



Challenges to Knowledge Operationalization:

Example of Metallurgy Knowledge Operationalization
at Metallurgical Operations

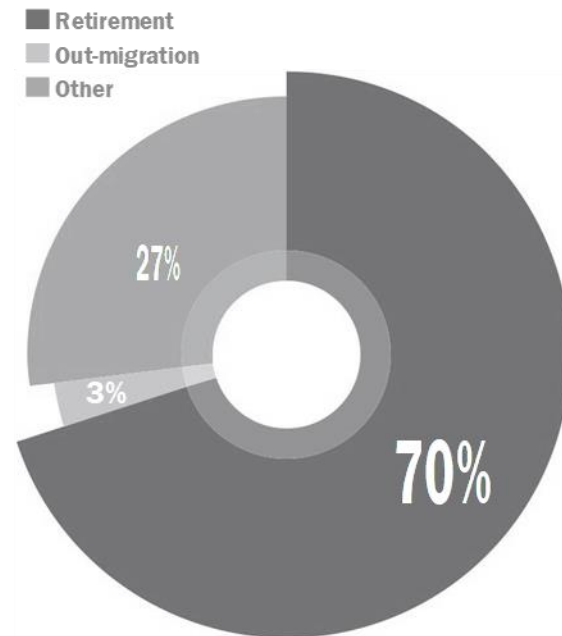
Metallurgical Operations face constantly increasing complexity of external and internal issues that need to be dealt with to maintain profitable metallurgical operations

- Decreasing margins and cashflow
- Unique and complex flowsheet aim to extract multiple products
- Significant increase in the cost of electricity
- Through the years the company is accustomed to stable homogeneous concentrate supply from the single source mine that belongs to the parent company.
- Decreasing availability of “good” concentrate with lower impurities and higher margins
- Unreliable supply of “good” concentrate
- Low level of concentrate flexibility
- Complex logistics for concentrate shipment and logistics
- High cost of labour
- High level of variability

Need to develop and manage more complex metallurgical flowsheets with an increased number of interdependencies

Increased Complexity

Breakdown of forecasted exits by category in Mining & Metals in (2018–2027)



Source: Mining Industry Human Resources Council, 2017

Risk of insufficient capability when the wave of retirements hits paired with insufficient supply of metallurgical engineers in Canada

Loss of Experience

Key Objective of Experience Retention is to maintain stable metallurgical performance of unit operations after the experienced employees have retired

Loss of Experience → Loss of Knowledge

Working Definition

Knowledge is facts, information, and skills acquired by a person through **experience** or **education**

Knowledge about What?

About problems with a Unit Operation and successful troubleshooting

Retiring Metallurgical Engineer



Knowledge mapping



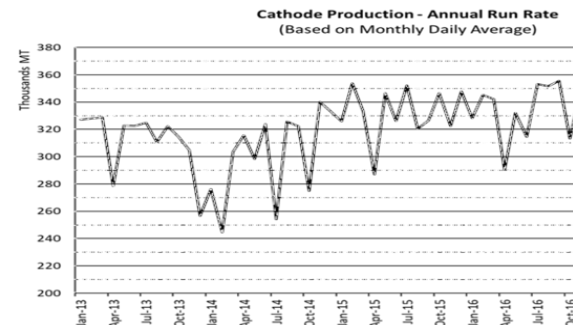
Unit Operation for which retiring metallurgist is accountable

Typical Knowledge mapping areas

- What are **typical problems** with the unit?
- What are **successful solutions** to deal with problems?
- What **data** was collected and from what sources?
- How was the **data analysed**?
- How was **solution implemented**?
- **Who was involved** in solution development and implementation?



New Chemical Engineer



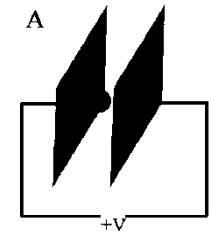
High Variability

What should be done to improve knowledge retention?

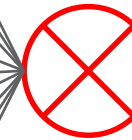
Analysis of experience retention / knowledge retention programmes and their ineffectiveness leads to several key conclusions:

Focus on problems that happened

Unit Operations

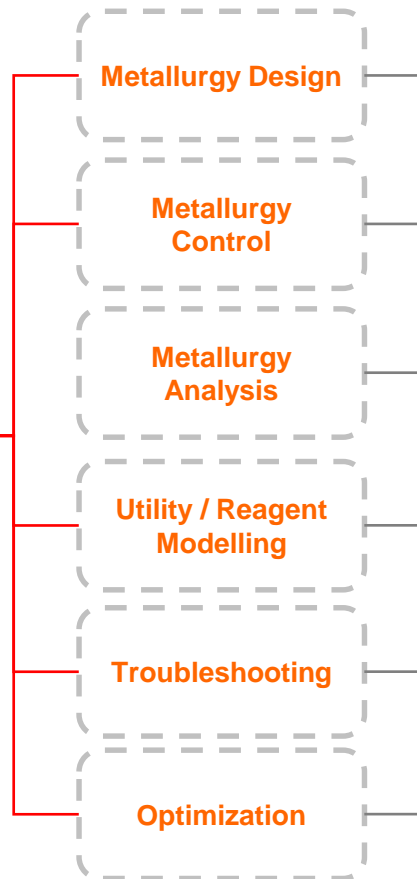


Leads to
Problems at unit operations



BIG 6 processes **New Focus**

- ✓ Less scope to focus
- ✓ Impacts all the Units Operation
- ✓ Prevents all the problems at Units Operation



To be applied consistently at every unit operation




Metallurgy Standardization is a system of technical policies, procedures, standards, instructions to which all metallurgical engineers must adhere to ensure that all Metallurgy Processes are performed within set guidelines.

- Metallurgy Standardization is necessary to maximize:
- Consistency
 - Stability
 - Compatibility
 - Safety
 - Repeatability
 - Quality

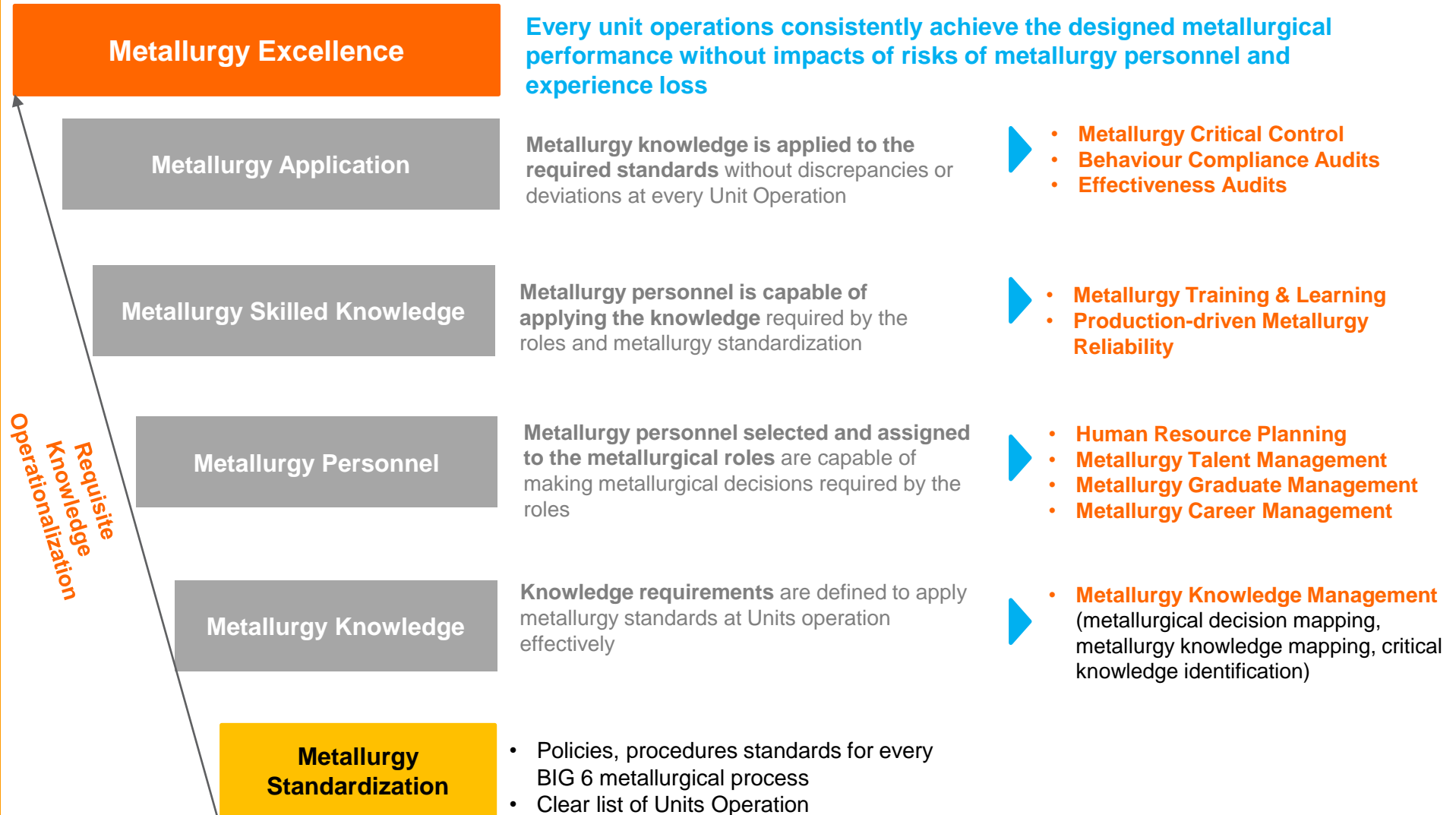
There are problems that have not been experienced yet

Inefficient and non-compliance

Analysis was conducted to assess the quality of metallurgy standardization for BIG 6 metallurgical processes at one metallurgical operation:

Effective Standardization	Findings	
Metallurgy Standardization (Procedures, Standards and Instructions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ No standardized list of metallurgical processes to be used for Metallurgy Control and Development management➤ Absence of metallurgy standardization (procedures and standards for the metallurgical processes) to ensure the consistency of operation and control of different unit operations	
Metallurgy Standardization Compliance Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Absence of the tool and process that audit the compliance by various stakeholders to the metallurgy standardization requirements (procedures, standards, instructions) at the unit operation➤ Lack of analytics on compliance to the metallurgy standardization and the causes of non-compliances	
Metallurgy Standardization Effectiveness Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Absence of the tool and process that audit the effectiveness of our metallurgical standardization (procedures and standards, and their adaptation to various unit operations)➤ Lack of analytics on effectiveness of the metallurgy standardization for all metallurgical processes	

Requisite Knowledge Operationalization is an ability to apply metallurgical knowledge of the metallurgical processes at Unit Operations by accountable metallurgical engineers consistently to the metallurgy standards with the purpose to achieve Metallurgy Excellence





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- Metallurgy Intelligence
- Asset Management
- AI & Virtual Reality



Worldwide Applications

- Australia
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