

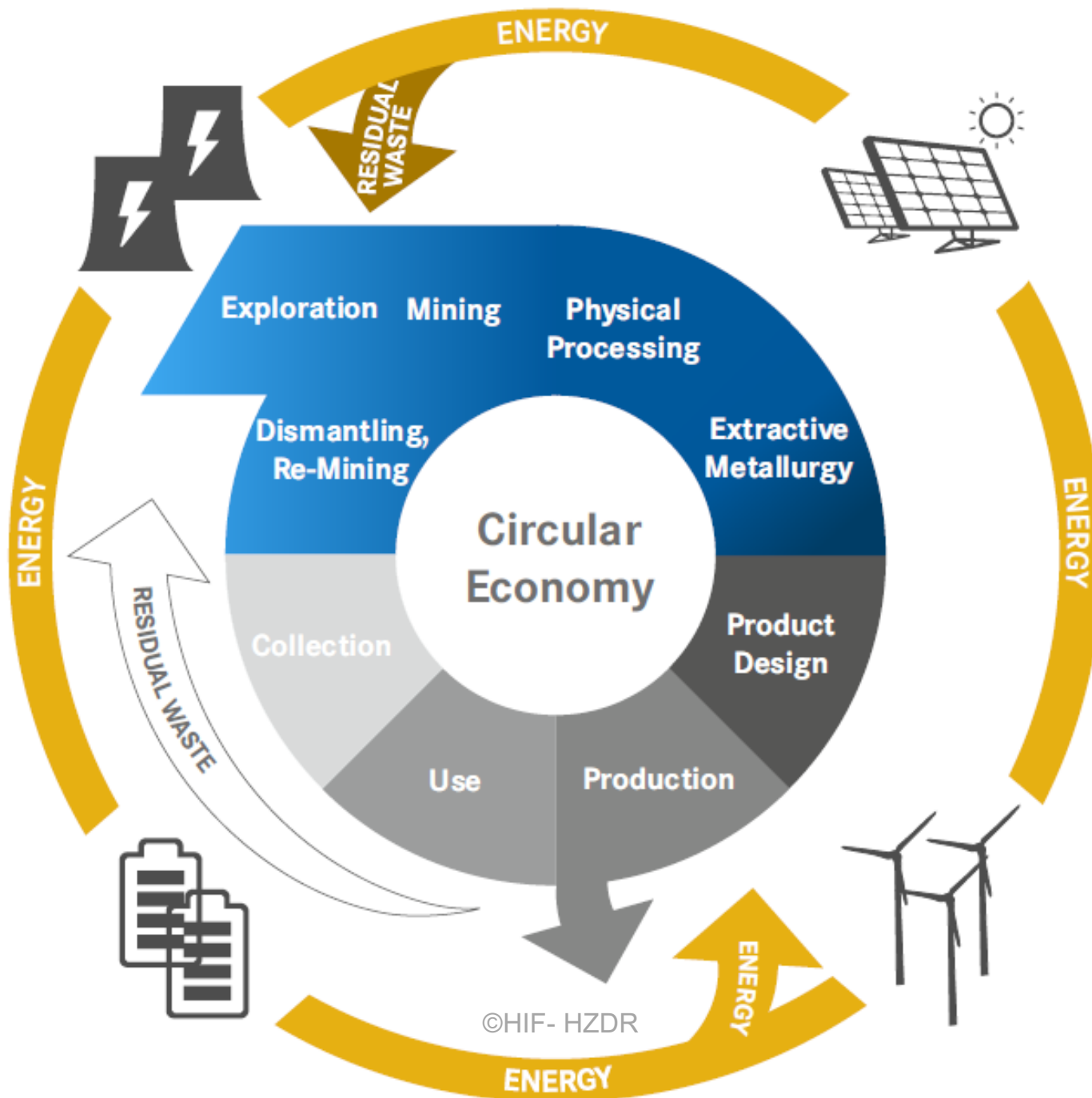
Digitalizing the Circular Economy

Markus A. Reuter

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Agenda

- Circular Economy
 - Fairphone example / flowsheet simulation + FACT
- Industrial examples
 - Using FACT Sage to design, optimize & control furnaces, as well as connected to flowsheet simulation & big data analysis
 - From my work at Ausmelt / Outotec
 - Industrial Example 1: Lead - China
 - Industrial Example 2: Copper, residues & eWaste - Japan
- Digitalizing the Circular Economy
 - Fairphone example concluded using FACT detail (if available!)



Some personal past history...

Applied Technology

The Intelligent Supervisory Control of Submerged-Arc Furnaces

Markus A. Reuter, Carla Pretorius, Chloë West, Peter Dixon, and Morné Oosthuizen

INTRODUCTION

In spite of the many advances in the process control of submerged-arc furnaces, a certain degree of human input is still required. Such input by the operator and the metallurgist is largely done by an innate "feel" for the process, although there are some modern methodologies available such as artificial intelligence techniques^{1,2} that could assist in these activities. In a constantly changing market where profit margins are tight, it is imperative that furnaces run as optimally as possible. This can arguably be done better in a computerized environment.

This article discusses the intelligent supervisory control of submerged-arc furnaces. Various aspects of such a system are illustrated, relating the metallurgical and electrical parameters to the control loops of the furnace.

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*InTouch*TM) provides all of the standard features of such state-of-the-art packages, including graphical interfaces, data logging, historical trending, and SQL features; intelligent multiple symptom alarming (e.g., through the command language); statistical process control; on-line documentation; the checking of trends and setting of corresponding alarms; and the monitoring of furnace pressures, temperatures, and instrument readings for failure.

In addition to the basic SCADA software customized for an application, various modular *Windows* utilities could also be accessed from SCADA's user-interfaces. These model-based utilities provide the user with tools with which various furnace modes of operation can be simulated, hence, providing very useful operator guidance. Among these tools are:

- *Characteristic Curves*. This on-line networked electrical model of a furnace models and displays the electrical side of furnace operation in real time. This is a very useful tool to demonstrate the control of a furnace as well as to create expert

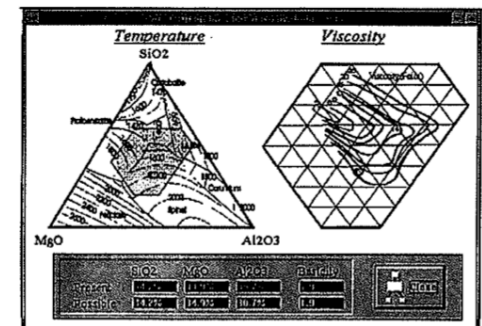


Figure 3. An on-line phase diagram accessed through the database.

FAIRPHONE

Fairphone's Report on Recyclability

Does modularity contribute to better
recovery of materials?



fairphone.com

Let's bring in the experts: An analysis using the Recyclability Index

To help us gain a better understanding of the different issues related to electronics recycling, we turned to two very bright minds: Dr. Antoinette van Schaik (MARAS B.V.) and Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Markus A. Reuter (Freiberg, Germany), both renowned experts in recycling, sustainable technologies for metallurgy and digitalizing the circular economy. We commissioned them to investigate the recyclability of the Fairphone 2 using the Recyclability Index and Material Flower developed by van Schaik and Reuter.

After the completion of the study, we have identified at least 45 different elements (or materials).

With this study, our aim was to research the potential recovery of all these materials in every part of the phone – from the external housing down to the tiniest capacitor.

<https://www.fairphone.com/en/2017/02/27/recyclable-fairphone-2/>

Fairphone Recyclability: Recycling Flow Sheet

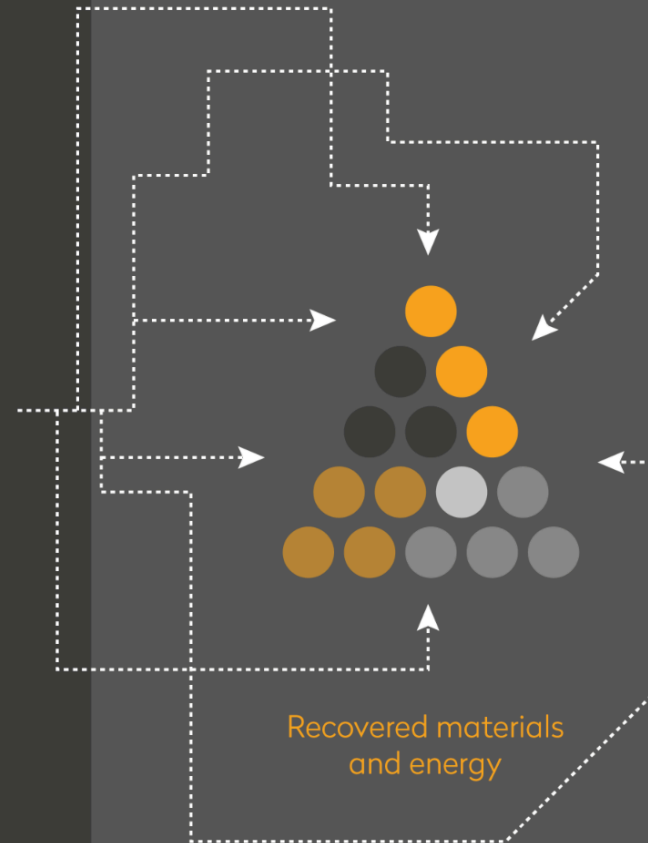
Recycling Route 1 – Smelting & Metal Refining



Whole phone



TSL Furnace

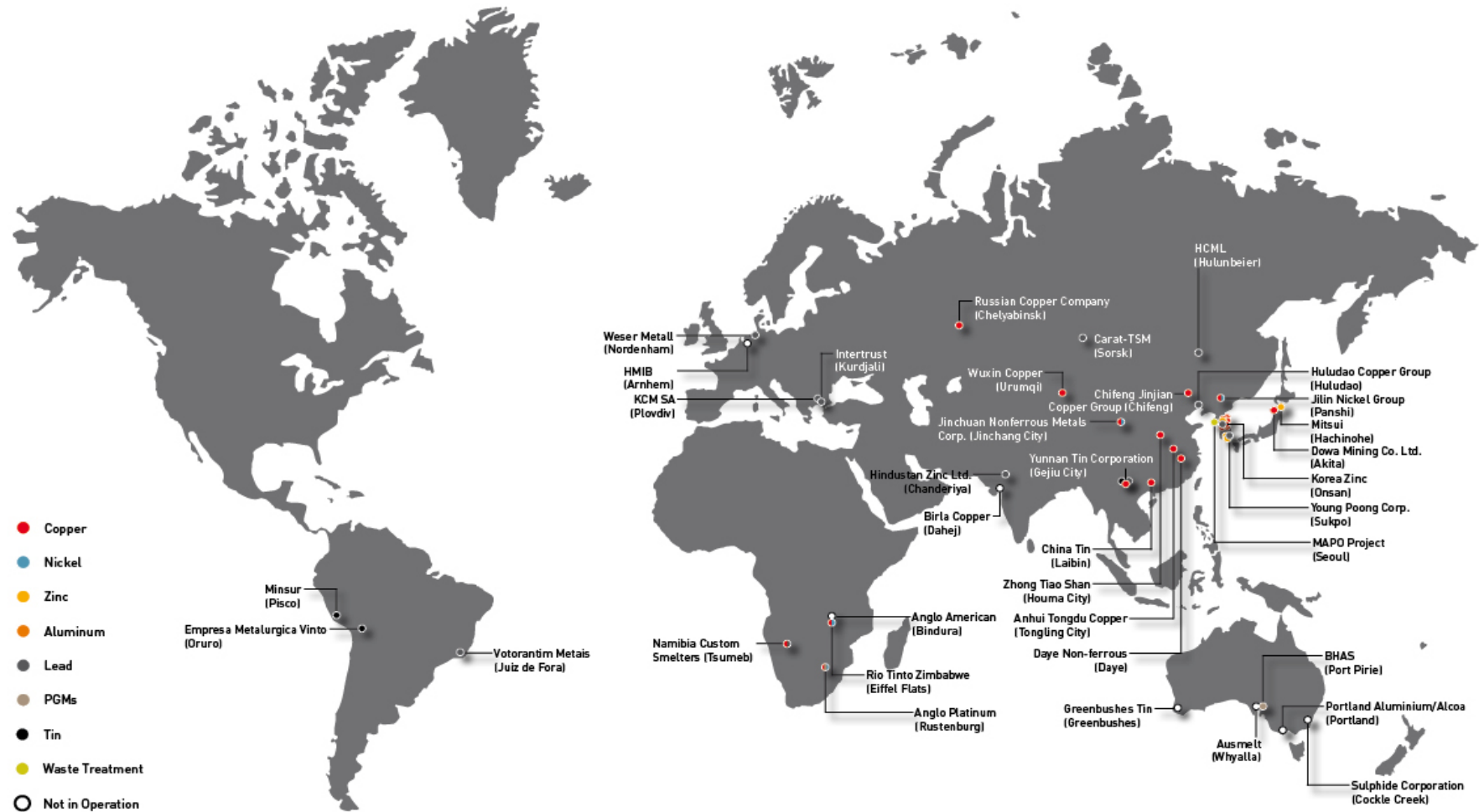


Recovered materials and energy

Feeding whole Fairphones into a high-temperature furnace.
Metals, alloys, inorganic compounds and energy are the main outputs of this process.

Technology / System Design & Simulation

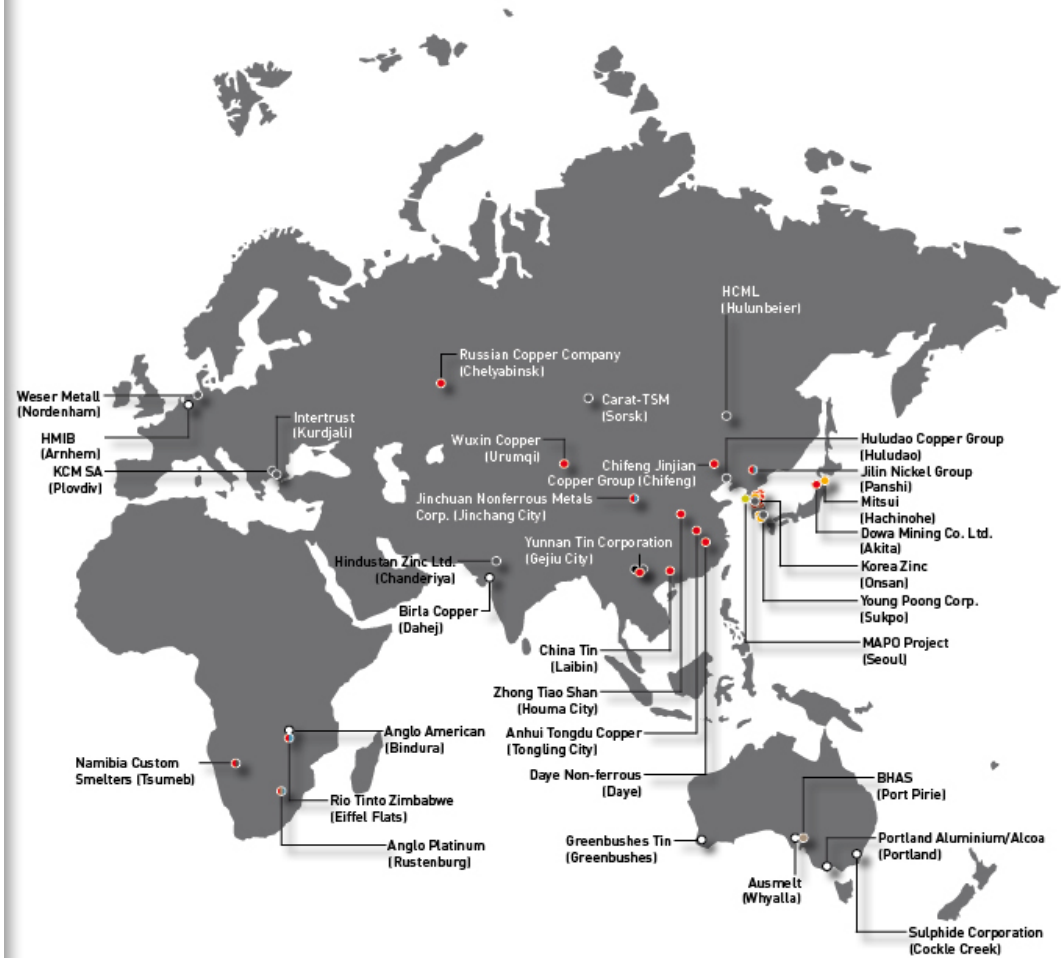
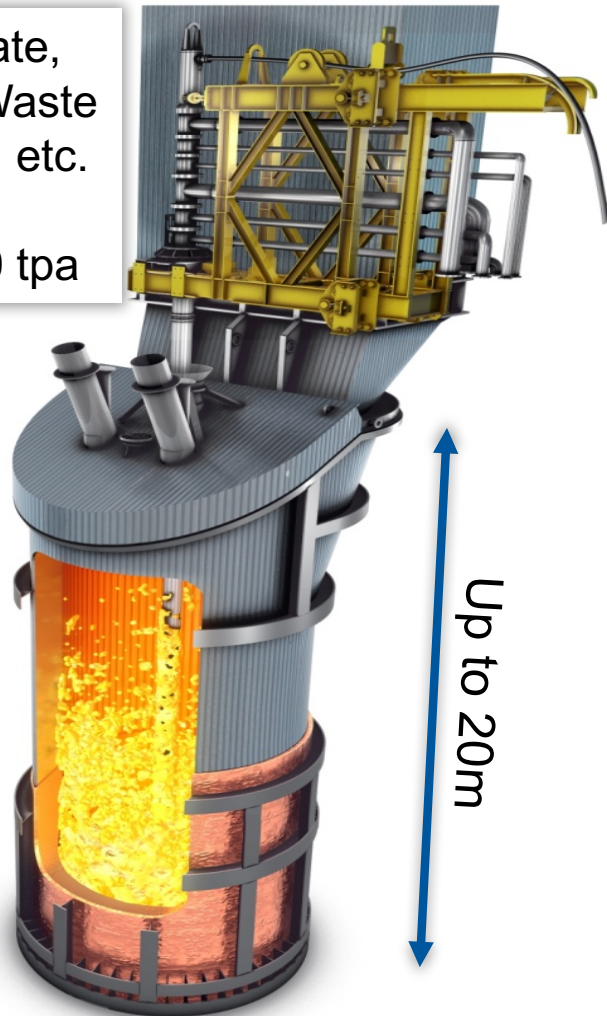
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TSL Plants (65)



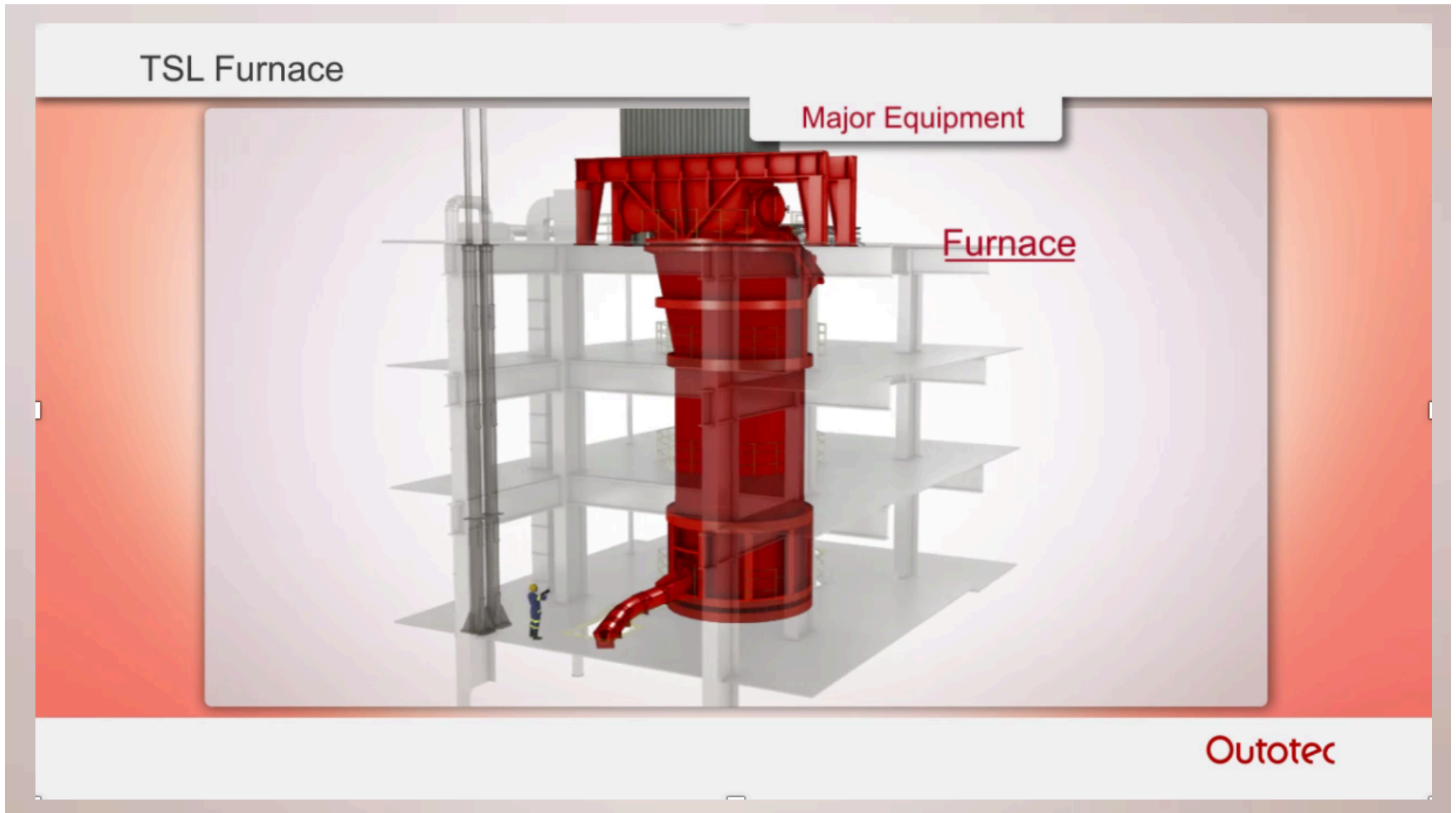
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Concentrate,
Scrap, eWaste
Residues, etc.
10,000 to
1,500,000 tpa



Technology / System Design & Simulation (Video)



Industrial apps: Cu, Zn, Pb, Ni, Residues, eWaste



Dowa (Japan): PCBAs, Cu, residues



Boliden Rönnskår (Sweden): Kaldo for eWaste



Recylex (Germany): Lead Battery, Pb residues



JCC Guixi (China): Cu scrap, internal material (slags), residues



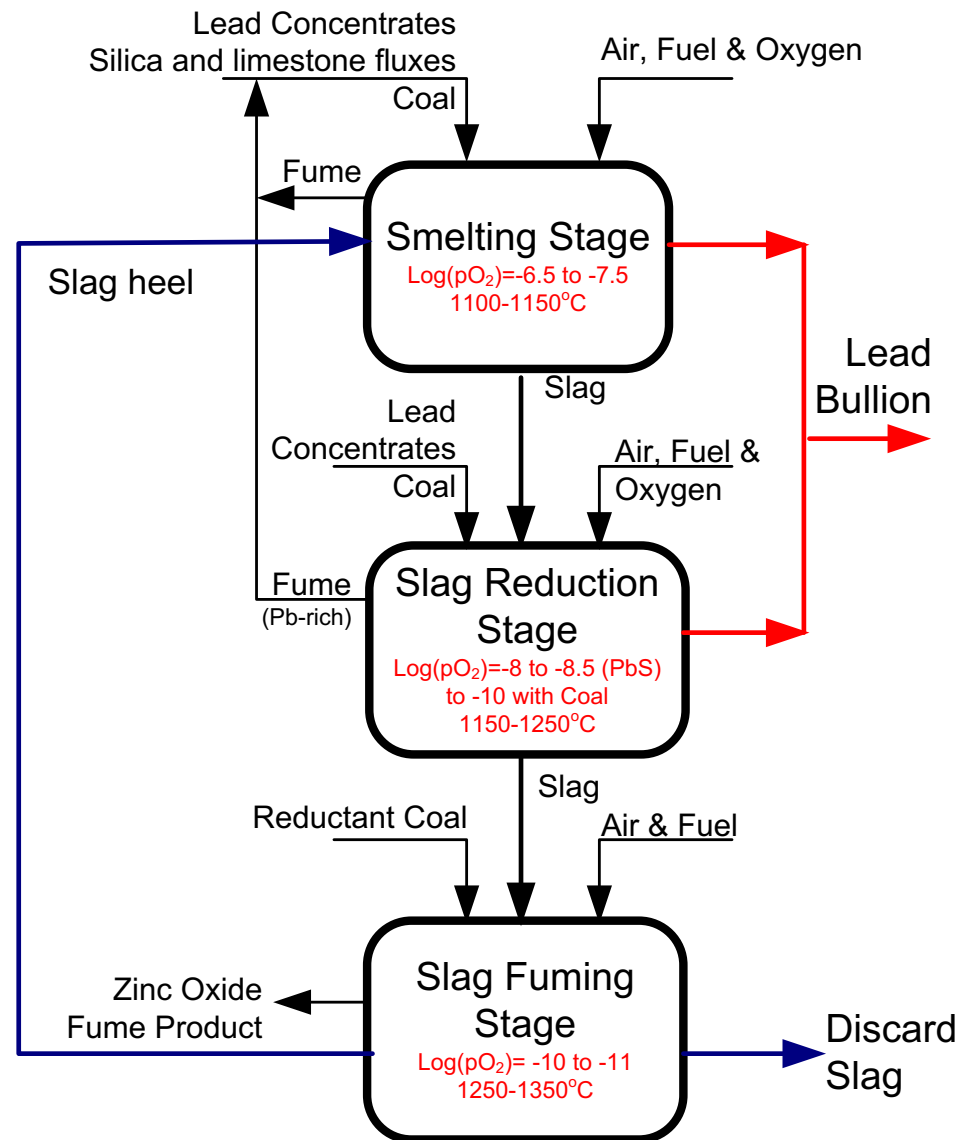
GRM – Danyang Smelter (S. Korea): Cu scrap, residues etc.



Young Poong Corporation (S. Korea): Pb/Zn

1, 2 or 3 Stage Lead Smelting in a TSL

Australia, Bulgaria, China, Germany, India, S. Korea



YTCL Lead Smelter, China

- Design capacity
 - 190,000 t/y lead concentrates
 - 100,000 t/y refined lead
 - 160 t/y silver
 - 86,000 t/y sulphuric acid
- 3 stage batch process
 - Smelting, slag reduction, zinc fuming



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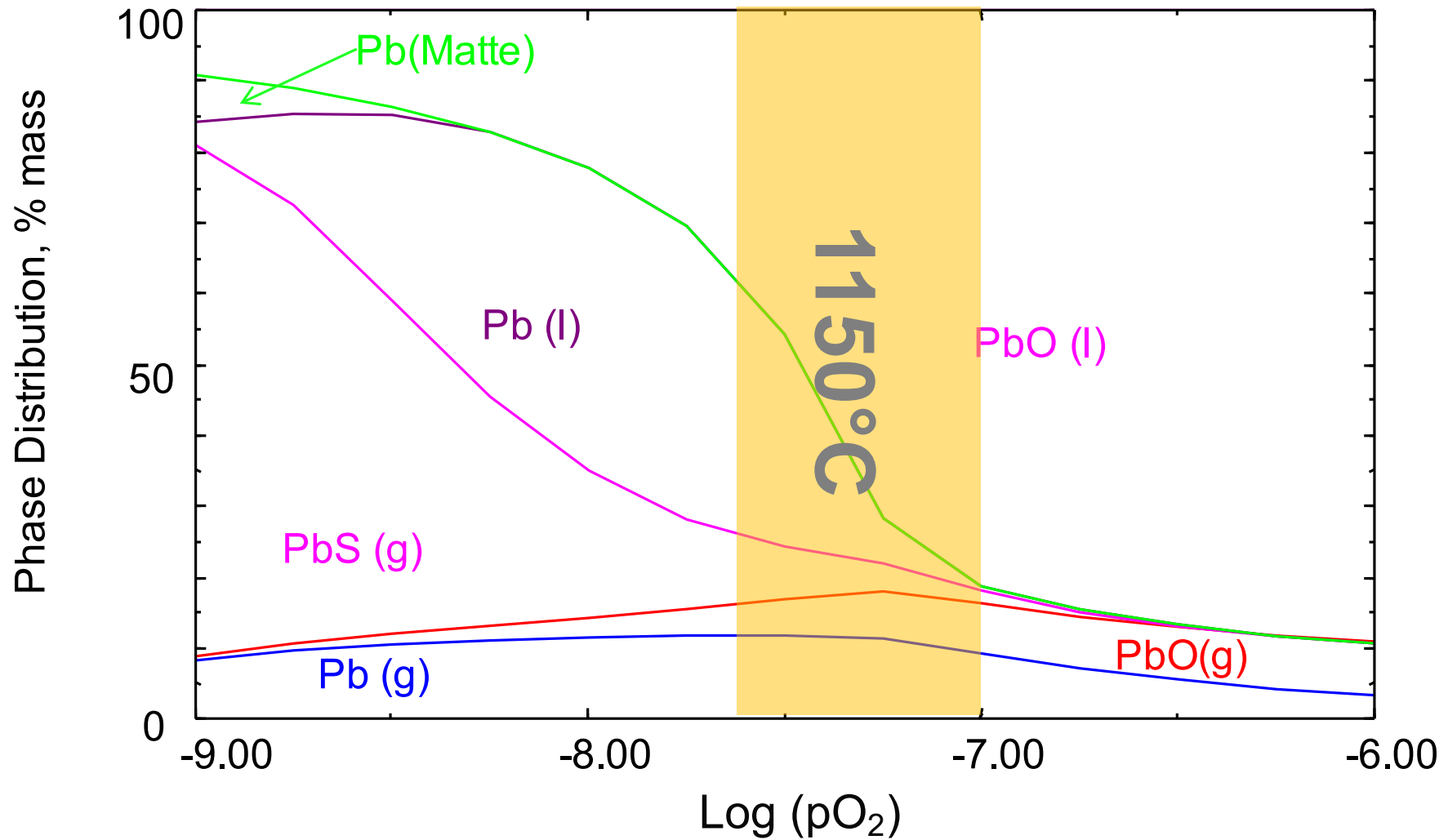
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**THEORY AND PRACTICAL OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR LEAD
SMELTING OPERATIONS**

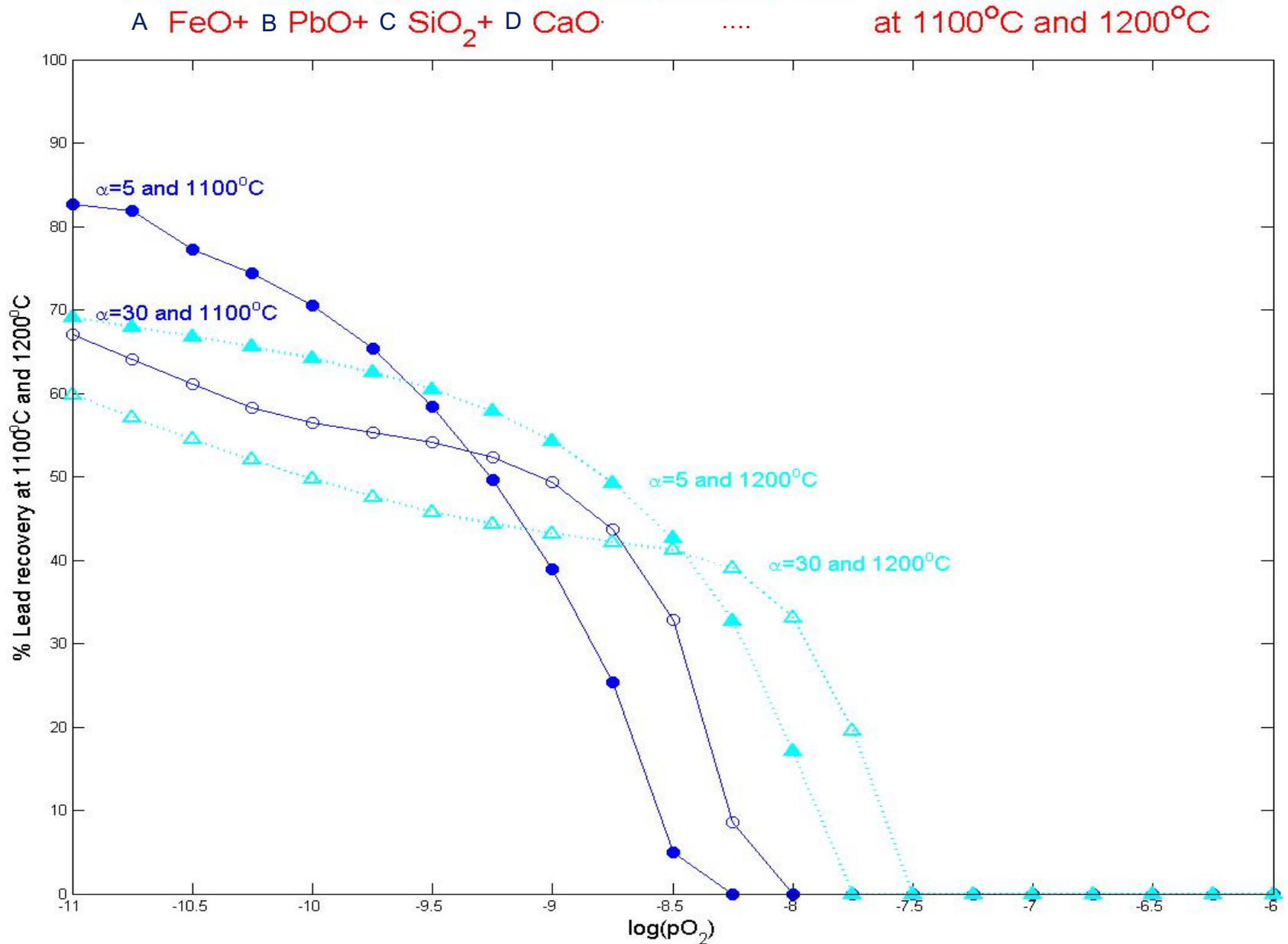
铅熔炼操作的理论与实际操作指导意见书

Theory explained in this
manual using various
FACT Sage examples.

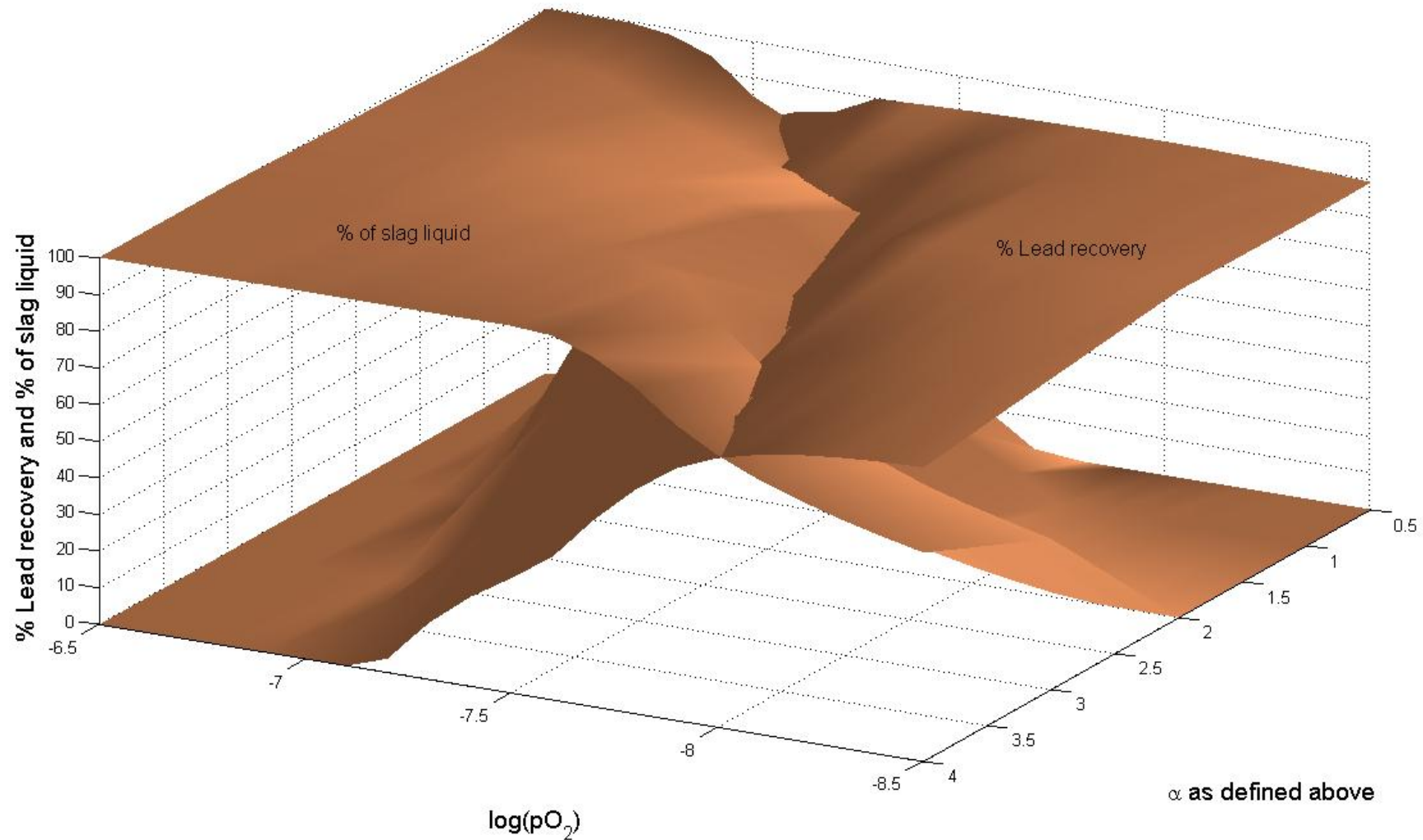
Smelting phase distributions (function of feed & calibrated for operating conditions in TSL)



Controlling the furnace operation

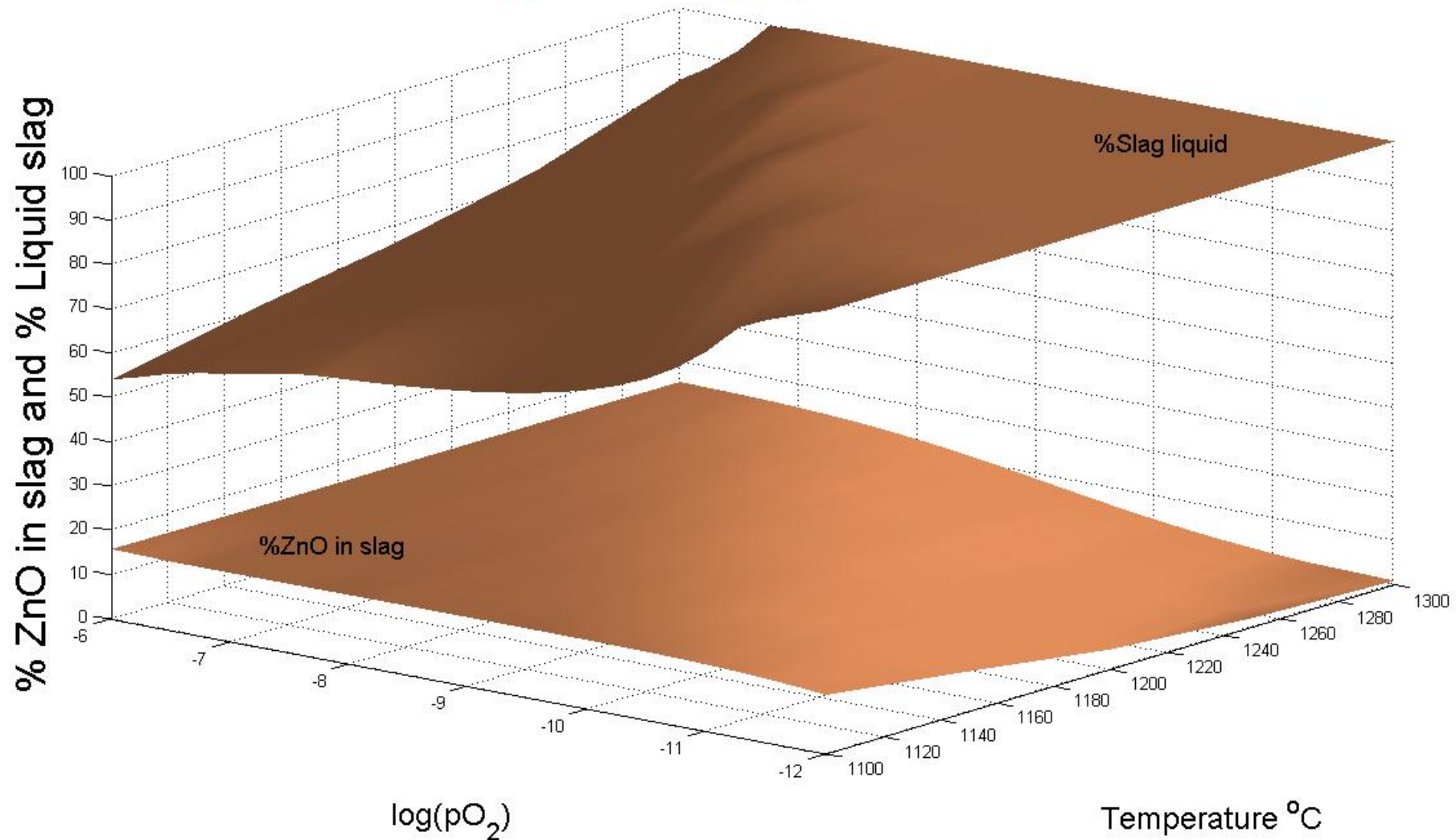


Various feed parameters: TSL smelting & reduction stage (generalized figure)



Slag fuming stage (generalized figure)

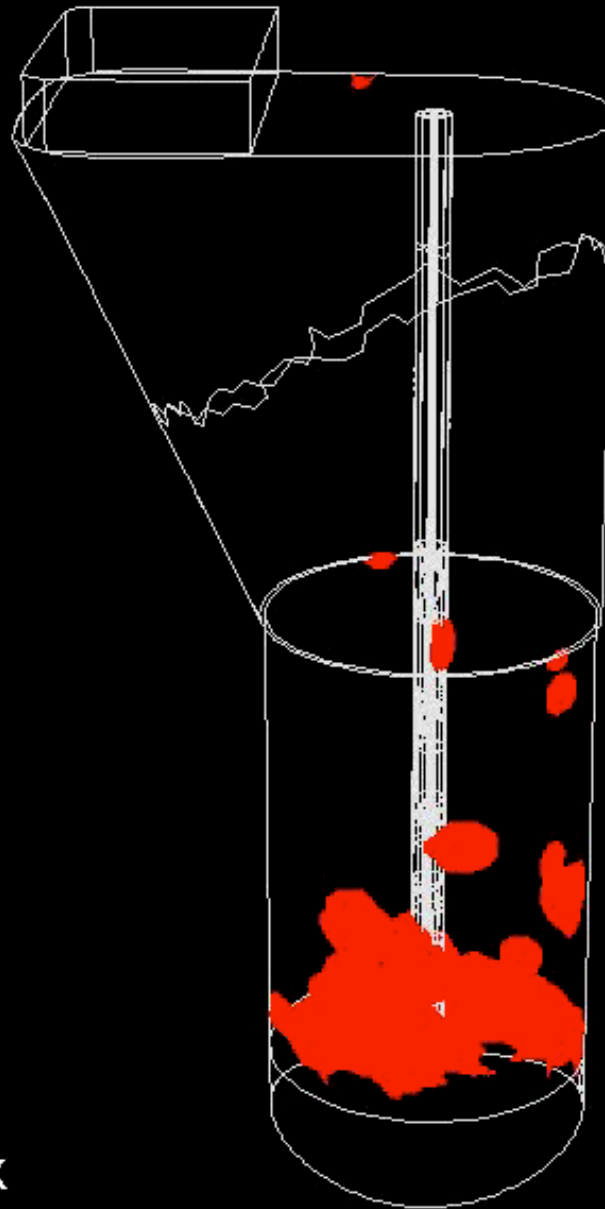
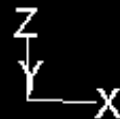
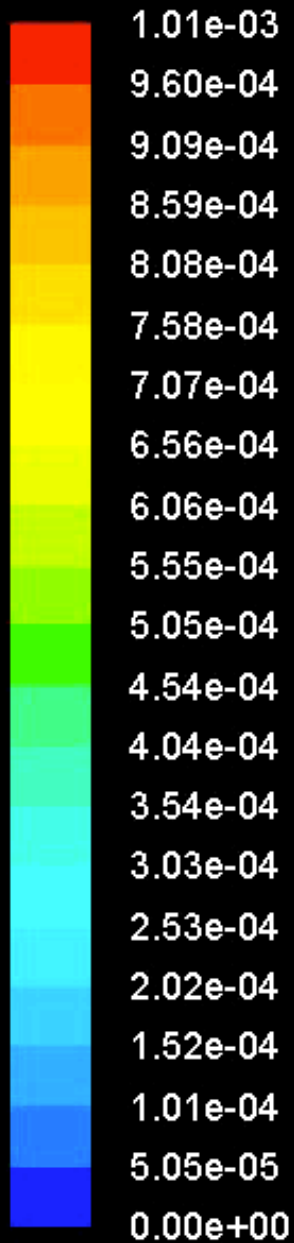
A FeO+ B ZnO+ C SiO₂+D CaO+E Al₂O₃+ at 1100°C to 1300°C



DOWA Holdings, Japan



<http://www.dowa.co.jp>



Computational Fluid Dynamic Modeling of Zinc Slag Fuming Process in Top-Submerged Lance Smelting Furnace

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Slag fuming is a reductive treatment process for molten zinciferous slags for extracting zinc in the form of metal vapor by injecting or adding a reductant source such as pulverized coal or lump coal and natural gas. A computational fluid dynamic (CFD) model was developed to study the zinc slag fuming process from imperial smelting furnace (ISF) slag in a top-submerged lance furnace and to investigate the details of fluid flow, reaction kinetics, and heat transfer in the furnace. The model integrates combustion phenomena and chemical reactions with the heat, mass, and momentum interfacial interaction between the phases present in the system. A commercial CFD package AVL Fire 2009.2 (AVL, Graz, Austria) coupled with a number of user-defined subroutines in FORTRAN programming language were used to develop the model. The model is based on three-dimensional (3-D) Eulerian multiphase flow approach, and it predicts the velocity and temperature field of the molten slag bath, generated turbulence, and vortex and plume shape at the lance tip. The model also predicts the mass fractions of slag and gaseous components inside the furnace. The model predicted that the percent of ZnO in the slag bath decreases linearly with time and is consistent broadly with the experimental data. The zinc fuming rate from the slag bath predicted by the model was validated through macrostep validation process against the experimental study of Waladan *et al.* The model results predicted that the rate of ZnO reduction is controlled by the mass transfer of ZnO from the bulk slag to slag-gas interface and rate of gas-carbon reaction for the specified simulation time studied. Although the model is based on zinc slag fuming, the basic approach could be expanded or applied for the CFD analysis of analogous systems.

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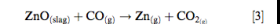
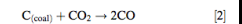
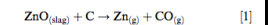
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I. INTRODUCTION

SIGNIFICANT metal values have been confined as metal oxides in the slags produced by the smelting industries. Recovery of these metal values before the slags are discarded finally has attracted noteworthy interest of metal producers in recent years. For example, the primary production of zinc and lead produces slags or residues, which contain significant amounts of zinc in the form of ZnO. The zinc content in these slags depends largely on the type of concentrate and residue materials, method of extraction, and equipment used. This zinc can be recovered from the slag in its molten state in the form of fume by using a suitable reductant source. The process generally is known as slag fuming. Slag fuming is an important secondary unit operation, which is in the extraction of nonferrous metals, and it has been used since the 1930s to recover zinc from lead blast furnace

slag.^[1] It is mostly a batch process, in which a reducing mixture of air and pulverized coal or any other reducing agent is injected into the molten slag; however, Korea Zinc also fumed in continuously operating furnaces.^[2] The coal-air mixture reduces the zinc oxide from the slag to metallic zinc vapor.

The earliest experimental work on zinc fuming was conducted in Australia by Sulphide Corporation at Cockle Creek between 1906 and 1920.^[3] The process has been operative since 1930s for recovering zinc from lead blast furnace slag. The process operates between 1423 K and 1573 K (1150 °C and 1300 °C). The overall reactions occurring in the bath are



The overall chemical reaction in the bath is controlled by the supply of carbon to the slag-gas interface as argued by Richards and colleagues.^[4-6] The main reaction [3] is endothermic, and the combustion of fuel in the bath supplies the necessary heat to sustain the bath temperature. The vaporized zinc oxidizes when it comes in contact with the air above the zinc bath.

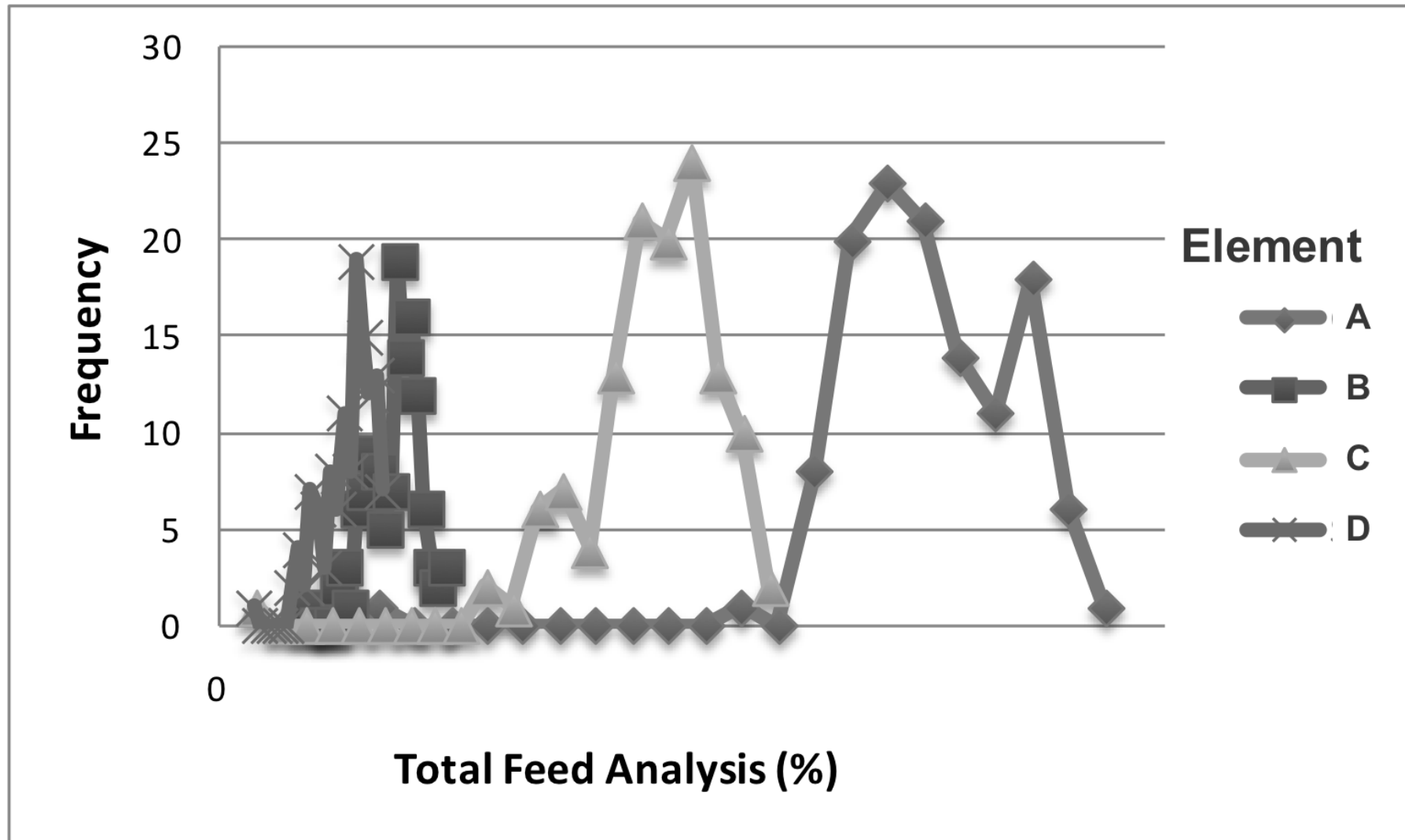
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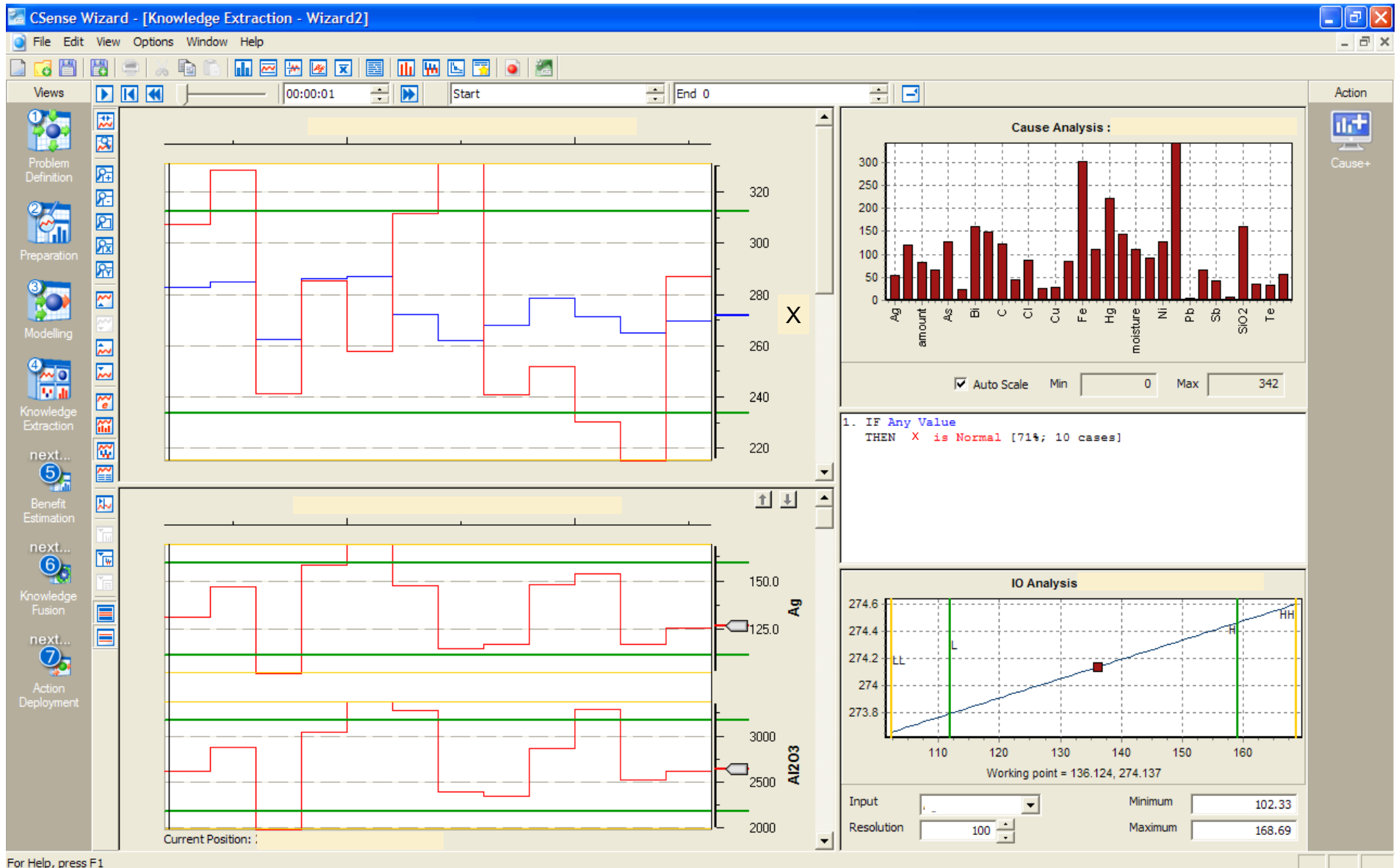
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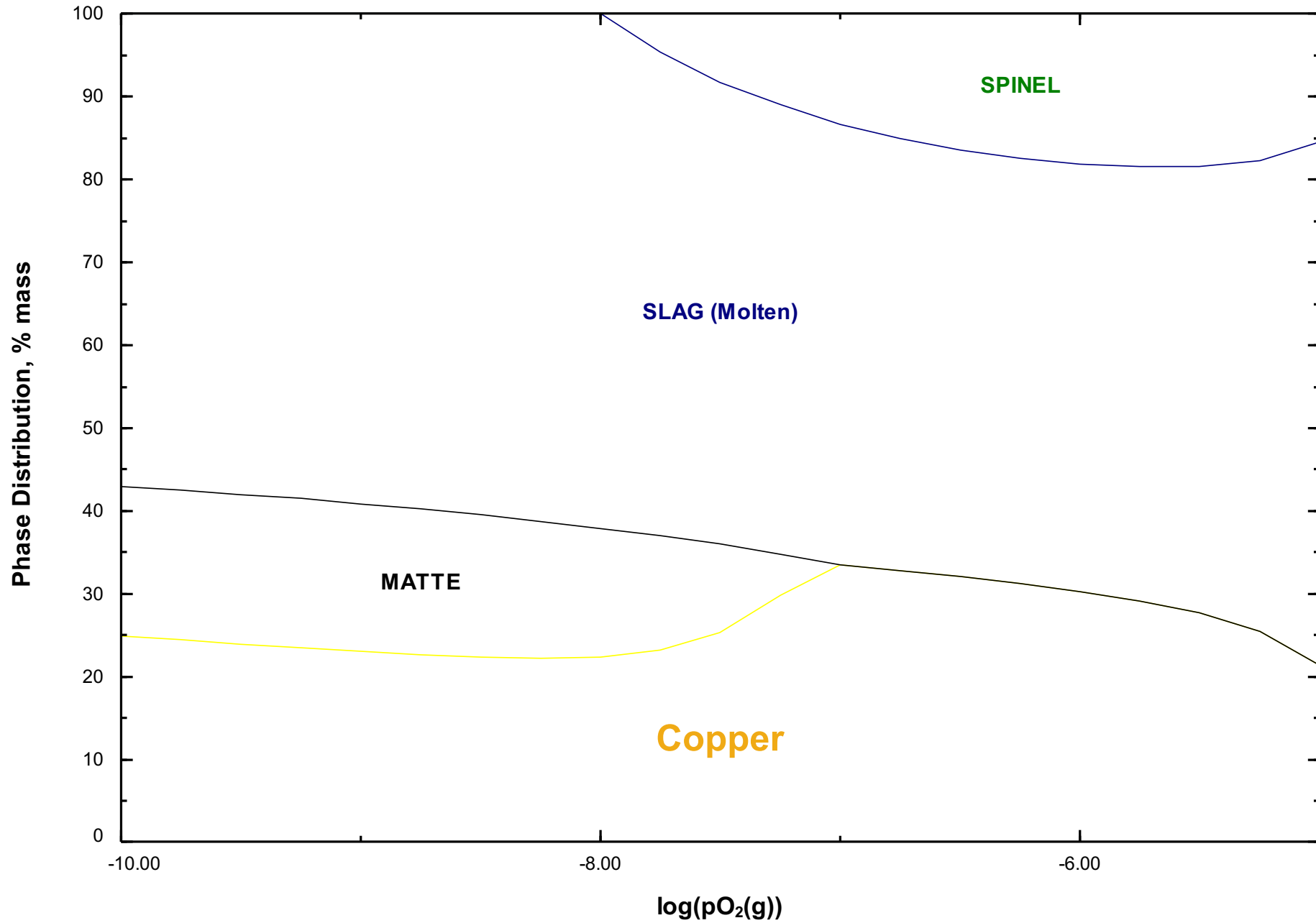
Various Outotec patents developed from this knowledge

Generalized data showing typical feed complexity & variation – care must be taken when simulating!



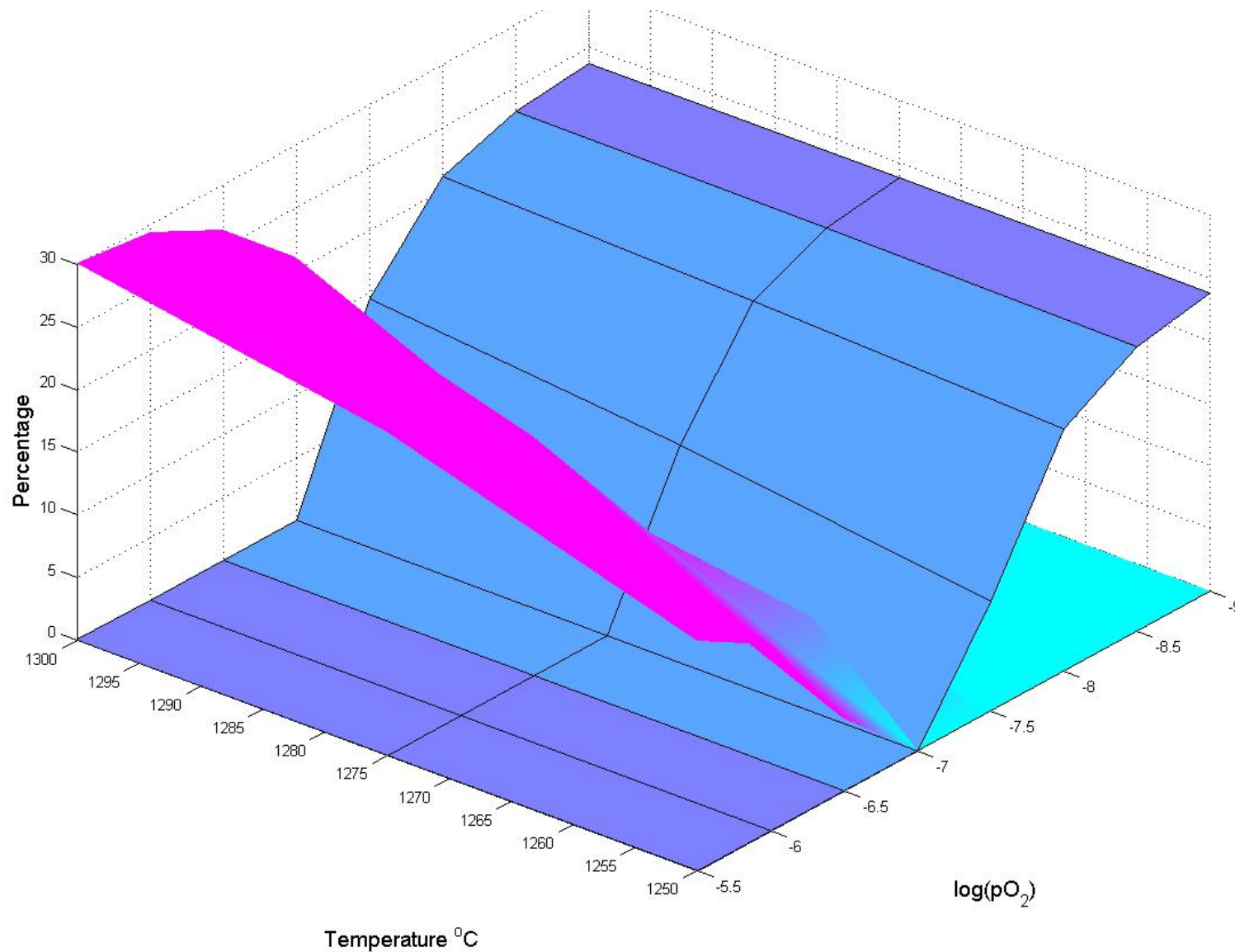
Big data analysis: Understanding operating points, distributions of data, standard deviations, etc.





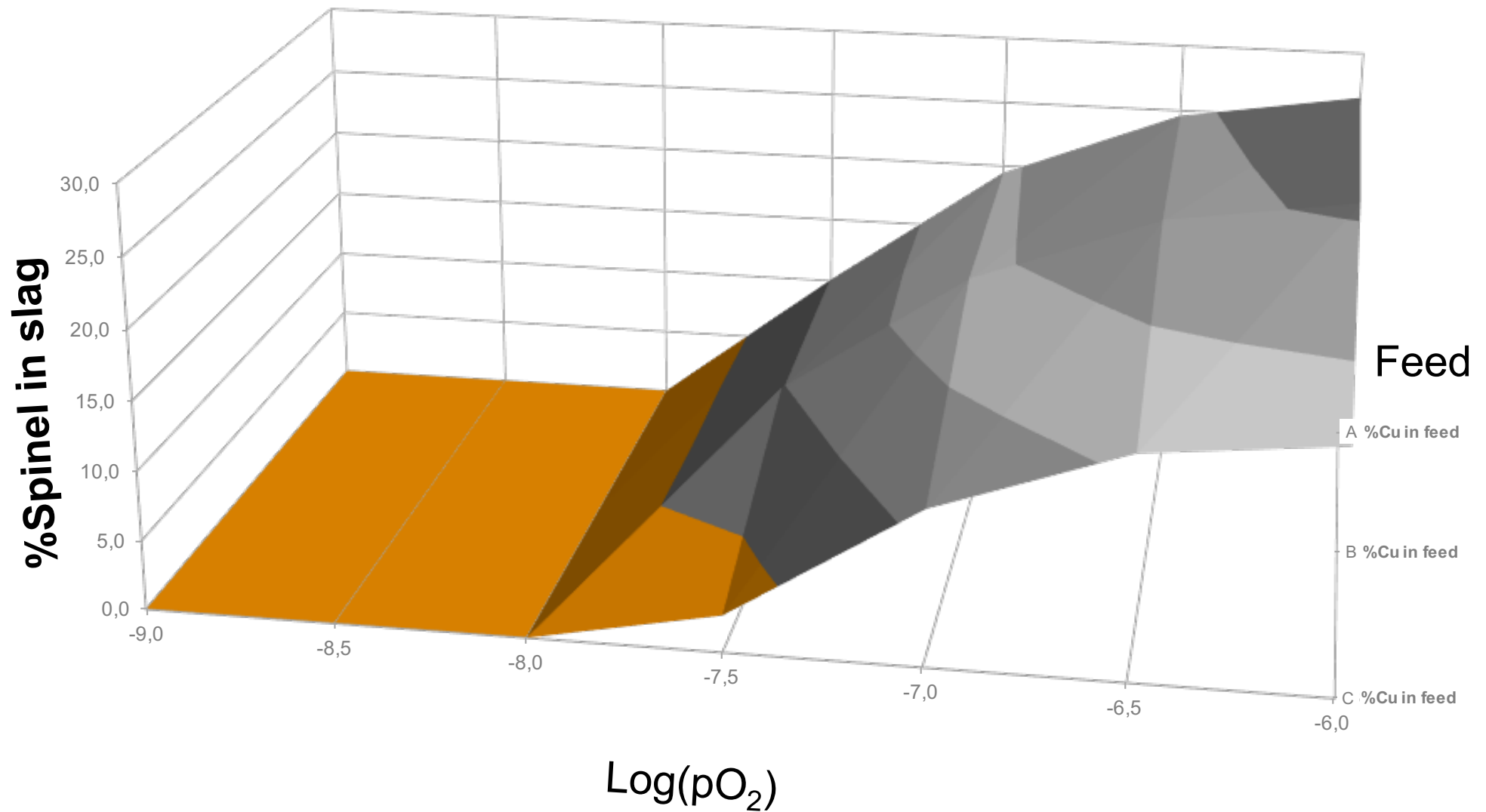
Spinel (left) and Matte (right) mass %

Calculation in FACT Sage for a specific feed recipe, slag chemistry, flow conditions etc.



Spinel as a function of feed

Calculation in FACT Sage for a specific temperature, slag chemistry, flow conditions etc.



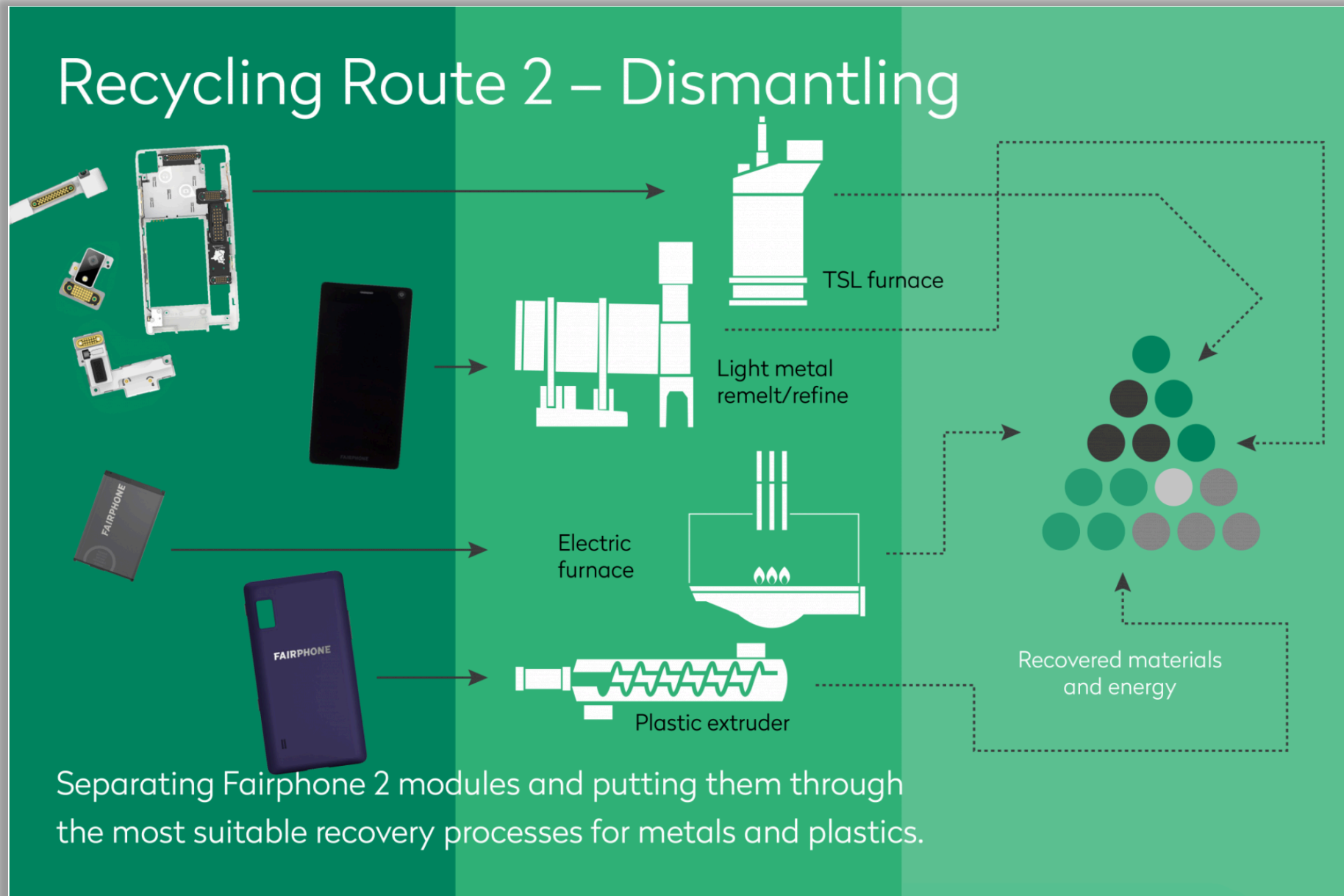
Developing thermodynamic data

Completed to date In, Sn, Ge, Pd, Ta (brief summary below)

| Metal | Primary copper processing | Ref. | Secondary copper processing | Ref. |
|-------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Ag | Data available | (Avarmaa et al., 2015; Fountain et al., 1991; Gortais et al., 1994; Kashima et al., 1978; Louey et al., 1999; Mackey, 1982; Nagamori and Mackey, 1978; Schlitt and Richards, 1975; Takeda et al., 1983; Takeda and Roghani, 1993; Yazawa, 1974; Yazawa and Takeda, 1982; Yazawa et al., 1968) | No data available | — |
| Au | Limited data available | (Han et al., 2015; Nagamori and Mackey, 1978; Schlitt and Richards, 1975; Swinbourne et al., 2005) | No data available | — |
| Pt | Limited data available | (Avarmaa et al., 2015; Henao et al., 2006; Schlitt and Richards, 1975; | No data available | — |
| Pd | (matte-slag system) | Yamaguchi, 2010, 2013) | No data available | ← |
| Rh | Limited data available | (Avarmaa et al., 2015; Henao et al., 2006) | No data available | ← |
| Se | Data available | (Alvear et al., 1994; Choi and Cho, 1997; Fang and Lynch, 1987; Johnston et al., 2010; Johnston et al., 2007; Nagamori et al., 1975b; Nagamori and Mackey, 1977; Nagamori and Mackey, 1978; Swinbourne et al., 1998; Zhao and Irons, 1997) | No data available | — |
| Te | | | | |
| Sn | Data available | (Fountain et al., 1991; Gortais et al., 1994; Louey et al., 1999; Mackey, 1982; Nagamori and Mackey, 1977; Nakazawa and Takeda, 1983; Roghani et al., 1997a; Roghani et al., 1997b; Takeda et al., 1983; Takeda and Yazawa, 1989; Yazawa and Takeda, 1982; Yazawa et al., 1968) | One data available | (Anindya et al., 2013) ← |
| In | Very limited data available | Nakajima et al. (2011) | Two data available | (Anindya et al., 2014; Han and Park, 2015) ← |
| Pb | Data available | (Acuna and Yazawa, 1987; Degterov and Pelton, 1999; Kaur et al., 2009; Kim and Sohn, 1998; Matsuzaki et al., 2000; Nagamori et al., 1975a; Nagamori and Mackey, 1978; Nakazawa and Takeda, 1983; Takeda et al., 1983; Takeda and Yazawa, 1989; Yazawa et al., 1968, 1999) | No data available | — |
| Bi | Data available | (Chen and Jahanshahi, 2010; Jimbo et al., 1984; Kaur et al., 2009; Kaur et al., 2011; Kim and Sohn, 1998; Mackey, 1982; Nagamori et al., 1975a, b; | No data available | — |
| As | | Nagamori and Mackey, 1978; Nakazawa and Takeda, 1983; Paulina et al., 2013; Riveros et al., 1987; Roghani et al., 1996; Takeda et al., 1983; Yazawa and Takeda, 1982; Yazawa et al., 1968) | | |
| Sb | | | | |
| Co | Data available | (Choi and Cho, 1997; Derin and Yücel, 2002; Grimsey and Toguri, 1988; Kho et al., 2006; Mwema et al., 1995; Teague et al., 2001) | No data available | — |
| Ge | No data available | — | No data available | ← |
| Ga | No data available | — | No data available | ← |

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Fairphone Recyclability: Recycling Flow Sheet



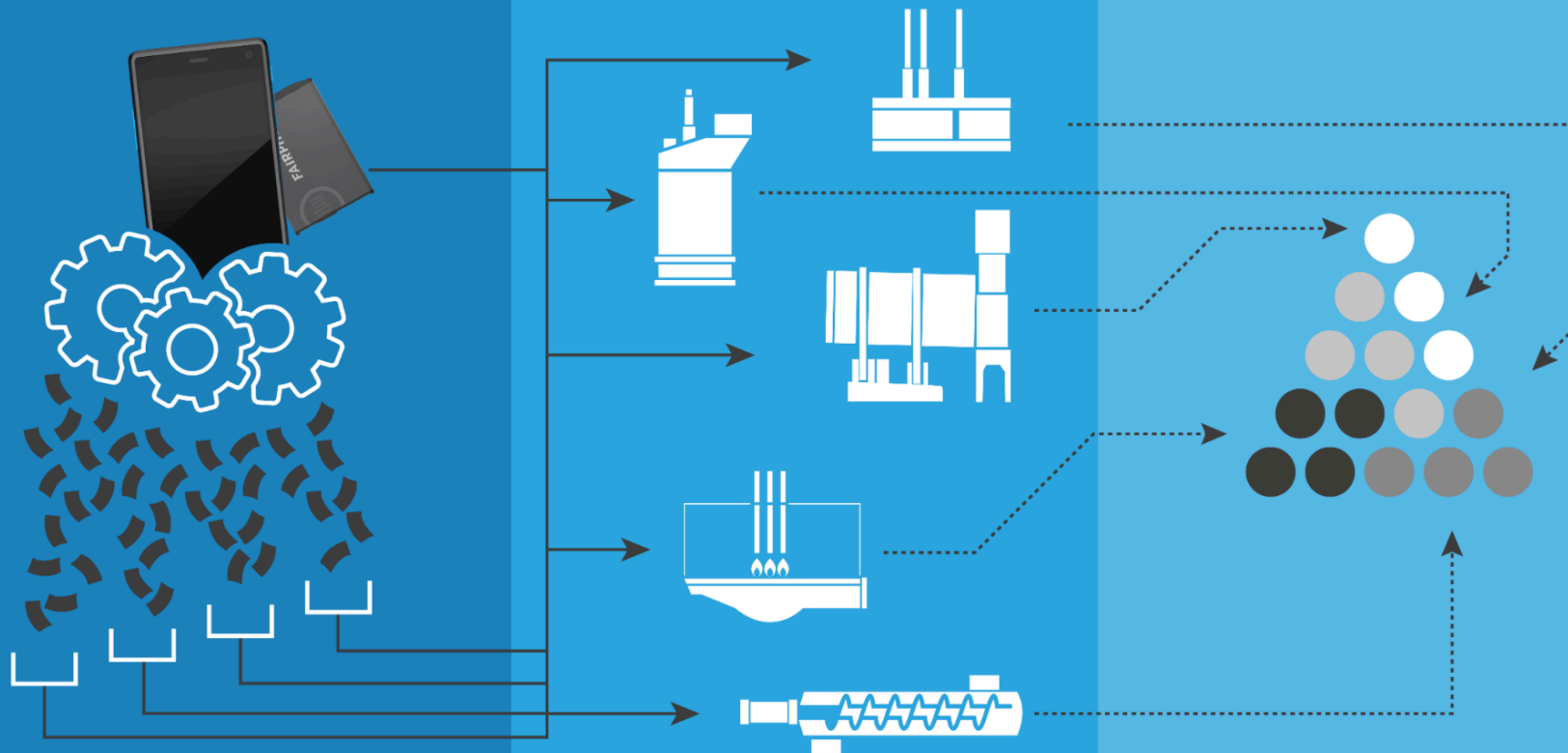
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Recycling Route 3 – Shredding & Sorting

Shredding & separation

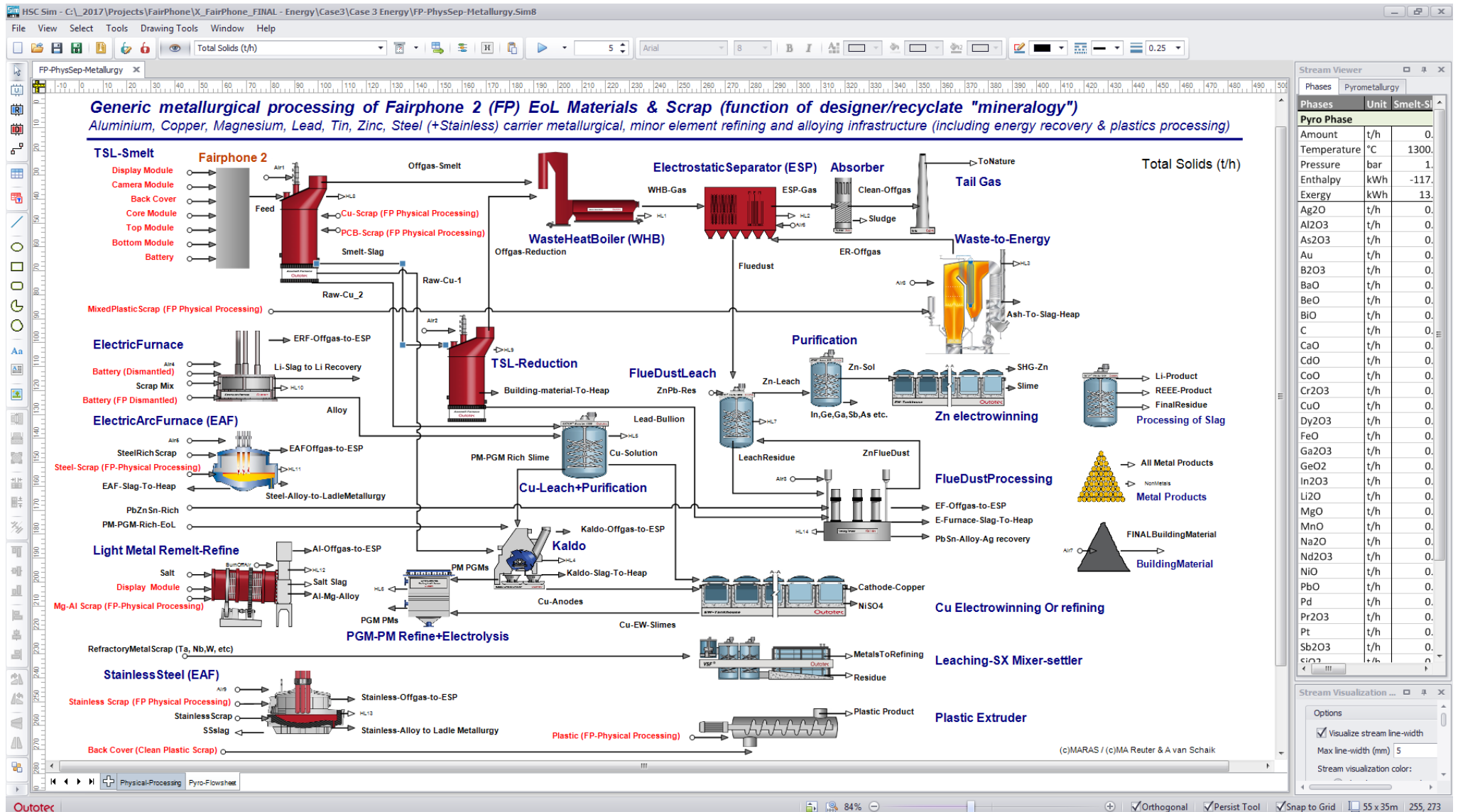
Metallurgy & plastic recycling

Recovered materials & energy

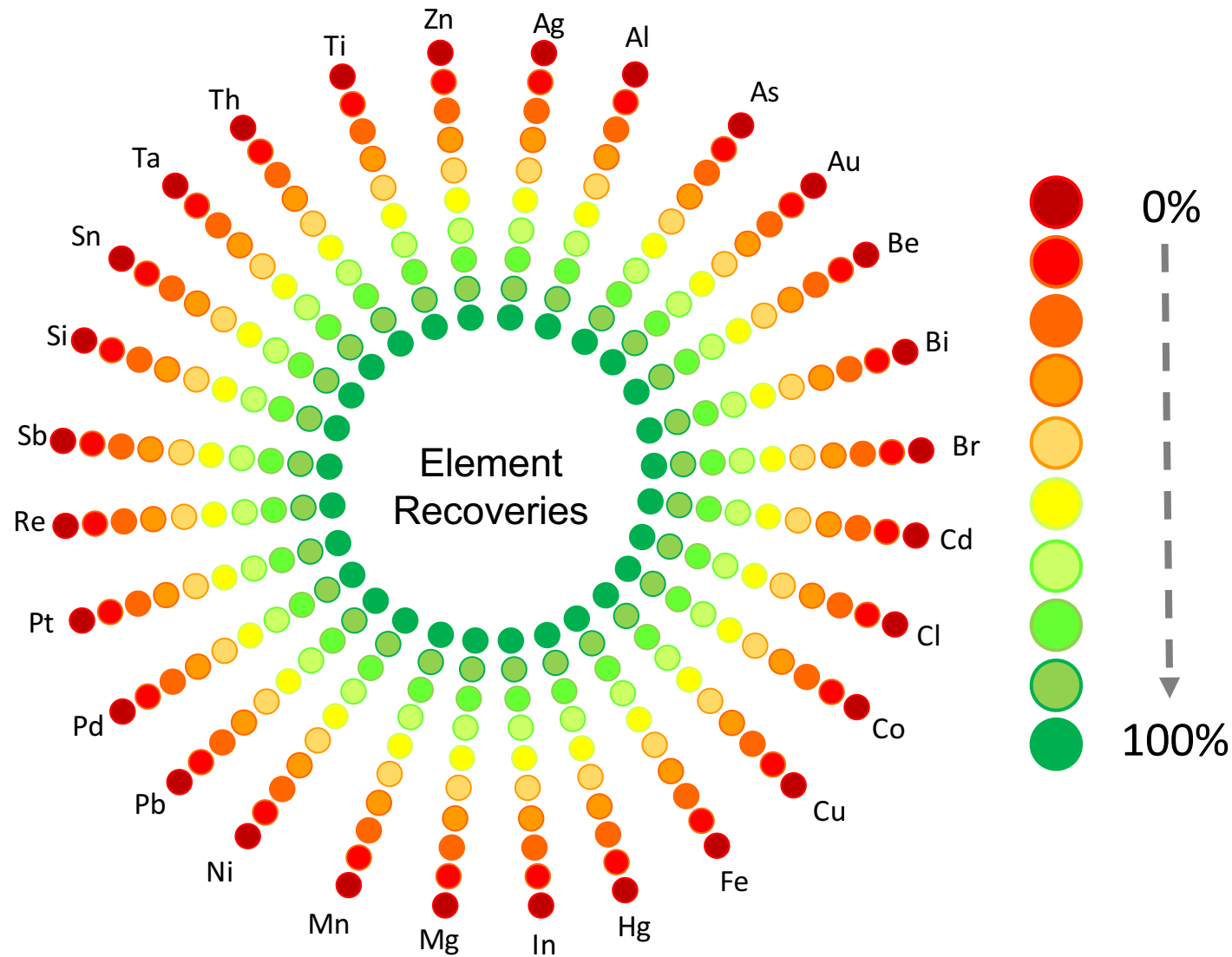


Removing the battery and feeding the rest of the phone through a cutting mill.
Scrap is separated into the relevant processing streams and processed as in route 2.

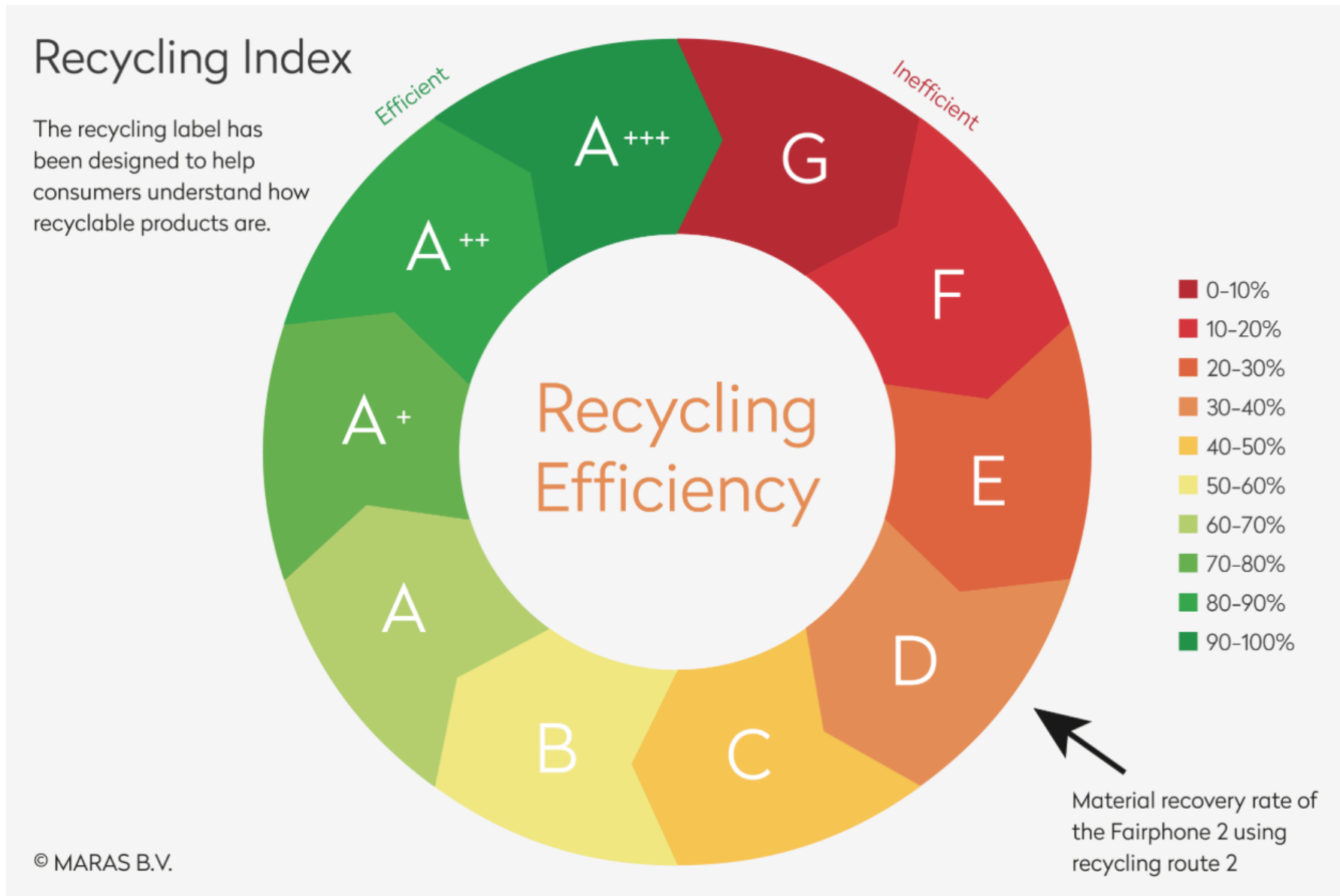
Metallurgical flowsheet to capture as many metals & materials: FACT provides some detail



Recovery of all materials (expressed as element) from a product



Fairphone Recyclability: The Result

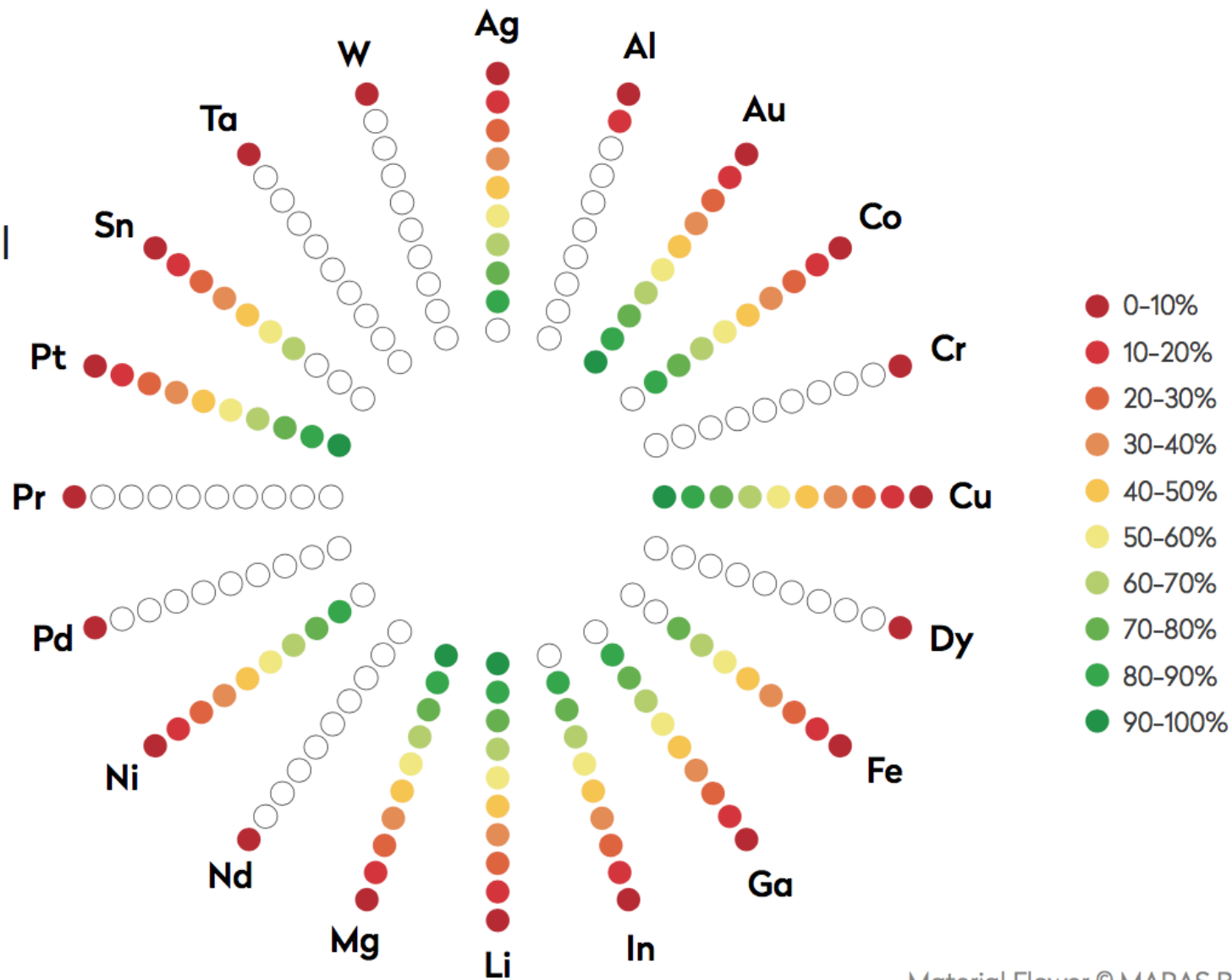


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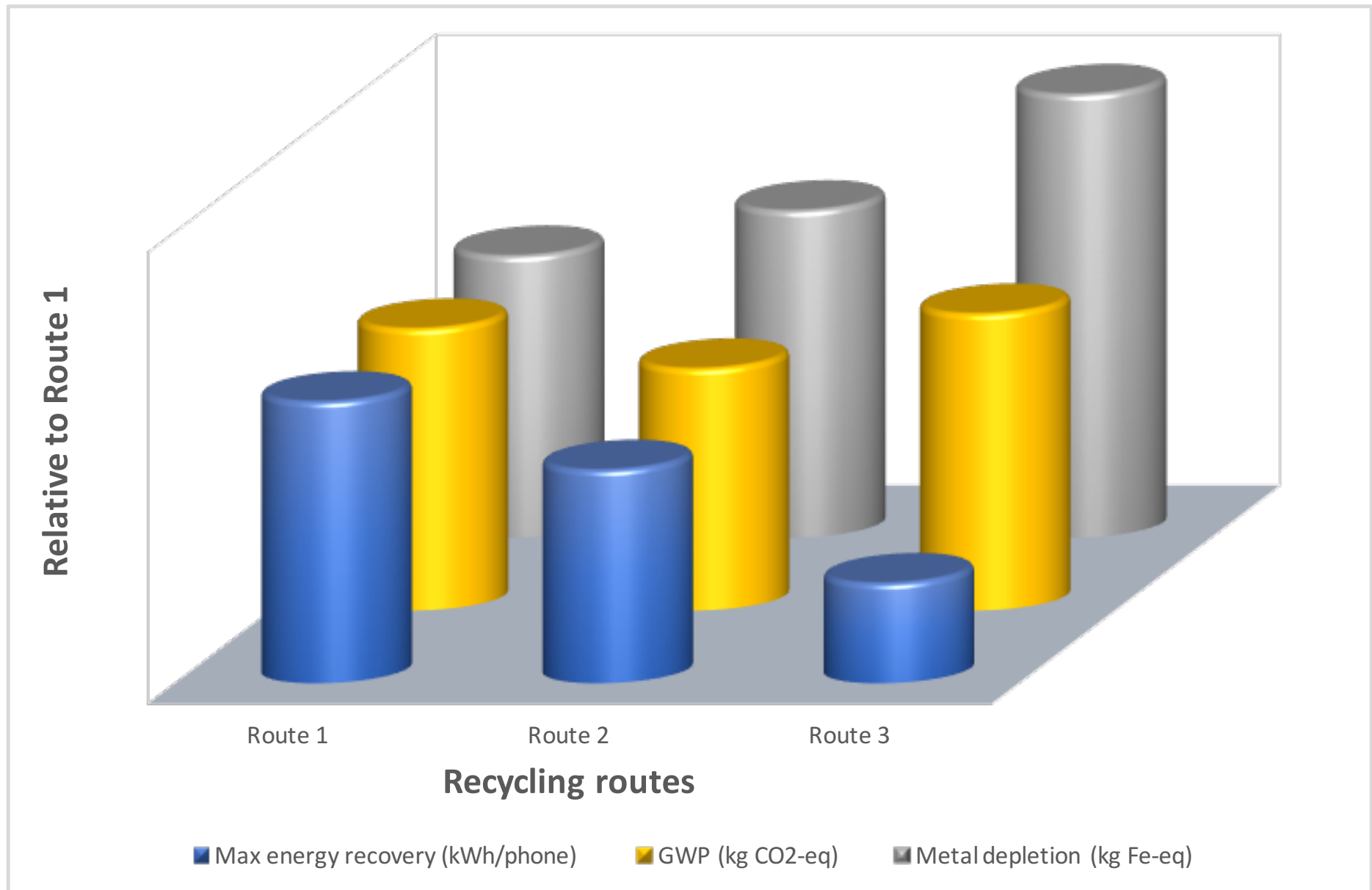
Recycling

Route 3:

Recovery rate by metal



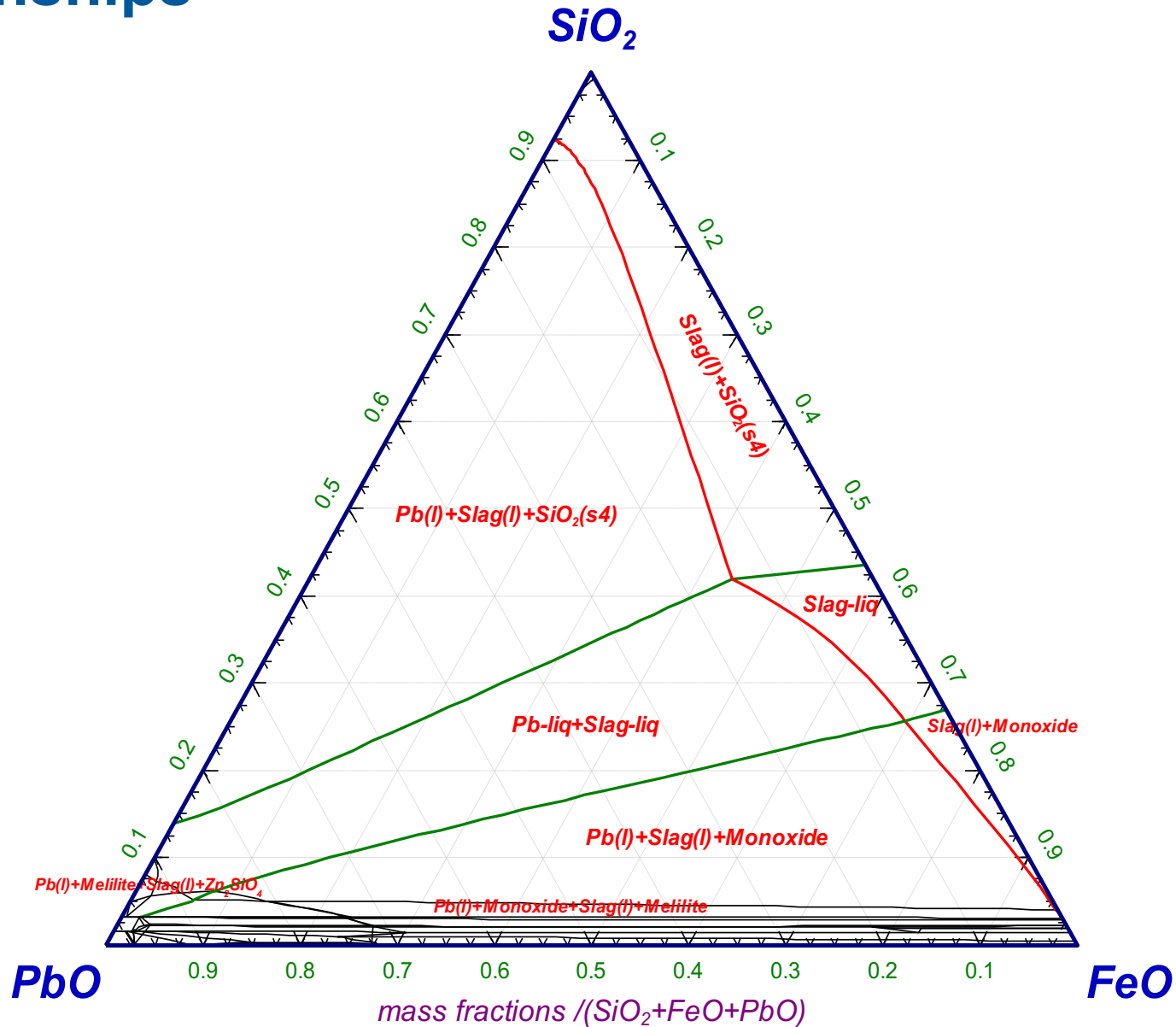
Footprint (GWP, Metal depletion, Energy recovery)



Additional sheets

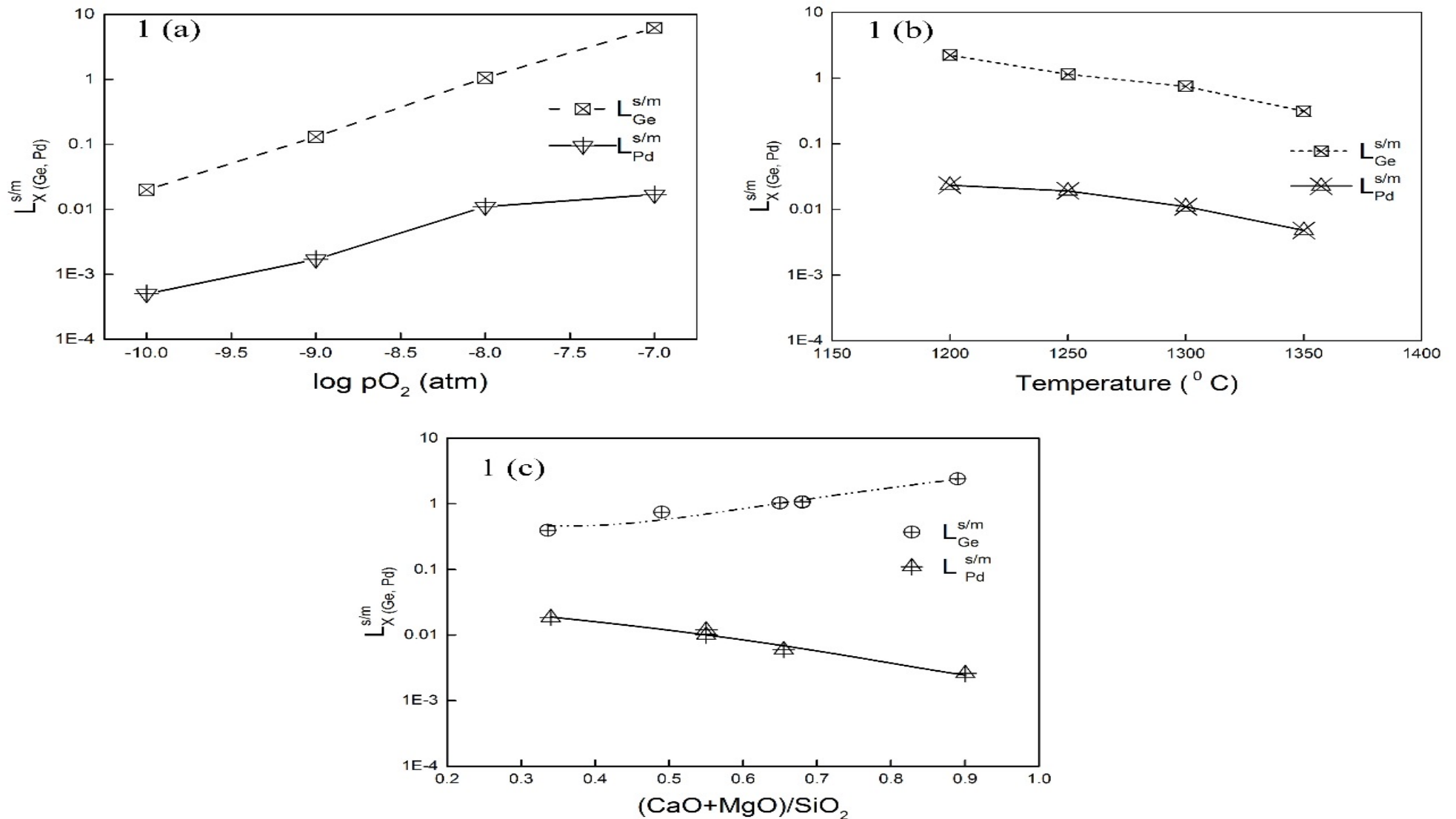
Phase Relationships

$\text{SiO}_2 - \text{FeO} - \text{PbO} - \text{ZnO} - \text{CaO} - \text{O}_2$
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 $\text{ mass CaO/Z} = \text{Y}, \text{ Z} = (\text{SiO}_2 + \text{FeO} + \text{PbO})$



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Industrial process design, simulation & control

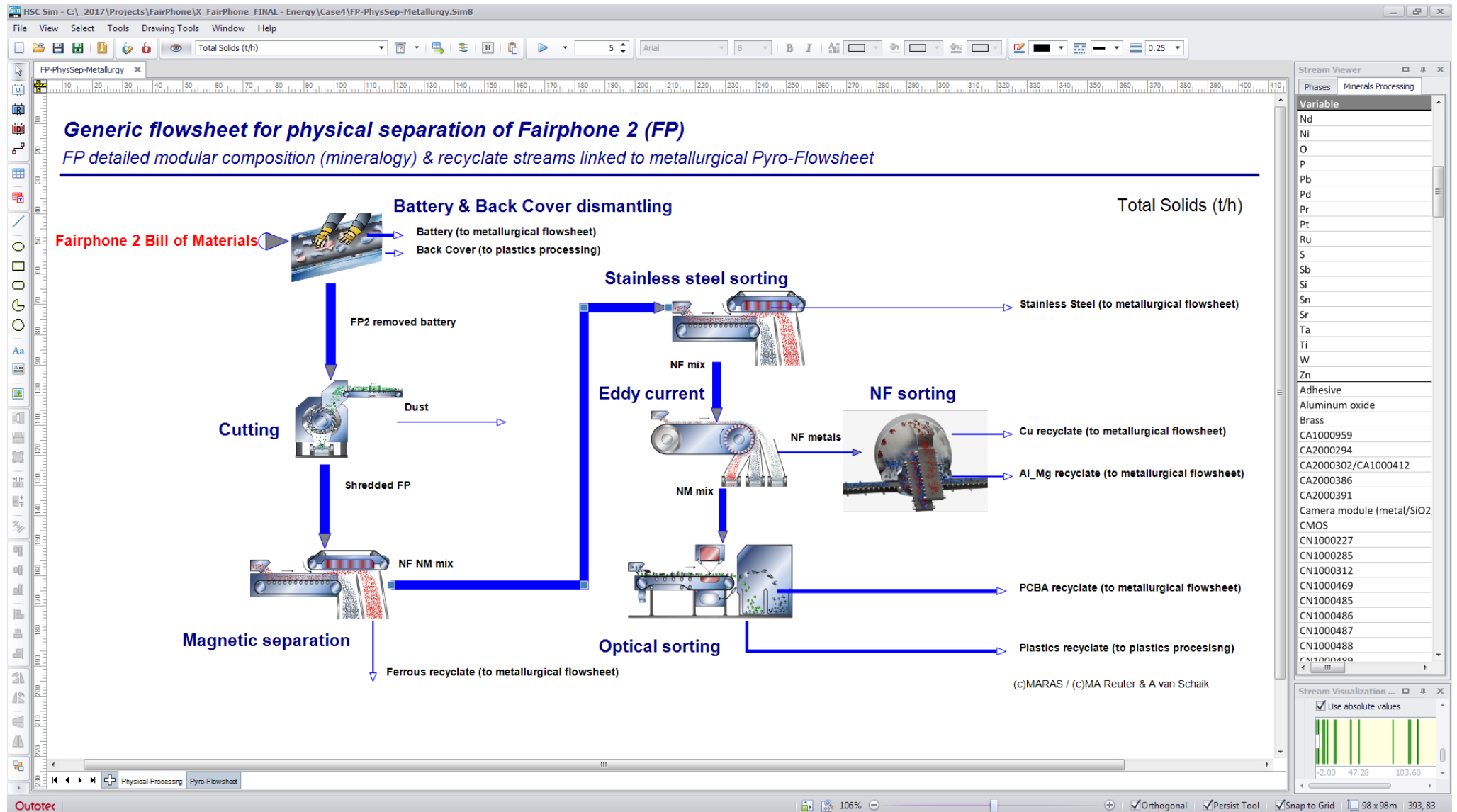
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| Ben Benson Estimation | Con Species Converter | Exe Exergy Balance | Gem Equilibrium Compositions | Rea Reaction Equations | Sam Sampler Module |
| Dat Data Processing | DB H, S and Cp Database | Geo Mineral Database | HTr Heat Loss Calculator | Sim Flowsheet Simulation | Tpp Stability Diagrams |
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Technologies
Products & Services
Sustainability
Research & Development

HSC version 9.1.0 has been released 8th of March **Outotec**

Simulation permits digitalization of the Circular Economy system



Environmental, Energy & Exergy Footprint: Linking HSC Sim 9 with GaBi

Generic metallurgical processing of Fairphone 2 (FP) EoL Materials & Scrap (function of designer/recyclate "mineralogy")
 Aluminium, Copper, Magnesium, Lead, Tin, Zinc, Steel (+Stainless) carrier metallurgical, minor element refining and alloying infrastructure (including energy recover)

Input Streams

| Stream Name | Unit Name | Amount | Unit | LCA Equivalent | LCA Group |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------|----------------|-------------|
| Air 1 | TSL-Smelt | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Air 3 | FlueDustProcessing | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Display Module | Fairphone 2 | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Air 4 | ElectricFurnace | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Air 5 | ElectricArcFurnace (EAF) | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Air 6 | ElectrostaticSeparator (ESP) | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Air 7 | BuildingMaterial | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Salt | Light Metal Remelt-Refine | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| BurnOffAir | Light Metal Remelt-Refine | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Air 9 | StainlessSteel (EAF) | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Stream 1 | Battery dismantling | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Stainless Scrap (FP Physical... | StainlessSteel (EAF) | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Steel-Scrap (FP-Physical Pr... | ElectricArcFurnace (EAF) | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Battery (FP Dismantled) | ElectricFurnace | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Cu-Scrap (FP Physical Proc... | TSL-Smelt | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| PCB-Scrap (FP Physical Pro... | TSL-Smelt | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Plastic (FP-Physical Processi... | Plastic Extruder | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |
| Mg-Al Scrap (FP-Physical Pr... | Light Metal Remelt-Refine | | kg | No Mapping | Not defined |

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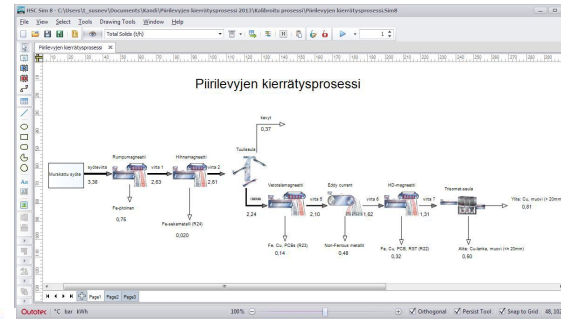
WEEE Recycling Simulation Model Created on Outotec's HSC Chemistry Software Platform

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WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) recycling simulation model demonstrates the possibilities of HSC Chemistry software to simulate and optimize material streams in real recycling processes, which may be used to LCA analysis.

RECYCLING SIMULATION IN HSC SIM MODULE

- 1) **DEFINE THE FEED**
Select or create materials and particles that flow through the recycling process. basic properties of material are defined when material is created.
- 2) **SELECT RECYCLING MODELS**
Select which crushers, screens and separators are used in the process.
- 3) **DEFINE RECYCLING MODEL SETTINGS**
Define used probability distribution, accuracy of



RECYCLING UNIT MODELS AVAILABLE IN HSC SIM

- Feed Creator
- Crusher
- General Screen
- Gravity Separator
- Air Classifier
- Magnetic Separator
- Eddy Current Separator
- Optical Separator
- Hand Sorting
- Custom Separator
- General Separator

WEEE RECYCLING SIMULATION MODEL

The case study of WEEE recycling simulation model is based on the real recycling process of Kuusakoski in 2013. The model was calibrated to match the real behavior. The process consisted of magnetic separator, eddy current separator, gravity separator and screen.

Kuusakoski, Finland

Even without calibration, it was noticed that most of the particles acted in a typical way. For example, aluminum particles mainly left the process in the eddy current separator. With a simple calibration, mass balance was also managed to match with the given data.

The WEEE recycling simulation model indicates that recycling units can be used as a good base for WEEE simulation and also for other recycling processes locally and globally. With HSC Sim, processes can be optimized efficiently without safety risks or loss of valuable materials.

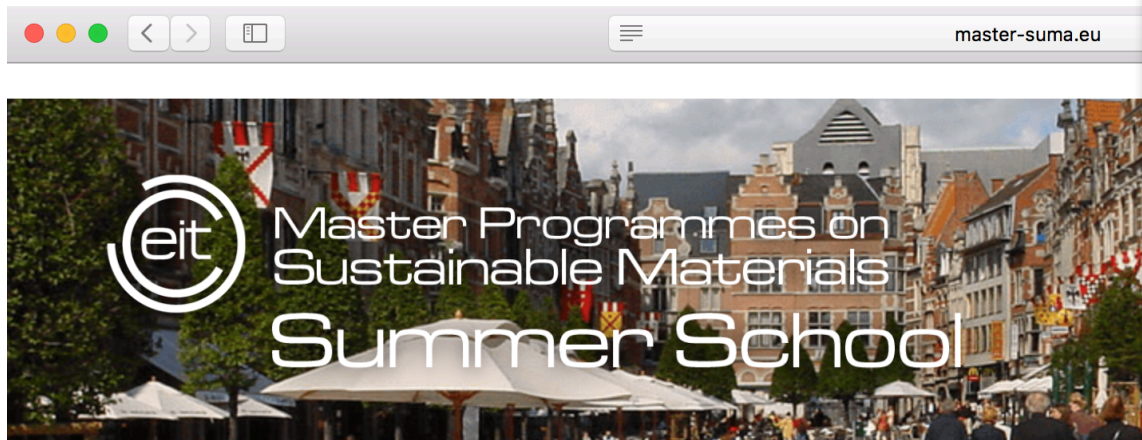
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