

Supplementary Materials: Measurement-Based Modelling of Material Moisture and Particle Classification for Control of Copper Ore Dry Grinding Process

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1. Screw Feeder Throughput During Experiments

Table S1. Throughput of the screw feeder (as percentage of nominal throughput) during experiments.

Throughput [%]	Experiment no.
50	2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22
100	1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21

2. Measurement Data: Material Weights

Table S2. Weights of subsequent granularity classes (particles retained on the sieves) measured after each experiment – lower classification product.

Experiment no.	Mass [g] of particles sized:					Total mass [g]
	0–0.12 mm	0.12–0.25 mm	0.25–0.49 mm	0.49–0.75 mm	0.75–1.25 mm	
1	9	19	34	32	18	112
2	12.5	23	30	23	15	103.5
3	11	21	31	23	15	101
4	10	19	31	26	14	100
5	13	23	32	24	13	105
6	13	25	36	25	13	112
7	12	22	33	28	12	107
8	17	25	33	25	10	110
9	14	23	33	24	14	108
10	16	27	36	26	11	116
11	15	25	32	23	9	104
12	13	24	35	28	12	112
13	13	24	34	25	10	106
14	18	26	32	22	10	108
15	20	29	34	21	13	117
16	21	30	35	22	15	123
17	24	32	35	18	13	122
18	22	28	36	25	11	122
19	21	29	36	23	13	122
20	18	34	49	35	25	161
21	17	26	36	30	14	123
22	19	29	33	24	17	122

Table S3. Weights of subsequent granularity classes (particles retained on the sieves) measured after each experiment – upper classification product.

Experiment no.	Mass [g] of particles sized:					Total mass [g]
	0–0.12 mm	0.12–0.25 mm	0.25–0.49 mm	0.49–0.75 mm	0.75–1.25 mm	
1	50	8	3	1	1	63
2	63	13	5	3	2	86
3	57	11	3	1	1	73
4	61	12	4	2	1	80
5	61	12	4	2	1	80
6	63	14	4	1	1	83
7	64	12	4	2	1	83
8	63	14	4	2	1	84
9	64	13	4	2	1	84
10	63	13	4	1.5	1	82.5
11	64	14	4	2	1	85
12	65	12	3	1	1	82
13	63	12	4	1.5	1	81.5
14	78	14	4	1	1	98
15	65	14	4	2	1	86
16	68	13	4	2	1	88
17	63	13	3	1	1	81
18	59	18	6	2	1	86
19	63	13	4	1	1	82
20	68	12	4	2	1	87
21	64	13	4	2	1	84
22	64	13	4	1	1	83

Note: Weights of subsequent granularity classes for the *input* material used in *i*-th experiment were calculated as sums of corresponding weights for the upper and lower product.

3. Measurement Data: Material Moisture

3.1. Input Material

Table S4. Measurements needed to calculate the moisture of input material – screw feeder running at 50% of nominal throughput. Entries sorted by increasing average moisture.

Experiment no. (a)	Sample no. (b)	Mass [g] of wet sample (c)	Mass [g] of dried sample (d)	Mass [g] of water (e) = (c)−(d)	Moisture [%] (f) = (e)/(c) · 100%	Average moisture [%] (g) = $\frac{1}{3} \sum (f)$
14	1	8.442	8.393	0.049	0.58	0.58
	2	8.606	8.555	0.051	0.59	
	3	8.070	8.024	0.046	0.57	
2	1	8.219	8.149	0.070	0.85	0.94
	2	8.307	8.222	0.085	1.02	
	3	8.224	8.147	0.077	0.94	
3	1	8.488	8.406	0.082	0.97	0.96
	2	8.525	8.444	0.081	0.95	
	3	8.361	8.281	0.080	0.96	
5	1	9.180	9.050	0.130	1.42	1.45
	2	8.805	8.678	0.127	1.44	
	3	8.575	8.446	0.129	1.50	
7	1	8.848	8.680	0.168	1.90	1.92
	2	8.109	7.952	0.157	1.94	
	3	8.583	8.418	0.165	1.92	
9	1	9.979	9.720	0.259	2.60	2.58
	2	7.026	6.846	0.180	2.56	
	3	9.904	9.649	0.255	2.57	
12	1	11.021	10.701	0.320	2.90	2.87
	2	6.670	6.475	0.195	2.92	
	3	11.957	11.626	0.331	2.77	
19	1	8.073	7.802	0.271	3.36	3.32
	2	10.938	10.577	0.361	3.30	
	3	7.390	7.147	0.243	3.29	
15	1	7.043	6.776	0.267	3.79	3.73
	2	8.046	7.750	0.296	3.68	
	3	8.657	8.336	0.321	3.71	
22	1	7.960	7.630	0.330	4.15	4.23
	2	8.694	8.322	0.372	4.28	
	3	9.760	9.345	0.415	4.25	
17	1	10.444	9.941	0.503	4.82	4.75
	2	7.250	6.905	0.345	4.76	
	3	8.557	8.158	0.399	4.66	

Table S5. Measurements needed to calculate the moisture of input material – screw feeder running at 100% of nominal throughput. Entries sorted by increasing average moisture.

Experiment no. (a)	Sample no. (b)	Mass [g] of wet sample (c)	Mass [g] of dried sample (d)	Mass [g] of water (e) = (c)−(d)	Moisture [%] (f) = (e)/(c) · 100%	Average moisture [%] (g) = $\frac{1}{3} \sum (f)$
1	1	8.377	8.326	0.051	0.61	0.61
	2	8.173	8.123	0.050	0.61	
	3	8.243	8.192	0.051	0.62	
4	1	8.361	8.279	0.082	0.98	0.92
	2	8.437	8.364	0.073	0.87	
	3	8.376	8.300	0.076	0.91	
6	1	8.483	8.364	0.119	1.40	1.42
	2	8.294	8.175	0.119	1.43	
	3	8.345	8.227	0.118	1.41	
8	1	6.532	6.407	0.125	1.91	1.94
	2	6.390	6.265	0.125	1.96	
	3	7.495	7.349	0.146	1.95	
10	1	8.383	8.196	0.187	2.23	2.21
	2	8.847	8.654	0.193	2.18	
	3	8.576	8.387	0.189	2.20	
11	1	6.120	5.967	0.153	2.50	2.47
	2	8.580	8.371	0.209	2.44	
	3	8.215	8.012	0.203	2.47	
13	1	9.677	9.392	0.285	2.95	2.92
	2	7.960	7.729	0.231	2.90	
	3	9.697	9.416	0.281	2.90	
20	1	6.417	6.189	0.228	3.55	3.50
	2	8.927	8.614	0.313	3.51	
	3	9.287	8.967	0.320	3.45	
21	1	9.680	9.304	0.376	3.88	3.87
	2	10.275	9.878	0.397	3.86	
	3	9.503	9.135	0.368	3.87	
16	1	9.785	9.358	0.427	4.36	4.25
	2	8.647	8.292	0.355	4.11	
	3	8.306	7.950	0.356	4.29	
18	1	7.855	7.487	0.368	4.68	4.70
	2	7.430	7.081	0.349	4.70	
	3	8.101	7.719	0.382	4.72	

3.2. Lower Classification Product

Table S6. Measurements needed to calculate the moisture of lower product of classification – screw feeder running at 50% of nominal throughput. Entries ordered the same as in Table S4.

Experiment no. (a)	Sample no. (b)	Mass [g] of wet sample (c)	Mass [g] of dried sample (d)	Mass [g] of water (e) = (c)−(d)	Moisture [%] (f) = (e)/(c) · 100%	Average moisture [%] (g) = $\frac{1}{3} \sum (f)$
14	1	8.490	8.440	0.050	0.59	0.57
	2	8.912	8.860	0.052	0.58	
	3	8.115	8.071	0.044	0.54	
2	1	8.396	8.330	0.066	0.79	0.77
	2	8.517	8.451	0.066	0.77	
	3	8.482	8.418	0.064	0.75	
3	1	8.334	8.272	0.062	0.74	0.76
	2	8.270	8.206	0.064	0.77	
	3	8.484	8.420	0.064	0.75	
5	1	8.381	8.305	0.076	0.91	0.91
	2	8.238	8.163	0.075	0.91	
	3	8.490	8.413	0.077	0.91	
7	1	8.488	8.404	0.084	0.99	1.02
	2	6.494	6.424	0.070	1.08	
	3	6.716	6.649	0.067	1.00	
9	1	6.404	6.323	0.081	1.26	1.23
	2	7.866	7.766	0.100	1.27	
	3	8.354	8.258	0.096	1.15	
12	1	8.477	8.362	0.115	1.36	1.37
	2	8.017	7.906	0.111	1.38	
	3	8.425	8.310	0.115	1.37	
19	1	7.486	7.370	0.116	1.55	1.53
	2	6.566	6.461	0.105	1.60	
	3	6.623	6.527	0.096	1.45	
15	1	5.673	5.582	0.091	1.60	1.60
	2	5.469	5.383	0.086	1.57	
	3	5.692	5.600	0.092	1.62	
22	1	9.404	9.198	0.206	2.19	2.15
	2	8.453	8.276	0.177	2.09	
	3	6.898	6.749	0.149	2.16	
17	1	8.251	8.075	0.176	2.13	2.13
	2	7.446	7.289	0.157	2.11	
	3	7.729	7.563	0.166	2.15	

Table S7. Measurements needed to calculate the moisture of lower product of classification – screw feeder running at 100% of nominal throughput. Entries ordered the same as in Table S5.

Experiment no. (a)	Sample no. (b)	Mass [g] of wet sample (c)	Mass [g] of dried sample (d)	Mass [g] of water (e) = (c)−(d)	Moisture [%] (f) = (e)/(c) · 100%	Average moisture [%] (g) = $\frac{1}{3} \sum (f)$
1	1	8.425	8.381	0.044	0.52	0.51
	2	8.693	8.647	0.046	0.53	
	3	8.077	8.038	0.039	0.48	
4	1	8.495	8.432	0.063	0.74	0.72
	2	8.364	8.305	0.059	0.71	
	3	8.443	8.383	0.060	0.71	
6	1	8.376	8.295	0.081	0.97	0.96
	2	8.530	8.449	0.081	0.95	
	3	8.394	8.314	0.080	0.95	
8	1	8.728	8.626	0.102	1.17	1.18
	2	8.475	8.374	0.101	1.19	
	3	8.867	8.763	0.104	1.17	
10	1	8.263	8.156	0.107	1.29	1.28
	2	8.207	8.104	0.103	1.26	
	3	8.591	8.479	0.112	1.30	
11	1	8.458	8.336	0.122	1.44	1.36
	2	8.827	8.701	0.126	1.43	
	3	8.478	8.376	0.102	1.20	
13	1	7.974	7.849	0.125	1.57	1.60
	2	8.191	8.060	0.131	1.60	
	3	9.690	9.532	0.158	1.63	
20	1	9.748	9.552	0.196	2.01	1.96
	2	8.260	8.100	0.160	1.94	
	3	8.705	8.537	0.168	1.93	
21	1	9.484	9.277	0.207	2.18	2.10
	2	7.331	7.186	0.145	1.98	
	3	7.660	7.495	0.165	2.15	
16	1	8.493	8.280	0.213	2.51	2.36
	2	8.175	7.990	0.185	2.26	
	3	8.894	8.688	0.206	2.32	
18	1	9.206	8.966	0.240	2.61	2.59
	2	9.865	9.609	0.256	2.60	
	3	8.547	8.327	0.220	2.57	

3.3. Upper Classification Product

Table S8. Measurements needed to calculate the moisture of upper product of classification – screw feeder running at 50% of nominal throughput. Entries ordered the same as in Table S4.

Experiment no. (a)	Sample no. (b)	Mass [g] of wet sample (c)	Mass [g] of dried sample (d)	Mass [g] of water (e) = (c)−(d)	Moisture [%] (f) = (e)/(c) · 100%	Average moisture [%] (g) = $\frac{1}{3} \sum (f)$
14	1	8.882	8.807	0.075	0.84	0.85
	2	9.018	8.940	0.078	0.86	
	3	8.835	8.762	0.073	0.83	
2	1	8.603	8.522	0.081	0.94	0.88
	2	7.194	7.134	0.060	0.83	
	3	8.469	8.397	0.072	0.85	
3	1	8.136	8.067	0.069	0.85	0.89
	2	8.173	8.102	0.071	0.87	
	3	8.427	8.347	0.080	0.95	
5	1	8.437	8.352	0.085	1.01	1.01
	2	8.395	8.310	0.085	1.01	
	3	8.399	8.314	0.085	1.01	
7	1	6.566	6.491	0.075	1.14	1.12
	2	6.070	6.005	0.065	1.07	
	3	6.253	6.181	0.072	1.15	
9	1	7.309	7.211	0.098	1.34	1.32
	2	5.473	5.400	0.073	1.33	
	3	5.158	5.091	0.067	1.30	
12	1	8.508	8.387	0.121	1.42	1.40
	2	8.370	8.251	0.119	1.42	
	3	8.405	8.291	0.114	1.36	
19	1	7.248	7.147	0.101	1.39	1.38
	2	7.363	7.267	0.096	1.30	
	3	8.007	7.891	0.116	1.45	
15	1	6.676	6.555	0.121	1.81	1.69
	2	5.435	5.339	0.096	1.77	
	3	5.540	5.458	0.082	1.48	
22	1	6.322	6.223	0.099	1.57	1.57
	2	7.740	7.619	0.121	1.56	
	3	6.206	6.108	0.098	1.58	
17	1	8.359	8.232	0.127	1.52	1.53
	2	6.980	6.870	0.110	1.58	
	3	7.451	7.340	0.111	1.49	

Table S9. Measurements needed to calculate the moisture of upper product of classification – screw feeder running at 100% of nominal throughput. Entries ordered the same as in Table S5.

Experiment no. (a)	Sample no. (b)	Mass [g] of wet sample (c)	Mass [g] of dried sample (d)	Mass [g] of water (e) = (c)−(d)	Moisture [%] (f) = (e)/(c) · 100%	Average moisture [%] (g) = $\frac{1}{3} \sum (f)$
1	1	8.393	8.326	0.067	0.80	0.75
	2	8.265	8.206	0.059	0.71	
	3	8.210	8.149	0.061	0.74	
4	1	8.475	8.411	0.064	0.76	0.77
	2	8.425	8.352	0.073	0.87	
	3	8.501	8.442	0.059	0.69	
6	1	8.378	8.293	0.085	1.01	1.04
	2	8.350	8.262	0.088	1.05	
	3	8.505	8.416	0.089	1.05	
8	1	8.587	8.479	0.108	1.26	1.22
	2	8.352	8.260	0.092	1.10	
	3	8.301	8.194	0.107	1.29	
10	1	8.472	8.352	0.120	1.42	1.43
	2	8.288	8.178	0.110	1.33	
	3	8.327	8.199	0.128	1.54	
11	1	8.314	8.189	0.125	1.50	1.48
	2	8.216	8.097	0.119	1.45	
	3	8.682	8.553	0.129	1.49	
13	1	8.856	8.699	0.157	1.77	1.74
	2	8.987	8.833	0.154	1.71	
	3	9.121	8.963	0.158	1.73	
20	1	6.685	6.573	0.112	1.68	1.62
	2	7.866	7.739	0.127	1.61	
	3	10.332	10.170	0.162	1.57	
21	1	6.985	6.882	0.103	1.47	1.56
	2	7.674	7.559	0.115	1.50	
	3	10.636	10.455	0.181	1.70	
16	1	7.814	7.677	0.137	1.75	1.73
	2	7.691	7.562	0.129	1.68	
	3	7.970	7.830	0.140	1.76	
18	1	7.710	7.575	0.135	1.75	1.71
	2	6.804	6.688	0.116	1.70	
	3	6.605	6.495	0.110	1.67	