



Aluminum lightens the world

アルミでかなえる、軽やかな世界

Aluminum's Sustainability and UACJ's Capabilities

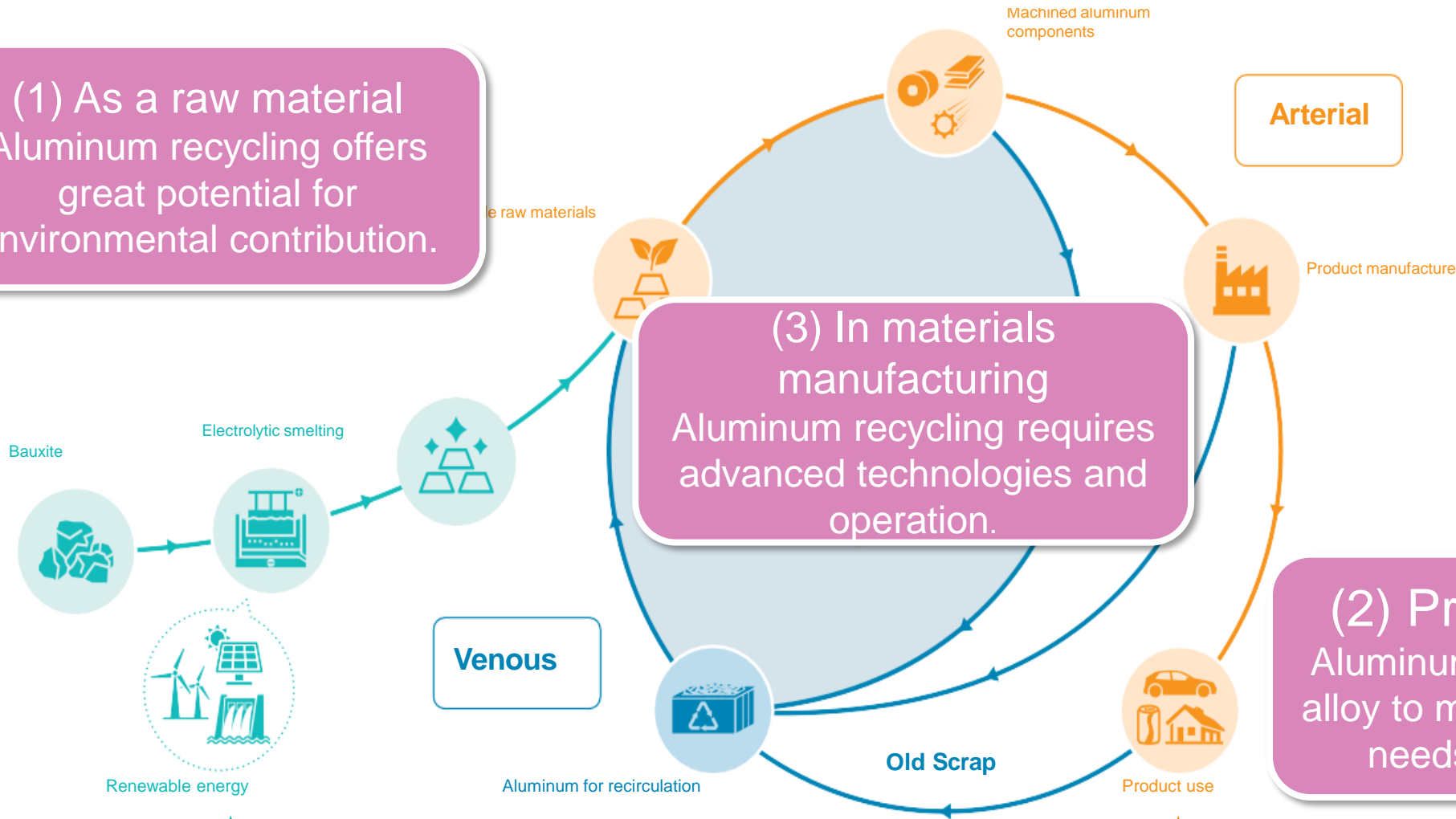
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Three Key Points About Aluminum Alloys

(1) As a raw material Aluminum recycling offers great potential for environmental contribution.



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(2) Product side Aluminum is used as an alloy to meet the diverse needs of society.

Make efforts to procure green aluminum ingots

Recovery/recycling of aluminum

Use of aluminum reduces environmental impacts

Aluminum Properties

Light

Cold-resistant

Easy welding

Does not
magnetize

Easy surface
treatment

Strong

Non-toxic

Good vacuum
characteristics

Good
conductor of
electricity

Easy casting

Good
corrosion
resistance

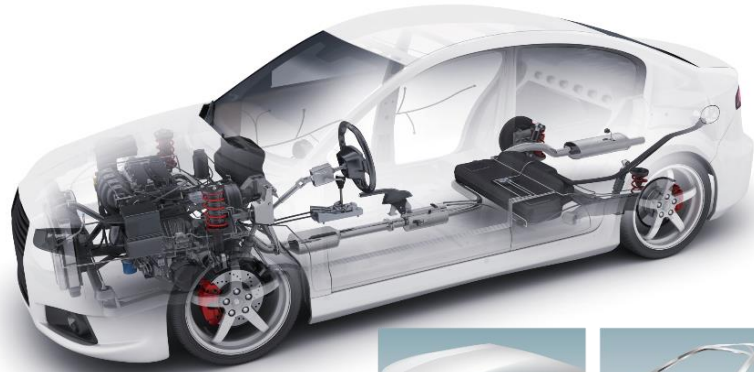
Reflects light
and heat

Easy recycling

Good heat
conductor

Easy
processing

Aluminum Applications: Providing Diverse Properties Required of Aluminum Alloy Materials



Automotive

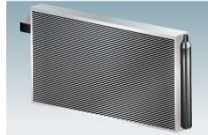
Lightweight, offers improved performance and fuel efficiency, contributes to longer infrastructure service life



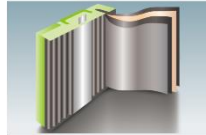
Body panel material



Structural components



Heat exchanger materials



Battery module materials



Beverage Cans

Using recycled raw materials reduces society's environmental burden

Pharmaceuticals and Food

Non-harmful, sealable characteristics contribute to safe/secure living



Aerospace

Utilizing state-of-the-art technology to achieve both safety and improved fuel economy

IT

Lightweight, refined design and high usage performance



Shipbuilding

Contributes to higher speed, lighter weight and corrosion resistance



Architecture

Expands use cases through more appealing visuals and improved workability



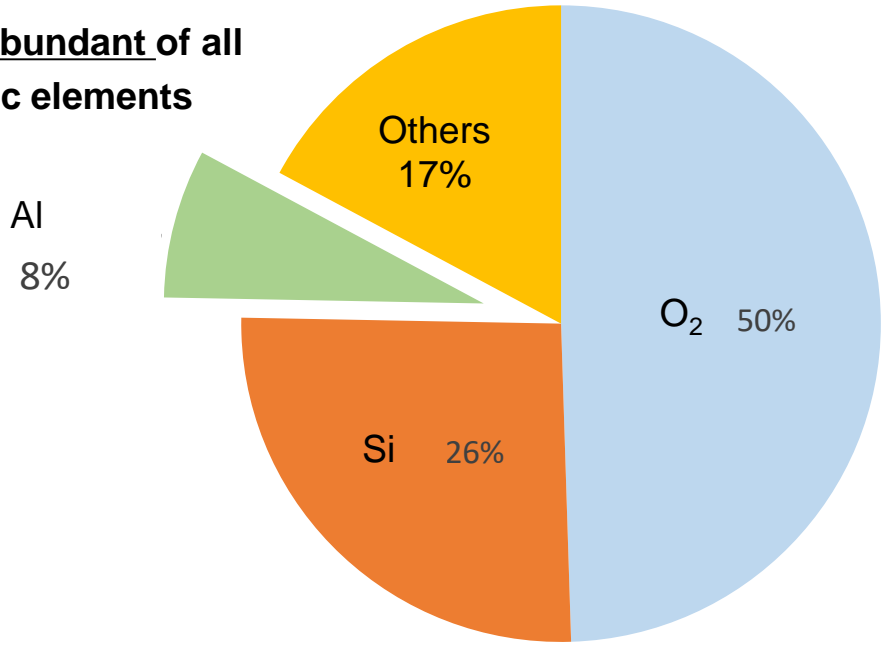
Aluminum as a Metal Resource



Aluminum's Sustainability as a Resource

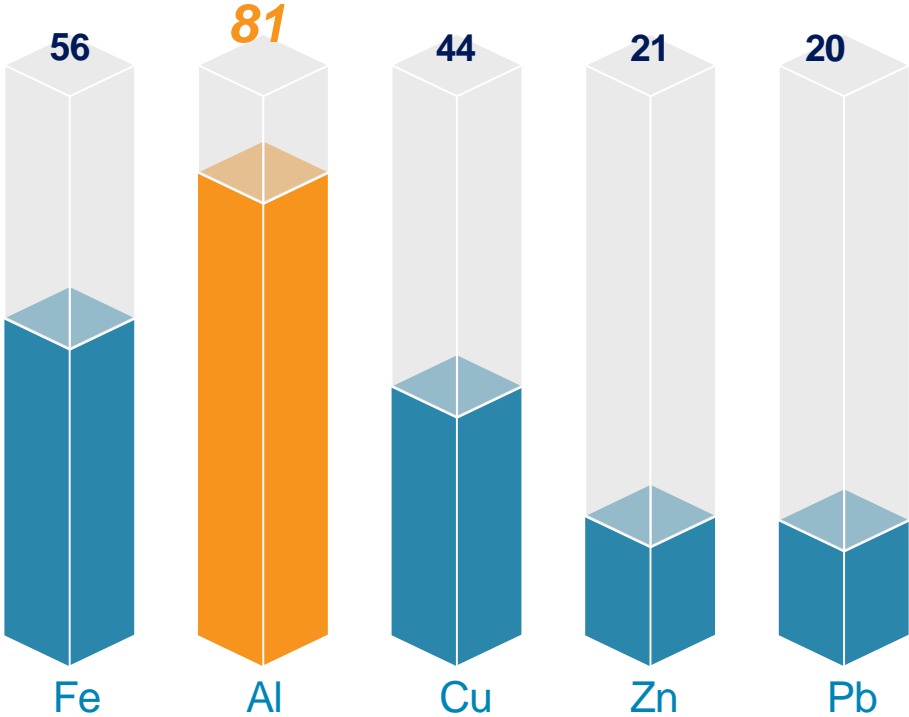
Share of Elements in the Earth's Crust

Most abundant of all metallic elements



Base Metal Sustainability

■ Reserves as a share of current demand (years)

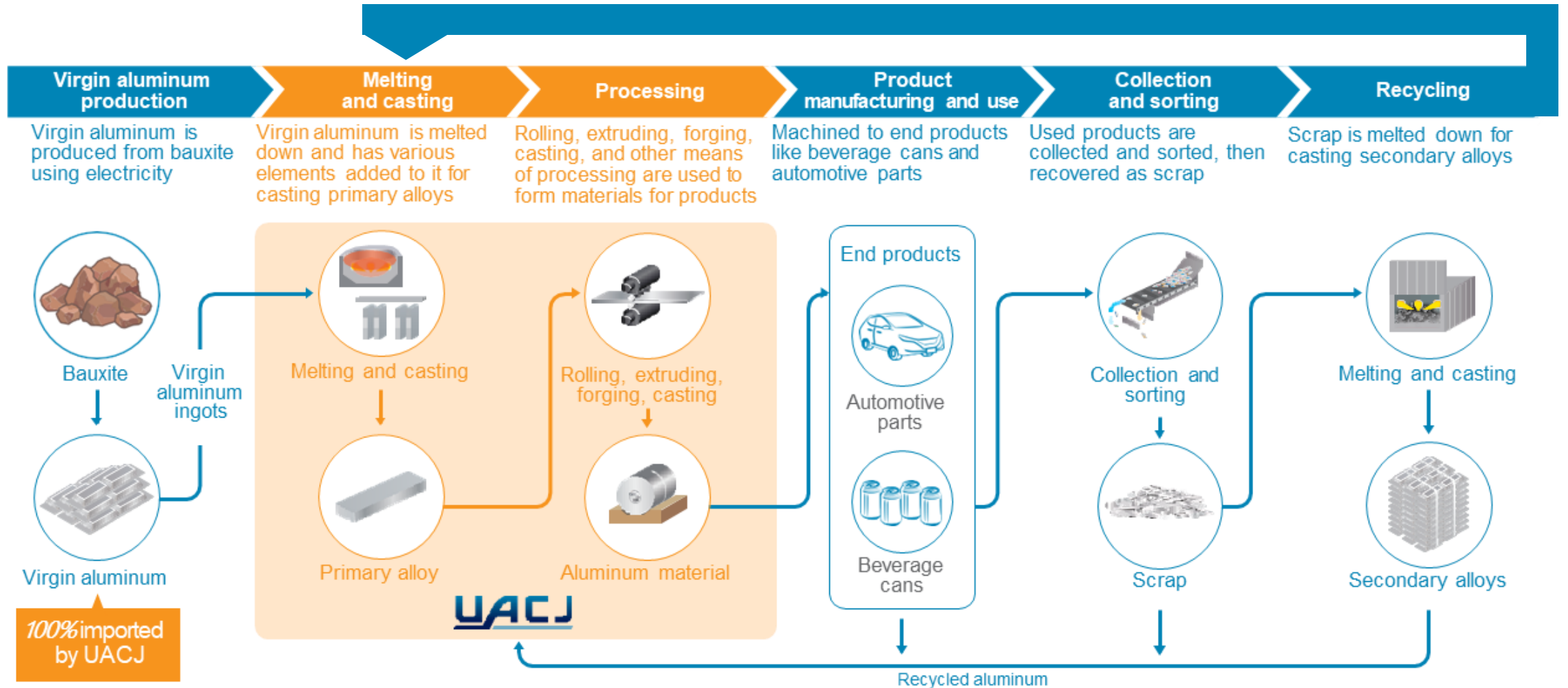


Source: USGS2021 *Ore production volume in 2020

Sufficient time available to establish environmental response and resource recycling

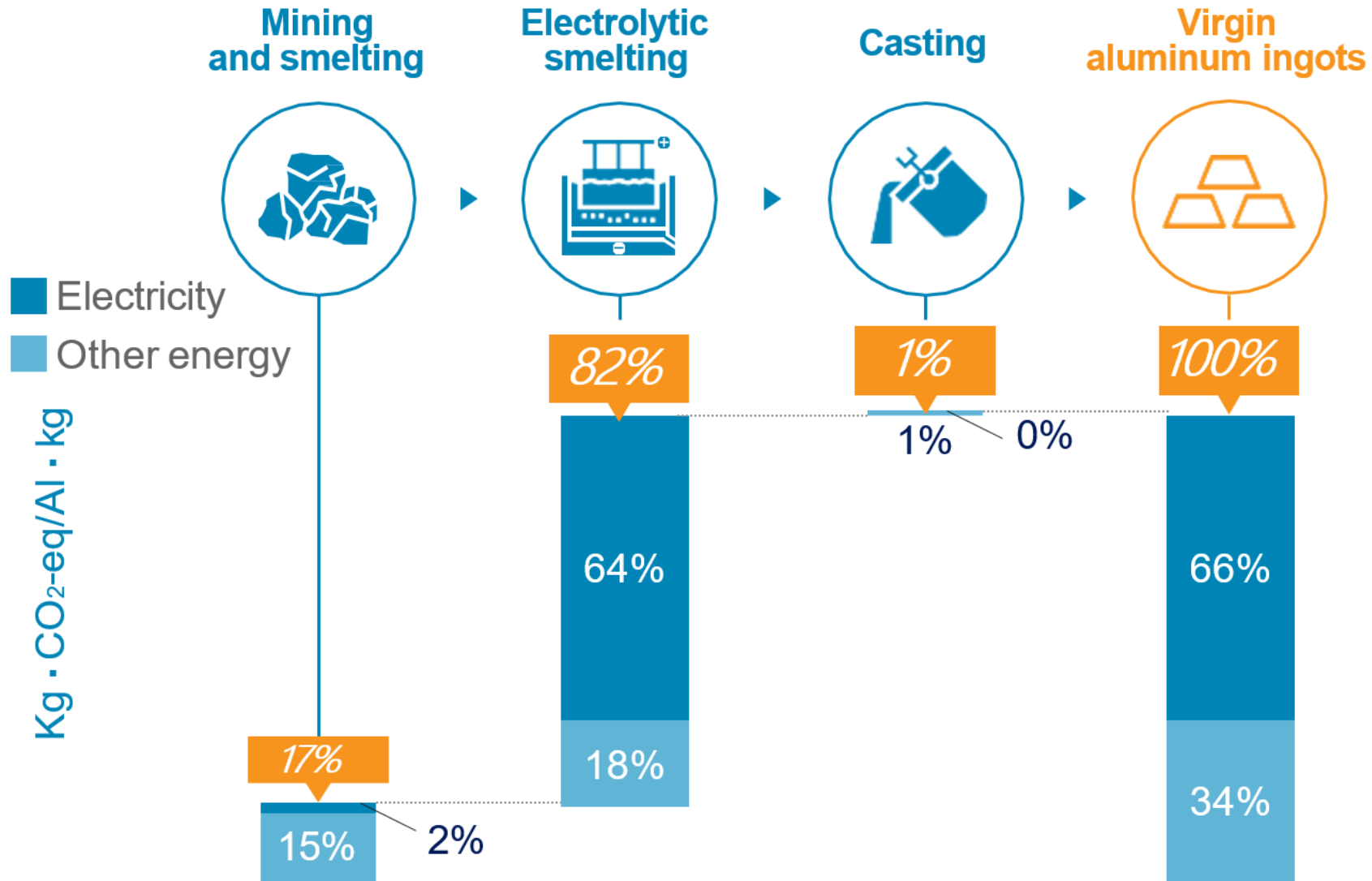
Aluminum's Life Cycle

100% of new bullion is imported and used repeatedly in a circulation model



Aluminum's Energy Sustainability

Two-thirds of CO₂ emissions from the production of new bullion come from electricity



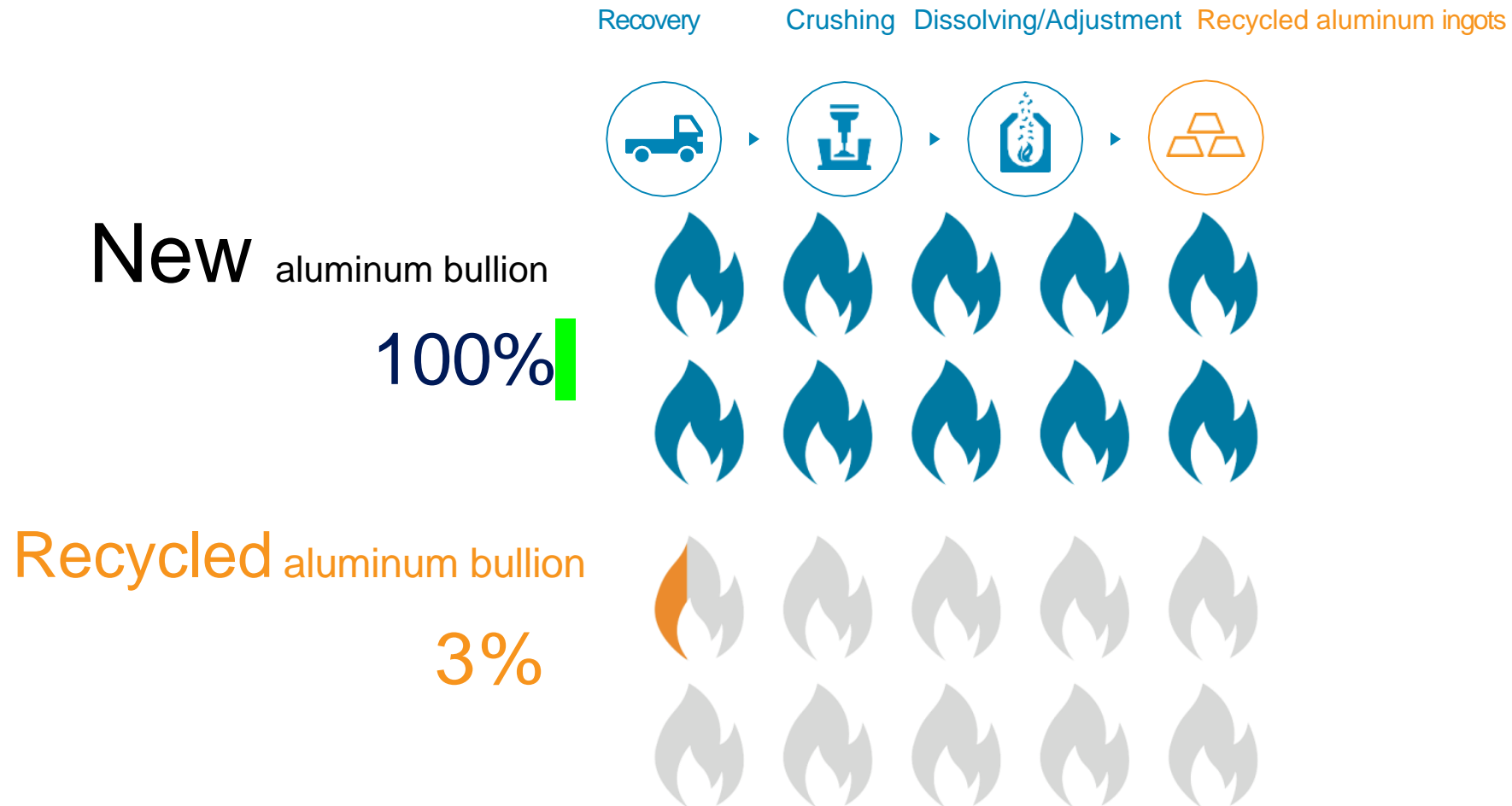
Importance of Aluminum Recycling



Aluminum's Energy Sustainability

Aluminum (metal) extracted from ore can be re-melted with little energy

Production process and GHG emissions of recycled aluminum ingots

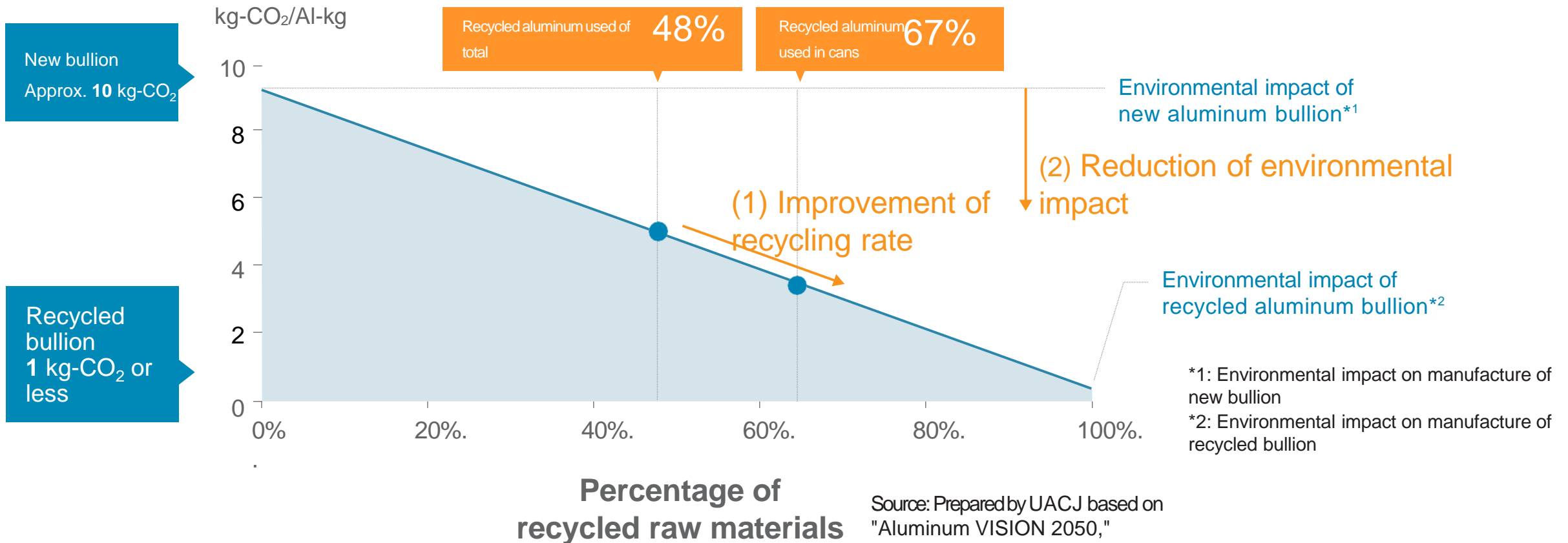


Source: Japan Aluminium Association

Reducing Environmental Impact by Using Recycled Raw Materials

Aluminum's recycling rate and average environmental impact*

* (Environmental impact of new aluminum bullion) x (1 - (Recycling rate)) + (Environmental impact of recycled aluminum bullion) x (Recycling rate)



Source: Prepared by UACJ based on "Aluminum VISION 2050," Japan Aluminium Association

Effects of Aluminum Recycling

Trial Calculation Example

- Energy-saving effect of aluminum can recycling
- CO₂ emissions per aluminum product

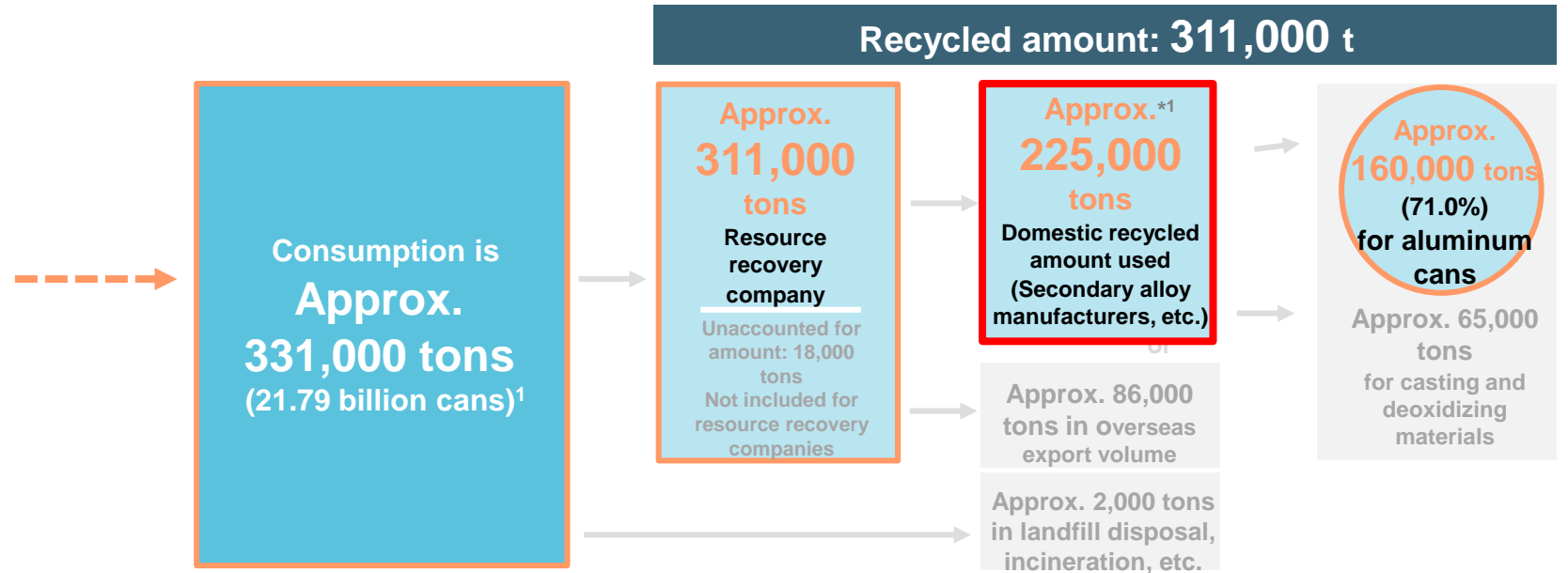
Material Flow for Aluminum Cans

2020 Domestic Aluminum Demand in Japan



Source: Japan Aluminium Association

2020 Aluminum Can Recycling Flow



Notes: 1. Figures other than consumption, domestic recycling, recovery by local governments, and export to overseas are estimates.
2. All figures reflect the composition ratio of 87.5%.

Source: Japan Aluminum Can Recycling Association

More than **90%** collected and **about 70%** reused in Japan

About 70% of this is recycled into aluminum cans

Environmental Effect of Recovering Aluminum Cans

Significant contribution to energy conservation and CO₂ emissions reduction in society as a whole

Recycled aluminum cans*1
Approx. 220,000 tons

Approx. 30 billion MJ energy conservation



Approx. 15 days' worth of electricity consumption for all of Japan's households (51.78 million)

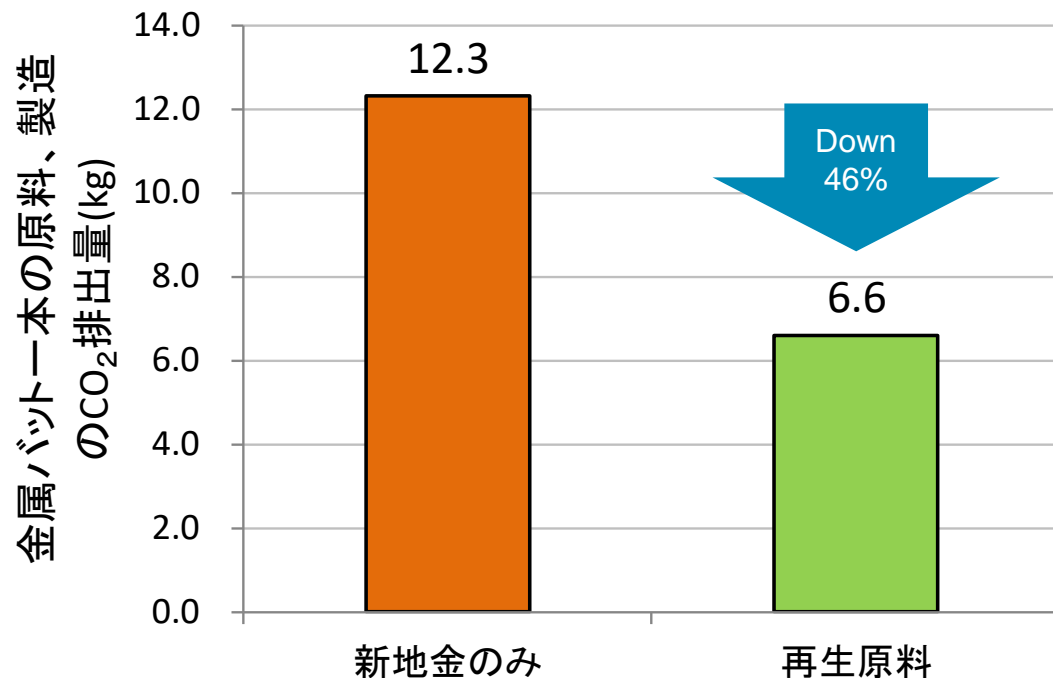
See: Japan Aluminum Can Recycling Association, "About Recycling."

*1 Weight of aluminum cans recycled in Japan in 2020

*2 Japan Aluminium Association, "Survey Report on Inventory of Scrap Melting for Expansion Materials"

Trial Calculation Example (Single Aluminum Product): Recycling Aluminum Metal Bats

When recycled materials are used in **60%** of the manufacture of a single bat

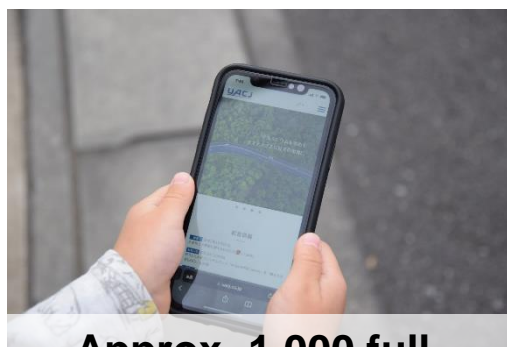


Trial calculation by UACJ using per-unit emissions and absorption data from the Japan Aluminium Association, Forestry Agency, METI, etc.



Manufactured using **60%** recycled materials

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Approx. 1,000 full smartphone charges

or



Approx. 2/3 of the annual amount absorbed by one camphor tree

Message for Material Users

Recently, demands have emerged to reduce supply chain emissions

(Scope 3: More companies are disclosing upstream emissions)



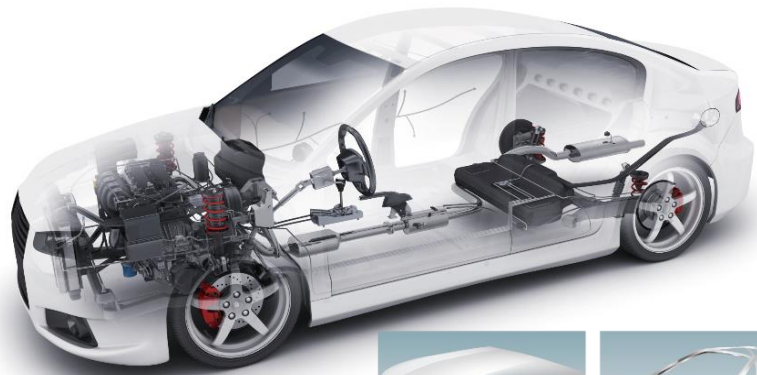
For user companies, when comparing emission reduction in factories (Scope 1) and power saving and greening of electricity (Scope 2),

aluminum material offers significant reduction potential

Recycling Aluminum Alloys: Current State and Future Outlook



Applications/Alloys for Aluminum Expansion Materials: UACJ Offers Approx. 2,000 Alloys and Over 10,000 Manufacturing Methods



Automotive
2000 (Cu, Mg), 3000, (Mn, Mg),
4000 (Si), 5000 (Mg), 6000 (Mg,
Si)



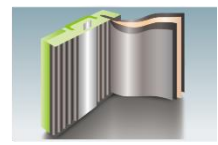
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Battery module materials



Beverage Cans
3000 (Mn, Mg), 5000 (Mg)

Pharmaceuticals and Food
1000, 3000 (Mn, Mg)



Aerospace
1000, 2000 (Cu, Mg), 5000
(Mg), 7000 (Zn, Cu, Mg)

IT
5000 (Mg), 6000 (Si)



Shipbuilding
3000 (Mn, Mg), 5000
(Mg)



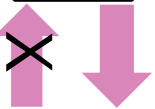
Architecture
6000 (Mg, Si)



Examples of Aluminum Alloys (Ex: Automotive Field)

Restrictions exist on reuse as different alloys; the casting flow is one-way

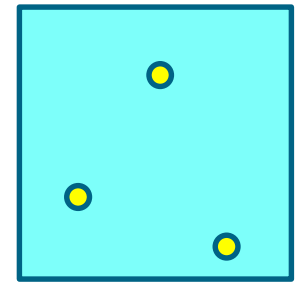
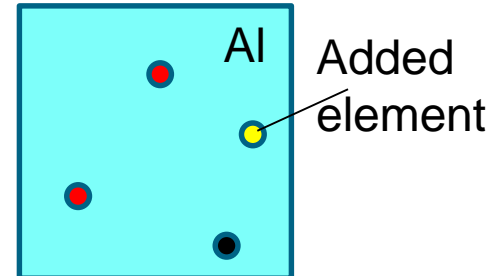
Expansion material



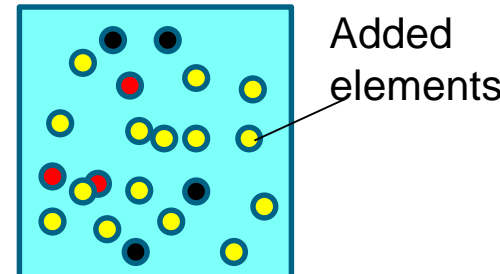
Casting material

Applications and Products	Required Properties	Aluminum Alloy
Aluminum foil for batteries	Workability, surface properties	1000 series
Battery cases	Ductility, thermal conductivity	3000 series (Mn, Mg)
Heat exchanger plates, tubes	Corrosion resistance, brazing process productivity	3000 series (Mn, Mg)/ 4000 series (Si) (Clad material)
Panels	Rigidity, corrosion resistance	5000 series (Mg) 6000 series (Mg, Si)
Engine blocks	High strength, formability in casting	AC, ADC series (Si)

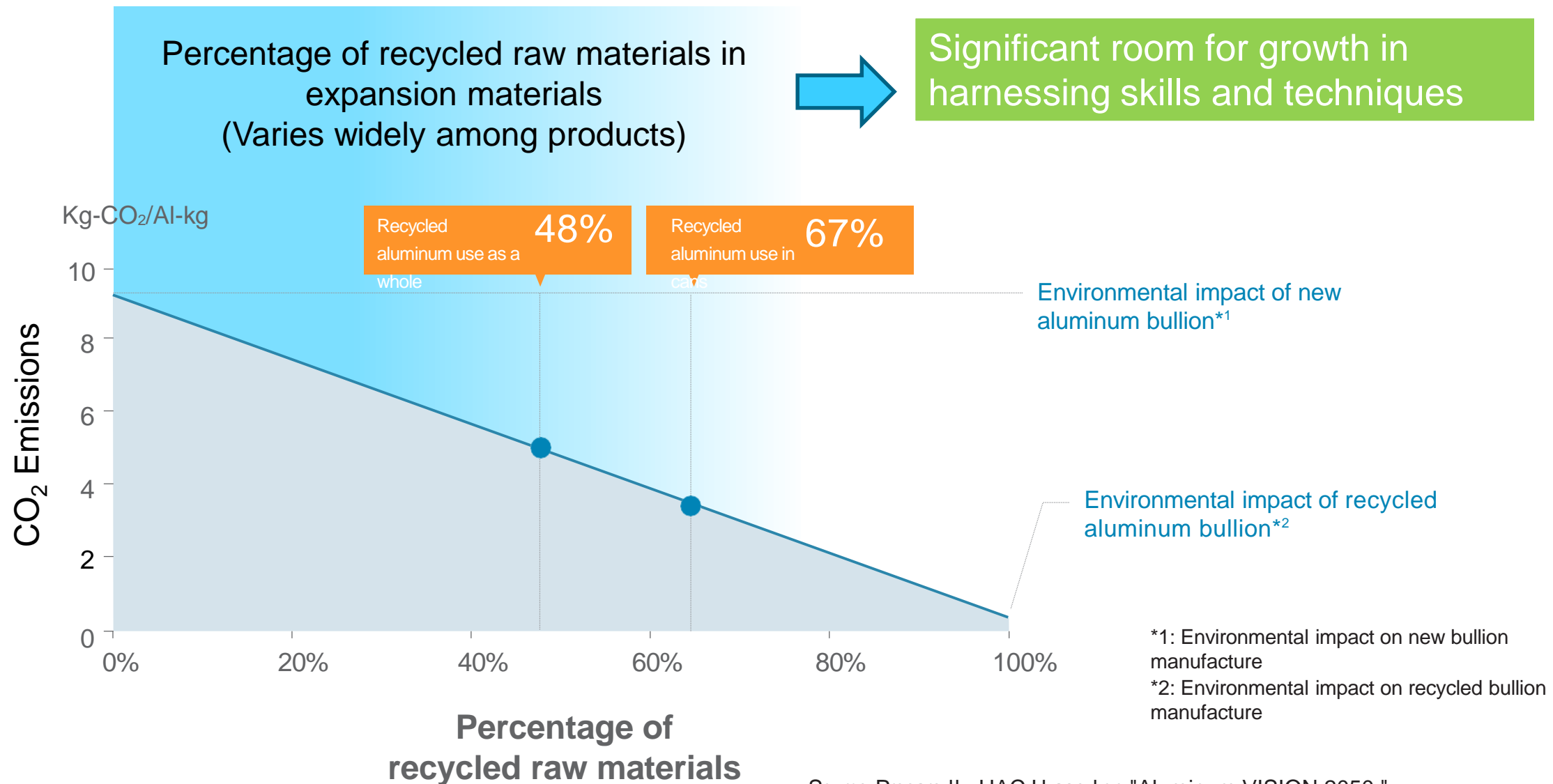
Fewer added elements



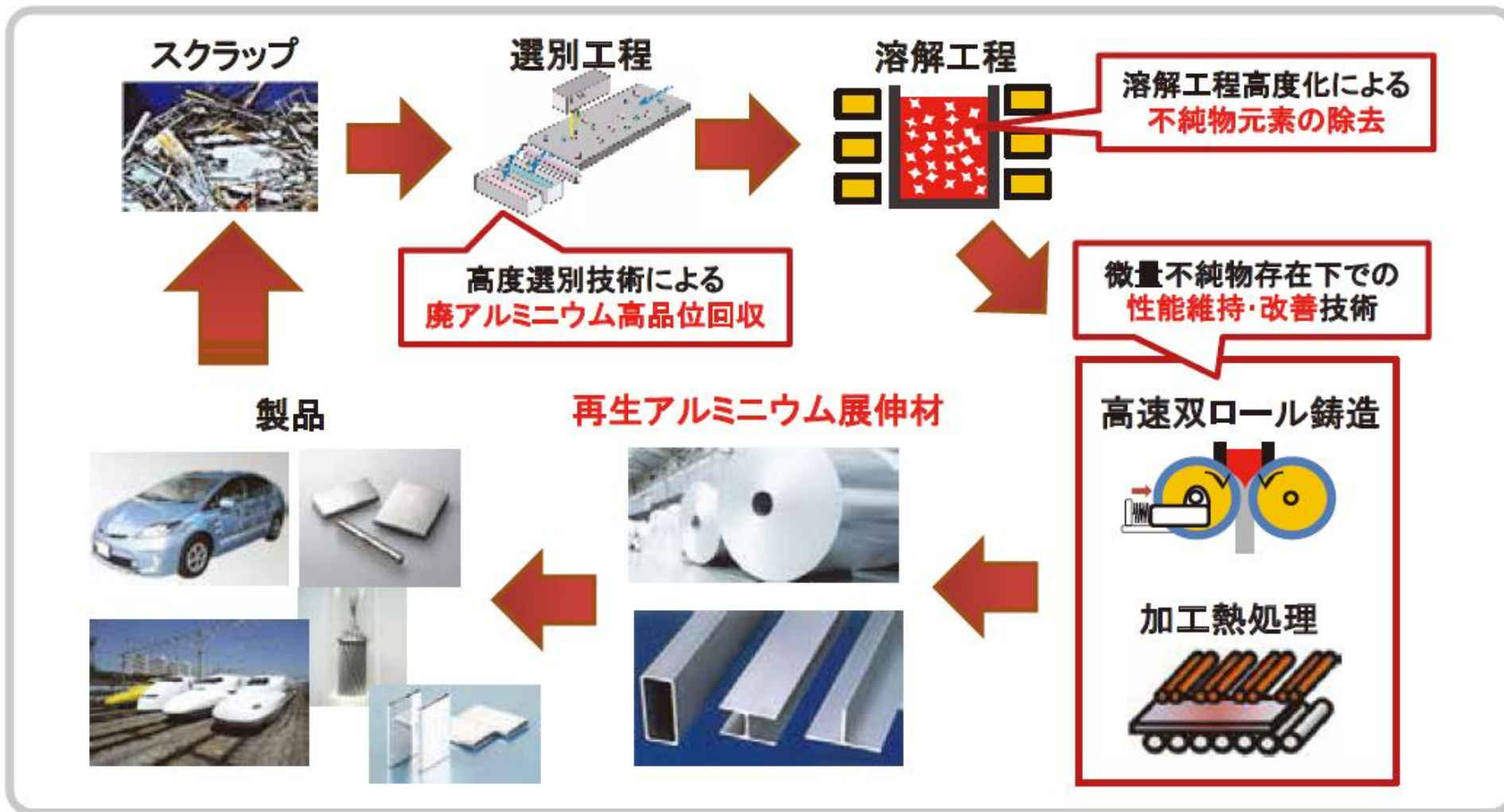
Many added elements



The Future of Using Recycled Raw Materials for Expansion Materials



Three-pronged approach: Recovery and selection + Separation and purification + Mastering use



UACJ's Environmental Capability to Become the "Heart of Aluminum Circulation"

Material characteristics/social position

Aluminum expansion material is used as an alloy for various applications

- Accumulation of alloy development capability
About 2000 alloy products
- Close ties with a wide variety of industries

Characteristics of use in circulation

During circulation use, alloy composition and manufacturing processes are limited

- Process design and mass production capabilities
- Operational capability from raw materials to manufacturing to product certification

The future of aluminum circulation

Skills and techniques harnessing recycling, separation, purification, and recycled raw materials are the key

UACJ's initiatives

- Active use of recycled materials
- Promote near-horizontal recycling, including closed-loop recycling
- Development and branding of materials with reduced environmental impact
- Upgrading/sorting technology

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