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Prof. Markus Reuter:

# Die Digitalisierung der Kreislaufwirtschaft: Wie recycelbar sind Smartphones?

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Beiträge zur Nachhaltigkeit  
Beiträge zum Wirtschaftswachstum  
Ausbildung einer neuen Generation von Ressourcenspezialisten

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**6 Abteilungen:** Exploration | Aufbereitung | Metallurgie und Recycling | Analytik | Modellierung und Bewertung | Systemintegrierte Metallproduktion

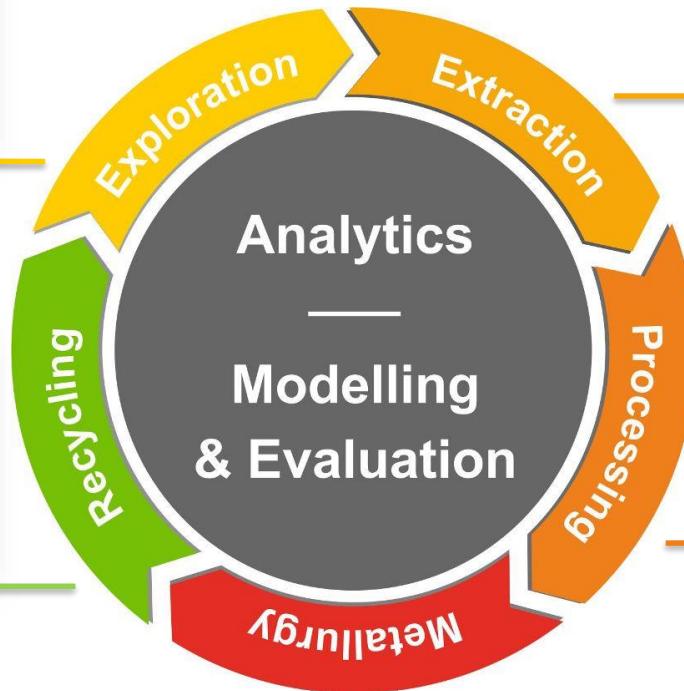
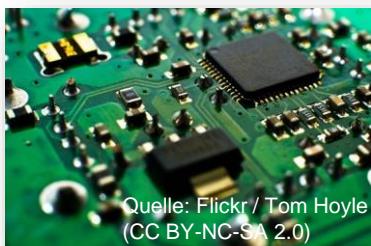
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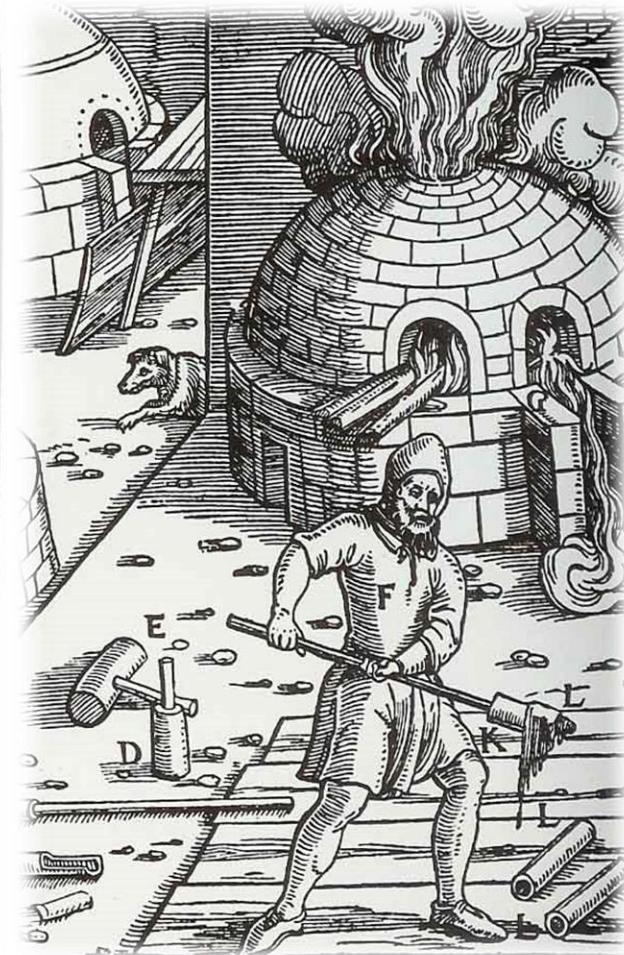
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Bergbau nach Agricola, „*Re Metallica*“, Deutschland 1556

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Bergbau nach „*Himmlische Schöpfungen*“, Ming-Dynastie, China 1637

# Nachhaltigkeit – Ein altes Konzept

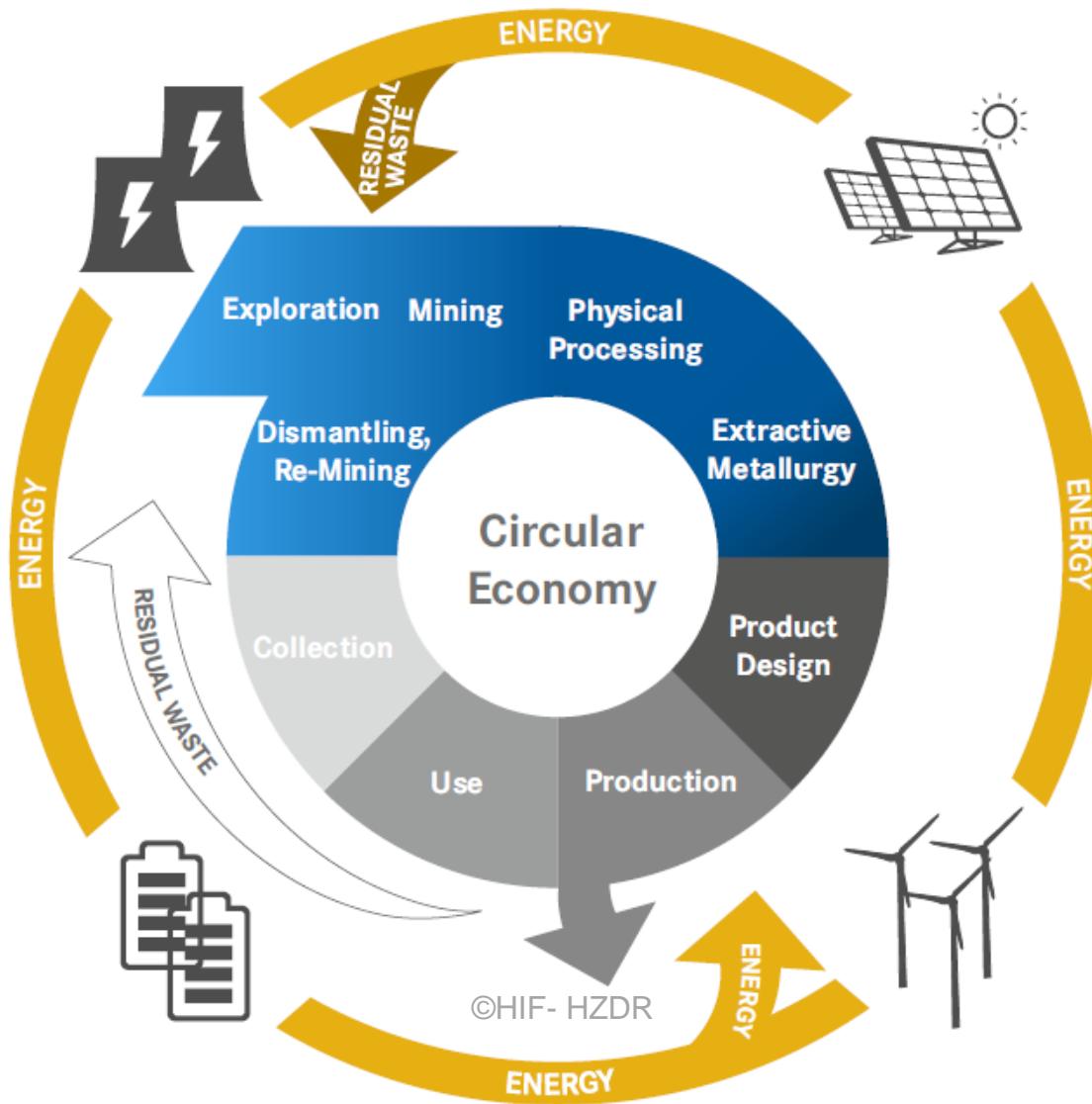
Hannß Carl von Carlowitz  
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1645 – 1714:  
„*Sylvicultura oeconomica*“

- Erste umfassende Abhandlung über die Forstwirtschaft, veröffentlicht 1713.
- Von Carlowitz gilt als Vater des nachhaltigen Waldbaus.



Quelle: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans\\_Carl\\_von\\_Carlowitz](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Carl_von_Carlowitz)

# Das Energie- und Rohstoffsyste



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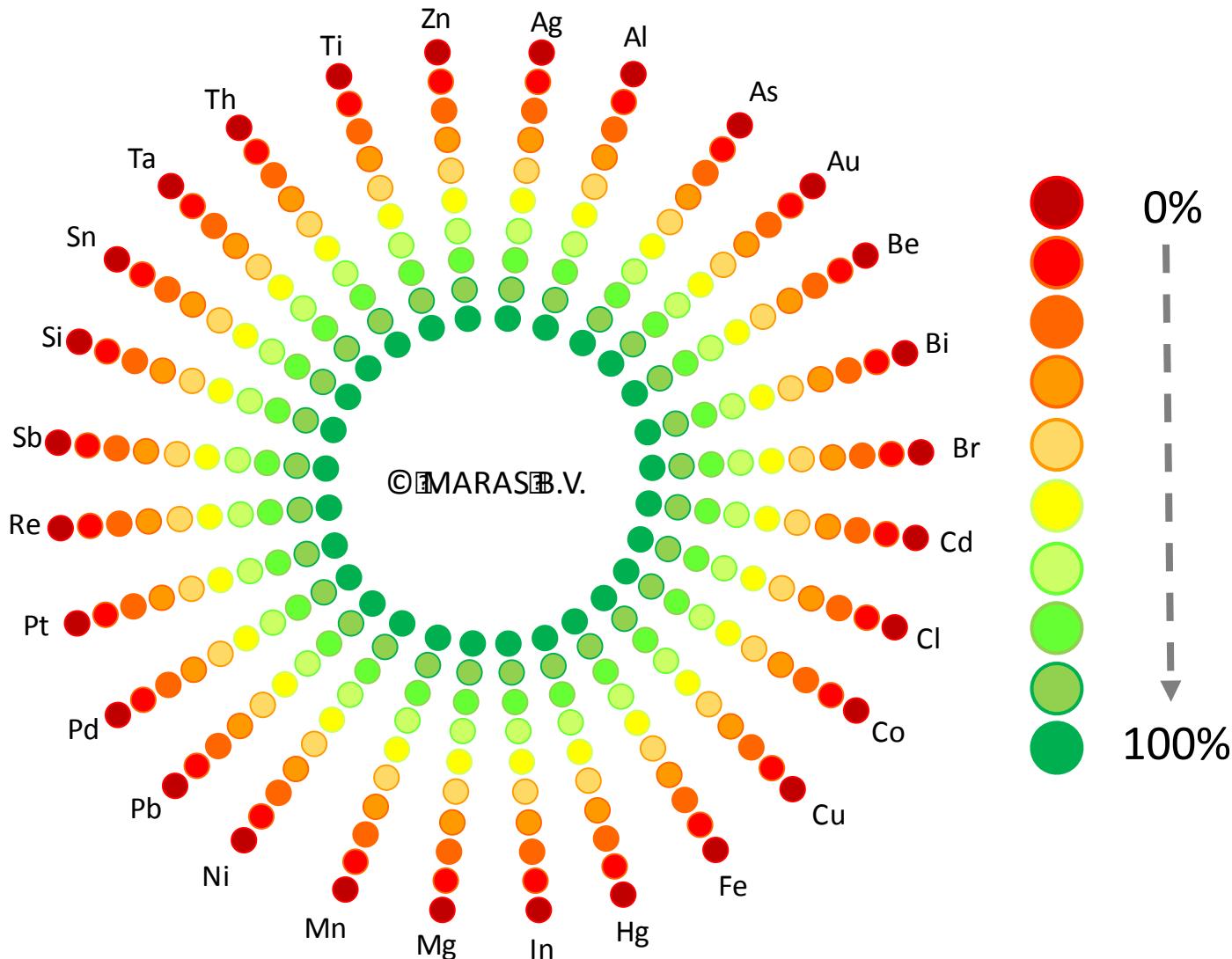
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# Rückgewinnung von Metallen



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# Die Fairphone-Recyclingstudie

# FAIRPHONE

## Recyclability of EoL Products

Miquel Ballester, Dr. ir. Antoinette van Schaik, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Markus A. Reuter

[Blog 1: 27.2.2017](#) & [Blog 2: 8.8.2017](#)



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Blog1: <https://www.fairphone.com/en/2017/02/27/recyclable-fairphone-2/>

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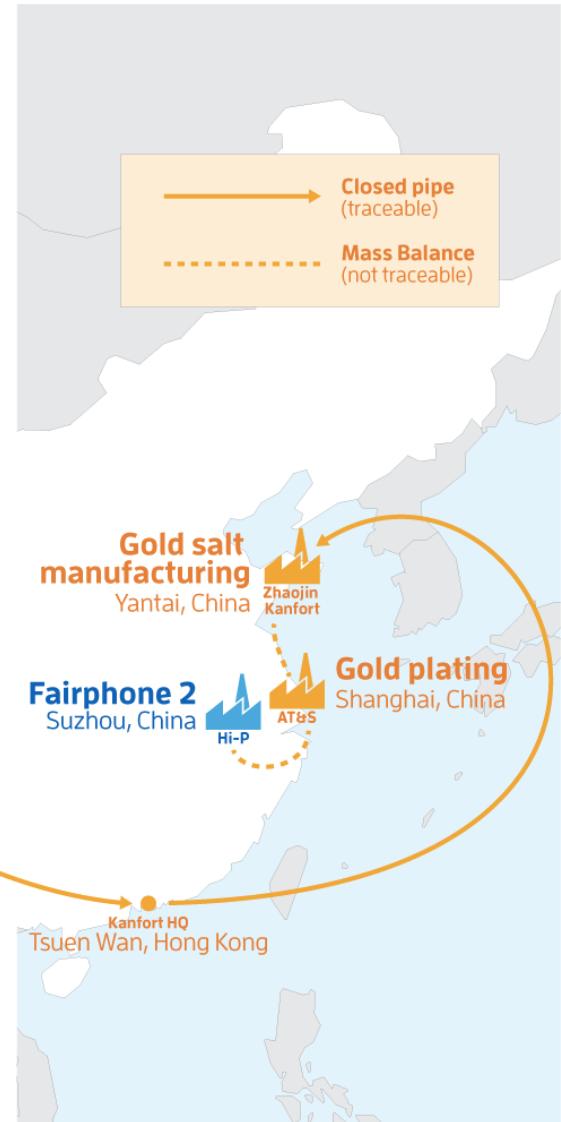
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# Gold als Fairtrade-Ware



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# Werkzeugkasten für Ingenieure

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# Fairphone: Recyclingweg 1

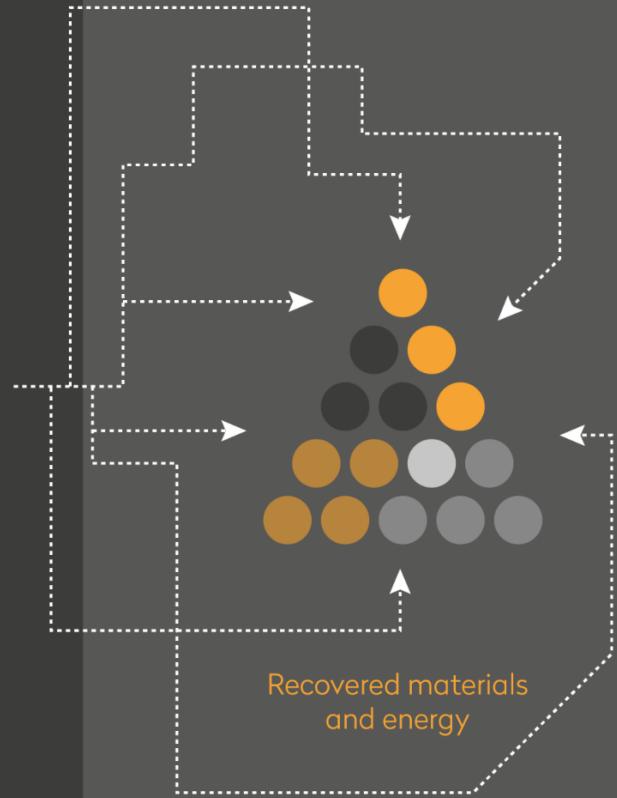
## Recycling Route 1 – Smelting & Metal Refining



Whole phone



TSL Furnace

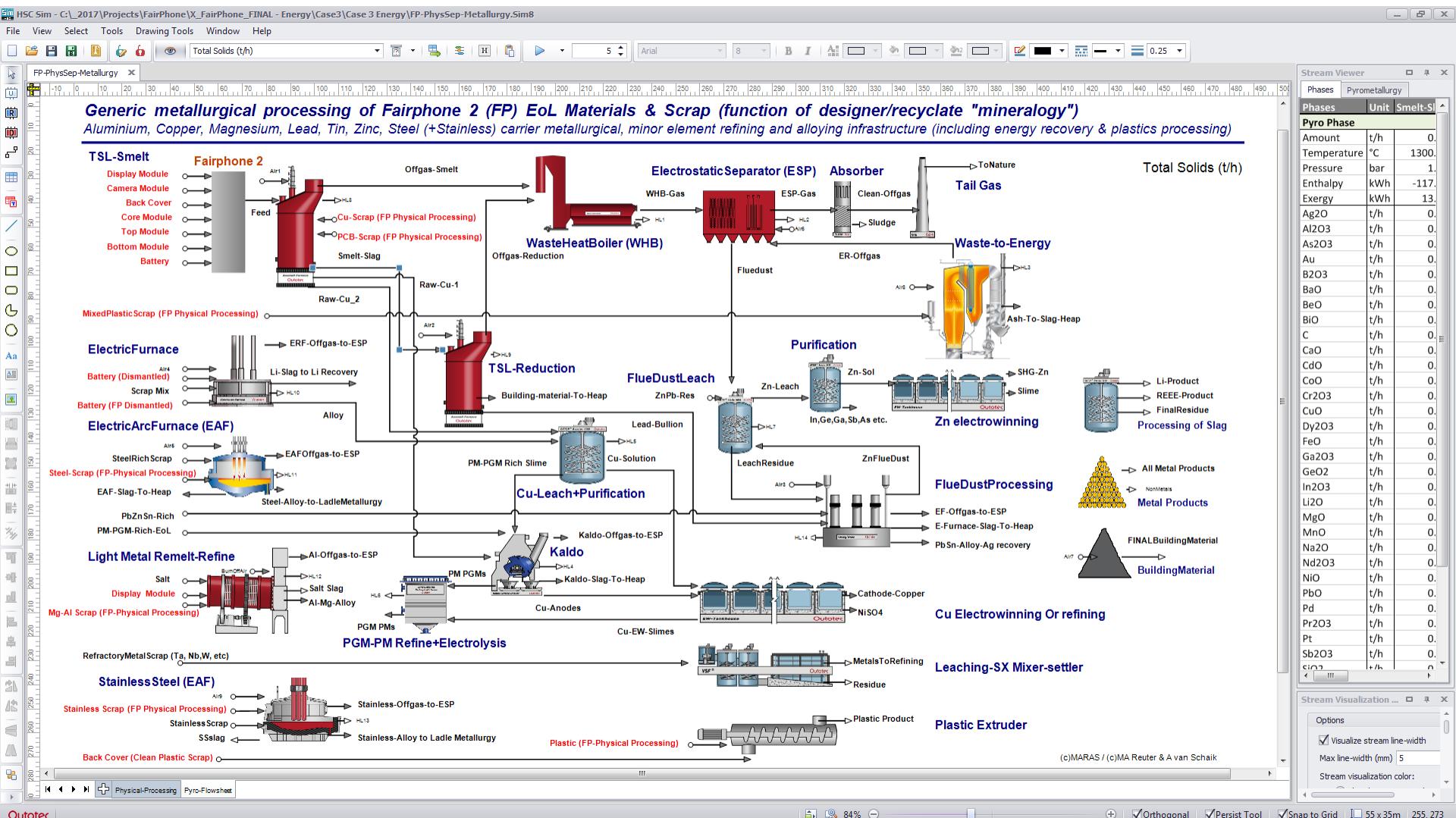


Feeding whole Fairphones into a high-temperature furnace.

Metals, alloys, inorganic compounds and energy are the main outputs of this process.

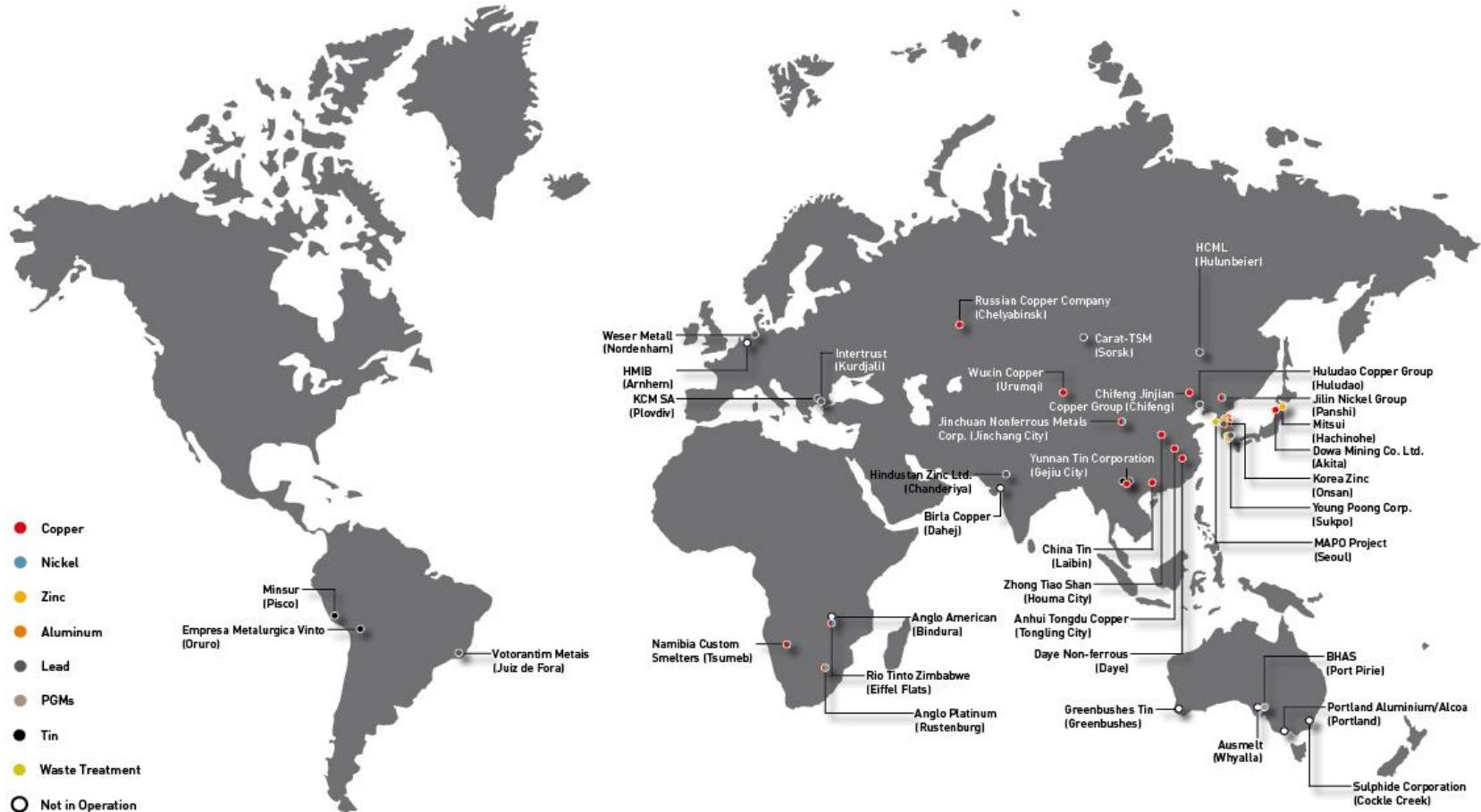
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# Fairphone: Recyclingweg 1 – Verfahrensfließbild



# Recyclingtechnologien im globalen Einsatz

Outotec Ausmelt  
TSL Plants (65)



Quelle: [www.outotec.com](http://www.outotec.com)

# Kosaka/DOWA (Japan) und Freiberg



Quelle: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kosaka\\_mine](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kosaka_mine)

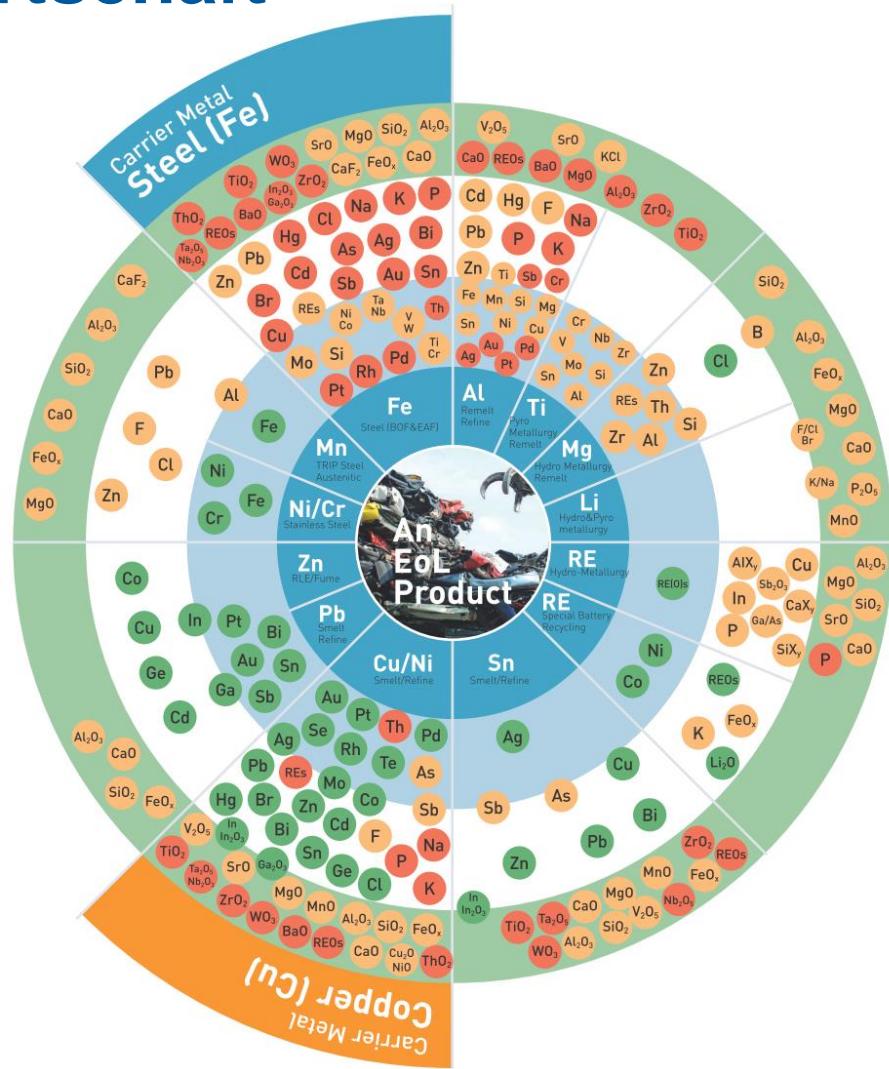
Kurt Adolph Netto  
(Freiberg),  
Direktor Ag-Pb-Mine,  
Kosaka, 1873



Meine Verbindung nach  
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seit 2008



# Komplexe “Konsumminerale” – Die Grenzen der Kreislaufwirtschaft



Reuter et al., United Nations Environmental Protection (UNEP) Report (2013) "Metal Recycling: Opportunities Limits Infrastructure"  
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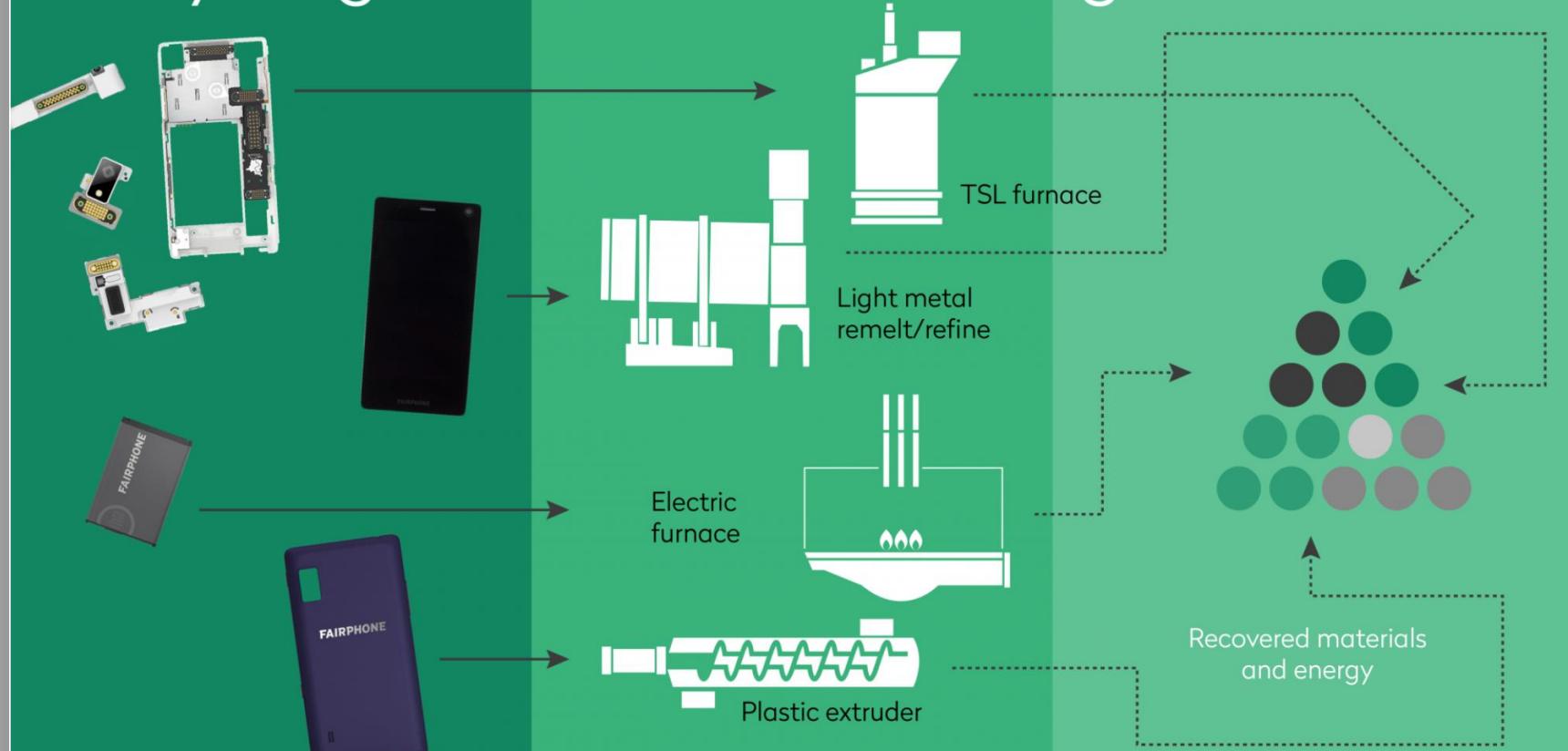
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# Fairphone: Recyclingweg 2

## Recycling Route 2 – Dismantling

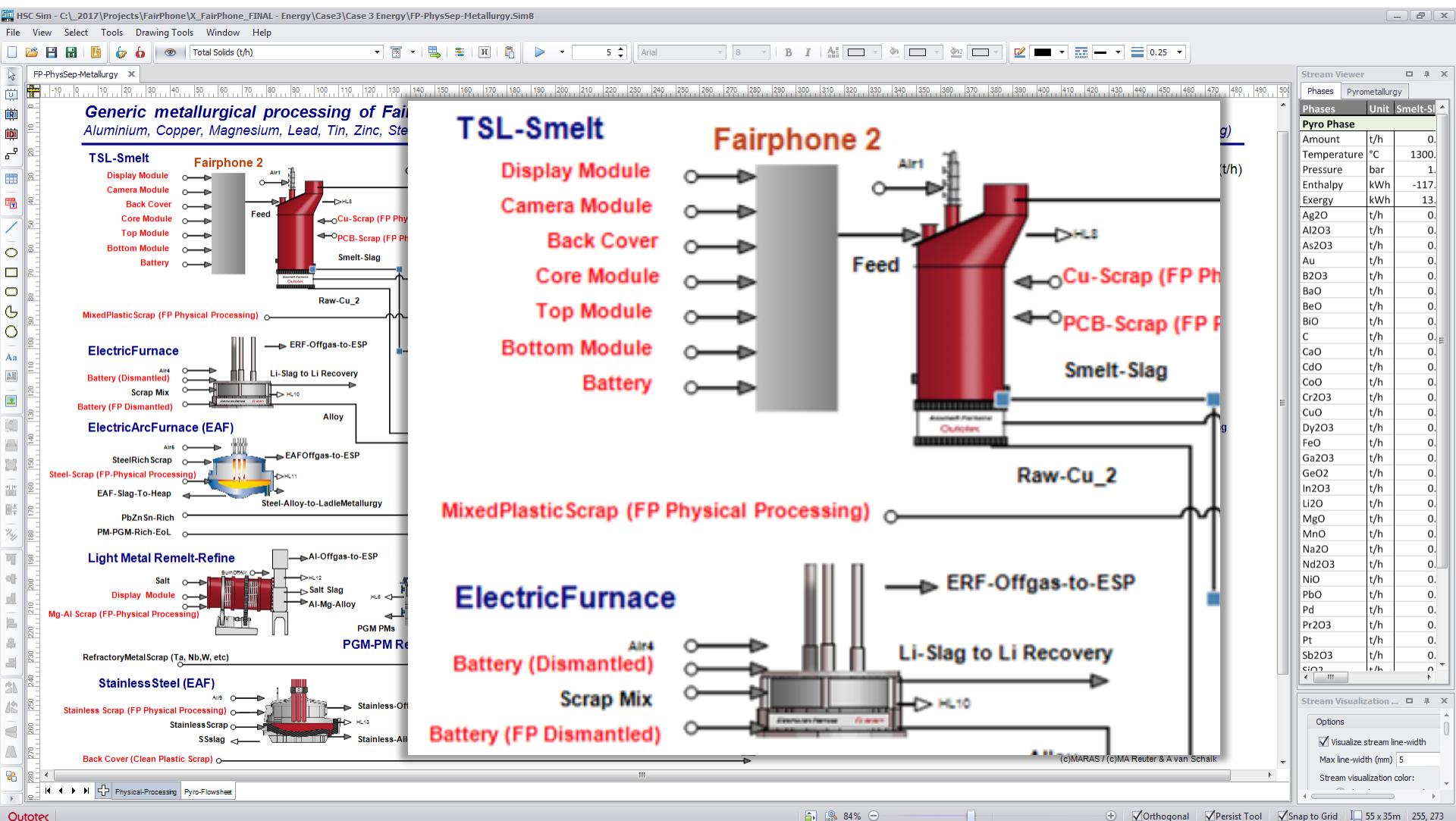


Separating Fairphone 2 modules and putting them through the most suitable recovery processes for metals and plastics.

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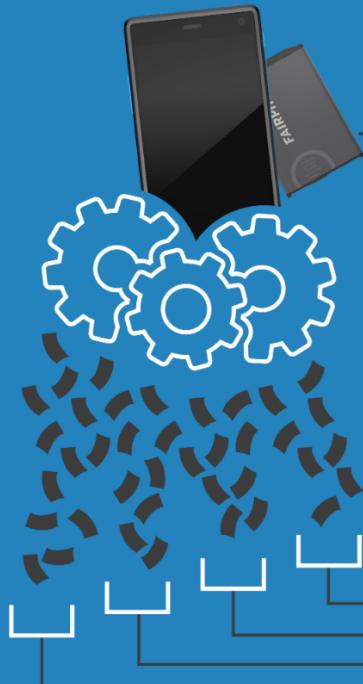
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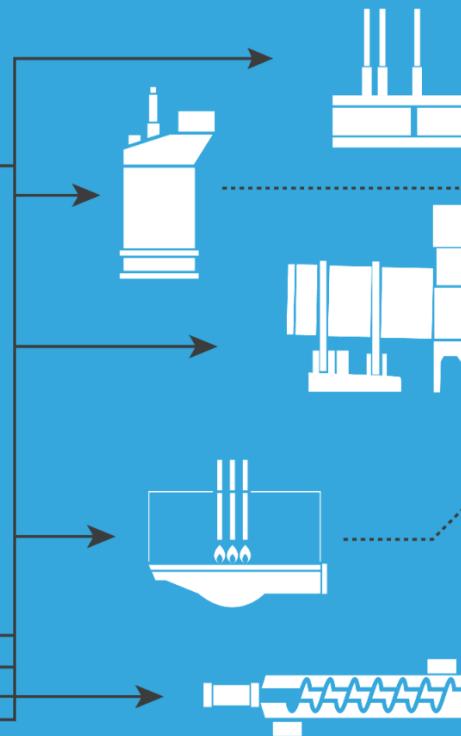
# Fairphone: Recyclingweg 3

## Recycling Route 3 – Shredding & Sorting

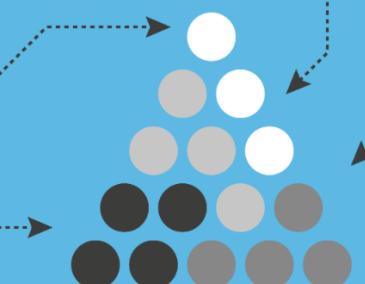
Shredding & separation



Metallurgy & plastic recycling



Recovered materials & energy



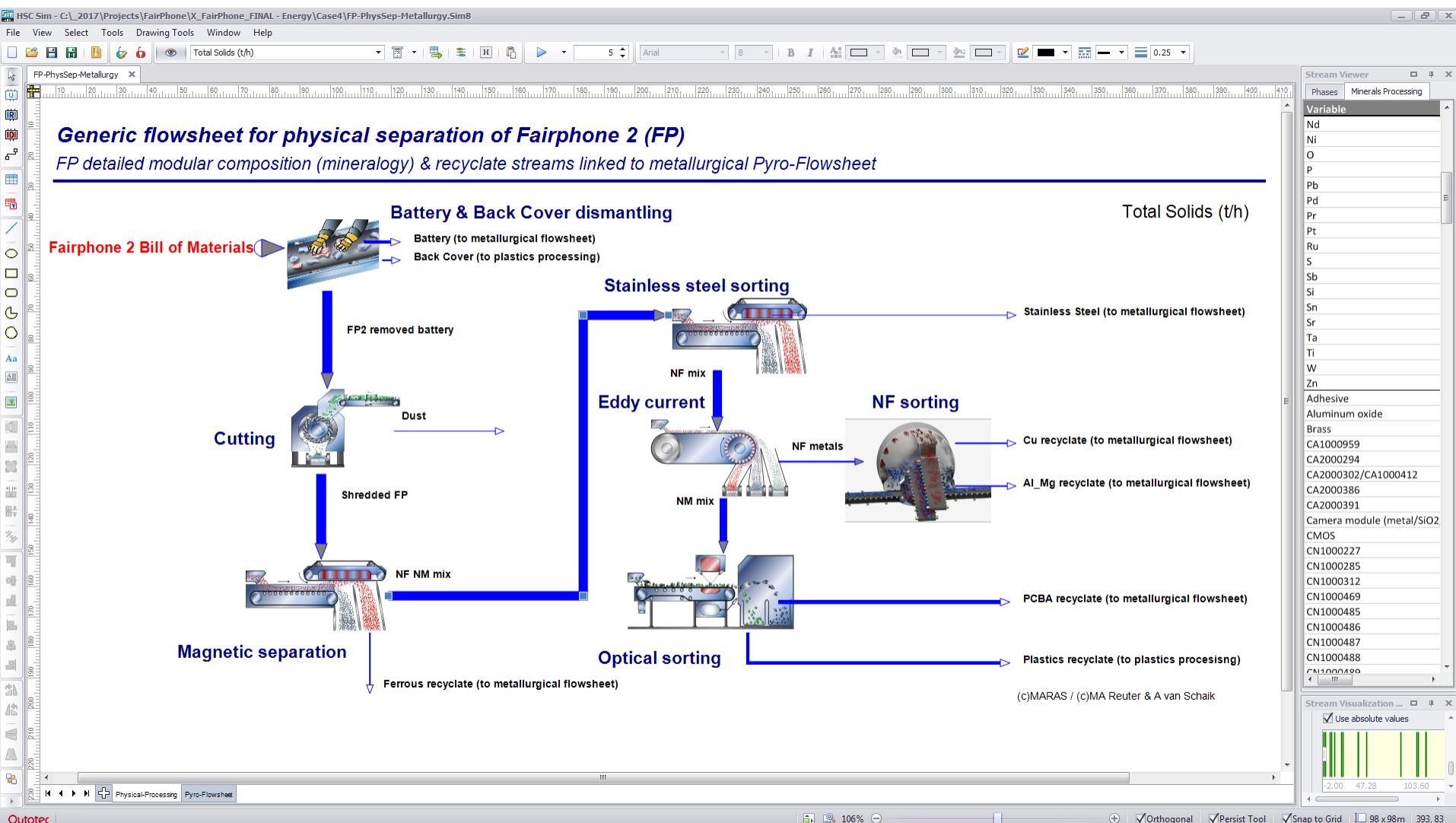
Removing the battery and feeding the rest of the phone through a cutting mill.

Scrap is separated into the relevant processing streams and processed as in route 2.

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# Fairphone: Recyclingweg 3 – Verfahrensfließbild



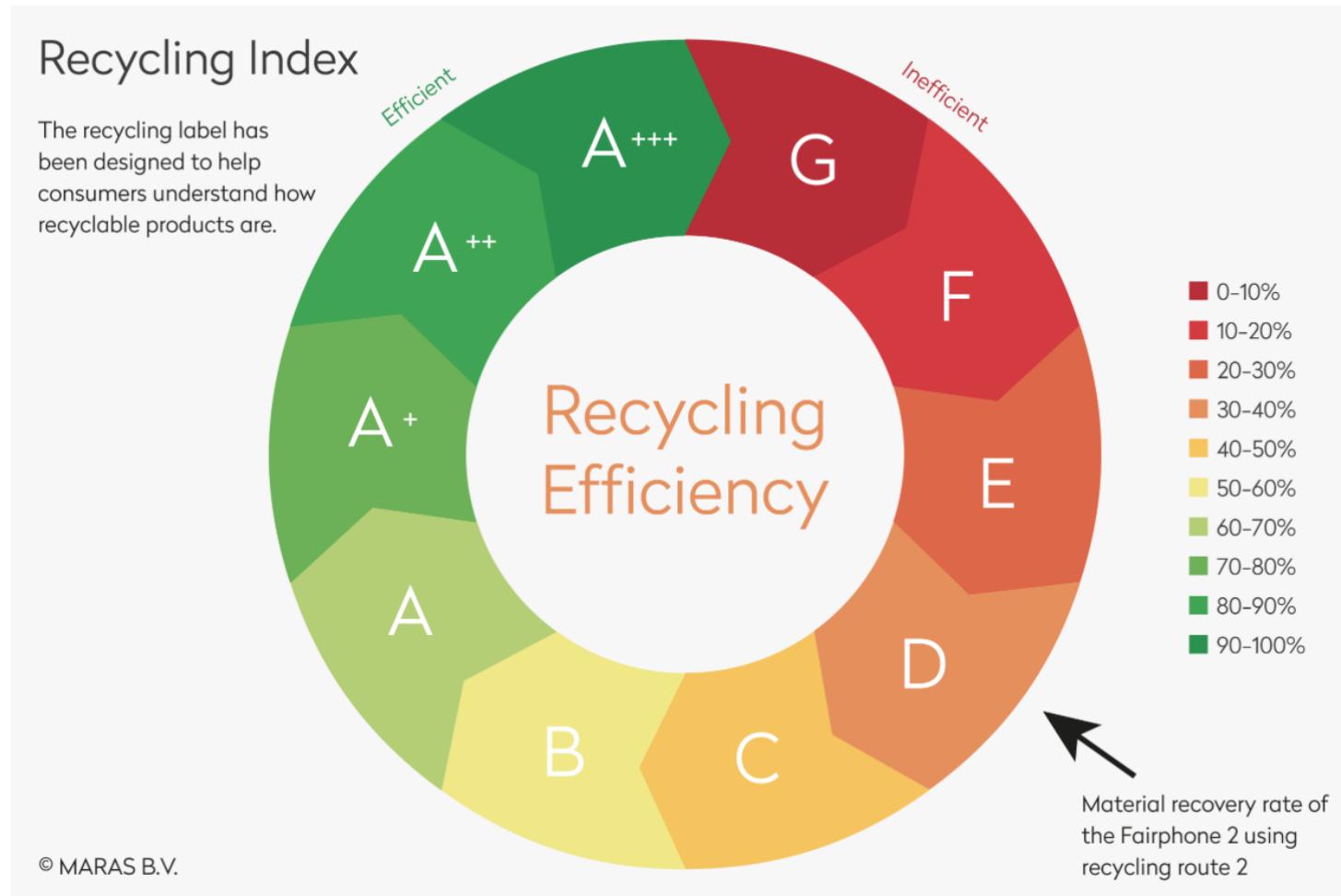
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# Recycelbarkeit des Fairphone: Das Ergebnis



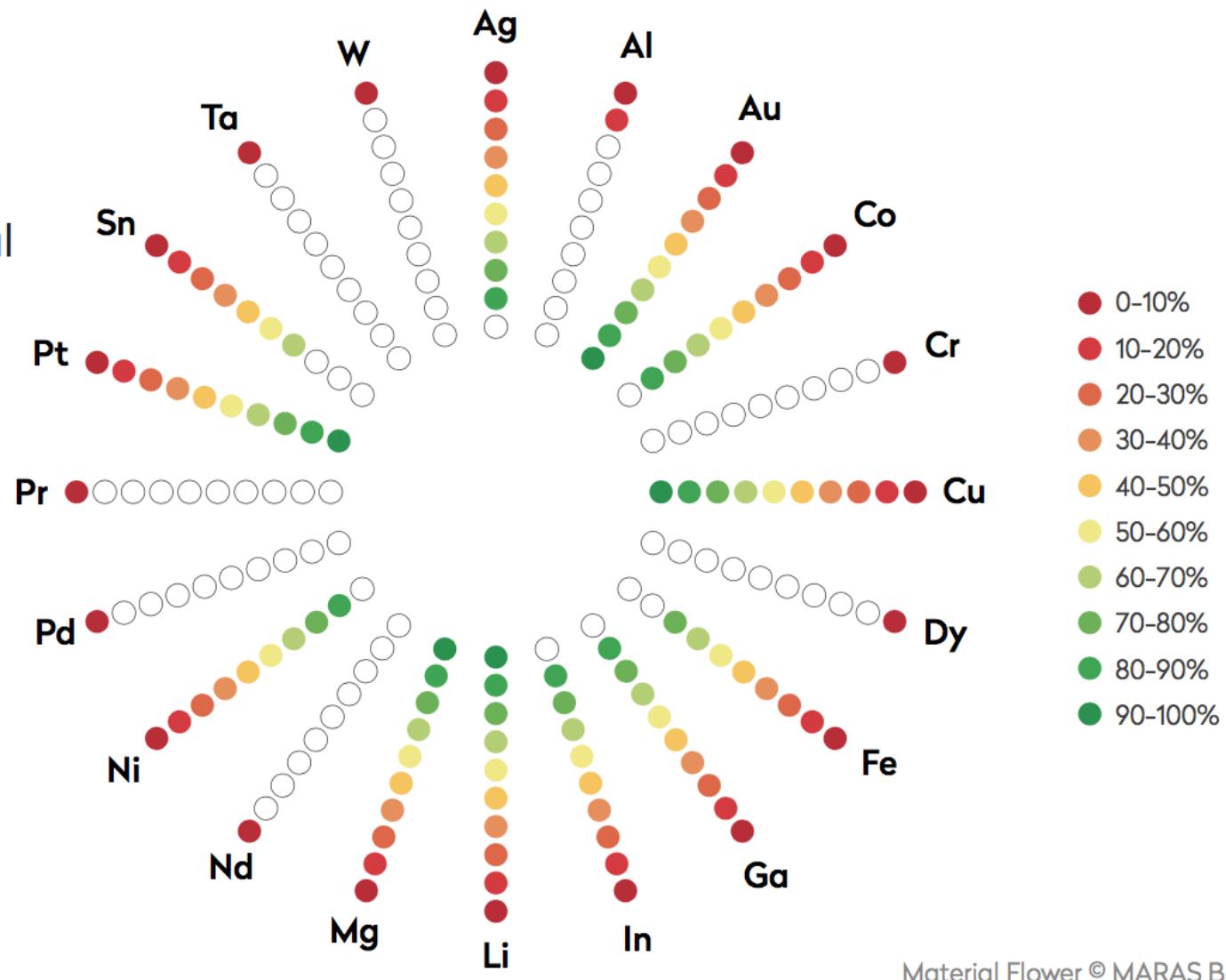
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macht die Recycelbarkeit eines Produkts transparent für den Verbraucher

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# Recycling

## Route 3:

Recovery  
rate by metal



Material Flower © MARAS B.V.

**Materialblume:** entwickelt von Van Schaik und Reuter;  
zeigt das Spektrum an recycelbaren Elementen

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# Module verbessern das Recycling

Modularity  
makes  
sense

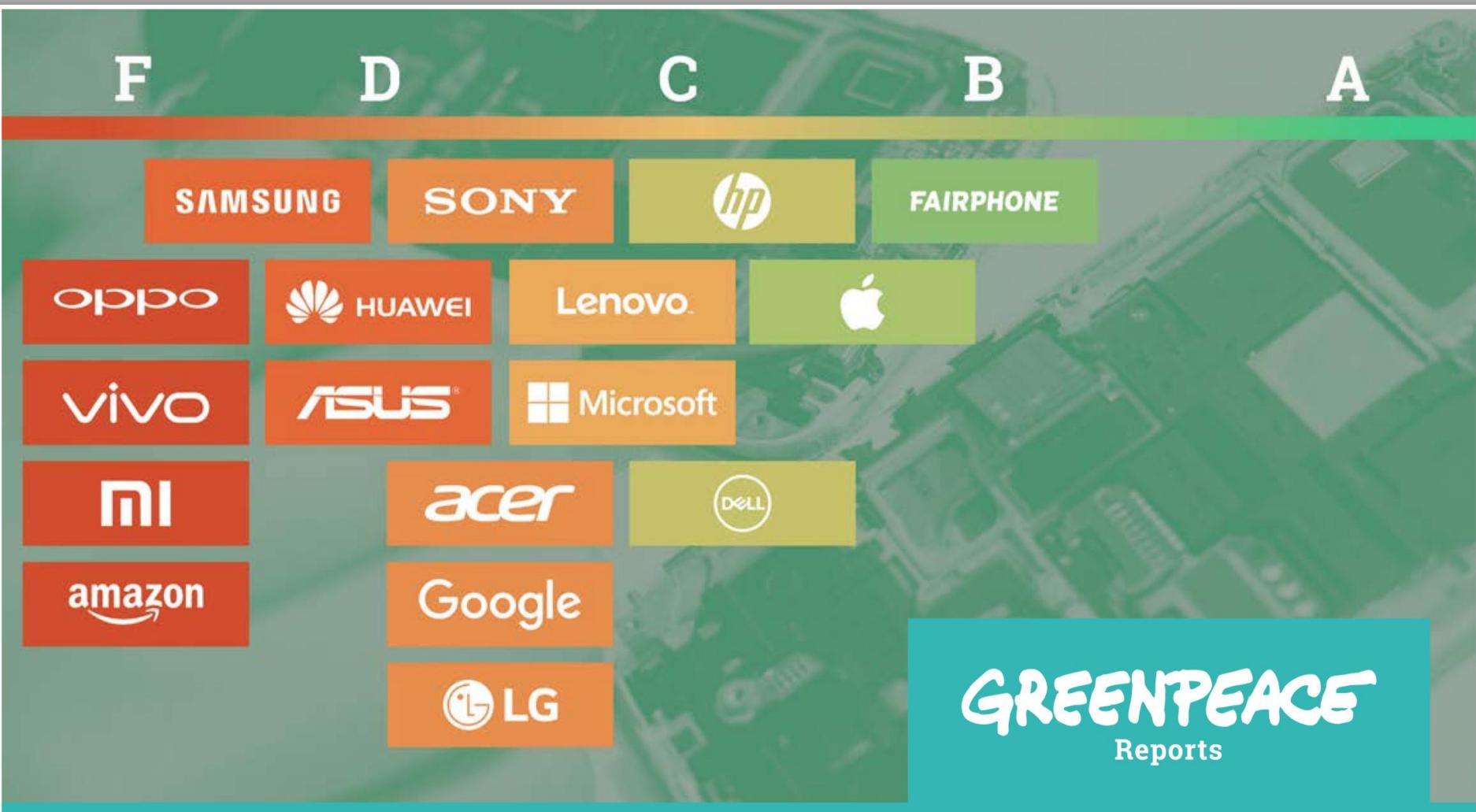
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in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
across Fairphone 2  
life cycle

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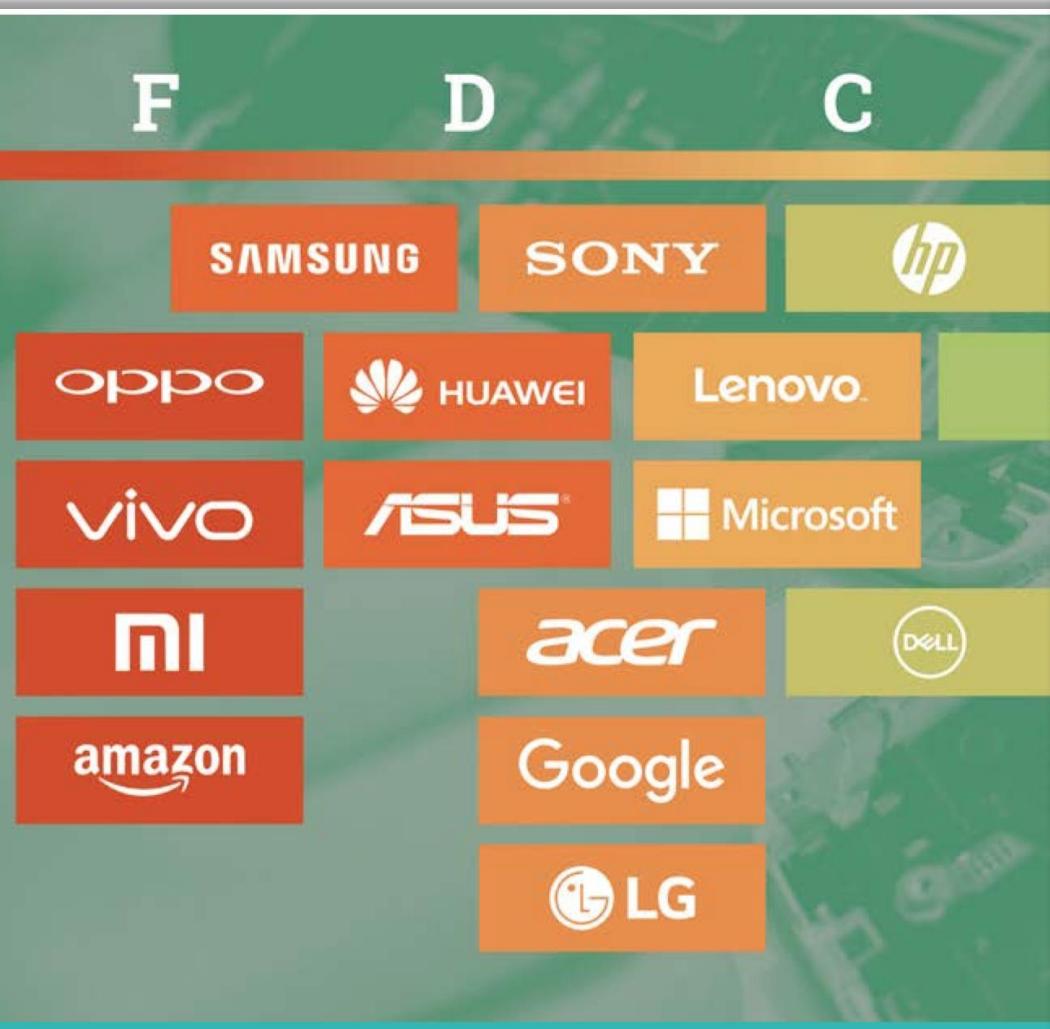
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# Greenpeace: Wegweiser für eine “grünere” Elektronik – Digitalisierung der Kreislaufwirtschaft



<http://www.greenpeace.org/usa/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Guide-to-Greener-Electronics-2017.pdf>

# Greenpeace: Wegweiser für eine “grünere” Elektronik – Digitalisierung der Kreislaufwirtschaft



## CIRCULAR PRODUCTION EXPLAINED

**Closed-loop:** The sourcing of materials for new electronics from obsolete electronics, thus reducing e-waste.

**Open-loop:** The sourcing of recycled/secondary inputs from the waste flows of other sectors.

Closed-loop recycled content cannot exist without products also being designed for high recyclability, to supply secondary resources of a sufficient quality to be reused in new products.

While 100% recovery of materials is not currently possible because of device complexity,<sup>49</sup> there is still much room for improvement in both product design and take-back programs to increase overall recovery rates of devices and the materials contained within them. In February 2017, Fairphone published a study which determined that dismantling devices at end-of-life

### Die Fairphone-Studie wird zitiert!

broaden amount of materials, compared to just shredding or smelting alone. In addition, Fairphone found that modular design can help improve the recovery rates of essential metals for electronics including gold, copper, silver, cobalt, nickel, palladium, platinum, gallium, indium, zinc, tungsten and tantalum.<sup>50</sup> Modular design can also enable the recovery and reuse of still functioning components as spare parts.

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# Exergie-Fußabdruck der Kreislaufwirtschaft



Quelle: <https://fineartamerica.com/featured/a-zebra-winged-butterfly-at-the-lincoln-joe-sartore.html>

- **Ellen MacArthur** visualisiert die Kreislaufwirtschaft mit all ihren Akteuren in Form eines Schmetterlings. Ob dieser starten kann, hängt ab vom Exergie-Fußabdruck der Beteiligten.
- Exergie, Energie und Stoffbilanz in der Kreislaufwirtschaft: Hintergrund, Werkzeuge (HSC Sim 9) und aktuelle Beispiele (Fairphone, Greenpeace):

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# Backup-Folien

# DOWA Holdings, Japan



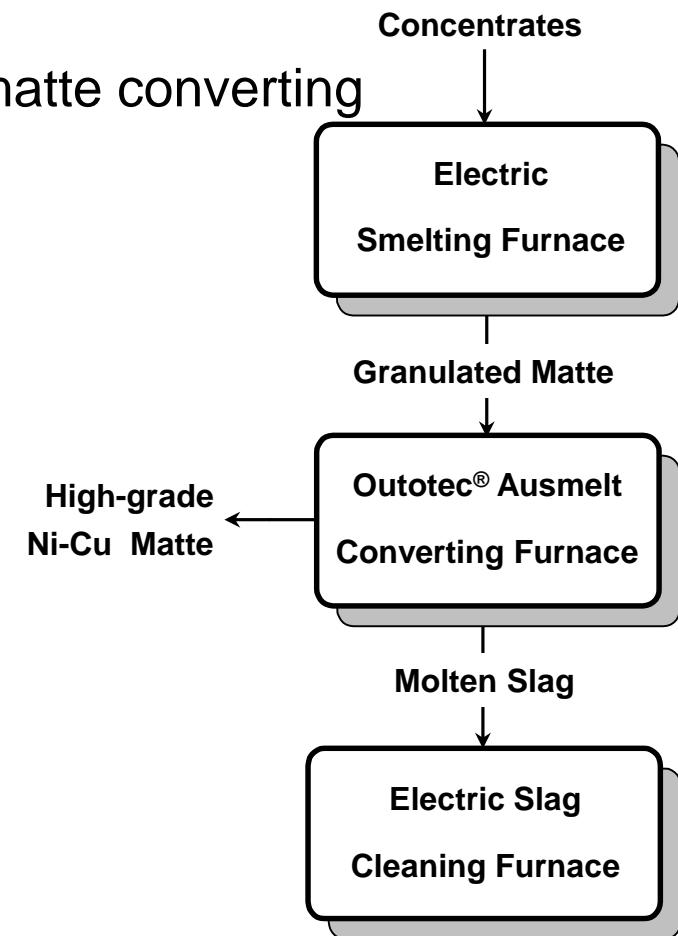
<http://www.dowa.co.jp>

# Aufbereitungsanlage für Zink – Xing'an, China



# Schmelzofen: Nickel und PGMs

- Anglo Platinum
  - **Process:** Continuous nickel-copper matte converting
  - **Capacity:** 210ktpa feed throughput
  - **Commissioned:** 2002



J.A. Coveney, B.R. Baldock, S. Hughes, M.A. Reuter (2009): Ausmelt Technology for Nickel & PGM'S Processing, Proceedings Pyrometallurgy of Nickel and Cobalt, Eds, J. Liu, J. Peacey, M. Barati, S. Kashani-Nejad and B. Davis, COM 2009 MetSoc, Montreal, Canada, 169-180 (August 23-26, Sudbury, Ontario).

# Blei-Hütte, 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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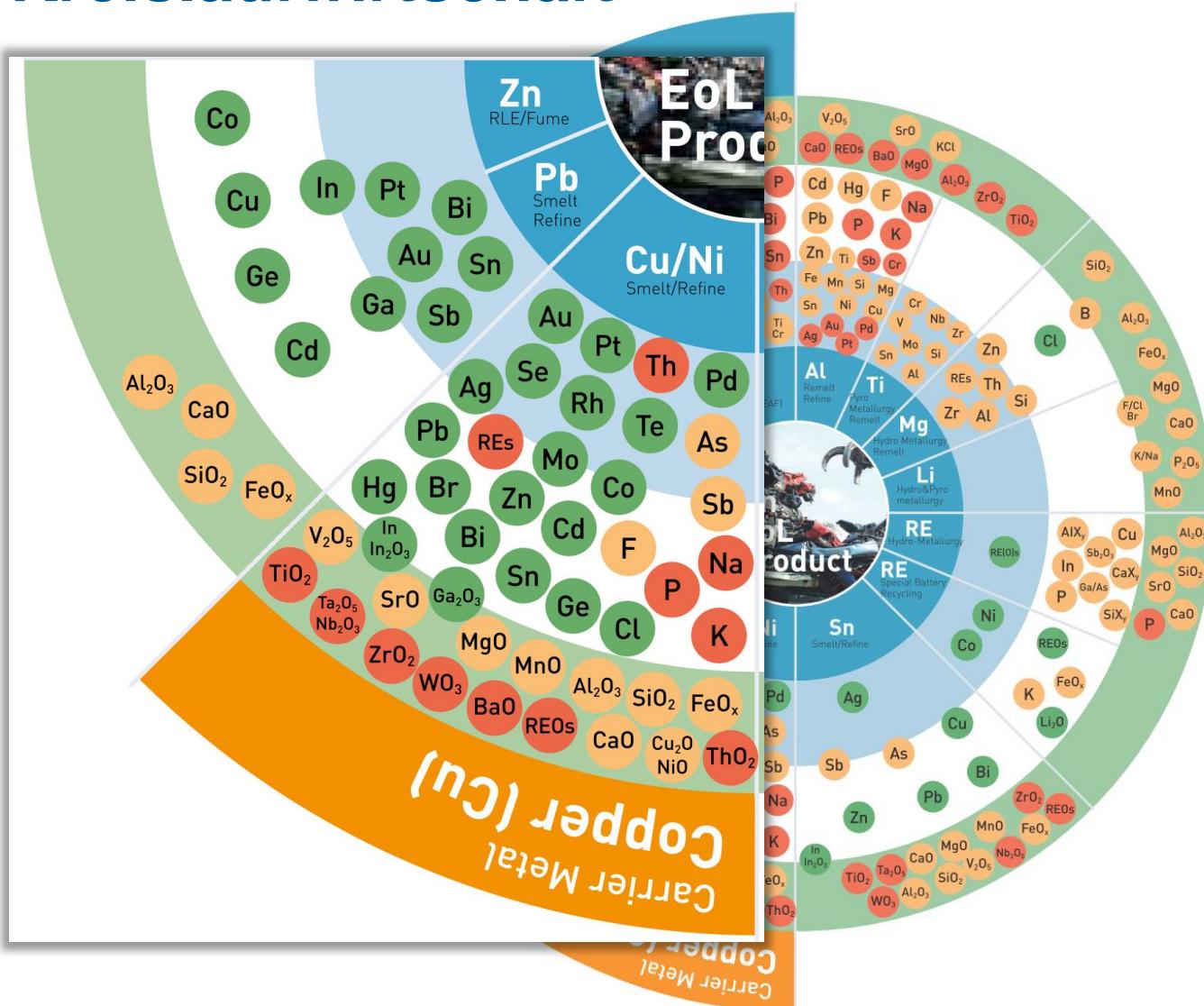
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# WEEE Recycling Simulation Model

Created on Outotec's HSC Chemistry Software Platform

Susanna Nevalainen (Aalto U), Antti Roine (Outotec), Markus Reuter (Helmholtz-Institute)

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

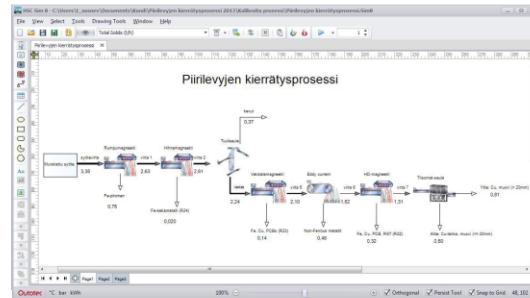
## 2) SELECT RECYCLING MODELS

### 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 process~~ Kuusakoski in 2013 model was calibrated to predict the behavior. The process consisted of magnetic separators, eddy current separator, gravity separator and screen.

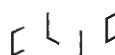
Even without calibration, it was noticed that most of the particles acted in typical way. For example, aluminum particles mainly left the process in the eddy current separator. With a simple calibration, mass balance was also managed to match with the given data.

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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## Fairphone's Report on Recyclability

Does modularity contribute to better recovery of materials?

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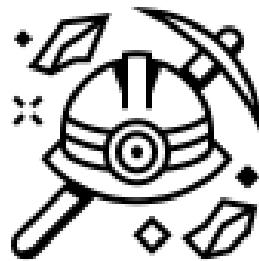
### Let's bring in the experts: An analysis using the Recyclability Index

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.

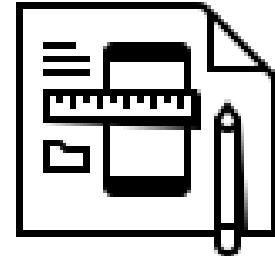
After the completion of the study, we have identified at least 45 different elements (or materials).

*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.*

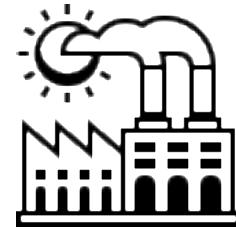
# By making a phone, we want to create impact in four key areas



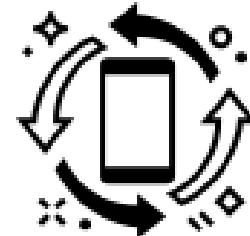
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Long-Lasting Design



Good working conditions



Reuse and Recycling