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# Critical Materials - Risks and Opportunities

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The History of

# INNOVATION CYCLES

Below, we show waves of innovation across 250 years, from the Industrial Revolution to sustainable technology.

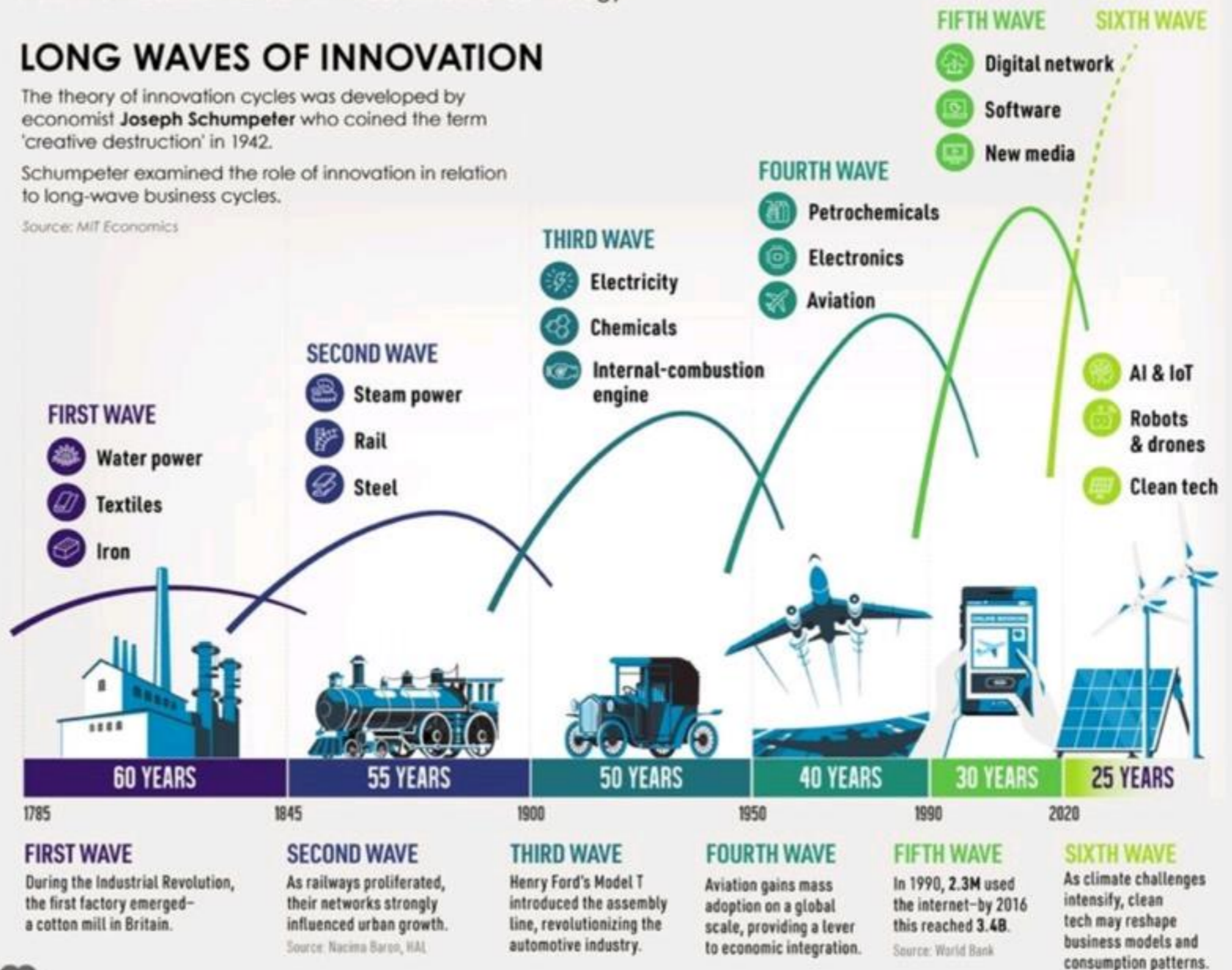
Source: Edelson Institute

## LONG WAVES OF INNOVATION

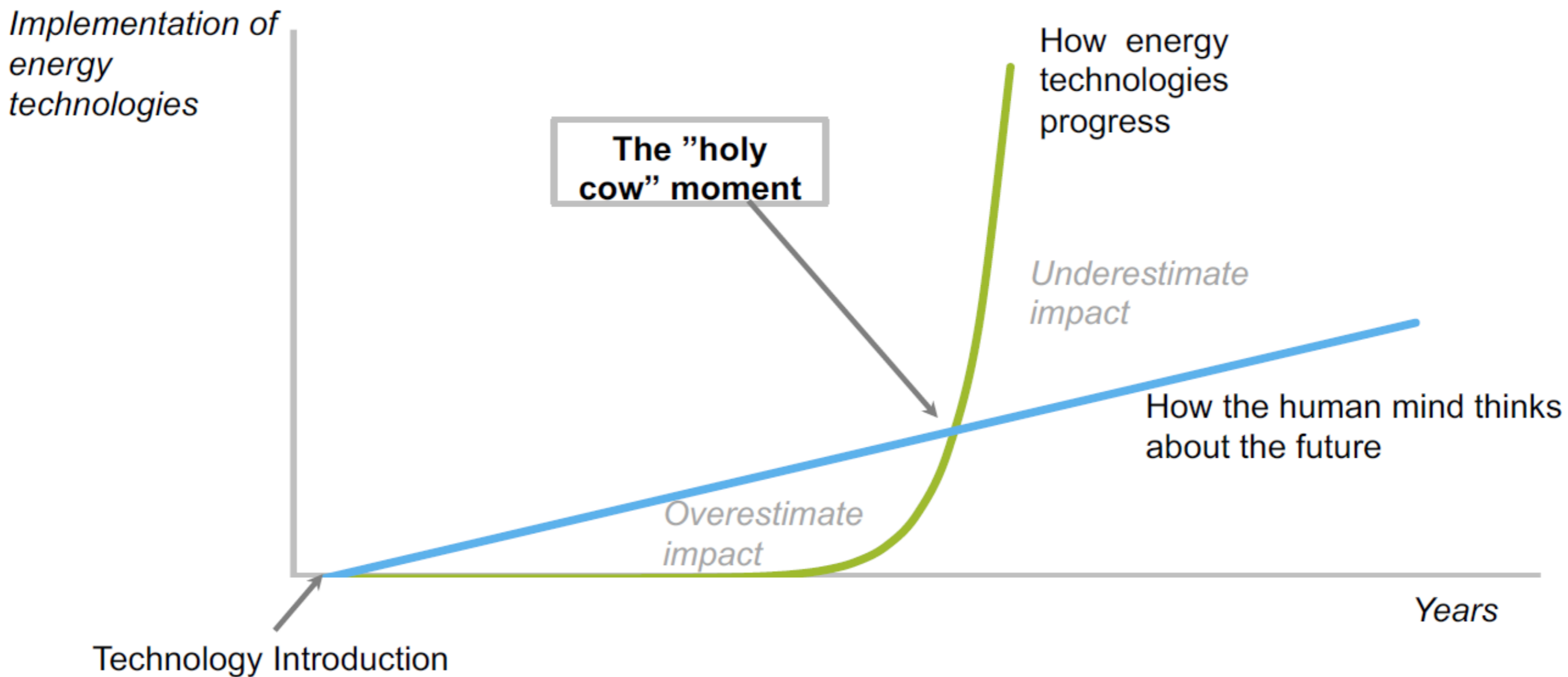
The theory of innovation cycles was developed by economist **Joseph Schumpeter** who coined the term 'creative destruction' in 1942.

Schumpeter examined the role of innovation in relation to long-wave business cycles.

Source: MIT Economics



# We have hit the 'holy cow' moment



■ Credit Rene Kleijn, 2022, Leiden University

Adapted from Richard Baldwin: The Globotics Upheavel, 2019



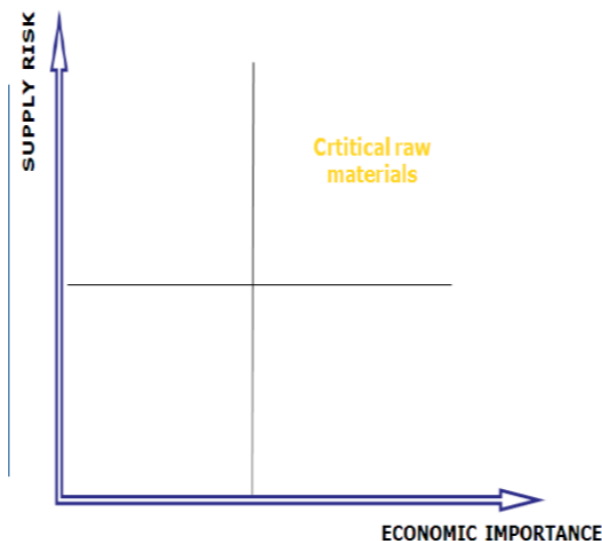
### 2023 Critical Raw Materials (*new CRMs in italics*)

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

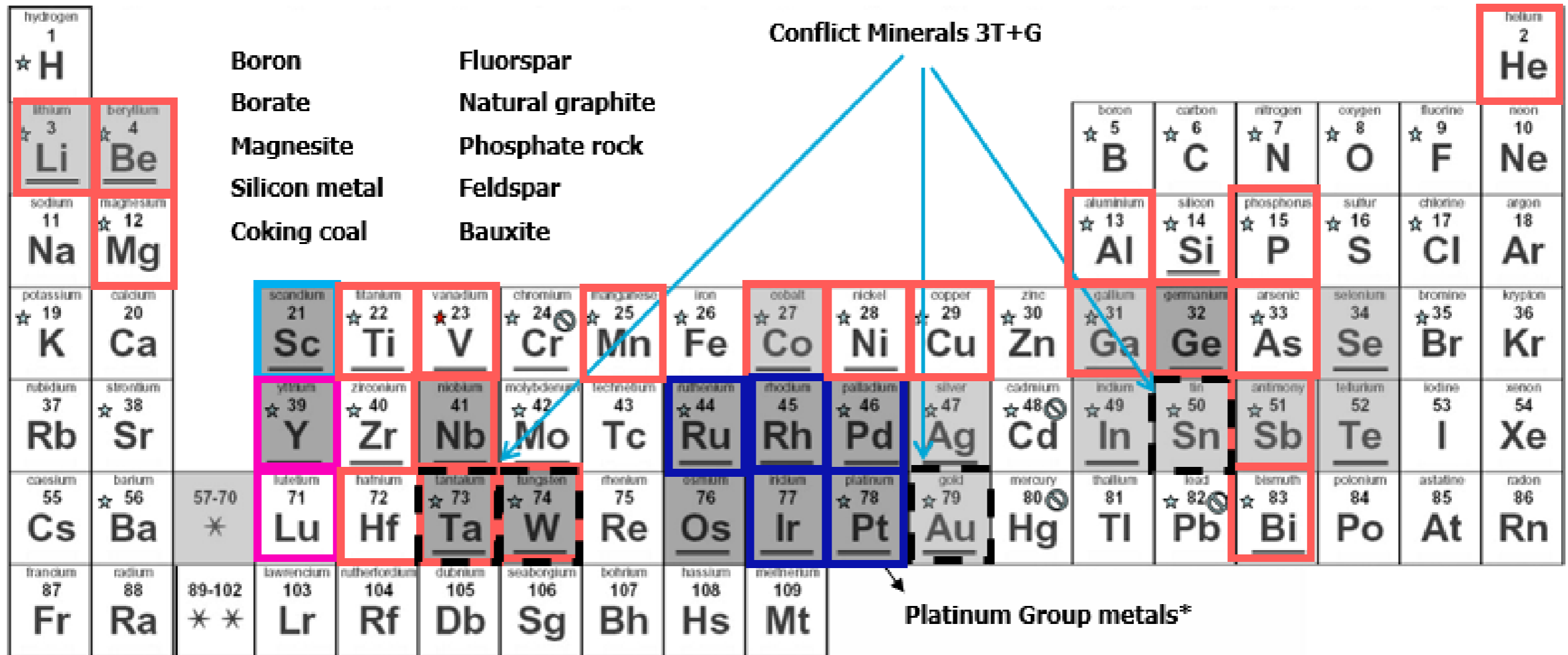
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\* Copper and nickel do not meet the CRM thresholds, but are included as Strategic Raw Materials.



# Critical materials – half of the first 83 elements



## Light Rare Earths (LREE)

## Heavy Rare Earths (HREE)

\* Lanthanide series

lanthanum 57 ☆ La	cerium 58 ☆ Ce	praseodymium 59 Pr	neodymium 60 ☆ Nd	promethium 61 Pm	samarium 62 ☆ Sm	europium 63 ☆ Eu	gadolinium 64 ☆ Gd	terbium 65 ☆ Tb	dysprosium 66 ☆ Dy	holmium 67 ☆ Ho	erbium 68 ☆ Er	thulium 69 ☆ Tm	ytterbium 70 ☆ Yb
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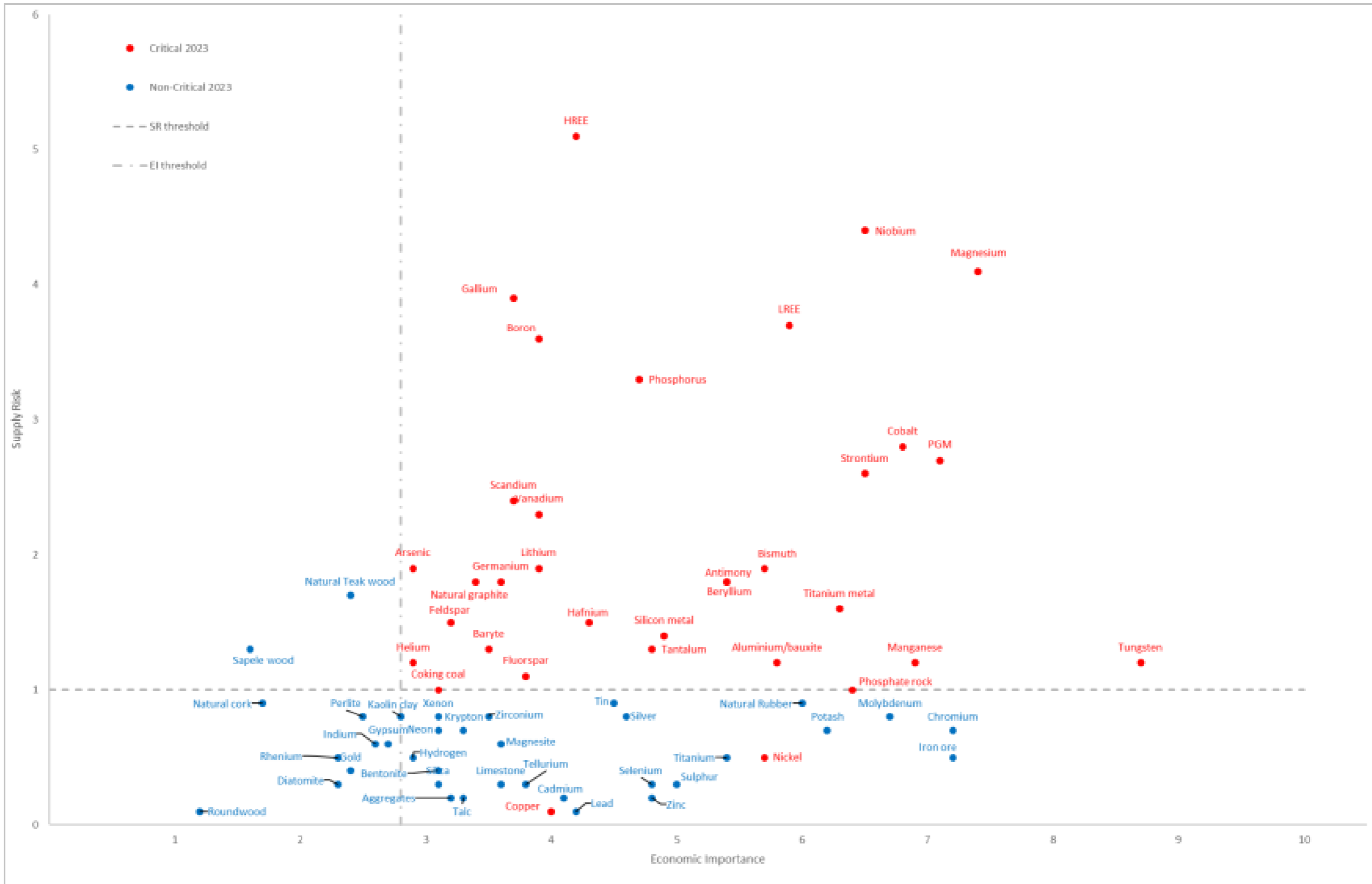
\*\* Actinide series

actinium 89 Ac	thorium 90 Th	protactinium 91 Pa	uranium 92 U	neptunium 93 Np	plutonium 94 Pu	americium 95 Am	curium 96 Cm	berkelium 97 Bk	californium 98 Cf	einsteinium 99 Es	fermium 100 Fm	mendelevium 101 Md	nobelium 102 No
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☆ Elements contained in mobile phones. Source: (Meskers et al 2009), ☆ in PCs (Soneji 2009) + WEEE (Dimitrakakis 2009)

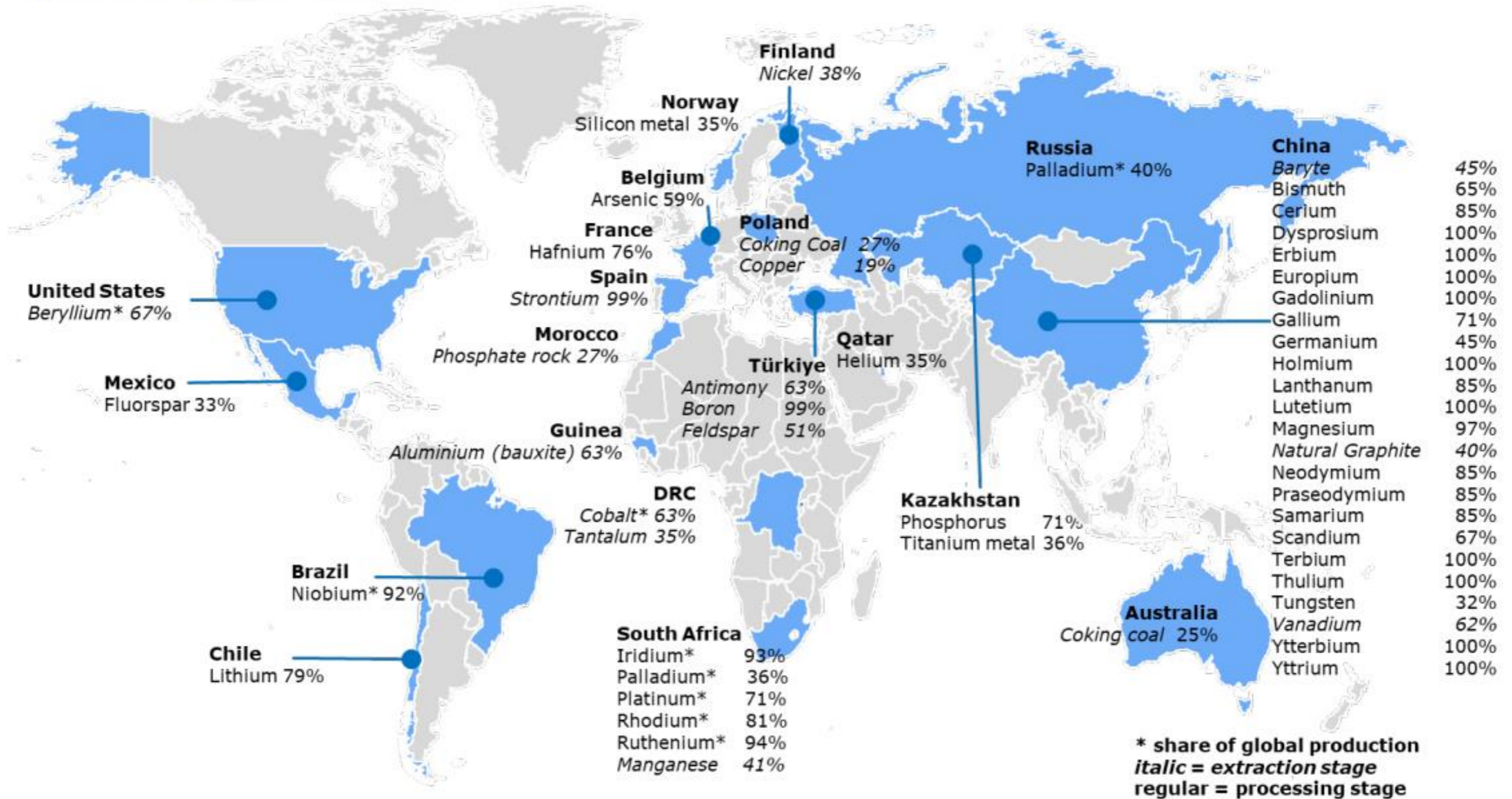
⊙ RHOS Elements (use in electronic appliances is restricted)

Figure A: Results of the 2023 EU criticality assessment<sup>5</sup>



# Country supply into EU concentration

Figure 5: Main EU suppliers of individual CRMs



# Part 1 The Critical Raw Materials Act



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# Why - CRM for our future

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The EU is aiming to ensure a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials for Europe's industry.

## WHY?



Critical raw materials are needed for the **green and digital transitions** as well as for defence and space



To enhance our **long-term competitiveness**



To maintain our **open strategic autonomy** in a fast-changing and increasingly challenging geopolitical environment

# Top level targets by 2030

- Extraction (Primary Mining):
  - 10% mined in EU
- Recycling:
  - At least 15% of materials recycled in EU (currently for some CRM 0%)
- 3rd country supply:
  - No more than 65% from outside EU
- Processing:
  - At least 40% of materials processed in EU (currently for some CRM 0%)

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# Part 2; The Net Zero Industry Act

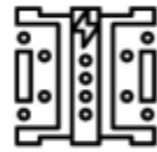


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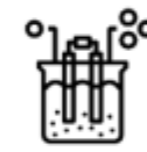
# The act: Made in EU by 2030



Li-ion batteries



Fuel cells



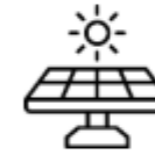
Electrolysers



Wind turbines



Traction motors



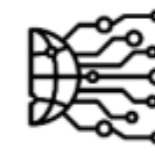
Solar photovoltaics (PV)



Heat pumps



Hydrogen direct reduced iron and electric arc furnaces (H2-DRI)



Data transmission networks



Data storage and servers



Smartphones, tablets and laptops



Additive manufacturing (AM)



Robotics



Drones



Space launchers and satellites

Source: JRC elaboration based on flaticon.com

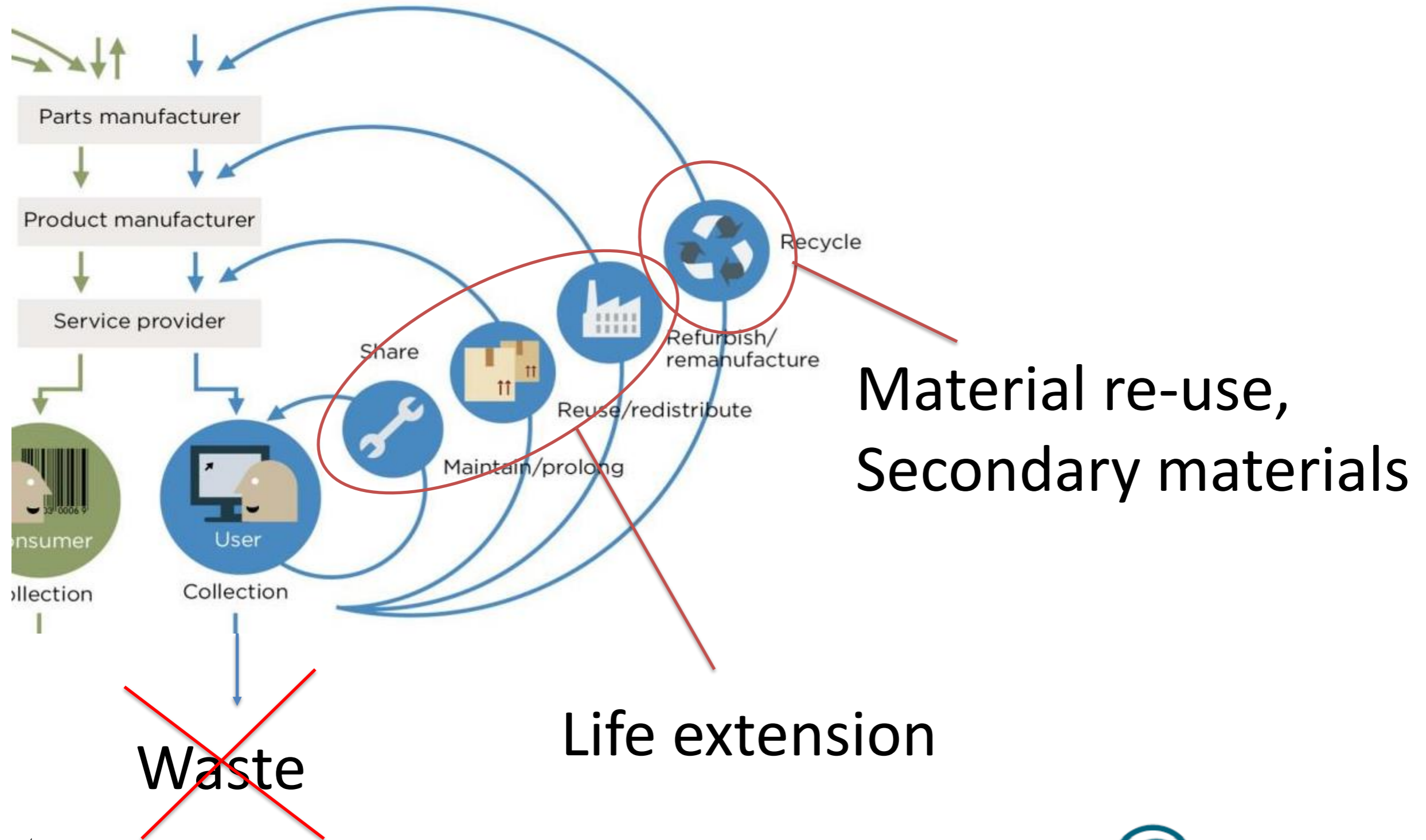
40% must be made in EU by 2030  
Links to CRMA on material supply



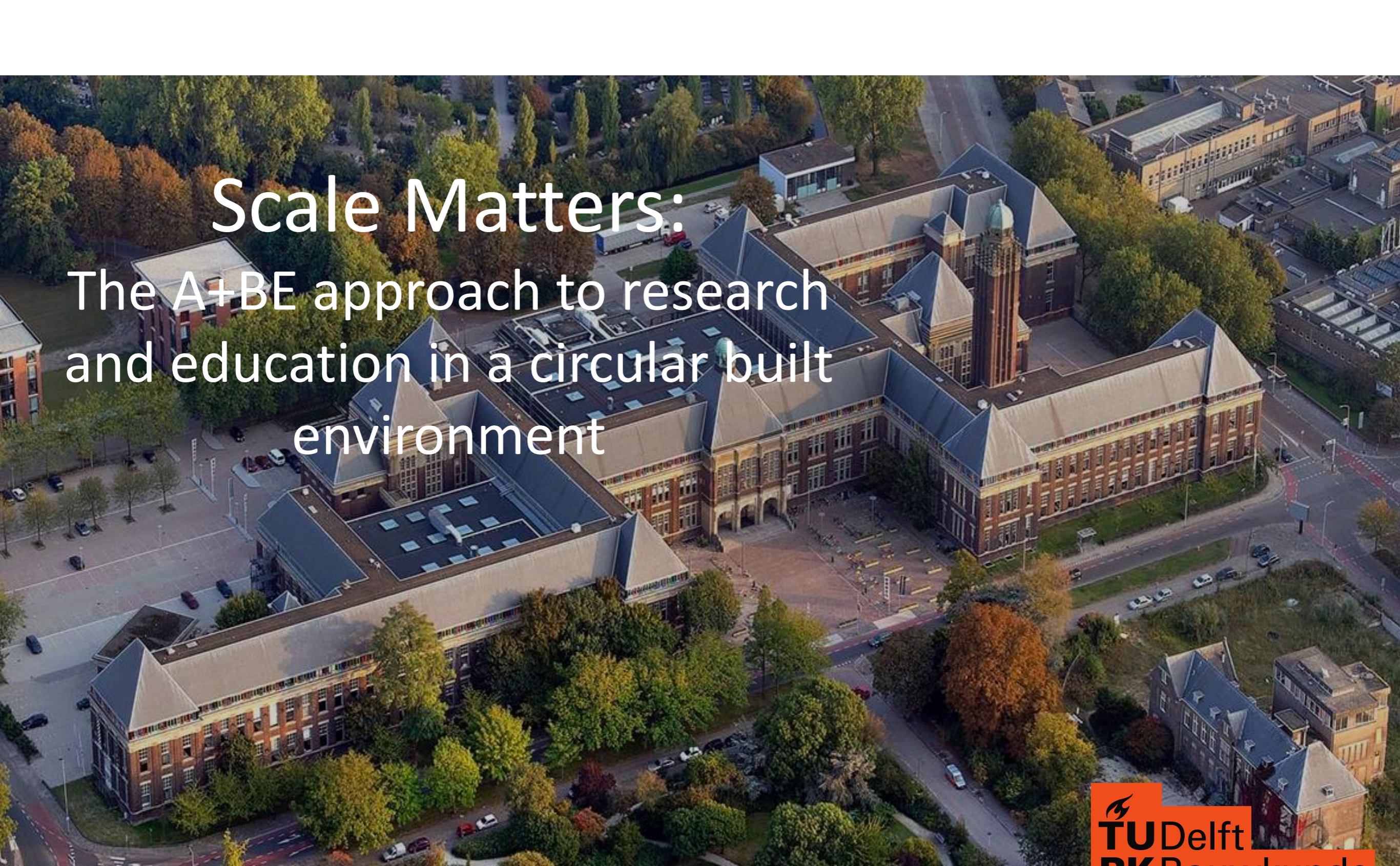
# The Circular Opportunity - Remanufacturing

# Circle – products /equipment /components - materials

## Primary Materials







# Scale Matters:

The A+BE approach to research and education in a circular built environment





# Creating a shared understanding: the “Scales to Aspects” Model





# CRM in buildings



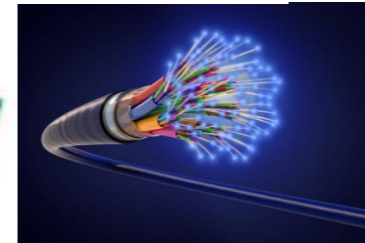
Data storage and servers



Data transmission networks



Adze Boerstra, 2022



Charley Meyer, 2018

## Steel use



## Al use



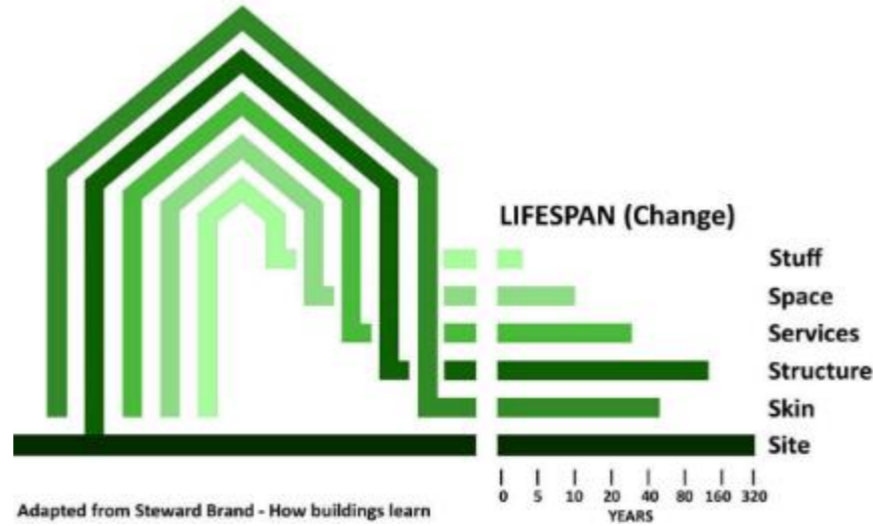
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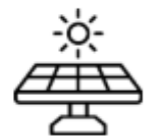
Traction motors



Tillmann Klein, 2020



Traction motors



Solar photovoltaics (PV)

## Urban-Integrated Phovoltaics (UIPV)



Building/Invisibly Integrated Phovoltaics (BIPV/IIPV)



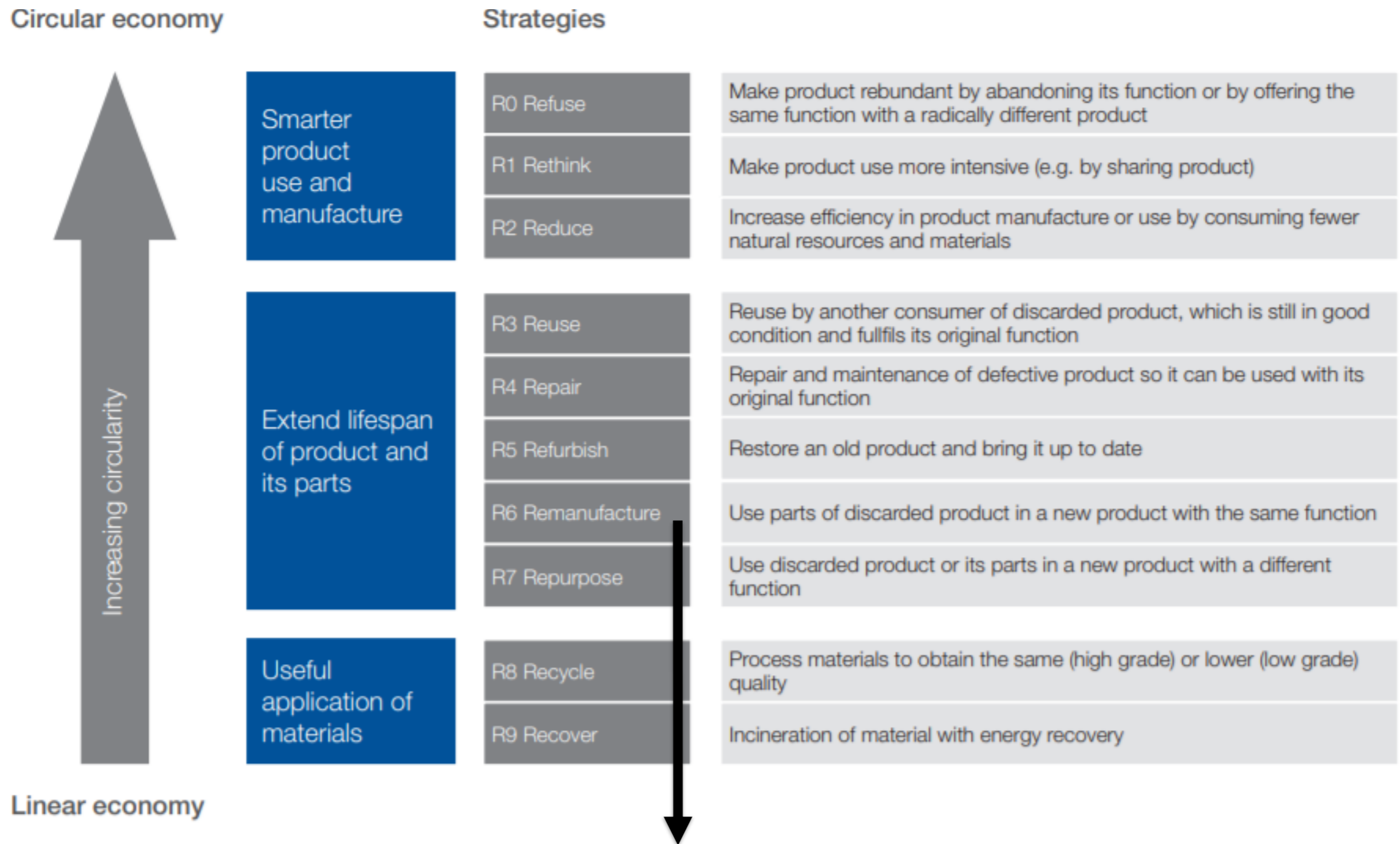
Shared energy system

## Built-Added Phovoltaics (BAPV)

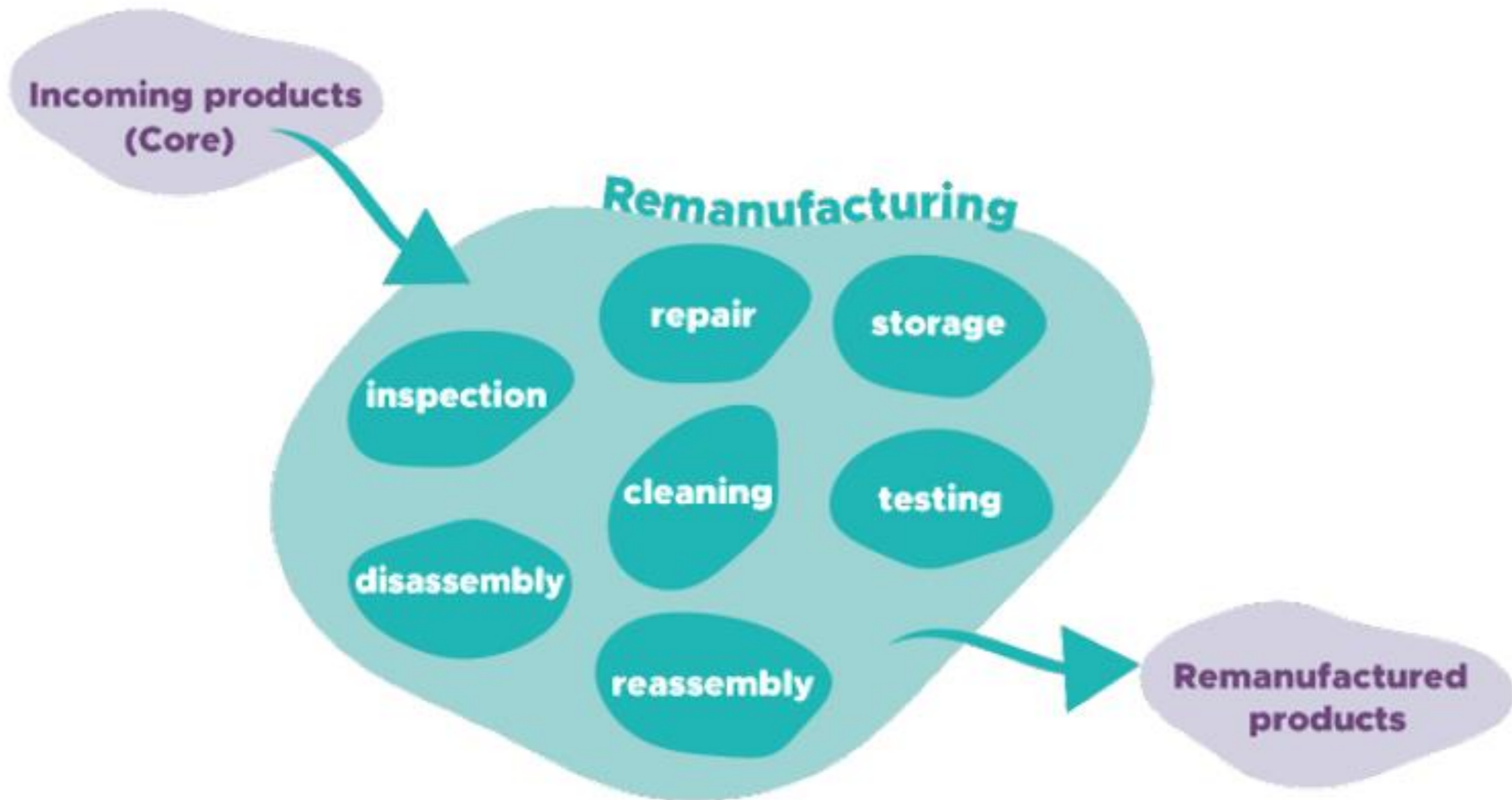


Li-ion batteries

# Circular direction of travel: The strategies - remanufacturing



Not repaired, not refurbished, but through a factory, in a box, as good as (or better than) new, with a warranty, and **you can't tell the difference.**



*A generic remanufacturing process and its seven process steps  
Adapted from Sundin and Bras (2005)*



# European Remanufacturing Council

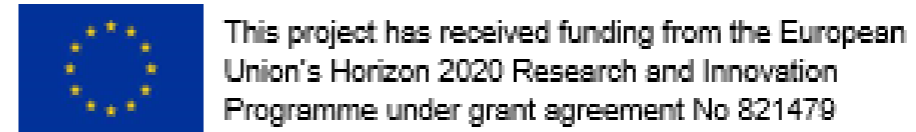
The ambition is to triple the value of Europe's remanufacturing sector to €100 billion by 2030.

Our aim must  
be at least 1%

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