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RAW MATERIALS APPLICATION

Group of minerals



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- Mica
- Kaolin or china clay
- Antimony or stibium
- Perlite
- Disthene-Group (Disthene, Andalusite, Sillimanite)
- Beryllium
- Zircon

Technology minerals



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- Germanium
- Gallium
- Indium
- Lithium
- Rare Earth Elements REE
 - Light Rare Earth Elements: Lanthanum, Cerium, Praseodymium, Neodymium, Samarium, Europium
 - Heavy Rare Earth Elements: Gadolinium, Dysprosium, Terbium, Yttrium, Erbium
- Scandium



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EXAMPLES OF APPLICATIONS

Energy supply, Industry 4.0, Smartphones

ELEMENTS OF A SMARTPHONE



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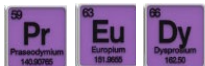
SCREEN



Indium tin oxide is a mixture of indium oxide and tin oxide, used in a transparent film in the screen that conducts electricity. This allows the screen to function as a touch screen.



The glass used on the majority of smartphones is an aluminosilicate glass, composed of a mix of alumina (Al_2O_3) and silica (SiO_2). This glass also contains potassium ions, which help to strengthen it.



A variety of Rare Earth Element compounds are used in small quantities to produce the colors in the smartphone's screen. Some compounds are also used to reduce UV light penetration into the phone.

BATTERY



The majority of phones use lithium ion batteries, which are composed of lithium cobalt oxide as a positive electrode and graphite (carbon) as the negative electrode. Some batteries use other metals, such as manganese, in the place of cobalt. The battery's casing is made of aluminum

Copper is used for wiring in the phone, whilst copper, gold and silver are the major metals from which micro electrical components are fashioned. Tantalum is the major component of micro-capacitors.

Nickel is used in the microphone as well as for other electrical connections. Alloys including the elements praseodymium, gadolinium and neodymium are used in the magnets in the speaker and microphone. Neodymium, terbium and dysprosium in the vibration unit.

Pure silicon is used to manufacture the chip in the phone. It is oxidized to produce non-conducting regions, then other elements are added in order to allow the chip to conduct electricity.

Tin & lead are used to solder electronics in the phone. Newer lead-free solders use a mix of tin, copper and silver.

ELECTRONICS



CASING

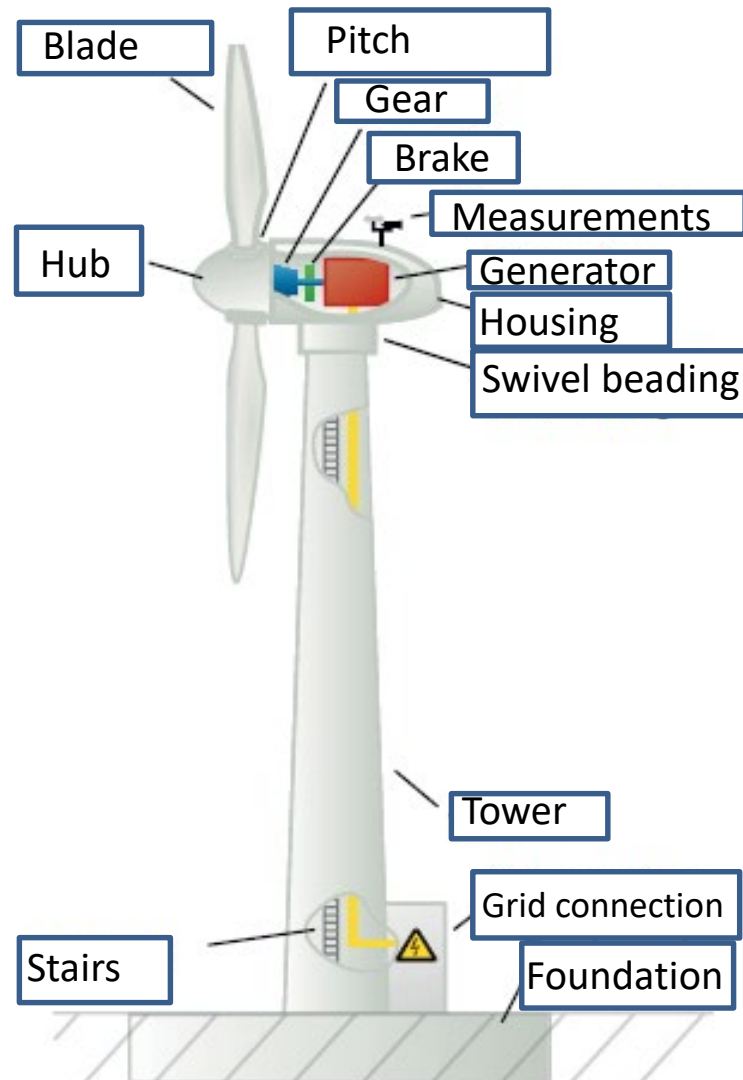


Magnesium compounds are alloyed to make some phone cases, whilst many are made of plastics. Plastics will also include flame retardant compounds, some of which contain bromine, whilst nickel can be included to reduce electromagnetic interference.

Wind mill



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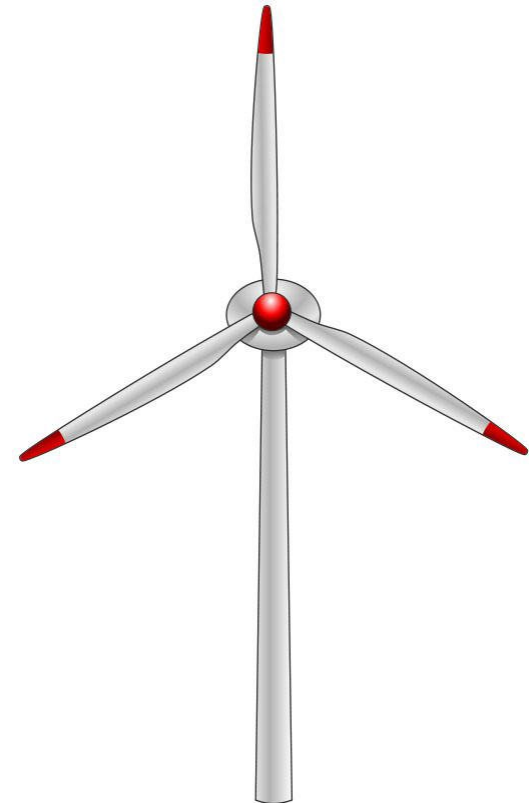
Materials for the construction of a wind mill



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	Typical per cent per weight
Concrete	60 – 65%
Steel	30 – 35%
Composite material	2 – 3%
E-components	< 1%
Copper	< 1%
Aluminium	< 1%
PVC	< 1%
Lubricants	< 1%

Source: DERA 2016



Raw materials in wind mills



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Raw material	Wind mill with gear, on shore wo foundation	2 MW off shore wind mill	Wind mill with gear, off shore with foundation	On shore wind mill
Steel/iron	115	148	340	364
Copper	2	2,75		4,6
Aluminium	2	0,42	2	2,6
Concrete		1050		671
Gravel		150		

Material consumption in t/MW

Source: DERA 2016

Comparison of wind power generator



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Type	Copper	Permanent magnets	HTS
Rated power	8 MW	8MW	8 MW
Revolution speed	11,5 rpm	11,5 rpm	11,5 rpm
Efficiency	93%	95%	98%
Size			
Diameter	11 m	7	3,8 m
Length	2,8	2,6 m	2,3 m
Raw materials			
Copper	80 t	15,5 t	8 t
Electric steel	330 t	150 t	70 t
REE	0 t	2 t (Nd, Dy)	0,02 t (Y, La, Ce, Gd)

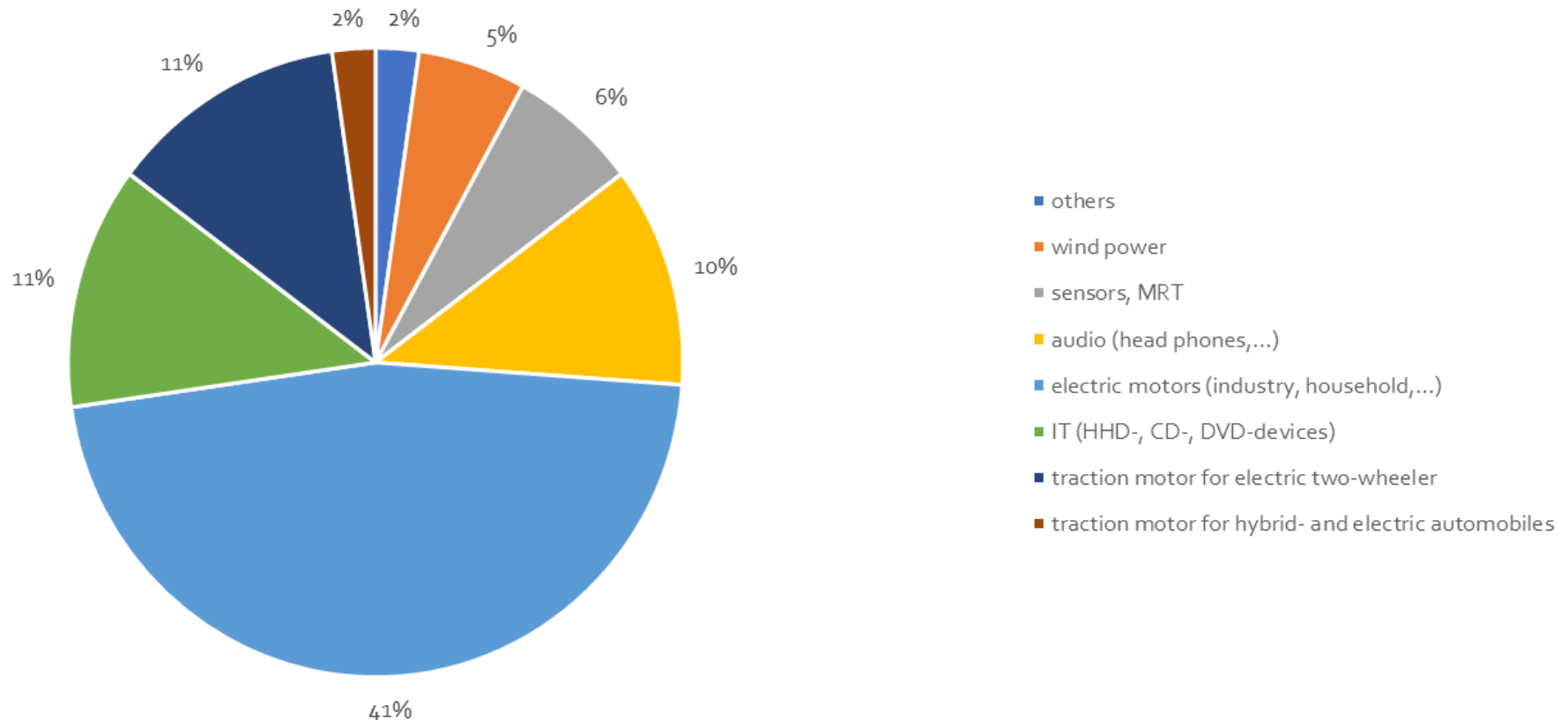
Source: DERA 2016

HTS = High Temperature Supra conductor

Use of NdFeB magnets in different sectors (2012)



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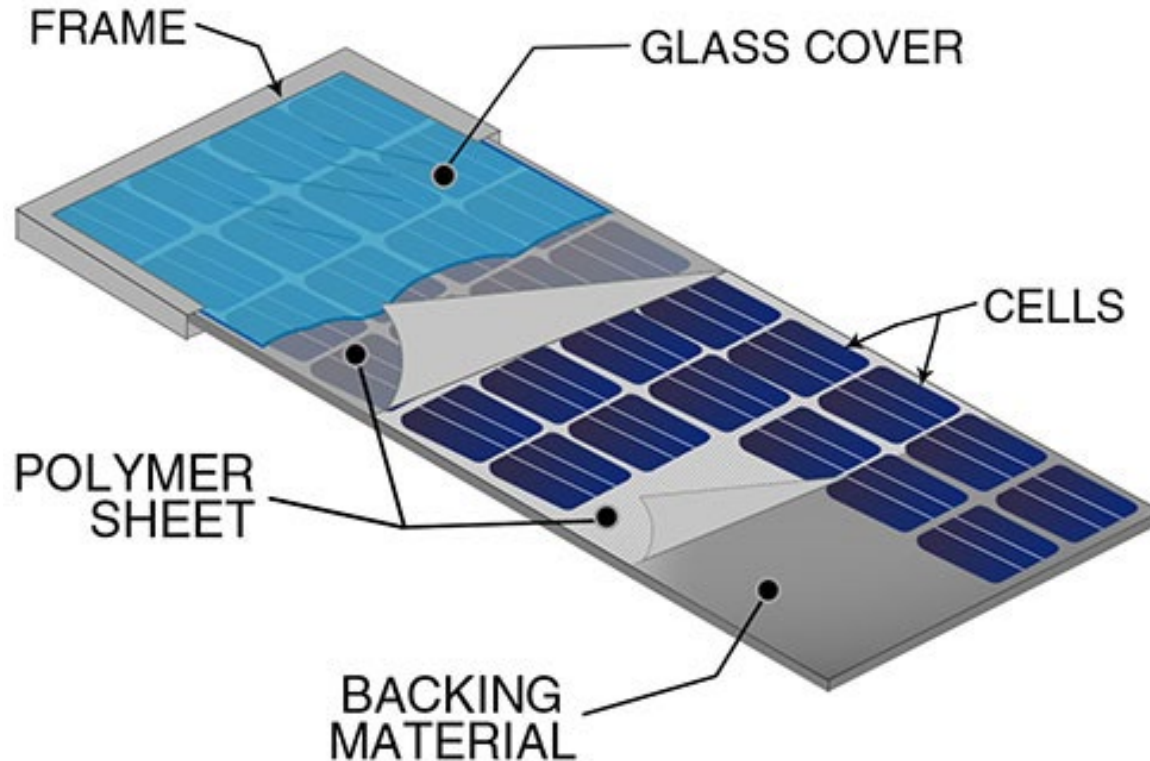


NdFeB=Neodymium Iron Boron

Solar module



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Conventional, traditional or wafer-based cells made of crystalline silicon

“Thin film solar cells”

- Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) cells
- Copper Indium Gallium Selenide (CIGS) cells

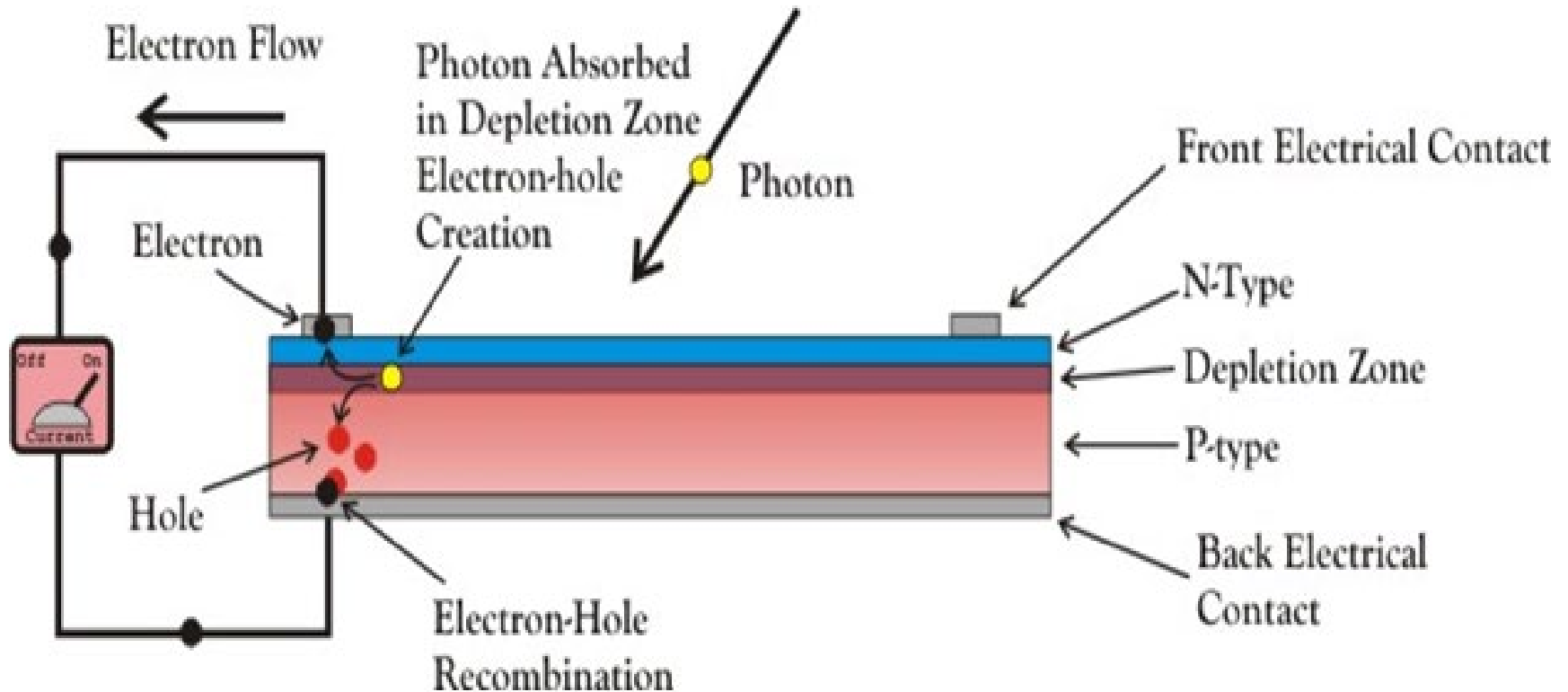
Amorphous silicon or amorphous silicon-germanium solar cells

Source: DERA 2016

Function of a solar module



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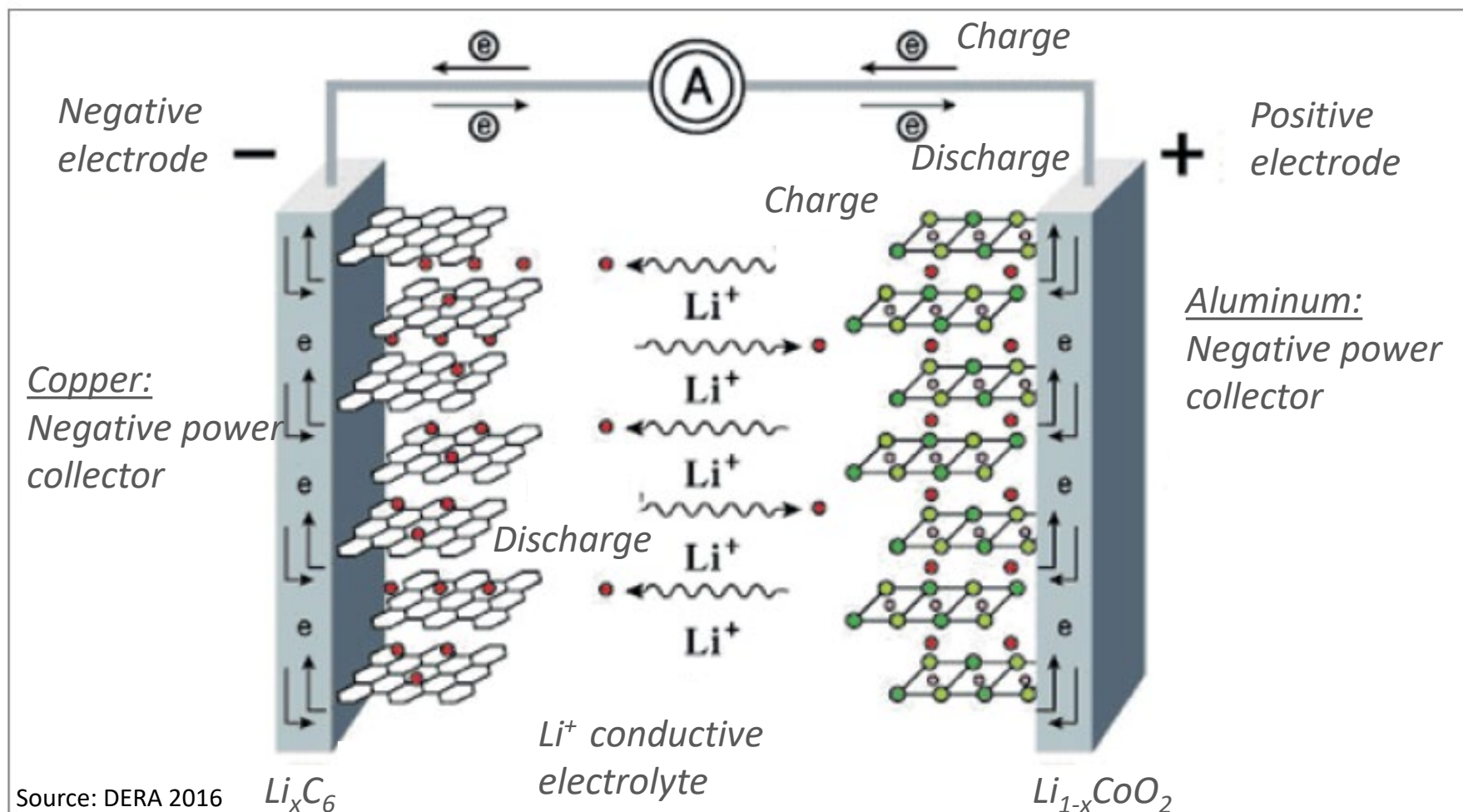


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Energy storage



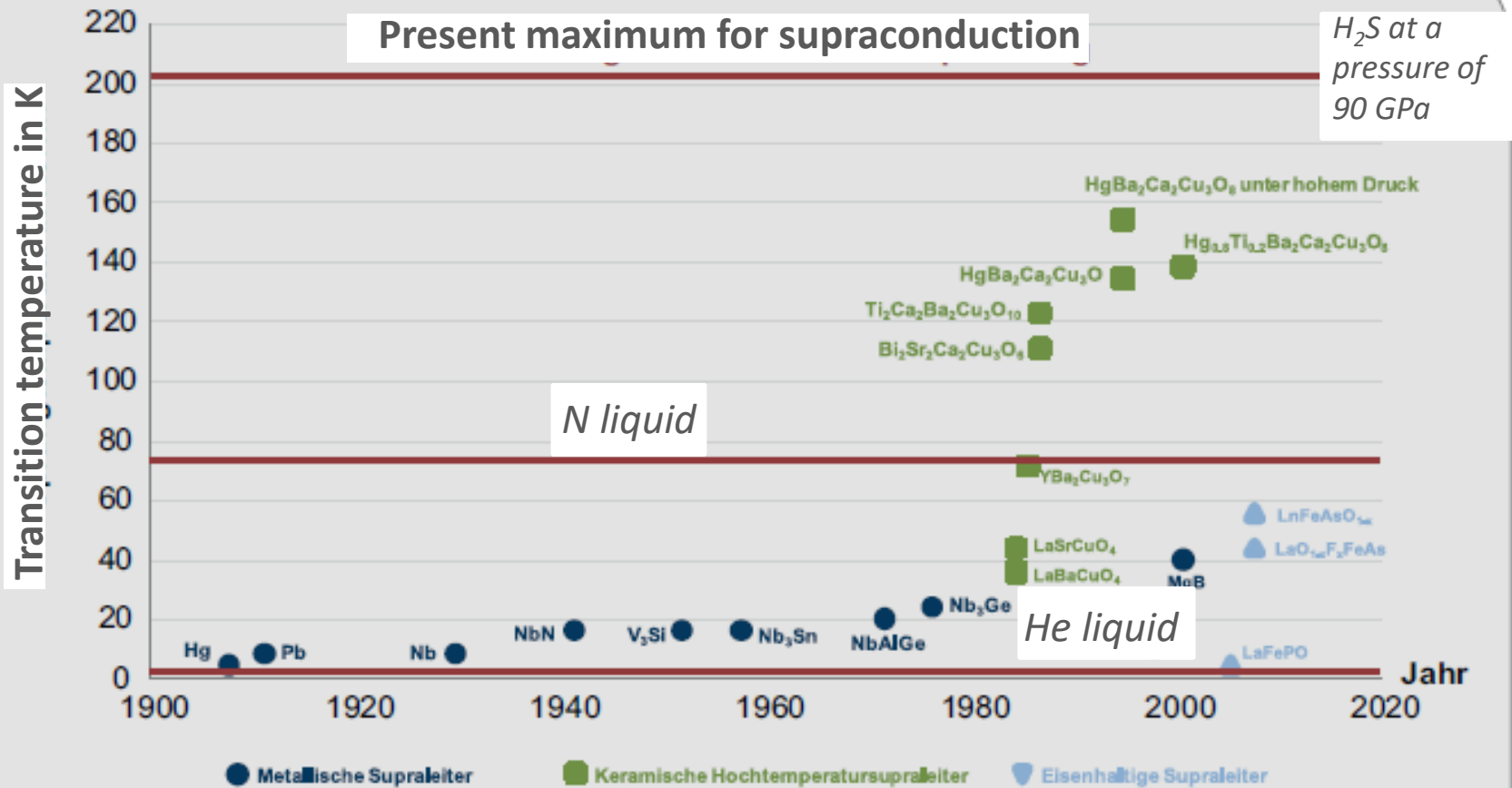
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Superconductor



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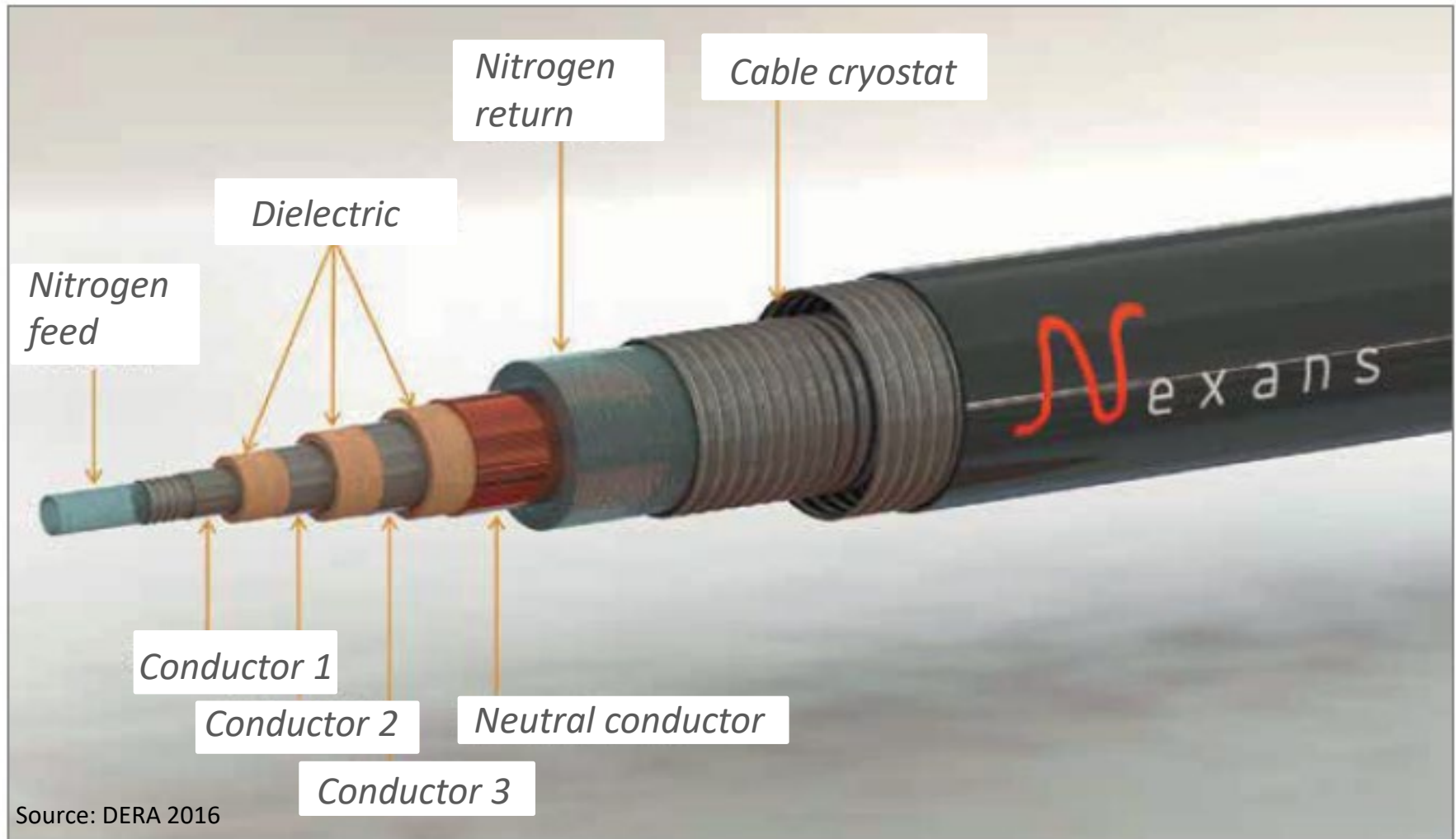


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Composition of a HTS



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Global production and forecast for HTS



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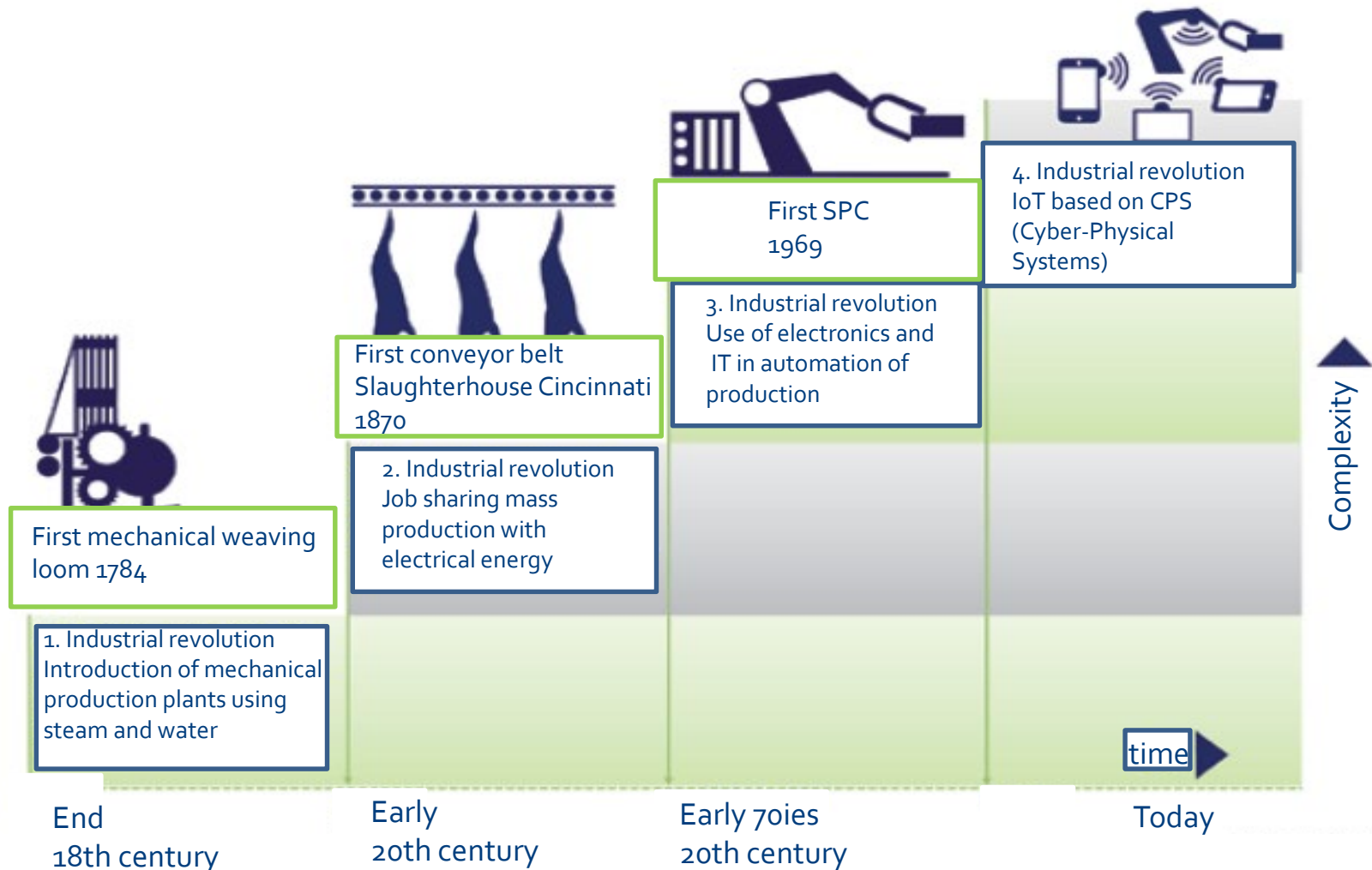
Demand for HTS in engines, generators, transformers and cables

Raw material	Production 2013 (t)	Demand 2013 (t)	Forecast 2035 (t)
Silver	26.241 (Mine)	6	720
Bismuth	17.850 (Proc.)	1	125
Calcium	1.500.000	0,2	24
Ytterbium	5.500	0,0	0,4
Strontium	330.000	0,5	53
Barium	5.431.156	0,0	1,4
Cobalt	129.763 (Mine)	0,0	6,2
Chrome	13.422.102 (Mine)	0,2	40
Molybdenum	270.739 (Mine)	0,2	40
Nickel	2.601.745 (Mine)	0,9	142
Wolfram	82.000 (Mine)	0,1	10
Copper	18.365.341 (Mine)	1,7	260

Industry 4.0 and IoT



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Materials in temperature detectors



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Type of detector	Material
Temperature measurement	
Pyroelectric detector	LiTaO_3 $\text{Pb}_3\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{11}$ as detector material
Non-contact temperature measurement	Photodiode: Germanium, Silicon, InGaAs
Resistance thermometer	Hot conductor: metal oxides of Mn, Ni, Co, Cu, Fe, Ti Cold conductor: Pt100, $\text{Pb}(\text{Zi,Ti})\text{O}_3$, BaTiO_3
Thermal elements	NiCr or Ni
Semi-conductor temperature sensor	Silicon, Germanium
Bi-metallic switch	Zinc, steel, brass

Source: DERA 2016

Materials in flow and pressure detectors



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Type of detector	Material
Flow measurement	
Ultrasonic sensor	Piezo-electric ceramics, modified lead-zirconat-titanat, and for low-voltage actors: Lead-manganese-niobat
Coriolis mass flow meter	Stainless steel, titanium, tantal
Thermal flow meter	Heated fine metal wire (e.g. platinum, wolfram or its alloys)
Pressure measurement	
Piezo-resistive pressure sensor	Silicon
Piezo-electric pressure sensor	Lead-zirconat-titanat
Hall-generator	Silicon, magnet

Source: DERA 2016

Additive manufacturing

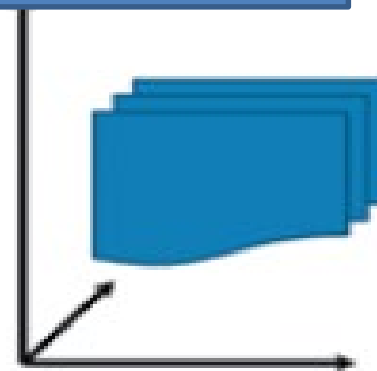


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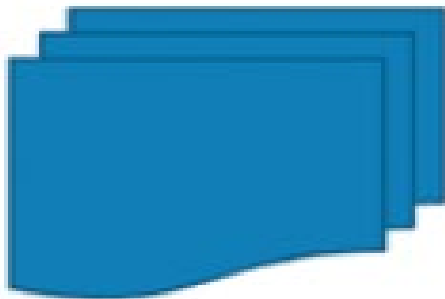
I Data preparation



II Data processing



III Manufacturing process



IV Finishing



Methods of additive manufacturing



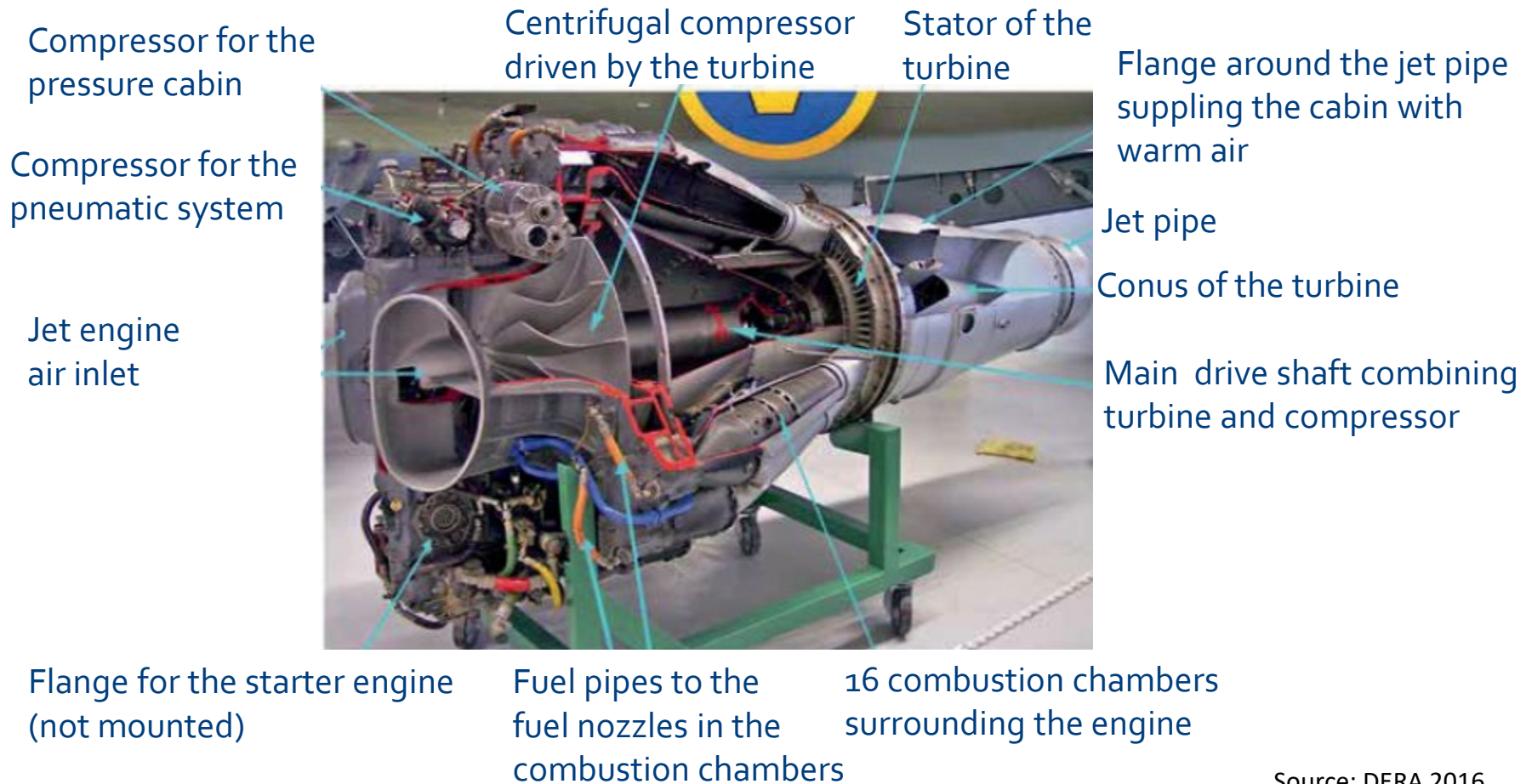
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Method	Principle	Raw material	Activation energy	Market
VAT Photopolymerisation	Hardening of liquid photopolymer	Plastics, ceramics (liquid, pasty)	UV radiation of laser or lamp	prototyping
Powder Bed Fusion (PBF)	Selective melting of a powder bed	Metal, plastics, ceramic (powder)	Heat radiation of laser or radiator	Prototyping direct part
Direct Energy Deposition (DED)	Targeted melting on the job	Metal powder	Heat radiation of laser or radiator	Direct part repair
Material extrusion	Pointwise charge of melted material	Plastics	Heat radiation in nozzle or pressure head	prototyping
Binder jetting (3D-Printing)	Selective gluing by pointwise binder charge	Metal, plastics ceramics (powder)	No (liquid binding agent)	Prototyping, cast, direct part

Jet engine



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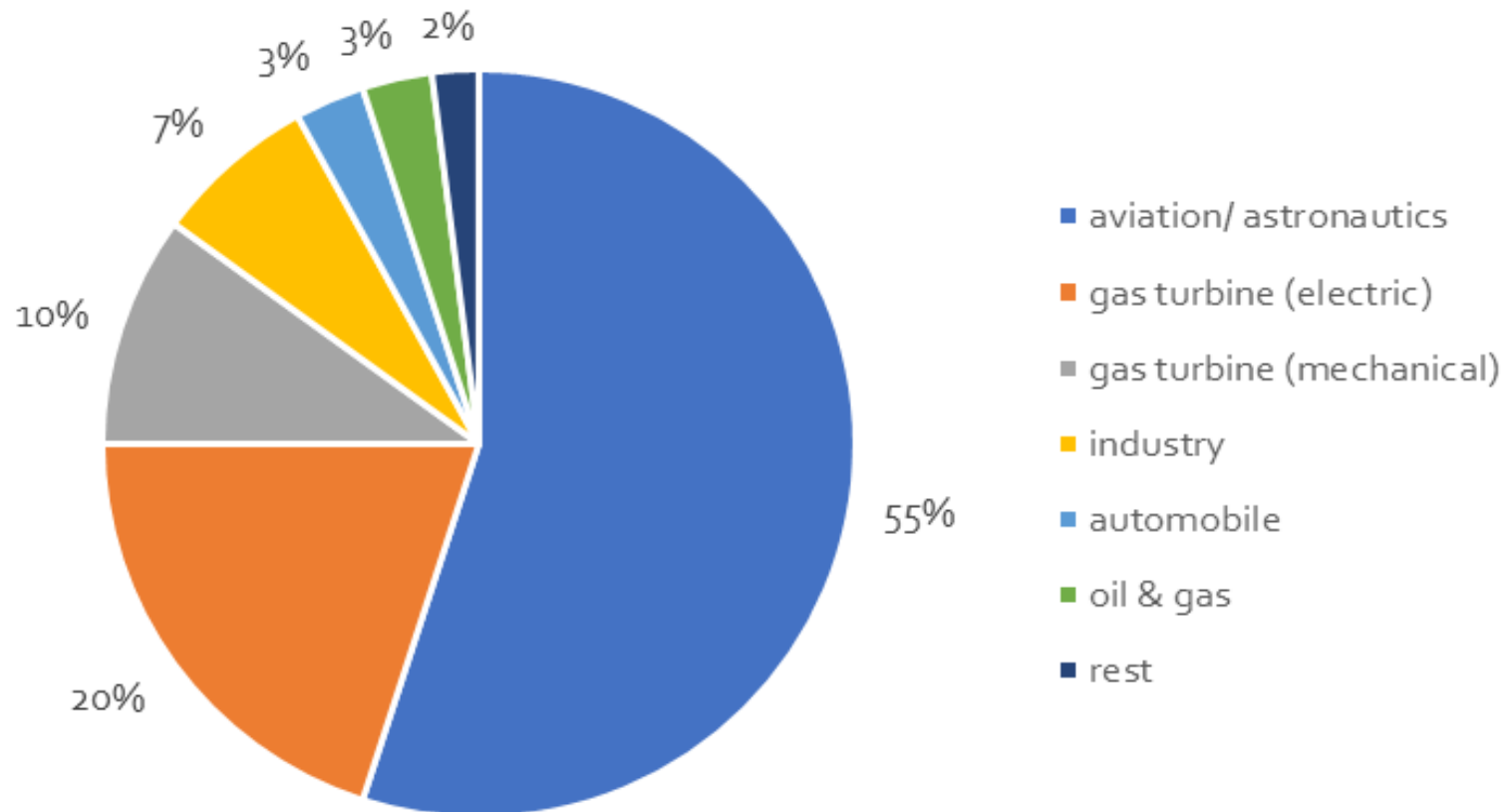


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Super alloys usage (2012)



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Raw material in medicine



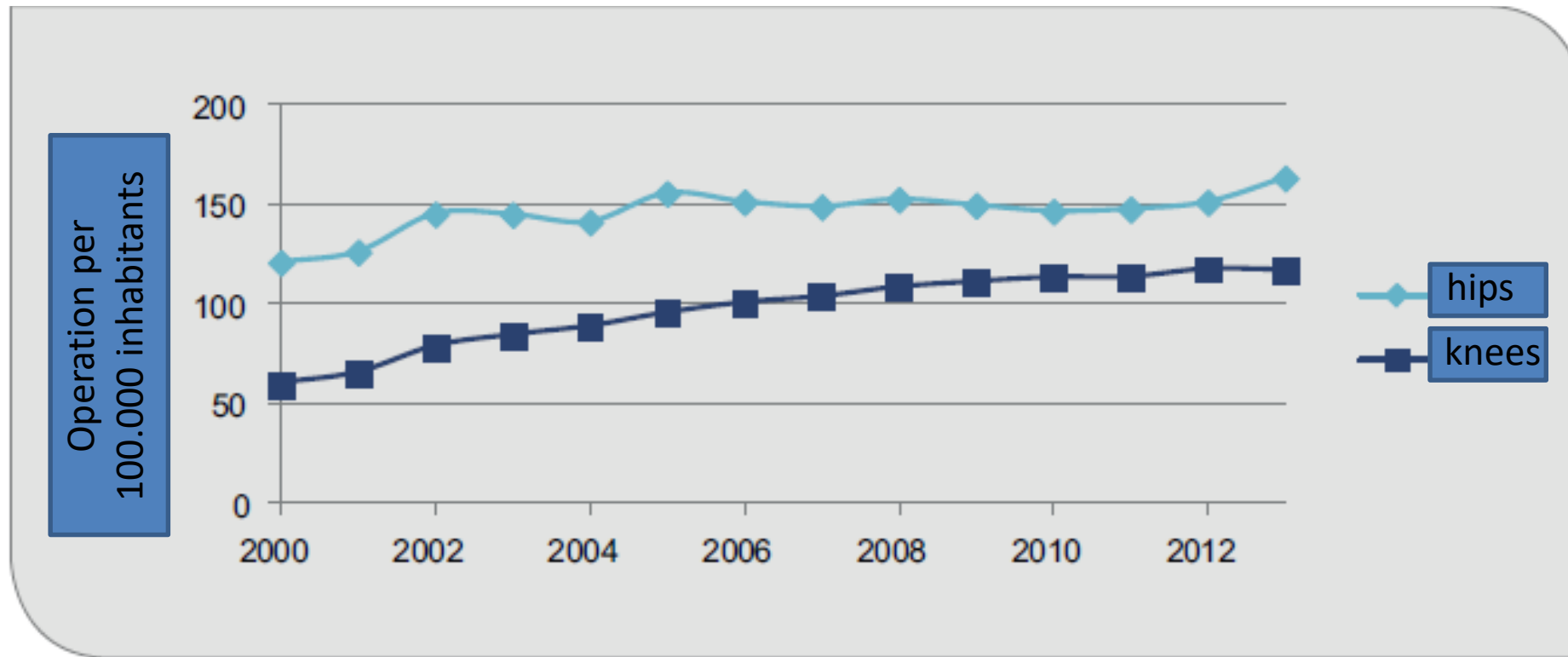
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Metal	Weight/(g)			
	hip prosthesis with Titan shaft	hip prosthesis with CoCrMo shaft	Knee prosthesis with Titan	Knee prosthesis with CoCrMo
Cobalt	140	720		277
Chrome	60	300		125
Molybdenum	15	70		27
Titan	435		280	
total	650	1.090	280	430

Raw materials in medical applications



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Source: DERA 2016



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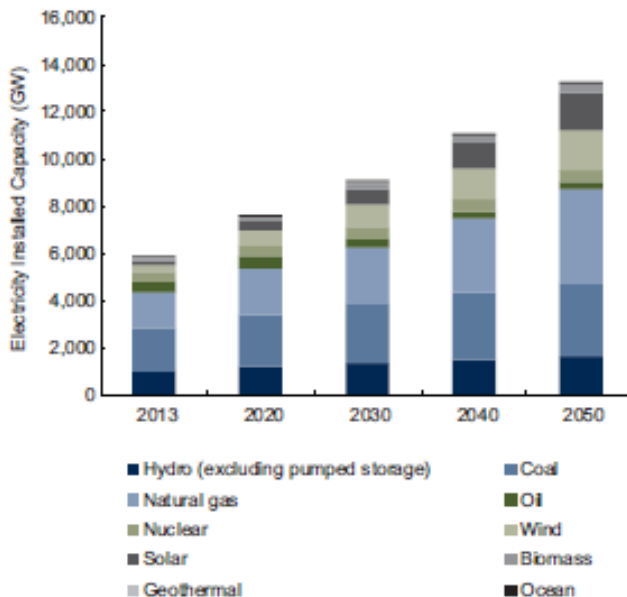
RAW MATERIALS DEMAND FORESIGHT

IEA Technology Scenarios for Electricity Installed Capacity

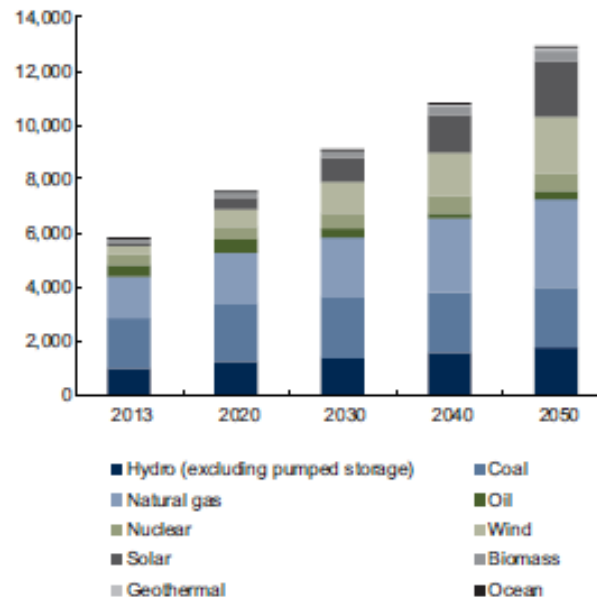


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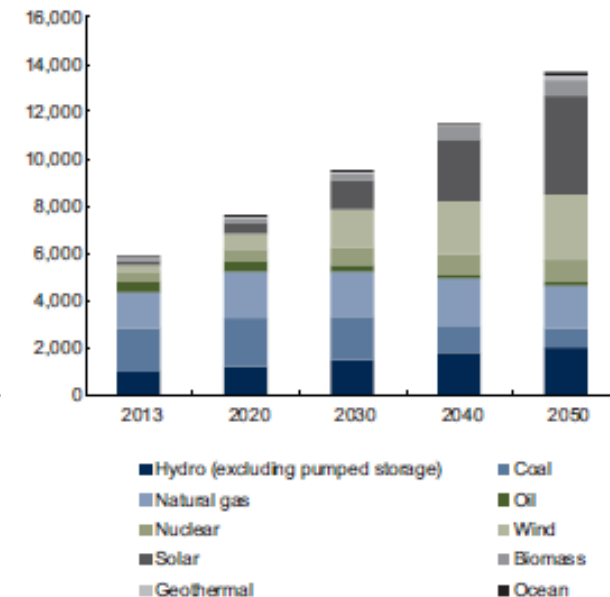
6 degree scenario



4 degree scenario



2 degree scenario



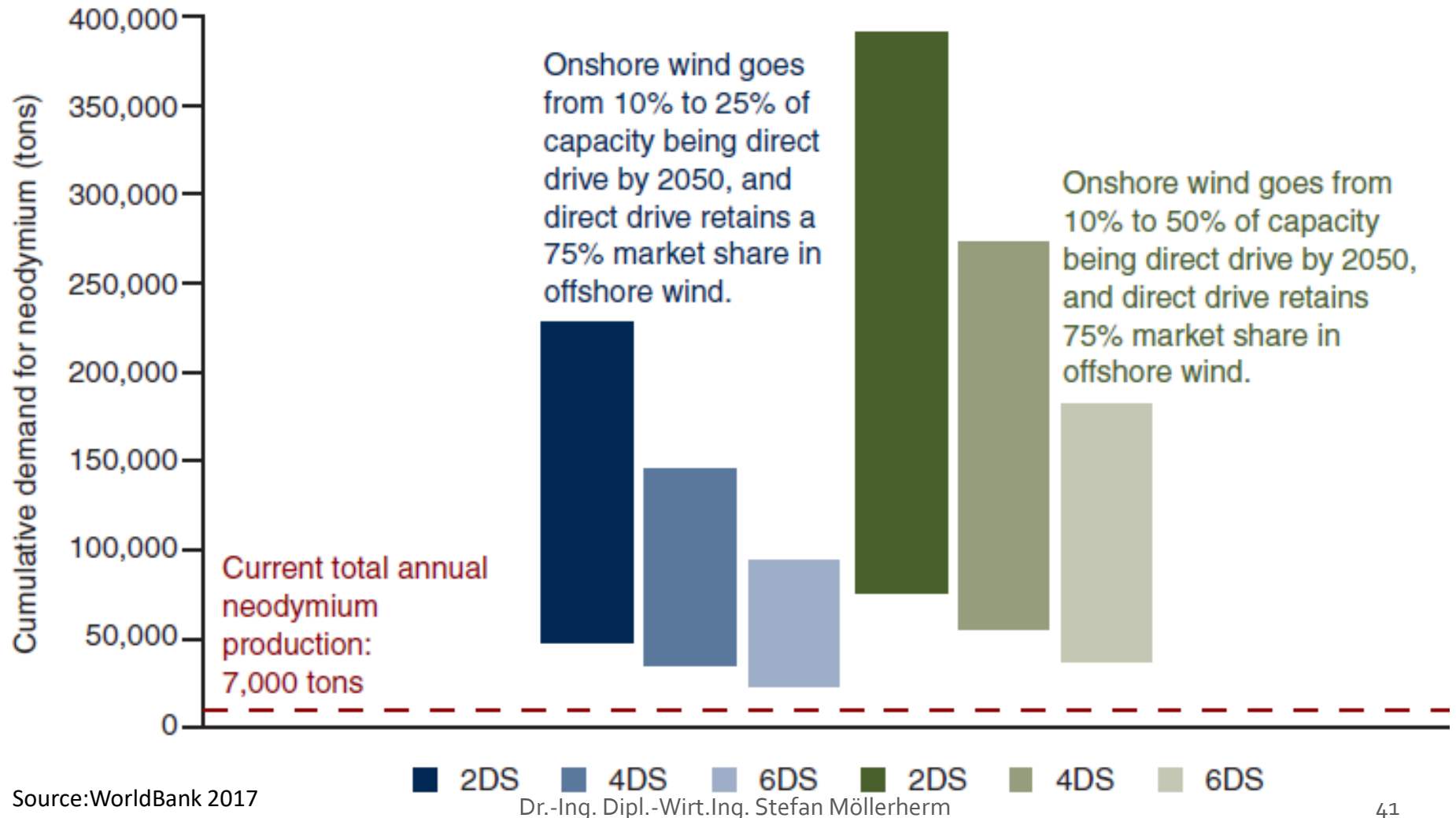
GW = gigawatt

Source: IEA 2016

Future metal demand for wind energy



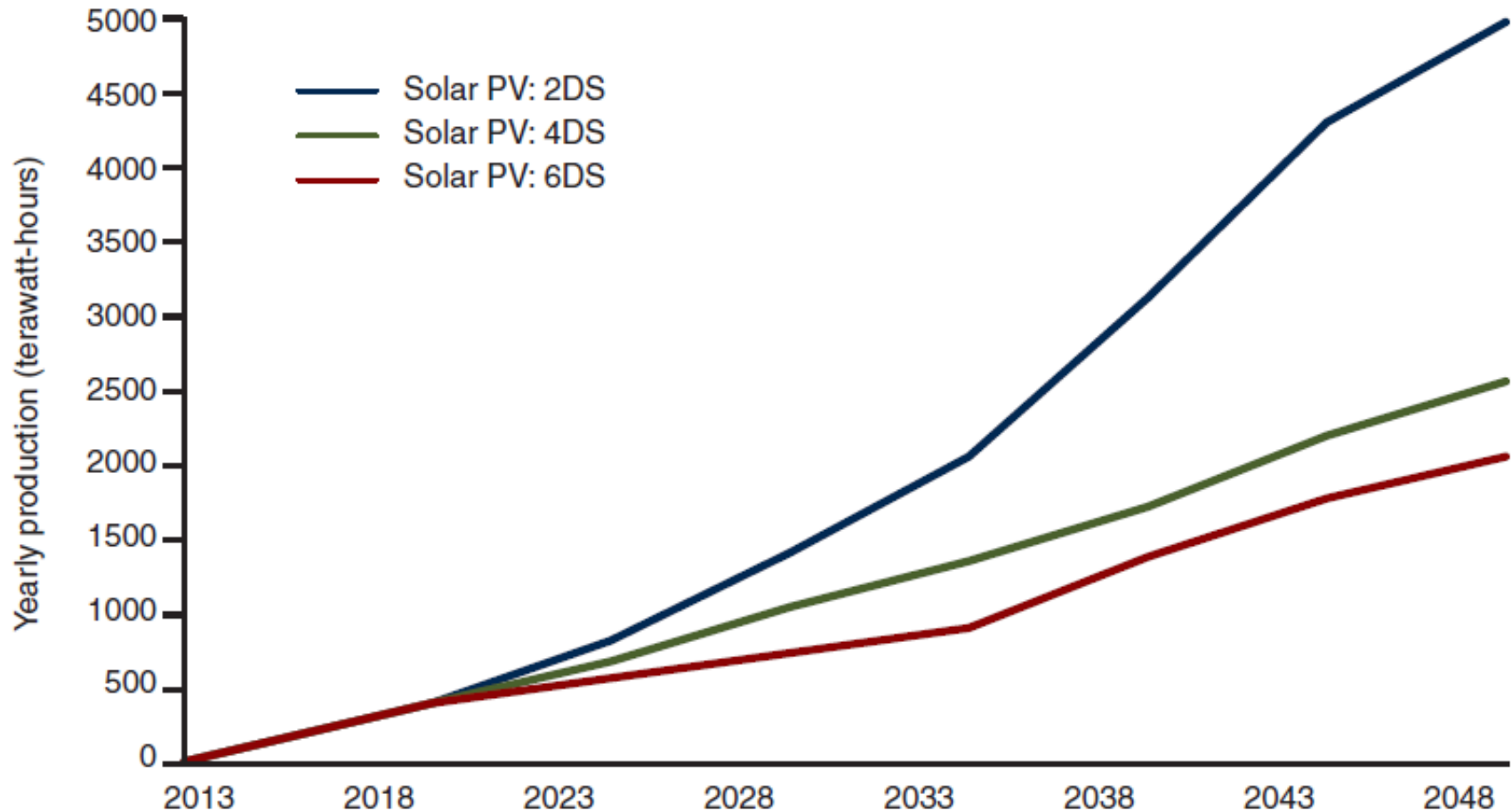
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Solar PV Electricity Production



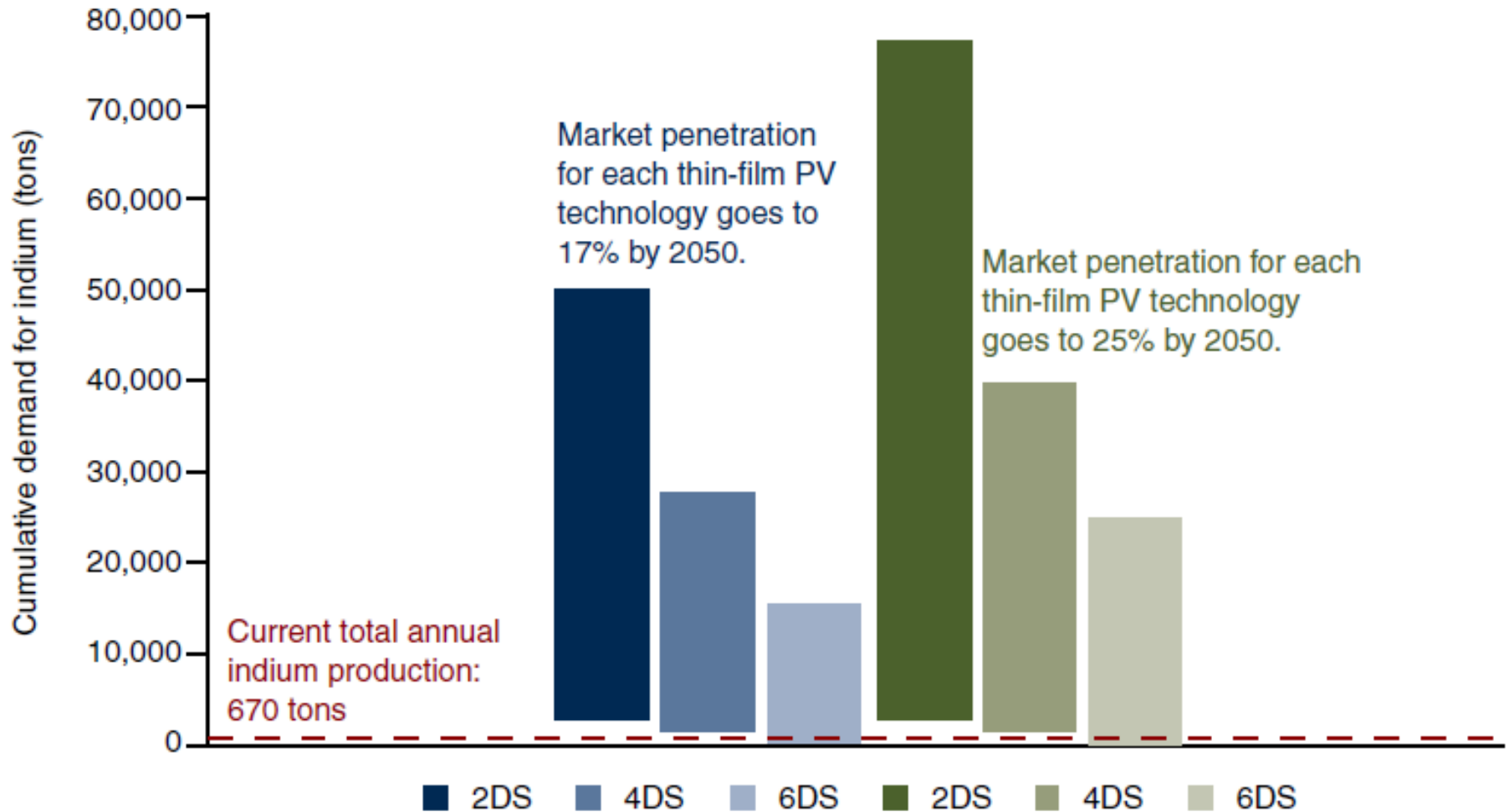
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Cumulative Demand for Indium for CIGS Solar PV Technology



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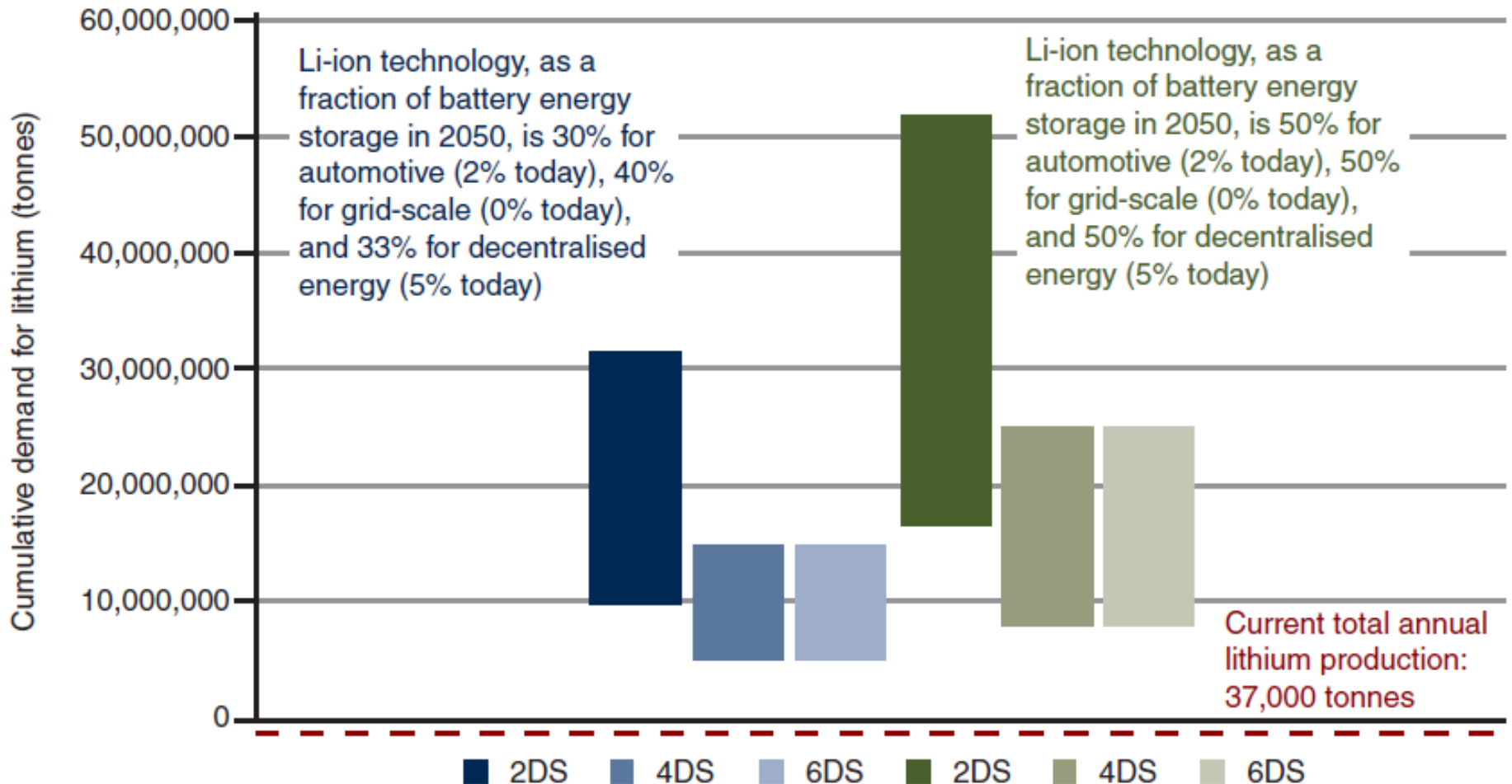
Source: WorldBank 2017

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Demand for Lithium-Ion Battery Technology



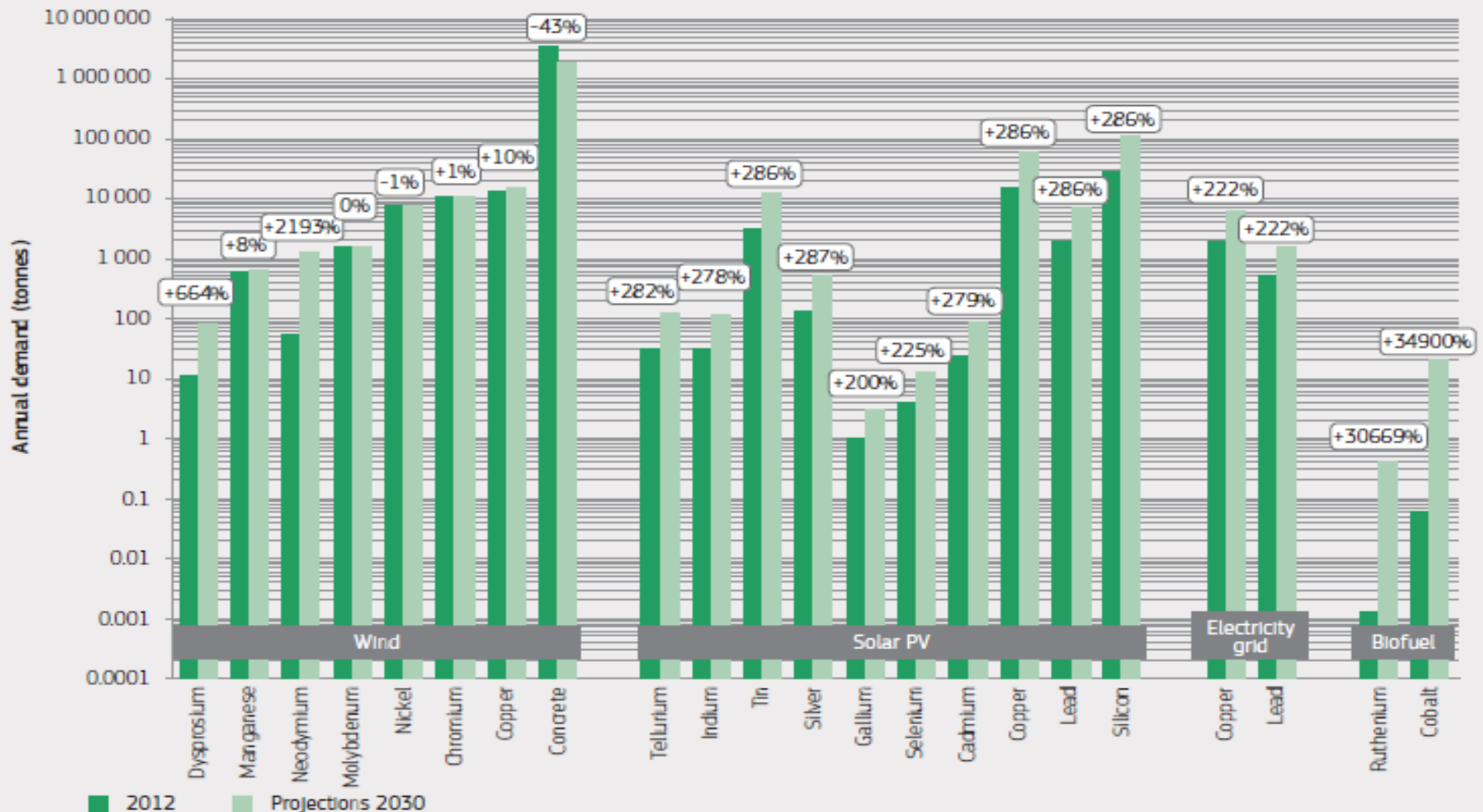
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Current (2012) and projected (2030) annual demand of raw materials used for selected low-carbon energy technologies



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Source: European Commission Raw Materials Scoreboard 2016

Foresight



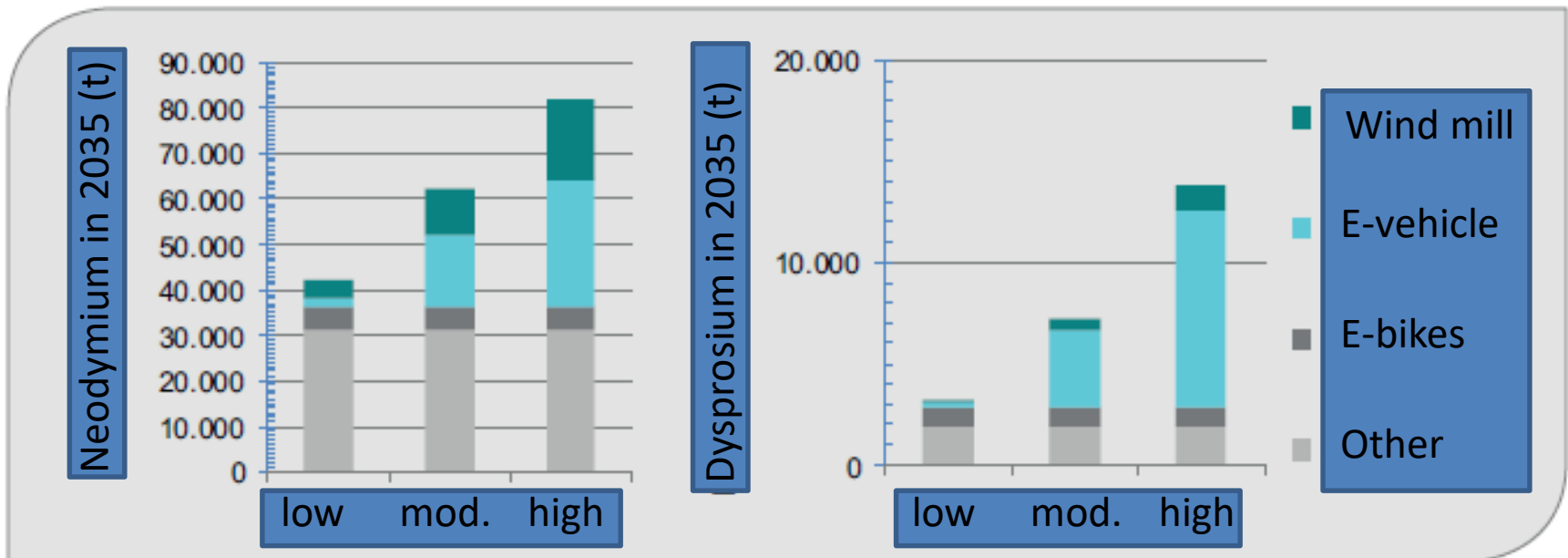
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Raw materials	Production 2013	Requirement 2013	Requires preview 2035
Raw steel	1.655.549.570	17.510.000	41.496.660 (23.252.600-55.271.760)
Copper	18.365.341 (M) 21.446.333 (R)	103.000	2444.098 (136.780- 325.128)
Aluminum	47.811.880 (R)	103.000	244.098 (136.780-325.128)
Chrome	13.422.102 (M)	48.884	115.849 (64.916-154.306)
Nickel	2.601.745 (M) 1.955.132 (R)	36.313	86.057 (48.222.-114.624)
Molybdenum	270.739 (M)	7.457	17.673 (9.903-23.539)
Manganese	16.900.000	4.975	11.790 (6.606-15.704)
Tin	289.790 (M) 362.996 (R)	8.096	19.186 (10.751-25.555)
Nd, Pr	36.600	To low	10.100 (3.800-17.600)
Dy, Tb	2.330	To low	500 (130-1.170)

Need for REE



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Source: DERA 2016

Worldwide usage of REE in 2012



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Element	Magnet (t REO)	Batteries (t REO)	Metallurgy (t REO)	FCC catalyst (t REO)	Car catalyst (t REO)	Other catalysts (t REO)
Lanthanum		8.185	3.085	13.950	450	
Cerium		1.275	8.490	800	5.965	1.250
Praseodymium	3.800		195			
Neodymium	17.640		480		340	
Samarium	500					
Gadolinium	360		290			
Terbium	70					
Dysprosium	835					
Erbium						
Ytterbium						
Sum	23.005	9.460	12.540	14.750	6.755	1.250

Source: DERA 2016

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Demand of REE (light)



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Element	Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Lanthanum	SOFC	10	80
Cerium	SOFC	2	20
Neodymium	Automatic piloting of cars	0	16
Neodymium	Micro-energy harvesting	2,9	1.207
Neodymium	Solid body laser for industrial manufacturing	0,04	0,3
Neodymium/ Praseodymium	High performance permanent magnets	28.900	62.400
Nd/Pr	Total demand	28.903	63.624
Nd/Pr	Demand / production 2013	79%	174%
La	Total demand	10	80
La	Demand / production 2013	0%	0%
Ce	Total demand	2	20
Ce	Demand / production 2013	0%	0%

Demand of REE (heavy)



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Element	Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Ytterbium	Automatic piloting of cars	0	1.004
Ytterbium	SOFC	0,7	5
Ytterbium	Solid body laser for industrial manufacturing	15,1	43,8
Ytterbium	High temperature supra conductor	0	0,9
Dysprosium	Micro-energy harvesting	0,4	162,6
Dysprosium/ Terbium	High performance permanent magnets	2.000	7.200
Y	Total demand	16	1.054
Y	Demand / production 2013	0,3%	19%
Dy/Tb	Total demand	2.000	7.363
Dy/Tb	Demand / production 2013	85%	313%

Source: DERA 2016

Gallium



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Application	2010 (%)
Integrated circuits	41
LED	25
Alloys, batteries, magnets	17
Solar technologies	17
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
White LED	6	19
High performance micro chips	38	86
Thin layer PV	45	25
Total demand	89	130
Primary production	25%	37%
Demand for refined production	45%	65%

Source: DERA 2016

Germanium



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Application	2010 (%)
Infrared optics	30
Glass fibers	20
Polymerisation catalyst	20
Electronics and solar applications	15
Others: (e.g. illuminant, metallurgy, chemotherapy)	15
	100

Source: DERA 2016

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Glass fibers	56	118
Total demand	56	118
Demand for refined production	39%	81%

Indium



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Application	2010 (%)
Flat screens	55
Alloys and brazing solder	10
PV	8
Heat conducting material	6
Batteries	5
Alloys	4
Semi-conductor	3
Others	9

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Indium-Tin-Oxide (ITO) in display technology	130	274
White LED	0,1	0,3
Thin layer PV	103	87
Total demand	233	361
Demand for refined production	29%	45%

Source: DERA 2016

Cobalt

Application	2010 (%)
Batteries	41
Super alloys (Ni, Fe, Co, Cr)	16
Hard metal (carbide, diamante tools)	10
High performance fast cutting steel and other alloys	7
Pigments: glass, enamel, plastics, ceramics, textiles	6
Magnets	5
Catalyst	5
Animal feed, biotechnology, electrolysis,	4
Adhesion means for tires, drying mean for soap and colors	4

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
CCS	1	25
Lithium Ion high performance electricity storages	1.200	110.000
Micro-energy harvesting out of the environment energy	0,5	203
Synthetic fuels	0	2.000
Medical implants	710	1.070
Super alloys	3.100	8.300
High temperature supra conductor	0	12
Total demand	5.012	121.811
Demand for refined production	6%	142%

Copper



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Use of copper in the EU

Application	2011 (%)
Electrical infrastructure and equipment	41
Buildings	13
Machines and equipment	13
Automobile	10
Electronics and ICT	7
Traffic (other)	4
Other applications	12
	100

Source: DERA 2016

Technology	Demand 2013	Demand 2035
Electrical traction motor in hybrid, electrical, fuel cell cars	low	5.000.000
RFID Radio Frequency Identification	162	10.800
Micro-electrical capacitor	52	350
Thin layer PV	136	74
CCS	<1	2.338
Inductive transmission of electrical energy	Max 7	1.138
Micro-energy harvesting	43	18.185
Wind mills	103.000	244.098
Medical tomography (Copper and non-ferrous metals)	15.800	53.000
High temperature supra conductor	2	400
Additive manufacturing (3D-printer)	46	9.380
Total demand	119.049	5.339.763
Demand / mine production 2013	0,6%	29%
Demand / refinery 2013	0,6%	25%

Lithium



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Application	2013 (%)
Glass, ceramics	35
Batteries	29
Grease	9
Polymer and pharmaceuticals	5
Air cleaning	5
Aluminum melt	1
Continuous casting	6
Other application	10
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Alloys for airframe light construction	0	4.650
Lithium Ion high performance electricity storages for cars	607	110.000
Total demand	607	114.650
Demand/ mine production 2013	2%	385%

Source: DERA 2016

Platinum



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Application	2013 (%)
Car catalyst	36
Jewelry	35
Investment	10
Chemical catalyst	6
Electronics	3
Medical technology (incl. dental technology)	2
Petrochemical industry	2
Glass	1
Other application	5
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Fuel cell e-vehicles	0	max 93
Synthetic fuels	0	20
Total demand	0	113
Demand/ mine production 2013	0%	60%

Source: DERA 2016

Rhenium



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Application	2013 (%)
Aerospace	63
Gas turbines	13
Catalyst	9
Car	5
Tools	2
Oil and gas	2
Other application	5
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Super alloys	46	120
Total demand	46	120
Demand/ mine production 2013	98%	250%

Source: DERA 2016

Scandium



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Application	2013 (%)
Aluminum alloy	85
Illumination	10
Fuel cell	5
Other application	5
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
SOFC	1,1	9
Total demand	1,1	9
Demand/ mine production 2013	17%	138%

Source: DERA 2016

Tantalum



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Application	2013 (%)
Capacitors	40
Super alloys	21
Sputter targets for coating processes	12
Rolled Products	11
Carbide containing tools and cutting steel	10
Chemicals	6
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Micro-electrical capacitors	128	1.070
Super alloys	370	1.000
Total demand	498	2.070
Demand/ mine production 2013	38%	159%

Source: DERA 2016

Application	2013 (%)
Colors	56
Plastics	27
Paper	9
Carbide, alloys and chemicals	5
Other	3
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Micro-electrical capacitors	122	800
Micro-energy harvesting	0,3	126
Sea water desalination	8.100	39.000
Medical implants	820	1.240
Total demand	9.042	41.166
Demand/ mine production 2013	3,8%	17,5%

Source: DERA 2016

Tin



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Application	2013 (%)
Brazing solder	52
Tin plate	16-17
Chemicals	23
Bronze and cast alloys	5-6
Flat glass production	2
Other	0-2
	100

Technology	Demand 2013 (t)	Demand 2035 (t)
Lead free brazing solder	173.400	133.600
Micro-electrical capacitors	30	210
Micro-energy harvesting	0,2	77,2
Wind mills	8.096	19.186
Total demand	181.526	153.073
Demand/ mine production 2013	63%	53%
Demand/ refined production 2013	50%	42%

Source: DERA 2016



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