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Understanding the Minerals Wild West

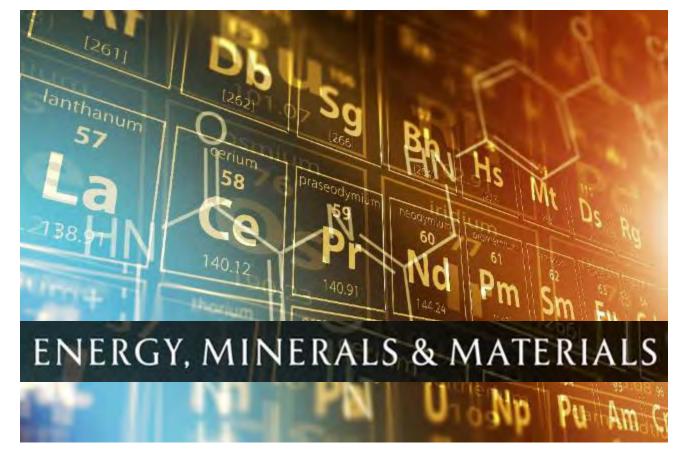


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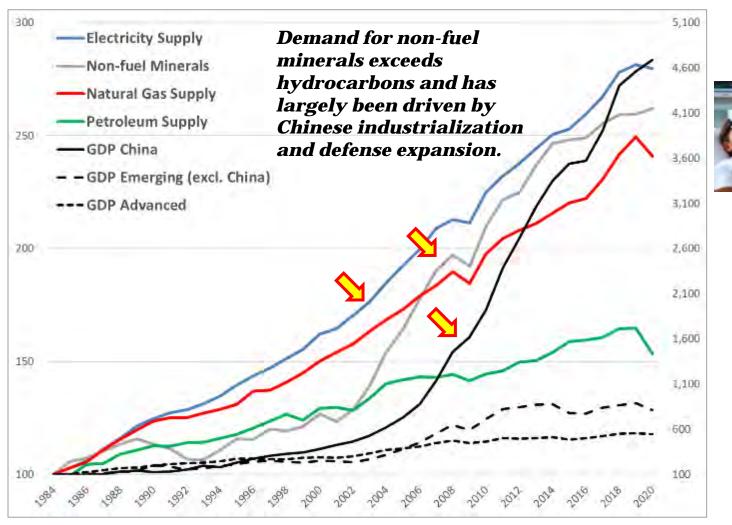
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Backdrop

It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world.

Where We Stand, I



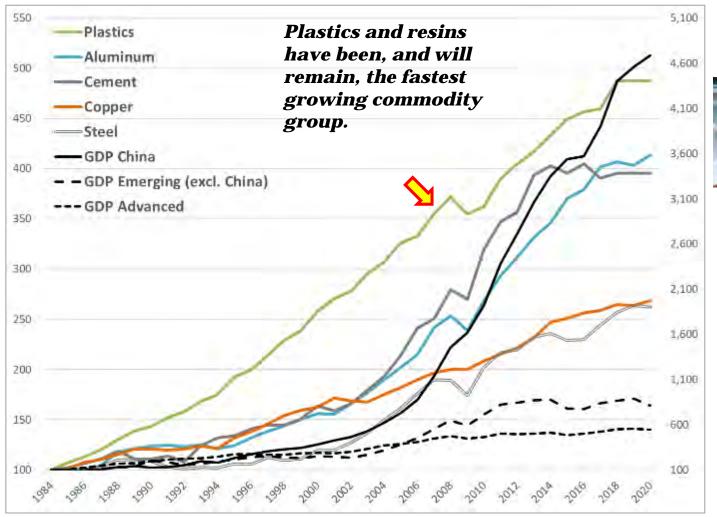


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Where We Stand, II

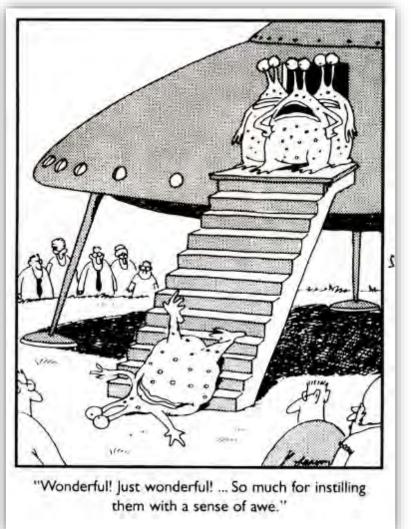


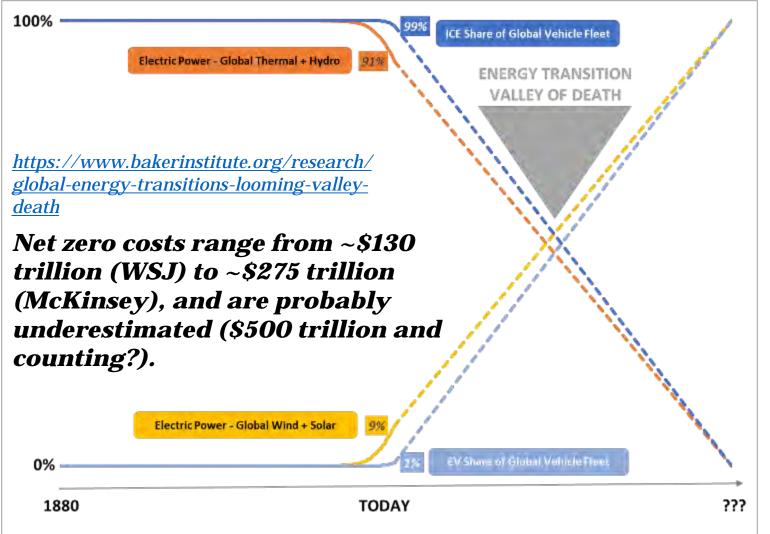


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The Energy Transition(s) Valley(s) of Death



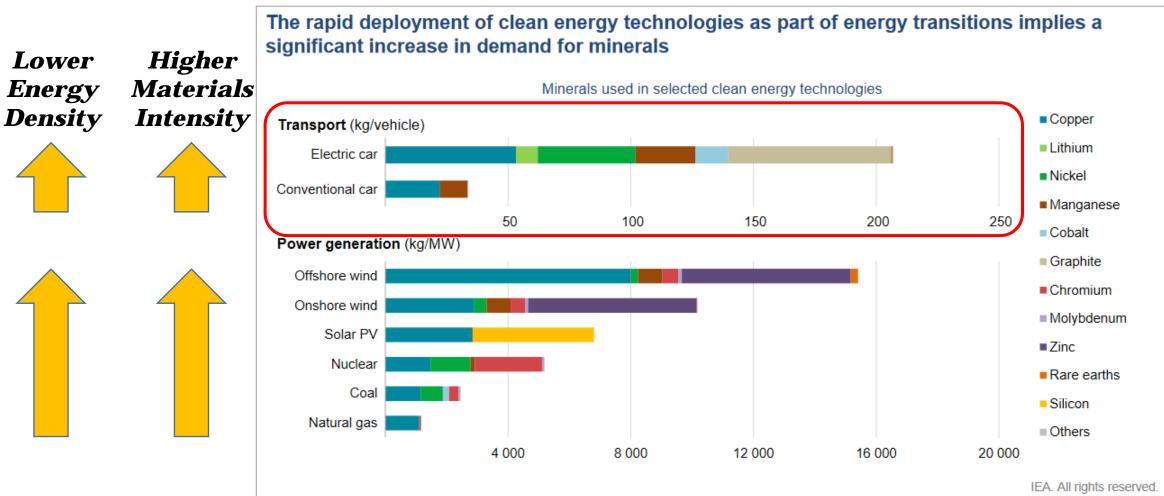




Collins and Michot Foss, based on various sources. Gary Larsen cartoon image from Pinterest.

The Bet: We can trade off energy density with minerals/materials intensity and come out ahead.





Notes: kg = kilogramme; MW = megawatt. Steel and aluminium not included. See Chapter 1 and Annex for details on the assumptions and methodologies.

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<u>https://www.iea.org/reports/the-role-of-critical-minerals-in-</u> <u>clean-energy-transitions</u> Note – author was a peer reviewer.

Upside Down Renewables

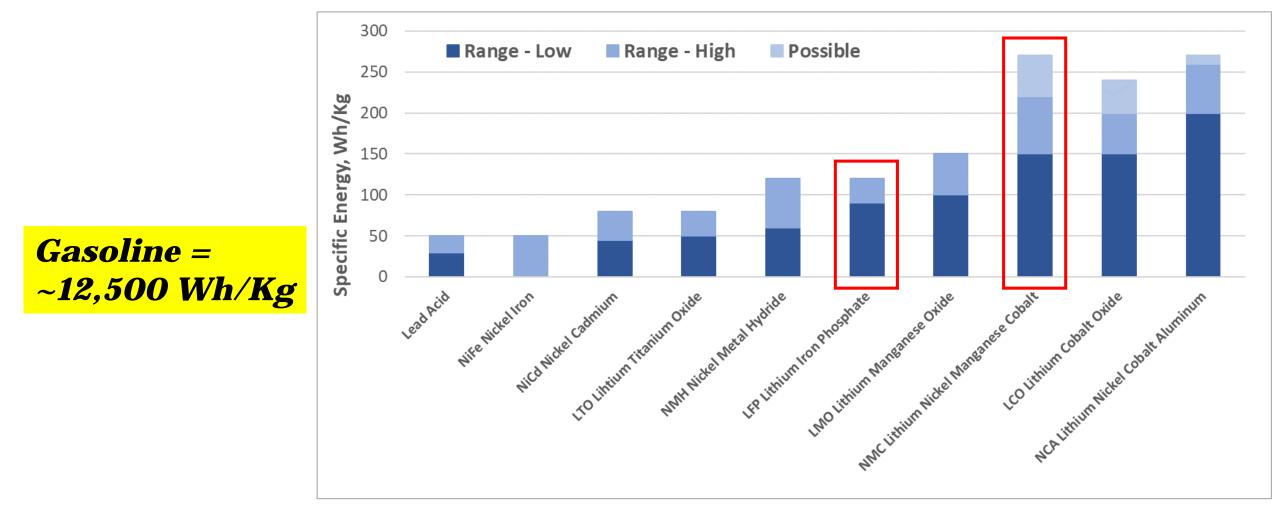


Energy Source	Number of Generators	Number of Generation Locations	Generation per Location ('000 MWh)	Share of U.S. Power Generation	Median Footprint
	6,020 thermal				
Natural Gas	units	1,793	906	40.5%	310
Nuclear	96 reactors	55	14,361	19.7%	5
Coal	668 thermal units	244	3,170	19.3%	1,203
Wind (USGS)	78,008 turbines	1,422	238	8.4%	11,907
Hydro	4,014 dams	153	1,865	7.1%	647
Solar PV (grid)	Unknown	4,599	19	2.1%	1,974
Wood		332	109	0.9%	47,048
Geothermal		170	93	0.4%	46
Solar CSP		18	174	0.1%	1,319

At least two analyses put footprint – land use from sourcing to installation and refueling – of wind, solar, wood (biomass) as exceeding fossil fuels and nuclear. NOTE – uranium nuclear fuel is almost entirely sourced abroad. Data from US EIA and USGS wind database, compiled by author. See: https://docs.wind-watch.org/US-footprints-Strata-2017.pdf https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0270155#sec009%20.

Commercial Battery Chemistries

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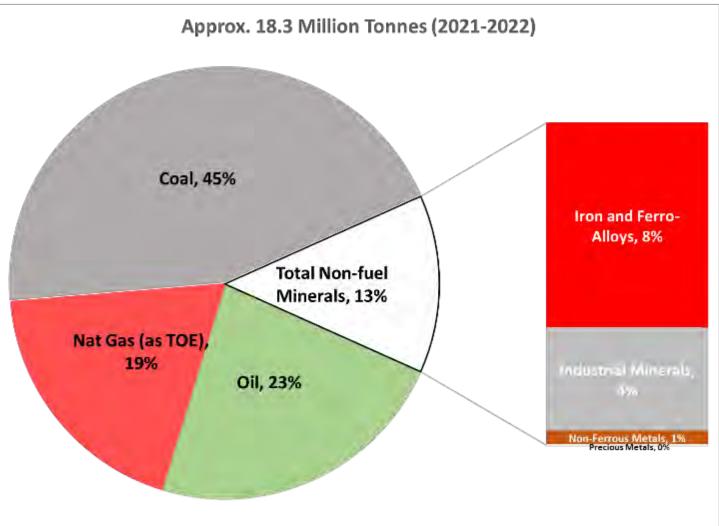
Author using various sources including Sherritt International and Battery University

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Fuel and Non-fuel Minerals Output



- In "net zero" scenarios both the energy equivalent **AND** intrinsic energy storage attributes of fossil fuels must replaced.
- Battery metals and materials
 ONLY provide energy storage.
- Energy must be provided from other sources in the equivalent of fossil fuels commitments **IF** fossil fuels are to be displaced.
- **ALL** non-fuel minerals will be needed, not just battery metals and materials.
- See WMD for nf minerals classifications.



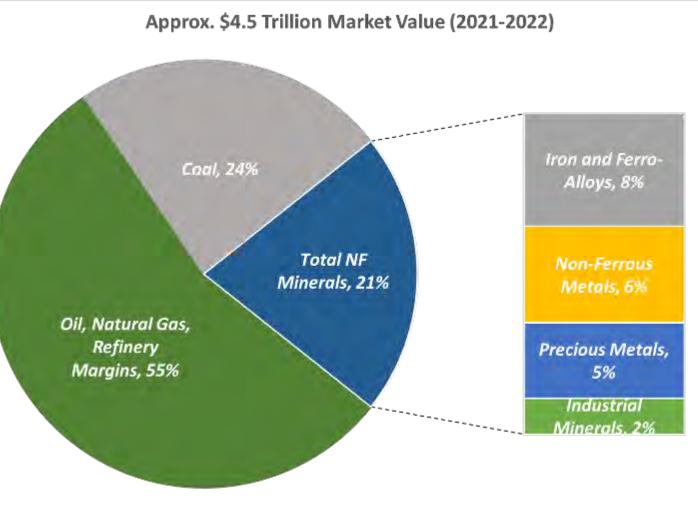
MM Foss using BP, WMD, EIA and other. TOE is tonnes of oil equivalent. Work in progress. Note that ~20% of oil and gas is directed to materials. Excludes bauxite.

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Fuel and Non-fuel Minerals Market Values



- Much of mining industry cash flow derives from...**COAL**!
- The total value of all mined non-fuel minerals is 21% of the total market value of fuel and non-fuel commodities together, based on 2021 production and 2022 market values of ~\$3.5 trillion.
- Miners and sovereigns aspire to replace oil in value, but...
- ...hydrocarbons remain vital for ongoing energy and materials needs, and...
- ...there is no effective producer association (OPEC) for nf minerals (past attempts failed).



MM Foss using BP, WMD, EIA and other. Work in progress. Note that market values are for crude oil, natural gas and average refining margins. Excludes bauxite.

2015-2020 actuals (total minerals supply) based on CES baseline. Demand multipliers from BNEF. Plastics estimated by author.

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All of the growth fit to print...

0.0

Ni (nickel)

Al (aluminum)

2.0

1.1

1.1

4.0

- Demand multipliers reflect growth **ONLY** from EV production.
- BNEF expects **passenger** ulletEVs to grow from 53% to 67% of battery market in 2030, with other EVs at 24% and nontransport use (incl. stationary storage) 9%.
- Metals for batteries could • "crowd out" metals for other uses.

5.0 supply P (phosphorus) 0.9 8.2 chains can 5.0 Fe (iron) 1.1 8.2 support. 3.9 Cu (copper) 1.0 7.9 3.4 2015-2020 Battery Demand Graphite (carbon) 0.9 5.4 Multipliers 3.7 2015-2020 Actual Supply Growth Li (lithium) 2.6 7.3 Multipliers 2020-2030 Projected Battery Co (cobalt) 1.1 **Demand Multipliers** 2.9 Mn (manganese) 0.9 Plastics 1.08 6

6.0

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7.4



12.0

...but only

as fast as

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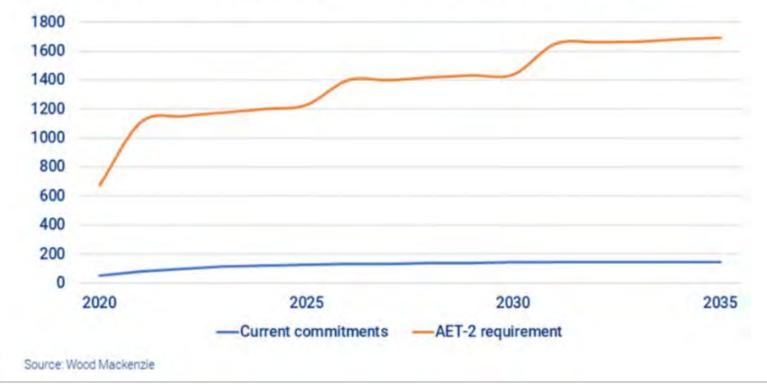
Minerals Investment Context



- "These heady growth scenarios will double the aluminum, copper and nickel market over the next 20 years. For cobalt and lithium, supply will have to rise five-fold over the same period."
- Investors funneled only **\$600 billion** to increasing lithium, cobalt, nickel, aluminum and copper production from 2005 to 2020.
- For an accelerated energy transition, Wood Mackenzie predicts nearly three times more investment, nearly \$1.7 trillion, is required to increase supplies of these metals by 2035.
- This level of investment has yet to materialize and there are serious concerns that it ever will.

More than \$1 trillion of investment is needed in key energy transition metals by 2035

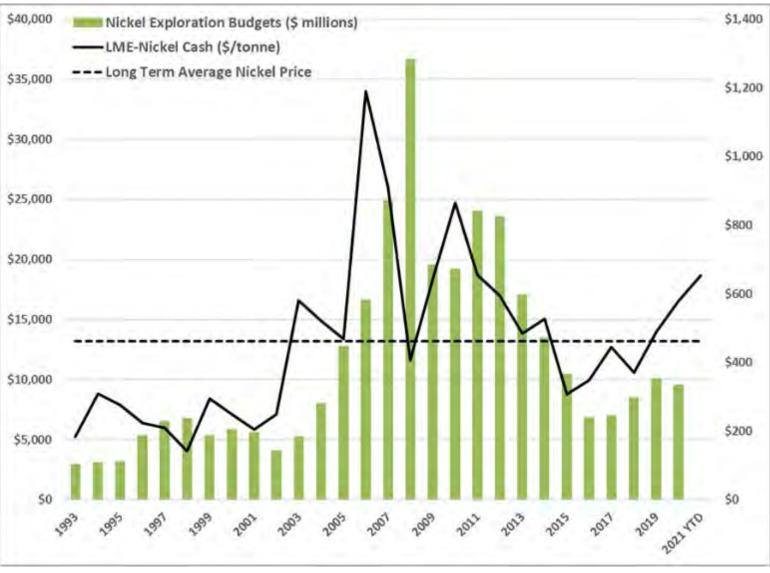
Cumulative capex: current commitments and AET-2 scenario requirements, US\$bn



<u>https://www.woodmac.com/news/opinion/faster-</u> <u>decarbonisation-and-mining-a-crisis-of-confidence-or-capital/</u>

Follow the Money: Nickel Example

Exploration budgets are contingent on riskweighted expected returns, sensitive to price.



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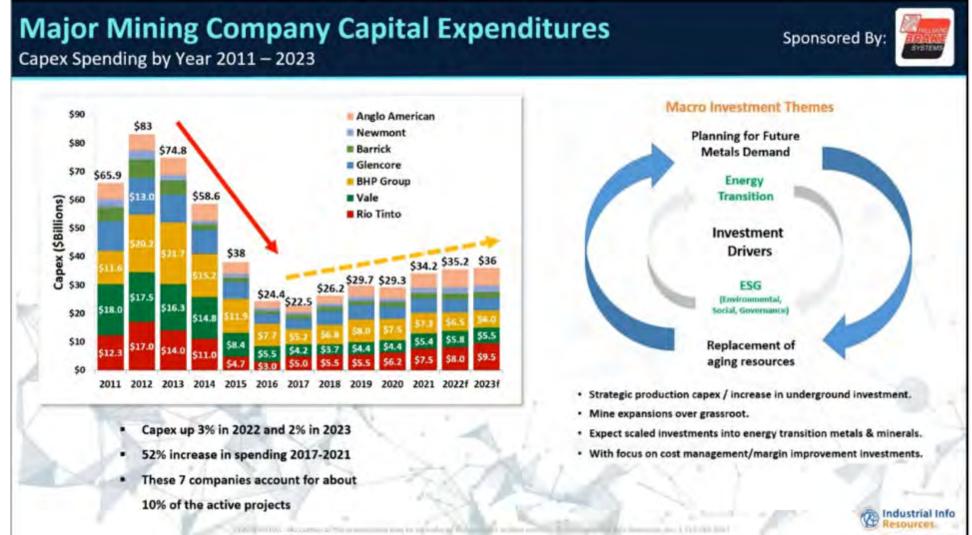
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An undercapitalized industry struggles to spend...





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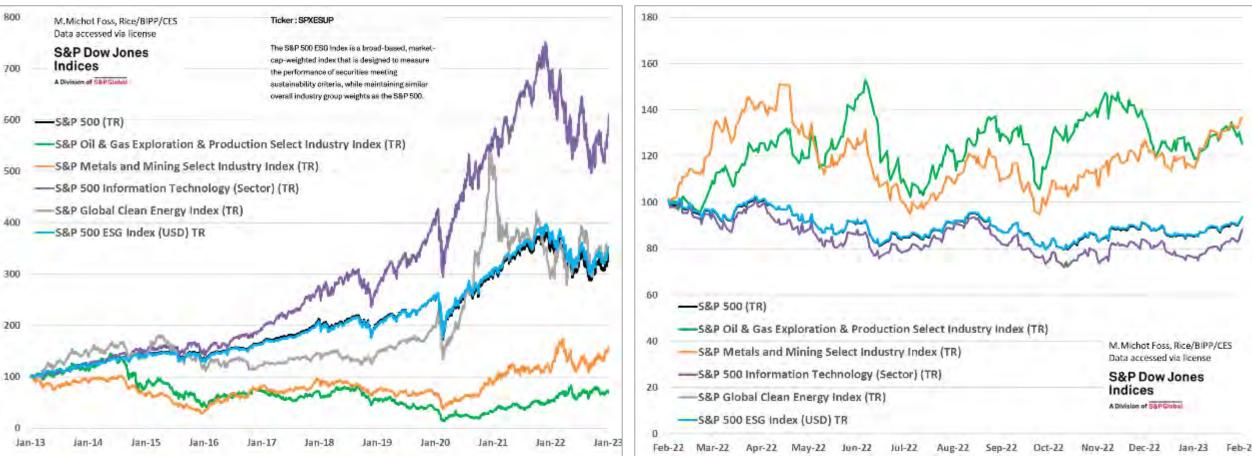
...while investors struggle to stick with the (net zero, ESG) program.



*The Revenge of the Old Economy

10-Year Total Return

1-Year Total Return



*Jeff Currie, for FT, Oct 21, 2021 <u>https://www.ft.com/content/c7732d53-2e34-4fde-b5fb-6f45f114111f</u>



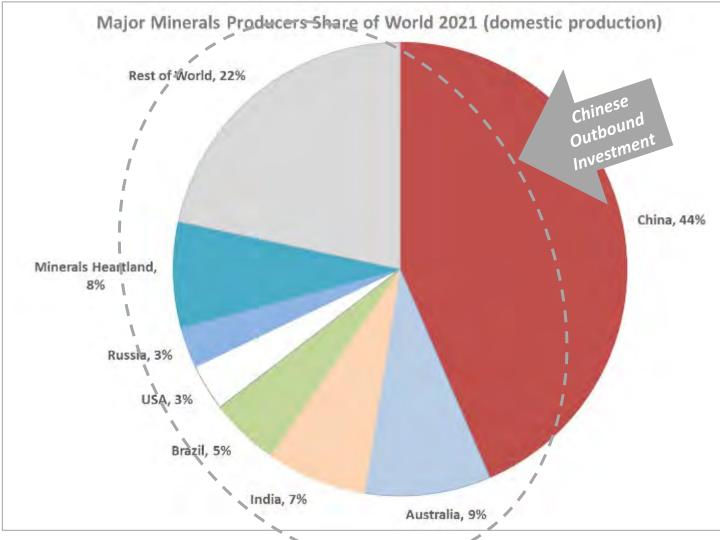
What's in a name?

Critical Minerals/Mining Industry Challenges

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Who's on first?





China controls:

- More than 90% each of gallium and germanium;
- 80% of rare earth materials with new SOE;
- 70% of graphite/graphene;
- 60% of lithium;
- Nearly 60% of vanadium;
- 41% of indium;
- 36% of cobalt;
- 50% or more of copper refining with comparable shares for other metals;
- International trade (copper, lithium, nickel and other);
- ~60% of wind turbines manufacturing;
- ~70% of solar PV output;
- ~70-80% or more (90+% of announced) of large format battery manufacturing capacity (NMC, LFP).

Chart based on USGS as compiled by CES, Minerals Heartland is Africa, Middle East, Central Asia; China shares based on FP Analytics and other sources as compiled by CES

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How Battery Mfg Capacity Stacks Up

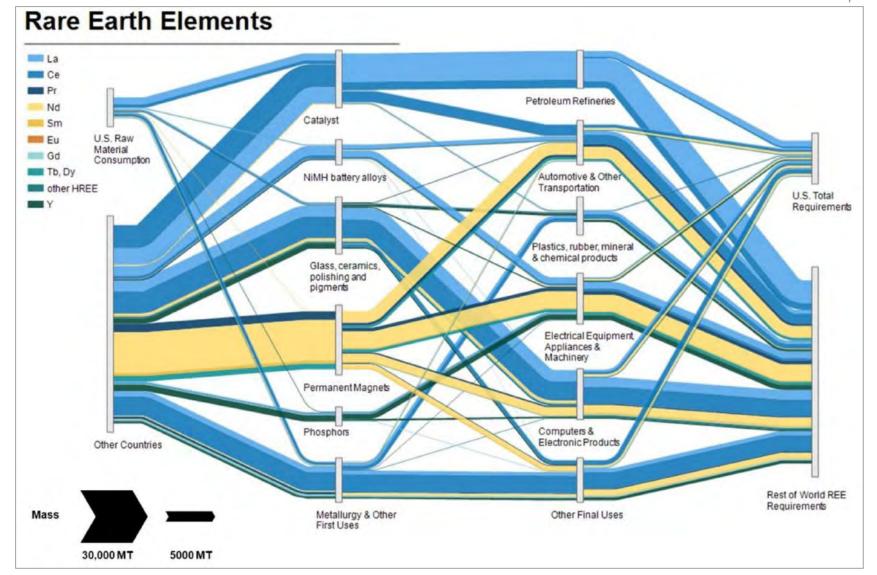


	World	China	China Share of World
NMC Chemistry (where known)			
Fully Commissioned	368	257	70%
Under Construction	299	252	84%
Announced	502	502	100%
% NMC of World, China Total Battery Chemistries (based on Table 2)			
Fully Commissioned	55%	50%	
Under Construction	31%	30%	
Announced	27%	63%	
LFP Chemistry (where known)			
Fully Commissioned	89	85	96%
Under Construction	164	164	100%
Announced	77	74	97%
% LFP of World, China Total Battery Chemistries (based on Table 2)			
Fully Commissioned	13%	16%	
Under Construction	17%	20%	
Announced	4%	9%	

Source: Compiled by authors using BNEF inventory, accessed via license. https://www.bakerinstitute.org/sites/default/files/2022-04/import/research-paper-nickel-041122.pdf

Closer Look: REE

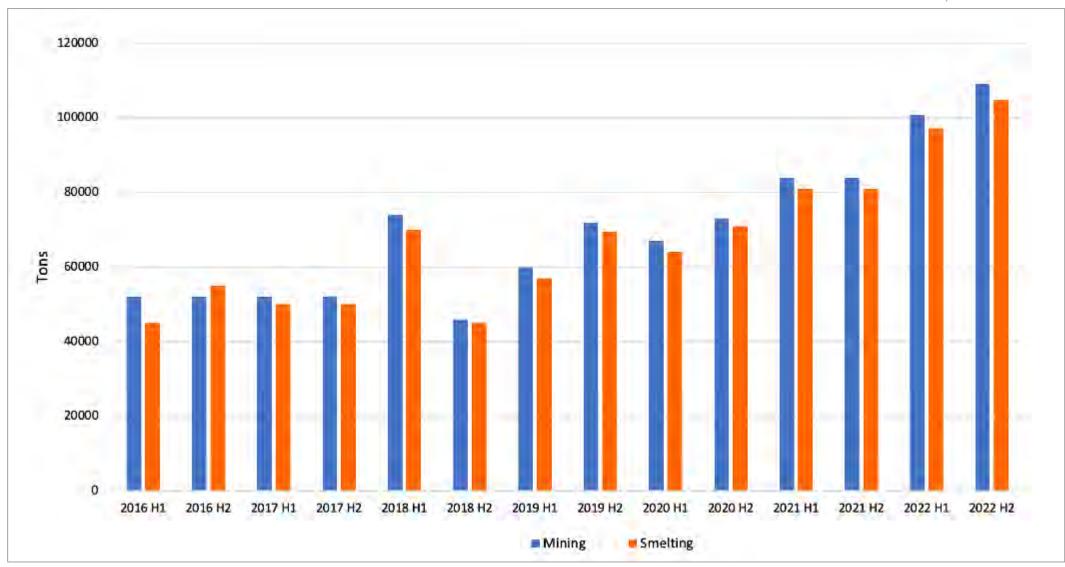
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Elonso, et al., 2015 data, <u>https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jiec.13354</u>

China REE: The Power of Quotas





https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research/chinese-behemoths-what-chinas-rare-earths-dominance-means-us

China REE: Monoliths

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Entity	Subscribed Capital	ital Shares Rati	
SASAC (State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council)	RMB 31.21 million	31.21%	
CHINALCO	RMB 20.33 million	20.33%	
China Minmetals Co.	RMB 20.33 million	20.33%	
China Southern Rare Earth Group	RMB 20.33 million	20.33%	
China Iron & Steel Research Institute Group	RMB 3.9 million	3.9%	
Grinm Group Co.	RMB 3.9 million	3.9%	

Policy	Global Supply	International Price	Chinese Price	Resilience
Illegal mining and export	Increase	Decrease (Negative effect)	Decrease (Negative effect)	Improve/strengthen
Chinese environmental regulations	Weaken	Increase (Positive effect)	Increase (Positive effect)	Demote/weaken
Consolidation of rare earth enterprises	Weaken	Increase (Positive effect)	Increase (Positive effect)	Demote/weaken
State-sponsored stockpiling	Weaken	Increase (Positive effect)	Increase (Positive effect)	Demote/weaken

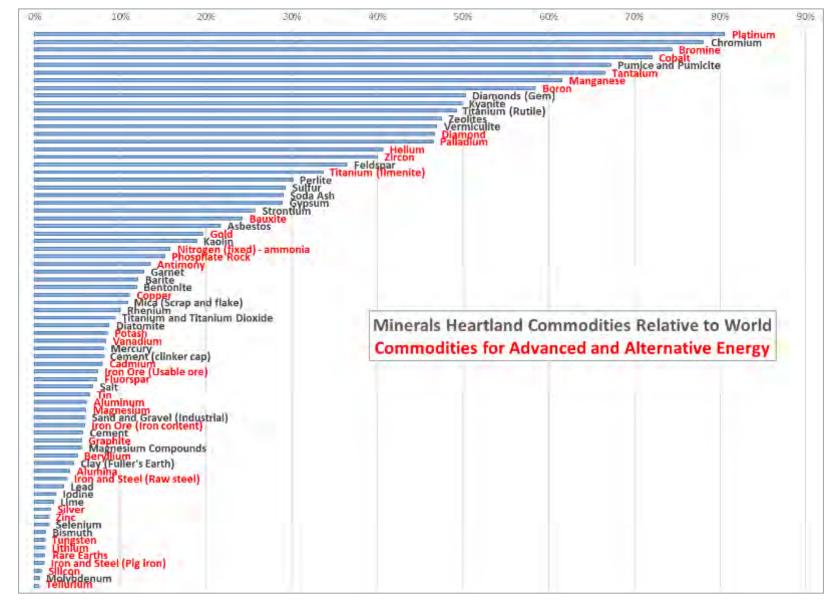
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New Turf

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From KSA to UAE, the Gulf region, through Central Asia and across Africa, big ambitions.

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FSO Watch List Raw Materials Sourcing Cycle: Common Challenges

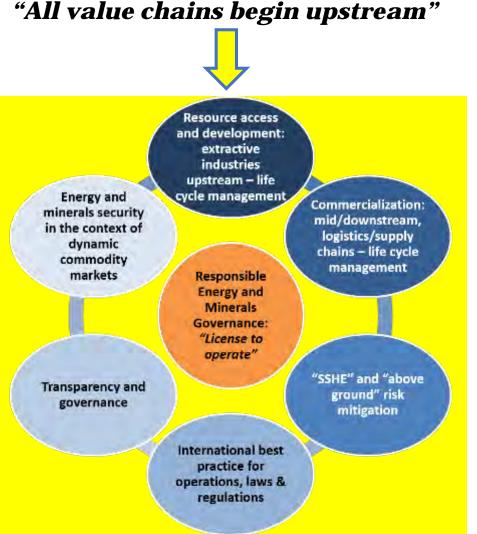
Build cognizance of supply chain and life cycle risks and uncertainties

- From raw materials *sourcing* to ultimate *end of life* management
- Attend to *economic, environmental, geopolitical security risks and uncertainties*
- Technology and policy approaches for *responsible development and use*
- Can it be done profitably???



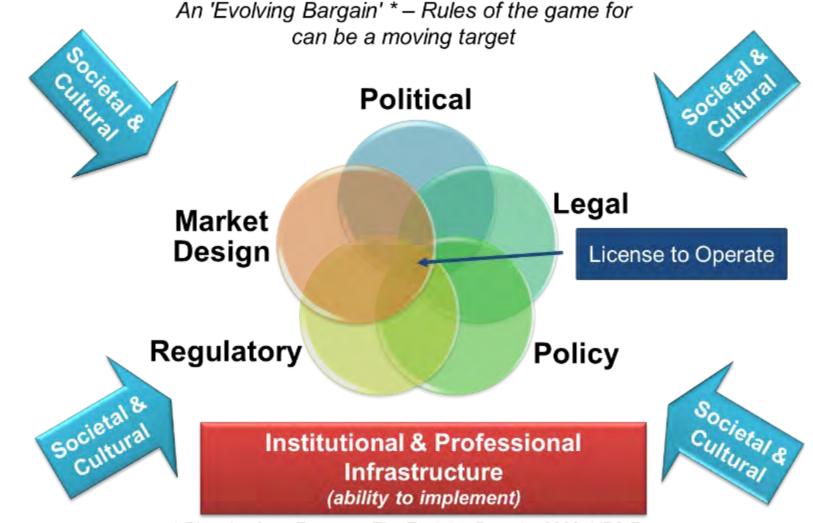






Commercial Frameworks



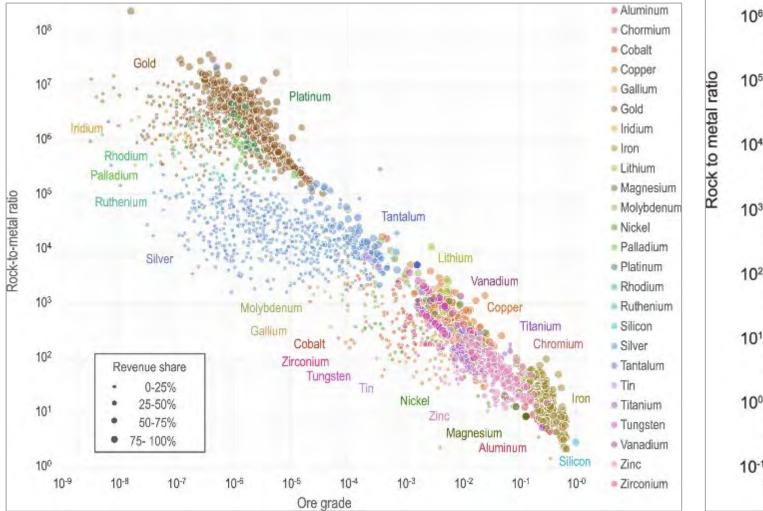


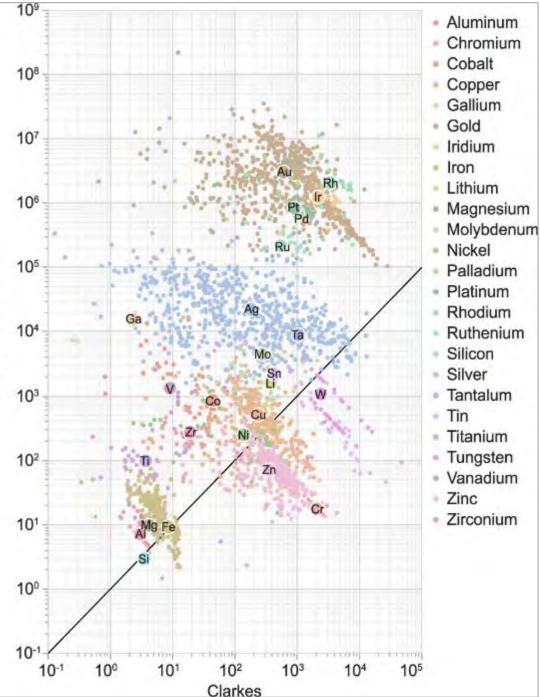
* Phrasing from Emmons, The Evolving Bargain, 2000, HBS Press

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Challenge of Minerals Occurrence

Rock-to-Metal Ratio, Nassar, et al, *Environmental Science & Technology* **2022** *56* (10), 6710-6721, DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.1c07875



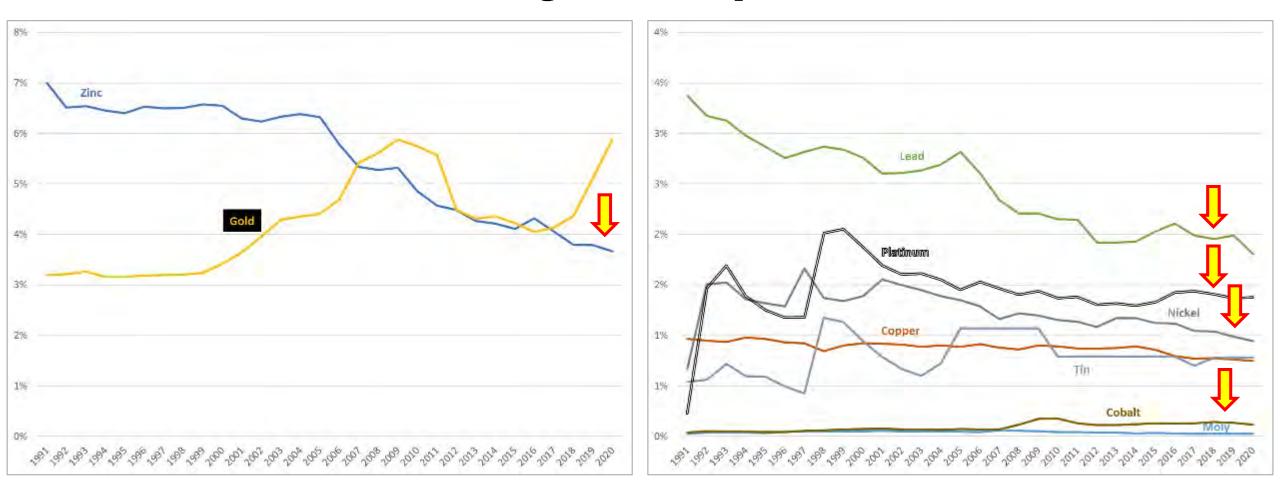


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Challenge of Commercialization



Historical head grades from operational data.



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Challenge of Waste

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See nickel case study in <u>Lagniappe</u>

"The world is full of red muds." Yet-Min Chiang, MIT @ DOE ARPA-E summit, May 2022, Denver.

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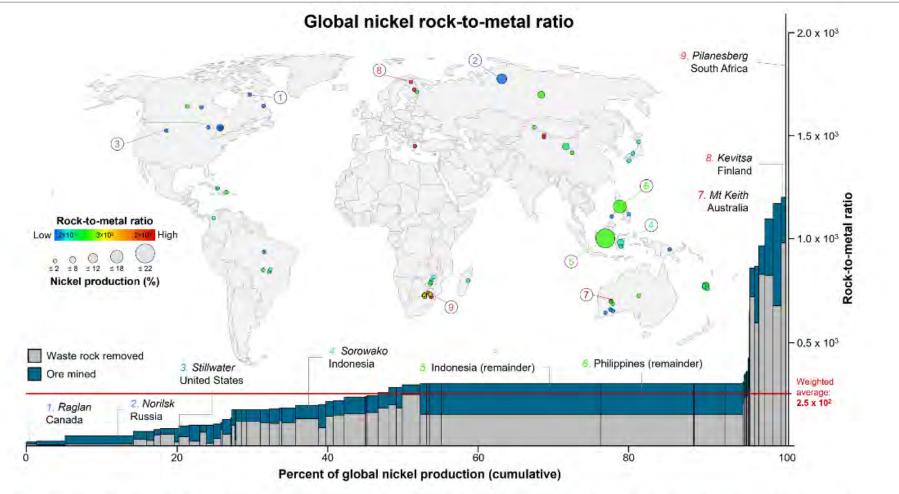
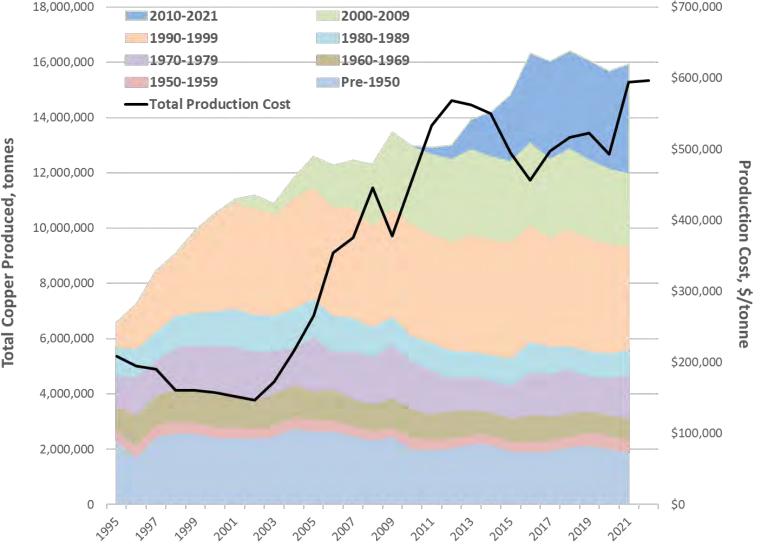


Figure S14. Map of the global distribution of nickel operations and bar plot of cumulative share of total global nickel production. Each individual operation is plotted as a single circle on the map and single bar on the plot. The colors of the circles indicate individual rock-to-metal ratios (RMRs), which range from a low of 1.5×10^{1} to a high of 2.1×10^{3} and yield a global RMR of 2.5×10^{2} (n = 69). The sizes of the circles are proportional to an operation's share (in percent) of total global nickel production, which range from a low of 0.01% to a high of 2.1% for a total global coverage of 100% of 2018 global nickel production reported by the U.S. Geological Survey.¹⁶ Operations are ordered from lowest to highest RMR on the bar plot.

Challenge of Sustaining Supply: Copper

- Vintaged copper supply stack captures ~80% global production.
- Nearly 40% of current output is from assets older than 1990.
- Many of these are not "ESG compliant".
- Many of the largest, older assets remain in operation because decommissioning not practical.
- As assets age, ore grades decline, paid metal to waste, rock to metal ratios deteriorate.



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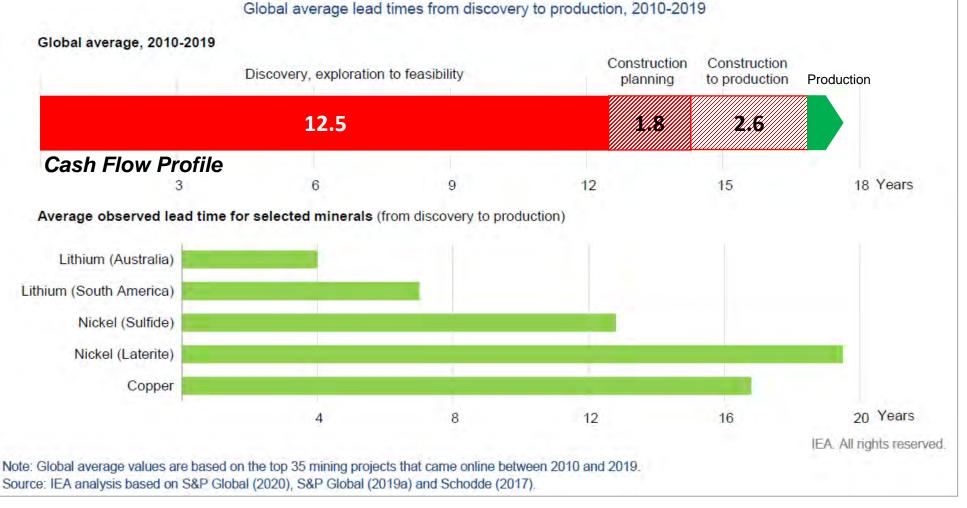
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NIMTO = "not in my term of office" Challenge of Project Cycle Times



"U.S. Mining: Heightened Risks Of Regulatory Changes As Resource Nationalism Intensifies Globally"

Fitch Solutions / Mining / United States / Tue 12 Oct, 2021 https://www.fitchsolutions.com/m ining/us-mining-heightened-risksregulatory-changes-resourcenationalism-intensifies-globally-12-10-2021



IEA, <u>https://www.iea.org/reports/the-role-of-critical-minerals-in-clean-energy-transitions</u> Note – cash flow profile modified from IEA original grapic by author.



Why have U.S. smelters shutdown?







SUSTAINABLE SUPPL

OF STRATEGIC MINERA

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- Many smelters were built close to ore bodies. When ore was exhausted, smelter was not located near low-cost transportation
- Starting in 1960s, some countries (Japan, India, S. Korea and China) recognized the economic benefit of supporting metal smelters leading to new or modernized facilities
- Metal commodity \$/lb exchange warehouses 5 led to stable but low metal prices. Margins became small leading 3 to disincentives to modernized U.S. 1 smelters to compete in 0 global market
- U.S. government actively avoided supporting domestic metal production and instead pushed for the closure of "dirty, old smelters"



Challenge of ESG in Mining and Metallurgy



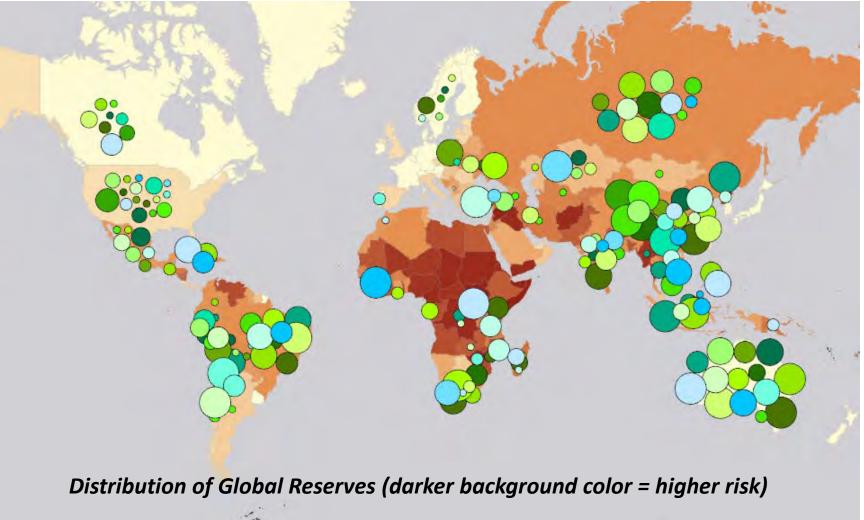
- Concept the digital mine for optimization, efficiency, safety
- Upstream
 - Fuel switching from diesel electrification coincides with drive to automate (both reduced emissions and improved safety metrics BUT impacts labor force)
 - Remote tech and automation as much as possible drones and robotics for explosives, robotics for extraction and removal
 - Waste and water reduction to extent possible, improved tailings management (safety and public protection), capture residual minerals from waste, options for water resources (community interface)
- Midstream/downstream
 - Improved logistics emissions reductions across supply chains
 - Automation and digitization
 - Pressure on contractors (many mine operations are contracted) and vendors
- For companies of all types measuring, reporting
- Un-level playing fields across counties, investors
- It will take a long time.....

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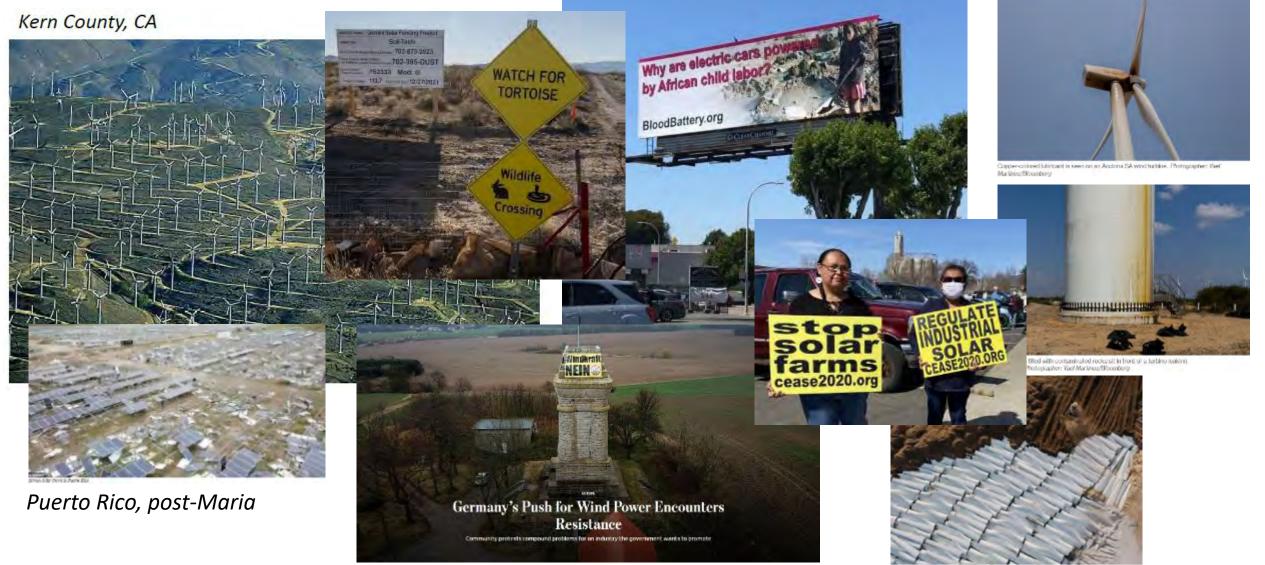
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Challenge of "Sustainability"

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Fragments of wind turbine blades await burial at the Casper Regional Landfill in Wyoming. Photographer: Benjamin Rasmussen for Bloomberg Green

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Regulatory Labyrinths

Standards

Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Japanese Industrial Standard (JIS) American National Standards Institute (ANSI) International Organization for Standardization (ISO) International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA)

U.S. DOT/Maritime Administration National Transportation Safety Board U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Agencies U.S. DOT/Federal Aviation Administration U.S. DOT/Federal Highway Administration U.S. DOT/Federal Railroad Administration Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions U.S. Postal Service U.S. Coast Guard U.S. Military U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board U.S. DOT/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration U.S. DOT/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission U.S. Customs Border Patrol EU Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization U.S. DOT/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration United Nations Transportation of Dangerous Goods Clean Air Act European Commission Battery Directive

International Air Transport Association Buropean Union recycling legislation International Maritime Organization European Economic Community

Endangered Species Act Toxic Substances Control Act Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Resource Conservation and Recovery Act National Environmental Policy Act Occupational Safety and Health Act Landfill

Safe Drinking Water Act Clean Water Act

> **Do ESG best practices help** profitability OR does profitability help ESG best practices???

Regulations of Supply Chain Activities

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Controlling Statutes

Occupational safety **Freduction/menufacturing** R&D Dismantling Trading Industrial hygizuz Labeling Recycling/Recovery Handling Safety testing Storage

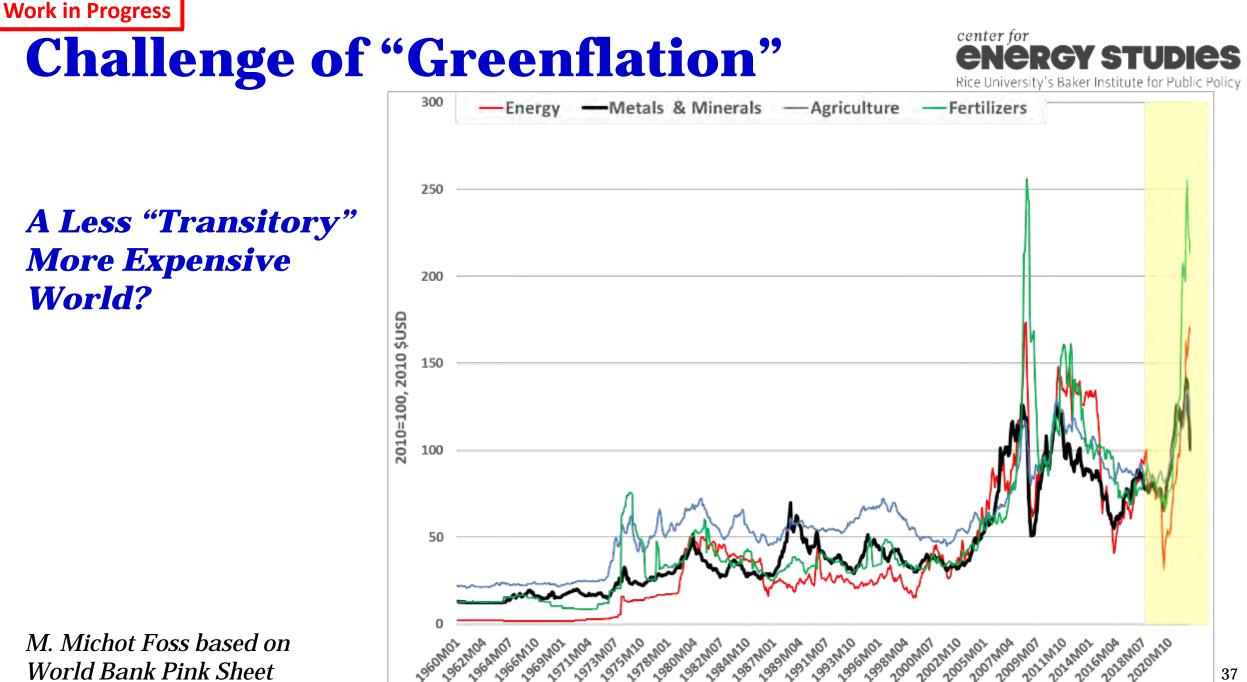
Disposal/EOL Mgmt

Process Safety Management/Risk Management Plans Mining/extraction Import/Export

Chemical Security/Cybersecurity

Battery design Shipping/Transportation Refining Smelting

Packaging Collection

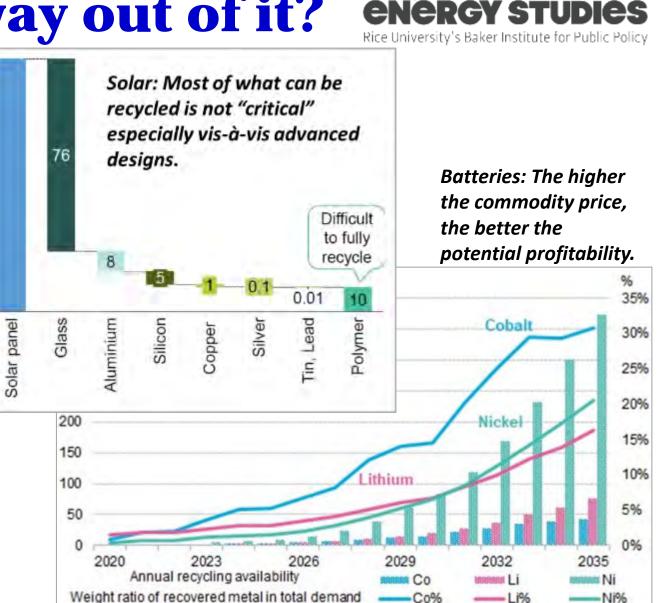


Can we recycle our way out of it?

It's not like we don't recycle....

Commodity	U.S. Scrap Market Share	
Iron & Steel	58%	
Aluminum	53%	
Copper	34%	
Lead	71%	
Zinc	25%	
Nickel	52%	

- Recyclers must achieve comparable quality for sensitive applications (black mass to hydrometallurgy to purity required)
- Metals are ~9% of U.S. municipal solid waste. Plastics ~12%.
- Global plastics recycling ~9-20% depending upon polymer. "Bio-plastics" ~1%
- Forthcoming CES/BIPP brief on plastics and metals recycling.



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Can we substitute our way out of it?



The allure of advanced carbon materials......sourced from conventional oil and gas; methane pyrolysis; CO2 capture including direct air capture. Carbon nanotube (CNT) materials in particular provide substantial improvements in thermal, electrical conductivity.

Scarce metal	Main application	Number of patents	Number of papers	Substitution level	Carbon nanomaterial substitute
Indium (In)	Transparent electrodes	18	>100	Material	G, CNT
Gallium (Ga)	Semiconductors	8	>100	Material	G, CNT
Beryllium (Be) and silver (Ag)	Conductive materials	6	>100	Material (Be) and elemental (Ag)	G, CNT
Antimony (Sb)	Flame retardants	5	>100	Material	G, CNT, F
Cobalt (Co), niobium (Nb) and tungsten (W)	Strong materials	5	>100	Material	G, CNT, F
Chromium (Cr)	Corrosion protection	3	>100	Material	G, CNT, F
Tantalum (Ta)	Capacitors	3	>100	Material	G, CNT
Tin (Sn)	Solders	2	22	Material	CNT
Germanium (Ge)	Optical fibers	0	2	Material	G, CNT
Platinum (Pt)	Catalytic converters	0	2	Element	G
Gold (Au)	Jewellery	0	0	A	

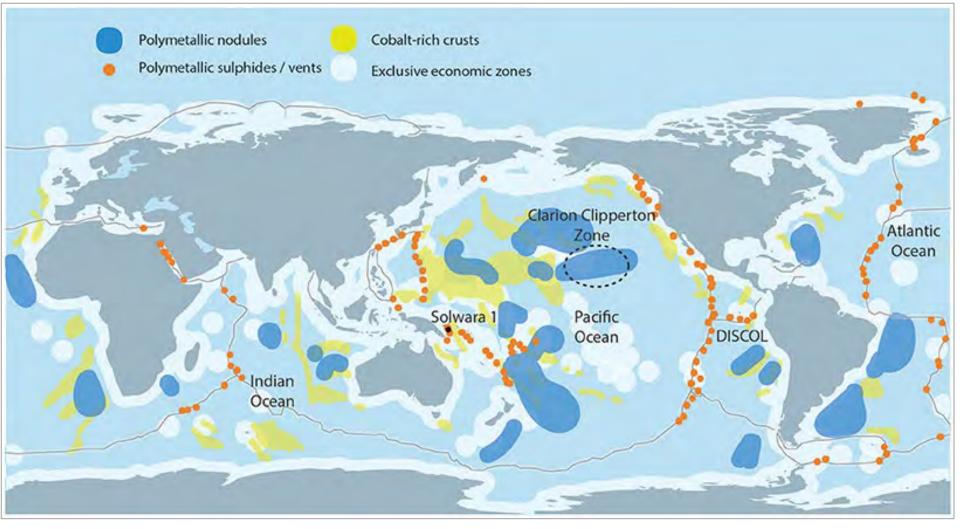
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Can we explore our way out of it? Frontiers: The Allure of the Oceans



- Forthcoming brief
- Offshore Technology Conference 2023, Critical Minerals Panel, May 2



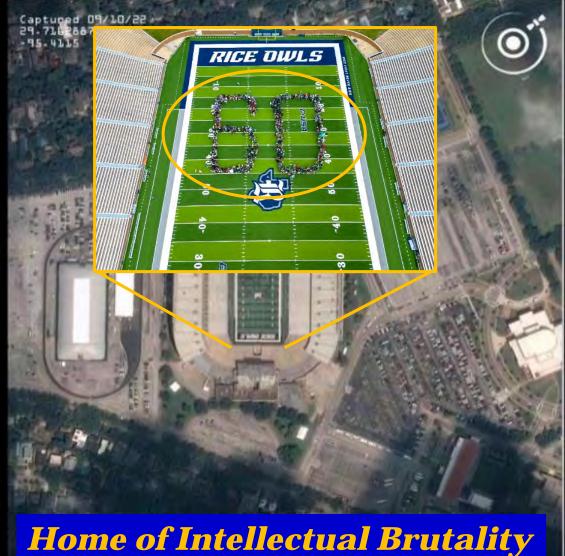
Miller et al., Front. Mar. Sci., 10 January 2018 | <u>https://doi.org/10.3389/fmars.2017.00418</u>

Can we explore our way out of it? Frontiers: NOPE!

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NASA; Airbus/drone - <u>https://www.rice.edu/jfk60</u>



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Conclusion: Putting Materials First



- A strong rationale for slowing down, AND/OR doing something else
 - Questionable outcomes from green rushes hidden costs, domino effects
- No alt energy incentives without materials forethought
 - Including semiconductors and other industrial policy targets
- Industrial policy means subsidies
 - Subsidizing incumbents creates barriers to invention and innovation
- Metals displacement, enhancement
 - Long history of "lightweighting" with plastics train out of station
 - Carbon nanotube materials are alluring for performance CNT alone or with metals doping for heavier duty products, desirable properties
 - But CNT challenges must be addressed head on
 - A potential way out of Chinese entanglements but requires a complete "reset"



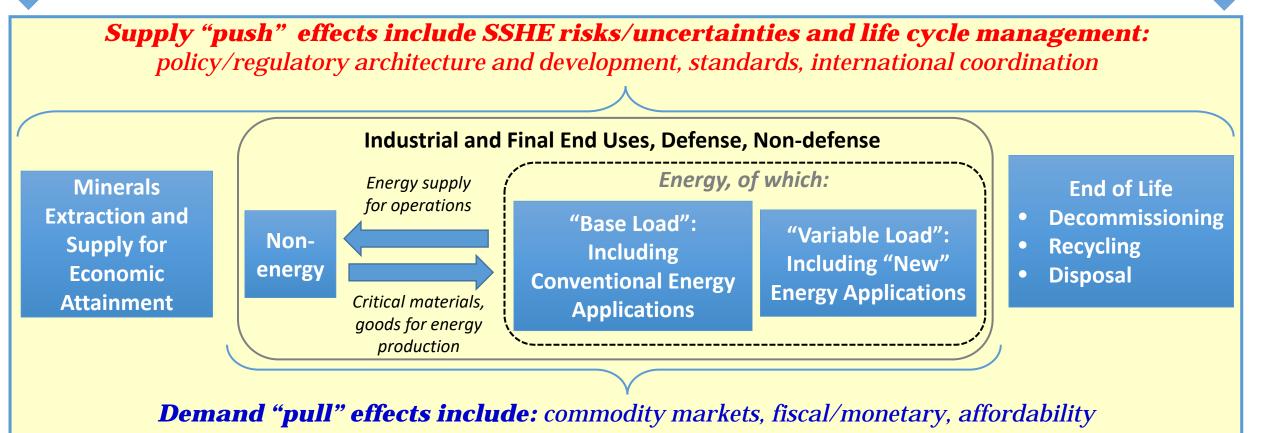
A Little Something Extra

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G20 Proposed Recommendation (Rice/Missouri S&T) Critical Minerals/Materials Framework for Consideration



Contingencies: technology and applications, materials and materials inputs, global energy/minerals supply/deliverability security



SSHE = Safety, security, health, environment

Michot Foss, Moats, Awuah-Offei, <u>https://www.g20-insights.org/policy_briefs/framing-energy-and-minerals-for-future-pathways/</u>

World Mining Data Minerals Classification and Examples



https://www.world-mining-data.info/

Iron and Ferro-Alloy Metals:

Iron, Chromium, Cobalt, Manganese, Molybdenum, Nickel, Niobium, Tantalum, Titanium,

Tungsten, Vanadium

Non-Ferrous Metals:

Aluminium, Antimony, Arsenic, Bauxite, Beryllium, Bismuth, Cadmium, Copper, Gallium,

Germanium, Indium, Lead, Lithium, Mercury, Rare Earth Minerals, Rhenium, Selenium,

Tellurium, Tin, Zinc

Precious Metals:

Gold, Platinum-Group Metals (Palladium, Platinum, Rhodium), Silver

Industrial Minerals:

Asbestos, Baryte, Bentonite, Boron Minerals, Diamond (Gem/Industrial), Diatomite, Feldspar, Fluorspar, *Graphite*, Gypsum and Anhydrite, Kaolin (China-Clay), Magnesite, Perlite, *Phosphate Rock* (incl. Guano), Potash, Salt, Sulfur, Talc (incl. Steatite and Pyrophyllite), Vermiculite, Zircon

NOTE basics: Current commercial *Lithium*-ion battery types: LFP or LiFePo (*Iron, Phosphate*) and NMC or LiNiMnCo (*Nickel, Manganese, Cobalt*) with *Aluminum Graphite* electrode and *Copper* conductivity.

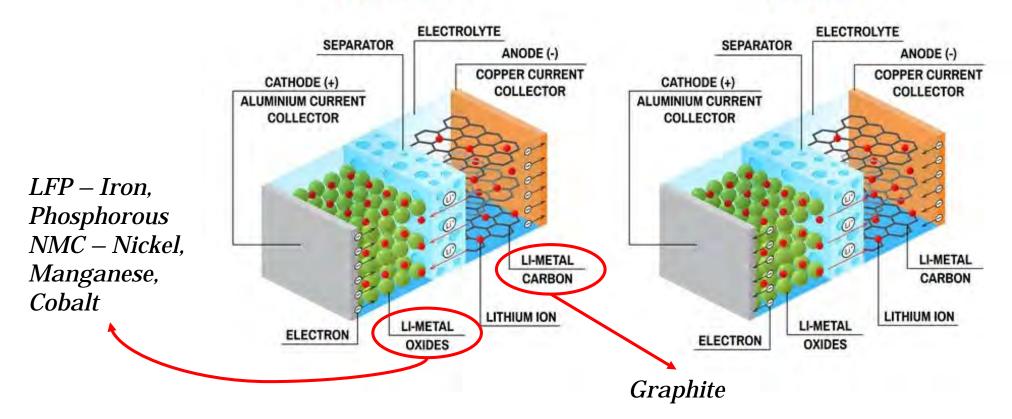
General Battery Concepts



LITHIUM-ION BATTERY

DISCHARGE

CHARGE



https://www.analyteguru.com/t5/Blog/Challenges-in-Lithium-ion-Battery-Manufacturing-and-Quality/ba-p/15961

Main Commercial Chemistries

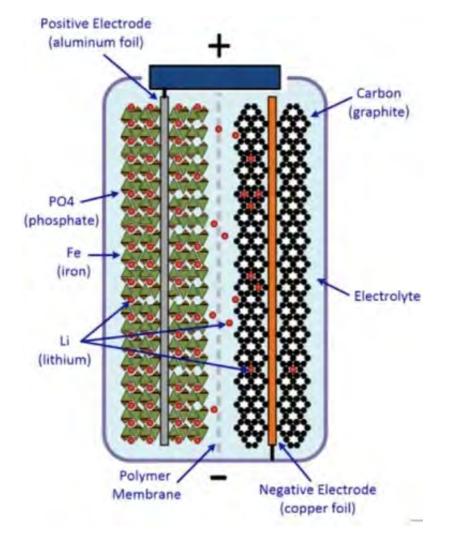




<u>https://nickelinstitute.org/blog/2020/june/battle-of-the-batteries-cost-versus-performance/</u>

The Tesla LFP





<u>https://www.allaboutcircuits.com/news/a-closer-look-at-lithium-iron-phosphate-batteries-teslas-new-choice-of-battery/</u>

Highlighs of CES Nickel Case Study



- A Chinese gamble to seize premium pricing for laterites
- SME Thrive, September 22, 2022
- See <u>Suggested Resources and Links</u>

A Story About Quality



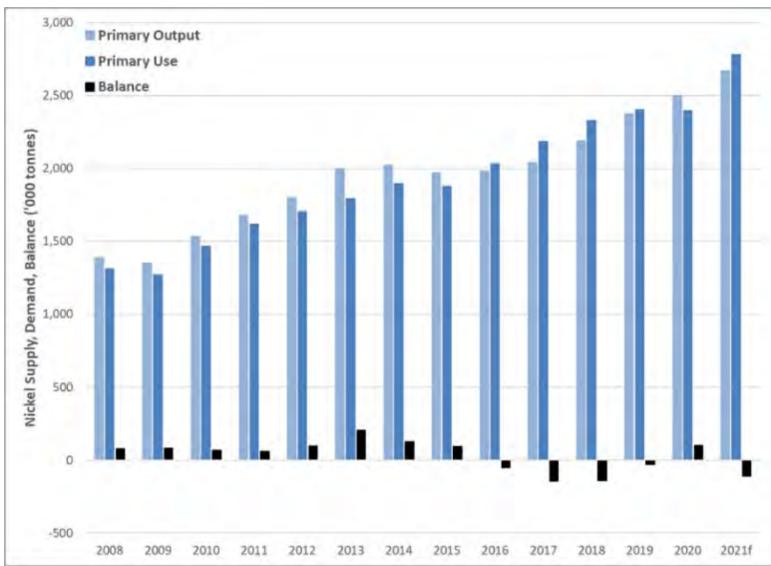
Mineral Production by Country - 2021



https://www.bakerinstitute.org/global-minerals-production-dashboard

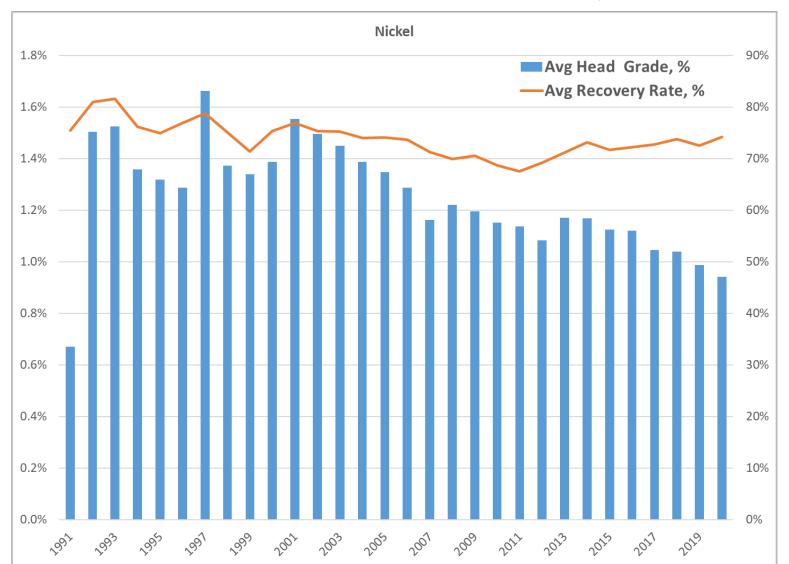
Historical Supply-Demand Balances





Global Recovery Rates and Production

- Head grades reflect maturity • across active properties, low rates of exploration, discovery.
- Improvements in head grade ulletreflect periodic discoveries/new assets.
- Recovery rates can be ulletimproved through capex infusions in processing, recovery from tailings, etc.



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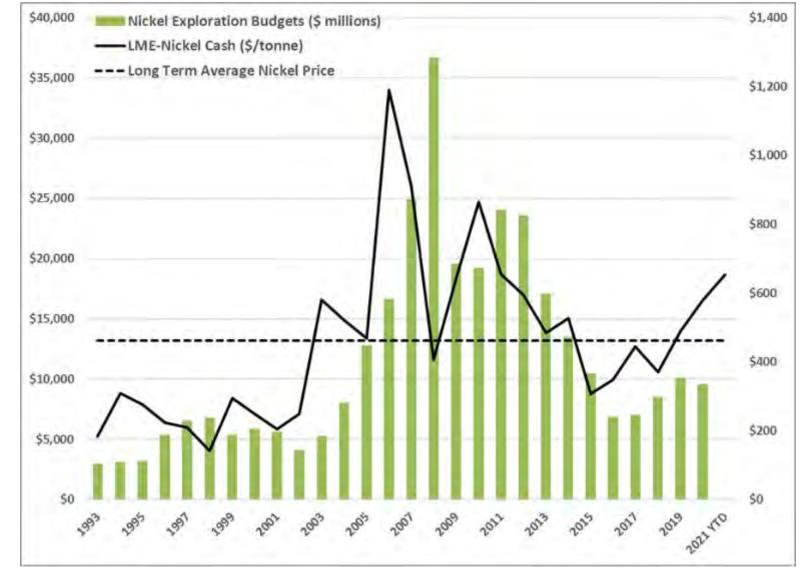
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Follow the Money

Exploration budgets follow risk-weighted expected returns, sensitive to price.



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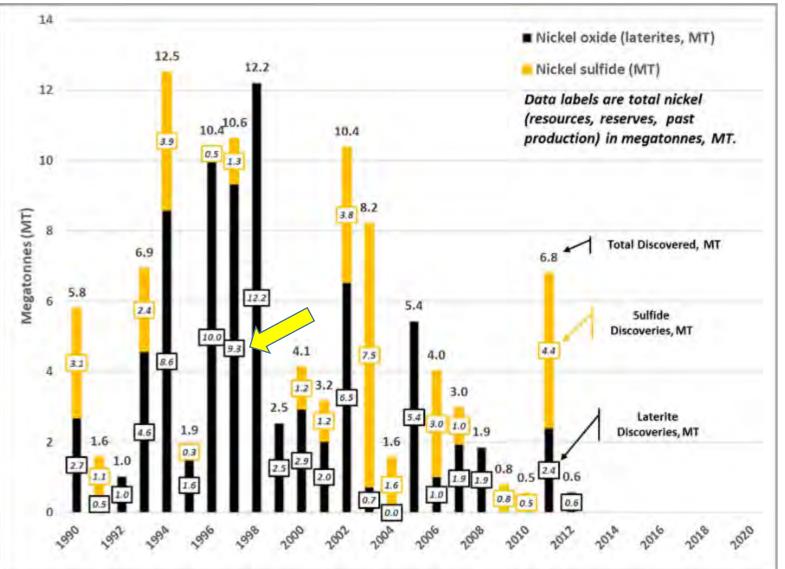
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Historical Nickel Discoveries



- No major discoveries since 2012.
- Weda Bay, with discovery confirmed in 1996 (reported in 1997, arrow) and an estimated 9.3 MT of producible reserves, serves as a good illustration of cycle time.
- From the point of discovery, which entailed prior years of drilling and testing, the property only entered operation in 2020, **some 25 years later**, with 0.0235 MT produced that year.

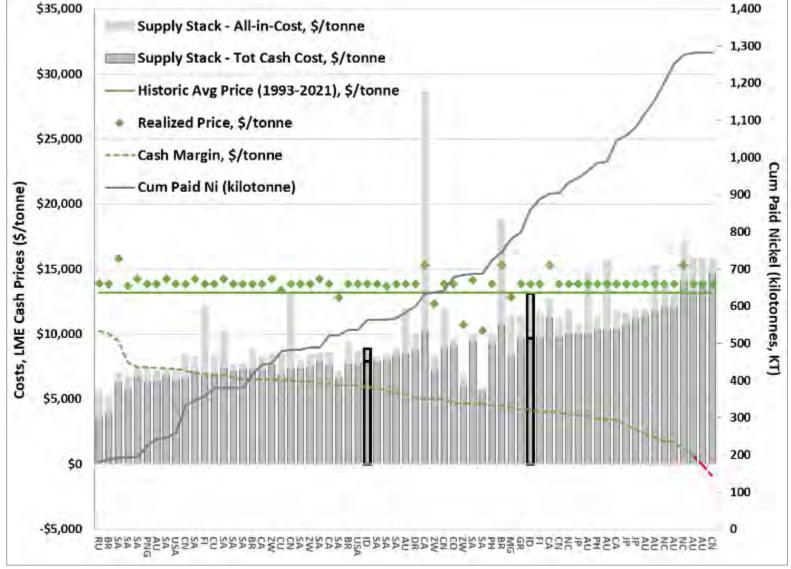


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Work in Progress

Global Supply Curve

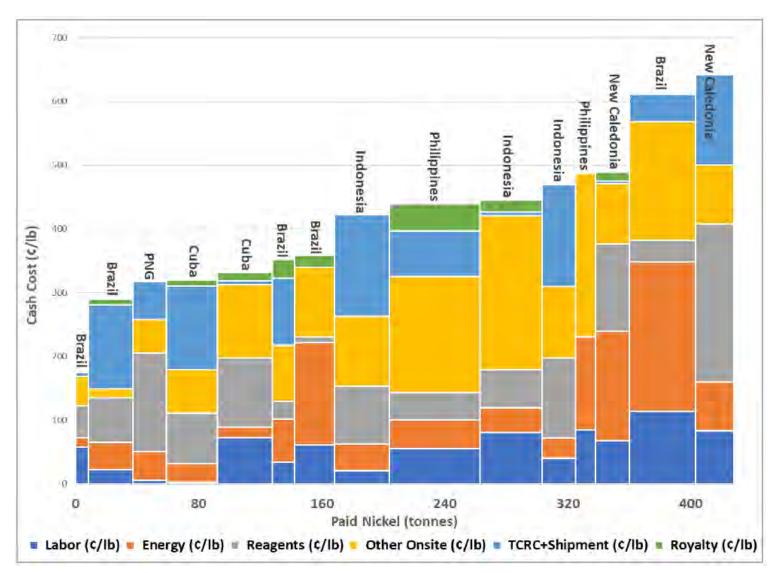
Cum paid metal, ranked by profitability.





Costs for Major Laterite Producers

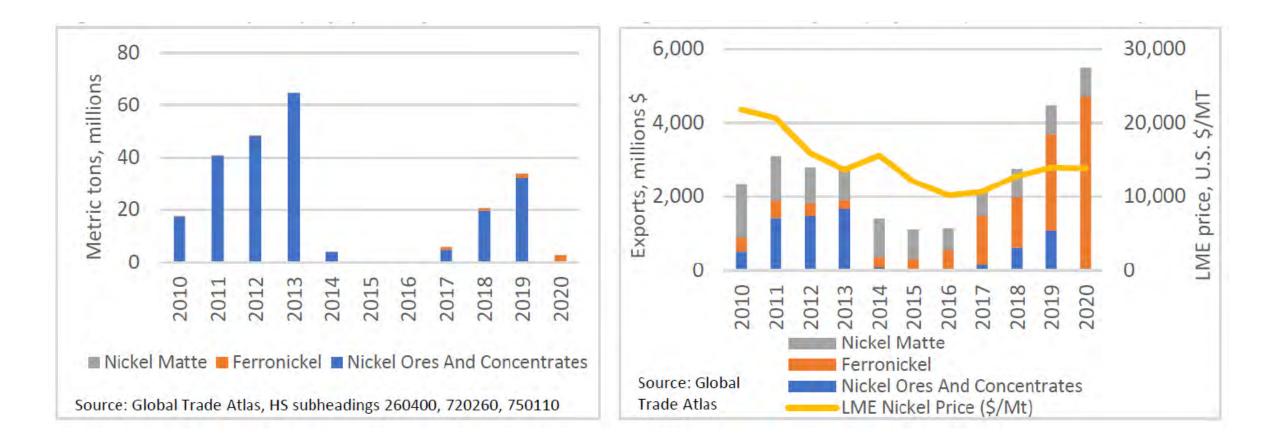




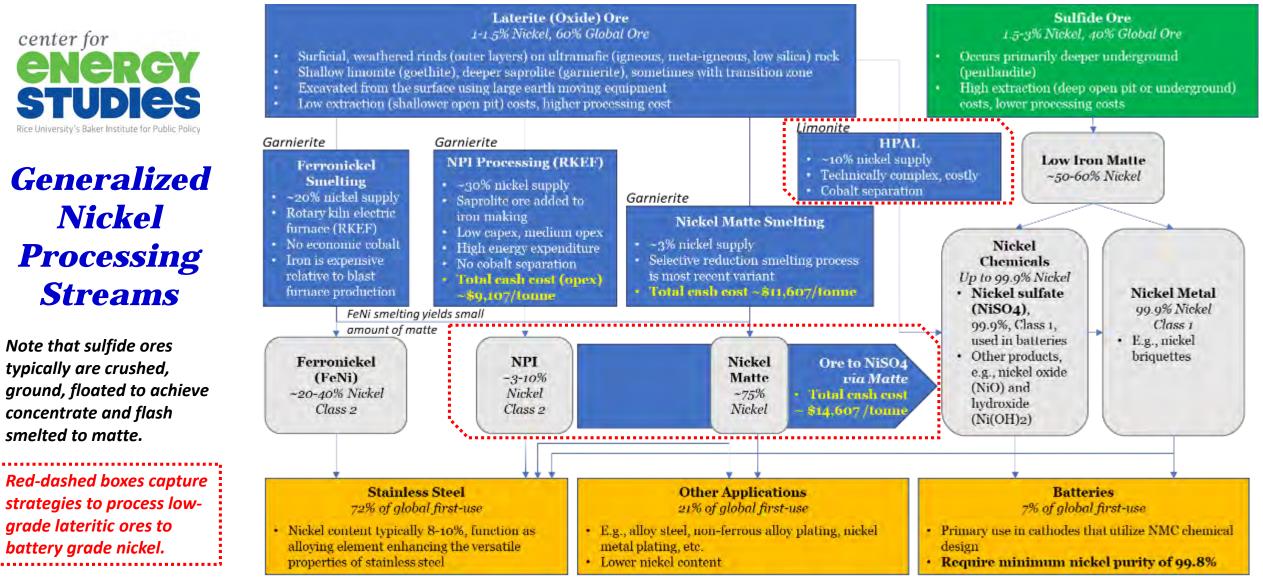
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Indonesia Trade and Export Ban





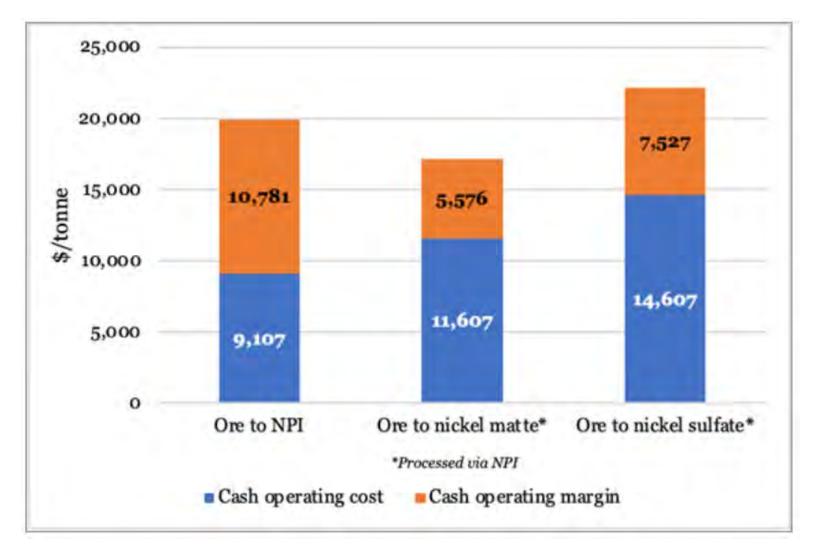
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Processing Costs, Cash Margins

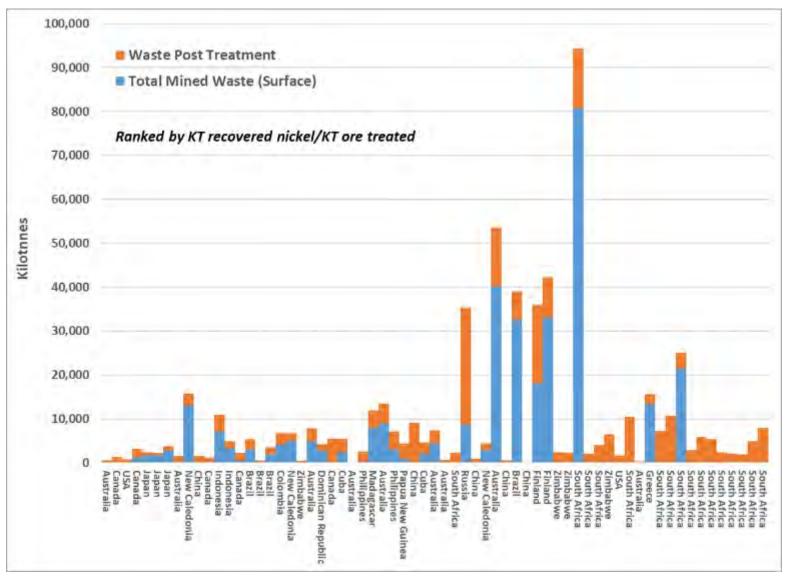




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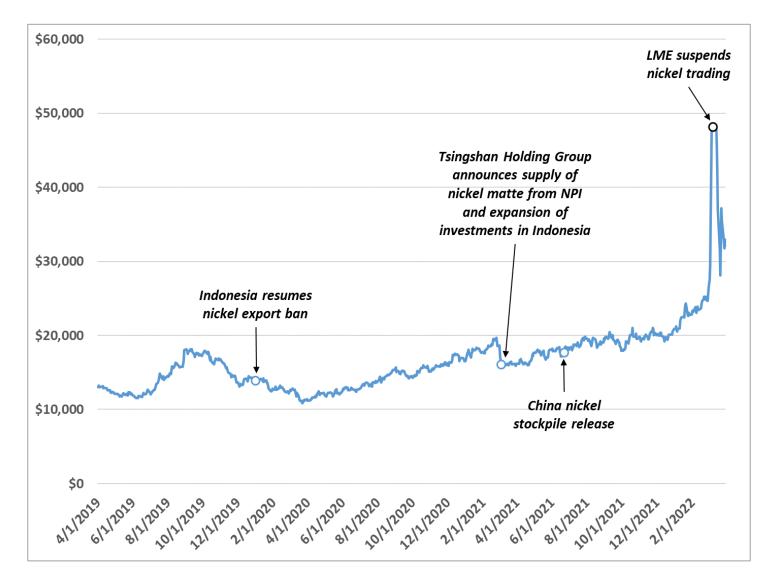
The Challenge of Waste





Closer Look at Trading Adventures

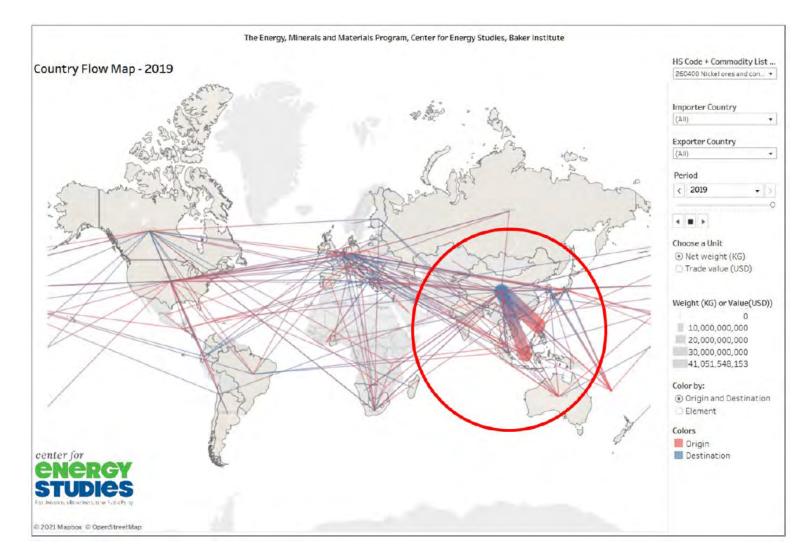




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Geopolitics for Everyone





https://www.bakerinstitute.org/global-minerals-trade-dashboard

Suggested Resources and Links



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- M. Michot Foss, J. Koelsch, <u>China's Rare Earths Dominance</u>
- M. Michot Foss, J. Koelsch, What China's control of nickel means for the energy transition
- CES China Energy Map https://www.bakerinstitute.org/chinas-energy-infrastructure/
- CES minerals production/trade visualizations https://www.bakerinstitute.org/energy-minerals/
- M. Michot Foss, testimony before the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources, March 10, 2022,.
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- M. Michot Foss, <u>recommendations</u> to the Biden Administration
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- R.A, Meidl, <u>Smart policy</u> and innovative technologies, like advanced recycling, will deliver on climate and sustainability goals
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