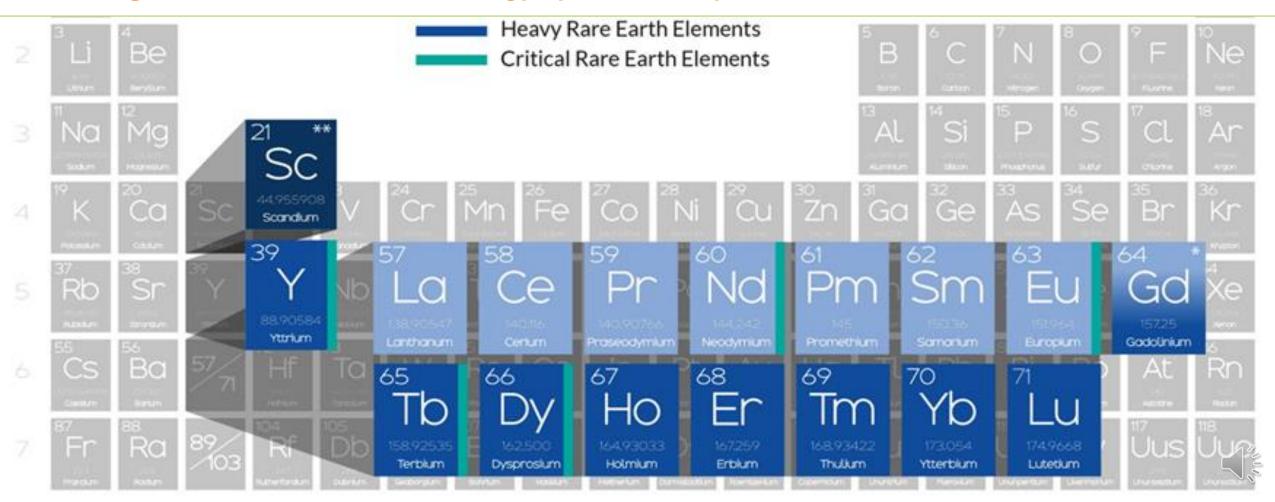
Understanding the Rare Earth Element Supply Chain



Identifying Domestic Gaps and Opportunities

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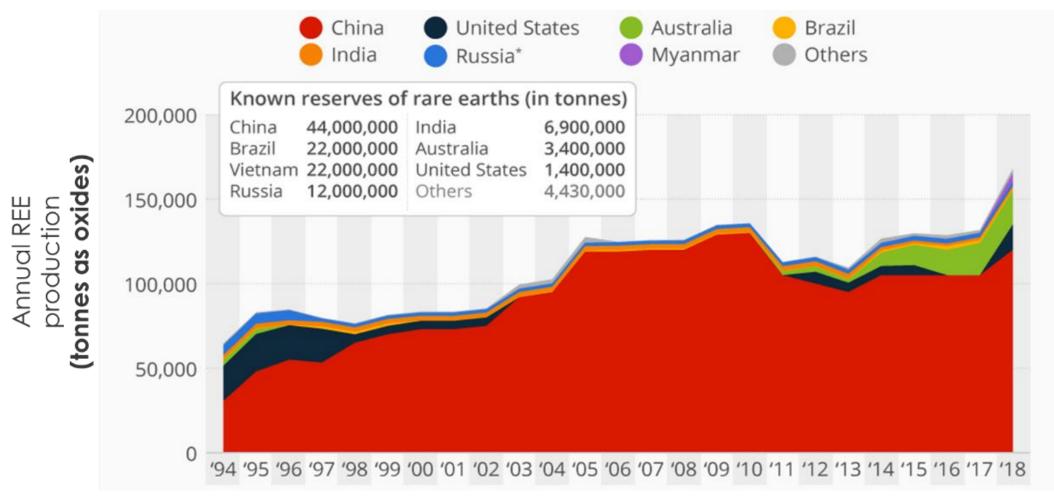
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Global Supply and Demand for REE





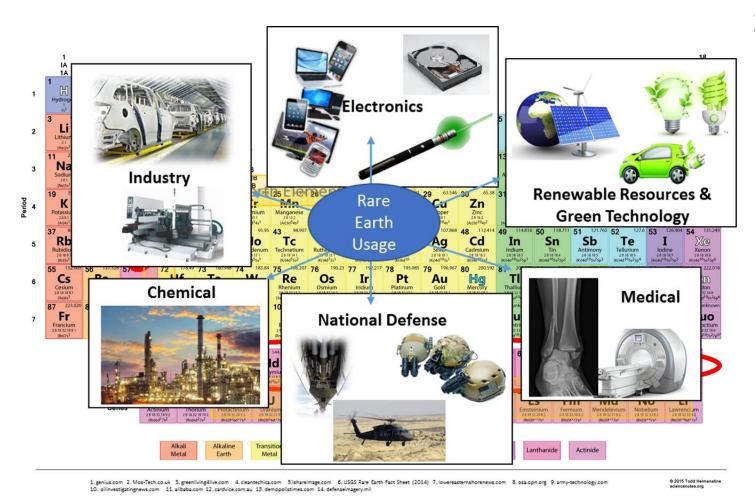
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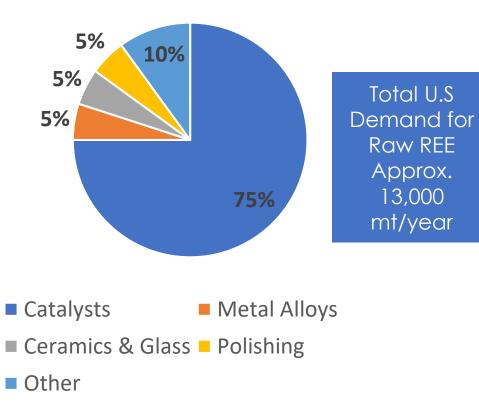


Domestic Rare Earth Use





2019 Estimated Domestic End Use for Imported REEs







Domestic Demand

Imports of Raw REE by Element



REOs Major End-Use Category

 \blacksquare Lanthanum Oxide (La₂O₃):

By 2020, The global demand for this oxide is primarily fueled by catalyst related applications (64.5%) and will decrease (62.2%) as the demand for PVC stabilizers in the other end-use categories (3.7% to 11.2%) grows faster than the demand for catalysts

 \bigcirc Cerium Oxide (Ce₂O):

In 2016 38.6% of the demand was driven by catalyst related applications, 27.4 % Glass Polishing Powders and 6.9% by other end uses like PV stabilizers. By 2025, the demand will shift to 38.2%, 26.9% and 12.6% respectively

 \bigcirc Neodymium Oxide (Nd₂O₃):

In 2016 80.9% of the demand of Nd2O3 was driven from NdFeB permanent magnets. By 2025 this percentage will grow to 85%

 \bigcirc Yttrium Oxide (Y_2O_3)

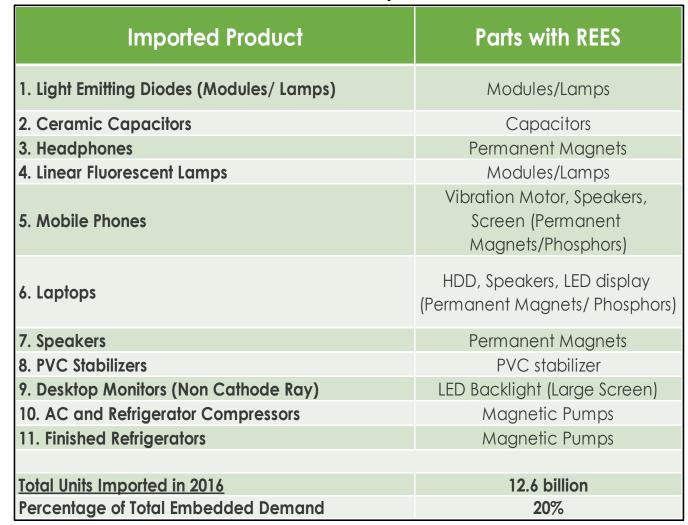
Yttrium demand is primarily fueled by phosphors used on linear fluorescent lamps (LFLs), compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and light emitting diodes (LEDs).





Domestic Demand by End Use

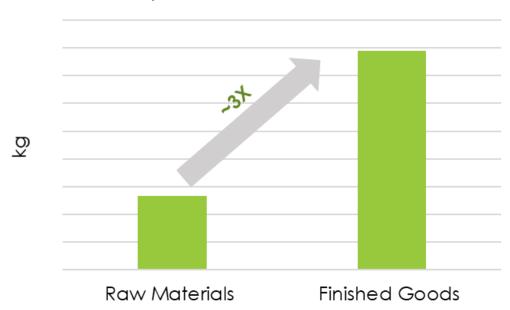
REE Embedded in Imported Goods





Of imported goods containing REE, the top 11 categories of imports (by number of units) contained more than 8,000 metric tons of REE, representing approximately 20%

Import Estimate 2016

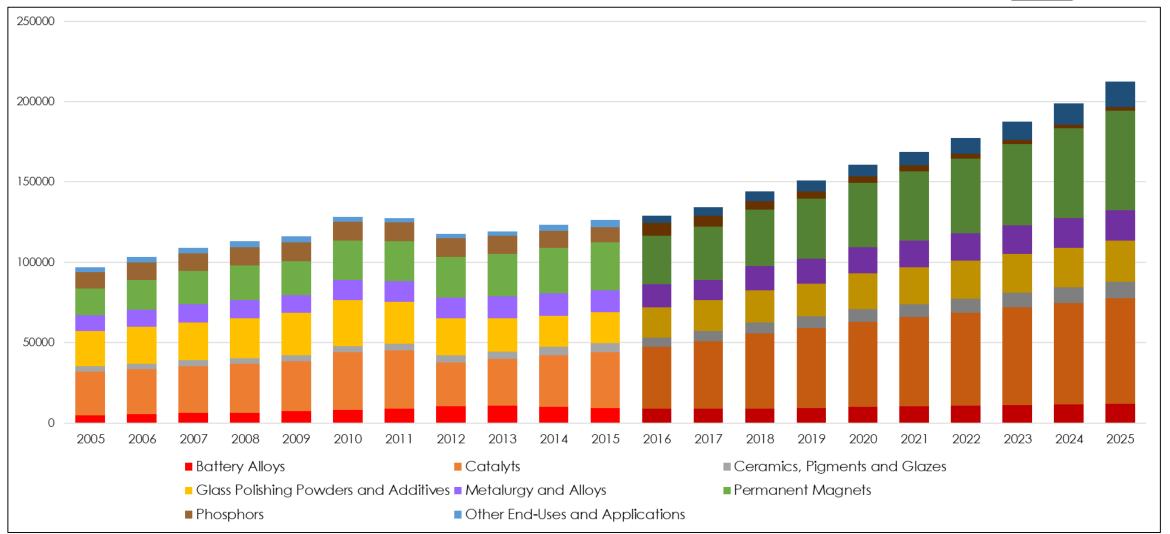






Projected Demand Growth by End Use



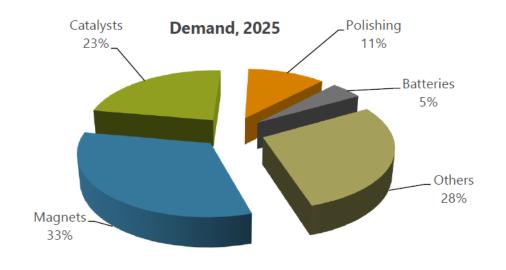






Demand Growth and Value

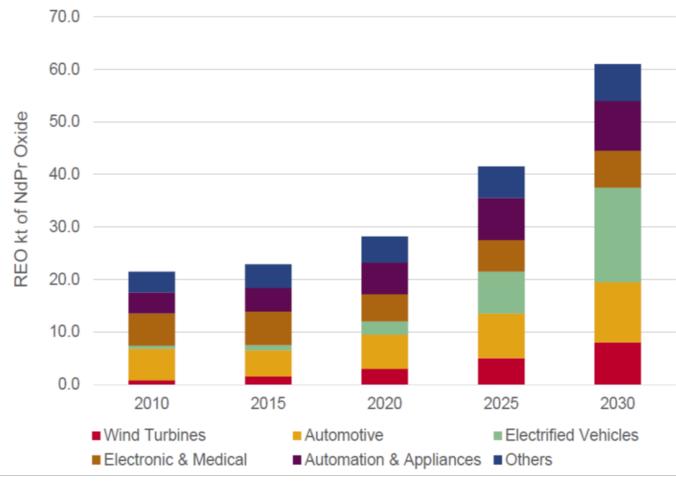












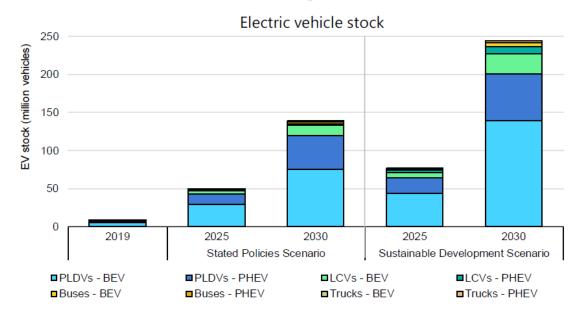
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Projected Global EV

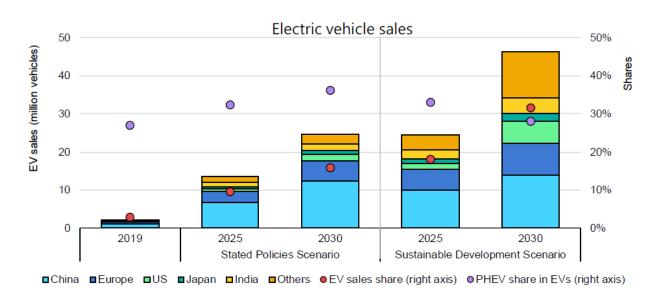
Stock and Sales by Scenario 2019, 2025, and 2030





In 2018, 93% of all passenger EVs sold used permanent magnet traction motors.

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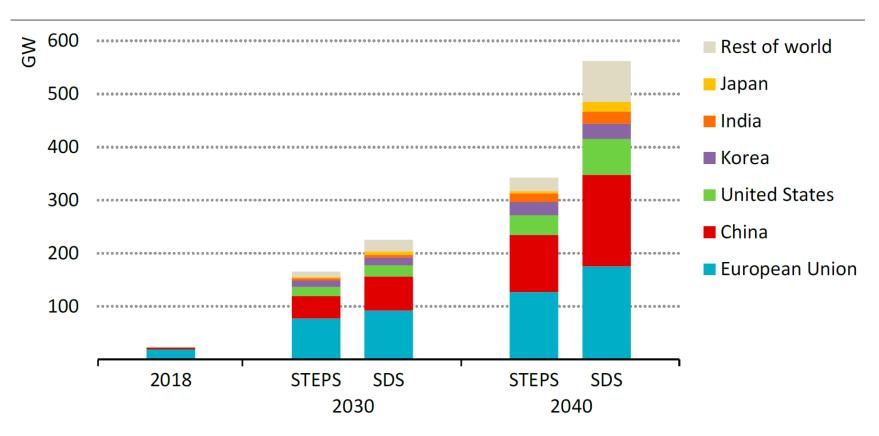




Projected Offshore Wind Deployment

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Installed Capacity by Region and Scenario



Major hindrances to the deployment of direct drive permanent magnet wind turbines is cost and availability of permanent magnets

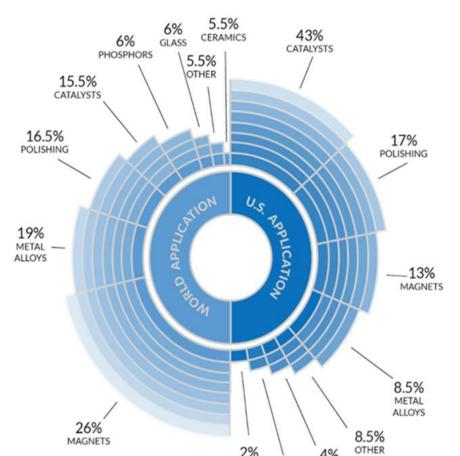
European Union and China account for 70% of the global offshore wind market to 2040, but a number of countries enter the market and increase their capacity





Opportunities for Demand Growth

By Element and Application



CERAMICS

4%

PHOSPHORS

GLASS



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MAGNETICS

Computer Hard Drives Disk Drive Motors Anti-Lock Brakes Automotive Parts Frictionless Bearings Magnetic Refrigeration Microwave Power Tubes Power Generation Microphones & Speakers Communication Systems MRI



METAL ALLOYS

NiMH Batteries Fuel Cells Steel Super Alloys Aluminum/Magnesium





DEFENSE

Satellite Communications Guidance Systems Aircarft Structures Fly-by-Wire Smart Missiles





CERAMICS

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Capacitors Sensors Colorants Scintillators Refractories



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CATALYSTS

Petroleum Refining Catalytic Converter Fuel Additives Chemical Processing Air Pollution Controls















PHOSPHORS

Display phosphors-CRT.LPD.LCD Fluorescents Medical Imaging Lasers Fiber Optics



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GLASS & POLISHING

Polishing Compounds Pigments & Coatings **UV Resistant Glass** Photo-Optical Glass X-Ray Imaging

















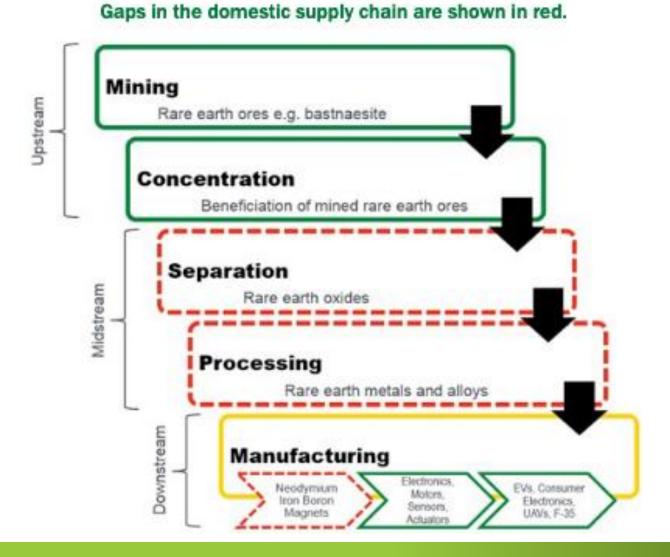




Understanding the REE Supply Chain



- Domestically, the supply chain is broken with few links connected to one another
 - Ore producers ship offshore for processing
 - Catalyst producers are importing raw materials
 - Finished goods are produced offshore and imported
- Internationally, supply chain is vertically integrated
 - Each link feeds directly into the next







Challenges for a Domestic REE Supply Chain







Supply Chain Takeaways



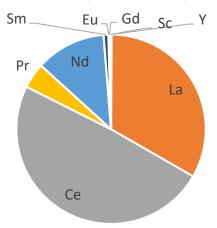
- Opportunities exist across the board in mining, extraction, separation, alloy production, and finished goods manufacturing
- Utilization of rare earths is going to continue to grow
- The US has significant reserves of rare earth containing materials: ore, tailings, recycled materials, and even coal
 - Hub & spoke transportation models could present opportunities for feedstocks that are distributed in smaller quantities across the country
- Endless Possibilities
 - End uses exist for each REE if supply exists and prices are stable
 - Domestic industry is on the sidelines due to concerns over supply, limiting innovation



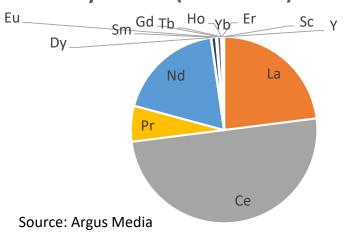
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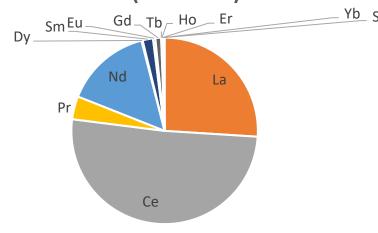
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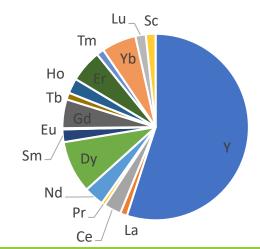
Bayan Obo (Bastnasite) ~6% REO

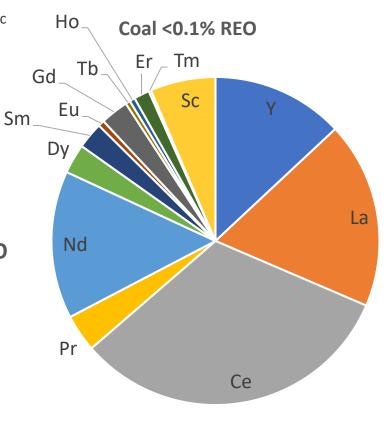


Mount Weld (Monazite) ~8% REO



Southeast Guangdong (Xenotime) ~0.5% REO





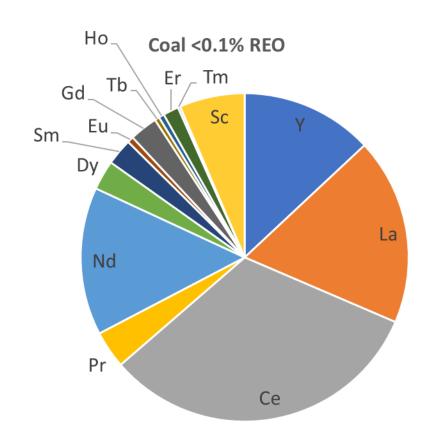


Opportunity for Coal-Based Feedstocks

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Filling the First Gap to a Domestic REE Supply Chain

- Coal-based feed sources include:
 - Coal (anthracite, bituminous, subbituminous, lignite)
 - Coal refuse
 - Fly ash
 - Acid mine drainage (AMD)
 - Mining underclay and shale
- These feed sources could be utilized with other domestic REE resources to produce the foundation for a domestic REE supply chain



Filling Domestic Supply Chain Gaps

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Additional Opportunities

- Cooperatives (profit sharing)
 - Vertical integration of every step within the supply chain, no missing links
- Private investment at large scale
 - Royalty and streaming agreements
- Government Subsidies along the entire supply chain
 - Price guarantees, loan guarantees, etc.
- Research & development opportunities
 - New domestic REE feedstocks
 - New end uses for REE
 - New alloys, new metallurgical processes for metal and alloy production, etc.
 - The existence of a domestic supply chain would entice industry to expand R&D into innovative materials and uses for REE materials





Conclusions



With...

- Demand projections for rare earth elements set to grow over the next 10 to 20 years in high and low value applications
- Domestic dependence on the offshore REE supply chain for raw material, processing, and finished goods

Now is the time to develop a domestic supply chain for rare earths

RARE EARTH ELEMENTS COULD BE THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR AN INNOVATION REVOLUTION...



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