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A paper entitled ‘Copper Industry Trade Associations and Antitrust Laws’ is available upon request. 10/92, 5/93, 10/10

1. Other foreign competition laws apply to International Copper Association, Ltd. (ICA)’s activities worldwide.
Why dynamic copper stock & flow models?

High quality information on metal cycles is not as plentiful as you may expect!

Simplified metal cycle from Tercero Espinoza (2012): The contribution of recycling to the supply of metals and minerals. POLINARES working paper Nr. 20
Information deficits lead to recycling indicators of poor quality

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A dynamic model delivers more and better quality information

Glöser, Soulier & Tercero Espinoza, *Environmental Science and Technology* **47** (2013) 6564-6572 dx.doi.org/10.1021/es400069b
Global copper stocks & flows in 2015

update of Glöser et al. *Environmental Science and Technology* 47 (2013) 6564-6572 dx.doi.org/10.1021/es400069b to be published in the 2017 World Copper Factbook
Global copper stocks & flows in 2015

Average of 2011-2015

- Recycling input rate: ≈ 33%
- EoL collection rate: ≈ 70%
- EoL processing rate: ≈ 70%
- EoL recycling rate: ≈ 50%

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Getting copper from the “urban mine”

Global (2015)

- Transport
- Industrial
- Consumer & other
- Infrastructure
- Buildings

Stock = 441 Mt
In = 26.7 Mt
Out = 12.1 Mt

Million tonnes Cu

- Global copper demand
- Global recycling potential
- Global supply from recycling

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1990 2000 2010

Global copper demand
Global recycling potential
Minimum mining
Global supply from recycling
Recycling challenge
Recycling practice

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Copper contained in foreign trade along the value chain

Trade data for 2014

C = Concentrate, Mattes & Cement
M = Blister, Anodes, Cathodes & Shapes
S = Semi-finished goods
F = Finished products

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Dynamics of copper trade

Tercero Espinoza & Soulier: Mineral Economics 29 (2016) 47-56
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Summary

- A global stock & flow model is available for copper
  - Dynamic modeling tracks copper through time
  - Is based on the best available data, both public and proprietary
  - Allows quantification of recycling → pinpoint areas of improvement
    - Approx. 1/3 of global copper supply comes from recycling
    - There are still significant opportunities for increase through better collection and separation
- Strong regional differences in production and use of copper become visible through foreign trade statistics
  - Extensive coverage of copper in end use products extends knowledge of copper flows worldwide
Further information


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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: We present a dynamic model of global copper stocks and flows which allows a detailed analysis of recycling efficiencies, copper stocks in use, and dissipated and landfilled copper. The model is based on historical mining and refined copper production data (1910–2010) enhanced by a unique data set of recent global semi-finished goods production and copper end-use sectors provided by the copper industry. To enable the consistency of the simulated copper life cycle in terms of a closed mass balance, particularly the matching of recycled metal flows to reported historical annual production data, a method was developed to estimate the yearly global collection rates of end-of-life (postconsumer) scrap. Based on this method, we provide estimates of 8 different recycling indicators over time. The main indicator for the efficiency of global copper recycling from end-of-life (EoL) scrap—the EoL recycling rate—was estimated to be 45% on average, ± 5% (one standard deviation) due to uncertainty and variability over time in the period 2000–2010. As uncertainties of specific input data—mainly concerning assumptions on end-use and recycling in the input data—were low, the simulation results are accurate estimates of the true recycling efficiency.

Dynamic analysis of European copper flows

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An examination of copper contained in international trade flows

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