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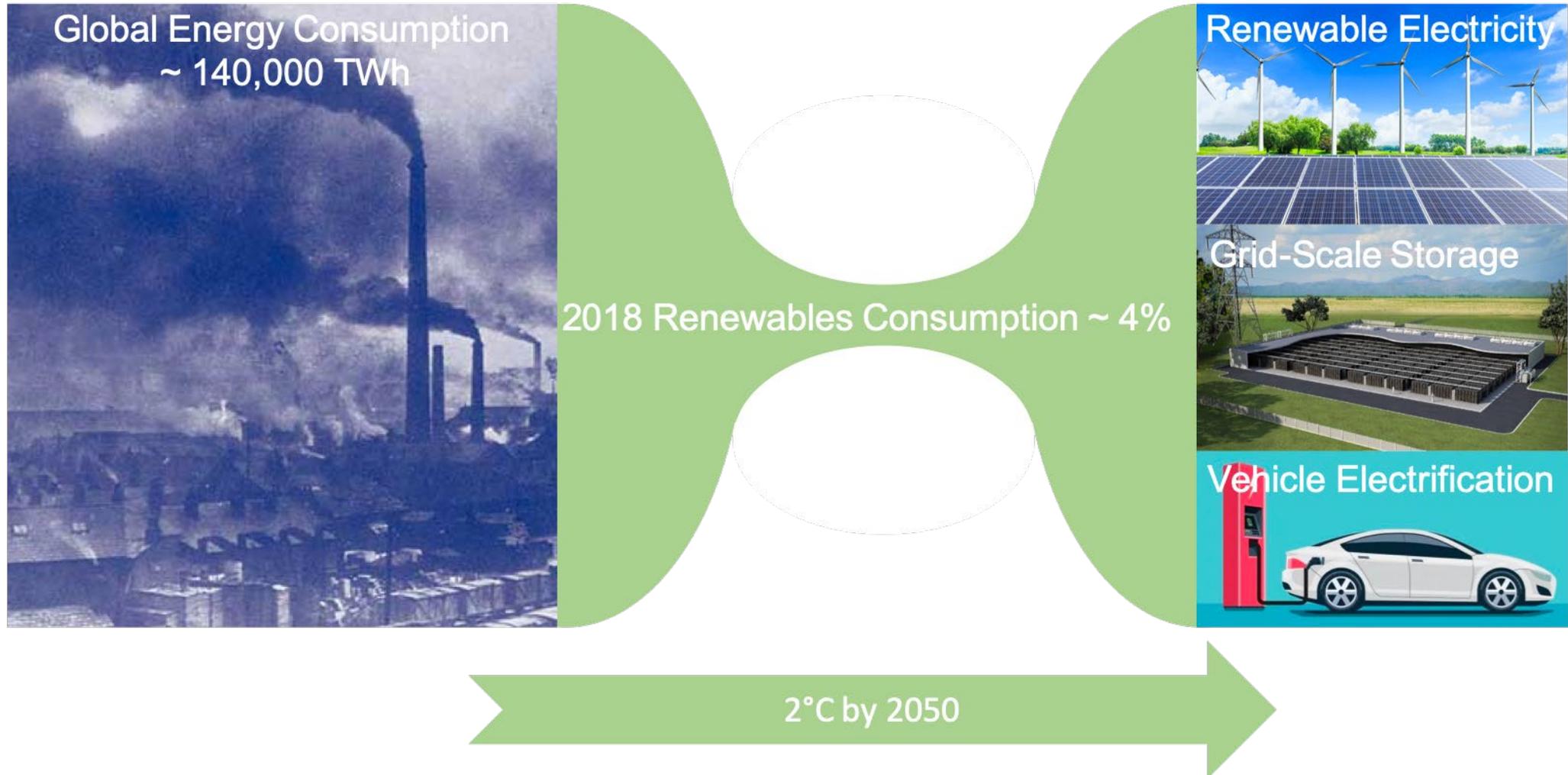
# Supplying the minerals for a low-carbon energy future

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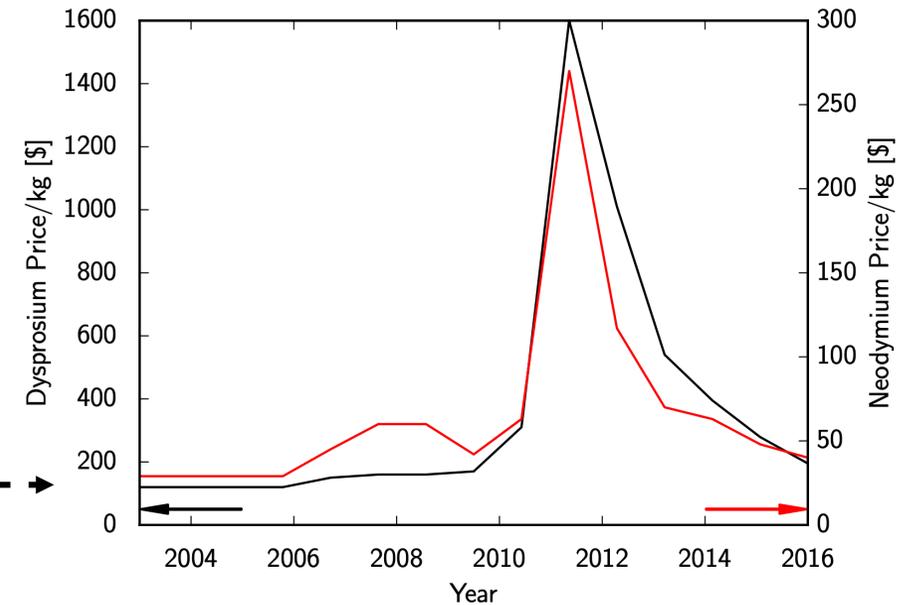
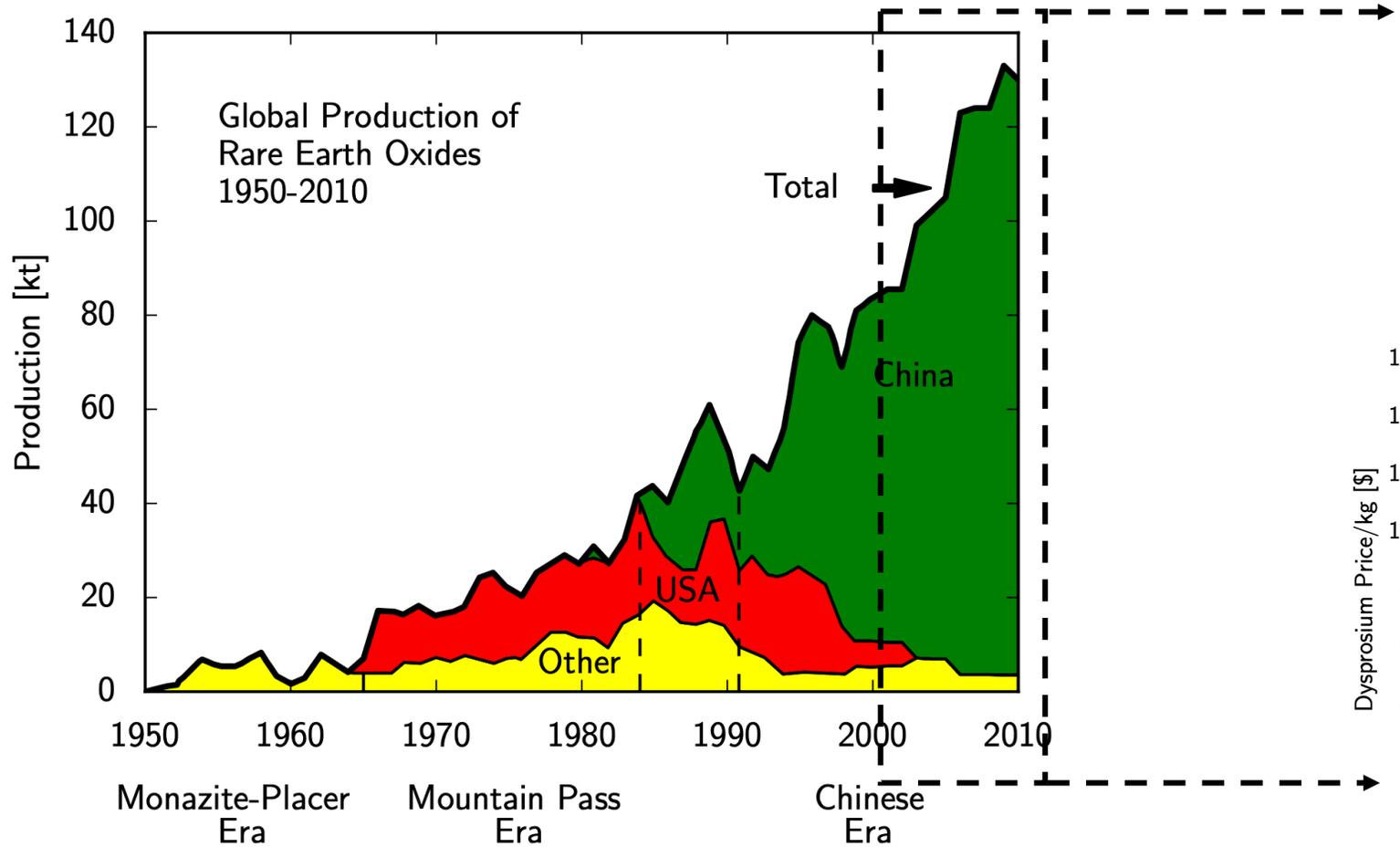
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# Fueling a sustainable energy transition

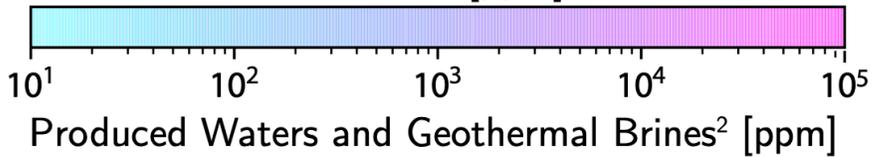
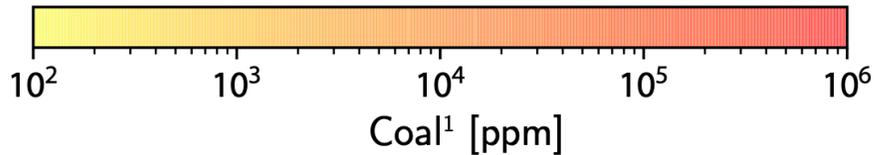
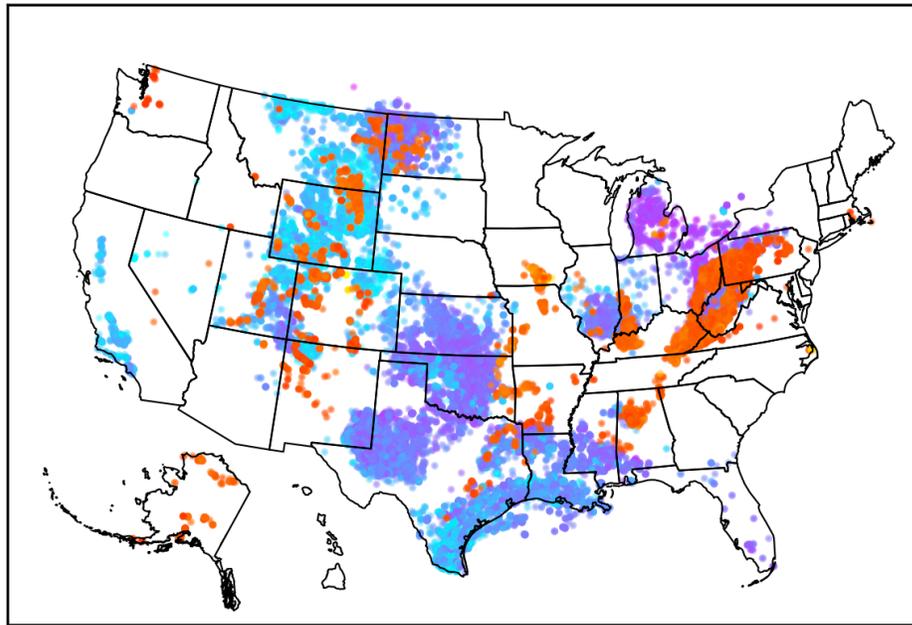


# Global production of REEs

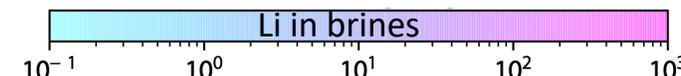
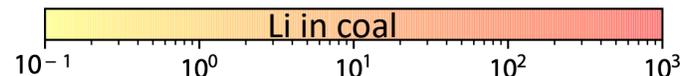
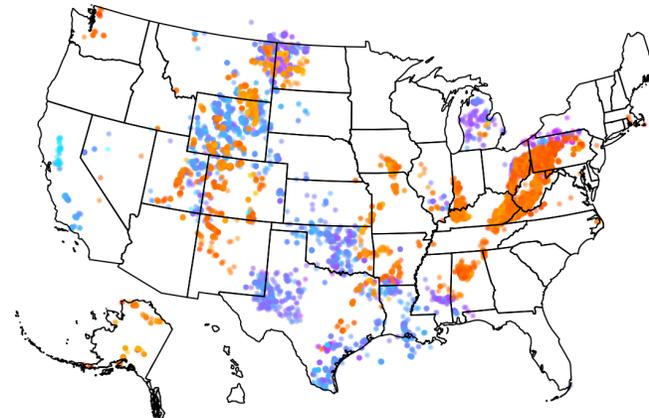
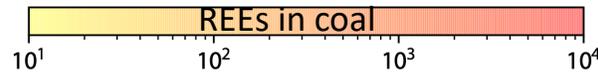
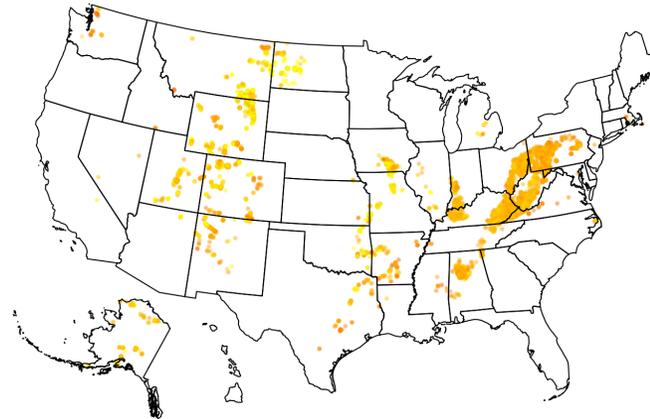


# Unconventional resources for critical minerals

Total Concentration of CMs



Sources: <sup>1</sup>USGS COALQUAL, <sup>2</sup>USGS Produced Water Databases



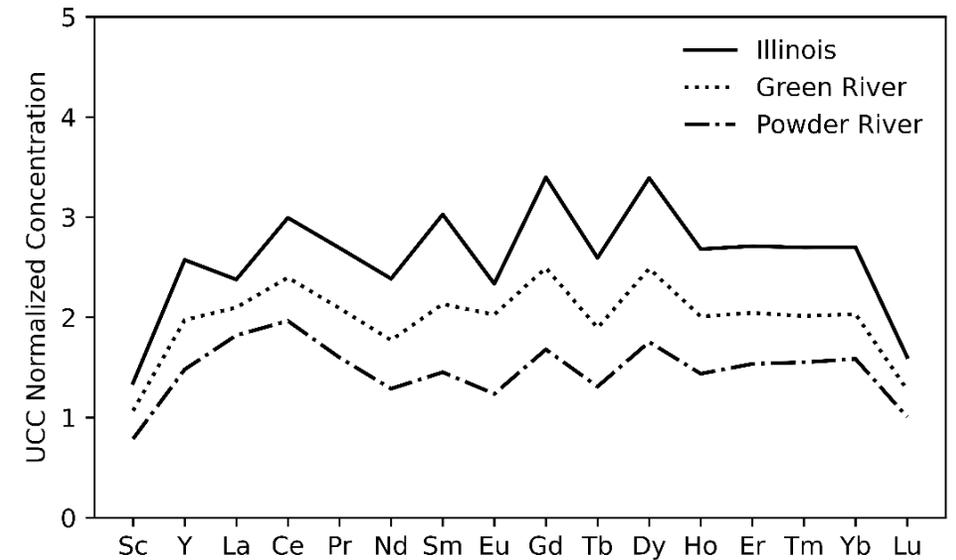
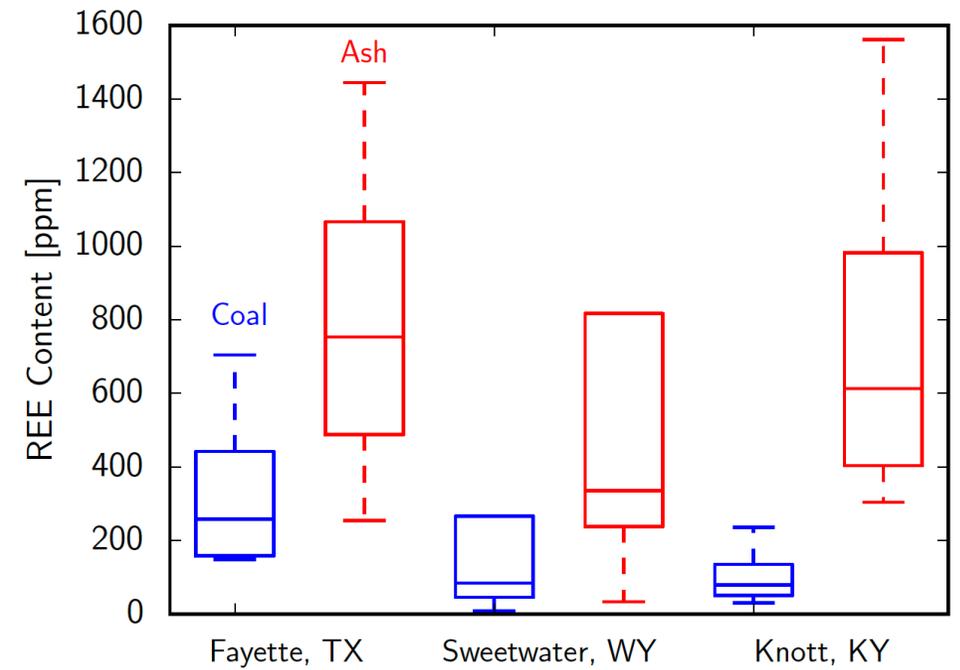
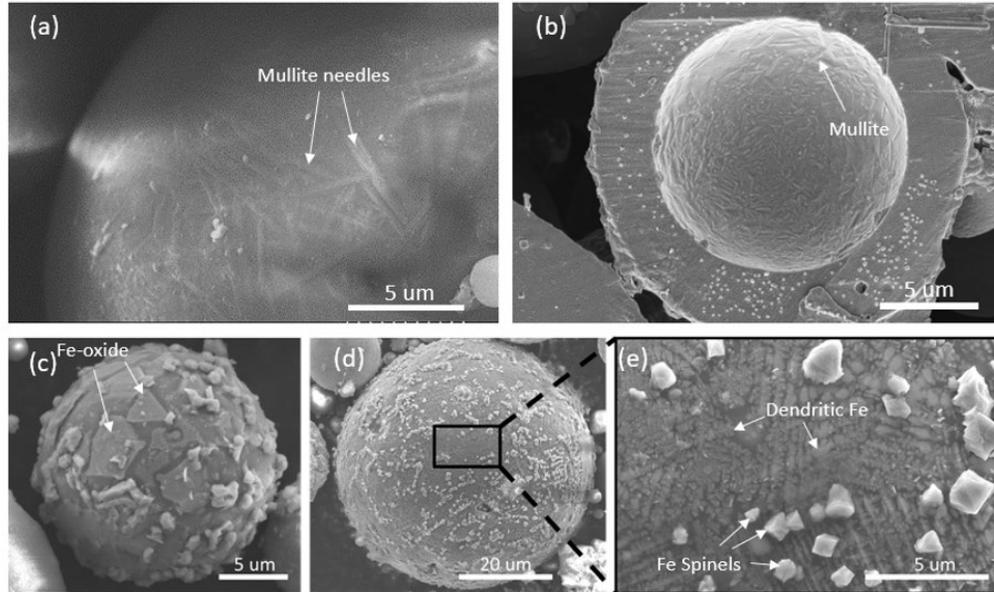
waste



use



# Resource characterization



Basin	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>2</sub> O	MgO	NaO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	TiO <sub>2</sub>
Illinois	20.6%	2.9%	22.1%	2.5%	1.0%	0.6%	49.4%	0.9%
Green River	17.1%	28.2%	5.8%	0.4%	6.7%	1.8%	38.0%	1.2%
Powder River	17.5%	6.0%	4.3%	1.2%	2.4%	1.6%	65.6%	0.9%