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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.

SIXTH WAVE FIFTH WAVE LONG WAVES OF INNOVATION Digital network The theory of innovation cycles was developed by Software economist Joseph Schumpeter who coined the term 'creative destruction' in 1942. New media FOURTH WAVE Schumpeter examined the role of innovation in relation to long-wave business cycles. Petrochemicals Source: MIT Economics THIRD WAVE Electronics Electricity Aviation Chemicals SECOND WAVE Internal-combustion AI & IoT Steam power engine FIRST WAVE Robots Rail & drones Water power Steel **Clean tech** Textiles Iron **55 YEARS 30 YEARS 25 YEARS 60 YEARS 50 YEARS 40 YEARS** 1990 1785 1845 1900 1950 2020 SECOND WAVE SIXTH WAVE FIRST WAVE THIRD WAVE FOURTH WAVE FIFTH WAVE

During the Industrial Revolution, the first factory emerged-

a cotton mill in Britain.

As railways proliferated, their networks strongly influenced urban growth. Source: Nacina Bargo, HAL

Henry Ford's Model T introduced the assembly line, revolutionizing the automotive industry.

Aviation gains mass adoption on a global scale, providing a lever to economic integration.

In 1990, 2.3M used

this reached 3.48.

Source: World Bank

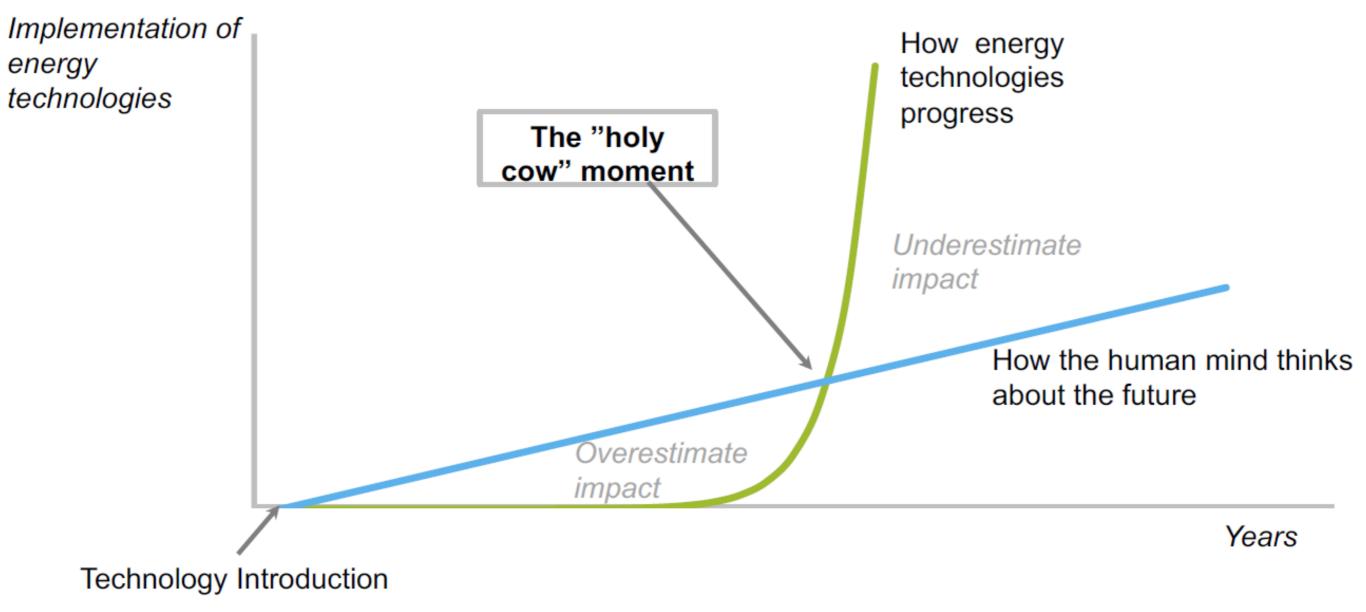
the internet-by 2016

As climate challenges intensify, clean tech may reshape business models and consumption patterns.

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Searce: Edelson Institute

We have hit the 'holy cow' moment



Credit Rene Kleijn, 2022, Leiden University

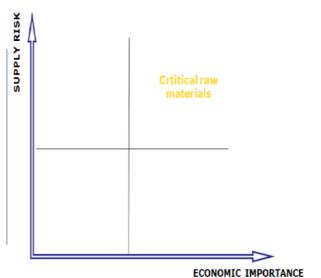
Adapted from Richard Baldwin: The Globotics Upheavel, 2019

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2023 Critical Raw Materials (new CRMs in italics)						
aluminium/bauxite	coking coal	lithium	phosphorus			
antimony	feldspar	LREE	scandium			
arsenic	fluorspar	magnesium	silicon metal			
baryte	gallium	manganese	strontium			
beryllium	germanium	natural graphite	tantalum			
bismuth	hafnium	niobium	titanium metal			
boron/borate	helium	PGM	tungsten			
cobalt	HREE	phosphate rock	vanadium			
		copper*	nickel*			

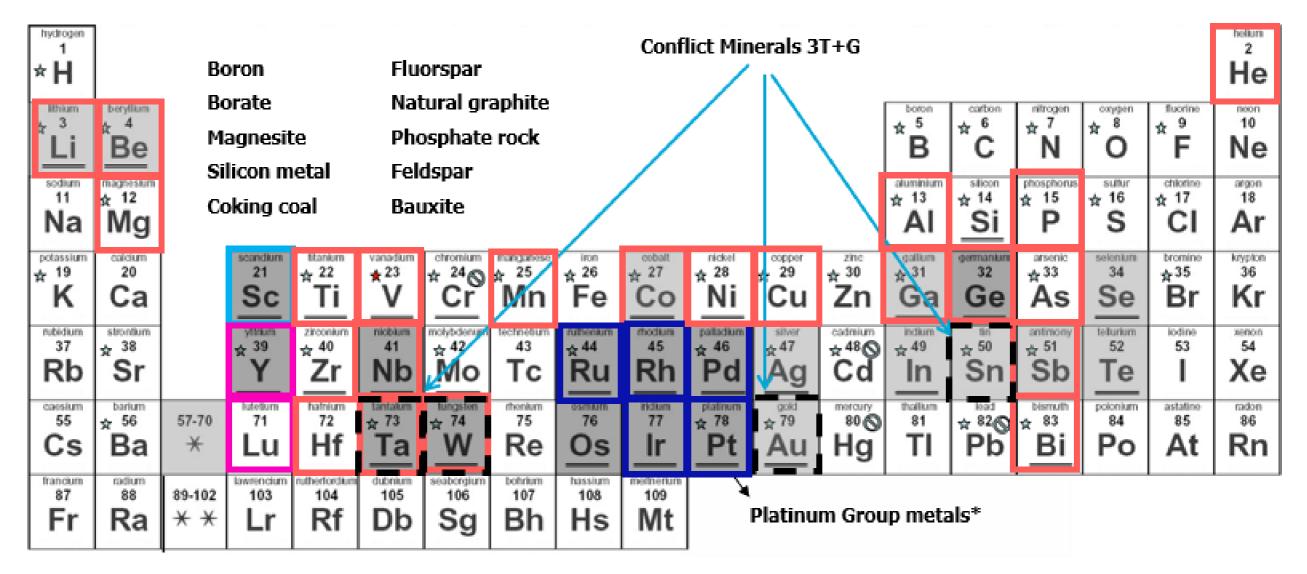
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cobalt	HREE	phosphate rock	vanadium			
		copper*	nickel*			

* 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)

*Lanthanide series

* * Actinide series

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es	* ⁵⁷ La	* ⁵⁸ Ce	59 Pr	* 60 Nd	61 Pm	Smallun 62	Eu Eu	Gd	65 Tb	dysprosium 66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	ytterbium 70
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* Elements contained in mobile phones. Source: (Meskers at al 2009), * in PCs (Soneji 2009) + WEEE (Dimitrakakis 2009)

S RHOS Elements (use in electronic appliances is restricted)





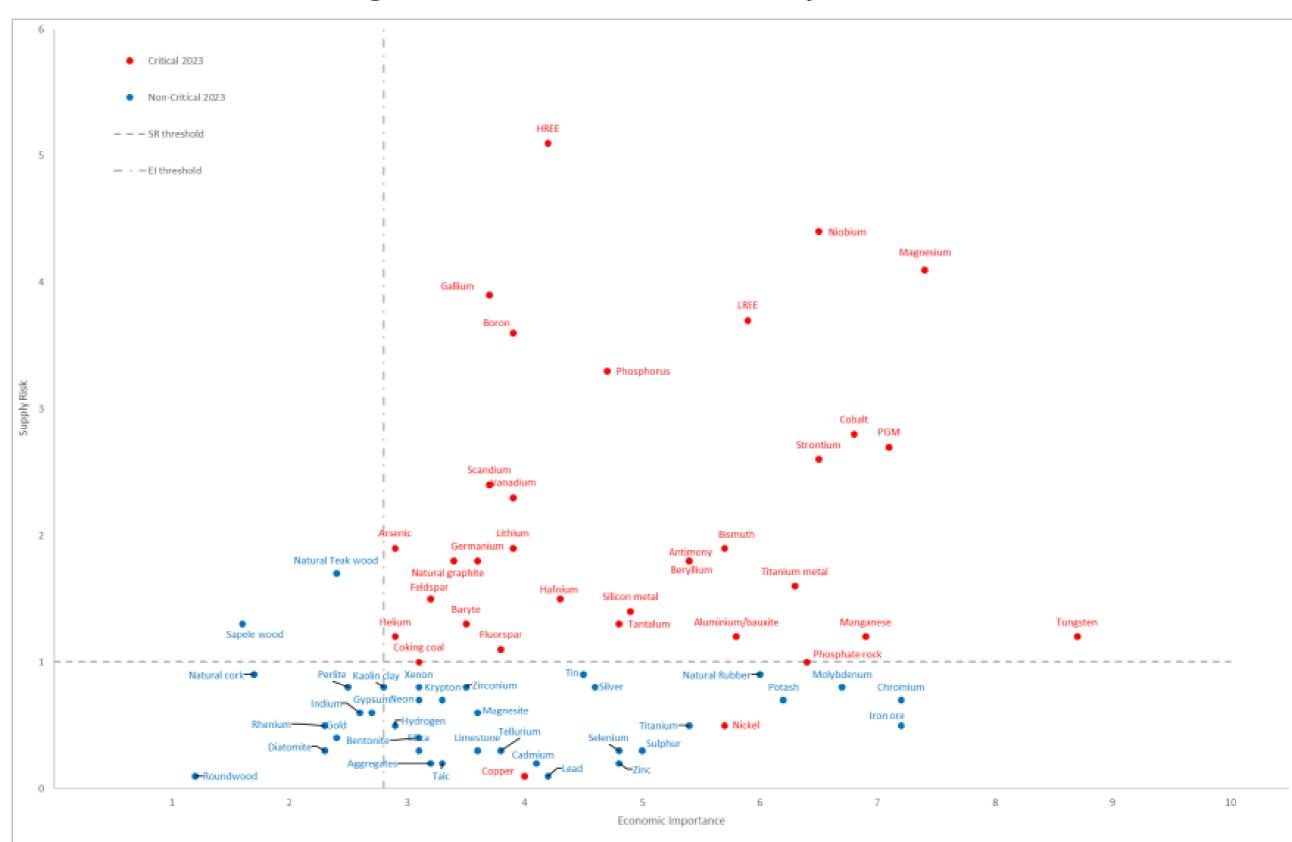


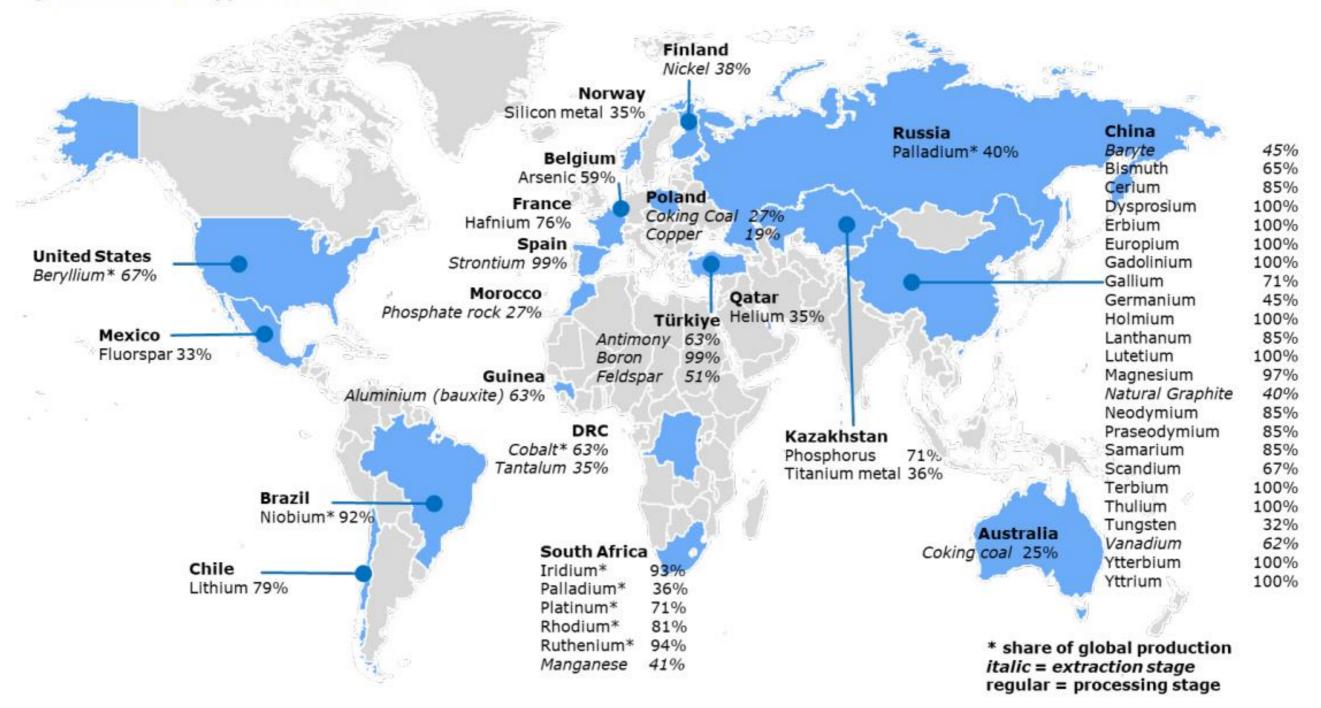
Figure A: Results of the 2023 EU criticality assessment⁵

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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

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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



Commission

EU NET-ZERO INDUSTRY ACT: MAKING THE EU THE HOME OF CLEAN TECH INDUSTRIES

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The act: Made in EU by 2030



Li-ion batteries



Wind turbines



Heat pumps



Data storage and servers



Robotics



Fuel cells



Traction motors



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



Smartphones, tablets and laptops



Drones

Source: JRC elaboration based on flaticon.com



Electrolysers



Solar photovoltaics (PV)



Data transmission networks



Additive manufacturing (AM)



Space launchers and satellites



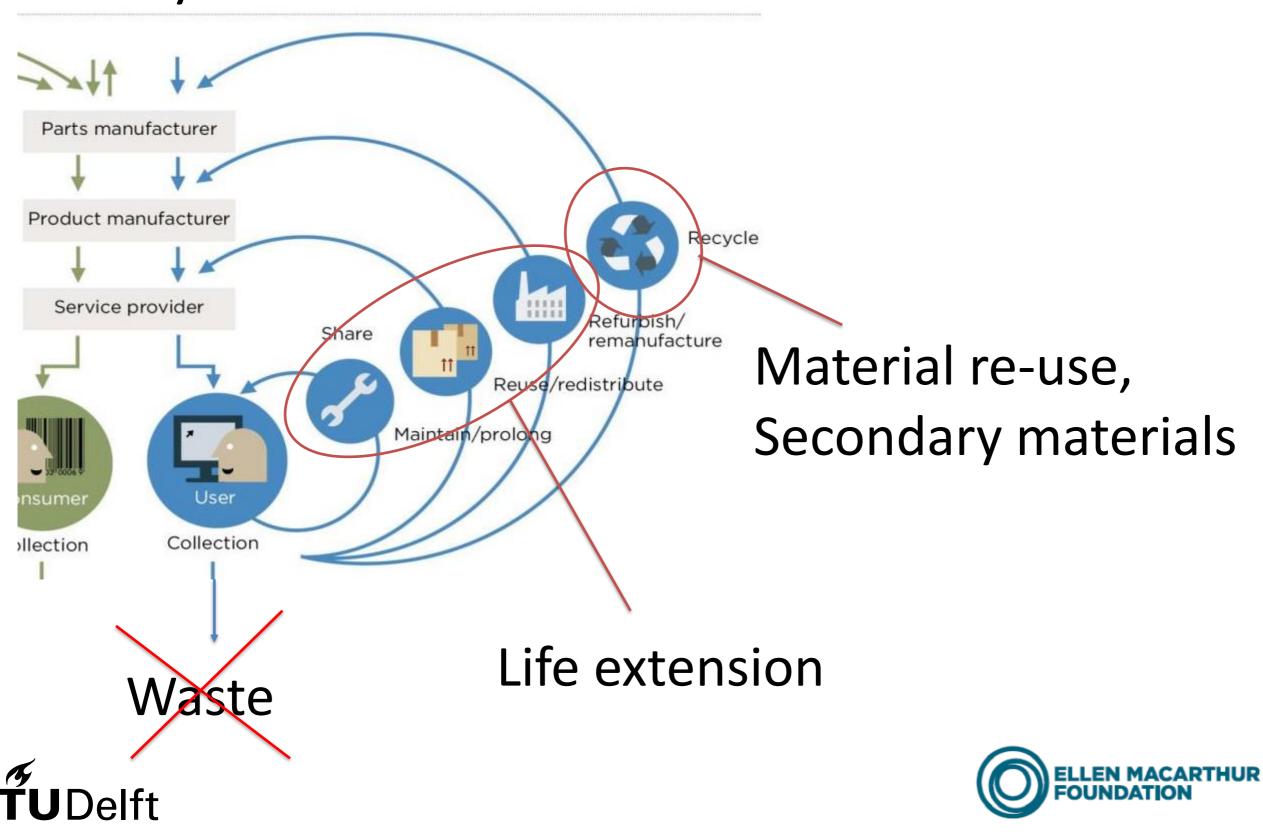
40% must be made in EU by 2030 Links to CRMA on material supply

The Circular Opportunity - Remanufacturing



Circle – products /equipment /components - materials

Primary Materials

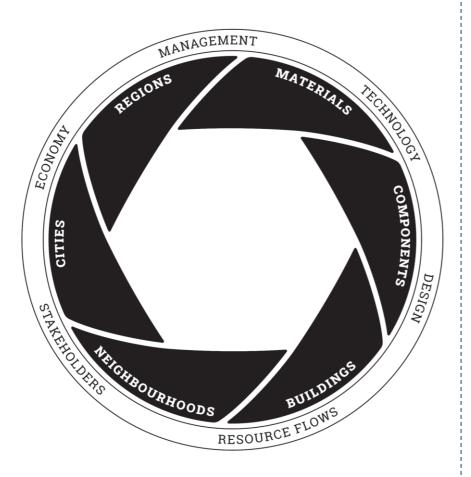


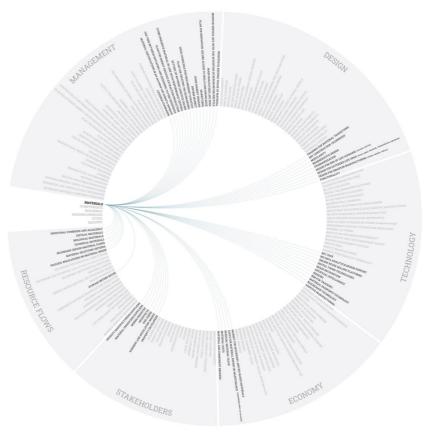
Scale Matters: The A+BE approach to research and education in a circular built environment



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Creating a shared understanding: the "Scales to Aspects" Model





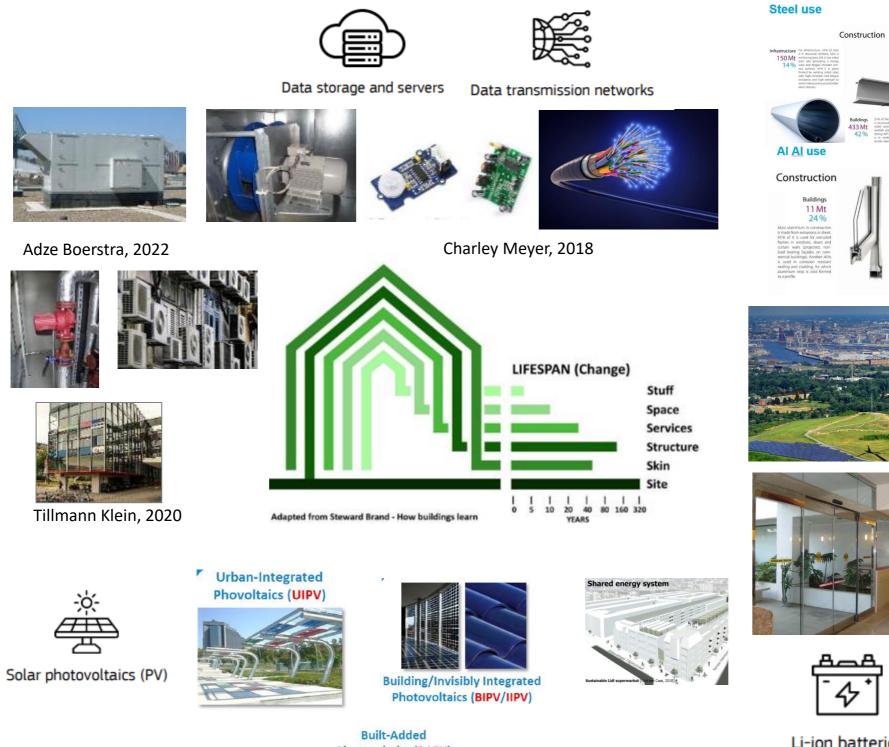
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CRM in buildings

Heat pumps

Traction motors

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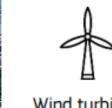




Additive manufacturing (AM)



Robotics



Wind turbines







Li-ion batteries



2 Mt

Traction motors

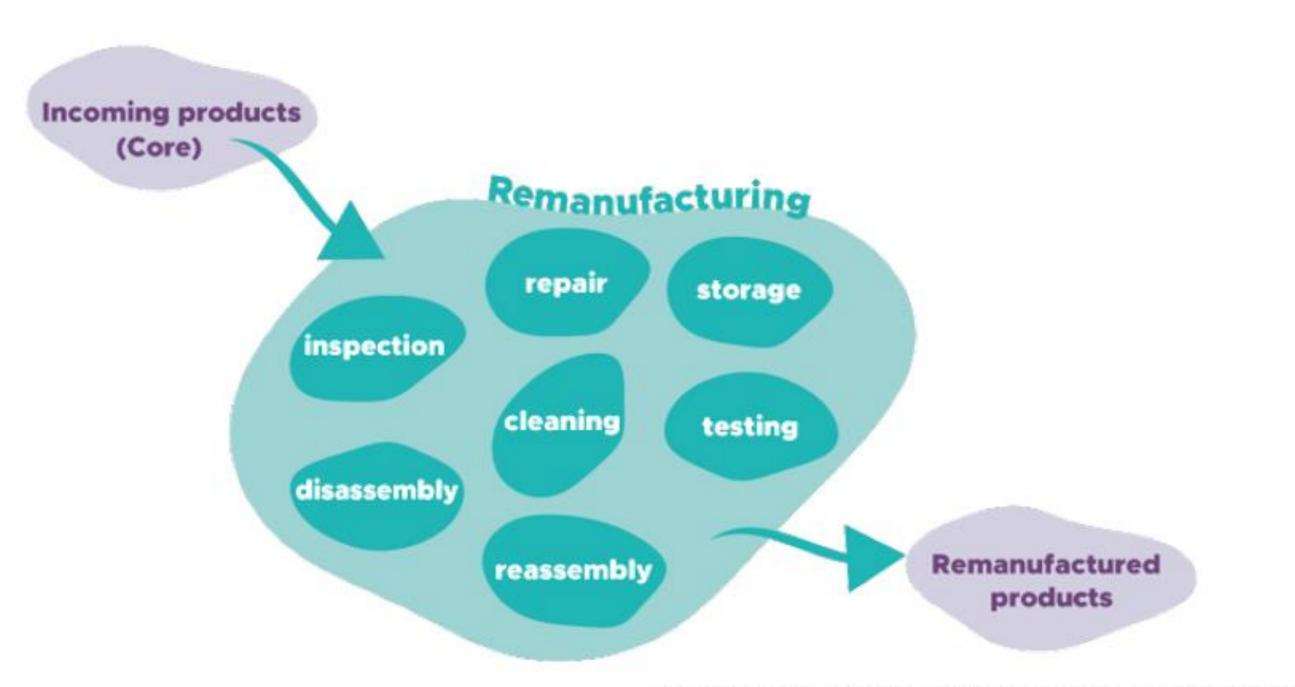
Photovoltaics (BAPV)



Circular direction of travel: The strategies - remanufacturing

Circular economy		Strategies	
	Smarter product use and manufacture	R0 Refuse	Make product rebundant by abandoning its function or by offering the same function with a radically different product
		R1 Rethink	Make product use more intensive (e.g. by sharing product)
		R2 Reduce	Increase efficiency in product manufacture or use by consuming fewer natural resources and materials
Increasing circularity		R3 Reuse	Reuse by another consumer of discarded product, which is still in good condition and fullfils its original function
	Extend Meaner	R4 Repair	Repair and maintenance of defective product so it can be used with its original function
	Extend lifespan of product and	R5 Refurbish	Restore an old product and bring it up to date
	its parts	R6 Remanufacture	Use parts of discarded product in a new product with the same function
		R7 Repurpose	Use discarded product or its parts in a new product with a different function
	Useful application of materials	R8 Recycle	Process materials to obtain the same (high grade) or lower (low grade) quality
		R9 Recover	Incineration of material with energy recovery
Linear economy			

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. **TU**Delft Source: (Kirchherr, et al., 2017)



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



Helmi Ben Rejeb, 202

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%

Right?















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