

Open Bath Furnace for the Production of Hot Metal

A viable option for decarbonization

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Agenda

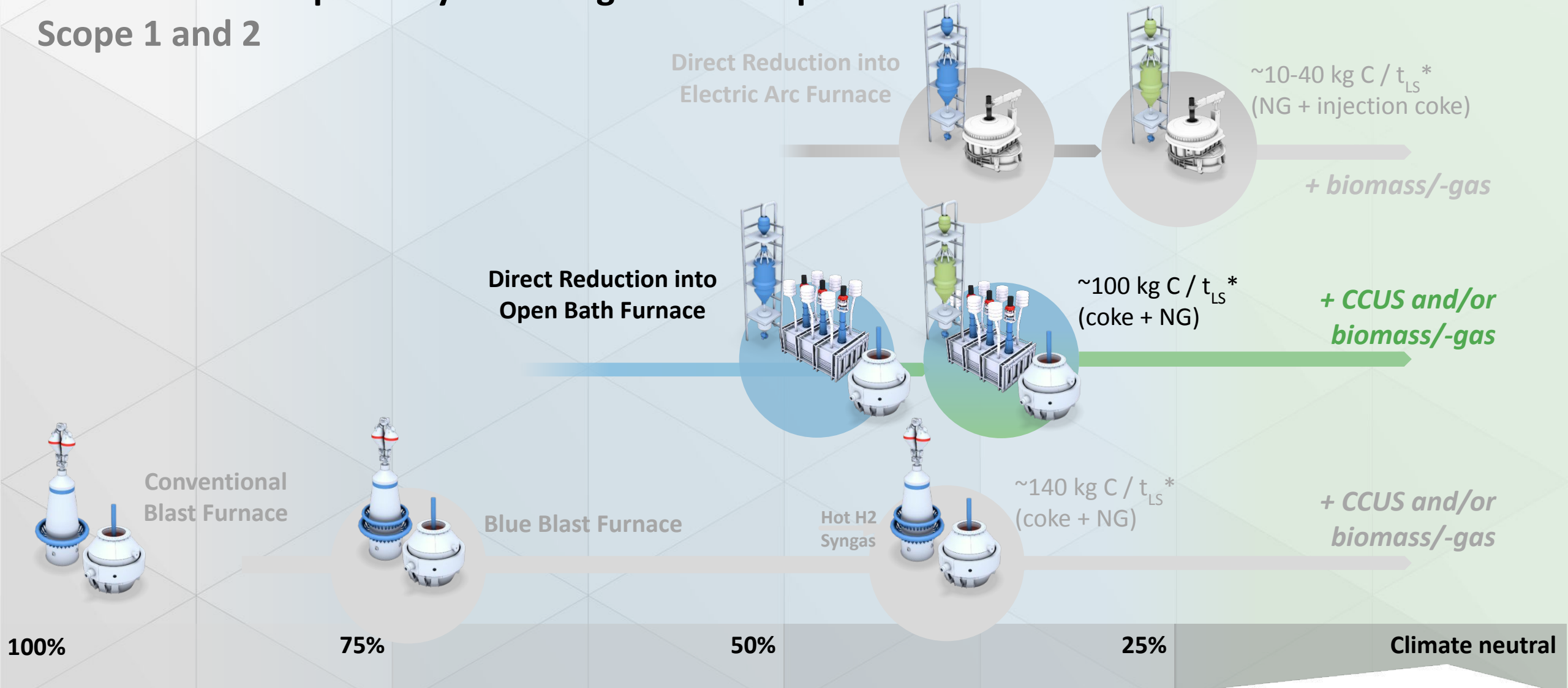
- 1 Role of the open bath furnace in decarbonization
- 2 OBF types – circular & rectangular
- 3 OBF vs. EAF

A 3D architectural rendering of a large industrial facility, likely a steel mill. The structure is composed of a complex blue steel framework with multiple levels and a central open area. Two prominent yellow cylindrical tanks are visible in the foreground. The scene is set against a light, hazy background.

Open Bath Furnace's Role in Decarbonisation

Decarbonisation pathways for integrated steel plants

Scope 1 and 2

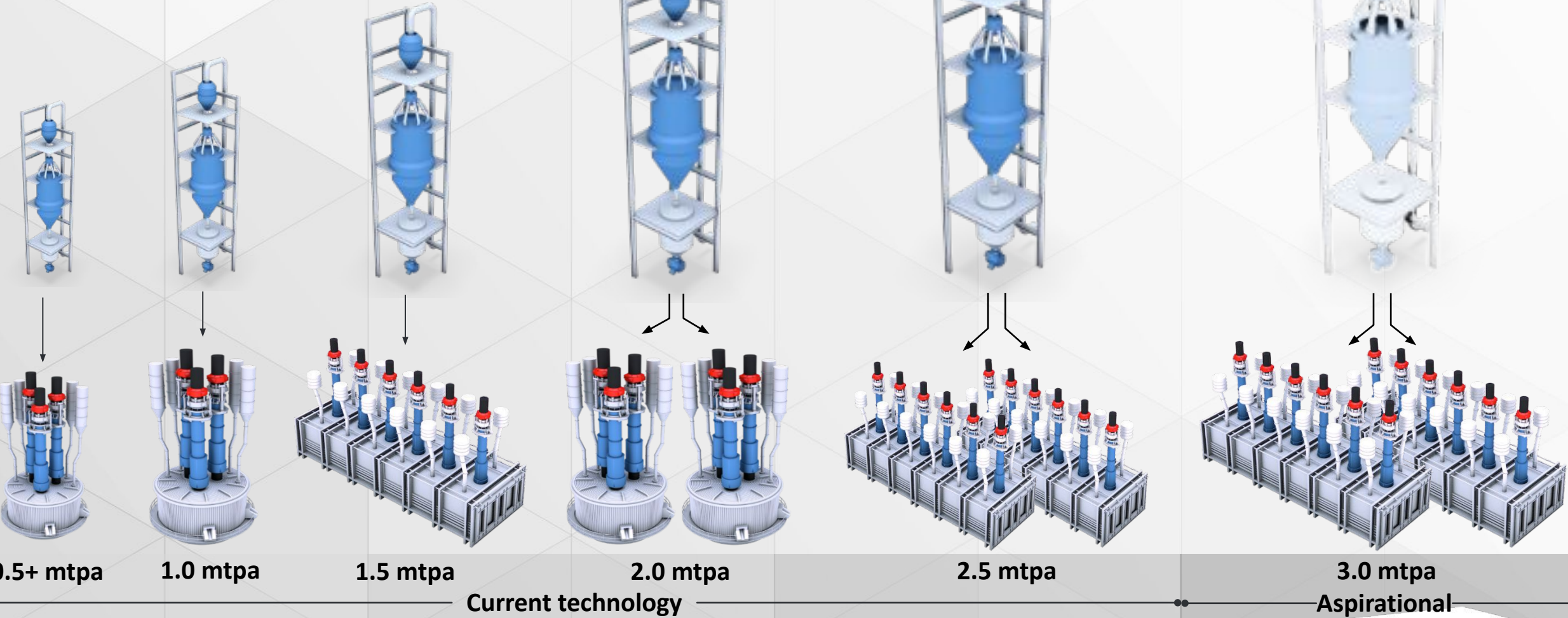


OECD EU-28 emission factor of 80kg CO₂/MWh (target 2050)

* corresponds to scope 1 direct carbon input

DRP-OBF combination

Throughput

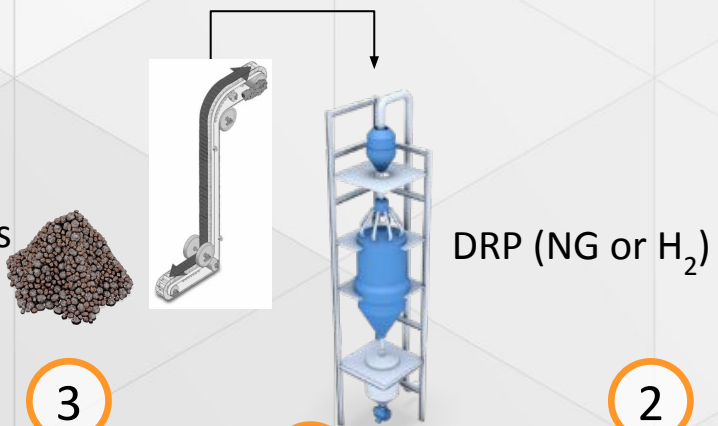


DRP-OBF combination

Simplified flow sheet

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BF grade pellets
< 66% Fe



DRP (NG or H₂)

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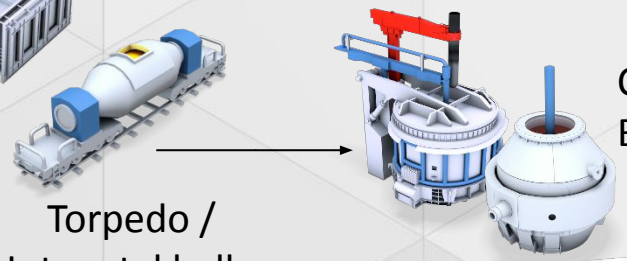
Open Bath
Furnace

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INBA®

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Torpedo /
Hot metal ladles



CONPRO/
BOF

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BF Grade iron ore pellet can be utilized

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DRP may start with NG and switch in the future to H₂
HDRI is charged to OBF feed bins and then melted in the OBF

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Fluxes added as slag modifiers

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Carbon source added for reduction of FeO and carburization
of hot metal

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Hot metal with composition and temperature similar to BF
is produced

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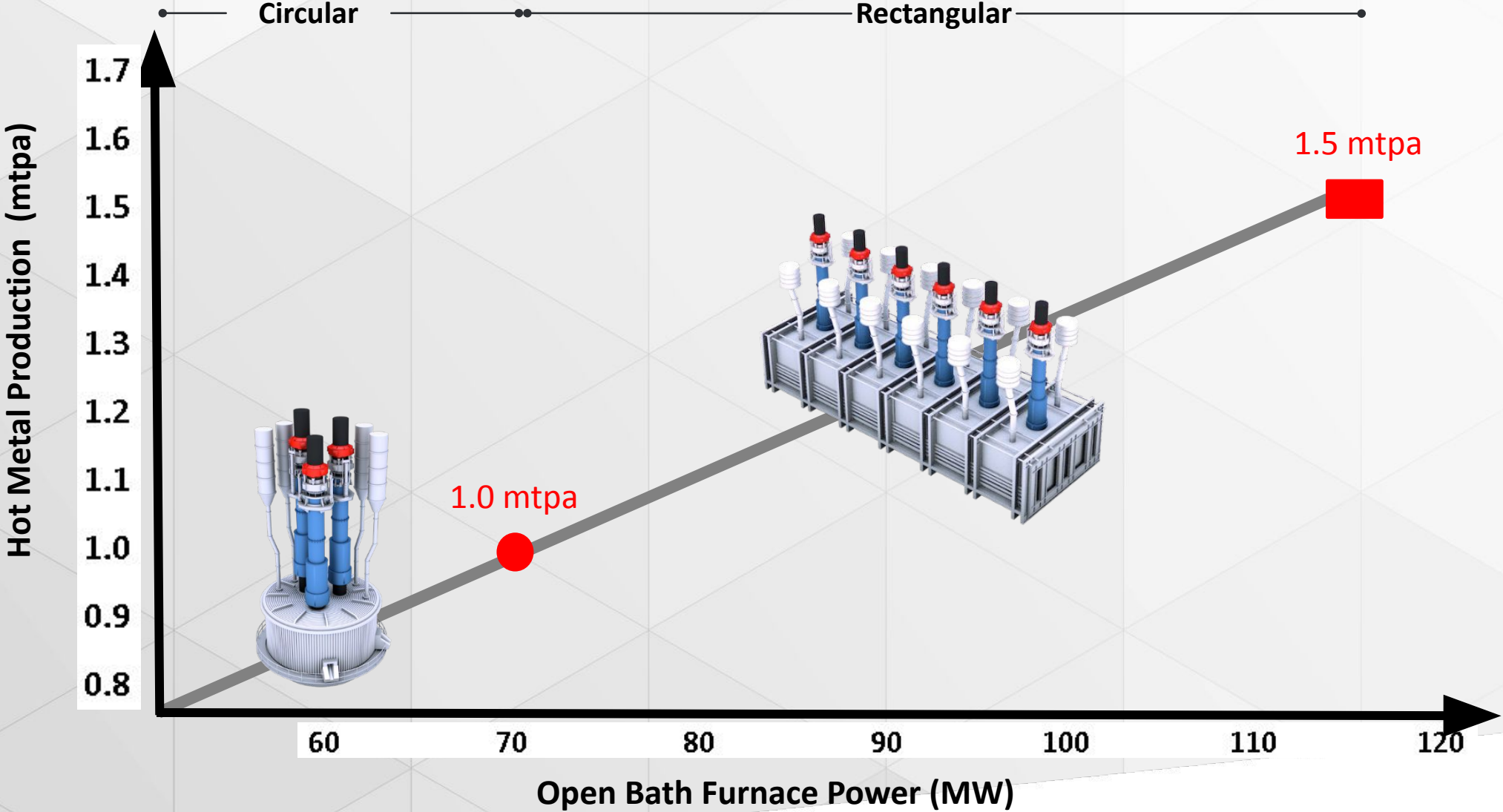
Granulated slag production from OBF with composition
similar to BF

A 3D architectural rendering of a large industrial building's steel frame. The structure is composed of a complex network of blue steel beams and girders, forming a multi-story rectangular frame. In the foreground, two large, yellow cylindrical structures, likely storage tanks or silos, are visible. The background shows a bright, overcast sky. The overall scene is a detailed technical illustration of industrial infrastructure.

OBF Types – Circular and Rectangular

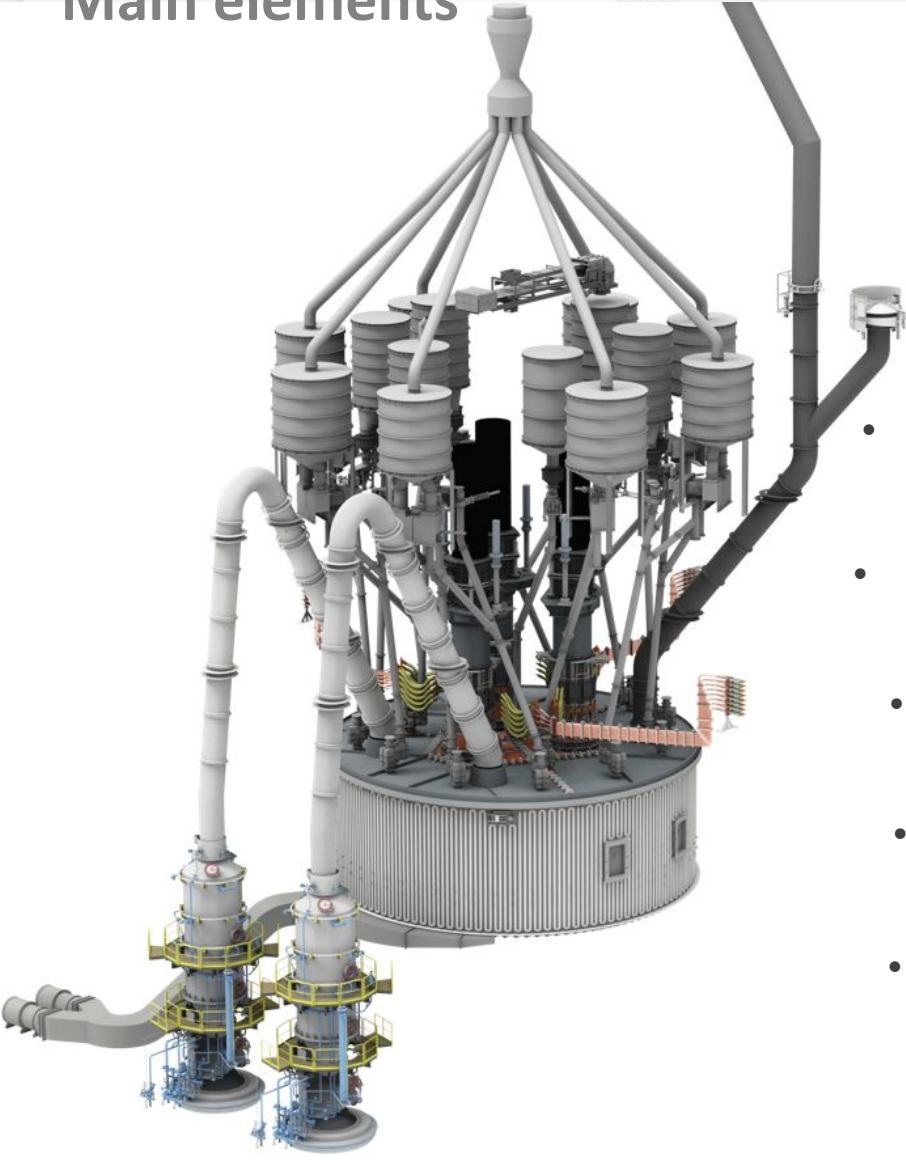
Circular & rectangular OBF technologies

Throughput vs. power

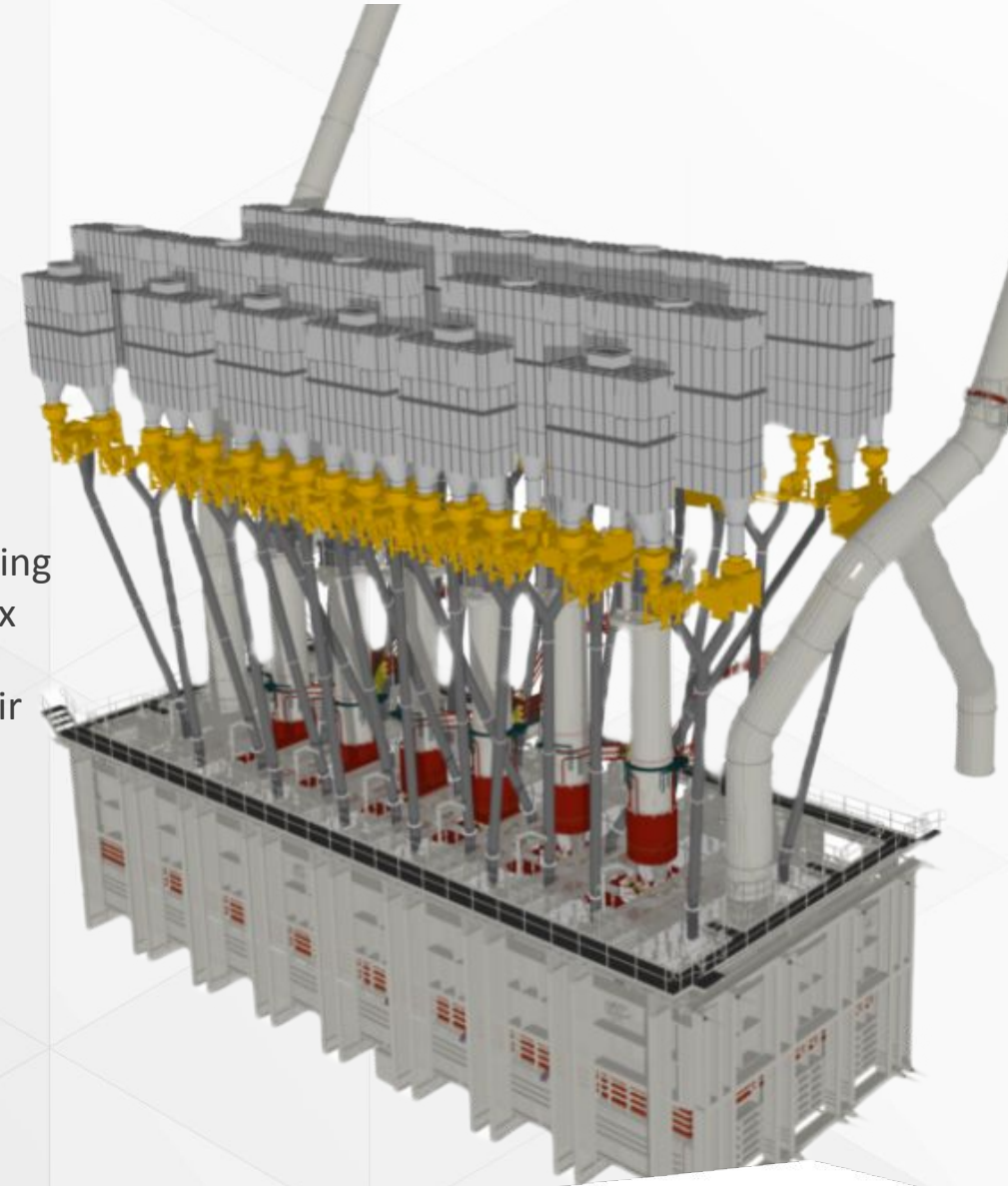


Circular & rectangular OBF technologies

Main elements

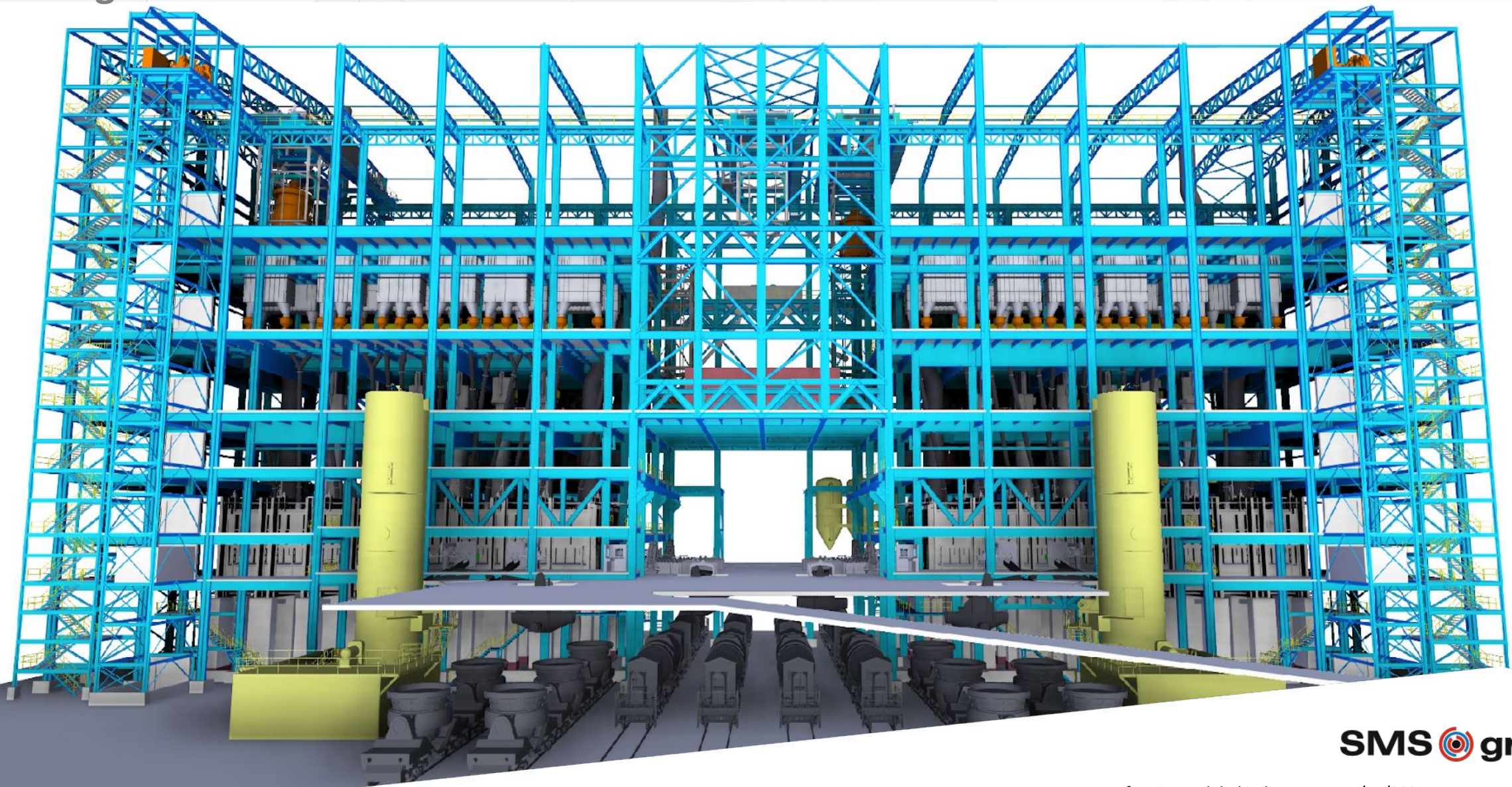


- furnace feed bins and chutes
- precision material dosing
- set of high current conductors delivering power from transformer
- Söderberg electrode columns delivering electrical power to the material mix
- furnace roof to seal furnace against air ingress and gas egress
- closed circuit, water cooled shell supported by copper cooling
- multiple tap holes for metal and slag at different elevations
- forced air cooling of bottom shell
- off gas handling and cleaning



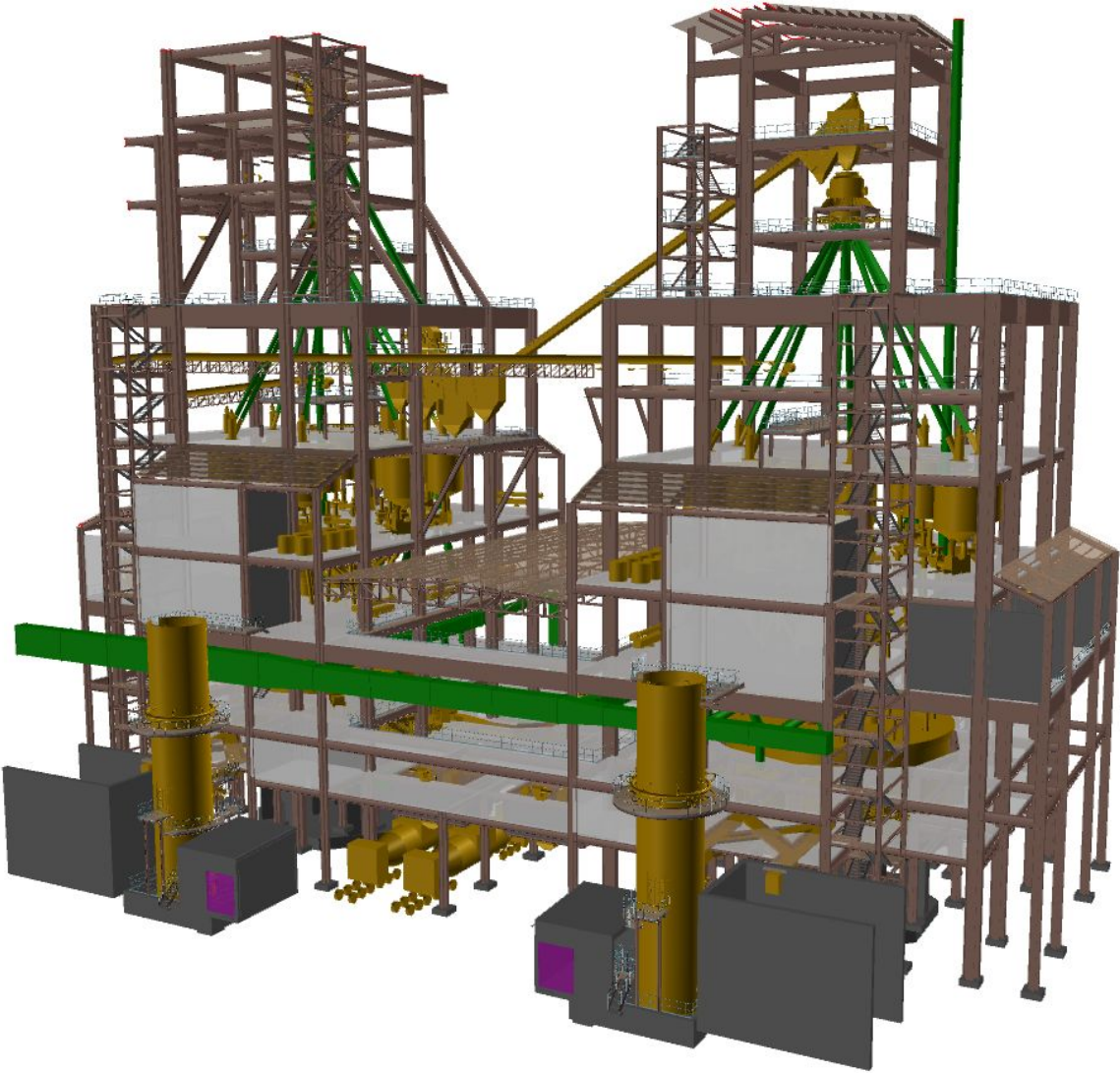
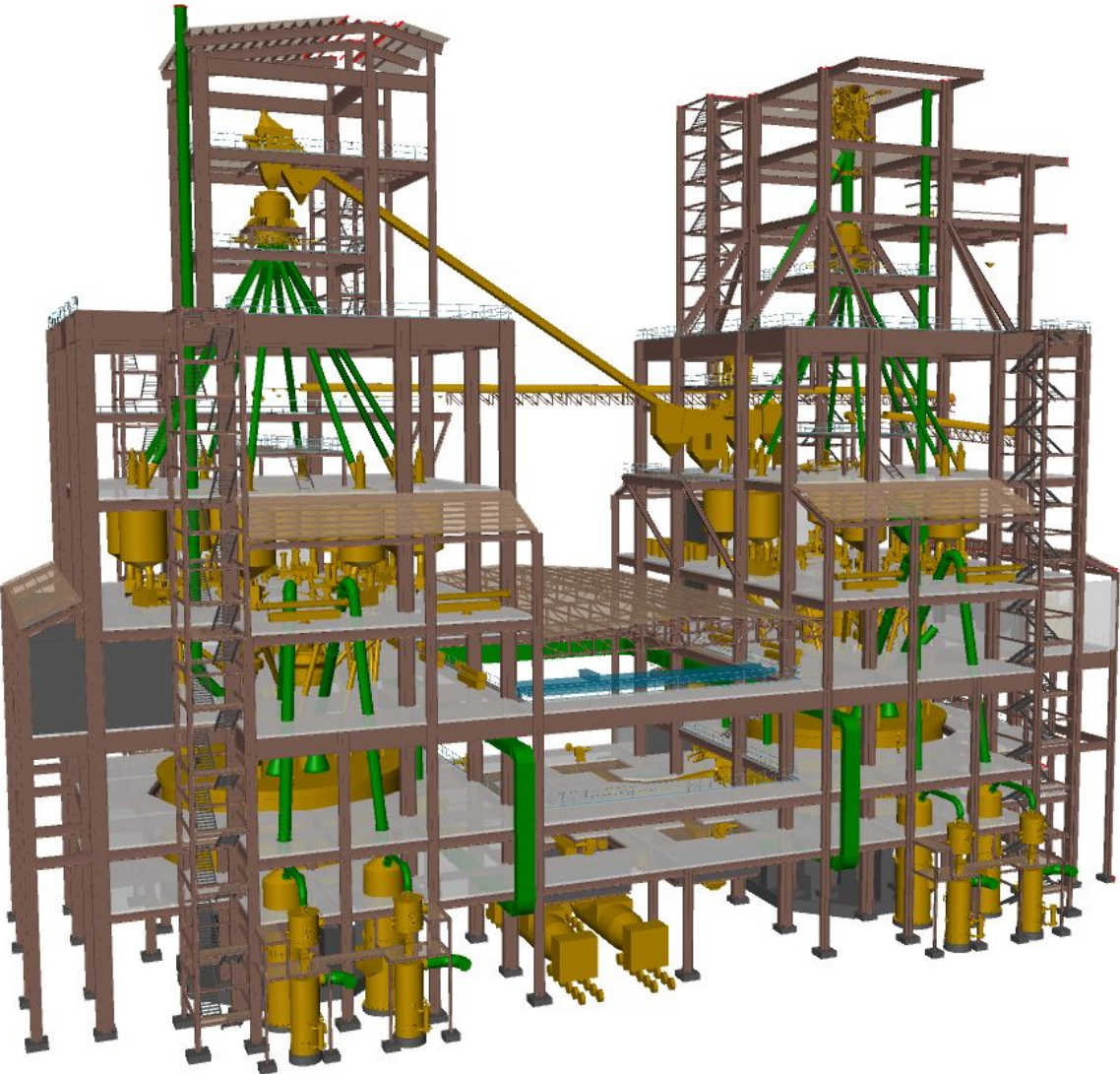
Plant layouts

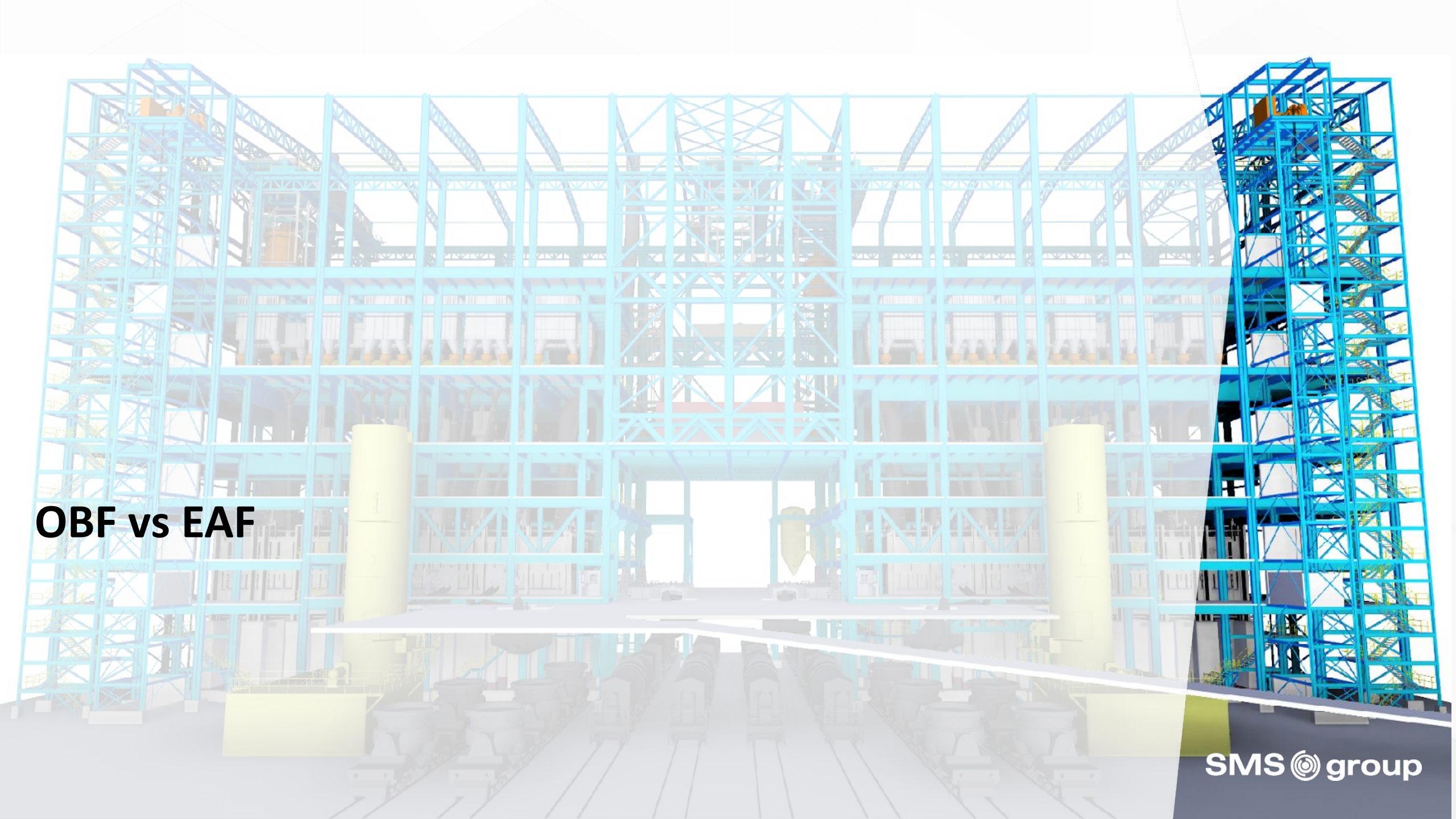
Rectangular OBF



Plant layouts

Circular OBF





OBF vs EAF

OBF vs. EAF

Major distinguishing features

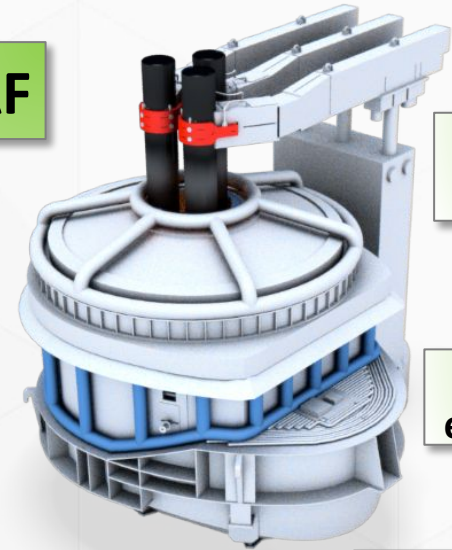
- › open to atmosphere □ oxidizing environment
- › smaller bath surface area □ higher power density
- › short term vessel and lining philosophy
- › concentrated batch feed of materials

EAF

**batch
production**

**oxidizing
environment**

tapping steel



OBF

- › process sealed from surrounding atmosphere □ reducing environment
- › large bath surface area □ lower power density
- › long term vessel and lining philosophy
- › distributed and continuous material feed
- › suspended Söderberg electrode
- › continuous “power on”

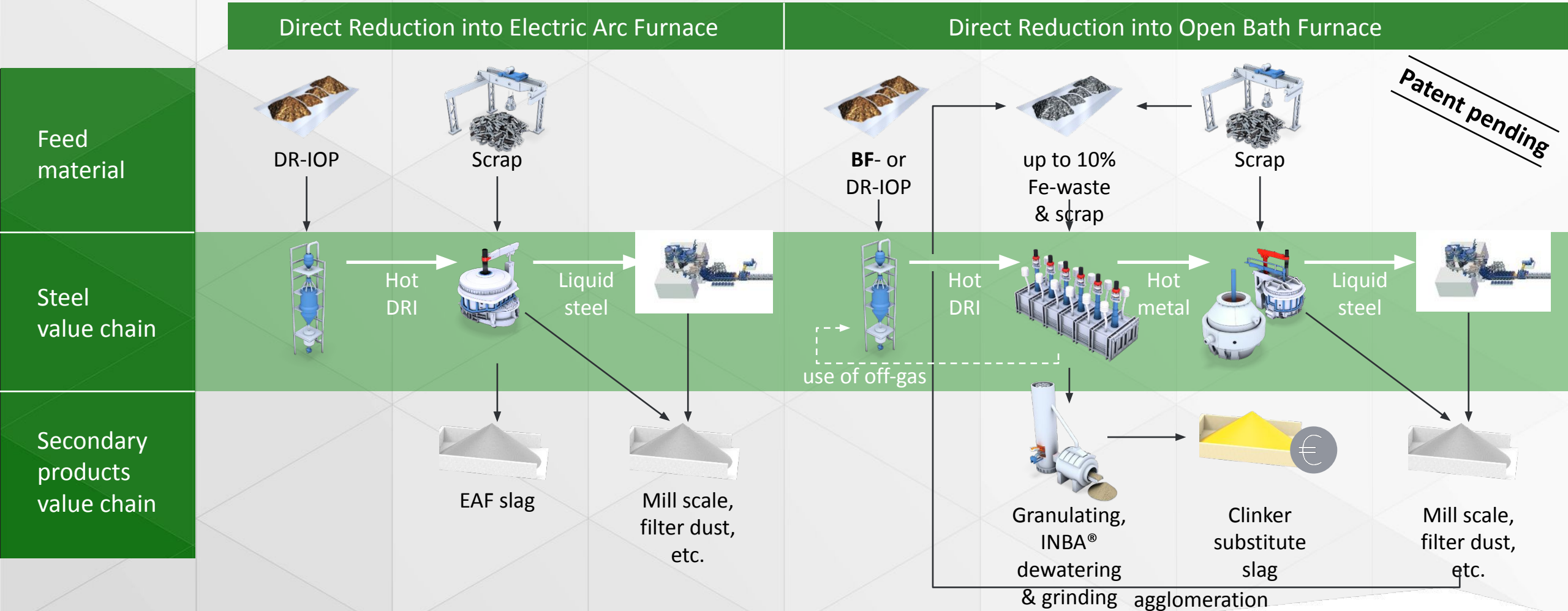
**continuous
production**

**reducing
environment**

**tapping hot
metal**



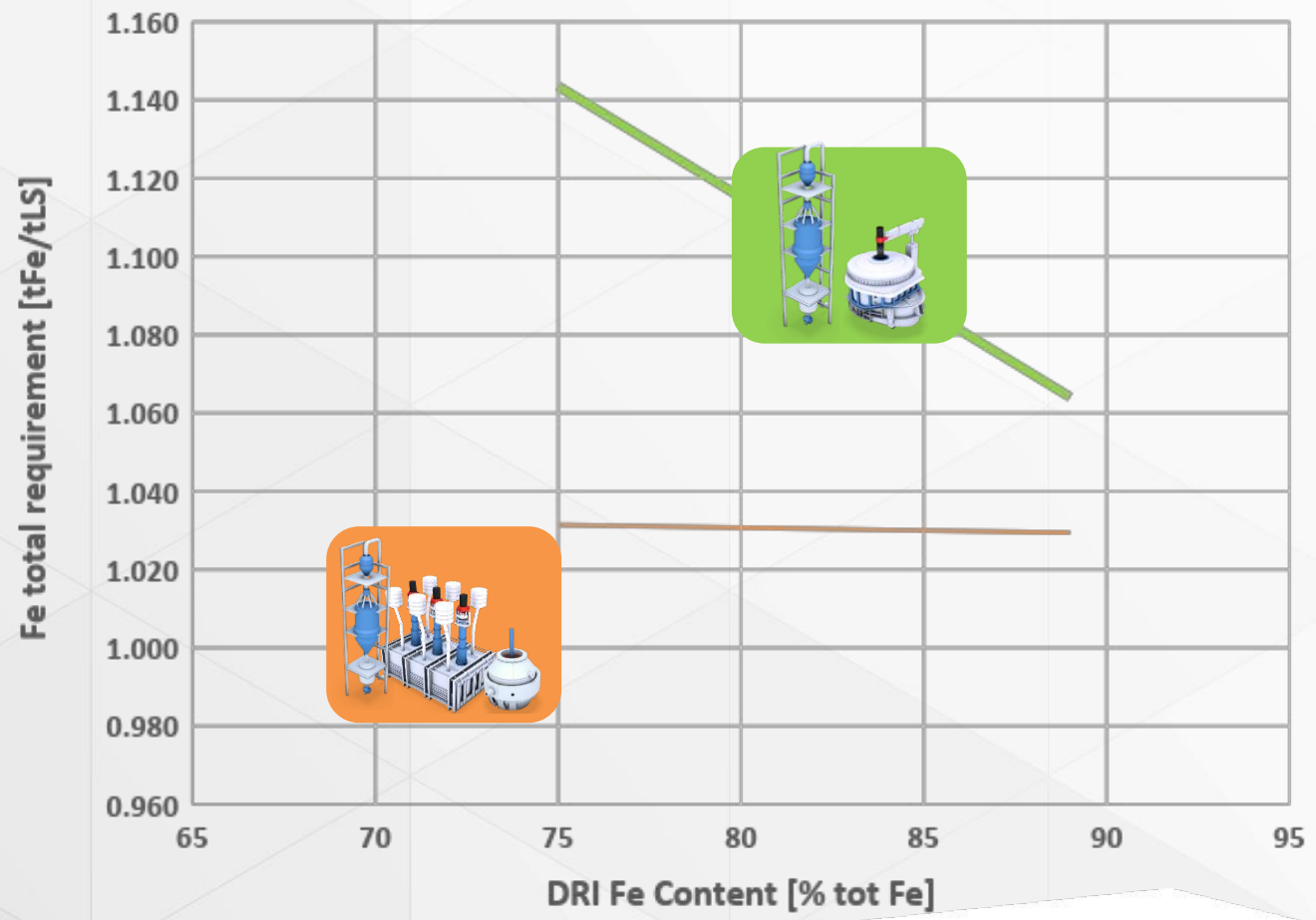
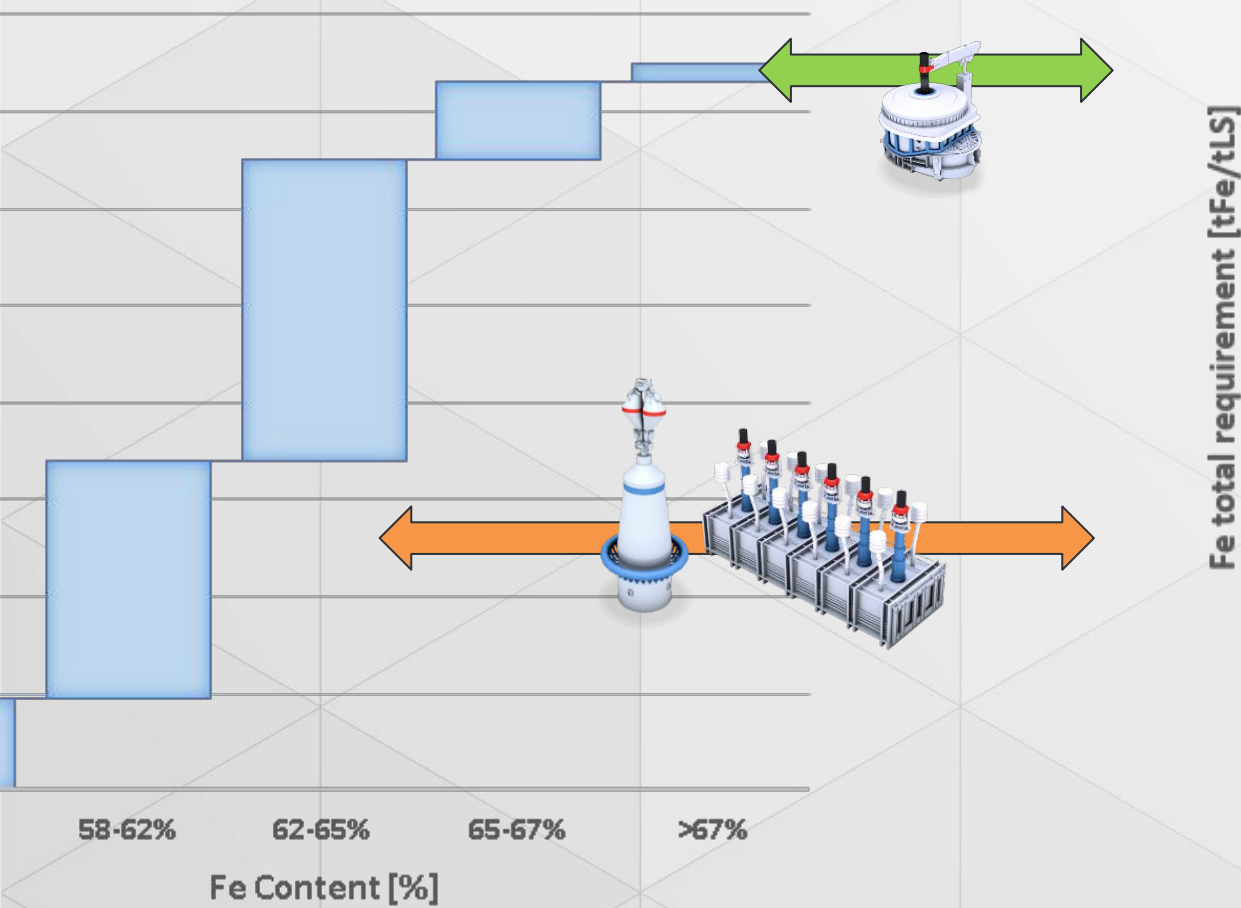
Direct reduction application to integrated quality steelmaking



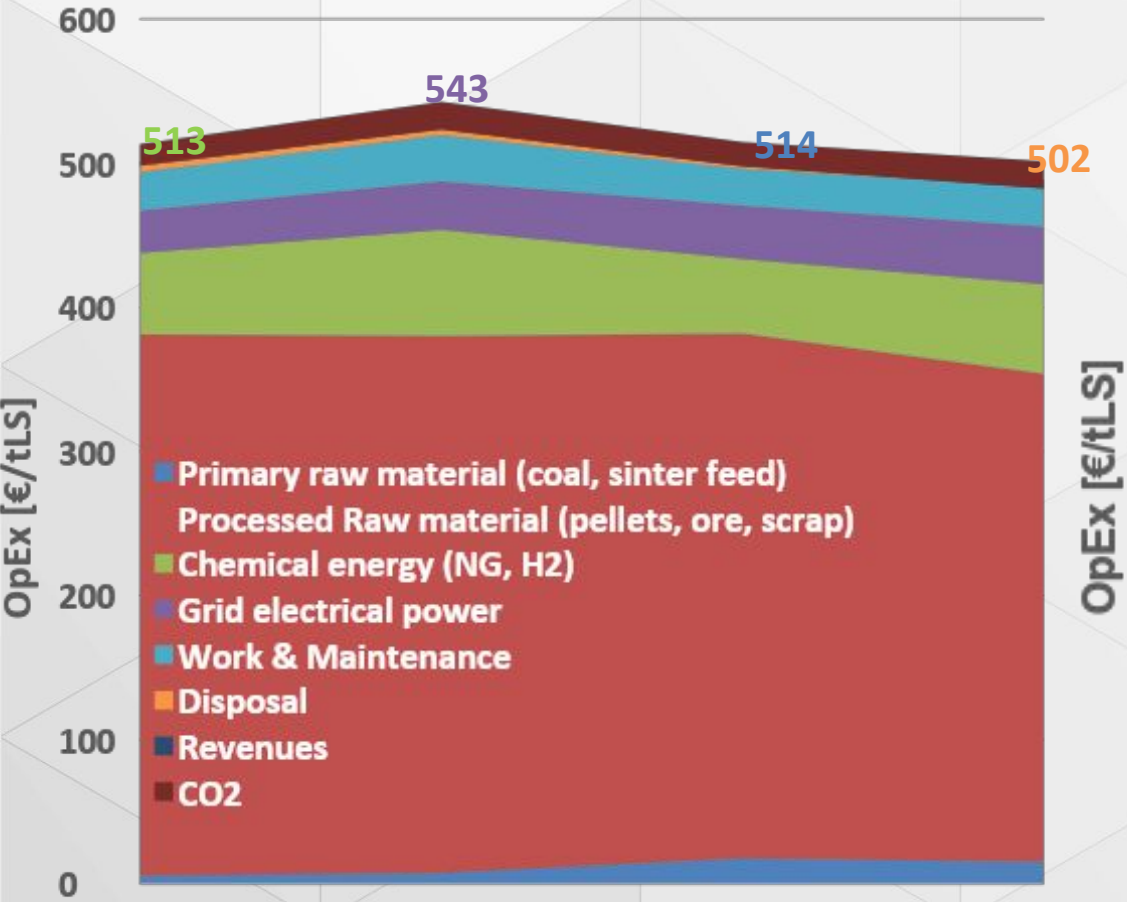
DR-IOP: Direct Reduction grade Iron Ore Pellets
 BF-IOP: Blast Furnace grade Iron Ore Pellets

The impact of iron ore availability and DRI quality on EAF and OBF routes

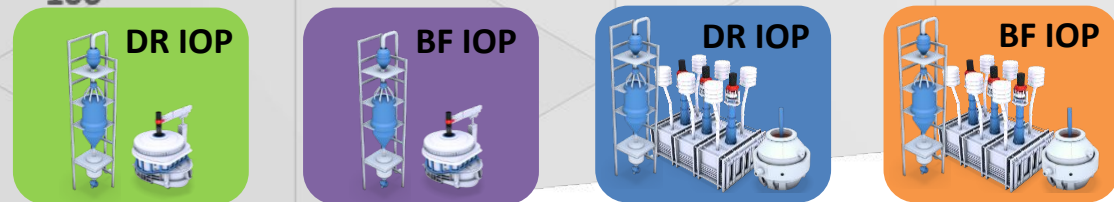
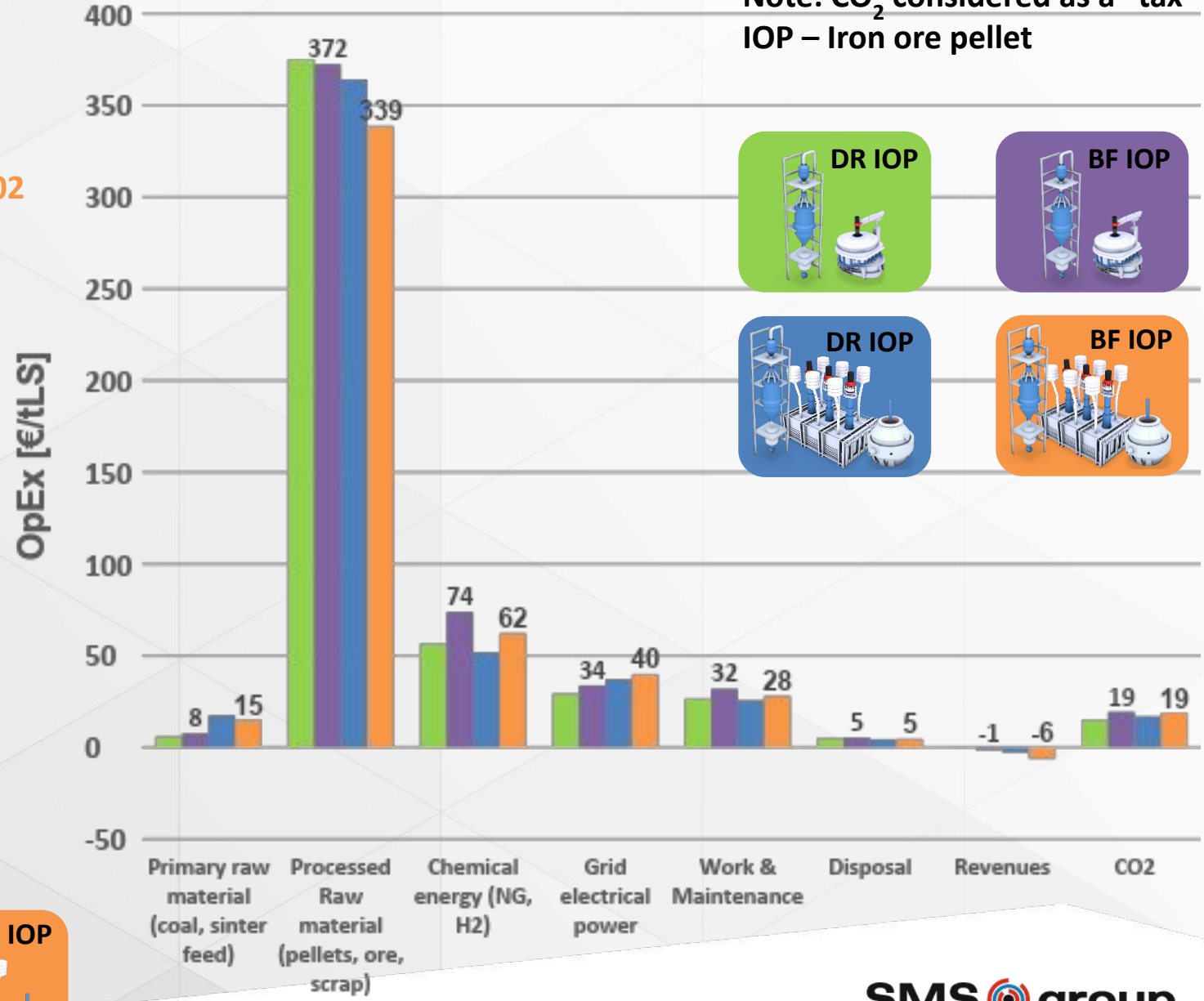
Suitability for OBF and EAF operation



Opex comparison OBF vs. EAF

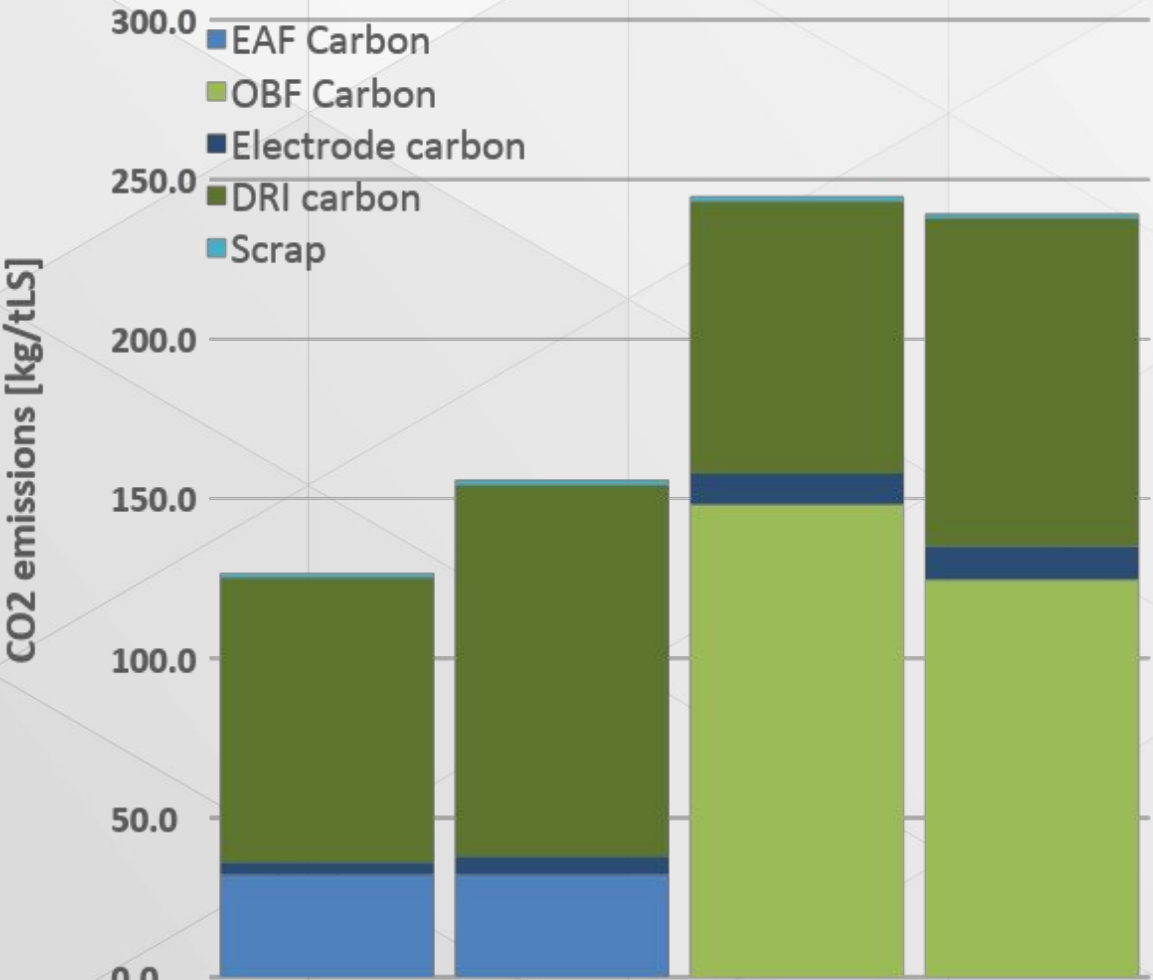


Note: CO₂ considered as a "tax"
IOP – Iron ore pellet



Specific usage & CO₂ footprint OBF vs. EAF

Scope 1



Specific usage	CO ₂ Footprint	DR IOP		BF IOP		DR IOP		BF IOP	
		kg /tLS	kg CO ₂ / tLS	kg /tLS	kg CO ₂ / tLS	Kg /tLS	kg CO ₂ / tLS	kg /tLS	kg CO ₂ / tLS
DRI		973	89	1270	116	932	85	1123	103
EAF/OBF carbon		10	32	10	32	49,4	148	42	125
Scrap		210	1.5	210	1.5	210	1.5	210	1.5
Electrode		1	3.9	1,4	5.8	2,4	9.6	2,6	10
Scope 1			126.4		155.3		244.1		239.5
Elec power (kWh/tLS)		406	-	380	-	540	-	582	-



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