



where  $\Lambda$  is the diagonal matrix of eigenvalues,  $U$  is the matrix made of eigenvectors.

Expressing vector  $\vec{X}$  from (4) have

$$\vec{X} = U\Lambda^{-1}PC \quad (5)$$

Equating (5) and (2) have  $L = U\Lambda^{-1}$  and columns of coefficients for PC in system (1) are

$$\vec{l}_k = \sqrt{\lambda_k} \cdot \vec{u}_k.$$

When the system of principal components (4) is produced researchers use different methods depending on the purpose:

1. consider location of initial parameters of  $x_1, \dots, x_r$  in the new coordinate system  $PC_1, \dots, PC_r$ , in compliance with system (1);
2. consider the first principal components – generally they carry the sense load of a part of initial parameters because they combine correlated initial parameters into groups;
3. consider radii of initial parameters and radii of measurement points in the PC system to divide parameters and measurement points into clusters;
4. set up a linear regression of the technical-economic index of interest in new orthogonal PC of variables

$$Y_{TEI} = a_1PC_1 + a_2PC_2 + \dots + a_rPC_r, \quad (6)$$

frequently the latest least significant  $PC_s, \dots, PC_r$  can, at this, be discarded;

5. given a clear-cut conceptual physical treatment of the principal components it is possible to turn our attention to this equation (6), to produce the dependence of  $Y_{TEI}$  index of our interest on isolated PC directions.

However, in most cases it is desirable to derive dependence of TEI indices on initial process variables; this can be achieved by substitution of (4) into (6).

### Sample Data

Nadvoitsy Aluminium Smelter comprises 4 potrooms: 3 potrooms – with horizontal stud Soderberg (HSS) cells and 1 potroom with prebaked anode cells. Anode paste consumption was analyzed in the first two potrooms (potroom №1 and potroom №2). During the period under consideration these potrooms used anode paste from single supplier; this makes possible to trace the properties of the paste by manufacturer's certificates. The sample data contained monthly average data from March 2009 to October 2010 (20 observations) and 20 variables (18 basic and 2 TEI, Table 1).

Noise level in the monthly average parameter values is lower than in the daily average or weekly average values. Tessier et al. in [5] also notes expedience of using in statistical analysis of monthly average indices instead of daily average or weekly average. The variables were selected on the basis of works [6-8].

### Analysis

Multivariate statistical analysis was carried out with Statistica and MS Excel software. 10 PCs explain as much as 95.76 % of

variance of initial data for potroom №1 and 96.04 % of total variance for potroom №2, meanwhile 18 PCs explain the entire variance of initial data.

Table 1. Parameters included into sampling for analysis of anode paste consumption

Parameter type	Parameter	Identification code
Basic	AP ash content;	As
	AP sulfur content;	S
	devolatilization;	Vol
	AP softening point;	Ts
	bath temperature;	BT
	bath depth;	BL
	anode height;	h <sub>a</sub>
	AP flowability;	Cf
	AP apparent density;	Da
	AP real density;	Dr
	AP mechanical strength;	Ms
	AP porosity;	P
	AP total reactivity;	CO <sub>2</sub> _dest
	AP oxidation;	CO <sub>2</sub> _oxid
	AP dust loss;	CO <sub>2</sub> _dust
	AP specific electric resistance (SER);	R
	anode current density;	CDa
	specific dust yield;	Dust
Accessory*	Current efficiency;	CE
	AP consumption.	CC

\*Accessory parameters do not take part in calculation of coefficients for conversion to PC, but are reflected in the principal component plane to analyze the nature of dependencies.

Tables 2 and 3 show contributions of parameters into the first 5 PCs. It is common to consider contribution into the first PCs, as they describe more than a half of changes in the initial parameters (in our case 5 PCs describe ~75-76 % of data variance).

Table 2. Contribution of variables into the first 5 PCs for potroom №1

Parameter	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
SER	0,032	<b>0,131</b>	0,001	0,050	0,003
Mechanical strength	0,006	0,012	<b>0,166</b>	<b>0,104</b>	0,013
Porosity	<b>0,145</b>	0,001	0,048	0,043	0,012
Sulfur	0,000	0,001	<b>0,169</b>	0,001	0,086
Total reactivity	0,047	0,063	<b>0,169</b>	0,010	0,037
Oxidation	0,015	0,098	<b>0,138</b>	0,016	0,000
Dust loss	0,063	0,018	<b>0,108</b>	0,072	0,061
Apparent density	0,085	0,068	0,016	0,097	0,022
Real density	0,001	<b>0,142</b>	0,036	0,030	0,089
Dust yield	0,004	0,050	0,014	0,026	<b>0,439</b>
Softening point	0,013	<b>0,181</b>	0,019	0,032	0,007
Flowability	0,085	0,014	0,001	<b>0,142</b>	0,046
Ash content	0,008	<b>0,135</b>	0,005	0,075	0,088
Specific dust yield	0,085	0,001	0,021	<b>0,174</b>	0,040
Anode current density	<b>0,119</b>	0,009	0,001	0,052	0,013
Bath temperature	<b>0,149</b>	0,004	0,002	0,015	0,009
Bath level	0,031	0,062	0,043	0,014	0,028
Anode height	<b>0,112</b>	0,011	0,043	0,047	0,006

For both potrooms the first direction (PC1) is specified by contribution of the following parameters: porosity, anode current density and bath temperature. In the first potroom big contribution into PC1 is made by the anode height, in the second – by dust loss.

The second direction (PC2) is specified by the following parameters which made a big contribution: SER, real density, softening point and ash content, this is observed in both potrooms. In PC3 contribution is made by the following variables: mechanical strength, sulfur content in the anode paste, total reactivity and oxidation. In addition to these variables, big contribution in the first potroom is made by the dust loss. In both potrooms PC4 is specified by dust yield.

Table 3. Contribution of variables into the first 5 PCs for potroom №2

Parameter	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5
SER	0,041	<b>0,132</b>	0,004	0,054	0,001
Mechanical strength	0,008	0,012	<b>0,212</b>	0,002	0,075
Porosity	<b>0,143</b>	0,006	0,082	0,030	0,011
Sulfur	0,000	0,000	<b>0,184</b>	0,067	0,003
Total reactivity	0,091	0,076	<b>0,112</b>	0,000	0,004
Oxidation	0,028	<b>0,111</b>	<b>0,113</b>	0,002	0,015
Dust loss	<b>0,113</b>	0,021	0,060	0,005	0,021
Apparent density	0,096	0,078	0,029	0,008	0,052
Real density	0,000	<b>0,117</b>	0,048	0,000	<b>0,189</b>
Dust yield	0,010	0,051	0,019	<b>0,175</b>	0,038
Softening point	0,009	<b>0,183</b>	0,037	0,000	0,008
Flowability	0,067	0,028	0,003	0,048	<b>0,164</b>
Ash content	0,009	<b>0,135</b>	0,016	0,089	0,003
Specific dust yield	0,013	0,006	0,002	<b>0,419</b>	0,012
Anode current density	<b>0,147</b>	0,008	0,016	0,062	0,002
Bath temperature	<b>0,151</b>	0,026	0,009	0,000	0,055
Bath level	0,002	0,009	0,001	0,001	<b>0,263</b>
Anode height	0,073	0,003	0,053	0,037	0,084

Thus, in independent analysis in different potrooms the first principal components had similar sense load. Of great interest are produced in the course of analysis projections of variables in PC planes (Figures 1 and 2) which make possible to define the nature of dependencies between the parameters. PC planes are space cuts – (projections) of multidimensional space. According to the rules of method [9], variable projections are interpreted as follows: directly proportional between themselves are the variables in one square, inversely proportional are the variables in opposite squares. Nothing can be said about dependencies between the variables in the neighboring squares.

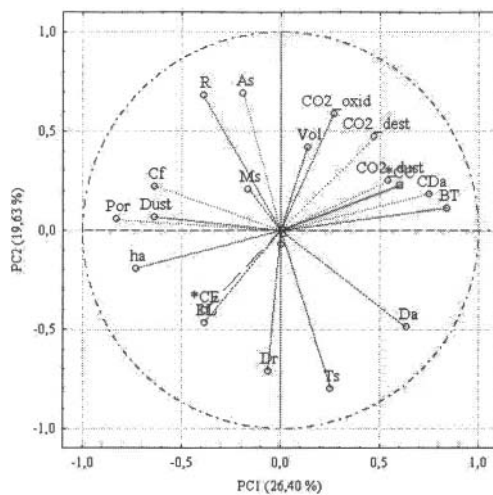


Figure 1. Variable projections in plane PC1 and PC2 for potroom №1

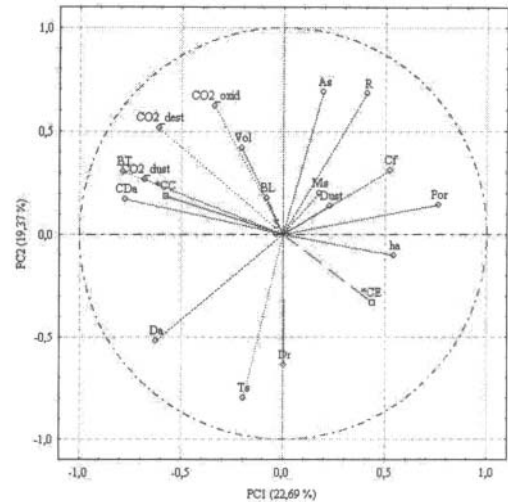


Figure 2. Variable projections in plane PC1 and PC2 for potroom №2

Analysis of variable projections in PC by Figure 1 and Figure 2 shows that consumption of anode paste is the more the more are the values of total reactivity, oxidation, dust loss, bath temperature, devolatilization and anode current density, and the less are the current efficiency, real density of anode paste, anode height and bath level.

Then a PCA model is constructed where AP consumption acts as the sought for function and PC values in time – as the arguments of the sought for multiple regression equation. We should note that on PC it is possible to construct an ordinary classical regression, because the principal components are independent between themselves. Equations (7) and (8) are PCA models for potroom №1 and potroom №2, respectively.

$$CC1 = 502.71 + 13.5 \cdot PC1 + 5.07 \cdot PC2 + 0.04 \cdot PC3 + 8.28 \cdot PC4 - 2.02 \cdot PC5 + 6.19 \cdot PC6 - 5.44 \cdot PC7 + 3.98 \cdot PC8 + 4.81 \cdot PC9 + 1.77 \cdot PC10 - 4.42 \cdot PC11 + 3.02 \cdot PC12 - 1.03 \cdot PC13 + 5.73 \cdot PC14 - 2.77 \cdot PC15 + 0.26 \cdot PC16; \quad (7)$$

$$CC2 = 500.47 - 11.42 \cdot PC1 + 3.72 \cdot PC2 - 3.09 \cdot PC3 + 2.09 \cdot PC4 + 0.34 \cdot PC5 - 3.36 \cdot PC6 - 7.26 \cdot PC7 - 4.58 \cdot PC8 - 7.28 \cdot PC9 + 0.84 \cdot PC10 - 6.92 \cdot PC11 - 0.13 \cdot PC12 - 4.36 \cdot PC13 + 2.05 \cdot PC14 - 3.77 \cdot PC15 - 1.18 \cdot PC16, \quad (8)$$

where CC1 and CC2 are AP consumption for potroom №1 and potroom №2, respectively; PC1...PC16 are the principal components acting as regressors in the PCA model.

Both PCA models describe well the AP consumption, the coefficient of determination of regression equation (7)  $R^2=0.923$ , of equation (8)  $R^2=0.978$ . Fisher's ratio showed that the models can be used for prediction ( $F > F_{cr}$  in both cases). Equations (7) and (8) are inconvenient for practical use, even though they make possible to model AP consumption depending

on the initial indices, and also make possible to see the effect of an individual PC on AP consumption.

To compare the effect of initial parameters on AP consumption we pass to equation in centered variables by formulas (4) and (6).

$$CC1 = 502.71 + 0.91 \cdot R - 5.65 \cdot Ms - 3.25 \cdot P - 7.14 \cdot S + 2.51 \cdot CO_2\_dest + 1.69 \cdot CO_2\_oxid + 5.24 \cdot CO_2\_dust + 4.13 \cdot D_r - 5.82 \cdot Vol - 5.93 \cdot Ts + 9.86 \cdot As + 5.77 \cdot Dust - 8.58 \cdot CD_a + 5.94 \cdot BT + 4.53 \cdot BL - 15.01 \cdot h_a; \quad (9)$$

$$CC2 = 500.47 + 2.35 \cdot R - 11.28 \cdot Ms - 2.2 \cdot P - 8.28 \cdot S + 0.08 \cdot CO_2\_dest - 2.17 \cdot CO_2\_oxid + 6.07 \cdot CO_2\_dust + 4.67 \cdot D_r - 10.94 \cdot Vol - 6.34 \cdot Ts + 10.22 \cdot As + 0.53 \cdot Dust - 8.84 \cdot CD_a + 8.09 \cdot BT + 5.69 \cdot BL - 13.39 \cdot h_a, \quad (10)$$

where  $CC1$  and  $CC2$  are the AP consumption for potroom №1 and potroom №2, respectively; denotations of variables are given in Table 1. One can see that similar parameters of the anode paste and the process have similar signs in equations for different potrooms which is indicative of consistency of the study. The models produced made possible to construct plots on the same plane with real AP consumption (Figures 5 and 6). Good coincidence of real and predicted AP consumption is apparent, respective approximation coefficients are shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8.

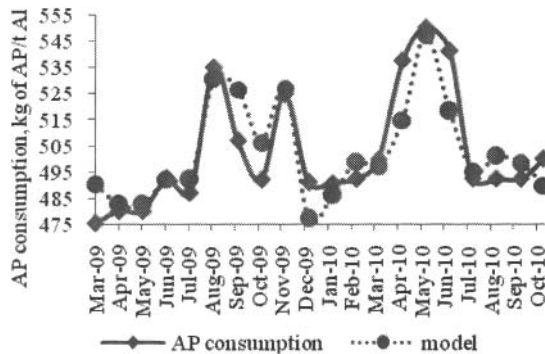


Figure 5. Comparison of AP consumption and modeled consumption for potroom №1

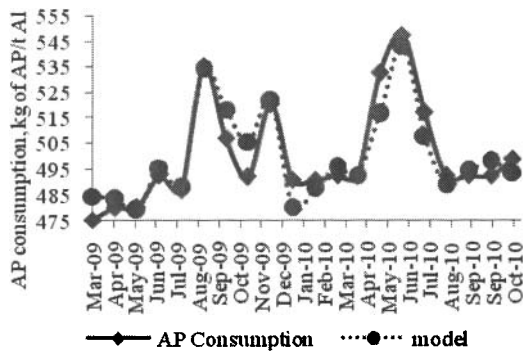


Figure 6. Comparison of AP consumption and modeled consumption for potroom №2

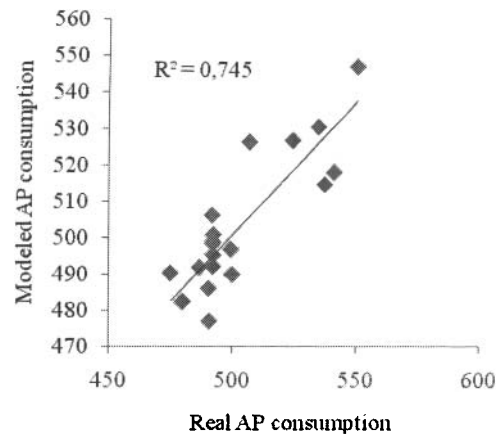


Figure 7. Modeled AP consumption vs. real for potroom №1

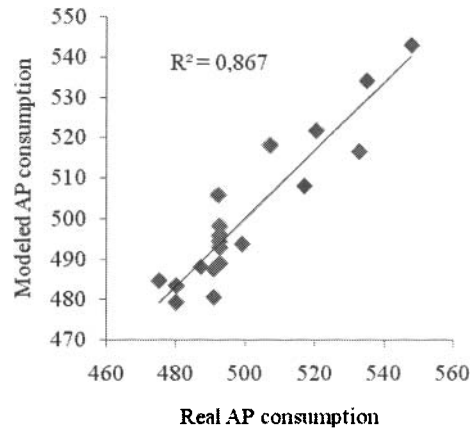


Figure 8. Modeled AP consumption vs. real for potroom №2

Transforming the centered parameters into real ones we have effect of each individual parameter on AP consumption (Table 4). The table shows how decrease of each parameter by 3 values of its standard deviation affects AP consumption in compliance with equations 9 and 10 for different potrooms. E.g. decrease of mechanical strength by 15.7 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> increases paste consumption by 16.9 kg by the data of the first potroom and by 33.8 kg by the data of the second potroom. Decrease of bath temperature by 7 degrees decreases AP consumption by 17.8 by the data of the first potroom and by 24.3 kg by the data of the second potroom.

From Table 5 it is apparent that the effect of parameters on AP consumption found by our statistical study is in agreement with known literature data. The exception is only the effect of total reactivity and oxidation in CO<sub>2</sub> for potroom №2.

Of course, to make precise numerical effect of the parameters considered on anode paste consumption requires a study with bigger sampling.

Table 4. AP consumption vs. analyzed parameters

Parameter	Units of measurement	potroom №1		potroom №2		Consumption variation by literature data
		Decrease of parameters by SDs*	AP consumption change, kg	Decrease of parameters by SDs*	AP consumption change, kg	
SER	mcOhm·v	6,026	-2,716	6,026	-7,065	?***
Mechanical strength	kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	15,717	16,941	15,717	33,845	(+)**
Porosity	%	0,988	9,757	0,988	6,612	(+)-****[6]
Sulfur	%	0,078	21,424	0,078	24,840	(+)-[10]
Total reactivity	mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ·h	5,559	-7,528	5,559	0,244	(-)-****[6, 11]
Oxidation	mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ·h	2,951	-5,076	2,951	6,520	(-)[6, 11]
Dust loss	mg/cm <sup>2</sup> ·h	3,555	-15,717	3,555	-18,215	(-)[6, 11]
Real density	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	0,025	-12,396	0,025	-14,020	(+)[6, 11]
Dust yield	%	3,397	17,448	3,397	32,823	(-)[12, 11]
Softening point	°C	6,414	17,792	6,414	19,031	(-)[6]
Ash content	%	0,075	-29,575	0,075	-30,662	(-)[12]
Specific dust yield	kg/t Al	16,365	-17,306	17,009	-1,592	(-)[6]
Anode current density	A/cm <sup>2</sup>	0,015	25,735	0,015	26,509	(-)[6]
Bath temperature	°C	6,965	-17,811	7,658	-24,266	(-)[6]
Bath level	cm	3,048	-13,579	2,573	-17,077	(-)[6]
Anode height	cm	11,473	45,029	10,447	40,158	?

\* SD – Standard deviation.

\*\* ? – No information is found in literature about effect of the parameter on paste consumption.

\*\*\* (+) – AP consumption increases as the parameter value decreases.

\*\*\*\* (+-) – Literature sources indicate dual effect of the parameter on AP consumption.

\*\*\*\*\* (-) – AP consumption decreases with parameter value.

### Conclusion

Application of multivariate statistical processing of data has been considered to analyze anode paste consumption depending on the properties and parameters of electrolysis. The principal component method and multiple linear regression were used to model AP consumption in two potrooms of Nadvoitsy Aluminium Smelter. The method of principal components was used to identify parameters with greatest effect on variation of AP consumption over the period under consideration. The plots of parameter projections in PC plane made possible to find the nature of dependence between the parameters. Derived have been:

- PCA-models to predict AP consumption at the potroom level;
- statistical models to compare effect of parameters between themselves;
- variation of AP consumption with decrease of parameters by 3 SDs.

To specify dependences and derive more accurate models for prediction requires bigger array of statistical data and account of additional parameters affecting AP consumption in HSS cells.

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