

Circular Economy from a Metallurgical Perspective

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Vision: Resource efficient metal production from a clean industry

Primary objective

Strengthen the future of Norway's largest, land based industry by establishing an interdisciplinary Research Centre for Metal Production enabling industrial innovation.

Give the industry long term access to world class fundamental competence and candidates.

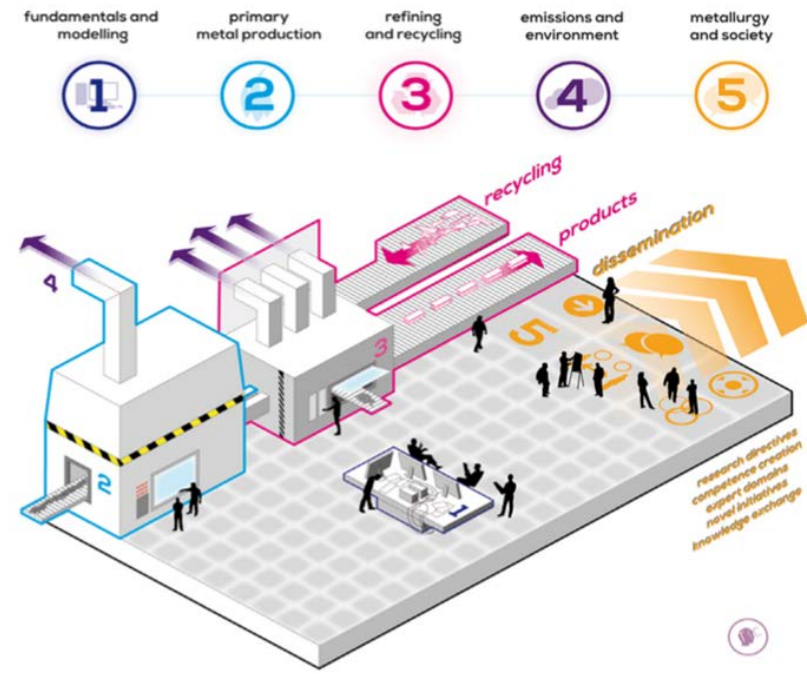
The Centre will focus on close collaboration between Industry and Academic/Research communities in Norway, to enable accelerated implementation of new knowledge in industry practice and innovation





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Research Domains





UNEP Report

Lead author: Markus Reuter

Metal Recycling: Opportunities, Limits, Infrastructure

The discussion is based on data about recycling input, and the technological infrastructure and worldwide economic realities of recycling



Circular Economy

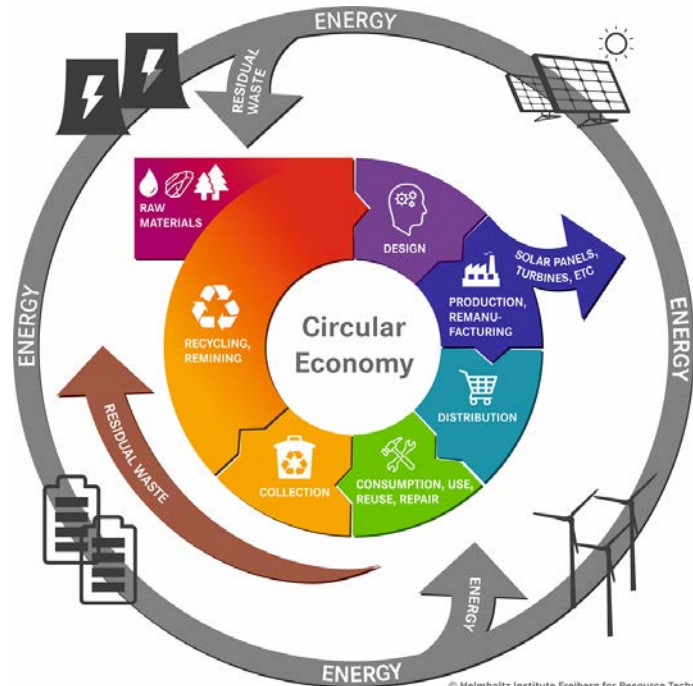
EU perspective





Circular Economy

Metallurgical Perspective



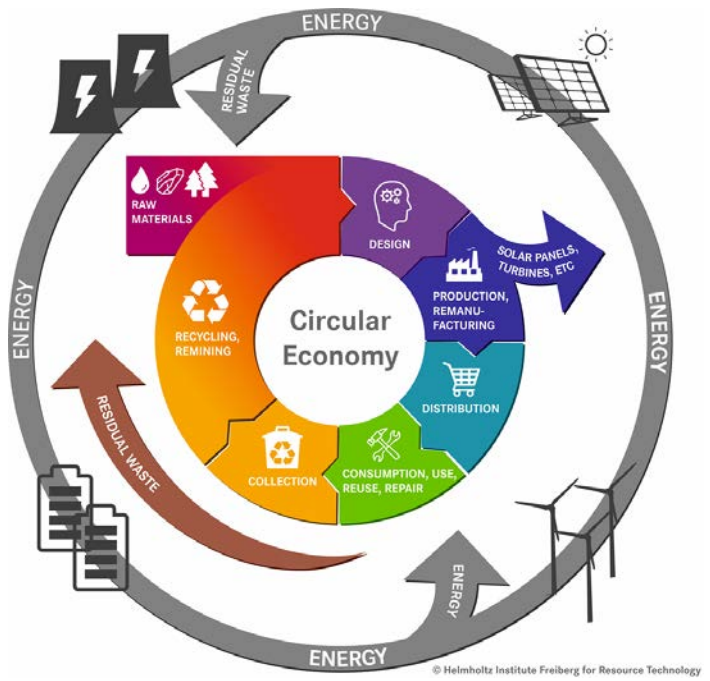
Metallurgy is necessary to realizing the Circular Economy

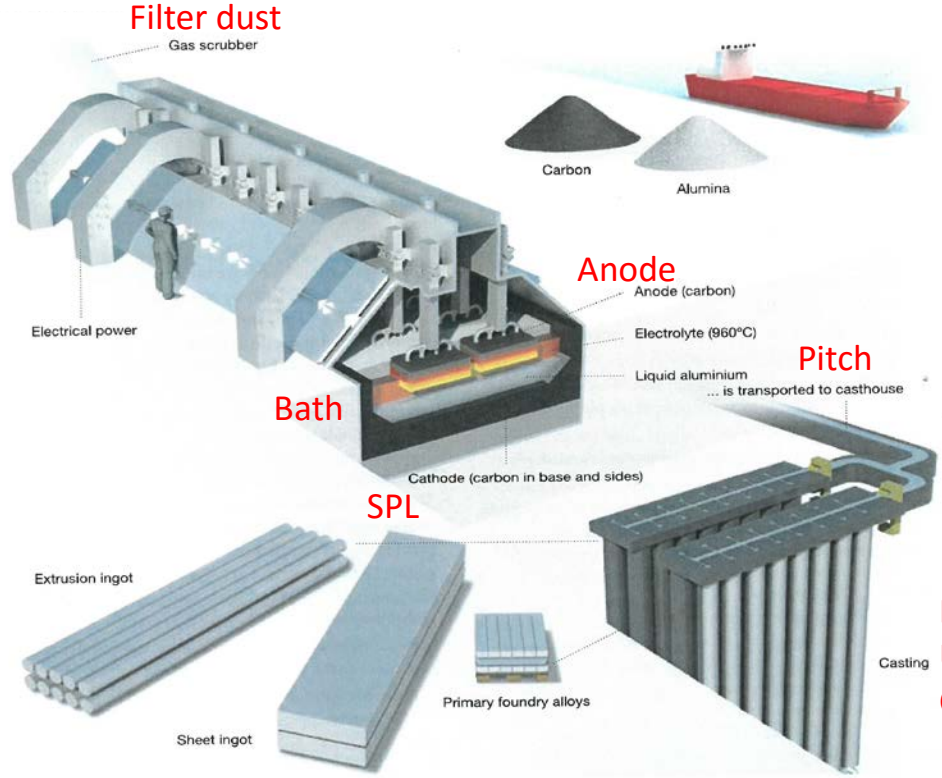
Create realistic solutions while also exploring and quantifying limitations

Production part

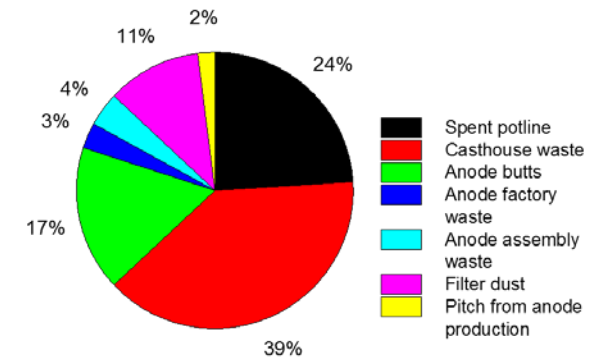


as well as in the residues part:





Aluminium



Dross
Used Filters
Cast house waste

SiO₂ fines

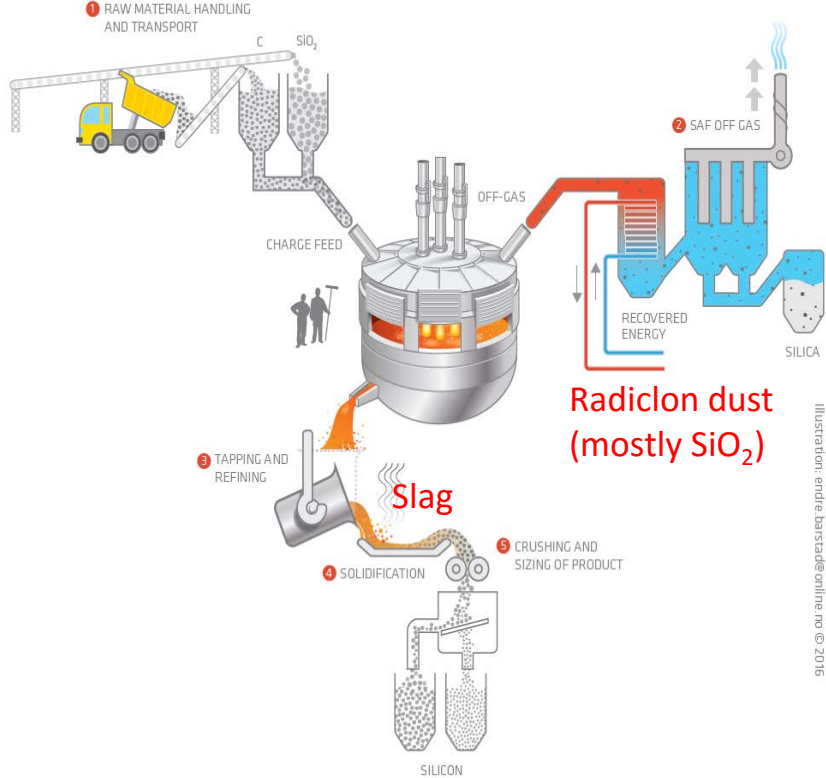


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Ferrosilicon



Example Production of Ferrosilicon

Production of Ferrosilicon 1960



Production of Ferrosilicon today



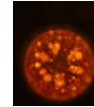
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Power production



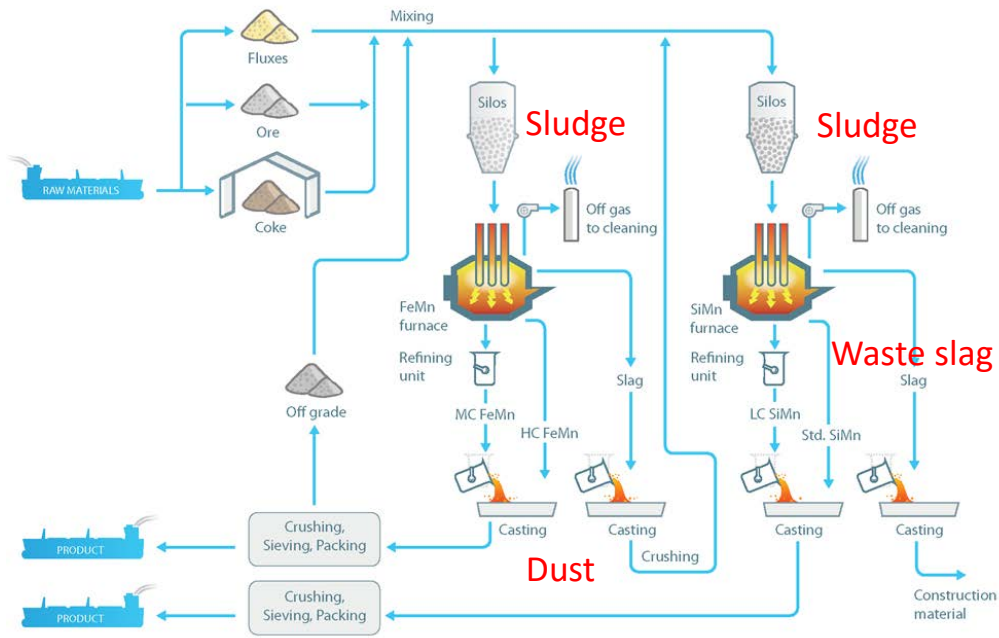
Microsilica Concrete



Silicate algaes



FERROMANGANESE FLOW CHART



Manganese alloys

Type	By-product
Slag	SiMn slag
	MOR slag
Dust	MOR dust
	Various dust from tapping fumes and centre stack
	Crushing dust
Dried sludge	FeMn sludge
	SiMn sludge
Refractory	Used refractory

Moving up promotes Circular Economy

The Waste Hierarchy

most favoured option



least favoured option





Landfill waste examples

- Red mud/Bauxite residue
- Part of SPL (mainly 2nd cut)
- Radiclone dust and quartz residue
- Slag and sludge from SiMn



Recycling examples

- Anode butts, anode scrap,
- Dust from bath residual, bath,
- Aluminium cathode bottom cakes,
- SPL (mainly 1st cut)
- Manganese: CO gas

Re-use examples

- Bauxite residue/red mud, bath and dross, part of the SPL
- Slag from SiMn production, and refractory
- Silica, skulls, and slag
- FeSi fines, silica and refractory
- Silica dust
- Sludge, sand, dust, empty container, oil, used acid, and part of active coal

Impurities is the tail that wags the recycling dog





Research example - Coated materials

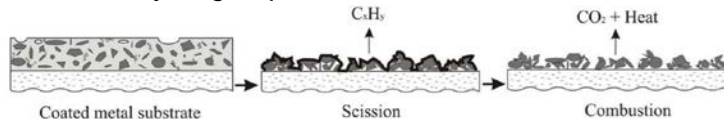
Leads to increased oxidation and re-melting challenges

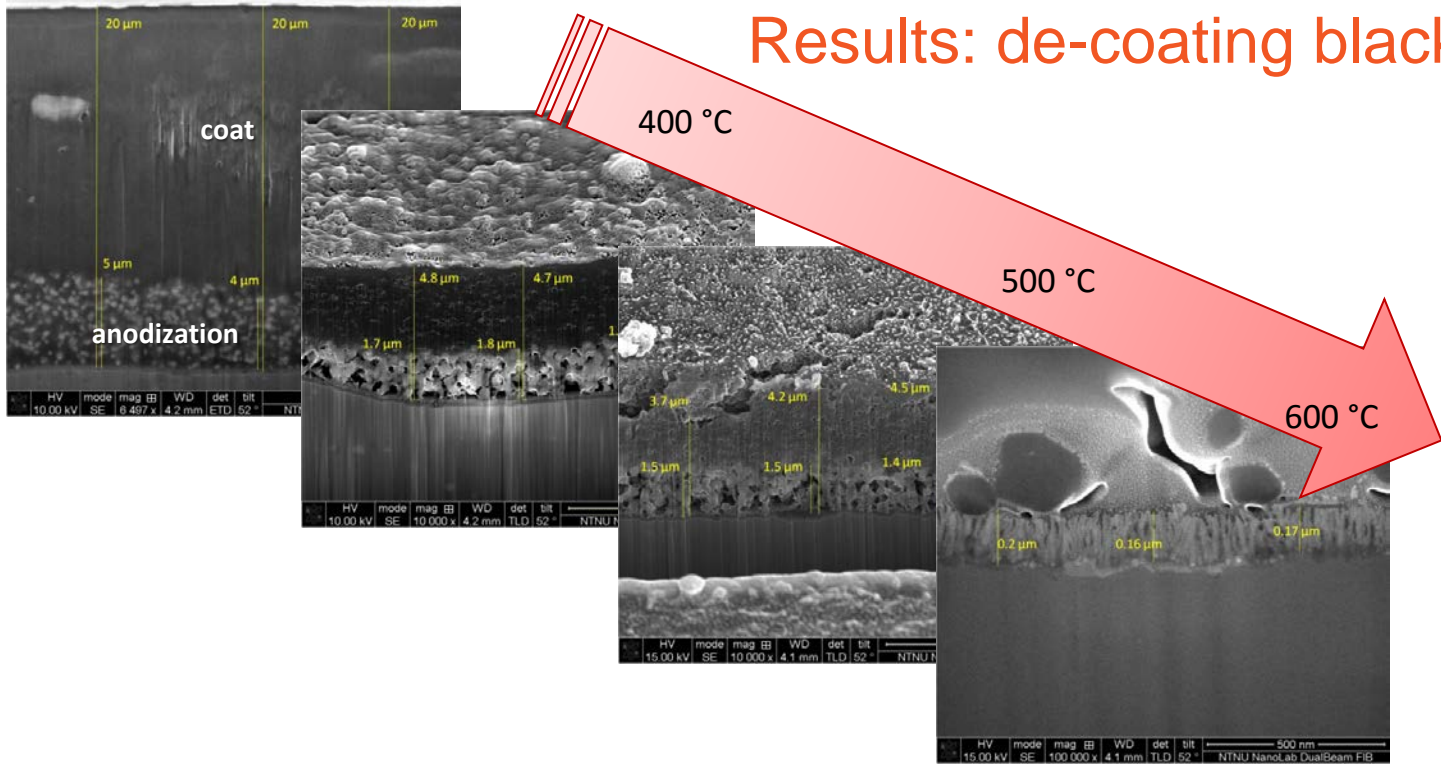


- Moisture
- Organics

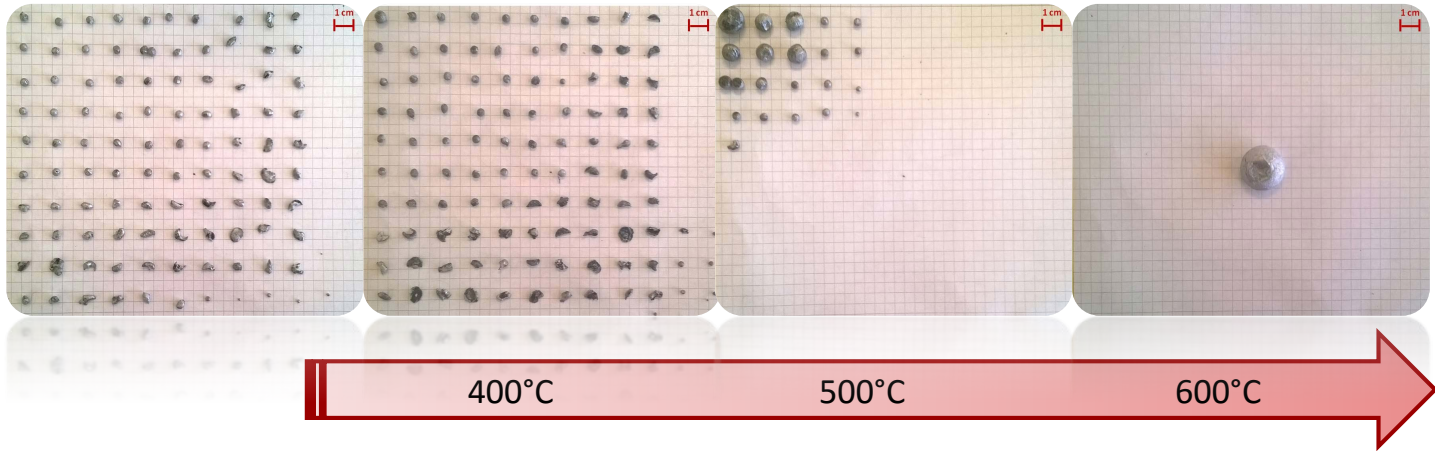


UNEP Recycling Report, 2013





Results:



- No effects are evident if the de-coating temperature is too low
- Increasing the temperature, the percentage of spherical drops and the average diameter increase
- A completely coalescence is obtained if the de-coating treatment is complete

End of Life Product example - Fairphone Recyclability the Recycling Flow Sheet

FAIRPHONE

Fairphone's Report on Recyclability

Does modularity contribute to better
recovery of materials?

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

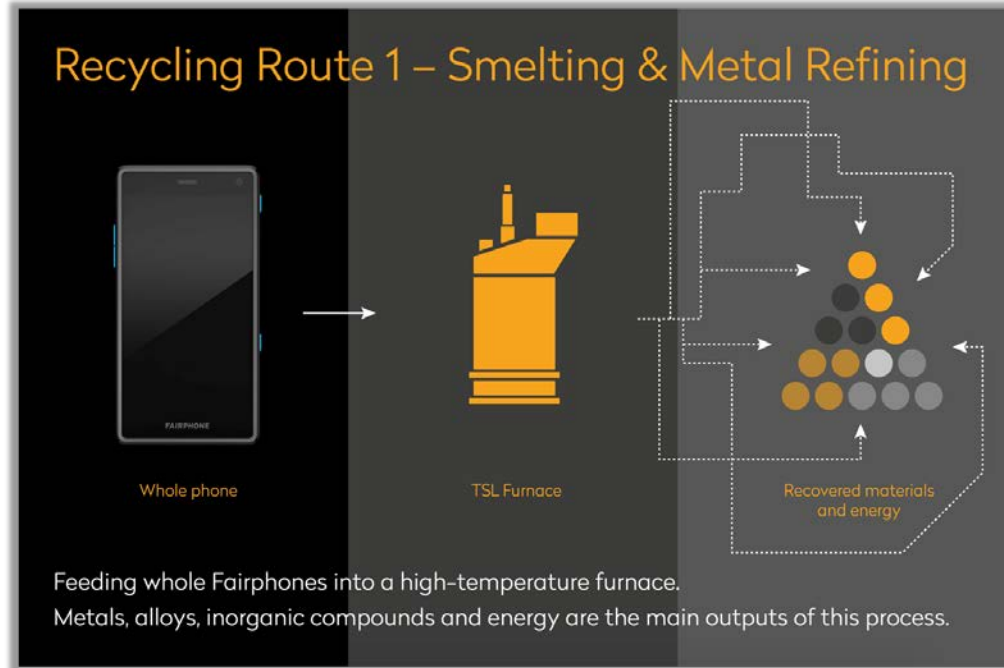
To help us gain a better understanding of the different issues related to electronics recycling, we turned to two very bright minds: Dr. Antoinette van Schaik (MARAS B.V.) and Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Markus A. Reuter (Freiberg, Germany), both renowned experts in recycling, sustainable technologies for metallurgy 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).

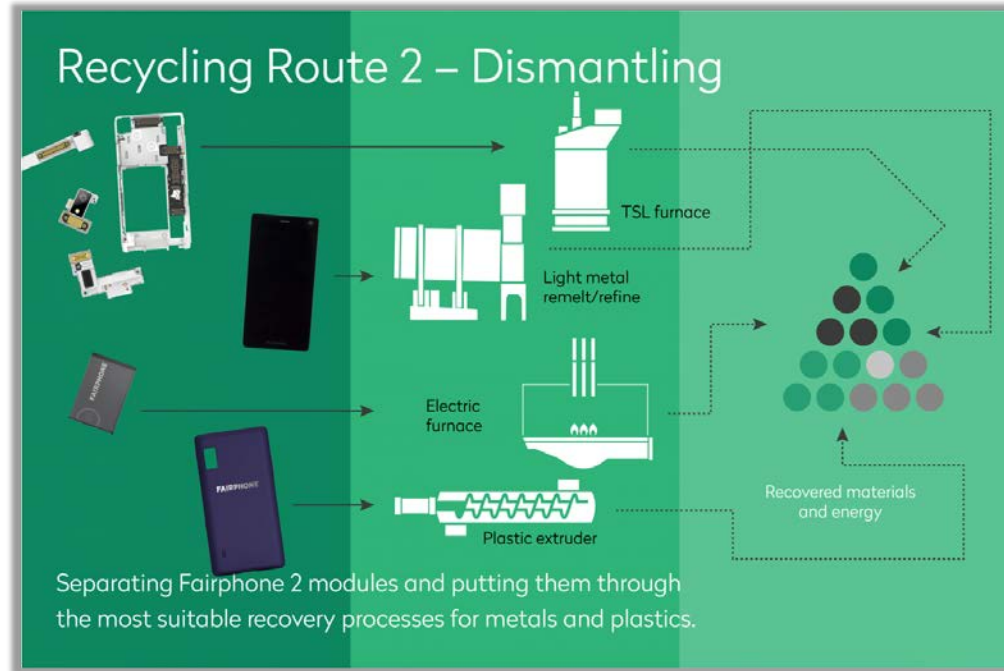
With this study, our aim was to research the potential recovery of all these materials in every part of the phone – from the external housing down to the tiniest capacitor.



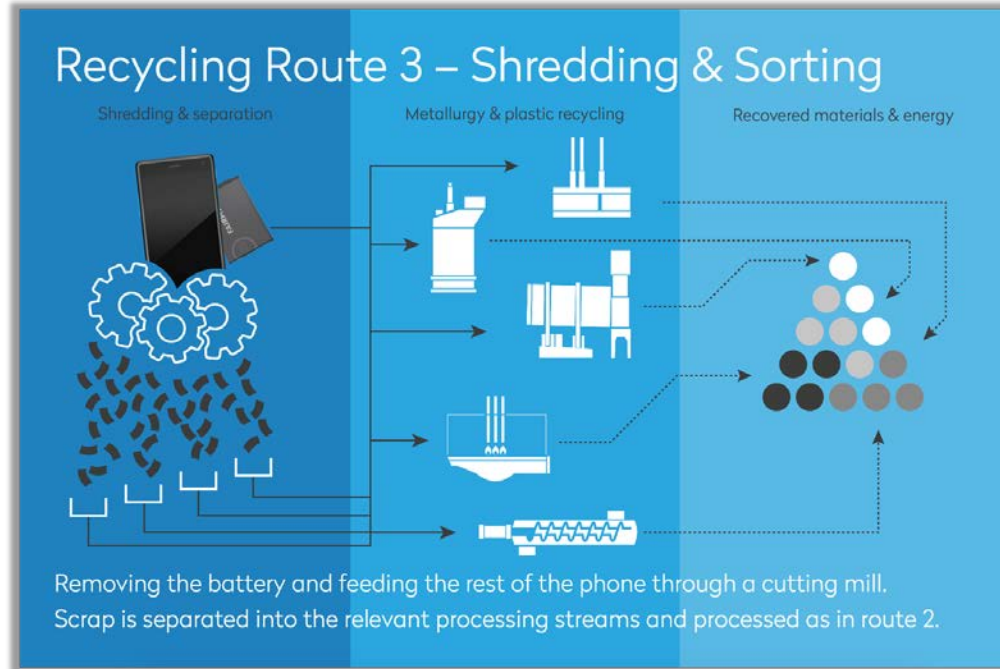
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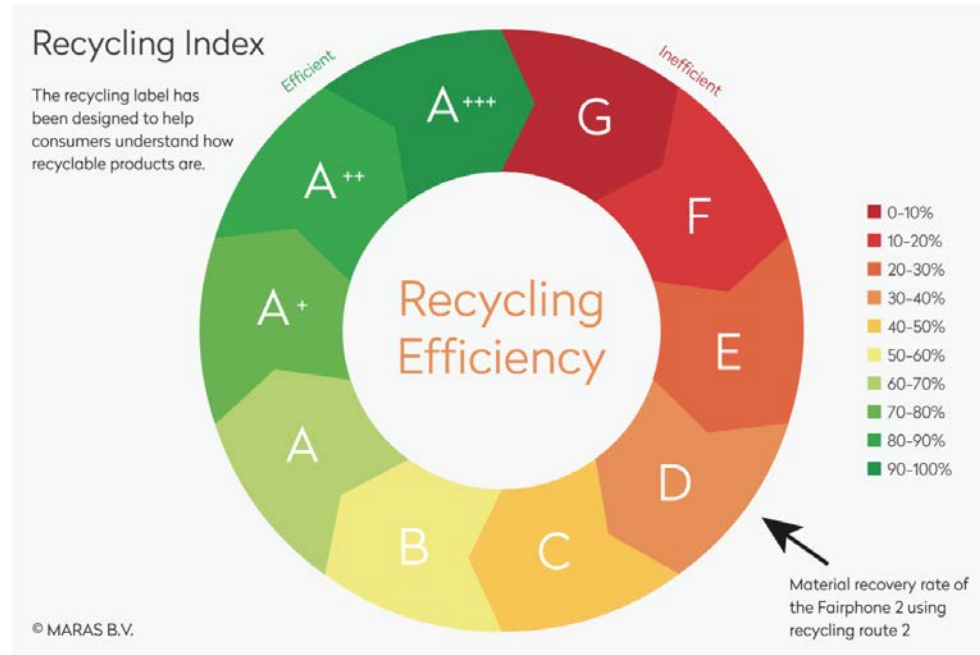


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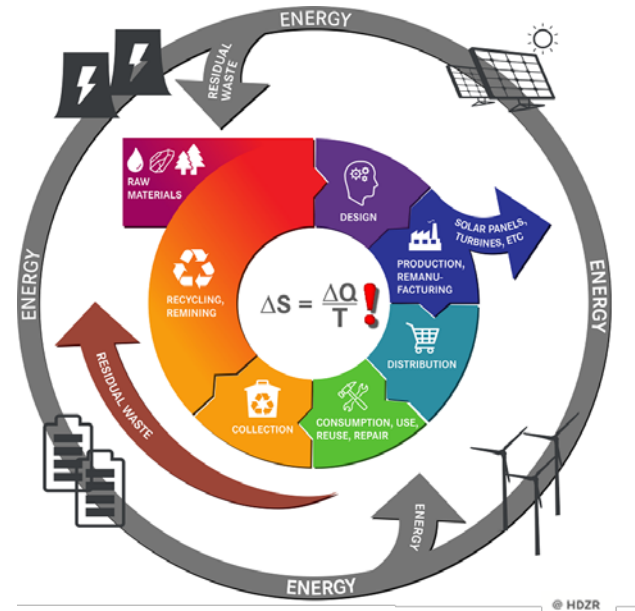
Fairphone Recyclability – The Result

Dismantling





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The limits of Circular Economy!