

Hydrometallurgical processing of bauxite residue for recovery of value-added products

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Background: Bayer Process

Bauxite mining

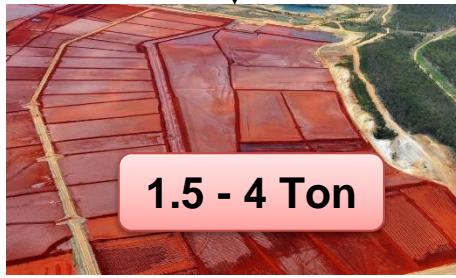


3.3 - 10.3 Ton

Bayer process



1 Ton



1.5 - 4 Ton

Alumina



0.5 Ton

Aluminum

**Bauxite residue
(Red mud)**

3-billion-ton toxic
waste accumulated
globally



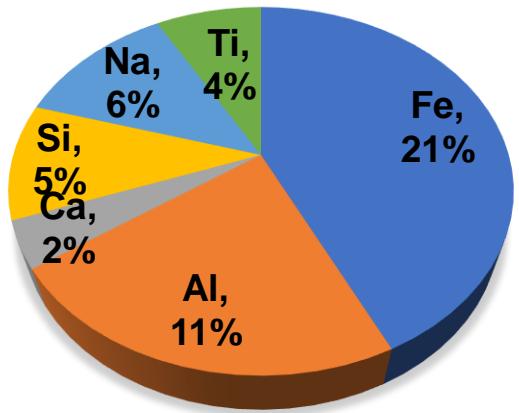
Source: Google Earth (Rio Tinto Alcan, Canada)



**Bauxite residue spill
Ajka, Hungary (2010)**

3-7 ft flood wave
affected 40 sq km land
and life

Bauxite residue utilization and challenges

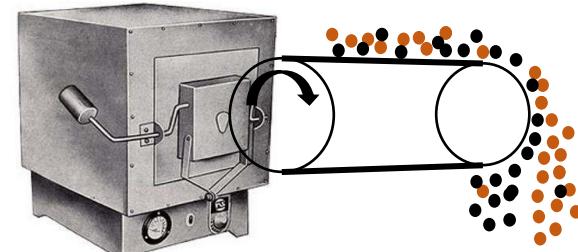


Elemental Composition



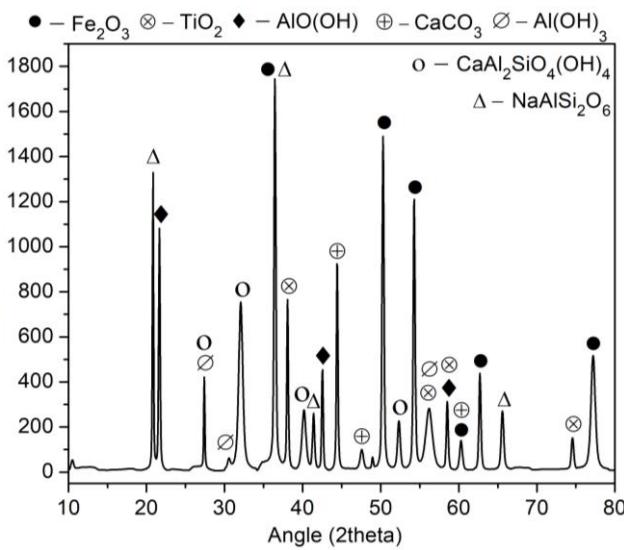
Smelting

- Alkali accumulation
- Poor slag fluidity

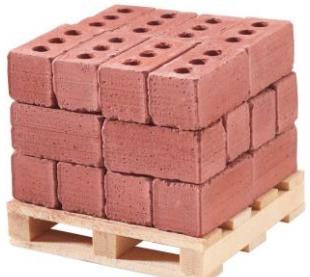


Reduction roasting

- Mixed phase formation
- Low magnetic separation efficiency

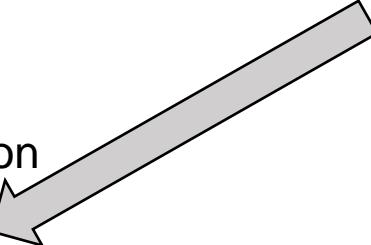


X-ray analysis



Construction material

- Alkali segregation
- Low strength

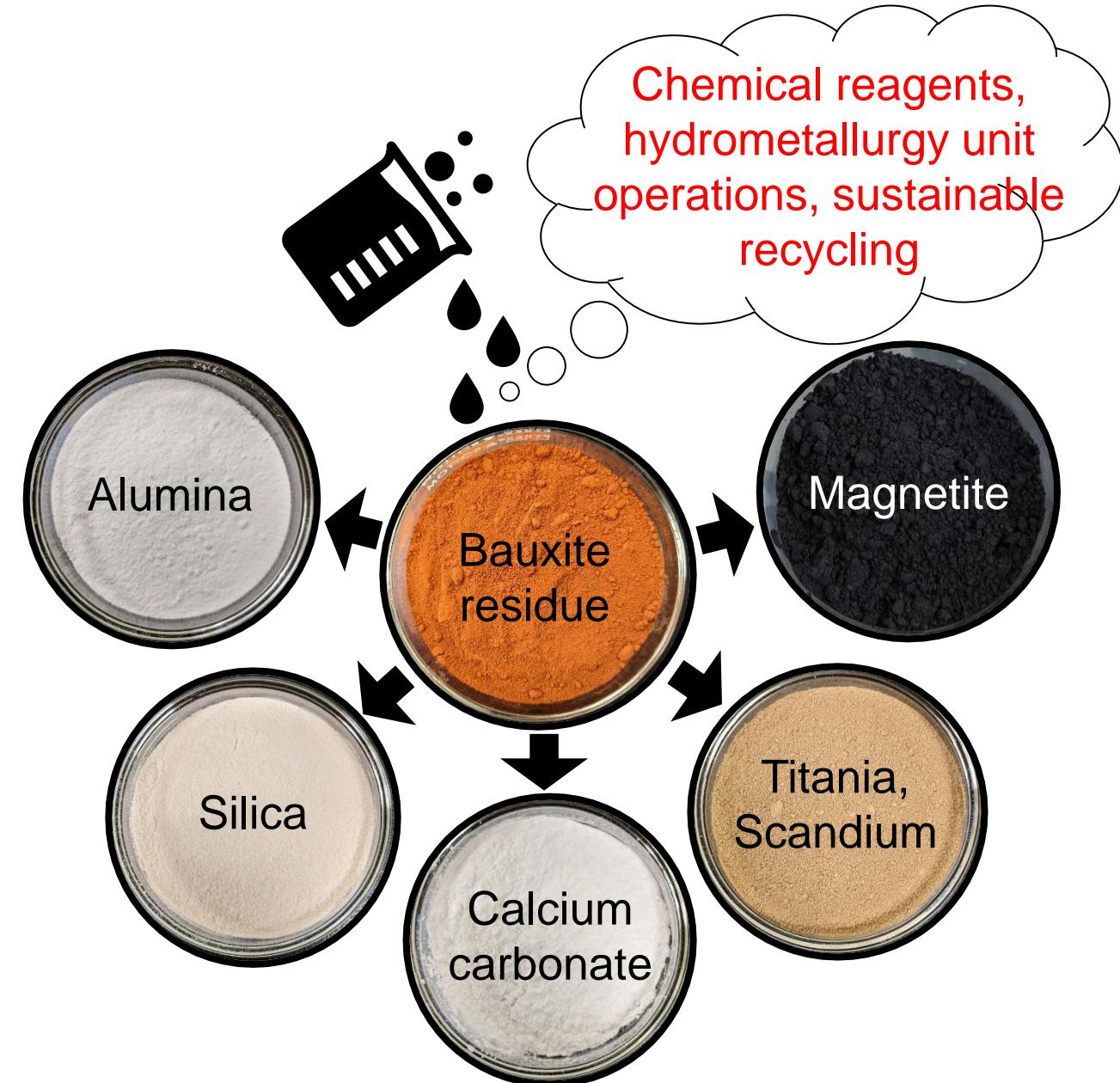
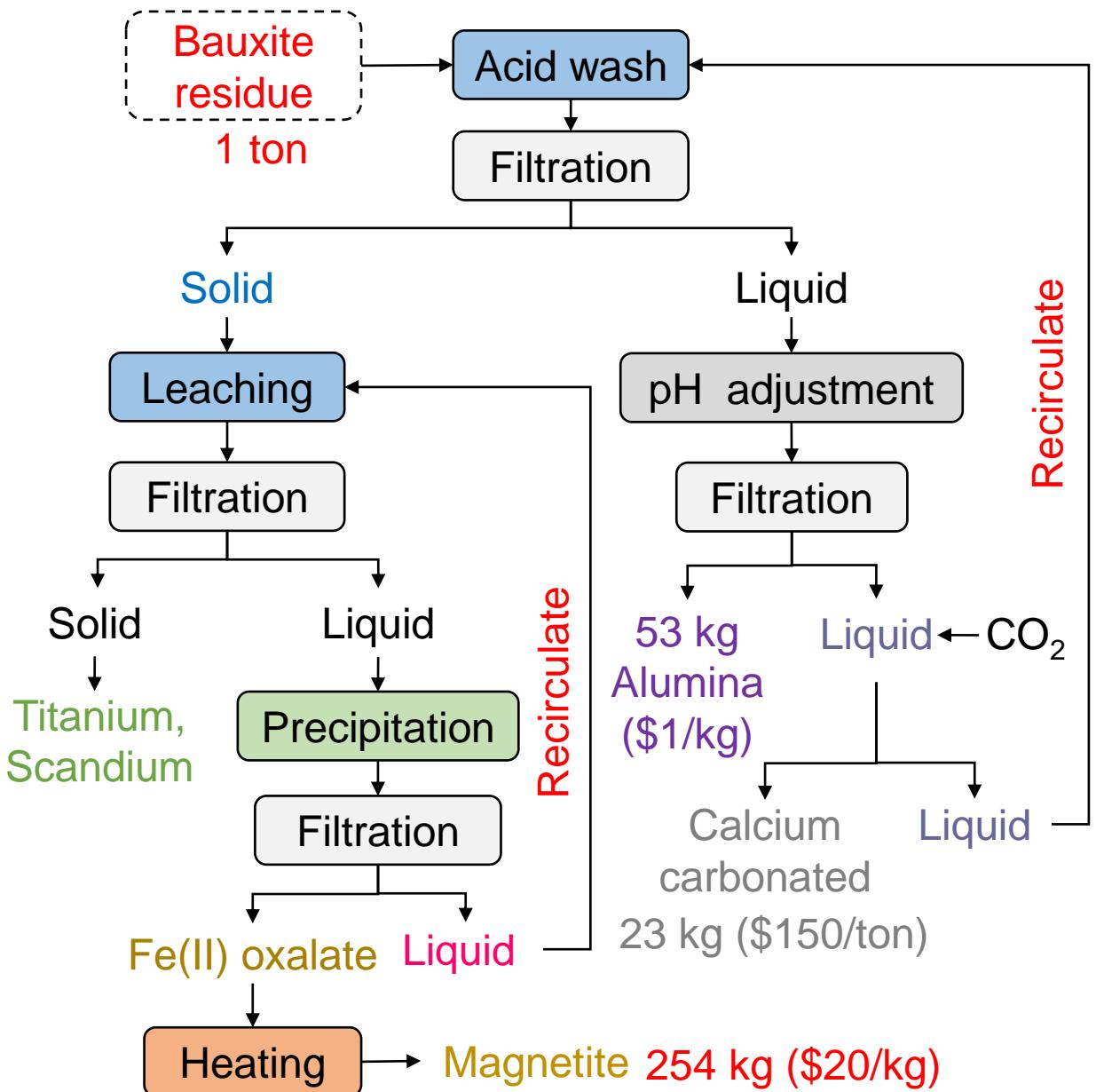


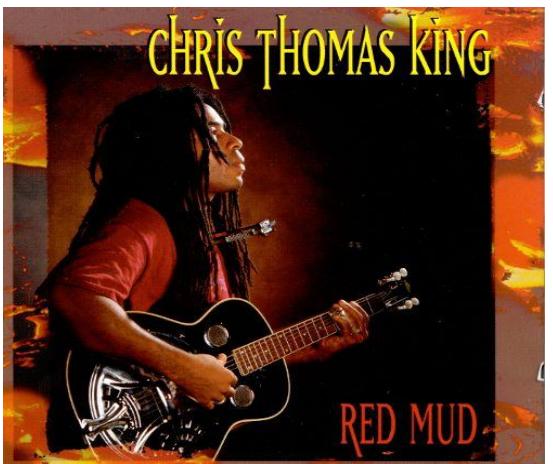
- High acid consumption
- Product contamination



Hydrometallurgy

Proposed economical recycling flowsheet





Thank you...

