Recovery of Valuable Metals from Batteries by Smart Process Design

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- Motivation
- **Battery market is increasing**
- **Different battery compositions** and systems available
- Robust recycling processes needed, but still unsolved challenges:
 - Interface between preparation technology and metallurgy to be defined
 - Recycling directive by EU demands weight-related Recycling Efficiency (RE)
 - Each recycling path has several drawbacks and benefits





Solutions and Suggestions

- Metal-based approach (Elemental **Recovery Rate instead of Recycling** Efficiency)
- Multi-step process paths needed, as combinations of pre-treatments, pyro- and hydrometallurgy

Current research

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- Optimal pre-treatment processes and parameters
- Benchmarking different methodologies in terms of yield and purity
- Developing recycling paths for next

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generation batteries (e.g. Li-S and Li-Si)