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A Multifocal Study Investigation of Pyrolyzed Printed Circuit Board Leaching

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Origin of present elements in the element distribution Table 1 can be explained by various computer components. Therefore the following elements can be found in:

- Silver (Ag) – Alloy electrum
- Gold (Au) – Alloy electrum, also present in elemental form
- Aluminum (Al) – Present in elemental form
- Barium (Ba) – Present as BaSO₄ but also as Ba_xSr_{1-x}TiO₃
- Carbon (C) – Formed during pyrolysis, originates from polymer materials
- Calcium (Ca) – Present as CaF₂
- Cerium (Ce) – Present as CeO₂
- Cobalt (Co) – Present as LiCoO₂
- Copper (Cu) – Present in elemental form
- Iron (Fe) – Present mainly in elemental form, as an oxide and as Nd₂Fe₁₄B
- Lithium (Li) – Present as LiCoO₂ and as organometallic Li present in polymer
- Neodymium (Nd) – Present as Nd₂Fe₁₄B
- Nickel (Ni) – Present in elemental form
- Manganese (Mn) – Present as an alloy but also as a dopant in LiCoO₂
- Lead (Pb) – Present as a soldering alloy PbSn60
- Palladium (Pd) – In elemental form
- Platinum (Pt) – Present in elemental form
- Silicon (Si) – Present as SiO₂
- Tin (Sn) – Present as a soldering alloy PbSn60
- Yttrium (Y) – Mainly present as Y₂O₃
- Zinc (Zn) – Present as ZnO as well as ZnS

Table S1. Leaching degree after 4 hours.

| Leaching Medium | S/L | T (°C) | Leaching Degree (%) | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | | | Al | Cu | Zn | Sn | Ca | Pb | Ba | Co | Nd |
| 1M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.025 | 60 | 42.74 | 34.00 | 41.20 | 7.75 | 14.89 | 0.97 | 0.05 | 83.10 | 74.50 |
| 1M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.042 | 60 | 40.32 | 35.06 | 44.2 | 1.82 | 8.93 | 0.64 | 0.03 | 77.14 | 67.71 |
| 1M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.058 | 60 | 34.00 | 24.71 | 38.48 | 1.42 | 6.41 | 0.45 | 0.02 | 61.63 | 40.89 |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.025 | 60 | 55.47 | 33.67 | 41.11 | 50.92 | 14.89 | 0.71 | 0.05 | 57.14 | 54.86 |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.042 | 60 | 47.20 | 26.20 | 40.53 | 6.61 | 8.93 | 0.43 | 0.03 | 66.86 | 55.82 |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.058 | 60 | 42.80 | 22.71 | 40.19 | 3.28 | 6.38 | 0.35 | 0.02 | 58.78 | 48.52 |

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| 3M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.025 | 60 | 54.55 | 27.33 | 40.98 | 44.77 | 20.69 | 0.39 | 0.05 | 77.14 | 48.44 |
| 0.5M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.025 | 60 | 35.59 | 37.33 | 41.42 | 1.37 | 35.33 | 0.95 | 0.05 | 81.90 | 66.06 |
| 0.5M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.025 | 80 | 37.03 | 40.25 | 44.57 | 1.72 | 15.14 | 0.47 | 0.02 | 76.73 | 69.67 |
| 1M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.042 | 40 | 24.40 | 21.70 | 35.20 | 1.30 | 21.20 | 0.62 | 0.03 | 71.43 | 68.26 |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.100 | 60 | 41.58 | 18.08 | 41.00 | 16.12 | 8.49 | 0.22 | 0.06 | 78.57 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.150 | 60 | 35.20 | 16.94 | 39.26 | 4.26 | 5.76 | 0.19 | 0.04 | 52.86 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.200 | 60 | 33.89 | 13.42 | 40.00 | 9.73 | 4.44 | 0.16 | 0.03 | 55.00 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.300 | 60 | 34.16 | 10.92 | 40.37 | 5.32 | 3.17 | 0.14 | 0.02 | 53.25 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ + 2M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.081 | 60 | 50.82 | 83.74 | 49.38 | 5.98 | 11.75 | 0.49 | 0.07 | 70.25 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ + 2M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.121 | 60 | 48.60 | 80.16 | 49.38 | 3.36 | 8.23 | 0.30 | 0.05 | 65.65 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ + 2M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.162 | 60 | 44.02 | 16.80 | 48.01 | 1.92 | 6.56 | 0.28 | 0.04 | 64.08 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ + 2M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.243 | 60 | 42.61 | 13.01 | 46.64 | 1.00 | 4.27 | 0.21 | 0.02 | 59.28 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ + 1M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.090 | 60 | 50.17 | 73.06 | 45.19 | 2.66 | 9.75 | 0.36 | 0.07 | 59.86 | / |
| 2M H ₂ SO ₄ + 3M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.074 | 60 | 55.65 | 95.57 | 51.07 | 5.93 | 12.89 | 0.39 | 0.08 | 70.49 | / |
| 2 M H ₂ SO ₄ + 1M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.179 | 60 | 46.46 | 16.26 | 44.69 | 1.24 | 5.33 | 0.21 | 0.03 | 66.64 | / |
| 2 M H ₂ SO ₄ + 3M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.148 | 60 | 49.33 | 16.43 | 48.82 | 1.93 | 6.72 | 0.28 | 0.04 | 67.11 | / |
| AMD | 0.100 | 60 | 0 | 10.83 | 28.38 | 0.00 | 3.54 | 0.16 | 0 | 57.86 | / |
| AMD + 1 M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.090 | 60 | 1.43 | 9.81 | 28.59 | 0.00 | 3.99 | 0.11 | 0 | 50.76 | / |
| AMD + 2M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.081 | 60 | 1.04 | 11.86 | 28.81 | 0.00 | 4.09 | 0.17 | 0 | 46.50 | / |
| AMD + 3 M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.074 | 60 | 0 | 14.71 | 38.25 | 0.01 | 7.59 | 0.09 | 0 | 89.08 | / |
| AMD + 5 ml cc H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.098 | 60 | 29.78 | 21.46 | 40.73 | 0.14 | 5.10 | 0.30 | 0 | 56.13 | / |
| AMD + 1 M H ₂ O ₂ + 5ml cc H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.088 | 60 | 23.74 | 48.91 | 37.50 | 0.10 | 6.29 | 0.38 | 0 | 52.82 | / |
| AMD + 2M H ₂ O ₂ + 5 ml CC H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.079 | 60 | 35.20 | 62.67 | 49.57 | 0.15 | 8.27 | 0.44 | 0 | 86.42 | / |
| AMD + 3 M H ₂ O ₂ + 5 ml cc H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.073 | 60 | 35.58 | 63.44 | 50.75 | 0.13 | 10.41 | 0.49 | 0 | 75.20 | / |
| H ₂ O + 1 M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.090 | 60 | 0.01 | 0.33 | 5.87 | 0.02 | 2.44 | 1.62 | 9.76 | 26.60 | / |
| H ₂ O + 3 M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.074 | 60 | 0.01 | 0.39 | 6.94 | 0.03 | 2.38 | 2.22 | 9.94 | 32.19 | / |
| NADES | 0.100 | 60 | 15.86 | 2.51 | 28.85 | 1.52 | 0.28 | 27.09 | 0.49 | 27.59 | n.d. |
| NADES + 3M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.100 | 60 | 6.75 | 17.20 | 29.21 | 3.21 | 0.50 | 17.12 | 0.82 | 44.75 | 11.92 |
| 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 0.100 | 60 | 38.45 | 77.62 | 54.21 | 1.71 | 10.85 | 0.57 | 0.12 | 93.78 | 61.45 |
| 2M HNO ₃ + 3M H ₂ O ₂ | 0.100 | 60 | 41.86 | 94.71 | 74.46 | 0.84 | 37.11 | 78.76 | 22.94 | 95.13 | 93.74 |

Table S2. Leaching with two strong oxidizing agents.

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| $5\text{Al}_{(\text{s})} + 18\text{HNO}_{3(\text{aq})} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} \rightarrow 5\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_{3(\text{aq})} + 12\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + 3\text{NO}_{(\text{g})}$ | Eq. (S1) |
| $5\text{Co}_{(\text{s})} + 12\text{HNO}_{3(\text{aq})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} \rightarrow 5\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + 2\text{NO}_{(\text{g})}$ | Eq. (S2) |
| $5\text{Sn}_{(\text{s})} + 12\text{HNO}_{3(\text{aq})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} \rightarrow 5\text{Sn}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + 2\text{NO}_{(\text{g})}$ | Eq. (S3) |
| $5\text{Sn}_{(\text{s})} + 4\text{HNO}_{3(\text{aq})} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} \rightarrow 5\text{SnO}_{2(\text{s})} + 6\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + 4\text{NO}_{(\text{g})}$ | Eq. (S4) |
| $5\text{Cu}_{(\text{s})} + 12\text{HNO}_{3(\text{aq})} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}_{2(\text{aq})} \rightarrow 5\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_{2(\text{aq})} + 8\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{l})} + 2\text{NO}_{(\text{g})}$ | Eq. (S5) |