

### **ABOUT THE COMPANY**

- FINNISH COMPANY (2014)
- EXPERTISE IN NUCLEAR PHYSICS & ITS APPLICATIONS IN ELEMENTAL ANALYSIS
  - combine neutron sources with detectors to create measurement systems.
  - The modular nature of the system allows customization of neutron production, detectors and analysis algorithms to meet client's specific applications.

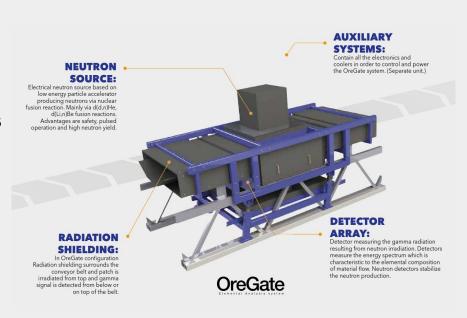
### REFERENCES:

- OUTOKUMPU TORNIO FERRO CHROME WORKS
- total annual ferrochrome production capacity of 530,000 tonnes and includes the largest FeCr furnace in the world.



# NeutronGate technology in short

- 1. 100% of material volume
- 2. IN-LINE
- 3. REAL TIME
- 4. Measure almost all solids and liquids
- 5. Non contact and non disruptive.
- 6. Radiation safety, no radioactive sources



# **Working principle: Elemental analysis**

# **PARTS**

Energy is fed in to low density gas that ionizes via electron collisions forms plasma

#### **ACCELERATOR** ②

Beam is extracted from plasma focused and accelerated to beam target.

#### **BEAM TARGET** ③

nuclei collide at the beam target forming neutrons via nuclear fusion

#### SAMPLE 4

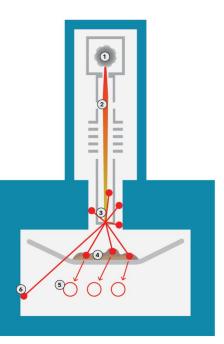
mass on the conveyor is irradiated with neutrons.

#### **DETECTION ARRAY** 5

Detector array detects the gammas comming from irradiated material.

#### **SHIELDING 6**

Remainig neutrons are shielded from the environment by radiation shielding



# **PROCESS**

#### **NEUTRON PRODUCTION**

Neutron beam is produced by innovative new accelerator produced by NeutronGate

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#### NEUTRON ACTIVATION

Neutrons interact with nuclei in the material flow exiting them and inducing gamma emission that is element specific.



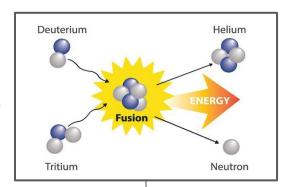
#### **DATA ACCUISITION**

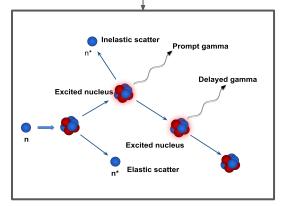
Gamma signals from detector array are filtered and analysed in order to provide raw data and spectrums.



#### **ELEMENTAL DATA**

Raw data from detectors is filtered, calibrated and analysed providing elemental identification, elemental ratios and concentrations to the client.





# **Detection thresholds for thermal PGNAA, DGNAA rough estimate**

#### **PGNAA** detection thresholds.

Detection threshold %-w	Element
<0.01	H,In,Au,Hg,Hf,Er,B,Cd,Nd,Sm,Eu,Gd,Dy
<0.1	Li,Na,Mg,Al,Si,S,K,Ca,Cr,Fe,Ni,Cu,Se,Br,Kr,Sr,Ru,Pd,Te,Xe,Cs,W,La,Tb,U,Cl,Sc,Ti,V,Mn,Co,Rh,Ag,Ta,Re,Pt,Ho,Yb,Lu
<1	Be,N,F,P,Ar,Zn,Ga,Ge,As,Rb,Y,Zr,Nb,Mo,Tc,Sn,Sb,I,Ba,TI,Ce,Pr,Tm,Th,Np,Pu,Am
>1	C,O,Ne,Pb,Bi

**DGNAA** detection thresholds, measurement time usually at least 10% of element half life.

Detection threshold %-w	Element
<1ppm	Mn,Rh,Ag,Hf,Sc,V,Kr,In,Eu,Dy
<10ppm	Na,Cu,Ga,As,Br,Sr,Y,Nb,La,W,Os,U,Sc,Sm,Ho,Lu,Re,Ir,Au,Al,I,Ba
<100ppm	Co,Ge,Ru,Pd,Sb,Te,Xe,Nd,Er,Yb,Pt,Hg,Ar,Mg,Mo,Cd,Pr,Gd,Ta
<0.1%	Ne,K,Ca,Ni,Rb,Tm,F,Cl,Ti,Zn,Se,Sn,Ce,Th

# When NAA is competitive

- Large liquid and solid sample volumes.
- 2. In-line and real-time analysis is needed.
- 3. Surface- or sample analysis is not enough.
- 4. Representative analysis/sampling is needed.
- 5. Nondestructive or non-contact measurement is needed.
- 6. Element mass is important, regardless of material phase or chemical bonds.



### **HOW TO FIGURE OUT IF WE CAN BENEFIT YOU?**

- 1. Sanity check questionnaire
- 2. Preliminary lab analysis
- 3. Review of the lab analysis
- 4. Tailored proposal from NeutronGate



# **Thank You**

