

## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Standard chemical potentials of pure components, for  $T = 800$  K [62,63].

Component	$\mu_i^0$ [J/mol]
Fe <sub>(s)</sub>	-29964
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4(s)</sub>	-1287418
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3(s)</sub>	-929580
FeCl <sub>2(s)</sub>	-459241
FeCl <sub>2(g)</sub>	-397550
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(g)</sub>	-402982
HCl <sub>(g)</sub>	-250261
H <sub>2(g)</sub>	-112937
O <sub>2(g)</sub>	-172901
Cl <sub>2(g)</sub>	-188680
NaCl <sub>(s)</sub>	-484053
NaCl <sub>(g)</sub>	-375822
Na <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(s)</sub>	-500326
NaFeO <sub>2(s)</sub>	-794281

**Table S2.** The Deacon reaction (HCl–O<sub>2</sub>–H<sub>2</sub>O–Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>(g)</sub>.

$2\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{g})} + \text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})}$		
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$
-4689	2.0239	0.3062

$$lgP_{O_2} = 2(lgP_{Cl_2} + lgP_{H_2O} - 2lgP_{HCl} - lgK)$$

**Table S3.** The range of persistence of the Fe<sub>(s)</sub>–Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4(s)</sub> system.

$3\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})} + 2\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})}$		
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$
-851,724	$4.11 \cdot 10^{55}$	55.6138

$$a_{Fe_{(\text{s})}} = 1, a_{Fe_3O_{4(s)}} = 1$$

$$lgP_{O_2} = -\frac{1}{2}lgK$$

$$lgP_{O_2} = -27.8069$$

**Table S4.** The range of persistence of the Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4(s)</sub>–Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3(s)</sub> system.

$2\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = 3\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}$		
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$
-127,453	$20.9 \cdot 10^7$	8.3221

$$a_{Fe_3O_{4(s)}} = 1, a_{Fe_2O_{3(s)}} = 1$$

$$lgP_{O_2} = -2lgK$$

$$lgP_{O_2} = -16.6444$$

**Table S5.** The range of persistence of the  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}\text{--}\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}$  system.

$\text{Fe}_{(s)} + \text{Cl}_{2(g)} = \text{FeCl}_{2(s)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$	$a_{\text{Fe}_{(s)}} = 1, a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}} = 1$
-240,641	$5.13 \cdot 10^{15}$	15.7129	$lgP_{\text{Cl}_2} = -lgK$ $lgP_{\text{Cl}_2} = -15.7129$

**Table S6.** The range of persistence of the  $\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}\text{--}\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$  system.

$3\text{FeCl}_{2(s)} + 2\text{O}_{2(g)} = \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)} + 3\text{Cl}_{2(g)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$	$a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}} = 1, a_{\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}} = 1$
-129,933	$3.05 \cdot 10^8$	8.4841	$lgP_{\text{Cl}_2} = 2.828 + \frac{2}{3} lgP_{\text{O}_2}$

**Table S7.** The range of persistence of the  $\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}\text{--}\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(s)}$  system.

$2\text{FeCl}_{2(s)} + \frac{3}{2}\text{O}_{2(g)} = \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(s)} + 2\text{Cl}_{2(g)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$	$a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}} = 1, a_{\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(s)}} = 1$
-129,106	$2.69 \cdot 10^8$	8.4301	$lgP_{\text{Cl}_2} = 4.215 + \frac{3}{4} lgP_{\text{O}_2}$

**Table S8.** Hydrogen production at  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$  interface, in  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}\text{--HCl}_{(g)}$  reaction,  $lgP_{\text{H}_2} = f(lgP_{\text{HCl}})$ .

$\text{Fe}_{(s)} + 2\text{HCl}_{(g)} = \text{FeCl}_{2(s)} + \text{H}_{2(g)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$	$a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}} = 1, a_{\text{Fe}_{(s)}} = 1$
-41,692	527	2.722	$lgP_{\text{H}_2} = lgK + 2lgP_{\text{HCl}}$ $lgP_{\text{H}_2} = 2.722 + 2lgP_{\text{HCl}}$ $lgP_{\text{H}_2} = -9.278 + 2lgP_{\text{HCl}}$ [ppm]

**Table S9.** Hydrogen partial pressure at  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$  interface, in  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}\text{--HCl}_{(g)}$  reaction,  $lgP_{\text{H}_2} = f(lgP_{\text{HCl}})$ .

$P_{\text{HCl}}$ [ppm]	$P_{\text{HCl}}$ [atm]	$lgP_{\text{HCl}}$ [atm]	$lgP_{\text{H}_2}$ [atm]	$P_{\text{H}_2}$ [ppm]
500	0.0005	-3.3010	-3.8800	132
1000	0.0010	-3.0000	-3.2780	527
1500	0.0015	-2.8239	-2.9258	1186
2000	0.0020	-2.6990	-2.6759	2109
2500	0.0025	-2.6021	-2.4821	3295
3000	0.0030	-2.5229	-2.3238	4745

**Table S10.** Hydrogen pressure in iron oxidation,  $\lg P_{H_2} = f(\lg P_{H_2O})$ .

$3\text{Fe}_{(s)} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)} = \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)} + 4\text{H}_{2(g)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	K	$\lg K$	$a_{\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}} = 1, a_{\text{Fe}_{(s)}} = 1$
-37,346	274	2.4386	$\lg P_{H_2} = 0.25 \lg K + \lg P_{H_2O}$ $\lg P_{H_2} = 0.6096 + \lg P_{H_2O}$

**Table S11.** Hydrogen pressure in magnetite oxidation,  $\lg P_{H_2} = f(\lg P_{H_2O})$ .

$3\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(s)} + \text{H}_{2(g)} = 2\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	K	$\lg K$	$a_{\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}} = 1, a_{\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(s)}} = 1$
-76,126	93,487	4.9708	$\lg P_{H_2} = \lg P_{H_2O} - \lg K$ $\lg P_{H_2} = \lg P_{H_2O} - 4.9708$

**Table S12.** The dissociation of water vapour.

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)} = \text{H}_{2(g)} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_{2(g)}$			
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	K	$\lg K$	$\lg P_{O_2} = 2(\lg K + \lg P_{H_2O} - \lg P_{H_2})$
203,594	$5.1 \cdot 10^{-14}$	-13.2914	$\lg P_{H_2} = -9.278 + 2\lg P_{HCl}$ [ppm] (Table S8) $\lg P_{O_2} = 2(-4.0134 + \lg P_{H_2O} - 2\lg P_{HCl}$ [ppm]) $\lg P_{O_2} = -27.8069 ; \text{Fe} \rightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$ $\lg P_{H_2O} = -9.89 + 2\lg P_{HCl}$ [ppm]

**Table S13.** The carbon content in the boiler steel.

Boiler steels:	$C = 0.08 - 0.2\%$
16M03(16)	$C = 0.16 - 0.22\%$
$C = 0.2\%$	$x_C = 0.0092; x_{Fe} = 0.9908$
Assumption:	$C = \text{Fe}_3\text{C}$

**Table S14.** Thermodynamic properties of the Fe–C system,  $\ln \gamma_{Fe_3C} = f(T, x_{Fe}), a_{[C]} = f(T, x_{Fe_3C}), T = 800$  K [66].

$\ln \gamma_{Fe_3C} = \left(\frac{3350}{T} + 0.04\right) \cdot x_{Fe}$	$\ln \gamma_{Fe_3C} = 4.1886 \rightarrow \lg \gamma_{Fe_3C} = 1.8191$
	$\lg x_{Fe_3C} = -2.03621$
	$lga_{Fe_3C} = \lg \gamma_{Fe_3C} + \lg x_{Fe_3C}$
	$lga_{Fe_3C} = -0.217112 \rightarrow a_{[Fe_3C]} = 0.60658$
$\text{Fe}_3\text{C}_{(s)} = 3\text{Fe}_{(s)} + \text{C}_{(s)}$	$\lg K = 0.16025 \rightarrow K = 1.4463$
	$a_{[C]} = K \cdot a_{[Fe_3C]}$
	$a_{[C]} = 0.8773 ; lga_{[C]} = -0.05685$

**Table S15.** Oxidation of carbon in steel, at  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$  phase interface,  $P_{\text{CO}_2} = f(P_{\text{O}_2}, a_{[\text{C}]})$ .

$\text{C}_{(s)} + \text{O}_{2(g)} = \text{CO}_{2(g)}$		
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$
-395,525	$6.7 \cdot 10^{25}$	25.8262
		$lgP_{\text{CO}_2} = -2.03755 \rightarrow P_{\text{CO}_2} = 9.172 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [atm]

**Table S16.** Boudouard reaction at  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$  phase interface.

$\text{C}_{(s)} + \text{CO}_{2(g)} = 2\text{CO}_{(g)}$		
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$
30,537	0.01014	-1.994
		$lgP_{\text{CO}} = -2.0442 \rightarrow P_{\text{CO}} = 9.032 \cdot 10^{-3}$ [atm]

**Table S17.** Influence of  $\text{H}_{2(g)}$ ,  $\text{CO}_{(g)}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)}$  gas phase on the activity of carbon in steel at  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}/\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(s)}$  interface,  $lga_{[\text{C}]} = f(lgP_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}, lgP_{\text{HCl}})$ .

$\text{H}_{2(g)} + \text{CO}_{(g)} = \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(g)} + \text{C}_{(s)}$		
$\Delta G_T^0$ [J/mol], $T = 800$ K	$K$	$lgK$
-21,062	23.7301	1.3753
		$lga_{[\text{C}]} = lgK + lgP_{\text{H}_2} + lgP_{\text{CO}} - lgP_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$
		$lgP_{\text{CO}} = -2.0442$ (Table S16)
		$lgP_{\text{H}_2} = -9.278 + 2lgP_{\text{HCl}}$ [ppm] Table S8
		$lga_{[\text{C}]} = -9.9468 - lgP_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + 2lgP_{\text{HCl}}$ [ppm]

**Table S18.** Carbon activity and carbon surface saturation coefficient of  $\text{Fe}_{(s)}-\text{Fe}_3\text{C}_{(s)}$  alloy as a function of steam pressure and various  $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$  partial pressures,  $a_{[\text{C}]} = f(lgP_{\text{H}_2\text{O}})$ , for  $P_{\text{HCl}} = 500 - 3000$  ppm.

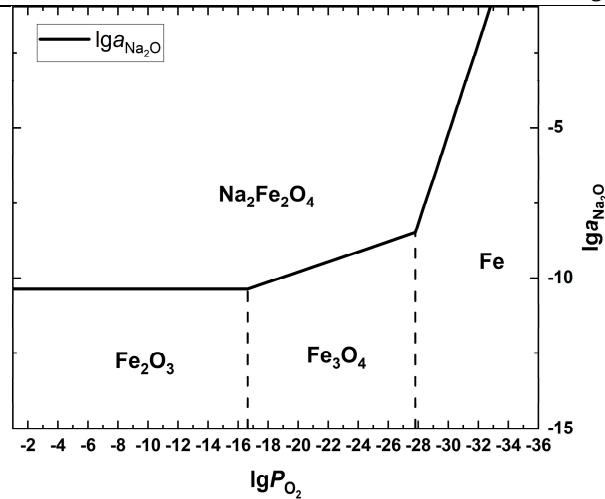
$lgP_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	$a_{[\text{C}]}; \bar{a}_{[\text{C}]} \gg 1$					
	500 ppm $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$	1000 ppm $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$	1500 ppm $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$	2000 ppm $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$	2500 ppm $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$	3000 ppm $\text{HCl}_{(g)}$
-1	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.13 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.0025	0.0045	0.0071	0.0102
-2	$2.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.0113	0.0254	0.0452	0.0706	0.1017
-3	0.0283	0.113	0.2543	0.4522	0.7065	1.02
-4	0.2826	1.13	2.54	4.52	7.06	10.17
-5	2.8	11.3	25.4	45.2	70.6	101.7
-6	28	113	254	452	706	1017

**Table S19.** Pressure of saturated chloride sodium vapour above solid NaCl.

$\text{NaCl}_{(\text{g})} = \text{NaCl}_{(\text{s})}$
$\mu_{\text{NaCl}(\text{s})} = \mu_{\text{NaCl}(\text{g})}$
$\mu_{\text{NaCl}(\text{s})}^0 = \mu_{\text{NaCl}(\text{g})}^0 + RT \ln P_{\text{NaCl}}^0$
$RT \ln P_{\text{NaCl}}^0 = \mu_{\text{NaCl}(\text{s})}^0 - \mu_{\text{NaCl}(\text{g})}^0$
$\ln P_{\text{NaCl}}^0 = -16.2724 \quad \lg P_{\text{NaCl}}^0 = -7.067$
$P_{\text{NaCl}}^0 = 0.0857 \text{ [ppm]} \quad \text{saturation state}$

**Table S20.** Phase equilibrium of a Fe–O–Na<sub>2</sub>O system,  $\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = f(\lg P_{\text{O}_2})$ ,  $T = 800 \text{ K}$ .

(j)	Reaction	$\lg K_j$	$a_{2\text{NaFeO}_{2(\text{s})}} = 1, \quad a_{\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}} = 1$
1	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{(\text{s})} - \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}$ $\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{(\text{s})} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})} = 2\text{NaFeO}_{2(\text{s})}$	10.359	$\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = -\lg K_1$ $\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = -10.359$ $-16.6444 \leq \lg P_{\text{O}_2}$
2	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{(\text{s})} - \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})}$ $2\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})} + 1/2\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = 3\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}$	8.3221	$a_{\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})}} = 1, \quad a_{\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}} = 1$ $\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = -\lg K_1 - \frac{1}{3}\lg K_2 - \frac{1}{6}\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$ $\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = -13.133 - \frac{1}{6}\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$ $-27.8069 \leq \lg P_{\text{O}_2} \leq -16.6444$
3	$\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{(\text{s})} - \text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}$ $3\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})} + 2\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})}$	55.6138	$a_{\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}} = 1, \quad a_{\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})}} = 1$ $\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = -\lg K_1 - \frac{1}{3}\lg K_2 - \frac{2}{3}\lg K_3 - \frac{3}{2}\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$ $\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = -50.2089 - \frac{3}{2}\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$ $\lg P_{\text{O}_2} \leq -27.8069$

**Table S21.**  $\lg P_{\text{NaCl}} = f(\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}}, \lg P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}, \lg P_{\text{HCl}})$  in thermodynamic interpretation of  $2\text{NaFeO}_{2(\text{s})}$  production.

$2\text{NaCl}_{(\text{g})} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_{(\text{g})} = \text{Na}_2\text{O}_{(\text{s})} + 2\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})}$			
$\Delta G_T^0 \text{ [J/mol]}, \quad T = 800 \text{ K}$	$K$	$\lg K$	$\lg a_{\text{Na}_2\text{O}} = \lg K + \lg P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + 2\lg P_{\text{NaCl}} - 2\lg P_{\text{HCl}}$

153,778	$9.1 \cdot 10^{-11}$	-10.041	$lgP_{NaCl} = \frac{1}{2}(lga_{Na_2O} - lgK - lgP_{H_2O} + 2lgP_{HCl})$
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**Table S22.**  $lga_{Na_2O} = f(P_{H_2O}, P_{NaCl}, P_{HCl})$  in thermodynamic interpretation of  $2\text{NaFeO}_{2(s)}$  production, for  $P_{NaCl} = 100 \text{ ppm}$  ( $lgP_{NaCl} = -4$ ).

$lgP_{H_2O}$	$lga_{Na_2O}$		
	$P_{HCl} = 1000 \text{ ppm}$	$P_{HCl} = 2000 \text{ ppm}$	$P_{HCl} = 3000 \text{ ppm}$
1.682 / 48 atm/	<b>-10.359</b>	-	-
2.284 / 192 atm/	-	<b>-10.359</b>	-
2.636 / 432 atm/	-	-	<b>-10.359</b>
-1	-13.041	-13.643	-13.995
-3	-15.041	-15.643	-15.995
-6	-18.041	-18.643	-18.995

**Table S23.**  $lgP_{NaCl} = f(P_{H_2O})$  in thermodynamic interpretation of  $2\text{NaFeO}_{2(s)}$  production, for  $P_{HCl} = 1000 \text{ ppm}$  and  $lga_{Na_2O} = -10.359$ .

$lgP_{H_2O}$	$lgP_{NaCl}$	$P_{NaCl} [\text{ppm}]$
<b>1.682</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>100</b>
-1	-2.659	2192
-3	-1.659	21,928
-6	-0.159	693,425

**Table S24.** Standard chemical potential  $\mu_{i(s,l)}^0 = f(T)$  temperature function of  $i(s,l) = \text{FeCl}_2, \text{NaCl}$  [63].

$i$	$\mu_{i(s,l)}^0 = a + bT + cT\ln T$ [J/mol]			$\mu_{i(T=800 \text{ K})}^0$ [J/mol]
	$a$	$b$	$c$	
$\text{FeCl}_{2(s)}$	-367,000	438.3	-82.82575	-459,286
$\text{FeCl}_{2(l)}$	-341,800	544.3	-102.15442	-452,650
$\text{NaCl}_{(s)}$	-428,700	310.1	-56.75335	-484,119
$\text{NaCl}_{(l)}$	-410,300	367.1	-67.375498	-476,923

**Table S25.** The coordinates of the liquidus curve  $\text{FeCl}_2\text{-NaCl}$  (pseudo-eutectic range) [94].

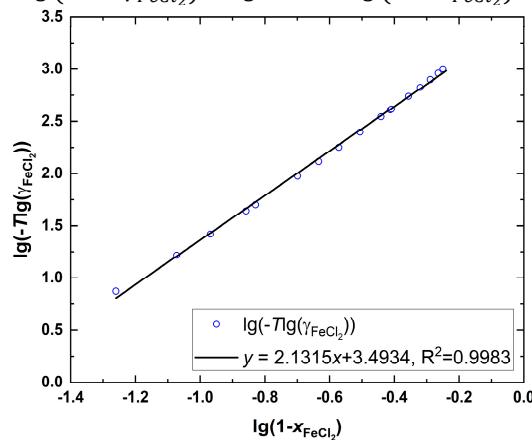
$T [\text{K}]$	$x_{\text{FeCl}_2}$	$T [\text{K}]$	$x_{\text{FeCl}_2}$
939	0.94509	845	0.68808
932	0.91540	816	0.63791
926	0.89245	800	0.61299
917	0.86139	798	0.60999
914	0.85177	762	0.55981
896	0.80002	731	0.52147
883	0.76755	699	0.48576
867	0.73171	648	0.43762

**Table S26.** Gibbs-Duhem equation of two components liquid solution  $\ln\gamma_i = f(T, x_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  [66].

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i d\ln\gamma_i = 0 \quad \rightarrow i = (1,2) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \ln\gamma_1 = \omega(T)x_2^m \\ \ln\gamma_2 = \omega(T) \left[ x_2^m - \frac{m}{m-1}x_2^{m-1} + \frac{1}{m-1} \right] \\ \omega(T) = \frac{\alpha}{T} \end{cases}$$

**Table S27.** Calculation procedure of  $\ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} = f(T, x_{FeCl_2})$ , activity  $a'_{FeCl_2}$  and  $x'_{FeCl_2}$ , for hypoeutectic composition.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{FeCl_2(s)} &= \mu_{FeCl_2(l)} \\ \mu_{(s)}^0 - \mu_{(l)}^0 &= RT \ln a_{FeCl_2(l)} \\ RT \ln a_{FeCl_2} &= A + BT + CT \ln T \\ \ln a_{FeCl_2} &= \frac{A + BT + CT \ln T}{RT}; R = 8.314 \left[ \frac{\text{J}}{\text{mol K}} \right] \\ A &= a_s - a_l; B = b_s - b_l; C = c_s - c_l \\ A &= -25200; B = -106; C = 19.32867 \\ \ln a_{FeCl_2}(800 \text{ K}) &= -0.997756 \\ \ln a_{FeCl_2} &= f(T); x_{FeCl_2} = f(T) \text{ (liq. Table S25)} \\ \ln a_{FeCl_2} &= \ln x_{FeCl_2} + \ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} \\ \ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} &= \ln a_{FeCl_2} - \ln x_{FeCl_2} \\ \ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} &= \frac{\alpha}{T} (1 - x_{FeCl_2})^m \\ T \ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} &= \alpha (1 - x_{FeCl_2})^m \\ \lg(-T \ln\gamma_{FeCl_2}) &= \lg \alpha + m \lg(1 - x_{FeCl_2}) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= -3121, \quad m = 2.1314 \\ \ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} &= -\frac{3121}{T} (1 - x_{FeCl_2})^{2.1314} \\ T &= 800 \text{ K}, x'_{FeCl_2(\text{liq.})} - \text{hypoeutectic composition} \\ -0.997756 &= \ln x'_{FeCl_2} - 3.90125 (1 - x'_{FeCl_2})^{2.1314} \\ x'_{FeCl_2} &= \mathbf{0.614657}; \quad x_{FeCl_2} = 0.61299 \text{ [94]} \end{aligned}$$

**Table S28.** Calculation procedure of  $\ln\gamma_{FeCl_2} = f(T, x_{FeCl_2})$ , activity  $a''_{FeCl_2}$  and  $x''_{FeCl_2}$  for hypereutectic composition.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\gamma_{NaCl} &= -\frac{\alpha}{T} \left[ (1-x_{FeCl_2})^m - \frac{m}{m-1} (1-x_{FeCl_2})^{m-1} + \frac{1}{m-1} \right] \\ &\text{for } \alpha = -3121, m = 2.1314 \\ \ln\gamma_{NaCl} &= -\frac{3121}{T} \left[ (1-x_{FeCl_2})^{2.1314} - 1.883861 (1-x_{FeCl_2})^{1.1314} + 0.883861 \right] \\ \\ \mu_{NaCl(s)} &= \mu_{NaCl(l)} \\ \mu_{(s)}^0 - \mu_{(l)}^0 &= RT \ln a_{NaCl(l)} \\ RT \ln a_{NaCl} &= A + BT + CT \ln T \\ ln a_{NaCl} &= \frac{A+BT+CT \ln T}{RT}; R = 8.314 \left[ \frac{J}{mol K} \right] \\ A &= a_s - a_l; B = b_s - b_l; C = c_s - c_l \\ A &= -18400; B = -57; C = 10.62215 \\ \\ \ln a_{NaCl}(800 K) &= -1.081919 \\ T = 800 K, x''_{FeCl_2(liq.)} &- \text{hypereutectic composition} \\ \ln a_{NaCl} &= \ln x_{NaCl} + \ln\gamma_{NaCl} \\ -1.081919 &= \ln(1-x''_{FeCl_2}) \\ &- 3.90125 \left[ (1-x''_{FeCl_2})^{2.1314} - 1.883861 (1-x''_{FeCl_2})^{1.1314} + 0.883861 \right] \\ x''_{FeCl_2} &= \mathbf{0.3858}; \quad x'_{FeCl_2} = 0.3561 [94] \end{aligned}$$

**Table S29.** Iron chloride activity for various concentration ( $x'_{FeCl_2} - x''_{FeCl_2}$ ) of FeCl<sub>2</sub>–NaCl liquid solution, for  $T = 800$  K.

$x'_{FeCl_2}$	$\lg a_{FeCl_2}$	$a_{FeCl_2}$	$x''_{FeCl_2}$	$\lg a''_{FeCl_2}$	$a''_{FeCl_2}$
0.6147	-0.4333	0.3687	0.3858	-1.0131	0.097

**Table S30.** Hydrogen partial pressure above FeCl<sub>2</sub>–NaCl liquid solution, at metal–oxide interface,  $\lg P_{H_2} = f(\lg P_{HCl}, \lg a_{FeCl_{2(l)}})$ .

$Fe_{(s)} + 2HCl_{(g)} = FeCl_{2(l)} [FeCl_2-NaCl]_{(l)} + H_2(g)$		
$\Delta G_f^0$ [J/mol]	$K$	$\lg K$
-35,056	194.5	2.289
	$a_{FeCl_{2(s)}} = 1, a_{Fe_{(s)}} = 1$	
	$\lg P_{H_2} = \lg K + 2\lg P_{HCl} - \lg a_{FeCl_{2(l)}}$	
	$\lg P_{H_2} = 2.289 + 2\lg P_{HCl} - \lg a_{FeCl_{2(l)}}$	

**Table S31.** Hydrogen partial pressure above FeCl<sub>2</sub>–NaCl liquid solution, at metal–oxide interface,  $\lg P_{H_2} = f(\lg P_{HCl}, \lg a_{FeCl_{2(l)}})$ , for various concentration of HCl<sub>(g)</sub>.

$x_{FeCl_2}$	$\lg P_{H_2}$
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	$lg a_{FeCl_2(l)}$	1000 ppm $lg P_{HCl} = -3$	2000 ppm $lg P_{HCl} = -2.699$	3000 ppm $lg P_{HCl} = -2.523$
$x'_{FeCl_2} = 0.6147$	-0.4333	-3.278	-2.676	-2.324
$x''_{FeCl_2} = 0.3858$	-1.0131	-2.698	-2.096	-1.744

**Table S32.** Pressure of iron chloride saturated vapour  $P_{FeCl_2}$  above  $FeCl_2$ –NaCl liquid solution,  $lg P_{FeCl_2} = f(a_{FeCl_2(l)})$ , for  $T = 800$  K.

$FeCl_2(l) = FeCl_2(g)$
$\mu_{FeCl_2(l)} = \mu_{FeCl_2(g)}$
$\mu_{(l)}^0 + RT \ln a_{FeCl_2(l)} = \mu_{(g)}^0 + RT \ln P_{FeCl_2}$
$RT \ln P_{FeCl_2} = \mu_{(l)}^0 - \mu_{(g)}^0 + RT \ln a_{FeCl_2(l)}$
$lg P_{FeCl_2} = -3.5949 + lga_{FeCl_2(l)}$

**Table S33.** Pressure of iron chloride saturated vapour  $P_{FeCl_2}$  above  $FeCl_2$ –NaCl liquid solution,  $lg P_{FeCl_2} = f(a_{FeCl_2(l)})$ , for  $T = 800$  K.

$x_{FeCl_2}$	$lga_{FeCl_2(l)}$	$lg P_{FeCl_2}$	$P_{FeCl_2}$ [ppm]
$x'_{FeCl_2} = 0.6147$	-0.4333	-4.0282	93.7
$x''_{FeCl_2} = 0.3858$	-1.0131	-4.608	24.7

**Table S34.** Parametric Equation Formalism [58–61].

$x_i = x_i^0 + \tau \cos \alpha_i \quad i = 1, \dots, s$
$s$ is a number of reagents,
$x_i, x_i^0$ are equilibrium and inlet molar fraction of gas component $i$ ,
$\alpha_i$ is direction angle,
$\tau$ is a line parameter, $\tau \in R$ .
$\cos \alpha_i = \frac{v_i - x_i^0 \sum_{i=1}^s v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s (v_i - x_i^0 \sum_{i=1}^s v_i)^2}} \quad i = 1, \dots, s$
$v_i$ is stoichiometric coefficient of reactant $i$ .
$x_i = x_i^0 + \tau \frac{v_i - x_i^0 \sum_{i=1}^s v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s (v_i - x_i^0 \sum_{i=1}^s v_i)^2}} \quad i = 1, \dots, s$
$v_i$ adopts positive values for the products of the reaction and negative values for the subtracts,
$\left( \sum_{i=1}^s v_i \neq 0 \right) \Rightarrow x_i = x_i^0 + \tau (\bar{x}_i - x_i^0) \quad ; \quad \bar{x}_i = \frac{v_i}{\sum_{i=1}^s v_i} \quad i = 1, \dots, s$
$\left( \sum_{i=1}^s v_i = 0 \right) \Rightarrow x_i = x_i^0 + \tau \frac{v_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^s (v_i)^2}} \quad i = 1, \dots, s$

**Table S35.** Fe–O phase diagram fragment, in a range of  $FeCl_2(l)$ – $Fe_2O_3(s)$  equilibrium.

$FeCl_2(l) - Fe_2O_3(s)$	$\Delta G_{T=800\text{ K}}^0$ [J/mol]	$lg K$
$2FeCl_2(l) + 1.5 O_2 = Fe_2O_3(s) + 2Cl_2$	-142,378	9.2967

**Table S36.** Phase system of Fe–O in the range of  $\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}$ – $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}$  equilibrium,  $\lg P_{\text{Cl}_2} = f(\lg P_{\text{O}_2}, \lg a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}})$ .

$\lg a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}}$	$\lg P_{\text{Cl}_2} = 4.64835 + 0.75 \lg P_{\text{O}_2} + \lg a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}}$	Range of $\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$
$x_{\text{FeCl}_2}; -0.4333$	$4.2150 + 0.75 \lg P_{\text{O}_2}$	
$x'_{\text{FeCl}_2}; -1.0131$	$3.6352 + 0.75 \lg P_{\text{O}_2}$	$[-16.6444 - -1]$

**Table S37.** The range of persistence of the  $\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}$ – $\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}$  system.

$\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})} + \text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}$			
$\Delta G_T^0 [\text{J/mol}], T = 800 \text{ K}$	$K$	$\lg K$	$a_{\text{Fe}_{(\text{s})}} = 1$
-234,006	$1.9 \cdot 10^{15}$	15.2796	$\lg K = \lg a_{\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{l})}} - \lg P_{\text{Cl}_2}$

**Table S38.** Equilibrium of HCl–Cl–H system.

$2\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})} = \text{H}_{2(\text{g})} + \text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})}$		
$\Delta G_T^0 [\text{J/mol}], T = 800 \text{ K}$	$\lg K$	$\lg K = \lg H_2 + \lg P_{\text{Cl}_2} - 2 \lg H\text{Cl}$
198,905	-12.9876	

**Table S39.** Oxidation of iron chloride in the "active oxidation" model.

Reaction	$\Delta G_{T=800 \text{ K}}^0 [\text{J/mol}]$	$\lg K$
$2\text{HCl}_{(\text{g})} + 0.5 \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{H}_{2(\text{g})} + \text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})}$	-4689	0.3062
$3\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{g})} + 2\text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{Fe}_{3(\text{s})}\text{O}_{4(\text{s})} + 3\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})}$	-315,006	20.5686
$2\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{g})} + 1.5 \text{O}_{2(\text{g})} = \text{Fe}_{2(\text{s})}\text{O}_{3(\text{s})} + 2\text{Cl}_{2(\text{g})}$	-252,488	16.4864

**Table S40.** Oxidation of iron chloride in the "active oxidation" model,  $\lg P_{\text{FeCl}_2} = f(\lg P_{\text{O}_2})$ .

System	$\lg P_{\text{FeCl}_2}$	Range of $\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$
$\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{g})} - \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_{4(\text{s})}$	$-6.55 - \lg P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + 2\lg P_{\text{HCl}} - \frac{1}{6}\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$	$[-27.8069 - -16.6444]$
$\text{FeCl}_{2(\text{g})} - \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_{3(\text{s})}$	$-7.937 - \lg P_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} + 2\lg P_{\text{HCl}} - \frac{1}{4}\lg P_{\text{O}_2}$	$[-16.6444 - -1]$