

LECTURE SCHEDULE

Mon (Ke3) 12.15 – 14.00
Wed (Ke2) 10.15 – 12.00
Fri (Ke5) 10.15 – 12.00

	Date	Topic
1.	Wed 06.09.	Course Introduction & Short Review on Elements & Periodic Table
2.	Fri 08.09.	Short Survey of Main Group Elements
3.	Mon 11.09.	Zn + Ti, Zr, Hf & Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
4.	Wed 13.09.	Transition Metals: General Aspects & Pigments
5.	Fri 15.09.	Redox Chemistry
6.	Mon 18.09.	Crystal Field Theory (Linda Sederholm)
7.	Wed 20.09.	V, Nb, Ta & Perovskites & Metal Complexes & MOFs & MLD
8.	Mon 25.09.	Cr, Mo, W & 2D materials & Mxenes & Layer-Engineering
9.	Wed 27.09.	Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu & Magnetism
10.	Fri 29.09.	Cu & Superconductivity
11.	Mon 02.10.	Ag, Au, Pt, Pd & Catalysis (Antti Karttunen)
12.	Wed 04.10.	Lanthanoids + Actinoids & Luminescence
13.	Fri 06.10.	Resources of Elements & Rare/Critical Elements & Element Substitutions
14.	Fri 13.10.	Inorganic Materials Chemistry Research

EXAM: Tuesday Oct. 17, 9:00-12:00 in Ke2

PRESENTATION TOPICS/SCHEDULE

Mon 25.09. Mo: Maryam Jafarishiad & Saara Siekkinen

Wed 27.09. Mn: Naomi Lyle & Sanni Ilmaranta

Ru: Miklos Nemeszeghy & Timo de Jonge

Fri 29.09. Cu: Koshila Hiruni & Kaushalya Poonanoo

Wed 04.10. Eu: Binglu Wang & Mari Heikkinen

Nd: Patrich Wiesenfeldt & Tomoki Nakayama

U: Miikka Viirto & Ashish Singh

Fri 06.10. Co: Gabrielle Laurent & Yan Zheng

In: Sonja Alasaukko-oja & Katri Haapalinna

Te: Sofia Rantala & Roger Peltonen

QUESTIONS: Lecture 13

Select two examples of EU critical elements, and describe in each case why the element is critical, and how you think would be the best way to mitigate the criticality.

WHAT MAKES US CALL ELEMENTS RARE

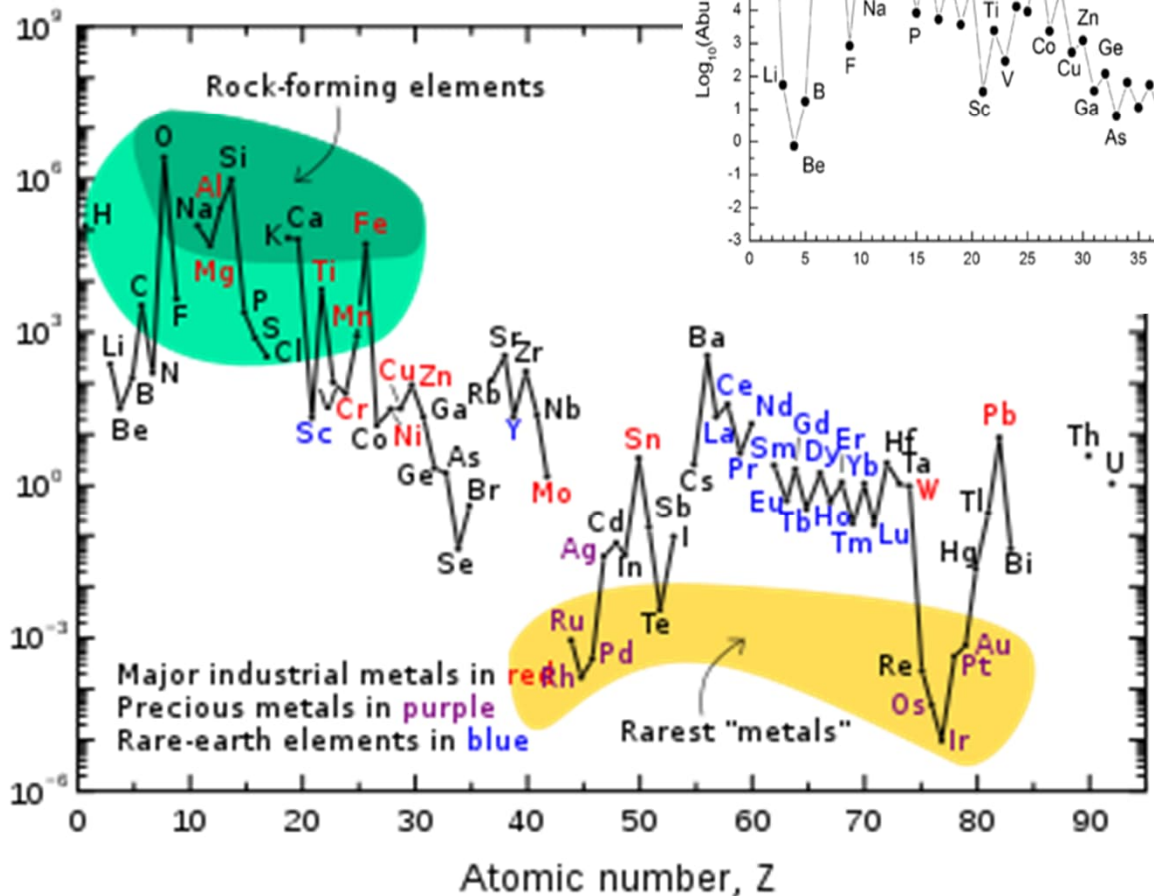
- **Absolute abundance ?**
- **Accessible resources** (distribution, technical skills, etc.) ?
- **Availability** (politics, etc.) ?

WHAT MAKES US CALL ELEMENTS CRITICAL

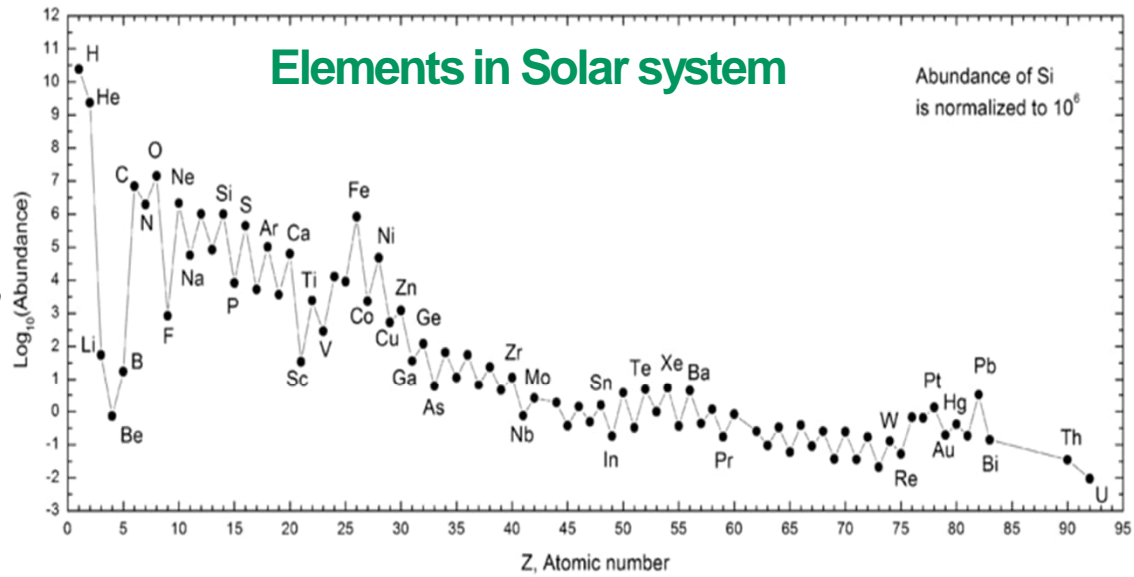
- **Essential to human health ?**
- **Needed to make crucial/desired devices ?**
- **Needed to generate/store energy ?**
- **Needed but not readily available ?**

Abundance, atoms of element per 10^6 atoms of Si

Elements in Earth crust



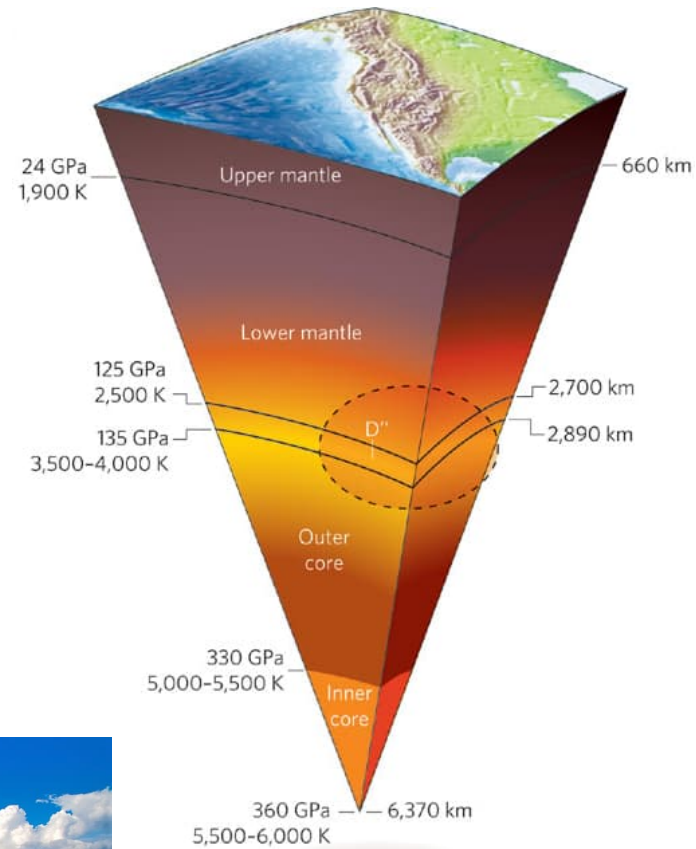
Elements in Solar system



Even **ABSOLUTE ABUNDANCE** is not fully evident

ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES

- Distribution of the elements
- Mineral variety
- Mining/separation technologies
- *Mponeng* gold mine in South Africa is the deepest mine in the world at a depth of ca. 4 km

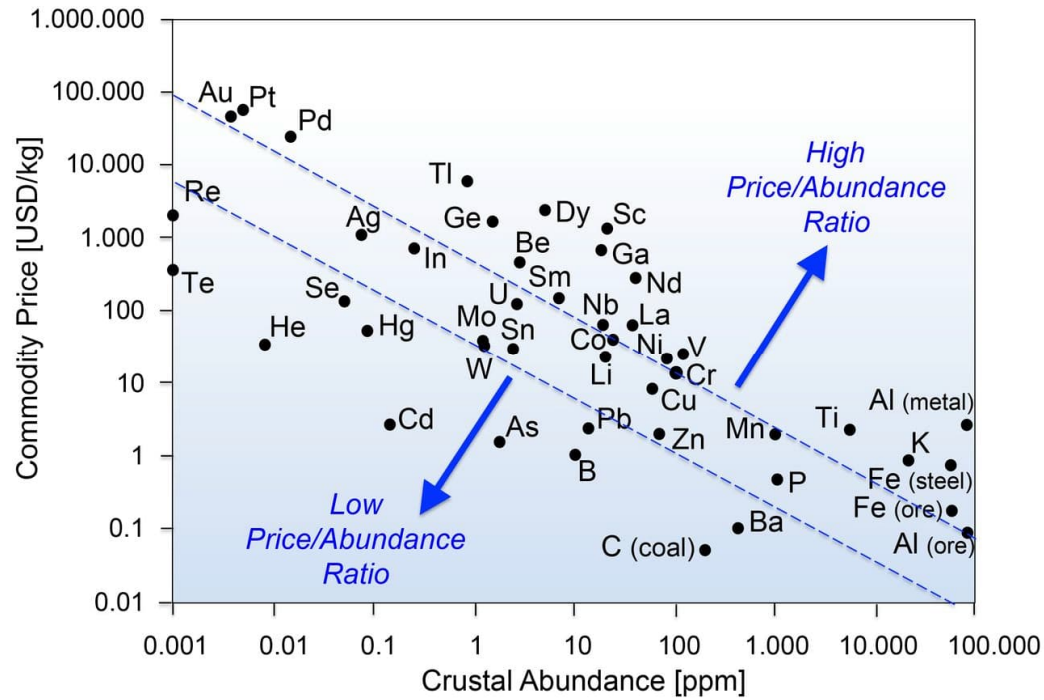


London metal exchange

	Official price
Aluminium	1,454.00
Aluminium Alloy	1,585.00
NASAAC	1,708.00
Copper	4,669.00
Lead	1,573.50
Nickel	8,955.00
Tin	14,660.00
Zinc	1,511.50
Cobalt	24,000.00
Molybdenum	10,800.00
Steel Billet	220.00

New York metal exchange

Top 10 Metals Products				Precious	Base	Ferrous	Other	
Clearing	CME Globex	Floor	CME ClearPort	Product Name	Sub Group	Exchange	Volume	Open Interest
GC	GC	-	GC	Gold Futures	Precious	COMEX	187,052	428,212
SI	SI	-	SI	Silver Futures	Precious	COMEX	63,572	172,527
OG	OG	OG	OG	Gold Options	Precious	COMEX	25,194	1,515,879
PL	PL	-	PL	Platinum Futures	Precious	NYMEX	14,805	75,822
SO	SO	SO	SO	Silver Options	Precious	COMEX	6,498	165,506
PA	PA	-	PA	Palladium Futures	Precious	NYMEX	6,257	28,558
MGC	MGC	-	-	E-micro Gold Futures	Precious	COMEX	2,038	2,116
GCK	GCK	-	GCK	Gold Kilo Futures	Precious	COMEX	544	17
SIL	SIL	-	SIL	1,000-oz. Silver Futures	Precious	COMEX	206	2,003
QO	QO	-	-	miNY Gold Futures	Precious	COMEX	180	1,396



The Price !

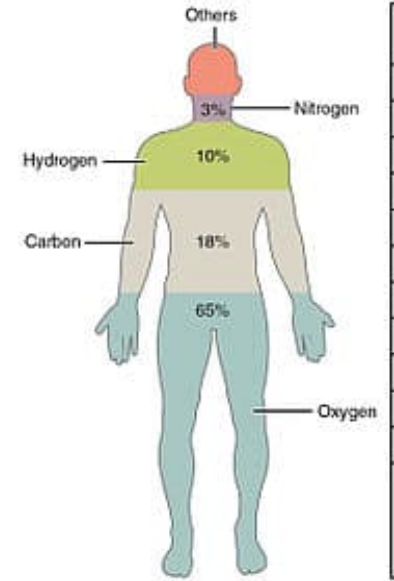
Price: affected by the rarity but also by fashion, speculation, politics, ...

CRITICAL for Health & Wellbeing

H																	He
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe
Cs	Ba	* Lu	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn
Fr	Ra	** Lr	Rf	Db	Sg	Bh	Hs	Mt	Ds	Rg	Cn	Uut	Fl	Uup	Lv	Uus	Uuo

* La Ce Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dy Ho Er Tm Yb

** Ac Th Pa U Np Pu Am Cm Bk Cf Es Fm Md No

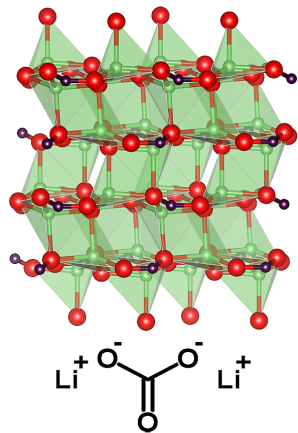


The four organic basic elements Quantity elements Essential trace elements Possible structural or functional role in mammals

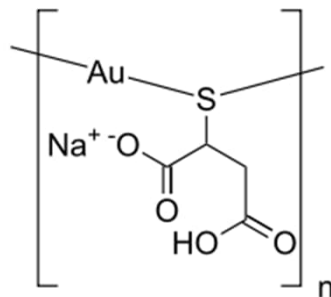


Supplement industry is huge business

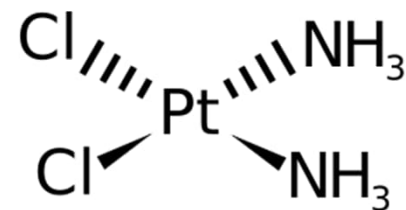
CRITICAL as MEDICINE



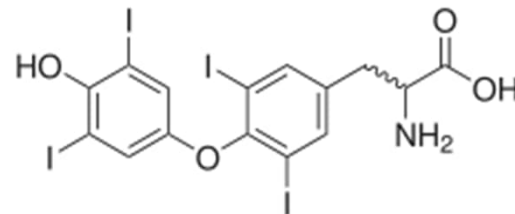
Li₂CO₃ for depression



Au for RA
(Rheumatoid Arthritis)



Cis-Pt complex for cancer



Iodine for thyroid hormones

Medicines are based not only on organics but on a much wider variety of elements

Almost the entire Periodic Table is being used

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H																	He		
Li	Be											B	C	N	O	F	Ne		
Na	Mg											Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar		
K	Ca	Y	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr		
Rb	Sr	La	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe		
Cs	Ba	Ac	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Tl	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn		
Fr	Ra																		
		La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Ho	Er	Tm	Yb	Lu			
		Ac	Th	Pa	U														

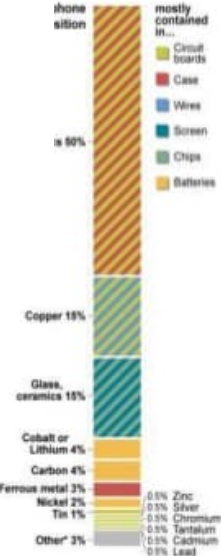
Elements used in the production of components for computers

**CRITICAL
for
Modern Devices**

Elements in a Mobile Phone

Roughly 40 different elements

H, Li, Be, C, N, O, F, Al, Si, S, Cl, K, Ca, Ti, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, As, Br, Sr, Y, Zr, Ru, Pd, Ag, Cd, In, Sn, Sb, Ba, Ta, W, Pt, Au, Hg, Pb, Bi, Nd.



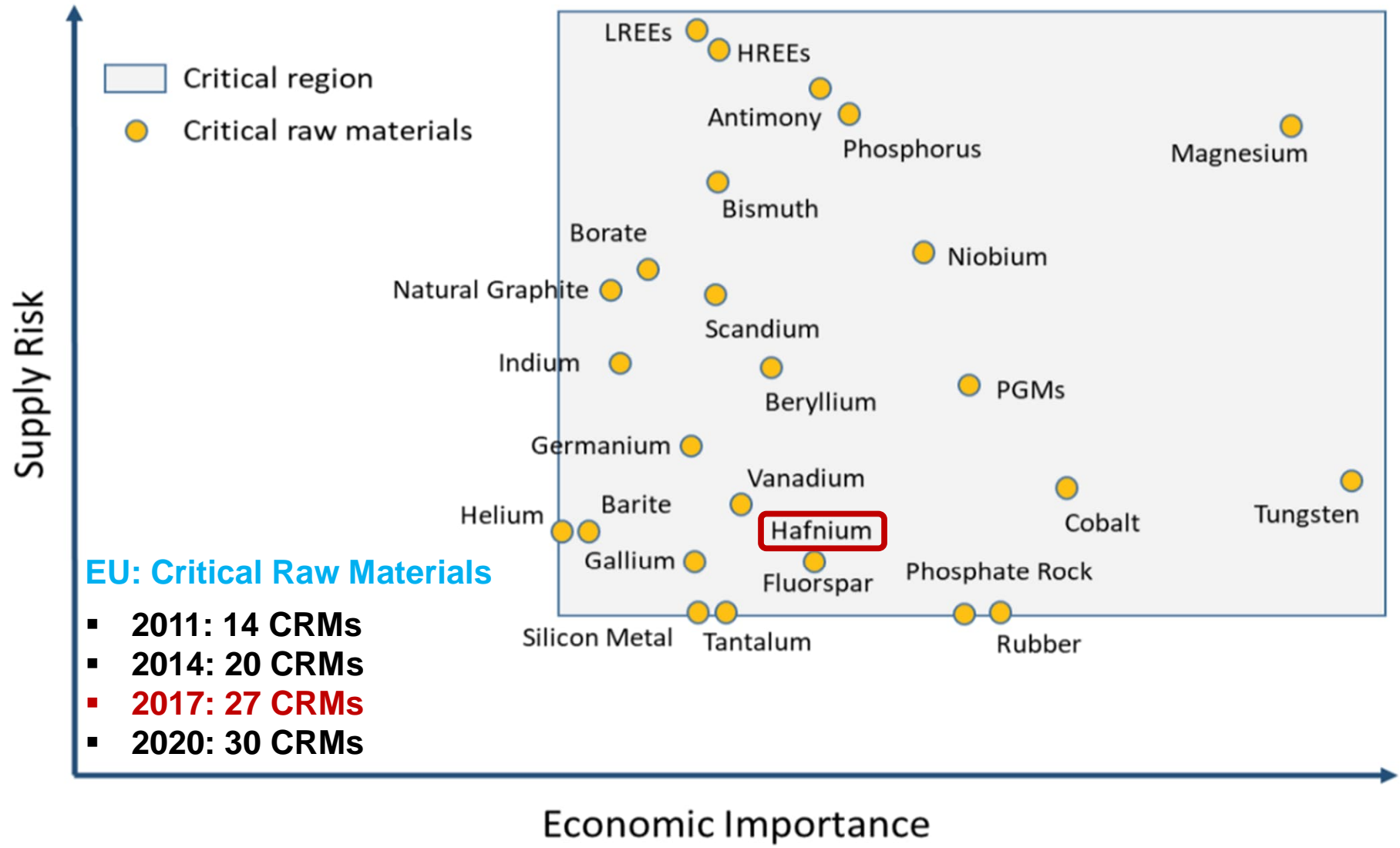
A mobile phone weighing 100 g contains:

- 13.7 g of copper
- 0.189 g of silver
- 0.028 g of gold
- 0.014 g of palladium



Courtesy of Dr Mike Pitts
Sustainability Manager

Source: Basel Convention, 2006; Lindholm (Nokia report), 2003



2023 Critical Raw Materials (*Strategic Raw Materials in italics*)

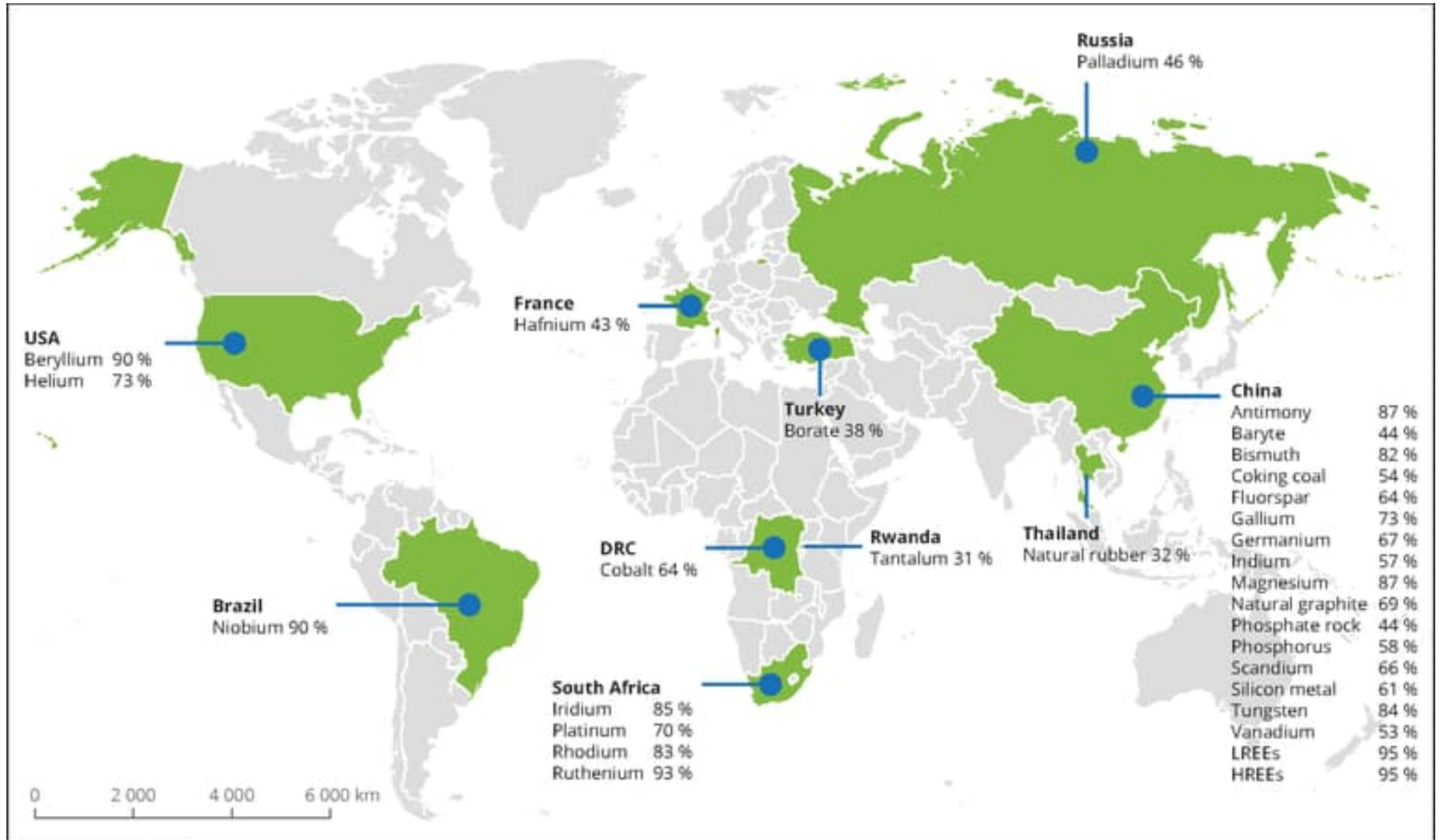
aluminium/bauxite	coking coal	<i>lithium</i>	phosphorus
antimony	feldspar	<i>LREE</i>	scandium
arsenic	fluorspar	<i>magnesium</i>	<i>silicon metal</i>
baryte	<i>gallium</i>	<i>manganese</i>	strontium
beryllium	<i>germanium</i>	<i>natural graphite</i>	tantalum
<i>bismuth</i>	hafnium	niobium	<i>titanium metal</i>
<i>boron/borate</i>	helium	<i>PGM</i>	<i>tungsten</i>
<i>cobalt</i>	<i>HREE</i>	phosphate rock	vanadium
		<i>copper*</i>	<i>nickel*</i>

* Copper and nickel do not meet the CRM thresholds, but are included as Strategic Raw Materials.

Nickel, being a Strategic Raw material, is the only battery material which has never been on the list because of good supply diversification for the assessed period. Assessment however neither reflects the concentration of ownership of the projects and production capacities, nor private contractual arrangements, which may become an issue for the future. Main global producers of ores and concentrates are Indonesia 26%, Philippines 14%, Russia 10%, New Caledonia 9%, Canada 8%, Australia 8% and several smaller producers; and EU sources 39% from Finland, 24% from Canada, 19% from Greece, 8% from South Africa, 4% from the US. Main refiners are China 33%, Indonesia 12%, Japan 9%, Russia 7% and several smaller producers; EU sources refined nickel from 29% from Russia, 18% from Finland, 11% from Norway, 7% from Canada, 7% from Australia, 4% from Greece and several smaller importers.

Copper, being a Strategic Raw material, is used in very large quantities of 20 Mt in 2020 for electrification across all strategic technologies. Its supply is very well diversified, therefore it has not been considered critical before. However, it is challenging to substitute due to its superior performance in electrical applications.

WHICH COUNTRIES PRODUCE THE CRM METALS (2020) ?



FROM WHICH COUNTRIES THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS/RAW MATERIALS COME TO EU CURRENTLY ?

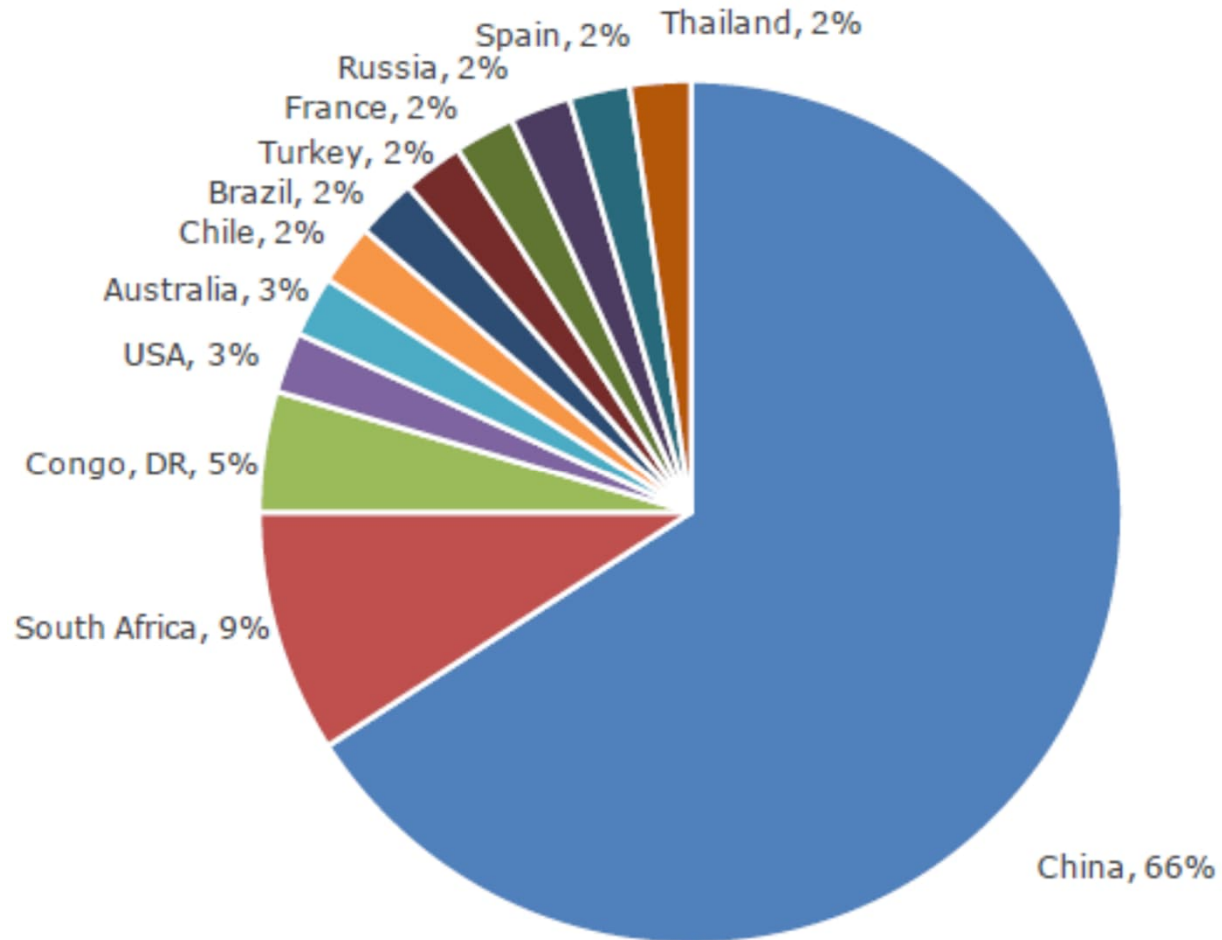
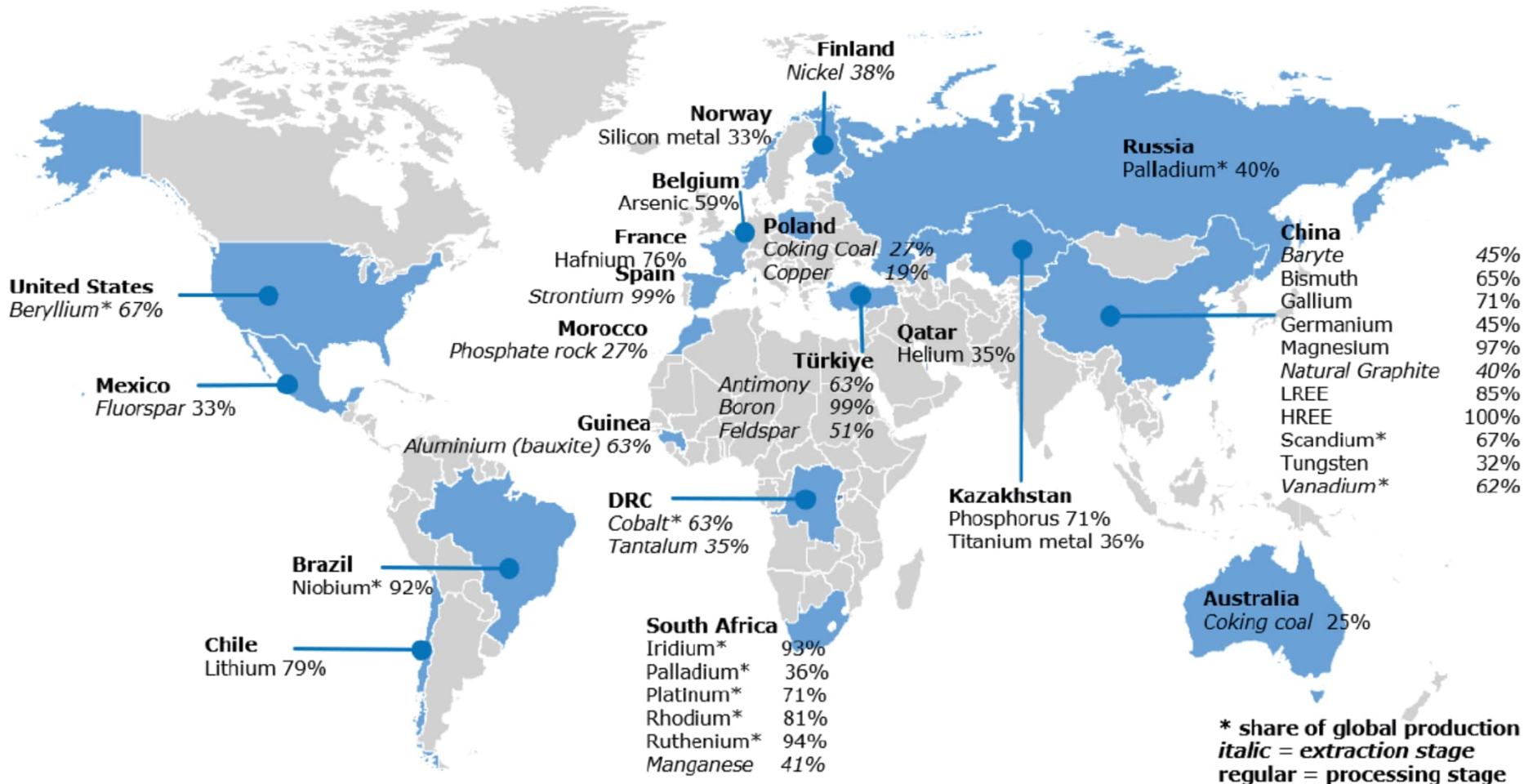
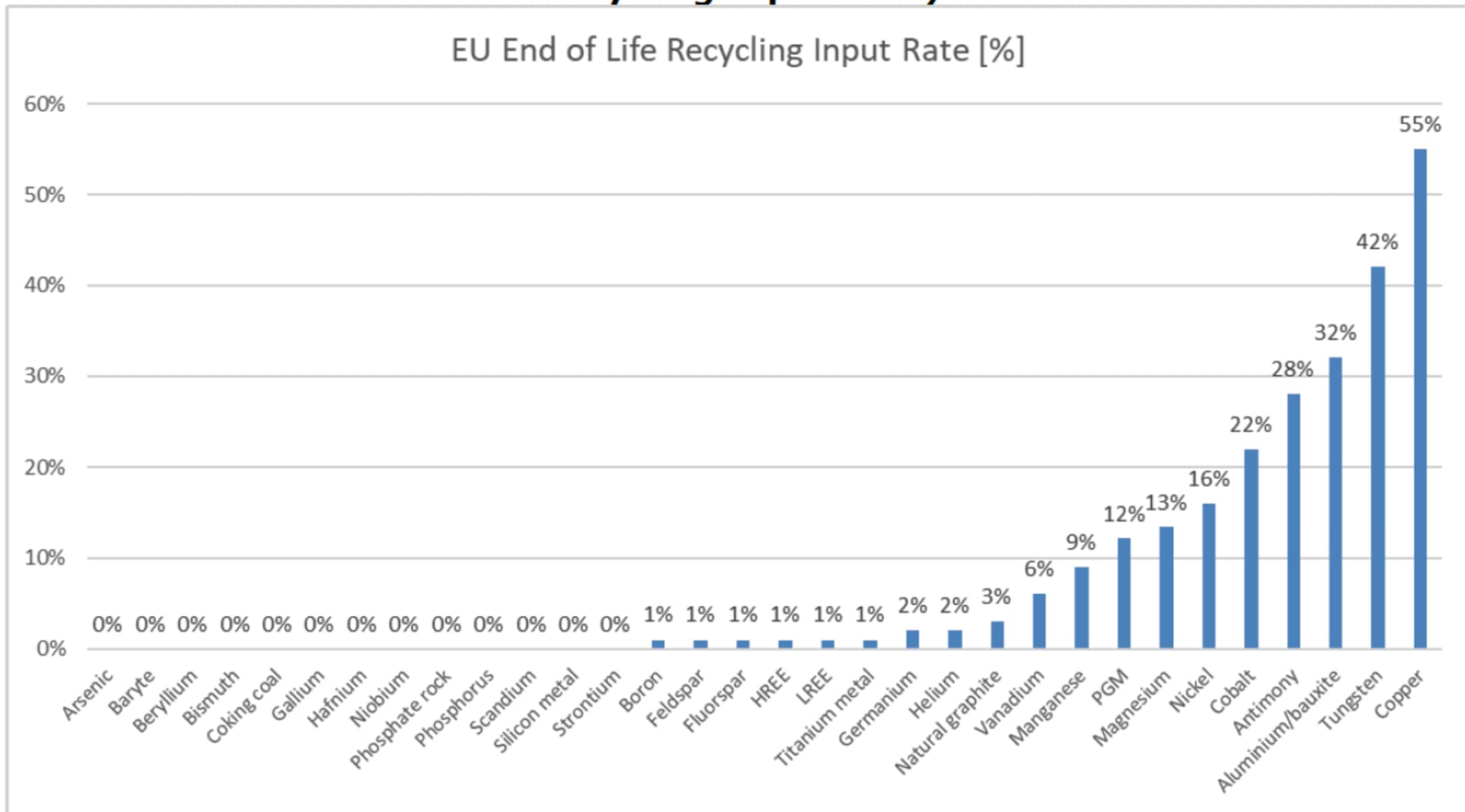


Figure D: Major EU suppliers of CRMs



Source: "European Commission, Study on the Critical Raw Materials for the EU 2023– Final Report"

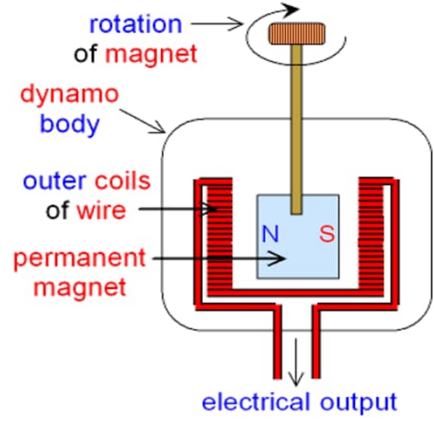
Figure F: Recycling's contribution to meeting materials demand (End of Life Recycling Input Rate)⁸



MATERIALS for ENERGY

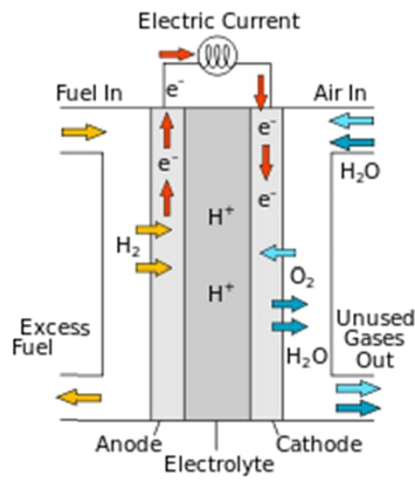
TURBINES: production of electricity from hydro, tidal, nuclear & fossil fuels

- REs (= Ln) for magnets
- (Cu), Ag, Au for wires



FUEL CELLS

- PEM: Pt, Pd; SOFC: Ni, Co, Ga, Ln

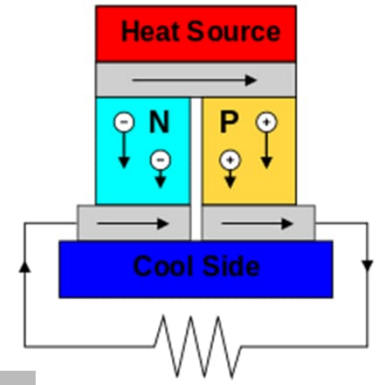


PHOTOVOLTAICS

- In, Ga, etc. ...

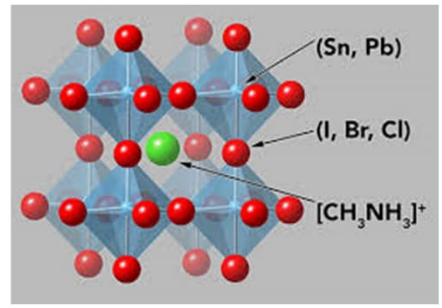
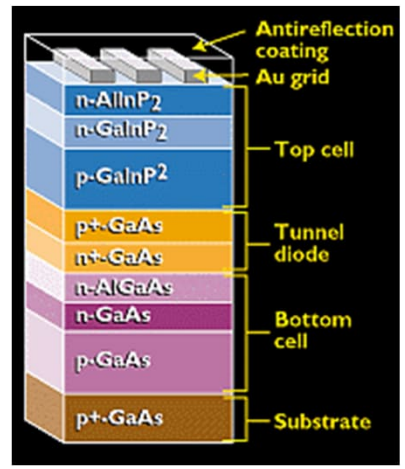
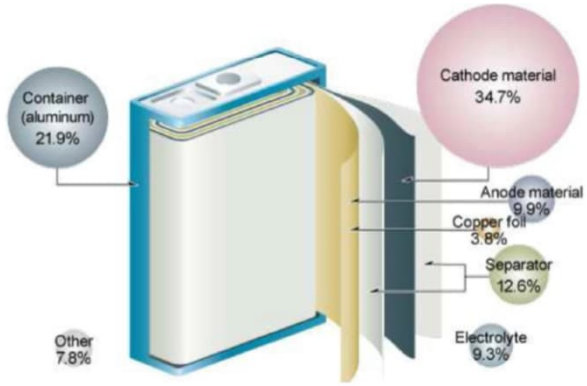
THERMOELECTRICS

- Bi, Te, Se, Co, etc.



BATTERIES

- Li, Co



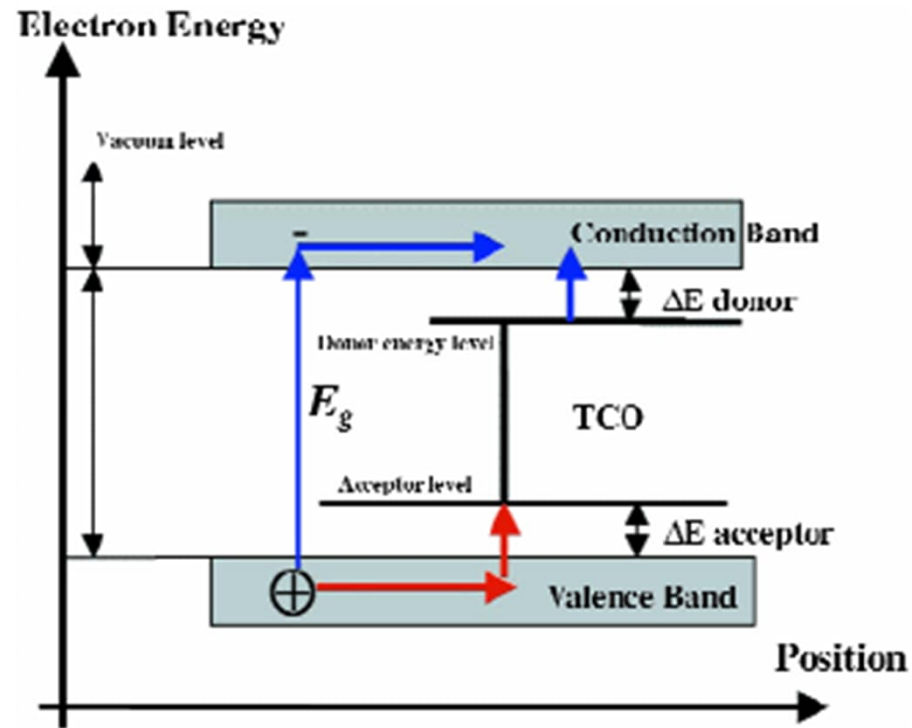
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ?

➤ Re-use & Re-cycle

➤ **Substitute critical by non-critical**



SUBSTITUTIONS



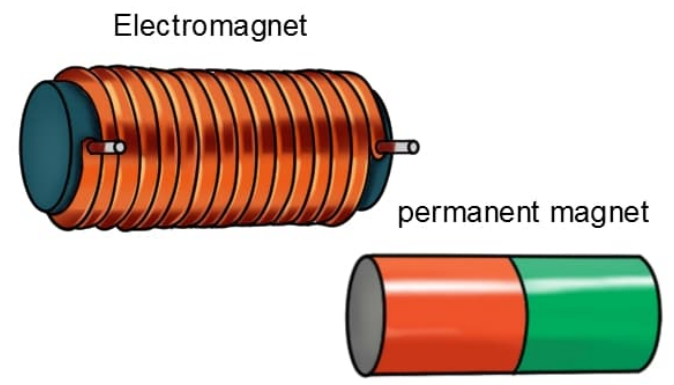
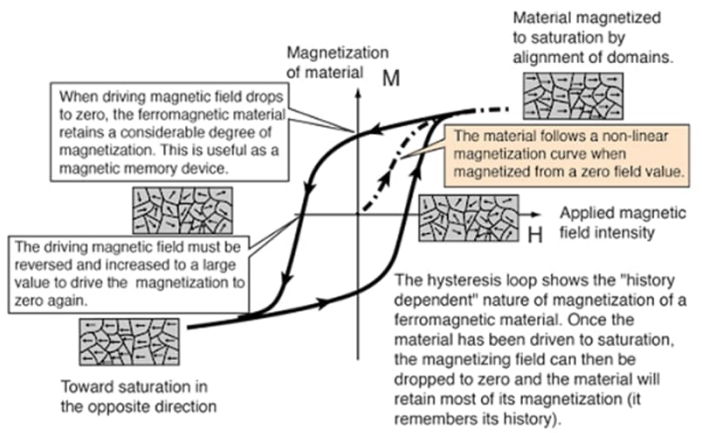
TRANSPARENT CONDUCTING OXIDES (TCOs)

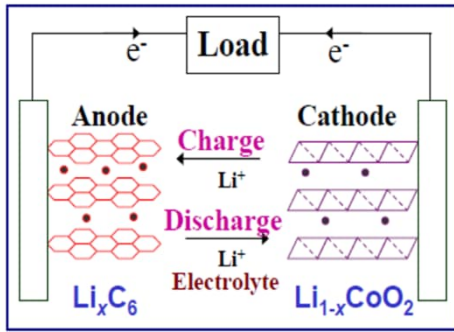
- ITO (In-Sn-O) is the current commercial leader, but the waste recovery is very much limited
- F-doped SnO_2 is a good candidate
- Al-doped ZnO would be a highly sustainable replacement

Strongest permanent magnets: $\text{Nd}_2\text{Fe}_{14}\text{B}$ & SmCo_5

“Non-Critical” ALTERNATIVES – Are there such ?

- REQUIREMENTS: Curie temperature, Magnetization, Coersivity
- AlNiCo: “best of the rest”
- $\epsilon\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ (difficult synthesis)
- Electromagnets





EC: ethylene carbonate

DEC: dimethyl carbonate

Cell: (-) C | LiPF₆-(EC+DEC) | LiCoO₂ (+)

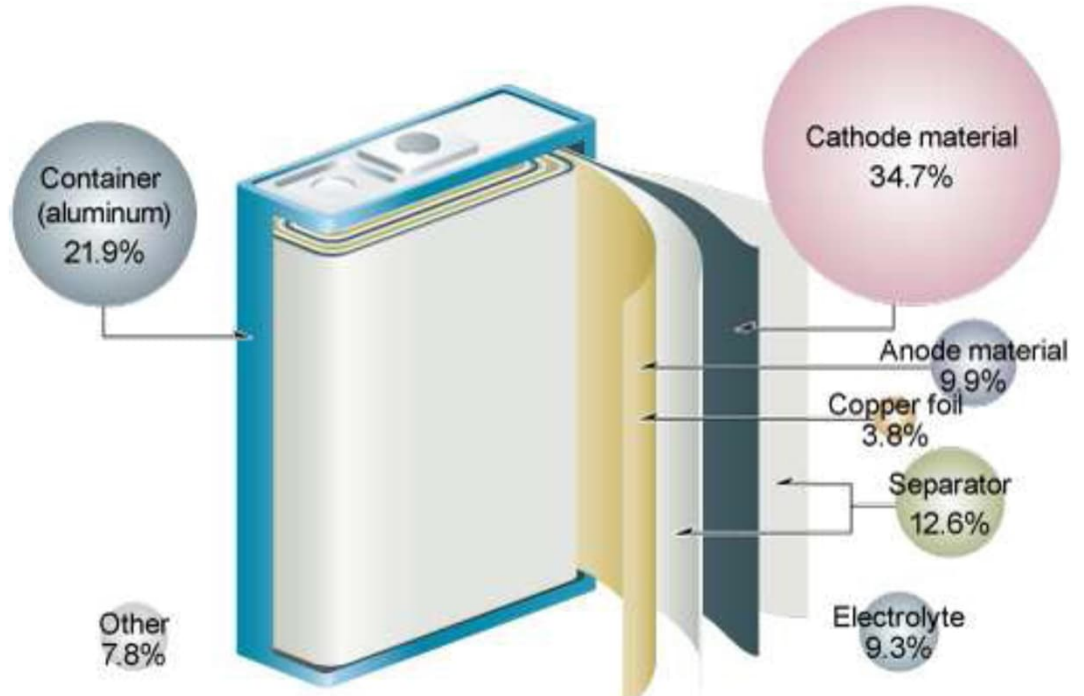
Cathode: $\text{LiCoO}_2 \xrightleftharpoons[\text{D}]{\text{C}} \text{Li}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2 + x\text{Li}^+ + xe^-$

Anode: $6\text{C} + x\text{Li}^+ + xe^- \xrightleftharpoons[\text{D}]{\text{C}} \text{Li}_x\text{C}_6$

Total: $\text{LiCoO}_2 + 6\text{C} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{D}]{\text{C}} \text{Li}_{1-x}\text{CoO}_2 + \text{Li}_x\text{C}_6$

Li-ion battery

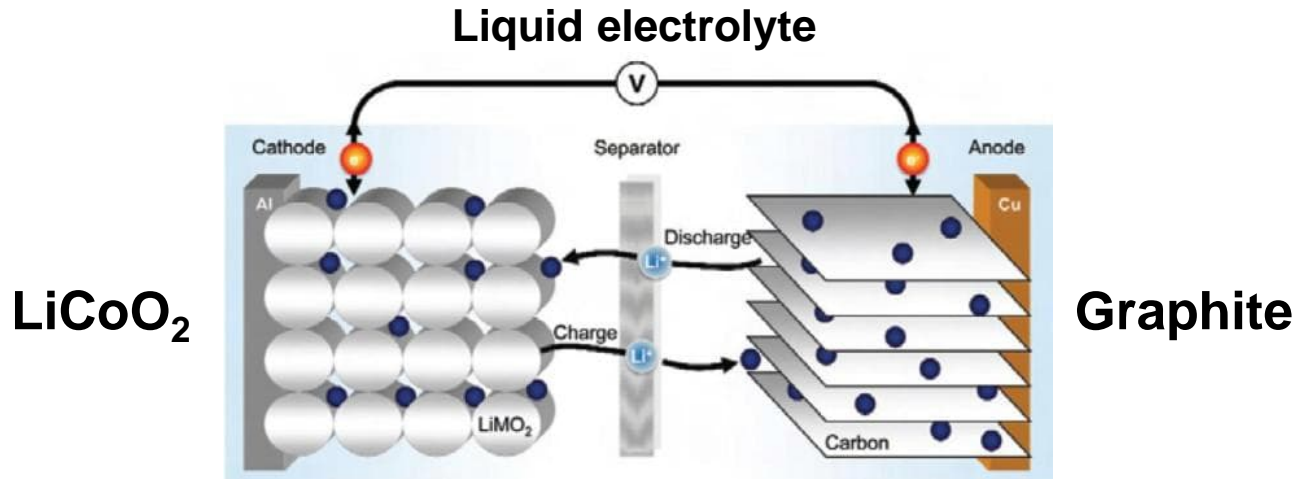
Cathode: **LiCoO₂**



PRESENT Li-ion battery MATERIAL VARIETY

(under intense research)

CATHODE	LiCoO₂ Li(Co,Ni,Mn)O₂ (raw mat., perfor.), LiMn₂O₄ , LiFePO₄ (safety)
ANODE	Graphite Silicon (energy density), Li₄Ti₅O₁₂ (safety)
ELECTRO- LYTE	LiPF₆ + ethylene carbonate solution Solid electrolytes (safety)



In 2030 one third of cars will be electric !

1 in 3

vehicles will be electric by 2030



Bloomberg New Energy Finance 2017

Paljonko litiumia tarvitaan?



Sähköauto

50–60 kg

litiumkarbonaatti
ekvivalentti /LCE



sokeri-
paketti: 1 kg



Hybridiauto

1 kg



Kannettava

115 g



sokeripala: 2,5 g



Tabletti

40 g



Puhelin

10 g



How much metals needed in 600 kg battery:

- 8 kg Li
- 7 kg Co
- 50 kg Ni



**60 % of cobalt in
the world is mined
in Republic of Congo**

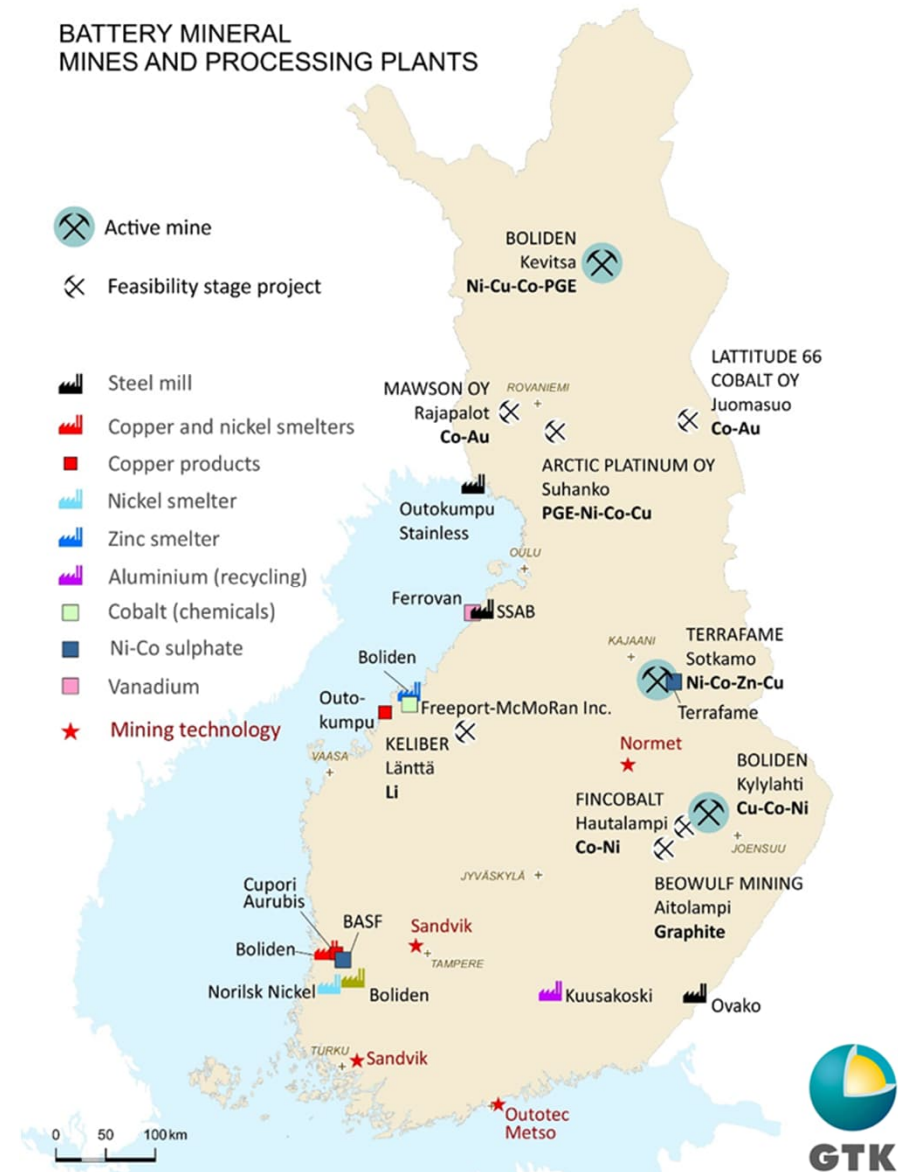


Cobalt mining place in Congo close
to Kasulo. Valokuvat: Siddharth Kara

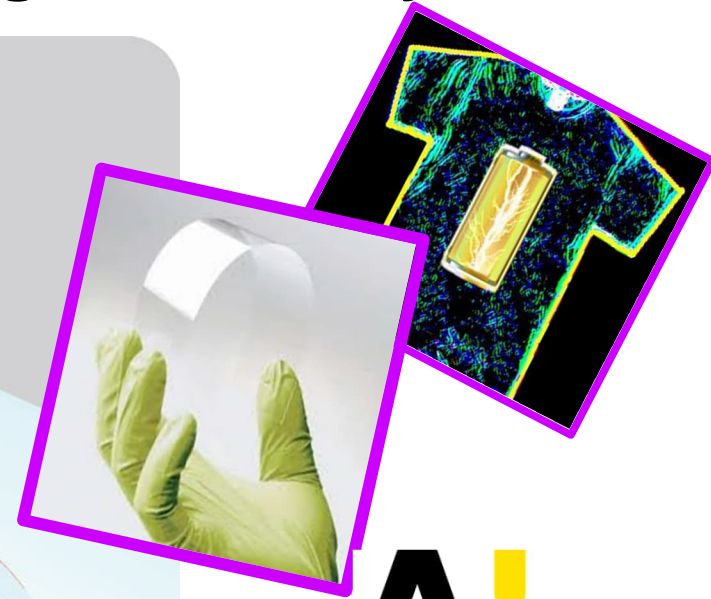
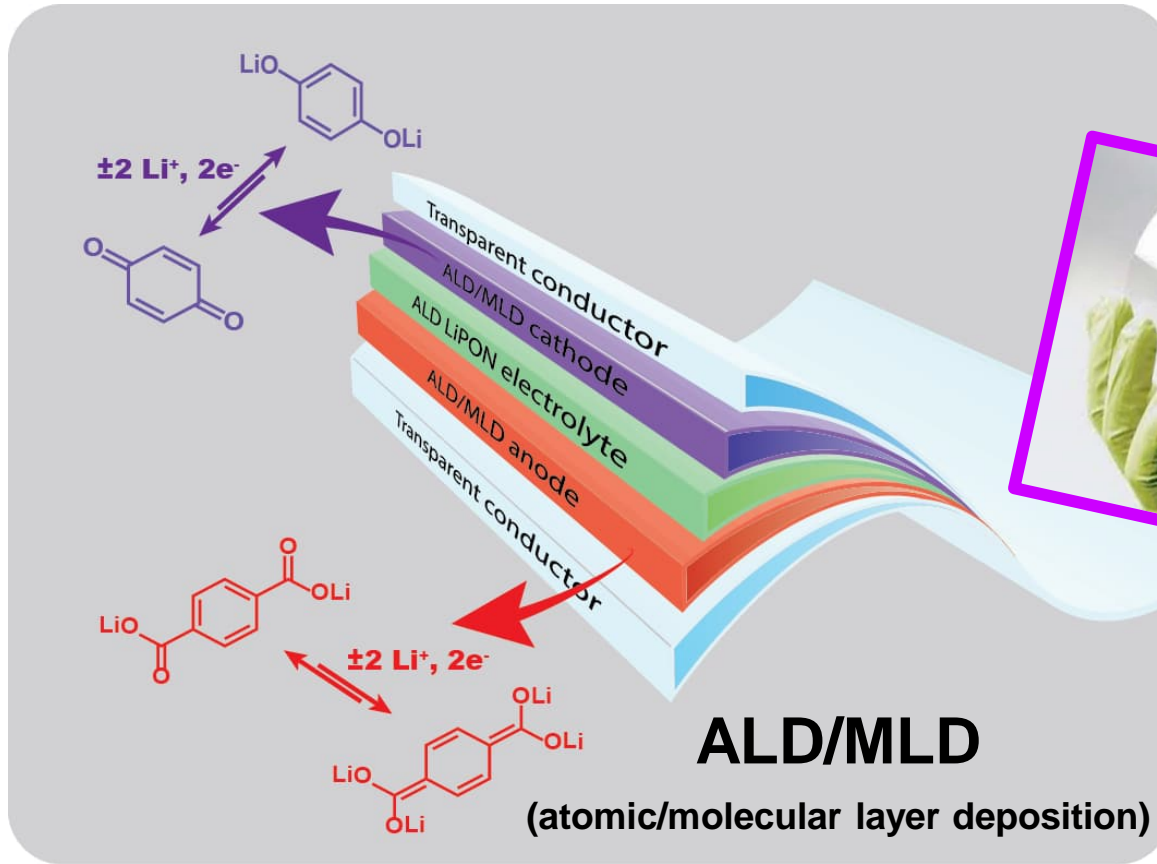
Battery Minerals in FINLAND

- Mining: Ni, Cu, Co
- Refining: **Co (13 %)**, Ni, Cu
- Planned mining/refining: **Li, Co (→ 2-4 %)**

“Ethical Cobalt/Metals”



Flexible safe “metal-sparing” Li-organic battery



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