



BOFG to Urea in the INITIATE project: industrial symbiosis between the steel and chemical industry

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INITIATE project concept and vision

CONCEPT

- › Industrial symbiosis between iron and steel sector and ammonia/urea production

VISION

- › Create bankable case for a first commercial size demonstrator at a scale of 50 kt/y urea production capacity on the basis of BOFG

ROUTE

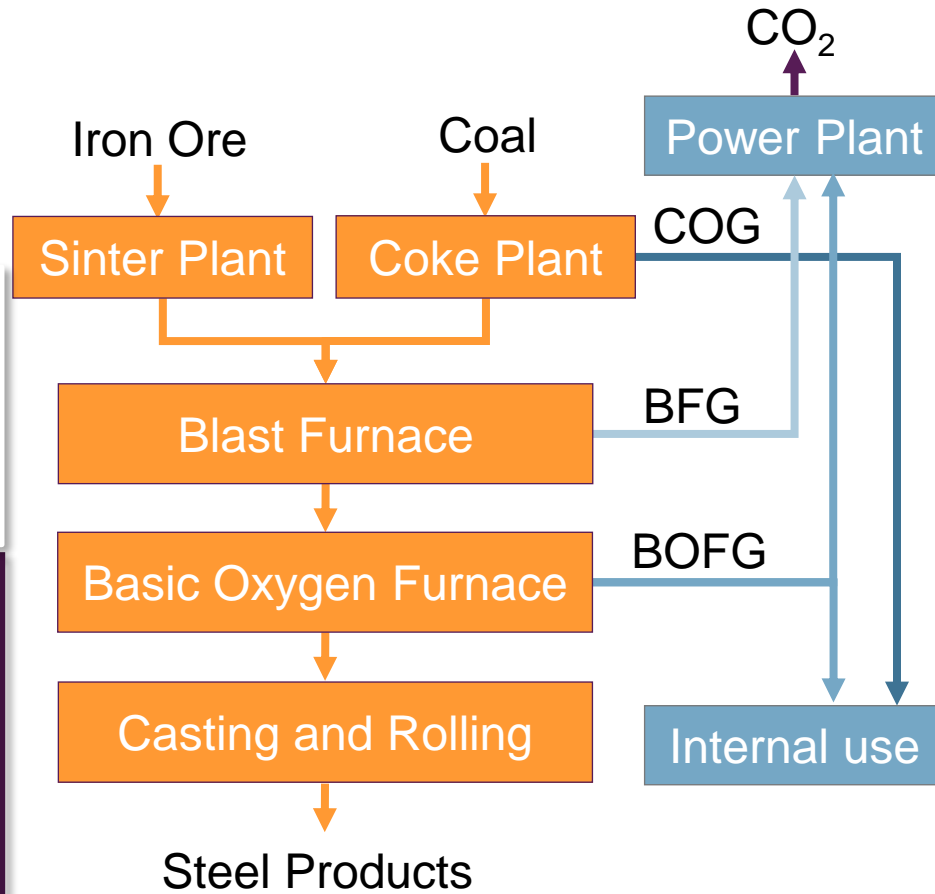
- › The INITIATE project takes all the steps required to develop the FOAK plant
 - › Demonstration of continuous production of NH_3 from BOFG at $2.5 \text{ t}_{\text{NH}_3}/\text{d}$ scale
 - › Site identification
 - › Business plan development
 - › IP&R, ownership, collaboration



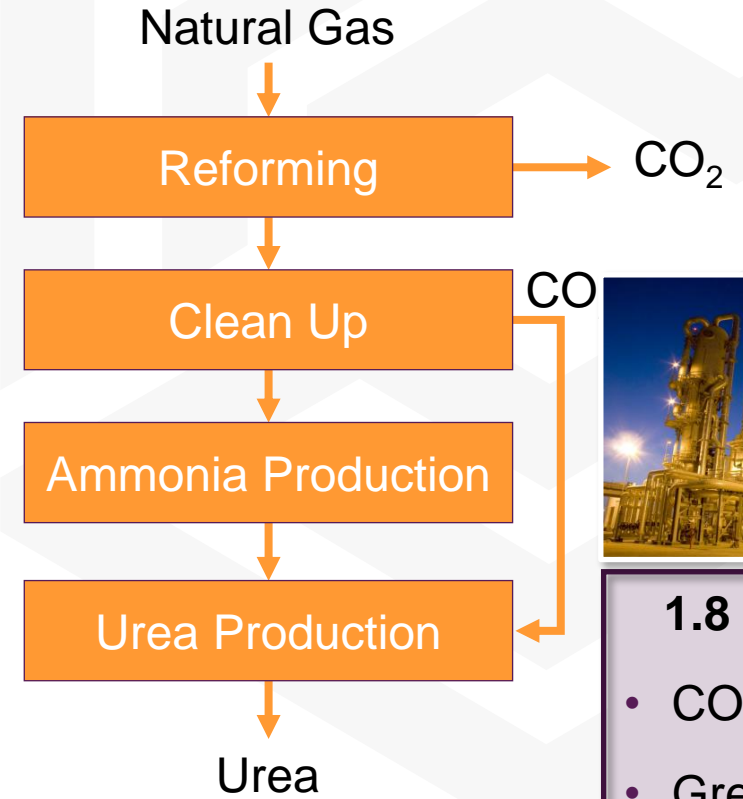
Multiple routes towards CO₂ neutrality



- 2 t_{CO2}/t_{HRC}**
- Coal → NG, H₂
 - CO₂ capture
 - More scrap
 - Efficiency



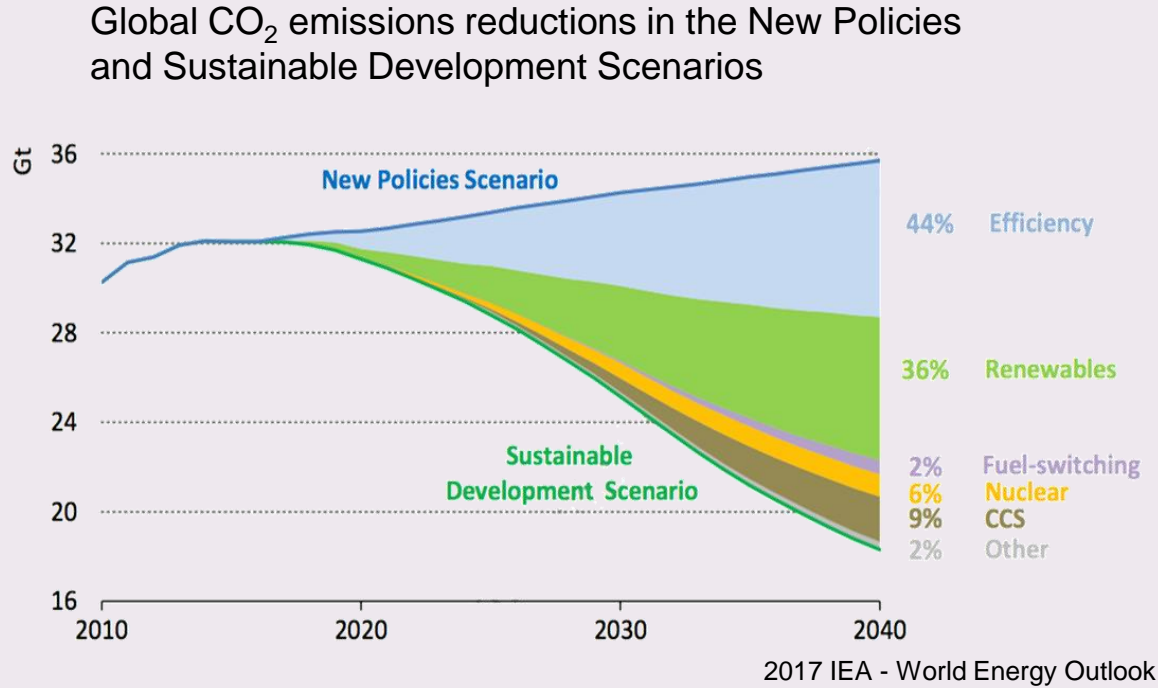
Industrial Symbiosis



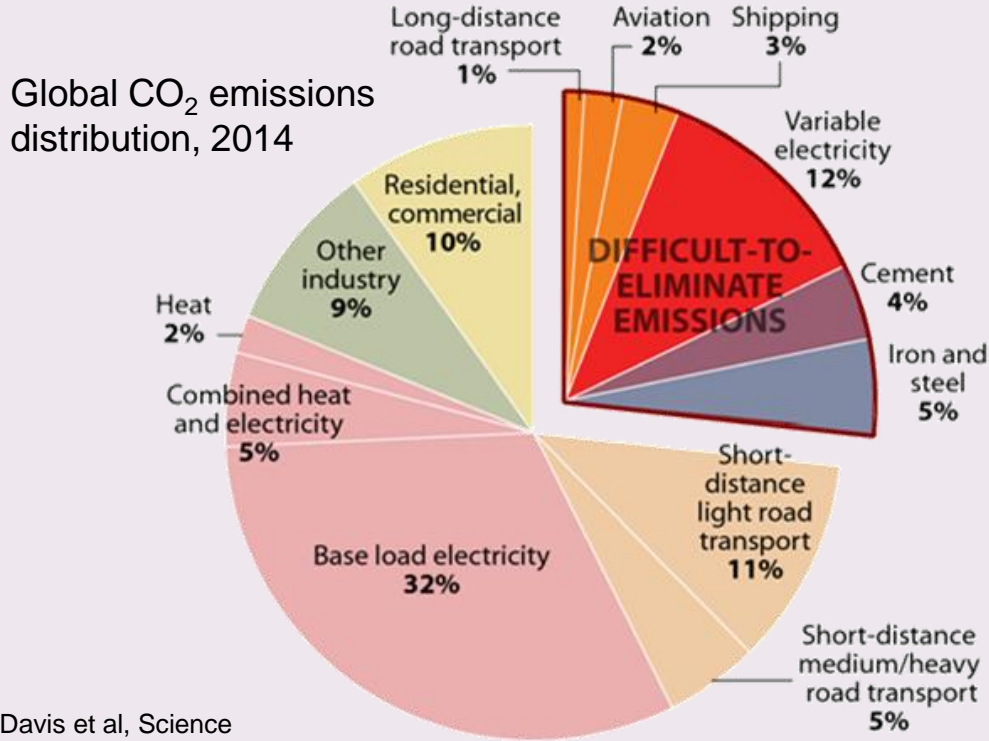
- 1.8 t_{CO2}/t_{NH3}**
- CO₂ capture
 - Green H₂

Why CCS and CCU in Iron and Steel ?

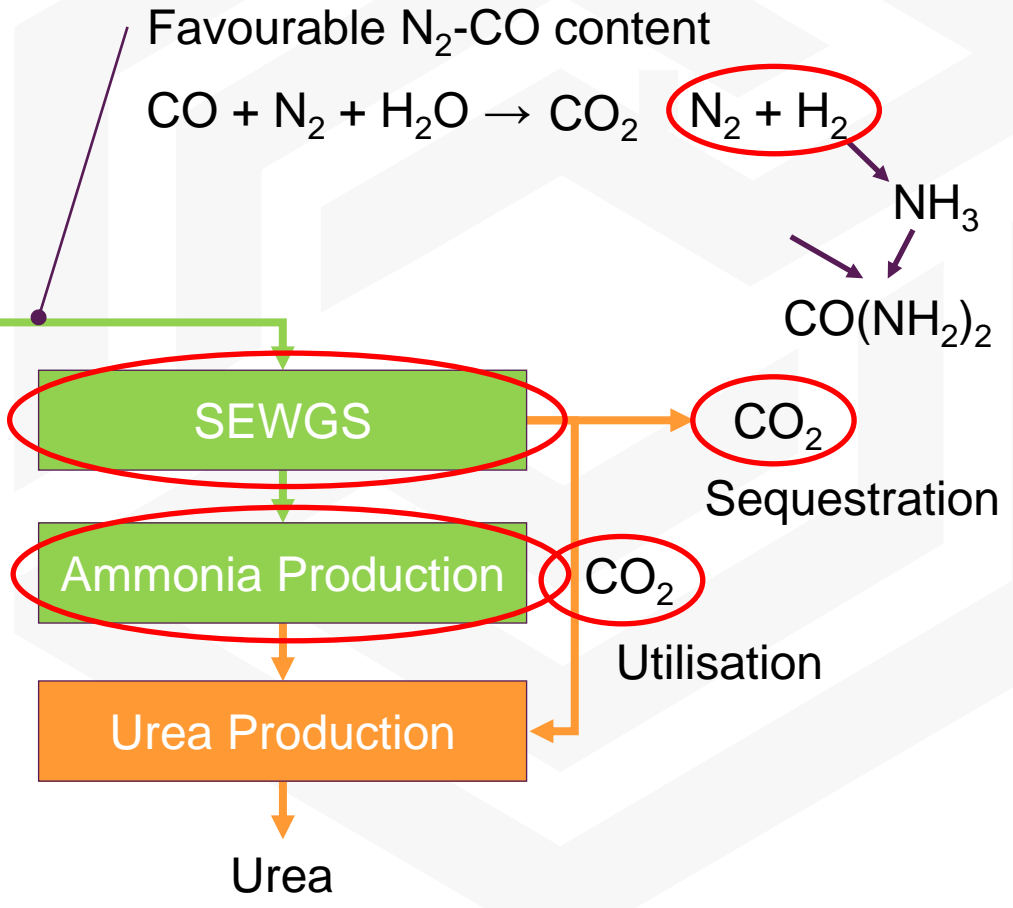
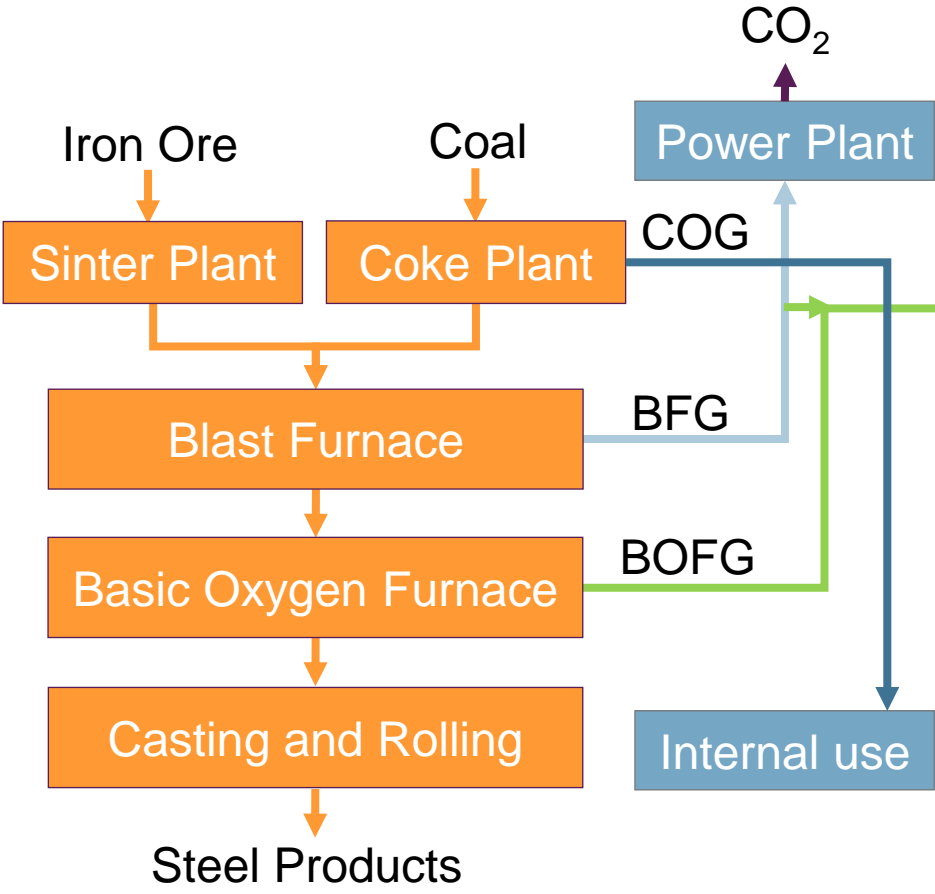
IN ALL SCENARIOS RELATED TO THE PARIS GOALS, CCS AND CCU PLAY A ROLE



AN IMPORTANT REASON FOR THIS IS THAT OVER 25% OF CO₂ EMISSIONS ARE DIFFICULT TO AVOID WITH OTHER MEASURES



INITIATE Industrial symbiosis



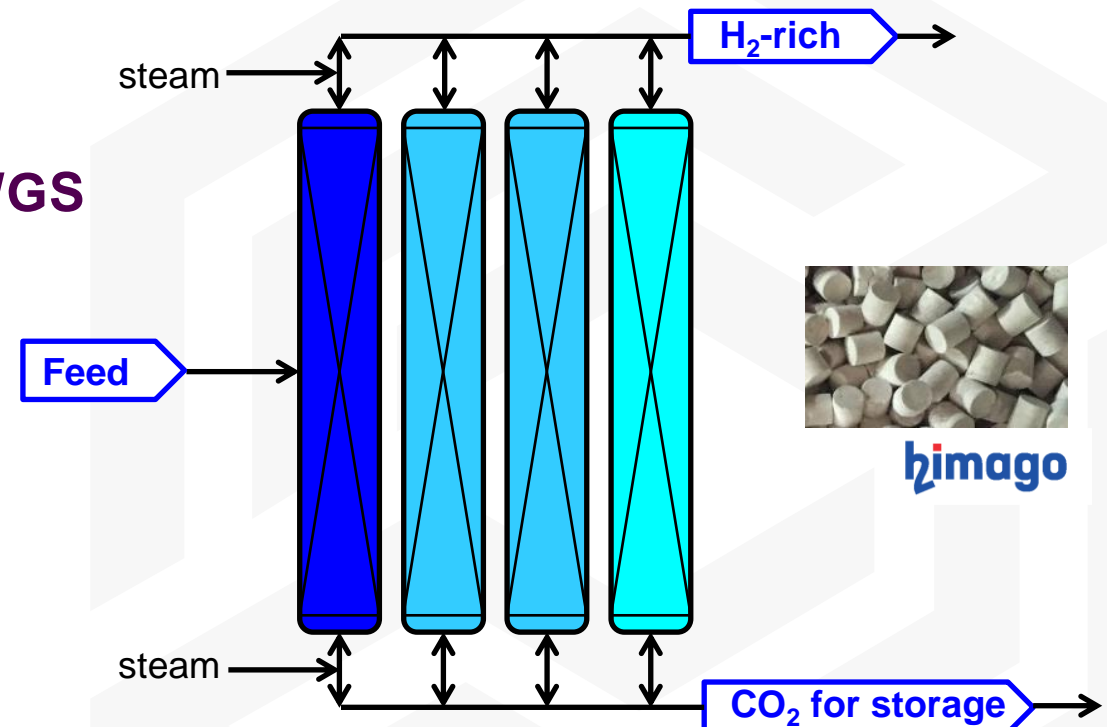
Enabling technologies

SORPTION ENHANCED WATER GAS SHIFT - SEWGS

- › TNO development
- › Combining CO₂ separation with WGS reaction
- › Kisuma industrially sourced solid adsorbent
- › Optimizing N₂/N₂ while removing CO₂
- › Minimization of energy requirement

SUB-STOICHIOMETRIC NH₃ SYNTHESIS

- › NEXTCHEM development
- › Stami Green Ammonia converter – 5 mtpd
- › Suitable for variable H₂/N₂ ratio
- › Simplification of knock-out and recycle
- › More suitable for dynamics



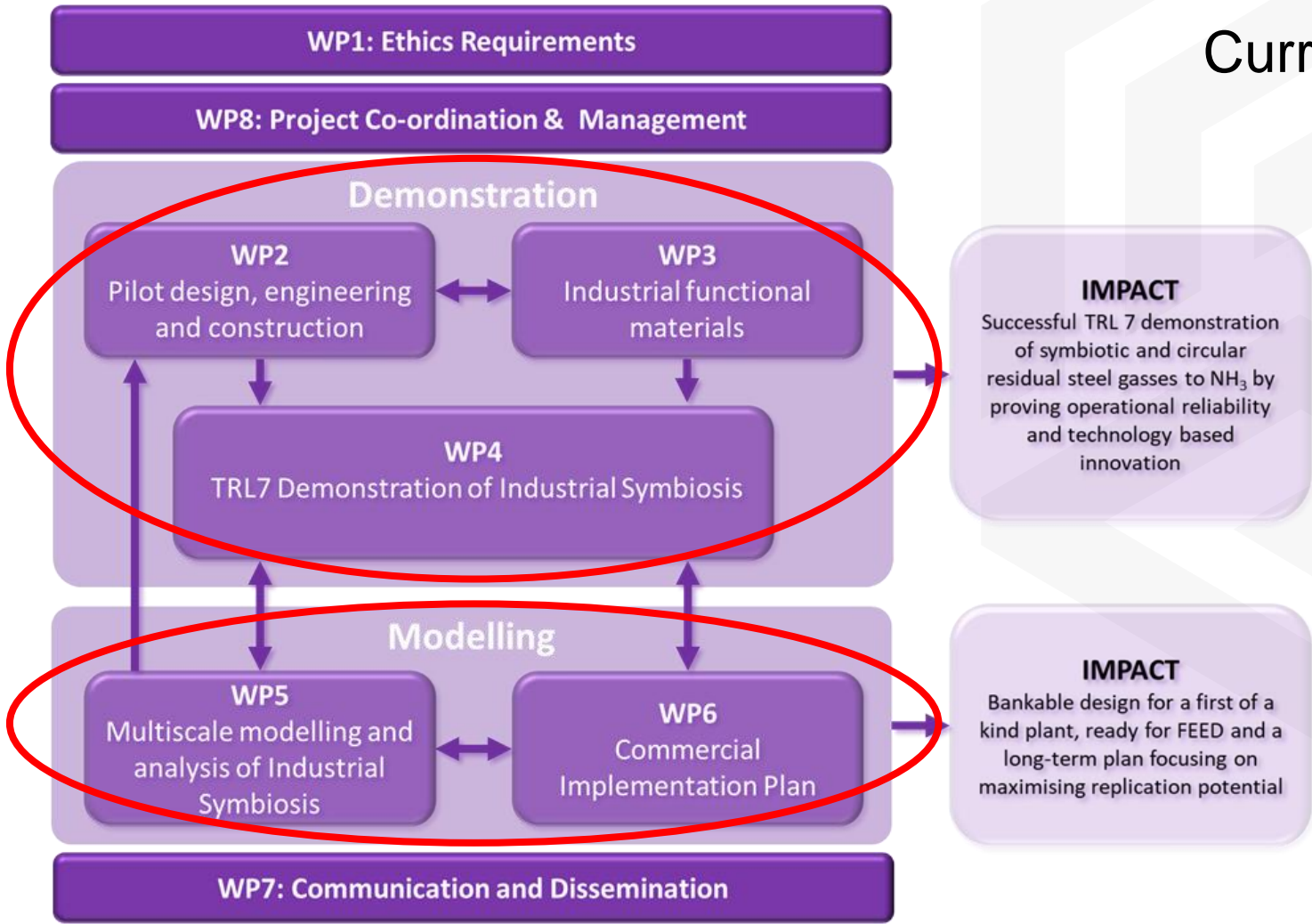
INITIATE - Partnership



Materials and equipment
Technology licensors
End-users
Knowledge support

5 years
Nov. 2020 – Nov. 2025
21.3 M€ EU funding
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INITIATE – Project structure



Currently month 40/60

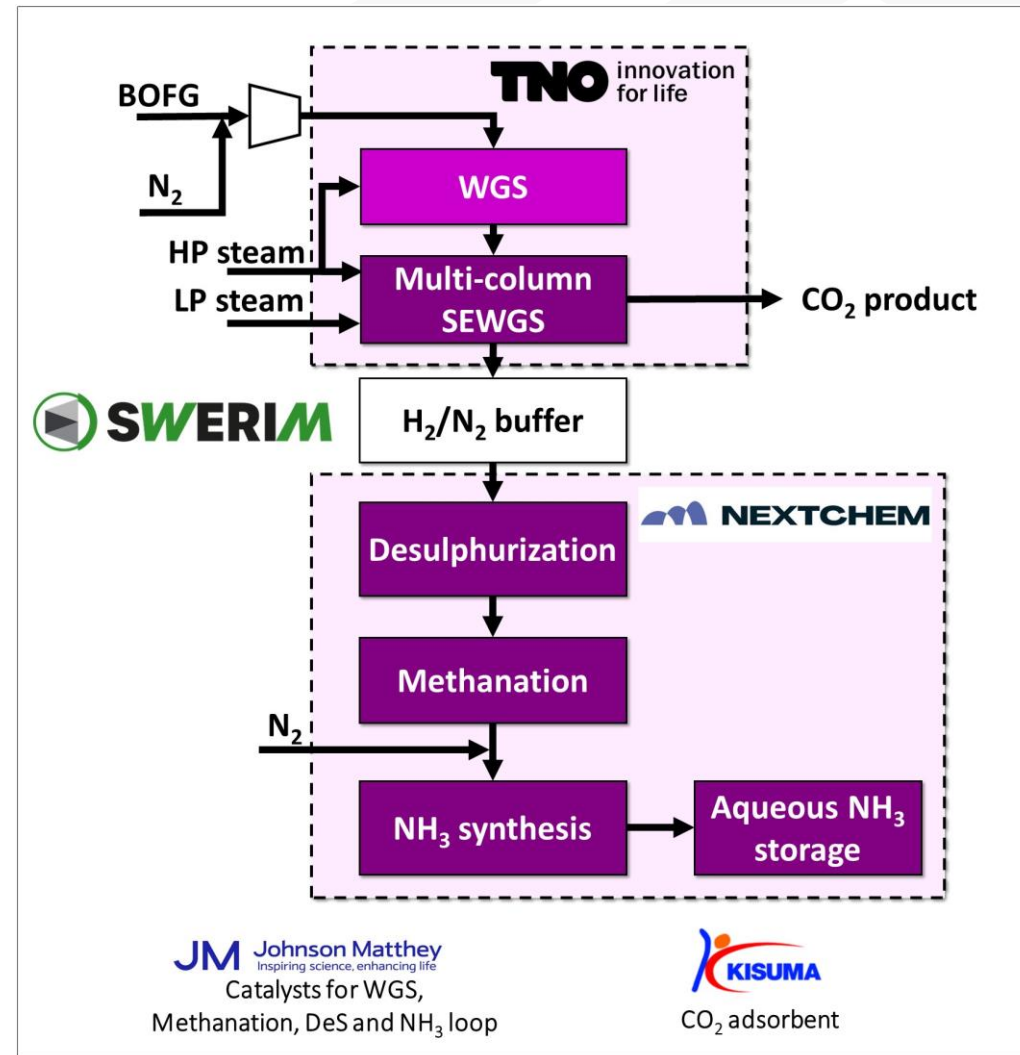
Technology demonstration

PILOT CONSTRUCTION

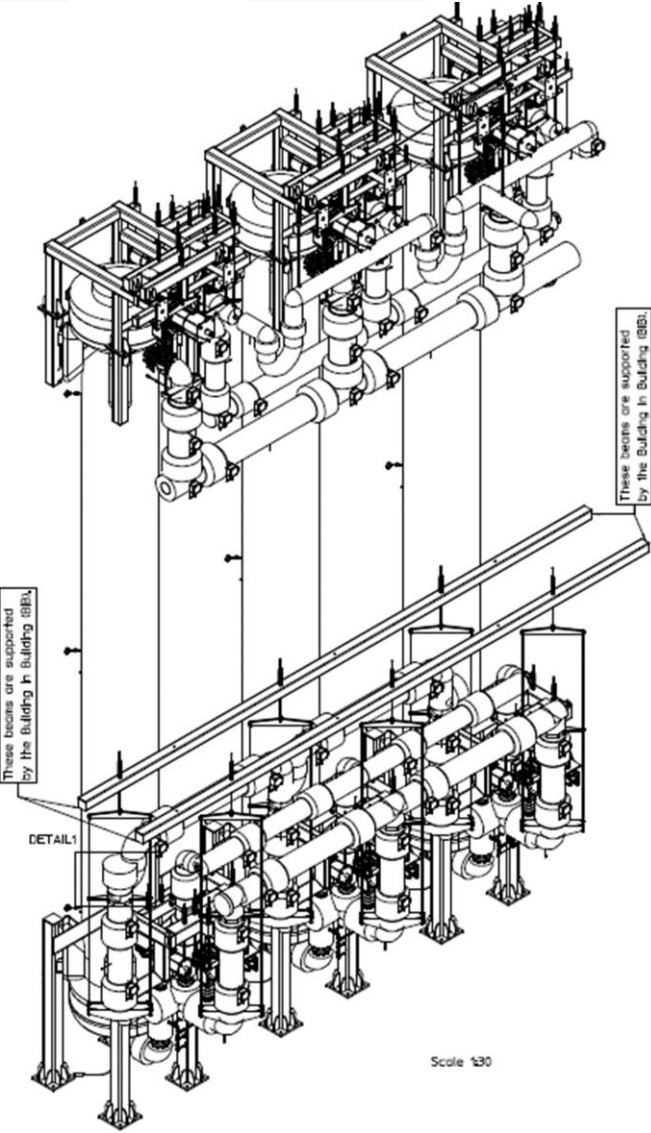
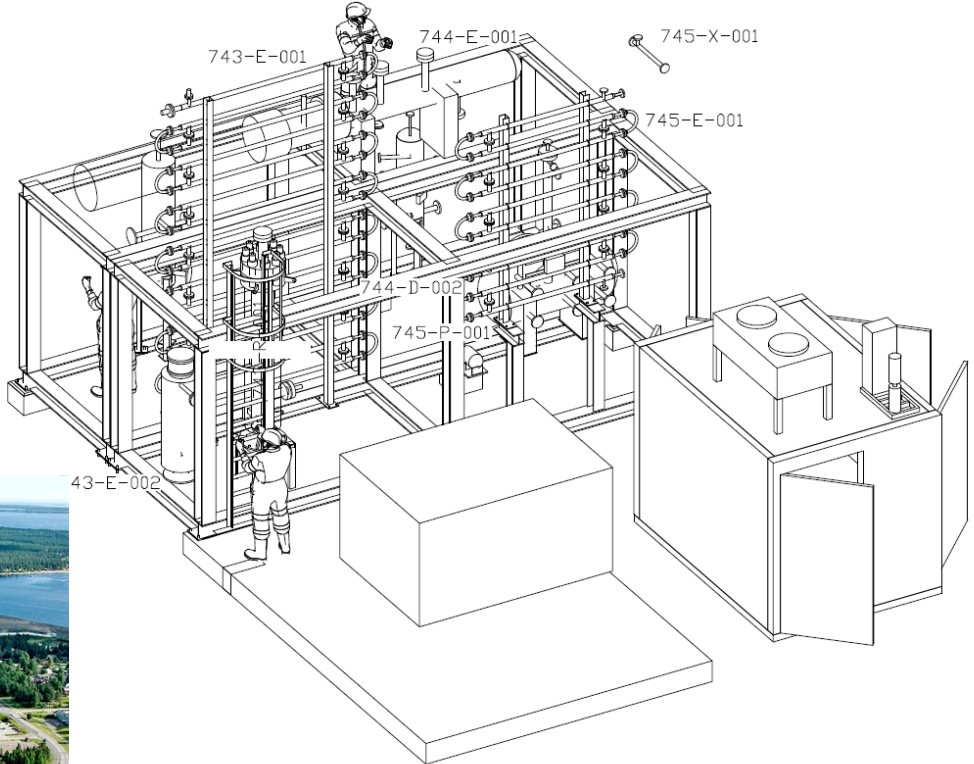
- › Capacity 400 Nm³/h BOFG for 2.6 t_{NH3}/d
- › Design finalized
- › Procurement and construction on-going

MAIN CHALLENGES

- › Inflation driven cost increase
 - Scope reduction to 1.3 t_{NH3}/d



Procurement and construction



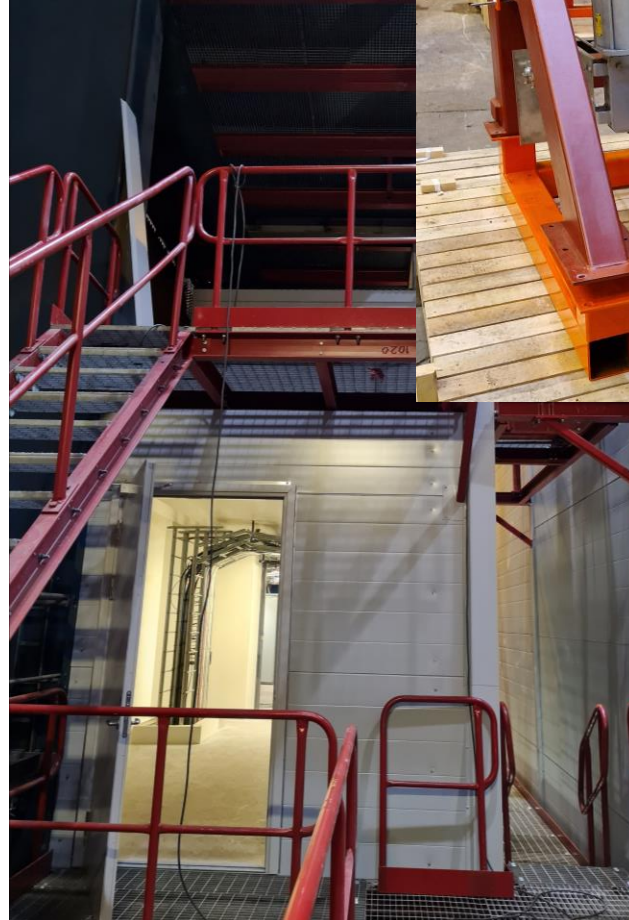
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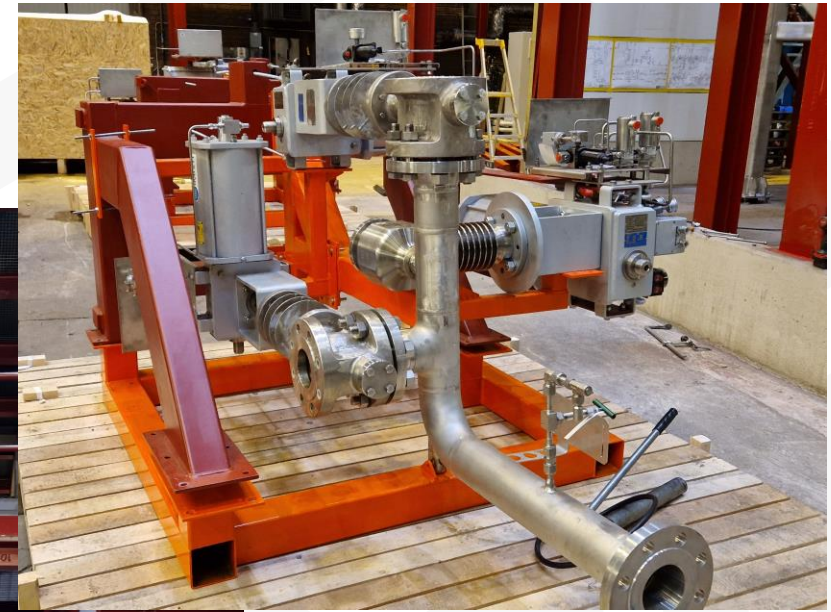
Hoisting the WGS reactor into place



Positioning of SEWGS reactor 1



Utility rooms installation



Valve block

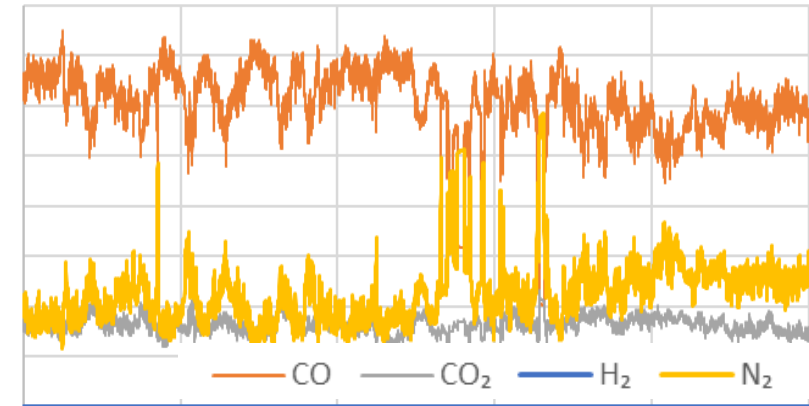
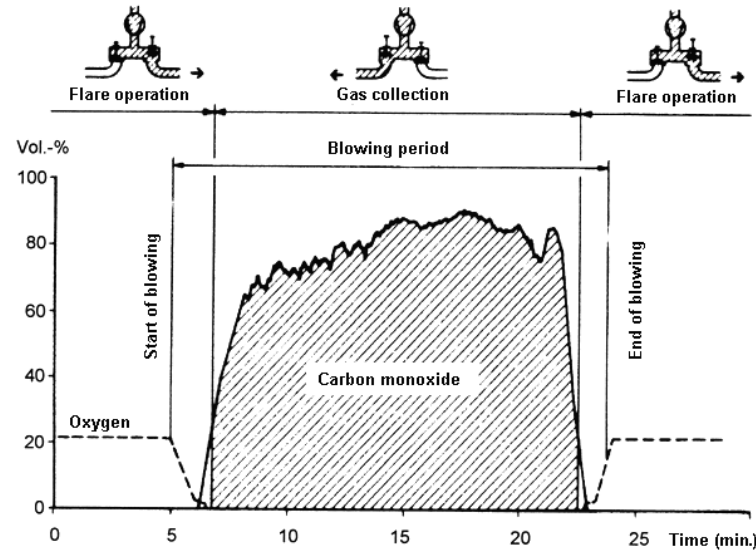
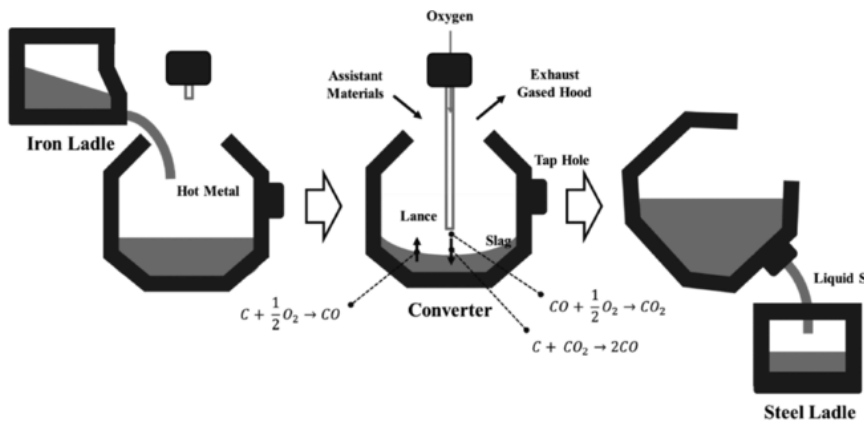
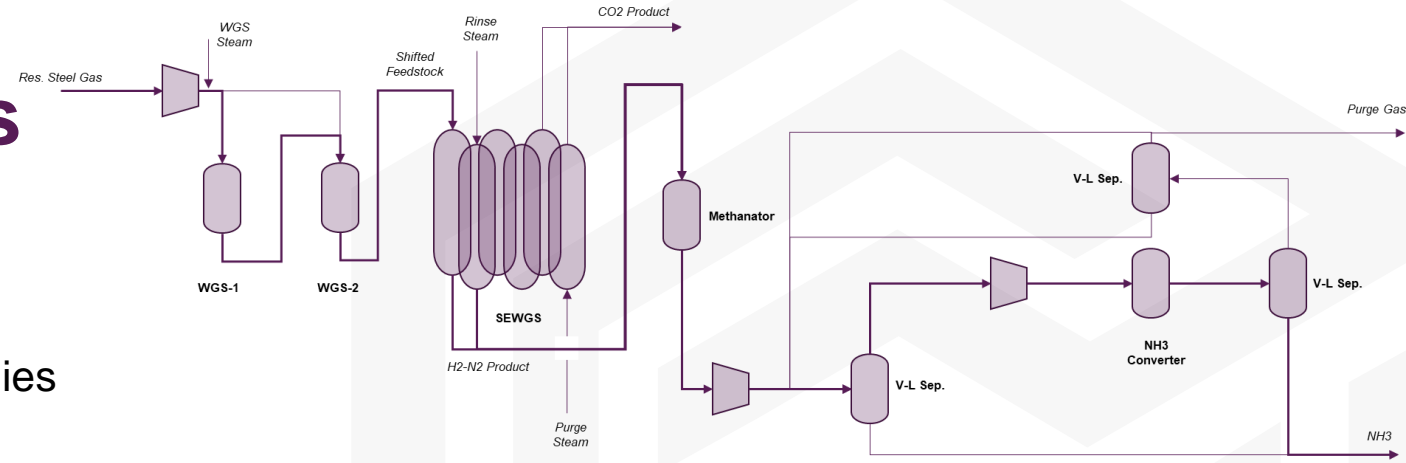


Functional materials selected and in production

Challenge: BOFG dynamics

ADVANCED CONTROL

- › Creation of digital twin for advanced control strategies
- › Quantification through piloting and TEA



Techno economic analysis

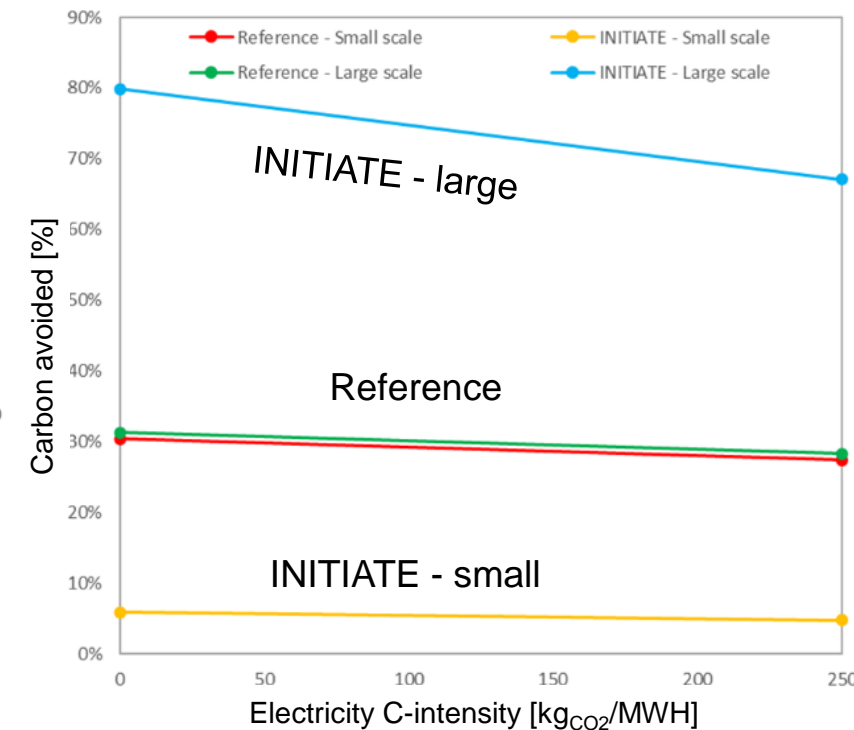
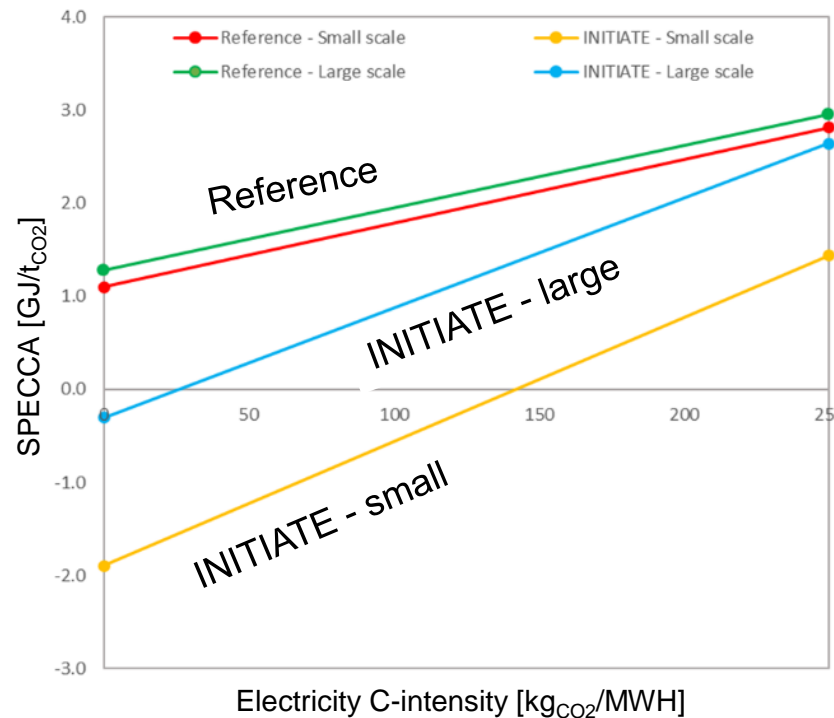
COMPARISON OF CASES

- › Base Stand alone Steel and NH₃/Urea
- › Reference Stand alone Steel and NH₃/Urea with CCS
- › INITIATE Integrated Steel and NH₃/Urea with CC-S&U

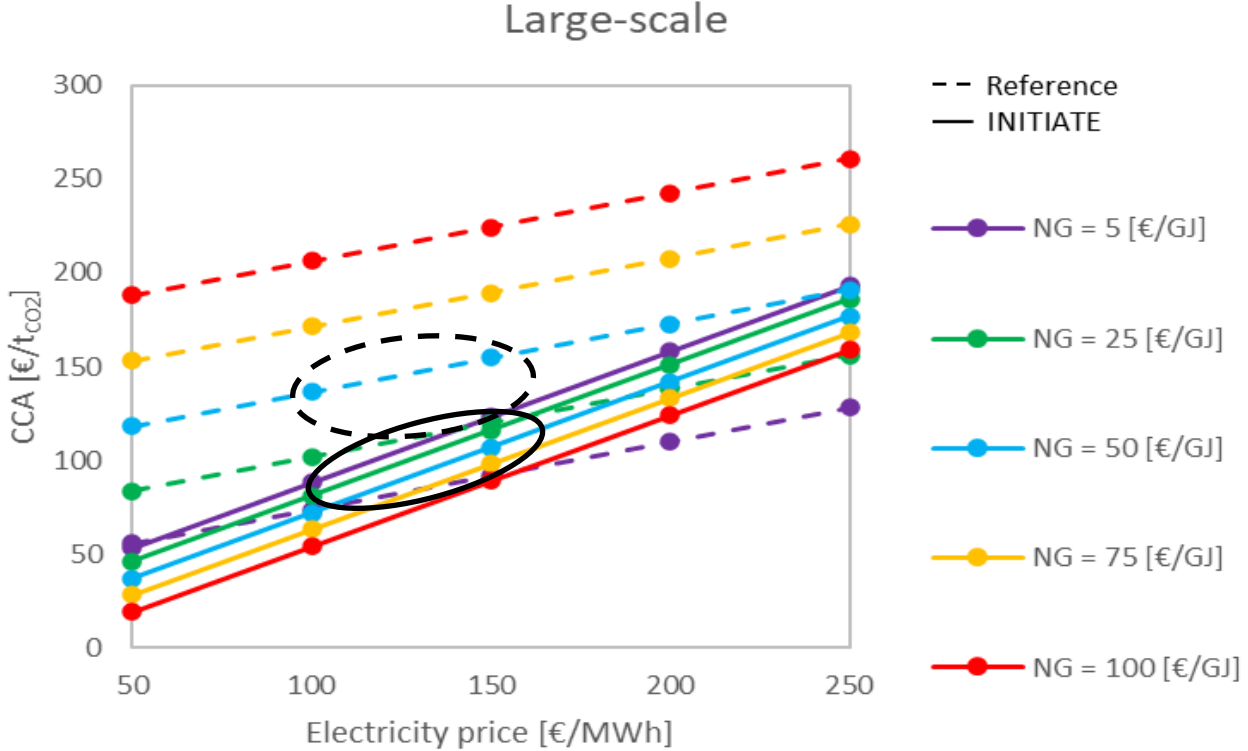
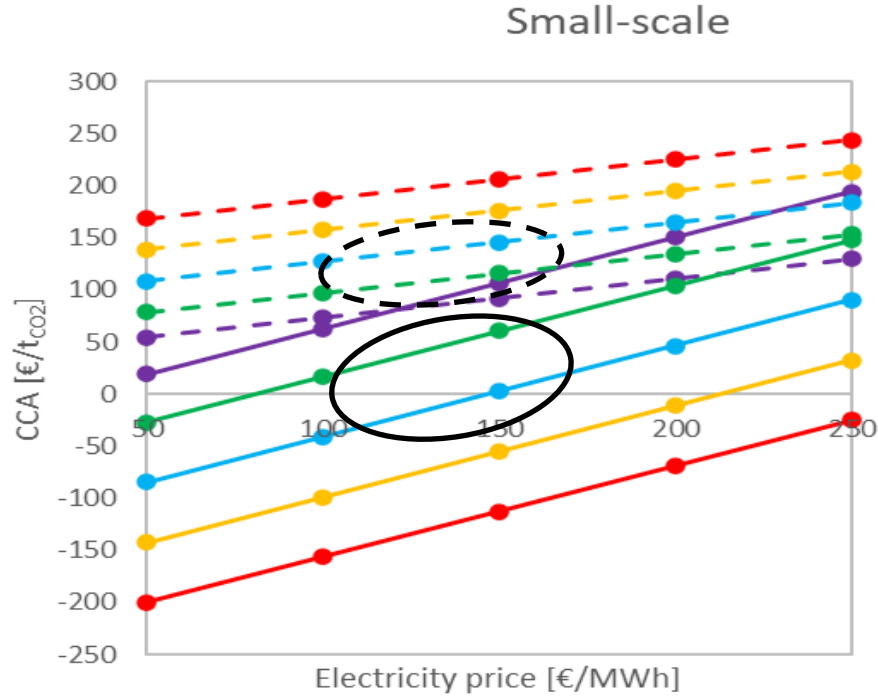
small: BOFG
large: BFG+BOFG

Primary energy intensity can be significantly reduced

Carbon footprint reduction up to 80%

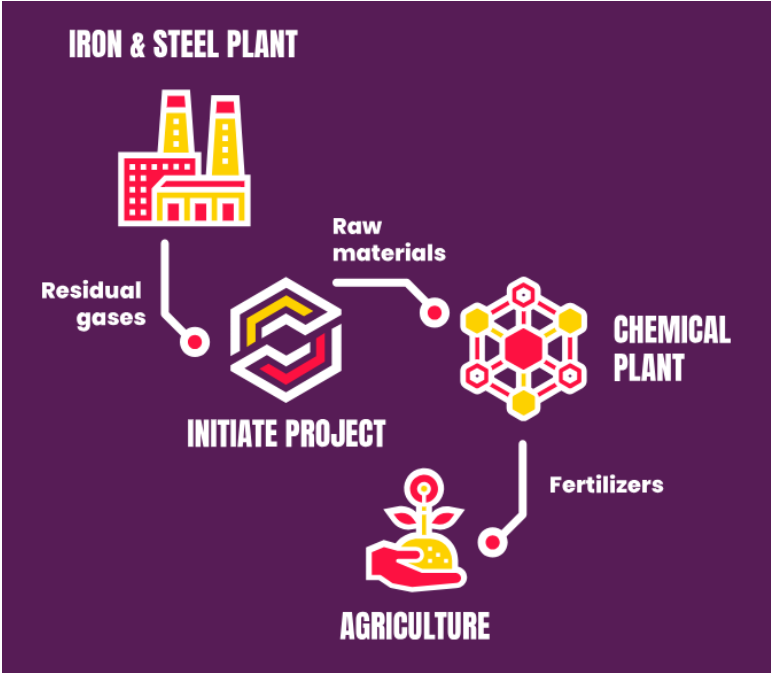


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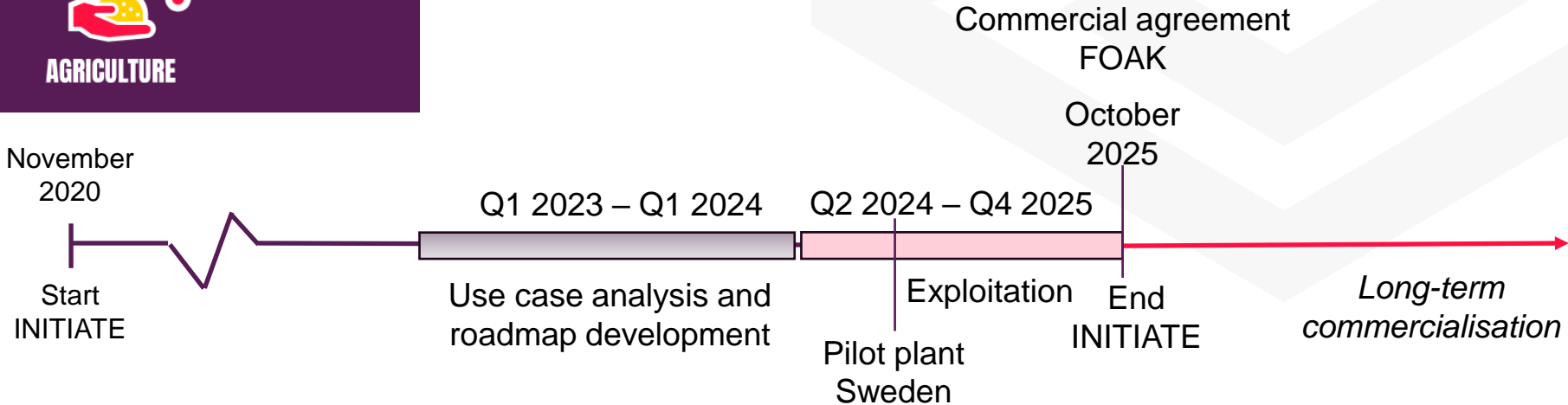
UREA production cost can be significantly reduced and negative cost of CO₂ avoided achieved

Commercial implementation plan



Focus: long-term implementation plan including a collaborative strategy to align stakeholders' needs

Through the definition of the FOAK and the long term vision



long-term implementation plan approach

PMC SELECTION

- › Inventory of product-market combinations (PMCs)
- › Assessment through KPIs



hydrogen, methanol, ammonia, urea

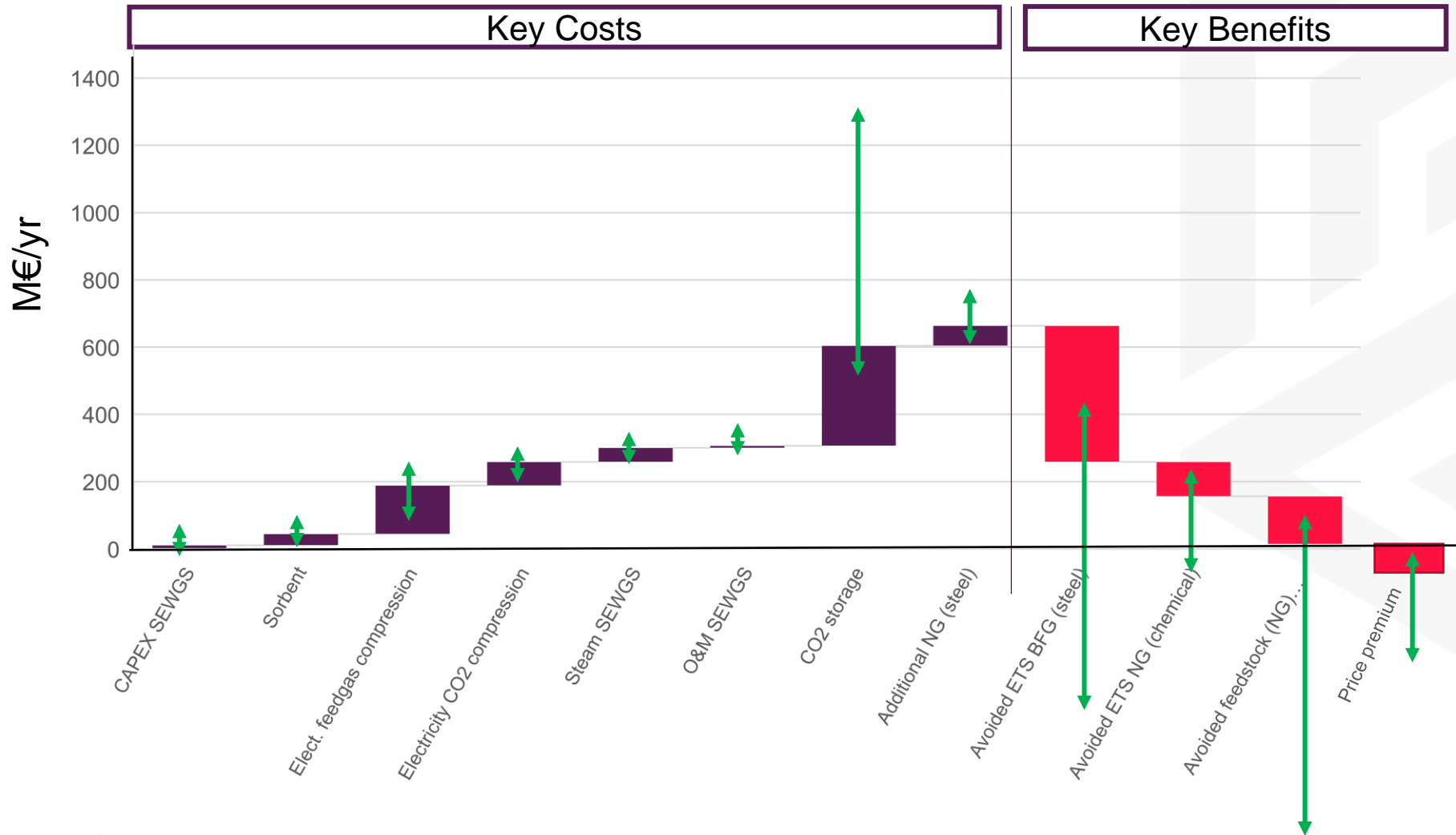
USE CASES

- › Production of hydrogen and methanol – ArcelorMittal
- › Production of ammonia and urea – Stamicarbon

REFERENCE CASE

- › ArcelorMittal steel plant Ghent
5 Mt steel / yr
7.5 Mt BFG / yr available for CCU
4.5 Mt CO₂ reduction / yr

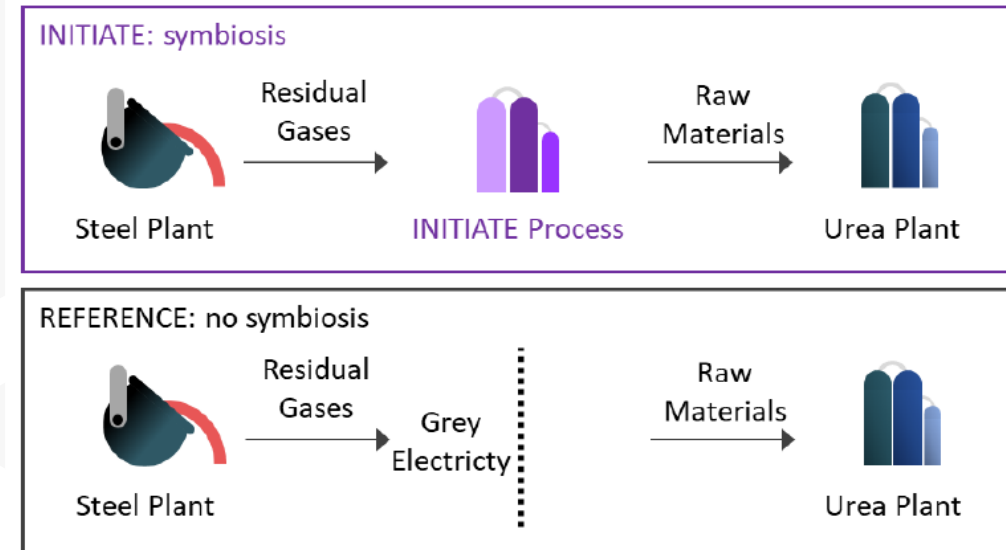
Key cost drivers and uncertainties



| Summary key uncertainties | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Level | Key drivers and uncertainties |
| EU | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ETS price CBAM / free allowances RED3 fuels/chemicals |
| EU + local | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Extra price/value products Subsidies |
| Local | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CO₂ storage costs, specs, availability Market volume products Green electricity / natural gas costs & availability H₂ costs & availability |
| Internal (consortium) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEWGS OPEX Production at scale Chemical plant availability (CAPEX) |

Steps towards the First of a Kind plant

- › **Demonstration** – pilot under construction
- › **Site identification** – inventory finalized, discussion on-going
- › **Business plan** – long term implementation plan
- › **IP&R, ownership, collaboration** – exploitation of results





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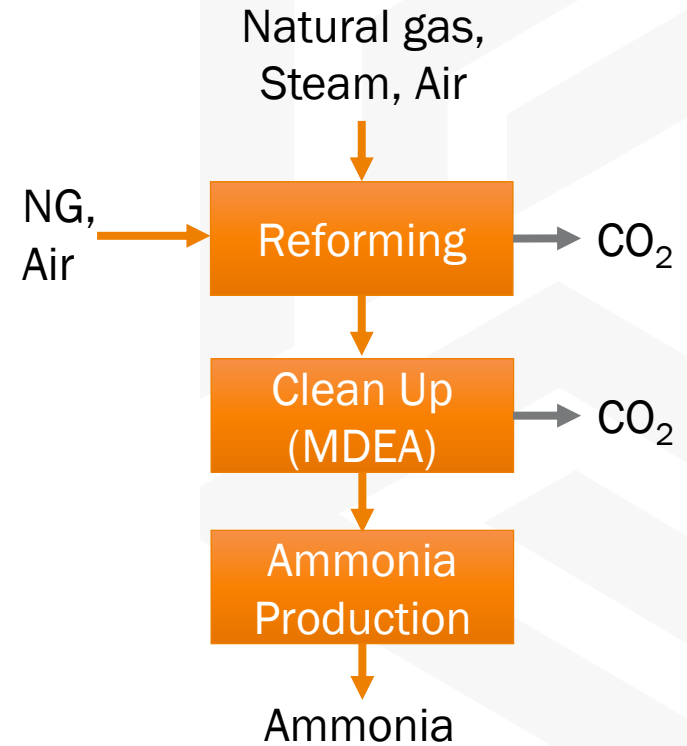
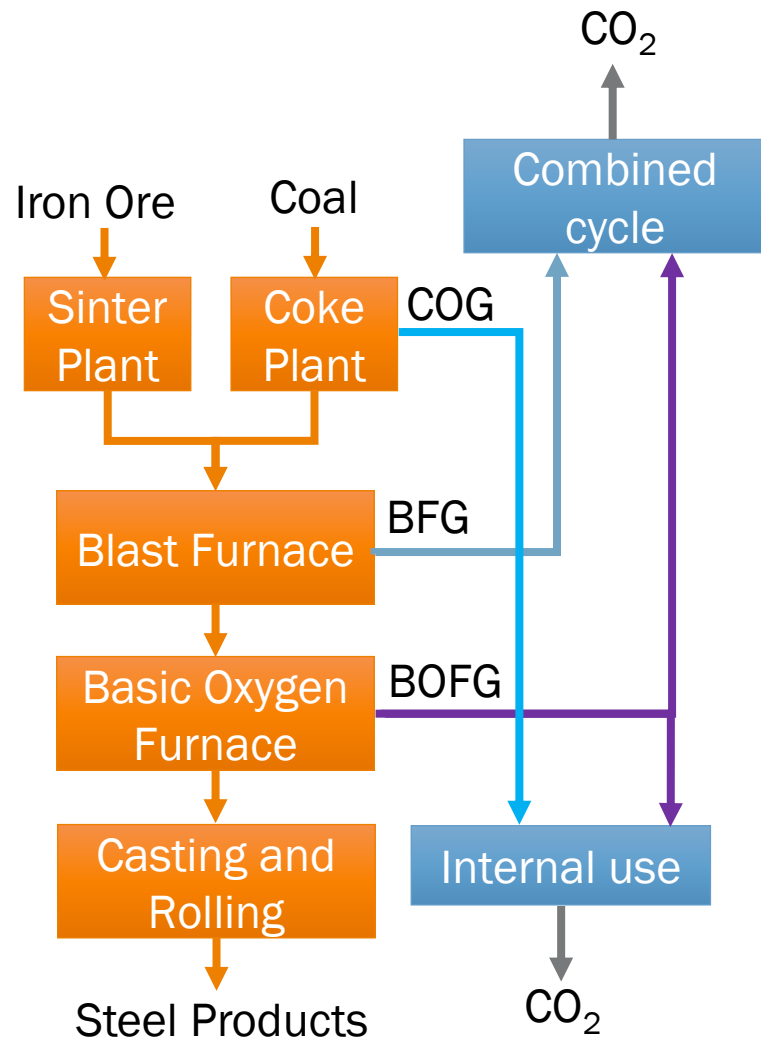
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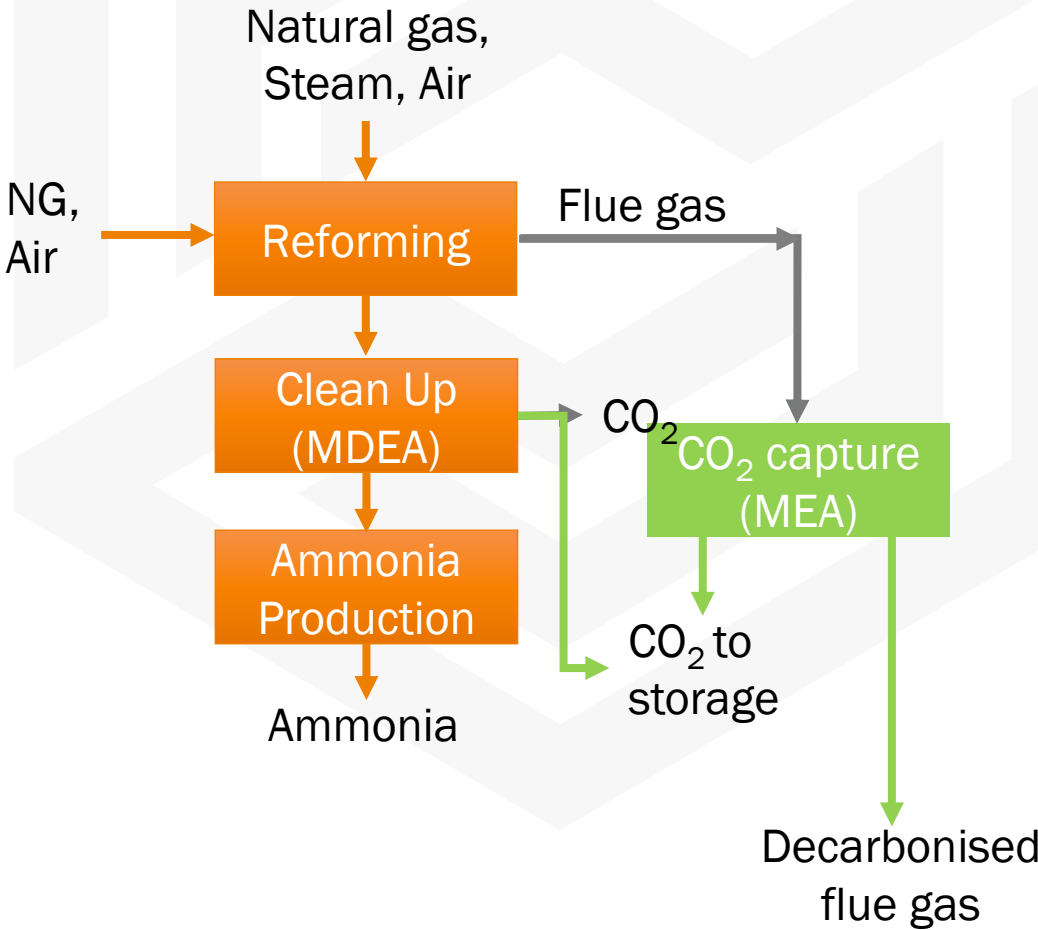
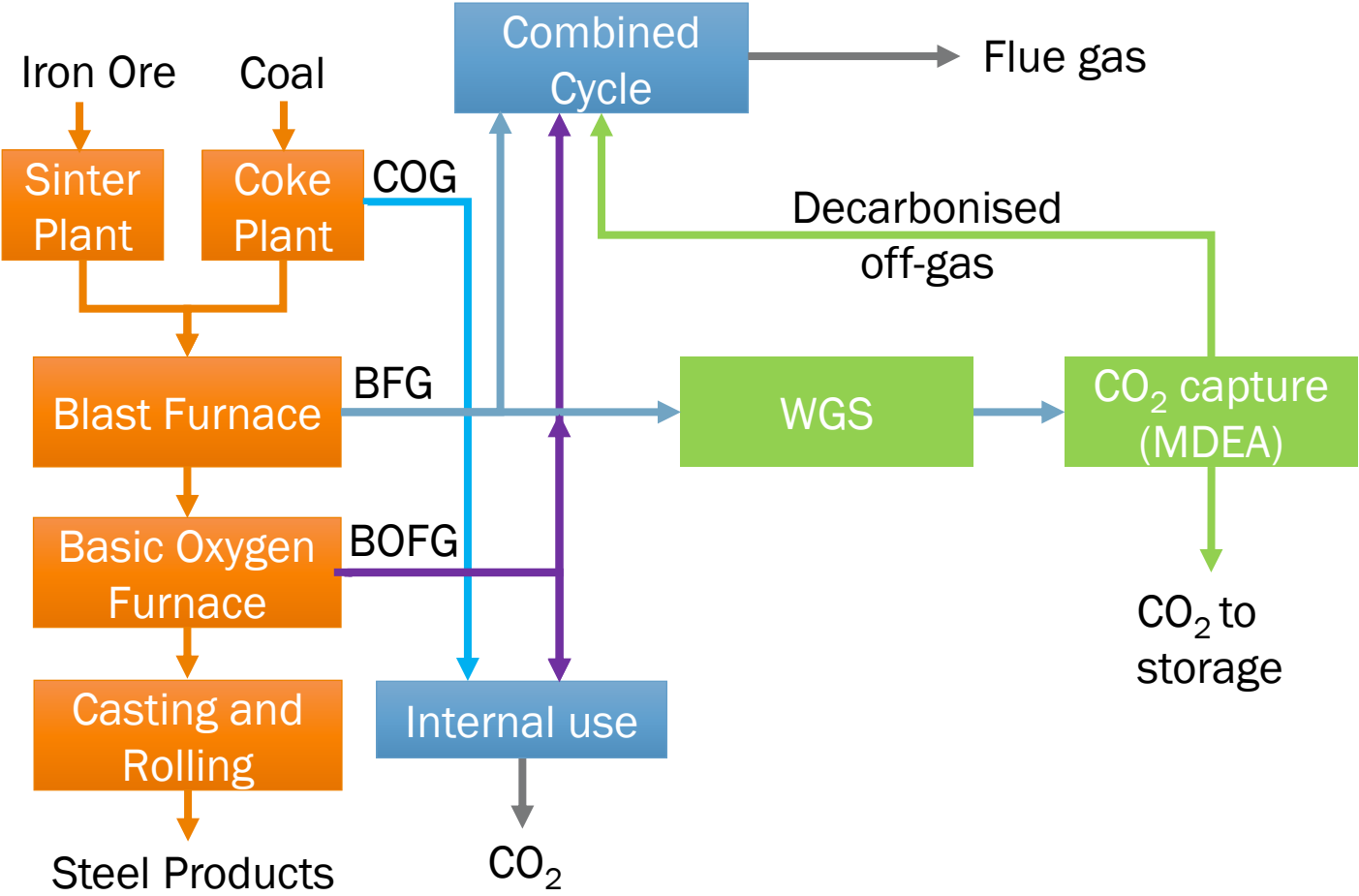
Back-up slides



Base Case – commercial plant lay-outs



Reference Case - State-of-the-art commercially available plants with CO₂ capture technologies



INITIATE Case – demonstrating symbiosis

