



An Overview of the Uinta Basin DOE CORE-CM Project Interim Findings for Rare Earth, Carbon, and Critical Materials Opportunities and Related Support

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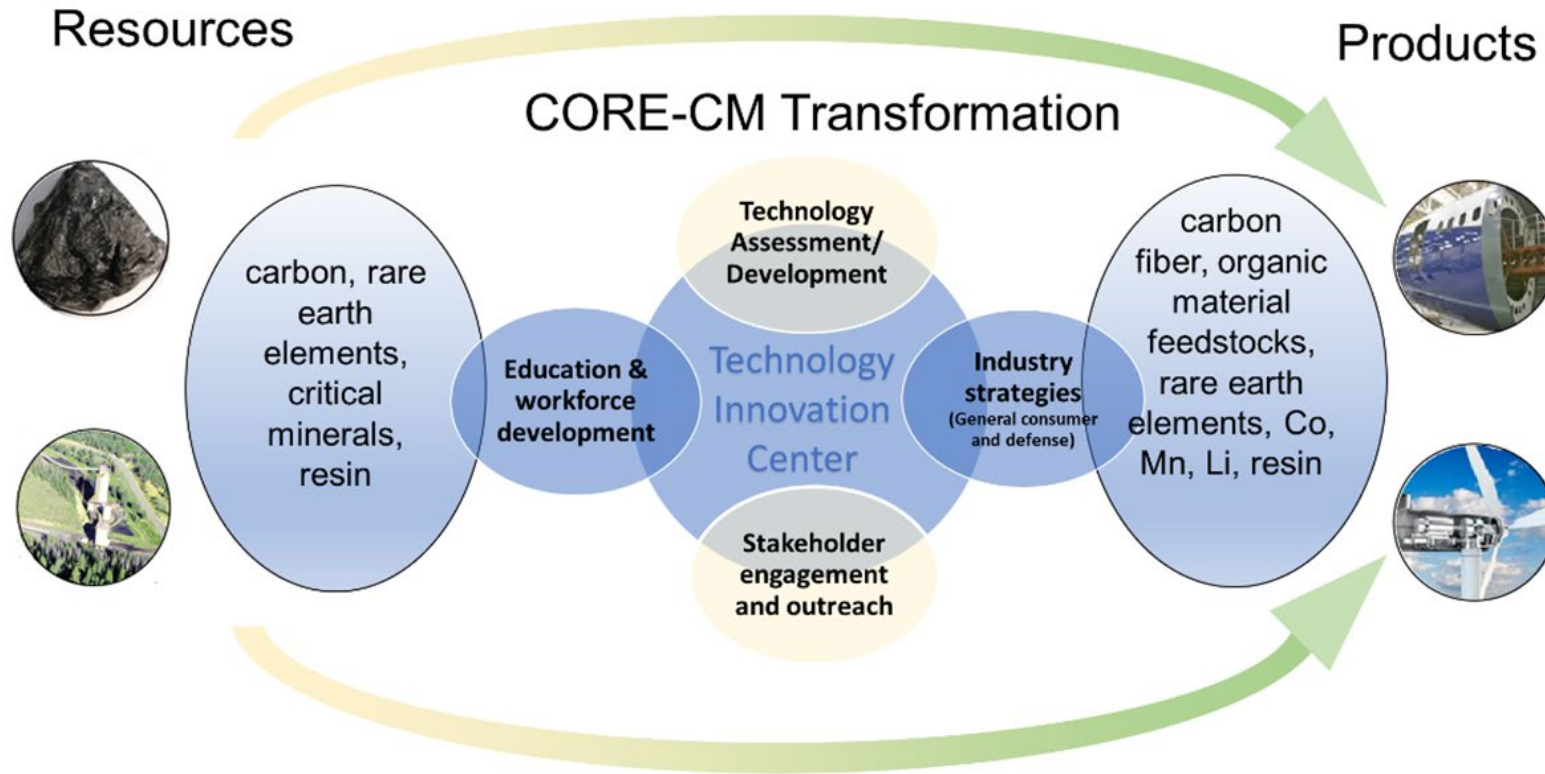
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Our DOE CORE-CM Project Vision

The Objective: Transform Uinta Basin Resources Into Advanced Products



DOE CORE-CM Uinta Basin Initial Team

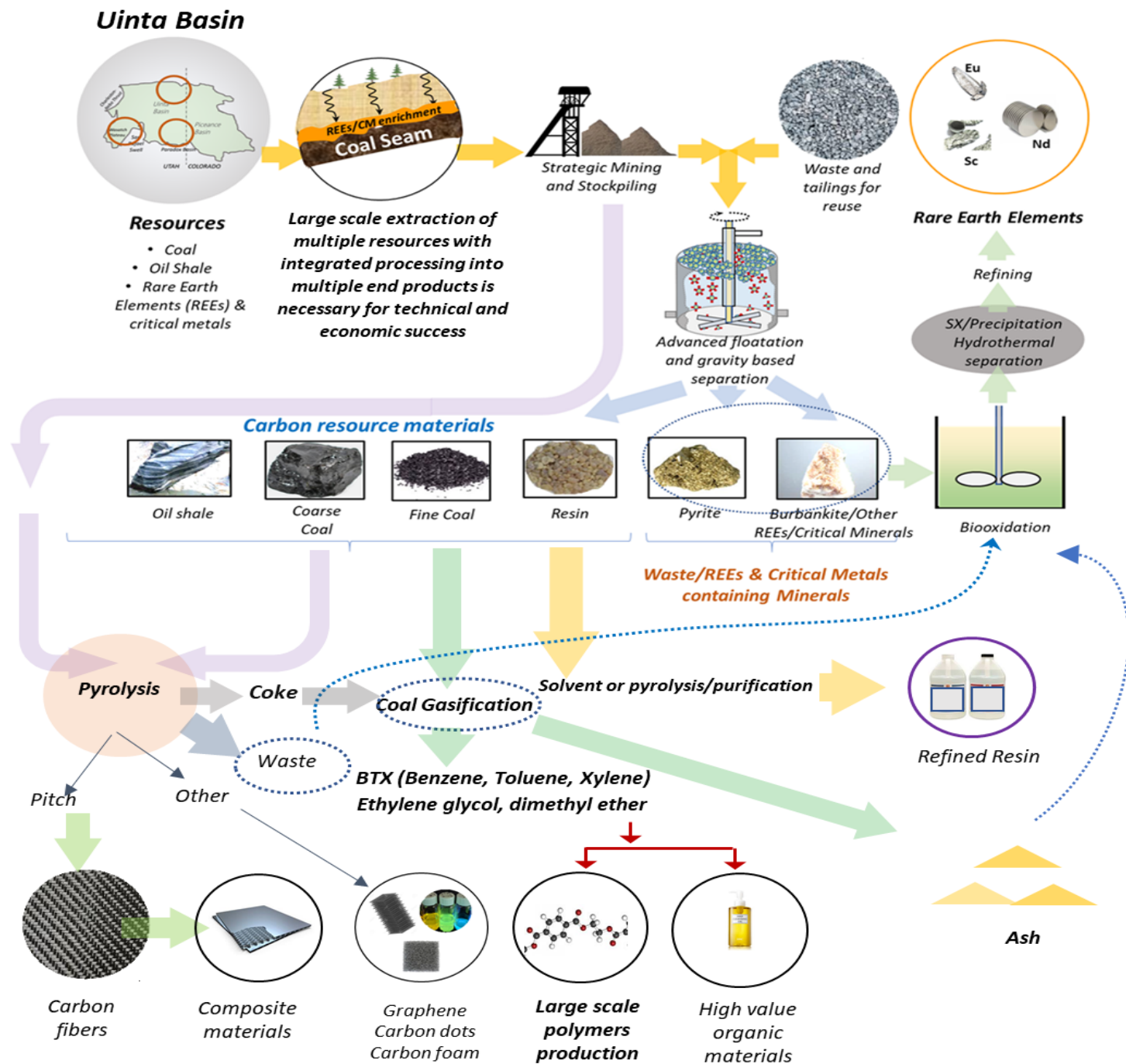
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Conceptual Processing Plan

The Uinta Basin's rich resources of carbon and critical minerals can be converted through innovative local processing (see figure) to nonfuel products such as:

- Carbon fiber
- Polymers
- Graphene
- Resin
- Rare Earth Element Metals
- Critical Materials



CORE-CM Uinta Region GEO team members

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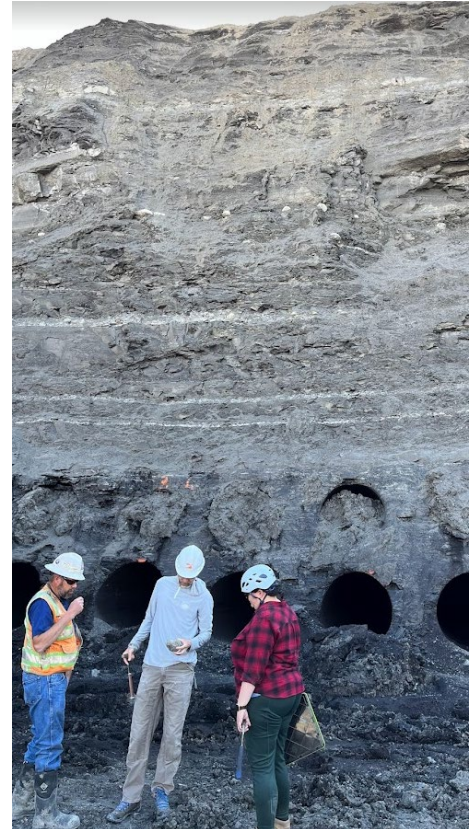
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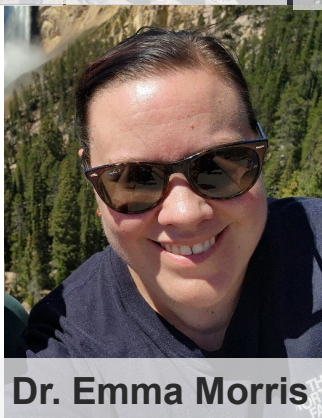
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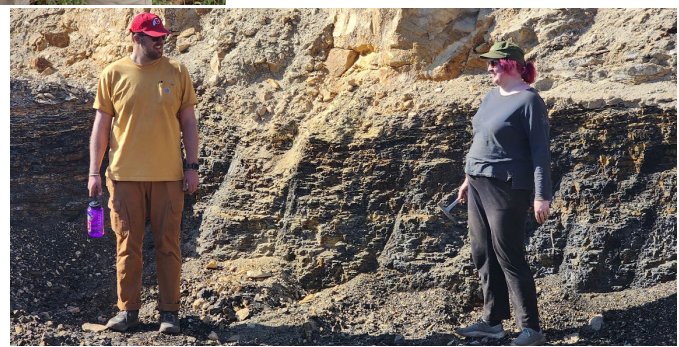
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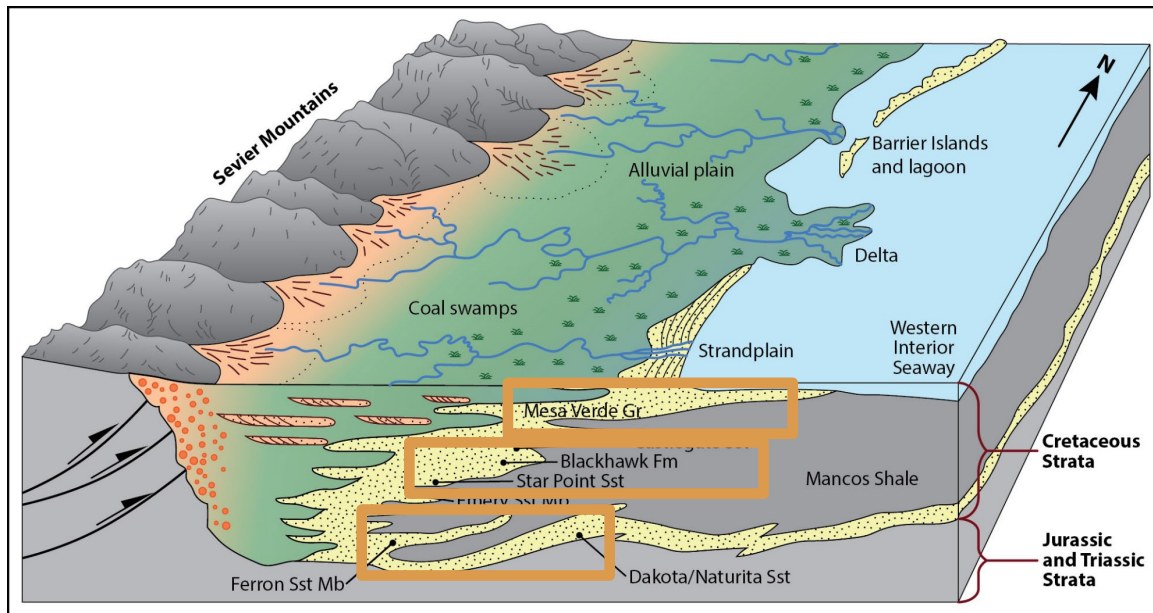
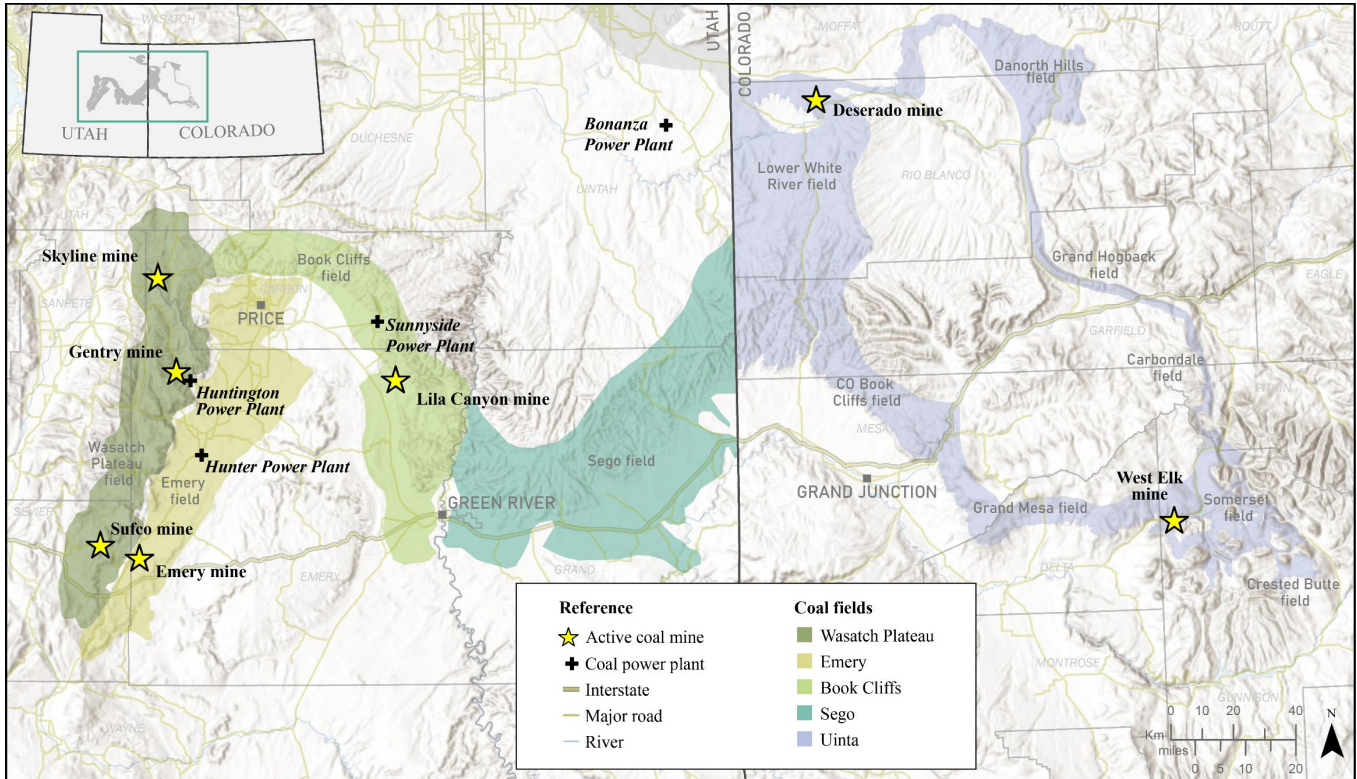


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Uinta Region – geologic setting

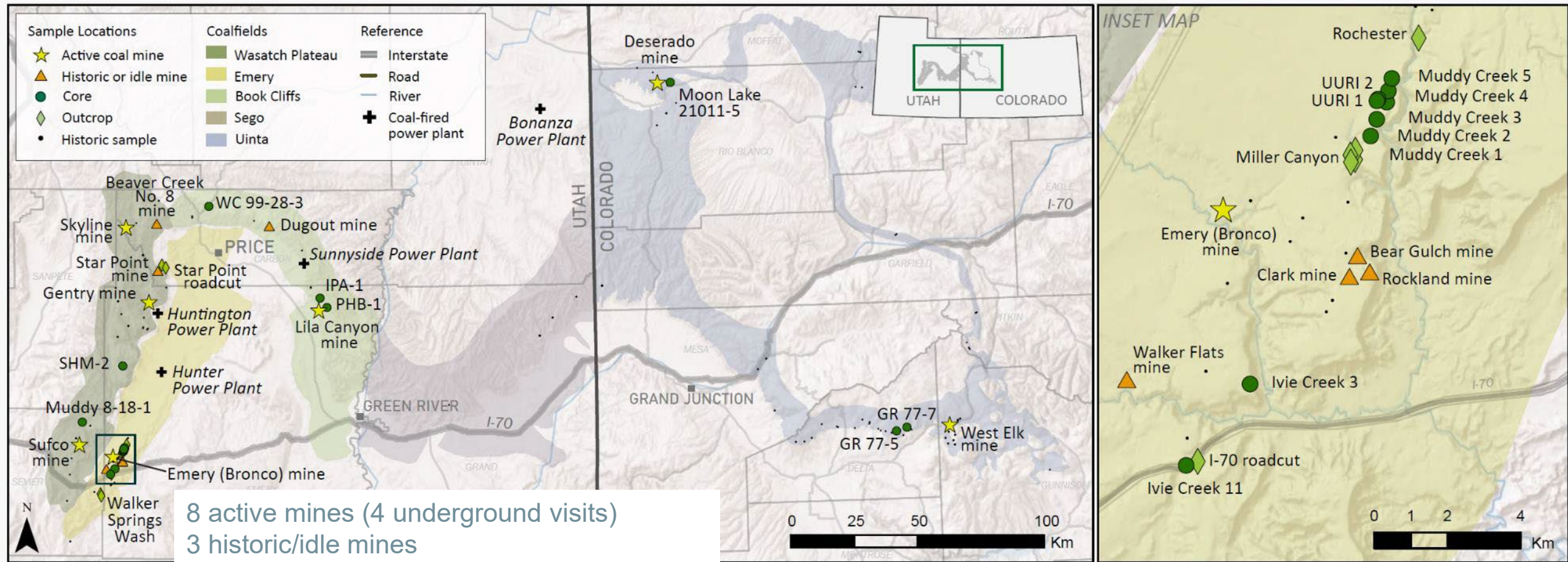


Several coal-bearing stratigraphic intervals

- 1) Mesaverde Grp (CO)
- 2) Blackhawk Fm (UT)
- 3) Ferron Sst (UT)
- 4) Naturita (Dakota) Sst (UT)

8 active mines UT & CO

Uinta Region – dataset highlights



- 8 active mines (4 underground visits)
- 3 historic/idle mines
- 4 waste piles
- 8 Blackhawk or Mesaverde cores
- 9 Ferron cores
- 7 Ferron outcrop/ shallow mine locations
- 2 power plant ash piles

>7,778 pXRF analyses
217 ICP-MS analyses

Methodology highlights

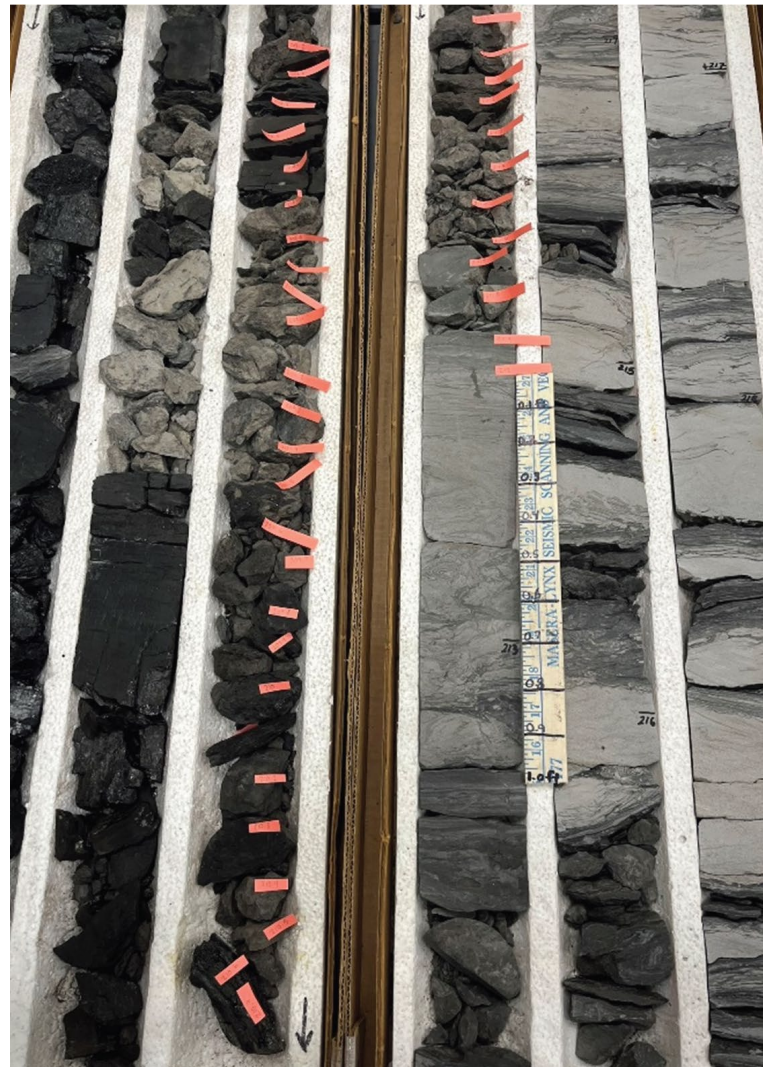
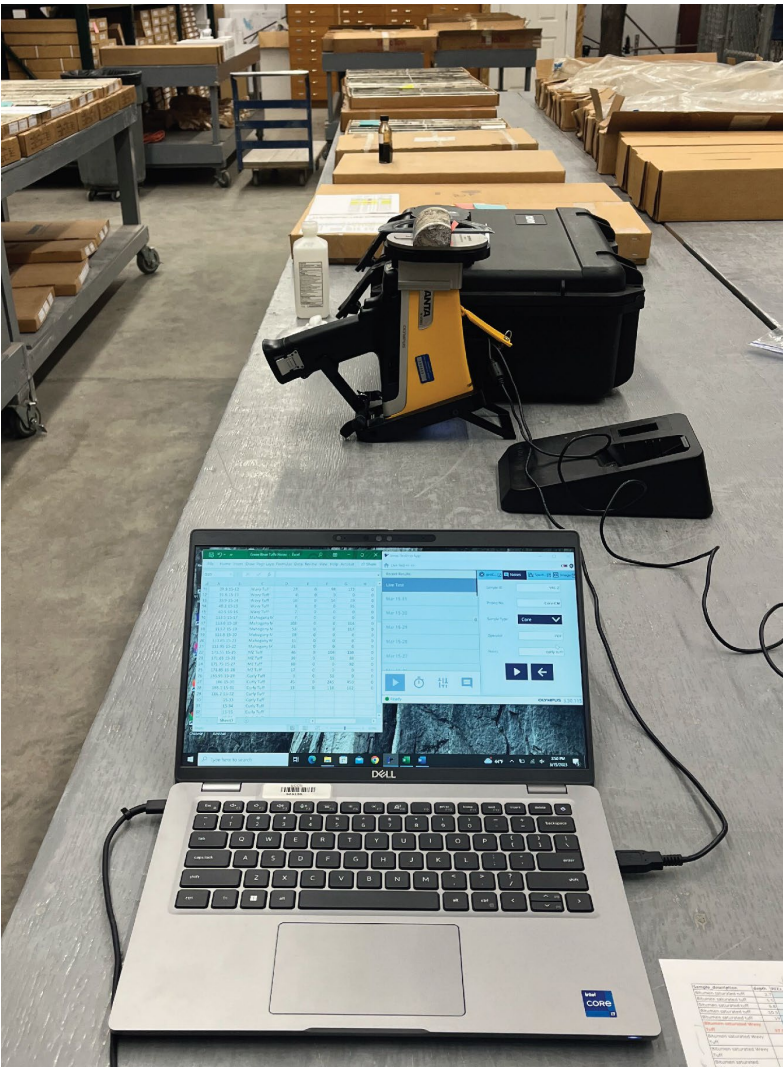
Field sampling – mines, waste piles

Core description & sampling



Methodology

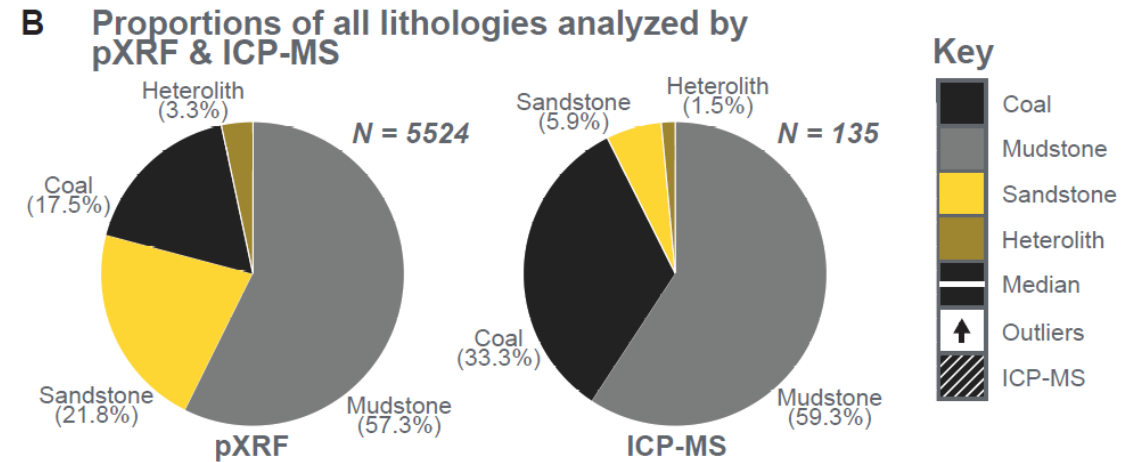
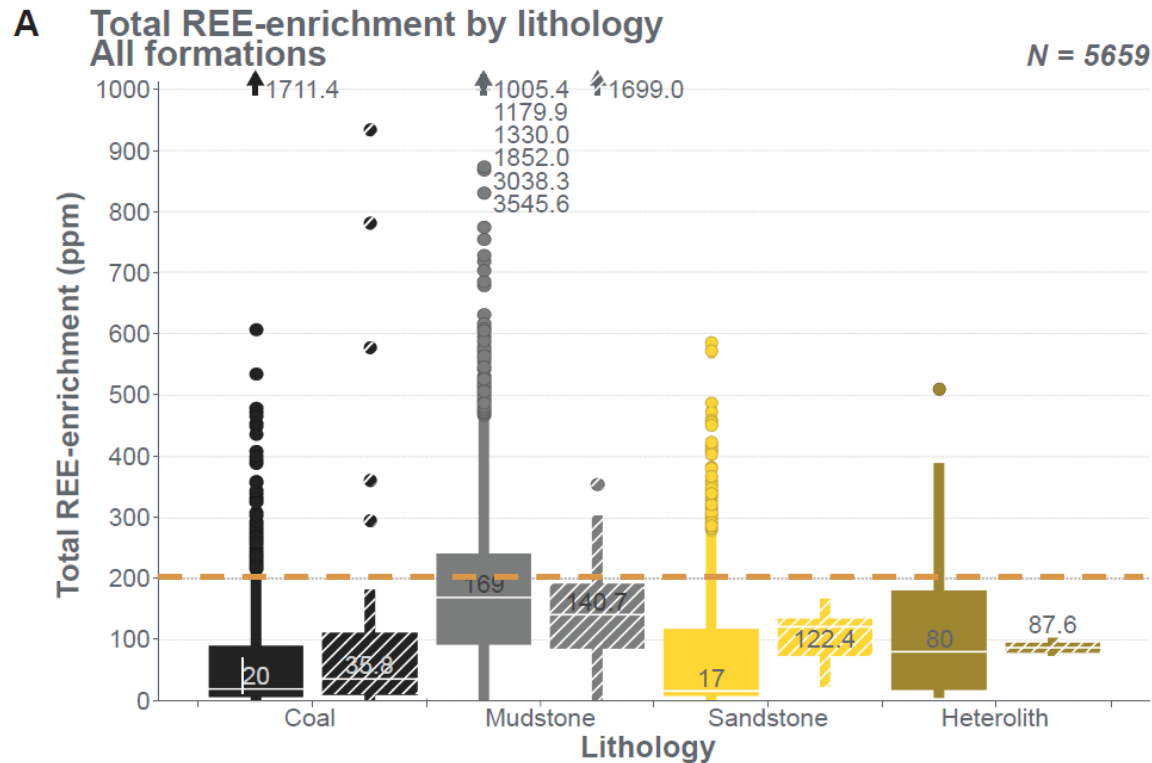
- Olympus Vanta M series portable X-Ray Fluorescence (pXRF)
 - Short Range REE detection – La, Sc, Ce, Pr, Y and Nd
 - **Enrichment = these six elements combined >200 ppm.**
- Blackhawk Fm & Mesaverde Grp scanned at 0.5 ft intervals, with several high resolution 0.1 ft intervals.
- Ferron scanned at 0.1 ft intervals with focus through coal zones.



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Results by lithology, All Formations – Blackhawk Fm, Mesaverde Grp, Ferron Sst

Core, mine, outcrop data only



Lithologic trends, All Formations

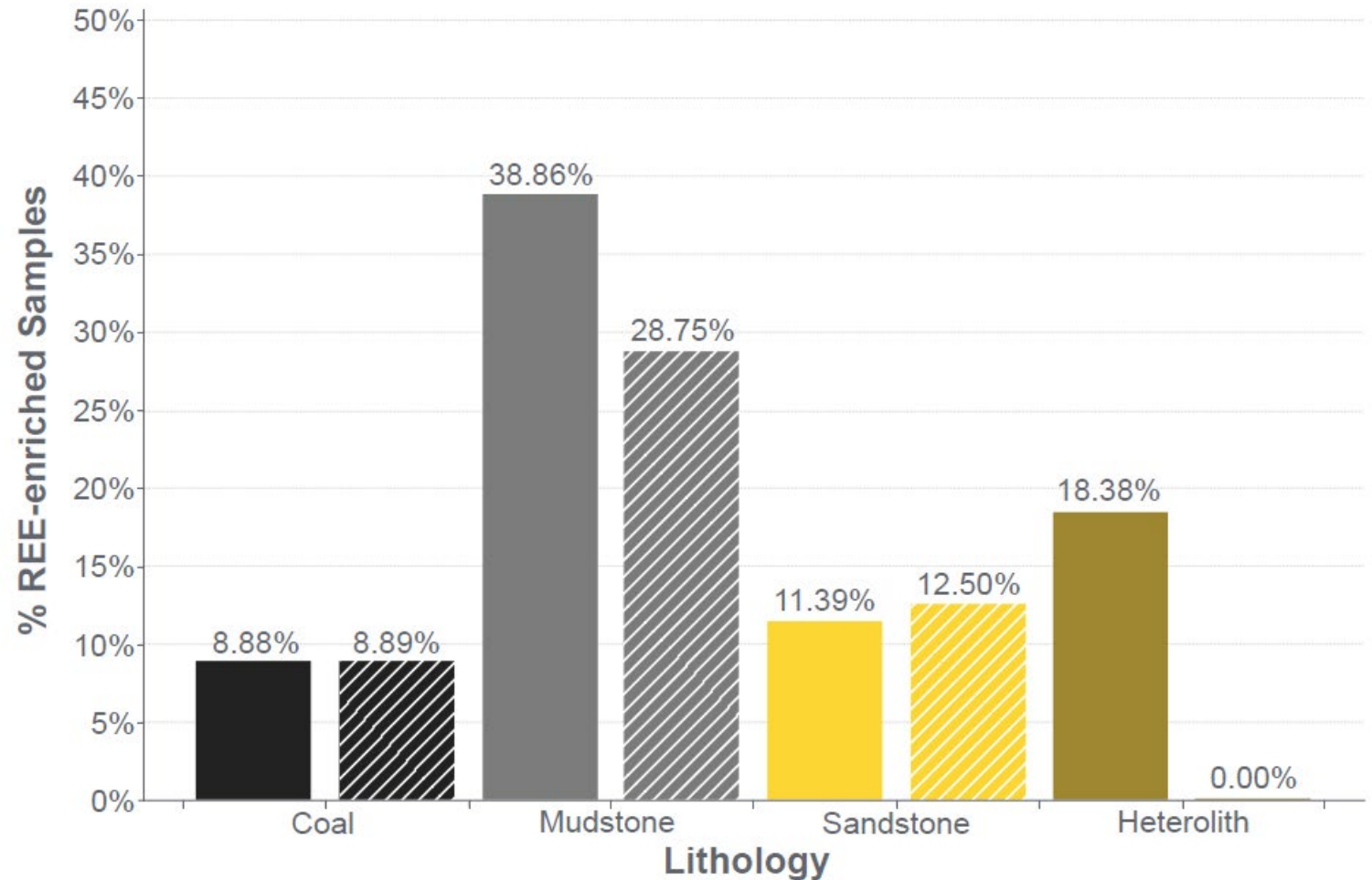
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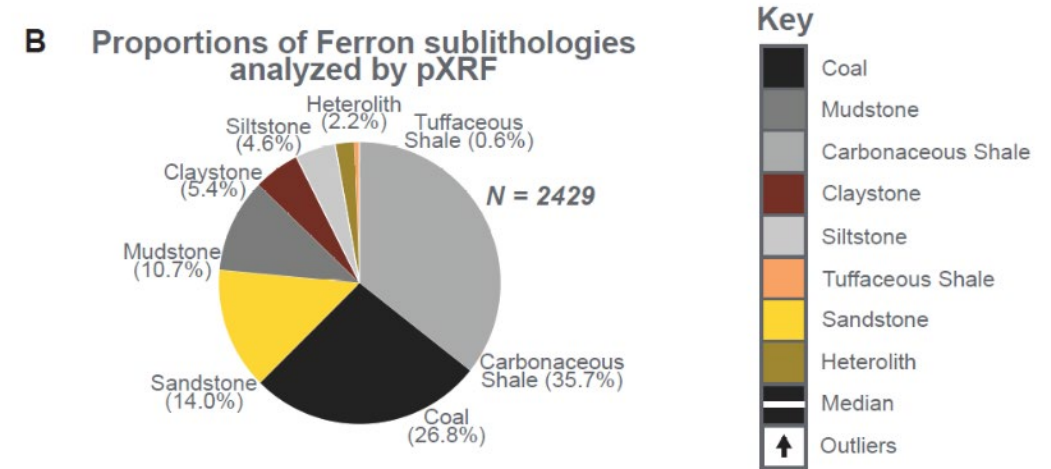
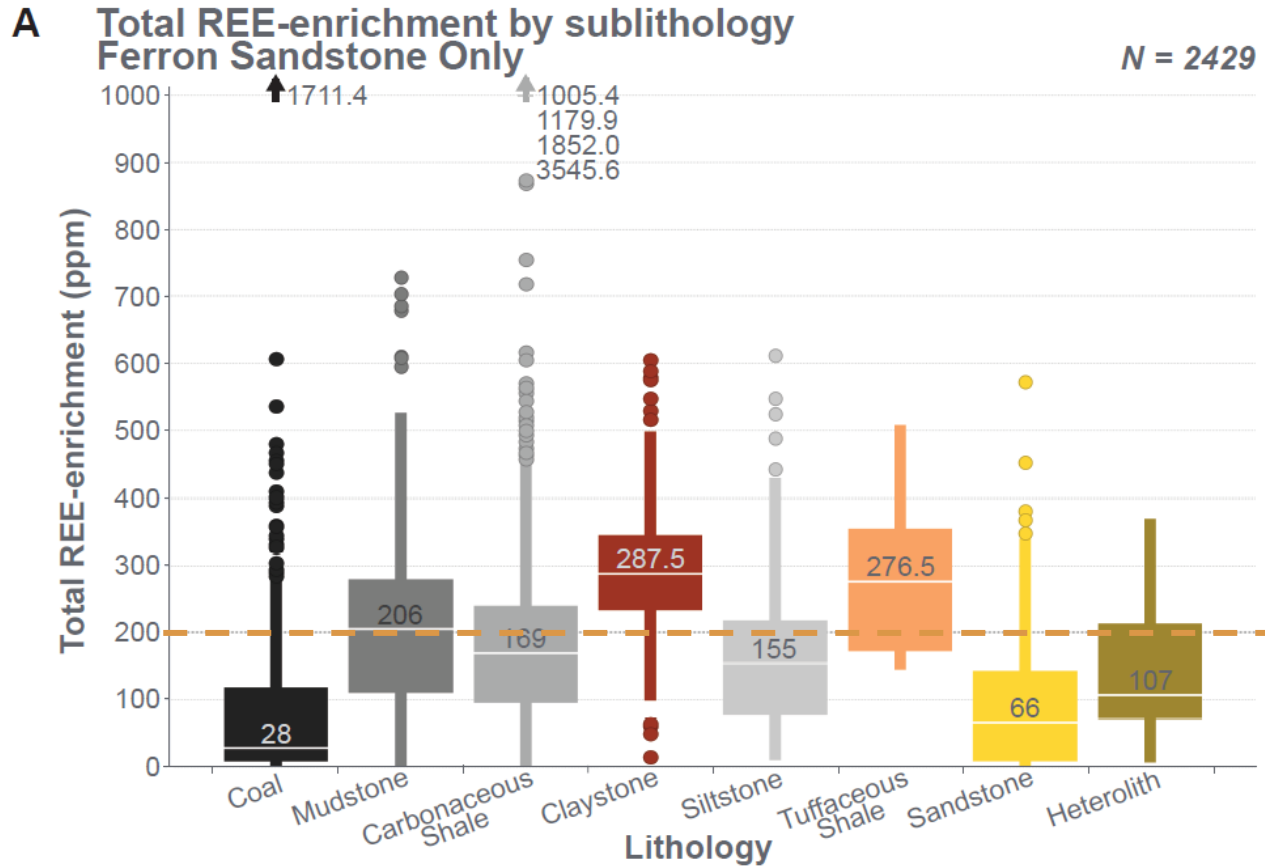
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**C REE-enrichment by lithology
All formations**

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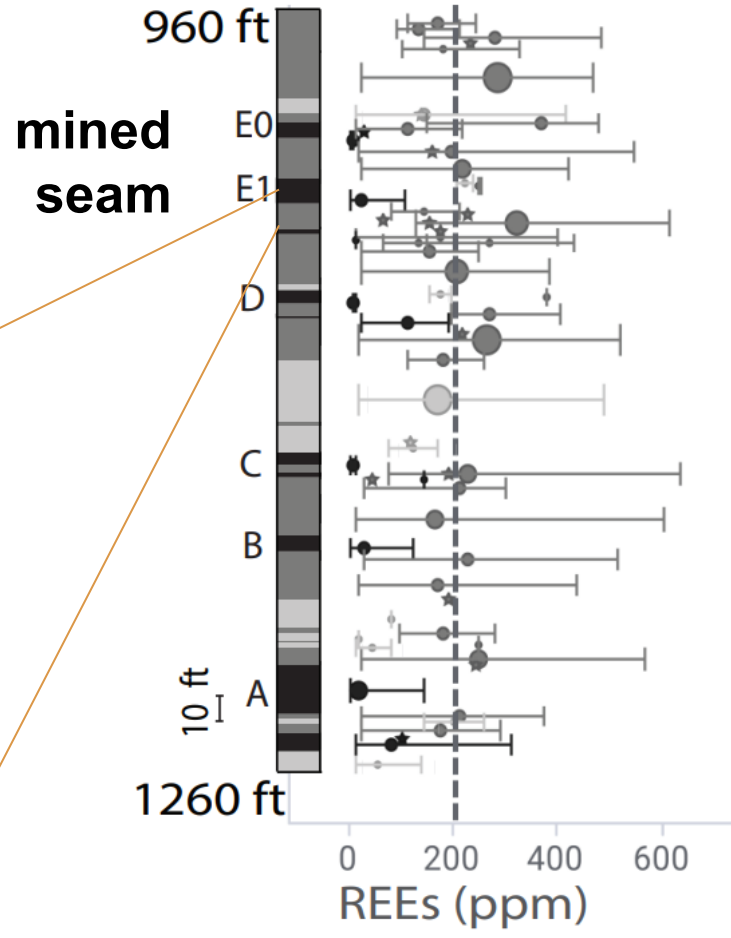
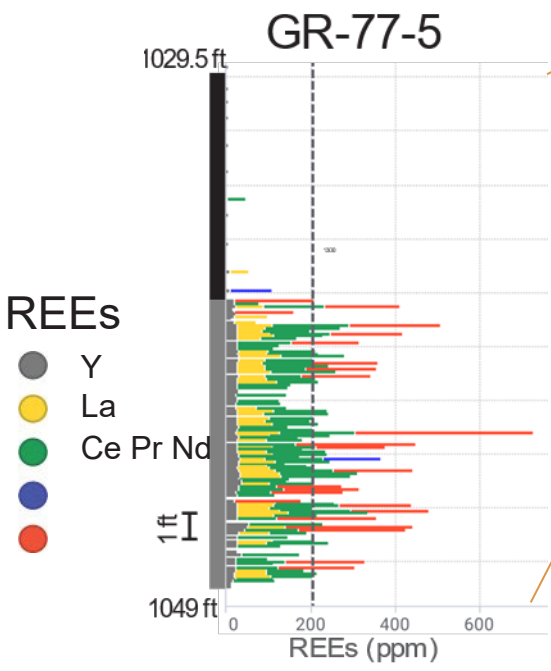
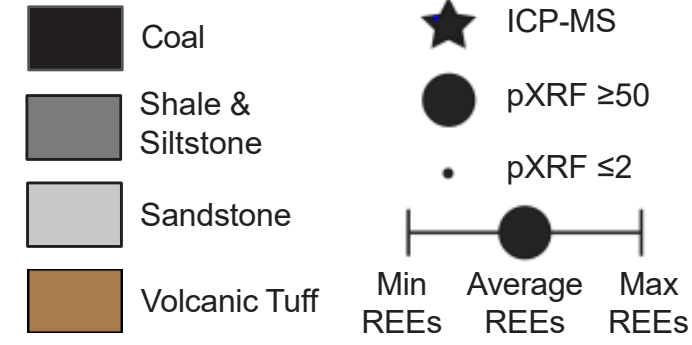
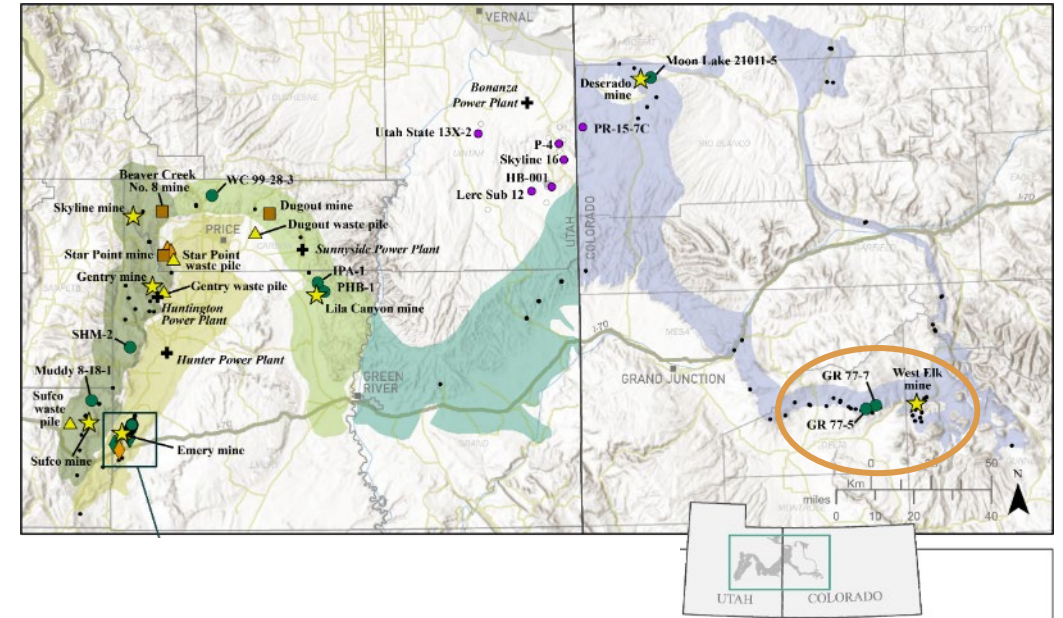
Results by sublithologies, Ferron Sandstone only



Stratigraphic Trends

Shale & siltstone beds overlying or underlying coal seams are REE-enriched

Near West Elk Mine, CO Mesaverde Grp. GR-77-5

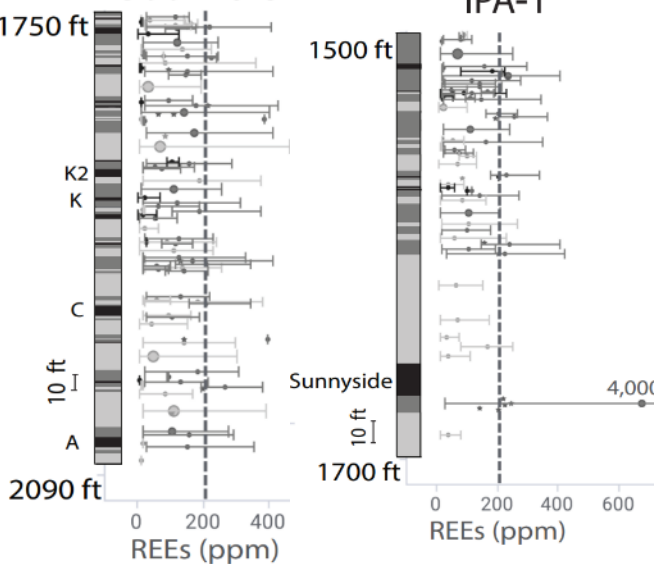
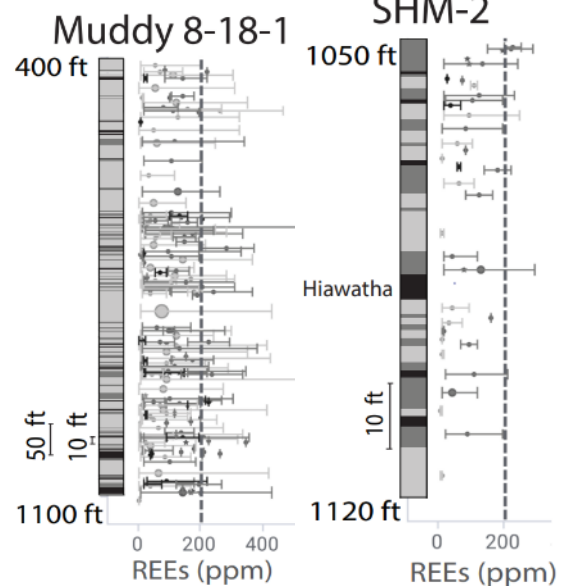


Blackhawk Fm & Mesaverde Grp Enrichment Trends

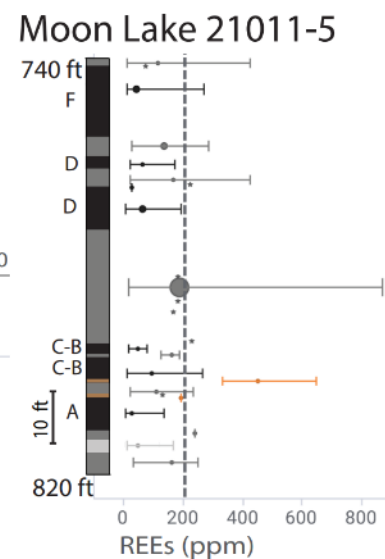
Core data

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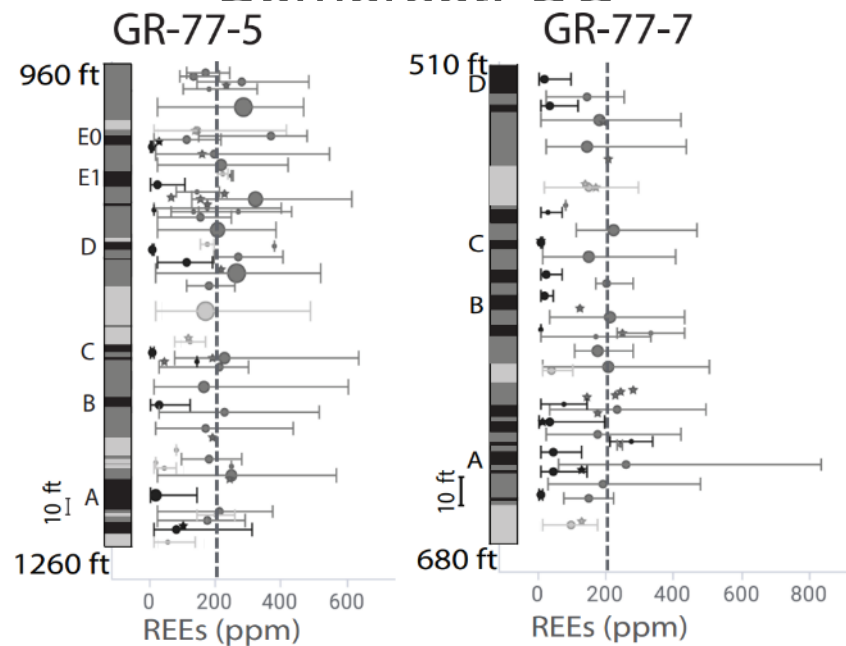
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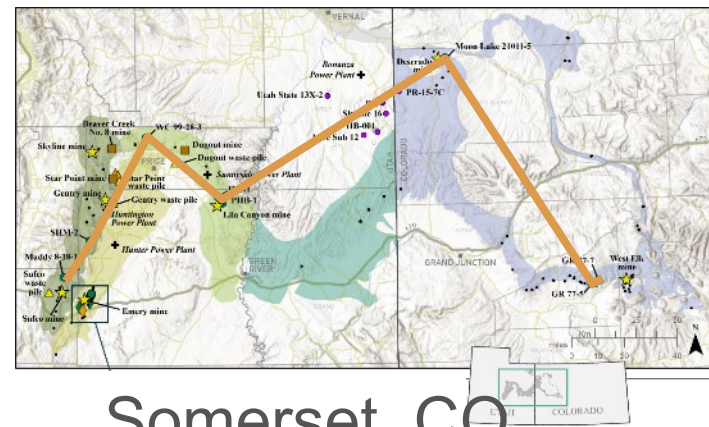
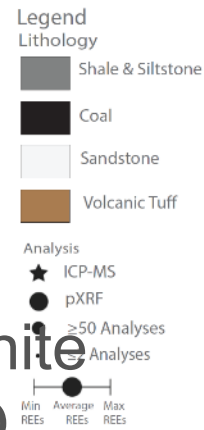
Lower White
River, CO



Somerset, CO



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 Uinta Region of western CO (Somerset) is most REE-enriched.



Cope et al. (submitted)

Stratigraphic Trends

Ferron Sst

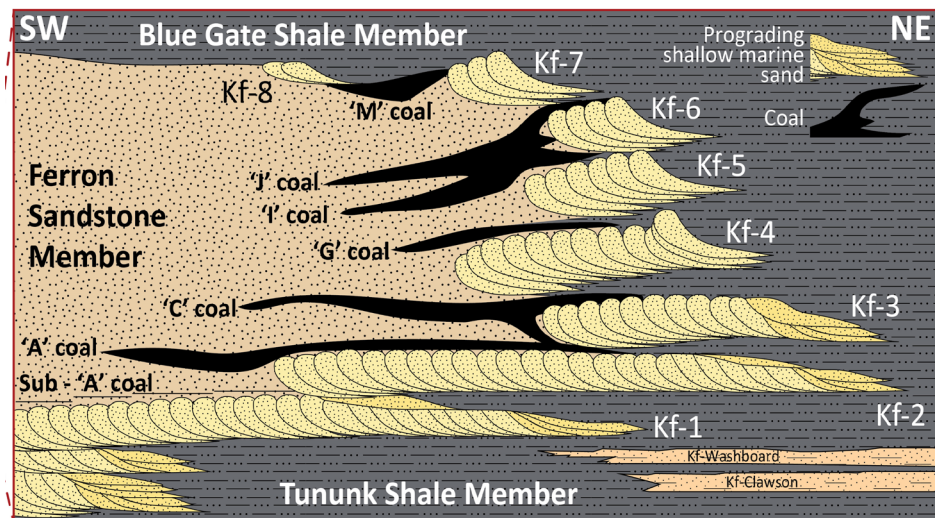
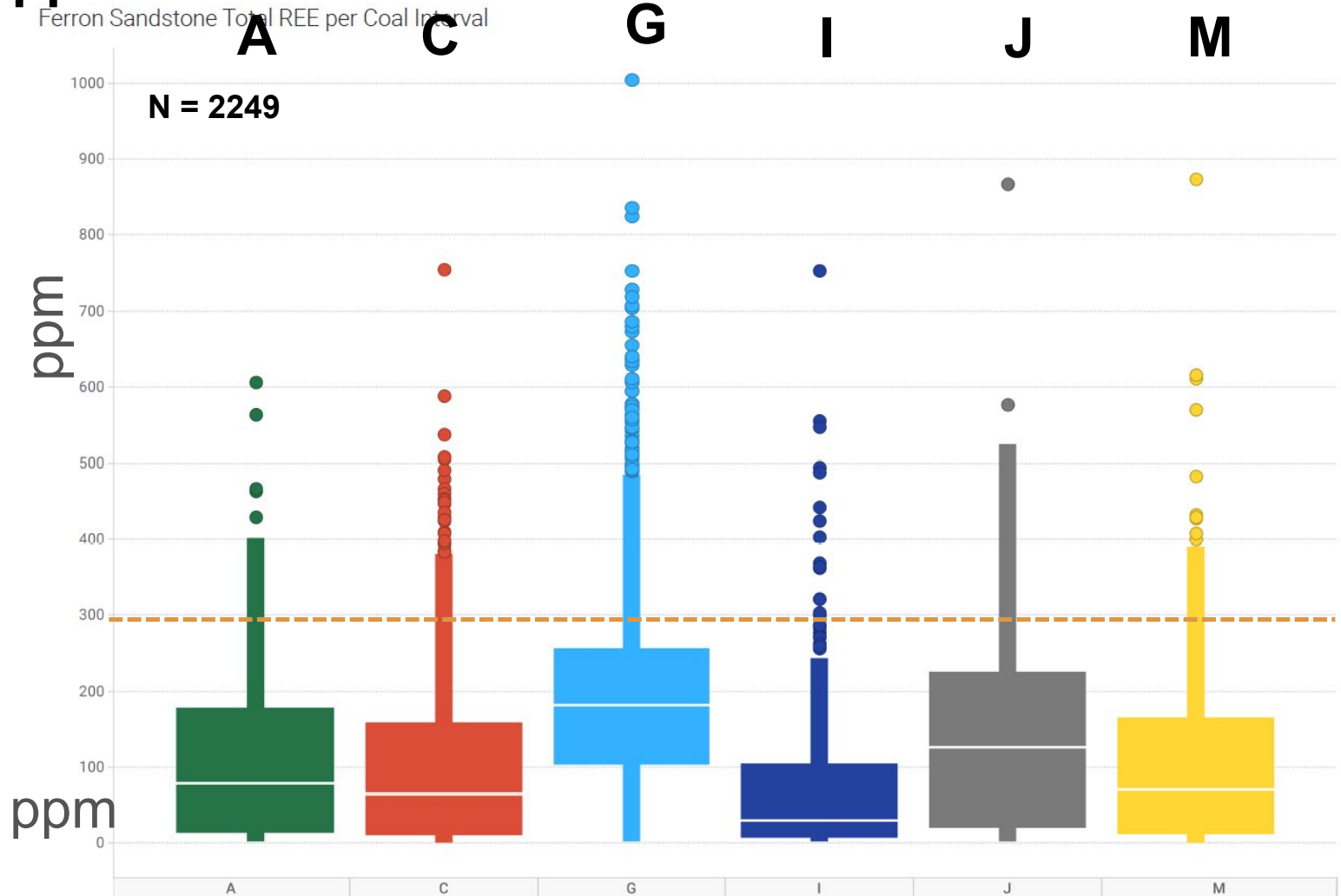
G coal zone is REE-enriched compared to other coal zones

Max value = 4871ppm (C Coal zone)

1000 ppm

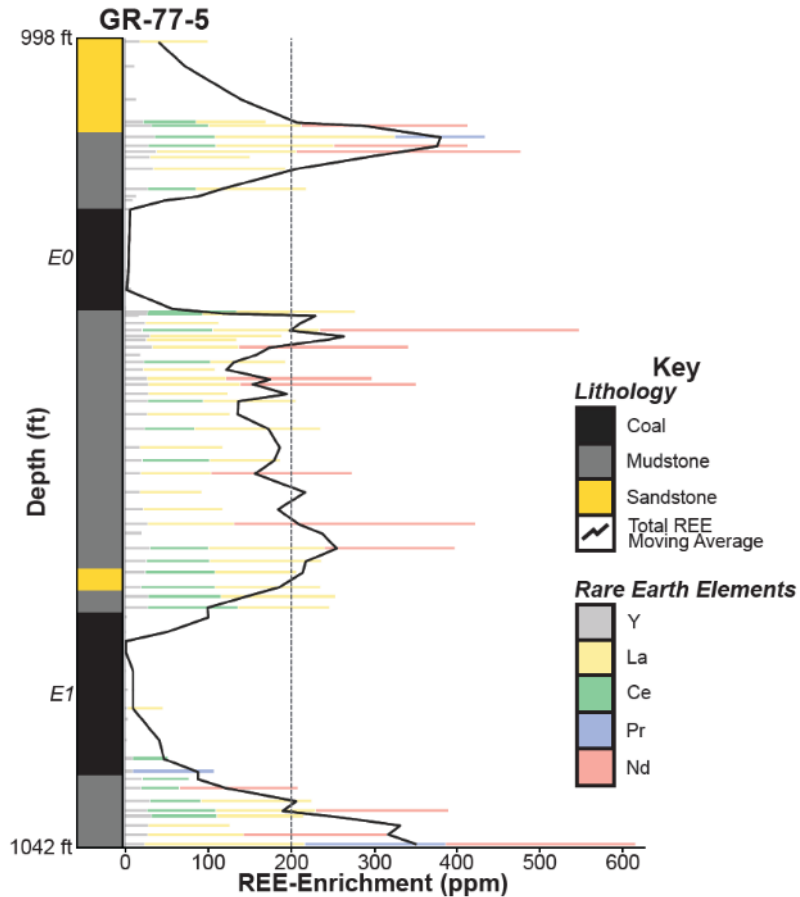
Coal zones

Ferron Sandstone Total REE per Coal Interval

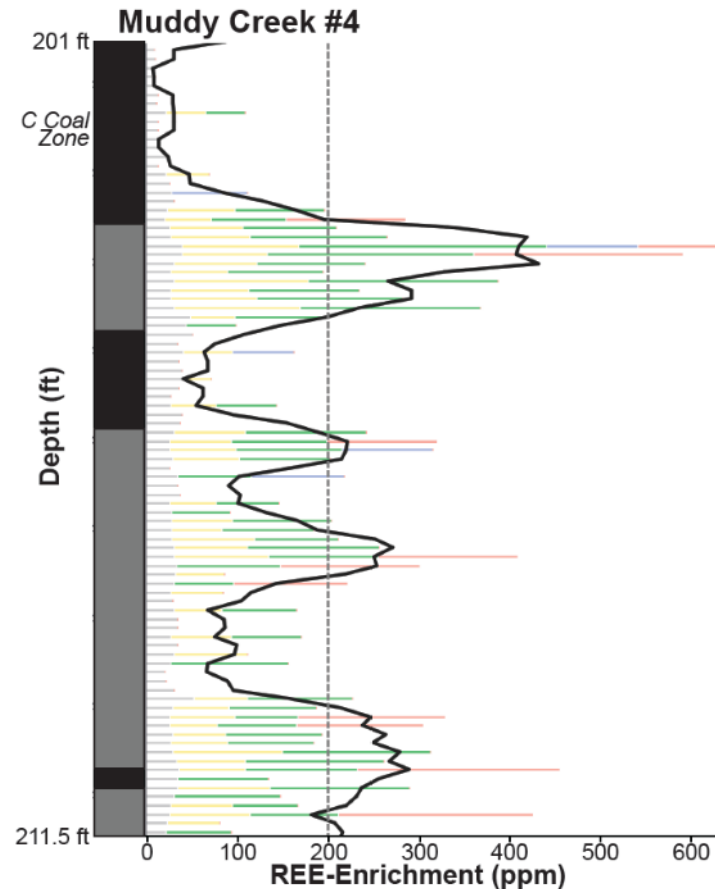


Stratigraphic trends

Mesaverde Grp, CO



Ferron Sst, UT



REE enrichment found in mudstone units overlying or underlying coal seams

Lithologic trends, All Formations

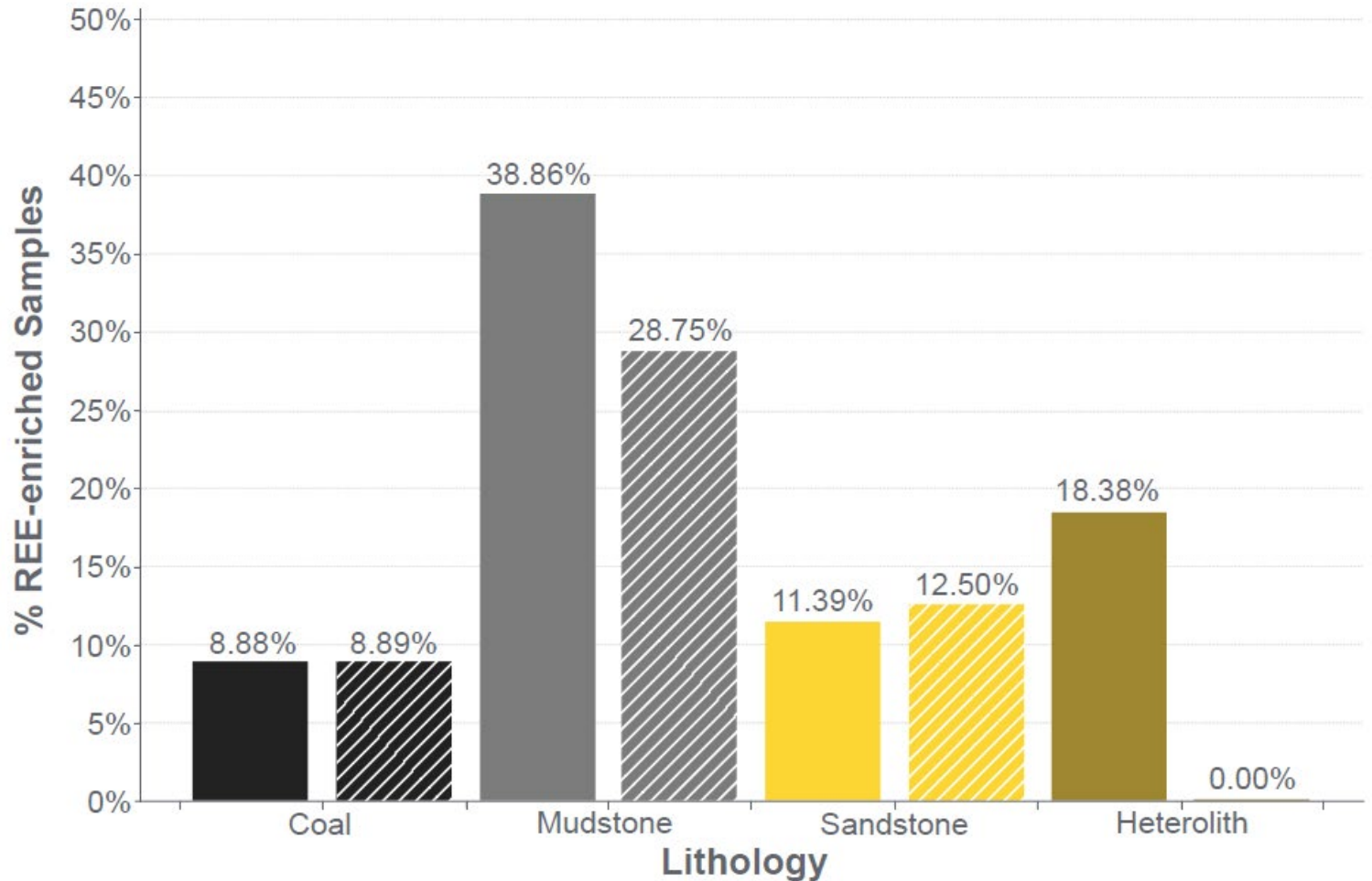
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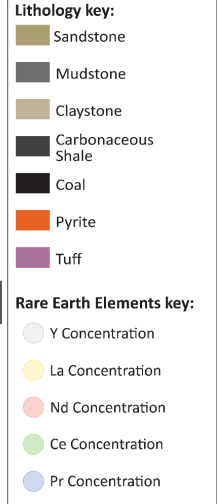
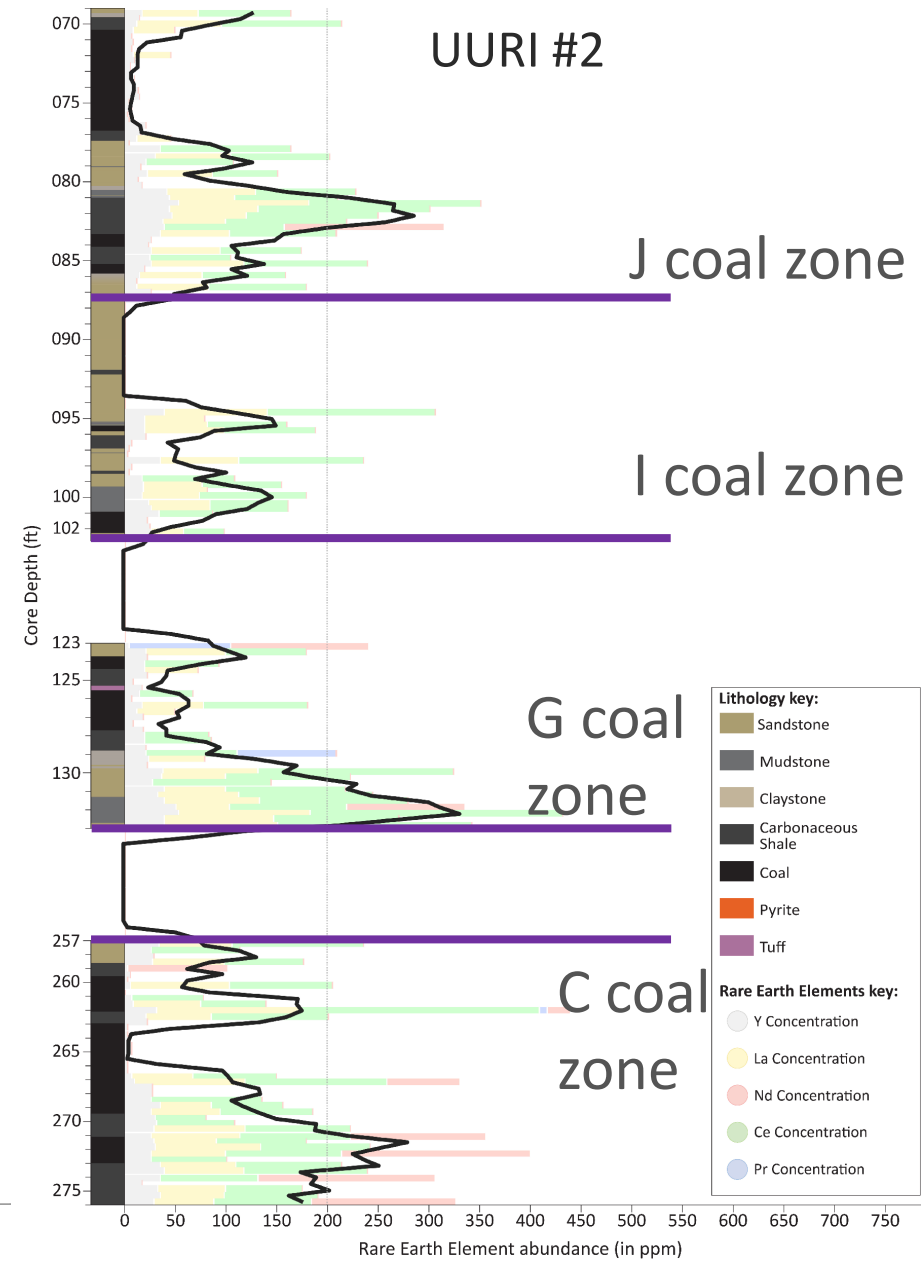
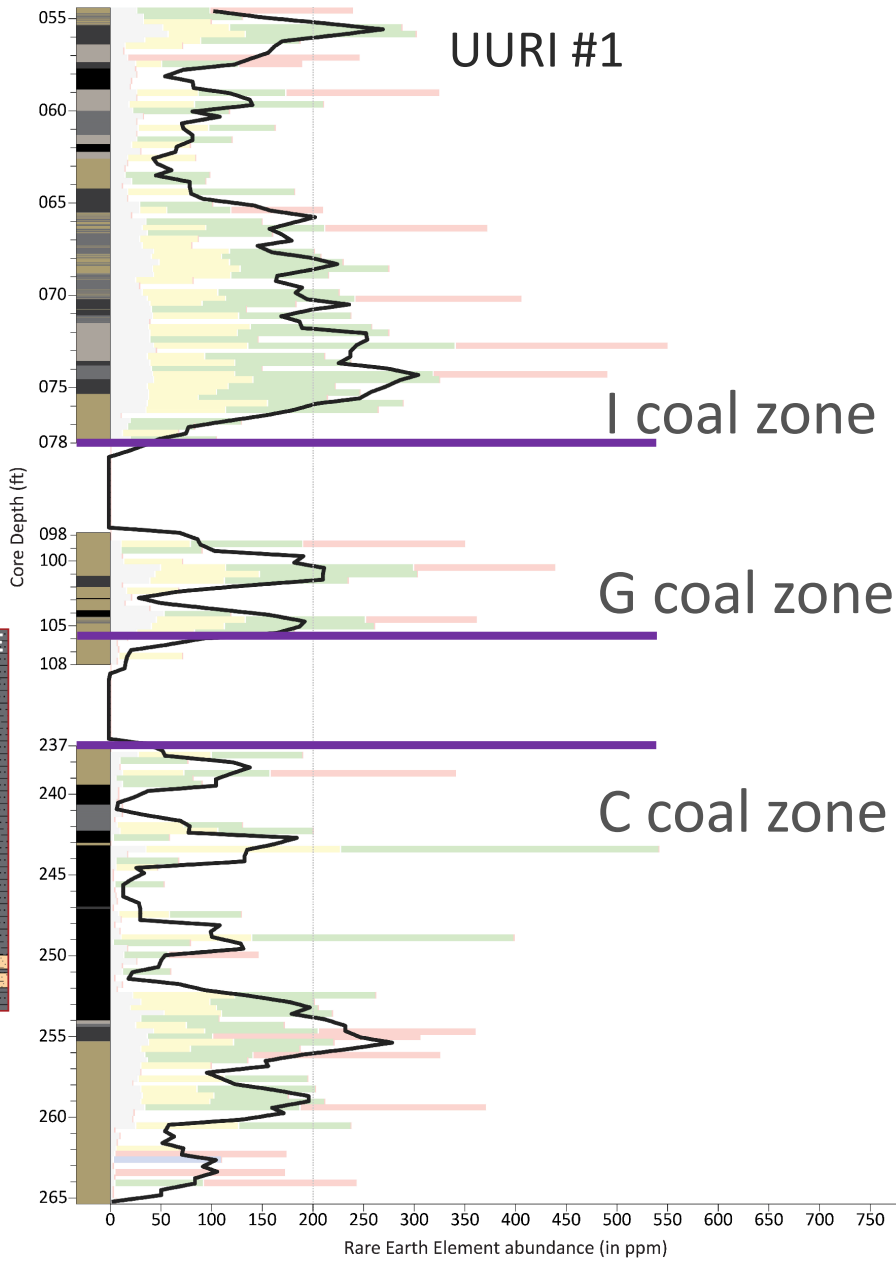
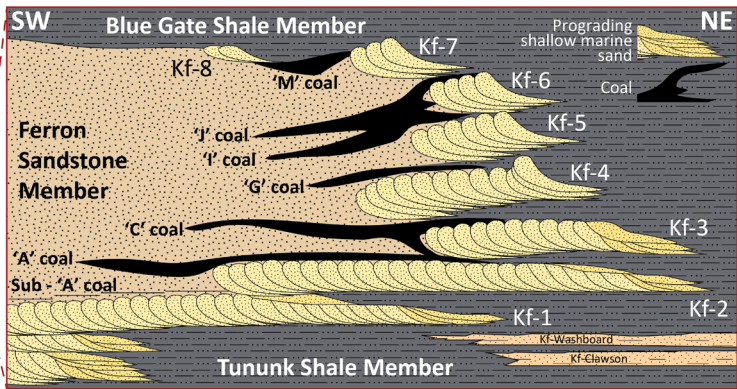
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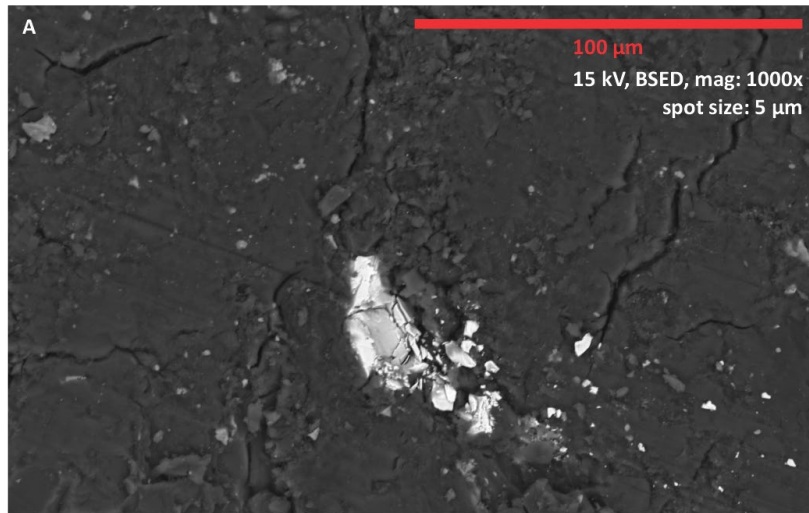
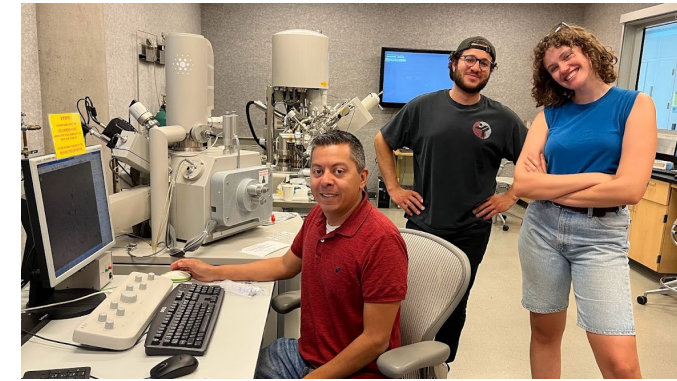
Carbonaceous shale, claystone & mudstone beds overlying or



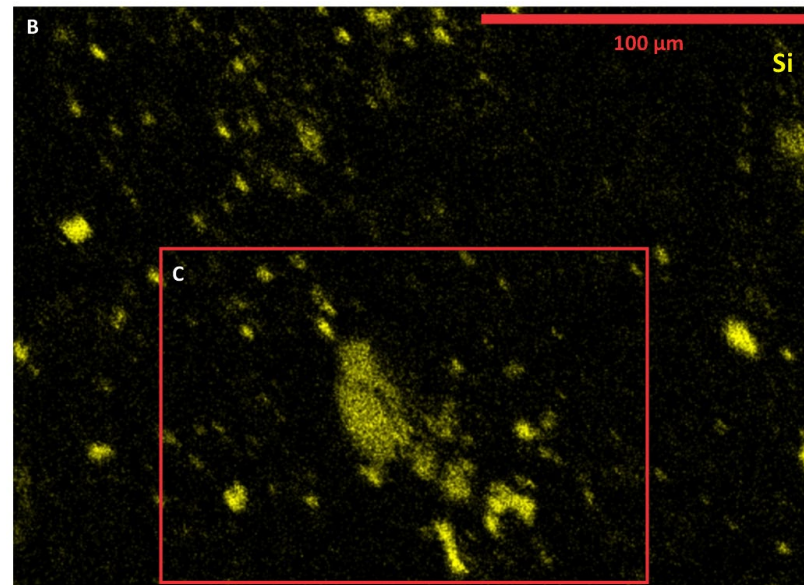
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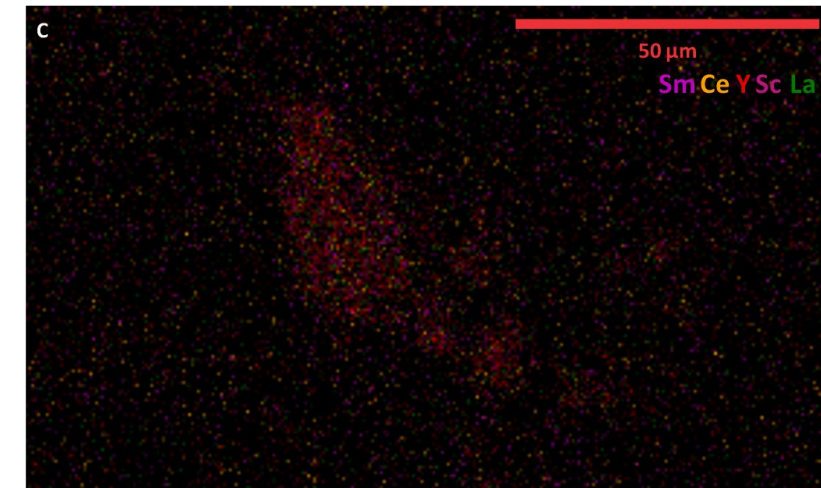
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Backscattered electron (BSE) image
1000x



EDS map silica (Si)



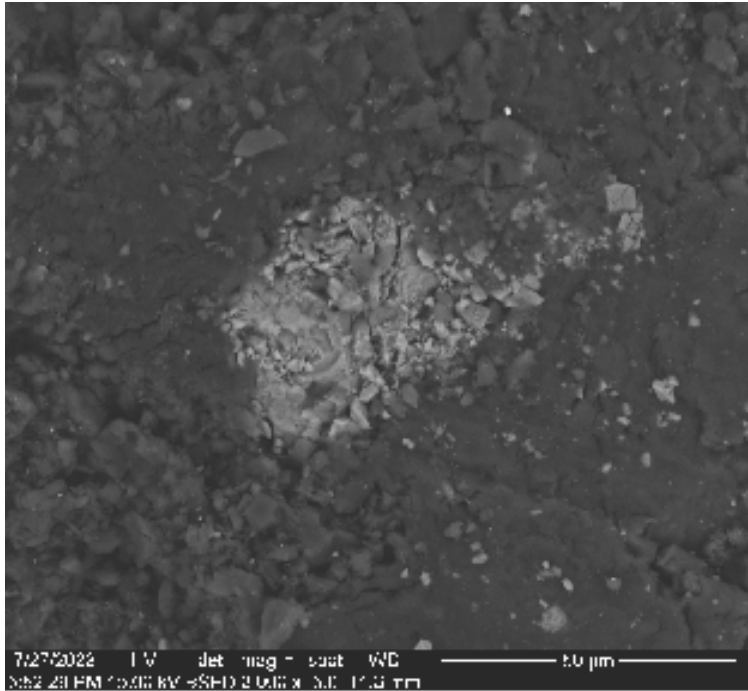
EDS map REEs
Sc, Y, La, Ce, Sm

Silicate domains interpreted as volcanic
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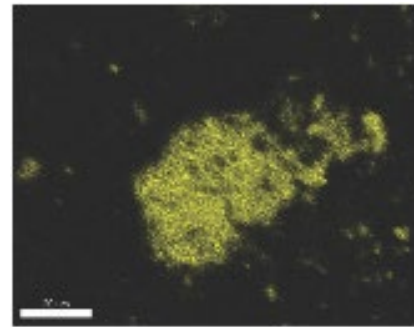
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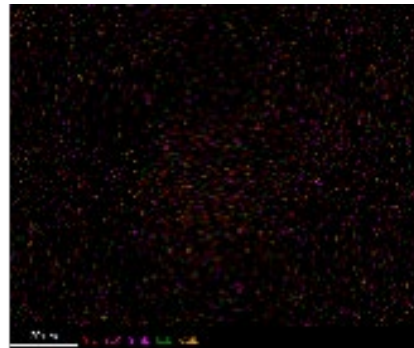
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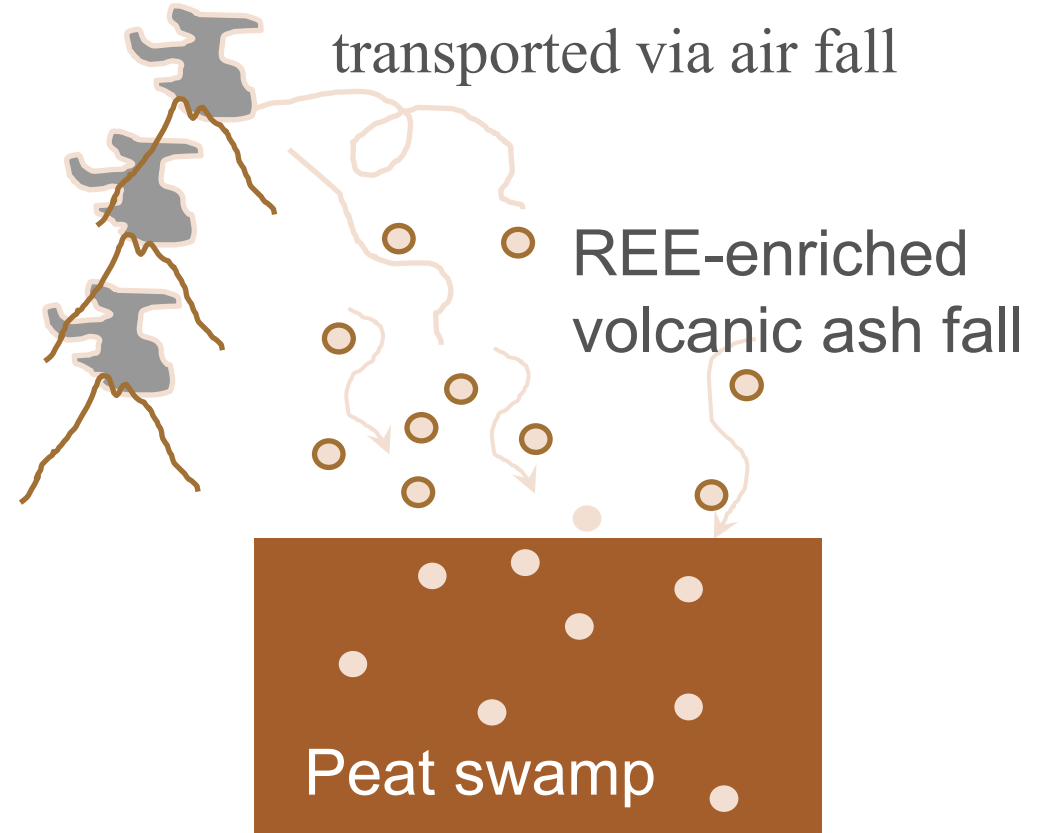


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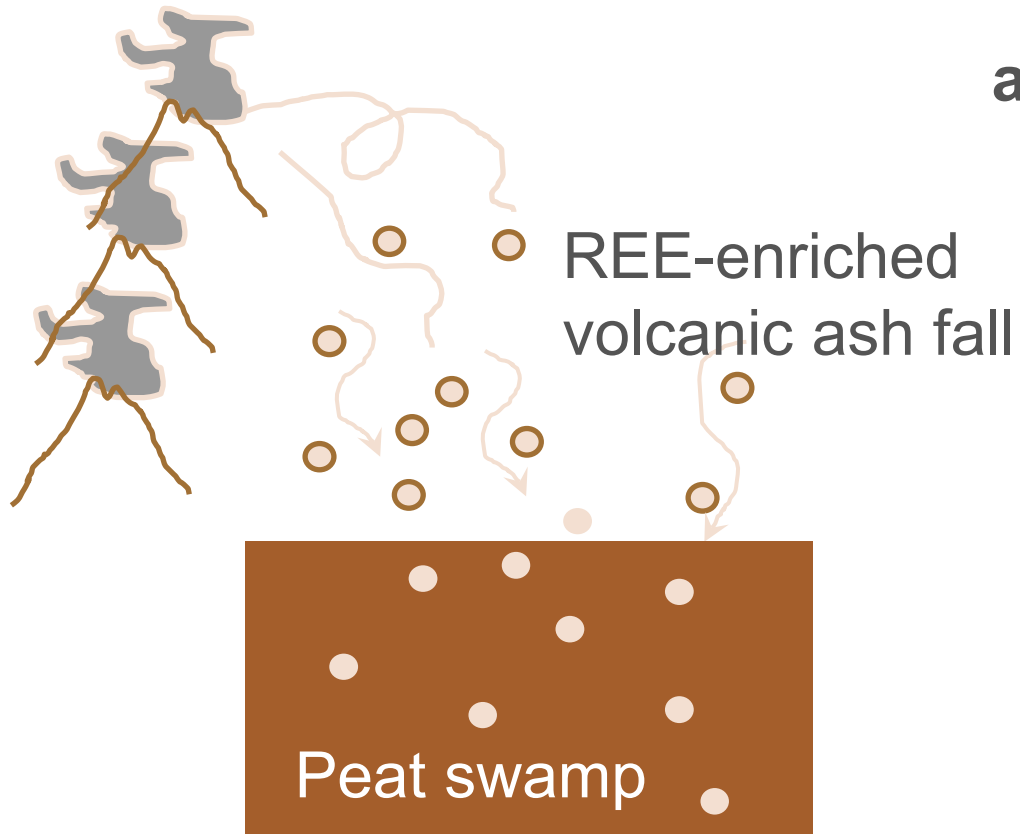


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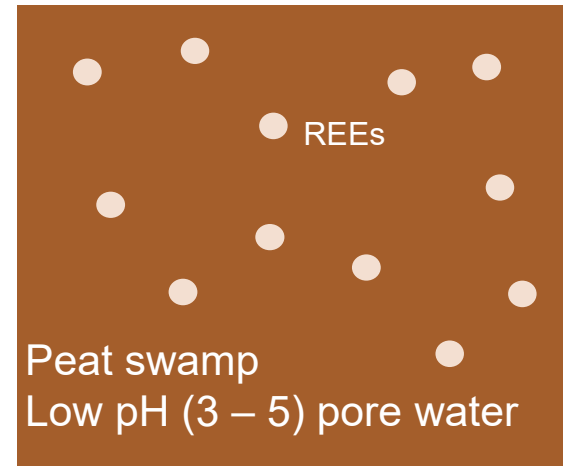
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Paleodepositional mechanisms

1) Volcanic ash in peat



2) Organic matter uptake of REEs



Eskenazy (1998)

HREEs are able to form complexes with organic compounds, particularly under pH 3 – 5 conditions

Cation exchange with Na, K, Ca, and Mg

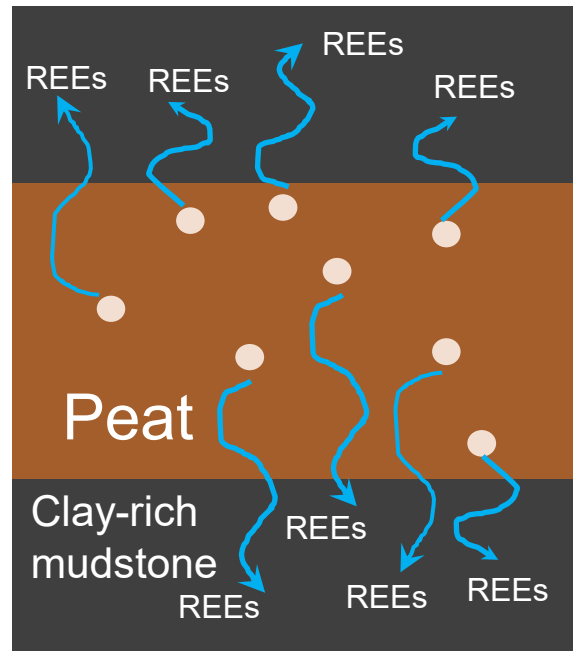
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Diagenetic mechanisms

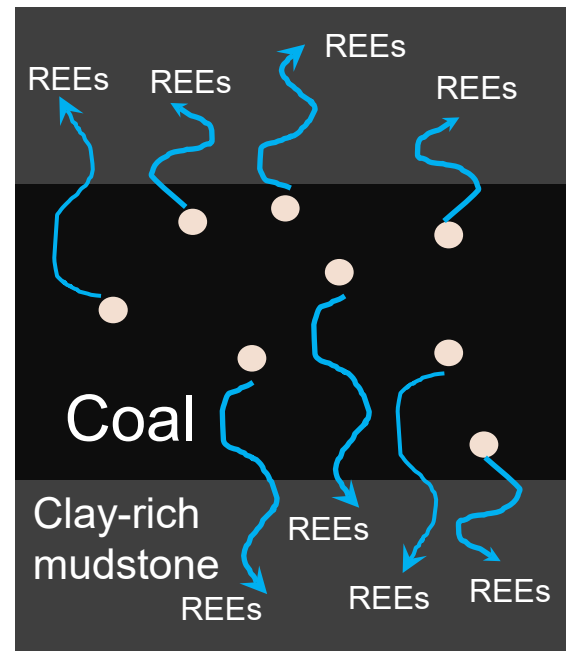
1) Early diagenesis (eogenesis)

Early movement of REEs in peat pore waters??



2) Burial diagenesis (mesogenesis)

Temperature driven REE mobility
REEs fractionate to clays with increased coal rank

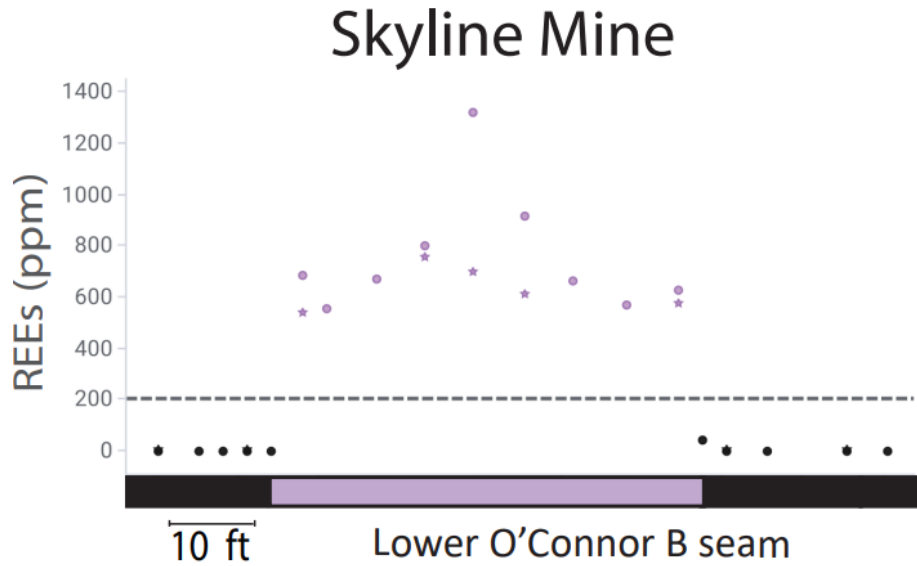


3) Late diagenesis (telogenesis)

Meteoric water REE mobility
Paleo or modern erosional surface



Igneous dikes and waste piles



Lithology

- Coal
- Shale & Siltstone
- Sandstone
- Igneous Dike

Analysis

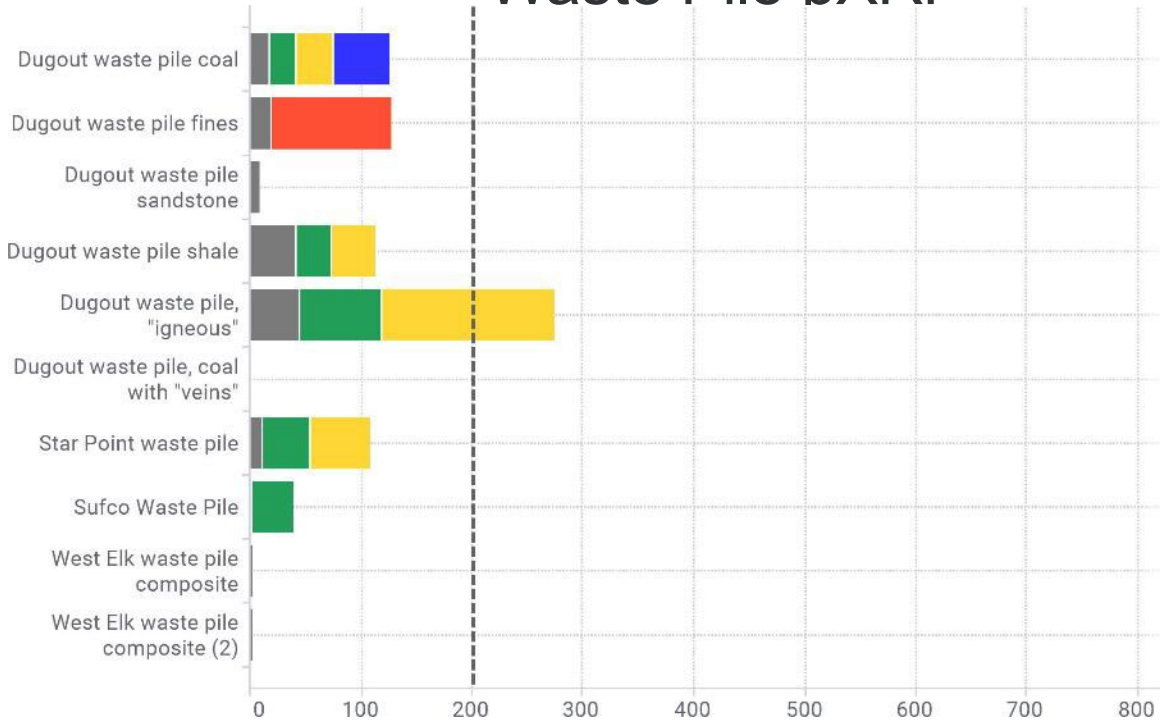
- ICP-MS
- pXRF ≥ 50
- pXRF ≤ 2
- Min REEs
- Average REEs
- Max REEs



Igneous dikes that cross cut at least one local underground mine are REE-enriched, and may be very locally significant.

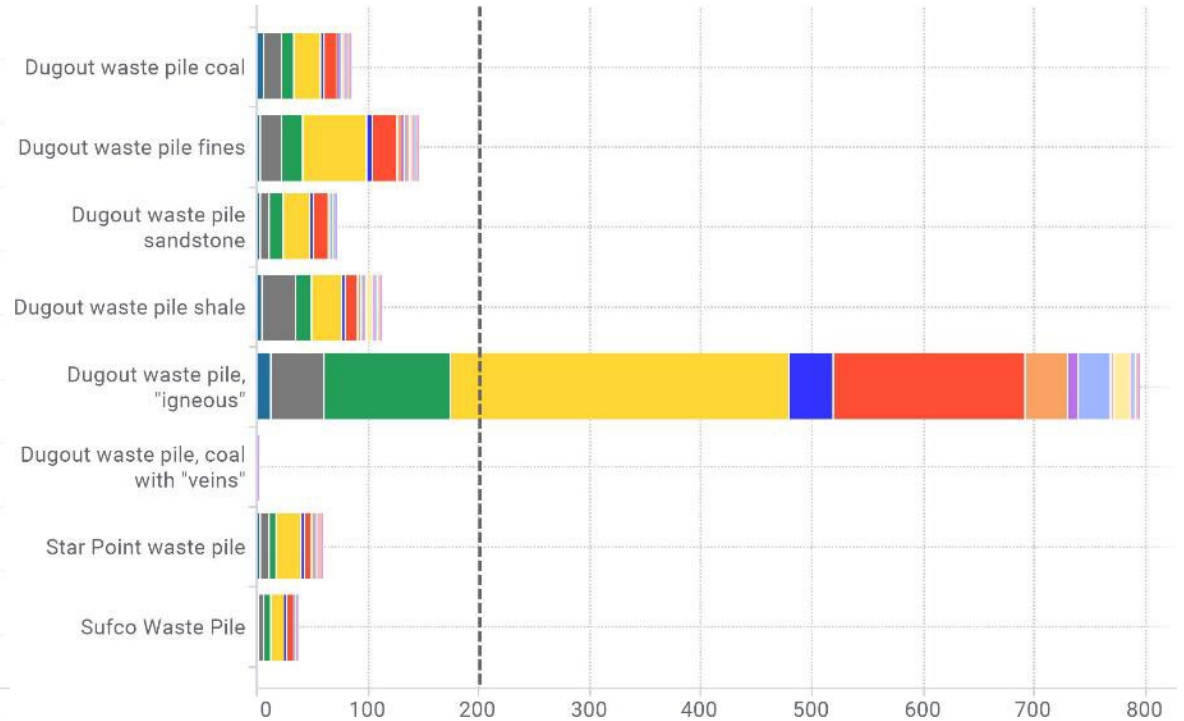
Igneous dikes and waste piles

Waste Pile pXRF



REEs

Waste Pile ICP-MS



REEs



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- Waste pile data supports trend of REE-enriched igneous material

Power plant ash piles

Hunter and Huntington plants

Subset of samples REE-

enriched, total average >250

ppm REEs

Significant Pr & Nd enrichment

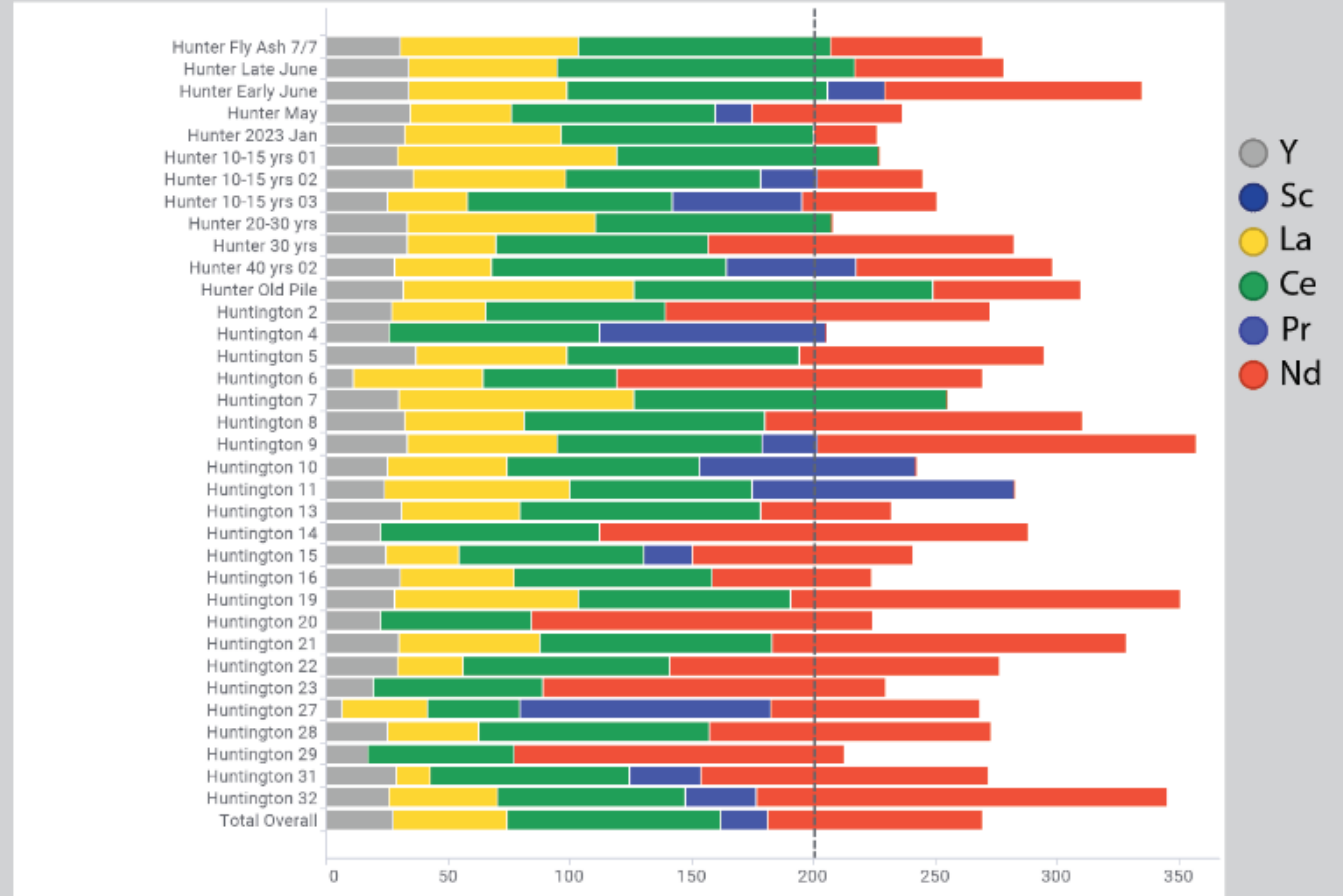


Huntington power plant waste ash pile aerial image, Bing Maps



Hunter power plant ash waste pile aerial image, Bing Maps

Total Averaged Enrichment vs pXRF REE ppm



All power plant ash pile samples from Hunter and Huntington, with average REE values from repeated scans shown. The y axis is organized first by power plant and then by depth. At Hunter power plant, depth correlates to age. Total overall average REE enrichment values for all samples is shown in the bottom bar on the y axis. REE enrichment > 200 ppm marked with dotted line.

Geology highlights – Uinta Region

- Collected a powerful geochemical dataset to quantify CM/REE enrichment, in terms of both amount and stratigraphic and geographic context.
- Stratigraphic trend: REE-enrichment (>200 ppm) is found largely adjacent to coals, in carbonaceous siltstones and shales that directly overlie or underlie coal seams.
- Geographic trend: Find consistently highest REE-enrichment in western Colorado, in the Somerset coal field.
- A few percent of coal samples analyzed are REE-enriched, but coals themselves are generally not REE-enriched.
- The lateral variability in REE-enrichment, as well as the mineral association of REEs, remains relatively unconstrained and is the focus of ongoing investigation.

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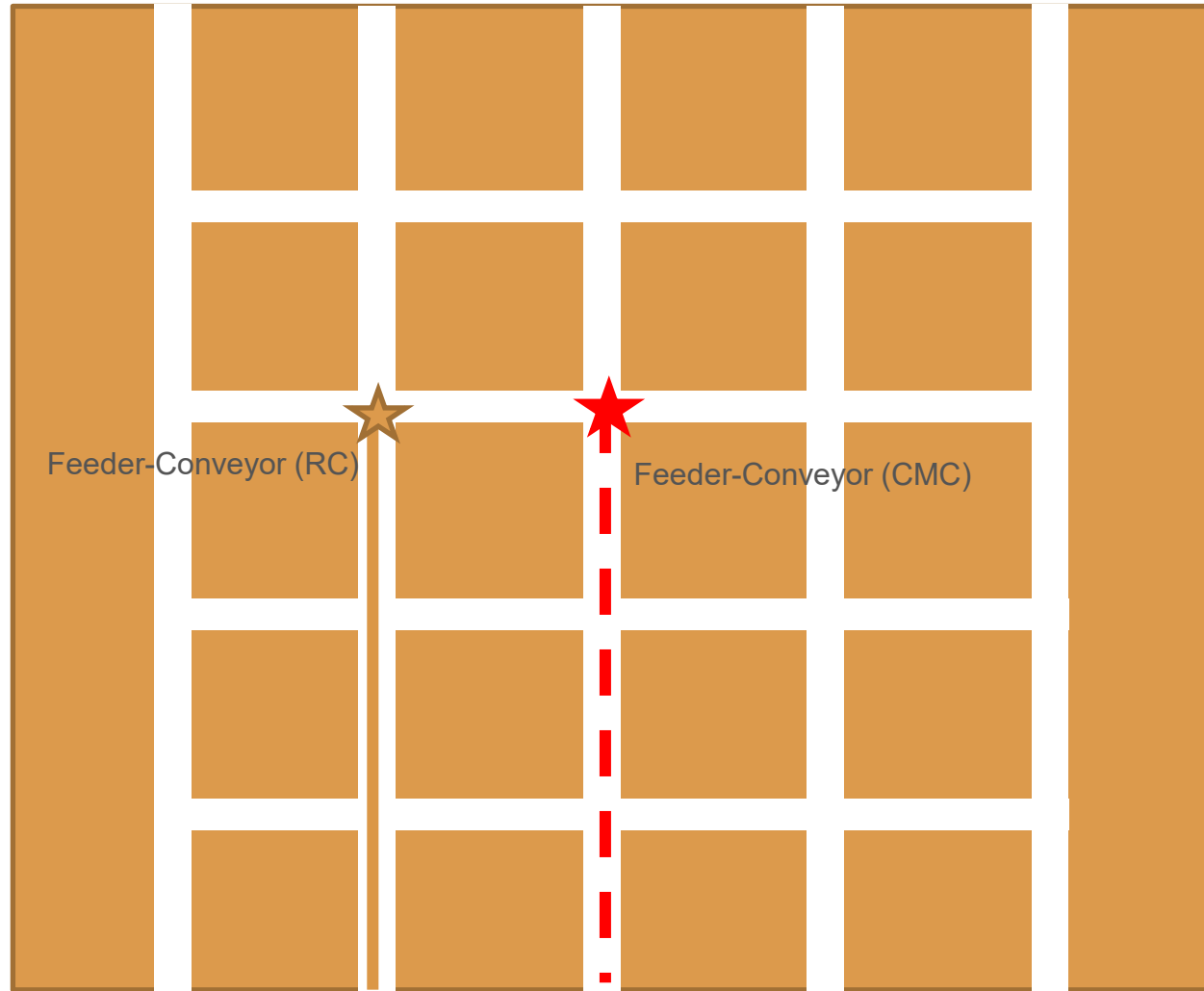
- Local igneous dikes that cross-cut Skyline Mine (UT) and are found in waste piles (e.g., Dugout waste pile) are REE-enriched.
- Some samples show relatively high Nd content (~100 ppm or more) – including from ash plant piles, igneous dike samples in waste piles, and volcanic ash beds in the Green River Formation oil shale deposits.

Project highlights – Uinta Region

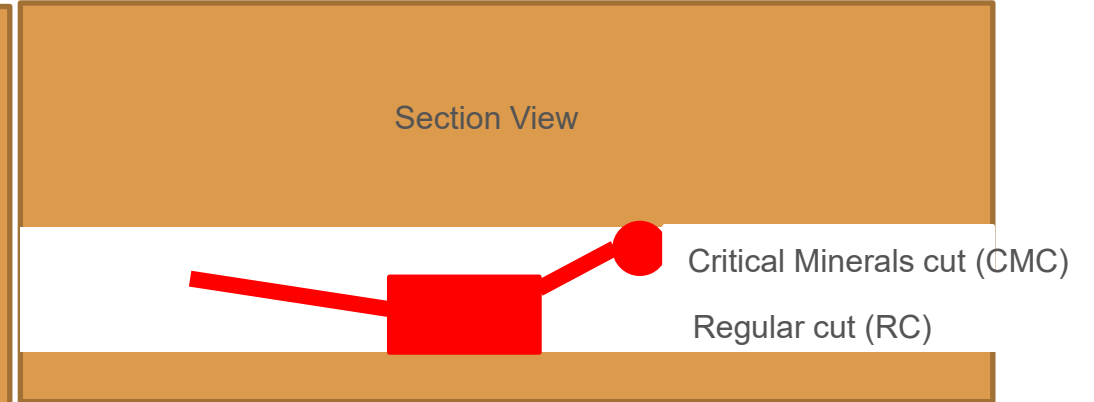
Mining implications

- Floor and roof material of active underground mines could be REE-enriched, particularly if the floor and roof is shale or siltstone. This should be further explored for quantitative resource assessment, mining engineering feasibility and economic viability.
- Igneous material in at least one active mine and a few waste piles could be of local significance. The volume and regional occurrence is small, but the REE-enrichment is high.
- Nd-rich material should be prioritized and leveraged.

Room and Pillar



Plan View



- Continuous (Room and Pillar)
 - can be applied more readily to mineral deposits that are not uniform
 - coal recovery is typically <~50%

Selective Mining

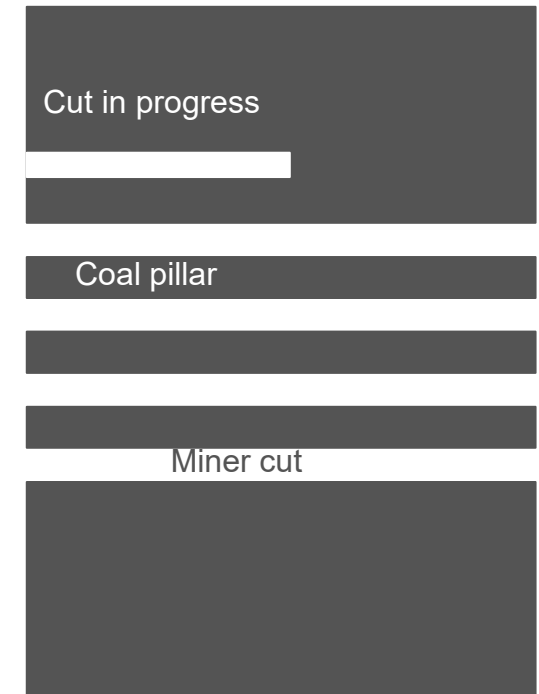
- Extracting non-fuel minerals will require selectivity
 - Within seam
 - Above/below seams
- Highwall miners are used extract narrow bands of coal from the surface
 - They make small cuts (holes) into the seam



[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and [caterpillar.com](https://www.caterpillar.com)

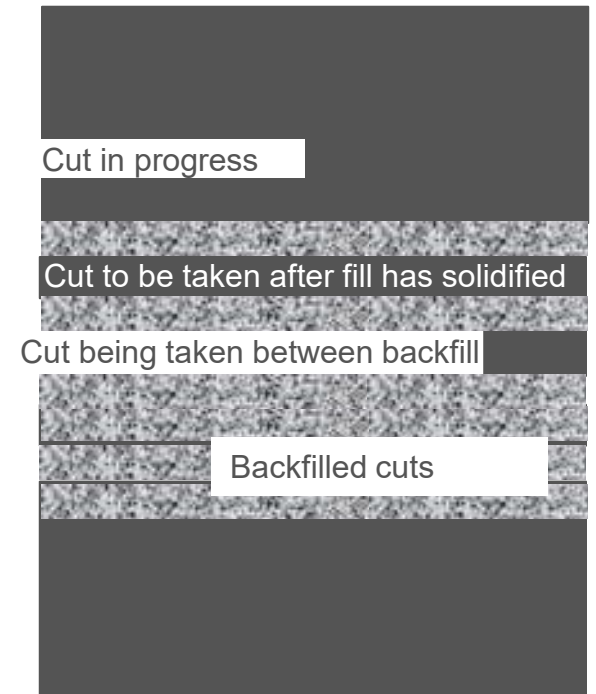
Resource Loss with Highwall Miners

- About half of the resource is lost as pillars are left between cuts
 - If pillars are not left, strata will collapse on the miner as it makes the next series of holes

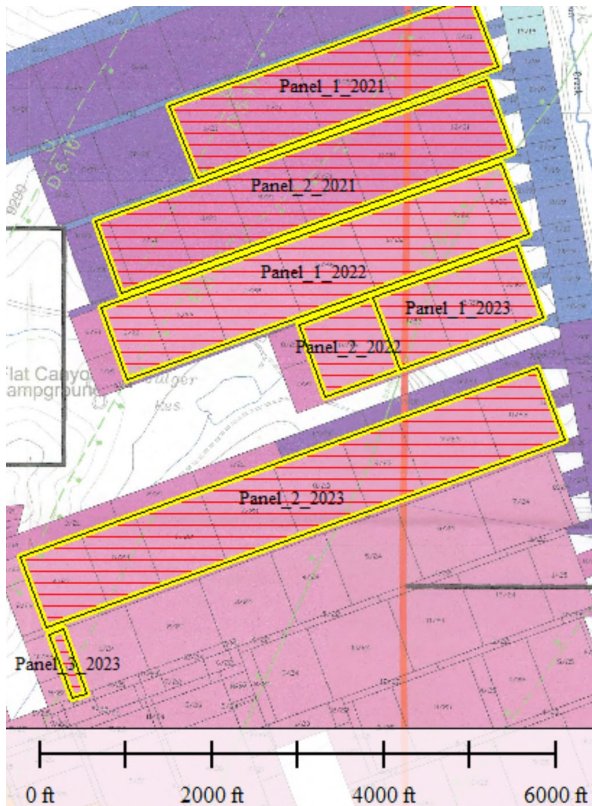


Backfilling cuts

- Backfilling is common in metal mines to recover all ore
 - Pillars are left behind initially, but are mined once neighboring backfilled cuts are stable
 - A sequence is followed to ensure that cuts are not made in between unconsolidated backfill
- Same technique can be used with highwall miners to extract the entire resource



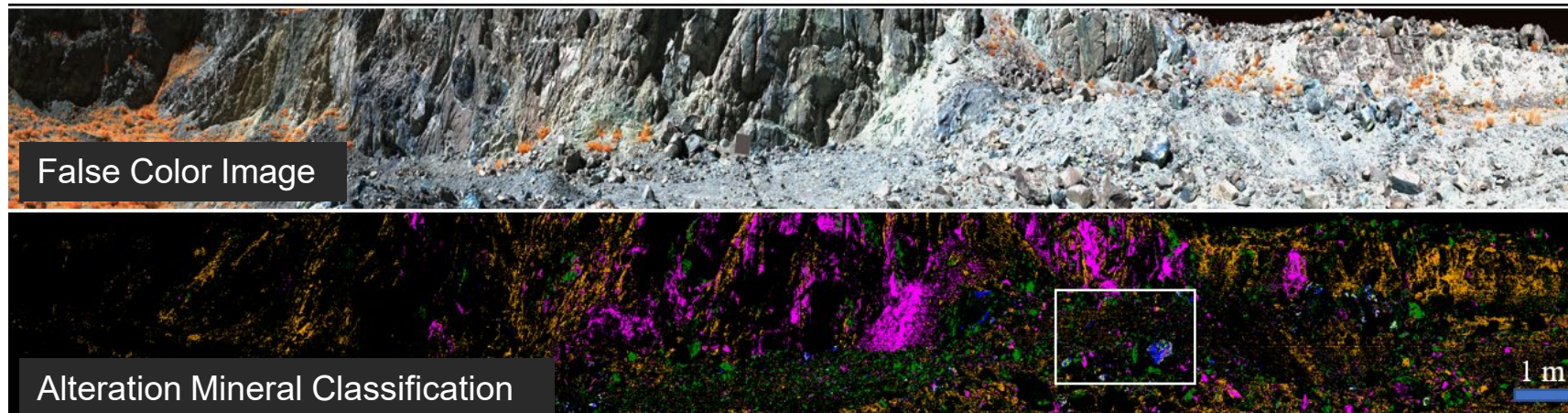
Backfill
















- Highlighted regions show planned mining from 2021 through 2023 at one Utah mine.
- The thickness of the coal ranges from 10 to more than 19 ft.
- This mine opens a volume of $\sim 81,000,000 \text{ ft}^3$ per year; a portion of this volume could be utilized for backfill.
- Backfill is an alternative and productive use for waste material and reduces some environmental impacts.
- Currently, backfilling is not practiced in coal mines in the U.S.; utilizing waste material for backfill is practiced in the coal industry internationally.

Imaging spectroscopy: Gold Hill, Utah

- The Yellow Hammer prospect in the Gold Hill district is a past producer of Tungsten ores.
- The prospect is not associated with Carbon ores, but it demonstrates the variety of critical minerals in Utah.
- The data were acquired at ~30 m from the highwall and have a spatial resolution of ~0.85 cm².



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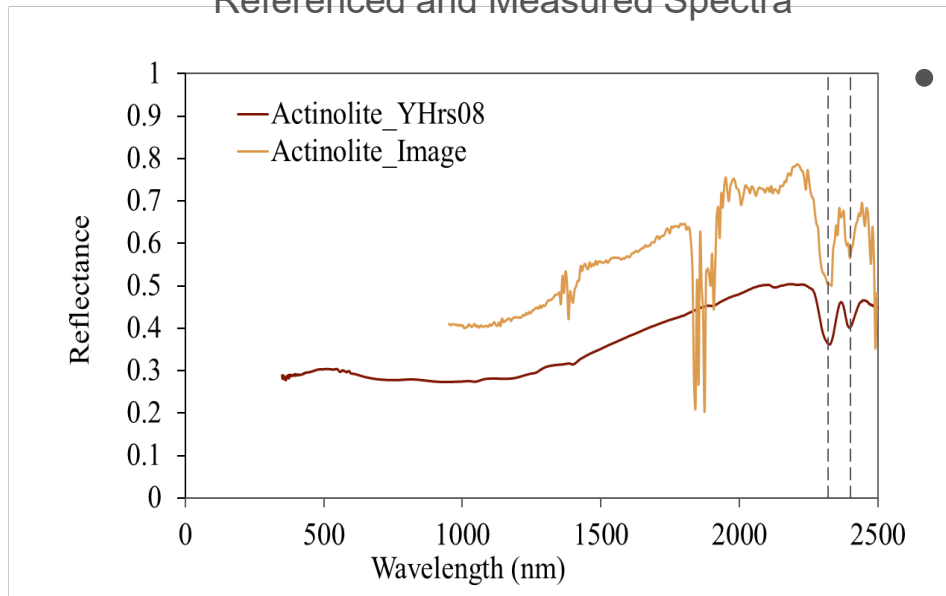
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	Epidote		Zoisite
	Chlorite-hornblende		Tremolite
	Montmorillonite		Calcite-tourmaline
	Phengitic illite		Andradite garnet
	Nontronite		

Imaging spectroscopy: Gold Hill, Utah

Classification Statistics

Mineral	Medium Resolution (0.85 cm ²)	
	Number of Pixels	Percent
Epidote	57,596	24.90
Chlorite-hornblende	1,372	0.59
Actinolite_yhrs8	311	0.14
Montmorillonite	99,064	42.83
Phengitic illite	64,493	27.88
Vesuvianite_usgs	319	0.14
Diopside_usgs	5,040	2.18
Zoisite_usgs	75	0.04
Tremolite	21	0.01
Calcite-tourmaline	575	0.25
Andradite-garnet	2	0.00
Nontronite	2,433	1.05

Referenced and Measured Spectra

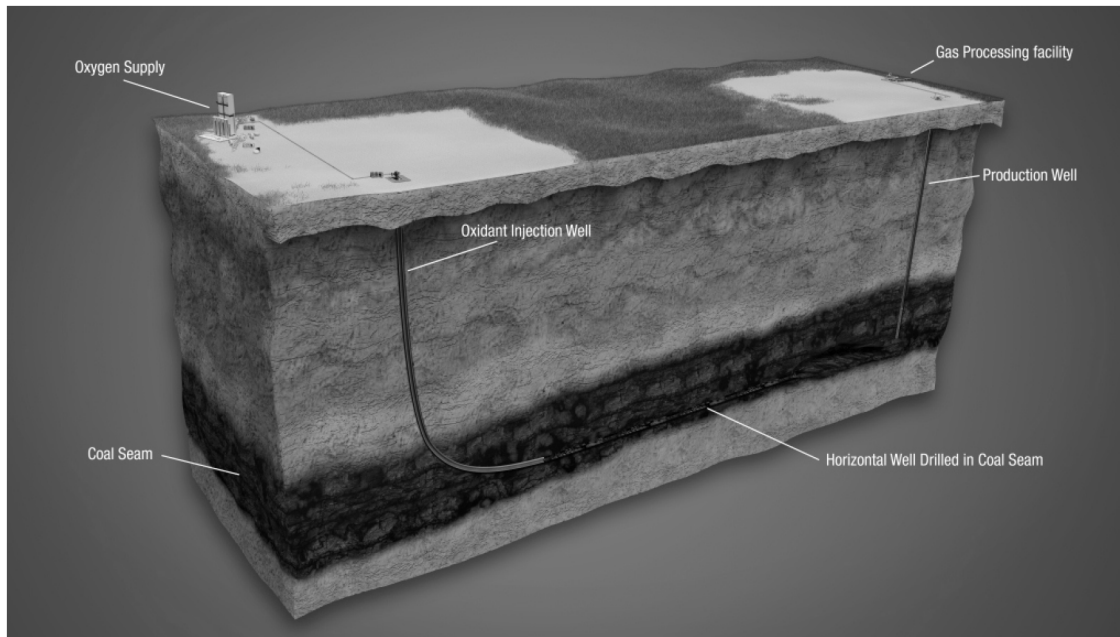


The classification algorithm works by matching absorption features in the spectra.

The comparison above shows the spectrum of actinolite from a reference sample and the spectrum of a pixel classified as actinolite; both spectra have an absorption doublet just below 2,500 nm.

- Imaging spectroscopy is a developing technology and will be useful for
 - Identifying REE and Critical Mineral resources, and
 - ore classification and sorting.

Extraction methods for deep coal seams – Alternative processing for unminable coal – directional drilling

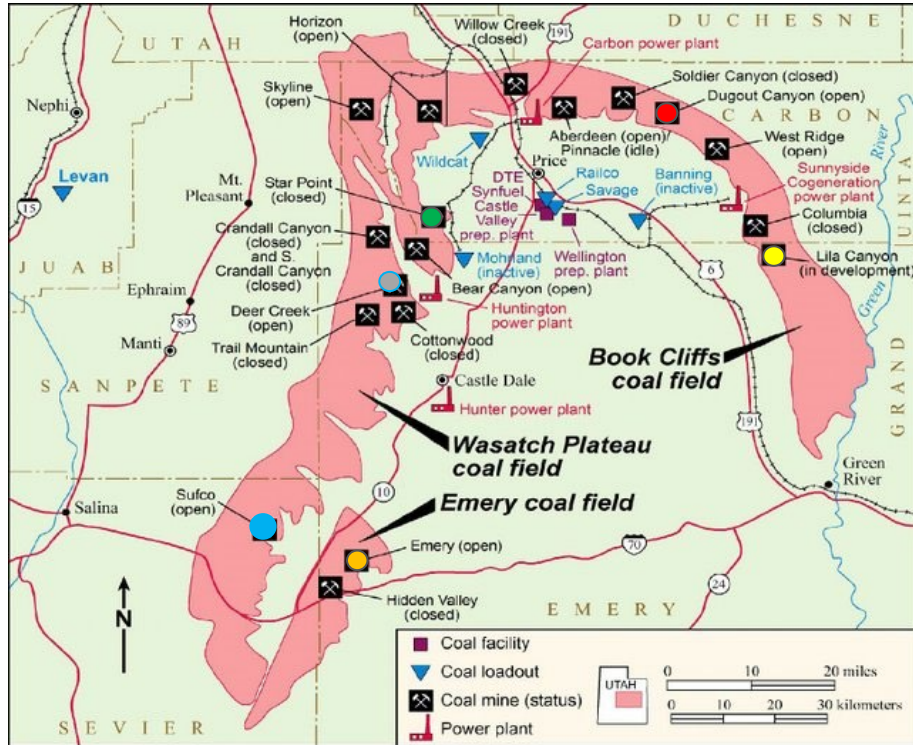


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Examination of Coal Resin Resource



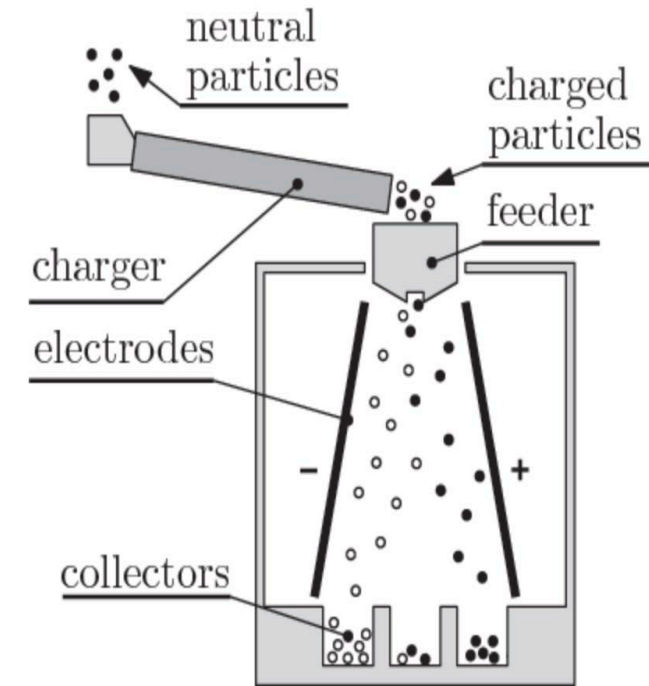
- Nine coal samples from the Uinta basin, expected to contain resin, were received from the geology team. The resin content of the samples were analyzed by Soxhlet extraction.
- The samples from Wasatch Plateau coal field give a higher resin content as high as 10%. The sample from the Book Cliffs coal field has a low resin content (less than 1%).
- Resinite resource is about 19.4 million short tons (17.6 million metric tons).

- LCRM(0.95%) ● DGRM (0.55%) ● STWT-1 (10.3%), STWT-4 (8.5%)
- GMHA (5.5%), GMLA (4.7%), GNLC 6.5%) ● SFRM (2.4%) ● EMRM (1.7%)



Evaluation of Process Technology

- **Density separation:** Resinite has a lower density (1.03-1.05 g/cm³) than coal (1.3-1.5 g/cm³) traditional gravity separation can be used to produce resin concentrate
- **Flotation technology:** Advanced selective resinite flotation technologies have been developed at the University of Utah using flotation chemistry control.
- **New technology:** The tribocharging of resin particles and coal particles was evaluated using various tribocharging materials. These results provide a foundation for the development of dry triboelectrostatic separation.



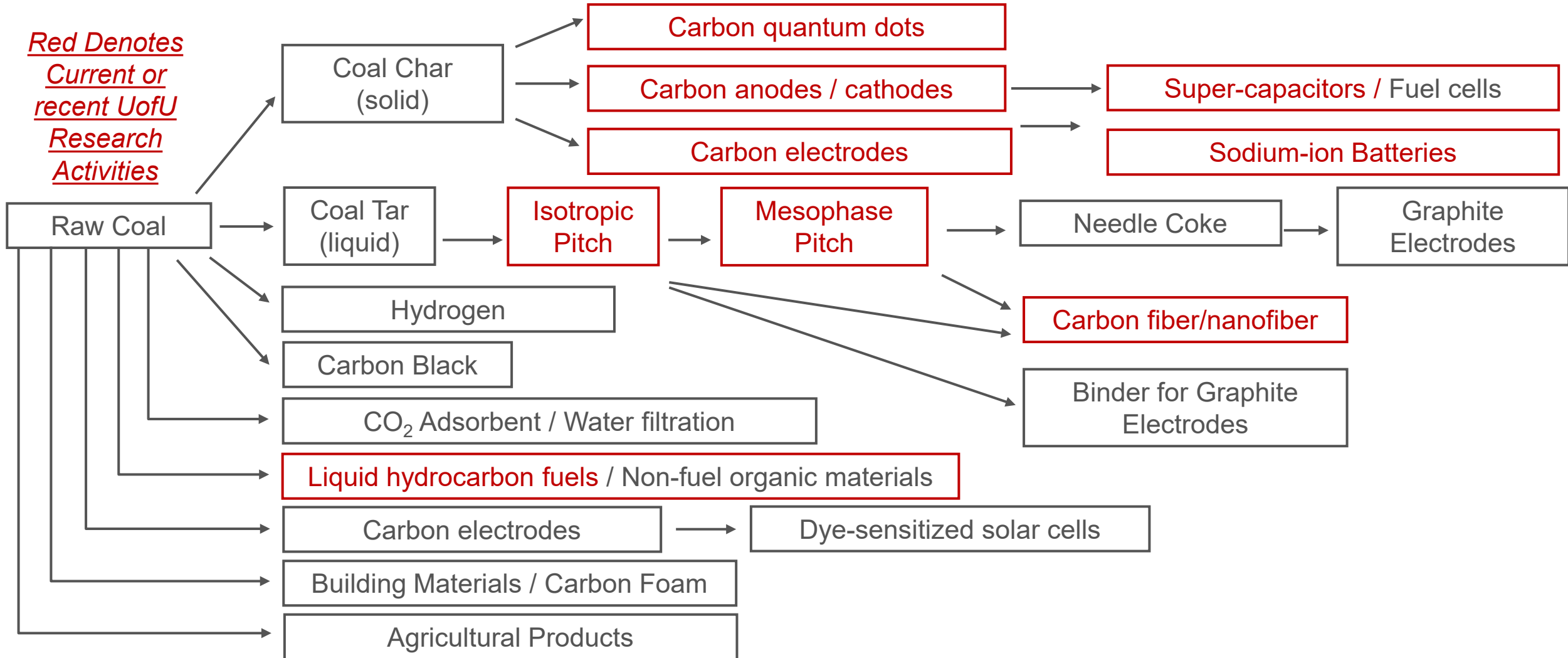
Development of dry triboelectrostatic separation

Review Utilization and Market for the Coal Resin Product

- Resins find wide applications in various industries, including adhesives, binders, plastics, pavement, rubber, varnish, paint, coating, and the ink industry.
- The annual U.S. consumption of various resins in black ink production alone is approximately 750 million pounds (340 million kg) . The coal resin has the potential to capture a portion of this market, with up to 15 percent coal resin being used in black ink production, corresponding to 112.5 million pounds (51 million kg) annually in the U.S.
- The ink resin market is about \$3 billion annually [*The 2022 Resin Report*, URL: https://www.inkworldmagazine.com/issues/2022-04-01/view_features/the-2022-resin-report/]
- In recent years, there has been a focus on environmentally friendly products, leading to the development of biobased and plant-based resins as alternatives to traditional petroleum-based resins.
- Research on the future use of resin to produce high purity nano-graphite, carbon fibers, and/or carbon nanotubes.

Some Carbon Products from Coal

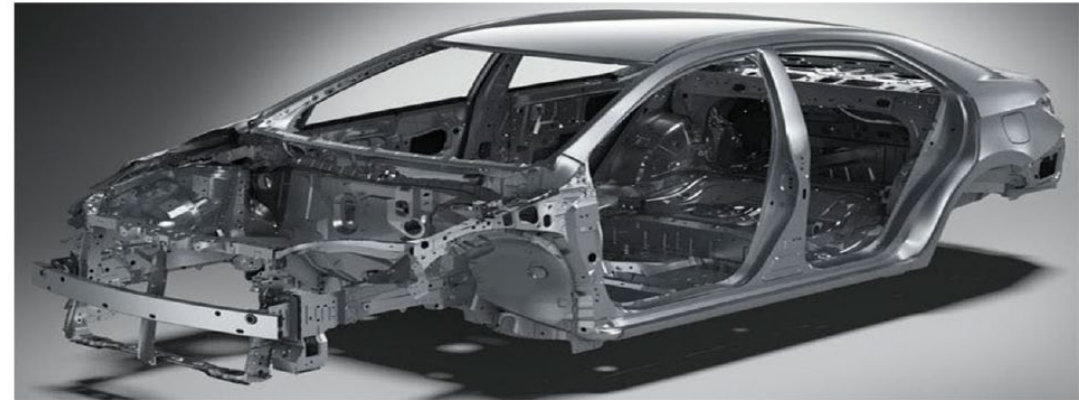
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Carbon Products Literature Survey

- Performed review of studies related to carbon products that can be derived from coal, which have potential for creating a new industry for the Uintah Basin
- A summary of each study with its potential applications is included in the Final Report
- **General topics included:**
 - Carbon fiber/carbon nanofibers
 - Carbon quantum dots
 - Carbon-anode-based materials/applications, e.g.
 - Supercapacitors
 - Sodium-ion batteries
 - Alternative fuel generation (including hydrogen)
 - Agricultural applications
 - Building materials
 - Carbon foams
 - Environmental applications (e.g., water treatment, gas purification)



Giraud-Carrier, F., & Barlow, E, "Utah Defense Manufacturing Community C2CF Project Report Coal to Carbon Fiber (C2CF) Business Case Analysis Report," *Utah Defense Manufacturing Community C2CF Project Report*, September 2022.



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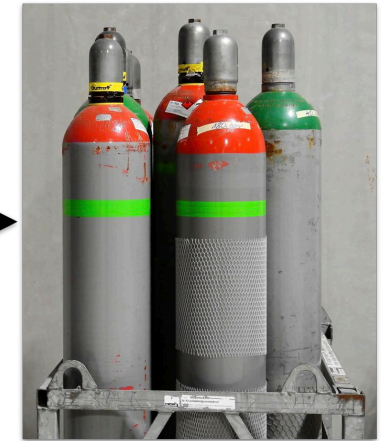
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Coal to polymer building blocks—

- Coal can be used as a carbon source to produce monoaromatics building blocks for polymer synthesis.
- Fischer-Tropsch synthesis (FTS) and aromatization reactions will produce monoaromatics.
- Opportunities for new bifunctional catalysts which perform both FTS and aromatization reactions.



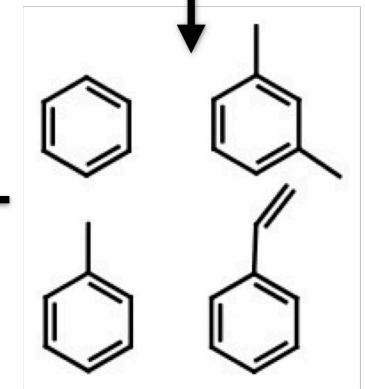
Coal



Synthesis Gas



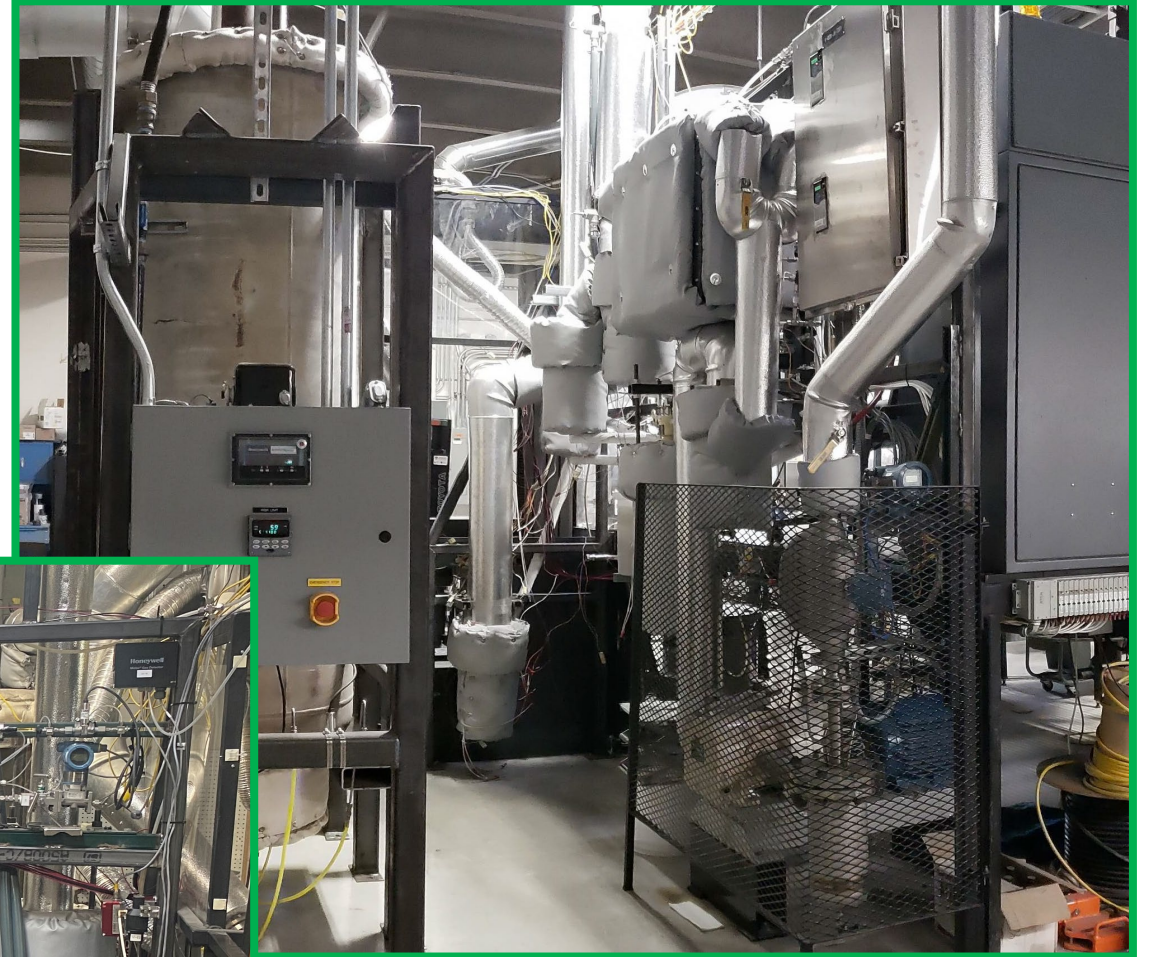
Polymer Products



Monoaromatics

Carbon Ore Low Temperature Pyrolysis Facility

- Instrumented reactors to test batches from 10 to 500 pounds
- Extensive expertise in fuel-based organic chemistry, reactor-based processes, mathematical modeling and simulation, process engineering and design
- World-leading expertise in oil-shale; recently applied to coal



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A Division of Red Leaf Resources

Large Column Leaching Results

120-day Column Leaching Recoveries (based on solids analyses)

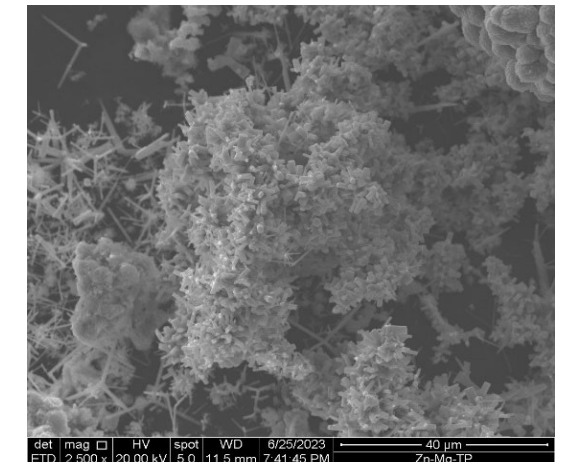
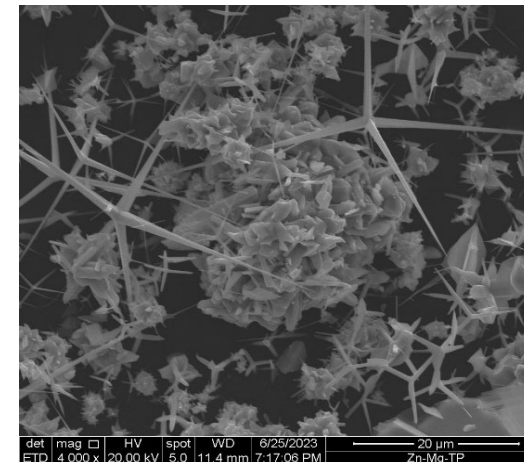
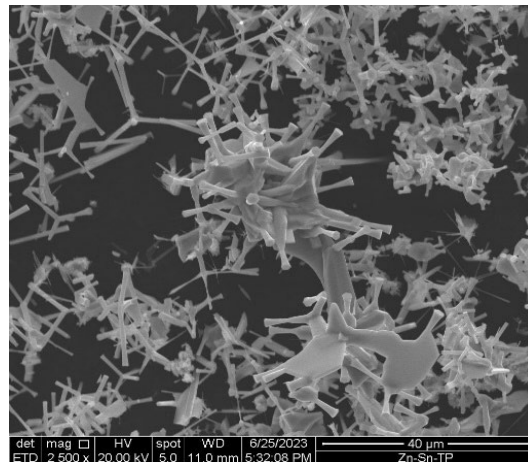
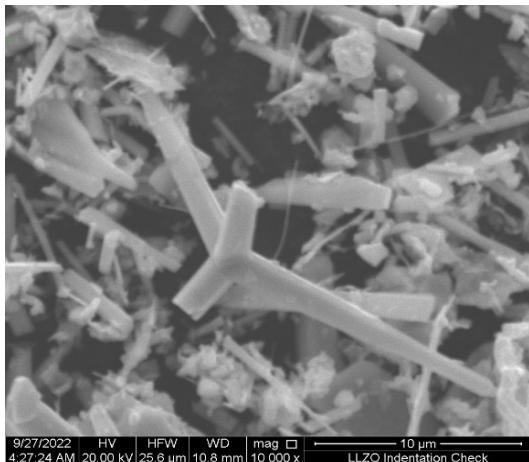
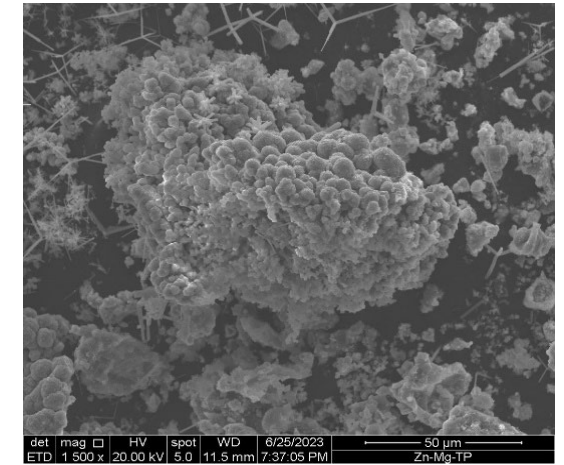
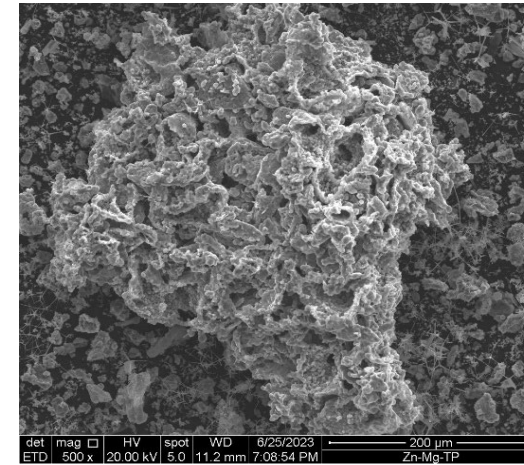
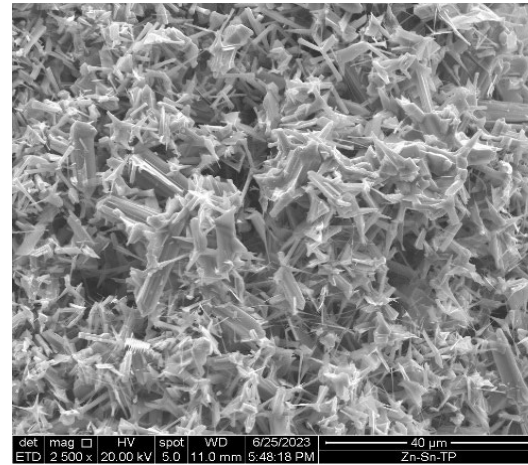
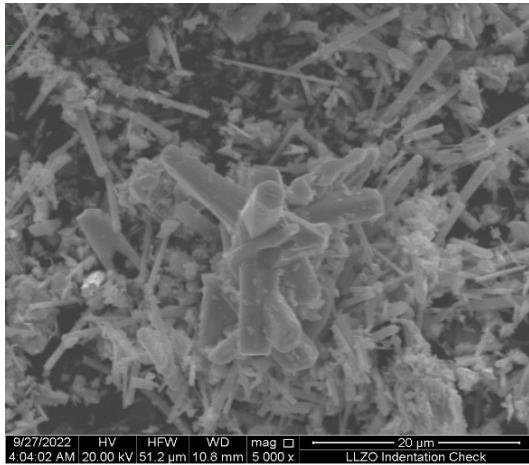
Element	Recirculated Leachate	Ferrous Sulfate	Pyrite Enriched Ore	Control (H ₂ O ₂)
Aluminum	37.9	44.3	49.2	37.8
Barium	36.5	29.1	50.8	51.2
Cerium	47.4	37.3	40.4	26.5
Cesium	36.1	36.3	37.5	36.3
Chromium	34.8	51.4	58.3	49.0
Cobalt	36.9	65.5	51.5	34.7
Dysprosium	29.0	43.4	43.4	29.2
Gadolinium	-36.3	3.7	29.6	-6.5
Gallium	33.7	26.3	52.3	52.9
Iron	16.1	45.1	59.5	56.3
Lanthanum	47.8	40.1	44.2	32.1
Lithium	29.8	41.5	48.0	22.7
Ave 120 Day Recovery	29.1	38.7	47.1	35.2

Large Column Leaching Results

120-day Column Leaching Recoveries (based on solids analyses)

Element	Recirculated Leachate	Ferrous Sulfate	Pyrite Enriched Ore	Control (H ₂ O ₂)
Magnesium	18.3	50.4	58.8	40.4
Manganese	47.4	85.9	84.4	78.2
Neodymium	48.3	35.3	42.2	31.3
Praseodymium	33.8	29.6	37.2	25.5
Rubidium	27.2	23.5	18.3	21.1
Samarium	26.9	59.5	30.4	29.1
Scandium	-13.7	50.5	50.5	32.5
Titanium	58.3	20.3	29.0	56.6
Vanadium	32.6	59.0	56.0	46.9
Yttrium	29.8	51.7	48.6	35.1
Zirconium	39.8	43.8	25.9	27.2
<i>Ave 120 Day Recovery</i>	31.7	46.3	43.8	38.5

In-House Synthesis of MOF-Coated Nano Metal Oxide Tetrapod Adsorbents



Nanostructures 1

Nanostructures 2

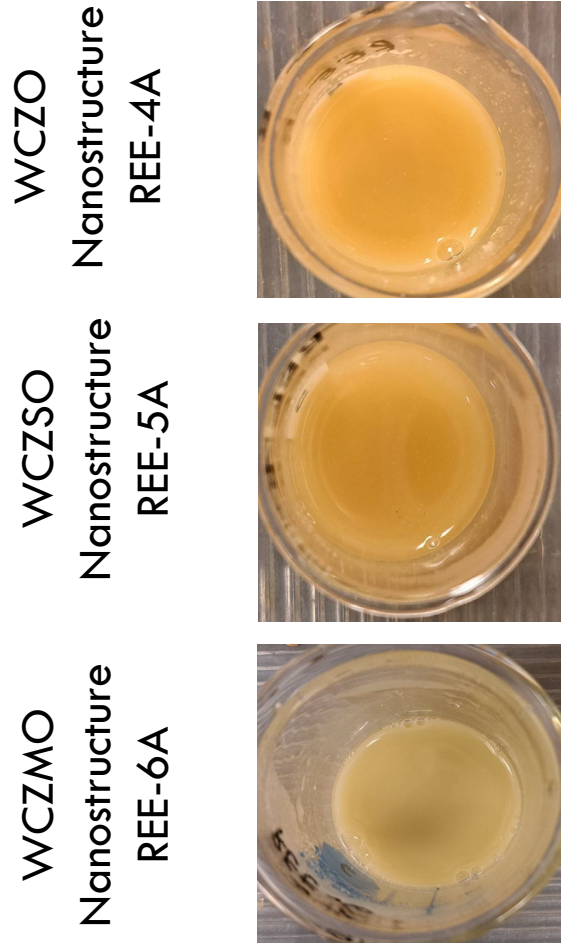
Nanostructures 3

Nanostructures 4

Batch test results for hybrid Nano Adsorbents

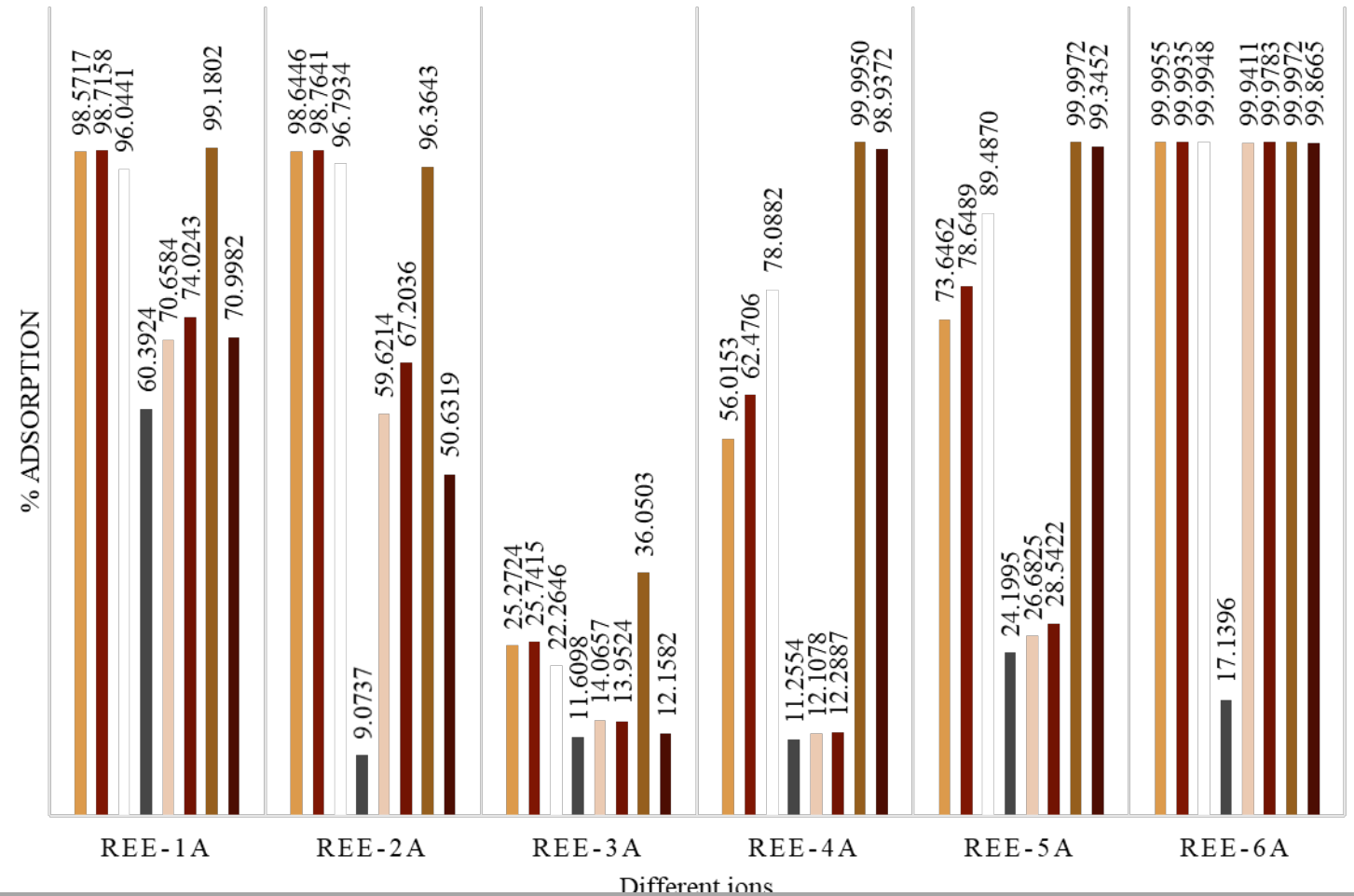
After Adsorption
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After Filtration



SELECTIVE ADSORBENTS FOR DIFFERENT IONS

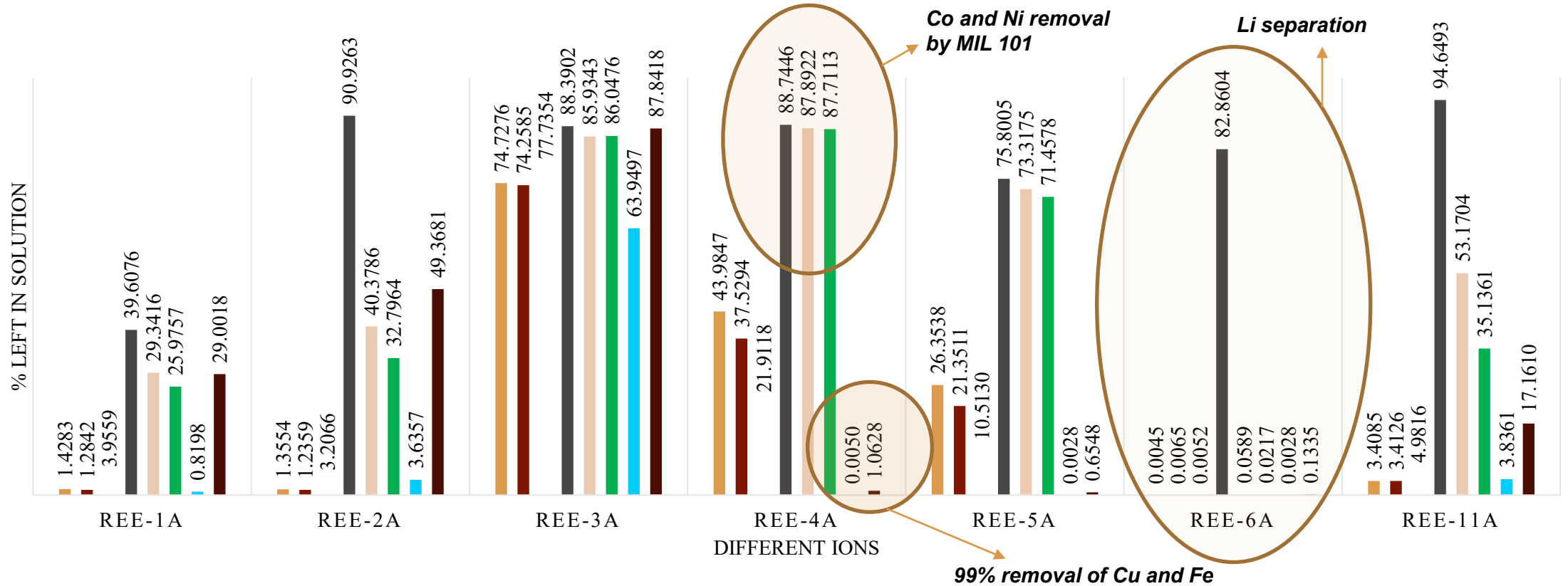
- A% for Pr³⁺ (ppm) ■ A% for Nd³⁺ (ppm) □ A% for Dy³⁺ (ppm) ■ A% for Li⁺ (ppm)
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REE-Adsorption Preliminary Tests

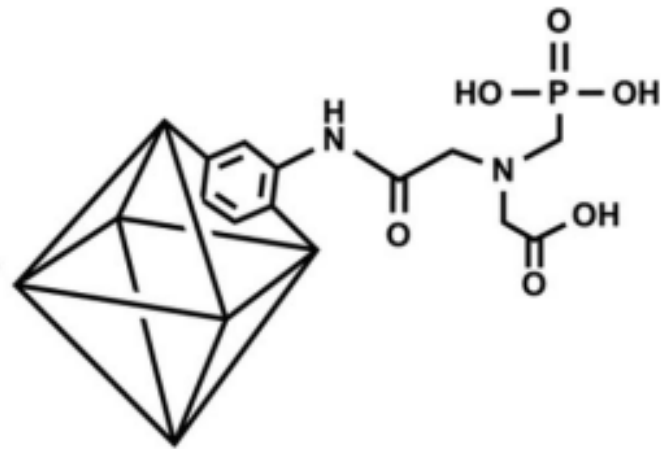
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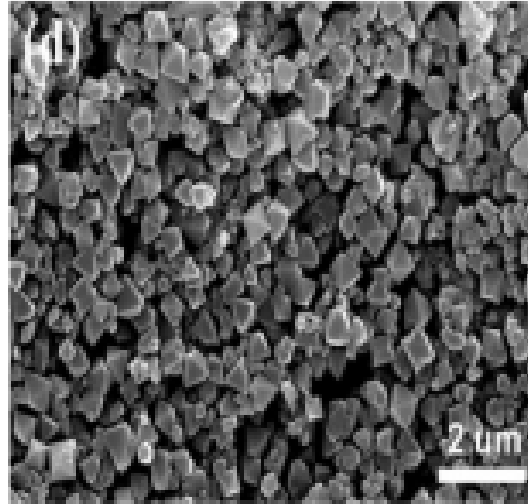
- Data presented here is the % of REEs left in the solution after one round of adsorption test
- From the data, it can be viewed that REE-6A(WCZMO hybrid nanostructure) and REE-11A(ZM hybrid nanostructure with MOF coating) is suitable for separation of Li from the rest

Selective Separation of Gd from Non-REE using MOF type adsorbent[37]



MIL-101-PMIDA

Structure



SEM image

- This is a Chromium based Metal organic framework type adsorbent with PMIDA (N-(phosphonomethyl)iminodiacetic acid hydrate) embedded in the structure
- The specialty in these type of adsorbent is: it's high affinity for Gd adsorption when compared to other ions and have high separation efficiency for REEs than Non-REEs
- It has nearly 80% regeneration efficiency

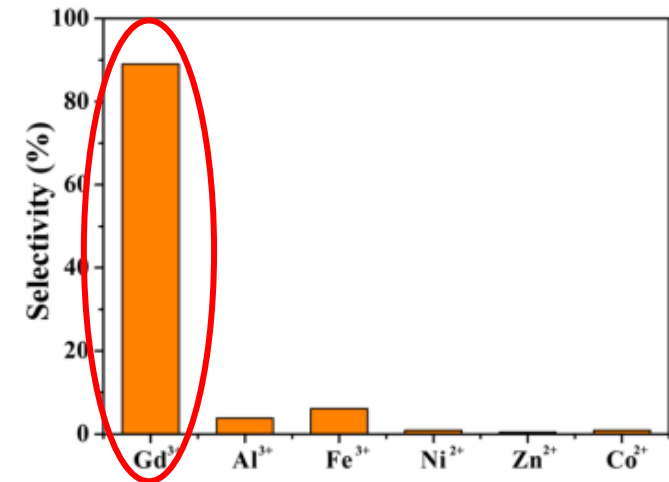


Figure 10. Adsorption selectivity for Gd³⁺ over coexisting transition metal ions on MIL101-PMIDA at pH 5.5.

Selectivity in separation

Table 2. Adsorption Capacities of the REEs on the Obtained Samples

materials	q_e (mg/g)				
	La ³⁺	Ce ³⁺	Nd ³⁺	Sm ³⁺	Gd ³⁺
MIL-101	14.6	11.3	18.5	17.9	16.5
MIL-101-NH ₂	21.6	23.7	28.4	32.1	29.3
MIL-101-PMIDA	37.2	48.3	63.9	69.1	87.7
MIL-101-ED	30.3	36.5	54.0	58.9	66.0
MIL-101-DETA	39.7	52.8	67.5	68.9	73.6

REE/CM separation and recovery technologies Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

- Hydrothermal REE separation Technology based on natural ore-forming processes that concentrate REE using hot water and ligands (phosphate, fluoride)
- Hydrothermal-based technology (with fluorite) extracts from aqueous feedstock M/HREE selectively
- Hydrothermal approach permits to avoid extracting and concentrating U and Th (radioactive contaminants)
- U.S. provisional patent application No. 62/859,428

(LANL) Method

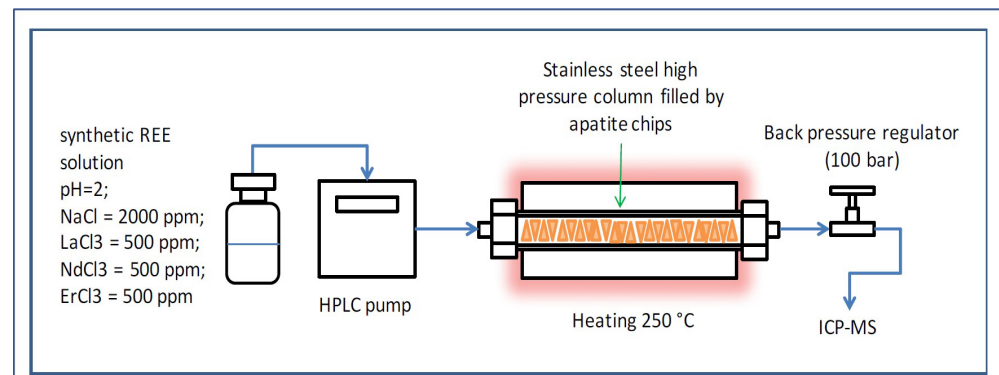
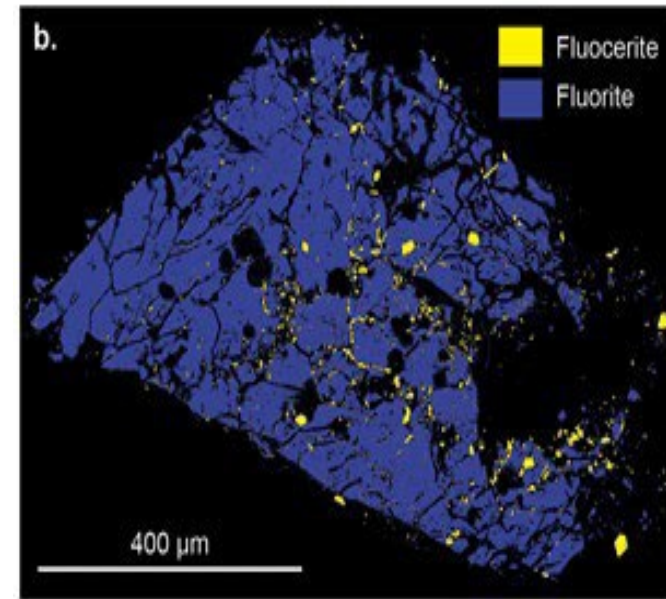
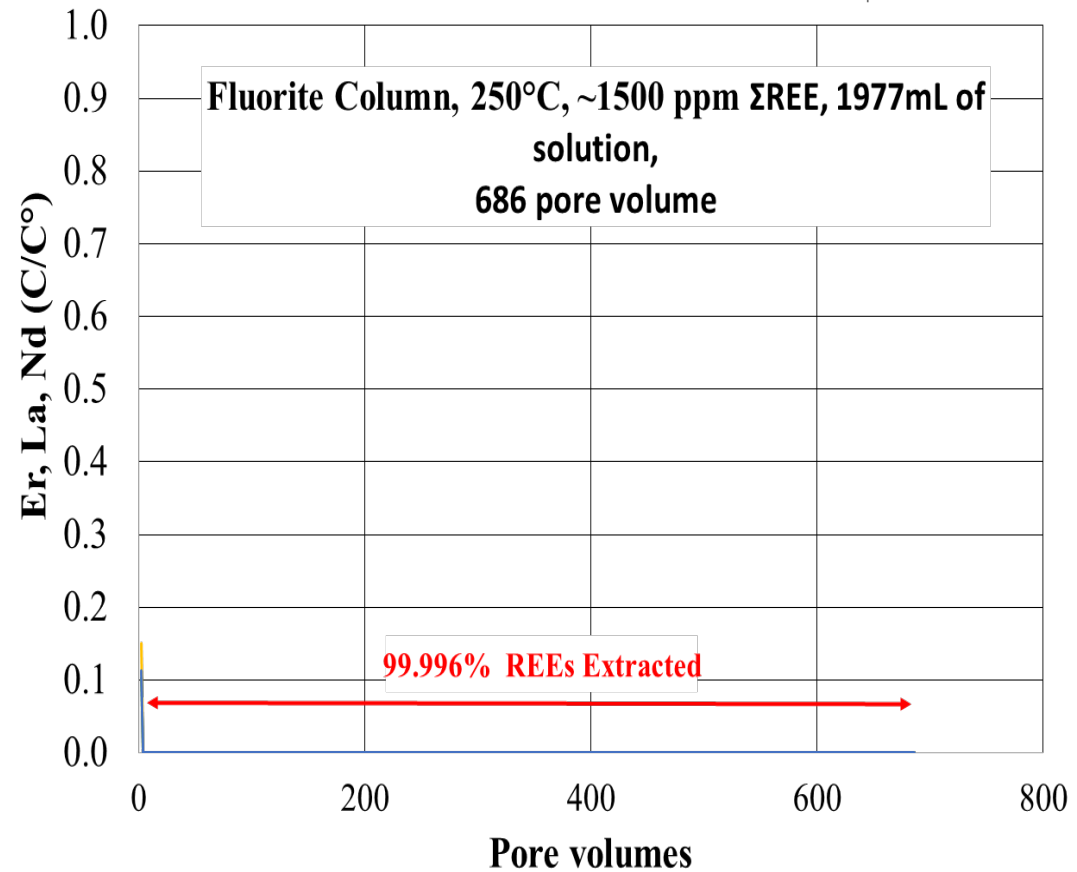


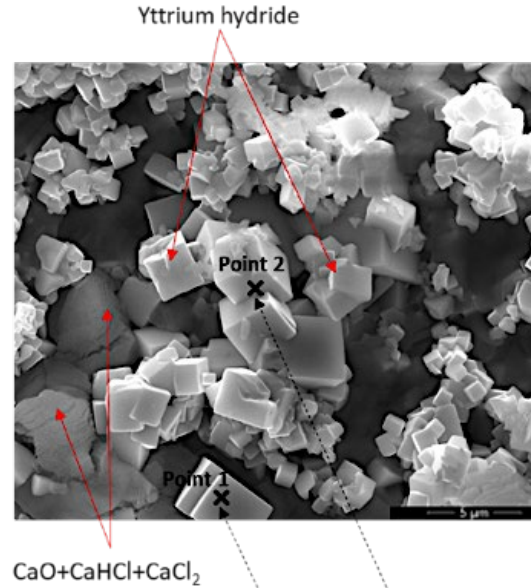
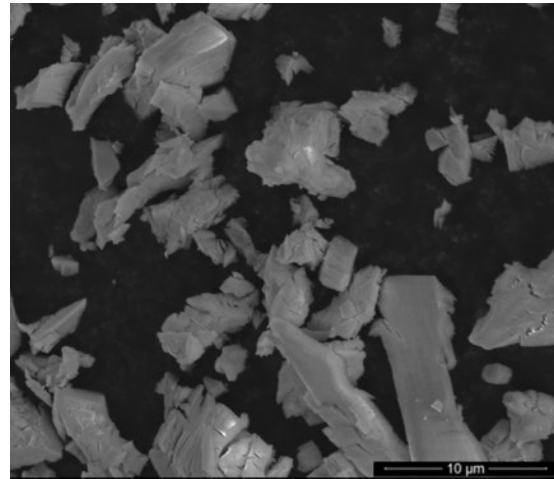
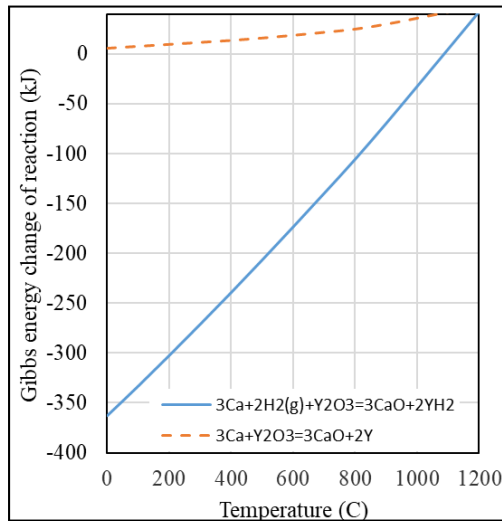
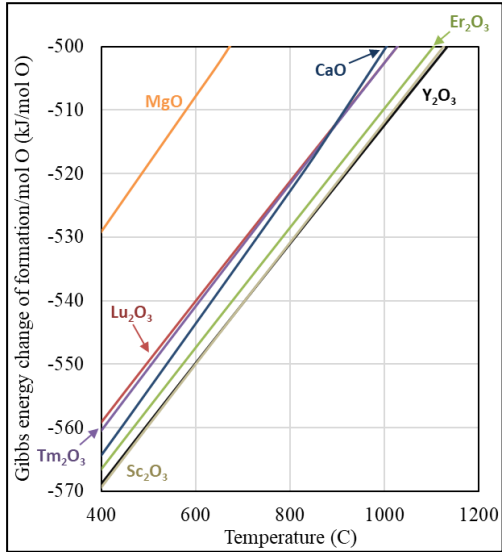
Figure 2. Design of the proof-of-concept experiments mimicking extraction and separation mechanisms illustrated in Figure 1.

Titanium, stainless steel or monel high

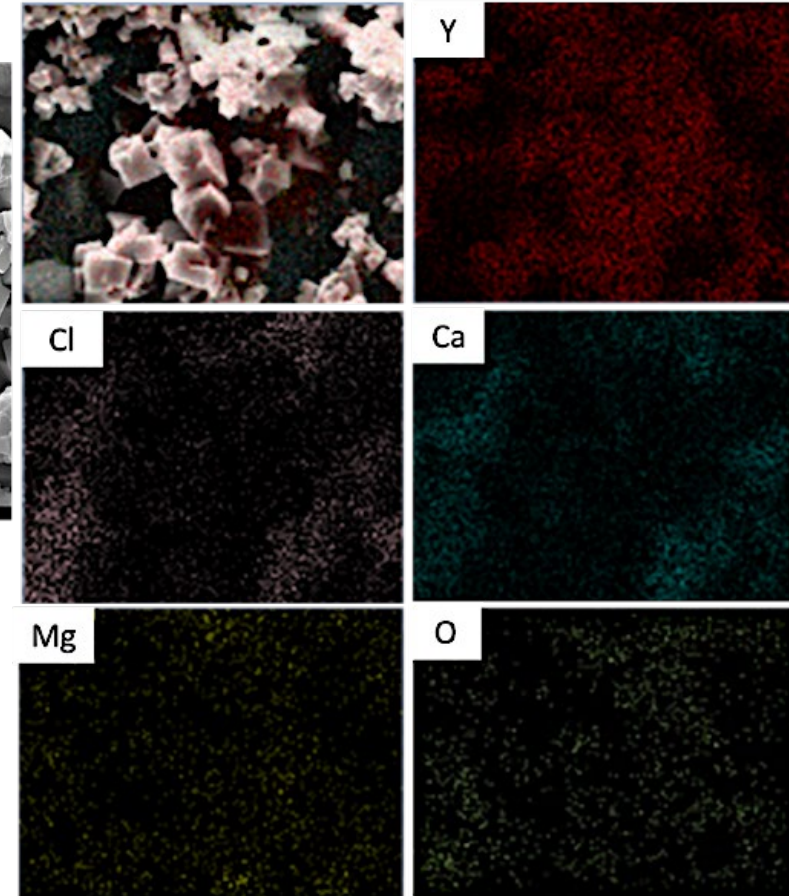
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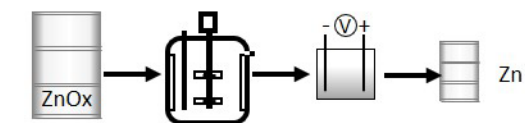
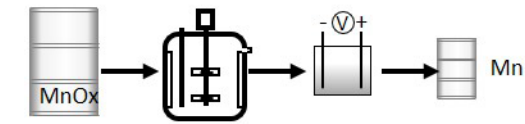
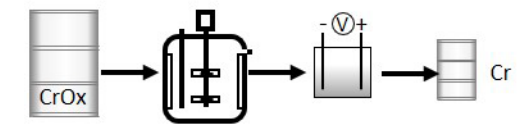
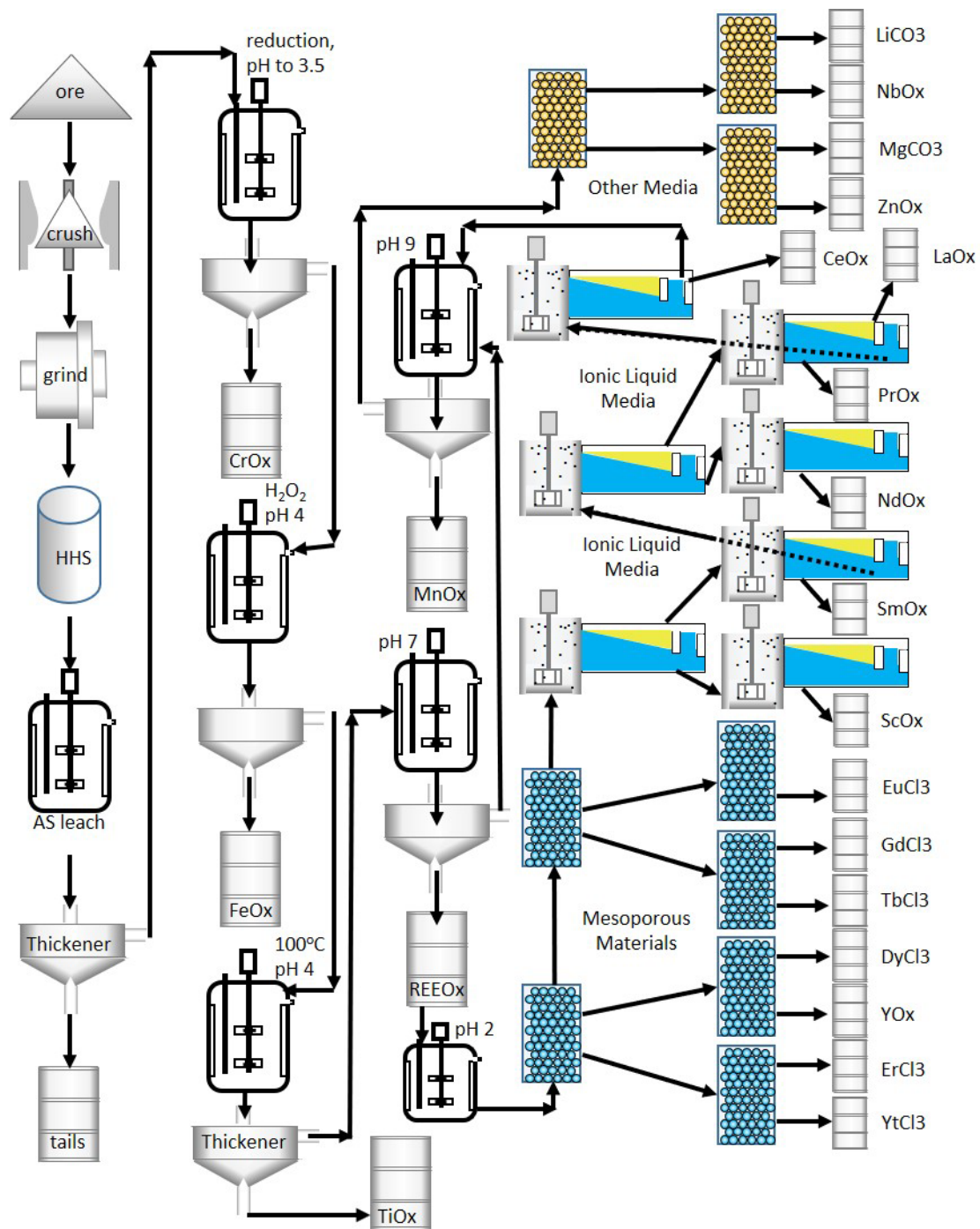
HAMR of Y_2O_3



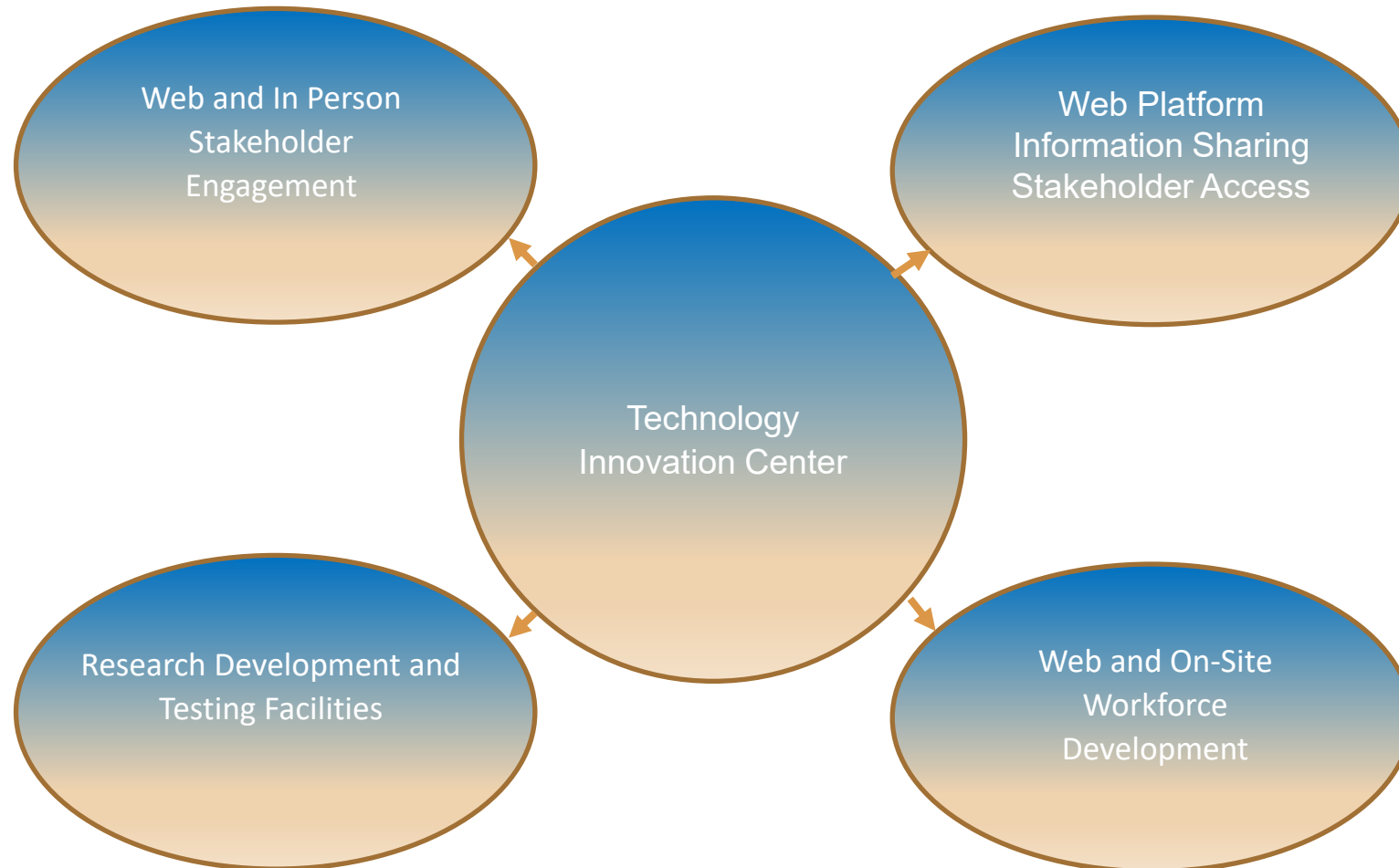
Element	Point 1 Wt.%	Point 2 Wt.%
Y	76.4	85.6
Ca	9.7	6.5
Cl	5.1	1.9
O	7.6	4.8
Mg	1.2	1.2



Draft copy of
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REE/REO/RES
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Our DOE CORE-CM TIC Vision



Stakeholder Outreach

- Objective: Engage Stakeholders

	Individuals	Industry	Education	Gov/ Civic	Service Provider	Association	Native American Nations	Community members
1Q2021	77	14	4	7	1	3	0	0
2023	258	26	16	38	10	16	3	45

- UAMMI grew the stakeholder base to 258 individuals representing 154 organizations

Carbon Ore, Rare Earth, and Critical Minerals (CORE-CM) Initiative for the U.S.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BY UAMMI
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OBJECTIVES:

Department of Energy grant led by the University of Utah

- Assess critical material and carbon resources
- Create a vision and plans to enable transformation of resources, such as carbon and critical materials, into high value products
- Discuss related industry, economic, and workforce development opportunities, and needs
- Develop a plan for a technology innovation center
- Engage the community and stakeholders to improve planning



WORKFORCE ANALYSIS

Lead by UAMMI

- Understanding current workforce skills and demographics
- Assessing current workforce development programs in the region
- Planning for workforce requirements to meet future manufacturing of high-value, non-fuel, carbon-based products

STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Lead by UAMMI

- Stakeholder identification and outreach
- Community informational meetings



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CORE-CM Initiative for U.S. Basins is a Department of Energy effort whose aim is to develop a more stable domestic supply of rare earth elements and critical materials for which the United States currently relies upon foreign entities.

For the Uinta and Piceance Basins, the University of Utah led CORE-CM grant team includes the UAMMI and a broad group of industry, government, community, and academic entities. The objectives of this project are to quantify, assess, and plan to enable the Uintah and Piceance Basin region to realize its full economic potential in transforming resources, such as coal, oil shale, resin, rare earth elements (REE), and critical minerals (CM) into high-value metal, mineral, and carbon-based products.



TRANSFORM EARTH MATERIALS TO ADVANCE PRODUCTS:

- Batteries
- Cell phones
- Electric vehicles
- Clean energy
- Carbon Fiber

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Assessing critical material and carbon resources
 - Where, what, how much
- Non-Fuel uses for coal and hydrocarbons
- Technologies for recovering and transforming resources into products
- Creating local jobs
- Creating a technology innovation center



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Information Sharing & Engagement

- Communication with the Stakeholders was through emails and Eventbrite registration for meetings and events.
Additionally, a tutorial on Critical Materials we developed and shared with Stakeholder to further understanding. (See Appendix)
 - Working with the team executing 6.0 – Creation of Innovation Century, UAMMI set up a webpage as a central source of information about the CORE-CM programs.
<https://www.uammi.org/core-cm>



Figure 12 Landing Page for CORE-CM Website

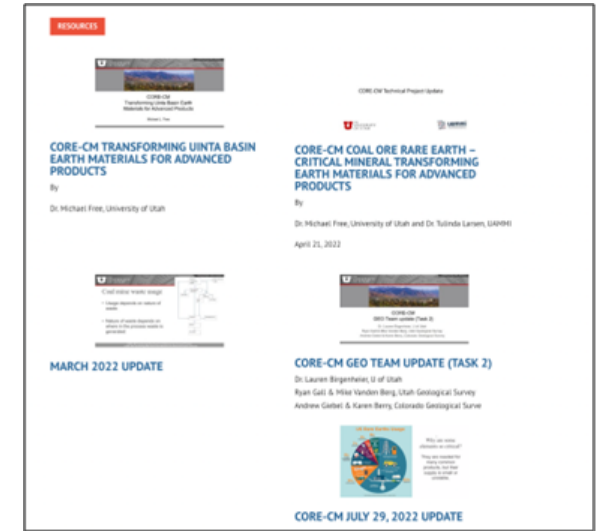


Figure 13 CORE-CM Stakeholder Resources



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UTAH ADVANCED MATERIALS
+ MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE

Thank You!