



# Why does the European Union need to produce primary minerals?

The complementary role of policies and technologies

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# Why does the European Union need to produce primary minerals?

- > Why do minerals matter to the European Union
- > A changing (changed ?) world
- > The respective role of policies and technologies
  - Thoughts for a European Union in a global world



# **WHY DO MINERALS AND METALS MATTER TO THE EUROPEAN UNION?**

# Some reasons to worry ...

- > Despite its important, and still largely untapped, geological potential the EU produces little of what it consumes, this makes it highly dependent on imports from beyond its borders**
- > NIMBYsm is a widespread EU problem;**
- > There is potentially overreliance on the virtues of a free market economy to ascertain the growing (!) diversity of raw material supplies needed by the EU economy**

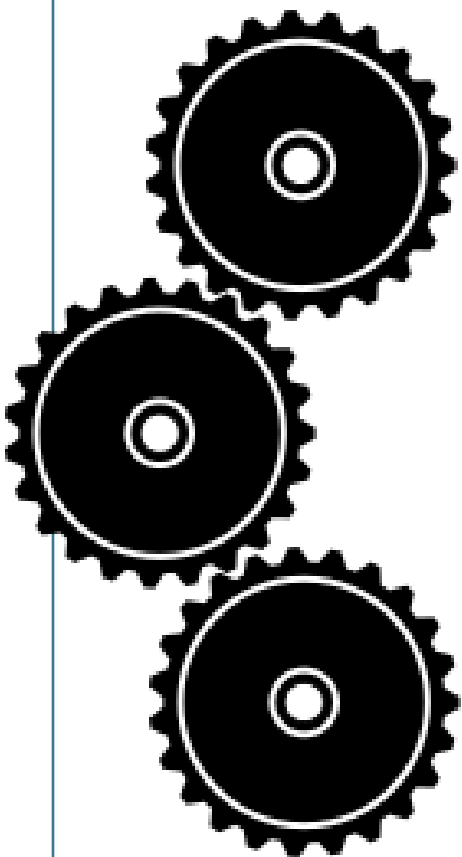
# EU DEPENDENCE ON MINERAL RAW MATERIALS IMPORTS (EXAMPLES)

Antimony	100%	Vanadium	100%
Beryllium	100%	Tin	100%
Boron	100%	Phosphates	92%
Manganese	100%	Rhenium	90%
Cobalt	100%	Nickel	86%
Molybdenum	100%	Iron ore	83%
Niobium	100%	Bauxite	80%
Platinoids	100%	Zinc	80%
Rare Earths	100%	Tungsten	76%
Tantalum	100%	Lead	76%
Titanium	100%	Copper	74%
Germanium	100%	Chromite	53%

Numbers on red background indicate raw materials of which China is the first global mine producer - Data sources ( data for 2009) : USGS, BGS, BRGM, PGI, WMD







**KNOW YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN:**  
Primary and secondary mineral raw materials are vital inputs to many complex, frequently poorly documented and understood supply chains.

**Just in time and zero stock: still valid mantras of a competitive economy?**

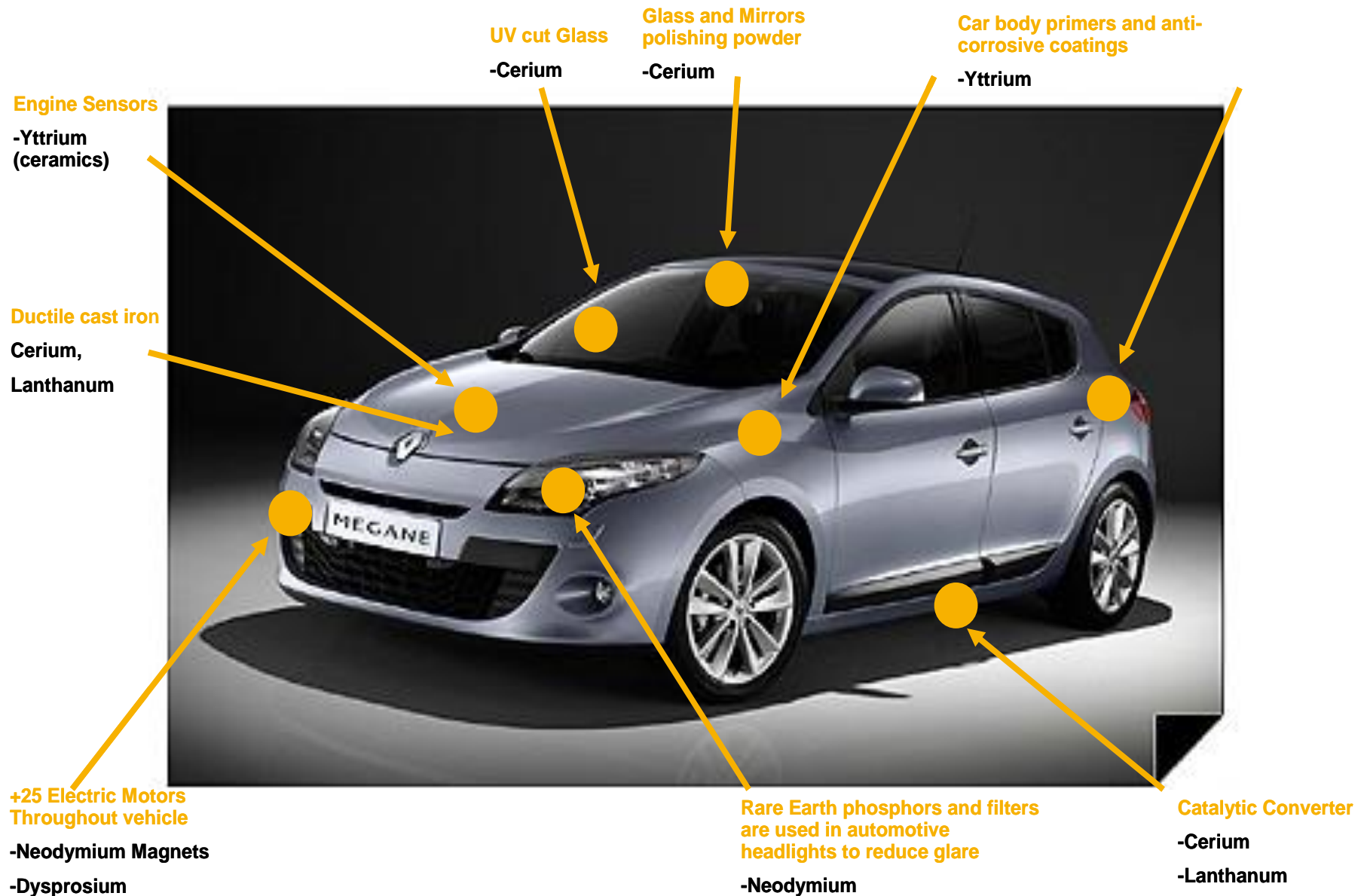
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Li	Be	RAW MATERIALS NEEDED FOR ENERGY SECTOR APPLICATIONS (MOST ARE FROM MINING ACTIVITIES)											B	C	N	O	F	Ne
Na	Mg												Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
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Lanthanides	La	Ce	Pr	Nd	Pm	Sm	Eu	Gd	Tb	Dy	Hm	Er	Tm	Yb
(Rare Earth)														
Actinides	Ac	Th	Pa	U	Np	Pu	Am	Cm	Bk	Cf	Es	Fm	Md	No

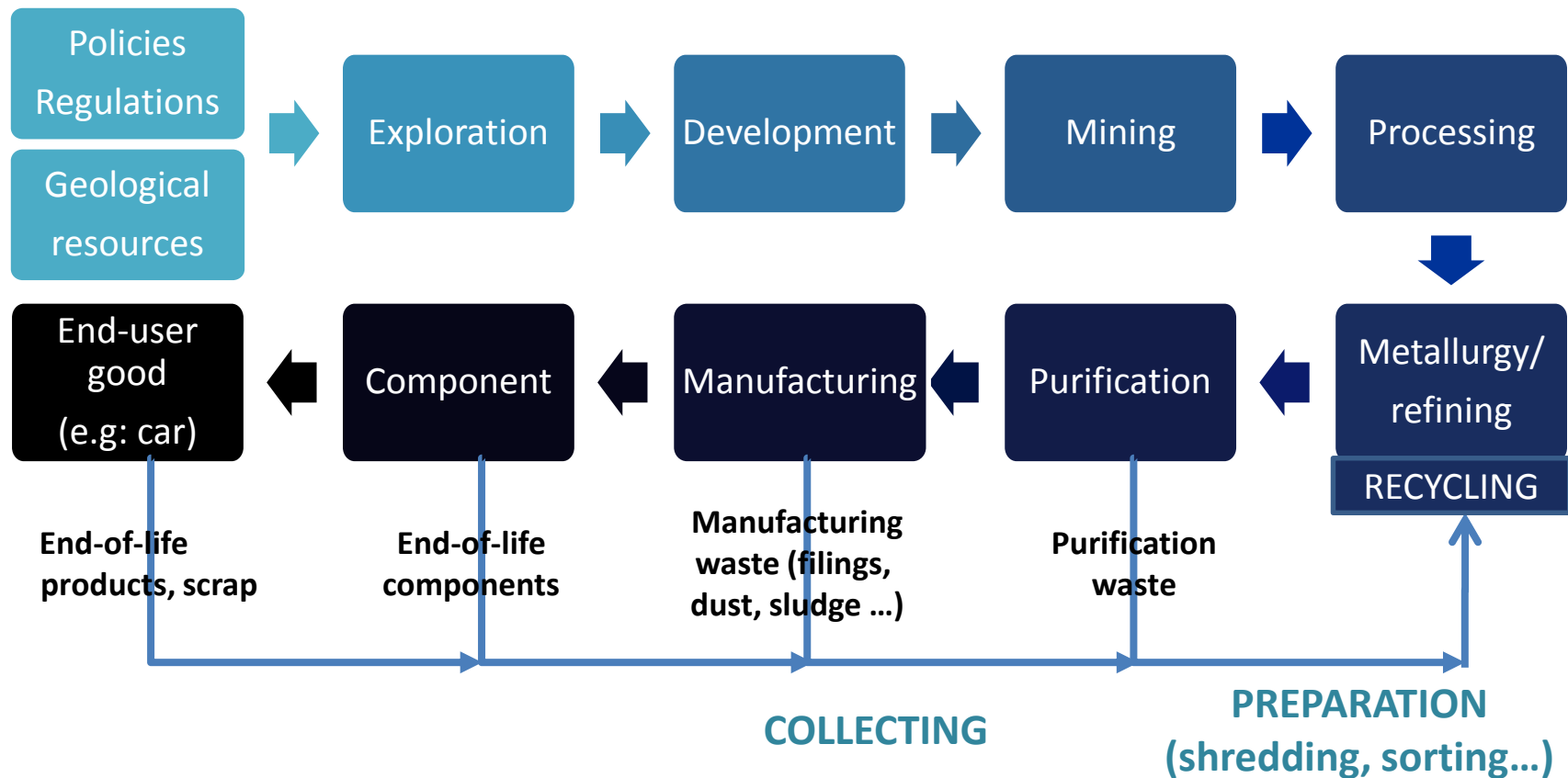
	Energy storage		Electricity generation and storage		Lighting
	Connectivity		Elements specific to nuclear electricity generation		Supraconductors
	Energy saving		Photovoltaics		
	Catalysis (fuel cells)		Permanent magnets for windmills and electrical/ hybrid cars		



# REE use in car manufacturing (By permission of Renault cars)



# Criticality can hit one or several elements of a supply chain

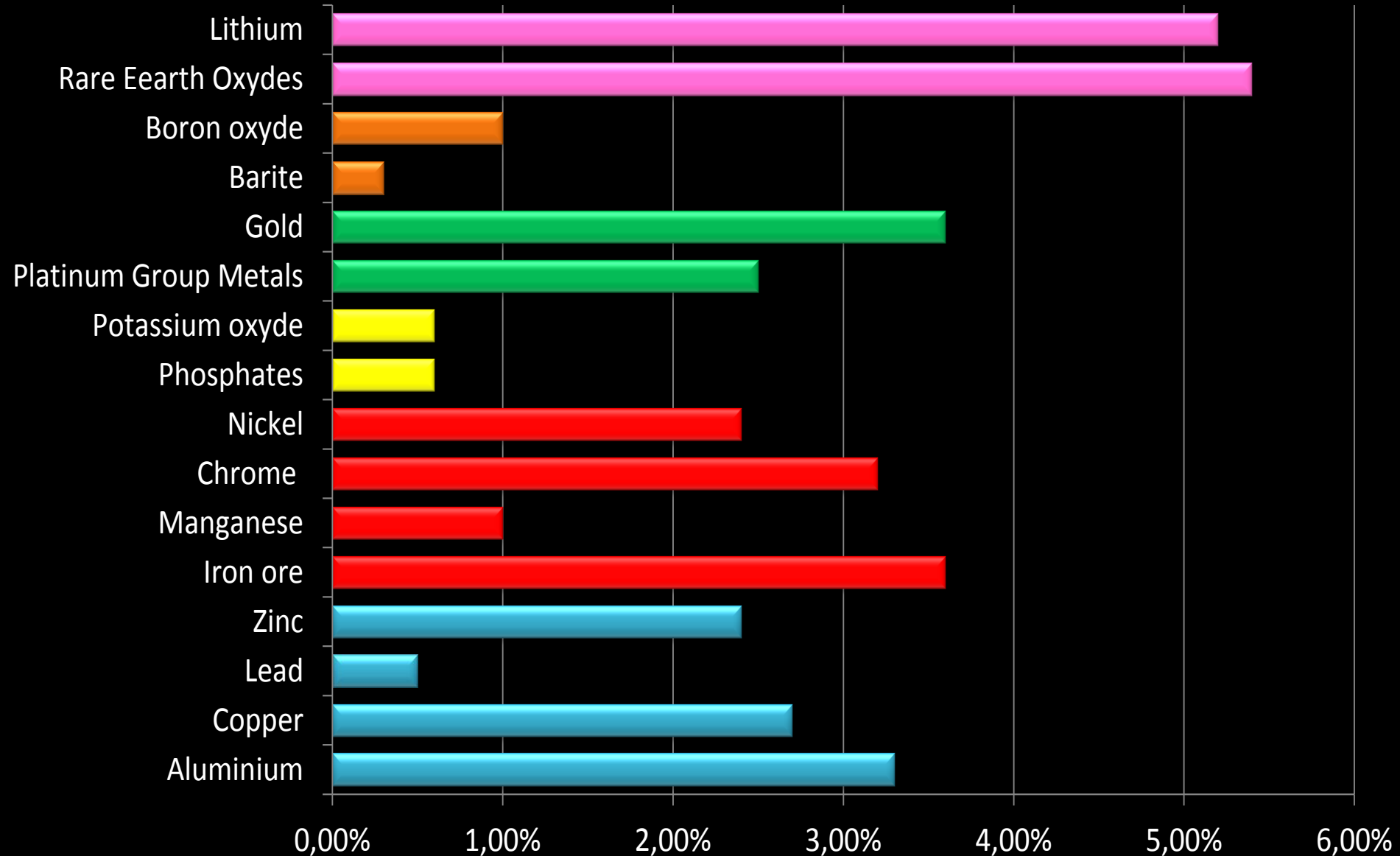




Many recent criticality assessment look at the geographic distribution of mine production as a key. Alas, there are more issues around ...

# Compound Annual Growth Rate over 30 years (1981-2010) of the production of a selection of minerals and metals -

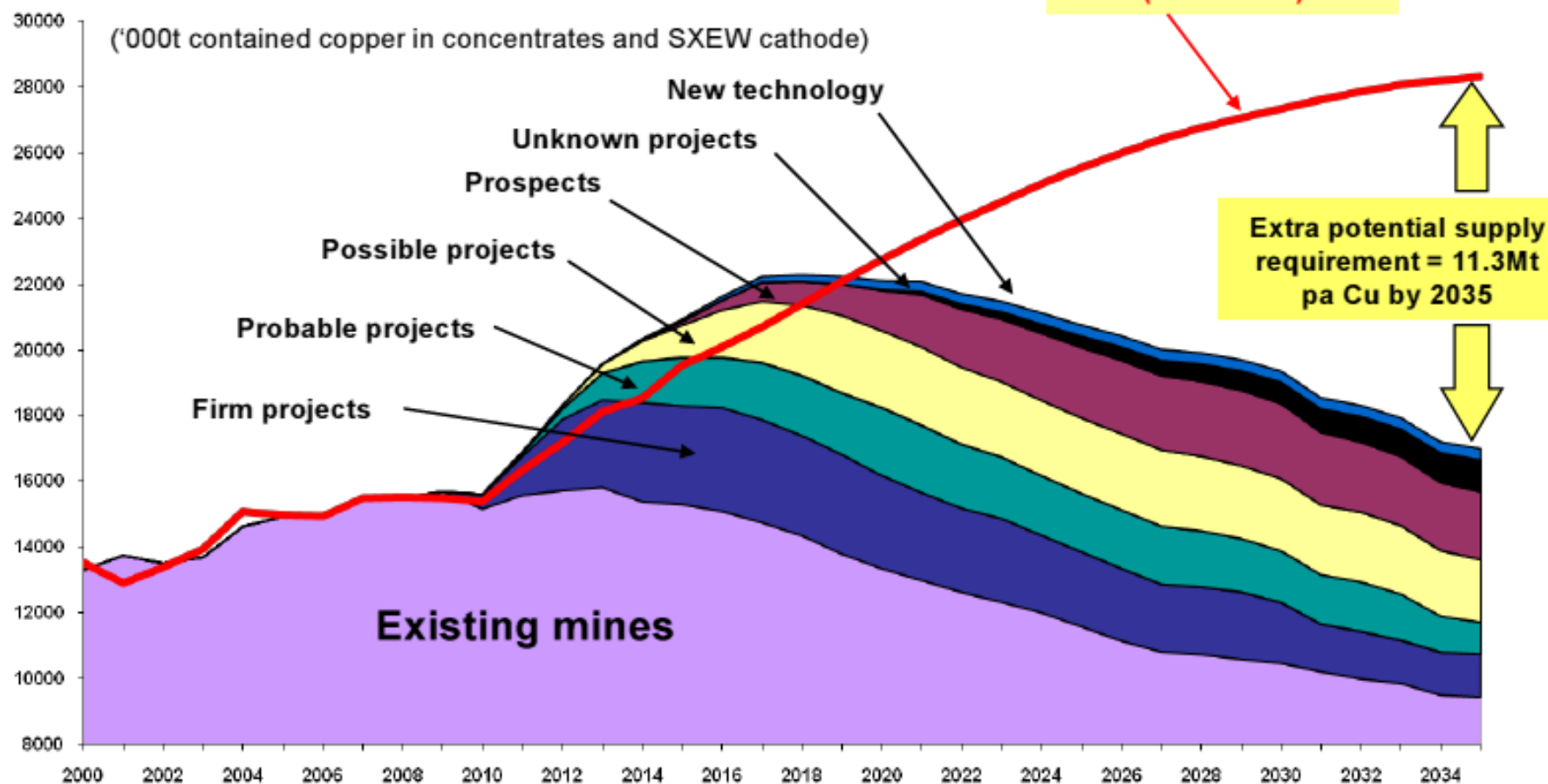
Data source: USGS Data Series 140





## Substantial potential supply gap will start opening up from 2020 onwards

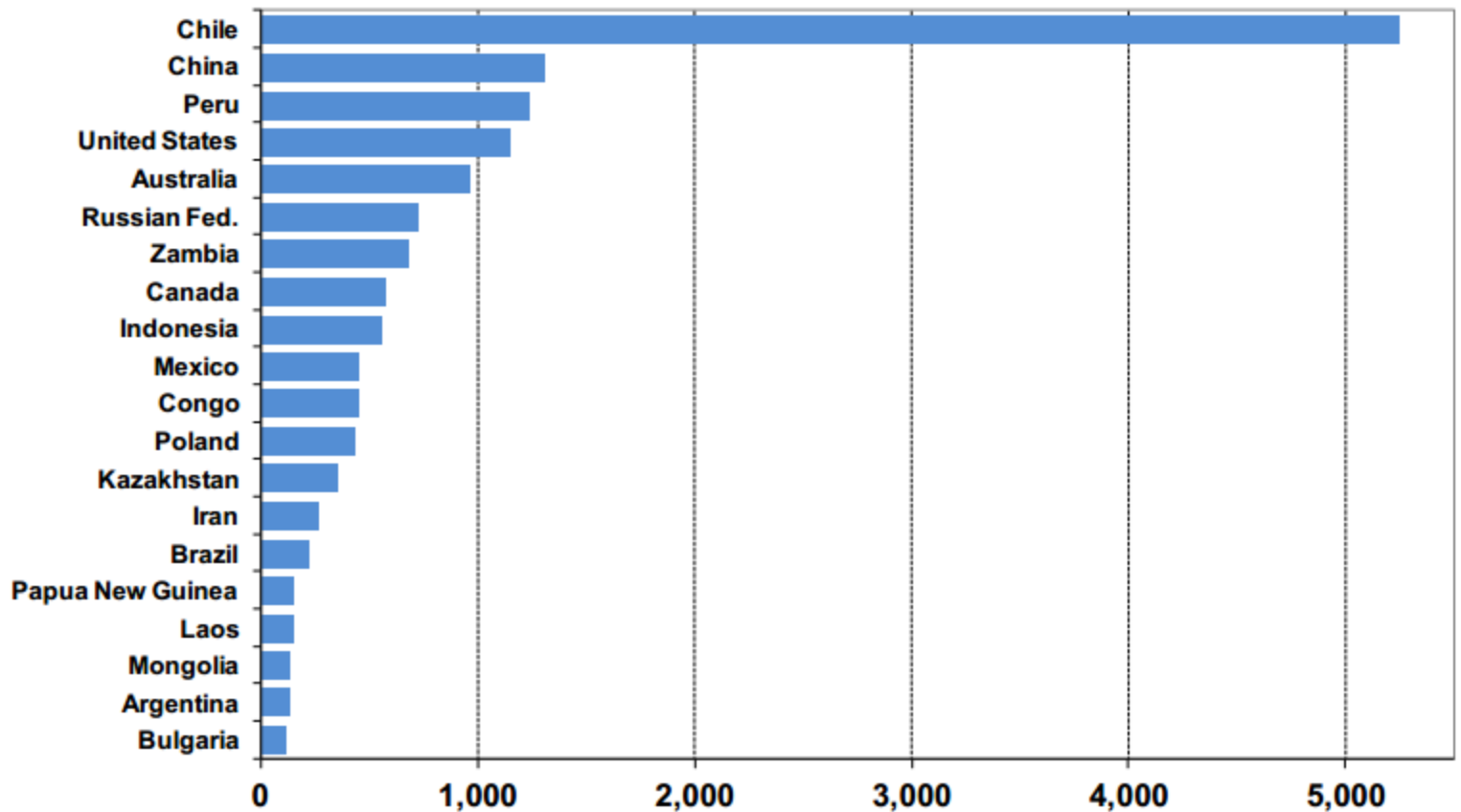
World mine production, 2000-2035



### Copper Mine Production by Country: Top 20 Countries in 2011p

(Thousand metric tonnes)

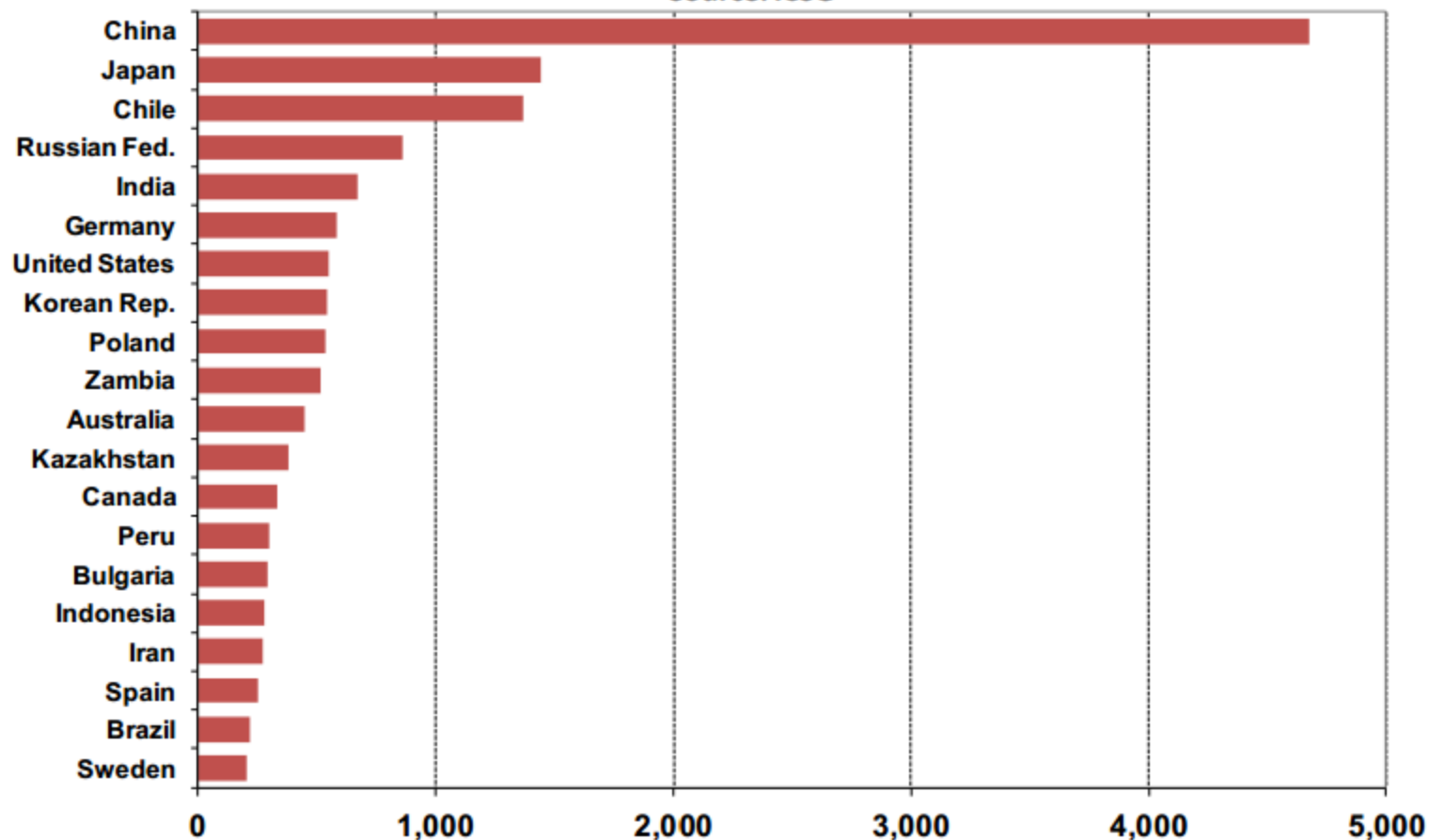
Source: ICSG



## Copper Smelter Production by Country: Top 20 Countries in 2011p

Thousand metric tonnes

Source: ICSG







# A CHANGING (CHANGED ?) WORLD



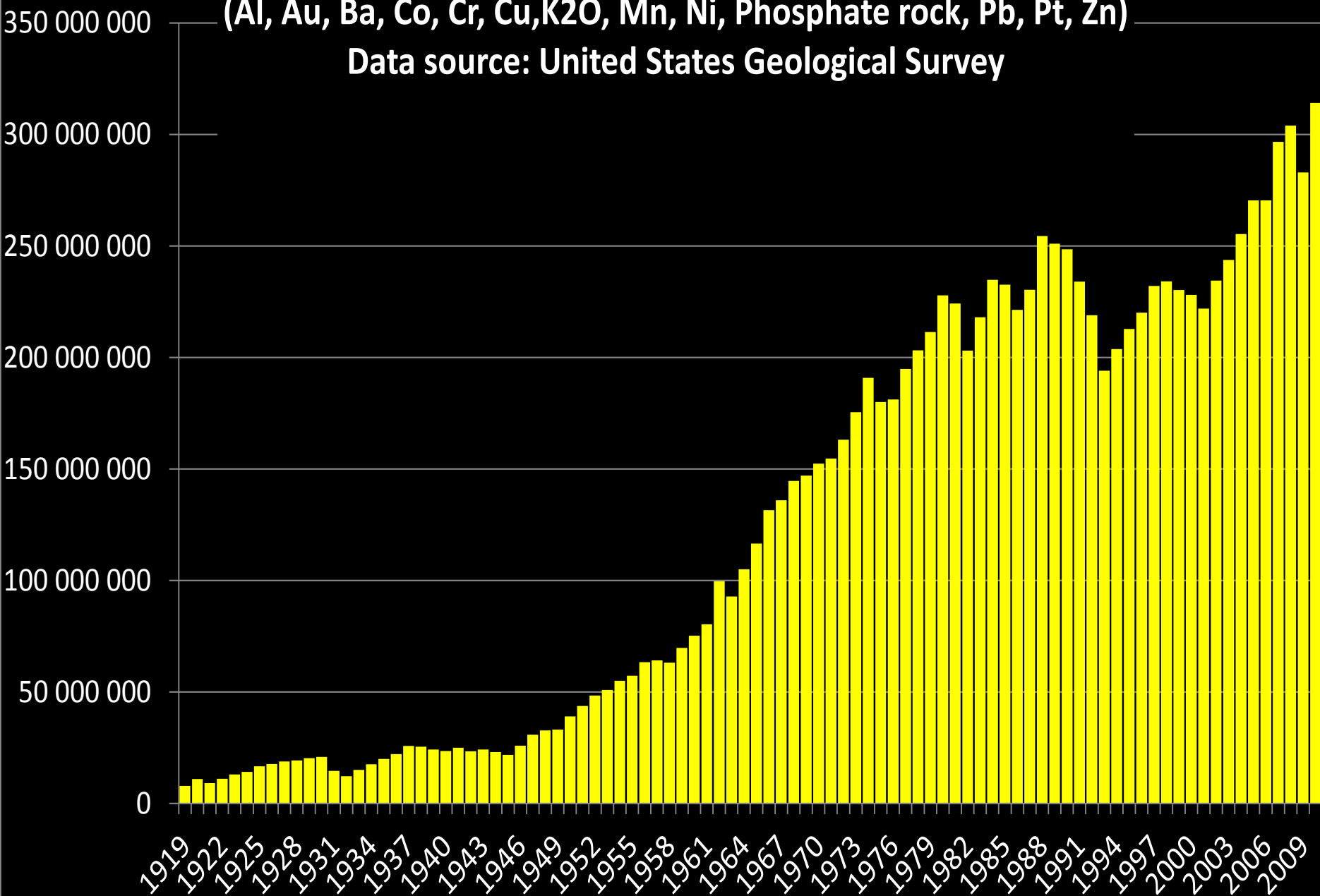
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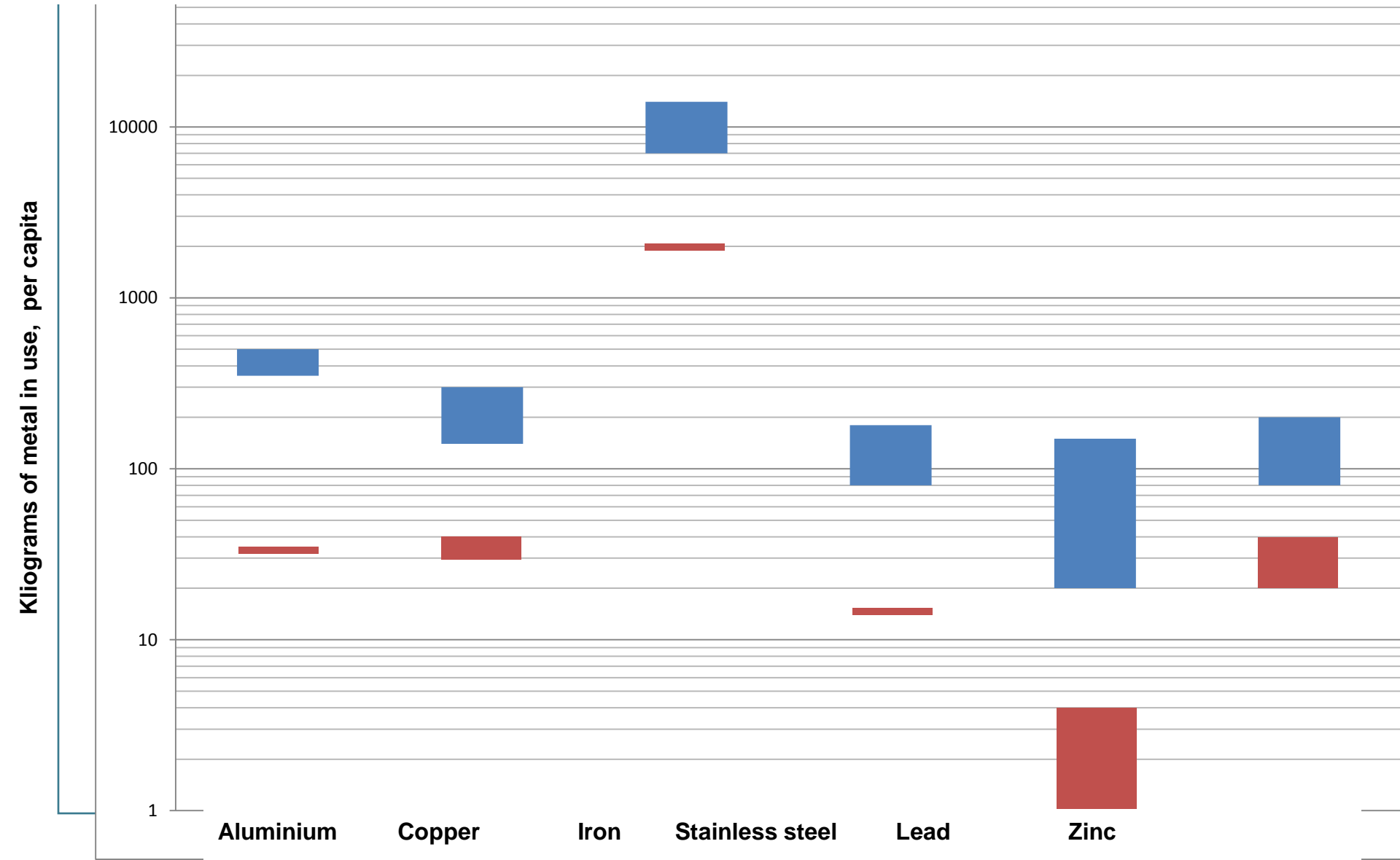
# World production 1919-2010 of 13 minerals

(Al, Au, Ba, Co, Cr, Cu, K<sub>2</sub>O, Mn, Ni, Phosphate rock, Pb, Pt, Zn)

Data source: United States Geological Survey



**Estimate of the per capita « metal in use » stock (in kg, 2005) of some of the most widely used metals , in blue: more advanced countries (860 M persons, in brown: least developed countries (5600 M persons)**  
**Derived from: UNEP International Resource Panel, 'Metal stocks in society ' report**



**“For to win one hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the acme of skill. To subdue the enemy without fighting is the acme of skill.”**

**Sun Tzu, approx. 2500 years ago**

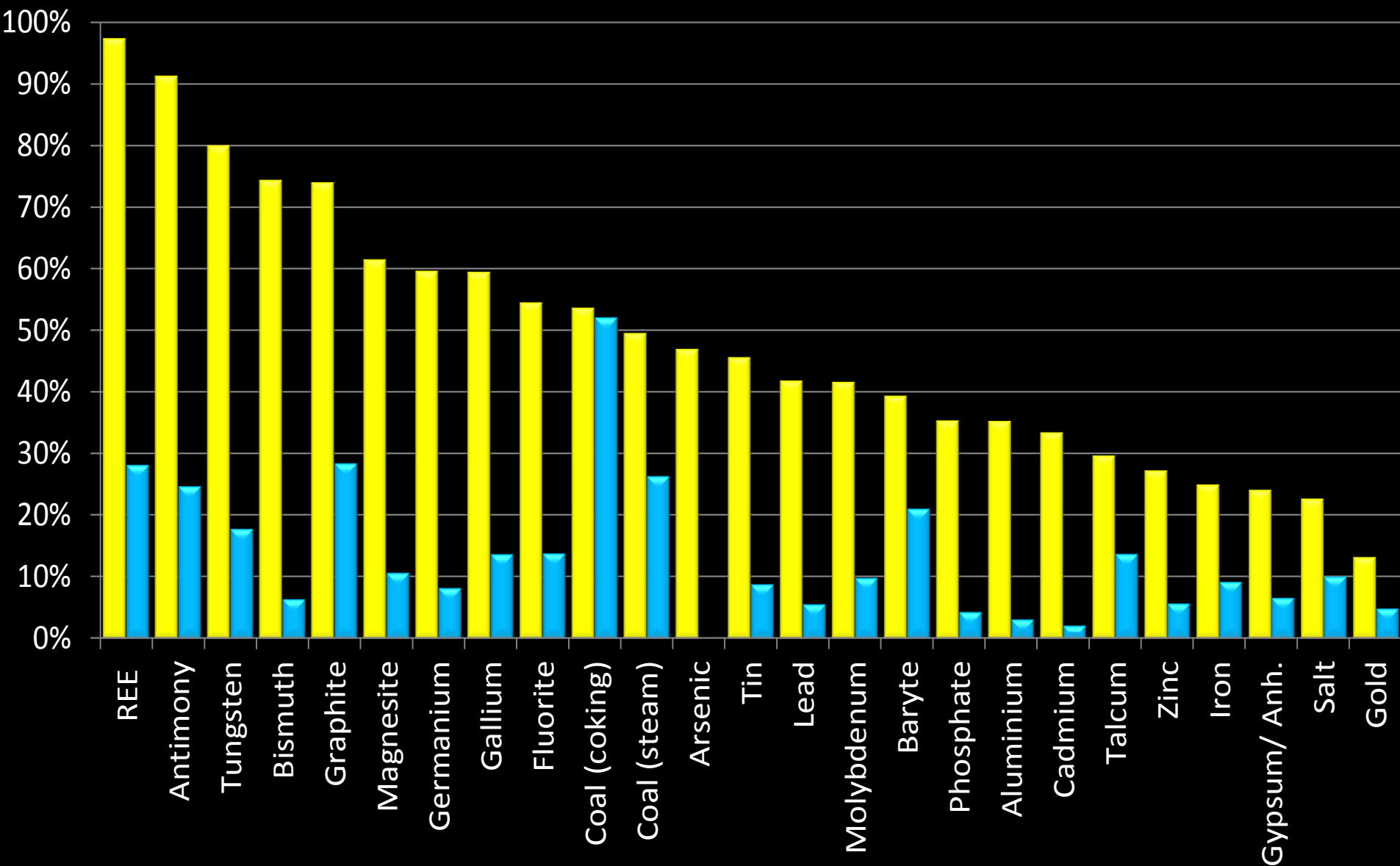
**« The Middle East has oil, China has rare metals »**

**Deng Xiao Ping, 1992**

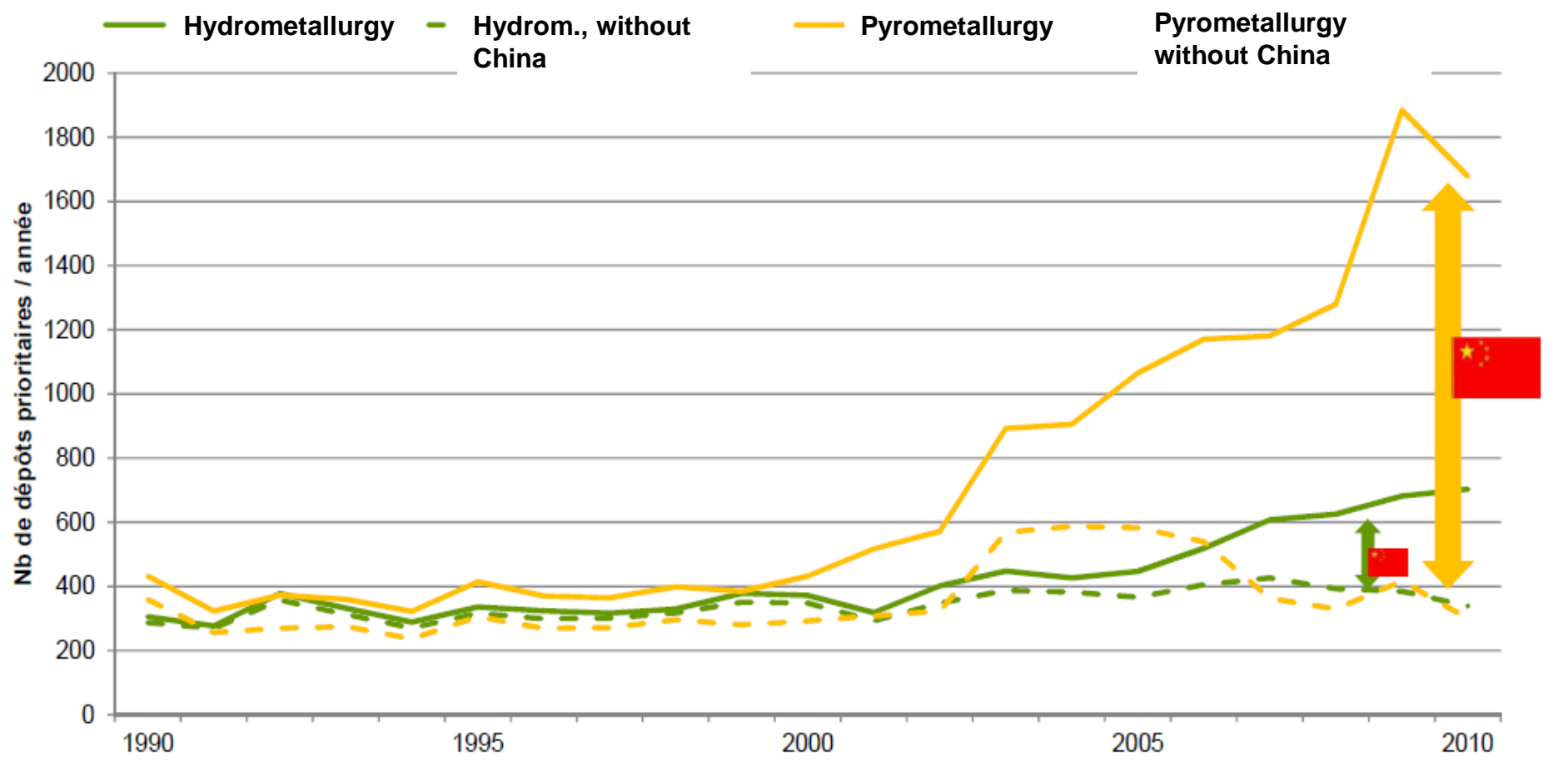


# China's share of the global production for minerals and metals of which it was the first producer in 2010 - Yellow bars: 2010, blue bars: 1986

Data source: World Mining Data



**Changes over time in patent submissions in the pyro- and hydrometallurgical domains, with and without submissions from Chinese actors –**  
**Source: French Atomic Energy Commission, internal study (with permission)**  
**Priority applications 1990-2010**





# THE RESPECTIVE ROLE OF POLICIES AND TECHNOLOGIES (WE NEED BOTH)



PRIVATE SECTOR

PUBLIC SECTOR

ENABLE AND  
REGULATE

- POLICY

- LEGISLATION

- LICENSING /  
PERMITTING

- LOCAL INTEGRATION

- LAND-USE PLANNING

- NEGOTIATION

- GEOSCIENTIFIC  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
DEVELOPMENT

- MINERALS  
INTELLIGENCE

- DISSEMINATION/  
PROMOTION

- INDICATORS

- COMPLIANCE

- TRANSPARENCY

- LOCAL INTEGRATION

- IMPACTS

- SUSTAINABILITY

MONITOR /  
MANAGE

CAPACITIES

- CROSS-CULTURAL  
COMMUNICATION

- TRAINING OF LOCAL  
ENTREPRENEURS

- ACCESS TO  
PROJECT FINANCE

- LOCAL  
INTEGRATION

ENABLE

- MANAGEMENT

- EXPLORATION

- FEASIBILITY

- MINING/  
PROCESSING/  
SMELTING

- CLOSURE

DEVELOP/  
OPERATE

IDENTIFY/  
PROMOTE

**The complementarity between policies and technologies is well recognised in the EU 2014-2020 Research and Innovation Framework Programme and its related European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials, built around 5 strategic goals?**

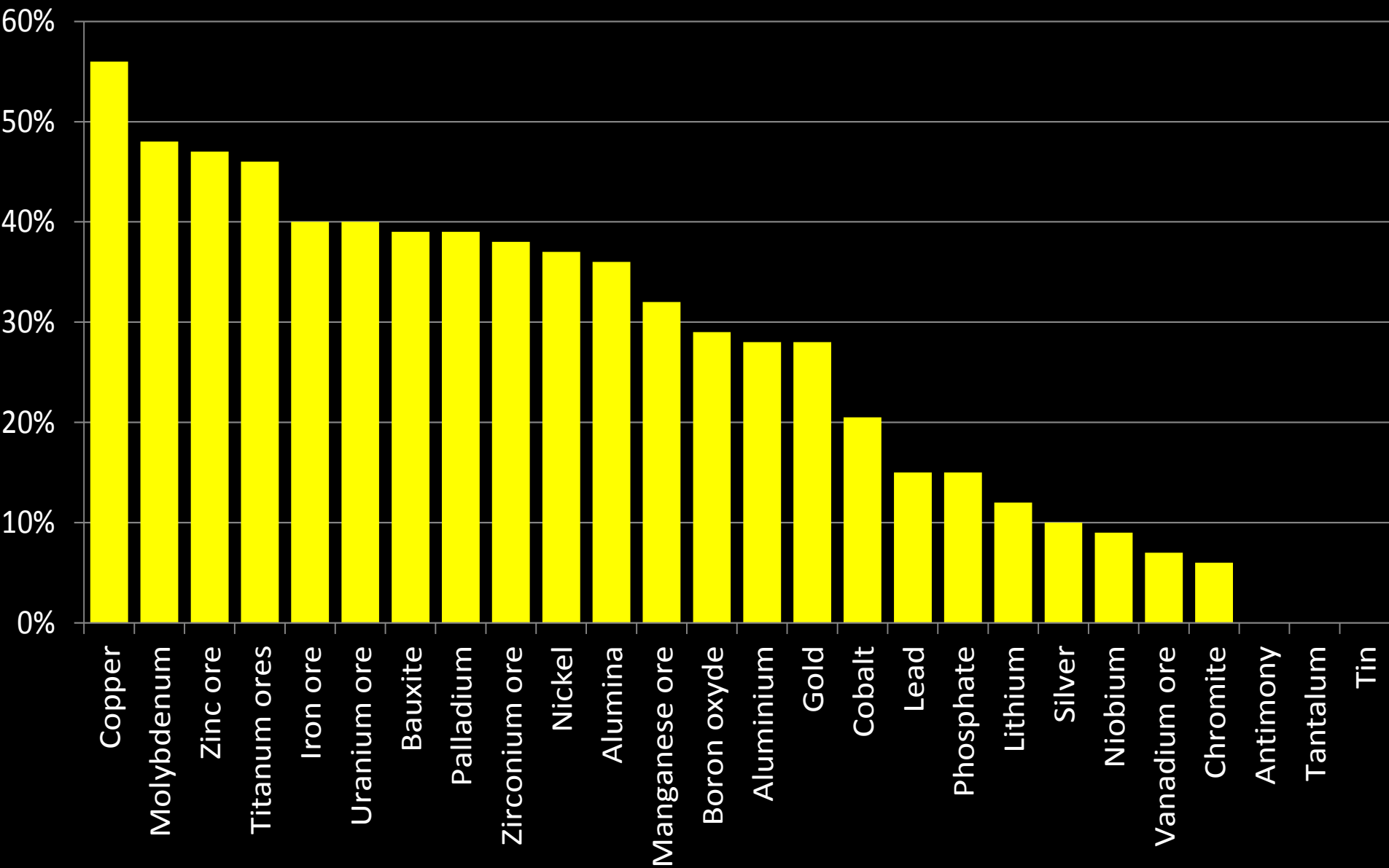
- **Technology-focused policy areas**
  - WP1 - Exploration, extraction, processing, recycling ...
  - WP2 - Substitution, alternative functionalities and materials
- **Non Technology policy areas**
  - WP3 - Improving Europe's raw materials regulatory framework conditions, knowledge base and infrastructure
  - WP4 - Improving Europe's recycling regulatory framework conditions and excellence
- **WP5 - International cooperation**
  - Promoting appropriate international cooperation

# Questions to us Europeans in a global world

- **Will China, Brasil and other mineral rich countries continue, ad for how long, to export low—added value mineral raw materials (concentrates,metals) to the world?**
- **How solid is Europe's metallurgical industry, a critical component of primary and secondary (recycling) metals supply chains?**
- **Is Europe decoupling its growth from its environmental footprint or are our policies shifting environmental burdens to outside countries?**
- **How to effectively decouple growth from its negative impacts at global scale?**
- **How could be corporate commitment to enhanced transparency and to sustainable performance be known to customers and rewarded by the market?**
- **Is there a future for mining in Europe?**

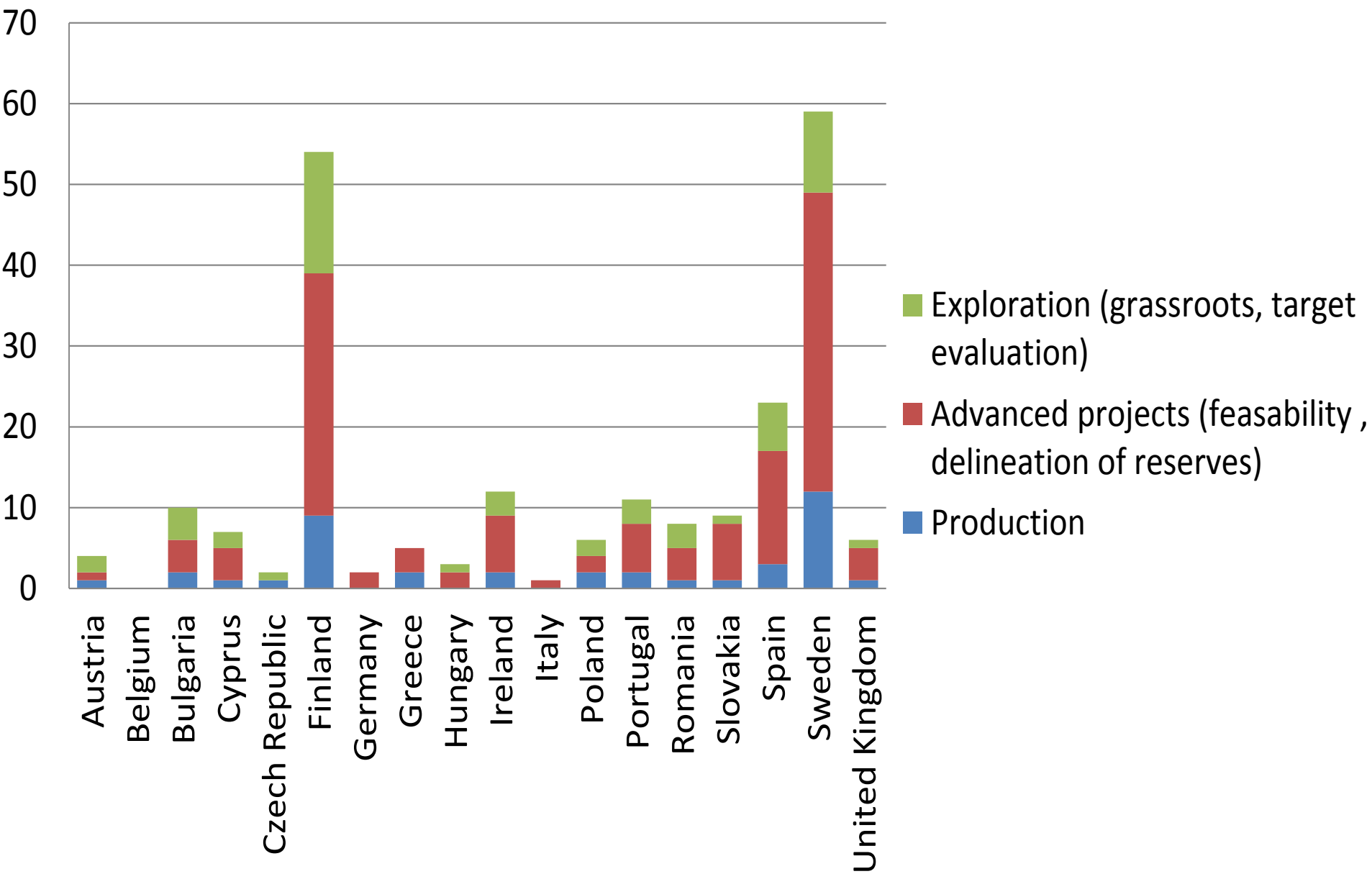
# % of world mine or metals production 2009 by Global Reporting Initiative Reporters

Data sources: Raw Materials Data, Global Reporting Initiative - Compiled by P. Christmann, BRGM



# Estimate of the number of active metallic resources projects in EU Member States

Derived from MineSearch data - situation: October 2012

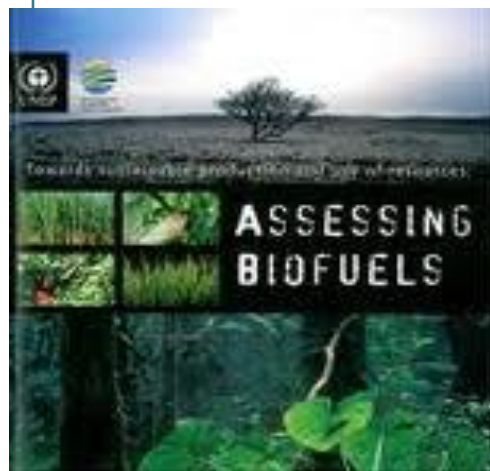




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