



Introduction to Coal Geology

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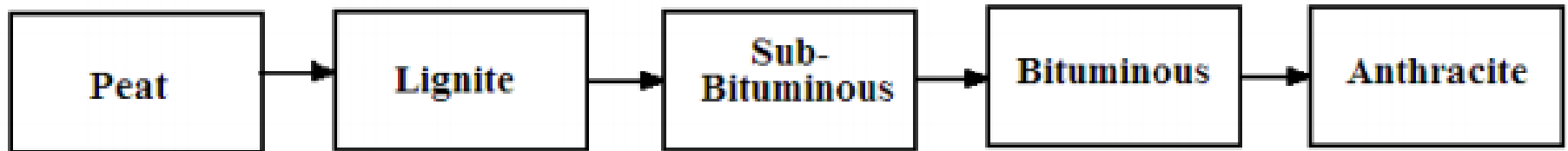
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Introduction to Coal

- What is Coal?
- Rock? Or Mineral?
- Coal is a unique rock type in the geological column, it has a wide range of chemical and physical properties.
- The principal uses of traded coals worldwide is for electricity generation and steel manufacture, with other industrial users and domestic consumption making up the remainder.

Origin of Coal

- Stages in coal Formation
 - Biochemical Stage
 - Geochemical Stage



Origin of Coal

➤ Hilt's Law

➤ Schurmann's Rule

➤ Insitu Theory

➤ Drift Theory

Origin of Coal

➤ Insitu Theory

- Huge amount of plant material accumulating in situ in present day swamps
- Many fossilised tree trunk are found standing erect
- The under clays found to be poor in alkalies
- Relative purity of coal seams
- Lenses of cannel coal are often found bituminous coal seams

Origin of Coal

➤ Drift Theory

- Large quantities of timber and tree trunk being transported in downstream by present day rivers
- Beds of peat and lignite are found in present day of some deltas
- Some coal measures found associated with marine fossils
- Coal seams are associated with sedimentary rocks and they itself behave like sedimentary beds
- Fire clays are found non associated with coal at many places
- Clays are mostly absent in many coal seams and coal lie directly on sandstone, shales or conglomerates

Any Questions??

Thank You !!!

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