

# **Critical Minerals and Batteries**

## **The Outlook for National Security and Economic Competitiveness**

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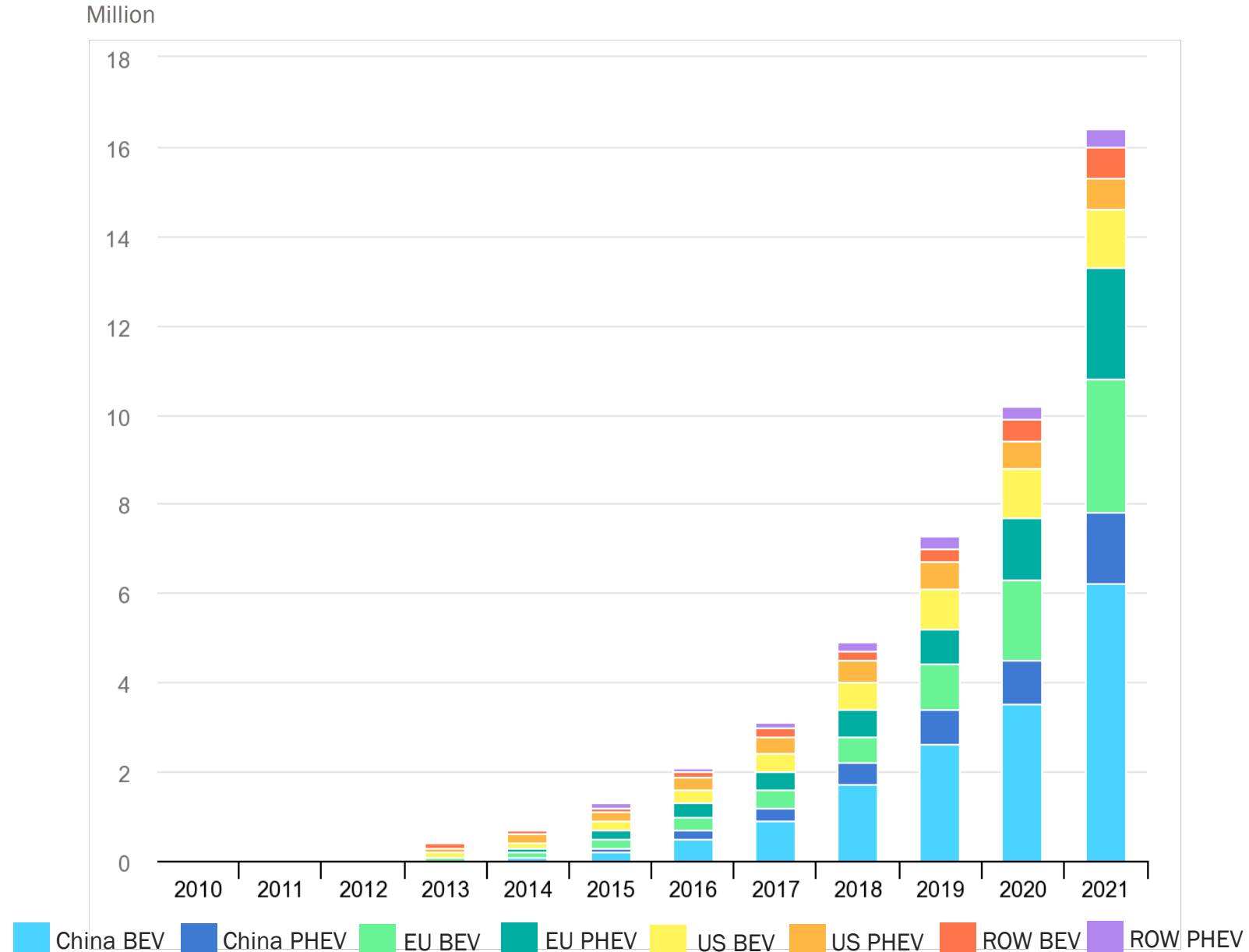
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# Betting on Batteries

- More than 20 countries and 70 subnational governments have announced 100% ZEV targets by 2050
- More than 16 million EVs on the road in 2021
- Bloomberg projects ~70% of new vehicles sold will be electric by 2040

Global Electric Car Stock, 2010-2021 (IEA, 2022)



## Examining EV Supply Chains

- A typical EV requires 6x the mineral inputs as an ICE vehicle
- EVs need Al and Fe for the body and chassis, Cu for electrical wiring, and Li, Co, Mn, Ni, and C (graphite) (currently) for batteries. They also need REE for motors

Total mineral demand from new EV sales by scenario, 2020-2040 (IEA, 2021)

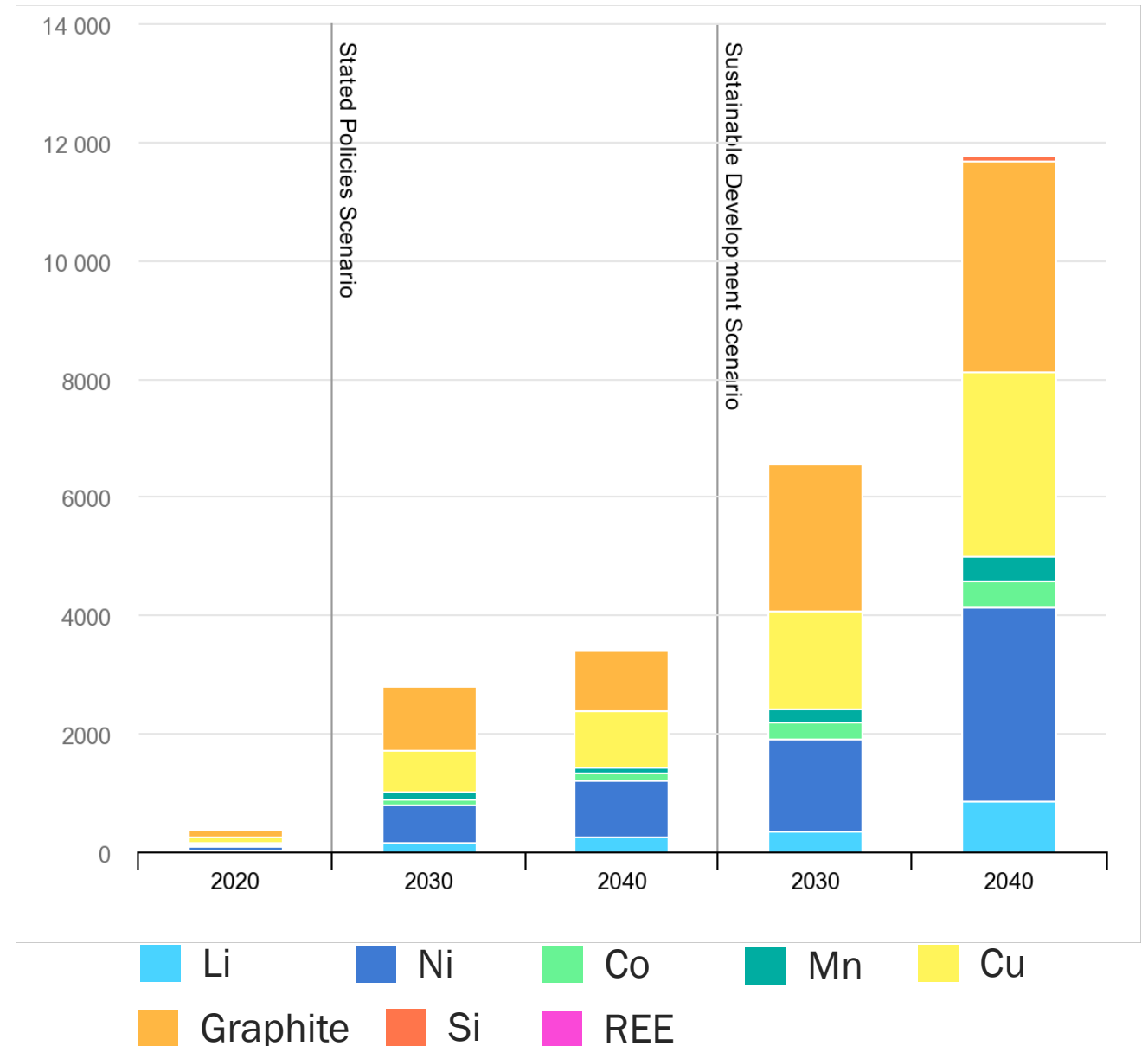
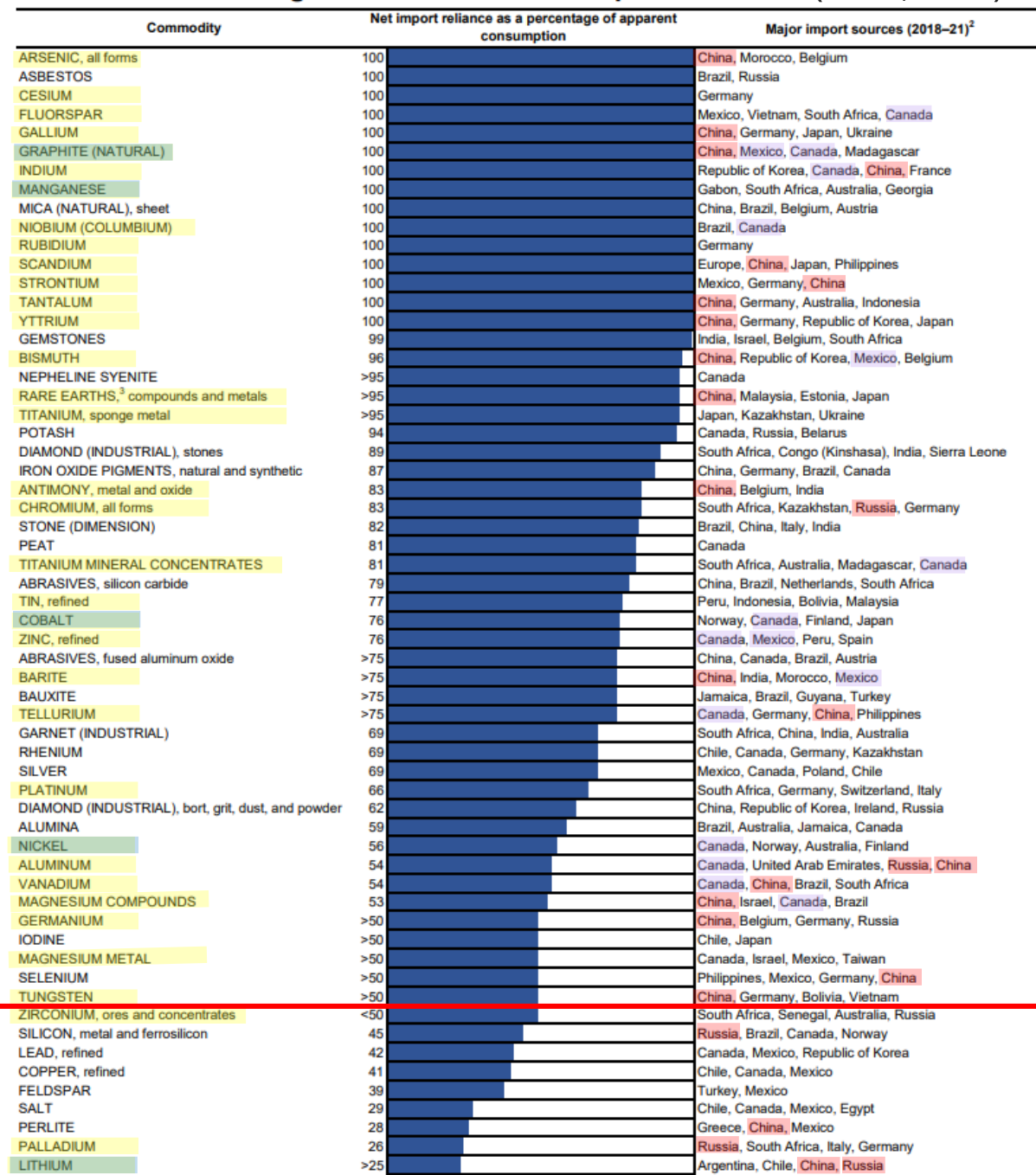


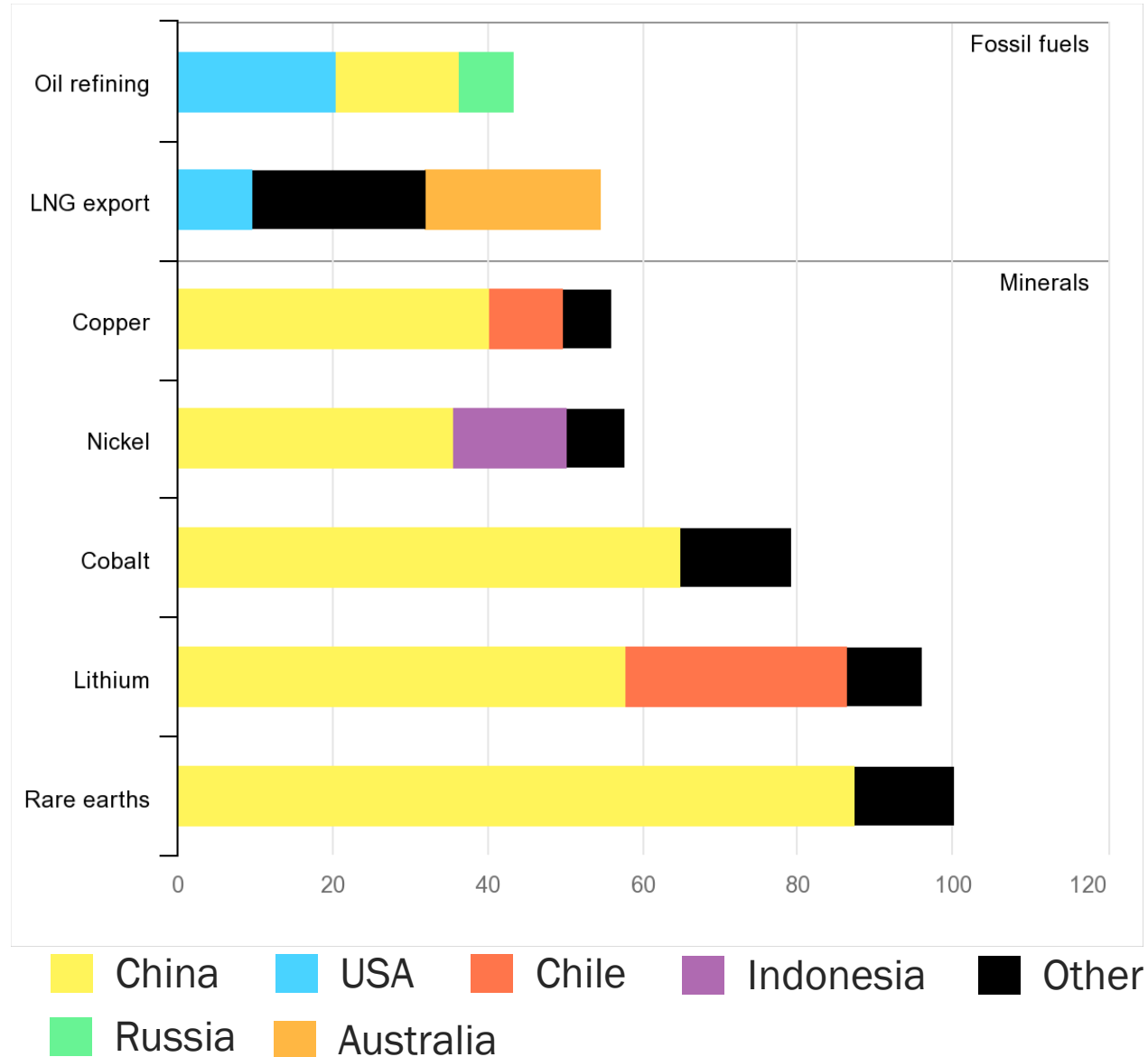
Figure 2.—2022 U.S. Net Import Reliance<sup>1</sup> (USGS, 2023)



## Examining EV Supply Chains

- The U.S. is  $\geq 50\%$  Import reliant for approx. 30 of the 50 critical minerals.
- China and Russia are major import sources for 20 of those 30.
- North America is major import source for 14 of those 30.
- We are  $\geq 50\%$  import reliant for almost all the battery metals.

Share of top three producing countries in total processing of selected minerals and fossil fuels, 2019 (IEA, 2021)



## Examining EV Supply Chains

- Processing is even more concentrated
- The U.S. processes <4% of all mineral commodities
- Processing leads to expertise in ability to produce and create battery precursor materials:
  - China produces
    - > 70% of all cathodes
    - > 89% of all anodes



# Importance of the US Auto Sector

- Automotive manufacturing drives \$1.1 trillion into the US economy each year through sales and servicing
- 10 million US jobs are directly associated with the auto sector
- The auto sector typically makes up 5.5% of US GDP





# War in Ukraine puts renewed focus on energy & supply chain security



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Ukraine crisis

## Russian gas threat in Europe

The crisis in Ukraine tests Europe's dependence on Russian gas against Russia's dependence on European energy customers



# Examining EV Supply Chains

	Lithium (Li)	Nickel (Ni)	Cobalt (Co)	Manganese (Mn)	Graphite (C)
Used In The...	CAM	CAM	CAM	CAM	AAM
US Import Reliance	> 25%	56%	76%	100%	100%
Top US Import Sources	Argentina, Chile, China, Russia	Canada, Norway, Finland, Australia	Norway, Canada, Japan, Finland	Gabon, South Africa, Australia, Georgia	China, Mexico, Canada, India
US Reserves	4%	0.4%	1%	0	Withheld
US Production	Withheld	1%	0.4%	0	0
North American Reserves	7.4%	2.6%	3.5%	0.3%	1%
North American Production	0.4%	4.5%	2.5%	1.2%	1.3%
Top Global Reserves	Chile (36%)	Indonesia (21%), Australia (21%)	DRC (48%)	South Africa (37%)	Turkey (27%)
Top Global Producer	Australia (45%)	Indonesia (49%)	DRC (70%)	South Africa (36%)	China (65%)
Top Global Processor	China (58%)	China (72%)	China (75%)	China (93%)	China (100%)

Data from the U.S. Geological Survey 2023 Mineral Commodity Summary and Benchmark Mineral Intelligence

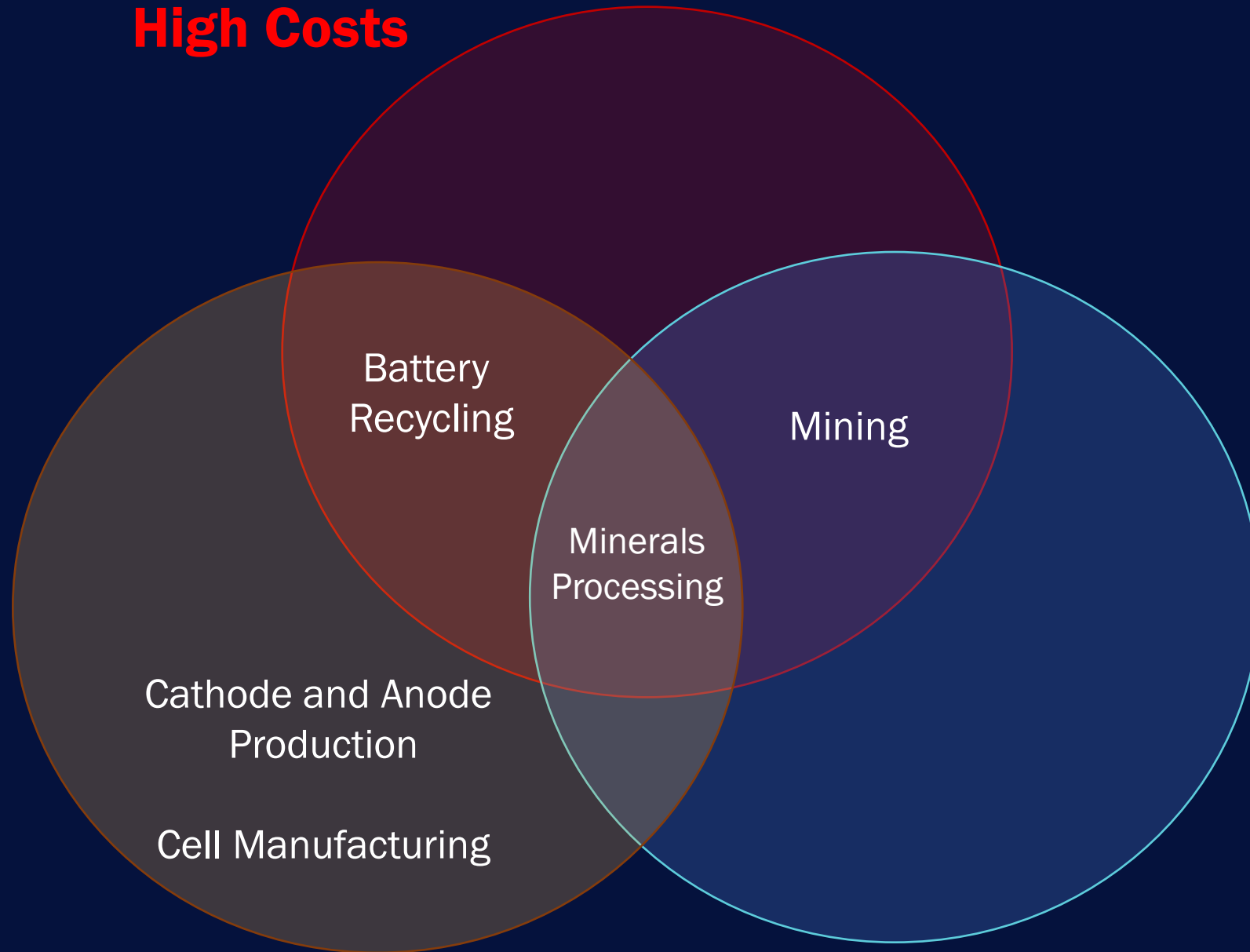


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Most critical supply chain vulnerabilities are due to policy, not nature.

So, why aren't we diversifying our supply chains?

**High Costs**



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Mining

Minerals  
Processing

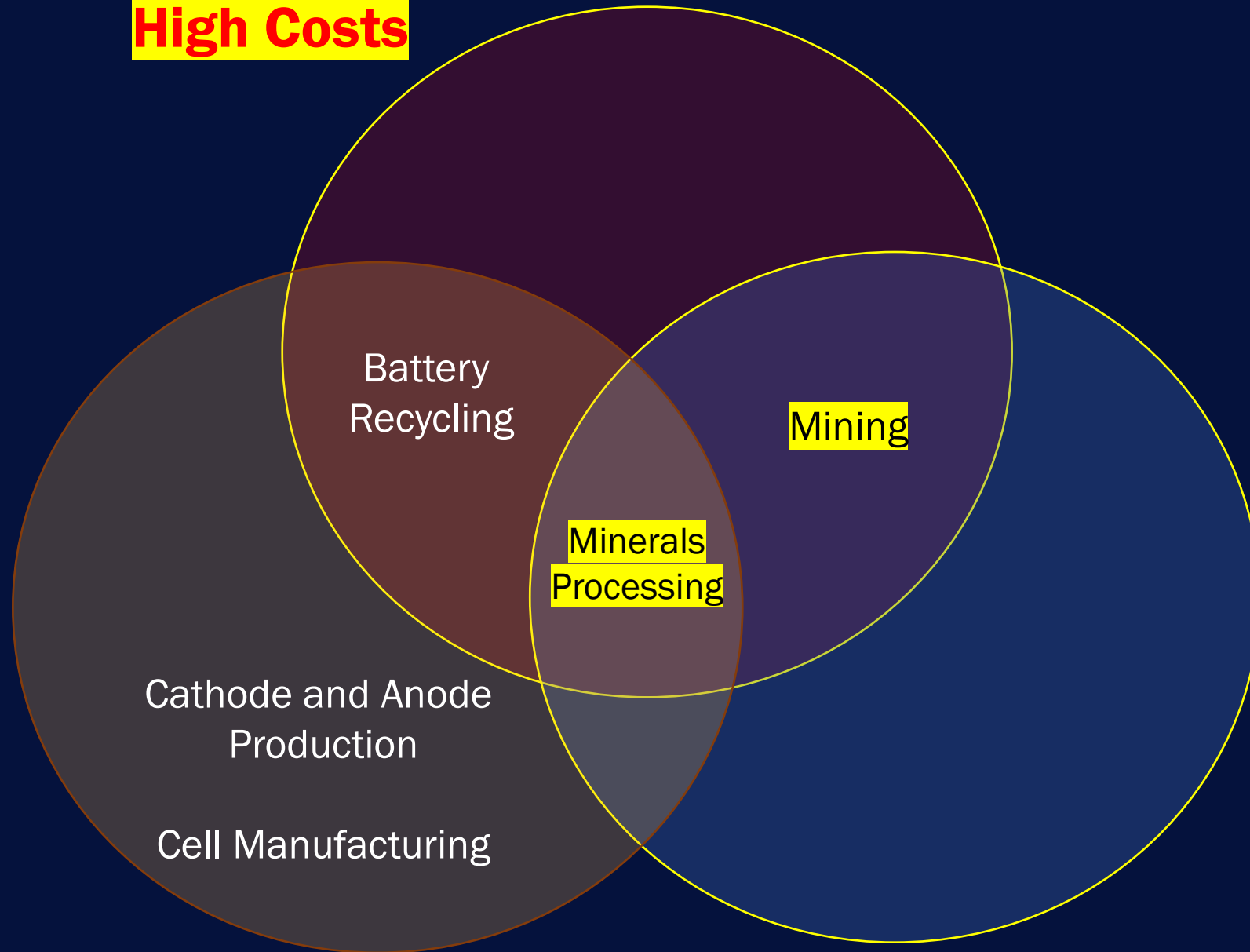
Cathode and Anode  
Production

Cell Manufacturing

**Lack of Expertise**

**Lack of Social License**

**High Costs**



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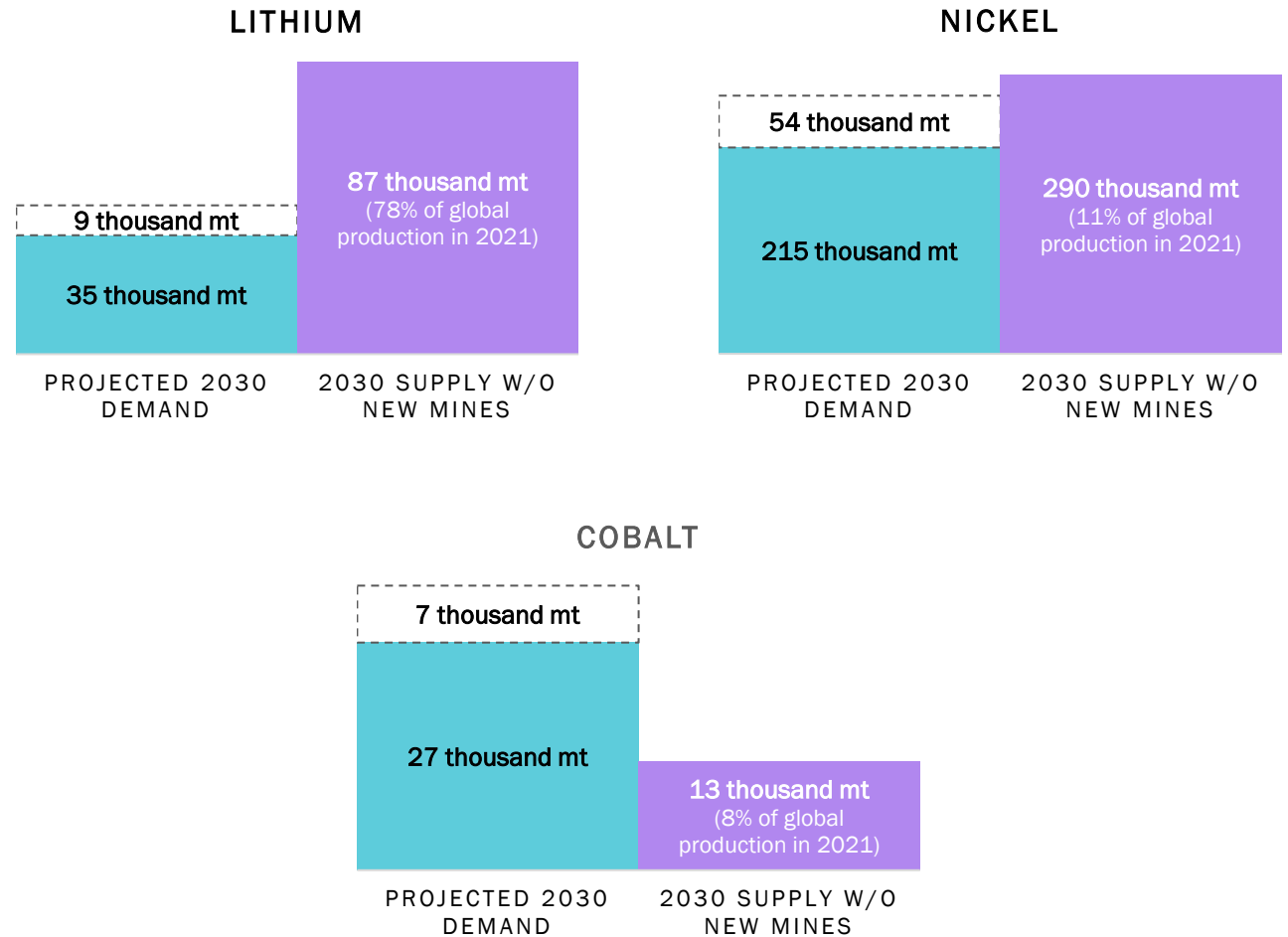
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# US Efforts to Diversify Supply: IRA

- Current US and FTA production of lithium and nickel is sufficient to satisfy IRA sourcing requirements for US demand
- However, US EV makers compete in a global market to secure access to FTA production.
- US and FTA processing of cobalt will be critical to satisfy IRA requirements.

SAFE analysis based on data from USGS, S&P Global, WoodMac and Roland Berger,



■ Amount needed to satisfy IRA requirements

▨ Additional US demand

■ 2030 supply assuming no new mines come online

## Global Efforts to Diversify Supply

- **US:** BIL, DPA Title III Funding, IRA, CHIPS and Science Act, Mineral Security Partnership
- **CAN:** Critical Minerals Strategy
- **EU:** Battery Regulation, Critical Raw Materials Act, Net-Zero Industry Act
- “Critical Minerals Club”

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