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# CHALLENGES OF STEEL INDUSTRY

LEAVING CARBON BEHIND

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# Facts & figures about steel



1,860 Mt

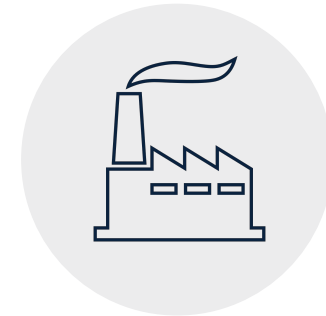
70% of the steel production runs on coal

1 t



~2.0 t

Steel industry produces more CO<sub>2</sub> than steel



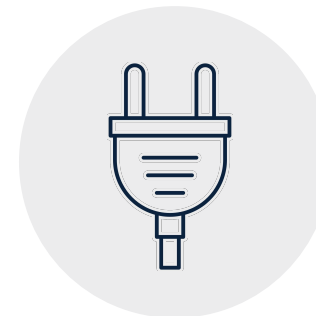
3.7 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>

Steel production causes 7-9% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



2,200 Mt  
by 2050

Demand is inevitably going to grow, particularly in emerging markets

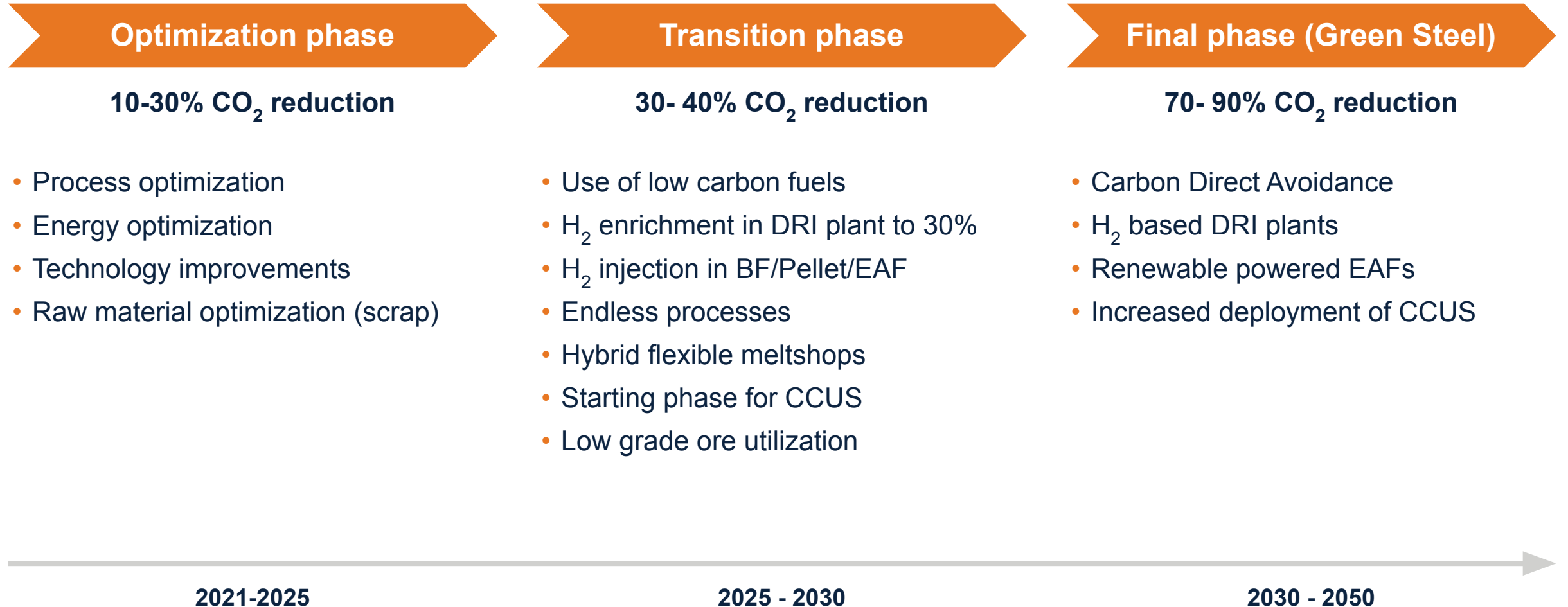


Decarbonizing steel requires massive amounts of green electricity



Ramping up green electricity and e-mobility will need massive amounts of steel

# Decarbonizing plants – A phased approach



# Decarbonizing your plant

## Optimizing integrated plants (short-term)

### Agglomeration

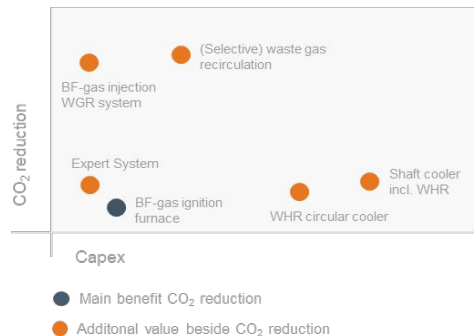
- BF-gas injection into waste-gas recirculation system (-6–9%)
- BF-gas ignition furnace (-0.5–1%)
- (Selective) waste-gas recirculation (-7–10%)
- Shaft cooler (-6–13%)
- Waste-heat recovery circular cooler (-5–12%)
- L2 automation (-2–3%)

Sinter plant



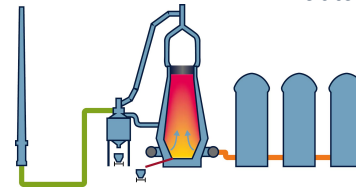
**- 25%\***  
CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents

\* (Selective) waste gas recirculation, shaft cooler incl. WHR, BF gas injection WGR, BF gas ignition furnace



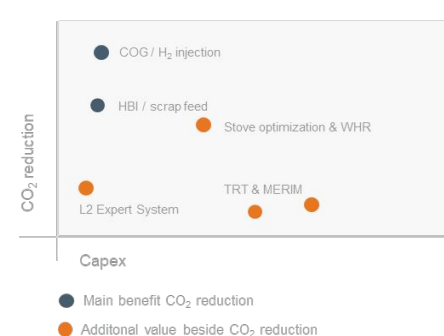
### Blast furnace

- HBI/scrap feed (-5–10%)
- Stove optimization + waste heat recovery (-6%)
- TRT & MERIM dry dedusting (-2-3%)
- COG injection (-5–7%)
- Dry slag granulation + waste heat recovery (-1–2%)
- Top gas recovery turbine (TRT) (-1.2%)
- H<sub>2</sub> injection (up to -20%)
- L2 automation (-2.5%)



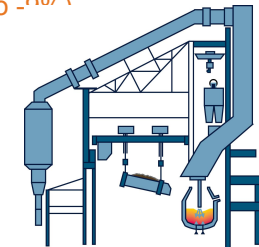
**- 40%\***  
CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents

\*H<sub>2</sub> injection, HBI feed, advanced stove system, MERIM dry gas cleaning incl. TRT & DSG dry slag granulation



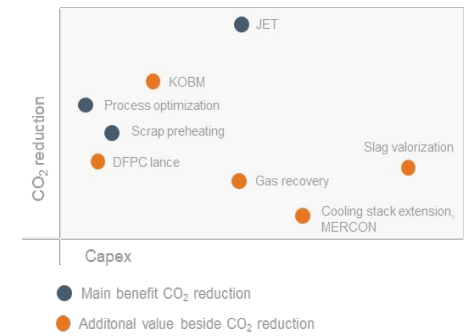
### Basic oxygen furnace

- Gas recovery (-2%)
- Cooling stack extension & MERCON (-0.7%)
- KOBM / Jet Process (up to -23%)
- Process / heat optimization (up to -20%)
- Scrap preheating (-8%)
- DFPC lance (-4%)
- Slag valorization / ZEWA (-6%)



**- 25%\***  
CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents

\*Combination of process optimization, scrap pre-heating, DFPC Lance and KOBM without hot blast (JET), gas recovery, MERCON & cooling stack extension



# Decarbonizing your plant — Electric Arc Furnaces (today)

## Potentials and solutions

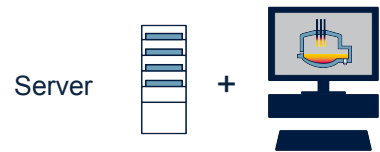
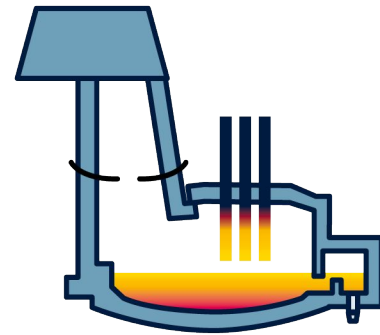
### EAF Quantum (-13%)

With scrap preheating compared to conventional EAF (both 150 t heat size)

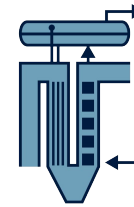
### TOTAL

**-25%\***  
CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents

\*Quantum Scrap Pre-Heating, Waste-heat recovery EAF & RHF, Energy Saving Assistant.  
Total CO<sub>2</sub> savings potential 115,200 tons p.a.



**Energy Saving Assistant (-1%)**  
Improved control of gas cleaning plant



### Waste-heat recovery EAF (-12-14%)

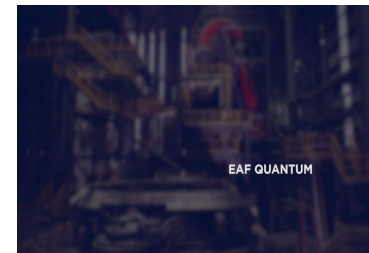
Energy recovery of off gases

### Waste-heat recovery reheating furnace (-2%)

Uses off gas heat for steam production

### Waste-heat recovery EAF-Quantum (-6-9%)

Energy recovery of off gases



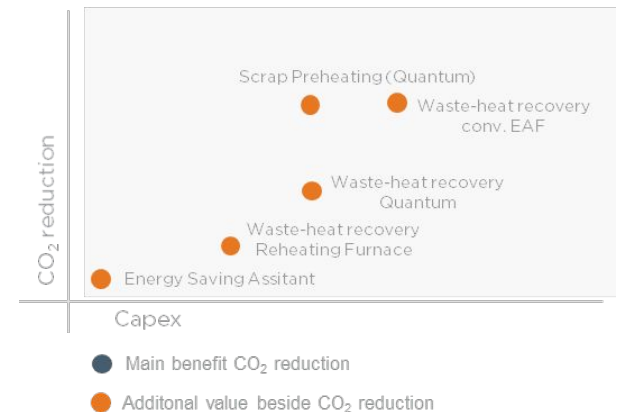
### Arvedi ESP (-39%)

Combined casting/rolling



### WinLink (-40%)

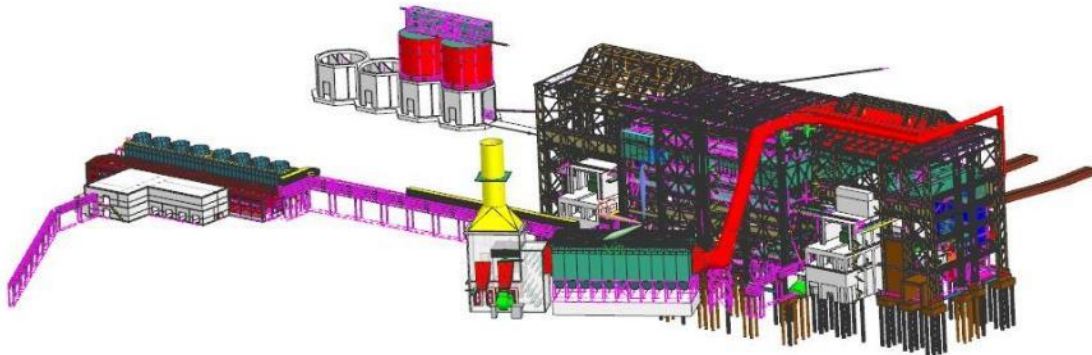
Direct rolling of long products



# THE FIRST REAL DECARBONIZATION PROJECT IN EUROPE

## Salzgitter places large order with Primetals Technologies for electric arc furnace as part of major green steel transformation program

- Salzgitter AG orders Electric Arc Furnace Ultimate designed to produce 1.9 million tons of steel per year
- An important step toward long-term aim of green steel production
- Start of production planned for end of 2025



Representatives from Salzgitter and Primetals Technologies at the contract signing ceremony

Source: <https://greensteelworld.com/primetals-technologies-to-build-the-first-electric-arc-furnace-in-salzgitter>



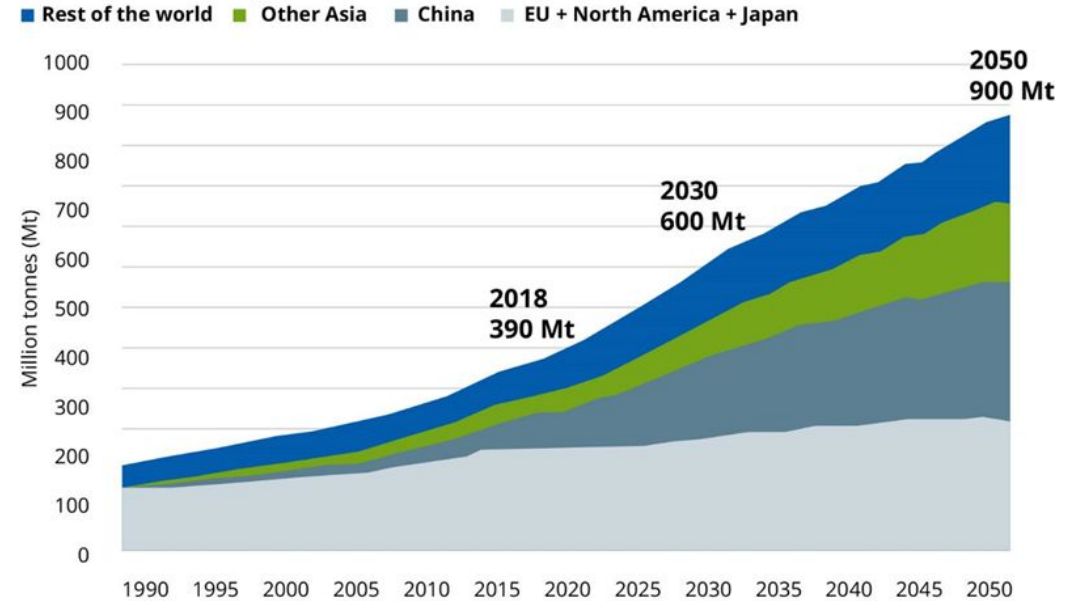
# RAW MATERIALS AND RENEWABLE POWER - THE KEY DRIVERS



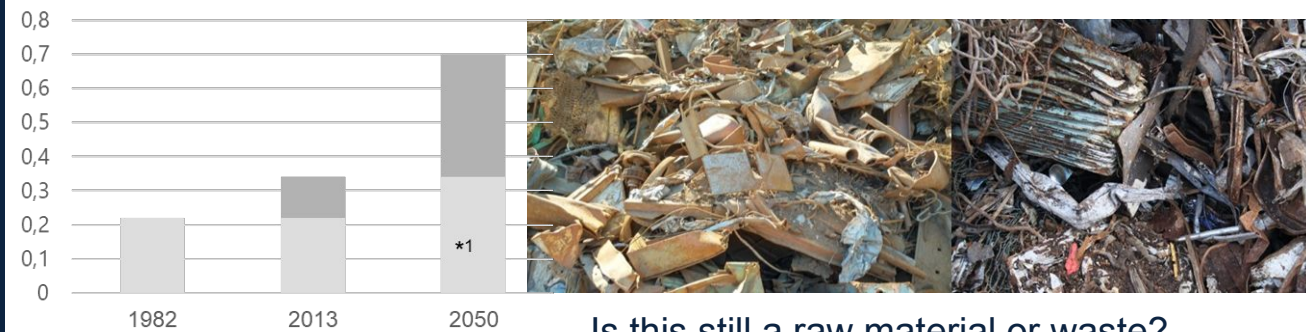
# Iron ore & scrap dilemma

- Scrap recycling in an EAF allows the lowest carbon footprint
- Scrap availability is limited, and virgin material feed will remain the dominant material for steel
- Scrap comes with contaminants like Cu, S, P and scrap cleaning will be required to meet grade certification
- Most scrap types available contain more residuals than is allowed for premium steel products
- Scrap processing (sorting, cleaning) gain importance
- Automatic identification and sorting based on physical characteristics
- Integration into automatic scrap yard and EAF/BOF process control system

## End-of-life scrap availability



## Increase of Cu in Shreddered scrap

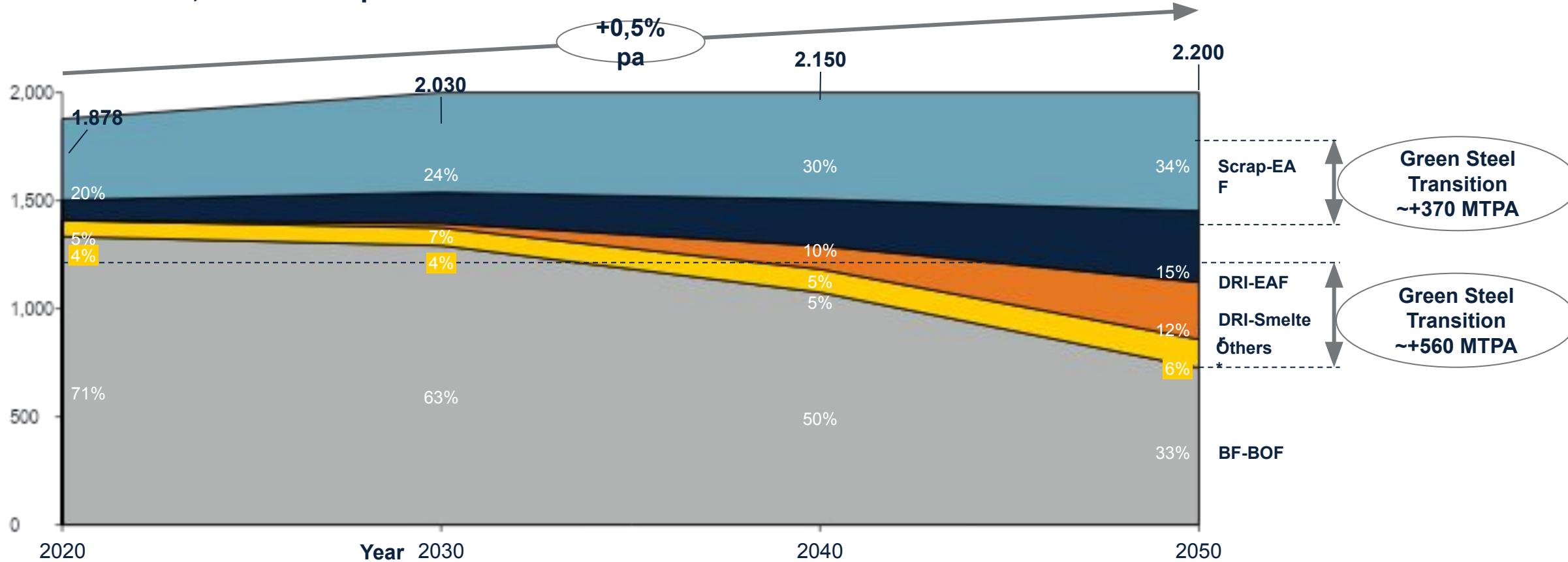


Is this still a raw material or waste?



# Growth in steel production is limited, but transition to green steel is huge!

Steel Production, Million Ton p.a.

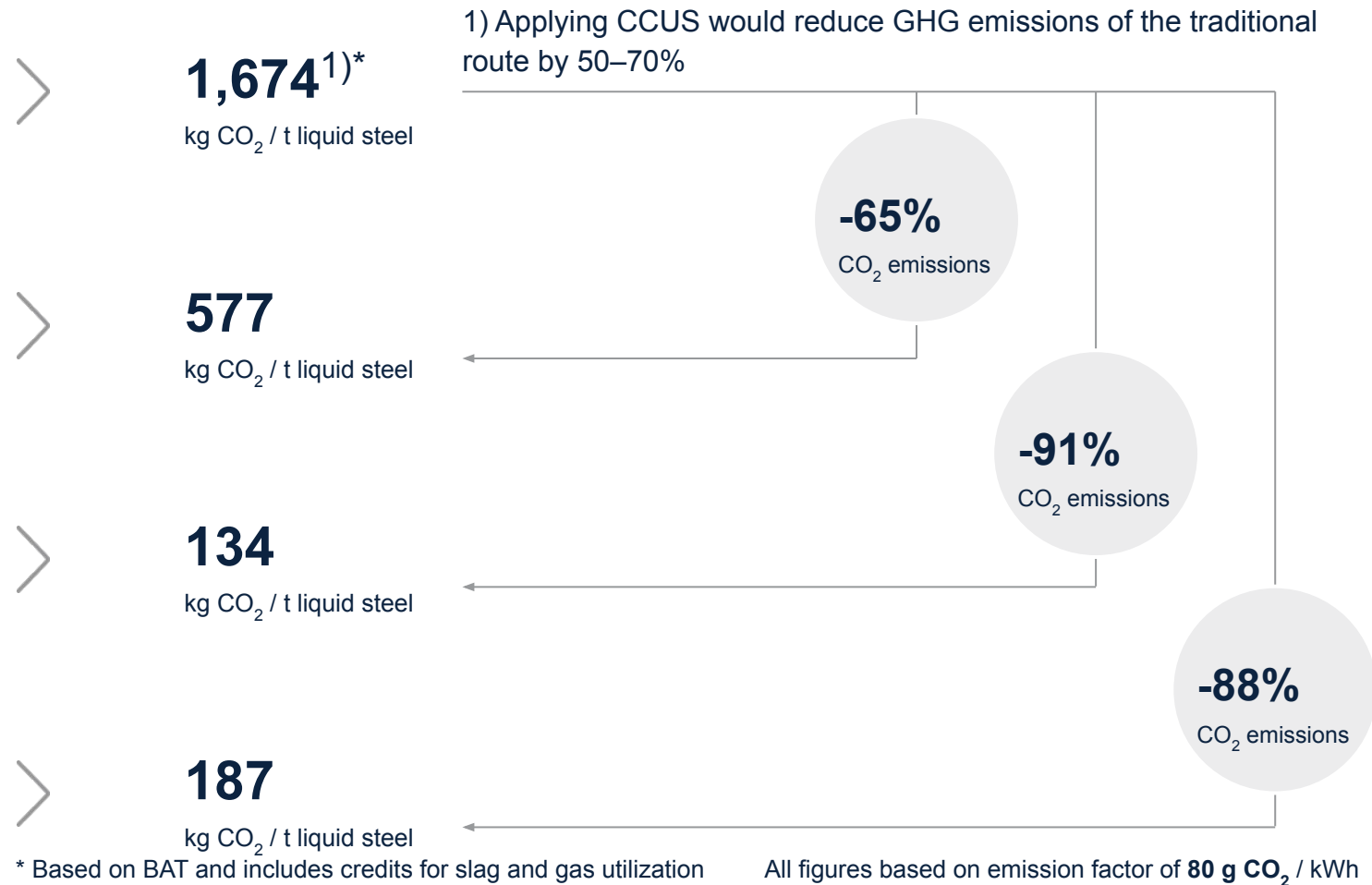


\* includes coal based DRI, Induction Furnace, Corex/Finex, Open-hearth Furnaces

Source: PT estimation

# Steel will decarbonize in stages

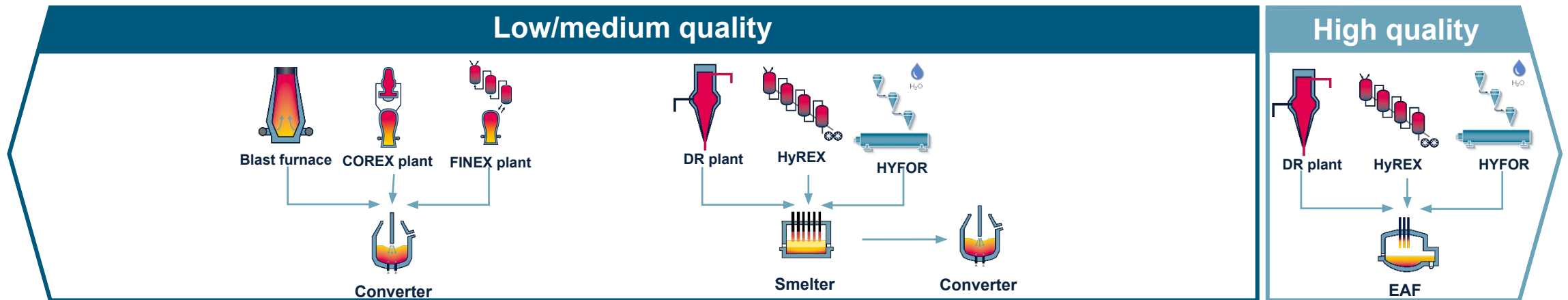
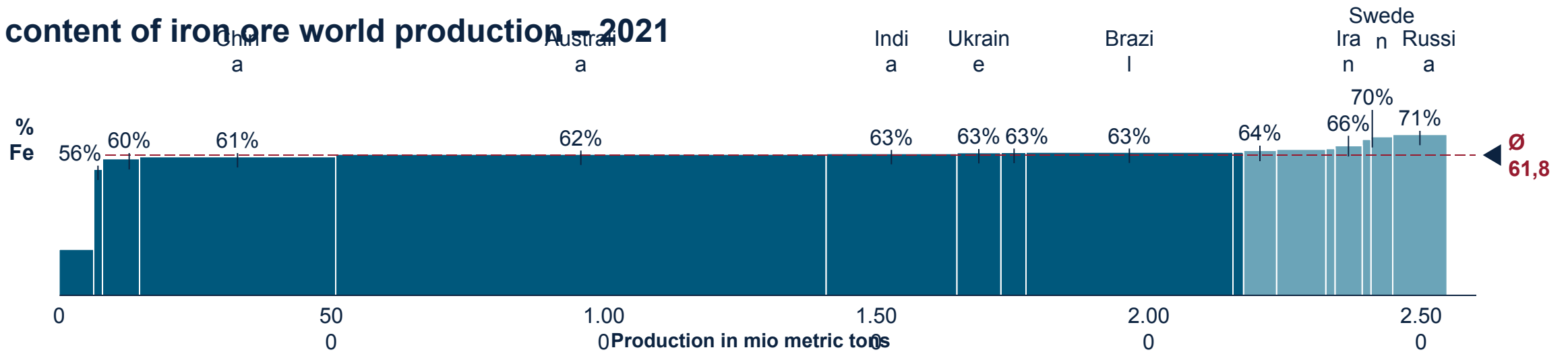
- Traditional (blast furnace)**  
(84% hot metal and 16% scrap in BOF)
- Direct reduction + EAF**  
(80% hot DRI and 20% scrap in EAF)
- Recycled scrap**  
(100% scrap in EAF)
- Green steel (H<sub>2</sub>DRI-EAF)**  
(80% hot DRI and 20% scrap in EAF)





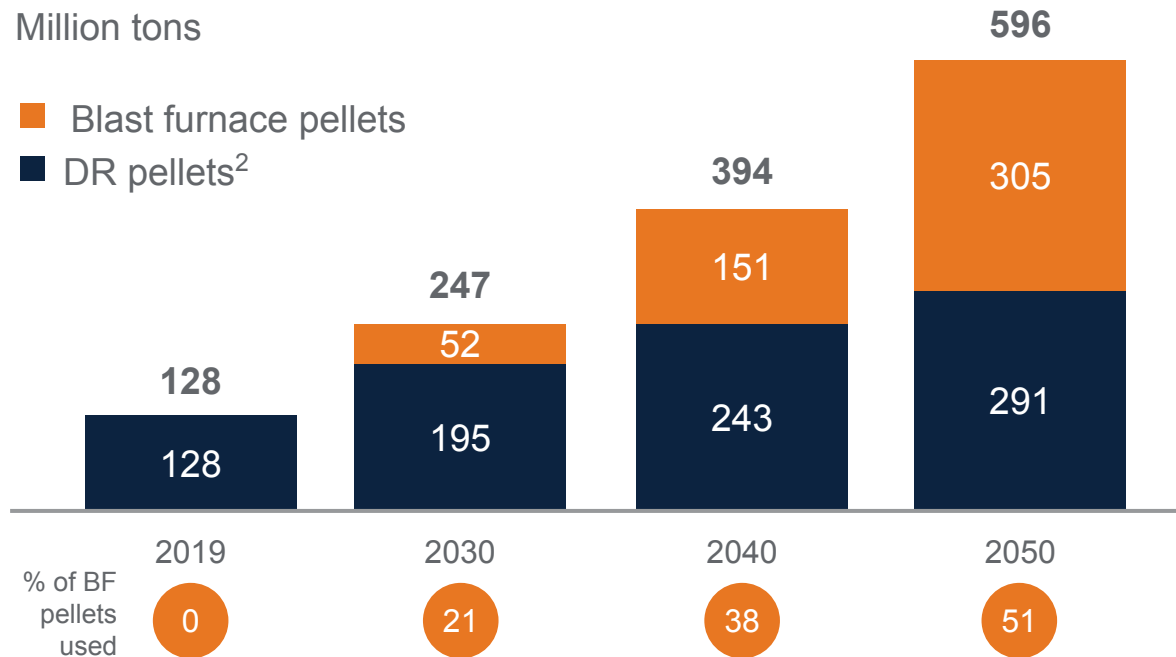
# The iron quality determines the process route

## Fe content of iron ore world production – 2021



# Direct Reduction Forecast

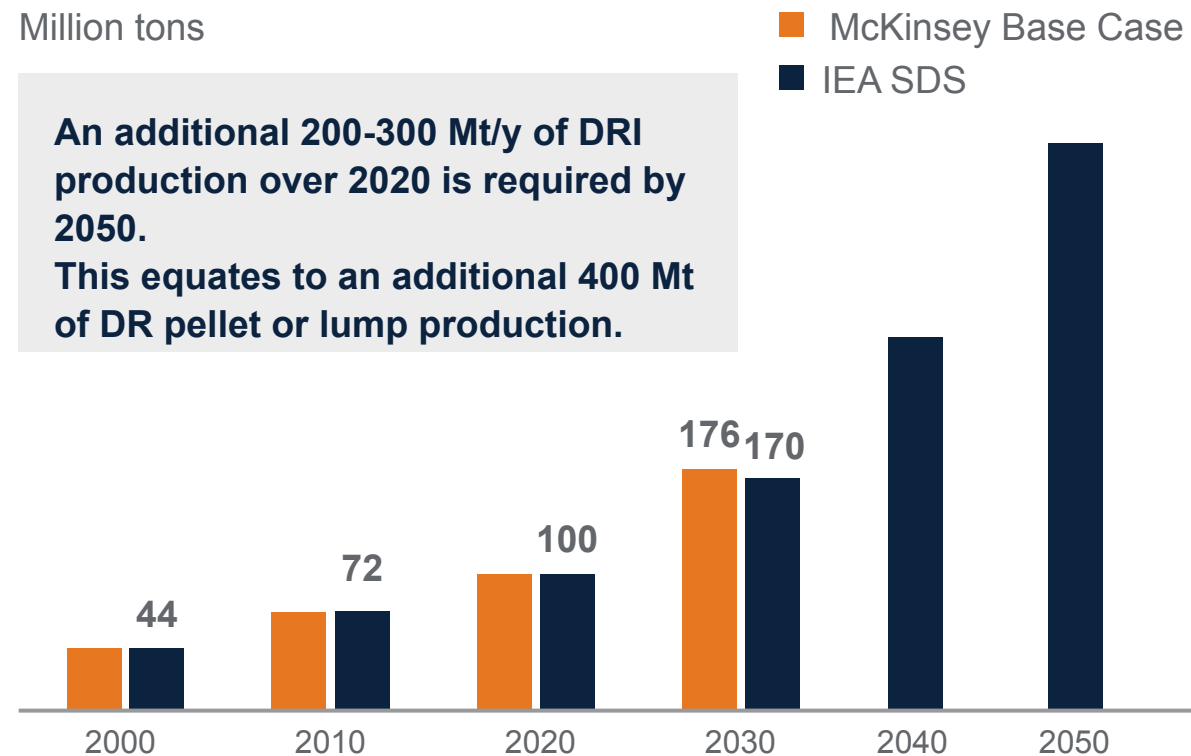
## Potential DRI raw materials demand by pellet type<sup>1</sup>



1. Assuming raw materials yield of 1.45:1
2. Using MineSpans base case to 2030 and linear extrapolation forwards

Source: McKinsey analysis, IEA SDS, MineSpans by McKinsey

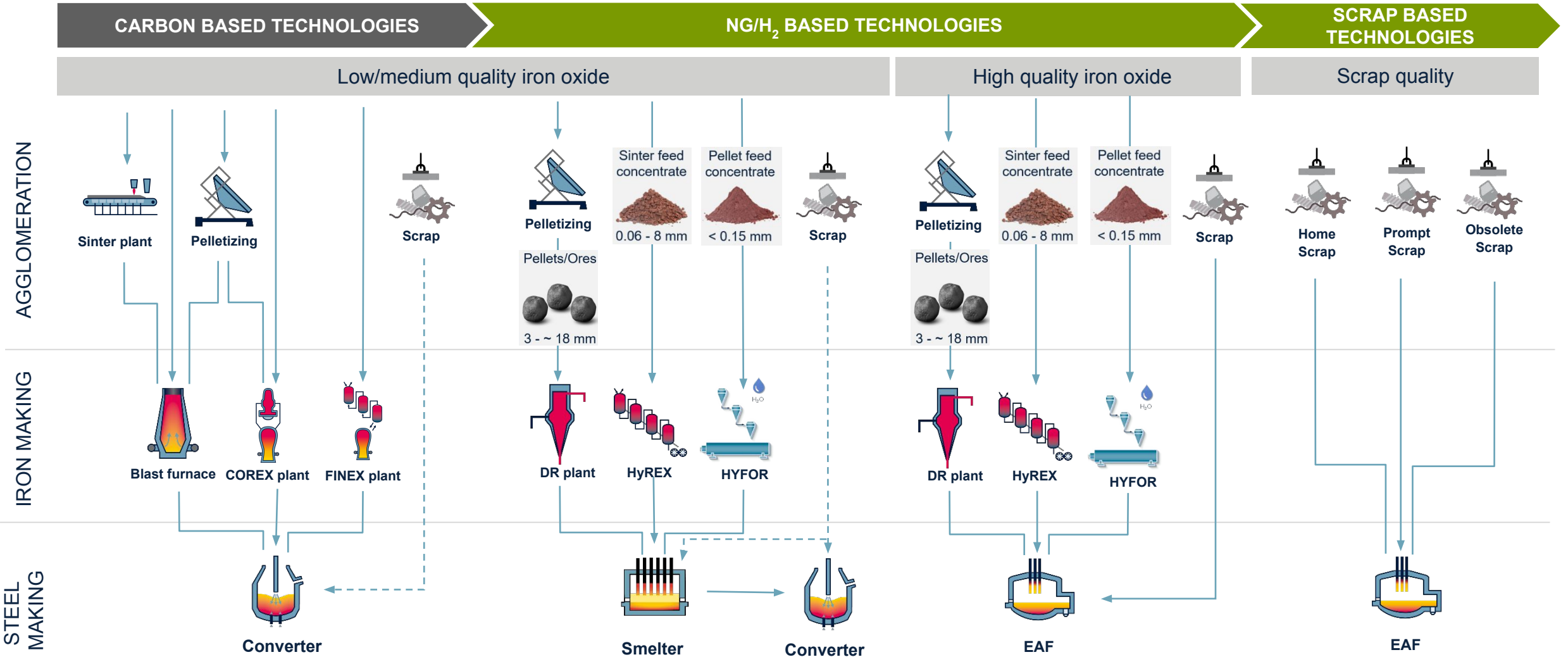
## DRI Production



Source: McKinsey – The DRI Dilemma (November 2021)



# Main process routes for decarbonized steel production



# HYFOR – Hydrogen based Fine Ore Reduction (pilot plant)

## Main input

- Direct use of iron ore concentrate
- Reducing gas: hydrogen

## Main benefits

- No pelletizing required
- High oxide yield
- CO<sub>2</sub>-free ironmaking
- High reduction rate, Low temp./pressure operation

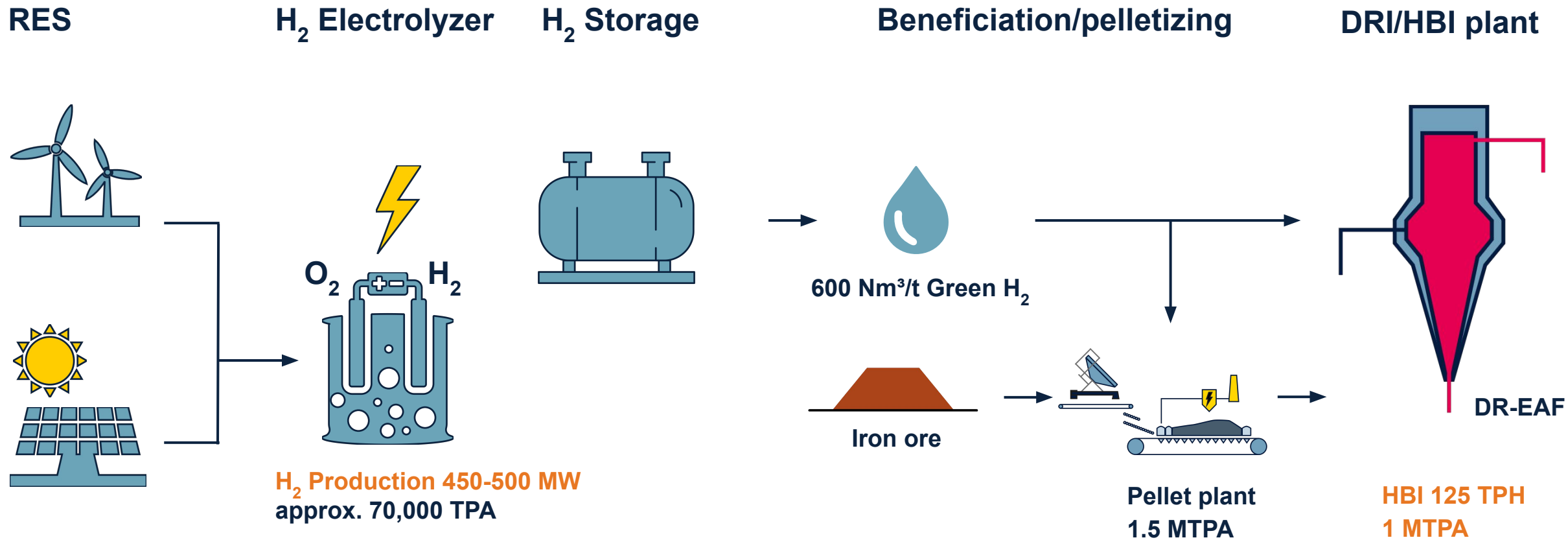
## Status

- Digital Showcase (DigiTwin, VR, m.doc,...)
- Plant in stable operation since beginning of 2022
- Multiple campaigns successfully executed
- Continue of tests with various ores
- Evaluate design parameters for next plant size





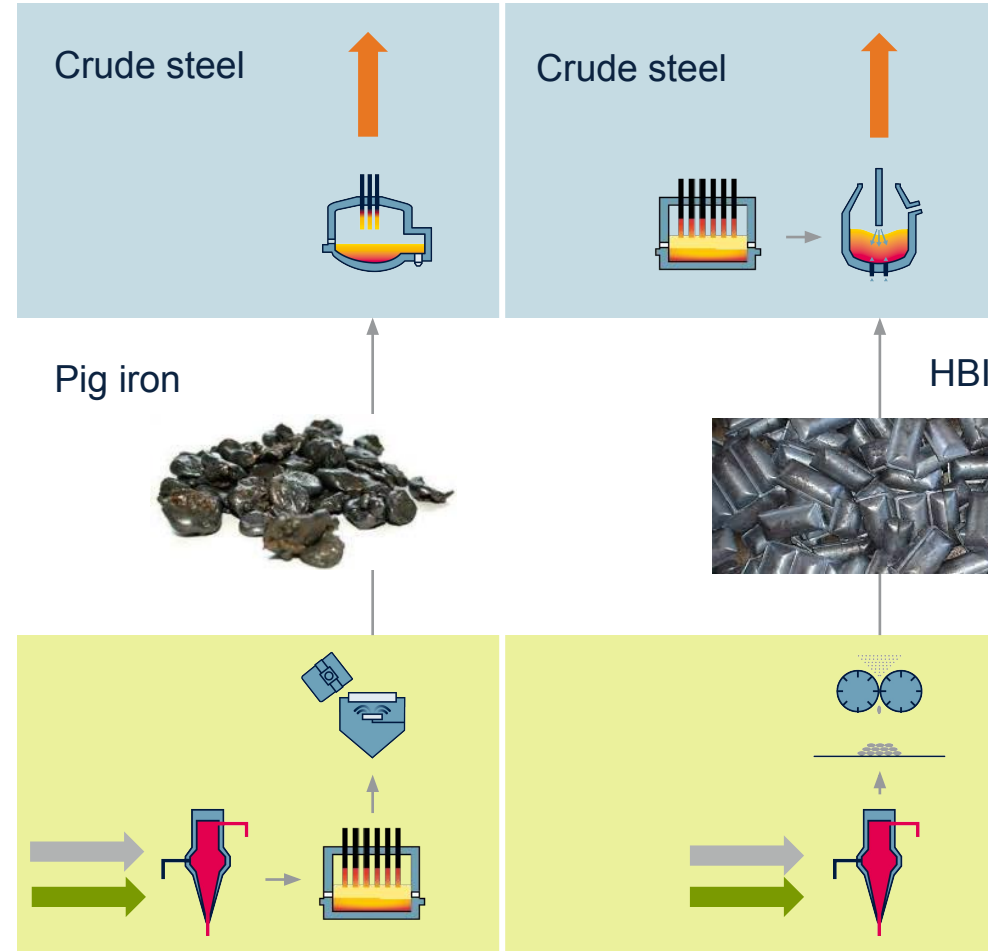
# Hydrogen Availability The Energy Enigma



# The Location Dilemma



# Energy vs. Steel Demand Location Dilemma





## Market Strategy



- 13% **steel supply demand** increase expected in 2050 (**CAGR ~0,5%**); mainly driven by **growth in India** (CAGR 4-5%) and other developing nations; Europe, US and other developed countries with stable demand, China expected to drop.
- Today we have **>70% high emission steel** in the market (>0.6 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t of liquid steel).

## Capex Cost



- Transition steel to net-zero requires a **massive global investment** volume of up to 4.4 trillion (~**150 bil. p.a.**).
- **Major steel players have started to invest despite the difficult energy market and major uncertainties** (ETS price, carbon tax, free-allocations, CBAM and public support) □ First mover benefit
- Hard-Tech net-zero transition will **increase the price of steel by minimum 30%**, which consumers will have to accept. Till 2030 300-500 US\$/t is estimated.
- Steel consumers are setting strong decarb-targets. Low-carb steel demand is less than 1% but quickly growing to >25% in 2040. **Green steel premium will establish** to compensate for higher Opex.

## Technology



- **Major transition pathways** are 3-fold: EAF (scrap-HBI), DRI-SMELTER-BOF and CCUS
- In 2050 more than 65% of steel will come from plants with an EAF or SMELTER installed.

## Materials



- **Scrap consumption will grow faster** (~1.5-2%) than steel demand, esp. in India & China.
- Mid-term this will lead to a **decline of virgin based metallics**, except in India and other developing countries. China will see a significant decline in BF iron ore demand.
- **DRI capacity will quadruple till 2050** (CAGR 5%). According to our tracking **>25 new DR plants** have been **announced** (>30 MTPA in Europe!)
- **High-grade iron ore will become an undersupply** material before 2030 with an increased premium.

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