

## MFA-based resource management: The cases of Aluminum and Palladium in Austria

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# I. National material flow models & resource efficiency evaluation

#### II. Austrian Aluminium budget

comprehensive system analysis

#### **III.** Austrian Palladium budget

• EOL consumer products



### MFA of national resource system



National resource budget

Efficiency of resource use  $\rightarrow$  Recycling of (old) scrap to reduce virgin extraction.

- End-of-life collection ratio
- Old scrap recovery ratio

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## Austrian AI balance (snapshot MFA for 2010)



### Al recycling efficiency in Austria Buchner et al. (in preparation)

EOL collection ratio:64% of AI in EOL products are<br/>directed to waste/scrap treatment

Old scrap recovery ratio:

83% of AI are recovered as old scrap in waste management

#### Old scrap ratio (OSR) in sec. prod:

= old scrap/total scrap use

= ?????



NtO SR Export



## Austrian Pd balance (snapshot MFA for 2011)



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## Pd recycling efficiency (in Austria)

EOL collection ratio:

20% to 100% of Pd in EOL products are directed to waste/scrap treatment; **most likely value from 35% to 40%** 

Old scrap recovery ratio:

15% to 91% of Pd are recovered as old scrap in waste management; **most likely value from 58% to 78%** 

Old scrap ratio (OSR) in sec. prod: = ?????



#### • MFA as a basis to assess resource efficiency

- Austrian AI balance
  - Secondary production in Austria → cross-checking (and reconciliaion) of data possible
  - high volume scrap trade  $\rightarrow$  old/new scrap fractions in secondary production unknown
- Austrian Pd balance
  - In general, poor data situtation  $\rightarrow$  plausibility checks difficult
  - No (significant) secondary production in Austria
  - High share of Pd exported in EOL vehicles

## Country-level balances do not suffice to assess national resource efficiency

Dynamic models to investigate resource stocks & EOL product flows





## **Questions...?**

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