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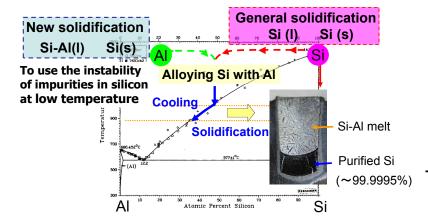
Dept. Materials Engineering

We consider elementary materials, such as steel and silicon, as recycling materials, and aim at the establishment of environment-friendly society by developing their production and recycling processes together with by-product treatment. Physico-chemical studies for *Innovation of Iron- and Steel-making*, *Solar-Grade-Silicon Refining Processes* and *Enrichment of Waste Materials* are being carried out in our laboratory with consideration on thermodynamics and high temperature physical properties.

Development of Novel Refining Process for Solar Grade Si

New concept refining by solidification

- Low temperature purification using alloy solvent



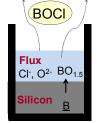
Refining with reactive fluxes - I -

- Removal of B by oxychloridation
- Continuous removal of B into gas phase even with low flux/silicon distribution ratios of B

$$BO_{1.5}$$

$$B(1) + 3/4O_2(g) + C1^-(in slag)$$

$$\Rightarrow BOCl(g) + 1/2O^{2-}(in slag)$$



Refining with reactive fluxes - II -

Reductive removal of P with CaO based fluxes

$$P(1) + 3/2O^{2-} \Rightarrow P^{3-}(in slag) + 3/4O_2(g)$$

High Temperature Physical Chemistry of Iron- and Steel-making Processes

Thermodynamics of minor elements in solid and molten steel

Slag chemistry – physico-chemical properties and structural analysis

- Optimization of refining process
- · Heat recovery from molten slag

To construct the sustainable refining processes

Research contents

- Thermodynamics study of molten slag
- Thermal conductivity of slag (Determination by hot wire method)



Gradual cooling of steelmaking slag

➤ Solid-state NMR spectroscopy for analyzing slag structure

Atomic-molecular levels understanding and control of thermodynamic and physico-chemical properties of slag



NMR instrument (JEOL ECA-500)

Boron changes its structure from trigonal to tetrahedral coordination with oxygen

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