

Means and Policy for Securing Supply Security

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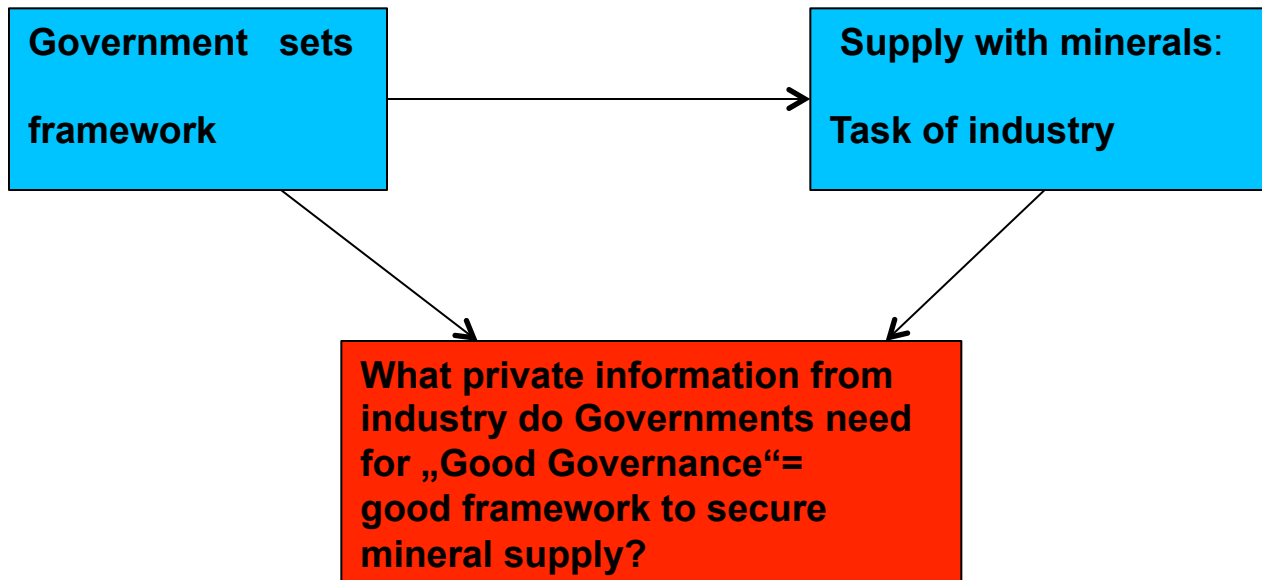
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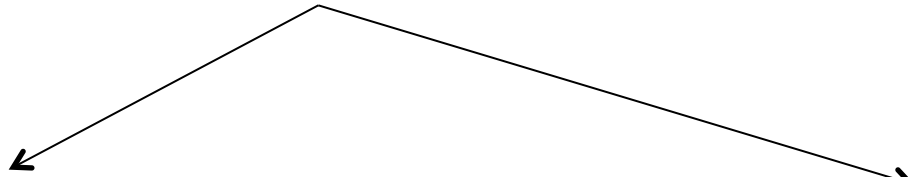
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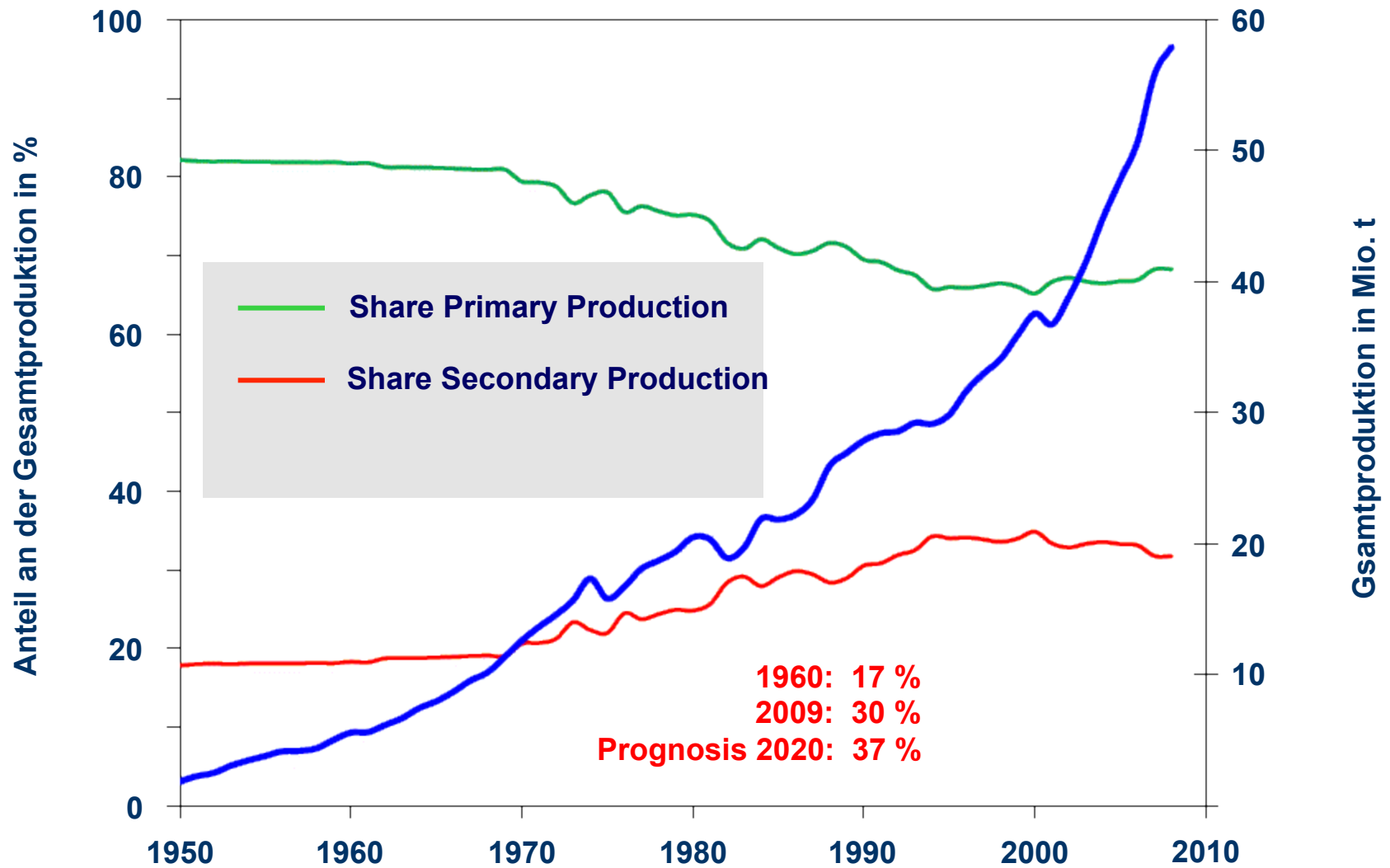
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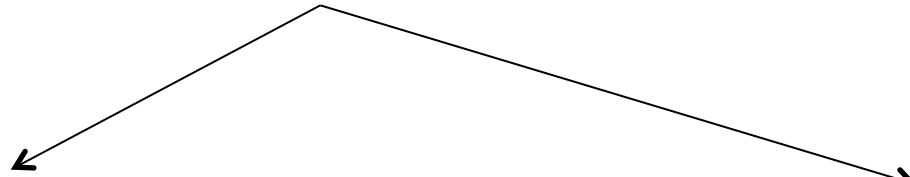
Development of total Al-Production (Primary + Secondary Aluminium)



Quelle: International Aluminium Institute

(Deutsche Rohstoffagentur DERA /BGR)

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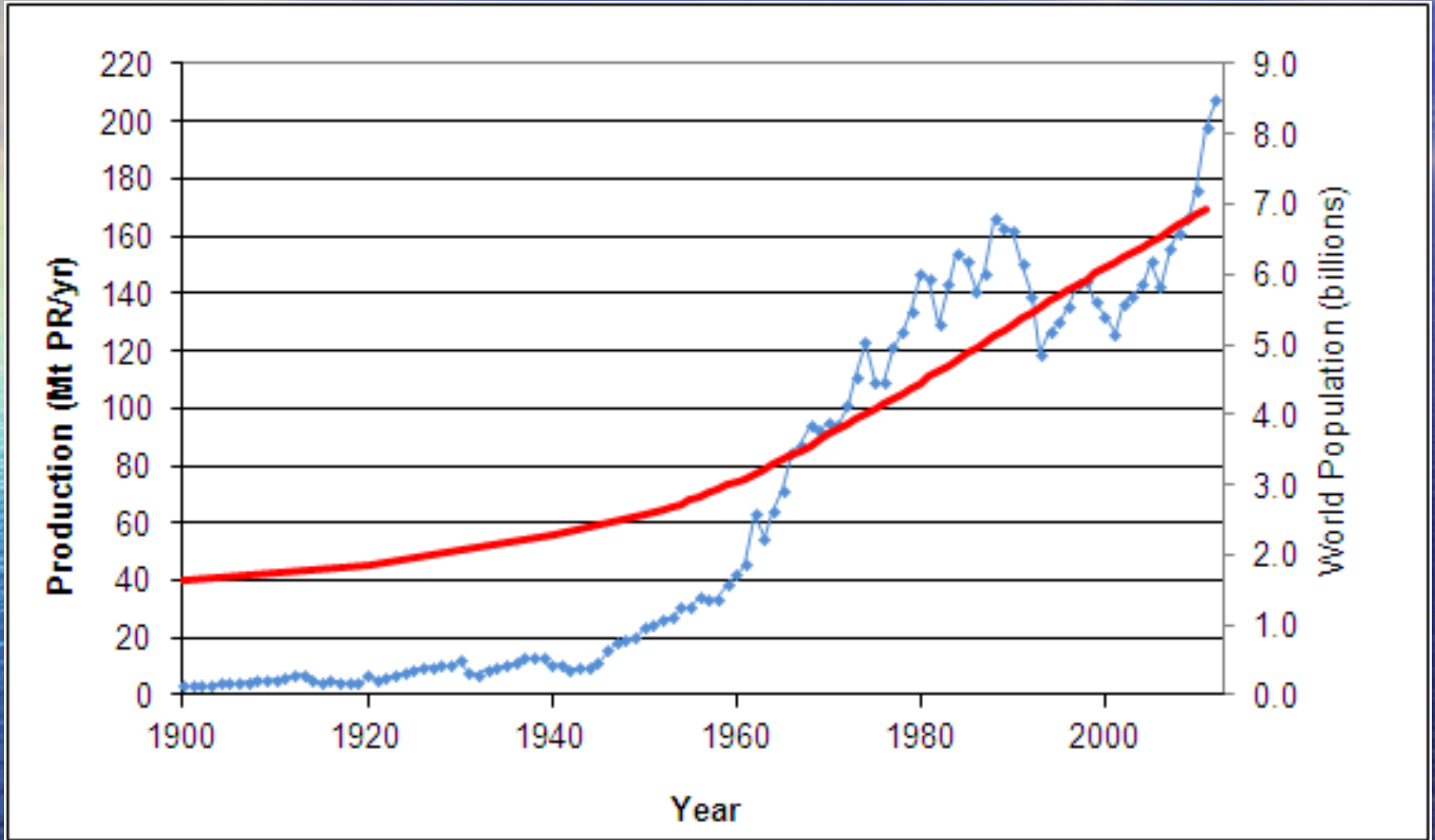
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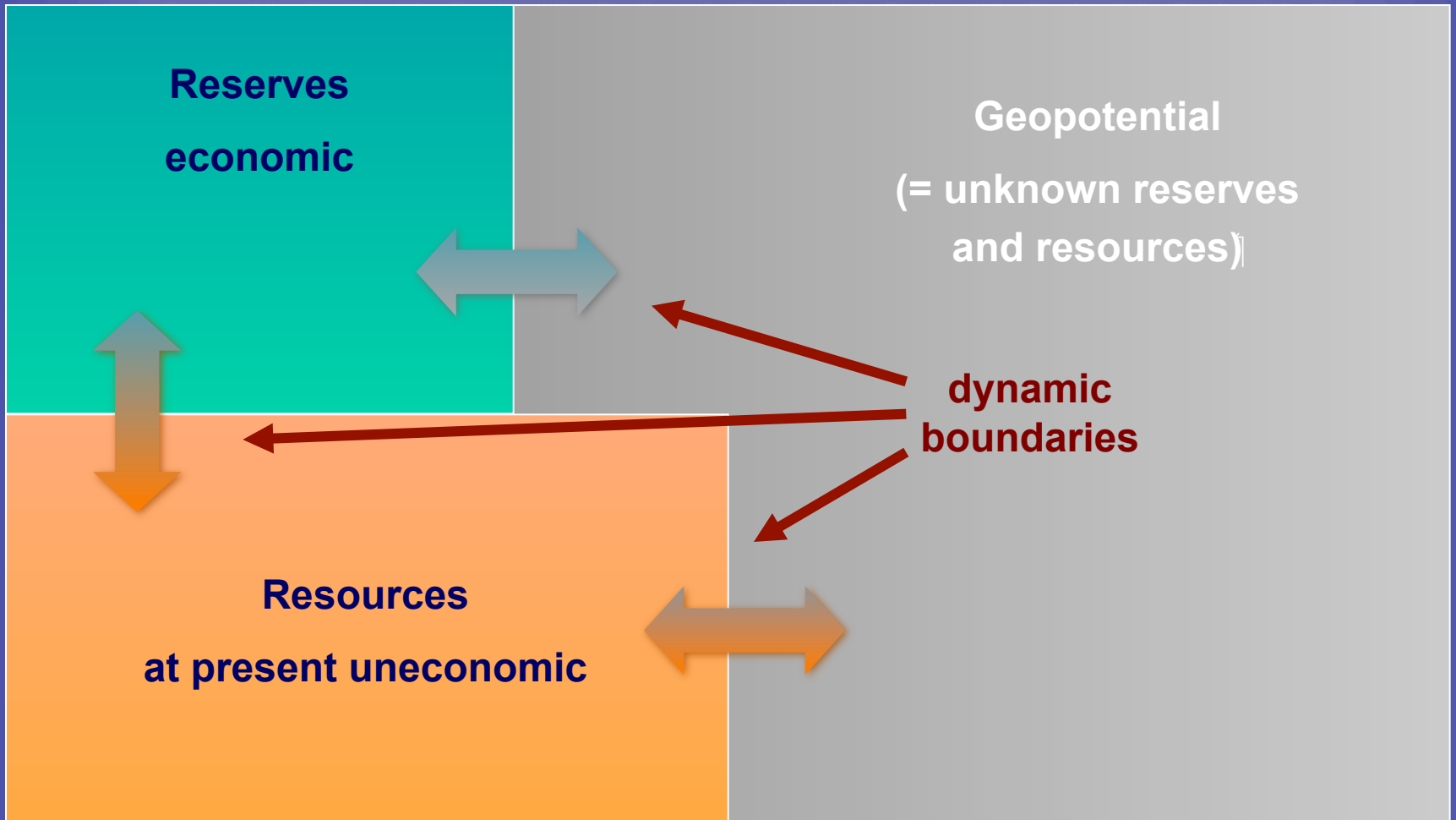
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Global Trend in Production and Population





Examples for transfer of resources to reserves and vice versa from Germany:

Case 1: potash mine south of Hannover (Siegfried Giesen) closed 1991: reserves → resources
prepared for reopening 2014: resources → reserves

Case 2: Graphite mine Kropfmühl in Bavaria, closed in 2005: reserves → resources
reopened in 2012: resources → reserves

The Growing of Reserves – Example: Oil

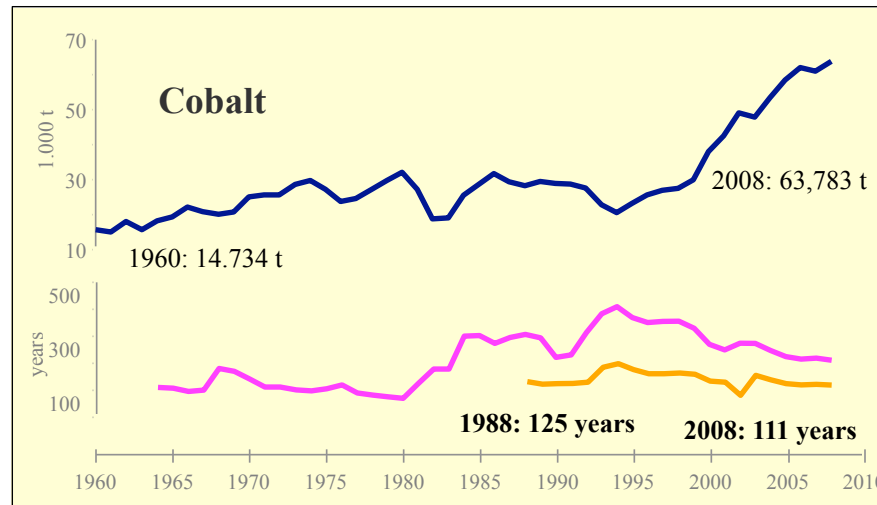
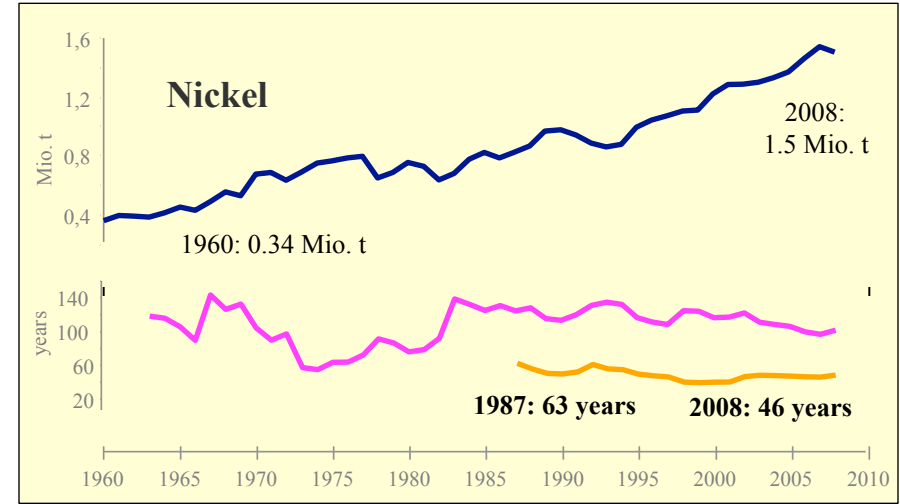
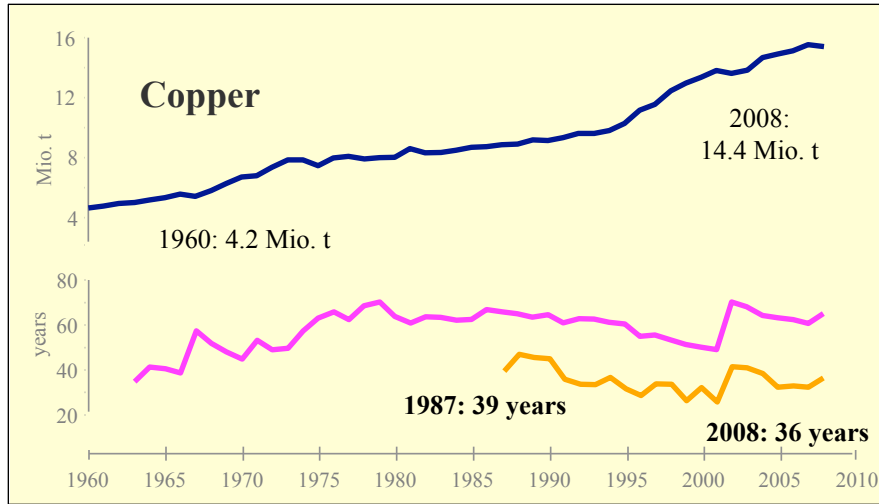
	Production	Reserves	Ratio	<u>reserve</u> production
1950	543 Mio t	11,277 Mio t		20
2010	3,937 Mio t	216,900 Mio t		55

The Growing of Reserves – Example: Phosphate

	Production	Reserves	Ratio	<u>Reserves</u> production
1988	152.6 Mio t	13 855 Mio t		91
2011	191.0 Mio t	71 000 Mio t		372

(Source: USGS, Mineral Commodity Summaries)

Static life time – the reality



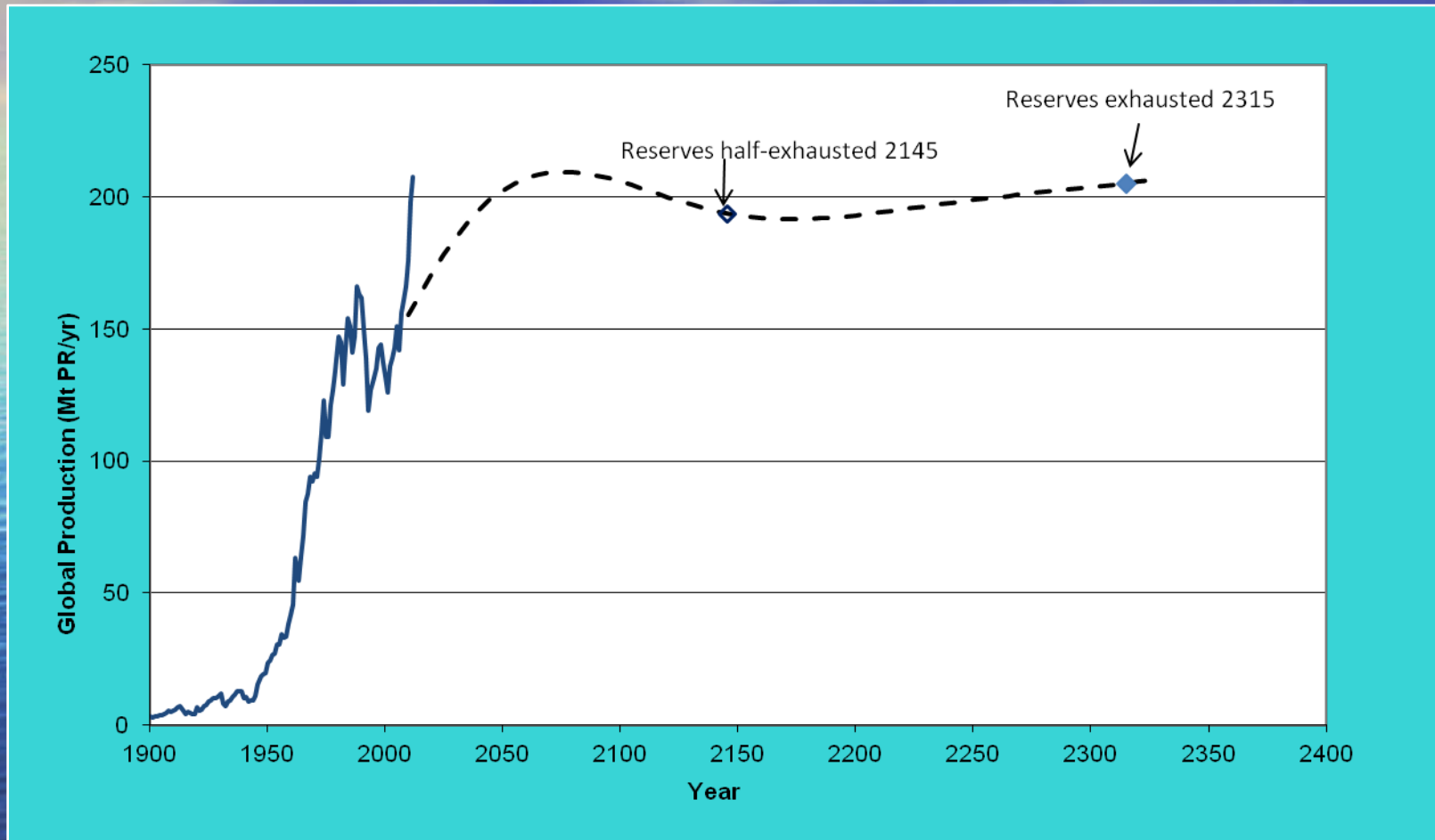
- Mine production
- Static life time of reserve base*
- Static life time of reserves

Data sources: USGS, BGR database, 2009
 *Before 1988, the USGS only classified reserve base

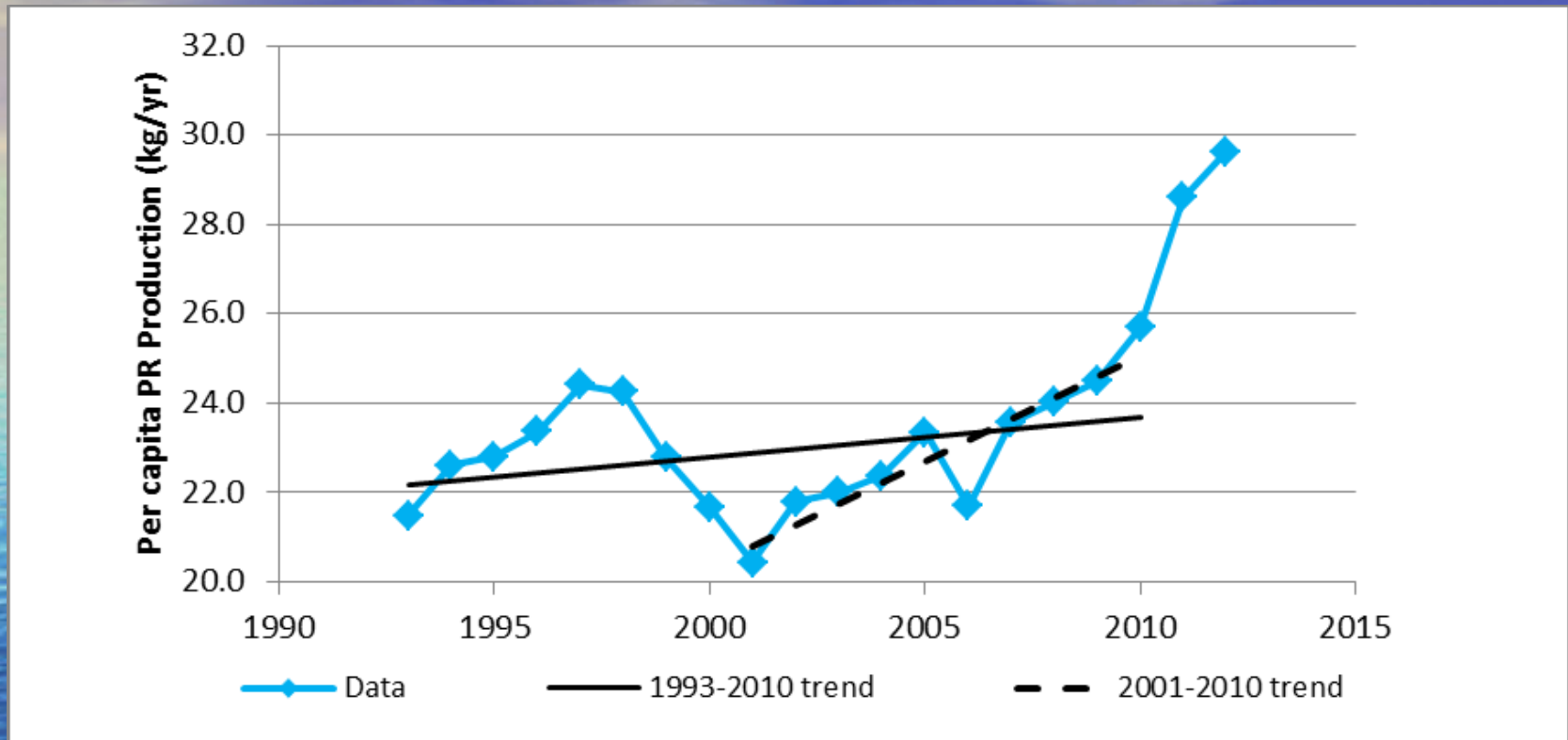
Meaning of R/C Ratio

- Not a “lifetime”, but rather:
 - “an indication for the time available to find solutions to availability problems” (Scholz and Wellmer)
- Could the same be said for other extrapolation approaches?

Assume constant per-capita PR

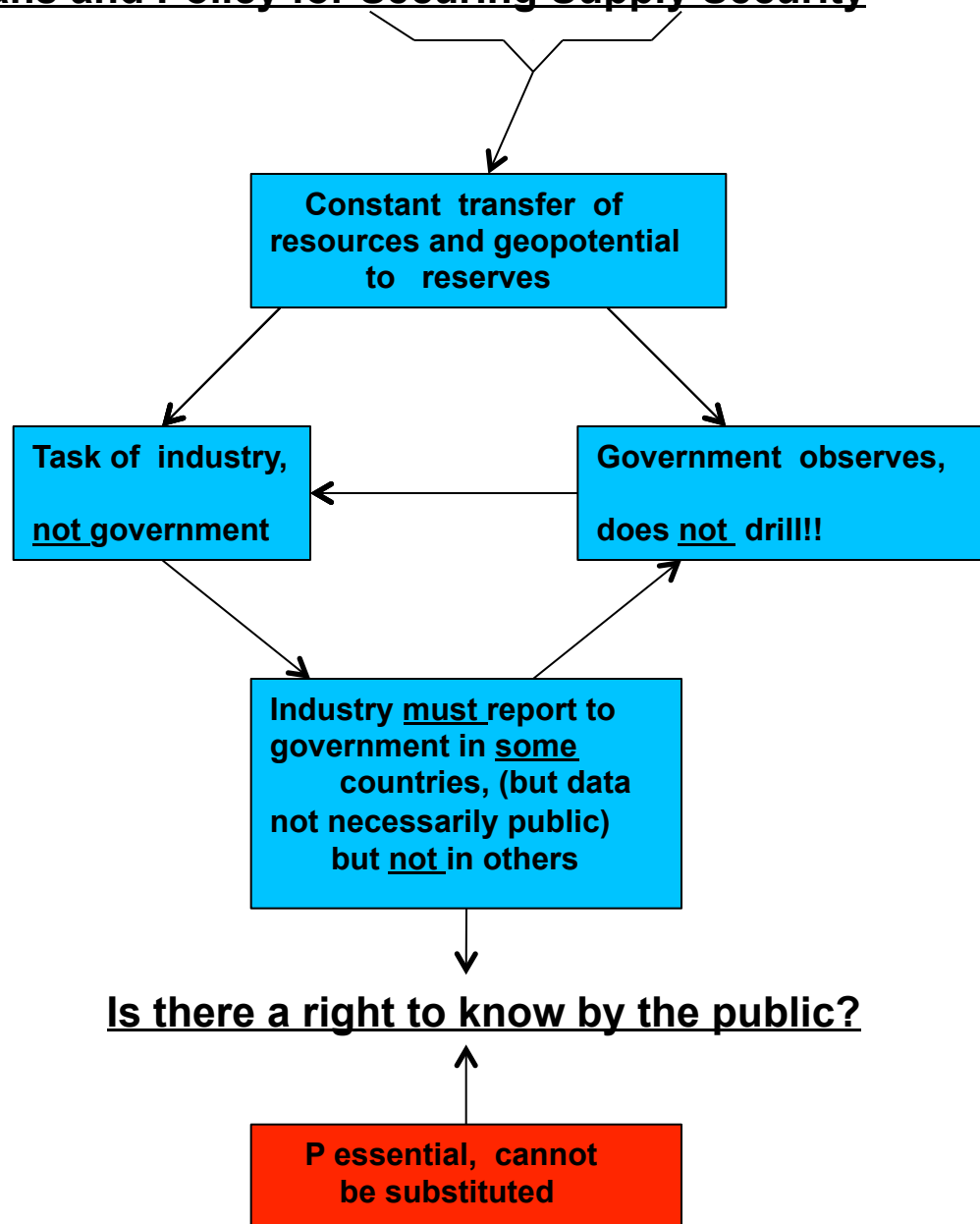


Recent Per Capita Global PR Production



Annual rate of increase			
	kg PR /cap/yr	g P /cap/d	Annual rate
1993-2010 (17 yrs)	0.10	0.036	1.1%
2001-2010 (9 yrs)	0.52	0.19	2.6%
2009-2012 (3 yrs)	1.17	0.61	6.5%

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Who are the biggest players in the phosphate field?

a.) Integrated fertilizer companies

b.) More and more target of multinational big mining companies

Their targets: **Tier one projects** (large, long-lived projects
with prospectively low costs)

Commodities: copper, iron ore, coal, gold, (diamonds)

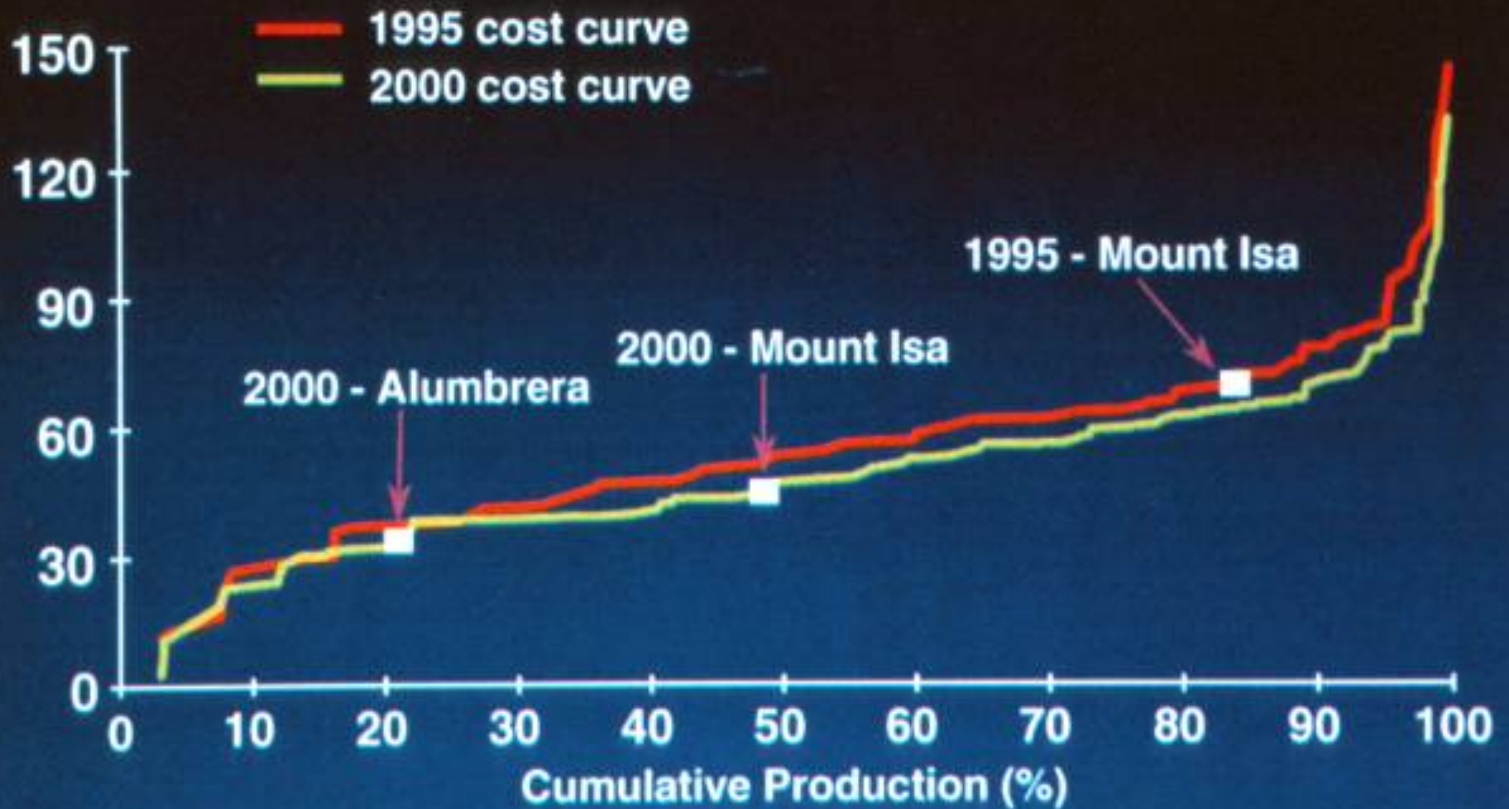
New targets: potash, phosphate (nickel, zinc)

(Crowson, P. (2012): Solving the minerals equation? Demand, prices and supply. Paper LE STUDIUM conference Life and Innovation Cycles in the Field of Raw Materials Supply and Demand—a Transdisciplinary Approach, 19.–20. April 2012, Orléans, France)

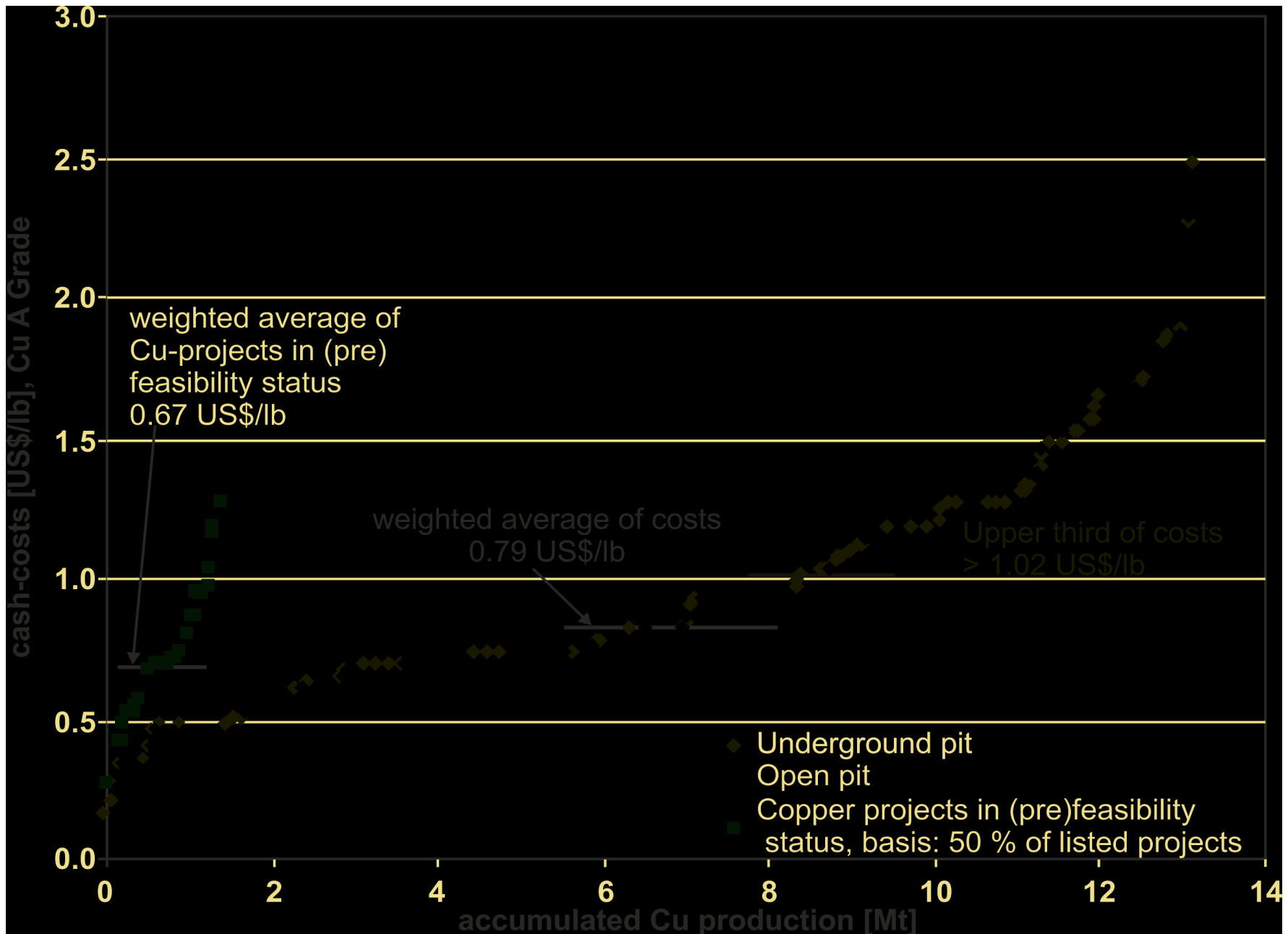
Moving down the copper

cost curve

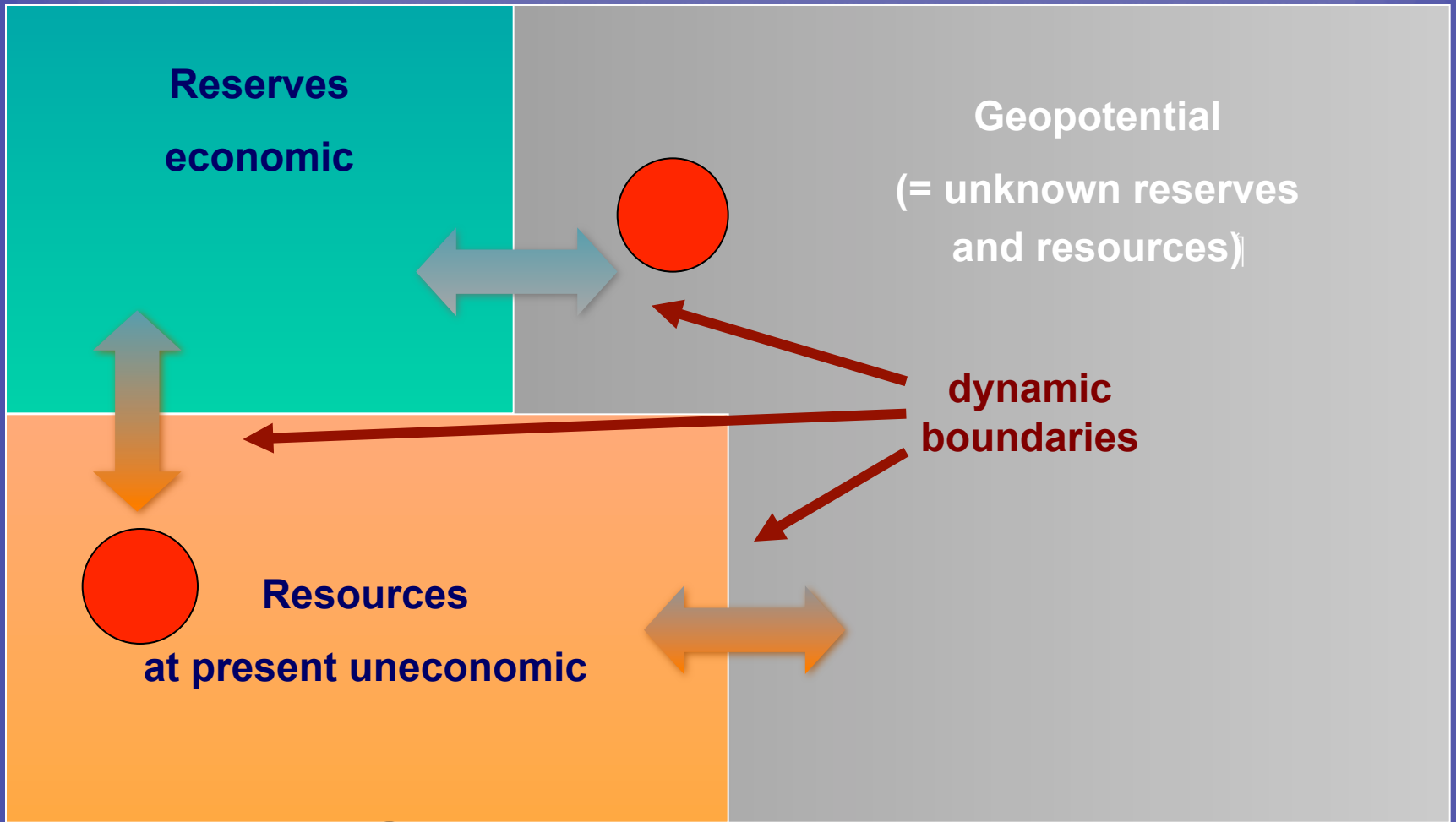
US¢/lb

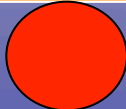


C1 cash cost to market of copper production after by-product credits



(Source: J.Vasters, Commodity Fact Sheet 2011, BGR/DERA)



 Starting point for developing new reserves

New Projects: Two Alternatives:

- a.) Start in Geopotential field, i.e. invest in exploration
- b.) Start in Resources field (known, but uneconomic at present),

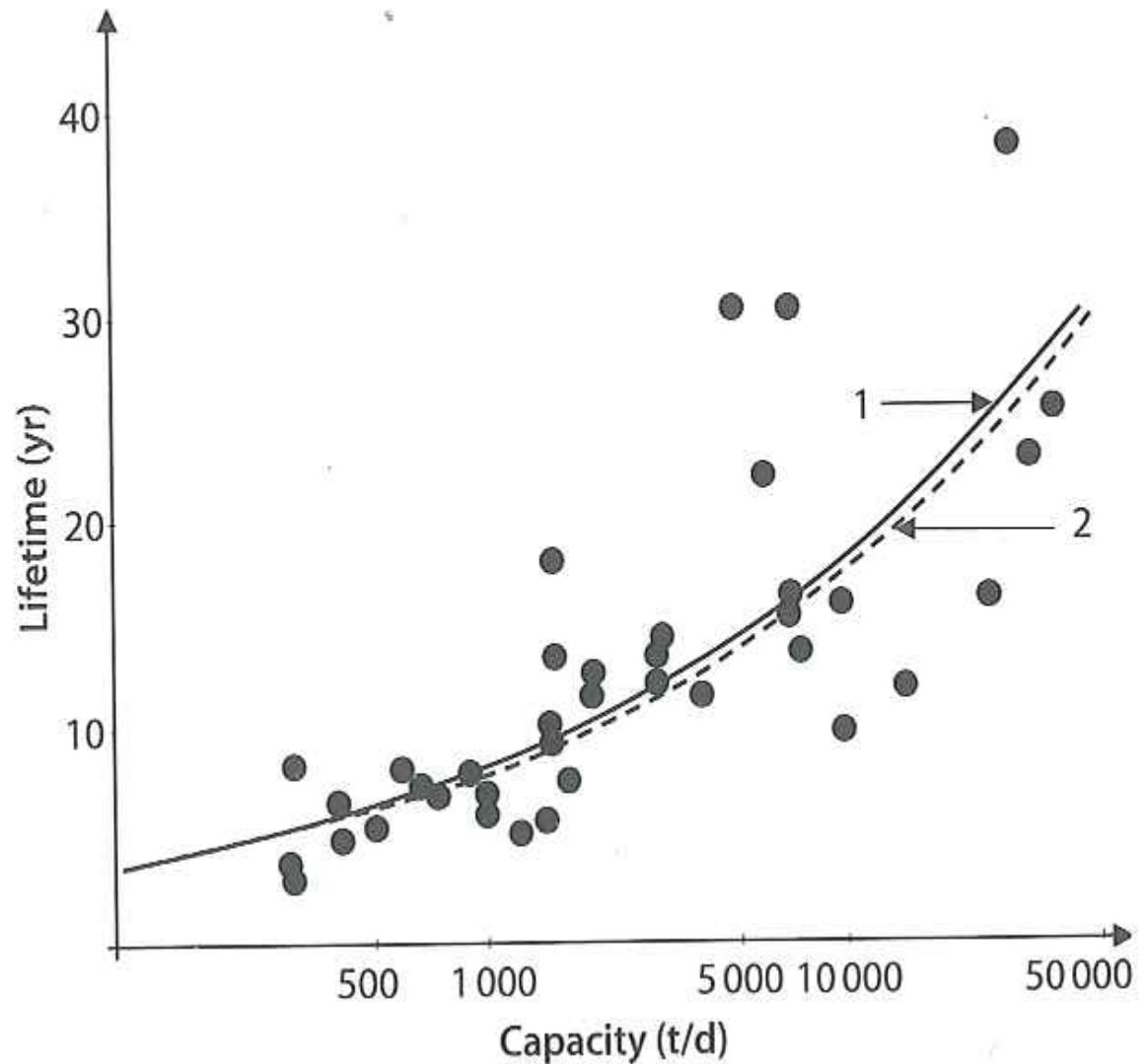
Consequences:

- 1.) For some commodities grades become higher and higher
- 2.) For others grades decline due to new technologies
- 3.) Operations become larger and larger, requiring larger reserves.
(Economics of scale, Taylor Rule)

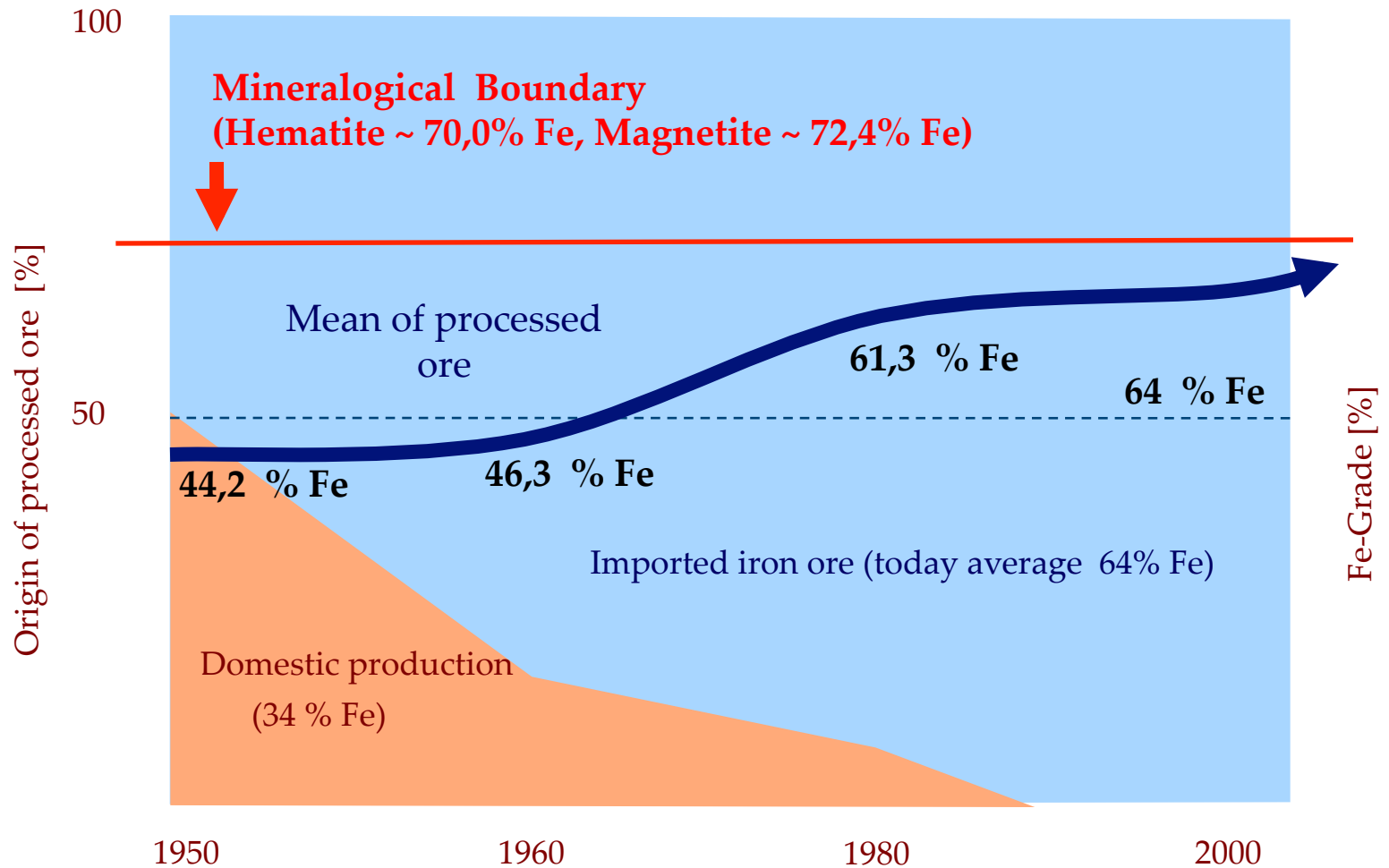
Fig. 8.1a.

Lifetime of Canadian base-metal mines at the time of production decision (1967-1977) (Wellmer 1979):

1. the relationship postulated by Taylor (1977): $y = 0.83x^{0.34}$;
2. interpolation of the real data points $y = 0.69x^{0.35}$

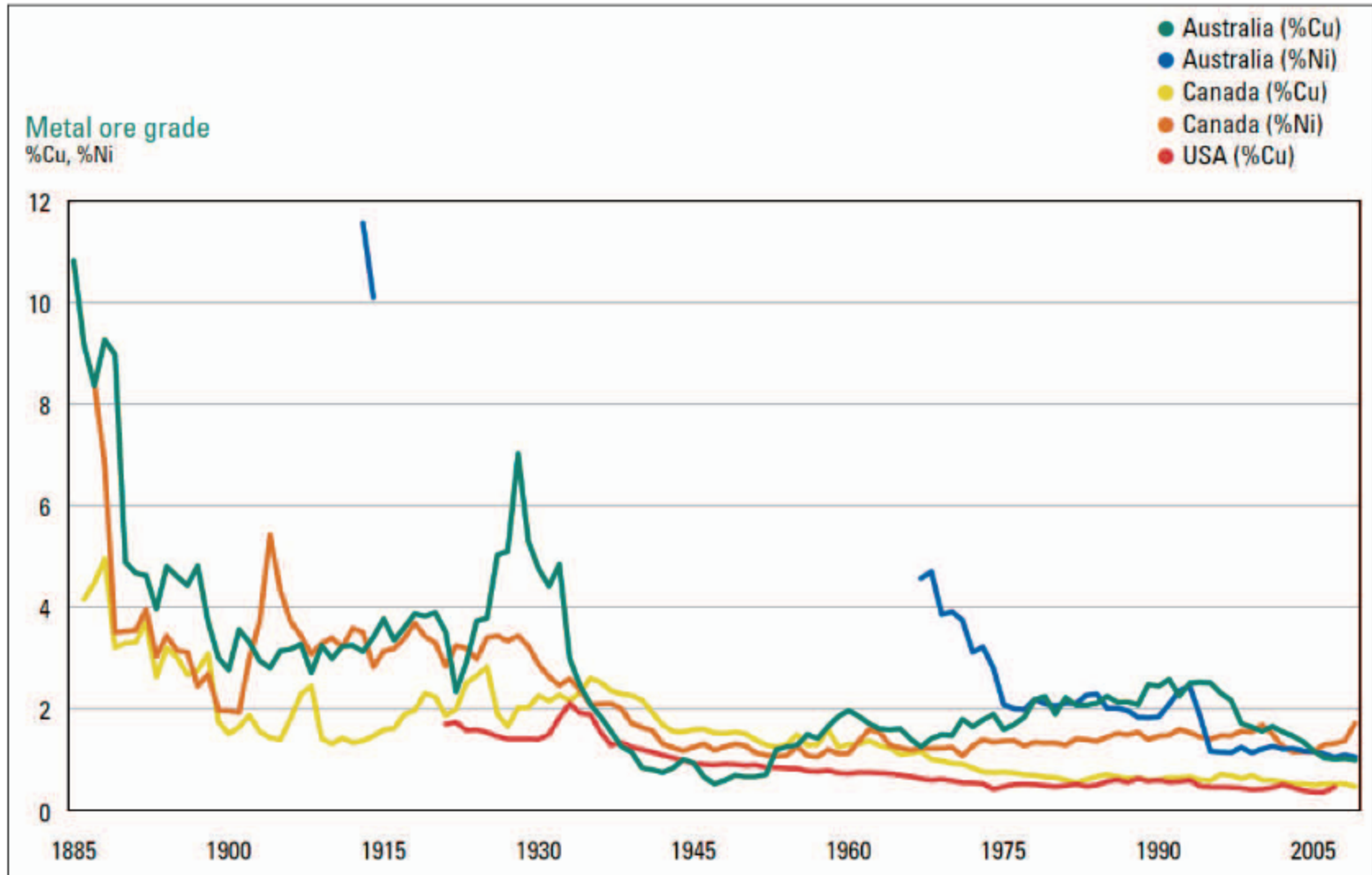


Iron Ore Supply Germany since 1950

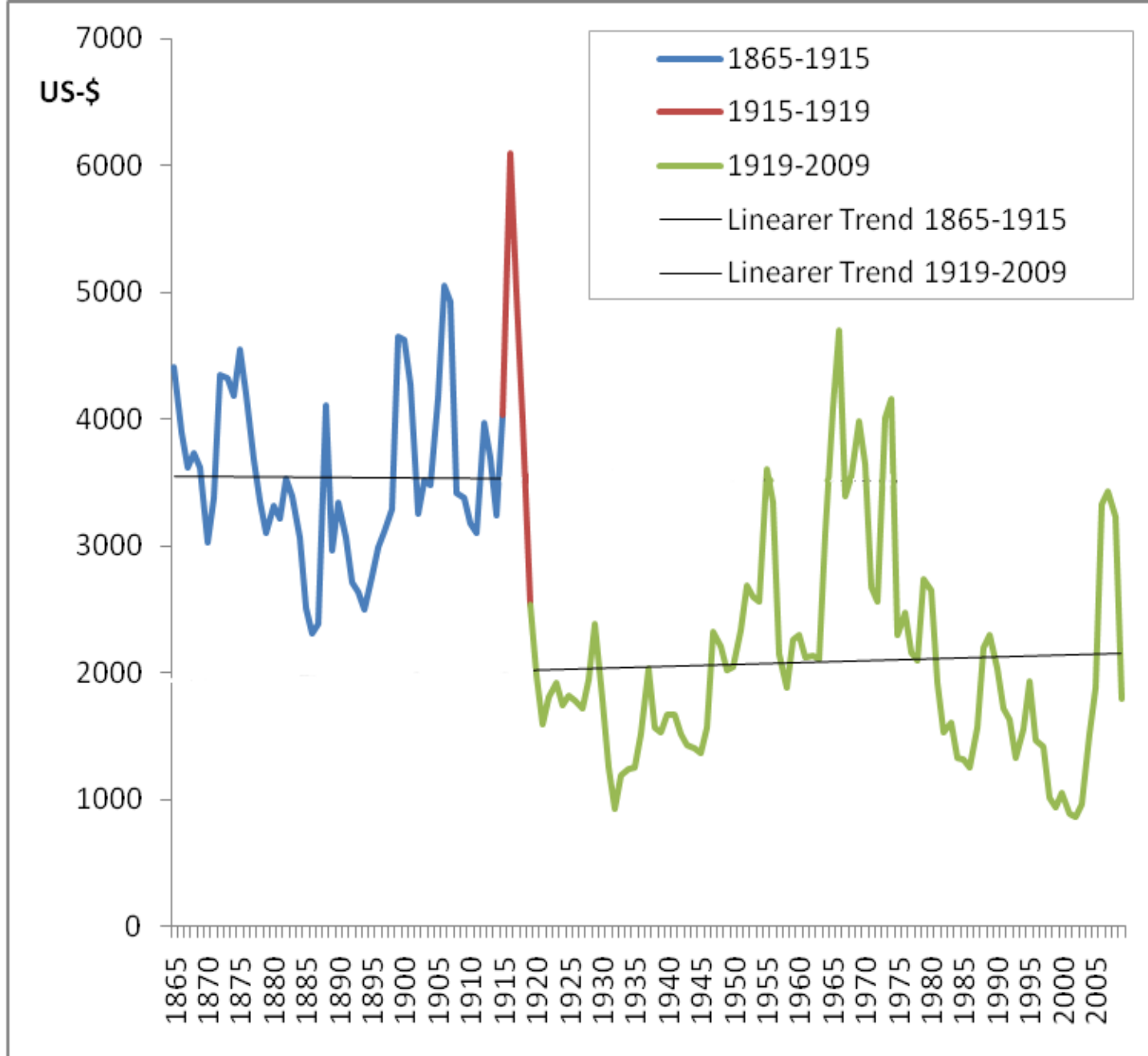


Source: BGR-Data-Bank

Development mean grades of Cu and Ni-mines in Australia, Canada und USA



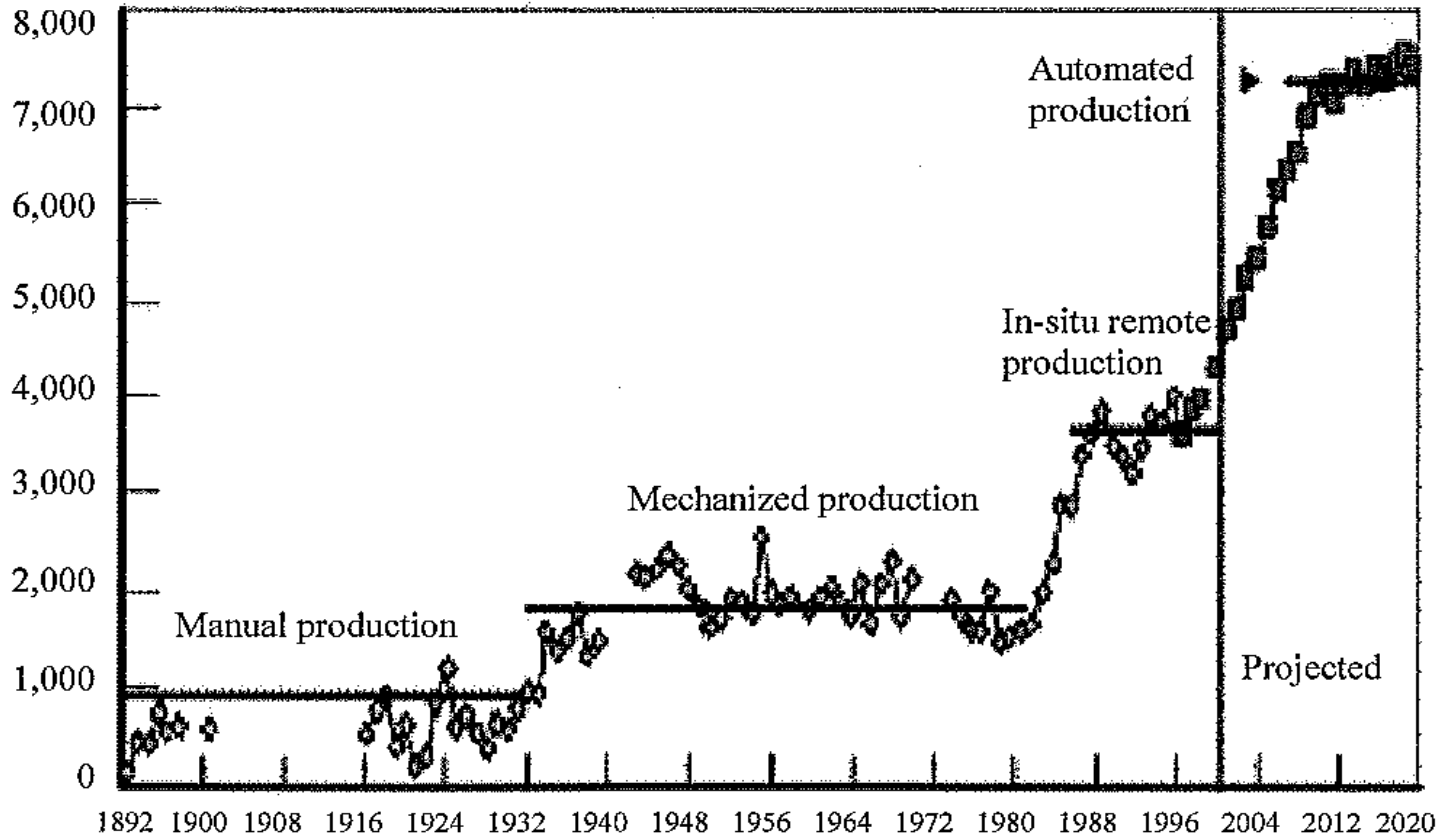
Quelle: FISCHER-KOWALSKI et al. 2011, S. 24



(Source: M.Stürmer, Univ. of Bonn, Germany)

Figure 1-2. Past Productivity and Anticipated Productivity from Technology Change from One Company

Productivity
(tons/person-year)



Source: RAND, *New Forces at Work In Mining: Industry Views of Critical Technologies*, 2001

Transparency:

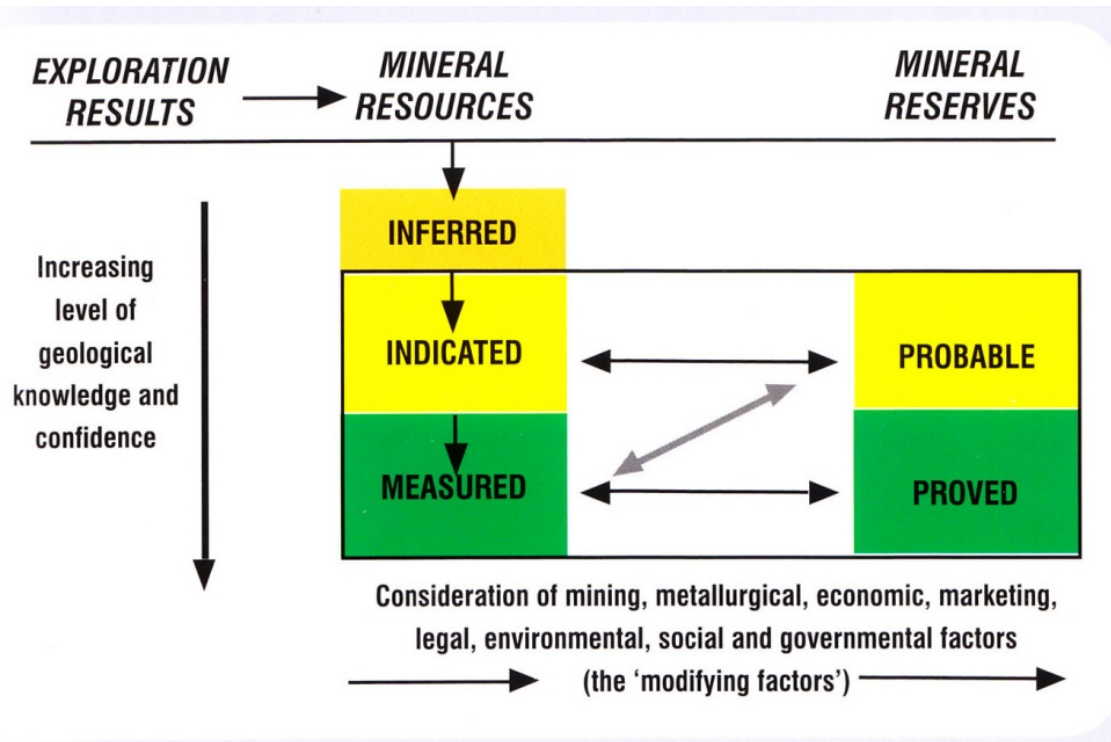
Two main aspects:

-- production/consumption

precise figures

-- **reserves**

**estimates , *not* precise
figures and *dynamic*
*figures***



All these codes include the concept of Competent Persons. A Competent Person is a suitably experienced professional who has a minimum of five years' experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and scope of the report. The Competent Person must also be a member of a recognised professional association

Figure 33:

Relation between Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves showing classification with increasing quality of data. Redrawn after CIM [2011]

(Source: S. Schmidt: From Deposit to Concentrate: The Basics of Tungsten Mining, Part 1: Project Generation and Project Development, Tungsten—Internat. Tungsten Industry Ass., June 2012)

Measured Resource

- A ‘Measured Mineral Resource’ is that part of a Mineral Resource for which tonnage, densities, shape, physical characteristics, grade and mineral content can be estimated with a high level of confidence.
- It is based on detailed and reliable exploration, sampling and testing information gathered through appropriate techniques from locations such as outcrops, trenches, pits, workings and drill holes. The locations are spaced closely enough to confirm geological and grade continuity.

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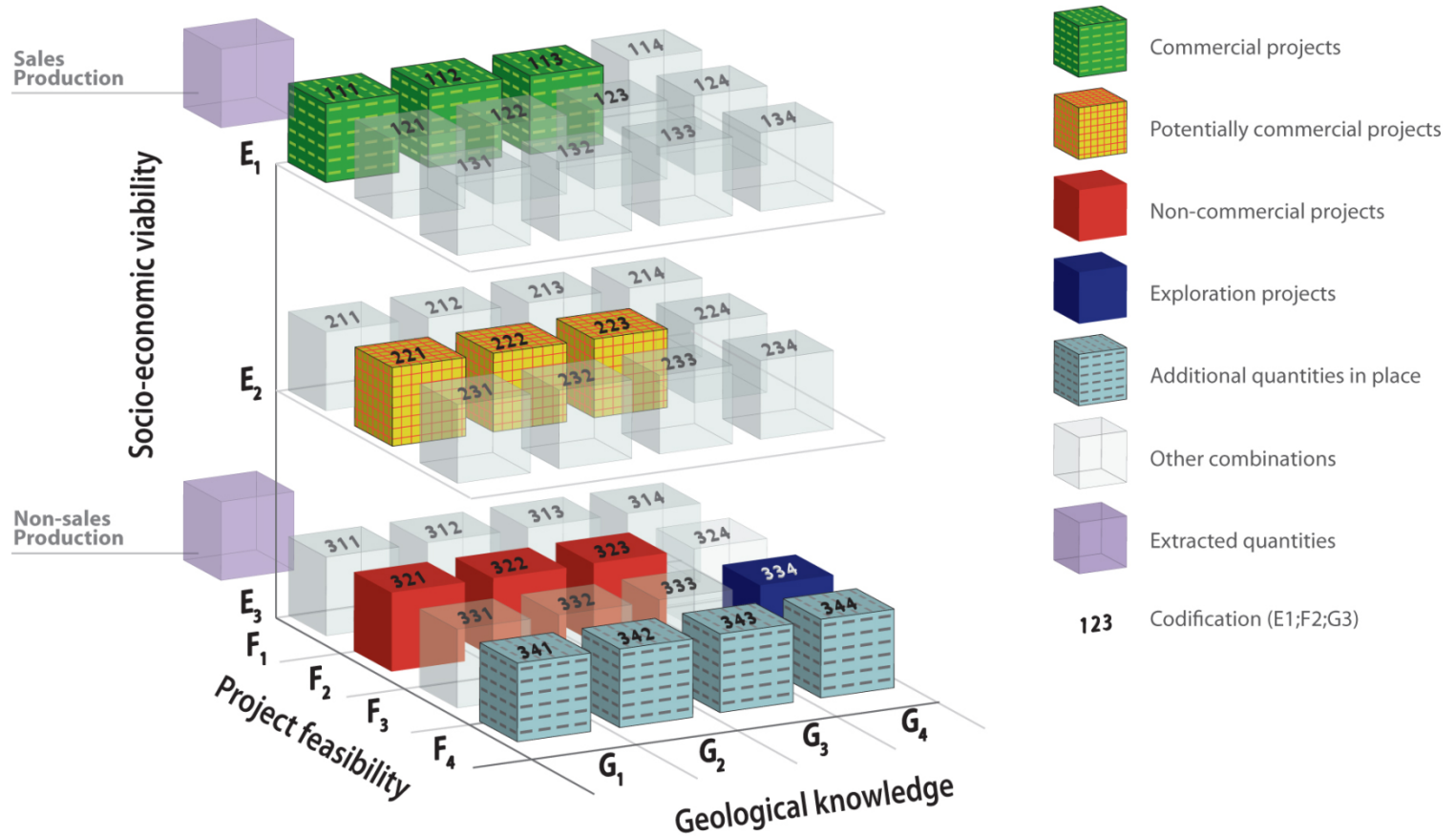
Abrasives	Fluorspar	Mercury	Silver
Aluminum	Gallium	Mica	Soda Ash
Antimony	Garnet	Molybdenum	Sodium Sulfate
Arsenic	Gemstones	Nickel	Stone
Asbestos	Germanium	Niobium	Strontium
Barite	Gold	Nitrogen	Sulfur
Bauxite	Graphite	Peat	Talc
Beryllium	Gypsum	Perlite	Tantalum
Bismuth	Hafnium	Phosphate Rock	Tellurium
Boron	Helium	Platinum	Thallium
Bromine	Indium	Potash	Thorium
Cadmium	Iodine	Pumice	Tin
Cement	Iron and Steel	Quartz Crystal	Titanium
Cesium	Iron Ore	Rare Earths	Tungsten
Chromium	Iron Oxide Pigments	Rhenium	Vanadium
Clays	Kyanite	Rubidium	Vermiculite
Cobalt	Lead	Salt	Wollastonite
Copper	Lime	Sand and Gravel	Yttrium
Diamond	Lithium	Scandium	Zeolites
Diatomite	Magnesium	Selenium	Zinc
Feldspar	Manganese	Silicon	Zirconium

FIGURE 1.—Major Elements of Mineral-Resource Classification, Excluding Reserve Base and Inferred Reserve Base

Cumulative Production	IDENTIFIED RESOURCES		UNDISCOVERED RESOURCES		
	Demonstrated		Inferred	Probability Range	
	Measured	Indicated		Hypothetical	(or) Speculative
ECONOMIC	Reserves		Inferred Reserves		
MARGINALLY ECONOMIC	Marginal Reserves		Inferred Marginal Reserves	+	
SUBECONOMIC	Demonstrated Subeconomic Resources		Inferred Subeconomic Resources	+	
Other Occurrences	Includes nonconventional and low-grade materials				

(Source USGS, MCS = Mineral Comm. Summaries 2011)

Three dimensional UN Framework Classification System (UNFC)





European Sustainable Phosphorus Conference 2013

Overall conclusions ESPC2013

6-7 March 2013, Brussels

- We should and can take action today by being more efficient in our use, by wasting less, recycling more, reducing environmental losses, and by smart cooperation. The idea of creating a European market for recycled phosphorus with a value chain approach received strong support.

Knowledge, benchmarking, dissemination

- **monitoring P flows, P reserves**
- **risk assessments, LCAs, decision support systems,**
- **contaminants**
- **agronomy, soil P status, plant breeding**

From a perspective of knowledge creation and dissemination, there are several important steps to be taken. First the European Union should set up its own monitoring system that provides insight into phosphorus flows and global phosphorus rock reserves. This will enhance our capacity to identify which measures should be taken by which player and a P-footprint could be developed. Secondly the creation of business cases should be strengthened by the use of risk assessments, LCAs and decision support systems. Thirdly the information on contaminants should be expanded. Finally, information on agronomy, soil P status and plant breeding should be intensified.

Example: NE-Metal-Study Groups

International Lead- and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG, since 1959)



- 30 Members, among them China, EU, USA
- ILZSG: 85% world production and consumption

International Nickel Study Group (INSG, since 1990)



- 15 Members, among them Australia, Brazil, EU, Japan, Russia
- INSG : 37 % ore production, 51 % primary production, 34 % consumption

Internationale Copper Study Group (ICSG, seit 1992)



- 24 Members, among them Australia, China, EU, USA
- ICSG: 76% ore production, 84% refinery production, 80% consumption

→ Consultations between Producer- and Consumer-Countries

(Market Analyses, Data, Informations)

Gebauer, BGR/SWP, Berlin, 26.2.2013



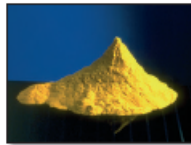
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A Joint Report by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency
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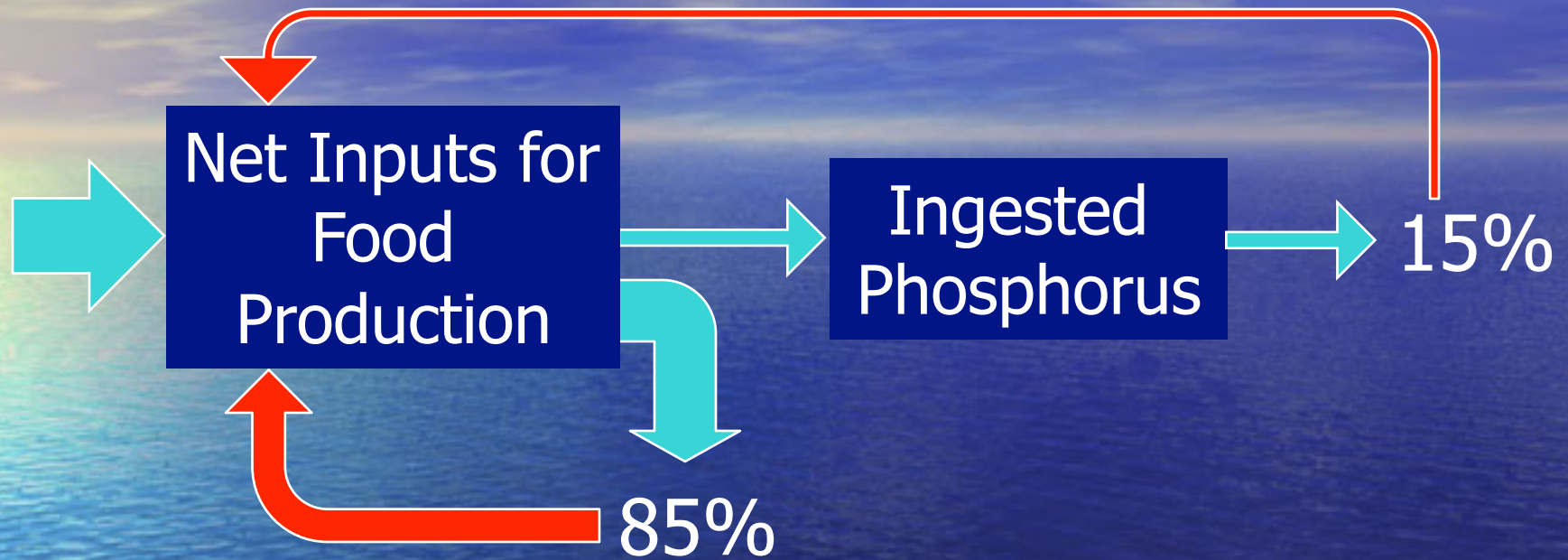


Uranium 2011: Resources, Production and Demand



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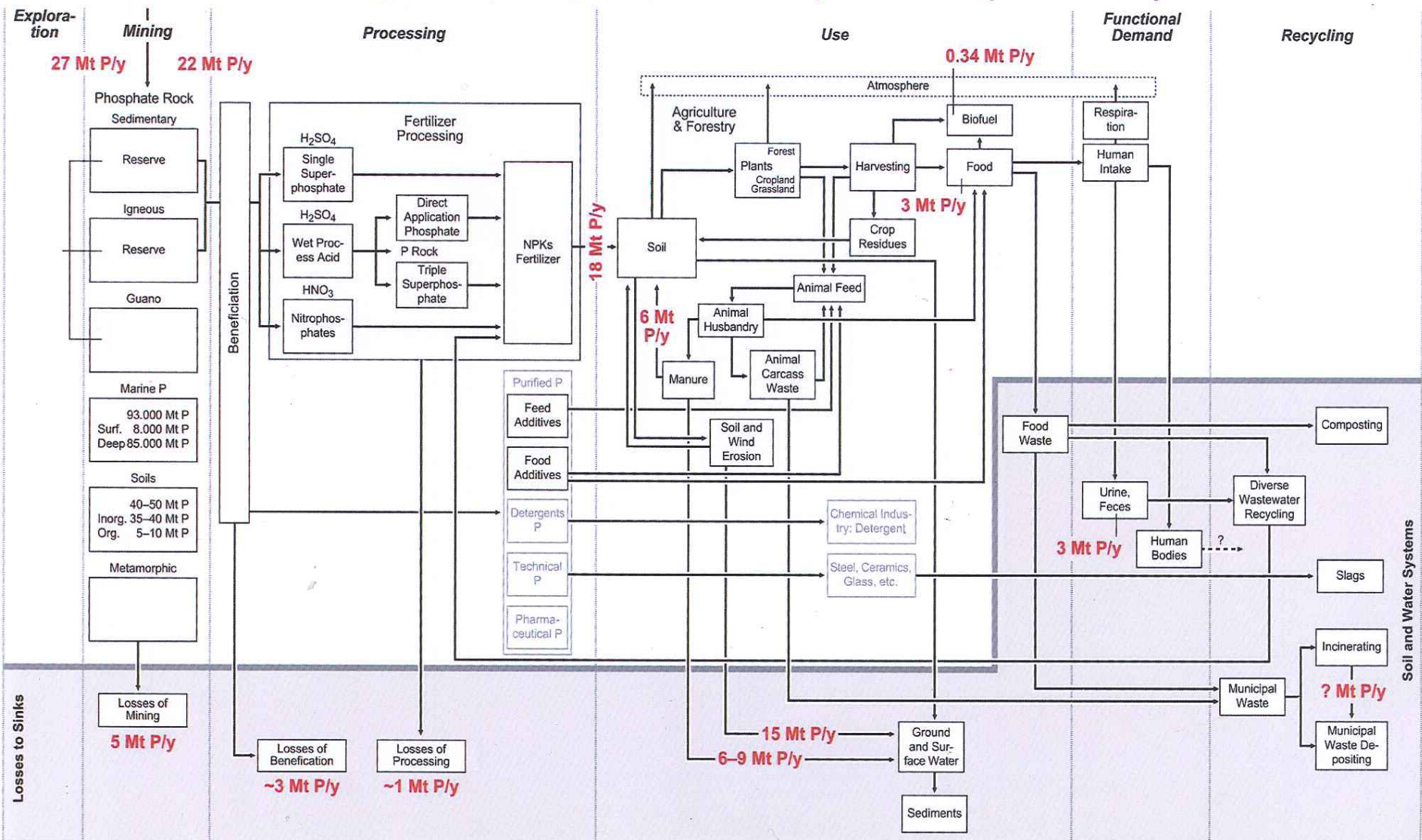
Simplified MFA



50% Recovery of Waste => 7.5% conserved

50% Reduction in consumption => 42.5% conserved

sinks (of P) – preliminary data (~2010)



Domain of potential sinks to water (9.5 – 13 Mt P/y) and earth compartments

See IFA (2006); Liu et al. 2005; Mac Donald et al. 2011, Seyhan, 2009; Schröder et al. 2011; Smil (2000a,b), Smit et al. 2010

**The International
Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation
INFCE
(from 1977 to 1980, set up on initiative of the USA)**

Working Group 1: Fuel and Heavy Water Availability

Working Group 2: Enrichment Availability

Working Group 3: Assurances of Long-Term Supply of Technology,
Fuel and Heavy Water and Services in the Interest of National Needs
Consistent with Non-Proliferation

Working Group 4: Reprocessing, Plutonium Handling, Recycling

Working Group 5: Fast Breeders

Working Group 6: Spent Fuel Management

Working Group 7: Waste Management and Disposal

Working Group 8: Advanced Fuel Cycle and Reactor Concepts



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Phosphate deposits of the world

VOLUME 3

*Neogene to
Modern phosphorites*

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Working Group II – ‘International Phosphate Resource Data Base’, (Co-Chairmen: A.J.G. Notholt and R.P. Sheldon);

Working Group III – ‘Young Phosphogenic Systems’, (Co-Chairmen: W.C. Burnett and S.R. Riggs); and

Working Group IV – ‘Cretaceous and Tertiary Phosphorites’, (Co-Chairmen: K. Al-Bassam, J. Lucas, and S. Sassi).

(start 1977 to 1988)





Future Scenarios

- Hard landing – Roger Pielke Jr.’s “Iron Law”
 - “When policies on emissions reductions collide with policies focused on economic growth,
economic growth will win out every time.
 - “To succeed, any policies ... will necessarily have to offer ***short-term benefits*** that are in some manner proportional to the short-term costs.”
- Soft landing (Cordell et al, Scholz & Wellmer)
 - Preferred scenario: Phosphate rock demand decreases as secondary sources increase, due to increasing awareness of high environmental and social costs, and increasing price of mineral fertilizers

Conclusions

Need for better transparency:

- monitoring of material flows**
- dynamics of reserves and resources**
- understanding the geopotential as source of future reserves**
- understanding learning curves for future P supply**

Organisational framework: Possibilities

- revive IGCP phosphate project for geopotential**
- adopt existing or former structure to P:
(UNEP International Resource Panel, NE-Study groups, Uranium Redbook, INFCE)**

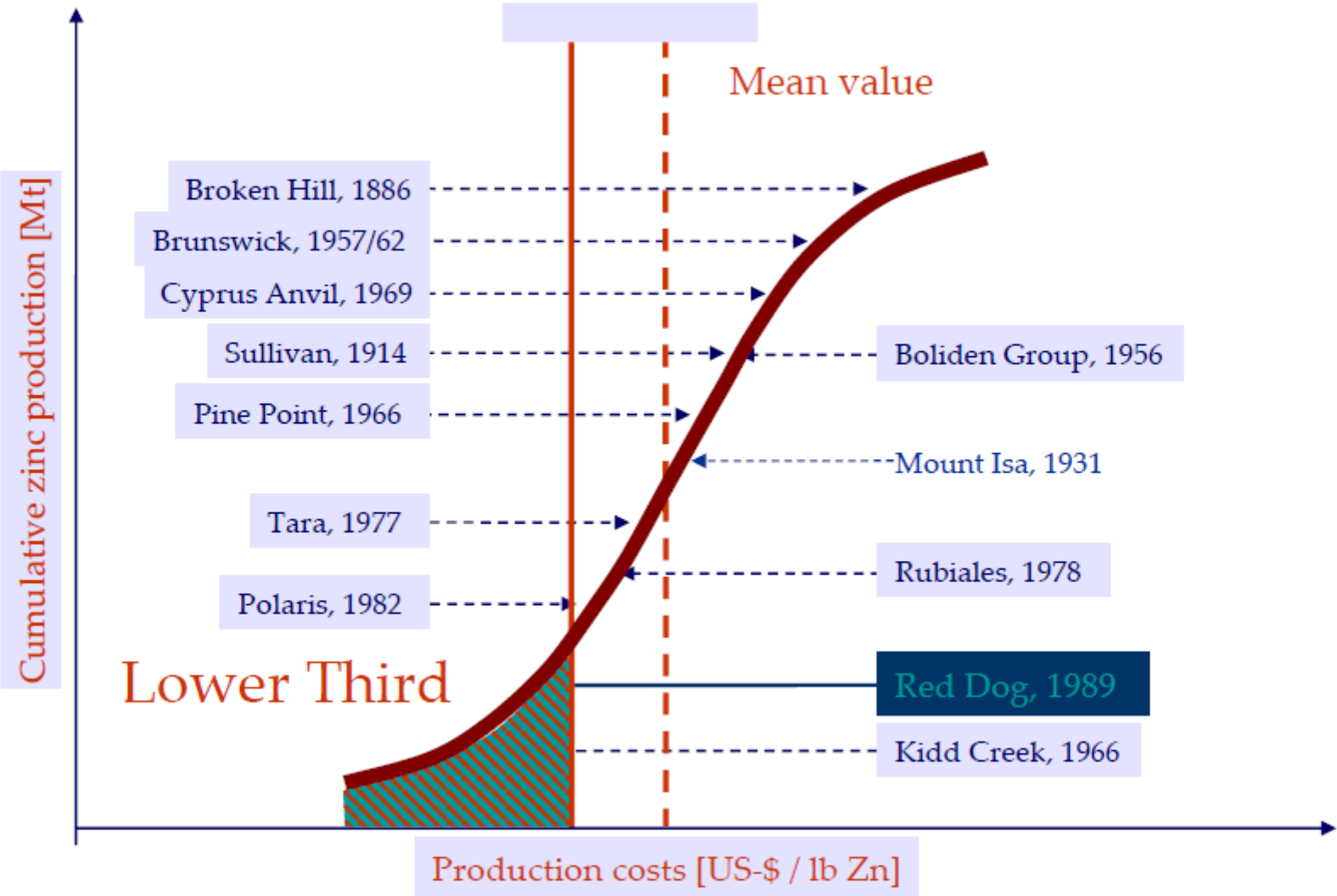
Reserve Slides

$$\text{Ratio} = \frac{\text{Reserves}}{\text{Production (Consumption)}}$$

is always only a **Snapshot** of a
dynamically developing Reserve-/Resource System.

It is **not** the life time of a commodity.

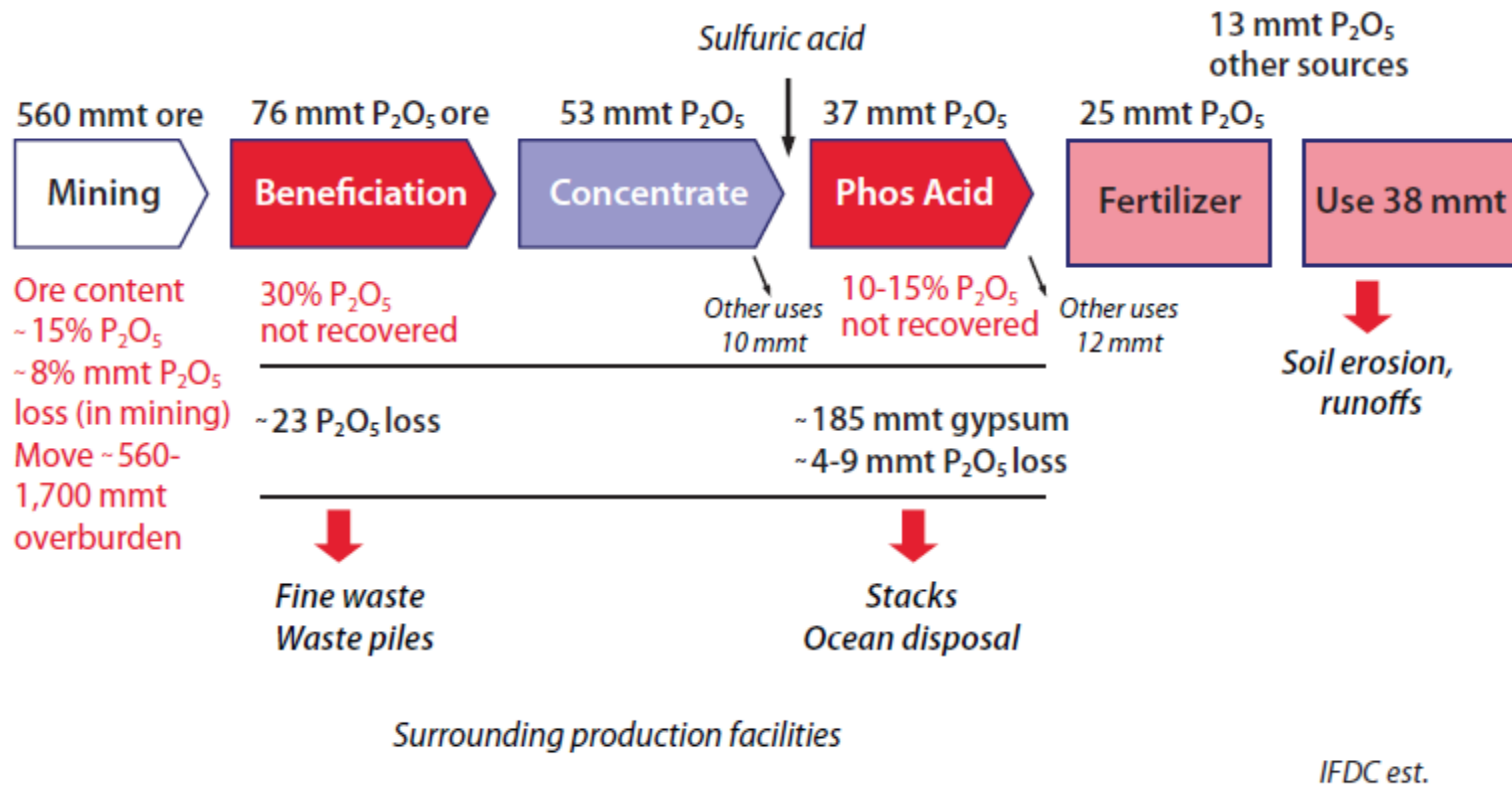
Lower-Third-Rule: Technical Availability of Metals



What motivates companies, government bodies, governments or other institutions to move to quantify reserves, i.e. to move resources out of the „potential field“ into the Reserve Block?

- 1.) Companies – JORC Code
- 2.) Regional planning authorities
- 3.) Governments

Conceptual world environmental footprint from phosphoric acid-based fertilizers - 2009



(Source: Global research to nourish the world, Virtual Fertilizer Research Center/ IFDC)
www.vfrc.org/.../vfrc_blueprint_for_global_security-1.pdf)

Fig. 10

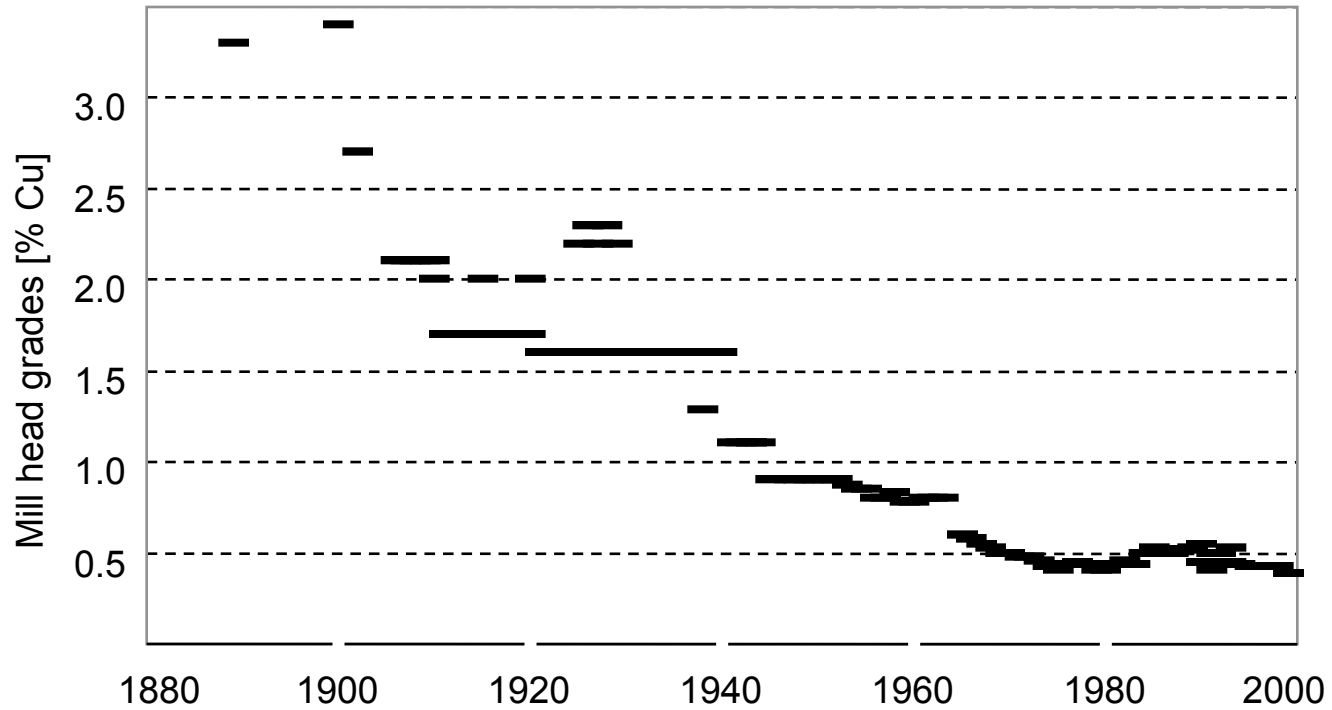


Figure 10: *Development of copper grades of ores mined in the US (after Ayres et al. 2002).*

Rohstoffpreis und BIP: langfristige Preisschwankungen



Reuters CRB-Metals-Subindex Kupfer-, Stahl-, Bleischrott, Zink, Zinn

Quelle: BGR Datenbank, CRB, World Bank

Fig. 9.3.

Specific operating costs of various non-ferrous metal mines (Table 9.3a)

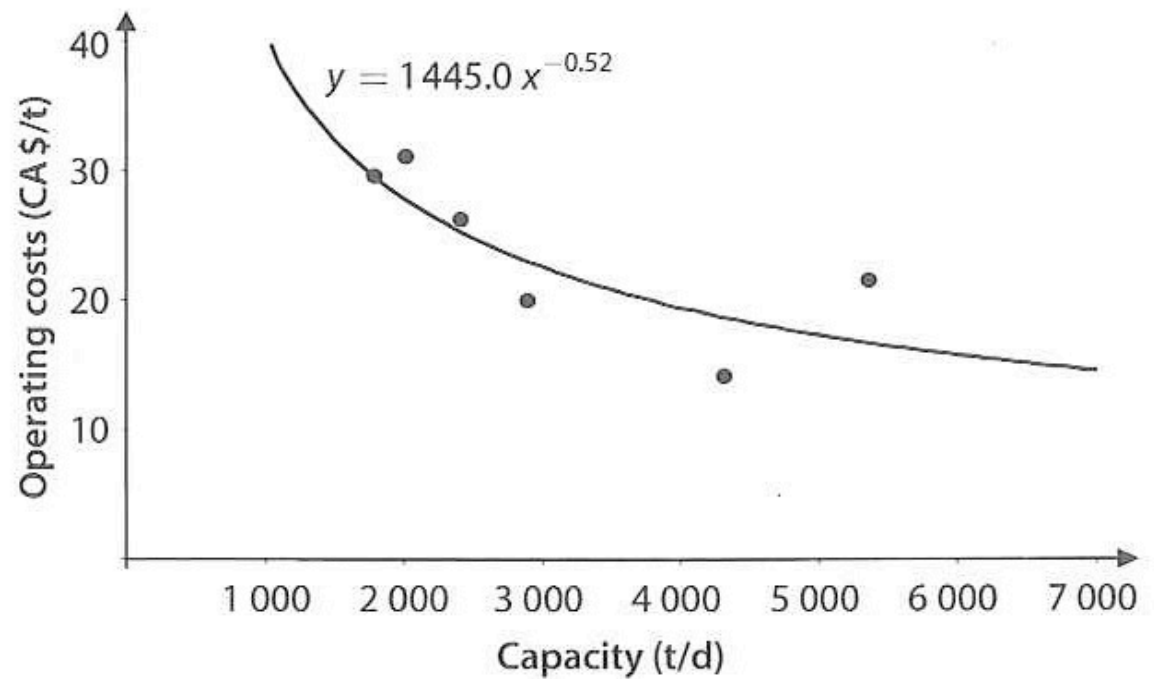
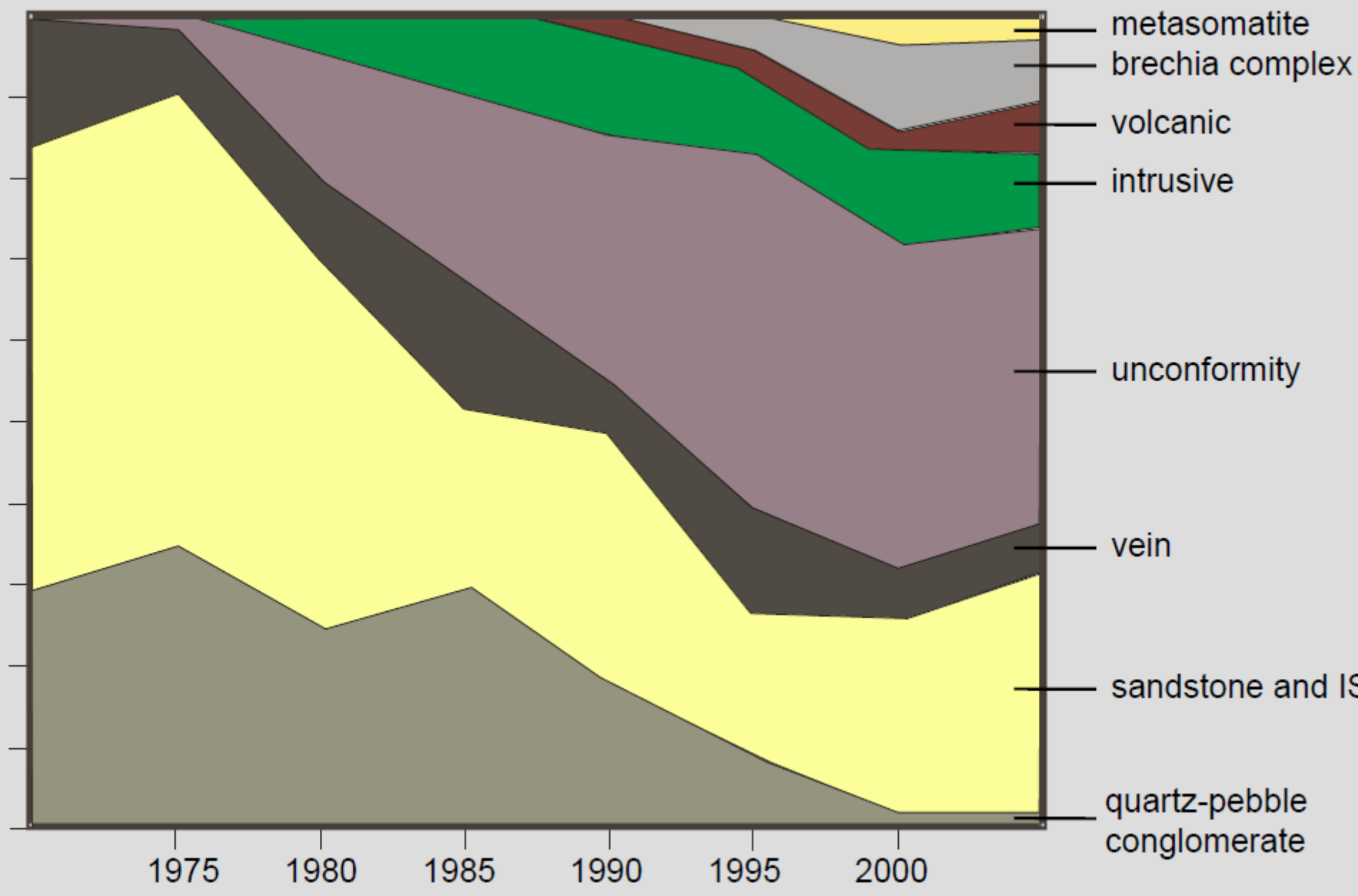


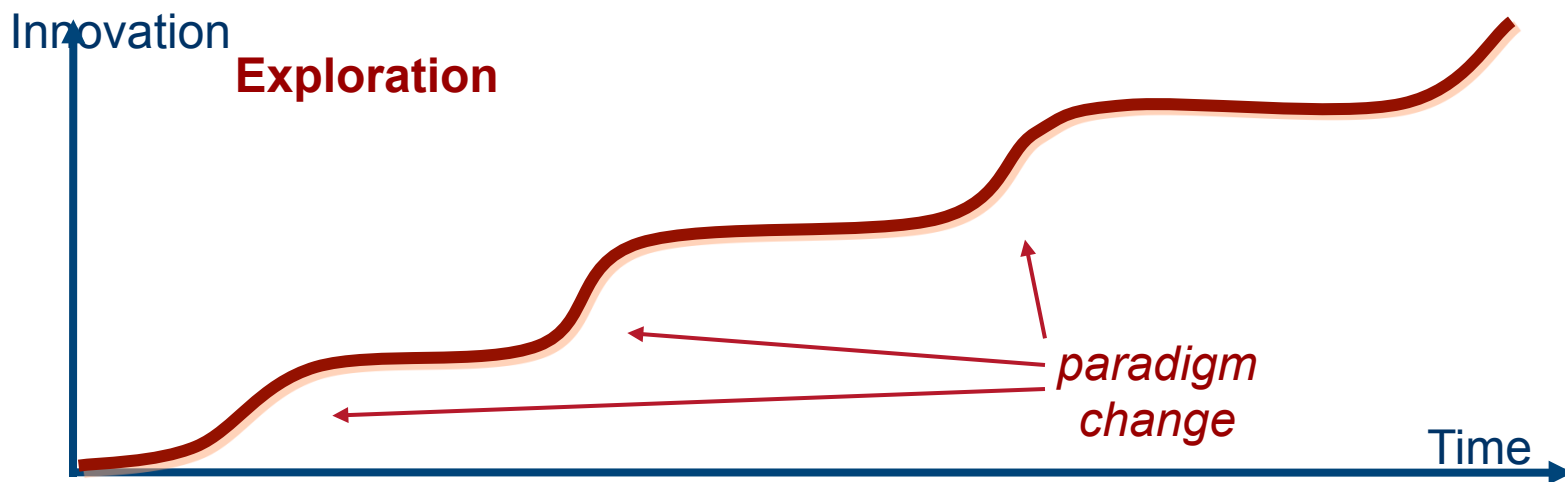
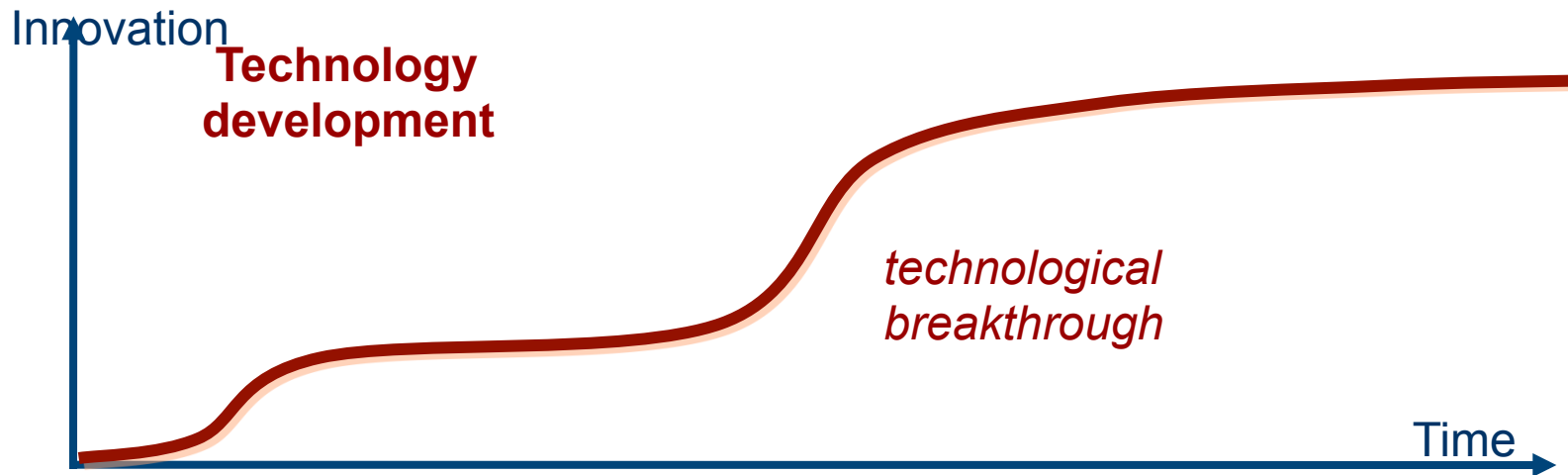
Table 9.3a.

Operating costs of some selected mines

Mine	Capacity x (t/d)	Operating costs y (CA \$/t)
Aur, Louvicourt	4300	14.22
Barrick, Bousquet	2400	26.33
Barrick, Holt-McDermott	1775	29.72
Breakwater, Bouchard-Hebert	2880	20.11
Newmont, Holloway	2000	31.18
Hudson Bay, Ruttan	5350	21.62



Consecutive learning curves in technology and exploration



Conclusions

- ❑ Phosphorus is an essential daily component of our diet and agriculture system and the world is dependent on finite fossil sources
- ❑ Commercial sources are dominated by only a few countries and these are outside the EU
- ❑ Rock phosphate extraction is not monitored by weither the UN or the EU
- ❑ Geopolitical changes could affect the stability of supply
- ❑ Global demand mainly from the developing countries is increasing currently at 5-6% per year and prices are increasing
- ❑ Only about 16% of the mined P-rock is traded
- ❑ Only 20-25% of the mined P-rock ends up in the food we eat
- ❑ Now important to become more efficient with how we use the mined sources and secure and reuse the P we have in manure and solid and liquid waste streams

