

Can lithium be recycled in industrial smelting?

In current industrial smelting processes, the contained lithium and aluminum are transferred to the slag phase and are difficult to recover. But especially the recycling of the critical metal lithium will be crucial in the future, also to meet legal requirements.

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Can pyrolyzed lithium-ion battery Black Mass be smelted?

This paper explores the options of smelting pyrolyzed lithium-ion battery black mass in a laboratory-scale electric arc furnace. Due to the high graphite content in the black mass, a smelting would result in a slag-graphite mixture, which is unsuitable for a smelting process.

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Does high graphite content affect metal smelting behavior?

The high graphite content of the input feed influences the smelting behavior and can lead to metal losses in form of non-settled metal droplets. This is reflected in the lower individual metal yields of the affected trials S3 and S4, given in Fig. 5. The presented metal yields are calculated by Eq.

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1 INTRODUCTION. Since rechargeable lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) were commercialized in 1991 by Sony, the surging demand for LIBs with high energy density and lifespan has been increasingly boosted in the applications of electric vehicles (EVs), portable electronics, and energy storage systems. 1 The key impetus for the rapid growth of LIBs is a massive pull effect in automotive ...

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Recycling the high content of valuable metal elements contained in spent lithium-ion batteries (SLIBs) has attracted significant interest. By leveraging the concept of substitution of isomorphous replacement in earth minerals, this study proposes a novel approach for the selective extraction of Li and Mn from the artificial spodumene-type lithium-rich slag ...

2.1.2 Salts. An ideal electrolyte Li salt for rechargeable Li batteries will, namely, 1) dissolve completely and allow high ion mobility, especially for lithium ions, 2) have a stable anion that resists decomposition at the cathode, 3) be inert to electrolyte solvents, 4) maintain inertness with other cell components, and; 5) be non-toxic, thermally stable and unreactive with electrolyte ...

Instead of mechanically preprocessing individual batteries, this process utilizes specialized ultra-high temperature (UHT) technology, incorporating slagging agents, to directly smelt spent batteries at elevated temperatures.

The pyrometallurgical process used to recover spent lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) involves high smelting temperatures. During the smelting process, the refractories dissolve into the slag. This can have negative effects on metal recovery. Nonetheless, issues related to the effects of refractories on separation of the slag and metal during ...

As mentioned earlier, when using high-temperature smelting to recycle spent LIBs, lithium is lost due to the formation of insoluble slag. Since lithium is the most valuable metal in LFP cathode materials, using high ...

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