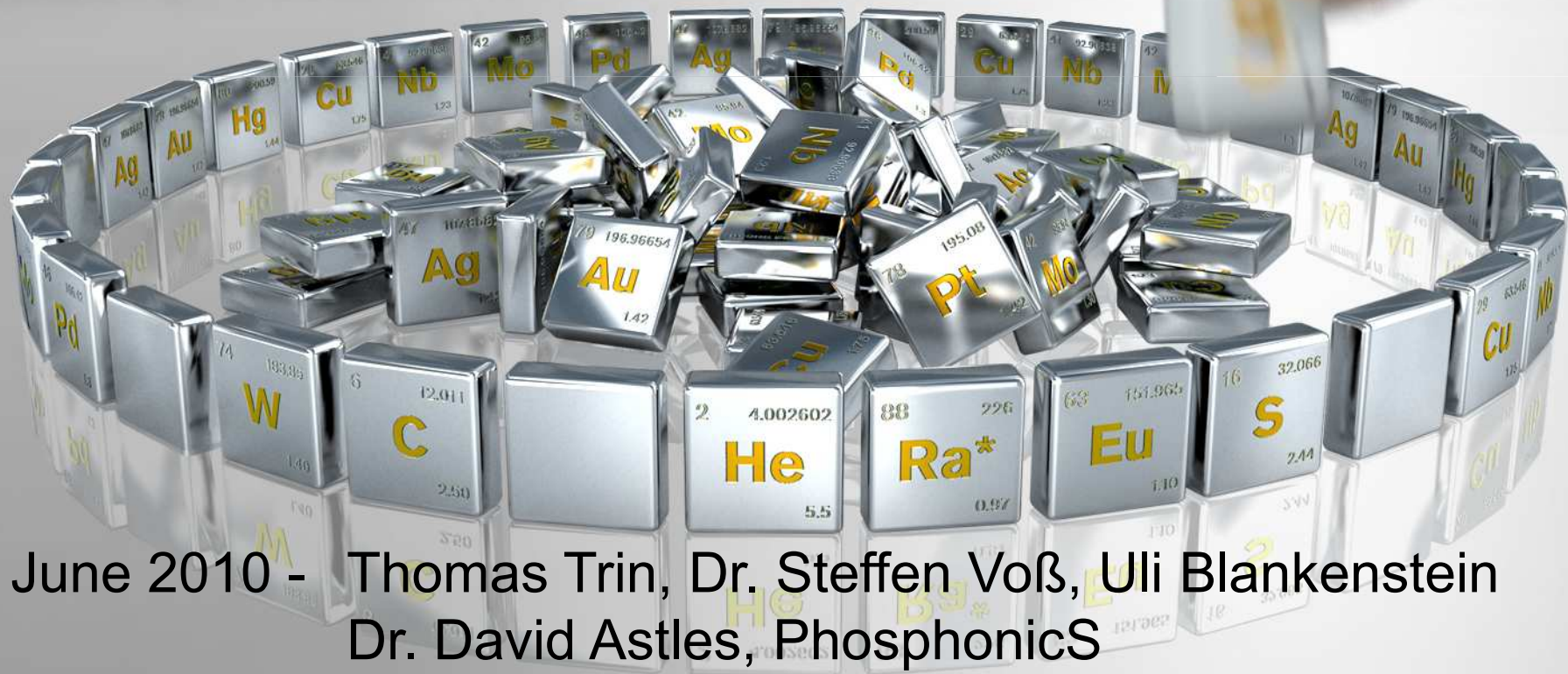


# W. C. Heraeus GmbH

“Precious Metals refining in the change of times”

New applications and technologies require  
innovative recycling technologies

Heraeus provides state-of-the-art technologies globally



June 2010 - Thomas Trin, Dr. Steffen Voß, Uli Blankenstein  
Dr. David Astles, PhosphonicS

A photograph of a modern, multi-story office building at night. The building's facade is dark, but the windows are illuminated from within, creating a grid of light. The word "Heraeus" is prominently displayed in large, white, illuminated letters on the top left corner of the building. In the foreground, a large, illuminated fountain with multiple jets of water is lit with warm yellow and orange lights. The water jets are captured in motion, creating a soft, blurred effect. The fountain is situated in a pool of water, and the surrounding area is lit with various colors, including green and blue. A curved glass structure is visible on the right side of the image, reflecting the ambient light. The overall scene is a vibrant, modern architectural display.

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## Heraeus Introduction

## Profile in brief



- **We are a globally active precious metals and technology Group with firm roots in Germany. The company has been family-owned for more than 155 years**
- **In 2009, we generated more than €2.6 billion in product revenue and €13.6 billion in precious metals trading revenue with more than 12,300 employees in over 110 subsidiaries**

## Thanks to Heraeus, the world has changed ...



... use and communicate via the internet due to fiber glass cables all over the world.



... more than telephone thanks to modern microchips within our mobile phones.



... support environmentally friendly solar power production to make solar cells more efficient.



... entrust a platinum temperature sensor with our food.



... drink potable water purified by UV-sterilization lamps.



... produce fertilizers with the help of platinum gauzes.

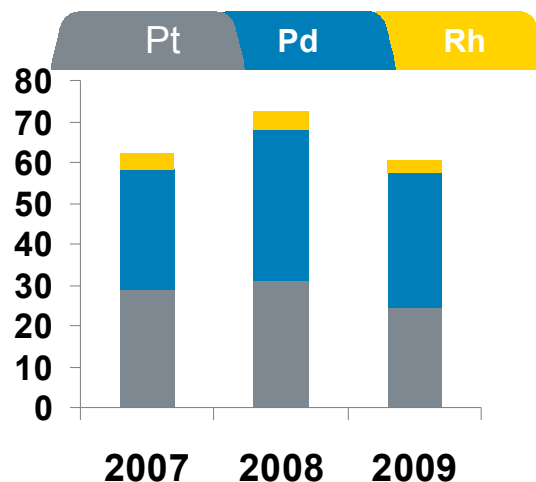


## The Challenges of Precious Metal Refining

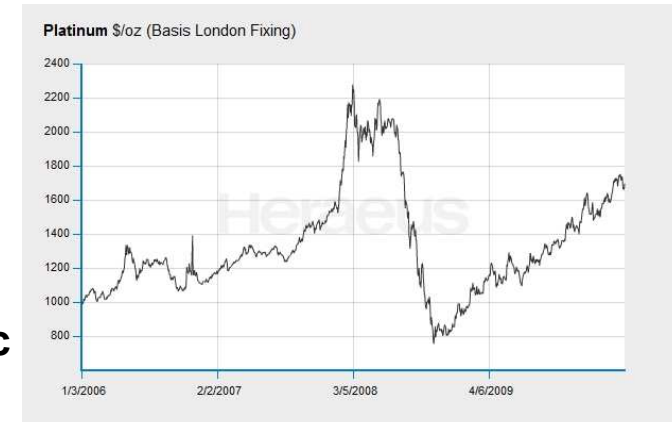
## Challenges for PM refining business:

### — Metal prices and currencies are fluctuating

- Constant changes of exchange rates are impacting competitive situation
- Low grade streams may become uneconomic and metals might be lost for refining
- Spent car catalyst refining declined considerably in 09\*



\* Source: JM report



## Challenges for PM refining business:

### — Environmental requirements and laws

- REACH and GHS regulation have a dramatic impact on chemical producers and distributors in Europe but also globally
- Basel Treaty regulates trans frontier shipments of wastes
- Local specialties add to the complexity of waste logistics

### — Duty and tax legislation

- Individual VAT and/or duty regulations in certain countries might impact access to precious metal scrap for refiners.



## Challenges for PM refining business:

- **Generation of new Trade Zones and the unbroken Trend to move production into low cost countries**

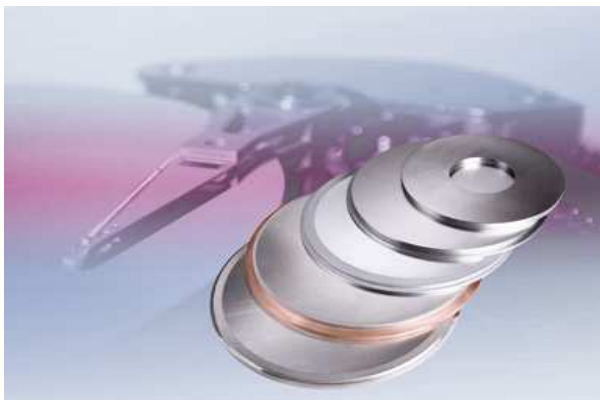


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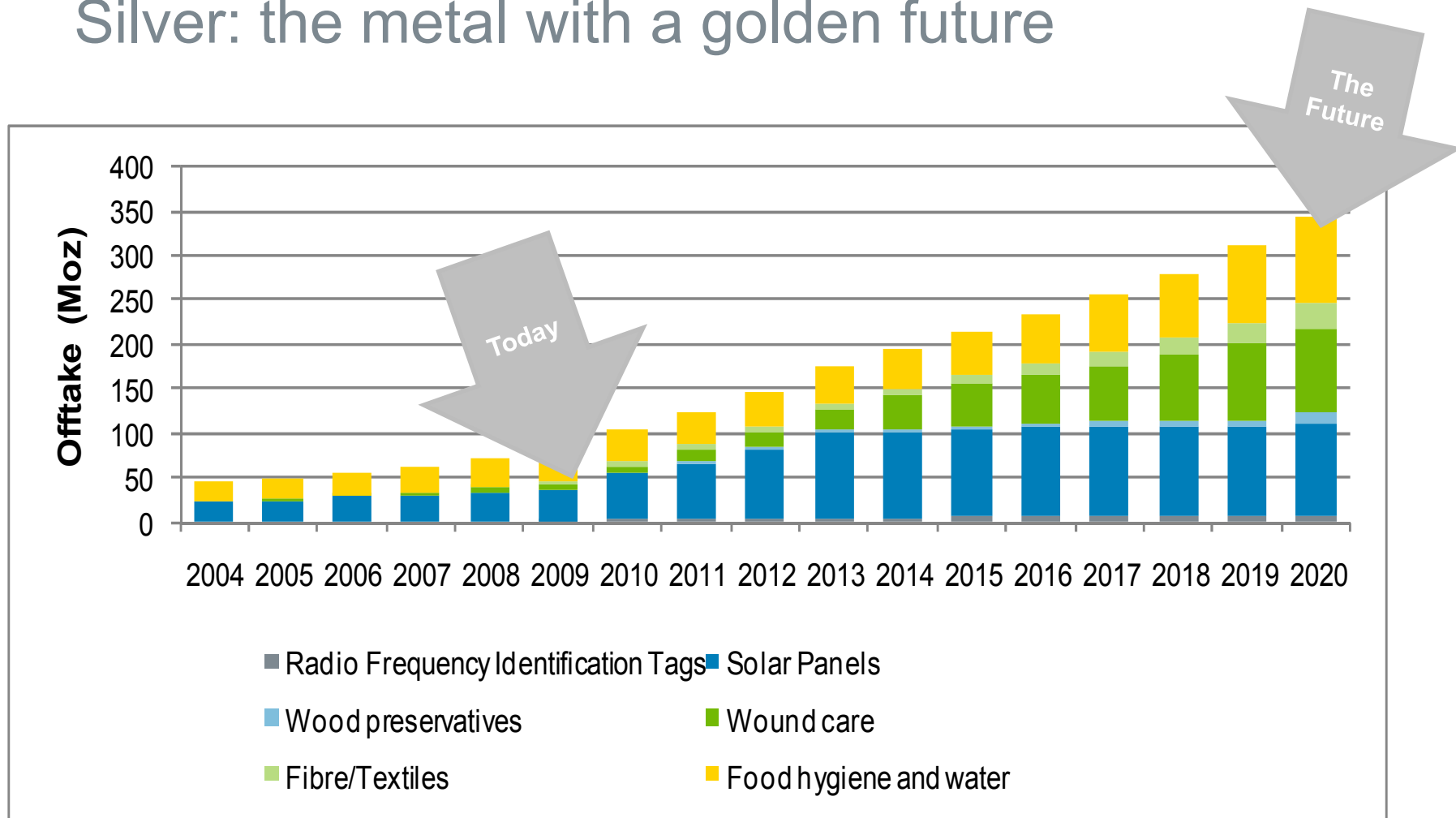
<b>CAFTA</b>	
Population:	1,9 billion
GDP:	US\$ 6.000 trillion
Trade volume:	US\$ 4.500 trillion

## Challenges for refining business:

- **New products and limited product life cycles require permanent development of new refining technologies**
  - **Extremely short life cycles in the Magnetic Data Storage industry require tremendous investments in R&D and equipment**
  - **Upcoming GTL/CTL catalyst systems require new refining processes**
  - **New applications of Ag products will require more efficient Ag refining in the future**



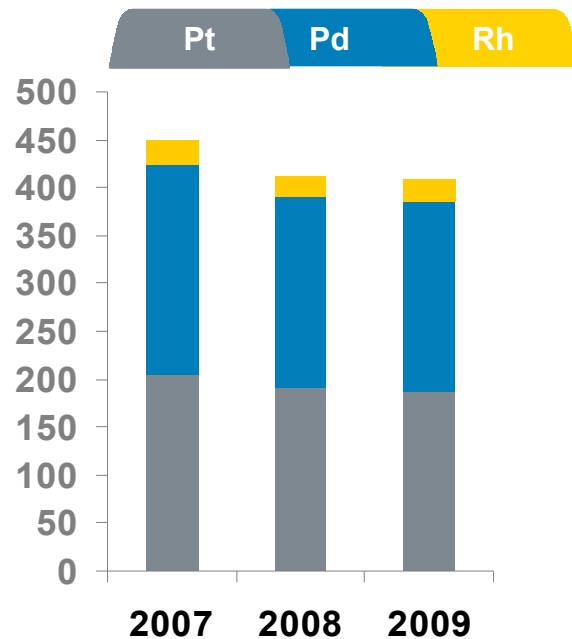
## Silver: the metal with a golden future



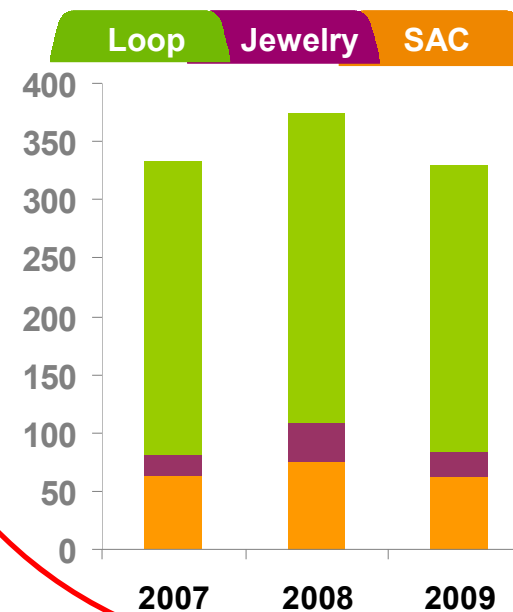
Source: Virtual Metals, London

## PGM supply: secondary recycling volumes (Pt/Pd/Rh) play a major role in securing supply!

**Primary PGM Production**

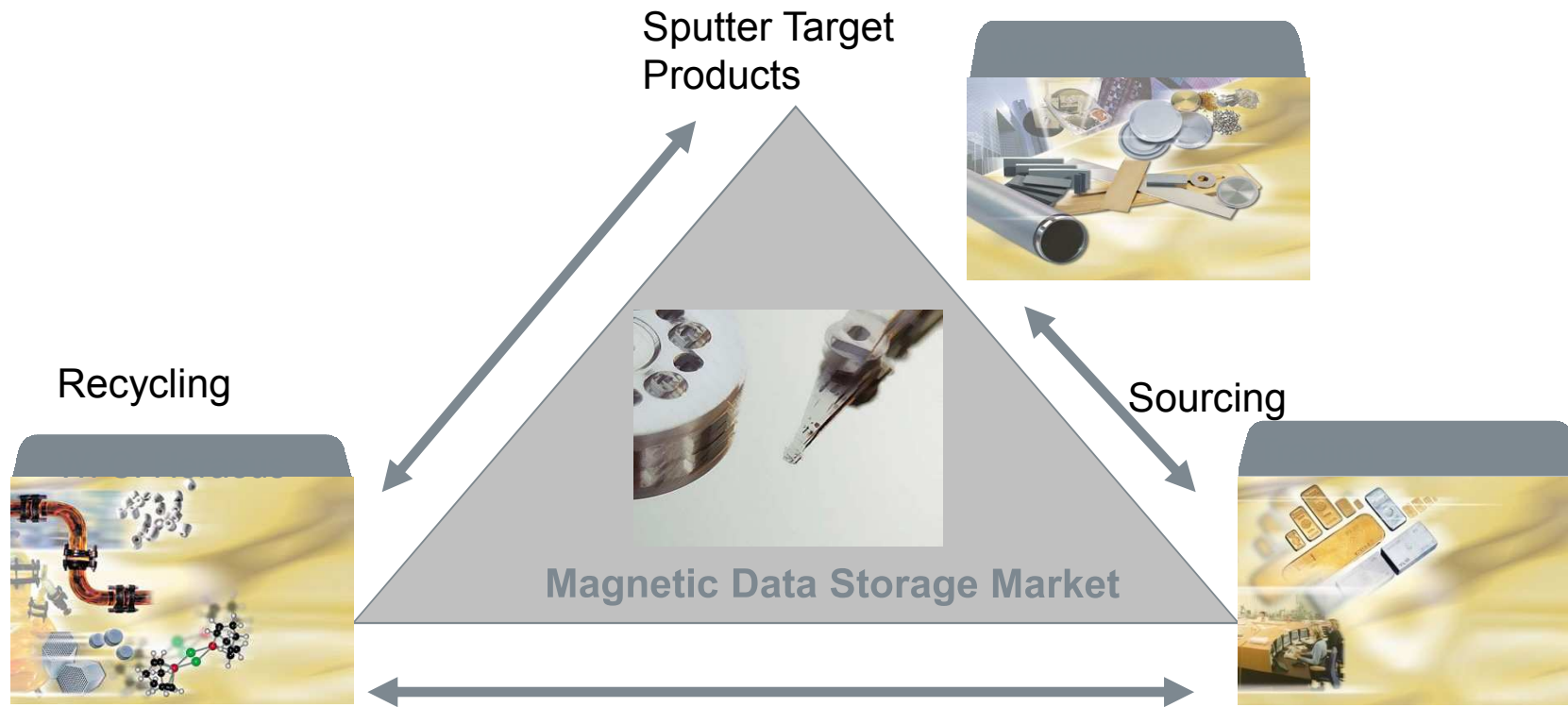


**Secondary PGM Recycling**



**Heraeus refines a significant volume of Pt, Pd and Rh from secondary sources per year and belongs to the top three refiners world wide!**

## Examples for Closed Loop Services: MDS

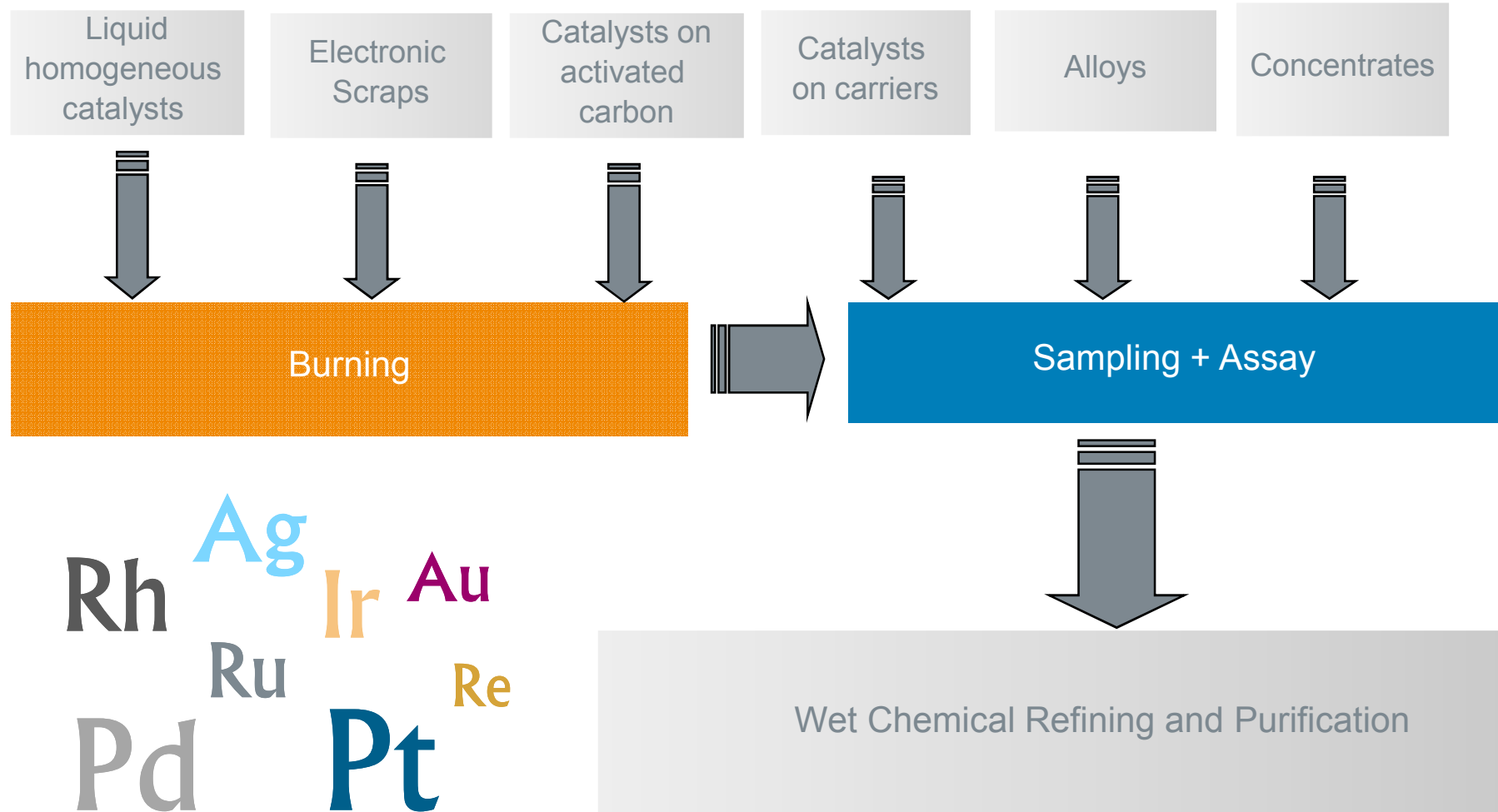


- The net Pt and Ru demand in 2009 was approx. 7 tons for MDS market
- The recycling volumes in the same time period were significantly higher

# Services offered by Heraeus



# Key Technologies of CHD-RC



## Burning is an integral part of the overall Refining Process:

Heraeus offers State-of-the-Art processes based on customer requirements and material specifications



### — **HeraCYCLE®:**

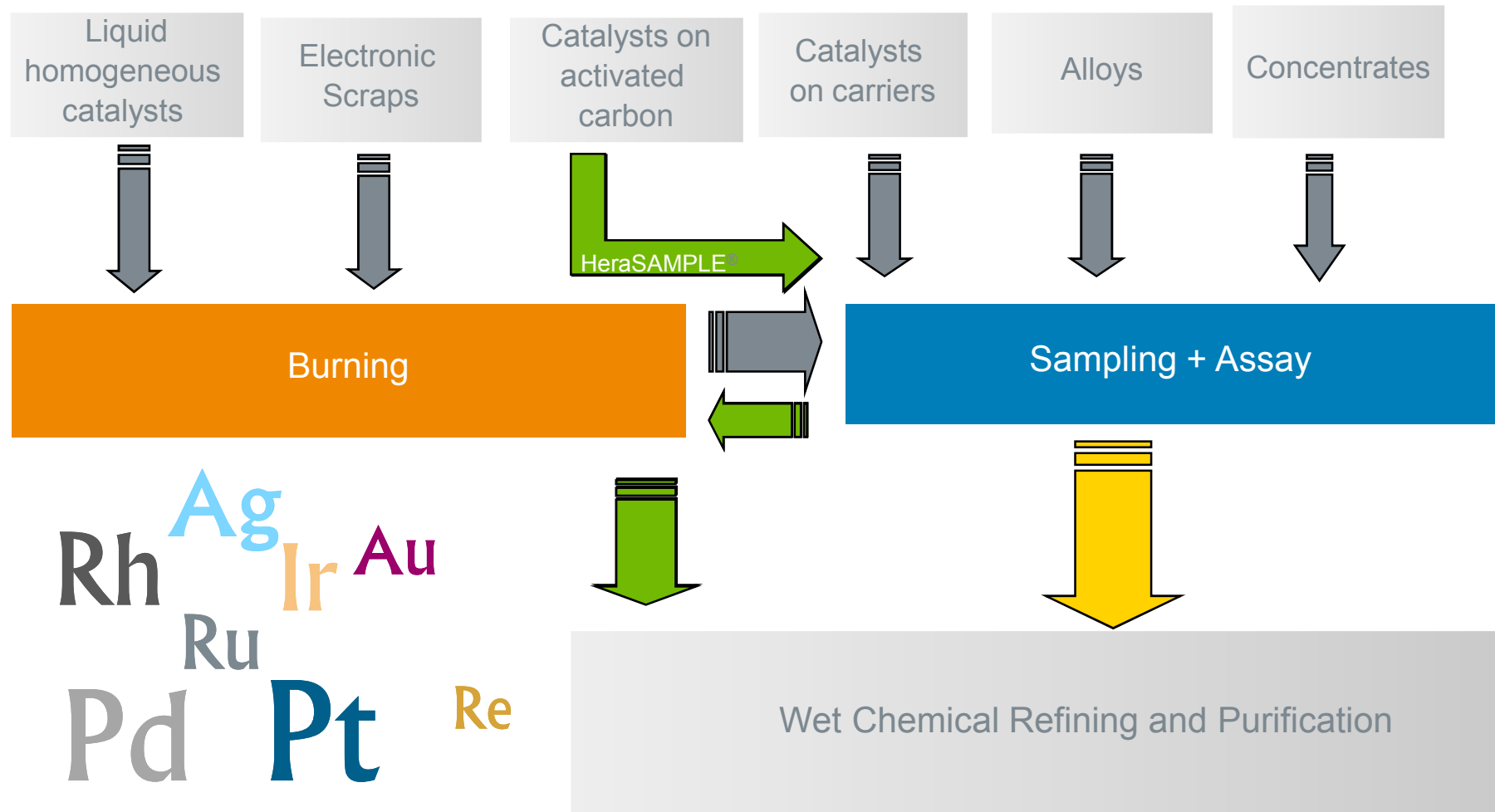
Proprietary thermal reduction process:  
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to ensure accurate sampling and PM content determination after milling

Resulting in a PGM concentrate allowing for cost effective chemical treatment

### — **HeraSAMPLE®**

is capable of providing accurate sampling and PM content determination prior to thermal reduction

## This is how HeraSAMPLE<sup>®</sup> fits in

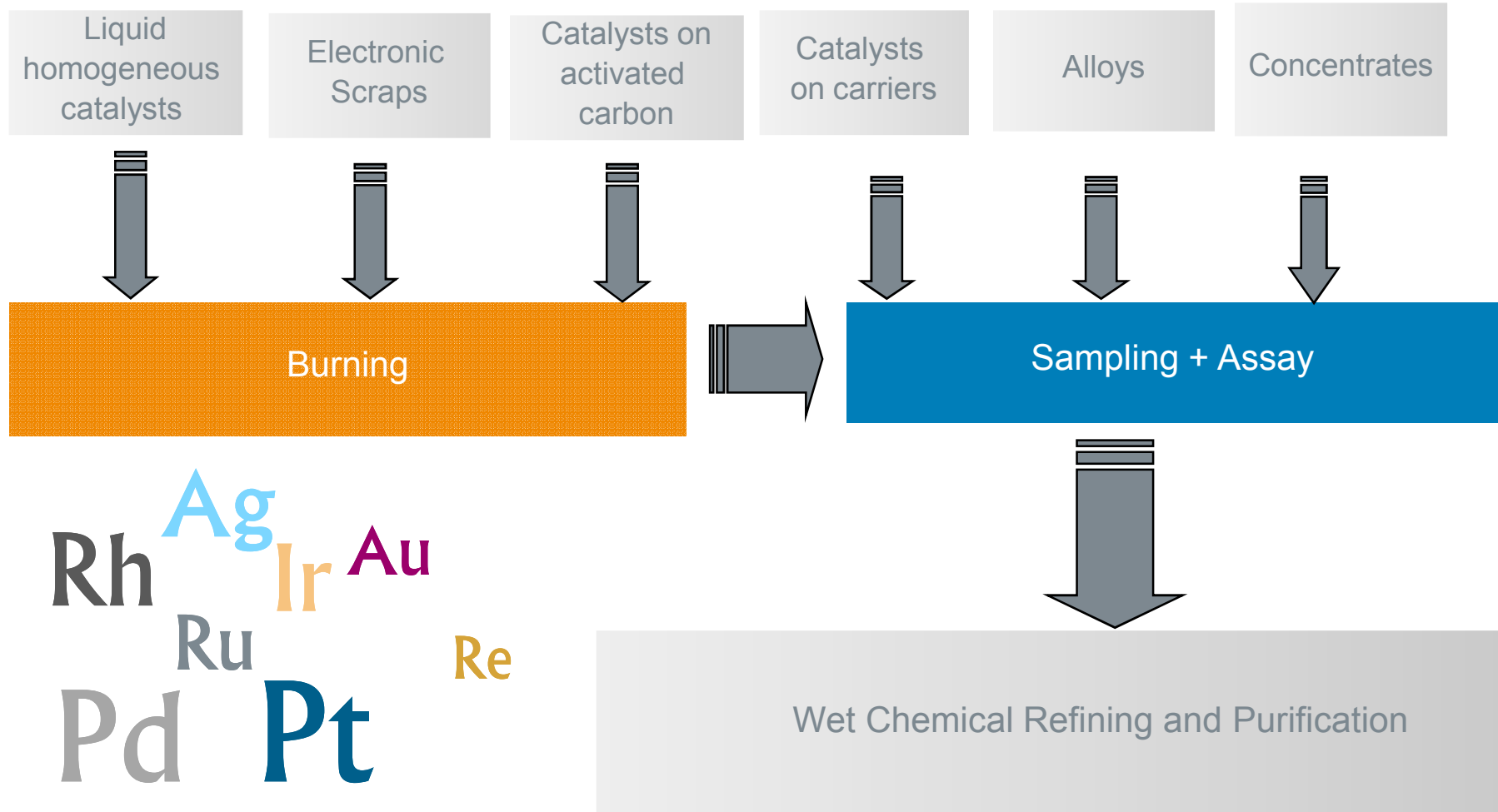


## This is how HeraSAMPLE® adds value

- **Minimized material modification prior to the sampling process**
- **The resulting homogeneous material provides absolute accurate analytical data on precious metal content**
- **Offers the unique opportunity to the customers to decide between the established system (burning) and advanced technology (HeraSAMPLE®)**



# Key Technologies of CHD-RC





- Established in 2003
- Commercialising novel technology
- developed at University of London
- 3 sites, with around 30 employees

- **Collaboration agreement designed to expand the application of PhosphonicS™' precious metal scavenging technology in conjunction with Heraeus' precious metals refining expertise**
- **Novel Cleantech solution to improve the economics of precious metals recovery from low grade process and waste streams**

## What is a Scavenger?

- **A scavenger is a resin or a silica designed for adsorption of precious metals from liquid residues**
- **The PhosphonicS™ scavenger works in streams from 1 ppm to 500 ppm PM or higher**
- **Can be implemented in a simple process using low Capex equipment**



unloaded



loaded



## Benefits of the Heraeus PhosphonicS collaboration to customers

- **Maximise Metal Value Recovery for Low Capex**
- **Reduce Metal Investment – faster recycling, more flexible**
- **Reduce or eliminate Waste Disposal Costs**
- **Meet Discharge Targets for heavy metals**
- **Enhance Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility Profile**

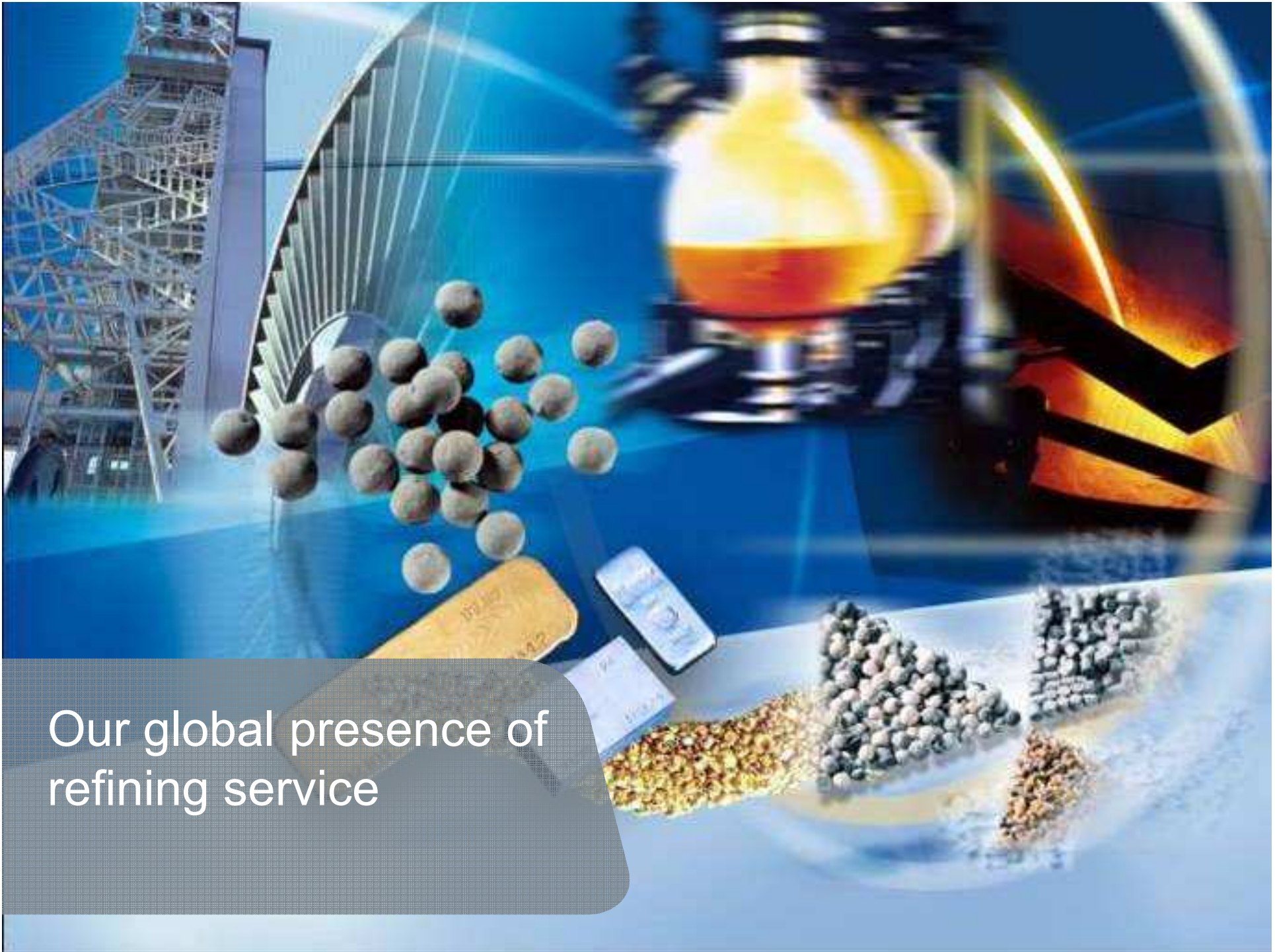




## Plant/Field Application examples

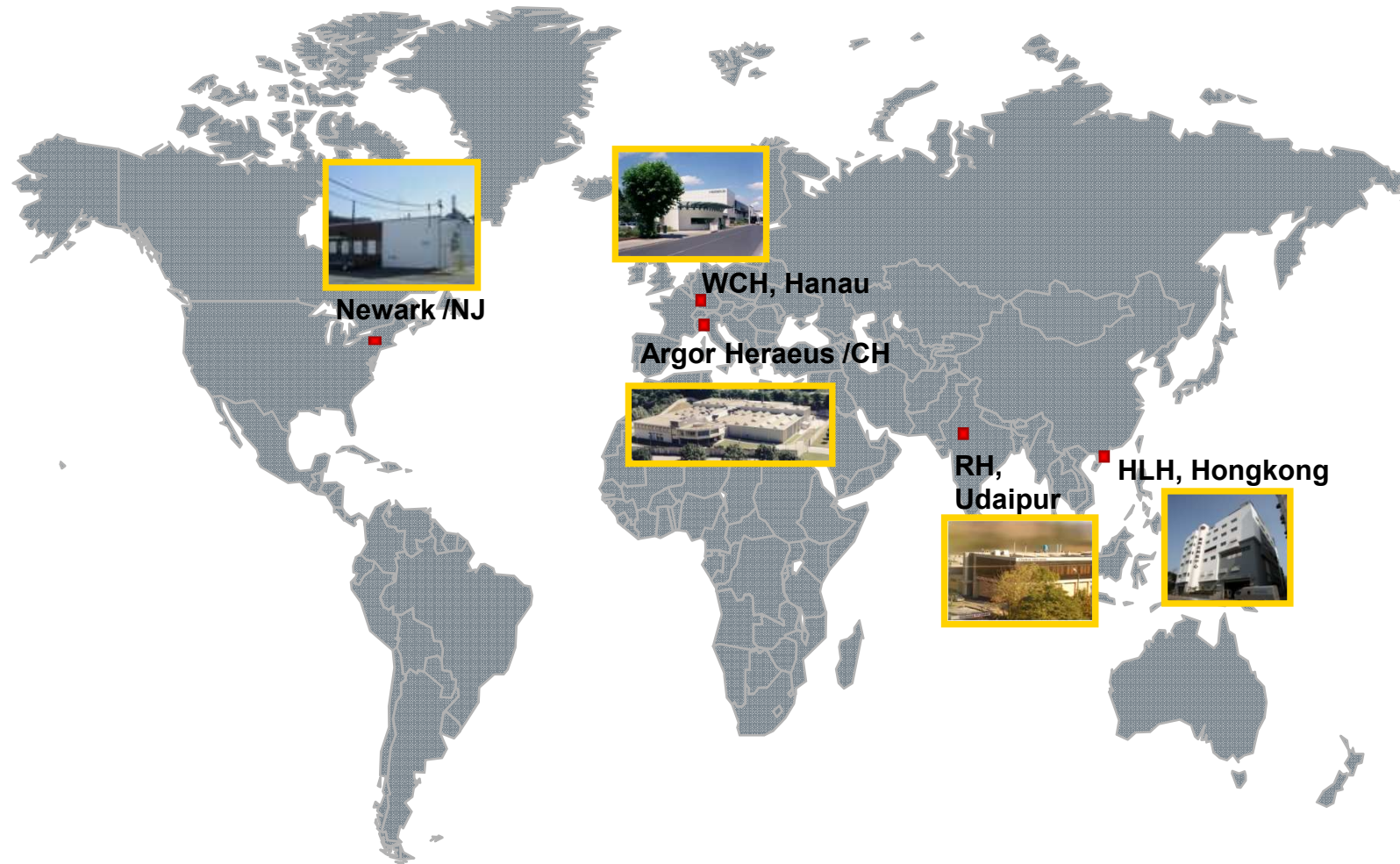
- **Rhodium removal from low concentration catalyst streams**
- **Platinum removal from reactive chemical process & waste streams (e.g. highly acidic streams)**
- **Ruthenium removal from coating and catalyst solutions**
- **Post refinery waste streams**



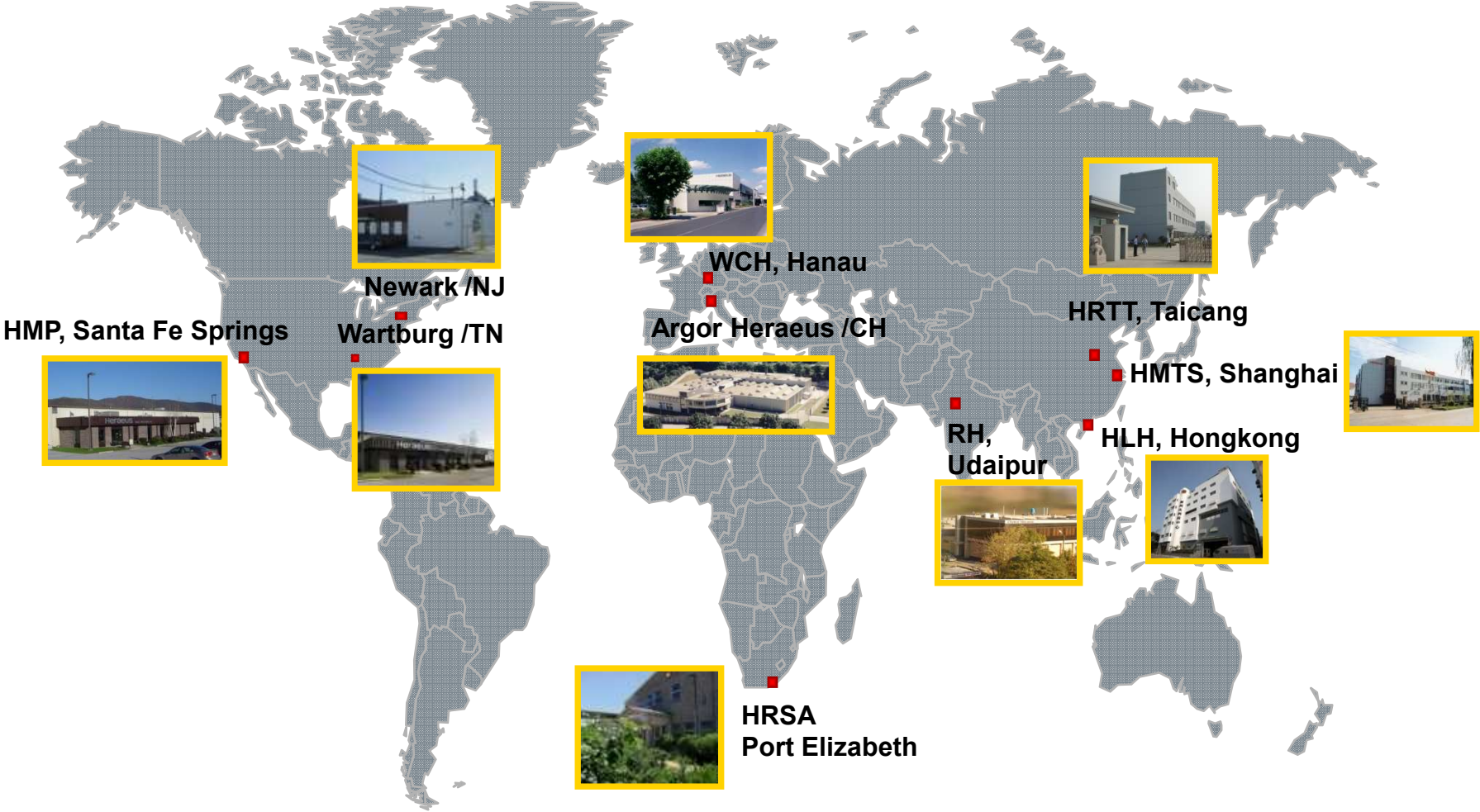


Our global presence of refining service

## Our global refining facilities: ten years ago...



...and today...



## Heraeus in China: Heraeus Recycling Technology (Taicang ) Co., Ltd.

- **Establishment: April 2009**
- **Shareholder: Heraeus 100 %**
- **Site area: 7,268 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **Business scope**
  - **Burning and sampling of catalysts, resins and electronic materials**
  - **Logistic for hazardous materials**
  - **Au/PGM refining**



In summary, Heraeus offers to its customers:

- A stable, well financed partner over **150 years of precious metals experience**
- **Global refining operations at any major business centre**
- The ability to **react quickly to changing market requirements** for refining service
- A significant contribution to global Precious Metals supply in order to **stabilize the market**





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Thank you for your  
attention and interest!