

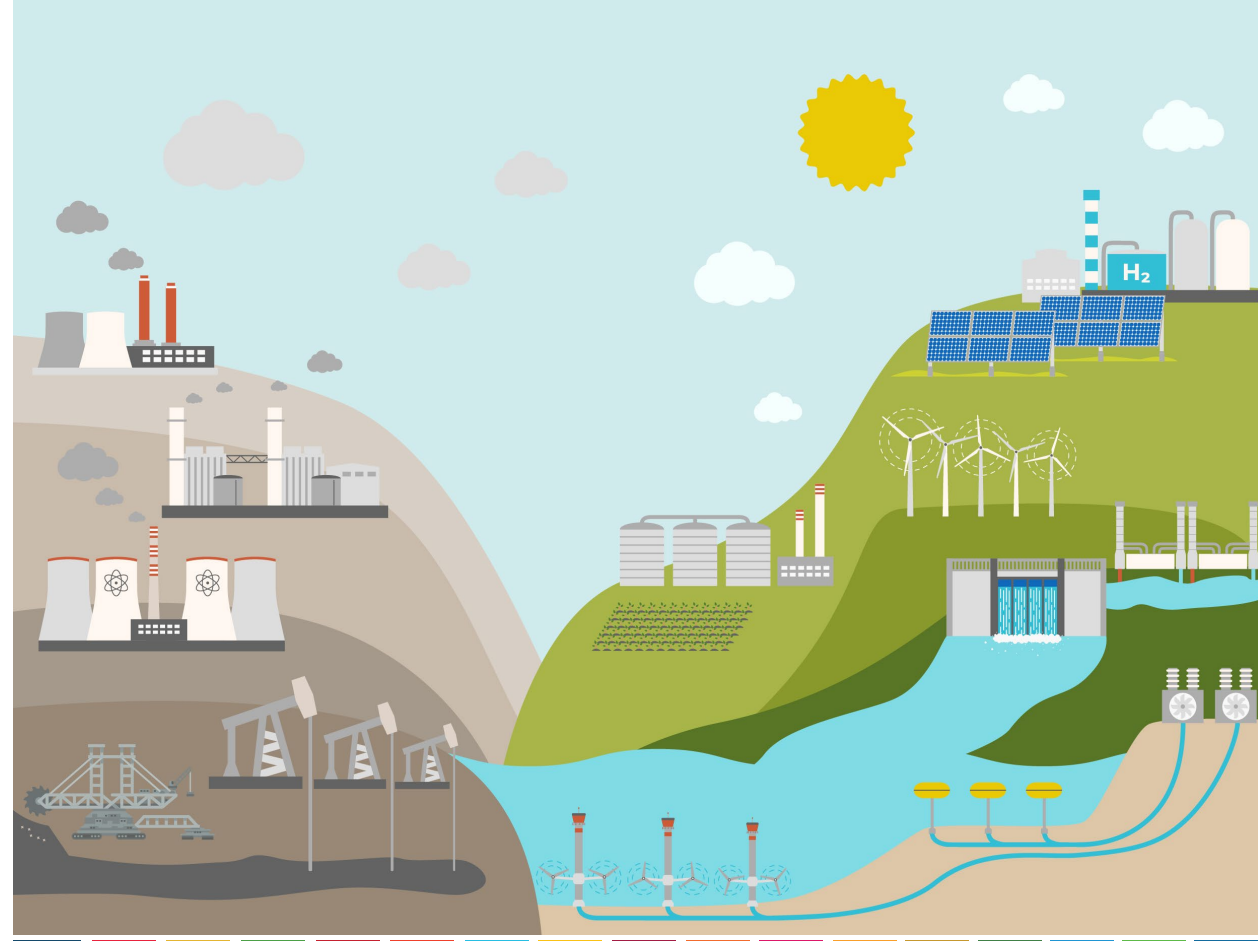


Circular Metals

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Circular Metals

- 10–20% pollution, energy use, GGE from manufacture of metals and metal products
- 90% steel and aluminium alloys; 90% construction, transportation and packaging industries
- Current world production approx. 2B tonnes, increasing to 2.5B tonnes by 2050
- Cannot remove or replace: must recycle, reuse, extend life



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- New generic materials: “multicomponent alloys”
- Extended lifetime: ”metal health service”
- Better recycling
- Re-use of vehicles, buildings etc.
- New business models: “Metals as a service”



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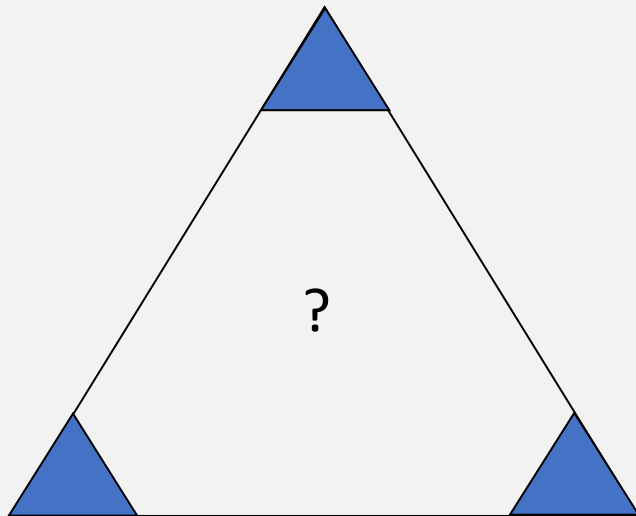


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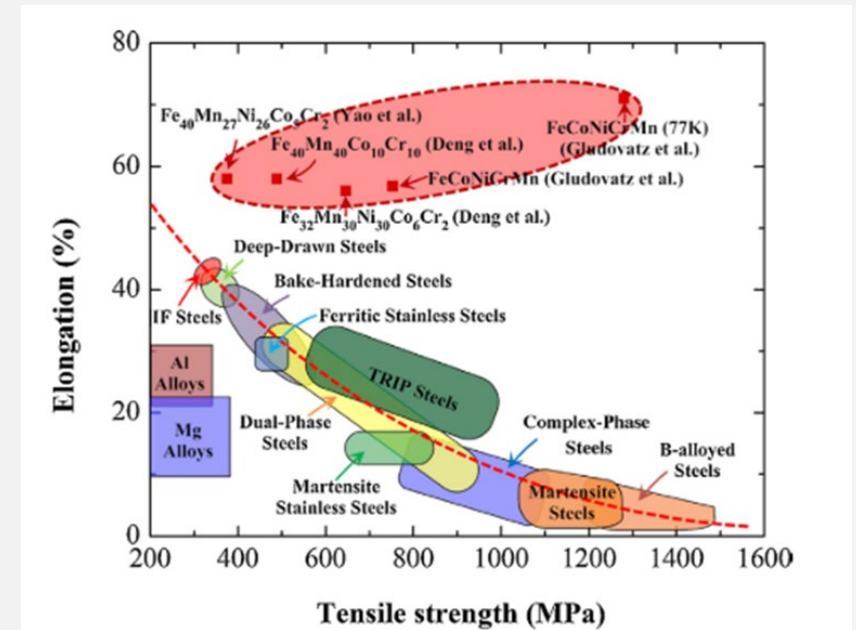
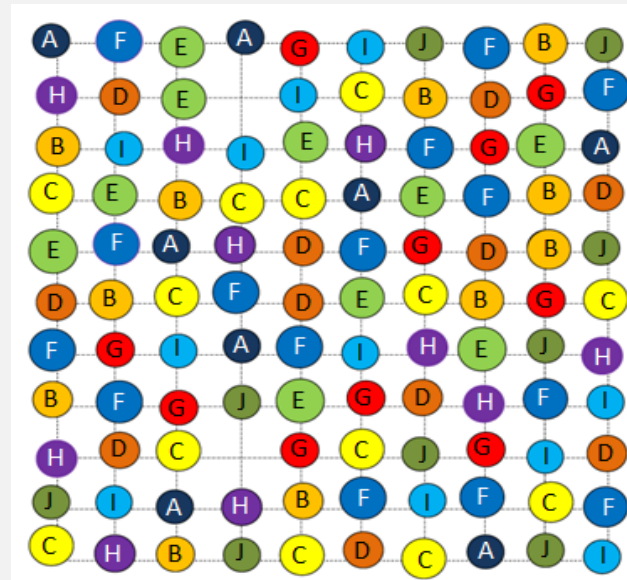


Multicomponent alloys

- 5,000 alloy grades, each finely tuned for each specific component
- Multicomponent alloys for multiple functionality, multiple use, resilience



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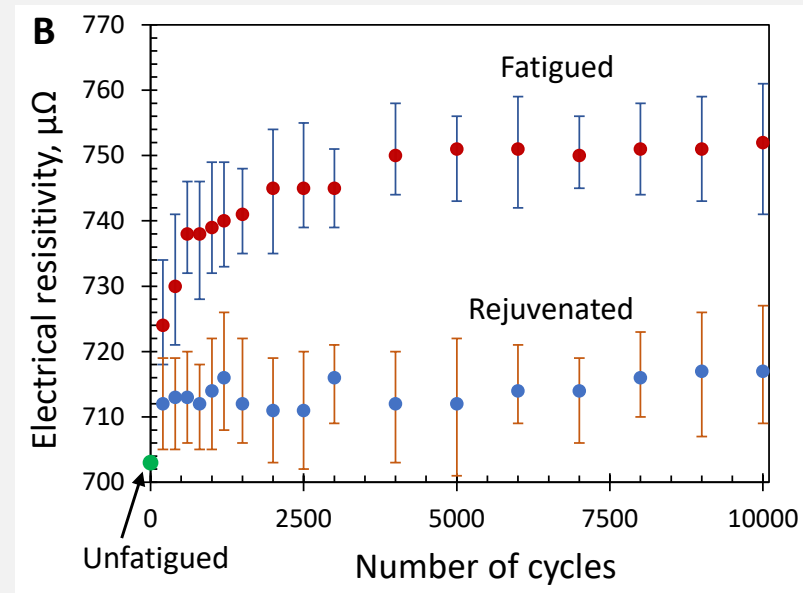
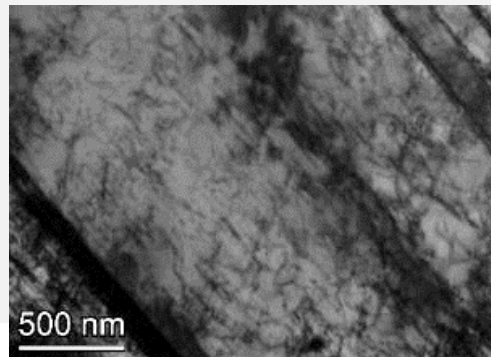
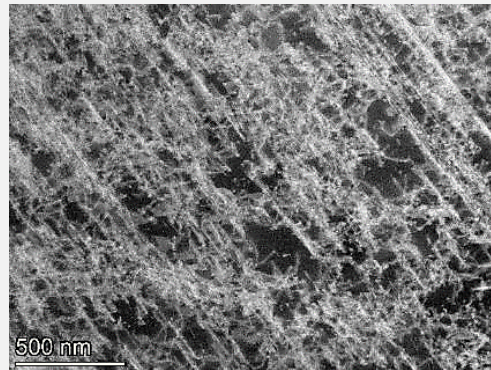


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Metal health service

- Regular treatment to prevent and (later) remove initial damage
- Extends lifetimes by between 2–4 times



Alloy	Damage	Improvement
Stainless steel	LCF fatigue	2 X
Stainless steel	HCF fatigue	3.4 X
Cast aluminium alloy	HCF fatigue	2 X

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Metals as a service

- Many sectors components are replaced automatically on a rota
- Develop business model for service companies to supply functionality



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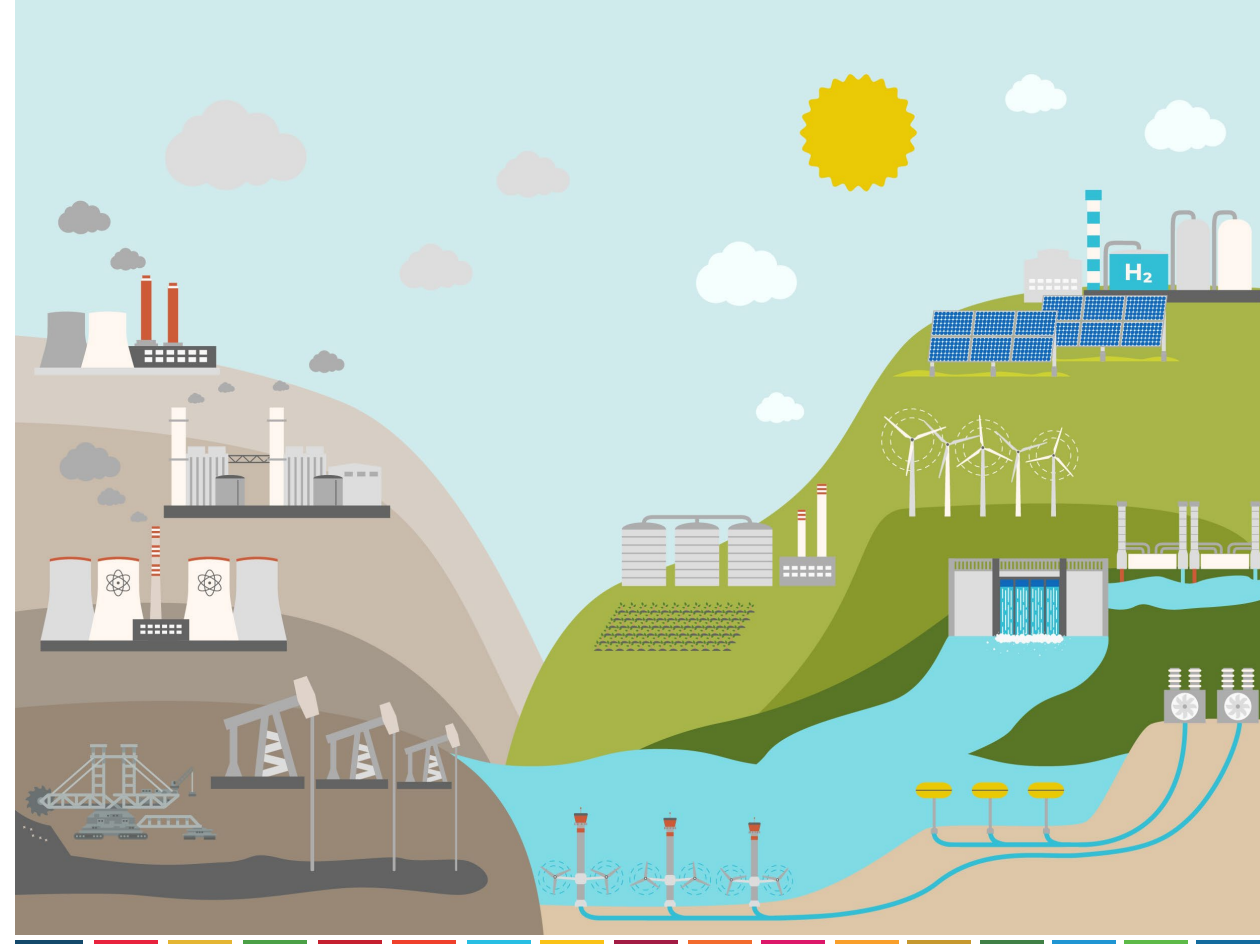




**Enough metal is in circulation
We aim to remove mining and EOL**

Thank you!

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