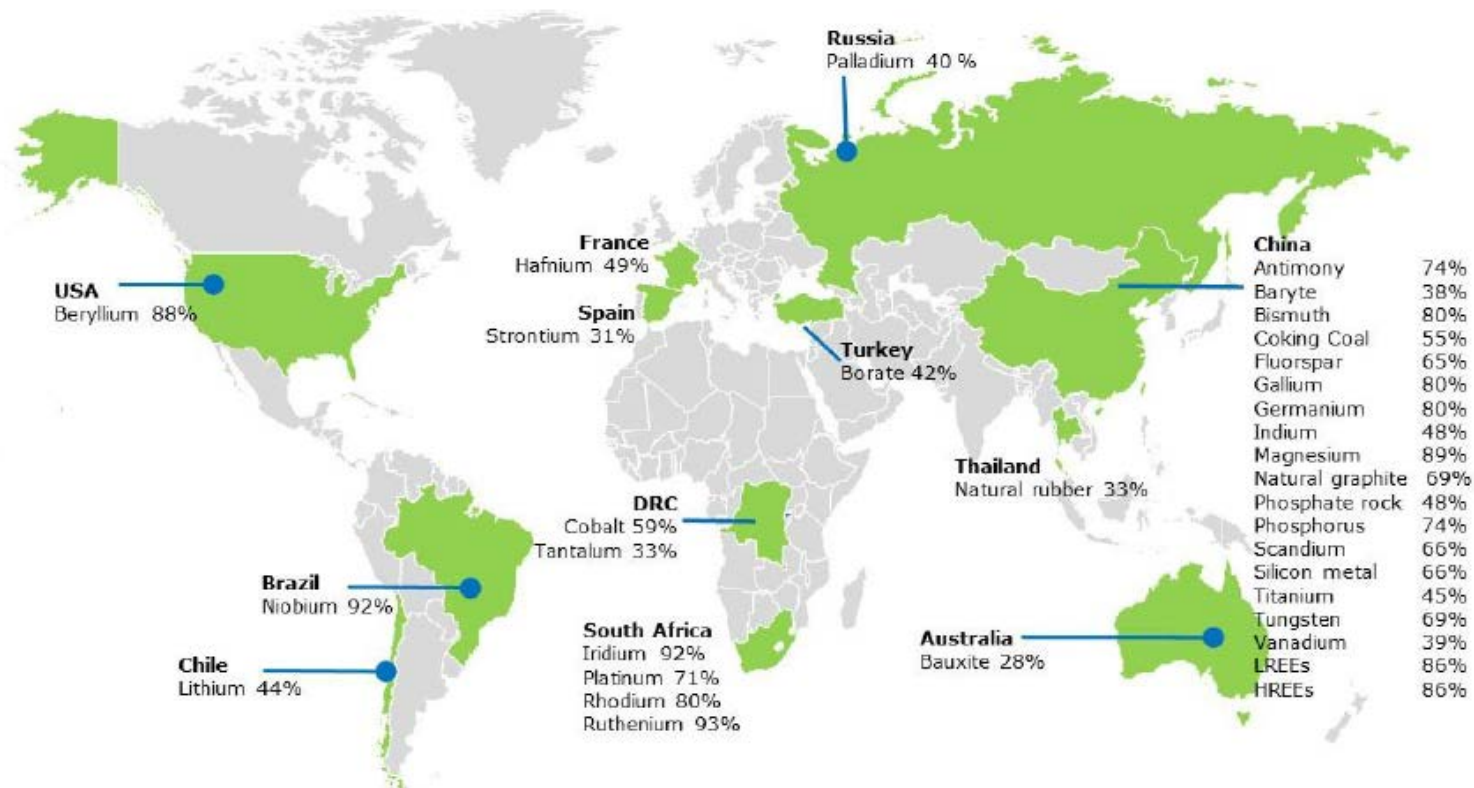
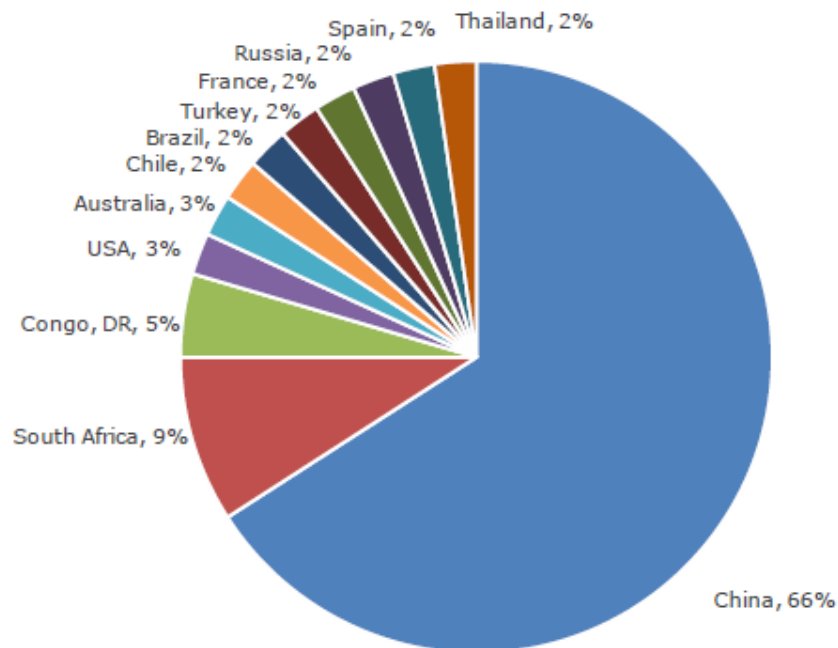


Figure B: Countries accounting for largest share of global supply of CRMs



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Figure C: Main Global supply countries of CRMs⁸ (based on number of CRMs supplied, average 2012-2016)

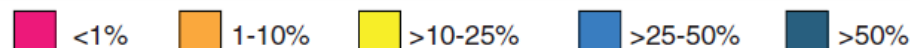


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Global estimates of end-of-life **recycling** rates for 60 metals and metalloids (2008)

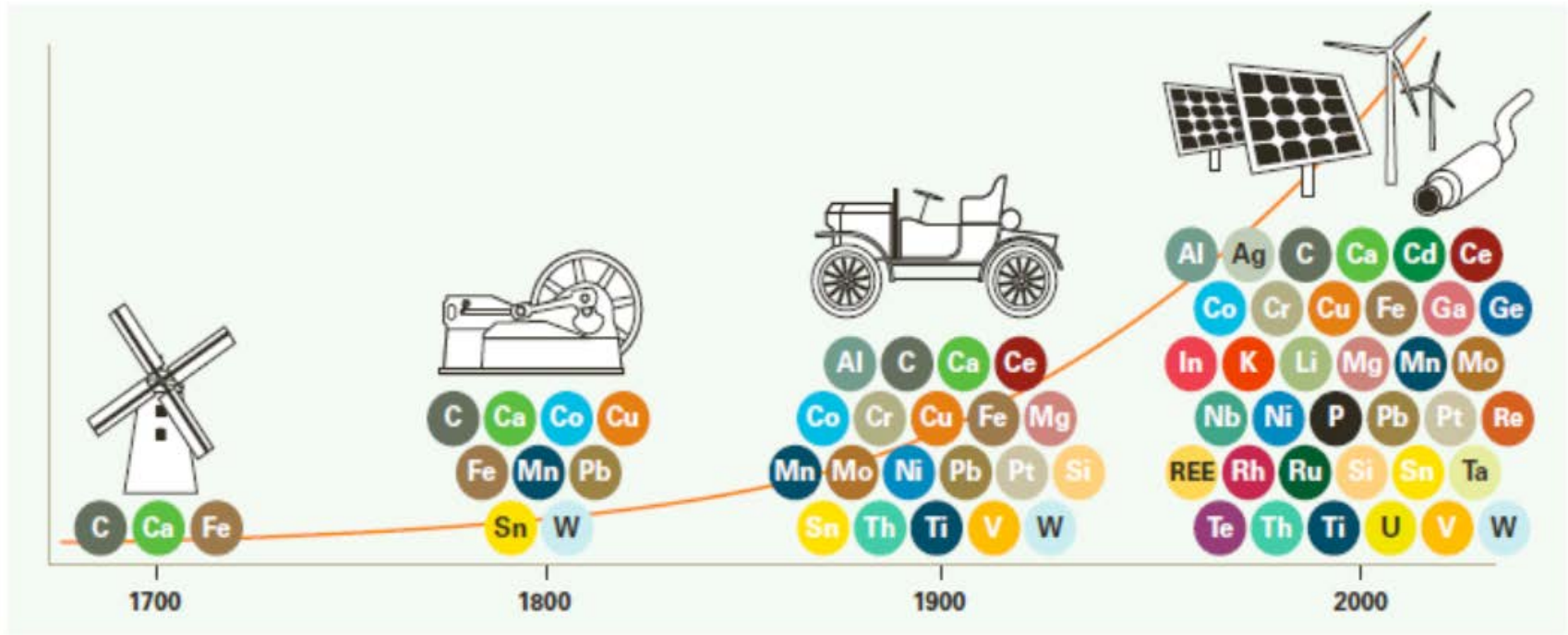
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37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	*	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	**	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Uub	113 Uut	114 Uuq	115 Uup	116 Uuh	(117) (Uus)	118 Uuo

* Lanthanides	57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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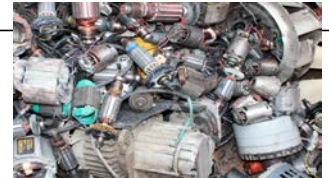
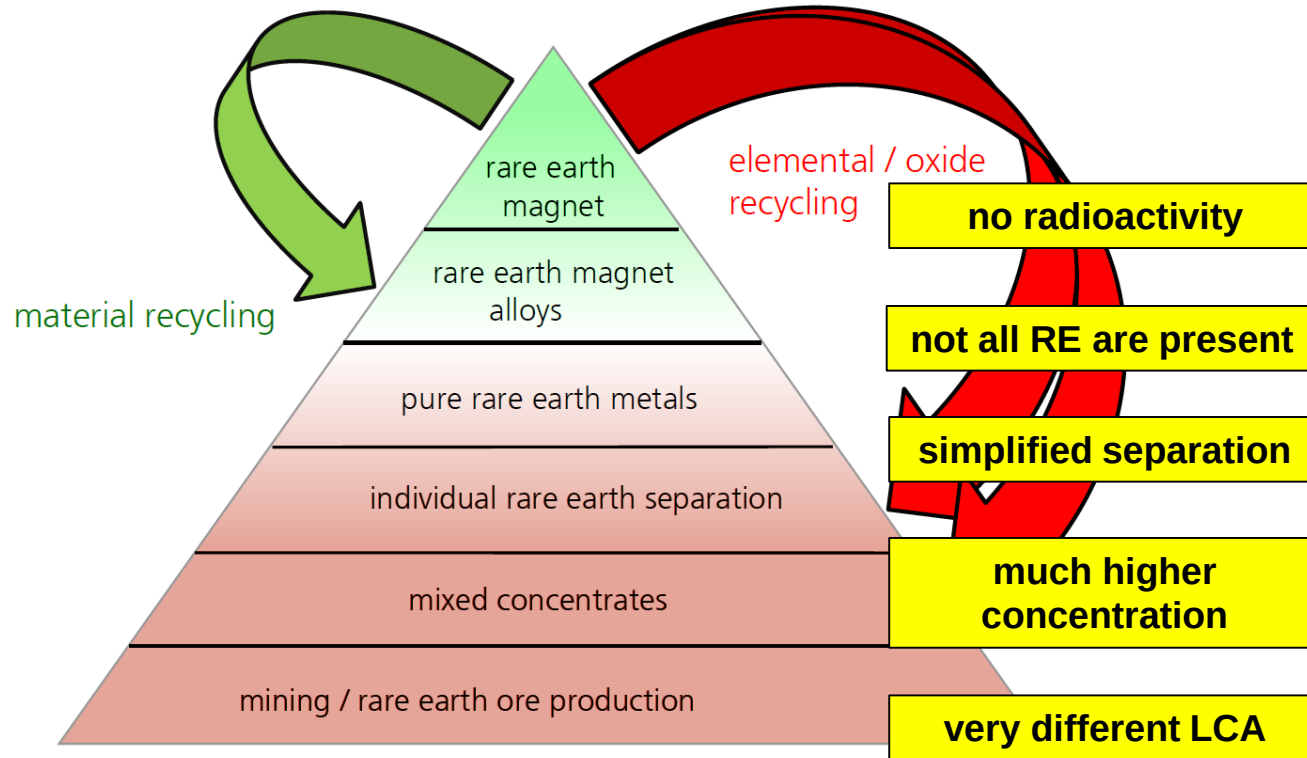
Ever more elements per product



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Rare earth value chain for magnets

Advanced Functional Recycling of EoL products



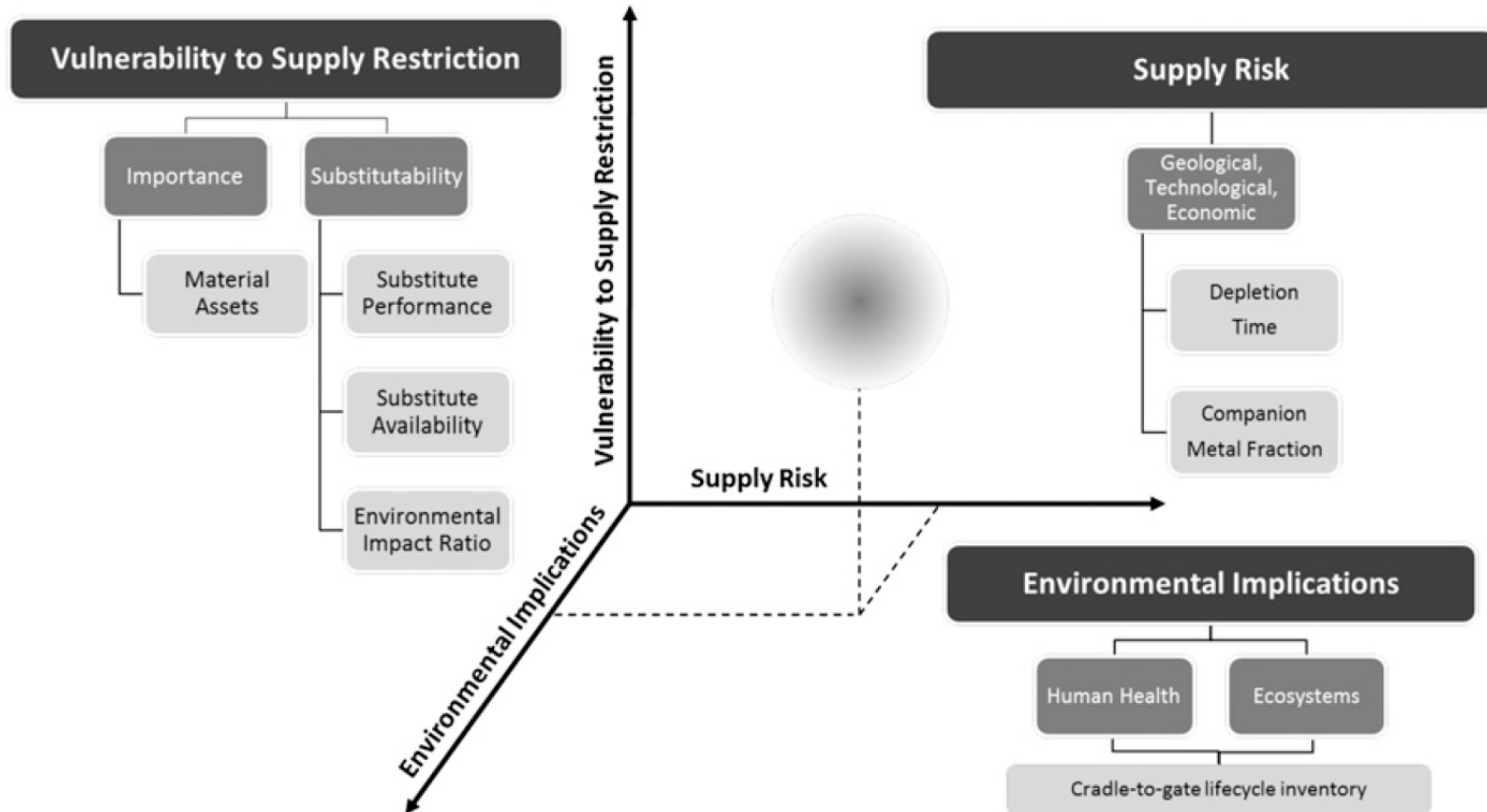
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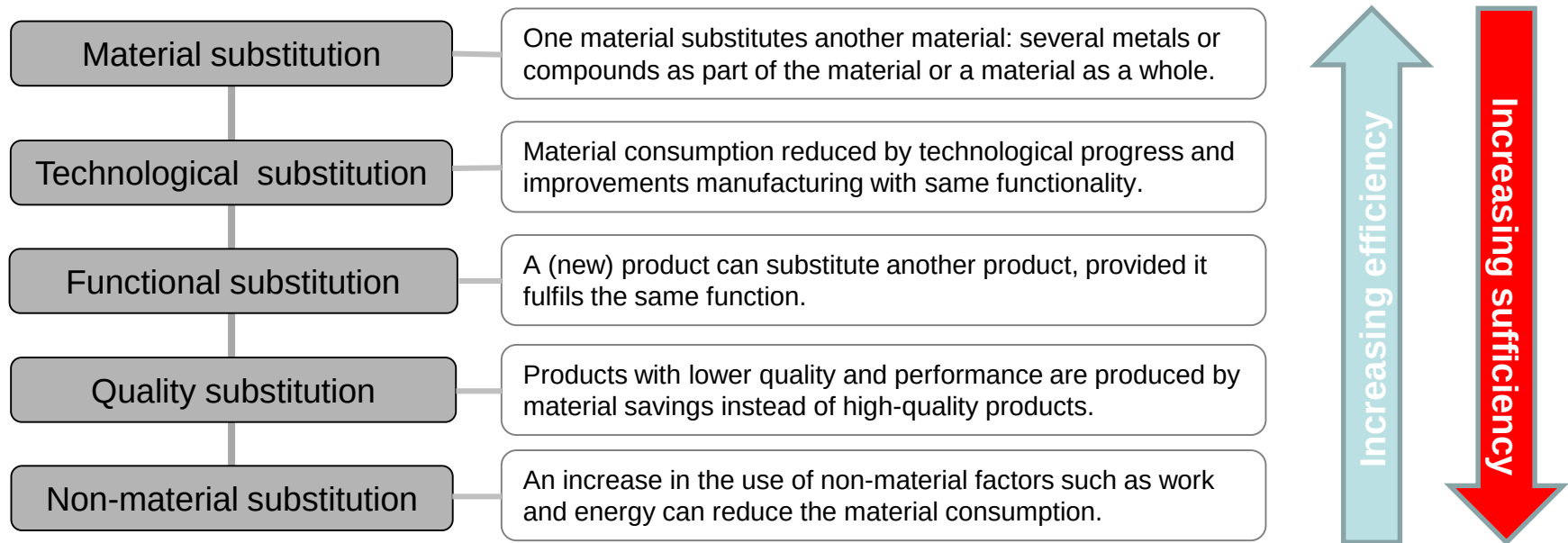
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SUBSTITUTION

OPTIONS FOR SUBSTITUTION

Replacing Critical Materials and Products



Source: Ziemann/Schebek 2011, nach Tilton 1983

Substitutability of elements



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H																	He
Li 41	Be 63											B 41	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg 94											Al 44	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc 65	Ti 63	V 63	Cr 76	Mn 96	Fe 57	Co 54	Ni 62	Cu 70	Zn 38	Ga 38	Ge 44	As 38	Se 47	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr 78	Y 93	Zr 66	Nb 42	Mo 70	Tc	Ru 63	Rh 96	Pd 39	Ag 44	Cd 38	In 60	Sn 36	Sb 57	Te 38	I	Xe
Cs	Ba 63	*	Hf 38	Ta 41	W 53	Re 90	Os 38	Ir 69	Pt 66	Au 40	Hg 45	Tl 100	Pb 100	Bi 46	Po	At	Rn
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* Lanthanides	La 75	Ce 60	Pr 41	Nd 41	Pm	Sm 38	Eu 100	Gd 63	Tb 63	Dy 100	Ho 63	Er 63	Tm 88	Yb 88	Lu 63
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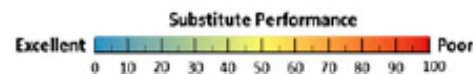


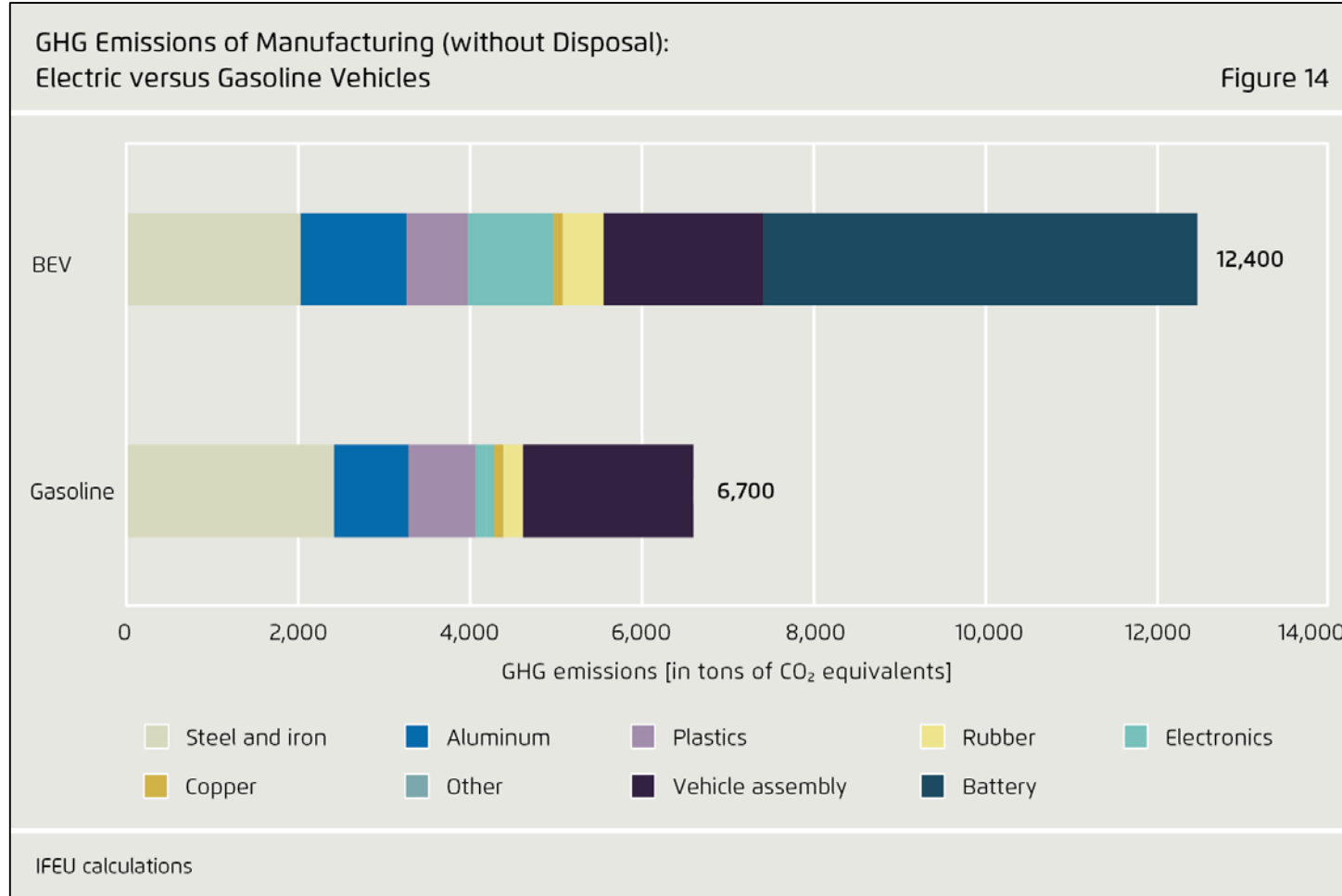
Fig. 5. The periodic table of substitute performance. The results are scaled from 0 to 100, with 0 indicating that exemplary substitutes exist for all major uses and 100 indicating that no substitute with even adequate performance exists for any of the major uses.

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VIABILITY OF A SUBSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY



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Source: Agora Verkehrswende (2019): Klimabilanz von Elektroautos.
Einflussfaktoren und Verbesserungspotenzial.

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PEFCR GWP [kg CO₂/kWh battery capacity]

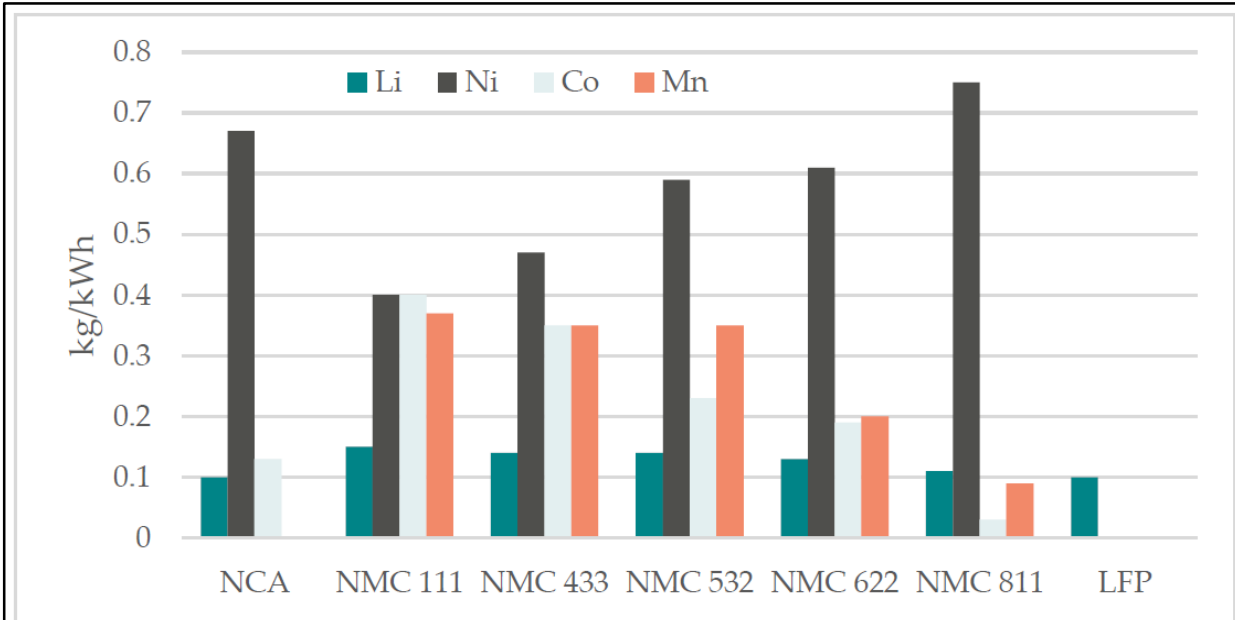
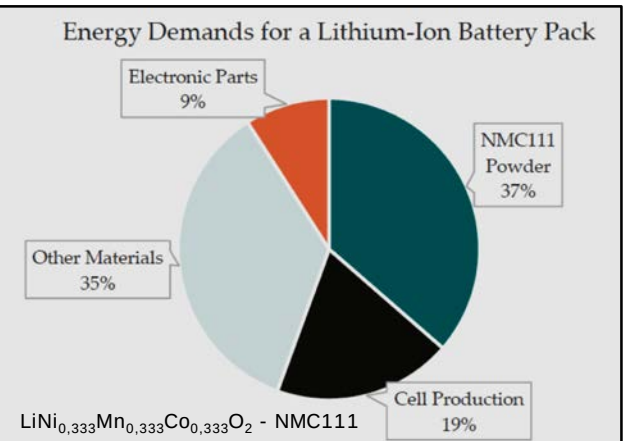
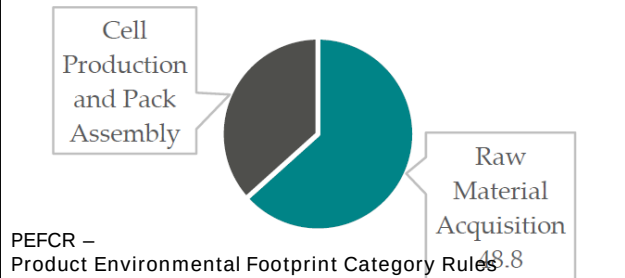


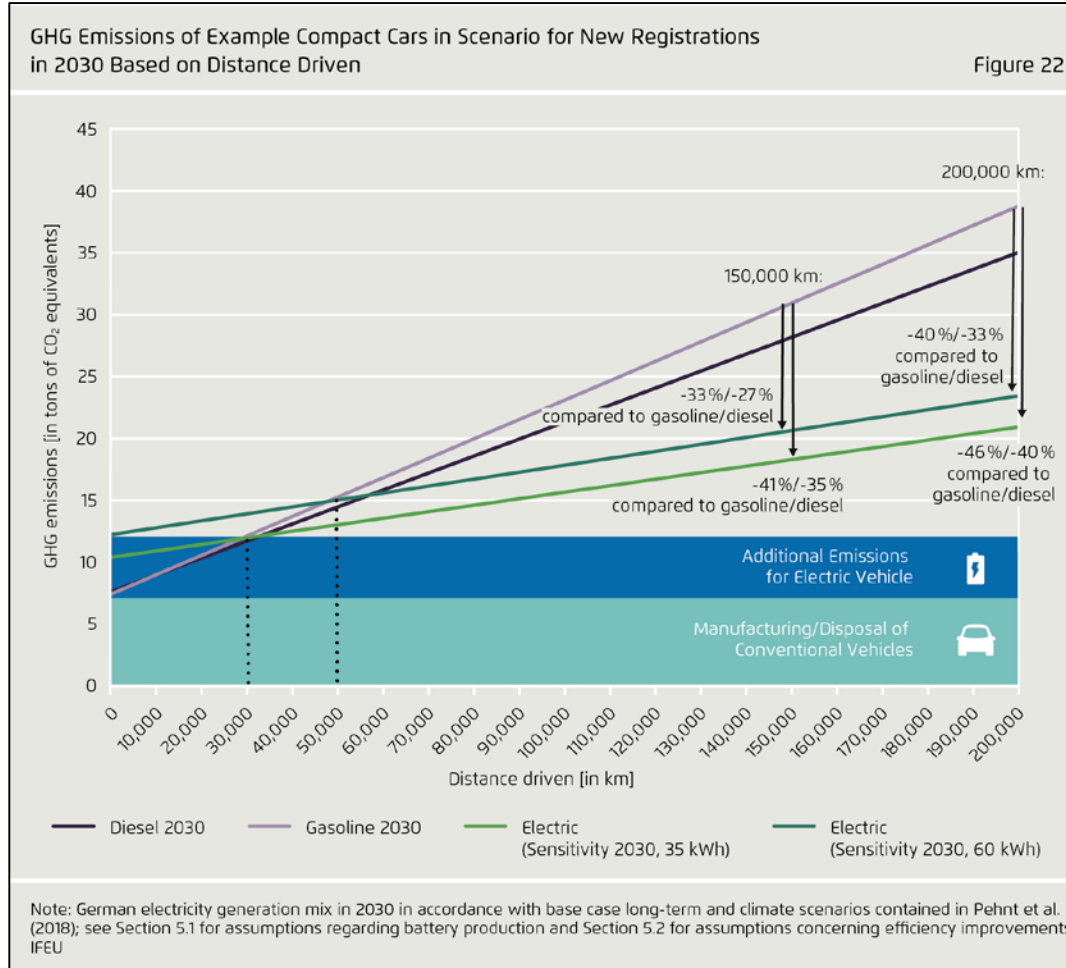
Figure 8. Material energy intensities for lithium-ion batteries with varying cathode chemistries. Moving from the left to the right on the NMC battery chemistries the amounts of cobalt and manganese required decrease while the amount of nickel increase. The source is (IEA, 2018) while the data came originally from ANL's BatPac.

Source: Erik Emilsson, Lisbeth Dahllöf, Lithium-Ion Vehicle Battery Production, 2019 IVL Swedish Environmental Research Institute.

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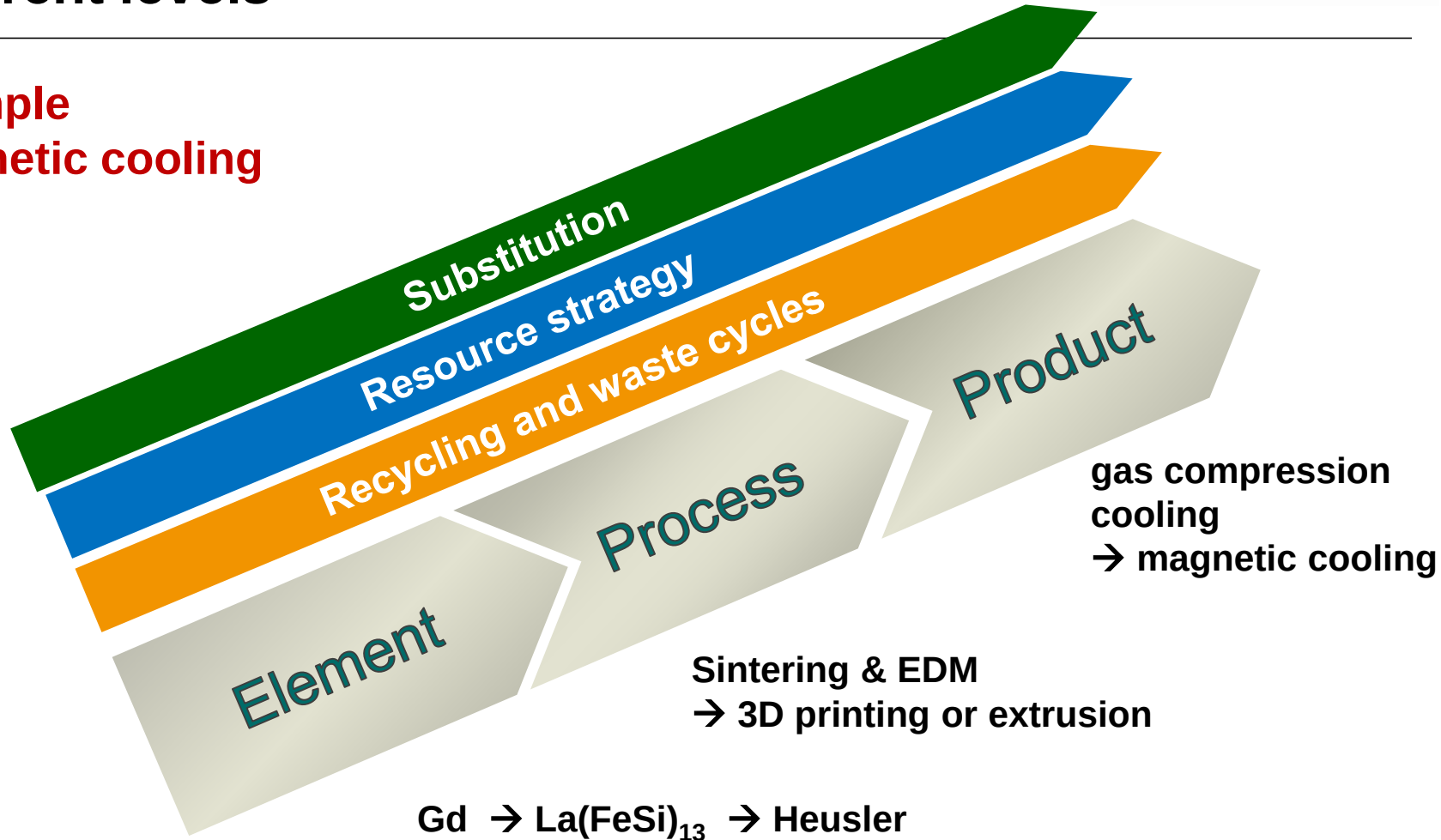
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Efficient use and substitution on different levels



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example
magnetic cooling



- Substitution is one of several mitigation strategies to deal with the criticality of strategic metals.
- Substitution can be addressed on several levels of technology and material science advancement.
- Viability of a substitutional strategy needs to be proven by LCA and LCC.
- All steps of the value chain leading to e.g. a high performance magnet or a battery, the two essential ingredients for electro mobility, are subject to constant improvements.
- Regulations, legislation or disruptive innovation can change the need for substitution quickly.



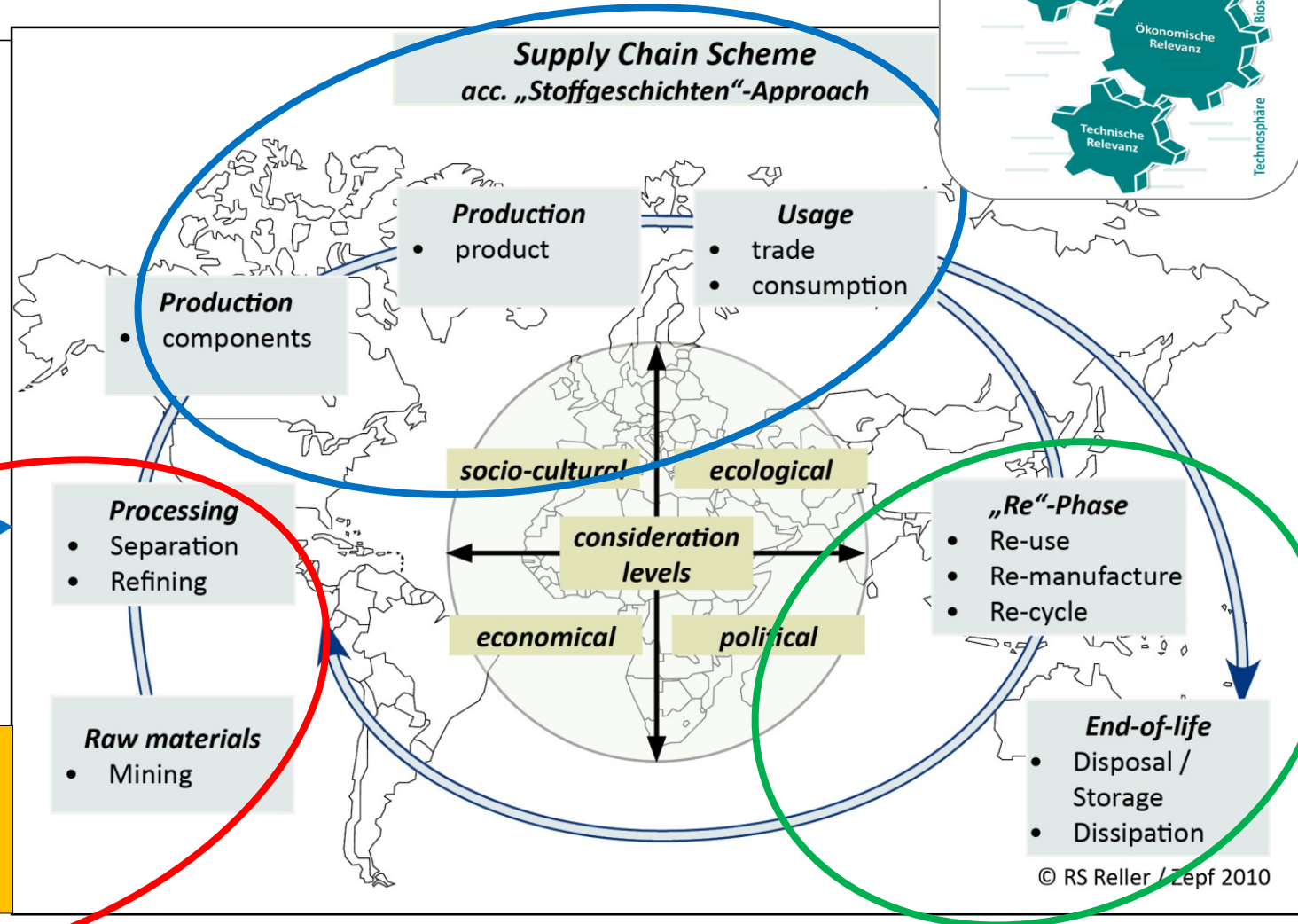
MULTI LEVEL ASSESSMENT

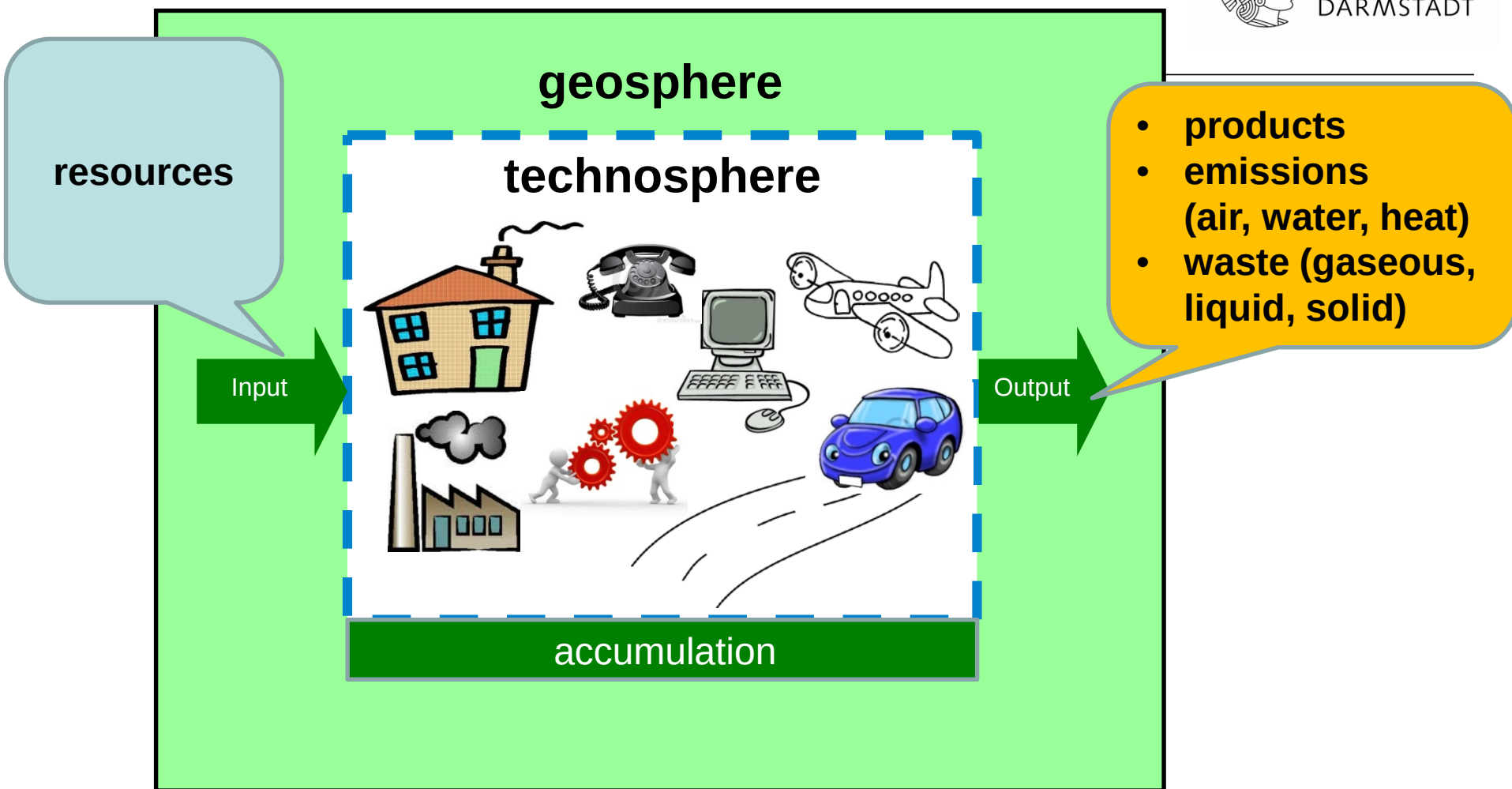
Story of stuff
LCA

Supply Chain Scheme “story of stuff”

Multi-level criticality assessment

Geography of a metal in time and space





from Prof. L. Schebek, IWAR, TU Darmstadt

LIFE-CYCLE ASSESSMENT - LCA



<https://www.innovationservices.philips.com/news/life-cycle-assessment-finding-best-approach-company/>

A Life Cycle Assessment (LCA or Life Cycle Analysis) is a method to calculate the environmental impact of a product over its entire life-cycle. In this context, the term 'product' also includes services.

Taking the entire product life-cycle into consideration – from resource extraction to production, use, and disposal – guarantees an integrated evaluation of all inputs and outputs, thus making sure negative environmental impacts aren't shifted to other life cycle phases of the product.

The methodology is defined in the ISO 14040/14044 standard.

<https://www.ifu.com/en/life-cycle-assessment/>



CONFLICT METALS



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Green Conflict Minerals:

The fuels of conflict
in the transition to a
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THE GRAND CHALLENGE

Transition to 100% renewables



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Conflict Minerals:

The fuels of conflict in the transition to a low-carbon economy

1. What minerals and metals are required for the low-carbon energy transition?
2. Where are these minerals and metals found?
3. What are the conditions of fragility, conflict, and violence in these regions?

(IISD 2018)

GREEN CONFLICT MINERALS - THE FUELS OF CONFLICT IN THE TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY (IISD)



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- At least **23 key minerals** will be critical to the development and deployment of **solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles and energy storage technologies**.
- Many of these minerals are projected to **surge in demand in the coming decades**, in part due to the global transition to the low-carbon economy.
- Significant reserves of all of these identified minerals are found in states perceived to be both fragile and corrupt, as defined by **Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index** and the **Fund for Peace's Fragile States Index**.

The Fragile States Index defines fragility using indicators relating to internal cohesion, the economy, politics, crosscutting factors including demographic pressures, refugees and internally displaced persons, and external intervention (Fund for Peace, 2018).

Transparency International calculates perceptions of corruption in the public sector (Transparency International, 2017).

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Fragility indicators can then be overlaid with established mineral reserves

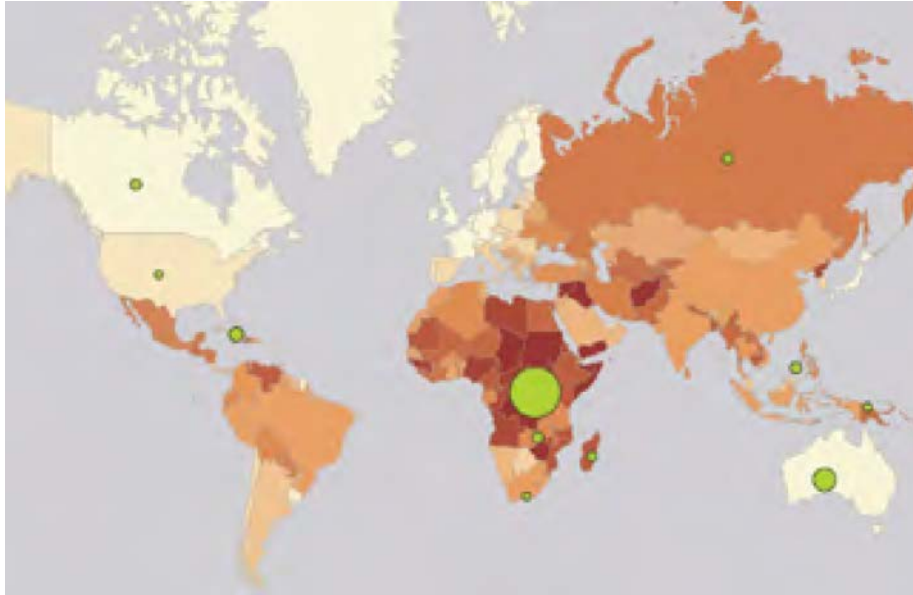


Figure 5. Cobalt reserves 2018

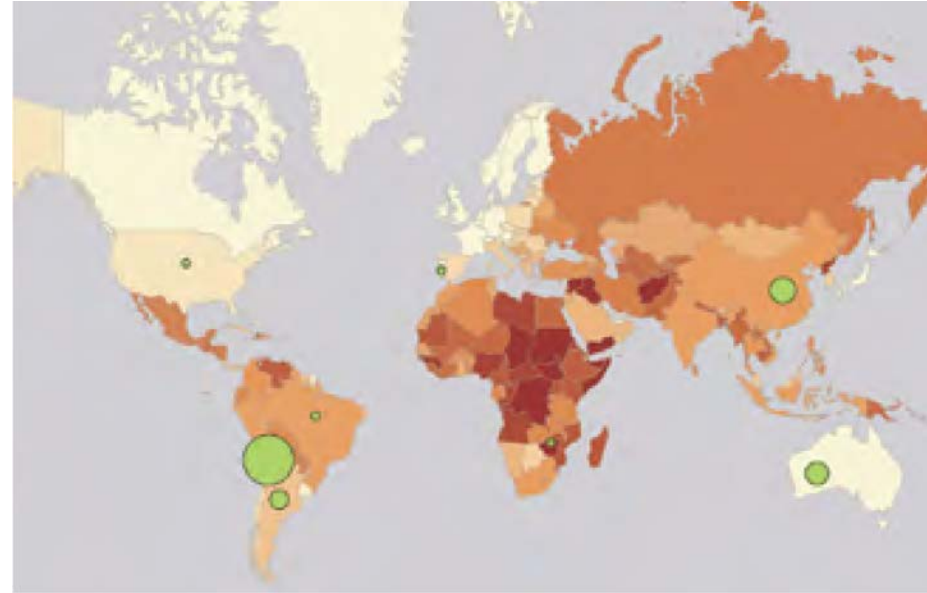


Figure 10. Lithium reserves 2018

the size of the circle corresponds to the relative global quantity of the country's reserves in metric tonnes

Cobalt is used in the batteries of most modern electronics, like smartphones, digital music players and laptops.

Critical to the low-carbon economy, cobalt is also instrumental to the development and facilitation of EVs and energy storage technologies.

For EVs in particular, cobalt is found in three out of the four major lithium-ion batteries on the market:

lithium cobalt oxide, nickel manganese cobalt and nickel cobalt aluminum (Levin Sources, 2017a).

Lithium-ion batteries are also used to store energy derived from solar, wind and other green technologies, thereby making the batteries—and the minerals required to power them—an integral part the transition to a low-carbon economy.

- **Conflict minerals** are defined as those minerals that “finance armed groups, fuel forced labour and other human rights abuses, and support corruption and money laundering” (European Commission, 2017).
- The **Dodd Frank Act Section 1502**, part of the U.S. government’s Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, signed into law in July 2010, requires publicly traded companies to ensure that the raw materials they use to make their products are not tied to the conflict in Congo, by tracing and auditing their mineral supply chains.



The cobalt pipeline

Tracing the path from deadly hand-dug mines in Congo to consumers' phones and laptops



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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/business/batteries/congo-cobalt-mining-for-lithium-ion-battery/>

POTENTIAL DRC COBALT SUPPLY CHAIN According to publicly available information

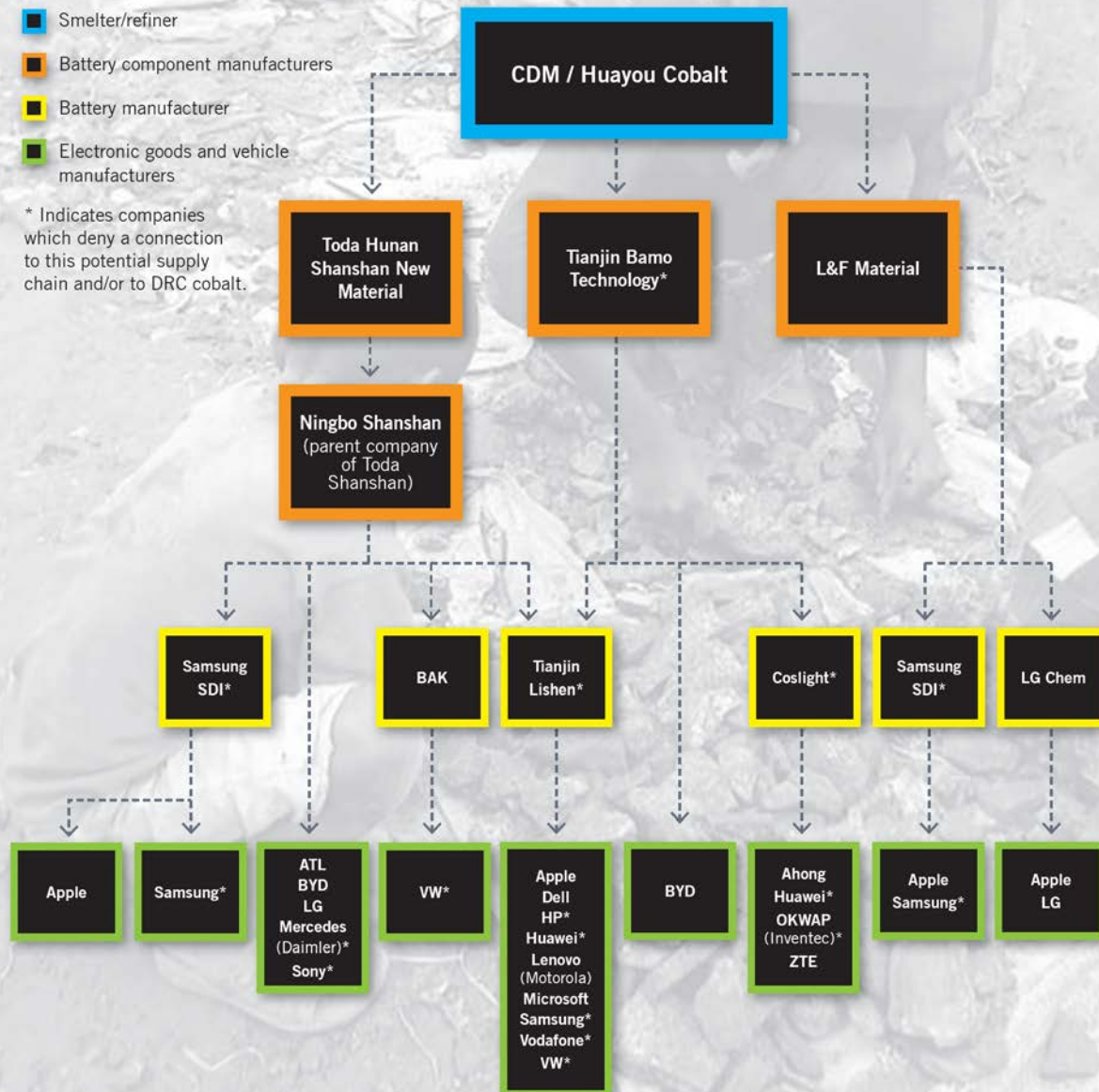
■ Smelter/refiner

■ Battery component manufacturers

■ Battery manufacturer

■ Electronic goods and vehicle manufacturers

* Indicates companies which deny a connection to this potential supply chain and/or to DRC cobalt.



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“THIS IS WHAT WE DIE FOR”

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO POWER THE GLOBAL TRADE IN COBALT

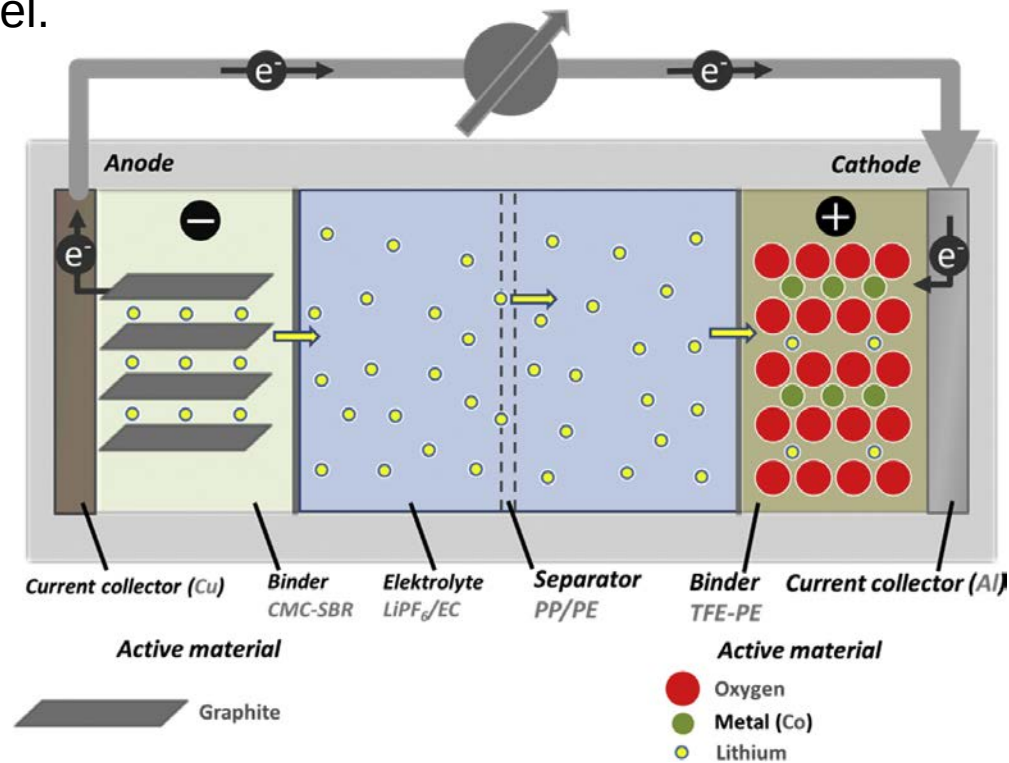


RAW MATERIALS CONSUMPTION IN

Batteries
Wind turbines
Traction motors

Supply risks associated with lithium-ion battery materials

Schematic illustration of a rechargeable **Li-ion battery cell** - here the original LiCoO_2 /graphite (LCO-C) cell. A battery may consist of several such cells connected in series or in parallel.



C. Helbig et al, Journal of Cleaner Production 172 (2018) 274-286

Performance parameters and supply risks associated with lithium-ion battery materials

battery parameters: energy density, power density, specific energy, capacity, charging time, cyclic performance, aging characteristics and lifetime, safety, (socio-economic-ecological) costs

Functional materials involved:

graphite lithium intercalation compound as **anode** with copper as current collector;
cathode: LCO - lithium cobalt oxide (LiCoO_2) have a high energy density, the high price of cobalt and political problems associated with its supply led to the development of alternative cathode materials - LiMn_2O_4 .

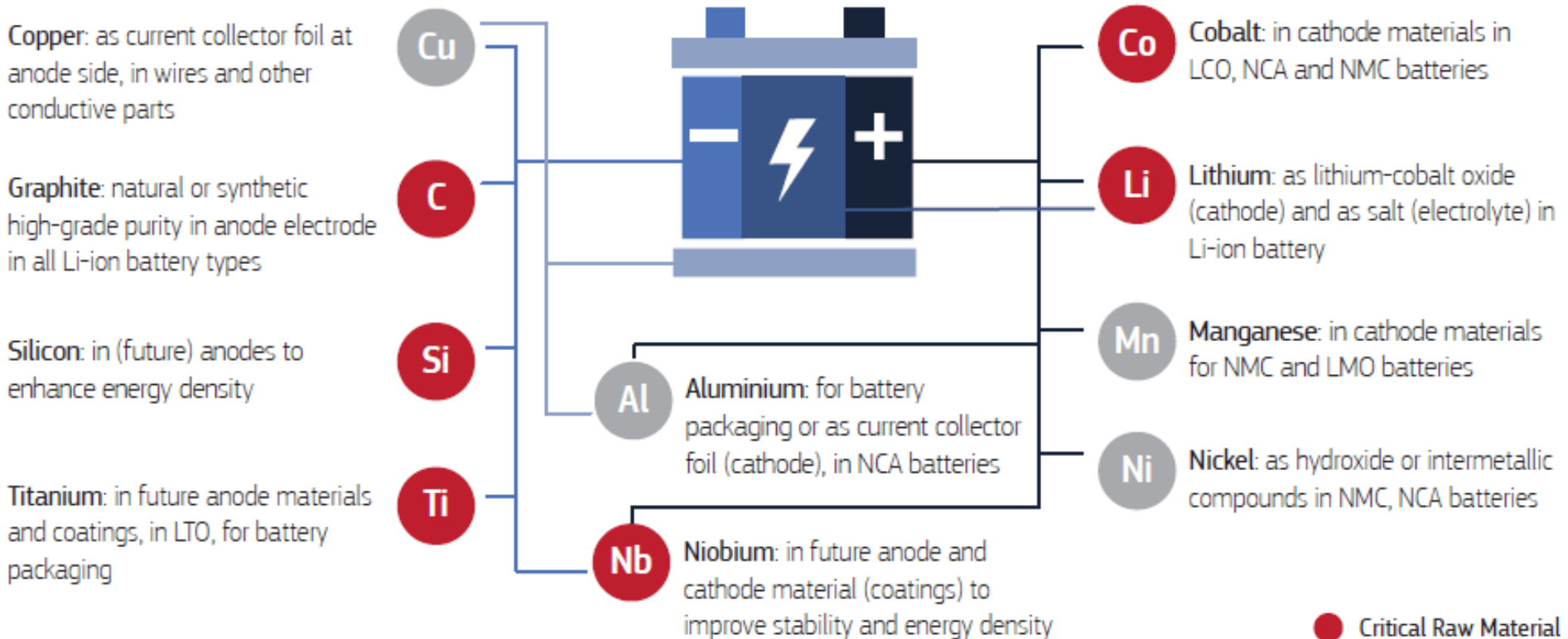
Table 1

Common commercial battery types and the electrochemical properties for representative, but specific cells based on corresponding references ([Nitta et al., 2015](#); [Sterner and Stadler, 2014](#)).

Type	Cathode active material	Anode active material	Potential cathode Li/Li ⁺ (V) (Nitta et al., 2015)	Usable Li share (Sterner and Stadler, 2014)	Specific capacity (Ah/kg cathode) (Nitta et al., 2015)	Specific energy (Wh/kg cathode) (calculated)
LCO-C	LiCoO_2	graphite	3.8	55%	150	570
LMO-C	LiMn_2O_4	graphite	4.1	80%	120	492
NCA-C	$\text{Li}(\text{Ni}_{1-x-y}\text{Co}_x\text{Al}_y)\text{O}_2$	graphite	3.7	70%	200	740
NMC-C	$\text{Li}(\text{Ni}_x\text{Mn}_y\text{Co}_{1-x-y})\text{O}_2$	graphite	3.7	66%	170	629
LFP-C	LiFePO_4	graphite	3.4	95%	165	561
LFP-LTO	LiFePO_4	$\text{Li}_4\text{Ti}_5\text{O}_{12}$	3.4	95%	165	305

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Raw materials used in batteries



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Raw materials used in wind turbines



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Iron: as cast iron or in steel composition for tower, nacelle, rotor and foundation; in NdFeB permanent magnets

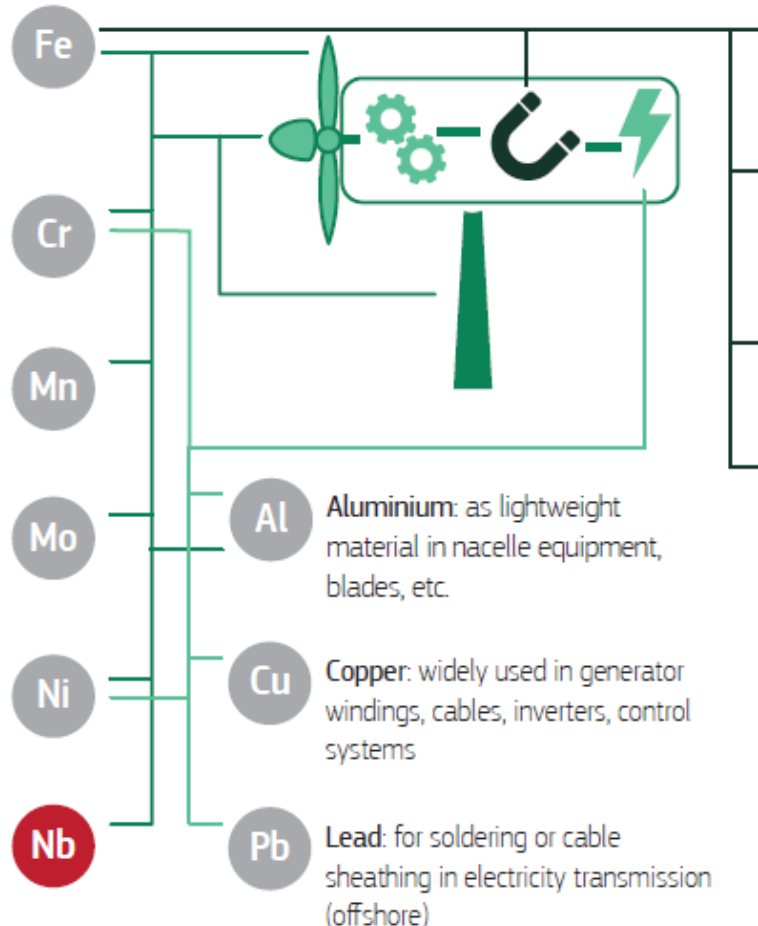
Chromium: essential for stainless steel and other alloys in rotor and blades

Manganese: essential for steel production used for many parts of a turbine

Molybdenum: in stainless steel composition for many components of the turbine

Nickel: in alloys and stainless steel for different components of the turbine

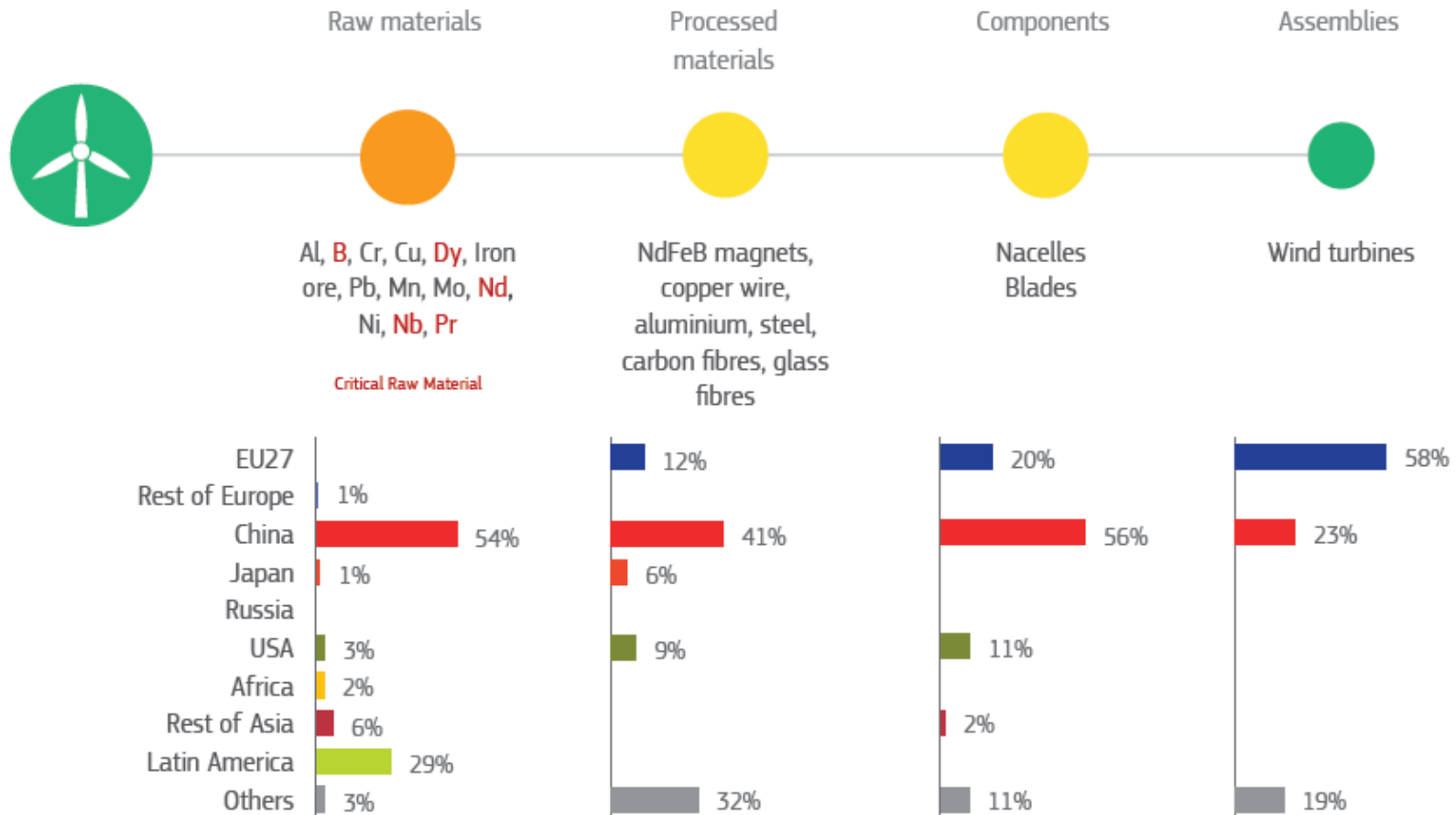
Niobium: a microalloying element in high strength structural steel for towers of a turbine



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Overview of supply risks, bottlenecks and key players along the supply chain of wind turbines

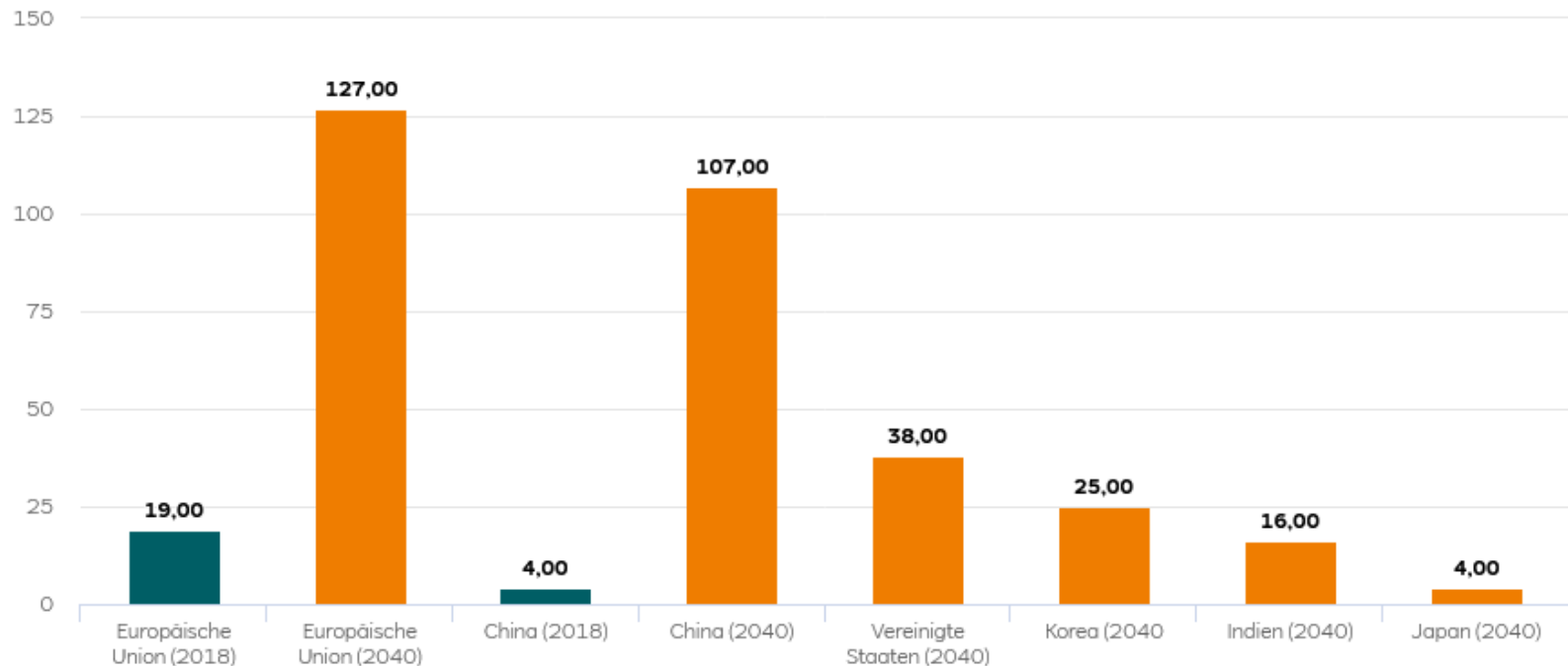


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Wind turbines global offshore

Gesamte Leistungskapazität durch Offshore-Windanlagen 2018 sowie die Prognose für 2040 in Gigawatt

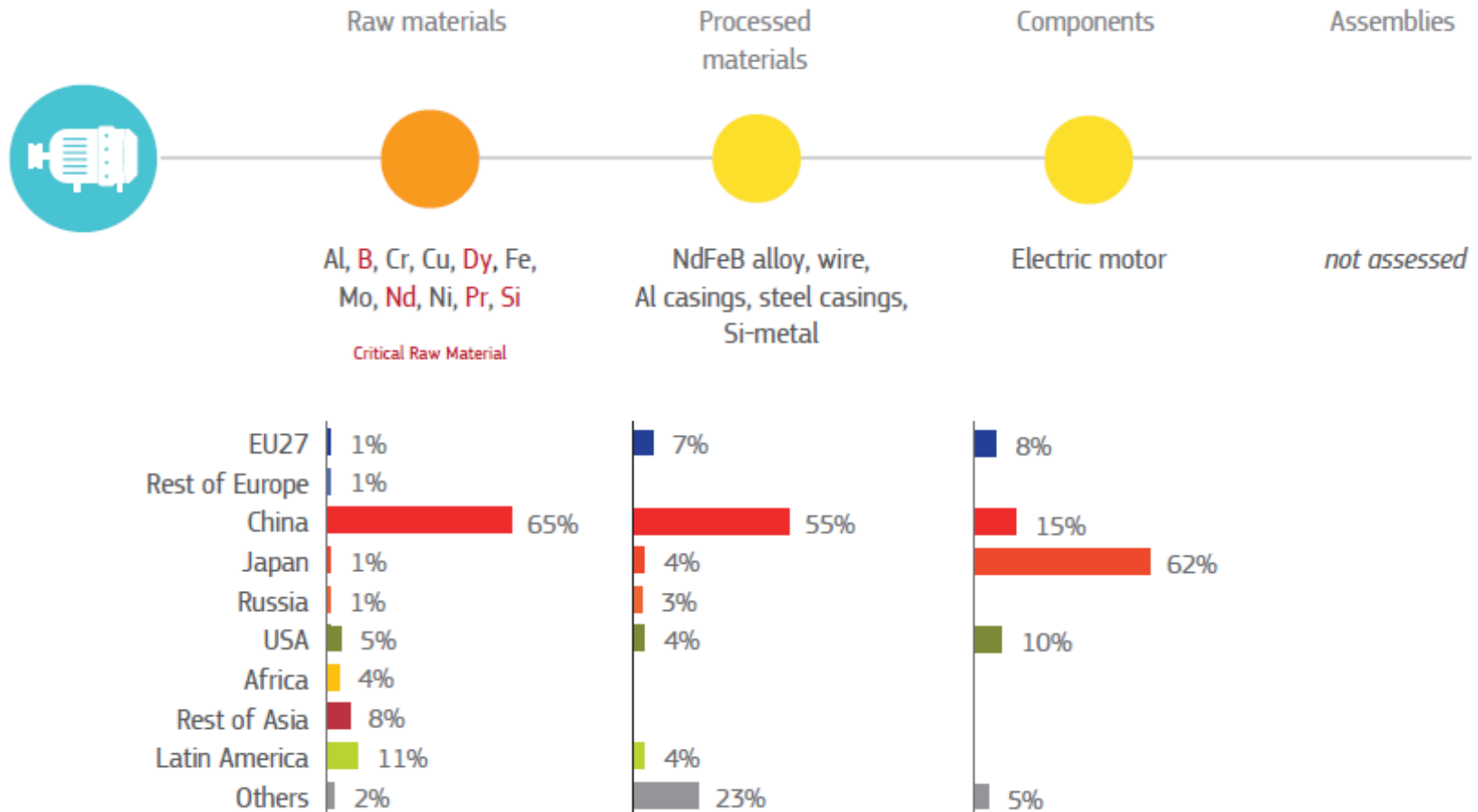
Diese Prognosen basieren auf dem Szenario der Stated Policies. Für die EU und China werden diese mit den aktuellen Zahlen verglichen (Quelle: Internationale Energieagentur IEA).



Overview of supply risks, bottlenecks and key players along the supply chain of traction motors

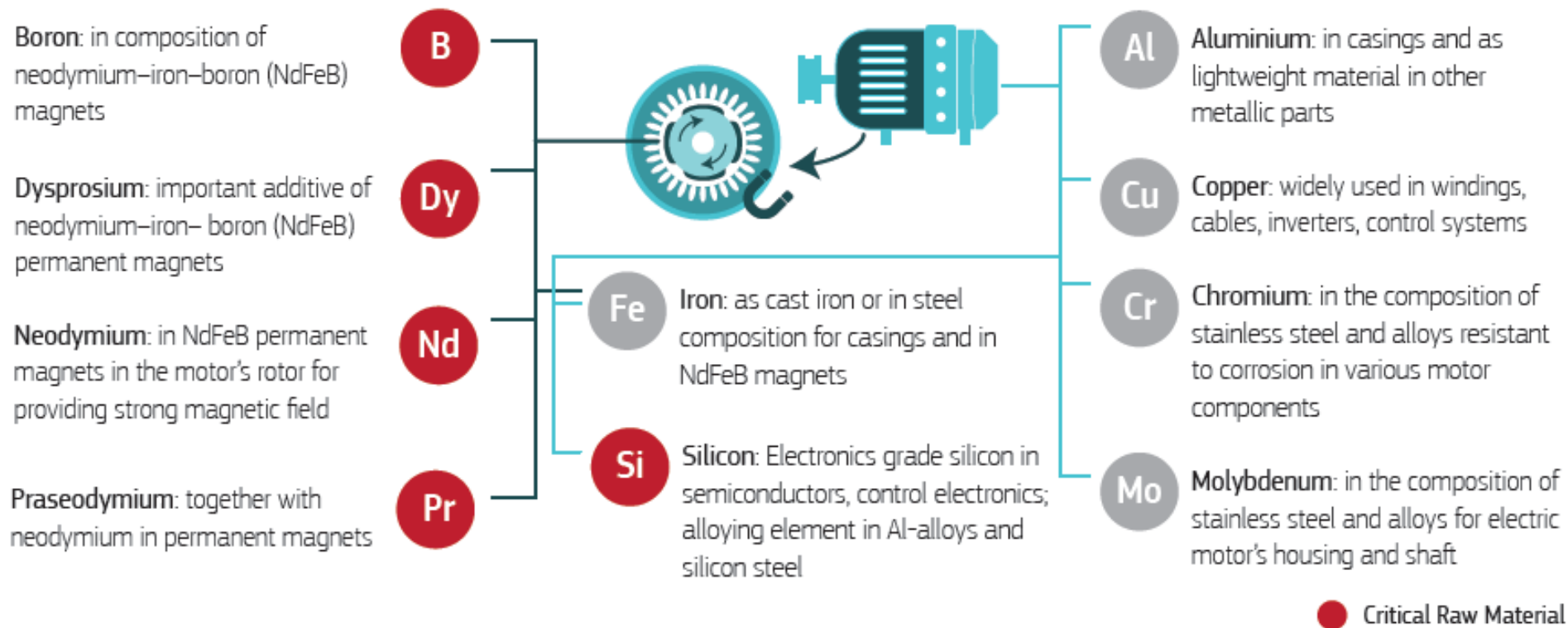


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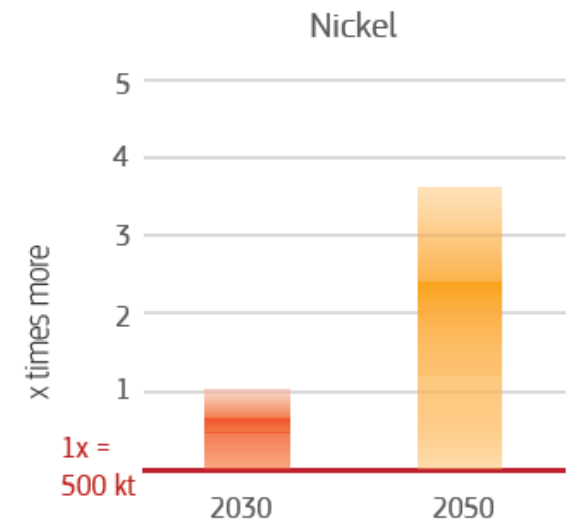
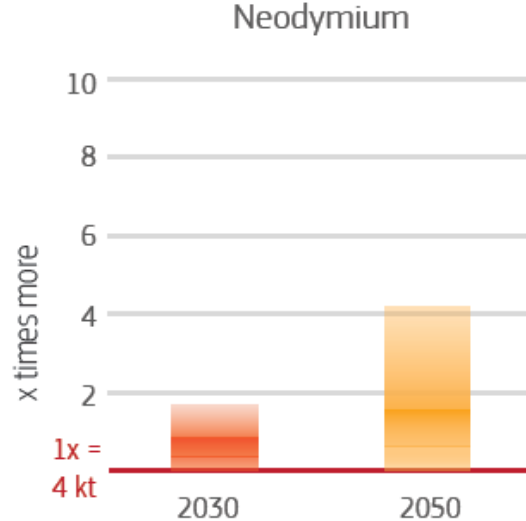
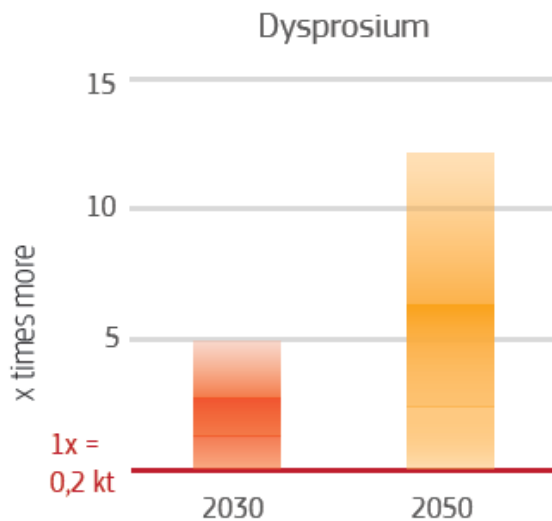
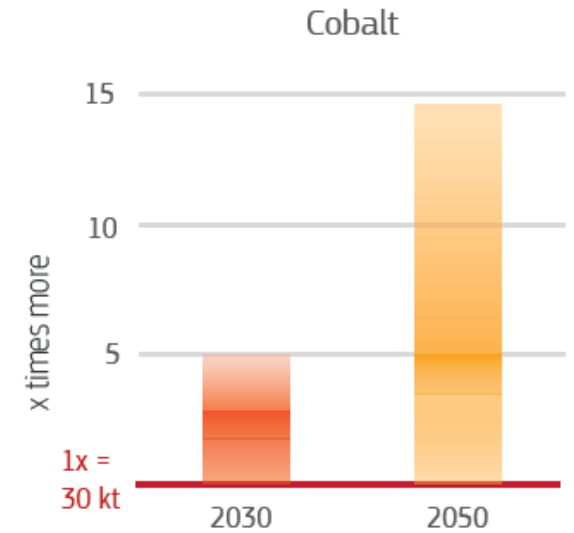
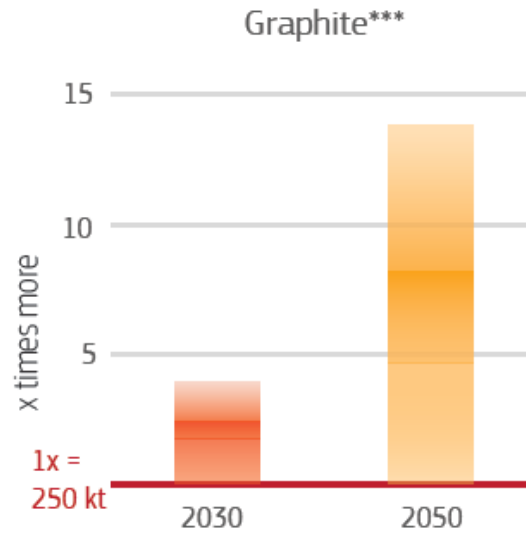
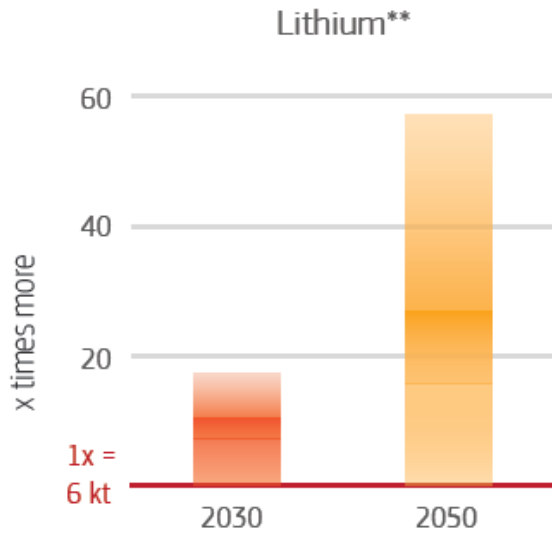
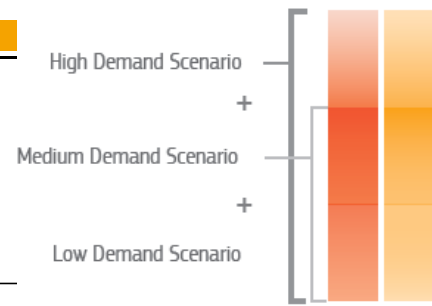
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Additional material consumption batteries, fuel cells, wind turbines and photovoltaics in renewables and e-mobility only in 2030/2050 compared to current EU consumption of the material in all applications

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A COUPLE OF FINAL THOUGHTS



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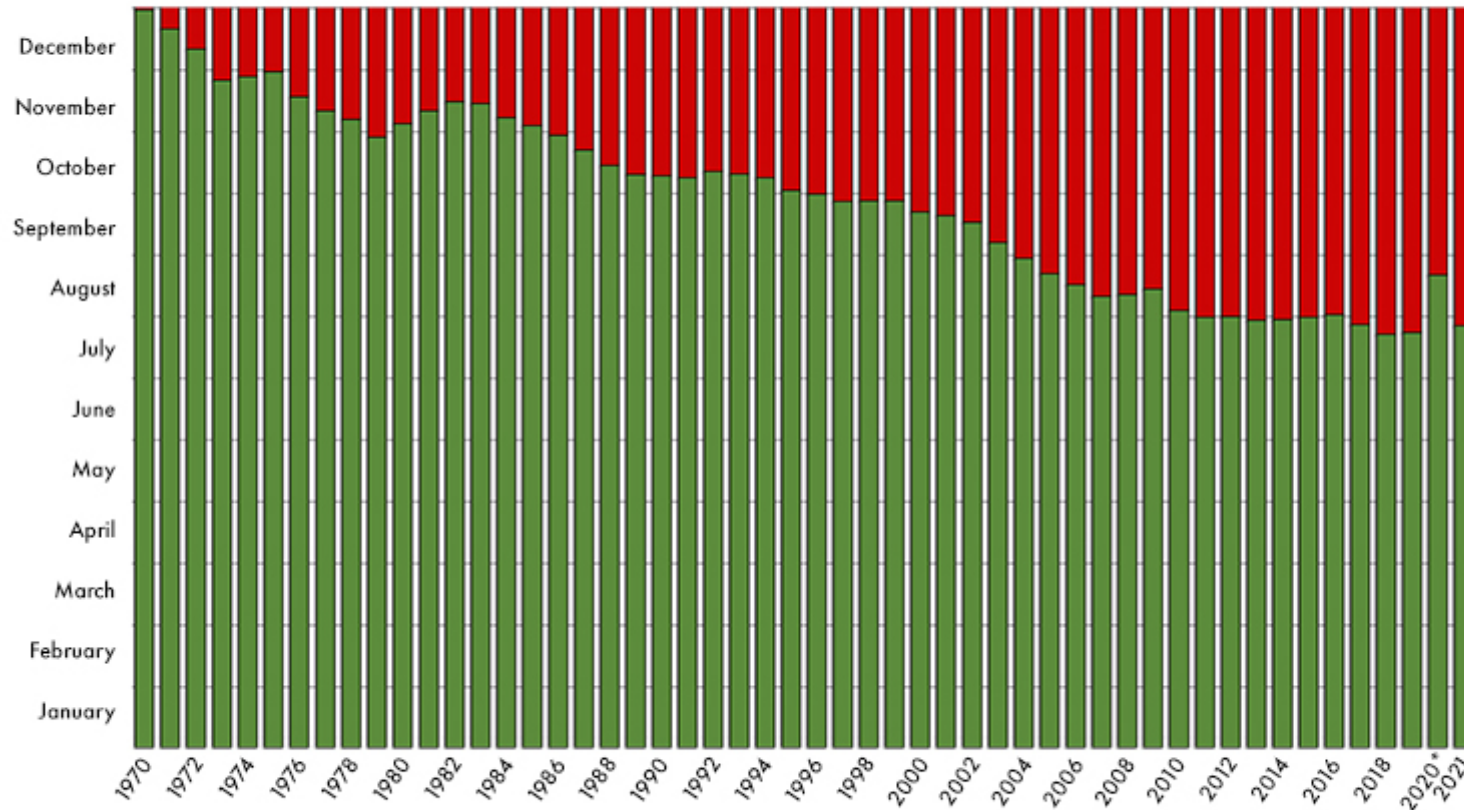
Earth Overshoot Day

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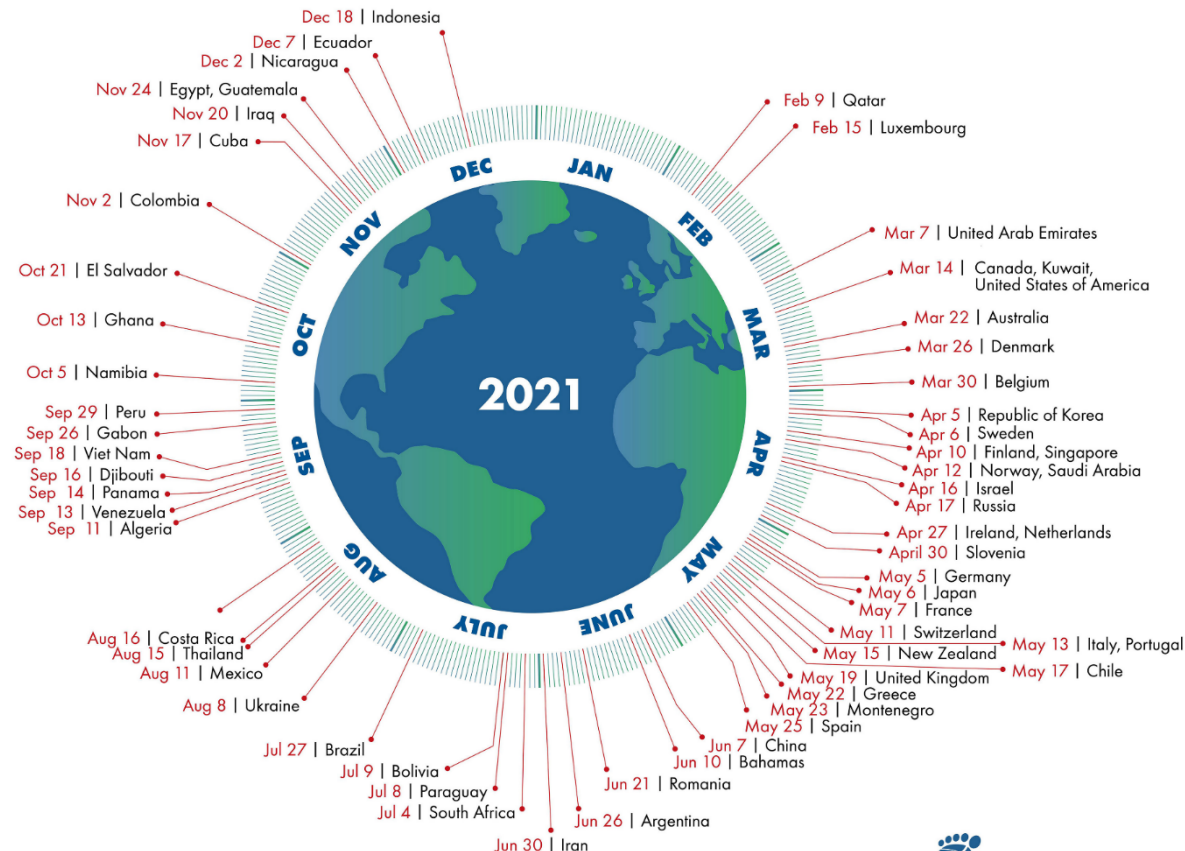
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Country Overshoot Days 2021

When would Earth Overshoot Day land if the world's population lived like...

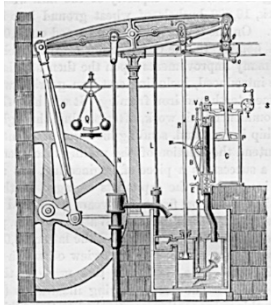
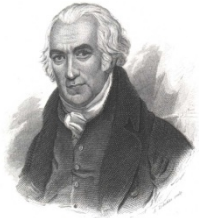


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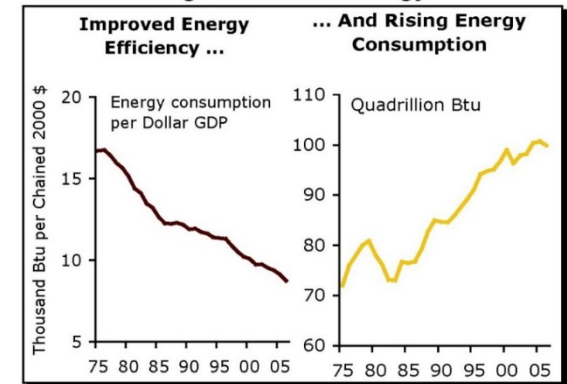
William Jevons observed this way back in 1865



James Watt (1769)

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Americans Efficiently Consume Ever-Increasing Amounts of Energy



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Inside Climate News

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on the biggest crisis facing our planet

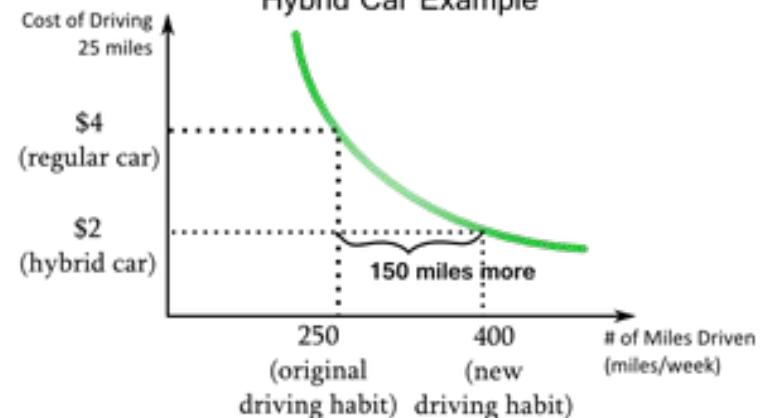
Clean Energy

The Lighting Paradox: Cheaper, Efficient LEDs Save Energy, and People Use More

The effort to replace current bulbs with LEDs gets a boost from cheaper materials, but it only feeds society's addiction to light.

By Phil McKenna
August 21, 2015

Jevons Paradox: Hybrid Car Example

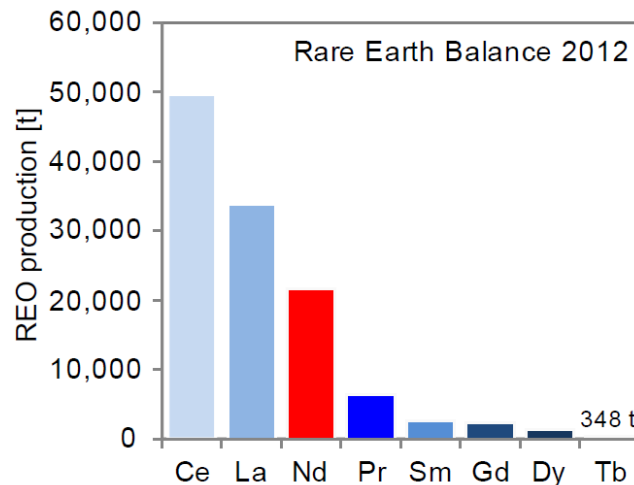


Mitigation strategies to address REEs criticality



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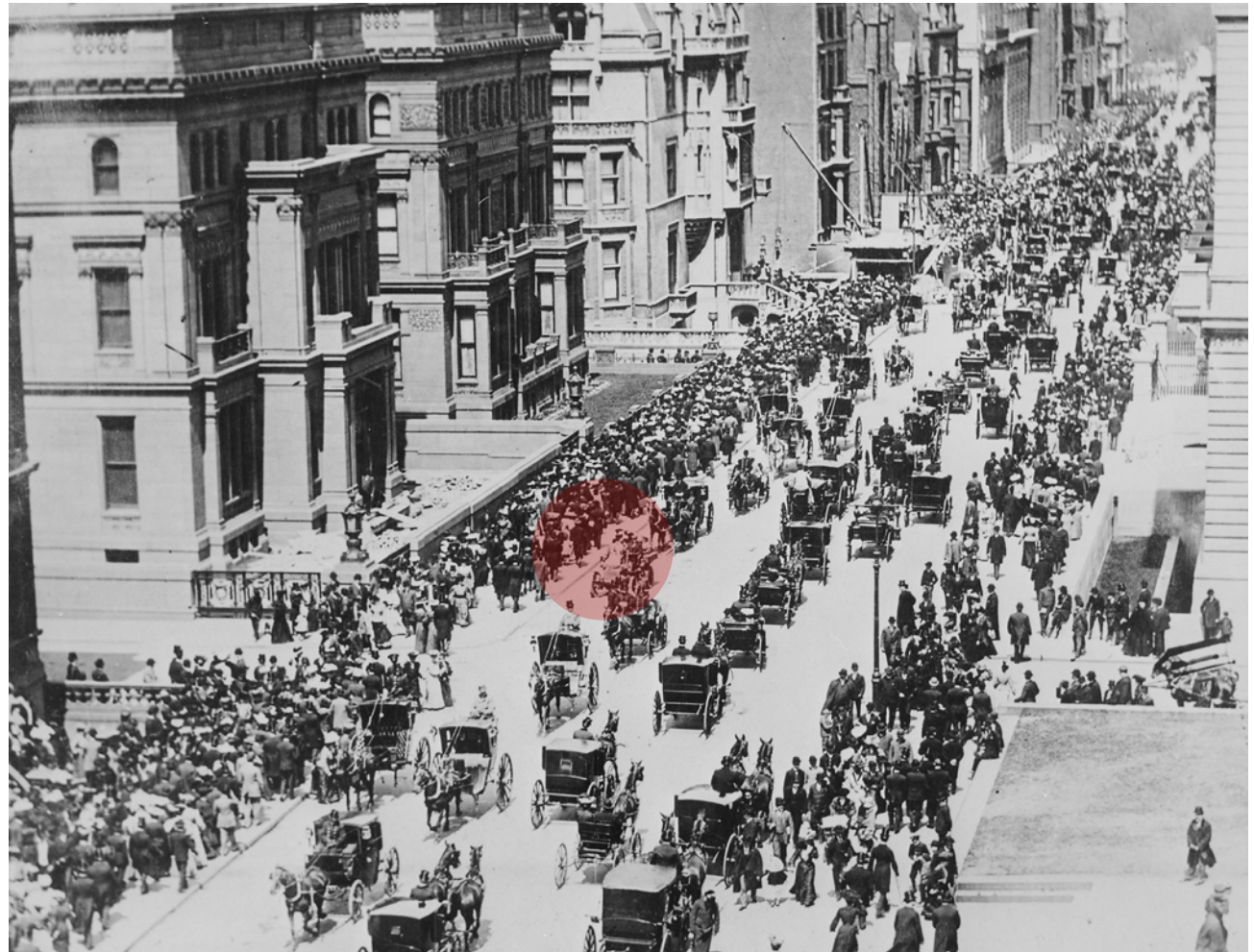
- **Diversify** primary mining and make it sustainable
- **Reduce the utilization** of critical materials by Material Science advances (GBDP and AM)
- **Recycling** will make use of the urban mine (technosphere)
- **Substitute** strategic metals by (more) earth abundant elements



- **exit from nuclear and fossil-fuel energy aggravates our dependencies on strategic metals**
- **how “green” are our metals for green technologies and what ecological footprint are we willing to pay for?**
Or going further:
what is the real price of a metal, of energy, who defines this price, who is paying the price, now and in the future?
- **the great transformation**
post-fossil society is not possible without rare metals



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