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Uranium potential in Greenland

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Greenland

- Greenland is part of the Kingdom of Denmark
- Largest island in the world, >2 mio. km²
- ~80% covered by an ice sheet
- 56.000 inhabitants
- 18 towns and 60 settlements

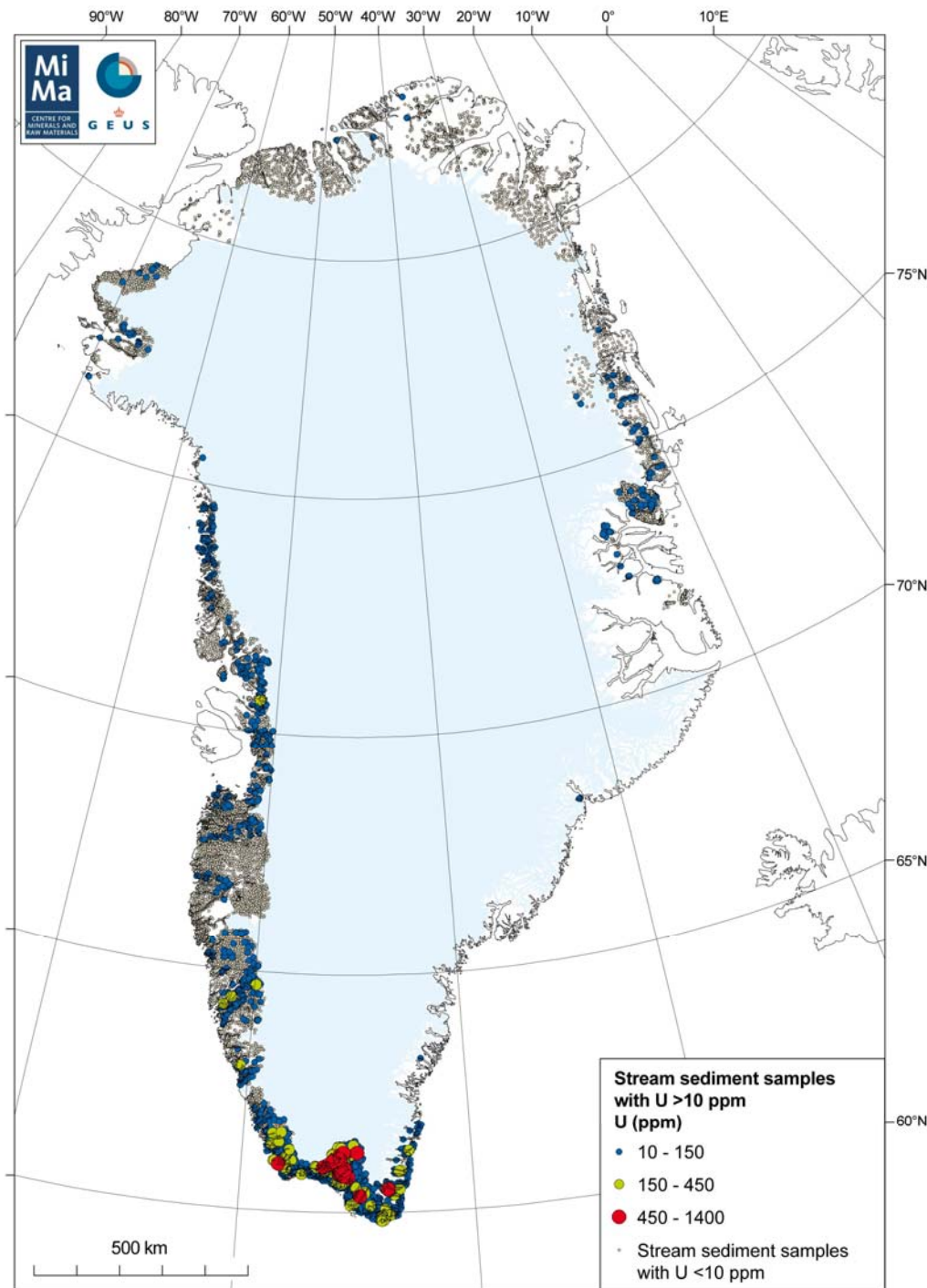


Uranium in Greenland

- Known uranium deposits (Keulen et al. 2014)
- Exploration and research in South and East Greenland in the 1950's to the 1980's
- Intrusion
- Vein
- Sandstone
- Metasomatic
- Volcanic
- Qz-pebble conglomerate

Stream sediment data

South Greenland has the highest background radiation in Greenland, but the Nuuk region also has relatively high background radiation

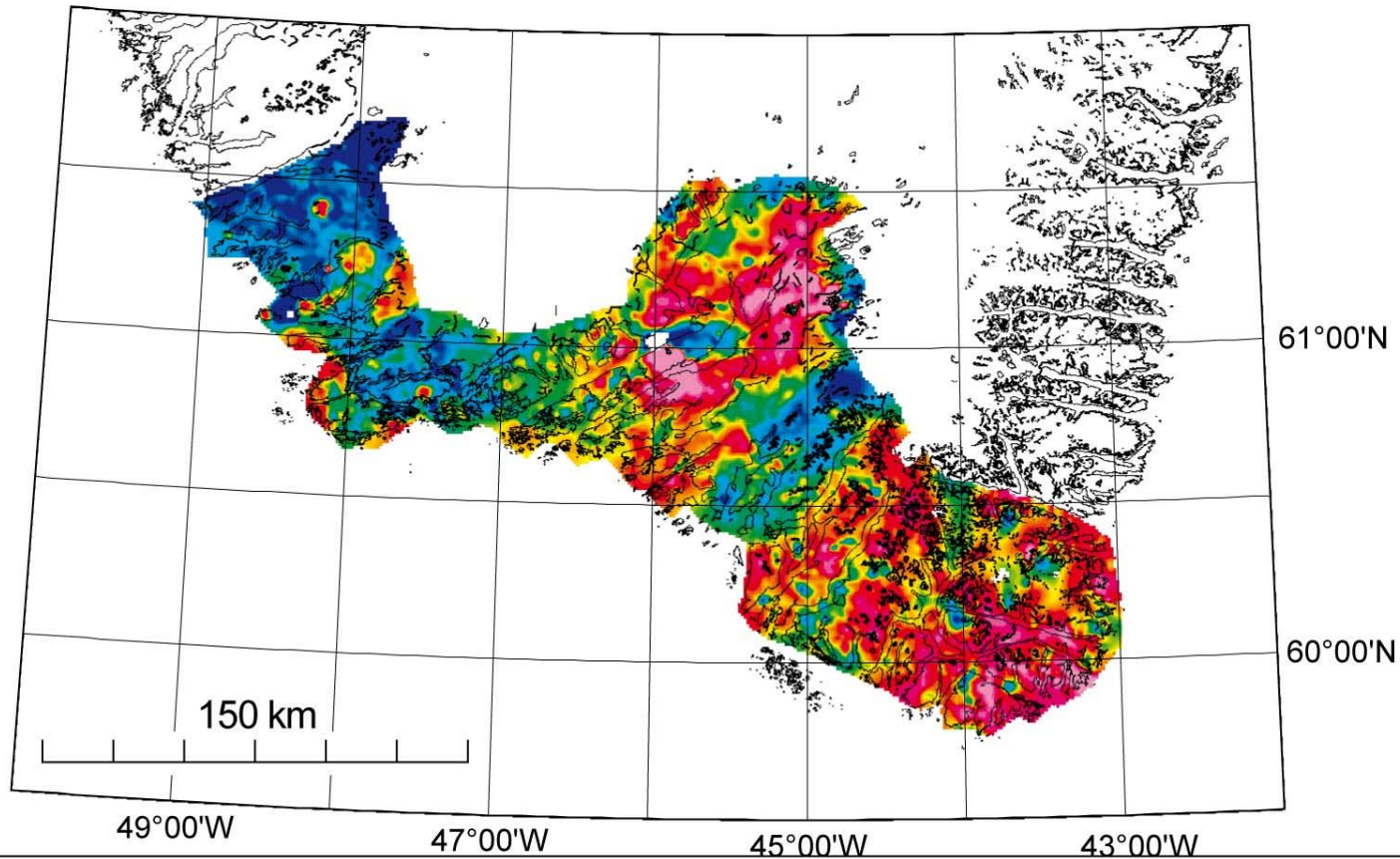
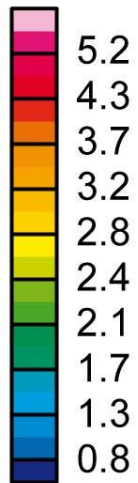




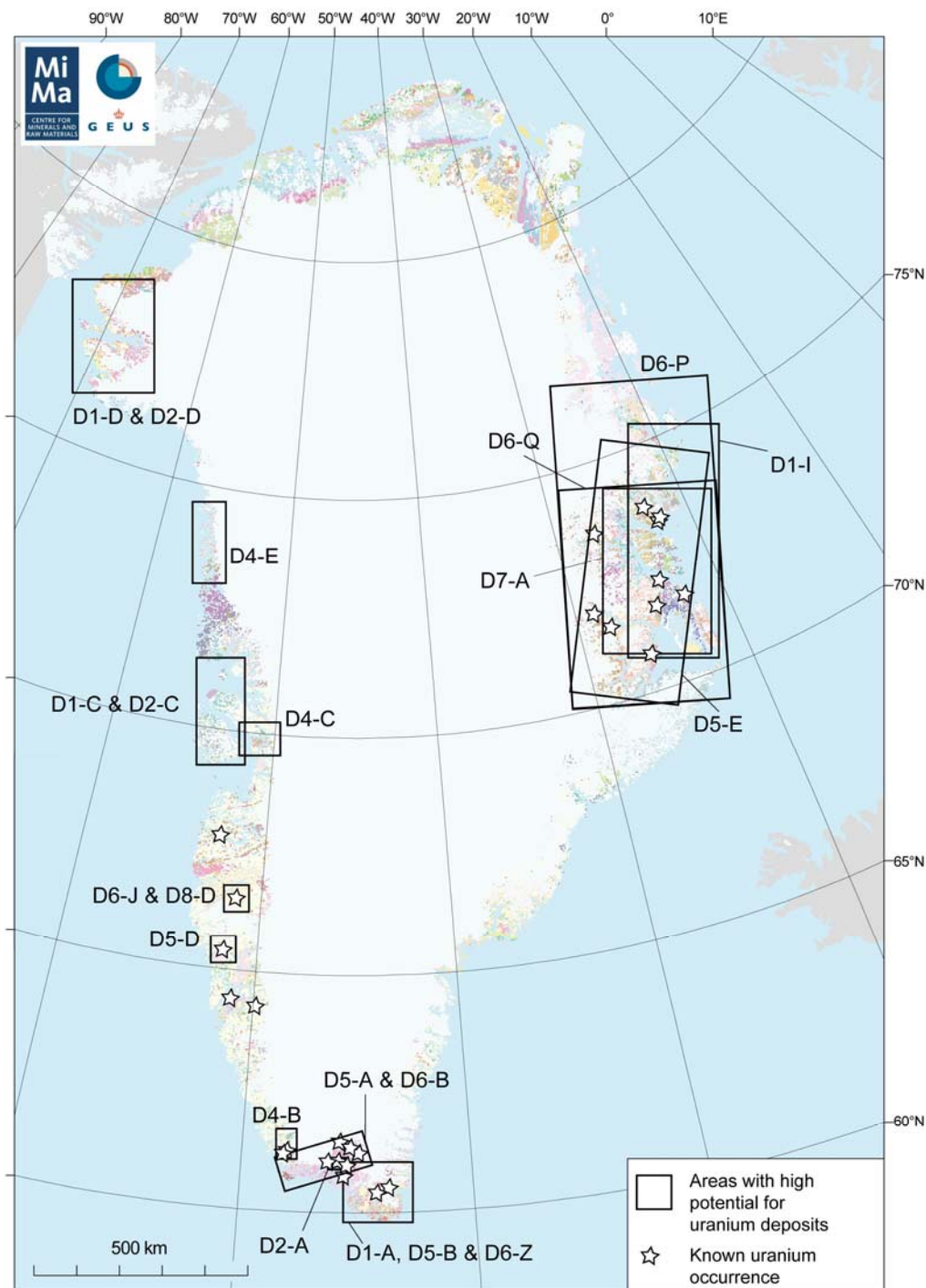
Airborne radiometric survey

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[ppm eU]



Armour-Brown et al. (1982)



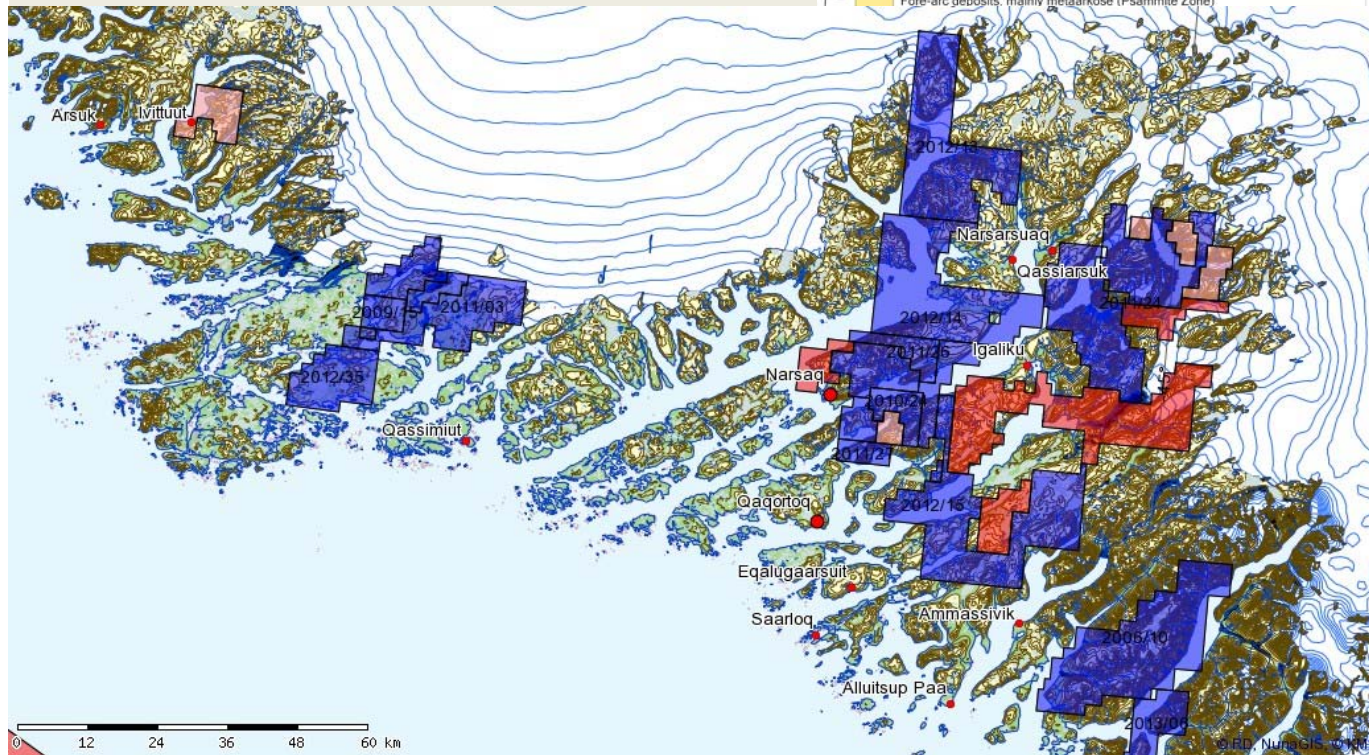
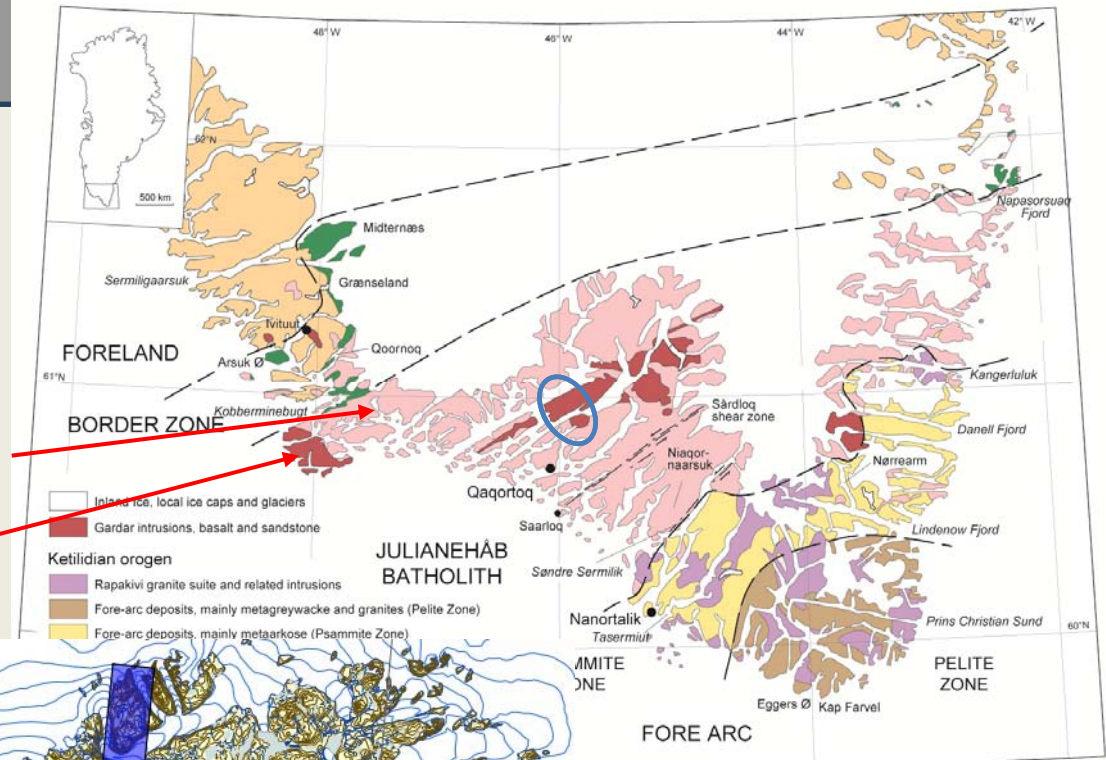
Uranium in Greenland

- The potential for uranium deposits is good (Keulen et al. 2014)
- Several areas with favorable geological environment for uranium deposits, fx. the Thule region (sandstone and unconformity-related deposit types).

South Greenland

Radioactivity related to:

- 1) The Julianehåb batholith (pink)
- 2) Gardar intrusions (red-brown)



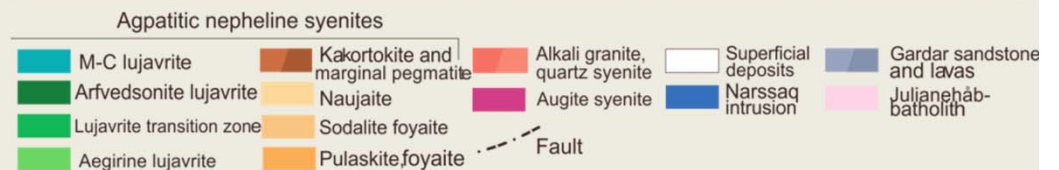
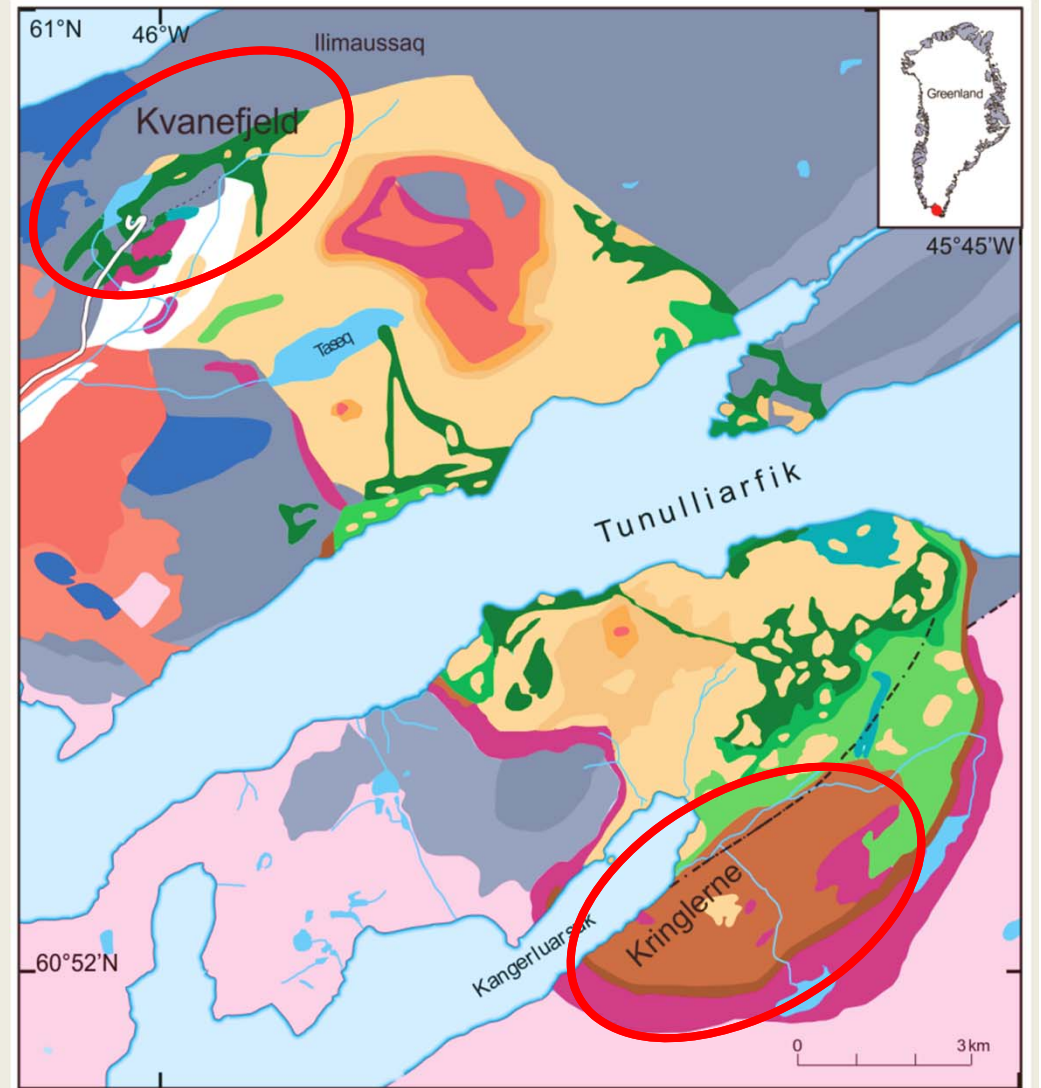
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The Ilímaussaġ Complex

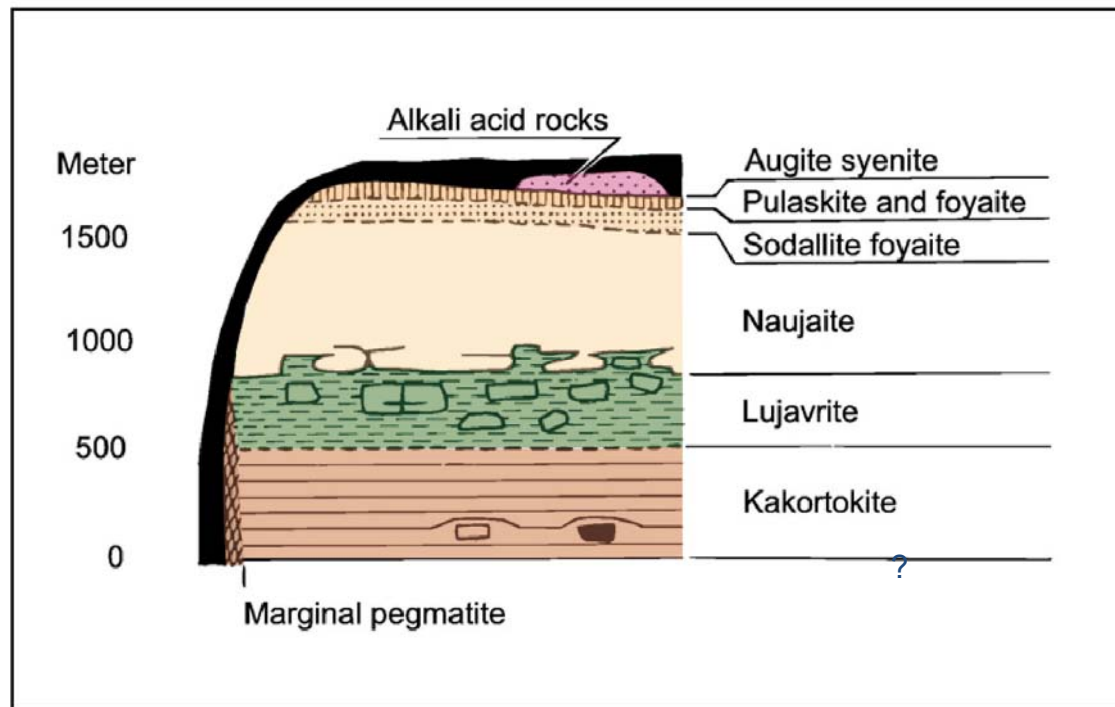
Agpaitic Nepheline Syenites
 Highly-evolved, highly-enriched
 in incompatible elements
 (Zr, Nb, Ta, Be, REE, U, Th etc)

>220 minerals
 34 discovered here
 16 unique

- Kakortokites
- Lujavrites
- Naujaite
- Sodalite Foyaite
- Pulaskite, Foyaite
- Augite Syenite
- Quartz Syenite



Ilímaussaq Intrusion



From Rønsbo, 2008 modified after Andersen et al., 1981

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- Final crystallized melt
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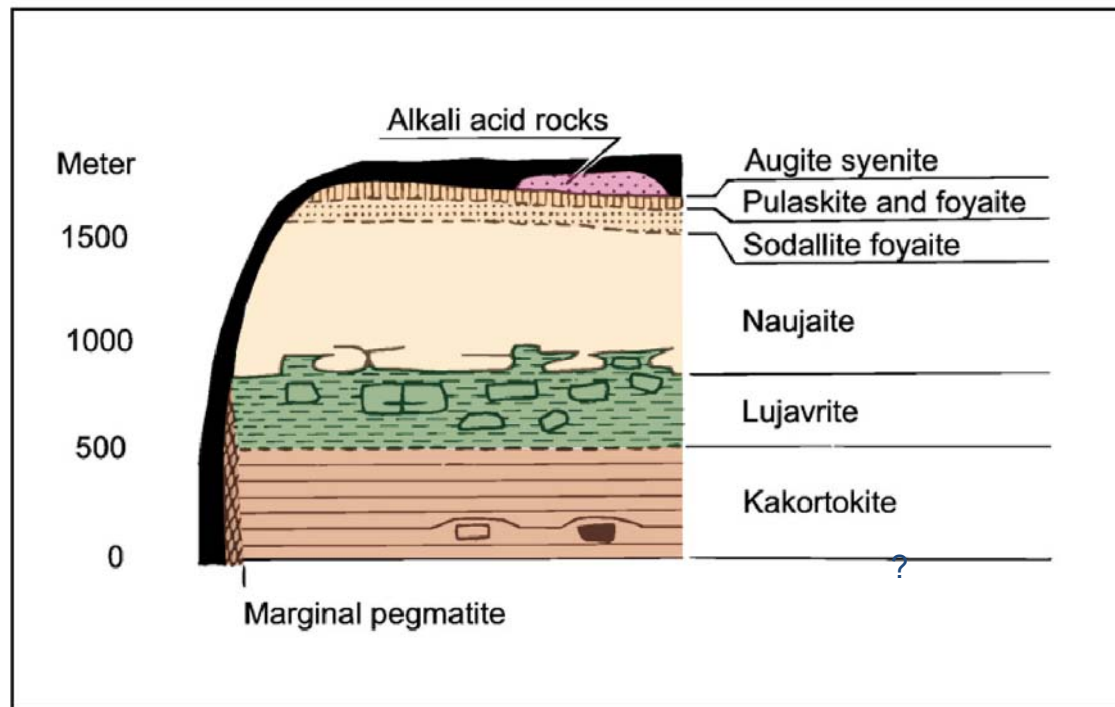
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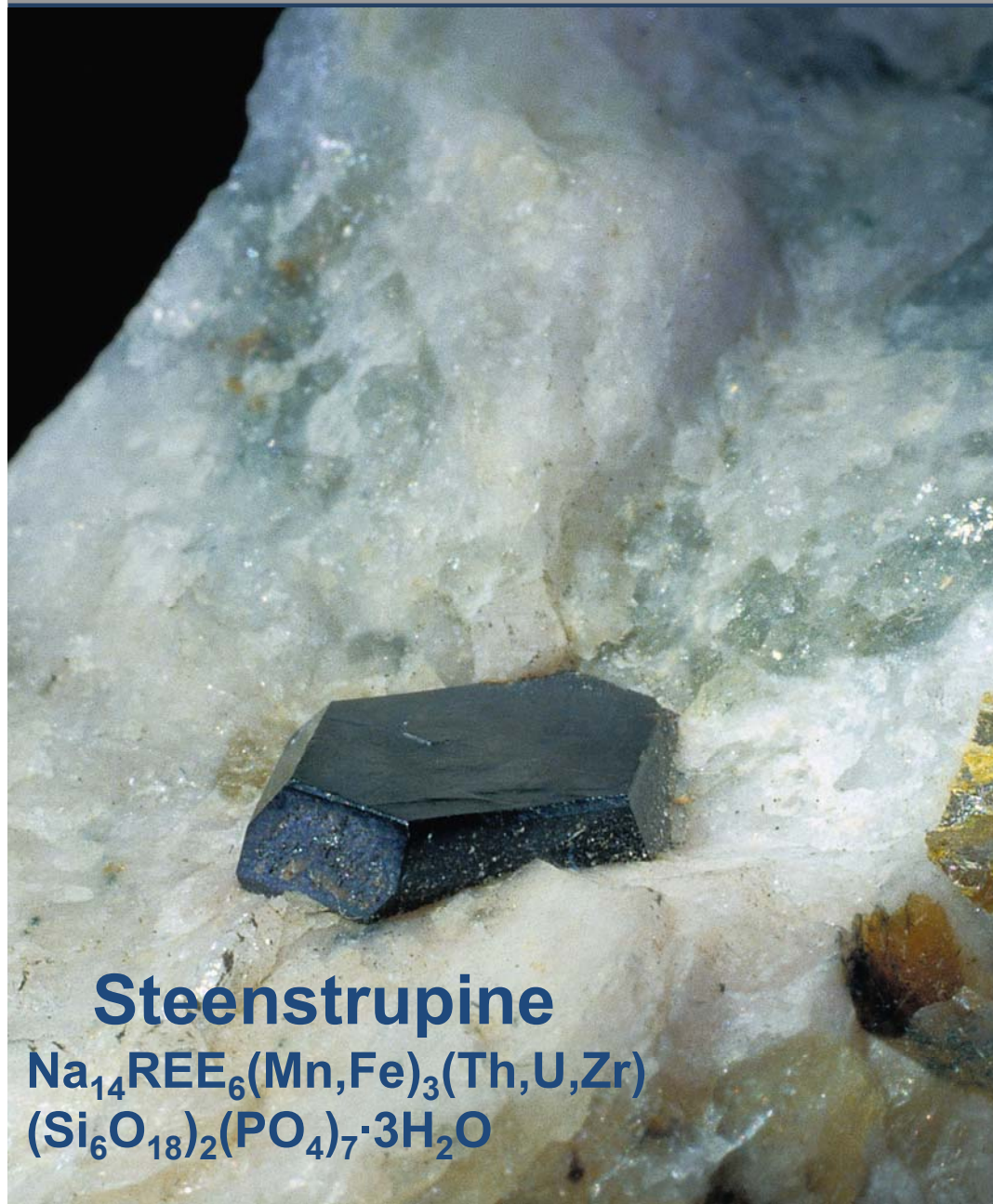
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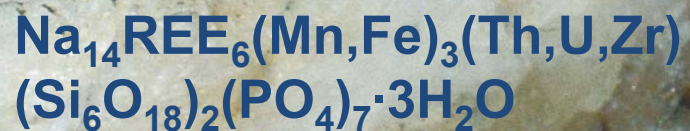
Kvanefjeld



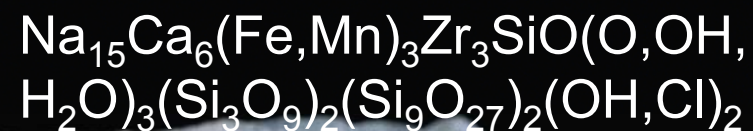
Foto: Henrik Friis



Steenstrupine



Eudialyte



The history of Kvanefjeld

- 1955, Danish government initiates uranium prospecting program
- GGU recommends targeting the Ilímaussaq Complex
- A primitive geiger counter survey was carried out by military personnel.
- 1956, the Kvanefjeld deposit was discovered.



Start up

- 1957, first attempts were made to develop a method to extract uranium from ore
- 1958, the first drilling program was carried out – 36 holes, 3728m
- 1962, 1400 m were drilled

1957, Niels Bohr became an honorary citizen in Narsaq



Progress

- In 1977, 27 holes, 5100 m drilled
- A one kilometre long adit in 1979-80
- Approximately 4.500 tonnes of ore were transported to Denmark in 1980 for further testing and processing.
- Finally in 1982, an efficient extraction method was developed for uranium from Steenstrupine.

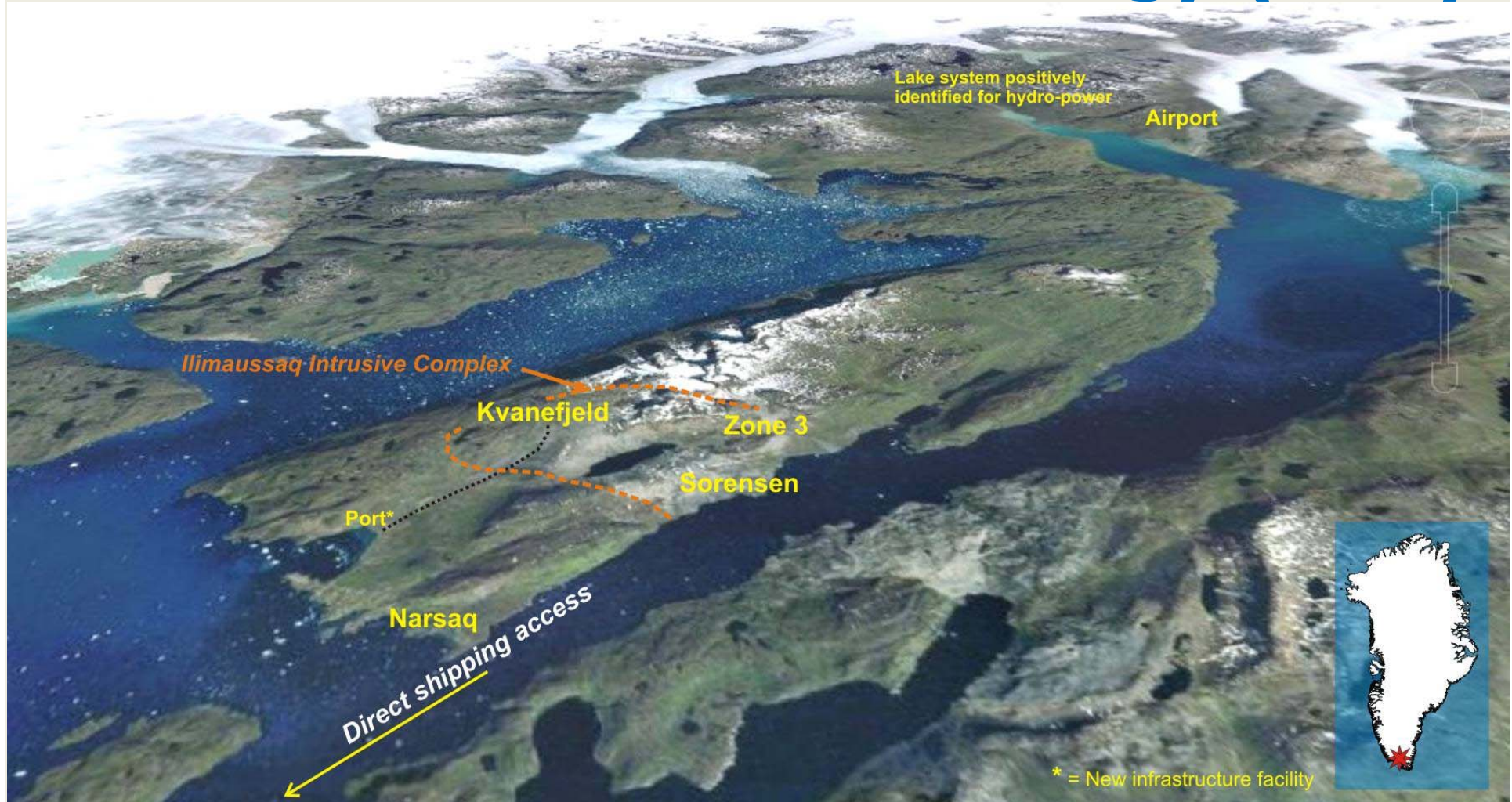


Resistance

- Late 1970's resistance against nuclear power rose in Greenland and Denmark.
- In 1985, Danish Parliament formally decided not to have nuclear power facilities in Denmark.
- A "zero tolerance" policy was introduced.
- The ban was lifted October 24, 2013



Greenland Minerals and Energy (GME)

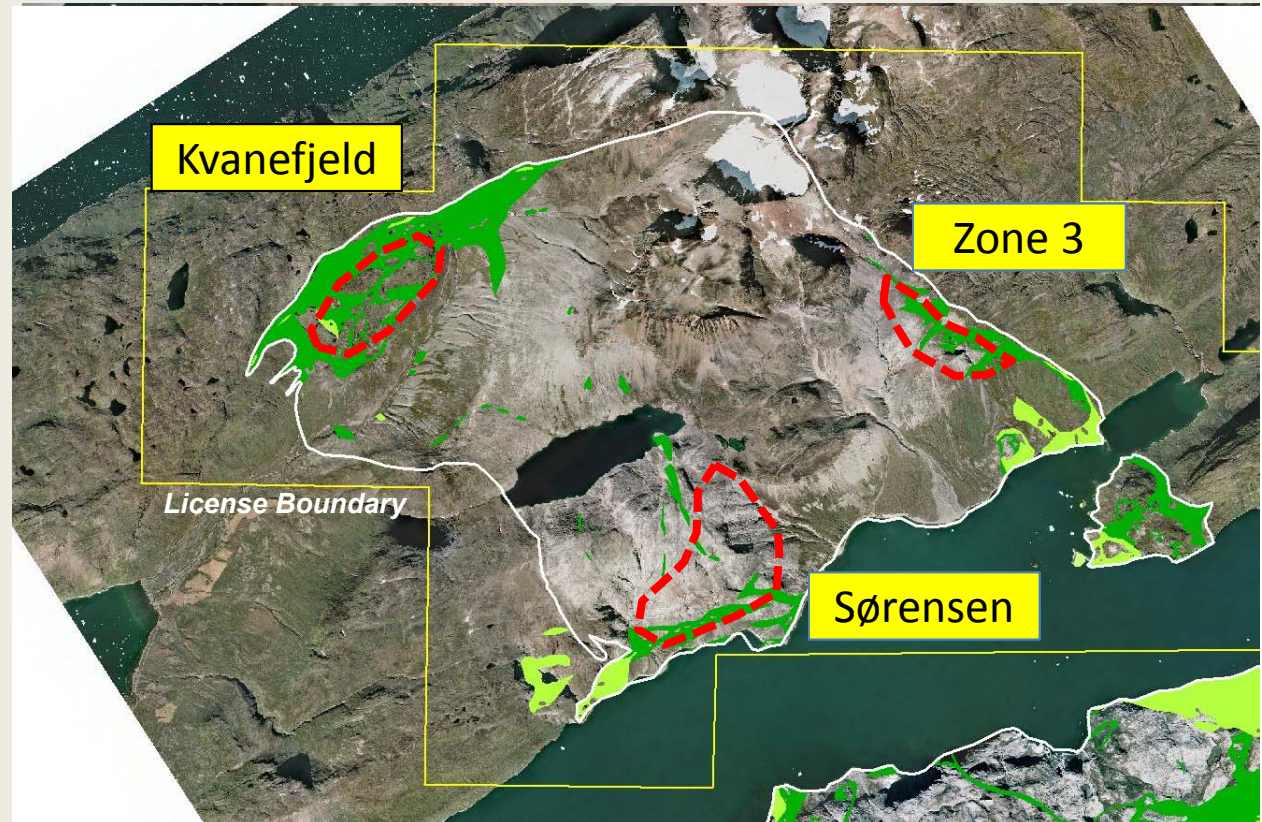


- GME has invested over \$75M in exploration and research over the past 6 years

Source: GME

Kvanefjeld Multi-Element Project

- The Kvanefjeld project:
Kvanefjeld,
Sørensen (Zone 2)
Zone 3
- One of the largest REE deposits in the world
- Open pit mining
highest grades near surface



Source: GME

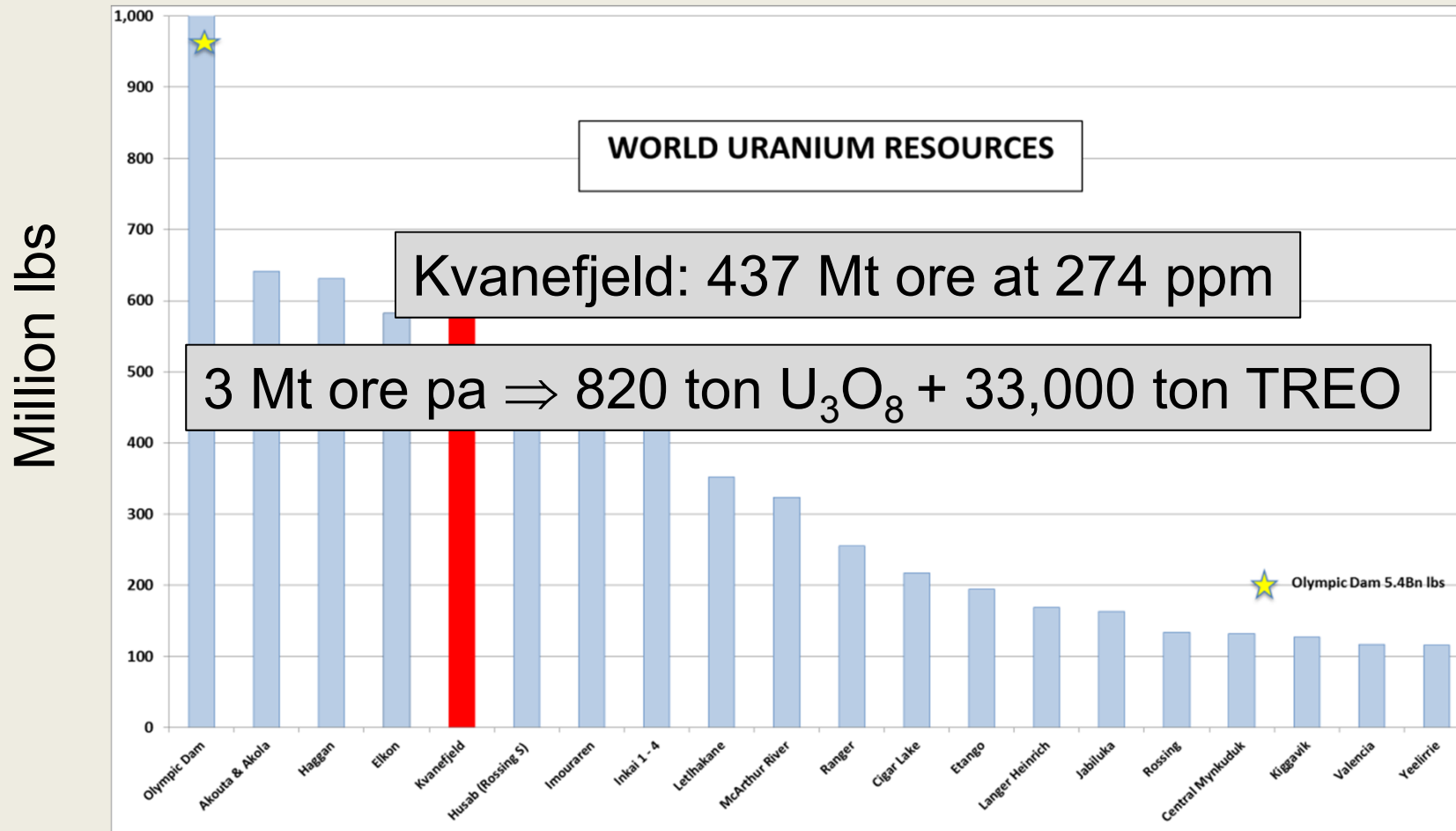
Project overall resource inventory:

956 Mt of ore containing: 10.33 Mt TREO (TREO includes: 0.37 Mt heavy REO, 0.84 Mt yttrium oxide), 2.25 Mt zinc, 575 Mlbs U_3O_8 indicated and inferred (JORC-compliant), at a 150ppm cut off

Total of 575 Mlbs U₃O₈ (260.800 ton U₃O₈)

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★ Olympic Dam's resources are 5,404 Mlbs

Source: BCC, Company Filings and websites as at January 27, 2012

Conclusions

- The uranium potential in Greenland is very good
- Kvanefjeld is the first advanced uranium project in Greenland
- Application for exploration licence expected in 2015.

